Patron Shower and Resummation

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Purpose of the meeting

- Agree on a general formalism to describe and represent the parton shower as an integral equation. Find a efficient formalism to represent every part of the shower evolution
- Deriving the summation of some important physical observables in the a given shower model from the shower evolution equation and compare to know analytical results.
 - DGLAP evolution (energy distribution), Drell-Yan pT distribution,...
- We should also investigate here if there is a general strategy to get the summation of large logs for any quantities from the shower equation or it is a case by case procedure.
- We would like to study and compare as many shower model and implementation as possible, such as angular ordered shower (Herwig, Sherpa), color dipole shower model (Ariadne, Phythia, CS-dipole shower), CCFM based (Cascade).
- Numerical comparison focusing on large logarithms and strictly at parton level (no hadronization, no tuning involved).

Parton Shower Developent

- Recent developments on patron shower algorithm
- Difference between the strategies, angular ordered shower, dipole shower,...
- There is no big difference between virtuality ordered and pT ordered shower but the angular ordered showers are organized along a different strategy. Now, the questions:
 - Are the angular ordered and hardness ordered showers equivalent?
 - How different are they? Where is the difference?
 - Is it possible to derive angular ordered shower equation from the hardness ordered one?
- Is the parton shower algorithm well defined? How flexible are they? What are the main guide lines?
- What can we learn from the analytic resummation techniques?
- Does it make sense to talk about "conventional shower scheme"?

DGLAP vs. Dipole Shower

Recent paper of Dokshitzer and Marchesini raised troubling issues about whether a dipole based shower could give the DGLAP equation for the quark energy distribution.

- Do we understand the paper of Dokshitzer and Marchesini?
- An overview on the recent theoretical progress on this issue.
- Recent numerical studies.
- What about the initial state radiations? Is the initial state dipole based parton shower safe?

Drell-Yan pT distribution

- We would like have an overview what has been done and what is the current accuracy, what kind of analytic techniques are available.
- From the point of the parton shower we would like to investigate whether the parton shower algorithms are able to sum up the large logarithms at least at NLL level.
- What is the difference between shower models and implementations.
- How and to what extent one could transfer the information between the analytical resummation and showers, looking for places where improvement is possible.

Matching Procedures

The matching of the parton shower and exact matrix element is one of the hottest topic of the Monte Carlo event generator developments.

- An overview on the recent theoretical progress.
- Quality and precision of the matching algorithm.
- How predictive are they?
- Is there a strategy to validate the matching procedure?
- Are the available matching procedures safe at LL and NLL level?

Proceedings

We would like a proceedings as a single publication on:

- Theoretical "principles": ordering, PDF4MC, validation strategy,...
- A list of observable what one can use for validating of patron showers
- Proposing a common mathematical formalism
- Some constraints for matching procedures
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