



Introduction to Event Generators

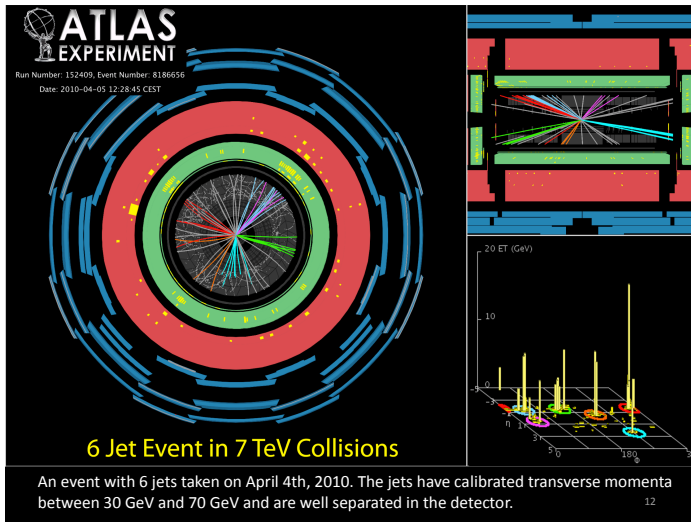
Part 2: Parton Showers and Jet Physics

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Multijets – the need for Higher Orders



$2 \rightarrow 6$ process or $2 \rightarrow 2$ dressed up by bremsstrahlung!?

Perturbative calculations $\Rightarrow$ **Matrix Elements**.

Improved calculational techniques allows

- ★ more **legs** (= final-state partons)

- ★ more **loops** (= virtual partons not visible in final state)

but with limitations, especially for loops.

See presentations by Rene Poncelet and Andrea Banfi.

Parton Showers:

approximations to matrix element behaviour,

most relevant for multiple emissions at low energies and/or angles.

Main topic of this lecture.

Matching and Merging:

methods to combine matrix elements (at high scales)

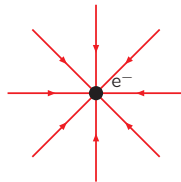
with parton showers (at low scales),

with a consistent and smooth transition.

Huge field at LHC.

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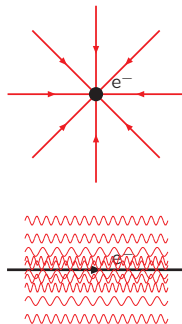
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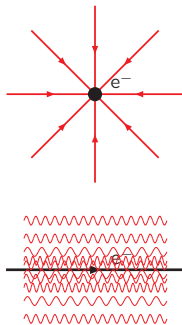
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θ : collinear divergence, saved by $m_e > 0$ in full expression.

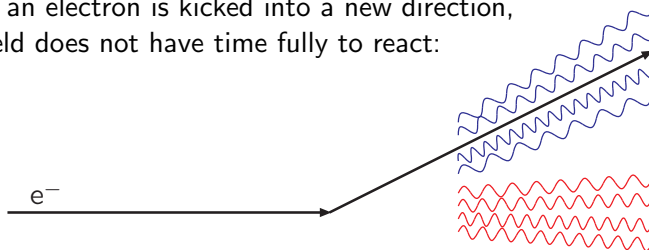
ω : true divergence, $n_\gamma \propto \int d\omega/\omega = \infty$, but $E_\gamma \propto \int \omega d\omega/\omega$ finite.

These are virtual photons: continuously emitted and reabsorbed.



In the beginning: Bremsstrahlung

When an electron is kicked into a new direction, the field does not have time fully to react:



- **Initial State Radiation (ISR):**
part of it continues $\sim$ in original direction of e
- **Final State Radiation (FSR):**
the field needs to be regenerated around outgoing e ,
and transients are emitted $\sim$ around outgoing e direction

Emission rate provided by equivalent photon flux in both cases.

Approximate cutoffs related to timescale of process:

the more violent the hard collision, the more radiation!

In the beginning: Exponentiation

Assume $\sum E_\gamma \ll E_e$ such that energy-momentum conservation is not an issue. Then

$$d\mathcal{P}_\gamma = dn_\gamma \approx \frac{2\alpha_{\text{em}}}{\pi} \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \frac{d\omega}{\omega}$$

is the probability to find a photon at ω and θ ,
irrespectively of which other photons are present.

Uncorrelated $\Rightarrow$ Poissonian number distribution:

$$\mathcal{P}_i = \frac{\langle n_\gamma \rangle^i}{i!} e^{-\langle n_\gamma \rangle}$$

with

$$\langle n_\gamma \rangle = \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} \int_{\omega_{\min}}^{\omega_{\max}} dn_\gamma \approx \frac{2\alpha_{\text{em}}}{\pi} \ln\left(\frac{\theta_{\max}}{\theta_{\min}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{\omega_{\max}}{\omega_{\min}}\right)$$

Note that $\int d\mathcal{P}_\gamma = \int dn_\gamma > 1$ is not a problem:
proper interpretation is that *many* photons are emitted.

Exponentiation: reinterpretation of $d\mathcal{P}_\gamma$ into Poissonian.

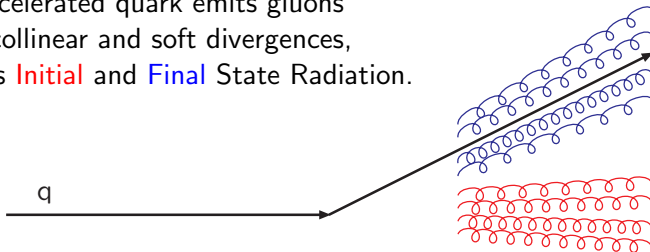
So how is QCD the same?

- A quark is surrounded by a gluon field

$$d\mathcal{P}_g = dn_g \approx \frac{8\alpha_s}{3\pi} \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \frac{d\omega}{\omega}$$

i.e. only differ by substitution $(-1)^2\alpha_{\text{em}} \rightarrow (4/3)\alpha_s$.

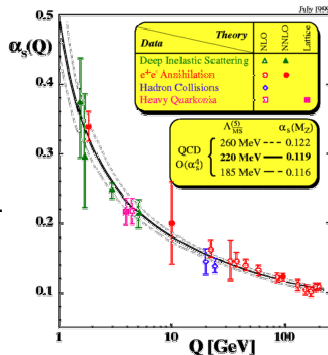
- An accelerated quark emits gluons with collinear and soft divergences, and as **Initial** and **Final** State Radiation.



- Typically $\langle n_g \rangle = \int dn_g \gg 1$ since $\alpha_s \gg \alpha_{\text{em}}$
 $\Rightarrow$ even more pressing need for exponentiation.

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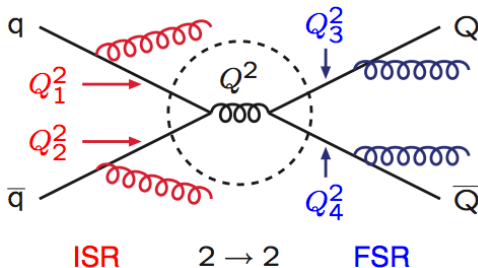
- **QCD is non-Abelian**, so a gluon is charged and is surrounded by its own field:
emission rate $(4/3)\alpha_s \rightarrow 3\alpha_s$,
field structure more complicated,
interference effects more important.
- $\alpha_s(Q^2)$ diverges for $Q^2 \rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$,
with $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 0.2 \text{ GeV} = 1 \text{ fm}^{-1}$.
- **Confinement**: gluons below Λ_{QCD}
not resolved $\Rightarrow$ de facto cutoffs.



Unclear separation between
“accelerated charge” and “emitted radiation”:
many possible Feynman graphs $\approx$ histories.

The Parton-Shower Approach

$$2 \rightarrow n = (2 \rightarrow 2) \oplus \text{ISR} \oplus \text{FSR}$$



FSR = Final-State Radiation = timelike shower

$Q_i^2 \sim m^2 > 0$ decreasing

ISR = Initial-State Radiation = spacelike showers

$Q_i^2 \sim -m^2 > 0$ increasing

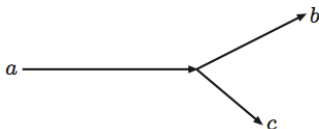
Why “time” like and “space” like?

Consider four-momentum conservation in a branching $a \rightarrow b c$

$$\mathbf{p}_{\perp a} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_{\perp c} = -\mathbf{p}_{\perp b}$$

$$p_+ = E + p_L \Rightarrow p_{+a} = p_{+b} + p_{+c}$$

$$p_- = E - p_L \Rightarrow p_{-a} = p_{-b} + p_{-c}$$



Define $p_{+b} = z p_{+a}$, $p_{+c} = (1 - z) p_{+a}$

Use $p_+ p_- = E^2 - p_L^2 = m^2 + p_{\perp}^2$

$$\frac{m_a^2 + p_{\perp a}^2}{p_{+a}} = \frac{m_b^2 + p_{\perp b}^2}{z p_{+a}} + \frac{m_c^2 + p_{\perp c}^2}{(1 - z) p_{+a}}$$

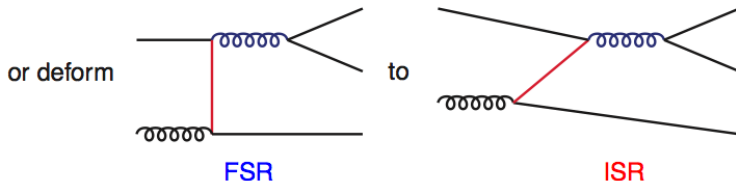
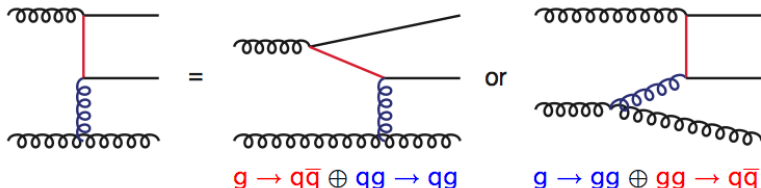
$$\Rightarrow m_a^2 = \frac{m_b^2 + p_{\perp}^2}{z} + \frac{m_c^2 + p_{\perp}^2}{1 - z} = \frac{m_b^2}{z} + \frac{m_c^2}{1 - z} + \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{z(1 - z)}$$

Final-state shower: $m_b = m_c = 0 \Rightarrow m_a^2 = \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{z(1 - z)} > 0 \Rightarrow$ timelike

Initial-state shower: $m_a = m_c = 0 \Rightarrow m_b^2 = -\frac{p_{\perp}^2}{1 - z} < 0 \Rightarrow$ spacelike

Doublecounting

A $2 \rightarrow n$ graph can be “simplified” to $2 \rightarrow 2$ in different ways:

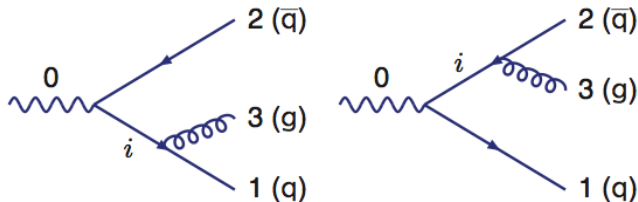


Do not doublecount: $2 \rightarrow 2 = \text{most virtual} = \text{shortest distance}$

(detailed handling of borders $\Rightarrow$ **match & merge**)

Final-state radiation

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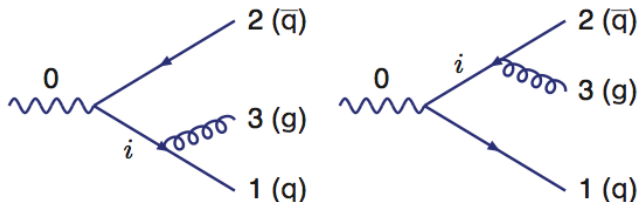
$$x_i = \frac{2E_i}{E_{\text{cm}}}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{ME}}}{\sigma_0} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{4}{3} \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)} dx_1 dx_2$$

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Convenient (but arbitrary) subdivision to “split” radiation:

$$\frac{1}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)} \frac{(1-x_1) + (1-x_2)}{x_3} = \frac{1}{(1-x_2)x_3} + \frac{1}{(1-x_1)x_3}$$

From matrix elements to parton showers

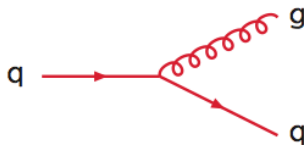
Rewrite for $x_2 \rightarrow 1$, i.e. q - g collinear limit:

$$1 - x_2 = \frac{m_{13}^2}{E_{\text{cm}}^2} = \frac{Q^2}{E_{\text{cm}}^2} \Rightarrow dx_2 = \frac{dQ^2}{E_{\text{cm}}^2}$$

define z as fraction q retains
in branching $q \rightarrow qg$

$$x_1 \approx z \Rightarrow dx_1 \approx dz$$

$$x_3 \approx 1 - z$$



$$\Rightarrow d\mathcal{P} = \frac{d\sigma}{\sigma_0} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dx_2}{(1-x_2)} \frac{4}{3} \frac{x_2^2 + x_1^2}{(1-x_1)} dx_1 \approx \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{4}{3} \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} dz$$

In limit $x_1 \rightarrow 1$ same result, but for $\bar{q} \rightarrow \bar{q}g$.

$dQ^2/Q^2 = dm^2/m^2$: “mass (or collinear) singularity”

$dz/(1-z) = d\omega/\omega$ “soft singularity”

The DGLAP equations

Generalizes to

DGLAP (Dokshitzer–Gribov–Lipatov–Altarelli–Parisi)

$$d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz$$

$$P_{q \rightarrow qg} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$$

$$P_{g \rightarrow gg} = 3 \frac{(1-z(1-z))^2}{z(1-z)}$$

$$P_{g \rightarrow q\bar{q}} = \frac{n_f}{2} (z^2 + (1-z)^2) \quad (n_f = \text{no. of quark flavours})$$

Universality: any matrix element reduces to DGLAP in collinear limit.

$$\text{e.g. } \frac{d\sigma(H^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q}g)}{d\sigma(H^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q})} = \frac{d\sigma(Z^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q}g)}{d\sigma(Z^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q})} \quad \text{in collinear limit}$$

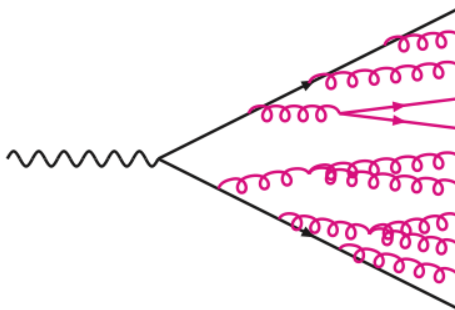
The iterative structure

Generalizes to many consecutive emissions if strongly ordered,
 $Q_1^2 \gg Q_2^2 \gg Q_3^2 \dots$ ($\approx$ time-ordered).

To cover “all” of phase space use DGLAP in whole region

$Q_1^2 > Q_2^2 > Q_3^2 \dots$

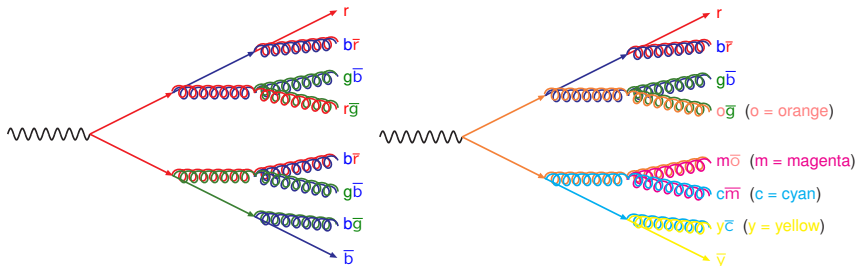
Iteration gives
final-state
parton showers:



Need soft/collinear cuts to stay away from nonperturbative physics.
Details model-dependent, but around 1 GeV scale.

Planar QCD

With $N_C = 3$ you need to reuse colours, but not if $N_C \rightarrow \infty$:



Colour lines crossed between $\mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{M}^\dagger$ scale like $1/N_C^2$ in $|\mathcal{M}|^2$, so vanish for $N_C \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$ planar QCD. Thus

$$\sigma = \sigma_{\text{LC}} + \frac{1}{N_C^2} \sigma_{\text{NLC}} + \frac{1}{N_C^4} \sigma_{\text{NNLC}} + \dots$$

Also showers and hadronization become simpler in this limit. Still use correct $N_c = 3$ for exact calculations, but $N_C \rightarrow \infty$ for colour connections in hard process and shower history.

The Sudakov form factor – 1

Time evolution, conservation of total probability:

$$\mathcal{P}(\text{no emission}) = 1 - \mathcal{P}(\text{emission}).$$

Multiplicativeness, with $T_i = (i/n)T$, $0 \leq i \leq n$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}_{\text{no}}(0 \leq t < T) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{P}_{\text{no}}(T_i \leq t < T_{i+1}) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (1 - \mathcal{P}_{\text{em}}(T_i \leq t < T_{i+1})) \\&= \exp \left(- \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{P}_{\text{em}}(T_i \leq t < T_{i+1}) \right) \\&= \exp \left(- \int_0^T \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{em}}(t)}{dt} dt \right) \\&\Rightarrow d\mathcal{P}_{\text{first}}(T) = d\mathcal{P}_{\text{em}}(T) \exp \left(- \int_0^T \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{em}}(t)}{dt} dt \right)\end{aligned}$$

cf. radioactive decay in lecture 1.

The Sudakov form factor – 2

Expanded, with $Q \sim 1/t$ (Heisenberg)

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz \\ &\times \exp \left(- \sum_{b,c} \int_{Q^2}^{Q_{\max}^2} \frac{dQ'^2}{Q'^2} \int \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z') dz' \right) \end{aligned}$$

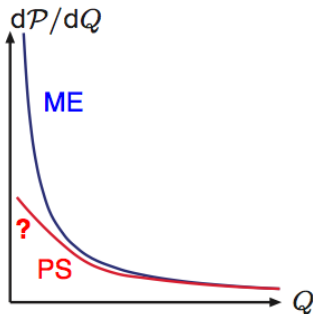
where the exponent is (one definition of) the Sudakov form factor

A given parton can only branch once, i.e. if it did not already do so

Note that $\sum_{b,c} \int \int d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} \equiv 1 \Rightarrow$ convenient for Monte Carlo
($\equiv 1$ if extended over whole phase space, else possibly nothing happens before you reach $Q_0 \approx 1$ GeV).

The Sudakov form factor – 3

Sudakov regulates singularity for *first* emission ...



...but in limit of *repeated* soft emissions $q \rightarrow qg$ (but no $g \rightarrow gg$) one obtains the same inclusive Q emission spectrum as for ME,

i.e. divergent ME spectrum

$\iff$ infinite number of PS emissions

More complicated in reality:

- energy-momentum conservation effects big since α_s big, so hard emissions frequent
- $g \rightarrow gg$ branchings leads to accelerated multiplication of partons

The ordering variable

In the evolution with

$$d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz$$

Q^2 orders the emissions (memory).

If $Q^2 = m^2$ is one possible evolution variable
then $Q'^2 = f(z)Q^2$ is also allowed, since

$$\left| \frac{d(Q'^2, z)}{d(Q^2, z)} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial Q'^2}{\partial Q^2} & \frac{\partial Q'^2}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial Q^2} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cc} f(z) & f'(z)Q^2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right| = f(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{f(z)dQ^2}{f(z)Q^2} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dQ'^2}{Q'^2} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz$$

- $Q'^2 = E_a^2 \theta_{a \rightarrow bc}^2 \approx m^2 / (z(1-z))$; angular-ordered shower
- $Q'^2 = p_{\perp}^2 \approx m^2 z(1-z)$; transverse-momentum-ordered

Coherence

QED: Chudakov effect (mid-fifties)



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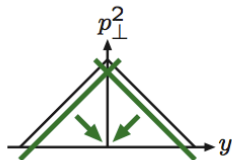
QCD: colour coherence for **soft** gluon emission

The diagram shows a mathematical relationship between two types of Feynman diagrams. On the left, two diagrams are added together, each enclosed in a vertical bar and a superscript 2. The first diagram shows a quark line (red) and an antiquark line (blue) with a gluon (black) being emitted from the quark line. The second diagram shows the same quark and antiquark lines with a gluon being emitted from the antiquark line. An equals sign follows, leading to a single diagram on the right, also enclosed in a vertical bar and a superscript 2. This diagram shows the quark and antiquark lines with a single gluon being emitted from the quark line, representing the result of colour coherence.

- solved by
- requiring **emission angles** to be decreasing
 - or
 - requiring **transverse momenta** to be decreasing

Ordering variables in the LEP/Tevatron era

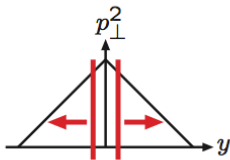
PYTHIA: $Q^2 = m^2$



large mass first
⇒ “hardness” ordered
coherence brute force

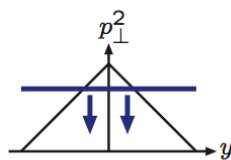
covers phase space
ME merging simple
 $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ simple
not Lorentz invariant
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ISR: $m^2 \rightarrow -m^2$

HERWIG: $Q^2 \sim E^2 \theta^2$



large angle first
⇒ **hardness not ordered**
coherence inherent
gaps in coverage
ME merging messy
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not Lorentz invariant
no stop/restart
ISR: $\theta \rightarrow \theta$

ARIADNE: $Q^2 = p_\perp^2$



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Lorentz invariant
can stop/restart
ISR: more messy

The HERWIG algorithm

Basic ideas, to which much has been added over the years:

- 1 Evolution in $Q_a^2 = E_a^2 \xi_a$ with $\xi_a \approx 1 - \cos \theta_a$, i.e.

$$d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{d(E_a^2 \xi_a)}{E_a^2 \xi_a} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{d\xi_a}{\xi_a} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz$$

Require ordering of consecutive ξ values, i.e. $(\xi_b)_{\max} < \xi_a$ and $(\xi_c)_{\max} < \xi_a$.

- 2 Reconstruct masses backwards in algorithm

$$m_a^2 = m_b^2 + m_c^2 + 2E_b E_c \xi_a$$

Note: $\xi_a = 1 - \cos \theta_a$ only holds for $m_b = m_c = 0$.

- 3 Reconstruct complete kinematics of shower (forward again).

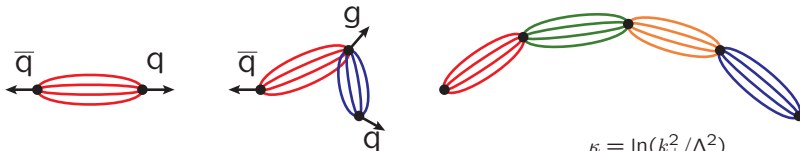
- + angular ordering built in from start
- total jet/system mass not known beforehand ($\Rightarrow$ boosts)
- some wide-angle regions never populated, “dead zones”

The dipole shower

Dual description of partonic state:

partons connected by dipoles $\Leftrightarrow$ dipoles stretched between partons

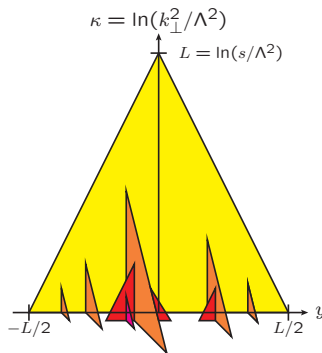
parton branching $\Leftrightarrow$ **dipole splitting**



$p_{\perp}$ -ordered dipole emissions $\Rightarrow$
coherence (cf. angular ordering).

$2 \rightarrow 3$ on-shell parton branchings
with local $(E, \mathbf{p})$ conservation.
ARIADNE shower + many more.

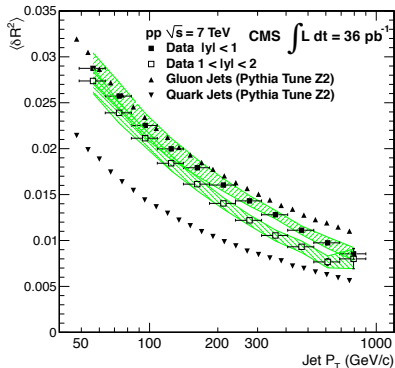
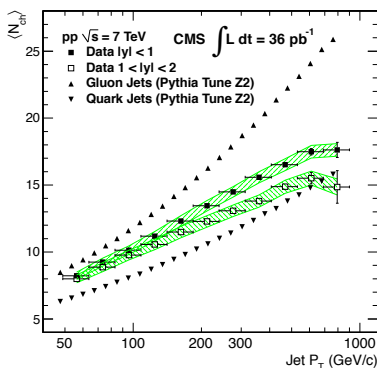
Neat representation in **Lund plane**
(hot topic today).



Quark vs. gluon jets

$$\frac{P_{g \rightarrow gg}}{P_{q \rightarrow qg}} \approx \frac{N_c}{C_F} = \frac{3}{4/3} = \frac{9}{4} \approx 2$$

$\Rightarrow$ gluon jets are softer and broader than quark ones
(also helped by hadronization models, lecture 4).



Note transition g jets $\rightarrow$ q jets for increasing $p_{\perp}$.

Heavy flavours: the dead cone

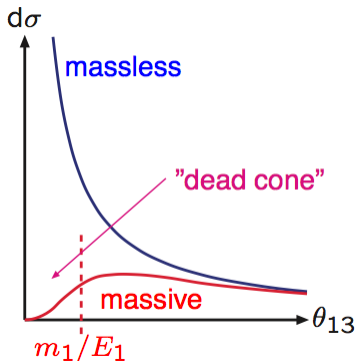
Matrix element for $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$ for small θ_{13}

$$\frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}g}}{\sigma_{q\bar{q}}} \propto \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)} \approx \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \frac{d\theta_{13}^2}{\theta_{13}^2}$$

is modified for heavy quark Q:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}g}}{\sigma_{q\bar{q}}} &\propto \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \frac{d\theta_{13}^2}{\theta_{13}^2} \left(\frac{\theta_{13}^2}{\theta_{13}^2 + m_1^2/E_1^2} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \frac{\theta_{13}^2 d\theta_{13}^2}{(\theta_{13}^2 + m_1^2/E_1^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

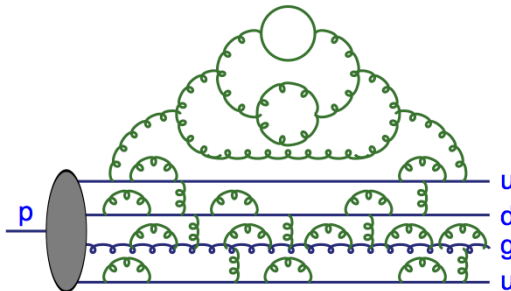
so “dead cone” for $\theta_{13} < m_1/E_1$



For charm and bottom largely filled in by their decay products.

Parton Distribution Functions

Hadrons are composite, with time-dependent structure:



$f_i(x, Q^2)$ = number density of partons i
at momentum fraction x and probing scale Q^2 .

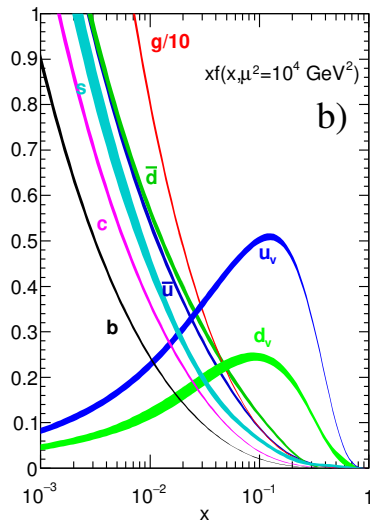
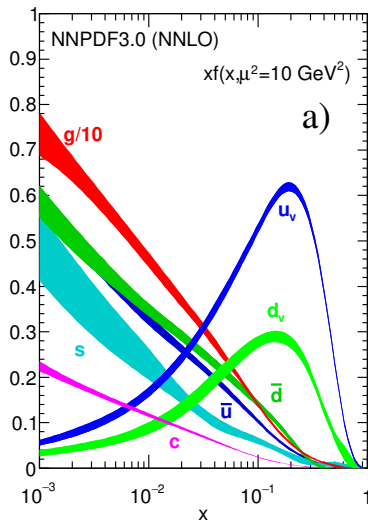
Linguistics (example):

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \sum_i e_i^2 x f_i(x, Q^2)$$

structure function

parton distributions

PDF example



Several PDF collaborations: CTEQ, MMHT, NNPDF, ...

See presentation by Katerina Lipka tomorrow.

Initial conditions at small Q_0^2 unknown: nonperturbative.

Resolution dependence perturbative, by DGLAP:

DGLAP (Dokshitzer–Gribov–Lipatov–Altarelli–Parisi)

$$\frac{df_b(x, Q^2)}{d(\ln Q^2)} = \sum_a \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} f_a(y, Q^2) \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc} \left(z = \frac{x}{y} \right)$$

DGLAP already introduced for (final-state) showers:

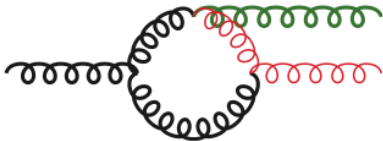
$$d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz$$

Same equation, but different context:

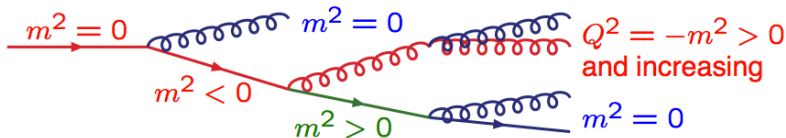
- $d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc}$ is probability for the individual parton to branch; while
- $df_b(x, Q^2)$ describes how the ensemble of partons evolve by the branchings of individual partons as above.

Initial-State Shower Basics

- Parton cascades in p are continuously born and recombined.
- Structure at Q is resolved at a time $t \sim 1/Q$ *before* collision.
- A hard scattering at Q^2 probes fluctuations up to that scale.
- A hard scattering inhibits full recombination of the cascade.



- Convenient reinterpretation:



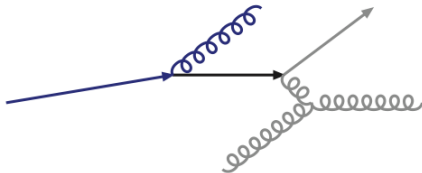
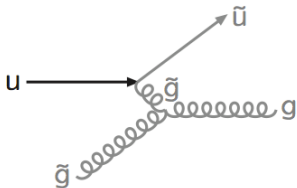
Forwards vs. backwards evolution

Event generation could be addressed by **forwards evolution**:
pick a complete partonic set at low Q_0 and evolve,
consider collisions at different Q^2 and pick by σ of those.

Inefficient:

- ① have to evolve and check for *all* potential collisions, but 99.9...% inert
- ② impossible (or at least very complicated) to steer the production, e.g. of a narrow resonance (Higgs)

Backwards evolution is viable and $\sim$ equivalent alternative:
start at hard interaction and trace what happened “before”



Backwards evolution master formula

Monte Carlo approach, based on *conditional probability*: recast

$$\frac{df_b(x, Q^2)}{dt} = \sum_a \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} f_a(x', Q^2) \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z)$$

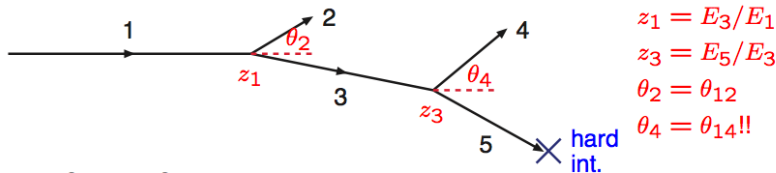
with $t = \ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2)$ and $z = x/x'$ to

$$d\mathcal{P}_b = \frac{df_b}{f_b} = |dt| \sum_a \int dz \frac{x' f_a(x', t)}{x f_b(x, t)} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z)$$

then solve for *decreasing* t , i.e. backwards in time, starting at high Q^2 and moving towards lower, with Sudakov form factor $\exp(-\int d\mathcal{P}_b)$.

Extra factor $x' f_a / x f_b$ relative to final-state equations.

Coherence in spacelike showers



with $Q^2 = -m^2 = \text{spacelike virtuality}$

- kinematics only:

$$Q_3^2 > z_1 Q_1^2, \quad Q_5^2 > z_3 Q_3^2, \dots$$

i.e. Q_j^2 need not even be ordered

- coherence of leading collinear singularities:

$$Q_5^2 > Q_3^2 > Q_1^2, \text{ i.e. } Q^2 \text{ ordered}$$

- coherence of leading soft singularities (more messy):

$$E_3\theta_4 > E_1\theta_2, \text{ i.e. } z_1\theta_4 > \theta_2$$

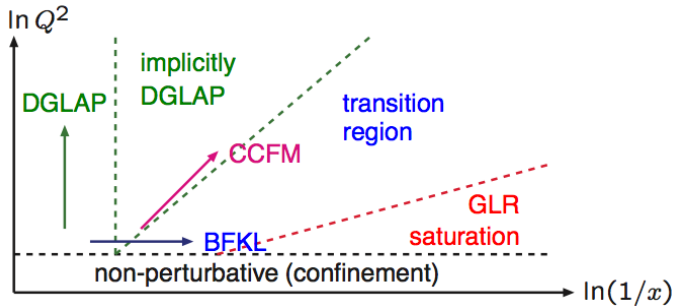
$$z \ll 1: \quad E_1 \theta_2 \approx p_{|2}^2 \approx Q_3^2, \quad E_3 \theta_4 \approx p_{|4}^2 \approx Q_5^2$$

i.e. reduces to Q^2 ordering as above

$z \approx 1$: $\theta_4 > \theta_2$, i.e. angular ordering of soft gluons

$\Rightarrow$ reduced phase space

Evolution procedures



DGLAP: Dokshitzer–Gribov–Lipatov–Altarelli–Parisi
evolution towards larger Q^2 and (implicitly) towards smaller x

BFKL: Balitsky–Fadin–Kuraev–Lipatov
evolution towards smaller x (with small, unordered Q^2)

CCFM: Ciafaloni–Catani–Fiorani–Marchesini
interpolation of DGLAP and BFKL

GLR: Gribov–Levin–Ryskin
nonlinear equation in dense-packing (saturation) region,
where partons recombine, not only branch

Initial- vs. final-state showers

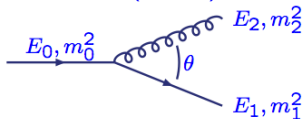
Both controlled by same evolution equations

$$d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz \cdot (\text{Sudakov})$$

but

Final-state showers:

Q^2 timelike ($\sim m^2$)



decreasing E, m^2, θ

both daughters $m^2 \geq 0$

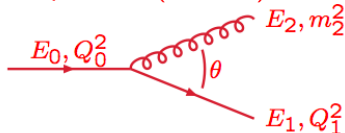
physics relatively simple

$\Rightarrow$ “minor” variations:

Q^2 , shower vs. dipole, ...

Initial-state showers:

Q^2 spacelike ($\approx -m^2$)



decreasing E , increasing Q^2, θ

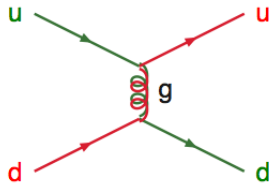
one daughter $m^2 \geq 0$, one $m^2 < 0$

physics more complicated

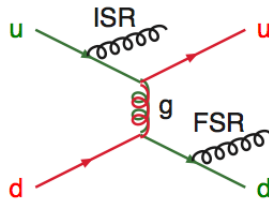
$\Rightarrow$ more formalisms:

DGLAP, BFKL, CCFM, GLR, ...

Combining FSR with ISR

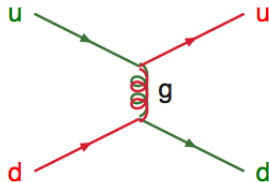


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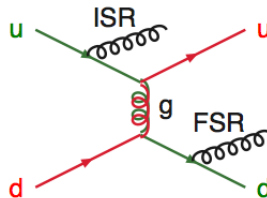


Separate processing of ISR and FSR misses interference
($\sim$ colour dipoles)

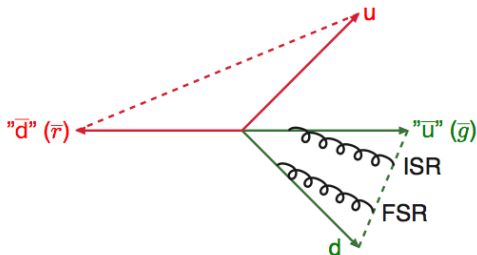
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Separate processing of ISR and FSR misses interference
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ISR+FSR add coherently
in regions of colour flow
and destructively else

in “normal” shower by
azimuthal anisotropies

automatic in dipole
(by proper boosts)

Next-to-leading log showers

$$d\mathcal{P}_g = dn_g \approx \frac{8\alpha_s}{3\pi} \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \mapsto \alpha_s L^2$$

gives leading-log answer $P_n \propto (\alpha_s L^2)^n = \alpha_s^n L^{2n}$.

Resummation/exponentiation gives Sudakov $P_0 \propto \exp(-\alpha_s L^2)$.

(Transverse momentum cuts both θ and $\omega \Rightarrow \alpha_s^n L^n$.)

More careful handling of kinematics, α_s running, splitting kernels (also $g \rightarrow ggg$), etc., give subleading corrections $\propto \alpha_s^n L^{2n-1}$.

All showers have some elements of NLL, e.g. momentum conservation, but some dedicated ongoing projects:

- Deductor (Nagy, Soper)
- PanScales (Salam et al.)
- Herwig 7 (Plätzer et al.)
- Vincia (Skands et al.)
- Alaric (Krauss et al.)

see presentation by
Daniel Reichelt
on Thursday

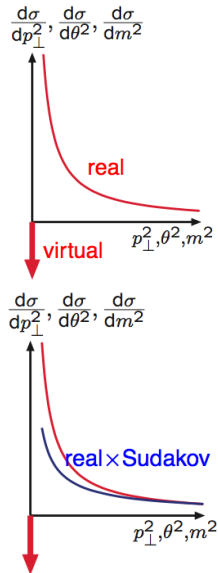
Matrix elements vs. parton showers

ME : Matrix Elements

- + systematic expansion in α_s ('exact')
- + powerful for multiparton Born level
- + flexible phase space cuts
- loop calculations very tough
- negative cross section in collinear regions
⇒ unproductive jet/event structure
- *no easy match to hadronization*

PS : Parton Showers

- approximate, to LL (or NLL)
- main topology not predetermined
⇒ inefficient for exclusive states
- + process-generic ⇒ simple multiparton
- + Sudakov form factors/resummation
⇒ sensible jet/event structure
- + *easy to match to hadronization*



Matrix elements and parton showers

Recall complementary strengths:

- ME's good for well separated jets
- PS's good for structure inside jets

Marriage desirable! But how?

- Problems:
- gaps in coverage?
 - doublecounting of radiation?
 - Sudakov?
 - NLO (+NLL) consistency?

First attempt 40 years ago — Matrix Element Corrections.
Key topic of event generator development in last 30 years,
with impressive progress.

See presentations by Tomas Jezo
on Thursday and Friday.

Matrix Element Corrections (MEC)

= cover full phase space with smooth transition ME/PS.

Want to reproduce $W^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{\sigma(\text{LO})} \frac{d\sigma(\text{LO} + g)}{d(\text{phasespace})}$

by shower generation with $W^{\text{PS}} > W^{\text{ME}}$ + correction procedure

$$\underbrace{W^{\text{ME}}}_{\text{wanted}} = \underbrace{W^{\text{PS}}}_{\text{generated}} \underbrace{\frac{W^{\text{ME}}}{W^{\text{PS}}}}_{\text{correction}}$$

- Exponentiate ME correction by shower Sudakov form factor:

$$W_{\text{actual}}^{\text{PS}}(Q^2) = W^{\text{ME}}(Q^2) \exp \left(- \int_{Q^2}^{Q_{\text{max}}^2} W^{\text{ME}}(Q'^2) dQ'^2 \right)$$

- Memory of shower remains in Q^2 choice, i.e. “time” ordering.
 - ME regularized: probability ≤ 1 instead of divergent.
 - NLO correction simple for FSR, more messy for ISR:
replace $\sigma(\text{LO}) \rightarrow \sigma(\text{NLO})$ in prefactor (POWHEG).

Event and jet characterization

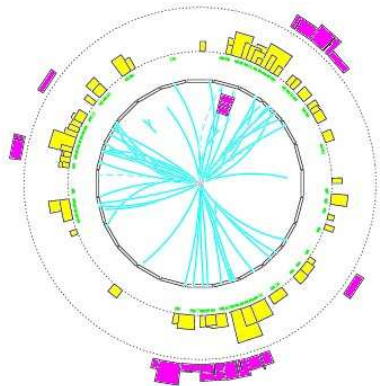
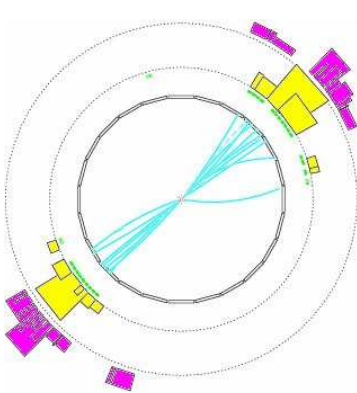
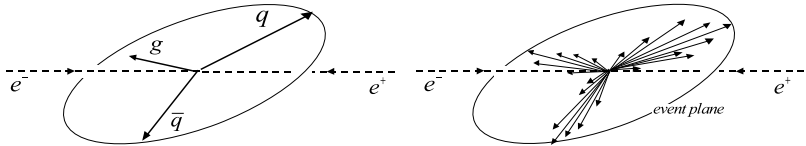
Key difference between e^+e^- and pp :

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ is rotationally symmetric on unit sphere.
- pp has “irrelevant” beam remnants along collision axis, requiring “true jets” to stick out in $p_\perp$.

Brief history:

- Spear (SLAC): find event axis in $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q} \Rightarrow$ **Sphericity**.
- Fixed-target pp experiments collision alignment $\Rightarrow$ **Thrust**.
- PETRA (DESY): early 80'ies, $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$, establish g.
 - 1) S, T; extend Sphericity and Thrust families to 3 axes.
 - 2) **clustering algorithms**, e.g. JADE, Durham $k_\perp$.
- Sp $\bar{p}$ S (CERN): **cone jets** in (η, φ) space, e.g. UA1.
- Tevatron (Fermilab): cone algorithms, increasingly messy.
- LHC: **return of clustering with new safer and faster algorithms**.
Anti- $k_\perp$ “is” infrared safe return to UA1 **cone** algorithm.

Two- and three-jet events in e^+e^-



Sphericity

View as eigenvector problem, e.g. rotation axes of irregular 3D body. Here spanned up by the $\mathbf{p}_i$ of “all” particles in event.

$$S^{ab} = \frac{\sum_i p_i^a p_i^b}{\sum_i p_i^2} \quad a, b = x, y, z$$

S^{ab} has three eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3$ with $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 1$.

Sphericity $S = \frac{3}{2}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)$, $0 \leq S \leq 1$.

$S = 0$: two back-to-back pencil jets, e.g. $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$.

$S = 1$: spherically symmetric distribution.

Aplanarity $A = \frac{3}{2}\lambda_3$, $0 \leq A \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

$A = 0$: all particles in one plane.

$A = 1/2$: like $S = 1$.

Problem: collinear unsafe!

E.g. different answer if $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ counted as one or two particles.

Linearized Sphericity

Collinear safe alternative, used in same way but with

$$L^{ab} = \frac{\sum_i \frac{p_i^a p_i^b}{|\mathbf{p}_i|}}{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i|} \quad a, b = x, y, z$$

No proper name: some confusion!

Additional measures:

$$C = 3(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 \lambda_3 + \lambda_2 \lambda_3)$$

$$D = 27\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3$$

used to characterize 3- and 4-jet topologies, respectively.

(Linearized) Sphericity family not normally used in pp, since beam jets dominate structure.

Solution: set all $p_i^z = 0$ so only transverse structure studied.

Modified “2D” $S = 2\lambda_2$ and no A .

Thrust is computationally more demanding optimization

$$T = \max_{|\mathbf{n}|=1} \frac{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{n}|}{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i|}$$

with $\mathbf{n}$ for maximum is called Thrust axis.

$1/2 < T < 1$, with $T = 1$ for two back-to-back pencil jets and $T = 1/2$ for a spherically symmetric distribution.

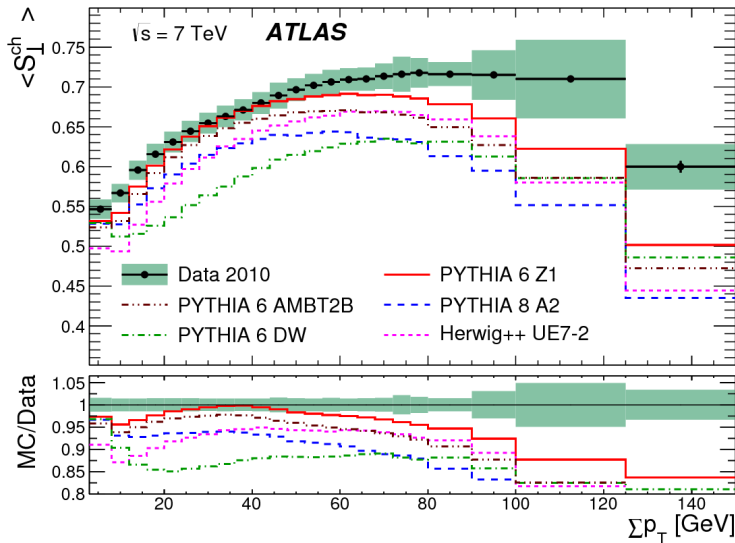
$$\text{Major} = \max_{|\mathbf{n}'|=1, \mathbf{n}' \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0} \frac{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{n}'|}{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i|}$$

$$\text{Minor} = \frac{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{n}''|}{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i|} \quad \text{with } \mathbf{n}'' \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}'' \cdot \mathbf{n}' = 0$$

$$\text{Oblateness} = \text{Major} - \text{Minor}$$

Major and Oblateness again useful for 3-jet structure,
Minor for 4-jet one.

2D Sphericity at the LHC



Competition between more $\Sigma p_{\perp}$ by more particles or by jets?

Clustering algorithms — basics

Most clustering algorithms are based on sequential recombination:

- Define a distance measure d_{ij} between two objects i and j , partons or particles, where $d_{ij} = 0$ is closest possible.
- Define a procedure whereby any objects i and j can be joined into a new object k , e.g. $p_k = p_i + p_j$.
- Define a stopping criterion, e.g. that all $d_{ij} > d_{\min}$ or that only $n_{\min}$ objects remain.
- Start out with a list of n objects.
- Calculate all d_{ij} and find pair $i_{\min}$ and $j_{\min}$ with smallest value.
- Remove $i_{\min}$ and $j_{\min}$ from list and insert joined object k .
- Iterate last two steps until the stopping criterion is met.
- Jets = the objects that now remain.

$2 \rightarrow 1$ joining can be viewed as undoing $1 \rightarrow 2$ parton branchings.
Less obvious interpretation of hadronization step.

Clustering algorithms in e^+e^-

Naive thought $d_{ij} = m_{ij}^2$, but allows clustering of opposite objects.

JADE is almost like invariant mass:

$$d_{ij} = \frac{2E_i E_j (1 - \cos \theta_{ij})}{E_{\text{vis}}^2}$$

where $E_{\text{vis}} \approx E_{\text{CM}}$ is visible energy.

Durham offers a theoretically preferred alternative

$$d_{ij} = \frac{2 \min(E_i^2, E_j^2) (1 - \cos \theta_{ij})}{E_{\text{CM}}^2}$$

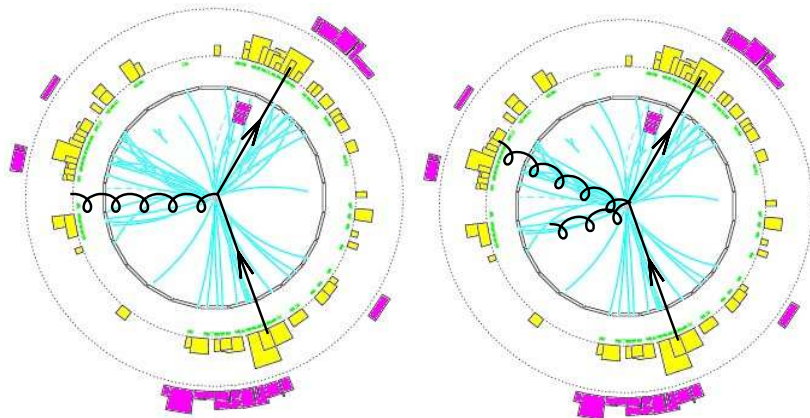
which can be viewed as the (scaled) $p_{\perp}^2$ of the softer object with respect to the harder one:

$2(1 - \cos \theta) \approx \sin^2 \theta$ for small θ and $p_{\perp} = p \sin \theta$.

Undoes $p_{\perp}$ -ordered branchings (to some approximation).

Clustering algorithm ambiguities

Interpretation is in the eye of the beholder:

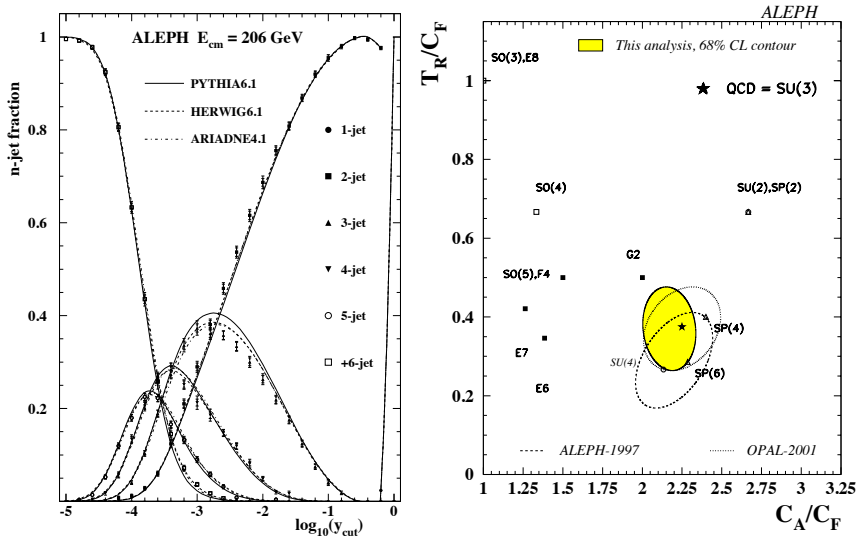


How many jets?

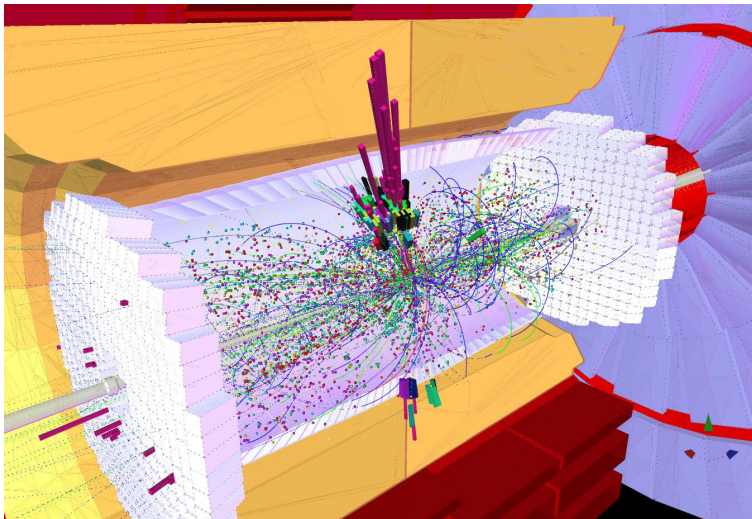
Which are quarks and which gluons?

Clustering algorithm results

Most LEP QCD physics based on jet finding, e.g.:



Clustering conditions in hadron collisions



Most particles are at small $p_{\perp}$, say below 1 GeV, and at small angles with respect to beam axis, outside central tracking region.

Cylindrical symmetry and rapidity

Cylindrical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^3p}{E} &= \frac{dp_x dp_y dp_z}{E} = \frac{d^2p_{\perp} dp_z}{E} = d^2p_{\perp} dy \\ &= p_{\perp} dp_{\perp} d\varphi dy = \frac{1}{2} dp_{\perp}^2 d\varphi dy\end{aligned}$$

with rapidity y given by

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{(E + p_z)^2}{(E + p_z)(E - p_z)} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{(E + p_z)^2}{m^2 + p_{\perp}^2} \\ &= \ln \frac{E + p_z}{m_{\perp}} = \ln \frac{m_{\perp}}{E - p_z}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise: show that $dp_z/E = dy$ by showing that $dy/dp_z = 1/E$.

Hint: use that $E = \sqrt{m_{\perp}^2 + p_z^2}$.

Lightcone kinematics and boosts

Introduce (lightcone) $p^+ = E + p_z$ and $p^- = E - p_z$.

Note that $p^+ p^- = E^2 - p_z^2 = m_\perp^2$.

Consider boost along z axis with velocity β and $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1-\beta^2}$

$$\begin{cases} p'_z = \gamma(p_z + \beta E) \\ E' = \gamma(E + \beta p_z) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} p'^+ = k p^+ \\ p'^- = p^- / k \end{cases} \quad \text{with } k = \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{p'^+}{p'^-} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{k p^+}{p^- / k} = y + \ln k$$

$$y'_2 - y'_1 = (y_2 + \ln k) - (y_1 + \ln k) = y_2 - y_1$$

Note how integration of cross section nicely separates into rapidity:

$$\sigma^{AB} = \sum_{i,j} \iint dx_1 dx_2 f_i^{(A)}(x_1, Q^2) f_j^{(B)}(x_2, Q^2) \int d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}(\hat{s} = x_1 x_2 s)$$

$$\iint dx_1 dx_2 = \iint d\tau dy \quad \text{with } \tau = x_1 x_2 \quad \text{and } y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$

Pseudorapidity

If experimentalists cannot measure m they may assume $m = 0$.
Instead of rapidity y they then measure pseudorapidity η :

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{p}^2} + p_z}{\sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{p}^2} - p_z} \Rightarrow \eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|\mathbf{p}| + p_z}{|\mathbf{p}| - p_z} = \ln \frac{|\mathbf{p}| + p_z}{p_\perp}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|\mathbf{p}| + |\mathbf{p}| \cos \theta}{|\mathbf{p}| - |\mathbf{p}| \cos \theta} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2 \cos^2 \theta/2}{2 \sin^2 \theta/2} = \ln \frac{\cos \theta/2}{\sin \theta/2} = -\ln \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \end{aligned}$$

which thus only depends on polar angle.

η is **not** simple under boosts: $\eta'_2 - \eta'_1 \neq \eta_2 - \eta_1$.

You may even flip sign!

The pseudorapidity dip

By analogy with $dy/dp_z = 1/E$ it follows that $d\eta/dp_z = 1/|\mathbf{p}|$.

Thus

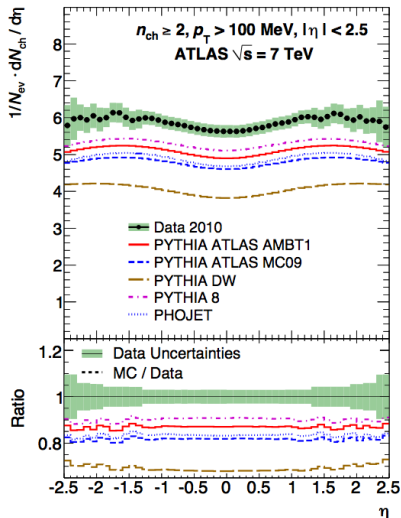
$$\frac{d\eta}{dy} = \frac{d\eta/dp_z}{dy/dp_z} = \frac{E}{|\mathbf{p}|} > 1$$

with limits

$$\frac{d\eta}{dy} \rightarrow \frac{m_{\perp}}{p_{\perp}} \text{ for } p_z \rightarrow 0$$

$$\frac{d\eta}{dy} \rightarrow 1 \text{ for } p_z \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

so if dn/dy is flat for $y \approx 0$
then $dn/d\eta$ has a dip there.



The R separation

Massless four-vectors can be written in cylindrical coordinates like

$$p = p_{\perp}(\cosh y; \cos \varphi, \sin \varphi, \sinh y) .$$

The invariant mass of two massless four-vectors is

$$\begin{aligned} m_{ij}^2 &= (p_i + p_j)^2 = 2p_i p_j \\ &= 2p_{\perp i} p_{\perp j} (\cosh(y_i - y_j) - \cos(\varphi_i - \varphi_j)) \\ &\approx 2p_{\perp i} p_{\perp j} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}(y_i - y_j)^2 - (1 - \frac{1}{2}(\varphi_i - \varphi_j)^2) \right) \\ &= p_{\perp i} p_{\perp j} (\Delta y_{ij}^2 + \Delta \varphi_{ij}^2) = p_{\perp i} p_{\perp j} R_{ij}^2 \end{aligned}$$

so a circle in the (y, φ) plane is a meaningful concept.

The $k_{\perp}$ algorithm

- Each original particle defines a cluster, with well-defined four-momentum $\Rightarrow (p_{\perp}, y, \varphi)$.
- Define distance measures of all clusters i to the beam and of all cluster pairs (i, j) relative to each other

$$d_{iB} = p_{\perp i}^2$$

$$d_{ij} = \min(p_{\perp i}^2, p_{\perp j}^2) \frac{R_{ij}^2}{R^2}$$

- Find the smallest of all d_{iB} and d_{ij} .
 - a) If a d_{iB} and $p_{\perp i} < p_{\perp \min}$ then throw it.
 - b) Else if a d_{iB} then call i a jet and remove it from cluster list.
 - c) Else if a d_{ij} then combine i and j to a new cluster with four-momentum $p_i + p_j$.
- Repeat until no clusters remain.

Two key parameters R and $p_{\perp \min}$, where $p_{\perp \min} = 0$ is allowed simplification.

The $k_{\perp}$ family

Generalize the d_{iB} and d_{ij} measures to

$$d_{iB} = p_{\perp i}^{2p}$$

$$d_{ij} = \min \left(p_{\perp i}^{2p}, p_{\perp j}^{2p} \right) \frac{R_{ij}^2}{R^2}$$

- $p = 1$ is $k_{\perp}$ algorithm; preferentially clusters soft particles.
- $p = 0$ is Cambridge–Aachen or no- $k_{\perp}$ algorithm.
- $p = -1$ is anti- $k_{\perp}$ algorithm; preferentially clusters around hardest particle and give round jet catchment areas.

All three are infrared and collinear safe; i.e. the addition of a soft particle, or the splitting of a particle into two collinear ones, do not alter the outcome.

These, and many more jet algorithms, are available in the FASTJET package. (Faster than naive step-by-step clustering.)

Clustering results

