

# Matched Showers with

Vincia

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# The Vincia Shower Monte Carlo

## ➔ Matching is the driving principle behind VINCIA:

- A shower MC which can be added to a fixed order LO, NLO, NNLO calculation.
- A shower MC which can easily “absorb” LO/NLO/NNLO matrix elements to further improve its predictive power of the fully exclusive final state

## ➔ Vincia fully embedded in PYTHIA 8

Sjöstrand, Mrenna, Skands, hep-ph/0710.3820.

- It replaces the parton shower part and matrix element generators inside PYTHIA.
- It uses the PYTHIA non-perturbative framework
- It uses the PYTHIA interface (if you have PYTHIA up and running, VINCIA can be plugged in and can be used instantly).

# From Matrix Elements to Sudakov

- ➔ Calculating an observable in fixed order:

“Experimental” distribution of observable  $O$  in production of  $X$ :

**Fixed Order**  
(all orders)

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dO} \right|_{\text{ME}} = \sum_{k=0} \int d\Phi_{X+k} \left| \sum_{\ell=0} M_{X+k}^{(\ell)} \right|^2 \delta(O - O(\{p\}_{X+k}))$$

$k$  : legs

$\ell$  : loops

$\{p\}$  : momenta

- ➔ For a NLO parton level generator a subtraction formalism is used to cancel the soft/collinear divergences between virtual and real radiation

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dO} \right|_{\text{NLO}} = \int d\Phi_X \left( \left| M_X^{(0)} \right|^2 + 2\text{Re} \left[ M_X^{(0)} M_X^{(1)*} \right] + \left( \int \frac{d\Phi_{X+1}}{d\Phi_X} A \right) \times \left| \hat{M}_X^{(0)} \right|^2 \right) \delta(O - O(\{p\}_X))$$

**Subtracted NLO**

$$+ \int d\Phi_{X+1} \left( \left| M_{X+1}^{(0)} \right|^2 - A \left| M_X^{(0)} \right|^2 \right) \delta(O - O(\{p\}_{X+1})) + \dots$$

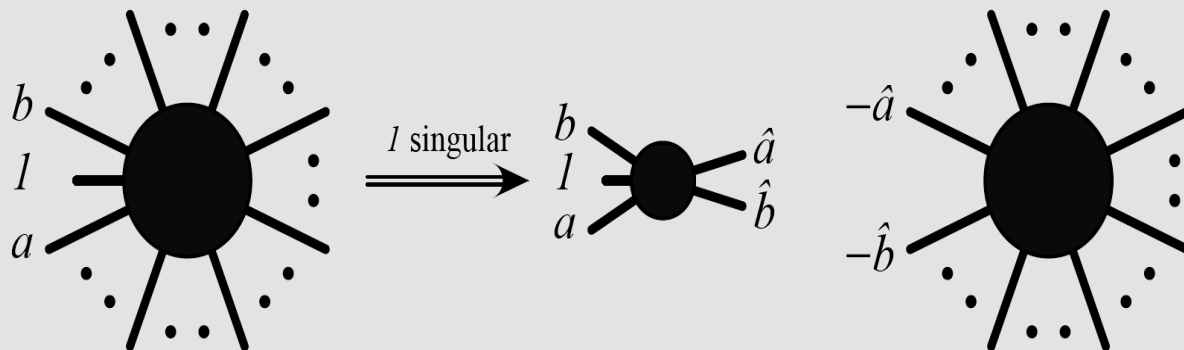
# From Matrix Elements to Sudakov

- ➔ The subtraction function contains the correct soft/collinear singular structure

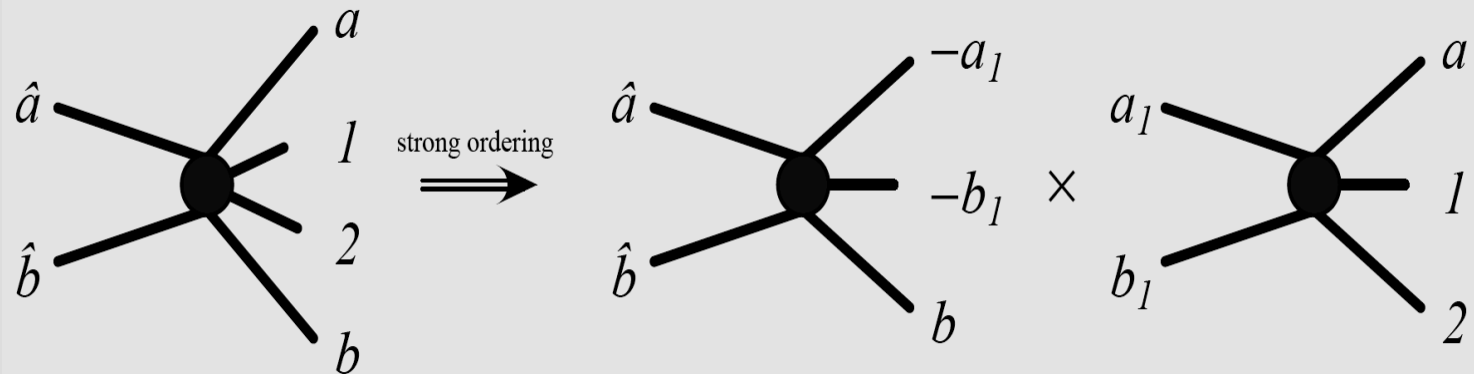
$$\left| M_{X+1}^{(0)} \right|^2 \xrightarrow{\text{unresolved}} A \times \left| M_X^{(0)} \right|^2$$

- ➔ Color ordered amplitude: dipole/antenna factorization

Kosower PRD57(1998)5410; Campbell,Cullen,Glover EPJC9(1999)245.  
 (see also Gustafson, PLB175(1986)453; Lönnblad (ARIADNE), CPC71(1992)15.  
 Azimov, Dokshitzer, Khoze, Troyan, PLB165B(1985)147.)



# From Matrix Elements to



Kosower, Phys.Rev.D71:045016,2005.

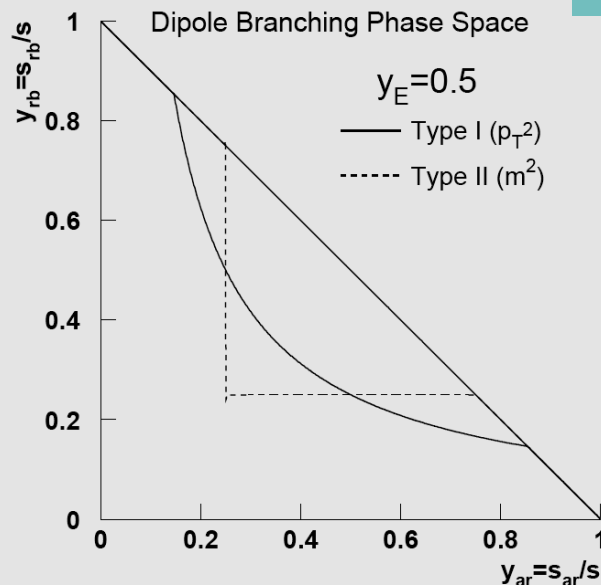
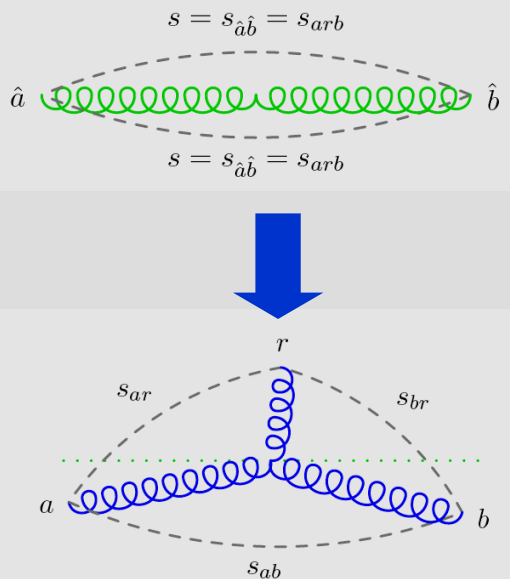
- ➔ The antenna functions have the expected strong ordering behavior which captures the leading logarithms
- ➔ As a result we can resum the antenna functions into a Sudakov factor which will form the basis for the shower
- ➔ It will also intertwine the NLO parton generator with the shower.

# From Matrix Elements to Sudakov

- ➔ The Sudakov function reflect the integrated probability the system does not change state between time  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  ( $t=1/Q_{\text{resolution}}$ )

$$\Delta(t_n, t_{\text{end}}; \{p\}_n) = \exp\left(-\int_{t_n}^{t_{\text{end}}} dt_{n+1} \sum_{i \in \{n \rightarrow n+1\}} \int \frac{d\Phi_{n+1}^{[i]}}{d\Phi_n} \delta(t_{n+1} - t^{[i]}(\{p\}_{n+1})) A_i(\{p\}_n \rightarrow \{p\}_{n+1})\right)$$

Summed over all dipoles



# From Sudakov to Shower

- The Sudakov is the first step towards a shower

Fixed Order

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{O}} \right|_{\text{ME}} = \sum_{k=0} \int d\Phi_{X+k} \left| \sum_{\ell=0} M_{X+k}^{(\ell)} \right|^2 \delta(\mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}(\{p\}_{X+k}))$$

Matched Shower

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{O}} \right|_{\text{matched}} = \sum_{k=0}^K \int d\Phi_{X+k} \left| \sum_{l=0}^L w_{X+k}^{(l)} \right| \times S(\{p\}_{X+k}, \mathcal{O})$$

- ➔ The unitary shower function, or evolution operator  $S$ , “evolves” the phase space point  $X \rightarrow X+1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X+N$  as a function of resolution
- ➔ The matching condition defines the parton generators  $W$  (expanding the shower function in branchings and  $\alpha_s$  **must** agree with the fixed order expansion)

# From Sudakov to Shower

Pure Shower  
(all orders)

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma_X}{d\mathcal{O}} \right|_{\text{PS}} = \int d\Phi_X w_X S(\{p\}_X, \mathcal{O})$$

- ➔ Using the Sudakov  $\Delta(t_1, t_2)$  we can define the evolution operator through a Markov Chain.
- ➔ Subsequently we can implement the Markov Chain in a numerical algorithm.

$$S(\{p\}_X, \mathcal{O}) = \underbrace{\delta(\mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}(\{p\}_X)) \Delta(t_X, t_{\text{had}})}_{X + 0 \text{ exclusive above } 1/t_{\text{had}}} \begin{array}{l} \longleftarrow \text{“X + nothing”} \\ \swarrow \text{“X+something”} \end{array}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\int_{t_X}^{t_{\text{had}}} dt_{X+1} \sum_i \int \frac{d\Phi_{X+1}^{[i]}}{d\Phi_X} \delta(t_{X+1} - t^{[i]}(\{p\}_{X+1})) \Delta(t_X, t_{X+1}) A_i(\dots) S(\{p\}_{X+1}, \mathcal{O})}_{X + 1 \text{ inclusive above } 1/t_{\text{had}}}$$



# From Sudakov to Shower

## ➔ The final answer depends on

- The choice of evolution variable
- The dipole/antenna functions (finite/sub-leading terms not fixed)
- The phase space map (  $d\Phi_{n+1}/d\Phi_n$  )
- The renormalization scheme (argument of  $\alpha_s$ )
- The infrared cutoff contour (Hadronization cutoff)

## ➔ Step 1: Quantify these uncertainty

- Vary these within reasonable limits

## ➔ Step 2, Systematically reduce uncertainties

Understand the importance of each and how it is canceled by

- Matching to fixed order matrix elements, at LO, NLO, NNLO, ...
- Sub-leading logarithms, sub-leading color, etc.

# From Sudakov to Shower

- Starting point: “GGG” antenna functions, e.g.,  $gg \rightarrow ggg$ :

Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, JHEP 09 (2005) 056

$$f_3^0(p_a, p_r, p_b) = \frac{1}{s^{[i]}} \left[ (1 - y_{ar} - y_{rb}) \left( \underbrace{\frac{2}{y_{ar}y_{rb}}}_{\text{“soft”}} + \underbrace{\frac{y_{ar}}{y_{rb}} + \frac{y_{rb}}{y_{ar}}}_{\text{“collinear”}} \right) + \frac{8}{3} \right]$$

$$y_{ar} = s_{ar} / s_i$$

$s_i$  = invariant mass of  $i$ 'th dipole-antenna

- Generalize to arbitrary double Laurent series:

Frederix, WG, Kosower, Skands : Les Houches NLM, arxiv:0803.0494

$$A(s_{ar}, s_{rb}) = \frac{4\pi\alpha_s(\mu_R)N_C}{s_{arb}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta \geq -1} C_{\alpha\beta} \frac{s_{ar}^\alpha s_{rb}^\beta}{s_{arb}^{\alpha+\beta}}$$

Singular parts fixed, finite terms arbitrary

- Can make shower systematically “softer” or “harder”  
We will see later how this variation is explicitly canceled by matching
  - quantification of uncertainty
  - quantification of improvement by matching

# From Sudakov to Shower

$$A_{ggg} \sim \frac{P_{gg}(z)}{y}; \quad z = y_{ar} + y_{rb}; \quad y^{-1} = y_{ar}^{-1} + y_{rb}^{-1}$$

$$A(s_{ar}, s_{rb}) = \frac{4\pi\alpha_s(\mu_R)N_C}{s_{arb}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta \geq -1} C_{\alpha\beta} \frac{s_{ar}^\alpha s_{rb}^\beta}{s_{arb}^{\alpha+\beta}}$$

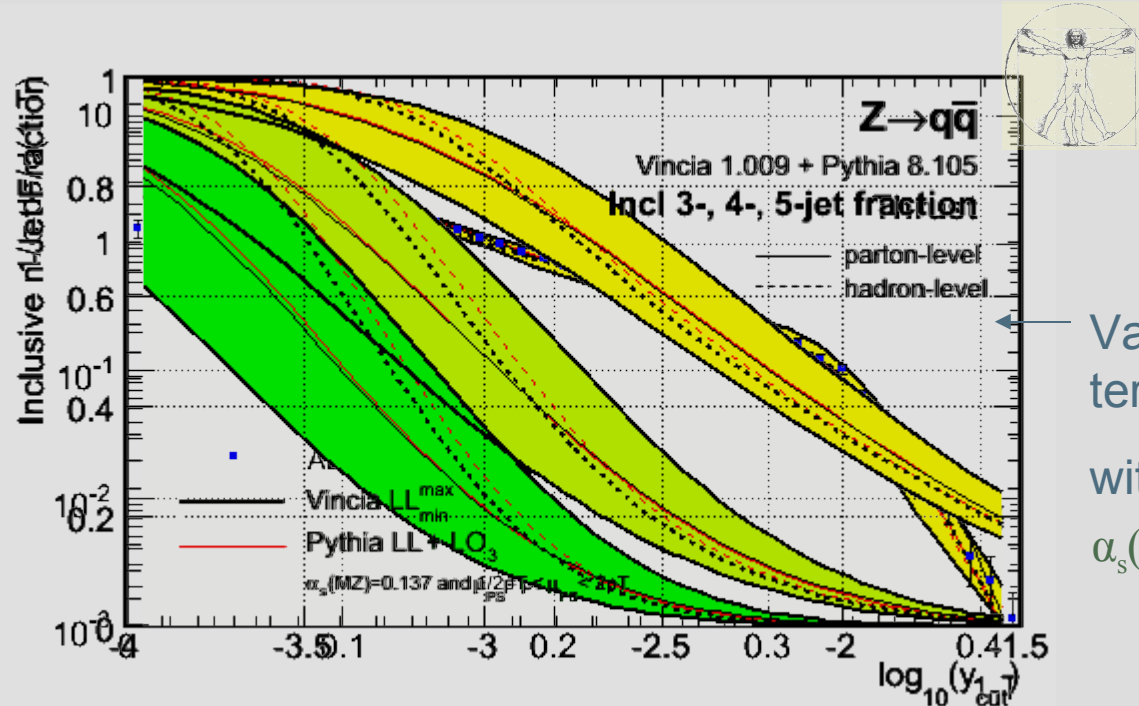
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	$C_{-1-1}$	$C_{-10}$	$C_{0-1}$	$C_{-11}$	$C_{1-1}$	$C_{-12}$	$C_{2-1}$	$C_{00}$	$C_{10}$	$C_{01}$
<b>GGG</b>										
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow qg\bar{q}$	2	-2	-2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
$qg \rightarrow qgg$	2	-2	-2	1	1	0	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1	$\frac{3}{2}$
$gg \rightarrow ggg$	2	-2	-2	1	1	-1	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1	-1
$qg \rightarrow q\bar{q}'q'$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	-1	0	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1	0
$gg \rightarrow g\bar{q}q$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	-1	0	1	-1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
<b>ARIADNE</b>										
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow qg\bar{q}$	2	-2	-2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
$qg \rightarrow qgg$	2	-2	-3	1	3	0	-1	0	0	0
$gg \rightarrow ggg$	2	-3	-3	3	3	-1	-1	0	0	0
$qg \rightarrow q\bar{q}'q'$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	-1	0	1	-1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
$gg \rightarrow g\bar{q}q$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	-1	0	1	-1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
<b>ARIADNE2 (reparametrization of ARIADNE functions à la GGG, for comparison)</b>										
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow qg\bar{q}$	2	-2	-2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
$qg \rightarrow qgg$	2	-2	-2	1	1	0	-1	-1	0	0
$gg \rightarrow ggg$	2	-2	-2	1	1	-1	-1	$-\frac{4}{3}$	-1	-1

Table 1: Laurent coefficients for massless LL QCD antennae ( $\hat{a}\hat{b} \rightarrow arb$ ). The coefficients with at least one negative index are universal (apart from a reparametrization ambiguity for gluons). For “GGG” (the defaults in VINCIA), the finite terms

# From Sudakov to Shower

- ➔ The unknown finite terms are a major source of uncertainty
  - DGLAP has some, GGG have others, ARIADNE has yet others, etc...
  - They are arbitrary (and in general process-dependent → don't tune!)



Varying finite terms only

with

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.137,$$

$$\mu_{PS} = p_T,$$

$$p_{Thad} = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$$

(huge variation with  $\mu_{PS}$  from pure LL point of view, but NLL tells you using  $p_T$  at LL → (N)LL.)

# From Showers to Matrix Elements

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- Subtracted matching is based on expanding out the Sudakov functions in the Markov chain (an expansion in virtuality)

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(\{p\}_X, \mathcal{O}) &= \underbrace{\delta(\mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}(\{p\}_X)) \Delta(t_X, t_{\text{had}})}_{X + 0 \text{ exclusive above } 1/t_{\text{had}}} & \Delta(t) \rightarrow 1 - \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \int_i \frac{d\Phi_3}{d\Phi_2} A(\{p\}_2 \rightarrow \{p\}_3) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \\
 &+ \underbrace{\int_{t_X}^{t_{\text{had}}} dt_{X+1} \sum_i \int \frac{d\Phi_{X+1}^{[i]}}{d\Phi_X} \delta(t_{X+1} - t^{[i]}(\{p\}_{X+1})) \Delta(t_X, t_{X+1}) A_i(\dots) S(\{p\}_{X+1}, \mathcal{O})}_{X + 1 \text{ inclusive above } 1/t_{\text{had}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- The parton generators in this matched shower (including simultaneous tree- and 1-loop matching for any number of legs) are determined by equating the expanded shower with the fixed order (known) matrix elements:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{O}} \right|_{\text{MS}} &= \sum_{k=0}^n \int d\Phi_{X+k} \left( w_{X+k}^{(R)} + w_{X+k}^{(V)} \right) S(\{p\}_{X+k}, \mathcal{O}) \\
 &\equiv \sum_{k=0}^n \int d\Phi_{X+k} \left| M_{X+k}^{(0)} + M_{X+k}^{(1)} \right|^2 \delta(\mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}(\{p\}_{X+k})) + \text{higher order} + \text{higher branchings}
 \end{aligned}$$

# From Showers to Matrix Elements

- The result of matching to a NLO calculation is that the parton level generators of the shower are the antenna/dipole subtracted matrix elements:

$$w_X^{(V)} = 2\text{Re}[M_X^{(0)} M_X^{*(1)}] + |M_X^{(0)}|^2 \sum_i \int_{\text{all } t} \frac{d\Phi_{X+1}^{[i]}}{d\Phi_X} A_i(\dots) + \mathcal{O}(t_X/t_{\text{had}})$$

$$w_{X+1}^{(R)} = |M_{X+1}^{(0)}|^2 - \sum_{i \in X \rightarrow X+1} A_i(\dots) |M_{X+0}^{(0)}(\{\hat{p}_i\}_{X+0})|^2$$

$$A(s_{ar}, s_{rb}) = \frac{4\pi\alpha_s(\mu_R) N_C}{s_{arb}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta \geq -1} C_{\alpha\beta} \frac{s_{ar}^\alpha s_{rb}^\beta}{s_{arb}^{\alpha+\beta}}$$

- Given a NLO calculation using a subtraction scheme one can easily add the shower with the identical subtraction function in the Sudakov (i.e. matched).

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{O}} \right|_{\text{NLO Matched}} = \int d\Phi_X (w_X^{(R)} + w_X^{(V)}) \times \mathcal{S}(\{p\}_X, \mathcal{O}) + \int d\Phi_{X+1} w_{X+1}^{(R)} \times \mathcal{S}(\{p\}_{X+1}, \mathcal{O})$$

# From Showers to Matrix

## Elements

- E.g. I want to make predictions for a 4 jet observable at LEP using the one-loop  $Z \rightarrow 4$  parton and tree level  $Z \rightarrow 5$  parton matrix elements.
- Fixed order parton level generator:

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dO} \right|_{\text{NLO}} = \int d\Phi_4 \left( |M_4^{(0)}|^2 + 2\text{Re}[M_4^{(0)}M_4^{(1)*}] + \left( \int \frac{d\Phi_5}{d\Phi_4} A \right) \times |\hat{M}_4^{(0)}|^2 \right) \delta(O - O(\{p\}_4))$$

$$+ \int d\Phi_5 \left( |M_5^{(0)}|^2 - A|M_4^{(0)}|^2 \right) \delta(O - O(\{p\}_5))$$

- I can now add the matched parton shower to get the showered and hadronized prediction of my observable:

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dO} \right|_{\text{NLO Matched}} = \int d\Phi_4 (w_4^{(R)} + w_4^{(V)}) \times S(\{p\}_4, O) + \int d\Phi_5 w_5^{(R)} \times S(\{p\}_5, O)$$

Or:

- Calculate the NLO parton generator in a subtraction scheme
- Replace the delta functions with the shower operator
- Equate the antenna function used in the subtraction with the one used in Sudakov of the VINCA shower MC

# From Showers to Matrix Elements

- ➔ This is how fixed order calculators would think of using a shower MC.
- ➔ However, the shower MC community is much more ambitious:
  - They view the shower as a fully exclusive simulation of real events (i.e. it should predict any observable).
  - Any known fixed order tree-level and one-loop amplitude should just be inserted into the shower MC to further enhance the predictive power.
  - An implementation through a subtraction scheme becomes difficult

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dO} \right|_{\text{LO Matched}} = \sum_{k=2}^K \int d\Phi_{X+k} w_{x+k}^{(R)} \times S(\{p\}_{X+k}, O) \quad w_{X+k}^{(R)} = \left| M_{X+k}^{(0)} \right|^2 - \sum_i A_i(\dots) \left| M_{X+k+1}^{(0)} \right|^2$$

- We now suddenly have un-subtracted sub-leading logarithms all over. An additional regulator on these logarithms has to be introduced...
- Can we do better?



# From Showers to Matrix Elements

► In general one wants a shower MC where we can insert any set of tree-level, one-loop,... calculated matrix elements

- Subtraction method problematic. One needs to “regulate” color suppressed logs, non-leading logs,...

► Example: match the shower to  $Z \rightarrow 2,3,4$  partons matrix elements at LO

- Some other method desirable  $\rightarrow$  re-weighted matching
- Veto branchings with probability

$$w_{\text{accept}} = \frac{|M_n|^2}{|M_{\text{shower}}|^2} = \frac{|M_n|^2}{A \times |M_{n-1}|^2} \quad \left( \text{with } A \times |M_{n-1}|^2 \right)$$

- This modifies the antenna function such that

$$w_n = |M_n|^2 - \hat{A} \times |M_{n-1}|^2 = 0 \quad \text{for } n = 3, 4, \dots$$

- The re-weighting matched shower is now simply

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dO} = \int d\Phi_2 w_2(Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}) \times S(\{p_1, p_2\}, O)$$

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- Exponentiates the whole matrix element

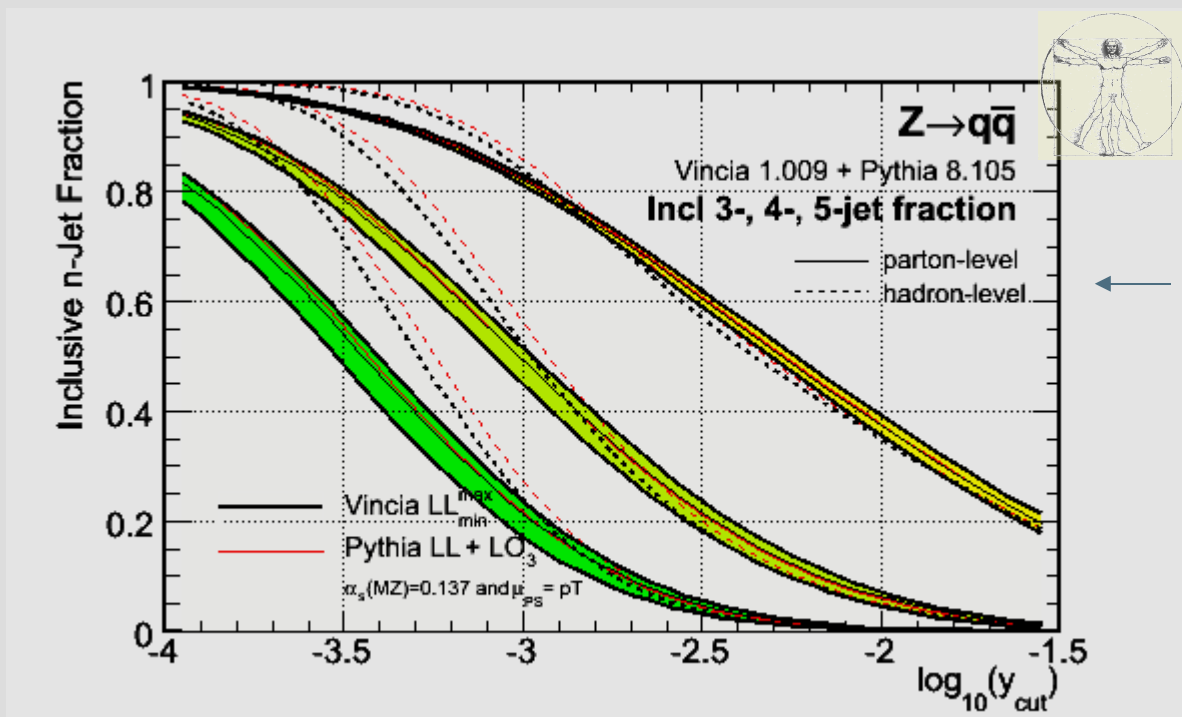
- This regulated the non-leading and color suppressed logs by exponentiation

- Can easily be extended for one-, two-,... loop matching

- Unitary shower, so we maintain LO normalization

# From Showers to Matrix Elements

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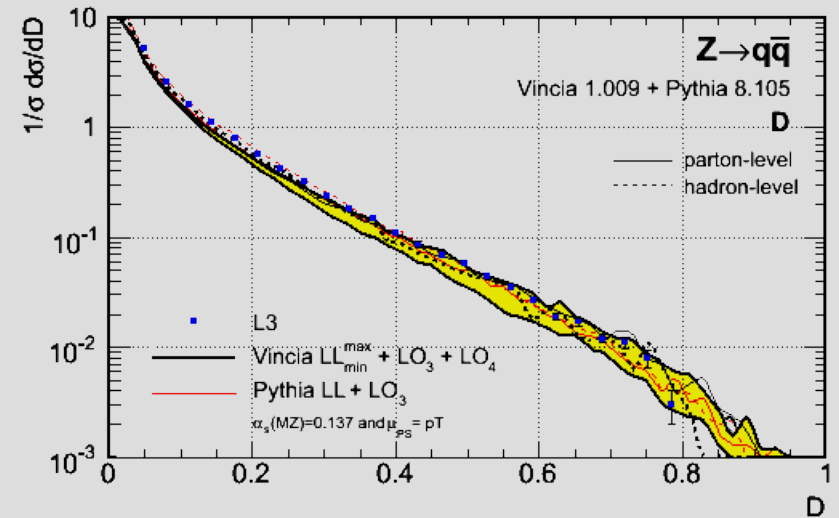
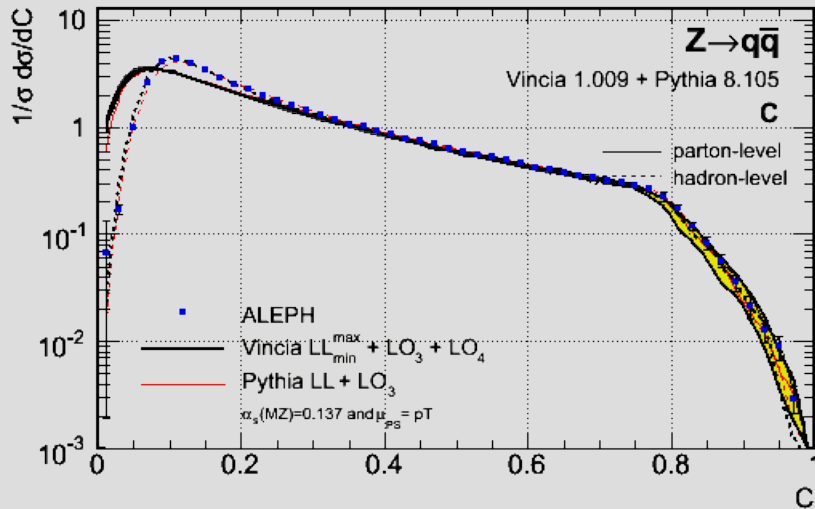
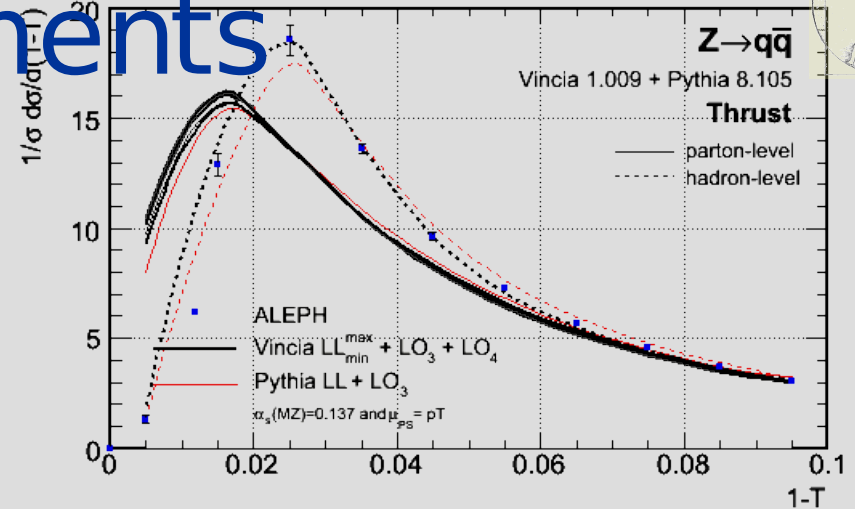
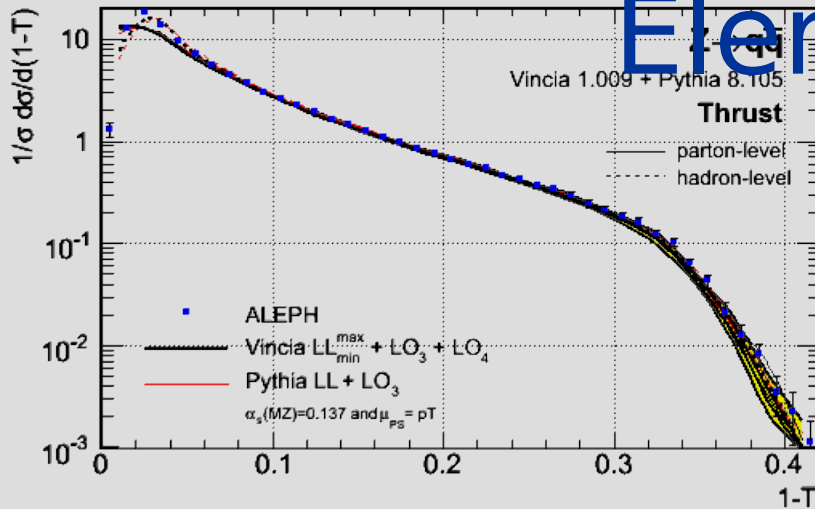
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Proper matching removes the ambiguity associated with the freedom of choosing the finite part of the antenna functions

# From Showers to Matrix Elements



## Elements



Still with  $\alpha_s(M_Z)=0.137\dots$

# From Showers to Matrix Elements

- ➔ This matching automatically exponentiates (and thus regulates) any sub-leading logs
- ➔ It is easily extendible to one-loop matrix elements
  - I.e. we can incorporate in the shower any mix of tree-level and one-loop matrix elements
- ➔ The cross section/total width is guaranteed to be normalized to the inclusive LO/NLO/...  $Z \rightarrow$  parton cross section/width
- ➔ Because the antenna functions are known at one-loop we can start constructing a NLL shower with NNLO matched matrix elements.

# Vincia status and plans

- ➔ Up to now we build a time-like parton shower which
  - Is highly customizable by design
  - Keeps all uncertainties/choices explicit and changeable
  - Can be used as an “add-on” to an existing NLO parton level MC
  - Can be used as a “true” event generator and integrate tree-level and one-loop amplitudes to improve the predictions
  - Is fully integrated within PYTHIA8
- ➔ Comparisons to LEP data are very promising
- ➔ We are working on
  - Massive particles in the shower
  - Extension to space-like showers (and TEVATRON/LHC phenomenology)
  - Started building in the NLO antenna functions as a first step towards a next-to-leading log shower (attacks scale choices)