Emergent Phenomena in QCD & at the LHC Peter Skands (Monash University)

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Emergence

The emergent is unlike its components insofar as ... it cannot be reduced to their sum or their difference." *G. Lewes (1875)*

In Quantum Field Theory, the elementary interactions are encoded in the Lagrangian → Feynman Diagrams
→ Perturbative Expansions (in α_s)

Emergent phenomena in QCD

Cannot be guessed directly from Lagrangian. Two sources of emergence in QCD:

- . Scale Invariance (can actually be guessed)
- 2. Confinement (win \$1,000,000 if you can prove)

The Constituents of QCD

The **elementary** interactions are encoded in the **Lagrangian** QFT \rightarrow Feynman Diagrams \rightarrow Perturbative Expansions (in α_s)

THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF QCD: QUARKS AND GLUONS



$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}_{q}^{i}(i\gamma^{\mu})(D_{\mu})_{ij}\psi_{q}^{j} - m_{q}\bar{\psi}_{q}^{i}\psi_{qi} - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^{a}F^{a\mu\nu}$$

$$D_{\mu ij} = \delta_{ij}\partial_{\mu} - ig_{s}T_{ij}^{a}A_{\mu}^{a} \xrightarrow{m_{q}: \text{ Quark Mass Terms}}_{\text{(Higgs + QCD condensates)}} \qquad \text{Gluon-Field Kinetic Terms}$$

$$Gauge \text{ Covariant Derivative: makes } L \qquad F_{\mu\nu}^{a} = \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu}^{a} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu}^{a} + g_{s}f^{abc}A_{\mu}^{b}A_{\nu}^{c}$$

 $g_s^2 = 4\pi\alpha_s$

Beyond Fixed Order

QCD is more than just a perturbative expansion in $\alpha_{\rm s}$

The relation between α_s , Feynman diagrams, and the full QCD dynamics is under active investigation. Emergent phenomena:



Jets (the fractal of perturbative QCD) \leftrightarrow amplitude structures in quantum field theory \leftrightarrow factorisation & unitarity. Precision jet (structure) studies.



Strings (strong gluon fields) ↔ quantum-classical correspondence. String physics. String breaks. Dynamics of hadronization phase transition.



Hadrons ↔ Spectroscopy (incl excited and exotic states), lattice QCD, (rare) decays, mixing, light nuclei. Hadron beams → multiparton interactions, diffraction, ... There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy W. Shakespeare, Hamlet.

LHC RUN 2: STARTS NOW !!! ALMOST TWICE THE ENERGY (13 TeV compared with 8 TeV) AND MORE INTENSE BEAMS

 $\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}_q^i (i\gamma^\mu) (D_\mu)_{ij} \psi_q^j - m_q \bar{\psi}_q^i \psi_{qi} - \frac{1}{\Lambda} F^a_{\mu\nu} F^{a\mu\nu}$

LHC Run 1: still no explicit "new physics"
 → we're still looking for *deviations* from SM
 Accurate modeling of QCD improve searches & precision



1st jet: p_T = 520 GeV, η = -1.4, φ = -2.0
2nd jet: p_T = 460 GeV, η = 2.2, φ = 1.0
3rd jet: p_T = 130 GeV, η = -0.3, φ = 1.2
4th jet: p_T = 50 GeV, η = -1.0, φ = -2.9

QCD in the Ultraviolet

The "running" of α_s :



Full symbols are results based on N3LO QCD, open circles are based on NNLO, open triangles and squares on NLO QCD. The cross-filled square is based on lattice QCD.

$$Q^{2} \frac{\partial \alpha_{s}}{\partial Q^{2}} = -\alpha_{s}^{2} (b_{0} + b_{1} \alpha_{s} + b_{2} \alpha_{s}^{2} + \dots) ,$$

$$b_{0} = \frac{11C_{A} - 2n_{f}}{12\pi} \qquad C_{A} = 3 \text{ for SU(3)} + \frac{325n^{2}f}{128\pi^{3}} + \frac{17C_{A}^{2} - 5C_{A}n_{f} - 3C_{F}n_{f}}{24\pi^{2}} = \frac{153 - 19n_{f}}{24\pi^{2}} + \frac{128\pi^{3}}{2857} + \frac{128\pi^{3}}{128\pi^{3}} + \frac{128\pi^{3}}{128\pi$$

At high scales Q >> 1 GeV Coupling $\alpha_s(Q) \ll 1$

Perturbation theory in α_s should be **reliable**: LO, NLO, NNLO, ...

E.g., in event shown on previous slide:

- 1st jet: p_T = 520 GeV
- 2nd jet: $p_T = 460 \text{ GeV}$
- 3rd jet: $p_T = 130 \text{ GeV}$
- 4th jet: $p_T = 50 \text{ GeV}$

The Infrared Strikes Back

Naively, QCD radiation suppressed by $\alpha_s \approx 0.1$

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Truncate at fixed order = LO, NLO, ...
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E.g., $\sigma(X+jet)/\sigma(X) \propto \alpha_s$

Example: Pair production of SUSY particles at LHC₁₄, with $M_{SUSY} \approx 600$ GeV

LHC - sps1a - m~600 GeV		Plehn, Rainwater, PS PLB645(2007)217					
FIXED ORDER pQCD	$\sigma_{\rm tot}[{\rm pb}]$	$ ilde{g} ilde{g}$	$\tilde{u}_L \tilde{g}$	$\tilde{u}_L \tilde{u}_L^*$	$\tilde{u}_L \tilde{u}_L$	TT	
$p_{T,j} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	σ_{0j}	4.83	5.65	0.286	0.502	1.30	σ for X + jets much larger than naive estimate
inclusive X + 1 "jet"	$\rightarrow \sigma_{1j}$	2.89	2.74	0.136	0.145	0.73	
inclusive X + 2 "jets" -	$\rightarrow \sigma_{2j}$	1.09	0.85	0.049	0.039	0.26	
$p_{T,j} > 50 \text{ GeV}$	σ_{0j}	4.83	5.65	0.286	0.502	1.30	$\sigma_{50} \sim \sigma_{tot}$ tells us that there will "always" be a ~ 50-GeV jet
	σ_{1j}	5.90	5.37	0.283	0.285	1.50	
	σ_{2j}	4.17	3.18	0.179	0.117	1.21	"inside" a 600-GeV process

(Computed with SUSY-MadGraph)

All the scales are high, Q >> 1 GeV, so perturbation theory **should** be OK ...

Conformal QCD

The Lagrangian of QCD is scale invariant

(neglecting small quark masses)

Characteristic of point-like constituents

To first approximation, observables depend only on dimensionless quantities, like **angles** and energy **ratios**



James Bjørken "Lightcone Scaling" aka Bjørken Scaling; Conformal invariance

Also means that when we look closer at these constituents, they must generate ever self-similar patterns = fractals





Note: scaling **violation** *is* induced in full QCD, but only by renormalization: $g_s^2 = 4\pi \alpha_s(\mu)$

(some) Physics

cf. equivalent-photon approximation Weiszäcker, Williams ~ 1934

Charges Stopped or kicked

Radiation

a.k.a. Bremsstrahlung Synchrotron Radiation

Radiation

The harder they stop, the harder the fluctations that continue to become radiation

Jets \approx Fractals

- Most bremsstrahlung is driven by divergent propagators → simple structure
- Amplitudes factorize in singular limits (→ universal "conformal" or "fractal" structure)

Partons $ab \rightarrow$ "collinear": $|\mathcal{M}_{F+1}(\dots, a, b, \dots)|^2 \xrightarrow{a||b}{\rightarrow} g_s^2 \mathcal{C} \frac{P(z)}{2(p_a \cdot p_b)} |\mathcal{M}_F(\dots, a+b, \dots)|^2$

Coherence \rightarrow Parton j really emitted by (i,k) "colour antenna" (in leading colour approximation) Gluon j \rightarrow "soft": $|\mathcal{M}_{F+1}(\ldots,i,j,k\ldots)|^2 \xrightarrow{j_g \to 0} g_s^2 \mathcal{C} \frac{(p_i \cdot p_k)}{(p_i \cdot p_j)(p_j \cdot p_k)} |\mathcal{M}_F(\ldots,i,k,\ldots)|^2$

+ scaling violation: $g_s^2 \rightarrow 4\pi \alpha_s(Q^2)$

Can apply this many times → nested factorizations Jets-within-jets-within-jets ...

From Legs to Loops

Unitarity: sum(probability) = 1



→ Can also include loops-within-loops-within-loops ...
→ Bootstrap for approximate All-Orders Quantum Corrections!

Parton Showers: reformulation of pQCD corrections as gain-loss diff eq. Iterative (Markov-Chain) evolution algorithm, based on universality and unitarity With evolution kernel ~ $\frac{|\mathcal{M}_{n+1}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_n|^2}$ (or soft/collinear approx thereof) Generate explicit fractal structure across all scales (via Monte Carlo Simulation) Evolve in some measure of *resolution* ~ hardness, virtuality, 1/time ... ~ fractal scale + account for scaling violation via quark masses and $g_s^2 \rightarrow 4\pi\alpha_s(Q^2)$

Our Research



Parton Showers are based on 1→2 splittings



E.g., **PYTHIA** (also HERWIG, SHERPA)

I.e., each **parton** undergoes a sequence of splittings Multi-parton coherence effects can be included via "angular ordering" Or via "dipole radiation functions"

(~ partitions dipole radiation pattern into 2 monopole terms) Recoil effects needed to impose (E,p) conservation ("local" or "global")



E.g., **VINCIA** (also ARIADNE)



Cf a lattice and its dual lattice Can either perceive of lattice **sites** or lattice **links**. Equivalent (dual) representations.

At Monash, we develop an **Antenna Shower**, in which splittings are fundamentally $2 \rightarrow 3$

Each colour **dipole/antenna** undergoes a sequence of splittings

- + Intrinsically includes dipole coherence (leading N_C)
- + Lorentz invariance and explicit local (E,p) conservation
- + The non-perturbative limit of a colour dipole is a string piece **Roots in Lund ~ mid-80ies: Gustafson & Petterson, Nucl.Phys. B306 (1988) 746**

What's new in our approach?

Higher-order perturbative effects can be introduced via calculable corrections in an elegant and very efficient way

+ Writing a genuine antenna shower also for the initial state evolution

VINCIA: Markovian pQCD*

*)pQCD : perturbative QCD



Quo Vadis?

All sights are on Run 2 of the LHC

- Next order of precision for jet rates and structure Aid precision measurements and enhance discovery reach Vast multi-jet phase spaces to explore with LHC
- + higher calculational efficiencies : SPEED (has become a major issue for highly complicated final states) Test runs in e⁺e⁻ show factors 10² - 10³ increases over conventional schemes
- + systematic and automated theory uncertainties Part of being precise is knowing **how** precise. Our job to give an answer.

Understanding the fractal

Unitarity and the structure of perturbative QCD Beyond the Leading-Logarithmic approximation? Beyond the Leading-Colour approximation? The Structure of the proton (parton distributions)

+ Applications

Example: The Top Quark

Heaviest known elementary particle: $m_t \sim 187 \ u \ (\sim m_{Au})$ Lifetime: 10^{-24} s Complicated decay chains:

$$t \to bW^+ \quad \bar{t} \to \bar{b}W^-$$
$$W \to \{q\bar{q}', \ell\nu\}$$
quarks \to jets
b-quarks \to b-jets
$$m_t^2 \approx (p_b + p_{W^+})^2$$
$$\approx (p_{b-jet} + p_{q-jet} + p_{\bar{q}-jet})^2$$

Accurate jet energy calibrations $\rightarrow m_t$ Analogously for any process / measurement involving coloured partons

Long Wavelengths > 10⁻¹⁵ m

~ Force required to lift a 16-ton truck

String Breaks

In QCD, strings can (and do) break!

(In superconductors, would require magnetic monopoles) In QCD, the roles of electric and magnetic are reversed Quarks (and antiquarks) are "chromoelectric monopoles" There are at least two possible analogies ~ tunneling:

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Schwinger Effect

e⁻

Non-perturbative creation of e⁺e⁻ pairs in a strong external Electric field

> Probability from Tunneling Factor

 $\mathcal{P} \propto \exp\left(\frac{-m^2 - p_{\perp}^2}{\kappa/\pi}\right)$

(κ is the string tension equivalent)

Hawking Radiation

Non-perturbative creation of radiation quanta in a strong gravitational field

Thermal (Boltzmann) Factor

HORIZON

$$\mathcal{P} \propto \exp\left(\frac{-E}{k_B T_H}\right)$$

Linear Energy Exponent

NAN

 \vec{E}

The "Lund" String

- **Quarks** → String Endpoints
- **Gluons** → Transverse Excitations (kinks)

String Breaks by Tunneling (Schwinger Type)

Gluon = kink on string, carrying energy and momentum

- Probability of string break constant per unit area → AREA LAW
- Breakup vertices causally disconnected → order is irrelevant → iterative algorithm

Colour Confusion

Between which partons do confining potentials arise?

At e⁺e⁻ colliders (eg LEP) - We generally find quite good agreement between **measured** particle spectra and **models** based on parton/antenna showers + strings (with a couple of interesting exceptions, not covered here) "Leading Colour" dipole decomposition works well

→ re-use same models as input for LHC (universality) ?

Proton-Proton (LHC)

More colour kicked around (& also colour in initial state)

Include "Beam Remnants"

Still might look relatively simple, to begin with

But no law against *several* parton-parton interactions

In fact, can easily be shown to happen frequently Included in all (modern) Monte Carlo models But how to make sense of the colour structure?

Collective Effects?

A rough indicator of how much colour gets kicked around, should be the number of particles produced So we study event properties as a function of " N_{ch} " = N_{tracks}

Plot shows the average transverse momentum versus N_{ch}

What are "Colour Reconnections"?

Simple example: $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow q_1\bar{q}_2q_3\bar{q}_4$

Intensely studied at LEP2.

CR implied a non-perturbative uncertainty on the W mass measurement, $\Delta MW \sim 40 \text{ MeV}$

CR constrained to ~ 10% ~ 1/NC2

Simple two-string system. What about pp?

Several modelling attempts

Based on minimising the string action String interactions (Khoze, Sjostrand) Generalized Area Law (Rathsman et al.) Colour Annealing (Skands, Wicke) Gluon Move Model (Sjostrand et al.) Based on SU(3)_C group multiplet weights Dipole Swing (Lonnblad et al.) $3 \otimes \overline{3} = 8 \oplus 1$ Generalized colour coherence (Christensen, Skands)

 $3 \otimes 3 = 6 \oplus \overline{3} .$ $8 \otimes 8 = 27 \oplus 10 \oplus \overline{10} \oplus 8 \oplus 8 \oplus 1$ $3 \otimes 8 = 15 \oplus 6 \oplus 3 ,$

Collective Effects?

There is now quite a lot of confusion in the field

- Old-fashioned string models are having trouble at LHC
 - Eg need "CR" and don't reproduce low-pT identified-particle spectra

Quark-gluon plasma inspired models?

- Using hydrodynamics (eg EPOS) Statistical (Thormal) Distributions
- Statistical (Thermal) Distributions
- Good fits ... even for ee ... but ... thermal??? And how to reconcile with string picture?
- Colour-(re)connection / String Effects?

Subleading colour effects?

Multi-parton coherence? Colour accidents?

Christensen, Skands: String Formation Beyond Leading Colour, arXiv:1505.01681

Soft-gluon exchanges?

- String-string interaction effects?
- More colour charge: strings with higher tension? ^F
- Rescattering Effects (parton-parton or hadron-hadron)

Summary

Jets

- Discovered at SPEAR (SLAC '72) and DORIS (DESY '73): $E_{CM} \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$ Collimated sprays of nuclear matter (hadrons).
- Quasi-fractal structure of jets-within-jets & loops-within-loops Simulated by parton-, dipole-, or **antenna** showers
 - Complementary to usual perturbative (LO, NLO, ...) matrix elements Showers are most precise for relatively soft/collinear radiation
 - Fixed-order calculations are most precise for relatively "hard" radiation
 - Much focus on how to *combine* the two consistently and efficiently: "matching"
 - Unitarity is a key aspect of both approaches; sums & detailed balance.

Strings enforce confinement

- ~ well understood in "dilute" environments ~ vacuum
- Many indications that confinement is more complicated in pp LHC Run 1 provided a treasure trove of data.
 - We are learning which questions to ask; what to measure in **Run 2** !

New research at Monash

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OUTREACH AND CITIZEN SCIENCE SUPPORT LHC **EXPERIMENTS**, **ASTRO-PARTICLE** COMMUNITY, AND **FUTURE** ACCELERATORS

+ Warwick Alliance

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New joint research program with Warwick ATLAS, on developing and testing advanced colllider-QCD models. **PHD studentship open now**: based at Monash + 1 year in the UK/CERN.

Asymptotic Freedom

"What this year's Laureates discovered was something that, at first sight, seemed completely contradictory. The interpretation of their mathematical result was that the closer the quarks are to each other, the *weaker* is the 'colour charge'. When the quarks are really close to

- *1 each other, the force is so weak that they behave almost as free particles. This phenomenon is called 'asymptotic freedom'. The converse is true when the quarks move apart:
 *2 the force is presented becomes strenger when the
- *2 the force becomes stronger when the distance increases."

Nobelprize.org

The Official Web Site of the Nobel Prize

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2004 David J. Gross, H. David Politzer, Frank Wilczek

David J. GrossH. David PolitzerFrank WilczekThe Nobel Prize in Physics 2004 was awarded jointly to David J. Gross, H. David Politzer and FrankWilczek "for the discovery of asymptotic freedom in the theory of the strong interaction".

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^{*1} The force still goes to ∞ as $r \rightarrow 0$ (Coulomb potential), just less slowly

^{*2} The potential grows linearly as $r \rightarrow \infty$, so the force actually becomes constant (even this is only true in "quenched" QCD. In real QCD, the force eventually vanishes for r>>1 fm)

Evolution Equations

What we need is a differential equation

Boundary condition: a few partons defined at a high scale (Q_F) Then evolves (or "runs") that parton system down to a low scale (the hadronization cutoff ~ 1 GeV) \rightarrow It's an evolution equation in Q_F

Close analogue: nuclear decay

Evolve an unstable nucleus. Check if it decays + follow chains of decays.

Decay constant Probability to remain undecayed in the time interval
$$[t_1, t_2]$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}P(t)}{\mathrm{d}t} = c_N \qquad \Delta(t_1, t_2) = \exp\left(-\int_{t_1}^{t_2} c_N \,\mathrm{d}t\right) = \exp\left(-c_N \,\Delta t\right)$$

Decay probability per unit time

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\mathrm{res}}(t)}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{-\mathrm{d}\Delta}{\mathrm{d}t} = c_N \,\Delta(t_1, t)$$

(requires that the nucleus did not already decay)

 $= 1 - c_N \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(c_N^2)$

Nuclear Decay

The Sudakov Factor

In nuclear decay, the Sudakov factor counts: How many nuclei remain undecayed after a time t

Probability to remain undecayed in the time interval $[t_1, t_2]$

$$\Delta(t_1, t_2) = \exp\left(-\int_{t_1}^{t_2} c_N \,\mathrm{d}t\right) = \exp\left(-c_N \,\Delta t\right)$$

The Sudakov factor for a parton system counts:

The probability that the parton system doesn't evolve (branch) when we run the factorization scale (~1/time) from a high to a low scale

Evolution probability per unit "time"

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\mathrm{res}}(t)}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{-\mathrm{d}\Delta}{\mathrm{d}t} = c_N \,\Delta(t_1, t)$$

(replace *t* by shower evolution scale) (replace c_N by proper shower evolution kernels)

P. Skands

What's the evolution kernel?

cf. conformal (fractal) QCD, Lecture 1 (and PDF evolution, Lecture 2)

DGLAP splitting functions

Can be derived from *collinear limit* of MEs $(p_b+p_c)^2 \rightarrow 0$ + evolution equation from invariance with respect to $Q_F \rightarrow RGE$

Note: there exist now also alternatives to AP kernels (with same collinear limits!): dipoles, antennae, ...