Parton-shower & hadronisation uncertainties in top physics How can we do better? Peter Skands (Monash University)

Parton Showers Hadronisation Underlying Event Physics & Uncertainties How can we help you? How can you help us?







### Parton Showers & Hadronisation

### Fragmentation (of a hard parton into a jet of hadrons)

#### Parton Showers $\leftrightarrow$ **Perturbative** QCD

Purpose: compute the effect of (any number of) perturbative QCD emissions / branchings - on any final-state observable Between the **hard-process scale**, Q<sub>F</sub>, and Q<sub>Had</sub> ~1 GeV Starting Point: fixed-order **matrix elements** (at scale Q<sub>F</sub>) End Result: **multi-parton state**, resolved at scale ~ Q<sub>Had</sub>

#### Hadronisation ↔ **Non-Perturbative** QCD

Purpose: compute the effect on final-state observables of the transition from partons to hadrons

Starting Point: parton-shower final state, resolved at scale ~  $Q_{Had}$ 

End Result: stable (long-lived) hadrons → GEANT

Must model confinement (strings/clusters), hadron decays, + what else?

What about the Underlying Event? Colour Reconnections? ...

### Disclaimer

**This discussion** is as much a chance for me to catch up with what you're doing, as a chance to provide my input

I have not been following top physics closely in the last few years. May not be fully up to date on all aspects, especially experimental developments.

State of the art for precision MC calculations nowadays is matching & merging (@NLO). Not my main area of expertise, but will attempt to comment where relevant

Focus on Parton Showers

Hadronisation (incl Colour Reconnections)

**Underlying Event** 

What can we learn from top?

How can we improve for top?

### Parton Shower Basics



On a log-log plot of invariant masses (or  $ln(p_T)$  vs rapidity) the (LO) emission density is ~ constant. Shower kernels agree with matrix elements except for very hard emissions.

### Shower Ambiguities & Uncertainties

#### Expect differences mainly at **subleading** levels

→ Interested in observables & constraints that can probe higher-order / subleading aspects of shower evolutions [Precision Substructure, Multi-parton & initial-final coherence, Scaling (violation), Multiple-emission (compressed) hierarchies]

#### The final states generated by a shower algorithm will depend

1. The choice of perturbative evolution variable(s)  $t^{[i]}$ .

- 2. The choice of phase-space mapping  $d\Phi_{n+1}^{[i]}/d\Phi_n$ .  $\leftarrow$  Recoils, kinematics
- 3. The choice of radiation functions  $a_i$ , as a function of the phase-space variables.



4. The choice of renormalization scale function  $\mu_R$ .

Non-singular terms,
 Reparametrizations,
 Subleading Colour

Ordering & Evolution-

5. Choices of starting and ending scales. 
(matching to hard process and to hadronisation)

Phase-space limits / suppressions for hard radiation and choice of hadronization scale

Certainly needed for **future** highprecision showers!

### Estimating the uncertainties of Parton Showers

Note: several (very) recent papers on this topic, by essentially all the main general-purpose MC groups.

Useful for understanding issues, recommendations, efficient MC

(+ each group uses slightly different language)



### Our Reference Processes



### Top: Production

#### Importantly, top production involves Initial-Final colour flows



#### Expect strong dependence on top boosts

At threshold: no radiation from tops (only initial-state ends active) At high boosts: soft & quasi-collinear enhancements from tops IF present in  $\gamma$ +Jet and Dijets as well (without mass/boost effect)

ttbar Jet Pull Angle: ATLAS\_2015\_I1376945



Kinematics (e.g., Mandelstam variables) are identical. The only difference is the colour-flow assignment.

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**10<sup>-3</sup>** 

**10<sup>-4</sup>** 

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Figure 4: Angular distribution of the first gluon emission in  $qq \rightarrow qq$  scattering at 45°, for the two different color flows. The light (red) histogram shows the emission density for the forward flow, and the dark (blue) histogram shows the emission density for the backward flow.

PS: coherence also influences the Tevatron top-quark forward-backward asymmetry: see PS, Webber, Winter, JHEP 1207(2012)151

### p<sub>T</sub>(ttbar) (& related measurements)

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### What causes these differences?

Suspect significant differences from alphaStrong choices (both central values and scales);

Could be (has been?) checked/validated

Treatment of Phase Space (and coherence conditions) for Initial-Final dipoles; e.g., PYTHIA 8 currently has "noncoherent" starting condition for QCD processes

See e.g., <u>arXiv:1205.1466</u>

Matching to hard region  $\leftrightarrow$  soft region via unitarity

See e.g., <u>arXiv:1003.2384</u>

**Recoil Strategies** 

Model differences should ideally be reduced/resolved by showers beyond LL ... work in progress. In short term: **constraints + pheno + tuning** 

### (The Future of Showers: a preview!)

#### Last week on arXiv: <u>1611.00013</u>

H. T. Li & PS "A framework for second-order parton showers" Combine O( $\alpha_s^2$ )-corrected 2  $\rightarrow$  3 branchings for "ordered" shower emissions with direct  $2 \rightarrow 4$  branchings for "unordered" ones, evolved in a common  $p_T$  measure  $\rightarrow 2^{nd}$ -order Sudakovs Still at proof-of-concept level, but looks encouraging



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Is use of narrow-width approximation justified?

(Some ME generators allow to go beyond)

Expect cross talk for scales below  $\Gamma_{top} \sim 1.5$  GeV; essentially no **perturbative** overlap

Keep in mind though, that in a generator like PYTHIA, we also average over the polarisations in the intermediate step, so any ttbar spin correlations are washed out

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In PYTHIA, the b end of a fictitious bW dipole emits; equivalent to IF setup for first emission but not for subsequent ones

**Importantly**, this preserves bW invariant mass (i.e., top Breit-Wigner) But would expect recoil effects wrong/exaggerated to some extent inside the b-gluon-W system. *Develop experimental / in-situ cross checks of structure?* 

**Solution:** now working (with S. Mrenna) on an antenna-based (IF) model for radiation in decays of massive resonances. But this will take time.

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*My* comments:

- **b** fragmentation in principle well constrained by LEP & SLD measurements; some tension between the two, may now have been resolved? Rivet 2.5.2 update includes : OPAL\_2003\_I599181 "Inclusive analysis of the b quark fragmentation function in Z decays" & modified DELPHI\_2011\_I890503, but have not yet propagated to tunes : should be checked)
- In pp, the b quark is connected to the initial state, and is embedded in the UE (is lifetime + boost from top enough to escape (most of) CR? Compare with incl b jets?)

### Example: Monash Tune @ LEP

#### Slight tension between SLD and DELPHI on E(B)/E(jet)



Controlled by fragmentation r<sub>b</sub> parameter (in addition to flavour-blind fragmentation parameters) Could use the RIVET plots to define b-specific N.P. variations Track multiplicity in b jets appears to have a tail to too high multiplicities

under 10.8 1 − 0.8 0.6

Is this observed at LHC as well?

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l/n<sup>ch</sup> dn<sub>ch</sub>/dlLn(x ))

Theory/Data

#### Further possibilities for hadronisation studies in top



In-situ reference constraints on fragmentation of hard strange quarks Connects with hadronisation, which is looking **strange** at LHC ...

### Hadronisation – What do we know?

### Quark-Antiquark Potential

#### As function of separation distance



**PYTHIA's main feature:** 

the Lund model (1+1

### Which Charges? Colour Flow

After the parton shower finishes, there can be lots of partons, O(10-100). The main question is therefore:

#### Between which partons do confining potentials arise?

MC generators use a simple set of rules for colour flow, based on large-N<sub>C</sub> limit (valid to ~  $1/N_{C}^{2}$  ~ 10%) G. 't Hooft, Nucl.Phys. B72 (1974) 461.



Ilustrations from: Nason & Skands, PDG Review on MC Event Generators, 2014

### Colour Flow

#### **For an entire Cascade**



#### For a single fragmenting system:

Coherence of pQCD cascades (angular ordering or boosted dipoles/antennae) → not much "overlap" between strings → Leading-colour approximation pretty good

(The trouble at LHC: MPI & ISR → many such systems; overlapping)

### The (Lund) String Model

Pedagogical Review: B. Andersson, The Lund model. Camb. Monogr. Part. Phys. Nucl. Phys. Cosmol., 1997.

- Map:
  - **Quarks** → String Endpoints
  - **Gluons** → Transverse Excitations (kinks)
  - Physics then in terms of string worldsheet evolving in spacetime
  - Probability of string break (by quantum tunneling) constant per unit area → AREA LAW



Gluon = kink on string, carrying energy and momentum → STRING EFFECT

#### Simple space-time picture

Details of string breaks more complicated (e.g., baryons, spin multiplets)

### Colour Confusion ?

#### **Next-to-simplest: 2 string systems**

Several studies at LEP2 (ee  $\rightarrow$  WW  $\rightarrow$  4 jets) CR implied a non-perturbative uncertainty on the W mass measurement,  $\Delta M_W \sim 40 \text{ MeV}$ CR strength best fit ~  $10\% \sim 1/N_{C}^{2}$ But in WW, overlaps are expected to be suppressed by kinematics, and there are "only" two strings; In pp, MPI can create (many) more ... ?



#### **Proton-Proton (LHC)**



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### What do we see in pp collisions?



Average pT increases with particle multiplicity and (faster than predicted) with particle mass

## The "CMS Ridge"

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### CMS: Strangeness in the Underlying Event

#### **Effect also present in UE** (note: effect enhanced by p<sub>T</sub> cuts, cf spectra)



#### Extensions of CMS LIF Study?



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### The main ICHEP 2016 "Discovery" ?



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