

Introducing perturbative QCD for hadron collider applications

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Preface

Motivation (II)

LHC is a hadron collider

What we all know

- ▶ QCD is the quantum field theory of **quarks and gluons**. It exhibits **unbroken $SU(3)$ non-abelian gauge invariance**.
- ▶ QCD is **renormalizable** and works well in the **ultraviolet**. It is **asymptotically free**.
- ▶ QCD has a perturbative coupling that **grows** in the **infrared**. The theory **generates** its own **dynamical scale**, Λ_{QCD} .
- ▶ QCD exhibits color **confinement** and has a **mass gap**.
Note: proving this point yields **10^6 \$**.
- ▶ QCD **is the** theory of **strong interactions**.

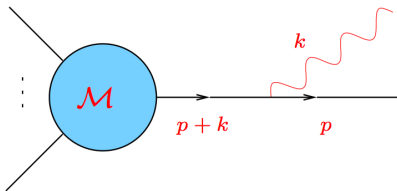
Basics of perturbative QCD

Mass divergences: qualitative discussion

- ▶ **Fact:** in quantum field theory, **two** kinds of **divergences** are associated with the presence of **massless particles**.
 - ▶ **Infrared (IR):** emission of particles with **vanishing** four-momentum ($\lambda_{DB} \rightarrow \infty$);
 - ★ present in gauge theories **only**;
 - ★ present also when matter particles are **massive** (QED).
 - ▶ **Collinear (C):** splitting of particles into **parallel moving** pairs
 - ★ present if **all** particles in the interaction vertex are **massless**.
- ▶ **Origin:** physical processes happening at **large distances**.
- ▶ **Therapy:** carefully **sum** over **experimentally indistinguishable** configurations.

Mass divergences: example

Emission of a massless gauge boson



$$\rightarrow -ig\bar{u}(p)\not{\epsilon}(k)t_a\frac{i(\not{p} + \not{k})}{(p+k)^2 + i\epsilon}\mathcal{M},$$

Singularities: $2p \cdot k = 2p_0k_0(1 - \cos\theta_{pk}) = 0$,
 $\rightarrow k_0 = 0$ (IR); $\cos\theta_{pk} = 1$ (C).

Note: $p_0 = 0$ singularity will be integrable.

Mass divergences: analysis

- ▶ In **covariant** perturbation theory:
 - ▶ p^μ is conserved in **every** vertex;
 - ▶ intermediate particles are generally **off-shell**;
 - ▶ the emitting fermion is **on-shell**: it can propagate **indefinitely**.
- ▶ In **time-ordered** perturbation theory:
 - ▶ **all** particles are **on-shell**;
 - ▶ energy is **not** conserved in the **interaction vertices**;
 - ▶ the IR/C emission vertex **conserves energy**: it can be placed at **arbitrary distance**.
- ▶ The matrix element **is not suppressed** at long distances.

Sickness and Therapy

- ▶ **The sickness is serious.** The **S** matrix **does not exist** in the Fock space of quarks and gluons.
 - ▶ **No surprise ...** quarks and gluons **are not** the correct **asymptotic states!**
- ▶ **Observe.** Mass divergences are associated with the existence of **experimentally indistinguishable, energy degenerate** states.
 - ▶ Physical detectors have **finite resolution** in energy and angle.
- ▶ **KLN Theorem.** **Physically measurable** quantities (transition probabilities, cross sections) are **finite**.
 - ▶ Mass divergences **cancel**, after **summing coherently** over all physically indistinguishable states.

KLN Theorem

- ▶ Take any quantum theory with hamiltonian H
- ▶ Let $\mathcal{D}_\epsilon(E_0)$ be the set of exact eigenstates of H with energies $E_0 - \epsilon \leq E \leq E_0 + \epsilon$, with $\epsilon \neq 0$.
- ▶ Let $P(i \rightarrow j)$ be the transition probability per unit volume and per unit time between eigenstates i and j .
- ▶ Then the quantity

$$P(E_0, \epsilon) \equiv \sum_{i, j \in \mathcal{D}_\epsilon(E_0)} P(i \rightarrow j)$$

is finite as $m \rightarrow 0$ to all orders in perturbation theory

Note: in an asymptotically free theory $m(\mu) \rightarrow 0$ as $\mu \rightarrow \infty$.

Note: in QED ($m_e \neq 0$) summing over final states suffices.

Strategy of PQCD (I)

Infrared Safety

- ▶ Compute at **partonic level**, with an **infrared regulator** (e. g.: $\epsilon = 2 - d/2 < 0$), and at least one **hard scale** Q .

$$\sigma_{\text{part}} = \sigma_{\text{part}} \left(\frac{Q}{\mu}, \alpha_S(\mu), \left\{ \frac{m(\mu)}{\mu}, \epsilon \right\} \right).$$

- ▶ Select **IR-safe** quantities, with a **finite limit** when the IR regulator is **removed** ($\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, $m(\mu) \rightarrow 0$).

$$\sigma_{\text{part}} = \sigma_{\text{part}} \left(\frac{Q}{\mu}, \alpha_S(\mu), \{0, 0\} \right) + \mathcal{O} \left(\left\{ \left(\frac{m}{\mu} \right)^p, \epsilon \right\} \right).$$

- ▶ Interpret these **partonic, inclusive** quantities, expanded in powers of $\alpha_S(Q) \ll 1$, as estimates of **hadronic** quantities, valid up to $\mathcal{O}((\Lambda_{QCD}/Q)^p)$ corrections.

Strategy of PQCD (II)

Factorization

- ▶ Initial state hadrons break IR safety
 - ▶ Cancellation of IR divergences fails in QCD when summing over final states only.
 - ▶ The KLN theorem is not applicable when summing over initial states (we don't know the initial state wave function)
- ▶ Construct factorizable quantities, such that

$$\sigma_{\text{part}} \left(\frac{m}{\mu}, \frac{Q}{\mu} \right) = \mathcal{F} \left(\frac{m}{\mu}, \frac{\mu_F}{\mu} \right) * \hat{\sigma}_{\text{part}} \left(\frac{Q}{\mu}, \frac{\mu_F}{\mu} \right) + \mathcal{O} \left(\left(\frac{m}{\mu_F} \right)^p \right).$$

- ▶ Absorb divergences into initial state distributions \mathcal{F} .
- ▶ Compute finite hard partonic cross section $\hat{\sigma}_{\text{part}}$.
- ▶ Fold perturbative $\hat{\sigma}_{\text{part}}$ with measured \mathcal{F} .

IR Safety: $R_{e^+e^-}$

Simplest example: the total cross section in e^+e^- annihilation.

- ▶ It is **insensitive** to long distances.
- ▶ It can be expanded in a **small parameter**, $\alpha_s(Q^2)$.
- ▶ **Partons** will give **hadrons** with probability **one**.

Compute:

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(q^2) = \frac{1}{2q^2} \sum_X \int d\Gamma_X \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{spin}} |\mathcal{M}(k_1 + k_2 \rightarrow X)|^2 .$$

Normalize:

$$R_{e^+e^-} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}$$

At tree level:

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(0)} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3q^2} N_c \sum_f q_f^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad R_{e^+e^-}^{(0)} = N_c \sum_f q_f^2 .$$

Radiative corrections

- ▶ Concentrate on photon decay (tree level in QED).
- ▶ Introduce an IR regulator, $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$ with $\epsilon < 0$.

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(q^2) = \frac{1}{2q^2} L_{\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2) H^{\mu\nu}(p_1, p_2) = \frac{e^2 \mu^{2\epsilon}}{2q^4} \frac{1 - \epsilon}{3 - 2\epsilon} (-H_{\mu}^{\mu}(q^2)) .$$

- ▶ Compute diagrams for the squared matrix element

$$[-H_{\mu}^{\mu}]^{(1)} = \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{c.t.}$$

- ▶ Summing over positions of the final state cut yields real gluon emission and virtual gluon exchange corrections.

Real emission

Integration of three-particle phase space in d dimensions

$$[H_{\mu}^{\mu}]^{(1,R)} = \int \frac{d^d p d^d k}{(2\pi)^{2d-3}} \delta_+(p^2) \delta_+(k^2) \delta_+((p+k-q)^2) [\mathcal{H}_{\mu}^{\mu}]^{(1)},$$

with $y \equiv (1 - \cos \theta_{pk})/2$ and $z = 2k_0/\sqrt{s}$, gives

$$[H_{\mu}^{\mu}]^{(1,R)} = [H_{\mu}^{\mu}]^{(0)} K(\epsilon) \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_F \int_0^1 dz dy \left[\frac{1}{z^{1+2\epsilon} [y(1-y)]^{1+\epsilon}} + \dots \right].$$

One recognizes the IR pole, $z \rightarrow 0$, and the two collinear poles, $y \rightarrow 0, 1$. Integration yields a typical double pole,

$$[H_{\mu}^{\mu}]^{(1,R)} = [H_{\mu}^{\mu}]^{(0)} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_F \left[\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{5}{\epsilon} - \frac{5}{3}\pi^2 + \frac{33}{2} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right].$$

Virtual exchange

- ▶ Virtual contributions are given by the **quark form factor**

$$\Gamma_\nu(p_1, p_2; \mu^2, \epsilon) = \text{diagram}$$

Dimensional regularization and QED gauge invariance imply

$$\text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} = 0$$

$$\Gamma_\nu^{(1)}(p_1, p_2; \mu^2, \epsilon) = \text{diagram}$$

- ▶ **One diagram** gives the complete answer

Cancellation

Result for the form factor (after renormalization!)

$$\Gamma^{(1)} = -\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} C_F \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{-q^2} \right)^\epsilon \frac{\Gamma^2(1-\epsilon)\Gamma(1+\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} \left[\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{3}{\epsilon} + 8 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right].$$

Note! $(-q^2 + i\varepsilon)^{-\epsilon} = (q^2)^{-\epsilon} e^{-i\pi\epsilon}$.

Finally: IR and collinear poles cancel.

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \frac{4\pi\alpha_s^2}{3q^2} N_c \sum_f q_f^2 \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{3}{4} C_F + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \right),$$

For $SU(3)$, where $C_F = 4/3$, the (classical) result is

$$R_{e^+e^-} = N_c \sum_f q_f^2 \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \right).$$

Soft approximation

Universality: soft emission **factorizes** from the Born amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}_{ij}^{a\mu} = \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2}$$

The **exact** amplitude probes **spin** and **energy** of hard partons

$$\mathcal{A}_{ij}^{a\mu} = g t_{ij}^a \bar{u}(p) \left[\frac{\not{\epsilon}(k)(\not{p} + \not{k})\Gamma_\mu}{2p \cdot k} - \frac{\Gamma_\mu(\not{p}' + \not{k})\not{\epsilon}(k)}{2p' \cdot k} \right] v(p').$$

Neglecting \not{k} , and using the **Dirac equation**, the **soft** amplitude **factorizes**: a **scale-invariant soft factor** multiplies the amplitude with **no radiation**.

$$\mathcal{A}_{ij}^{a\mu} \Big|_{\text{soft}} = g t_{ij}^a \left[\frac{p \cdot \epsilon}{p \cdot k} - \frac{p' \cdot \epsilon}{p' \cdot k} \right] \mathcal{A}_0^\mu,$$

Soft approximation

- ▶ The soft amplitude is **gauge-invariant** (it vanishes if $\varepsilon \propto k$).
- ▶ Soft gluon emission has **universal** characters.
 - ▶ **Long-wavelength** gluons cannot analyze the **short-distance** properties of the emitter (spin, internal structure), they only detect the **global color charge** and the **direction** of motion
- ▶ The result generalizes to **multiple gluon emission**.
- ▶ The result generalizes to gluon emission **from gluons**.
- ▶ The soft approximation can be applied to **virtual diagrams**, with **some care** (**eikonal** approximation).
 - ▶ When $k_\mu \ll \sqrt{q^2}$, $\forall \mu$, one can **neglect** k^2 with respect to $p_i \cdot k$ in denominators, as well as k in numerators.
 - ▶ **Beware**: the approximation is **not** uniformly valid in Minkowsky space! (May need to **deform integration contours**, may **break down**).

Soft cross section

Soft gluon phase space also factorizes (hard partons do not recoil). Therefore the cross section also factorizes.

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}g}^{\text{soft}} = g^2 C_F \sigma_{q\bar{q}} \int \frac{d^3k}{2|\mathbf{k}|(2\pi)^3} \frac{2p \cdot p'}{p \cdot k p' \cdot k}.$$

In the center-of-mass frame ($\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$) and in the soft approximation the quark and the antiquark are still back to back. One recovers

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}g}^{\text{soft}} = \sigma_{q\bar{q}} C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 d \cos \theta_{pk} \int_0^\infty \frac{d|\mathbf{k}|}{|\mathbf{k}|} \frac{2}{(1 - \cos \theta_{pk})(1 + \cos \theta_{pk})}.$$

Displaying the expected soft and collinear singularities.

Angular ordering

The **soft approximation** displays a **general feature**.

- ▶ Consider the gluon emission **probability** from a **boosted $q\bar{q}$** dipole (**small $\theta_{pp'}$**).

$$d\sigma_{q\bar{q}g}^{\text{soft}} = d\sigma_{q\bar{q}} C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{d|\mathbf{k}|}{|\mathbf{k}|} d\cos\theta_k \frac{d\phi_k}{2\pi} \frac{1 - \cos\theta_{pp'}}{(1 - \cos\theta_{pk})(1 - \cos\theta_{p'k})}.$$

- ▶ **Split** the **positive definite** emission probability in **two terms**, assigned to the quark and the antiquark.

$$d\sigma_{q\bar{q}g}^{\text{soft}} = d\sigma_{q\bar{q}} C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{d|\mathbf{k}|}{|\mathbf{k}|} d\cos\theta_k \frac{d\phi_k}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} (W_q + W_{\bar{q}}).$$

- ▶ **Choose**

$$W_q = \frac{1 - \cos\theta_{pp'}}{(1 - \cos\theta_{pk})(1 - \cos\theta_{p'k})} + \frac{1}{(1 - \cos\theta_{pk})} - \frac{1}{(1 - \cos\theta_{p'k})}.$$

Angular ordering

The Radiation factors W_q and $W_{\bar{q}}$ have important properties.

- ▶ W_q ($W_{\bar{q}}$) is singular only when $\cos \theta_{pk} \rightarrow 1$ ($\cos \theta_{p'k} \rightarrow 1$).
- ▶ W_q and $W_{\bar{q}}$ are not positive definite.
- ▶ The azimuthal average of W_q (with respect to the axis defined by \mathbf{p}) vanishes if $\theta_{pk} > \theta_{pp'}$.

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi W_q(\phi) = \frac{2}{1 - \cos \theta_{pk}} \Theta(\theta_{pp'} - \theta_{pk}) ,$$

- ▶ It can be proven using

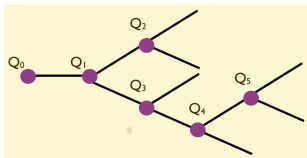
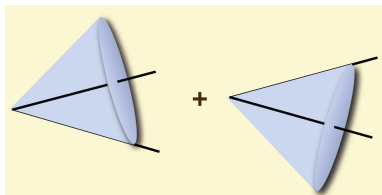
$$\cos \theta_{p'k} = \cos \theta_{pk} \cos \theta_{pp'} + \sin \theta_{pk} \sin \theta_{pp'} \cos \phi .$$

- ▶ Azimuthal averages are positive definite.
- ▶ Interpret as probability distributions for independent emission from the quark and the antiquark.

Towards hadronization

Angular ordering generalizes to multiple emissions to leading power in $1/N_c^2$.

- ▶ Emission is inside cones.
- ▶ Further emissions have smaller cones.
- ▶ Hadronization is local in phase space.



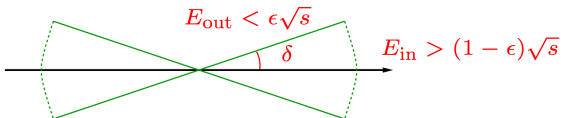
- ▶ Hadronization is approximately a Markov chain.
- ▶ After branching daughter partons have splitting probability.
- ▶ Leads to shower Monte Carlo's.

Sterman-Weinberg jets

Can one construct less inclusive IR-C finite observables?

Prototype: Sterman-Weinberg jet cross section

- ▶ An event is a two-jet event iff \exists two cones with opening angle δ , such that all energy, up to at most a fraction ϵ , flows in the cones.



- ▶ All events are two-jet events at leading order.
- ▶ At $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ two-jet events have
 - ▶ an IR gluon (emitted in any direction), or
 - ▶ a collinear gluon (with any energy).
- ▶ Virtual corrections are two-jet events. Therefore, the partonic two-jet cross section is finite.

Three-jet cross section

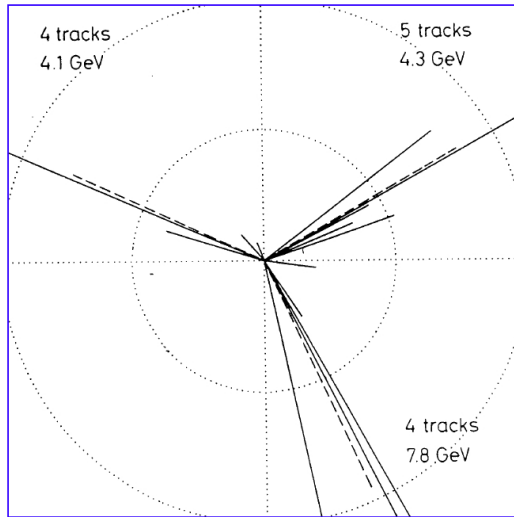
- ▶ At leading order (LO) one finds simply $\sigma_{2j}^{(0)}(\epsilon, \delta) = \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(0)}$.
- ▶ At next-to-leading order one finds **only** two- or three-jet events, so that

$$\sigma_{2j}^{(1)}(\epsilon, \delta) = \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(1)} - \sigma_{3j}^{(1)},$$

- ▶ $\sigma_{3j}^{(1)}$ is easily computed at tree-level. The dominant contributions as $\epsilon, \delta \rightarrow 0$ are

$$\sigma_{3j}^{(1)}(\epsilon, \delta) = \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(0)} C_F \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \left[4 \log(\delta) \log(2\epsilon) + 3 \log(\delta) + \frac{\pi^2}{3} - \frac{7}{4} \right].$$

- ▶ Observe:
 - ▶ The total cross section is dominated by two-jet events at large q^2 (asymptotic freedom for jets!).
 - ▶ The angular distribution of two-jet events $d\sigma_{2j}/d\cos\theta \propto 1 + \cos^2\theta$ is typical of spin 1/2 quarks.



QCD history in the making: TASSO at PETRA "sees the gluons" (1979!)

Event shapes

A further generalization: pick observables assigning equal weights to events differing only by IR or C emissions.

- ▶ Given m partons, and the observable $E_m(p_1, \dots, p_m)$, let

$$\frac{d\sigma}{de} = \frac{1}{2q^2} \sum_m \int d\text{LIPS}_m \overline{|\mathcal{M}_m|^2} \delta(e - E_m(p_1, \dots, p_m)) ,$$

- ▶ Different final states contribute: at order α_s^{m-1}

$$\sigma(e) \Big|_{\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^{m+1})} = \int d\sigma_{m+1}^{(R)} + \int d\sigma_m^{(1V)} + \dots .$$

- ▶ IR-C safety: cancellation is preserved if

$$\lim_{p_j^\mu \rightarrow 0} E_{m+1}(p_1, \dots, p_j, \dots) = E_m(p_1, \dots, p_{j-1}, p_{j+1}, \dots) ,$$
$$\lim_{p_k^\mu \rightarrow \alpha p_j^\mu} E_{m+1}(p_1, \dots, p_j, \dots, p_k, \dots) = E_m(p_1, \dots, p_j + p_k, \dots) .$$

Event shapes: examples

Thrust

$$T_m = \max_{\hat{n}} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m |\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \hat{n}|}{\sum_{i=1}^m |\mathbf{p}_i|}$$

- ▶ $0 < T_m \leq 1$
- ▶ $T_m = 1$: two back to back pencil-like jets.

C parameter

$$C_m = 3 - \frac{3}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m \frac{(p_i \cdot p_j)^2}{(p_i \cdot q)(p_j \cdot q)}$$

- ▶ $0 < C_m \leq 1$
- ▶ $C_m = 0$: two back to back pencil-like jets.
- ▶ $C = 3(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 \lambda_3 + \lambda_2 \lambda_3)$

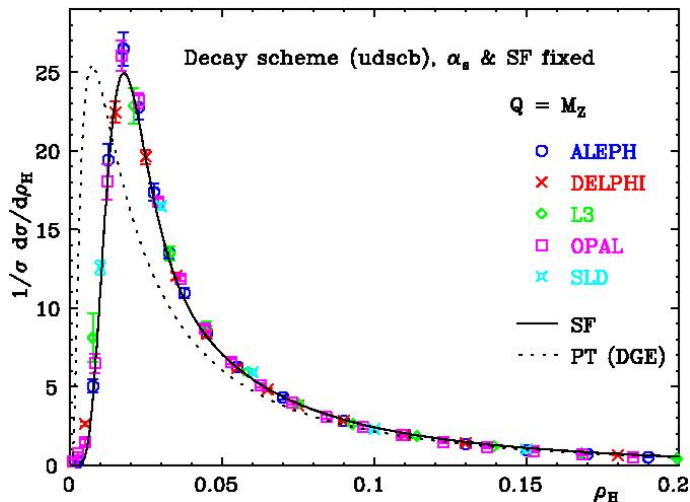
Jet masses

$$\rho_m^{(H)} = \frac{1}{q^2} \left(\sum_{p_i \in H} p_i \right)^2$$

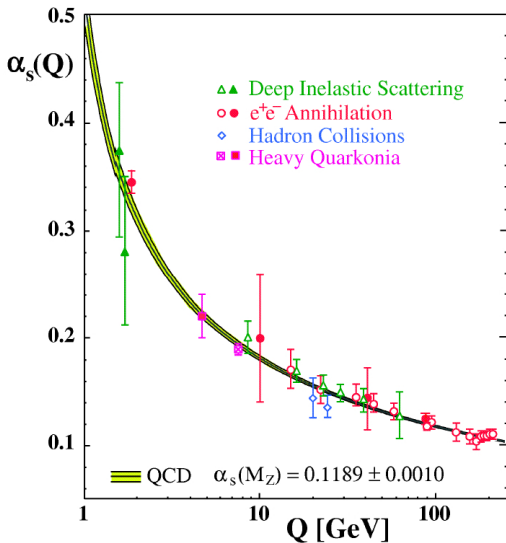
- ▶ H : hemisphere defined by thrust axis.
- ▶ $\rho_m^{(H)} = 0$: massless jet in H .

Event shapes: phenomenology

- ▶ At **leading order** distributions are $\delta(e)$, **unlike** data ...
- ▶ **NNLO** calculation **recently completed**
- ▶ At **higher orders** distributions are **singular** in the **two-jet** limit, behaving as $\alpha_s^n \log^{2n-1} e/e$.
 - ▶ **Sudakov** logarithms are **tied** to IR-C **poles**.
 - ▶ They can be **resummed** to all orders.
- ▶ **Moments** of the distributions are **finite**.
- ▶ Great **phenomenological relevance** (for example: determination of α_s , study of **hadronization corrections**).
- ▶ **Jet algorithms** can be seen as particular **event shapes**.
- ▶ **Generalizations** exist to a **hadron collider** environment.



A sample fit of LEP data (Gardi and Rathsmann) for the jet mass ρ_H , with NLL resummation and power corrections.



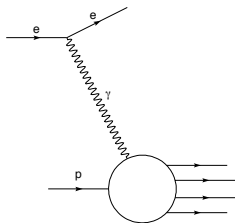
Mesurements of $\alpha_s(Q)$ from various processes, compared to four-loop QCD (Bethke).

Perturbative QCD at hadron colliders

DIS: kinematics

Kinematic variables:

- ▶ $q = k - k' \rightarrow Q^2 = -q^2$
- ▶ $x = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}, \quad y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k}$
- ▶ $W^2 = (p + q)^2 = Q^2 \frac{1-x}{x}$



Cross section (for electromagnetic DIS):

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy} = \frac{\alpha^2 y}{2Q^4} L^{\mu\nu}(k, k') H_{\mu\nu}(p, q) = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^2} \left[y F_1(x, Q^2) + \frac{1-y}{y} \frac{F_2(x, Q^2)}{x} \right]$$

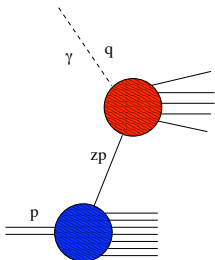
Bjorken scaling:

$$Q^2 \rightarrow \infty, \text{ with } x \text{ finite: } \frac{\partial F_i(x, Q^2)}{\partial Q^2} \rightarrow 0$$

as expected for scattering on pointlike free fermions

DIS: parton model

Relativity and asymptotic freedom combine in the parton picture



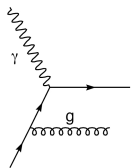
- ▶ At large Q^2 , the hadron is a loosely bound collection of partons.
- ▶ Parton scatterings do not interfere.
- ▶ Each parton is characterized by a probability distribution in longitudinal momentum, $f_{q/H}(z)$.

$$\sigma(p) = \sum_q e_q^2 \int_0^1 dz f_{q/H}(z) \hat{\sigma}(z p) \Rightarrow F_2(x) = 2 x F_1(x) = \sum_q e_q^2 x f_{q/H}(x)$$

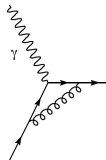
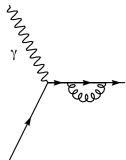
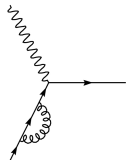
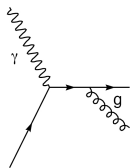
- ▶ The fast hadron is seen as a flattened disk with slowly interacting constituents.
- ▶ The effective coupling at short distances is small.

DIS: radiative corrections

The parton picture survives radiative corrections.



Real emission



Virtual corrections

- ▶ **Inclusive** final state: IR-C divergences **cancel**.
- ▶ **One parton** in the initial state: **uncancelled** collinear divergence.
Note: it **must** be so: kinematics is **different**.
- ▶ **Reabsorb** collinear divergence in the **parton distribution**.
Note: it is a **long-distance** effect!
- ▶ **Parton distributions** acquire **scale dependence**.

DIS: factorization

Factorization of initial state collinear singularities into parton distributions can be proven to all orders in perturbation theory.

► Strategies:

- Use OPE and dispersion relations on the hadronic tensor
- Analyze DIS on a parton, define parton-in-parton distributions, match divergences to all orders.

► Result:

$$F_2^{(H)}(x, Q^2) = \sum_a \int_x^1 d\xi f_{a/H}(\xi, \mu_F) \mathcal{F}_2^{(a)}\left(\frac{x}{\xi}, \frac{Q}{\mu_F}; \alpha_s(\mu)\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{Q^2}\right)$$

► Interpretation:

- Parton distributions $f_{a/H}$ are universal, non-perturbative, depend on μ_F but not on Q ; they must be measured.
- Coefficient functions $\mathcal{F}_2^{(a)}$ are process-dependent, finite in perturbation theory, depend on Q ; they must be computed.

Factorization and evolution

Factorizations separate dynamics at different energy scales. They lead to evolution equations. Solving evolution leads to resummations of logarithms of the ratio of scales.

- ▶ Renormalization group logarithms.

Renormalization factorizes cutoff dependence

$$G_0^{(n)}(p_i, \Lambda, g_0) = \prod_{i=1}^n Z_i^{1/2}(\Lambda/\mu, g(\mu)) G_R^{(n)}(p_i, \mu, g(\mu)) ,$$

$$\frac{dG_0^{(n)}}{d\mu} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{d \log G_R^{(n)}}{d \log \mu} = - \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i(g(\mu)) .$$

- ▶ Renormalization group evolution resums $\alpha_s^n(\mu^2) \log^n(Q^2/\mu^2)$ into $\alpha_s(Q^2)$, and $\log^n(s_{ij}/\mu^2)$ using anomalous dimensions γ_i .

Note: Factorization is the difficult step!

Parton evolution

- ▶ Collinear factorization logarithms.

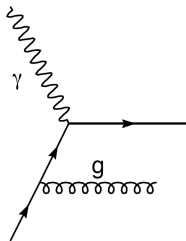
Mellin moments of partonic DIS structure functions factorize

$$\tilde{F}_2 \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{m^2}, \alpha_s \right) = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_2 \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{\mu_F^2}, \alpha_s \right) \tilde{f} \left(N, \frac{\mu_F^2}{m^2}, \alpha_s \right)$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{F}_2}{d\mu_F} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{d \log \tilde{f}}{d \log \mu_F} = \gamma_N(\alpha_s) .$$

- ▶ Altarelli-Parisi evolution resums collinear logarithms into evolved parton distributions.
- ▶ Result: while parton distributions are not computable in perturbation theory, their scale dependence is.
- ▶ In practice: evolution kernels are the coefficients of collinear singularities in diagrams with parton splitting.

Altarelli-Parisi kernels



- ▶ The struck quark has momentum fraction z .
- ▶ Phase space integration is IR-C divergent
- ▶ The IR divergence is canceled by the virtual correction, as $z \rightarrow 1$.
- ▶ The collinear divergence gives the splitting function: it is a distribution in z .

Define a plus distribution $[g(z)]_+$ by

$$\int_0^1 dz f(z) [g(z)]_+ \equiv \int_0^1 dz [f(z) - f(1)] g(z)$$

The classic result for quark \rightarrow quark splitting is then

$$P_{qq}^{(1)}(z) = C_F \left[\frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \right]_+$$

which must be generalized to all other parton \rightarrow parton splittings.

Altarelli-Parisi kernels

Parton evolution acts as a **matrix** of kernels on parton **flavors**.

$$\frac{\partial q_f(z, Q^2)}{\partial \log Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_z^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left[P_{qq} \left(\frac{z}{y}, \alpha_s(\mu) \right) q_f(y, Q^2) + P_{qg} \left(\frac{z}{y}, \alpha_s(\mu) \right) g(y, Q^2) \right]$$
$$\frac{\partial g(z, Q^2)}{\partial \log Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_z^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left[P_{gq} \left(\frac{z}{y}, \alpha_s(\mu) \right) \sum_f q_f(y, Q^2) + P_{gg} \left(\frac{z}{y}, \alpha_s(\mu) \right) g(y, Q^2) \right]$$

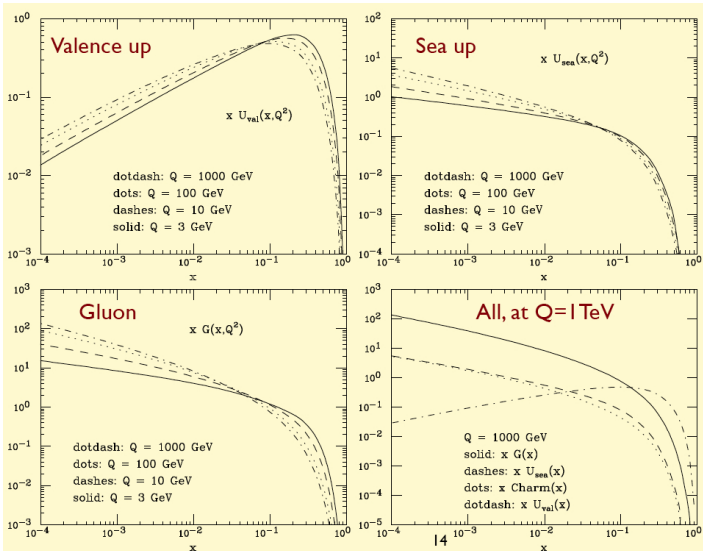
Splitting functions are easily computed at **leading order**

$$P_{qq}^{(1)}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left(z^2 + (1-z)^2 \right), \quad P_{gq}^{(1)}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z} \right),$$
$$P_{gg}^{(1)}(z) = 2C_A \left(\frac{z}{[1-z]_+} + \frac{1-z}{z} + z(1-z) \right) + \delta(1-z) \left(\frac{11C_A - 2n_f}{6} \right).$$

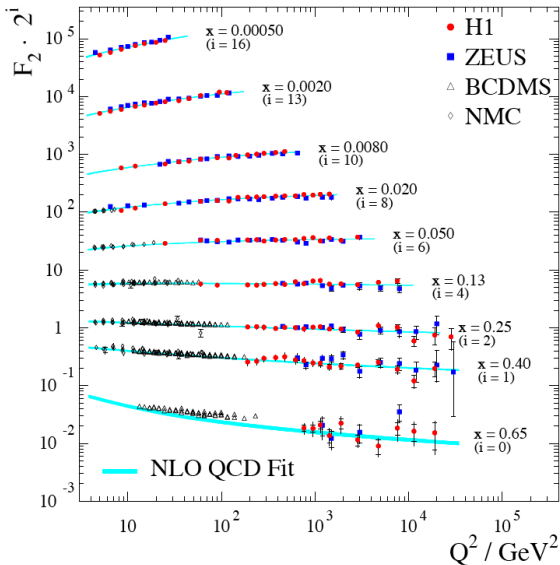
Their **Mellin moments** are the **anomalous dimensions** $\gamma_N(\alpha_s)$

Note: Splitting functions are known to three loops (!)

PDF's and their evolution



DIS: a success story

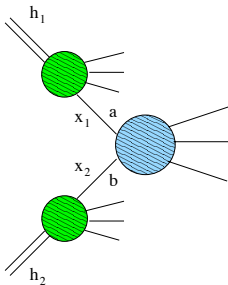


Factorization for hadron colliders

A factorization formula for hadron-hadron scattering replicates the reasoning of DIS, with two partons in the initial state.

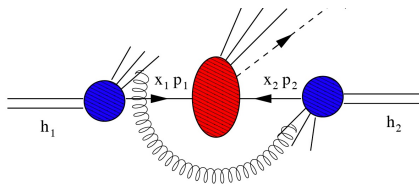
$$\sigma_H(S, Q^2) = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 f_{a/h_1}(x_1, \mu_F) f_{b/h_2}(x_2, \mu_F) \hat{\sigma}_P^{a,b}(x_1 x_2 S, Q^2, \mu_F)$$

The universality of $f_{a/h}$, with computable μ_F dependence, suggests a strategy.



- ▶ Choose a factorization scheme.
- ▶ Compute $\hat{\sigma}_P^{a,b}(\mu_0)$ for process A .
- ▶ Measure $\sigma_H(Q \sim \mu_0)$ for process A .
- ▶ Determine $f_{a/h}(\mu_0)$.
- ▶ Evolve $f_{a/h}(\mu)$ to the scale μ_1 .
- ▶ Compute $\hat{\sigma}_P^{a,b}(\mu_1)$ for process B .
- ▶ Predict $\sigma_H(Q \sim \mu_1)$ for process B .

Factorization for hadron colliders?



- ▶ Do **soft gluons** rearrange partons **before** the collision?
- ▶ Is **pdf universality** lost?
- ▶ Are there **uncancelled IR** divergences?

$$A^\mu = \frac{(1, 0, 0, v)}{[(z - vt)^2 + (1 - v^2)(x^2 + y^2)]^{1/2}}$$

- ▶ As $v \rightarrow 1$, A^μ does **not** vanish! However, $A_\mu \propto \partial_\mu \log |z - vt|$
- ▶ A^μ is a **pure gauge**, $F_{\mu\nu}$ vanishes as $v \rightarrow 1$, except at $z = t$.
- ▶ **Factorization proofs** are **hard** for **hadron-hadron** scattering: need to enforce **gauge invariance**.
- ▶ **Uncancelled IR** divergences are **suppressed** by Λ^2/Q^2 .

Electroweak annihilation

Annihilation of QCD partons into electroweak final states is of great interest and widely studied.

- ▶ Clean ($q\bar{q} \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$) or interesting ($gg \rightarrow \text{Higgs}$) final state.
- ▶ Relatively simple computationally.
 - ▶ Completes the 'trio' of processes with an electroweak side.
 - ▶ No initial-final state interference ('few' QCD legs).
- ▶ Therefore: computed to high accuracy: NNLO QCD, NNLL soft resummation available.
- ▶ Many interesting physics measurements.
 - ▶ Main W, Z production channel (possible luminometry).
 - ▶ Dominant Higgs production channel (via top loop).
 - ▶ Useful to constrain pdf's: typically up/down from W^\pm production asymmetries.
 - ▶ Access new physics channels: heavy gauge bosons, contact interactions, Kaluza-Klein modes ...

EWA kinematics

Assume you **require** the production of an **electroweak state** \mathcal{S} of mass Q^2 . At **Born level**

\mathcal{S} is produced by **partons**

$$Q^2 = \hat{s} = x_1 x_2 s$$

\mathcal{S} is **moving** in **hadronic CM**

$$Q_{\text{cm}}^\mu = ((x_1 + x_2)\sqrt{s}, 0, 0, (x_1 - x_2)\sqrt{s})$$

Measure the **rapidity** y of \mathcal{S}

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{Q_{\text{cm}}^0 + Q_{\text{cm}}^3}{Q_{\text{cm}}^0 - Q_{\text{cm}}^3} = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$

or the **pseudorapidity** η

$$\eta = -\log \tan \frac{\theta_{\text{cm}}}{2}$$

Parton **momentum fractions** are then **fixed**

$$x_1 = \sqrt{\frac{Q^2}{s}} e^y, \quad x_2 = \sqrt{\frac{Q^2}{s}} e^{-y}$$

The **rapidity distribution** of the state \mathcal{S} gives **direct access** to parton distributions at **correlated** values of **momentum fraction**.

EWA: tree level

The classic result for the parton model Drell-Yan cross section is

$$Q^2 \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3N_c s} \sum_q e_q^2 \int_0^1 \frac{dx_1}{x_1} \int_0^1 \frac{dx_2}{x_2} f_{q/h_1}(x_1) f_{\bar{q}/h_2}(x_2) \delta\left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{x_1 x_2 s}\right)$$

at fixed rapidity, defining $\tau = Q^2/s$

$$Q^2 \frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ^2 dy} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3N_c s} \sum_q e_q^2 f_{q/h_1}(\sqrt{\tau} e^y) f_{\bar{q}/h_2}(\sqrt{\tau} e^{-y}) .$$

The W production cross section at LHC is similarly given by

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow W) = \frac{\pi\tau}{m_W^2} \sum_{ab} K_{ab} \int_{\tau}^1 \frac{dx}{x} f_{a/p}(x) f_{b/p}\left(\frac{\tau}{x}\right) \equiv \frac{\pi}{m_W^2} \sum_{ab} K_{ab} \tau L_{ab}(\tau)$$

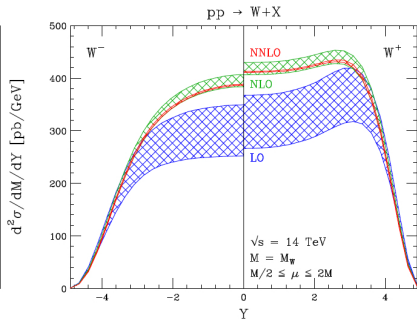
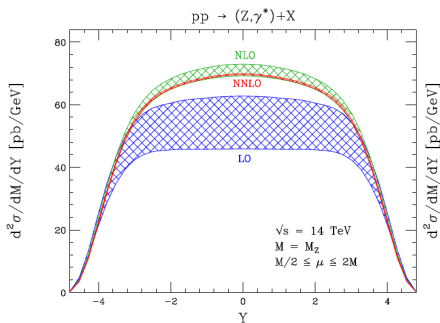
Substituting a typical small- x behavior $f_{a/p}(x) \sim x^{-1-\delta}$ one finds that σ grows at least as $\log s$.

Higher orders: status

Inclusive QCD cross sections which are electroweak at tree level are known to great accuracy.

- ▶ DIS structure functions: the best-known observable in PQCD.
 - ▶ Analytic result at three loops (N^3LO).
 - ▶ Soft gluons corrections resummed at NNLL ('almost' N^3LL).
 - ▶ Solid results on power corrections ($\mathcal{O}(\Lambda^2/Q^2)$ terms).
- ▶ e^+e^- annihilation: complex observables, hard calculations.
 - ▶ Total cross section ($R_{e^+e^-}$) known to four loops.
 - ▶ Event shapes distributions known at NNLO (numerically).
 - ▶ Soft gluon resummation at NLL.
 - ▶ Power corrections ($\mathcal{O}(\Lambda/Q)$!) important and well studied.
- ▶ Electroweak annihilation
 - ▶ Inclusive cross sections known at NNLO.
 - ▶ Soft gluon effects at NNLL. Power corrections at $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda^2/Q^2)$.
 - ▶ New! Exclusive distributions available at NNLO.

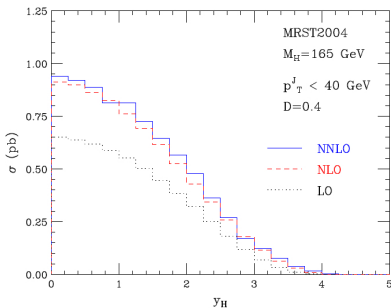
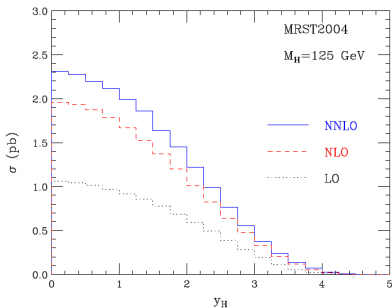
Drell-Yan: rapidity distribution



NNLO rapidity distributions for Z , W^\pm production at LHC (Anastasiou et al.).

- ▶ Even for inclusive σ 's, 50 – 100% QCD corrections are common.
- ▶ K -factors are not factors in general.
- ▶ Theoretical uncertainties are greatly reduced.

Higgs production: jet veto



NNLO rapidity distributions for Higgs production at LHC, without and with jet veto (Catani, Grazzini).

- ▶ QCD corrections over 100% at central rapidity (not a K -factor).
- ▶ Jet veto selects Higgs from QCD background in WW decays.
- ▶ QCD corrections are reduced with jet veto.

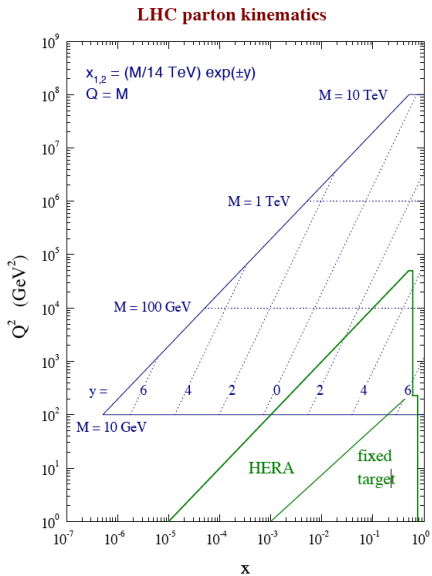
Pointers to special topics

Parton Distribution Factories

The **determination** of **PDF's**: a **near-industrial** effort.

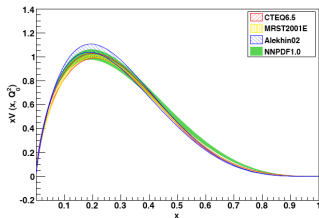
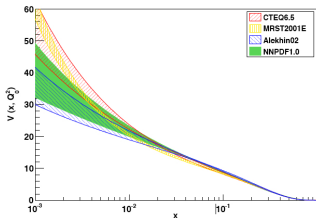
- ▶ **Strategy**: **global fits**. Consider data from **many different** QCD processes, machines, experiments.
 - ▶ **Data**: DIS (γ , ν); Drell-Yan; prompt photon; jet production ...
 - ▶ **Positive**: **constraining**; processes **select** parton combinations.
 - ▶ **Negative**: must combine **errors**, data sets are **incompatible**.
- ▶ **Method**: **constrained parametrizations**.
 - ▶ **Select** a functional form: $f_{a/h}(x, Q_0^2) = x^\alpha (1-x)^\beta P(x, \gamma_i)$.
 - ▶ Impose **symmetry** and **dynamical** constraints, sum rules ...
 - ▶ **Fit** to data with **selected accuracy** in PQCD (**LO**, **NLO**, ...)
 - ▶ **Apply** precise **evolution code**.
- ▶ **Players**: CTEQ, MRST \rightarrow MSTW, NNPDF, Alekhin, Zeus, ...
- ▶ **PDF uncertainties**: a **difficult** statistical problem.
 - ▶ Collaborations provide **multiple sets**; need **inflated** χ^2 .
 - ▶ Radical approach by **NNPDF**: Monte Carlo replicas, **neural network** parametrization.

The reach of LHC

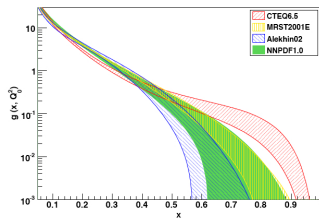
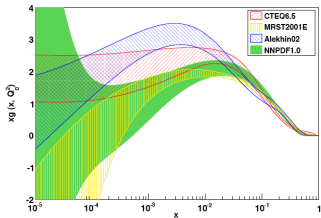


- ▶ Large mass states are made at large x and central rapidities.
- ▶ Small x means limited Q^2 .
- ▶ Altarelli-Parisi evolution is up, feeding from the left.
- ▶ Precise evolution codes are needed.
- ▶ LHC will measure PDF's on its own.

Parton distributions: a sample

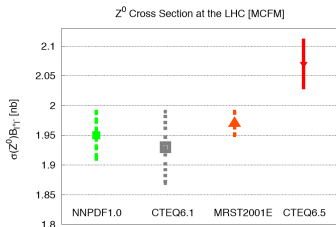
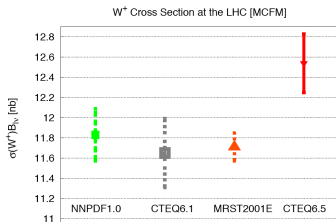


Valence quark PDF's with uncertainties, log and linear scale (NNPDF)



Gluon PDF's with uncertainties, log and linear scale (NNPDF)

Caveat emptor



- ▶ PDF sets used to compute standard candle cross sections: W and Z production, with PDF uncertainties.
- ▶ At LHC, expected uncertainties: a few percent.
- ▶ A technical change by CTEQ in the treatment of quark mass thresholds (“ZM-VFS” → “GM-ACOT”) moved the cross section by 2.5σ .
- ▶ Explanation: smaller heavy quark PDF's by sum rules imply larger light quark PDF's (which make W 's).
- ▶ More recent MRST fit reported to be close to high value of CTEQ.
- ▶ NNPDF expected to catch up after move to “GM-ACOT”.

A parton distribution interface

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LHAPDF provides a unified and easy to use interface to modern PDF sets. It is designed to work not only with individual PDF sets but also with the more recent multiple "error" sets. It can be viewed as the successor to PDFLIB, incorporating many of the older sets found in the latter, including pion and photon PDFs. In LHAPDF the computer code and input parameters/grids are separated thus allowing more easy updating and no limit to the expansion possibilities. The code and data sets can be downloaded together or individually as desired. From version 4.1 onwards a configuration script facilitates the installation of LHAPDF.

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Order by order: LO

or: when is a problem 'solved'?

Computing tree amplitudes in gauge theories is a **nontrivial problem**.

Njets	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
# diag's	4	25	220	2485	34300	5×10^5	10^7

Quantum number management helps.

$$A^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n) = g^{n-2} \sum_{\text{ncp}} \text{Tr}(T_{a_1} T_{a_2} \dots T_{a_n}) A^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n)$$

$$A^{\text{tree}}(-, -, +, \dots, +) = i \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle}$$

The problem has a **recursive solution**.

- ▶ Berends-Giele recursion relations **20 years old** and **still fastest**.
- ▶ Twistor-inspired methods lead to **new insights**, **new recursions** (BCFW).
- ▶ Factorial complexity degraded to **power law**: $t_n \sim n^4$.

Order by order: NLO

light after the bottlenecks

- ▶ **Bottleneck #1: computing loop integrals**
 - ▶ **Obstacles:** analytic structure; tensor integral decomposition.
 - ▶ **State of the art:** generic 5-points 'standard', 6-points 'frontier'.
 - ▶ **Spectacular progress** with twistor-inspired + unitarity techniques.
For gluons: factorial complexity degraded to power law: $t_n \sim n^9$.
- ▶ **Bottleneck #2: subtracting IR-C poles**
 - ▶ Combine $(n + 1)$ -parton trees with n -parton one-loop amplitudes.
 - ▶ Compute singular phase-space integrals for generic observables.
 - ▶ General methods exist: slicing, subtraction, dipole subtraction.
- ▶ **Bottleneck #3: interfacing with shower MC's**
 - ▶ Practical usage of a theory calculation requires four steps.
ME \rightarrow generator \rightarrow shower \rightarrow hadronization MC
 - ▶ New problem at NLO: double counting of first IR-C emission.
 - ▶ Methods available (MC@NLO, POWHEG ...), implementation in progress.

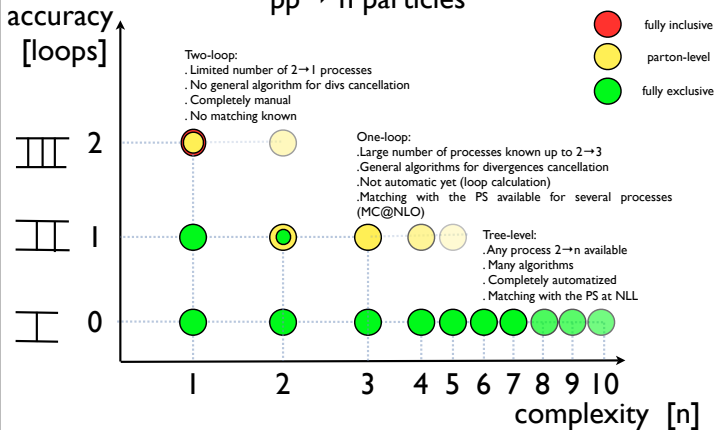
Order by order: NNLO

deep in the dark bottlenecks

- ▶ **Bottleneck #1: computing loop integrals**
 - ▶ **Obstacles:** analytic structure; tensor integral decomposition; a basis of scalar integrals is not known.
 - ▶ **State of the art:** only ‘nearly massless’ virtual 4-point amplitudes computed (ingredients for NNLO jets).
 - ▶ Only fully inclusive quantities with one particle in final state are computed at NNLO.
- ▶ **Bottleneck #2: subtracting IR-C poles**
 - ▶ Combine $(n + 2)$ -parton trees, $n + 1$ -parton one-loop amplitudes, n -parton two-loop amplitudes.
 - ▶ Several groups working on a general subtraction method.
 - ▶ Only one calculation completed to date: NNLO $e^+ e^- \rightarrow 3\text{jets}$.
- ▶ **Bottleneck #3: interfacing with shower MC's**
 - ▶ Hic sunt leones.

Status

pp → n particles



All orders: the boundaries of PQCD

Multi-scale problems can have large perturbative corrections of the general form $\alpha_s^n \log^k (Q_i^2/Q_j^2)$, with $k \leq n$ (single logs) or $k < 2n$ (double logs). Examples include

- ▶ Renormalization logs: $\alpha_s^n \log^n (Q^2/\mu_R^2)$.
- ▶ Collinear factorization logs: $\alpha_s^n \log^n (Q^2/\mu_F^2)$.
- ▶ High-energy logs: $\alpha_s^n \log^{n-2} (s/t)$.
- ▶ Sudakov logs in DIS: $\alpha_s^n \log^{2n-1} (Q^2/W^2)$.
in EWA processes: $\alpha_s^n \log^{2n-1} (1 - Q^2/\hat{s})$.
- ▶ Transverse momentum logs: $\alpha_s^n \log^{2n-1} (Q_\perp^2/Q^2)$.

Note: Sudakov logs originate from mass singularities: they are universal and can/must be resummed.

Beyond the boundaries of PQCD

- ▶ Factorization theorems apply up to non-perturbative corrections suppressed by $\mathcal{O}((\Lambda/Q)^p)$.

Impact : p is important to validate perturbative calculations.

- ▶ In the presence of several hard scales, power corrections can be enhanced (the smallest scale dominates).

Example: DIS as $x \sim 1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^2/(Q^2(1-x)))$.

- ▶ Power corrections can affect phenomenology, even at LHC.

Compare: compete with NLO (at LEP) or NNLO (at LHC) perturbative corrections.

- ▶ All-order results in perturbation theory encode information on the parametric size of power corrections.

Techniques: OPE, Renormalons, Sudakov resummations.

Sudakov resummation: facts

The problem: a large Sudakov logarithm L implies an expansion in powers of $\alpha_s L^2$, valid only if $\alpha_s L^2 \ll 1$.

The answer: Sudakov logarithm can be computed to all orders in perturbation theory: they exponentiate.

Some facts about the resummation:

- ▶ Non-trivial. Reorganizes perturbation theory in a predictive way.

$$\sum_k \alpha_s^k \sum_p^{2k} c_{kp} L^p \rightarrow \exp \left[\sum_k \alpha_s^k \sum_p^{k+1} d_{kp} L^p \right] = \exp \left[L g_1(\alpha_s L) + g_2(\alpha_s L) + \alpha_s g_3(\alpha_s L) + \dots \right]$$

- ▶ Predictive. With NLL resummation $\alpha_s \ll 1$ suffices to apply perturbative methods. Scale dependence is reduced.
- ▶ Widespread. NLL available for main inclusive cross sections at colliders (NNLL for processes which are EW at tree level).
- ▶ Non-perturbative aspects of QCD become accessible. Integrals in the exponent run into the Landau pole.

Sudakov resummation: EWA

Threshold logarithms:

$$z = Q^2/\hat{s} \rightarrow 1$$

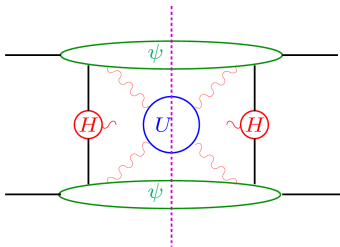
$$\left[\frac{\log^p(1-z)}{1-z} \right]_+ \rightarrow \log^{p+1} N$$

Factorization leads to resummation:

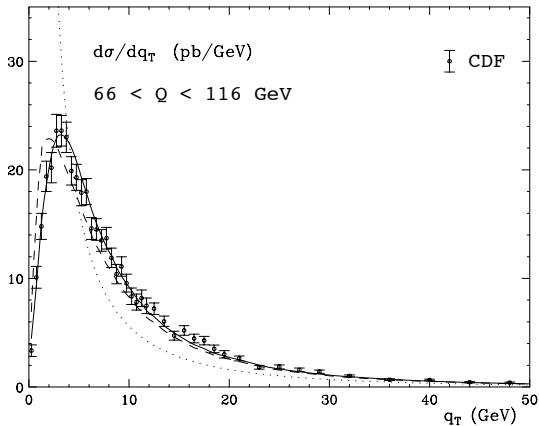
$$\omega(N, \epsilon) = |H_{DY}|^2 \psi(N, \epsilon)^2 U(N) + \mathcal{O}(1/N) \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \hat{\omega}_{\overline{\text{MS}}} (N) = & \exp \left[\int_0^1 dz \frac{z^{N-1} - 1}{1-z} \left\{ 2 \int_{Q^2}^{(1-z)^2 Q^2} \frac{d\mu^2}{\mu^2} A [\alpha_s(\mu^2)] \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + D [\alpha_s((1-z)^2 Q^2)] \right\} + \mathcal{F}_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\alpha_s) \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right). \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The functions A and D are known to three loops (almost $N^3\text{LL}$).
- ▶ The expansion in towers of logs is well behaved to this order.

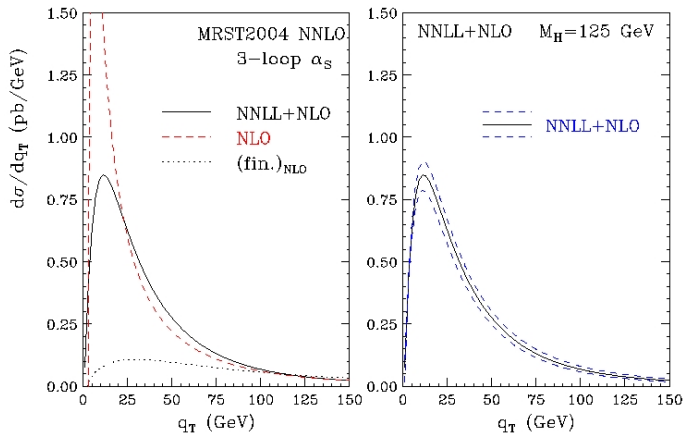


Z production at Tevatron



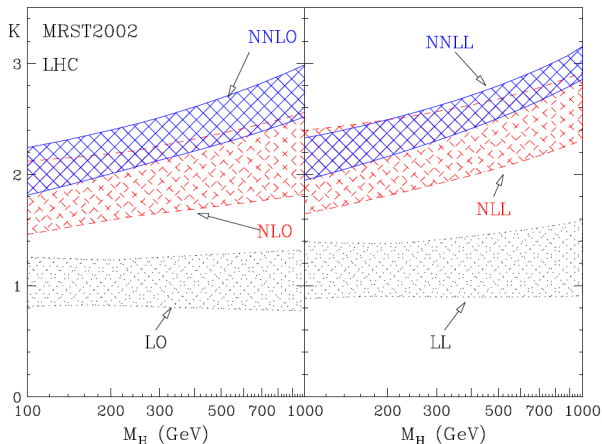
CDF data on Z production compared with QCD predictions at fixed order (dotted), with resummation (dashed), and with power corrections (solid) (A. Kulesza et al.).

Higgs production at LHC



Predictions for the q_T spectrum of Higgs bosons produced via gluon fusion at the LHC, with and without resummation (M. Grazzini).

Higgs production at LHC

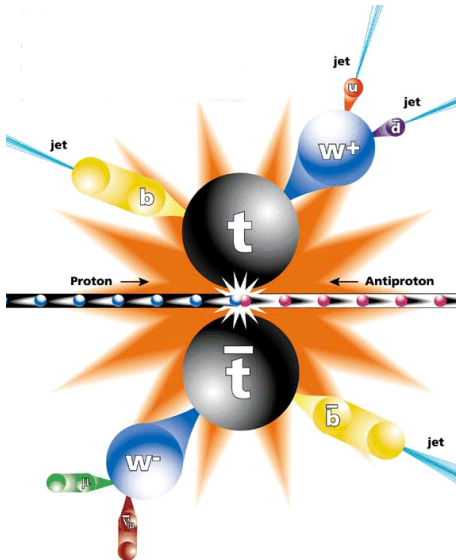


Fixed-order and resummed K-factors for Higgs production at the LHC (S. Catani and M. Grazzini).

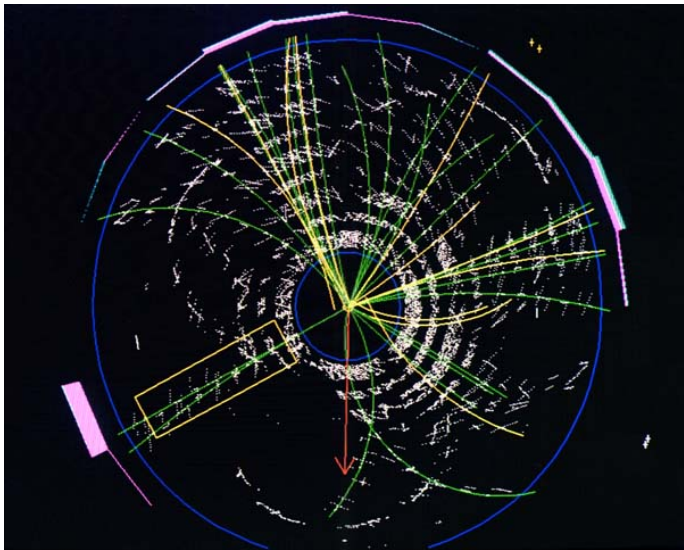
Jets at Tevatron and LHC

- ▶ Jets are **ubiquitous** at hadron colliders
 - the most common high- p_t final state
- ▶ Jets **need to be understood** in detail
 - top mass, Higgs searches, QCD studies, new particle cascades
- ▶ Jets **at LHC** will be **numerous** and **complicated**
 - $t\bar{t}H$ → 8 jets ... , underlying event, pileup ...
- ▶ Jets are **inherently ambiguous** in QCD
 - no unique link hard parton → jet
- ▶ Jets are **theoretically interesting**
 - IR/C safety, resummations, hadronization ...

$t\bar{t} \rightarrow 4 \text{ jets} + \text{lepton} + \cancel{E}_t$: a cartoon



$t\bar{t} \rightarrow 4 \text{ jets} + \text{lepton} + \cancel{E}_t$: real life at CDF



From hard partons to jets

Hard scattering provides us with high- p_t partons initiating the jets. Jet momenta receive several PT and NP corrections.

- ▶ Perturbative radiation + parton showering

→ expensive: $5 \cdot 10^2 \text{ p} \cdot \text{y} \sim \$5 \cdot 10^7$ at NNLO ...

- ▶ Universal hadronization, induced by soft radiation

→ from hard scattering, as in DIS, e^+e^-

- ▶ Underlying event, colored fragments from proton remnants

→ no perturbative control, large at LHC

- ▶ Pileup, multiple proton scatterings per bunch crossing

→ experimental issue, up to 10^2 GeV per unit rapidity at LHC

Jet algorithms

- ▶ Requirements.

IR/C **safe**, for theoretical stability; **fast**, for implementation; limited **hadronization corrections**.

- ▶ Algorithm structures.

- ▶ **Cone**. Top-down, intuitive, **Sterman-Weinberg** inspired.

→ IR/C **safety issues** → **SISCone**

- ▶ **Sequential recombination**. Bottom-up, clustering, **adapted** from e^+e^- collisions.

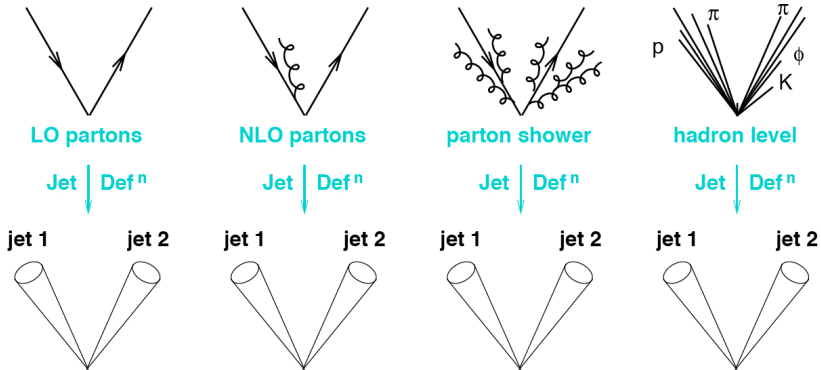
$$\text{Metric: } d_{ij}^{(p)} \equiv \min(k_{t,i}^{2p}, k_{t,j}^{2p}) \frac{\Delta y_{ij}^2 + \Delta \phi_{ij}^2}{R^2}, \quad d_{iB}^{(p)} \equiv k_{t,i}^{2p}.$$

Choices: $p = 1$: k_t ; $p = 0$: **Cambridge** ; $p = -1$: **Anti- k_t** .

- ▶ Recent progress.

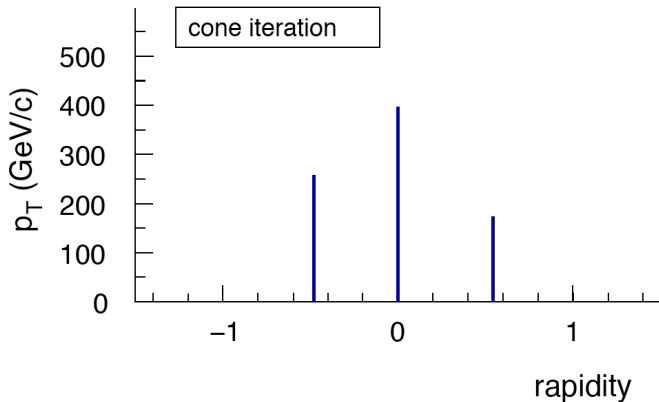
- ▶ **G. Salam *et al.***: **FastJet**, **SISCone**, **Anti- k_t** ,
Jet Area, **Jet Flavor**, **Hadronization**.
- ▶ **S. Ellis *et al.***: **SpartyJet** .

Stability of jet definitions



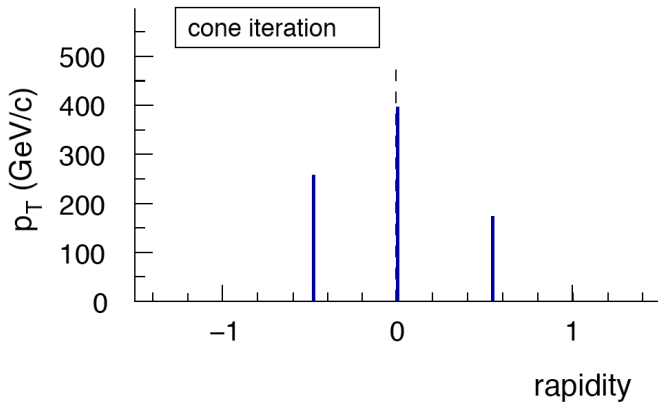
Projection to jets should be resilient to QCD effects

Safety of jet algorithms: a cartoon



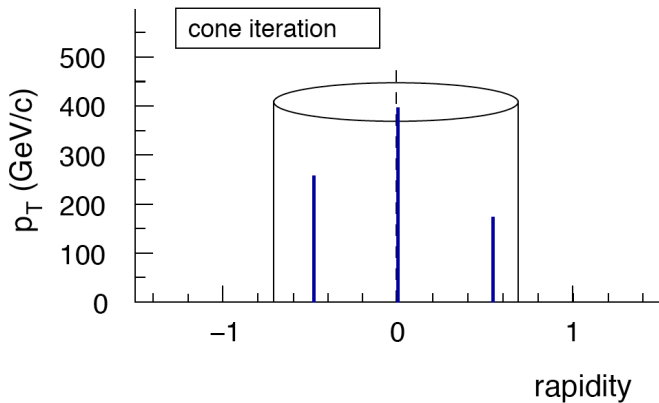
Three hard partons

Safety of jet algorithms: a cartoon



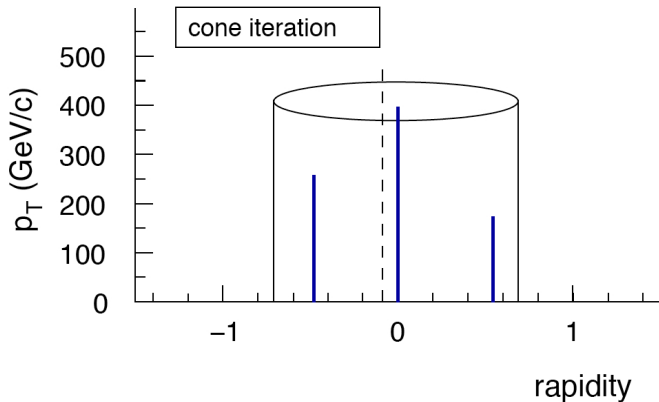
Pick the hardest as seed

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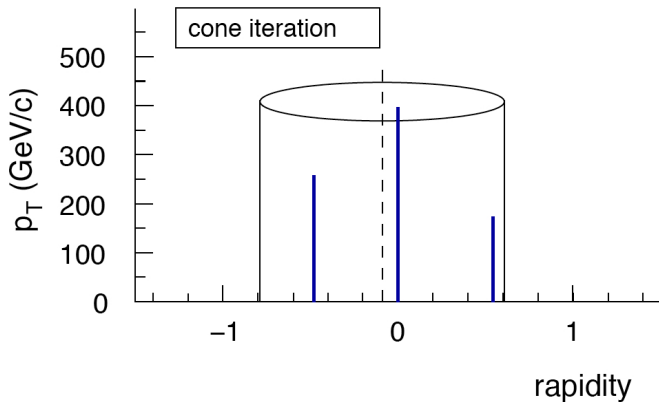
Draw a cone

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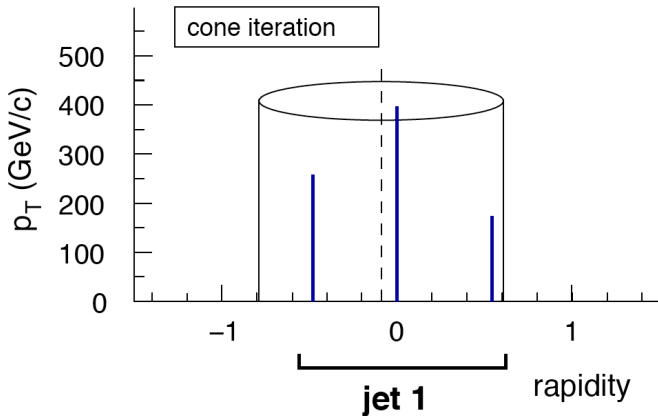
Momentum sum gives new seed

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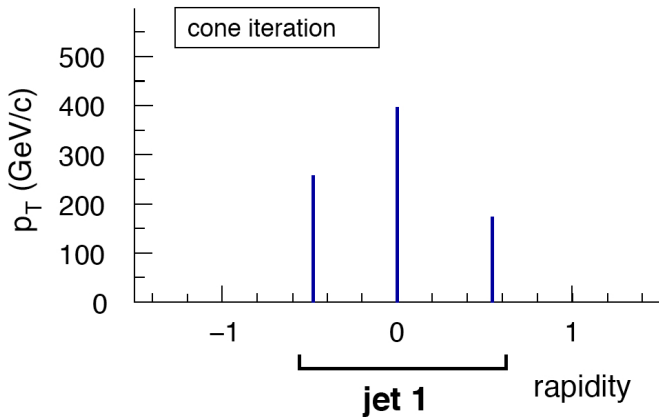
Draw a new cone

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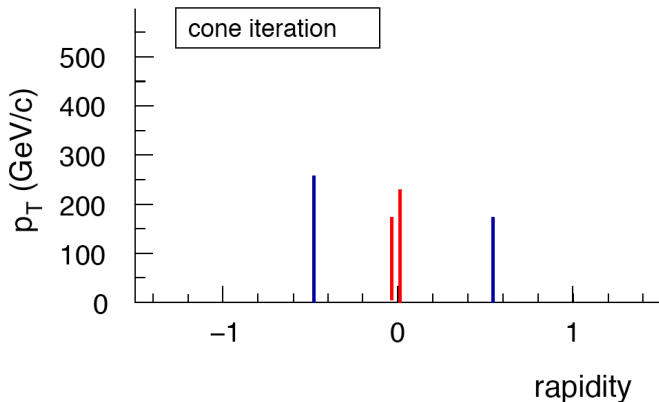
It is stable: call it a jet

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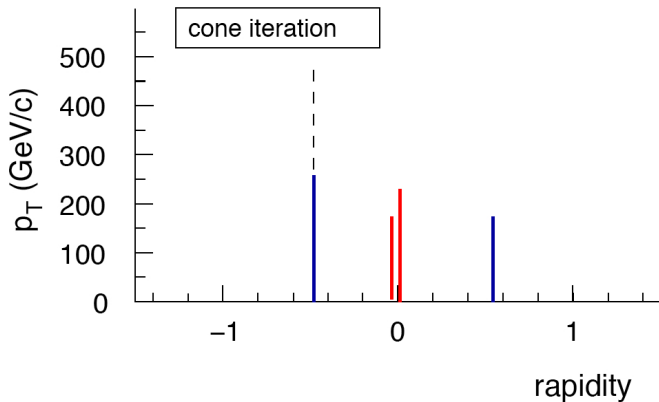
No more partons: end

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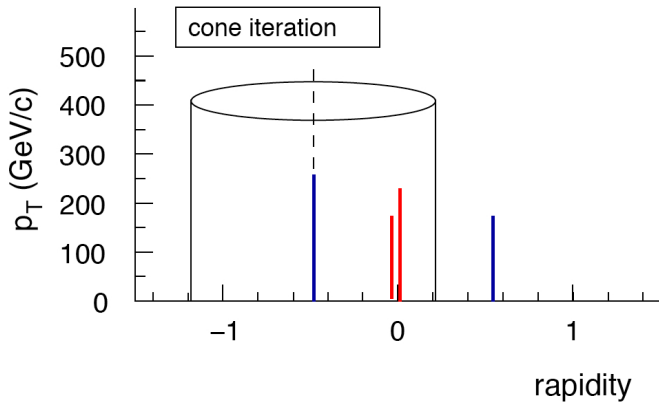
There was a collinear splitting!

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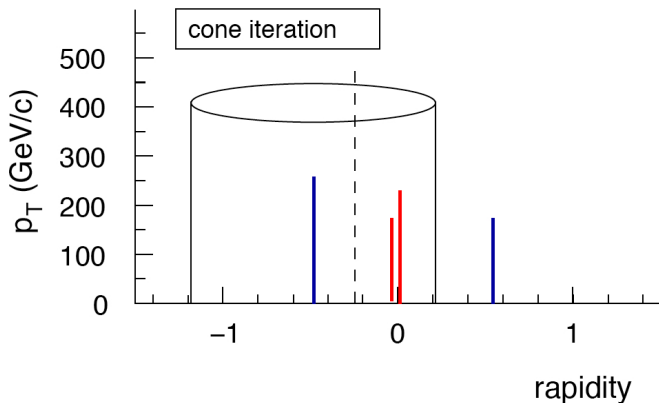
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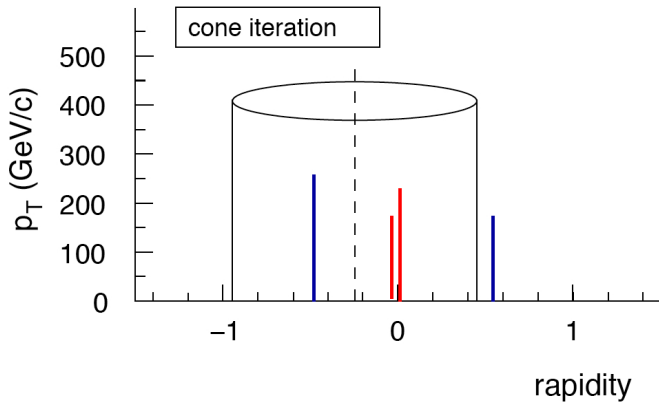
Draw a cone

Safety of jet algorithms: a cartoon



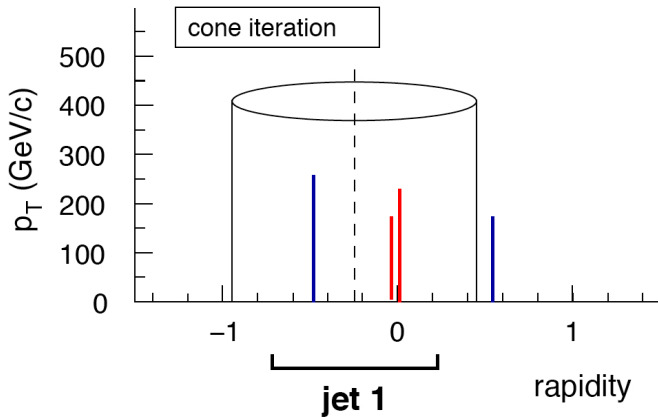
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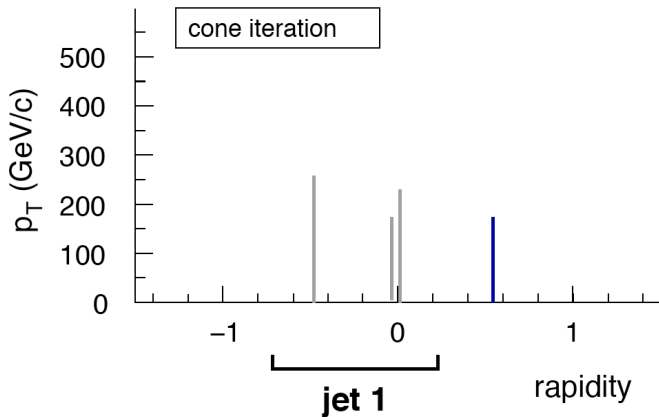
Draw a new cone

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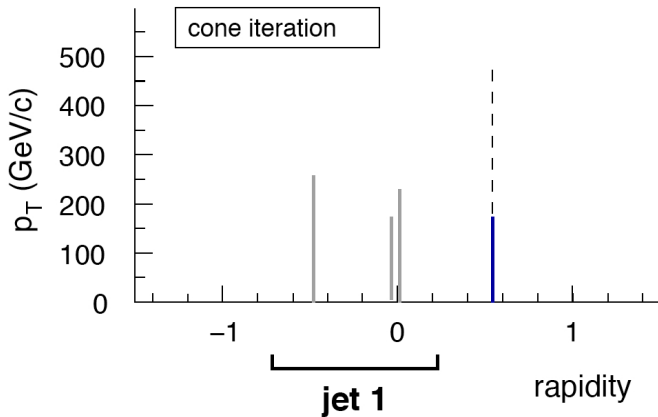
It is stable: call it a jet

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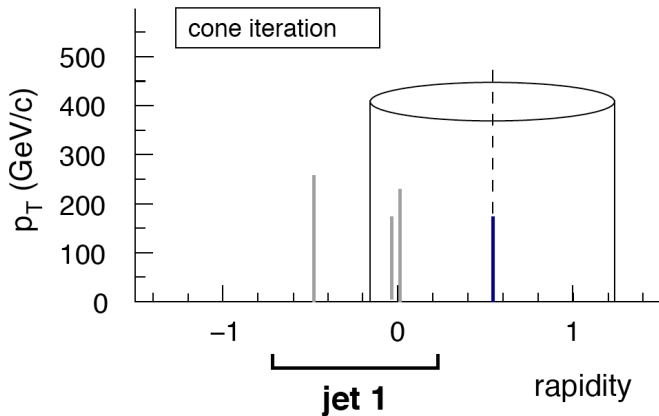
Erase the jet partons

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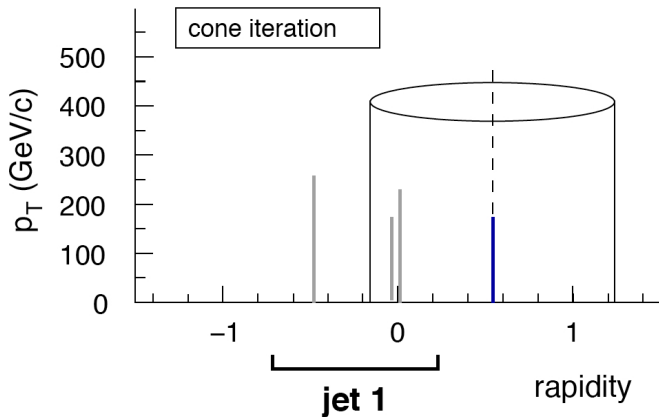
Pick the hardest remaining as seed

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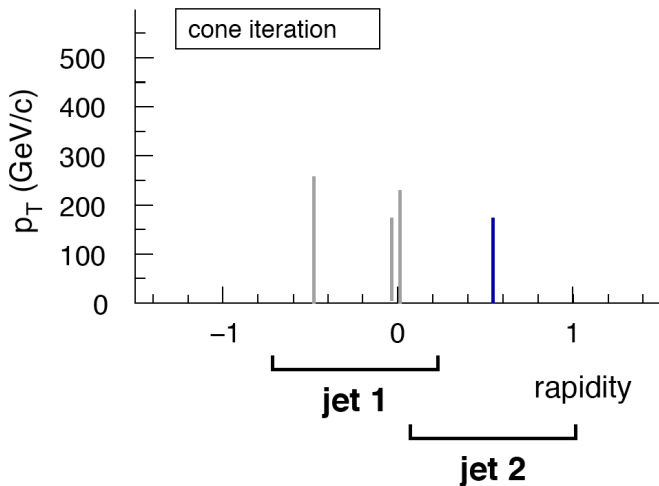
Draw a cone

Safety of jet algorithms: a cartoon



Momentum sum gives a new seed

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It is stable: call it a jet

Comparing jet algorithms

Algorithm	Type	IRC status	Ref.	Notes
inclusive k_t	$SR_{p=1}$	OK	[130–132]	also has exclusive variant
flavour k_t	$SR_{p=1}$	OK	[133]	d_{ij} and d_{iB} modified when i or j is “flavoured”
Cambridge/Aachen	$SR_{p=0}$	OK	[134, 135]	
anti- k_t	$SR_{p=-1}$	OK	[125]	
SISCone	SC-SM	OK	[128]	multipass, with optional cut on stable cone p_t
CDF JetClu	IC_r -SM	IR_{2+1}	[136]	
CDF MidPoint cone	IC_{mp} -SM	IR_{3+1}	[127]	
CDF MidPoint searchcone	$IC_{se,mp}$ -SM	IR_{2+1}	[129]	
D0 Run II cone	IC_{mp} -SM	IR_{3+1}	[127]	no seed threshold, but cut on cone p_t
ATLAS Cone	IC-SM	IR_{2+1}		
PxCone	IC_{mp} -SD	IR_{3+1}		no seed threshold, but cut on cone p_t ,
CMS Iterative Cone	IC-PR	$Coll_{3+1}$	[137, 138]	
PyCell/CellJet (from Pythia)	FC-PR	$Coll_{3+1}$	[85]	
GetJet (from ISAJET)	FC-PR	$Coll_{3+1}$		

A Les Houches compilation of jet algorithms, see
[arXiv:0803.0678](https://arxiv.org/abs/0803.0678).

Unsafe jet algorithms

Unsafe algorithms correspond to theoretical predictions that become meaningless beyond a given order.

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 \left(1 + c_1 \alpha_s + c_2 \alpha_s^2 + \dots \right) \quad \dots \quad c_2 = \infty !$$

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 \left(1 + c_1 \alpha_s + K \log \left(\frac{\Lambda}{Q} \right) \alpha_s^2 + \dots \right) = \sigma_0 (1 + (c_1 + K) \alpha_s + \dots) .$$

IR-C sensitivity at N^p LO destroys predictivity of N^{p-1} LO calculation.

Impact depends on specific algorithm and observable.

- ▶ The inclusive jet cross section is least affected: $\delta\sigma/\sigma \sim 5\%$ comparing SIScone and Midpoint cone.
- ▶ Multi-jet observables can be severely affected.
 - ▶ $W + 2$ jets existing NLO prediction is not applicable to Midpoint cone algorithms.
 - ▶ For jet mass studies, the overall normalization is affected.

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