

Dire tutorial for Pythia 8 authors

Desired outcomes

- run Dire at least once
- illustrate basic usage
- find technical and physics differences to Pythia simple shower

Since 8.300, Dire is now an embedded part of Pythia.

Dire replaces Pythia's showers by a model that

- has splitting variables that do not distinguish between dipole ends → symmetry
- uses (Catani-Seymour) splitting kernels that distinguish between dipole ends → deliberate identification of collinear directions
- includes higher-order corrections to kernels

The philosophy behind Dire is

- keep analytic control & make code easily extendable
- do not prevent future use relying on $\overline{\text{MS}}$ renormalization or DGLAP evolution
- supply all ingredients for merging of any (B)SM emission, and beyond NLO

Tutorial: Part 1 of 3: Basic usage

Unfortunately, while preparing the tutorial, a bug was found that makes Dire usage problematic. To fix, you need to edit `include/Pythia8/Dire.h`, changing the function names

```
void endEvent  
void beginEvent
```

to

```
void onEndEvent  
void onBeginEvent
```

and then recompile Pythia :(

Tutorial: Part 1 of 3: Basic usage

- compile `main300`
- run `./main300 --input main300.cmd`
This will produce $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ jets events at LEP.
- Dire allows for weighted showers, to e.g. treat splitting kernel for which overestimates are too low. For final state showers with final-state recoiler, this can (only) happen due to quark mass or $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ corrections
- thus, look at the weight spectrum printed to `weights.dat`
you could e.g. invoke `gnuplot` via
`gnuplot -e "set xrange [-5:5]; plot 'weights.dat' u 1:2 w l; pause -1"`

Tutorial: Part 1 of 3: Basic usage

- In the presence of initial partons, Dire may also produce event weights due to negative PDFs or splitting kernels that turn negative. To test this, it is convenient to switch to a DIS setup, by changing section 3) in `main300.cmd` to

```
# Set hard process.
WeakBosonExchange:ff2ff(t:gmZ) = on
Beams:idA          = -11
Beams:idB          = 2212
Beams:frameType   = 2
Beams:eA           = 27.5
Beams:eB           = 920.0
PhaseSpace:Q2min   = 1000.0
# Q2 as factorization scale.
SigmaProcess:factorScale2 = 6
SigmaProcess:renormScale2 = 6
```

- run `./main300 --input main300.cmd`
- look at the weight spectrum again, e.g. with `gnuplot -e "set xrange [-5:5]; plot 'weights.dat' u 1:2 w l; pause -1"`
- You should observe a larger spread of event weights. However, the unitarity of the shower guarantees that the average shower weight is still unity.

Tutorial: Part 2 of 3

One main point about Dire is the inclusion of higher-order splitting kernels.

Q: Why bother? **A:** Mainly for matching N^k LO calculations.

Example worry: NLO calculations require NLO PDFs. Initial-state showers should unfold PDF evolution, starting from the PDFs of the hard process \rightarrow require NLO DGLAP kernels.

But is the effect relevant enough that we should worry? \Rightarrow Check!

- o Keep the DIS setup of `main300.cmd`. To avoid having to code the event analysis, you can use the main program `main300plots.cc` from the repository.
- o Switch on NLO DGLAP kernels by using the settings

```
DireTimes:kernelOrder = 3  
DireSpace:kernelOrder = 3
```

- o What's the effect on the pion multiplicity as function of z (as a stand-in for the pion fragmentation function)? `main300plot` will print the histogram table `npi.dat` for you.
- o No visible impact on final state, so maybe not something to worry about for the bulk?

Tutorial: Part 2 of 3

Suggested procedure for comparison:

```
#run with default, then
cp np1.dat np1-ko1.dat
#run with new kernel order 3, then
cp np1.dat np1-ko3.dat
# then enter gnuplot and do
plot "< paste np1-ko1.dat np1-ko3.dat" u 1:((($2-$4)/($2+$4)) w l t "default vs. nloglap"
```

Tutorial: Part 3 of 3

However, note that NLO DGLAP cannot be used to regularize NNLO calculations, because it can't act as differential subtraction of IR singularities. The full $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ singularity structure is much more complex, e.g. includes spin- and color-correlations, new phase-space regions to fill, recoil corrections, and all kinds of interference effects.

Double-soft parts of singularity structure are included in Dire – so what's the impact of this compared to the primitive leadin-order shower

- Return to the LEP setup of `main300.cmd`
- Switch on double-soft kernels by using the settings

```
DireTimes:kernelOrder = 4  
DireSpace:kernelOrder = 4
```

- What's the effect on the Durham jet separation, compared to the default result? `main300plot` will print the histogram tables `y23.dat` and `y34.dat` for you.
- Again, overall moderate impact on baseline. Note however that the shower uncertainties will become smaller – and that without playing any tricks with “compensation terms”.

Thanks for taking the time!