# EVOLUTION WITH SUBLEADING COLOR CONTRIBUTIONS

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#### Motivations of Shower Development

#### Actually I have heard two of them...

- "Earn as many citations as PYTHIA does …"
- ✓ Improving classical shower approaches based on 20-25 years of experience. HERWIG++, ARIADNE/VINCIA, PYTHIA/DIPOLE SHOWER (by Mainz group)
  - → *Matching* at Born level (CKKW, MLM, ...)
  - → *Matching* at NLO level (MC@NLO, ...)



#### ... and the one what we try to follow

- ✓ Making parton shower predictive (will go into NLOJET++)
  - The *bottleneck* is the color treatment.



## Shower Family Tree



#### Do we need subleading color?

Matrix element square is

$$\left|\mathcal{M}(\{p,f\}_m)\right|^2 = N_c^n \sum_{\{c\}_m} \left|A(\{p,f,c\}_m)\right|^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N_c^2}\right)$$

where  $A(\{p, f, c\}_m)$  is the color subamplitudes of the color configuration  $\{c\}_m$ 

Cross sections at  $\sqrt{s} = 1960$  GeV, with structure functions, in nanobarns,  $p_T > 10$  GeV  $|\eta| < 2.0$ .

Process	$\sigma_0$ : Normal	$\sigma_1$ : Large Nc	$\sigma_1 - \sigma_0$
		component	$\sigma_{_0}$
ud→W+g	0.1029(5)D+01	0.1158(5)D+01	13%
ud→W+gg	0.1018(8)D+00	0.1283(10)D+00	26%
ud→W+ggg	0.1119(17)D-01	0.1564(22)D-01	40%
ud→W+gggg	0.1339(36)D-02	0.2838(71)D-02	120%

*Results were calculated by HELAC* 



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Parton shower starts from the tree level exact matrix elements

$$\begin{aligned} \left|\mathcal{M}(\{p,f\}_m)\right|^2 &= N_c^n \sum_{\{c\}_m} \left\{ \left|A(\{p,f,c\}_m)\right|^2 \\ &+ \sum_{\{c'\}_m} \frac{1}{N_c^{\sigma}} A(\{p,f,c\}_m) A(\{p,f,c'\}_m)^* \right\} \end{aligned}$$

How to assign color in the shower when the evolution starts from the interference contributions? *In classical shower there is no way*. With a simple trick we can get the normalization right.

$$\left|\mathcal{M}(\{p,f,c\}_{m})\right|^{2} = \frac{\left|A(\{p,f,c\}_{m})\right|^{2}}{\sum_{\substack{\{c\}_{m}\\ \text{Probability of }\{c\}_{m}}} \left|\mathcal{M}(\{p,f\}_{m})\right|^{2}} \right| \mathcal{M}(\{p,f\}_{m})|^{2}$$

*Note this is just the standard K-factor trick.* 

#### Do we need subleading color?

Some people are thinking about NLO level shower. I think it is too early but who knows they might be right. It is clear that there is no way to go higher order with leading color approximation.

$$\alpha_s \approx \frac{1}{N_c^2} \approx 0.1$$

There are two perturbative parameters. The *formal expansion* of the splitting operator is

$$\mathcal{H}_{\rm I} = \frac{\alpha_{\rm s}}{2\pi} \mathcal{H}_{\rm I}^{(0,0)} + \frac{\alpha_{\rm s}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{N_c^2} \mathcal{H}_{\rm I}^{(0,1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_{\rm s}}{2\pi}\right)^2 \mathcal{H}_{\rm I}^{(1,0)} + \cdots$$

Furthermore we *need two color indices* to represent a partonic states (interference terms).

*Note that*  $\mathcal{H}_I$  *is an operator and it is impossible to do this expansion in practice.* 



Yes, we need.

### **Density Operator**

The physical cross section is

$$\sigma[F] = \sum_{m} \int \left[ d\{p, f\}_m \right] \operatorname{Tr}\{ \underbrace{\rho(\{p, f\}_m)}_{m} F(\{p, f\}_m) \}$$

density operator in color  $\otimes$  spin space

The density operator is

$$\rho(\{p,f\}_m) = \left| \mathcal{M}(\{p,f\}_m) \right\rangle \frac{f_{a/A}(\eta_{\mathrm{a}},\mu_F^2) f_{b/B}(\eta_{\mathrm{b}},\mu_F^2)}{2\eta_{\mathrm{a}}\eta_{\mathrm{b}}p_A \cdot p_B} \left\langle \mathcal{M}(\{p,f\}_m) \right|$$

or expanding it on a color and spin basis

$$\rho(\{p, f\}_m) = \sum_{s, c} \sum_{s', c'} \left| \{s, c\}_m \right\rangle \rho(\{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_m) \left\langle \{s', c'\}_m \right\rangle$$

#### Statistical States

The set of functions  $\rho(\{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_m)$  forms a vector space.

**Basis:**  $|\{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_m\rangle$ 

Completeness relation :

$$1 = \sum_{m} \int \left[ d\{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_{m} \right] \left| \{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_{m} \right) \left( \{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_{m} \right|$$

Inner product of the basis states:

$$\left(\{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_m \middle| \{\tilde{p}, \tilde{f}, \tilde{s}', \tilde{c}', \tilde{s}, \tilde{c}\}_{\tilde{m}}\right) = \delta_{m, \tilde{m}} \ \delta(\{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_m; \{\tilde{p}, \tilde{f}, \tilde{s}', \tilde{c}', \tilde{s}, \tilde{c}\}_{\tilde{m}})$$

A physical state which is related to the density matrix:

$$|\rho) = \int \left[ d\{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_m \right] \rho(\{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_m) |\{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_m)$$

## Shower Evolution

Using the factorization properties of the QCD the approximated order by order calculation can be organized according to

The shower form of the solution is

From the unitary condition:

 $(1|\mathcal{V}(t)) = (1|\mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{I}}(t))$ 

$$\mathcal{U}(t,t') = \mathcal{N}(t,t') + \int_{t'}^{t} d\tau \,\mathcal{U}(t,\tau) \,\mathcal{H}_{I}(\tau) \,\mathcal{N}(\tau,t')$$

and the no-splitting operator is

$$\mathcal{N}(t,t') = \mathbb{T} \exp\left(-\int_{t'}^{t} d\tau \,\mathcal{V}(\tau)\right)$$

## Full Splitting Operator

$$\begin{split} \big(\{\hat{p},\hat{f},\hat{s}',\hat{c}',\hat{s},\hat{c}\}_{m+1}\big|\mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{I}}(t)\big|\{p,f,s',c',s,c\}_{m}\big) \\ &= \sum_{l\in\{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b},1,\dots,m\}} (m+1)\frac{n_{\mathrm{c}}(a)n_{\mathrm{c}}(b)\eta_{\mathrm{a}}\eta_{\mathrm{b}}}{n_{\mathrm{c}}(\hat{a})n_{\mathrm{c}}(\hat{b})\eta_{\mathrm{a}}\hat{\eta}_{\mathrm{b}}}\frac{f_{\hat{a}/A}(\hat{\eta}_{\mathrm{a}},\mu_{F}^{2})f_{\hat{b}/B}(\hat{\eta}_{\mathrm{b}},\mu_{F}^{2})}{f_{a/A}(\eta_{\mathrm{a}},\mu_{F}^{2})f_{b/B}(\eta_{\mathrm{b}},\mu_{F}^{2})} \\ &\times (\{\hat{p},\hat{f}\}_{m+1}\big|\mathcal{P}_{l}\big|\{p,f\}_{m})\,\delta(t-T_{l}(\{\hat{p},\hat{f},\hat{s}',\hat{c}',\hat{s},\hat{c}\}_{m+1})\big) \\ &\times \left[\theta(\hat{f}_{m+1}=\mathbf{g})\sum_{k\in\{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b},1,\dots,m\}}\left\{(\{\hat{c}',\hat{c}\}_{m+1}\big|\mathcal{G}(l,k;\{\hat{f}\}_{m+1})\big|\{c',c\}_{m})\right. \\ &\quad \left.\times \left[A_{lk}(\{\hat{p}\}_{m+1})\big(\{\hat{s}',\hat{s}\}_{m+1}\big|\mathcal{W}(l,k;\{\hat{f},\hat{p}\}_{m+1})\big|\{s',s\}_{m})\right. \\ &\quad \left.-\frac{1}{2}\big(\{\hat{s}',\hat{s}\}_{m+1}\big|\mathcal{H}(l,l;\{\hat{f},\hat{p}\}_{m+1})\big|\{s',s\}_{m})\big] \\ &\quad + \big(\{\hat{c}',\hat{c}\}_{m+1}\big|\mathcal{G}(k,l;\{\hat{f}\}_{m+1})\big|\{c',c\}_{m}) \\ &\quad \times \left[A_{lk}(\{\hat{p}\}_{m+1})\big(\{\hat{s}',\hat{s}\}_{m+1}\big|\mathcal{W}(k,l;\{\hat{f},\hat{p}\}_{m+1})\big|\{s',s\}_{m})\right. \\ &\quad \left.-\frac{1}{2}\big(\{\hat{s}',\hat{s}\}_{m+1}\big|\mathcal{W}(l,l;\{\hat{f},\hat{p}\}_{m+1})\big|\{s',s\}_{m})\big]\right\} \\ &\quad + \theta(\hat{f}_{m+1}\neq\mathbf{g})\,\left(\{\hat{c}',\hat{c}\}_{m+1}\big|\mathcal{G}(l,l;\{\hat{f}\}_{m+1})\big|\{c',c\}_{m})\mathcal{W}(l,l;\{\hat{f},\hat{p}\}_{m+1})\right. \\ \end{split}$$

# Full Splitting Operator



## Solution of the Evolution Equation

The idea is split the splitting operator "good" and "bad" part and expand the evolution operator in the "bad" splitting operator.



The inclusive splitting operators are

$$(1|\mathcal{V}^{(J)}(t) = (1|\mathcal{H}_{I}^{(J)}(t))$$
 and  $(1|\mathcal{V}^{(S)}(t) = (1|\mathcal{H}_{I}^{(S)}(t))$ 

Now the *good part* of the evolution operator is

$$\mathcal{U}^{(J)}(t,t') = \mathcal{N}^{(J)}(t,t') + \int_{t'}^{t} d\tau \,\mathcal{U}^{(J)}(t,\tau) \mathcal{H}^{(J)}_{I}(\tau) \mathcal{N}^{(J)}(\tau,t')$$

The full evolution operator is given by

$$\mathcal{U}(t,t') = \mathcal{U}^{(J)}(t,t') + \int_{t'}^{t} d\tau \,\mathcal{U}(t,\tau) \left[\mathcal{H}_{I}^{(S)}(\tau) - \mathcal{V}^{(S)}(\tau)\right] \mathcal{U}^{(J)}(\tau,t')$$

## Solution of the Evolution Equation

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$$\mathcal{H}_{I}(t) = \mathcal{H}_{I}^{(J)}(t) + \mathcal{H}_{I}^{(S)}(t)$$
  
*Fully exponentiated*  
Subtracted  
The  
 $\mathcal{U}(t,t') = \mathcal{U}^{(J)}(t,t') + \int_{t'}^{t} d\tau \, \mathcal{U}^{(J)}(t,\tau) \left[\mathcal{H}_{I}^{(S)}(\tau) - \mathcal{V}^{(S)}(\tau)\right] \mathcal{U}^{(J)}(\tau,t')$   
 $+ \int_{t'}^{t} d\tau_{2} \int_{t'}^{\tau_{2}} d\tau_{1} \, \mathcal{U}^{(J)}(t,\tau_{2}) \left[\mathcal{H}_{I}^{(S)}(\tau_{2}) - \mathcal{V}^{(S)}(\tau_{2})\right]$   
 $\times \mathcal{U}^{(J)}(\tau_{2},\tau_{1}) \left[\mathcal{H}_{I}^{(S)}(\tau_{2}) - \mathcal{V}^{(S)}(\tau_{1})\right] \mathcal{U}^{(J)}(\tau_{1},t')$   
 $+ \cdots$ 

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We approximate the color operator using a projection

 $\left(\{\hat{c}',\hat{c}\}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{G}(k,l;\{\hat{f}\}_{m+1}) \middle| \{c',c\}_m\right) = \left(\{\hat{c}',\hat{c}\}_{m+1} \middle| \frac{t_k^{\dagger} \otimes t_l}{k} \otimes \frac{t_l}{k} \middle| \{c',c\}_m\right)$ 

 $\left(\{\hat{c}',\hat{c}\}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{C}(l,m+1) \mathcal{G}(k,l;\{\hat{f}\}_{m+1}) \middle| \{c',c\}_m\right)$ 

The projection keep the color connected part

$$\mathcal{C}(l, m+1) | \{\boldsymbol{c}', \boldsymbol{c}\}_{m+1} = \begin{cases} |\{\boldsymbol{c}', \boldsymbol{c}\}_{m+1} \rangle & l \text{ and } m+1 \text{ color connected} \\ & \text{in } \{\boldsymbol{c}'\}_{m+1} \text{ and in } \{\boldsymbol{c}\}_{m+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The corresponding quantum level operator is

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Now the jet splitting operator is

 $(\{\hat{p}, \hat{f}, \hat{s}', \hat{c}', \hat{s}, \hat{c}\}_{m+1} | \mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{I}}^{(\mathrm{J})}(t) | \{p, f, s', c', s, c\}_{m})$  $\sum_{l \in \{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, 1, \dots, m\}} (m+1) \frac{n_{\mathbf{c}}(a) n_{\mathbf{c}}(b) \eta_{\mathbf{a}} \eta_{\mathbf{b}}}{n_{\mathbf{c}}(\hat{a}) n_{\mathbf{c}}(\hat{b}) \hat{\eta}_{\mathbf{a}} \hat{\eta}_{\mathbf{b}}} \frac{f_{\hat{a}/A}(\hat{\eta}_{\mathbf{a}}, \mu_F^2) f_{\hat{b}/B}(\hat{\eta}_{\mathbf{b}}, \mu_F^2)}{f_{a/A}(\eta_{\mathbf{a}}, \mu_F^2) f_{b/B}(\eta_{\mathbf{b}}, \mu_F^2)}$  $\times \left( \{ \hat{p}, \hat{f} \}_{m+1} \big| \mathcal{P}_l \big| \{ p, f \}_m \right) \delta(t - T_l(\{ \hat{p}, \hat{f}, \hat{s}', \hat{c}', \hat{s}, \hat{c} \}_{m+1}))$  $\times \left[ \theta(\hat{f}_{m+1} = \mathbf{g}) \sum_{\substack{k \in \{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, 1, \dots, m\}\\k \neq l}} \right]$  $\left\{ \left( \{\hat{c}', \hat{c}\}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{C}(l, m+1) \mathcal{G}(l, k; \{\hat{f}\}_{m+1}) \middle| \{c', c\}_m \right) \right.$  $\times \left[ A_{lk} \left( \{ \hat{s}', \hat{s} \}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{W}(l, k; \{ \hat{f}, \hat{p} \}_{m+1}) \middle| \{ s', s \}_m \right) \right]$  $-\frac{1}{2} \left( \{\hat{s}', \hat{s}\}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{W}(l, l; \{\hat{f}, \hat{p}\}_{m+1}) \middle| \{s', s\}_m \right) \right]$ +  $(\{\hat{c}',\hat{c}\}_{m+1}|\mathcal{C}(l,m+1)\mathcal{G}(k,l;\{\hat{f}\}_{m+1})|\{c',c\}_m)$  $\times \left[ A_{lk} \left( \{ \hat{s}', \hat{s} \}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{W}(k, l; \{ \hat{f}, \hat{p} \}_{m+1}) \middle| \{ s', s \}_m \right) \right]$  $-\frac{1}{2}(\{\hat{s}',\hat{s}\}_{m+1} | \mathcal{W}(l,l;\{\hat{f},\hat{p}\}_{m+1}) | \{s',s\}_m)] \bigg\}$ +  $\theta(\hat{f}_{m+1} \neq g) \mathcal{G}(l, l; \{\hat{f}\}_{m+1}) \mathcal{W}(l, l; \{\hat{f}, \hat{p}\}_{m+1})$ 

- This operator can evolve interference contribution.
- Full collinear and soft+collinear contributions included.
- Wide angle pure soft contributions are not fully included. Omitted part is suppressed by  $1/N_c^2$ . It is treated perturbatively.
- The corresponding inclusive splitting operator can be exponentiated easily.
- Leads to a quasi Markovian process.

Now the jet splitting operator is

 $\left(\{\hat{p},\hat{f},\hat{s}',\hat{c}',\hat{s},\hat{c}\}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{I}}^{(\mathrm{J})}(t) \middle| \{p,f,s',c',s,c\}_{m}\right)$ This operator can evolve  $= \int_{l \in \{ \mathcal{N}^{(J)}(t,t') | p, f, s', c', s, c\}_m \} = \exp \left\{ -\int_{t'}^t d\tau \left[ \lambda_1(\{p, f, c\}_m) + \lambda_2(\{p, f, c'\}_m) \right] \right\}$  Illinear  $\times$  $\times [p, f, s', c', s, c]_m)$  $\times$  Wide angle pure soft  $\substack{k \in \{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, 1, \dots, m\} \\ k \neq l}$ contributions are not fully  $\left\{ \left( \{\hat{c}', \hat{c}\}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{C}(l, m+1) \mathcal{G}(l, k; \{\hat{f}\}_{m+1}) \middle| \{c', c\}_m \right) \right.$ included. Omitted part is suppressed by  $1/N_c^2$ . It is  $\times \left[ A_{lk} \left( \{ \hat{s}', \hat{s} \}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{W}(l, k; \{ \hat{f}, \hat{p} \}_{m+1}) \middle| \{ s', s \}_m \right) \right]$ treated perturbatively.  $-\frac{1}{2} \left( \{\hat{s}', \hat{s}\}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{W}(l, l; \{\hat{f}, \hat{p}\}_{m+1}) \middle| \{s', s\}_m \right) \right]$ The corresponding inclusive +  $(\{\hat{c}',\hat{c}\}_{m+1} | \mathcal{C}(l,m+1)\mathcal{G}(k,l;\{\hat{f}\}_{m+1}) | \{c',c\}_m)$ splitting operator can be  $\times \left[ A_{lk} \left( \{ \hat{s}', \hat{s} \}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{W}(k, l; \{ \hat{f}, \hat{p} \}_{m+1}) \middle| \{ s', s \}_m \right) \right]$ exponentiated easily.  $-\frac{1}{2} \left( \{\hat{s}', \hat{s}\}_{m+1} \middle| \mathcal{W}(l, l; \{\hat{f}, \hat{p}\}_{m+1}) \middle| \{s', s\}_m \right) \right] \bigg\}$ Leads to a quasi Markovian process. +  $\theta(\hat{f}_{m+1} \neq g) \mathcal{G}(l, l; \{\hat{f}\}_{m+1}) \mathcal{W}(l, l; \{\hat{f}, \hat{p}\}_{m+1})$ 

# Leading Color Approximation

Recalling the evolution equation of the "jet" evolution operator

$$\mathcal{U}^{(J)}(t,t') = \mathcal{N}^{(J)}(t,t') + \int_{t'}^{t} d\tau \,\mathcal{U}^{(J)}(t,\tau) \mathcal{H}^{(J)}_{I}(\tau) \mathcal{N}^{(J)}(\tau,t')$$

and from this the evolution equation of the *leading color approximation* can be given by another projection

$$\mathcal{U}^{(LC)}(t,t') = \mathcal{N}^{(J)}(t,t')\mathcal{P}_{D} + \int_{t'}^{t} d\tau \,\mathcal{U}^{(LC)}(t,\tau)\mathcal{H}_{I}^{(J)}(\tau)\mathcal{N}^{(J)}(\tau,t')\mathcal{P}_{D}$$

where the projection  $\mathcal{P}_D$  keeps the color diagonal contributions only

$$\mathcal{P}_{D}|\{c',c\}_{m}\rangle = \begin{cases} |\{c',c\}_{m}\rangle & \text{if } \{c\}_{m} = \{c'\}_{m}\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### Conclusions

- We have a well define formalism to describe parton shower algorithms. *Note we have equation!*
- The formalism itself help us to have better understanding of already know effects and approximations (color coherence, leading color approximation,..)
- We have shown that it is possible to compute parton shower with full color *efficiently* and *systematically* using mainly standard Monte Carlo techniques.
- Implementation .... (*coming soon* ....)