

A framework for second order parton showers

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Precision prediction from parton shower

The formal accuracy of these showers remains governed by leading-order splitting functions

- Combine parton shower with fixed-order matrix elements (improve hard emissions)
- Match the shower evolution to higher-order analytical resummation

Our proposal ([For now, we concentrate on final-state showers.](#))

- Construct a framework to include NLO corrections into the Sudakov form factor
- Full evolution kernels are accurate to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ at leading color
- More subleading logarithmic terms will be resummed automatically

We work in the framework of dipole-antenna showers which combines dipole showers with antenna subtraction formalism embodied in VINCIA¹.

1. a plugin to the PYTHIA 8, see Peter's talk, <http://vincia.hepforge.org/>

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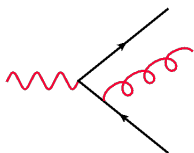
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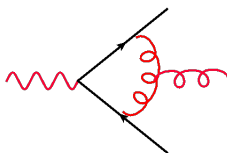
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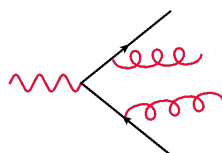
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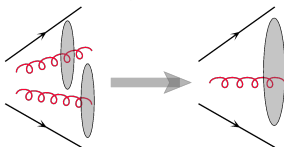
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Ordered and unordered Real correction can be written as two iterated 2 → 3 shower paths.

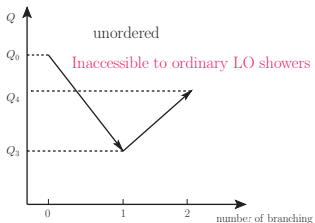
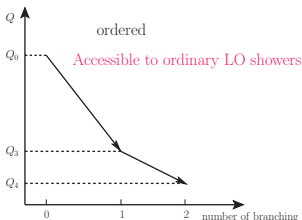
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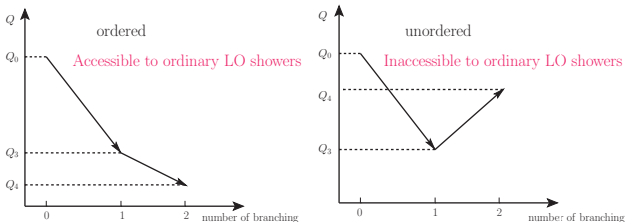


choose smaller one as Q_4

cluster 4 → 3 and get Q_3

The branching is in ordered region if $Q_4 < Q_3$ and it is in unordered region if $Q_4 > Q_3$.





$Q(\Phi_4) \equiv \max(Q_4, Q_3)$. In ordered region the second emission is considered as unresolved. We use Q_3 as the evolution scale (**2→3 showers**). In unordered region we use the scale of four-parton state as the evolution scale (**direct 2→4 showers**).

Using antenna phase space factorization we have $\frac{d\Phi_4}{d\Phi_2} = d\Phi_{\text{ant}}^{2\rightarrow 3} d\Phi_{\text{ant}}^{3\rightarrow 4}$

$$\int d\Phi_{\text{ant}}^{2\rightarrow 3} d\Phi_{\text{ant}}^{3\rightarrow 4} = \left(\int_{\text{ord}} + \int_{\text{unord}} \right) d\Phi_{\text{ant}}^{2\rightarrow 3} d\Phi_{\text{ant}}^{3\rightarrow 4}$$

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2→4 shower framework

For a direct branching $1\ 2 \rightarrow 3\ 4\ 5\ 6$ the resolution scale is $Q_4 = 2 \min(p_{\perp}^{345}, p_{\perp}^{456})$.
Partition the direct 2 → 4 phase space into two sectors

- Sector A, with condition $p_{\perp}^{345} < p_{\perp}^{456}$
- Sector B, with condition $p_{\perp}^{345} > p_{\perp}^{456}$.

The Sudakov factor can be written as

$$\Delta_{2 \rightarrow 4}(Q_0^2, Q^2) = \Delta_{2 \rightarrow 4}^A(Q_0^2, Q^2) \Delta_{2 \rightarrow 4}^B(Q_0^2, Q^2)$$

How to work with these two sectors

- Use the same 2 → 4 sub-antenna function (with full singularities) for sectors A and B, such as a_4^0 .
- Use different path to parametrise phase space according to the choice of Q_4
- Veto configurations which do not fall in the appropriate sector

2→4 shower framework

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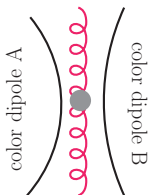
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What we need is the sub-antenna functions.

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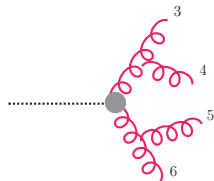
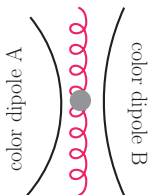


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sub-antenna functions for gg dipole

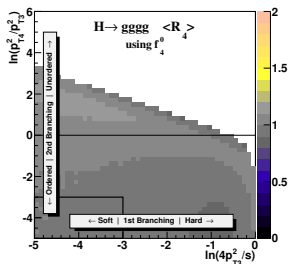
$$f_4^0 = \begin{cases} a_4^0(3, 4, 5, 6) \frac{f_3^0(\widehat{34}, \widehat{45}, 6)}{a_3^0(\widehat{34}, 45, 6)} \frac{f_3^0(3, 4, 5)}{d_3^0(3, 4, 5)} & \text{Sec. A} \\ a_4^0(3, 4, 5, 6) \frac{f_3^0(3, \widehat{45}, \widehat{56})}{a_3^0(3, 45, \widehat{56})} \frac{f_3^0(4, 5, 6)}{d_3^0(4, 5, 6)} & \text{Sec. B} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_3^0 &: q\bar{q} \rightarrow qq\bar{q} \\ d_3^0 &: qq \rightarrow qgg \\ f_3^0 &: gg \rightarrow ggg \\ a_4^0 &: q\bar{q} \rightarrow qgg\bar{q} \\ f_4^0 &: gg \rightarrow gggg \end{aligned}$$

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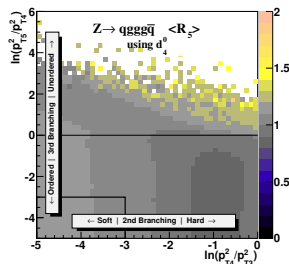
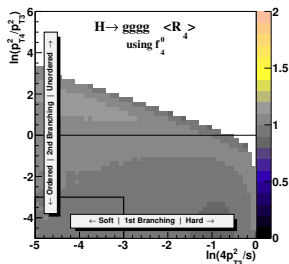
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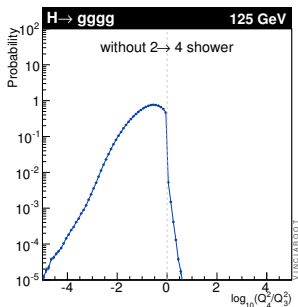
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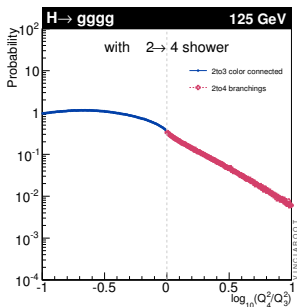
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Numerical results



Due to momentum recoil effects, the local definition of the evolution scale may not be the smallest global scale in a given event. The pure 2 → 3 shower can generate some contributions classified as $Q_4 > Q_3$.



In the 2 → 4 shower, the iterated 2 → 3 branchings are matched by sub-antenna functions f_4^0 and the direct 2 → 4 branchings are used to populate the unordered phase space.

As shown in the right-hand plots, the 2 → 4 shower fills in the unordered phase space, and, in the limit $Q_4 \sim Q_3$, consistently matches onto the 2 → 3 result.

Conclusion and outlook

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- We present a framework for including the NLO corrections into Sudakov form-factor
- A crucial new ingredient development is the direct 2→4 branchings
- We define sub-antenna functions for double gluon emissions
- As a validation, we compare 2 → 4 and 2 → 3 showers at phase-space boundary

Outlook

- In near future extend 2 → 4 showers to include $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ splittings
- Include the second-order correction for 2 → 3 showers
- In long term we will turn our attention to the initial state

Thank you for your attention !

Phase space integral

Using the antenna phase-space factorization

$$d\Phi_{m+1}(p_1, \dots, p_{m+1}) = d\Phi_m(p_1, \dots, p_I, p_K, \dots, p_{m+1}) \times d\Phi_{\text{ant}}(i, j, k)$$

2 \rightarrow 4 phase space integration can be written as

$$\frac{d\Phi_4(3, 4, 5, 6)}{d\Phi_2(1, 2)} = \begin{cases} \text{path a : } d\Phi_{\text{ant}}(\widehat{34}, \widehat{45}, 6) d\Phi_{\text{ant}}(3, 4, 5) \\ \text{path b : } d\Phi_{\text{ant}}(3, \widehat{45}, \widehat{56}) d\Phi_{\text{ant}}(4, 5, 6) \end{cases}$$

where $d\Phi_{\text{ant}}(i, j, k) = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{|J|}{s_{ijk}} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} dQ^2 d\zeta$

2→4 shower framework

2→4 trial function

$$\frac{1}{(16\pi^2)^2} \mathcal{a}_{\text{trial}}^{2\rightarrow 4} = \mathcal{C} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{128}{(Q_3^2 + Q_4^2) Q_4^2}$$

Technically, we generate these phase spaces by oversampling. And we set the lower and upper limit for $\zeta(3\rightarrow 4)$ independent on the evolution scale and calculate integral I_ζ .

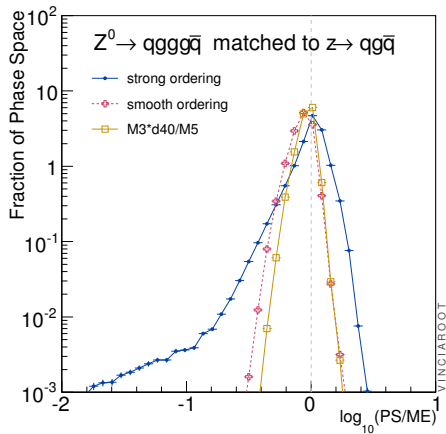
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- with α_s fixed, $Q^2 = m^2 \exp\left(-\sqrt{\ln^2(Q_0^2/m^2) + 2f_R/\hat{\alpha}_s^2}\right)$ where $f_R = -4\pi^2 \ln R / (\ln(2)\mathcal{C}I_\zeta)$
- with one-loop running α_s , $Q^2 = \frac{4\Lambda^2}{k_\mu^2} \left(\frac{k_\mu^2 m^2}{4\Lambda^2}\right)^{-1/W_{-1}(-y)}$ where $y = \frac{\ln k_\mu^2 m^2 / 4\Lambda^2}{\ln k_\mu^2 Q_0^2 / 4\Lambda^2} \exp\left[-f_R b_0^2 - \frac{\ln k_\mu^2 m^2 / 4\Lambda^2}{\ln k_\mu^2 Q_0^2 / 4\Lambda^2}\right]$ and $W_{-1}(z)$ is the Lambert W function

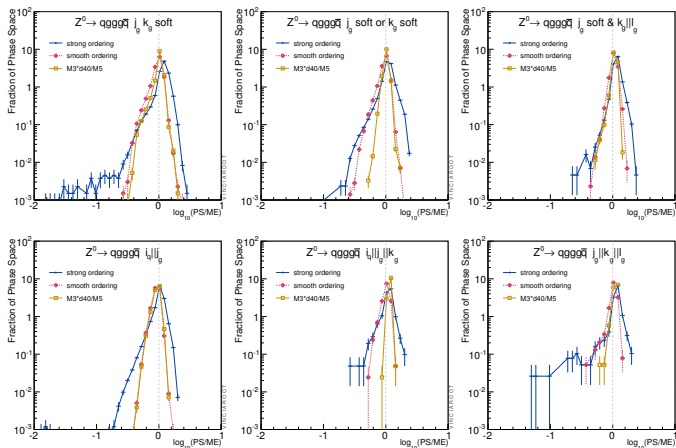
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| infrared limits | $\tilde{d}_4^0(i, j, k, l)$ limits | valid sector |
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| $j_g \rightarrow 0, k_g l_g$ | $S_{i,jkl}(z) \frac{1}{s_{kl}} P'_{gg \rightarrow G}(z)$ | A and B |
| $i_q j_g, k_g \rightarrow 0$ | $S_{l;kji}(z) \frac{1}{s_{ij}} P_{qg \rightarrow Q}(z)$ | A and B |
| $i_q j_g k_g$ | $P_{ijk \rightarrow Q}(w, x, y)$ | A and B |
| $j_g k_g l_g$ | unknown | unknown |
| $i_q j_g, k_g l_g$ | $\frac{1}{s_{ij} s_{kl}} P_{qg \rightarrow Q}(z) P'_{gg \rightarrow G}(y)$ | A and B |
| $j_g \rightarrow 0$ | $S_{ijk} d_3^0(\hat{j}, \hat{j}k, l)$ | A (B with factor $\frac{18s_{ij} + 15s_{jk}}{18s_{ij} + 16s_{jk}}$) |
| $k_g \rightarrow 0$ | $S_{jkl} d_3^0(i, \hat{j}k, \hat{k}l)$ | A and B |
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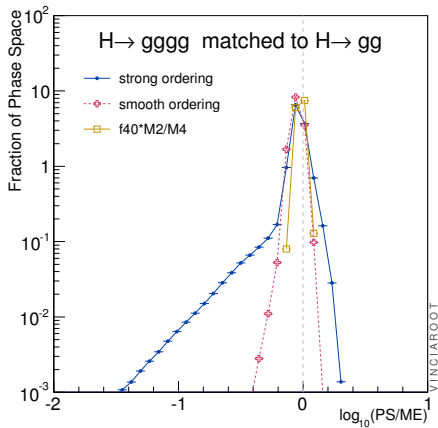
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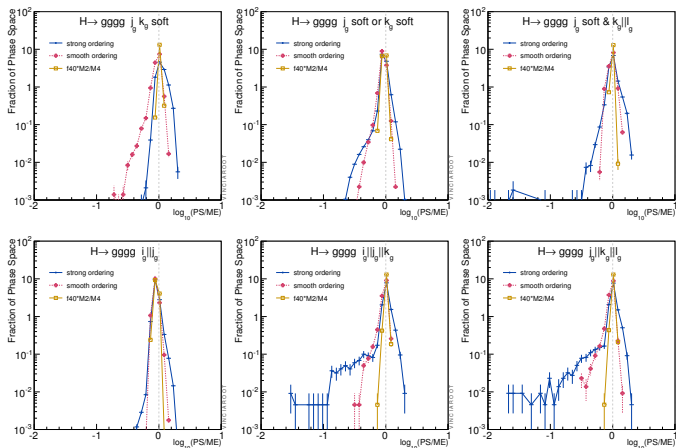
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| $i_g j_g, k_g \rightarrow 0$ | $S_{l,kji}(z) \frac{1}{s_{ij}} P'_{gg \rightarrow G}(z)$ | A and B |
| $i_g j_g k_g$ | unknown | unknown |
| $j_g k_g l_g$ | unknown | unknown |
| $i_g j_g, k_g l_g$ | $\frac{1}{s_{ij} s_{kl}} P'_{gg \rightarrow G}(z) P'_{gg \rightarrow G}(y)$ | A and B |
| $j_g \rightarrow 0$ | $S_{ijk} F_3^0(\hat{i}j, \hat{j}k, l)$ | A (B with factor $\frac{18s_{ij} + 15s_{jk}}{18s_{ij} + 16s_{jk}}$) |
| $k_g \rightarrow 0$ | $S_{jkl} F_3^0(i, \hat{j}k, \hat{k}l)$ | B (A with factor $\frac{18s_{ij} + 15s_{jk}}{18s_{ij} + 16s_{jk}}$) |
| $i_g j_g$ | $\frac{1}{s_{ij}} P'_{gg \rightarrow G}(z) F_3^0(i + j, k, l)$ | A |
| $j_g k_g$ | $\frac{1}{s_{jk}} P'_{gg \rightarrow G}(z) F_3^0(i, j + k, l)$ | A and B |
| $k_g l_g$ | $\frac{1}{s_{kl}} P'_{gg \rightarrow G}(z) F_3^0(i, j, k + l)$ | B |

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