# Jet Matching at Hadron Colliders

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- Many (all) interesting New Physics signals at hadron colliders include hadronic jets (from decay or recoil)
- All Standard Model backgrounds to multijetprocesses (except top) have the jets coming from QCD radiation
- Proper simulation of QCD radiation mandatory



Parton shower Monte Carlo generators:

- Simulate QCD radiation in the soft-collinear limits
- Successive emissions through Markov chain evolution unlimited number of emissions
- Highly tunable to fit data, but extrapolation dangerous away from soft-collinear limits
- Matrix Element generators:
  - Use the full matrix element of given jet multiplicity
  - Reliable description far from soft-collinear limits
  - Diverges in the soft and collinear limits



How produce an inclusive background sample?

- Need reliable simultaneous description of multiple jet multiplicities
- Need to allow using different cuts to optimize discovery of different signals

Criteria:

- No overcounting or undercounting of radiation
- Reproduce the inclusive cross section
- Smooth distributions in all kinematical observables







#### Reglarization of matrix element divergence



2<sup>nd</sup> QCD radiation jet in top pair production at the LHC



# LO jet matching techniques

The one-sentence "slogan" version

MLM matching - AlpGen, MadGraph

For comparison, see arXiv:0706.2569

- Reject unmatched events after shower
- CKKW matching Sherpa
  - Analytic NLL Sudakovs + vetoed showers
- > CKKW-Lönnblad matching Ariadne
  - Staged shower rejection (for each emission)
- Shower reweighting Geneva, Vincia
  - Correct shower splittings with matrix element



# LO jet matching techniques

Pros and cons - my one-sentence slogan version

### > MLM matching - AlpGen, MadGraph

- + Works for any shower with minimal modifications
- Low efficiency, theoretically not (perfectly) well-controlled

## CKKW matching - Sherpa

- + No loss of events, theoretically well-controlled
- Complicated shower treatment, matching unclear
- > CKKW-Lönnblad matching Ariadne
  - + Perfect matching to shower, theoretically well-controlled
  - Low efficiency, complicated shower treatment
- Shower reweighting Geneva, Vincia
  - + Elegant and efficient, theoretically well-controlled
  - All new showers, still only final-state

# MLM matching

M.L. Mangano [2002, AlpGen home page] cf. J.A. et al [arXiv:0706.2569]

- Algorithm (in a nutshell):
  - 1) Generate ME event with phase space cut Q<sup>ME</sup>
- 2) Reweight  $a_s$  using scales for emissions in "shower history" corresponding to event (e.g., using k<sub>1</sub>-clustering)
- 3) Shower event with starting scale =  $\mu_{F} = M_{T}$
- 4) Cluster shower emissions (before hadronization, using "hook" in shower MC) to jets using  $Q^{jet} > Q^{ME}$ . Keep event if each jet matches to one parton in the ME event
  - If highest parton multiplicity, allow extra jets < softest ME parton



# MLM matching



MadEvent+Pythia (k<sub>r</sub>-jet MLM scheme)



Catani, Krauss, Kuhn, Webber [hep-ph/0109231] Krauss [hep-ph/0205283]

Prerequisite:

## The inner workings of a parton shower

- The Sudakov form factor  $\Delta(Q_1, Q_2) =$ P(no QCD emission between  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2) =$  $= \exp\left\{-\int_{Q_1^2}^{Q_2^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \frac{\alpha_s(q^2)}{2\pi} \int \frac{dz}{z} P_{ij}(z)\right\}$ For initial state  $\frac{f_i(x_i/z, q^2)}{f_i(x_i, 2)}$
- Parton shower starts from starting scale ~ μ<sub>F</sub>, picks emission scale based on P(emission at scale Q)

$$\frac{d}{dQ^2}(1-\Delta) = \frac{\alpha_s(q^2)}{2\pi q^2} \int \frac{dz}{z} P_{ij}(z) \times \Delta(Q_1, Q)$$

Probability for particular parton configuration after shower:

$$\begin{split} & \Delta_{q}^{IS}(d_{2},d_{3}) \frac{\alpha_{s}(d_{2}^{2})}{2\pi d_{2}^{2}} P_{qq}(z_{2}) \frac{x_{1}'f(x_{1}',d_{2}^{2})}{x_{1}f(x_{1},d_{2}^{2})}^{d_{\text{ini}}} \\ & \times \Delta_{q}^{IS}(d_{ini},d_{2}) \Delta_{q}^{IS}(d_{ini},d_{3}) \Delta_{g}^{FS}(d_{1},d_{2}) \\ & \times \frac{\alpha_{s}(d_{1}^{2})}{2\pi d_{1}^{2}} P_{qg}(z_{1}) \times \Delta_{q}^{FS}(d_{ini},d_{1})^{2} \\ & \times d\sigma_{2 \to 1} f_{q}(x_{1},d_{3}) f_{\bar{q}}(x_{2},d_{3}) \end{split}$$

Red terms should be replaced by 2  $\rightarrow$  3 matrix element  $\Rightarrow$  To get improved shower description, need ME +  $a_s$  reweighting + PDF reweighting + Sudakovs



- All reweightings done in Matrix Element generator
- Next: Run shower to get emissions below Q<sup>match</sup>
- If:
  - ME cutoff variable & Sudakov evolution variable identical to shower evolution variable
  - Shower is Markovian, i.e., gives the same result if started, stopped and restarted as if run the whole way

Then: Just start the shower at Q<sup>match</sup>

Otherwise: Use vetoed showers



## Vetoed showers

If matrix element cut is not aligned with shower evolution variable

- 1)Shower events, starting from central scale  $\sim \mu_{F}$
- 2) If an emission is generated, check if it has Q < Q<sup>match</sup>
- 3) If it does, keep it. Otherwise, ignore the emission and continue shower



Differential jet rates in W+jets at the Tevatron by Sherpa





- Results good (clearly at NLL accuracy), but matching to shower not perfect (Sudakovs differ)
- Solutions:
  - 1)Move to Lönnblad-inspired scheme, using shower to calculate Sudakovs through successive rejection
    - → New Sherpa, see arXiv:0903.1219
  - 2)Use identical Sudakovs as in shower + fully Markovian shower
    - → MadGraph/MadEvent + Pythia 6.4/8 (in progress)



## MadGraph + Pythia (CKKW)

With perfect matching to shower – no dependence on matching scale (in shower region of validity)



# MadGraph + Pythia (CKKW)

## Advantages:

- No loss of events in matching (factor ~3-5 gain)
- No special shower interface (just run the shower!)
- Full theoretical control
- "Difficult" processes (where I do not trust shower + MLM matching to give good Sudakov description)
  - Processes with b-quarks (pp  $\rightarrow$  H<sup>+/-</sup>tb, pp  $\rightarrow$  Hbb)
  - Processes with colorless t-channel exchange (WBF, tchannel single top)
  - Allows for efficient phase space integration (poles regulated)



# Matching in New Physics production

J.A., de Visscher, Maltoni [arXiv:0810.5350]

- We know that matching of ME+PS is vital for jet production in SM backgrounds
- But is it relevant for heavy BSM particle production?
  - Very hard jets from decays
  - Parton showers expected to be more accurate for larger masses
- Using gluino and squark production as example
- Turns out there are many cases where matching is necessary for precise description!



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### Solved by keeping track of on-shell resonances in the production event files

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Allows to remove double-counted events at later step

- Double-check perform generation without resonant diagrams (gauge-inv. only in NWA)
  - $\rightarrow$  Automatized (specify forbidden s-channel by \$)
  - → Excellent agreement

- Shower "tweakable"
  - Strength for fitting data (after-the-fact)
  - Weakness for predictivity
- Most important parameters used here:
  - Type of shower ( $Q^2$  or  $p_T$ -ordered)
  - Shower starting scale
    - Factorization scale (mass of produced particle) "wimpy"
    - Total energy of collider (14 TeV) "power"
- Wide range of predictions from shower



## QCD radiation for different Pythia shower params



## QCD radiation after matching with MG/ME



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## Dependence on the initial state: gg, qq

600 GeV gluino vs. squark squark production at LHC



## Dependence on SUSY particle mass

## Gluino production at LHC

#### 300 GeV 600 GeV 1200 GeV cross-section (norm. pythia Ht<sub>red</sub> 300 GeV Ht \_ 600 GeV Ht<sub>red</sub> 1200 GeV matched ĝg 607 GeV 600 GeV curve 600 GeV curve 10 400 600 1800 600Sum(pT of QCD radiation) GeV

### Well-determined dependence of radiation on mass



# Jet counting in gluino decay 600 GeV gluino pair production



## Example

J.A., Le, Lisanti, Wacker [arXiv:0803.0019, arXiv:0809.3264]

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## Example



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## Conclusions

- LO jet matching techniques are a powerful complement to matched NLO simulations
- Several approaches available, with different strengths and weaknesses
- Matching important also for simulation of new physics signals
- Continuous development / improvement
  - Sherpa (cf. arXiv:0903.1219)
  - MadGraph/MadEvent + Pythia (in progress)

