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Theoretical Particle Physics in Lund

- **QCD phenomenology**

Event generators: Gösta Gustafson, Torbjörn Sjöstrand, Leif Lönnblad, Malin Sjödahl, Stefan Prestel, Jesper Roy Christiansen, Christian Bierlich

Diffraction, color singlet exchange, factorization: Gösta Gustafson, Johan Rathsman, Roman Pasechnik

Low energy QCD phenomenology, flavor physics: Johan Bijnens, Johan Relefors

- **BSM and cosmology**

Johan Rathsman, Roman Pasechnik, Thomas Rössler, Denis Karateev

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High energy QCD: Event generators

PYTHIA

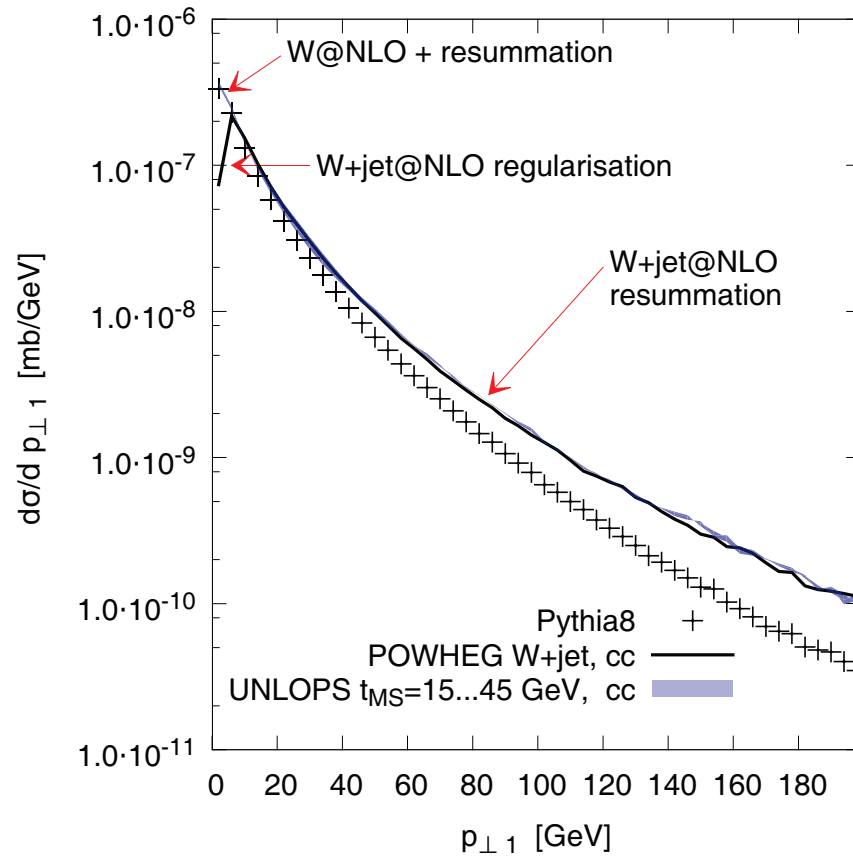
- Torbjörn Sjöstrand
Transition to PYTHIA 8 in C++
- Jesper Roy Christiansen working on W^\pm/Z radiation in PYTHIA

NLO - parton shower matching

- Leif Lönnblad and Stefan Prestel
To accurately describe data at LHC we would like to calculate the hard process at NLO and then combine this with parton showers.
This is tricky, one has to take care not to double count singular regions of phase space. Also necessary to merge showers with different number of emissions, done in PYTHIA.



Results: NLO - parton shower matching



Transverse momentum of hardest jet for $W^{\pm} + \text{jets}$



DIPSY

- Gösta Gustafson, Leif Lönnblad and Christoffer Flensburg (former PhD student)
Small x event generator based on the BFKL equation, includes saturation
Applicable to e , p , and nucleus scattering, used for studying correlations, exclusive events and diffraction
Work continued by Christian Bierlich for nucleus-nucleus

Subleading N_c effects

- Malin Sjödhahl
 N_c suppressed terms in parton showers and fixed order calculations



Diffraction, QCD factorization, color singlet exchange mechanism

- Gösta Gustafson, Leif Lönnblad,
diffraction based on the optical theorem (DIPSY)
- Roman Pasechnik,
Diffractive gauge boson production and issues with QCD
factorization
- Johan Rathsman and Roman Pasechnik et al.,
diffractive W-production as a test of color singlet exchange
mechanism



Low energy QCD

- Hans Bijnens,
Chiral perturbation theory,
Low energy effective field theory for QCD, expanding in
momentum and mass/energy
Higher order corrections from leading logarithmic contributions
of form $(m_{\text{meson}}^2 \log(m_{\text{meson}}^2 / \mu_{\text{renorm}}^2))^n$ - an attempt to improve the
accuracy in chiral perturbation theory
Hadronic corrections to muon anomalous magnetic moment
with Johan Relefors



Beyond the standard model and cosmology

- Johan Rathsman and Thomas Rössler,
Light charged Higgs bosons in the NMSSM
- Johan Rathsman, Hans Bijnens and Jie Lu (former PhD student),
Effects of flavor changing neutral currents from the renormalization group evolution
- Roman Pasechnik, Johan Rathsman and Denis Karateev,
Grand unified theories based on $SU(3)_C \otimes SU(3)_L \otimes SU(3)_R$
- Roman Pasechnik,
Higgs sector in bosonic technicolor models
Cosmological constant from QCD vacuum in quasi-classical gravity



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- MCnet 2013-2016
European union funded Marie Curie research and training network for Monte Carlo event generators
- HadronPhysics 2012-2014





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Treating $N_c = 3 \neq \infty$

- An $N_c = 3 \neq \infty$ parton showers
with Simon Plätzer
JHEP 07 (2012) 042, arXiv:1201.0260
- ColorFull - a C++ package for parton showers
and fixed order calculations in $SU(N_c)$
Work in progress
- Orthogonal bases for $SU(N_c)$ color space
with Stefan Keppeler
JHEP09(2012)124, arXiv:1207.0609
- ColorMath - a Mathematica package for color
summed calculations in $SU(N_c)$
arXiv:1211.2099

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The color space

- We never observe individual colors \rightarrow we are only interested in color summed quantities
- For given external partons, the color space is a finite dimensional **vector space** equipped with a scalar product

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \sum_{a,b,c,\dots} (A_{a,b,c,\dots})^* B_{a,b,c,\dots}$$

Example: If

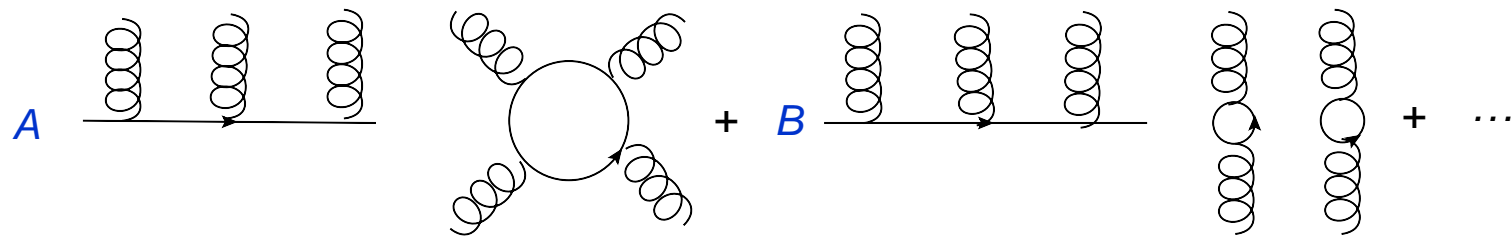
$$A = \sum_g (t^g)^a_b (t^g)^c_d = \sum_g \begin{array}{c} a \\ \curvearrowright \\ b \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \curvearrowleft \\ d \end{array} \begin{array}{c} c \\ \curvearrowleft \\ d \end{array},$$

then $\langle A|A \rangle = \sum_{a,b,c,d,g,h} (t^g)^b_a (t^g)^d_c (t^h)^a_b (t^h)^c_d$

- **We may use any basis** (spanning set)



- In general an amplitude can be written as linear combination of different color structures, like



- This is the kind of “trace bases” used in [ColorFull](#) for the SU(3) parton shower, and in most NLO calculations



An $N_c = 3$ parton shower

In collaboration with Simon Plätzer (DESY)

JHEP 07 (2012) 042, arXiv:1201.0260

- Traditional parton showers such as PYTHIA treats the three colors of nature as infinitely many
- We correct each emission by keeping all terms in an $1/N_c$ expansion
- So far we have studied a LEP-like setting, for which we find small deviations for standard observables
- Now we are working on hadron colliders



ColorFull

For the purpose of treating a general QCD color structure I have written a C++ color algebra code, [ColorFull](#), which:

- Is used in the color shower with Simon Plätzer and in a Higgs + 3 jets at NLO project
- automatically creates a “trace basis” for any number and kind of partons, and to any order in α_s
- describes the effect of gluon emission
- ... and gluon exchange
- squares color amplitudes
- is planned to be published separately



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- **Would be nice with minimal orthogonal basis**



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In collaboration with Stefan Keppeler (Tübingen)

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- This has the potential to very significantly speed up exact calculations in the color space of $SU(N_c)$



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Easy to use Mathematica package for color summed calculations in QCD, $SU(N_c)$

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In[1]:= Get ["/data/Documents/Annatjobb/Color/Mathematica/ColorMath0.90.m"]
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Version: 0.90 (November 8 2012), for Mathematica 7 and 8.
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Author: Malin Sjodahl
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For suggestions and bug reports contact malin.sjodahl@thep.lu.se.
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If you use this package for research, please cite the ColorMath paper.
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In[2]:= Amplitude = T t{g}q1q3 t{g}q4q2 + S t{g}q1q2 t{g}q4q3;
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In[3]:= CSimplify [Amplitude Conjugate [Amplitude /. g -> g2] ]
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Out[3]= 
$$\frac{(-1 + N_c^2) \text{TR}^2 ((N_c S - T) \text{Conjugate}[S] + (-S + N_c T) \text{Conjugate}[T])}{N_c}$$

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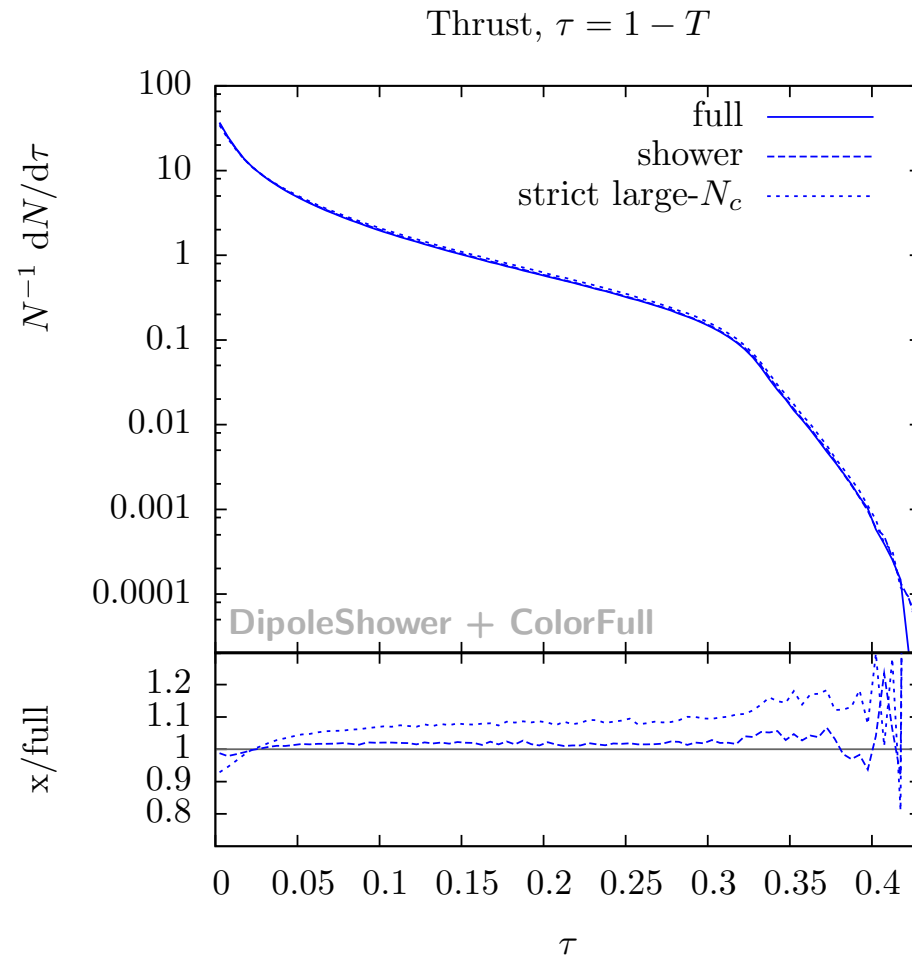
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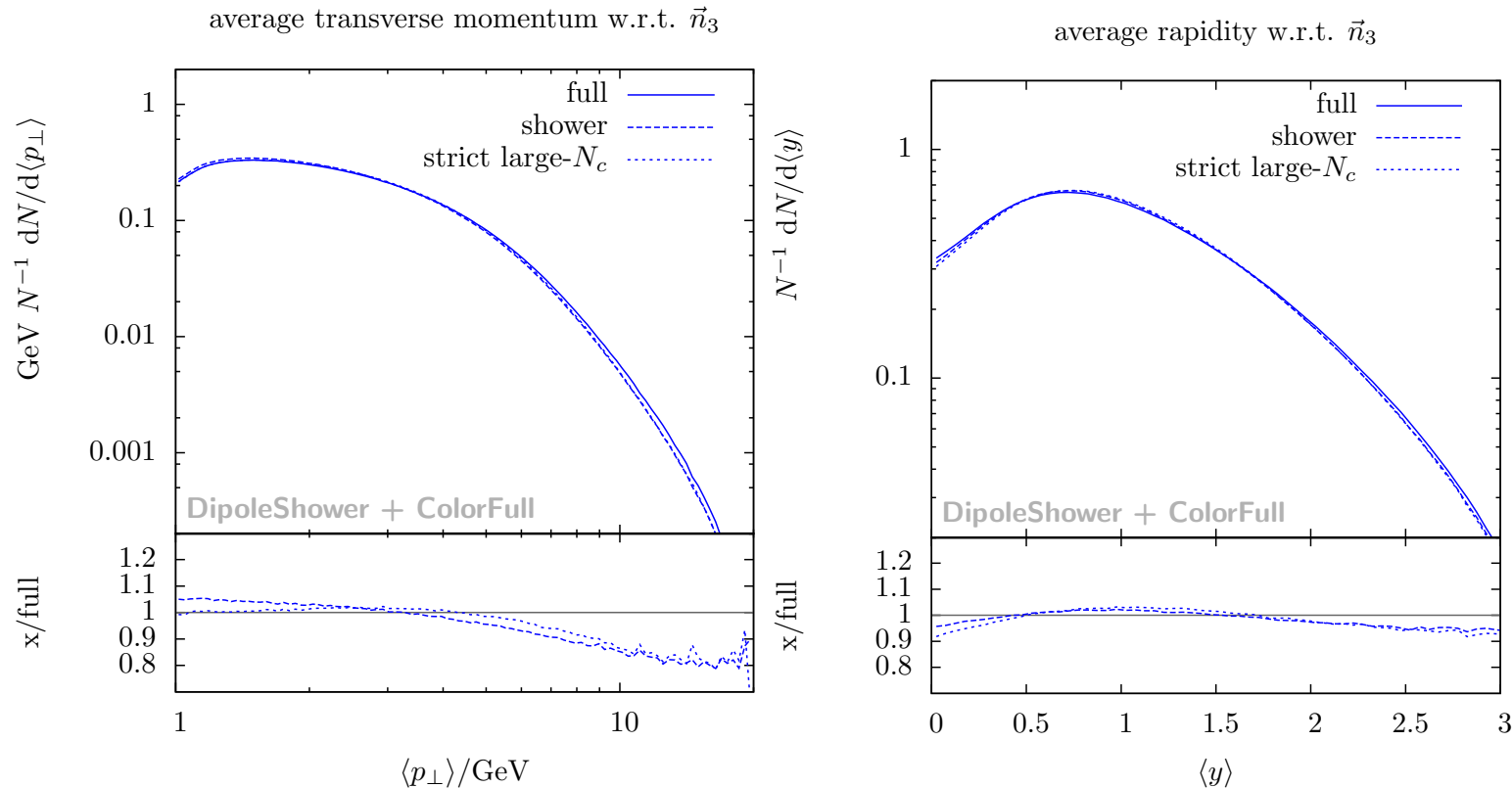
Backup: Thrust

For standard observables small effects, here thrust $T = \max_{\mathbf{n}} \frac{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{n}|}{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i|}$



Backup: Some tailored observables

For tailored observables we find larger differences



Average transverse momentum and rapidity of softer particles with respect to the thrust axis defined by the three hardest partons

