Cluster particle production @SPD experiment. Pythia vs Herwig

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Motivation

- Partons products of hadron-hadron hard scattering are not accessible for direct measurement
- We can get an information about these particles from the final state products resulting from harmonization of quark-gluon shower created by the initial parton
- If the energy of parton is high in the final state a *jet* of particles will be formed, which will correspond to initial parton
- The goals of this study:
 - Understand the admissibility of such approximation at low energies
 - Study processes of parton production at energy region between non-pQCD and pQCD

Event generation

- Pythia8/Herwig/Herwig+MadGraph generators and FastJet package were used
- Energy of collisions $\sqrt{s} = 27 \text{ GeV}$
- Herwig's generation parameters are setup same as Pythia
- Clustered jets were matched to:
 - ➢ hard scattered parton (status = 23) Pythia
 - > Highest p_T parton among all particles Herwig/ Herwig+MadGraph
- To reconstruct parton's p_T decision tree was used
- Considered cases:
 - \succ qg→qγ process
 - All QCD processes

Selection strategies

- anti-kt algorithm with parameter R = 0.4, 0.8, 1.2 was used for jet clustering
- Jet was clustered from final state particles with $p_T > 0.25$ GeV and $\eta < 5$
- Jet should have at least two particles
- $qg \rightarrow q\gamma$ process
 - > Leading jet p_T cuts: $p_{T, jet}$ >3 GeV, >4 GeV, >5 GeV.
 - Leading photon is excluded from jet
- QCD processes (Inclusive case)
 - > Leading jet p_T cuts: $p_{T, jet}$ >3 GeV, >4 GeV, >5 GeV.
 - > At least 2 jets in event
 - > Secondary jet p_T > 2 GeV

Boosted decision tree training

- $qg \rightarrow q\gamma$ process training parameters
 - $\succ p_x$, p_y of leading jet
 - \succ leading jet η
 - ➤ leading jet particle multiplicity
 - > Mean p_T of jet particles
 - $\succ p_x$, p_y of leading and secondary particles in jet
- Inclusive case training parameters
 - $\succ p_x$, p_y of secondary jet in addition to already mentioned parameters
- Jets reconstructed with different R are used together for training

Pythia - $q_{,q} \rightarrow q\gamma$ process



- Regression gives good prediction to parton p_T
- Since cuts on photon doesn't applied, it increases statistics but keep the reconstructed parton p_T same as with cuts



Pythia - QCD processes



- QCD processes produce jets that cannot be simply associated with initial parton
- Problem is caused by events with high p_T jets and low p_T parton
- Regression gives reasonable results for initial parton p_T



Herwig+MadGraph - $qg \rightarrow q\gamma$ process



 Jets have good association with the parton even without any special cuts



Herwig+MadGraph - QCD processes



- Surprisingly, jets have good association with partons
- Apparently, it's related to different jet-parton matching



Herwig - QCD processes





Same situation with herwig without madgraph

Transverse momentum of Herwig/Pythia partons



- Pythia produces hard-scattered partons with "more reasonable" momentum
- Partons used in Herwig has higher momentum, which is closer to momentum of jets

Conclusion and plans

- Kinematical properties of partons and clustered jets were compared on generator level for Pythia and Herwig
- Using regression can be a solution to reconstruct kinematics of initial parton for inclusive case in Pythia
- Since Herwig+MadGraph produces "weird" hard-scattered partons it was decided to use the highest p_T parton in event as initiator parton
- It gives better agreement between jet p_T and parton p_T in comparison to pythia
- Plans:
 - Investigate differences between Pythia and Herwig
 - Repeat this study with full simulation of detector

Back up

Jets at low energies in other experiments

- Jets at low energies were studied in 70s-80s in many experiments: PETRA, SFM 412, Pisa–Stony Brook, AFS etc.
- Since there was not good enough clustering algorithms, single high p_T hadrons and clusters of particles were considered as jets
- Main idea of those experiments was in confirmation of events with jets and measurement cross sections

https://inspirehep.net/literature/179516 https://inspirehep.net/literature/153610 https://inspirehep.net/literature/100764 https://inspirehep.net/literature/188734

$qg \rightarrow q\gamma$ process with prompt photon cuts



- High p_T jets have good association with initial parton
- Regression improve σ but not significantly





Particle multiplicity and pt in event





Clustered jet (ϕ , η) vs parton (ϕ , η)



Jets and partons moves in the same direction

- Jets are clustered with *anti-k_t* algorithm
- Distance between objects in *anti-k*_t algorithm defined as $d_{ij} = \min\left(\frac{1}{k_{ti}^2}, \frac{1}{k_{tj}^2}\right) \frac{\Delta_{ij}^2}{R^2}$, where $\Delta_{ij}^2 = (y_i - y_j)^2 + (\varphi_i - \varphi_j)^2$
- The functionality of the algorithm can be understood by considering an event with a few hard particles and many soft ones
 - If hard particle 1 has no hard neighbours within a distance 2R then we have one perfectly conical jet
 - ► If another hard particle 2 is present such that $R < \Delta_{12} < 2R$ then we have two jets with some overlapping parts
 - > If distance between particles 1 and 2 Δ_{12} < *R* then both formed one jet

Process $qg \rightarrow q\gamma$ cross section ($\sqrt{s} = 27 \text{ GeV}$)



- Expected instantaneous luminosity $10^{32} cm^{-2} s^{-1}$
- For 100 days of work integral luminosity ~ $10^5 nb^{-1}$
- We have enough statistics even for high p_T partons
- For partons with $p_T > 3GeV$ we expect ~ 10^6 events