Documentation of the project: ISR jet tagging

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Chapter 1

Introduction

During the last semester of 2014, I made my Undergraduate Thesis Project entitled "*Design of algorithms to identify high momentum Initial State Radiation (ISR) Jets in proton – proton collision events*", under the supervision of Juan Carlos Sanabria, Ph.D.. As the name suggests, the project consisted in the proposal of an algorithm to identify ISR jets. Due to the promising results, I was employed during the first semester of 2015 under the charge "Joven Investigador" of COLCIENCIAS in order to improve the initially obtained results. Throughout this time, several codes and programs were developed. To encourage the continuation of this project, this report has been written with a summary of all the technical work done so far.

In practical matters, one of the main drawbacks of Quantum Field Theory (QFD) is the inherent difficulty of its calculations. Feynman diagrams are not easy to solve and specially when high orders are involved. Consequently, the usage of algorithms and computer simulations have played an important role in the prediction of numerical results thanks to the great calculation power of modern computers. Several programs have been written with this purpose and today there exists a machinery which combines QFD, statistical models and Monte Carlo methods to reproduce High Energy Physics experiments.

In this project, three of those programs were used: MadGraph 5.2 (MadEvent) [1], Pythia 8.2 [2] [3] and Delphes 3.2 [4] with the aim of simulating proton - proton collision events. The description of those programs and their

particular purposes in the project are described in chapter 2. In addition, chapter 2 includes the explanation of the codes and the scripts that were developed both to integrate those programs, and to run the simulations under specific conditions.

In despite of the fact that those simulations demanded a huge amount of computational time, they just served as inputs of the algorithms written throughout the project, which contain the main proposed analysis and ideas. Altogether, four algorithms were elaborated. Each of them are explained in chapter 3, where their documentation and an overall description are presented.

Finally, chapter four includes a brief description of some software tools that were introduced to the project. Specifically, this project used C++ codes which included root libraries instead of root macros. This transition reduced the execution time of the algorithms six times. Additionally, the development environment *Eclipse* was also introduced, which made easier the programming process. Overall, these tools dramatically improved the technical work of the project.

Chapter 2

Simulation chain

"*Divide et impera*",
"Divide and conquer"

Philip II of Macedon

At first glance, there is not clear why it is necessary to use three programs at the simulation stage instead of just one. The answer is quite simple: each one of those programs has been developed to run a specific task in the simulation process, and therefore, each one has been optimized to do it as accurate and fast as possible. While MadGraph and Pythia are responsible for the simulation of high energy collision's Physics, Delphes takes the final state particles produces by the former programs, and determines which would be the corresponding response of a detector. This scheme is useful as it maintains the detector apart from the main calculations of the simulation. Additionally, it makes changing the experiment parameters as simple as modifying Delphes execution specifications.

As presented before, MadGraph and Pythia handle the Physics of the collision. There are again more than a single program for this task, and now the reason lies in the limits of the theoretical models. At the very first moment of the collision when the Energy Density of the System is high enough, perturbative Quantum Chromo-Dynamics (pQCD), Quantum Electro-Dynamics (QED) and ElectroWeak Theory are the most accurate models known so far.

MadGraph, and specifically MadEvent, use them to calculate the transverse sections of a particular channel defined by the user. From this calculation and Monte Carlo models, it randomly establishes the kinematic variables of the resulting particles of the collision.

Once the energy density of the collision has been reduced significantly, the models used by MadGraph are not valid, and then Pythia appears in the scene. The particles resulting from MadGraph are taken by Pythia, which makes the evolution to a multi-hadronic final state [2]. The task run by Pythia involves the usage of Monte Carlo techniques to simulate hadronization, decays and showers. Finally, the particles obtained at the end of the Pythia simulation are the inputs of the Delphes simulation.

Although the usage of several programs for the simulation means better results, it also implies the challenge of connecting them. This task has already done inside the MadGraph package, which connects MadEvent + Pythia 6 + Delphes / PGS[1]. However, the version of Pythia included there (6th) is old and does not offer the possibility of controlling ISR emissions as the last one (8th) does. Because ISR emission was the main focus of the project, it was necessary to use Pythia 8 instead of Pythia 6 and therefore to develop the integration of MadGraph 5.2, Pythia 8.2 and Delphes 3.2.

Throughout this chapter, the codes and scripts written to achieve the simulation will be explained. One section is devoted to each program and another one presents the script that connects the three programs. Finally, the last section of this chapter present the procedure known as Matching between MadGraph and Pythia, which ensures that the Physics calculations made by each program correspond to the Energy scale that each one should handle.

2.1 MadGraph 5.2

The most basic procedure to simulate collision events using MadGraph is by means of its executable program. Follow the next steps to run a set of simulations of the channel $p\ p\ \rightarrow t\ \tilde{t}$. It is important that MadGraph has

[1] *Pretty Good Simulation*, PGS, is another program for detector simulation

been correctly installed [2].

1. In the folder where MadGraph has been installed, type:
   `./bin/mg5_aMC`
2. Once MadGraph has been initialized, import the Standard Model parameters:
   `import model sm`
3. Generate the event $p\ p\ \rightarrow t\ \tilde{t}$:
   `generate p p > t t~`
4. Create an output folder where all the simulation files will be saved, in this case test_t_tbar:
   `output test_t_tbar`
5. Launch the Feynman diagrams production:
   `launch -m`
   and select the number of cores you want to use for the simulation
6. Turn off Pythia and other programs[3]. You can switch off and on by typing the number before the program (type 1 to toggle pythia, for instance). Then, press enter.
7. Modify the `run_card.dat` file by typing 2. Write `:32` and press enter to go to line 32, then type `i` and press enter to modify the file. Change the number of events from 10000 to 1000. Press `Esc` and write `:wq` to write and quit.
8. Press enter to run the simulation

Although simple, the latter approach is not the best as it requires the user interaction several times to configure the simulation, which is not desirable when more than a single simulation will be performed. In such situations,

[2] A full set of instructions to install MadGraph and other High Energy Physics programs can be found at `http://goo.gl/vigBdj`

[3] This project uses the last version of Pythia (8.2) instead of the sixth version that uses MadGraph

all the configuration parameters can be defined trough an input file. For the previous example, the input file would be:

```
import model sm
generate p p > t t~
output test_t_tbar -f
launch -m
2
pythia=OFF
Template/LO/Cards/run_card.dat
models/sm_v4/param_card.dat
```

where 2 corresponds to the number of cores used in the simulation, `run_card.dat` is the default file of MadGraph and `param_card.dat` contains the Standard Model parameters and values. Here, these two files correspond to the default ones that MadGraph provide. In order to use another set of configuration parameters, the files should be copied to another location and modified according to desired simulation conditions.

The input file may be saved as `mg5_input.mg5` and the simulation can be executed as:

```
./bin/mg5_aMC -f mg5_input.mg5
```
[4]

As a result of the simulation by MadGraph, the output folder contains several folders with all the information related to the simulation. The folder `Cards` for instance, contains some parameter cards used in the simulation, while the folder `HTML`, and specially the file `info.html` present the Feynman diagrams created by MadGraph. The events resulting from the simulation are found in the folder `Events/run_01` in the form of two files: a root file called `unweighted_events.root` and a compressed Les Houches Event file with name `unweighted_events.lhe`.

[4]Observe that it is supposed that `mg5_input.mg5` is localed at the MadGraph folder and that the command is run from the same directory. If not, the execution instruction and the input file should contain the full path accordingly.

2.2 Pythia 8.2

The simulation carried out by MadGraph is now passed to Pythia, which takes the file `unweighted_events.lhe` as input.

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