

Particle Physics Phenomenology exercise 3

1. a) The splitting kernel

$$P_{g \rightarrow q\bar{q}} \propto z^2 + (1-z)^2$$

is related to the QED angular relation

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}) \propto 1 + \cos^2\theta .$$

Show how one may go from one to the other.

Hint: Use fraction of the lightcone variable $p^+ = E + p_z$ as z definition.

- b) How could correspondingly the splitting kernel

$$P_{q \rightarrow qg} \propto \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$$

be interpreted in terms of angles?

2. a) Show that the eikonal expression

$$d\sigma_{n+1} = d\sigma_n \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3 2\omega} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n g_s \mathbf{T}_i \frac{\mathbf{p}_i}{p_i k} \right|^2$$

leads to

$$\frac{d\sigma_3}{\sigma_2} \propto \frac{dE_3}{E_3} d\Omega_3 \frac{a_{12}}{a_{13}a_{23}} .$$

- b) Show that the $q\bar{q}g$ matrix element, as a function of x_1 and x_2 , can be recast into the same form in the soft-gluon limit.

Hint for part b: it is enough that you show this correspondence in the CM frame. Then, in the soft-gluon limit, you are allowed to assume that partons 1 and 2 are back-to-back, which simplifies the variable transformation.

3. Do a toy Monte Carlo simulation, i.e. write your own simple code from scratch, using the veto algorithm, to estimate the number of branchings of a quark at LEP1 energies, $E_{\text{cm}} = 91 \text{ GeV}$ ($= Q_{\text{max}}$). Assume a fix $\alpha_s = 0.15$, a lower evolution cutoff $Q_{\text{min}} = Q_0 = 1 \text{ GeV}$, and that only emissions with $z < 0.99$ are to be studied.

4. a) Use e^+e^- annihilation as an environment for the clean study of final-state QCD radiation. Specifically study how the average number of final-state partons increases with E_{cm} , say 25, 50 100 and 200 GeV.

Hint: some useful settings are

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Beams:idA = 11
Beams:idB = -11
Beams:eCM = ...
PDF:lepton = off
WeakSingleBoson:ffbar2gmZ = on
HadronLevel:all = off
23:onMode = off
23:onIfAny = 1 2 3 4 5
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(or only 23:onIfAny = 1 2 to come closer to a comparison with quark jets at the LHC).

- b) Compare it with the number of gluons emitted directly from the q or \bar{q} .

Hint: these need not be final, only have a mother parton that is a q or \bar{q} .