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Stefano Catani and The Dipole Subtraction Algorithm

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The University of Manchester Stefano and me

- October 1989: First postdoc in Cambridge, PhD in Cambridge
- October 1991: CERN Fellow
- October 1992: First postdoc in Lund, started collaborating with **Stefano and Yuri Dokshitzer**
- February 1993: Catani, Dokshitzer, Seymour and Webber, Longitudinally invariant Kt clustering algorithms for hadron hadron collisions, Nucl. Phys. B 406 (1993) 187
- October 1993: Returned to Florence
- August 1994: QCD Summer Institute at Gran Sasso National Lab
 - Started work on Dipole Subtraction Algorithm



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- January 1995: CERN Fellow began regular visits to Florence
- February 1996: Catani and Seymour, The Dipole formalism for the calculation of QCD jet cross-sections at next-to-leading order, Phys. Lett. B 378 (1996) 287
- May 1996: Catani and Seymour, A General algorithm for calculating jet cross-sections in NLO, Nucl. Phys. B 485 (1997) 291
- October 1996: Catani, Seymour and Trócsányi, Regularization scheme independence and unitarity in QCD cross sections, Phys. Rev. D55 (1997) 6819
- January 1997: moved to Rutherford Appleton Lab theory group
- July 1997: Seymour, Jet shapes in hadron collisions: Higher orders, resummation and hadronization, Nucl. Phys. B 513 (1998) 269, strongly encouraged by Stefano



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- October 1997: Keith Ellis became first person to use Catani–Seymour algorithm, discovered error in Initial-Initial kinematics
- November 1997: Catani and Seymour, A General algorithm for calculating jet cross-sections in NLO, Erratum Nucl. Phys. B 510 (1998) 503
- October 1998: Catani and Grazzini, ... NNLO QCD ...
- May 1999: Catani and Seymour, Corrections of O (alpha S^2) to the forward backward asymmetry, JHEP 07 (1999) 023
- January 2002: Catani, Dittmaier, Seymour and Trócsányi, The Dipole formalism for NLO QCD calculations with massive partons, Nucl. Phys. B 627 (2002) 189





The Dipole Subtraction Algorithm

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- The algorithm
 - Important details
 - Parton masses
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- Spurious singularities
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The Dipole Subtraction Algorithm

Context

$$\sigma_{LO} = \int_{m} d\Phi^{(m)} \left| \mathcal{M}_{m} \right|^{2} F_{J}^{(m)} (\Phi^{(m)})$$

$$\sigma_{NLO} = \sigma_{R} + \sigma_{V},$$

$$\sigma_{R} = \int_{m+1} d\Phi^{(m+1)} \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1} \right|^{2} F_{J}^{(m+1)} (\Phi^{(m+1)}),$$

$$\sigma_{V} = \int_{m} d\Phi^{(m)} \left| \mathcal{M}_{m} \right|_{1-\text{loop}}^{2} F_{J}^{(m)} (\Phi^{(m)}),$$

• σ_R and σ_V separately divergent – how to combine without knowing F_J ?





The University of Manchester Phase Space Slicing

$$\sigma_R \approx \int_{m+1} d\Phi^{(m+1)} |\mathcal{M}_{m+1}|^2 \Theta(y - y_{cut}) F_J^{(m+1)}(\Phi^{(m+1)}) + \int_{m+1} d\Phi^{(m+1)} |\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{m+1}|^2 \Theta(y_{cut} - y) F_J^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m)})$$

- Fabricius, Kramer, Schierholz & Schmitt, 1981
- Kramer & Lampe, 1989
- Baer, Ohnemus & Owens, 1990
- Klasen & Kramer, 1995, Mirkes & Zeppenfeld, 1995
- Giele & Glover, 1992, & Kosower, 1993





The University of Manchester Subtraction Algorithms

$$\sigma_{R} - \sigma_{S} = \int_{m+1} \mathrm{d}\Phi^{(m+1)} \left\{ \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1} \right|^{2} F_{J}^{(m+1)} (\Phi^{(m+1)}) - \left| \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{m+1} \right|^{2} F_{J}^{(m)} (\widetilde{\Phi}^{(m)} (\Phi^{(m+1)})) \right\},\$$

$$\sigma_{V} + \sigma_{S} = \int_{m} \mathrm{d}\Phi^{(m)} \left\{ \left| \mathcal{M}_{m} \right|_{1-\mathrm{loop}}^{2} + \int \mathrm{d}\Phi^{(1)} \left| \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{m+1} \right|^{2} \right\} F_{J}^{(m)} (\Phi^{(m)}).$$

- K.Ellis, Ross & Terrano, 1981
- S.Ellis, Kunszt & Soper, 1989 & 1992
- Kunszt & Nason, EVENT program 1989
- Graudenz, 1995
- Frixione, Kunszt & Signer, 1996





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$$\sigma_{R} - \sigma_{S} = \int_{m+1} d\Phi^{(m+1)} \left\{ |\mathcal{M}_{m+1}|^{2} F_{J}^{(m+1)}(\Phi^{(m+1)}) - \sum_{ij,k} |\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{A(ij,k)}|^{2} F_{J}^{(m)}(\widetilde{\Phi}_{ij,k}^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m+1)})) \right\},$$

$$\sigma_{V} + \sigma_{S} = \int_{m} d\Phi^{(m)} \left\{ |\mathcal{M}_{m}|_{1-\text{loop}}^{2} + \int d\Phi^{(1)} \sum_{i,k} |\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{A(i,k)}|^{2} \right\} F_{J}^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m)})$$

- General subtraction matrix element calculated from soft and collinear structure of QCD matrix elements
- Exact factorization of emission phase space



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The University of Manchester Important Details

- 1. "Dipole" structure is partitioned into emitter and spectator
 - Both final state:

 $\frac{p_i p_k}{(p_i p_j)(p_k p_j)} = \frac{p_i p_k}{(p_i p_j)(p_i p_j + p_k p_j)} + \frac{p_i p_k}{(p_k p_j)(p_k p_j + p_i p_j)} \quad \text{Final-state parton } p_k$

• Final state – initial state

 $\frac{p_i p_a}{(p_i p_j)(p_a p_j)} = \frac{p_i p_a}{(p_i p_j)(p_i p_j + p_a p_j)} + \frac{p_i p_a}{(p_a p_j)(p_a p_j + p_i p_j)} \quad \text{Initial-stat}$

Initial-state parton p_a

- Disobeys naïve crossing
- Allows soft-collinear to be combined with collinear





2. Colour correlations

$$\left|\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{A(ij,k)}\right|^2 = \frac{-1}{2p_i p_j} {}_m \langle \widetilde{\Phi}^{(m)} | \frac{\boldsymbol{T}_k \cdot \boldsymbol{T}_{ij}}{\boldsymbol{T}_{ij}^2} \boldsymbol{V}_{ij,k} | \widetilde{\Phi}^{(m)} \rangle_m$$

• T_i = colour-charge matrix in representation of parton *i*

- Physical matrix elements are colourless vectors in colour space
 - (conservation of colour)

$$\left(\sum_{i}^{m} \boldsymbol{T}_{i}
ight) |\widetilde{\Phi}^{(m)}
angle_{m} = 0$$





- Exact phase space factorization 3.
 - physical parton configurations cover full phase space – smooth subtraction cross section
 - modified kinematics for each identified parton direction







4. All integration constants and functions are simple and universal

$$-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{b}\int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}z \left((z(1-z))^{-\epsilon}\hat{P}_{ab}(z;\epsilon) = 2C_{a}\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \gamma_{a} + \left(K_{a} - \frac{\pi^{2}}{6}C_{a}\right)\epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{2})$$

+ $\gamma_g=eta_0,\,K_g=$ CMW scheme parameter

• ISR and FSR distribution function convolutions equal

$$\overline{K}^{ab}(x) = \delta^{ab} \left[C_a \left(\frac{2}{1-x} \ln \frac{1-x}{x} \right)_+ - \delta(1-x) \left(\gamma_a + K_a - \frac{5}{6} \pi^2 C_a \right) \right]$$
$$+ P^{ab}_{\text{reg}}(x) \ln \frac{1-x}{x} + \hat{P}'_{ab}(x)$$
$$\hat{P}_{ab}(x;\epsilon) = \delta_{ab} C_a \frac{2}{1-x} + P^{ab}_{\text{reg}}(x) + \epsilon \hat{P}'_{ab}(x) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$





5. Observable calculated for every subtraction configuration

$$\sigma_{R} - \sigma_{S} = \int_{m+1} \mathrm{d}\Phi^{(m+1)} \left\{ \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1} \right|^{2} F_{J}^{(m+1)}(\Phi^{(m+1)}) - \sum_{ij,k} \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{A(ij,k)} \right|^{2} F_{J}^{(m)}(\widetilde{\Phi}_{ij,k}^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m+1)})) \right\},$$

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• Nagy and Trócsánsyi 1997 – additional cutoff and partitioning



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The University of Manchester Parton Masses

- In principle straightforward
 - but lots of technical complications...
 - Catani, Dittmaier, Seymour and Trócsányi, 2002
- Key requirement: smooth mapping to massless algorithm
 - (when massive parton unidentified)
 - →mass logarithms under analytical control
- One "missing" dipole contribution

• Stefano: no proof of factorization into universal PDFs





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	leading order			next-to-leading order			
bin	DISASTER++	MEPJET	DISENT	DISASTER++	MEPJET	DISENT	
1	$50.6\pm$ 0.12	50.7 ± 0.13	50.7 ± 0.15	$58.6\pm$ 1.29	$72.9\pm$ 1.56	$54.7\pm$ 2.1	
2	$27.1\pm$ 0.05	$27.1\pm$ 0.16	$27.0{\pm}0.07$	$36.4\pm$ 0.57	$40.0\pm$ 0.84	$34.9\pm$ 1.0	
3	$8.51\pm~0.02$	$8.51\pm$ 0.02	$8.52\pm$ 0.02	$13.8\pm$ 0.35	$13.3\pm$ 0.43	$13.9\pm$ 0.2	
4	$49.8{\pm}0.10$	49.7 ± 0.05	49.6 ± 0.14	41.2 ± 0.55	47.2 ± 0.91	$41.9\pm$ 0.38	
5	$29.0\pm$ 0.05	$29.0\pm$ 0.03	$28.8\pm$ 0.07	$27.3\pm$ 0.52	$28.2\pm$ 0.42	$26.4\pm$ 0.19	
6	$9.09\pm$ 0.01	9.07 ± 0.01	$9.04\pm$ 0.02	$9.58\pm$ 0.06	$9.16\pm$ 0.15	$9.54\pm$ 0.06	
7	$30.6\pm$ 0.08	30.5 ± 0.04	30.5 ± 0.12	$32.0\pm$ 0.34	$36.3\pm$ 0.59	$32.4\pm$ 0.52	





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- MCFM Campbell & K.Ellis, 1998
 - general framework for Monte Carlo for FeMtobarn processes
 - ~ 200 processes ~ 7000 citations!
- NLOJET++ Nagy & Trócsányi, 1998
 - 2-jet and 3-jet cross sections in hadron–hadron collisions, 4-jet in e⁺e⁻
- Herwig/Matchbox & Sherpa
 - full automation for arbitrary processes



- Corrections of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ to the forward backward asymmetry
 - Catani & Seymour, 1999
 - Early example of "NNLO local subtraction" method ullet

$$\begin{split} A_{FB}(e^{+}e^{-} \to b\bar{b}) &= \frac{\sigma(\theta > 90^{\circ}) - \sigma(\theta < 90^{\circ})}{\sigma(\theta > 90^{\circ}) + \sigma(\theta < 90^{\circ})} \\ &\equiv \frac{\sigma_{A}}{\sigma_{S}} = \frac{\sigma_{A}^{(0)} + \sigma_{A}^{(1)R} + \sigma_{A}^{(1)V} + \sigma_{A}^{(2)VV} + \sigma_{A}^{(2)RV} + \sigma_{A}^{(2)RR}}{\sigma_{S}^{(0)} + \sigma_{S}^{(1)R} + \sigma_{S}^{(1)V} + \sigma_{S}^{(2)VV} + \sigma_{S}^{(2)RV} + \sigma_{S}^{(2)RR}} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_{A}^{(0)}}{\sigma_{S}^{(0)}} \bigg[1 + \bigg(1 - \frac{\sigma_{S}^{(1)}}{\sigma_{S}^{(0)}} \bigg) \left(\frac{\sigma_{A}^{(1)R}}{\sigma_{A}^{(0)}} - \frac{\sigma_{S}^{(1)R}}{\sigma_{S}^{(0)}} \right) \right] \\ &\quad \text{One-loop V and two-loop VV} \\ &\quad \text{cancel in dim reg} \\ &\quad + \frac{\sigma_{A}^{(2)RV}}{\sigma_{A}^{(0)}} - \frac{\sigma_{S}^{(2)RV}}{\sigma_{S}^{(0)}} + \frac{\sigma_{A}^{(2)RR}}{\sigma_{A}^{(0)}} - \frac{\sigma_{S}^{(2)RR}}{\sigma_{S}^{(0)}} \bigg] \\ &\quad \text{NLO integral calculated with} \\ &\quad \text{standard dipole subtraction method} \\ &\quad (+ \text{ extra complication from 4b final states)} \end{split}$$





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 - Were able to resolve long-standing discrepancy between Altarelli & Lampe and Ravindram & van Neerven
 - (neither was correct! But RvN only by numerically-insignificant 4b term)
 - And able to use any axis definition, e.g. thrust axis, like experiments
 - Removed 1% uncertainty from global EW fits
 - (remaining uncertainty estimated ~0.5%)
 - (final LEP/SLC uncertainty ~2%)





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$$\begin{split} B_{\rm lc} &= + \frac{122400z^7 - 244800z^6 + 157060z^5 - 31000z^4 + 2064z^3 + 72305z^2 - 143577z + 63298}{1440(1-z)z^4} \\ &- \frac{-244800z^9 + 673200z^8 - 667280z^7 + 283140z^6 - 48122z^5 + 2716z^4 - 6201z^3 + 11309z^2 - 9329z + 3007}{720(1-z)z^5}g_1^{(1)} \\ &- \frac{244800z^8 - 550800z^7 + 422480z^6 - 126900z^5 + 13052z^4 - 336z^3 + 17261z^2 - 38295z + 19938}{720(1-z)z^4}g_2^{(1)} \\ &+ \frac{4z^7 + 10z^6 - 17z^5 + 25z^4 - 96z^3 + 296z^2 - 211z + 87}{24(1-z)z^5}g_1^{(2)} \\ &+ \frac{-40800z^8 + 61200z^7 - 28480z^6 + 4040z^5 - 320z^4 - 160z^3 + 1126z^2 - 4726z + 3323}{120z^5}g_2^{(2)} \\ &- \frac{1 - 11z}{48z^{7/2}}g_3^{(2)} - \frac{120z^6 + 60z^5 + 160z^4 - 2246z^3 + 8812z^2 - 10159z + 4193}{120(1-z)z^5}g_4^{(2)} \\ &- 2\left(85z^4 - 170z^3 + 116z^2 - 31z + 3\right)g_1^{(3)} + \frac{-4z^3 + 18z^2 - 21z + 5}{6(1-z)z^5}g_2^{(3)} + \frac{z^2 + 1}{12(1-z)}g_3^{(3)}, \end{split}$$

where the $g_m^{(n)}$ are pure functions of uniform transcendental weight n. Their explicit definitions are





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The University of Manchester Catani–Seymour dipole showers

- Exact phase space factorization
- Partitioned dipole kinematics / local recoil
- Colour correlations → leading colour
 - Nagy & Soper, 2005 (DEDUCTOR)
 - Dinsdale, Ternick & Weinzierl arXiv:0709.1026
 - Schumann & Krauss arXiv:0709.1027, Winter & Krauss arXiv:0712.3913 (SHERPA)
 - Drell-Yan recoil only from first emission
 - Plätzer & Gieseke, 2009 (HERWIG)
 - modified recoil scheme for initial state partons
 - Höche & Prestel, 2015 (DIRE SHERPA & PYTHIA)
 - aiming for NLL accuracy
 - Höche (MCnet build-your-own-parton-shower tutorial), 2016 –





The University of Manchester Catani–Seymour dipole showers – the next generation

- Dasgupta, Dreyer, Hamilton, Monni, Salam & Soyez, 2020
 - pointed out impossibility of reaching NLL accuracy with local recoil
 - PanScales (PanGlobal)
 - systematic studies of recoil and partitioning
 - first NNLL (final state) shower, 2024
- Forshaw, Holguin & Plätzer, 2020
 - explorations beyond leading colour
 - systematic studies of recoil and partitioning
- Herren, Höche, Krauss, Reichelt & Schoenherr, 2023 (ALARIC SHERPA)
- Seymour & Sule, 2024
 - GPU implementation (based on Höche tutorial) ~ 250 x faster than CPU





The University of Manchester Subtractive NLO Matching
- MC@NLO and friends

$$\sigma_{H} = \int_{m+1} d\Phi^{(m+1)} \left\{ |\mathcal{M}_{m+1}|^{2} - |\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{m+1}|^{2} \right\} I_{J}^{(m+1)}(\Phi^{(m+1)}),$$

$$\sigma_{S} = \int_{m} d\Phi^{(m)} \left\{ |\mathcal{M}_{m}|^{2} + |\mathcal{M}_{m}|^{2}_{1-loop} + \int d\Phi^{(1)} |\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{m+1}|^{2} \right\} I_{J}^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m)}).$$

$$I_{J}^{(m+1)}(\Phi^{(m+1)}) = F_{J}^{(m+1)}(\Phi^{(m+1)}) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{s})$$

$$I_{J}^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m)}) = F_{J}^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m)}) + \int d\Phi^{(1)} \frac{|\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{m+1}|^{2}}{|\mathcal{M}_{m}|^{2}} \left\{ F_{J}^{(m+1)}(\Phi^{(m+1)}) - F_{J}^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m)}) \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{s}^{2})$$

- Frixione & Webber, 2002
- Parton shower finite *m* and *m*+1 parton events without double-counting
- Using Catani–Seymour shower allows easy automation → Herwig & Sherpa





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The University of Manchester Spurious Singularities

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$$\sigma_{V} + \sigma_{S} = \int_{m} d\Phi^{(m)} \left\{ \left| \mathcal{M}_{m} \right|_{1-\text{loop}}^{2} + \int d\Phi^{(1)} \sum_{i,k} \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{A(i,k)} \right|^{2} \right\} F_{J}^{(m)} (\Phi^{(m)}).$$

- Subtraction cross section matches all singularities of real cross section
- But not guaranteed not to introduce new ("spurious") singularities
- E.g. $e^+e^- \rightarrow 4$ partons with q and qbar back to back
- Not a problem in subtraction algorithm



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The University of Manchester Spurious Singularities

• But other applications separate them

$$\sigma_{R} - \sigma_{S} = \int_{m+1} \mathrm{d}\Phi^{(m+1)} \left\{ \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1} \right|^{2} - \sum_{ij,k} \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{A(ij,k)} \right|^{2} \right\} F_{J}^{(m+1)}(\Phi^{(m+1)}) \\ + \int_{m+1} \mathrm{d}\Phi^{(m+1)} \sum_{ij,k} \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{A(ij,k)} \right|^{2} \left\{ F_{J}^{(m+1)}(\Phi^{(m+1)}) - F_{J}^{(m)}(\widetilde{\Phi}_{ij,k}^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m+1)})) \right\}.$$

- E.g. second line = dipole shower,
- first line = subtractive matching H event





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- Introduce factor $R^{(ij,k)}(\Phi^{(m+1)})$
 - \rightarrow 1 in all singular limits

 \rightarrow 0 in all spurious singular limits

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{R} - \sigma_{S} &= \int_{m+1} \mathrm{d}\Phi^{(m+1)} \Biggl\{ \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1} \right|^{2} - \sum_{ij,k} R^{(ij,k)} \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{A(ij,k)} \right|^{2} \Biggr\} F_{J}^{(m+1)}(\Phi^{(m+1)}) \\ &+ \int_{m+1} \mathrm{d}\Phi^{(m+1)} \sum_{ij,k} R^{(ij,k)} \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{A(ij,k)} \right|^{2} \Biggl\{ F_{J}^{(m+1)}(\Phi^{(m+1)}) - F_{J}^{(m)}(\widetilde{\Phi}_{ij,k}^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m+1)})) \Biggr\}, \\ \sigma_{V} + \sigma_{S} &= \int_{m} \mathrm{d}\Phi^{(m)} \Biggl\{ \left| \mathcal{M}_{m} \right|_{1-\mathrm{loop}}^{2} + \int \mathrm{d}\Phi^{(1)} \sum_{i,k} \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{A(i,k)} \right|^{2} \\ &- \int \mathrm{d}\Phi^{(1)} \sum_{i,k} \left(1 - R^{(i,k)} \right) \left| \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{A(i,k)} \right|^{2} \Biggr\} F_{J}^{(m)}(\Phi^{(m)}). \end{split}$$





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• E.g.
$$R^{(ij,k)} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{\mu^2}}$$
 where μ = scale of hard process
• E.g. coefficient of α_s^2 in $\langle 1 - \text{thrust} \rangle$

	M4*F4-Msub*F3	Msub*(F4-F3)	(M4-Msub)*F4	3-parton	Total
Standard	14.68±0.05	95.24±5.98	-80.56±5.98	30.31±0.04	44.99±0.07
Conv. factor	43.13±0.06	32.39±0.06	10.75±0.05	1.85±0.05	44.99±0.07

MHS & J. Whitehead, in preparation (started with Stefano in 1996) ullet

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The University of Manchester Summary



- The Dipole Subtraction Algorithm has been a major enabling development in QCD
 - Initiated and driven by Stefano
- 100s of NLO calculations, used in 1000s of experimental measurements
- Catani–Seymour dipole showers were a major surprise
 - Some advantages
 - But also some disadvantages
- Spurious Singularities can be cured with Convergence Factors (in preparation)
- Stefano's ultimate goal was the automation of NNLO





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