## Towards $N_{c}=3$ parton showers

- Brief parton shower overview
- Why $N_{c}$ suppressed terms may be important
- Some $N_{c}=3$ shower challenges
- First results from an $S U(3)$, rather than $S U(\infty)$ parton shower, in collaboration with Simon Plätzer
- Remaining shower and event generator challenges


## An ordinary parton shower

- Treats:

$$
p \otimes f \otimes \text { spin average } \otimes N_{c} \rightarrow \infty \text { color }
$$

- Emits one particle at the time
- Assumes an ordering variable like $k_{\perp}$, virtuality, angle

$$
\Delta(t)=\exp \left(-\int_{t_{0}}^{t} \frac{d t^{\prime}}{t^{\prime}} \alpha_{\mathrm{s}}\left(t^{\prime}\right) \int \ldots\right)
$$

- Resums large logs which compensate for the smallness of $\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}$
- is a Markov process at the $|A|^{2}$ level
(the next step depends on the state, but not on the history)



## The first generation parton shower

- A parton can be seen as emitted from one other parton using pure $1 \rightarrow 2$ splitting (JETSET)

- Resums the collinear splitting probability using DGLAP splitting functions

$$
\Delta_{k}(t)=\exp \left(-\sum_{i} \int_{t_{0}}^{t} \frac{d t^{\prime}}{t^{\prime}} \alpha_{\mathrm{s}}\left(t^{\prime}\right) \int \frac{d z}{2 \pi} P_{i k}\right)
$$



## A second generation parton shower

- Resums also the softly enhanced radiation probabilities in the $N_{c} \rightarrow \infty$ limit

$$
\Delta_{k}(t)=\exp \left(-\frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{\text {dipoles i.j. (i) }} \int_{t_{0}}^{t} \frac{d t^{\prime}}{t^{\prime}} \alpha_{\mathrm{s}}\left(t^{\prime}\right) \int \frac{d y d \phi}{2 \pi} \frac{k_{T}^{2} p_{i} \cdot p_{j}}{2 p_{i} \cdot k p_{j} \cdot k}\right)
$$

- In the soft limit a parton can be seen as being emitted coherently from a pair of color connected partons, $2 \rightarrow 3$ splitting from a color point of view




## A dipole shower in the large $N_{c}$ limit

- A dipole shower can easily be thought of in the $N_{c} \rightarrow \infty$ limit

- In this limit only "color neighbors" radiate, i.e., only neighboring partons on the quark-lines in the basis radiate
- All standard parton showers (Pythia, Herwig, Sherpa) work in this $N_{c} \rightarrow \infty$ limit



## Why worry about $N_{c}$ suppressed terms?

- " Non-leading color terms are suppressed by $1 / N_{c}^{2}$ " (not quite true, but assume for now that it is)
- If one starts with only one color flow the number of leading color emission possibilities grows just like $\sim N_{\text {partons }}$
- The total number of possibilities for coherent emission grows as
$\sim N_{\text {partons }}^{2}$ (taking any pair)
- If non-leading terms always were $N_{c}^{2}$ suppressed, the relative importance can grow like $\sim\left(N_{\text {partons }}\right) / N_{c}^{2}$ (slower with random averaging)
- In general one does not start with only one color flow
$\rightarrow$ relative importance of suppressed terms can be larger, up to

$$
\left(N_{q \bar{q}}+N_{g}\right)!/ N_{c}^{2}
$$



## $1 / N_{c}$ suppressed terms

That non-leading color terms are suppressed by $1 / N_{c}^{2}$, is guaranteed only for same order $\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}$ diagrams with only gluons ('t Hooft 1973)


$$
=T_{R} \hat{G}-\frac{T_{R}}{N_{c}} C_{F} N_{c}=0-T_{R} T_{R} \frac{N_{-}^{2}-1}{N_{c}} \sim N_{c}
$$



## $1 / N_{c}$-suppressed terms

For a parton shower there may also be terms which only are suppressed by one power of $N_{c}$


The leading $N_{c}$ contribution scales as $N_{c}^{2}$ before emission and $N_{c}^{3}$ after


- " Non-leading color terms tend to be suppressed by $1 / N_{c}^{2}$ " counter examples exist
- Is true for same order $\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}$ diagrams with only gluons ('t Hooft 1973)
- A parton shower is an all order (Sudakov) exponentiation

$$
\Delta(t)=\exp \left(-\int_{t_{0}}^{t} \frac{d t^{\prime}}{t^{\prime}} \alpha_{\mathrm{s}}(t) \int \ldots\right)
$$

- Certainly not only one power in $\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}$ is needed



## Some rescuing mechanisms?

- In the collinearly (rather than softly) enhanced regions, the emitted parton can be seen as coming from only one parton and the color structure is trivial $\rightarrow$ no need for $N_{c}$ suppressed terms
- Random averaging:

The suppressed terms sometimes contribute positively to the cross section, and sometimes negatively. Perhaps they tend to cancel quicker than expected? (Via correlations in emission?)

- $\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}$ suppression: $1 / N_{c}^{1}$ suppressed terms tend to also be associated with powers of $\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}^{2}$, but remember:
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> Yes, several


## Major challenges for $\mathrm{SU}(3)$ showers

Three major challenges dealt with so far

- Evolution with amplitude information, we have a Markov process at the amplitude level (more later)
- Negative contributions to radiation probability, " negative splitting kernels", treated using interleaved veto/competition algorithm (S. Plätzer \& M. S., EPJ Plus 127 (2012) 26)
- Keeping track of the color structure for an arbitrary number of partons (next)



## Dealing with color space

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

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

Example: If

$$
A=\sum_{g}\left(t^{g}\right)^{a}{ }_{b}\left(t^{g}\right)^{c}{ }_{d}={ }_{b}^{a} \bigvee_{g}{ }_{d},
$$

then $\langle A \mid A\rangle=\sum_{a, b, c, d, g, h}\left(t^{h}\right)^{b}{ }_{a}\left(t^{h}\right)^{d}{ }_{c}\left(t^{g}\right)^{a}{ }_{b}\left(t^{g}\right)^{c}{ }_{d}$


- One way of dealing with color space is to just square the amplitudes one by one as they are encountered
- Alternatively, we may use a basis (spanning set)


## The standard treatment: Trace bases

- Every 4 g vertex can be replaced by 3 g vertices:



$\times i g_{s}^{2}\left(g^{\alpha \delta} g^{\beta \gamma}-g^{\alpha \gamma} g^{\beta \delta}\right) \quad \times i g_{s}^{2}\left(g^{\alpha \beta} g^{\gamma \delta}-g^{\alpha \delta} g^{\beta \gamma}\right)$

$\times i g_{s}^{2}\left(g^{\alpha \beta} g^{\gamma \delta}-g^{\alpha \gamma} g^{\beta \delta}\right)$


## (read counter clockwise)

- Every $3 g$ vertex can be replaced using:

- After this every internal gluon can be removed using:


- This can be applied to any QCD amplitude, tree level or beyond
- In general an amplitude can be written as linear combination of different color structures, like

- For example for 2 (incoming + outgoing) gluons and one $q \bar{q}$ pair

(an incoming quark is the same as an outgoing anti-quark)


The above type of color structures can be used as a spanning set, a trace basis. (Technically the set of all such color structures is in general overcomplete, so it is rather a spanning set.)
These bases have some nice properties

- The effect of gluon emission is easily described:

- So is the effect of gluon exchange:


Convention: + when inserting after, - when inserting before


## 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
- Automatically creates a "trace basis" for any number and kind of partons, and to arbitrary order in $\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}$
- Squares color amplitudes
- Describes the effect of gluon emission, and gluon exchange
- Interfaces to Herwig++ ( $\geq 2.7$ ) via Simon's Matchbox code
- Is used for NLO electroweak Higgs +3 jet production, in collaboration with Francisco Campanario, Terrance Figy and Simon Plätzer, arXiv:1308.2932, accepted for publication in PRL
ColorFull is now publicly available in a pre-release version at colorfull.hepforge.org.



## But...

- this type of basis is non-orthogonal and overcomplete (for more than a few partons)
- ... and the number of basis vectors grows as a factorial in $N_{g}+N_{q \bar{q}}$
$\rightarrow$ when squaring amplitudes we run into a factorial square scaling
- Hard to go beyond $q \bar{q}+7$ gluons
- Would be nice with minimal orthogonal basis



# Minimal orthogonal bases for color spaces 

## In collaboration with Stefan Keppeler (Tübingen)

- Want orthogonal minimal basis for color space
- Basis vectors can be enumerated using Young tableaux multiplication, for example for $g g \rightarrow g g$

and constructed if projection operators are known
- The problem is the construction of the corresponding projection operators; the Young-tableaux operate with "quark-units" but the physical particles include anti-quarks and gluons

- One may think that the problem of constructing group theory based multiplet bases should have been solved a long time ago
- The $2 g \rightarrow 2 g$ case was solved in the 60's $\left(N_{c}=3\right)$
- However, until recently only a few cases had been dealt with, those for which (loosely speaking) nothing more complicated than two gluon projection operators is needed
- About one year ago me and Stefan Keppeler presented a general recipe for constructing gluon projection operators. From these we also know how to construct orthogonal bases for any number and kind of partons, JHEP09(2012)124, arXiv:1207.0609

- For many partons the size of the vector space is much smaller for $N_{c}=3$ (exponential), compared to for $N_{c} \rightarrow \infty$ (factorial)

| Case | Vectors $N_{c}=3$ | Vectors, general case |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 gluons | 8 | 9 |
| 6 gluons | 145 | 265 |
| 8 gluons | 3598 | 14833 |
| 10 gluons | 107160 | 1334961 |

Number of basis vectors for $N_{g} \rightarrow N_{g}$ gluons
without imposing vectors to appear in charge conjugation
invariant combinations


## Conclusions for the color space

- One strategy is to use "trace bases". These are not orthogonal, but have other advantages
- ColorFull is a C++ tool for treating the color structure in trace bases, colorfull.hepforge.org
- Alternatively one may want to use orthogonal multiplet bases S. Keppeler \& M.S., JHEP09(2012)124, arXiv:1207.0609
- Number of basis vectors then grows only exponentially for $N_{c}=3$
- This has the potential to very significantly speed up exact calculations in the color space of $S U\left(N_{c}\right)$
- However, in order to use this in an optimized way, we need to understand how to sort QCD amplitudes in this basis in an efficient way (work in progress, but I'm optimistic)



## Basics of our shower

## S. Plätzer \& M.S., JHEP 07(2012)042, arXiv:1201.0260

- Built on the Catani-Seymour dipole factorization (S.Plätzer \& S. Gieseke, JHEP 1101, 024 (2011) \& 1109.6256)
- Parton $\tilde{i j}$ splitting to partons $i$ and $j$, and parton $\tilde{k}$ absorbs the longitudinal recoil such that all partons remain on shell

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left|\mathcal{M}_{n+1}\left(\ldots, p_{i}, \ldots, p_{j}, \ldots, p_{k}, \ldots\right)\right|^{2} \approx \\
& \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{1}{2 p_{i} \cdot p_{j}}\left\langle\mathcal{M}_{n}\left(\ldots, p_{\tilde{i j}}, \ldots, p_{\tilde{k}}, \ldots\right)\right| \mathbf{V}_{i j, k}\left(p_{i}, p_{j}, p_{k}\right)\left|\mathcal{M}_{n}\left(\ldots, p_{\tilde{i j}}, \ldots, p_{\tilde{k}}, \ldots\right)\right\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

- In a standard parton shower parton $\tilde{i j}$ and $\tilde{k}$ would have to be " color connected",

$$
\mathbf{V}_{i j, k}=-8 \pi \alpha_{\mathrm{s}} V_{i j, k} \frac{\mathbf{T}_{\tilde{i j}} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{\tilde{k}}}{\mathbf{T}_{\tilde{i} \tilde{j}}^{2}} \rightarrow 8 \pi \alpha_{\mathrm{s}} \frac{V_{i j, k}}{1+\delta_{\tilde{i j}}} \delta(\tilde{i j}, \tilde{k} \text { color connected })
$$

we keep all pairs $\left(\delta_{i j}=1\right.$ for gluon, 0 else, $\mathbb{T}_{i j}^{2}$ is a conventio


For the emission probability this means that:

$$
d P_{i j, k}\left(p_{\perp}^{2}, z\right)=V_{i j, k}\left(p_{\perp}^{2}, z\right) \frac{d \phi_{n+1}\left(p_{\perp}^{2}, z\right)}{d \phi_{n}} \times \frac{-1}{\mathbf{T}_{\tilde{i j}}^{2}} \frac{\left\langle\mathcal{M}_{n}\right| \mathbf{T}_{\tilde{i} j} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{\tilde{k}}\left|\mathcal{M}_{n}\right\rangle}{\left|\mathcal{M}_{n}\right|^{2}}
$$

rather than

$$
d P_{i j, k}\left(p_{\perp}^{2}, z\right)=V_{i j, k}\left(p_{\perp}^{2}, z\right) \frac{d \phi_{n+1}\left(p_{\perp}^{2}, z\right)}{d \phi_{n}} \times \frac{\delta(\tilde{i j}, \tilde{k} \text { color connected })}{1+\delta_{i j}}
$$

The splitting kernels read:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& V_{q g, k}\left(p_{i}, p_{j}, p_{k}\right)=C_{F}\left(\frac{2(1-z)}{(1-z)^{2}+p_{\perp}^{2} / s_{i j k}}-(1+z)\right) \\
& V_{g g, k}\left(p_{i}, p_{j}, p_{k}\right)=2 C_{A}\left(\frac{1-z}{(1-z)^{2}+p_{\perp}^{2} / s_{i j k}}+\frac{z}{z^{2}+p_{\perp}^{2} / s_{i j k}}-2+z(1-z)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$



## Evolution with amplitude information

- Assume we have a basis for the color space

$$
\left|\mathcal{M}_{n}\right\rangle=\sum_{\alpha=1}^{d_{n}} c_{n, \alpha}\left|\alpha_{n}\right\rangle \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{M}_{n}=\left(c_{n, 1}, \ldots, c_{n, d_{n}}\right)^{T}
$$

(this basis need not be orthogonal)

- $\left|\mathcal{M}_{n}\right\rangle$ is known for the hard process
- How do we get $\left|\mathcal{M}_{n+1}\right\rangle$ after emission?

- Observe that

$$
\left|\mathcal{M}_{n}\right|^{2}=\mathcal{M}_{n}^{\dagger} S_{n} \mathcal{M}_{n}=\operatorname{Tr}\left(S_{n} \times \mathcal{M}_{n} \mathcal{M}_{n}^{\dagger}\right)
$$

(where $S_{n}$ is the color scalar product matrix) and

$$
\left\langle\mathcal{M}_{n}\right| \mathbf{T}_{\tilde{i j}} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{\tilde{k}}\left|\mathcal{M}_{n}\right\rangle=\operatorname{Tr}\left(S_{n+1} \times T_{\tilde{k}, n} \mathcal{M}_{n} \mathcal{M}_{n}^{\dagger} T_{\tilde{i}, n}^{\dagger}\right)
$$

- Use an "amplitude matrix" $M_{n}=\mathcal{M}_{n} \mathcal{M}_{n}^{\dagger}$ as basic object

$$
M_{n+1}=-\sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{4 \pi \alpha_{s}}{p_{i} \cdot p_{j}} \frac{V_{i j, k}\left(p_{i}, p_{j}, p_{k}\right)}{\mathbf{T}_{\tilde{i} \tilde{j}}^{2}} T_{\tilde{k}, n} M_{n} T_{\tilde{i}, n}^{\dagger}
$$

where

$$
M_{\text {hard }}=\mathcal{M}_{\text {hard }} \mathcal{M}_{\text {hard }}^{\dagger}
$$



## Our current implementation

A proof of concept:

- $e^{+} e^{-} \rightarrow$ jets, a LEP-like setting
- Fixed $\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}=0.112$
- Up to 6 gluons, only gluon emission, $g \rightarrow q \bar{q}$ is suppressed anyway, and there is no non-trivial color structure
- No hadronization, we don't want to spoil our $N_{c}=3$ parton shower by attaching an $N_{c} \rightarrow \infty$ hadronization model. Also, comparing showers in a fair way, would require retuning the hadronized $N_{c}=3$ shower
- No "virtual" corrections, i.e. no color rearrangement without radiation, no Coulomb gluons


Three different treatments of color space

- Full, exact $\operatorname{SU}(3)$ treatment, all color correlations
- Shower, resembles standard showers, $C_{F}$ for gluon emission off quarks is exact but non-trivial color suppressed terms are dropped
- Strict large- $N_{c}$, all $N_{c}$ suppressed terms dropped, $C_{F}=4 / 3 \rightarrow 3 / 2\left(T_{R}=1 / 2\right)$



## Results: Number of emissions

First, simply consider the number of emissions

... this is not an observable, but it is a genuine uncertainty on the number of emissions in the perturbative part of a parton shower


## Results: Thrust

For standard observables small effects, here thrust $T=\max _{\mathrm{n}} \frac{\sum_{i}\left|\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{i}} \cdot \mathrm{n}\right|}{\sum_{i}\left|\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{i}}\right|}$

$$
\text { Thrust, } \tau=1-T
$$



## Results: Angular distribution

Cosine of angle between third and fourth jet



## Results: 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


## Concluded for our LEP-like shower:

- For standard observables we find small deviations for LEP, of order a few percent
- Leading $N_{c}$ was probably a very good approximation for standard observables at LEP
- For tailored observables we find larger differences $\approx 20 \%$
- Keeping $C_{F}$ to its $N_{c}=3$ value (4/3) (as is done in standard showers), rather than $3 / 2$, tends to improve the approximation ( $T_{R}=1 / 2$ )
- At the LHC we have many more colored particles, so (many more) ${ }^{2}$ possible color suppressed interference terms



## Different sources of $N_{c}$-suppressed terms

- In a tree level parton shower (no virtual exchange, only emission), $N_{c}$-suppressed terms are ignored
$\rightarrow$ one source of ignored $1 / N_{c}^{(2)}$ (included)
- At loop level, another source of suppressed terms come from virtual gluon exchanges which rearrange the color structure $\rightarrow$ The color rearranging terms tend to be suppressed, but in

$$
\exp \left(-\int_{t_{0}}^{t} \frac{d t^{\prime}}{t^{\prime}}(\text { moderate }+ \text { small })\right)
$$

the small number is not irrelevant when $\int_{t_{0}}^{t} \frac{d t^{\prime}}{t^{\prime}}$ is large!
$\rightarrow$ different source of $N_{c}$-suppressed terms (missing)

- Hadronization: How does cluster or sting fragmentaion work for $N_{c}=3$, starting from a "quantum shower" (new modeling needed)



## Other remaining challenges:

- Hadronic initial state: We should move to LHC phenomenology
- Gluon splitting to $q \bar{q}$ (nothing conceptually new)
- The color structure, with the current implementation we cannot go beyond $\sim 8$ gluons $+q \bar{q}$-pairs. Should we use another basis? Should we approximate the color structure by keeping only some color suppressed terms?



## Conclusions and outlook

- We have written a first $N_{c}=3$ parton shower
- To accomplish this we had to deal with several new challenges:
- complicated color space, ColorFull, colorfull.hepforge.org
- negative probabilities, (EPJ Plus 127 (2012) 26)
- quantum evolution, (JHEP 07(2012)042, arXiv:1201.0260)
- However many challenges still remain:
- initial state hadrons
- virtual gluon exchange
- better treatment of color space
- hadronization

Thank you for your attention!


## Backup: The Sudakov decomposition

In each splitting a parton $\tilde{i j}$ splits into $i$ and $j$ whereas a spectator $\tilde{k}$ takes up the longitudinal recoil

$$
\begin{align*}
p_{i} & =z p_{\tilde{i j}}+\frac{p_{\perp}^{2}}{z s_{i j k}} p_{\tilde{k}}+k_{\perp}  \tag{1}\\
p_{j} & =(1-z) p_{i j}+\frac{p_{\perp}^{2}}{(1-z) s_{i j k}} p_{\tilde{k}}-k_{\perp}  \tag{2}\\
p_{k} & =\left(1-\frac{p_{\perp}^{2}}{z(1-z) s_{i j k}}\right) p_{\tilde{k}} \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

with $p_{\tilde{i j}}^{2}=p_{\tilde{k}}^{2}=0$, a space like transverse momentum $k_{\perp}$ with $k_{\perp}^{2}=-p_{\perp}^{2}$ and $k_{\perp} \cdot p_{\tilde{i j}}=k_{\perp} \cdot p_{\tilde{k}}=0$. With this parametrization we also have $s_{i j k}=\left(p_{i}+p_{j}+p_{k}\right)^{2}=\left(p_{\tilde{i j}}+p_{\tilde{k}}\right)^{2}$.


## Backup: Thrust

For standard observables small effects, here thrust $T=\max _{\mathrm{n}} \frac{\sum_{i}\left|\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{i}} \cdot \mathrm{n}\right|}{\sum_{i}\left|\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{i}}\right|}$



## Backup: Importance of $g \rightarrow q \bar{q}$ splitting



Influence on average transverse momentum and rapidity w.r.t. the thrust axis defined by the three hardest patrons


## Backup: Jet separation



Jet separation between 2 nd and 3 rd jet, and 5 th and 6 th jet $y=2 \min \left(E_{i}^{2}, E_{j}^{2}\right)\left(1-\cos \theta_{i j}\right) / s$


## Backup: Gluon exchange

A gluon exchange in this basis "directly" i.e. without using scalar products gives back a linear combination of (at most 4) basis tensors


- $N_{c}$-enhancement possible only for near by partons
$\rightarrow$ only "color neighbors" radiate in the $N_{c} \rightarrow \infty$ limit



## Backup: The size of the vector space and the trace basis

- For general $N_{c}$ the trace type bases size grows as a factorial

$$
N_{\mathrm{vec}}\left[n_{q}, N_{g}\right]=N_{\mathrm{vec}}\left[n_{q}, N_{g}-1\right]\left(N_{g}-1+n_{q}\right)+N_{\mathrm{vec}}\left[n_{q}, N_{g}-2\right]\left(N_{g}-1\right)
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
N_{\mathrm{vec}}\left[n_{q}, 0\right] & =n_{q}! \\
N_{\mathrm{vec}}\left[n_{q}, 1\right] & =n_{q} n_{q}!
\end{aligned}
$$

- The size of the vector spaces for finite $N_{c}$ asymptotically grows as an exponential in the number of gluons $/ q \bar{q}$-pairs.



## Backup: Dealing with gluons

- Consider $g g \rightarrow g g$, the basis vectors can be enumerated using Young tableaux multiplication

- As color is conserved an incoming multiplet of a certain kind can only go to an outgoing multiplet of the same kind, $1 \rightarrow 1,8 \rightarrow 8 \ldots \rightarrow$ We know what to expect (Charge conjugation implies that some vectors only occur together)
- The problem is the construction of the corresponding projection operators; the Young tableaux operate with "quark-units" we need to deal also with gluons

- For two gluons, there are two octet projectors, one singlet projector, and 4 "new" projectors, $10, \overline{10}, 27$, and for general $N_{c}$, "0"
- It turns out that the new projectors can be seen as corresponding to different symmetries w.r.t. quark and anti-quark units, for example the decuplet can be seen as corresponding to


Similarly the anti-decuplet corresponds to $\frac{1}{2} \otimes \sqrt{122}$, the 27 -plet corresponds to $\overline{112} \otimes \overline{\overline{12}}$ and the 0 -plet to $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} \otimes \overline{\frac{1}{2}}$
(Dokshitzer and Marchesini 2006, others before using different
methods)


## Backup: New idea: Could this work in general?

On the one hand side

$$
g_{1} \otimes g_{2} \otimes \ldots \otimes g_{n} \subseteq\left(q_{1} \otimes \overline{\mathrm{q}}_{1}\right) \otimes\left(q_{2} \otimes \overline{\mathrm{q}}_{2}\right) \otimes \ldots \otimes\left(q_{n} \otimes \overline{\mathrm{q}}_{n}\right)
$$

so there is hope...
On the other hand...

- Why should it?
- In general there are many instances of a multiplet, how do we know we construct all?


Key observation:

- Starting in a given multiplet, corresponding to some $q \bar{q}$
symmetries, such as 10 , from $\sqrt{122} \otimes \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$, it turns out that for each way of attaching a quark box to $\frac{112}{11}$ and an anti-quark box to $\overline{\frac{1}{2}}$, to there is at most one new multiplet! For example, the projector $\mathbf{P}^{10,35}$ can be seen as coming from

after having projected out "old" multiplets
- In fact, for large enough $N_{c}$, there is precisely one new multiplet for each set of $q \bar{q}$ symmetries

- In this way we can construct projection operators for an arbitrary number of gluons
- Using these we can find orthogonal minimal multiplet bases for any number of gluons
- From these we can construct orthogonal minimal bases for any number of quarks and gluons
- We have explicitly constructed orthogonal $3 g \rightarrow 3 g$ projectors and the corresponding six gluon orthogonal bases

> JHEP09(2012)124, arXiv:1207.0609


## Backup: Some example projectors

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{P}_{g_{1} g_{2} g_{3} g_{4} g_{5} g_{6}}^{8 a, 8 a} & =\frac{1}{T_{R}^{2}} \frac{1}{4 N_{c}^{2}} i f_{g_{1} g_{2} i_{1}} i f_{i_{1} g_{3} i_{2}} i f_{g_{4} g_{5} i_{3}} i f_{i_{3} g_{6} i_{2}} \\
\mathbf{P}_{g_{1} g_{2} g_{3} g_{4} g_{5} g_{6}}^{8 s, 27} & =\frac{1}{T_{R}} \frac{N_{c}}{2\left(N_{c}^{2}-4\right)} d_{g_{1} g_{2} i_{1}} \mathbf{P}_{i_{1} g_{3} i_{2} g_{6}}^{27} d_{i_{2} g_{4} g_{5}} \\
\mathbf{P}_{g_{1} g_{2} g_{3} g_{4} g_{5} g_{6}}^{27,8} & =\frac{4\left(N_{c}+1\right)}{N_{c}^{2}\left(N_{c}+3\right)} \mathbf{P}_{g_{1} g_{2} i_{1} g_{3}}^{27} \mathbf{P}_{i_{1} g_{6} g_{4} g_{5}}^{27} \\
\mathbf{P}_{g_{1} g_{2} g_{3} g_{4} g_{5} g_{6}}^{27,64=c 111 c 111} & =\frac{1}{T_{R}^{3}} \mathbf{T}_{g_{1} g_{2} g_{3} g_{4} g_{5} g_{6}}^{27,64}-\frac{N_{c}^{2}}{162\left(N_{c}+1\right)\left(N_{c}+2\right)} \mathbf{P}_{g_{1} g_{2} g_{3} g_{4} g_{5} g_{6}}^{27,8} \\
& -\frac{N_{c}^{2}-N_{c}-2}{81 N_{c}\left(N_{c}+2\right)} \mathbf{P}_{g_{1} g_{2} g_{3} g_{4} g_{5} g_{6}}^{27,27 s}
\end{aligned}
$$



## Backup: Three gluon multiplets



## Backup: $\mathrm{SU}\left(\boldsymbol{N}_{c}\right)$ multiplets

- We find that the irreducible spaces in $g^{\otimes n_{g}}$ for varying $N_{c}$ stand in a one to one, or one to zero correspondence to each other! (For each $\operatorname{SU}(3)$ multiplet there is an $\mathrm{SU}(5)$ version, but not vice versa)
- Every multiplet in $g^{\otimes n_{g}}$ can be labeled in an $N_{c}$-independent way using the lengths of the columns. For example


$=\begin{aligned} & Z^{0} \\ & 1\end{aligned}$

$\oplus$


$\oplus$

$\oplus$

$\sim$
1
$Z_{1}$
0
0
0

I have not seen this anywhere else.. have you?


