Precision phenomenology with multi-jet final states at the LHC

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- Multi-jet observables/event shapes at hadron colliders
- Extraction of the strong coupling constant
- Wider context of my research

Precision era of the LHC



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Precision era of the LHC



- **Standard Model of Elementary Particles**
 - Collider data constrains the various interactions in the Standard Model.
 - At the LHC QCD is part of any process!
 - 1) The limiting factor in many analyses is QCD and associated uncertainties. \rightarrow Radiative corrections indispensable
 - 2) How well we do know QCD? Coupling constant, running, PDFs, ...
 - The production of high energy jets allow to probe pQCD at high energies directly

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{q}_i (\gamma^{\mu} \mathcal{D}_{\mu} - m_i) q_i - \frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu}_a F^a_{\mu\nu}$$

1) Testing the predicted dynamics 2) Extract the coupling constant

Phenomenology with jet observables

Multi-jet: R32 ratios, event-shapes Tests of pQCD, α_S extraction

Single inclusive/two-jet PDF + α_S extraction



Direct BSM

Multi-jet observables

Uncertainties in theory large compared to experiment

- NNLO QCD needed for precise theory-data comparisons
 → Restricted precision QCD studies to two-jet data
- New NNLO QCD three-jet computations give access to many more observables:
 - Jet ratios, for example R32:

Next-to-Next-to-Leading Order Study of Three-Jet Production at the LHC Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet [2106.05331]

 $R^{i}(\mu_{R}, \mu_{F}, \text{PDF}, \alpha_{S,0}) = \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{3}^{i}(\mu_{R}, \mu_{F}, \text{PDF}, \alpha_{S,0})}{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{2}^{i}(\mu_{R}, \mu_{F}, \text{PDF}, \alpha_{S,0})}$

• Event shapes (based on particles or jets)

NNLO QCD corrections to event shapes at the LHC Alvarez, Cantero, Czakon, Llorente, Mitov, Poncelet 2301.01086





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NNLO QCD prediction beyond $2 \rightarrow 2$

$2 \Rightarrow 3$ Two-loop amplitudes

- (Non-) planar 5 point massless [Chawdry'19'20'21,Abreu'20'21,Agarwal'21,Badger'21]
 → triggered by efficient MI representation [Chicherin'20]
- For three-jets → [Abreu'20'21] (checked against NJET [Badger'12'21])
- 5 point with one external mass [Abreu'20,Syrrakos'20,Canko'20,Badger'21'22,Chicherin'22]

One-loop amplitudes → OpenLoops [Buccioni'19]

• Many legs and IR stable (soft and collinear limits)

Double-real Born amplitudes → AvHlib[Bury'15]

 IR finite cross-sections → NNLO subtraction schemes qT-slicing [Catani'07], N-jettiness slicing [Gaunt'15/Boughezal'15], Antenna [Gehrmann'05-'08], Colorful [DelDuca'05-'15], Projetction [Cacciari'15], Geometric [Herzog'18], Unsubtraction [Aguilera-Verdugo'19], Nested collinear [Caola'17], Local Analytic [Magnea'18], Sector-improved residue subtraction [Czakon'10-'14,'19]

Encoding QCD dynamics in event shapes





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Using (global) event information to separate different regimes of QCD event evolution:

• Thrust & Thrust-Minor

$$T_{\perp} = \frac{\sum_{i} |\vec{p}_{T,i} \cdot \hat{n}_{\perp}|}{\sum_{i} |\vec{p}_{T,i}|}$$
, and $T_{m} = \frac{\sum_{i} |\vec{p}_{T,i} \times \hat{n}_{\perp}|}{\sum_{i} |\vec{p}_{T,i}|}$.

• (Transverse) Linearised Sphericity Tensor

$$\mathcal{M}_{xyz} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i} |\vec{p_i}|} \sum_{i} \frac{1}{|\vec{p_i}|} \begin{pmatrix} p_{x,i}^2 & p_{x,i}p_{y,i} & p_{x,i}p_{z,i} \\ p_{y,i}p_{x,i} & p_{y,i}^2 & p_{y,i}p_{z,i} \\ p_{z,i}p_{x,i} & p_{z,i}p_{y,i} & p_{z,i}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Energy-energy correlators
- N-Jettiness
- Generalised event shapes → Earth-Mover Distance
 Here: use jets as input → experimentally advantageous (better calibrated, smaller non-pert.)
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Transverse Thrust @ NNLO QCD



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The transverse energy-energy correlator

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_2} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\cos\Delta\phi} = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} \sum_{ij} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma \; x_{\perp,i} x_{\perp,j}}{\mathrm{d}x_{\perp,i} \mathrm{d}x_{\perp,j} \mathrm{d}\cos\Delta\phi_{ij}} \delta(\cos\Delta\phi - \cos\Delta\phi_{ij}) \mathrm{d}x_{\perp,i} \mathrm{d}x_{\perp,j} \mathrm{d}\cos\Delta\phi_{ij} \,,$$

- Insensitive to soft radiation through energy weighting
- Event topology separation:
 - Central plateau contain isotropic events
 - To the right: self-correlations, collinear and in-plane splitting
 - To the left: back-to-back



[ATLAS 2301.09351]

ATLAS

Particle-level TEEC

√s = 13 TeV; 139 fb⁻¹

anti-k, R = 0.4

 $p_{\tau} > 60 \text{ GeV}$

Double differential TEEC



[ATLAS 2301.09351]

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Particle-level TEEC √s = 13 TeV; 139 fb⁻¹ anti- $k_{t} R = 0.4$ $p_{\tau} > 60 \text{ GeV}$ $|\eta| < 2.4$ $\mu_{R,F} = \hat{H}_{T}$ $\alpha_{\rm s}({\rm m_{z}}) = 0.1180$ NNPDF 3.0 (NNLO) - Data --- LO - NLO - NNLO

Systematic Uncertainties TEEC

Experimental uncertainties



Theory uncertainties

Scale dependence is the dominating uncertainty → NNLO QCD required to match exp.

Sensitivity to the strong coupling constant

- **R32 ratio:** $R^i(\mu_R, \mu_F, \text{PDF}, \alpha_{S,0}) = \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_3^i(\mu_R, \mu_F, \text{PDF}, \alpha_{S,0})}{\mathrm{d}\sigma_2^i(\mu_R, \mu_F, \text{PDF}, \alpha_{S,0})}$
- Using the strong coupling's running: $\alpha_S(\mu_R, \alpha_{S,0}) = \alpha_{S,0} \left(1 \alpha_{S,0} b_0 \ln\left(\frac{\mu_R^2}{m_\pi^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{S,0}^2) \right)$
- Absorb running in the perturbative expansion \rightarrow linear dependence

$$R^{\text{NNLO}}(\mu, \alpha_{S,0}) = \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_3^{\text{NNLO}}(\mu, \alpha_{S,0})}{\mathrm{d}\sigma_2^{\text{NNLO}}(\mu, \alpha_{S,0})}$$
$$= \frac{\alpha_{S,0}^3 \left(\mathrm{d}\tilde{\sigma}_3^{(0)}(\mu) + \alpha_{S,0} \mathrm{d}\tilde{\sigma}_3^{(1)}(\mu) + \alpha_{S,0}^2 \mathrm{d}\tilde{\sigma}_3^{(2)}(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{S,0}^{3}) \right)}{\alpha_{S,0}^2 \left(\mathrm{d}\tilde{\sigma}_2^{(0)}(\mu) + \alpha_{S,0} \mathrm{d}\tilde{\sigma}_2^{(1)}(\mu) + \alpha_{S,0}^2 \mathrm{d}\tilde{\sigma}_2^{(2)}(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{S,0}^{3}) \right)}$$

• In practice using LHAPDF running and perform fit to Taylor expansion around $\alpha_s = 0.118$:

$$R^{\text{NNLO,fit}}(\mu, \alpha_{S,0}) = c_0 + c_1(\alpha_{S,0} - 0.118) + c_2(\alpha_{S,0} - 0.118)^2 + c_3(\alpha_{S,0} - 0.118)^3$$

mostly linear dependence

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Strong coupling dependence





Visualisation of α_S dependence

$$\tilde{c}_1 = \frac{c_1}{R^{\text{NNLO}}(\alpha_{S,0} = 0.118)}$$

For comparison: scale dependence (dominant theory uncertainty)

- TEEC ($H_{T,2} > 1 \text{ TeV}$) : ~2% Thrust : ~3-5 % C(1%) sensitivity

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α_S from TEEC @ NNLO by ATLAS

[ATLAS 2301.09351]



- NNLO QCD extraction from multi-jets → will contribute to the PDG average for the first time.
- Significant improvement to 8 TeV result mainly driven by NNLO QCD corrections
- Individual precision comparable to other measurements which include DIS and top or jets-data.

Running of α_S



Using the running of α_S to probe NP

[Llorente, Nachman 1807.00894]

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$$\alpha_{s}(Q) = \frac{1}{\beta_{0} \log z} \left[1 - \frac{\beta_{1}}{\beta_{0}^{2}} \frac{\log(\log z)}{\log z} \right]; \quad z = \frac{Q^{2}}{\Lambda_{QCD}^{2}}$$

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New termion limits using NLOJet++ & AT

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 $\beta_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(11 - \frac{2}{3}n_f - \frac{4}{3}n_X T_X \right)$

 \rightarrow much improved bounds

... or 'new' SM dynamics



Possible SM explanations

- Residual PDF effects \rightarrow very high Q²?
- EW corrections?
- Maybe effect from LC approximation in two-loop ME?

$$\mathcal{R}^{(2)}(\mu_R^2) = 2 \operatorname{Re} \left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger(0)} \mathcal{F}^{(2)} \right] (\mu_R^2) + \left| \mathcal{F}^{(1)} \right|^2 (\mu_R^2)$$
$$\equiv \mathcal{R}^{(2)}(s_{12}) + \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i \ln^i \left(\frac{\mu_R^2}{s_{12}} \right)$$
$$\mathcal{R}^{(2)}(s_{12}) \approx \mathcal{R}^{(2)l.c.}(s_{12})$$

- Experimental systematics?
- Resummation?

Either case interesting!

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The wider context



NNLO QCD computations

• Top-quark pair production and leptonic decays [1901.05407] [2008.11133] + b-quark fragmentation: [2102.08267] [2210.06078]

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Main Collaborators:

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• Mathieu Pellen (Freiburg)

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Exp. collaborations

DESY CMS top-quark group (Behnke, Aldalya Martin) → [CMS-PAS-TOP-20-006]

Top spin-correlations in ATLAS (Howard) \rightarrow 1903.07570

W+charm CMS measurement (Herandez) → to-appear-soon

Proposed COST network COMETA

ATLAS multi-jet group at CERN (Llorente, Roloff, LeBlanc) $\Rightarrow \alpha_S$ from TEEC 2301.09351 \Rightarrow More to appear

Amplitudes

Two-loop amplitudes

• pp → t t~

Polarised / Spin-Density-Matrix [1712.08075]

- **pp** → **γγγ (planar)** Squared matrix element [1911.00479]
 Helicity amplitudes [2012.13553]
- **pp → γγj (planar)** Helicity amplitudes [2103.04319]
- **pp → Wbb~ (planar)** Squared matrix element/SDM [2205.01687]
- Non-planar five-point amplitudes
 → work-in-progress

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Spectrum of techniques:

- → Tensor-reduction with projectors
- → Analytical IBP tables (IDSolver, IBPeasy)
- → Numerical DEQ for master integrals
- → Finite Field reconstructions (FiniteFlow and FireFly)



Perturbative fragmentation @ NNLO QCD

- Proof-of-principle: [2102.08267]
- First fit of b-fragmentation functions: [2210.06078]

HighTEA



- Cloud service: "NNLO QCD ntuples" + user-friendly analysis
 → re-weighting + re-binning
- Prototype online, publication soon [230y.xxxx] https://www.precision.hep.phy.cam.ac.uk/hightea/

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Future directions

Modern MC integration/sampling

- Improving performance of MC integration
- 1) "Nested sampling" → phase space explorations
 2) "Normalising flows" → phase space sampler

NNLO with massive bosons: B + 2-jet, BB + 1-jet

• A lot to do: amplitudes + cross sections But rich phenomenology!

Subtraction + Slicing: N3LO for $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes

• Ultimate precision for Drell-Yan, di-photon production, ...

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Summary & Outlook

Summary

- Three jet NNLO QCD predictions allow for precision phenomenology with multi-jet final states
- First predictions for R32 ratios and event shapes
- Extraction of the strong coupling constant from event shapes by ATLAS → will contribute to PDG ave.
- Relatively costly enterprise
 → effective NNLO QCD cross section tools needed
 → optimized STRIPPER subtraction scheme

Outlook

- Many more observables are accessible: azimuthal decorrelation, earth-mover distance, ...
- Still improvements to be made on subtractions schemes:
 - Better MC integration techniques → ML community has developed a plethora of tools
 - Technical aspects like form of selector function and phase space mappings
 "3 factors of 2 are also a order of magnitude" → difference between "doable" and "not doable"!

Backup

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Hadronic cross section



Partonic cross section beyond LO

Perturbative expansion of partonic cross section:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab\to X} = \hat{\sigma}_{ab\to X}^{(0)} + \hat{\sigma}_{ab\to X}^{(1)} + \hat{\sigma}_{ab\to X}^{(2)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$$

Contributions with different multiplicities and # convolutions:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(2)} = \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{\mathrm{RR}} + \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{\mathrm{RV}} + \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{\mathrm{VV}} + \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{\mathrm{C2}} + \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{\mathrm{C1}}$$

Each term separately IR divergent. But sum is:

→ finite

- \rightarrow regularization scheme independent
- Considering CDR ($d = 4 2\epsilon$):

→ Laurent expansion:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab}^C = \sum_{i=-4}^{0} c_i \epsilon^i + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{\mathrm{RR}} = \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_{n+2} \left\langle \mathcal{M}_{n+2}^{(0)} \middle| \mathcal{M}_{n+2}^{(0)} \right\rangle \mathcal{F}_{n+2}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{\text{RV}} = \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} \int d\Phi_{n+1} 2\text{Re} \left\langle \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(0)} \middle| \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(1)} \right\rangle F_{n+1}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{\text{VV}} = \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_n \left(2\text{Re} \left\langle \mathcal{M}_n^{(0)} \middle| \mathcal{M}_n^{(2)} \right\rangle + \left\langle \mathcal{M}_n^{(1)} \middle| \mathcal{M}_n^{(1)} \right\rangle \right) \mathbf{F}_n$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{C1} = (\text{single convolution}) F_{n+1}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{C2} = (\text{double convolution}) \mathbf{F}_{n}$$

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Sector decomposition I

- Considering working in CDR:
- \rightarrow Virtuals are usually done in this regularization
- \rightarrow Real radiation:
 - → Very difficult integrals, analytical impractical (except very simple cases)!
 - \rightarrow Numerics not possible, integrals are divergent: ϵ -poles!

How to extract these poles? → Sector decomposition!

Divide and conquer the phase space:

$$1 = \sum_{i,j} \left[\sum_{k} \mathcal{S}_{ij,k} + \sum_{k,l} \mathcal{S}_{i,k;j,l} \right]$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{\mathrm{RR}} = \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_{n+2} \sum_{i,j} \left[\sum_{k} \mathcal{S}_{ij,k} + \sum_{k,l} \mathcal{S}_{i,k;j,l} \right] \left\langle \mathcal{M}_{n+2}^{(0)} \middle| \mathcal{M}_{n+2}^{(0)} \right\rangle \mathcal{F}_{n+2}$$

Sector decomposition II

Divide and conquer the phase space:

- → Each $S_{ij,k}/S_{i,k;j,l}$ has simpler divergences. appearing as $1/s_{ijk}$ $1/s_{ik}/s_{jl}$ Soft and collinear (w.r.t parton k,l) of partons i and j
- → Parametrization w.r.t. reference parton:

 $\hat{\eta}_i = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos\theta_{ir}) \in [0, 1]$ $\hat{\xi}_i = \frac{u_i^0}{u_{\max}^0} \in [0, 1]$



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 $\xi_2 > \xi_1$

 $\eta_1 > \eta_2$

 $\eta_2 \to \eta_2 \eta_1$

 $\xi_1 > \xi_2$

 $\xi_2 \to \xi_2 \xi_{2\max} \xi_2$

 $\eta_1 > \eta_2$

 $\eta_2 \rightarrow \eta_2 \eta_1$

Sector decomposition III

Factorized singular limits in each sector:

$$\frac{1}{2\hat{s}} \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_{n+2} \,\mathcal{S}_{kl,m} \left\langle \mathcal{M}_{n+2}^{(0)} \middle| \mathcal{M}_{n+2}^{(0)} \right\rangle \mathbf{F}_{n+2} = \sum_{\text{sub-sec.}} \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_n \prod \mathrm{d}x_i \underbrace{x_i^{-1-b_i\epsilon}}_{\text{singular}} \mathrm{d}\tilde{\mu}(\{x_i\}) \underbrace{\prod x_i^{a_i+1} \left\langle \mathcal{M}_{n+2} \middle| \mathcal{M}_{n+2} \right\rangle}_{\text{regular}} \mathbf{F}_{n+2}$$

Regularization of divergences:

$$x^{-1-b\epsilon} = \underbrace{\frac{-1}{b\epsilon}}_{\text{pole term}} + \underbrace{[x^{-1-b\epsilon}]_{+}}_{\text{reg. + sub.}} \qquad \qquad \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}x \, [x^{-1-b\epsilon}]_{+} \, f(x) = \int_{0}^{1} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x^{1+b\epsilon}}$$

Finite NNLO cross section

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More event-shapes I



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More event-shapes II



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Event shapes as MC tuning tool

