Precision phenomenology with multi-jet final states at the LHC

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based on 2106.05331, 2301.01086 and 2301.09351 (ATLAS)







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- The strong coupling constant
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Precision era of the LHC



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

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

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

Jet measurements at the LHC



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Phenomenology with jet observables



Multi-jet observables (more than 2 ...)

Jet-production processes have relatively large theory uncertainty compared to experimental uncertainties.

- NNLO QCD needed for precise theory-data comparisons
- Restricted precision QCD studies to incl. or di-jet data
- New NNLO QCD three-jet computations give access to many more observables!

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

- (From my view point) there are basically two groups:
 - Three-to-two-jet ratios

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

• Event shapes (based on particles or jets)





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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

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

• (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
- Many observables used in jet-substructure

Resummation



Nice overview:

Phenomenology of event shapes at hadron colliders, Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi [1001.4082]

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Resummation & jets



For the result presented we define event shapes in terms of jets

- Suppression of non perturbative effects
- ✓ Higher experimental resolution
- **×** But also introduce non-global logarithms

Resummation of non-global logarithms



NNLO QCD three jets meets ATLAS data

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NNLO QCD event shapes



Thrust & Thrust-Minor

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



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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
- Central plateau contain isotropic events
- To the right: self-correlations, collinear and in-plane splittings
- To the left: back-to-back



[ATLAS 2301.09351]

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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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Systematic Uncertainties TEEC

Experimental uncertainties



Theory uncertainties

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

Extraction of the strong coupling constant

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

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

dependence mostly linear

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Strong coupling dependence (differential)



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Alphas from TEEC (ATLAS)



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Comparison against other measurements



- 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.

Using the running of alphaS to probe NP

[Llorente, Nachman 1807.00894]

Indirect constraints to NP through modified running:

$$\alpha_s(Q) = \frac{1}{\beta_0 \log z} \left[1 - \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_0^2} \frac{\log\left(\log z\right)}{\log z} \right]; \quad z = \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda_{\rm QCD}^2}$$

$$\beta_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(11 - \frac{2}{3}n_f - \frac{4}{3}n_X T_X \right)$$
$$\beta_1 = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left[102 - \frac{38}{3}n_f - 20n_X T_X \left(1 + \frac{C_X}{5} \right) \right]$$



Or 'new' SM dynamics



- 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!

NNLO QCD cross sections with the Sector-improved residue subtraction



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Hadronic cross section



NNLO QCD prediction beyond $2 \rightarrow 2$

- $2 \rightarrow 3$ Two-loop amplitudes:
- (Non-) planar 5 point massless 'pheno ready' [Chawdry'19'20'21,Abreu'20'21,Agarwal'21,Badger'21]
 → triggered by efficient MI representation [Chicherin'20]
- 5 point with one external mass [Abreu'20,Syrrakos'20,Canko'20,Badger'21'22,Chicherin'22]
- For three jet we use the implementation from [Abreu'20'21] checked against NJET

Many leg, IR stable one-loop amplitudes → OpenLoops [Buccioni'19]

Combination with double real radiation

 Various NNLO subtraction schemes are available: qT-slicing [Catain'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]

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:

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

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:

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:

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



II

 $\xi_2 > \xi_1$

 $\eta_1 > \eta_2$

 $\eta_2 \to \eta_2 \eta_1$

 $\xi_1 > \xi_2$

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

 $\eta_1 > \eta_2$

 $\eta_2 \rightarrow \eta_2 \eta_1$

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

Phase space cut and differential observable introduce *mis-binning* : mismatch between kinematics in subtraction terms → leads to increased variance of the integrand → slow Monte Carlo convergence

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- Invertible for fixed : $u_i \quad \left\{ \tilde{P}, \tilde{r}_j, u_k \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ P, r_j, u_k \right\}$ Preserve Born invariant mass: $q^2 = \tilde{q}^2, \quad \tilde{q} = \tilde{P} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{fr}} \tilde{r}_j$

Main steps:

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- Generate unresolved partons U_{ii}
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 p_2

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Further technical developments

- Narrow-width-approximation and Double-Pole-Approximation for resonant particles:
 - Top-quark pairs + decays [Czakon'19'20]
 - Polarised vector-bosons [Poncelet'21,Pellen'21'22]
- Automated interfaces to OpenLoops, Recola and Njet
- Implementation of state-of-the-art twoloop matrix-elements:
 - $2 \rightarrow 2(1) : pp \rightarrow VV, pp \rightarrow Vj, pp \rightarrow H(j), e+e- \rightarrow jets, DIS$
 - $2 \rightarrow 3$: pp $\rightarrow 3\gamma$, pp $\rightarrow 2\gamma + j$, pp $\rightarrow 3j$
- Fragmentation of massless partons into hadrons
 - First application to $pp \rightarrow tt + X \rightarrow l+l- v v \sim B + X (NWA) [Czakon'21'22]$
- Countless small improvements in terms of organization and efficiency

Closing the loop



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- NNLO

The technical developments have been crucial for applications like event shapes @ NNLO (O(10 M) CPUh). Without not feasible!

Summary & Outlook

- Three jet NNLO QCD predictions allow for precision pheno 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 based event shapes, ...
- 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 "three factors of 2 are also a order of magnitude" → difference between "doable" and "not doable"!

Backup

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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

