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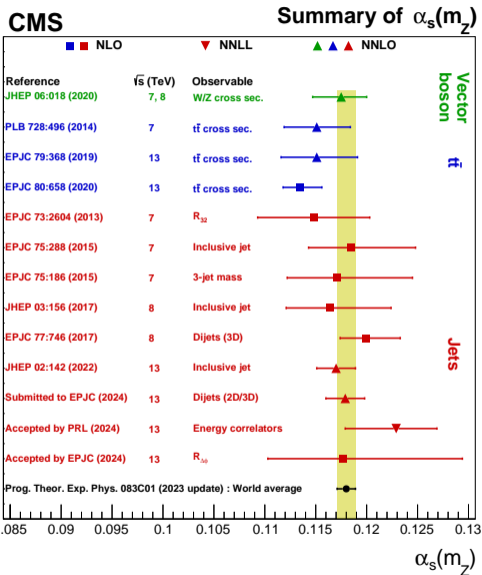
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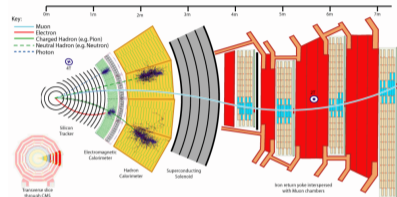
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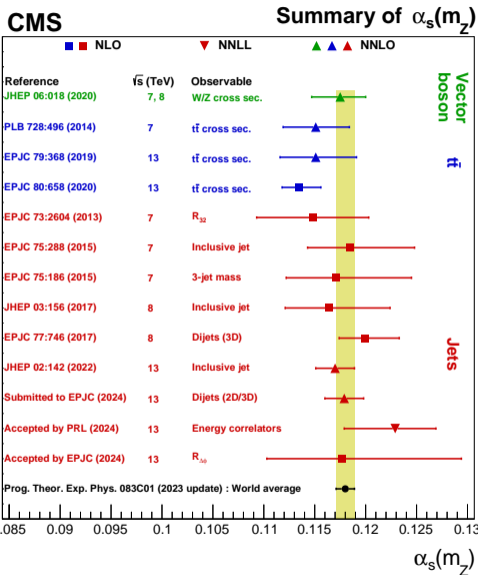
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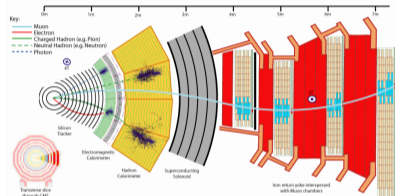
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Motivation

Review the numerous determinations of $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ at CMS from **jet** measurements in LHC Run 1 and Run 2.

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- Take ratios of cross sections to reduce systematic effects [2, 6].
- Or exploit the jet substructure [11].

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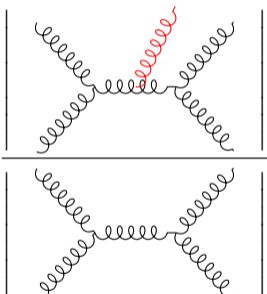
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Observable [2]

$$R_{32} = N_{\text{incl. 3-jet}}^{\text{eff}} / N_{\text{incl. 2-jet}}^{\text{eff}}$$

→ cancellation of systematic effects



The diagram shows two Feynman diagrams representing the ratio R_{32} . The top diagram shows a quark-antiquark pair (represented by black wavy lines) interacting via a gluon exchange (black wavy line). One of the quark lines emits a gluon (red wavy line), which then splits into a quark-antiquark pair. The bottom diagram shows a similar quark-antiquark pair interaction via a gluon exchange, but without the additional gluon emission and splitting. The ratio R_{32} is indicated to be proportional to α_s .

$$R_{32} \sim \frac{\text{Top Diagram}}{\text{Bottom Diagram}} \sim \alpha_s$$

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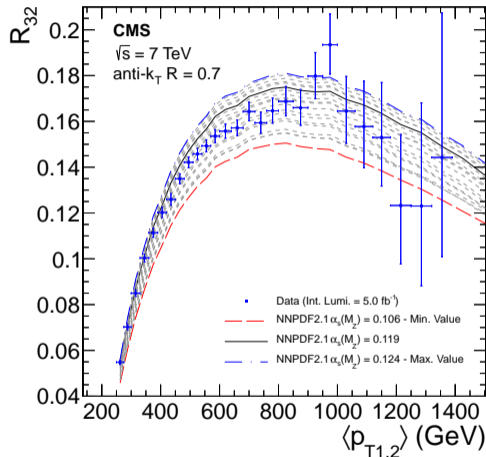
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$$R_{32} \sim \frac{\text{[Diagram with 2 jets]}^2}{\text{[Diagram with 2 jets]}^2} \sim \alpha_s$$

Result with method #1 at NLO

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1148 \pm 0.0014(\text{exp}) \\ \pm 0.0018(\text{PDF}) \\ \pm 0.0050(\text{theory})$$

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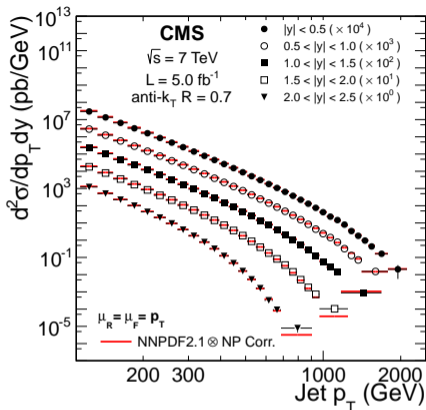
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Observable [12, 4, 5, 8]

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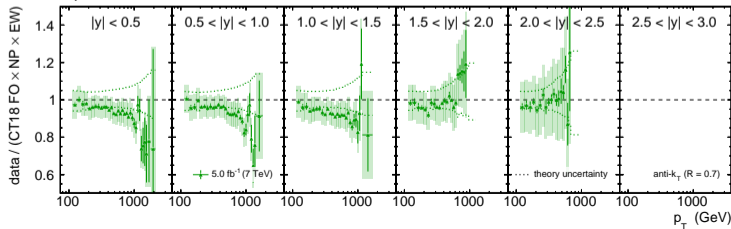
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$$\pm \begin{matrix} 0.0053 \\ 0.0024 \end{matrix}(\text{scale})$$

Data vs. NNLO

- NNLOJET interpolation grids [13]
- fastNLO [14]



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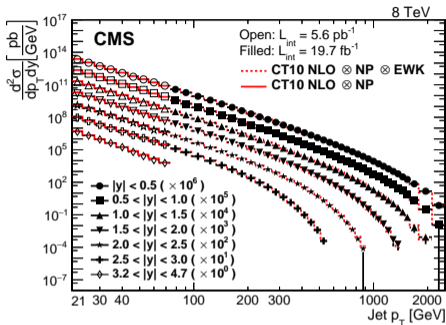
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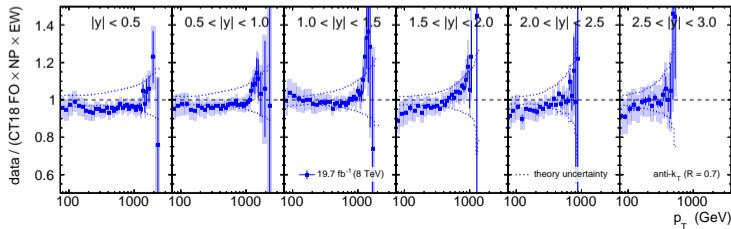
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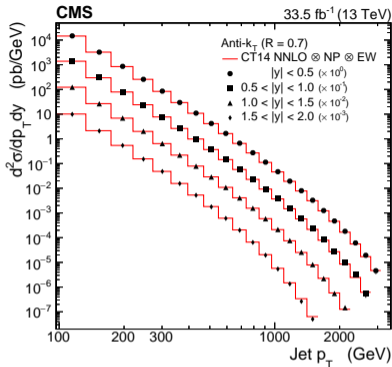
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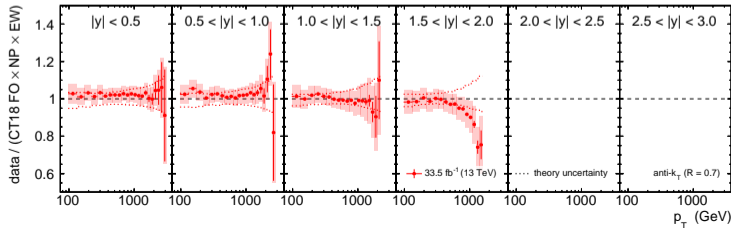
$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1166 \pm 0.0014(\text{fit})$$

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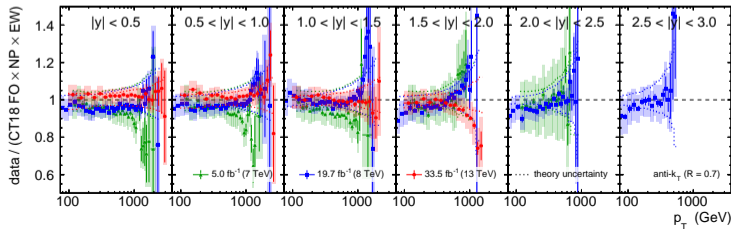
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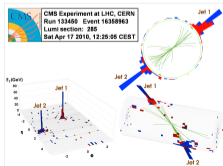
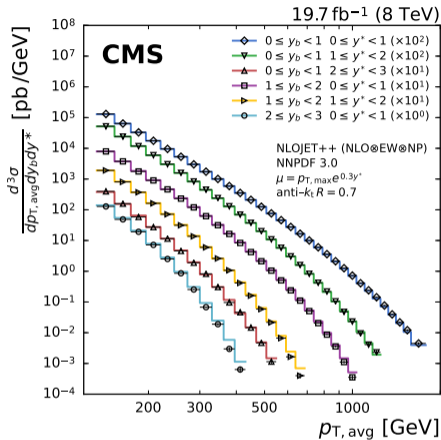
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Observable [15, 6]

$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dy^* dy_b d\langle p_T \rangle_{1,2}} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \frac{N_{\text{eff}}}{\Delta y^* \Delta y_b \Delta \langle p_T \rangle_{1,2}}$$

$$\blacksquare y^* = (y_1 - y_2)/2$$

$$\blacksquare y_b = (y_1 + y_2)/2$$

Result at NLO with method #2

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1199 \pm 0.0015(\text{fit})$$

$$\pm 0.0002(\text{model}) \pm 0.0002(\text{param})$$

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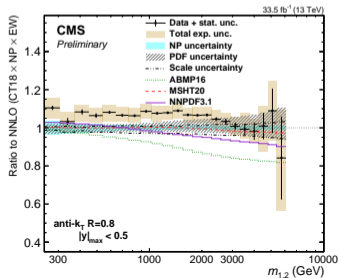
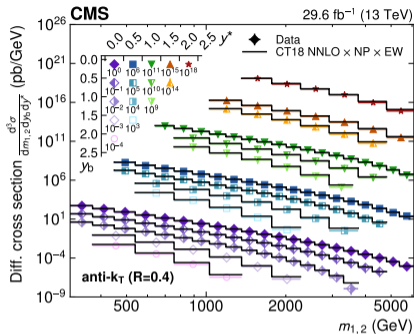
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$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dy^* dy_b dX} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \frac{N_{\text{eff}}}{\Delta y^* \Delta y_b \Delta X}$$

- $y^* = (y_1 - y_2)/2$
- Also in 2D
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- $X = \langle p_T \rangle_{1,2}, m_{1,2}$

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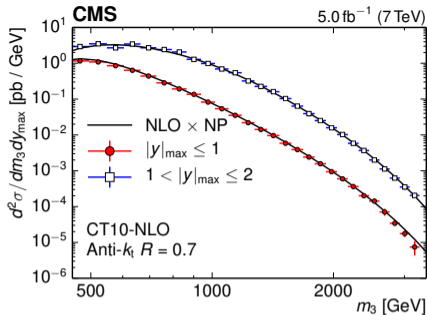
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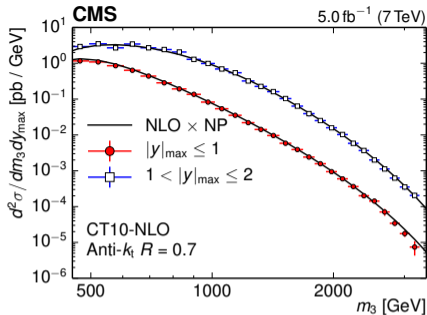


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Trijet mass [3]

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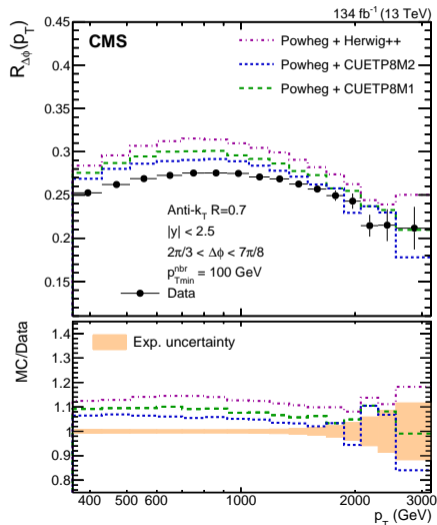
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 $R_{\Delta\phi}$ [6] (recently accepted)

$$R_{\Delta\phi} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{jet}}(p_T)} N_{\text{nbr}}^{(i)}(\Delta\phi, p_{T\text{min}}^{\text{nbr}})}{N_{\text{jet}}(p_T)}$$

→ more in Paris' talk

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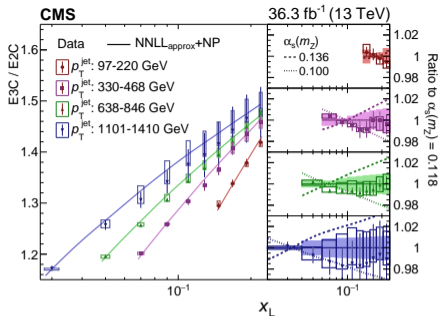
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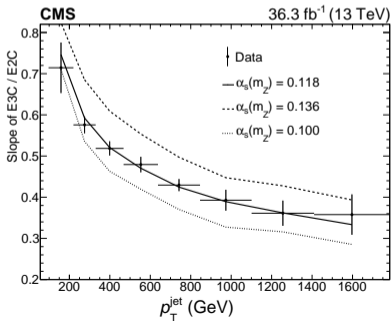
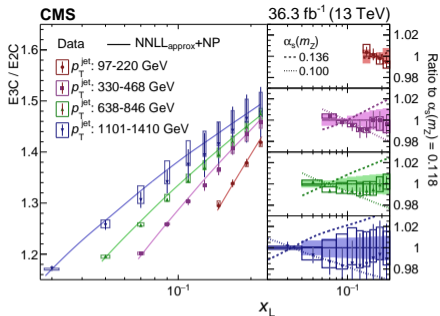
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$$\begin{aligned}
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 &\pm 0.0030 \text{ (theo)} \\
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EEC in jets [11]	13 TeV	0.1229	$+0.0014$ stat -0.0012 syst $+0.0023$ syst -0.0036		$+0.0030$ -0.0033		—	aNNLL

$$\alpha_s^{\text{PDG 2023}}(M_Z) = 0.1180 \pm 0.0009$$

Whenever several values are given for a reference, only one value has been reported.

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From our past publications

- 1 No tension observed with world average
→ a direct comparison is tricky, because of subtle correlations and differences among conventions and strategies.
- 2 Ratios have smaller uncertainties than differential cross sections
→ it would be ideal if one would combine them.
- 3 Model & NP uncertainties matter
→ not Gaussian + no clear prescription on how to handle them.
- 4 Determinations at NNLO are dominated by the fit uncertainties
→ large (although not exclusive) contribution from experimental uncertainties.

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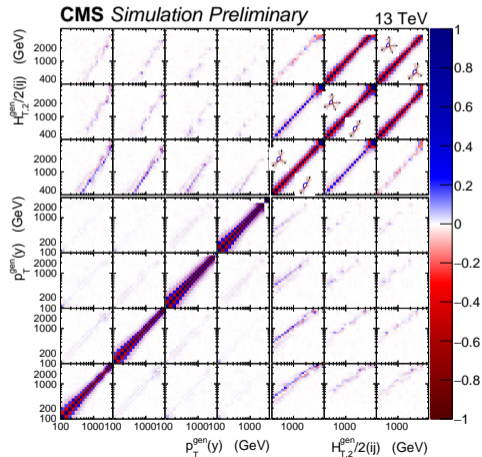
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3 × 3 upper right R_{32}, R_{42}, R_{43}

4 × 4 lower left 2D incl. jet cross section

→ statistical correlations in off-diagonal blocks

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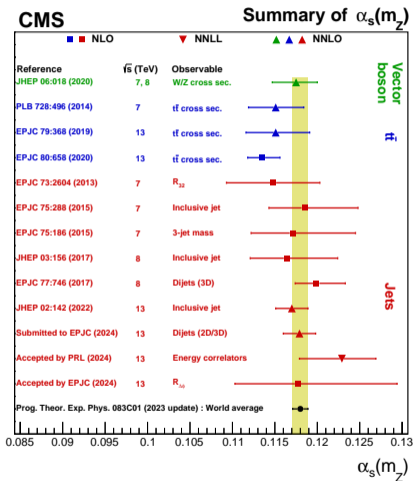
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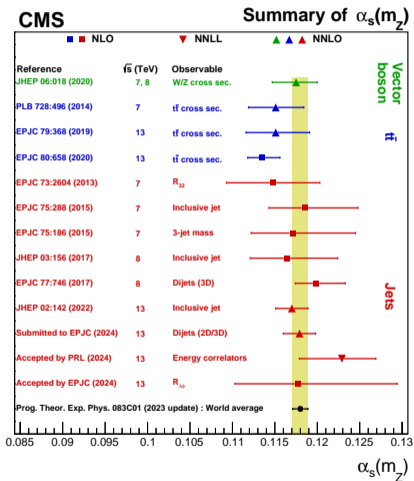
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\sqrt{s}/TeV	\mathcal{L}	R	CADI	arXiv	HEPdata	xFitter
2.76	5.4/pb	7	SMP-14-017	1512.06212	1410826	
5.02	27.4/pb	4	SMP-21-009	2401.11355	2750408	
7	5.0/fb	7	SMP-12-018	1212.6660	1208923	
7	5.0/fb	5 & 7	SMP-13-002	1406.0324	1298810	
8	20/fb	7	SMP-14-001	1609.05331	1487277	
13	36.3/fb	4 & 7	SMP-20-011	2111.10431	1972986	

Integrated cross section for $p_T^{\text{rec}} > 97 \text{ GeV}$ and $|y| < 2.0$

\mathcal{L}	\sqrt{s}	$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{theory}} / \text{pb}$	$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{data}} / \text{pb}$
5.0 fb ⁻¹	7 TeV	8764.7 ± 9.0816(stat) ^{+388.28} _{-435.89} (syst)	8519.3 ± 90.3722(stat) ^{+610.854} _{-612.47} (syst)
19.7 fb ⁻¹	8 TeV	11645.9 ± 4.6141(stat) ^{+269.196} _{-331.143} (syst)	11217.2 ± 35.1583(stat) ^{+607.846} _{-597.06} (syst)
33.2 fb ⁻¹	13 TeV	14984.4 ± 16.9442(stat) ^{+424.457} _{-572.171} (syst)	15234.8 ± 67.6377(stat) ^{+702.451} _{-702.451} (syst)

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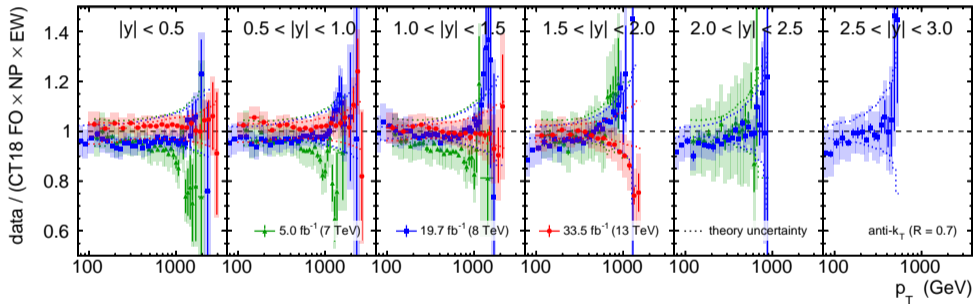
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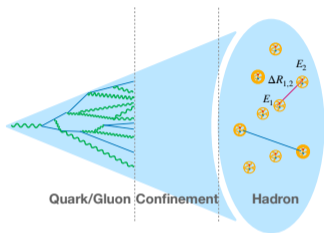
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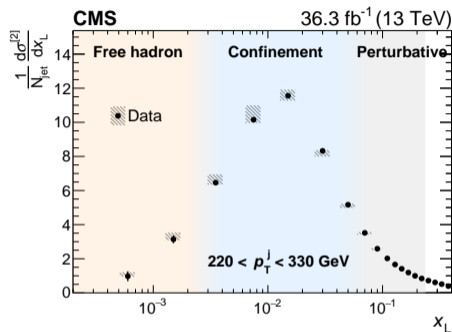
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Energy-energy correlators

$$\text{E2C} = \sum_{ij}^n \int d\sigma \frac{E_i E_j}{E^2} \delta(x_L - \Delta R_{ij})$$

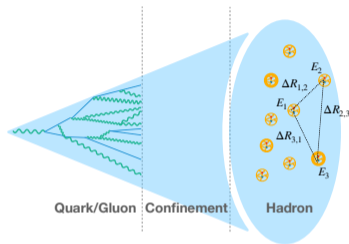
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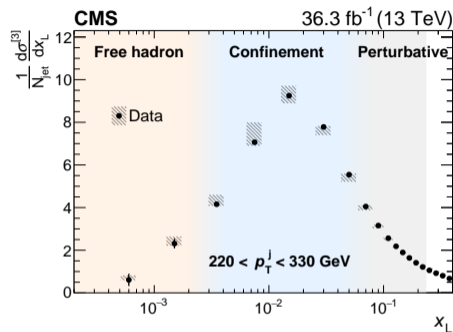
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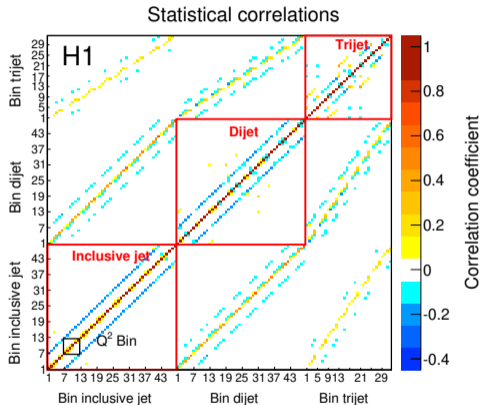
$$E3C = \sum_{ijk} \int d\sigma \frac{E_i E_j E_k}{E^3} \delta(x_L - \max(\Delta R_{ij}, \Delta R_{ik}, \Delta R_{jk}))$$

→ exploit $E3C/E2C \propto \alpha_s(Q^2) \log x_L$!

Limitations of the current strategy

- 1 Model dependence & uncertainties
→ no clear procedure + various approaches
 - 2 Backgrounds
→ even the inclusive jet production is sensitive to backgrounds
 - 3 Subtle differences among analyses
→ e.g. choice of unfolding procedure, choice of initial model in QCD interpretation
 - 4 Measurements based on the same data cannot be used in the same fit
→ e.g. dijet mass and inclusive jet p_T with CMS 2016 data
- Follow and extend H1 approach [17]

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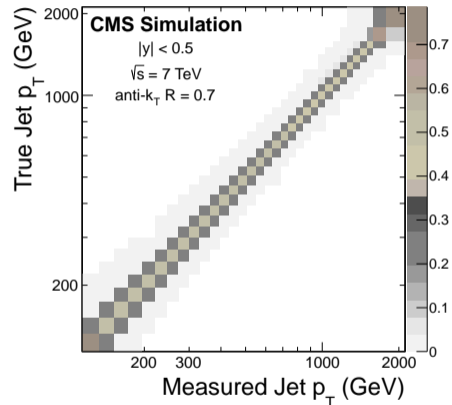
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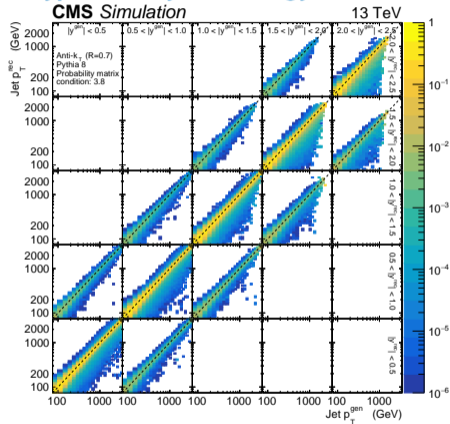
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 $H_{T,2}$ spectra (3×3 block)

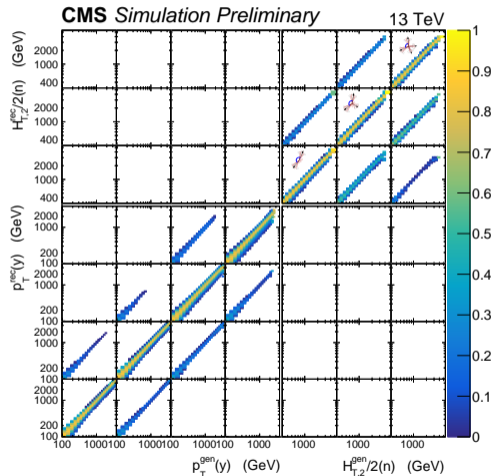
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dH_{T,2}/2}(n) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \frac{N_{n\text{-jets}}^{\text{eff}}}{\Delta H_{T,2}/2}$$

Inclusive jet (4×4 block)

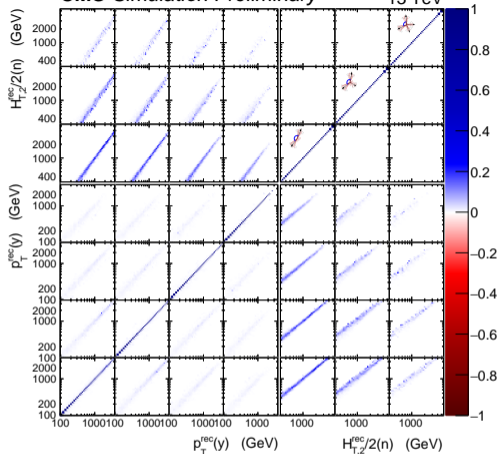
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dp_T dy} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \frac{N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{eff}}}{\Delta p_T \Delta y}$$

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Migrations



CMS Simulation Preliminary 13 TeV



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Pre-unfolding correlations

From the real data

- Off-diagonal entries within the lower 4×4 block describe the statistical correlations among the kinematic bins of inclusive jet (multi-count observable).
- Off-diagonal entries in the 4×3 and 3×4 blocks describe the statistical correlations among the bins of the respective observables.

For the present exercise: simple least-square minimisation

$$\chi^2 = \min_{\mathbf{x}} [(\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y})^\top \mathbf{V}_y^{-1} (\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y})]$$

\mathbf{V}_y covariance matrix from biased measurement

Result (unless regularisation is needed)

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{V}_y^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{V}_y^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_x = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{V}_y \mathbf{A}^{\top -1}$$

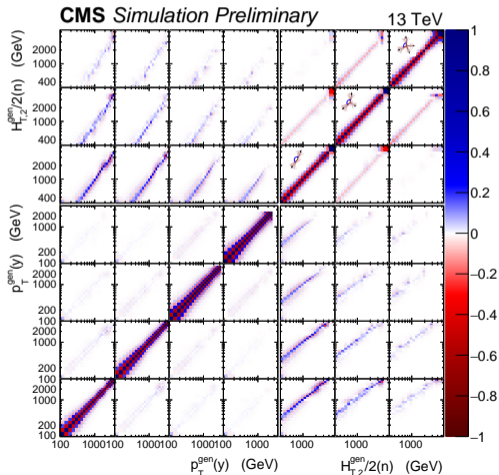
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Post-unfolding correlations

From the simulated data

- With infinitely large statistics, one can use independent statistical samples to construct the different sectors of the migration matrix.
- Else repeat unfolding using alternative migration matrices with additional event weights $\sim \text{Pois}(1)$:

$$\mathbf{V}'_x = \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \cdot \mathbf{x}_n^\top \right) - \frac{1}{N^2} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \right)^\top$$



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From H_T spectra to R_{ij}

- Goal is to extract $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ and its correlations.
- Apply a rotation \mathbf{R} to diagonalise \mathbf{V}_x and generate N events \mathbf{z}_n :

$$\delta'_{n,i} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sqrt{\max(0, k_i)}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_n = \mathbf{f}\left(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{R}^{-1}\delta'_n\right)$$

- Under the Gaussian hypothesis, the covariance may be obtained using the formula given on the last slices.

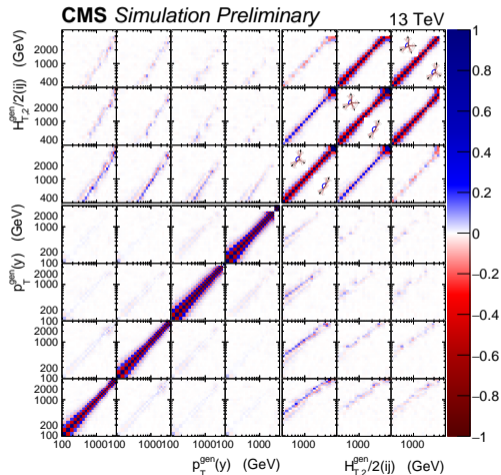
Gain

We now have two observables with distinct properties obtained from the same data.

→ R_{ij} offers additional control on α_s .

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Final correlations



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aNNLL approx. Next to Next to Leading Logarithm.
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CMS Compact Muon Solenoid. 3, 4, 29, 30, 32,
33, 39

EEC energy-energy correlators. 23–27

FO fixed order. 5–8

H1 HERA-1. 39

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LHC Large Hadron Collider. 3, 4

NLO Next to Leading Order. 10–13, 16, 20, 21

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NP Non-Perturbative. 5–8, 28

PDF Parton Distribution Function. 5–8, 23–27

QCD Quantum Chromodynamics. 39

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