Data analysis in HEP



...with an emphasis on what we actually measure, and the role of software tools, especially simulation

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### Who am I?

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- Born 1967 (same age as the Standard Model).
- Grew up in Manchester, UK
- BA in Oxford 1986-1989
- DPhil also Oxford, on the ZEUS experiment in DESY, Hamburg, Germany 1989-1992
- Post doc Penn State, US (in Hamburg!)
  1992-1995
- Lectureship at UCL 1995 and been there ever since (with a lot of time seconded to Hamburg and Geneva)
- Mainly ATLAS (CERN, LHC) since 2005
- Monte Carlo convener 2007-8, Standard Model convener 2010-2012,



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Jets, jet substructure. Monte Carlo (MCnet) Model independent measurements and their (re)interpretation

Two "popular" books (maps from one of them in this talk)











# The power of computing and simulation

Simulation, of our detectors and of the physics we probe with them, is an essential and increasingly powerful part of the calibration, analysis, measurement and interpretation process at colliders.





### The Power: 1

 The role of Monte Carlo event generators and dectector simulation in a measurement









"Detector effects"

- <u>Efficiencies</u>: there is a non-zero probability that a particle passing through a detector will not be reconstructed
- <u>Fake backgrounds</u>: there is a non-zero probability that a particle will be reconstructed even though it wasn't really there
- Smearing: the measured energies, momenta, angles of the particles and jets will be smeared due to the intrinsic resolution of the detectors

We need to know what our detector is doing so we can account for it and in some cases reverse it (the red arrow)





## What is a final state particle?

- Colour triplets (or octets) are not final state particles
  - Neither nature, nor our event generators, guarantee the physicality (or even the presence) of a "final-state top", for example
- Electroweak-scale particles (W, Z, H) are not final state particles
  - Decay lifetime is so short that coherence/interference effects cannot be neglected
  - As above. Focus on the leptons, hadrons, photons
- Operational definitions usually involve a lifetime cut (10ps), and/or distinguish between pre/post hadronization
  - Choices to make about t, B-hadrons etc
  - Algorithmic combinations of final state objects
    - Hadronic Jets, Dressed leptons, Photon Isolation...

- Electrons/muons from hadron decays are typically removed in the data analysis by isolation cuts / fake removal
  - ✓ Can define "prompt leptons" to be "not-from-hadron decays" and only consider these : this is more robust and model-independent than asking that the lepton comes from a certain propagator in the hard process
  - Well defined in Rivet (see tutorial), but you may need to also implement it in your experiment's software
- We don't usually define particle-level isolation, but rather correct for inefficiencies of these requirements
  - It might be worth reconsidering this in specific analyses where proximity to jets has a large effect on results

What is a final-state electron/muon?

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dressed : typically a  $\Delta R < 0.1$ cone is used, but a jet algorithm may be better

- Electron and muon final states can be very different for bare leptons, but much closer for born and dressed leptons: see Rivet tutorial
- It is often argued that dressed should be used for both to allow for *easy combination of final states*. Also bare versus dressed is much closer for muons than bare versus dressed for electrons
- Similarly, fiducial phase space cuts often harmonized for the two, requiring a small extrapolation in phase space for one
  - But electrons != muons
  - ➤ We may want to retain sensitivity to differences (cf LHCb...)
  - Perhaps it is better to measure both and publish correlations between uncertainties, and make choices that are best for each individual channel



What is a final-state tau?

Recall: unstable



#### Leptonic decays

- The final state particles are electrons/muons and neutrinos
- Define fiducial phase-space with those (but we careful to check lepton efficiencies as e.g. impact parameter cuts can be less efficient for leptons from taus)

What is a final-state tau? Recall: unstable (=0.1 mm  $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^{0} \nu$ ∕, μ<sup>\_</sup>, d, s  $\tau^{\pm} \not \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \nu$  $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu$  $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^{\pm} \pi \nu$  $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^{\pm} \pi \pi^{0} \nu$ 

Hadronic decays

- Final state particles are hadrons ( $\rightarrow$  jets) and neutrinos
- Such a definition alone is complicated due to the large number of hadrons not from taus
- Experimental cuts reject backgrounds based on features of the jets, which are hard to replicate at the particle-level
- In this case a compromise might be best: require a hadron in the jet to have come from a prompt tau (this is not quite "final-state based")
- There is not much experience here, more detailed studies would be interesting



What is a final-state neutrino?

Invisible in the detector and existence inferred by  $p_T^{miss}$ 



- Sometimes the momenta of (prompt?) invisible\* particles are summed
- An alternative is to take the sum of all the visible particles within detector acceptance, which is closer to what we measure but can be a bit complicated. E.g. what p<sub>T</sub> of hadrons are we actually sensitive to? (More on this later)

\*neutrinos are indistinguishable from BSM invisible particles

What is a final-state parton?

- Partons radiate more partons which hadronize.
- Run a jet algorithm on the final-state particles
  - Form a list of particles (this would be clusters / tracks at reco-level)
  - Merge the smallest pair according to a "distance" parameter
  - ➢ Iterate
- Algorithms assign each hadron to a jet. The energy/momentum of the jet represents the energy/momentum of the parton from the hard scatter
- Think carefully about what is included as inputs: Muons? Neutrinos?

Note: Depending on the reconstruction code, an electron will often form a jet initially. We remove these jets using overlap removal at both reco- and truthlevel (e.g. remove any jets with  $\Delta R < 0.4$ from a prompt electron)



What is a final-state b-jet?

- Decay length for a 20 GeV b-hadron ~2 mm, they are therefore unstable and not included as final state particle
- However we select them experimentally by making displaced vertex selection cuts



- Common "compromise" is to associate the *non-final state b*-hadrons to jets.
- If a jet contains a b-hadron it is considered a particle-level b-jet



## What is a fiducial cross section?

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#### Increase acceptance







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Inaccessible. Removed by kinematics cuts.

Not part of the fiducial cross section

Theory extrapolation done separately or (better) fiducial cuts implemented in the theory

Fiducial phase-space

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Irrespective of detector efficiencies and resolution, there are particular kinematic regions that *we just don't measure at all*.

We do not have  $4\pi$  detectors and we can't go down to zero  $p_T$ !



A fiducial phase-space is a set of selection criteria that can be applied to **finalstate "truth" particles** 

e.g.: Select events with one (and only one) muon with  $p_T$ > 25 GeV,  $|\eta|$ <2.4 and  $p_T^{miss}$  > 30 GeV.



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- A bit more on unfolding
- Background (subtraction?)
- Jets and substructure



Unfolding to Particle Level

#### • If you

- Have already calibrated the detector/reconstruction
- Defined the **final state** carefully
- Used this to define a fiducial phase space
- Used a simulated prior that describes all relevant distributions
- ... then "unfolding" is not a big final step
- Several standard techniques and implementations available











- Background was determined using control regions+MC, and subtracted
- Perhaps these W's should be included as part of the "signal" definition?
  - This leaves the data uncontaminated and as close to "what we see" as possible.
  - Removes dependence on control regions and MC extrapolation between regions
- But be careful of fiducial phase-space definitions: e.g. how are out-of-acceptance leptons treated in the missing p<sub>T</sub> definition?

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- What p<sub>T</sub> of hadrons are we actually sensitive to?
- What angle and p<sub>T</sub> of leptons can we identify?

\*Neutrinos are indistinguishable from BSM invisible particles, which is one of the points of this measurement... Similar final-states example: Four-lepton production

## All events with: e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>, μ<sup>+</sup>μ<sup>-</sup> e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>, e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>

or

 $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ 



## Jet Substructure and Jet Grooming

"Boost"



Jets will be contaminated not just by underlying event but by particles from other pp interactions

#### Unprecedented collision energy!

*Electroweak-scale particles can be produced with high Lorentz boost, and lots of QCD radiation*  Many Electroweak-scale particles/jets can be produced in the same event, and lots of QCD radiation

• Jets are everywhere *radiat* Ok that's not so new... but it's true

And may contain boosted Z, W, H, t etc decays

# To look at it another way...\*

- Final stage of jet structure is "soft" nonperturbative QCD.
  - Formation of hadrons from gluons, 100 MeV energy scales ( $\Lambda_{\rm QCD}$ )
- Vast phase space between quark-gluon scatter (100s of GeV, few TeV) and  $\Lambda_{\rm QCD}$
- Most of jet substructure can potentially be analysed and understood perturbatively
  - Parton showers, ME matching  $\rightarrow$

# To the TeV scale and beyond

Precision theory, exclusive calculations, fixed orders & resummed & matched

Soft or collinear kinematics  $\rightarrow$  log(scales)  $\mathcal{O}(10)$ 

Vertices  $\rightarrow \alpha_{s}$ ,

O(0.1)

 $\alpha_{s} log$  terms O(1), must be resummed (exponentiated)

Still need fixed-order  $\alpha_s$  outside these enhanced regions



- Jets are one key area in the data/theory comparison business
- Jets are not just less-well-measured leptons or "smeared" partons.
  - Hard radiation interference at amplitude level
  - Matching at high scales with Matrix element
  - Matching at low scales with parton densities and hadronisation model
  - potentially useful information in the internal jet structure, and in particle/energy flow between the jets
- Jets have no existence independent of the algorithm

– even if the "algorithm" = event display + physicist

Jet finder(s) 
$$\rightarrow$$
 Jet definers

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$$d_{ij} = \min(k_{ti}^{2p}, k_{tj}^{2p}) \frac{\Delta_{ij}^2}{R^2}$$

$$d_{iB} = k_{ti}^{2p}$$

- Form a list
  - (of particles, tracks, clusters or partons)
- Merge the smallest pair
- Iterate

• Anti-
$$k_t$$
: p = -1 (default. Use R=0.4, 0.6)

- Stable, "circular" jets built around highest p<sub>T</sub> regions
- Also used:
  - Cambridge/Aachen: p = 0. Based only on angular information

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-  $k_t : p = 1$ . Merging scales are physically meaningful



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## With well-defined algorithms, can look at, and use, the jet substructure

- An example from just before Run 1
  - Higgs production associated with a W or Z, Higgs decay to bb
  - Thought to be very difficult/impossible (TDRs)
  - Still, best chance for  $H \rightarrow bb$
  - What can we do…?

# High p<sub>T</sub> Higgs and Vector Boson

- By requiring that the Higgs and Vector Boson have a high transverse momentum, we lose a factor of ~20 in cross section
  - However, much of this would have failed other analysis cuts anyway
  - Background cross sections fall by a bigger factor (typically t-channel not s-channel)

"mono"-Jet

W

 $\mathbf{m}_{\mathrm{H}}$ 

h

- W/Z and H are all central
  - Better b-tagging, better jet resolution
- W/Z and H decay products collimated
  - Simpler topology, fewer combinatorials
  - Difficult for tops to fake this
- Z → neutrinos becomes visible
  - High missing E<sub>T</sub>
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1. Start with Higgs candidate jet (highest  $p_T$  jet in acceptance) with mass m)

Sub-jet analysis

- 2. Undo last stage of clustering (reduce radius to  $R_{12}$ )
  - $J \rightarrow J_1, J_2$
- 3. If  $max(m_{1'}m_2) < 2m/3$ 
  - Call this a "mass drop". This fixes the optimal radius for reconstructing the Higgs decay. Keep the jet J and call it the Higgs candidate.
  - Else, go back to 2
- 4. Require  $Y_{12} > 0.09$

Dimensionless rejection of asymmetric QCD splitting Else reject the event

5. Require  $J_1$ ,  $J_2$  to each contain a b-tag Else reject the event



## Sub-jet analysis

6. Define  $R_{filt} = min(0.3, R_{bb}/2)$ 

Make use event-by-event of the known Higgs decay radius Angular ordering means this is the characteristic radius of QCD radiation from Higgs products

Stuff outside of this is likely to be underlying event and pileup.

7. Recluster, with Cambridge/Aachen,  $R = R_{filt}$ 

mass drop

8. Take the 3 hardest subjets and combine to be the Higgs

b, anti-b and leading order final state gluon radiation

9. Plot the mass



filter

R<sub>bb</sub>

# Improved subjet analysis

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Improved subjet analysis

 $200 < p_{t7} < 250 \text{ GeV}$ 

0.15 Rfilt = 0.3p<sub>t</sub> [GeV] 0.1 90 80 70 0.05 60 50 40 Ο 140 100 120 80 30 60 m<sub>H</sub> [GeV] 20  $200 < p_{tZ} < 250$  Ge 10 0.008 0.006 0.004 0.002 Ο 100 120 140 80 60 m<sub>H</sub> [GeV] hou NO DESCRIPTION AS A DURATION DO NOT A DATA



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## Roughly, two goals in jet substructure

- Grooming: Remove underlying event and pile-up
  - improved mass resolution, other properties reflect hard physics more closely
  - In a way which is perturbatively calculable
- Tagging: is this a q/g initiated jet or a heavy particle decay?
  - Background reduction, efficiency
  - NB interaction with B-tagging
  - Again, must be perturbatively calculable

### Where are we now?

- "Soft drop" is the state-of-the art
  - Mass Drop Tagger (BDRS) → modified Mass Drop Tagger (follow p<sub>T</sub> not mass). Dasgupta et al, <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.0007</u>
  - mMDT tagging → jet grooming Larkoski et al, <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/1402.2657</u>

"We introduce a new jet substructure technique called "soft drop declustering", which recursively removes soft wide-angle radiation from a jet. The soft drop algorithm depends on two parameters--a soft threshold **zcut** and an angular exponent **6**--with the **6=0** limit corresponding roughly to the (modified) mass drop procedure."

$$\frac{\min(p_{\mathrm{T},j_{1}}, p_{\mathrm{T},j_{2}})}{p_{\mathrm{T},j_{1}} + p_{\mathrm{T},j_{2}}} > z_{\mathrm{cut}} \left(\frac{\Delta R_{12}}{R}\right)^{\beta}$$

### In use...



#### • ATLAS

#### https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.0834

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- There are nearly 100 public search results from ATLAS and CMS as well as an even larger number of phenomenological proposals to use jet substructure to enhance various searches. See e.g. Ref. [2, 3] for the first phenomenological proposals and Ref [4–7] for representative ATLAS and CMS performance studies.
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### In summary...

- Jet substructure and jet grooming (see also nsubjettiness etc) are ways of *defining new observables* which aim to be:
  - Calculable to controlled accuracy in the SM (QCD & EW)
  - More precise and more sensitive to the interesting hard physics (H, W, Z, t, BSM, novel QCD effects)
  - Less sensitive to soft/non-perturbative physics (hadronization, soft and collinear radiation)
  - Less sensitive to experimental noise (pile-up, mainly)
- Increasing role of machine learning (ML4JETS)



Finally... the Power: 2

- The role of Monte Carlo event generators as the best predictions we have for the Standard Model and Beyond
  - More details on how this is done this later in the school
  - Here I will just mention a couple of auxiliary tools which help






- Extend the power of Rivet beyond the Standard Model
- Signal-injection of final-state particles from Beyond-the-SM physics events on to the measured cross sections in Rivet



 Increasingly precise measurements and calculations together extend the reach

JMB, Grellscheid, Krämer, Sarrazin, Yallup; Buckley et al. Tutorials















## The High Lumi LHC Era

- Major experimental challenges
- High data rates
  - excellent trigger selection\*
  - fast, efficient analysis software\*
  - efficient/compact data storage
- High pile-up
  - tracking\*
  - vertexing
  - high granularity
  - jet "grooming" \*

\* Including Machine Learning and related techniques

## The High Lumi LHC Era

- No agreed "favourite" extensions to the Standard Model
  - *many ideas, connecting various anomalous phenomena*
  - And we know the Standard Model is not a "Theory of Everything"
- Change of approach required
  - This is about *exploration* of new physics territory
    - **No guarantee** that Dark Matter, Supersymmetry, or indeed anything else beyond the Standard Model will be within reach

Need precise, theory-independent measurements, and comparable calculations, in Standard Model & beyond. (As well as looking for "outliers".)

## The High Lumi LHC Era

- The guarantee is we will find out
  - Whether the Higgs-self coupling is as the Standard Model predicts • Whether or not the Standard Model continues to apply, well beyond the region in which it was developed, and to what precision We will also push some amazing technologies, with likely benefits elsewhere, including computational and software techniques \* And there may be surprises...



