# Jet scaling for vetos in Higgs searches

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# Jet ratios as a handle on multi-jets

### Motivation for understanding multi-jets rates

- High-multiplicities crucial for SM measurements [top properties...]
- Background for BSM searches [SUSY cascades, new colored states, black holes, ...]
- Jet vetos require an understanding of exclusive jet rates

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#### After Weak Boson Fusion cuts

- After cuts Z+jets background quickly becomes Poisson (WBF not)



# Validation of tools and scaling hypothesis

Atlas study on jets between gaps as a function of  $p_{\perp}$  and  $\Delta y$ 

based on RIVET public-analysis from ATLAS JHEP 1109 (2011) 053



Same for Z + jets analysis/figures

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# Conclusions

- Ratio of exclusive jet rates are an interesting from a theory perspective and relevant for predicting jet veto efficiencies.
- Many opportunities to study the Poisson distribution in other n<sub>jet</sub> distributions, for example
  - $Z/\gamma$  + jets with a large leading jet  $p_{\perp}$ .
  - Pure QCD di-jets with a large rapidity gap.
  - $t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b}WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu + jets?$
- The fact that QCD jet cross-sections do not follow a Poisson distribution (unless a large final state logarithm is present) is primarily the result of secondary splittings.

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- Suspect more pheno applications...we're thinking about this!

# The challenge for theoretical predictions at the LHC

# Calculational techniques for multi-jets



- Leading order calculations suffer from scale uncertainty
- Difference between two (equally good) scale choices  $\mu$  and  $\bar{\mu}$

$$\sigma_{n-\text{jets}}^{\text{LO}}(\bar{\mu}) - \sigma_{n-\text{jets}}^{\text{LO}}(\mu) \sim \alpha_{S}^{n}\left(n b_{0} \alpha_{S} \ln \frac{\bar{\mu}^{2}}{\mu^{2}}\right)$$

- NLO calculation less scale sensitive but not always available [pure jets  $n \le 4$ ] [Hoeche et al. Blackhat]
- Also, there are selections/processes/observables with large logarithms

$$\alpha_s \log\left(rac{Q}{Q_0}
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- Analytic techniques to resum large logarithms available [but limitations]

# The challenge for theoretical predictions at the LHC

### Examples of theoretical tools pushed to their limit

- MonteCarlo Matrix-Element/Parton-Shower methods flexible tools including some LO, NLO and logarithmic effects
- Good general agreement between early data and MonteCarlo methods
- But...inherent limitations on PS evolution is <u>the</u> largest uncertainty in many analysis. [*i.e.* signal modelling MC@NLO vs. POWHEG]

## Jet scaling

- New tools for understanding multi-jet events always welcome.
- The idea of jet scaling may be one of them but...in what observable do we look



SQC.

#### Jet ratios as a handle on scaling and multi-jet rates

 $\sigma_n$  is the exclusive *n* jet cross section (in addition to core process jets)

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# Jet scaling in the data

#### FInding patterns in current analysis

- Both patterns observed in QCD processes (depending on cuts)
- For staircase:  $R_{excl} = R_{incl}$  [Englert, Plehn, Schichtel, Schumann]
- For Poisson:



### QED and the emergence of Poisson scaling

#### Basic synopsis of Poisson radiation pattern from QED [Peskin & Schroder; Weinberg]

- Fully factorized form of the matrix element (Eikonal approximation)
- Phase space factor 1/n! for identical bosons in the final state

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_n \sim \frac{L^n}{n!} e^{-L} \qquad \text{with} \qquad L \sim \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \log\left(\frac{E_{hard}}{E_{soft}}\right)$$

#### Crucial theorem: Addition of independent Poisson processes

- Suppose two Poisson processes  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  with Poisson expectations  $\bar{n}_1$ and  $\bar{n}_2$  are independent. The counting process N defined by  $N(t) = N_1(t) + N_2(t)$  is a Poisson process with rate function  $\bar{n}$  given by  $\bar{n} = \bar{n}_1 + \bar{n}_2$ .

 $\Rightarrow$  All QED processes give Poisson [in soft collinear limit]

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- Limit of "gluon" dominated  $(\bar{n}' \gg \bar{n})$  evolution gives staircase scaling
- Agrees with intuition of factorial growth of pure YM amplitudes
- Also computable result at LL for pure gluon initiated jet [Konishi, Veniziano]

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#### Final state parton cascade

1. All radiative emissions start off as a Poisson process [expand "core-process" Sudakov]

$$\Delta_q = 1 - \Gamma_q + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_q^2 + \cdots = \left( + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots \right)$$

2. Secondary emissions break Poisson scaling  ${}_{[e.g.\ e^+e^-\rightarrow jets]}$ 

$$\sim$$
  $\Gamma_q \otimes \Gamma_g$ 

3. Relative size of primary and secondary splitting processes give us  $\bar{n}'$ 

# Subsequent splittings and the emergence of staircase More realistic model: $e^+e^- o qar q$ + jets

- Leading log and next-to-leading log jet rates available for the Durham measure (we calculate to  $O(\alpha^4)$ ) [Catani, Dokshitzer, Olsson, Turnock, Webber (1991): Webber (2010)]

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 and  $a\equivlpha_{S}/\pi$ 

- Purely abelian terms from qg splitting exponentiate

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- Leading log jet rate ratios in  $e^+e^- 
  ightarrow$  jets flatter than Poisson  $_{ ext{[higher multiplicities]}}$
- Still not enough to completely explain the data in Drell-Yan



# Important differences between QED and QCD

#### Deviation from Poisson must be the result of one of the following

1. QED Poisson scaling is derived in the soft-collinear limit.

Corrections due to hard matrix elements

2. QCD has (logarithmically equivalent) subsequent splittings (gluon 3-pt)

 $\Rightarrow$  Secondary emissions  $\checkmark$ 

3. Different kinematics due to PDFs

 $\Rightarrow$  Relative cost of an additional jet depends on previous jets

## Estimating the effect due to PDFs

 The ratio of exclusive cross-sections contains a ratio of PDF's evaluated at different typical scales

$$R_{(n+1)/n} \sim rac{f(x_{n+1}, Q_{n+1})}{f(x_n, Q_n)}$$

 Measure of the suppression on exclusive multiplicities given by the (discrete) 2nd-derivative with respect to x.

$$B(n, Q) = \frac{|F(x_{n+1}, Q_{hard})|^2}{F(x_n, Q_{hard}) F(x_{n+2}, Q_{hard})}$$

- Two representative kinematic extremes
  - 1. Z recoils against jets
  - 2. Each jet costs moves x by  $\delta x = p_{\perp}/\sqrt{s}$
- Choose factorization scale below the jet scale [exclusive jet rates]

Estimating the effect due to PDFs

Lowest bin most affected and effect decreases with multiplicity



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# The return to Poisson scaling in QCD

Observation: Poisson distribution returns when we require a hard final state jet

- PDF effect disappears as we move to higher X [example Drell-Yan]



- Large logarithm drives evolution along a single line [explains why we do not see Poisson scaling in color singlet exchange]
- Primary (abelian) emission off the hard color line are dynamically enhanced [see generating functional formalism]
- Note that inducing a large initial state logarithm (*e.g.* cut on the lepton invariant mass) is <u>not</u> sufficient to induce the Poisson behaviour [again fixed energy jet rates imply this]

# Summary slide on the origins of scaling patterns

1. Jet ratios show two scaling patterns:

#### Poisson or staircase

- 2. Poisson scaling is a fundamental result which can most easily be seen by expanding the Sudakov form factor off a given hard line
- Staircase scaling is not a fundamental consequence of QCD but a fortuitous <u>semi-coincidence</u> of two effects:

secondary emissions and PDF suppression .

4. We can undo both effects by imposing a large final state logarithm, and return to Poisson scaling

Erik Gerwick: Jet scaling for vetos in Higgs searches

# Applications

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# Deserted island physics!



# Deserted island physics: calculate the (normalized) Drell Yan $N_{jet}$ ratios

#### Modern way (with technology)

- 1. Find favorite parton shower MC
- 2. Wait a while (couple of days?)
- 3. Compute each  $N_{jet}$  cross-section
- 4. Divide rates to obtain ratios

#### Island way (scaling arguments)

- 1. Everything starts as a Poisson
- 2. Add 1st order inhomogeneity [from

 $g \rightarrow gg$  splitting functions]

$$ar{n} \sim 1 \qquad ar{n}' \sim rac{C_A}{12C_F}$$

- 3. Evaluate PDF function B
- 4. Fold together!

#### 1. All radiative emissions start off as a Poisson process

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# Jet Vetos in Higgs searches

#### Higgs searches via Weak Boson Fusion

- Early sensitivity in  $H o WW^{\star}/ au au/\gamma\gamma$  [both Atlas and CMS dedicated WBF searches ]
- Large background from V(V) + jets at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$



Central Jet Veto [or how QCD can actually help us for once!]

- Widely separated (in  $\eta$ ) tagging jets and veto "in-between" QCD activity
- Signal gives less soft in-between QCD radiation [Rainwater, Zeppenfeld]
- *N<sub>jet</sub>* distribution give us valuable information on central jets



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## Predicting Central Jet veto efficiencies

#### Weak Boson Fusion cuts

- 1. Identify tagging jets with  $|y_1 y_2| > 4.4$  and  $m_{jj} > 600$  GeV
- 2. Veto events with an additional central jet satisfying  $p_{\perp} > 20~{
  m GeV}$
- 3. Define the 2-jet exclusive cross section for signal and background

#### Theoretical difficulties in the WBF jet veto computation

- The second step induces a large logarithm  $\sim \log\left(rac{p_{
  m veto}}{n_{
  m veto}}
  ight)$
- Cannot trust fixed order calculations (single emission probability > 1)
- Analytic resummation available in some cases [Delgado, Forshaw, Marzani, Seymour]
- The only general method involves Parton-Shower [preferably with matrix element matching]

Validation of theoretical tools in H 
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#### Before Weak Boson Fusion cuts

- WBF and Z+ jets background follow a flat staircase distribution



Veto Probabilities

 Can use Poisson fit to calculate veto probability taking into account all multi-jet contributions.

$$P_{veto} = e^{-\bar{n}}$$

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#### After Weak Boson Fusion cuts

- Z+jets background quickly becomes Poisson, while WBF does not



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# Dijet gap jets and Z + jets

Atlas study on jets between gaps as a function of  $p_{\perp}$  and  $\delta y$ 

based on data/public-analysis from ATLAS JHEP 1109 (2011) 053



Same for Z + jets analysis/figures

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# Conclusions

- Ratio of  $N_{jet}$  distributions interesting from a theory perspective and crucial for precise predictions for jet vetos.
- Many opportunities to study the Poisson distribution in other n<sub>jet</sub> distributions, for example
  - $Z/\gamma$  + jets with a large leading jet  $p_{\perp}$ .
  - ▶ Z+ jets in WBF type of configurations (large  $\eta$  separations), with large average jet  $p_{\perp}$  of leading two jets.
  - Pure QCD di-jets with a large rapidity gap.
  - $t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b}WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu + jets?$
- The fact that QCD cross-section do not at all follow a Poisson distribution (unless a large final state logarithm is present) is the result of a combination of secondary splittings and <u>PDF effects</u>.

- Theoretical origins for scaling patterns mostly understood. Full quantitative study requires resummed jet rates.
- We suspect more Pheno applications...and we're working on this!

# $Central \; jet \; vetos \; in \; Higgs \; searches \; {}_{[EG, \; Plehn, \; Schumann]}$

# Weak Boson Fusion

- Signal has high  $|\eta|$  tagging jets, Z + jets background more likely to radiate additional jets into this region. Impose WBF cuts

$$y_1 \cdot y_2 < 0 ||y_1 - y_2|| > 4.4 m_{jj} > 600 \text{ GeV}$$

- Central jet veto makes this channel relevant. Veto all events with an additional jet satisfying  $p_{\tau}^{\text{veto}} > 20 \text{ GeV} \quad \min v_{1,2} < v^{\text{veto}} < \max v_{1,2}$
- For background, Dipole initiated shower contains a large Logarithm.

$$ar{n} \sim \log rac{m_{jj}}{Q_{veto}}$$

- For signal, large log not induced.

# Before WBF cuts Higgs WBF 0.6 0.8 Z production EW 0.8 0.6 0.8 Z production QCD $R(\sigma_{n+1}/\sigma_n)$ 3/27/6- 4 回 ト - 4 回 ト - 4 ж **∃** →

Validation of theoretical tools in  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$  [EG, Plehn, Schumann]

The emergence of Jet scaling patterns

- Through simulation we see that WBF cuts induce Poisson scaling [in background]



- Our standard  $Z/W/\gamma$  + jets  $N_{jet}$  ratios

- For both distribution we can easily compute the survival probability

$$\sigma_2^{\text{exclusive}} = \sigma_2^{\text{inclusive}} e^{-\bar{n}}$$

# The origin of Jet scaling patterns

How can we get a handle on non-exponentiable contributions?

- Inhomogenous Poisson processes [each emission emits]

$$P(n,\bar{n},\bar{n}') = e^{-\bar{n}-n\bar{n}'} \sum_{i=0}^{n} \left( \frac{(n-1)!}{i!(n-i-1)!(n-i)!} \right) \bar{n}'^{i} \bar{n}^{n-i}$$

Deviation from Poisson to 1st order  $\iff$  compute  $\bar{n}'$ 

#### How can we reasonably estimate PDF effect?

- 1. Construct "threshold" kinematics for process and cuts (e.g. Drell-Yan)
- 2. Compute discretized second derivative

$$B = \frac{|F(x_{n+1}, Q)|^2}{F(x_n, Q)F(x_{n+2}, Q)},$$

3. Multiply ratios by B

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