# Constructing Stable Observables with Energy Correlation Functions



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#### Jet Substructure



Jet substructure observables play an important role in a variety of searches, e.g. dark matter.

#### Absolute Performance



## Stability in mJ and pTJ



Use more stable substructure observables leads to improved performance. For example, DDT. [Dolen, Harris, Marzani, Rappoccio, Tran 1603.00027]

#### Theoretical Understanding

#### Experimental Features



## Problem: Unstable Observables



 $\bigcirc$  D<sub>2</sub> is designed from power counting to optimize performance.

[Larkoski, Moult, Neill 1507.03018]

For definitions, see backup slides

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## Problem: Unstable Observables



# Stability

○ There are multiple ways we can make stable observables:

Groom away soft radiation

#### Construct an intrinsically stable observable



N-subjettiness

Further numerical instability can be removed by DDT.



R2D2 tagger





# Stability

New energy correlation based observable N<sub>2</sub> parametrically stable with and without grooming!



 $\bowtie$  N<sub>2</sub> power counts similarly as N-subjettiness, but avoids pathological issues with axes.

#### Strategy 1: Groom away soft radiation Softdrop Pruning Trimming ATLAS used trimming to improve stability of D Mass Drop

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# Strategy 1: Groom away soft radiation



 $M_2^{(\beta)} = \frac{1e_3^{(\beta)}}{(e_2^{(\beta)})}$  $D_2^{(1,2)} = \frac{e_3^{(1)}}{(e_2^{(2)})^{3/2}}$ 

We can build more observables which are stable after grooming.



#### Strategy 2: Build a stable observable

 $N_2^{(\beta)} = \frac{2e_3^{(\beta)}}{(e_3^{(\beta)})^2} = \frac{1}{(\beta)^2}$ 



- Theoretically motivated for a good discrimination R between 1 and 2-prong jets.
- Stable under changes of p<sub>T</sub> and mass cuts! R

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# Strategy 2: Build a stable observable



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#### Looking ahead: Correlations



Now we have 3 observables constructed from the same functions.

○ Interesting to think about extending 1-D to 2-D observables.



#### **Top Tagging**



Extension of the same observables to 3 prong.



### Quark/Gluon discrimination

Quarks and Gluons have different color factors, which allows for discrimination. Probing multiple emissions improves discrimination.

 $U_n^{(\beta)} = {}_1 e_n^{(\beta)}$ 

This observable is a measure of the ``number" of emissions!





# Stability

 $\rightarrow$ 

- We have the ability to construct observables with particular parametric features.
- Power counting is a useful diagnostic tool (see backup slides for CMS hybrid strategy).
- We focused on stability because it is of experimental significance.
- Reperimental input is appreciated!

All observables are available in fastjet contrib under EnergyCorrelator 1.2.0

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# Backup Slides



## **Exploring Old Angles**









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- $\bowtie$  From power counting, D<sub>2</sub> is the optimal observables obtain from the ``old" energy correlation functions for 2-prong discrimination.
- □ Indeed it has been adopted at ATLAS.

[Larkoski, Moult, Neill 1507.03018]

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○ It is used by CMS with a ``hybrid" cut.

[Larkoski, Thaler, Salam 1305.0007]

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### Hybrid cuts



 $\bigcirc$  Strategy adopted by CMS, which makes C<sub>2</sub> perform well.

- Mass cut on the groomed mass.
- R Effectively selects for higher mass.

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### N-subjettiness





[Thaler, Van Tilburg 1011.2268]

## **Exploring New Angles**



 $e_2^{(\beta)} = \sum z_i z_j \theta_{ij}^{\beta}$  ${}_{1}e_{3}^{(\beta)} = \sum^{i,j} z_{i}z_{j}z_{k}\min(\theta_{ij}^{\beta}, \theta_{kj}^{\beta}, \theta_{ik}^{\beta})$  ${}_{2}e_{3}^{(\beta)} = \sum_{i}^{i,j,k} z_{i}z_{j}z_{k}\min(\theta_{ij}^{\beta}\theta_{kj}^{\beta}, \theta_{ij}^{\beta}\theta_{ik}^{\beta}, \theta_{kj}^{\beta}\theta_{ik}^{\beta})$ i, j, k



## Observables of the Day

















 $\bigcirc$  But most importantly, N<sub>2</sub> is stable!

$$N_2^{(2),\max} \sim rac{(e_2^{(eta)})^2}{(e_2^{(eta)})^2} \sim {
m const}$$

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Signal:  $({}_2e_3^{(\beta)}) < (e_2^{(\beta)})^2$ 

#### More Observables After Grooming



Rew observables are stable after grooming!



Groomed observables are stable!

# Build the same strategy for other searches:



Extending the generalized energy correlation functions from 2 prong, to 3 prong.





#### Quark/Gluon discrimination



- Reyond Casimir scaling by probing multiple emissions.
- $\bowtie$  U<sub>n</sub> asymptotes to a measurement of multiplicity.





### Quark/Gluon discrimination



- $U_n^{(\beta)} = {}_1 e_n^{(\beta)}$
- Small beta, small angles, non perturbative regime.
- Stability of  $U_3$  as a function of beta is a great feature. High beta, more control.