

α_s Determination via the Differential 2-Jet-Rate at LHC

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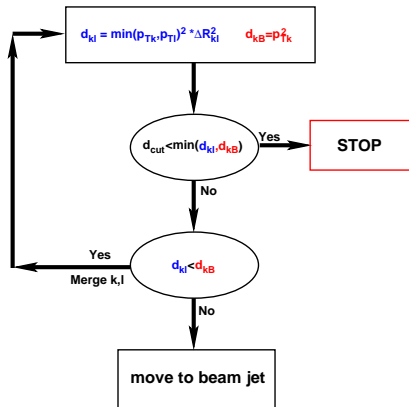


Jets



- Jets very important for many physics analysis: QCD, Top-Quark, Higgs, SUSY, etc.
- large statistics
→ first data analysis
e.g. α_s determination
- several different Jet-Algorithms available (different physical and theoretical motivations)
- two big groups: Cone- and k_T -Jets

Exclusive k_T -Algorithm, ΔR -scheme

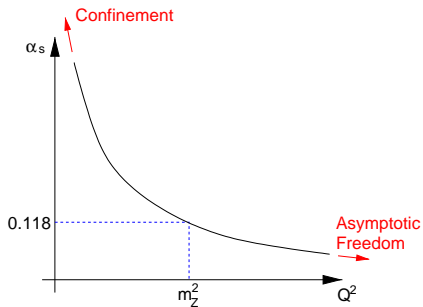


- d_{min} : smallest value among d_{kB} and d_{kl}
- d_{Cut} : cut-off parameter until jets are merged
- $d_{min} > d_{Cut}$: all remaining objects are classified as jets
- if d_{kl} is smallest, k and l are combined
- if d_{kB} is smallest, k is included in beam jet
- jet-size is dynamic, no overlapping jets

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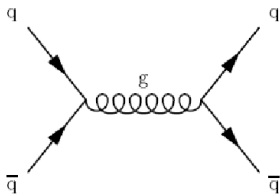
- infrared- and collinear-safe
- clusters objects close in momentum space
- distance between objects $d_{kl} = \min(p_{Tk}^2, p_{Tl}^2) * R^2$
(with $R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\Phi^2}$)
 - objects clustered to Jets until $d_{kl} \geq d_{cut}$
 - number of Jets in final state depends on d_{cut}
- here (other way round): interested in d_{cut} for specific Jetmultiplicity
 - d_{23} : d_{cut} -value where Jetmultiplicity flips from 3 to 2

Strong coupling constant α_s

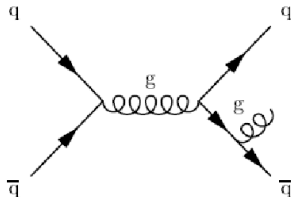


- $\alpha_s = \frac{g_s^2}{4\pi}$ with color charge g_s
- processes with gluons needed to evaluate α_s
(strength of gluon-coupling on colored particles = α_s)

α_s and Jets in hadron collisions



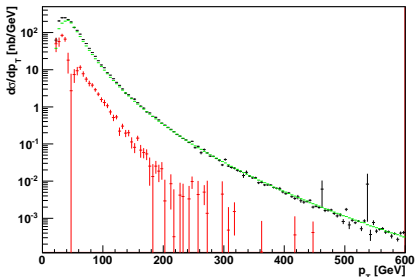
- $\sigma \sim \alpha_s^2$
- no emission of additional parton



- $\sigma \sim \alpha_s^3$
- emission of additional parton
- in theory: infrared and collinear divergences
 → need infrared- and collinear-safe observables,
 e.g. k_T -Jets

NLOJet++

- NLOJet++ (version 4.1.3)
- by Zoltan Nagy
- used to generate inclusive 3 parton production @ NLO
(**N**ext-to-**l**eading-**o**rd**e**r)
- e.g. Jet- p_T -distributions for **born**, **nlo** and full (born+nlo)
($p_T > 20$ GeV)



3-Jet-Rate



$$\frac{\text{number of events with 3 Jets in final state}}{\text{number of events}}$$

$$R_3 = \frac{\sigma_{3\text{Jets}}}{\sigma_{2\text{Jets}} + \sigma_{3\text{Jets}}}$$

- in LO proportional to α_s
- for more exact determination: NLO calculations
 $R_3(d_{23}) = A(d_{23}) * \alpha_s + B(d_{23}) * \alpha_s^2$
- entries in R_3 -distribution are correlated
 → slope of R_3 -distribution is uncorrelated

$$R_2 = 1 - R_3(-R_4)$$

→ in experiment: measure regions where R_4 is negligible

Differential 2-Jet-Rate

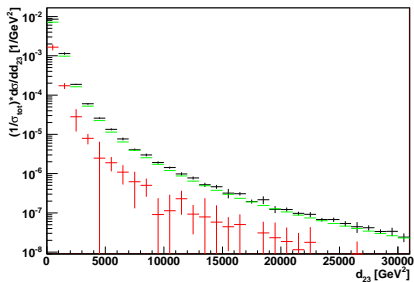
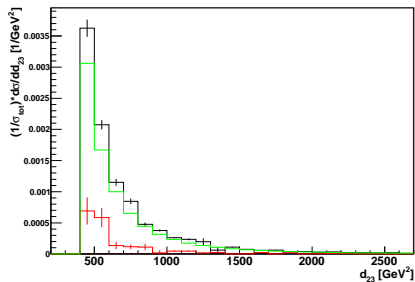
$$D_{23} = \frac{\Delta R_2}{\Delta d_{23}} = -\frac{\Delta R_3}{\Delta d_{23}} =$$

$$\frac{\Delta A(d_{23})}{\Delta d_{23}} * \alpha_s + \frac{\Delta B(d_{23})}{\Delta d_{23}} * \alpha_s^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} * \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta d_{23}}$$

D_{23} (NLOJet++)

D_{23} distribution of **born**, **nlo** and full



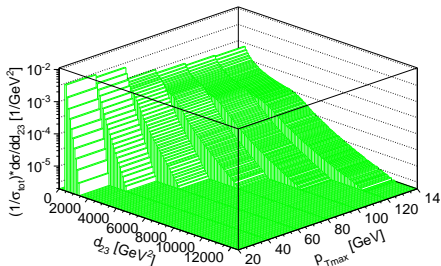
(many different values of Q^2)

Q^2 dependency of α_s (NLOJet++)

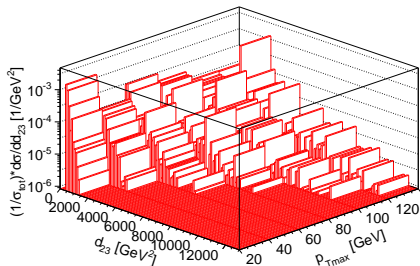
- α_s depends on Q^2
- $Q^2 \cong p_{T,\text{leading Jet}}$

D_{23} distribution vs. $p_T(\text{leading Jet})$

born



nlo



born and nlo distributions differ in shape!

Principle of α_s measurement



$$D_{23} = \frac{1}{N} * \frac{\Delta N(Q^2)}{\Delta d_{23}} =$$

$$\frac{\Delta A(d_{23}, Q^2)}{\Delta d_{23}} * \alpha_s(Q^2) + \frac{\Delta B(d_{23}, Q^2)}{\Delta d_{23}} * \alpha_s^2(Q^2)$$

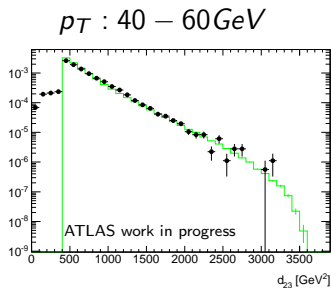
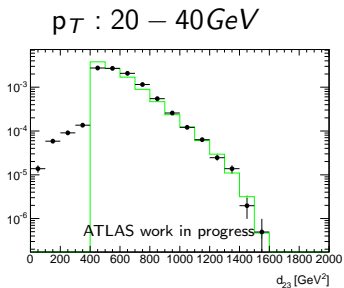
- get $\frac{1}{N} * \frac{\Delta N(Q^2)}{\Delta d_{23}}$ from measured data

- obtain $\frac{\Delta A(d_{23}, Q^2)}{\Delta d_{23}}$ (=born) and $\frac{\Delta B(d_{23}, Q^2)}{\Delta d_{23}}$ (=nlo) from NLOJET++

→ evaluate α_s from fits on D_{23} -distribution

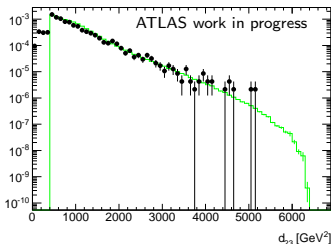
Comparison between data and NLOJET++(born)

- work in progress
- 5.6 million events (45.000 events with $p_T(jets) > 20 \text{ GeV}$)
(just for testing)

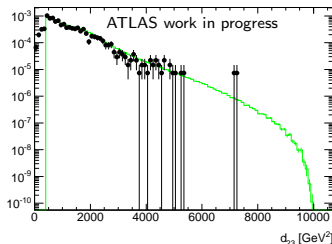


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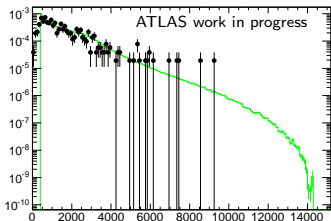
$p_T : 60 - 80 \text{ GeV}$



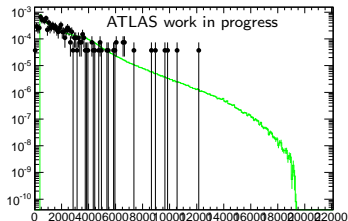
$p_T : 80 - 100 \text{ GeV}$



$p_T : 100 - 120 \text{ GeV}$

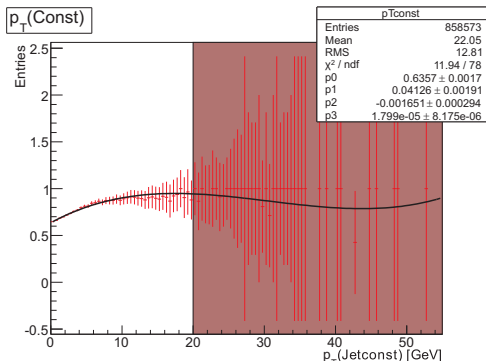


$p_T : 120 - 140 \text{ GeV}$



How to correct d_{23} for UE? (PYTHIA)

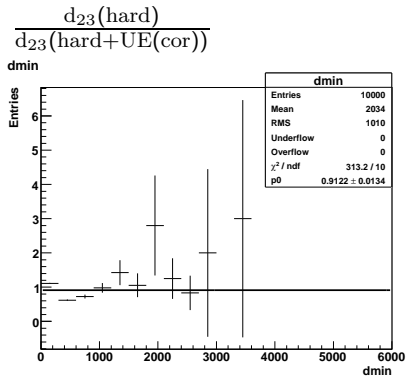
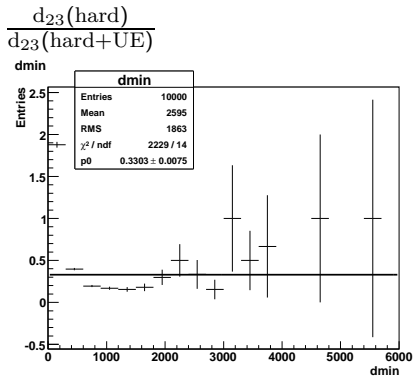
- weight each particle ($p_T < 20$ GeV) in jet by probability not to come from UE (here: low- $p_T=3$ rd jet)
- weighing-factors from
$$\frac{[(\text{Hard} + \text{Tune A}) - (\text{low-}p_T)]}{(\text{Hard} + \text{Tune A})}$$



How to correct d_{23} for UE? (PYTHIA)

- weight each particle ($p_T < 20$ GeV) in jet by probability not to come from UE
- sum up corrected particles to new jets with corrected p_T
- calculate new d_{23} with new jet- p_T and original R:
min of:
 - $d_{kl} = \min(p_{Tk}^2, p_{Tl}^2) * R^2$ and
 - $d_{kB} = p_{Tk}^2$

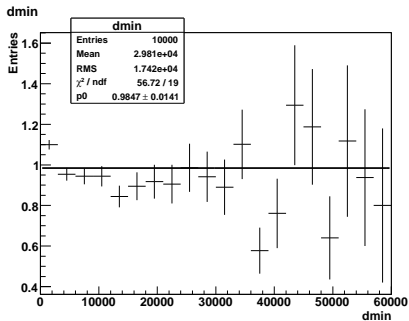
$d_{23}(\text{hard})/d_{23}(\text{hard} + \text{UE})$ (PYTHIA)



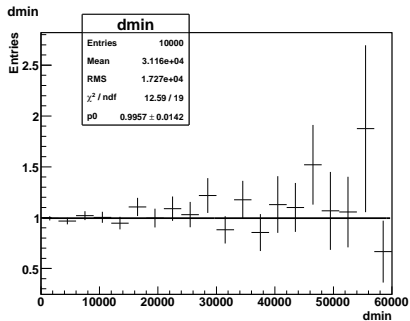
hard scattering of $p_{T\text{min}} = 20$ GeV

...same for $p_{T\min} = 200$ GeV (PYTHIA)

$$\frac{d_{23}(\text{hard})}{d_{23}(\text{hard+UE})}$$



$$\frac{d_{23}(\text{hard})}{d_{23}(\text{hard+UE}(\text{cor}))}$$



hard scattering of $p_{T\min} = 200$ GeV

→ small influence of the UE!

→ influence of the UE decreases with higher $p_{T\min}$

Summary

- NLOJet++
 - useful for NLO calculations
 - born and nlo distributions differ in shape
 - D_{23} (differential 2-Jet-Rate) can be used to determine α_s
 - next: do the fit and determine α_s
- Influence of the Underlying Event
 - correction method for small p_{Tmin}
 - UE seems to have small influence at high p_{Tmin}