

Automated calculation of jet fragmentation at NLO in QCD

combining Monte Carlo generators and fragmentation functions

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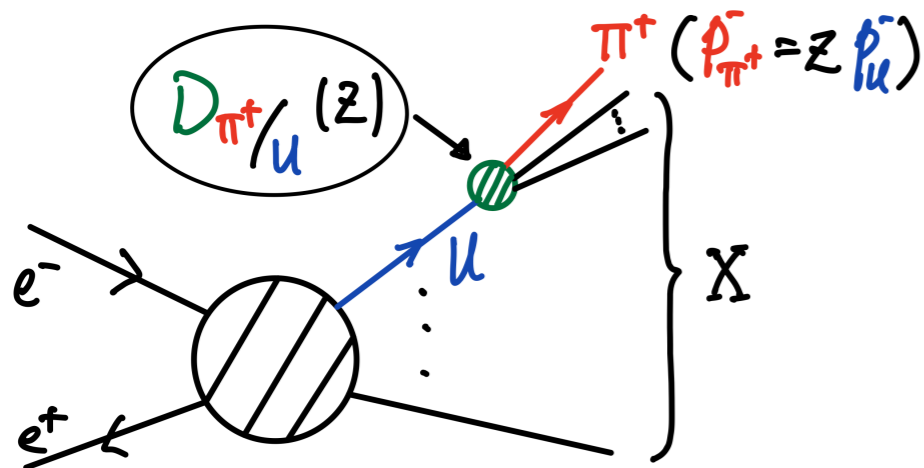
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The Fragmentation Functions (FFs)

- ❖ counterpart of PDFs in the final state
- ❖ $D_{h/i}(z)$: intuitive probabilistic interpretation



- ♦ number density of **collinear** fragmentation of
- ♦ massless **unpolarized** parton i
- ♦ into an **unpolarized** hadron h with **momentum fraction** z

- ❖ sufficiently inclusive observables

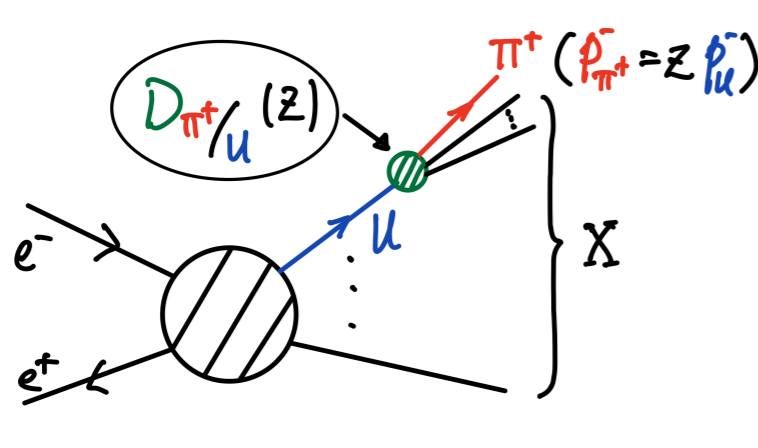
- ♦ $e^+e^- \rightarrow h+X$ (Single Inclusive Annihilation): $\hat{\sigma} \otimes \text{FF}$

- ♦ $e^-p \rightarrow e^-+h+X$ (Semi-Inclusive DIS): $\hat{\sigma} \otimes \text{PDF} \otimes \text{FF}$

- ♦ $p p \rightarrow h+X$: $\hat{\sigma} \otimes \text{PDF} \otimes \text{PDF} \otimes \text{FF}$

Example: Single Inclusive Annihilation

- ❖ energy fraction x_h of hadron h in SIA $e^+e^- \rightarrow h+X$:



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_h} = \sum_{i=q,\bar{q},g} \int \frac{dz}{z} C_i^0(x/z, \epsilon) D_{h/i}^0(z, \epsilon) \equiv \sum_i C_i^0(\epsilon) \otimes D_{h/i}^0(\epsilon)$$

$$C_q^0(x, \epsilon, \alpha_s) \sim \delta(1-x) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left(P_{qq}^+(x) \left[\frac{-1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu_R^2} \right] + C_F f_q(x) \right)$$

$$C_g^0(x, \epsilon, \alpha_s) \sim 2 \times \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left(P_{gq}^+(x) \left[\frac{-1}{\epsilon} + \ln \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_R^2} \right) \right] + C_F f_g(x) \right)$$

- ❖ divergence of the coeff. functions absorbed by the bare FFs

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_h} = \sum_i C_i^0(\epsilon) \otimes D_{h/i}^0(\epsilon) = \sum_i C_i(\alpha_s(\mu_R), \mu_D) \otimes D_{h/i}(\mu_D)$$

$$D_{h/i}^0(x, \epsilon) \equiv D_{h/i}(x, \mu_D) + \left(\frac{\mu_R^2}{\mu_D^2} \right)^\epsilon \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\epsilon} P_{ji}^{+(0)} \otimes D_{h/j}(x, \mu_D)$$

- ❖ evolution equation

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu_D^2} D_{h/i}(z, \mu_D) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} \sum_j \int_z^1 \frac{dy}{y} P_{ji}^+(y) D_{h/j} \left(\frac{z}{y}, \mu_D \right)$$

Motivation: Combine MC generators and FFs

- ❖ **analytical** calculation of the coefficient (structure) functions
 - ♦ available hard processes are **limited**, usually implemented **case-by-case**
 - ♦ analytical results with various **selection conditions** may not be available
- ❖ this work:
 - ♦ a new prescription to combine **general-purpose MC generators** and **FFs**
 - ♦ implemented with MG5_aMC@NLO
 - * automated NLO calculation for various processes
 - * cuts, jet reconstruction are possible

→ deal with IR divergence in **4-dim spacetime**

Local subtraction with one identified hadron at NLO

- ❖ Local subtraction for IRC safe observable at NLO QCD

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dF} &= \int d\text{PS}_m [|M|_{B,m}^2 + |M|_{V,m}^2 + |\tilde{\mathcal{I}}|_m^2] \delta(\hat{F}(p_m; f_m) - F) \\ &+ \int d\text{PS}_{m+1} [|M|_{R,m+1}^2 \delta(\hat{F}(p_{m+1}; f_{m+1}) - F) - |\mathcal{I}|_{m+1}^2 \delta(\hat{F}(\tilde{p}_m; \tilde{f}_m) - F)] \end{aligned}$$

- ❖ With one identified hadron, e.g. hadron p_T , naively

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dp_{T,h}} &= \int dx \int d\text{PS}_m [|M|_{B,m}^2 + |M|_{V,m}^2 + |\tilde{\mathcal{I}}|_m^2] \sum_{i=1}^m \delta(p_{T,h} - x p_{T,i}) D_{h/i}^0(x) \\ &+ \int dx \int d\text{PS}_{m+1} \left[|M|_{R,m+1}^2 \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \delta(p_{T,h} - x p_{T,i}) D_{h/i}^0(x) - |\mathcal{I}|_{m+1}^2 \sum_{\tilde{i}=1}^m \delta(p_{T,h} - x \tilde{p}_{T,\tilde{i}}) D_{h/\tilde{i}}^0(x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

- ♦ **Problem: collinear divergences not locally cancelled**

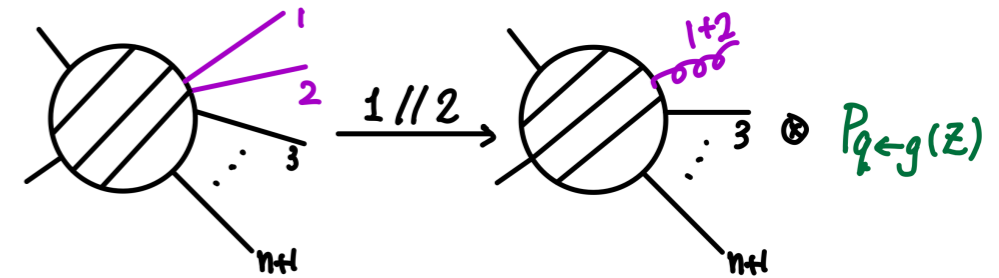
- * additional subtraction terms, or
- * in this work: **slicing of phase space**

Framework: local subtraction + PS slicing

❖ slicing of phase space: $d\text{PS}_{m+1} = d\text{PS}_{m+1} \Theta(\Delta R_{kl} - \lambda) + d\text{PS}_{m+1} \Theta(\lambda - \Delta R_{kl})$

$$\sum_{\{kl\}} \int dx \int d\text{PS}_{m+1} \Theta(\lambda - \Delta R_{kl}) \left[|M|_{R,m+1}^2 \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \delta(p_{T,h} - x p_{T,i}) D_{h/i}^0(x) - |\mathcal{I}|_{m+1}^2 \sum_{\tilde{i}=1}^m \delta(p_{T,h} - x \tilde{p}_{T,\tilde{i}}) D_{h/\tilde{i}}^0(x) \right] \equiv |\tilde{\mathcal{J}}|_m^2(\lambda)$$

- ♦ in collinear region: the matrix elements factorize
- ♦ factorize the phase space and integrate analytically



❖ arrive at a rather compact form

Born matrix element

$$|\tilde{\mathcal{J}}|_m^2(\lambda) = \int dx \int d\text{PS}_m |M|_{B,m}^2 \frac{\alpha_S(\mu_R)}{2\pi} \frac{(4\pi)^\epsilon}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \sum_{i=1}^m \delta(p_{T,h} - x p_{T,i})$$

$$\times \left[\left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\lambda^2 p_{T,i}^2}{\mu_R^2} \right) \sum_j P_{ji}^{+(0)} \otimes D_{h/j}(x, \mu_D) + \tilde{D}_{h/i}(x, \mu_D) \right]$$

IR div. absorbed into FFs

finite part from $\frac{1}{\epsilon} \times O(\epsilon)$

FMNLO: interfaced to MG5_aMC@NLO

- ❖ The master formula for x_h distribution in SIA

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dx_h} &= \sum_{i=1}^m \int \frac{dx_i}{x_i} \left[\frac{d\sigma_m^{(0)}}{dx_i} + \frac{d\tilde{\sigma}_m^{(1)}}{dx_i} \right] D_{h/i}(x_h/x_i, \mu_D) + \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \int \frac{dx_i}{x_i} \left[\frac{d\tilde{\sigma}_{m+1}^{(1)}}{dx_i} \right] D_{h/i}(x_h/x_i, \mu_D) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^m \int \frac{dx_i}{x_i} \left[\frac{\alpha_S(\mu_R)}{2\pi} \frac{d\sigma_m^{(0)}}{dx_i} \right] (\bar{D}_{h/i}(x_h/x_i, \mu_D) + \tilde{D}_{h/i}(x_h/x_i, \mu_D)) \end{aligned}$$

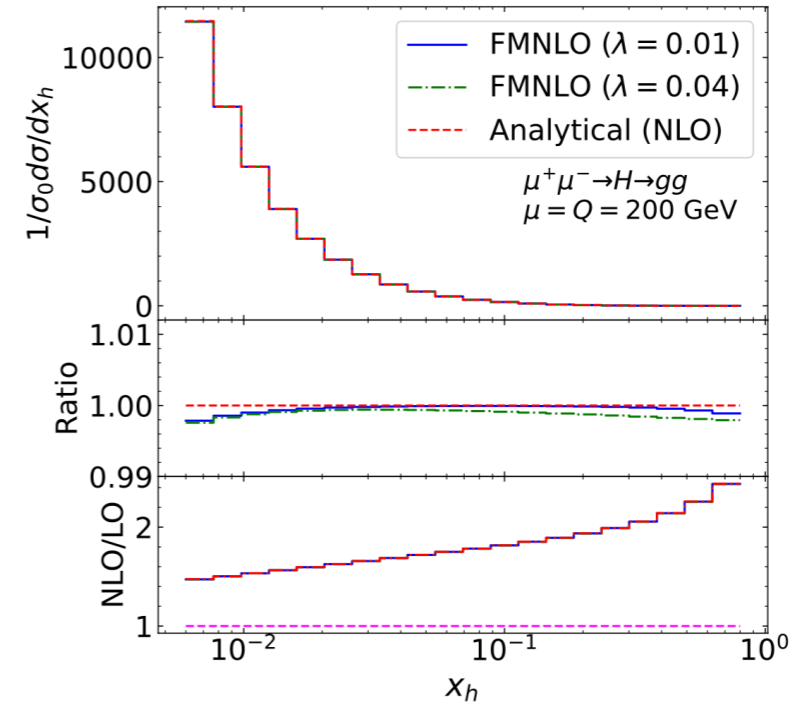
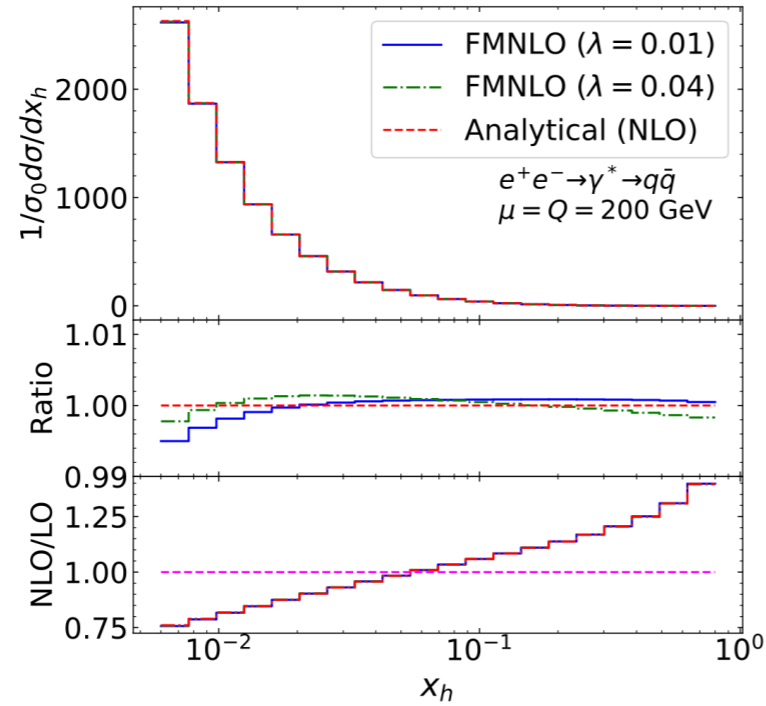
- ❖ **FMNLO**: our framework interfaced to MG5_aMC@NLO

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_h} = \sum_{i=q, \bar{q}, g} \sum_{k=1}^{N_x} \sum_{l=1}^{N_Q} [G(x_h)_{k,l}^i D_{h/i}^{k,l} + \bar{G}(x_h)_{k,l}^i (\bar{D}_{h/i}^{k,l} + \tilde{D}_{h/i}^{k,l})]$$

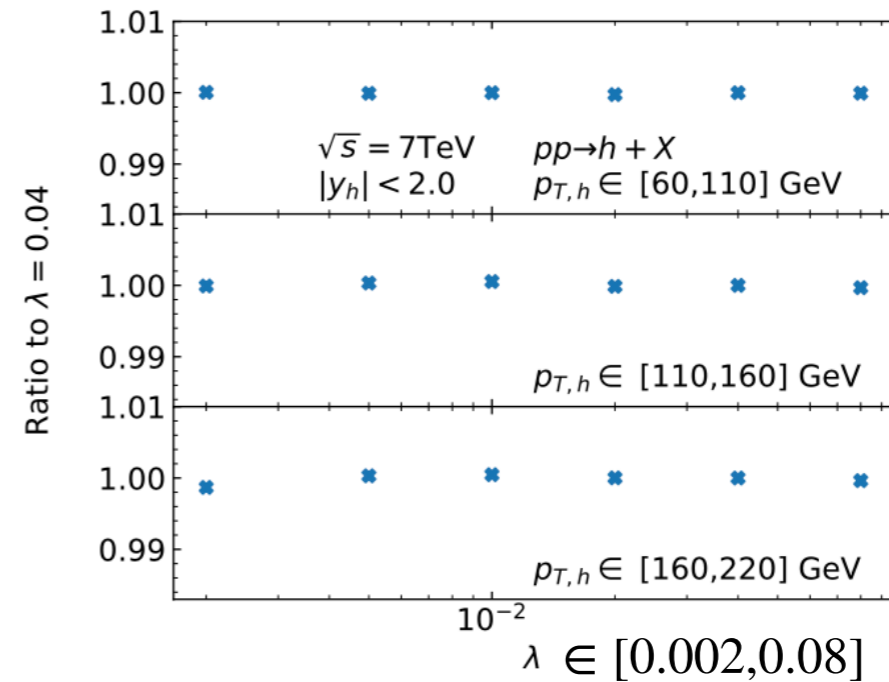
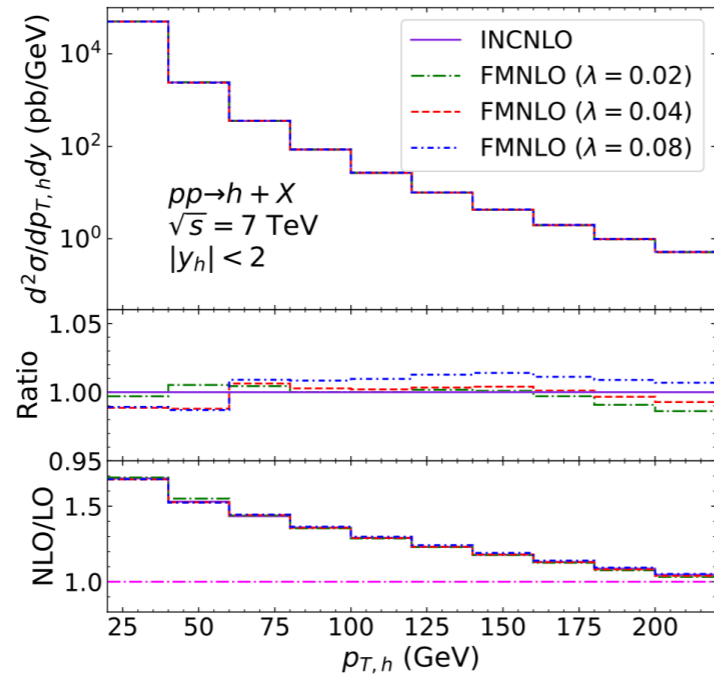
- ♦ **partonic ME**: calculated once and stored using histograms in MG5_aMC@NLO
- ♦ FFs are approximated by an interpolation on a 2D grid of (x, μ_D)
- ♦ evolution and convolution: HOPPET

Validation of FMNLO

leptonic collision



pp collision



NLO fit of charged hadron FFs using LHC data

- ❖ measurements of **unidentified charged hadron** ($\pi^\pm, K^\pm, \text{etc.}$) at the LHC

Experiments	lum.	observables	N_{pt}	Range	tagging
CMS 5.02 TeV	27.4 pb ⁻¹	$1 / N_j d N_{trk} / d \xi_T^\gamma$	8(5)	$\xi_T^\gamma \in [0.5, 4.5]$	γ
ATLAS 5.02 TeV	25 pb ⁻¹	$1 / N_j d N_{trk} / d p_{T,h}$	10(7)	$p_{T,h} \in [1, 100] \text{ GeV}$	γ
CMS 5.02 TeV	320 pb ⁻¹	$1 / N_Z d N_{trk} / d p_{T,h}$	14(11)	$p_{T,h} \in [1, 30] \text{ GeV}$	Z
ATLAS 5.02 TeV	160 pb ⁻¹	$1 / N_Z d^2 N_{trk} / d p_{T,h} d \Delta \phi$	15(9)	$p_{T,h} \in [1, 60] \text{ GeV}$	Z
ATLAS 13 TeV	33 fb ⁻¹	$1 / N_j d N_{trk} / d \zeta (\text{central})$	261(143)	$\zeta \in [0.002, 0.67]$	dijet
ATLAS 13 TeV	33 fb ⁻¹	$1 / N_j d N_{trk} / d \zeta (\text{forward})$	261(143)	$\zeta \in [0.002, 0.67]$	dijet

- ♦ exclude data points with small jet p_T or small hadron momentum fraction
- ❖ parametrization of the FFs to unidentified charge hadrons

$$x D_{h/i}(x, Q_0 = 5 \text{ GeV}) = a_{i,0} x^{\alpha_i} (1 - x)^{\beta_i} (1 + a_{i,1} x + a_{i,2} x^2)$$

- ♦ assume FFs equal for all (anti-)quarks
- ♦ 10 free parameters in total

NLO fit of FFs using LHC data

- ❖ Search for the best fit with MINUIT

$$\chi^2(\text{FFs}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{N_{pt}} (T_i - D_i) [\text{cov}^{-1}]_{ij} (T_j - D_j)$$

- ♦ assuming theoretical uncertainties fully correlated within each subset of the data
- ♦ nominal scale choices: $\mu_F = \mu_R = \sum m_T/2, \mu_D = \max\{p_T\}$

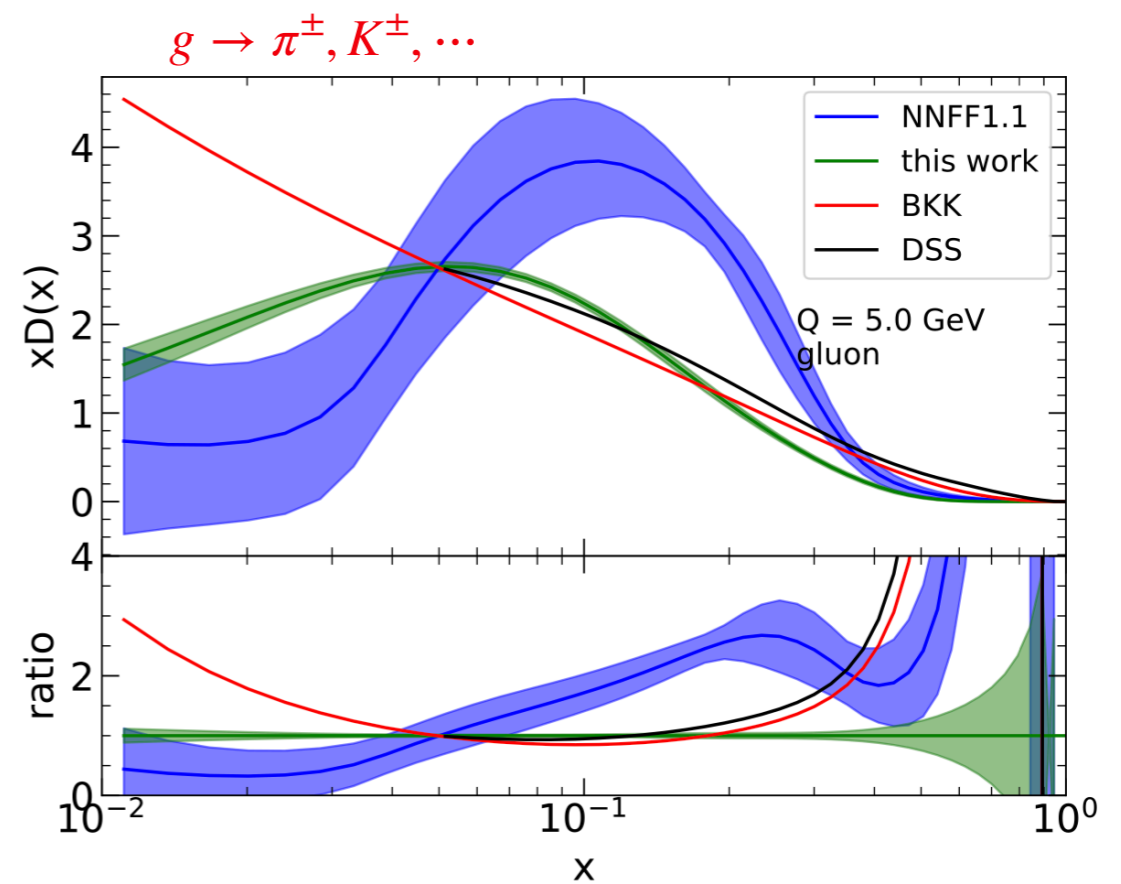
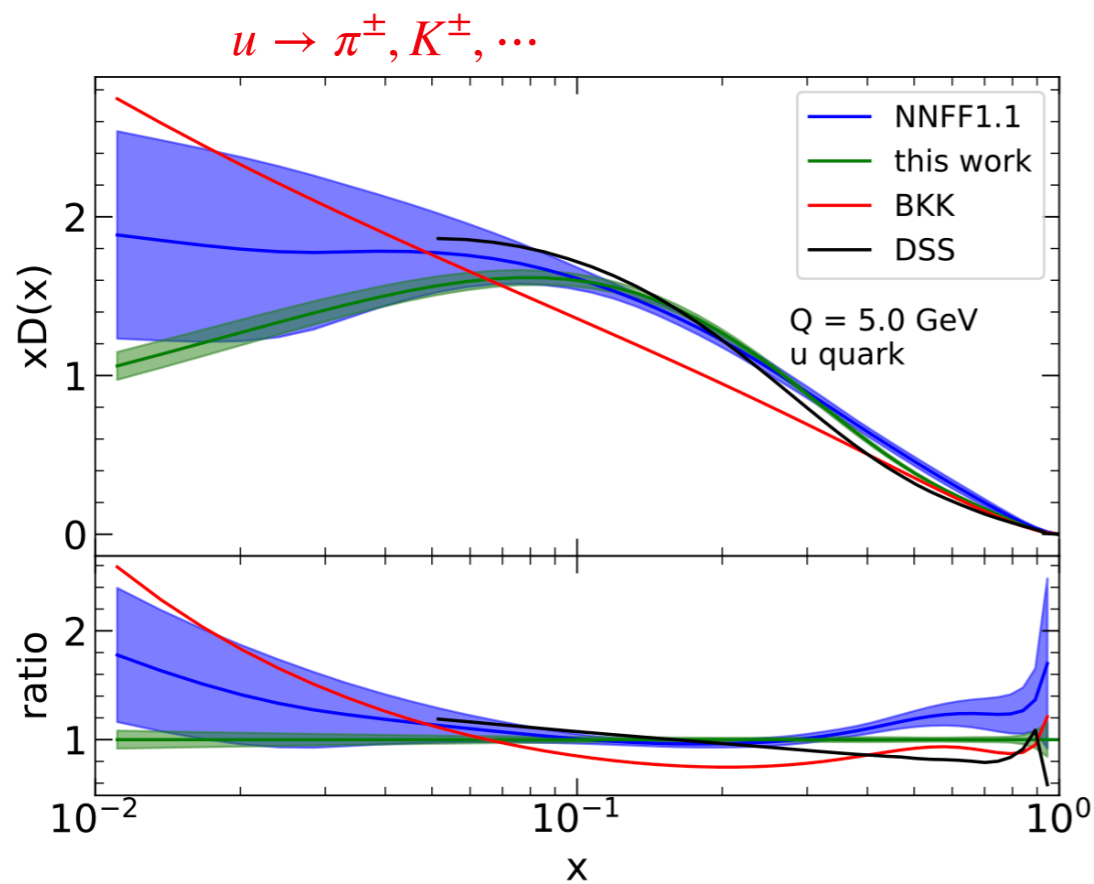
Experiments	N_{pt}	$\chi^2(/N_{pt}), \text{NLO}$	$\chi^2(/N_{pt}), \text{NLO}_{w/o th.}$	$\chi^2(/N_{pt}), \text{LO}_{w/o th.}$
CMS γ	5	11.3(2.27)	28.8(5.76)	48.5(9.71)
ATLAS γ	7	17.8(2.55)	18.8(2.68)	40.5(5.78)
CMS Z	11	16.2(1.47)	24.8(2.25)	906.9(82.4)
ATLAS Z	9	47.5(5.27)	48.1(5.34)	348.8(38.8)
ATLAS central jets	141	98.1(0.69)	112.9(0.79)	833.7(5.83)
ATLAS forward jets	141	76.4(0.53)	98.0(0.68)	855.6(5.98)
Total	318	267.4(0.84)	331.2(1.04)	3034.0(9.54)

- ♦ good agreement to ATLAS dijet measurement
- ♦ large χ^2 for ATLAS Z boson measurement

The quark and gluon FFs

❖ FFs to unidentified charged hadrons ($\text{parton} \rightarrow \pi^\pm, K^\pm, \dots$)

♦ error criterions $\Delta\chi^2 = 1$



♦ up quark FF : good agreement in $0.1 < x < 0.3$; large deviation in small x region

♦ gluon FF: notable disparities

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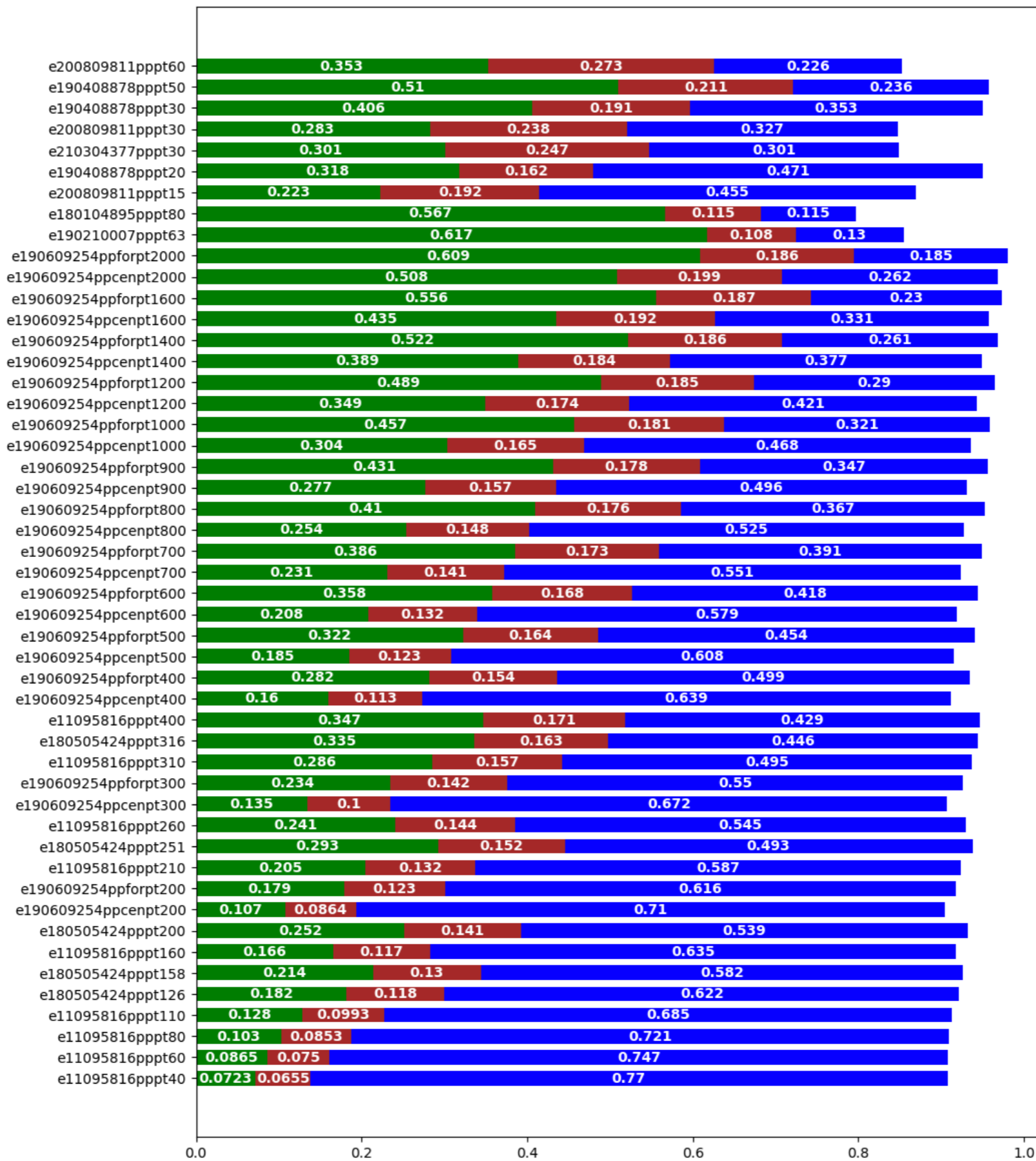
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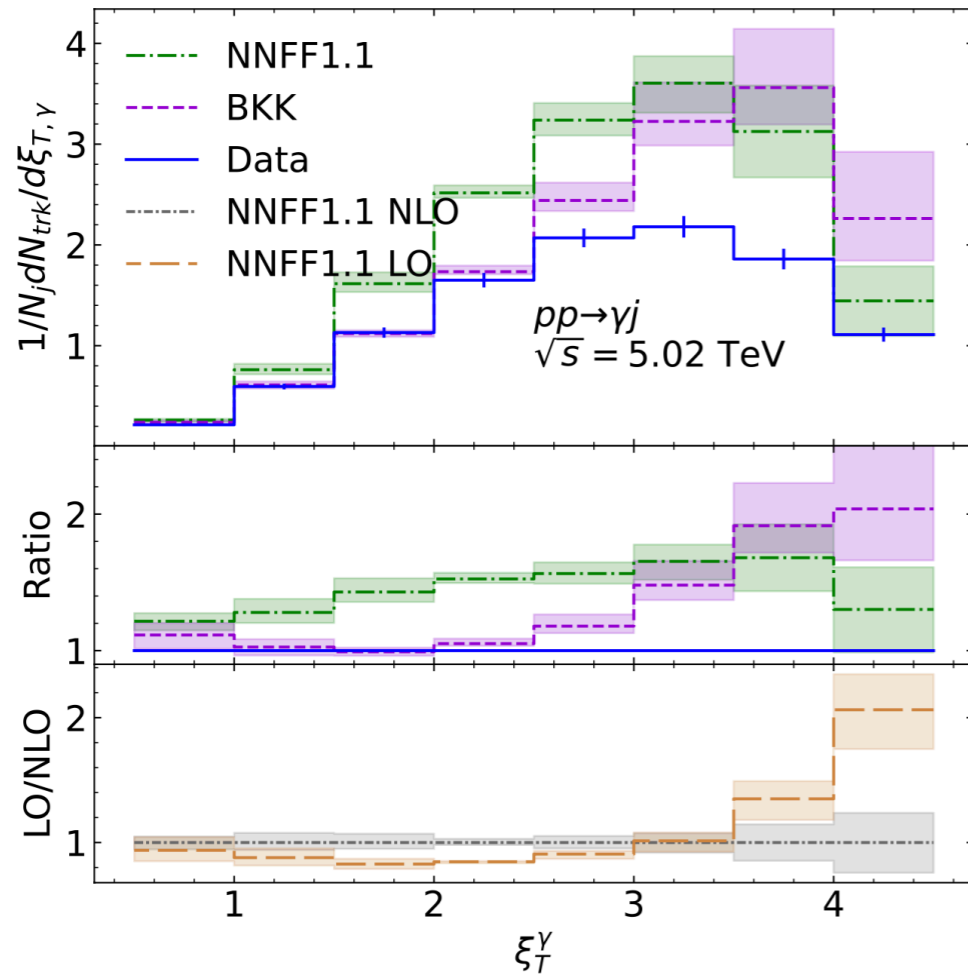
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NLO fit of FFs for LHC data

quark	α	β	a_0	a_1	a_2	$\langle x \rangle$
best-fit	0.375	2.166	6.016	-2.292	2.083	0.586
unc.(scan)	+0.03 -0.03	+0.11 -0.12	+0.55 -0.56	+0.10 -0.10	+0.18 -0.20	—
unc.(Hessian)	+0.03 -0.03	+0.09 -0.10	+0.45 -0.44	+0.08 -0.08	+0.16 -0.16	+0.007 -0.008
gluon	α	β	a_0	a_1	a_2	$\langle x \rangle$
best-fit	0.710	10.224	44.080	-3.527	11.786	0.510
unc.(scan)	+0.09 -0.16	+1.09 -0.91	+19.54 -13.54	+0.95 -0.85	+3.54 -3.60	—
unc.(Hessian)	+0.09 -0.10	+0.91 -0.93	+18.9 -14.1	+0.92 -0.83	+3.32 -3.52	+0.011 -0.012

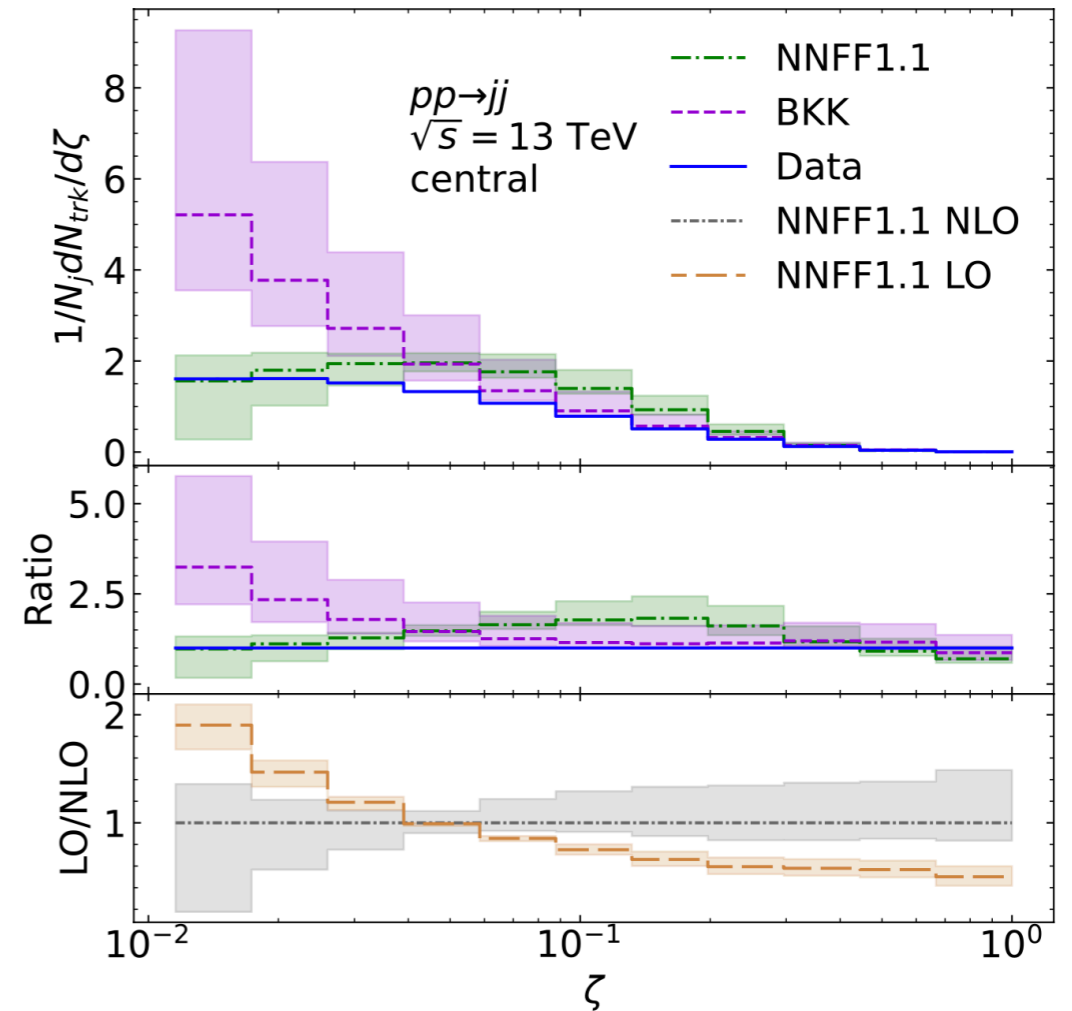


Applications: compared with LHC measurements



[CMS, 1801.04895]

$$\xi_T^\gamma := \ln \left[\frac{\vec{p}_{T,\gamma}^2}{-\vec{p}_{T,\gamma} \cdot \vec{p}_{T,h}} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{LO}} -\ln z$$



[ATLAS, 1906.09254]

$$\zeta := \frac{p_{T,h}}{p_{T,j}}$$