

Prospects for boosted top measurements at CMS

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Most Precise Top Mass Measurements Method





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[A. Hoang]

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gluon splitting
colour singlets
colourless clusters
cluster fission
cluster → hadrons
hadronic decays

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Translation to pole mass: Additional uncertainty of about 500 MeV



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[CMS, arXiv:2403.01313]



Achieved precision: Between 1.4-2.2 GeV in mt



Jet Mass in pp

- Analytical calculation possible for fully-merged final states (SCET)
- Current calculations
 - Soft drop mass for R=1.0
 - p_T > 750 GeV





- Distribution in m_{jet}
 - Direct sensitivity to mt
 - Can be measured at the LHC, at the level of stable particles



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First measurement of m_{jet}

- Measurement at 8 TeV (2012 data)
- Ungroomed jet mass for R=1.2
 - p_T > 400 GeV
 - Uncertainties on mt:
 ± 6 (stat)
 ± 2.8 (syst)
 ± 6 (theo)
 - ± 9 (tot)





What do we expect?





New Techniques: XCone



2-step jet clustering

- Inherent grooming
- Dynamical effective radius

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[CMS, PRL 124, 202001 (2020)]



Lineshape and Resolution



Jet mass with XCone



- Improved statistical uncertainty
- Less susceptibility to UE and hadronization
- Unfolding to particle level:
 - Reduction of all uncertainties
- $m_t = 172.6 \pm 2.5 \text{ GeV}$
- Dominant uncertainties:
 - JES, ±1.5 GeV
 - FSR modelling, ±1.2 GeV



Improving the Jetmass Scale 1

> XCone method allows for calibration of jet mass scale using m_W



- Selection based on b-jet matching
 - XCone subjets matched to AK4 jets
- W candidate built from two light-quark subjets

[CMS, EPJC 83 (2023) 160]



Improving the Jetmass Scale 2

• Template fit of two factors driving the mass scale: four regions





Improving the Jetmass Scale 3

• Constraints on both factors, improves JMS by more than 50%



[CMS, EPJC 83 (2023) 160]

Improving the FSR Modelling

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- Unfolding bias from FSR Modelling
 - Dimensionality of unfolding too small to capture all PS features
 - Regularization increases model dependence
- > Tune MC modelling to describe data better: reduces unfolding bias



 Constrain FSR by measuring *N*-subjettiness ratio τ₃₂ = τ₃/τ₂
 Adjust f_{FSR} in αs^{FSR}(f_{FSR} μ₀), equivalent to choosing different

 $\alpha_{\rm S}^{\rm FSR}(M_Z)$



Cross section measurement







Determination of m_t





Summary on mt from mjet



[A. Belvedere, C. Englert, R. Kogler, M. Spannowsky, EPJC84, 715 (2024)]



Future of mt from Jetmass



New techniques in development, more data coming



Areas of improvement

Work in progress:

- Unfolding bias: Choice of mt
- Signal modelling: ME+PS matching, PS, UE, hadronization
- Experimental:
 - Jet mass resolution
 - Jet mass scale
 - Jet mass flavour (b jet JES)



Unbinned, Multi-Dim Unfolding



[L. Favaro, RK, A. Paasch, S. Palacios Schweitzer, T. Plehn, D. Schwarz, arXiv:2501.12363]



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"Nobody in their right mind would ever attempt to use unfolding for a mass measurement." [Lecturer at Terascale Statistics School]



Removing the Training Bias

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- Weighted median of 3-jet mass: $M_{jjj}^{\text{batch}} \approx m_d \equiv m_t$
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Modelling: Lund Jet Plane

 \blacktriangleright Classify radiation by k_T and angular "hardness"





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- Decluster top jets to measure LJP
- Possible to perform partial or full declusterings
- Access radiation pattern in top jets: rich structure



Lund Jet Plane for Tops

- Recent ATLAS measurement
 [ATLAS, arXiv:2407.10879]
- Access to
 - ME+PS matching
 - Shower
 - Shower cutoff
 - Hadronization
- Correct our models
 - LJP reweighting





JMS and JMR Calibration

Extend the current method to include the JMR



- Unbinned model, constrain JMR and JMS in-situ in the unfolding (!)
 - More developments needed
- b jet flavour uncertainty more difficult
 - Fragmentation differences between MC simulations
 - Detailed studies required to understand response differences



Finally: Theory Input!



Projections promise large improvement in prospective measurements

With HL-LHC, uncertainties of 400 MeV in m_t in reach

So far, always mt^{MC} implicitly used, need calculations to turn the cross section measurements into mt^{MSR} measurements!

