Scale Choices in Electroweak Higgs plus Jets Production

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- Herwig++ Monte Carlo generator
- Higgs production in VBF
- Important Higgs production channel
- a lot of involved scales \rightarrow huge dependencies



Higgs plus jet production







- and interference diagrams
- Vector boson fusion → t-channel
- Interference-diagram: Higgs-Strahlung → s-channel



Higher jet multiplicities



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Higgs plus 3 jets



Higgs plus 4 jets







Factorization and Renormalization scale



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Standard methods of scale choice I

- Fixed Scale
- MaxPt scale
- sHat scale
- HT scale



 p_1



 $p_{\perp,3}$



 p_3





Example: p_{\perp} of the leading jet

Higgs with 2 Jets

- only factorization scale
- small scale dependence

Higgs with 3 Jets

- additional renormalization
- huge scale dependence



Scale variations I



Example: Renormalization scale variation with MaxPt scale choice $T_R = 0.5, 1, 2$

Higgs with 3 Jets

- order in $\alpha_S = 1$
- running of $\alpha_{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow \text{Off-set}$

Higgs with 4 Jets

- order in $\alpha_S = 2$
- small shape deviations



Issue of scale choice



- Gluon-splitting and -radiation $\rightarrow \mu_R \sim p_\perp$
- t-channel diagrams $ightarrow \mu_{F} \sim t$
- s-channel diagrams $\rightarrow \mu_F \sim s$
- Initial state radiation $\rightarrow \mu_F \sim p_\perp$







MINLO I





search for pair of partons with minimal

 $d_{ij} = \min(p_{\perp,i}^2, p_{\perp,j}^2) \frac{\Delta R_{ij}}{R}$

- ② cluster to one particle and set $\mu_R = \sqrt{d_{ij}}$, if initial state radiation set also $\mu_F = \sqrt{d_{ij}}$
- **(3)** repeat onetime per order in α_S
- choose remaining μ_R as mentioned before

Some results



Results of the MINLO algorithm for Higgs plus 3 jets

- p of leading jet
- Compared with the Fixed scale choice





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- Huge scale dependencies in higgs production in VBF
- Issue of choosing the right factorization and renormalization scale
- One possible Solution \Rightarrow MINLO alogrithm

Outlook:

- Implementation of the full MINLO algorithm (including Sudakov-formfactors)
- Getting full NLO matrix-elements for VBF

Thank you for your attention. Questions?