

Differentiating Energy-Energy Correlators with Charged Particle Multiplicities within a Jet

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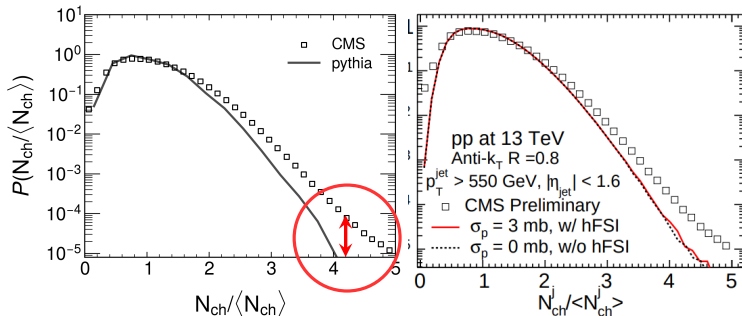
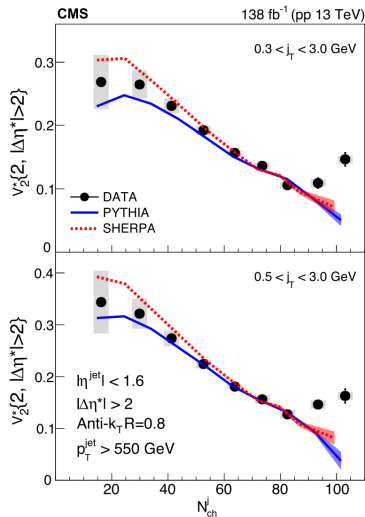
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Why study jet substructure conditioned on multiplicity?



Out of the box Pythia8.

CP5+FS interaction 2401.13137

- Pythia8 underestimates the fraction of very high multiplicity jets by order of magnitude.
- Pythia8 & Sherpa cannot explain sudden enhancement of v_2 at large N_{ch} .

The tool: generating function

- The generating function (or partition function) for a multiplicity probability distribution $P(n) \equiv P(n; E, R)$

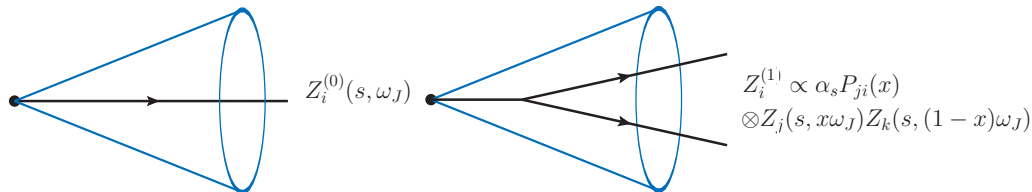
$$Z(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(n) e^{-ns} \iff P(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{s_0 - i\pi}^{s_0 + i\pi} Z(s) e^{ns} ds$$

- Nice properties to unpack convolution

$$P_a(n) = \sum_{m=0}^n P_b(m) P_c(n - m) \iff Z_a(s) = Z_b(s) Z_c(s)$$

Multiplicity distribution of exclusive jet

Radiations inside the jet and assume independent fragmentations of daughter partons:



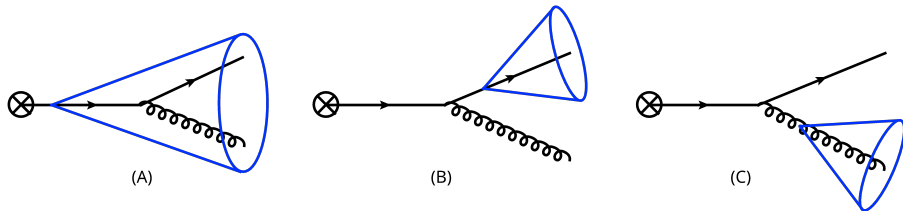
LO given by the $Z_i(s)$ of a single parton.

NLO given by the product of $Z_j(s)Z_k(s)$ of each branch.

$$Z_g^{(1)}(s, \omega_J, \mu) \supset \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^{2-2\epsilon} k_\perp}{(2\pi)^{-2\epsilon} k_\perp^2} \Theta_{\text{alg}}^{\text{jet}} P_{gg}(x, \epsilon) Z_g^{(0)}(s, x\omega_J, \mu) Z_g^{(0)}(s, (1-x)\omega_J, \mu)$$

- $\int \frac{d^2 k_\perp}{k_\perp^2}$ gives the collinear logarithm to be summed.
- Multiplicity is soft sensitive, implement **angular ordering** for soft radiations.

From exclusive jet to semi-inclusive jet



- Out-of-cone radiations cause a **change of the energy** $\omega_J = z\omega$ or **flavor** of the jet.
- Jet multiplicity function factorizes: $M_i^j(z, s) = J_{ji}(z) \times Z_j(s)$.
- Semi-inclusive jet function with flavor identification

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \mu^2} \begin{bmatrix} J_{jq}(z, \omega_J, \mu) \\ J_{jg}(z, \omega_J, \mu) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{2\pi} \begin{bmatrix} P_{qq}(z) & P_{gq}(z) \\ 2n_f P_{qg}(z) & P_{gg}(z) \end{bmatrix} \otimes_z \begin{bmatrix} J_{jq}(z, \omega_J, \mu) \\ J_{jg}(z, \omega_J, \mu) \end{bmatrix}$$

The evolution equations for internal multiplicity (Leading Log)

- Perform the **non-linear equations** in the angular ordered form $\zeta = 1 - \cos \theta$:

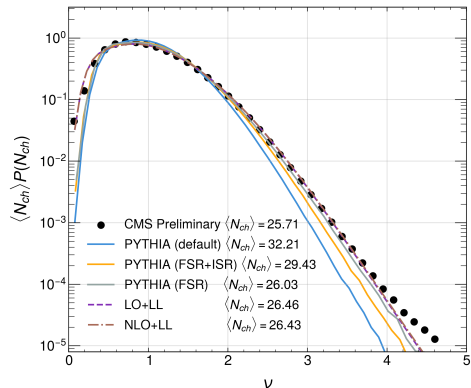
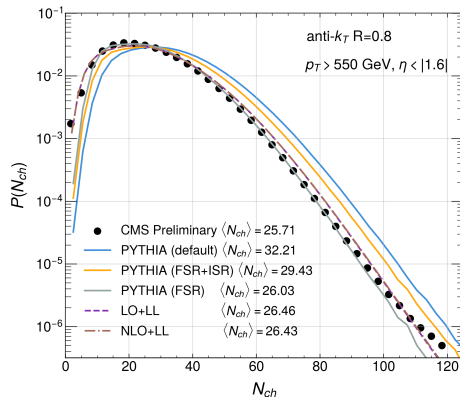
$$\frac{\partial Z_i(s, \omega_J, \zeta)}{\partial \ln \zeta} = \int_0^1 dx \frac{\alpha_s(k_\perp^2) \Theta(k_\perp^2 - Q_0^2)}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} \left\{ P_{ji}(x) Z_j(x) Z_k(1-x) + P_{ki}(x) Z_k(x) Z_j(1-x) \right\}$$

Q_0 serves as an infrared cutoff to regularize the calculation. $Z_j(x) = Z_j(s, x\omega_J, \zeta)$.

- Factorized formula to get final **cross section level information**:

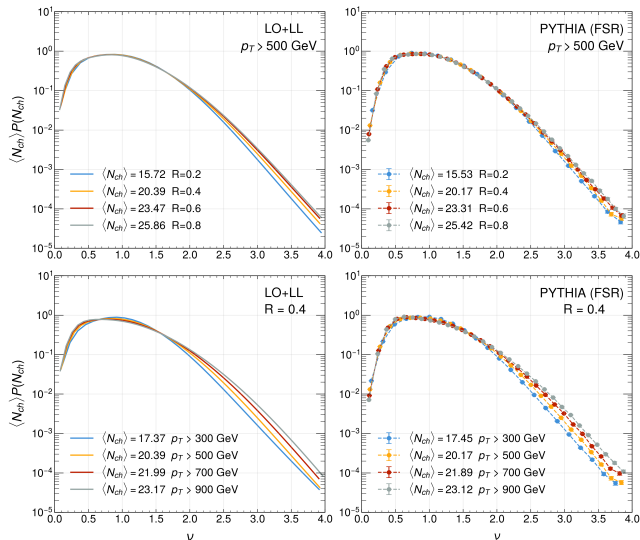
$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow J(n)+X}}{dp_{T,J} d\phi_J d\eta_J} = \sum_{ij} d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow i}(p_{T,J}/z, \mu_H) \otimes_z J_{ji}(z, \mu_H, \mu_J) \times P_j(n, \zeta_R, \zeta_0)$$

Comparison to CMS data $\nu = N/\langle N \rangle$



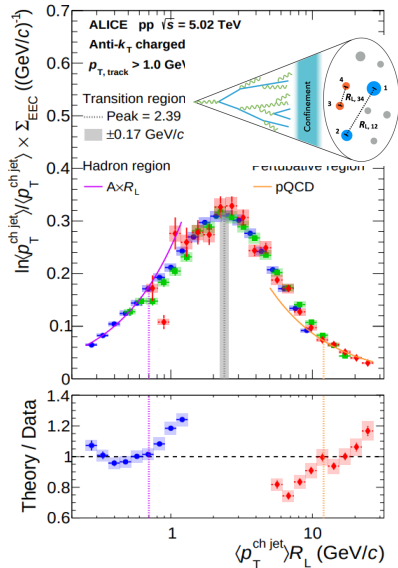
- Both our calculation and PYTHIA8 (FSR) simulations reproduce the overall shape of the multiplicity distribution well.
- However, they systematically underestimate the very high-multiplicity region ($\nu \gtrsim 4$) (Lack of higher-order corrections? Such as intrinsic $1 \rightarrow 3$?).

KNO scaling and violation



- KNO scaling holds for $\nu \lesssim 2$, with mild violations at larger ν .
- Deviations arise from nonlinear branching and the mixture of quark- and gluon-initiated jets.

Energy-energy correlator as a starting example



- v_2 in jet is very complicated to calculate.
- Start with something simpler: energy correlators.
- Statistical correlation of the asymptotic energy flux:

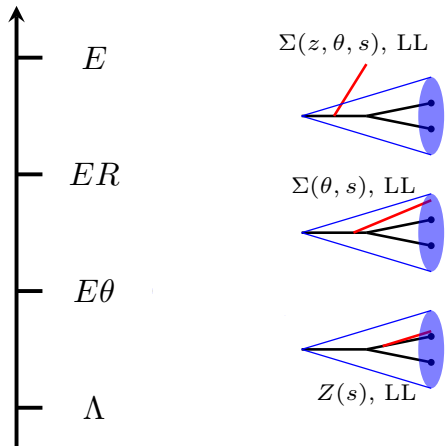
$$\text{ENC} = \langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_N) \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt n^i T_{0i}(t, r\vec{n}),$$

Or define using particle-level info:

$$\frac{d\Sigma(\theta, E_{\text{jet}})}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{event}}} \sum_{\text{event}} \sum_{i,j \in \text{jet}} \frac{E_i E_j}{E_{\text{jet}}^2} \delta(\theta - \theta_{ij})$$

Hierarchy of scales with multiplicity conditioning



One can map the jet multiplicity–conditioned EEC contributions as follows:

- Emissions below θ do not modify EEC at leading power, just changes multiplicity.
- Emissions from θ to R modifies EEC and multiplicity.
- Emissions larger than R , causes semi-inclusive jet function evolution.

The evolution equations for EEC conditioned on multiplicity

- $\Sigma(s, \theta)$ as the joint multiplicity EEC distribution. The initial condition are:

$$\frac{d\Sigma_i^{\text{ini}}(s, \theta, \omega_J)}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{\theta} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \int dx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} [x(1-x)] \left\{ P_{ji}(x) Z_j(x) Z_k(1-x) + P_{ki}(x) Z_k(x) Z_j(1-x) \right\}$$

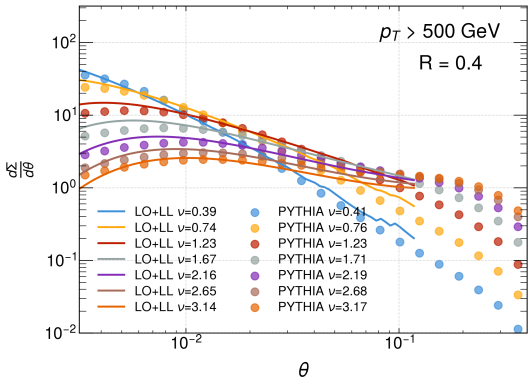
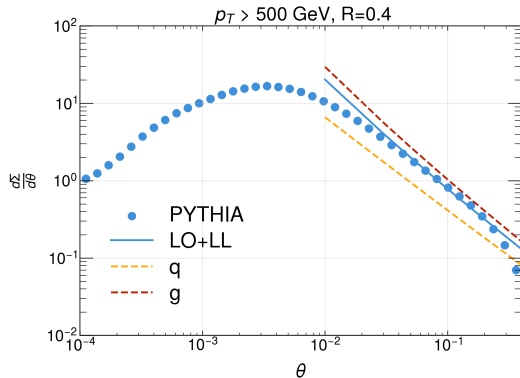
- The anomalous dimension thus depend on $Z(s)$:

$$\frac{\partial \left(\frac{d\Sigma_i(s, \theta, \omega_J, \zeta)}{d\theta} \right)}{\partial \ln \zeta} = \int dx \frac{\alpha_s(k_\perp^2) \Theta(k_\perp^2 - Q_0^2)}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} \left[P_{ji}(x) \frac{d\Sigma_j(x)}{d\theta} Z_k(1-x) + P_{ki}(x) \frac{d\Sigma_k(1-x)}{d\theta} Z_j(x) \right]$$

$$Z_j(x) = Z_j(s, x\omega_J, \zeta) \text{ and } \frac{d\Sigma_j(x)}{d\theta} = \frac{d\Sigma_j(s, \theta, x\omega_J, \zeta)}{d\theta}$$

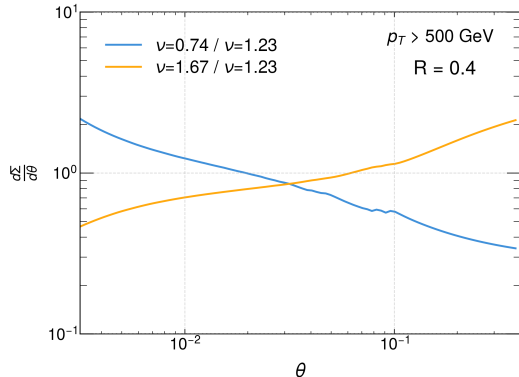
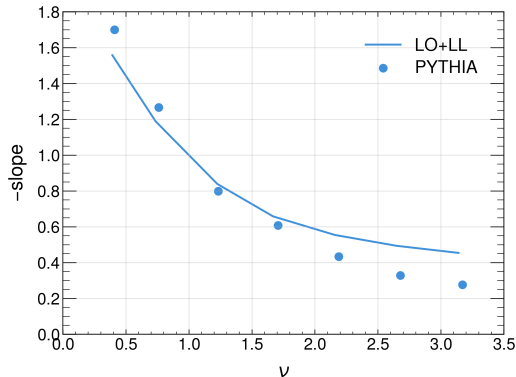
- $Z(s)$ evolves independently, since EEC measurement does not affect multiplicity.
- Jet joint multiplicity EEC function factorizes: $\Sigma_i^j(z, s, \theta) = J_{ji}(z) \times \Sigma_j(s, \theta)$.

EEC conditioned on normalized multiplicity $\nu = N/\langle N \rangle$



- The observed increase of the EEC anomalous dimension agrees with PYTHIA and remains RGE-governed even under multiplicity selection.
- Conditioning on multiplicity biases the amount of radiation, thereby altering the EEC anomalous dimension.

Why study EEC conditioned on multiplicity?



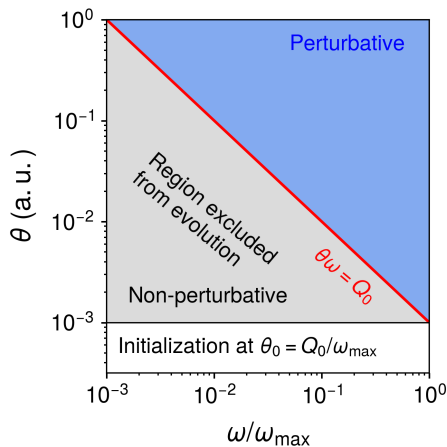
- Studying the ν -dependence of the EEC anomalous dimension can also provide information on the jet multiplicity distribution itself.
- EEC patterns vary with multiplicity; the ratio of EEC between different multiplicities may resemble medium-like modifications, offering a way to compare pA vs pp while accounting for multiplicity effects.

- Tuned at one CMS data, the model captures PYTHIA8 (FSR) trends in jet multiplicity across p_T and R , yet underestimates the high- ν tail ($\nu > 4$).
- Conditioning jet substructure on multiplicity reveals how radiation evolves with event activity.
- The EEC anomalous dimension changes with multiplicity, indicating mutual influence between substructure and multiplicity (ν_2 in jet next?).
- Similar approach can be extend to small system to study soft-hard correlations (p_A next?).

Thanks for your listening!

Backup

A non-perturbative model for initial data of $Z(s, \omega)$



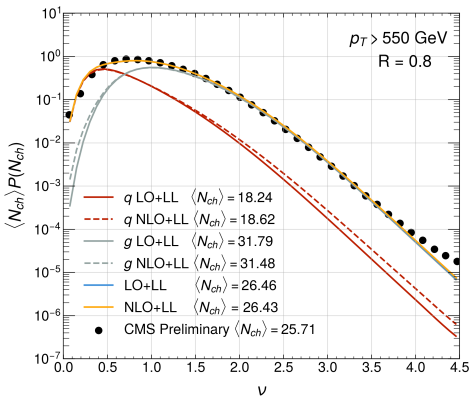
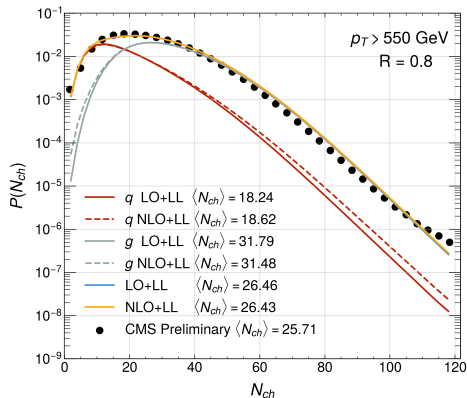
- Parameterize the average particle multiplicity:

$$\langle n \rangle(\omega, Q_0) = \frac{n_0}{1 + cQ_0^2/\omega^2}$$

- It approaches n_0 at high energy ($\omega \gg Q_0$), while providing a smooth suppression near the production threshold ($\omega \sim Q_0$).
- Assume binomial (or Poisson) distribution, then the initial condition model is:

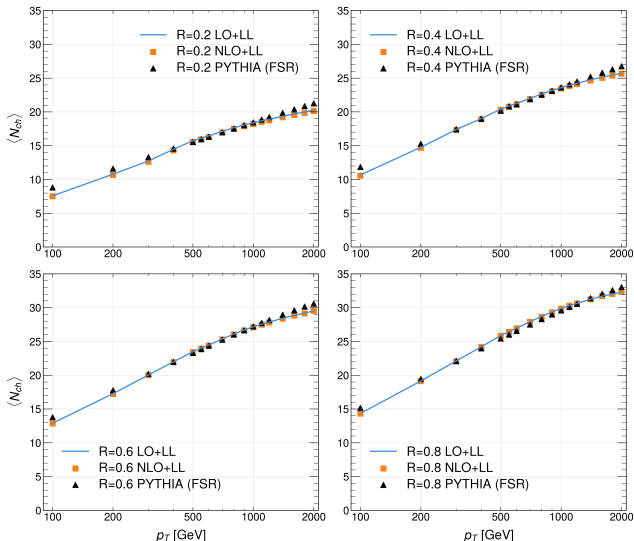
$$Z^{\text{IC}}(s, \omega, Q_0) = \begin{cases} \exp [\langle n \rangle(\omega, Q_0) (e^{-s} - 1)] & \text{Poisson,} \\ \left[1 + (e^{-s} - 1) \frac{\langle n \rangle(\omega, Q_0)}{n_{\max}} \right]^{n_{\max}} & \text{Binomial.} \end{cases}$$

Decomposition into quark and gluon jets



- Quark-initiated jets dominate the low-multiplicity region.
- Gluon-initiated jets dominate the high-multiplicity tail.

$\langle N_{\text{ch}} \rangle$ dependence on jet p_T and R



- $\langle N_{\text{ch}} \rangle$ grows with $p_T R$, and quantitatively agrees with PYTHIA8 simulations.
- The same set of nonperturbative initial condition is used for all cases.

Dependence on jet p_T and R

