# **Energy Correlators & Beyond**

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#### Outline

- 1. Energy correlators on tracks
- 2. Fast evaluation of energy correlators
- 3. & beyond

# 1. Energy correlators on tracks

### 1. Motivation for track-based measurements

- Pile-up removal
- Superior angular resolution
   → good for jet substructure





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#### 1. Main message on track-based predictions

- Track-based measurements are sensitive to hadronization.
- Instead of hadronization models in parton showers, track functions offer systematically improvable framework.
- Recently extended to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \rightarrow$  high precision possible!
- For energy correlators, track functions are easy to implement (only moments)



## 1. Some motivations for energy correlators

• Energy correlators probe correlations in energy flow:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\theta} = \sum_{i,j} \int \mathrm{d}\sigma \, \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \, \delta(\theta - \theta_{ij}) \sim \langle \mathcal{E}(\hat{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\hat{n}_2) \rangle$$
[Basham, Brown, Ellis, Love]

- Theory: energy weights suppress soft radiation  $\rightarrow$  (simpler) collinear calculation with different (smaller) uncertainties.
- Phenomenology: separation of physics at different scales.
- Applications:  $\alpha_s$  determination, hadronization, dead cone effect, quark-gluon plasma, top quark mass, ...

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- Conservation of probability:  $\int_0^1 dx T_i(x) = 1$
- Definition in light-cone gauge  $T_q(x) = \int dy^+ d^2 y_\perp e^{ik^- y^+/2} \sum_X \delta\left(x - \frac{\overline{p}}{k^-}\right)$   $\times \frac{1}{2N_c} \operatorname{tr}\left[\frac{\gamma^-}{2} \langle 0|\psi(y^+, 0, y_\perp)|X\rangle \langle X|\bar{\psi}(0)|0\rangle\right]$

#### 1. Track function at order $\alpha_s$



splitting function  

$$T_{i,\text{bare}}^{(1)}(x) = \sum_{j} \int dz \left[ \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\text{UV}}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\text{IR}}} \right) P_{ji}(z) \right] \int dx_1 T_j^{(0)}(x_1, \mu)$$

$$\times \int dx_2 T_k^{(0)}(x_2, \mu) \delta \left[ \frac{x}{2} - zx_1 - (1 - z)x_2 \right]$$
summing contribution of branches

- $1/\epsilon_{IR}$  cancels against IR pole in partonic cross section.
- $1/\epsilon_{\rm UV}$  is renormalized, leads to evolution of track function.

#### 1. Track function evolution at LO



$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}\ln\mu^2} T_i(x,\mu) = \sum_{j,k} \int \mathrm{d}z \, \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} P_{ji}(z) \, \int \mathrm{d}x_1 \, T_j(x_1,\mu) \int \mathrm{d}x_2 \, T_k(x_2,\mu) \\ \times \, \delta[x - zx_1 - (1-z)x_2] \qquad \text{[Chang, Procura, Thaler, WW]}$$

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- Simplifies for integer moments:  $x^N = [zx_1 + (1 z)x_2]^N$

binomial expansion

1. Track-based energy correlators  

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- Angular resolution of tracks is essential at small  $\theta$ .
- Conversion to tracks is simple:

$$E_i \rightarrow \int \mathrm{d}x_i \, T_i(x_i) \, x_i E_i = T_i(1) E_i$$
  
[Chen, Moult, Zhang, Zhu]

- $\theta = 0$  involves  $T_i(2)$ , enters resummation of  $\ln \theta$  for  $\theta \ll 1$
- N-point energy correlators involve at most the Nth moment

#### 1. Track-based energy correlators beyond LO

- Beyond LO, there is a cancellation of IR poles between perturbative calculation and partonic track functions.
- Result is pretty simple. E.g. for finite part of gluon jet function

$$j_g(z) = \delta(z)T_g(2) + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{14}{5} C_A T_g(1)^2 + \frac{1}{5} n_f T_q(1)^2 \right) \frac{1}{z_+} + \delta(z) \left( -\frac{898}{75} C_A T_g(1)^2 - \frac{14}{25} n_f T_q(1)^2 \right) \right]$$

• Result on all particles is given by  $T_i(n) \rightarrow 1$ .

#### 1. How to match onto track functions

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- Equivalently, we can calculate the LHS by "attaching" a treelevel PDF  $f_i^{(0)}$  (partonic state). Using that in dim. reg.  $f_i^{(0)} = f_i^{\text{bare}} = Z_{ij} \otimes f_j^{\text{ren}}$

the poles from Z must cancel against IR poles to give C(Q).

• For track functions, you need to attach a  $T_i^{(0)}$  to each parton *i* 

#### 1. Track function evolution at NLO



$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}\ln\mu^2} T(x,\mu) = a_s \Big[ K_{1\to1}^{(0)} \otimes T(x,\mu) + K_{1\to2}^{(0)} \otimes TT(x,\mu) \Big] \\ + a_s^2 \Big[ K_{1\to1}^{(1)} \otimes T(x,\mu) + K_{1\to2}^{(1)} \otimes TT(x,\mu) + K_{1\to3}^{(1)} \otimes TTT(x,\mu) \Big]$$

- Kernels are lengthy but available electronically.
- Projects onto DGLAP, also yields evolution of multi-hadron fragmentation functions

[Chen, Jaarsma, Li, Moult, WW, Zhu]

#### 1. Track function evolution at NLO for moments

- Energy conservation implies evolution has symmetry  $x \to x + a$
- Make manifest by using shift-invariant central moments

$$\Delta = T_q(1) - T_g(1), \quad \sigma_i(2) = T_i(2) - T_i(1)^2, \quad \dots$$

leading to compact expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{g}(2)}{\mathrm{d}\ln\mu^{2}}\Big|_{\alpha_{s}^{2}} &= -\gamma_{gg}^{(1)}(3)\sigma_{g}(2) + \sum_{i} \left\{ -\gamma_{qg}^{(1)}(3)(\sigma_{q_{i}}(2) + \sigma_{\bar{q}_{i}}(2) + \Delta_{q_{i}}^{2} + \Delta_{\bar{q}_{i}}^{2}) \right. \\ &+ T_{F} \Big[ \Big( \frac{12413}{1350} - \frac{52}{45}\pi^{2} \Big) C_{A} + \frac{1528}{225}C_{F} - \frac{16}{25}n_{f}T_{F} \Big] \Delta_{q_{i}}\Delta_{\bar{q}_{i}} \Big\} \\ \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{g}(3)}{\mathrm{d}\ln\mu^{2}}\Big|_{\alpha_{s}^{2}} &= -\gamma_{gg}^{(1)}(4)\sigma_{g}(3) + \sum_{i} \left\{ -\gamma_{qg}^{(1)}(4)(\sigma_{q_{i}}(3) + 3\sigma_{q_{i}}(2)\Delta_{q_{i}} + \Delta_{q_{i}}^{3}) \right. \\ &+ T_{F} \Big[ \Big( -\frac{638}{45} + \frac{8}{3}\pi^{2} \Big) C_{A} - \frac{3803}{250}C_{F} \Big] \sigma_{g}(2)\Delta_{q_{i}} \\ &+ T_{F} \Big[ \Big( \frac{5321}{3000} - \frac{2}{5}\pi^{2} \Big) C_{A} + \frac{1523}{240}C_{F} - \frac{12}{25}n_{f}T_{F} \Big] \big(\sigma_{q_{i}}(2)\Delta_{\bar{q}_{i}} + \Delta_{q_{i}}^{2}\Delta_{\bar{q}_{i}}) + \big(q \leftrightarrow \bar{q}) \Big\} \end{aligned}$$

[Li, Moult, Schrijnder van Velzen, WW, Zhu]

#### 1. Track-based EEC

• First  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  result for track-based measurement:



 $\operatorname{AEEC}(\cos \chi) = \operatorname{EEC}(\cos \chi) - \operatorname{EEC}(-\cos \chi)$ 

Uncertainty reduced at NLO, good agreement with data.

[Li, Moult, Schrijnder van Velzen, WW, Zhu]

## 1. Projected N-point energy correlator



- All vs. charged particles are qualitatively similar, e.g. slope increases with *N*
- Quantitative difference is **calculable** with track functions!

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- Ratio of charged to all particles is constant for 2-point, but not higher point.
- In perturbative region ratio is  $\approx T(m)T(N-M) \approx T(1)^N$
- In nonperturbative region ratio is  $\approx (2/3)^2 \approx T_i(1)^2$  for all N. [Jaarsma, Li, Moult, WW, Zhu]

#### 1. Bonus: how to extract the track function

- The momentum fraction of charged particles in a jet is at LO the track function → use this to extract it!
- There are effects of hard scattering (quark vs. gluon) and jet formation:



2. Fast evaluation of energy correlators

#### 2. The challenge

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}R_L} = \sum_{i_1,\dots,i_N} \int \mathrm{d}\sigma \, \frac{p_{T,i_1}\dots p_{T,i_N}}{P_T^N} \, \delta(R_L - \max\{R_{i_j i_k}\})$$

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- A simple solution is to (re)cluster using a (sub)jet radius r.
   ✓ This speeds things up and gives reliable results for R<sub>L</sub> ≫ r.
   × No results for R<sub>L</sub> ≤ r, and reducing r increases time.
- Our solution: use a dynamic subjet radius set by actual distances between particles in the event.

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• Recurse on each branch to get correlations at smaller scales.



#### 2. Some comments

- These approximations preserve the sum rule exactly.
- Our default is to cluster with C/A with fixed resolution f. Surprisingly,  $k_T$  with  $f = k_{T,\min}^2$  works well.
- We use MIT Open Data that utilizes CMS 2011A reprocessed data on jets. This is a sample of jets with

 $p_T \in [500, 550] \,\text{GeV}, \quad |\eta| < 1.9$ 

## 2. Performance: computation time



- Up to several orders of magnitude speed up over Komiske's code, depending on desired accuracy.
- Time per event using single core on MacBook Air M1.

## 2. Performance: accuracy



- Going from 3- to 6-point increases error from 2 to 5% for f=8
- $k_T$  method has sub-permille accuracy across most of range.
- All methods perform less well at jet boundary.

#### 2. FastEEC public code

• Available at:

https://github.com/abudhraj/FastEEC/releases/tag/0.1

- Includes:
  - C++ code, only dependency is FastJet (for reclustering).
  - Example input and output files.
  - Mathematica notebook that converts output into a plot of our paper.

When the code is executed from the command line the following inputs are needed

./eec\_fast input\_file events N f minbin nbins output\_file

The above command line parameters require

The input\_file from which events should be read events > 0 is the number of events 1 < N < 9 specifies which point correlator to compute

# 3. & beyond

#### 3. The space of observables



- Coming from Soft-Collinear Effective Theory/Jet Substructure, energy correlators are actually quite special.
- Most observables (e.g. jet mass) are sensitive to soft radiation • messy, grooming, ...

- Observables that are only sensitive to collinear radiation are usually associated with nonperturbative effects: PDFs, FFs...
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#### 3. Energy Weighted Observable Correlations

- Motivation: instead of correlations in angle, we may prefer mass (of a resonance), formation time (QGP), ...
- Challenge: collinear unsafe  $\rightarrow$  regularize using (sub)jet radius.
- Example: mass EWOC

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}m} = \sum_{\mathrm{subjets } i,j} \int \mathrm{d}\sigma \, \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \, \delta(m - m_{ij})$$

#### 3. Mass EWOC for hadronic W decay



[Alipour-Fard, WW]

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