

# Jet substructure

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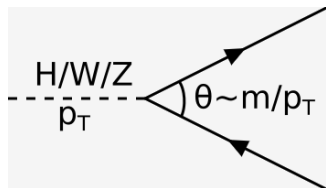
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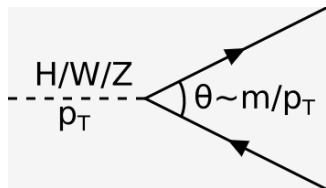
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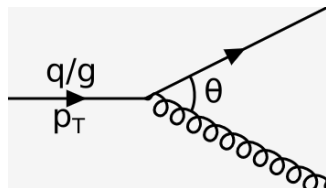
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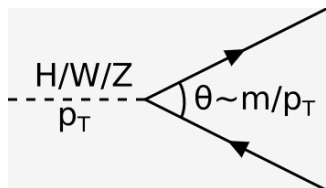
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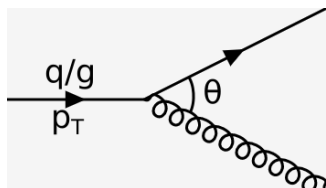
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Background

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- How to discriminate between QCD jets and  $Z/W/H$  jets?



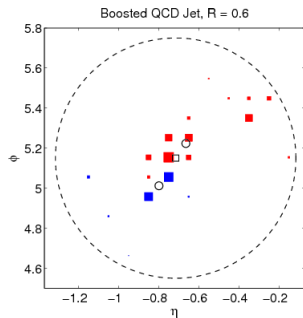
- Use **jet substructure** techniques  
→ look at dynamics inside the jet;
- Different techniques are available:

**Shapes** **constrain soft gluon radiation**, signal is colorless and has different radiation pattern than QCD jets;  
e.g. Energy correlation, N-subjettiness.

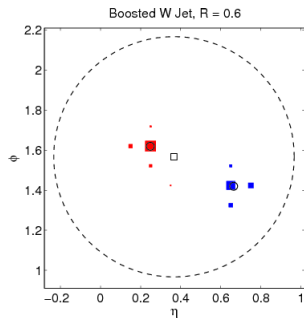
**Taggers** find **hard prongs** in the jets, usually signal has 2 symmetric prongs and QCD background has only 1;  
e.g. modified Mass Drop, SoftDrop.

# Jet substructure

QCD background



W boson signal



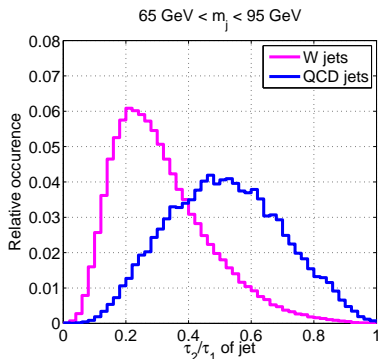
- Background has a more “diffuse” radiation pattern;
- 1 prong vs. 2 prong structure.

# Example : N-subjettiness

- Measures radiation around 2 (pre-determined) axis.

J. Thaler, K. V. Tilburg (2010)

$$\tau_{21} = \tau_2 / \tau_1,$$
$$\tau_N = \frac{1}{p_{t,jet} R^\beta} \sum_{i \in jet} p_{t,i} \min(\theta_{ia_1}^\beta, \dots, \theta_{ia_N}^\beta).$$

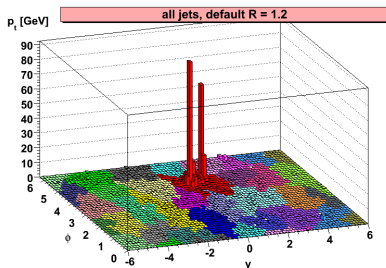


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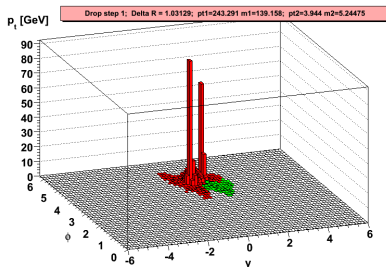
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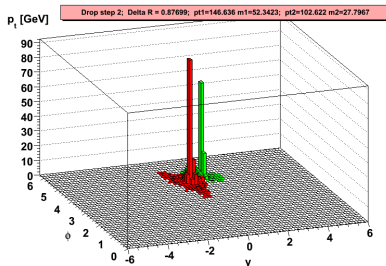
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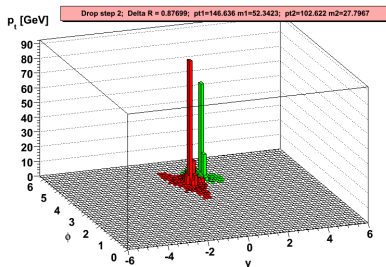
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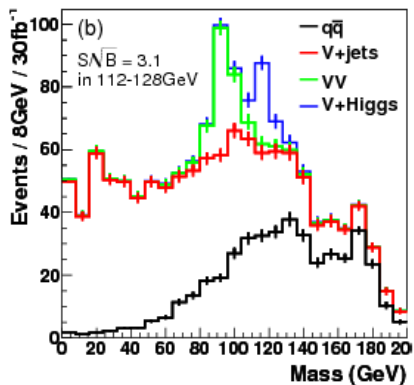
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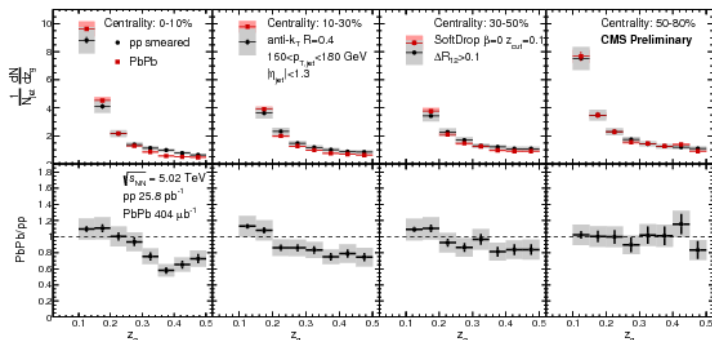
- Signal and background for a 115 GeV SM Higgs.





# Application: Splitting function in pp and PbPb collisions

- Jet substructure techniques used in CMS and ATLAS analyses;  
CMS collaboration (2016) – [CMS PAS HIN-16-006]
- Momentum shearing between 2 leading subjets:  
 $z_g = \min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2}) / (p_{T,1} + p_{T,2})$ ;
- $z_g$  distribution measures the *splitting function*.





# Some recent developments

- Jet substructure from first principles:
  - ① Understand why some methods are more performant than others;
  - ② Use insight to develop new methods;
  - ③ Find optimal parameters;
  - ④ Provide precise calculations with genuine theoretical uncertainties.
- Examples:
  - Improved N-subjettiness : combination of shapes and taggers  
→ increase performance.
  - Mass distribution with mMDT : matched precision calculation.

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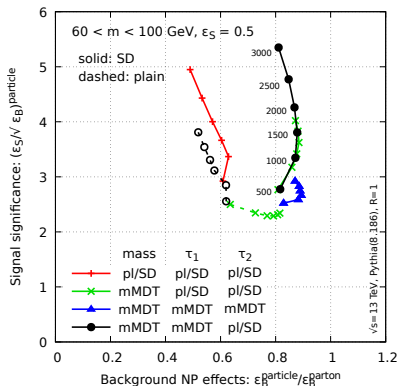
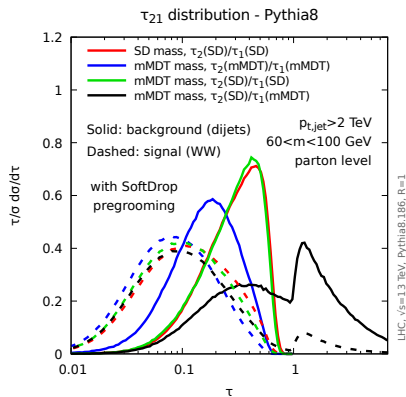
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- Performance gain;
- Limited sensitivity to model-dependent non-perturbative effects;
- Calculable from first principles;

# Improving N-subjettiness

- Comparison to Monte Carlo generator.



G. P. Salam, G. Soyez, L. S. (in progress)

# Reaching higher precisions

- For **boosted jets**  $p_T \gg m \rightarrow \rho \equiv m/(p_T R) \ll 1$   
 $\rightarrow$  log enhancements  $\alpha_s^n \log^{2n}(1/\rho)$

Needs to be resummed at all orders.

- For mMDT it becomes  $[\alpha_s f(z_{\text{cut}}) \log(1/\rho)]^n$  at leading-log;
- Compare with experiment  $\rightarrow$  needs a matching procedure:

$$\underbrace{N^k LL}_{\text{small } \rho} + \underbrace{N^m LO}_{\text{large } \rho}$$

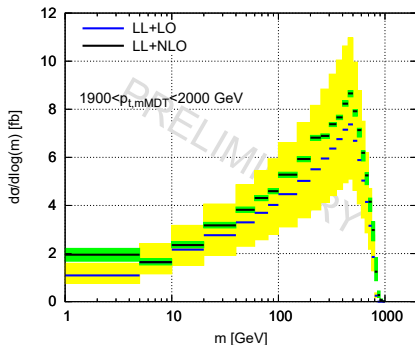
Small  $\rho \rightarrow$  resummation

Large  $\rho \rightarrow$  fixed-order (exact)



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- NLL + NLO for  $z_{\text{cut}} \ll 1$  (for  $p_{t,\text{jet}}$ )  
C. Frye, A. J. Larkoski, M. D. Schwartz,  
K. Yan (2016)
- LL + NLO for all  $z_{\text{cut}}$   
(for  $p_{t,\text{jet}}$  and  $p_{t,\text{mMDT}}$ )  
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- Comparison to CMS : complications  
from  $p_{t,\text{mMDT}}$  (ill-defined at fixed  
order);
- Various interesting QCD structures  
emerging.



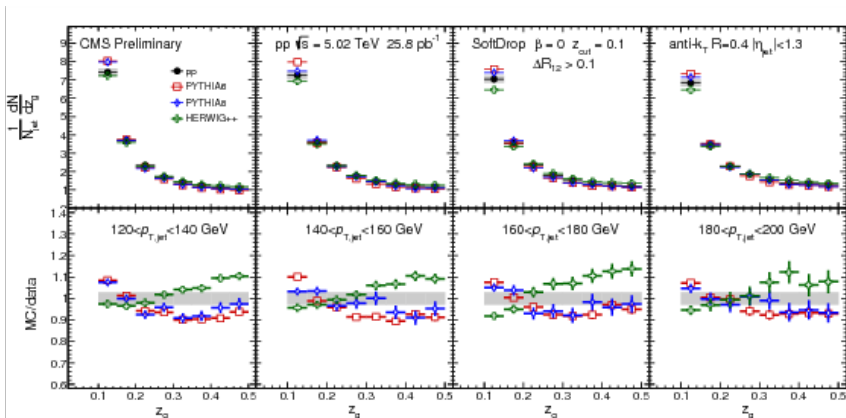
# Conclusion

- Jet substructure has many applications in particle physics today;
- Analytical studies:
  - 1 Development of new tools;
  - 2 Comparison with experiments (uncertainties);
- Increasing role as LHC reaches higher energy scales.

# Backup slides

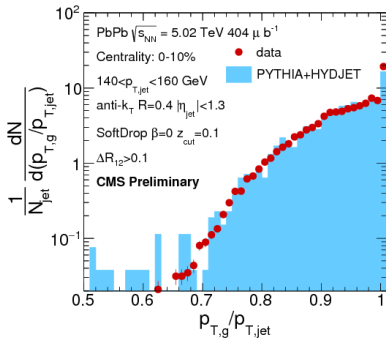
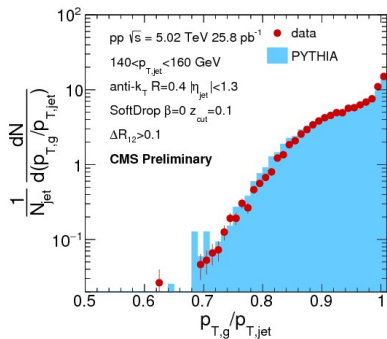
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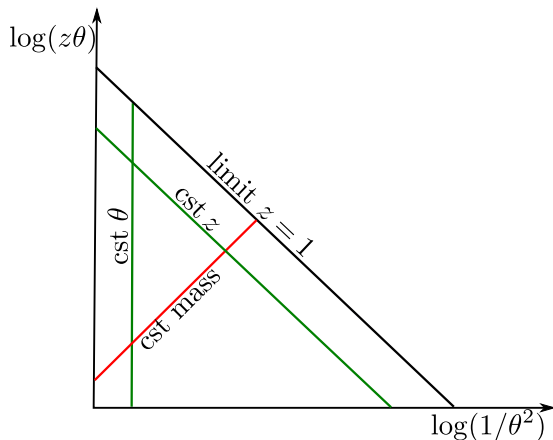
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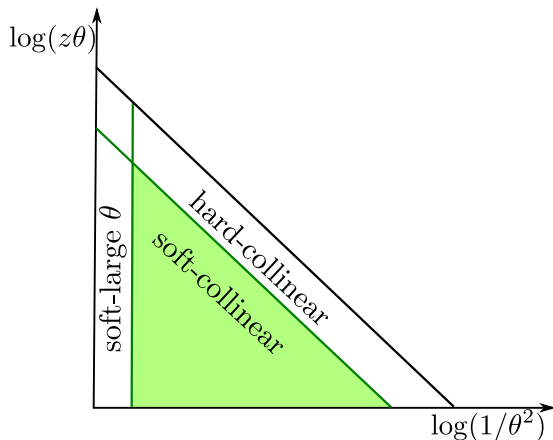
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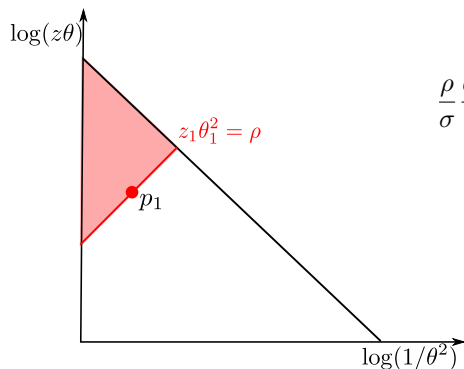


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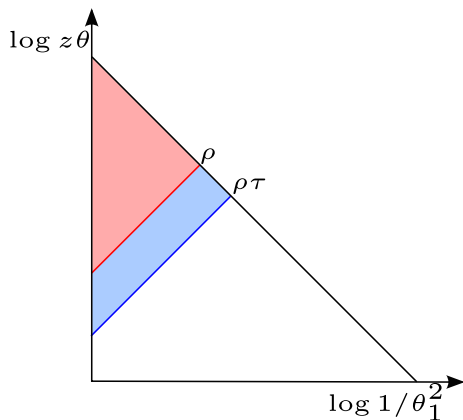


$$\frac{\rho}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\rho} \sim \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{2\pi} R'_{\text{plain}}(\rho) \exp(-R_{\text{plain}}(\rho))$$

$$R_{\text{plain}}(\rho) \sim \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_0^1 \log(1/\rho)^2$$

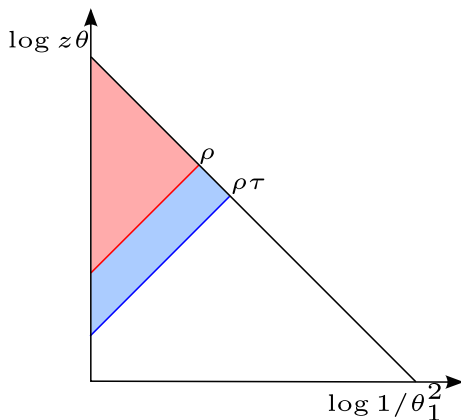


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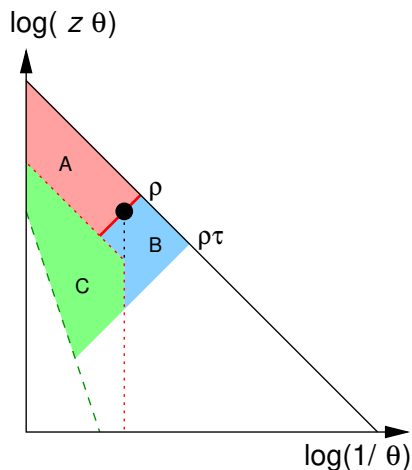
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