



Measuring distributions of quark and gluon jets by jet parameters at a hadron collider



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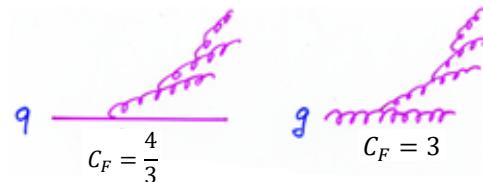
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- A jet is a collection of particles in a narrow cone

Jet parameters

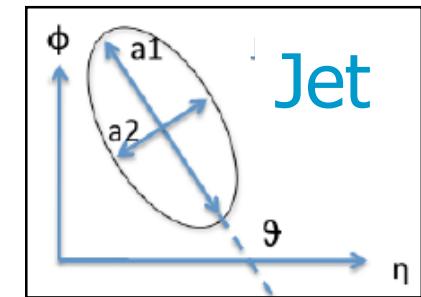
- Jet properties depend on kinematics: P_T^{jet} and $\eta^{jet} = -\ln \left(\tan \frac{\Theta^{jet}}{2} \right)$
- q -jets and g -jets have **different properties**
- This difference is determined by different color charge with which quark and gluon are associated



In asymptotic limit $E_{jet} \rightarrow \infty$,
 $r^{parton} = \frac{\langle n^g \rangle}{\langle n^q \rangle} \rightarrow \frac{C_A}{C_F} = \frac{9}{4}$

- Tree jet parameters that are sensitive to jet flavour¹

- Particle multiplicity inside jet: $mult$ $= V_1$
- Jet minor axis in (η, φ) -space: $a_2 \rightarrow -\log(a_2)$ $= V_2$
- Fragmentation parameter: $p_T D \equiv \frac{\sqrt{\sum_i p_{T,i}^2}}{\sum_i p_{T,i}} \in [0, 1]$ $= V_3$

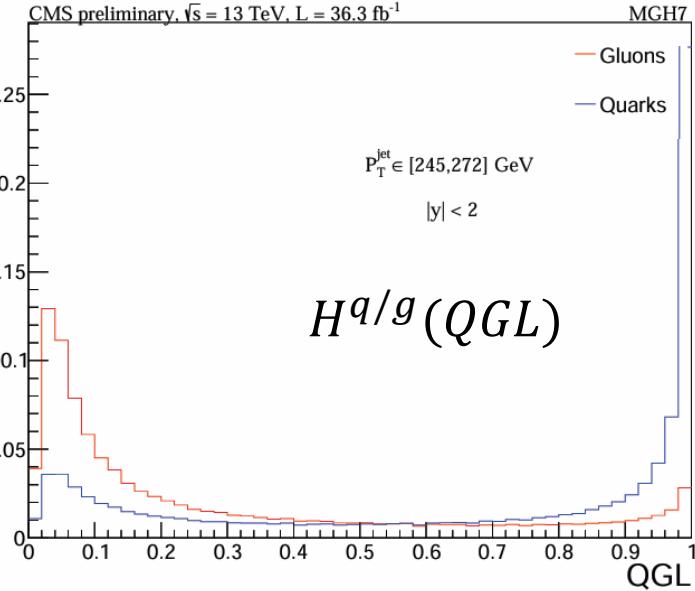
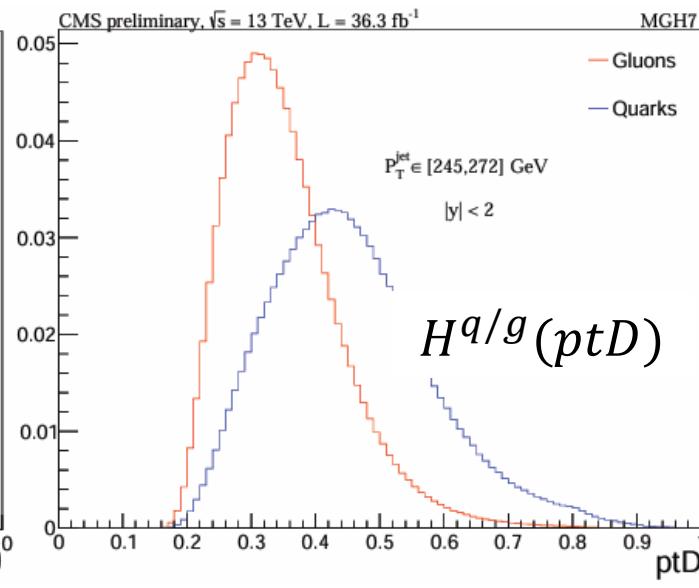
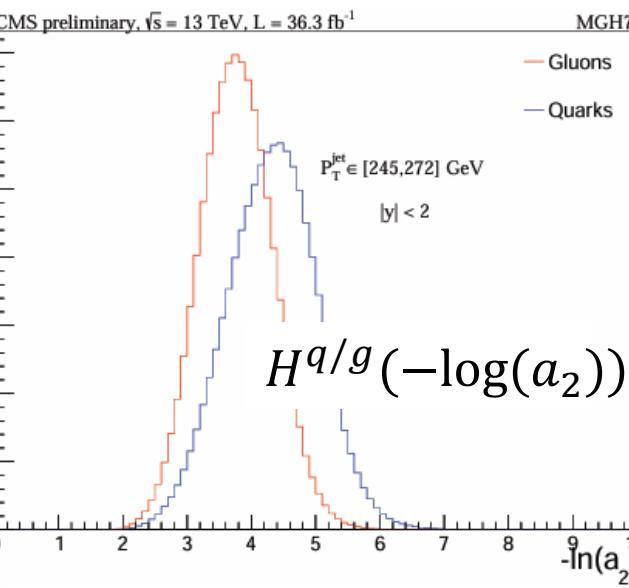
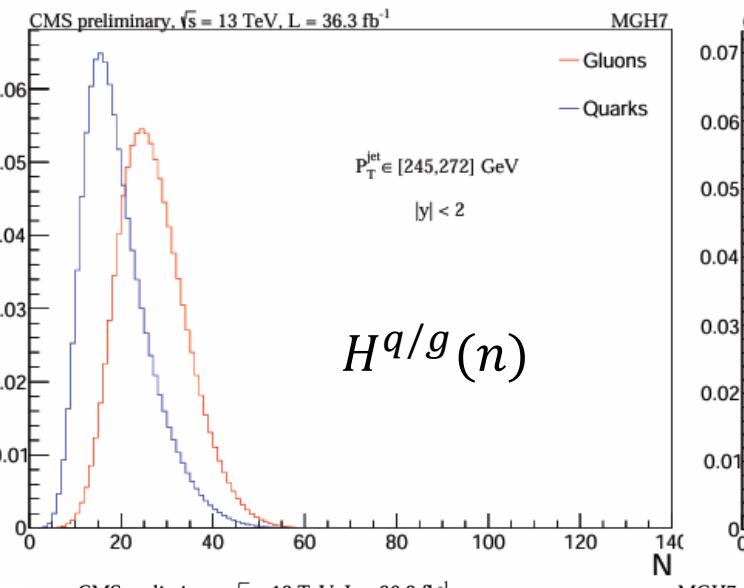


- Combined jet parameter – Quark-Gluon Likelihood discriminator: $QGL \equiv \frac{Q(\vec{V})}{Q(\vec{V}) + G(\vec{V})}$

$$Q(\vec{V}) \equiv \prod_{i=1}^3 H^q(V_i), \quad G(\vec{V}) \equiv \prod_{i=1}^3 H^g(V_i)$$

$$\vec{V} \equiv (V_1, V_2, V_3)$$

¹ CMS PAS JME-13-002
CMS PAS JME-16-003



- Experimental data shows that q/g -templates in data and MC are different
 - How to measure q/g -templates?
 - To measure q/g -templates we **need to know q/g -fractions**: α^g and $\alpha^q = 1 - \alpha^g$
- $$H(V) = \alpha^g \cdot H^g(V) + (1 - \alpha^g) \cdot H^q(V)$$
- We need two such equations to find $H^g(V)$ and $H^q(V)$

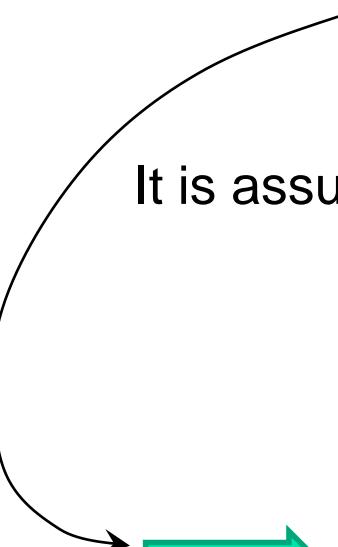
How to measure q/g-templates?

- To find $H_{\text{DAT}}^q(V)$ and $H_{\text{DAT}}^g(V)$ you can use **two samples of jets**:

$$\begin{cases} H_{1,\text{DAT}}(V) = \alpha_1^g \cdot H_{\text{DAT}}^g(V) + (1 - \alpha_1^g) \cdot H_{\text{DAT}}^q(V) \\ H_{2,\text{DAT}}(V) = \alpha_2^g \cdot H_{\text{DAT}}^g(V) + (1 - \alpha_2^g) \cdot H_{\text{DAT}}^q(V) \end{cases}$$

Two samples
of jets method

It is assumed here that q/g -templates are “universal” =
= independent of jet sample.



$$\begin{cases} H_{\text{DAT}}^q(V) = \frac{\alpha_2^g \cdot H_{1,\text{DAT}}(V) - \alpha_1^g \cdot H_{2,\text{DAT}}(V)}{\alpha_2^g - \alpha_1^g} \\ H_{\text{DAT}}^g(V) = \frac{(1 - \alpha_1^g) \cdot H_{2,\text{DAT}}(V) - (1 - \alpha_2^g) \cdot H_{1,\text{DAT}}(V)}{\alpha_2^g - \alpha_1^g} \end{cases}$$

Data-driven SF for q/g -templates in CMS⁴

Two samples
of jets method

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_{\text{DAT}}^q(V) = \frac{\alpha_{2,\text{MC}}^g \cdot H_{1,\text{DAT}}(V) - \alpha_{1,\text{MC}}^g \cdot H_{2,\text{DAT}}(V)}{\alpha_2^g - \alpha_1^g} \\ H_{\text{DAT}}^g(V) = \frac{(1 - \alpha_{1,\text{MC}}^g) \cdot H_{2,\text{DAT}}(V) - (1 - \alpha_{2,\text{MC}}^g) \cdot H_{1,\text{DAT}}(V)}{\alpha_2^g - \alpha_1^g} \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

$\alpha_{1,2,\text{MC}}^g$ - MC g -fractions

$$S_f(V) \equiv \frac{H_{\text{DAT}}^f(V)}{H_{\text{MC}}^f(V)} \quad (2)$$

- What do we get if we use measured q/g -templates Eqs.(1) to measure α_{DAT}^g :

$$H_{\text{DAT}}(V) \sim \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g \cdot H_{\text{DAT}}^g(V) + (1 - \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g) \cdot H_{\text{DAT}}^q(V) ?$$

- The answer is obvious from Eqs.(1): $\alpha_{k,\text{DAT}}^g = \alpha_{k,\text{MC}}^g$
- But, measurements show a strong inequality between data and MC: $\alpha_{k,\text{DAT}}^g \neq \alpha_{k,\text{MC}}^g$
- This means that q/g -templates (1) and **SF** (2) are **incorrect!**
- To extract q/g -templates from data we proposed to use $\alpha_{k,\text{DAT}}^g$ in Eqs.(1)⁴

⁴ S.S., D.Budkouski Phys. Part. Nucl. Lett. 18(2) 2021

- It is possible to measure g-fraction α^g :

you just need to set model q/g -**templates** $H_{\text{MC}}^{q,g}(V)$

- Fit equation to find g -fraction²:

$$H_{\text{DAT}}(V) \sim \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g \cdot H_{\text{MC}}^g(V) + (1 - \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g) \cdot H_{\text{MC}}^q(V)$$

- g -fraction in data jet sample is fundamentally model-dependent
- Model-dependence of measured g -fraction is not reducible within given model
- g -fraction can be measured in one V -bin:

$$\alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g(V) = \frac{H_{\text{DAT}}(V) - H_{\text{MC}}^q(V)}{H_{\text{MC}}^g(V) - H_{\text{MC}}^q(V)}$$

- Measured g -fraction for jet parameter V is average of g -fractions in V -bins:

$$\alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g = \langle \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g(V) \rangle$$

- Dispersion of $\alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g(V)$ determines “model uncertainty” of measured g -fraction³

² S.S., D.Budkouski Phys. Phys. Part. Nucl. 55(1) 2024
³ S.S. Phys. At. Nucl. 87(4) 2024

Correct data-driven SF 4,5

Two samples
of jets method

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_{\text{DAT}}^q = \frac{\alpha_{2,\text{DAT}}^g \cdot H_{1,\text{DAT}} - \alpha_{1,\text{DAT}}^g \cdot H_{2,\text{DAT}}}{\alpha_{2,\text{DAT}}^g - \alpha_{1,\text{DAT}}^g} \\ H_{\text{DAT}}^g = \frac{(1 - \alpha_{1,\text{DAT}}^g) \cdot H_{2,\text{DAT}} - (1 - \alpha_{2,\text{DAT}}^g) \cdot H_{1,\text{DAT}}}{\alpha_{2,\text{DAT}}^g - \alpha_{1,\text{DAT}}^g} \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

$\alpha_{1,2,\text{DAT}}^g$ - measured g -fractions

$$S_f(V) \equiv \frac{H_{\text{DAT}}^f(V)}{H_{\text{MC}}^f(V)} \quad (2)$$

- What do we get if we use measured q/g -templates Eqs.(1) to measure α_{DAT}^g :

$$H_{\text{DAT}}(V) \sim \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g \cdot H_{\text{DAT}}^g(V) + (1 - \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g) \cdot H_{\text{DAT}}^q(V) ?$$

- The answer is obvious from Eqs.(1): we get right and the same initial $\alpha_{k,\text{DAT}}^g$!
So, 2nd iteration to get $\alpha_{k,\text{DAT}}^g$ is impossible →
model dependence of measured $\alpha_{k,\text{DAT}}^g$ is irreducible
- I remember, that it was assumed that **two jets samples are kinematically equivalent** and have **the same jet environment** in event. So, disadvantage of SF defined by Eqs.(1)-(2) - **small statistics** in the second jet sample
- This disadvantage can be eliminated since the kinematic differences between jet samples can be taken from the simulation →

Improved two samples of jets method⁶

- Source Eqs. with “non-universal” q/g -templates:

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} O_1 = \alpha_1^g O_1^g + (1 - \alpha_1^g) O_1^q \\ O_2 = \alpha_2^g O_2^g + (1 - \alpha_2^g) O_2^q \\ O_2^q - O_1^q = \Delta O_{\text{MC}}^q \\ O_2^g - O_1^g = \Delta O_{\text{MC}}^g \end{cases}$$

Two “measures of JFNU”

JFNU – Jet Flavour Kinematical Non-Universality

- It is useful to introduce averaged (“universal”) q/g -templates:

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} O^f = A_1^f \cdot O_1^f + A_2^f \cdot O_2^f \\ \Delta O_{\text{MC}}^f = O_2^f - O_1^f \end{cases}$$

$$A_k^f \equiv \frac{N_k \cdot \alpha_k^f}{N_1 \cdot \alpha_1^f + N_2 \cdot \alpha_2^f}$$

N_k - number of jets
in k th jet sample

- Inverse expression of “non-universal” O_k^f via “universal” O^f :

$$\begin{cases} O_2^f = O^f + \Delta O_{\text{MC}}^f \cdot A_1^f \\ O_1^f = O^f - \Delta O_{\text{MC}}^f \cdot A_2^f \end{cases}$$



Eqs.(1) (p.8):

$$O^{q,g} \equiv H_{\text{DAT}}^{q,g}$$

$$o_{1,2} \equiv H_{1,2} \text{ DAT}$$



Improved two samples of jets method ⁶

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_1^g O^g + \alpha_1^q O^q = \tilde{o}_1 \equiv o_1 + \Delta O_{\text{MC}}^g \cdot A_2^g \cdot \alpha_1^g + \Delta O_{\text{MC}}^q \cdot A_2^q \cdot \alpha_1^q \\ \alpha_2^g O^g + \alpha_2^q O^q = \tilde{o}_2 \equiv o_2 - \Delta O_{\text{MC}}^g \cdot A_1^g \cdot \alpha_2^g - \Delta O_{\text{MC}}^q \cdot A_1^q \cdot \alpha_2^q \end{cases}$$

Two "measures of **JFKNU**"

"Universal" q/g -templates

$$\begin{cases} O^q = \frac{\alpha_2^g \tilde{o}_1 - \alpha_1^g \tilde{o}_2}{\alpha_2^g - \alpha_1^g} \\ O^q = \frac{\alpha_2^g \tilde{o}_1 - \alpha_1^g \tilde{o}_2}{\alpha_2^g - \alpha_1^g} \end{cases}$$

\tilde{o}_1 and \tilde{o}_2 are measured q/g -templates with JFKNU corrections

"Non-universal" q/g -templates

$$\begin{cases} O_2^f = O^f + \Delta O_{\text{MC}}^f \cdot A_1^f \\ O_1^f = O^f - \Delta O_{\text{MC}}^f \cdot A_2^f \end{cases}$$

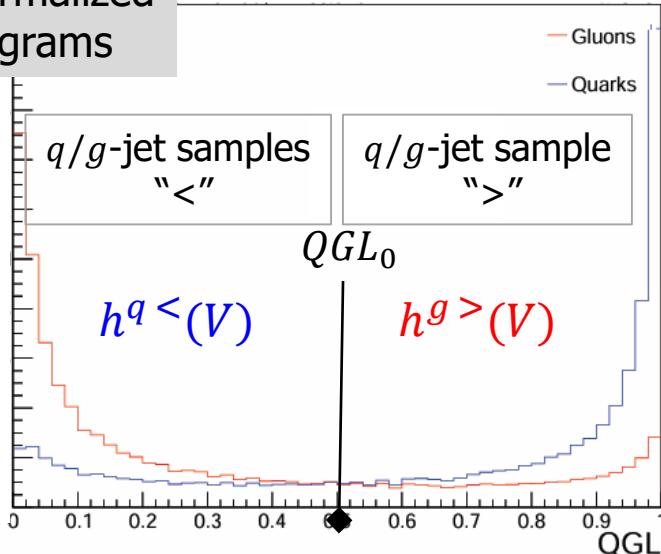
$$f = q/g$$

- Improved two jet sample method allow us to measure q/g -templates for arbitrary channel
- As a result, we can build QGL discriminator with taking into account JFKNU
- Main uncertainty is uncertainty of the measured $\alpha_{1,2}^g$
- Is it possible to find two q/g -templates **using one jet sample**? Yes, it is!

Single sample of jets method

New!

V – any jet parameter,
not QGL!



- We intend to use QGL to define **main parts** of q/g -templates using w.p. QGL_0 :

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} h_{\text{DAT}}^q(V) \approx h_{\text{DAT}}^>(V) \\ h_{\text{DAT}}^g(V) \approx h_{\text{DAT}}^<(V) \end{cases}$$

- How to fix approximate equalities in (1)?

$$\begin{cases} h_{\text{DAT}}^>(V) \equiv \text{true } q\text{-jets} - \text{wrong } q\text{-jets} + \text{lost } q\text{-jets} \\ h_{\text{DAT}}^<(V) \equiv \text{true } g\text{-jets} - \text{wrong } g\text{-jets} + \text{lost } g\text{-jets} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{wrong } q\text{-jets} \equiv \text{lost } g\text{-jets} \equiv h^g >(V)$$

$$\text{lost } q\text{-jets} \equiv \text{wrong } g\text{-jets} \equiv h^q <(V)$$

$$\begin{cases} h_{\text{DAT}}^q(V) \equiv h_{\text{DAT}}^>(V) - h^g >(V) + h^q <(V) \\ h_{\text{DAT}}^g(V) \equiv h_{\text{DAT}}^<(V) - h^q <(V) + h^g >(V) \end{cases}$$

- We intend to take $h^q <(V)$ and $h^g >(V)$ **from the model**!

- We utilize the QGL property: fractions of “wrong q/g -jets” and “lost q/g -jets” much less than fraction of “true q/g -jets”

$$QGL \equiv \frac{Q(\vec{V})}{Q(\vec{V}) + G(\vec{V})}$$

- Next, we move on to normalized histograms ($h \rightarrow H$):

Single sample
of jets method

$$\begin{cases} H_{\text{DAT}}^q \approx \frac{\beta_{\text{DAT}}^>}{\alpha_{\text{DAT}}^q} \cdot \left[H_{\text{DAT}}^> - \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^{g>} \cdot H_{\text{MC}}^{g>} + \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^{q<} \cdot \frac{\beta_{\text{DAT}}^<}{\beta_{\text{DAT}}^>} \cdot H_{\text{MC}}^{q<} \right] \\ H_{\text{DAT}}^g \approx \frac{\beta_{\text{DAT}}^<}{\alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g} \cdot \left[H_{\text{DAT}}^< + \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^{g>} \cdot \frac{\beta_{\text{DAT}}^>}{\beta_{\text{DAT}}^<} \cdot H_{\text{MC}}^{g>} - \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^{q<} \cdot H_{\text{MC}}^{q<} \right] \end{cases}$$

New!

- $\alpha_{\text{DAT}}^{g>} = f(H^>, H_{\text{MC}}^{g>}, H_{\text{MC}}^{q>})$ - measured g -fraction in q -enriched subsample ">"
- $\alpha_{\text{DAT}}^{q<} = f(H^<, H_{\text{MC}}^{g<}, H_{\text{MC}}^{q<})$ - measured q -fraction in g -enriched subsample "<"
- $\alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g = f(H, H_{\text{MC}}^g, H_{\text{MC}}^q)$ - measured g -fraction in total jet sample
- $\alpha_{\text{DAT}}^q = 1 - \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^g$
- $\beta_{\text{DAT}}^{>,<} \equiv \frac{N_{\text{DAT}}^{>,<}}{N_{\text{DAT}}}$
- $N_{\text{DAT}}^> + N_{\text{DAT}}^< = N_{\text{DAT}}$

- The main uncertainty of $H_{\text{DAT}}^{q,g}$ is from the model uncertainty of measured q/g -fractions
- The contributions from the model tails are significantly smaller than the main contribution, since

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^{g>} &\ll \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^f \\ \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^{q<} &\ll \alpha_{\text{DAT}}^f \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

- A method for measuring q/g -templates using a single sample of jets is proposed.
- Single sample of jets method has practical advantages over the method of two samples of jets
- Methods for measuring q/g -templates are being developed to improve the QGL discriminator for CMS

**Thank you for your attention!
Have a nice autumn!**