

# Exercises for Tutorial 5

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## 1 Mass of a boosted resonance

Consider a highly boosted hadronically-decaying resonance such as a  $Z$ ,  $W$  or Higgs boson, with mass  $m$  and transverse momentum  $p_t \gg m$ .

- If jet that contains the boosted resonance and an additional massless particle with transverse momentum  $\Lambda$  at a distance  $r$  from the resonance, what is the squared jet mass? Work in the approximation that  $r \ll 1$ .
- Now assume a constant density  $\rho$  per unit rapidity and azimuth of soft radiation from pileup and underlying event. For a jet of radius  $R$  (doing the calculation for  $R \ll 1$ ), what is the total contribution to the squared jet mass?
- If the jet radius is fixed, how will the jet mass be affected as  $p_t$  grows large?
- Similarly, what will happen if the jet radius is chosen dynamically to just contain the resonance decay products (recall the formula for their angular separation from the lecture).

## 2 Reconstructing boosted W's

If you cloned the tutorials previously, now do

```
git stash
git pull
```

and then go to the directory `tutorial-4/code`. Otherwise download a fresh zip file, unpack it and edit the `Makefile` in the above directory so that the path to Pythia points to where you built it previously.

The code generates high- $p_T$   $pp \rightarrow WW$  events and then examines the two hardest jets, each of which should contain a  $W$  and plots the mass of each jet. Look at the code to see how it works (for now ignoring the commented part about mMDT-SoftDrop) and then build it with “`make`”.

- Run

```
./main01 -MPI off -ptmin 500 -R 1.0  
gnuplot all-plots.gp
```

Note the options to control the minimum jet  $p_T$  and whether MPI is generated. Look at the plot that is produced (`all-plots.pdf`) and see the mass peak for the  $W$ .

- Reduce the  $R$  value. At what point does the  $W$  mass peak disappear? Does this coincide with your expectations?
- Return to using  $R = 1$ . Turn on MPI (`-MPI on`) and see what happens to the mass peak. Then increase the  $p_T$  to 2000 GeV and see how the  $W$ -mass peak further changes.
- Now uncomment the commented piece of code, which implements the a simplified version of the “modified mass-drop tagger” (mMDT,  $\mu = 0$ ), which is also known as SoftDrop (SD,  $\beta = 0$ ). (The code is arguable simpler than the name!).

Recompile and run the code and examine the new plots: p. 2 of the plot file shows the mass of the mMDT/SD jets. How does this compare to the mass of the plain jets?