

## Particle Physics Phenomenology exercise 8

1. Calculate the invariant mass of two massless four-vectors with fixed  $E_{\perp 1}$  and  $E_{\perp 2}$  and a given separation  $\Delta\eta$  and  $\Delta\phi$ . Show that, for small separations, this invariant mass only depends on  $R$ , rather than on  $\Delta\eta$  and  $\Delta\phi$  separately.  
*Hint:* recall exercise 2.1.
2. a) Find the jets in QCD two-jet events with a hard scattering above 250 GeV, at 13 TeV LHC. Use both the anti- $k_{\perp}$ , Cambridge/Aachen and  $k_{\perp}$  algorithms, with  $R = 0.5$  and  $p_{\perp \min} = 20$  GeV. Compare average number of jets and average  $p_{\perp}$  of the hardest jet. Also study event-by-event the difference in hardest jet  $p_{\perp}$  between any two of the jet algorithms.  
b) Repeat the same exercise for top pair production.  
*Hint 1:* `HardQCD:all = on` and `PhaseSpace:pTHatMin = 250.` for hard QCD jets, and `Top:gg2ttbar = on` and `Top:qqbar2ttbar = on` (no  $p_{\perp}$  cut) for top.  
*Hint 2:* PYTHIA comes with a subset of FASTJET built-in, so you do not need to link to FASTJET. Appendix B.2 of the Worksheet describes the basic commands you need, and `examples/main05.cc` illustrates some of them. You are free to create three different instances of `SlowJet`, one for each algorithm.
3. a) Assume that the total cross section were to continue to grow like  $21.7 s^{0.08}$  (in units of mb, with  $s$  in units of  $\text{GeV}^2$ ) and the elastic slope like  $B_{\text{el}} = 9.2 + 0.5 \ln(s/4)$  (in units of  $\text{GeV}^{-2}$ ). Then eventually the elastic cross section would exceed the total one — clearly unphysical. At about what energy would that happen, and with what cross section? You can assume that  $\rho \approx 0$ .  
*Hint:* No analytical solution that I am aware of, so tabulate and interpolate.
4. Assume a detector coverage of  $|\eta| < 5$  at 13 TeV LHC. Find the size of the largest gap from either edge of the detector:

$$\Delta\eta = \max(5 - \eta_{\max}, 5 + \eta_{\min})$$

where  $\eta_{\max/\min}$  is the particle with largest/smallest pseudorapidity (with sign!) inside the detector. Assume that particles need a  $p_{\perp} > 0.2$  GeV to be detected, but include both charged and neutral ones. Compare the distribution and particularly the average value for nondiffractive and single diffractive. Also, how big a fraction of events do not have any particles at all in  $|\eta| < 5$  (and should therefore not be histogrammed at all)?

*Hint:* use `SoftQCD:nonDiffractive = on` and `SoftQCD:singleDiffractive = on`, respectively, for the two cases.