MadGraph5_aMC@NLO
tutorial

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Part 1:
getting familiar with

What is MadGraph5_aMC@NLO?

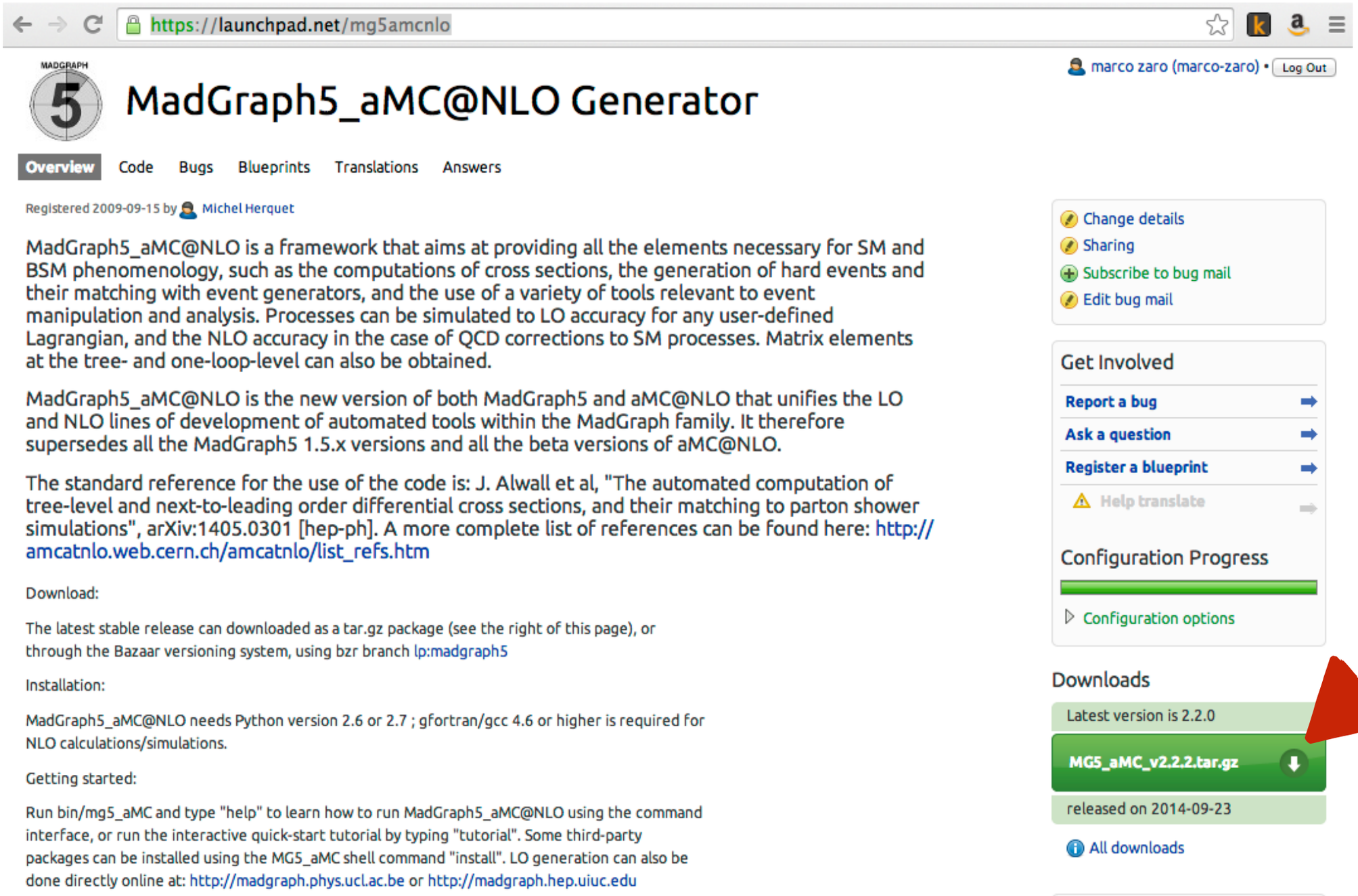
- It is an automatic meta-code that write the code for computing the cross-section and generating events for any process at colliders
- All the details are in arXiv:1405.0301
- NLO QCD corrections can be included
- Matrix elements of different multiplicities can be combined
  - at LO (CKKW or MLM)
  - at NLO (FxFx or UNLOPS)

Software prerequisites:

- Python 2.6 or 2.7
- Fortran compiler supporting quadruple precision (needed for NLO)
  - gfortran v4.6+ OK
- Optional:
  - FastJet (FJcore is included in the tarball)
  - LHAPDF
  - Herwig++
  - Pythia8

Where do I get it?

- On LaunchPad: https://launchpad.net/mg5amcnlo



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Let's start the tutorial

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Exercise 1: Top pair production at LO

- Basic questions:
  - Generate the process (following the tutorial)
  - Which partonic subprocesses contribute?
  - How many Feynman diagrams has each subprocess?
  - Output the code
  - Compute the cross-section at the LHC (8 TeV) for m_t=170 GeV
- Extra questions:
  - Are b-quarks included in the initial state? If not, how can I include them?
  - Are diagrams with photons/z included? If not, how can I include them? How much does the cross-section change? What is that 'WEIGHTED'?
  - Recompute the $t\bar{t}$ cross-section for m_t=170, 172, 174 … 180 GeV

Exercise 1: solution

- Generate the process (following the tutorial)
  - > `generate p p > t t~`

```
INFO: Checking for minimal orders which gives processes.
INFO: Please specify coupling orders to bypass this step.
INFO: Trying coupling order WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Trying process: g g > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Process has 3 diagrams
INFO: Trying process: u u~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Process has 1 diagrams
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INFO: Trying process: s d~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Trying process: s s~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Process has 1 diagrams
INFO: Process u~ u > t t~ added to mirror process u u~ > t t~
INFO: Process c~ c > t t~ added to mirror process c c~ > t t~
INFO: Process d~ d > t t~ added to mirror process d d~ > t t~
INFO: Process s~ s > t t~ added to mirror process s s~ > t t~
5 processes with 7 diagrams generated in 0.075 s
Total: 5 processes with 7 diagrams
```

Exercise 1: solution

- Which partonic subprocesses contribute?
  - > `display processes`

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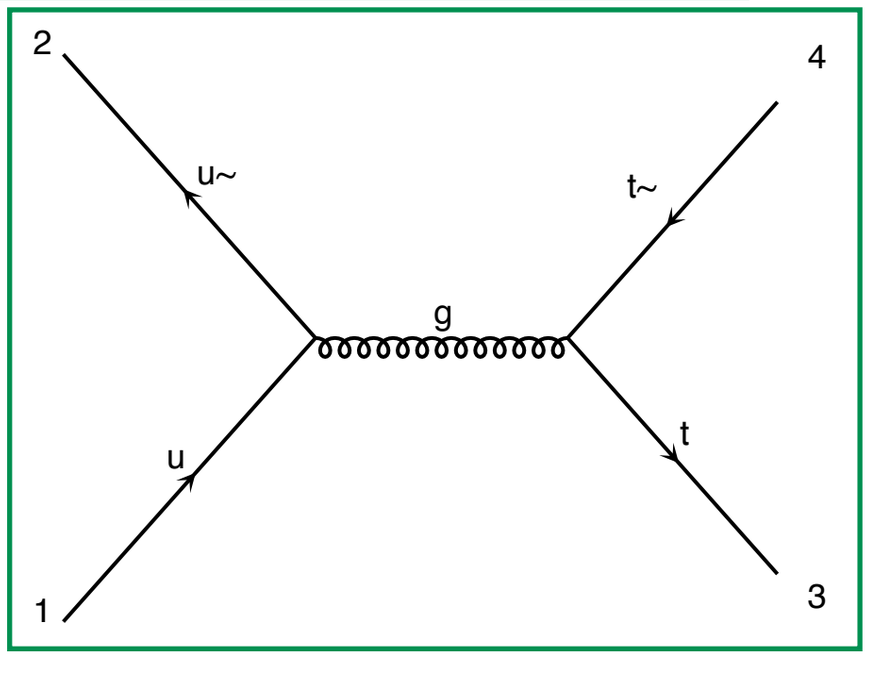

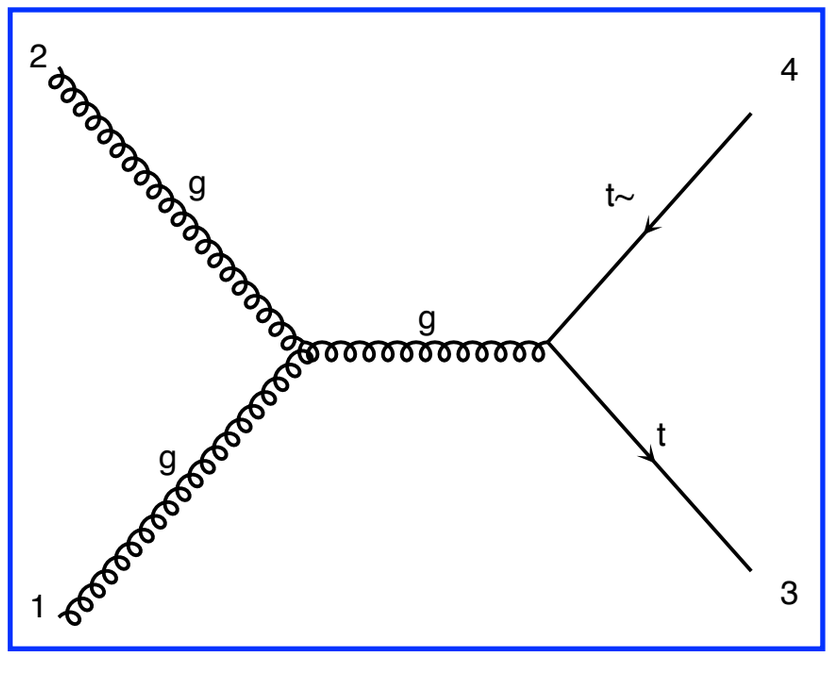

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QCD master formula:

$$\sigma(pp \to t\bar{t}) = \sum_{ab} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F) f_b(x_2, \mu_F) \times \hat{\sigma}(ab \to t\bar{t})$$

What does it mean?

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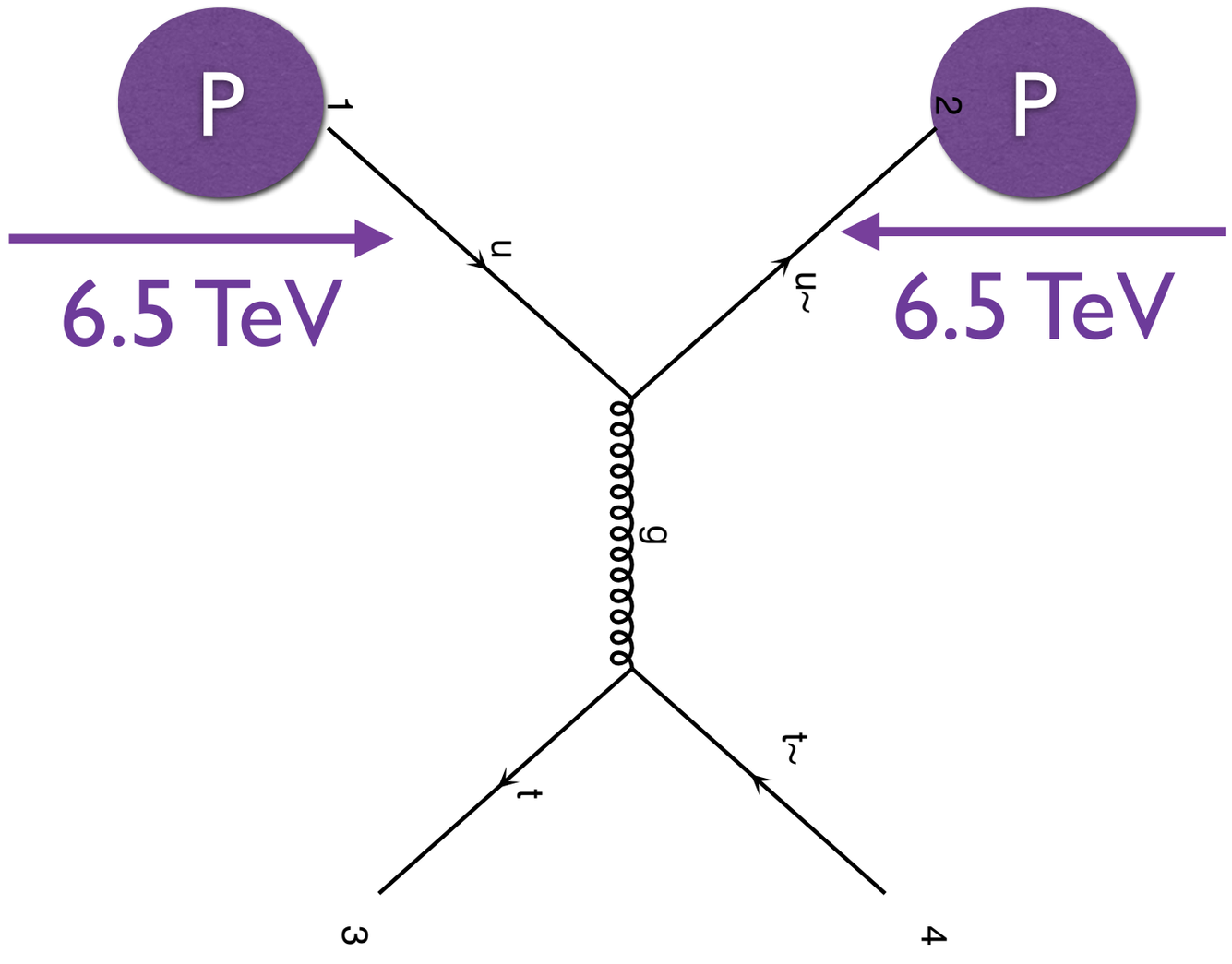
- What is the probability to find parton a inside the proton with momentum fraction x? $f_a(x)$
- μ_F is a scale which separates low energy from high energy dynamics
- The partonic scattering occurs at a reduced energy:

$$\hat{s} = x_1 x_2 S = x_1 x_2 (13\text{TeV})^2$$



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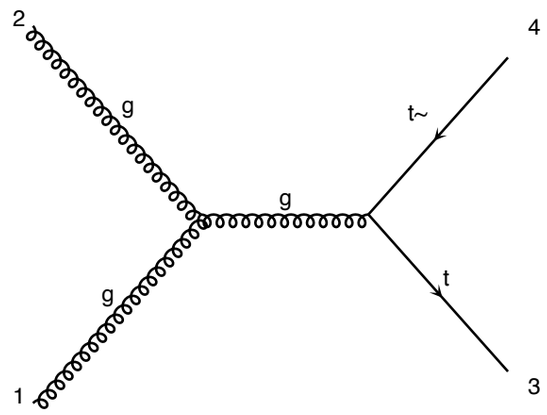

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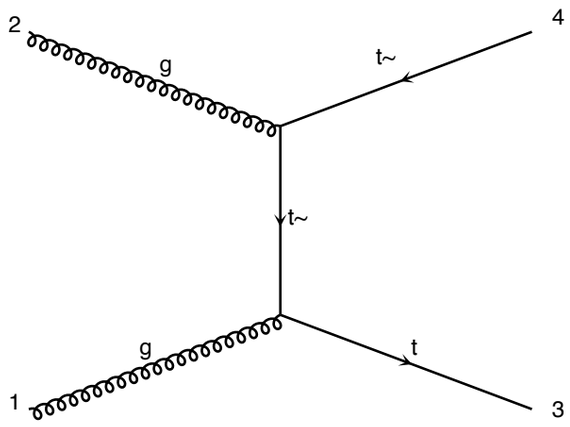

diagram 2 QCD=2, QED=0

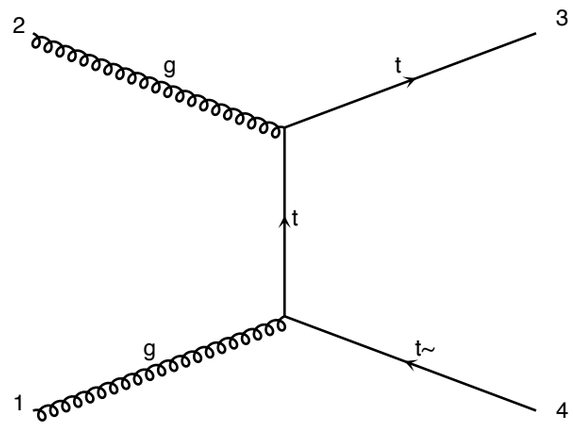

diagram 3 QCD=2, QED=0

gg: 3 diagrams

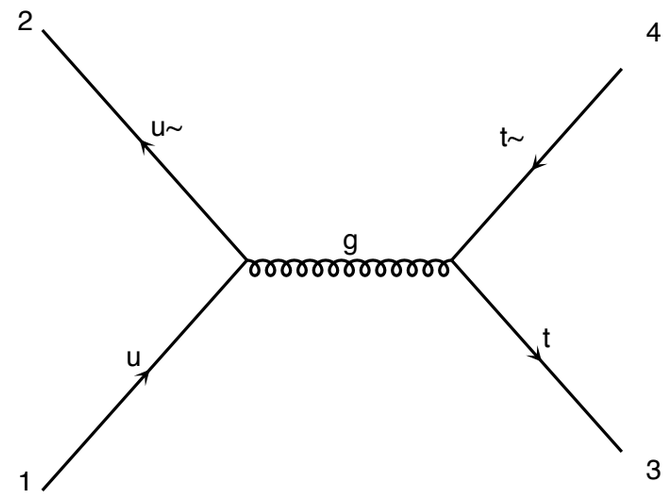

diagram 1 QCD=2, QED=0

$q\bar{q}$: 1 diagram

Exercise 1: solution

- Output the code
  - > output mytestdir

```
INFO: initialize a new directory: mytestdir
INFO: remove old information in mytestdir
INFO: Creating files in directory P0_gg_ttx
INFO: Generating Feynman diagrams for Process: g g > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Finding symmetric diagrams for subprocess group gg_ttx
INFO: Creating files in directory P0_qq_ttx
INFO: Generating Feynman diagrams for Process: u u~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Finding symmetric diagrams for subprocess group qq_ttx
History written to /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/MG5_aMC_v2_2_2/mytestdir/Cards/proc_card_mg5.dat
Generated helas calls for 2 subprocesses (0 diagrams) in 0.000 s
Wrote files for 16 helas calls in 0.102 s
Export UFO model to MG4 format
ALOHA: aloha creates FFV1 routines
ALOHA: aloha creates VVV1 set of routines with options: P0
save configuration file to /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/MG5_aMC_v2_2_2/mytestdir/Cards/me5_configuration.txt
INFO: Use Fortran compiler gfortran
INFO: Generate jpeg diagrams
INFO: Generate web pages
Output to directory /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/MG5_aMC_v2_2_2/mytestdir done.
```

Exercise 1: solution

- Compute the cross-section at the LHC (8 TeV) for m_t=170 GeV
  - > launch

```
The following switches determine which programs are run:
 1 Run the pythia shower/hadronization:                    pythia=NOT INSTALLED
 2 Run PGS as detector simulator:                             pgs=NOT INSTALLED
 3 Run Delphes as detector simulator:                      delphes=NOT INSTALLED
 4 Decay particles with the MadSpin module:                madspin=OFF
 5 Add weight to events based on coupling parameters:     reweight=OFF
  Either type the switch number (1 to 5) to change its default setting,
  or set any switch explicitly (e.g. type 'madspin=ON' at the prompt)
  Type '0', 'auto', 'done' or just press enter when you are done.
 [0, 4, 5, auto, done, madspin=ON, madspin=OFF, madspin, reweight=ON, ... ][60s to answer]
```

  - > 0 (let's keep it simple ;-)

```
Do you want to edit a card (press enter to bypass editing)?
  1 / param      : param_card.dat
  2 / run        : run_card.dat
 you can also
   - enter the path to a valid card or banner.
   - use the 'set' command to modify a parameter directly.
     The set option works only for param_card and run_card.
     Type 'help set' for more information on this command.
   - call an external program (ASperGE/MadWidth/...).
     Type 'help' for the list of available command
 [0, done, 1, param, 2, run, enter path][60s to answer]
```

  - edit the cards

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run_card

```
#*********************
# Running parameters
#*********************
#
#*********************************************************************
# Tag name for the run (one word)                                    *
#*********************************************************************
  tag_1     = run_tag ! name of the run
#*********************************************************************
# Run to generate the grid pack                                      *
#*********************************************************************
  .false.     = gridpack  !True = setting up the grid pack
#*********************************************************************
# Number of events and rnd seed                                      *
# Warning: Do not generate more than 1M events in a single run       *
# If you want to run Pythia, avoid more than 50k events in a run.    *
#*********************************************************************
  10000 = nevents ! Number of unweighted events requested
      0       = iseed   ! rnd seed (0=assigned automatically=default))
#*********************************************************************
# Collider type and energy                                           *
# lpp: 0=No PDF, 1=proton, -1=antiproton, 2=photon from proton,      *
#                                         3=photon from electron     *
#*********************************************************************
        1     = lpp1    ! beam 1 type
        1     = lpp2    ! beam 2 type
     6500     = ebeam1  ! beam 1 total energy in GeV
     6500     = ebeam2  ! beam 2 total energy in GeV
#*********************************************************************
# Beam polarization from -100 (left-handed) to 100 (right-handed)    *
#*********************************************************************
        0     = polbeam1 ! beam polarization for beam 1
        0     = polbeam2 ! beam polarization for beam 2
#*********************************************************************
# PDF CHOICE: this automatically fixes also alpha_s and its evol.    *
#*********************************************************************
                                                      47,1          5%
```

param_card

```
###################################
## INFORMATION FOR MASS
###################################
Block mass
    5 4.700000e+00 # MB
    6 1.730000e+02 # MT
   15 1.777000e+00 # MTA
   23 9.118800e+01 # MZ
   25 1.250000e+02 # MH
## Dependent parameters, given by model restrictions.
## Those values should be edited following the
## analytical expression. MG5 ignores those values
## but they are important for interfacing the output of MG5
## to external program such as Pythia.
  1 0.000000 # d : 0.0
  2 0.000000 # u : 0.0
  3 0.000000 # s : 0.0
  4 0.000000 # c : 0.0
  11 0.000000 # e- : 0.0
  12 0.000000 # ve : 0.0
  13 0.000000 # mu- : 0.0
  14 0.000000 # vm : 0.0
  16 0.000000 # vt : 0.0
  21 0.000000 # g : 0.0
  22 0.000000 # a : 0.0
  24 80.419002 # w+ : cmath.sqrt(MZ__exp__2/2. + cmath.sqrt(MZ__exp__4
/4. - (aEW*cmath.pi*MZ__exp__2)/(Gf*sqrt__2)))
<_v2_2_2/mytestdir/Cards/param_card.dat" 78L, 2770C 1,1           Top
```

Exercise 1: solution

- Compute the cross-section at the LHC (8 TeV) for m_t=172 GeV
  - One can also set the parameters without editing the cards (useful for scripting)
    - `> set ebeam1 4000`
    - `> set ebeam2 4000`
    - `> set MT 172.`
    - `> done`

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    - `> set ebeam2 4000`
    - `> set MT 172.`
    - `> done`

```
. . .
Working on SubProcesses
    P0_gg_ttx
    P0_qq_ttx
INFO:  Idle: 0,  Running: 1,  Completed: 1 [ current time: 15h13 ]
INFO: End survey
refine 10000
Creating Jobs
INFO: Refine results to 10000
    P0_gg_ttx
    P0_qq_ttx
INFO:  Idle: 6,  Running: 4,  Completed: 3 [  3.2s  ]
INFO:  Idle: 2,  Running: 4,  Completed: 7 [  6.6s  ]
INFO:  Idle: 0,  Running: 1,  Completed: 12 [  9.7s  ]
INFO: Combining runs
INFO: finish refine
refine 10000
Creating Jobs
INFO: Refine results to 10000
    P0_gg_ttx
    P0_qq_ttx
INFO: Combining runs
INFO: finish refine
combine_events
INFO: Combining Events
  === Results Summary for run: run_01 tag: tag_1 ===

     Cross-section :   160.1 +- 0.2302 pb
     Nb of events :  10000
```

Monitor via the web interface

file:///Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/MG5_aMC_v2_2_2/mytestdir2/crossx.html

Results in the sm for p p > t t~

Currently Running

Run Name	Tag Name	Cards	Results	Status/Jobs		
				Queued	Running	Done
run_01	tag_1	param_card run_card plot_card	160.1 ± 0.2302 (pb)	Combining Events		

Available Results

Run	Collider	Banner	Cross section (pb)	Events	Data	Output	Action
run_01	p p 4000 x 4000 GeV	tag_1	160.1 ± 0.23	No events yet		banner only	remove run / re-run from the banner

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Exercise 1: solution

- Script it:
  - open a text file (`mymg5amc.txt`) and put the commands inside:

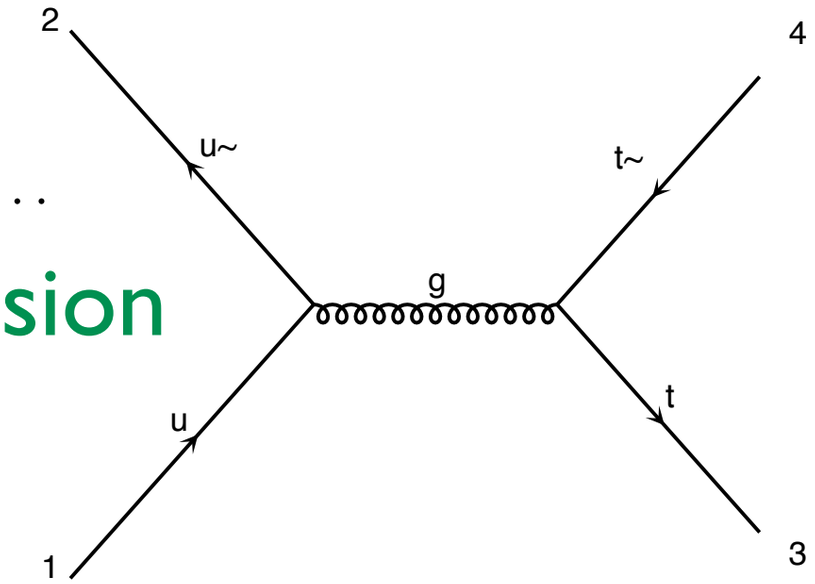
```
generate p p > t t~
output mytestdir
launch
set ebeam1 4000
set ebeam2 4000
set MT 172
```

- launch MG5_aMC@NLO with that file
- `./bin/mg5_amc mymg5amc.txt`

Intermezzo:
From Feynman diagrams to the amplitude

- What is the amplitude for $u\bar{u} \to t\bar{t}$?
  - Peskin & Schroeder answer:

$$|M|^2 = Tr[\not{p}_2 \gamma^\mu \not{p}_1 \gamma^\nu] \frac{g^4}{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2} Tr[(\not{p}_3 + m)\gamma^\mu (\not{p}_4 - m)\gamma^\nu] = \dots$$



  - Gives a clean and compact expression (for simple processes)
  - Number of terms ~ N_{diag}^2
- OK for simple processes, not for complex ones!

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  - Helicity-based formula

$$|M|^{s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4} = g^2 \bar{v}(p_2)^{s_2} \gamma_\mu u(p_1)^{s_1} \frac{g^{\mu\nu}}{p_1 \cdot p_2} \bar{u}(p_3)^{s_3} \gamma_\nu u(p_4)^{s_4}$$

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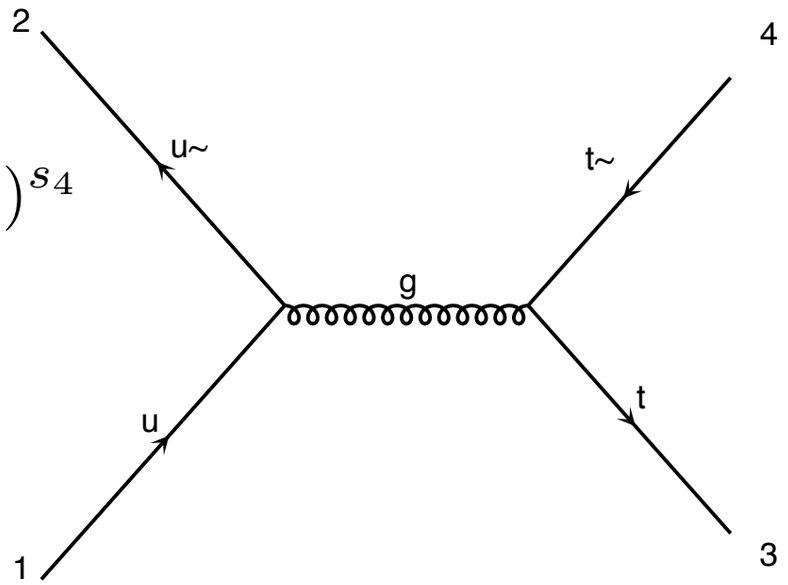

- Much simpler expression
- Number of terms ~ N_{diag}
- Suitable for numeric codes!

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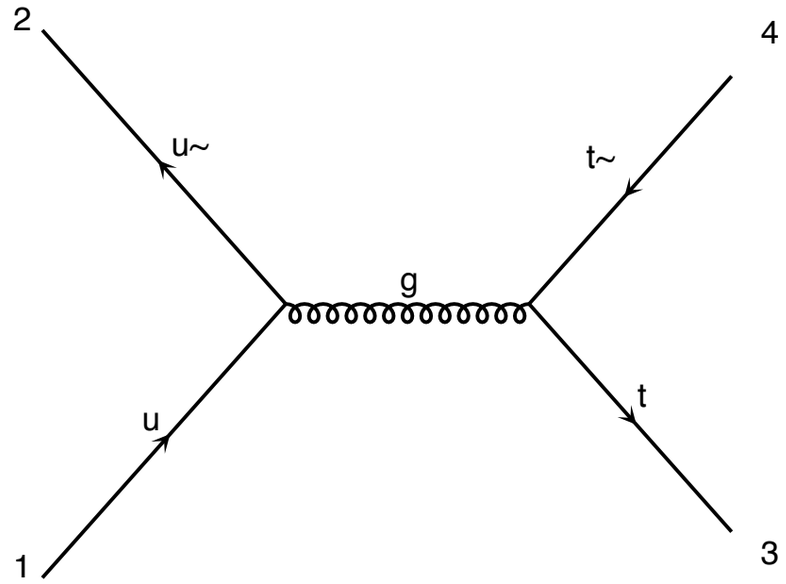


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CALL FFV1P0_3(W(1,1),W(1,2),GC_11,ZERO,ZERO,W(1,5))
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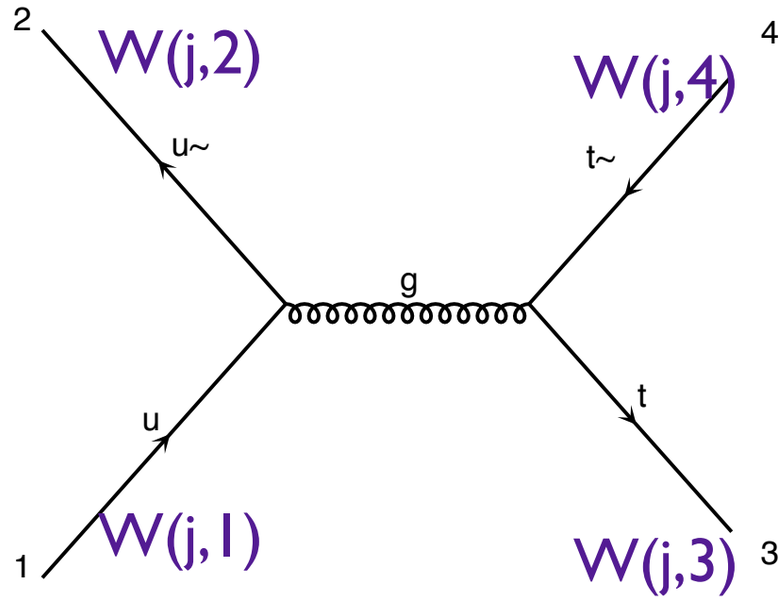


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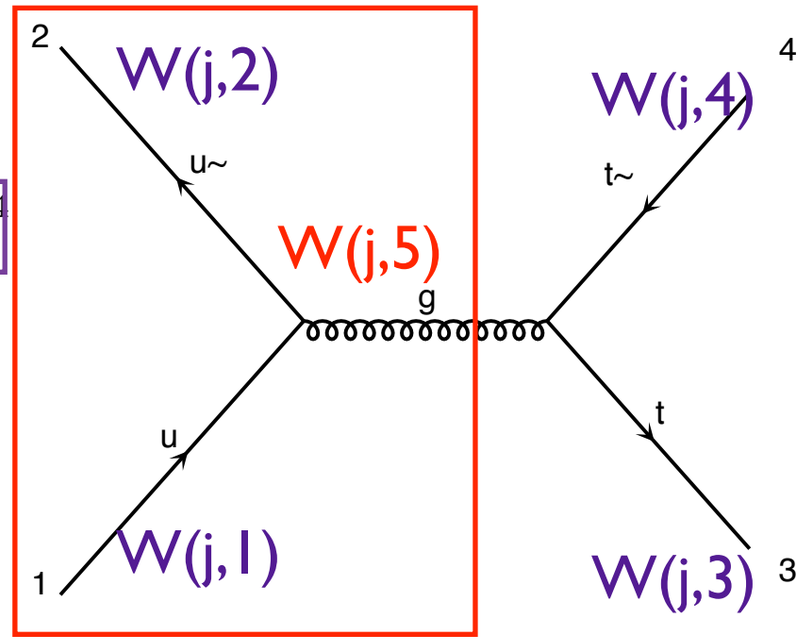


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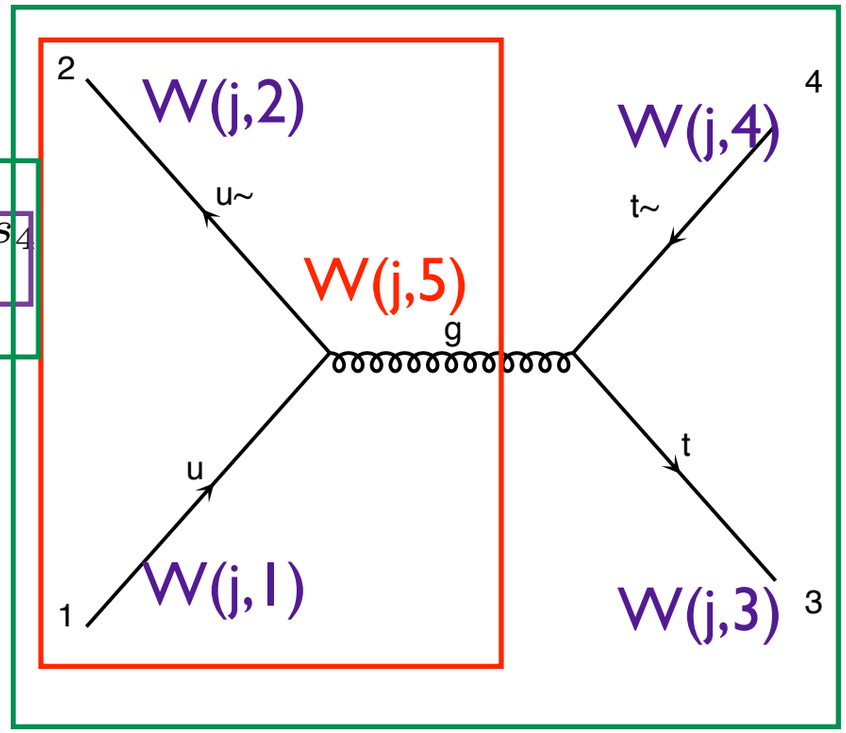

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CALL FFV1P0_3(W(1,1),W(1,2),GC_11,ZERO,ZERO,W(1,5))
Amplitude(s) for diagram number 1
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```

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Process: s s~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
```

- No b-quark appears. Note that at the startup you have

```
Defined multiparticle p = g u c d s u~ c~ d~ s~
Defined multiparticle j = g u c d s u~ c~ d~ s~
```

- You can add the b/$\overline{\text{b}}$ to the multiparticle labels
- > `define p = p b b~`

```
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- > `display multiparticles`
- For consistency one should use a model with m_b=0
- > `import model sm-no_b_mass`

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```
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```

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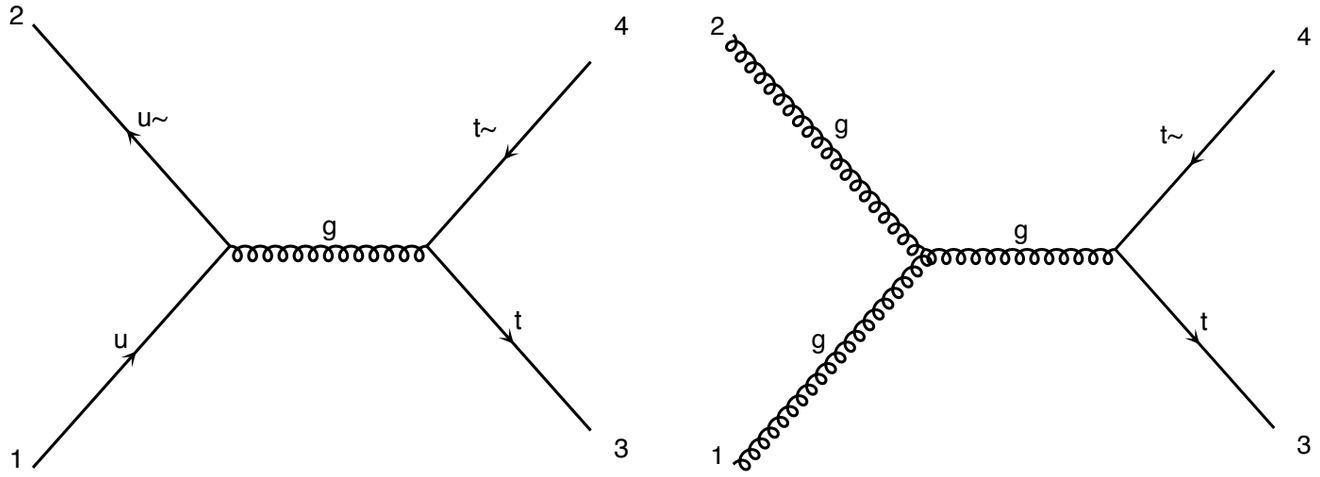

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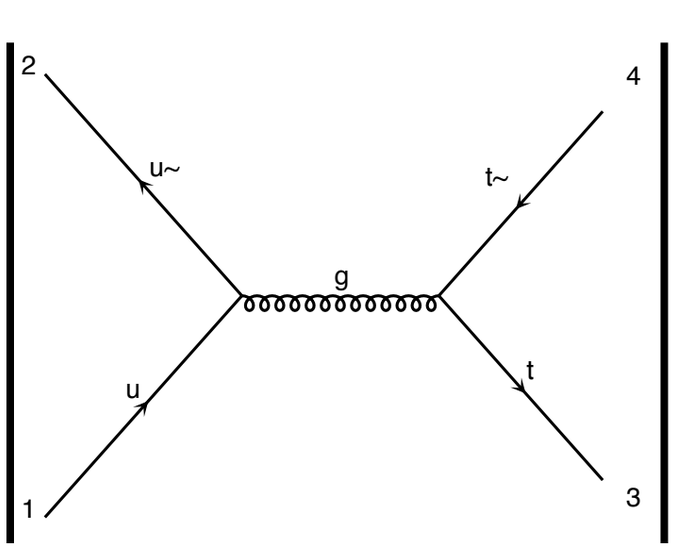

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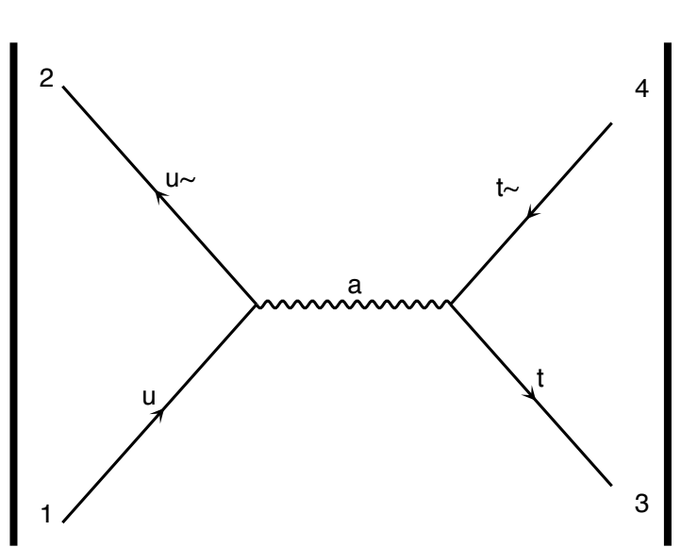

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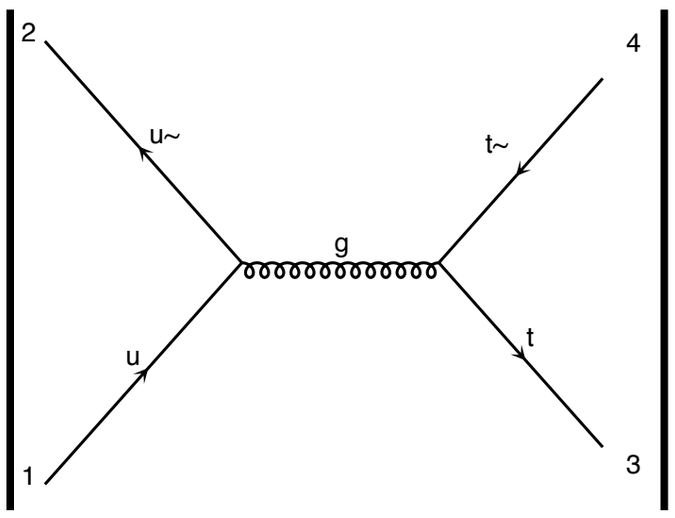

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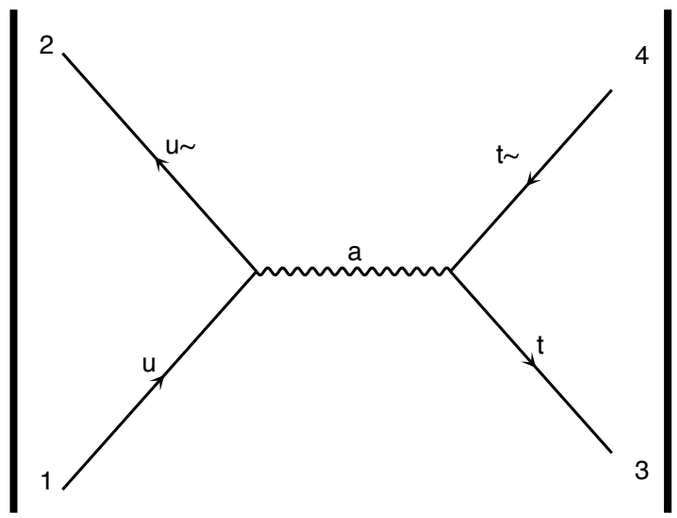

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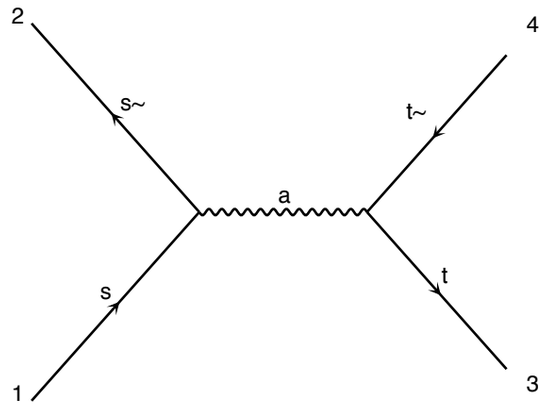

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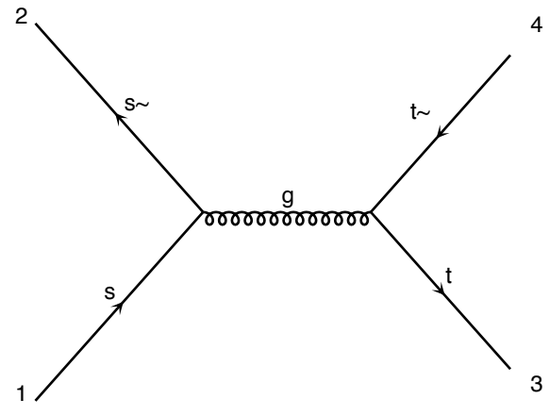

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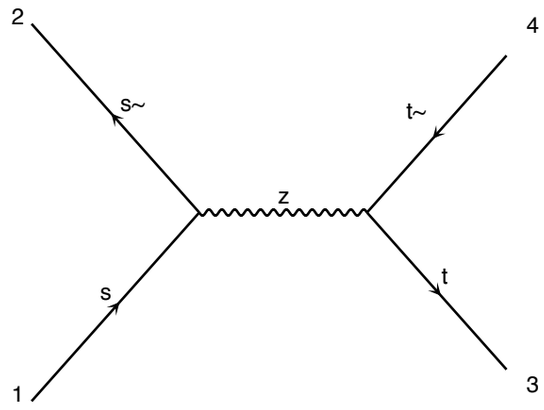

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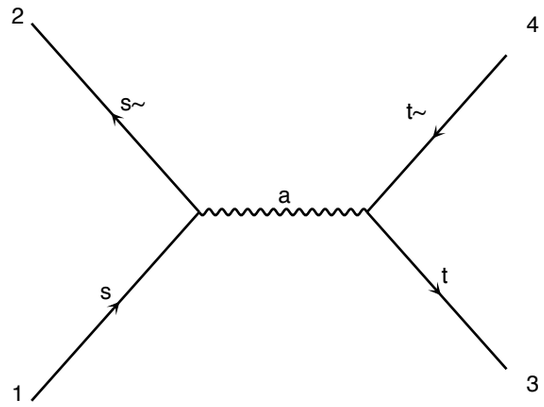
  - > …



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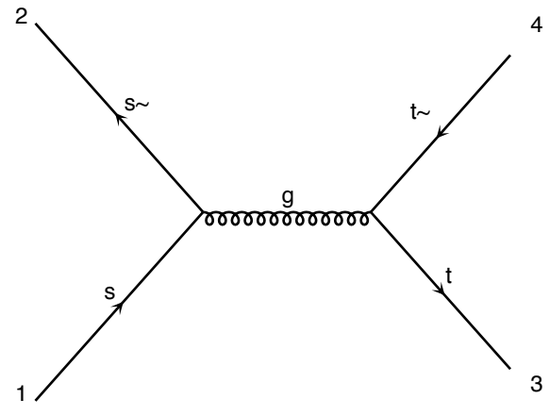

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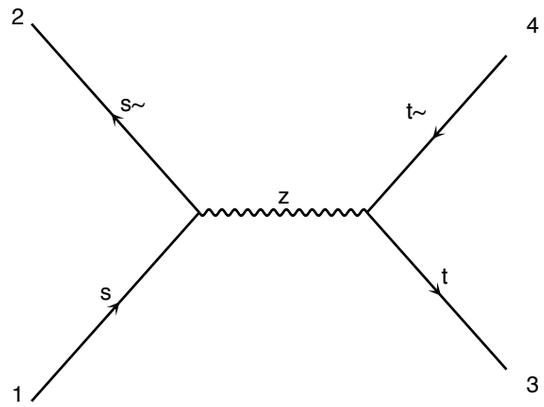

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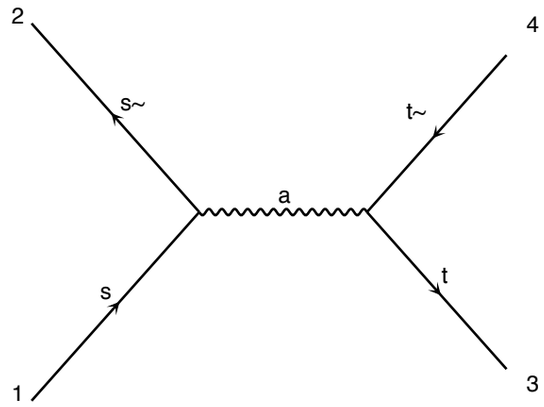

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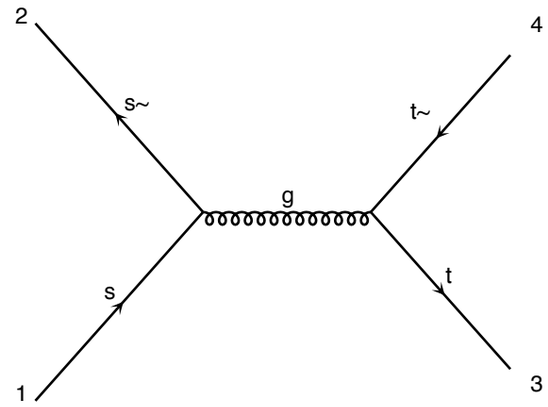

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```
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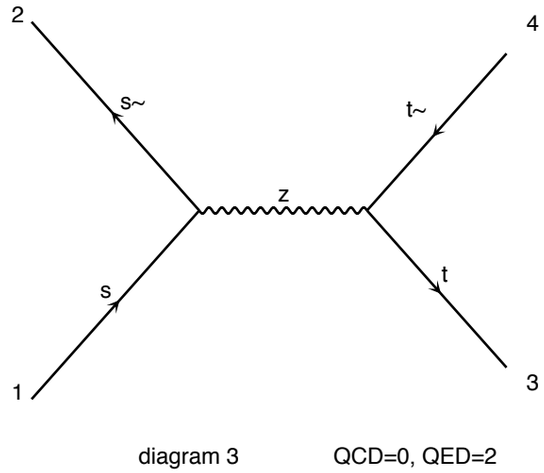

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- Recompute the $t\bar{t}$ cross-section for m_t=170, 172, 174 … 180 GeV
- Be smart! Script it!
- Create a txt file `myttbar_scan.txt`

```
generate p p > t t~
output mytestdir2
launch
set ebeam1 4000
set ebeam2 4000
set MT 170
launch
set MT 172
launch
set MT 174
launch
set MT 176
launch
set MT 178
launch
set MT 180
```

- `./bin/mg5_aMC myttbar_scan.txt`

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- You can also launch an existing folder, without regenerating the code

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launch
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launch
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file:///Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/MG5_aMC_v2_2_2/mytestdir2/crossx.html

Results in the sm for p p > t t~

Available Results

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which folder is what?

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- You can specify the name (instead of `run_01…`) with `-n NAME`

```
launch mytestdir2 -n run_MT170
set ebeam1 4000
set ebeam2 4000
set MT 170
launch -n run_MT172
set MT 172
launch -n run_MT174
set MT 174
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Intermezzo: The Standalone output mode

- Suppose you want just the matrix element for a given process
- Why shall I need it?
  - You want to cross-check one computation you did
  - You have your own integrator, and you need to plug the matrix element in
  - The Standalone output mode is what you need

```
> generate u u~ > t t~
> output standalone my_uux_ttx_SA
> launch
```

The Standalone output mode

```
mdl_lam =   0.12886910601690263
mdl_yb =    2.6995554250465490E-002
mdl_yt =   0.99366614581500623
mdl_ytau =    1.0206617000654717E-002
mdl_muH =    88.388347648318430
mdl_I1x33 =  (  2.6995554250465490E-002,  0.0000000000000000     )
mdl_I2x33 =  ( 0.99366614581500623     ,  0.0000000000000000     )
mdl_I3x33 =  ( 0.99366614581500623     ,  0.0000000000000000     )
mdl_I4x33 =  (  2.6995554250465490E-002,  0.0000000000000000     )
mdl_ee__exp__2 =    9.4835522759998875E-002
mdl_sw__exp__2 =   0.22224648578577769
mdl_cw__exp__2 =   0.77775351421422245
 Internal Params evaluated point by point
 ----------------------------------------

mdl_sqrt__aS =   0.34351128074635334
mdl_G__exp__2 =    1.4828317324943823
 Couplings of sm
 --------------------------------

       GC_11 =   0.00000E+00   0.12177E+01
  1000.0000000000000        500.00000000000000

 Phase space point:

------------------------------------------------------------------------
n         E             px             py             pz             m
1   0.5000000E+03  0.0000000E+00  0.0000000E+00  0.5000000E+03  0.0000000E+00
2   0.5000000E+03  0.0000000E+00  0.0000000E+00 -0.5000000E+03  0.0000000E+00
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------------------------------------------------------------------------
Matrix element =   0.61562818665255248       GeV^           0
------------------------------------------------------------------------
```

Momenta and masses

Matrix element value

Exercise 2: decay chains

- Theory: the top quark is an unstable particle:
  - It decays: ~100% of times into b W
  - The W boson decays too:
    - 67% (2/3) of times into hadrons
    - 22% (2/9) of times into "leptons" (e-ν_e or μ-ν_μ)
    - 11% (1/9) of times into τ-ν_τ
- A decayed pair of top quarks can be classified as:
  - hadronic (both tops to hadrons)
  - semileptonic (one top to hadrons, the other to leptons)
  - dileptonic (both quarks to leptons)

Exercise 2: decay chains

- Questions:
  - How often a top pair decays hadronically/semi-leptonically/di-leptonically?
  - Learn the syntax to specify decay chains
  - Generate the code for dileptonic top decay and compute the cross-section. Compare with what computed in Ex.1
  - What is the difference with `p p > l+ l- vl vl~ b b~`?

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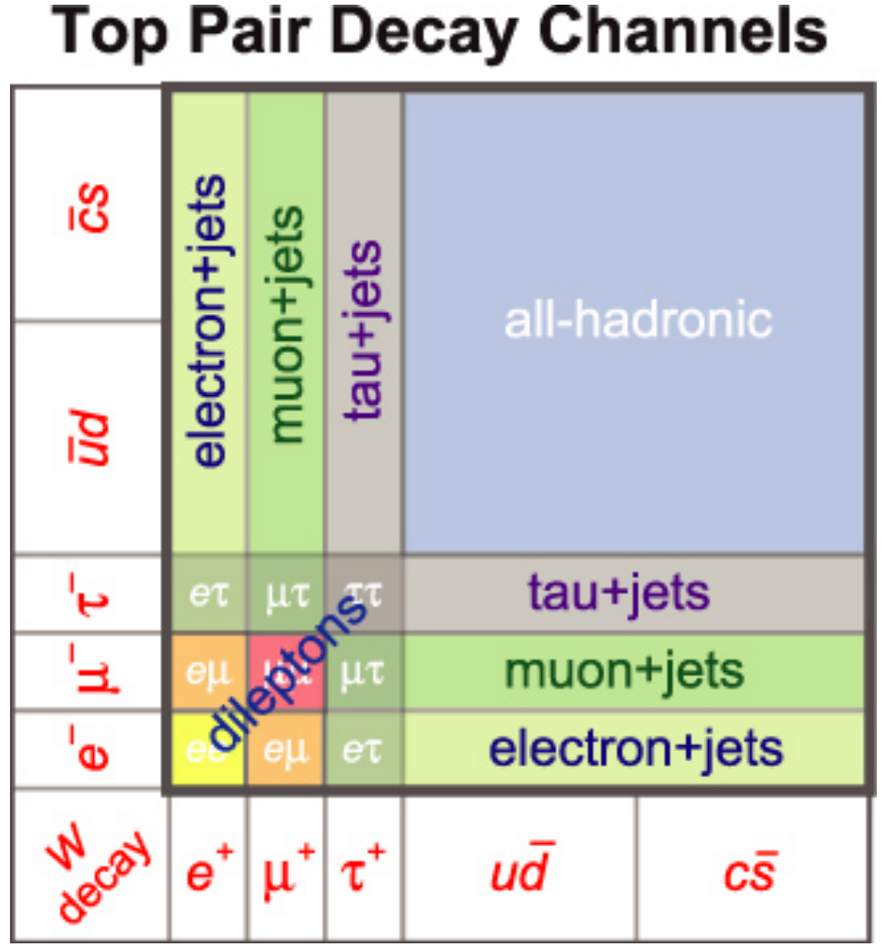

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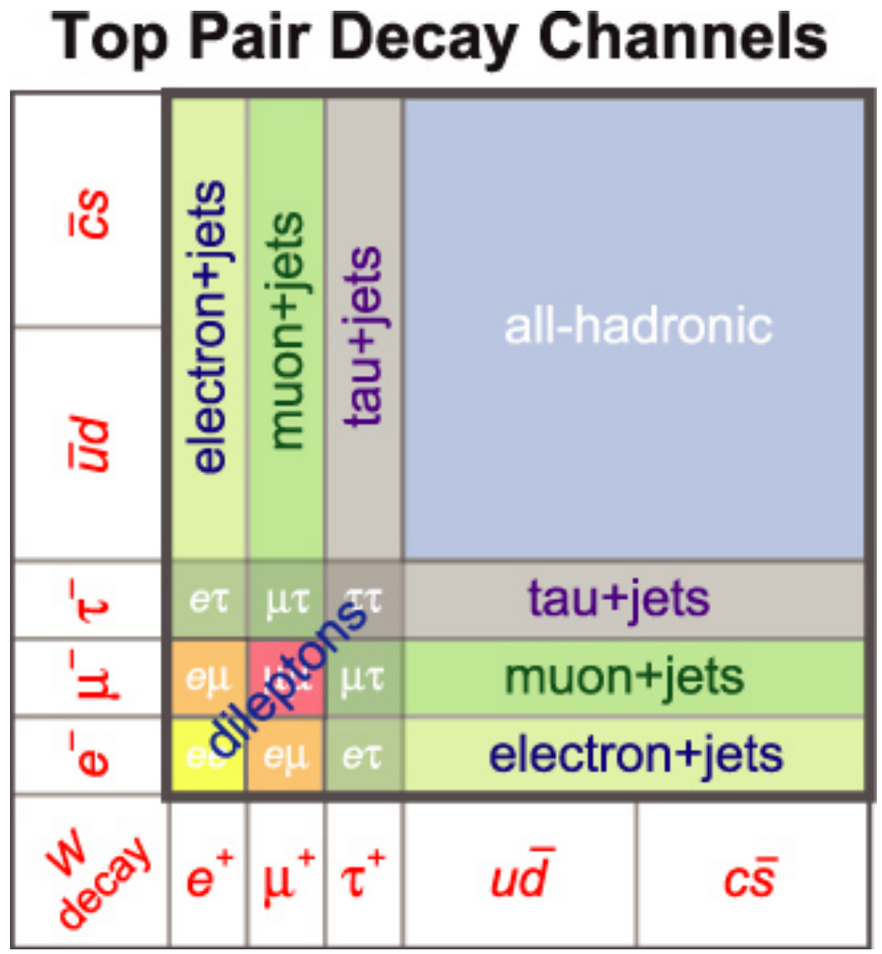

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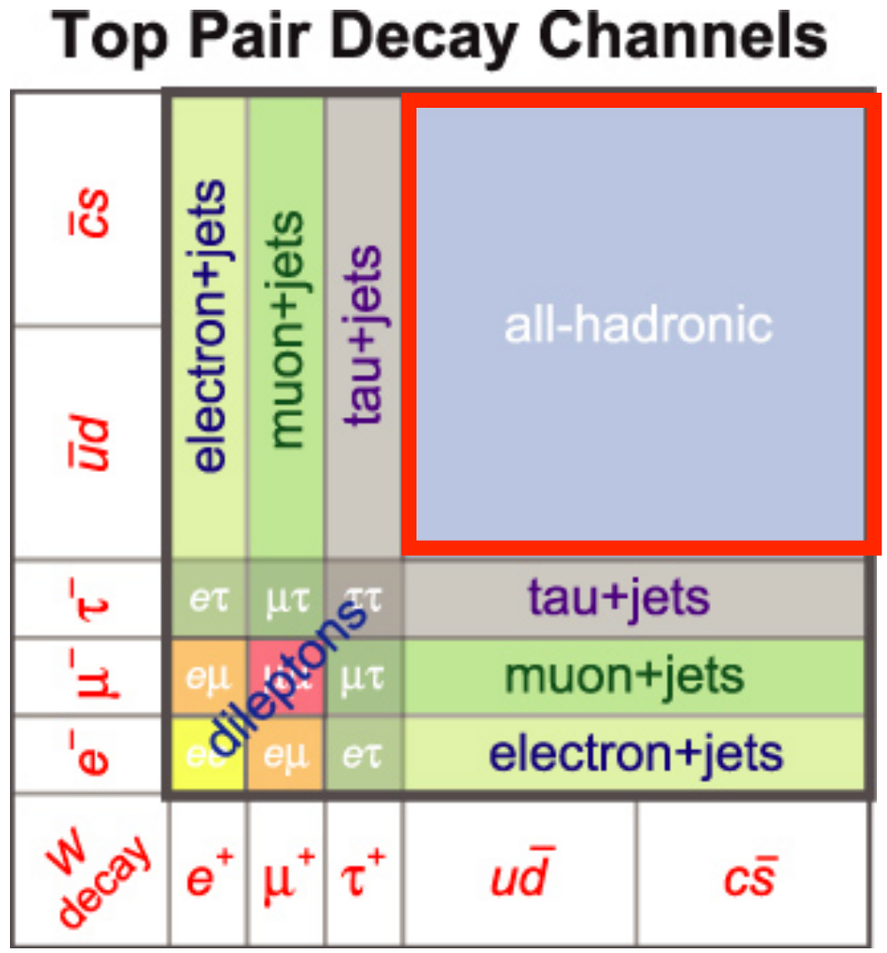

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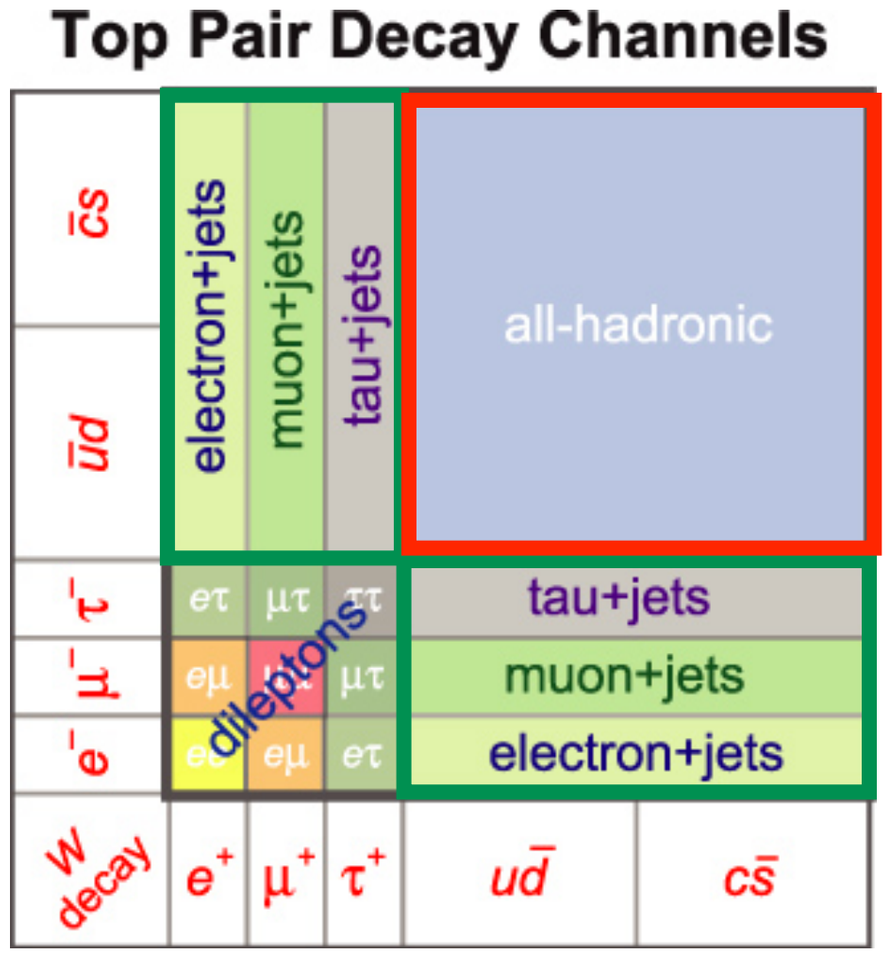

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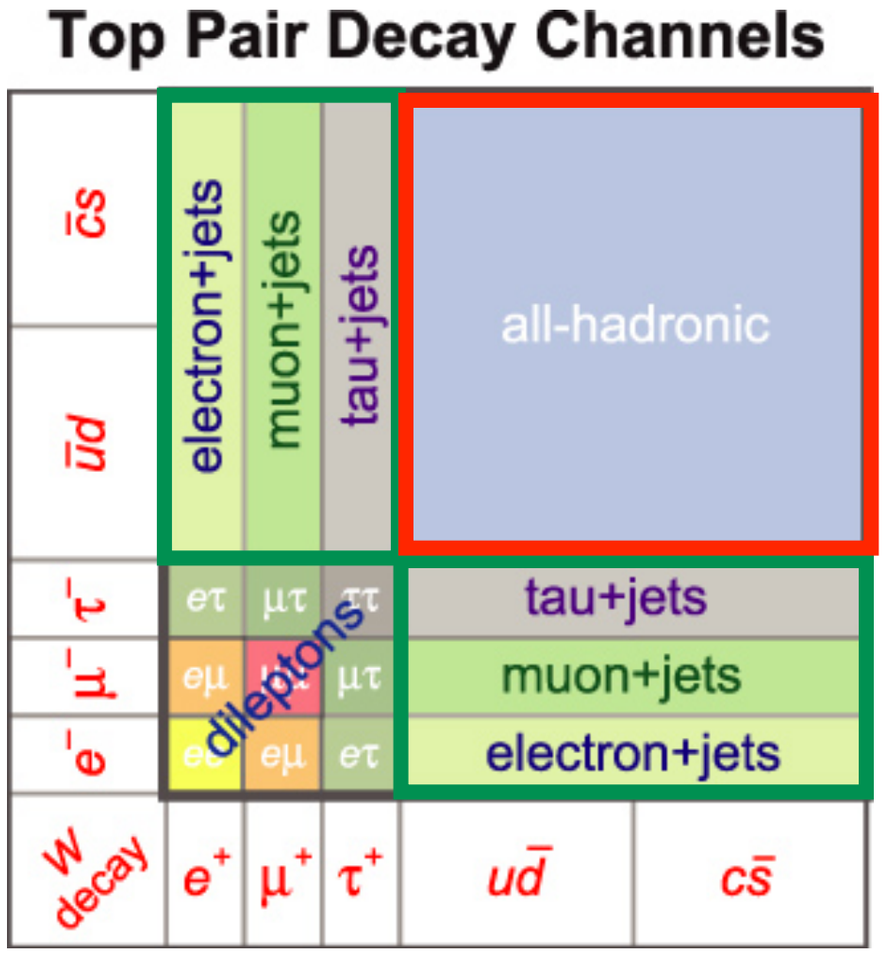

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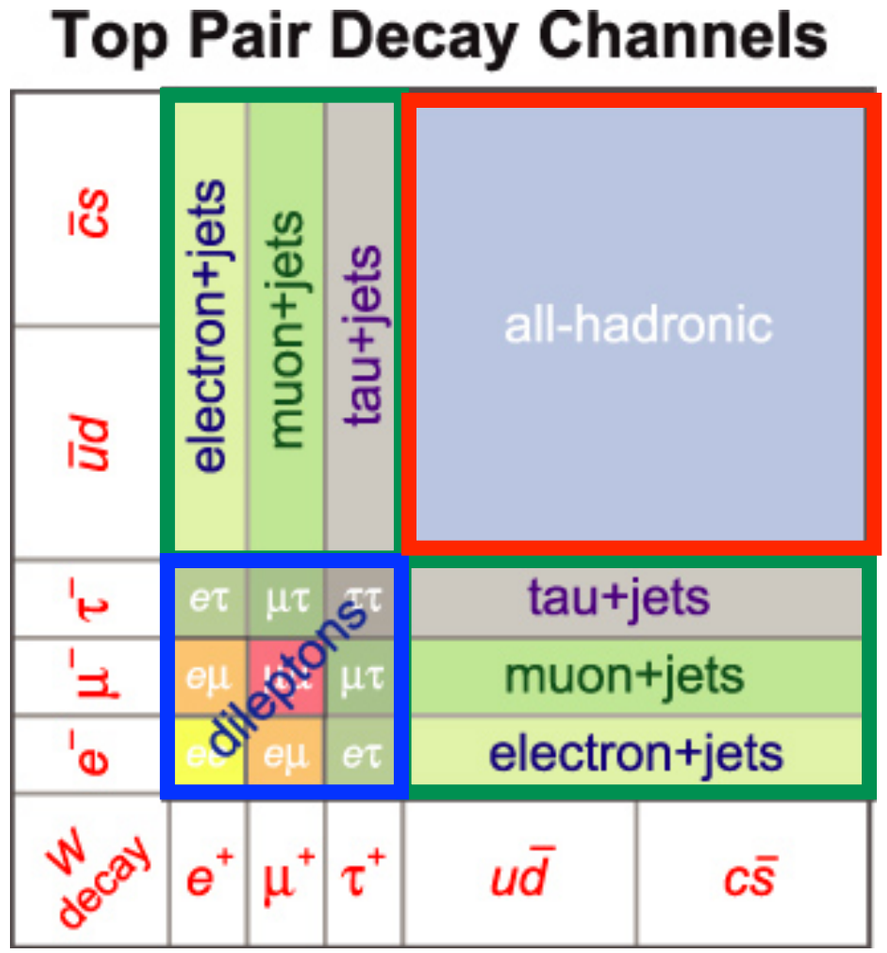

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@N
 o Example: generate l+ vl > w+ > l+ vl a $ z / a h QED=3 QCD=0 @1
 > Alternative required s-channels can be separated by "|":
   b b~ > W+ W- | H+ H- > ta+ vt ta- vt~
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 > To generate a second process use the "add process" command
Decay chain syntax:
 o core process, decay1, (decay2, (decay2', ...)), ...  etc
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Something like this!

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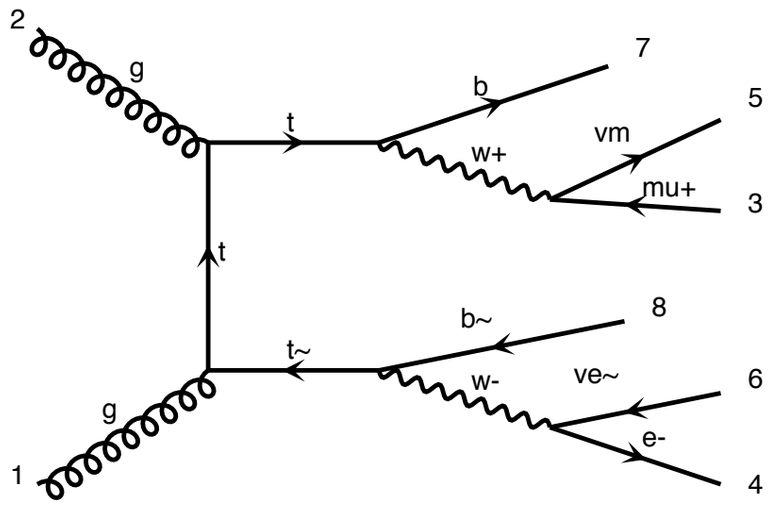

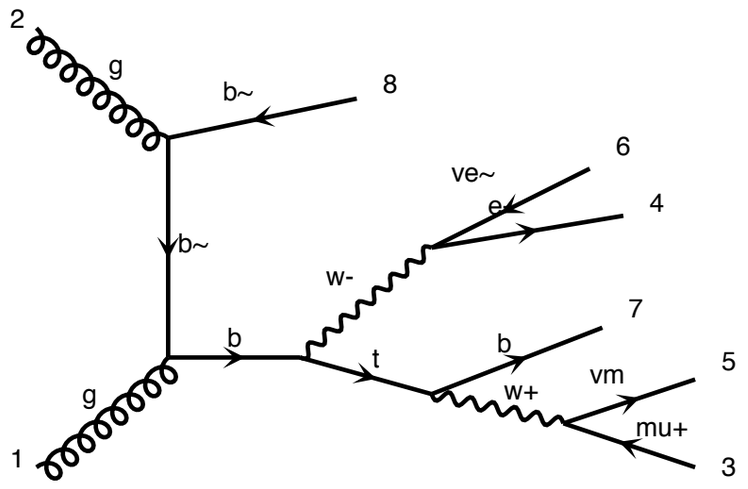

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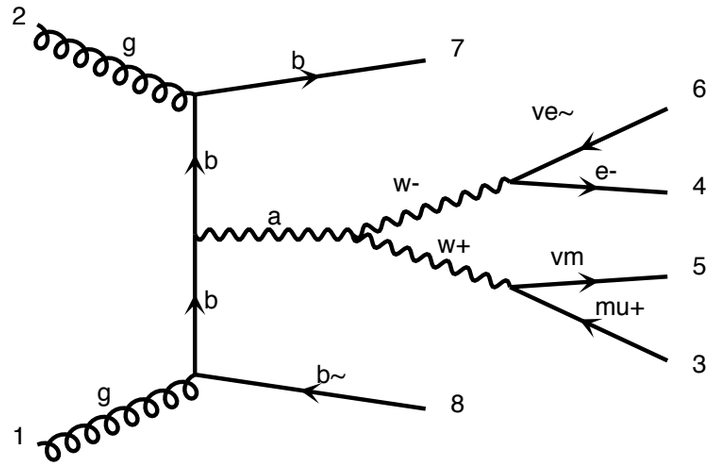

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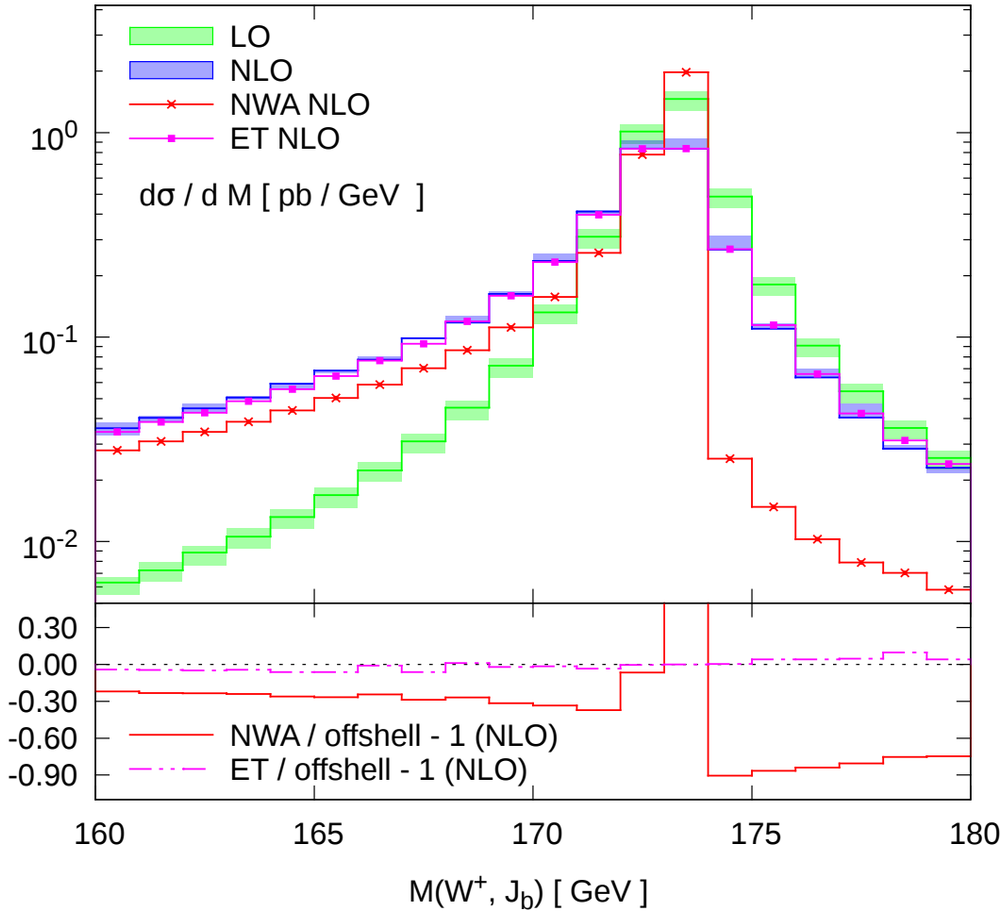

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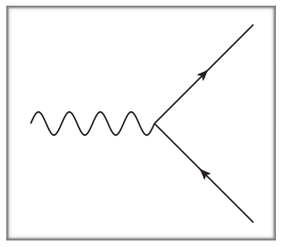

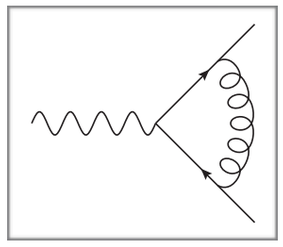

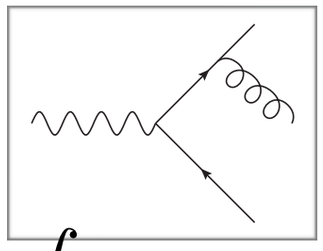

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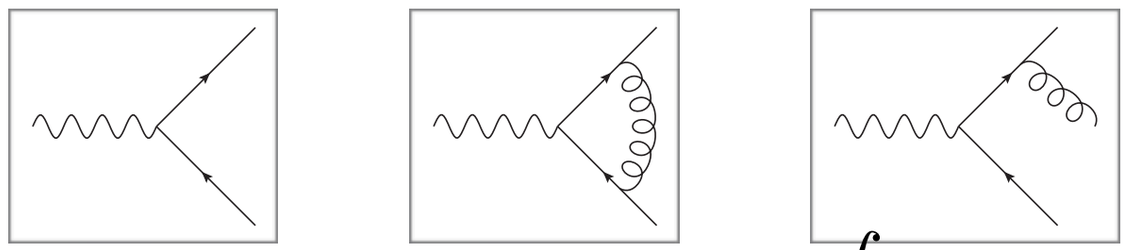

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- Need to include both in order to have a finite result

$$\sigma_{NLO} = \sigma_{LO}\left(1 + C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

Challenges at NLO:

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- Subtract singularities before doing the integration (numerically) in d=4
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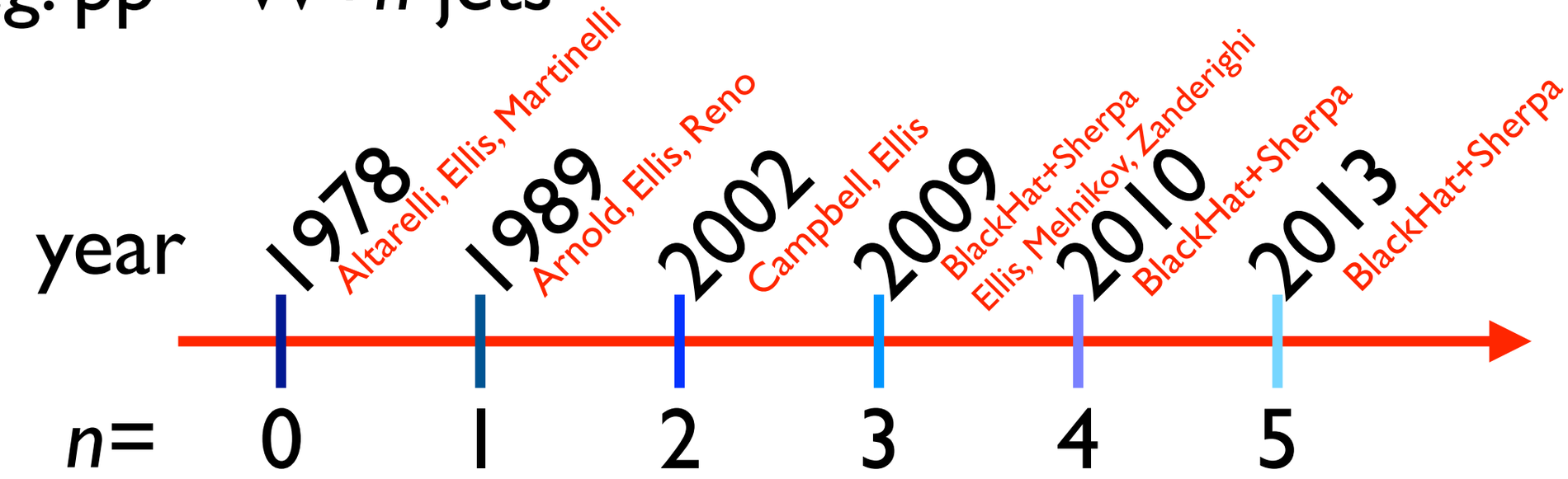

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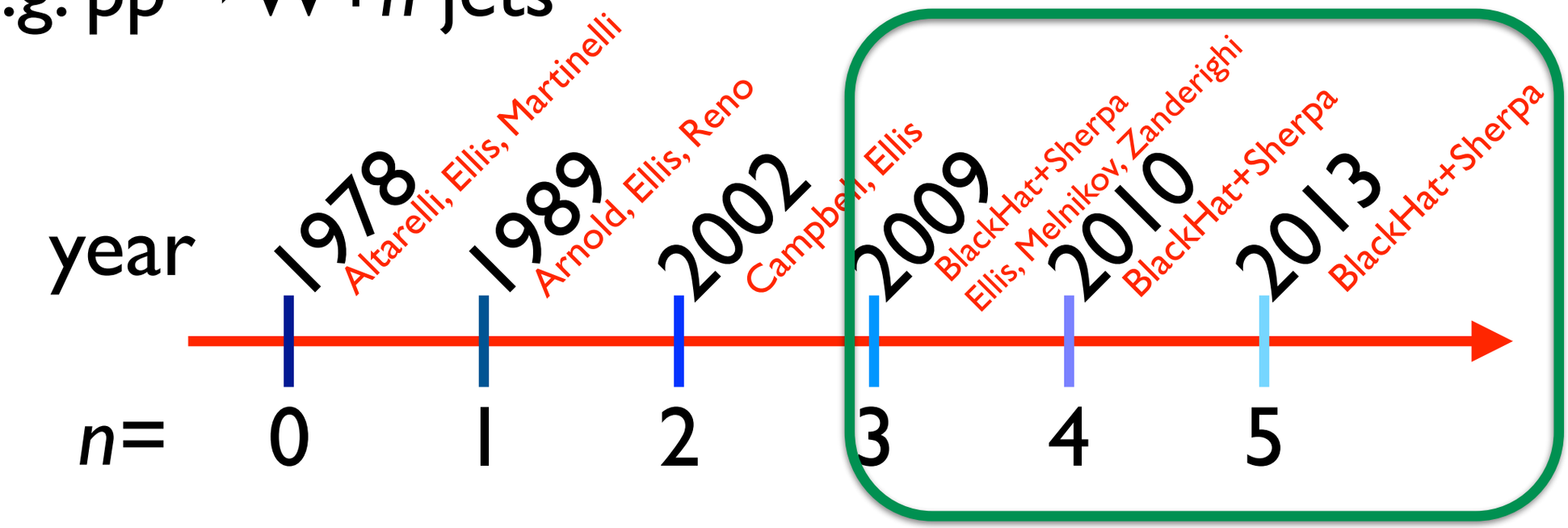

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Vector boson +jets	Process	Syntax	LO 13 TeV (pb)	LO scale / PDF unc.	NLO 13 TeV (pb)	NLO scale / PDF unc.
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a.2	$pp\to W^{\pm}j$	`p p > wpm j`	$2.045\pm0.001\cdot10^{4}$	+19.7% +1.4% / −17.2% −1.1%	$2.843\pm0.010\cdot10^{4}$	+5.9% +1.3% / −8.0% −1.1%
a.3	$pp\to W^{\pm}jj$	`p p > wpm j j`	$6.805\pm0.015\cdot10^{3}$	+24.5% +0.8% / −18.6% −0.7%	$7.786\pm0.030\cdot10^{3}$	+2.4% +0.9% / −6.0% −0.8%
a.4	$pp\to W^{\pm}jjj$	`p p > wpm j j j`	$1.821\pm0.002\cdot10^{3}$	+41.0% +0.5% / −27.1% −0.5%	$2.005\pm0.008\cdot10^{3}$	+0.9% +0.6% / −6.7% −0.5%
a.5	$pp\to Z$	`p p > z`	$4.248\pm0.005\cdot10^{4}$	+14.6% +2.0% / −15.8% −1.6%	$5.410\pm0.022\cdot10^{4}$	+4.6% +1.9% / −8.6% −1.5%
a.6	$pp\to Zj$	`p p > z j`	$7.209\pm0.005\cdot10^{3}$	+19.3% +1.2% / −17.0% −1.0%	$9.742\pm0.035\cdot10^{3}$	+5.8% +1.2% / −7.8% −1.0%
a.7	$pp\to Zjj$	`p p > z j j`	$2.348\pm0.006\cdot10^{3}$	+24.3% +0.6% / −18.5% −0.6%	$2.665\pm0.010\cdot10^{3}$	+2.5% +0.7% / −6.0% −0.7%
a.8	$pp\to Zjjj$	`p p > z j j j`	$6.314\pm0.008\cdot10^{2}$	+40.8% +0.5% / −27.0% −0.5%	$6.996\pm0.028\cdot10^{2}$	+1.1% +0.5% / −6.8% −0.5%
a.9	$pp\to\gamma j$	`p p > a j`	$1.964\pm0.001\cdot10^{4}$	+31.2% +1.7% / −26.0% −1.8%	$5.218\pm0.025\cdot10^{4}$	+24.5% +1.4% / −21.4% −1.6%
a.10	$pp\to\gamma jj$	`p p > a j j`	$7.815\pm0.008\cdot10^{3}$	+32.8% +0.9% / −24.2% −1.2%	$1.004\pm0.004\cdot10^{4}$	+5.9% +0.8% / −10.9% −1.2%

Vector-boson pair +jets	Process	Syntax	LO 13 TeV (pb)	LO scale / PDF unc.	NLO 13 TeV (pb)	NLO scale / PDF unc.
b.1	$pp\to W^+W^-$ (4f)	`p p > w+ w-`	$7.355\pm0.005\cdot10^{1}$	+5.0% +2.0% / −6.1% −1.5%	$1.028\pm0.003\cdot10^{2}$	+4.0% +1.9% / −4.5% −1.4%
b.2	$pp\to ZZ$	`p p > z z`	$1.097\pm0.002\cdot10^{1}$	+4.5% +1.9% / −5.6% −1.5%	$1.415\pm0.005\cdot10^{1}$	+3.1% +1.8% / −3.7% −1.4%
b.3	$pp\to ZW^{\pm}$	`p p > z wpm`	$2.777\pm0.003\cdot10^{1}$	+3.6% +2.0% / −4.7% −1.5%	$4.487\pm0.013\cdot10^{1}$	+4.4% +1.7% / −4.4% −1.3%
b.4	$pp\to\gamma\gamma$	`p p > a a`	$2.510\pm0.002\cdot10^{1}$	+22.1% +2.4% / −22.4% −2.1%	$6.593\pm0.021\cdot10^{1}$	+17.6% +2.0% / −18.8% −1.9%
b.5	$pp\to\gamma Z$	`p p > a z`	$2.523\pm0.004\cdot10^{1}$	+9.9% +2.0% / −11.2% −1.6%	$3.695\pm0.013\cdot10^{1}$	+5.4% +1.8% / −7.1% −1.4%
b.6	$pp\to\gamma W^{\pm}$	`p p > a wpm`	$2.954\pm0.005\cdot10^{1}$	+9.5% +2.0% / −11.0% −1.7%	$7.124\pm0.026\cdot10^{1}$	+9.7% +1.5% / −9.9% −1.3%
b.7	$pp\to W^+W^-j$ (4f)	`p p > w+ w- j`	$2.865\pm0.003\cdot10^{1}$	+11.6% +1.0% / −10.0% −0.8%	$3.730\pm0.013\cdot10^{1}$	+4.9% +1.1% / −4.9% −0.8%
b.8	$pp\to ZZj$	`p p > z z j`	$3.662\pm0.003\cdot10^{0}$	+10.9% +1.0% / −9.3% −0.8%	$4.830\pm0.016\cdot10^{0}$	+5.0% +1.1% / −4.8% −0.9%
b.9	$pp\to ZW^{\pm}j$	`p p > z wpm j`	$1.605\pm0.005\cdot10^{1}$	+11.6% +0.9% / −10.0% −0.7%	$2.086\pm0.007\cdot10^{1}$	+4.9% +0.9% / −4.8% −0.7%
b.10	$pp\to\gamma\gamma j$	`p p > a a j`	$1.022\pm0.001\cdot10^{1}$	+20.3% +1.2% / −17.7% −1.5%	$2.292\pm0.010\cdot10^{1}$	+17.2% +1.0% / −15.1% −1.4%
b.11*	$pp\to\gamma Zj$	`p p > a z j`	$8.310\pm0.017\cdot10^{0}$	+14.5% +1.0% / −12.8% −1.0%	$1.220\pm0.005\cdot10^{1}$	+7.3% +0.9% / −7.4% −0.9%
b.12*	$pp\to\gamma W^{\pm}j$	`p p > a wpm j`	$2.546\pm0.010\cdot10^{1}$	+13.7% +0.9% / −12.1% −1.0%	$3.713\pm0.015\cdot10^{1}$	+7.2% +0.9% / −7.1% −1.0%
b.13	$pp\to W^+W^+jj$	`p p > w+ w+ j j`	$1.484\pm0.006\cdot10^{-1}$	+25.4% +2.1% / −18.9% −1.5%	$2.251\pm0.011\cdot10^{-1}$	+10.5% +2.2% / −10.6% −1.6%
b.14	$pp\to W^-W^-jj$	`p p > w- w- j j`	$6.752\pm0.007\cdot10^{-2}$	+25.4% +2.4% / −18.9% −1.7%	$1.003\pm0.003\cdot10^{-1}$	+10.1% +2.5% / −10.4% −1.8%
b.15	$pp\to W^+W^-jj$ (4f)	`p p > w+ w- j j`	$1.144\pm0.002\cdot10^{1}$	+27.2% +0.7% / −19.9% −0.5%	$1.396\pm0.005\cdot10^{1}$	+5.0% +0.7% / −6.8% −0.6%
b.16	$pp\to ZZjj$	`p p > z z j j`	$1.344\pm0.002\cdot10^{0}$	+26.6% +0.7% / −19.6% −0.6%	$1.706\pm0.011\cdot10^{0}$	+5.8% +0.8% / −7.2% −0.6%
b.17	$pp\to ZW^{\pm}jj$	`p p > z wpm j j`	$8.038\pm0.009\cdot10^{0}$	+26.7% +0.7% / −19.7% −0.5%	$9.139\pm0.031\cdot10^{0}$	+3.1% +0.7% / −5.1% −0.5%
b.18	$pp\to\gamma\gamma jj$	`p p > a a j j`	$5.377\pm0.029\cdot10^{0}$	+26.2% +0.6% / −19.8% −1.0%	$7.501\pm0.032\cdot10^{0}$	+8.8% +0.6% / −10.1% −1.0%
b.19*	$pp\to\gamma Zjj$	`p p > a z j j`	$3.260\pm0.009\cdot10^{0}$	+24.3% +0.6% / −18.4% −0.6%	$4.242\pm0.016\cdot10^{0}$	+6.5% +0.6% / −7.3% −0.6%
b.20*	$pp\to\gamma W^{\pm}jj$	`p p > a wpm j j`	$1.233\pm0.002\cdot10^{1}$	+24.7% +0.6% / −18.6% −0.6%	$1.448\pm0.005\cdot10^{1}$	+3.6% +0.6% / −5.4% −0.7%

Three vector bosons +jet	Process	Syntax	LO 13 TeV (pb)	LO scale / PDF unc.	NLO 13 TeV (pb)	NLO scale / PDF unc.
c.1	$pp\to W^+W^-W^{\pm}$ (4f)	`p p > w+ w- wpm`	$1.307\pm0.003\cdot10^{-1}$	+0.0% +2.0% / −0.3% −1.5%	$2.109\pm0.006\cdot10^{-1}$	+5.1% +1.6% / −4.1% −1.2%
c.2	$pp\to ZW^+W^-$ (4f)	`p p > z w+ w-`	$9.658\pm0.065\cdot10^{-2}$	+0.8% +2.1% / −1.1% −1.6%	$1.679\pm0.005\cdot10^{-1}$	+6.3% +1.6% / −5.1% −1.2%
c.3	$pp\to ZZW^{\pm}$	`p p > z z wpm`	$2.996\pm0.016\cdot10^{-2}$	+1.0% +2.0% / −1.4% −1.6%	$5.550\pm0.020\cdot10^{-2}$	+6.8% +1.5% / −5.5% −1.1%
c.4	$pp\to ZZZ$	`p p > z z z`	$1.085\pm0.002\cdot10^{-2}$	+0.0% +1.9% / −0.5% −1.5%	$1.417\pm0.005\cdot10^{-2}$	+2.7% +1.9% / −2.1% −1.5%
c.5	$pp\to\gamma W^+W^-$ (4f)	`p p > a w+ w-`	$1.427\pm0.011\cdot10^{-1}$	+1.9% +2.0% / −2.6% −1.5%	$2.581\pm0.008\cdot10^{-1}$	+5.4% +1.4% / −4.3% −1.1%
c.6	$pp\to\gamma\gamma W^{\pm}$	`p p > a a wpm`	$2.681\pm0.007\cdot10^{-2}$	+4.4% +1.9% / −5.6% −1.6%	$8.251\pm0.032\cdot10^{-2}$	+7.6% +1.0% / −7.0% −1.0%
c.7	$pp\to\gamma ZW^{\pm}$	`p p > a z wpm`	$4.994\pm0.011\cdot10^{-2}$	+0.8% +1.9% / −1.4% −1.6%	$1.117\pm0.004\cdot10^{-1}$	+7.2% +1.2% / −5.9% −0.9%
c.8	$pp\to\gamma ZZ$	`p p > a z z`	$2.320\pm0.005\cdot10^{-2}$	+2.0% +1.9% / −2.9% −1.5%	$3.118\pm0.012\cdot10^{-2}$	+2.8% +1.8% / −2.7% −1.4%
c.9	$pp\to\gamma\gamma Z$	`p p > a a z`	$3.078\pm0.007\cdot10^{-2}$	+5.6% +1.9% / −6.8% −1.6%	$4.634\pm0.020\cdot10^{-2}$	+4.5% +1.7% / −5.0% −1.3%
c.10	$pp\to\gamma\gamma\gamma$	`p p > a a a`	$1.269\pm0.003\cdot10^{-2}$	+9.8% +2.0% / −11.0% −1.8%	$3.441\pm0.012\cdot10^{-2}$	+11.8% +1.4% / −11.6% −1.5%
c.11	$pp\to W^+W^-W^{\pm}j$ (4f)	`p p > w+ w- wpm j`	$9.167\pm0.010\cdot10^{-2}$	+15.0% +1.0% / −12.2% −0.7%	$1.197\pm0.004\cdot10^{-1}$	+5.2% +1.0% / −5.6% −0.8%
c.12*	$pp\to ZW^+W^-j$ (4f)	`p p > z w+ w- j`	$8.340\pm0.010\cdot10^{-2}$	+15.6% +1.0% / −12.6% −0.7%	$1.066\pm0.003\cdot10^{-1}$	+4.5% +1.0% / −5.3% −0.7%
c.13*	$pp\to ZZW^{\pm}j$	`p p > z z wpm j`	$2.810\pm0.004\cdot10^{-2}$	+16.1% +1.0% / −13.0% −0.7%	$3.660\pm0.013\cdot10^{-2}$	+4.8% +1.0% / −5.6% −0.7%
c.14*	$pp\to ZZZj$	`p p > z z z j`	$4.823\pm0.011\cdot10^{-3}$	+14.3% +1.4% / −11.8% −1.0%	$6.341\pm0.025\cdot10^{-3}$	+4.9% +1.4% / −5.4% −1.0%
c.15*	$pp\to\gamma W^+W^-j$ (4f)	`p p > a w+ w- j`	$1.182\pm0.004\cdot10^{-1}$	+13.4% +0.8% / −11.2% −0.7%	$1.233\pm0.004\cdot10^{3}$	+18.9% +1.0% / −19.9% −1.5%
c.16	$pp\to\gamma\gamma W^{\pm}j$	`p p > a a wpm j`	$4.107\pm0.015\cdot10^{-2}$	+11.8% +0.6% / −10.2% −0.8%	$5.807\pm0.023\cdot10^{-2}$	+5.8% +0.7% / −5.5% −0.7%
c.17*	$pp\to\gamma ZW^{\pm}j$	`p p > a z wpm j`	$5.833\pm0.023\cdot10^{-2}$	+14.4% +0.7% / −12.0% −0.6%	$7.764\pm0.025\cdot10^{-2}$	+5.1% +0.8% / −5.5% −0.6%
c.18*	$pp\to\gamma ZZj$	`p p > a z z j`	$9.995\pm0.013\cdot10^{-3}$	+12.5% +1.2% / −10.6% −0.9%	$1.371\pm0.005\cdot10^{-2}$	+5.6% +1.2% / −5.5% −0.9%
c.19*	$pp\to\gamma\gamma Zj$	`p p > a a z j`	$1.372\pm0.003\cdot10^{-2}$	+10.9% +1.0% / −9.4% −0.9%	$2.051\pm0.011\cdot10^{-2}$	+7.0% +1.0% / −6.3% −0.9%
c.20*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+14.3% +0.9% / [illegible]	[illegible]	+12.8% +0.8% / [illegible]

Four vector bosons	Process	Syntax	LO 13 TeV (pb)	LO scale / PDF unc.	NLO 13 TeV (pb)	NLO scale / PDF unc.
c.21*	$pp\to W^+W^-W^+W^-$ (4f)	`p p > w+ w- w+ w-`	$5.721\pm0.014\cdot10^{-4}$	+3.7% +2.3% / −3.5% −1.7%	$9.959\pm0.035\cdot10^{-4}$	+7.4% +1.7% / −6.0% −1.2%
c.22*	$pp\to W^+W^-W^{\pm}Z$ (4f)	`p p > w+ w- wpm z`	$6.391\pm0.076\cdot10^{-4}$	+4.4% +2.4% / −4.1% −1.8%	$1.188\pm0.004\cdot10^{-3}$	+8.4% +1.7% / −6.8% −1.2%
c.23*	$pp\to W^+W^-W^{\pm}\gamma$ (4f)	`p p > w+ w- wpm a`	$8.115\pm0.064\cdot10^{-4}$	+2.5% +2.2% / −2.5% −1.7%	$1.546\pm0.005\cdot10^{-3}$	+7.9% +1.5% / −6.3% −1.1%
c.24*	$pp\to W^+W^-ZZ$ (4f)	`p p > w+ w- z z`	$4.320\pm0.013\cdot10^{-4}$	+4.4% +2.4% / −4.1% −1.7%	$7.107\pm0.020\cdot10^{-4}$	+7.0% +1.8% / −5.7% −1.3%
c.25*	$pp\to W^+W^-Z\gamma$ (4f)	`p p > w+ w- z a`	$8.403\pm0.016\cdot10^{-4}$	+3.0% +2.3% / −2.9% −1.7%	$1.483\pm0.004\cdot10^{-3}$	+7.2% +1.6% / −5.8% −1.2%
c.26*	$pp\to W^+W^-\gamma\gamma$ (4f)	`p p > w+ w- a a`	$5.198\pm0.012\cdot10^{-4}$	+0.6% +2.1% / −0.9% −1.6%	$9.381\pm0.032\cdot10^{-4}$	+6.7% +1.4% / −5.3% −1.1%
c.27*	$pp\to W^{\pm}ZZZ$	`p p > wpm z z z`	$5.862\pm0.010\cdot10^{-5}$	+5.1% +2.4% / −4.7% −1.8%	$1.240\pm0.004\cdot10^{-4}$	+9.9% +1.7% / −8.0% −1.2%
c.28*	$pp\to W^{\pm}ZZ\gamma$	`p p > wpm z z a`	$1.148\pm0.003\cdot10^{-4}$	+3.6% +2.2% / −3.5% −1.7%	$2.945\pm0.008\cdot10^{-4}$	+10.8% +1.3% / −8.7% −1.0%
c.29*	$pp\to W^{\pm}Z\gamma\gamma$	`p p > wpm z a a`	$1.054\pm0.004\cdot10^{-4}$	+1.7% +2.1% / −1.9% −1.7%	$3.033\pm0.010\cdot10^{-4}$	+10.6% +1.1% / −8.6% −0.8%
c.30*	$pp\to W^{\pm}\gamma\gamma\gamma$	`p p > wpm a a a`	$3.600\pm0.013\cdot10^{-5}$	+0.4% +2.0% / −1.0% −1.6%	$1.246\pm0.005\cdot10^{-4}$	+9.8% +0.9% / −8.1% −0.8%
c.31*	$pp\to ZZZZ$	`p p > z z z z`	$1.989\pm0.002\cdot10^{-5}$	+3.8% +2.2% / −3.6% −1.7%	$2.629\pm0.008\cdot10^{-5}$	+3.5% +2.2% / −3.0% −1.7%
c.32*	$pp\to ZZZ\gamma$	`p p > z z z a`	$3.945\pm0.007\cdot10^{-5}$	+1.9% +2.1% / −2.1% −1.6%	$5.224\pm0.016\cdot10^{-5}$	+3.3% +2.1% / −2.7% −1.6%
c.33*	$pp\to ZZ\gamma\gamma$	`p p > z z a a`	$5.513\pm0.017\cdot10^{-5}$	+0.0% +2.1% / −0.3% −1.6%	$7.518\pm0.032\cdot10^{-5}$	+3.4% +2.0% / −2.6% −1.5%
c.34*	$pp\to Z\gamma\gamma\gamma$	`p p > z a a a`	$4.790\pm0.012\cdot10^{-5}$	+2.3% +2.0% / −3.1% −1.6%	$7.103\pm0.026\cdot10^{-5}$	+3.4% +1.6% / −3.2% −1.5%
c.35*	$pp\to\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$	`p p > a a a a`	$1.594\pm0.004\cdot10^{-5}$	+4.7% +1.9% / −5.7% −1.7%	$3.389\pm0.012\cdot10^{-5}$	+7.0% +1.3% / −6.7% −1.3%

Heavy quarks and jets	Process	Syntax	LO 13 TeV (pb)	LO scale / PDF unc.	NLO 13 TeV (pb)	NLO scale / PDF unc.
d.1	$pp\to jj$	`p p > j j`	$1.162\pm0.001\cdot10^{6}$	+24.9% +0.8% / −18.8% −0.9%	$1.580\pm0.007\cdot10^{6}$	+8.4% +0.7% / −9.0% −0.9%
d.2	$pp\to jjj$	`p p > j j j`	$8.940\pm0.021\cdot10^{4}$	+43.8% +1.2% / −28.4% −1.4%	$7.791\pm0.037\cdot10^{4}$	+2.1% +1.1% / −23.2% −1.3%
d.3	$pp\to b\bar{b}$ (4f)	`p p > b b~`	$3.743\pm0.004\cdot10^{3}$	+25.2% +1.5% / −18.9% −1.8%	$6.438\pm0.028\cdot10^{3}$	+15.9% +1.5% / −13.3% −1.7%
d.4*	$pp\to b\bar{b}j$ (4f)	`p p > b b~ j`	$1.050\pm0.002\cdot10^{3}$	+44.1% +1.6% / −28.5% −1.8%	$1.327\pm0.007\cdot10^{3}$	+6.8% +1.5% / −11.6% −1.8%
d.5*	$pp\to b\bar{b}jj$ (4f)	`p p > b b~ j j`	$1.852\pm0.006\cdot10^{2}$	+61.8% +2.1% / −35.6% −2.4%	$2.471\pm0.012\cdot10^{2}$	+8.2% +2.0% / −16.4% −2.3%
d.6	$pp\to b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ (4f)	`p p > b b~ b b~`	$5.050\pm0.007\cdot10^{-1}$	+61.7% +2.9% / −35.6% −3.4%	$8.736\pm0.034\cdot10^{-1}$	+20.9% +2.9% / −22.0% −3.4%
d.7	$pp\to t\bar{t}$	`p p > t t~`	$4.584\pm0.003\cdot10^{2}$	+29.0% +1.8% / −21.1% −2.0%	$6.741\pm0.023\cdot10^{2}$	+9.8% +1.8% / −10.9% −2.1%
d.8	$pp\to t\bar{t}j$	`p p > t t~ j`	$3.135\pm0.002\cdot10^{2}$	+45.1% +2.2% / −29.0% −2.5%	$4.106\pm0.015\cdot10^{2}$	+8.1% +2.1% / −12.2% −2.5%
d.9	$pp\to t\bar{t}jj$	`p p > t t~ j j`	$1.361\pm0.001\cdot10^{2}$	+61.4% +2.6% / −35.6% −3.0%	$1.795\pm0.006\cdot10^{2}$	+9.3% +2.4% / −16.1% −2.9%
d.10	$pp\to t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	`p p > t t~ t t~`	$4.505\pm0.005\cdot10^{-3}$	+63.8% +5.4% / −36.5% −5.7%	$9.201\pm0.028\cdot10^{-3}$	+30.8% +5.5% / −25.6% −5.9%
d.11	$pp\to t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ (4f)	`p p > t t~ b b~`	$6.119\pm0.004\cdot10^{0}$	+62.1% +2.9% / −35.7% −3.5%	$1.452\pm0.005\cdot10^{1}$	+37.6% +2.9% / −27.5% −3.5%

Heavy quarks+vector bosons	Process	Syntax	LO 13 TeV (pb)	LO scale / PDF unc.	NLO 13 TeV (pb)	NLO scale / PDF unc.
e.1	$pp\to W^{\pm}b\bar{b}$ (4f)	`p p > wpm b b~`	$3.074\pm0.002\cdot10^{2}$	+42.3% +2.0% / −29.2% −1.6%	$8.162\pm0.034\cdot10^{2}$	+29.8% +1.5% / −23.6% −1.2%
e.2	$pp\to Zb\bar{b}$ (4f)	`p p > z b b~`	$6.993\pm0.003\cdot10^{2}$	+33.5% +1.0% / −24.4% −1.4%	$1.235\pm0.004\cdot10^{3}$	+19.9% +1.0% / −17.4% −1.4%
e.3	$pp\to\gamma b\bar{b}$ (4f)	`p p > a b b~`	$1.731\pm0.001\cdot10^{3}$	+51.9% +1.6% / −34.8% −2.1%	$4.171\pm0.015\cdot10^{3}$	+33.7% +1.4% / −27.1% −1.9%
e.4*	$pp\to W^{\pm}b\bar{b}j$ (4f)	`p p > wpm b b~ j`	$1.861\pm0.003\cdot10^{2}$	+42.5% +0.7% / −27.7% −0.7%	$3.957\pm0.013\cdot10^{2}$	+27.0% +0.7% / −21.0% −0.6%
e.5*	$pp\to Zb\bar{b}j$ (4f)	`p p > z b b~ j`	$1.604\pm0.001\cdot10^{2}$	+42.4% +0.9% / −27.6% −1.1%	$2.805\pm0.009\cdot10^{2}$	+21.0% +0.8% / −17.6% −1.0%
e.6*	$pp\to\gamma b\bar{b}j$ (4f)	`p p > a b b~ j`	$7.812\pm0.017\cdot10^{2}$	+51.2% +1.0% / −32.0% −1.5%	$1.233\pm0.004\cdot10^{3}$	+18.9% +1.0% / −19.9% −1.5%
e.7	$pp\to t\bar{t}W^{\pm}$	`p p > t t~ wpm`	$3.777\pm0.003\cdot10^{-1}$	+23.9% +2.1% / −18.0% −1.6%	$5.662\pm0.021\cdot10^{-1}$	+11.2% +1.7% / −10.6% −1.3%
e.8	$pp\to t\bar{t}Z$	`p p > t t~ z`	$5.273\pm0.004\cdot10^{-1}$	+30.5% +1.8% / −21.8% −2.1%	$7.598\pm0.026\cdot10^{-1}$	+9.7% +1.9% / −11.1% −2.2%
e.9	$pp\to t\bar{t}\gamma$	`p p > t t~ a`	$1.204\pm0.001\cdot10^{0}$	+29.6% +1.6% / −21.3% −1.8%	$1.744\pm0.005\cdot10^{0}$	+9.8% +1.7% / −11.0% −2.0%
e.10*	$pp\to t\bar{t}W^{\pm}j$	`p p > t t~ wpm j`	$2.352\pm0.002\cdot10^{-1}$	+40.9% +1.3% / −27.1% −1.0%	$3.404\pm0.011\cdot10^{-1}$	+11.2% +1.2% / −14.0% −0.9%
e.11*	$pp\to t\bar{t}Zj$	`p p > t t~ z j`	$3.953\pm0.004\cdot10^{-1}$	+46.2% +2.7% / −29.5% −3.0%	$5.074\pm0.016\cdot10^{-1}$	+7.0% +2.5% / −12.3% −2.9%
e.12*	$pp\to t\bar{t}\gamma j$	`p p > t t~ a j`	$8.726\pm0.010\cdot10^{-1}$	+45.4% +2.3% / −29.1% −2.6%	$1.135\pm0.004\cdot10^{0}$	+7.5% +2.2% / −12.2% −2.5%
e.13*	$pp\to t\bar{t}W^-W^+$ (4f)	`p p > t t~ w+ w-`	$6.675\pm0.006\cdot10^{-3}$	+30.9% +2.1% / −21.9% −2.0%	$9.904\pm0.026\cdot10^{-3}$	+10.9% +2.1% / −11.8% −2.1%
e.14*	$pp\to t\bar{t}W^{\pm}Z$	`p p > t t~ wpm z`	$2.404\pm0.002\cdot10^{-3}$	+26.6% +2.5% / −19.6% −1.8%	$3.525\pm0.010\cdot10^{-3}$	+10.6% +2.3% / −10.8% −1.6%
e.15*	$pp\to t\bar{t}W^{\pm}\gamma$	`p p > t t~ wpm a`	$2.718\pm0.003\cdot10^{-3}$	+25.4% +2.3% / −18.9% −1.8%	$3.927\pm0.013\cdot10^{-3}$	+10.3% +2.0% / −10.4% −1.5%
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e.17*	$pp\to t\bar{t}Z\gamma$	`p p > t t~ z a`	$2.548\pm0.003\cdot10^{-3}$	+30.1% +1.7% / −21.5% −1.6%	$3.656\pm0.012\cdot10^{-3}$	+9.7% +1.8% / −11.0% −1.9%
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Single-top	Process	Syntax	LO 13 TeV (pb)	LO scale / PDF unc.	NLO 13 TeV (pb)	NLO scale / PDF unc.
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Loop proliferation

- in the last 10 years, many different techniques have been developed in order to compute any one-loop process.
- They (roughly) fall into 3 classes
  - Tensor reduction
  - Generalized unitarity
  - Integrand reduction

Passarino, Veltman, 1979
Denner, Dittmaier, hep-ph/509141
Binoth, Guillet, Heinrich, Pilon, Reiter, arXiv:0810.0992

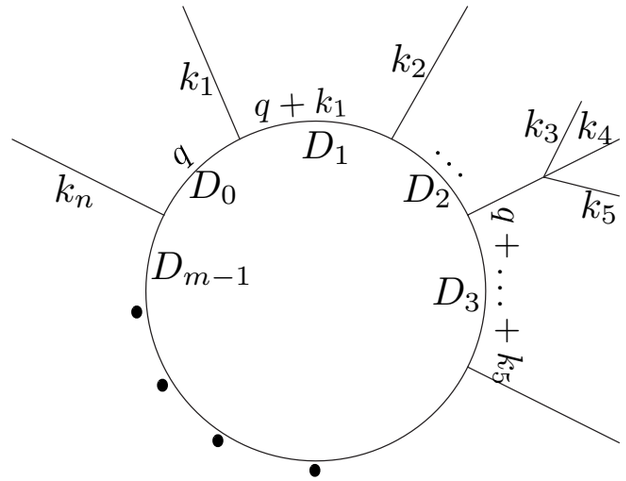
Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower, hep-ph/9403226 + …
Ellis, Giele, Kunszt, arXiv:0708.2398
+ Melnikov, arXiv:0806.3467

Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau, hep-ph/0609007
Del Aguila, Pittau, hep-ph/0404120
Mastrolia, Ossola, Reiter, Tramontano, arXiv:1006.0710

Basics of loops: Passarino-Veltman reduction

- Any one-loop amplitude can be written as a linear combination of a basis of integrals

$$
\begin{aligned}
A(q) &= \sum_{i_0<i_1<i_2<i_3}^{m-1} d(i_0 i_1 i_2 i_3) D_0(i_0 i_1 i_2 i_3) \\
&+ \sum_{i_0<i_1<i_2}^{m-1} c(i_0 i_1 i_2) C_0(i_0 i_1 i_2) \\
&+ \sum_{i_0<i_1}^{m-1} b(i_0 i_1) B_0(i_0 i_1) \\
&+ \sum_{i_0}^{m-1} a(i_0) A_0(i_0) \\
&+ R
\end{aligned}
$$



$$D(i_1,i_2,i_3,i_4) = \int \frac{d^D q}{N} \frac{1}{D_{i_1} D_{i_2} D_{i_3} D_{i_4}}$$

$$C(i_1,i_2,i_3) = \int \frac{d^D q}{N} \frac{1}{D_{i_1} D_{i_2} D_{i_3}}$$

$$B(i_1,i_2) = \int \frac{d^D q}{N} \frac{1}{D_{i_1} D_{i_2}}$$

$$A(i_1) = \int \frac{d^D q}{N} \frac{1}{D_{i_1}}$$

- Integrals can be computed once for all and coded into libraries

  QCDLoops, Ellis, Zanderighi

  OneLoop, Van Hameren

  …

- Coefficients can be found by computing analytically the amplitude and solving (algebraically) a system of equations
  - In practice feasible only for low multiplicities

Passarino-Veltman reduction at the integrand level

Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau, hep-ph/0609007
CutTools: Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau, arXiv:0711.3596

- The integrand of the loop amplitude can be written as

$$A(\bar{q}) = \frac{N(q)}{\bar{D}_0\bar{D}_1\cdots\bar{D}_{m-1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N(q) &= \sum_{i_0<i_1<i_2<i_3}^{m-1} \left[d(i_0i_1i_2i_3) + \tilde{d}(q;i_0i_1i_2i_3)\right] \prod_{i\neq i_0,i_1,i_2,i_3}^{m-1} D_i \\ &+ \sum_{i_0<i_1<i_2}^{m-1} \left[c(i_0i_1i_2) + \tilde{c}(q;i_0i_1i_2)\right] \prod_{i\neq i_0,i_1,i_2}^{m-1} D_i \\ &+ \sum_{i_0<i_1}^{m-1} \left[b(i_0i_1) + \tilde{b}(q;i_0i_1)\right] \prod_{i\neq i_0,i_1}^{m-1} D_i \\ &+ \sum_{i_0}^{m-1} \left[a(i_0) + \tilde{a}(q;i_0)\right] \prod_{i\neq i_0}^{m-1} D_i \\ &+ \tilde{P}(q) \prod_{i}^{m-1} D_i \,. \end{aligned}$$

a,b,c,d are the same as in the previous slide;
$\tilde{a},\tilde{b},\tilde{c},\tilde{d}$ gives 0 after integration (spurious terms)

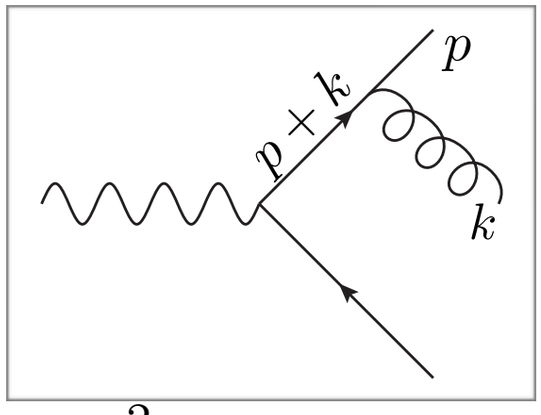
- The system of equation can be cast in a triangolar form and solved numerically at each point in the phase-space:
  - Fix external momenta
  - Choose *q* such that all *D*'s vanish but D_1,D_2,D_3,D_4 → get the coefficient $d(1234)$
  - Do that for all 4-point integrals, then for 3-point ones, until all coefficients are known

The evil is in the details

- Numerical approach: must work in *D=4*
  - But scalar integrals are computed in *D=D*
  - Mismatch gives origin to the rational terms (*R*) which need to be added in order to get the correct result
- Two kind of rational terms exist:
  - Rational terms that originates from the denominators (R_1): can be obtained from the amplitude without extra infos
  - Rational terms that originates from the numerator (R_2): need to be added to the amplitude, can be provided as extra Feynman rules
    - Are in a finite number
    - Can be computed once for all from the model
  - UV renormalisation done via extra Feynman rules as well

Subtraction of Infra-Red divergences: Problem #1

- Real and virtual contributions are not separately finite
- Numerical integration (in D=4): can integrate only finite quantities
- QCD helps: divergences have an universal structure:



$$(p+k)^2 = 2E_pE_k(1-\cos\theta_{pk})$$

- Soft:

$$\lim_{k\to 0} |M_{n+1}|^2 \simeq \sum_{ij} |M_n^{ij}|^2 \frac{p_i p_j}{p_i k \; p_j k}$$

- Collinear:

$$\lim_{p//k} |M_{n+1}|^2 \simeq |M_n|^2 \; P^{AP}(z)$$

- Use universality of limits to build local counterterms to render *n* and *n+1* body contributions finite

$$d\sigma^n_{NLO} = d\sigma^n_{LO} + d\sigma^n_V - \int d\Phi_1 \; C + \int d\Phi_1 \; \left(C + d\sigma^{n+1}_R\right)$$

Integrating C is much simpler than than R
Can be done in D=D dimension (once and for all)

Subtraction of Infra-Red divergences: Problem #2

- Real emissions can have singularities in different regions of the phase-space:
- E.g. $gg \to t\bar{t}g$:
  - g collinear to g or g
  - g soft
- Numeric integrators (VEGAS) are quite dumb (still, that is the best one can do): peaks need to be well aligned with the integration variables
- *"Divide et impera"* solution: integrate one singularity at the time, with the most suitable phase-space parameterisation:

$$|M|^2 = \sum_{ij} S_{ij} |M|^2 = \sum_{ij} |M|^2_{ij} \qquad \sum S_{ij} = 1$$

$$S_{ij} \to 1 \text{ if } k_i \cdot k_j \to 0 \qquad S_{ij} \to 0 \text{ if } k_{m\neq i} \cdot k_{n\neq j} \to 0$$

Advantages:

- Parallelization: Each contribution can be integrated independently, with a suitable PS parameterization
- The number of contribution grows at most as n^2
- Symmetries can be used to reduce the numbers of contributions
- E.g: only 3 contributions for $gg \to g \ldots g$

More details…

- Local subtraction is done as a modified '+' prescription
  - Subtract only close enough to the singularity

$$d\sigma_{ij}^{(n+1)}(r) = \left(\frac{1}{\xi_i}\right)_c \left(\frac{1}{1-y_{ij}}\right)_\delta \Big((1-y_{ij})\xi_i^2 \mathcal{M}^{(n+1,0)}(r)\Big)\mathcal{S}_{ij}(r)\frac{J^{n_L^{(B)}}}{\mathcal{N}(r)}\, d\xi_i dy_{ij} d\varphi_i d\widetilde{\phi}_n^{ij}$$

$$\int_0^{\xi_{\max}} d\xi_i f(\xi_i)\left(\frac{1}{\xi_i}\right)_c = \int_0^{\xi_{\max}} d\xi_i \frac{f(\xi_i) - f(0)\Theta(\xi_{cut} - \xi_i)}{\xi_i}\,,$$

$$\int_{-1}^{1} dy_{ij} g(y_{ij})\left(\frac{1}{1-y_{ij}}\right)_\delta = \int_{-1}^{1} dy_{ij} \frac{g(y_{ij}) - g(1)\Theta(y_{ij} - 1 + \delta)}{1-y_{ij}}$$

- This is (a summary of) the so-called FKS-subtraction
  (Frixione, Kunszt, Signer, hep-ph/9512328)

(Unweighted) event generation and matching to parton-showers

MC@NLO: Frixione, Webber hep-ph/0204244

- Problem #1: the *n* and *n+1* body cross-sections are not separately finite at NLO
  - Cannot unweight an infinite cross-section
- Problem #2: when showering events, one must not double count radiation from the shower and the real-emission matrix-element
- Solution: introduce the so-called Monte-Carlo counterterms

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{“}MC@NLO\text{”}}}{dO} = \left[\int d\Phi_n (B + V + \int d\Phi_1 MC)\right] I^n_{MC}(O) + \left[\int d\Phi_{n+1}(R - MC)\right] I^{n+1}_{MC}(O)$$

S-events H-events

  - They are related to the shower Sudakov

$$I^k_{MC} = \Delta + \Delta d\Phi_1 \frac{MC}{B} + \dots \qquad \Delta = \exp\left[-\int d\Phi_1 \frac{MC}{B}\right]$$

$$MC = J \frac{1}{t_{MC}} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P(z^{MC}) B$$

  - MC is shower-dependent (i.e. the same sample of event has to be showered with a specific parton shower)

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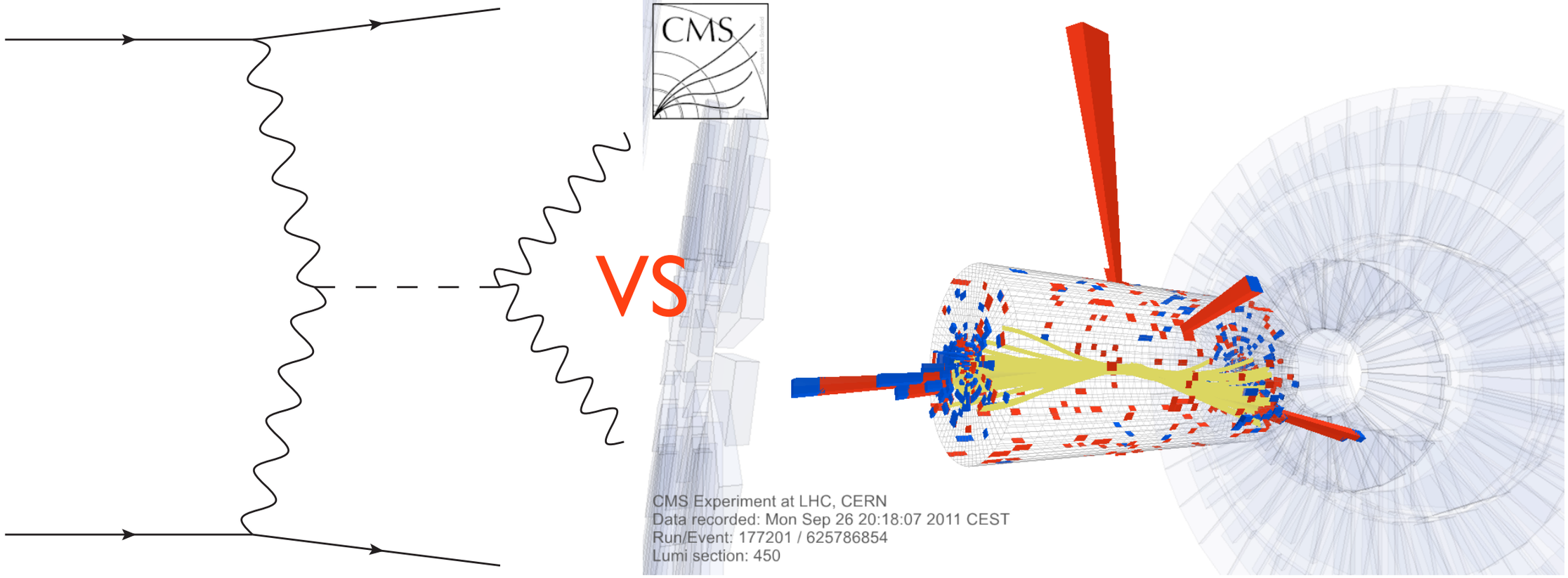

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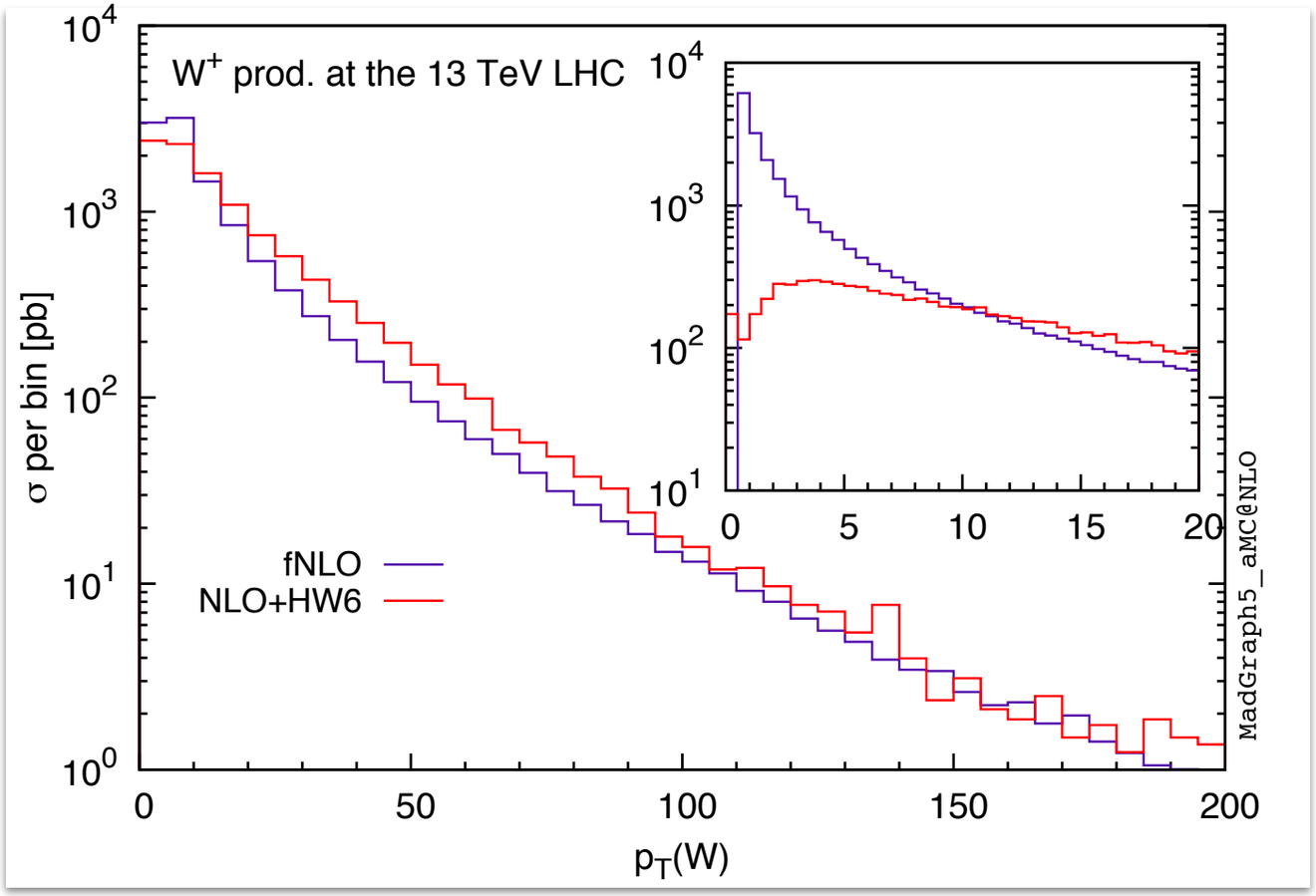
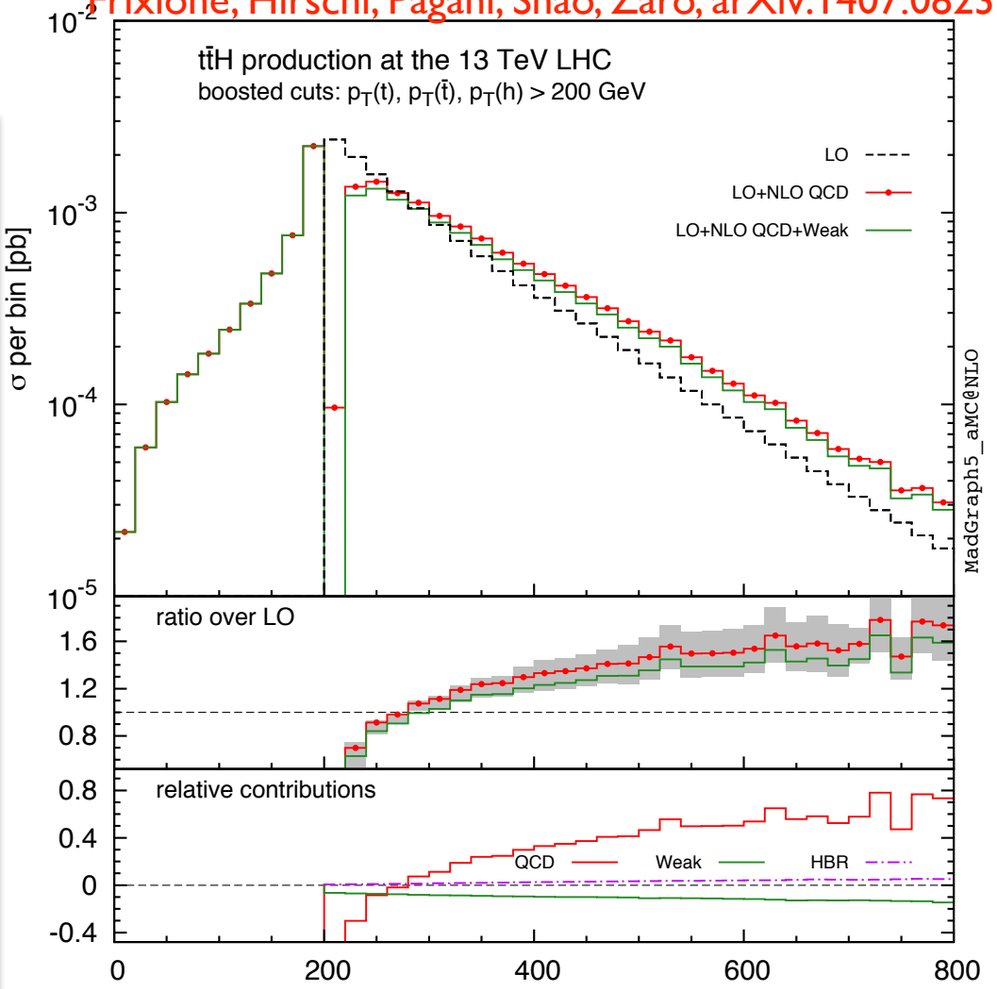


Frixione, Hirschi, Pagani, Shao, Zaro, arXiv:1407.0823



LHCPhenoNet

aMC@NLO

- Can write the code for computing cross-section at NLO for any process (limited only by CPU time)
- 2 main run modes (at LO and NLO):
  - fixed-order
    - do not generate events. Just compute the cross-section and optionally fill histograms on the fly
  - PS matching
    - generate events *à la* MC@NLO. Distributions obtained from NLO events are unphysical unless events are showered
- In either case, the cross-section has to be the same within statistical uncertainties

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- This was been done for the first time for $t\bar{t}$ and singletop

Frixione, Leanen, Motylinski, Webber, arXiv:hep-ph/0702198

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- How to deal with MC@NLO events?
- Spin correlations usually have tiny effects on observables
  - Include them at tree level
- For H (*n+1* body) events, use decayed real-emission matrix-element
- For S (*n* body) events, use decaysed born matrix-element
- This guarantees NLO accuracy for observables related to production (e.g. top pt)
- This includes all spin correlation for observables related to production + decay (apart non-factorizable ones)

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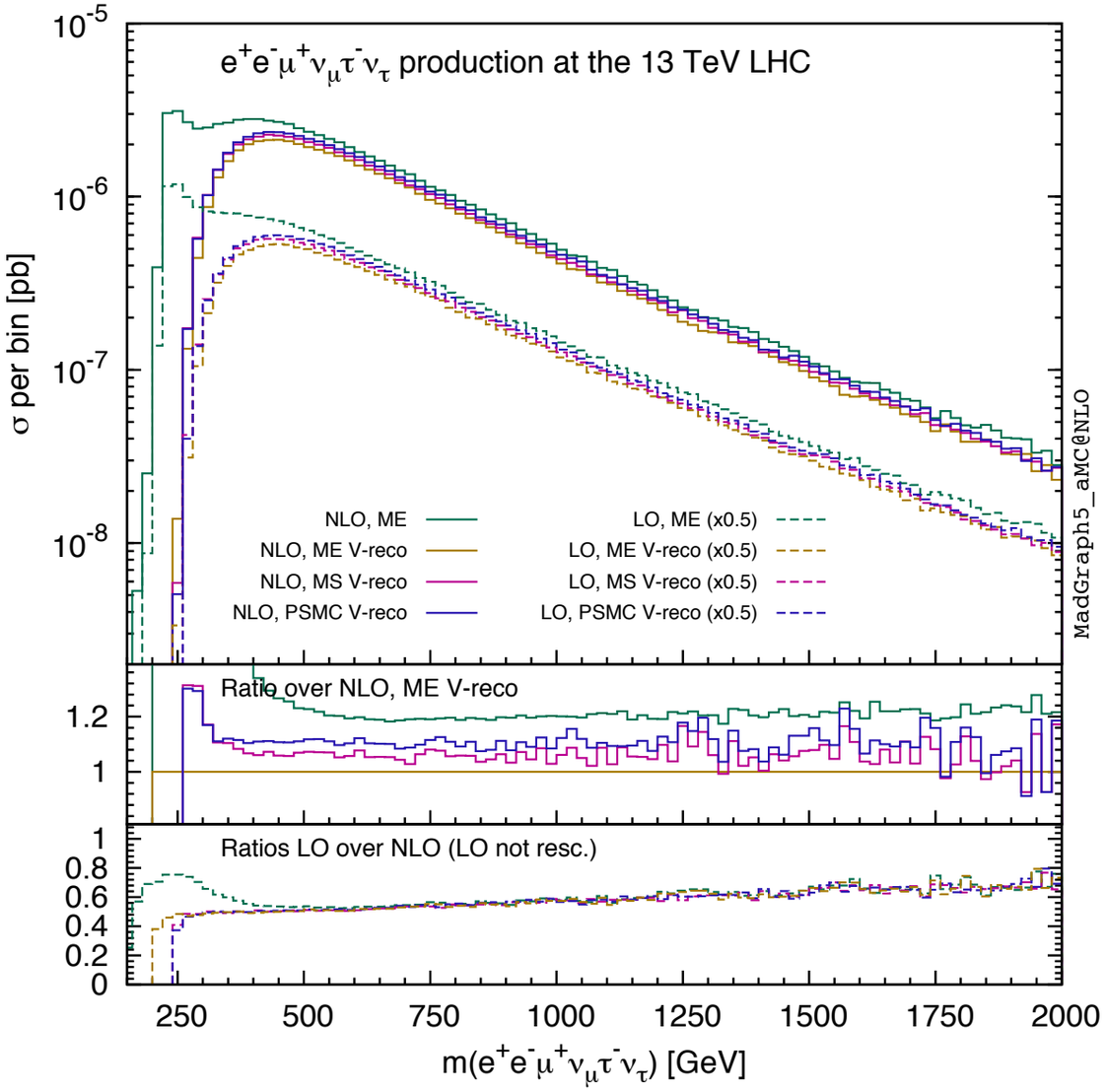
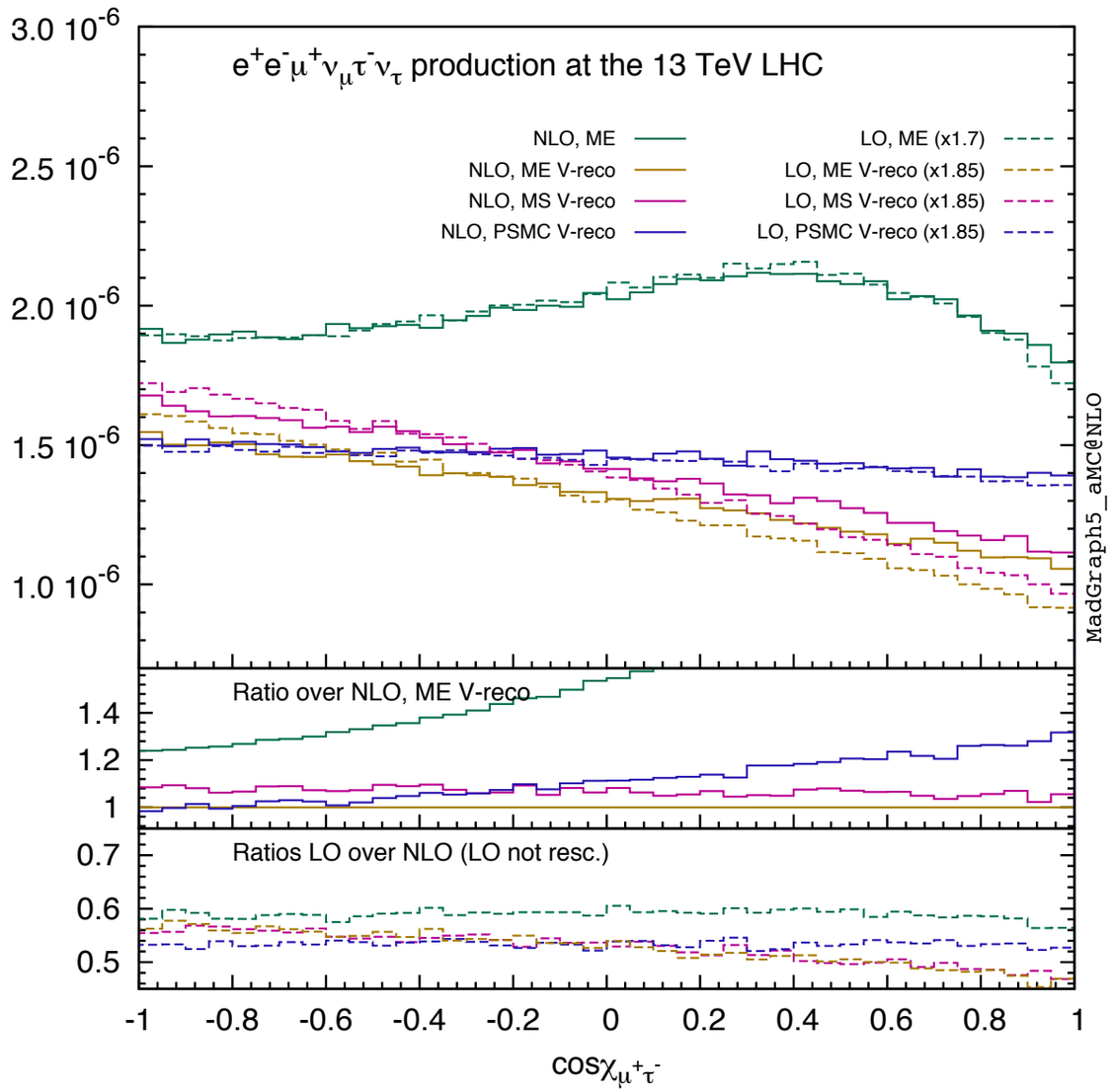
- Example: 6 lepton production at NLO (arXiv:1405.0301)





Time for

NLO exercise
$t\bar{t}$ production at NLO

Part I

- Learn the syntax:
  - `> tutorial NLO`
- Generate the code for $t\bar{t}$ production at NLO
- Compute the LO and NLO cross-section
- Select the analysis `analysis_td_pp_ttx` in the `FO_analyse_card` to generate histograms
  - Histograms are TopDrawer files (human readable). You can get TopDrawer here https://cp3.irmp.ucl.ac.be/projects/madgraph/wiki/TopDrawer (or Google `topdrawer slac`) to obtain the `.ps` file
- In the NLO histograms, which of these variables are described at the NLO? $p_T(t)$, $p_T(t\bar{t})$, $y(t)$ $M(t\bar{t})$, $\Delta\phi(t\bar{t})$
- What are the histograms with `muR=...` `muF=...` for?

Get TopDrawer working

- You can get TopDrawer here https://cp3.irmp.ucl.ac.be/projects/madgraph/wiki/TopDrawer (or Google `topdrawer slac`) to obtain the `.ps` file
- Extract the tarball / copy the executable in your MG5_aMC directory
  - On MacOS X:
    - edit the .top file and add `SET DEVICE POSTSCRIPT ORIENTATION=3` as first line
    - `export DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH=$DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH:./`
    - `./td_mac_intel my_ttbar_nlo/Events/run_…/MADatNLO.top`
    - `open my_ttbar_nlo/Events/run_…/MADatNLO.ps`
  - On Linux:
    - Note: the executable is 32 bits. On 64 bits you may need to install `libc6-i386` and `libxt6:i386` (can be done via `apt-get install`)
    - `./td my_ttbar_nlo/Events/run_…/MADatNLO.top`

NLO exercise
Solution

Part I

- Learn the syntax:
  - > `tutorial NLO`
- Generate the code for $t\bar{t}$ production at NLO
  - > `generate p p > t t~ [QCD]`

```
The current model sm does not allow to generate loop corrections of type QCD.
MG5_aMC now loads 'loop_sm'.
 import model loop_sm
. . .
INFO: Generating FKS-subtracted matrix elements for born process: g g > t t~  [ QCD ] (1 / 9)
. . .
```

  - > `output my_ttbar_nlo`
- Compute the LO and NLO cross-section
  - > `launch`

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  - > launch

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*                   a M C @ N L O                          *
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*                http://amcatnlo.cern.ch                   *
*                                                          *
*             Type 'help' for in-line help.                *
*                                                          *
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 1 Perturbative order of the calculation:                        order=NLO
 2 Fixed order (no event generation and no MC@[N]LO matching):   fixed_order=OFF
 3 Shower the generated events:                                  shower=ON
 4 Decay particles with the MadSpin module:                      madspin=OFF
  Either type the switch number (1 to 4) to change its default setting,
  or set any switch explicitly (e.g. type 'order=LO' at the prompt)
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NLO exercise
Solution

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      Run at p-p collider (6500 + 6500 GeV)
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NLO exercise
Solution

Part I

- Select the analysis `analysis_td_pp_ttx` in the `FO_analyse_card` to generate histograms
  - `> launch my_ttbar_nlo`

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 3 Shower the generated events:                                  shower=OFF
 4 Decay particles with the MadSpin module:                      madspin=OFF
  Either type the switch number (1 to 4) to change its default setting,
  or set any switch explicitly (e.g. type 'order=LO' at the prompt)
  Type '0', 'auto', 'done' or just press enter when you are done.
 [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, auto, done, order=LO, order=NLO, ... ][60s to answer]
>
INFO: will run in mode: NLO
Do you want to edit a card (press enter to bypass editing)?
  1 / param      : param_card.dat
  2 / run        : run_card.dat
  3 / FO_analyse : FO_analyse_card.dat
 you can also
   - enter the path to a valid card or banner.
   - use the 'set' command to modify a parameter directly.
     The set option works only for param_card and run_card.
     Type 'help set' for more information on this command.
   - call an external program (ASperGE/MadWidth/...).
     Type 'help' for the list of available command
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# exported process directory). See the
# <PROCDIR>/FixedOrderAnalysis/analysis_template.f file for details on
# how to write your own analysis.
#
########################################################################
#
# Analysis format. Can either be 'topdrawer', 'root', or 'none'.
# Topdrawer is human-readable text format, which allows for easy
# conversion to other formats. When choosing topdrawer, the
# histogramming package 'dbook.f' is included in the code, while when
# choosing root the 'rbook_fe8.f' and 'rbook_be8.cc' are included. If
# 'none' is chosen, all the other entries below have to be set empty.
FO_ANALYSIS_FORMAT = topdrawer
#
# Needed extra-libraries (FastJet is already linked):
FO_EXTRALIBS =
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# (Absolute) path to the extra libraries. Directory names should be
# separated by white spaces.
FO_EXTRAPATHS =
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# (Absolute) path to the dirs containing header files needed by the
# libraries (e.g. C++ header files):
FO_INCLUDEPATHS =
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# User's analysis (to be put in the <PROCDIR>/FixedOrderAnalysis/
# directory). Please use .o as extension and white spaces to separate
# files.
FO_ANALYSE = analysis_td_template.o
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## When linking with root, the following settings are a working
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## above and replace <PATH_TO_ROOT> with the physical path to root,
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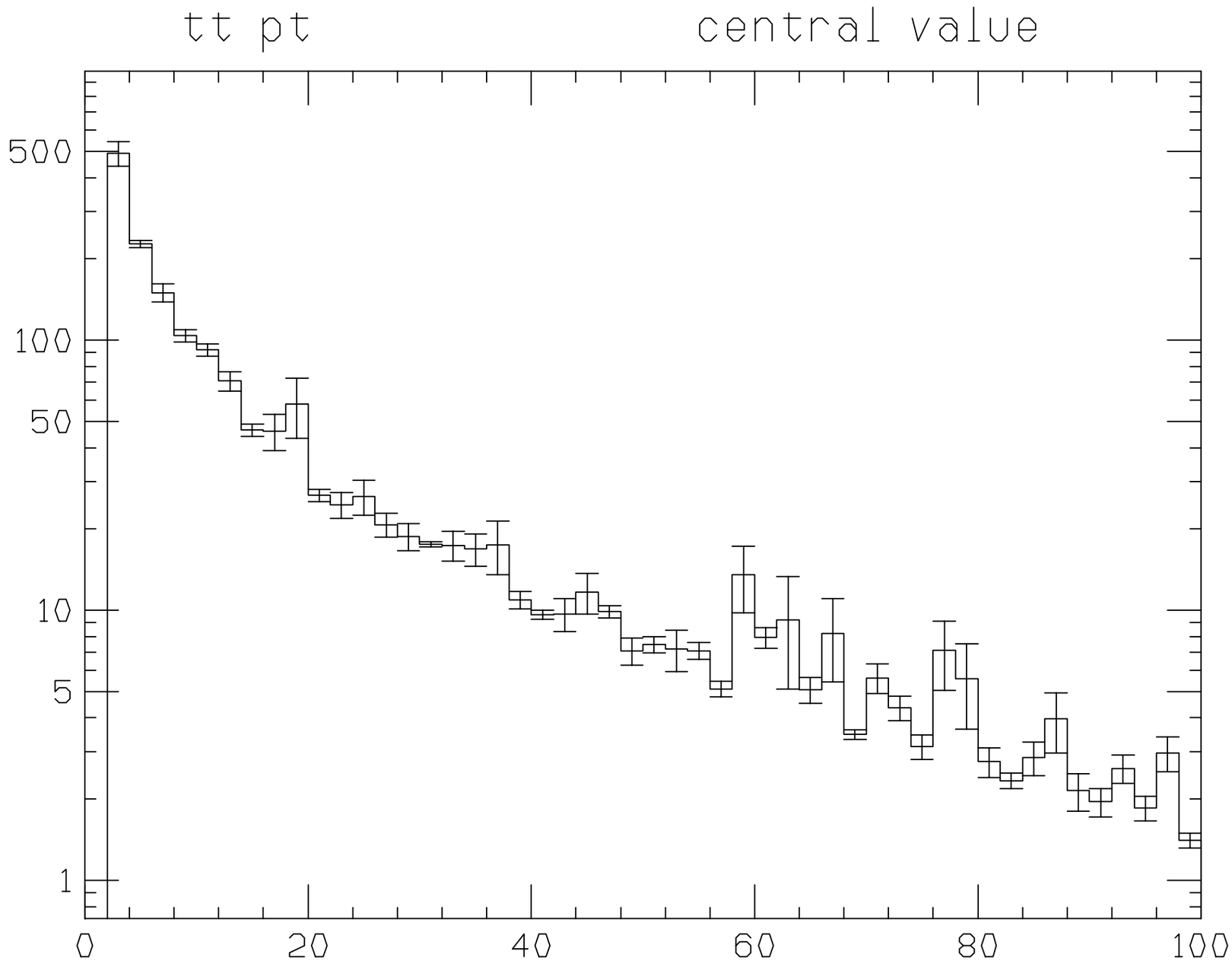
NLO exercise
Solution



NLO exercise
Solution

Part I

- In the NLO histograms, which of these variables are described at the NLO? $p_T(t)$, $p_T(t\bar{t})$, $y(t)$ $M(t\bar{t})$, $\Delta\phi(t\bar{t})$
  - Some of these variables are trivial at LO, because of $2\to2$ kinematics
  - t and $\bar{t}$ are always back to back:

$$d\sigma/d\Delta\Phi(t\bar{t}) = \delta(\Delta\Phi - \pi)$$
$$d\sigma/dp_T(t\bar{t}) = \delta(p_T - 0)$$

- $p_T(t\bar{t})$ and $\Delta\phi(t\bar{t})$ are non-trivial if the cross-section is at least at NLO: they are effectively described with LO accuracy
- The other variables are described at NLO

NLO exercise
Solution

Part 1

- What are the histograms with `muR=...` `muF=...` for?
  - QCD master formula

$$\sigma(pp \to t\bar{t}) = \sum_{ab} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F) f_b(x_2, \mu_F) \times \hat{\sigma}(ab \to t\bar{t})$$

    or better

$$\sigma(pp \to t\bar{t}) = \sum_{ab} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F) f_b(x_2, \mu_F) \times \hat{\sigma}(ab \to t\bar{t}; \mu_F, \mu_R, \alpha_S(\mu_R))$$

- What are $\mu_{F/R}$?
  - They are arbitrary scales needed to renormalise the strong coupling and to reabsorb initial state IR-divergences in PDFs, chosen to be of the order of the hard scattering scales (sum of masses, p_T, …)
  - The all-order cross-section is independent of the choice of $\mu_{F/R}$
  - At N^kLO, the dependence is of $N^{k+1}LO$
  - Computing the cross-section with different scales can be a way to estimate uncertainties due to missing higher orders
  - How much scales are varied is arbitrary, usually in the range [0.5, 2]

Scale uncertainties

Scale uncertainties

- Look at the LO and NLO cross-section we have just computed
  - Values with different scales are computed on the fly and the envelope is taken

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      Total cross-section:      4.622e+02 +- 2.2e+00 pb
      Ren. and fac. scale uncertainty: +29.8% -22.3%

INFO: The results of this run and the TopDrawer file with
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MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/run_02_LO
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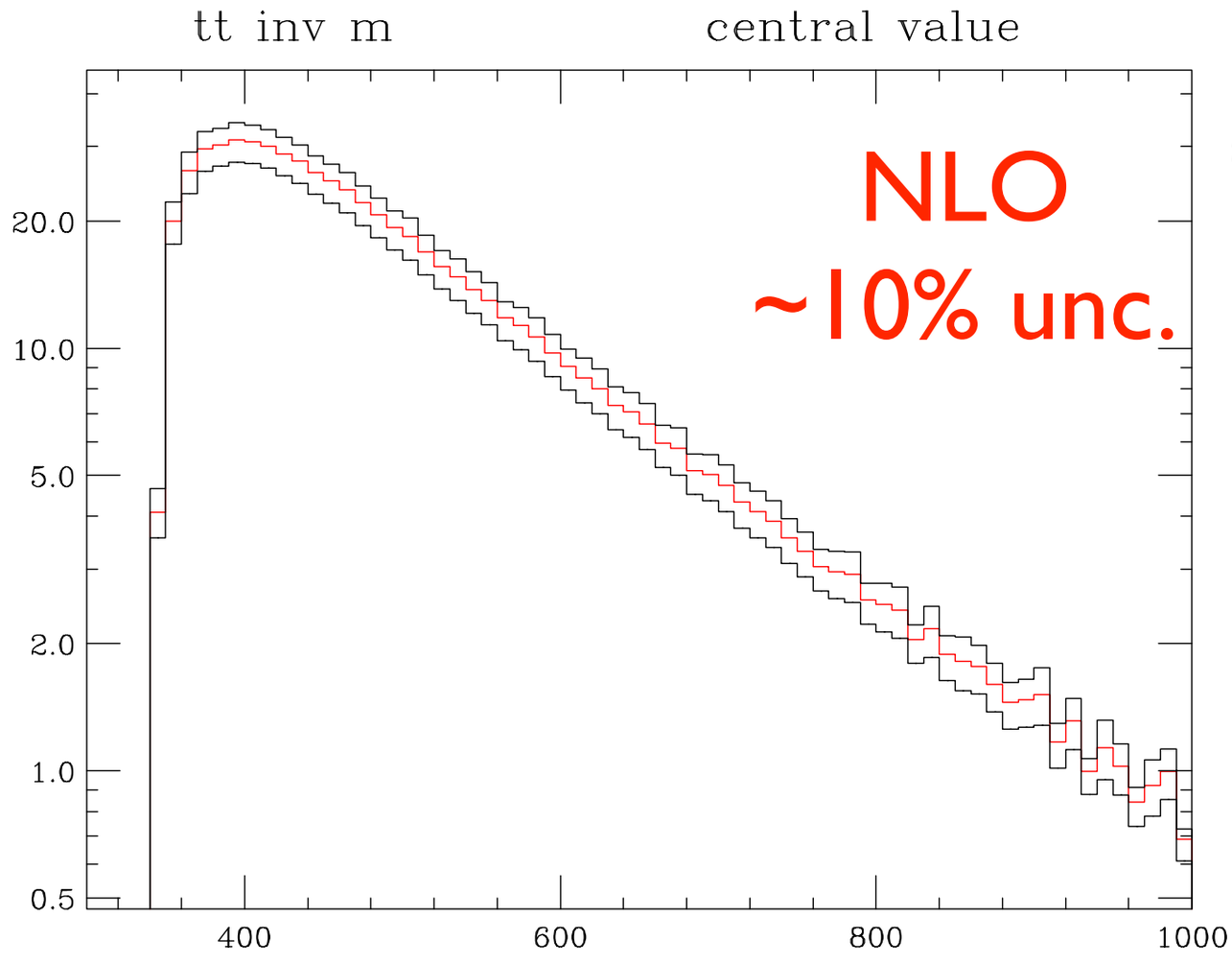
- The same is possible for PDF uncertainties

Scale uncertainties



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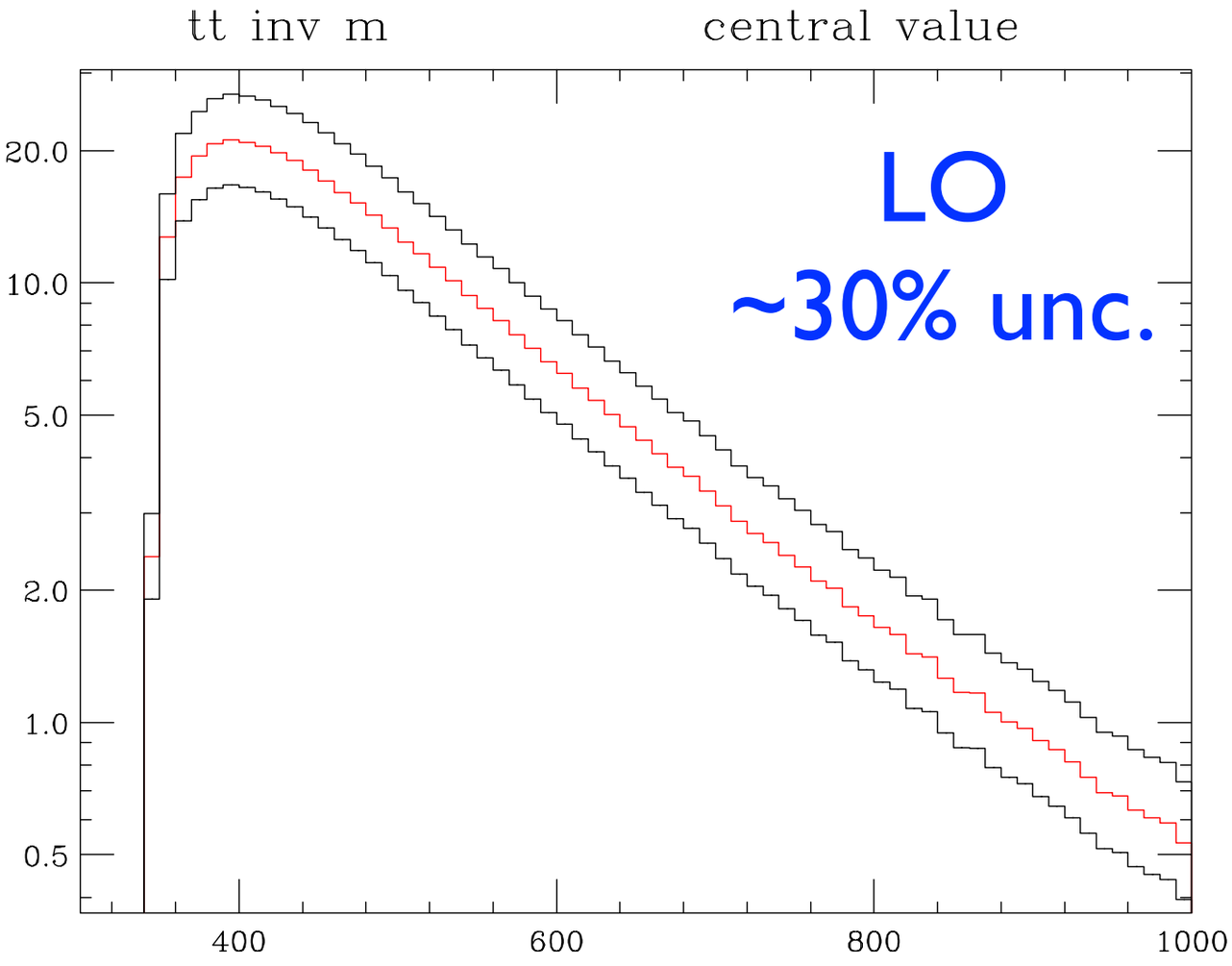

LO
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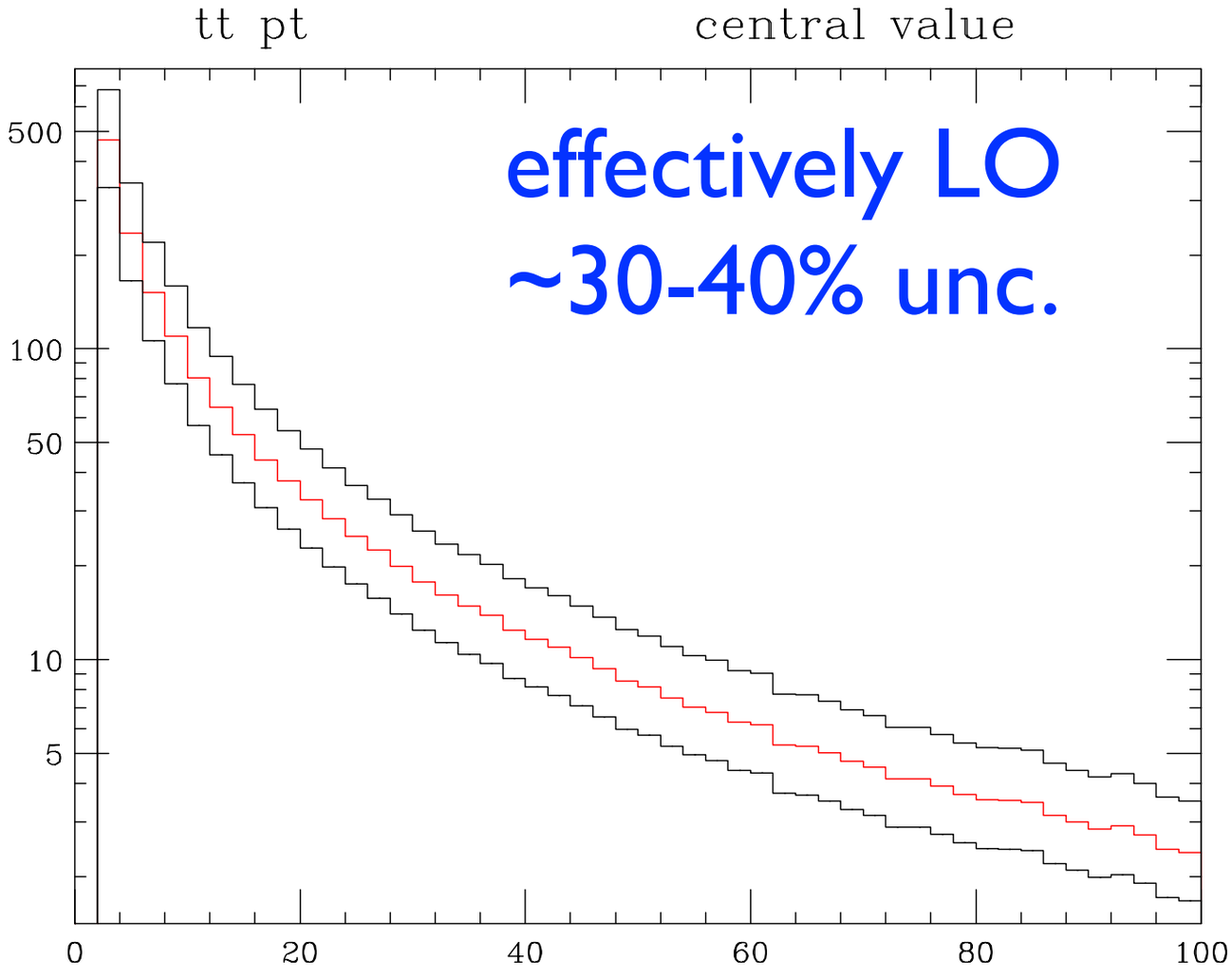
Scale uncertainties

$p_T(t\bar{t})$ histogram from NLO run



NLO exercise
$t\bar{t}$ production at NLO

Part 2

- Generate a NLO event sample to be showered by Pythia6Q
- Shower it with the `mcatnlo_pyan_pp_ttx` analysis (to be specified in the `shower_card`)
- The histogramming routine (`mcatnlo_hbook_gfortran8`) must also be added to the analysis files in the `shower_card` (Hint: you can shower an existing run with `./bin/shower run_xx`)
- Use MadSpin to generate a di-leptonic (into muons) decayed sample
- Re-analyse the decayed and undecided sample with the `mcatnlo_pyan_pp_lplm` analysis and check the lepton pair p_T
  - The analysis (in `MCatNLO/PYAnalyzer`) has to be slightly modified:
    - `IORI.LE.10` → `IORI.LE.20` at lines 218, 222
  - To tell Pythia to perform di-leptonic decays, add these lines in the `shower_card` ('Decay channels' block)
    - ```
      DM_1 = 6 > 24 5 @1d0 @100
      DM_2 = -6 > -24 -5 @1d0 @100
      DM_3 = 24 > 14 -13 @1d0 @100
      DM_4 = –24 > -14 13 @1d0 @100
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NLO exercise
Solution

Part 2

- Generate a NLO event sample to be showered by Pythia6Q
  - Shower it with the `mcatnlo_pyan_pp_ttx` analysis (to be specified in the `shower_card`)
    - `cd my_ttbar_nlo`
    - `./bin/aMCatNLO`
    - `> launch`
    - `> fixed_order=OFF`
    - `> shower=ON`
  - Edit `run_card`
  - Edit `shower_card`

NLO exercise
Solution

Part 2

- Generate a NLO event sa
  - Shower it with the `mca` cified in the `shower_card`)
    - `cd my_ttbar_nlo`
    - `./bin/aMCatNLO`
    - `> launch`
    - `> fixed_order=OF`
    - `> shower=ON`
  - Edit `run_card`
  - Edit `shower_card`

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# PDF choice: this automatically fixes also alpha_s(MZ) and its evol.
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 nn23nlo    = pdlabel    ! PDF set
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# WARNING: PYTHIA6PT works only for processes without FSR!!!!
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# Renormalization and factorization scales
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# (Default functional form for the non-fixed scales is the sum of
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# the transverse masses of all final state particles and partons. This
*
# can be changed in SubProcesses/set_scales.f)
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NLO exercise
Solution

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    - `cd my_ttbar_nlo`
    - `./bin/aMCatNLO`
    - `> launch`
    - `> fixed_order=OF`
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# Extra Libraries/analyses                                           *
# The following lines need to be changed if the user does not want to  *
# create a StdHEP/HepMC file, but to directly run an own analysis (to  *
# be placed in HWAnalyzer or analogous MCatNLO subfolders).            *
# Please use files in those folders as examples.                       *
#*********************************************************************
EXTRALIBS    =      # Extra-libraries (not LHAPDF)
                                  # Default: "stdhep Fmcfio"
                                  # PYTHIA > 8.200 may require library dl
EXTRAPATHS   = ../lib             # Path to the extra-libraries
                                  # Default: "../lib"
INCLUDEPATHS =                    # Path to header files needed by c++
                                  # Dir names separated by white spaces
ANALYSE      = mcatnlo_pyan_pp_ttx.o mcatnlo_hbook_gfortran8.o
                                  # routines (please use .o as extension
                                  # and use spaces to separate files)
```

NLO exercise
Solution

Part 2

- Generate a NLO event s
  - Shower it with the mca (he shower_card)
    - cd my_ttbar_nlo
    - ./bin/aMCatNLO
    - > launch
    - > fixed_order=O
    - > shower=ON
  - Edit run_card
  - Edit shower_card

```
# PDF choice: this automatically fixes also alpha_s(MZ) and its evol.
```

```
Summary:
Process p p > t t~ [QCD]
Run at p-p collider (6500 + 6500 GeV)
Total cross-section: 6.772e+02 +- 2.1e+00 pb
Ren. and fac. scale uncertainty: +11.5% -13.0%
Number of events generated: 100000
Parton shower to be used: PYTHIA6Q
Fraction of negative weights: 0.20
Total running time :  6m 58s

INFO: The /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/
run_12/events.lhe.gz file has been generated.
. . .
INFO: Preparing MCatNLO run
INFO: Compiling MCatNLO for PYTHIA6Q...
INFO:                         ... done
INFO: Showering events...
INFO: (Running in /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/
MCatNLO/RUN_PYTHIA6Q_3)
INFO:  Idle: 0,  Running: 1,  Completed: 0 [ current time: 12h32 ]
INFO:  Idle: 0,  Running: 0,  Completed: 1 [  2m 35s  ]
INFO:  Idle: 0,  Running: 0,  Completed: 0 [ current time: 12h34 ]
INFO: The file /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/
Events/run_12/plot_PYTHIA6Q_1_0.top has been generated, with histograms in
the TopDrawer format, obtained by showering the parton-level file /Users/
marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/run_12/events.lhe.gz
with PYTHIA6Q.
INFO: Run complete
```

```
# R                                  routines (please use .o as extension
*                                    and use spaces to separate files)
#**************************************************************
*
```

The events

```
<initrwgt>
  <weightgroup type='scale_variation' combine='envelope'>
    <weight id='1001'> muR=0.10000E+01 muF=0.10000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1002'> muR=0.10000E+01 muF=0.20000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1003'> muR=0.10000E+01 muF=0.50000E+00 </weight>
    <weight id='1004'> muR=0.20000E+01 muF=0.10000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1005'> muR=0.20000E+01 muF=0.20000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1006'> muR=0.20000E+01 muF=0.50000E+00 </weight>
    <weight id='1007'> muR=0.50000E+00 muF=0.10000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1008'> muR=0.50000E+00 muF=0.20000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1009'> muR=0.50000E+00 muF=0.50000E+00 </weight>
  </weightgroup>
</initrwgt>
</header>
<init>
```

- Each event keeps information about scale variations
- To obtain scale uncertainties use the extra weights to fill histograms and take the envelope

```
   2212   2212 0.65000000E+04 0.65000000E+04 -1 -1 244600 244600 -4   1
 0.68147533E+03 0.22760274E+01 0.11811897E+04      0
  </init>
  <event>
  4      0 -.11811897E+04 0.68991465E+03 0.75467716E-02 0.11800000E+00
       21 -1    0    0  501  502 0.00000000E+00 0.00000000E+00 0.16695776E+03 0.16695776E+03 0.00000000E+00 0.0000E+00 0.9000E+01
       21 -1    0    0  502  503 -.00000000E+00 -.00000000E+00 -.83539498E+03 0.83539498E+03 0.00000000E+00 0.0000E+00 0.9000E+01
        6  1    1    2  501    0 -.87405313E+02 -.30435858E+03 -.46344397E+03 0.58735266E+03 0.17300000E+03 0.0000E+00 0.9000E+01
       -6  1    1    2    0  503 0.87405313E+02 0.30435858E+03 -.20499324E+03 0.41500008E+03 0.17300000E+03 0.0000E+00 0.9000E+01
#aMCatNLO 1  5  3  3  2 0.21343976E+03 0.35860250E+02 9  0  0 0.10000001E+01 0.15353083E+01 0.66887201E+00 0.00E+00 0.0E+00
  <rwgt>
   <wgt id='1001'> -.11812E+04 </wgt>
   <wgt id='1002'> -.10571E+04 </wgt>
   <wgt id='1003'> -.13263E+04 </wgt>
   <wgt id='1004'> -.88285E+03 </wgt>
   <wgt id='1005'> -.79006E+03 </wgt>
   <wgt id='1006'> -.99128E+03 </wgt>
   <wgt id='1007'> -.16151E+04 </wgt>
   <wgt id='1008'> -.14453E+04 </wgt>
   <wgt id='1009'> -.18135E+04 </wgt>
  </rwgt>
  </event>
```

NLO exercise
Solution

Part 2

- Use MadSpin to generate a di-leptonic (into muons) decayed sample
  - `./bin/aMCatNLO`
  - `> decay_events run_xx`
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```
#************************************************************
#*                        MadSpin                           *
#*                                                          *
#*    P. Artoisenet, R. Frederix, R. Rietkerk, O. Mattelaer *
#*                                                          *
#*    Part of the MadGraph5_aMC@NLO Framework:              *
#*    The MadGraph5_aMC@NLO Development Team - Find us at   *
#*    https://server06.fynu.ucl.ac.be/projects/madgraph     *
#*                                                          *
#************************************************************
#Some options (uncomment to apply)
#
# set seed 1
# set Nevents_for_max_weigth 75 # number of events for the estimate of the max. weight
# set BW_cut 15                # cut on how far the particle can be off-shell
 set max_weight_ps_point 400  # number of PS to estimate the maximum for each event
#
# specify the decay for the final state particles
decay t > w+ b, w+ > mu+ vm
decay t~ > w- b~, w- > mu- vm~
# running the actual code
launch
~
```

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 set max_weight_ps_point 400  # number
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decay t~ > w- b~, w- > mu- vm~
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```

```
 . . .
INFO: MadSpin: Estimate the maximum weight
INFO:
INFO:    Estimating the maximum weight
INFO:    ****************************
INFO:      Probing the first 139 events
INFO:      with 400 phase space points
INFO:
INFO: Event 1/139 :  0.059s
INFO: Event 6/139 :  0.99s
INFO: Event 11/139 :  1.3s
 . . .
INFO: Decaying the events...
INFO: Event nb 1000  2.6s
INFO: Event nb 2000  4.9s
INFO: Event nb 3000  7s
 . . .
INFO: Decayed events have been written in /Users/marcozaro/Physics/
MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/run_12/events_decayed.lhe.gz
INFO: The decayed event file has been moved to the following location:
INFO: /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/
run_12_decayed_1/events.lhe.gz
INFO: MadSpin Done
```

MS estimates

$$\max\left(|\mathrm{M_{P+D}}|^2 / |\mathrm{M_P}|^2\right)$$

with the first events

NLO exercise
Solution

Part 2

- Re-analyse the decayed and undecided sample with the `mcatnlo_pyan_pp_lplm` analysis and check the the lepton pair p_T
  - Re-shower the un-decayed sample
  - `./bin/shower run_xx`
  - edit the `shower_card`
  - Shower the decayed sample
  - `./bin/shower run_xx_decayed_1`

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  - edit the `shower_card`
  - Shower the decayed sample
  - `./bin/shower run_xx_de`

```
# Decay channels                                                    *
# Write down the decay channels for the resonances, to be performed by *
# the shower.                                                       *
. . .
DM_1 = 6 > 24 5 @1d0 @100
DM_2 = -6 > -24 -5 @1d0 @100
DM_3 = 24 > 14 -13 @1d0 @100
DM_4 = -24 > -14 13 @1d0 @100
#*********************************************************************
#*********************************************************************
# Extra Libraries/analyses                                          *
# The following lines need to be changed if the user does not want to  *
# create a StdHEP/HepMC file, but to directly run an own analysis (to  *
# be placed in HWAnalyzer or analogous MCatNLO subfolders).         *
# Please use files in those folders as examples.                    *
#*********************************************************************
EXTRALIBS    =      # Extra-libraries (not LHAPDF)
                                  # Default: "stdhep Fmcfio"
                                  # PYTHIA > 8.200 may require library dl
EXTRAPATHS   = ../lib             # Path to the extra-libraries
                                  # Default: "../lib"
INCLUDEPATHS =                    # Path to header files needed by c++
                                  # Dir names separated by white spaces
ANALYSE      = mcatnlo_pyan_pp_lplm.o mcatnlo_hbook_gfortran8.o
                                  # routines (please use .o as extension
                                  # and use spaces to separate files)
```

NLO exercise
Solution

Part 2

- Re-analyse the decayed and undecided sample with the `mcatnlo_pya` … pT
  - Re-shower th…
  - `./bin/show`
  - edit the `show`…
- Shower the d…
- `./bin/show`…

```
INFO: Preparing MCatNLO run
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INFO: Showering events...
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MCatNLO/RUN_PYTHIA6Q_3)
INFO:  Idle: 0,  Running: 1,  Completed: 0 [ current time: 12h32 ]
INFO:  Idle: 0,  Running: 0,  Completed: 1 [  2m 35s  ]
INFO:  Idle: 0,  Running: 0,  Completed: 0 [ current time: 12h34 ]
INFO: The file /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/
Events/run_12/plot_PYTHIA6Q_2_0.top has been generated, with histograms in
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marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/run_12/events.lhe.gz
with PYTHIA6Q.
INFO: Run complete
. . .
INFO:  Idle: 0,  Running: 1,  Completed: 0 [ current time: 12h32 ]
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Events/run_12_decayed_1/plot_PYTHIA6Q_1_0.top has been generated, with
histograms in the TopDrawer format, obtained by showering the parton-level
file /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/run_12/
events.lhe.gz with PYTHIA6Q.
INFO: Run complete
```

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library dl


 by c++
                                  # Dir names separated by white spaces
ANALYSE      = mcatnlo_pyan_pp_lplm.o mcatnlo_hbook_gfortran8.o
                                  # routines (please use .o as extension
                                  # and use spaces to separate files)
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