

QCD & backgrounds for the LHC

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LHC: unprecedented potential (energy, luminosity)
first data very soon

Do we master QCD well enough to guarantee a successful program?

The challenge: provide theoretical predictions that match or exceed the accuracy of LHC data

The aim: early success in understanding the energy frontier

I will try to address this question by giving a
brief status report of technical progress
&
a short review of selected recent developments

Prerequisite: factorization

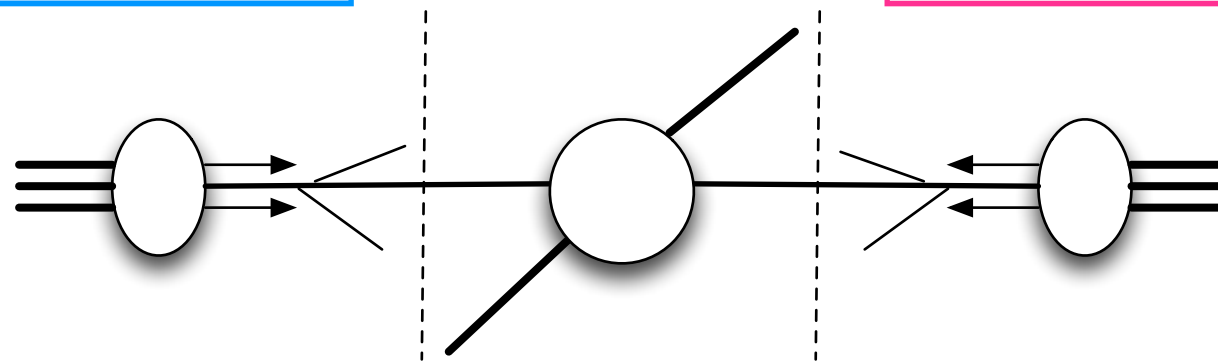
$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}}{dX} = \sum_{a,b} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F) f_b(x_2, \mu_F) \times \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow \text{partons}}(\alpha_s(\mu_R), \mu_R, \mu_F)}{dX} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^n}{Q^n}\right)$$



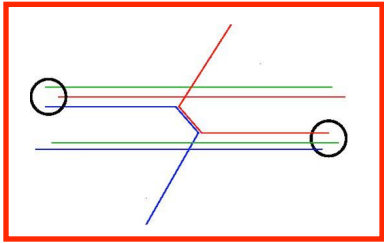
Extracted from data,
but evolution is
perturbative



Expansion in the
coupling constant
(LO, NLO, NNLO...)

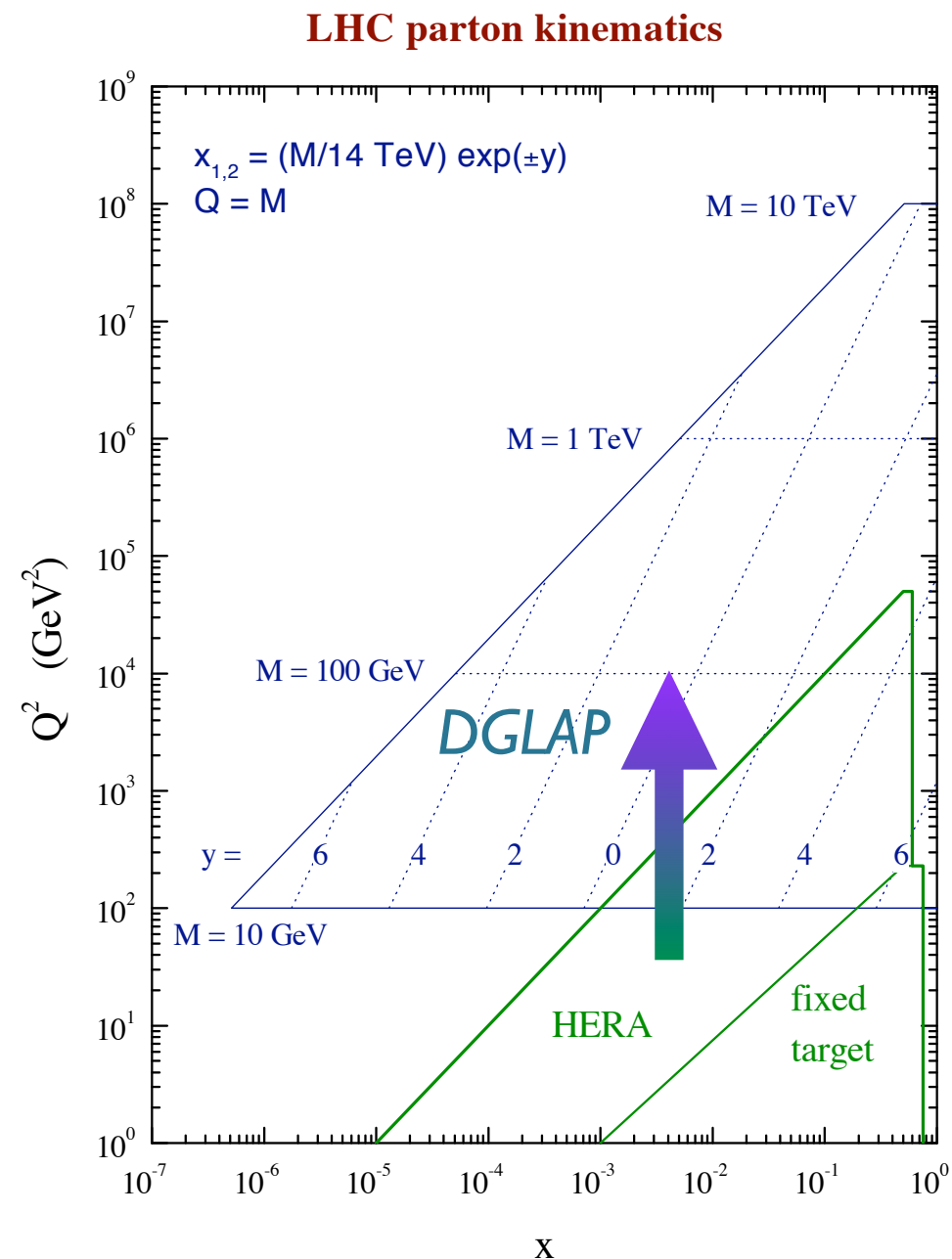


NB: factorization used in many contexts without proof



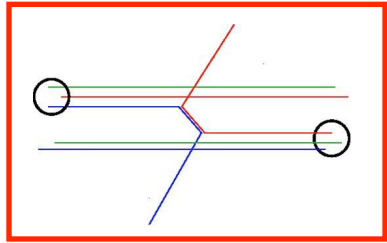
Parton densities coverage

- most of the LHC x-range covered by Hera
- need 2-3 orders of magnitude Q^2 -evolution
- rapidity distributions probe extreme x-values
- 100 GeV physics at LHC: small-x, sea partons
- TeV physics: large x



PDF summary report, Hera-LHC '05

➡ Hera: key and essential input to the LHC



Parton densities: recent progress

Recent major progress:

- full **NNLO evolution** (previous only approximate NNLO)
- full treatment of **heavy flavors** near the quark mass

[Numerically: e.g. (6-7)% effect on Drell-Yan at LHC]

- more systematic use of **uncertainties/correlations**
- **Neural Network (NN) PDFs**

*splitting functions at NNLO: Moch, Vermaseren, A. Vogt '04
[+ much related theory progress '04 -'08]
Alekhin, CTEQ, MSTW (new MSTW '09), NN collaboration*

Recently on the market: **toolkits** for NNLO DGLAP evolution of PDFs

*PEGASUS A. Vogt '04; QCDNUM Botje '07
CANDIA Cafarella et al. '08; HOPPET Salam & Rojo '08*

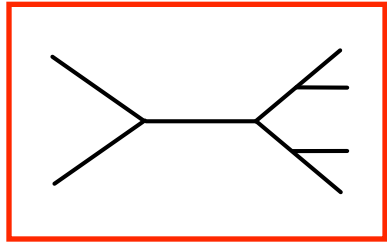
⇒ **Description of PDFs reaching precision, but still some work ahead**



Very large number of high-multiplicity events

- ## SUSY:





Leading order

Status: fully automated, at most 8 outgoing particles

Alpgen, CompHEP, CalcHEP, Helac, Madgraph, Helas, Sherpa, Whizard, ...

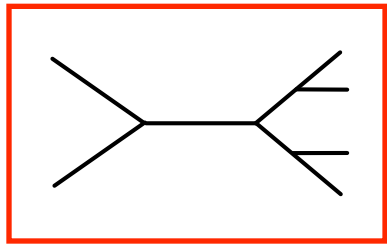
Drawbacks of LO: large scale dependences, sensitivity to cuts, poor modeling of jets, ...

Example: $W+4$ jet cross-section $\propto \alpha_s(Q)^4$

Vary $\alpha_s(Q)$ by $\pm 10\%$ via change of $Q \Rightarrow$ cross-section varies by $\pm 40\%$

Why use LO at all?

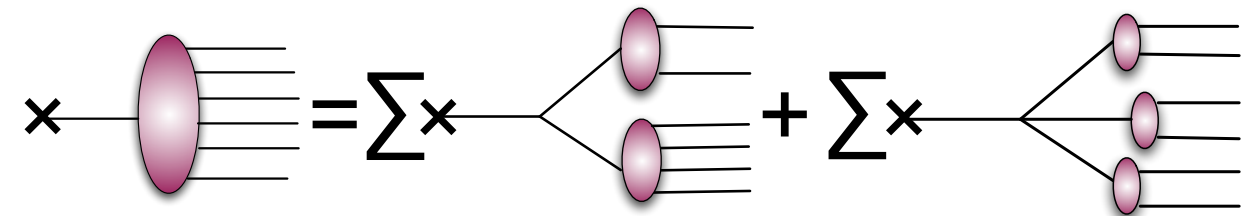
- fastest option; often the only one
- test quickly new ideas with fully exclusive description
- many working, well-tested approaches
- highly automated, crucial to explore new ground, but no precision



LO: 3 methods beyond Feynman

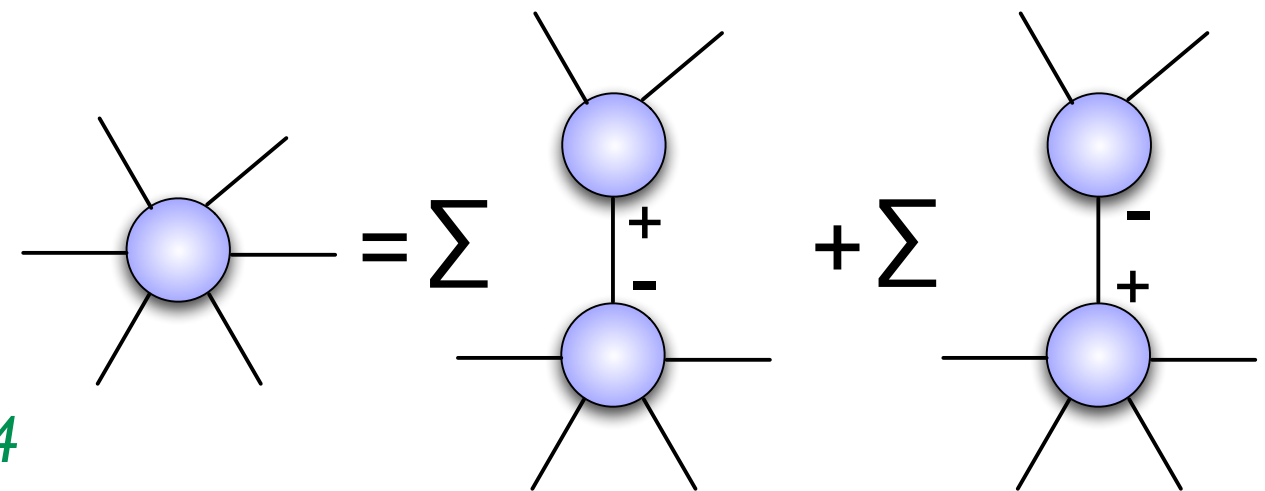
- ✓ Berends-Giele relations: compute helicity amplitudes recursively using off-shell currents

Berends, Giele '88



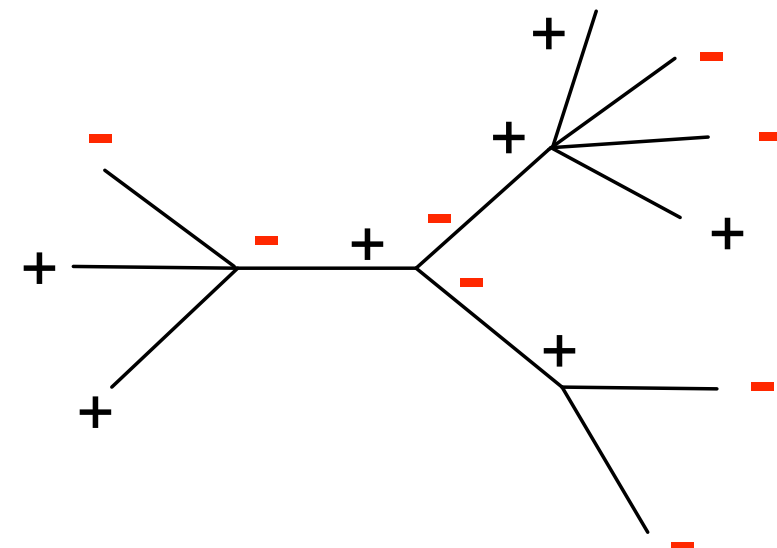
- ✓ BCF relations: compute helicity amplitudes via on-shell recursions (use complex momentum shifts)

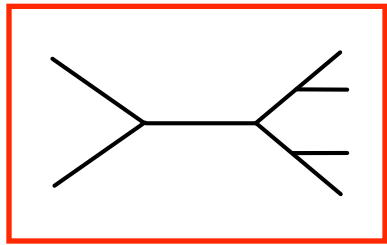
Britto, Cachazo, Feng '04



- ✓ CSW relations: compute helicity amplitudes by sewing together MHV amplitudes [- - + + ... +]

Cachazo, Svrcek, Witten '04





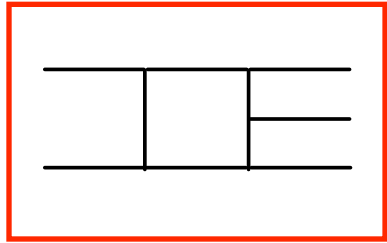
LO race: who is faster?

Time [s] for $2 \rightarrow n$ gluon amplitudes for 10^4 points

Duhr et al. '06
also Dinsdale et al. '06

Final state	BG	BCF	CSW
2g	0.28	0.33	0.26
3g	0.48	0.51	0.55
4g	1.04	1.32	1.75
5g	2.69	7.26	5.96
6g	7.19	59.1	30.6
7g	23.7	646	195
8g	82.1	8690	1890
9g	270	127000	29700
10g	864	-	-

➡ undisputed numerical superiority of traditional Berends-Giele compared to twistor inspired methods



Next-to-leading order

For precision studies need next-to-leading-order

because the coupling is ‘big-ish’, to reduce dependence from unphysical scales, to model jets better, to predict the normalization, ...

Status of NLO:

☑ $2 \rightarrow 2$: all known or easy in SM and beyond

☑ $2 \rightarrow 3$: very few processes not yet computed

[but: often no decays, newest codes mostly private]

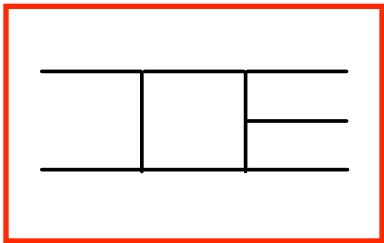
☐ $2 \rightarrow 4$: **barely touched ground** [$q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t} b\bar{b}$, $pp \rightarrow W+3\text{jets}$]

Bredenstein et al. '08; Berger et al. '09; Ellis et al. '09

Cancelation of divergences: automated subtraction

Gleisberg, Krauss '07; TeVJet [public] Seymour, Tevlin '08; Hasegawa et al. '08

Bottleneck at NLO: virtual (loop) amplitudes

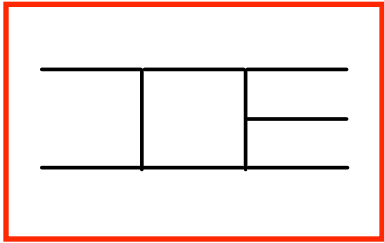


The 2005 Les Houches wishlist

[The QCD, EW & Higgs Working group report hep-ph/0604120]

Table 42: The LHC “priority” wishlist for which a NLO computation seems now feasible.

process ($V \in \{Z, W, \gamma\}$)	relevant for
1. $pp \rightarrow V V \text{ jet}$	$t\bar{t}H$, new physics
2. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} b\bar{b}$	$t\bar{t}H$
3. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + 2 \text{ jets}$	$t\bar{t}H$
4. $pp \rightarrow V V b\bar{b}$	VBF $\rightarrow H \rightarrow VV$, $t\bar{t}H$, new physics
5. $pp \rightarrow V V + 2 \text{ jets}$	VBF $\rightarrow H \rightarrow VV$
6. $pp \rightarrow V + 3 \text{ jets}$	various new physics signatures
7. $pp \rightarrow V V V$	SUSY trilepton



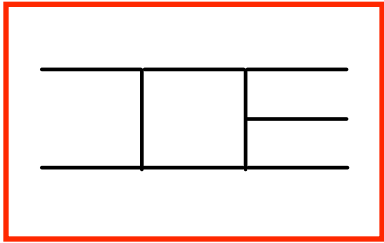
The 2007 update

[The NLO multi-leg Working group report 0803.0494]

} based on Feynman diagrams;
private codes only

Process ($V \in \{Z, W, \gamma\}$)	Comments
Calculations completed since Les Houches 2005	
1. $pp \rightarrow VV\text{jet}$ 2. $pp \rightarrow \text{Higgs}+2\text{jets}$ 3. $pp \rightarrow VVV$	$WW\text{jet}$ completed by Dittmaier/Kallweit/Uwer [3]; Campbell/Ellis/Zanderighi [4] and Binoth/Karg/Kauer/Sanguinetti (in progress) NLO QCD to the gg channel completed by Campbell/Ellis/Zanderighi [5]; NLO QCD+EW to the VBF channel completed by Ciccolini/Denner/Dittmaier [6, 7] ZZZ completed by Lazopoulos/Melnikov/Petriello [8] and WWZ by Hankele/Zeppenfeld [9]
Calculations remaining from Les Houches 2005	
4. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ 5. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}+2\text{jets}$ 6. $pp \rightarrow VVb\bar{b}$, 7. $pp \rightarrow VV+2\text{jets}$ 8. $pp \rightarrow V+3\text{jets}$	relevant for $t\bar{t}H$ relevant for $t\bar{t}H$ relevant for $VBF \rightarrow H \rightarrow VV, t\bar{t}H$ relevant for $VBF \rightarrow H \rightarrow VV$ VBF contributions calculated by (Bozzi/)Jäger/Oleari/Zeppenfeld [10–12] various new physics signatures
NLO calculations added to list in 2007	
9. $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	Higgs and new physics signatures
Calculations beyond NLO added in 2007	
10. $gg \rightarrow W^*W^* \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2\alpha_s^3)$ 11. NNLO $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ 12. NNLO to VBF and $Z/\gamma+\text{jet}$	backgrounds to Higgs normalization of a benchmark process Higgs couplings and SM benchmark
Calculations including electroweak effects	
13. NNLO QCD+NLO EW for W/Z	precision calculation of a SM benchmark

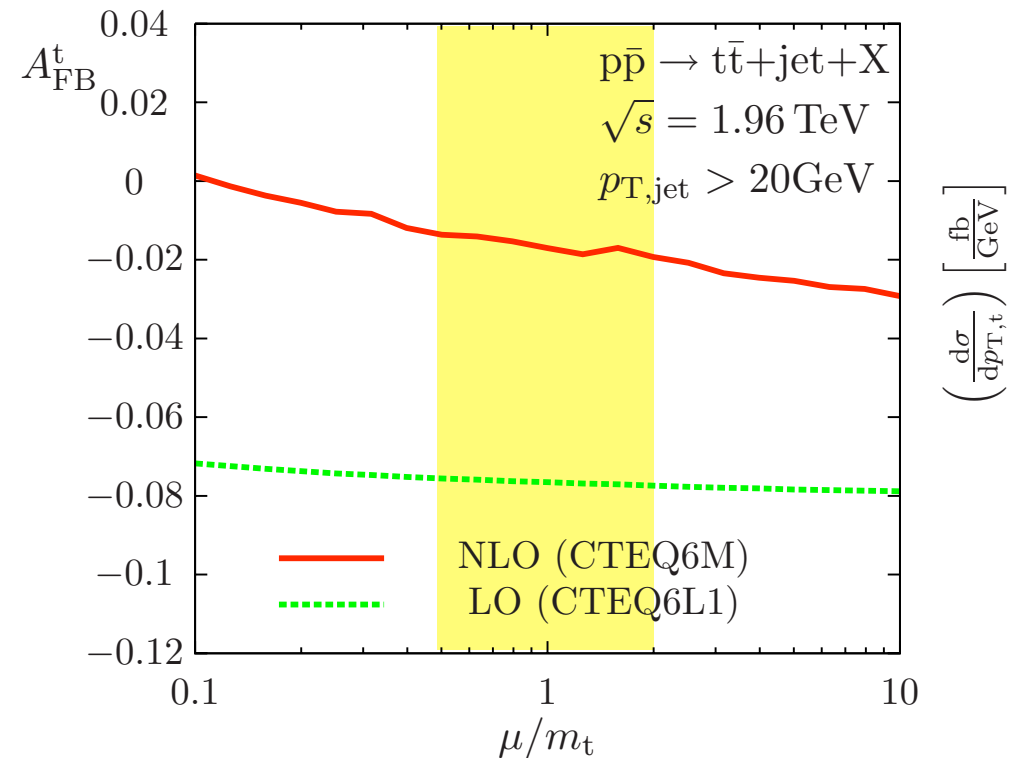
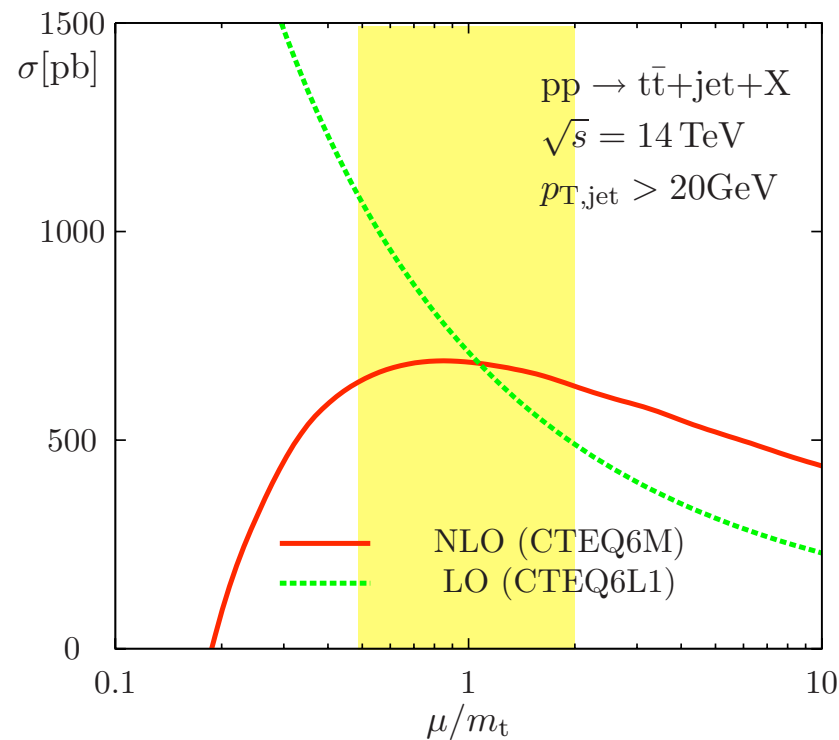
Table 1: The updated experimenter’s wishlist for LHC processes



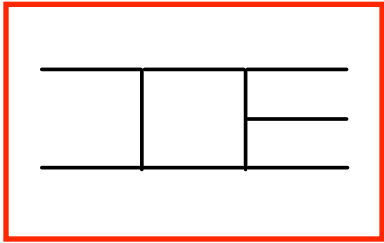
One NLO example: $t\bar{t}$ + 1 jet

Calculation done with traditional methods

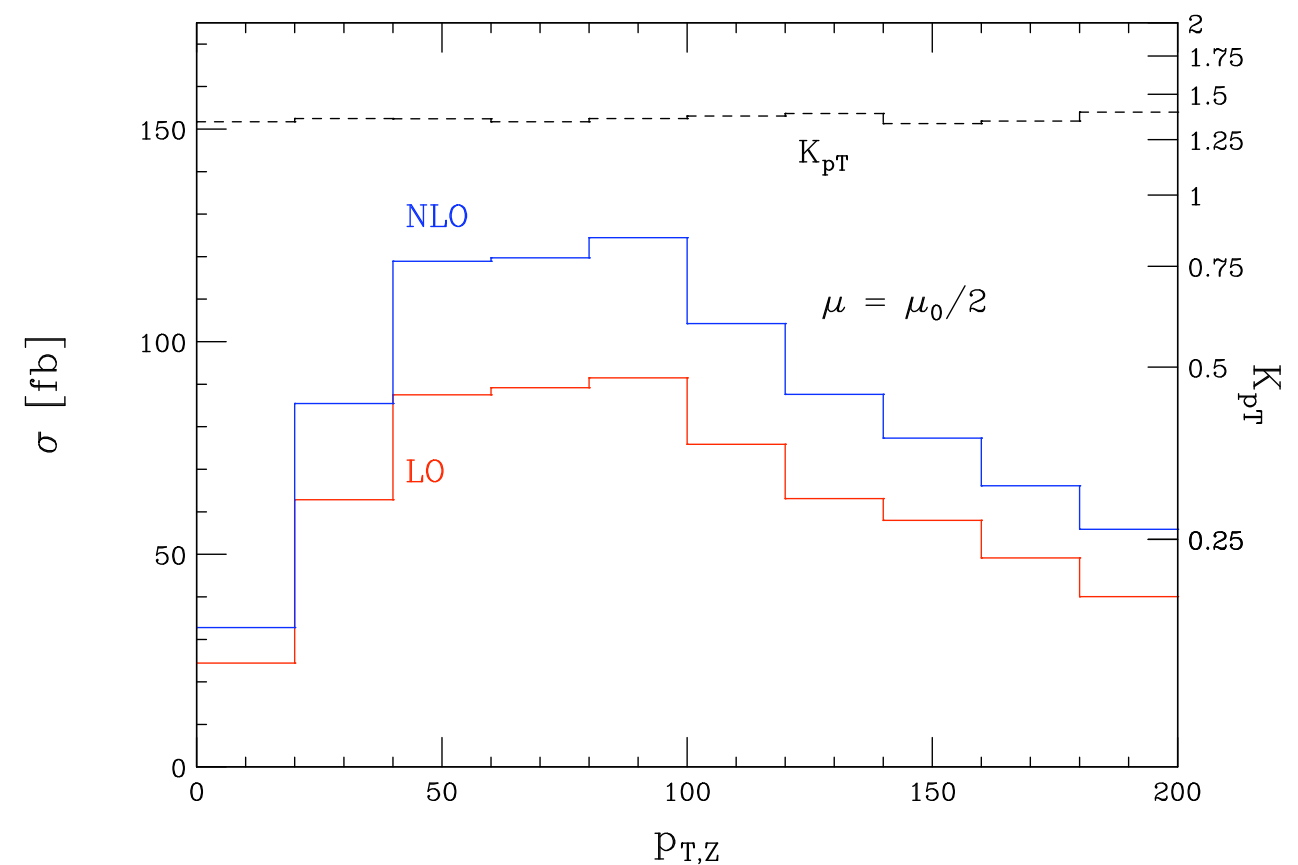
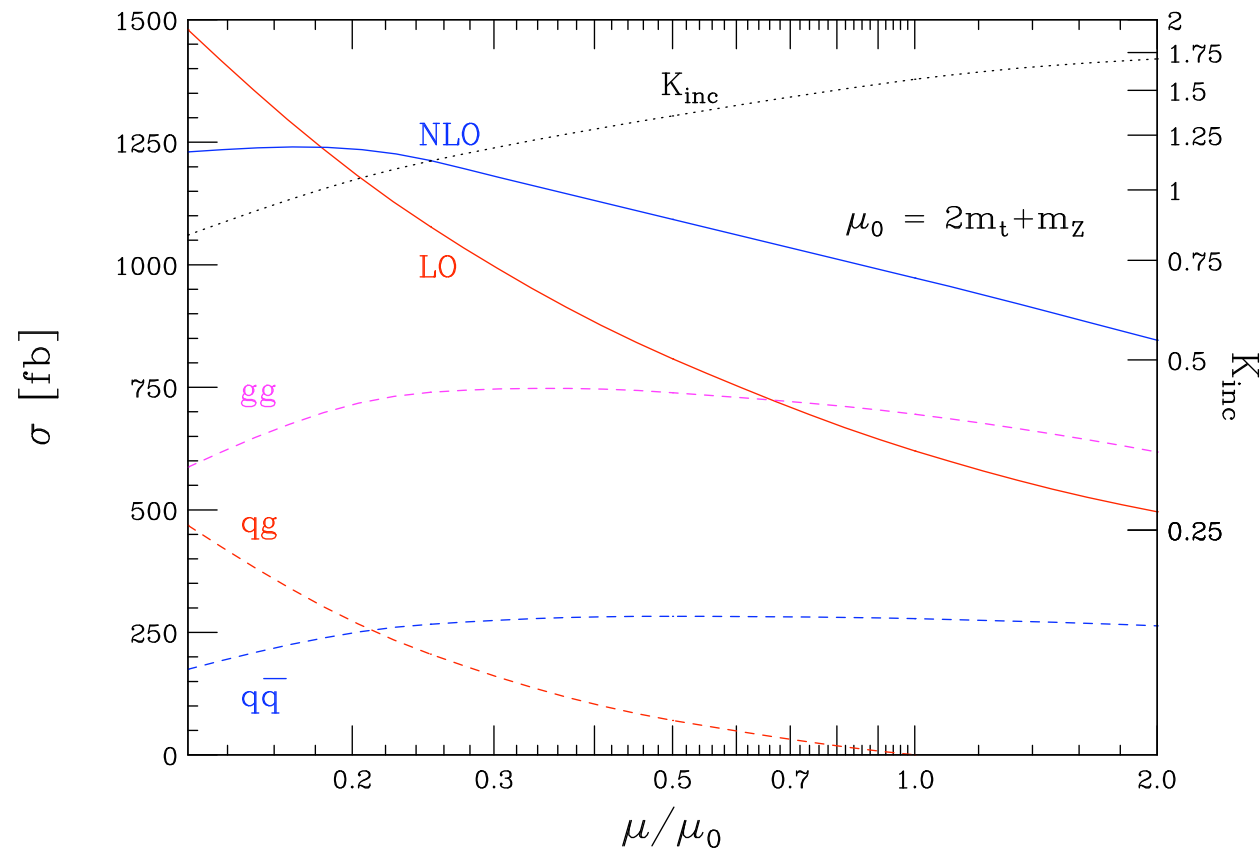
Dittmaier, Kallweit, Uwer '07, '08



- improved stability of NLO result [\[differential, but no decays\]](#)
- large effect on A_{FB} at the Tevatron: now compatible with zero
- essential ingredient of NNLO $t\bar{t}$ production



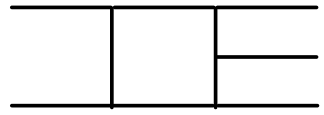
2nd NLO example: $t\bar{t} + Z$



Lazopoulos, Melnikov, Petriello '08

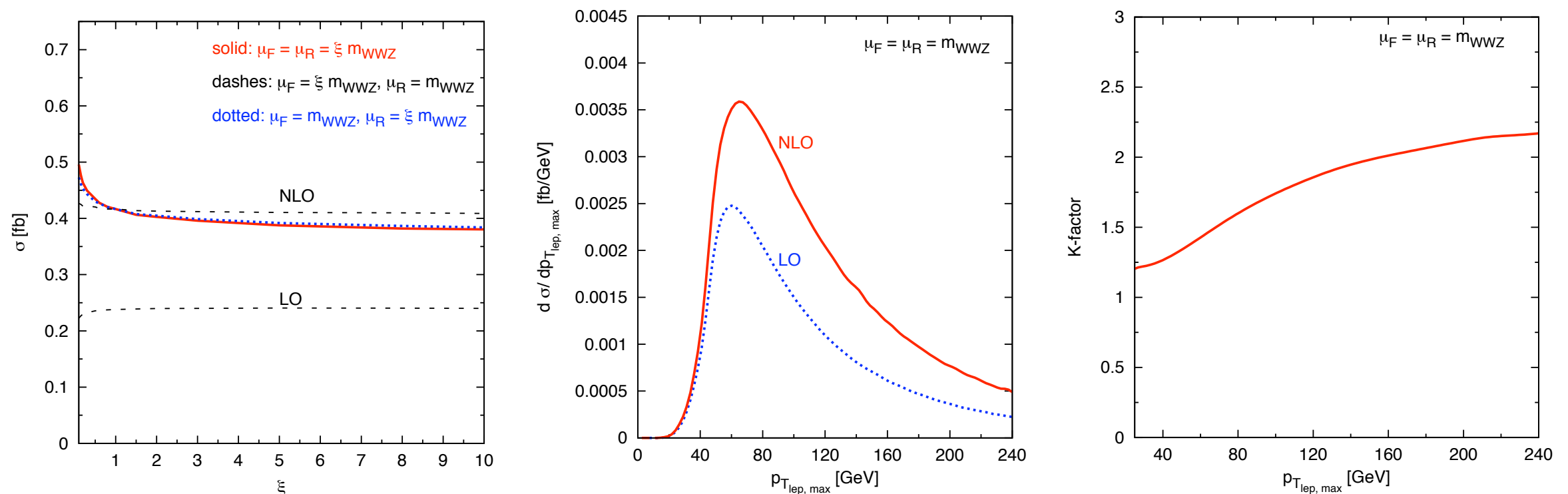
- NLO increase cross section by 35% (residual 10% uncertainty)
- factor of 1.5-2 improvement on $t\bar{t}Z$ measurement (probe BSM)
- no significant change in distributions

3rd NLO example: $WW + Z$

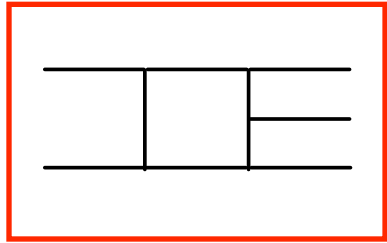


Motivation: probe EW gauge couplings and SUSY background

Lazoloupos, Melnikov, Petriello '07
Binoth, Ossola, Papadoulou, Pittau '08
With decays and spin correlations: Hankele, Zeppenfeld '07

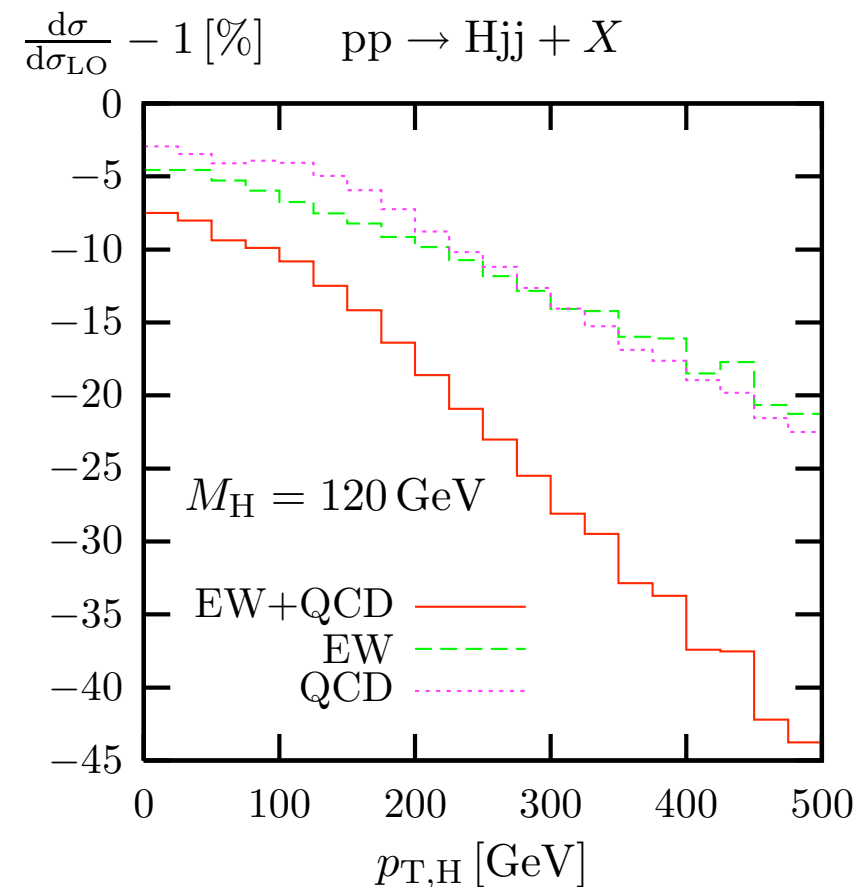
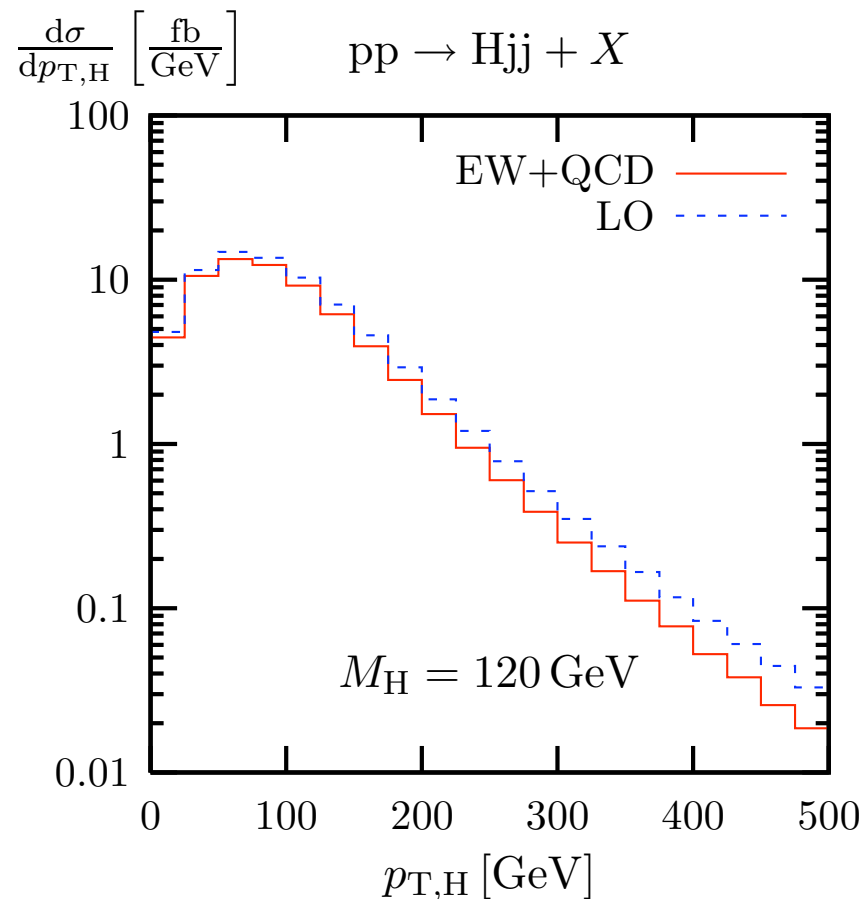


- NLO scale dependence larger than LO one (i.e. LO scale variation not indicative of the uncertainty)
- K-factors large and substantial shape change in distributions (simple multiplication of overall K-factor would distort shapes)



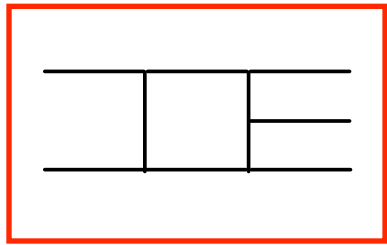
The “not so weak” EW :VBF Higgs

Ciccolini, Denner, Dittmaier '07



► EW and QCD of the same size!

👉 be aware of EW corrections for precision studies (peaks) and in tails of distributions (large electro-weak logarithms)



General NLO features?

Process	Typical scales		Tevatron K -factor			LHC K -factor		
	μ_0	μ_1	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_0)$	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_1)$	$\mathcal{K}'(\mu_0)$	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_0)$	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_1)$	$\mathcal{K}'(\mu_0)$
W	m_W	$2m_W$	1.33	1.31	1.21	1.15	1.05	1.15
$W+1\text{jet}$	m_W	p_T^{jet}	1.42	1.20	1.43	1.21	1.32	1.42
$W+2\text{jets}$	m_W	p_T^{jet}	1.16	0.91	1.29	0.89	0.88	1.10
$WW+\text{jet}$	m_W	$2m_W$	1.19	1.37	1.26	1.33	1.40	1.42
$t\bar{t}$	m_t	$2m_t$	1.08	1.31	1.24	1.40	1.59	1.48
$t\bar{t}+1\text{jet}$	m_t	$2m_t$	1.13	1.43	1.37	0.97	1.29	1.10
$b\bar{b}$	m_b	$2m_b$	1.20	1.21	2.10	0.98	0.84	2.51
Higgs	m_H	p_T^{jet}	2.33	–	2.33	1.72	–	2.32
Higgs via VBF	m_H	p_T^{jet}	1.07	0.97	1.07	1.23	1.34	1.09
Higgs+1jet	m_H	p_T^{jet}	2.02	–	2.13	1.47	–	1.90
Higgs+2jets	m_H	p_T^{jet}	–	–	–	1.15	–	–

[NLO report 0803.0494]

General features:

- ▶ color annihilation, gluon dominated \Rightarrow large K factors
- ▶ extra legs in the final state \Rightarrow smaller K -factors

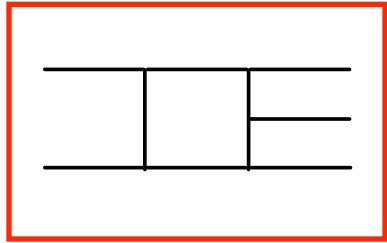
But be careful, only full calculations can really tell!

Recommendation

For the maximal exploitation of physics, there are also requirements on the experimental side. We suggest that cross sections at the LHC should be quoted at the hadron level, and where possible with the estimated parton-to-hadron corrections, so that any theoretical prediction (parton or hadron level) can easily be compared after the fact to the archived data [16]. Also, the experimental data needs to be quoted only for the range of measurement, rather than extrapolated to the full cross section; for example, measurements of $W \rightarrow e\nu$ should be quoted for the range of electron transverse momentum and rapidity and of missing transverse energy actually used in the triggering and analysis, rather than performing an extrapolation to the full W cross sections. Such recommendations were the exception (CDF W +jets) rather than the rule at the Tevatron and a clear model needs to be set for the LHC.

[Les Houches NLO report '08]

- 👉 this way your data will be **useful for ever**
- 👉 otherwise data will be **obsolete** sooner or later (typically rather soon)

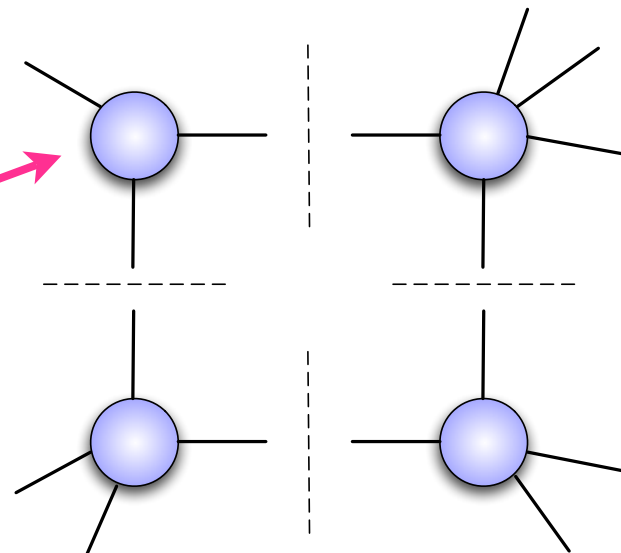


Two breakthrough ideas for NLO

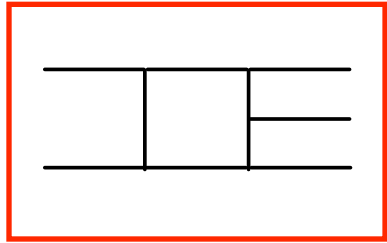
Aim: NLO loop integral without doing the integration

1) “... we show how to use generalized unitarity to read off the (box) coefficients. The generalized cuts we use are quadrupole cuts ...”

NB: non-zero
because cut gives
complex momenta



Britto, Cachazo, Feng '04

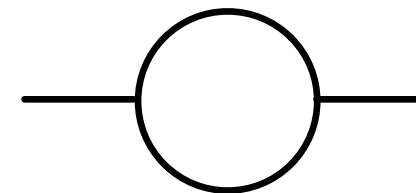
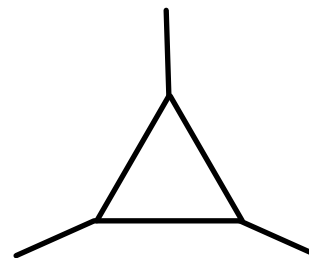
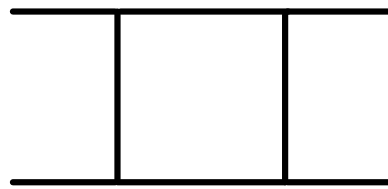


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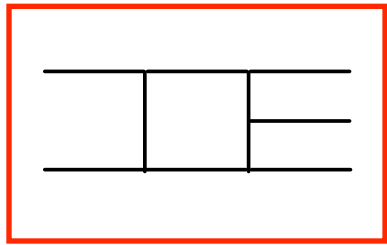
2) *The OPP method: “We show how to extract the coefficients of 4-, 3-, 2- and 1-point one-loop scalar integrals....”*

$$\mathcal{A}_N = \sum_{[i_1|i_4]} \left(d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} I_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{(D)} \right) + \sum_{[i_1|i_3]} \left(c_{i_1 i_2 i_3} I_{i_1 i_2 i_3}^{(D)} \right) + \sum_{[i_1|i_2]} \left(b_{i_1 i_2} I_{i_1 i_2}^{(D)} \right) + \mathcal{R}$$



rational part
treated separately

Ossola, Pittau, Papadopolous '06



A unified approach ?

Partial fractioning via OPP + BG recursion for tree amplitudes + unitarity in higher dimension

⇒ *full one-loop from tree level*

Two issues:

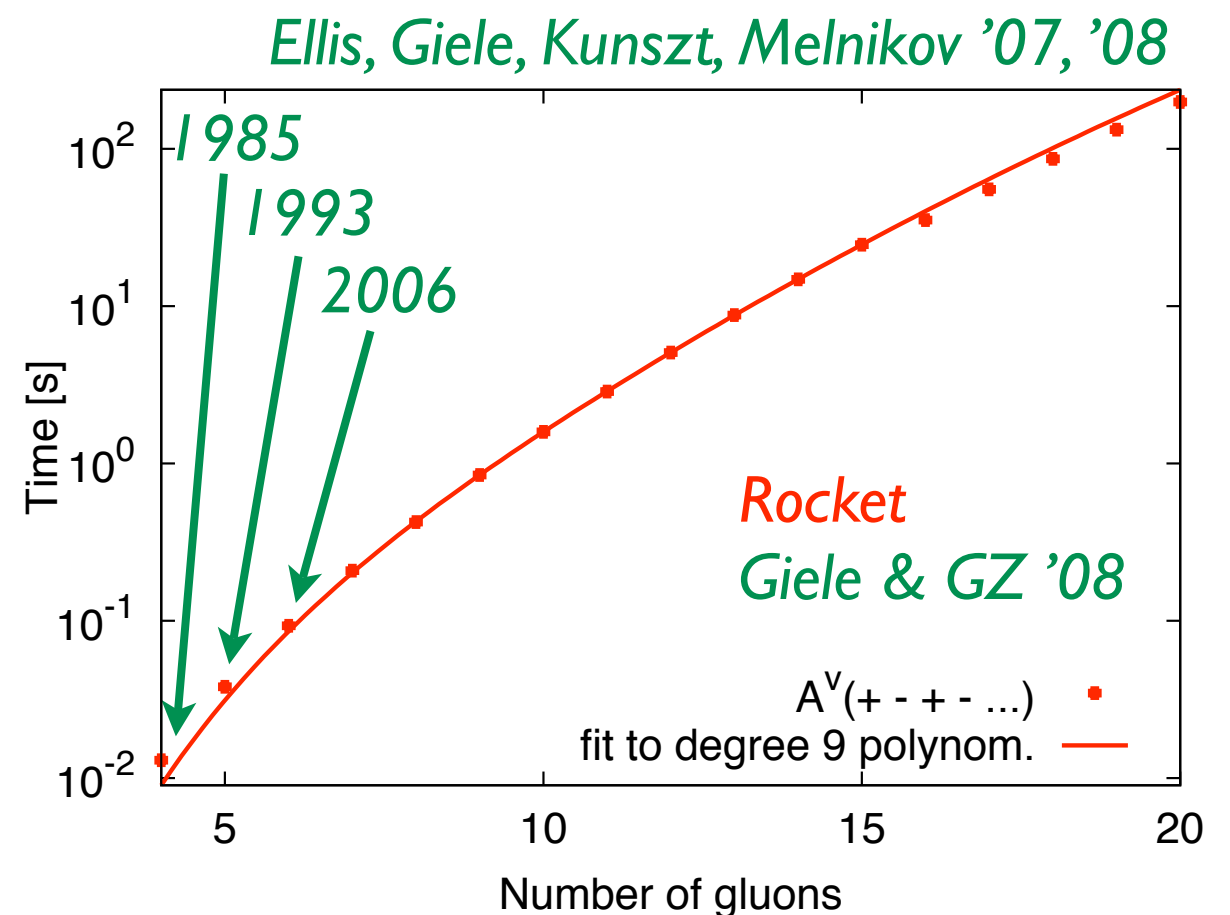
- **Practicality?** speed, stability
Excellent performance of the method demonstrated for gluons
- **Generality?** what about realistic LHC processes?

Cases studied:

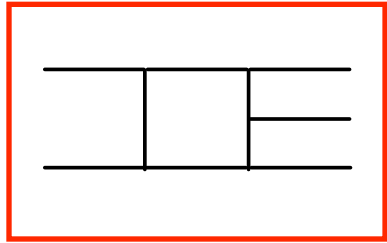
$0 \rightarrow ttggg,$

$0 \rightarrow qq + (ng), 0 \rightarrow qqW + (ng),$

$0 \rightarrow qqQQW + l g$



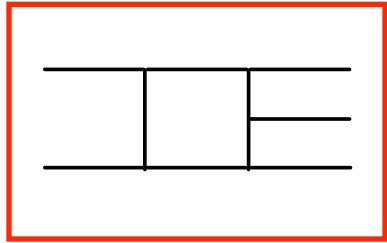
Also: **Blackhat** up to $N=6$ [7,8 MHV],
Berger, Bern, Cordero, Dixon, Forde, Ita,
Kosower, Maitre '08



1st physical application: $W+3$ jets

Why $W+3$ jets?

- I. $W+3$ jets **measured at the Tevatron**, but **LO varies by more than a factor of 2** under reasonable changes in scales \Rightarrow cannot use LO predictions for serious comparison of theory and data
- II. measurements at the Tevatron **for $W+n$ jets with $n=1,2$** have shown that **data is described well by NLO QCD**
 \Rightarrow interesting to verify this for 3 and more jets
- III. $W+3$ jets of interest at the LHC, as one of the backgrounds to **model-independent new physics searches using jets + MET**
- IV. calculation **highly non-trivial** (more than 1000 Feynman diagrams)
optimal testing ground



Approximations

In spite of all technical advances the calculation of one-loop $W+5$ parton amplitudes and tree-level $W+6$ partons integrated over phase space is still a very challenging task

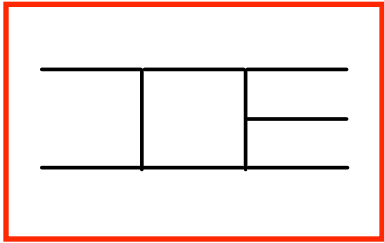
⇒ reasonable to look for reliable approximations as a first step

- ▶ the leading color approximation works up to 10% at leading order
- ▶ 4-quark processes only around 30% of the full result
- ▶ incoming gluon-gluon channel only 2%

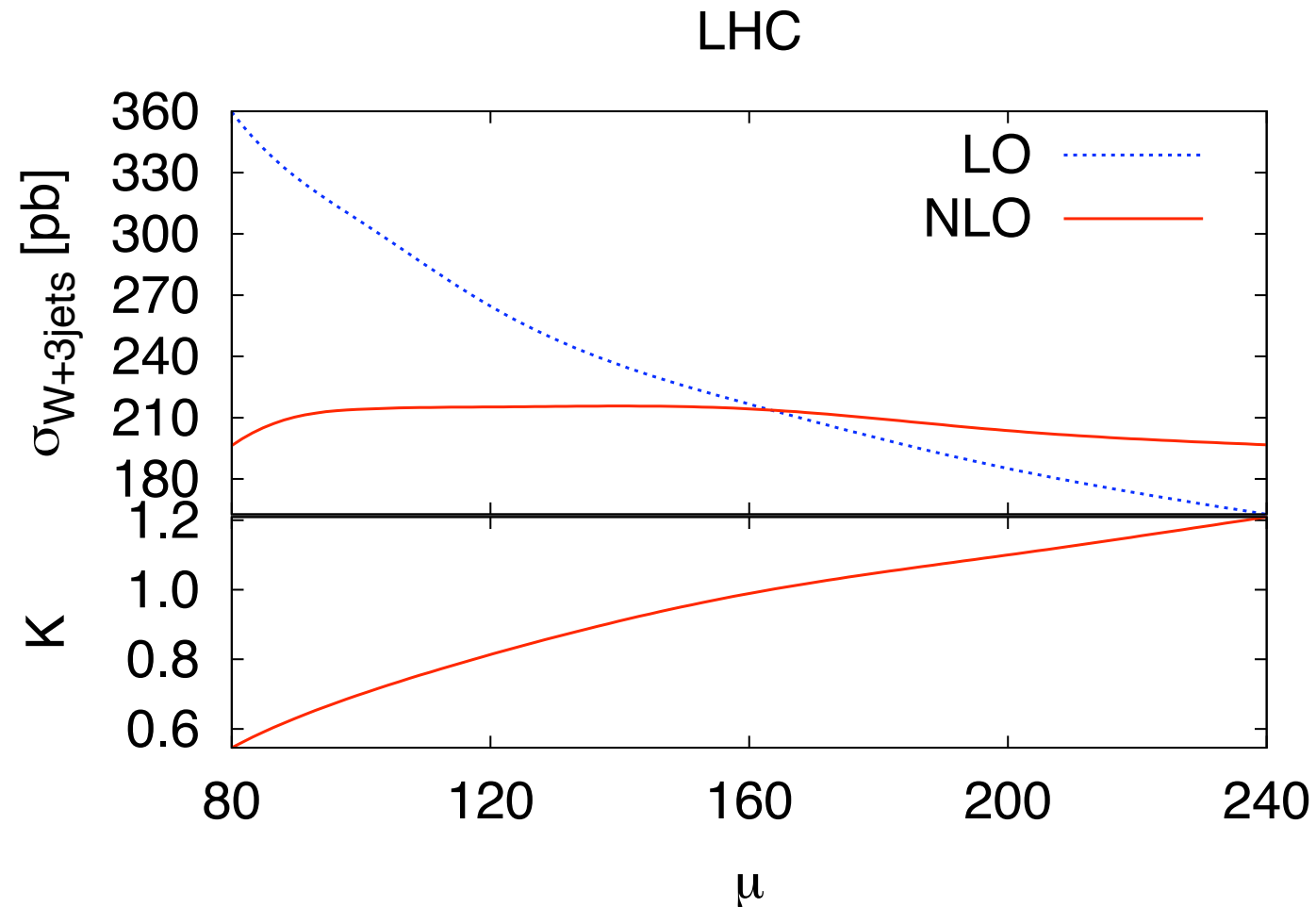
Since in the following

- leading color approximation is used
- 4-quark processes are dropped
- processes with two incoming gluons are omitted

Absolute results for cross-sections presented next should be taken with care, however ratio of NLO/LO should be less sensitive to these omissions



W+3 jets at the LHC



kt-alg. $R=0.7$
CTEQ6 II/ CTEQ6m

$p_{T,j} > 50 \text{ GeV} \quad |\eta_j| < 3$

[Ellis, Melnikov, GZ '09]

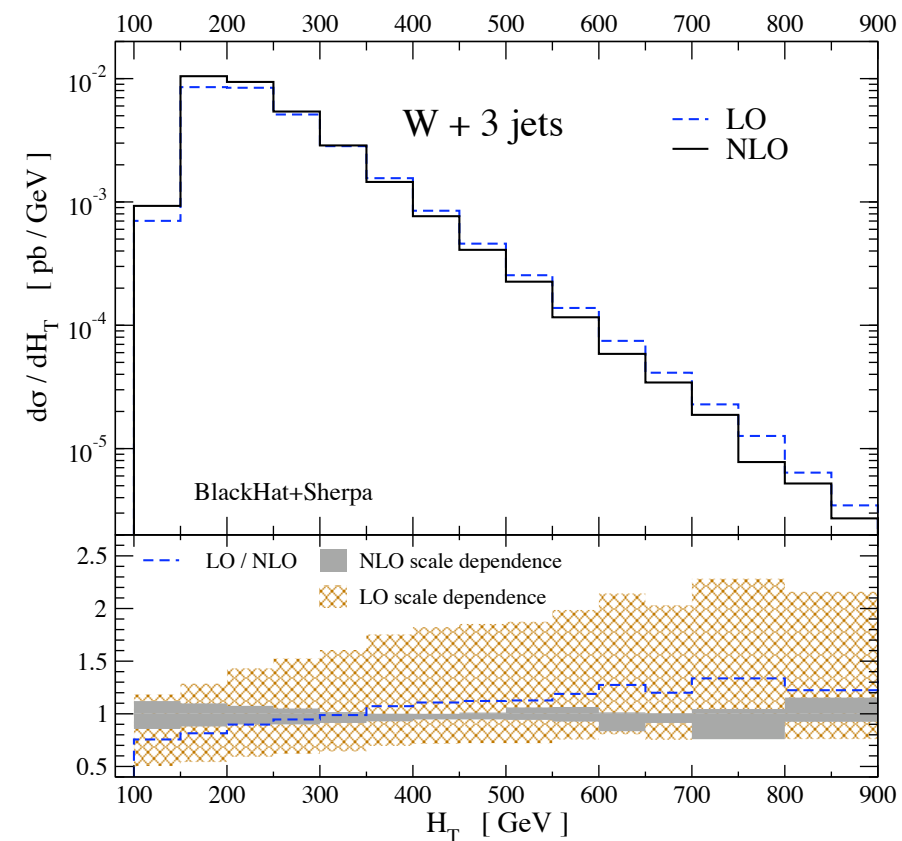
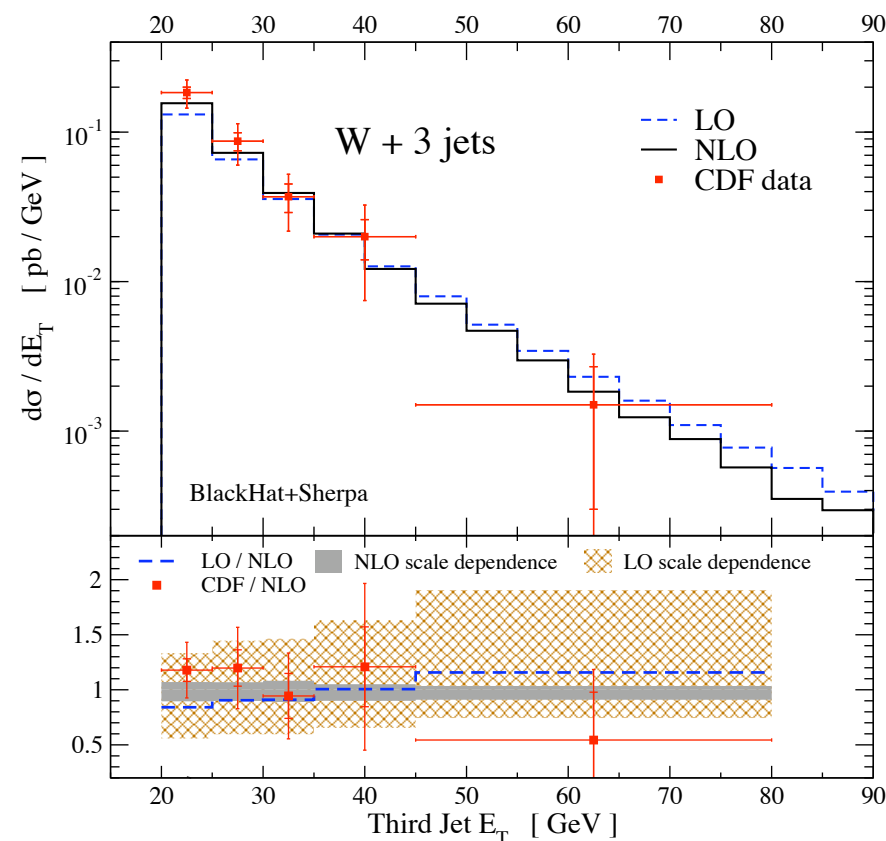
- ☞ remarkable independence of cross-section on renormalization and factorization scale at NLO (unlike LO)
- ☞ LO = NLO at scales $\sim 160 \text{ GeV}$
- ☞ gross features of W+3 jets are similar to W+2 jets, however the price one pays for an infelicitous choice of scales is higher now

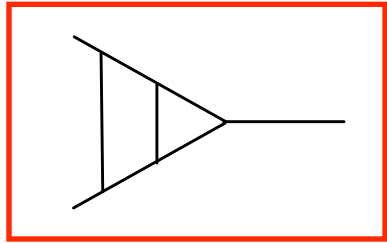
W+3 jets at the Tevatron

More recently, similar calculation for W+3 jets done in Blackhat+Sherpa

C.F. Berger, Z. Bern, L.J. Dixon, F. Febres Cordero, D. Forde, T. Gleisberg, H. Ita, D.A. Kosower, D. Maitre [0902.2760]

Still leading color approximation in virtual (not real), all subprocesses included (but no fermion loops)





When is NLO not good enough?

📌 when **NLO corrections are large** (NLO correction \approx LO)

This may happen when

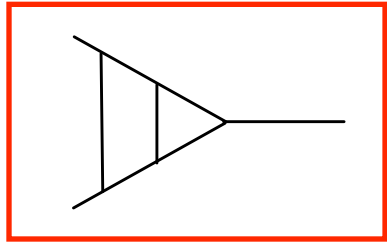
- process involves very different scales \rightarrow large logarithms
- new channels open up (at NLO they are effectively LO)
- gluon dominated processes

📌 when **high precision is useful** (occasionally the case)

- Drell-Yan, heavy-quark production, 3 jets in e^+e^- , ...

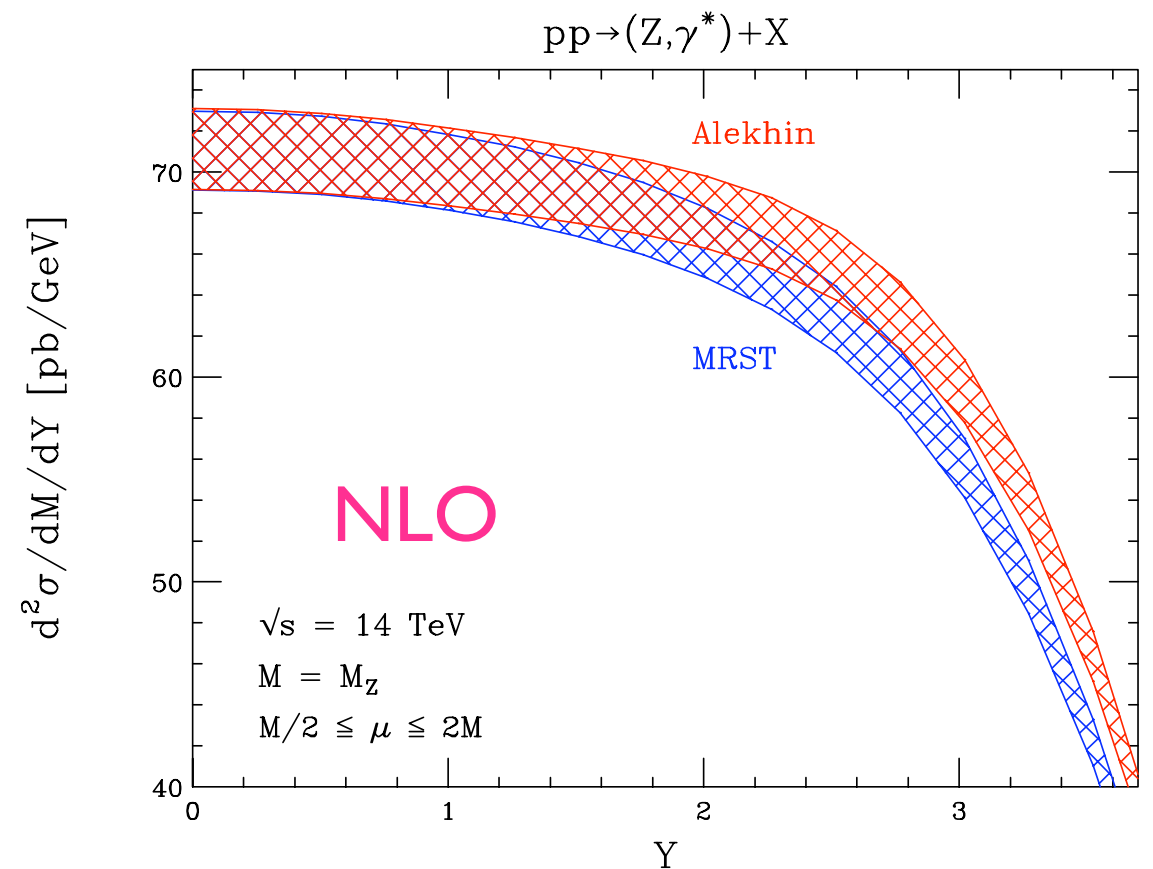
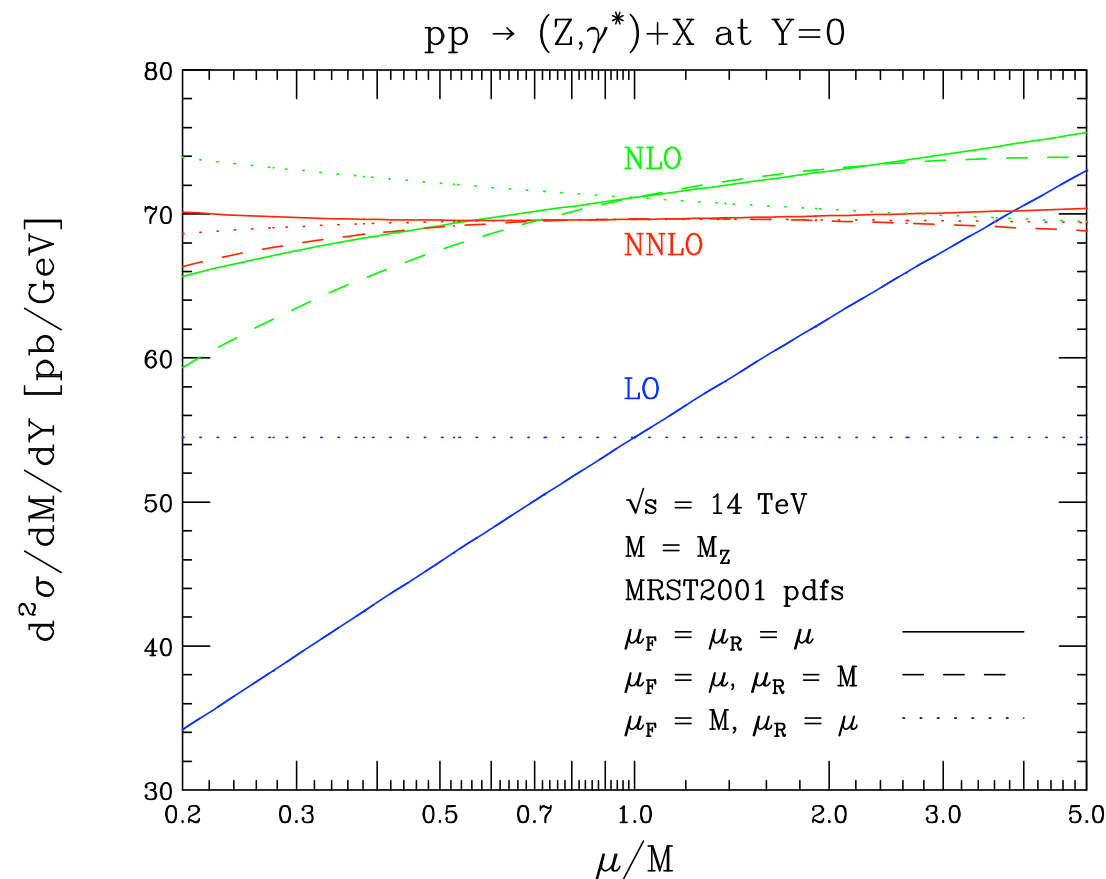
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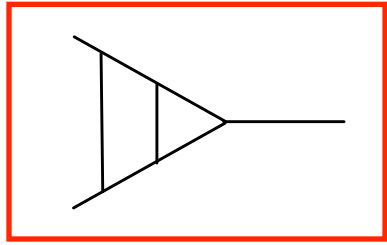


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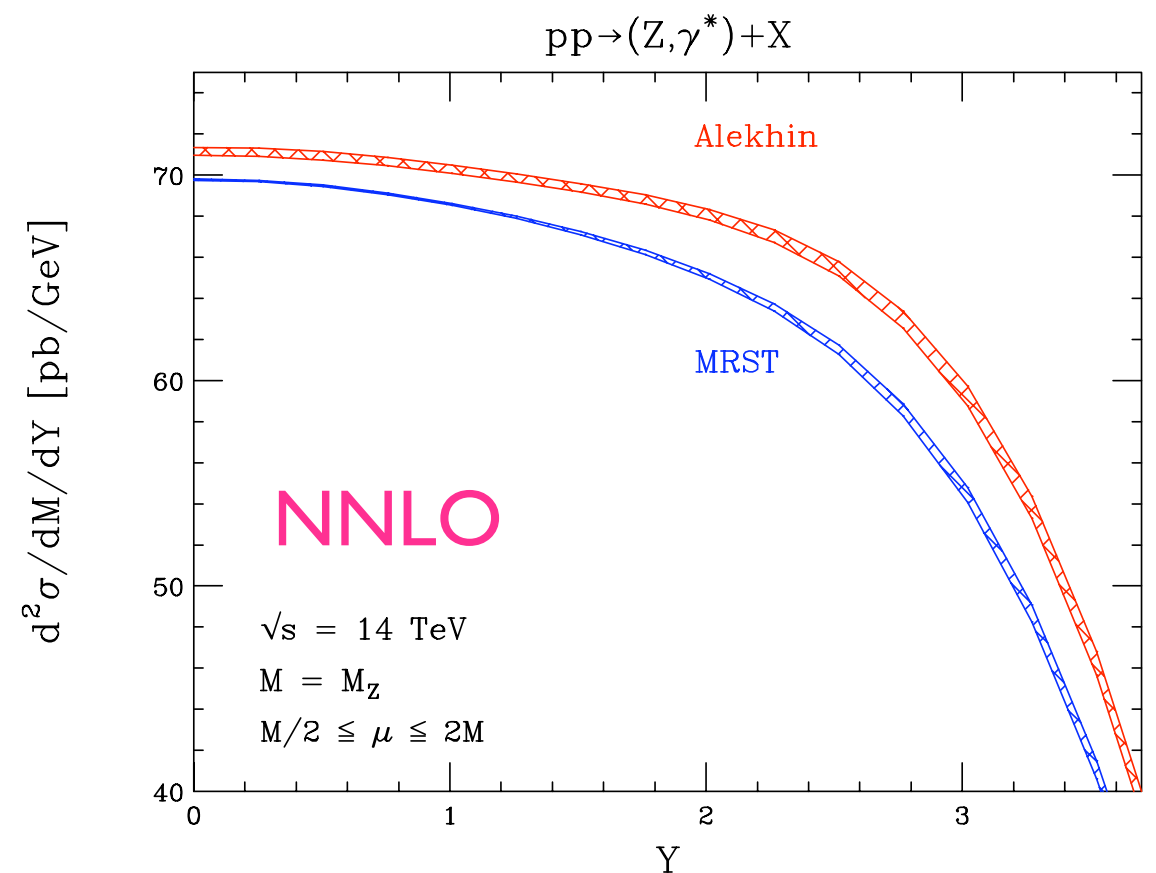
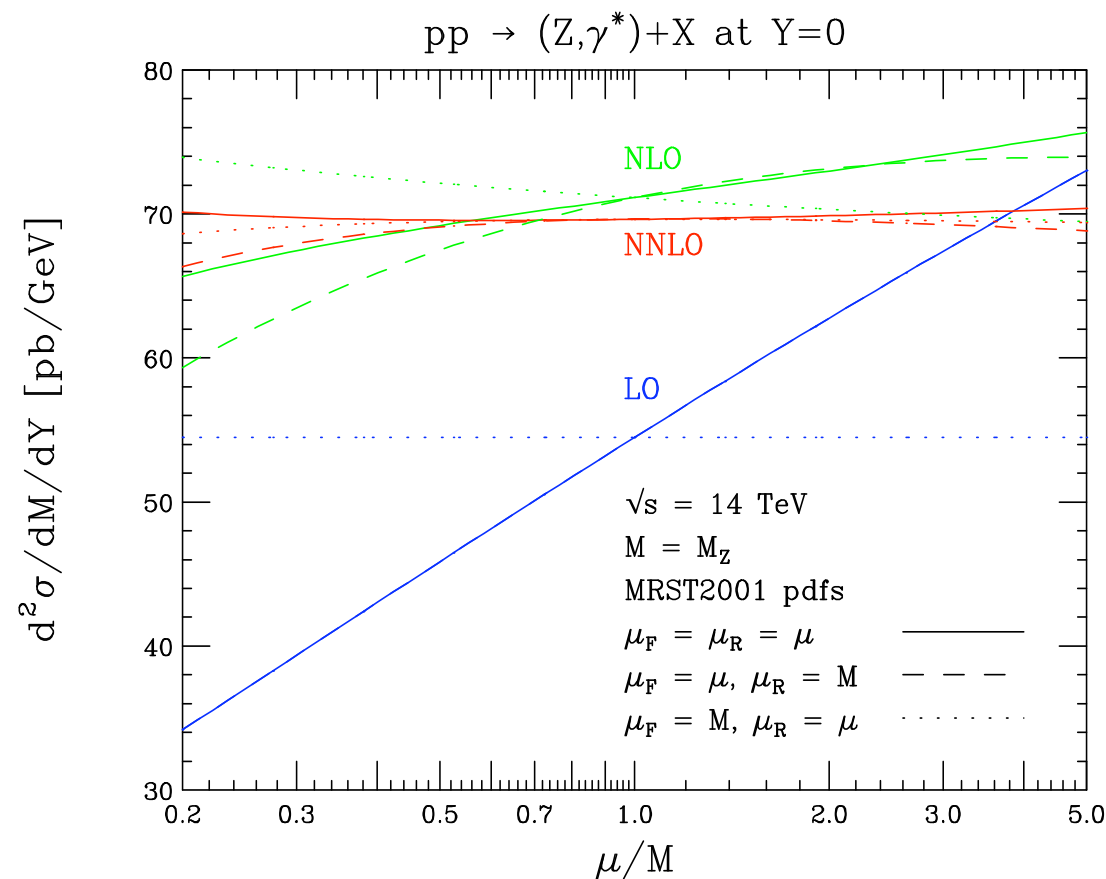


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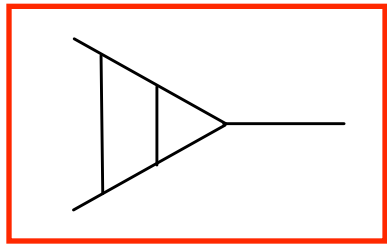


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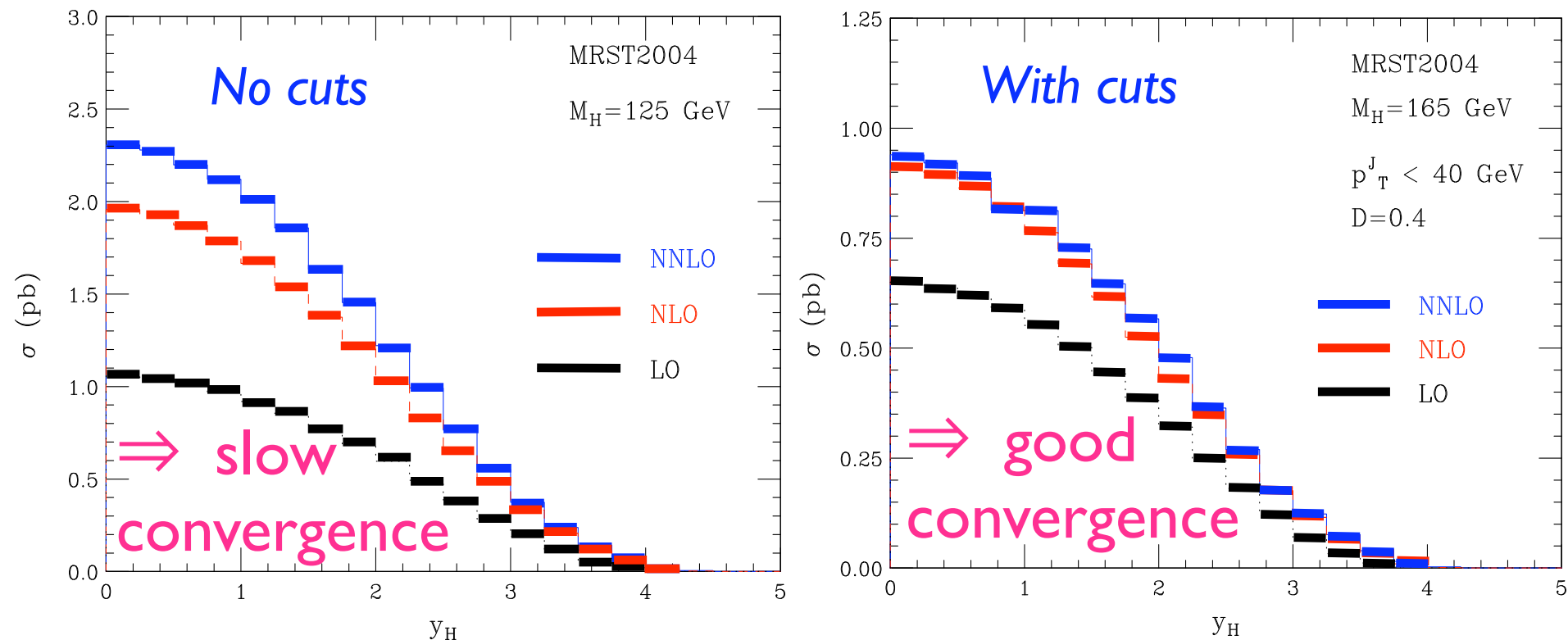


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NNLO Higgs with $H \rightarrow 2l \ 2\nu$, $H \rightarrow 4l$

FEHIP, Anastasiou, Dissertori, Stoeckli '07
also: HNNLO Catani, Grazzini '08



\Rightarrow impact of NNLO dramatically reduced by cuts!

Very important to include cuts and decays in realistic studies!

Also uncertainty reduced via resummation of soft gluons at N^3 LO

Moch, Vermaseren '05



Jets: before 2006

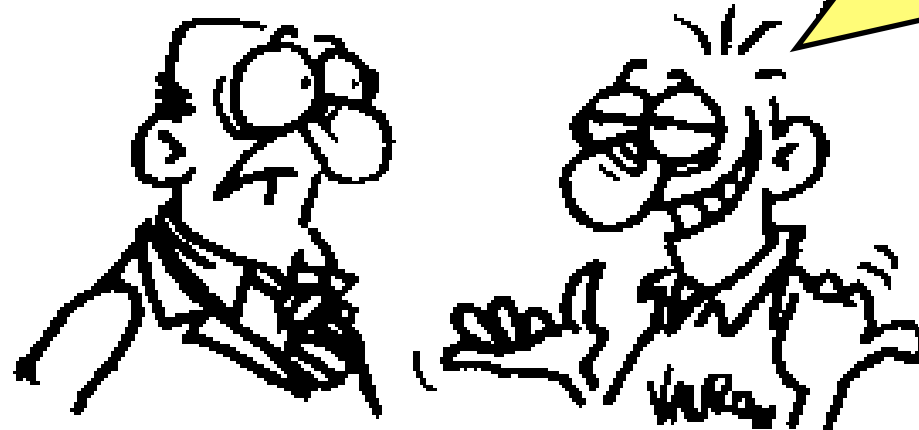


Cones are IR unsafe!

The Cone is too rigid!

IR unsafety affects jet cross-sections by less than 1%, so don't need to care!

kt collects too much soft radiation!



Cones have a well-defined circular area!

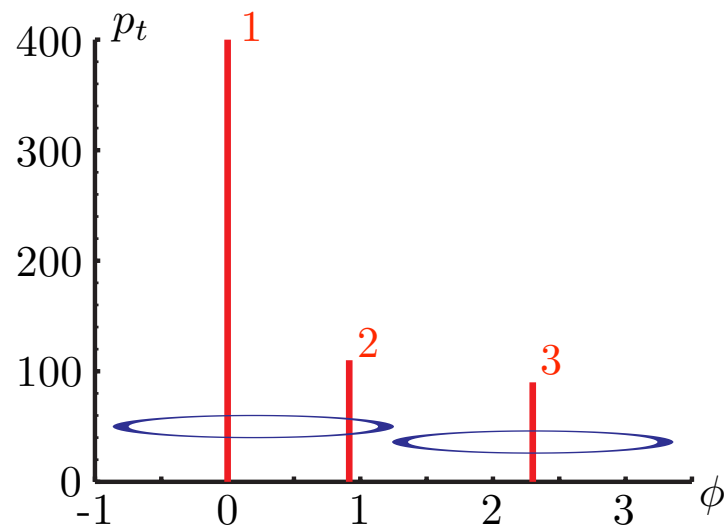
Jet area not well defined in kt: U.E. and pile-up subtraction too difficult!

What about dark towers??

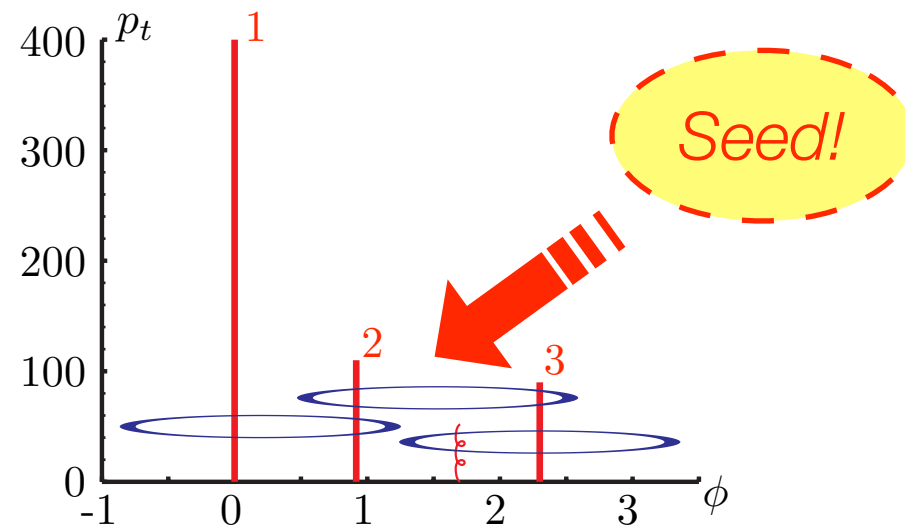
After all, if $D=1.35 R$ Cone and kt are practically the same thing ...



Jets: infrared unsafety of midpoint



3 hard \Rightarrow 2 stable cones



3 hard + 1 soft \Rightarrow 3 stable cones

Soft emission changes the hard jets \Rightarrow algorithm is IR unsafe

Solution: use a seedless algorithm find all stable cones [\Rightarrow jets]

SISCone: complexity $N^2 \log(N)$

Salam, Soyez '07

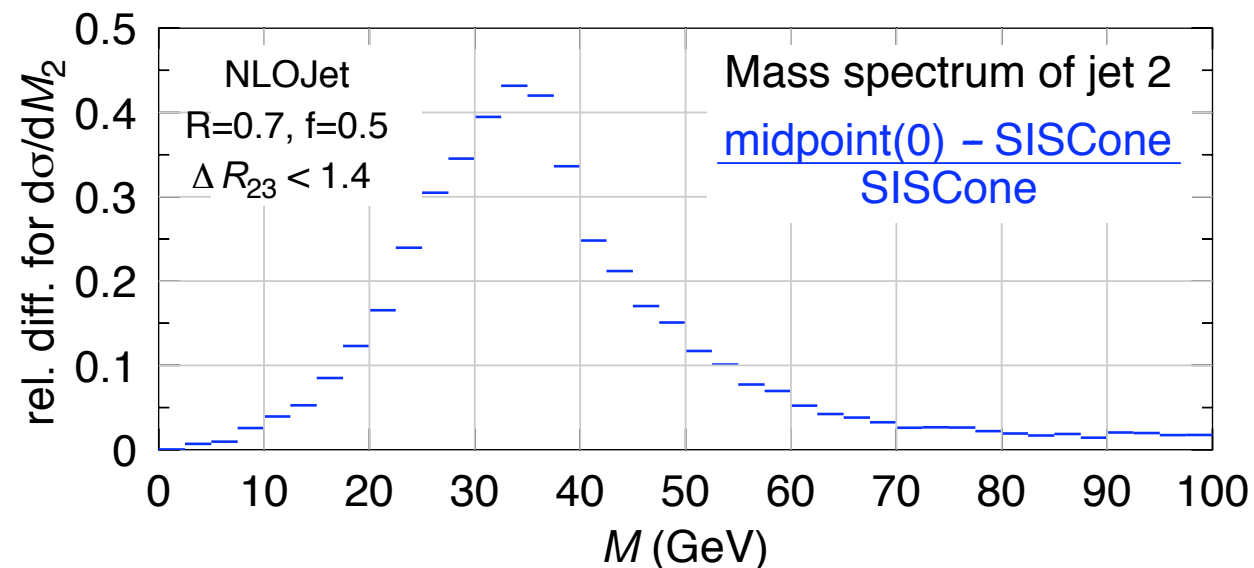
Similarly: iterative cone is collinear unsafe

Solution: **anti-kt algorithm**

Cacciari, Salam, Soyez '08



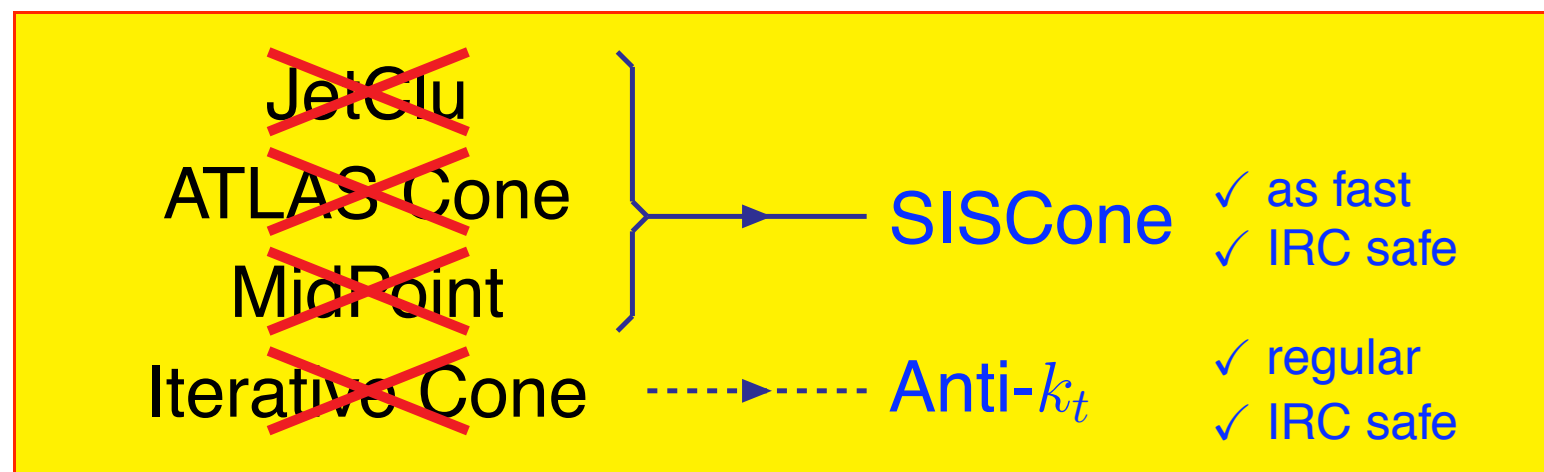
Physical impact of infrared unsafety



Up to 40% difference
in mass spectrum

IR-unsafety is an
issue at the LHC

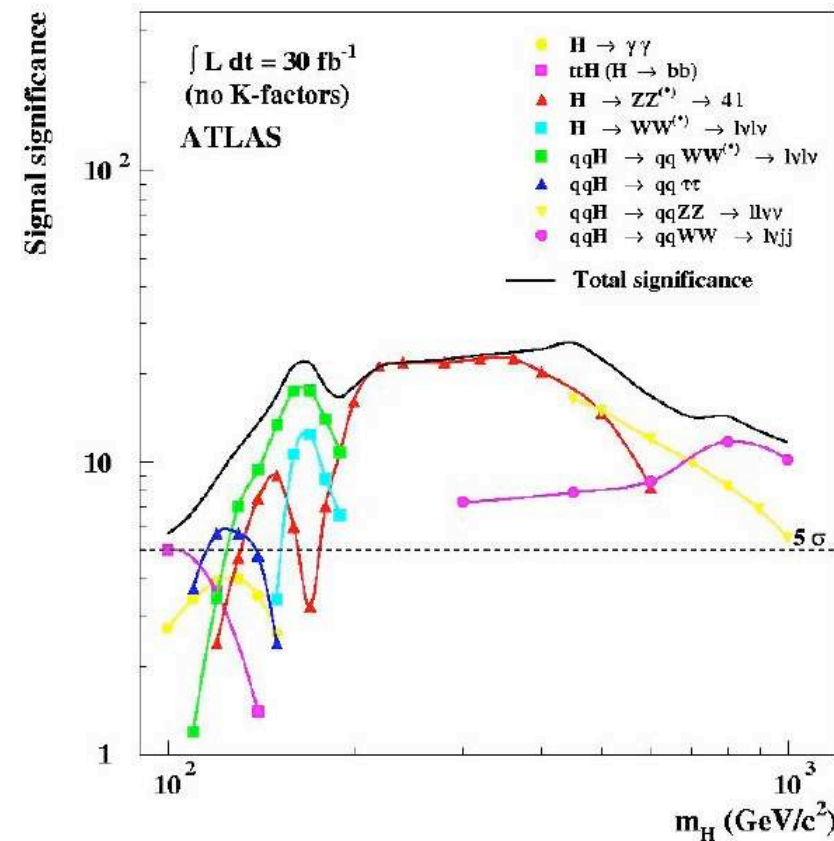
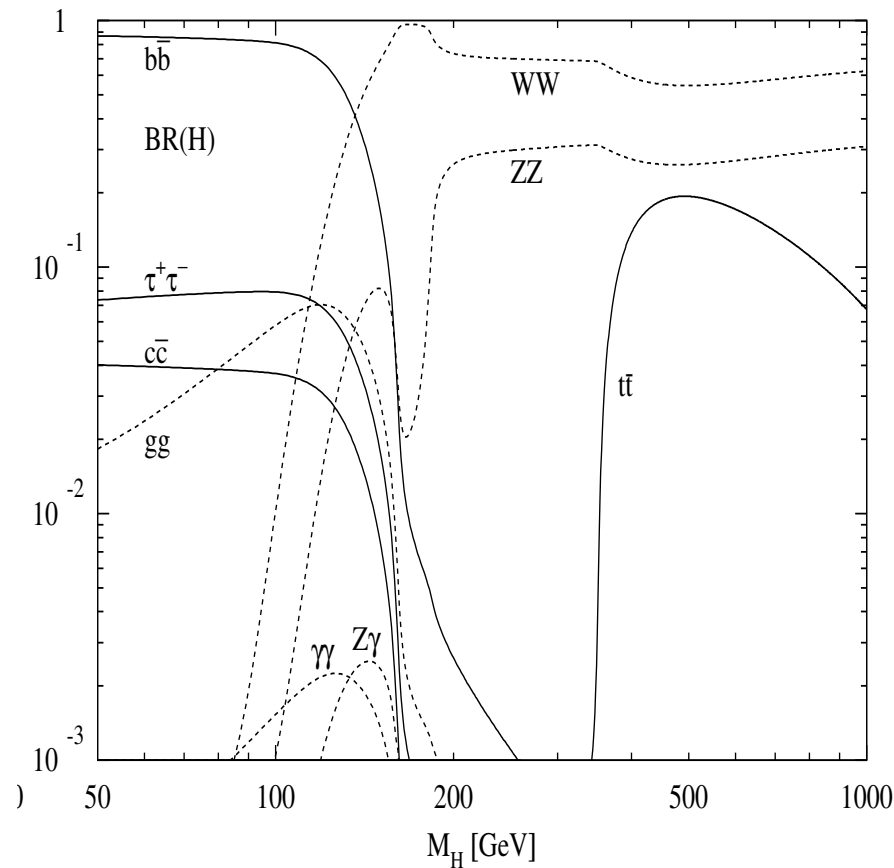
Observable	1st miss cones at	Last meaningful order
Inclusive jet cross section	NNLO	NLO
3 jet cross section	NLO	LO (NLO in NLOJet)
$W/Z/H + 2$ jet cross sect.	NLO	LO (NLO in MCFM)
jet masses in 3 jets	LO	none (LO in NLOJet)



If you don't want
theoretical efforts
to be wasted!



Z/W+ H ($\rightarrow bb$) rescued ?



\Rightarrow **Light Higgs hard:** $H \rightarrow bb$ dominant, but overwhelmed by background

Conclusion [ATLAS TDR]:

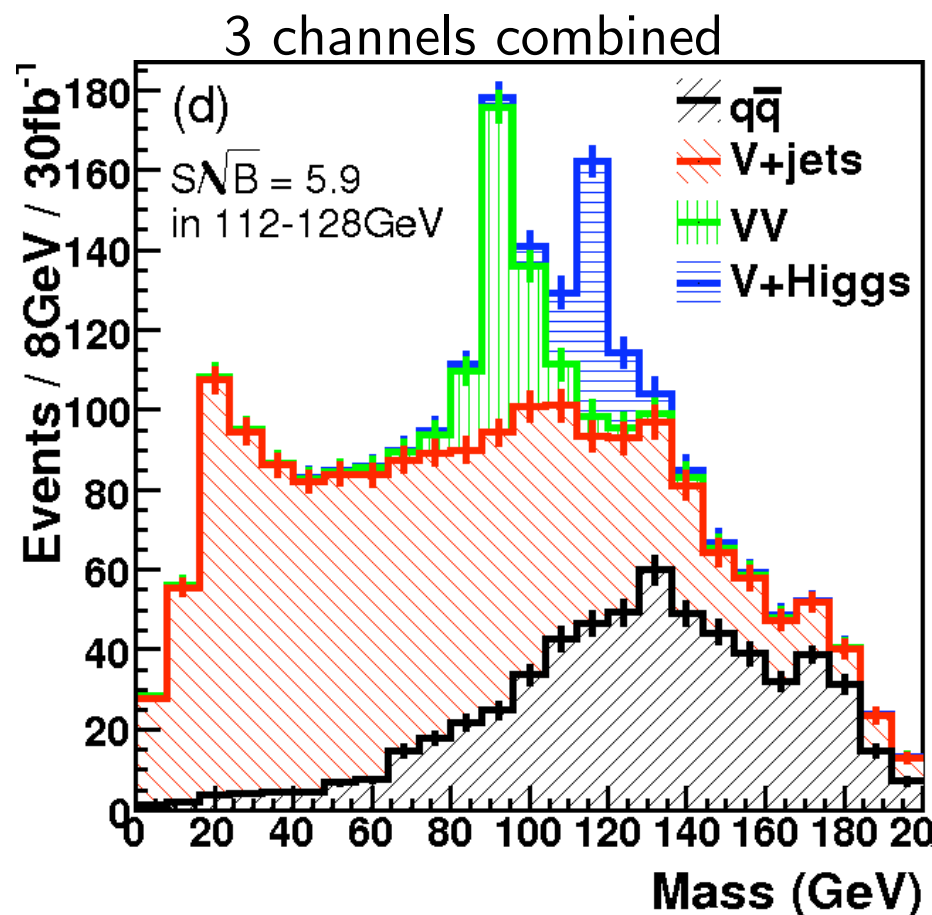
The extraction of a signal from $H \rightarrow bb$ decays in the WH channel will be very difficult at the LHC even under the most optimistic assumptions [...]



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Boosted Higgs at high p_t : central decay products \Rightarrow single massive jet

Use **jet-finding geared to identify the characteristic structure of fast-moving Higgs** that decays into a bb -pair close in angle



► with common & channel specific cuts:

$p_{tV}, p_{tH} > 200\text{GeV}$, ...

► real/fake b-tag rate: 0.7/0.01

► NB: very neat peak for WZ ($Z \rightarrow bb$)

Important for calibration

Butterworth, Davison, Rubin, Salam '08

5.9 σ at 30 fb⁻¹: VH with $H \rightarrow bb$ recovered as one of the best discovery channels for light Higgs? More (exp) studies to come !

Conclusions

Impressive progress in the last years

- precision in parton densities
- higher orders (LO, NLO, NNLO & resummations)
- jets: many new ideas, impressive level of sophistication
- ... [much more, I did not have time to mention]

Progress driven by

- automation/flexibility/public codes
- good communication with experimentalists & common papers

Still many challenges ahead but QCD theory will provide solid basis for a successful physics program at the LHC

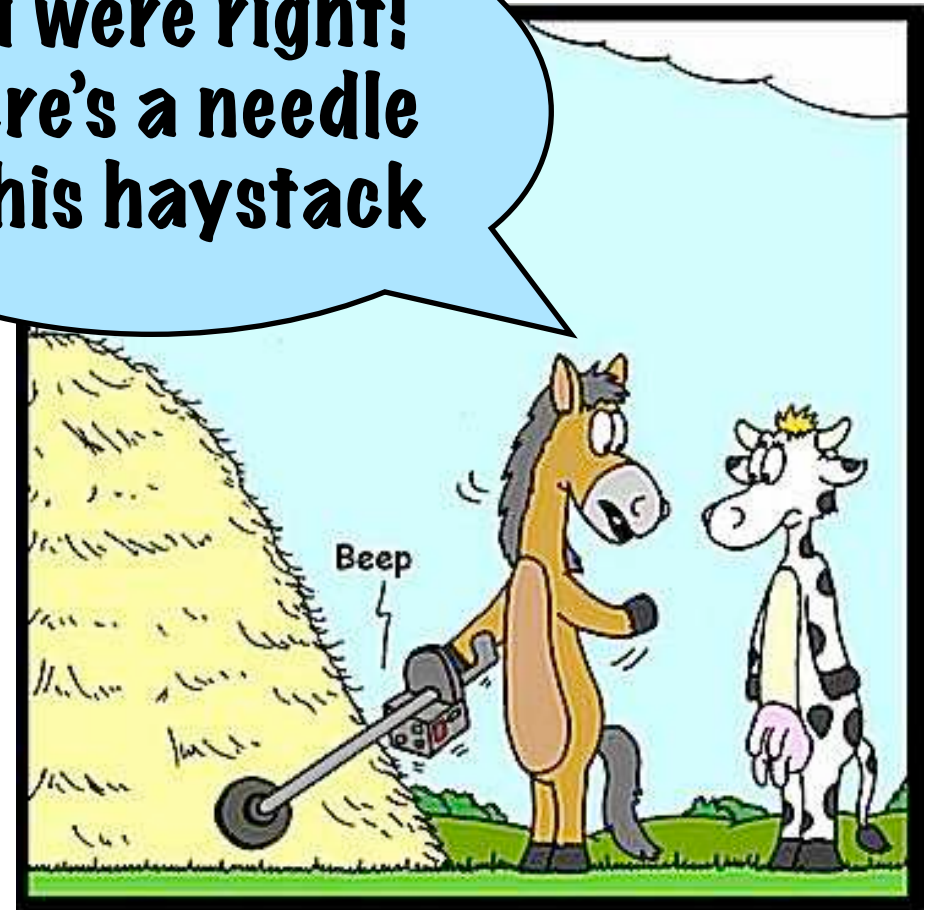
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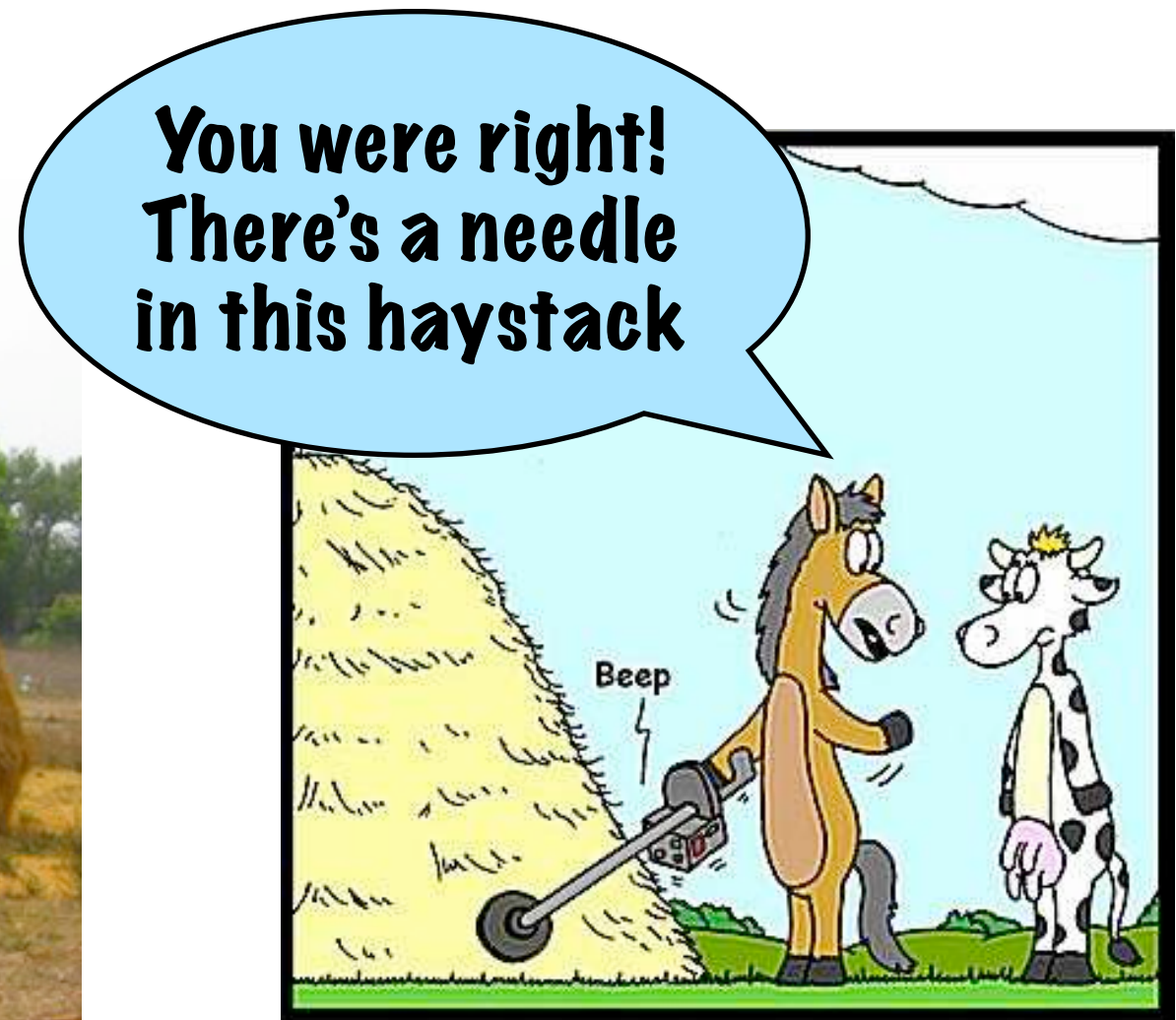


**You were right!
There's a needle
in this haystack**



But at the end, it is all a matter of having the right tools.

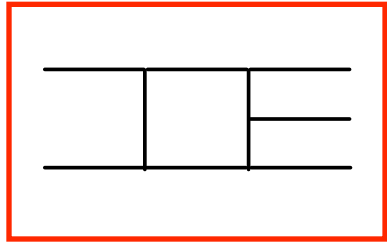
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UNDERSTANDING QCD CRUCIAL TO DEVELOP THE RIGHT TOOLS!

Extra Slides



NLO + parton shower

Combine best features:

Get correct rates (NLO) and hadron-level description of events (PS)
Difficult because need exact NLO subtraction and remove it from PS

Working LHC examples:

► MC@NLO

- W/Z boson production
- WW, WZ, ZZ production
- inclusive Higgs production
- heavy quark production
- single-top

Frixione&Webber '02 and later refs.

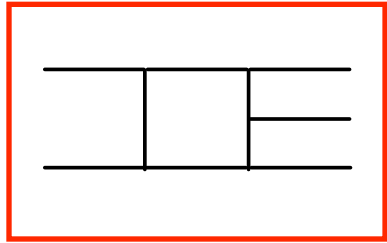
► POWHEG

- ZZ production
- heavy quark production
- W/Z production
- Higgs, single top ... in progress

Nason '04 and later refs.

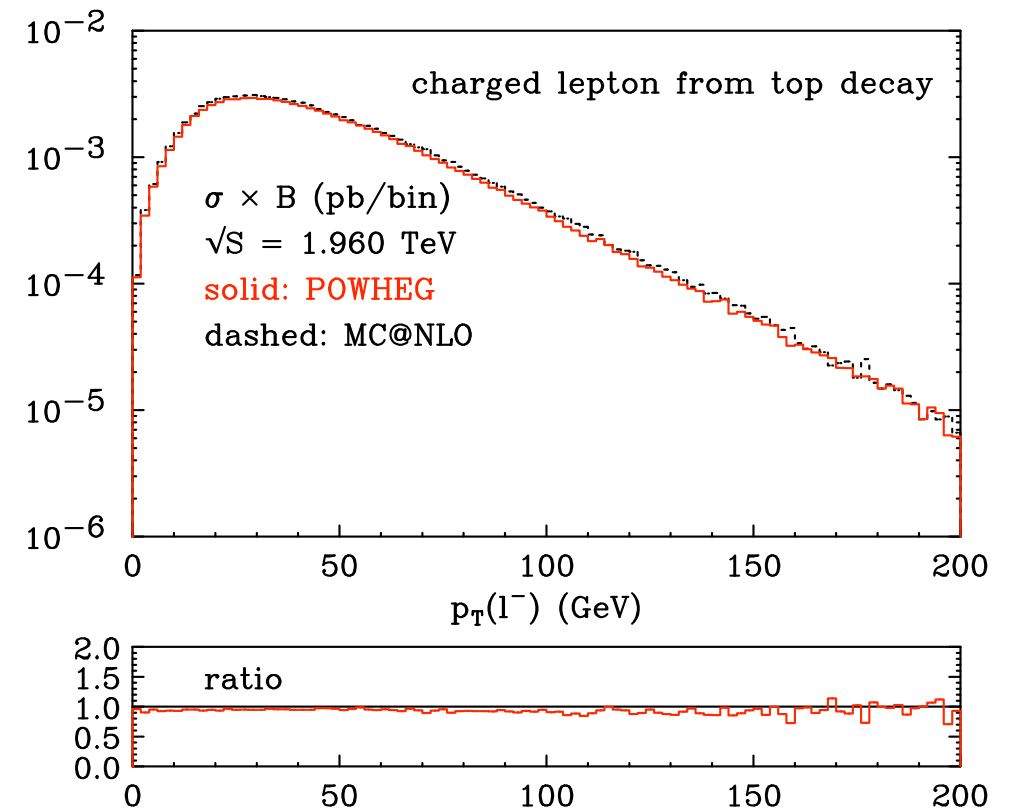
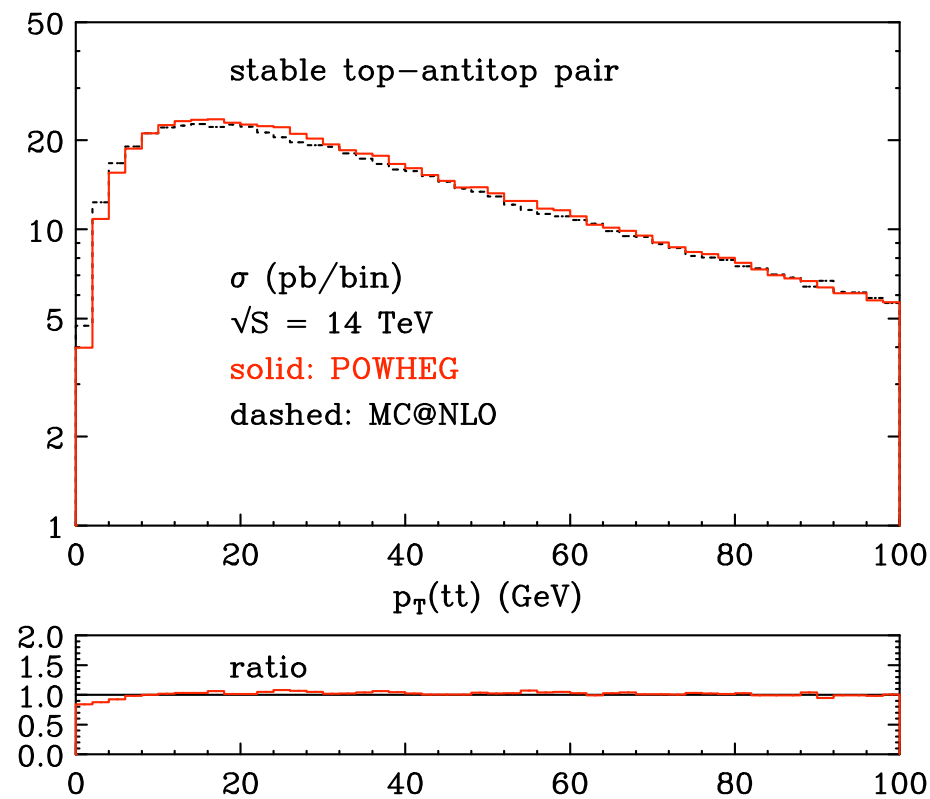
Other recent progress:

Shower with quantum interference [Nagy, Soper], Geneve (SCET) [Bauer, Schwartz, Tackmann], Vincia (antenna factorization) [Giele et al.], Dipole factorization [Schumann]



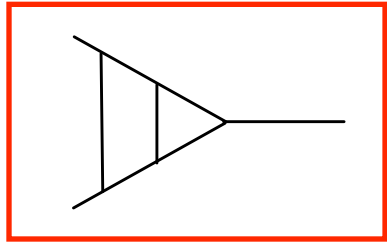
MC@NLO vs PowHeg

Top pair production:



Frixione, Nason, Ridolfi '07

⇒ excellent agreement for all observables considered
(difference = different treatment of higher order terms)



$t\bar{t}$ cross-section at the LHC

- ☒ $t\bar{t}$ cross-section at NLO
 - ▶ scale uncertainty $\mathcal{O}(11\%)$
 - ▶ PDF & m_t uncertainty $\mathcal{O}(2-3\%)$
Dawson, Ellis, Nason '88; Beenakker '89

- ☐ experimental goal $\mathcal{O}(5\%)$

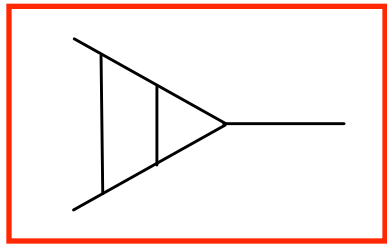
Need NNLO!

Similar aim:

WW cross section at NNLO

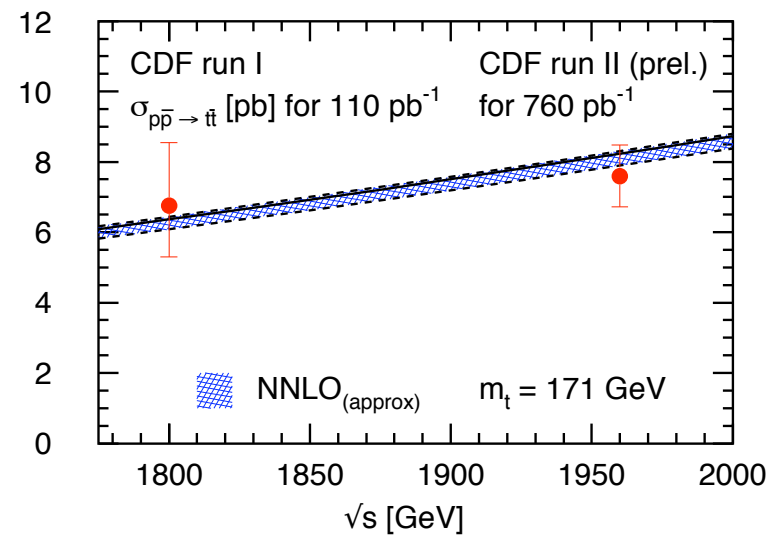
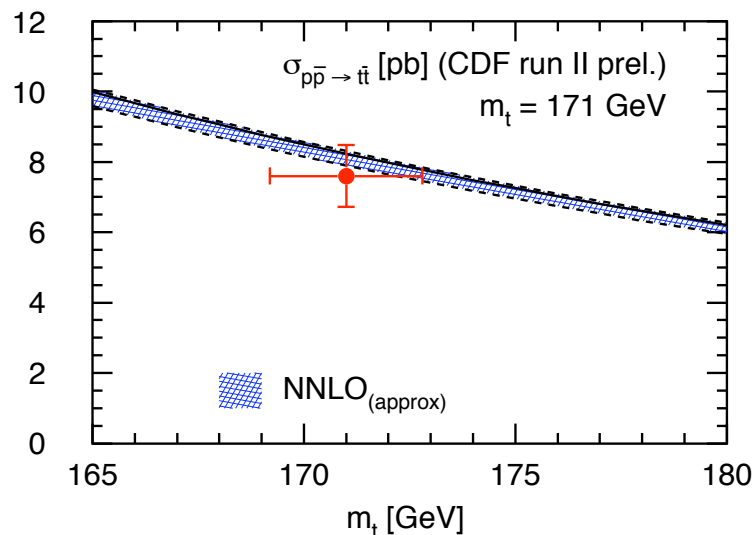
- ☐ **Pinning down the $t\bar{t}$ cross-section**

- ✓ NLO + NLL resummed threshold corrections
Cacciari, Frixione, Mangano, Nason, Ridolfi '08
- ✓ two-loop virtual $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ and $g\bar{g} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ at $\mathcal{O}(m_t^2/s)$
Czakon, Mitov, Moch '07, '08
- ✓ full mass dependence at two-loops for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$
Czakon '08
- ✓ NNLO_{approx} (threshold logs + Coulomb + scale variation)
Moch, Uwer '08; also Kidonakis, R.Vogt '08
- ✓ analytic two-loop fermionic corrections for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$
Bonciani, Ferroglia, Gehrmann, Maitre, Studerus '08
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Koerner, Merebashvili, Rogal '08

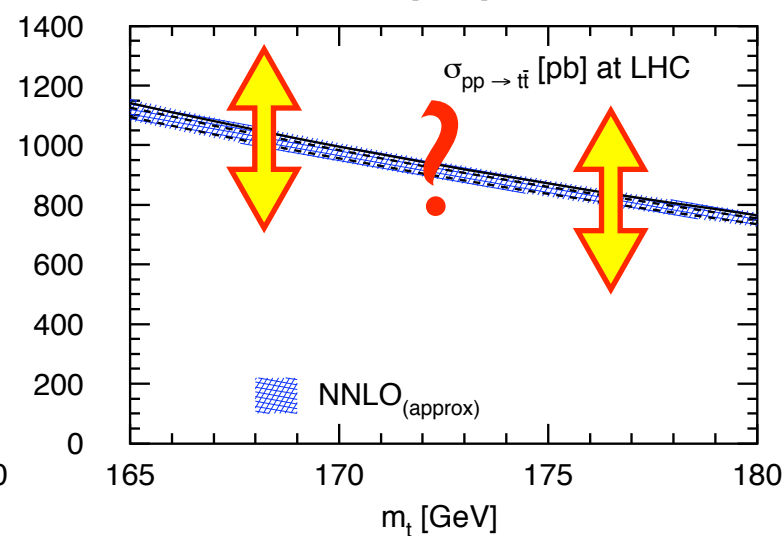
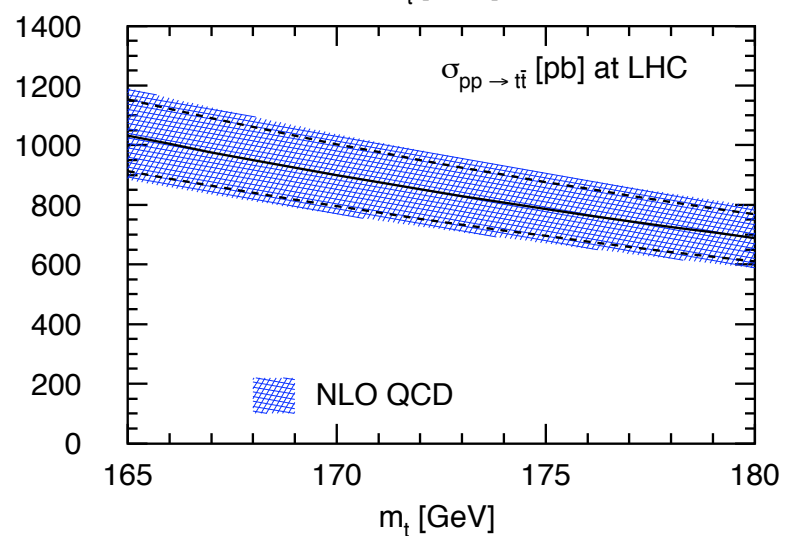


Towards NNLO $t\bar{t}$

Moch, Uwer '08



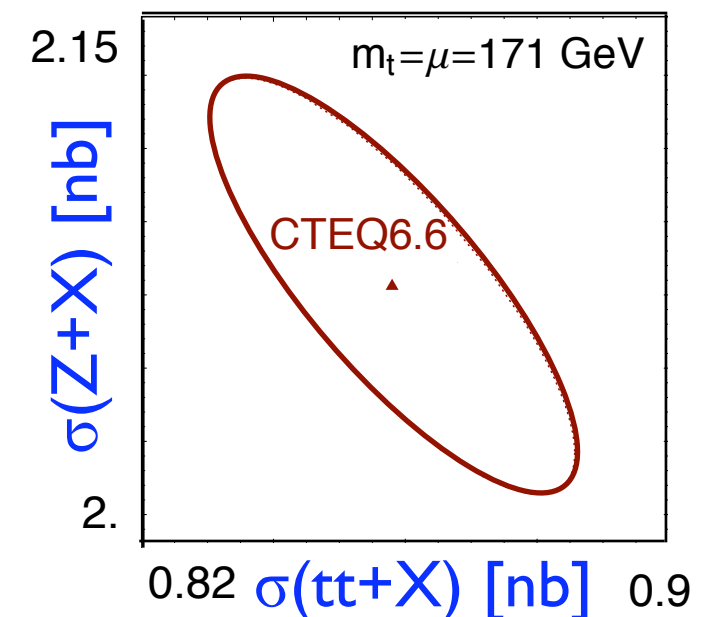
NB: band = simultaneous variation of μ_F and μ_R



- m_t from $t\bar{t}$ cross-section?
- $t\bar{t}$ promoted to luminosity monitor?

NB: PDFs in $t\bar{t}$ anti-correlated to W/Z

Nadolsky et al. '08

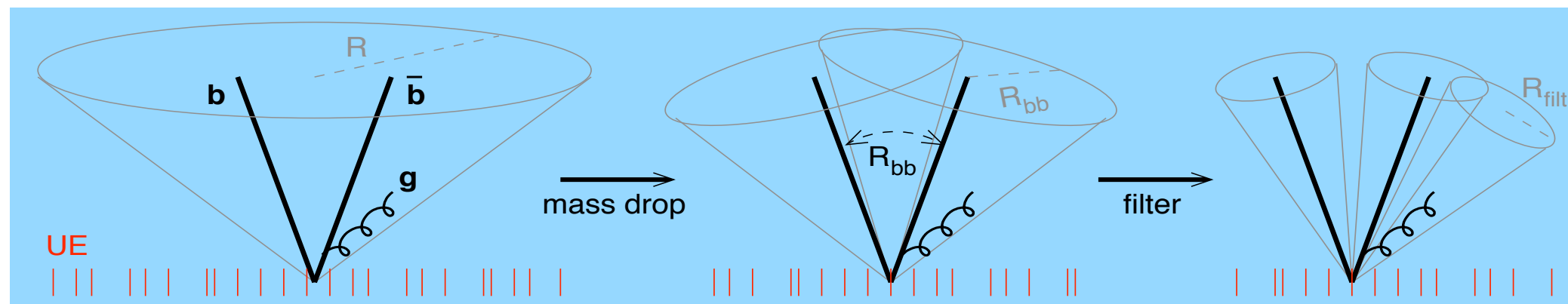




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Boosted Higgs at high p_t : central decay products \Rightarrow single massive jet

Use **jet-finding** geared to identify the characteristic structure of **fast-moving Higgs** that decays into a bb -pair close in angle



1. **cluster** the event with e.g. CA algo and large-ish R
2. undo last recomb: **large mass drop** + symmetric + b tags
3. **filter** away the UE: take only the 3 hardest sub-jets

Related ideas for 2- and 3-body decays (boosted tops): Butterworth, Cox & Forshaw; Butterworth, Ellis & Raklev; Skiba & Tucker-Smith; Hodom; Baur; Agashe et al; Lille, Randall & Wang; Contino & Servant; Brooijmans; Thaler & Wang; Kaplan et al.; Almeida et al. [...]



Quality measures of jets

Suppose you are searching for a heavy state ($H \rightarrow gg, Z' \rightarrow qq, \dots$)

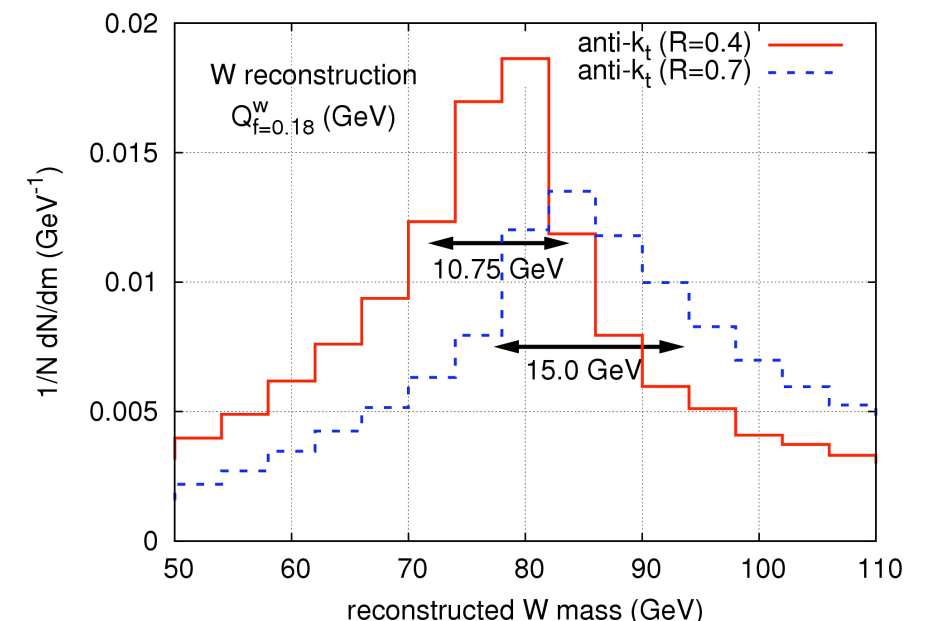
The object is reconstructed through its decay products

\Rightarrow Which jet algorithm (JA) is best? Does the choice of R matter?

Define: $Q_f^w(JA, R) \equiv$ width of the smallest mass window that contains a fraction f of the generated massive objects

- good algo \Leftrightarrow small $Q_f^w(JA, R)$
- ratios of $Q_f^w(JA, R)$: mapped to ratios of effective luminosity (with same S/\sqrt{B})

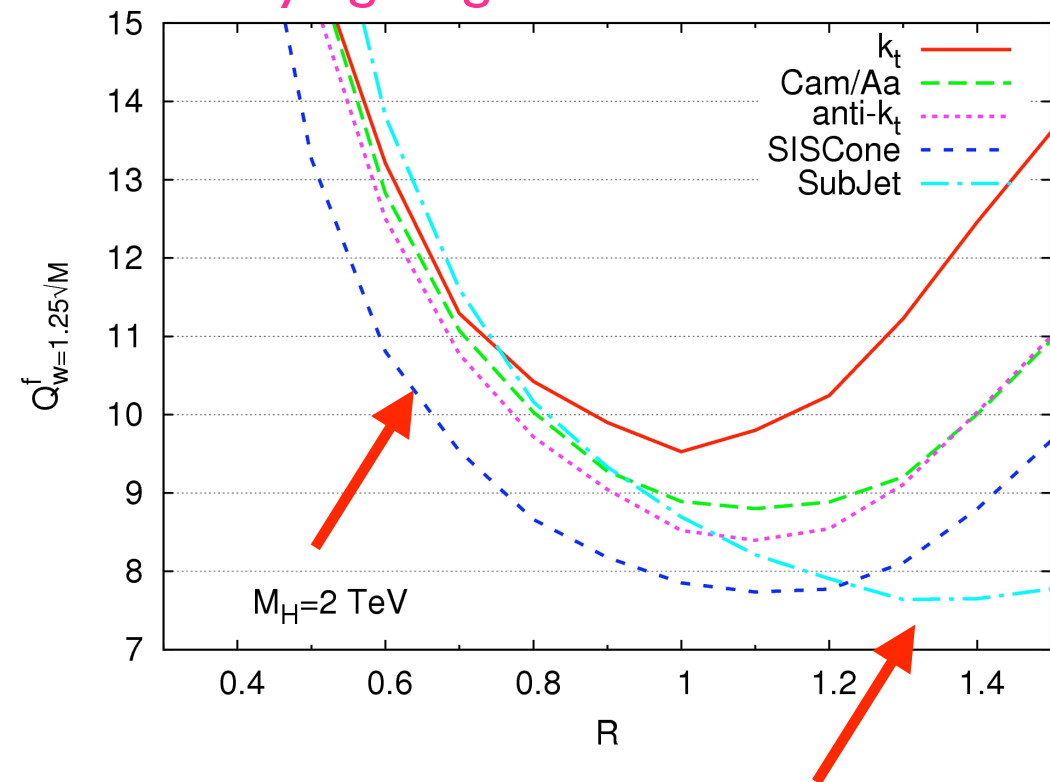
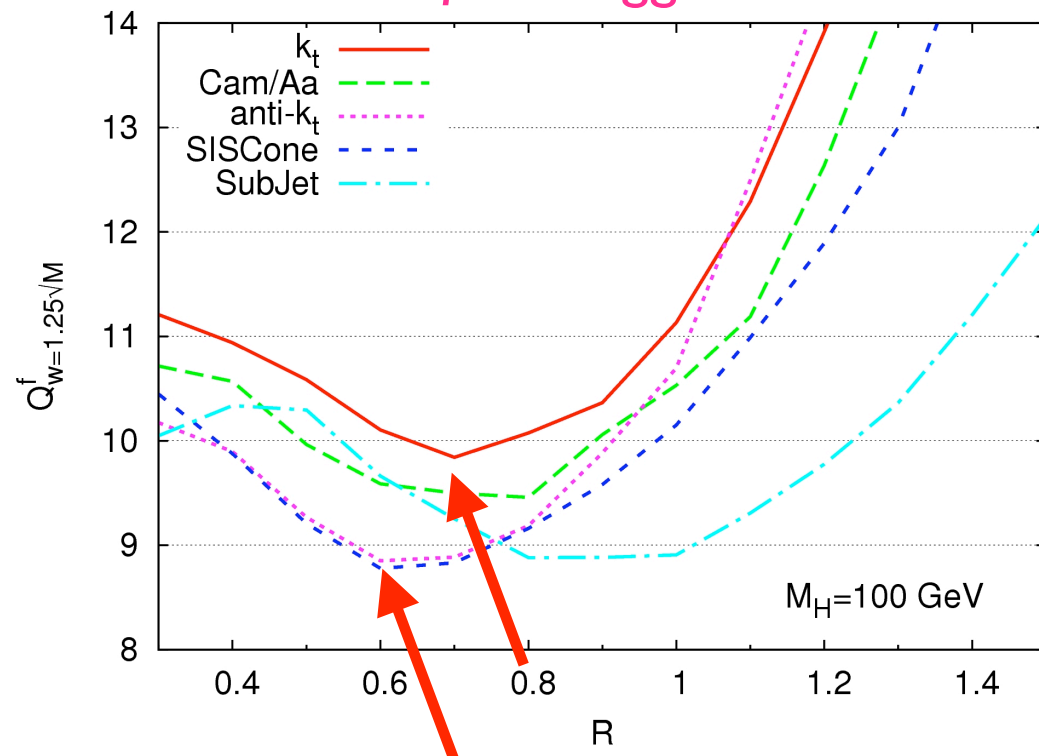
$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \rho_{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{L}_1 \quad \rho_{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{Q_z^f(JA_2, R_2)}{Q_z^f(JA_1, R_1)}$$





Quality measures: sample results

NB: Here “fake Higgs” = narrow resonance decaying to gluons



- At 100GeV: use a Tevatron standard algo (k_t , $R=0.7$) instead of best choice (SISCone, $R=0.6 \Rightarrow$ lose $\rho_{\mathcal{L}} = 0.8$ in effective luminosity
- At 2 TeV: use $M_Z=100$ GeV best choice (or k_t) instead CAfilt, $R=0.9 \Rightarrow$ lose $\rho_{\mathcal{L}} = 0.6$ in effective luminosity

*A good choice of jet-algorithm does matter!
Bad choice of algo \Leftrightarrow lost in discrimination power!*