

# Theory challenges for the LHC

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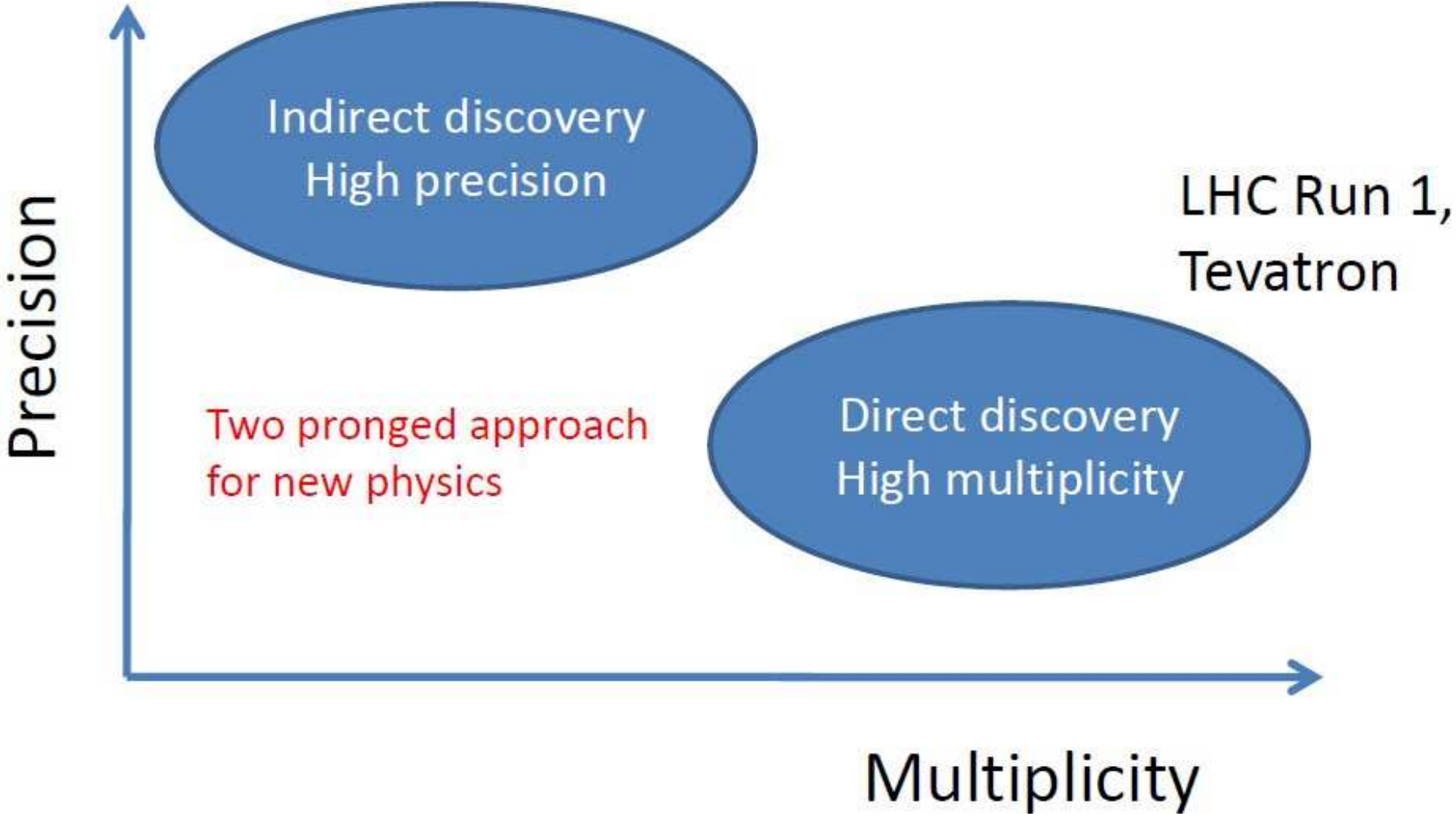


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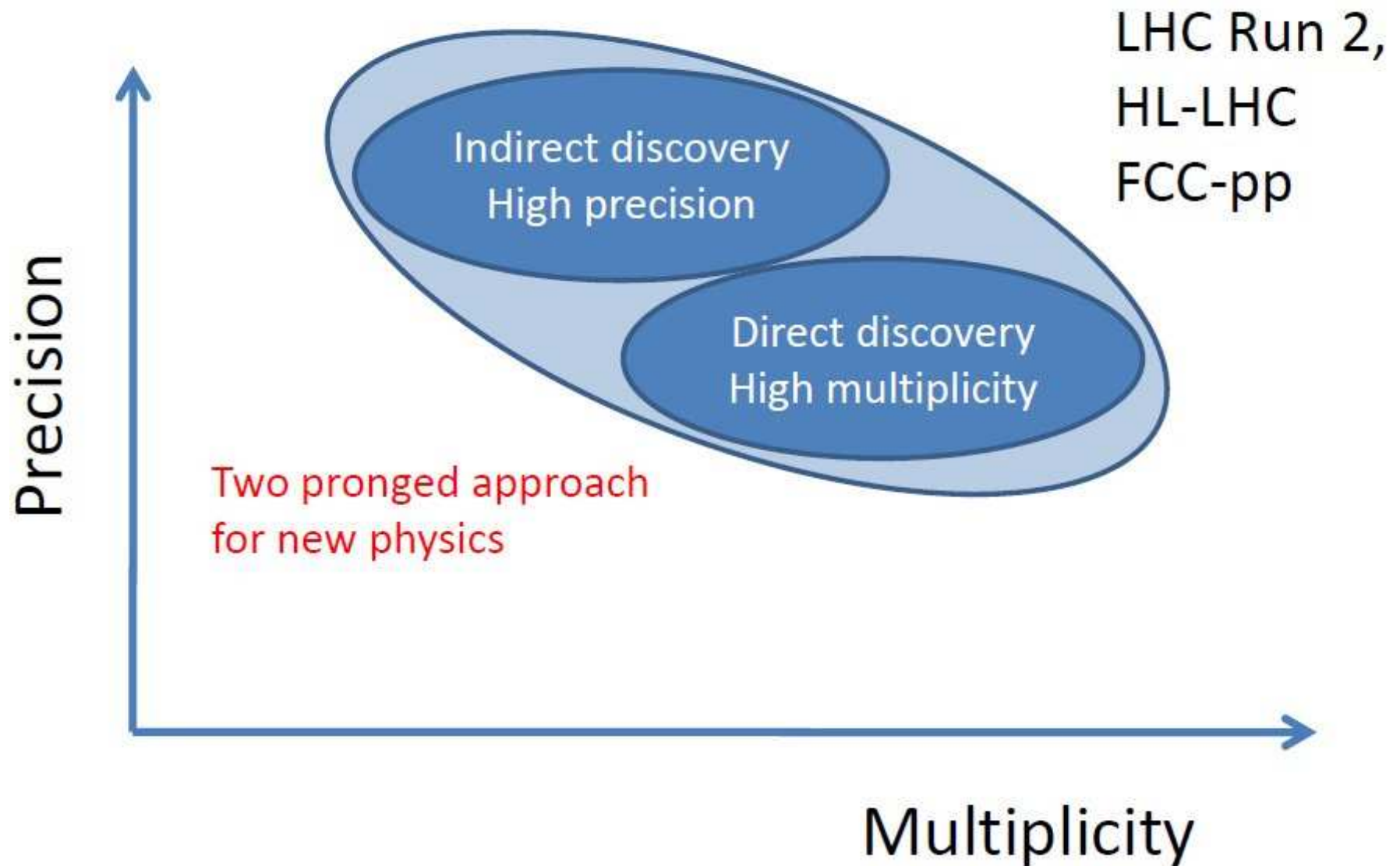
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g-2, LEP, B factory, H factory,....



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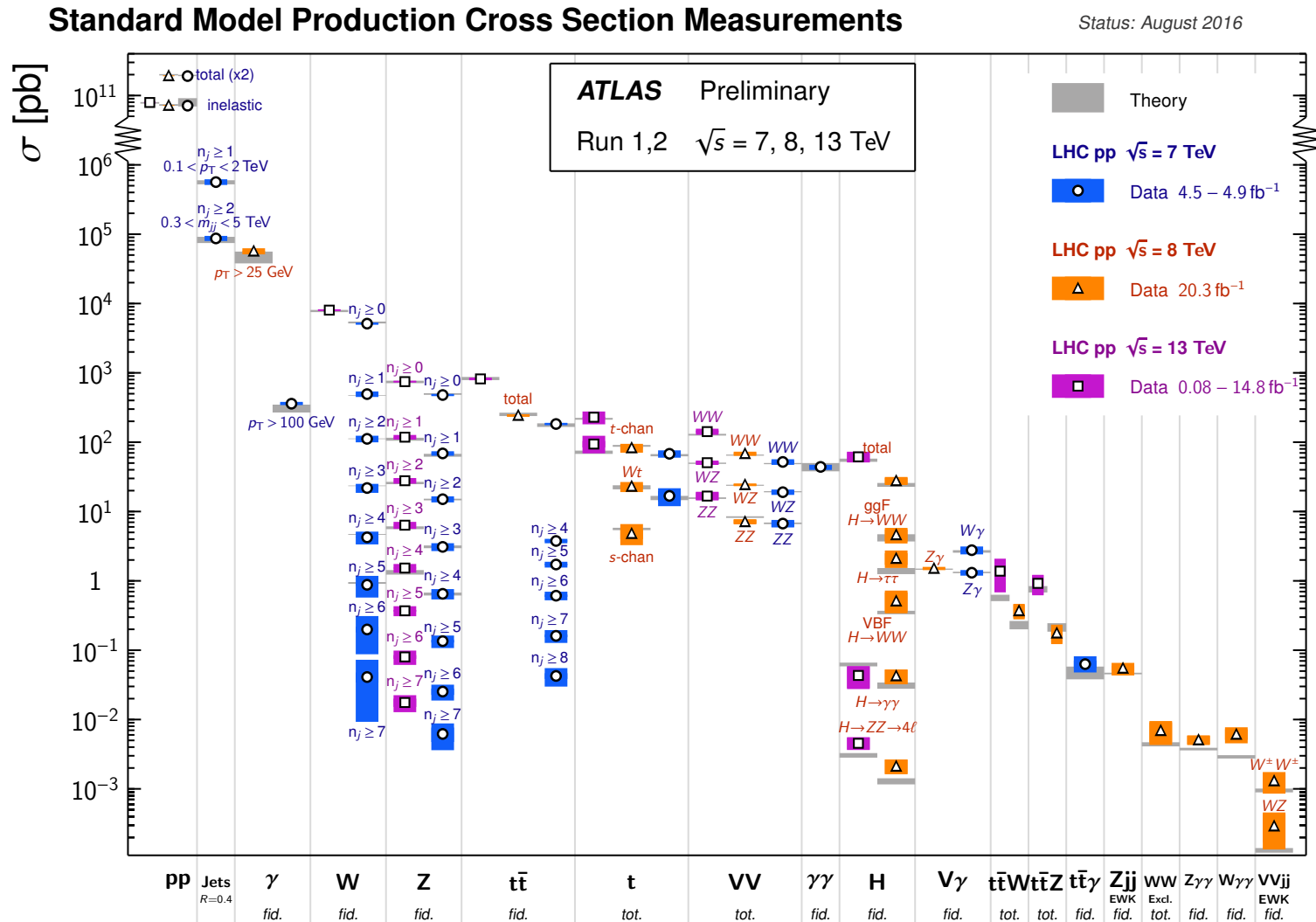
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# The challenge from the LHC

- ✓ Everything (signals, backgrounds, luminosity measurement) involves QCD
- ✓ Strong coupling is not small:  $\alpha_s(M_Z) \sim 0.12$  and running is important
  - events have high multiplicity of hard partons
  - each hard parton fragments into a cluster of collimated particles jet
  - higher order perturbative corrections can be large
  - theoretical uncertainties can be large
- ✓ Processes can involve multiple energy scales: e.g.  $p_T^W$  and  $M_W$ 
  - may need resummation of large logarithms
- ✓ Parton/hadron transition introduces further issues, but for suitable (infrared safe) observables these effects can be minimised
  - importance of infrared safe jet definition
  - accurate modelling of underlying event, hadronisation, ...
- ✓ ✓ Nevertheless, excellent agreement between theory and experiment over a wide range of observables

# Cross Sections at the LHC

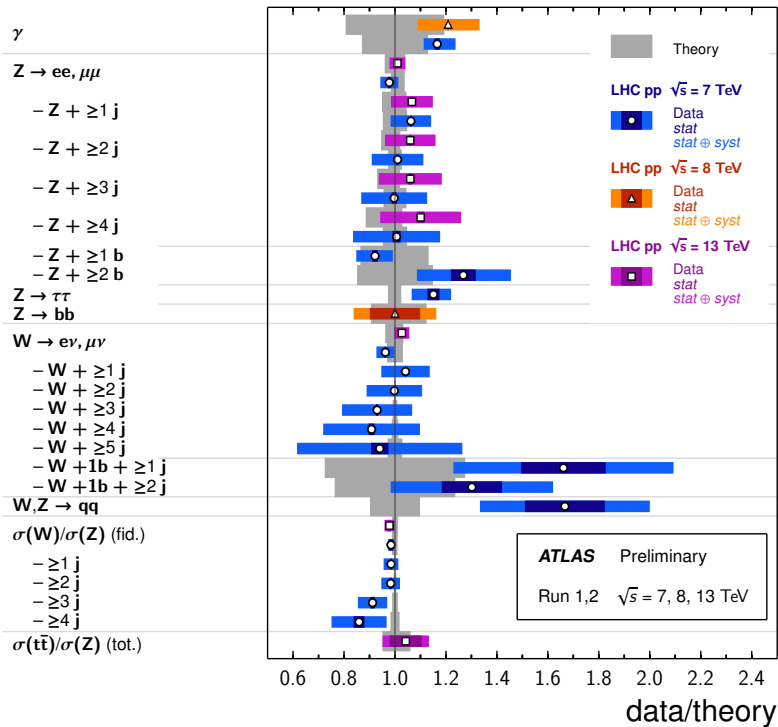


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# Discrepancies with data?

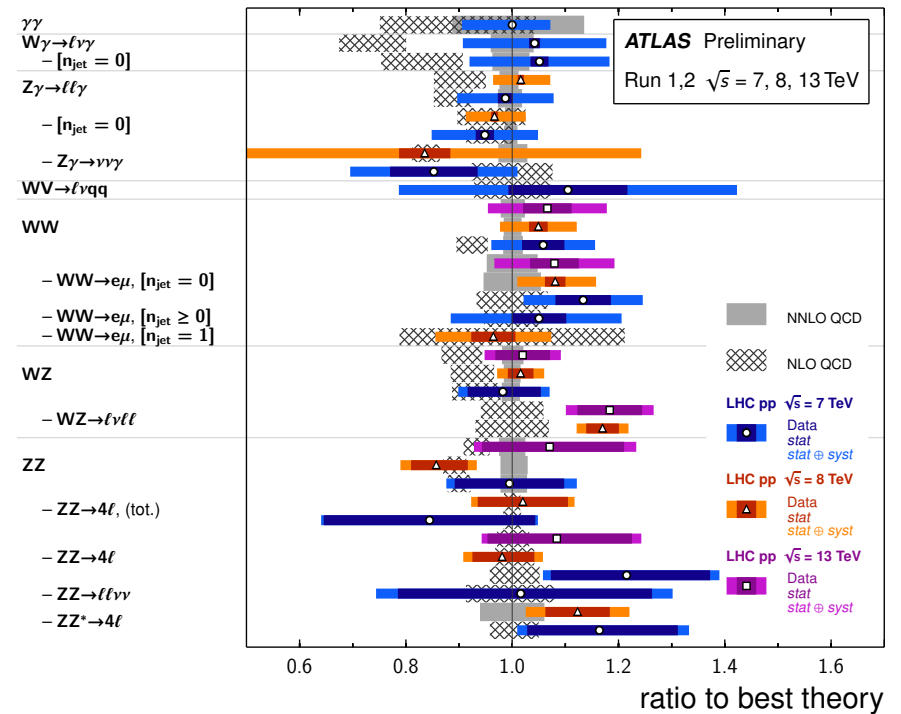
## Vector Boson + X Cross Section Measurements

Status: August 2016



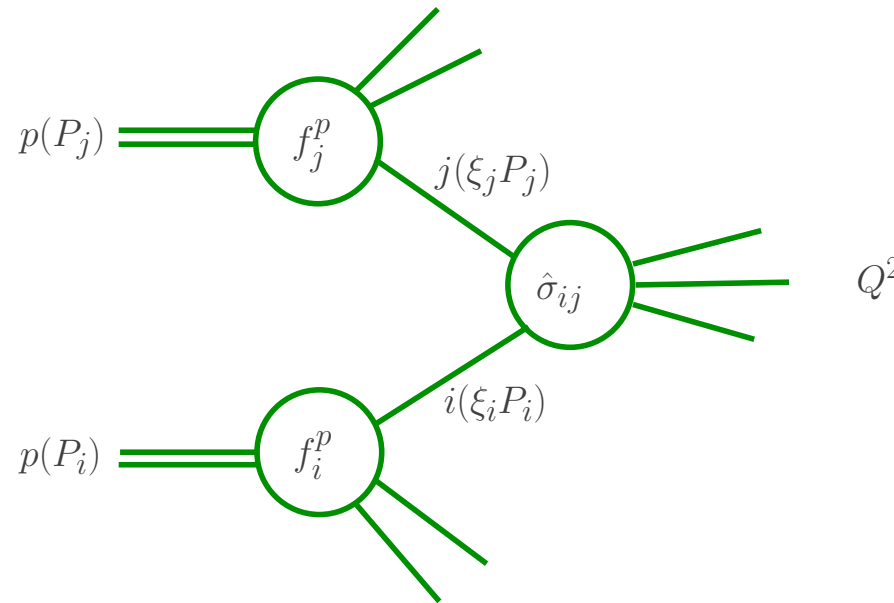
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No BSM discovered yet... but plenty of **BNLO**

# Theoretical Framework



$$\sigma(Q^2) = \int \sum_{i,j} d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}(\alpha_s(\mu_R), \mu_R^2/Q^2, \mu_F^2/Q^2) \otimes f_i^p(\mu_F) \otimes f_j^p(\mu_F) \quad \left[ +\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{Q^2}\right) \right]$$

- ✓ partonic cross sections  $d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$
- ✓ running coupling  $\alpha_s(\mu_R)$
- ✓ parton distributions  $f_i(x, \mu_F)$
- ✓ renormalization/factorization scale  $\mu_R, \mu_F$
- ✓ jet algorithm + parton shower + hadronisation model + underlying event + ...

# Theoretical Uncertainties

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- **Missing Higher Order corrections (MHO)**
  - truncation of the perturbative series
  - often estimated by scale variation - renormalisation/factorisation
  - ✓ systematically improvable by inclusion of higher orders
  - ✓ systematically improvable by resummation of large logs
- **Uncertainties in input parameters**
  - parton distributions
  - masses, e.g.,  $m_W$ ,  $m_h$ , [ $m_t$ ]
  - couplings, e.g.,  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
  - ✓ systematically improvable by better description of benchmark processes
- **Uncertainties in parton/hadron transition**
  - fragmentation (parton shower)
  - ✓ systematically improvable by matching/merging with higher orders
  - (✓ ) improvable by estimation of non-perturbative effects
    - hadronisation (model)
    - underlying event (tunes)

**Goal:** Reduce theory uncertainties by a **factor of two** compared to where we are now in next decade

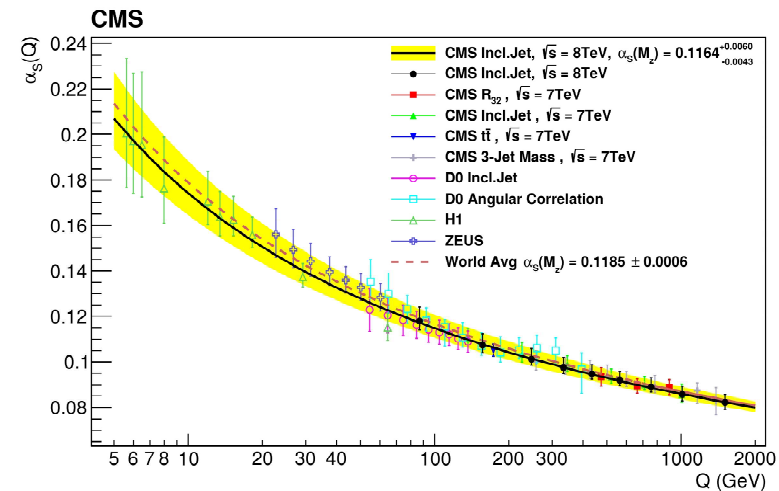


# The strong coupling

## World Average

Year	$\alpha_s(M_Z)$
2008	$0.1176 \pm 0.0009$
2012	$0.1184 \pm 0.0007$
2014	$0.1185 \pm 0.0006$
2016	$0.1181 \pm 0.0011$

- ✓ Average of wide variety of measurements
  - ✓  $\tau$ -decays
  - ✓  $e^+e^-$  annihilation
  - ✓  $Z$  resonance fits
  - ✓ DIS
  - ✓ Lattice
- ✓ Generally stable to choice of measurements



- ✓ Impressive demonstration of running of  $\alpha_s$  past  $O(1 \text{ TeV})$
- ✓ ... but some **outlier** values from global PDF fits, e.g.,
  - $\alpha_s(M_Z) \sim 0.1136 \pm 0.0004$  JR14
  - $\alpha_s(M_Z) \sim 0.1132 \pm 0.0011$  ABM14
  - $\alpha_s(M_Z) \sim 0.1147 \pm 0.0008$  ABMP16
- ➡ Still need to understand uncertainty and make more precise determination

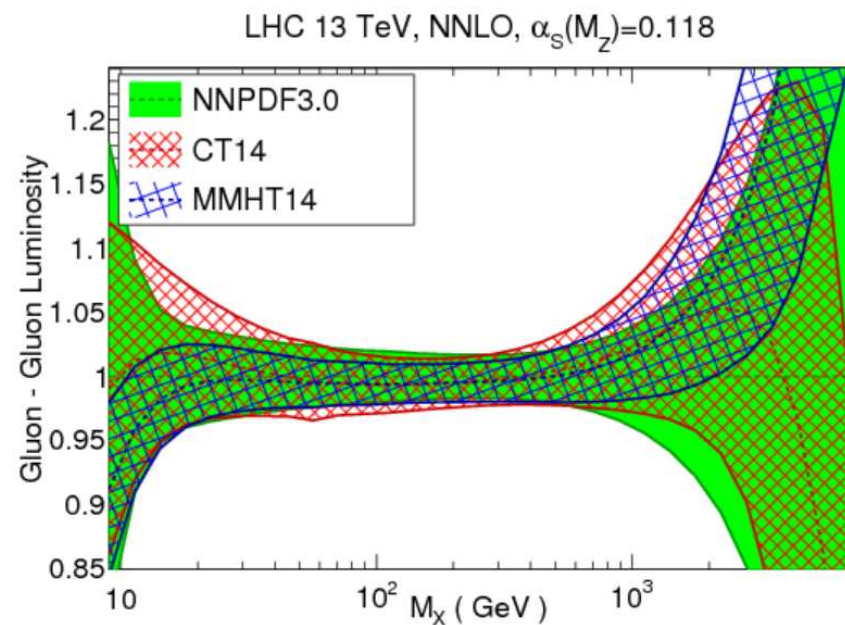
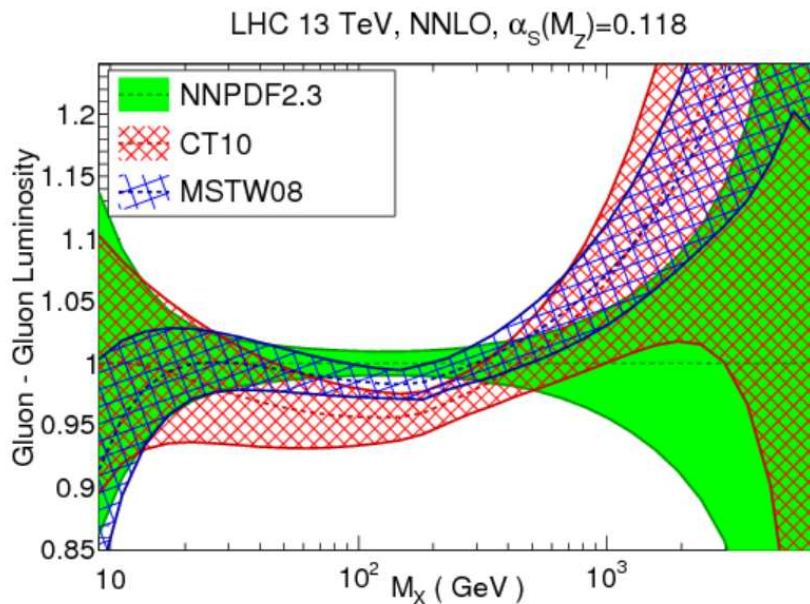
1% on  $\alpha_s$  ➡ n% on process of  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n)$

# Parton Distribution Functions

All fits NNLO

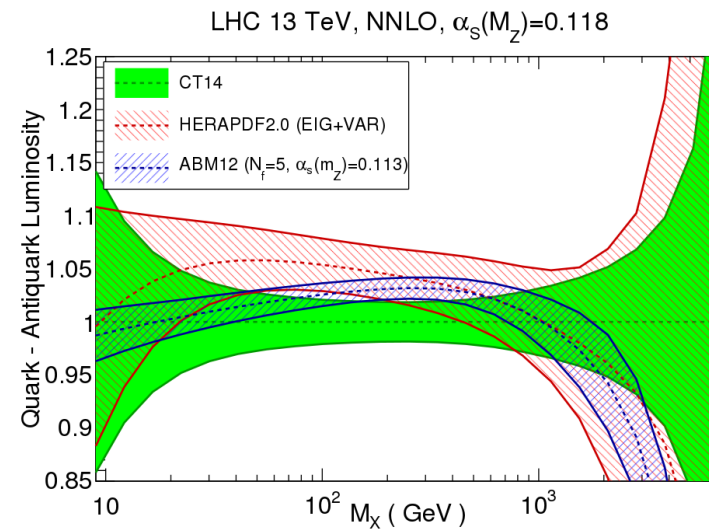
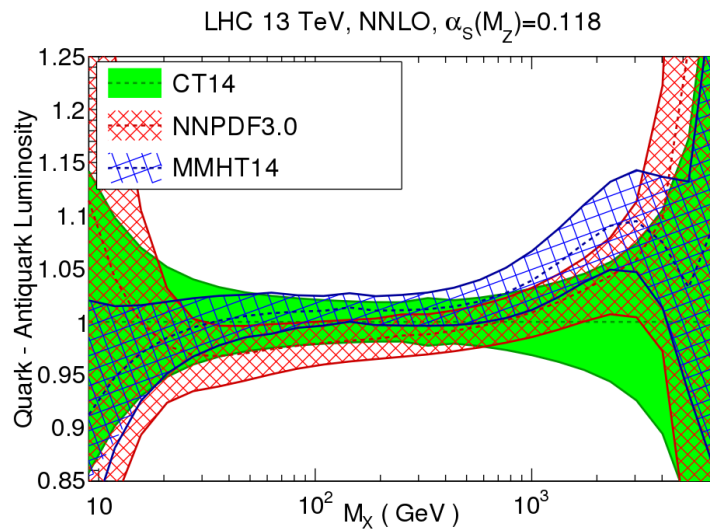
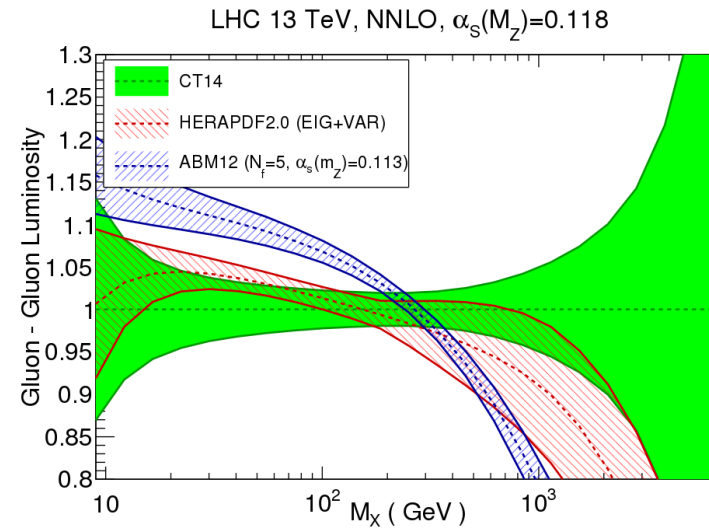
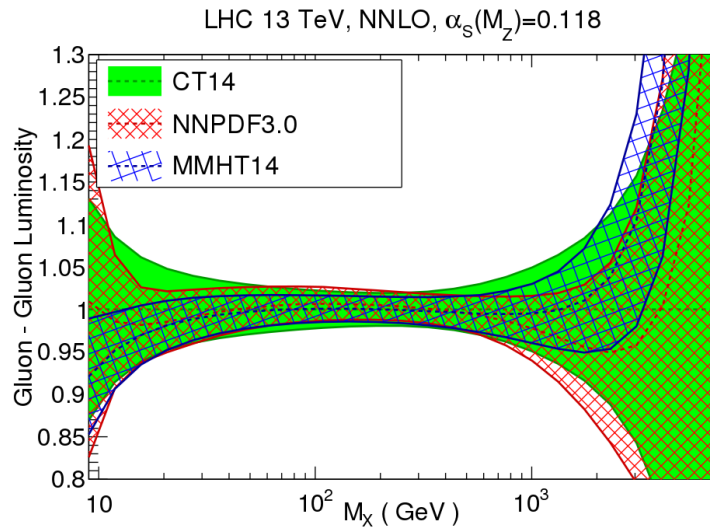
Set	DIS	DY	jets	LHC	errors
MMHT14	✓	✓	✓	✓	hessian
CT14	✓	✓	✓	✓	hessian
NNPDF3.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	Monte Carlo
HeraPDF2.0	✓	✗	✗	✗	hessian
ABM14 (ABMP16)	✓	✓	✓	✗ (✓)	hessian
JR14	✓	✓	✓	✗	hessian

✓ Clear reduction in gluon-gluon luminosity for  $M_X \sim 125$  GeV



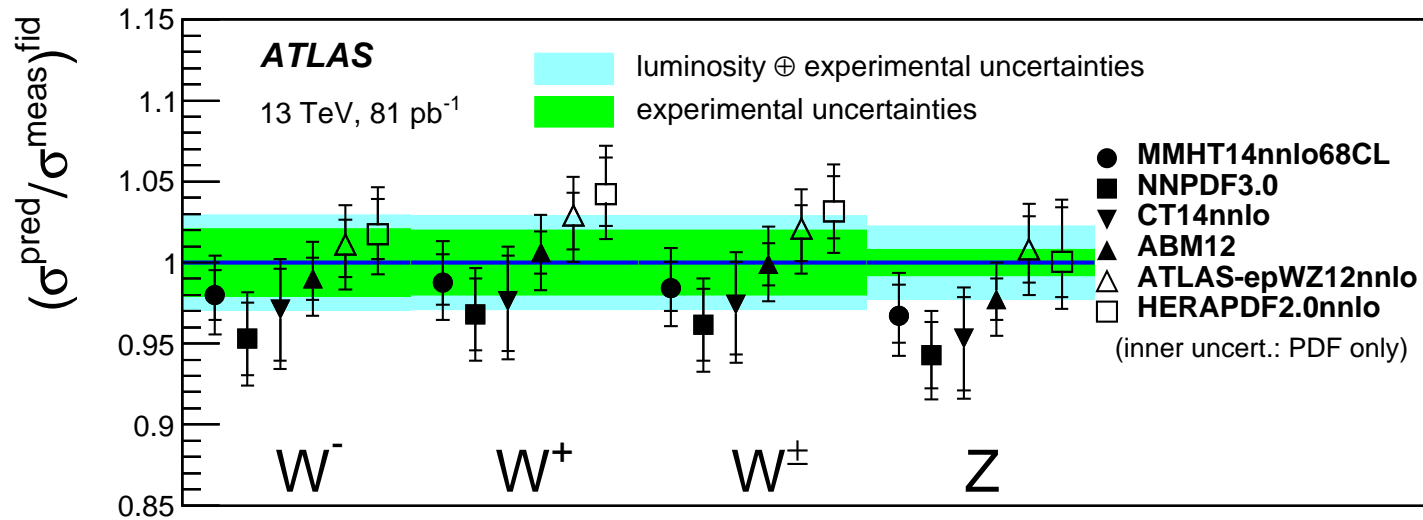
✓ ... with commensurate reduction in uncertainty on Higgs cross section

# Parton Distribution Functions



but still differences of opinion

# Parton Distribution Functions



and disagreements even for the best measured cross sections

sensitivity to inputs into the PDF fits

- ✓ strange content of proton
- ✓ mass of charm quark

# Partonic cross sections

$$\hat{\sigma} \sim \alpha_s^n \left( \hat{\sigma}^{LO} + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right) \hat{\sigma}_{QCD}^{NLO} + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^2 \hat{\sigma}_{QCD}^{NNLO} + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^3 \hat{\sigma}_{QCD}^{N3LO} + \dots \right. \\ \left. + \left( \frac{\alpha_W}{2\pi} \right) \hat{\sigma}_{EW}^{NLO} + \left( \frac{\alpha_W}{2\pi} \right) \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right) \hat{\sigma}_{QCD \times EW}^{NNLO} \dots \right)$$

## NLO QCD

- ✓ NLO QCD is the current state of the art

## NNLO QCD

- ✓ provides the first serious estimate of the theoretical uncertainty
- ✓ rapid development with many new results in past couple of years

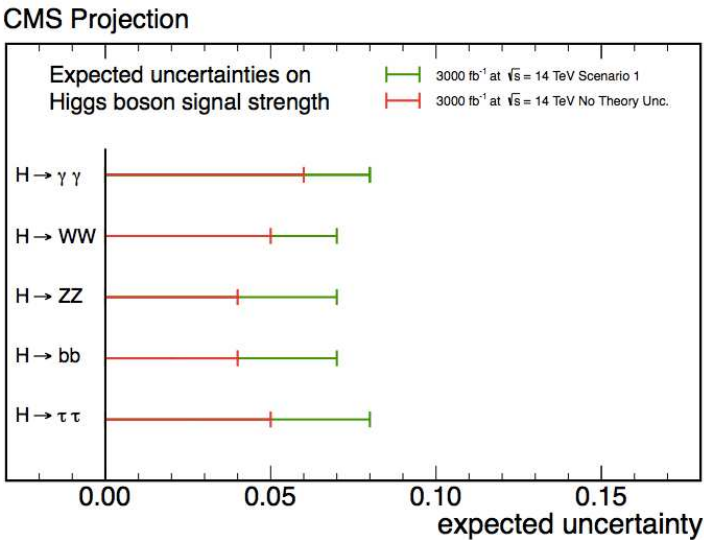
## NLO EW

- ✓ naively similar size to NNLO QCD
- ✓ particularly important at high energies/ $p_T$  and near resonances

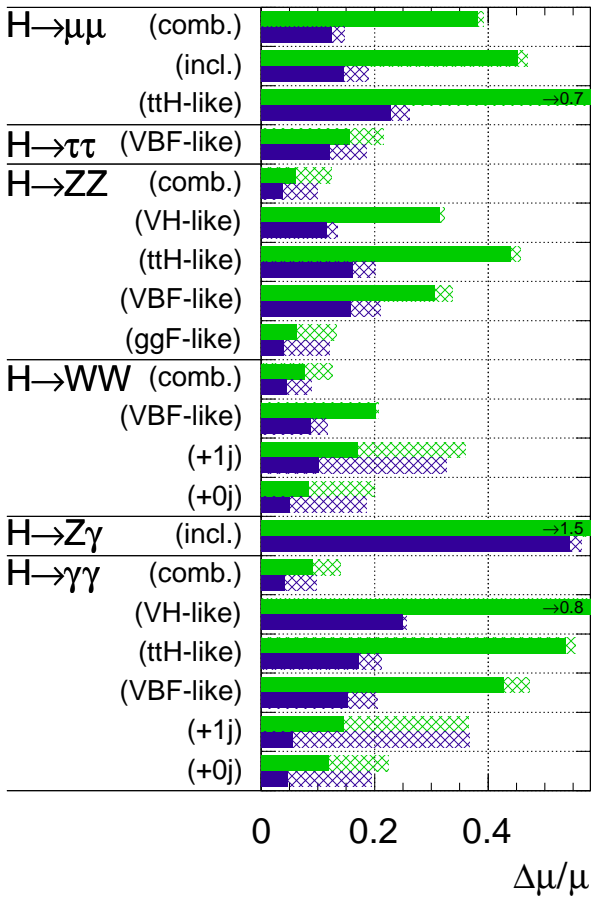
## N3LO QCD

- ✓ recent landmark results for Higgs production

# Motivation for more accurate theoretical calculations



**ATLAS Simulation Preliminary**  
 $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$ :  $\int L dt = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  ;  $\int L dt = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

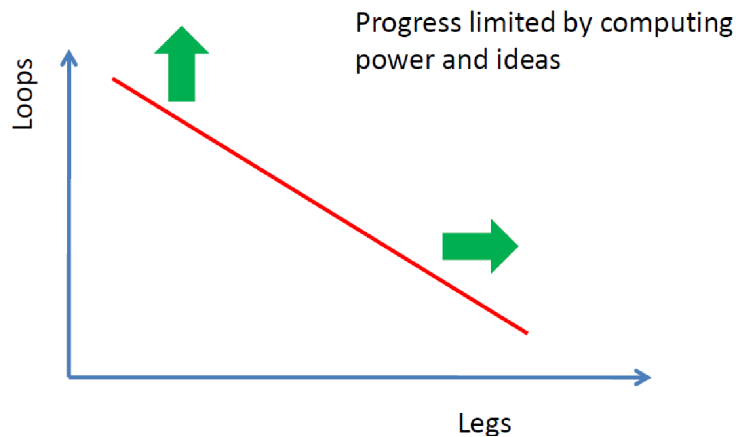


- ✓ Theory uncertainty has big impact on quality of measurement
- ➡ Revised wishlist of theoretical predictions for
  - ✚ Higgs processes
  - ✚ Processes with vector bosons
  - ✚ Processes with top or jets

Les Houches 2015,  
 arXiv:1605.04692

# What is the hold up?

Rough idea of complexity of process  $\sim$  #Loops + #Legs (+ #Scales)



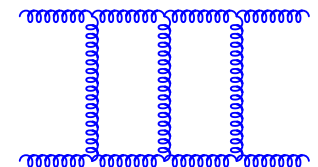
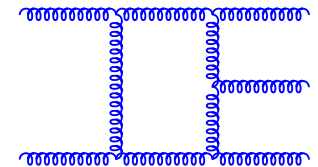
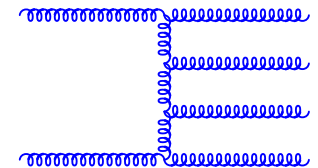
- loop integrals are ultraviolet/infrared divergent
- complicated by extra mass/energy scales
- loop integrals often unknown
  - ✓ completely solved at NLO
- real (tree) contributions are infrared divergent
- isolating divergences complicated
  - ✓ completely solved at NLO
- currently far from automation
  - ✓ mostly solved at NLO

**Current standard: NLO**

# Anatomy of a Higher Order calculation

e.g. pp to JJ at NNLO

- ✓ double real radiation matrix elements  $d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^{RR}$ 
  - ✚ implicit poles from double unresolved emission
- ✓ single radiation one-loop matrix elements  $d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^{RV}$ 
  - ✚ explicit infrared poles from loop integral
  - ✚ implicit poles from soft/collinear emission
- ✓ two-loop matrix elements  $d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^{VV}$ 
  - ✚ explicit infrared poles from loop integral



$$d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO} \sim \int_{d\Phi_{m+2}} d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^{RR} + \int_{d\Phi_{m+1}} d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^{RV} + \int_{d\Phi_m} d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^{VV}$$



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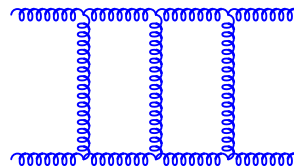
- ✓ Double real and real-virtual contributions used in NLO calculation of  $X+1$  jet



Can exploit NLO automation

... but needs to be evaluated in regions of phase space where extra jet is not resolved

- + Two loop amplitudes - very limited set known



... currently far from automation

- + Method for cancelling explicit and implicit IR poles - overlapping divergences

... currently not automated

# IR cancellation at NNLO

- ✓ The aim is to recast the NNLO cross section in the form

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO} &= \int_{d\Phi_{m+2}} \left[ d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^{RR} - d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^S \right] \\ &+ \int_{d\Phi_{m+1}} \left[ d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^{RV} - d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^T \right] \\ &+ \int_{d\Phi_m} \left[ d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^{VV} - d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^U \right] \end{aligned}$$

where the terms in each of the square brackets is finite, well behaved in the infrared singular regions and can be evaluated numerically.

- ✚ Much more complicated cancellations between the double-real, real-virtual and double virtual contributions
- ✚ intricate overlapping divergences

# NNLO - IR cancellation schemes

Unlike at NLO, we do not have a fully general NNLO IR cancellation scheme

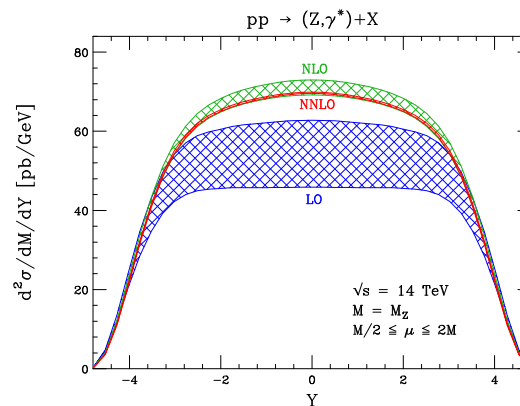
- + Antenna subtraction Gehrmann, Gehrmann-De Ridder, NG (05)
- + Colourful subtraction Del Duca, Somogyi, Trocsanyi (05)
- +  $q_T$  subtraction Catani, Grazzini (07)
- + STRIPPER (sector subtraction) Czakon (10); Boughezal et al (11)  
Czakon, Heymes (14)
- + N-jettiness subtraction Boughezal, Focke, Liu, Petriello (15)  
Gaunt, Stahlhofen, Tackmann, Walsh (15)
- + Projection to Born Cacciari, Dreyer, Karlberg, Salam, Zanderighi (15)

Each method has its advantages and disadvantages

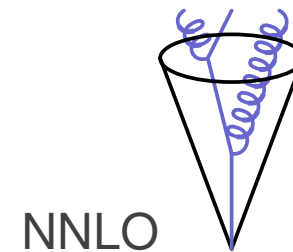
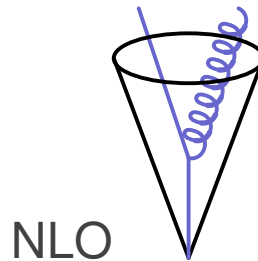
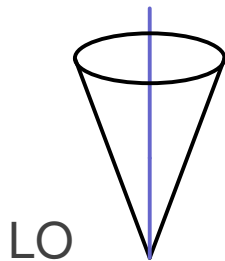
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Antenna	✓	✓	✓	✗	Subtraction
Colourful	✓	✓	✗	✓	Subtraction
$q_T$	✓	✗ (✓)	✓	—	Slicing
STRIPPER	✗	✓	✓	✓	Subtraction
N-jettiness	✓	✓	✓	—	Slicing
P2B	✓	✓	✓	—	Subtraction

# What to expect from NNLO (1)

- ✓ Reduced renormalisation scale dependence



- ✓ Better able to judge convergence of perturbation series
- ✓ Fiducial (parton level) cross sections. Fully differential, so that experimental cuts can be applied directly
- ✓ Event has more partons in the final state so perturbation theory can start to reconstruct the shower
  - ➡ better matching of jet algorithm between theory and experiment

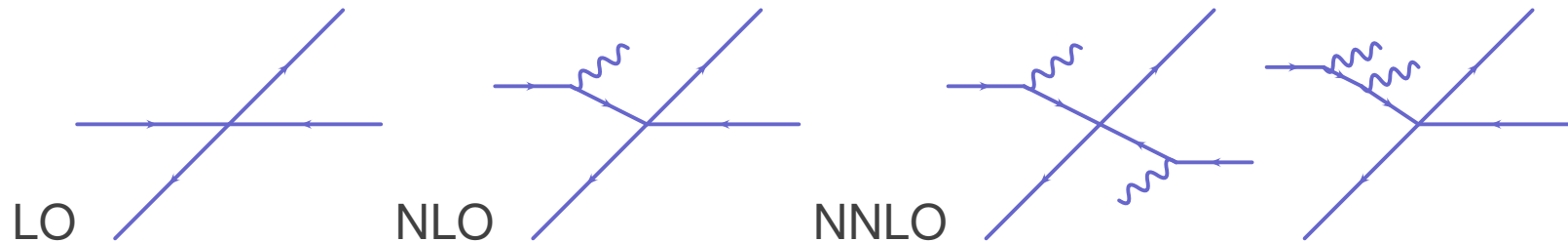


# What to expect from NNLO (2)

- ✓ All channels present at NNLO

LO	NLO	NNLO
gg	gg, qg	gg, qg, qq
q $\bar{q}$	q $\bar{q}$ , qg	q $\bar{q}$ , qg, gg

- ✓ Better description of transverse momentum of final state due to double radiation off initial state



- ✓ At LO, final state has no transverse momentum
- ✓ Single hard radiation gives final state transverse momentum, even if no additional jet
- ✓ Double radiation on one side, or single radiation of each incoming particle gives more complicated transverse momentum to final state

# NNLOJET

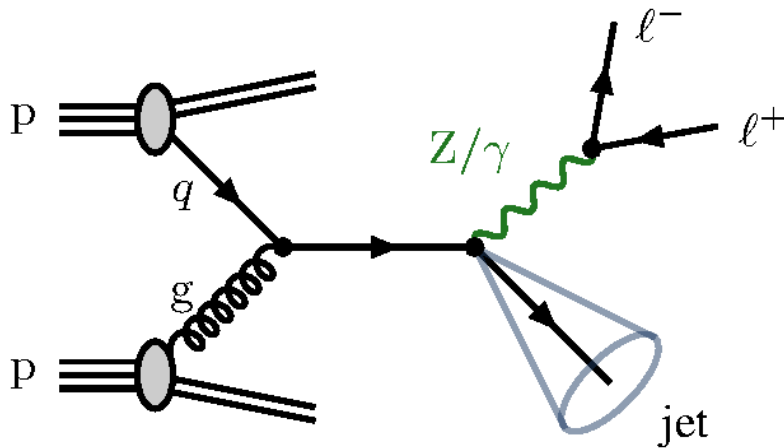
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X. Chen, J. Cruz-Martinez, J. Currie, A. Gehrmann-De Ridder, T. Gehrmann,  
NG, A. Huss, M. Jaquier, T. Morgan, J. Niehues, J. Pires

Implementing NNLO corrections using Antenna subtraction including decays for

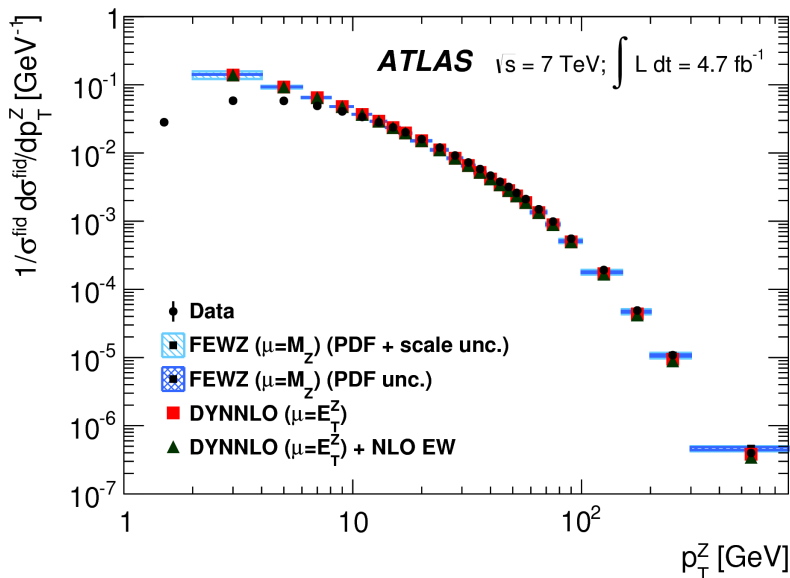
- ✓  $pp \rightarrow H, W, Z$
- ✓  $pp \rightarrow H + J$  1408.5325, 1607.08817
- ✓  $pp \rightarrow Z + J$  1507.02850, 1605.04295, 1610.01843
- ✓  $pp \rightarrow JJ$  1301.7310, 1310.3993, 1611.01460
- ✓  $ep \rightarrow JJ + (J)$  1606.03991
- ✓ ...

# Inclusive $p_T$ spectrum of $Z$



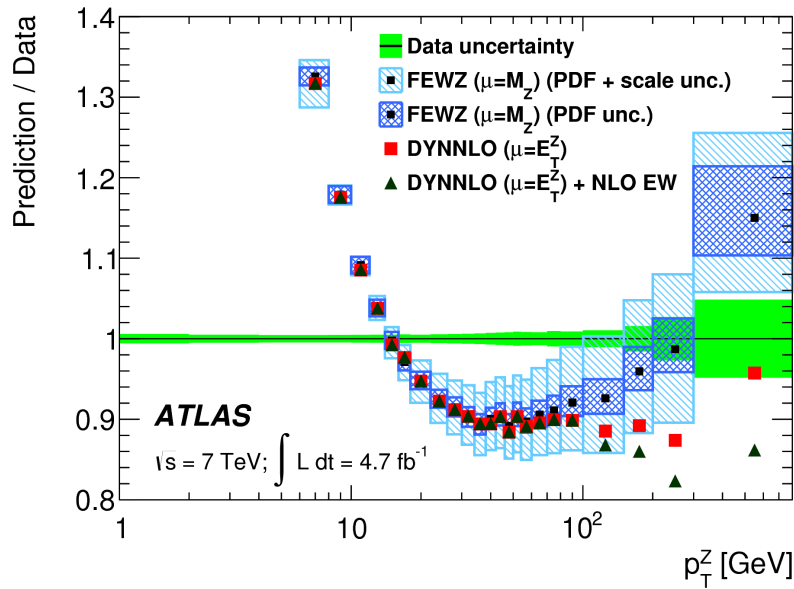
$$pp \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow l^+ l^- + X$$

- + large cross section
- + clean leptonic signature

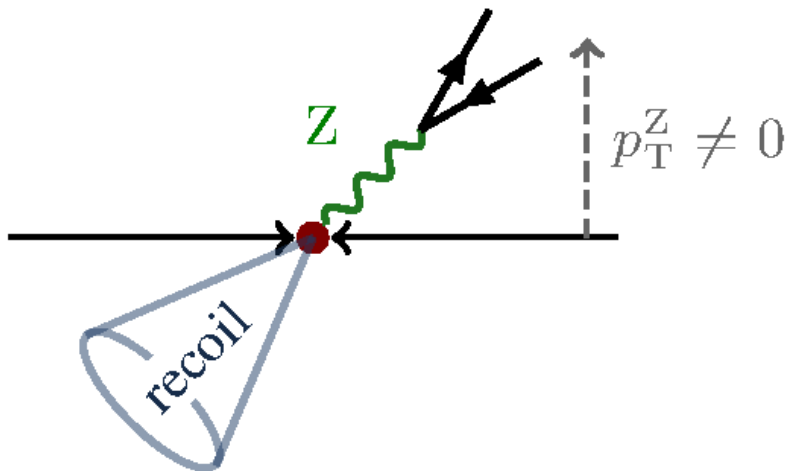


- + fully inclusive wrt QCD radiation
- + only reconstruct  $l^+$ ,  $l^-$  so clean and precise measurement
- + potential to constrain gluon PDFs

# Inclusive $p_T$ spectrum of $Z$



- + low  $p_T^Z \leq 10$  GeV, resummation required
- +  $p_T^Z \geq 20$  GeV, fixed order prediction about 10% below data
- ✗ *Very precise measurement of  $Z$   $p_T$  poses problems to theory,*  
D. Froidevaux, HiggsTools School

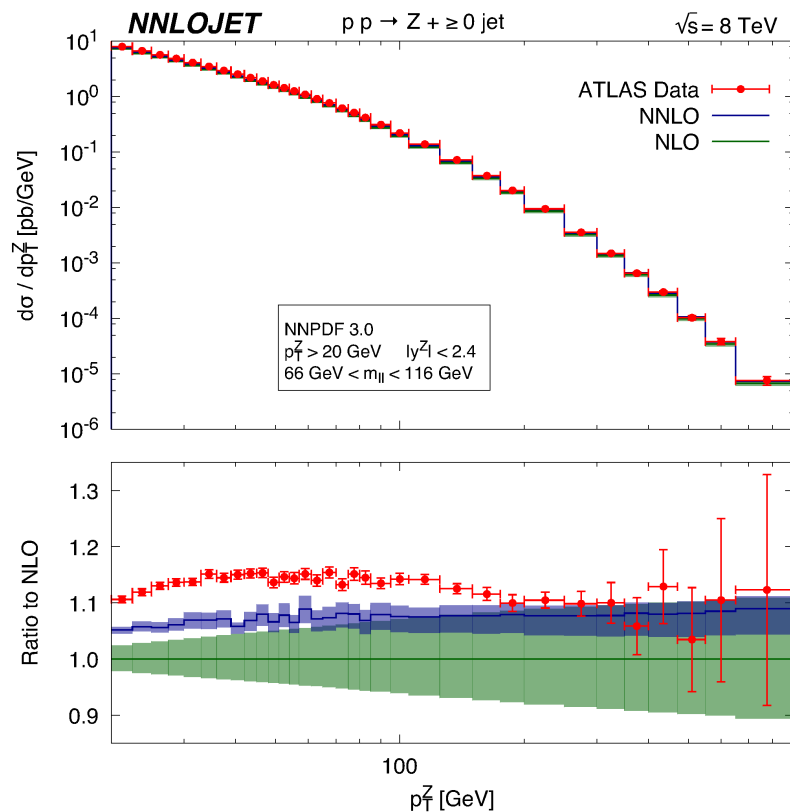


- FEWZ/DYNNLO are  $Z + 0$  jet @ NNLO
- ✗ Only NLO accurate in this distribution
- ✓ Requiring recoil means  $Z + 1$  jet @ NNLO required



# Inclusive $p_T$ spectrum of $Z$

$$(1) \quad \left. \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dp_T^Z} \right|_{p_T^Z > 20 \text{ GeV}} \equiv \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{LO}^{ZJ}}{dp_T^Z} + \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{NLO}^{ZJ}}{dp_T^Z} + \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^{ZJ}}{dp_T^Z}$$

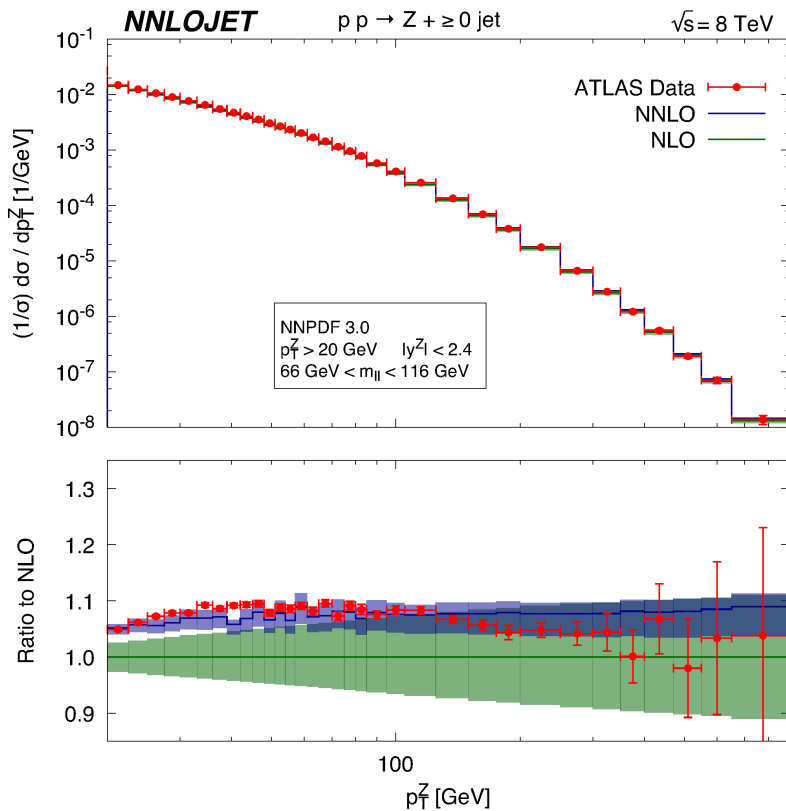


- ✓ NLO corrections  $\sim 40 - 60\%$
- ✓ significant reduction of scale uncertainties NLO  $\rightarrow$  NNLO
- ✓ NNLO corrections relatively flat  $\sim 4 - 8\%$
- ✓ improved agreement, but not enough
- ✓ Note that for  $66 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 116 \text{ GeV}$

$$\sigma_{\text{exp}} = 537.1 \pm 0.45\% \pm 2.8\% \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = 507.9_{-0.7}^{+2.4} \text{ pb}$$

# Normalised $Z$ $p_T$ spectrum



$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \cdot \left. \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dp_T^Z} \right|_{p_T^Z > 20 \text{ GeV}}$$

with

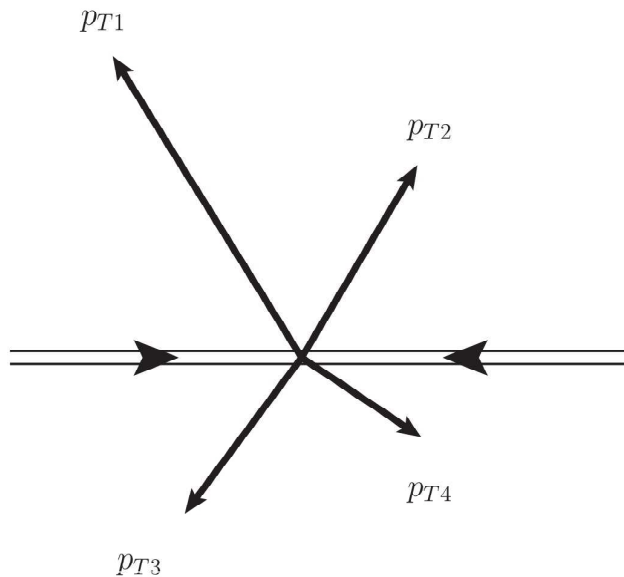
$$\sigma = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dp_T^Z} dp_T^Z \equiv \sigma_{LO}^Z + \sigma_{NLO}^Z + \sigma_{NNLO}^Z.$$

- ✓ **Much improved agreement**
- ✓ luminosity uncertainty cancels
- ✓ dependence on EW parameters reduced
- ✓ dependence on PDFs reduced
- ➡ study

# Single Jet Inclusive Distribution

Currie, NG, Pires (16)

- ✓ Classic jet observable



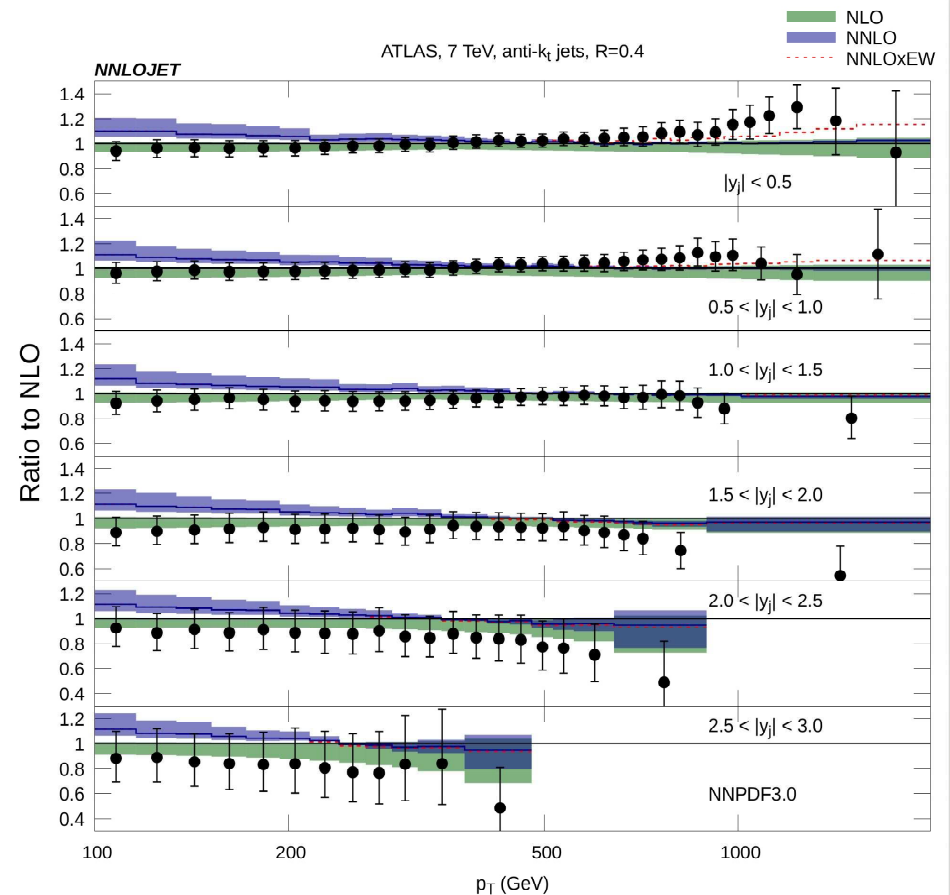
- ✓ Every jet in the event enters in the distribution
- ✓ Expect sensitivity to PDFs
- ✓ ... and to  $\alpha_s$

- ✓ All sub-processes included  
–  $gg$ ,  $gq$ ,  $q\bar{q}$ ,  $qq$  etc
- ✓ in leading colour approximation  
i.e. all  $\alpha_s^2 N^2$ ,  $\alpha_s^2 N N_F$ ,  $\alpha_s^2 N_F^2$   
contributions relative to Born
- ✗ missing corrections  
 $O(1)$ ,  $N_F/N$ ,  $1/N^2$ ,  $N_F/N^3$ ,  $1/N^4$
- ✓ expect to be less than 10% of the NNLO correction (as at NLO)

# Single Jet Inclusive Distribution – $R=0.4$

Currie, NG, Pires (16)

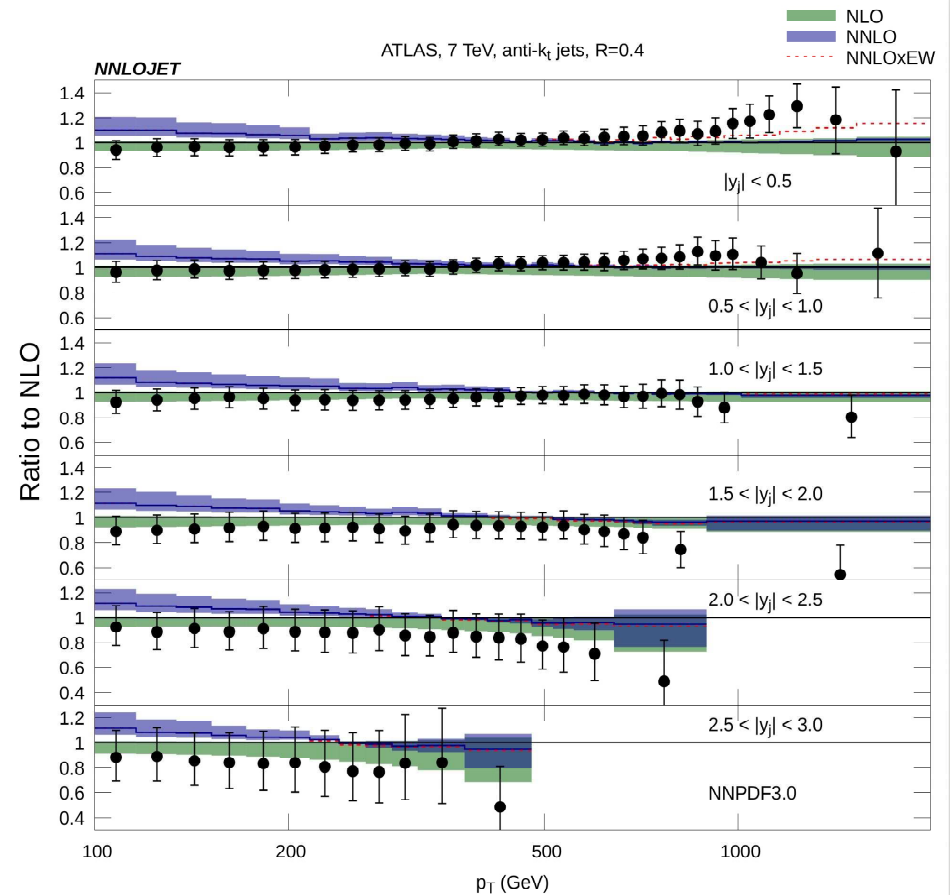
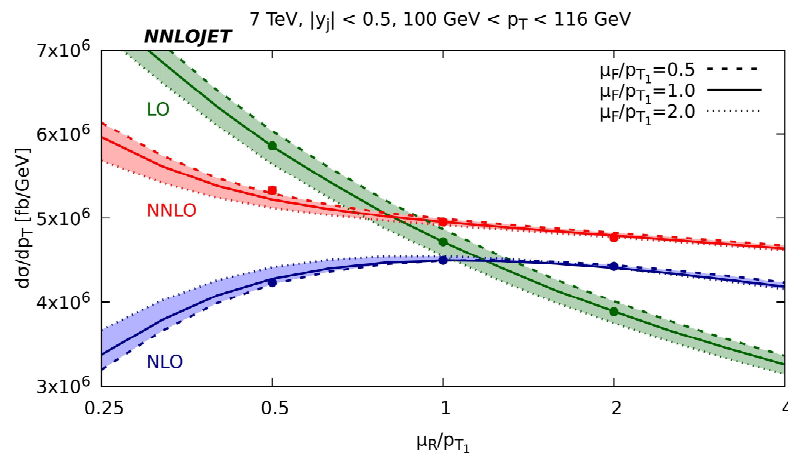
- ✓ ATLAS 7 TeV data,  $4.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
JHEP02(2015)153  
JHEP09(2015)141 (Erratum)
- ✓ anti- $k_T$  algorithm with  $R = 0.4$
- ✓ six rapidity slices,  
 $0 - 0.5$ ,  $0.5 - 1.0$ ,  $1.0 - 1.5$ ,  $1.5 - 2.0$ ,  
 $2.0 - 2.5$ ,  $2.5 - 3.0$
- ✓ NNPDF3.0\_NNLO PDFs
- ✓ negligible NP corrections



# Single Jet Inclusive Distribution – R=0.4

Currie, NG, Pires (16)

- ✓ NLO describes the data pretty well
- ✓ NLO has relatively small scale dependence
  - because the central scale choice lies close to the turning point in the scale variation plot
- ✓ NNLO effects around 10% at low  $p_T$  and small at high  $p_T$



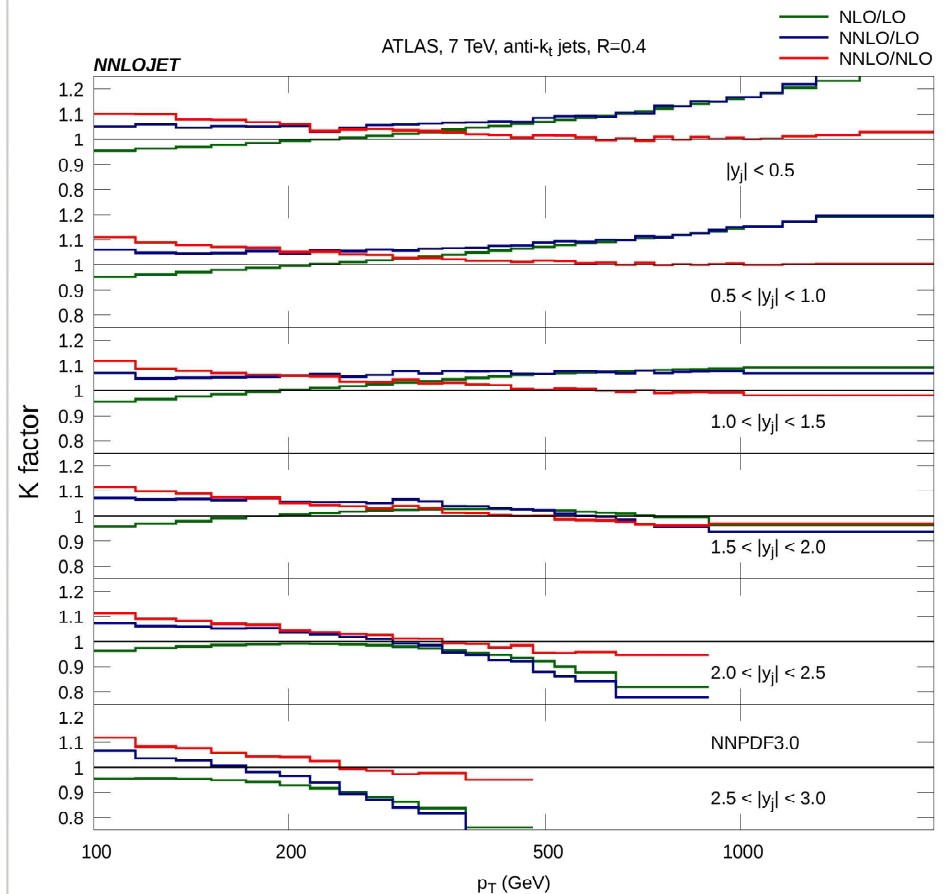
# Single Jet Inclusive Distribution – R=0.4

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- ✓ To evaluate effect of higher orders, it is often convenient to use K factors e.g.

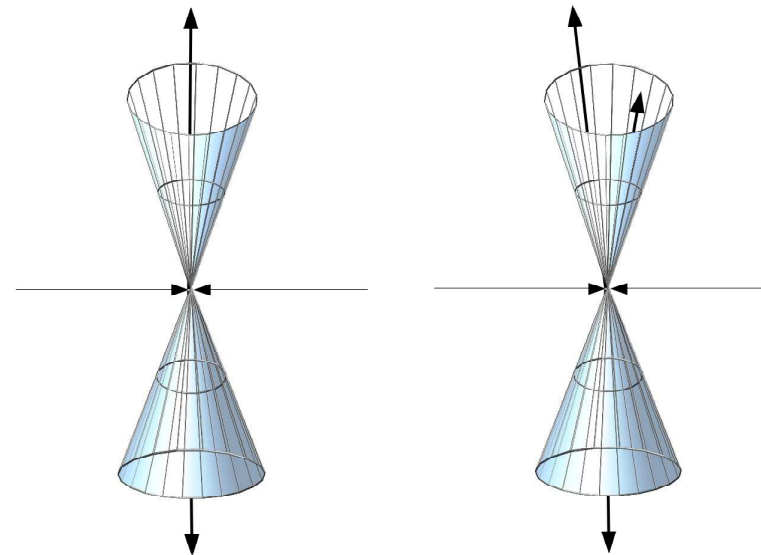
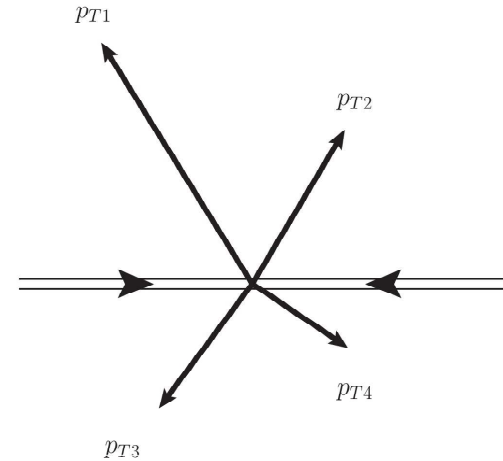
$$K = \frac{d\sigma^{NNLO}/dp_T}{d\sigma^{NLO}/dp_T}$$

- ✓ Same PDFs used for LO, NLO, NNLO
- ✗ Can argue that should use LO PDF for LO prediction, NLO PDF for NLO prediction.
- ➡ Change to K is a higher order effect.
- ➡ This changes the K factor, by changing the more uncertain denominator



# Scale Choice

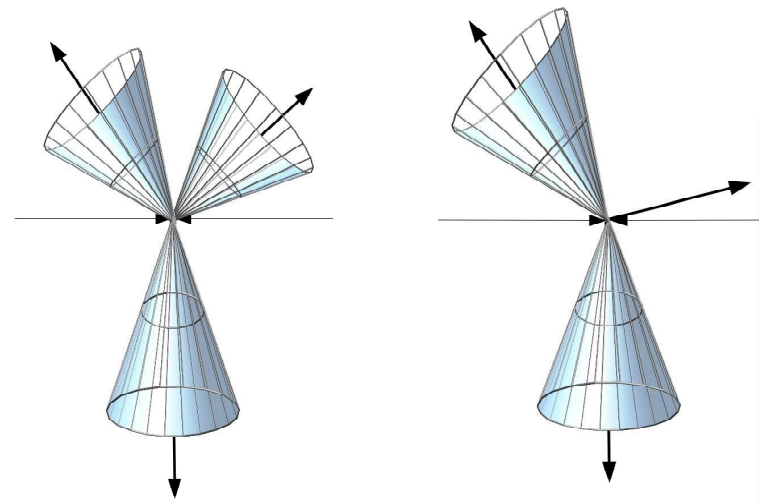
- ✓ no fixed hard scale for jet production
- ✓ two widely used scale choices
  - ➡ leading jet  $p_T$  ( $p_{T1}$ )
  - ➡ individual jet  $p_T$  ( $p_T$ )
- ✓ different scale changes PDF and  $\alpha_s$
- ✓ no difference for back-to-back jet configurations (only arises at higher orders)



# Scale Choice

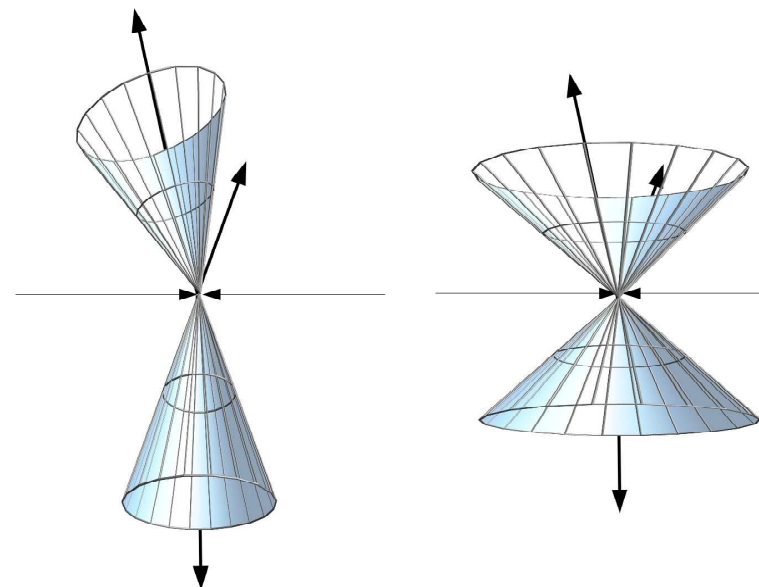
At NLO,  $p_T \neq p_{T1}$  for

- ✓ 3-jet rate (small effect)
- ✓ 2-jet rate (3rd parton falls outside jet)



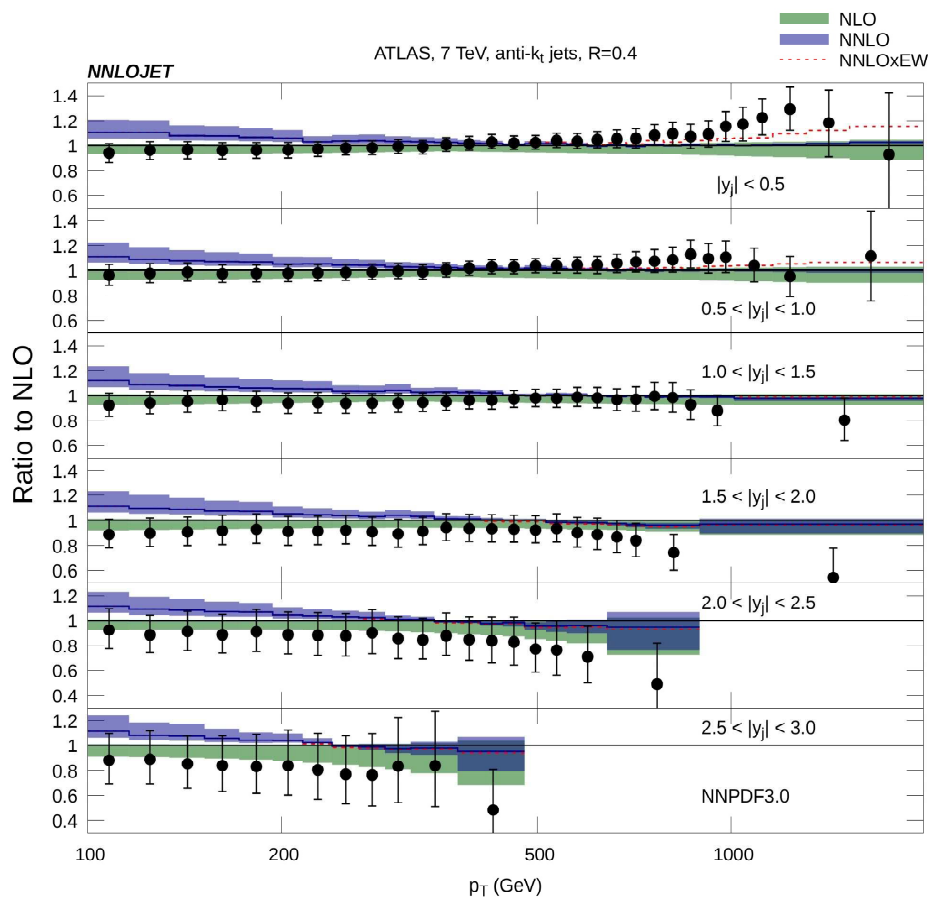
Changing  $R$  has an effect on the cross section, but also on the scale choice:

- ✓ introduces spurious  $R$ -dependence in scale choice
- ✓  $p_{T1}$  scale has no  $R$ -dependence at NLO, unlike  $p_T$
- ✓ at NNLO  $p_{T1}$  scale depends on  $R$  in some four-parton configurations

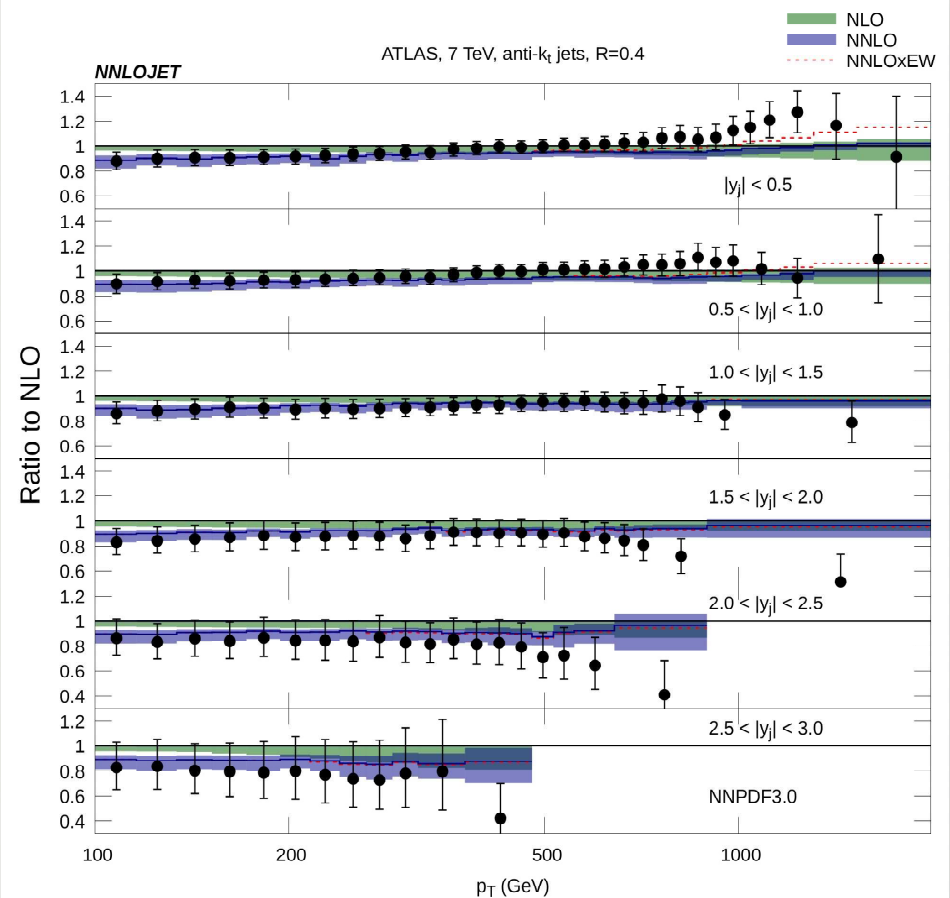




# Single Jet Inclusive Distribution – R=0.4



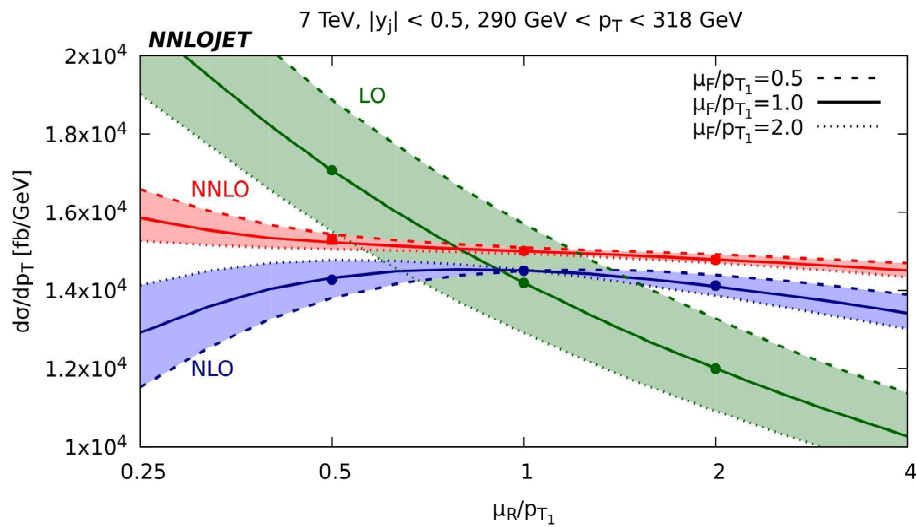
$$\mu_R = \mu_F = p_{T1}$$



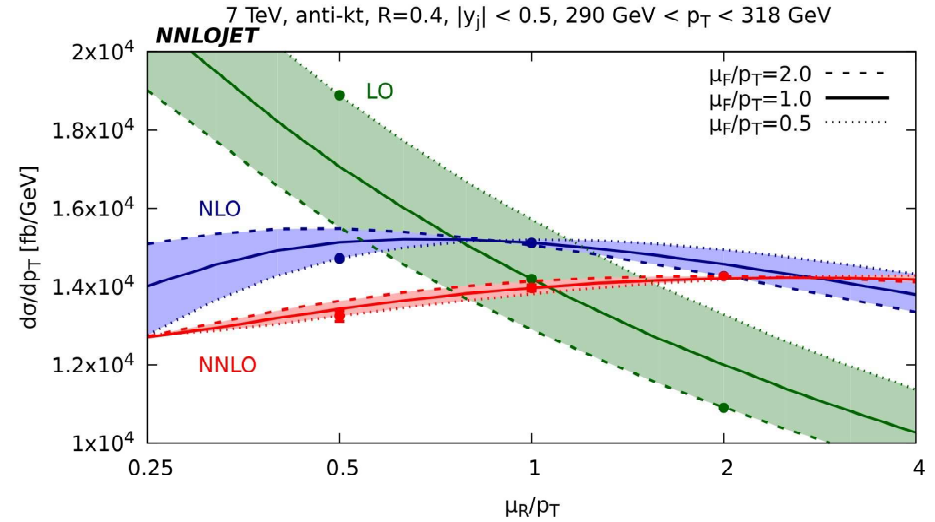
$$\mu_R = \mu_F = p_T$$

- ✗ Quite different behaviour!
- ✓ NLO with  $\mu = p_{T1}$  describes  $R = 0.4$  data quite well
- ✓ NNLO with  $\mu = p_T$  describes  $R = 0.4$  data quite well

# Single Jet Inclusive Distribution – R=0.4



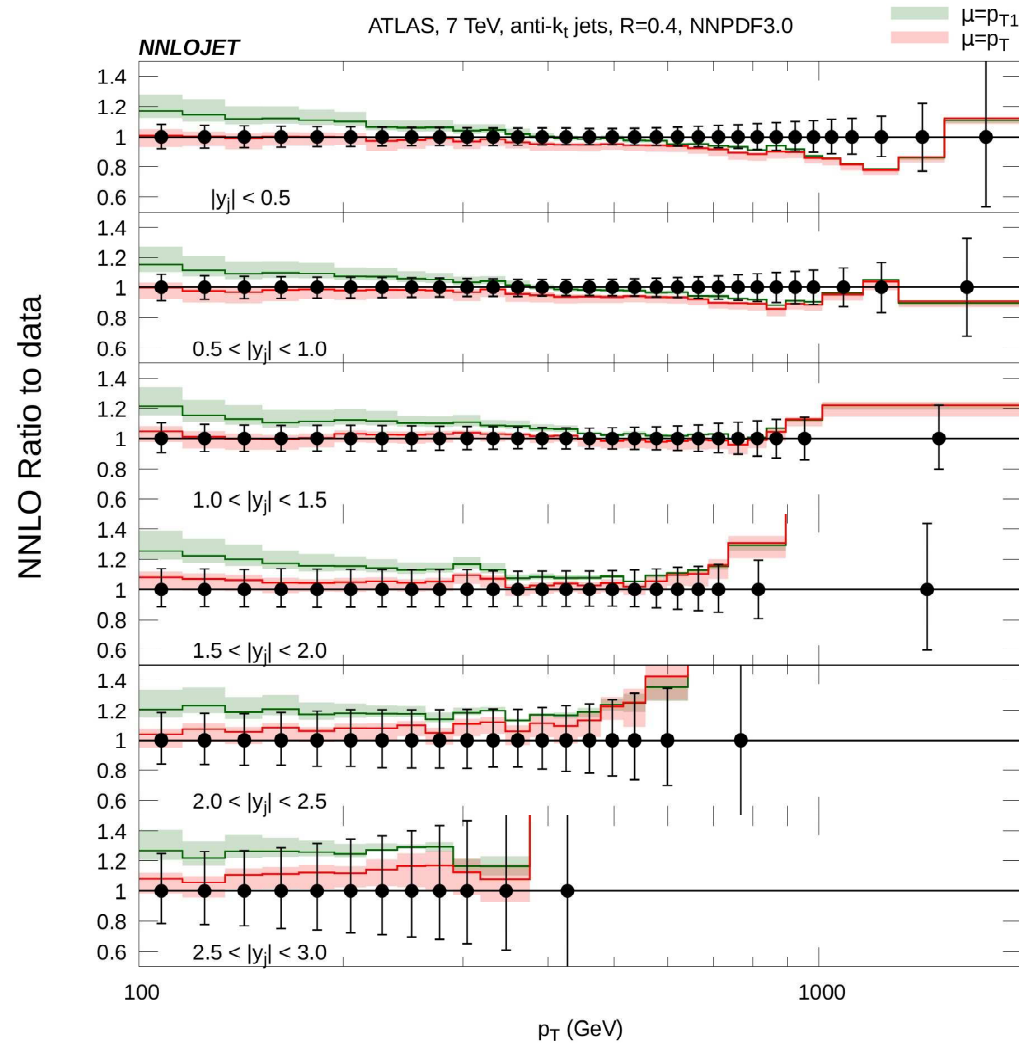
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$$\mu_R = \mu_F = p_T$$

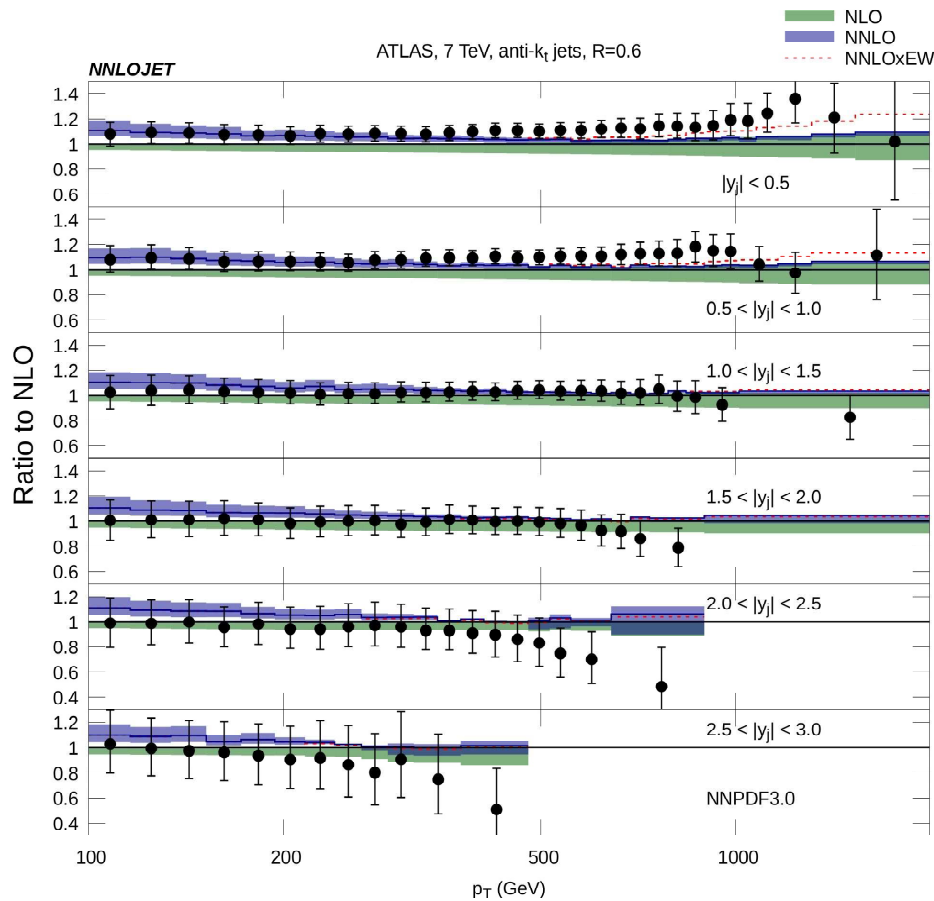
- ✗ Quite different behaviour!
- ➡ scale uncertainty much smaller than difference between scale choices
- ➡ explore alternative scale choices

# Single Jet Inclusive Distribution – R=0.4

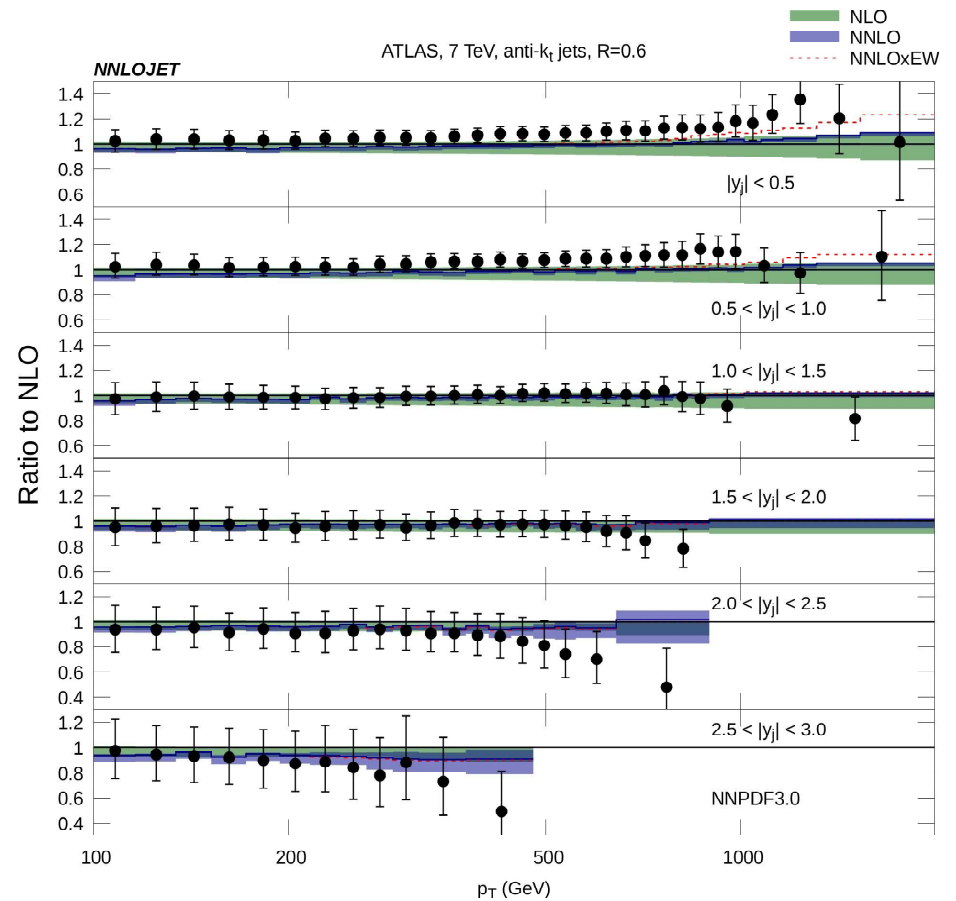


✗ Scale uncertainty is smaller than the uncertainty in choosing  $p_T$  or  $p_{T1}$

# Single Jet Inclusive Distribution – R=0.6



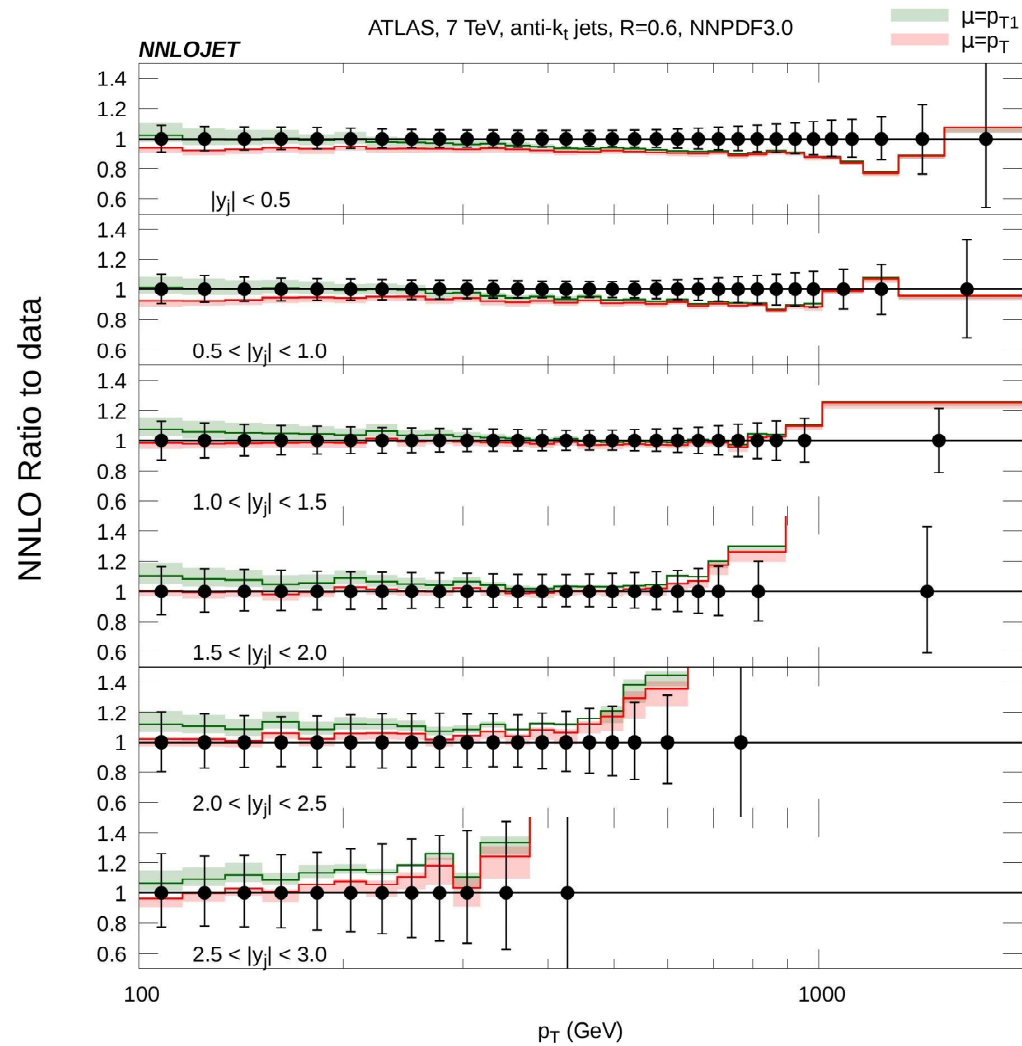
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$$\mu_R = \mu_F = p_T$$

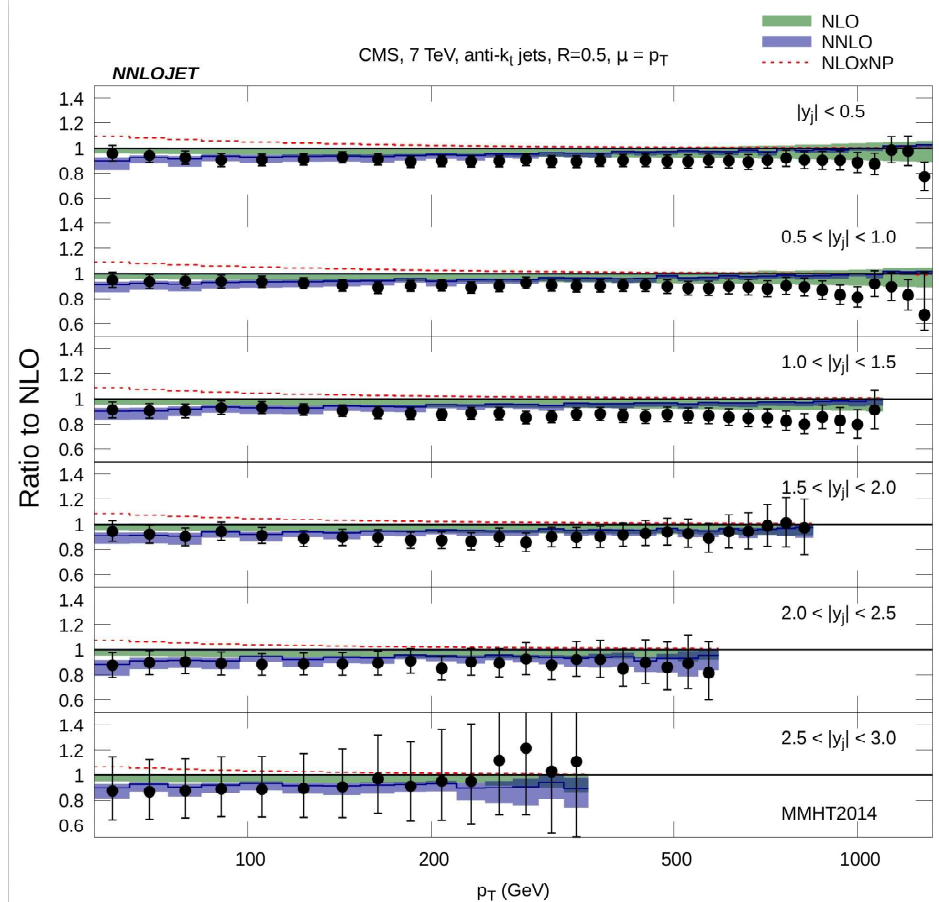
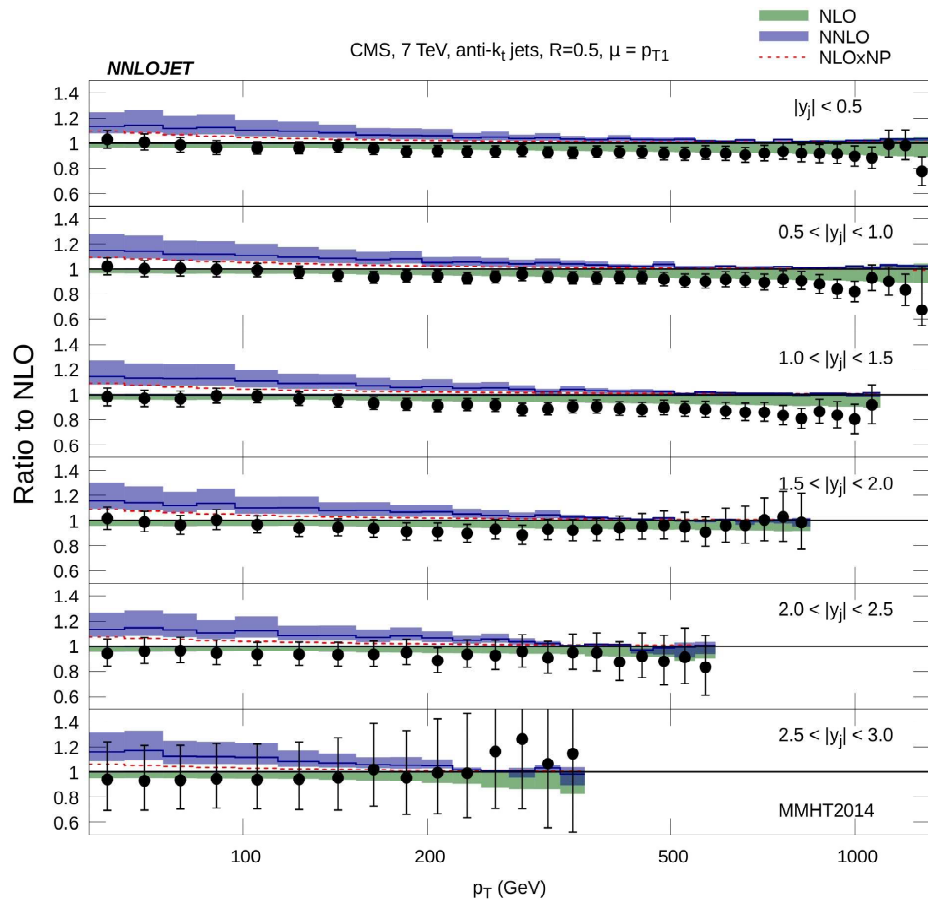
- ✗ Quite different behaviour!
- ✓ NLO with  $\mu = p_T$  describes  $R = 0.6$  data quite well
- ✓ NNLO with  $\mu = p_{T1}$  describes  $R = 0.6$  data quite well

# Single Jet Inclusive Distribution – R=0.6



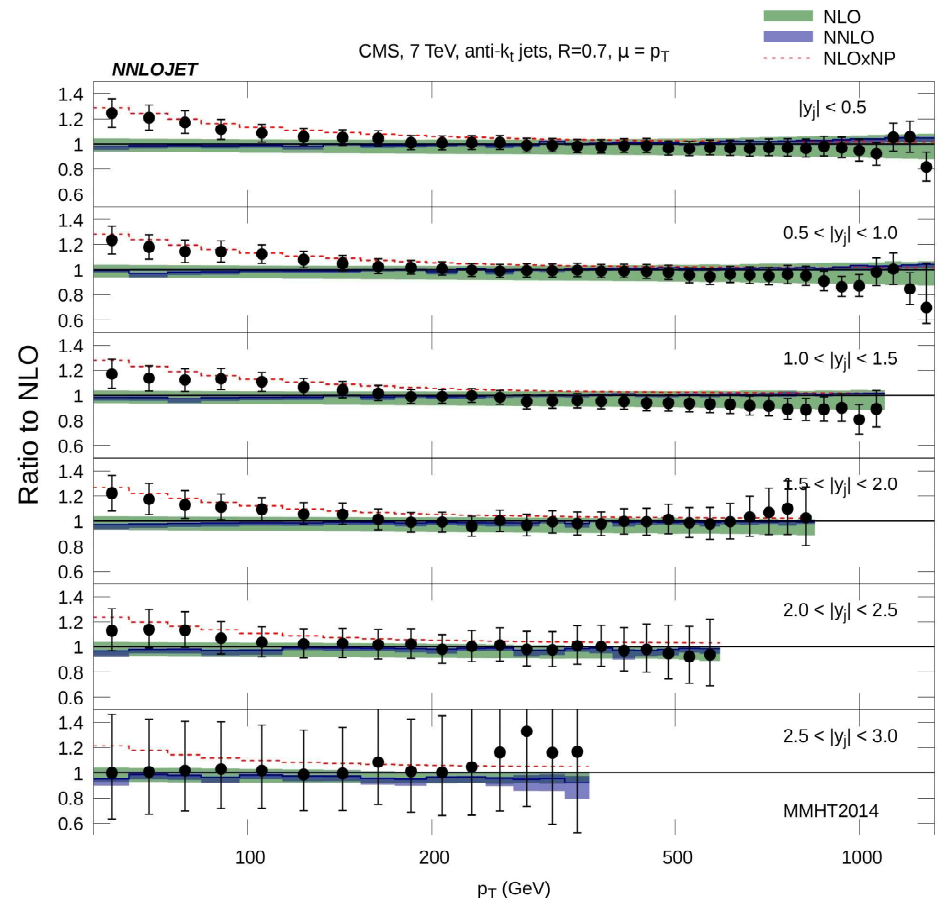
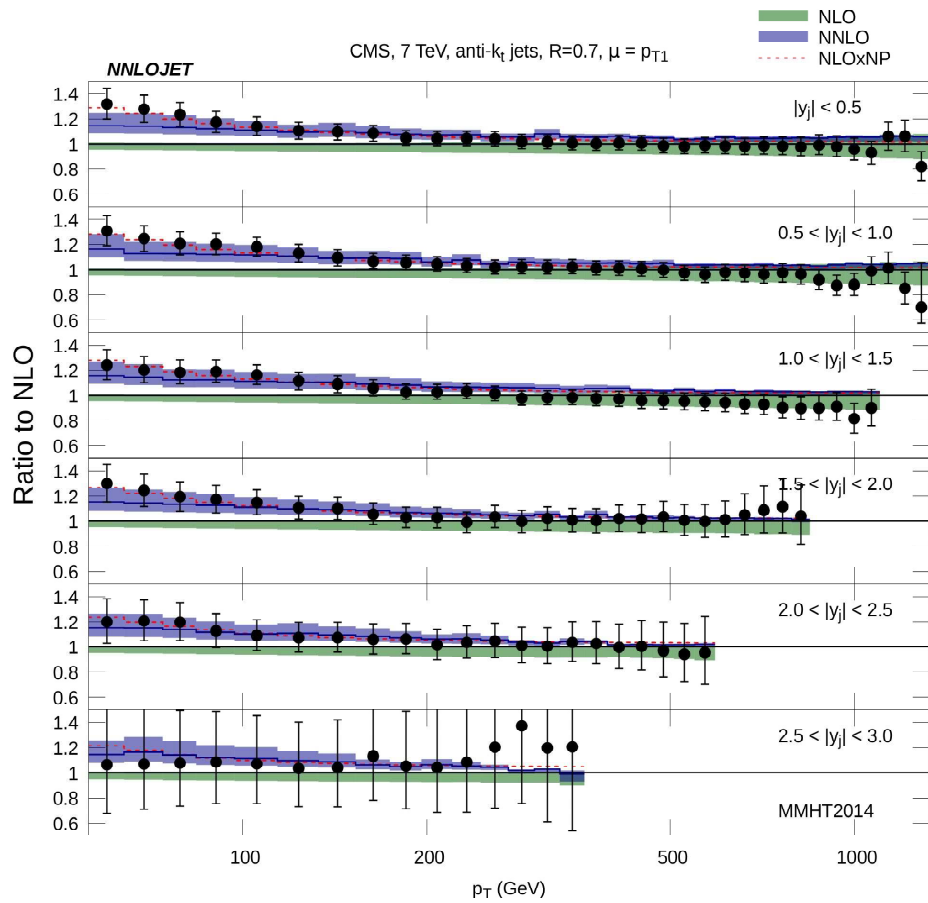
✗ Scale uncertainty is smaller than the uncertainty in choosing  $p_T$  or  $p_{T1}$

# Single Jet Inclusive Distribution – R=0.5



- ✓ CMS 7 TeV data
- ✗ increasing NP corrections with smaller jet  $p_T$

# Single Jet Inclusive Distribution – R=0.7



- ✓ CMS 7 TeV data
- ✗ increasing NP corrections with increasing cone size

# CPU cost

✓ Standalone production run with fixed  $\sqrt{s}$ , fixed  $R$ , fixed PDF, three scale variation for  $\mu = p_{T1}$  and  $\mu = p_T$  (Warmup  $\sim 1-2\%$ )

Job Type	No. Jobs	Runtime/Job (hr)	Total Runtime
LO	200	0.5	100
NLO-V	500	1.5	750
NLO-R	500	2	1000
NNLO-VV	600	20	12000
NNLO-RV	2500	50	125000
NNLO-RRa	3500	50	175000
NNLO-RRb	2000	20	40000
			<b>353850</b>

✓ because LO is independent of  $R$  and  $p_T = p_{T1}$  to obtain different cone sizes/different scales can do a (much cheaper) NLO 3-jet calculation

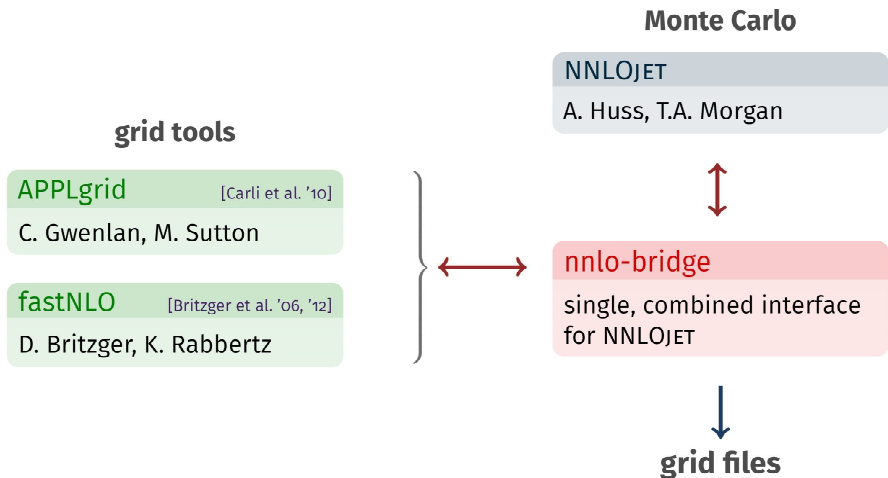
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma^{NNLO}(R_2)}{dp_T} &= \frac{d\sigma^{NNLO}(R_1)}{dp_T} + \left( \frac{d\sigma^R(R_2)}{dp_T} - \frac{d\sigma^R(R_1)}{dp_T} \right) \\ &+ \left( \frac{d\sigma^{RV}(R_2)}{dp_T} - \frac{d\sigma^{RV}(R_1)}{dp_T} \right) + \left( \frac{d\sigma^{RR}(R_2)}{dp_T} - \frac{d\sigma^{RR}(R_1)}{dp_T} \right) \end{aligned}$$



# APPLfast-NNLO interface

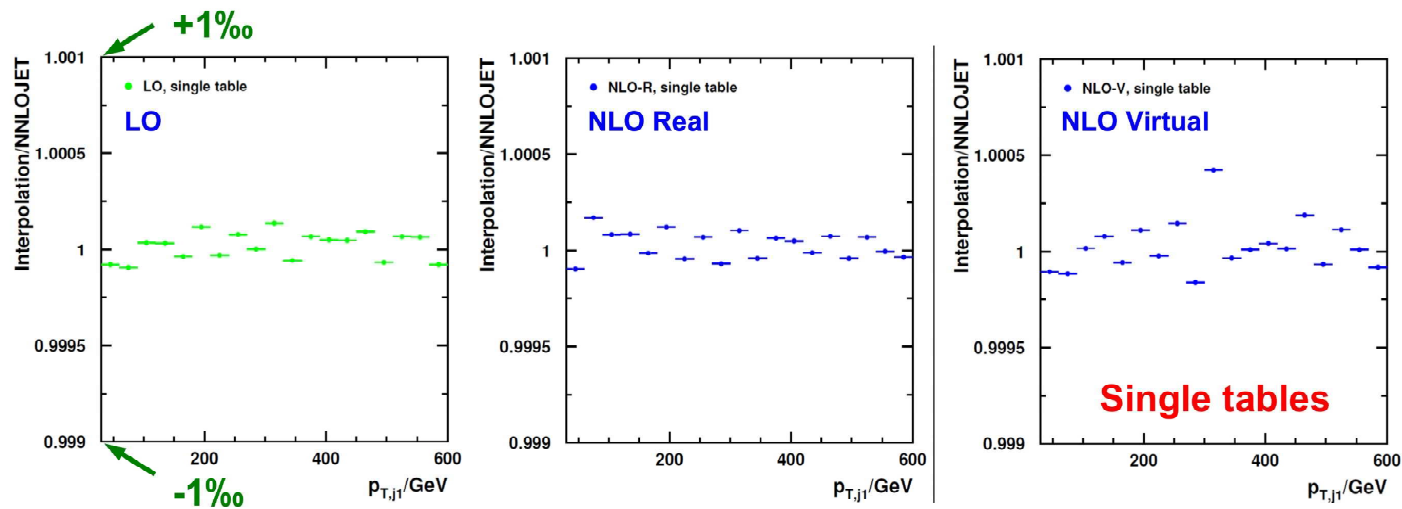
NNLOJET + D. Britzger, C. Gwenlan, M. Sutton, K. Rabbertz

- ✓ write out grid in  $x_1, x_2, Q^2$
- ✓ swap out PDFs and  $\alpha_s$  later at virtually no additional cost
- ✓ file size  $\mathcal{O}(10 - 100MB)$
- ✗ need to fix binning beforehand



generic interface  $\forall$  processes available in NNLOJET

## Z+jet approximation test for LO, NLO-R, and NLO-V Agreement at subpermille level



# APPLfast-NNLO interface

Z+jet approximation  
test for NNLO parts

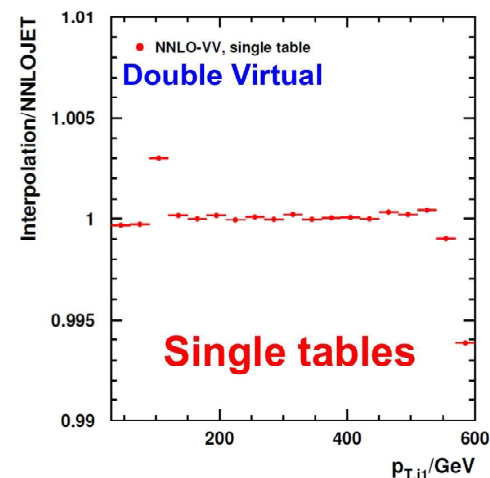
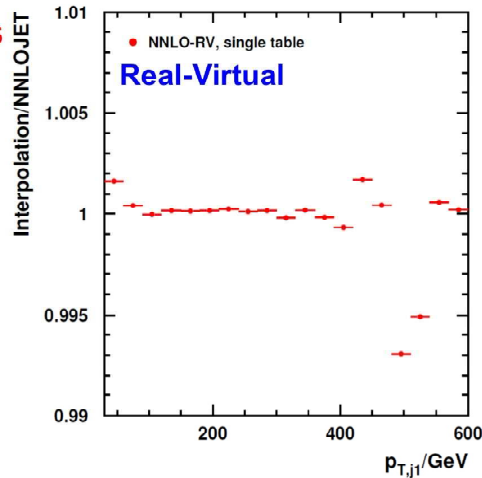
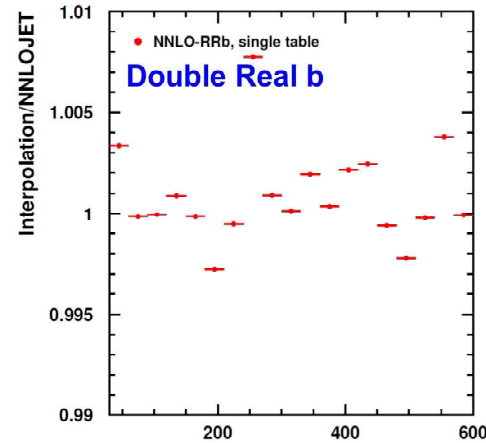
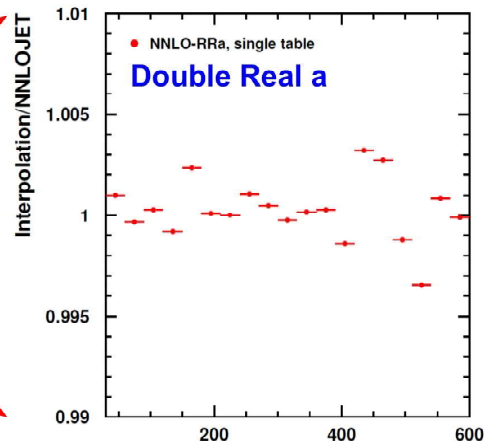
Agreement at  
subpercent level

+1%

-1%

Some impact of fluctuations  
visible  
→ to be dealt with in  
combination procedure.

(a/b indicates a technical  
phase space separation  
for this process)



- ✗ Still some work to do to combine interpolation grids
- ✓ But bridge code is working and expect new NNLO grids in 2017

Rabbertz, PDF4LHC 7 March 2017

# Maximising the impact of NNLO calculations

Triple differential form for a  $2 \rightarrow 2$  cross section

$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dE_T d\eta_1 d\eta_2} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \sum_{ij} x_1 f_i(x_1, \mu_F) x_2 f_j(x_2, \mu_F) \frac{\alpha_s^2(\mu_R)}{E_T^3} \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{ij}(\eta^*)|^2}{\cosh^4 \eta^*}$$

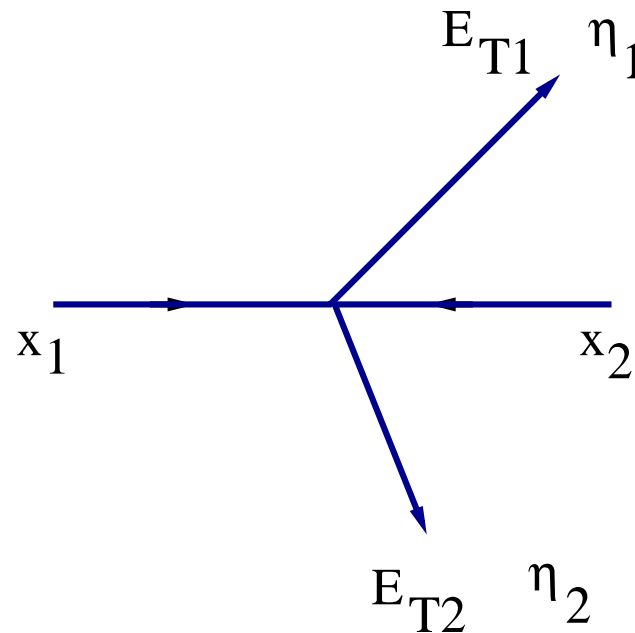
- ✓ Direct link between observables  $E_T$ ,  $\eta_1$ ,  $\eta_2$  and momentum fractions/parton luminosities

$$x_1 = \frac{E_T}{\sqrt{s}} (\exp(\eta_1) + \exp(\eta_2)),$$

$$x_2 = \frac{E_T}{\sqrt{s}} (\exp(-\eta_1) + \exp(-\eta_2))$$

- ✓ and matrix elements that only depend on

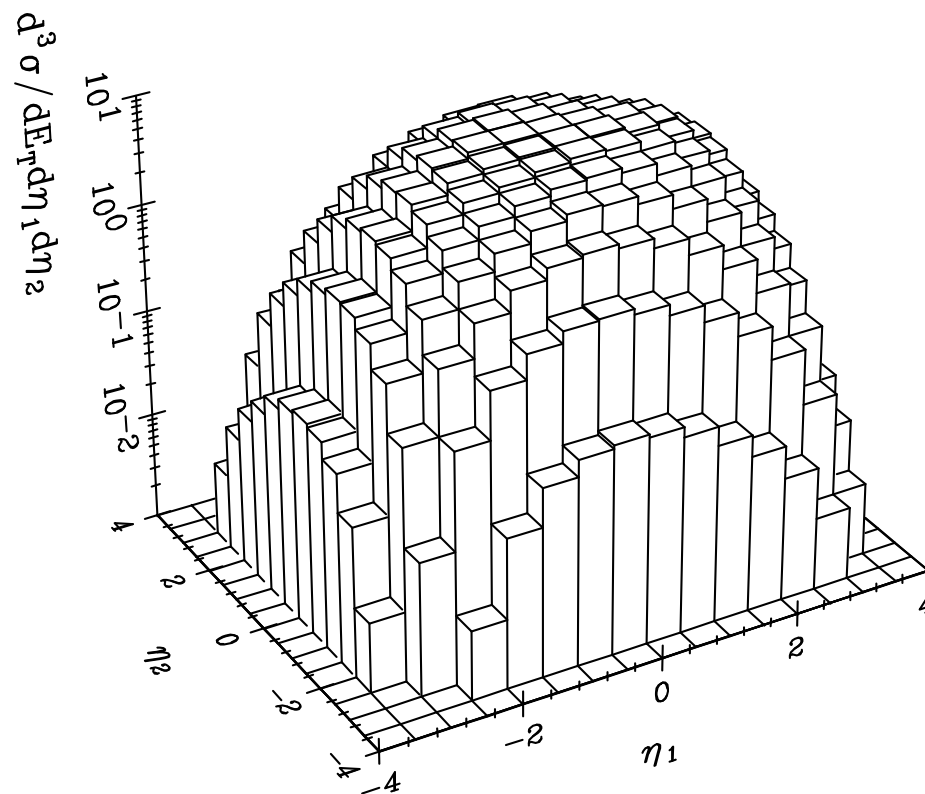
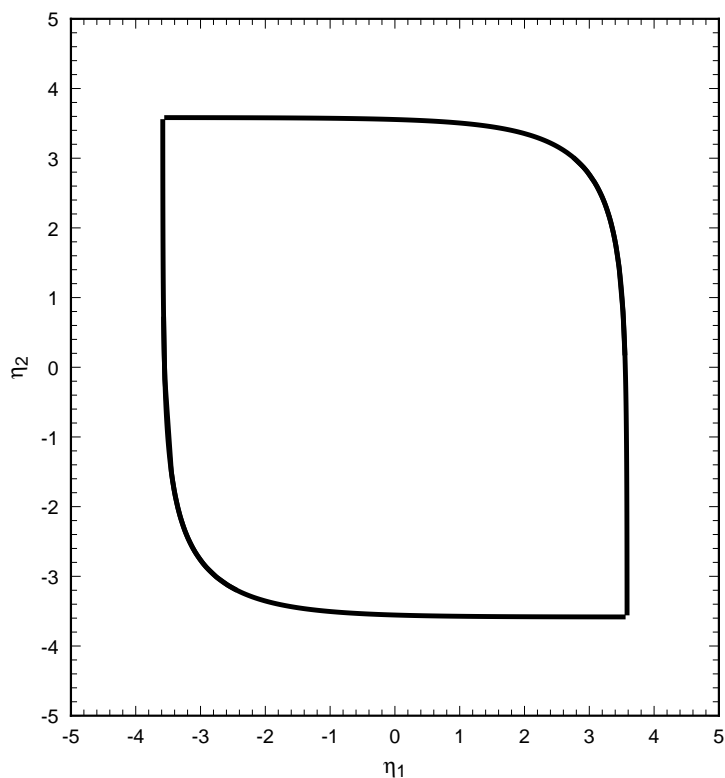
$$\eta^* = \frac{1}{2} (\eta_1 - \eta_2)$$



# Triple differential distribution

- ✓ Range of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  fixed allowed LO phase space for jets

$E_T \sim 200$  GeV at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV



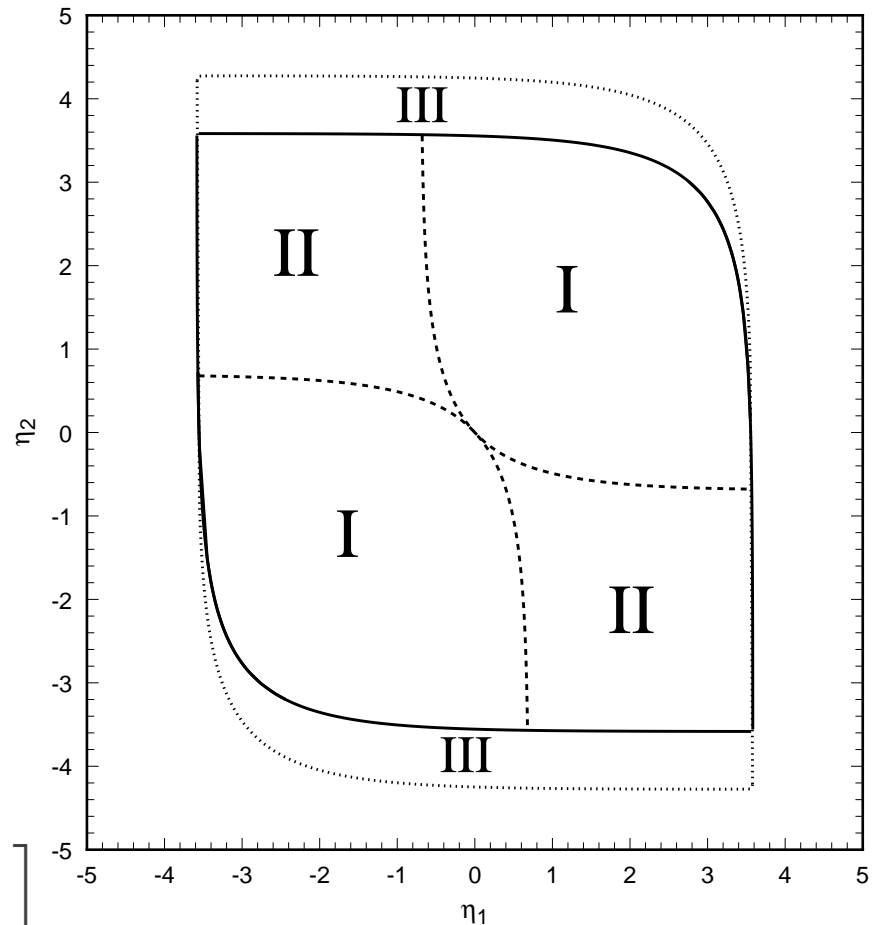
- ✓ Shape of distribution can be understood by looking at parton luminosities and matrix elements (in for example the single effective subprocess approximation)

Giele, NG, Kosower, hep-ph/9412338

# Phase space considerations

- ✓ Phase space boundary fixed when one or more parton fractions  $\rightarrow 1$ .
- I  $\eta_1 > 0$  and  $\eta_2 > 0$  OR  $\eta_1 < 0$  and  $\eta_2 < 0$ 
  - ➡ **one**  $x_1$  or  $x_2$  is less than  $x_T$
  - small  $x$
- II  $\eta_1 > 0$  and  $\eta_2 < 0$  OR  $\eta_1 < 0$  and  $\eta_2 > 0$ 
  - ➡ **both**  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are bigger than  $x_T$
  - large  $x$
- III growth of phase space at NLO  
(if  $E_{T1} > E_{T2}$ )

$$\left[ x_T^2 < x_1 x_2 < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_T = 2E_T / \sqrt{s} \right]$$



# Measuring PDF's at the LHC?

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Should be goal of LHC to be as self sufficient as possible!

Study triple differential distribution for as many  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes as possible!

- ✓ Medium and large  $x$  gluon and quarks
  - ✓  $pp \rightarrow$  di-jets                      dominated by  $gg$  scattering
  - ✓  $pp \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jet}$                       dominated by  $qg$  scattering
  - ✓  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$                       dominated by  $q\bar{q}$  scattering
- ✓ Light flavours and flavour separation at medium and small  $x$ 
  - ✓ Low mass Drell-Yan
  - ✓  $W$  lepton asymmetry
  - ✓  $pp \rightarrow Z + \text{jet}$
- ✓ Strangeness and heavy flavours
  - ✓  $pp \rightarrow W^\pm + c$                       probes  $s, \bar{s}$  distributions
  - ✓  $pp \rightarrow Z + c$                       probes  $c$  distribution
  - ✓  $pp \rightarrow Z + b$                       probes  $b$  distribution

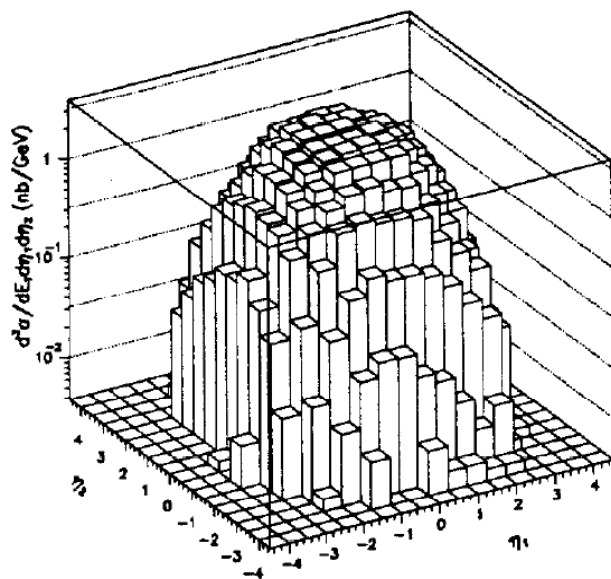
# Measurements of strong coupling

- ✓ With incredible jet energy resolution, the LHC can do better!!
- ✓ by simultaneously fitting the parton density functions and strong coupling
- ✓ If the systematic errors can be understood, the way to do this is via the triple differential cross section

Giele, NG, Yu, hep-ph/9506442

- ✓ and add NNLO  $W^\pm + \text{jet}$ ,  $Z + \text{jet}$ ,  $\gamma + \text{jet}$  calculations (with flavour tagging) as they become available

D0 preliminary, 1994



# Summary - Where are we now?

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- ✓ First high precision N3LO calculations available
  - could help reduce Missing Higher Order uncertainty by a factor of two
- ✓ Substantial and rapid progress in NNLO
  - ✚ many new calculations available
  - ▢→ improved descriptions of experimental data
  - codes typically require significant CPU resource
  - ✓ NNLO is emerging as standard for benchmark processes and could lead to improved pdfs etc.
    - could help reduce theory uncertainty due to inputs by a factor of two
- ✓ NNLO automation?
  - as we gain analytical and numerical experience with NNLO calculations, can we further exploit the developments at NLO
  - automation of two-loop contributions?
  - automation of infrared subtraction terms?
- ✓ Is there a better way of estimating the theoretical uncertainties?



# Summary - NNLOJET

- ✓ NNLOJET is able to make a range of fully differential NNLO predictions for fiducial cross sections that can be compared directly with data
- ✓ Z+jet
  - ✚ inclusive  $p_T^Z$  spectrum predicted to NNLO accuracy for  $p_T^Z > p_{T,cut}^Z$
  - ✚ observe a reduction of the scale uncertainty and an improvement in the theory vs. data comparison
  - ✚ Normalised distributions show excellent agreement between data and NNLO
- ✓ dijet
  - ✚ single jet inclusive  $p_T$  spectrum predicted to NNLO accuracy
  - no obvious improvement in the theory vs. data comparison ( $R$ )
  - difference between common scale choices  $p_T$  and  $p_{T1}$  larger than scale uncertainty

## Work in progress:

- ✓ Including other processes, e.g W+jet, other Higgs decays, flavour tagged jets
- ✓ Studying potential of data to constrain PDF sets and interface to `APPLfast-NNLO`

# Back up slides

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# Slicing v Subtraction example

$$V = \frac{F(0)}{\epsilon}, \quad R = \int_0^1 dx \frac{F(x)}{x^{1+\epsilon}}$$

## Slicing

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= V + R \\ &= \frac{F(0)}{\epsilon} \\ &+ \int_0^X dx \frac{F(0)}{x^{1+\epsilon}} + \int_X^1 dx \frac{F(x)}{x} \\ &= F(0) \ln(X) + \int_X^1 dx \frac{F(x)}{x} \end{aligned}$$

## Subtraction

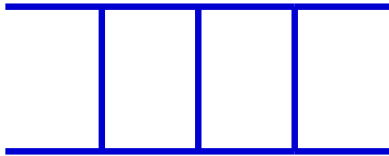
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= V + R \\ &= \frac{F(0)}{\epsilon} + \int_0^1 dx \frac{S(x)}{x^{1+\epsilon}} \\ &+ \int_0^1 dx \left[ \frac{F(x)}{x^{1+\epsilon}} - \frac{S(x)}{x^{1+\epsilon}} \right] \\ &= \text{finite} + \int_0^1 dx \left[ \frac{F(x) - S(x)}{x} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- ✓ Approximation made for  $x < X$
- ✓  $X$  should be small, but not so small that numerical errors dominate
- ✓  $q_T$  and N-jettiness schemes related to soft-collinear resummation

- ✓  $S(x) \rightarrow F(0)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$
- ✓ integral of  $S(x)$  must be computed
- ✓ antenna, STRIPPER, ColorFul, P2B all subtraction schemes

# Two Loop Master Integrals - analytic

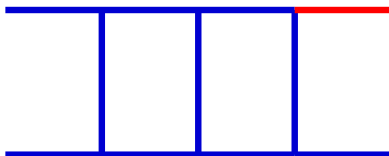
✓



Smirnov (99); Smirnov, Tausk (99)

⇒ enables  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \gamma J, JJ$

✓

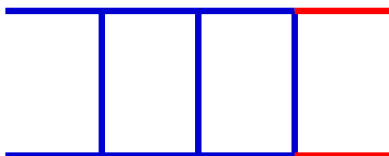


Gehrmann and Remiddi (00,01,02)

⇒ enables  $pp \rightarrow WJ, ZJ, HJ, W\gamma, Z\gamma,$

$e^+e^- \rightarrow JJJ, ep \rightarrow JJ(+J)$

✓



Gehrmann, Tancredi, Weihs (13);

Gehrmann, von Manteuffel, Tancredi, Weihs (14);

Caola, Henn, Melnikov, Smirnov (14);

Papadopoulos, Tommasini, Wever (14)

⇒ enables  $pp \rightarrow WW, ZZ, WZ, HH$

✓ now intensive work towards two-loop five point integrals

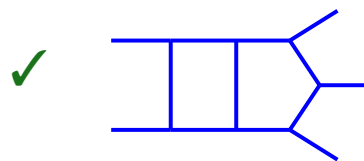
# Two Loop Master Integrals - analytic

- ✓ Basis functions for two-loop pentagon graphs with massless internal propagators known - Goncharov Polylogs

$$G(a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, t) = \int_0^t \frac{dt}{t_n - a_n} G(a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, t_n)$$

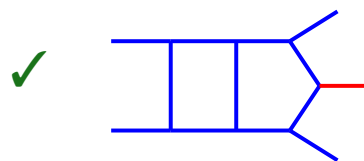
- ✓ Canonical (Henn) basis for evaluating integral as series in  $\epsilon$

$$\partial_x \vec{f} = \epsilon \hat{A}_x(x, y, z, \dots) \vec{f}$$



Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti (15); Papadopoulos, Tomassini, Wever (15)

⇒ enables  $pp \rightarrow JJJ, \gamma\gamma J, \gamma\gamma\gamma$



Papadopoulos, Tomassini, Wever (15)

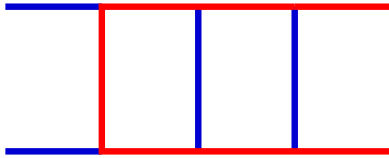
⇒ enables  $pp \rightarrow VJJ, HJJ$



nonplanar graphs still unknown

# Two Loop Master Integrals - numeric

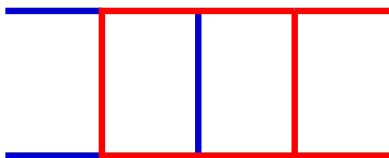
✓



Czakon (07); Bonciani, Ferroglia, Gehrmann, Studerus (09)

⇒ enables  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

✓



Borowka, Greiner, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Schubert, Zirke (16)

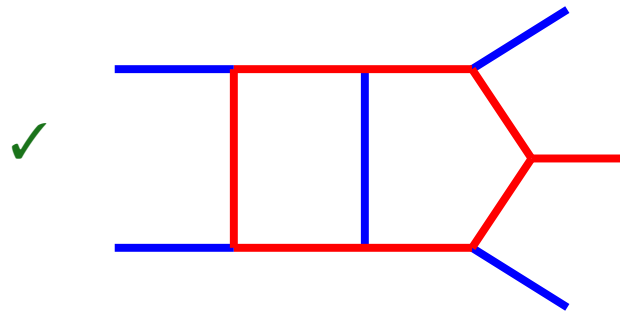
⇒ enables  $pp \rightarrow HH$  at NLO with massive top loop

✓

now intensive work including additional scales

# Two Loop Master Integrals - numeric

- ✓ Integrals with massive propagators much more complicated, new types of (elliptic) functions needing input from mathematics Tancredi, Remiddi (16); Adams, Bogner, Weinzierl (15,16)



e.g. Higgs plus Jet production via massive quark loop

- ✓ First results as one-fold (elliptic) integrals Bonciani et al (16)
- ✓ Light quark effects Melnikov et al (16)

# Antenna subtraction at NNLO

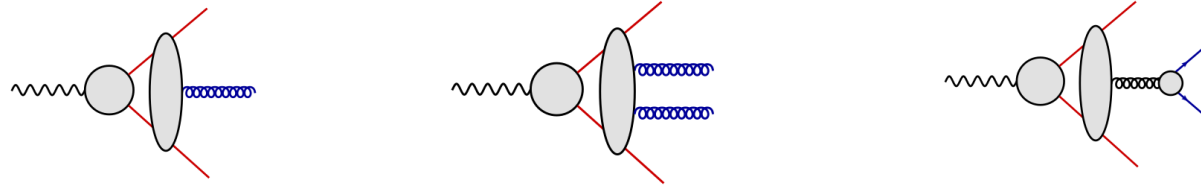
- ✓ Antenna subtraction exploits the fact that matrix elements already possess the intricate overlapping divergences

$$X_3^0(i, j, k) \sim \frac{|\mathcal{M}_3^0(i, j, k)|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_2^0(I, K)|^2},$$

$$X_4^0(i, j, k, l) \sim \frac{|\mathcal{M}_4^0(i, j, k, l)|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_2^0(I, L)|^2}$$

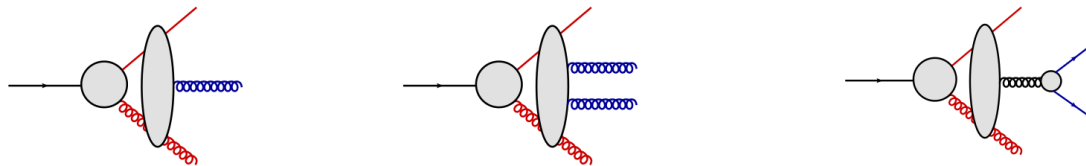
Quark-antiquark:

$$\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q} + \dots$$



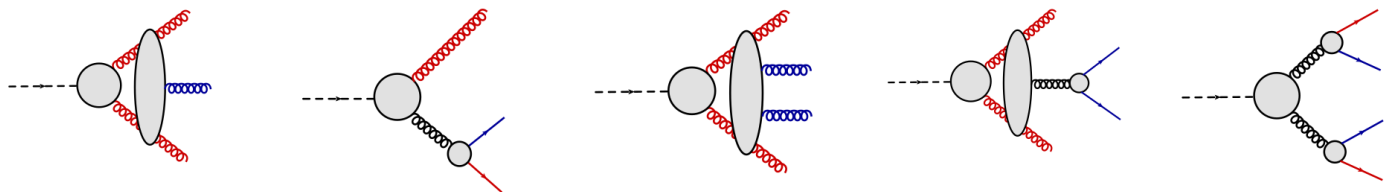
Quark-gluon:

$$\bar{\chi}^0 \rightarrow \tilde{g}g + \dots$$



Gluon-gluon:

$$H \rightarrow gg + \dots$$

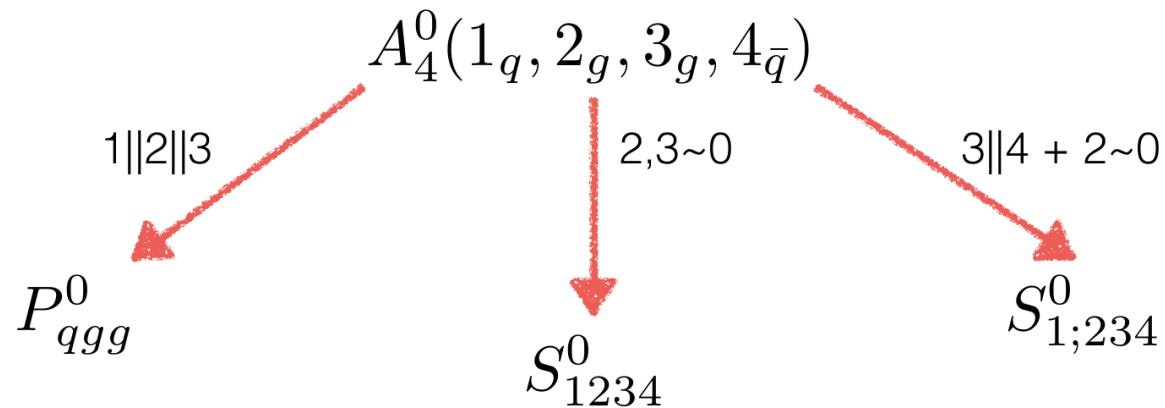


- ✓ plus mappings  $i + j + k \rightarrow I + J, i + j + k + l \rightarrow I + L$



# Antenna subtraction at NNLO

- ✓ Antenna mimics all singularities of QCD



- ✓ Phase space map smoothly interpolates momenta for reduced matrix element between limits

$$\widetilde{(123)} = xp_1 + r_1p_2 + r_2p_3 + zp_4$$

$$\widetilde{(234)} = (1-x)p_1 + (1-r_1)p_2 + (1-r_2)p_3 + (1-z)p_4$$

# Antenna subtraction at NNLO

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✓ All unintegrated antennae available

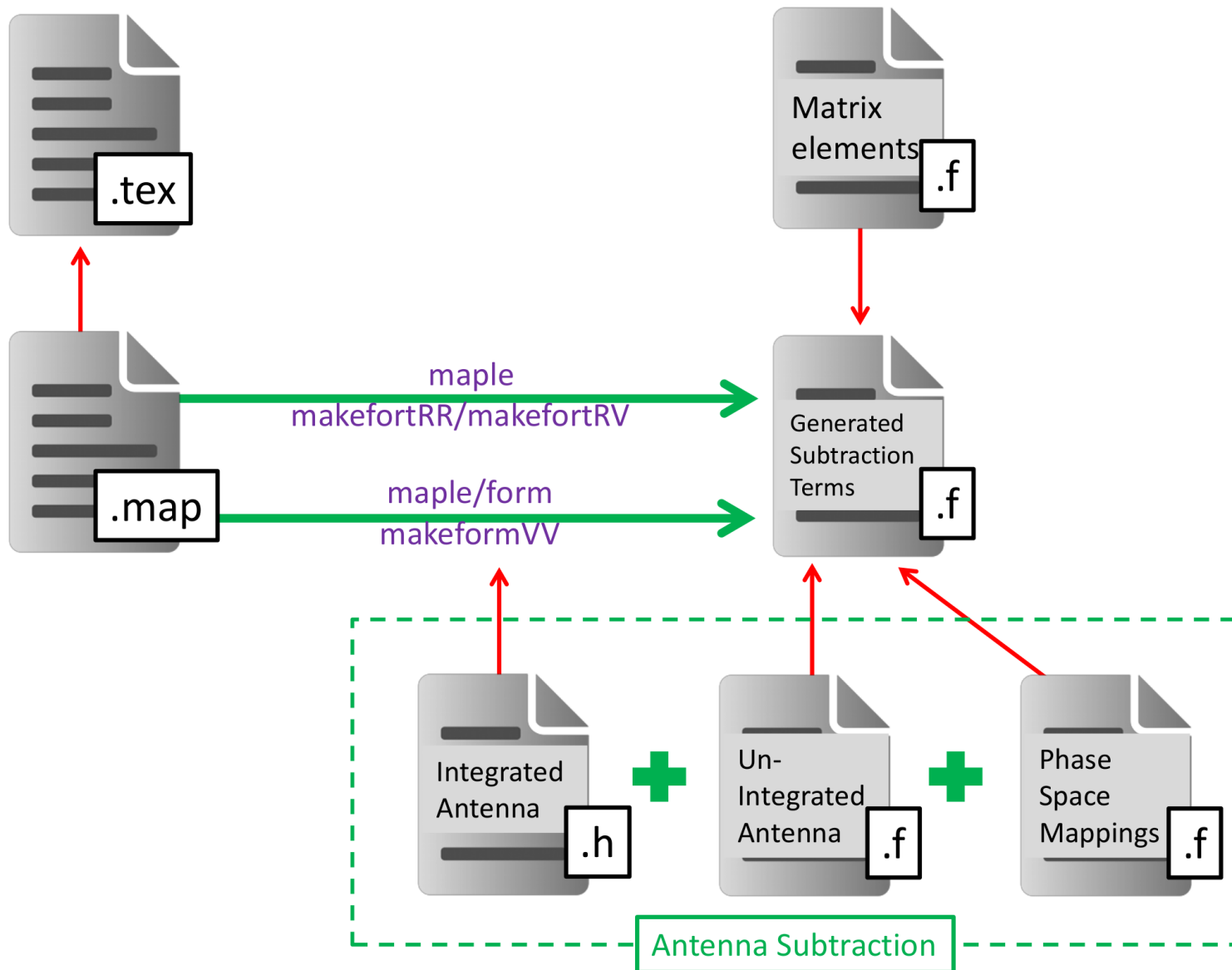
- ✓✓ Final-Final Gehrman-De Ridder, Gehrman, NG, (05)
- ✓✓ Initial-Final Daleo, Gehrman, Maitre, (07)
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NG, Pires, (10)

✓ All antennae analytically integrated

- ✓✓ Final-Final Gehrman-De Ridder, Gehrman, NG, (05)
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- ✓✓ Initial-Initial Gehrman, Monni, (11)  
Boughezal, Gehrman-De Ridder, Ritzmann, (11)  
Gehrman, Ritzmann, (12)

+ Laurent expansion in  $\epsilon$

# Automatically generating the code (1)



# Maple script: RR example



```
+F40a (i, j, k, l) *A4g0 (1, 2, [i, j, k], [j, k, l])  
-f30FF (i, j, k) *f30FF ([i, j], [j, k], l)  
*A4g0 (1, 2, [[i, j], [j, k]], [[j, k], l])
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...

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+ F40,a(i, j, k, l) A40(1, 2, (i $\widetilde{j}$ k), (j $\widetilde{k}$ l))
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```
- f30(i, j, k) f30((i $\widetilde{j}$ ), (j $\widetilde{k}$ ), l) A40(1, 2, [(i $\widetilde{j}$ ), (j $\widetilde{k}$ )], ((j $\widetilde{k}$ )l))
```

...

✓  $X_4^0$ ,  $X_3^0$  (and  $X_3^1$  in RV) are unintegrated antennae

✓  $[i, j, k]$  or  $(i\widetilde{j}k)$  are mapped momenta

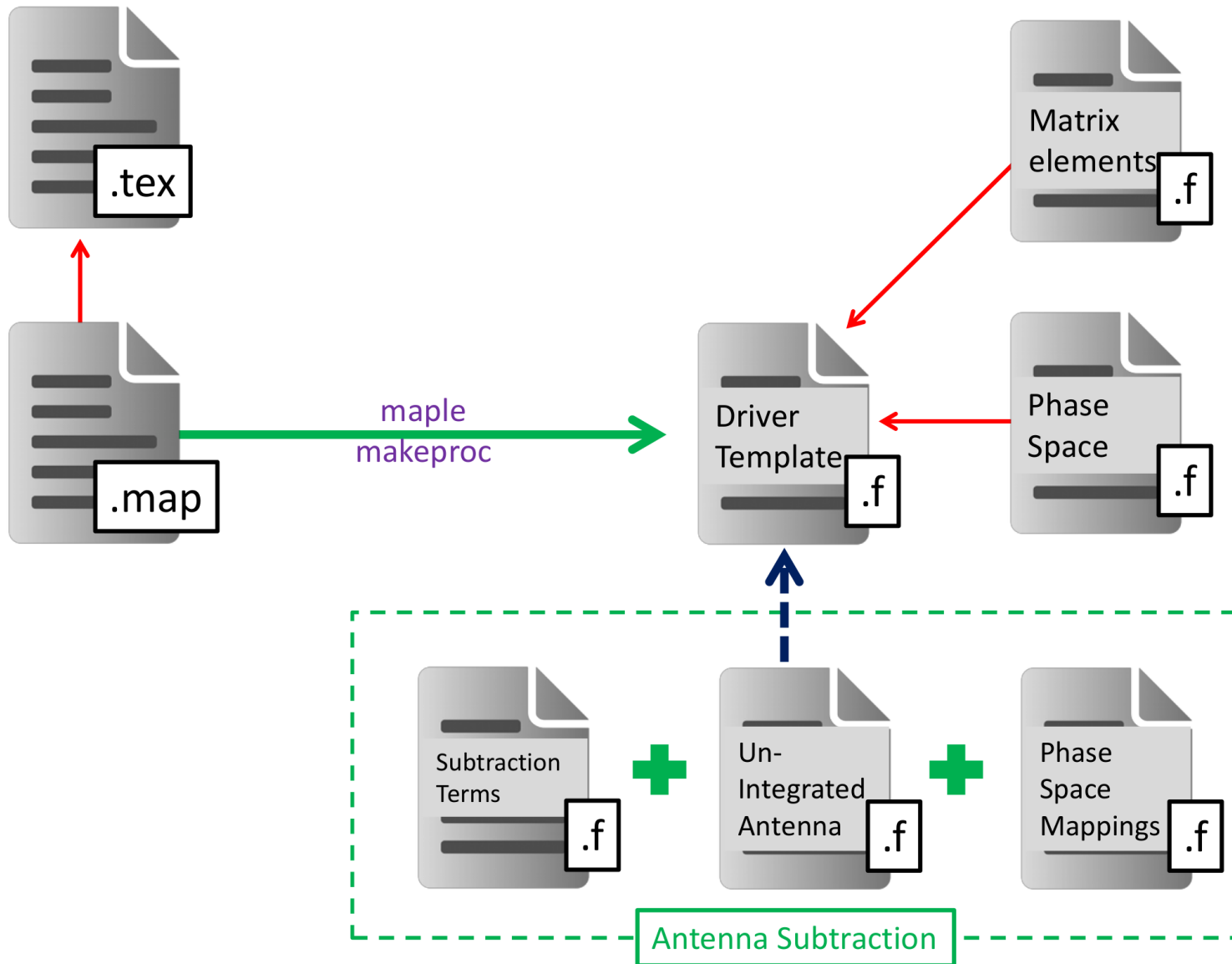
# Maple script: VV example



$$\begin{aligned}
 & - (+1/2 * \text{calgF40FI}(2, 3) \\
 & + 1/2 * \text{calgF31FI}(2, 3) \\
 & + b_0/e * 1/2 * \text{QQ}(s_{23}) * \text{calgF30FI}(2, 3) \\
 & - b_0/e * 1/2 * \text{calgF30FI}(2, 3) \\
 & - 1/2 * \text{calgF30FI}(2, 3) * 1/2 * \text{calgF30FI}(2, 3) \\
 & - 1/2 * \text{gamma2gg}(z_2) \\
 & + b_0/e * 1/2 * \text{gamma1gg}(z_2) \\
 & ) * A_4 g_0(1, 2, 3, 4) \\
 & \dots
 \end{aligned}
 + \left[ \begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_{4,g}^0(s_{23}) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_{3,g}^1(s_{23}) \\
 & - \frac{b_0}{2\epsilon} \left( \frac{s_{23}}{\mu_R^2} \right)^{-\epsilon} \mathcal{F}_{3,g}^0(s_{23}) \\
 & + \frac{b_0}{2\epsilon} \mathcal{F}_{3,g}^0(s_{23}) \\
 & + \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{F}_{3,g}^0(s_{23}) \otimes \mathcal{F}_{3,g}^0(s_{23}) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \Gamma_{gg}^{(2)}(z_2)
 \end{aligned} \right]$$

✓  $\mathcal{X}_4^0$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_3^0$  and  $\mathcal{X}_3^1$  are integrated antennae

# Automatically generating the code (2)



# Maple script to produce driver template



```
R := [
  [A5g0, [g, g, g, g, g], 1],
  [B3g0, [qb, g, g, g, q], 1/nc],
  ...
]:
```

$$d\sigma_{gg}^R = \mathcal{N}_{LO} \left( \frac{\alpha_s N}{2\pi} \right) \left[ \begin{aligned} &+ 2 \frac{1}{3!} \left( \sum_{12} A5g0(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) - \text{ggA5g0SNLO}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \right) \\ &+ \frac{N_F}{N} \left( \sum_6 B3g0(3, 1, 2, 4, 5) - \text{ggB3g0SNLO}(3, 1, 2, 4, 5) \right) \\ &\dots \end{aligned} \right]$$

# Checks

- ✓ Analytic pole cancellations for RV, VV ✓ Unresolved limits for RR, RV

$$\text{Poles} \left( d\sigma^{RV} - d\sigma^T \right) = 0$$

$$\text{Poles} \left( d\sigma^{VV} - d\sigma^U \right) = 0$$

$$d\sigma^S \longrightarrow d\sigma^{RR}$$

$$d\sigma^T \longrightarrow d\sigma^{RV}$$

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z + g_3 g_4 g_5 \text{ (} g_3 \text{ soft \& } g_4 \parallel \bar{q} \text{)}$$

```
09:26:35 ..maple/process/Z
$ form autoqgB1g2ZgtoqU.frm
FORM 4.1 (Mar 13 2014) 64-bits
#-
poles = 0;
6.58 sec out of 6.64 sec
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