

# Loop amplitudes at the precision frontier

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based on work with:

Aylett-Bullock, Brønnum-Hansen, Becchetti, Butter, Chaubey,  
Hartanto, Luchmann, Marcoli, Marzucca, Moodie, Peraro, Pitz,  
Plehn, Chicherin, Gehrman, Henn, Zoia

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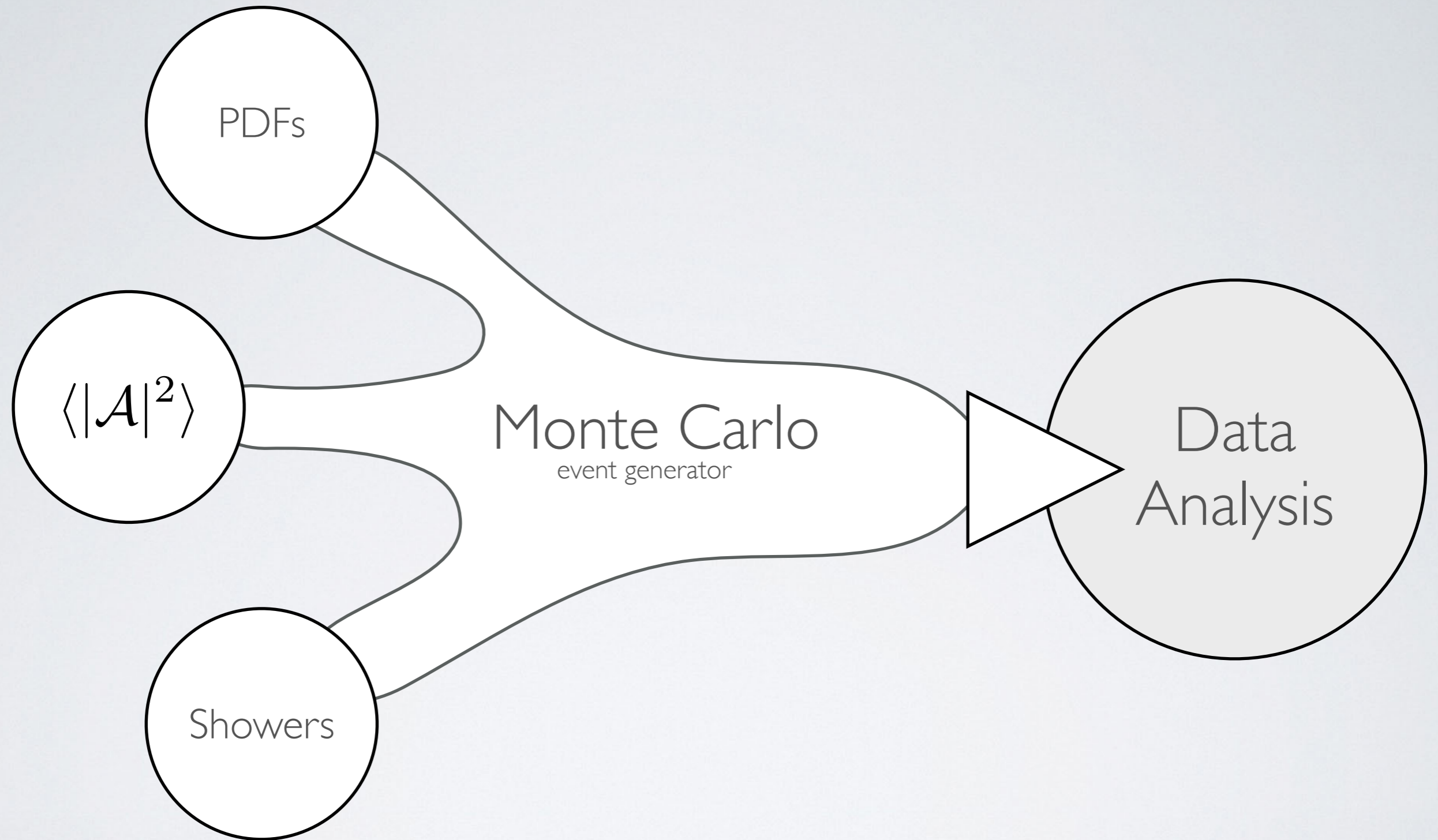


motivation:  
where is the precision frontier?

part I:  
finite field arithmetic and two-loop amplitudes

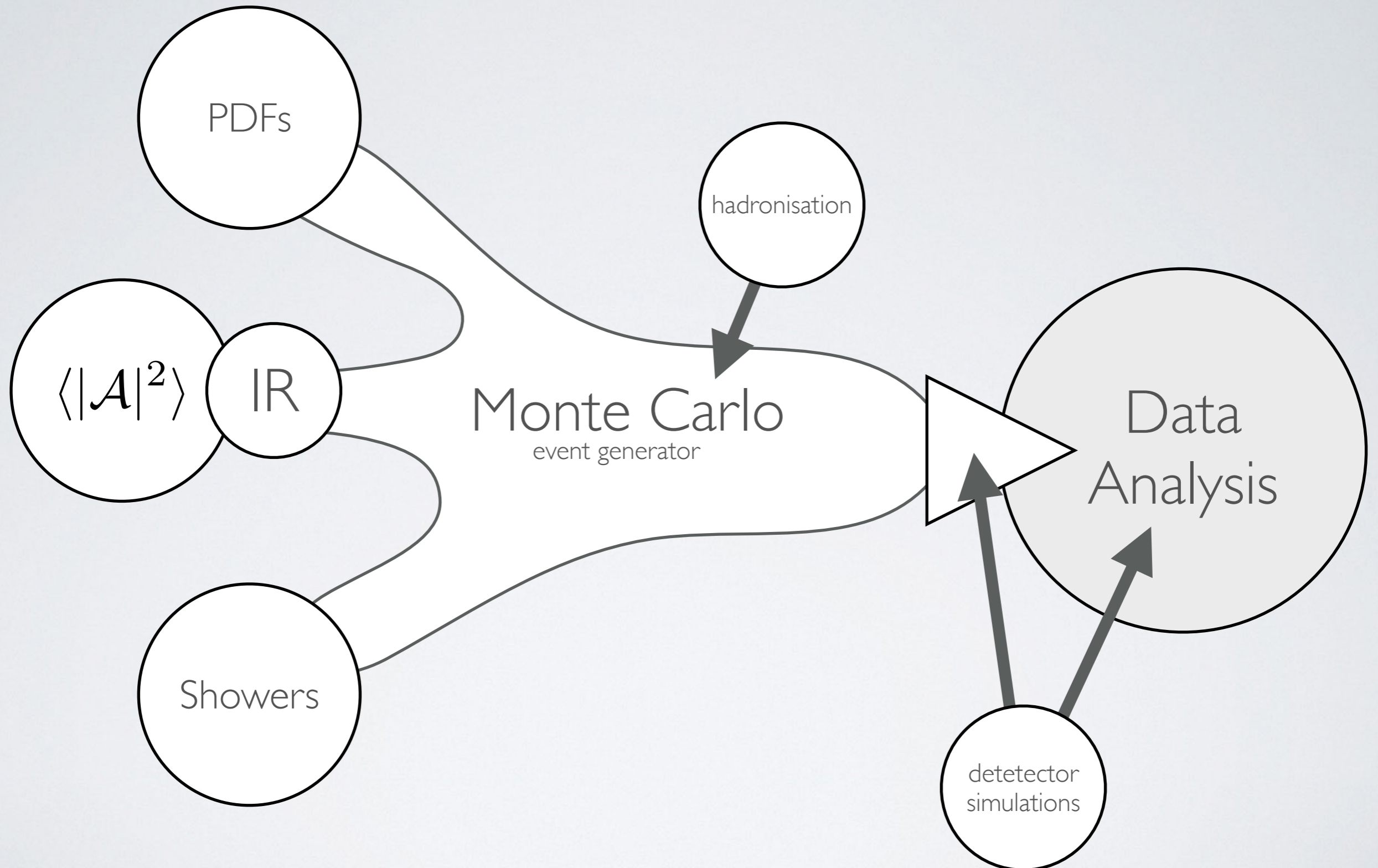
part II:  
amplitude neural networks

from theory to experiment



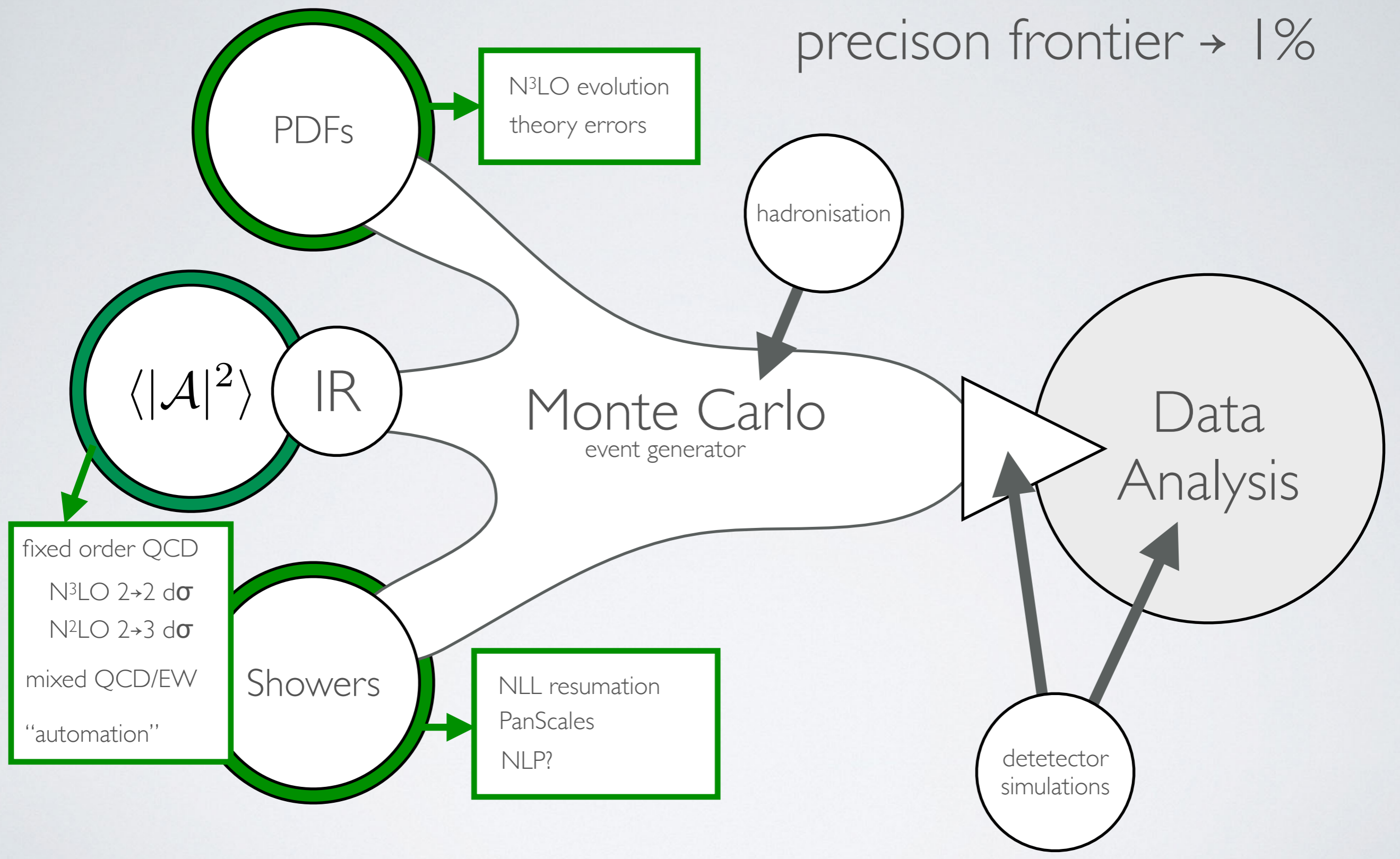


from theory to experiment

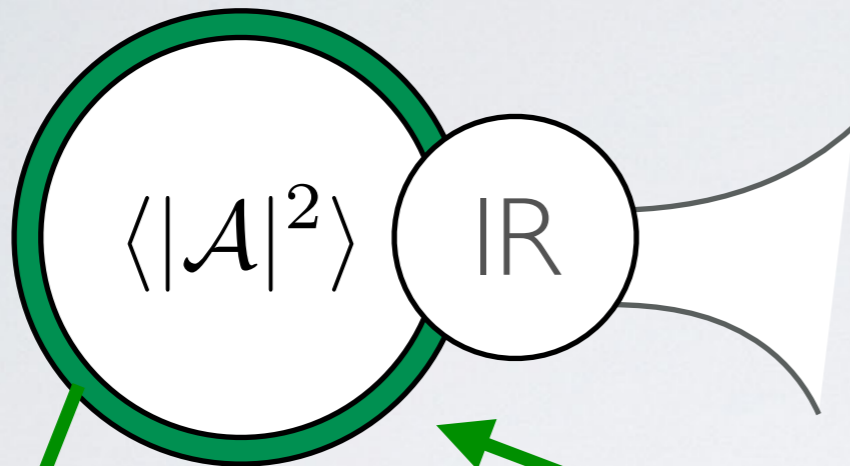




from theory to experiment:  
precision frontier  $\rightarrow$  1%



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**new technology required!**

reduction techniques

strenuous computer algebra

challenging integration

fixed order QCD

$N^3\text{LO } 2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ } d\sigma$

$N^2\text{LO } 2 \rightarrow 3 \text{ } d\sigma$

mixed QCD/EW

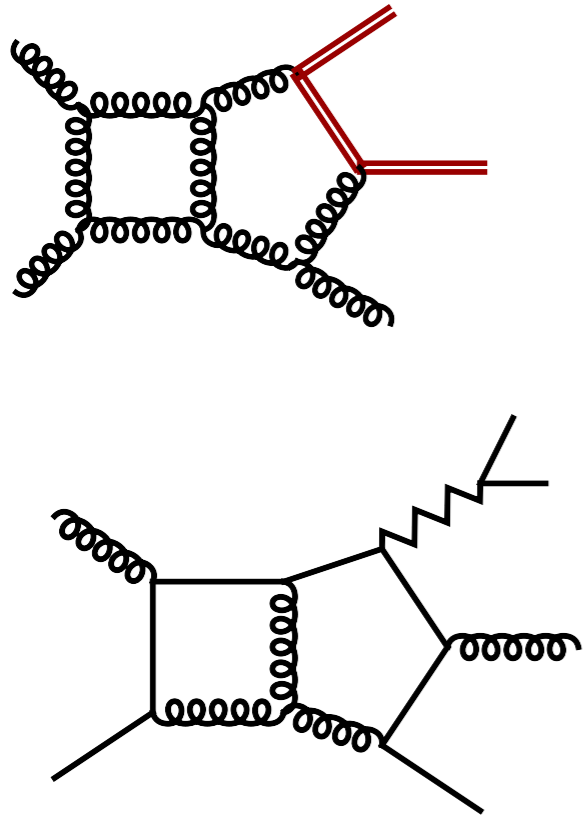
“automation”

$$d\sigma = d\sigma^{\text{LO}} + \alpha_s d\sigma^{\text{NLO}} + \alpha_s^2 d\sigma^{\text{NNLO}}$$

**$\sim 10\text{-}30\%$**

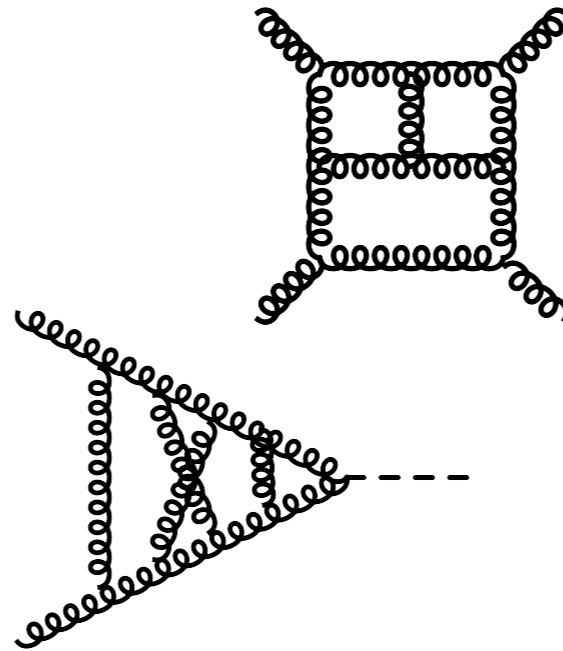
**$\sim 1\text{-}10\%$**

## multiplicity frontier



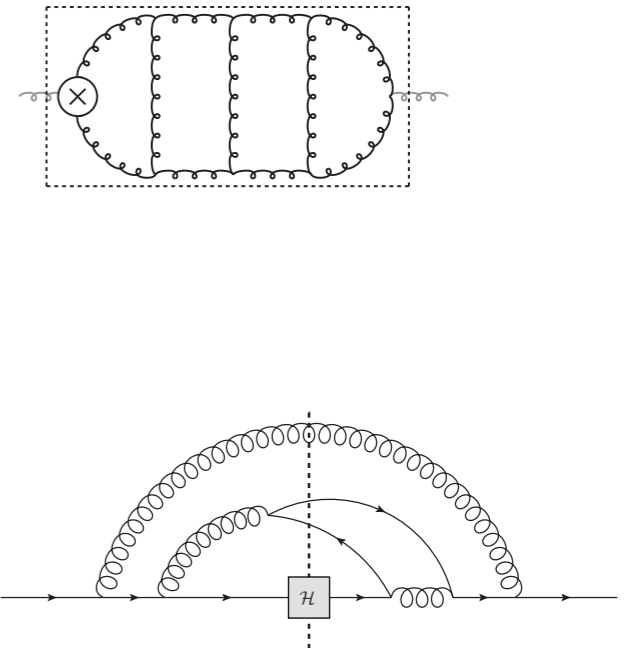
$N^2\text{LO } 2 \rightarrow 3$  ( $pp \rightarrow 3j$ ,  $pp \rightarrow W2j$ ,  $pp \rightarrow ttj$ , ...)

## loop frontier



$N^3\text{LO } 2 \rightarrow 2$ ,  $N^4\text{LO } 2 \rightarrow 1$  ( $gg \rightarrow H$ )

## IR frontier



$N^3\text{LO}$  splitting functions, analytic resummation, SCET, beam functions etc.



# the precision wishlist

latest update LH2021 Huss, Huston, Jones, Pellen [2207.02122]

process	known	desired
$pp \rightarrow H$	$N^3\text{LO}_{\text{HTL}}$	$N^4\text{LO}_{\text{HTL}}$ (incl.)
	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}^{(t)}$	
	$N^{(1,1)}\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}\otimes\text{EW}}^{(\text{HTL})}$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}^{(b,c)}$
$pp \rightarrow H + j$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{HTL}}$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{HTL}} \otimes \text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$
	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}$	
	$N^{(1,1)}\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}\otimes\text{EW}}$	
$pp \rightarrow H + 2j$	$\text{NLO}_{\text{HTL}} \otimes \text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{HTL}} \otimes \text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$
	$N^3\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}^{(\text{VBF}^*)}$ (incl.)	
	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}^{(\text{VBF}^*)}$	
	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}^{(\text{VBF})}$	
	$\text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}^{(\text{VBF})}$	

process	known	desired
$pp \rightarrow 2\text{jets}$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}$	$N^3\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$
	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$	
$pp \rightarrow 3\text{jets}$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$	

Table 2: Precision wish list: jet final states.

$pp \rightarrow V + 2j$	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$ (QCD component)	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}$
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$pp \rightarrow V + b\bar{b}$	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$
$pp \rightarrow VV' + 1j$	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}$

$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + j$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$	
	+ $\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}$ ( $gg$ channel)	
$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$

$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + j$	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}$ (off-shell effects)	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$ (w/ decays)
	$\text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$ (w/o decays)	
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + 2j$	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}$ (w/o decays)	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$ (w/ decays)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + V'$	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$ (w/o decays)	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$ (w/ decays)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \gamma$	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}$ (off-shell effects)	
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + Z$	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}$ (off-shell effects)	
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + W$	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$ (off-shell effects)	

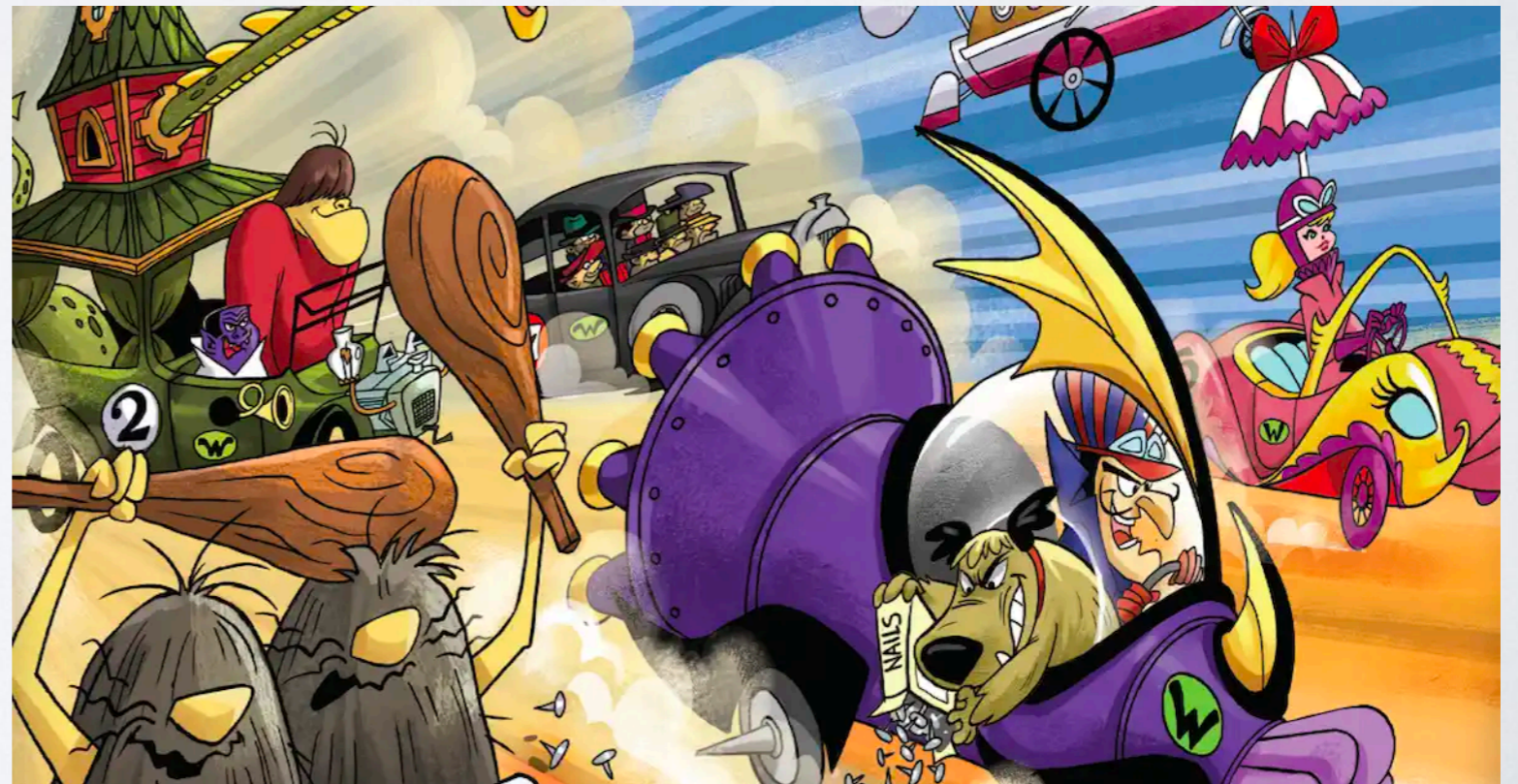
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}\bar{t}$	Full $\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$ (w/o decays)	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$ (off-shell effects)
		$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}$





precision  
measurements

computations at the  
precision frontier





bare amplitudes

$$A^{(L),4-2\epsilon} = \sum_i c_i(\epsilon, \{p\}) \mathcal{F}_i(\epsilon, \{p\})$$

rational functions

integrals/special functions

finite remainders

$$F^{(L)} = A^{(L),4-2\epsilon} - \sum_{k=1}^L I^{(k),4-2\epsilon} A^{(L-k),4-2\epsilon}$$

universal IR/UV poles

[Catani (1998)][Becher, Neubert (2009)]

[Magnea, Gardi (2009)]



# computational toolbox

numerical unitarity

all-in-one cuts to master integrals

on-shell methods

hidden simplicity and underlying geometry

momentum twistors

rational kinematics

integrand reduction

algebraic reduction

syzygy relations

optimising systems of IBP identities

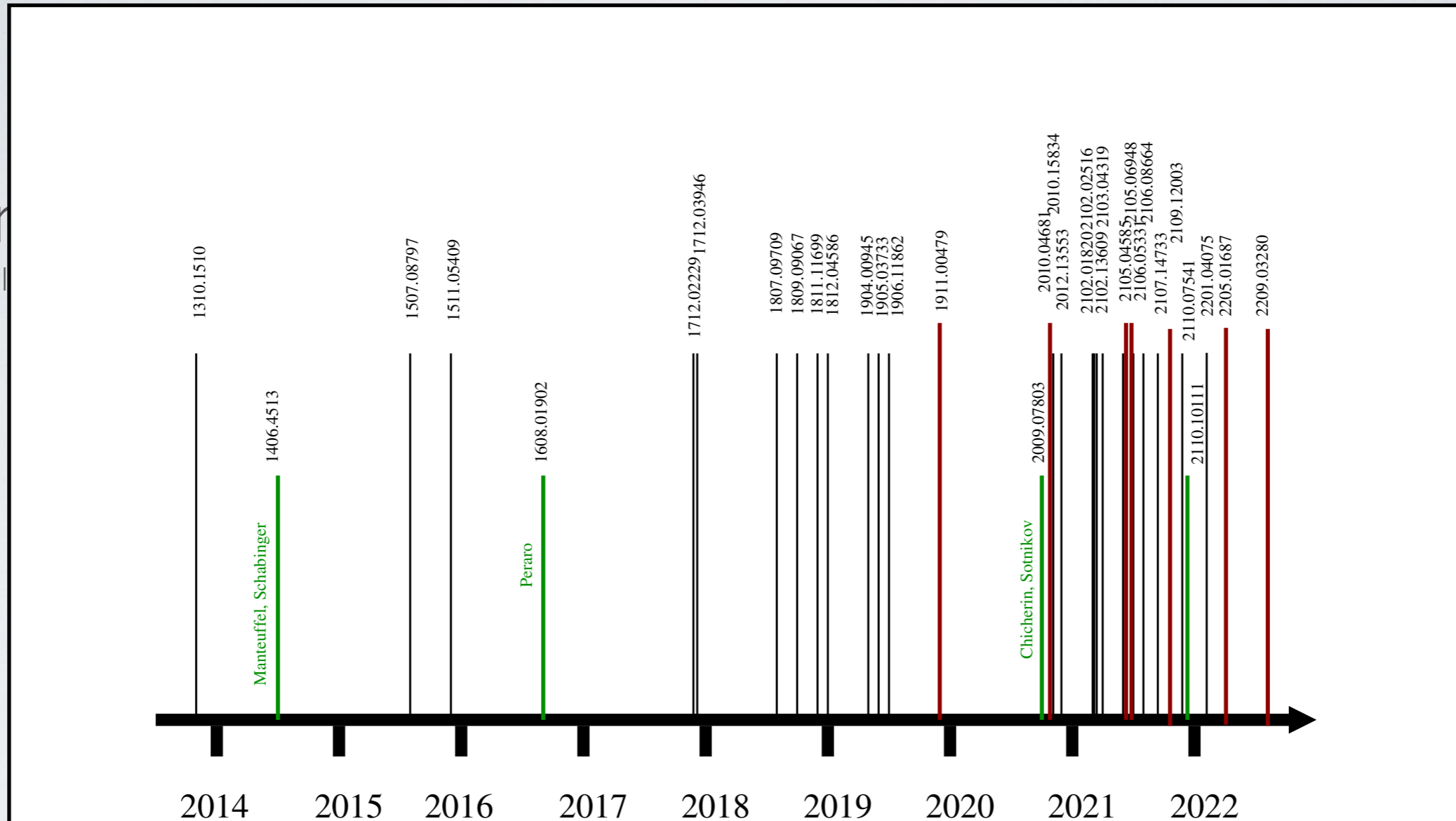
finite fields

exact numerics - truncated over e.g. prime numbers

recursion relations

reusing common blocks to evaluate diagrams efficiently

# computational toolbox



Abreu, Agarwal, SB, Brønnum-Hansen, Buccioni, Chawdhry, Chicherin, Czakon, De Laurentis, Dixon, Dormans, Febres Cordero, Gehrman, Hartanto, Heinrich, Henn, Herrmann, Ita, Kraus, Kryś, Lo Presti, Mitev, Mitov, Mogull, Ochirov, O'Connell, Page, Papadopoulos, Pascual, Peraro, Poncelet, Ruf, Sotnikov, Tancredi, Tommasini, von Manteuffel, Wasser, Wever, Zeng, Zhang, Zoia, ...

part I:  
finite fields arithmetic and two-loop amplitudes

with: Brønnum-Hansen, Becchetti, Chaubey, Hartanto, Marcoli,  
Marzucca, Moodie, Peraro, Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Zoia



# finite field arithmetic

not a new idea - used in many computer algebra systems

solving IBP systems: e.g. FINRED [von Manteuffel],  
KIRA+FIREFLY [Maierhoefer, Usovitsch, Uwer, Klappert, Lange]

framework for amplitude  
computations: FINITEFLOW [Peraro (2019)]

```
(* take some, reasonably large, prime number *)  
FFPrimeNo[1]  
(* all quantities evaluated modulo a prime number *)  
Mod[-3,FFPrimeNo[1]]  
Mod[87+FFPrimeNo[1],FFPrimeNo[1]]  
Solve[b*3==87,Modulus->FFPrimeNo[1]][[1]]  
(* already implemented in Mathematica *)  
Mod[87/3+FFPrimeNo[1],FFPrimeNo[1]]
```

9 223 372 036 854 775 643

9 223 372 036 854 775 640

87

{b -> 29}

29

NB: multiplicative inverse

extremely efficient solutions  
to linear algebra systems

other talks at this year's ACAT

De Laurentis

Moodie

Usovitsch

$$A^{(L),4-2\epsilon} = \sum_i c_i(\epsilon, \{p\}) \mathcal{F}_i(\epsilon, \{p\})$$

rational functions

multiple numerical (mod prime) evaluations can be used to reconstruct complete analytic information

Newton (polynomial) and Thiele (rational) interpolation

```
(* implement the Newton interpolation algorithm *)
NewtonReconstruct[z_, zvalues_List, fvalues_List, primeno_] := Module[{res, maxdegree, aa, eqs, sol},
maxdegree = Length[zvalues]-1;
res = Sum[aa[r]*Product[(z-zvalues[[i+1]]), {i, 0, r-1}], {r, 0, maxdegree}];
eqs = Equal@@@Transpose[{{res /. ({Rule[z, #]}&@zvalues), fvalues}];
sol = Solve[eqs, Table[aa[i], {i, 0, Length[fvalues]-1}], {Modulus->primeno}];
Return[res /. sol[[1]]];
]
```

```
fff[z_] := 15/2*z + 119/6*z^2;
values = {19, 44, 78};
FFRatMod[fff/@values, FFPrimeNo[0]]
test = NewtonReconstruct[z, values, %, FFPrimeNo[0]]
Collect[%, z, FFRatRec[#, FFPrimeNo[0]]&]
```

```
{6 148 914 691 236 524 491, 6 148 914 691 236 555 916, 121 251}
6 148 914 691 236 524 491 + 1257 (-19 + z) + 1 537 228 672 809 129 317 (-44 + z) (-19 + z)
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$$\frac{15z}{2} + \frac{119z^2}{6}$$

Rational external kinematics: e.g. Momentum Twistors (Hodges)

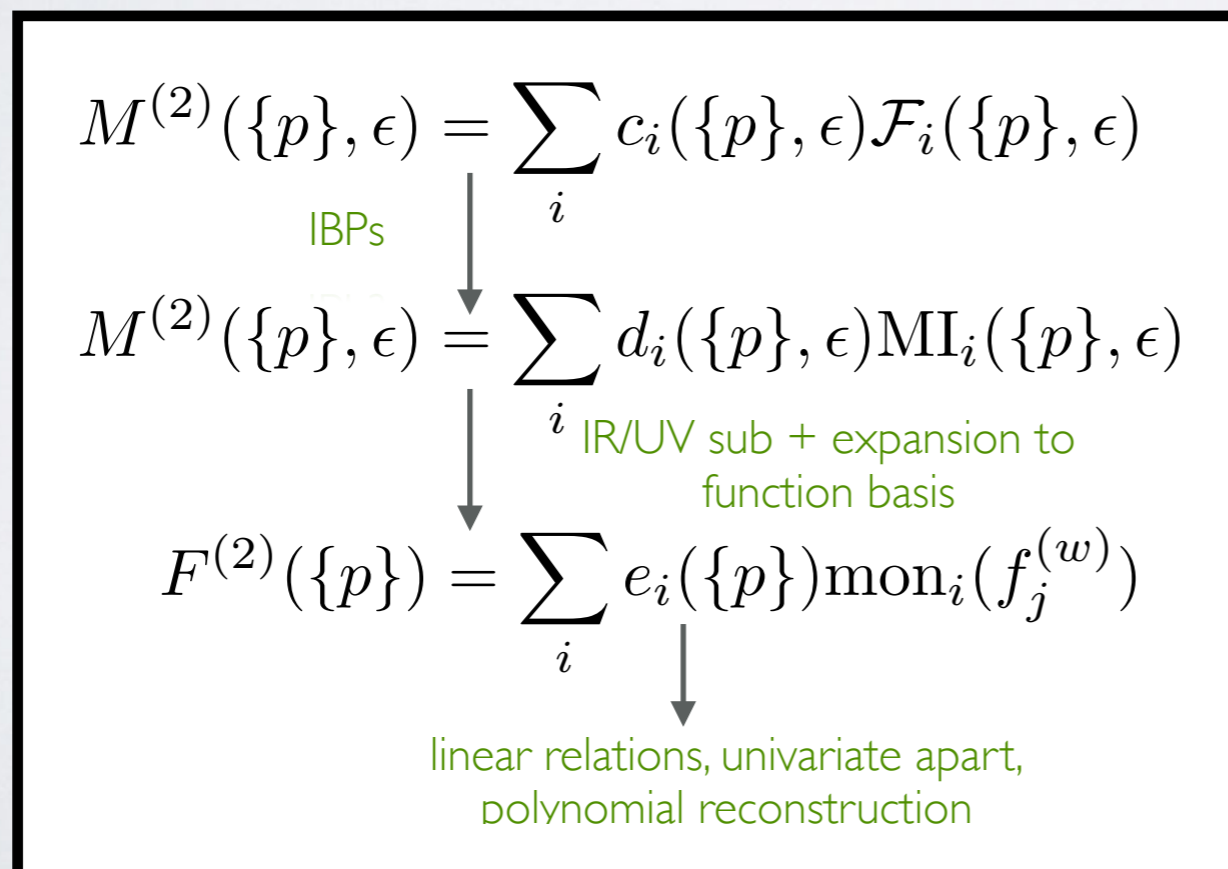
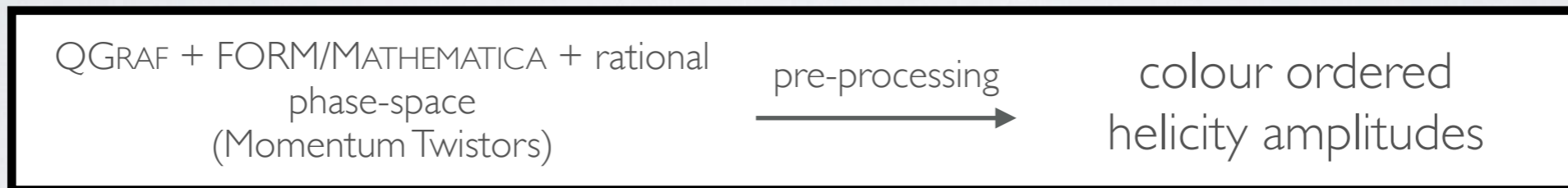
Trivial parallelisation of sample points



# finite fields for amplitudes

## useful features:

- reconstruct exact results using chinese remainder theorem
- extremely efficient solutions to large linear systems
- reconstruct rational functions using Newton/Thiele interpolation
- modular approach in FiniteFlow allows us to link different algorithms and avoid large intermediate steps



complete reduction setup implemented in FINITEFLOW

IBPs generated with help from LITERED/ FINITEFLOW



# amplitudes $\rightarrow d\sigma$

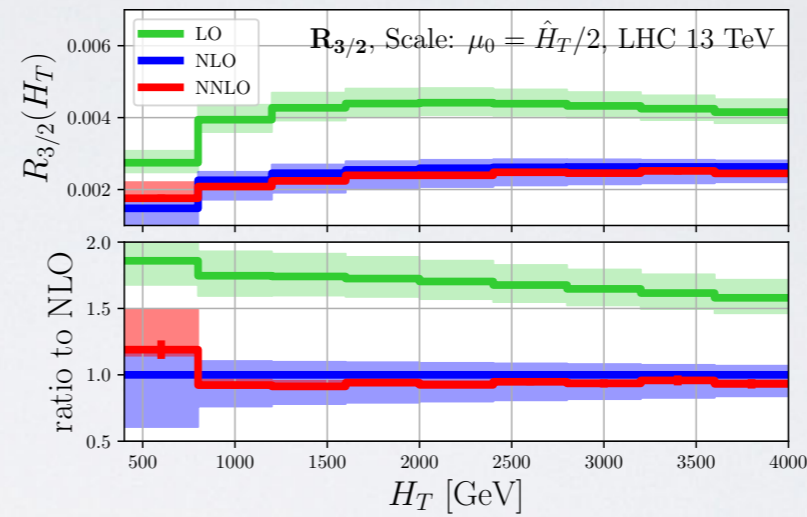
LCV = Leading Colour  
Double Virtual

$$A^{(L),4-2\epsilon} = \sum_i c_i(\epsilon, \{p\}) F_i(\epsilon, \{p\})$$

pentagon functions. now with one off-shell leg  
[Chicherin, Sotnikov, Zoia '21]

## $d\sigma$ pp $\rightarrow$ 3j LCV

[Czakon et al. 2106.05331]



## $d\sigma$ gg $\rightarrow$ 3g LCV

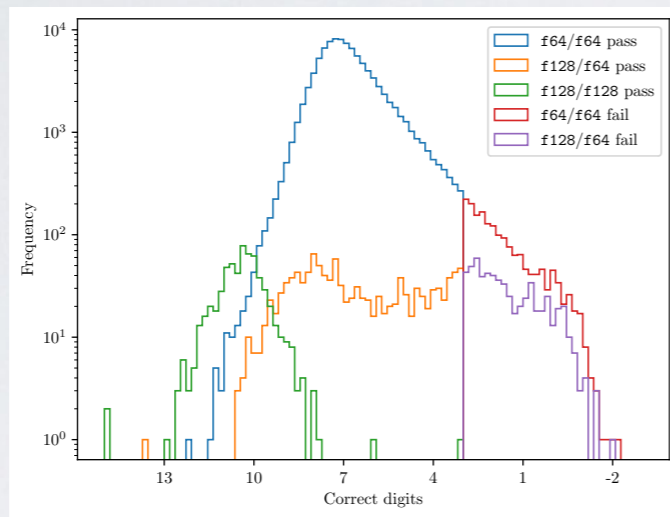
[Chen et al. 2203.13531]

## $d\sigma$ pp $\rightarrow$ Wbb LCV

[Hartanto et al. 2205.01687]

## $d\sigma$ gg $\rightarrow$ $\Upsilon\Upsilon$ g

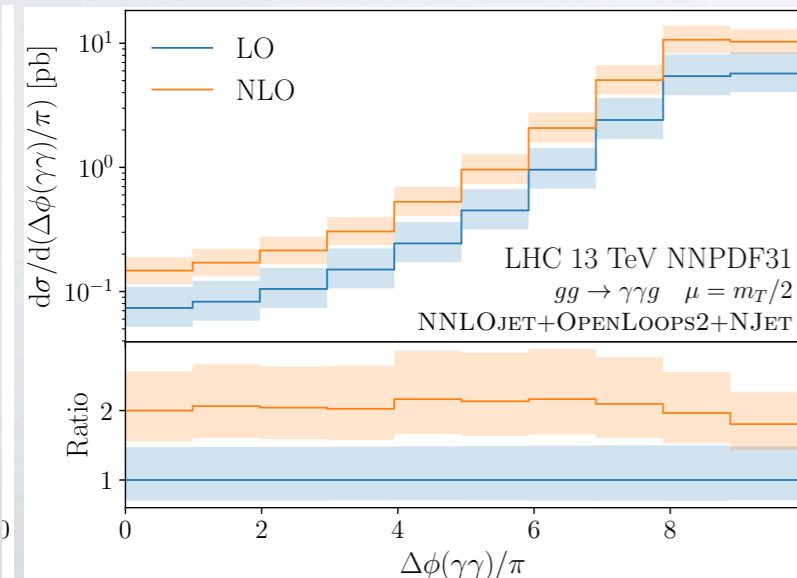
[SB et al. 2109.12003]



## $d\sigma$ pp $\rightarrow$ $\Upsilon\Upsilon$ j LCV

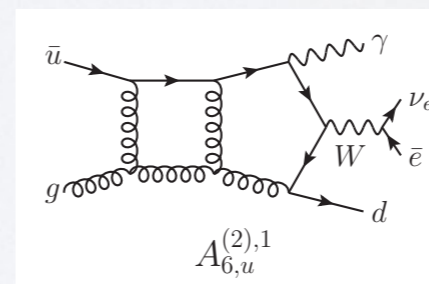
[Czakon et al. 2105.06940]

$$\sigma_{gg \rightarrow \Upsilon\Upsilon g}^{\text{NLO}} = \int d\Phi_3 \left[ \left| \text{tree} \right|^2 + \int d\Phi_3 2\text{Re} \left( \text{tree} \cdot \text{loop}^\dagger \right) \right] + \int d\Phi_4 \left[ \left| \text{tree} \right|^2 + \int d\Phi_4 \left[ \text{loop} \right]^2 \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$



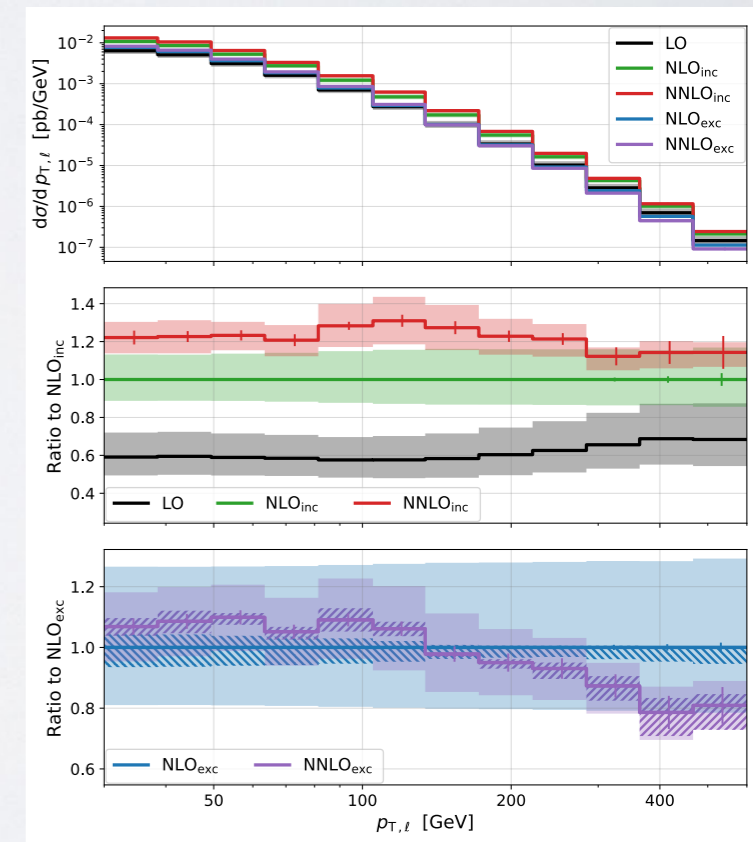
## $A^{(2)}$ pp $\rightarrow$ W2j LCV

[Abreu et al. 2110.07541]

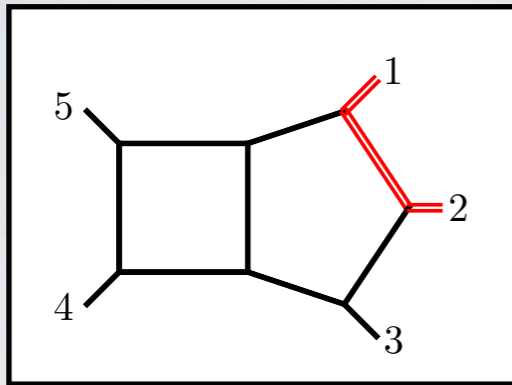


## $A^{(2)}$ pp $\rightarrow$ W $\Upsilon$ j LCV

[SB et al. 2201.04075]



# differential equations for $pp \rightarrow tt + j$



[SB, Becchetti, Chaubey, Marzucca (to appear)]

1<sup>st</sup> steps towards  $pp \rightarrow tt + j$  @ NNLO in QCD

see also 1L  $pp \rightarrow tt + j$   $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$  [SB, Becchetti, Chaubey, Marzucca]

canonical form [Henn '13] DE of  
88 master integrals

$$d\vec{\mathcal{I}}(\vec{x}, \epsilon) = \epsilon dA(\vec{x}) \vec{\mathcal{I}}(\vec{x}, \epsilon),$$

$$A(\vec{x}) = \sum c_i \log(w_i(\vec{x})).$$

IBP reduction and reconstruction  
over finite fields: good basis leads to  
simple reconstruction

$$\mathcal{I}_1 = \epsilon^4 8 d_{23} d_{45} (d_{12} + m_t^2) I_{1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,-1,0,0},$$

$$\mathcal{I}_2 = \epsilon^4 \frac{d_{45}}{2 \text{tr}_5} I_{1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,0}^{[11]},$$

$$\mathcal{I}_3 = \epsilon^4 \frac{d_{45}}{2 \text{tr}_5} I_{1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,0}^{[12]}.$$

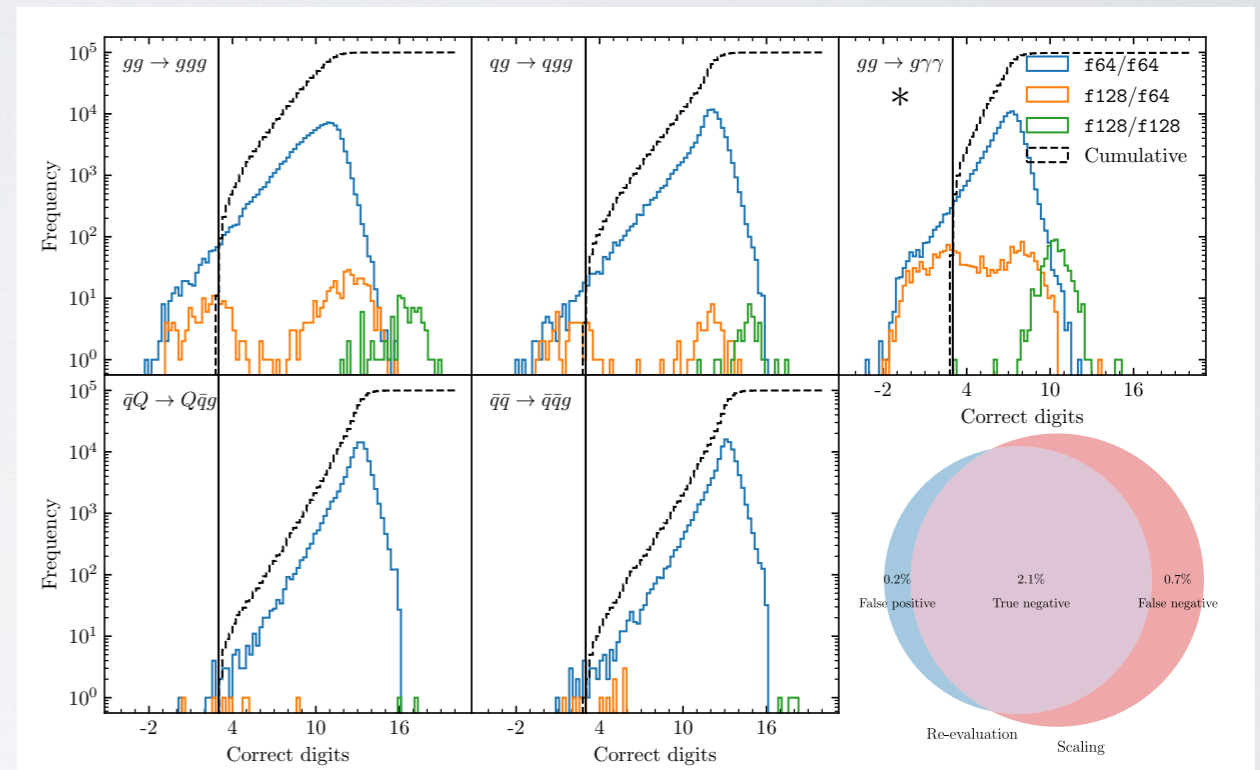
dLog alphabet of 71 letters

numerical evaluation with generalised  
series expansions (DiffExp)

high precision boundary values  
(AMFlow)

# two-loop five-point processes in NJET

Channel	f64/f64		Evaluation strategy	
	Time (s)	f (%)	Time (s)	f (%)
$gg \rightarrow ggg$	1.39	69	1.89	77
$gg \rightarrow \bar{q}qg$	1.35	91	1.37	91
$qg \rightarrow qgg$	1.34	92	1.57	93
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow ggg$	1.34	93	1.38	93
$\bar{q}Q \rightarrow Q\bar{q}g$	1.14	99	1.16	99
$\bar{q}\bar{Q} \rightarrow \bar{q}\bar{Q}g$	1.36	99	1.39	99
$\bar{q}g \rightarrow \bar{q}Q\bar{Q}$	1.36	99	1.39	99
$\bar{q}q \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}g$	1.14	99	1.14	99
$\bar{q}g \rightarrow \bar{q}q\bar{q}$	1.84	99	1.90	99
$\bar{q}\bar{q} \rightarrow \bar{q}\bar{q}g$	1.82	99	1.94	99
$\bar{q}q \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$	1.71	99	1.77	99
$gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma g$ *	9	99	26	99

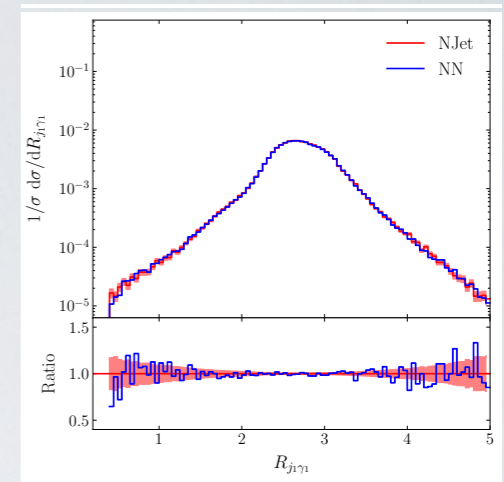
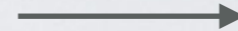
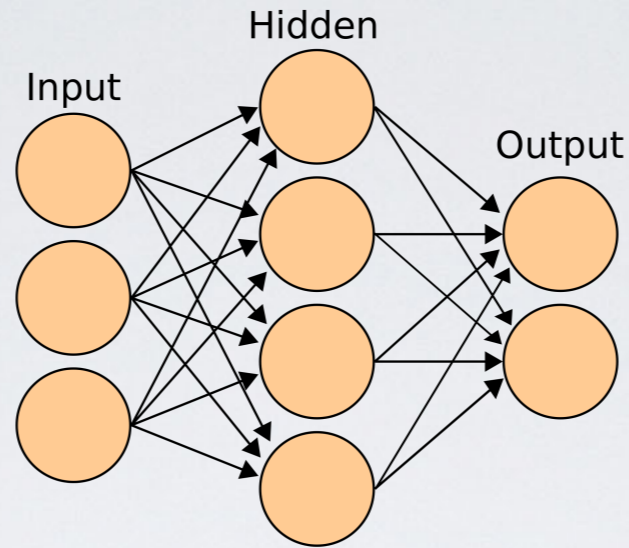
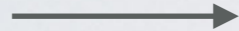


<https://bitbucket.org/njet/njet>

from Ryan Moodie's slides



$$\langle |\mathcal{A}|^2 \rangle$$



## part II: amplitude neural networks

with: Aylett-Bullock, Butter, Luchmann, Moodie, Pitz, Plehn

other talks and new results!

Bothmann, Butter,  
Truong, Janssen

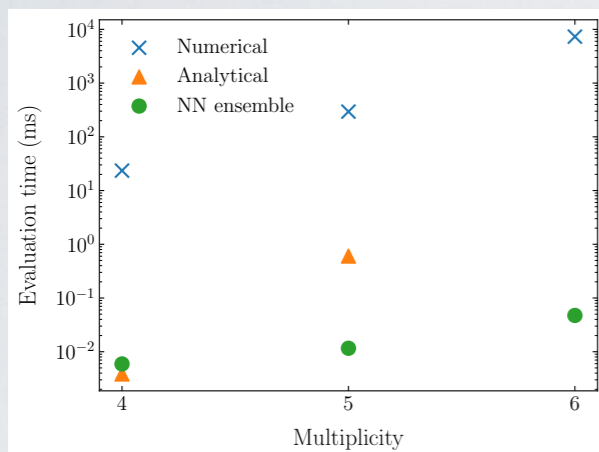
# optimising simulations

how can we speed up simulations  
with expensive amplitude calls?

SB, (Aylett-)Bullock [2002.07516]

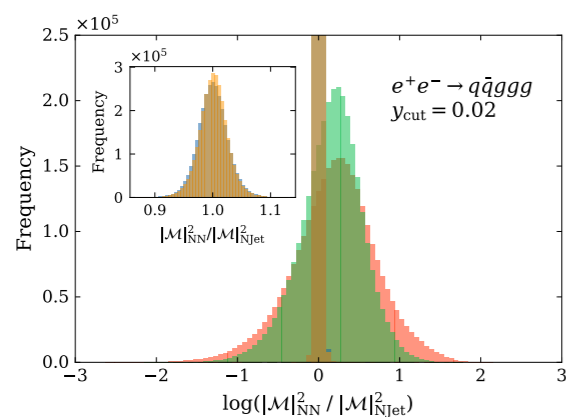
Aylett-Bullock, SB, Moodie [2106.09474]

huge potential!

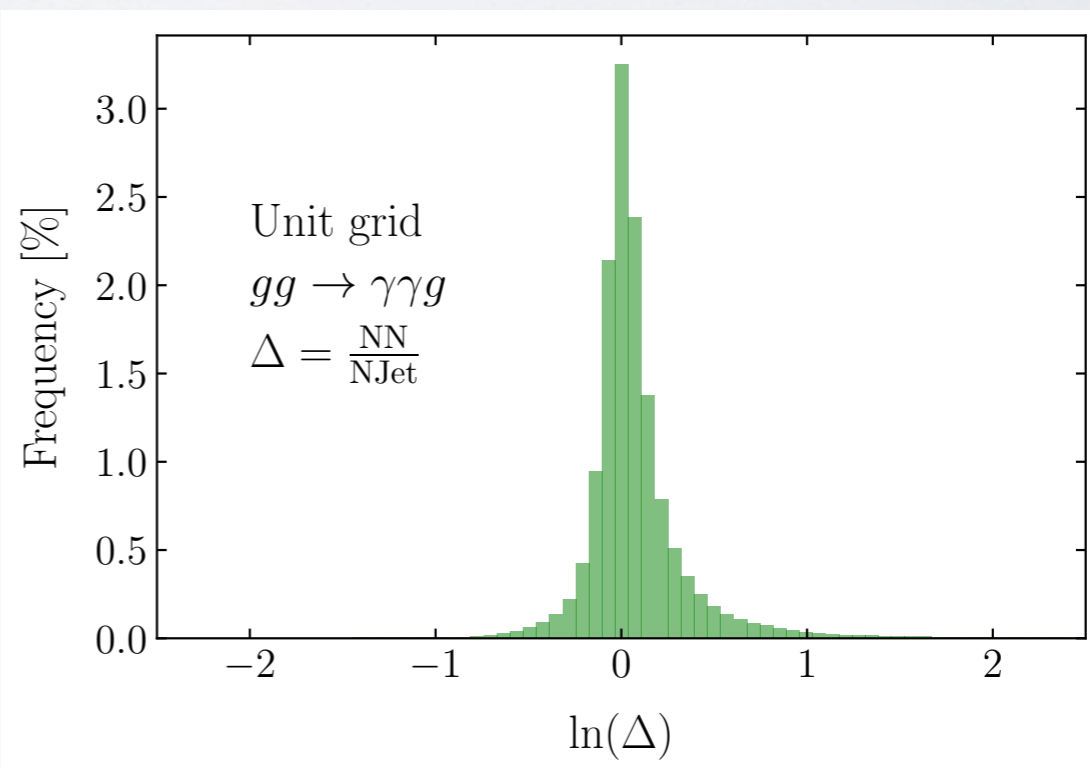


- Single NN does badly
- Understanding IR sectors via FKS improves reliability (ensemble of networks)
- Error estimates by varying model initialisation
- Various tests suggest single run speed improvements at least  $\times 10$

factorisation aware approach  
looks to be working nicely!



Maitre, Truong [2107.06625]



# Bayesian Networks

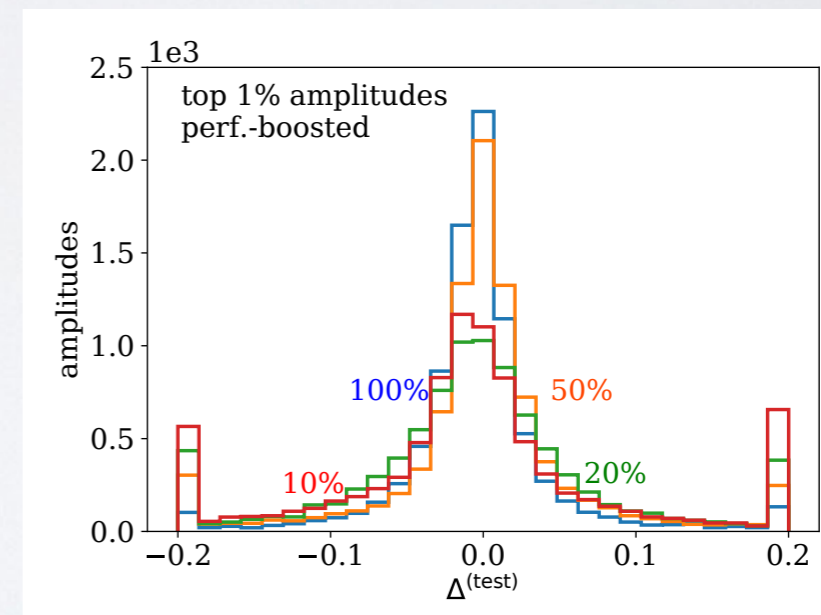
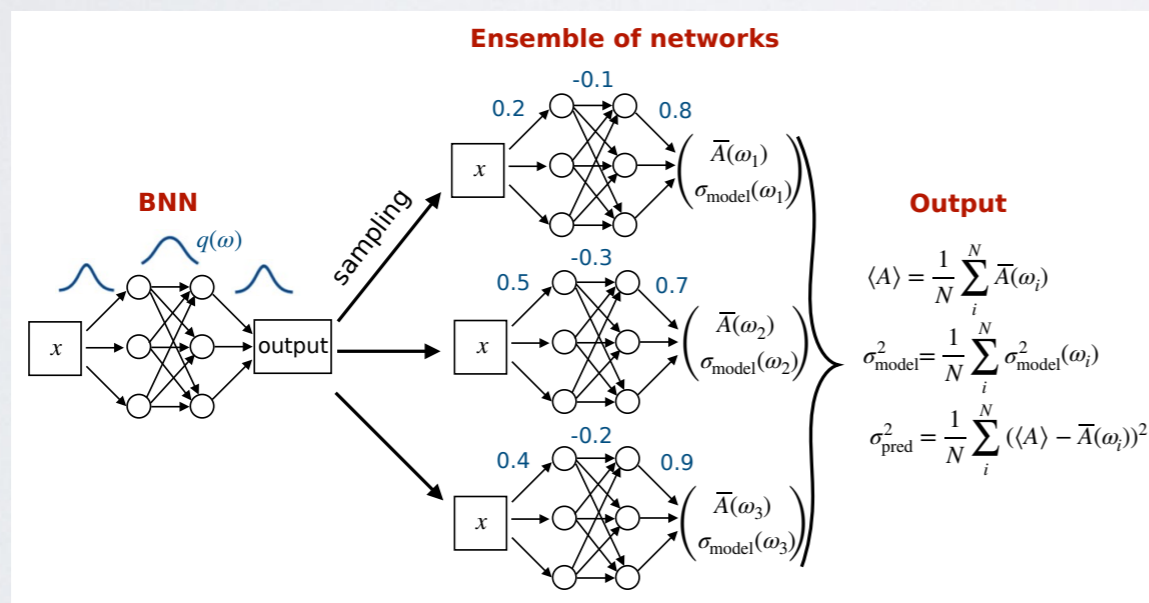
SB, Butter, Luchmann, Pitz, Plehn [2206.14831]

[See talk by Butter]

another experiment with  
loop amplitudes

$gg \rightarrow \Upsilon\Upsilon g, gg \rightarrow \Upsilon\Upsilon gg @ (1L)^2$

- better defined error estimates
- improved training via loss and performance boosting





# outlook

- new theory techniques are essential to meet the precision requirements at the LHC
- finite field arithmetic is making a dent in the 2L  $2 \rightarrow 3$  wishlist
- some progress for amplitudes with internal masses ( $ttj$ )
- amplitudes neural networks look to be a promising way to significantly optimise MC simulations