



V+gamma and V+Jets Production at Hadron Colliders

Theory Overview

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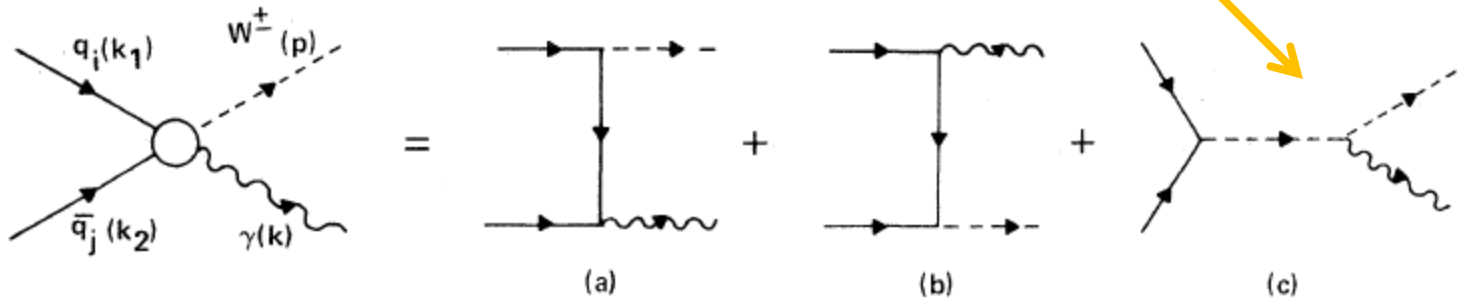
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TESTING GAUGE STRUCTURE IN THE SM

$$q_i(k_1)\bar{q}_j(k_2) \rightarrow W^\pm(p)\gamma(k)$$

This process allows to measure the trilinear $WW\gamma$ coupling



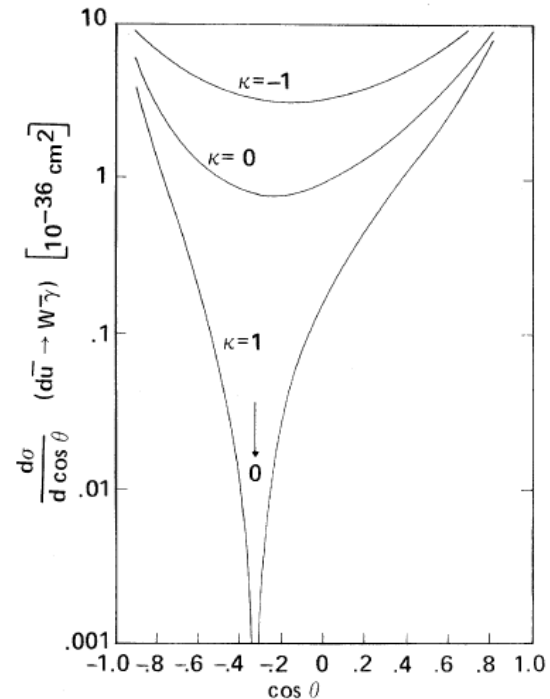
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First Born Level studies for measuring the W magnetic moment at hadron machine

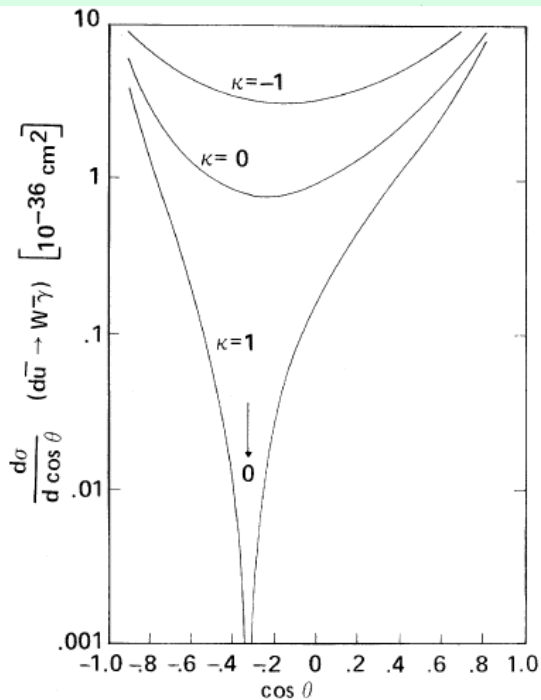
$$\mu_W = (e/2M_W)(1 + \kappa)$$

In the SM $\kappa = 1$; $\kappa \neq 1$ would be an aTGC



A CURIOUS RADIATION ZERO

Mikaelian, Samuel, Sahdev; PRL 1979



Θ is the angle between W^- and d

For $\cos \theta = -1/3$; the diff cross section vanishes!

Goebel, Halzen, Levielle; PRD 1981

Actually the amplitude vanishes, due to factorization properties!

Indeed they prove that by general properties (mom conservation, on-shellness, charge conservation) 4-point gauge amplitudes can be arranged in forms like:

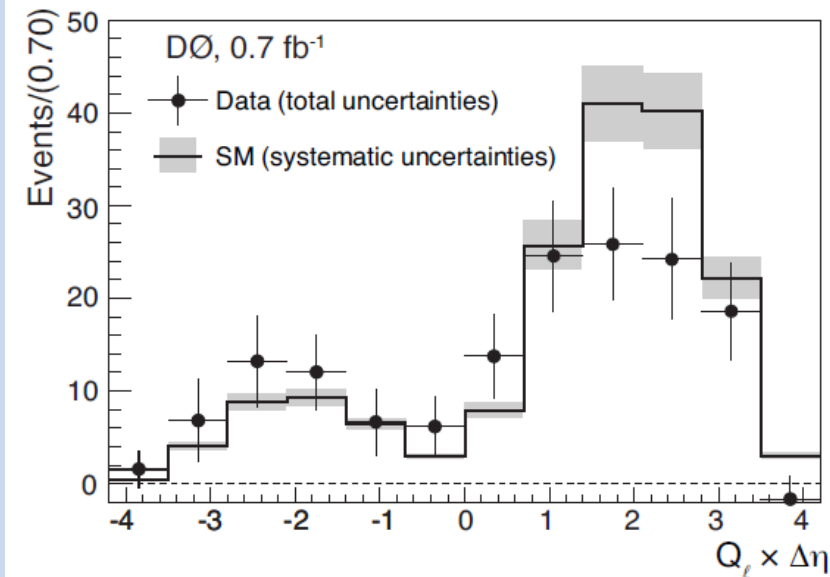
$$A = (Q_1 u - Q_2 t) \left[\frac{(p_2 \cdot \epsilon) t - (p_1 \cdot \epsilon) u}{stu} \right] \quad !!!$$

Bern, Carrasco, Johansson ; arXiv:0805.3993

Almost 3 decades later, the “spatial generalized Jacobi identity” used by GHL in their study, would be generalized to higher point amplitudes within the so called BCJ identities: Useful tool for gauge and gravity amplitudes!

RADIATION AMPLITUDE ZERO MEASURED!

At the hadron level the RAZ shows as a dip in the $(\eta_e - \eta_\nu)$ distribution. QCD corrections reduce slightly its size. Possible aTGCs basically wash it out.



D0 ([arXiv:0803.0030](https://arxiv.org/abs/0803.0030)) has made a dedicated RAZ study with a 0.7 fb^{-1} data set

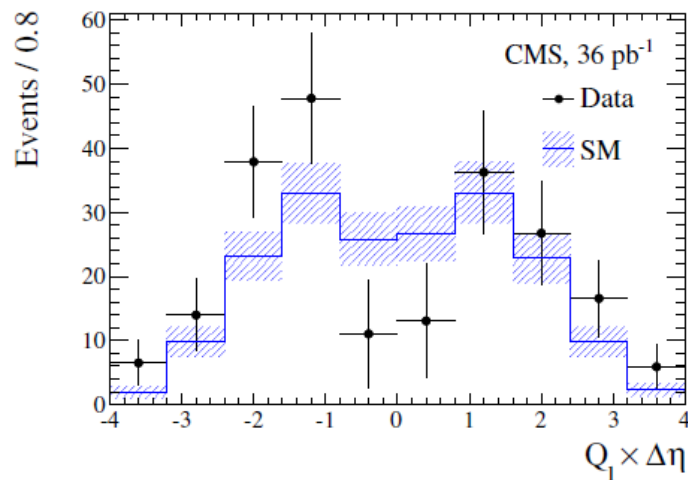
They get a 2.6σ significance for its measurement

Also constrained (CP-conserving) aTGCs to be in the ranges (consistent with the SM):

$$0.49 < \kappa_\gamma < 1.51$$

$$-0.12 < \lambda_\gamma < 0.13$$

OTHER RECENT $W\gamma$ AND $Z\gamma$ MEASUREMENTS



CMS ([arXiv:1105.2758](#)) has made $W\gamma$ and $Z\gamma$ measurement with a 36 pb⁻¹ data set

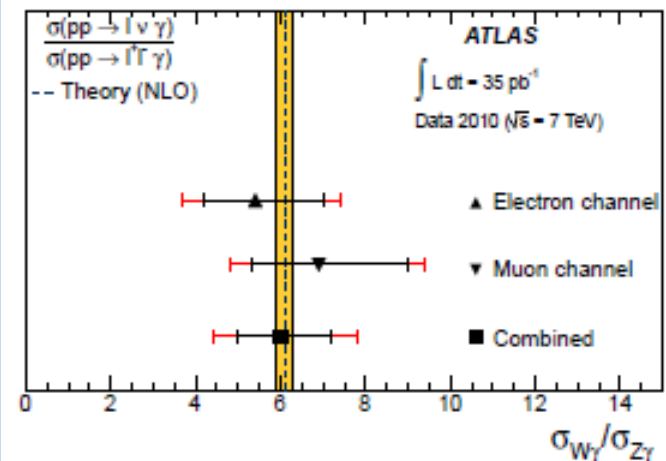
They see agreement with the SM prediction of a RAZ

Constrained (CP-conserving) aTGCs ($WW\gamma$, $ZZ\gamma$ and $Z\gamma\gamma$)

ATLAS ([arXiv:1106.1592](#)) has made $W\gamma$ and $Z\gamma$ measurement with a 35 pb⁻¹ data set

Made a dedicated study of total and diff cross sections

Discusses $W\gamma$ / $Z\gamma$ ratios. Don't show RAZ or aTGCs studies.



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QUANTUM CORRECTIONS TO $W\gamma$ and $Z\gamma$ PRODUCTION

Original work on the impact of QCD corrections in $W\gamma$ production was performed by Smith, Thomas and van Neerven in the late 80's

Smith, Thomas, van Neerven;
Z.phys.C 1989

Ohnemus also studied $W\gamma$ and added QCD corrections to $Z\gamma$ production

Ohnemus; PRD 1991

Studies of QCD corrections for general TGCs

Baur, Han, Ohnemus; PRD 1993

Fully differential studies at NLO

de Florian, Signer ; hep-ph/0002138

Fully differential (partial) Electroweak corrections

Hollik, Meier ; hep-ph/0402281
Accomando, Denner, Meier ; hep-ph/0509234

Very recent update on general Vector Boson Pair production (including γ radiation from leptons)

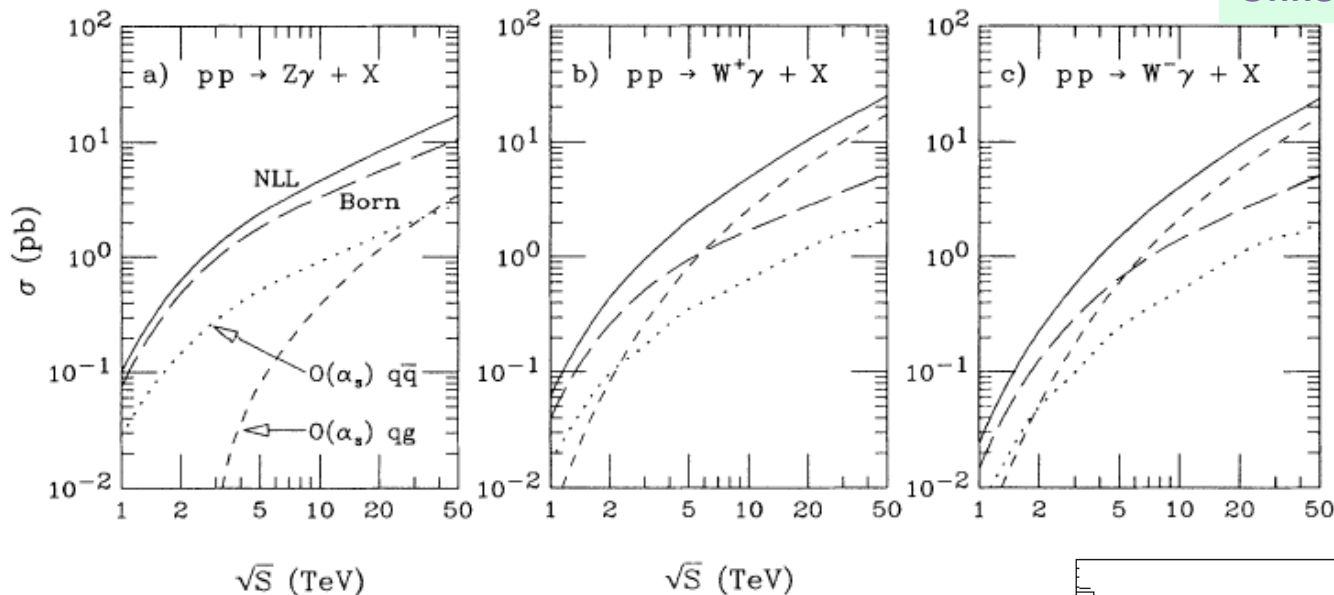
Campbell, Ellis, Williams; arXiv:1105.0020

INCLUDED INTO MCFM (v6.0): A PARTON LEVEL NLO MONTECARLO PROGRAM

TOOLS (1/3)

QCD CORRECTIONS: BRIEF RECOUNT

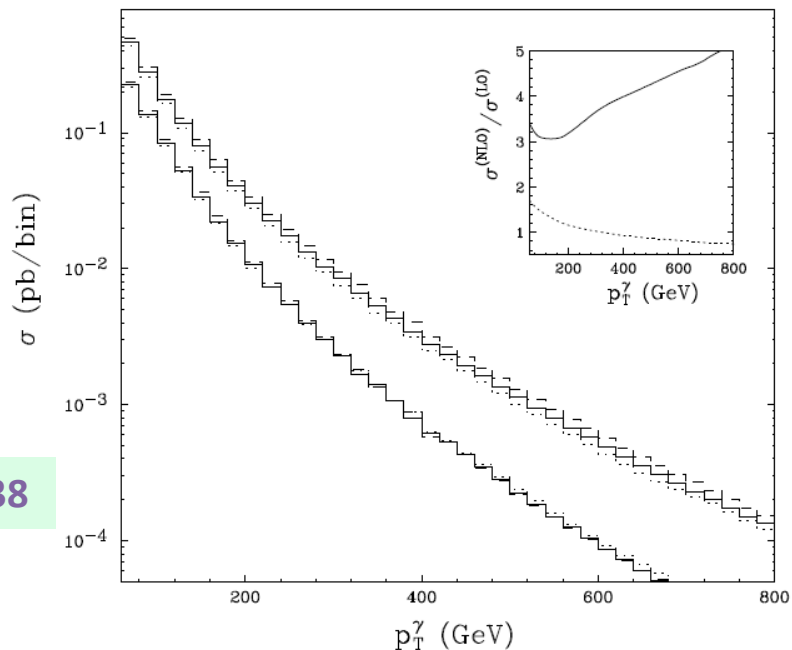
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Corrections large, specially in $W\gamma$ with increased energy. Similar to Drell Yang effects

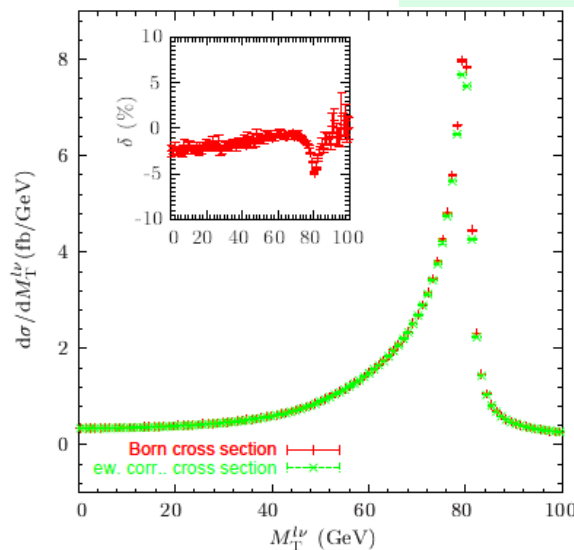
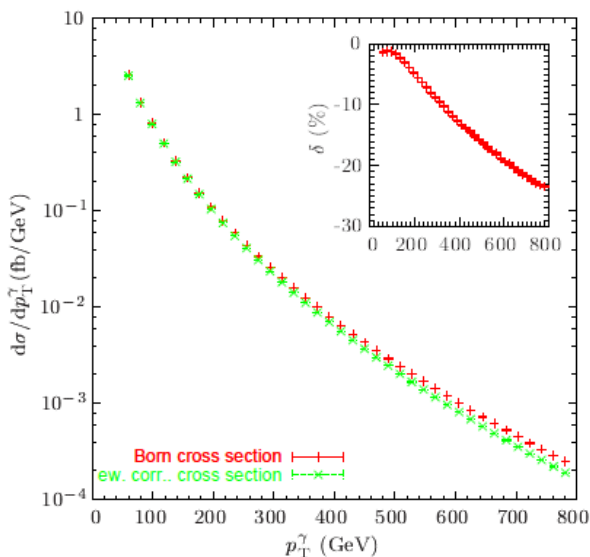
Considerable dependence of the corrections over PS (particularly over γ p_T)

de Florian, Signer ; hep-ph/0002138



ELECTROWEAK CORRECTIONS: BRIEF RECOUNT

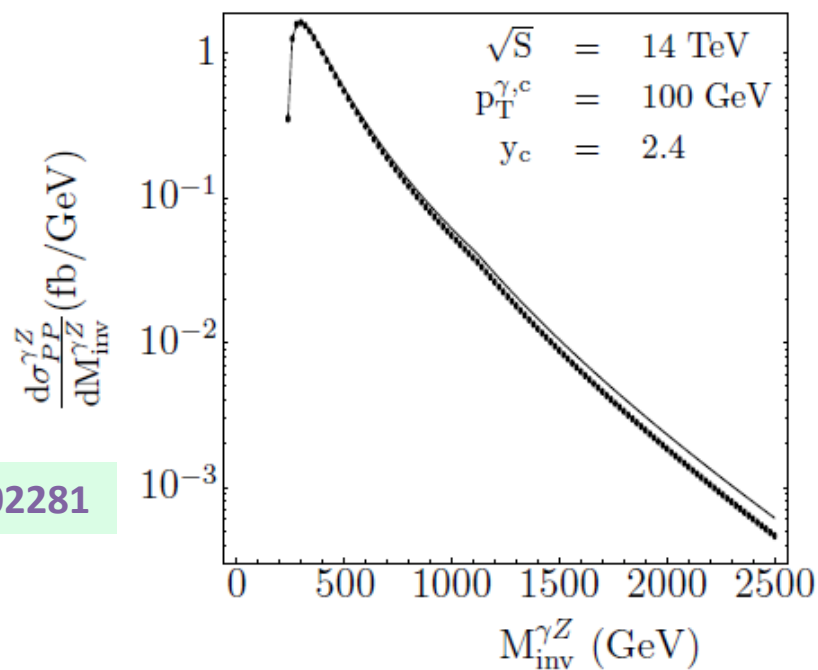
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Corrections moderate in $W\gamma$; in the order of -5%; tend to increase when testing larger partonic CM energies

Similar observations for $Z\gamma$ production.

Hollik, Meier ; hep-ph/0402281



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TOOLS (1/3): NLO PARTON LEVEL MONTECARLOS

- **Importance of computing quantum correction** is clear (better modeling of underlying theories; decrease sensitivity to unphysical scales; good shapes of distributions; etc)
- Often involves cumbersome calculations: So theorist tend to be “**busy**” with details
- Theory publications can never cover **all** interesting kinematic scenarios and observables
- So it is important that theorists hand out **TOOLS** that allow experimental collaborations to readily study signals and backgrounds at the best available precision

Campbell, Ellis, Williams; arXiv:1105.0020

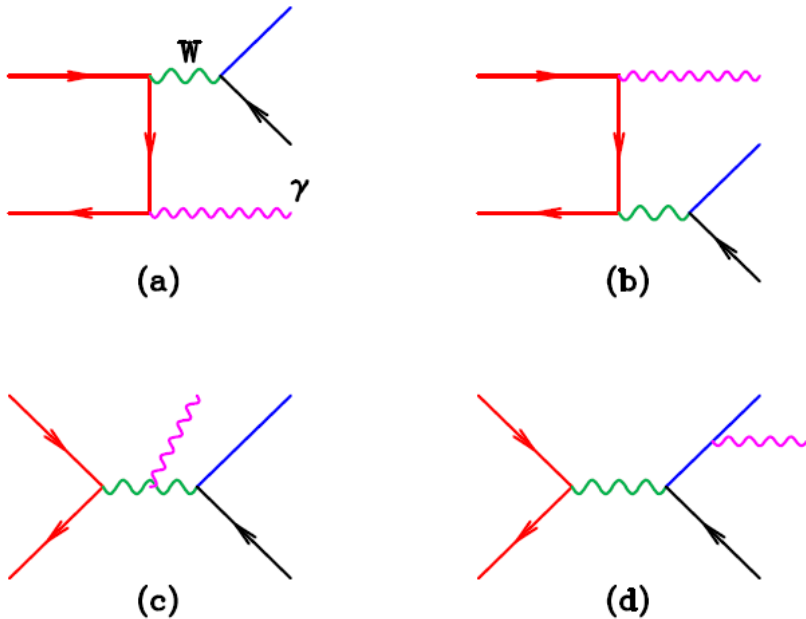
An example: VV PRODUCTION@NLO WITH MCFM (v6.0)

- Latest MCFM release completed the set of all calculations of VV production at NLO QCD
- This includes $\gamma\gamma$, $W\gamma$, $Z\gamma$, WW , WZ and ZZ production!
- Also allows for studies of different photon isolation schemes

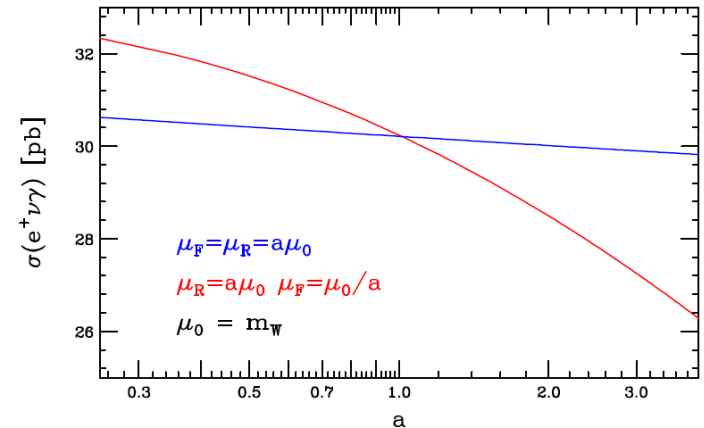
TOOLS (1/3): $W\gamma$ Production At The LHC

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Full set of tree level diagrams
for $W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma$ production



And we get the typical theory plot:

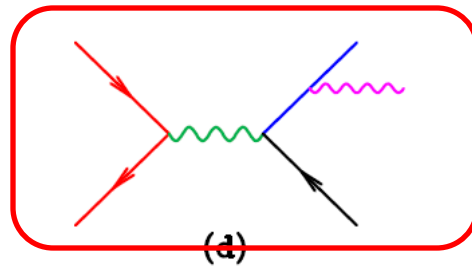
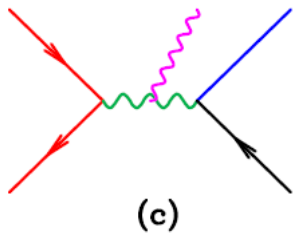
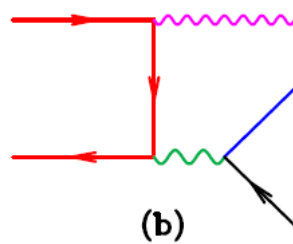
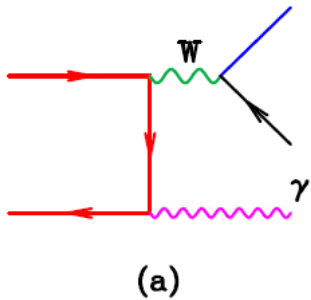


But we might be interested into learn
much more than just scale dependence!!!

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For example: which sort of impact has in the quantum corrections the inclusion of (photon) “FSR” associated with this tree level diagram ???

CEW show a study like this and obtain the following:

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APPLY THESE DIFFERENT SET OF CUTS

Basic Photon : $p_T^\gamma > 10$ GeV, $|\eta_\gamma| < 5$, $R_{\ell\gamma} > 0.7$, $R_0 = 0.4$, $E_T^{max} = 3$ GeV.

M_T cut : Basic Photon + $M_T > 90$ GeV.

Lepton cuts : M_T cut + $E_T^{miss} > 25$ GeV, $p_T^\ell > 20$ GeV, $|\eta_\ell| < 2.5$.

AND LOOK AT THE
TOTAL RATES:

Decay	Cuts	$\sigma^{LO}(e^+\nu\gamma)$	$\sigma^{NLO}(e^+\nu\gamma)$
No FSR	Basic γ	4.88	8.74
	M_T cut	1.99	3.78
	Lepton cuts	1.49	2.73
Full	Basic γ	23.0	30.1
	M_T cut	2.12	3.94
	Lepton cuts	1.58	2.85

TOOLS (1/3): *W* Production At The LHC

- Many similar questions can be answered in a similar way DIRECTLY by the user of MCFM.
- Notice that MCFM contains many other interesting processes, including $V+n$ Jets ($n = 0,1,2$).
- This approach is really efficient as long as one can keep computer needs moderate; i.e. running with few variations of inputs (couplings, PDFs, jet algs, etc) and for (relatively) low multiplicity studies.

Depending on the needs, exists several similar programs: like DIPHOX; NLOJet++; JetPHOX; VBFNLO ; etc, etc...

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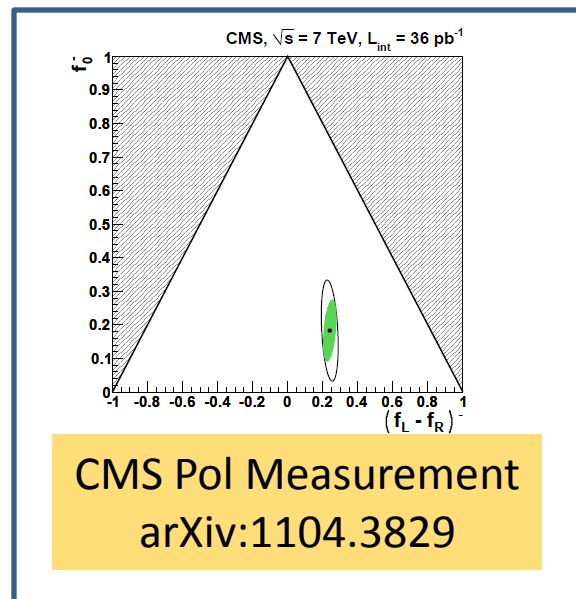
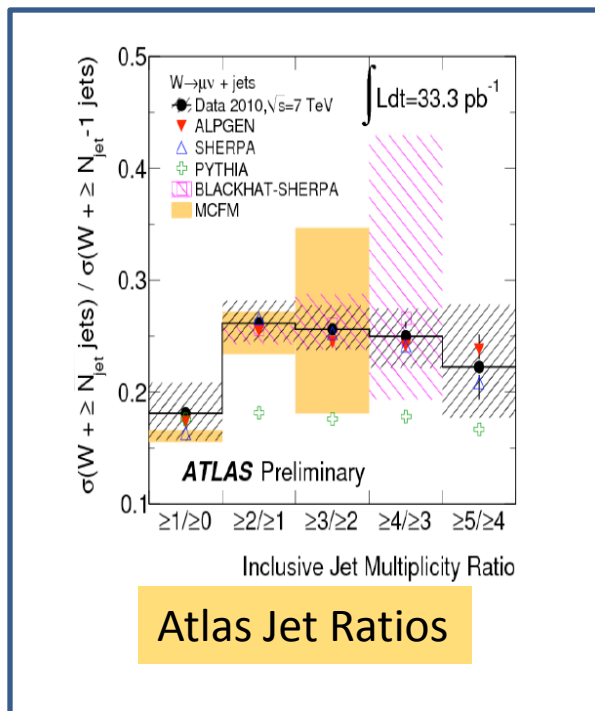
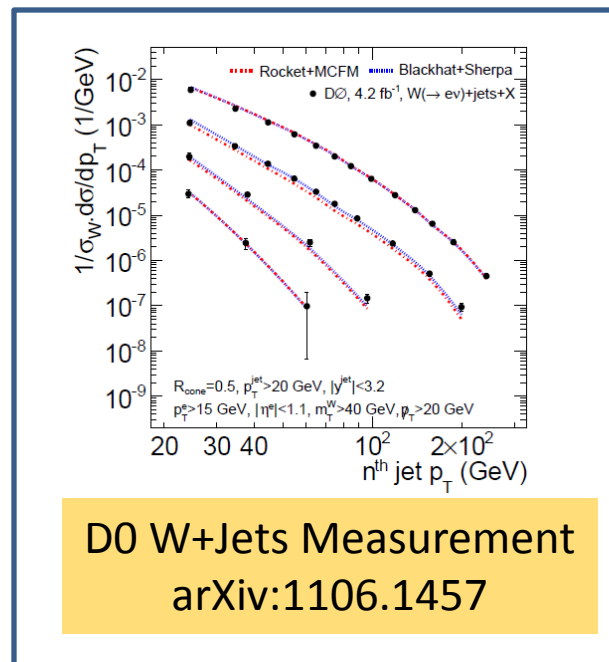
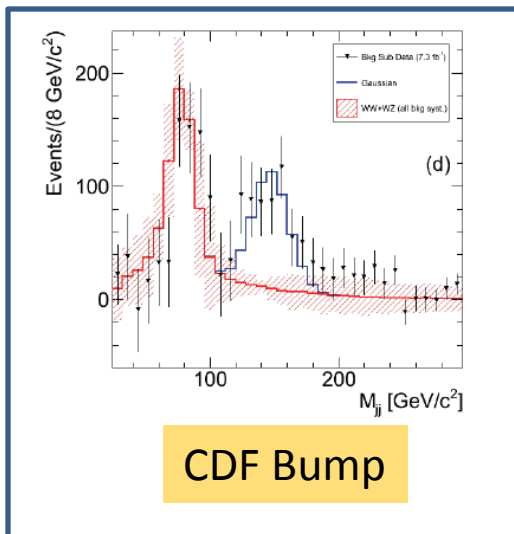
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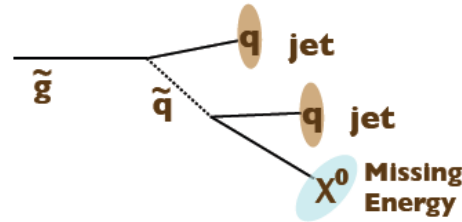
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V+JETS: A IMPORTANT SIGNAL



V + Jets at NLO for SUSY Searches

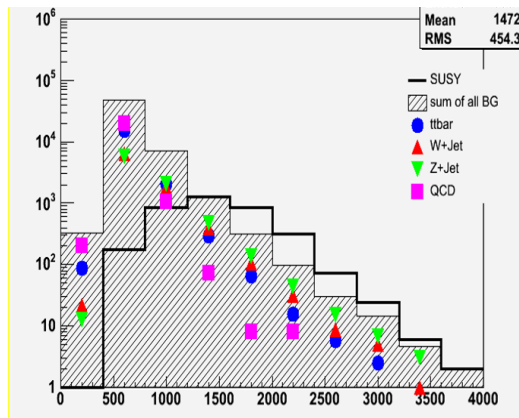
Glauino pair production with:



Mangano [arXiv:0809.1567]

$W^+ + 3 \text{ jet}$ followed by: $W^+ \rightarrow \bar{\tau}\nu_{\tau} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\tau}\nu_{\tau} + \text{hadrons}$

$Z + 4 \text{ jet}$ followed by: $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$



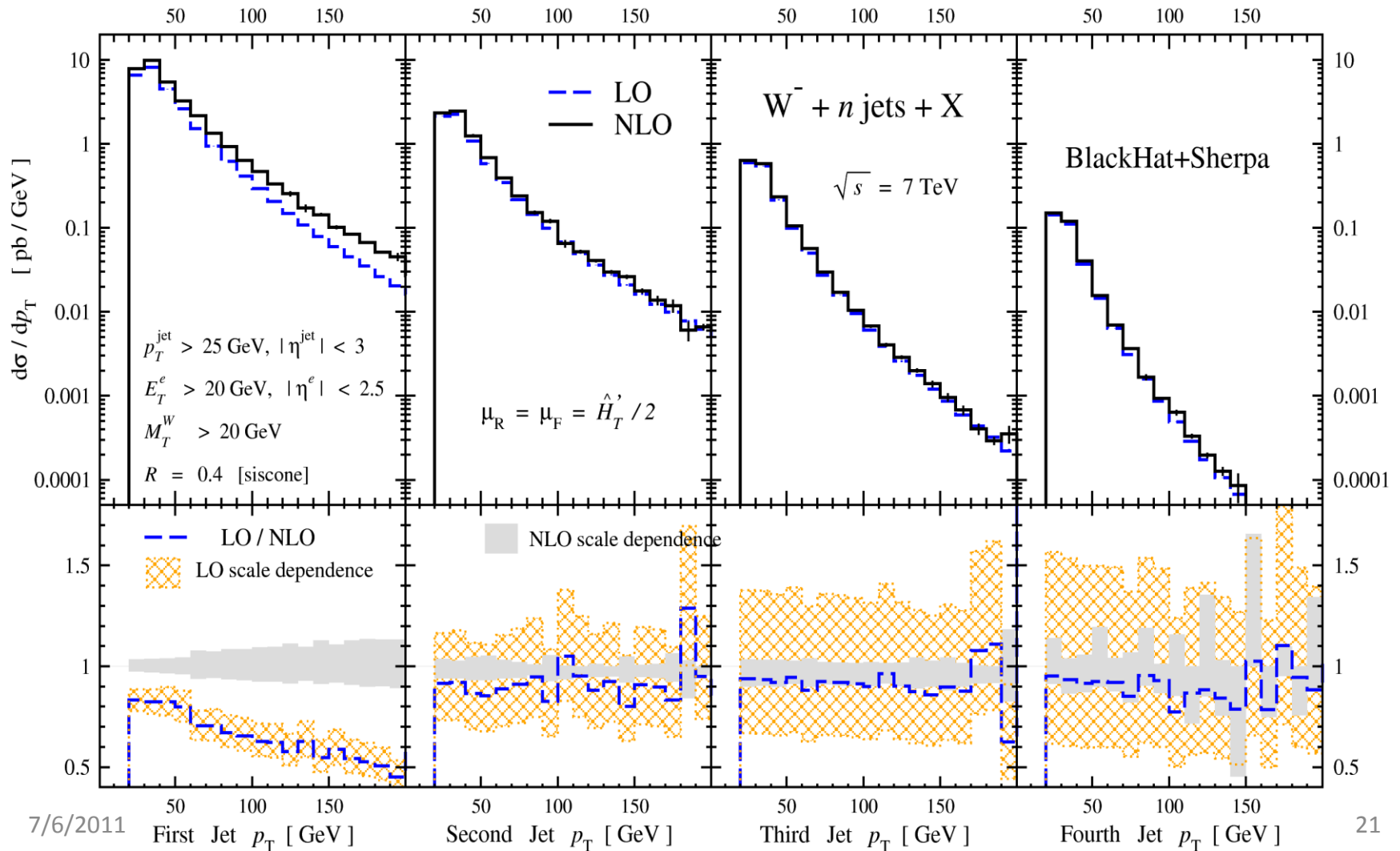
ATLAS simulation for missing ET + Jets signal

We need: $pp \rightarrow W + 1,2,3,4\text{-jets}$

Berger, Bern, Dixon, FFC, Forde, Gleisberg, Ita, Kosower, Maitre

$W^- + n\text{-jet} + X$ softest jet p_T

[BlackHat, arXiv:1009.2338]

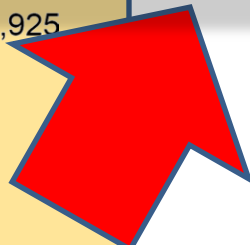


New technology to deal with the Gluon Mess!

# of jets	# 1-loop Feynman diagrams
3	810
4	
5	168,925
6	3,017,490

[Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower [hep-ph/9409265](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9409265)]

$$\frac{c_{\Gamma}(\mu^2)^{\epsilon} A_{12}^{\text{tree}}(1, \dots, n)}{2} \left\{ \left(K_0(t_2^{[2]}) + K_0(t_n^{[2]}) \right) - \frac{1}{t_1^{[2]}} \sum_{m=4}^{n-1} \frac{L_0 \left(-t_2^{[m-2]} / (-t_2^{[m-1]}) \right)}{t_2^{[m-1]}} \left(\text{tr}_+ [k_1 k_2 k_m \not{q}_{m,1}] - \text{tr}_+ [k_1 k_2 \not{q}_{m,1} k_m] \right) \right\}$$



looks like magic...

1-loop Amplitudes from Unitarity

See [Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower hep-ph/9212308]

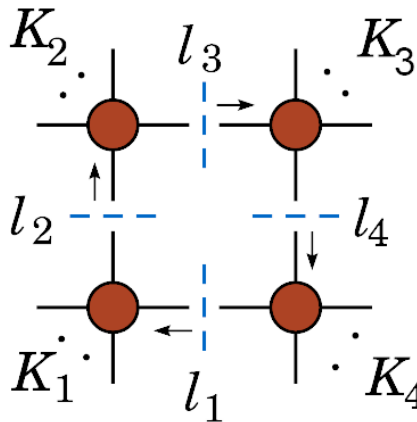
Rational in momenta

Logarithmic in momenta

Process dependent; rational in momenta

$$A = R + C$$

$$C = \sum_i b_i \text{ (square diagram)} + \sum_i c_i \text{ (triangle diagram)} + \sum_i d_i \text{ (bubble diagram)}$$

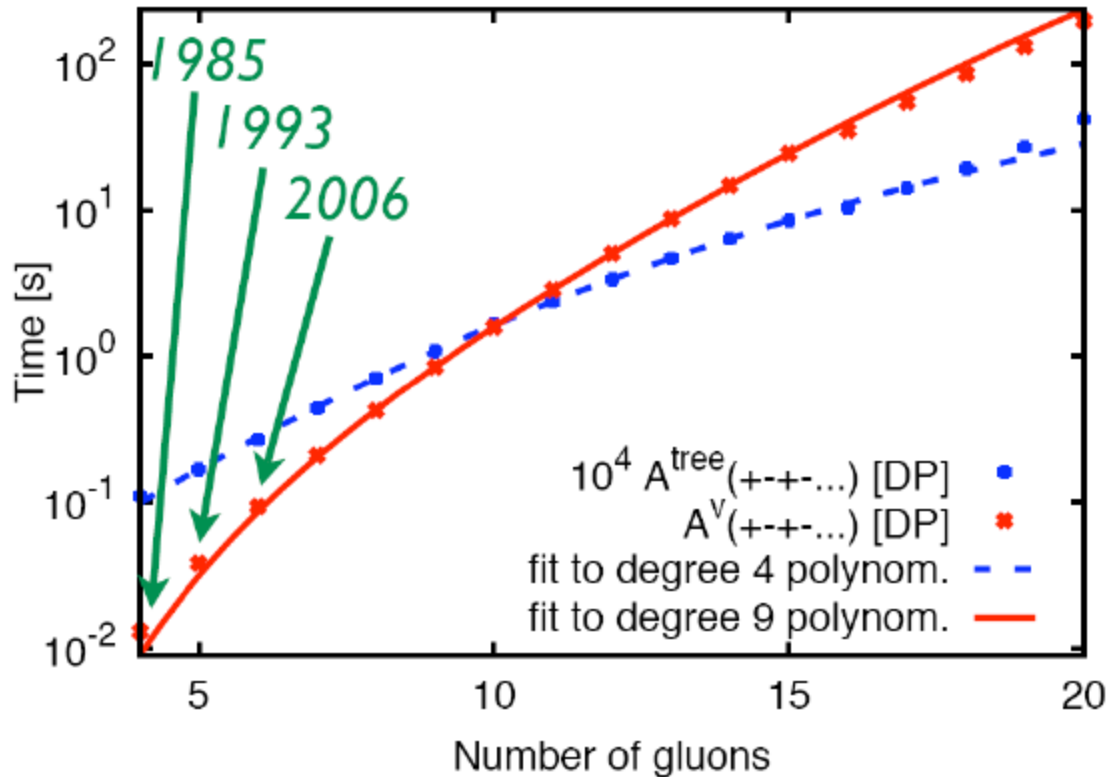


[Britto, Cachazo, Feng hep-th/0412103]

$$b_i = A_{(1)}^{\text{tree}} A_{(2)}^{\text{tree}} A_{(3)}^{\text{tree}} A_{(4)}^{\text{tree}}$$

And then one can extract all coefficients! [Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau hep-ph/0609007] [Ellis, Giele, Kunszt arXiv:0708.2398] [Forde arXiv:0704.1835]

A Powerful Technique!



[Giele, Zanderighi
arXiv:0806.2152]

BUT STILL VERY COMPUTER INTENSIVE

[BlackHat + Sherpa]

NTUPLES: STORE THE MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN IN YOUR COMPUTATION!

TOOLS (2/3)

TOOLS (2/3): NLO NTUPLES BlackHat+Sherpa

- (Large multiplicity) NLO predictions are CPU expensive
- While generating events for a NLO computation, save in files:
 - Parton information (momenta, flavor)
 - Weight
 - Factorisation and renormalisation scales
 - Additional information for scale and pdf change
- These files, “**the ntuples**”, would be the main results from a theory computation: We can share these files with other theorist and experimentalists

TOOLS (2/3): NLO NTUPLES BlackHat+Sherpa

- Advantages:
 - No need for the end user to run a complicated NLO setup
 - Can produce many plots from the same run
 - Can change scales/pdf
 - Share parts of the computation
- Disadvantages:
 - Large files

Wm2j 7TeV

part	N of files	total events	size of a file	disk/Mevent	total disk usage
born	8	40M	709M	140M	5.7G
bornLO	8	40M	695M	140M	5.6G
real	300	750M	2.8G	1136M	840G
vsub	20	200M	2.7G	270M	54G
loop	100	100M	177M	177M	17.7G
total	436	1130M	----	----	923G

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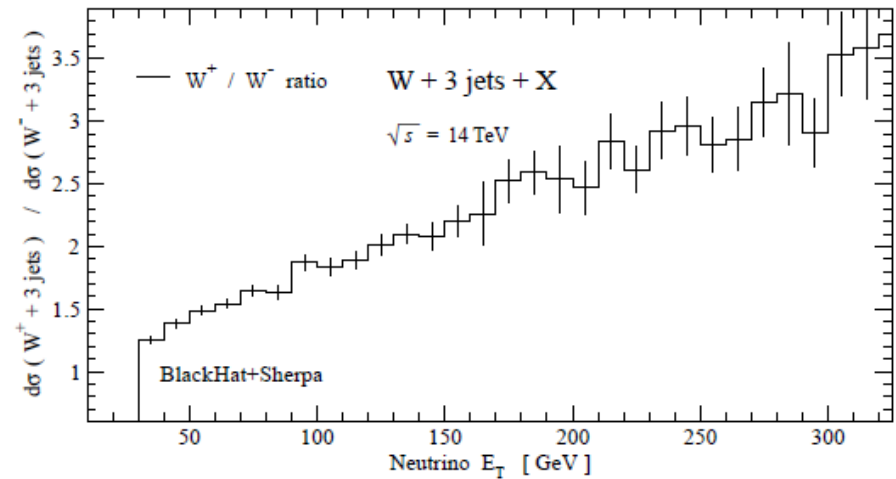
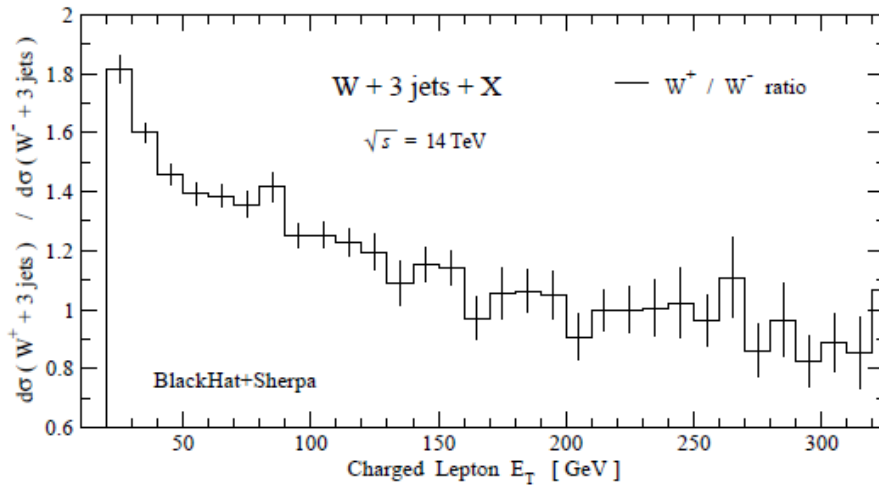
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Leptonic E_T in $W + 3$ jets at LHC

[Berger, et al arXiv:0907.1984]



W^+/W^- transverse lepton ratios trace a remarkably large and stable left-handed W polarization at large $p_T(W)$

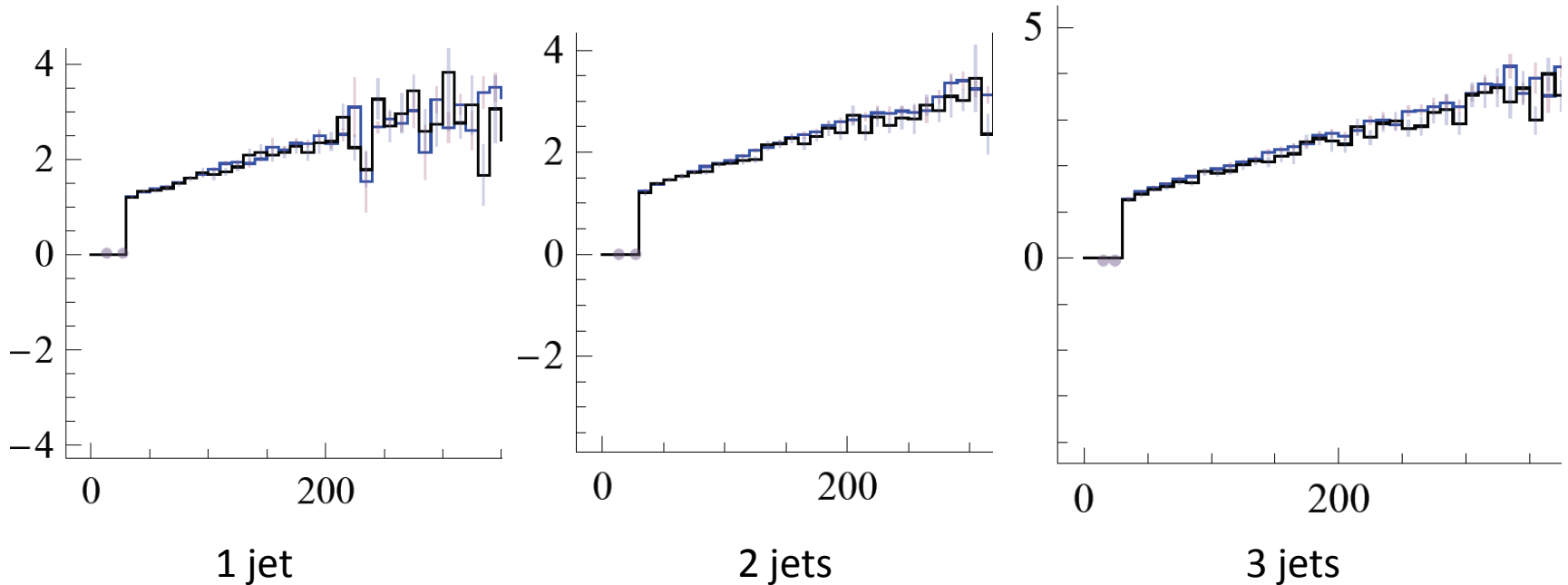
- independent of number of jets
- will be useful to separate $W + n$ jets from top, maybe also from new physics

BlackHat: [arXiv:1103.5445]

$W^{+/-} + n \text{ jets: Neutrino } E_T$

NLO LO

BlackHat: [arXiv:1103.5445]

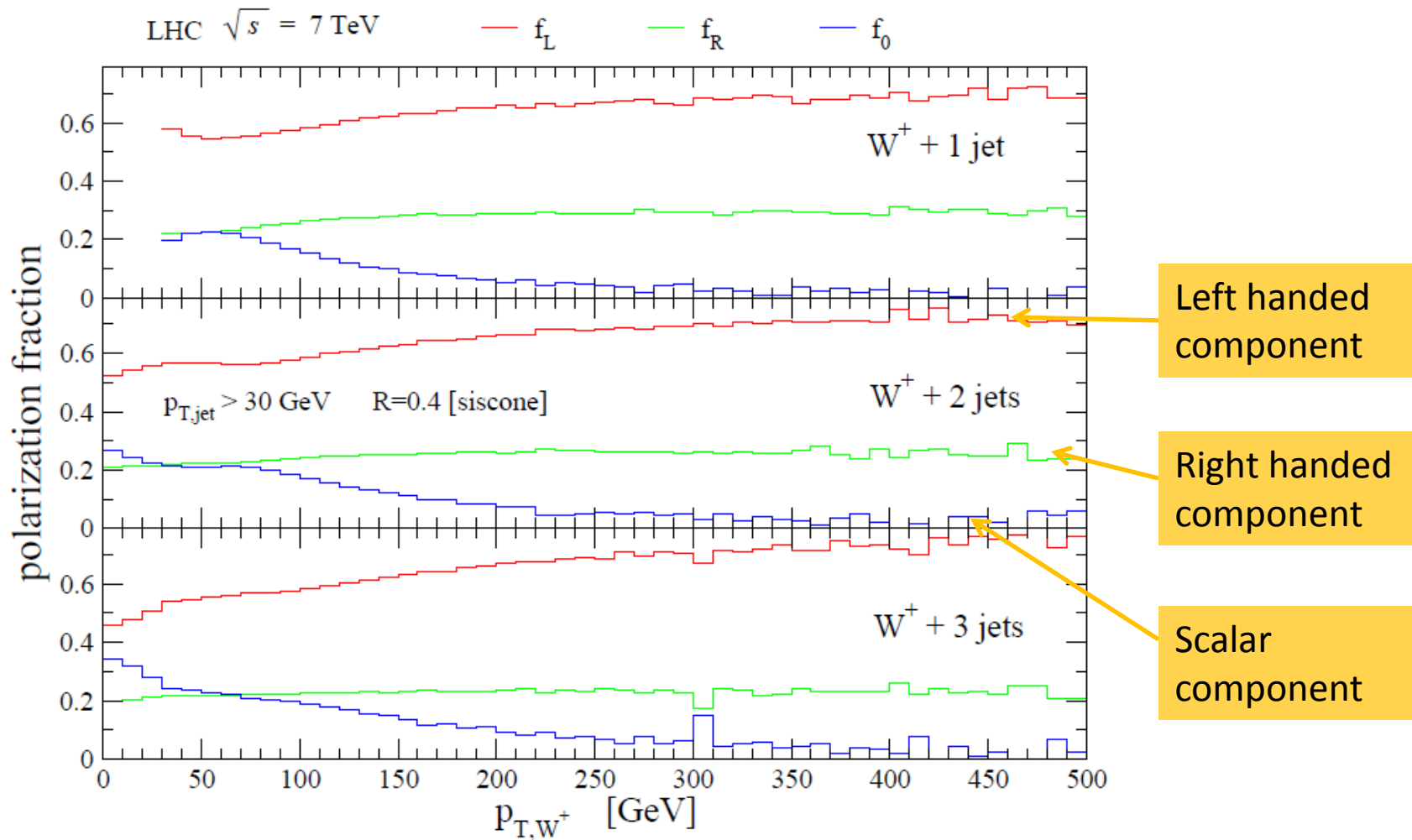


Effect independent of multiplicity! Almost no difference from NLO and LO!

Similarly for charged lepton E_T

Actual W polarization

BlackHat: [arXiv:1103.5445]



Top quark pairs very different

BlackHat: [arXiv:1103.5445]

Main production channels are CP invariant:

$$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t} \quad q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$$

Semi-leptonic decay involves (partially) left-handed W^+

$$t\bar{t} \rightarrow bW^+\bar{b}W^- \rightarrow b e^+ \nu \bar{b} j j$$

But conjugate decay involves (same degree) right-handed W^-

$$t\bar{t} \rightarrow bW^+\bar{b}W^- \rightarrow b j j \bar{b} e^- \bar{\nu}$$

→ electron and positron have almost identical p_T distributions

→ A nice handle on separating W +jets from top

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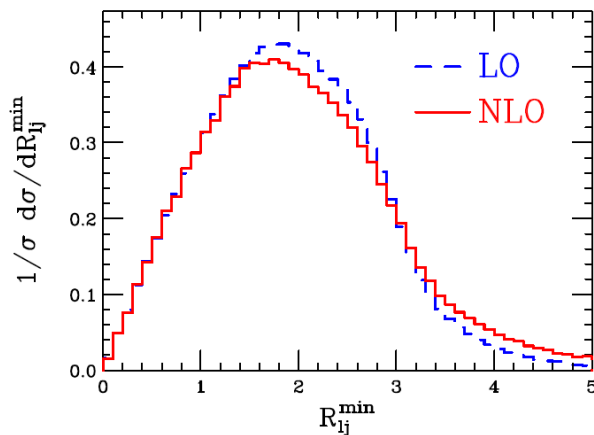
NEED TO GO BEYOND PARTON LEVEL NLO

- Although parton level NLO QCD correction are a necessity, certainly they have a limited reach
- Experimental data are often “corrected” to parton level, unfolding non-perturbative effects (hadronization, underlying event) and shower effects
- This is far from optimal: *Theory should get close to data, **not** the other way around!*
- Algorithms to have consistent NLO showers are needed

TOOLS (3/3): NLO SHOWER ALGORITHMS

- Great advances over the last years on automation of consistent NLO showers: in particular within the MC@NLO program and with the POWHEG method
- Several automated codes exist in the market: The POWHEG Box, POWHEG in SHERPA, aMC@NLO, etc
- More and more processes included within these frameworks

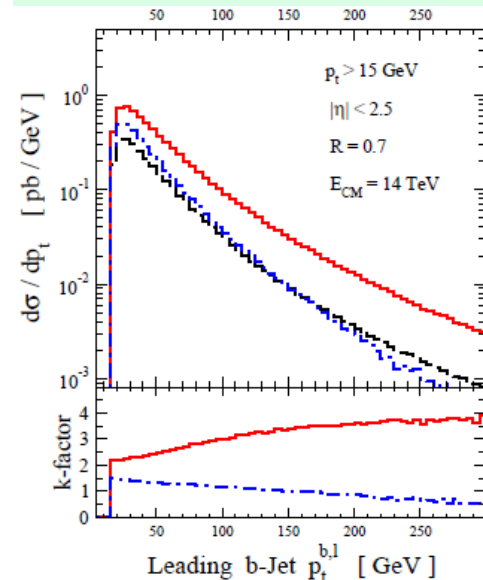
An example: $Vb\bar{b}$ PRODUCTION



Badger, Campbell, Ellis; arXiv:1011.6647

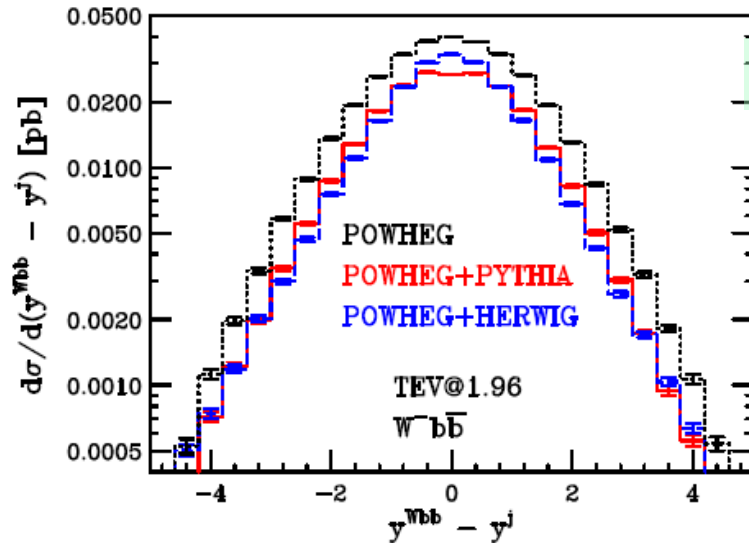
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FFC, Reina, Wackerth; arXiv:0906.1923

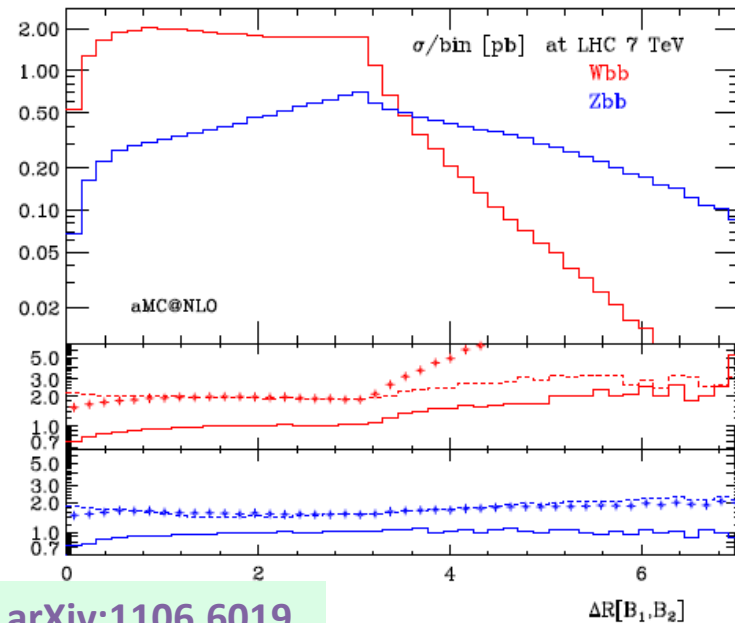


TOOLS (3/3): An Example: $Vb\bar{b}$ Production

An NLO shower is particularly desirable for this process!



Reina, Oleari; arXiv:1105.4488



Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Maltoni, Pittau, Torrielli; arXiv:1106.6019

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Closing Remarks

- Weak vector boson production in association with a photon or with jets are very important ways in the **exploration of the validity of the SM**
- The relevance of developing **TOOLS** useful for experimentalists
 - (1/3) Parton Level NLO Montecarlos
 - (2/3) Ntuples for complex high multiplicity calculations
 - (3/3) Consistent NLO (QCD) showering program
- Theory community have been busy keeping up with the challenges that the LHC presents
- Hope for more Theorist/Experimentalist collaborations!!!

BACKUP SLIDES...

Numerical Stability

BlackHat 1005.3728

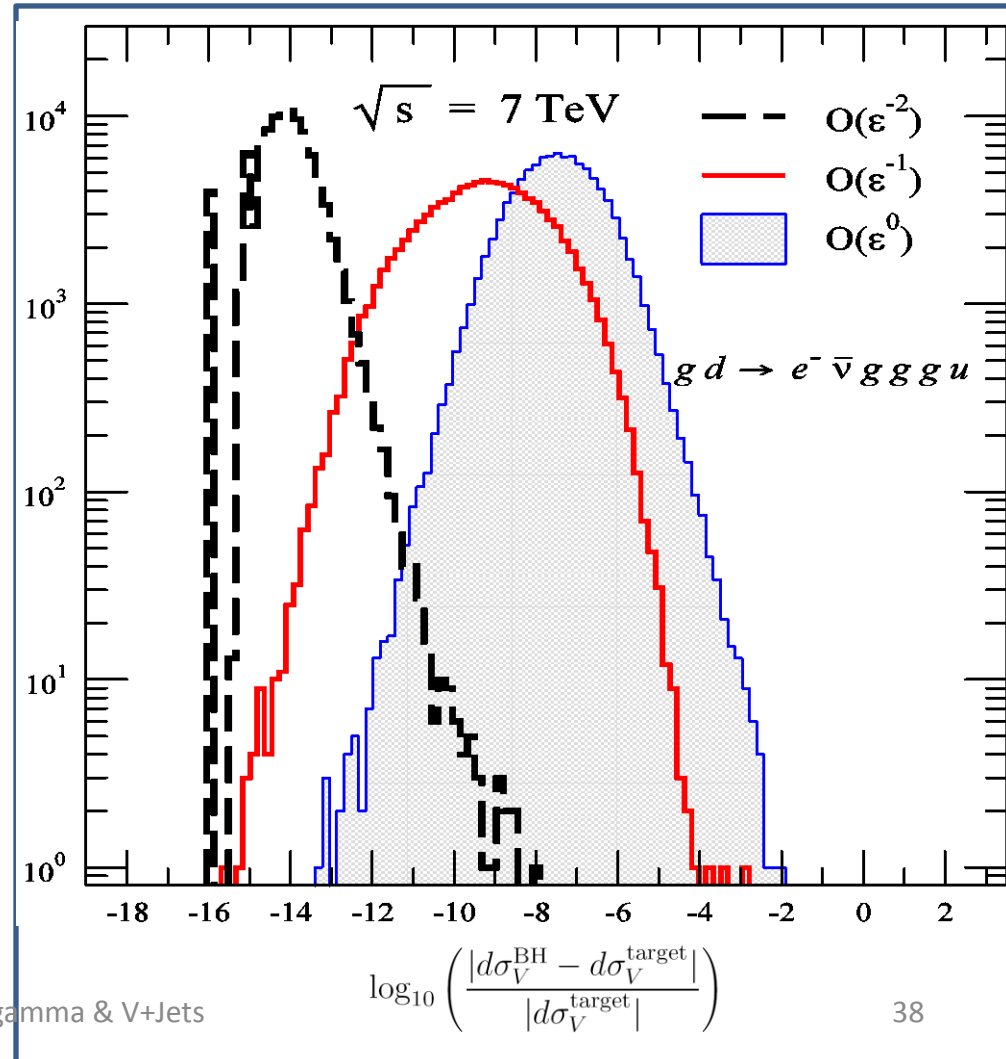
Good numerical control over matrix elements

- Virtual contribution
- $gd \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu} g g g u$
- Test over physical phase space (10^5 PS points)

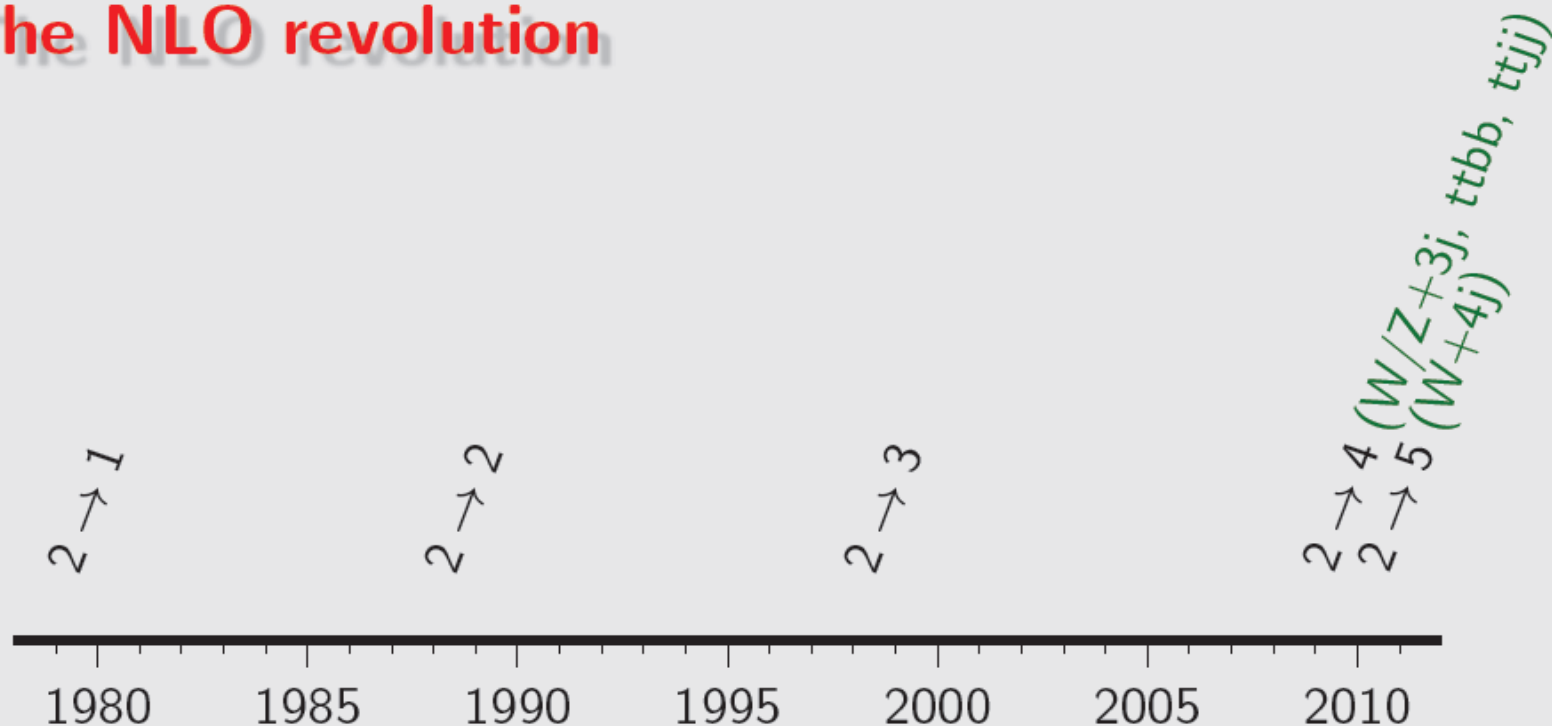
Needed precision checks & rescue system

[BlackHat:0803.4180]

- Locally compute with more digits when needed (double, quadruple,...)



The NLO revolution



2009: NLO $W+3j$ [Rocket: Ellis, Melnikov & Zanderighi]

[unitarity]

2009: NLO $W+3j$ [BlackHat: Berger et al]

[unitarity]

2009: NLO $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ [Bredenstein et al]

[traditional]

2009: NLO $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ [HELAC-NLO: Bevilacqua et al]

[unitarity]

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[traditional]

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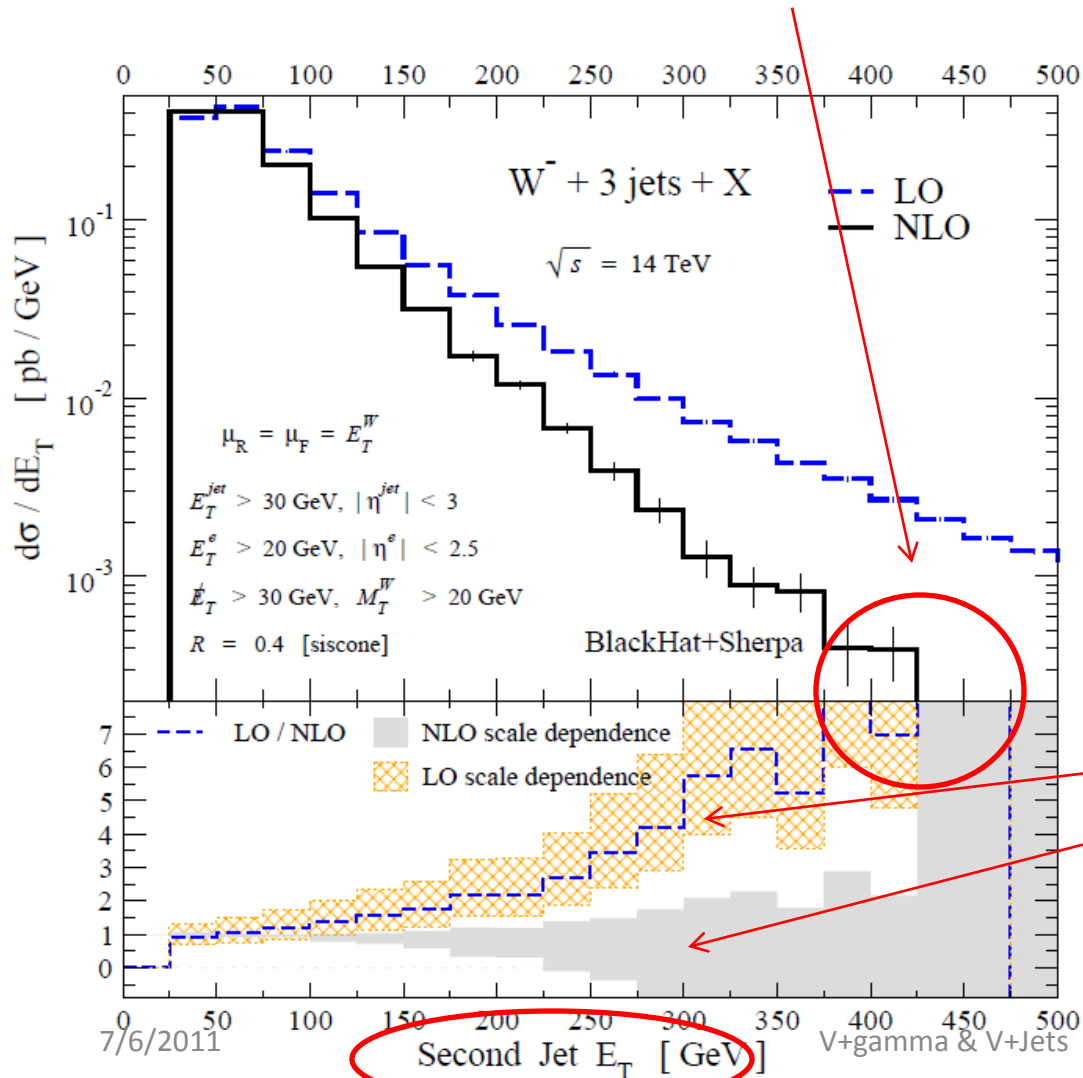
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[unitarity]

Look Out for Scales at the LHC

The renormalization scale common at Tevatron:
Turns out to be a bad choice at LHC.

$$\mu = E_T^W \equiv \sqrt{M_W^2 + p_T^2(W)}$$



Complicated processes have many scales.

LHC has a much greater dynamic range than Tevatron; M_W not characteristic scale.

Other signs of bad scale choice:

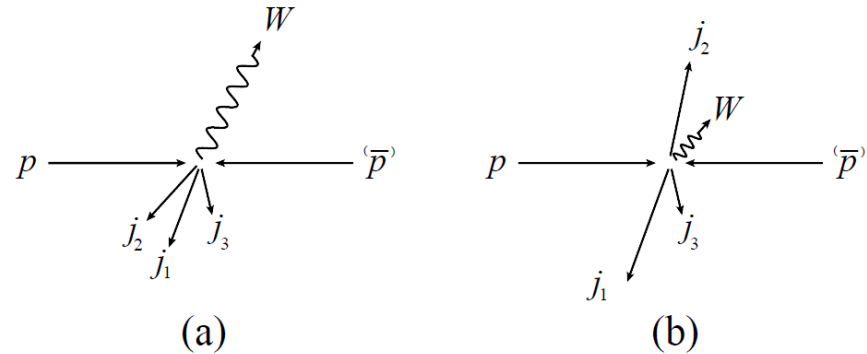
- Negative cross section.
- Large LO/NLO ratio.
- Rapid growth of scale bands with ET.

The Trouble with E_T^W

See also: [Mangano, Parke '90](#); [Frixione '93](#);
[Arnold, Reno '89](#); [Baur, Han, Ohnemus \(9507336\)](#);
[Bozzi Jager, Oleari, Zeppenfeld \(0701150\)](#)

Consider these 2 configurations:

- For (a) $\mu = E_T^W \equiv \sqrt{M_W^2 + p_T^2(W)}$ physical scale of interactions.
- For (b) E_T^W may be low and under-estimating the physical scale.



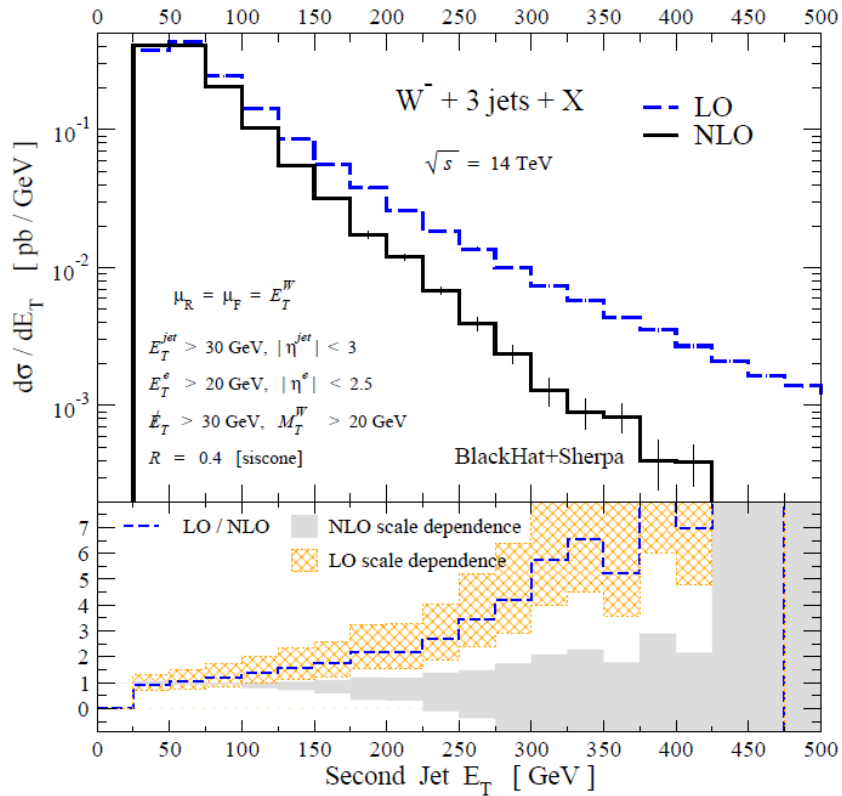
Looking at large E_T for the 2nd jet forces configuration (b).

- The total (partonic) transverse energy is a better variable; gets large for both (a) and (b).
- Other reasonable scales are for example *invariant mass of the n jets* [[Bauer, Lange arXiv:0905.4739](#)] or *local scales* (at LO) inspired in CKKW reweighting [[Melnikov, Zanderighi arXiv:0910.3671](#)]

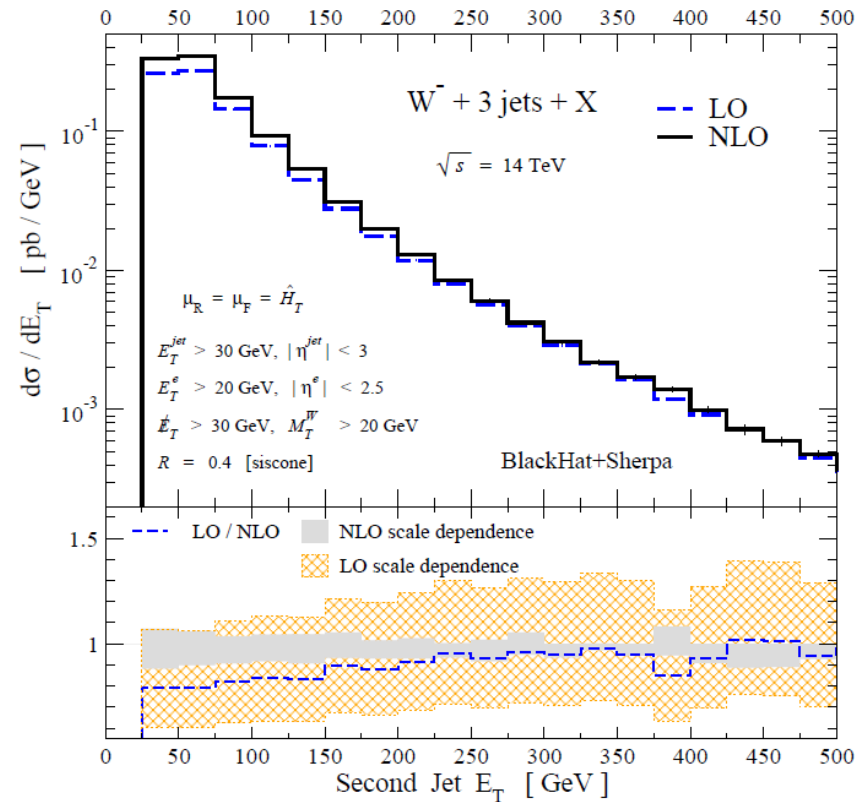
$$\hat{H}_T = \sum_p E_T^p + E_T^e + E_T^\nu$$

Compare Two Scale Choices

$$\mu = E_T^W$$



$$\mu = \hat{H}_T$$

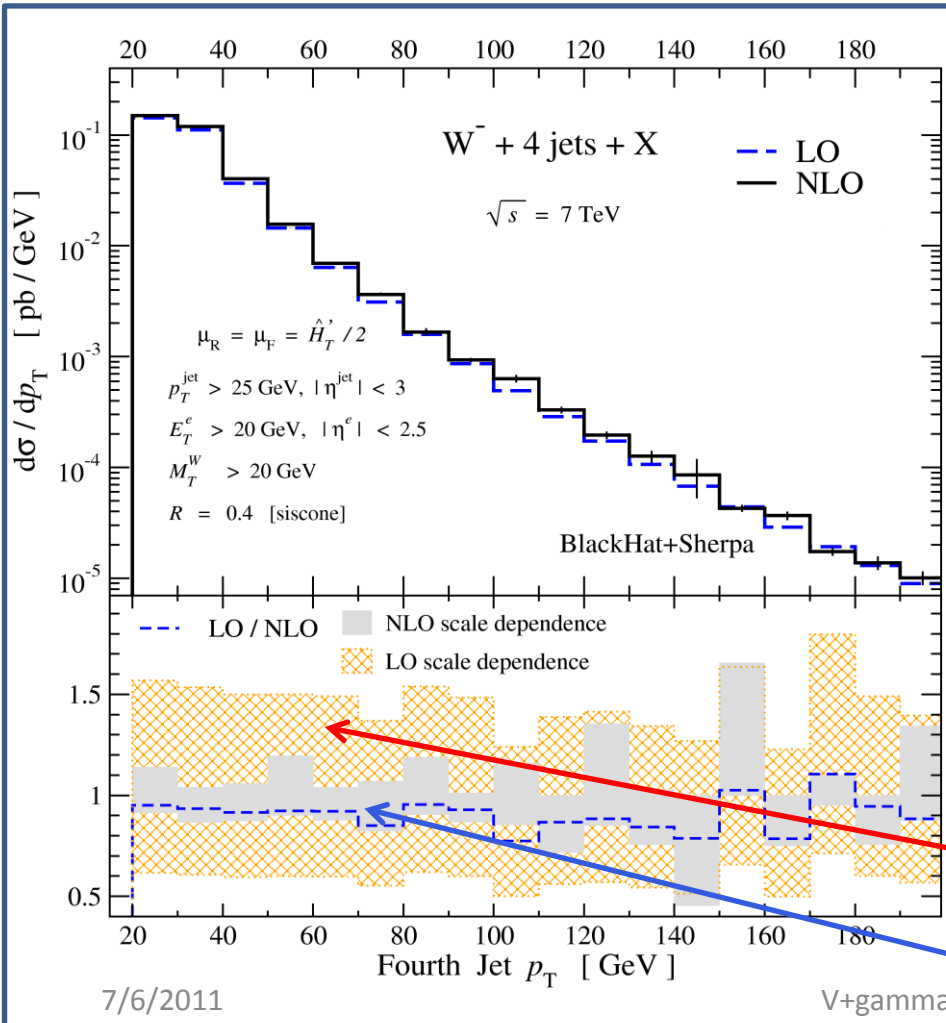


Message: Do not use $\mu = E_T^W$

- LO/NLO ratio sensible.
- NLO scale dependence very good.

pp \rightarrow W+4 jets @ the LHC

[BlackHat, arXiv:1009.2338]



- First ever 2 \rightarrow 5 NLO
- Used in recent ATLAS $t\bar{t}$ results measurement
- Leading color virtual. Will add in subleading color soon (~3% effect).

LO uncertainty > 50%

NLO uncertainty ~ 20%

pp \rightarrow W+4 jets @ the LHC

[BlackHat, [arXiv:1009.2338](https://arxiv.org/abs/1009.2338)]

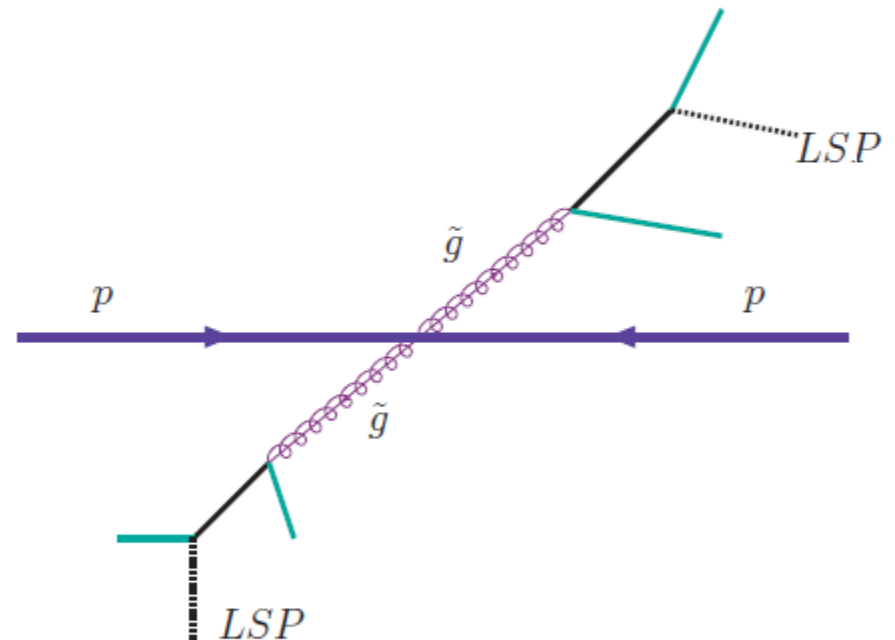
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no. jets	W^- LO	W^- NLO	W^+/W^- LO	W^+/W^- NLO	$W^-_{n/(n-1)}$ LO	$W^-_{n/(n-1)}$ NLO
0	1614.0(0.5) ^{+208.5} _{-235.2}	2077(2) ⁺⁴⁰ ₋₃₁	1.656(0.001)	1.580(0.004)	—	—
1	264.4(0.2) ^{+22.6} _{-21.4}	331(1) ⁺¹⁵ ₋₁₂	1.507(0.002)	1.498(0.009)	0.1638(0.0001) ^{+0.044} _{-0.031}	0.159(0.001)
2	73.14(0.09) ^{+20.81} _{-14.92}	78.1(0.5) ^{+1.5} _{-4.1}	1.596(0.003)	1.57(0.02)	0.2766(0.0004) ^{+0.051} _{-0.037}	0.236(0.002)
3	17.22(0.03) ^{+8.07} _{-4.95}	16.9(0.1) ^{+0.2} _{-1.3}	1.694(0.005)	1.66(0.02)	0.2354(0.0005) ^{+0.034} _{-0.025}	0.216(0.002)
4	3.81(0.01) ^{+2.44} _{-1.34}	3.55(0.04) ^{+0.08} _{-0.30}	1.812(0.001)	1.73(0.03)	0.2212(0.0004) ^{+0.026} _{-0.020}	0.210(0.003)

SUSY searches

- Gluinos/squarks are pair produced
- Generic signature is MET + jets

Typical
SUSY
event:



- How can SM mimic this?
 - $W \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$ with undetected lepton
 - QCD with mismeasured jet
 - $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$ Irreducible background - subject of this talk

Data Driven Background Estimation

Bern, Diana, Dixon, FFC, Hoche, Ita, Kosower, Maitre, Ozeren; arXiv:1106.1423

- CMS uses photons to measure Z (Incandela's Group)

[CMS PAS SUS-08-002]

[CMS PAS SUS-10-005]

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})) = \sigma(pp \rightarrow \gamma) \times R_{Z/\gamma}$$

theory input

SM irr. BG measure this

- Can also use $Z \rightarrow \mu\bar{\mu}$, but γ has better statistics
- So what is the conversion factor R ?

Photon Isolation a la Frixione [hep-ph/9801442]

- In pQCD, have to be careful to preserve **Infra-Red Safety**
- Can't veto QCD radiation arbitrarily!
- Frixione: "here is a way to remove frag. photons in an IR safe way"

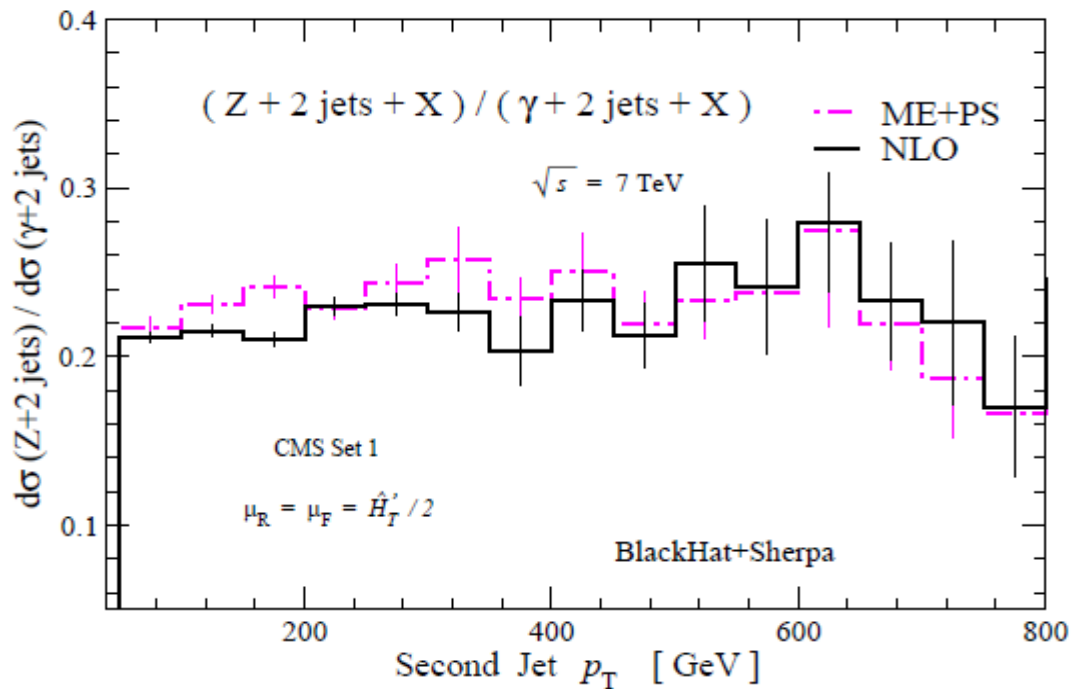
$$\sum_i E_{iT} \theta(\delta - R_{i\gamma}) \leq H(\delta)$$

$$H(\delta) = E_T^\gamma \epsilon \left(\frac{1 - \cos \delta}{1 - \cos \delta_0} \right)^n$$

- **Important:** $H(\delta) \rightarrow 0$ as $\delta \rightarrow 0$
- We choose $\epsilon = 0.025$, $\delta_0 = 0.3$, $n = 2$

Plot of Z/ γ ratio

Bern, Diana, Dixon, FFC, Hoche, Ita, Kosower, Maitre, Ozeren; arXiv:1106.142



- Ratio roughly constant across phase space
- Good agreement between NLO / MEPS
- Take difference as error estimate, as scale variation largely cancels in ratio

process	LO	ME+PS	NLO
$\gamma + 2j$	$2.220^{+0.762}_{-0.526}$	2.110	$2.609^{+0.159}_{-0.241}$
$Z + 2j$	$0.521^{+0.180}_{-0.124}$	0.478	$0.560^{+0.012}_{-0.043}$
ratio	0.235	0.226	0.214