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KrkNLO and ‘Lifting the Born’

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Background

NLO: recap

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- **initial-initial (II)**

In the latter two cases the momentum mapping involves a convolution: e.g.

$$d\Phi_{m+1}(p_1, p_2) = \int_0^1 dx \quad d\Phi_m(p_1, xp_2) \quad d\Phi_{+1}(p_2, x)$$

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 &\quad \left. + \delta^{aa'} \sum_i \mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_a \frac{\gamma_i}{\mathbf{T}_i^2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{1-x} \right)_+ + \delta(1-x) \right] \right\} \\
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KrkNLO

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Krk PDFs in practice: transformation

$$f_a^{\text{FS}}(x; \mu_F) = \sum_b \int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \mathbb{K}_{ab}^{\overline{\text{MS}} \rightarrow \text{FS}} \left(\frac{x}{\xi}; \mu_F \right) f_b^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\xi; \mu_F),$$

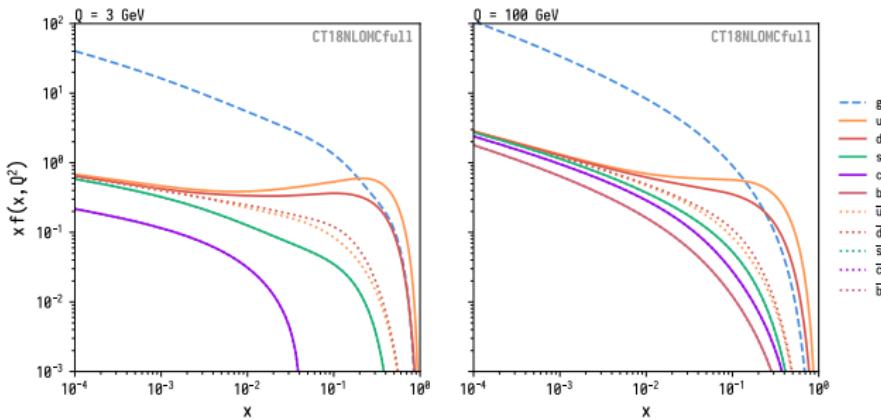
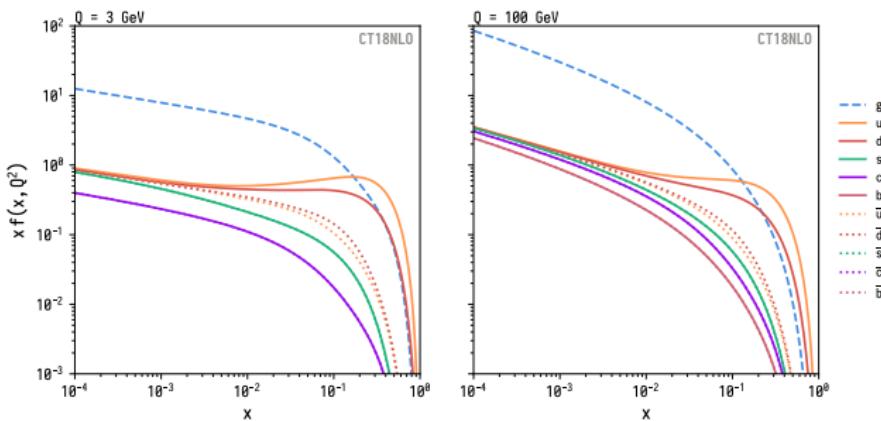
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$$\mathbb{K}_{ab}^{\overline{\text{MS}} \rightarrow \text{FS}}(x; \mu) \equiv \delta_{ab} \delta(1-x) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{2\pi} K_{ab}^{\text{FS}}(x; \mu) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2).$$

Krk PDFs: kernels

$$\begin{aligned}
K_{gq}^{\text{MC}}(z) &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left\{ \frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z} \ln \frac{(1-z)^2}{z} + z \right\}, \\
K_{gg}^{\text{MC}}(z) &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_A \left\{ 4 \left[\frac{\ln(1-z)}{1-z} \right]_+ + 2 \left[\frac{1}{z} - 2 + z(1-z) \right] \right. \\
&\quad \times \ln \frac{(1-z)^2}{z} - 2 \frac{\ln z}{1-z} - \delta(1-z) \\
&\quad \left. \times \left(\frac{\pi^2}{3} + \frac{341}{72} - \frac{59}{36} \frac{T_f}{C_A} \right) \right\}, \\
K_{qq}^{\text{MC}}(z) &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left\{ 4 \left[\frac{\ln(1-z)}{1-z} \right]_+ - (1+z) \ln \frac{(1-z)^2}{z} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 2 \frac{\ln z}{1-z} + 1 - z - \delta(1-z) \left(\frac{\pi^2}{3} + \frac{17}{4} \right) \right\}, \\
K_{qg}^{\text{MC}}(z) &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} T_R \left\{ [z^2 + (1-z)^2] \ln \frac{(1-z)^2}{z} + 2z(1-z) \right\}, \\
K_{g\bar{q}}^{\text{MC}}(z) &= K_{gq}^{\text{MC}}(z), \quad K_{\bar{q}g}^{\text{MC}}(z) = K_{qg}^{\text{MC}}(z). \tag{4.3}
\end{aligned}$$

Krk PDFs in practice: examples



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Krk weights

$$d\Phi_m B \left(1 + \frac{V}{B} + \frac{1}{B} \int d\Phi_{+1} S \right) + d\Phi_{m+1} [R - S]$$

leads to (NLO-accurate)

$$d\Phi_m B(\Phi_m) \left[1 + \Delta_{VS}(\Phi_m) \right] S(t_{cut}, t_\Phi, \Phi_m) \left[\sum_d \int d\Phi_1 W_R(\Phi_{m+1}) \frac{D_d(\Phi_{m+1})}{B(\Phi_m^d)} \right]$$

Example: Higgs production³

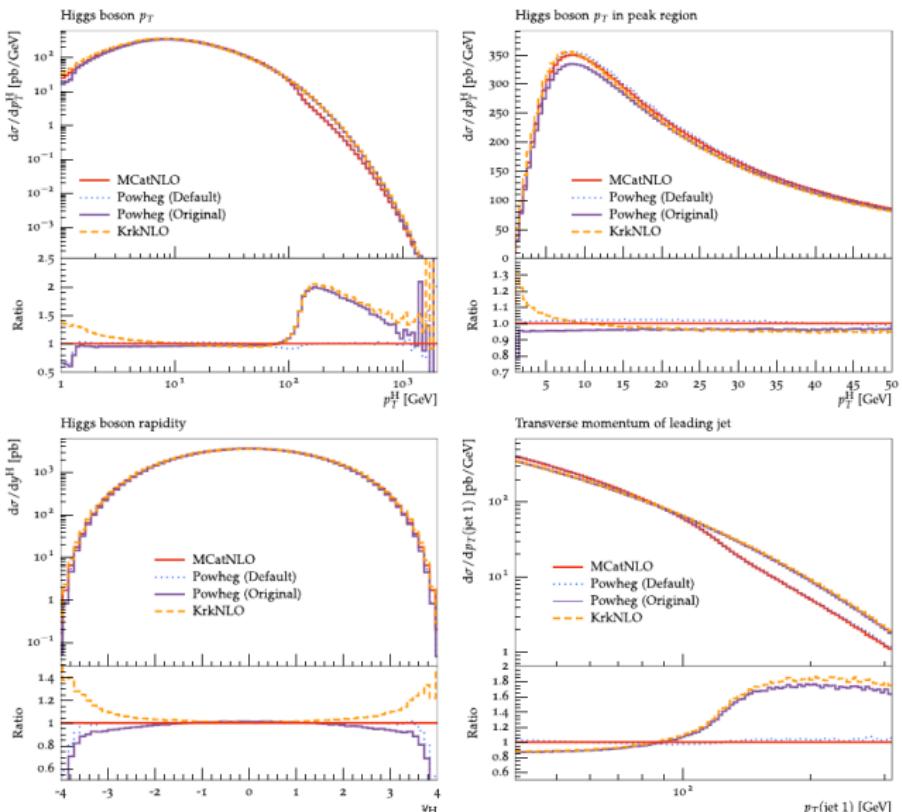


Fig. 5 Comparisons of the Higgs-boson transverse-momentum and rapidity distributions from the KrkNLO, MC@NLO and POWHEG methods implemented in Herwig 7 for Higgs-boson production in gluon-gluon fusion at the LHC; see text for details

Ambitions

- more colourless FS processes (automate?)
- $X+j$
- investigate PDF universality, positivity
- combine with MC@NLO?

$$\begin{aligned} & B(\Phi_m)(1 + \Delta_{VS}) \left[S(t_{\text{cut}}, t_\Phi; \Phi_m) \times \frac{S(\Phi_{m+1})}{B(\Phi_m)} \right] \times \left[\Theta[S > R] \frac{R(\Phi_{m+1})}{S(\Phi_{m+1})} \right] d\Phi_1 d\Phi_m \\ & + B(\Phi_m)(1 + \Delta_{VS}) \left[S(t_{\text{cut}}, t_\Phi; \Phi_m) \times \frac{S(\Phi_{m+1})}{B(\Phi_m)} \right] \Theta[S < R] d\Phi_1 d\Phi_m \\ & + (1 + \Delta_{VS}) [R - S] \Theta[S < R] d\Phi_1 d\Phi_m \end{aligned}$$

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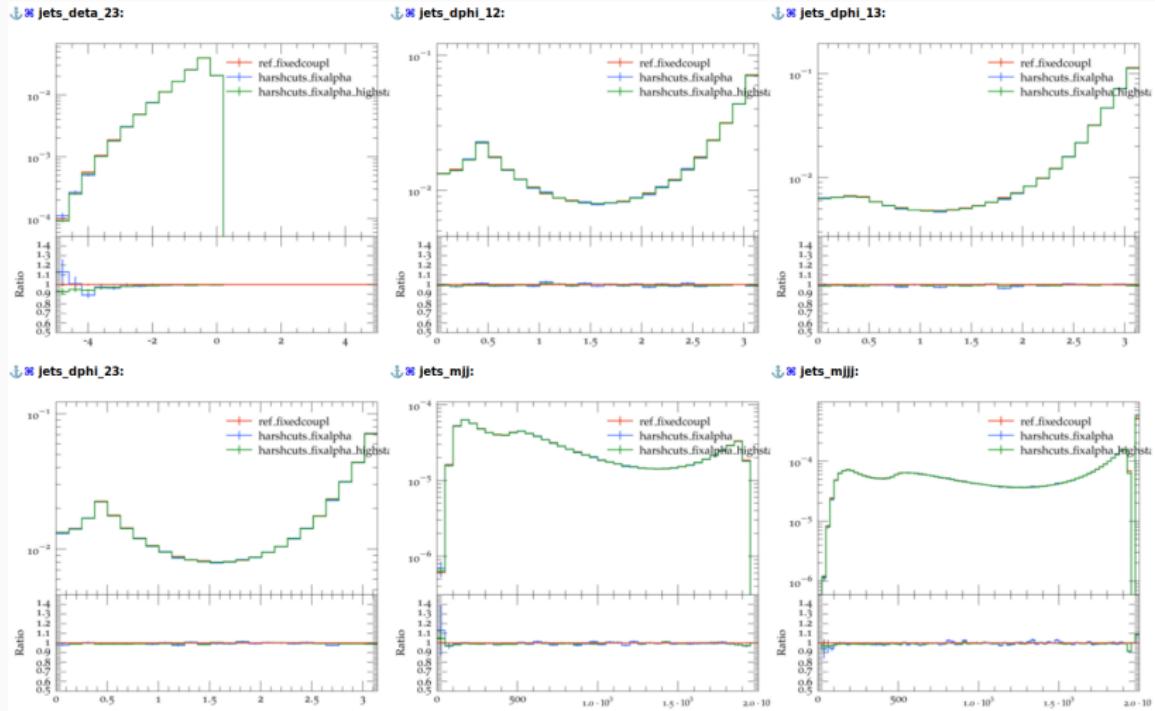
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Possible for IF/FI, II? Work ongoing.

Example: $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3j$



Thank you!