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# Recent results for LHC simulations matched with Parton Shower using MiNNLOPS

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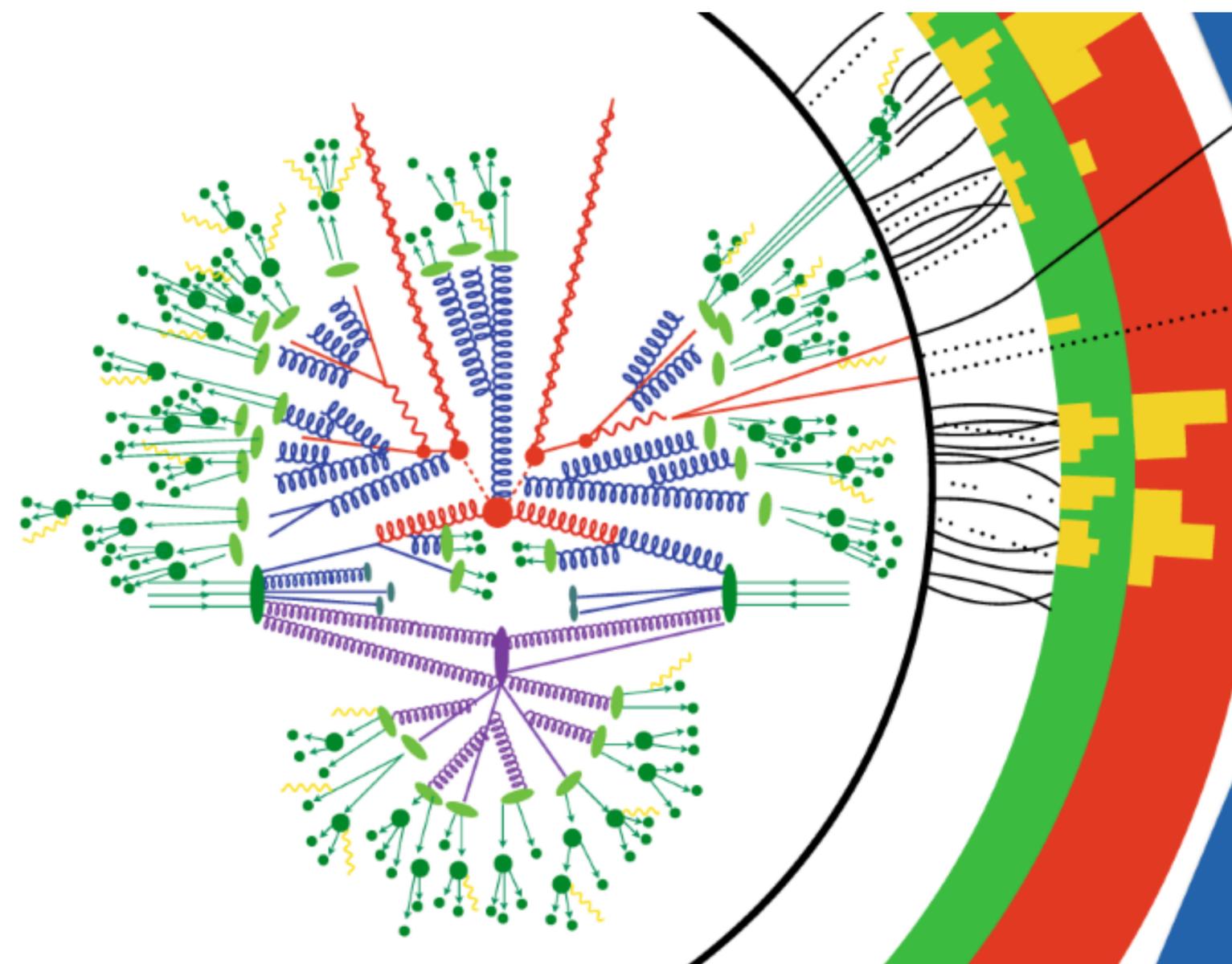


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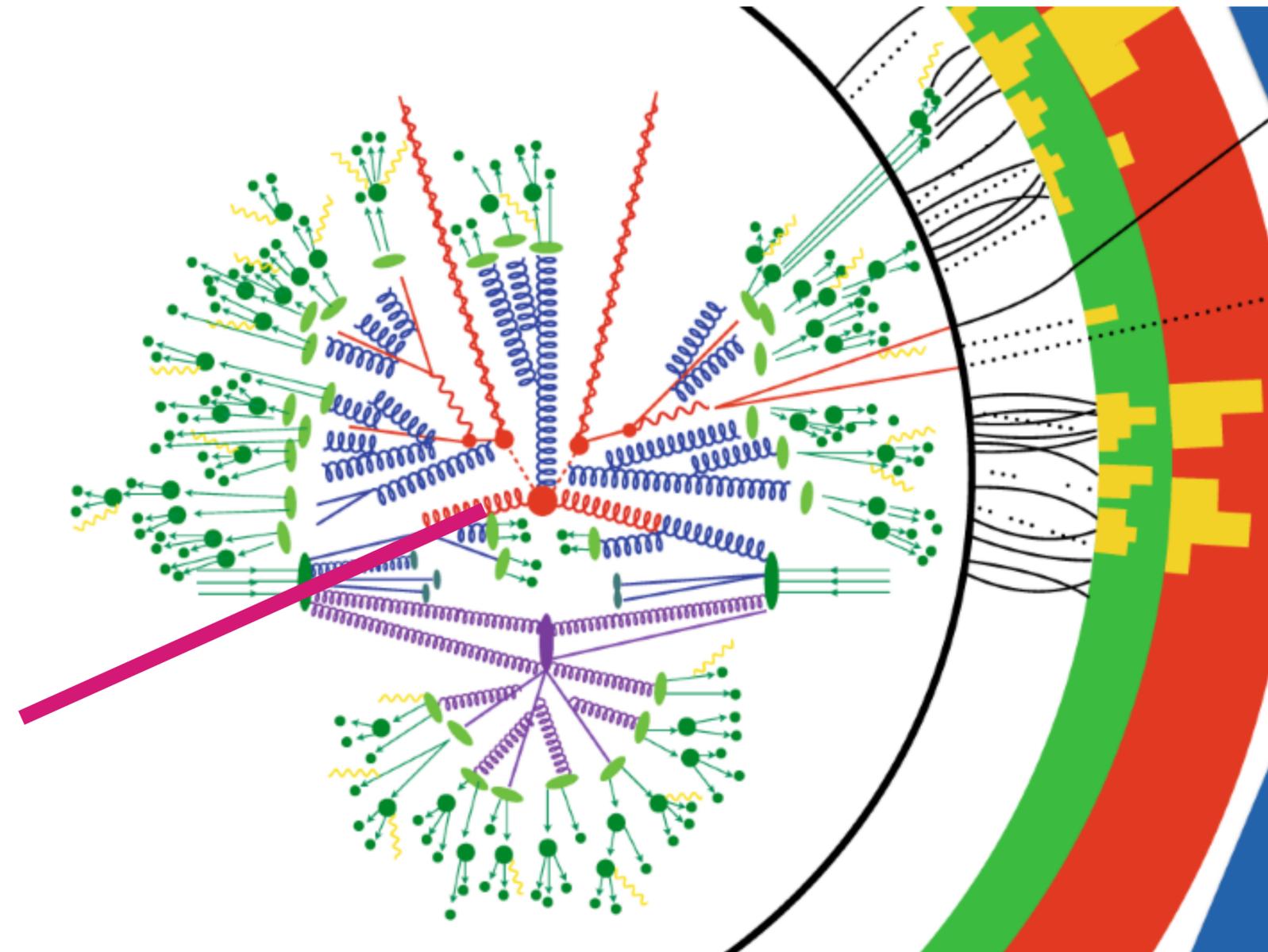


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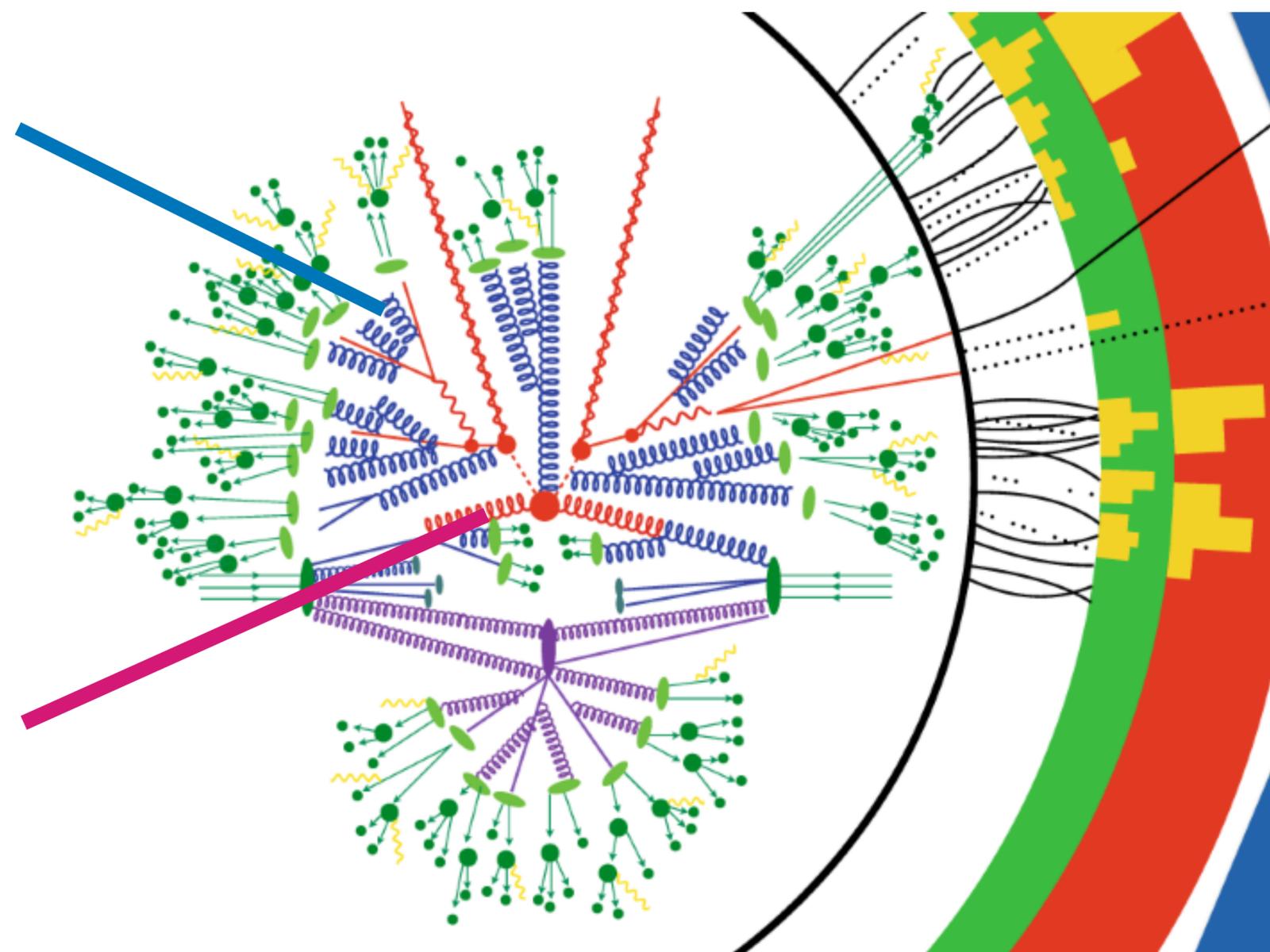


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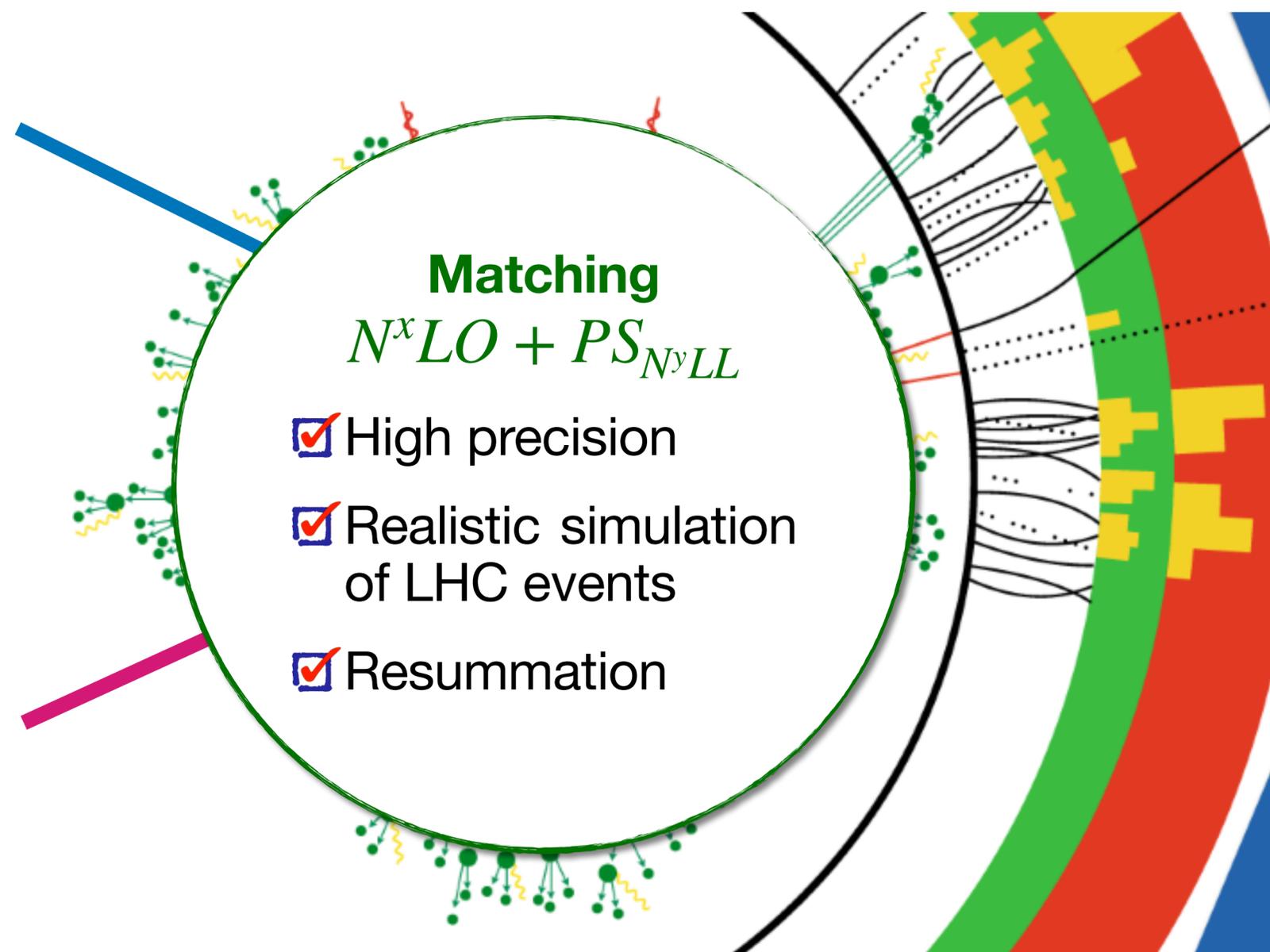


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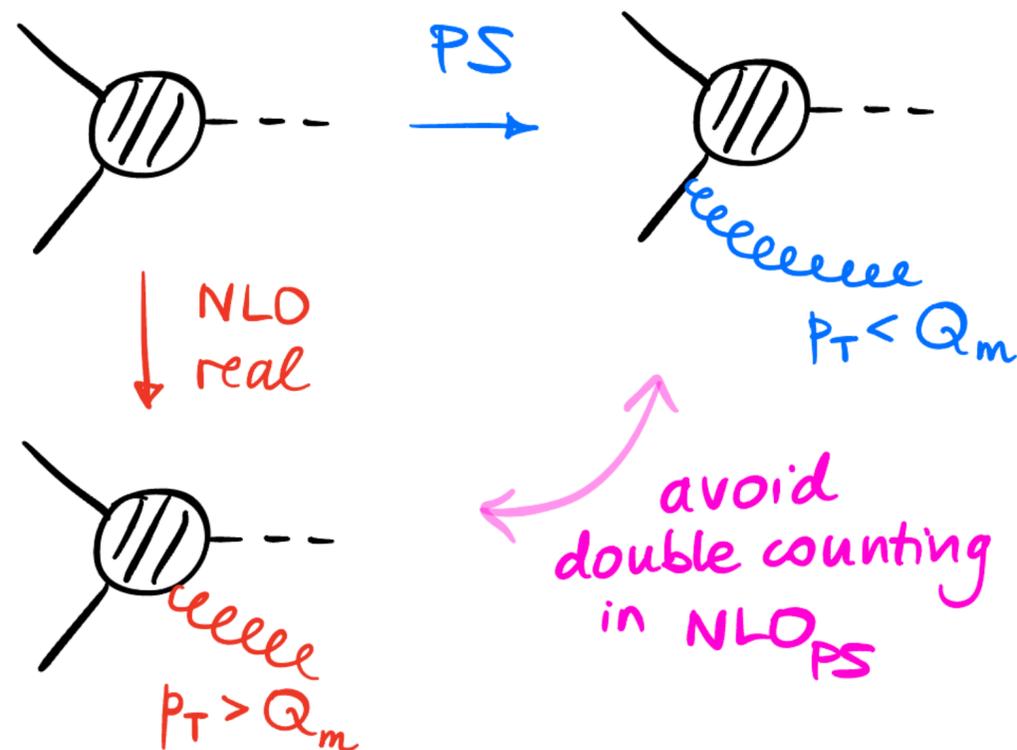


NLO+PS<sub>LL</sub>

Solved problem for long time.  
Completely understood and fully automated.

Two main approaches:

- **POWHEG** [0409146, 0709.2092, 1002.2581]
- **MC@NLO** [0204244]



**Problem:** Match fixed-order predictions with Parton Shower avoiding an unphysical **matching scale**.

**POWHEG idea:** implement a Monte Carlo generator that produces just one emission (the hardest one) which alone gives the correct NLO result.

Nason [hep-ph/0409146]



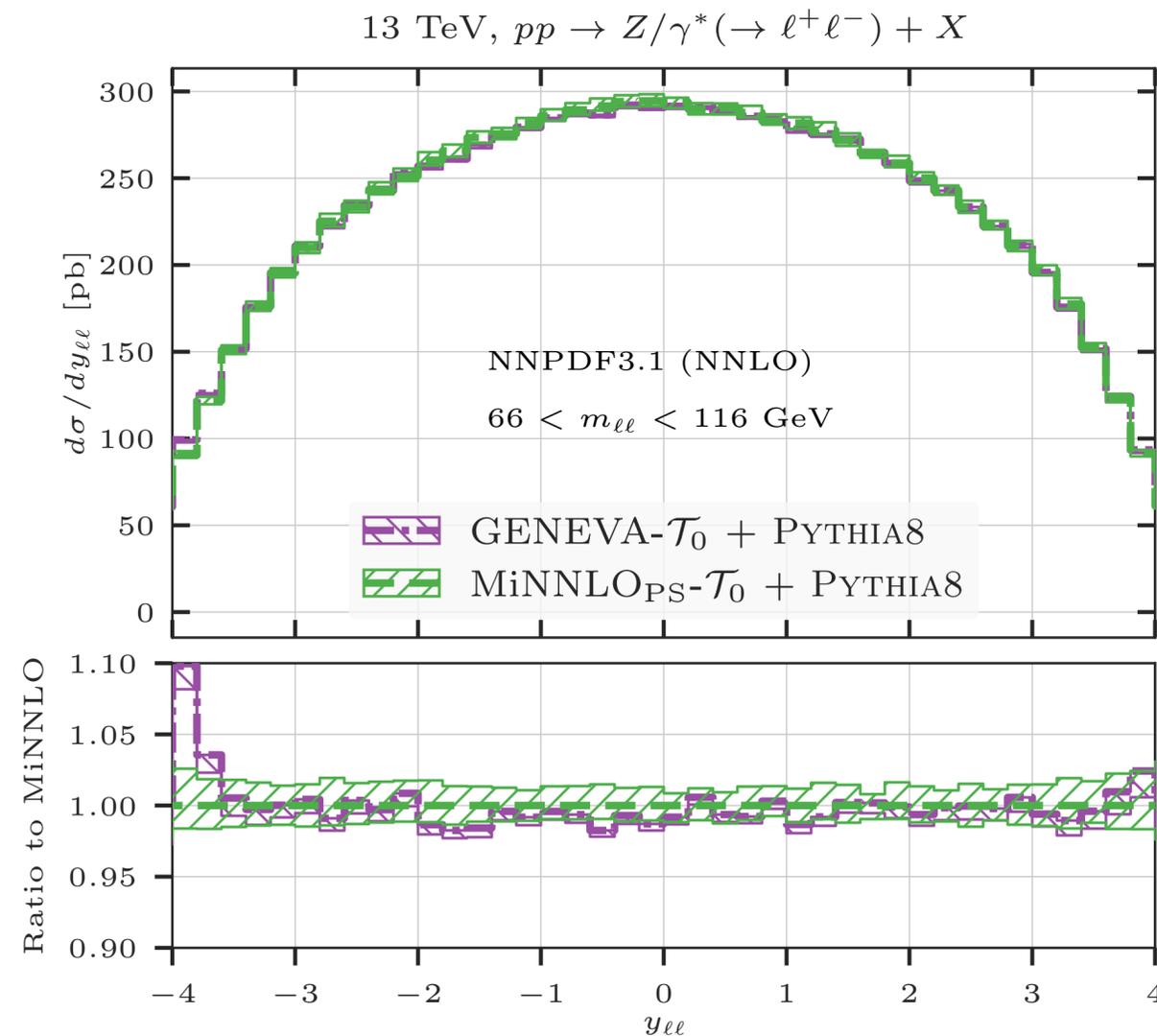
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**State-of-the-art** for precision LHC phenomenology.

Lots of ongoing efforts. **Many processes** already implemented, beyond the color-singlet production.

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- **MiNNLOPS** [1908.06987]
  - in the POWHEG framework
- **GENEVA** [1311.0286]

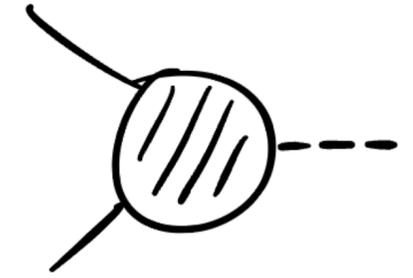


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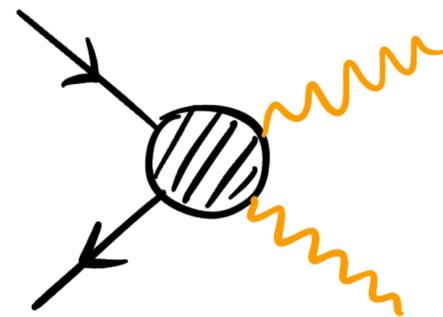




# Classes of processes in MiNNLOPs



DIBOSON  
PROCESSES



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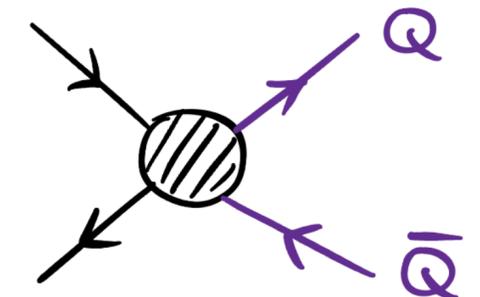
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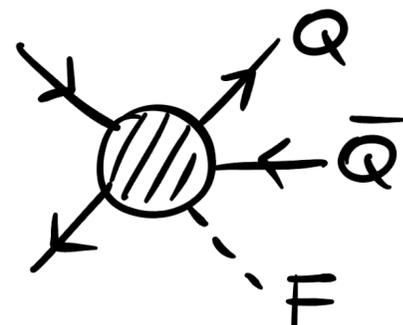
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HEAVY-QUARK  
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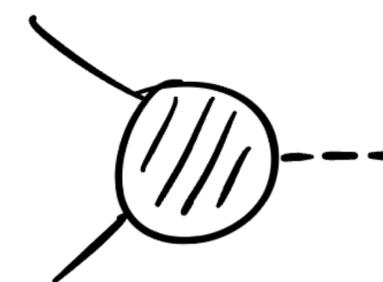


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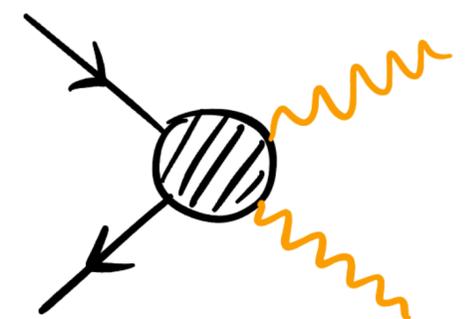
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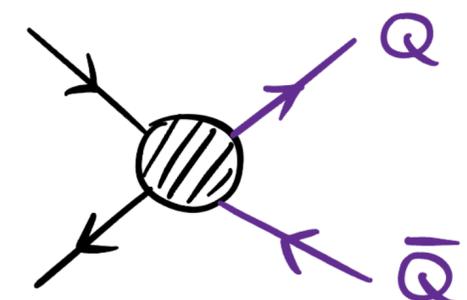
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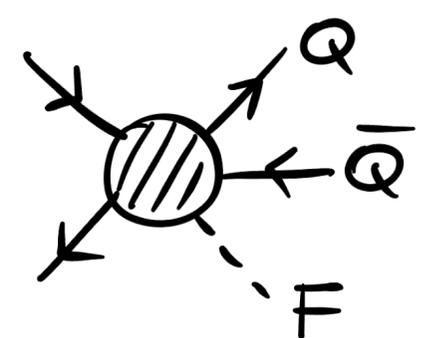
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Recent results discussed in this talk

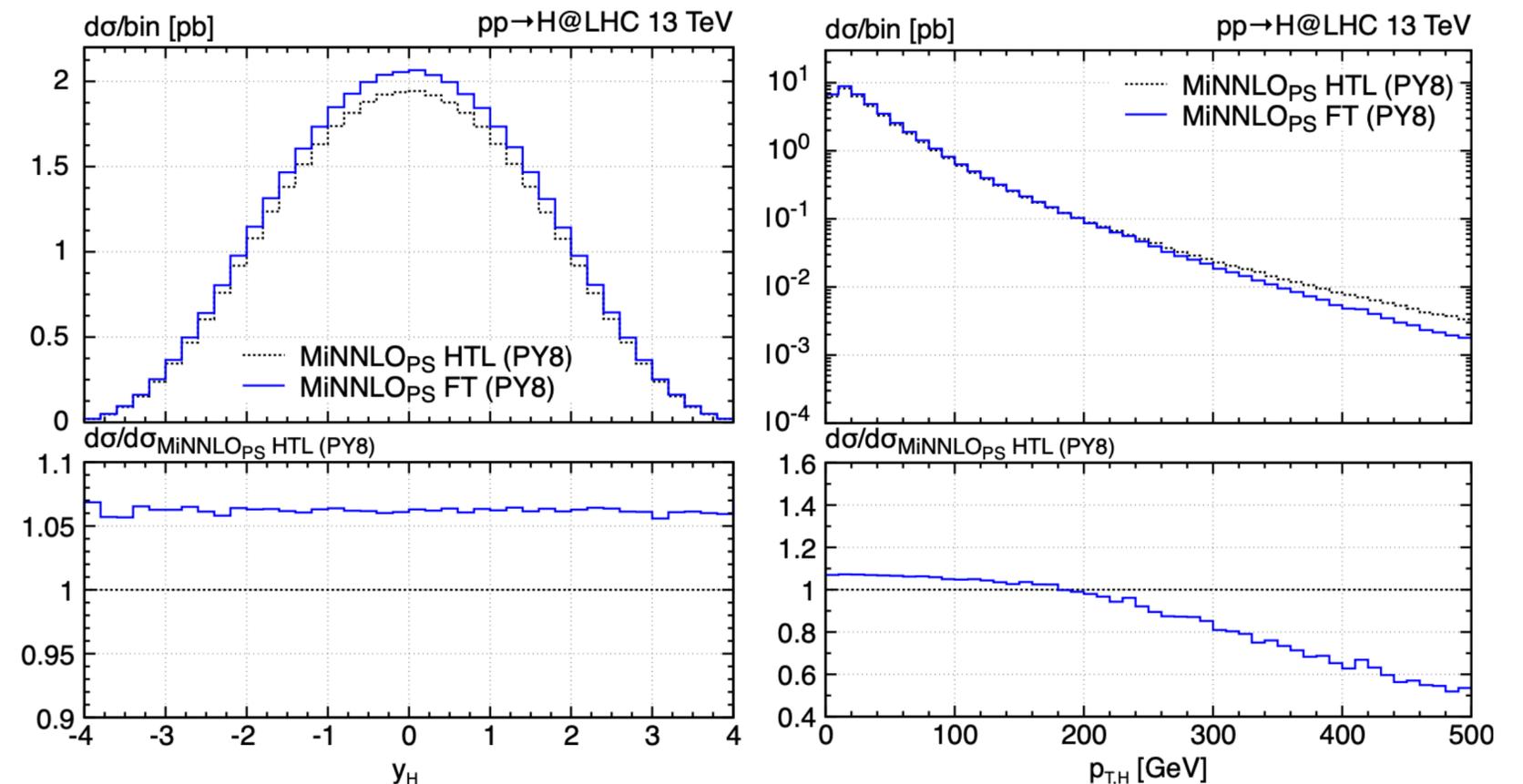
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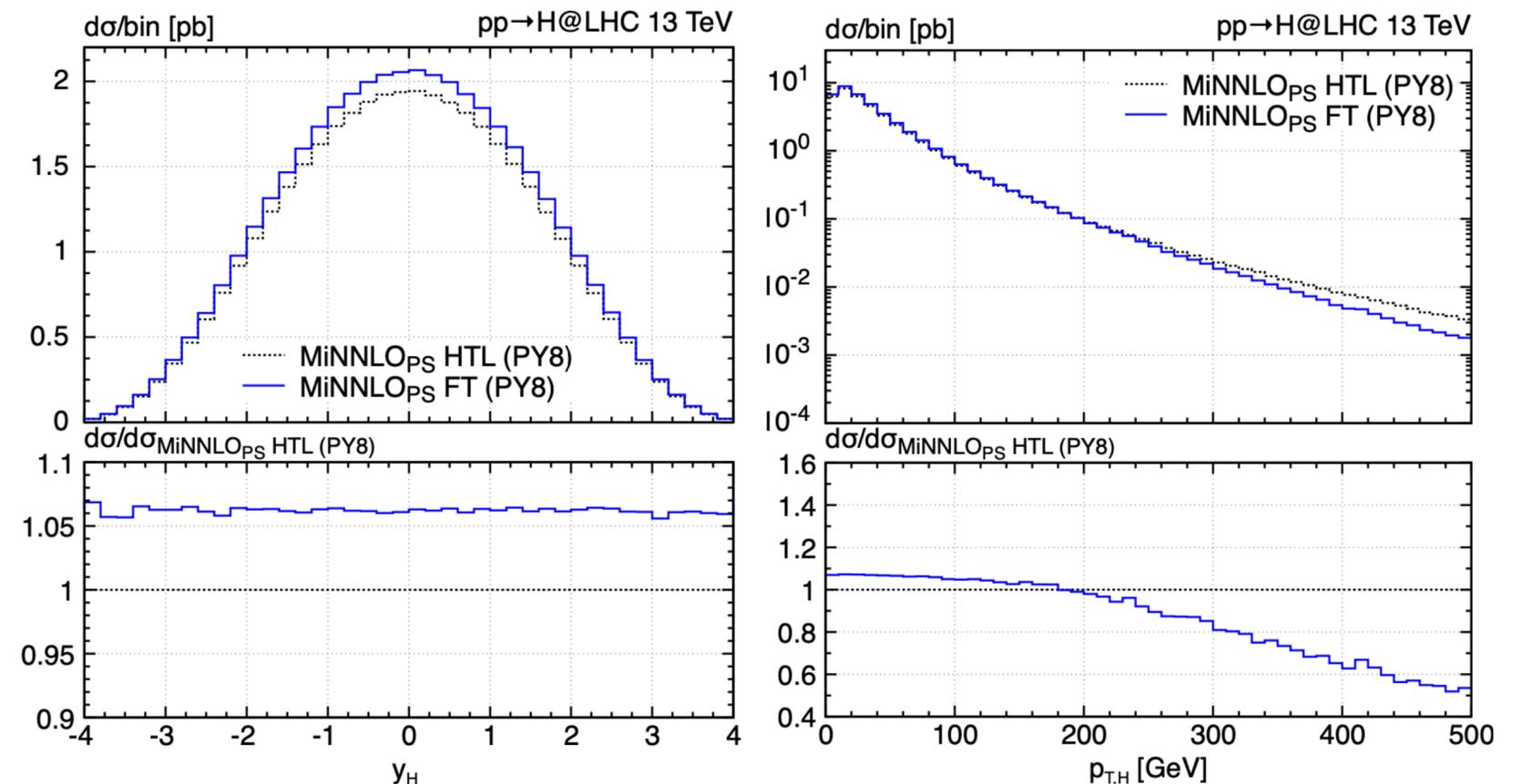
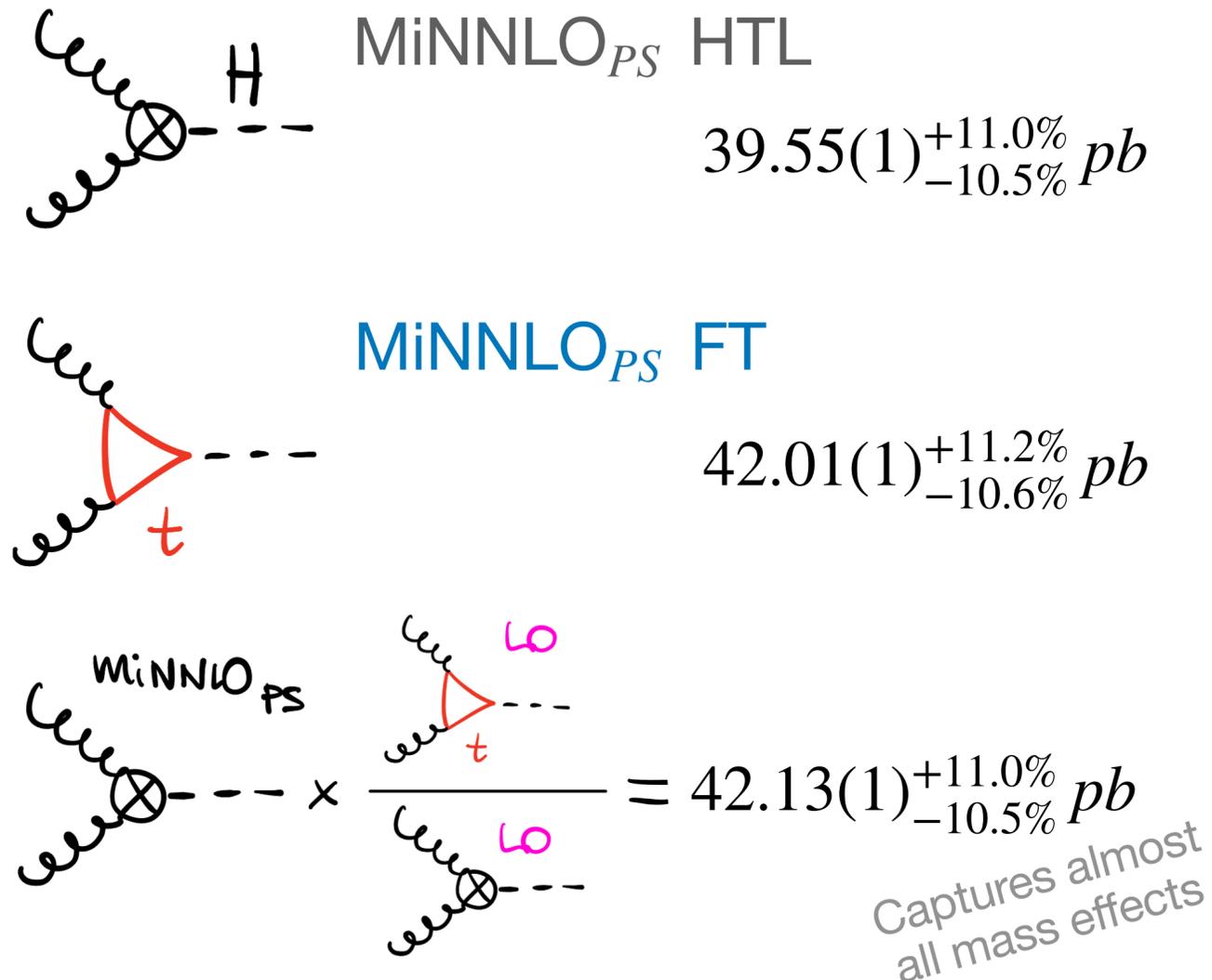


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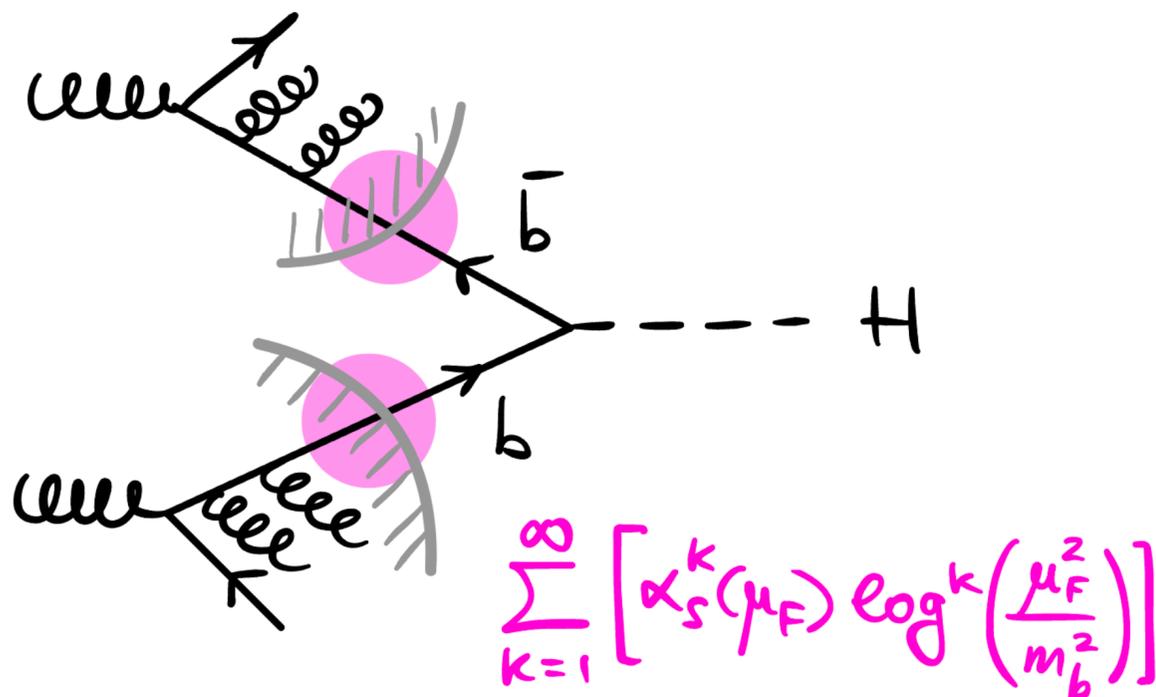
**bb → H**

CB, Sankar, Wiesemann,  
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# A rare but interesting channel

**Why bbH?** Higgs production via bottom fusion is a rare but crucial channel, **background of HH searches.**

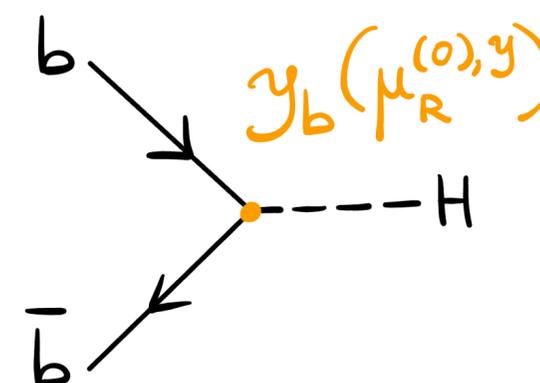
SFS



massless bottoms (5 flavour scheme)

- ✓ Collinear initial-state logs are resummed into bottom PDFs
- $\mathcal{O}(m_b/m_H)$  are neglected: low accurate description of bottom kinematic distribution

**Feature.** Adaptation of the MiNNLOPS method to account for the extra scale dependence induced by an overall **Yukawa coupling** that is  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  renormalised



See Moriond 2024

# event generator $\rightarrow$ fully-exclusive results

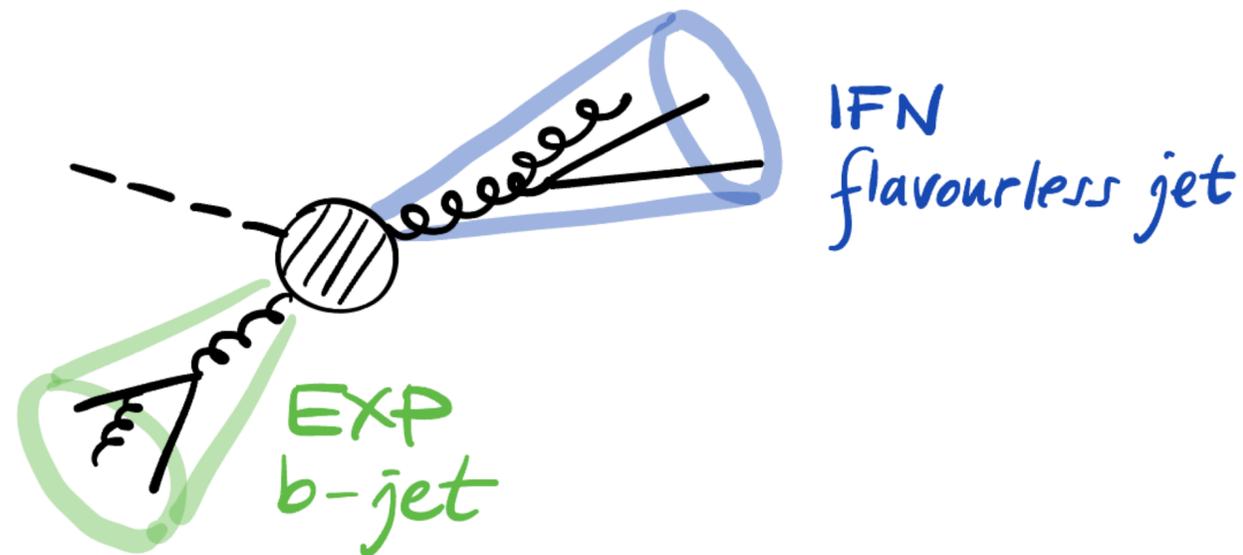
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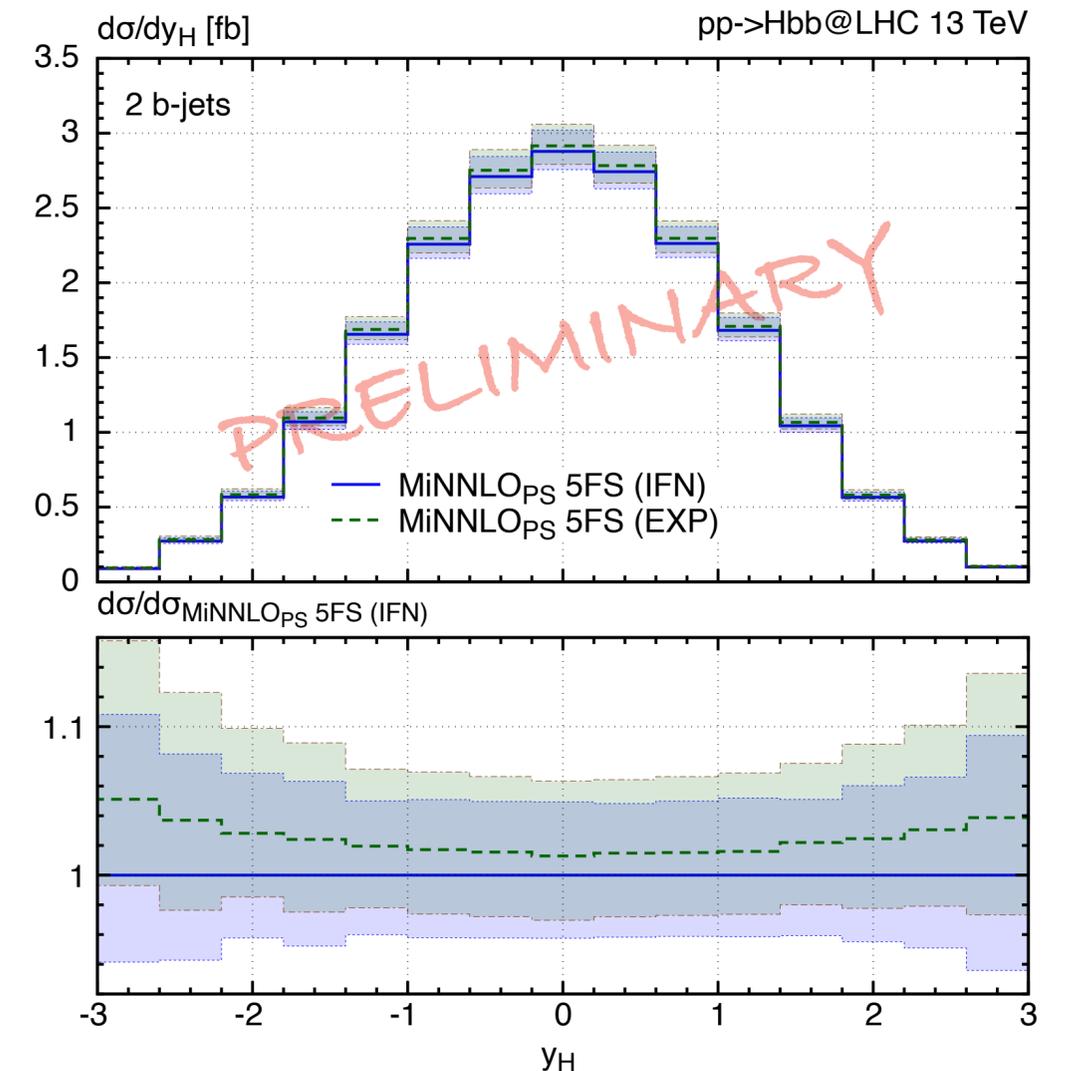
With the generated events, we have the opportunity to explore a lot of physics!

Several pheno studies can be conducted, such as the **b-tagging of jets**.



**News.** We have investigated the properties of the flavour jets in  $bb \rightarrow H$

- **EXP**, a bjet contains at least a B-hadron
- **IFN**, IR-safe method called Interleaved Flavour Neutralisation  
Caola, Grabarczyk, Hutt, Salam, Scyboz, Thaler [2306.07314]



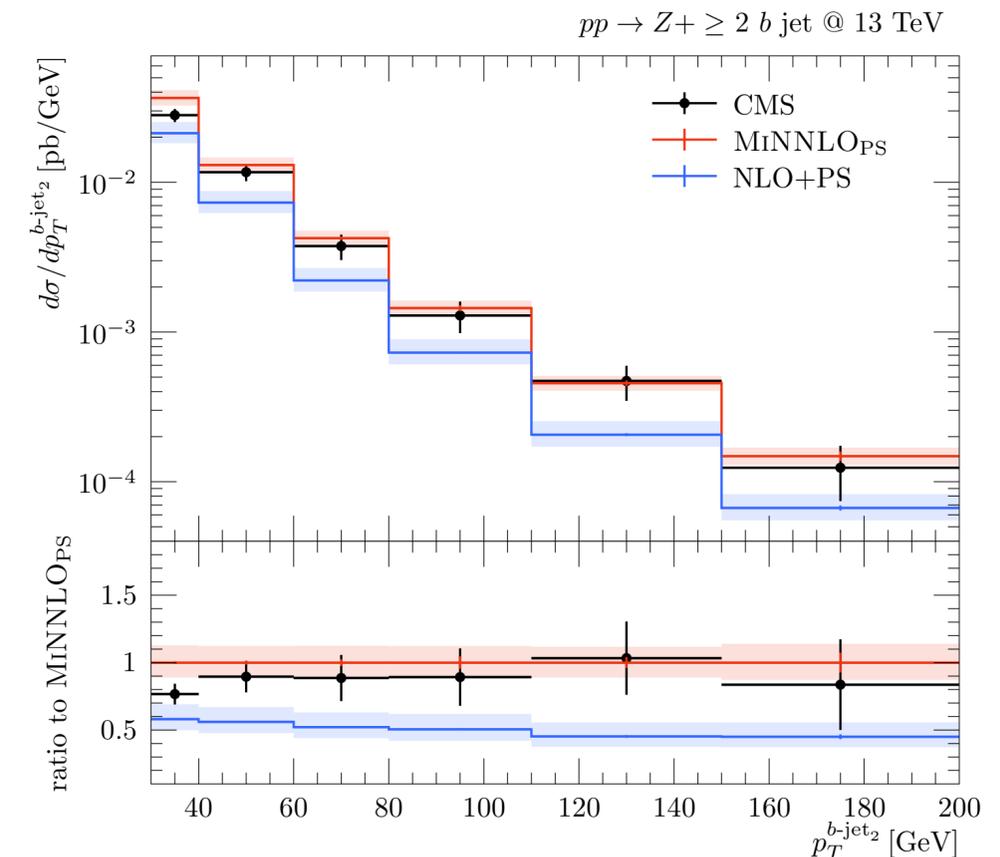
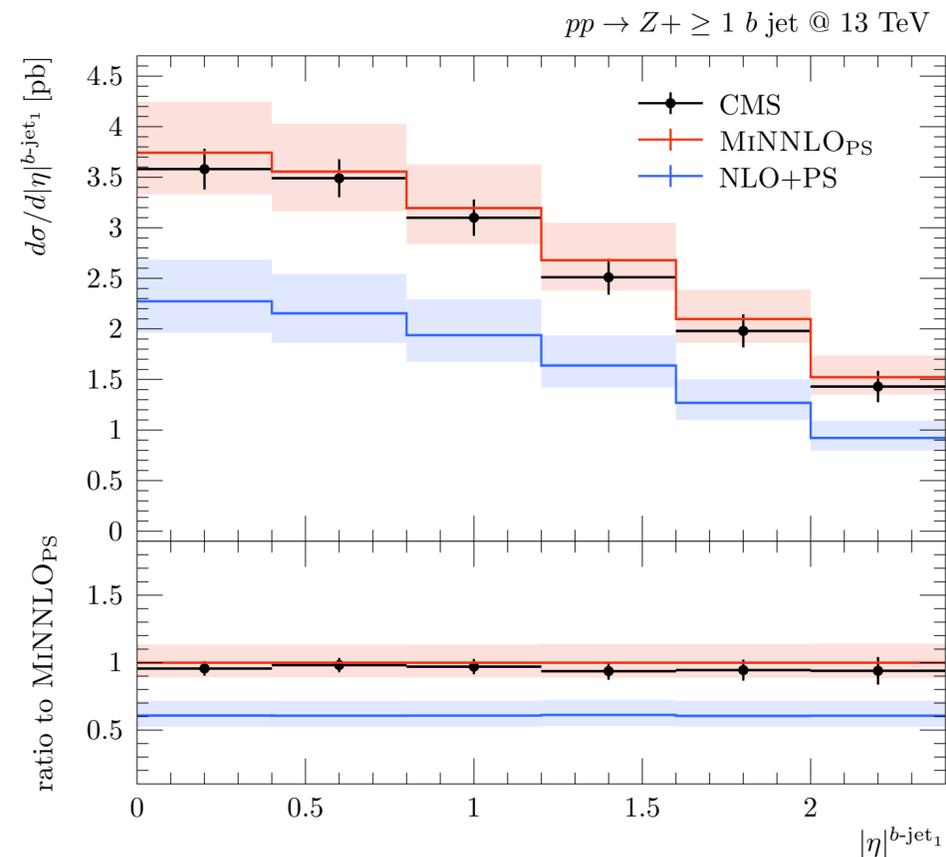
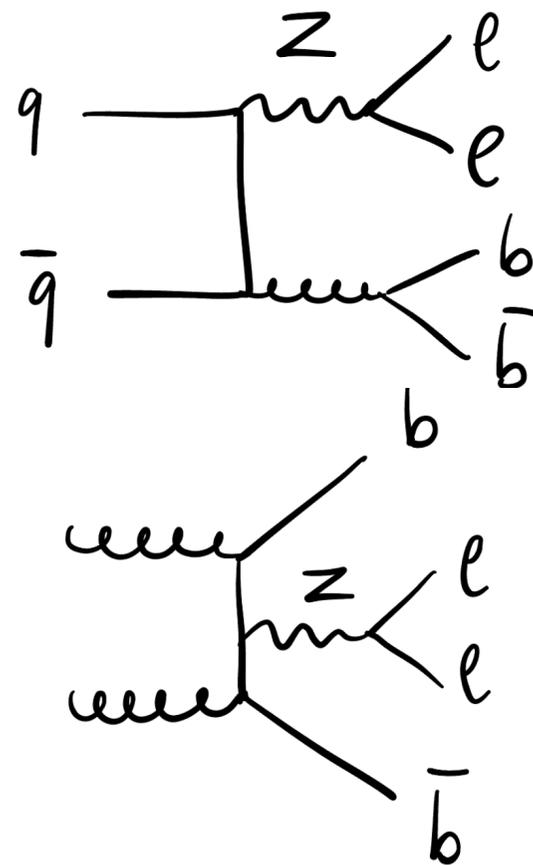


# A new class of processes

**Why?** Modelling high-multiplicity processes is mandatory for LHC studies. We must go beyond  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes.

MiNNLOPS now can perform predictions for **heavy-quark pair production in association to a color singlet.**

**Feature.** Treatment of the singular structure for heavy quarks in generic kinematics. Applied for the first time to  $b\bar{b}l\bar{l}$ .

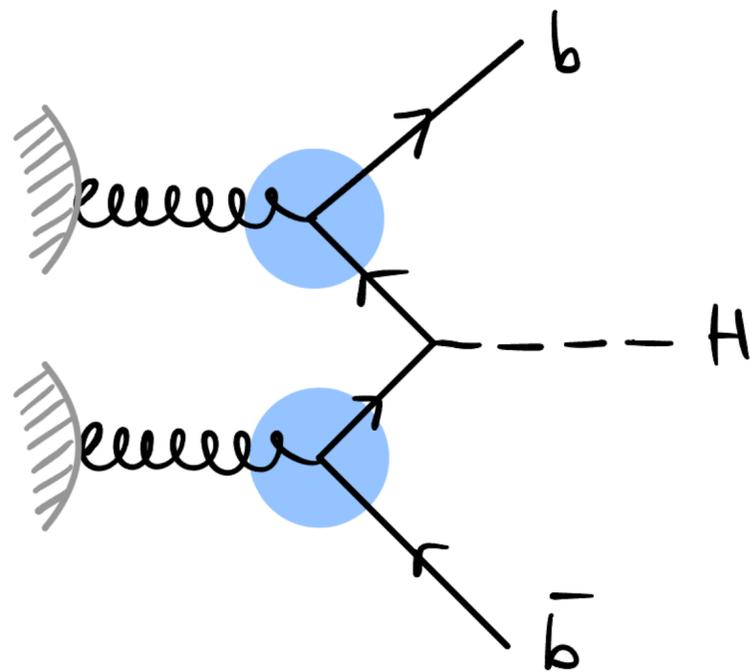


# The massive calculation



**Why bbH with massive quarks?** The massless calculation is not accurate in some region of the phase-space and for B-hadron observables.

4FS



## massive calculation (four-flavour scheme)

- Computing higher orders is extremely non-trivial due to higher multiplicity
- ✓ Mass effects  $O(m_b/m_H)$  are present at any order

**Feature.** It requires both the MiNNLOPS extensions for Yukawa induced processes and heavy quarks in final state.

**Theoretical bottleneck.** Two-loop amplitude  $\rightsquigarrow$  implement a reliable and well-tested approximation

$$\mathcal{A}^{(2)} = \log(m_b)\text{-terms} + \text{const.} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_b}{Q}\right)$$

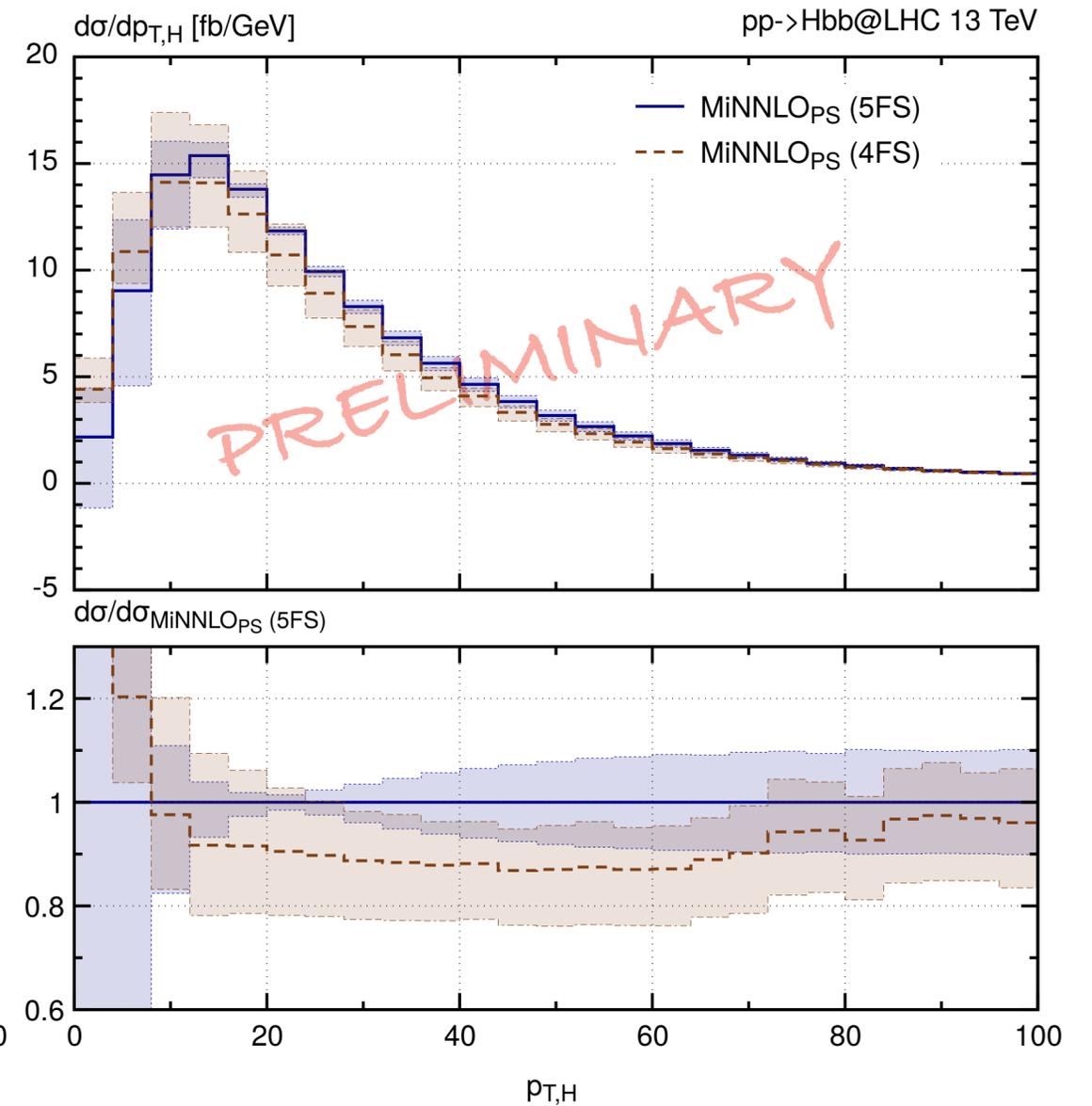
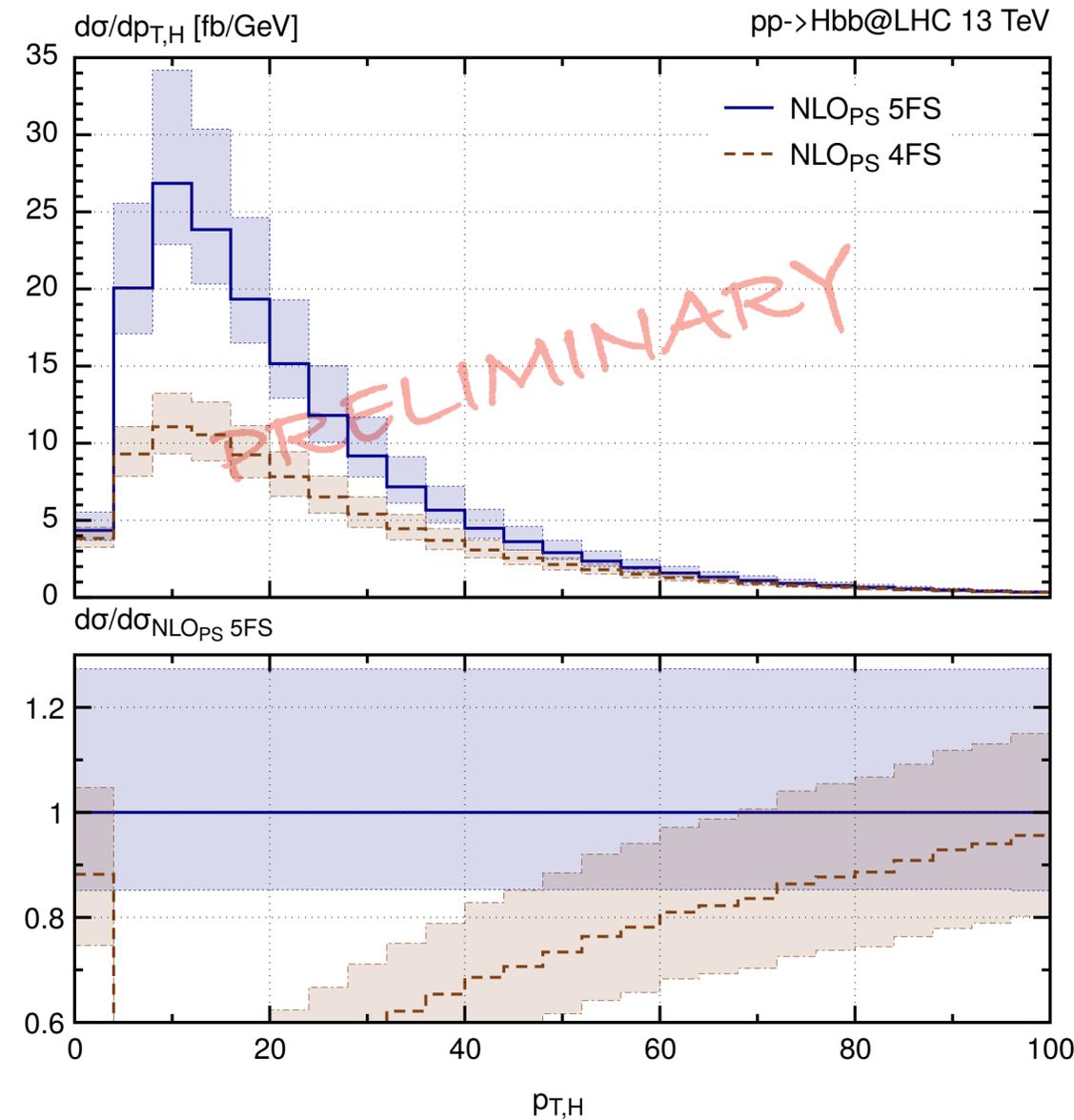
# Massive vs massless



CB, Mazzitelli, Sankar, Wiesemann,  
Zanderighi [in progress]

NNLO corrections in the 4FS solve the long-standing issue of discrepancies between the flavour-scheme predictions.

Higgs and one b-jet observables are in agreement between the two MiNNLOPS generators.





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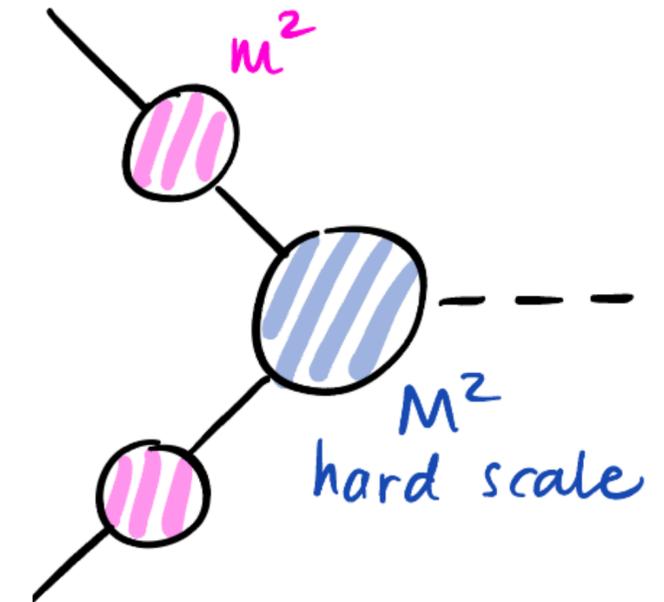
**Backup slides**



# Resummation from factorisation

Consider a physical quantity  $\mathcal{O}(M^2, m^2)$  in which  $m^2$  measures the distance from the IR region.

$$\text{If } m^2 \ll M^2, \quad \mathcal{O}(M^2, m^2) = \underbrace{H\left(\frac{M^2}{\mu^2}\right)}_{\text{Hard}} \underbrace{S\left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right)}_{\text{Soft}}$$



$$\mathcal{O} \text{ is } \mu \text{ - independent} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{H} \frac{d \ln H}{d \ln \mu^2} = - \frac{1}{S} \frac{d \ln S}{d \ln \mu^2} =: \gamma(\mu^2)$$

Solving the differential equation,

$$\mathcal{O}(M^2, m^2) = H(1) S(1) \exp \left[ - \int_{m^2}^{M^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \gamma(q^2) \right]$$

 for  $m^2 \rightarrow 0$

**Sudakov form factor:**  
it captures at *all order*  
the log-enhanced terms



# Transverse momentum resummation

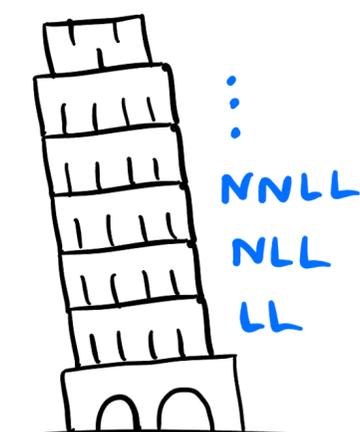
What is the probability that a Higgs boson is produced with transverse momentum  $< p_T$  ?

$$\mathcal{P} \simeq -\#\alpha_s \ln^2 \frac{m_H}{p_T} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \rightarrow \exp \left[ -\#\alpha_s \ln^2 \frac{m_H}{p_T} \right]$$

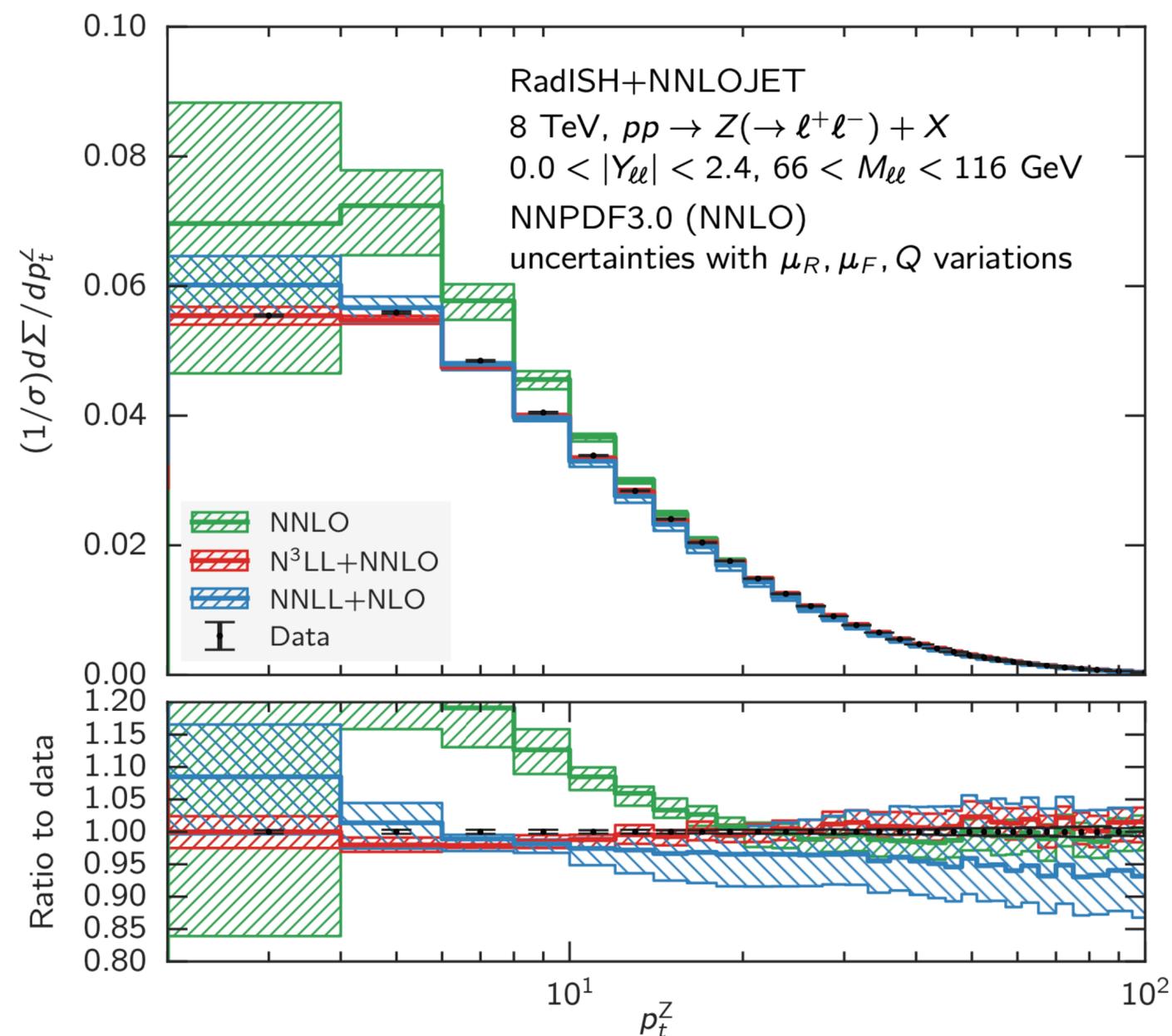
for small  $p_T$  we need to sum up the logs

In general we have a tower of logs

$$\exp \left[ -\sum_{n,m} \alpha_s^n \ln^m \frac{m_H}{p_T} \right]$$



- $m = n + 1$  → Leading Logs (LL)
- $m = n$  → Next-To-LL (NLL)
- $m = n - 1$  → Next-To-NLL (NNLL) ...





# POWHEG

POWHEG machinery

EVENTS @ NLO  
with the hardest radiation included

$$\bar{B}(\Phi_{Xj}) = B(\Phi_{Xj}) + \left[ V(\Phi_{Xj}) + \int d\phi_{rad} R(\Phi_{Xjj}) \right]$$

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PARTON SHOWER

$X_j @ NLO_{PS}$

Matching FO ↔ PS  
(preserves LL accuracy)

# MINNLO+POWHEG

POWHEG machinery

$X_j @ NLO$   
 $X @ NNLO$  } prepared for PS

$$\bar{B}(\Phi_{Xj}) = \mathcal{F}(p_T, Q) \left\{ B(\Phi_{Xj}) (1 - \alpha_s S_1) + \left[ V(\Phi_{Xj}) + \int d\phi_{rad} R(\Phi_{Xjj}) \right] + [D_3\text{-term}] F(\Phi_{Xj}) \right\}$$

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# MiNNLOps in a nutshell

$$NLO X_j \longrightarrow NNLO X$$

MiNNLOps is an extension of MiNLO' to achieve NNLO+PS accuracy for inclusive observables.

Monni, Nason, Re, Wiesemann, Zanderighi [1206.3572]

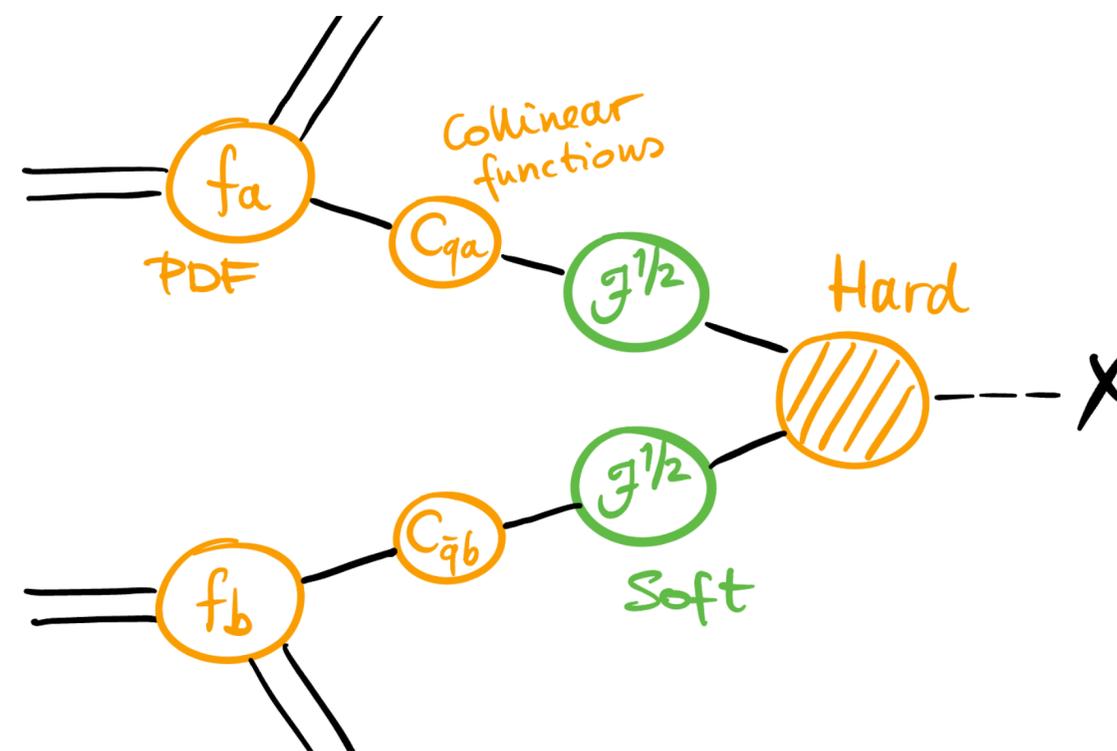
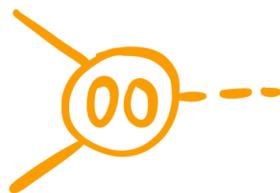
Split the differential inclusive cross-section into the singular and regular part in the small transverse momentum limit:  $d\sigma = d\sigma^{sing} + d\sigma^{reg}$ .

$$\frac{d\sigma^{sing}}{dp_T d\Phi_X} = \frac{d}{dp_T} \left\{ \mathcal{F}(p_T) \mathcal{L}(p_T) \right\} =: \exp \left[ -\tilde{S}(p_T) \right] D(p_T)$$

Sudakov form factor

$$\mathcal{F}(p_T) = \exp \left[ -\tilde{S}(p_T) \right]$$

Luminosity: it also contains





# MiNNLOps in a nutshell

$$d\sigma = d\sigma^{sing} + d\sigma^{reg}$$

The modified POWHEG function is

$$\bar{B}(\Phi_{XJ}) = e^{-\tilde{S}(p_T)} \left\{ B \left( 1 - \alpha_s(p_T) \tilde{S}^{(1)} \right) + V + \int d\phi_{rad} R + \left[ D(p_T) - D^{(1)} - D^{(2)} \right] \times F^{corr} \right\}$$

MiNLO' structure

Extra term: it ensures NNLO accuracy.

$F^{corr}$  encodes the spreading of the D-terms upon the full  $\Phi_{XJ}$ .

- In the singular part, the QCD scales must be  $\mu_F \sim \mu_R \sim p_T$ .
- For the regular part, different scale choices can be performed:
  - the transverse momentum  $p_T$  (original choice)
  - the **hard scale**  $Q$  (FOatQ=1)

Gavardi, Oleari, Re [2204.12602]

# 5FS results

Same PDFs:  
NNPDF40\_nnlo\_as\_01180  
with 5 active flavours



Comparison of the total inclusive cross section with FO results obtained with the public code **SusHi** with  $\mu_R = \mu_F = m_H$

Harlander, Lieber, Mantel [1212.3249]

Process	NLO (SUSHi)	NNLO (SUSHi)	MINLO'	MINNLO <sub>PS</sub>
$b\bar{b} \rightarrow H$	$0.646(0)^{+10.4\%}_{-10.9\%}$ pb	$0.518(2)^{+7.2\%}_{-7.5\%}$ pb	$0.571(1)^{+17.4\%}_{-22.7\%}$ pb	$0.509(8)^{+2.9\%}_{-5.3\%}$ pb

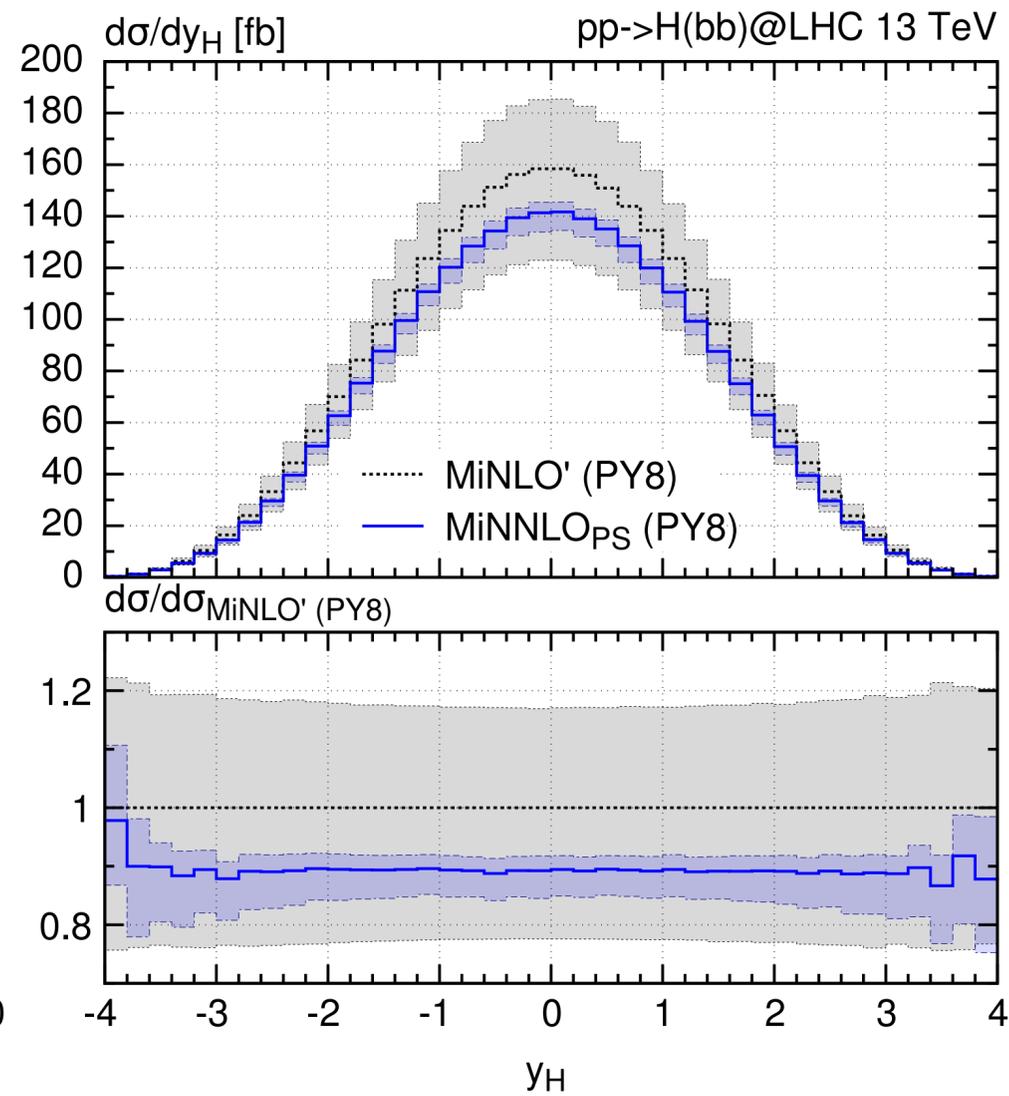
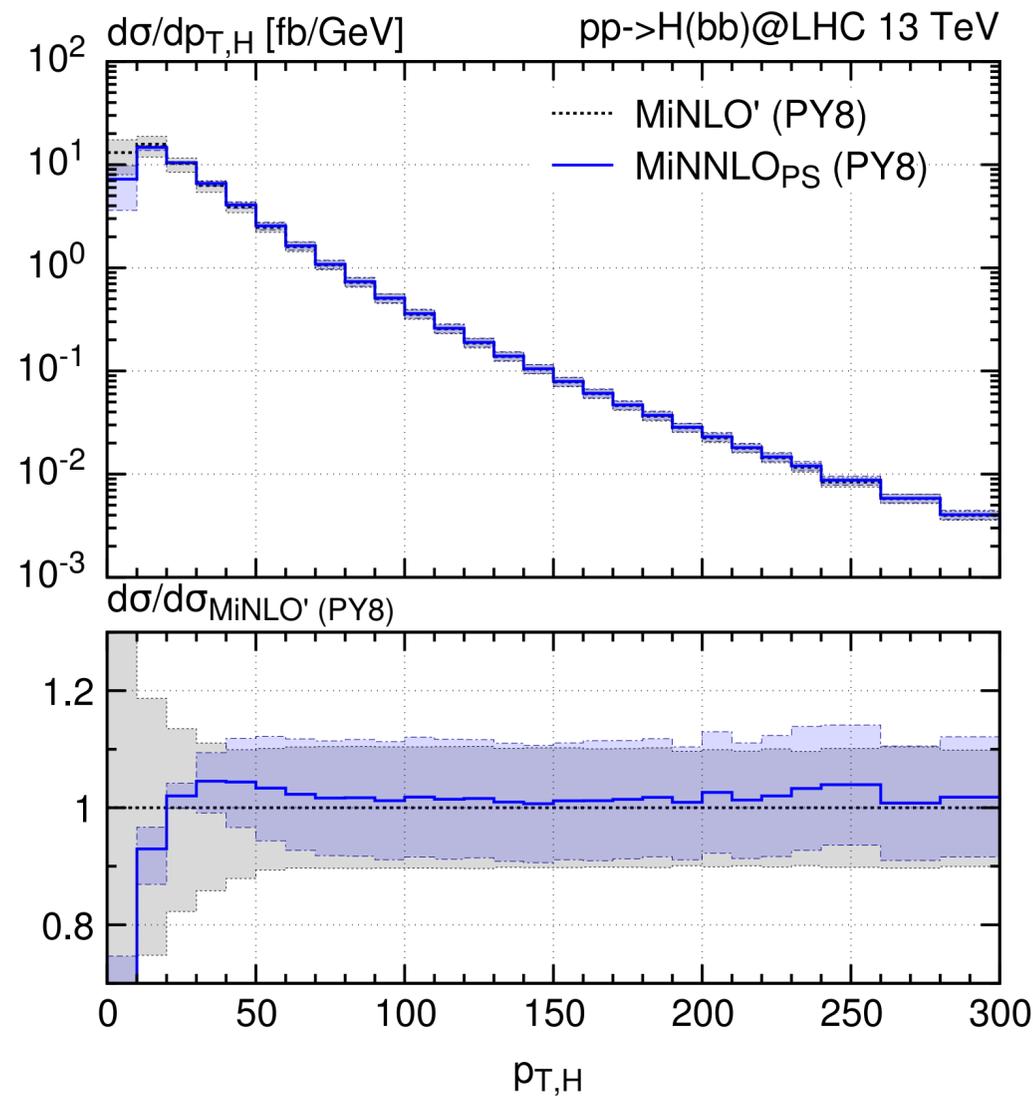
- NNLO cross section is reduced by  $\sim 20\%$
- Scale uncertainties significantly reduced at NNLO
- Our MiNNLOPS predictions are in agreement with **SusHi** within the uncertainties



# Comparison of MiNLO' and MiNNLOPs

## Transverse momentum spectrum of the Higgs boson

## Rapidity distribution of the Higgs boson

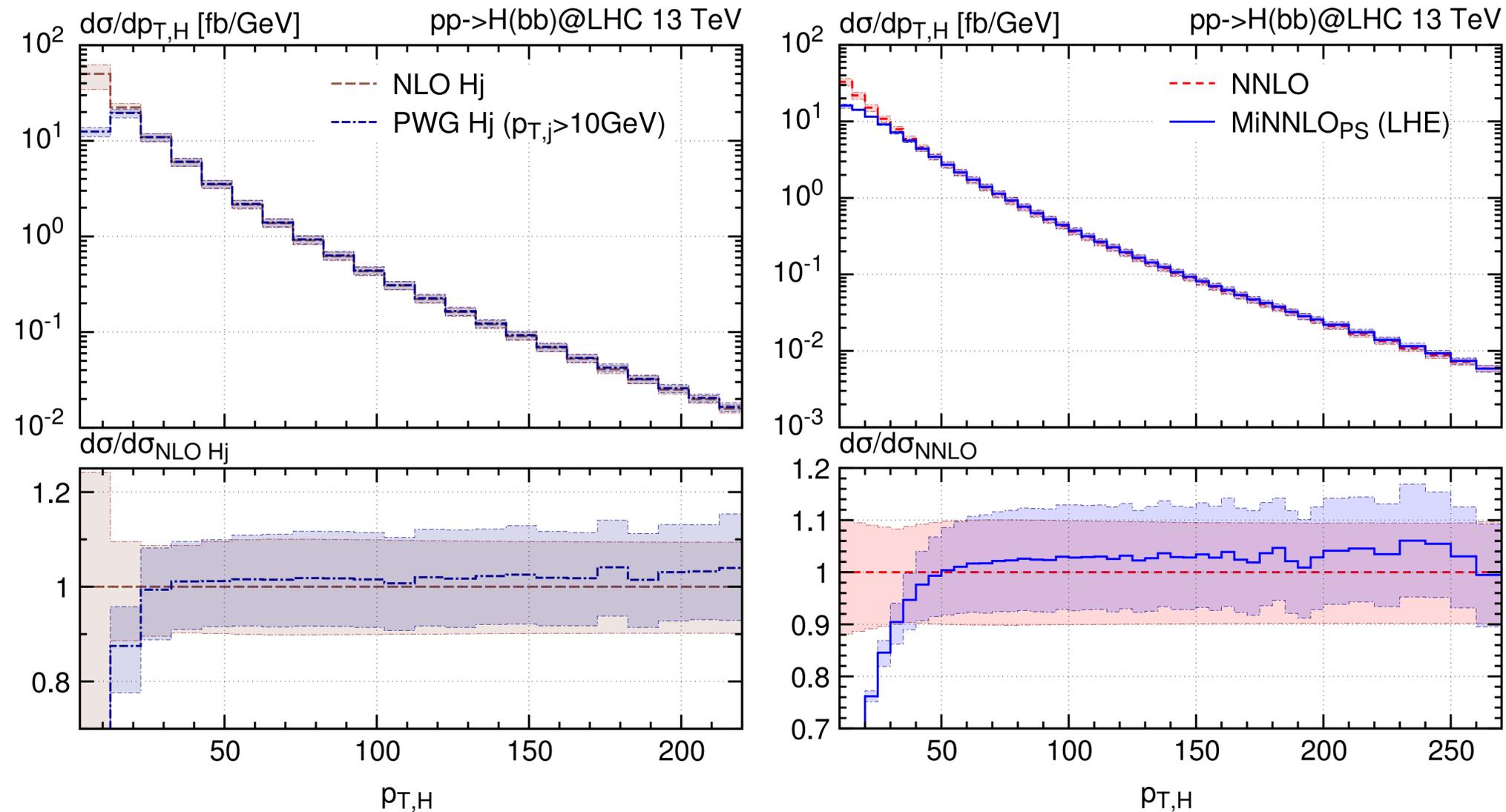


- At small  $p_{T,H}$ , **MiNNLOPs** significantly damps the distribution
- At high  $p_{T,H}$ , **MiNNLOPs** and **MiNLO'** coincide, both NLO accurate
- **MiNNLOPs** has a flat negative correction in the rapidity  $y_H$  distribution



# Comparison with FO results

## Transverse momentum spectrum of the Higgs



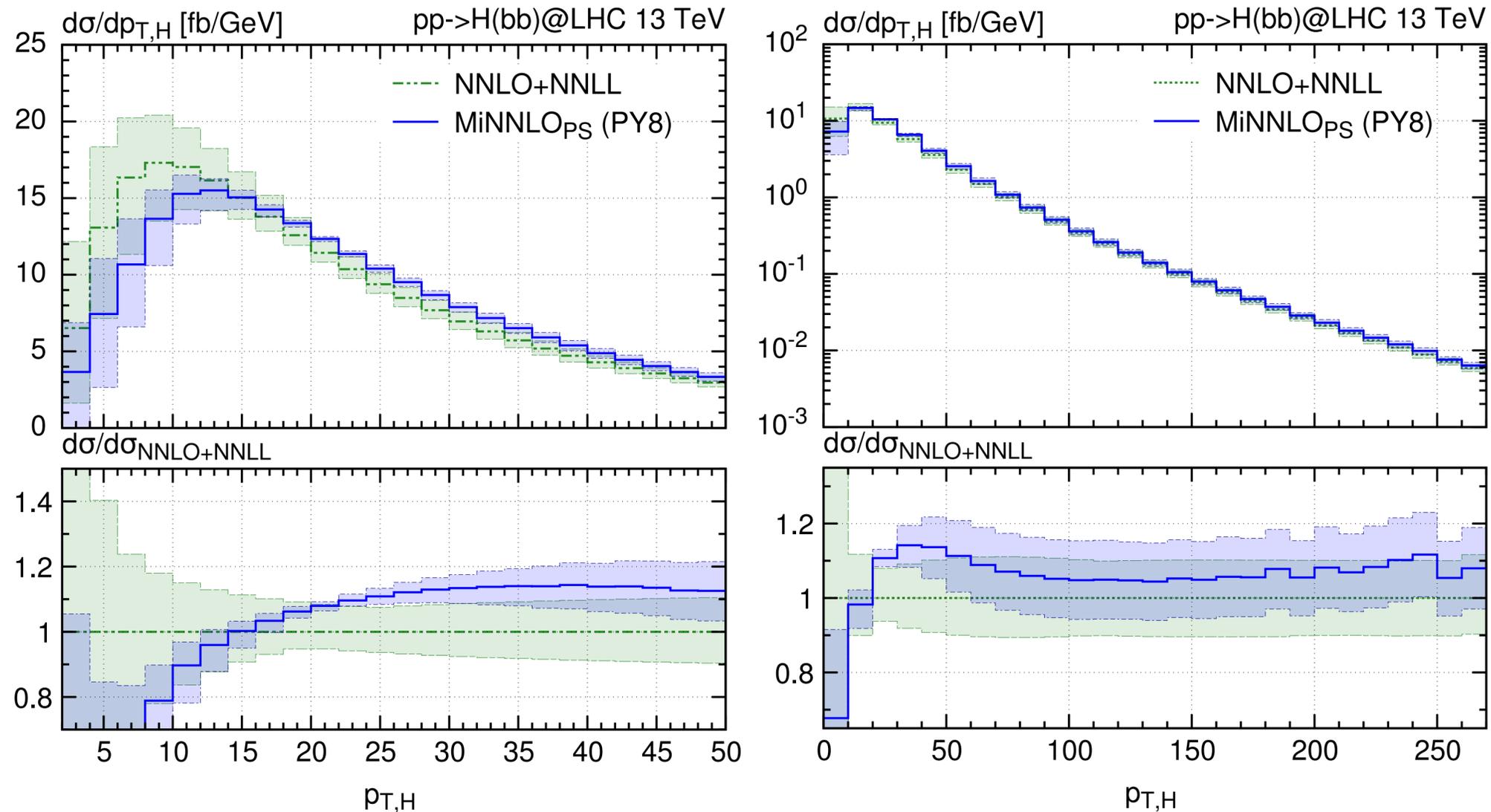
Full **agreement** at large transverse momenta  $p_{T,H}$  with analytic **fixed-order predictions**

**NLO Higgs** Harlander, Ozeren, Wiesemann [1007.5411]  
**NNLO** Harlander, Tripathi, Wiesemann [1403.7196]



# Comparison with resummed results

## Transverse momentum spectrum of the Higgs



We compare the MiNNLO implementation with the NNLO+NNLL results for low and high  $p_{T,H}$

- Acceptable agreement for small  $p_{T,H}$
- The shower has an effect on the tail

**NNLO+NNLL** Harlander, Tripathi, Wieseemann [1403.7196]

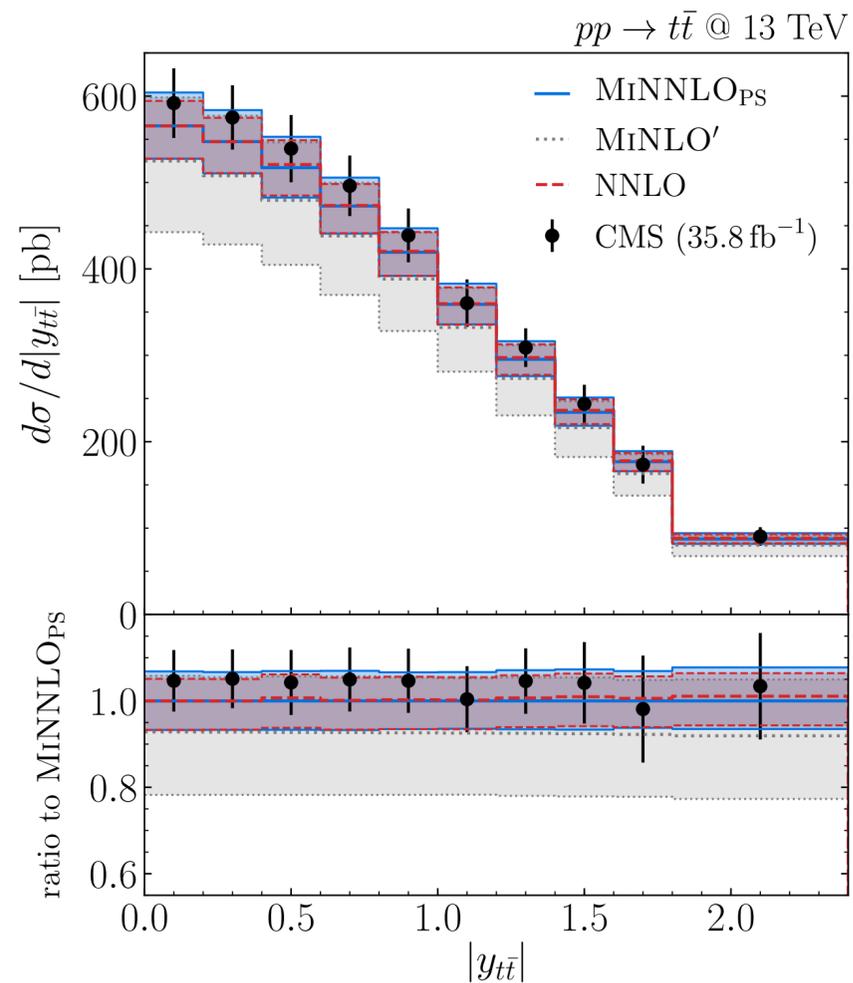
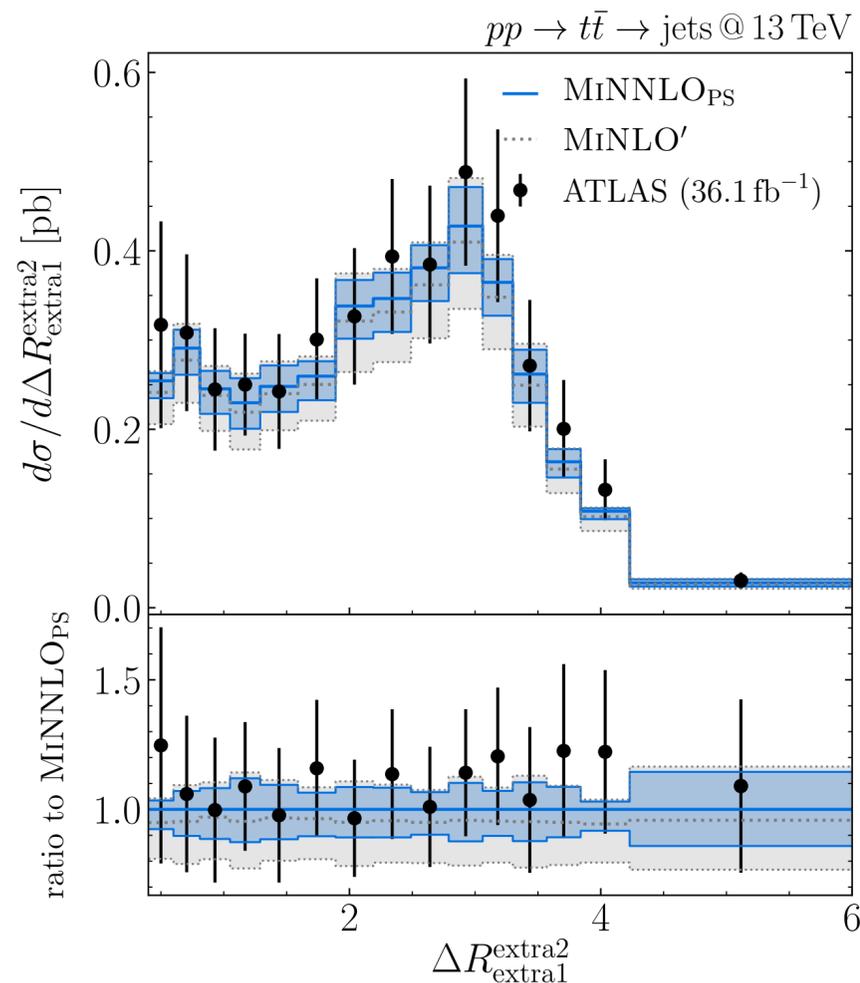


# Heavy-quark pair production

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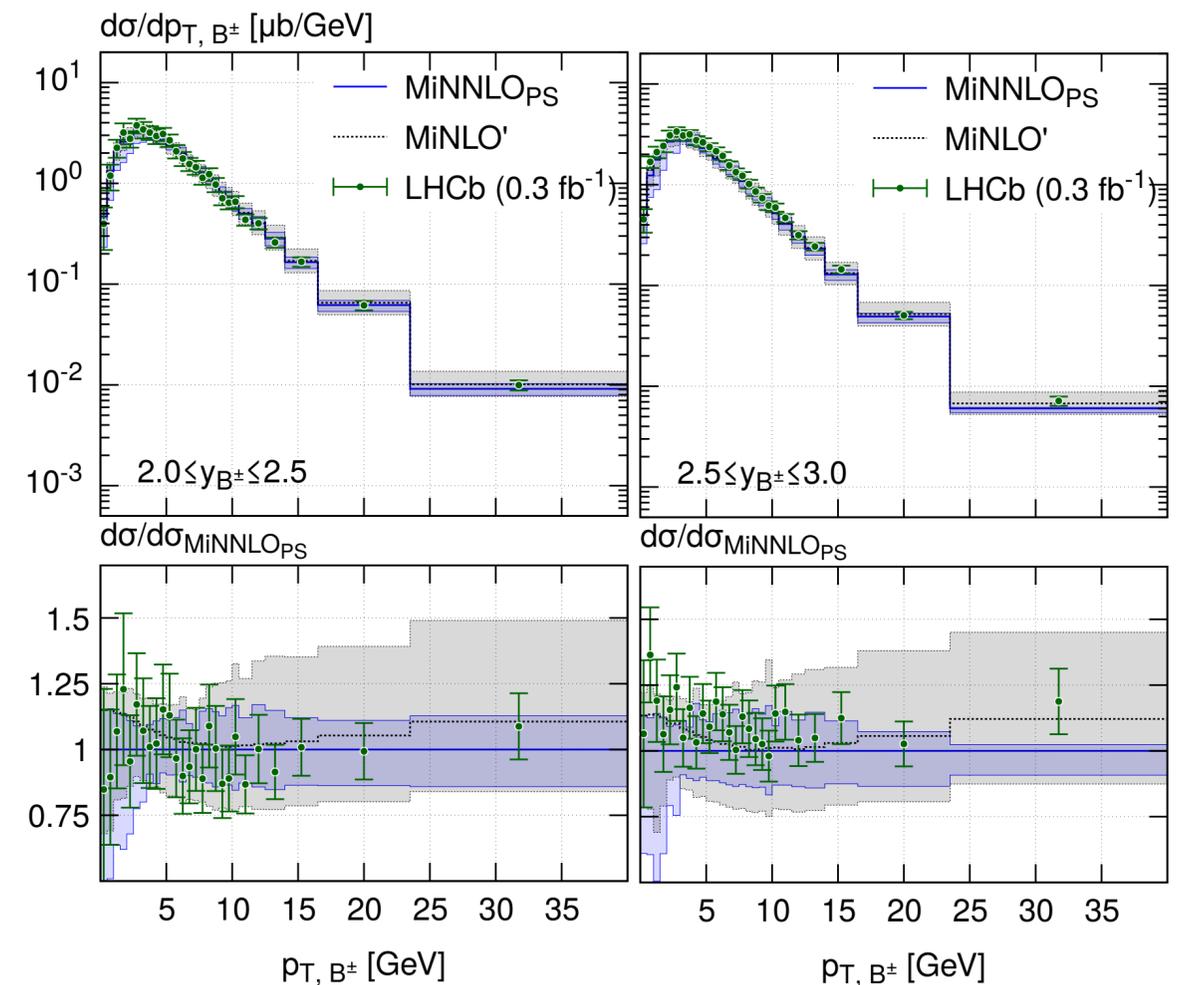
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# Massification



Biello, Mazzitelli, Sankar, Wiesemann,  
Zanderighi [in progress]

First two-loop massification in Bhabha scattering

Penin [hep-ph/0508127]

Extension for non-abelian theories from  
factorisation principles

Mitov, Moch [hep-ph/0612149]

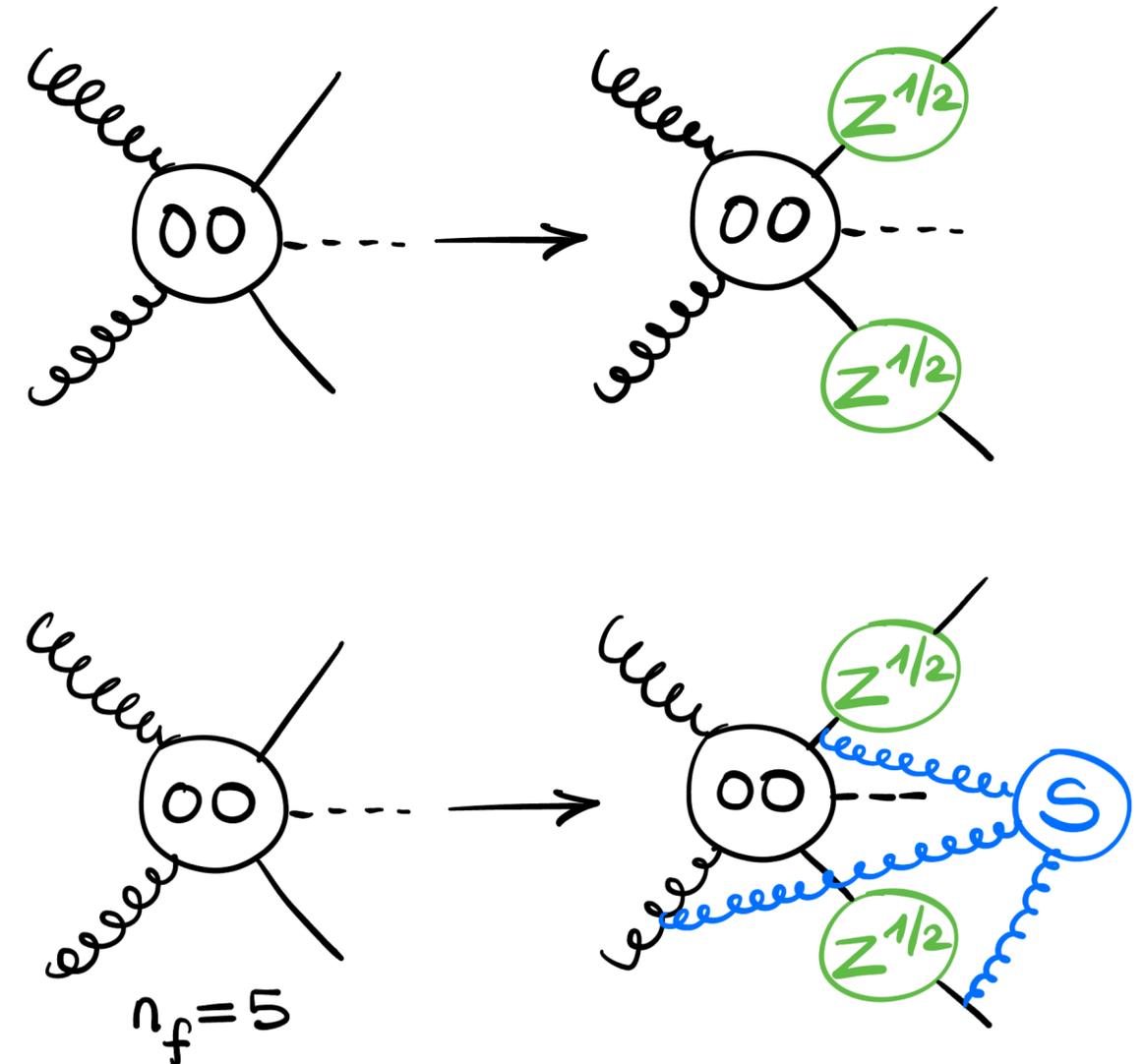
First massification of internal loops in Bhabha  
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Becher, Melnikov [0704.3582]

Recent application for QCD amplitudes

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We applied decoupling relations for  $\alpha_s$  and  $\overline{\text{MS}}$   
Yukawa



Cross-checks with the independent implementation of Chiara Savoini

