

Two-loop QCD corrections to multiscale amplitudes: Progress towards ttj , $W\gamma\gamma$ and Hbb final states

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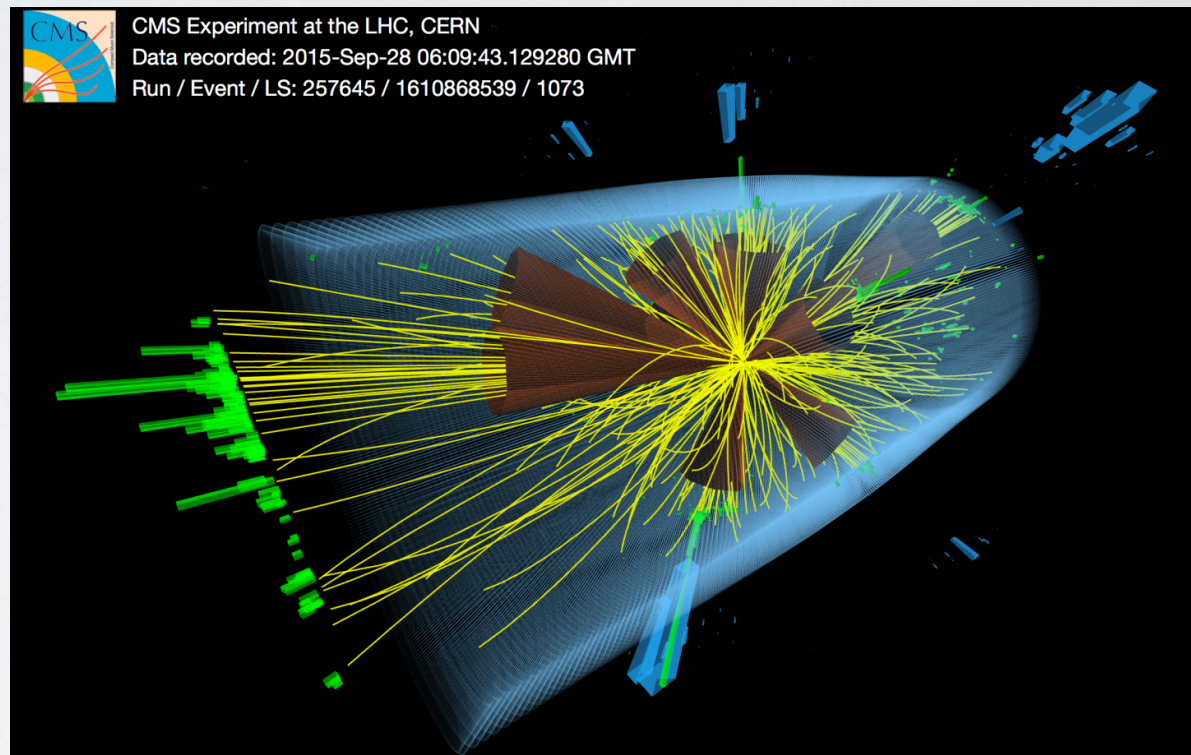
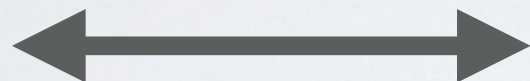
motivation:
where is the precision frontier?

part I:
two-loop amplitudes - challenges and solutions

part II:
new results for $W\gamma\gamma$, Hbb and ttj

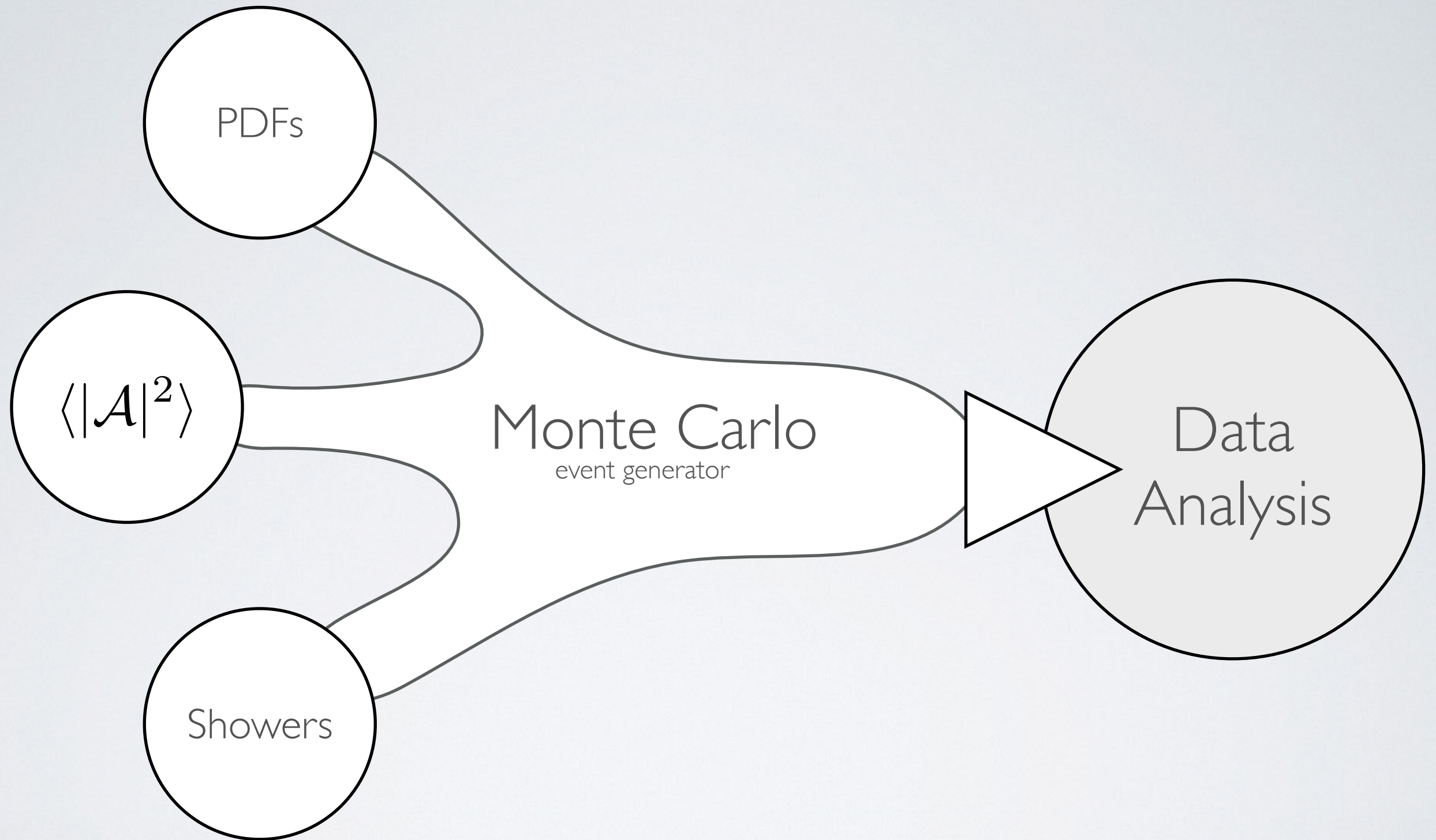
precision at the LHC

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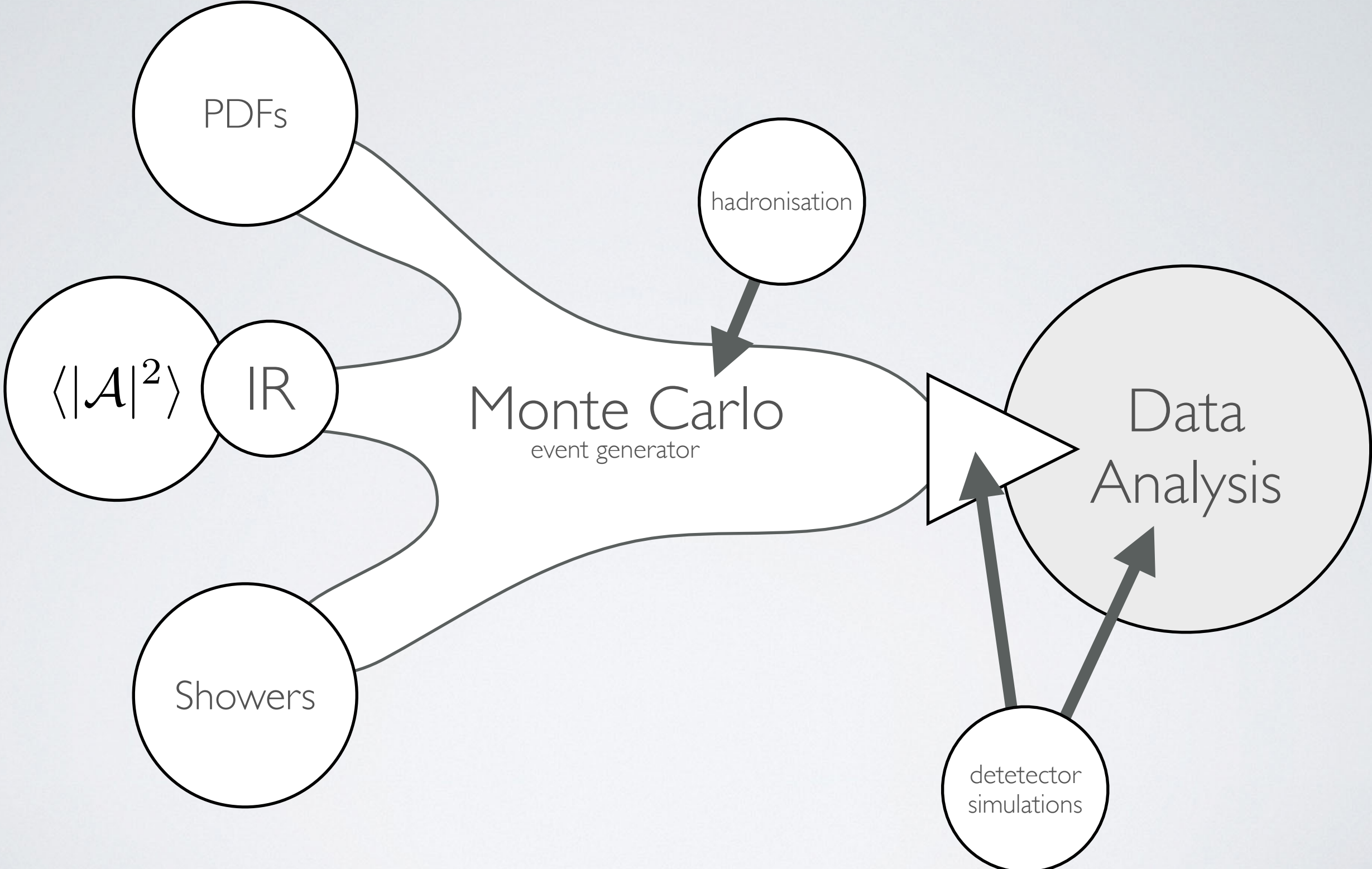


hadron colliders are not the obvious choice for precision studies of fundamental interactions but it's what we have to work with...
[LHC (-2025), HL-LHC (2030-2041)]

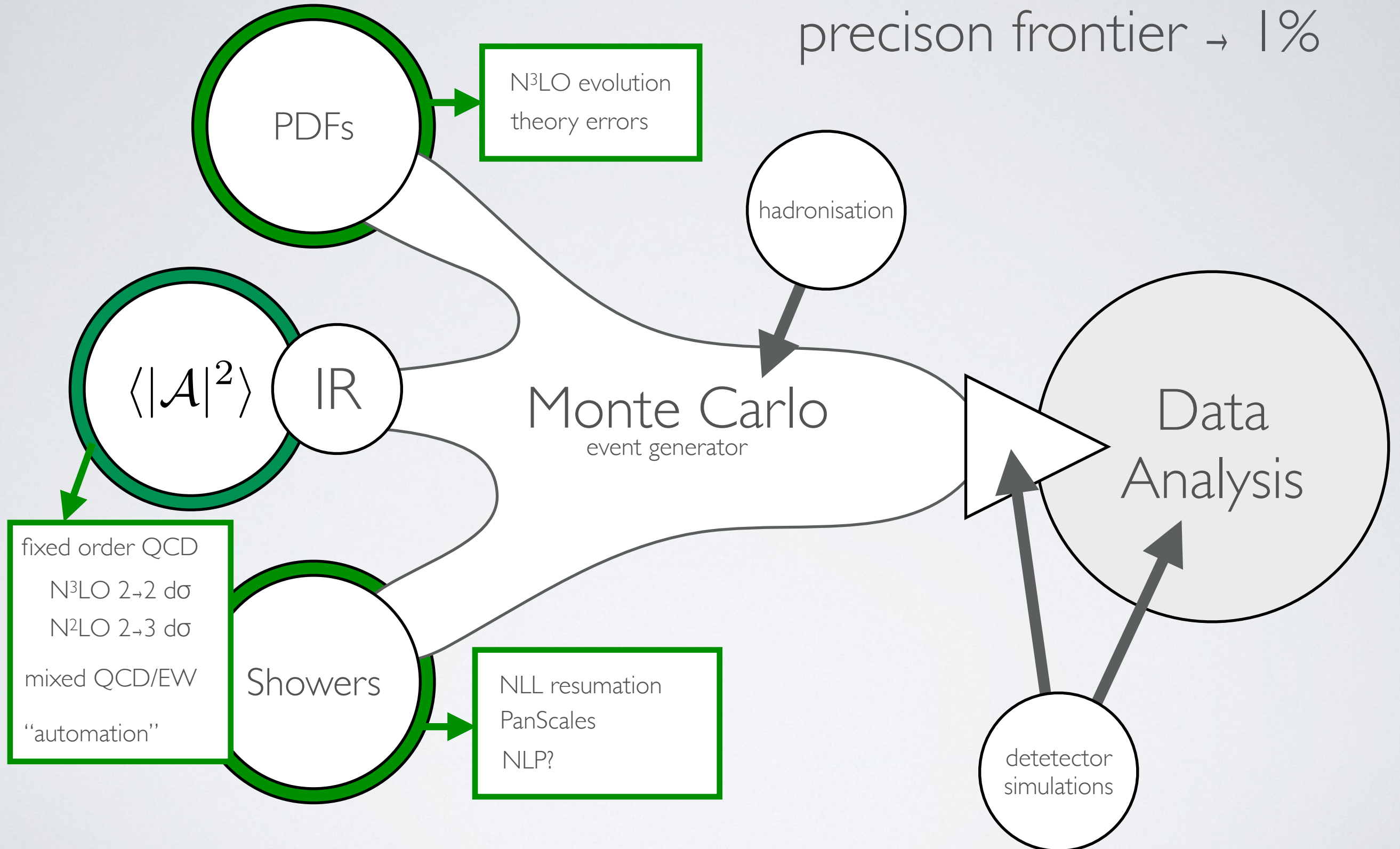
from theory to experiment



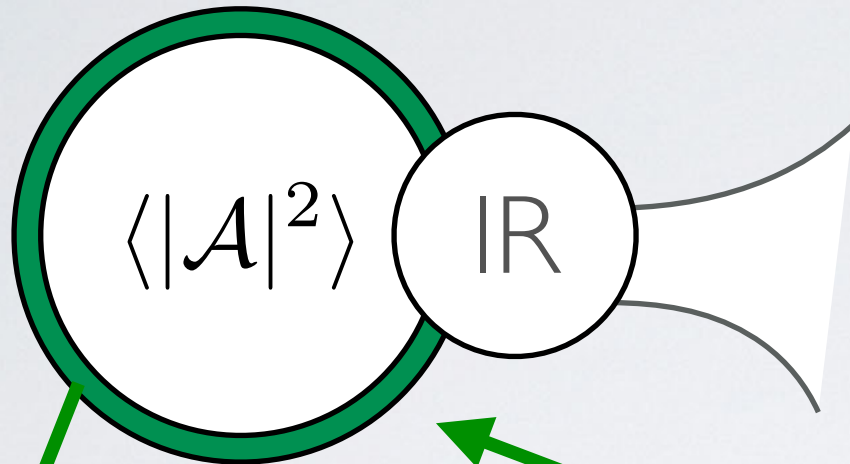
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from theory to experiment:
precision frontier \rightarrow 1%



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new technology required!

reduction techniques

strenuous computer algebra

challenging integration

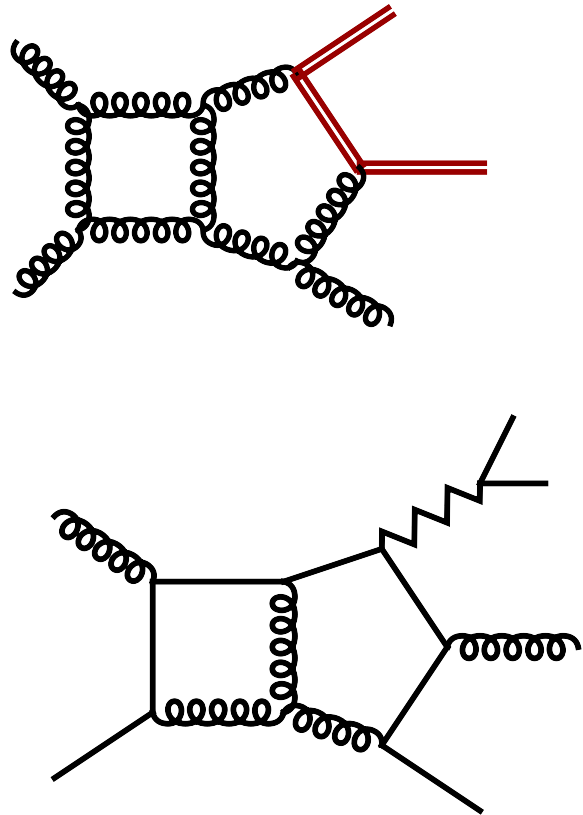
fixed order QCD
N³LO 2 \rightarrow 2 $d\sigma$
N²LO 2 \rightarrow 3 $d\sigma$
mixed QCD/EW
“automation”

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

~10-30 %

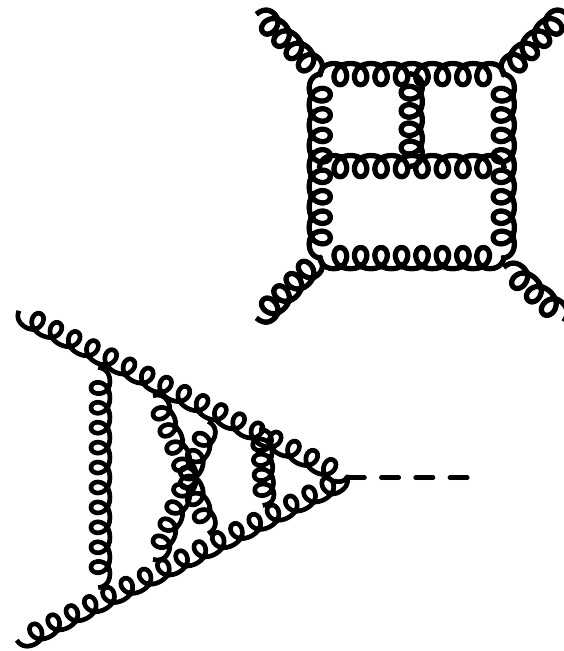
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multiplicity frontier



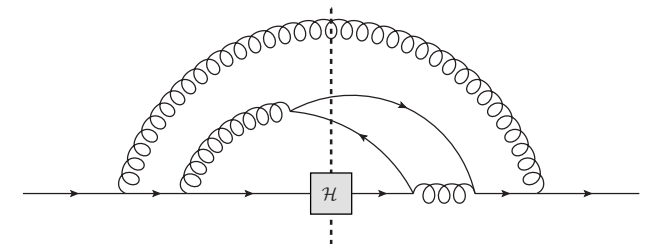
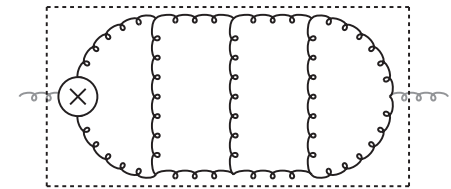
$N^2\text{LO } 2 \rightarrow 3$ ($pp \rightarrow 3j$, $pp \rightarrow W2j$, $pp \rightarrow ttj$, ...)

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, IR subtraction 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.)
	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}^{(t)}$	
	$N^{(1,1)}\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}\otimes\text{EW}}^{(\text{HTL})}$	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}^{(b,c)}$
$pp \rightarrow H + j$	NNLO_{HTL}	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{HTL}} \otimes \text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$
	NLO_{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
$pp \rightarrow 2\text{jets}$	NNLO_{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)	NNLO_{QCD}
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$pp \rightarrow V + b\bar{b}$	NLO_{QCD}	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$
$pp \rightarrow VV' + 1j$	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$	NNLO_{QCD}

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

$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + j$	NLO_{QCD} (off-shell effects)	$\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$ (w/ decays)
	NLO_{EW} (w/o decays)	
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + 2j$	NLO_{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)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \gamma$	NLO_{QCD} (off-shell effects)	
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + Z$	NLO_{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)
		NNLO_{QCD}

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	$NNLO_{QCD}^{(t)}$	
	$N^{(1,1)}LO_{QCD \otimes EW}^{(HTL)}$	

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fully differential predictions essential LHC analyses

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$\rightarrow V + b\bar{b}$	NLO_{QCD}	$NNLO_{QCD} + NLO_{EW}$
$\rightarrow VV' + 1j$	$NLO_{QCD} + NLO_{EW}$	$NNLO_{QCD}$

see Bayu's talk

process	known	desired
$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + j$	$NNLO_{QCD} + NLO_{EW}$ + NLO_{QCD} (gg channel)	
$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$	$NNLO_{QCD}$	$NNLO_{QCD} + NLO_{EW}$

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$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \gamma$	NLO_{QCD} (off-shell effects)	
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + Z$	NLO_{QCD} (off-shell effects)	
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + W$	$NLO_{QCD} + NLO_{EW}$ (off-shell effects)	

process	known	desired
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part I:
two-loop amplitudes - challenges and solutions

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)]

'standard' approach

Feynman diagrams

computer algebra (FORM)

Tensor integrals

integration-by-parts identities

Master integrals

integration via DEQs, Mellin-Barnes,
direct integration (Hyperint),...

ϵ -expansion to MPLs

(multiple polylogarithms)

very large intermediate expressions
poor scaling with loops/legs

new 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

automated numerical algorithms @ **one-loop**

now standard in MC event generators

[Integrals: QCDDloop, OneLoop...]

[Amplitudes: OpenLoops, HelacNLO,...]

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
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9 223 372 036 854 775 640
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87
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{b -> 29}
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29
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NB: multiplicative inverse

extremely efficient solutions
to large linear algebra systems

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

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)
```

$$\frac{15z}{2} + \frac{119z^2}{6}$$

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

QGraf + FORM/MATHEMATICA + rational
phase-space
(Momentum Twistors)

pre-processing
→

colour ordered
helicity amplitudes

$$M^{(2)}(\{p\}, \epsilon) = \sum_i c_i(\{p\}, \epsilon) \mathcal{F}_i(\{p\}, \epsilon)$$

IBPs

$$M^{(2)}(\{p\}, \epsilon) = \sum_i d_i(\{p\}, \epsilon) \text{MI}_i(\{p\}, \epsilon)$$

IR/UV sub + expansion to
function basis

$$F^{(2)}(\{p\}) = \sum_i e_i(\{p\}) \text{mon}_i(f_j^{(w)})$$

linear relations, univariate apart,
analytic reconstruction

complete reduction
setup implemented in
FINITEFLOW

IBPs generated with
help from LITERED/
FINITEFLOW

analytic reconstruction over finite fields

new developments have allowed major
breakthroughs in amplitude computations

$$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma, 3j, Hbb, W+2j, W\gamma j, \gamma\gamma+2j, \gamma+2j$$

Agarwal, Buccioni, Devoto, Gambuti, von Manteuffel, Tancredi, Abreu, De Laurentis,
Dormans, Febres Cordero, Ita, Kraus, Klinkert, Page, Pascual, Ruf, Sotnikov, SB, Brønnum-
Hansen, Chicherin, Gehrmann, Hartanto, Henn, Krys, Marcoli, Moodie, Peraro, Zoia,...

refined sampling get reduce the number of points
needed to fully reconstruct analytic behaviour

Q-linear relations, factor matching, partial fractioning,...

further reading: de Laurentis, Page [2203.04269], Liu [2306.12262], Chawdhry [2312.03672]

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

integrals/special functions

many ways to evaluate Feynman integrals:

Sector decomposition (numerical)	[Binoth, Heinrich....]
Differential equations	[Kotikov, Gehrmann, Remiddi, Henn...]
Mellin-Barnes	[Smirnov, Tausk, Czakon, Kosower,...]
Direct parametric integration	[Panzer, Borinsky...]

`secdec, Fiesta`

`Hyperint`

`mbtools, ambre`

`feyntrop`

what type of functions? MPLs, elliptic or beyond

canonical form differential equations (DEQs)

[Henn (2013)]

$$\partial_x M_i = \epsilon A_{ij}(x) M_j \quad d = 4 - 2\epsilon$$

M_i integral basis usually called 'master integrals' (MIs)

A_{ij} matrix depends on kinematic invariants

if
$$dA = \sum_i d \log(W_i)$$

it is (relatively) easy to define a special function basis from iterated integrals

e.g. IM pentagon functions: Abreu, Chicherin, Ita, Page, Sotnikov, Tschernow, Zoia [[2306.15431](#)]

W_i alphabet

automated approaches to find canonical bases (Fuchsia, epsilon, initial, dlog...) often not sufficient to handle complicated kinematics

Analytic forms for DEQ matrices, A can be obtained via IBP reduction over finite fields

optimized IBP systems

Even with finite field technology, IBP systems are computationally intensive using the Laporta algorithm

$$I_{n \geq 5}^{(2)} = \frac{2^{D-6}}{\pi^5 \Gamma(D-5) J} \int \prod_{i=1}^{11} dz_i F(z)^{\frac{D-7}{2}} \frac{P(z)}{z_1 \cdots z_k}$$
$$bF - \sum_{i=1}^{k-c} b_{r_i} z_{r_i} \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_{r_i}} + \sum_{j=k-c+1}^{m-c} a_{r_j} \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_{r_j}} = 0$$

syzygy relations can be used to generate compact systems free of dotted propagators

Gluza, Kadja, Kosower (2011), Ita (2015), Larsen, Zhang (2015),...

automated tool: NeatIBP [Wu et al. [2305.08783](#)]

even with all the new ideas, putting everything
together is a real challenge...
but no longer a proof of concept

beyond leading colour, the number of
permutations of each family can be very
large

internal masses are important for
phenomenology but present serious technical
problems

memory and **CPU** usage can still be large -
need to build stable code framework

part II:
new results for $W\gamma\gamma$, Hbb and ttj

$pp \rightarrow VV\gamma\gamma$ finite remainders

SB, Hartanto, Wu, Zhang, Zoia [2409.08146]

pp → Wγγ finite remainders

$$0 \rightarrow \bar{u}(p_1, h_1) + d(p_2, h_2) + \gamma(p_3, h_3) + \gamma(p_4, h_4) + \nu_\ell(p_5, h_5) + \ell^+(p_6, h_6)$$

$$M_6^{(L)}(1_{\bar{u}}, 2_d, 3_\gamma, 4_\gamma, 5_\nu, 6_{\bar{\ell}}) = e^2 g_W^2 \left[(4\pi)^\epsilon e^{-\epsilon\gamma_E} \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right]^L \delta_{i_2}^{\bar{i}_1} A_6^{(L)}(1_{\bar{u}}, 2_d, 3_\gamma, 4_\gamma, 5_\nu, 6_{\bar{\ell}})$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_6^{(L)} = & \left[Q_u^2 A_{6,uu}^{(L)} + Q_u Q_d A_{6,ud}^{(L)} + Q_d^2 A_{6,dd}^{(L)} + \left(\sum_{q=1}^{n_f} Q_q^2 \right) A_{6,q}^{(L)} \right] P(s_{56}) \\ & + \left[Q_u Q_\ell A_{6,u\ell 1}^{(L)} + Q_d Q_\ell A_{6,d\ell 1}^{(L)} \right] P(s_{356}) + \left[Q_u Q_\ell A_{6,u\ell 2}^{(L)} + Q_d Q_\ell A_{6,d\ell 2}^{(L)} \right] P(s_{456}) \\ & + \left[Q_u Q_w A_{6,uw 1}^{(L)} + Q_d Q_w A_{6,dw 1}^{(L)} \right] P(s_{356}) P(s_{56}) \\ & + \left[Q_u Q_w A_{6,uw 2}^{(L)} + Q_d Q_w A_{6,dw 2}^{(L)} \right] P(s_{456}) P(s_{56}) \\ & + Q_\ell Q_w A_{6,\ell w 1}^{(L)} P(s_{356}) P(s_{3456}) + Q_\ell Q_w A_{6,\ell w 2}^{(L)} P(s_{456}) P(s_{3456}) \\ & + Q_w^2 A_{6,ww 1}^{(L)} P(s_{56}) P(s_{356}) P(s_{3456}) + Q_w^2 A_{6,ww 2}^{(L)} P(s_{56}) P(s_{456}) P(s_{3456}) \\ & + Q_\ell^2 A_{6,\ell\ell}^{(L)} P(s_{3456}) + A_{6,ww\gamma\gamma}^{(L)} P(s_{56}) P(s_{3456}), \end{aligned}$$

$$P(s) = \frac{1}{s - \mu_W^2}$$

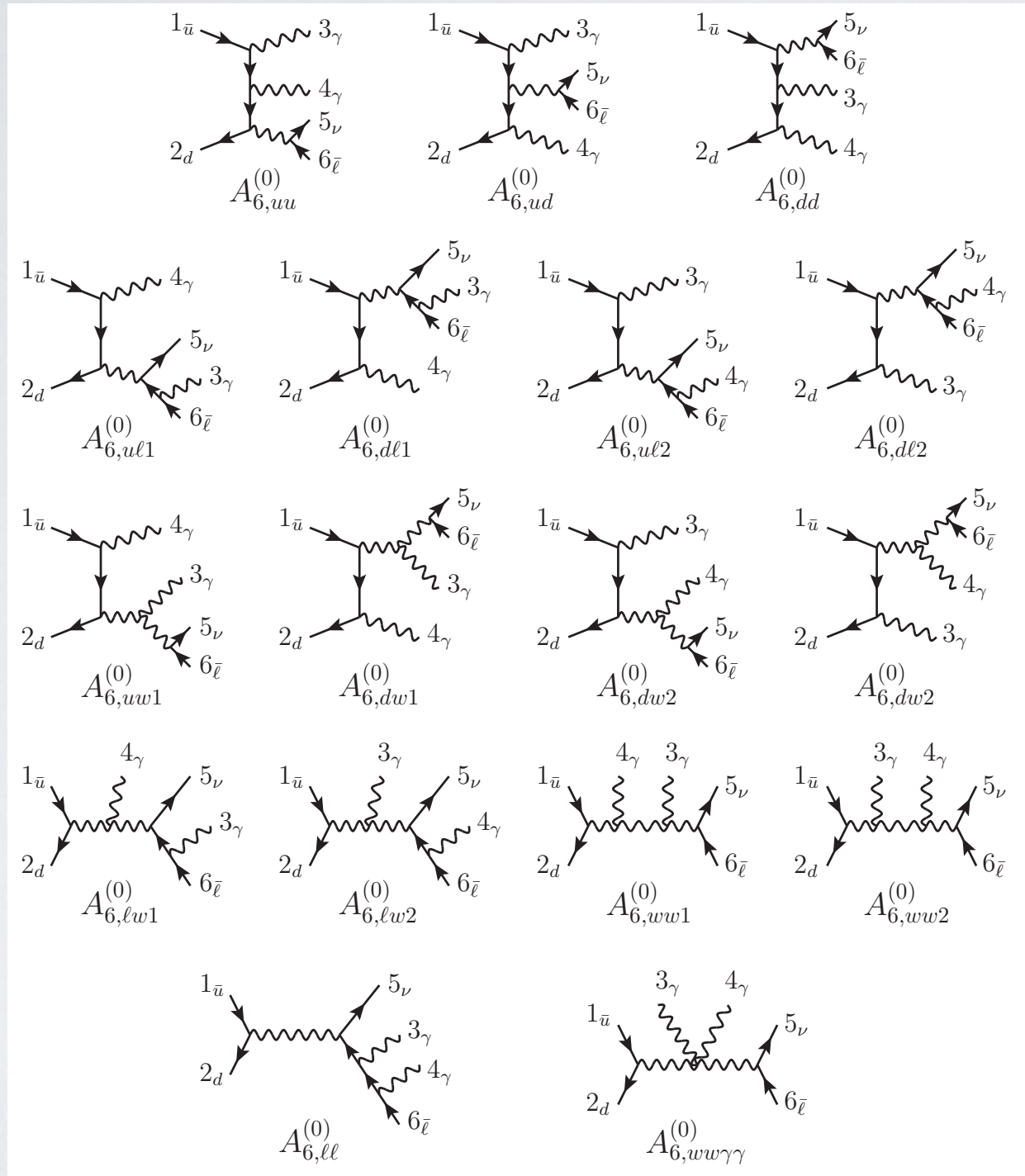
$$A_{6,i}^{(1)} = \left(N_c - \frac{1}{N_c} \right) A_{6,i}^{(1), N_c},$$

$$A_{6,i}^{(2)} = N_c^2 A_{6,i}^{(2), N_c^2} - \left(A_{6,i}^{(2), N_c^2} + A_{6,i}^{(2), 1/N_c^2} \right) + \frac{1}{N_c^2} A_{6,i}^{(2), 1/N_c^2} + \left(N_c - \frac{1}{N_c} \right) n_f A_{6,i}^{(2), N_c n_f}$$

$$A_{6,q}^{(2)} = \left(N_c - \frac{1}{N_c} \right) A_{6,q}^{(2), N_c}.$$

colour structure is relatively simple, flavour structure more involved

pp → Wγγ finite remainders



tree-level diagrams
representing the various sub-
amplitude contributions

pp → Wγγ finite remainders

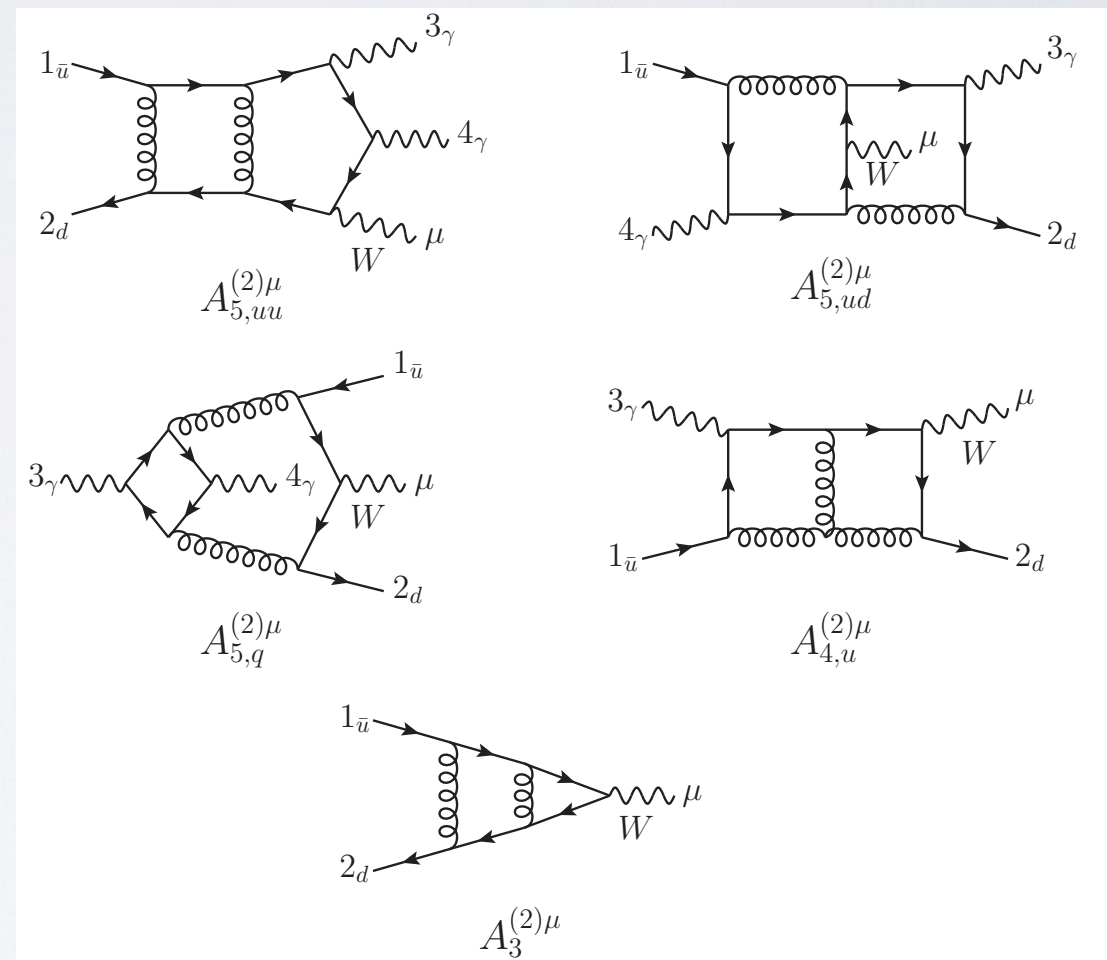
different multiplicities must be combined to get (QED) gauge invariant result

# of external particles	independent contracted helicity amplitudes
5	$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;i}^{(L)++}, \tilde{A}_{5,uu;i}^{(L)+-}, \tilde{A}_{5,uu;i}^{(L)--}, \tilde{A}_{5,uu;i}^{(L)---},$ $\tilde{A}_{5,ud;i}^{(L)++}, \tilde{A}_{5,ud;i}^{(L)+-},$ $\tilde{A}_{5,q;i}^{(L)++}, \tilde{A}_{5,q;i}^{(L)+-}$
4	$\tilde{A}_{4,u;i}^{(L)++}$
3	$\tilde{A}_{3;i}^{(L)+-}$

$$F_{6,i}^{(L)} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[A_{6,i}^{(L)} - \mathcal{P}_{6,i}^{(L)} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{6,i}^{(1)} = 2 I_1(\epsilon) A_{6,i}^{(0)},$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{6,i}^{(2)} = 4 I_2(\epsilon) A_{6,i}^{(0)} + 2 \left(I_1(\epsilon) + \frac{\beta_0}{\epsilon} \right) A_{6,i}^{(1)}$$



all non-planar integral families appear with different permutations - pushes reduction technology to the limit

pp \rightarrow W $\gamma\gamma$ finite remainders

	original	stage 1	stage 2	stage 3	stage 4	# points (# primes)	analytic expression
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;1}^{(2),N_c^2}$	159/155	159/155	159/0	33/31	33/0	27728 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;2}^{(2),N_c^2}$	147/143	147/143	147/0	33/31	33/0	37132 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;3}^{(2),N_c^2}$	157/153	157/153	157/0	31/29	31/0	31610 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;4}^{(2),N_c^2}$	143/139	143/139	143/0	35/33	35/0	38710 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;1}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	223/219	223/219	223/0	50/48	50/0	134551 (?)	✗
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;2}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	208/204	208/204	208/0	41/42	41/0	81973 (?)	✗
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;3}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	219/215	219/215	219/0	49/46	49/0	130146 (?)	✗
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;4}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	202/199	202/199	202/0	48/49	48/0	143320 (?)	✗
$\tilde{A}_{5,ud;1}^{(2),N_c^2}$	163/160	163/160	163/0	33/32	33/0	30371 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,ud;2}^{(2),N_c^2}$	167/165	167/165	167/0	35/34	34/0	37506 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,ud;3}^{(2),N_c^2}$	150/147	150/147	150/0	33/29	31/0	29698 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,ud;4}^{(2),N_c^2}$	152/150	152/150	152/0	35/32	34/0	36726 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,ud;1}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	219/217	217/215	217/0	55/53	55/0	173066 (?)	✗
$\tilde{A}_{5,ud;2}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	228/225	228/225	228/0	51/49	51/0	172337 (?)	✗
$\tilde{A}_{5,ud;3}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	218/213	216/211	216/0	47/45	47/0	118142 (?)	✗
$\tilde{A}_{5,ud;4}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	208/205	206/203	206/0	50/51	50/0	153605 (?)	✗
$\tilde{A}_{5,q;1}^{(2),N_c}$	136/135	119/118	119/0	34/32	34/0	26059 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,q;2}^{(2),N_c}$	137/137	122/122	122/0	51/52	51/0	194872 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,q;3}^{(2),N_c}$	148/147	130/129	130/0	43/44	43/0	108803 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,q;4}^{(2),N_c}$	136/135	130/129	130/0	47/48	47/0	147167 (3)	✓

univariate partial fraction in momentum twistor variables performs quite well - some sub-leading colour would take a lot of time to reconstruct

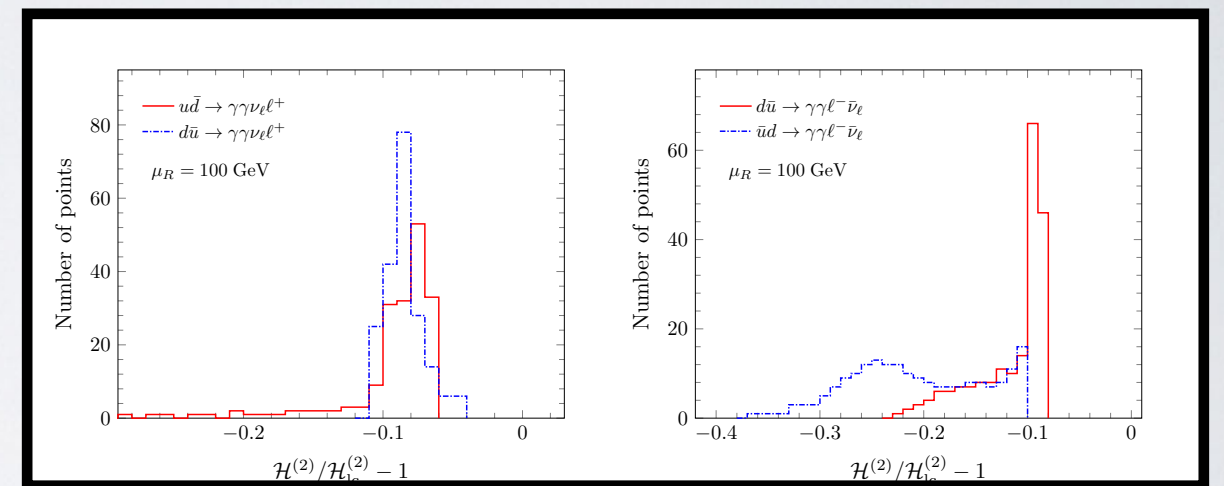
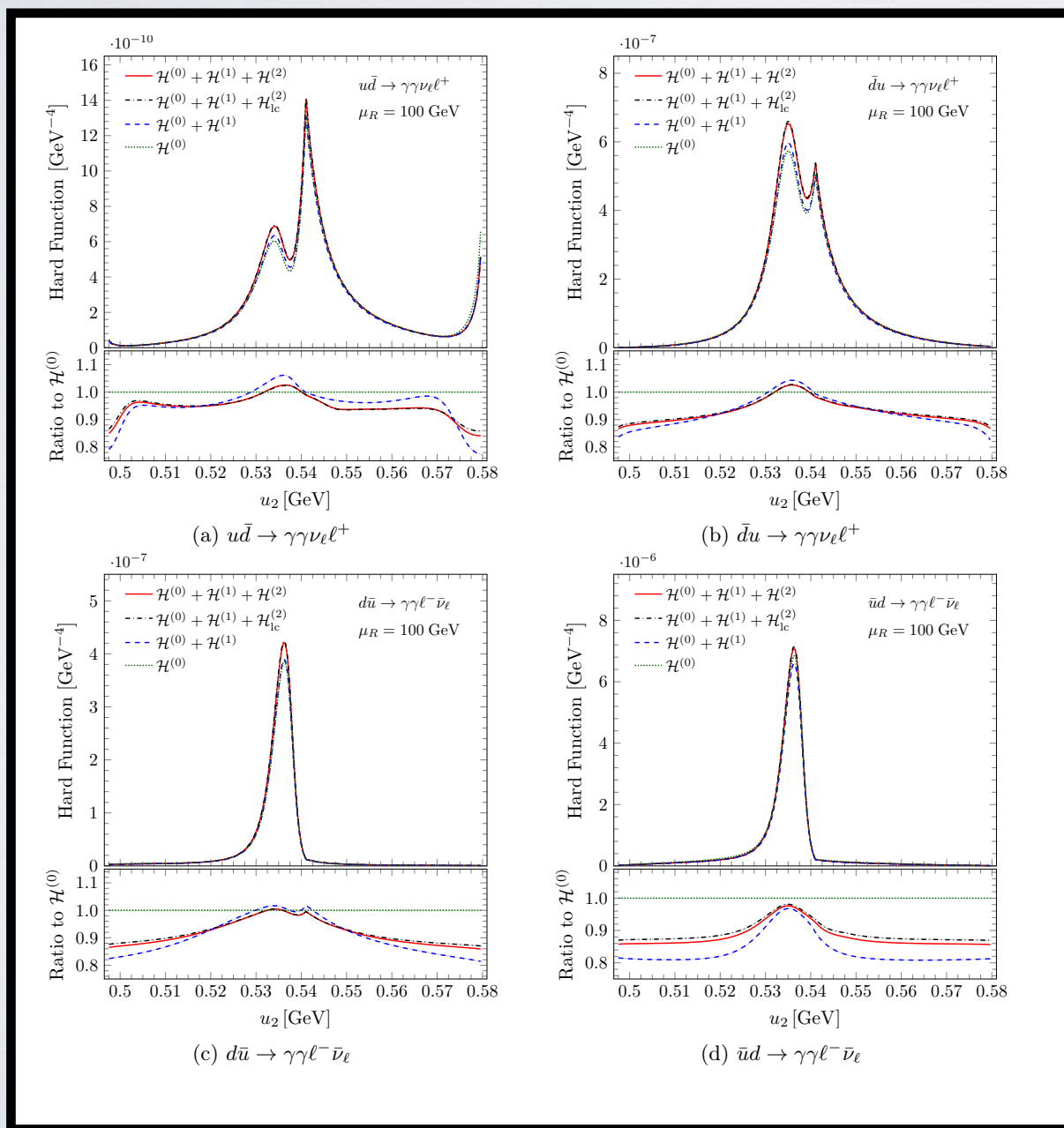
	original	stage 1	stage 2
$T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,uu,1}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	100/97	100/97	100/0
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$T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,ud,3}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	97/93	96/92	96/0
$T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,ud,4}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	97/93	96/92	96/0

projector method used to evaluate sub-leading colour on rationalized values of s_{ij}

since sub-leading colour is suppressed - we can manage with few phase space points

$pp \rightarrow W\gamma\gamma$ finite remainders

smooth evaluation across
phasespace slices



subleading colour effects peaked
around 10% of VV as expected

pp→Hbb finite remainders

Leading colour: SB, Hartanto, Kryz, Zoia [[2107.14733](#)]

Full colour: SB, Hartanto, Wu, Zhang, Zoia [2410.xxxxx]

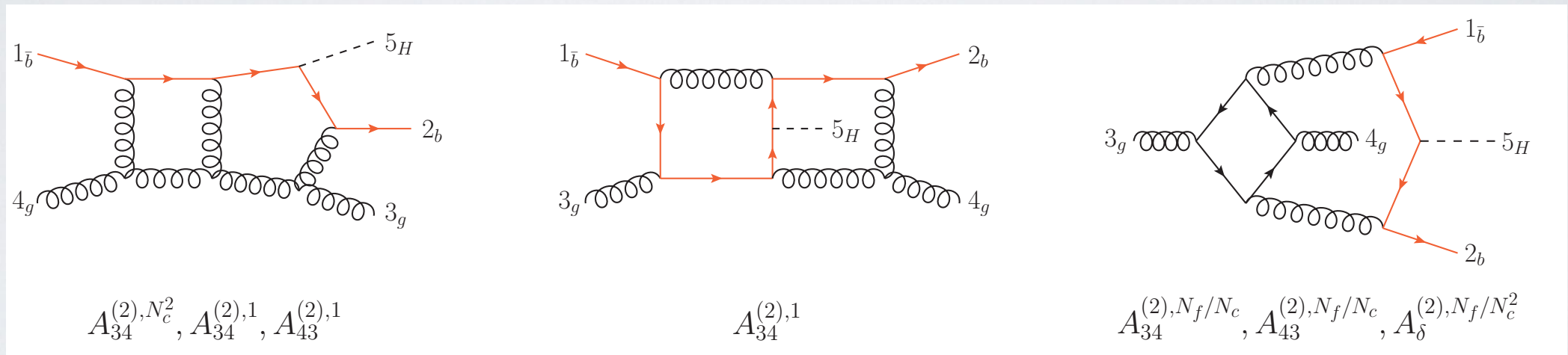
pp → Hbb finite remainders

massless b, non-zero Yukawa

$$0 \rightarrow \bar{b}(p_1) + b(p_2) + g(p_3) + g(p_4) + H(p_5)$$

$$0 \rightarrow \bar{b}(p_1) + b(p_2) + \bar{q}(p_3) + q(p_4) + H(p_5)$$

$$0 \rightarrow \bar{b}(p_1) + b(p_2) + \bar{b}(p_3) + b(p_4) + H(p_5)$$



through ‘massification’ methods can be used to approximate ttH in certain phase-space regions

Catani et al. [[2210.07846](#)] Buonacore et al. [[2306.16311](#)]

pp → Hbb finite remainders

fully analytic expressions obtained: reconstruction summary

	$A_{34}^{(2),N_c^2}$	$A_{34}^{(2),1}$		$A_{\delta}^{(2),N_c}$		$A_{\delta}^{(2),1/N_c}$	
helicity	\vec{h}_g	\vec{h}'_g		\vec{h}_g		\vec{h}_g	
$x_1 = 1$	133/132	176/175	176/175	265/269	265/269	214/207	214/207
ansatz for linear relations	-	-	$A_{34}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	-	$A_{34}^{(2),1}$ $A_{43}^{(2),1}$ $A_{34}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$ $A_{43}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$ $A_{\delta}^{(2),1/N_c}$	-	$A_{34}^{(2),1}$ $A_{43}^{(2),1}$ $A_{34}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$ $A_{43}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$
linear relations	133/132	176/175	110/109	233/233	121/115	141/140	135/130
number of coefficients	162	572	216	582	151	581	258
denominator matching	133/0	176/0	110/0	233/0	119/0	141/0	135/0
univariate partial fraction	32/25	38/33	25/22	36/33	36/33	32/28	32/28
factor matching	28/0	38/0	24/0	36/0	36/0	32/0	32/0
number of points	16711	47608	10382	38221	37002	21150	20337
evaluation time per point	t_0	$100t_0$	$67t_0$	$106t_0$	$57t_0$	$74t_0$	$62t_0$

towards $pp \rightarrow ttj$ helicity amplitudes

SB, Becchetti, Chaubey, Marzucca, Sarandrea [2201.12188]

SB, Becchetti, Chaubey, Marzucca [2210.17477]

SB, Becchetti, Giraud, Zoia [2404.12325]

SB, Becchetti, Brancaccio, Zoia [241x.xxxx]

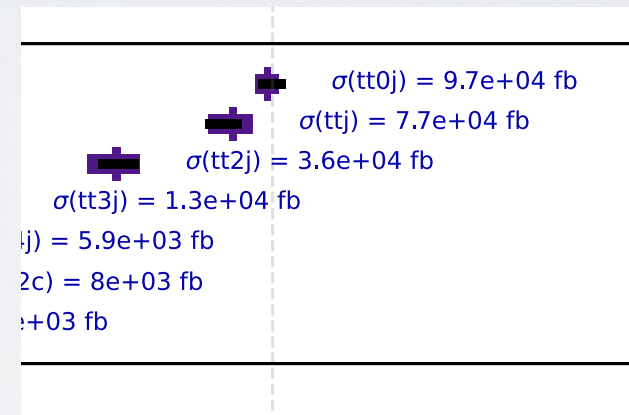
towards $pp \rightarrow ttj$ helicity amplitudes

around 50% of **top quark pair** events at LHC are associated **with an additional jet**

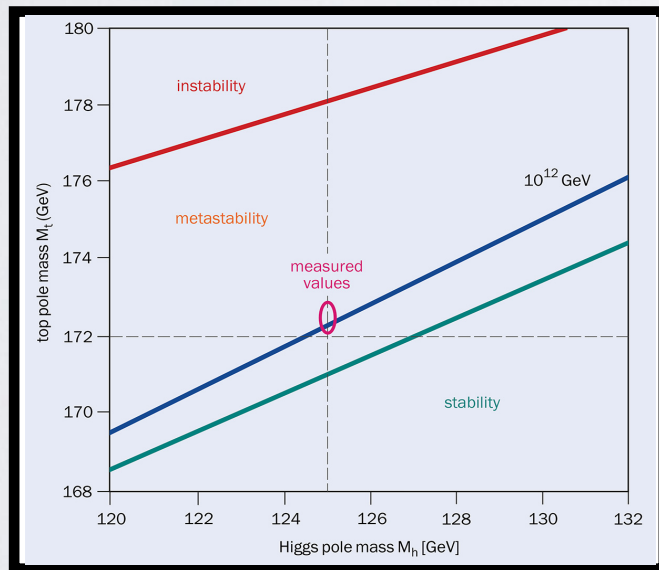
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CMS XS+jets SM summary



normalised $tt+j$ XS very sensitive to **top mass**
[see Alioli et al. 2202.07975 for latest phenomenological studies]

top quark helicity amplitudes

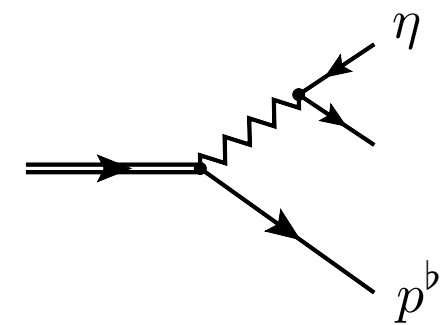
colour decomposition

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_k C_k A_k$$

consider **leading colour**
only for now

$$A_k = \sum_l c_{kl} I_l$$

helicity amplitudes encode
spin correlations in the
narrow width approximation



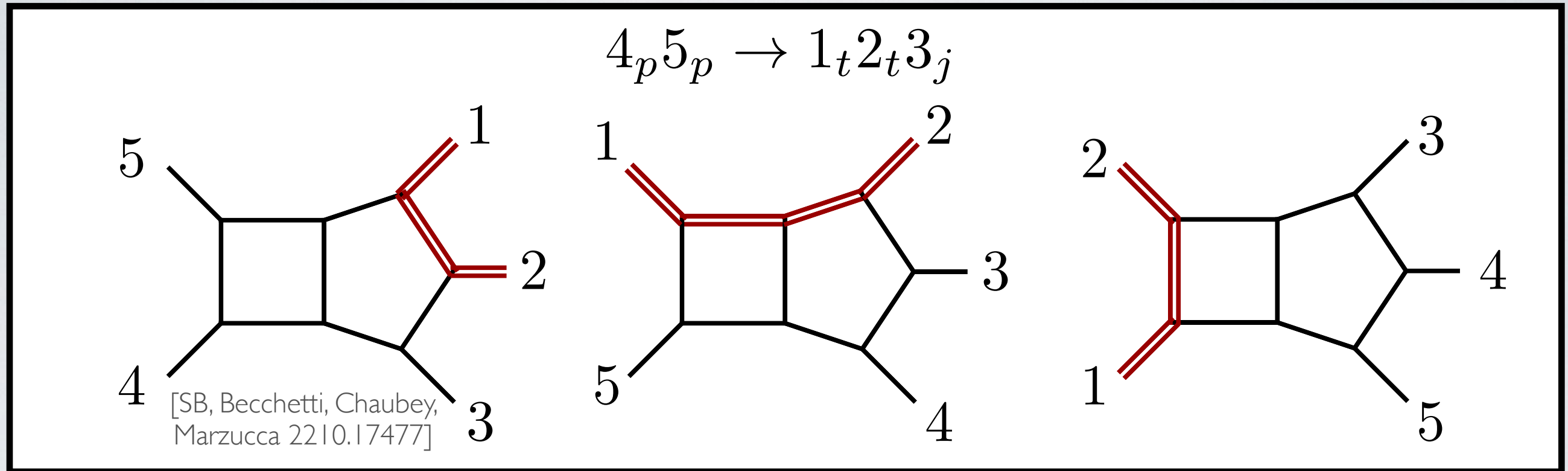
$$\overline{u}_{\pm}(p, m; n) = \frac{\langle \eta \mp | (\not{p} + m) | \eta \mp \rangle}{\langle \eta \mp | p^b \pm \rangle}$$

e.g. Melnikov, Schulze '09

in this case the master integral basis was unknown...

integral basis for leading colour ttj

SB, Becchetti, Giraud, Zoia [2404.12325]



88 MIs

dlog ✓

74 letters

121 MIs

dlog ✗

109 MIs

dlog ✓

79 letters

high precision boundary values with Auxiliary Mass Flow (AMFLOW Liu '22)

integral basis for leading colour ttj

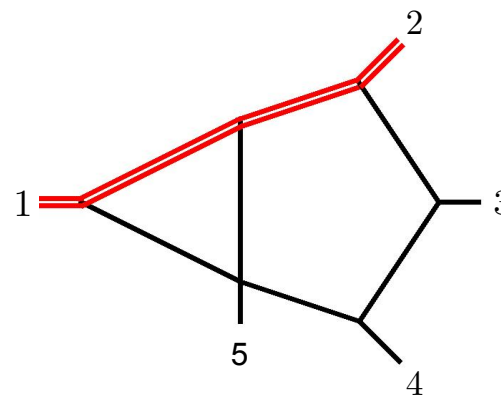
SB, Becchetti, Giraud, Zoia [2404.12325]

dlog candidates for most integrals follow patterns seen in previous examples:

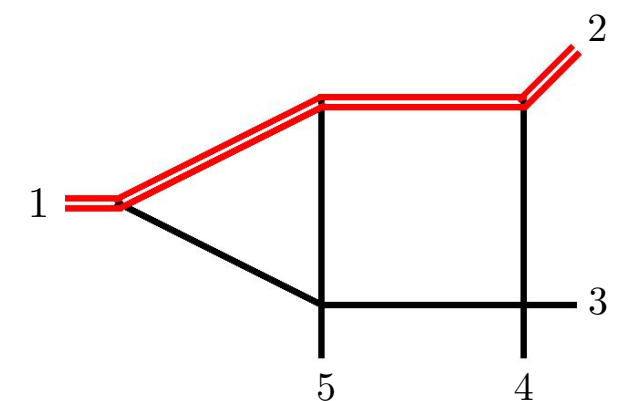
- local and extra-dim. numerator insertions
- square roots (e.g. Gram determinants)
8 square roots in total
- algebraic letters of the form

$$\frac{a + \sqrt{b}}{a - \sqrt{b}}$$

problem sectors



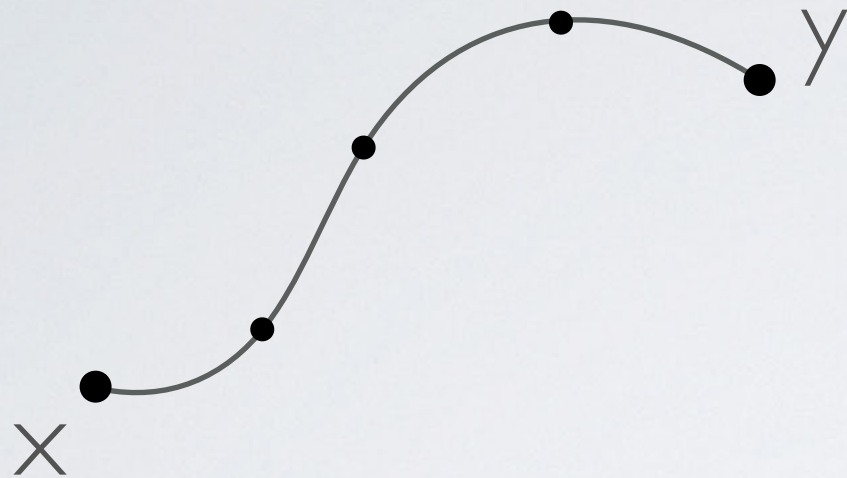
nested square root required to rotate into ε factorised form



Picard-Fuchs analysis confirms it to contain an elliptic curve

technology for analytic representation of elliptic integrals not yet ready for example of this complexity: resort to numerical evaluation of the DEQs

solving differential equations numerically



transport point x to point y using
generalised series expansion
of the differential equations

[Moriello 1907.13234]

[DIFFEXP Hidding 2006.05510]

B topology basis chosen such that $k_{\max}=2$

$$dA^{(B)}(\vec{x}, \varepsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{k_{\max}} \sum_i \varepsilon^k \omega_i(\vec{x}) c_{k,i}^{(B)}$$

ω are linearly independent one-forms (135 of which 72 are dlog)

compact analytic representation
(for all topologies)

Path split into segments:
evaluation time per segment
 $\sim 30s$

Efficient phase-space integration
possible if the number of segments
between points is minimized
(e.g. [Becchetti et al. 2010.09451])

defining a function basis

while the DEQ is not in ϵ -factorised form - we can do surprisingly well with the expansion around $d=4$

- most of the DEQ is in dlog form
- elliptic sectors only appear at order 4 in ϵ [check with BCs]

$$d\vec{g} = (dA^{(0)}(x) + \epsilon dA^{(1)}(x) + \epsilon^2 dA^{(2)}(x))\vec{g} \quad \vec{g} = \sum_{k=0} \epsilon^k \vec{g}^{(k)}$$

$$d\vec{g}^{(w)} = dA^{(0)}\vec{g}^{(w)} + dA^{(1)}\vec{g}^{(w-1)} + dA^{(2)}\vec{g}^{(w-2)}$$

- $dA^{(0)}$ and $dA^{(2)}$ mostly zero's and up to ϵ^3 everything is dlog.
- elliptic sectors do not decouple at ϵ^4 so simply keep **MI component** as basis function (6x2 perms = 12 functions)

result is an (overcomplete) basis that can be evaluated via generalized series expansions

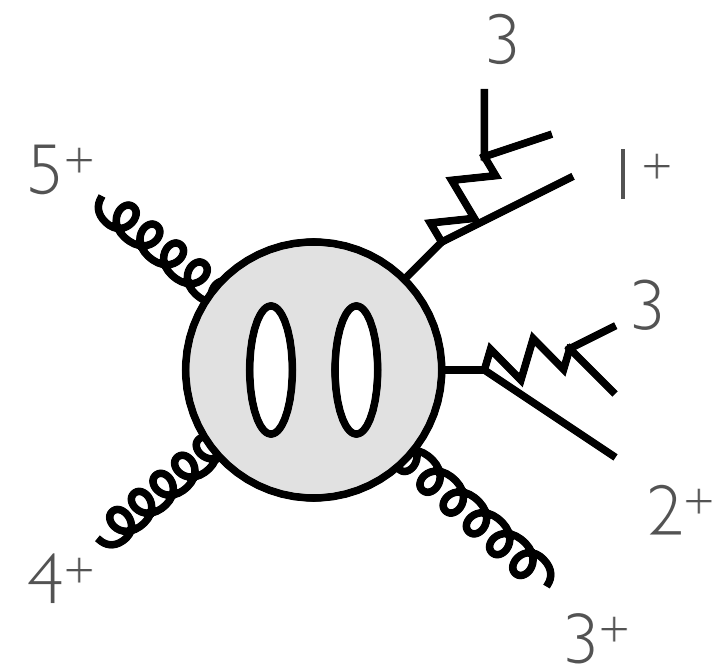
first amplitude level results

- first (numerical) evaluations in the physical remainder for the finite remainder of one helicity amplitude
- mass renormalization counter-terms to restore gauge invariance
- analytic cancellation of IR and UV poles

produced by Colomba Brancaccio for TOP2024

Phase-Space points	$A_{LC}^{2L}(+++++; n_t n_{\bar{t}})[\text{GeV}^{-2}]$
$d_{12} \rightarrow 0.1074, d_{23} \rightarrow 0.2719, d_{34} \rightarrow -0.1563,$ $d_{45} \rightarrow 0.5001, d_{15} \rightarrow -0.03196, m_t^2 \rightarrow 0.02502$	$19.028262 - 3.1078961 i$
$d_{12} \rightarrow 0.3915, d_{23} \rightarrow 0.06997, d_{34} \rightarrow -0.06034,$ $d_{45} \rightarrow 0.5002, d_{15} \rightarrow -0.1293, m_t^2 \rightarrow 0.02499$	$0.07061470 - 0.00649655 i$
$d_{12} \rightarrow 0.2167, d_{23} \rightarrow 0.02186, d_{34} \rightarrow -0.01149,$ $d_{45} \rightarrow 0.5007, d_{15} \rightarrow -0.04709, m_t^2 \rightarrow 0.02502$	$-29.219122 - 27.542150 i$
$d_{12} \rightarrow 0.2986, d_{23} \rightarrow 0.1599, d_{34} \rightarrow -0.05978,$ $d_{45} \rightarrow 0.4998, d_{15} \rightarrow -0.2899, m_t^2 \rightarrow 0.02500$	$-0.97280521 + 0.86357506 i$
$d_{12} \rightarrow 0.2882, d_{23} \rightarrow 0.04770, d_{34} \rightarrow -0.1080,$ $d_{45} \rightarrow 0.5000, d_{15} \rightarrow -0.1583, m_t^2 \rightarrow 0.02502$	$-0.40407926 - 0.53165671 i$

with $d_{ij} = p_i \cdot p_j$, normalised here w.r.t $2 p_4 \cdot p_5$



first test of full set of elements - not quite ready for pheno though

Conclusions

2L QCD corrections to $2 \rightarrow 3$ (massless) processes no longer present the same bottleneck they did 5 years ago thanks to **analytic reconstruction** techniques and well behaved **special function bases**

new results for Hbb and $W\gamma\gamma$ - first non-planar 5pt with an off-shell leg

some progress for ttj - more work to guarantee fast and stable evaluations for pheno. studies