



# News from **MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO**

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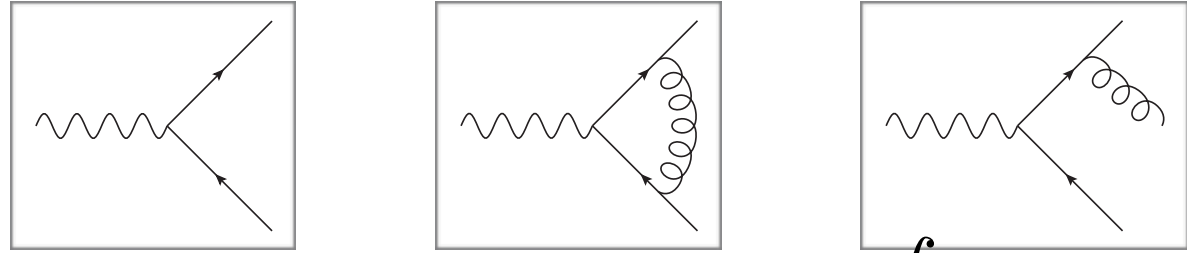
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Ask a computer to do the hard job  
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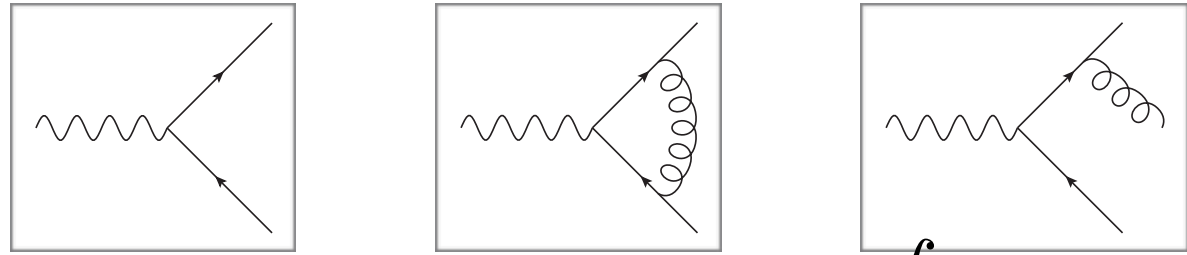
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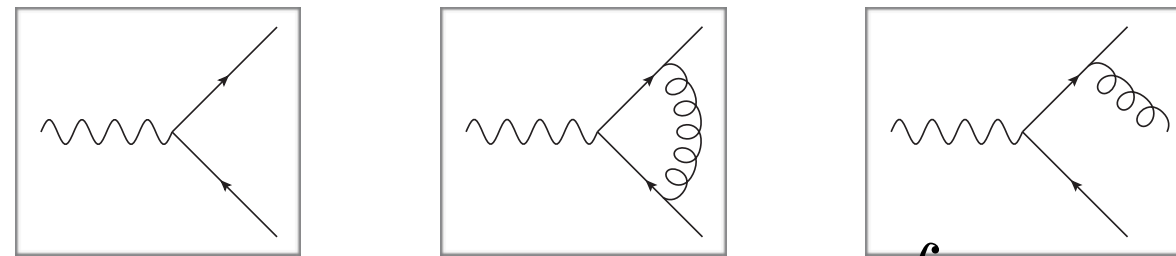
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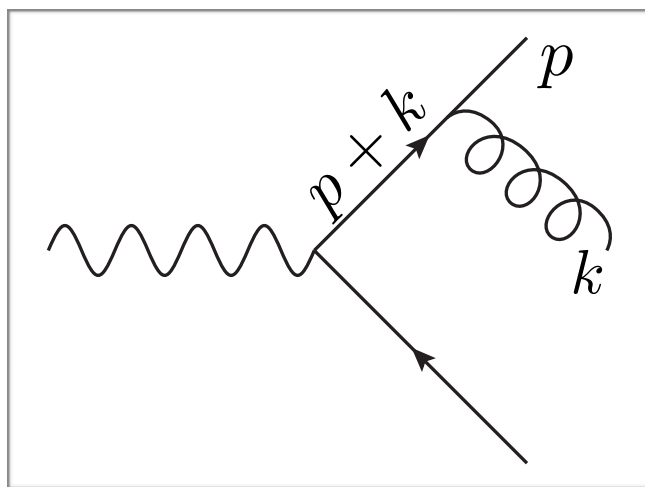
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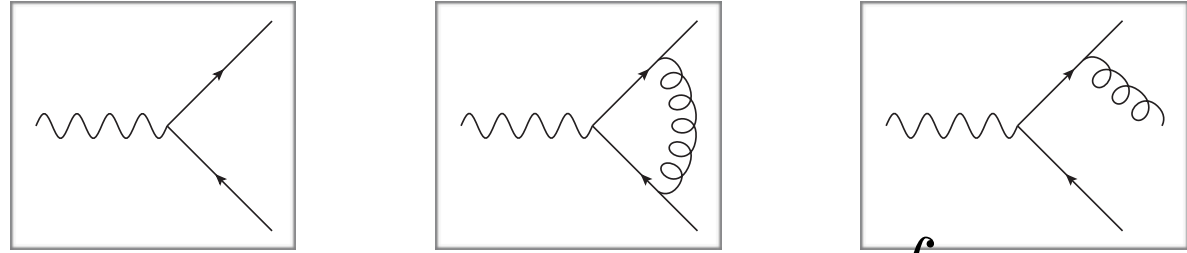


$$(p+k)^2 = 2E_p E_k (1 - \cos \theta_{pk})$$

$$\lim_{p//k} |M_{n+1}|^2 \simeq |M_n|^2 P^{AP}(z)$$

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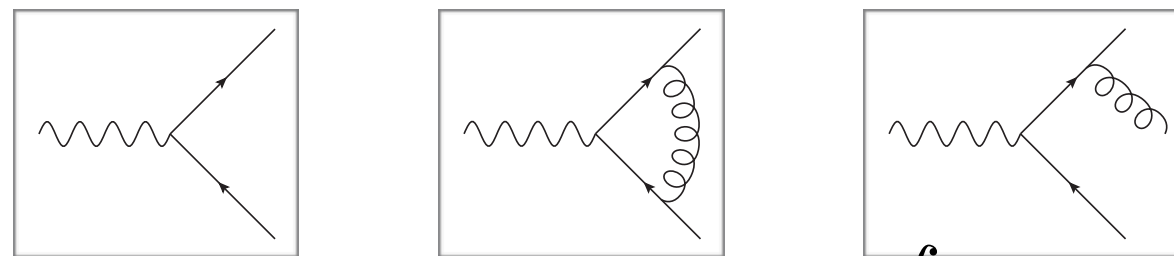
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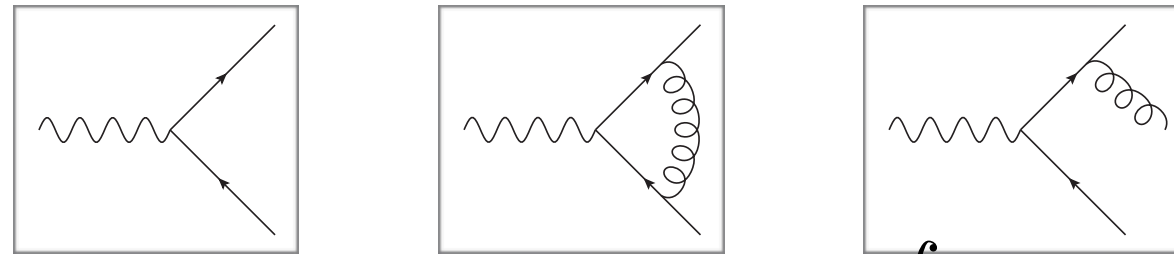


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How to do this in an efficient way?

# The FKS subtraction

Frixione, Kunszt, Signer, arXiv:hep-ph/9512328

- Soft/collinear singularities arise in many PS regions
- Find parton pairs  $i, j$  that can give collinear singularities
- Split the phase space into regions with one collinear sing
  - Soft singularities are split into the collinear ones

$$|M|^2 = \sum_{ij} S_{ij} |M|^2 = \sum_{ij} |M|_{ij}^2 \quad \sum S_{ij} = 1$$

$$S_{ij} \rightarrow 1 \text{ if } k_i \cdot k_j \rightarrow 0 \quad S_{ij} \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } k_{m \neq i} \cdot k_{n \neq j} \rightarrow 0$$

- Integrate them independently
  - Parallelize integration
  - Choose ad-hoc phase space parameterization
- Advantages:
  - # of contributions  $\sim n^2$
  - Exploit symmetries: 3 contributions for  $X \ Y \ > \ ng$

# Loop ME evaluation: MadLoop

Hirschi et al. arXiv:1103.0621

- Load the NLO UFO model
- Generate Feynman diagrams to evaluate the loop ME
- Add R2/UV renormalisation counter terms
- Interface to CutTools or to tensor reduction programs (in progress)
- Check PS point stability (and switch to QP if needed)
- Improved with the OpenLoops method Cascioli, Maierhofer, Pozzorini  
arXiv:1111.5206
- And much more (can be used as standalone or external OLP via the BLHA, handle loop-induced processes, ...)

# Matching in MC@NLO

- Use suitable counterterms to avoid double counting the emission from shower and ME, keeping the correct rate at order  $\alpha_s$ :

$$\frac{d\sigma_{MC@NLO}}{dO} = \underbrace{\left( \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{V} + \int d\Phi_1 MC \right) d\Phi_n I_{MC}^n(O)}_{\text{S-events}} + \underbrace{(\mathcal{R} - MC) d\Phi_n d\Phi_1 I_{MC}^{n+1}(O)}_{\text{H-events}}$$

- MC depends on the PSMC's Sudakov:

$$MC = \left| \frac{\partial (t^{MC}, z^{MC}, \phi)}{\partial \Phi_1} \right| \frac{1}{t^{MC}} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} P(z^{MC}) \mathcal{B}$$

- Available for Herwig6, Pythia6 (virtuality-ordered), Herwig++, Pythia8 (in the new release)
- MC acts as local counterterm
- Some weights can be negative (unweighting up to sign)
  - Only affects statistics



**MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO**



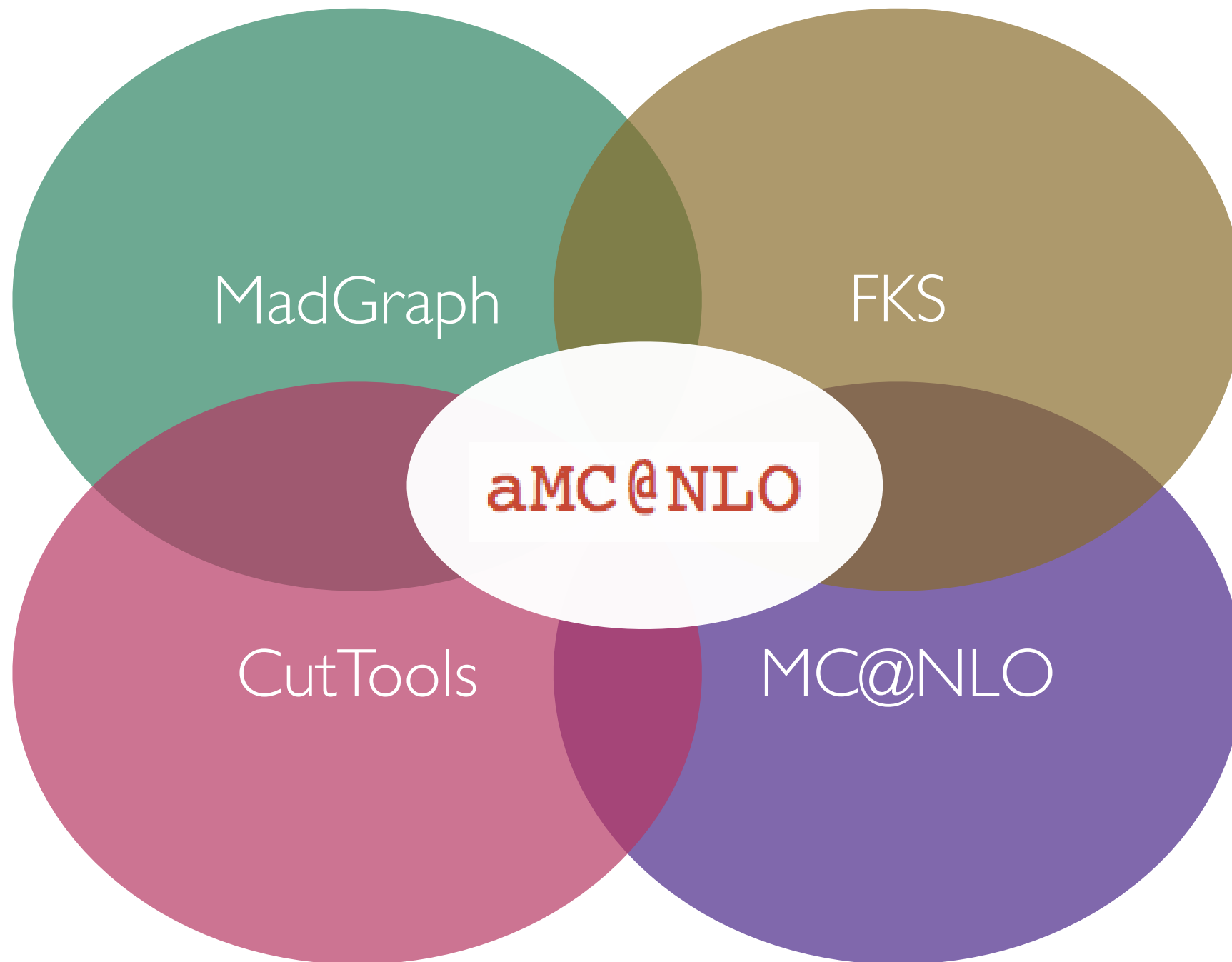
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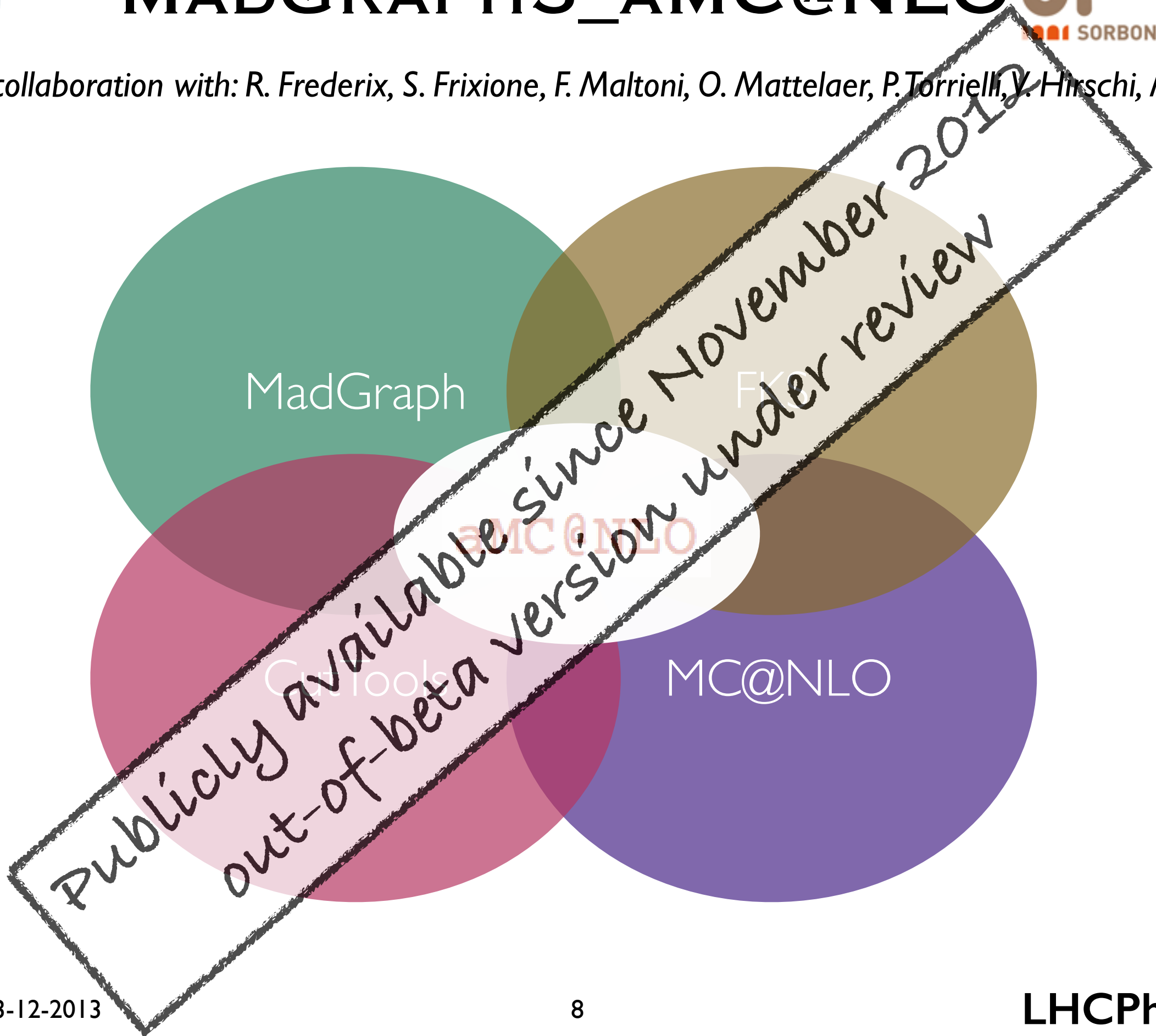




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# Full automation (and extreme simplicity)

- Start the MG5/aMC@NLO shell

```
$. /bin/mg5_aMC
```
- Generate the process

```
> generate p p > t t~ b b~ [QCD]
```
- Write the code

```
> output my_ttbb_nlo
```
- Launch the event generation/fixed order computation

```
> launch
```

# Improvements in the new version

- Interface with Pythia8
- FxFx merging (semi-automatic)
- Package shipped with Fjcore
  - No external dependencies (LHAPDF optional)
- HTML monitoring
- Speed improvements:
  - Split event generation
  - Smarter virtual integration
    - MC over helicities
    - “Virt-Tricks”: reduce the number of calls to MadLoop, learning from the points which have already been thrown

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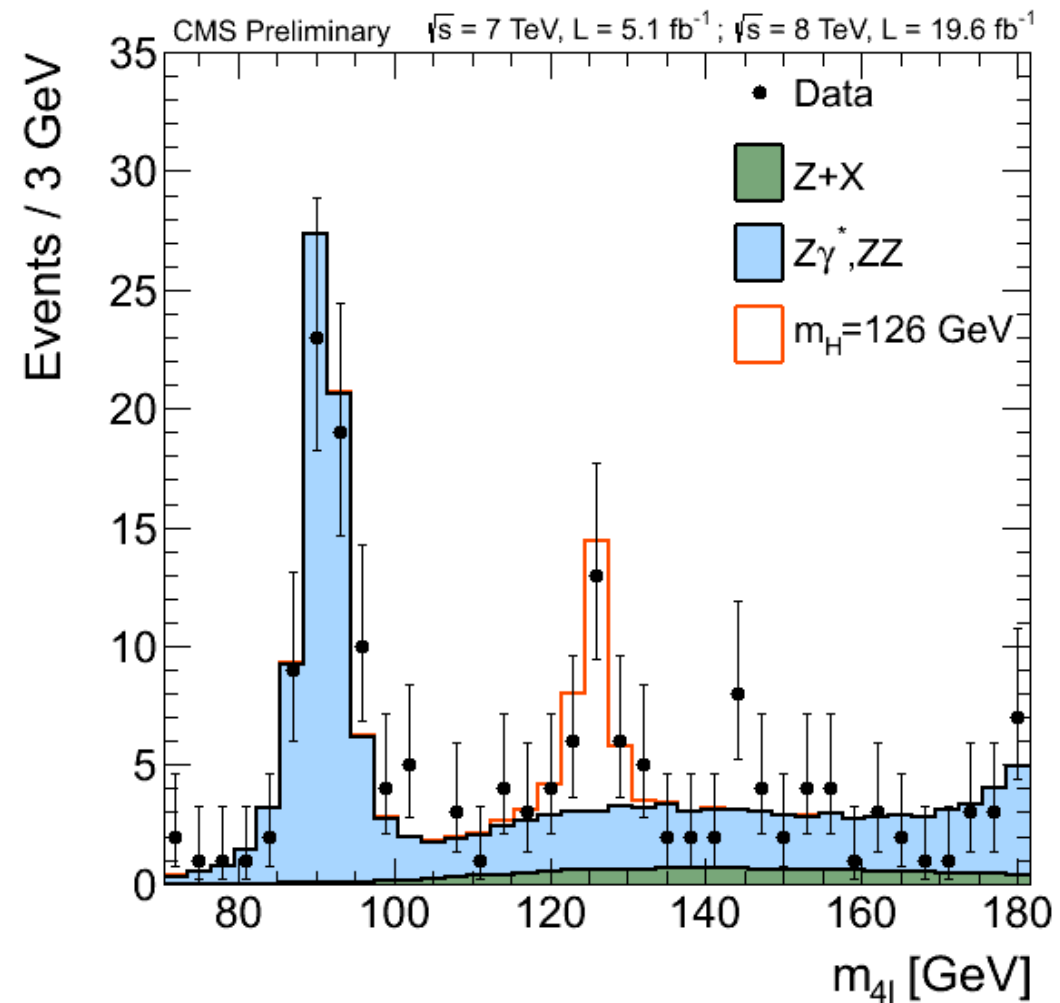
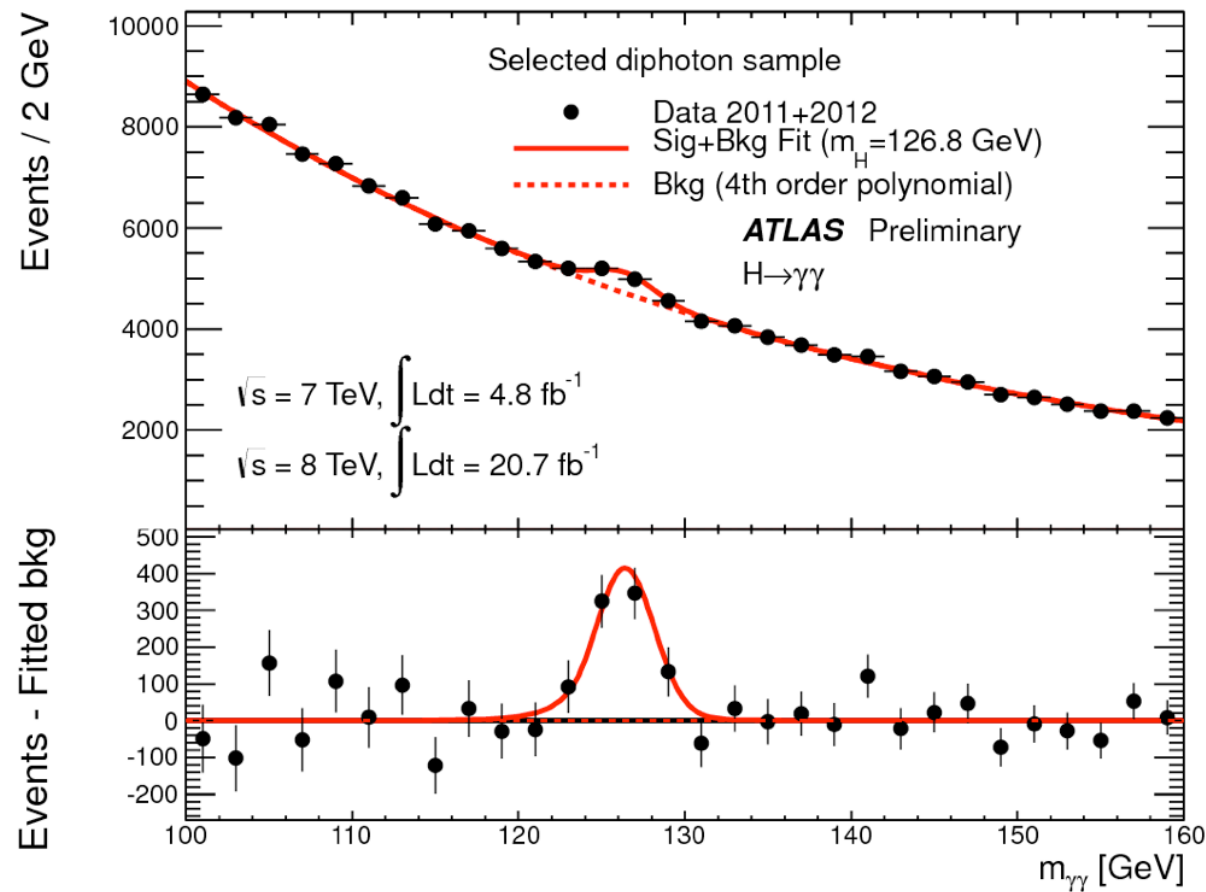
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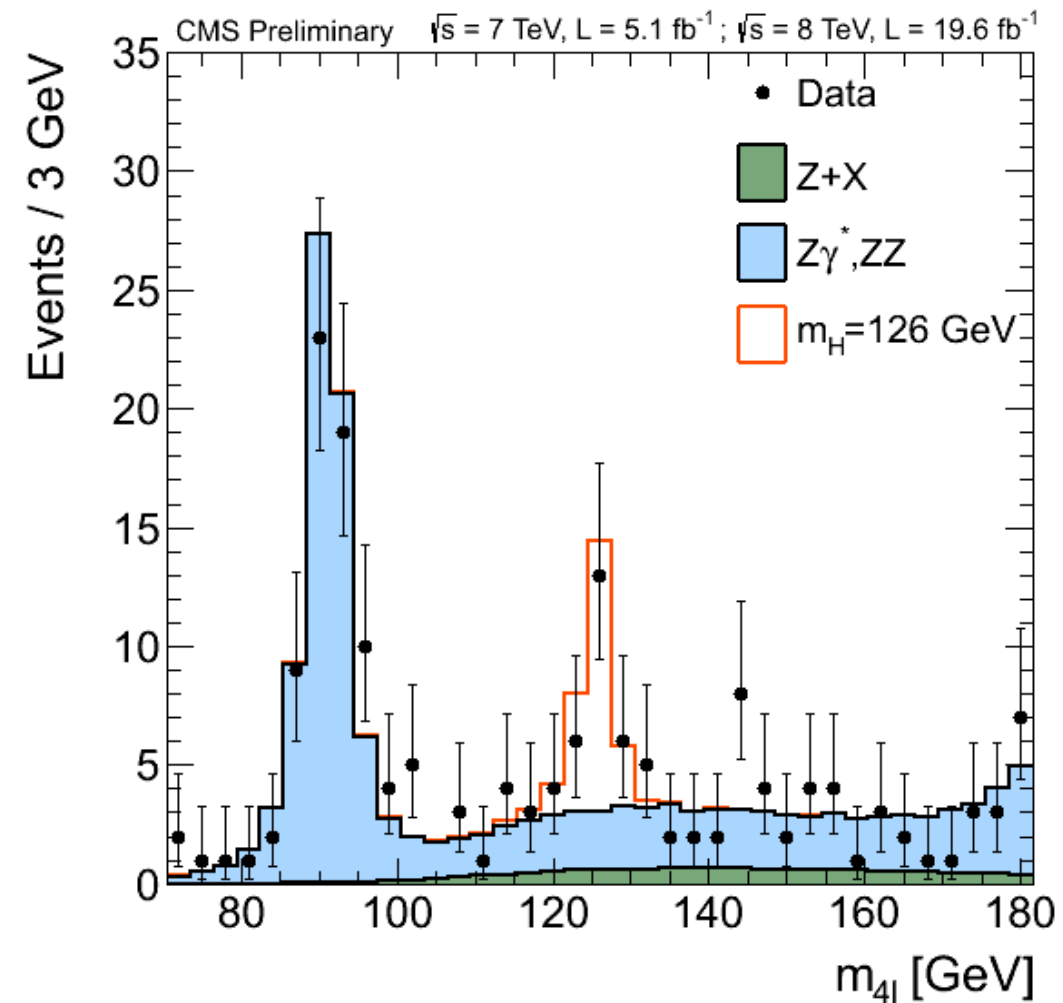
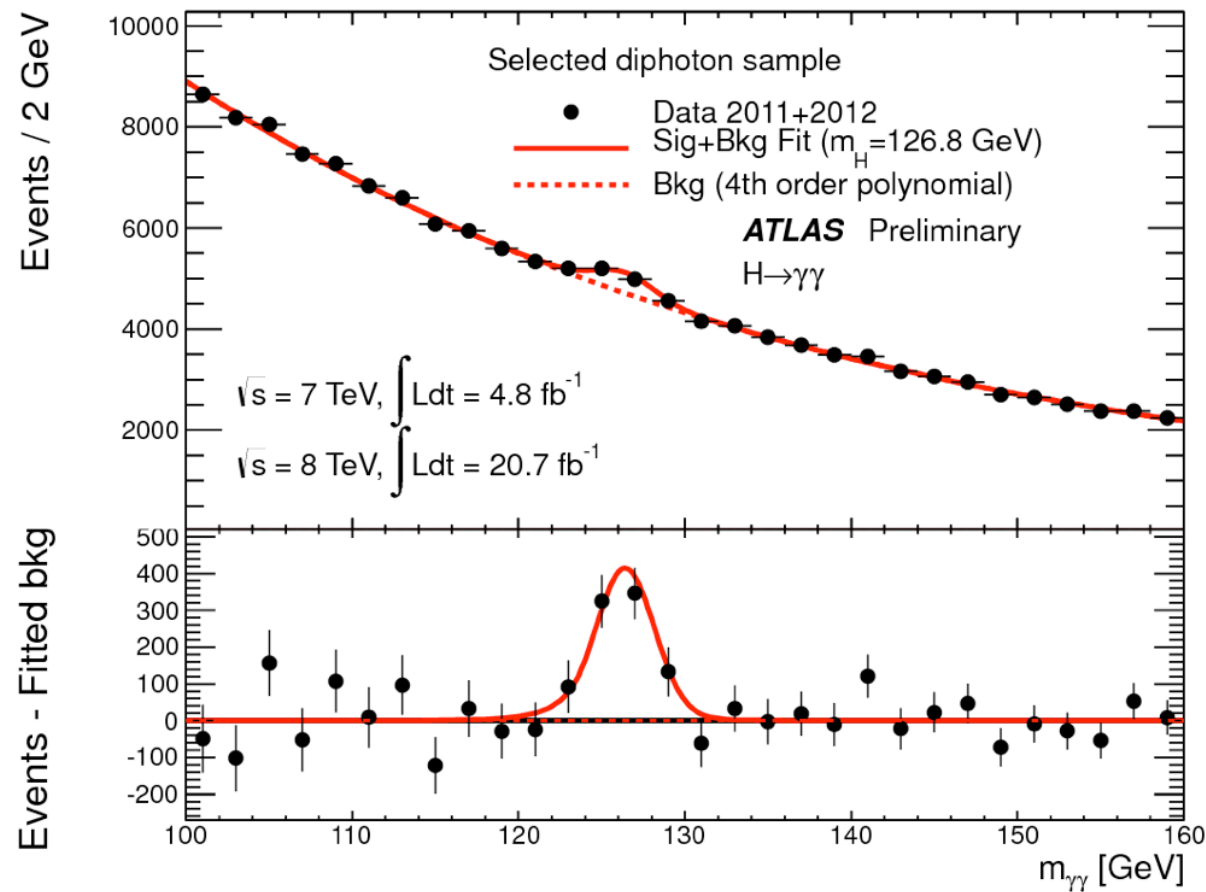
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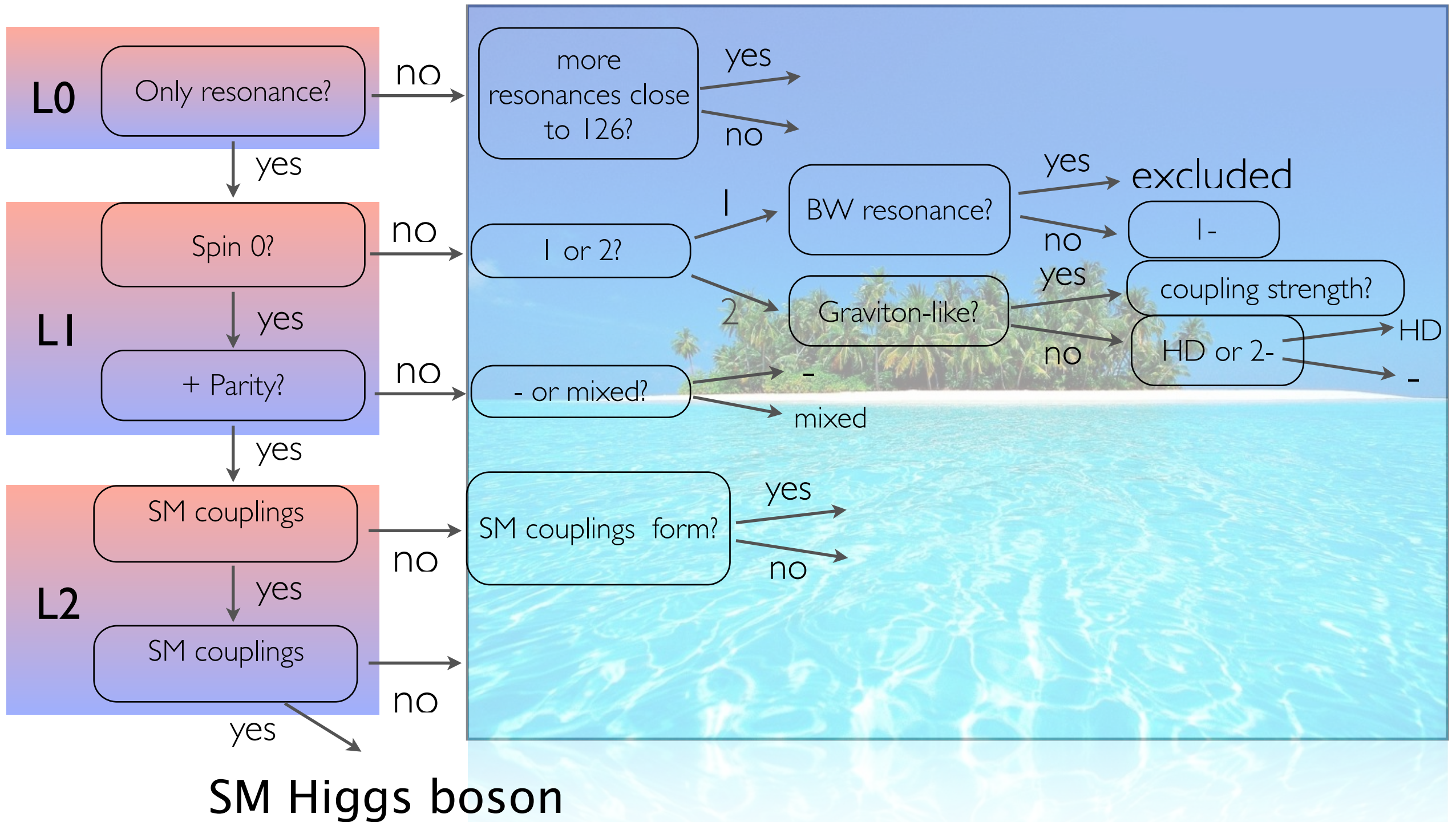
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What is that peak??



# One year ago...





# Higgs Characterization

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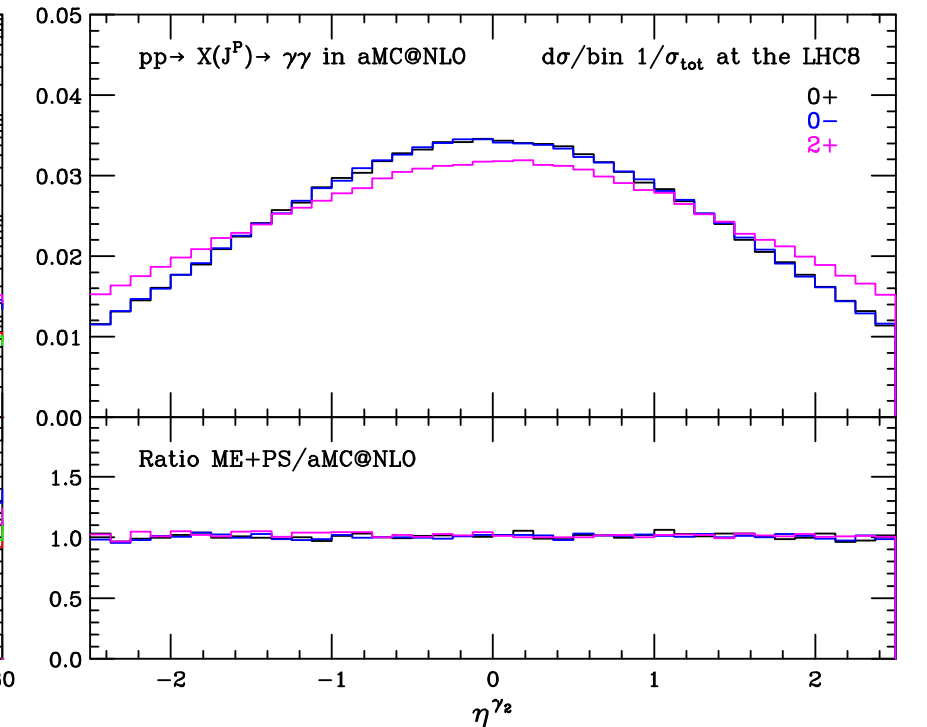
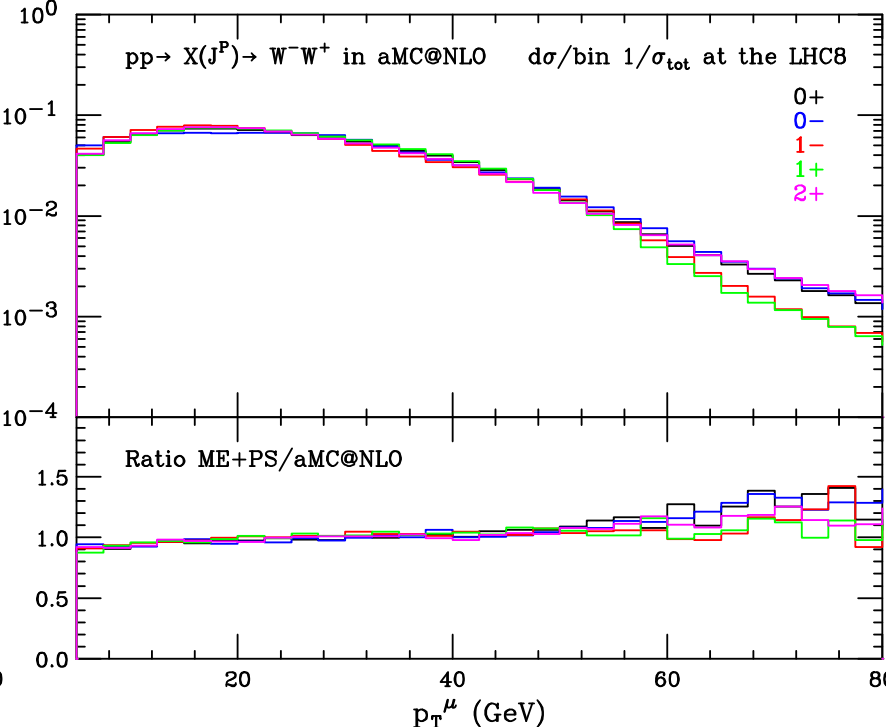
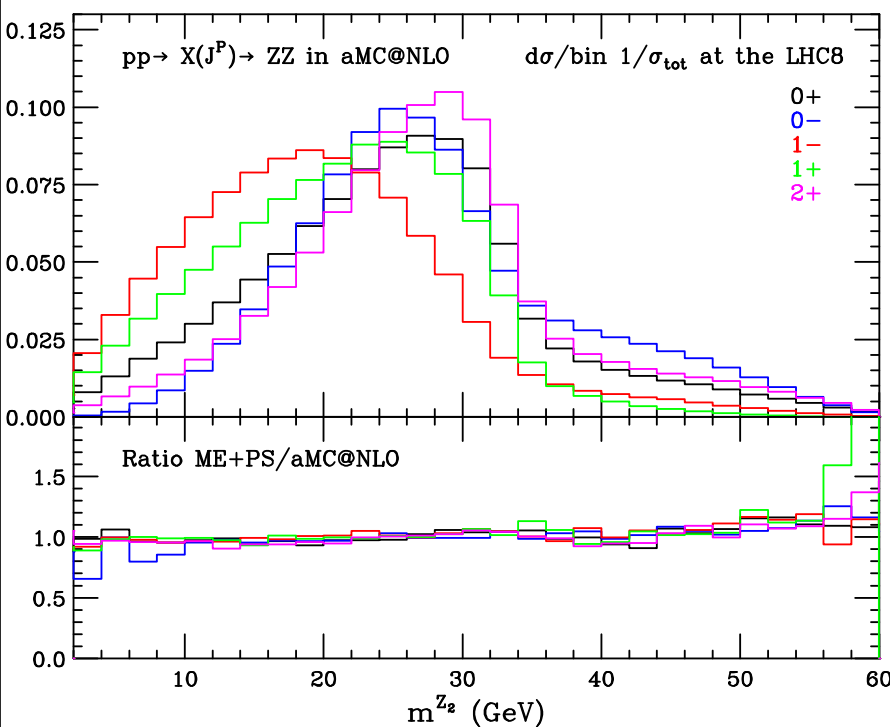
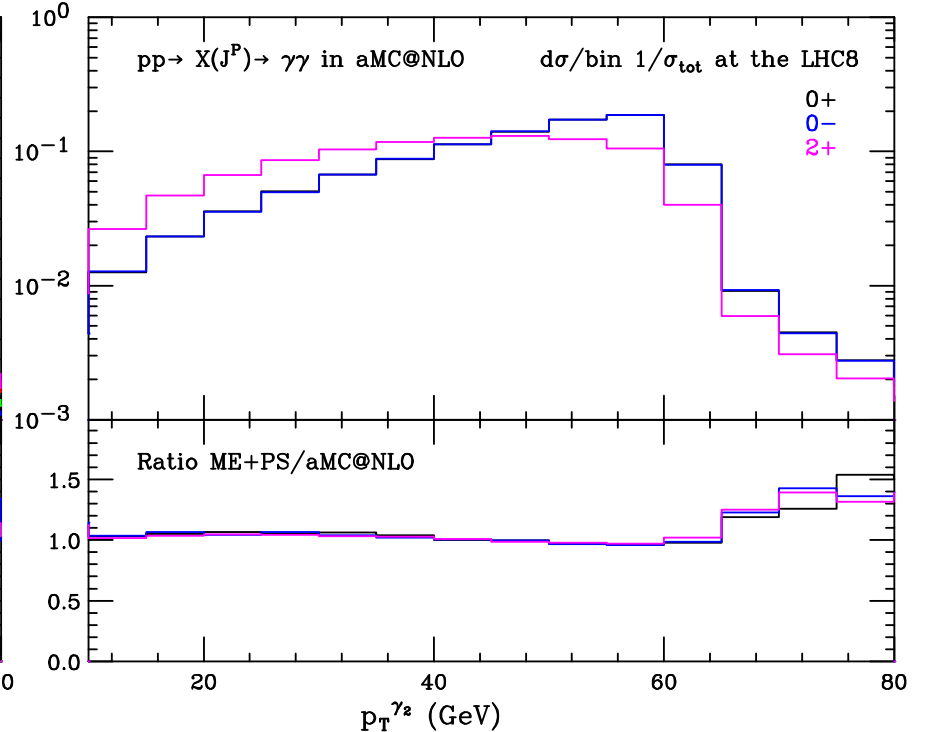
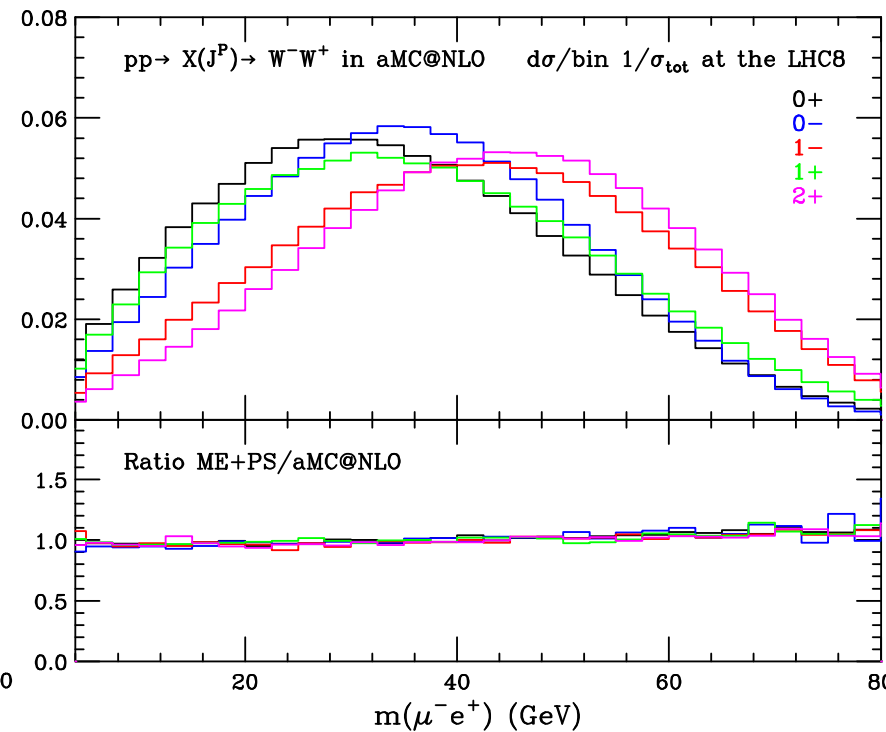
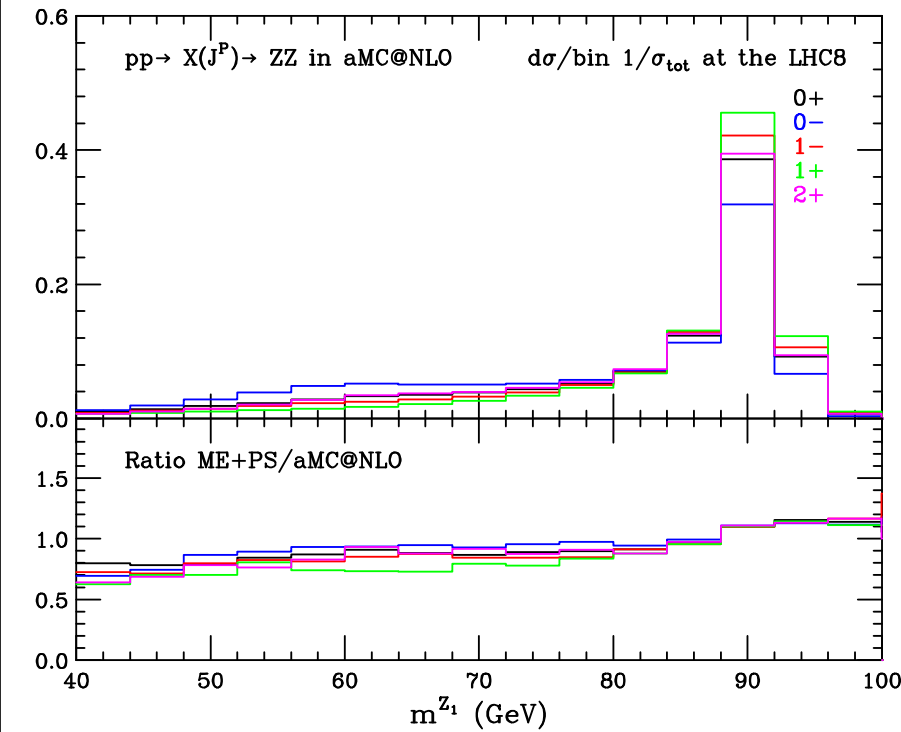
- Effective field theory approach
  - The “Higgs” is the first particle from NP
  - Agnostic on NP details (encoded in cutoff  $\Lambda$ )
- Keep lowest dimension operators for spin 0, 1, 2 hypotheses (CP +/- or mixed)
- Extra QCD radiation can be consistently incorporated (MLM or aMC@NLO, but virtuals had to be coded by hand)
- Study  $zz$ ,  $ww$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$  final states, keeping all angular correlations

# Results:

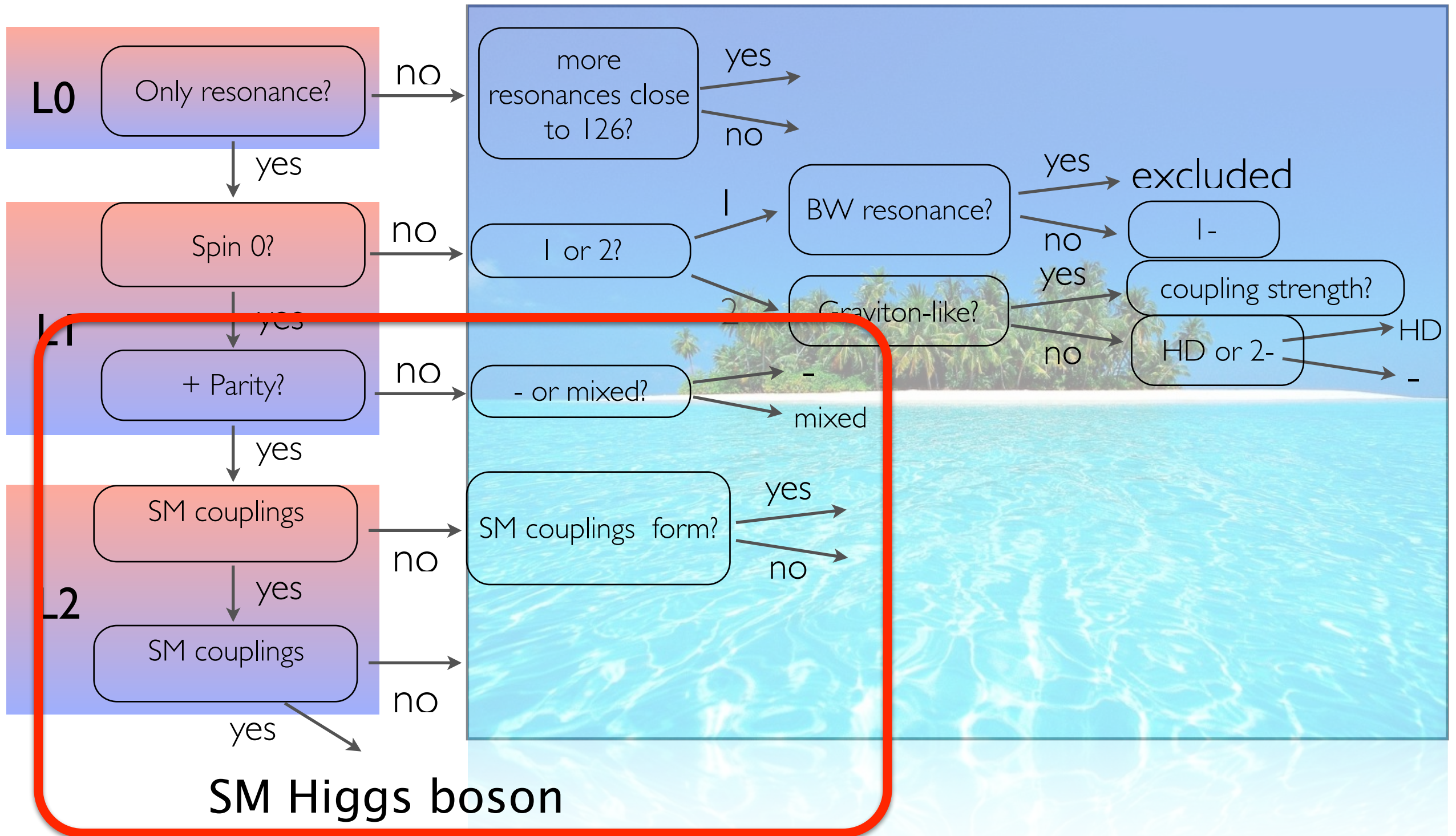
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# Today



**SM Higgs boson**

# Higgs characterization in VBF and VH

F. Maltoni, K. Mawatari, MZ, arXiv:1311.1829 + F. Demartin for HC model @NLO

- VBF and VH can provide additional information about the nature of the Higgs boson
- Build a NLO HiggsCharacterization model (in preparation) so that one can generate the full NLO process automatically
  - Easy for VBF and VH, the Higgs does not couple to QCD particles (just add the  $HVV$  vertices)
- Focus on the spin-0 hypothesis, probe possible anomalous couplings



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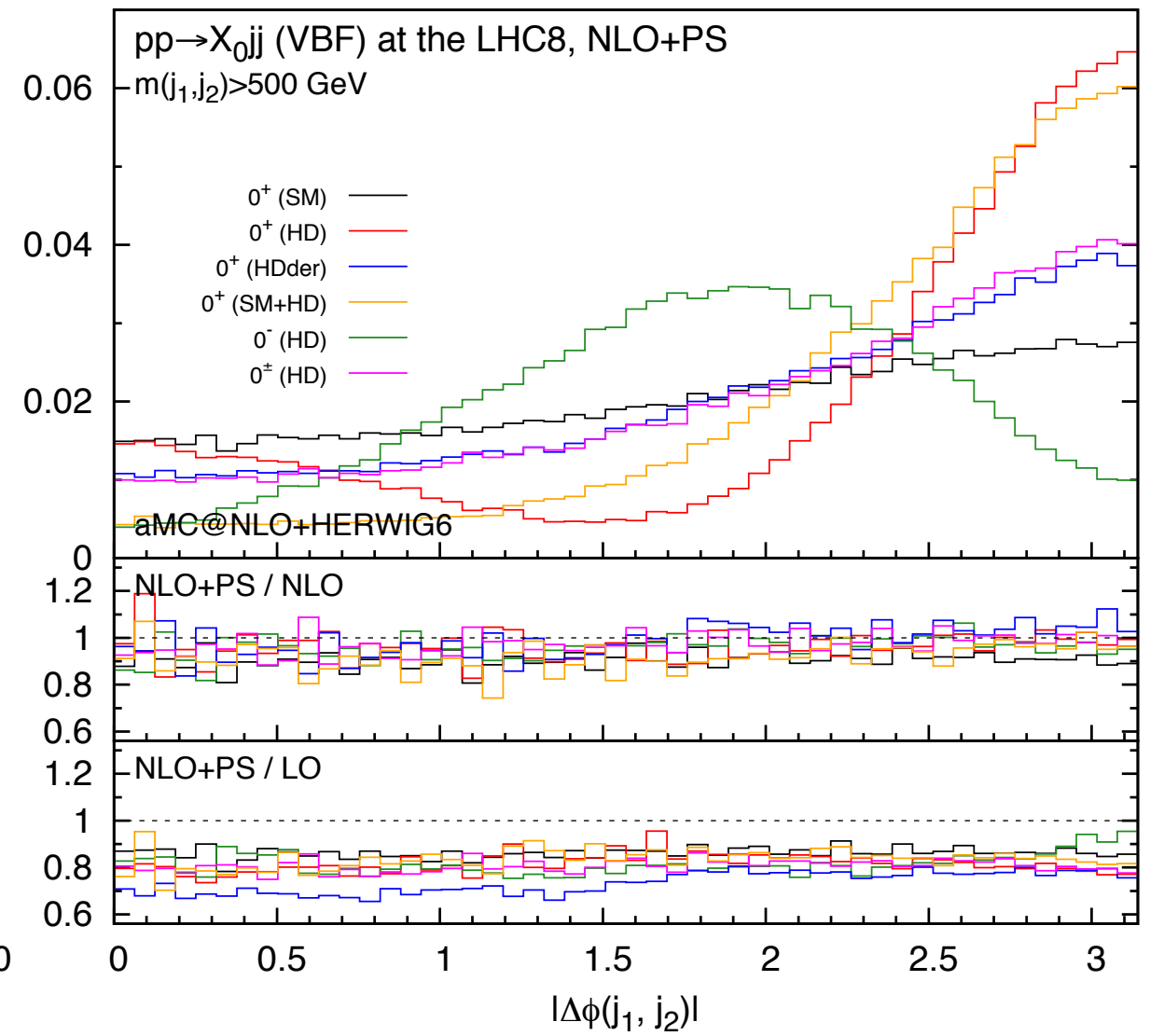
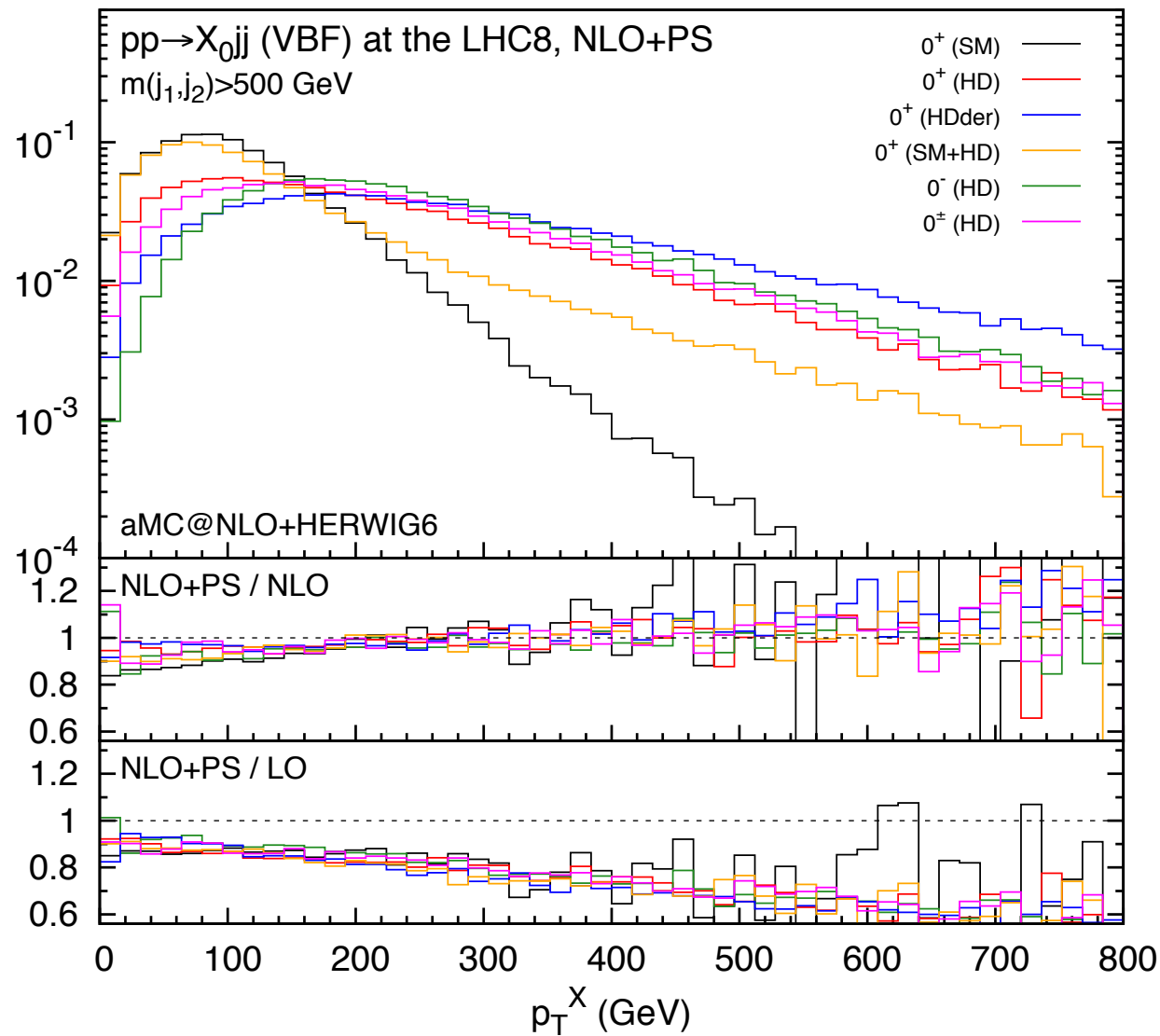
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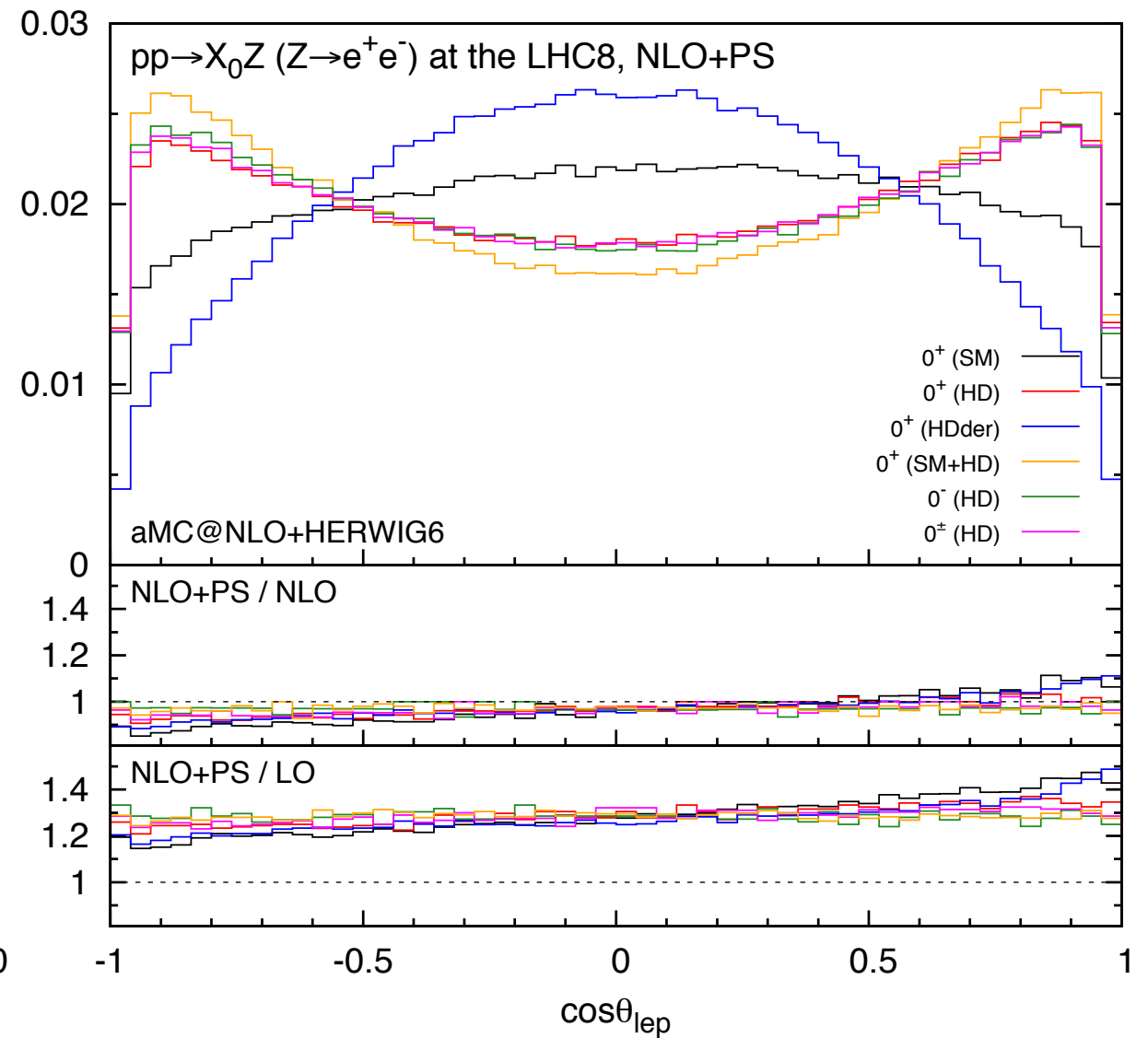
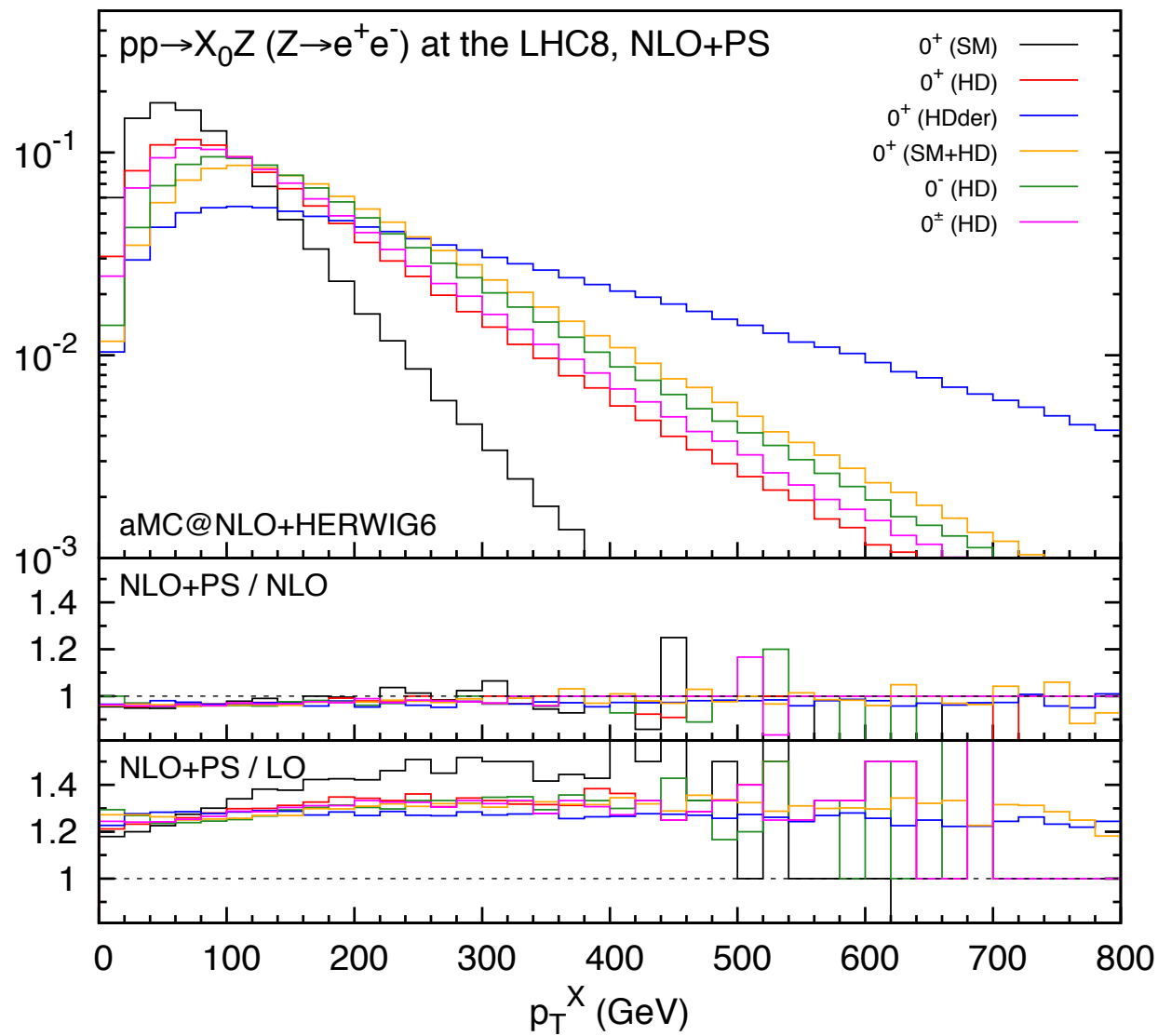
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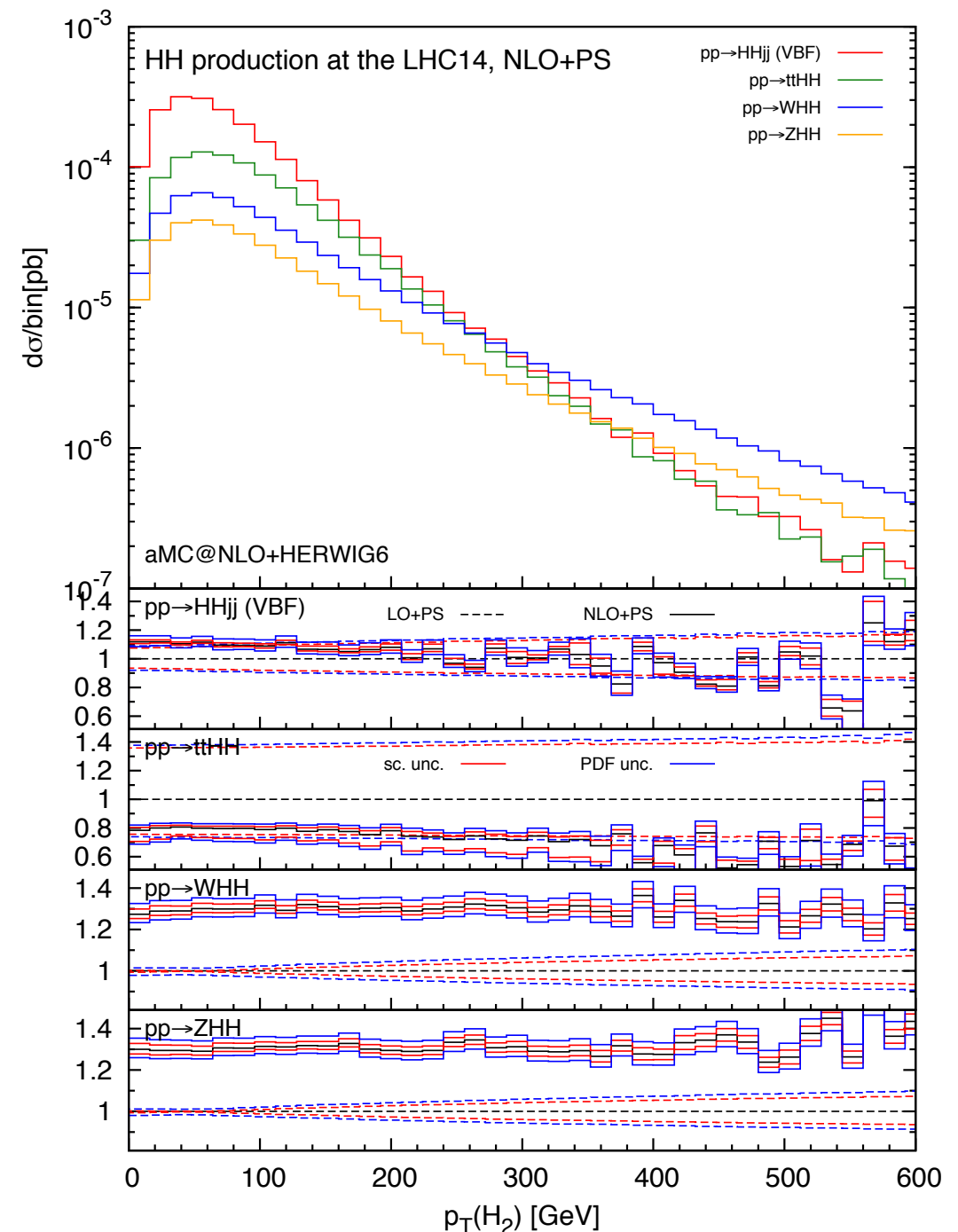
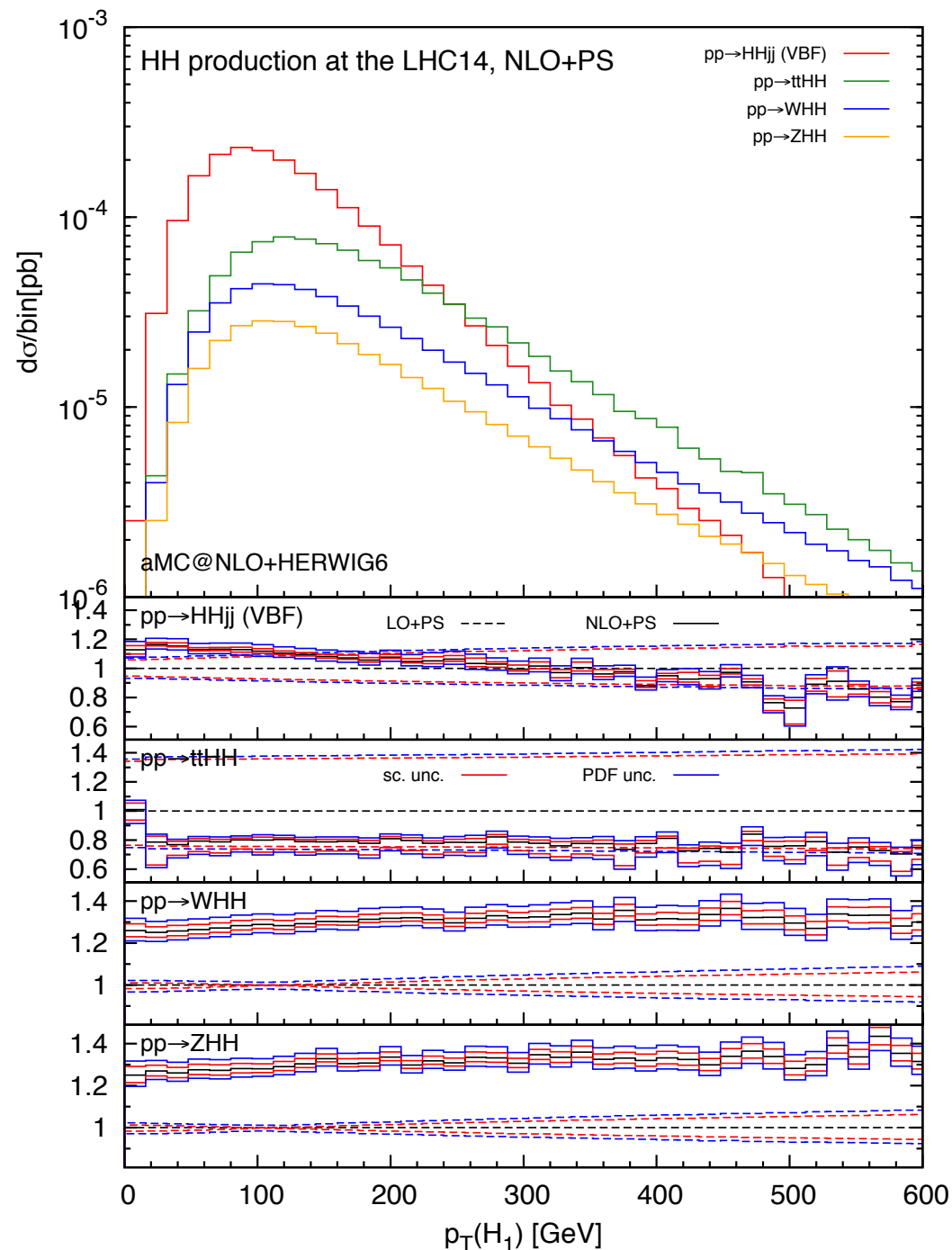
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# Conclusions

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- Sample application: studying the nature and couplings of the Higgs boson
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- Website: <http://amcatnlo.cern.ch>