

# Multi-Jet production at next-to-leading order with NJet

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# Physics at the LHC

High multiplicity processes

Large rate of QCD processes

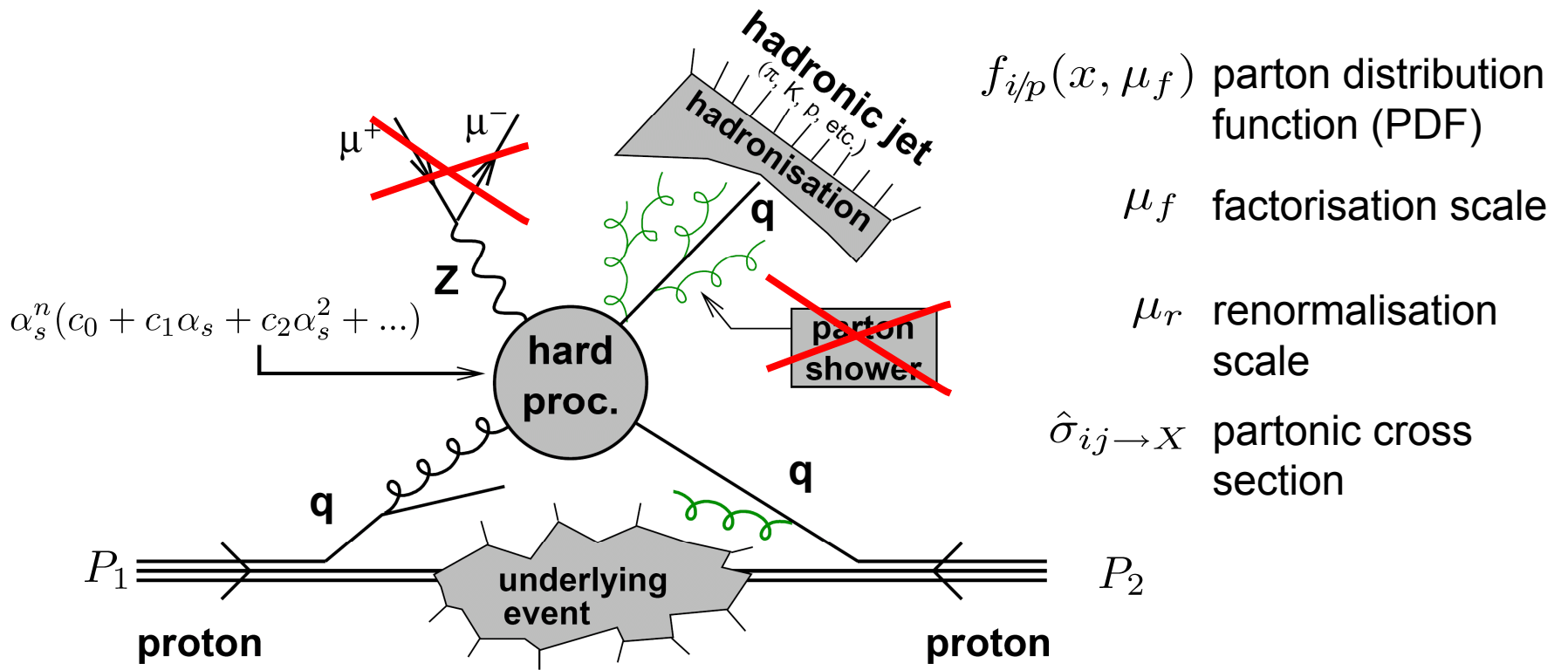
—————> Interesting processes often in association with Jets

Precise predictions of high multiplicity processes within the Standard Model crucial for a successful data analysis:

—————> Simulation of the background

—————> Constraining SM parameters (e.g.  $\alpha_s$  from jet ratios)

# Physics at the LHC



$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow X) = \sum_{\substack{i,j \in \\ \{g,q,\bar{q}\}}} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_{i/p}(x_1, \mu_f) f_{j/p}(x_2, \mu_f) \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow X}(x_1 P_1, x_2 P_2, \mu_f, \mu_r)$$

In this talk: pure QCD-processes in fixed order  $\alpha_s$

Figure: Butterworth&Dissertori&Salam

# Need for NLO accuracy

## Leading order...

- well automated, tools like Madgraph, Sherpa, Alpgen for the **hard processes at tree-level**
- multiplicities of up to 12 jets possible

## However...

- large uncertainty due to residual scale dependence
- QCD corrections in general large  $O(20 - x \%)$

For precision (jet-) physics, next-to-leading order (NLO) accuracy required

# Multi-Jet Production @ NLO

- 2-jet production: [Ellis, Kunszt, Soper 1992]  
[Giele, Glover, Kosower 1993]
- 3-jet production: [Nagy 2002, 2003] (all channels)  
[Trocsanyi 1996] (gluon channel)  
[Kilgore, Giele 1997] (gluon channel)
- 4-jet production: [Bern, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Höche,  
Kosower, Ita, Maitre, Ozeren 2011]  
[Badger, BB, Uwer, Yundin 2012]
- 5-jet production: [Badger, BB, Uwer, Yundin 2013]

# pp $\rightarrow$ n jets @ NLO

$$d\sigma_n = \underset{\sim \alpha_s^n}{d\sigma_n^{\text{LO}}} + \underset{\sim \alpha_s^{n+1}}{\delta d\sigma_n^{\text{NLO}}} + O(\alpha_s^{n+2})$$

$$\delta\sigma_n^{\text{NLO}} = \int_n d\sigma_n^{\text{virt.}} \oplus \int_{n+1} d\sigma_{n+1}^{\text{reell}}$$

- Factorisation of the initial state singularities into renormalised PDFs
- Choosing a suitable subtraction scheme ([Catani, Seymour 1996])

$$\delta\sigma_n^{\text{NLO}} = \int_n d\bar{\sigma}_n^V + \int_n d\bar{\sigma}^I + \int_{n+1} d\bar{\sigma}_{n+1}^{RS}$$

Finite part of the  
virtual corrections

Finite contributions from  
subtraction scheme and Factorisation

Real Corrections with  
subtraction terms

**NJet**

**Sherpa with Comix**

# Virtual Corrections

**Rapid growth in complexity with increasing number of external legs**

challenging for traditional Feynman diagram based methods

e.g. 6-gluon one-loop amplitude around 15'000 diagrams

7-gluon one-loop amplitude around 144'000 diagrams

→ use method of **generalised unitarity**

[Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower, Ossola, Papdopoulos, Pittau, Kunszt, Giele, Melnikov, Anastasiou, Britto, Feng, Mastroglia, Badger,...]

**Ansätze for automation of virtual corrections:**

**NGluon, NJet** [Badger, BB, Uwer, Yundin] *public code*

And various others...

GoSam, Golem95, Helac-NLO, Blackhat, MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO, OpenLoops, RECOLA, “numerical loop integration”...

Most of the codes meanwhile publicly available

# Amplitude Structure

Colour summed squared matrix element

$$\sim 2\text{Re} [(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Born}})^* \cdot \mathcal{M}_{1\text{-loop}}]$$

$$\sim \left(\vec{A}_{\text{prim}}^{\text{tree}}\right)^\dagger \hat{C} \vec{A}_{\text{prim}}^{1\text{-loop}}$$

Full colour amplitude

$$\sim \mathcal{M}(\{p_i, a_i, h_i\}) \quad i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

Partial amplitude

$$\sim C(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mathcal{A}_n(\{p_1, h_1\}, \dots, \{p_n, h_n\})$$

Primitive

$$\mathcal{A}_n(\{p_1, h_1\}, \dots, \{p_n, h_n\}) = \sum_{P(\sigma)} A_{\text{prim}}(\sigma(1, \dots, n))$$

[Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower 1994]

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[Ellis, Kunszt, Melnikov, Zanderighi 2011]

[Schuster 2013, Weinzierl 2013]



# NJet in a nutshell

Based on **NGluon** [Badger, BB, Uwer 2011]

**generalised Unitarity** with tree-level amplitudes as input  
to compute 1-loop primitive amplitudes with **arbitrarily many legs**

Colour dressed Berends-Giele recursion for tree-level input [Berends, Giele 1986]

provides **full colour** summed 1-loop amplitudes interfered with the  
Born for all channels of **2-jet, 3-jet, 4-jet** and **5-jet** production  
in **massless QCD**. (Employs colour algorithm from [Ellis, Kunszt, Melnikov, Zanderighi ])

Extended version **NJet 2.0** now available with primitive amplitudes including  
**vector bosons (W, Z,  $\gamma$ )**.

Full colour sums for **vector bosons with up to five jets, di-photon  
production with up to four jets**.

For first phenomenological study of di-photon + 3 jets with NJet  
see **arXiv:1312.5927**. [Badger, Guffanti, Yundin 2013]

# NJet in a nutshell

Equipped with **Binoth Les Houches accord interface(s)**  
[Binoth et al. 2009, Alioli et al. 2013] to be linked trivially with standard Monte Carlo Programs

**Download at: [www.bitbucket.org/njet/njet](http://www.bitbucket.org/njet/njet)**

Includes a wiki that explains in detail event generation with NJet and Sherpa

# Some technical details

**Use scaling test to estimate accuracy per phase space point**

$$A(p) = x^{n-4} A(xp) \quad x \in R$$

**Caching of tree subamplitudes for the unitarity cuts and scalar integrals via binary trees (efficient for permutation and helicity sums)**

**Basic channels for 5-jet production:**

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\rightarrow 7g & 0 &\rightarrow q\bar{q}5g \\ 0 &\rightarrow q\bar{q}q'\bar{q}'3g & 0 &\rightarrow q\bar{q}q'\bar{q}'q''\bar{q}''g \end{aligned}$$

# Runtime and accuracy of the virtuals for 5-jet production

**New in NJet 2.0: Split contribution in leading and subleading colour**

virtual part	$\langle$ time per event $\rangle$	qp	qp w/ test	op
leading	17s	2%	0.5%	0.01%
sub-leading	112s	2.5%	1%	0.05%

- 1) Reprocess in quad precision if scaling test in double precision returns less than 5 valid digits.  
Use in addition **scaling test in quadruple precision**, if scaling test in double precision returns no or only one valid digit.
- 2) Switch to octuple precision, so far sufficient for all applications.

NB: 5-Jet production computed with **full colour + full helicity**

# Numerical set up

- anti-kt jet algorithm as implemented in FastJet with jet radius like at ATLAS  
[Cacciari, Salam, Soyez 2012]
- NNPDF2.3 as standard NLO PDF set if not specified otherwise
- Massless QCD, 5-flavour scheme
- set  $\mu_f = \mu_r \equiv \mu$  and use dynamical scale based on sum of the transverse momentum of the final state partons

$$\hat{H}_T = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{parton}}} p_{T,i}^{\text{parton}} \quad \mu = \hat{H}_T / 2$$

- Scale variation:  $\hat{H}_T / 4 \leq \mu \leq \hat{H}_T$
- Kinematical cuts: Transverse momentum of the first jet  $p_t > 80$  GeV, subsequent jets at least  $p_t > 60$  GeV, Rapidity:  $\eta < 2.8$   
[ATLAS 2011]
- Use root NTuples to store generated events, convenient for PDF and scale variations

# Five-jet inclusive cross section

**@ 7 TeV:**

$$\sigma_{5\text{-jet}}^{7\text{TeV-LO}} = 0.699(0.004) \begin{matrix} 0.419(+)\text{nb} \\ 1.228(-) \end{matrix}$$

Statistical uncertainty (blue arrow) and Scalevariation (red arrow) are indicated for the uncertainty components.

$$\sigma_{5\text{-jet}}^{7\text{TeV-NLO}} = 0.544(0.016) \begin{matrix} 0.479(+)\text{nb} \\ 0.367(-) \end{matrix}$$

**@ 8 TeV:**

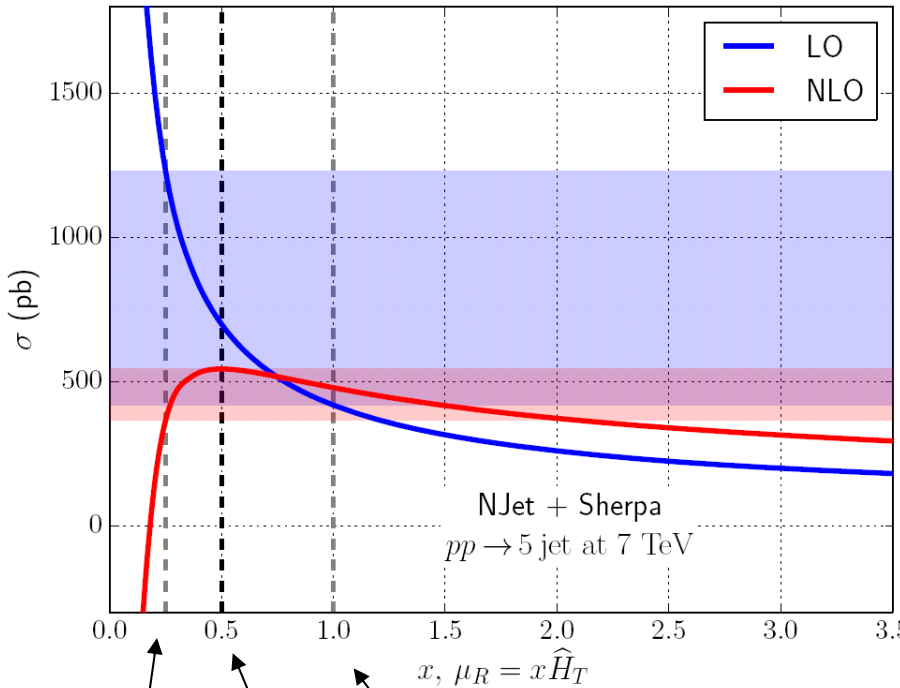
$$\sigma_{5\text{-jet}}^{8\text{TeV-LO}} = 1.044(0.006) \begin{matrix} 0.631(+)\text{nb} \\ 1.814(-) \end{matrix}$$

$$\sigma_{5\text{-jet}}^{8\text{TeV-NLO}} = 0.790(0.011) \begin{matrix} 0.723(+)\text{nb} \\ 0.477(-) \end{matrix}$$

NB: LO cross section calculated with LO PDF sets

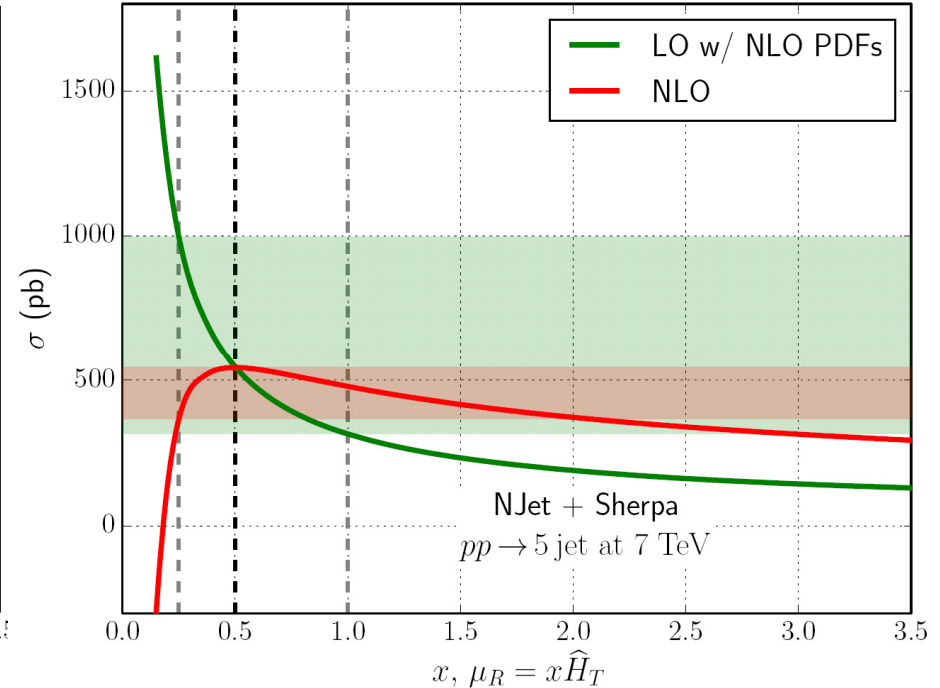
# Remarks on scale dependence

Use LO PDFs for LO X-section:



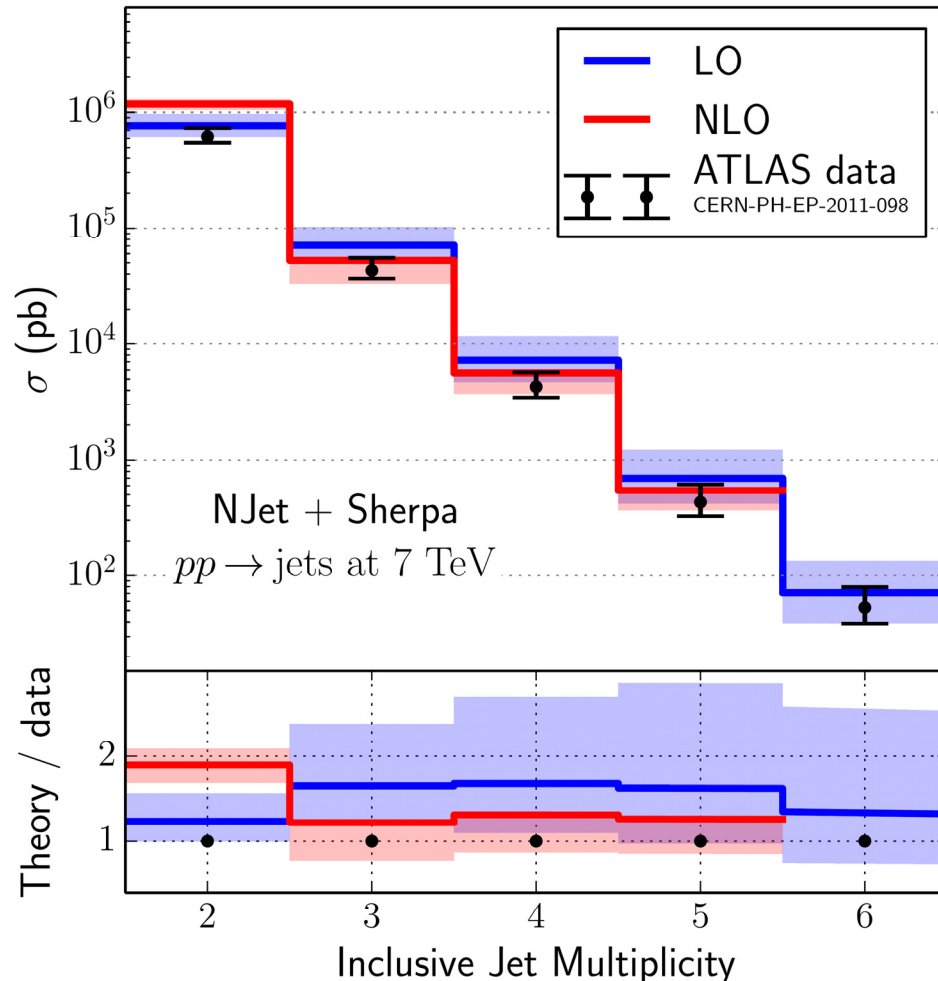
lower scale  
 central scale  
 upper scale

Use NLO PDFs for LO X-section



NLO PDFs for the LO X-section give better approximation to the NLO result.

# Multi-Jet cross sections



$\sigma_2^{7\text{TeV-NLO}}$	$1175(3)_{1295(-)}^{1046(+)} \text{ nb}$
$\sigma_3^{7\text{TeV-NLO}}$	$52.5(0.3)_{33.2(-)}^{54.4(+)} \text{ nb}$
$\sigma_4^{7\text{TeV-NLO}}$	$5.65(0.07)_{3.72(-)}^{5.36(+)} \text{ nb}$
$\sigma_5^{7\text{TeV-NLO}}$	$0.544(0.016)_{0.367(-)}^{0.479(+)} \text{ nb}$
$\sigma_6^{7\text{TeV-LO}}$	$0.0496(0.0005)_{0.0992(-)}^{0.0263(+)} \text{ nb}$

- ratio between theory and data about 1.2 – 1.3
- reduction of the cross section from LO  $\rightarrow$  NLO (except for 2-jets)

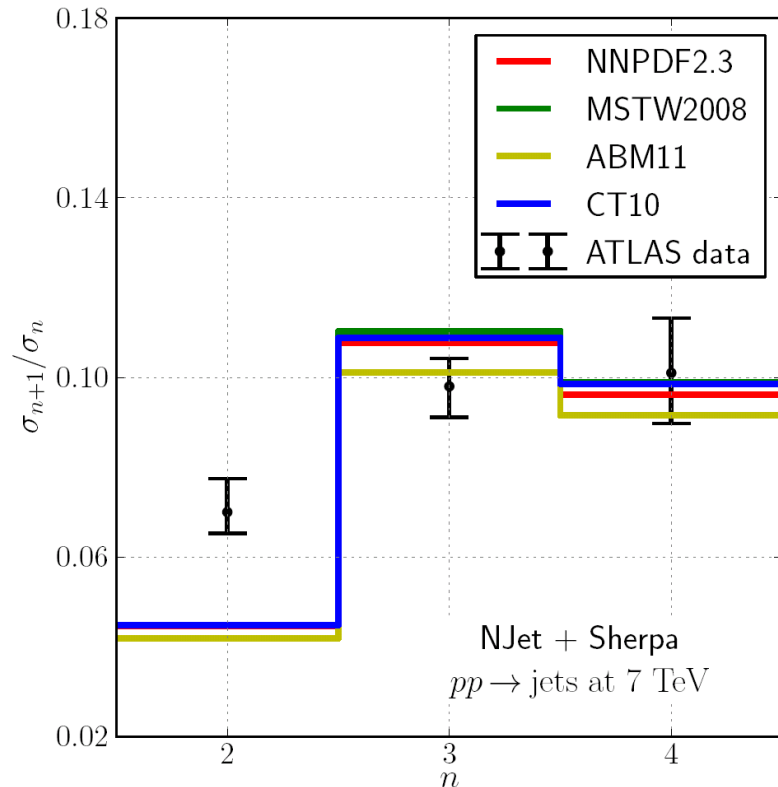


# Inclusive jet ratios

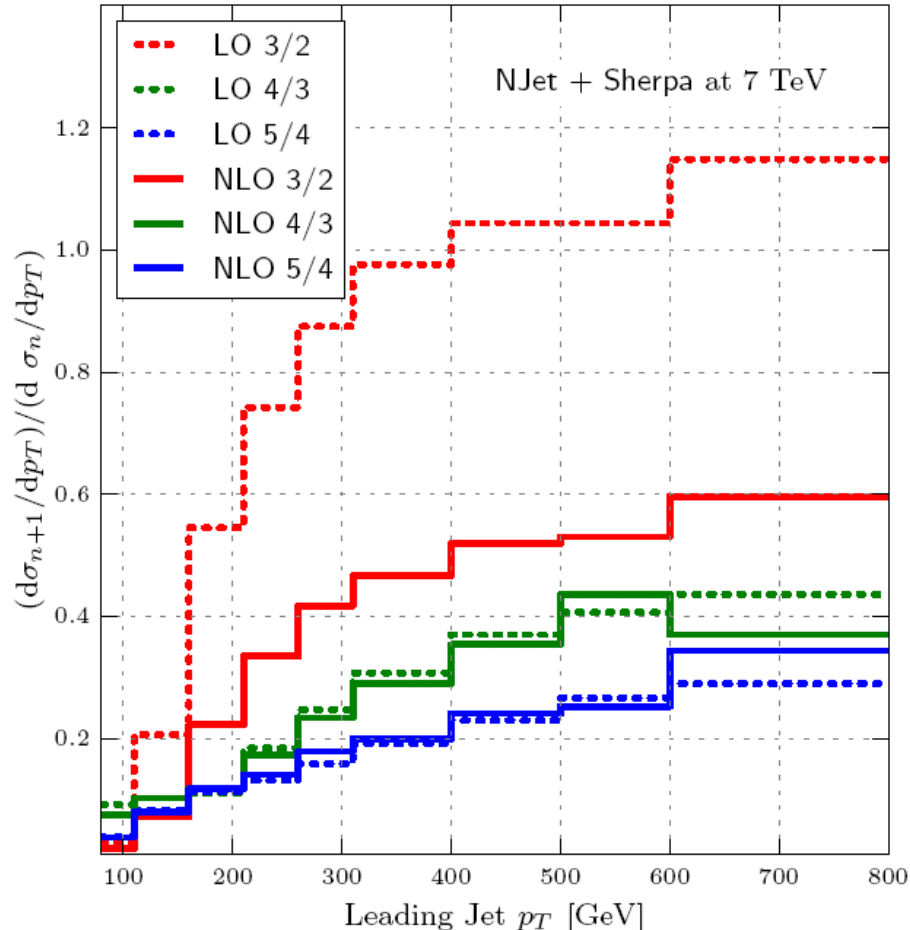
Jet ratio:

$$\mathcal{R}_n = \frac{\sigma_{(n+1)\text{-jet}}}{\sigma_{n\text{-jet}}}$$

- 4/3 and 5/4 jet ratio from ATLAS well described by fixed order QCD @ NLO
- NNPDF2.3, MSTW2008, CT10 compatible, ABM11 set slightly smaller
- obvious mismatch for 3/2 ratio



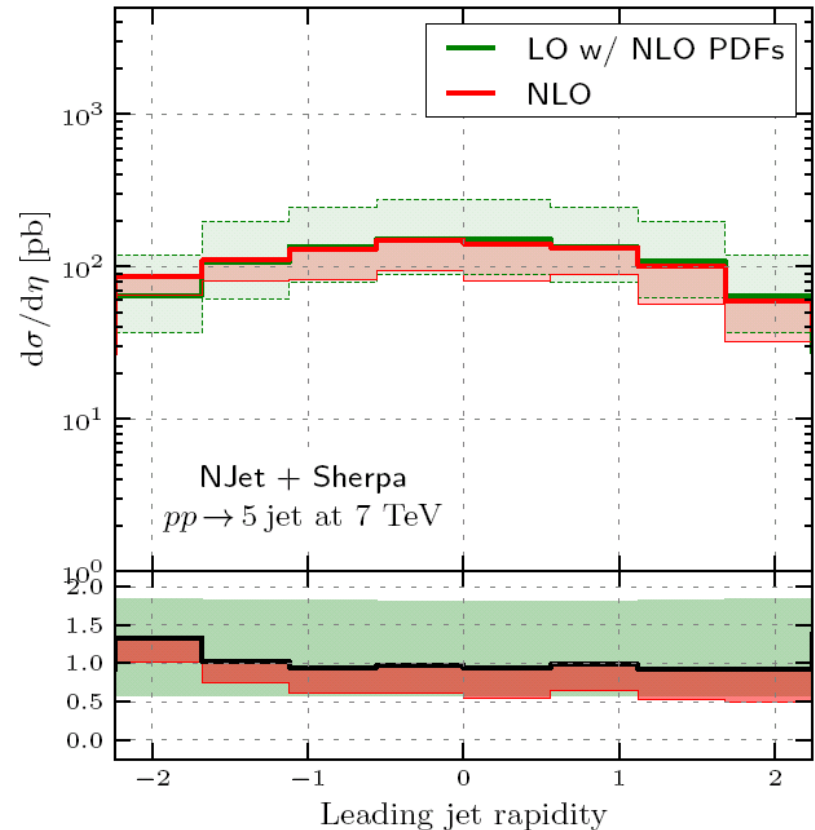
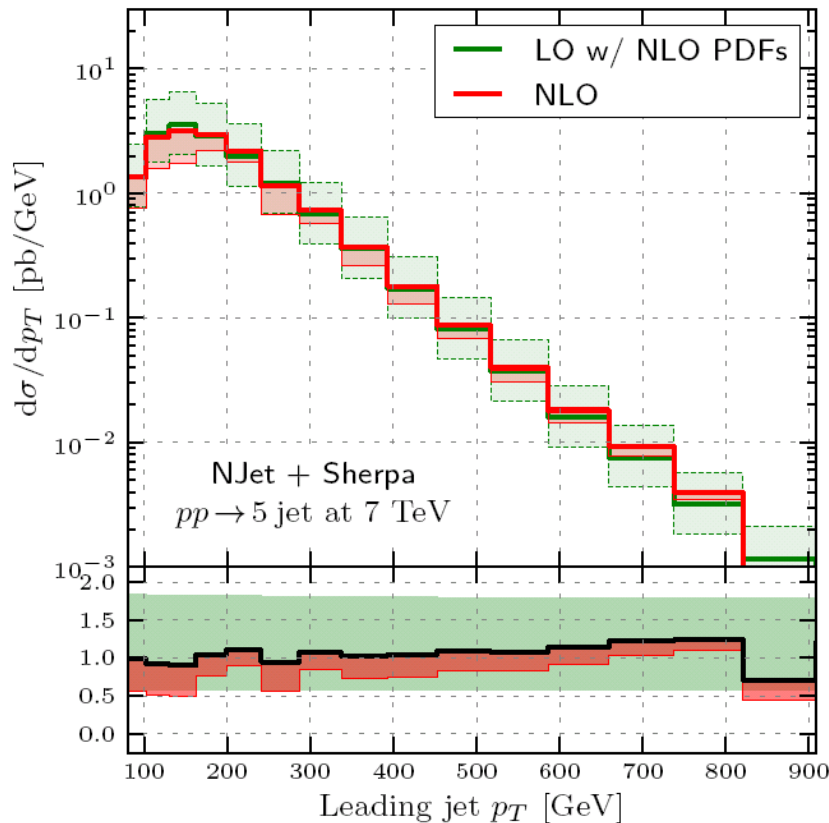
# Comparing differential jet ratios



Higher multiplicities more stable against perturbative corrections!

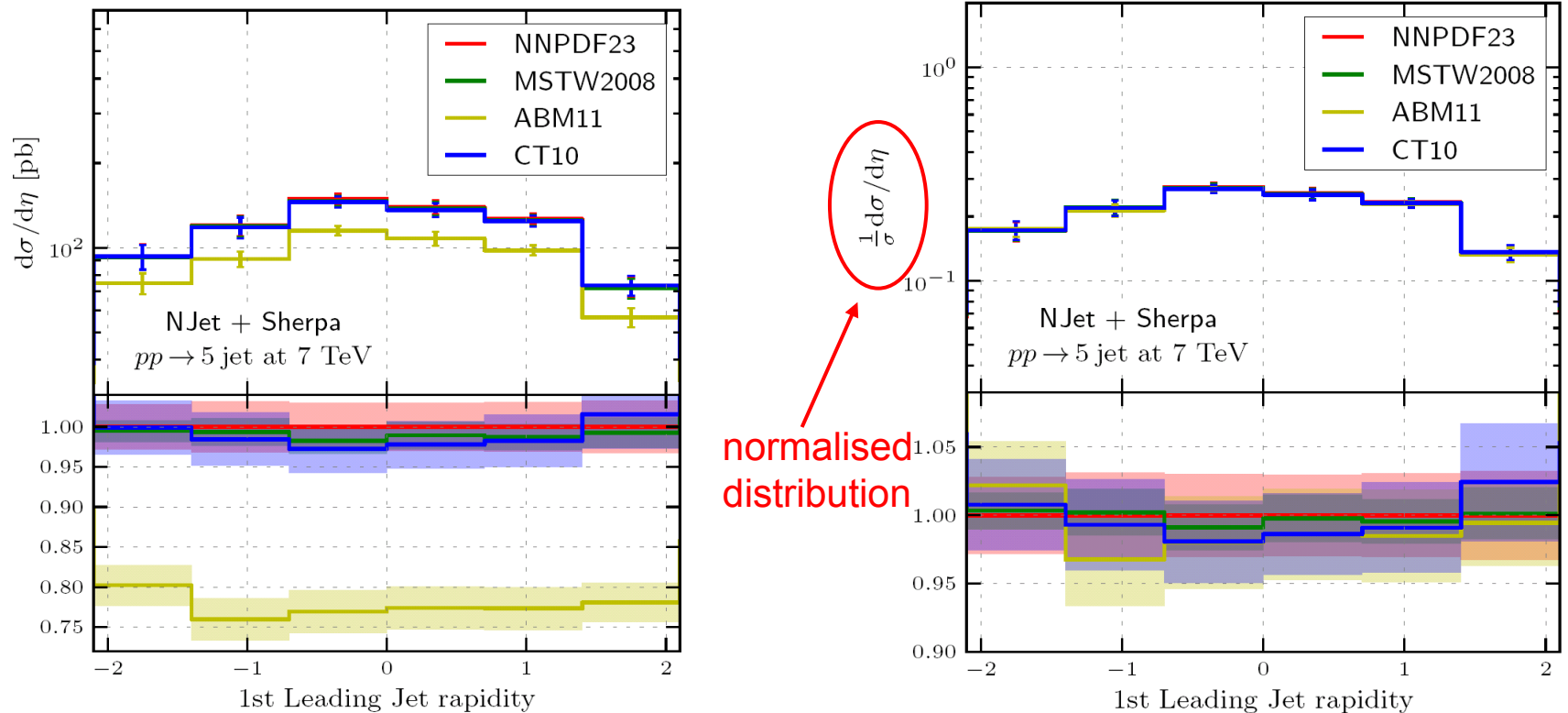
Use 4/3 and 5/4 jet ratio for future  $\alpha_s$  measurement and use fixed order perturbation theory as theory input!

# Differential 5-jet distributions



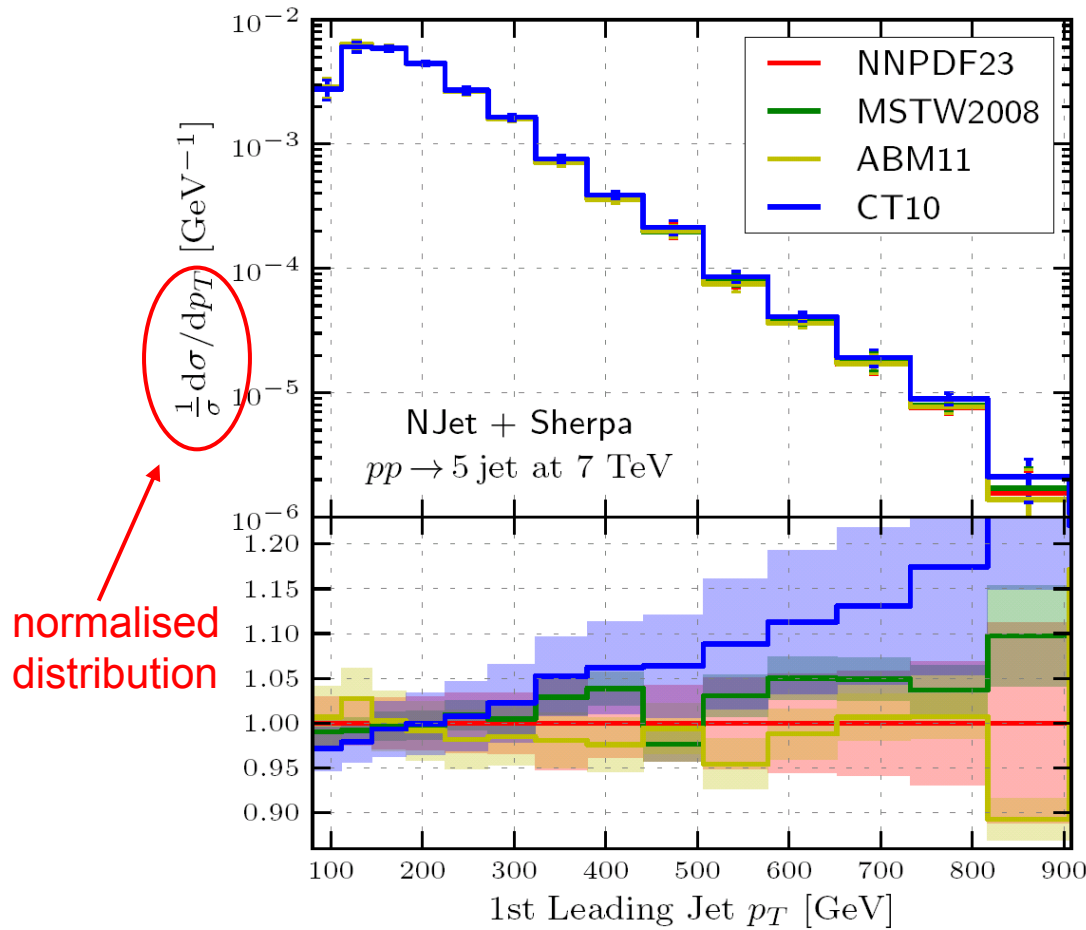
- reduced scale dependence at NLO
- remarkably constant K-Factor
- similar findings also for subleading jets

# PDF dependence of the jet distributions



- ratio with respect to NNPDF2.3
- NNPDF2.3, MSTW2008 and CT10 compatible, ABM11 20% lower
- lower plots include also PDF uncertainty (around 3%)

# PDF dependence of the transverse momentum distribution



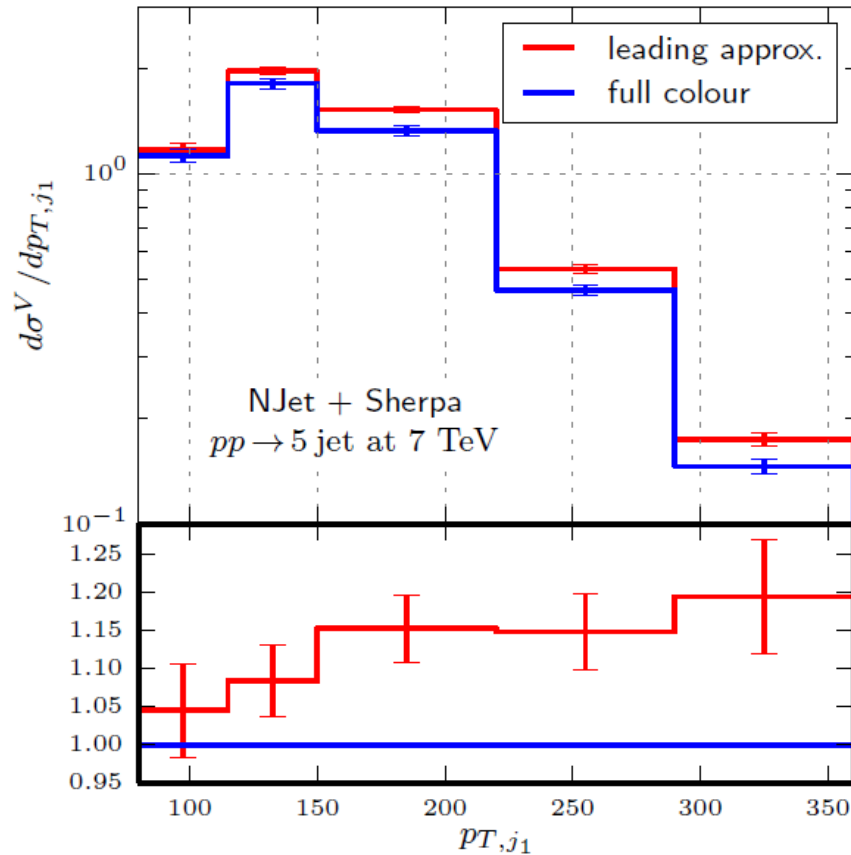
- normalised distributions compatible at low  $p_T$
- for high  $p_T$ : NNPDF2.3, MSTW2008 and ABM11 compatible within 10-15%, CT10 around 20-30% larger than NNPDF2.3, MSTW2008 and ABM11

# Conclusion

- NJet is publicly available, includes all necessary matrix elements for 2-jet, 3-jet, 4-jet and 5-jet production and primitive amplitudes of arbitrary multiplicity
- NJet 2.0 available, includes vector boson production in association with up to 5 jets, and di-photon production with up to four jets
- 5-jet production at 7 and 8 TeV for the LHC with NJet and Sherpa presented
- Moderate corrections at NLO of the order of 10% or less with respect to LO result using NLO PDFs at LO.
- Significant reduction of the scale dependence at NLO.
- Good agreement between theory and data from the ATLAS collaboration apart from 2-jet cross section.
- $(n+1)/n$  jet ratio shows that  $4/3$  and  $5/4$  predictions are perturbatively more stable than  $3/2$  ratio with moderate NLO corrections  
→ suggestion for future  $\alpha_s$  extractions

# Extra slides

# Leading colour approximation



Our leading colour definition:  
Multiquark processes in the  
Large  $N_c$  limit.  
Include desymmetrised colour  
sums with gluons in the final  
state (exploit bosonic nature of  
the phase space).



# $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + \text{jets} @ \text{NLO}$

- virtuals for up to 3 jets in NJet 2.0
- backgrounds to  $pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Badger, Guffanti, Yundin arXiv:1312.5927

$$p_{T,j} > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|\eta_j| \leq 4.7$$

$$p_{T,\gamma_1} > 40 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_{T,\gamma_2} > 25 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|\eta_\gamma| \leq 2.5$$

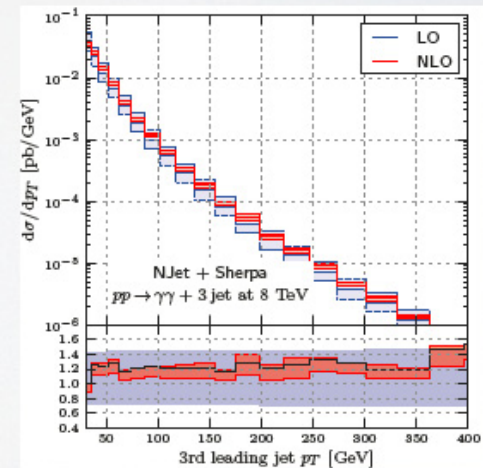
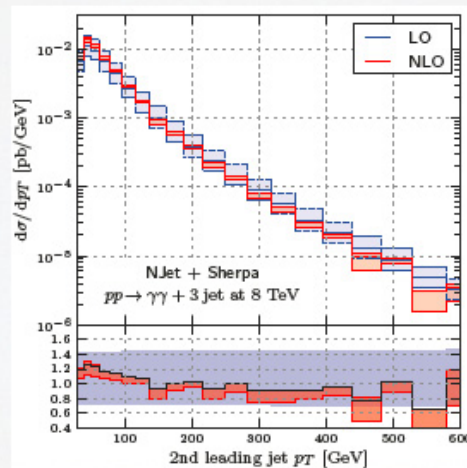
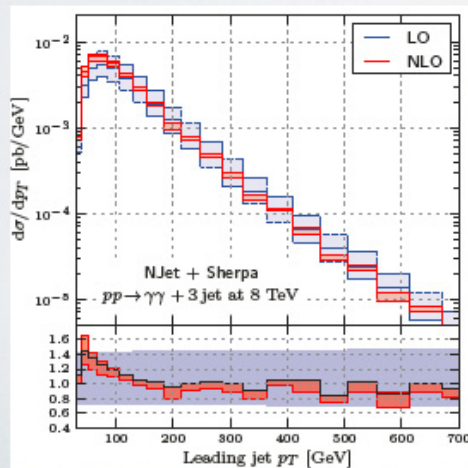
$$R_{\gamma,j} = 0.5$$

$$R_{\gamma,\gamma} = 0.45$$

Frixione smooth cone  
photon isolation

CT10 PDF set

$$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma+3j}^{LO}(\hat{H}'_T/2) = 0.643(0.003)^{+0.278}_{-0.180} \text{ pb} \quad \sigma_{\gamma\gamma+3j}^{NLO}(\hat{H}'_T/2) = 0.785(0.010)^{+0.027}_{-0.085} \text{ pb}$$



# Scalar Integral Basis

Decomposition of an arbitrary one-loop amplitude: [Passarino,Veltman1979]

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{loop}} = \sum_{\{ijkl\}} d_{ijkl}^{[d]} \mathcal{I}_{ijkl}^{(4)} + \sum_{\{ijk\}} c_{ijk}^{[d]} \mathcal{I}_{ijk}^{(3)} + \sum_{\{ij\}} b_{ij}^{[d]} \mathcal{I}_{ij}^{(2)} + \sum_{\{i\}} a_i^{[d]} \mathcal{I}_i^{(1)}$$

Dimension:

$$[d] = 4 - 2\epsilon$$

Topology:

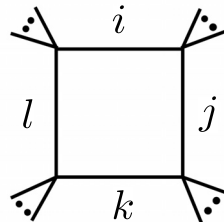
$$\{ijkl\}$$

Scalar integrals:

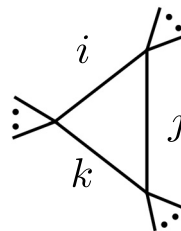
$$\mathcal{I}_{ijkl}^{(4)} = \int d^{[d]}l \frac{1}{D_i D_j D_k D_l}$$

$$D_i = (p_i + l)^2 - m_i^2$$

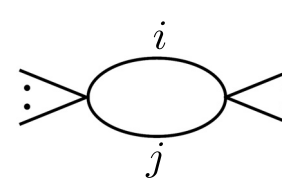
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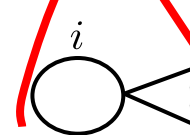
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bubbles



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tadpoles



computation of one-loop amplitudes =  
determination of integral coefficients

No tadpoles in massless theories

# Integrand Properties

Focus on the **integrand**  $\mathcal{F}_n(l)$  of the amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{loop}} = \int d^4l \mathcal{F}_n(l) + \mathcal{A}_n^{\text{rat}}$$

[Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau]

[Ellis, Giele, Kunszt]

[Britto, Cachazo, Feng, Mastrolia]

$$\mathcal{F}_n(l) = \sum_{\{ijkl\}} \frac{\bar{d}_{ijkl}(l)}{D_i D_j D_k D_l} + \sum_{\{ijk\}} \frac{\bar{c}_{ijk}(l)}{D_i D_j D_k} + \sum_{\{ij\}} \frac{\bar{b}_{ij}(l)}{D_i D_j}$$

Numerators: loop-momentum independent part + spurious terms

Spurious terms: loop-momentum tensors which vanish after integration



Loop-momentum independent part  
is the desired integral coefficient

# Box Example

Integrand  $\mathcal{F}_n(l)$  :

$$\mathcal{F}_n(l) = \sum_{\{ijkl\}} \frac{\bar{d}_{ijkl}(l)}{D_i D_j D_k D_l} + \sum_{\{ijk\}} \frac{\bar{c}_{ijk}(l)}{D_i D_j D_k} + \sum_{\{ij\}} \frac{\bar{b}_{ij}(l)}{D_i D_j}$$

**Tensor structure** of a general box part  $\bar{d}(l)$  well known:

$$\bar{d}(l) = d_0 + \tilde{d}(l)$$

$$= d_0 + d_1 \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_1^\mu p_2^\nu p_3^\rho l^\sigma$$

$$\int d^4l \frac{d_0 + \tilde{d}(l)}{D_i D_j D_k D_l} = d_0 \int d^4l \frac{1}{D_i D_j D_k D_l} = d_0 \mathcal{I}^{(4)}$$

Compute  $\bar{d}(l)$  for two different  $l$

↳ system of equations → determine  $d_0$

How do we  
get  $\bar{d}(l)$  ?

# Rational Part

1. Absorb epsilon dependence in effective mass:

[Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower 1997]

[Bern, Morgan 1996]

$$l_{[4-2\varepsilon]} = l_{[4]} + l_{[-2\varepsilon]}$$

$$l_{[4-2\varepsilon]}^2 = l_{[4]}^2 - l_{[-2\varepsilon]}^2 \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad l_{[-2\varepsilon]}^2 = -\mu^2$$

Integrand for the rational part is a polynomial in  $\mu^2$ .

2. Expand integral basis in higher integer dimension and take  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  limit

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{rat} = -\frac{1}{6} \sum_{i,j,k,l} C_{4;ijkl}^{[4]} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,k} C_{3;ijk}^{[2]} - \sum_{i,j} \frac{s_{i,j-1}}{6} C_{2;ij}^{[2]}$$

“constant” integral

Integral coefficient

[Giele, Kunstz, Melnikov 2008]

[Badger 2009]

- Additional hidden pentagon contributions
- compute in background field gauge, make use of power counting criterion in order to interpret “rational gluons” as scalar contributions  
 $\longrightarrow$  use the same 4D-techniques as in the cut-constructible case