

Scalable NNLO Phenomenology

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- *From the U.S. DOE: “ ...The full discovery potential of the Higgs will be unleashed by percent-level precision studies of the Higgs properties. The measurement of these properties is a top priority in the physics program of high-energy colliders. ”*

Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel (P5) report

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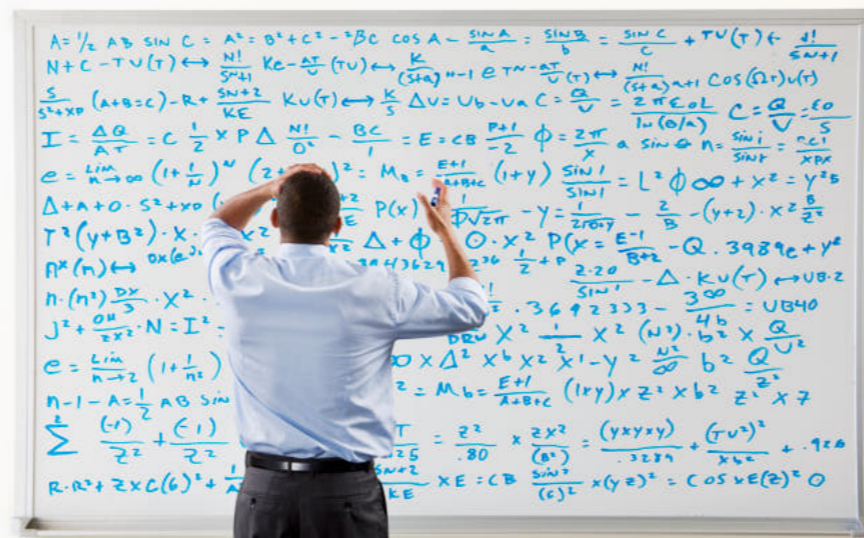
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Sophisticated box of tools



Automatic packages for cross section calculations



New techniques for calculating high precision predictions



LHC Run 1 & Theory

ATLAS

$H \rightarrow ZZ^*$

Source of uncertainty	4μ	$2e2\mu$	$2\mu2e$	$4e$	combined
Electron reconstruction and identification efficiencies	–	1.7%	3.3%	4.4%	1.6%
Electron isolation and impact parameter selection	–	0.07%	1.1%	1.2%	0.5%
Electron trigger efficiency	–	0.21%	0.05%	0.21%	<0.2%
$ll + ee$ backgrounds	–	–	3.4%	3.4%	1.3%
Muon reconstruction and identification efficiencies	1.9%	1.1%	0.8%	–	1.5%
Muon trigger efficiency	0.6%	0.03%	0.6%	–	0.2%
$ll + \mu\mu$ backgrounds	1.6%	1.6%	–	–	1.2%
QCD scale uncertainty					6.5%
PDF, α_s uncertainty					6.0%
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Source	Error		Plot of error (scaled by 100)
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Data statistics	0.16	0.15	
Signal regions	0.12	0.12	
Profiled control regions	0.10	0.10	
Profiled signal regions	-	-	-
MC statistics	0.04	0.04	
Theoretical systematics	0.15	0.12	
Signal $H \rightarrow WW^* B$	0.05	0.04	
Signal ggF cross section	0.09	0.07	
Signal ggF acceptance	0.05	0.04	
Signal VBF cross section	0.01	0.01	
Signal VBF acceptance	0.02	0.01	
Background WW	0.06	0.06	
Background top quark	0.03	0.03	
Background misid. factor	0.05	0.05	
Others	0.02	0.02	
Experimental systematics	0.07	0.06	
Background misid. factor	0.03	0.03	
Bkg. $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$	0.02	0.02	
Muons and electrons	0.04	0.04	
Missing transv. momentum	0.02	0.02	
Jets	0.03	0.02	
Others	0.03	0.02	
Integrated luminosity	0.03	0.03	
Total	0.23	0.21	

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Electron trigger						0.2%
$ll + ee$ background						3%
Muon reconstruction						5%
Muon trigger						2%
$ll + \mu\mu$ background						2%
QCD scale						5%
PDF, α_s uncertainty						0%
$H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ background						0%

Uncertainty group	$\sigma_{\mu}^{\text{syst.}}$
Theory (yield)	0.09
Experimental (yield)	0.02
Luminosity	0.03
MC statistics	< 0.01
Theory (migrations)	0.03
Experimental (migrations)	0.02
Resolution	0.07
Mass scale	0.02
Background shape	0.02

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

LHC Run 1 & Theory

ATLAS

H → ZZ*

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	Source	Error			
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H → $\gamma\gamma$

For all three Higgs ‘precision’ channels, theory uncertainty is the dominant source of systematic uncertainty !

LHC Run 2



Easter morning excitement as the CERN accelerator team send beams around the LHC for the first time in many months - a major milestone on the way to even higher energy collisions!

(05-Apr-2015 10:40:17)
All collimators open
Circulating beam 2

BBC News Sport

NEWS

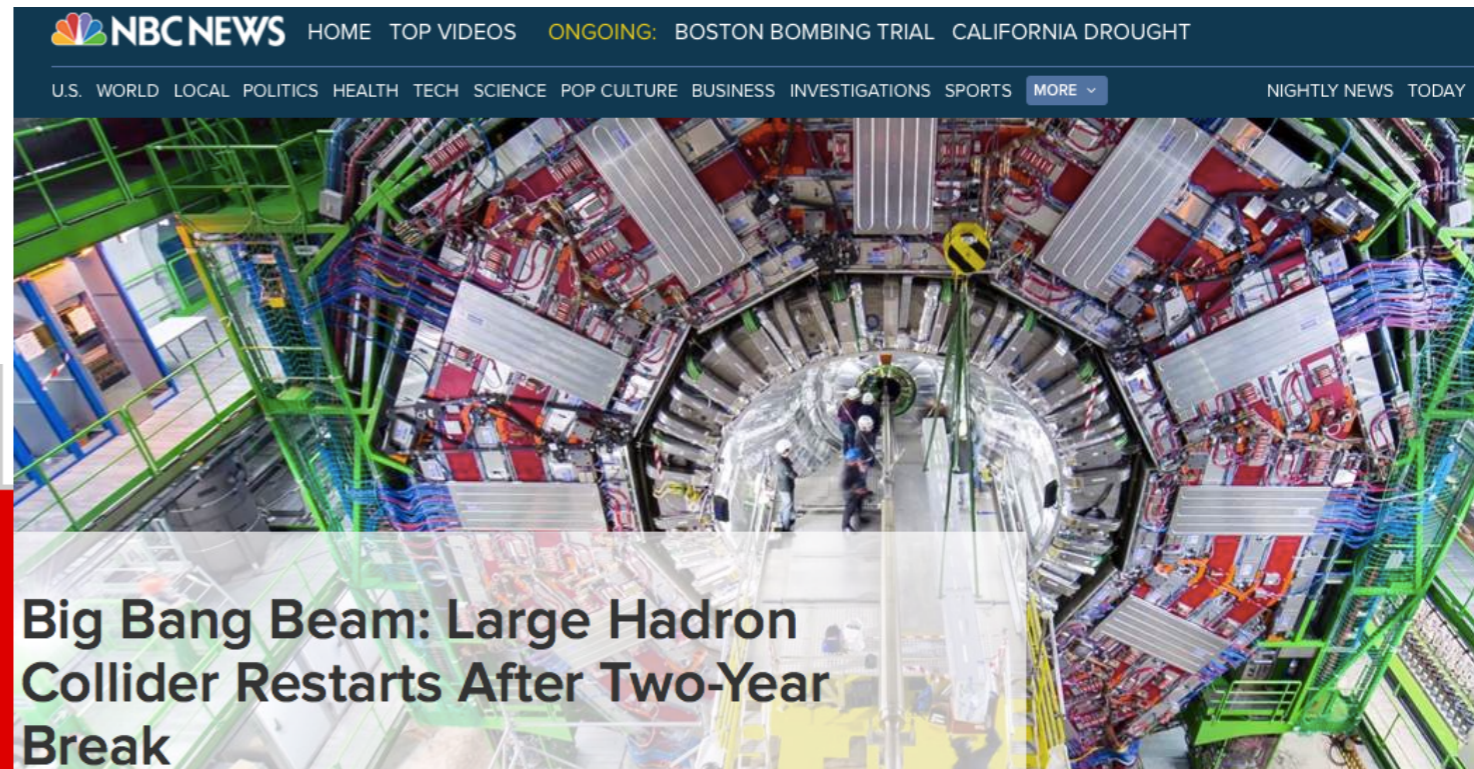
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LHC restart: 'We want to break physics'



Large Hadron Collider: World's biggest physics experiment restarts

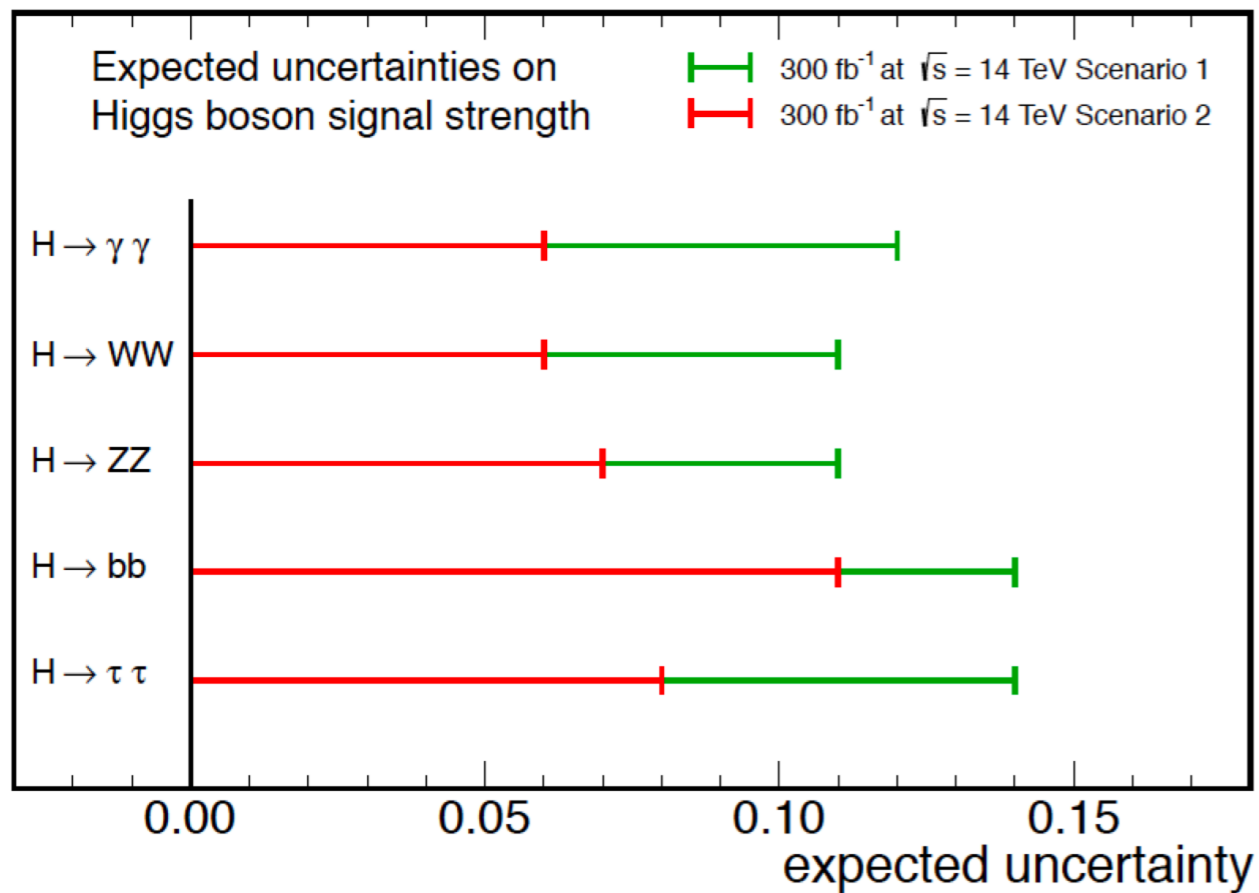


Big Bang Beam: Large Hadron Collider Restarts After Two-Year Break

LHC Run 2: Prospects

- High expectations from the higher energy (13-14 TeV) and luminosity ($\sim 300\text{fb}^{-1}$)

CMS Projection

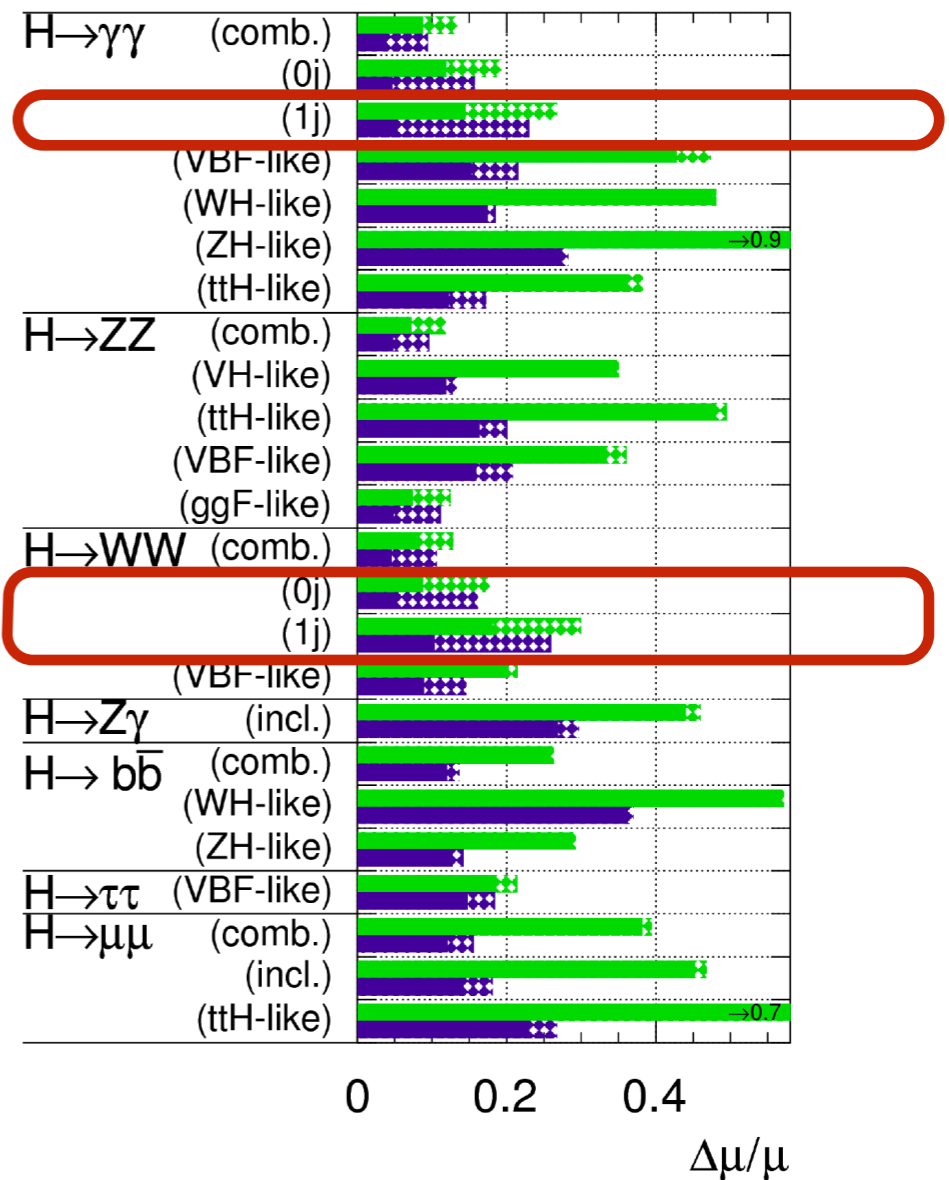


Scenario 1: all systematic uncertainties same as now

Scenario 2: scale theory unc. by 1/2, experimental sys. by 1/sqrt(L)

ATLAS Simulation Preliminary

$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV: $\int L dt = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$; $\int L dt = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



Large impact from theory uncertainties (dashed) coming from QCD scale, jet binning, PDF+ α_s

How we make predictions for the LHC

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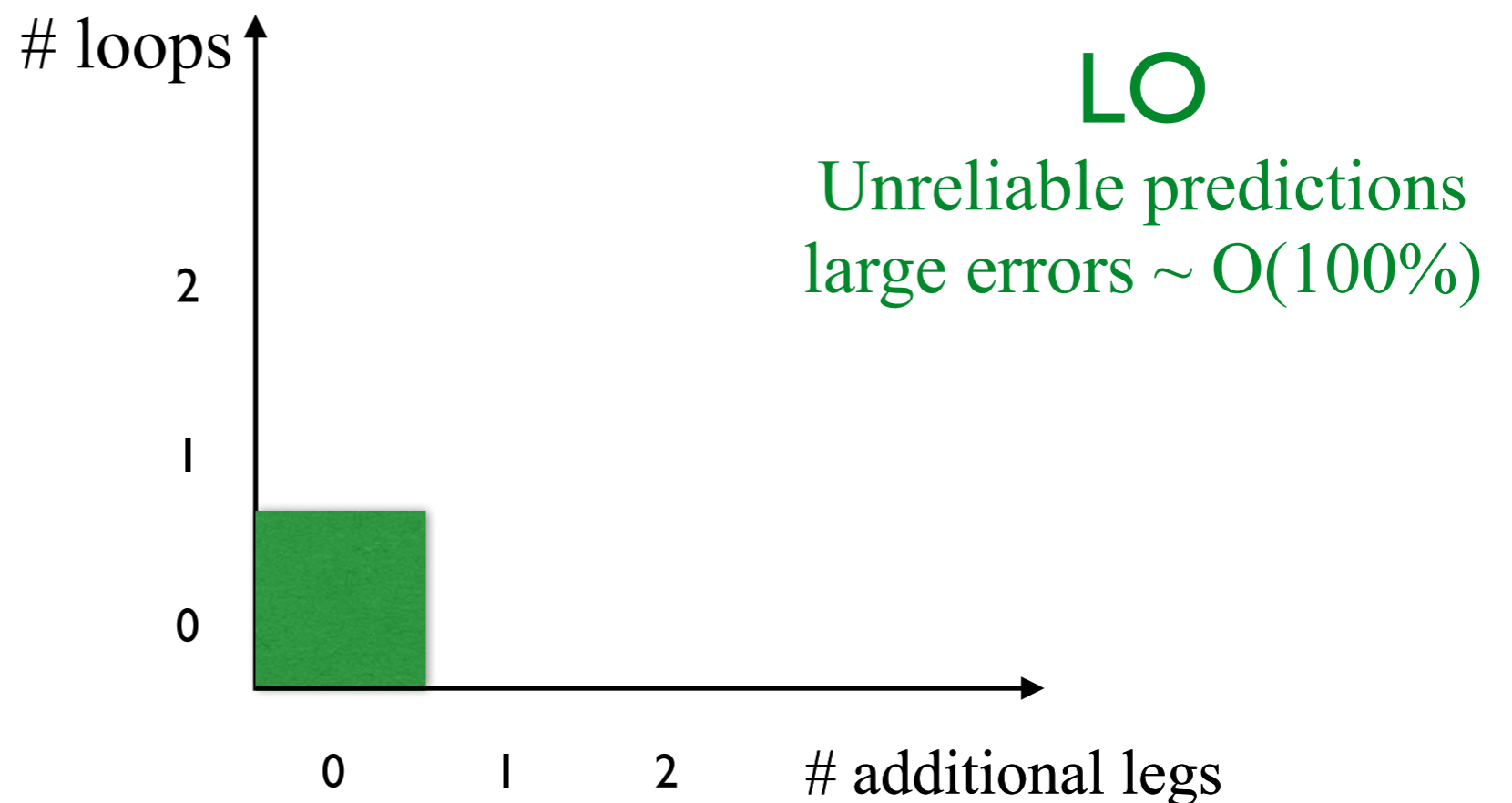
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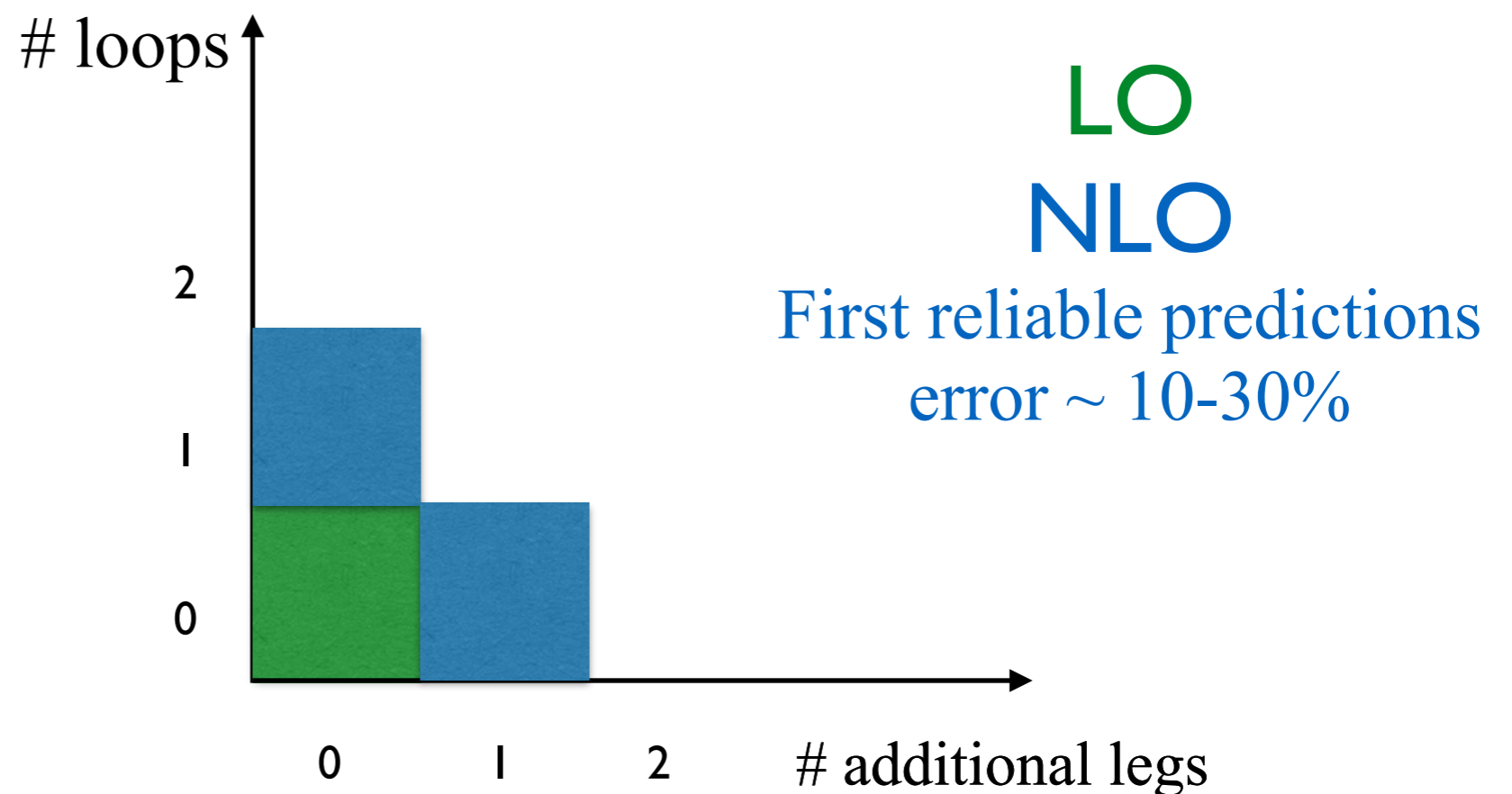


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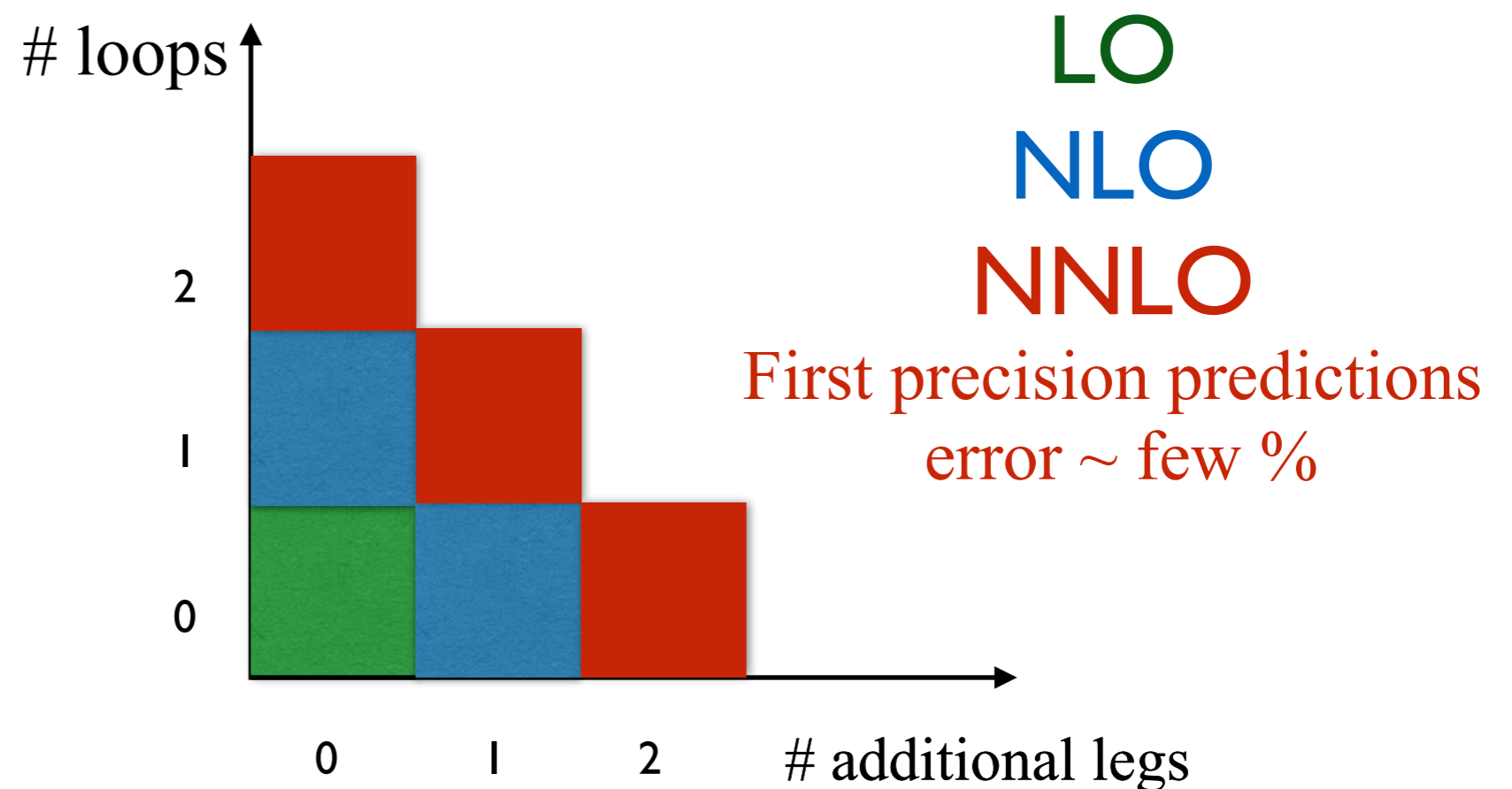


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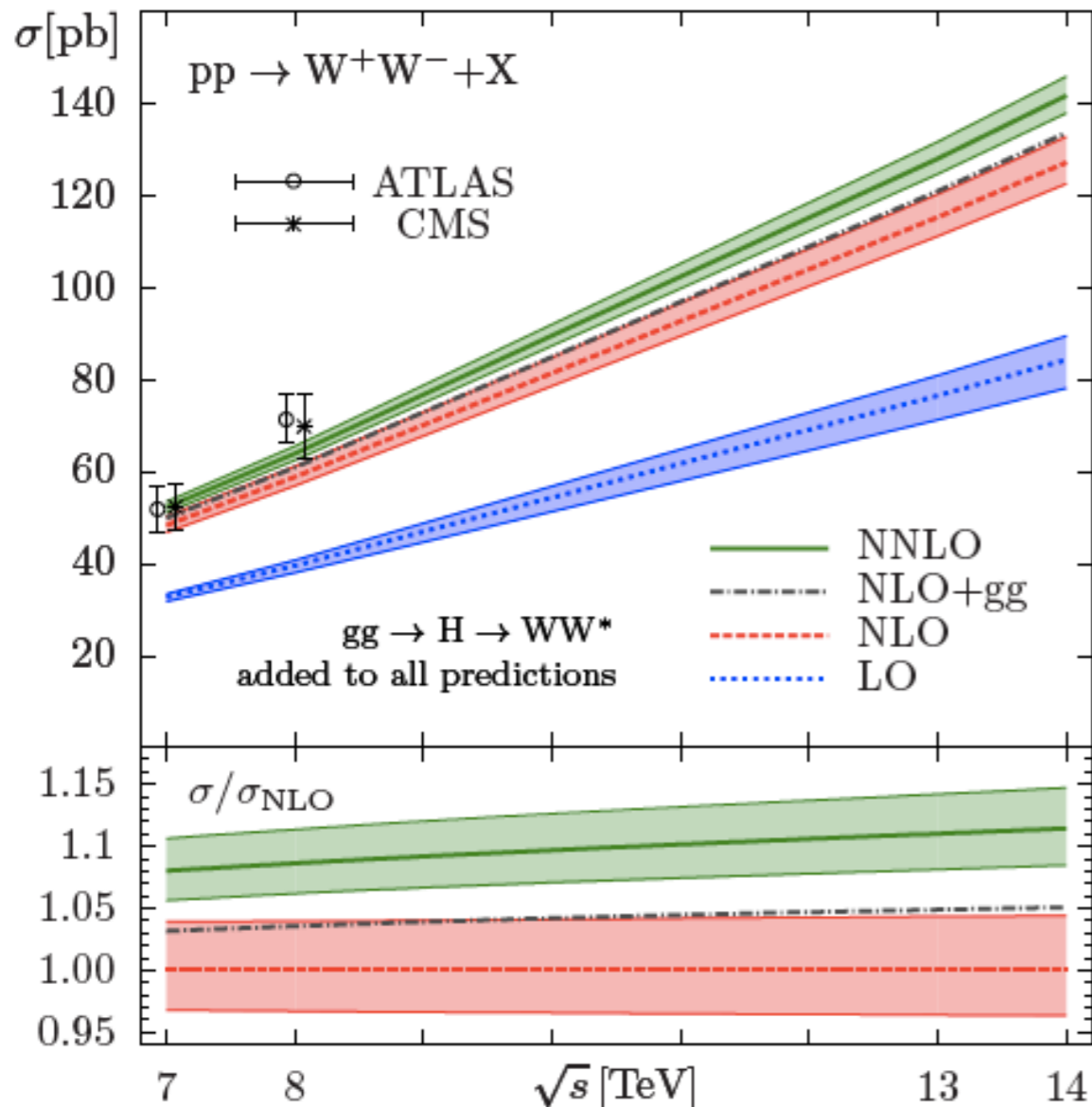
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NNLO Cross Sections

The Importance of Higher Orders

- Example: until recently, WW cross section showed a $>2\sigma$ excess at both ATLAS and CMS, and for both 7 and 8 TeV. Could it be light charginos? (Curtin, Jaiswal, Meade 1206.6888)



- Sizable NNLO QCD corrections!

Gehrmann, Grazzini, Kallweit, Maierhofer, von Manteuffel, Pozzorini, Rathlev, Tancredi 1408.5243

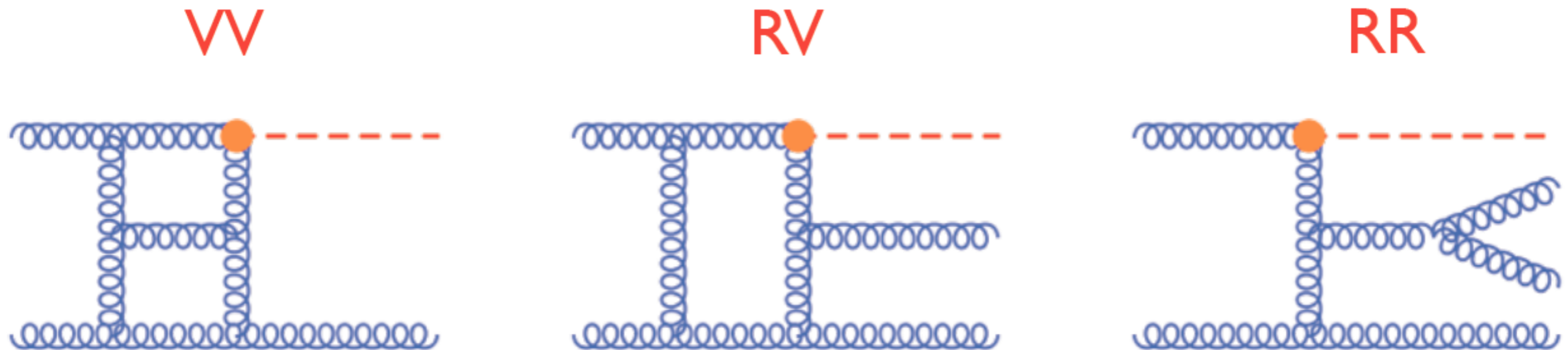
- Additional enhancement when extrapolating from 0-jet bin to full cross section

Curtin, Meade, Tien 1406.0848; Jaiswal, Okui, 1407.4537; Monni, Zanderighi 1410.4745

- Theory within 1σ agreement of ATLAS and CMS for both CM energies; **proper interpretation not possible without NNLO QCD**

Ingredients for NNLO Calculations

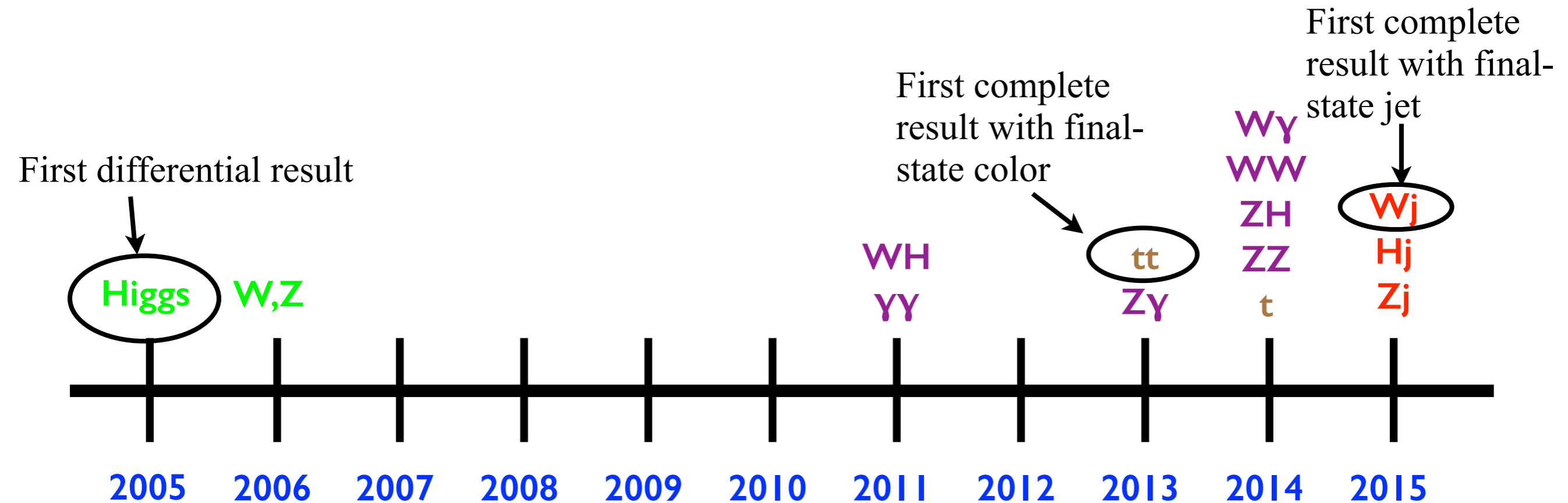
- Need the following ingredients for NNLO cross sections



- IR singularities cancel in the sum of real and virtual corrections and mass factorization counterterms but only after phase space integration for real radiations.
- Virtual corrections have explicit IR poles, whereas real corrections have implicit IR poles that need to be extracted.
- A generic procedure to extract IR singularities from RR and RV was unknown when jets in the final state are involved, until very recently.

A Time Line for NNLO Hadron Collider Cross Sections

- Complete NNLO hadron-collider cross sections with control over kinematics:



NNLO has become the standard for $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering over the past 2-3 years

Techniques for NNLO

- Numerous proposed techniques for handling singularities at NNLO, which can be divided into two distinct categories:

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Resummation-assisted: leverage knowledge of analytic resummation to remove double-real emission singularities.

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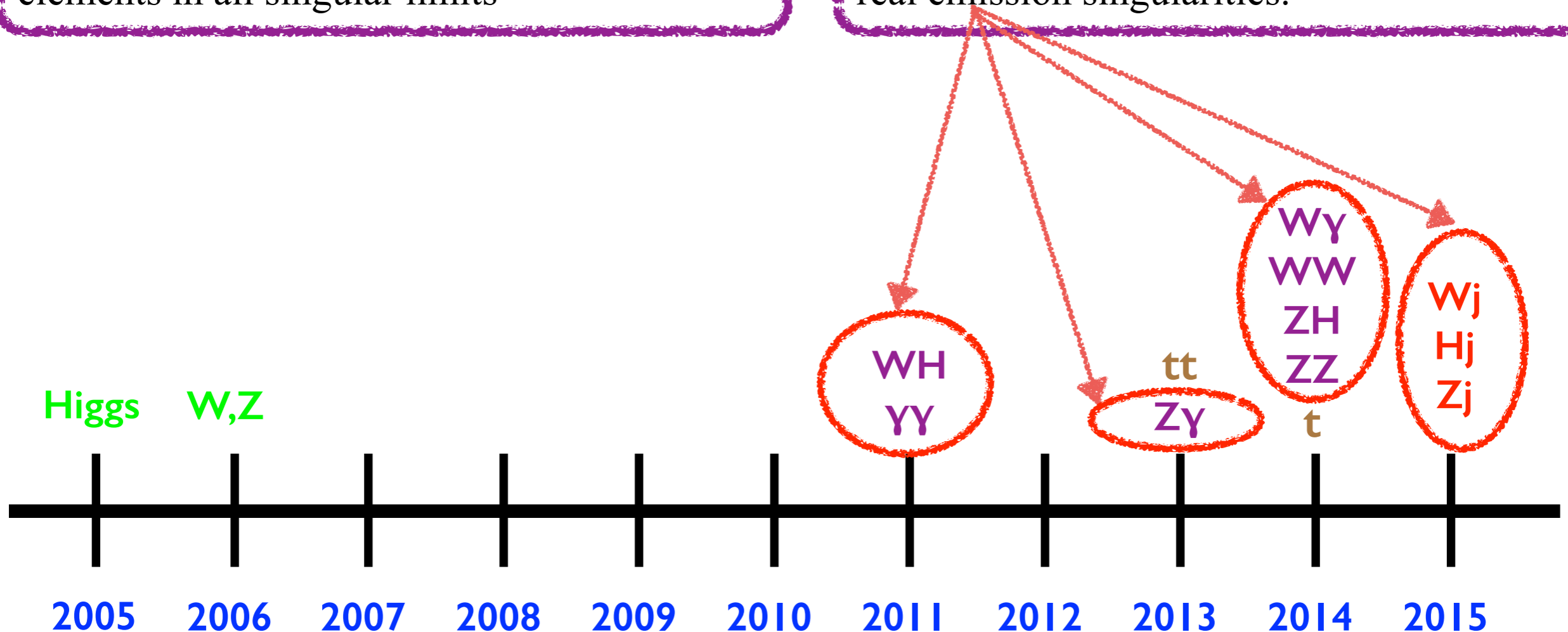
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q_T -subtraction

- For color-neutral final states, the transverse momentum completely determines the double-unresolved singular limit of the final state [Catani, Grazzini \(2007\)](#)

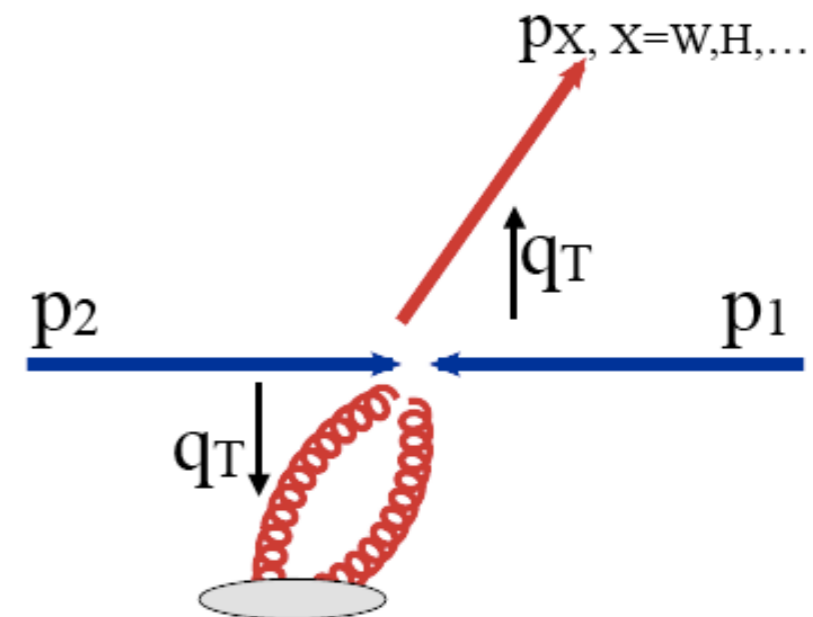
$$\sigma_{NNLO} = \int dq_T \frac{d\sigma}{dq_T} \theta(q_T^{\text{cut}} - q_T) + \int dq_T \frac{d\sigma}{dq_T} \theta(q_T - q_T^{\text{cut}})$$

Obtained from the Collins-Soper-Sterman factorization theorem for small- q_T

This is an NLO cross section for the color-neutral final state plus an additional jet

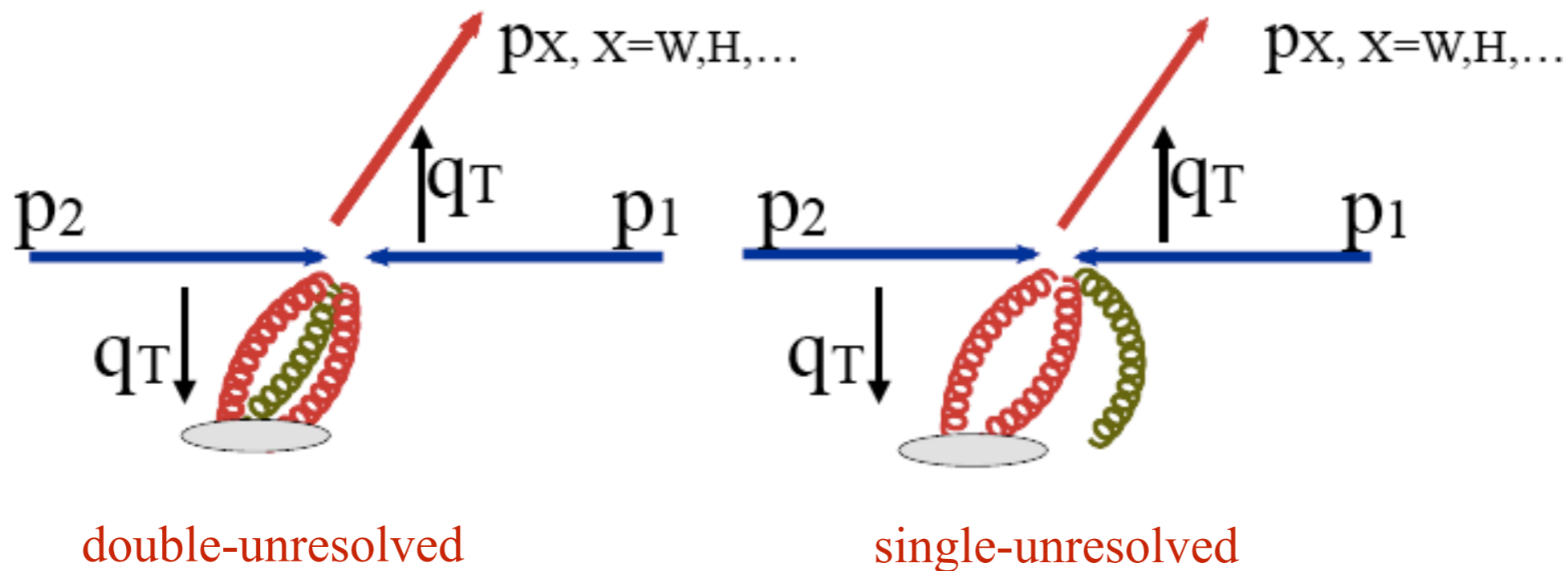
- Maximally reuses information from existing NLO calculations

👉 Computationally efficient



q_T -subtraction

- Difficult to extend beyond color-neutral final states; q_T no longer separates double-unresolved limit from NLO singular limits



Need a different resolution parameter when final-state jets are present!

- Two requirements: must separate double-unresolved limits from single-unresolved and hard regions, and must be resumable

N-jettiness

- N-jettiness, τ_N : a resumable event-shape variable designed to veto final-state jets [Stewart, Tackmann, Waalewijn 0910.0467](#)

$$\tau_N = \sum_k \min_i \left\{ \frac{2p_i \cdot q_k}{Q_i} \right\}.$$

N=number of final-state jets

Momenta of the two beams
and the final-state jets

Measure of the jet
hardness (we take $Q_i=2E_i$)

All final-state partons

$\tau_N=0$: all radiation is either soft, or collinear to a beam/jet; at NNLO, gives the double-unresolved limit

$\tau_N>0$: at least one additional radiation is resolved; have N+1 final-state jets

This is the resolution parameter we are looking for!

N-jettiness

- N-jettiness can be applied to obtain exact NNLO cross sections
RB, Focke, Liu, Petriello Phys.Rev.Lett. 115 (2015) 6, 062002

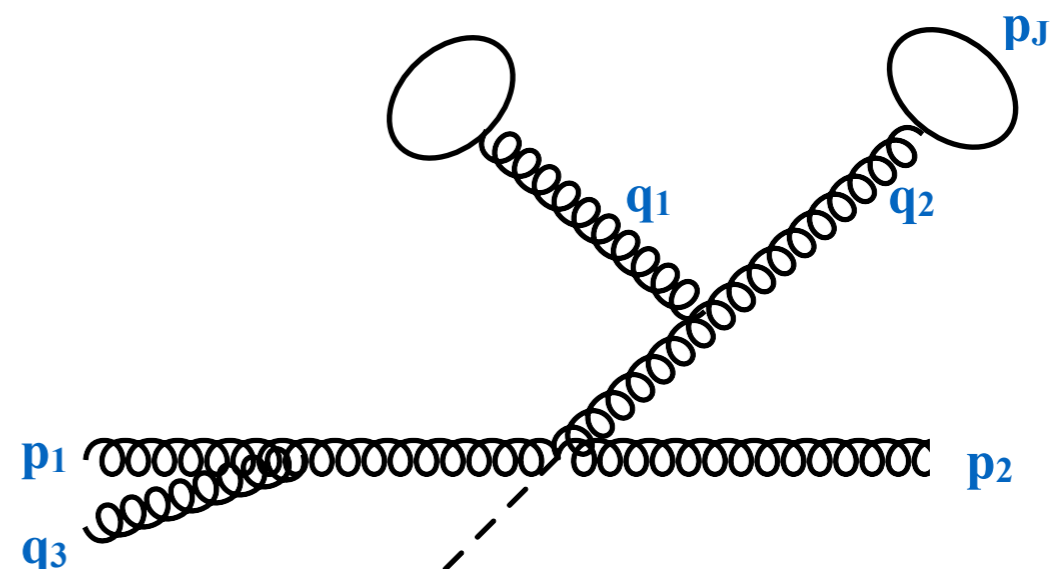
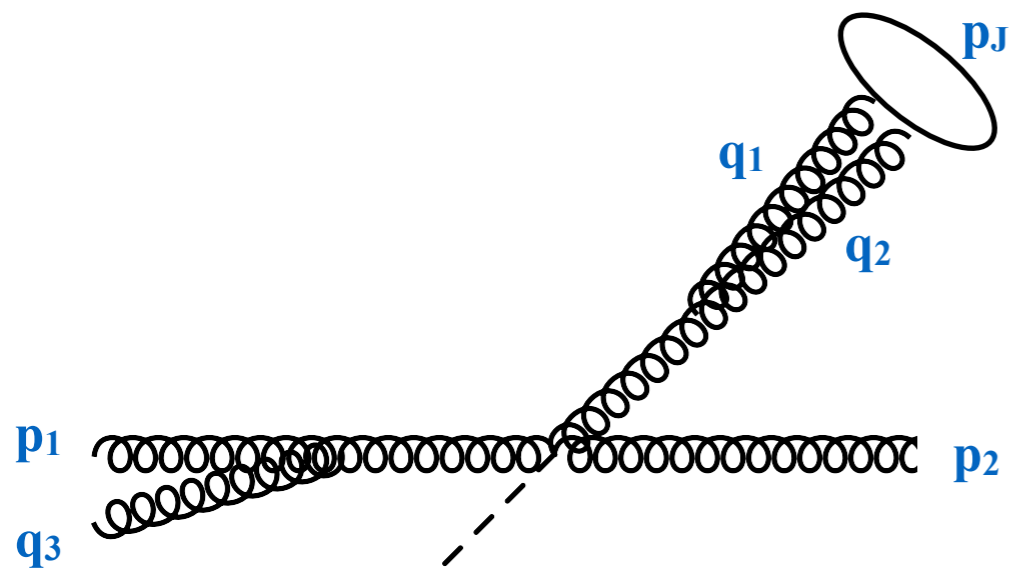
$\tau_N \approx 0$: all radiation is either soft, or collinear to a beam/jet; at NNLO, gives the double-unresolved limit

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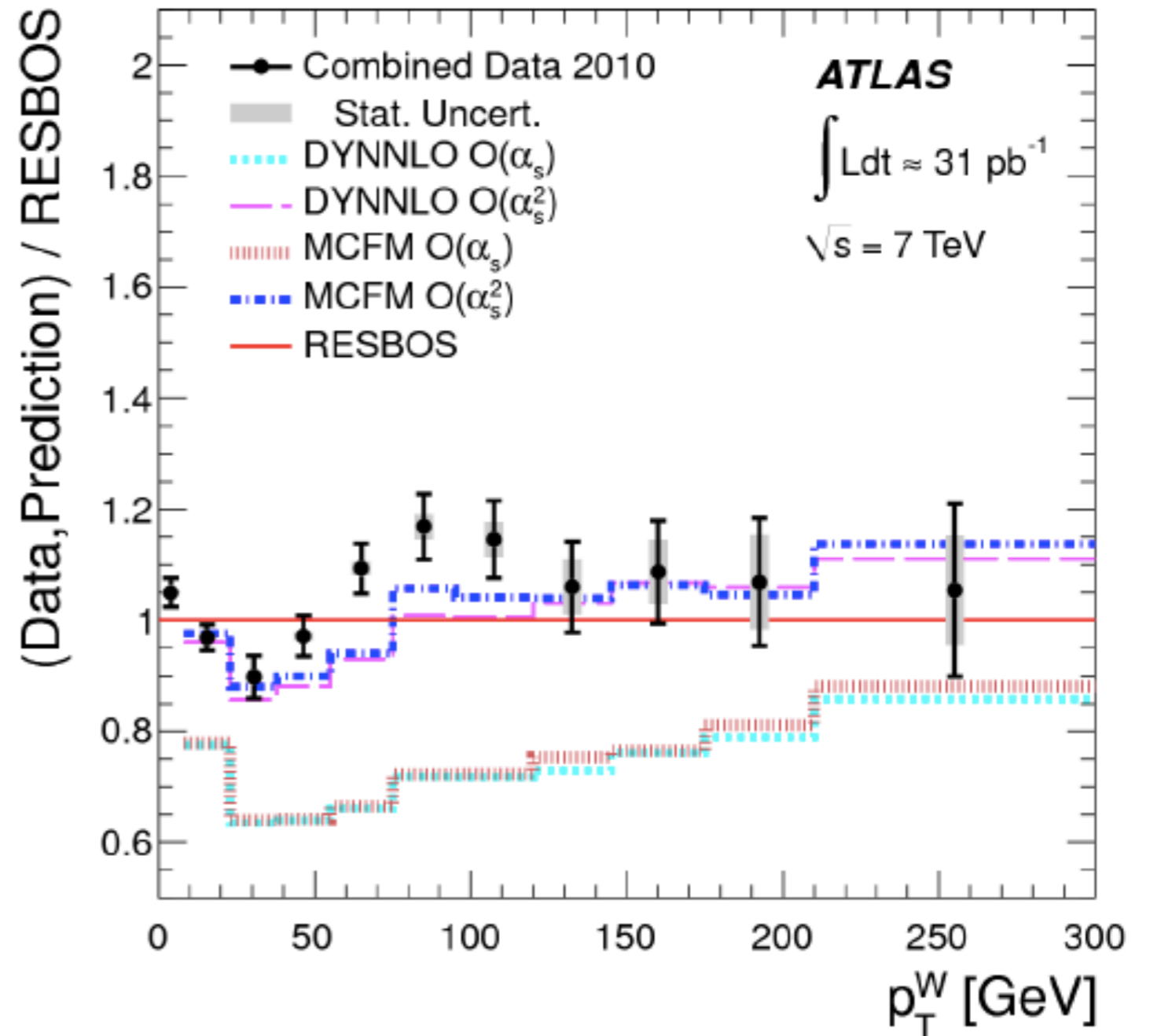
Must all nearly vanish for $\tau_N \approx 0$

Must have at least one dot product non-vanishing; clearly can obtain from an NLO calculation with N+1 jets



W+jet@NNLO

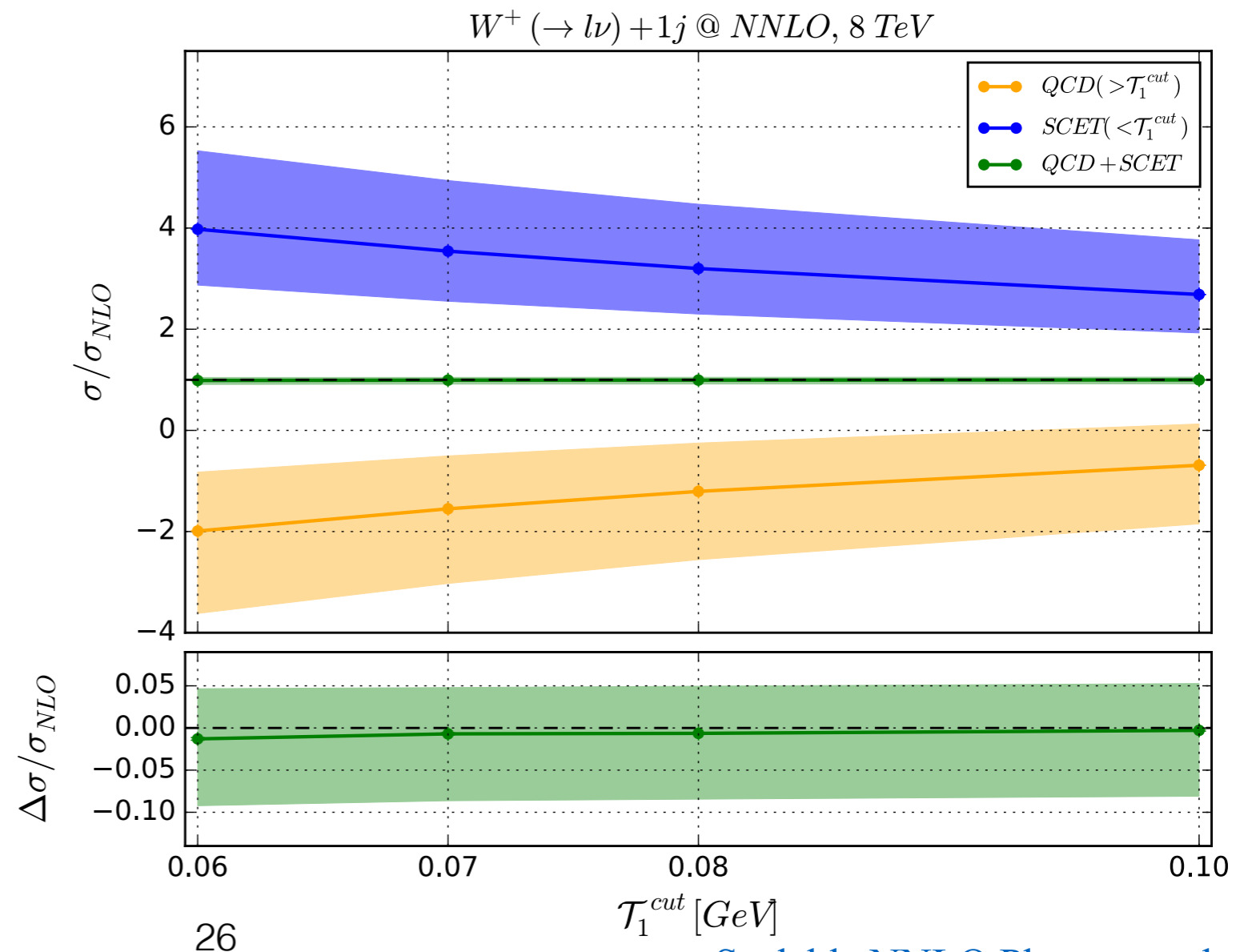
- W+jet and the associated W- p_T spectrum are important benchmark processes in the SM
- Can be used to determine the high-x gluon PDF, at ATLAS/CMS or LHCb. In the latter case, the NLO theoretical error is a limiting factor [Farry, Gauld 1505.01399](#)



W+jet@NNLO: validation

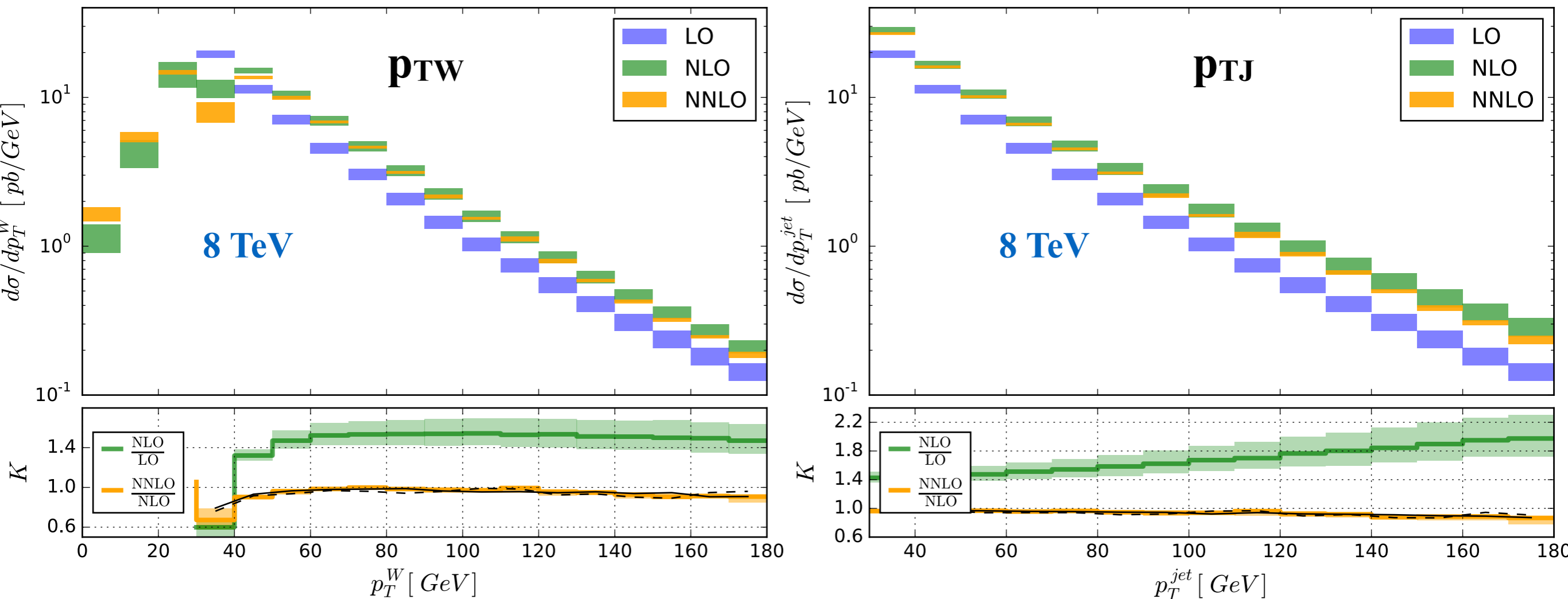
- A powerful check of the N-jettiness subtraction formalism is the independence of the final result from τ_N^{cut} .
- The above-cut and below cut contributions separately depend on $\ln^n(\tau_N^{\text{cut}})$, where n ranges from 1 to 4 at NNLO. This dependence must cancel when the two regions are summed.

- CMS cuts: $p_{\text{TJ}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta_{\text{J}}| < 2.4$
- CT10 PDFs, $\mu_0 = M_{\text{W}}$, vary by factor of 2 to estimate error
- NLO prediction using N-jettiness agrees with known results.
- Sum of above-cut and below-cut contributions stable to better than 0.1% of σ_{total}



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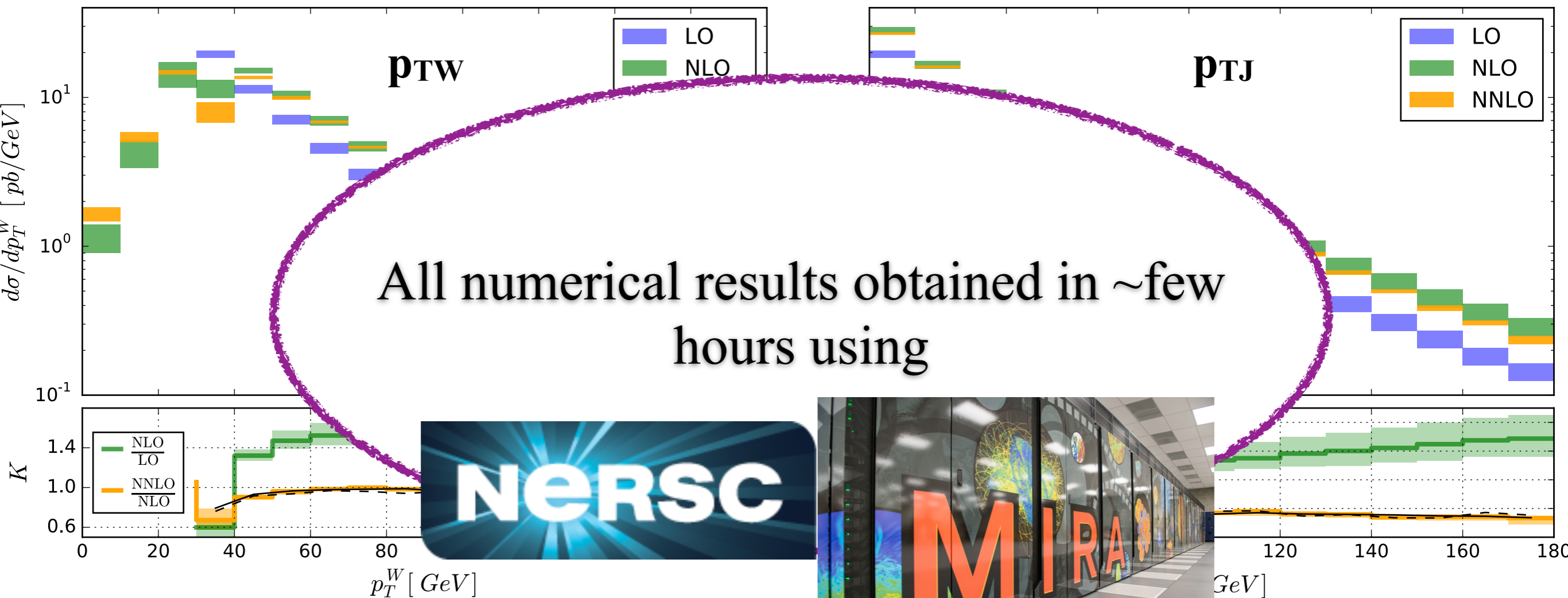
R.B., Focke, Liu, Petriello 1504.02131



- Tiny NNLO corrections; at the -1% level for the central scale choice ($\mu = m_W$)
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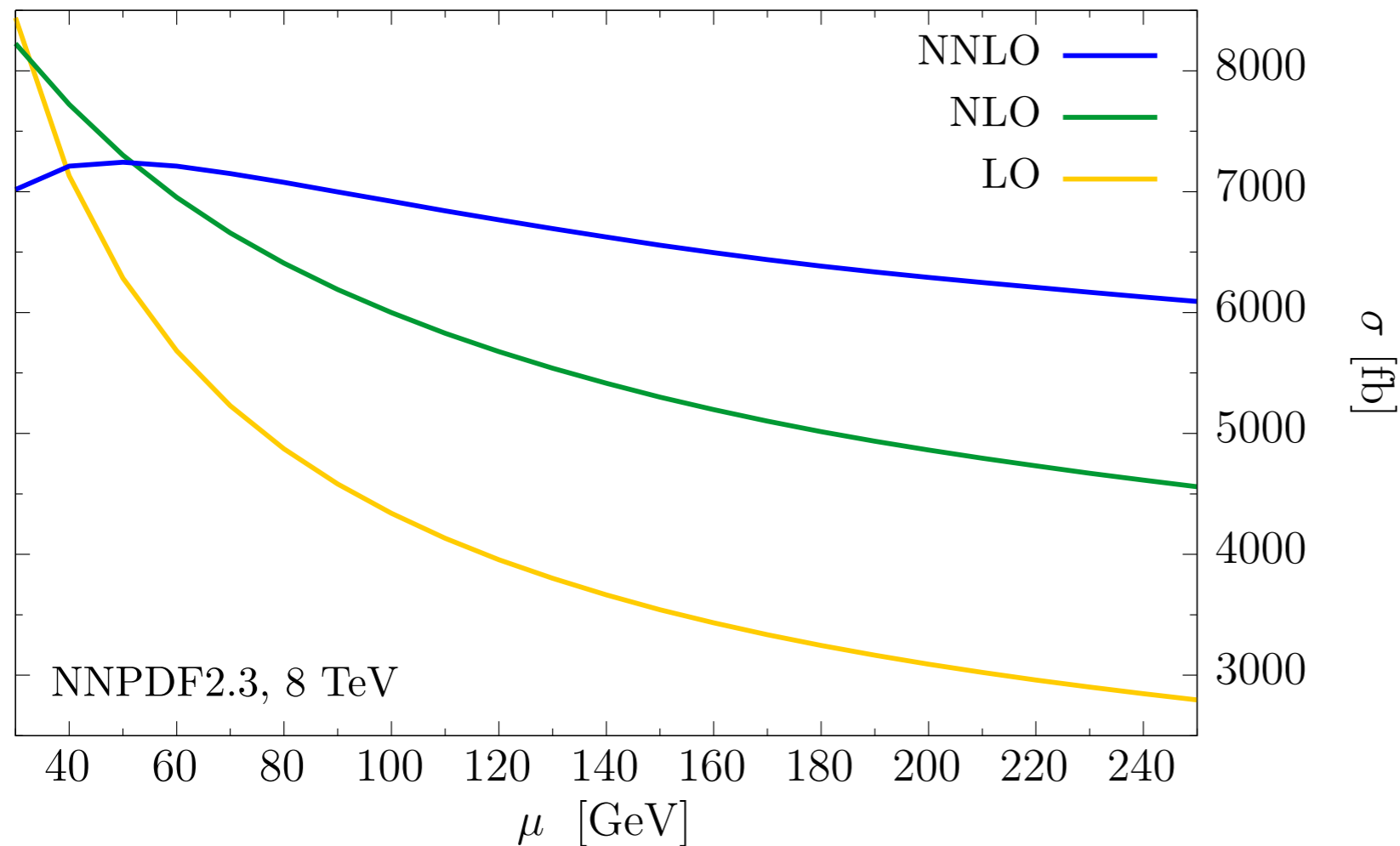
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- An additional check is possible in this case. The dominant qg and gg scattering channels were also computed using the sector-improved residue subtraction technique [R.B., Caola, Melnikov, Petriello, Schulze 1504.07922](#)

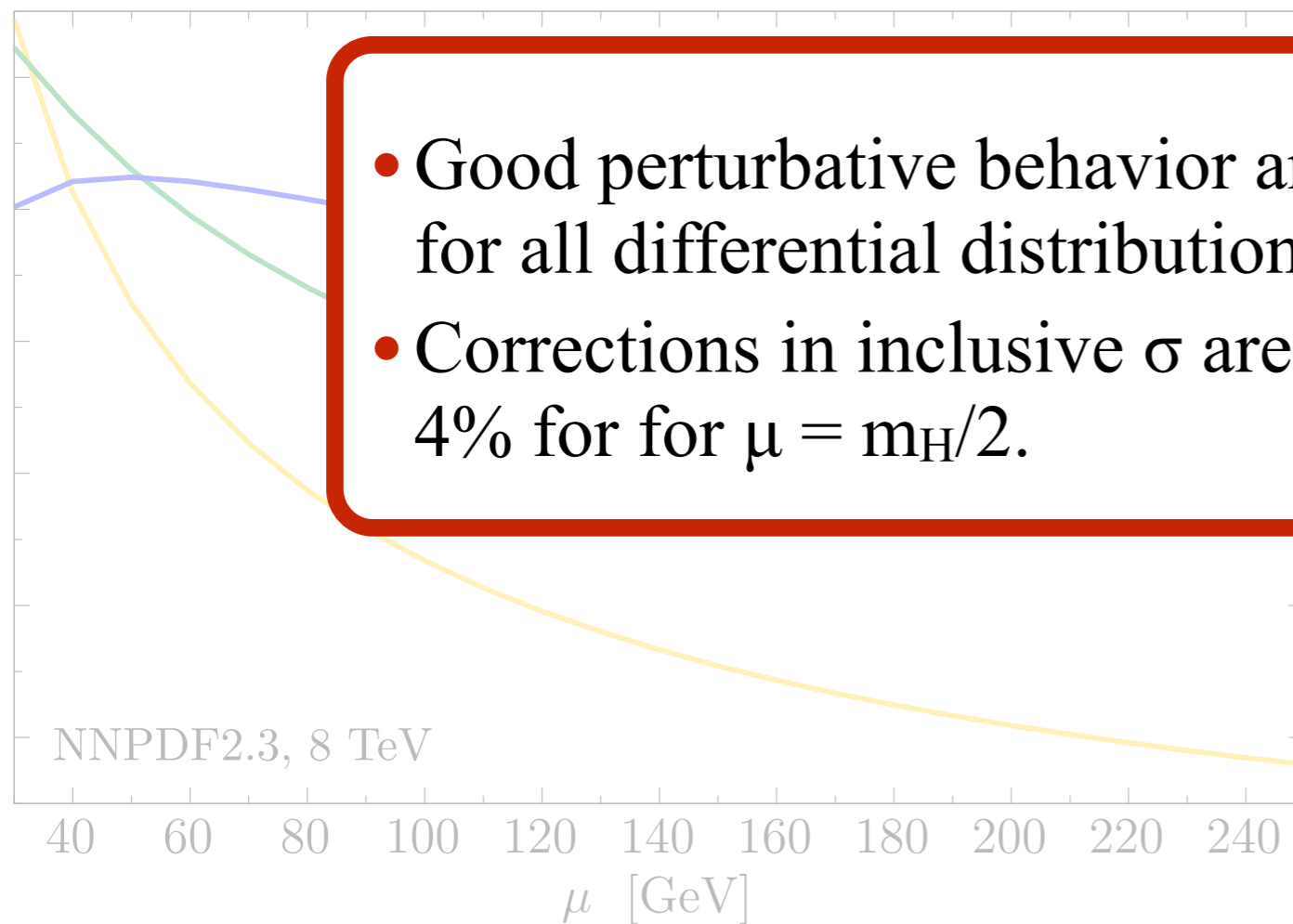


- Agreement between the two calculations at the per-mille level
- Effect of missing qq channels in the sector-improved calculation at the 1-2% level
- Reduced scale dependence at NNLO; preference for smaller scales

Important, unique validation of NNLO calculational technology!

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- Good perturbative behavior and smaller uncertainties for all differential distributions (p_{TH} , p_{Tj} , Y_j)
- Corrections in inclusive σ are 20% for $\mu = m_H$ and 4% for $\mu = m_H/2$.

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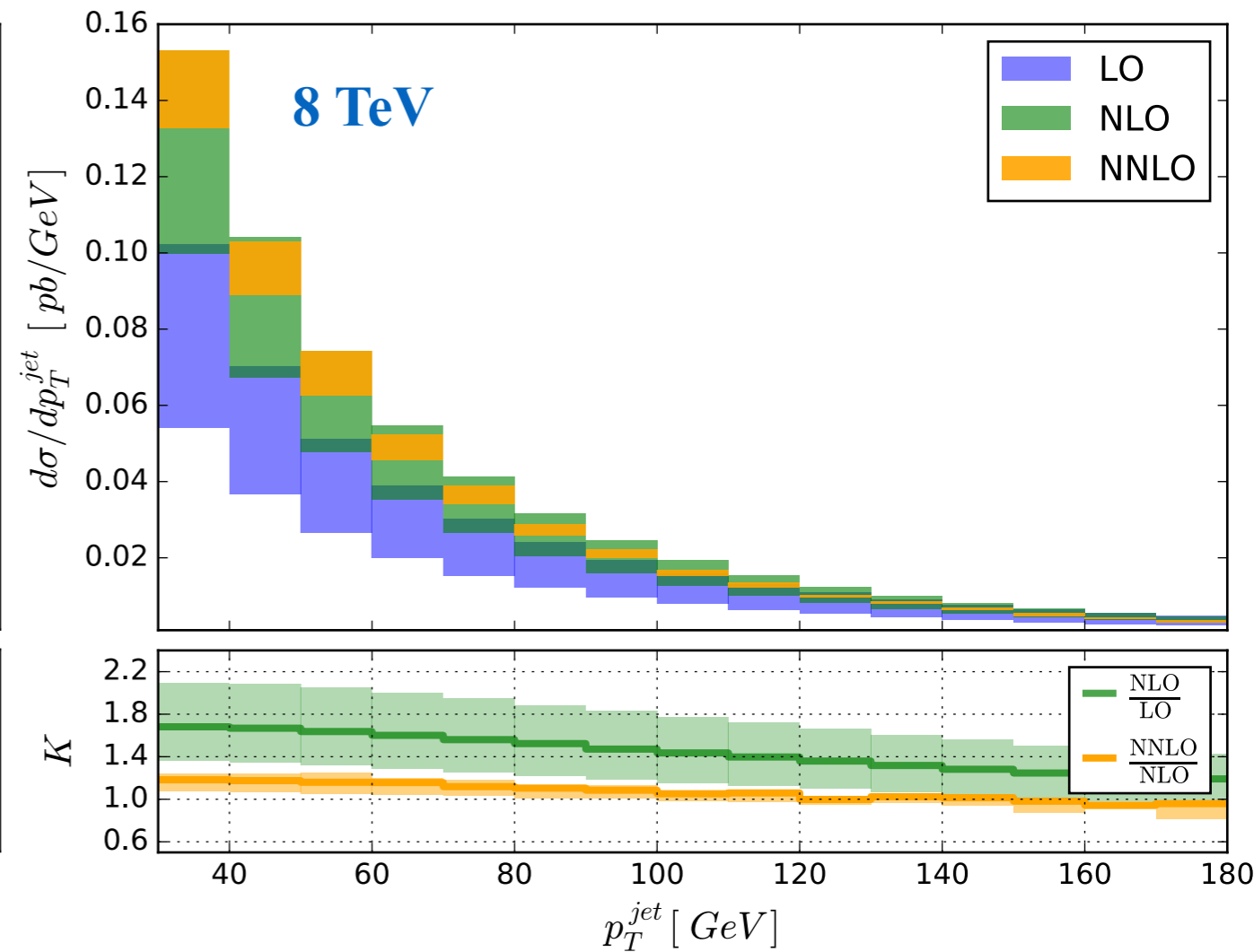
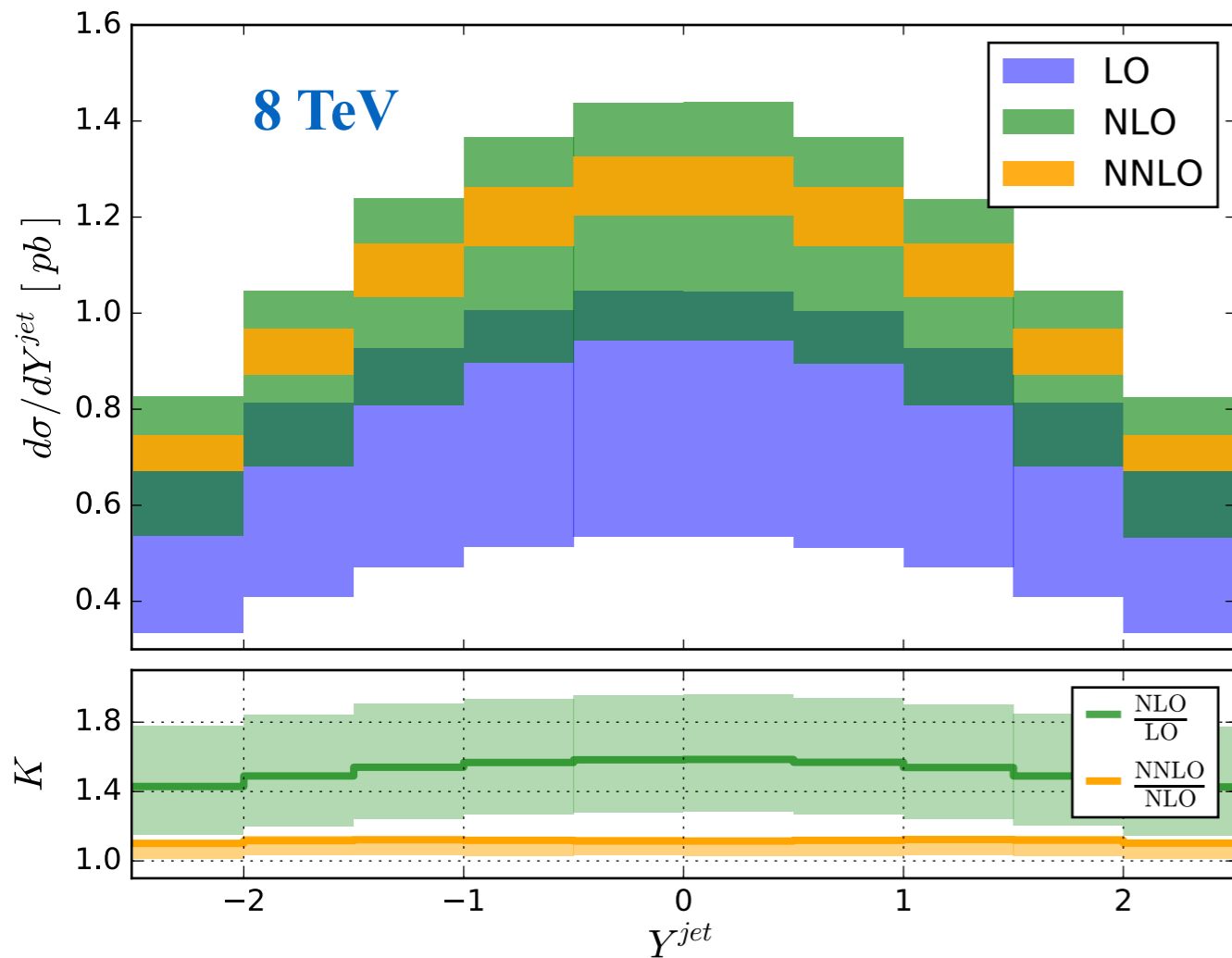
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Y_J

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p_{TJ}

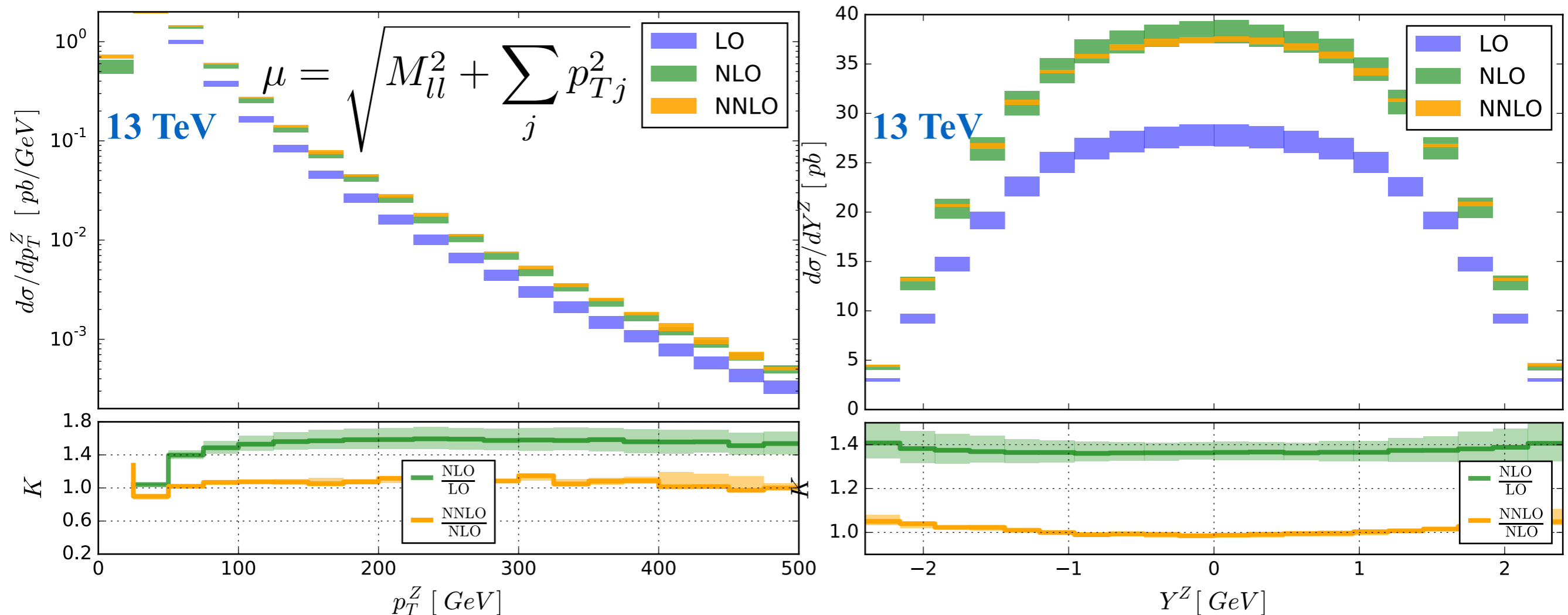


- NNLO corrections are flat as a function of jet rapidity
- However, the NNLO/NLO ratio for the p_{TJ} distribution varies by $\sim 20\%$ as p_{TJ} is varied from 30 GeV to 180 GeV (similar observation for p_{TH})

Z+jet@NNLO

- Z+jet is another important SM benchmark; needed for gluon PDF determination; detector calibration; background to dark matter searches in the mono-jet channel

R.B., Campbell, Ellis, Focke, Giele, Liu, Petriello 1512.01291

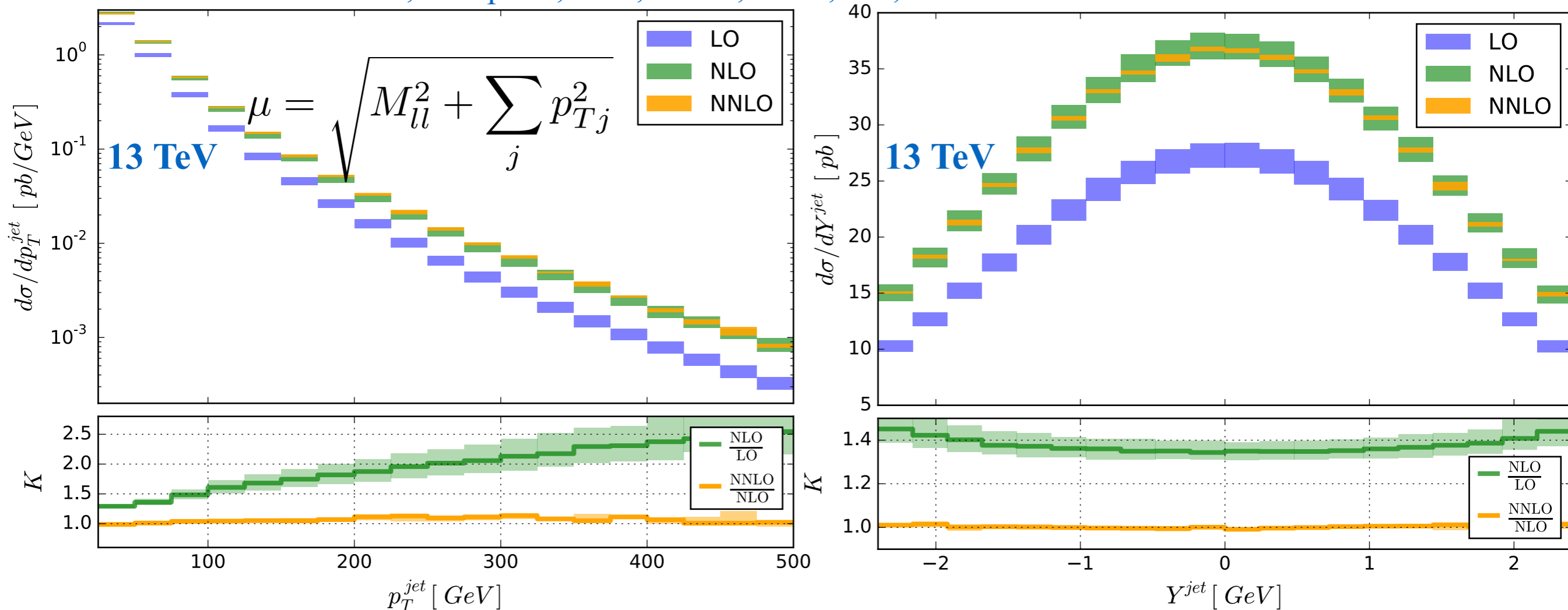


- Z-boson p_T and Y receive small NNLO corrections, with a flat K-factor

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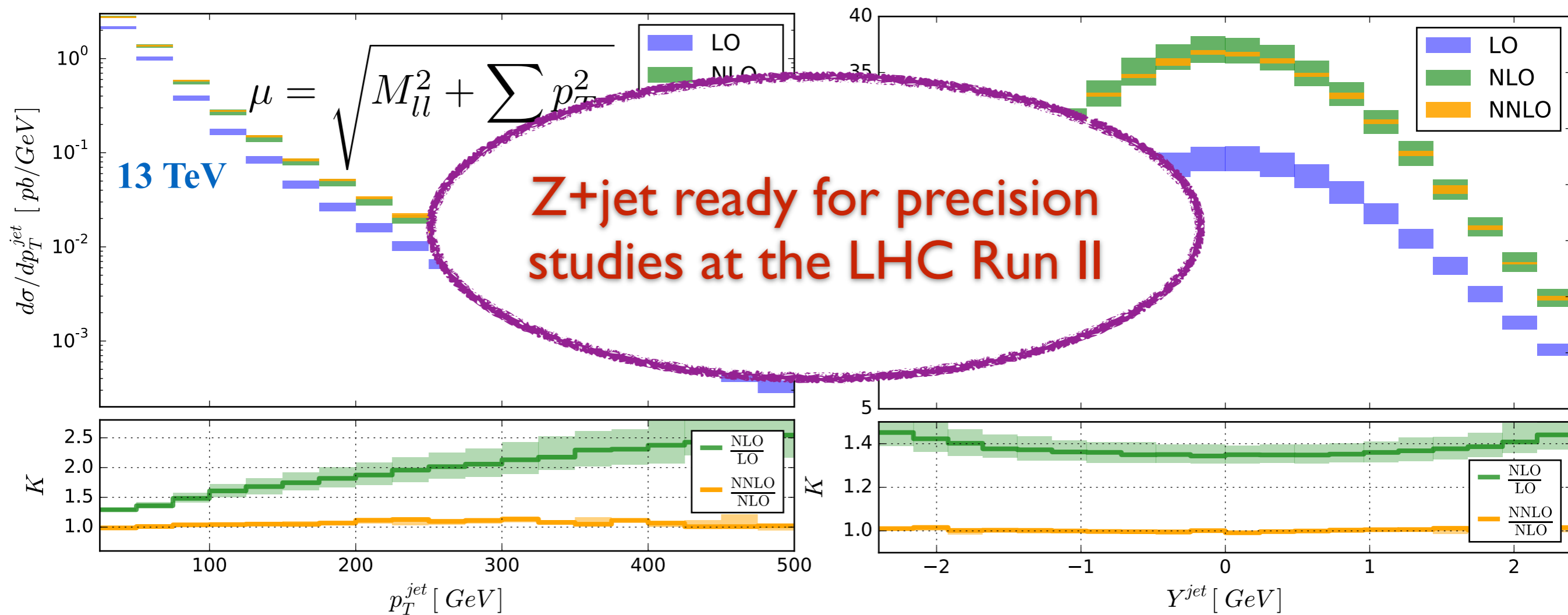
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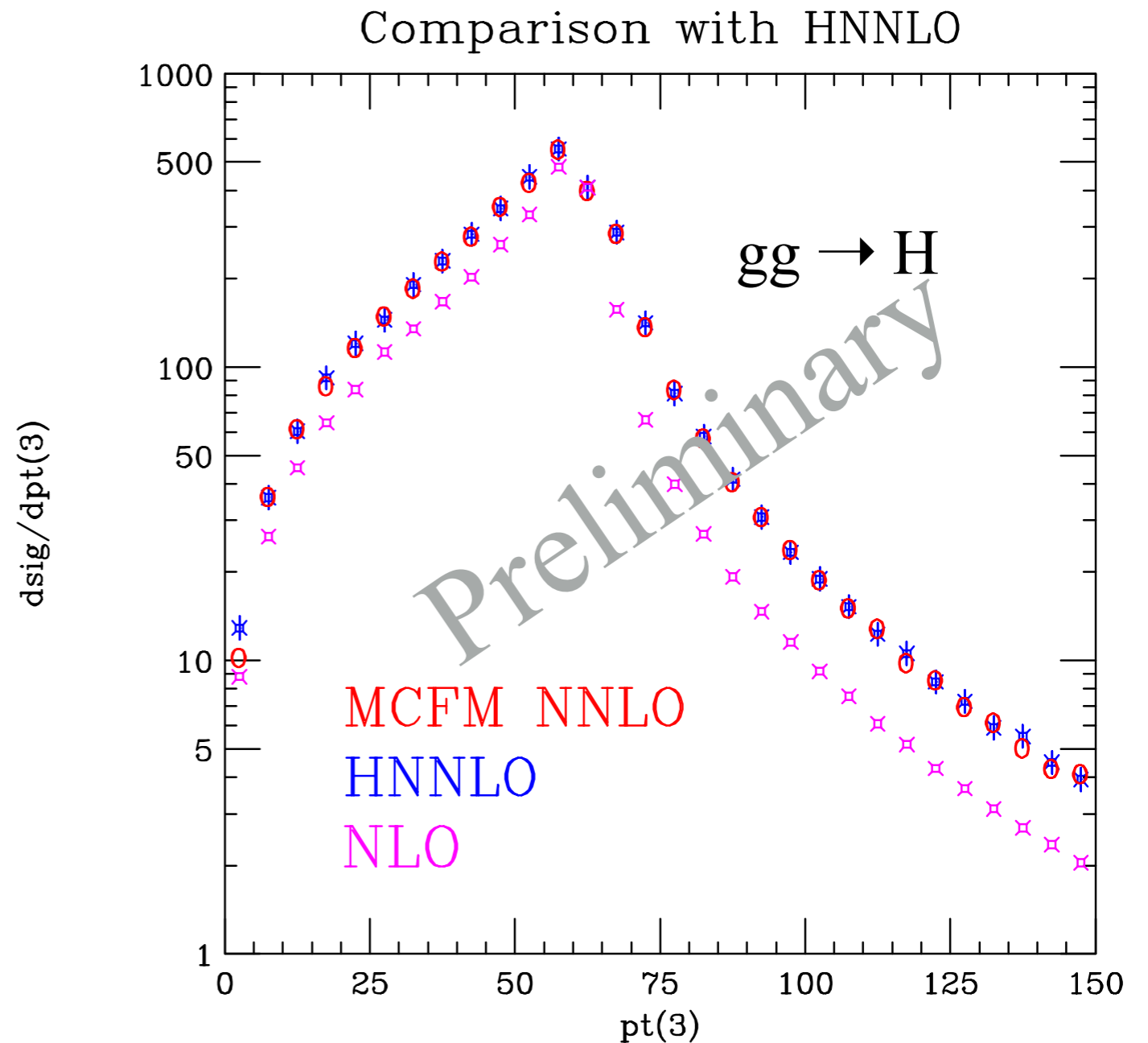
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Public Release of the NNLO Code

- A nice feature of N-jettiness subtraction is that it maximally reuses information available in existing NLO calculations/codes.
- This simplifies the public release of NNLO results: we can build upon existing NLO codes.
- We have calculated $W+j$, $Z+j$, $H+j$, as well as inclusive $W/Z/H$ cross sections @ NNLO and incorporated them within the MCFM framework. We can do the same with any other NLO results/codes.



THE ERA OF SUPERCOMPUTERS



Argonne Leadership Computing Facility

National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center, Berkeley



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- **Architecture: Cray XC3**
- **Nodes: 5,576**
- **Cores/node: 24**
- **Total cores: 133,824 cores**
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Mira System Configuration

- **Architecture: IBM BG/Q**
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THE ERA OF SUPERCOMPUTERS



A Blue Gene/P supercomputer at Argonne National Laboratory

Argonne Leadership Computing Facility (ALCF)

National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center, Berkley

They will be replaced by even more powerful supercomputers in the near future (**Aurora** at Argonne, **18 times** more powerful than Mira; **Cori** at NERSC)!

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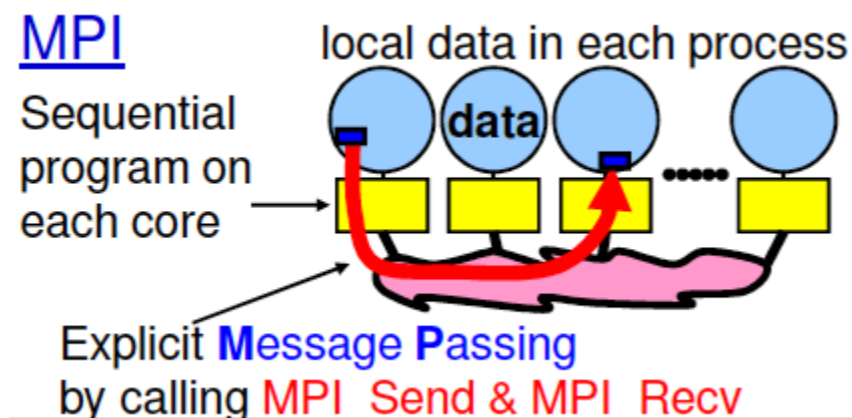
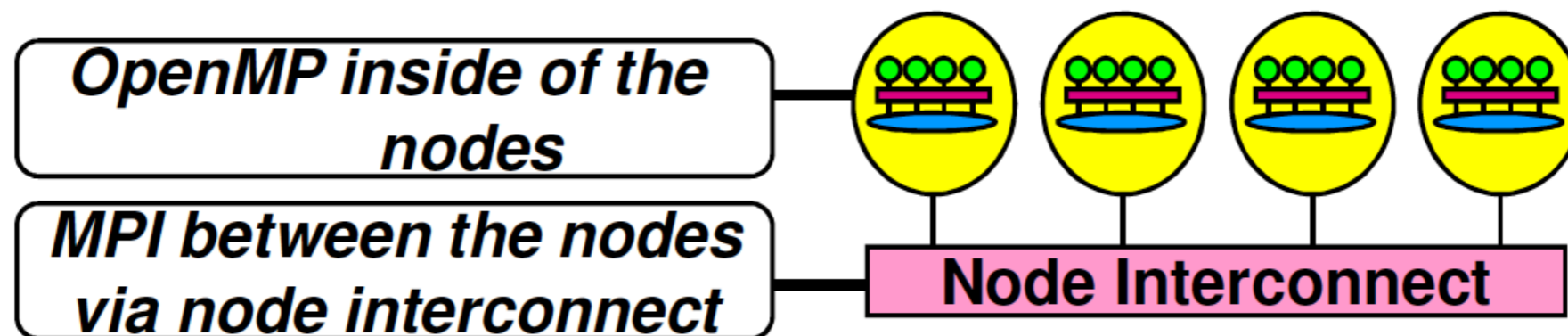
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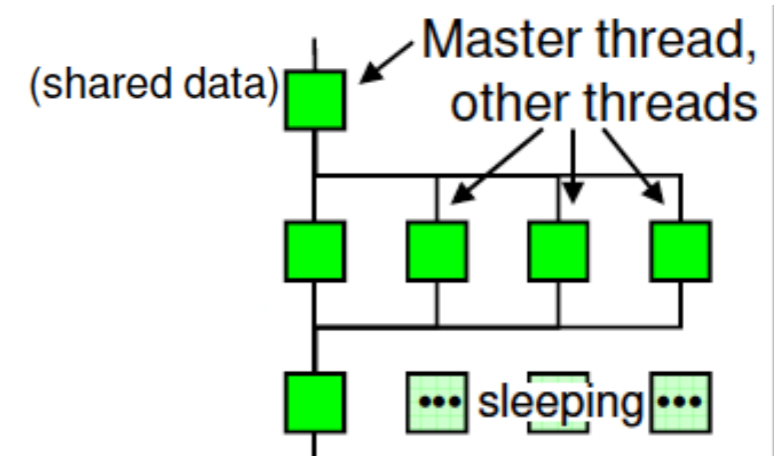
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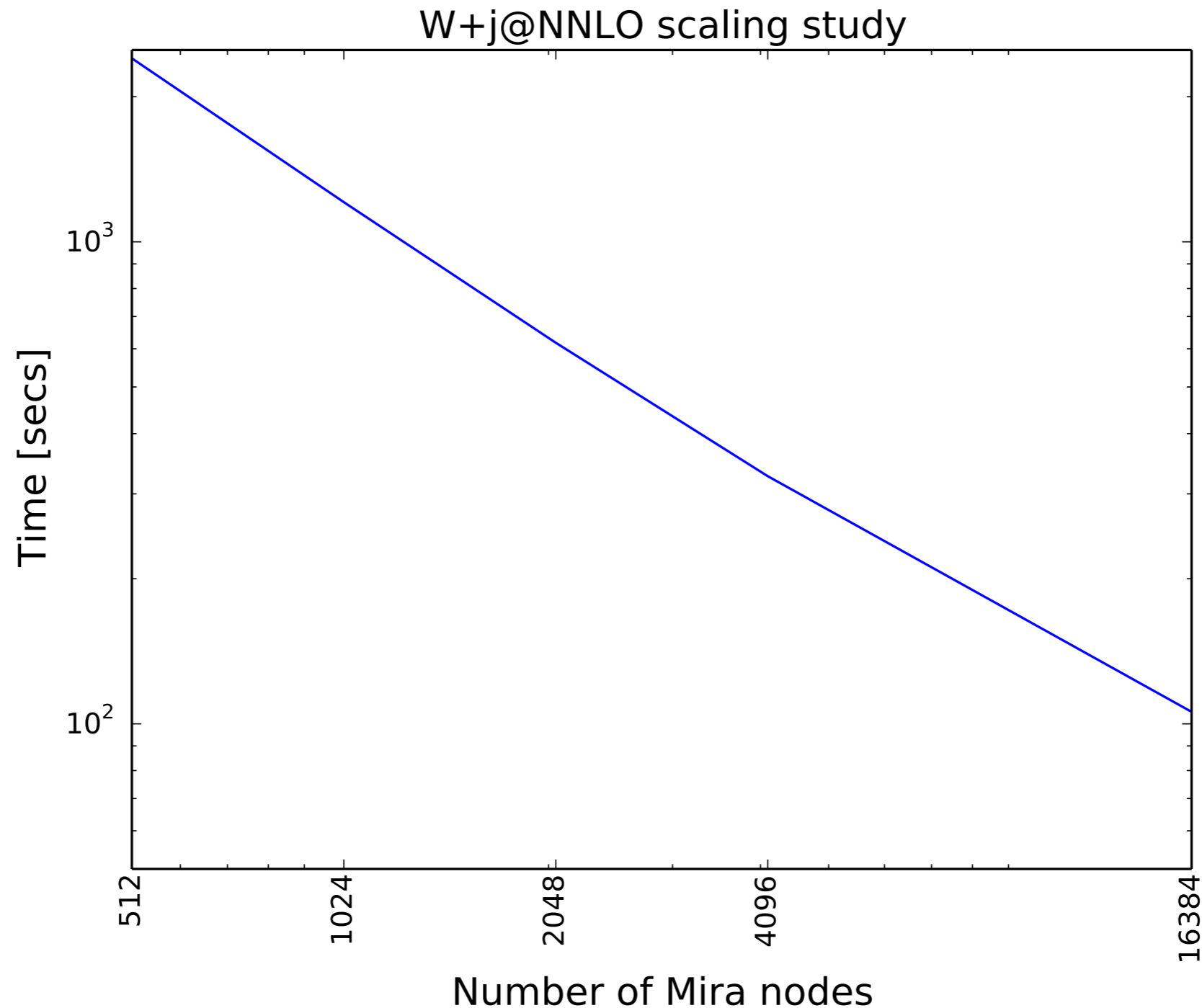


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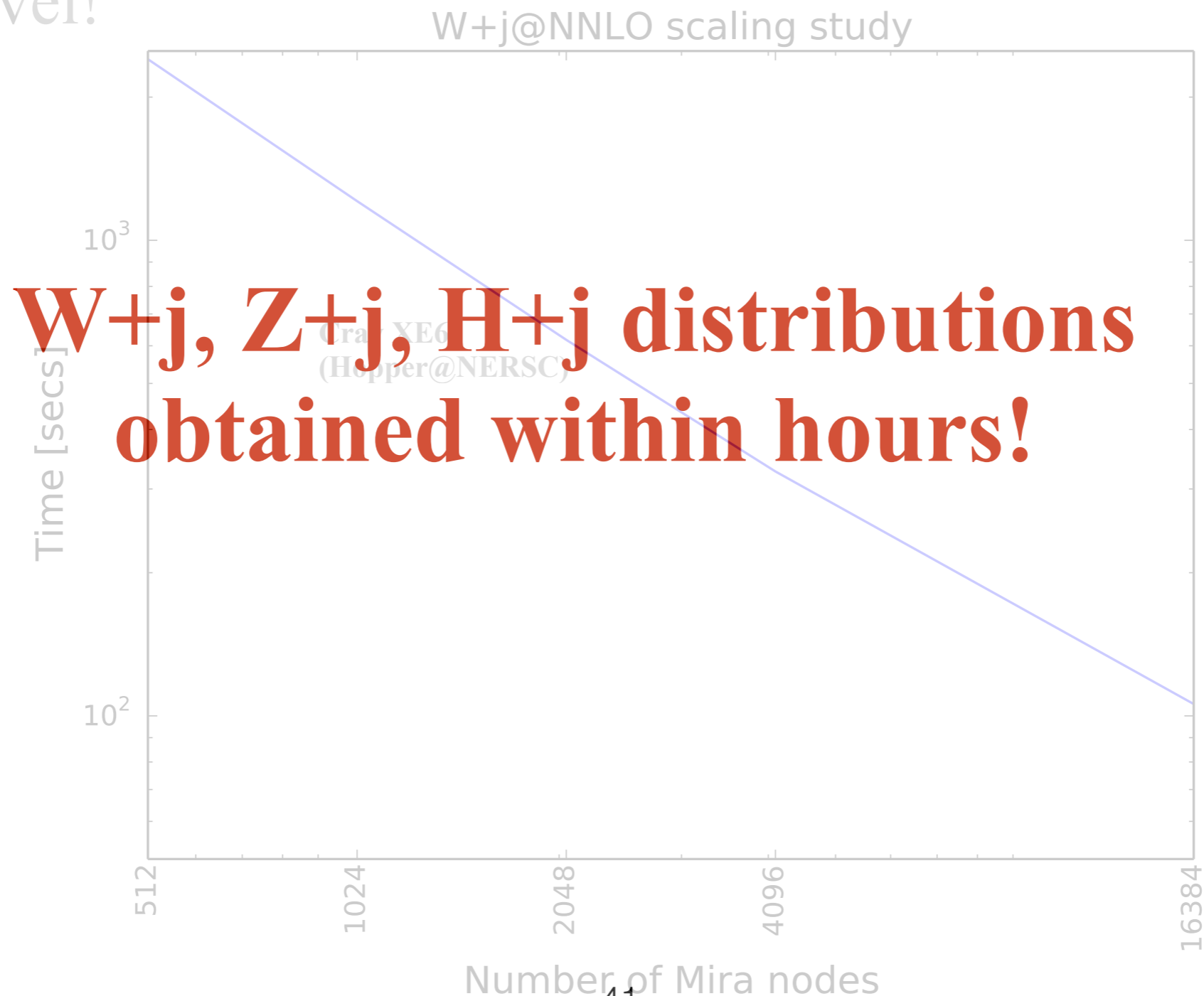
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Conclusions

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- The N-jettiness subtraction scheme is a powerful method in predicting NNLO cross sections for jet production processes
- NNLO corrections to V +jet are at the percent level; ready for precision measurements at the LHC Run II
- NNLO results for Higgs+j makes us ready for continued exploration of the Higgs sector.
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