

# $b$ -mass effects in $b\bar{b} \rightarrow h$

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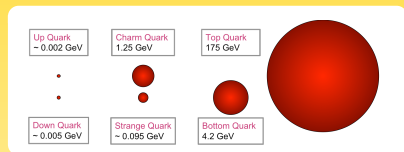


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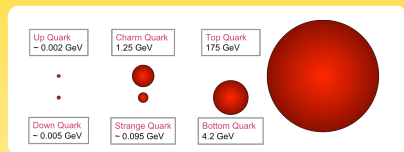
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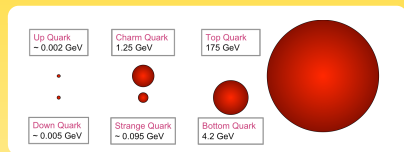
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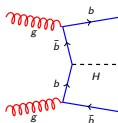
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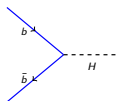
# 4F versus 5F scheme

## 4F scheme



- ✗ Doesn't re-sum possibly large logs, but it does have them explicitly
- ✗ Higher orders are computationally more difficult
- ✓ Mass effects present at any order
- ✓ MC@NLO no problem

## 5F scheme



- ✓ Stabler predictions, re-summation of IS large logs into  $b$ -PDF
- ✓ Higher order easily accessible
- ✗ Differential features effects are pushed to higher orders
- ✗ Implementation in MC depends on the  $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  splitting implemented

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I've been working on both approaches.  
The former being essentially a concluded work.

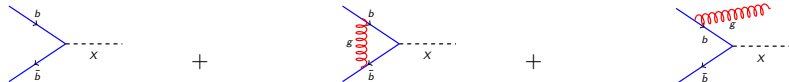
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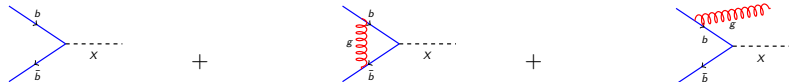
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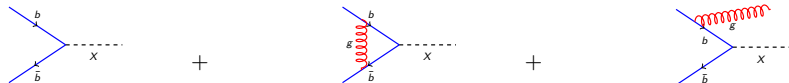
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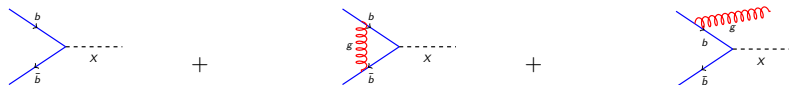
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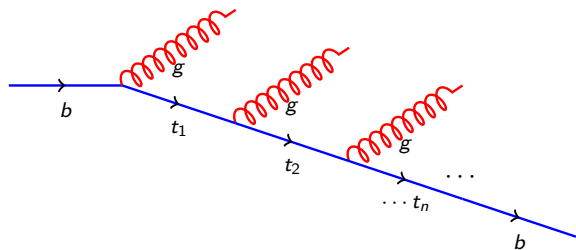


$$d\sigma = d\Phi_B \left[ \mathcal{B}(\Phi_B) + \mathcal{V}(\Phi_B) + \mathcal{I}(\Phi_B) \right] + d\Phi_{B+1} \left[ \mathcal{R}(\Phi_{B+1}) - \mathcal{S}(\Phi_B \otimes \Phi_1) \right]$$

- Massive and massless dipoles are not the same.

# Parton Shower

## Subsequent emission



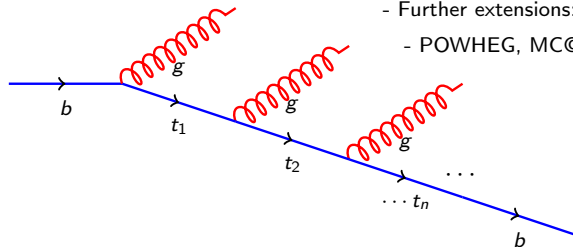
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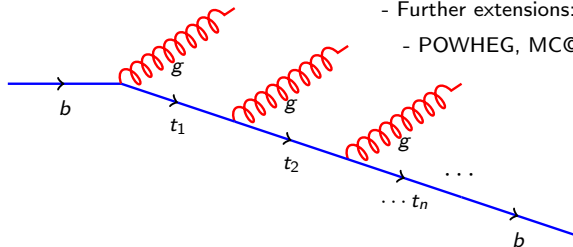
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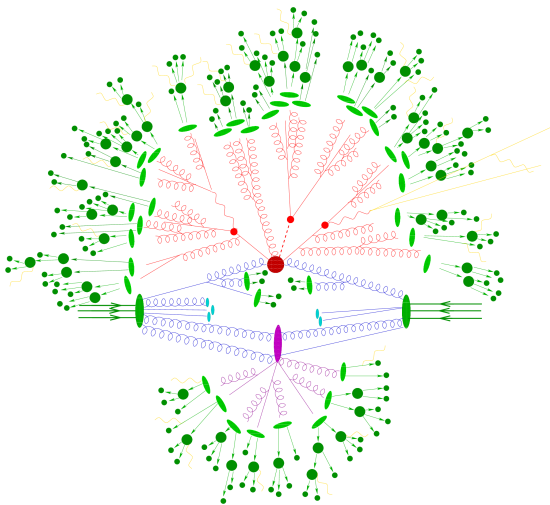
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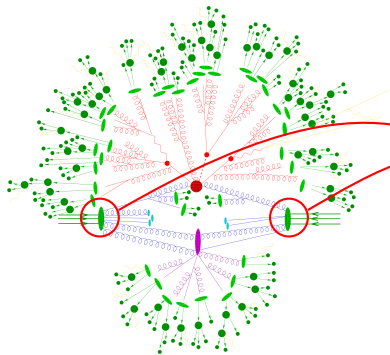
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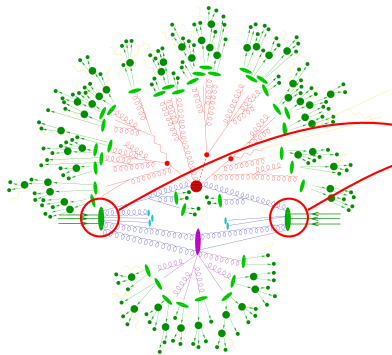
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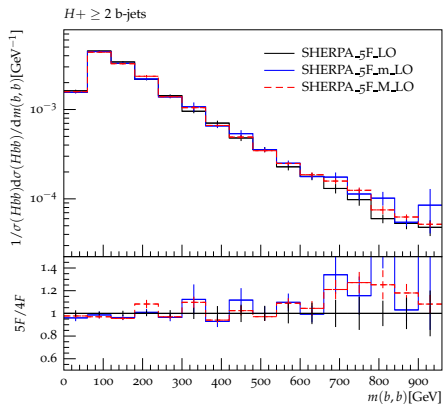
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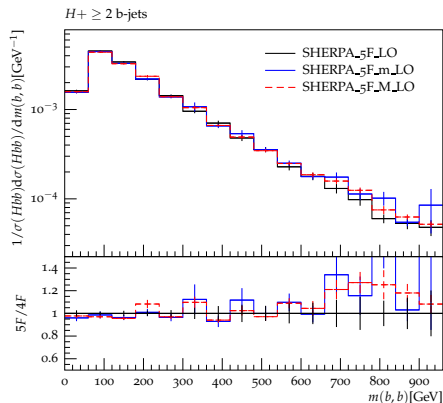
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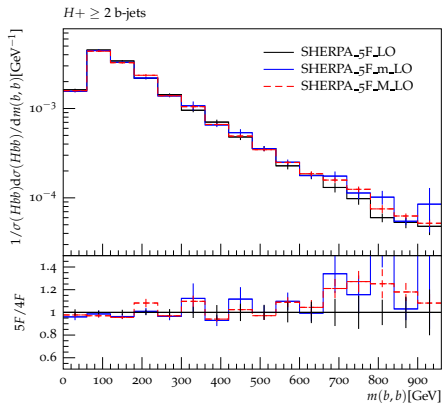


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$\%_m$  = mass effects only in MEs  
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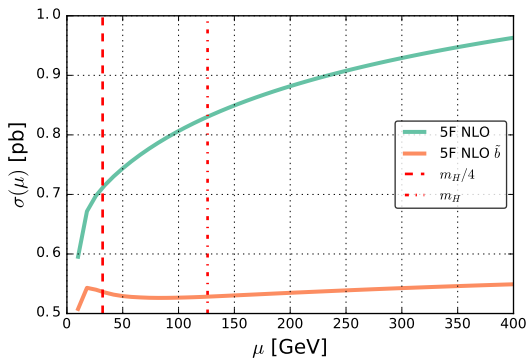
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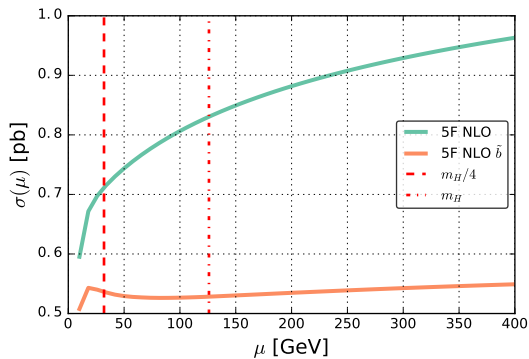
No significant effect it seems  
in terms of shapes



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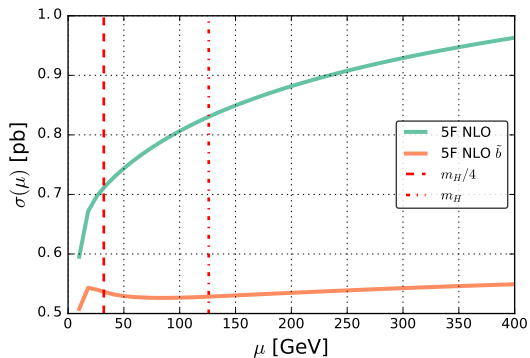
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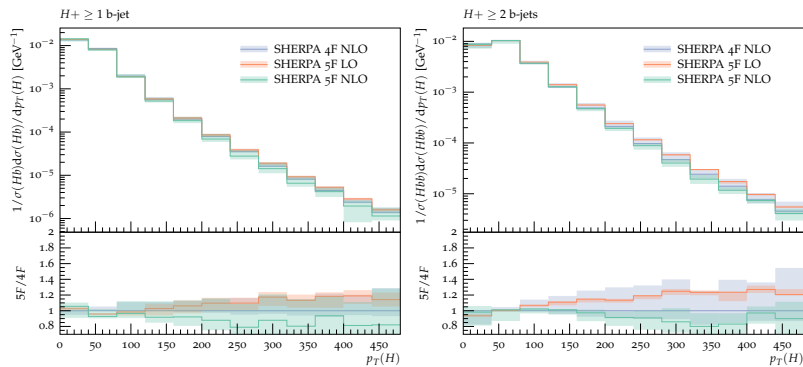
Full 5F @ NLO vs 5F  
expanded  $b$  to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$

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Resummation seems to have biggest impact.

## Not much difference shape-wise



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