

# MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO tutorial

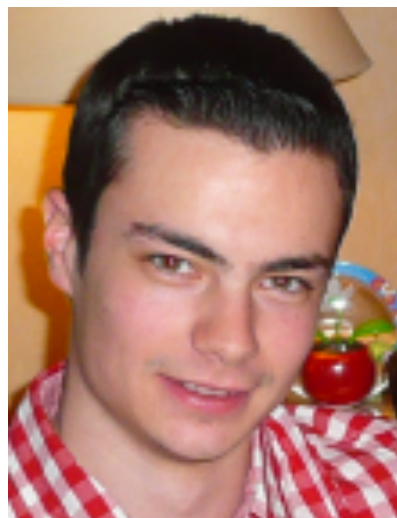
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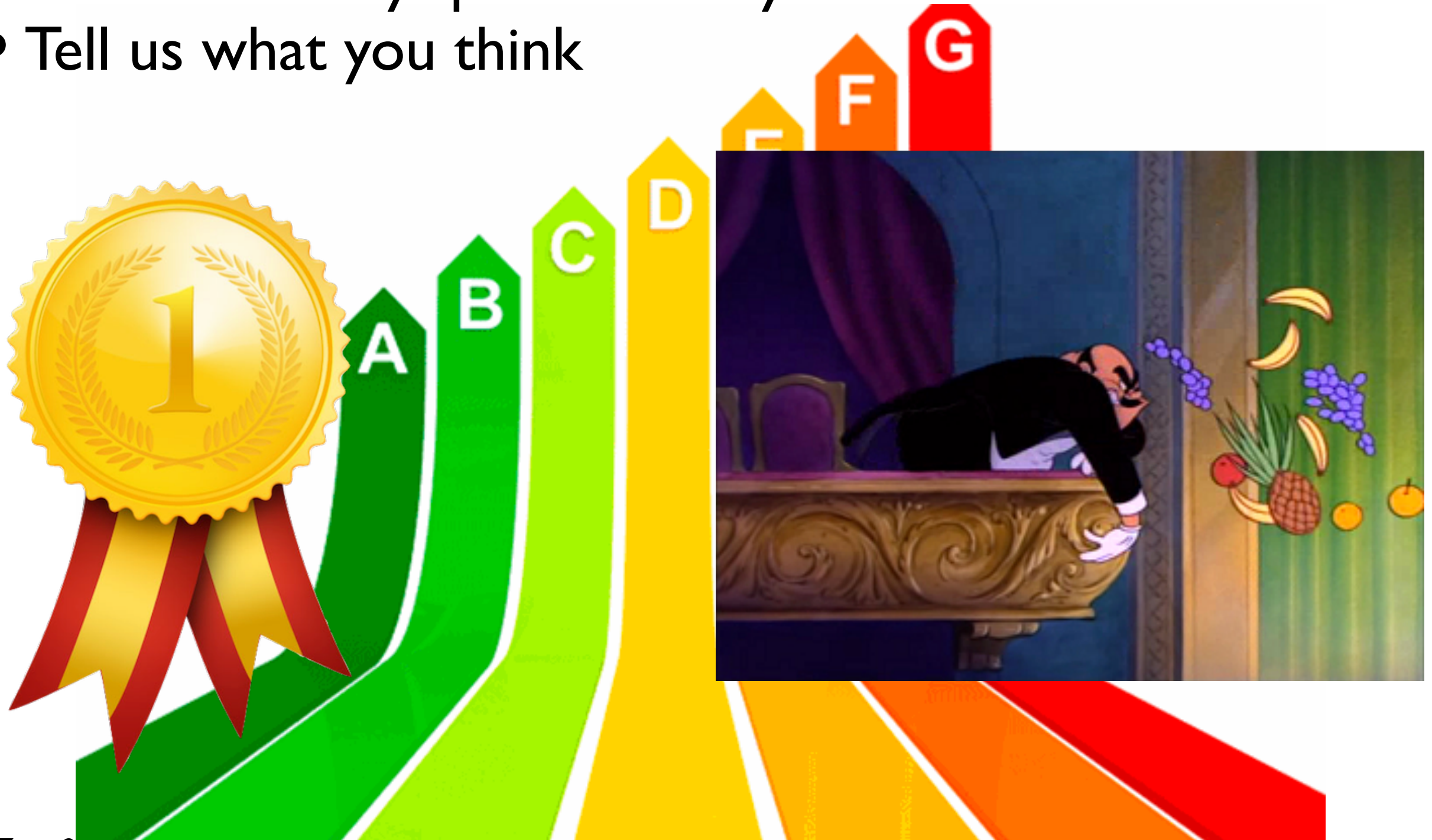
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- Tell us what you think



# Part 0: Getting familiar with

# What is MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO?

- It is an **automatic** meta-code that write the code for computing the cross-section and generating events for any process at colliders
- All the details are in **arXiv:1405.0301**
- NLO QCD corrections can be included
- Matrix elements of different multiplicities can be combined
  - at LO (CKKW or MLM)
  - at NLO (FxFx or UNLOPS)

# Software prerequisites:

- Python 2.6 or 2.7
- Fortran compiler supporting quadruple precision (needed for NLO)
  - gfortran v4.6+ OK
- Optional:
  - gnuplot
  - Fastjet (Fjcore is included in the tarball)
  - LHAPDF
  - Herwig++ / Pythia8 ← Pythia8.2XX may be needed in the tutorial
  - ...



# Where do I get it?

- On LaunchPad: <https://launchpad.net/mg5amcnlo>



## MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO Generator

**Overview** Code Bugs Blueprints Translations Answers

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MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO is a framework that aims at providing all the elements necessary for SM and BSM phenomenology, such as the computations of cross sections, the generation of hard events and their matching with event generators, and the use of a variety of tools relevant to event manipulation and analysis. Processes can be simulated to LO accuracy for any user-defined Lagrangian, and the NLO accuracy in the case of QCD corrections to SM processes. Matrix elements at the tree- and one-loop-level can also be obtained.

MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO is the new version of both MadGraph5 and aMC@NLO that unifies the LO and NLO lines of development of automated tools within the MadGraph family. It therefore supersedes all the MadGraph5 1.5.x versions and all the beta versions of aMC@NLO.

The standard reference for the use of the code is: J. Alwall et al, "The automated computation of tree-level and next-to-leading order differential cross sections, and their matching to parton shower simulations", arXiv:1405.0301 [hep-ph]. A more complete list of references can be found here: [http://amcatnlo.web.cern.ch/amcatnlo/list\\_refs.htm](http://amcatnlo.web.cern.ch/amcatnlo/list_refs.htm)

### Download:

The latest stable release can be downloaded as a tar.gz package (see the right of this page), or through the Bazaar versioning system, using bazaar branch [lp:madgraph5](#)





### Installation:

MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO needs Python version 2.6 or 2.7 ; gfortran/gcc 4.6 or higher is required for NLO calculations/simulations.

### Getting started:

Run bin/mg5\_aMC and type "help" to learn how to run MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO using the command interface, or run the interactive quick-start tutorial by typing "tutorial". Some third-party packages can be installed using the MG5\_aMC shell command "install". LO generation can also be done

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Latest version is 2.2.0

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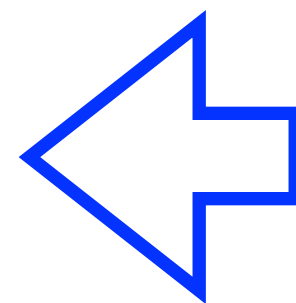


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- `cd MG5_aMC_v2_4_2`
- `./bin/mg5_aMC`

# Let's start the tutorial

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- `> tutorial aMCatNLO`
- `> install pythia-pgs`
- `> install MadAnalysis`



Will be needed  
in the tutorial

# Part I: LO event generation



# Exercise I:

## Top pair production at LO

### • Basic questions:

- Generate the process (following the tutorial)
- Which partonic subprocesses contribute?
- How many Feynman diagrams has each subprocess?
- Output the code
- Compute the cross-section at the LHC (8 TeV) for  $m_t=170$  GeV

### • Extra questions:

- Are b-quarks included in the initial state? If not, how can I include them?
- Are diagrams with photons/z included? If not, how can I include them? How much does the cross-section change? What is that 'WEIGHTED'?
- Recompute the  $t\bar{t}$  cross-section for  $m_t=170, 172, 174 \dots 180$  GeV

# Steering MG5\_aMC

- Once the process is generated, the parameters for the run are stored in various cards (inside the **Cards** dir):
  - **param\_card** : all model parameters (masses, couplings, ...)
  - **run\_card** : all parameters relevant to the collider and run settings (energy,  $N_{\text{events}}$ , cuts, scales, ...)
  - **pythia\_card** (MadEvent) / **shower\_card** (aMC) : parameters needed to shower the partonic events
  - **plot\_card** (MadEvent) : which variables to plot
  - **delphes/pgs\_card** : detector simulation
  - ...

# Exercise 1: solution

- Generate the process (following the tutorial)
  - `> generate p p > t t~`

```
INFO: Checking for minimal orders which gives processes.
INFO: Please specify coupling orders to bypass this step.
INFO: Trying coupling order WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Trying process: g g > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Process has 3 diagrams
INFO: Trying process: u u~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Process has 1 diagrams
INFO: Trying process: u c~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Trying process: c u~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Trying process: c c~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Process has 1 diagrams
INFO: Trying process: d d~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
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INFO: Trying process: d s~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Trying process: s d~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Trying process: s s~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Process has 1 diagrams
INFO: Process u~ u > t t~ added to mirror process u u~ > t t~
INFO: Process c~ c > t t~ added to mirror process c c~ > t t~
INFO: Process d~ d > t t~ added to mirror process d d~ > t t~
INFO: Process s~ s > t t~ added to mirror process s s~ > t t~
5 processes with 7 diagrams generated in 0.075 s
Total: 5 processes with 7 diagrams
```

# Exercise 1: solution

- Which partonic subprocesses contribute?

- `> display processes`

```
Process: g g > t t~ WEIGHTED=2  
Process: u u~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2  
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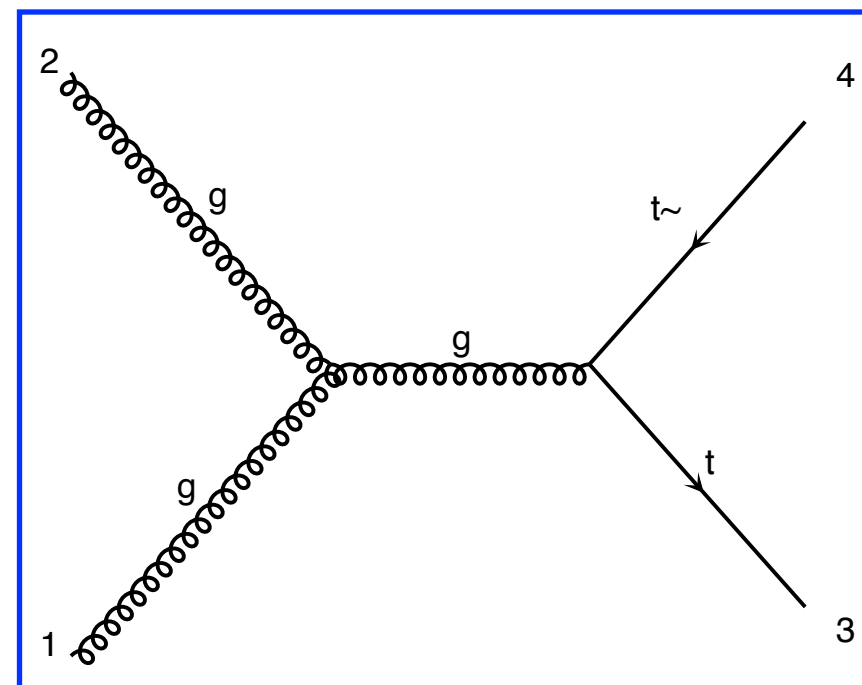
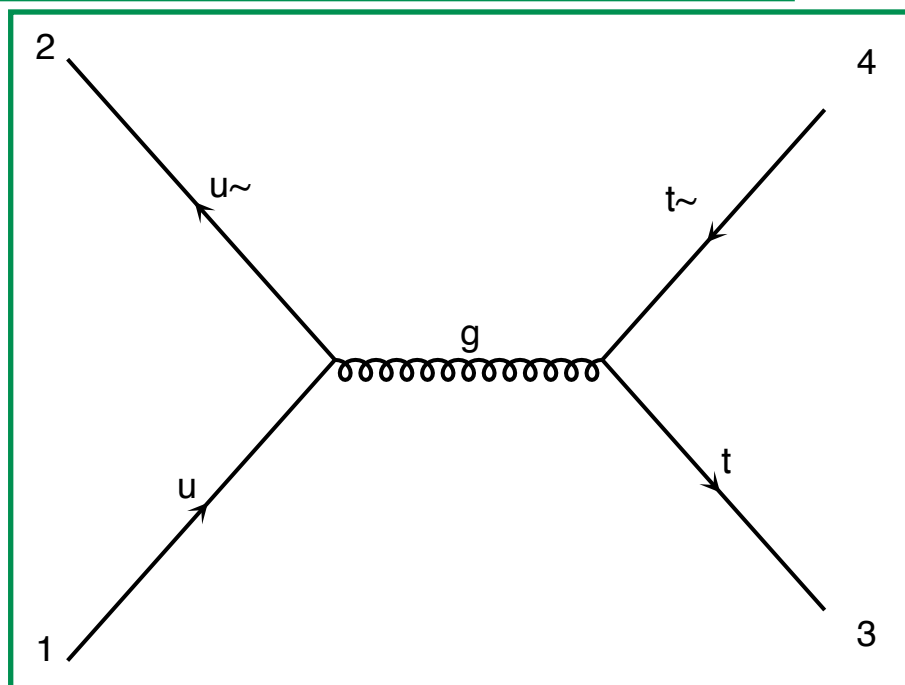


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QCD master formula:

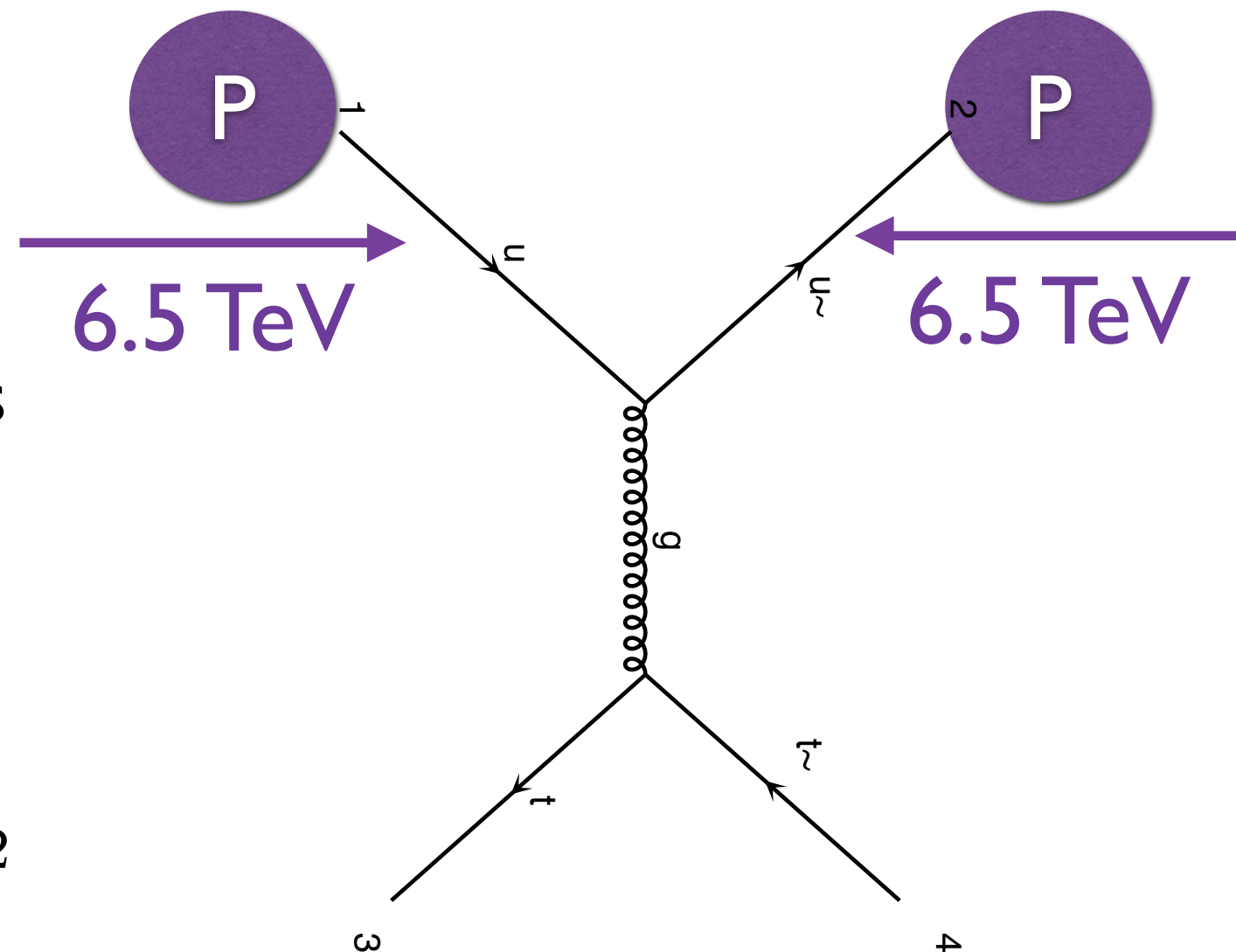
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = \sum_{ab} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F) f_b(x_2, \mu_F) \times \hat{\sigma}(ab \rightarrow t\bar{t})$$

# What does it mean?

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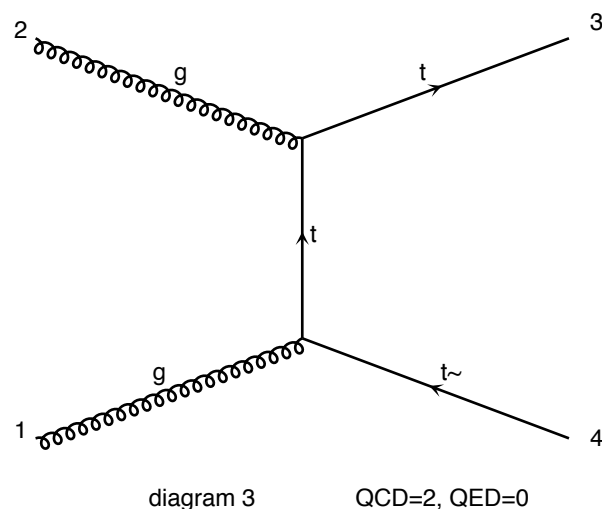
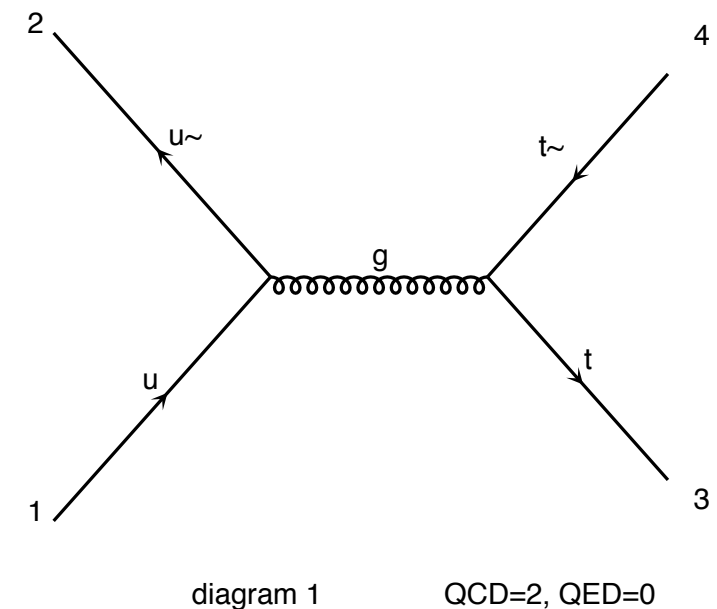
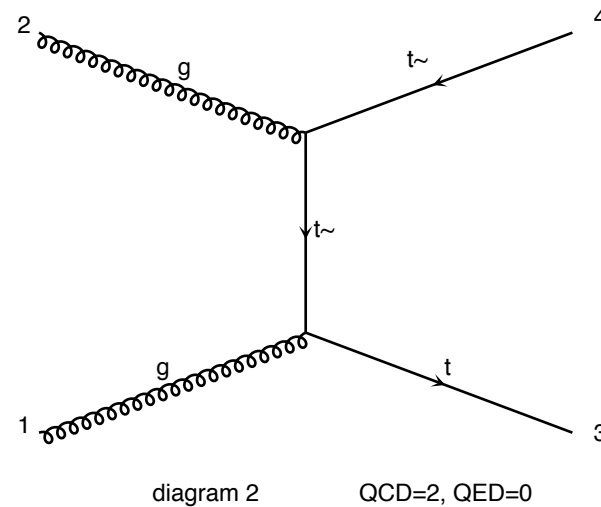
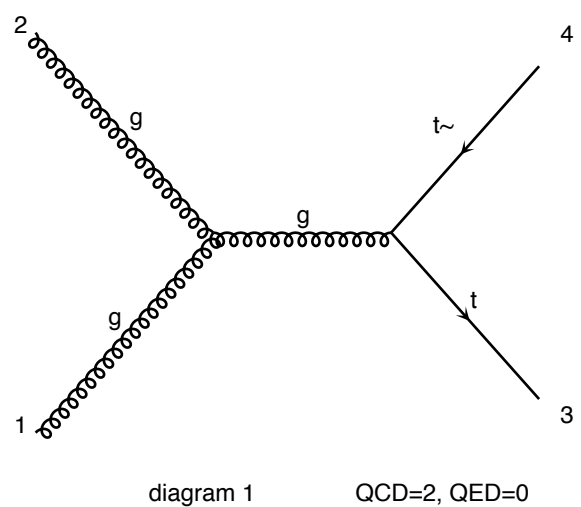
- What is the probability to find parton  $a$  inside the proton with momentum fraction  $x$ ?  $f_a(x)$
- $\mu_F$  is a scale which separates low energy from high energy dynamics
- The partonic scattering occurs at a reduced energy:

$$\hat{s} = x_1 x_2 S = x_1 x_2 (13\text{TeV})^2$$



# Exercise I: solution

- How many Feynman diagrams has each subprocess?
- > **display diagrams**



gg: 3 diagrams

q $\bar{q}$ : 1 diagram



# Exercise 1: solution

- Output the code

- > **output mytestdir**

```
INFO: initialize a new directory: mytestdir
INFO: remove old information in mytestdir
INFO: Creating files in directory P0_gg_ttx
INFO: Generating Feynman diagrams for Process: g g > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Finding symmetric diagrams for subprocess group gg_ttx
INFO: Creating files in directory P0_qq_ttx
INFO: Generating Feynman diagrams for Process: u u~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
INFO: Finding symmetric diagrams for subprocess group qq_ttx
History written to /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/MG5_aMC_v2_2_2/mytestdir/Cards/proc_card_mg5.dat
Generated helas calls for 2 subprocesses (0 diagrams) in 0.000 s
Wrote files for 16 helas calls in 0.102 s
Export UFO model to MG4 format
ALOHA: aloha creates FFV1 routines
ALOHA: aloha creates VVV1 set of routines with options: P0
save configuration file to /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/MG5_aMC_v2_2_2/mytestdir/Cards/me5_configuration.txt
INFO: Use Fortran compiler gfortran
INFO: Generate jpeg diagrams
INFO: Generate web pages
Output to directory /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/MG5_aMC_v2_2_2/mytestdir done.
```

# Exercise I: solution

- Compute the cross-section at the LHC (8 TeV) for  $m_t=170$  GeV

- > **launch**

The following switches determine which programs are run:

1 Run the pythia shower/hadronization:	pythia=NOT INSTALLED
2 Run PGS as detector simulator:	pgs=NOT INSTALLED
3 Run Delphes as detector simulator:	delphes=NOT INSTALLED
4 Decay particles with the MadSpin module:	madspin=OFF
5 Add weight to events based on coupling parameters:	reweight=OFF

Either type the switch number (1 to 5) to change its default setting,  
or set any switch explicitly (e.g. type 'madspin=ON' at the prompt)

Type '0', 'auto', 'done' or just press enter when you are done.

[0, 4, 5, auto, done, madspin=ON, madspin=OFF, madspin, reweight=ON, ... ][60s to answer]

- > **0** (let's keep it simple ;-)

Do you want to edit a card (press enter to bypass editing)?

```
1 / param      : param_card.dat
2 / run        : run_card.dat
```

you can also

- enter the path to a valid card or banner.
- use the 'set' command to modify a parameter directly.  
The set option works only for param\_card and run\_card.  
Type 'help set' for more information on this command.
- call an external program (ASperGE/MadWidth/...).

Type 'help' for the list of available command

[0, done, 1, param, 2, run, enter path][60s to answer]

- edit the cards

# Exercise I: solution

- Compute the cross-section at the LHC (8 TeV) for  $m_t=170$  GeV

```
*****
# Running parameters run_card
*****
#
*****
# Tag name for the run (one word) *
*****
tag_1 = run_tag ! name of the run
*****
# Run to generate the grid pack *
*****
.false. = gridpack !True = setting up the grid pack
*****
# Number of events and rnd seed *
# Warning: Do not generate more than 1M events in a single run *
# If you want to run Pythia, avoid more than 50k events in a run. *
*****
10000 = nevents ! Number of unweighted events requested
0 = iseed ! rnd seed (0=assigned automatically=default))
*****
# Collider type and energy *
# lpp: 0=No PDF, 1=proton, -1=antiproton, 2=photon from proton, *
# 3=photon from electron *
*****
1 = lpp1 ! beam 1 type
1 = lpp2 ! beam 2 type
6500 = ebeam1 ! beam 1 total energy in GeV
6500 = ebeam2 ! beam 2 total energy in GeV
*****
# Beam polarization from -100 (left-handed) to 100 (right-handed) *
*****
0 = polbeam1 ! beam polarization for beam 1
0 = polbeam2 ! beam polarization for beam 2
*****
# PDF CHOICE: this automatically fixes also alpha_s and its evol. *
*****
```

## param\_card

```
#####
## INFORMATION FOR MASS
#####
Block mass
5 4.700000e+00 # MB
6 1.730000e+02 # MT
15 1.777000e+00 # MTA
23 9.118800e+01 # MZ
25 1.250000e+02 # MH
## Dependent parameters, given by model restrictions.
## Those values should be edited following the
## analytical expression. MG5 ignores those values
## but they are important for interfacing the output of MG5
## to external program such as Pythia.
1 0.000000 # d : 0.0
2 0.000000 # u : 0.0
3 0.000000 # s : 0.0
4 0.000000 # c : 0.0
11 0.000000 # e- : 0.0
12 0.000000 # ve : 0.0
13 0.000000 # mu- : 0.0
14 0.000000 # vm : 0.0
16 0.000000 # vt : 0.0
21 0.000000 # g : 0.0
22 0.000000 # a : 0.0
24 80.419002 # w+ : cmath.sqrt(MZ__exp__2/2. + cmath.sqrt(MZ__exp__4
/4. - (aEW*cmath.pi*MZ__exp__2)/(Gf*sqrt__2)))
<_v2_2_2/mytestdir/Cards/param_card.dat" 78L, 2770C 1,1 Top
```

# Exercise 1: solution

- Compute the cross-section at the LHC (8 TeV) for  $m_t=172$  GeV
  - One can also set the parameters without editing the cards (useful for scripting)
    - `> set ebeam1 4000`
    - `> set ebeam2 4000`
    - `> set MT 172.`
    - `> done`

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```

Working on SubProcesses
P0_gg_ttx
P0_qq_ttx
INFO: Idle: 0, Running: 1, Completed: 1 [ current time: 15h13 ]
INFO: End survey
refine 10000
Creating Jobs
INFO: Refine results to 10000
P0_gg_ttx
P0_qq_ttx
INFO: Idle: 6, Running: 4, Completed: 3 [ 3.2s ]
INFO: Idle: 2, Running: 4, Completed: 7 [ 6.6s ]
INFO: Idle: 0, Running: 1, Completed: 12 [ 9.7s ]
INFO: Combining runs
INFO: finish refine
refine 10000
Creating Jobs
INFO: Refine results to 10000
P0_gg_ttx
P0_qq_ttx
INFO: Combining runs
INFO: finish refine
combine_events
INFO: Combining Events
=== Results Summary for run: run_01 tag: tag_1 ===

Cross-section : 160.1 +- 0.2302 pb ←
Nb of events : 10000

```

# Monitor via the web interface

Results in the sm for  $p p > t t \sim$

## Currently Running

Run Name	Tag Name	Cards	Results	Status/Jobs		
				Queued	Running	Done
run_01	tag_1	<a href="#">param card</a> <a href="#">run card</a> <a href="#">plot card</a>	$160.1 \pm 0.2302$ (pb)	Combining Events		

## Available Results

Run	Collider	Banner	Cross section (pb)	Events	Data	Output	Action
run_01	$p p$ 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	$160.1 \pm 0.23$	No events yet		banner only	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">re-run from the banner</a>

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# Exercise 1: solution

- Script it:
  - open a text file (`mymg5amc.txt`) and put the commands inside:  

```
generate p p > t t~  
output mytestdir  
launch  
set ebeam1 4000  
set ebeam2 4000  
set MT 172
```
  - launch `MG5_aMC@NLO` with that file
  - `./bin/mg5_amc mymg5amc.txt`

# Exercise I:

## Extra questions:

- Are b-quarks included in the initial state? If not, how can I include them?
- `> display processes`  

```
Process: g g > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
Process: u u~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
Process: c c~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
Process: d d~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
Process: s s~ > t t~ WEIGHTED=2
```
- No b-quark appears. Note that at the startup you have  

```
Defined multiparticle p = g u c d s u~ c~ d~ s~
Defined multiparticle j = g u c d s u~ c~ d~ s~
```
- You can add the  $b/\bar{b}$  to the multiparticle labels
- `> define p = p b b~`  

```
Defined multiparticle p = g u c d s u~ c~ d~ s~ b b~
```
- `> display multiparticles`
- For consistency one should use a model with  $m_b=0$
- `> import model sm-no_b_mass`



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- Regenerate the process
  - `> generate p p > t t~`
  - `> display processes`

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- Does it make a big difference?
  - `> output`
  - `> launch`
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- `> output`
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- `> set ebeam1 4000`
- `> set ebeam2 4000`
- `> set MT 172`

```
Cross-section : 160.4 +- 0.231 pb
Nb of events : 10000
```

Without b

```
Cross-section : 160.1 +- 0.2302 pb
Nb of events : 10000
```



# Exercise I: Extra questions:

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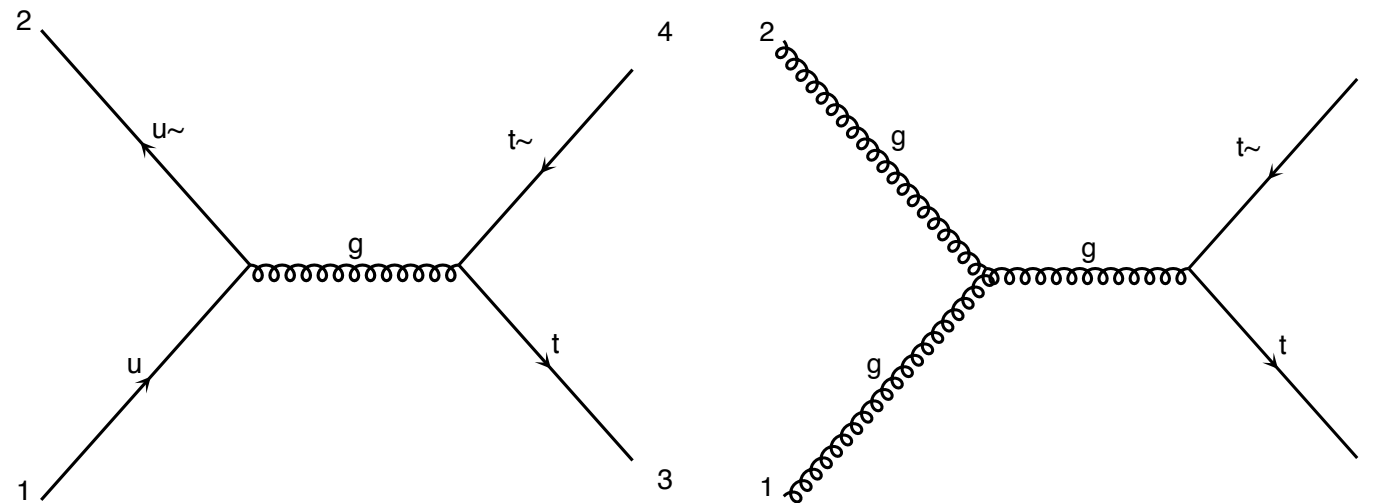
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- Are we missing anything important?

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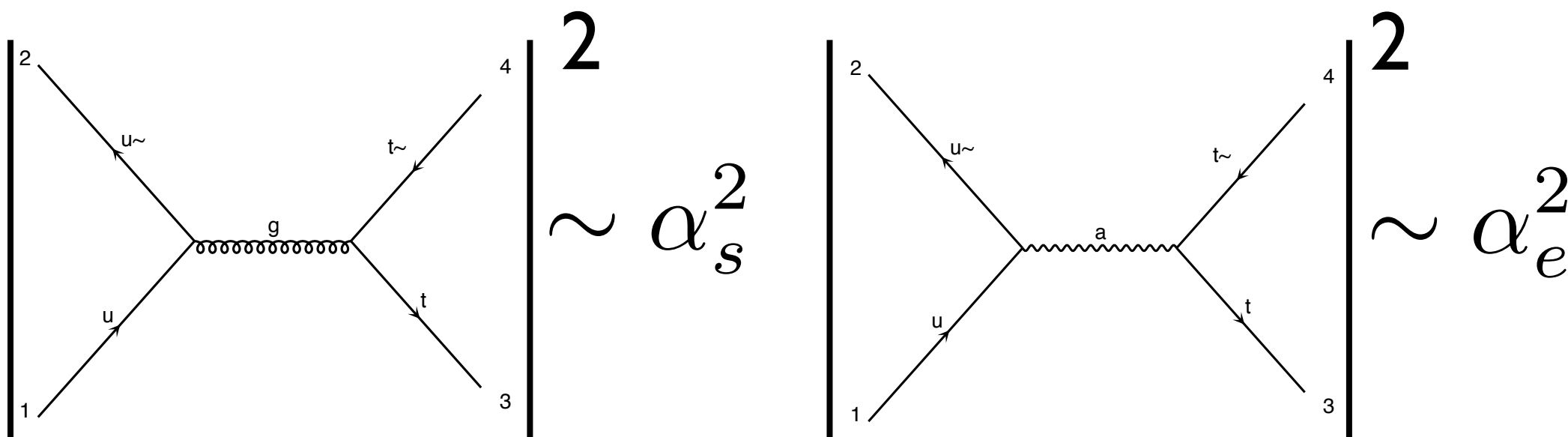
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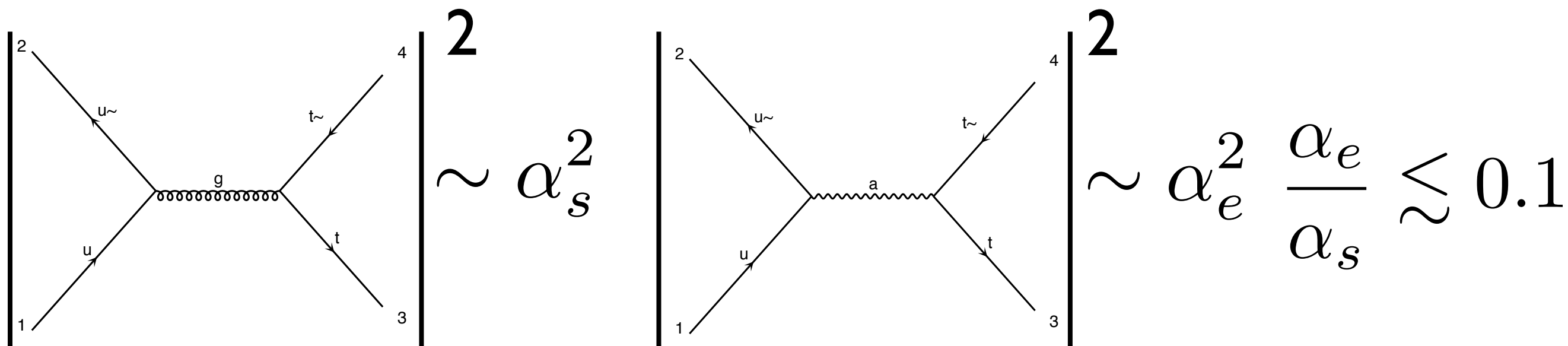
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$$\sim \alpha_e^2 \frac{\alpha_e}{\alpha_s} \lesssim 0.1$$



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## Extra questions:

- Are diagrams with photons/z included? If not, how can I include them? How much does the cross-section change?
  - > `generate p p > t t~ WEIGHTED=4`
  - > `display diagrams`

# Exercise I:

## Extra questions:

- Are diagrams with photons/z included? If not, how can I include them? How much does the cross-section change?
  - > generate p p > t t~ WEIGHTED=4
  - > display diagrams

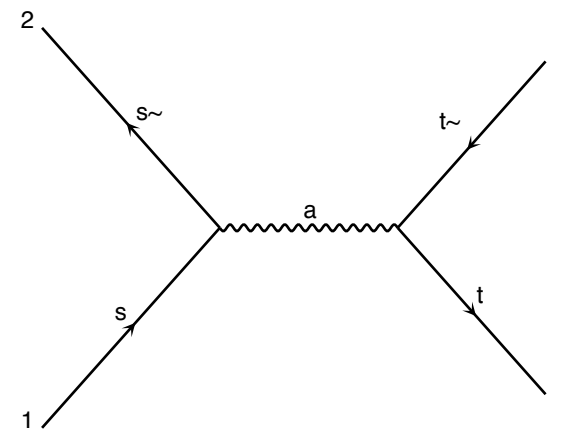


diagram 1 QCD=0, QED=2

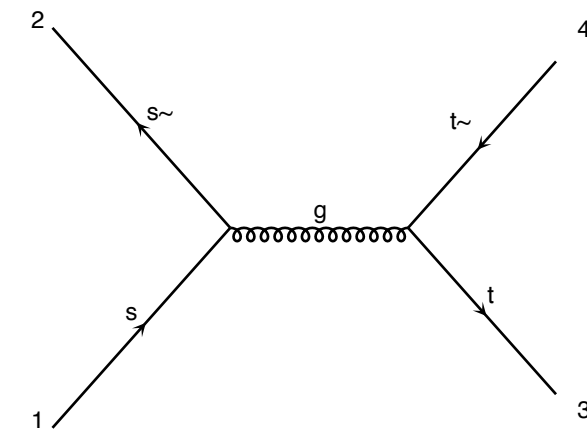


diagram 2 QCD=2, QED=0

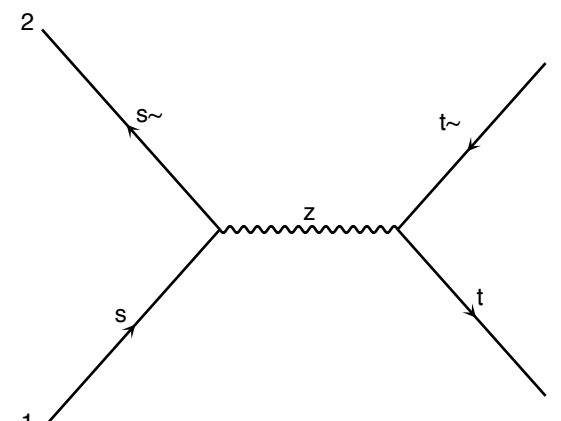


diagram 3 QCD=0, QED=2

# Exercise I:

## Extra questions:

- Are diagrams with photons/z included? If not, how can I include them? How much does the cross-section change?
  - > generate p p > t t~ WEIGHTED=4
  - > display diagrams
  - > output ...
  - > launch
  - > ...

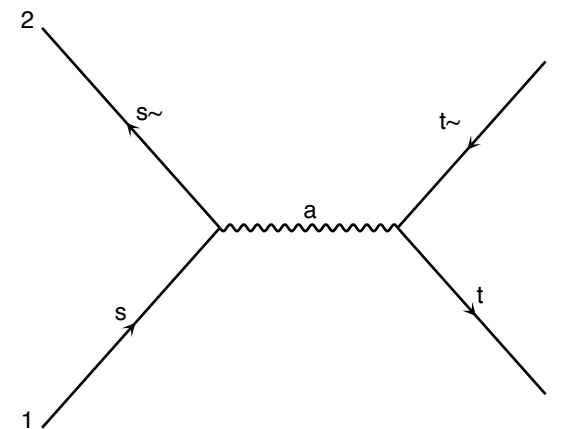


diagram 1

QCD=0, QED=2

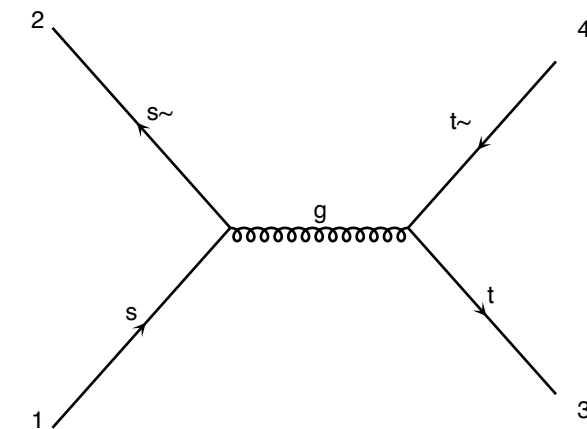


diagram 2

QCD=2, QED=0

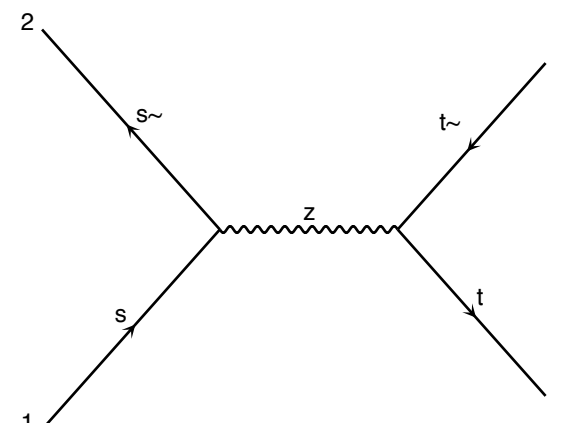


diagram 3

QCD=0, QED=2

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  - > `output ...`
  - > `launch`
  - > `...`

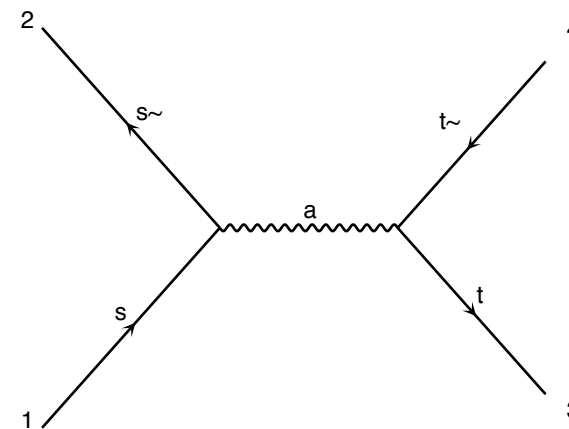


diagram 1

QCD=0, QED=2

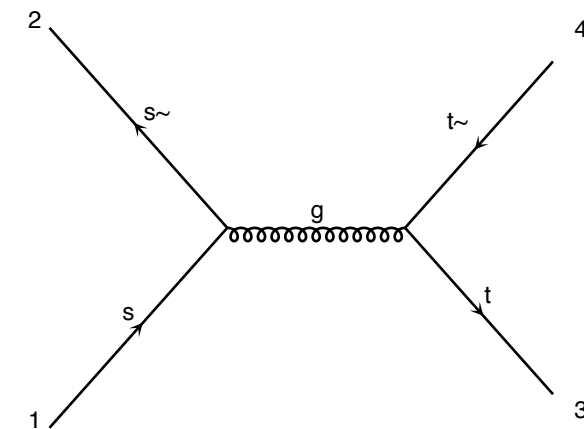


diagram 2

QCD=2, QED=0

Cross-section : 160.8  $\pm$  0.1999 pb  
 Nb of events : 10000

WEIGHTED=2

Cross-section : 160.4  $\pm$  0.231 pb  
 Nb of events : 10000

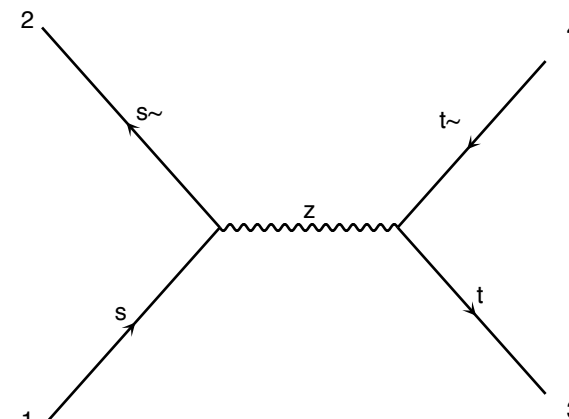


diagram 3

QCD=0, QED=2





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- In order to have only the QED contribution
  - `> generate p p > t t~ QED=2 QCD=0`

# Exercise I:

## Extra questions:

- Recompute the  $t\bar{t}$  cross-section for  $m_t=170, 172, 174 \dots 180$  GeV
- Be smart! Script it!
- Create a txt file `myttbar_scan.txt`

```
generate p p > t t~
output mytestdir2
launch
set ebeam1 4000
set ebeam2 4000
set MT 170
launch
set MT 172
launch
set MT 174
launch
set MT 176
launch
set MT 178
launch
set MT 180
```

- `./bin/mg5_aMC myttbar_scan.txt`

# Exercise I:

## Extra questions:

- Recompute the  $t\bar{t}$  cross-section for  $m_t=170, 172, 174 \dots 180$  GeV
- Be smart! Script it!
- You can also launch an existing folder, without regenerating the code

```

launch mytestdir2
set ebeam1 4000
set ebeam2 4000
set MT 170
launch
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launch
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launch
set MT 176
launch
set MT 178
launch
set MT 180

```



# Exercise I:

## Extra questions:

- Recompute the  $t\bar{t}$  cross-section for  $m_t=170, 172, 174 \dots 180$  GeV

Results in the sm for  $p p > t \bar{t}$

### Available Results

Run	Collider	Banner	Cross section (pb)	Events	Data	Output	Action
run_01	$p p$ 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">169.8 ± 0.24</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>
run_02	$p p$ 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">160.1 ± 0.28</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>
run_03	$p p$ 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">151.1 ± 0.2</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>
run_04	$p p$ 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">142.9 ± 0.18</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>
run_05	$p p$ 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">134.7 ± 0.19</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>
run_06	$p p$ 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">127.3 ± 0.16</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>

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↑  
which folder is what?



# Exercise 1:


## Extra questions:

- Recompute the  $t\bar{t}$  cross-section for  $m_t=170, 172, 174 \dots 180$  GeV
- Be smart! Script it!
- You can specify the name (instead of run\_01...) with **-n NAME**

```

launch mytestdir2 -n run_MT170
set ebeam1 4000
set ebeam2 4000
set MT 170
launch -n run_MT172
set MT 172
launch -n run_MT174
set MT 174
launch -n run_MT176
set MT 176
launch -n run_MT178
set MT 178
launch -n run_MT180
set MT 180

```



# Exercise I:

## Extra questions:

- Since recently, multiple values can be specified for parameters. Just set in the `param_card`, instead of the top mass

`6 scan: [170, 172, 174, 176, 178]`

# Exercise I:

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run_MT170	p p 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">170 ± 0.22</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>
run_MT172	p p 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">159.6 ± 0.22</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>
run_MT174	p p 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">151.1 ± 0.22</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>
run_MT176	p p 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">142.6 ± 0.19</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>
run_MT178	p p 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">134.7 ± 0.18</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>
run_MT180	p p 4000 x 4000 GeV	<a href="#">tag_1</a>	<a href="#">127.2 ± 0.24</a>	10000	parton madevent	<a href="#">LHE</a>	<a href="#">remove run</a> <a href="#">launch detector simulation</a>

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# Part 2: NLO

# NLO run mode(s)

- While the LO (MadEvent) code will always compute the cross section **and** generate events, this is not the case for NLO runs
- The NLO code can be run in two ways:
  - **Fixed-order** (*à la* MCFM): no events will be generated, just compute the cross section (possibly within cuts). Optionally fill histograms on-the-fly
  - **NLO+PS**: generate a LHE event sample and compute the cross section (both possibly within cuts). The event file **must** be showered in order to obtain physical distributions.
  - **Note that Fixed-order  $\neq$  LHE!**

# NLO exercise

## $t\bar{t}$ production at NLO

### Part I

- Learn the syntax:
  - `> tutorial aMCatNLO`
- Generate the code for  $t\bar{t}$  production at NLO
- Compute the LO and NLO cross-section (run at fixed order)
- Select the analysis `analysis_HwU_pp_ttx.o` in the `FO_analyse_card` to generate histograms (need **GnuPlot** installed)
- In the NLO histograms, which of these variables are described at the NLO?  $p_T(t)$ ,  $p_T(t\bar{t})$ ,  $y(t)$ ,  $M(t\bar{t})$ ,  $\Delta\phi(t\bar{t})$
- What are the histograms with `muR=...` `muF=...` for?

# NLO exercise Solution

## Part I

- Learn the syntax:
  - > `tutorial aMCatNLO`
- Generate the code for  $t\bar{t}$  production at NLO

- > `generate p p > t t~ [QCD]`

The current model sm does not allow to generate loop corrections of type QCD.

MG5\_aMC now loads 'loop\_sm'.

`import model loop_sm`



...  
INFO: Generating FKS-subtracted matrix elements for born process: g g > t t~ [ QCD ] (1 / 9)  
...

- > `output my_ttbar_nlo`
- Compute the LO and NLO cross-section
  - > `launch`



# NLO exercise

## Solution

### Part I

- Learn the syntax
  - > **tutorial**
- Generate the code
  - > **generate**
- Compute the results
  - > **launch**

```
The current model sm does not work
MG5_aMC now loads 'loop_sm'
import model loop_sm
```

```
INFO: Generating FKS-subtraction terms
```

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INFO: ****
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*      VERSION 2.2.1      2014-09-25
*
*      The MadGraph5_aMC@NLO Development Team - Find us at
*      http://amcatnlo.cern.ch
*
*      Type 'help' for in-line help.
*
* ****
launch auto
The following switches determine which operations are executed:
1 Perturbative order of the calculation:                        order=NLO
2 Fixed order (no event generation and no MC@[N]LO matching):  fixed_order=OFF
3 Shower the generated events:                                   shower=ON
4 Decay particles with the MadSpin module:                      madspin=OFF
Either type the switch number (1 to 4) to change its default setting,
or set any switch explicitly (e.g. type 'order=L0' at the prompt)
Type '0', 'auto', 'done' or just press enter when you are done.
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, auto, done, order=L0, order=NLO, ... ][60s to answer]
> fixed_order=ON
> order=L0 (for L0 run)
```

# NLO exercise

## Solution

### Part I

- Learn the syntax
  - > `tutorial`
- Generate the results
  - > `generate`
- Compute the cross-section
  - > `output`
- Compute the cross-section
  - > `launch`

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INFO: *****
```

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```
INFO:
```

```
Final results and run summary:
```

```
Process p p > t t~ [QCD]
```

```
Run at p-p collider (6500 + 6500 GeV)
```

```
Total cross-section: 6.871e+02 +- 5.9e+00 pb
```

```
Ren. and fac. scale uncertainty: +9.7% -11.7%
```

```
INFO: The results of this run and the HwU and GnuPlot
files with the plots have been saved in /Users/marcozaro/
Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/run_01
```

```
INFO:
```

```
Final results and run summary:
```

```
Process p p > t t~ [QCD]
```

```
Run at p-p collider (6500 + 6500 GeV)
```

```
Total cross-section: 4.622e+02 +- 2.2e+00 pb
```

```
Ren. and fac. scale uncertainty: +29.8% -22.3%
```

```
INFO: The results of this run and the HwU and GnuPlot
files with the plots have been saved in /Users/marcozaro/
Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/run_02_L0
```

```
type '0', 'auto', 'done' or just press enter when you are done.
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, auto, done, order=L0, order=NLO, ... ][60s to answer]
```

```
> fixed_order=ON
```

```
> order=L0 (for L0 run)
```

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shower=ON
madspin=OFF
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prompt)
```

# NLO exercise

## Solution

### Part I

- Select the analysis `analysis_HwU_pp_ttx` in the `FO_analyse_card` to generate histograms
- `> launch my_ttbar_nlo`

The following switches determine which operations are executed:

```

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```

>

INFO: will run in mode: NLO

Do you want to edit a card (press enter to bypass editing)?

```

1 / param      : param_card.dat
2 / run        : run_card.dat
3 / FO_analyse : FO_analyse_card.dat

```

you can also

- enter the path to a valid card or banner.
- use the 'set' command to modify a parameter directly.  
The set option works only for param\_card and run\_card.  
Type 'help set' for more information on this command.
- call an external program (ASperGE/MadWidth/...).

Type 'help' for the list of available command

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[0, done, 1, param, 2, run, 3, FO_analyse, enter path][60s to answer]
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#
# This file contains the settings for analyses to be linked to aMC@NLO
# fixed order runs. Analyse files are meant to be put (or linked)
# inside <PROCDIR>/FixedOrderAnalysis/ (<PROCDIR> is the name of the
# exported process directory). See the
# <PROCDIR>/FixedOrderAnalysis/analysis_template.f file for details on
# how to write your own analysis.
#
#####
#
# Analysis format. Can either be 'topdrawer', 'root', 'HwU' or 'none'.
# When choosing HwU, it comes with a GnuPlot wrapper. When choosing
# topdrawer, the histogramming package 'dbook.f' is included in the
# code, while when choosing root the 'rbook_fe8.f' and 'rbook_be8.cc'
# are included. If 'none' is chosen, all the other entries below have
# to be set empty.
FO_ANALYSIS_FORMAT = HwU
#
# Needed extra-libraries (FastJet is already linked):
FO_EXTRALIBS =
#
# (Absolute) path to the extra libraries. Directory names should be
# separated by white spaces.
FO_EXTRAPATHS =
#
# (Absolute) path to the dirs containing header files needed by the
# libraries (e.g. C++ header files):
FO_INCLUDEPATHS =
#
# User's analysis (to be put in the <PROCDIR>/FixedOrderAnalysis/
# directory). Please use .o as extension and white spaces to separate
# files.
FO_ANALYSE = analysis_td_template.o
#
## When linking with root, the following settings are a working
## example on lxplus (CERN). When using this, comment out the lines
## above and replace <PATH_TO_ROOT> with the physical path to root,
## e.g. /afs/cern.ch/sw/lcg/app/releases/R00T/5.34.11/x86_64-slc6-gcc46-dbg/root/
#FO_ANALYSIS_FORMAT = root
#FO_EXTRALIBS = Core Cint Hist Matrix MathCore RIO dl Thread
#FO_EXTRAPATHS = <PATH_TO_ROOT>/lib
#FO_INCLUDEPATHS = <PATH_TO_ROOT>/include
#FO_ANALYSE = analysis_root_template.o
```

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#
# User's analysis (to be put in the <PROCDIR>/FixedOrderAnalysis/
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# files.
FO_ANALYSE = analysis_HwU_pp_ttx.o
#
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#FO_EXTRALIBS = Core Cint Hist Matrix MathCore RIO dl Thread
#FO_EXTRAPATHS = <PATH_TO_ROOT>/lib
#FO_INCLUDEPATHS = <PATH_TO_ROOT>/include
#FO_ANALYSE = analysis_root_template.o
```



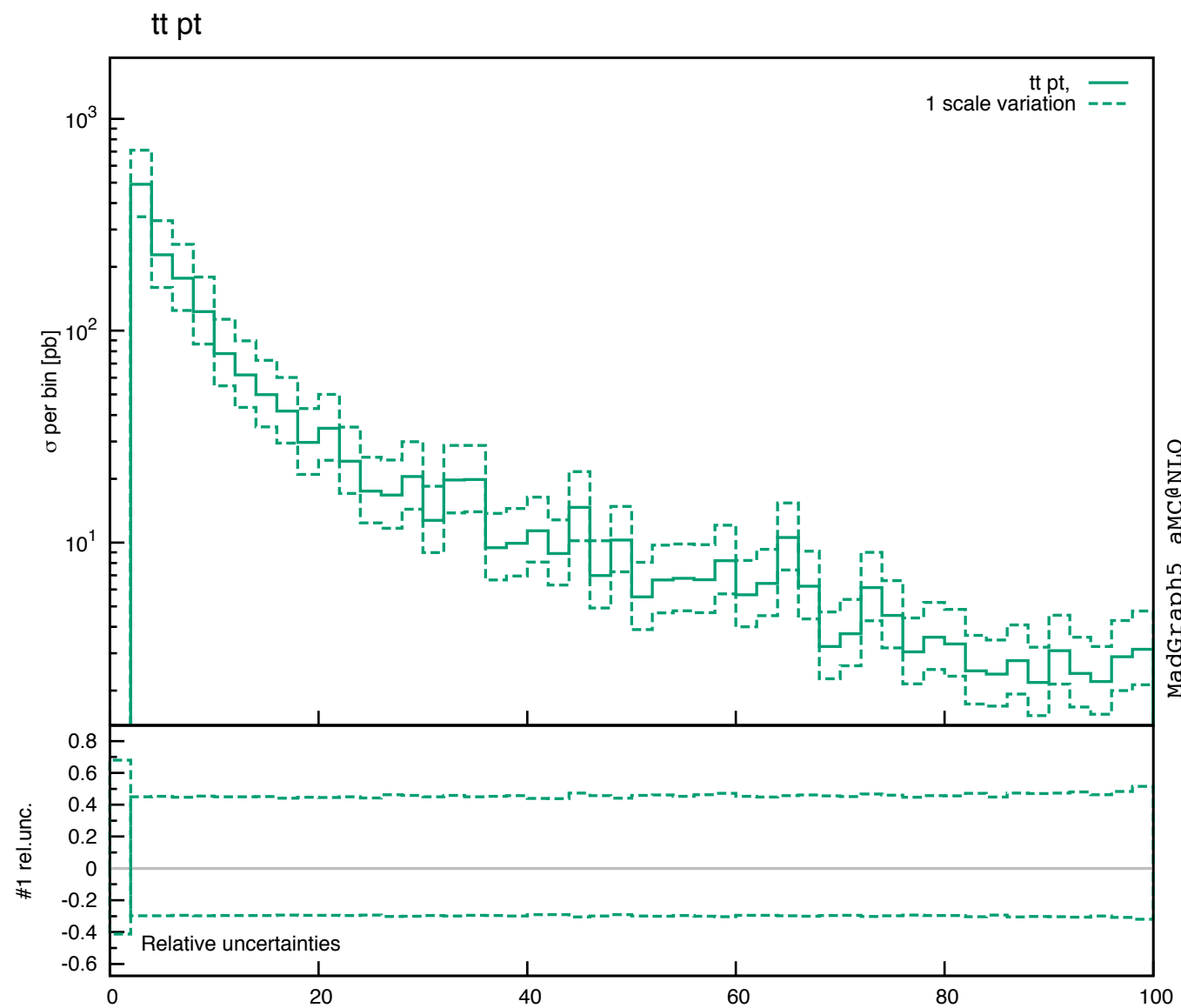
# NLO exercise: solution

- The HwU (**H**istogram **w**ith **U**ncertainties) format

```
##& xmin & xmax & central value & dy & delta_mu_min @aux & delta_mu_max @aux & muR=1.00 muF=1.00 & muR=1.00 muF=2.00 &
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<histogram> 50 "tt pt |X_AXIS@LIN |Y_AXIS@LOG"
+0.0000000e+00 +2.0000000e+00 -1.0242367e+03 +2.5047252e+01 -1.7206530e+03 -6.0160203e+02 -1.0242367e+03
-9.0715087e+02 -1.1432407e+03 -6.8421704e+02 -6.0160203e+02 -7.6882229e+02 -1.5496422e+03 -1.3802509e+03
-1.7206530e+03
+2.0000000e+00 +4.0000000e+00 +4.9088904e+02 +2.0297264e+01 +3.4493531e+02 +7.1188196e+02 +4.9088904e+02
+4.5019210e+02 +5.3086979e+02 +3.7613186e+02 +3.4493531e+02 +4.0679297e+02 +6.5832080e+02 +6.0377117e+02
+7.1188196e+02
+4.0000000e+00 +6.0000000e+00 +2.2787754e+02 +2.3122314e+01 +1.5999659e+02 +3.3086836e+02 +2.2787754e+02
+2.0857157e+02 +2.4714205e+02 +1.7482611e+02 +1.5999659e+02 +1.8963760e+02 +3.0513912e+02 +2.7932554e+02
+3.3086836e+02
+6.0000000e+00 +8.0000000e+00 +1.7671803e+02 +9.5392210e+00 +1.2453269e+02 +2.5575724e+02 +1.7671803e+02
+1.6227348e+02 +1.9111959e+02 +1.3562893e+02 +1.2453269e+02 +1.4669918e+02 +2.3651862e+02 +2.1720764e+02
+2.5575724e+02
+8.0000000e+00 +1.0000000e+01 +1.2311654e+02 +7.1903869e+00 +8.6399100e+01 +1.7898773e+02 +1.2311654e+02
+1.1261446e+02 +1.3369767e+02 +9.4461506e+01 +8.6399100e+01 +1.0258866e+02 +1.6483914e+02 +1.5078780e+02
+1.7898773e+02
+1.0000000e+01 +1.2000000e+01 +7.8022445e+01 +1.0748137e+01 +5.4873577e+01 +1.1315020e+02 +7.8022445e+01
+7.1570742e+01 +8.4452355e+01 +5.9823787e+01 +5.4873577e+01 +6.4760050e+01 +1.0454718e+02 +9.5909144e+01
+1.1315020e+02
+1.2000000e+01 +1.4000000e+01 +6.1770611e+01 +3.2903213e+00 +4.3437593e+01 +8.9537046e+01 +6.1770611e+01
```

# NLO exercise Solution



# NLO exercise

## Solution

### Part I

- In the NLO histograms, which of these variables are described at the NLO?  $p_T(t)$ ,  $p_T(t\bar{t})$ ,  $y(t)$ ,  $M(t\bar{t})$ ,  $\Delta\phi(t\bar{t})$
- Some of these variables are trivial at LO, because of  $2 \rightarrow 2$  kinematics
  - $t$  and  $\bar{t}$  are always back to back:
 
$$d\sigma/d\Delta\Phi(t\bar{t}) = \delta(\Delta\Phi - \pi)$$

$$d\sigma/dp_T(t\bar{t}) = \delta(p_T - 0)$$
- $p_T(t\bar{t})$  and  $\Delta\phi(t\bar{t})$  are non-trivial if the cross-section is at least at NLO: they are effectively described with LO accuracy
- The other variables are described at NLO



# NLO exercise

## Solution

### Part I

- What are the histograms with  $\mu_R = \dots$   $\mu_F = \dots$  for?

- QCD master formula

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = \sum_{ab} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F) f_b(x_2, \mu_F) \times \hat{\sigma}(ab \rightarrow t\bar{t})$$

or better

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = \sum_{ab} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F) f_b(x_2, \mu_F) \times \hat{\sigma}(ab \rightarrow t\bar{t}; \mu_F, \mu_R, \alpha_S(\mu_R))$$

- What are  $\mu_{F/R}$ ?

- They are **arbitrary** scales needed to renormalise the strong coupling and to reabsorb initial state IR-divergences in PDFs, chosen to be of the order of the hard scattering scales (sum of masses,  $p_T$ , ...)
- The all-order cross-section is independent of the choice of  $\mu_{F/R}$
- At  $N^k\text{LO}$ , the dependence is of  $N^{k+1}\text{LO}$
- Computing the cross-section with different scales can be a way to estimate uncertainties due to missing higher orders
- How much scales are varied is arbitrary, usually in the range  $[0.5, 2]$

# Scale uncertainties

# Scale uncertainties

- Look at the LO and NLO cross-section we have just computed
- Values with different scales are computed on the fly and the envelope is taken

INFO:

Final results and run summary:

Process  $p p \rightarrow t \bar{t}$  [QCD]

Run at  $p$ - $p$  collider (6500 + 6500 GeV)

Total cross-section: 6.871e+02 +- 5.9e+00 pb

Ren. and fac. scale uncertainty: +9.7% -11.7%



INFO: The results of this run and the TopDrawer file with the plots have been saved in /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my\_tt\_nlo\_qcd/Events/run\_01

INFO:

Final results and run summary:

Process  $p p \rightarrow t \bar{t}$  [QCD]

Run at  $p$ - $p$  collider (6500 + 6500 GeV)

Total cross-section: 4.622e+02 +- 2.2e+00 pb

Ren. and fac. scale uncertainty: +29.8% -22.3%



INFO: The results of this run and the TopDrawer file with the plots have been saved in /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my\_tt\_nlo\_qcd/Events/run\_02\_LO

# Scale uncertainties

- Look at the LO and NLO cross-section we have just computed
  - Values with different scales are computed on the fly and the envelope is taken
- Typically LO has larger scale uncertainties

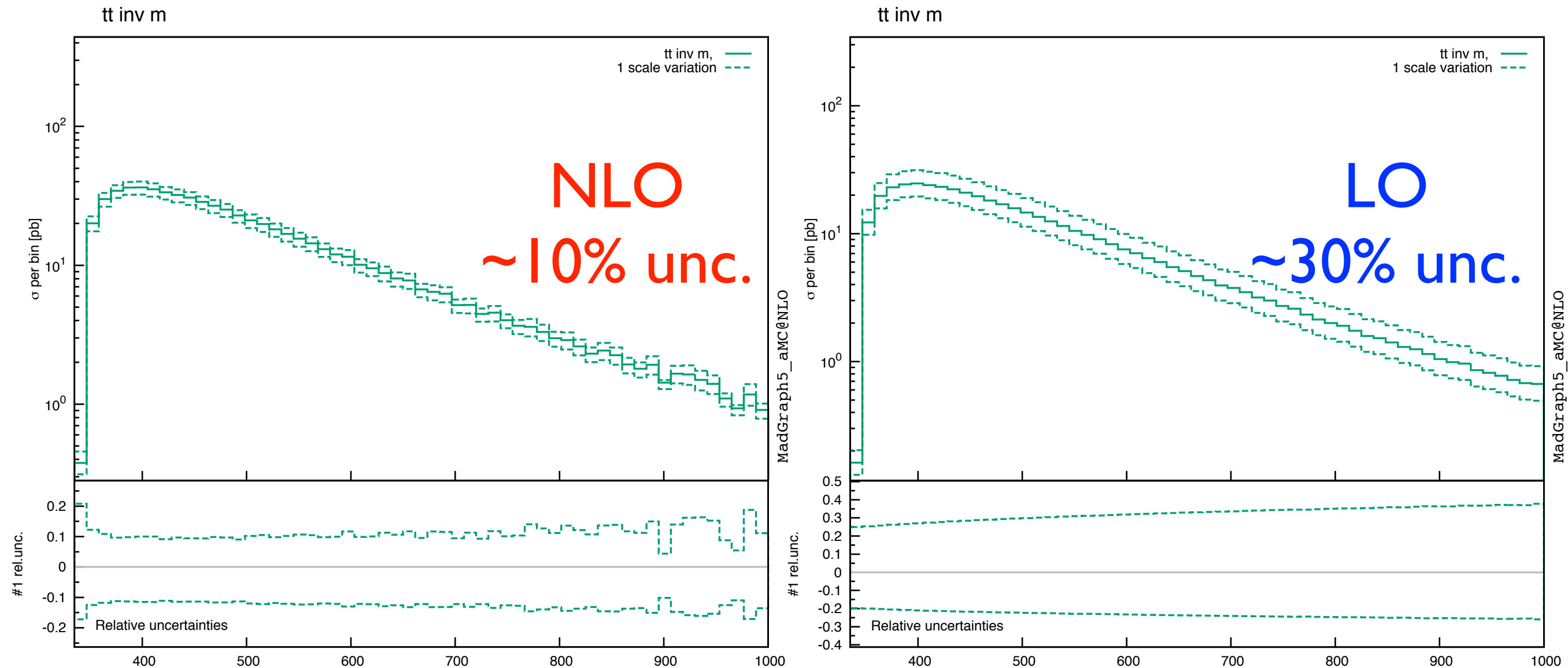
# Scale uncertainties

- Look at the LO and NLO cross-section we have just computed
  - Values with different scales are computed on the fly and the envelope is taken
- Typically LO has larger scale uncertainties
- To have scale uncertainties for distributions, one must fill one histogram per scale choice, and then take the envelope

# Scale uncertainties

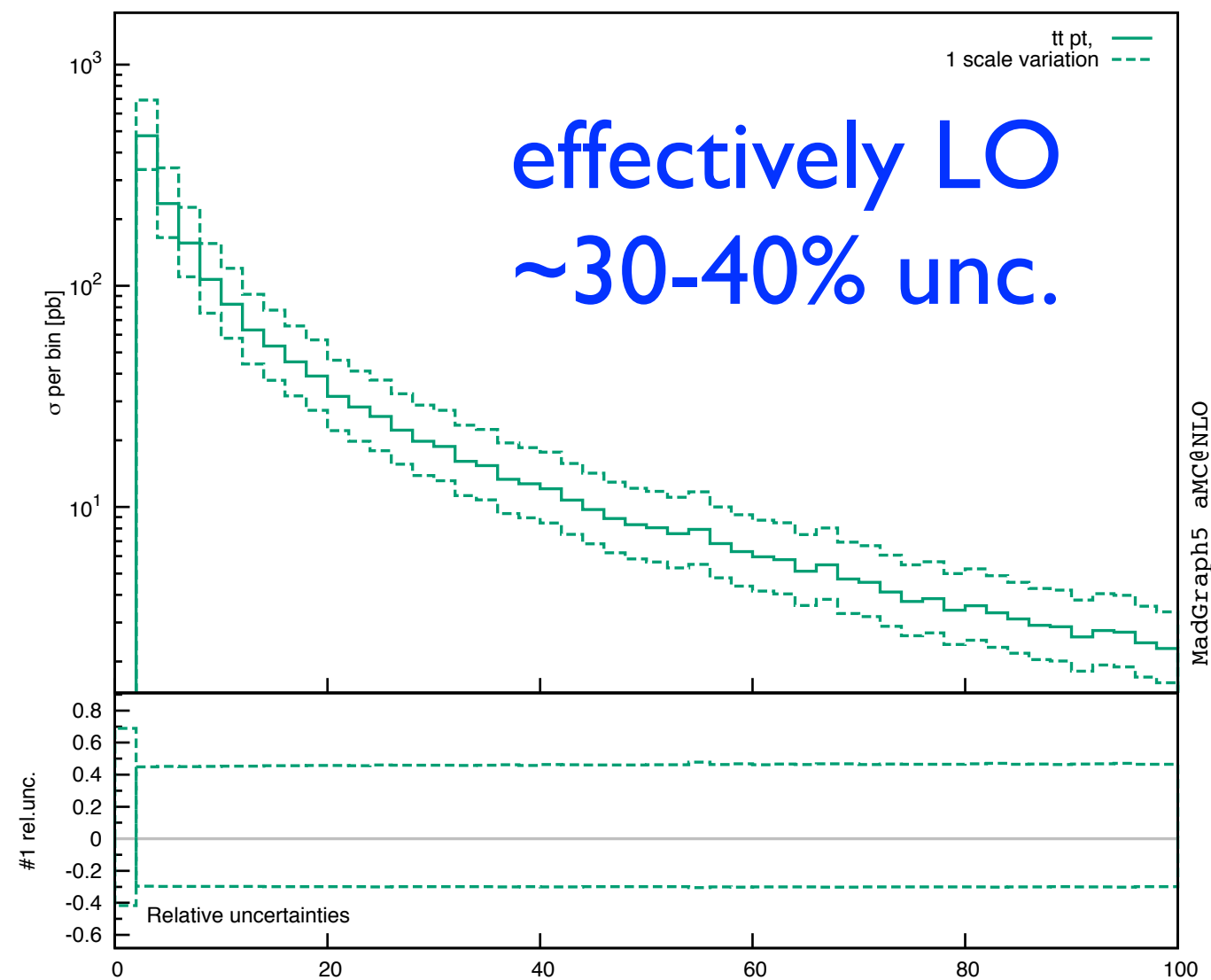
- Look at the LO and NLO cross-section we have just computed
  - Values with different scales are computed on the fly and the envelope is taken
- Typically LO has larger scale uncertainties
- To have scale uncertainties for distributions, one must fill one histogram per scale choice, and then take the envelope
- The same is possible for PDF uncertainties

# Scale uncertainties



# Scale uncertainties

$p_T(t\bar{t})$  histogram from NLO run





# NLO exercise

## $t\bar{t}$ production at NLO

### Part 2

- Generate a NLO event sample to be showered by **Pythia6Q** or **Pythia8**
- Shower and analyse it with the `py68an_HwU_pp_ttx.o` analysis (to be specified in the `shower_card`)
- The histogramming routine (`HwU.o`) must also be added to the analysis files in the `shower_card` (Hint: you can shower an existing run with `./bin/shower run_xx`)
- Use MadSpin to generate a di-leptonic (into muons) decayed sample
- Re-analyse the decayed and un-decayed sample with the `py68an_HwU_pp_lplm.o` analysis and check the lepton pair  $p_T$ 
  - If using **Pythia6Q**, the analysis (in `MCatNLO/PYAnalyzer/py6an_HwU_pp_lplm.f`) has to be slightly modified:
    - `IORI.LE.10`  $\rightarrow$  `IORI.LE.20` at lines **188, 192**
  - To tell Pythia to perform di-leptonic decays, add these lines in the `shower_card` ('Decay channels' block; antiparticles are decayed as particles)
    - `DM_1 = 6 > 24 5 @1d0 @100`
    - `DM_2 = 24 > 14 -13 @1d0 @100`
    - `DM_1 = 24:onMode = off`
    - `DM_2 = 24:onIfAny = 13 14`

# Using Pythia8 for NLO runs

- Before generating the process, set the path via the MG5\_aMC interface  
`> set pythia8_path /path/to/pythia8`
- If the process has already been generated, set the path inside `Cards/amcatnlo_configuration.txt`
- Remember to set the parton shower in the `run_card!`

# NLO exercise

## Solution

### Part 2

- Generate a NLO event sample to be showered by Pythia6Q
  - Shower it with the `mcatnlo_pyan_pp_ttx` analysis (to be specified in the `shower_card`)
    - `cd my_ttbar_nlo`
    - `./bin/aMCatNLO`
    - `> launch`
    - `> fixed_order=OFF`
    - `> shower=ON`
  - Edit `run_card`
  - Edit `shower_card`

# NLO exercise Solution

## Part 2

- Generate a NLO event sample
- Shower it with the mcatNLO (see the shower\_card)
  - `cd my_ttbar_nlo`
  - `./bin/aMCatNLO`
  - `> launch`
  - `> fixed_order=OFF`
  - `> shower=ON`
- Edit `run_card`
- Edit `shower_card`

specified in the

```
# PDF choice: this automatically fixes also alpha_s(MZ) and its evol.
*
*****
nn23nlo    = pdlabel    ! PDF set
244600     = lhaid       ! if pdlabel=lhapdf, this is the lhapdf number
*****
# Include the NLO Monte Carlo subtr. terms for the following parton
*
# shower (HERWIG6 | HERWIGPP | PYTHIA6Q | PYTHIA6PT | PYTHIA8)
*
# WARNING: PYTHIA6PT works only for processes without FSR!!!!
*
*****
*
PYTHIA6Q   = parton_shower ←
*****
# Renormalization and factorization scales
*
# (Default functional form for the non-fixed scales is the sum of
*
# the transverse masses of all final state particles and partons. This
*
# can be changed in SubProcesses/set_scales.f)
*
*****
*
F          = fixed_ren_scale ! if .true. use fixed ren scale
F          = fixed_fac_scale ! if .true. use fixed fac scale
91.188     = muR_ref_fixed   ! fixed ren reference scale
91.188     = muF1_ref_fixed  ! fixed fact reference scale for pdf1
91.188     = muF2_ref_fixed  ! fixed fact reference scale for pdf2
*****
*
# Renormalization and factorization scales (advanced and NLO options)
*
*****
*
```

# NLO exercise Solution

## Part 2

- Generate a NLO event sample
- Shower it with the mcatnlo shower\_card)
  - `cd my_ttbar_nlo`
  - `./bin/aMCatNLO`
  - `> launch`
  - `> fixed_order=OFF`
  - `> shower=ON`
- Edit `run_card`
- Edit `shower_card`

specified in the

```
# PDF choice: this automatically fixes also alpha_s(MZ) and its evol.
*
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244600     = lhaid       ! if pdlabel=lhapdf, this is the lhapdf number
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# Include the NLO Monte Carlo subtr. terms for the following parton
# shower (HERWIG6 | HERWIGPP | PYTHIA6Q | PYTHIA6PT | PYTHIA8)
# WARNING: PYTHIA6PT works only for processes without FSR!!!!
*****
PYTHIA6Q   = parton_shower
*****
# Renormalization and factorization scales
# (*****
# Extra Libraries/analyses
# The following lines need to be changed if the user does not want to
# create a StdHEP/HepMC file, but to directly run an own analysis (to
# be placed in HwAnalyzer or analogous MCatNLO subfolders).
# Please use files in those folders as examples.
*****
*** EXTRALIBS      =          # Extra-libraries (not LHAPDF)
F          # Default: "stdhep Fmcfio"
F          # PYTHIA > 8.200 may require library dl
91 EXTRAPATHS     = ../lib    # Path to the extra-libraries
91          # Default: "../lib"
91 INCLUDEPATHS   =          # Path to header files needed by c++
***          # Dir names separated by white spaces
ANALYSE        = pyan_HwU_pp_ttx.o HwU.o
#          # routines (please use .o as extension
#          # and use spaces to separate files)
*****
*
```

# NLO exercise

## Solution

### Part 2

- Generate a NLO event s
  - Shower it with the mca shower\_card)
    - `cd my_ttbar_nlo`
    - `./bin/aMCatNLO`
    - `> launch`
    - `> fixed_order=0`
    - `> shower=ON`
  - Edit `run_card`
  - Edit `shower_card`

```
# PDF choice: this automatically fixes also alpha_s(MZ) and its evol.
```

```
Summary:
Process p p > t t~ [QCD]
Run at p-p collider (6500 + 6500 GeV)
Total cross-section: 6.772e+02 +- 2.1e+00 pb
Ren. and fac. scale uncertainty: +11.5% -13.0%
Number of events generated: 100000
Parton shower to be used: PYTHIA6Q
Fraction of negative weights: 0.20
Total running time : 6m 58s
```

```
INFO: The /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/
run_12/events.lhe.gz file has been generated.
```

```
...
INFO: Preparing MCatNLO run
INFO: Compiling MCatNLO for PYTHIA6Q...
INFO: ... done
INFO: Showering events...
INFO: (Running in /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/
MCatNLO/RUN_PYTHIA6Q_3)
INFO: Idle: 0, Running: 1, Completed: 0 [ current time: 12h32 ]
INFO: Idle: 0, Running: 0, Completed: 1 [ 2m 35s ]
INFO: Idle: 0, Running: 0, Completed: 0 [ current time: 12h34 ]
INFO: The file /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.3.1/ttbar/Events/run_01/
plot_PYTHIA6Q_1_0.HwU has been generated, with histograms in the HwU and
GnuPlot formats, obtained by showering the parton-level file /Users/
marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.3.1/ttbar/Events/run_01/events.lhe.gz with
PYTHIA6Q.
INFO: Run complete
```

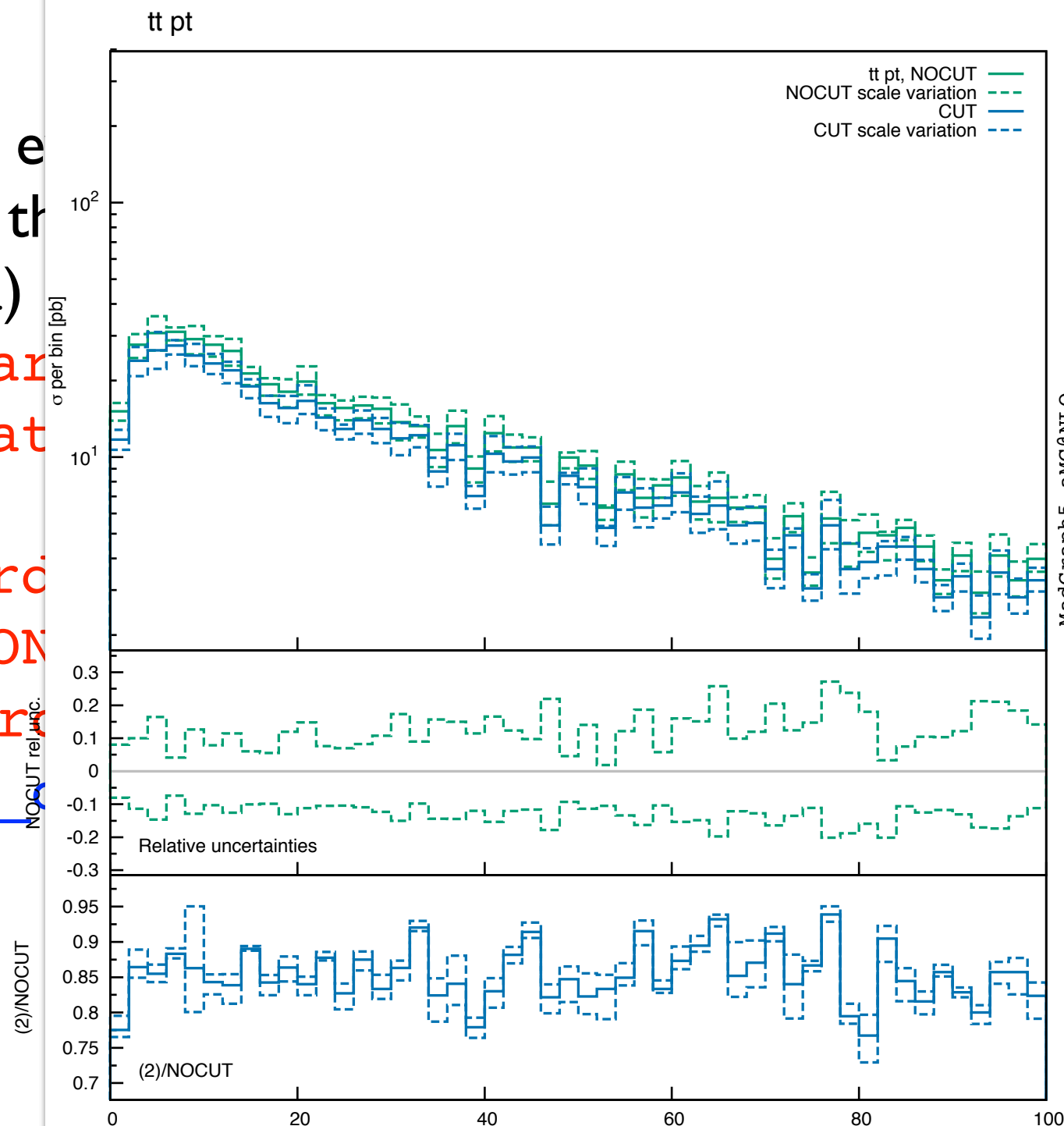
```
# P
* # routines (please use .o as extension
* # and use spaces to separate files)
*****
*
```



# NLO exercise Solution

## Part 2

- Generate a NLO e
- Shower it with th  
shower\_card)
  - `cd my_ttbar`
  - `./bin/aMCat`
  - `> launch`
  - `> fixed_ord`
  - `> shower=ON`
- Edit `run_card`
- Edit `shower_`



ts evol.

my\_tt\_nlo\_qcd/Events/

2.3new/my\_tt\_nlo\_qcd/

ime: 12h32 ]

ime: 12h34 ]

/ttbar/Events/run\_01/

ams in the HwU and

l file /Users/

vents.lhe.gz with

as extension  
rate files)

\*\*\*\*\*

# The events

```
<initrwgt>
  <weightgroup type='scale_variation' combine='envelope'>
    <weight id='1001'> muR=0.10000E+01 muF=0.10000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1002'> muR=0.10000E+01 muF=0.20000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1003'> muR=0.10000E+01 muF=0.50000E+00 </weight>
    <weight id='1004'> muR=0.20000E+01 muF=0.10000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1005'> muR=0.20000E+01 muF=0.20000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1006'> muR=0.20000E+01 muF=0.50000E+00 </weight>
    <weight id='1007'> muR=0.50000E+00 muF=0.10000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1008'> muR=0.50000E+00 muF=0.20000E+01 </weight>
    <weight id='1009'> muR=0.50000E+00 muF=0.50000E+00 </weight>
  </weightgroup>
</initrwgt>
</header>
<init>
  2212 2212 0.65000000E+04 0.65000000E+04 -1 -1 244600 244600 -4 1
  0.68147533E+03 0.22760274E+01 0.11811897E+04 0
</init>
<event>
  4 0 -.11811897E+04 0.68991465E+03 0.75467716E-02 0.11800000E+00
    21 -1 0 0 501 502 0.00000000E+00 0.00000000E+00 0.16695776E+03 0.16695776E+03 0.00000000E+00 0.0000E+00 0.9000E+01
    21 -1 0 0 502 503 -.00000000E+00 -.00000000E+00 -.83539498E+03 0.83539498E+03 0.00000000E+00 0.0000E+00 0.9000E+01
    6 1 1 2 501 0 -.87405313E+02 -.30435858E+03 -.46344397E+03 0.58735266E+03 0.17300000E+03 0.0000E+00 0.9000E+01
    -6 1 1 2 0 503 0.87405313E+02 0.30435858E+03 -.20499324E+03 0.41500008E+03 0.17300000E+03 0.0000E+00 0.9000E+01
#aMCatNLO 1 5 3 3 2 0.21343976E+03 0.35860250E+02 9 0 0 0.10000001E+01 0.15353083E+01 0.66887201E+00 0.00E+00 0.0E+00
<rwgt>
  <wgt id='1001'> -.11812E+04 </wgt>
  <wgt id='1002'> -.10571E+04 </wgt>
  <wgt id='1003'> -.13263E+04 </wgt>
  <wgt id='1004'> -.88285E+03 </wgt>
  <wgt id='1005'> -.79006E+03 </wgt>
  <wgt id='1006'> -.99128E+03 </wgt>
  <wgt id='1007'> -.16151E+04 </wgt>
  <wgt id='1008'> -.14453E+04 </wgt>
  <wgt id='1009'> -.18135E+04 </wgt>
</rwgt>
</event>
```

- Each event keeps information about scale variations
- To obtain scale uncertainties use the extra weights to fill histograms and take the envelope



# NLO exercise

## Solution

### Part 2

- Use MadSpin to generate a di-leptonic (into muons) decayed sample
  - `./bin/aMCatNLO`
  - `> decay_events run_xx`
  - edit the `madspin_card`

# NLO exercise Solution

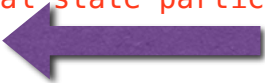
## Part 2

- Use MadSpin to generate a di-leptonic (into muons) decayed sample
  - `./bin/aMCatNLO`
  - `> decay_events run_xx`
  - edit the `madspin_card`

```

*****
#*                               MadSpin                               *
#*                               *                                       *
#*   P. Artoisenet, R. Frederix, R. Rietkerk, O. Mattelaer *
#*                               *                                       *
#*   Part of the MadGraph5_aMC@NLO Framework: *
#*   The MadGraph5_aMC@NLO Development Team - Find us at *
#*   https://server06.fynu.ucl.ac.be/projects/madgraph *
#*                               *                                       *
*****
#Some options (uncomment to apply)
#
# set seed 1
# set Nevents_for_max_weight 75 # number of events for the estimate of the max. weight
# set BW_cut 15                 # cut on how far the particle can be off-shell
# set max_weight_ps_point 400   # number of PS to estimate the maximum for each event
#
# specify the decay for the final state particles
decay t > w+ b, w+ > mu+ vm
decay t~ > w- b~, w- > mu- vm~
# running the actual code
launch
~

```



# NLO exercise Solution

## Part 2

- Use MadSpin to generate NLO corrections (if available)
  - `./bin/aMCatNLO`
  - `> decay_events run_01`
  - edit the `madspin_card.dat`

```

*****
**                               MadSpin
**
**   P. Artoisenet, R. Frederix,
**
**   Part of the MadGraph5_aMC@NLO
**   The MadGraph5_aMC@NLO Development
**   https://server06.fynu.ucl.ac.be/projects/madspin
**
*****
#Some options (uncomment to apply)
#
# set seed 1
# set Nevents_for_max_weight 75 #
# set BW_cut 15
#
set max_weight_ps_point 400 # number of PS to estimate the maximum for each event
#
# specify the decay for the final state particles
decay t > w+ b, w+ > mu+ vm
decay t~ > w- b~, w- > mu- vm~
# running the actual code
launch
~

```

```

. . .
INFO: MadSpin: Estimate the maximum weight
INFO:
INFO:   Estimating the maximum weight
INFO:   *****
INFO:   Probing the first 139 events
INFO:   with 400 phase space points
INFO:
INFO: Event 1/139 : 0.059s
INFO: Event 6/139 : 0.99s
INFO: Event 11/139 : 1.3s
. . .
INFO: Decaying the events...
INFO: Event nb 1000 2.6s
INFO: Event nb 2000 4.9s
INFO: Event nb 3000 7s
. . .
INFO: Decayed events have been written in /Users/marcozaro/Physics/
MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/run_01/events_decayed.lhe.gz
INFO: The decayed event file has been moved to the following location:
INFO: /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/Events/
run_01_decayed_1/events.lhe.gz
INFO: MadSpin Done

```

MS estimates  
 $\max \left( |M_{P+D}|^2 / |M_P|^2 \right)$   
 with the first events

# NLO exercise

## Solution

### Part 2

- Re-analyse the decayed and un-decayed sample with the `py6an_HwU_pp_1p1m` analysis and check the lepton pair  $p_T$ 
  - Re-shower the un-decayed sample
    - `./bin/shower run_xx`
  - edit the `shower_card`
  - Shower the decayed sample
    - `./bin/shower run_xx_decayed_1`

# NLO exercise Solution

## Part 2

- Re-analyse the decayed and un-decayed sample with the `py6an_HwU_pp_lp1m` analysis and check the the lepton pair  $p_T$
- Re-shower the un-decayed sample
  - `./bin/shower run_xx`
- edit the `shower_card`
- Shower the decayed sample
  - `./bin/shower run_xx_de`

```
# Decay channels
# Write down the decay channels for the resonances, to be performed by
# the shower.
. . .
DM_1 = 6 > 24 5 @1d0 @100
DM_2 = -6 > -24 -5 @1d0 @100
DM_3 = 24 > 14 -13 @1d0 @100
DM_4 = -24 > -14 13 @1d0 @100
*****
*****
# Extra Libraries/analyses
# The following lines need to be changed if the user does not want to
# create a StdHEP/HepMC file, but to directly run an own analysis (to
# be placed in HwAnalyzer or analogous MCatNLO subfolders).
# Please use files in those folders as examples.
*****
EXTRALIBS      =          # Extra-libraries (not LHAPDF)
                                # Default: "stdhep Fmcfio"
                                # PYTHIA > 8.200 may require library dl
EXTRAPATHS     = ../lib      # Path to the extra-libraries
                                # Default: "../lib"
INCLUDEPATHS   =            # Path to header files needed by c++
                                # Dir names separated by white spaces
ANALYSE        = mcatnlo_pyan_pp_lp1m.o HwU.o
                                # routines (please use .o as extension
                                # and use spaces to separate files)
```



# NLO exercise

## Solution

# Part 2

- Re-analyse the decayed and un-decayed sample with the `py6an_HwU_pp_1p1m` analysis and check the the lepton pair  $p_T$
- Re-shower the un-decayed sample

- `./bin/sh`
  - edit the `sh`
  - Shower the
  - `./bin/sh`
- ```

INFO: Preparing MCatNLO run
INFO: Compiling MCatNLO for PYTHIA6Q...
INFO: ... done
INFO: Showering events...
INFO: (Running in /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.2.3new/my_tt_nlo_qcd/
MCatNLO/RUN_PYTHIA6Q_3)
INFO: Idle: 0, Running: 1, Completed: 0 [ current time: 12h32 ]
INFO: Idle: 0, Running: 0, Completed: 1 [ 2m 35s ]
INFO: Idle: 0, Running: 0, Completed: 0 [ current time: 12h34 ]
INFO: The file /Users/marcozaro/Physics/MadGraph/2.3.1/ttbar/Events/run_01/
plot_PYTHIA6Q_2_0.HwU has been generated, with histograms in the HwU and
GnuPlot formats, obtained by showering the parton-level file /Users/
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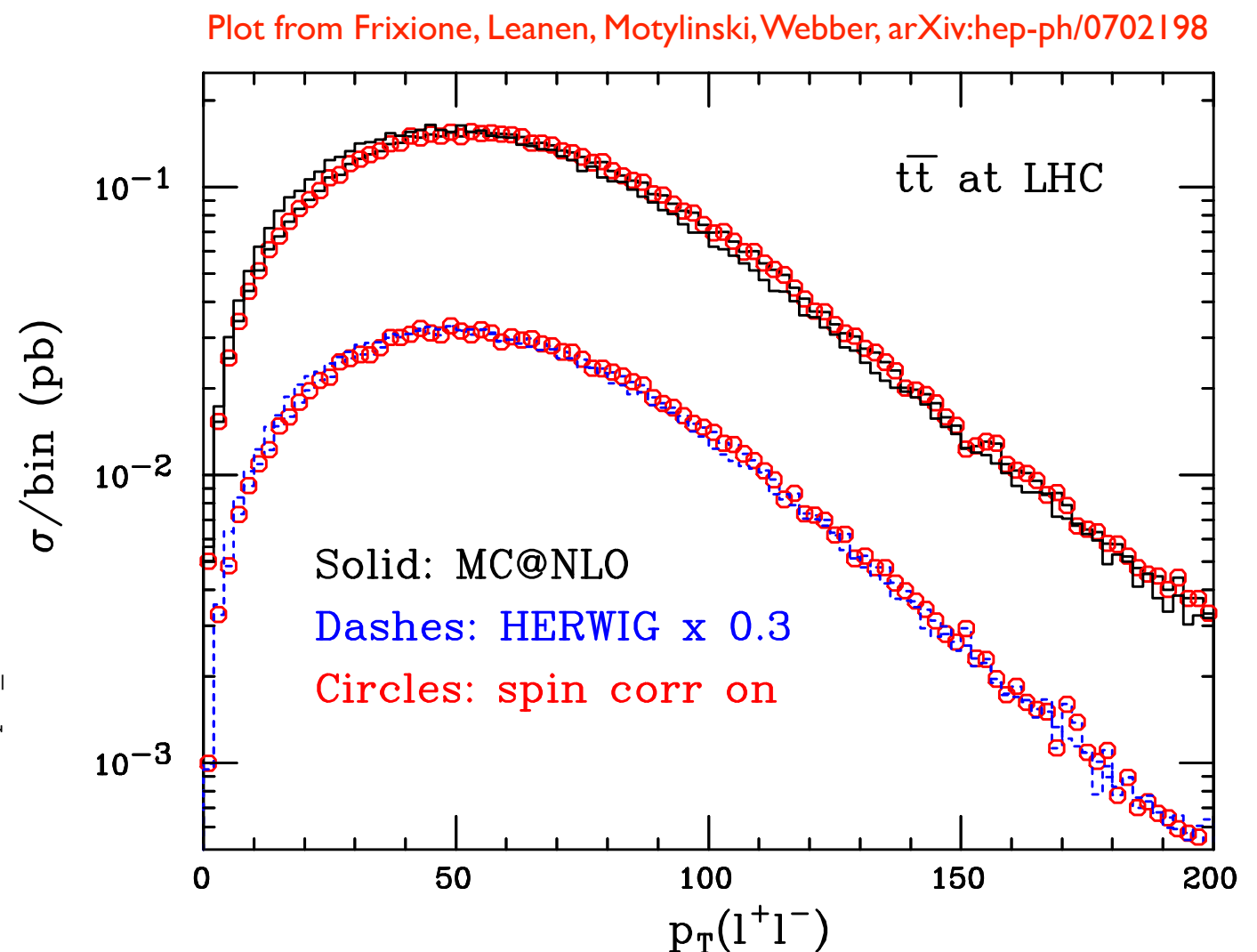
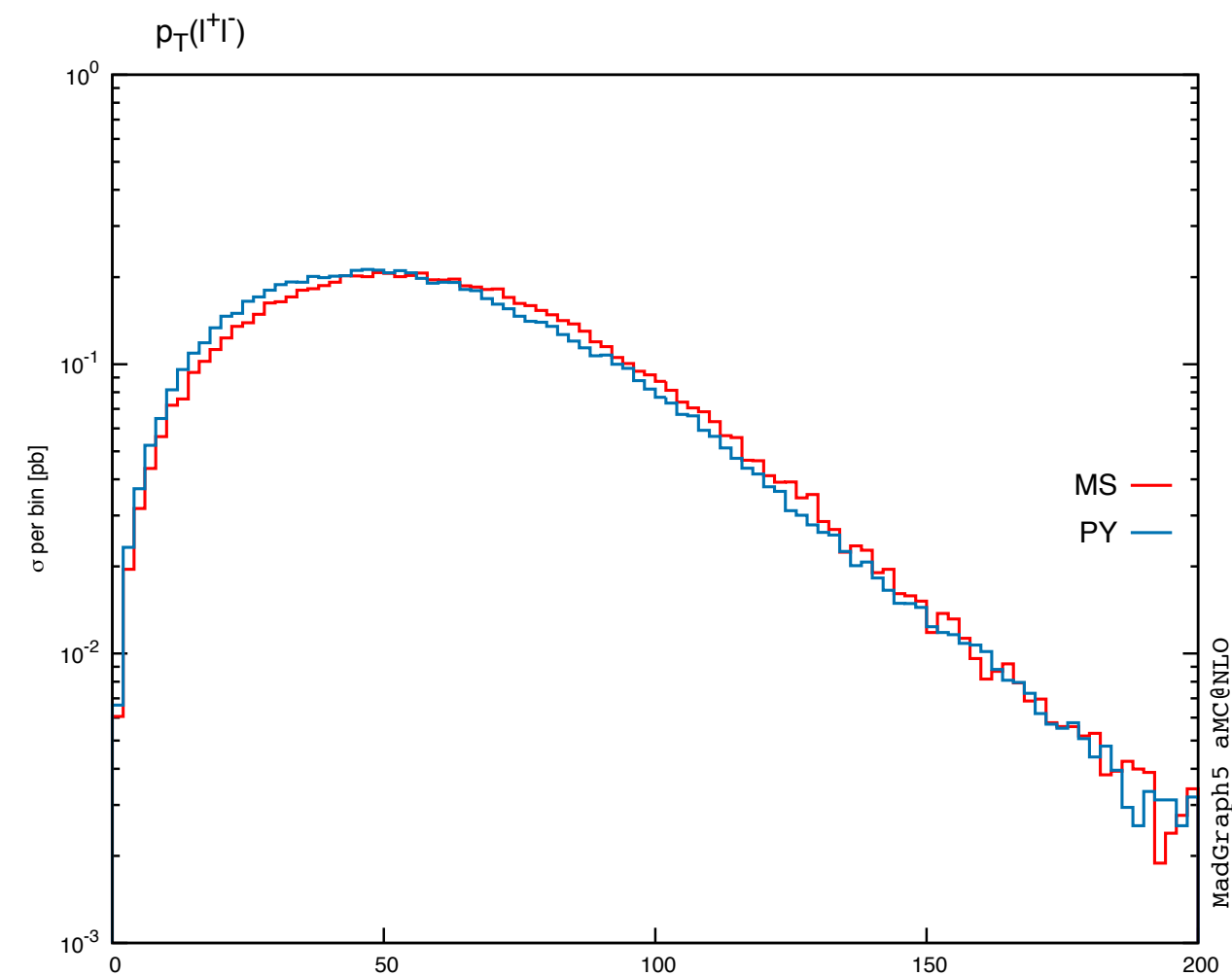
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# NLO exercise Solution

## Part 2

- Re-analyse the decayed and undecayed sample with the `mcatnlo_pyan_pp_lplm` analysis and check the the lepton pair  $p_T$



# Part 3:

## Generating large event samples



# Generating large event samples: How theorists do

- Set the nevents entry in the run\_card to the desired number of events (5000000 = nevents)
- Launch event generation (./bin/generate\_events)
- Wait...
- What happens?
  - The integrator tries to find an optimal grid for each integration channel, with an accuracy  $\sim 1/\sqrt{N_{\text{events}}}$ .
  - Each integration channel is assigned a number of events proportional to its weight
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| P0_gg_ttx/GF1/events.lhe  | 458422  | 1.049532e+02 | 1.000000e+00 |
| P0_uux_ttx/GF1/events.lhe | 238742  | 5.447329e+01 | 1.000000e+00 |
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- It only uses a limited number of CPUs ( $\sim$  integration channels)
- For NLO runs, one can use the `nevt_job` variable in the `run_card` to set the maximum number of events for each job. Channels with large number of event will be split into more jobs

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Example: ttbar production at NLO  
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- But still,

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## Fixes #2:

- If one integration channel crashes, the full event sample has to be regenerated
  - Do more runs with a smaller number of events, and combine them at the end
  - Warning! The grid's accuracy has still to match the final number of events, but this has to be done only once



# LO best practice:

## multi-run and gridpack

- **multi-run**: run  $N$  times sequentially the event generation for  $N_{\text{tot}}/N$  events each time (updating the random seed), then combine the various samples  
`./bin/madevent multi-run NRUNS (RUN_NAME)`
- All samples are statistically equivalent  
If a failure occurs, one can still combine those which succeeded
- Drawbacks:
  - Runs sequentially
  - The grid is computed before each event generation

# LO best practice:

## multi-run and gridpack

more on <https://cp3.irmp.ucl.ac.be/projects/madgraph/wiki/GridDevelopment>

- **gridpack**: set the grids only once, then generate many small event samples in parallel
- Set `True = gridpack` in the `run_card`, then execute `./bin/generate_events`
- Grids will be setup (`Running survey`) and a tarball will be created  
→ `run_01_gridpack.tar.gz`
- Inside the tarball you have a `run` script and the `madevent` directory
- Untar it, compile inside the `madevent` dir (`./bin/compile`) and clean unnecessary files (`./bin/clean4grid`), then re-tar and send over all CPUs
- `run` takes two arguments, the number of events and the seed.  
E.g. `./run 10000 37`

# NLO best practice

- Similarly to the gridpack, one can first set the integration grid, then generate many small event samples in parallel
- How to?
  - The `req_acc` variable in the `run_card` can be set to the desired accuracy independently of the required number of events. For example one can set `0.001 = req_acc` and `500 = nevents`.
  - Once the grids are set (with the usual `./bin/generate_events` command) one can tar the directory and send over the cluster nodes, where only the event generation can be run with `./bin/generate_events --only-generation --nocompile`
  - Remember! Update the random seed (`iseed` in the `run_card` or directly in the `SubProcesses/randinit` file)

# Part 4:

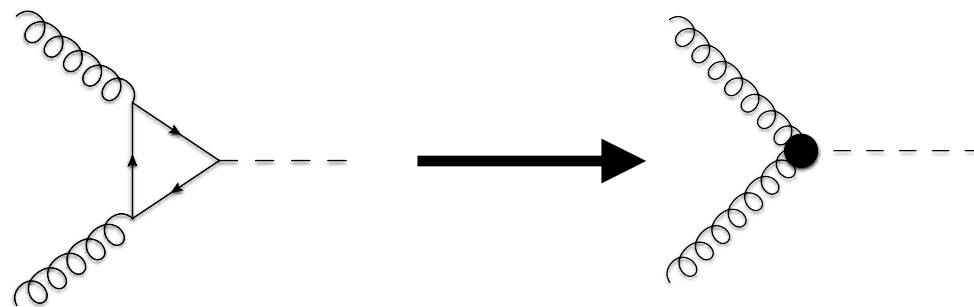
## Loop induced processes

# Loop-induced processes

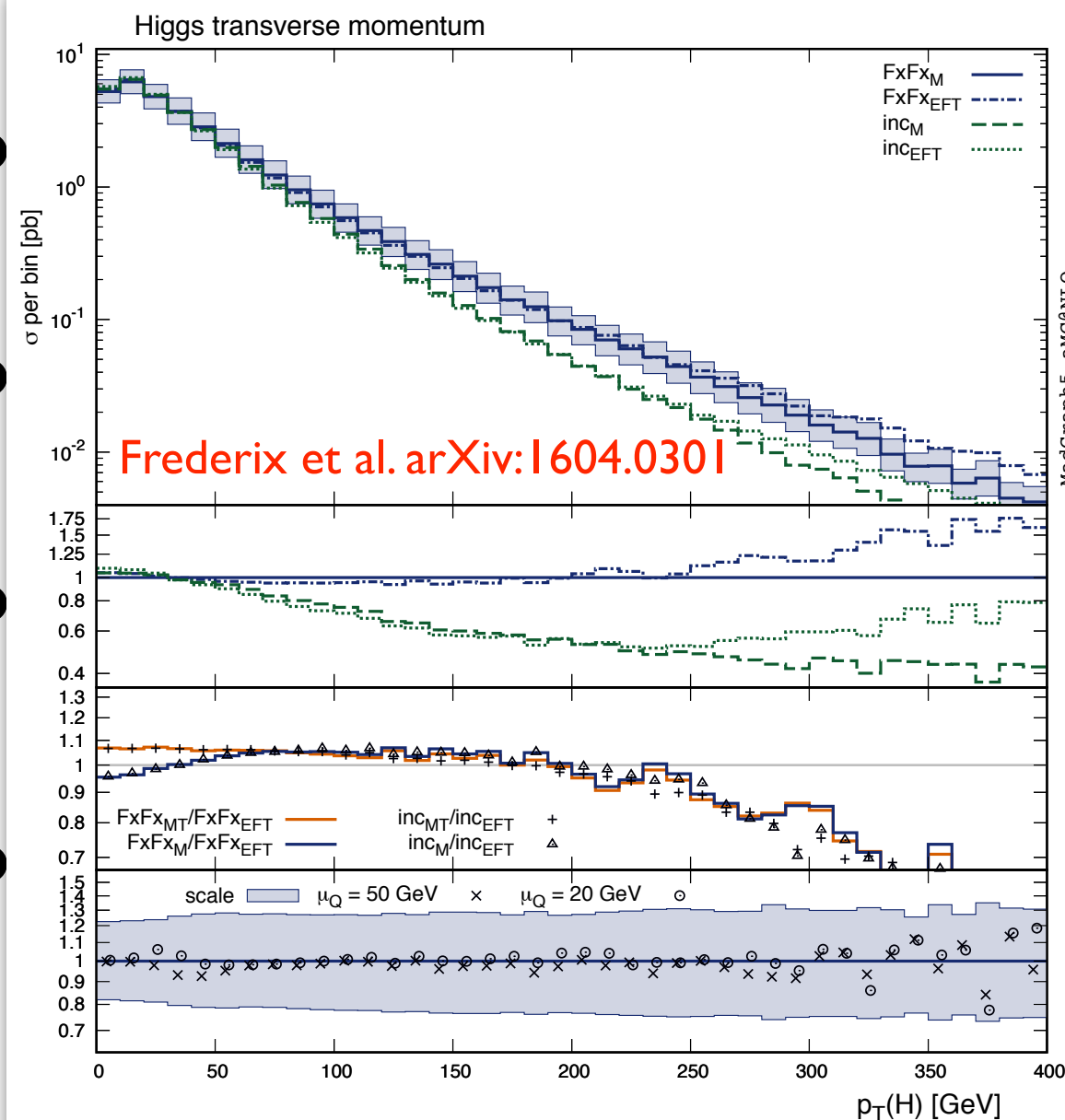


# Loop-induced processes

- There are some processes which do not receive contributions from any tree-level diagrams
- Even at LO, diagrams contributing to these processes feature loops
- Notable examples are Higgs production in gluon fusion,  $gg \rightarrow HZ$ ,  $gg \rightarrow HH$  and the decay  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Sometimes an effective-theory approach can help...



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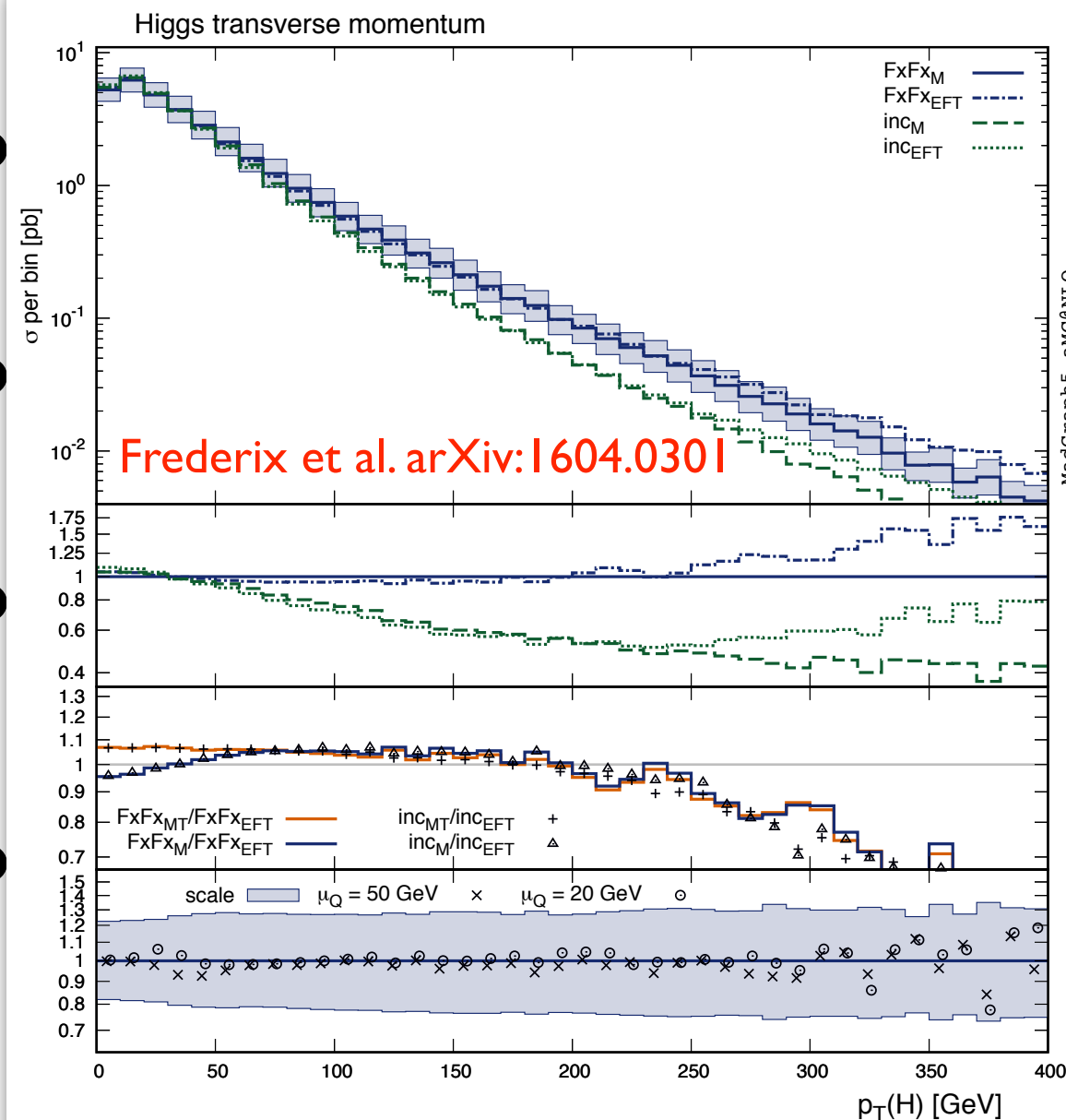


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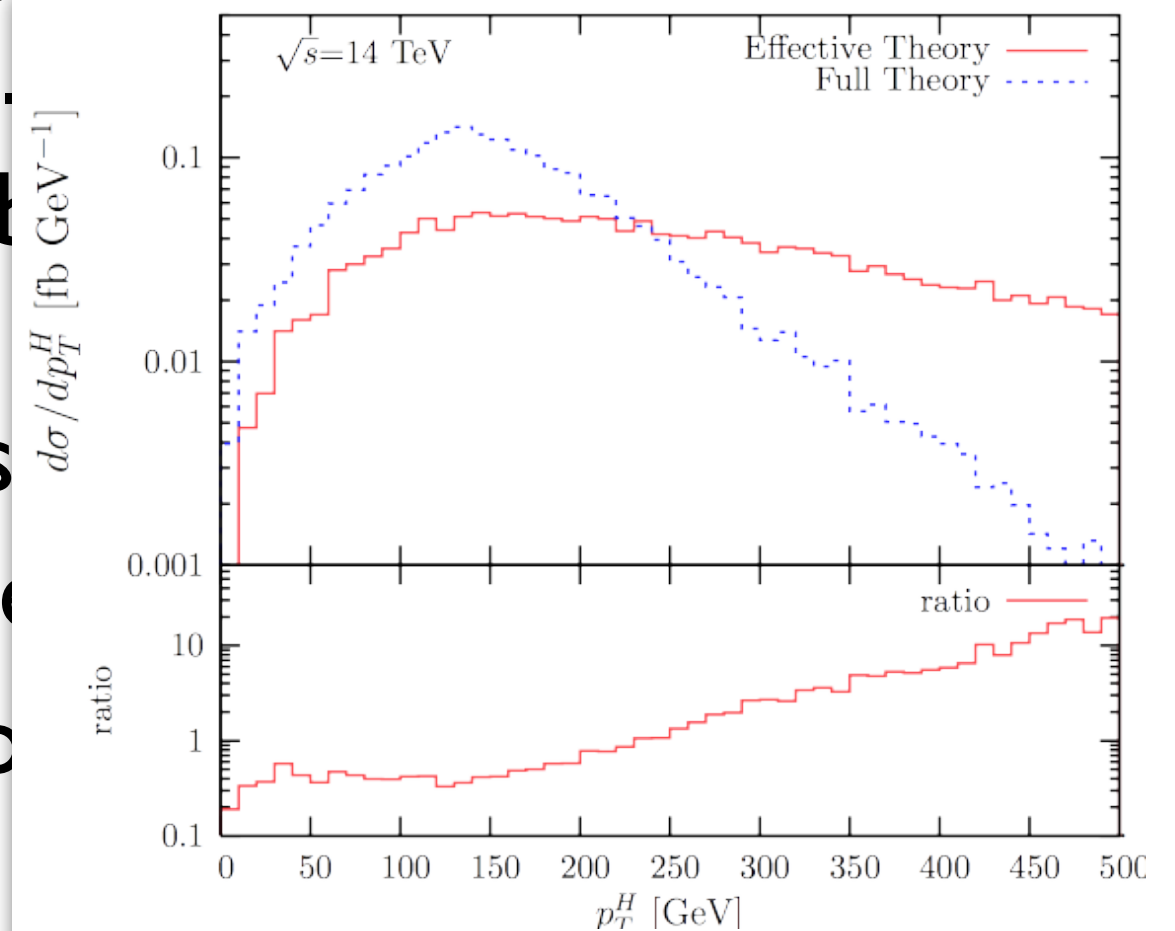
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- ...but sometimes it dramatically fails



# Loop-induced processes

- Since one year ago, the event generation for loop-induced processes has the same level of automation of any LO process with MadEvent [Hirschi & Mattelaer, arXiv:1507.00020](#)
- It can be as easy as
 

```
> generate p p > h h [QCD]
> output My_loop_induced_hh
> launch
```
- Note that here [QCD] does not mean ‘*do NLO QCD corrections*’, rather ‘*include loops with QCD particles*’. The code switches to loop-induced since there are no tree-level diagrams

# Loop-induced exercise

- Generate events for Higgs production in gluon fusion, both in the loop-induced and in the effective theory (use the `heft` model in that case)
- Are bottom-quark loops included in the loop-induced? How can I disable them?
- Run `pythia` and `MadAnalysis` on the event samples in order to obtain plots (you can also use your favourite plotting routine to plot the events after `pythia`)
- Compare the Higgs  $p_T$  plot with t/b, without b and in the EFT and comment

# Pythia and MadAnalysis

- Install `pythia` and `MadAnalysis` via the MG5\_aMC shell
  - > `install pythia-pgs`
  - > `install MadAnalysis`

BEFORE having generated the process folder (otherwise uncomment the `pythia-pgs_path` and `madanalysis_path` inside `Cards/me5_configuration.txt`)
- You can choose to run Pythia together with the event generation or in a second stage with
  - `./bin/madevent`
  - > `pythia run_XXX`
- To plot the (decayed) Higgs set “`plot_decayed yes`” in the `plot_card`
- The  $p_T$  range in the plots can be changed from the `plot_card`

```
# Put here the plot ranges
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# Do NOT put spaces at the beginning of the following lines!
# Begin PlotRange # This is TAG. Do not modify this line
pt          4      0 200  # bin size, min value, max value
```

# Loop-induced exercise: Solution

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  - `> generate g g > h [QCD]`
  - `> output gg_h_loopinduced`
  - `> launch`
  - `> import model heft`
  - `> generate g g > h`
  - `> output gg_h_heft`
  - `> launch`

# Loop-induced exercise: Solution

- Are bottom-quark loops included in the loop-induced?

How can I disable them?

- `> generate g g > h [QCD]`

Total: 1 processes with 4 diagrams

- `> display diagrams`

- Yes, b quarks are there. Just veto them!

- `> generate g g > h / b [QCD]`

Total: 1 processes with 2 diagrams

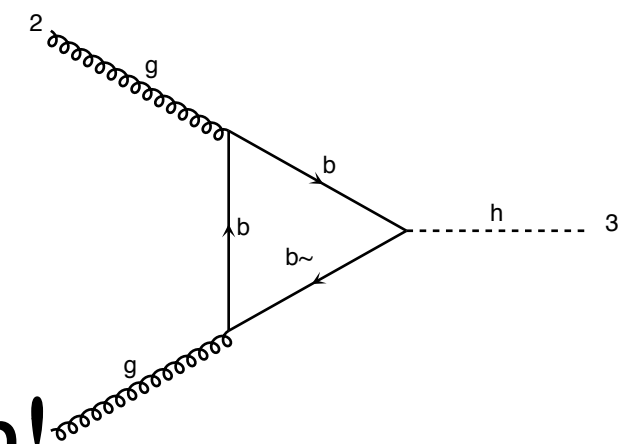


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QCD=2, QED=1

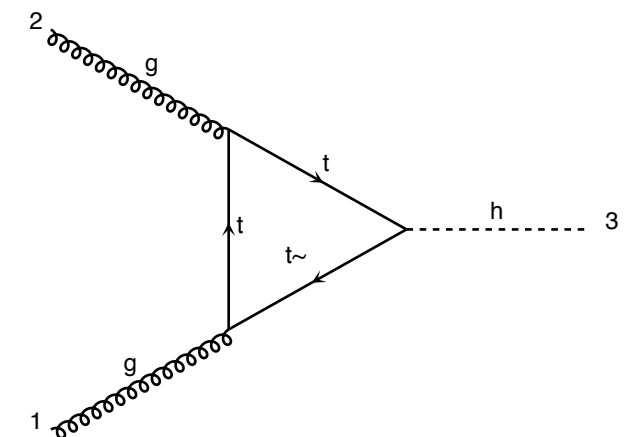


diagram 3

QCD=2, QED=1

# Loop-induced exercise: Solution

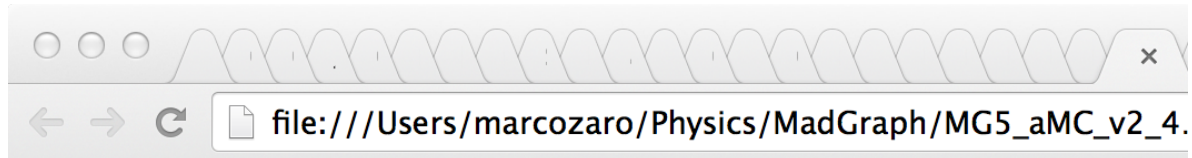
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- If you installed pythia/MA before generating the folders, after `./bin/generate_events` you can choose to run them directly

The following switches determine which programs are run:

|                                                                 |                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1 Run the pythia shower/hadronization:                          | pythia=ON                               |
| 2 Run PGS as detector simulator:                                | pgs=OFF                                 |
| 3 Run Delphes as detector simulator:                            | delphes=NOT INSTALLED                   |
| 4 Decay particles with the MadSpin module:                      | madspin=OFF                             |
| 5 Add weights to the events based on changing model parameters: | reweight=Not available (requires NumPy) |

Either type the switch number (1 to 5) to change its default setting,  
or set any switch explicitly (e.g. type 'madspin=ON' at the prompt)  
Type '0', 'auto', 'done' or just press enter when you are done.  
[0, 1, 2, 4, 5, auto, done, pythia=ON, pythia=OFF, ... ][60s to answer]

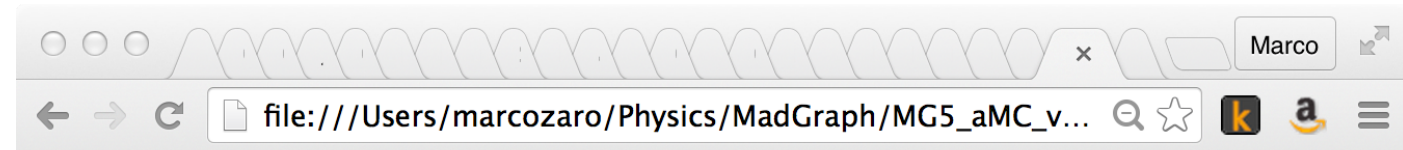
- After pythia, you will have a .hep file in the **Events/run\_XXX** directory, which can be analysed.
- The .top/.ps/.jpg plots can be found in `HTML/run_XXX/plots_parton/` and `HTML/run_XXX/plots_pythia_tag_Y/`



## Available Results

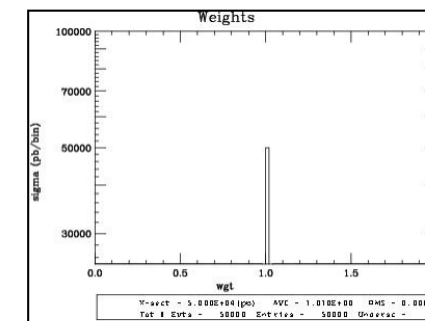
| Run      | Collider                      | Banner                | Cross section (pb) | Events | Data               | Output                                                                     |             |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| run_01   | p p<br>6500.0 x<br>6500.0 GeV | <a href="#">tag_1</a> | $15.71 \pm 0.042$  | 10000  | parton<br>madevent | <a href="#">LHE</a>                                                        | rem<br>laun |
|          |                               | <a href="#">tag_2</a> | $15.71 \pm 0.042$  | 10000  | pythia             | <a href="#">LOG</a><br><a href="#">STDHEP</a><br><a href="#">LHE plots</a> | rem         |
|          |                               | <a href="#">tag_3</a> | $15.71 \pm 0.042$  | 10000  | pythia<br>madevent | <a href="#">LOG</a><br><a href="#">STDHEP</a><br><a href="#">LHE plots</a> | rem<br>laun |
| run_full | p p<br>6500.0 x<br>6500.0 GeV | <a href="#">tag_3</a> | $15.73 \pm 0.012$  | 50000  | parton<br>madevent | <a href="#">LHE plots</a>                                                  | rem<br>laun |
|          |                               |                       |                    |        | pythia             | <a href="#">LOG</a><br><a href="#">STDHEP</a><br><a href="#">LHE plots</a> | rem<br>laun |
| run_nob  | p p<br>6500.0 x<br>6500.0 GeV | <a href="#">tag_3</a> | $17.61 \pm 0.0074$ | 50000  | parton<br>madevent | <a href="#">LHE plots</a>                                                  | rem<br>laun |
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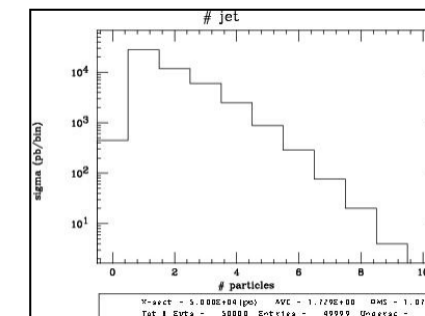


## Plots for Unknown at pythia level

| Name     | Variable                                                                                     |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| weigh    | weights of the events (normally 1)                                                           |
| Ht       | scalar sum of pt of all particles + missing Et                                               |
| pt(i)    | transverse momentum                                                                          |
| y(i)     | rapidity in the lab                                                                          |
| R(i,j)   | distance in the (y,phi) plane                                                                |
| m(i,j)   | invariant mass                                                                               |
| cos(i,j) | angle between direction of i in the resframe of i+j and the direction of i+j in the labframe |



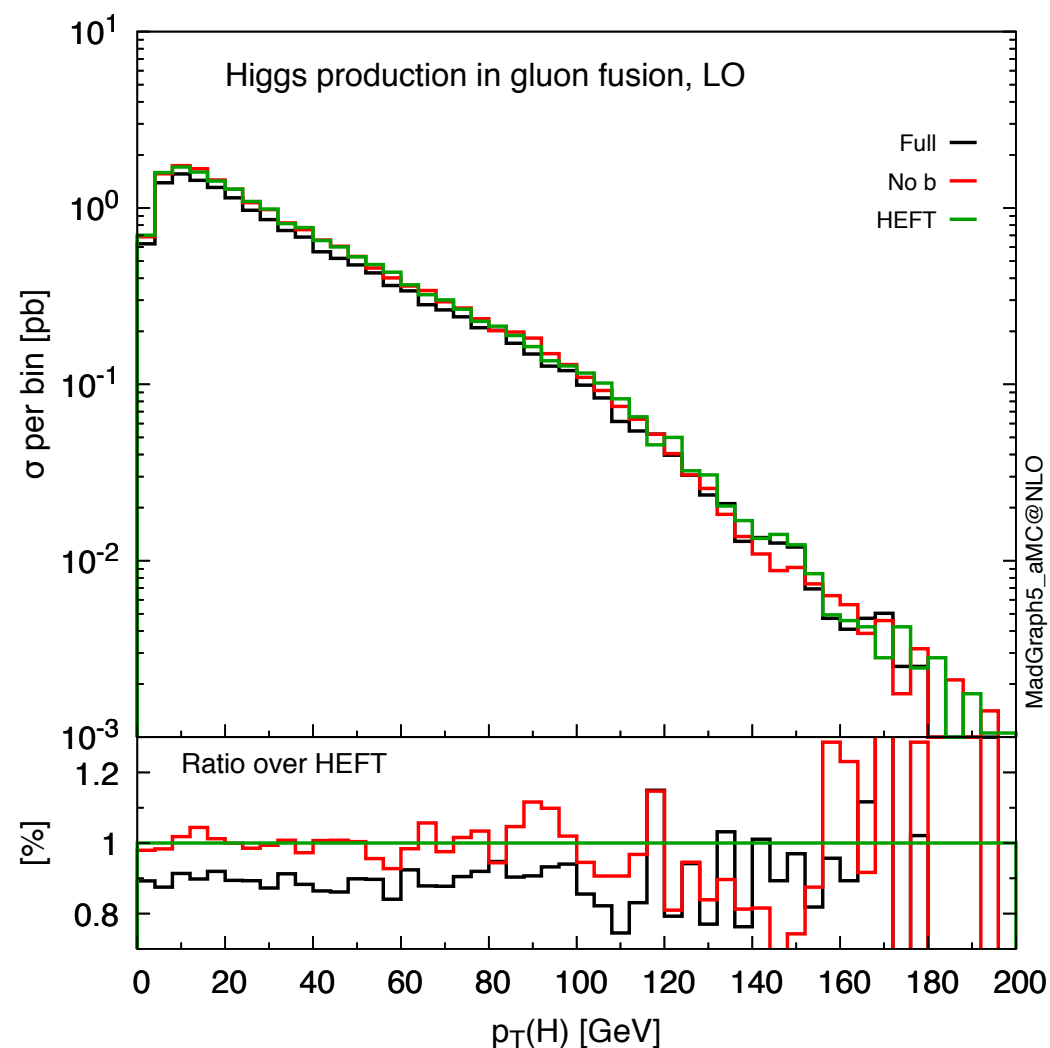
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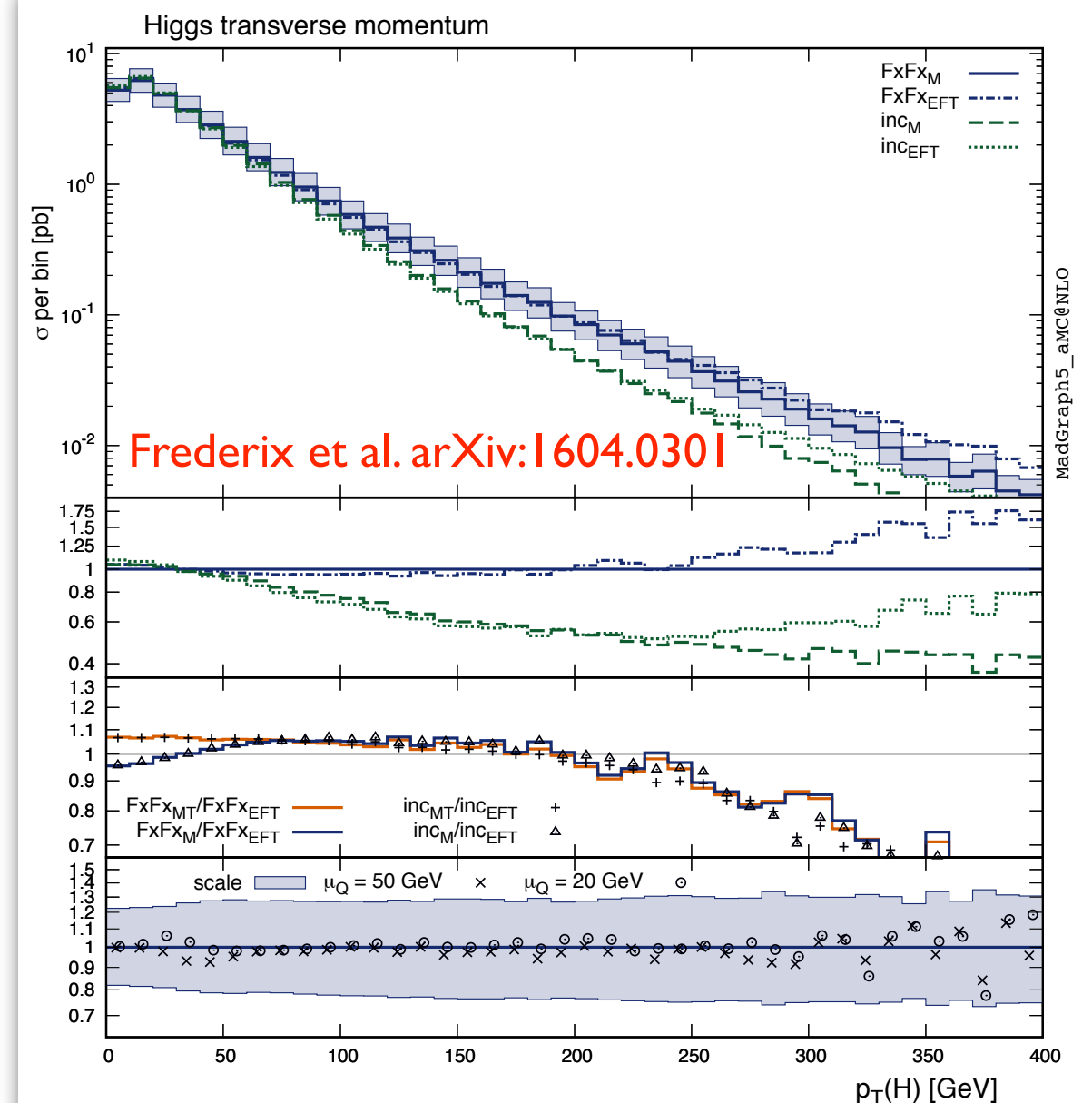
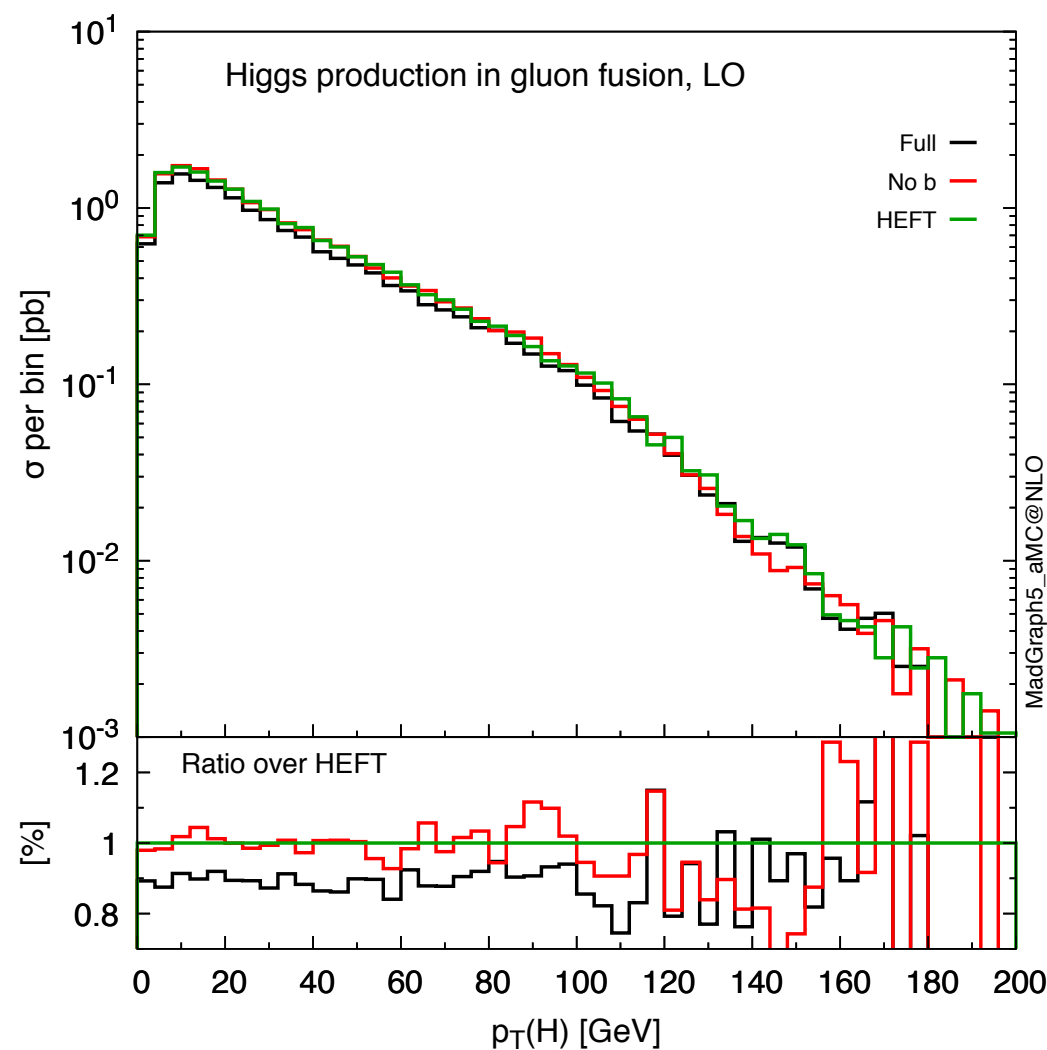
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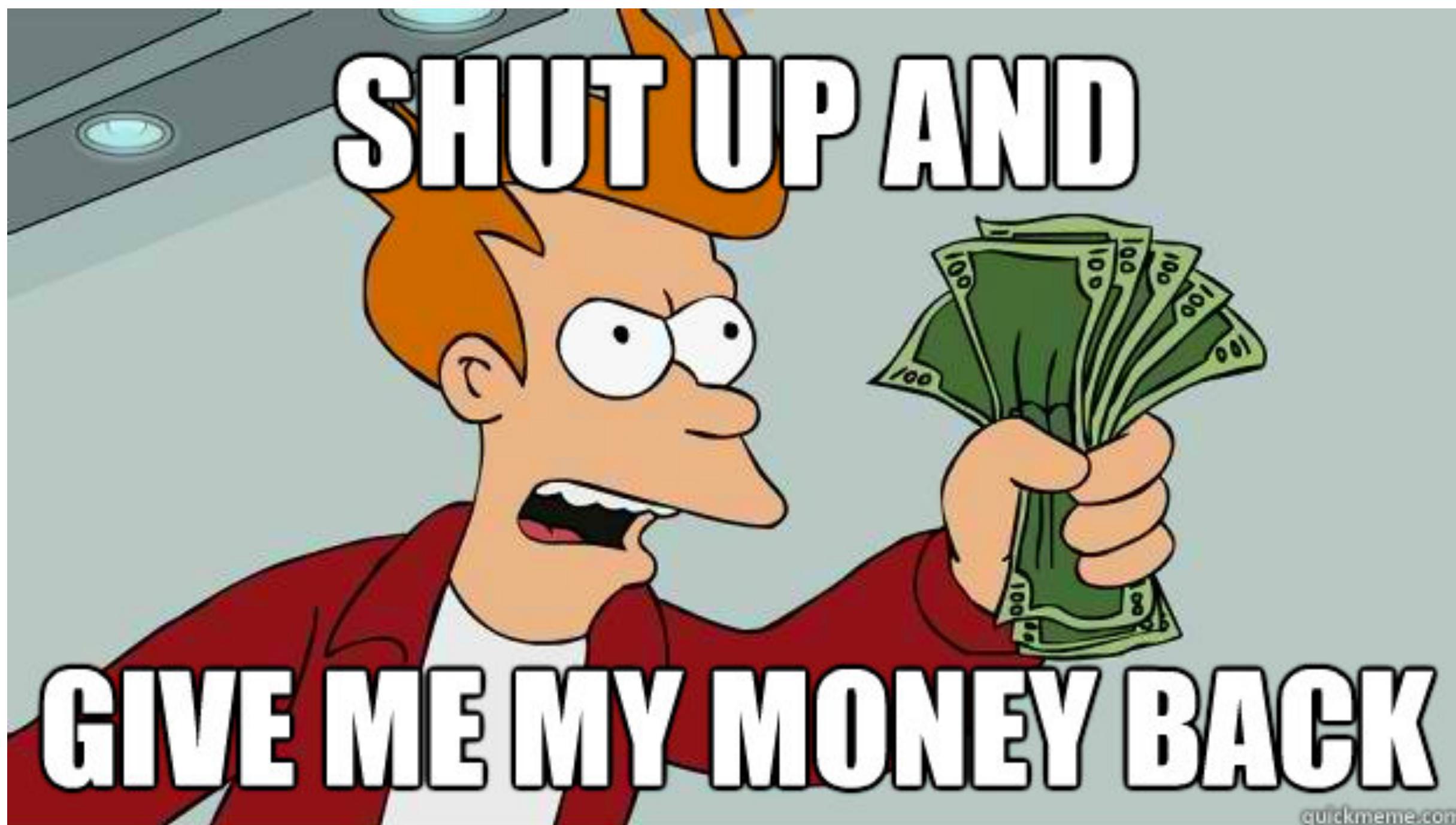




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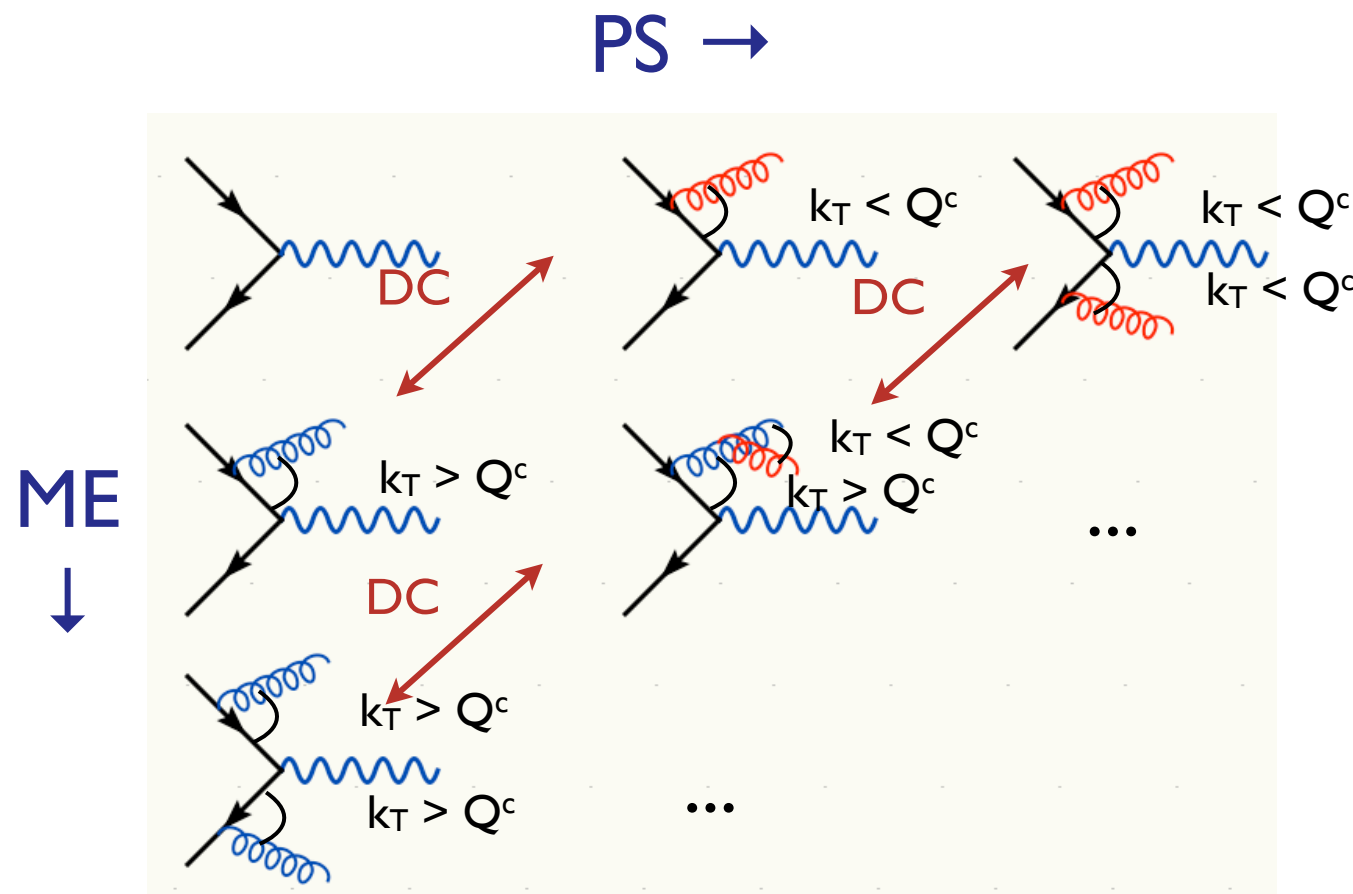
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- Compare the Higgs  $p_T$  plot with t/b, without b and in the EFT and comment
- Well, at this level of refinement, all samples look the same (apart for 'Full' having a smaller rate due to the t/b interference)
- Small- $p_T$  effects due to a prescription on the resummation (shower) scale; large- $p_T$  effects to the inclusion of extra radiation

# Part 5: Merging

# Merging at LO: CKKW and MLM

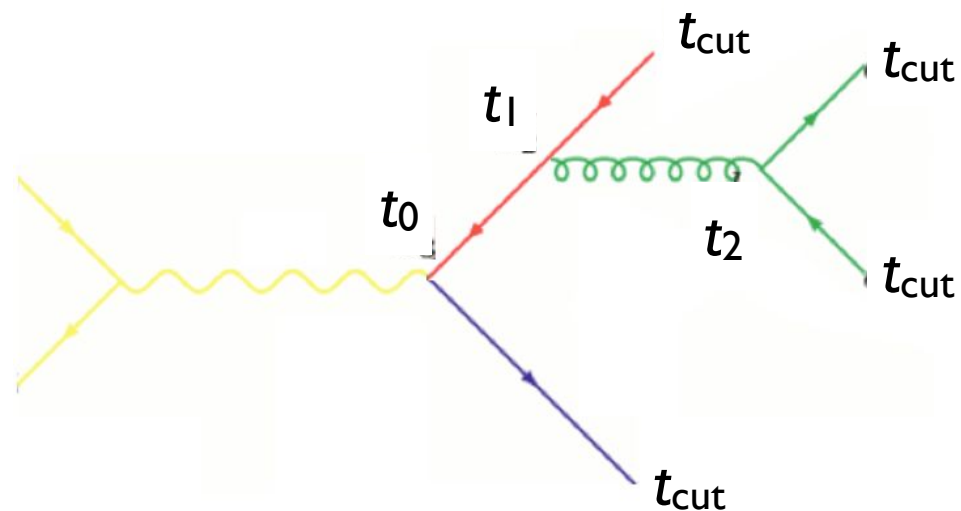
- Aim: improve shower description by including matrix-element corrections, without double counting
- Double counting can be avoided by introducing a cutoff scale  $Q_c$ :  
above use ME, below use shower



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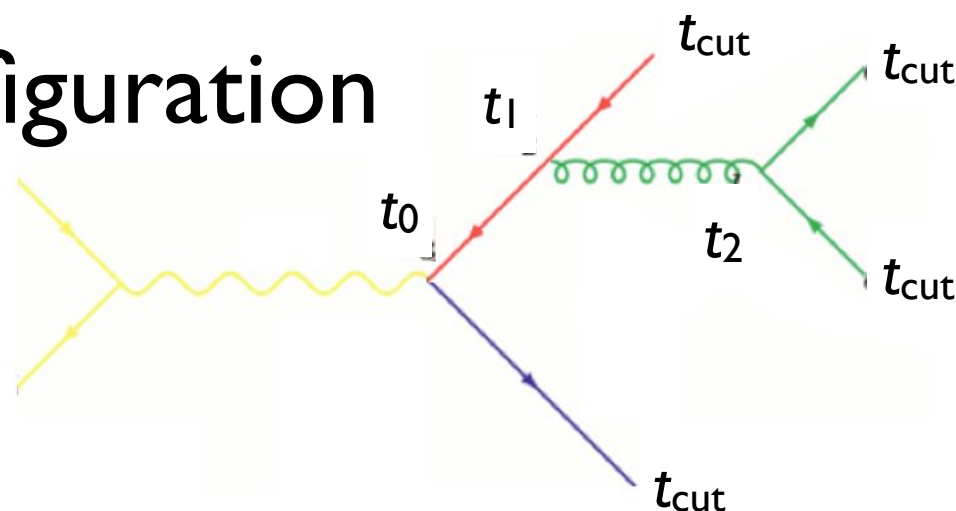
- Some refinement is needed in order to have smooth transition between PS- and ME-dominated regions: make ME and PS as similar as possible

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- Consider this configuration



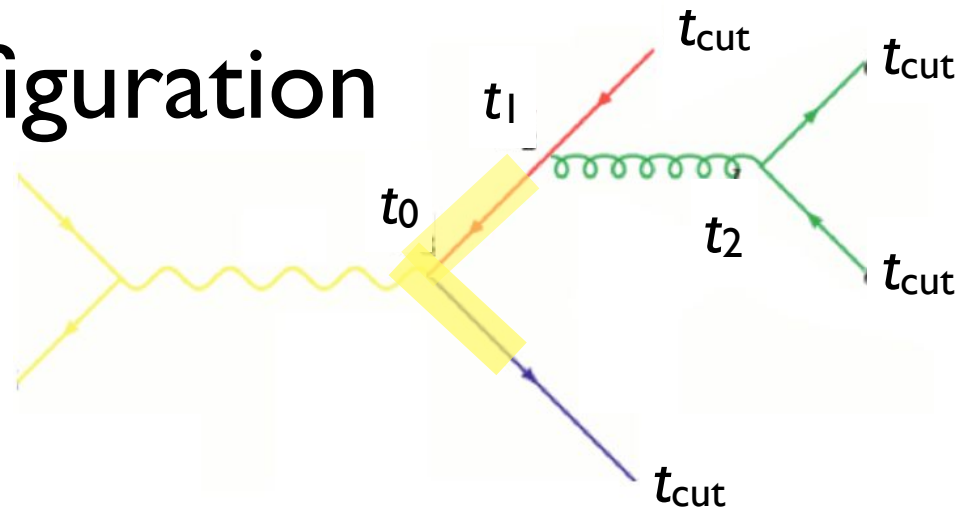
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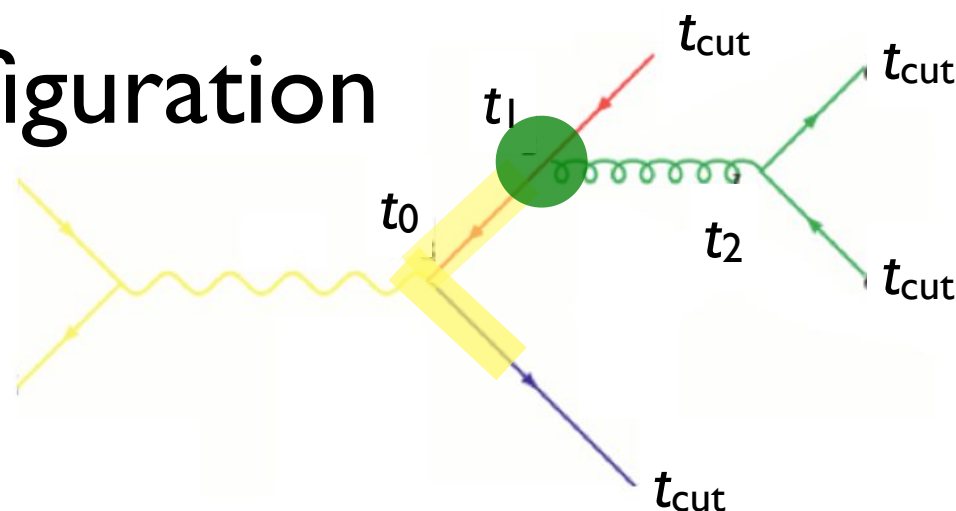


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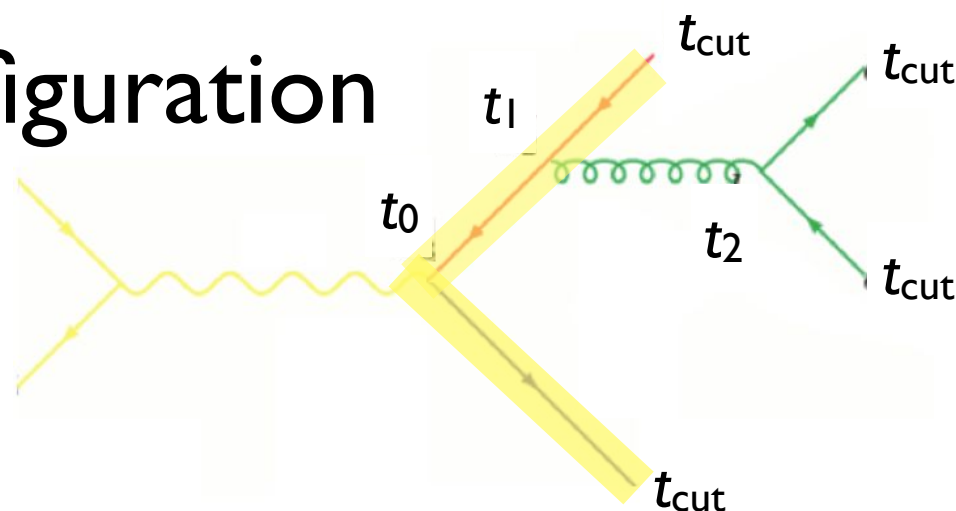
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- The probability for the full history

$$(\Delta_q(t_{\text{cut}}, t_0))^2 \Delta_g(t_2, t_1) (\Delta_q(t_{\text{cut}}, t_2))^2 \frac{\alpha_s(t_1)}{2\pi} P_{gq}(z) \frac{\alpha_s(t_2)}{2\pi} P_{qg}(z')$$

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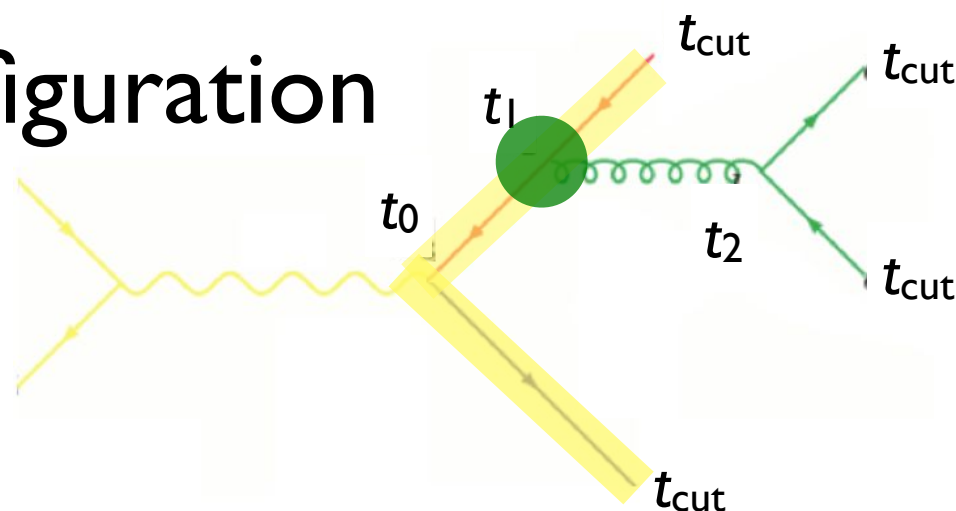
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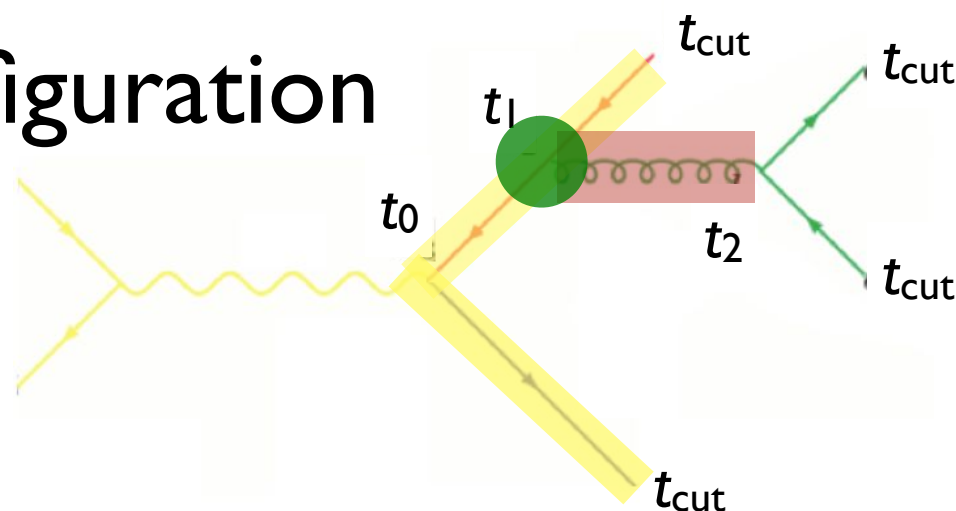
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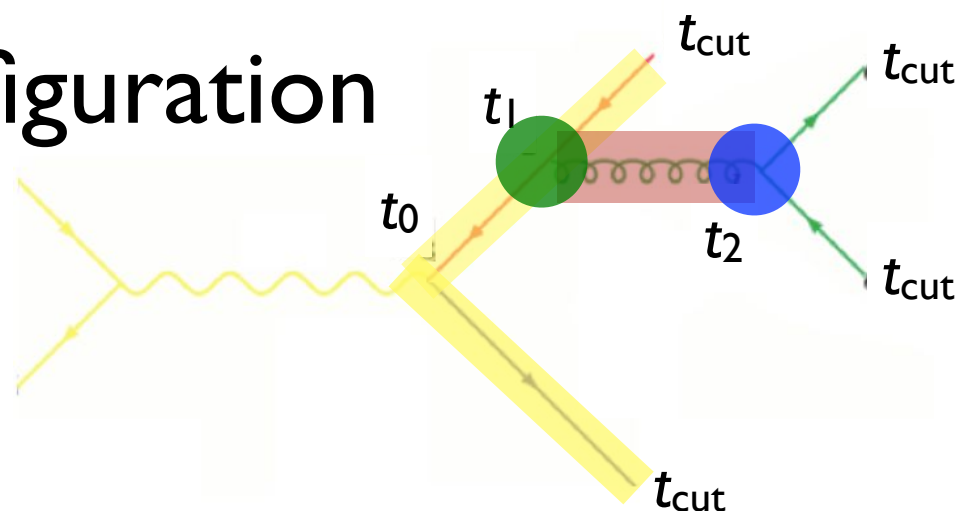
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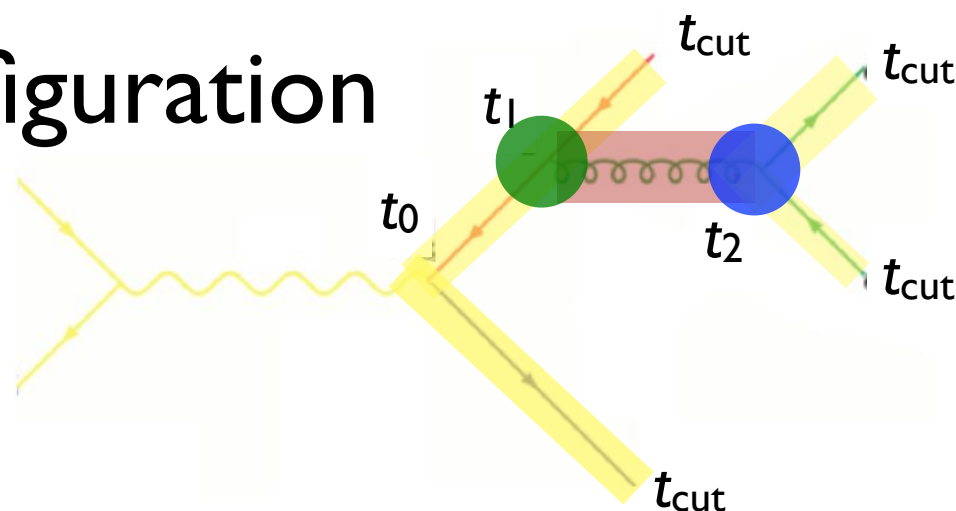
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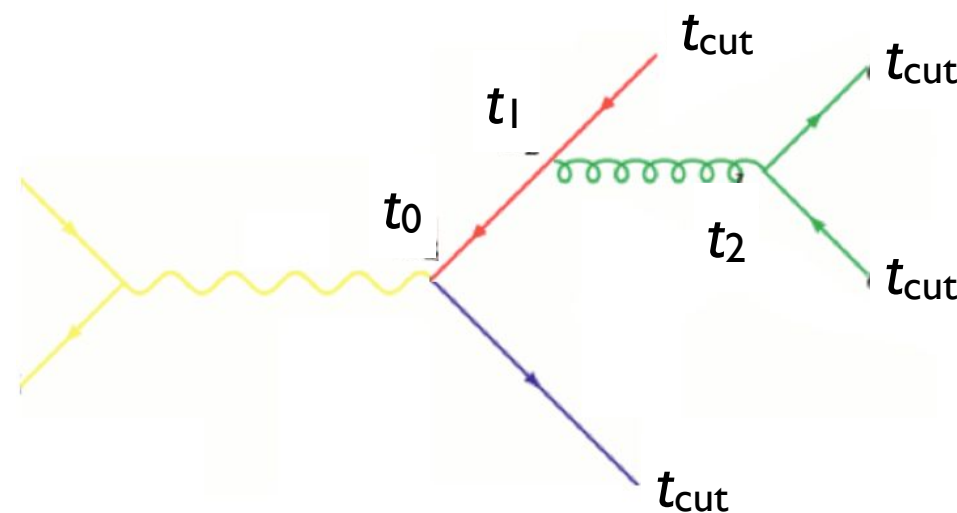
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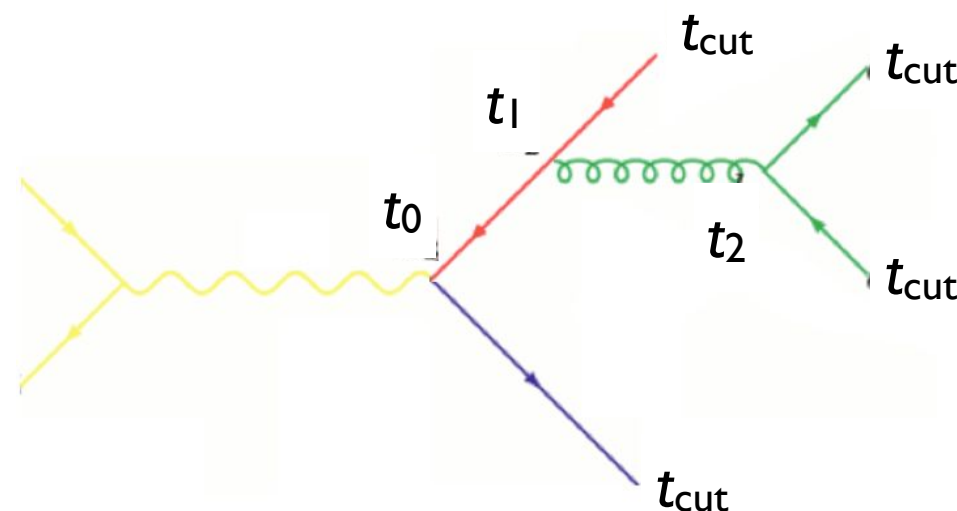
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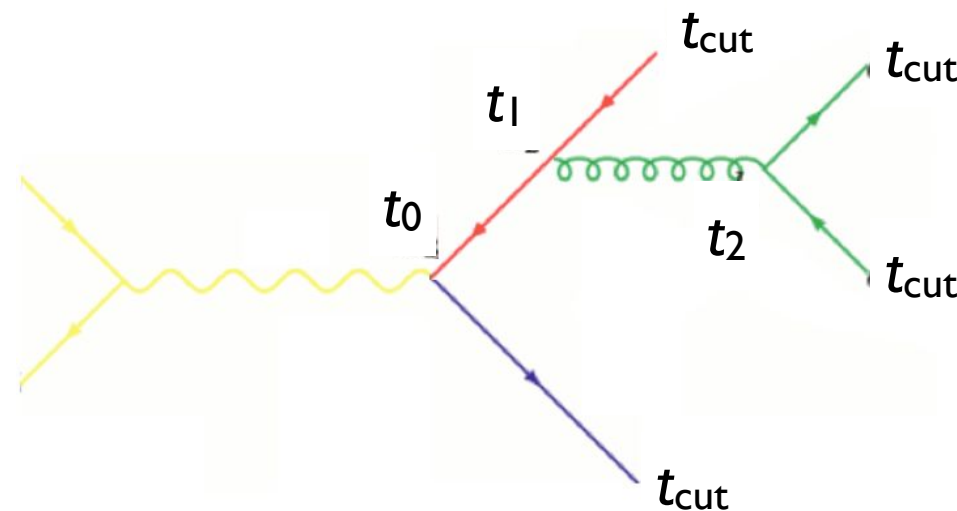
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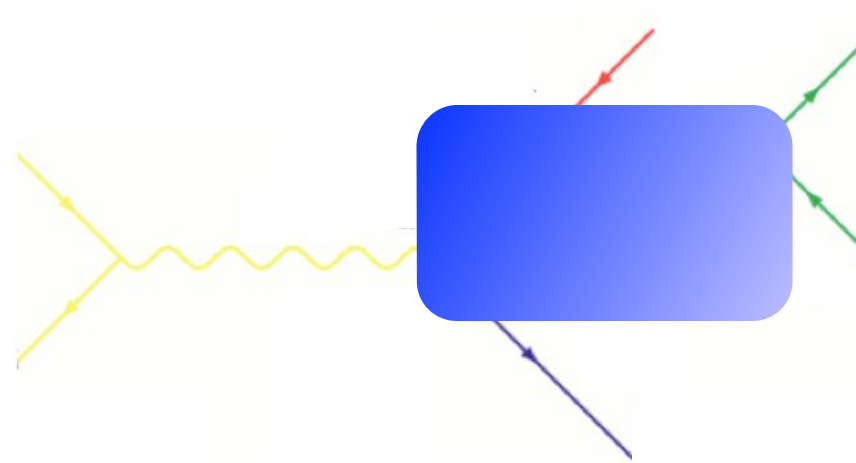


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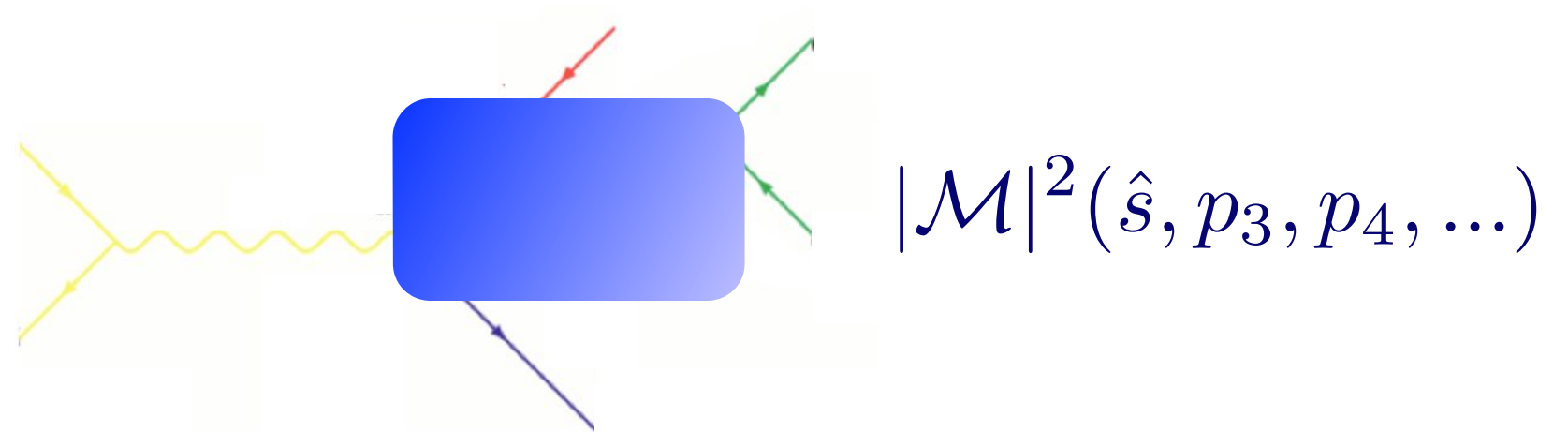
Sudakov suppression due to disallowing additional radiation  
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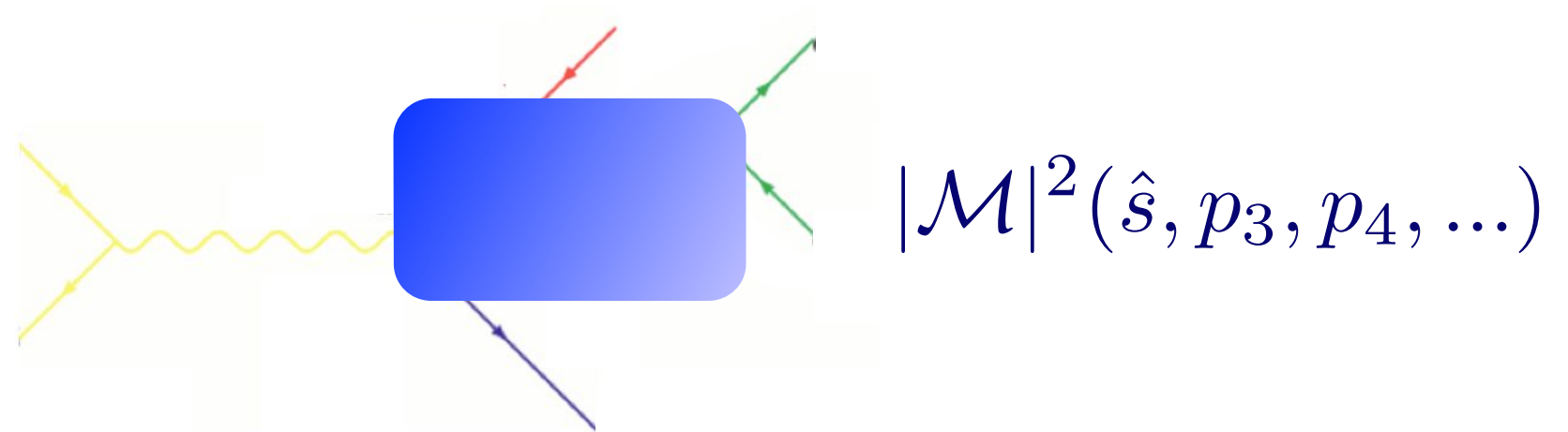
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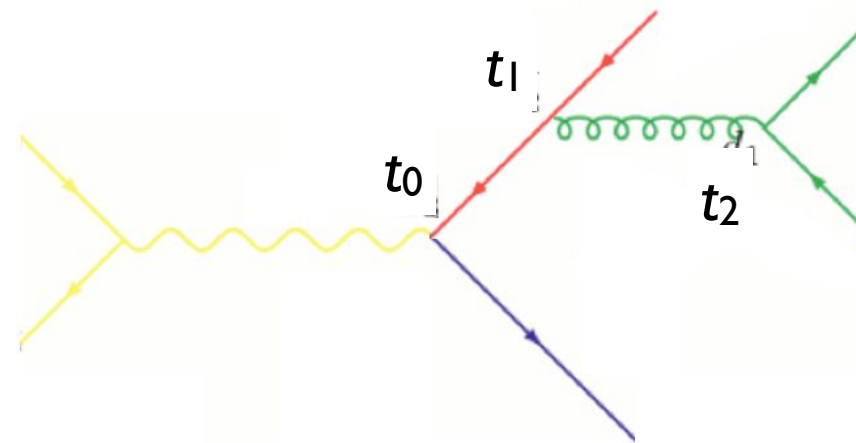
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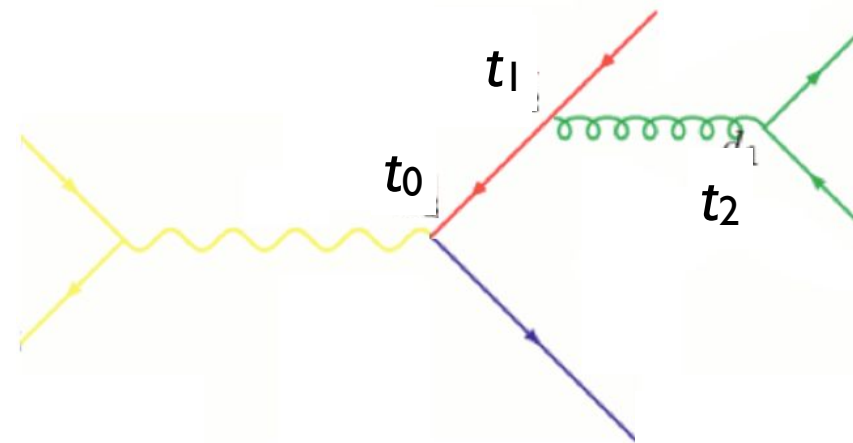
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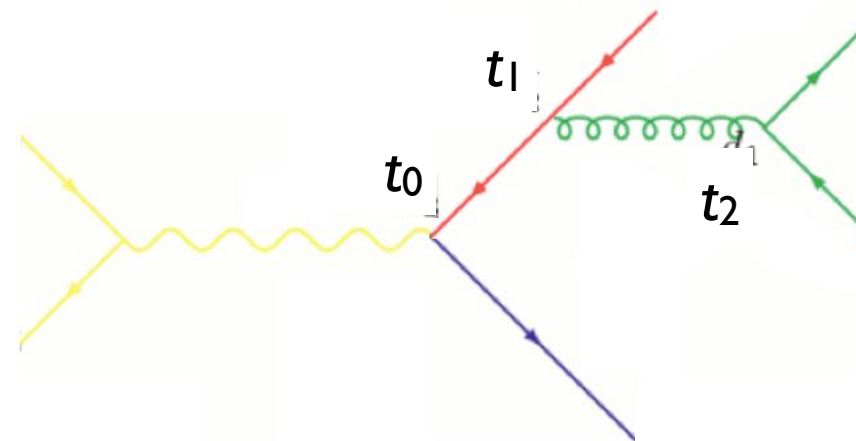


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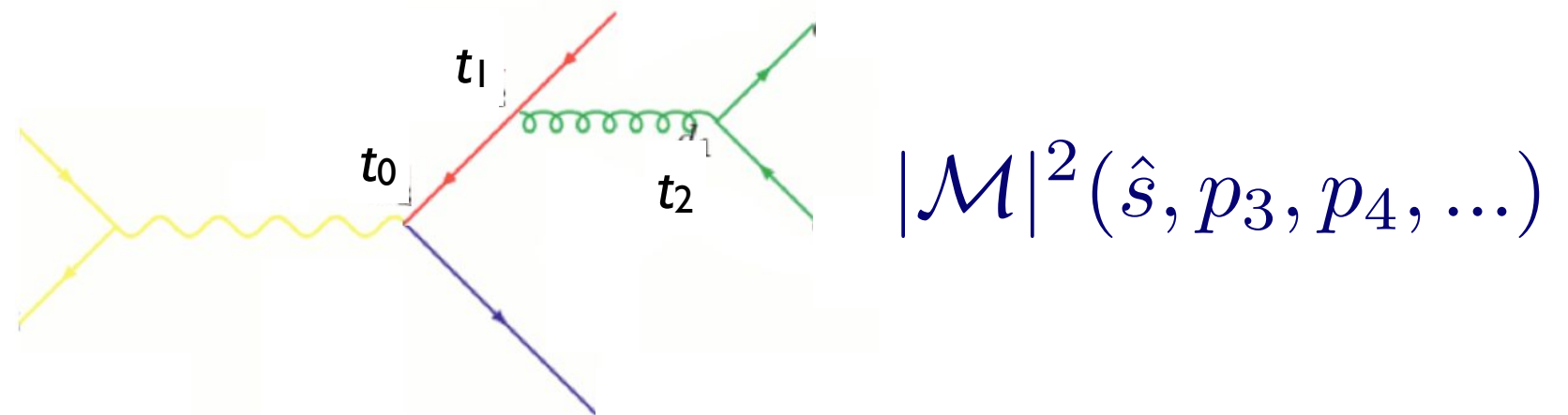
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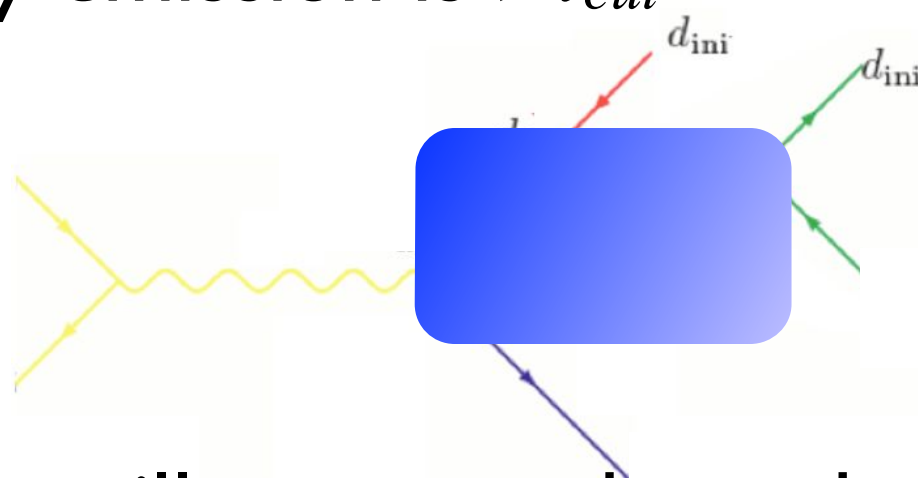
3. Use some algorithm to apply the equivalent Sudakov suppression  $(\Delta_q(t_{\text{cut}}, t_0))^2 \Delta_g(t_2, t_1) (\Delta_q(t_{\text{cut}}, t_2))^2$
4. For ISR, also apply PDF reweighting

# The Sudakov suppression: CKKW(-L)

- **CKKW:** Catani, Krauss, Kuhn, Webber, hep-ph/0109231, Krauss, hep-ph/0205283
  - Use best known analytical expression for the Sudakov (NLL)
    - Mismatch between analytical Sudakov and PS
  - Use truncated-showers: no emissions above  $t_{cut}$ 
    - Requires dedicated implementations
- **CKKW-L:** Lonnblad, hep-ph/0112284, Hoeche et al. 0903.1219
  - Obtain Sudakov suppression by running shower on the event progressively removing extra patrons, and vetoing emissions harder than those at the ME and  $t_{cut}$ 
    - The Sudakov is by construction the same as the shower
    - A new implementation of the algorithm has to be done for each shower

# The Sudakov suppression: MLM

- **MLM:** Mangano, Alwall et al. [arXiv:0706.2569](https://arxiv.org/abs/0706.2569)
- Run the shower to obtain the Sudakov suppression, rejecting the event if any emission is  $> t_{cut}$



- In principle this will not care about the shower history, and apply a Sudakov suppression  $(\Delta_q(Q^2, t_{cut}))^4$ ; In practice this is not an issue
- No modification needed in the shower

# How to in MadGraph?

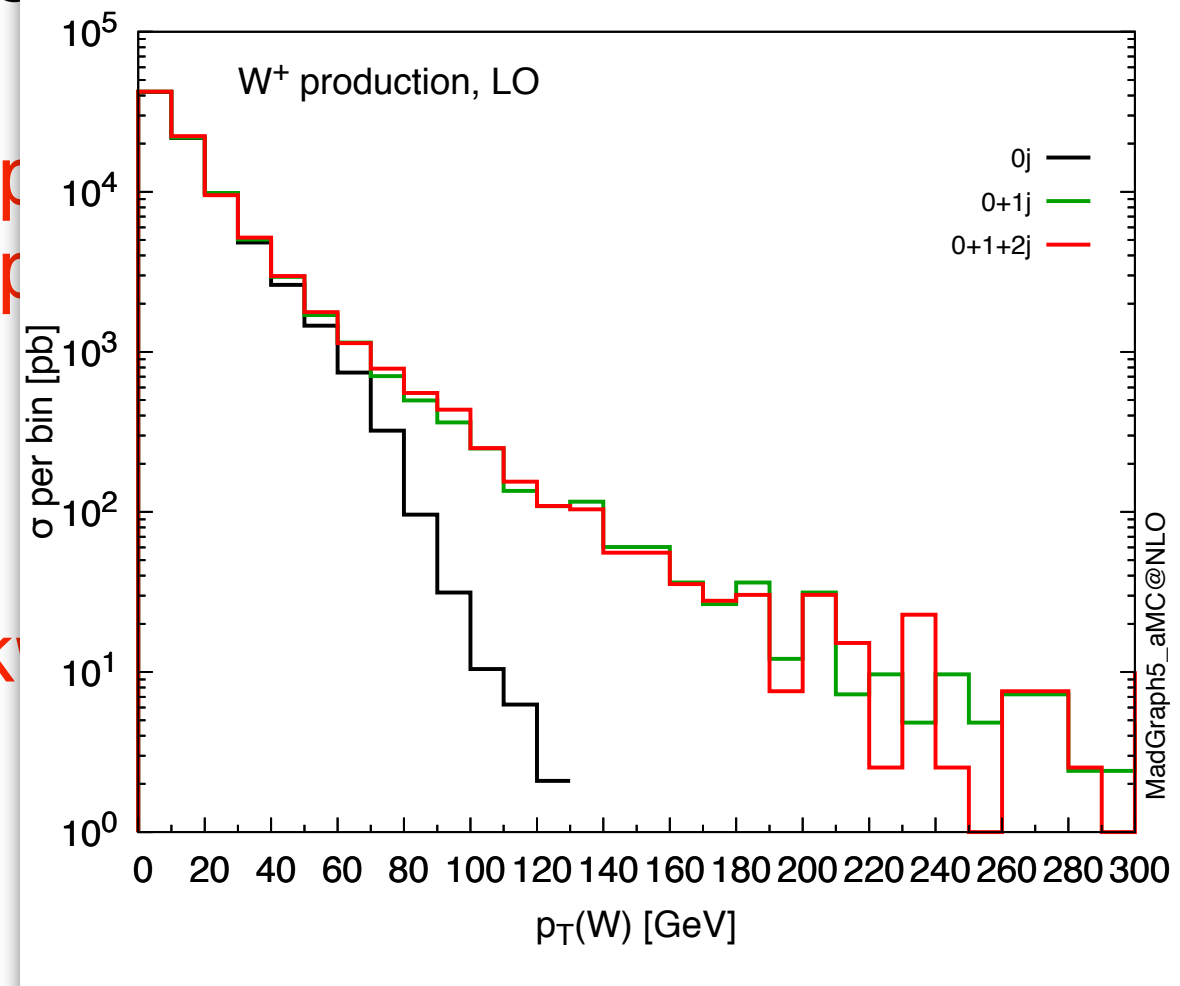
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```
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> . . .
> output
> launch
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- Then set `ickkw=1` in the `run_card` (for MLM)

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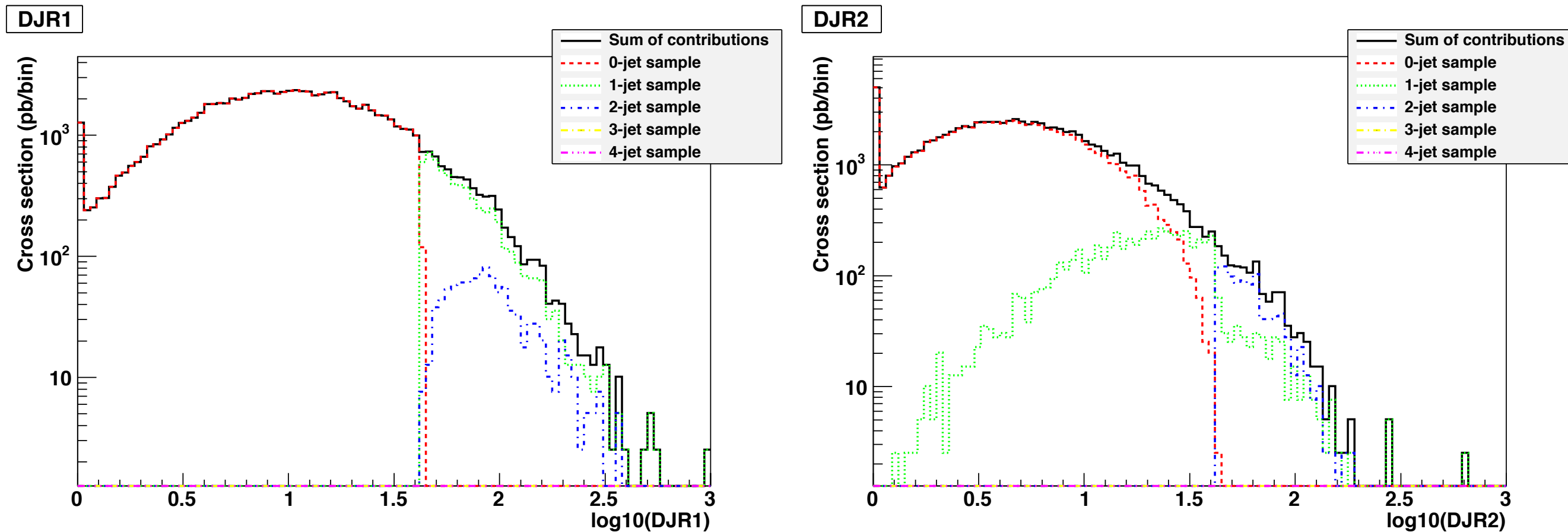
xqcut in the run\_card.dat  
and

Qcut in the pythia\_card.dat

- **xqcut** acts as a generation cut for the events, at parton level: events in the Nth-multiplicity sample will have N jets with  $p_T > \text{xqcut}$
- **Qcut** is the merging scale, used at the shower0level. If not specified it is set to  $\max(1.4 * \text{xqcut}, \text{xqcut} + 10)$  otherwise can be specified by adding `QCUT= XX` to the pythia\_card. One should have (for  $k_T$ -MLM)  
 $\text{Qcut} > \text{xqcut}$

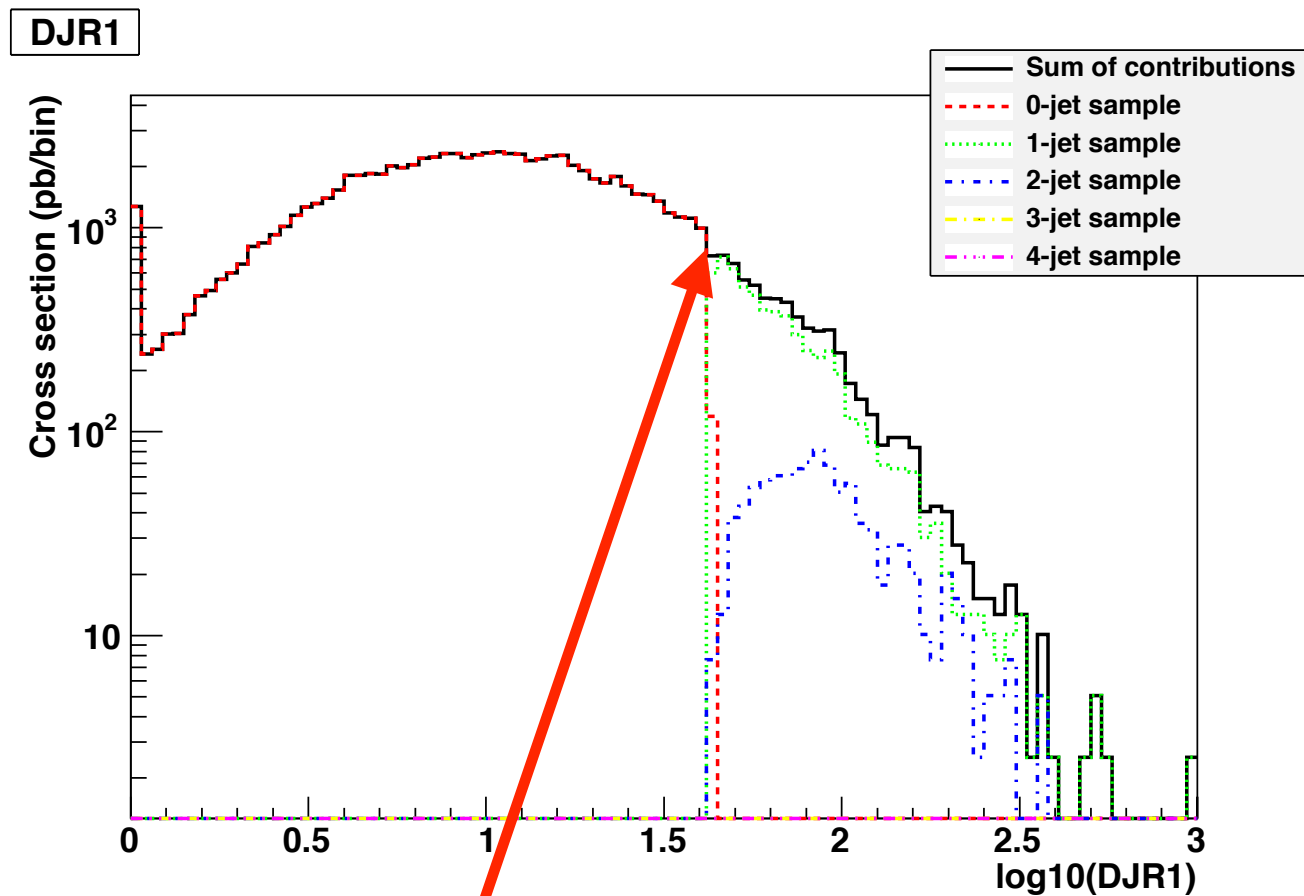
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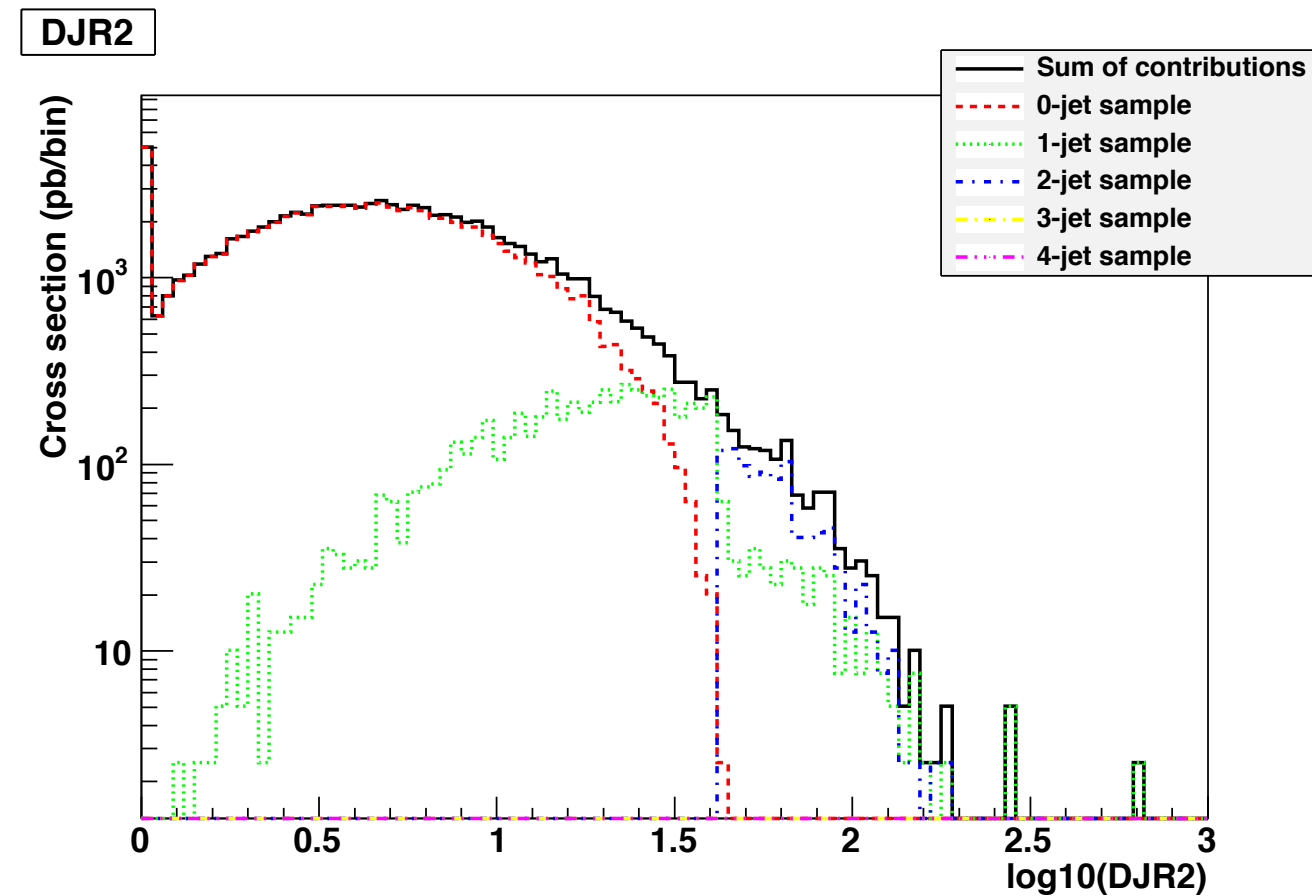


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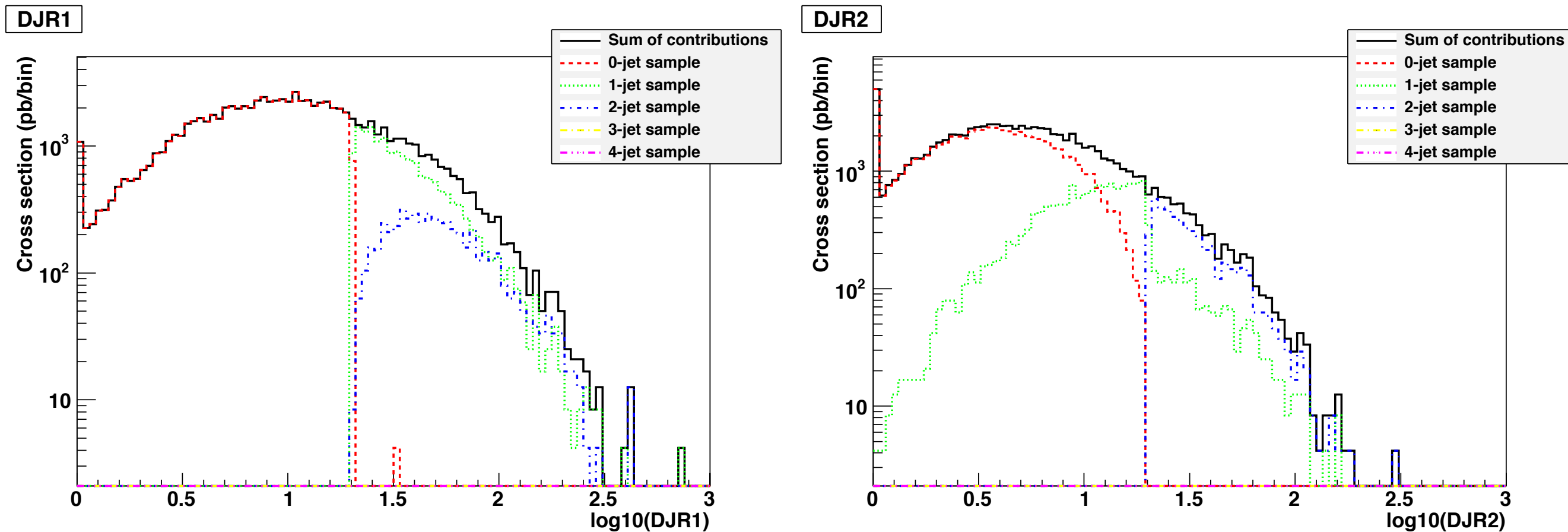




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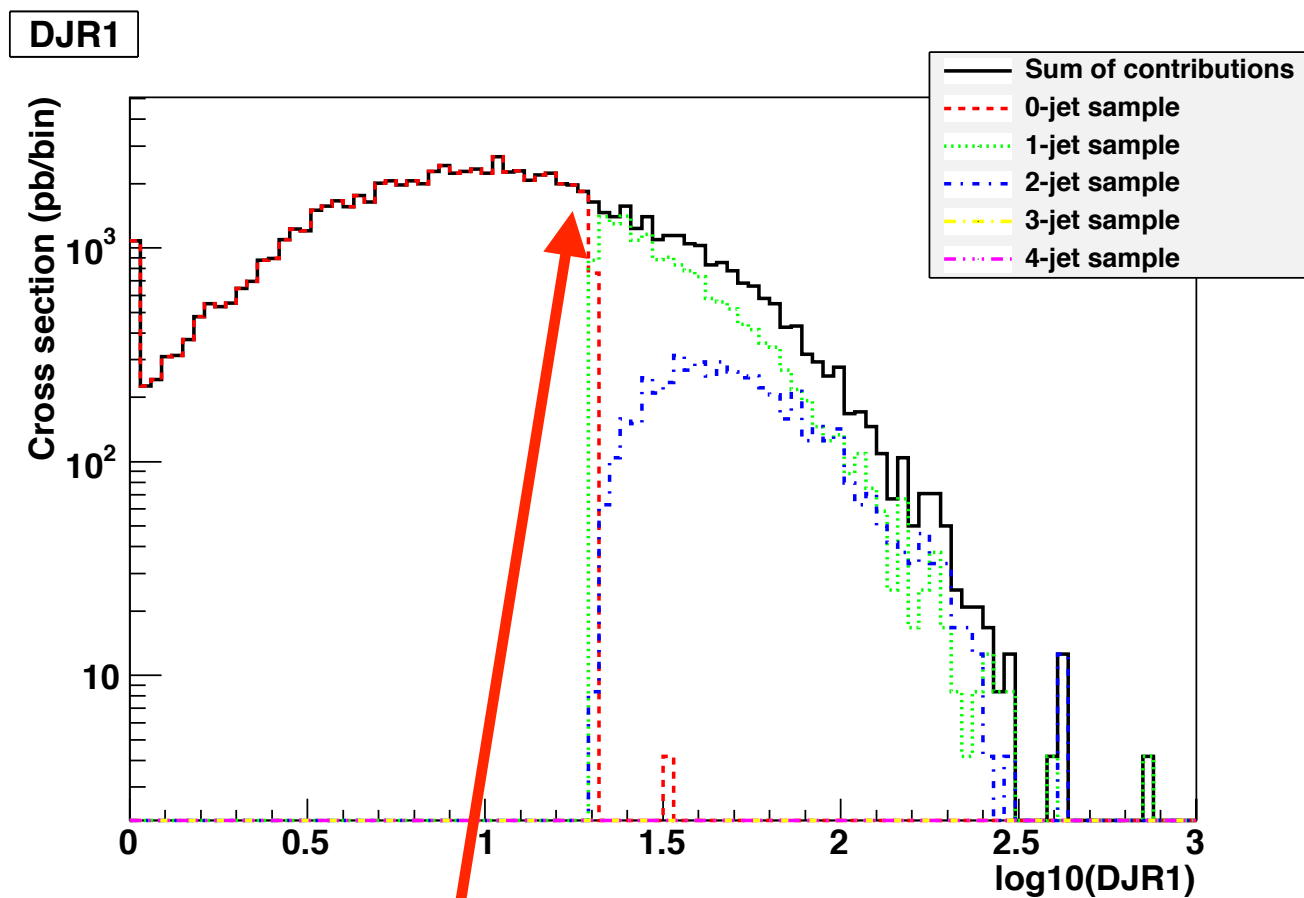
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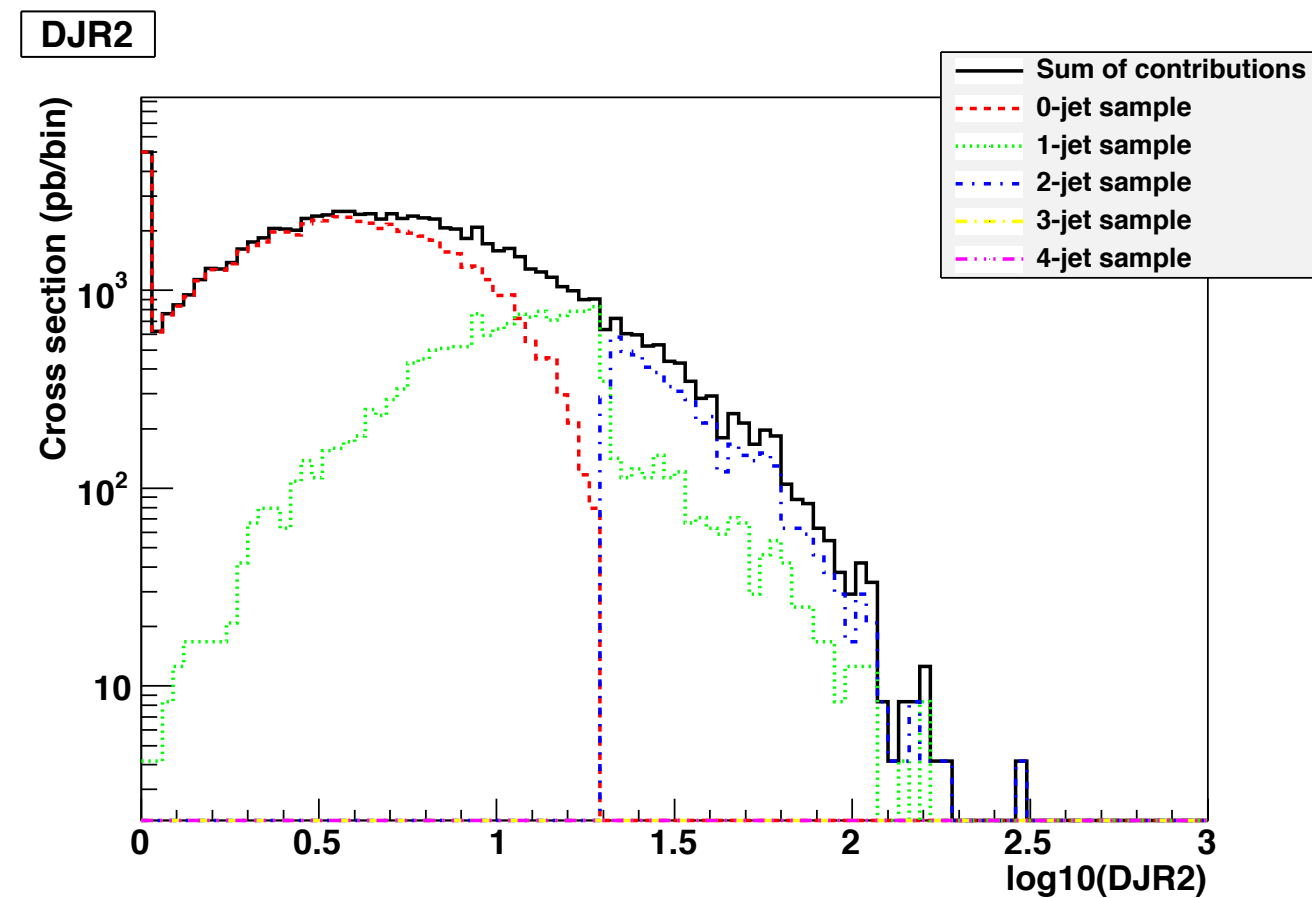
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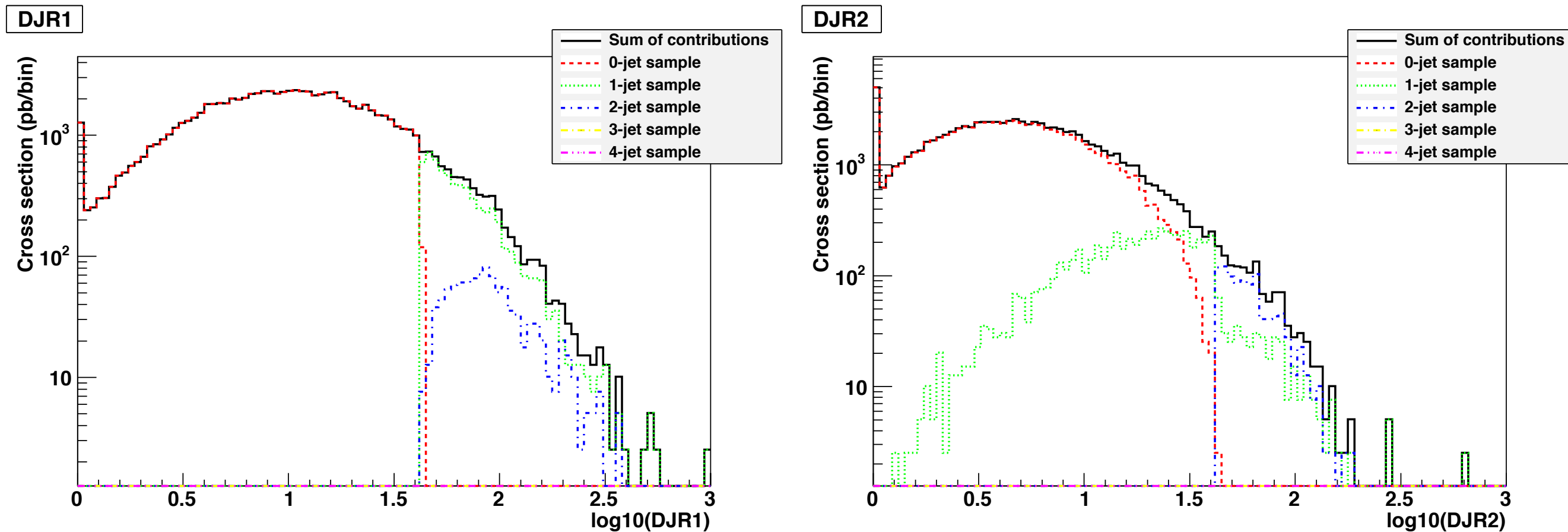
Small kink



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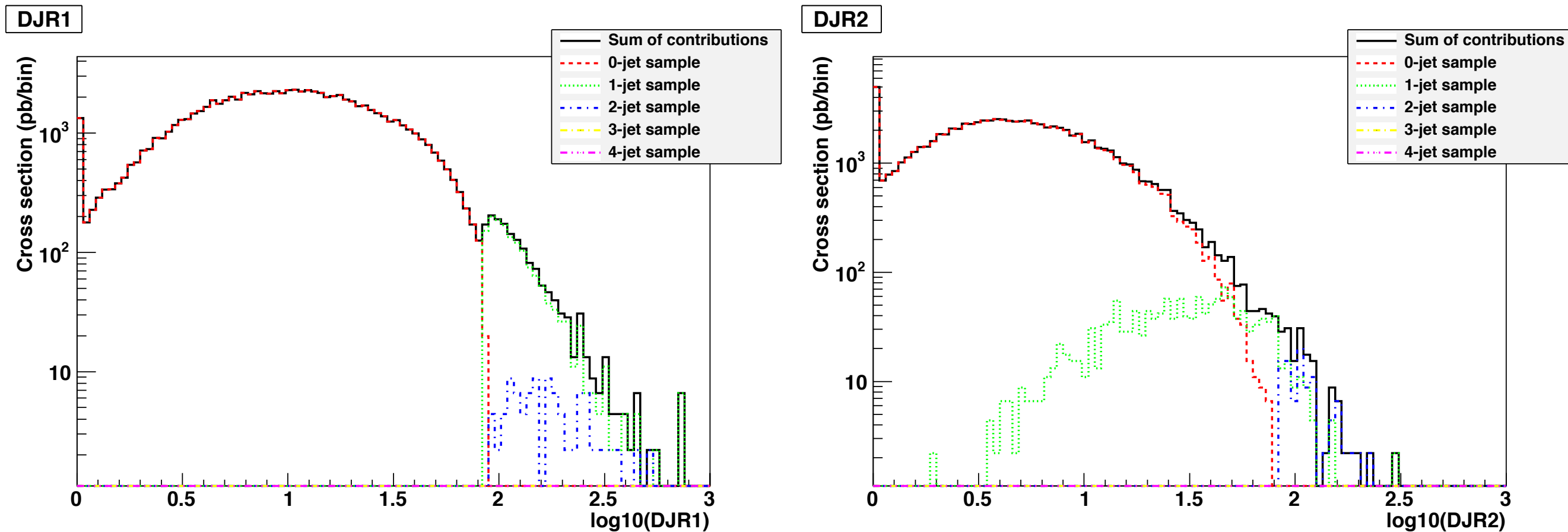
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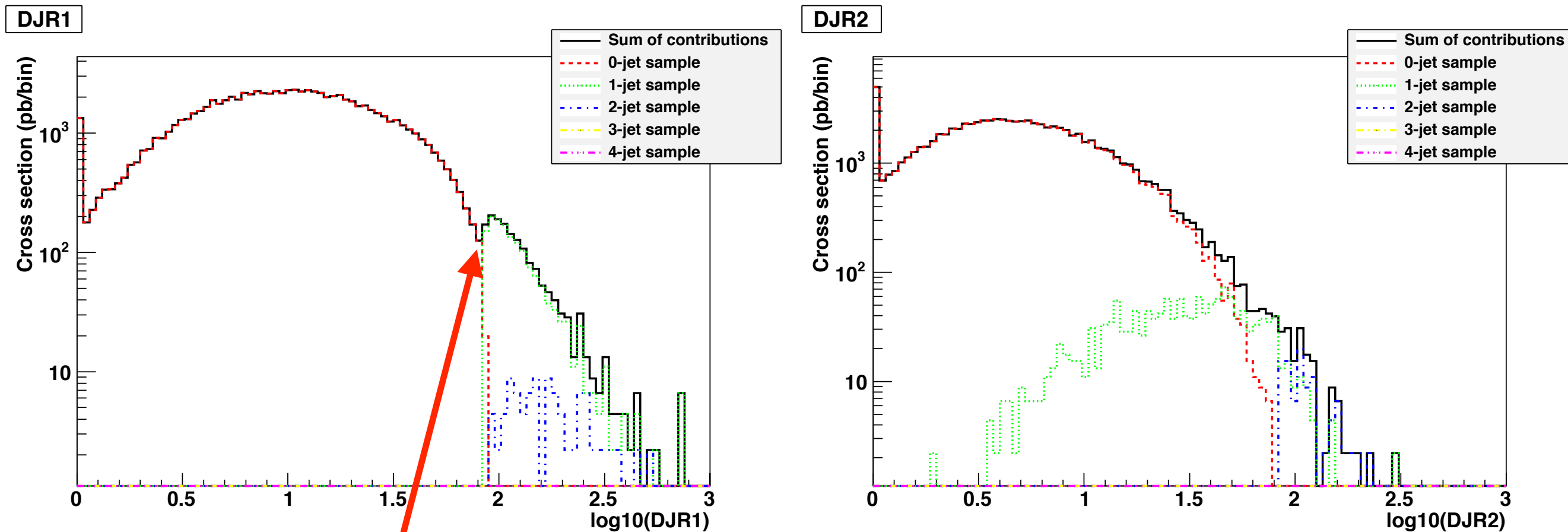
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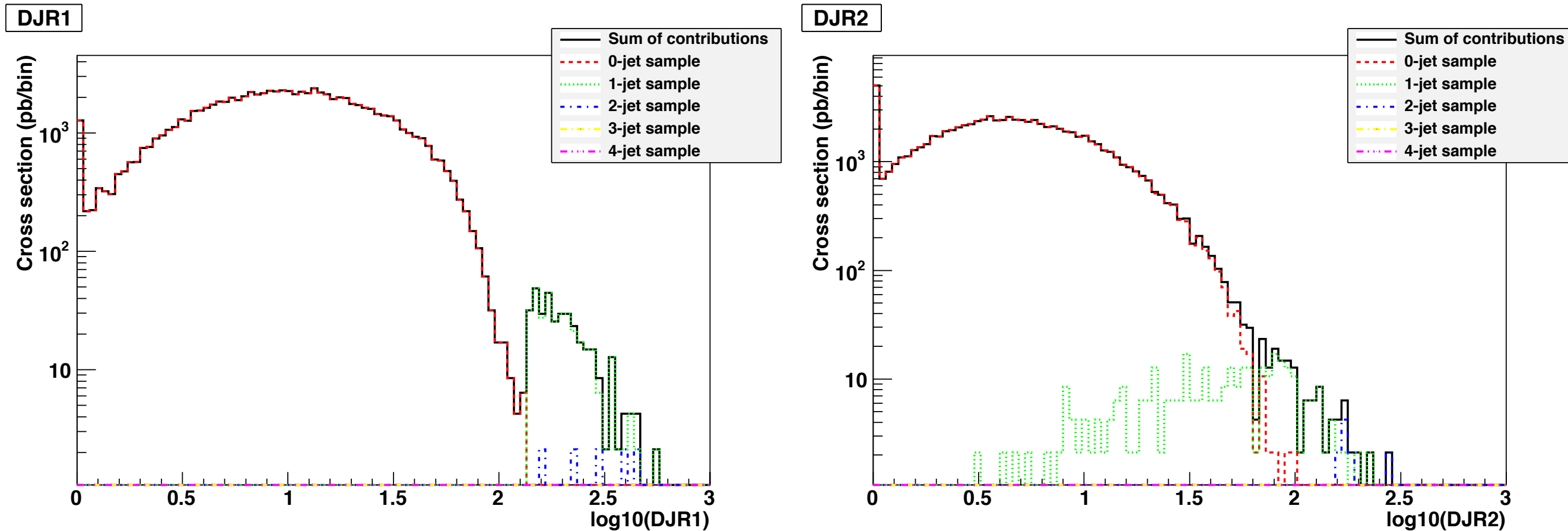


The shower struggles to generate  
100 GeV jets from the 0-jet sample

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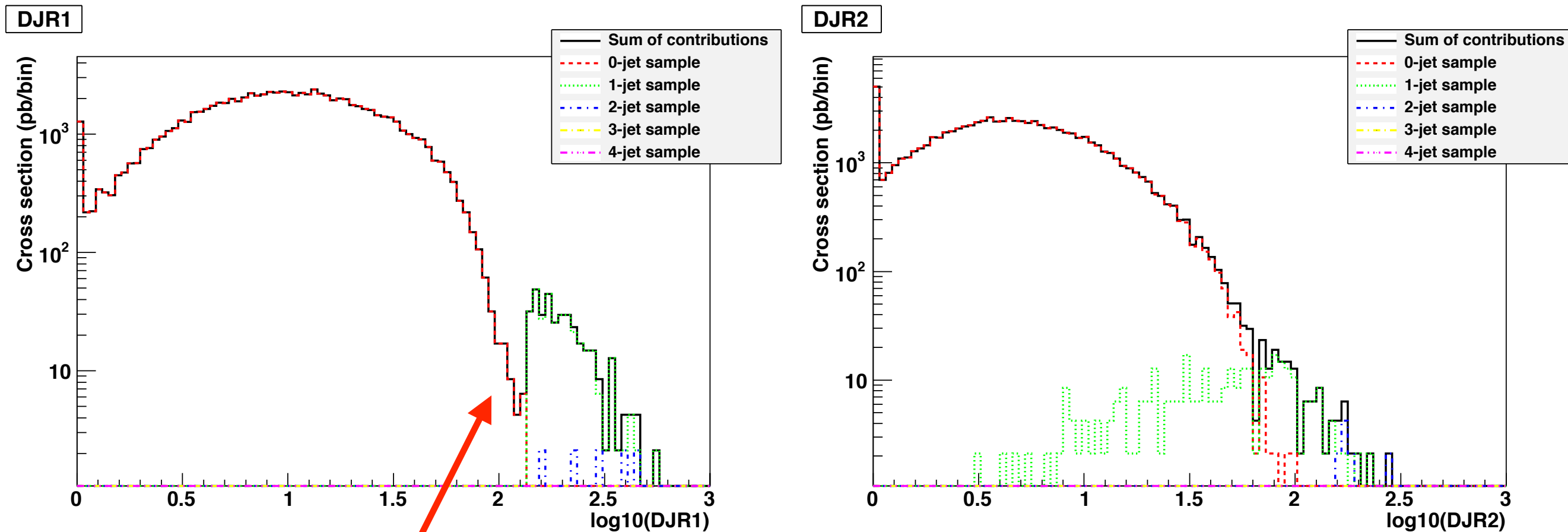
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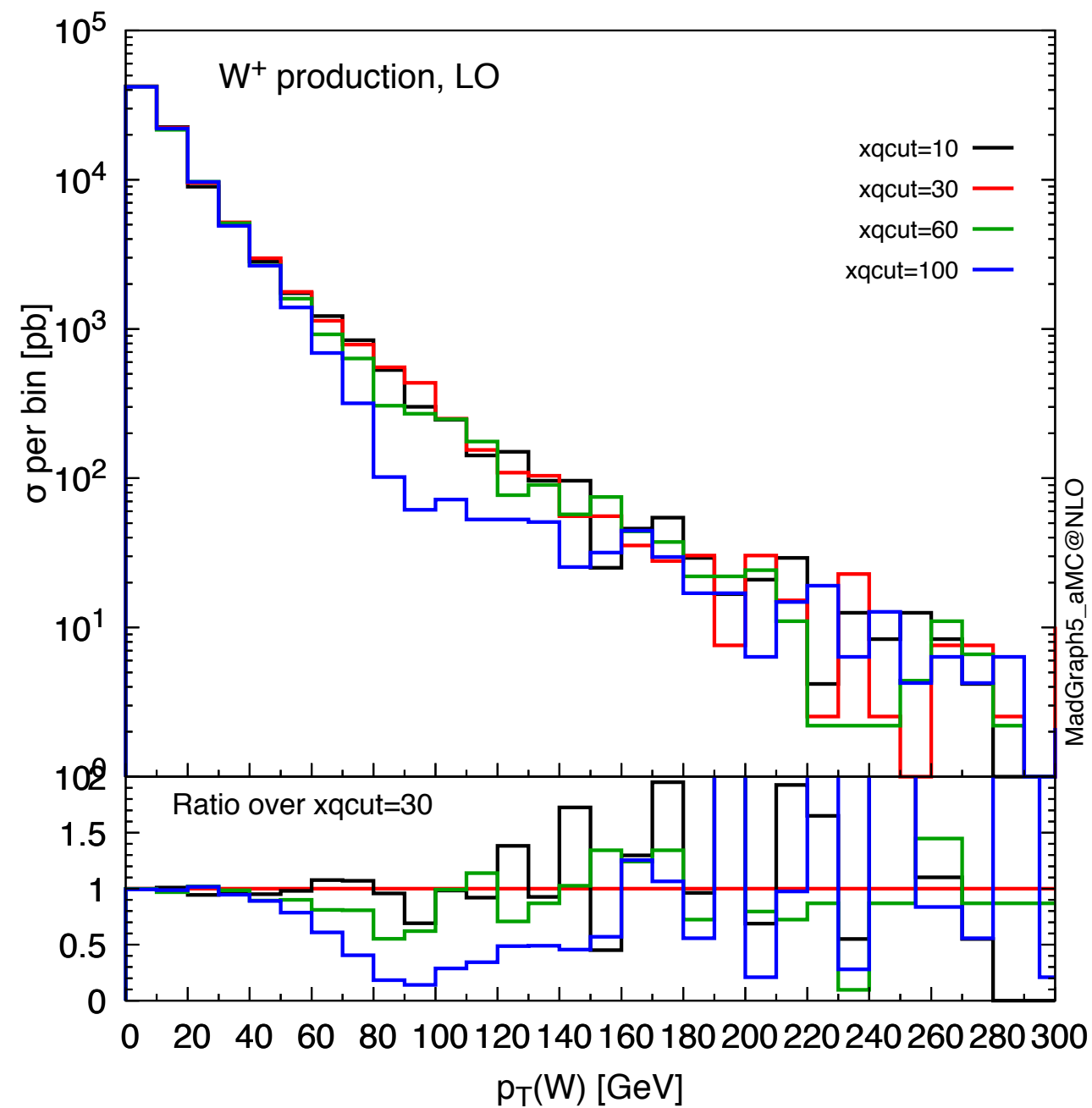
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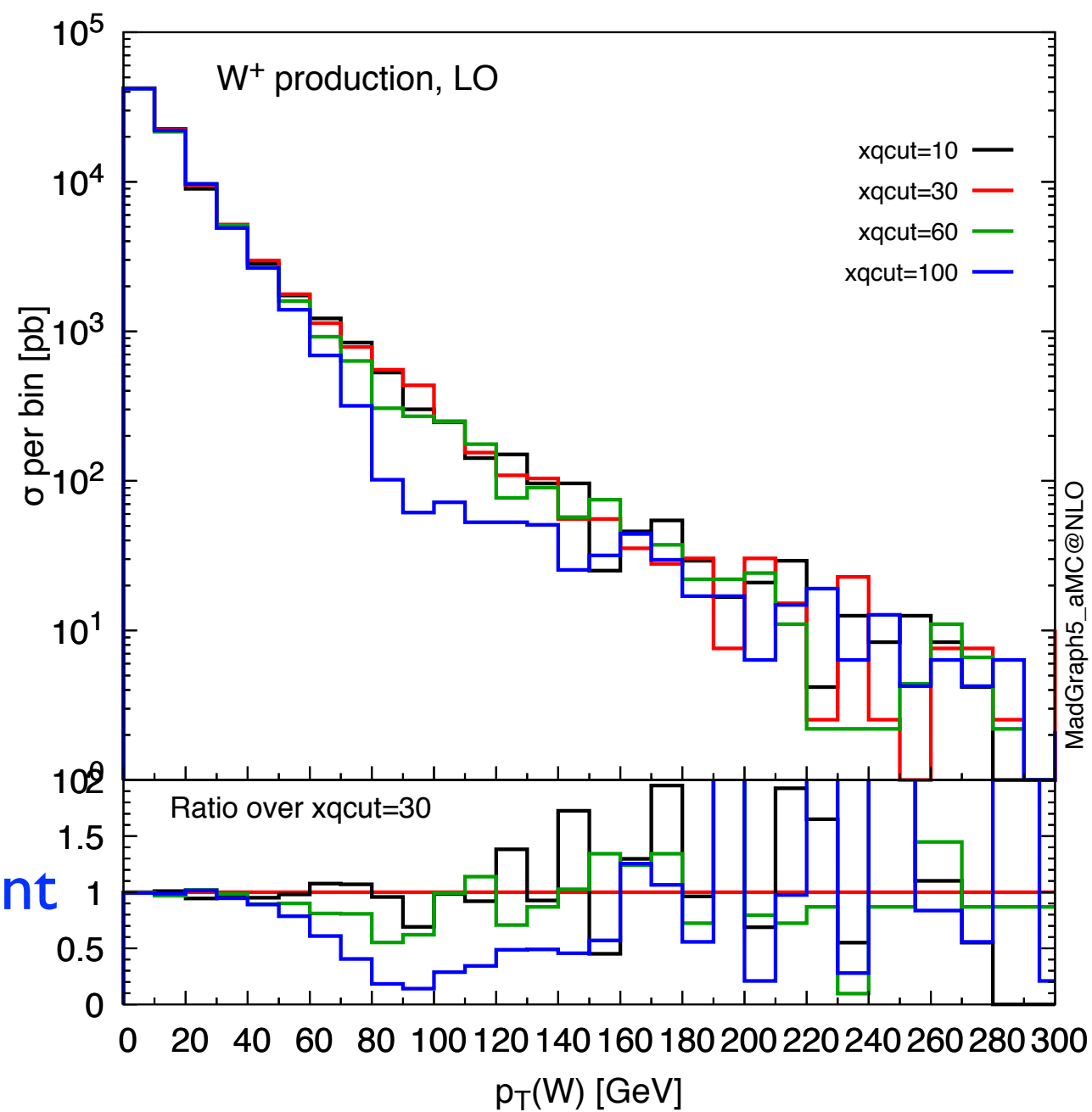
Even worse!

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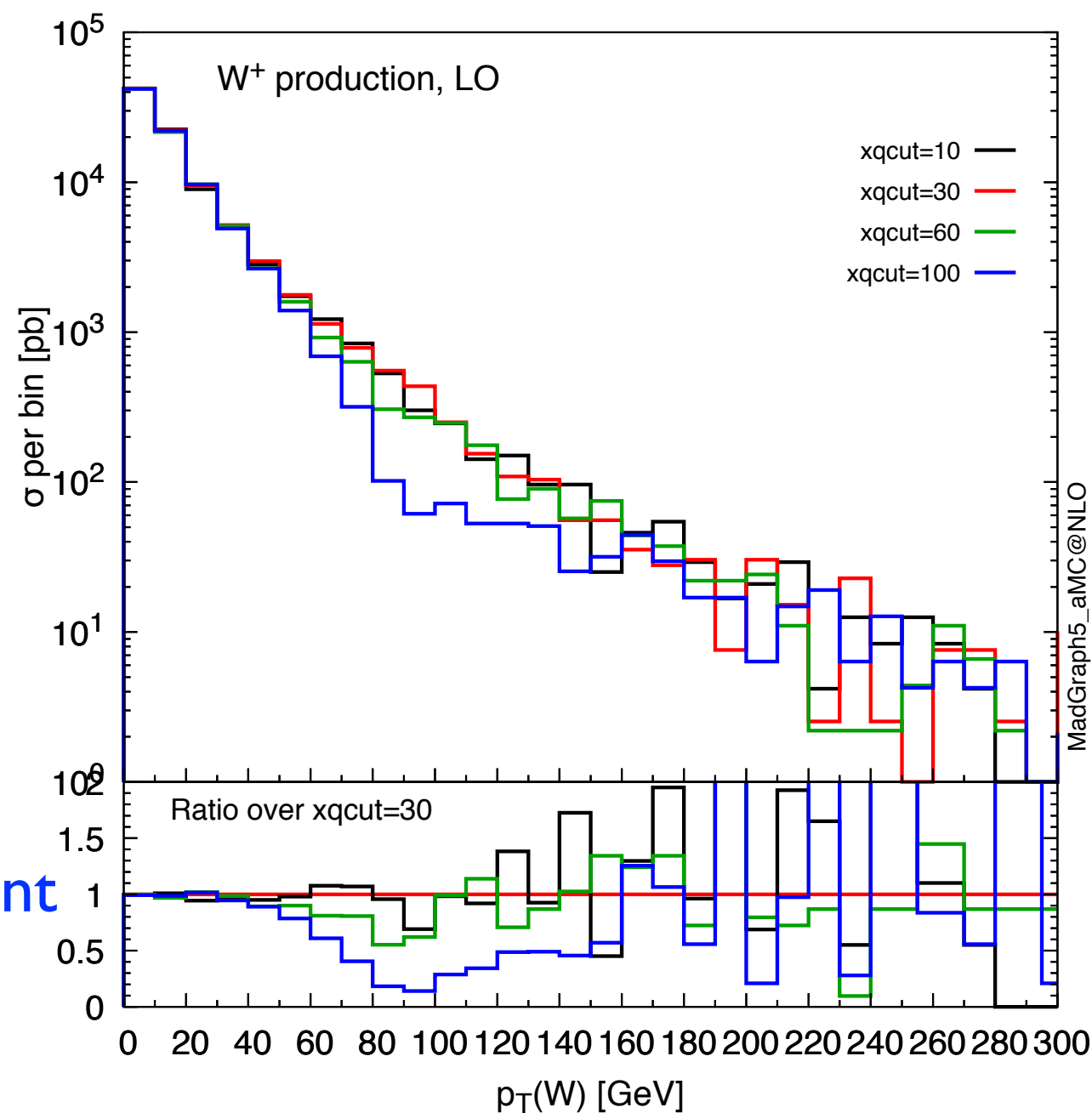


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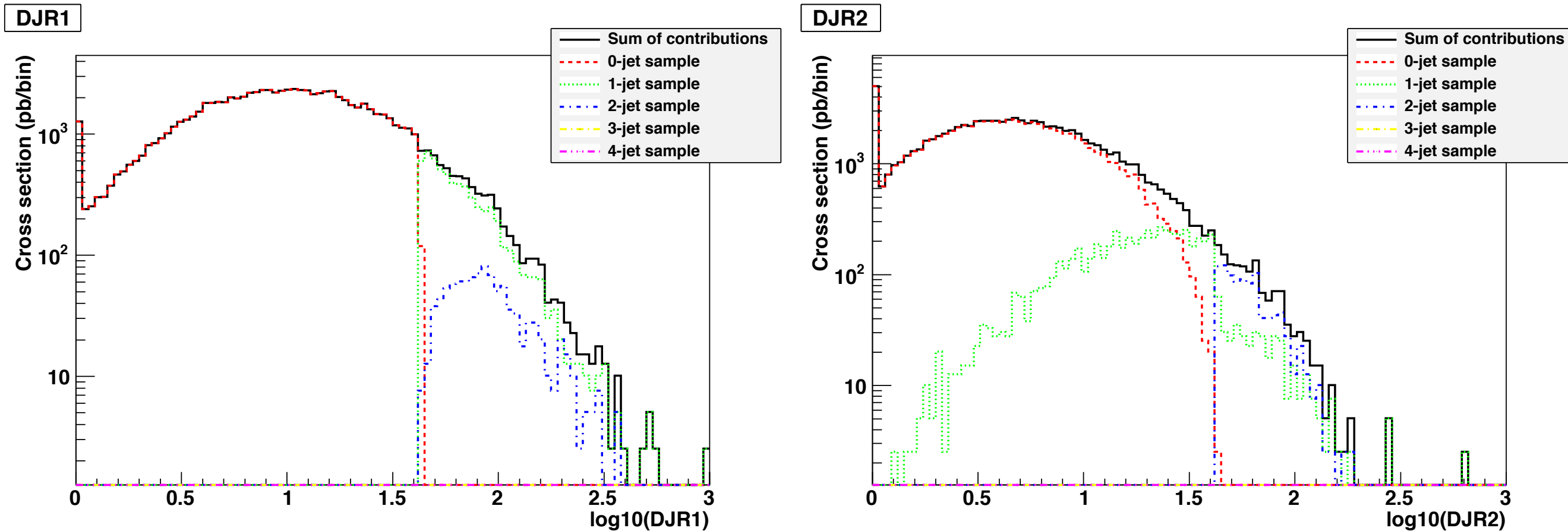


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60 and 100  
show gap

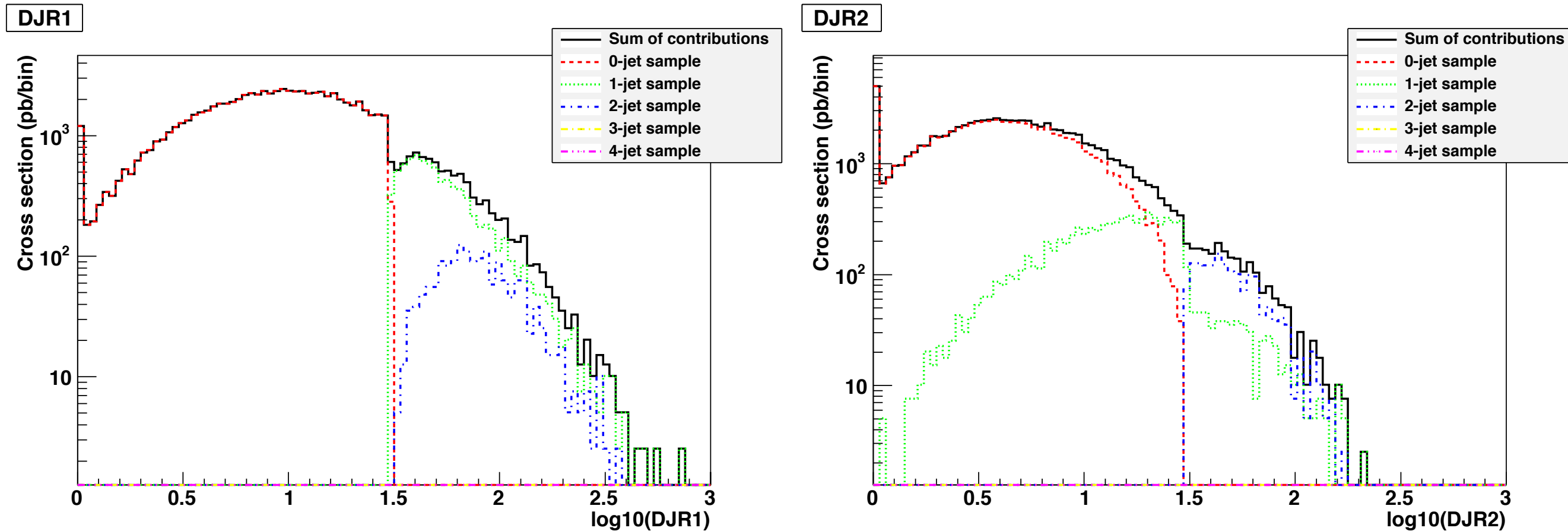
# Example: W+0,1,2 jets

Default:  $x_{qcut} = 30 \text{ GeV}$ , ( $Q_{cut} = 42 \text{ GeV}$ )



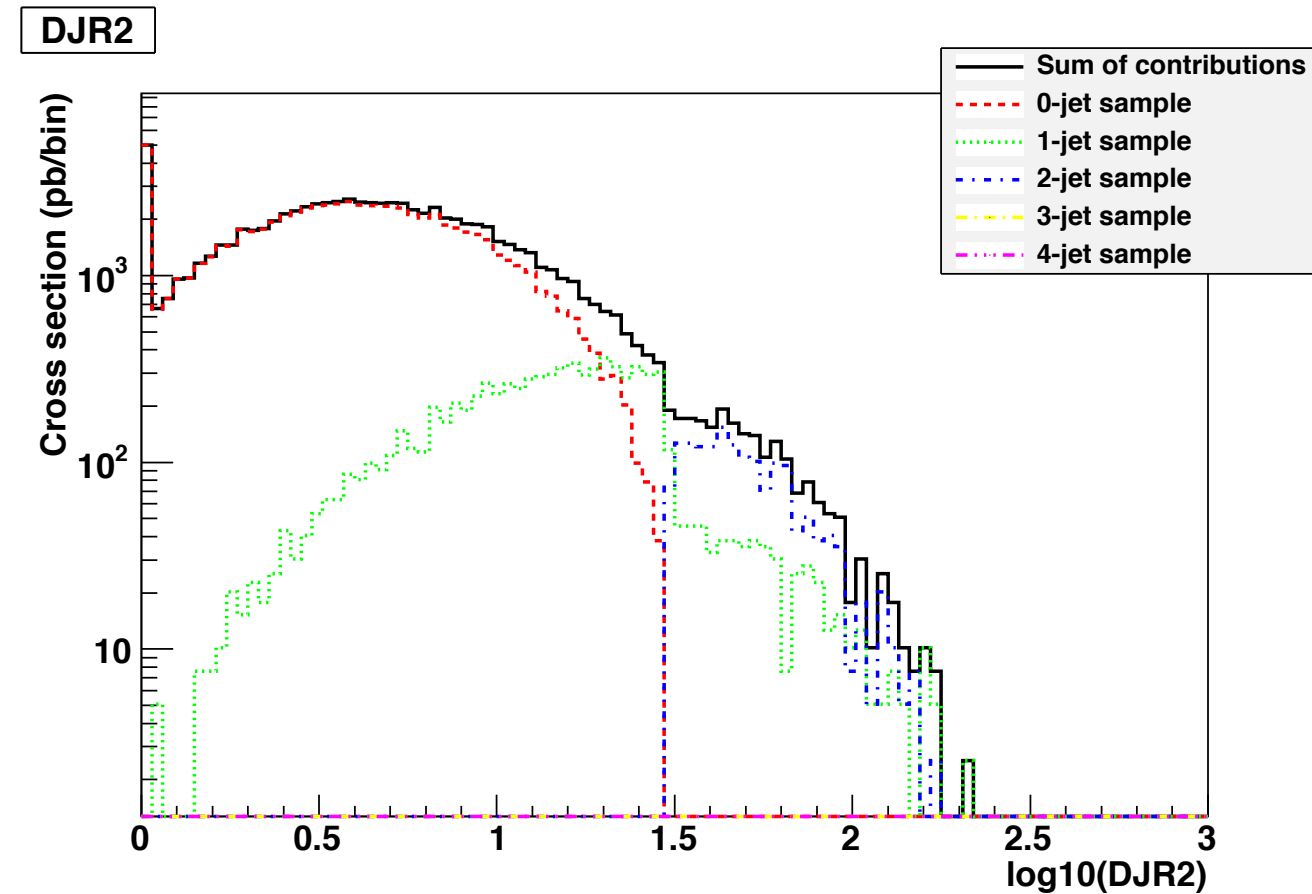
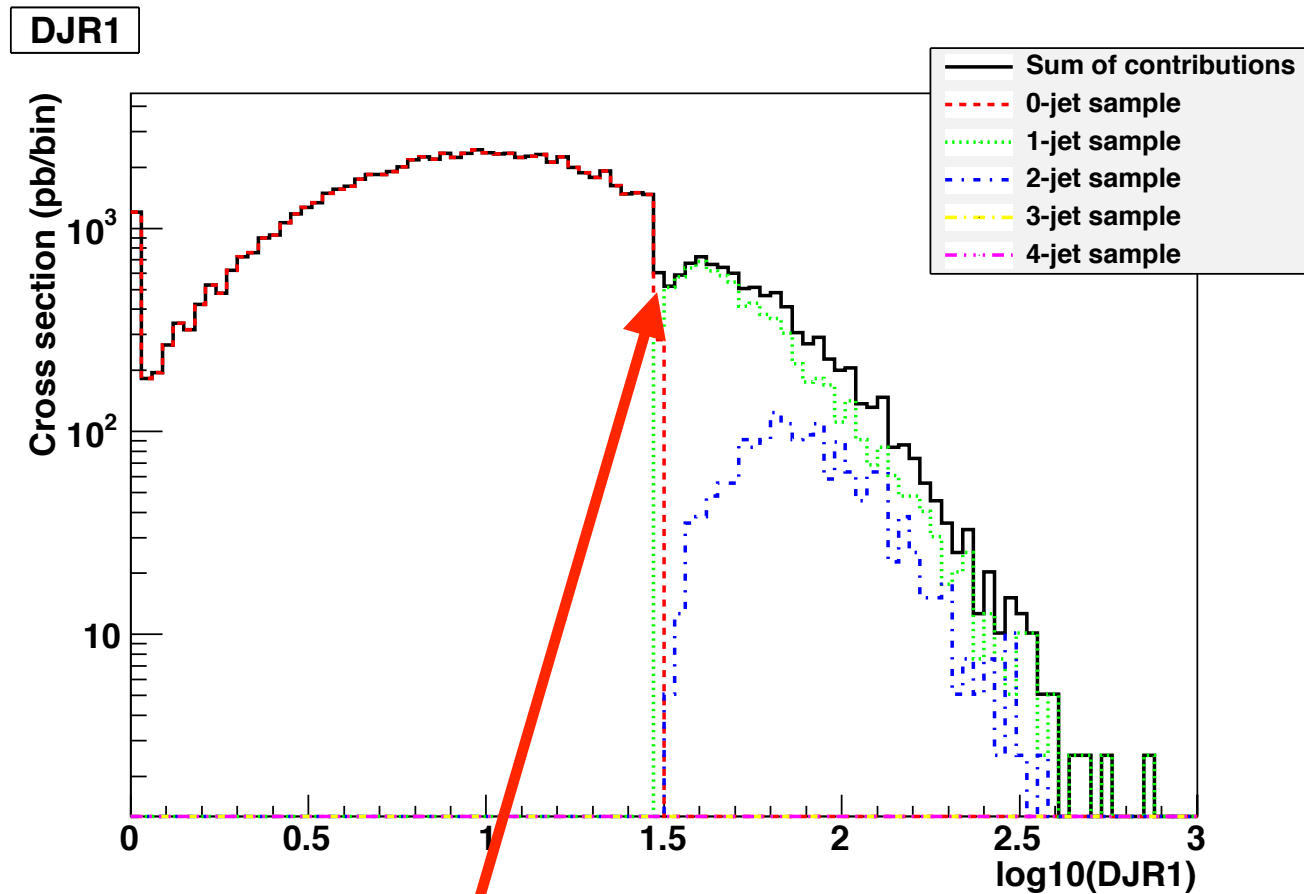
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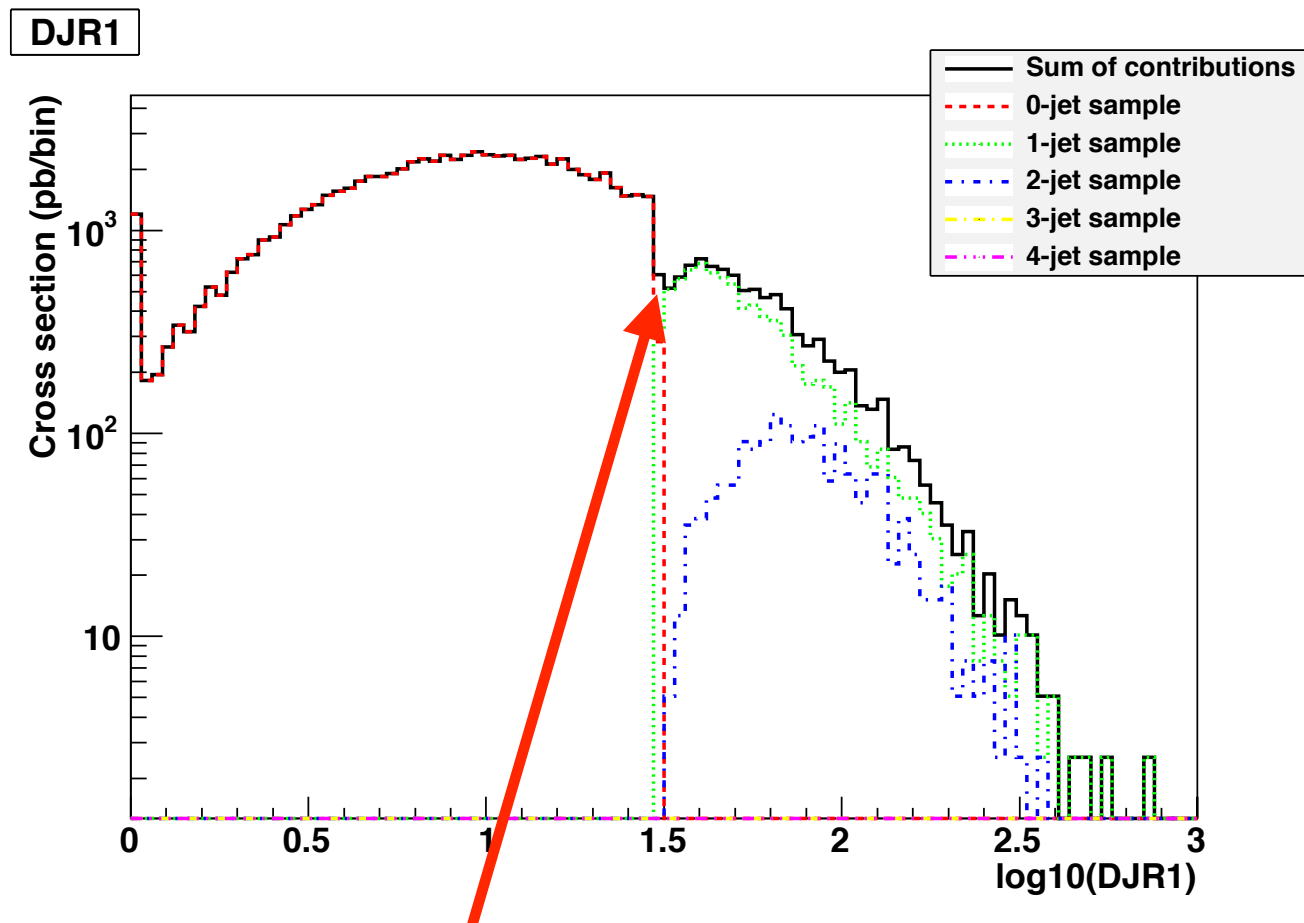
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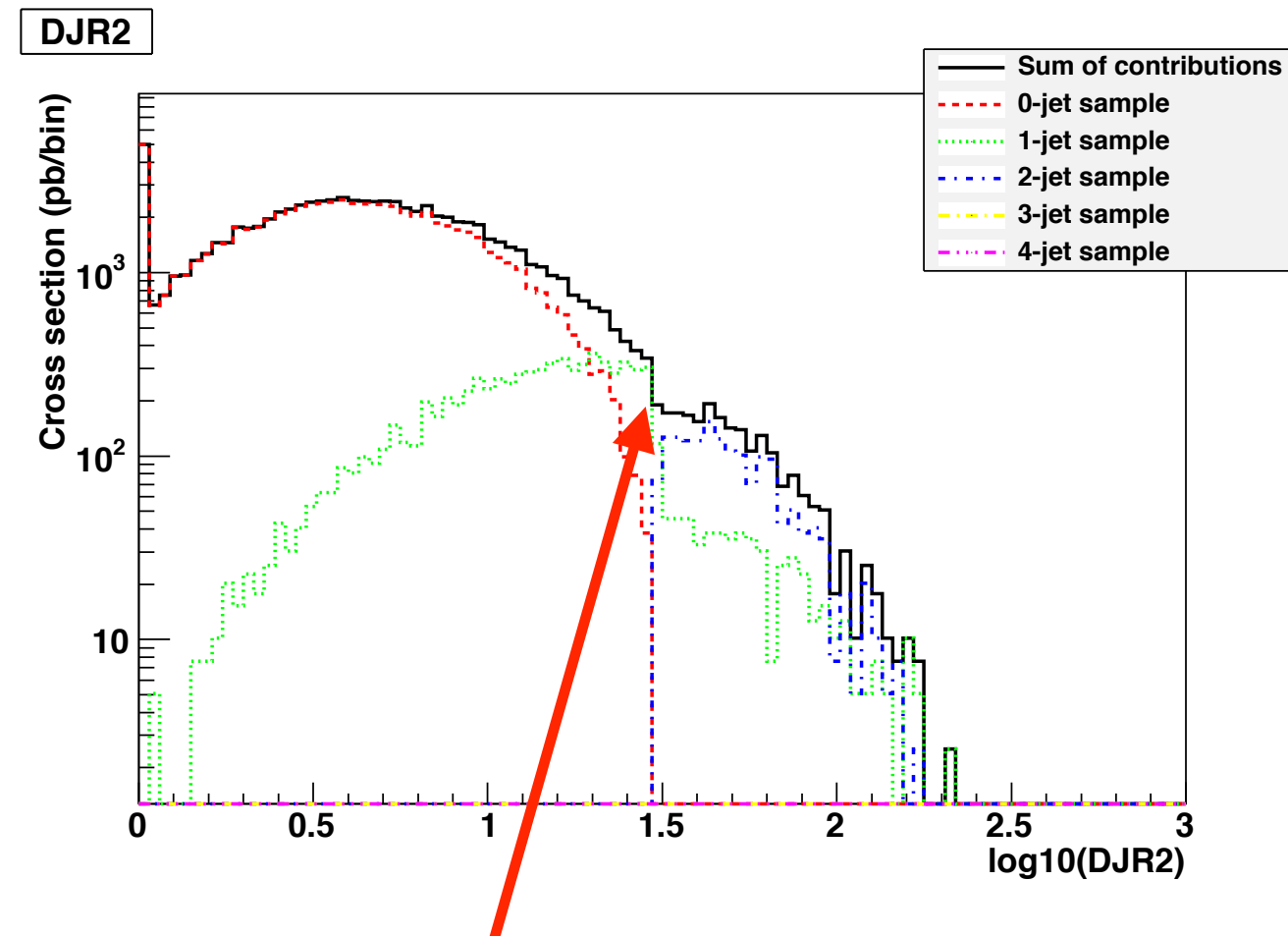
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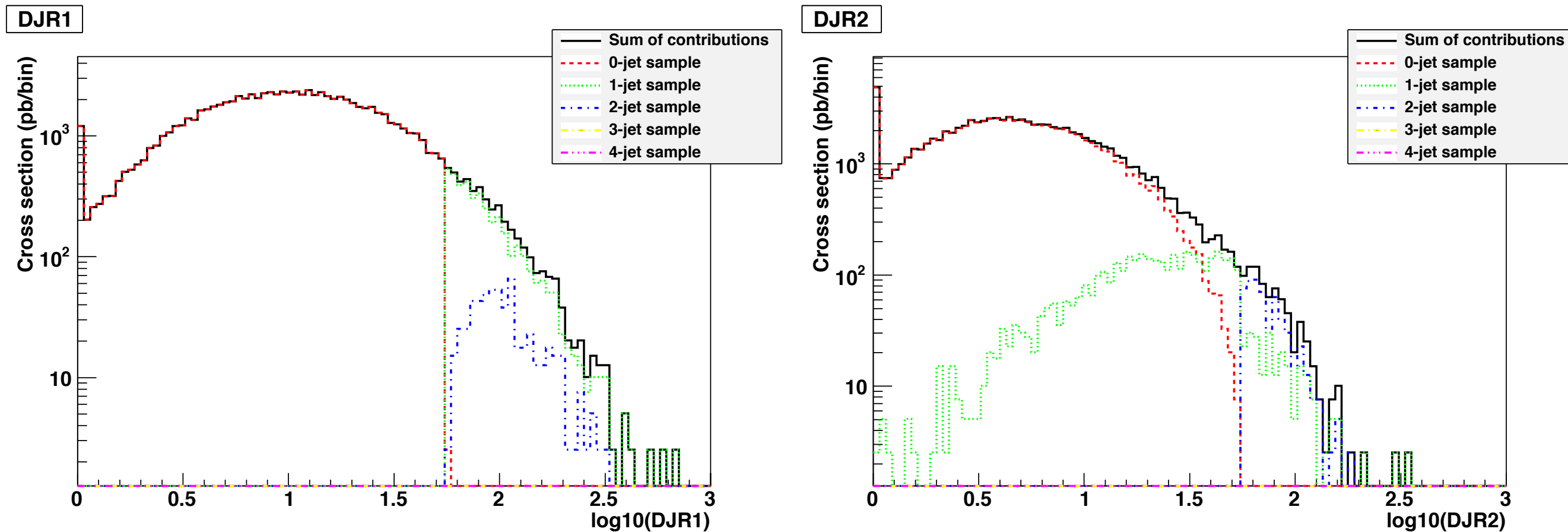
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Qcut too low, the 2-jet sample does not fill here!

# Example: W+0,1,2 jets

$x_{qcut} = 30 \text{ GeV}, Q_{cut} = 55 \text{ GeV}$



Matching remains smooth

# Bottom line

- Choose  $Q_{\text{cut}}$  around  $1/6 - 1/2 * \text{the hard scale of the process}$  and  $x_{\text{qcut}}$  accordingly smaller



# What about NLO?

- Since recently (end 2012) novel merging techniques are available also at NLO
- WRT LO, at NLO one has to be more careful about double-counting configurations
- Details are too long for the tutorial, can be found in the original works [FxFx: Frederix, Frixione arXiv:1209.6215](#), [UNLOPS: Lonnblad, Prestel: 1211.7278](#)
- Both methods available in MG5\_aMC

# NLO merging: How to?

- It is very similar to the LO case:
  - > generate p p > w+ [QCD] @0
  - > generate p p > w+ j [QCD] @1
  - > . . .
  - > output
  - > launch
- Then set `ickkw=3/4` in the run\_card (**FxFx/UNLOPS**)
- Merging in Pythia8 is fully automated. With other showers (e.g. HW6) events in which jet do not match original patrons should be removed by hands. More can be found  
[http://amcatnlo.web.cern.ch/amcatnlo/FxFx\\_merging.htm](http://amcatnlo.web.cern.ch/amcatnlo/FxFx_merging.htm)

# NLO merging:

## Shower settings for Pythia8

- When doing FxFx merging in Pythia8, just change the following two variables in the shower\_card:

```

*****
# FxFx merging parameters                                !ONLY FOR PYTHIA8!
*****
Qcut          = 40      # Merging scale
njmax         = 1      # Maximal multiplicity in the merging

```

- Alternatively, these commands should be added to the Pythia8 input file

```

! 9) Multijet merging.
JetMatching:doFxFx = on           ! switch on FxFx
JetMatching:merge = on           ! switch on MLM-merging machinery
JetMatching:qCut = 40.000        ! merging scale
JetMatching:qCutME = 30.0        ! minimum-jet(pT) cut
JetMatching:coneRadius = 1.0     ! jet radius definition
JetMatching:etaJetMax = 1000.0   ! max jet rapidity definition
JetMatching:nJetMax = 1          ! max multiplicity
JetMatching:scheme = 1           ! MadGraph MLM-type merging
JetMatching:setMad = off         ! Don't read from LHE in MG5L0 format

```

# Merging exercise

- Generate a merged sample (up to +1 jet) for Higgs production in gluon fusion in the HEFT.  
!!remember to set `plot_decayed` yes in the `plot_card`!!
- If you can access a small cluster:
  - do it also with loop-induced processes
  - do it at NLO with FxFx merging
    - use the NLO heft model from here:  
<http://feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/HiggsCharacterisation>  
From the README file
 

```
> import model HC_NLO_X0_UF0-heft
              > generate p p > x0 (j ...) / t [QCD]
```
- Compare the results with those from the Loop-induced exercise

# Merging exercise: solution

- Generate a merged sample (up to +1 extra jet) for Higgs production in gluon fusion in the HEFT.

```
> import model heft  
> generate p p > h @0  
> add process p p > h j @1  
> output hj_heft_merged01  
> launch
```

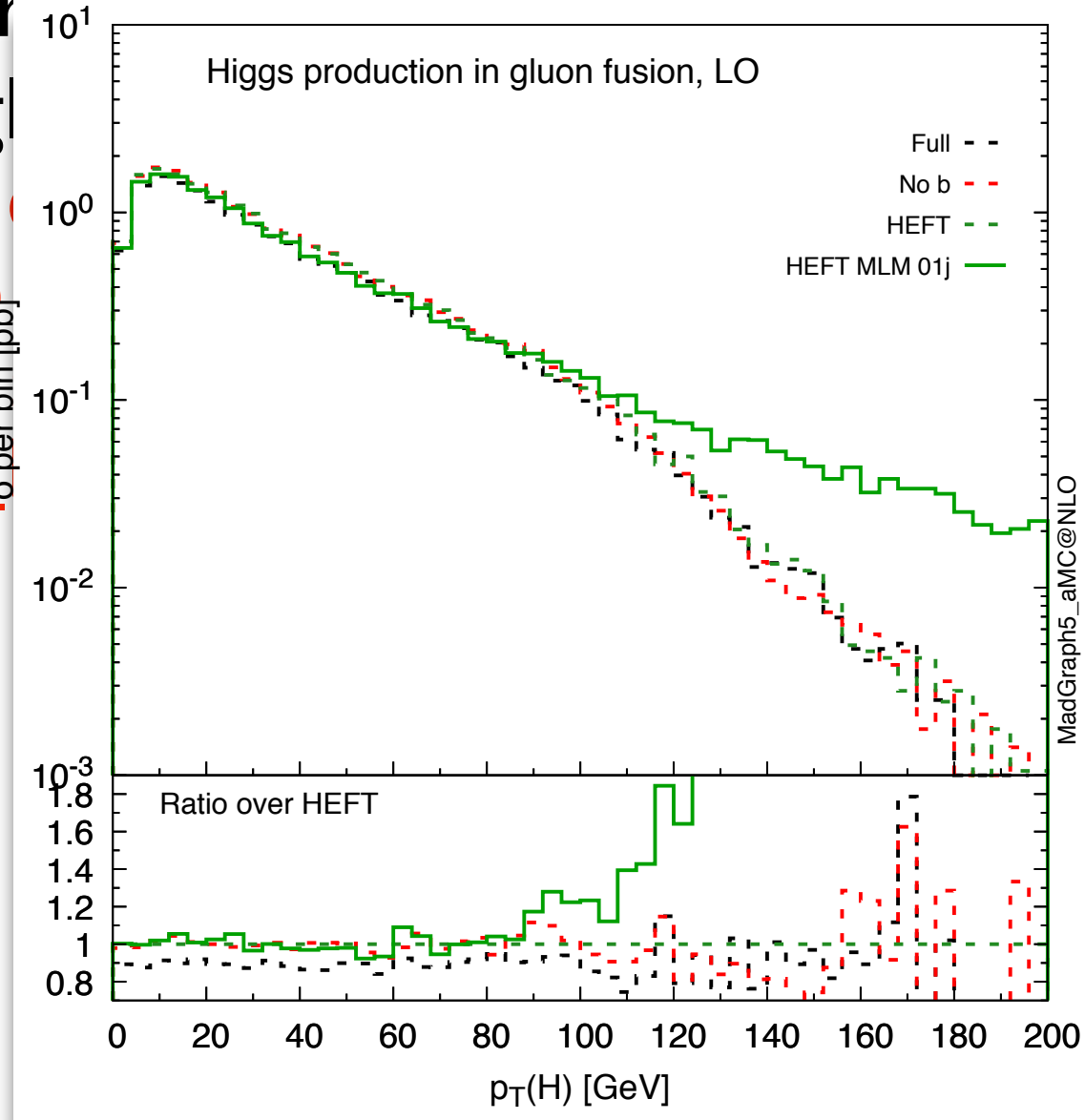
`ickkw` is already set to 1 in the run\_card

# Merging exercise: solution

- Generate a merged sample (for  $p_T(H) > 120$  GeV) for Higgs

production in gluon fusion

```
> import module
> generate process
> add process
> output higgs_
> launch
```



to be included in the run\_card

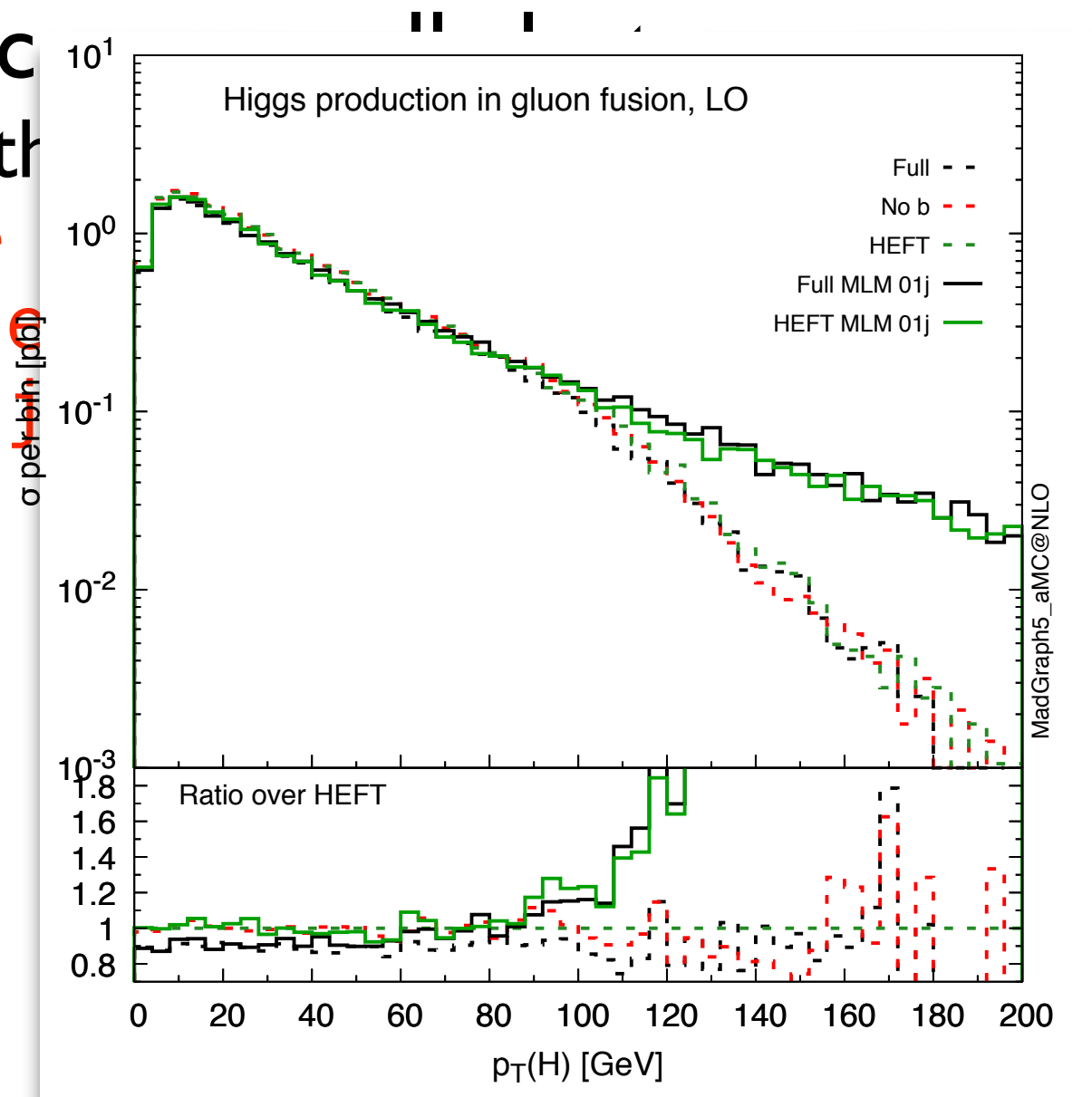
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> output hj_loopind_merged01
> launch
```

# Merging exercise: solution

- If you can access a computer
  - do it also with
    - > generate
    - > add process
    - > output histogram
    - > launch





# Merging exercise: solution

- If you can access a small cluster:
  - do it at NLO with FxFx merging
    - Download and untag the HC\_NLO\_X0\_UF0 model, and copy the dir inside models/  
`./bin/MG5_aMC`
      - > `import model HC_NLO_X0_UF0-heft`
      - > `generate p p > x0 / t [QCD] @0`
      - > `add process p p > x0 j / t [QCD] @1`
      - > `output hj_NLO_merged01`
      - > `launch`
      - > `set ickkw 3 # For FxFx`
      - > `set parton_shower PYTHIA8`

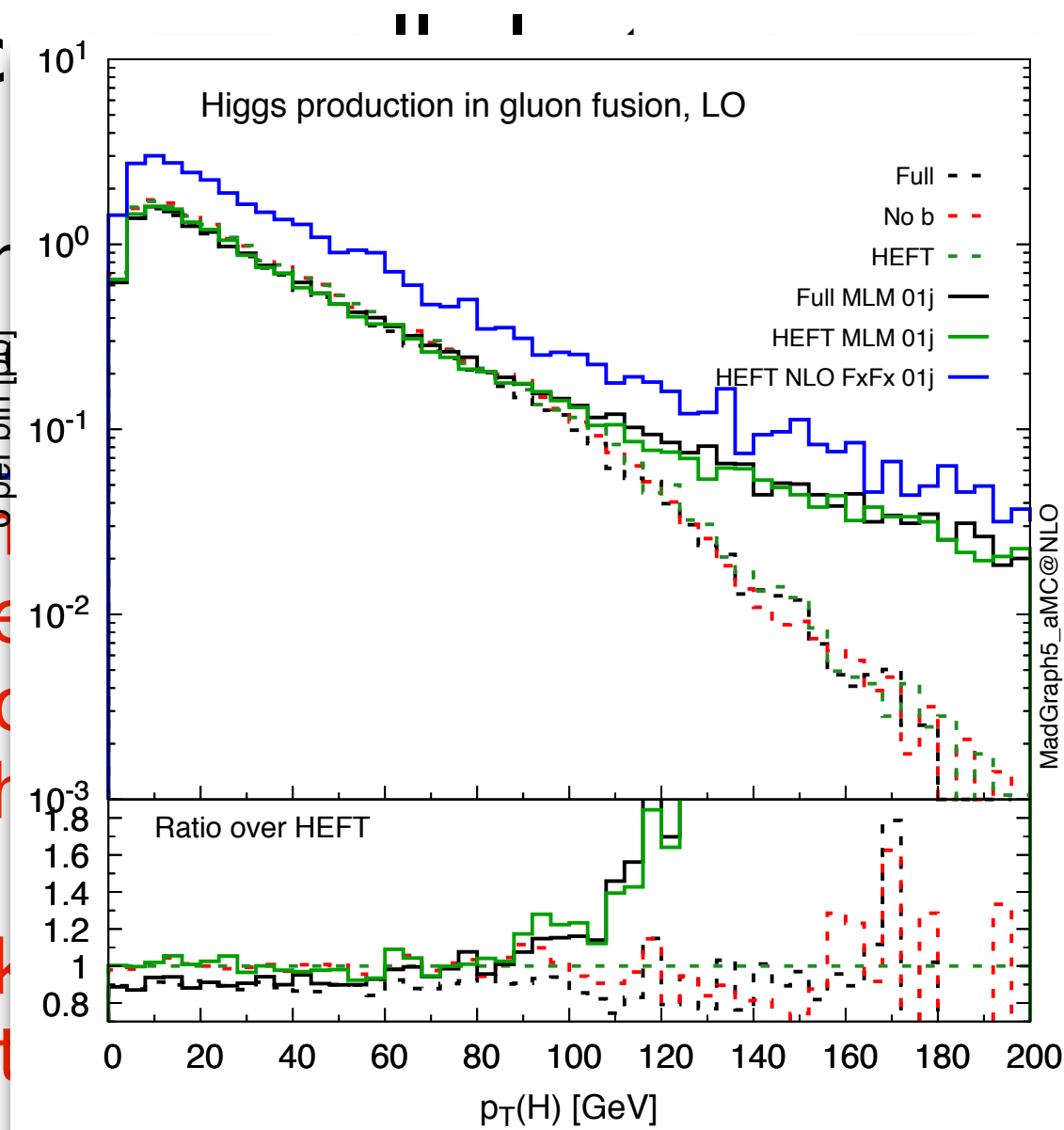
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- Download and install the model inside the MG5 directory

```
./bin/MG5
```

```
> import model
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> add process
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# Part 6:

## Reweight unleashed

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- Idea of reweighting is simple: one event file, with several weights per event, corresponding to uncertainties, parameter-scan, ...
- How to?
  - Start from one event (weight + particle info), corresponding to a given matrix element / parameter set  $M_{orig}$
  - The new weight corresponding to a new matrix element  $M_{new}$  will be given by
 
$$W_{new} = \frac{|M_{new}|^2}{|M_{orig}|^2} W_{orig}$$
  - It works both if the original events are weighted or unweighted
  - The new sample will be weighted, with a (slightly) larger variance, depending on the variance of  $|M_{new}/M_{orig}|^2$
  - This way the problems of the previous slides can be solved

# The evil is in the details (again)

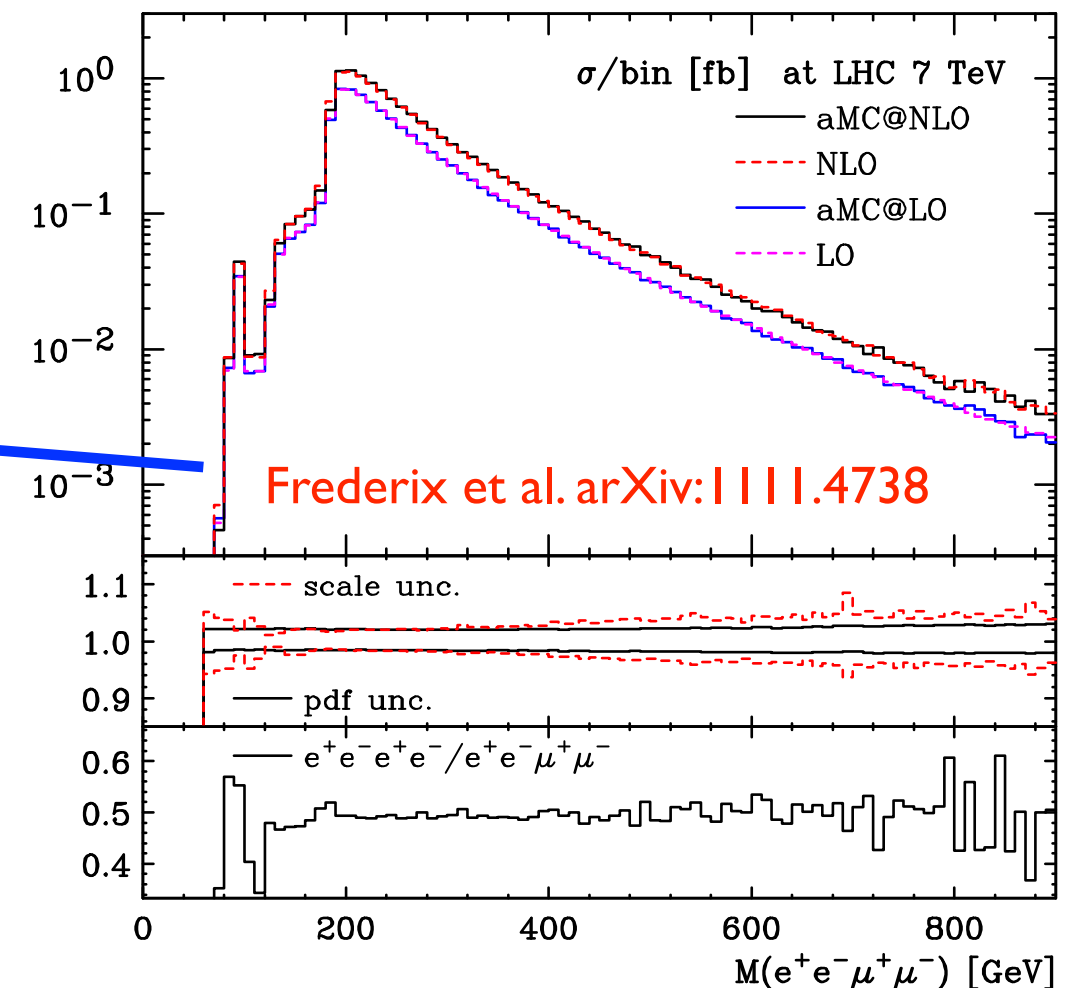
- This procedure is formally correct only for LO events
- At NLO one has both  $n$ -body (S) and  $n+1$ -body (H) events
- S-events contain Born, Virtual and (MC) counterterms (all have  $n$ -body kinematics)
- H-events contain Real ( $n+1$ ) and MC ( $n$ ) counterterms
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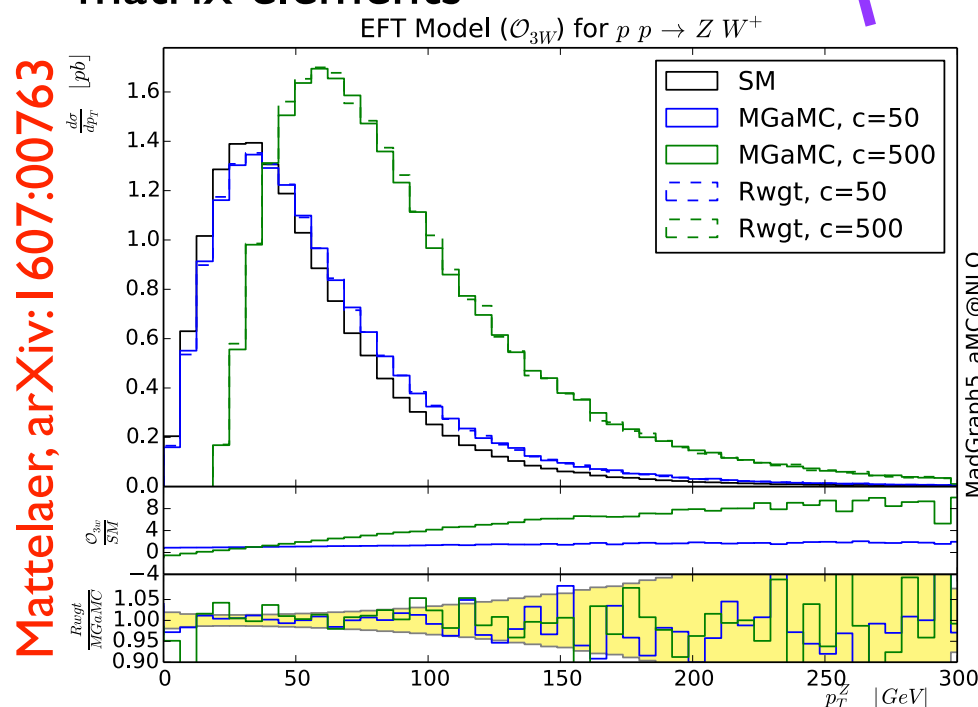
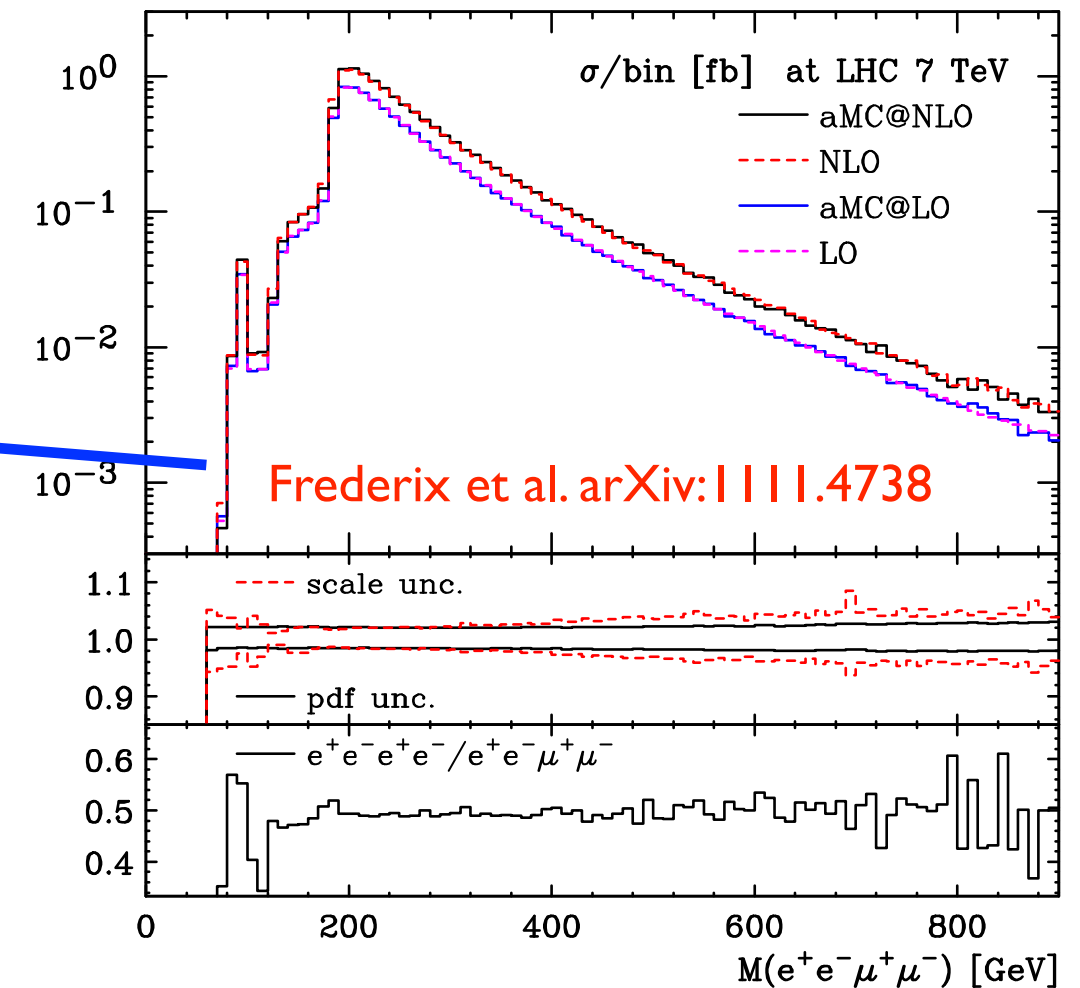
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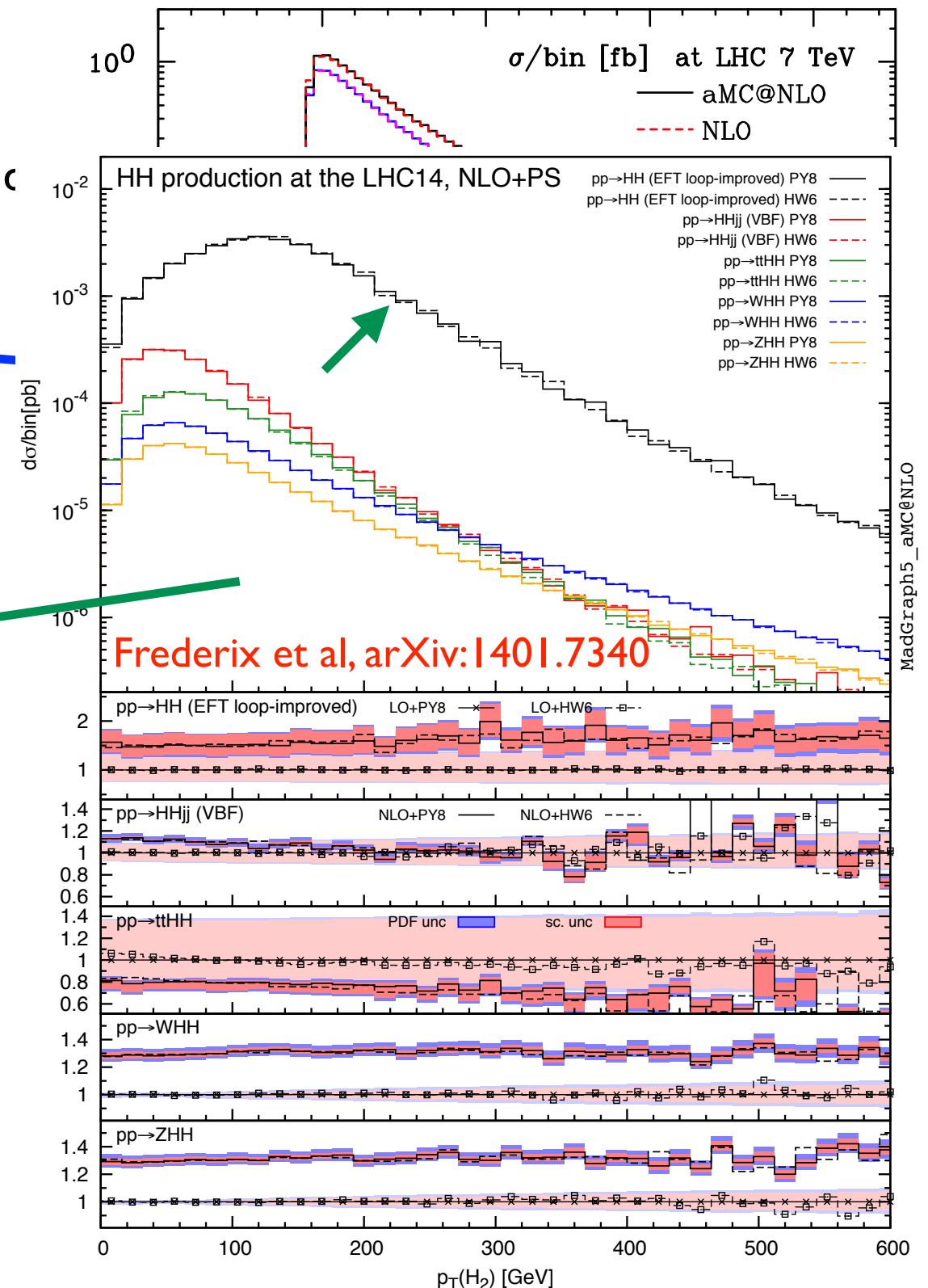
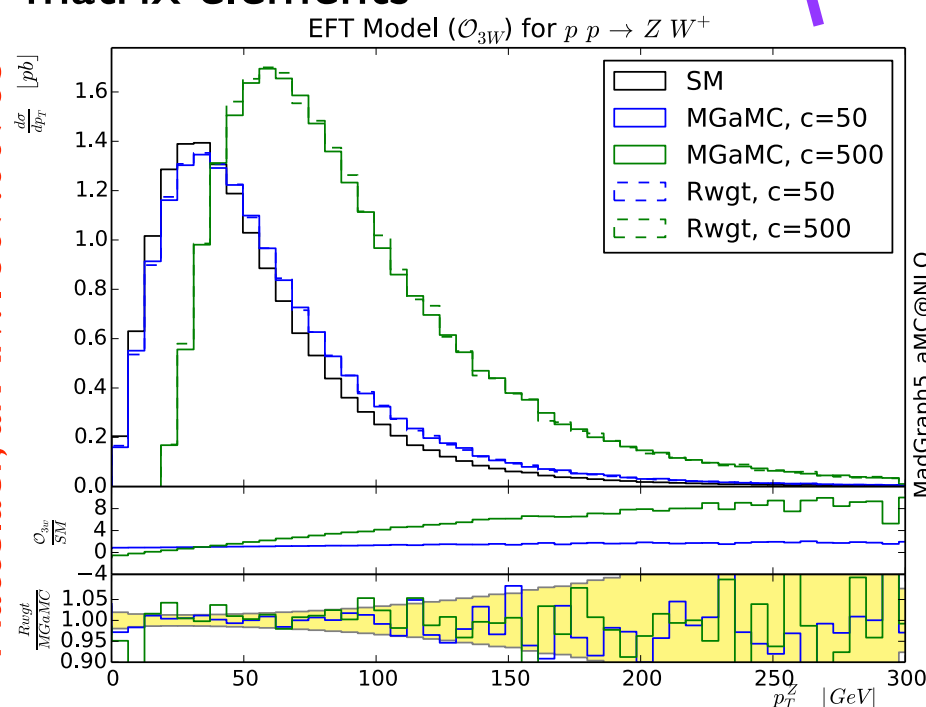
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# Automated reweighting in MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO

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- The three kind of reweighting (uncertainties, parameter scan and with a different matrix element) are all automated in MG5\_aMC
- Both a LO and NLO reweightings can be used  
For parameter variations, LO is often as good as NLO
- More information can be found on  
<https://cp3.irmp.ucl.ac.be/projects/madgraph/wiki/Reweight>
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