

# QCD

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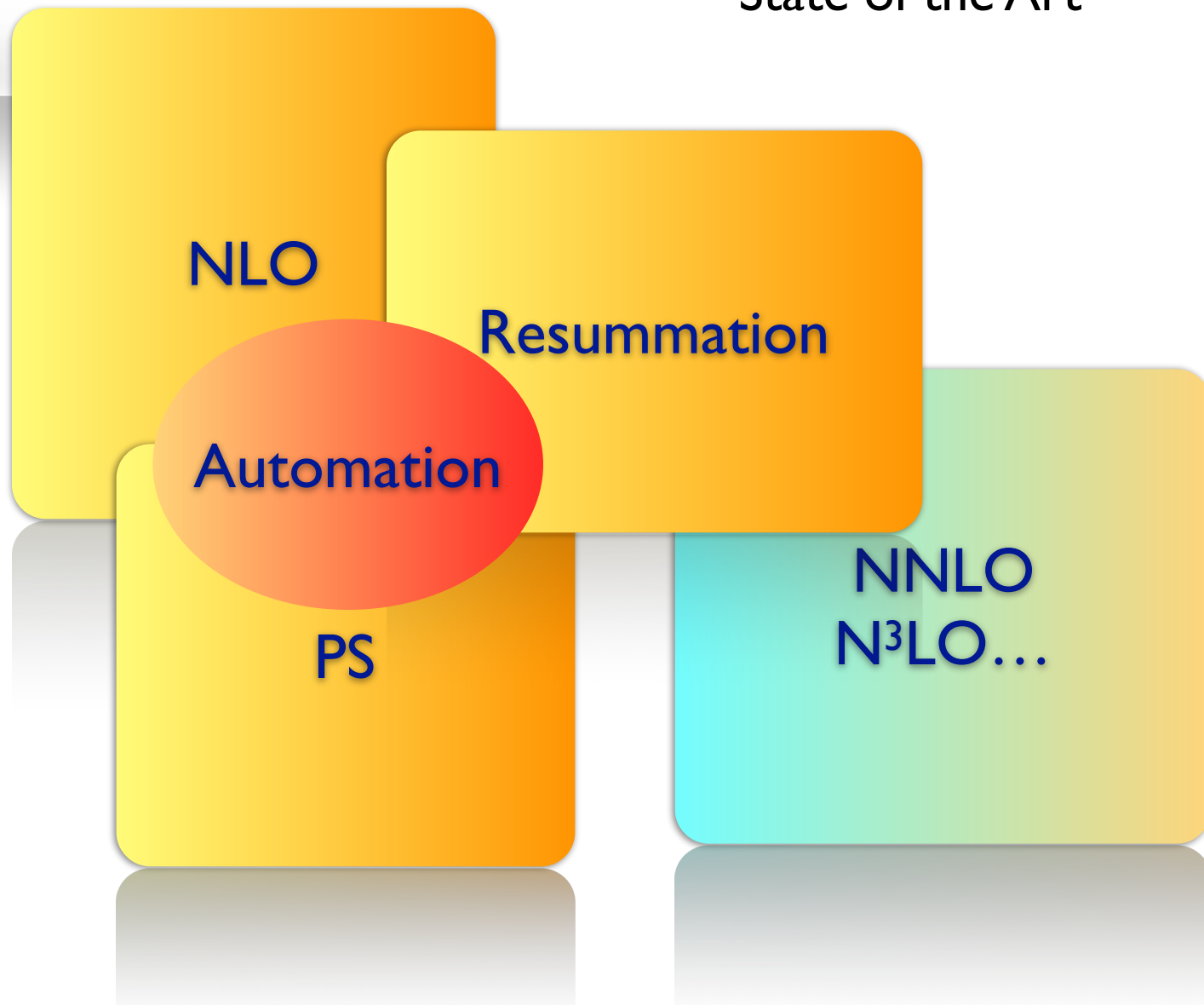
# Recap of second lecture

- DIS provides the best scenario to study proton structure
- Parton Model : scattering is an incoherent sum of partonic cross sections
- Factorization allows us to compute the partonic cross section perturbatively and at the same time implies that parton distributions are universal
- IR divergences appear again but do not cancel completely : must be factorized in parton distributions
- Parton distributions are scale dependent. Evolution perturbatively determined by DGLAP equations
- PDFs are extracted by global analysis. Also statistical uncertainties are determined
- Still some issues in PDF extraction : uncertainties, coupling constant, but continuous improvements



# The perturbative toolkit for precision at colliders

## State of the Art

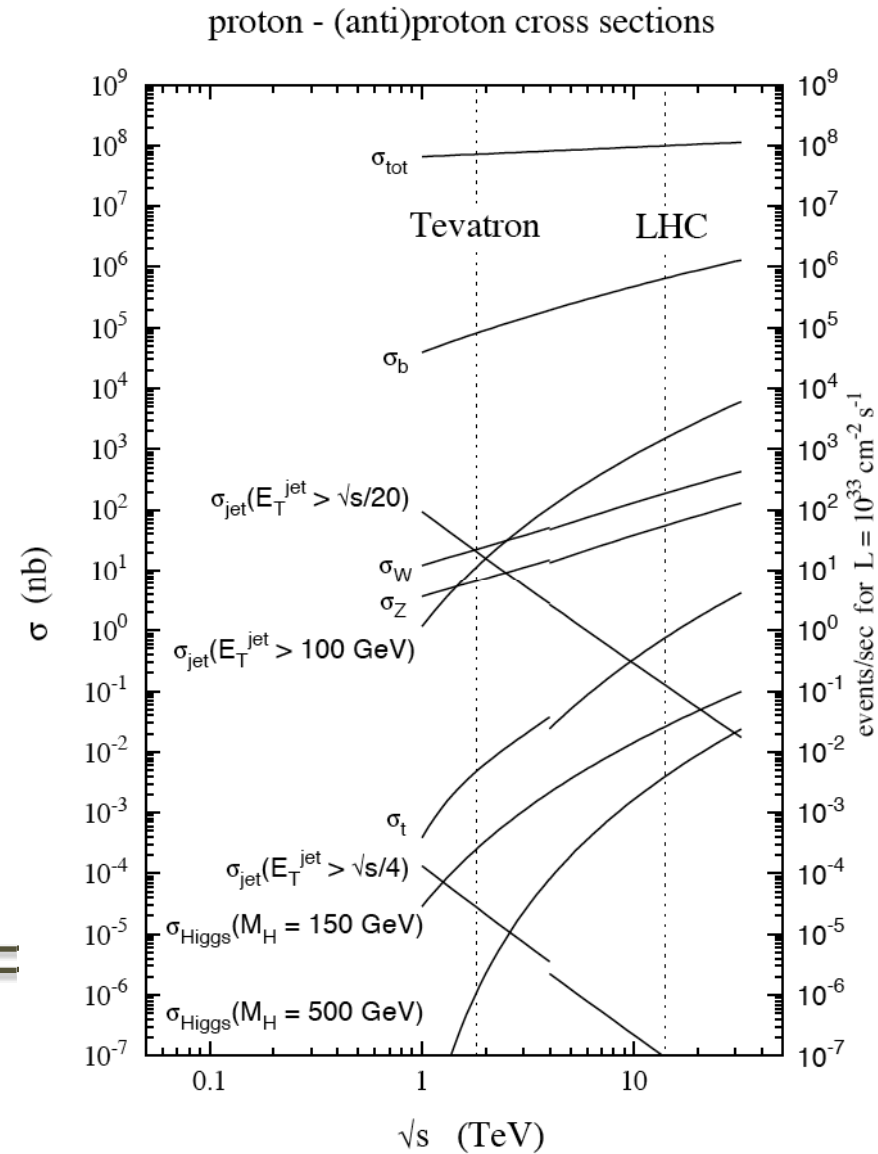
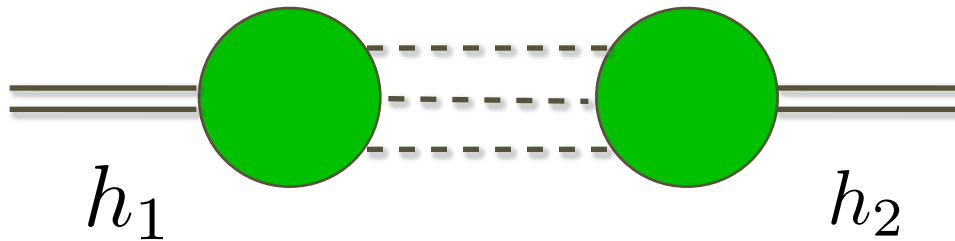
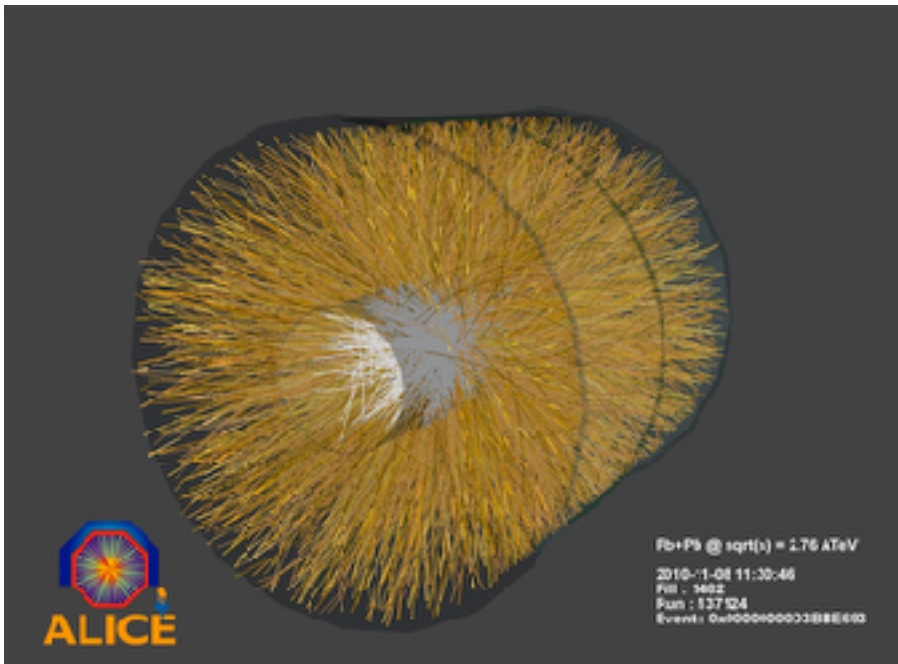


# Outline of the lecture 3

- ✿ QCD at Colliders
- ✿ Why higher orders?
- ✿ How to do NLO
- ✿ Automated tools at NLO



# QCD at Colliders



Most of the collisions correspond to soft physics: non-perturbative

# Most interesting (new) physics involves large scales

## Kinematics relevant in hadronic colliders

$$p^\mu = (E, p_x, p_y, p_z) \quad \text{final state particle}$$

$$p^\mu = (m_T \cosh y, p_T \sin \phi, p_T \cos \phi, m_T \sinh y)$$

Transverse mass

$$m_T = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m^2}$$

Rapidity

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}$$

pseudo-rapidity

massless



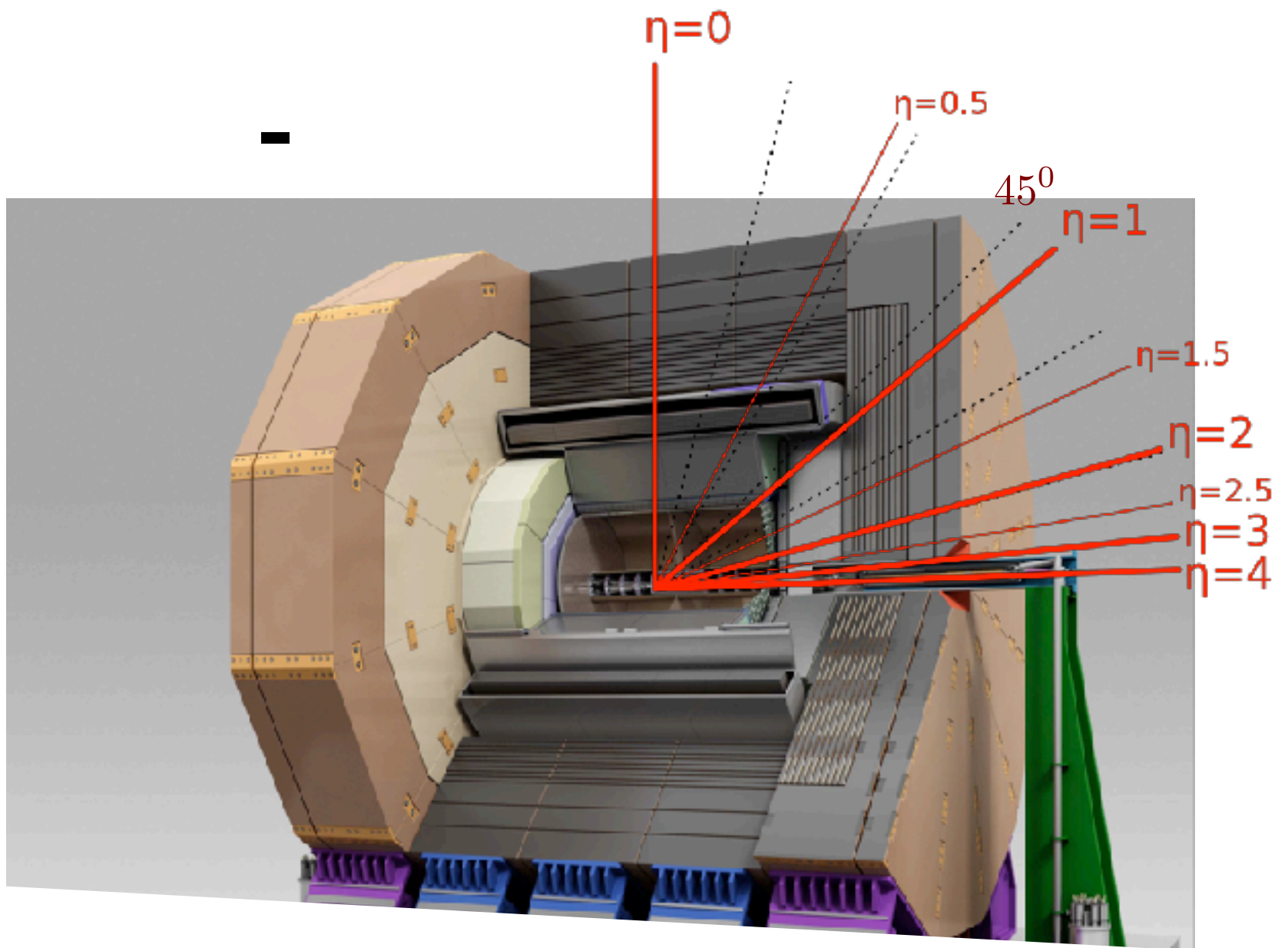
$$\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$$

$$E_T = E \sin \theta$$

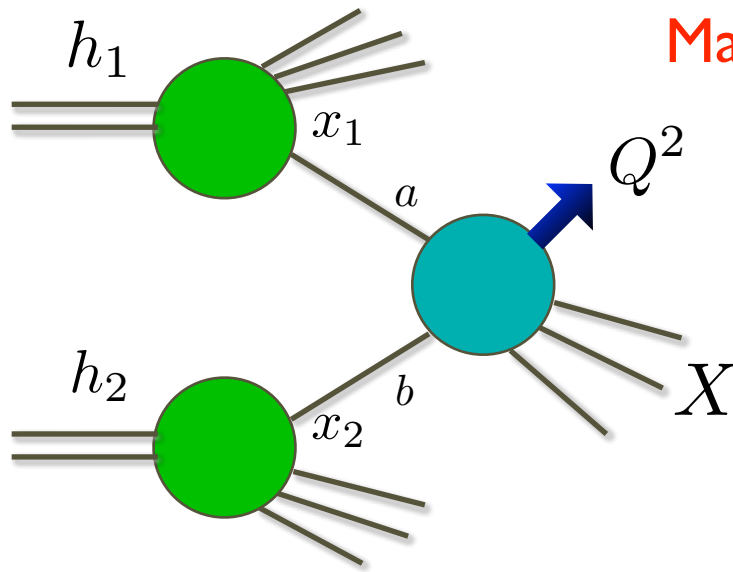


$$p_T$$

$$\frac{d^3 p}{E} = p_T dp_T dy d\phi$$



Most interesting (new) physics involves large scales



Mass, invariant mass, transverse momentum

Hard/soft factorization still applies if  
large scale involved +  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{QCD}/Q)$

Factorization of singularities in parton distributions exactly as in DIS

$$\sigma(p_1, p_2) = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 f_{a/h_1}(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_{b/h_2}(x_2, \mu_F^2) \\ \times \hat{\sigma}_{ab}(x_1 p_1, x_2 p_2, \alpha_s(\mu_R^2), \mu_R^2, \mu_F^2)$$

Two unphysical scales  $\mu_R^2 \sim \mu_F^2 \sim Q^2$

LO : number of tools to compute tree level amplitudes  
Fully automated calculations for very large multiplicities

***MADGRAPH, HELAC-PHEGAS, ALPGEN,  
SHERPA, ComHep, COMIX,...***



### Pros of LO calculations

Fast (until recently the only option for many observables)  
Simpler to integrate calculation to parton showers  
Many tools available (tested!)



### Cons of LO calculations

In most cases, not enough for precision physics : only qualitative  
Large scale dependence  
No control on normalization (poor on shapes)  
No Control on uncertainties

# Why higher order corrections?

# Why higher order corrections?

- ▶ Accurate Theoretical Predictions  
shape and normalization
- ▶ Large Corrections : check PT

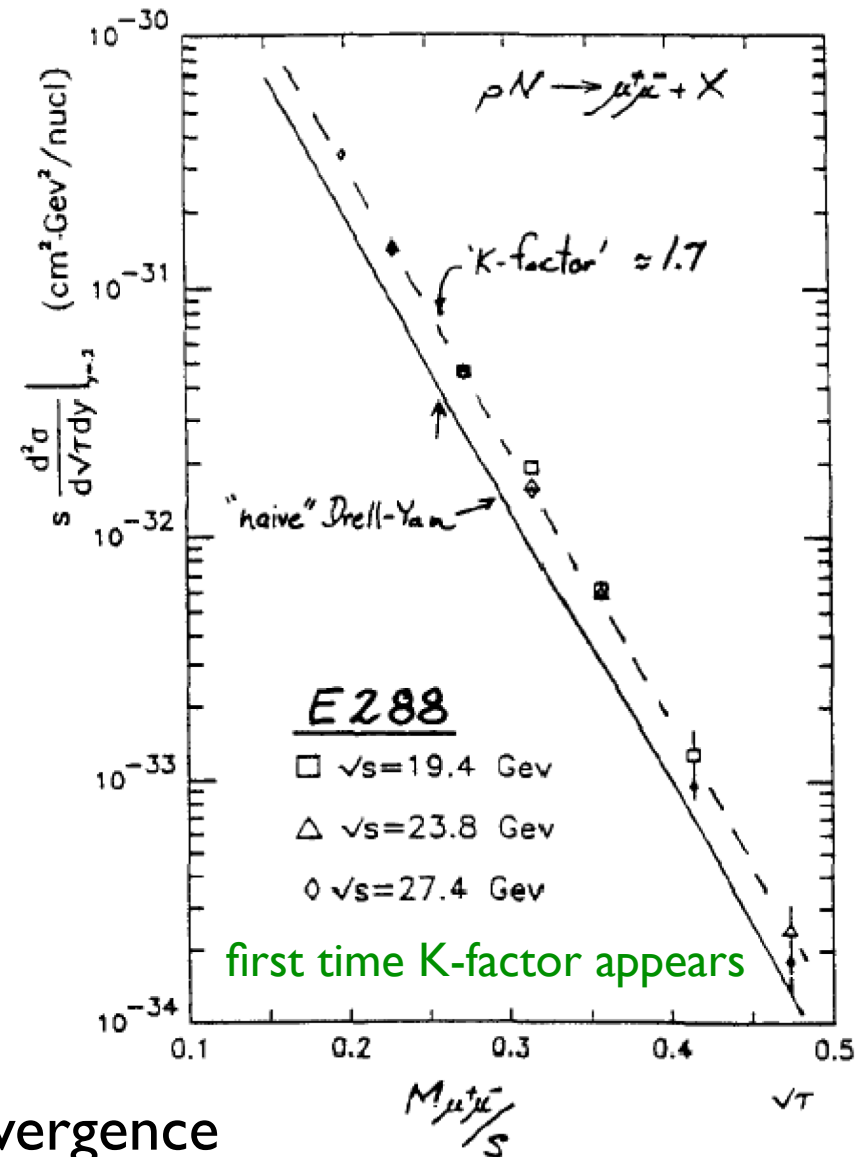
First example: Drell-Yan

$$pp \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

## ▶ K-factor

$$K = \frac{\sigma^{N^i LO}}{\sigma^{LO}}$$

Even at LHC  $\alpha_s \sim 0.1$   slow convergence



## ► Accurate Theoretical Predictions

Scale dependence: first error estimate

According to “master formula”

$$\sigma(p_1, p_2) = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 f_{a/h_1}(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_{b/h_2}(x_2, \mu_F^2) \\ \times \hat{\sigma}_{ab}(x_1 p_1, x_2 p_2, \alpha_s(\mu_R^2), \mu_R^2, \mu_F^2)$$

- 2 unphysical scales : dependence cancels if computed to all orders

  $\mu_R$  Renormalization scale  
 $\mu_F$  Factorization scale

- after “perturbative” truncation: unphysical dependence remains
- (naive) estimate of size of missing higher orders



Go back to our “well-known”  $R_{\text{had}} \equiv \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}$

At NLO the result is  $R_{\text{had}} = R^{(0)} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{\pi} \right)$

**Scale dependence:** at which scale evaluate the coupling?

Scale is unphysical, in principle any value possible, but...

According to RGE, dependence cancels if observable computed to all orders in perturbation theory

The renormalization group equations tell us

$$\alpha_s(\mu^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_0^2)}{1 + \beta_0 \alpha_s(\mu_0^2) \log \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_0^2}}$$

Expanded to first order reads

$$\alpha_s(\mu^2) = \alpha_s(\mu_0^2) - \alpha_s^2(\mu_0^2) \beta_0 \log \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_0^2} + \dots$$

$$R_{\text{had}} = R^{(0)} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_0^2)}{\pi} - \alpha_s^2(\mu_0^2) \beta_0 \log \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_0^2} + \dots \right)$$

Notice that if computed to NLO, scale dependence appears at NNLO

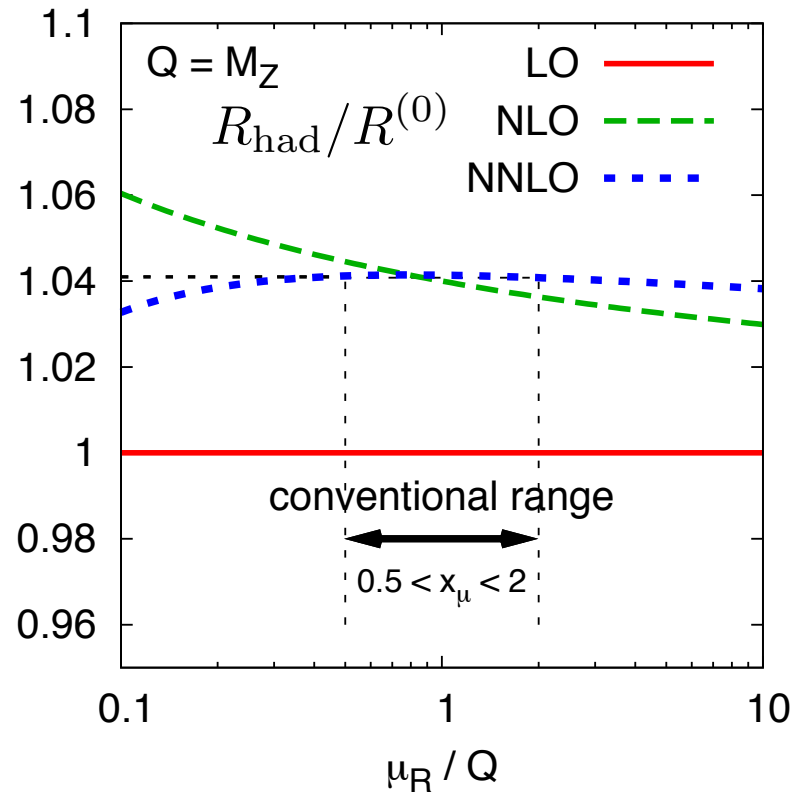
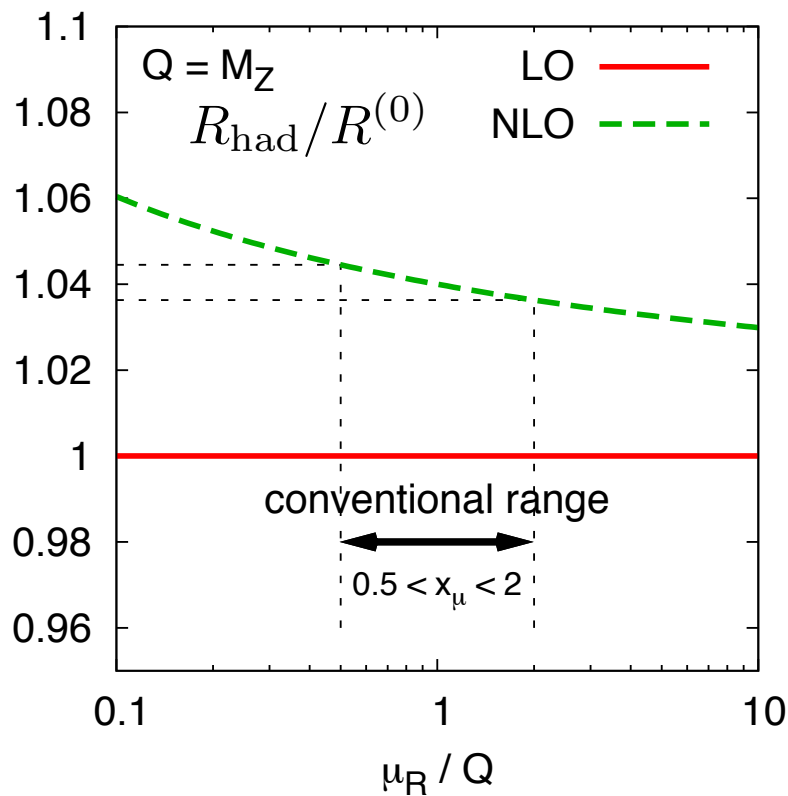
Coefficients in general depend on **LOGS** of ratios of energy scales

For **single scale** problems (as here), it is convenient to choose renormalization (and factorization) scales close to the energy scale of the process to avoid the appearance of **large logarithmic terms** that can spoil the convergence of the expansion  $\mu \sim Q$

**TH uncertainties** are usually estimated by performing scale variations : provides a lower limit on the size of missing higher-order contributions

If scale dependence is large then large higher order corrections expected **for sure** (should cancel that!)

If scale dependence is small, **might be** that convergence is faster



Use  $Q$  for central value and spread as “TH uncertainty”

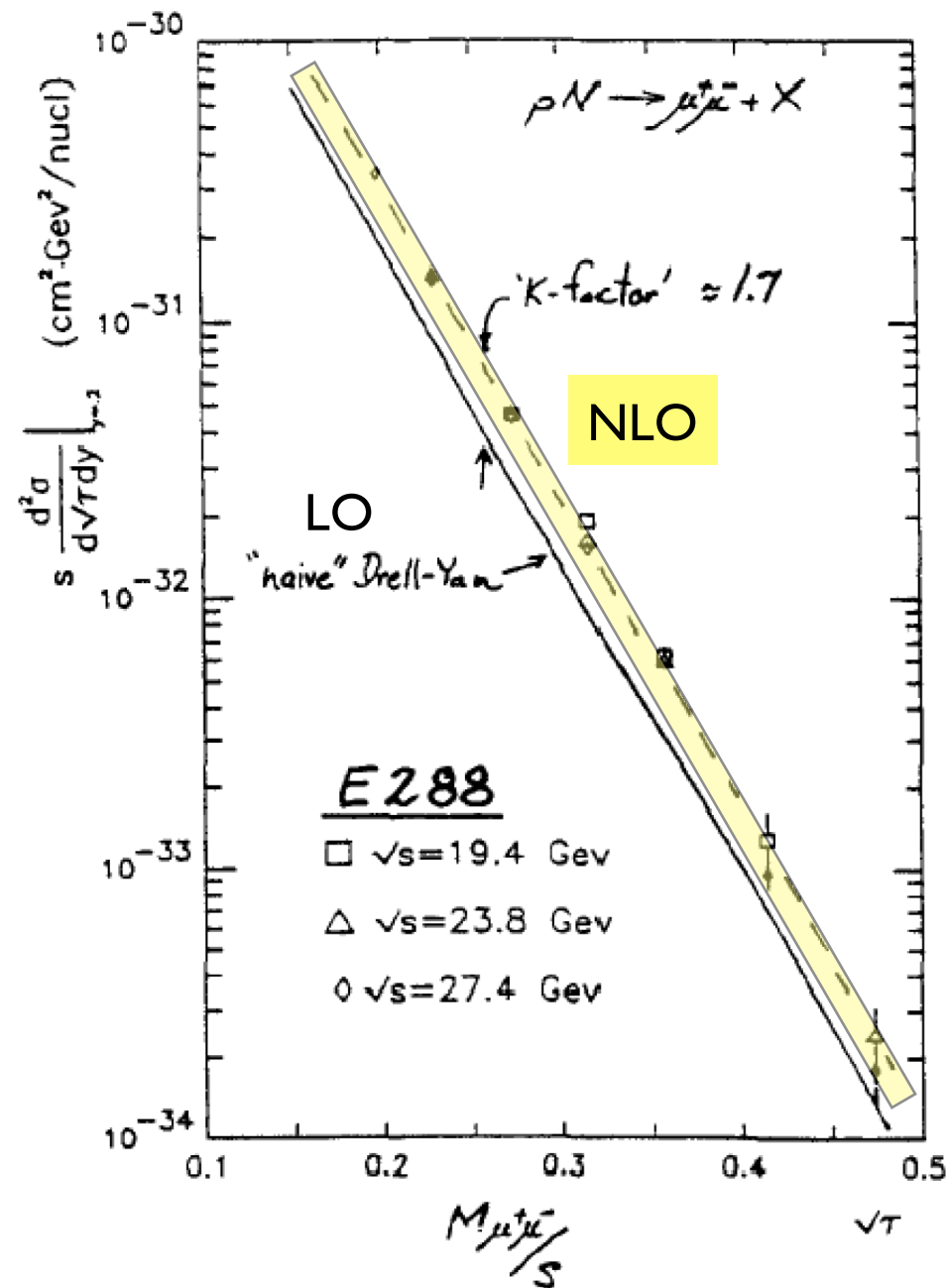
$$R^{th} = \bar{R} \pm \Delta R$$

$$\mu = Q$$

$$Q/2 < \mu < 2Q$$

$$\alpha_s^n \longrightarrow \alpha_s^{n+1}$$

Uncertainty can only be reduced by explicit higher order calculation



## Drell-Yan

### ► scale-dependence

### Band instead of single line

$$\frac{M_{\mu^+ \mu^-}}{2} \leq \mu_F \leq 2M_{\mu^+ \mu^-}$$

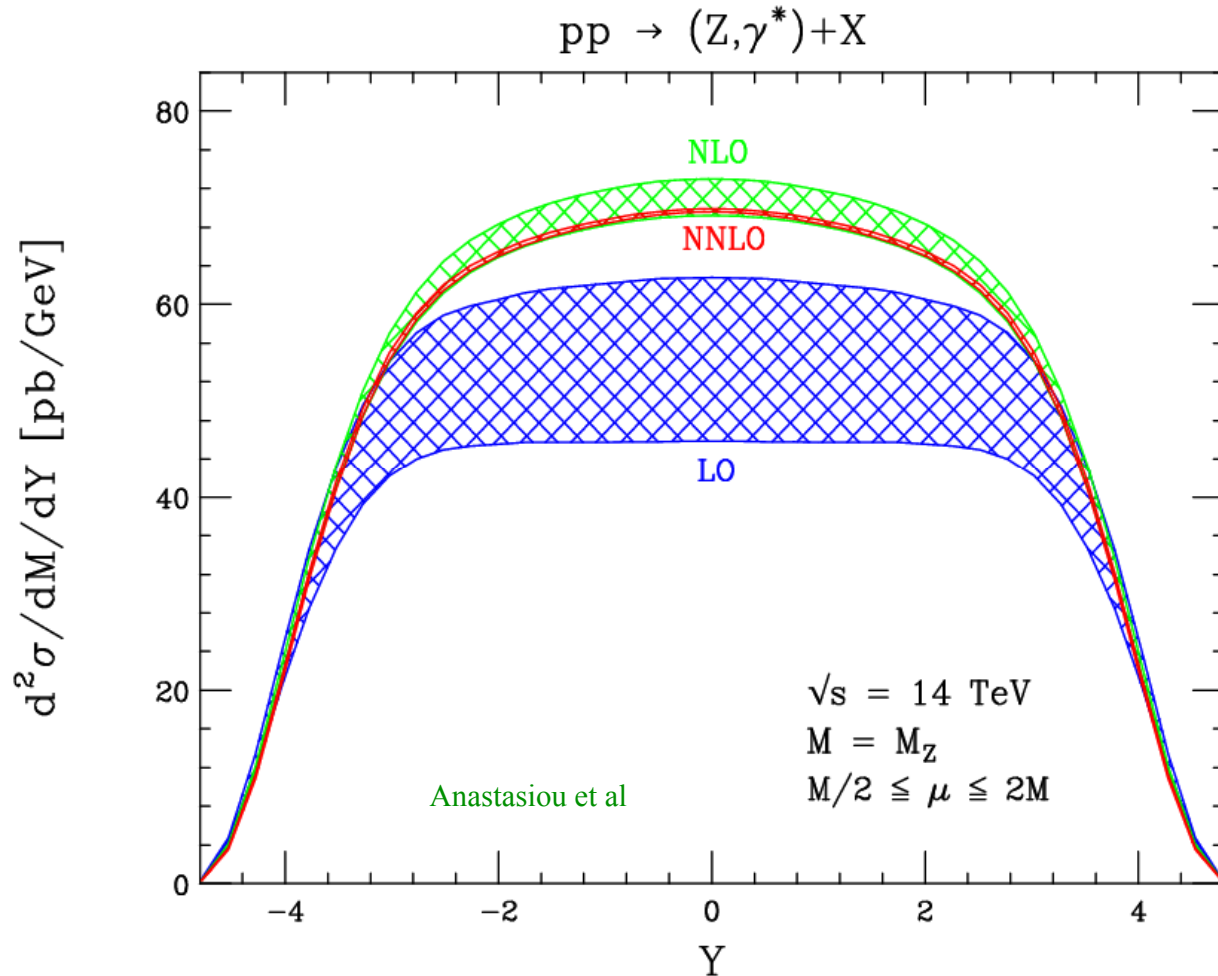
$$\frac{M_{\mu^+ \mu^-}}{2} \leq \mu_R \leq 2M_{\mu^+ \mu^-}$$

- factor of 2 conventional/historical
- usually “works” : anticipate higher order corrections
- Sometimes... it fails...

Scale dependence considerably reduced at higher orders

➡ reduction in TH uncertainty

Drell-Yan

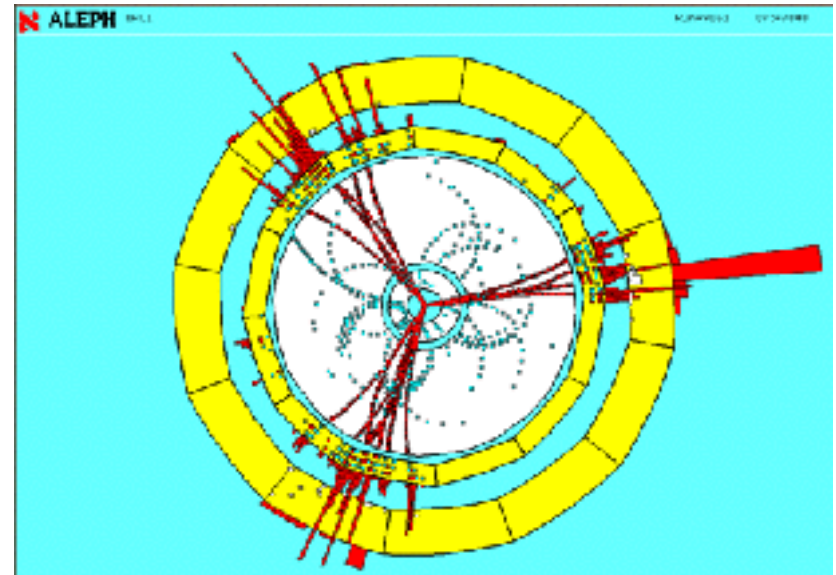
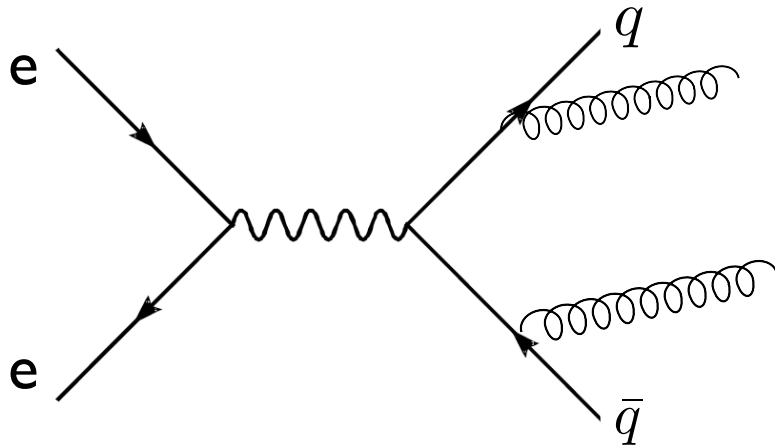


Notice that LO scale dependence fails to estimate NLO result!

► Effect of extra radiation : more partons → more realistic

## Feynman Diagram vs real life

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

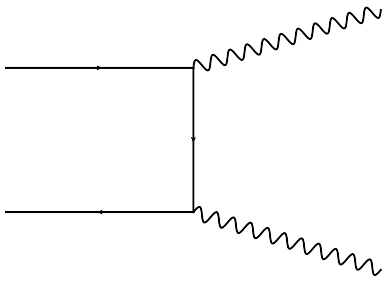


More accurate description of jet structure : first time appears at NLO (one extra parton)

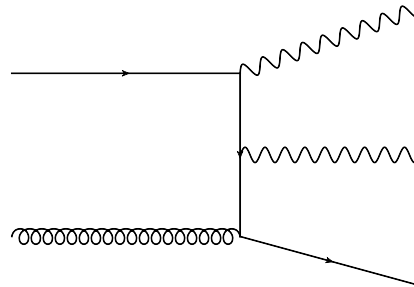
## ► Opening of new channels

Sometimes new channels at higher order provide large corrections due to parton luminosity (pdf, non-perturbative-perturbative interplay)

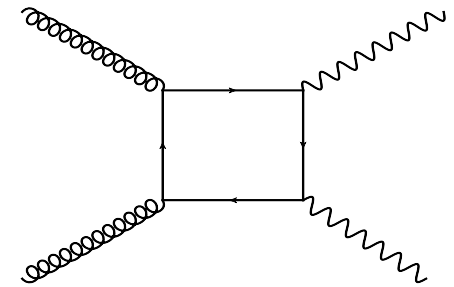
### ◎ Diphoton production : main background to Higgs search



$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^0)$  but  $q\bar{q}$  Luminosity



$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$  but  $qg$  Luminosity



$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  but  $gg$  Luminosity

$\gamma\gamma$  production



Box (subset of NNLO) known to be as large as Born!

Dicus, Willenbrock

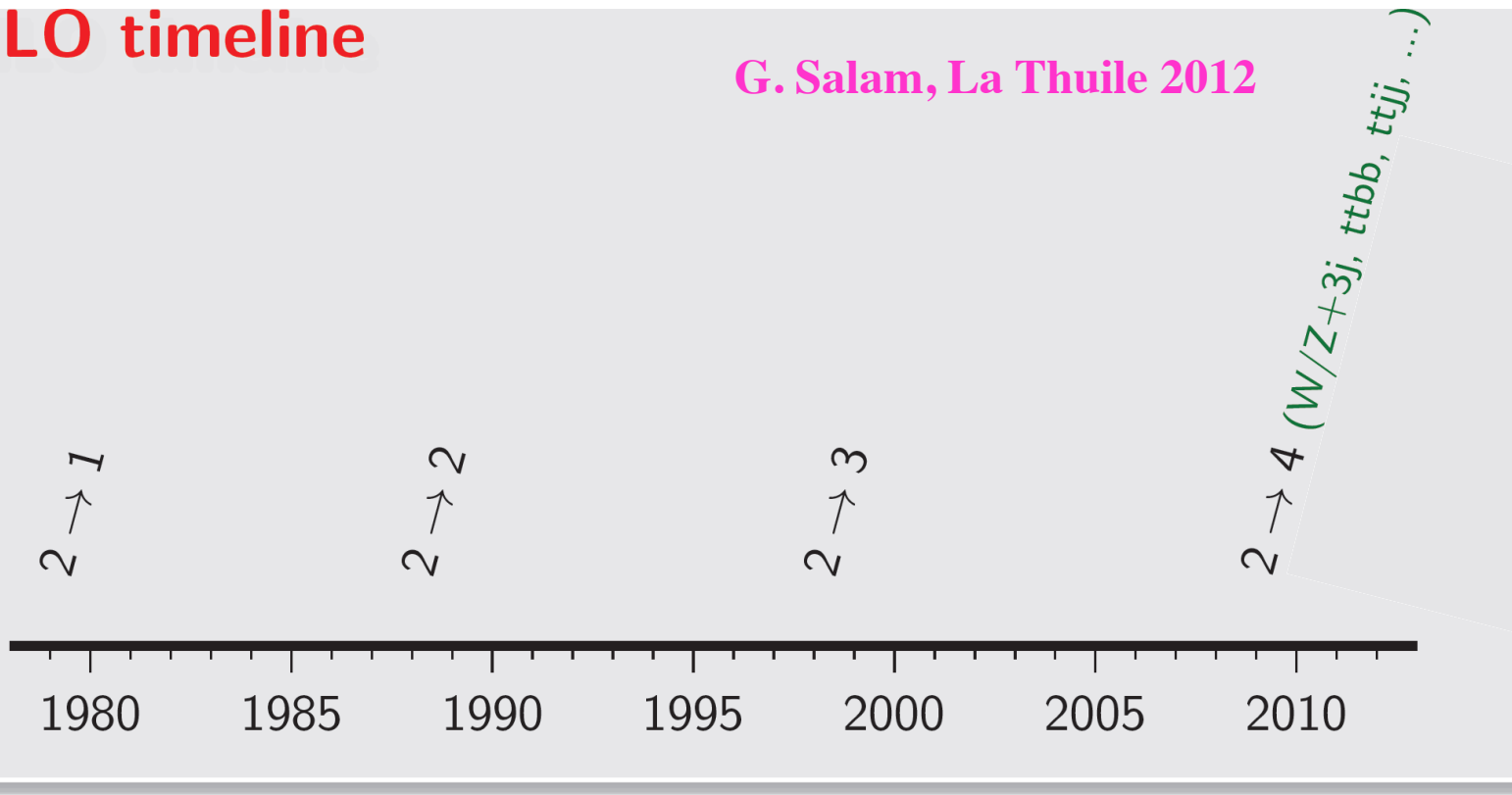
# How to do NLO?



Higher order calculations are difficult....

## NLO timeline

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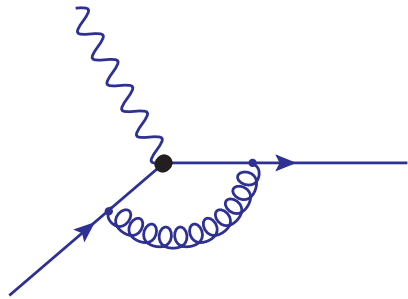
Slow progress during the first 30 years, one extra particle per decade.....

# Experimenter's wish-list (Les Houches)

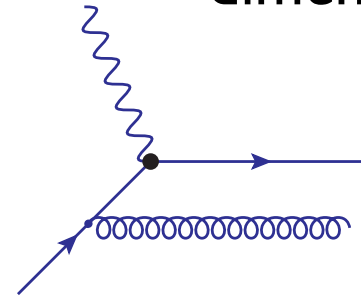
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## Real and virtual contributions : separately divergent



1 loop  
IR + UV divergent



dimensional regularization  
 $\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$   
1 extra parton  
IR in soft/collinear configurations

At Next-to-Leading Order (NLO)

$$\sigma_{NLO} = \int_{m+1} d\sigma^R + \int_m d\sigma^V \quad + \text{renormalization and factorization}$$

Here one more parton  
singular over PS

Here same number of partons  
but one-loop matrix element  
singular at loop level

But don't want to (or can't) repeat the calculation every time the definition of the observable changes; try to avoid analytical calculations

## How NLO in general : subtraction method

Subtract (and add!) a term with the same singularities as the real contribution but much simpler to integrate (analytically) and universal (valid for any process)

$$d\sigma_{NLO} = \int_{d\Phi_{n+1}} \left( d\sigma_{NLO}^R - d\sigma_{NLO}^S \right) + \left[ \int_{d\Phi_n} d\sigma_{NLO}^V + \int_{d\Phi_n} \left( \int_{d\Phi_1} d\sigma_{NLO}^S \right) \right]$$

finite compute                      until recently needed dedicated  
numerically                              analytical calculation for virtual

Only need to analytically integrate the subtraction term (and virtual)

Subtraction term can be constructed because we understand the singular (soft and collinear) structure of QCD amplitudes

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finite compute numerically
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we understand the (universal) infrared behavior of amplitudes

 collinear and soft limits

Different implementations for the subtraction term

- Dipole      Catani, Seymour
- Antenna      Kosower
- FKS      Frixione, Kunszt, Signer

Resulting code can compute several observables at once : change of measurement function (IR safe observables)

Many individual calculations but very complicated for large multiplicities

# Real radiation automated using subtraction + tree level techniques

- SHERPA      Gleisberg, Krauss
- MadDipole      Frederix, Greiner, Gerhmann
- Helac/Phegas      Czakon, Papadopoulos, Worek
- TeVJet      Seymour, Tevlin
- AutoDipole      Hasegawa, Moch, Uwer
- MadFKS      Frederix, Frixione, Maltoni, Stelzer

Problem “conceptually” solved during the 90’s

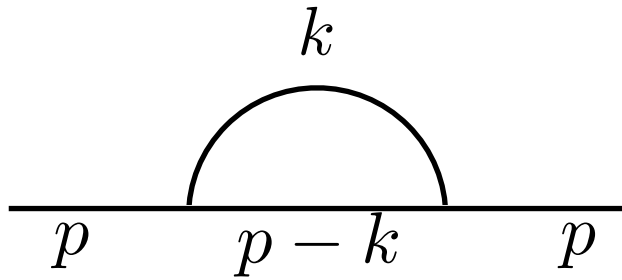
**Bottleneck was in the virtual contribution**

$2 \rightarrow 2$  all known

$2 \rightarrow 3$  almost all known

$2 \rightarrow 4$  many in 2010-2012

$2 \rightarrow 5$  new from 2013



$$\int d^d k \frac{N(p, k)}{(k^2 - m^2)((p - k)^2 - m^2)}$$

$N(p, k) = 1$  Scalar integral : all known at one loop!

$N(p, k) = k^\mu k^\nu$  Tensor integral

$$\int \dots = A p^\mu p^\nu + B g^{\mu\nu}$$

Contract both sides with

$$p_\mu p_\nu, g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$k^\mu k^\nu g_{\mu\nu} = (k^2 - m^2) + m^2$$

$$k^\mu p_\mu = k \cdot p = \frac{1}{2}(k^2 - ((p - k)^2 - m^2))$$

Obtain a very simple set of algebraic equations from where can extract  $A$  and  $B$  as combinations of **scalar integrals**

## Feynmanian approach

The equation shows a sun-like Feynman diagram (a circle with eight external lines) equal to a sum of three types of diagrams multiplied by coefficients. The first term is a square diagram with four external lines, multiplied by  $\sum_i d_i$ . The second term is a triangle diagram with three external lines, multiplied by  $\sum_i c_i$ . The third term is a tadpole diagram (a circle with one external line), multiplied by  $\sum_i b_i$ . The equation ends with a plus sign and a fraction  $\frac{x}{y}$ .

$$\text{Sun Diagram} = \sum_i d_i \text{Square Diagram} + \sum_i c_i \text{Triangle Diagram} + \sum_i b_i \text{Tadpole Diagram} + \frac{x}{y}$$

- Perform tensorial decomposition from Feynman diagrams
- Compute coefficients (**Passarino-Veltman**)
- Scalar integrals known (analytical and numerical evaluation)

But for large multiplicities...

- Large number of diagrams (> 1000)
- Growing number of terms in tensor reduction
- Numerical stability : vanishing of Gram determinant

$2 \rightarrow 4$  was considered an impossible task

But with clever  
ideas!

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$$

Bredestein, Denner, Dittmaier, Pozzorini

$$pp \rightarrow W^+ W^- b\bar{b}$$

Denner, Dittmaier, Kallweit, Pozzorini

$$pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$$

Cullen et al (Golem)

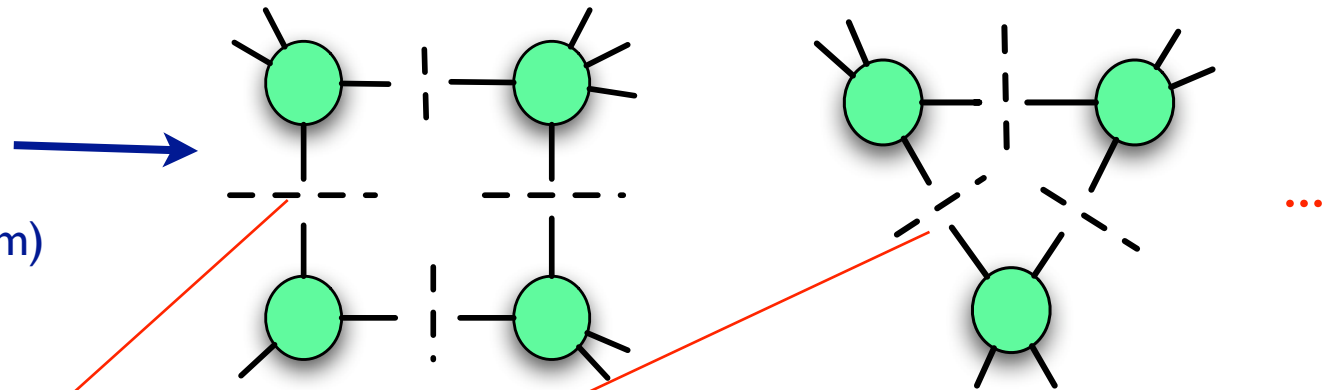


# Unitarian approach

Britto, Cachazo, Feng (2004)

Find the coefficients using multi-particle **cuts** from generalized **unitarity**

replace propagator  
by (on-shell) cut line  
(delta, complex momentum)



$$\text{Sun diagram} = \sum_i d_i \text{Box diagram} + \sum_i c_i \text{Triangle diagram} + \sum_i b_i \text{Bubble diagram} + \sum_i a_i \text{Self-energy diagram} + \frac{x}{y}$$

Quadrupole cuts: 4 on-shell conditions on 4-dimensional loop momentum freezes the integration  box coefficient

No need of Feynman diagrams

Tree level amplitudes

Different methods for rational part  
(**D-dimensional**) recursive relations

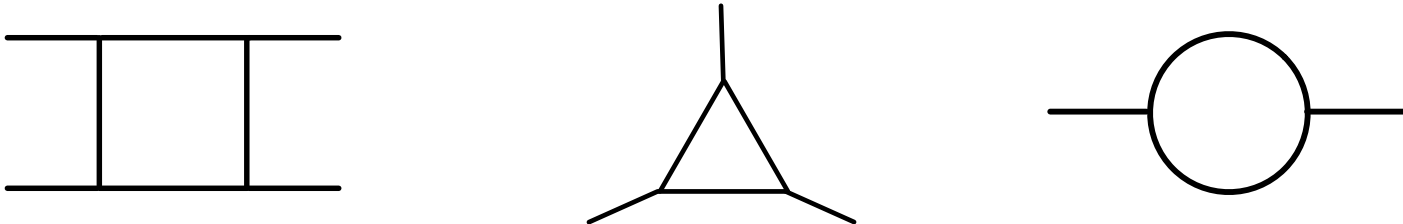
$$pp \rightarrow V + 5 \text{ jets}$$

**2 to 7 particles!**

BlackHat Collaboration, Z. Bern et al

Very clever ideas include **OPP**: decomposition at the *integrand* level

Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau (2006)

$$\mathcal{A}_N = \sum_{[i_1|i_4]} \left( d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} I_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{(D)} \right) + \sum_{[i_1|i_3]} \left( c_{i_1 i_2 i_3} I_{i_1 i_2 i_3}^{(D)} \right) + \sum_{[i_1|i_2]} \left( b_{i_1 i_2} I_{i_1 i_2}^{(D)} \right)$$


Coefficients can be determined just by solving a system of equations : no loop, just algebra!

**Universal** - applicable to any process

**Simple** - based on basic algebraic properties

**Ready for automation** - easy to implement in a computer code

Combination of methods



efficient numerical evaluation

# Fully automated computation of 1-loop amplitudes!

- **CutTools**      Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau
- **Rocket**      Ellis, Giele, Kunszt, Melnikov, Zanderighi
- **Samurai**      Mastrolia, Ossola, Reiter, Tramontano
- **Blackhat**      Berger, Bern, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Forde, Ita, Kosower, Maître, Gleisberg
- **Golem**      Binoth, Guillet, Heinrich, Pilon Reiter
- **Helac-1loop**      Bevilacqua, Czakon, Garzelli, van Hameren, Kardos, Papadopoulos, Pittau, Worek
- **MadLoop**      Hirschi, Frederix, Frixione, Garzelli, Maltoni, Pittau
- **OpenLoops**      Pozzorini, Cascioli, Maierhöfer, Buccioni, Zoller, Lang, Zhang, Lindert

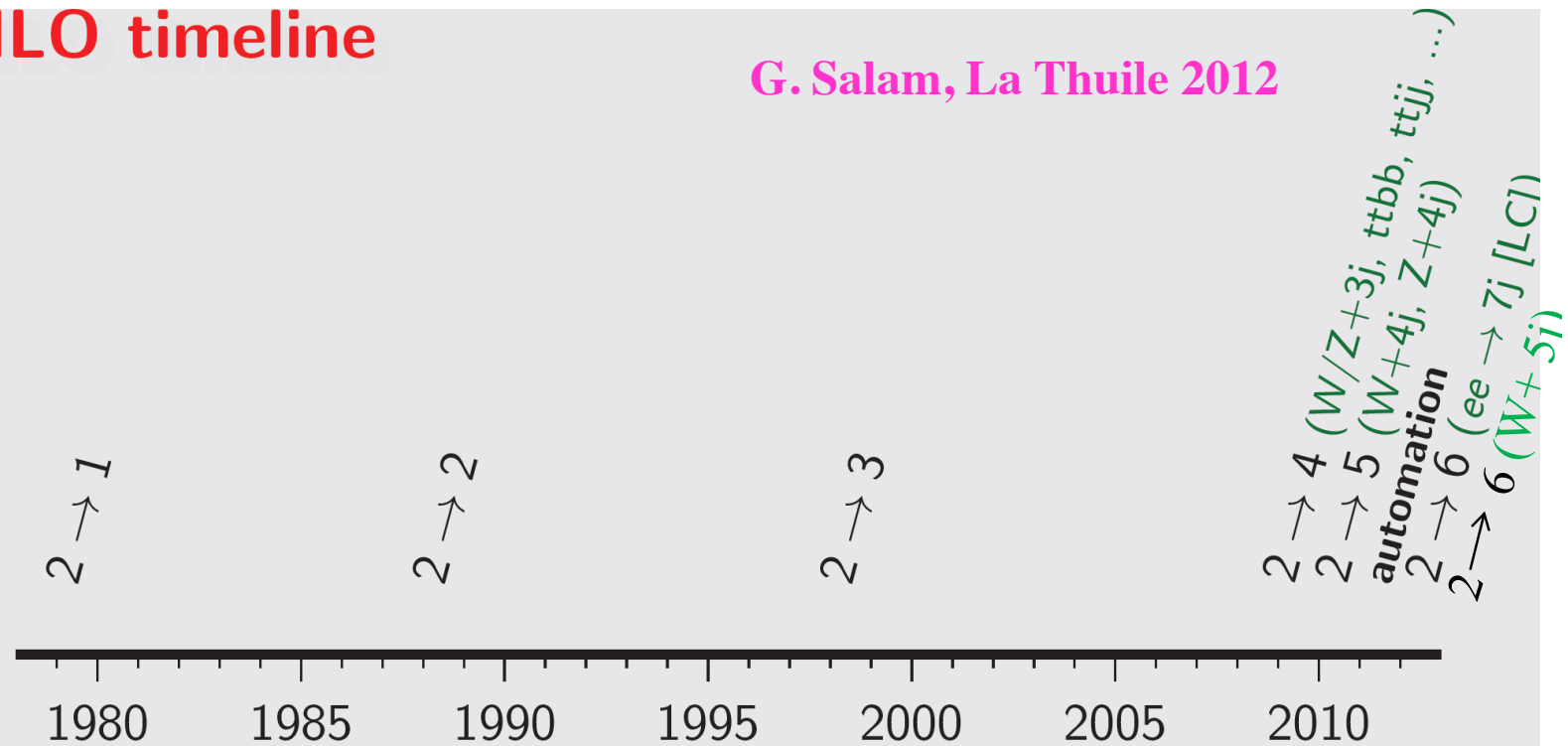
and many others      Lazopoulos; Giele, Kunszt, Winter, etc...

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## The NLO revolution

Combination of all the tools described before (and many others) allowed and amazing progress in the last few years



Large multiplicities relevant for LHC  
Key is Automation!!

- ▶ Final goal: Really automatic NLO calculations

zero cost for humans

- ▶ Automatic NLO calculation “conceptually” solved

- in a few years a number of codes

- ✓ compete on precision, flexibility, speed, stability, ...

- ✓ many features : uncertainties, ...

HELAC-NLO, Rocket, BlackHat+SHERPA, GoSam+SHERPA/  
MADGRAPH, NJet+SHERPA, Madgraph5-aMC@NLO, RECOLA,  
OpenLoops+SHERPA

# MG5\_aMC@NLO

[Alwall et al. arXiv:1405.0301]

# GoSAM+NINJA

[van Duerzen et al. arXiv:1312.6678]

Process	Syntax	Cross section (pb)			
Vector boson +jets		LO 13 TeV		NLO 13 TeV	
a.1 $pp \rightarrow W^\pm$	$p > wpm$	$1.375 \pm 0.002 \cdot 10^5$	+15.4% +2.0% -16.6% -1.6%	$1.773 \pm 0.007 \cdot 10^5$	+5.2% +1.9% -4.4% -1.6%
a.2 $pp \rightarrow W^\pm j$	$p > wpm\ j$	$2.045 \pm 0.001 \cdot 10^4$	+19.7% +1.4% -17.2% -1.1%	$2.843 \pm 0.010 \cdot 10^4$	+5.9% +1.3% -8.0% -1.1%
a.3 $pp \rightarrow W^\pm jj$	$p > wpm\ j\ j$	$6.805 \pm 0.015 \cdot 10^3$	+24.5% +0.8% -18.6% -0.7%	$7.786 \pm 0.030 \cdot 10^3$	+2.4% +0.9% -6.0% -0.8%
a.4 $pp \rightarrow W^\pm jjj$	$p > wpm\ j\ j\ j$	$1.821 \pm 0.002 \cdot 10^3$	+41.0% +0.5% -27.1% -0.5%	$2.005 \pm 0.008 \cdot 10^3$	+0.9% +0.6% -6.7% -0.5%
a.5 $pp \rightarrow Z$	$p > z$	$4.248 \pm 0.005 \cdot 10^4$	+14.6% +2.0% -15.8% -1.6%	$5.410 \pm 0.022 \cdot 10^4$	+4.6% +1.9% -8.0% -1.5%
a.6 $pp \rightarrow Zj$	$p > z\ j$	$7.209 \pm 0.005 \cdot 10^3$	+19.3% +1.2% -17.0% -1.0%	$9.742 \pm 0.035 \cdot 10^3$	+5.8% +1.2% -7.8% -1.0%
a.7 $pp \rightarrow Zjj$	$p > z\ j\ j$	$2.348 \pm 0.006 \cdot 10^3$	+24.3% +0.6% -18.5% -0.6%	$2.665 \pm 0.010 \cdot 10^3$	+2.5% +0.7% -6.0% -0.7%
a.8 $pp \rightarrow Zjjj$	$p > z\ j\ j\ j$	$6.314 \pm 0.008 \cdot 10^2$	+40.8% +0.5% -27.0% -0.5%	$6.996 \pm 0.028 \cdot 10^2$	+1.1% +0.5% -6.8% -0.5%
a.9 $pp \rightarrow \gamma j$	$p > a\ j$	$1.964 \pm 0.001 \cdot 10^4$	+31.2% +1.7% -26.0% -1.8%	$5.218 \pm 0.025 \cdot 10^4$	+24.5% +1.4% -21.4% -1.6%
a.10 $pp \rightarrow \gamma jj$	$p > a\ j\ j$	$7.815 \pm 0.008 \cdot 10^3$	+32.8% +0.9% -24.2% -1.2%	$1.004 \pm 0.004 \cdot 10^4$	+5.8% +0.8% -10.9% -1.2%

Benchmarks: GoSAM + NINJA			
Process	# NLO diagrams	ms/event	
$W + 3j$	$d\bar{u} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e e^- ggg$	1 411	226
$Z + 3j$	$d\bar{d} \rightarrow e^+ e^- ggg$	2 928	1 911
$ZZZ + 1j$	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow ZZZg$	915	*12 000
$WWZ + 1j$	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow W^+ W^- Zg$	779	*7 050
$WZZ + 1j$	$u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+ ZZg$	756	*3 300
$WWW + 1j$	$u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+ W^- W^+ g$	569	*1 800
$ZZZZ$	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow ZZZZ$	408	*1 070
$WWW$	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow W^+ W^- W^+ W^-$	496	*1 350
$t\bar{t}b\bar{b} (m_b \neq 0)$	$d\bar{d} \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$	275	178
	$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$	1 530	5 685
$t\bar{t} + 2j$	$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}gg$	4 700	13 827
$Zbb + 1j (m_b \neq 0)$	$dug \rightarrow ue^+ e^- b\bar{b}$	708	*1 070
$Wb\bar{b} + 1j (m_b \neq 0)$	$u\bar{d} \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e b\bar{b}g$	312	67
$Wb\bar{b} + 2j (m_b \neq 0)$	$u\bar{d} \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e b\bar{b}s\bar{s}$	648	181
	$u\bar{d} \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e b\bar{b}d\bar{d}$	1 220	895
	$u\bar{d} \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e b\bar{b}gg$	3 923	5387
$WWb\bar{b} (m_b \neq 0)$	$d\bar{d} \rightarrow \nu_e e^+ \bar{\nu}_\mu \mu^- b\bar{b}$	292	115
	$gg \rightarrow \nu_e e^+ \bar{\nu}_\mu \mu^- b\bar{b}$	1 068	*5 300
$WWb\bar{b} + 1j (m_b = 0)$	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow \nu_e e^+ \bar{\nu}_\mu \mu^- b\bar{b}g$	3 612	*2 000
$H + 3j$ in GF	$gg \rightarrow Hggg$	9 325	8 961
$t\bar{t}Z + 1j$	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow t\bar{t}e^+ e^- g$	1408	1 220
	$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}e^+ e^- g$	4230	19 560
$t\bar{t}H + 1j$	$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}Hg$	1 517	1 505
$H + 3j$ in VBF	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow Hgu\bar{u}$	432	101
$H + 4j$ in VBF	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow Hgggu\bar{u}$	1 176	669
$H + 5j$ in VBF	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow Hgggu\bar{u}$	15 036	29 200

+... total of 172 processes up to  $2 \rightarrow 4$

## How easy is NLO these days?

```
import model loop_sm-no_b_mass
define p = g u u~ c c~ d d~ s s~ b b~
define j = g u u~ c c~ d d~ s s~ b b~
generate p p > t~ t j [QCD]
output my_pp_ttj
calculate xs NLO
```

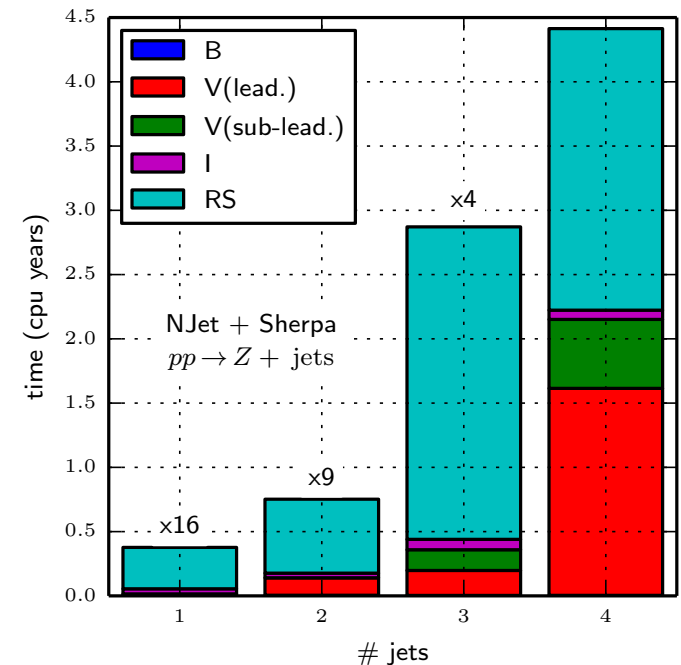
$pp \rightarrow tt + j$

e.g. MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO v2.1.1  
[Alwall et al. 1405.0301]

generation time ~ 5 mins  
total cross section ~ 30 mins (20 cores)

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow ttj}^{\text{NLO}}(\mu_R = \mu_F = m_t) = 687(7)_{-58}^{+23} \text{ pb}$$

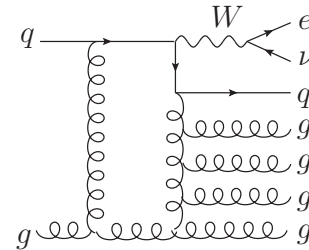
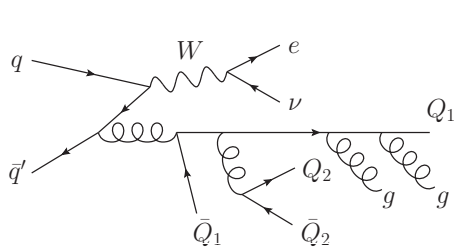
Bottleneck “only” in CPU time





# An example :W+5 jets !!

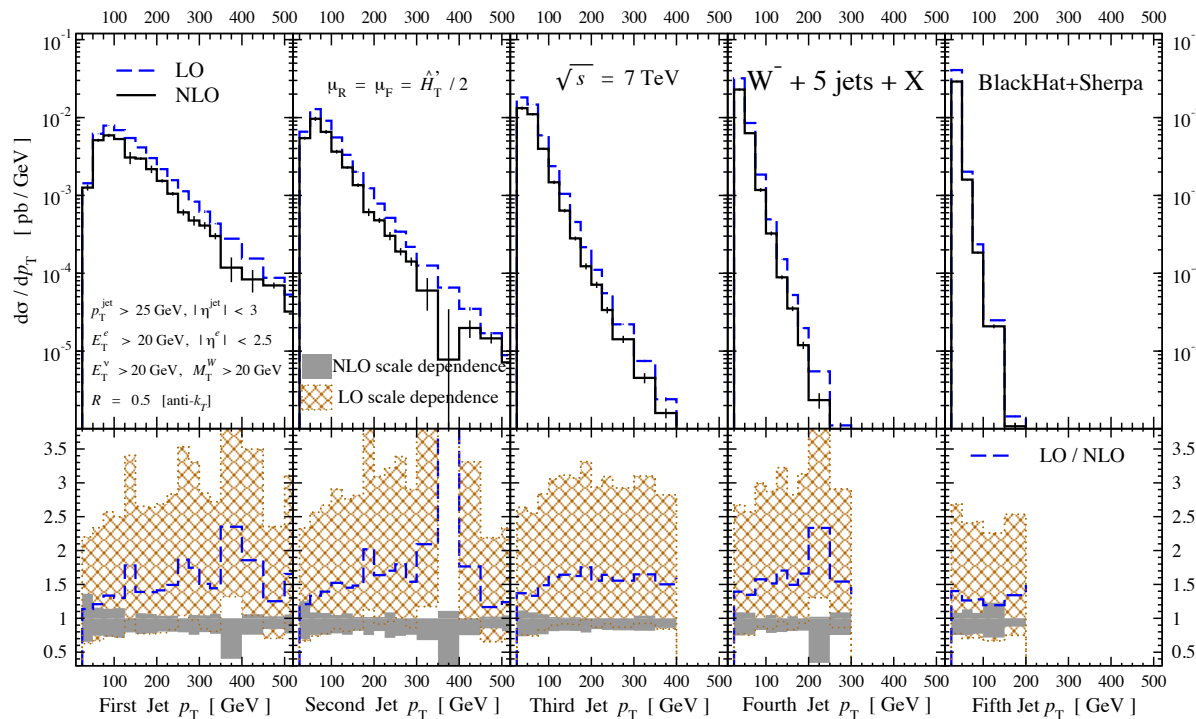
BlackHat Collaboration, Z.Bern et al



Real  $2 \rightarrow 8$  SHERPA

Virtual  $2 \rightarrow 7$  BlackHat

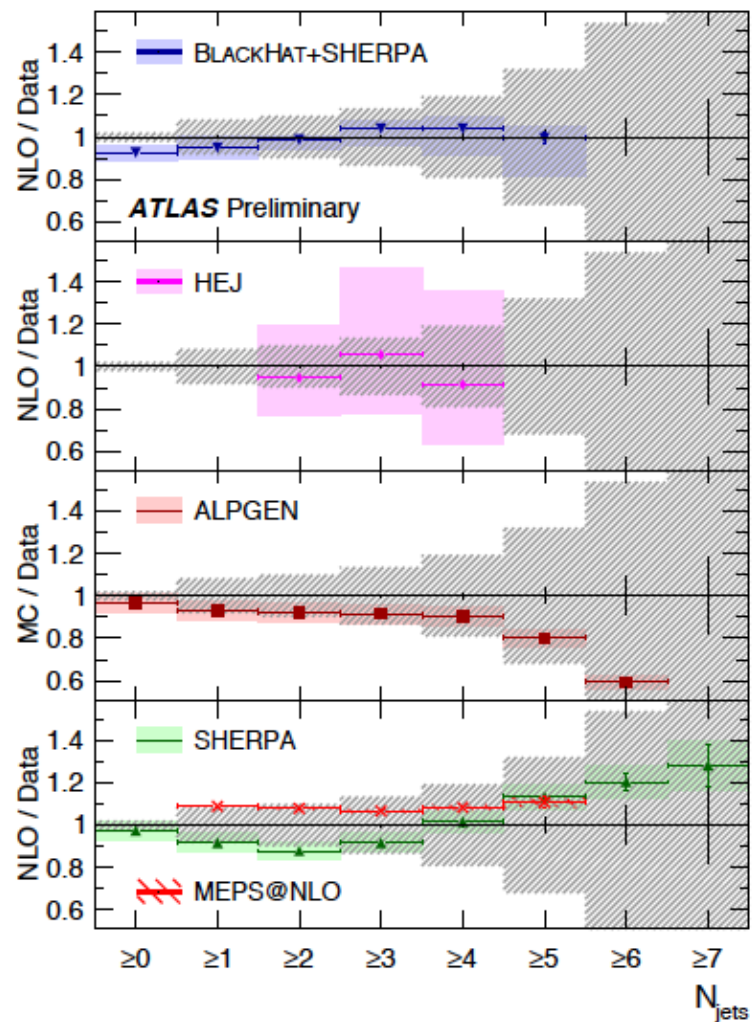
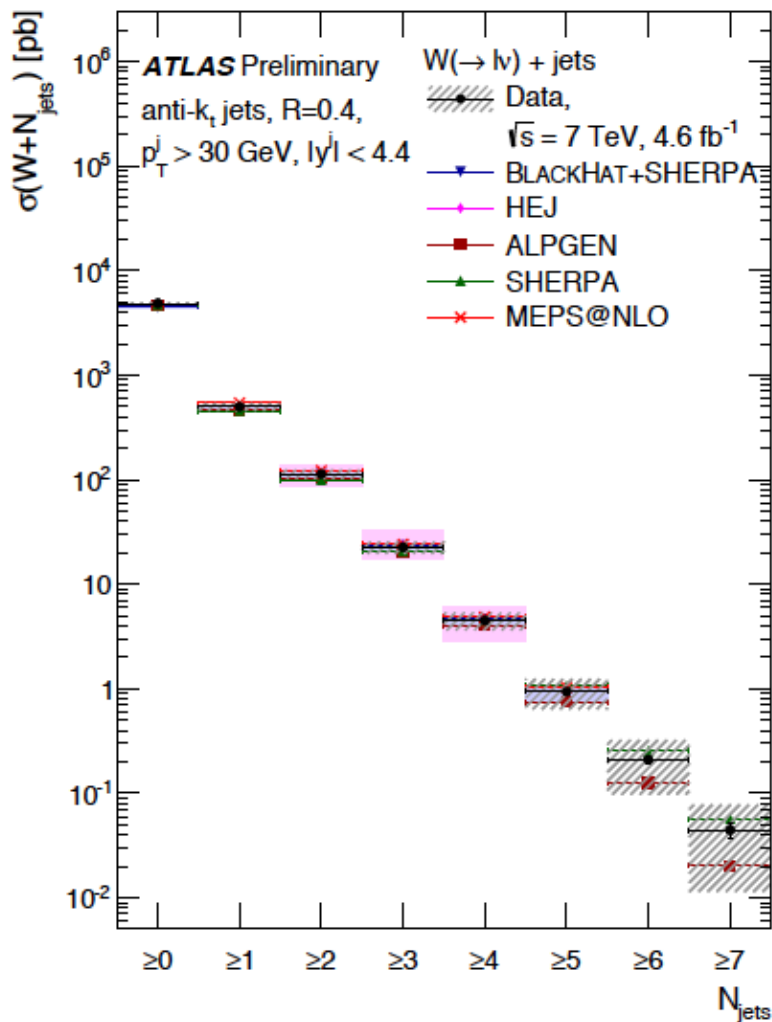
Dynamical Scale choice  $\mu_R = \mu_F = \frac{\hat{H}'_T}{2} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_m p_T^m + E_T^W$



► Dramatic reduction in scale dependence ( $\sim 20\%$ )

► Up to 50% correction (non-trivial in shape)

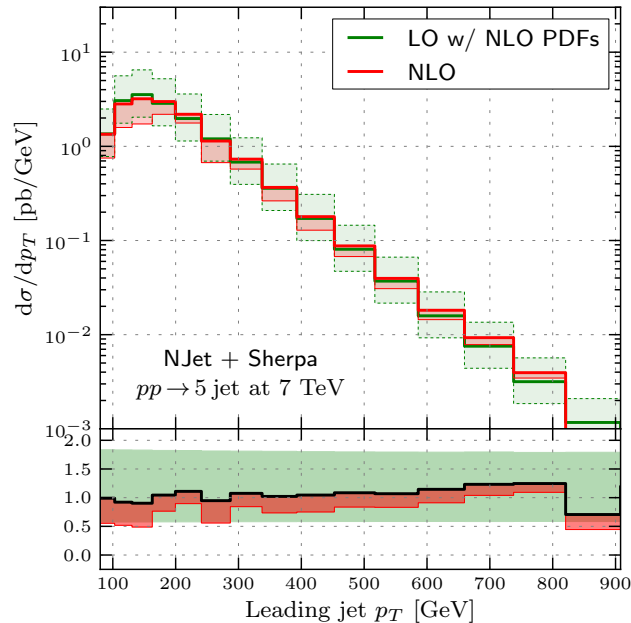
There are (already) measurements up to 7 jets !



# Multi-jet production

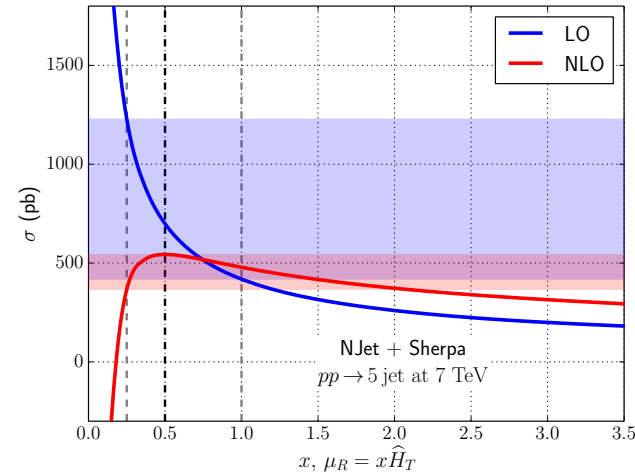
$pp \rightarrow 5 \text{ jets at NLO}$

Njet+Sherpa (Badger, Biedermann, Uwer, Yundir)

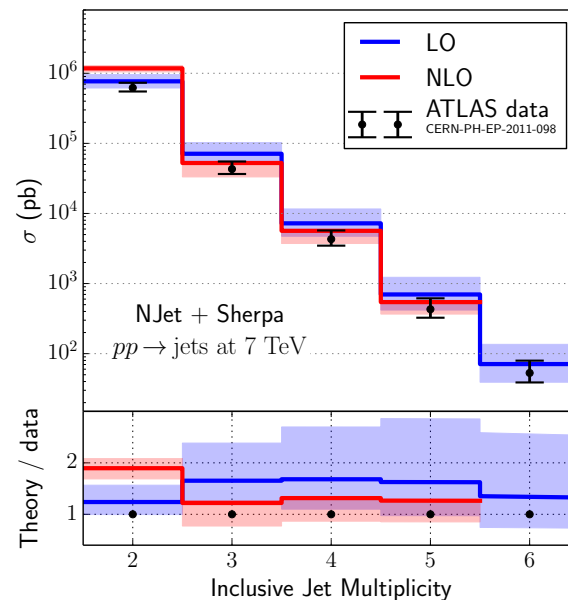


► Better stability

► NLO in very good agreement with data!



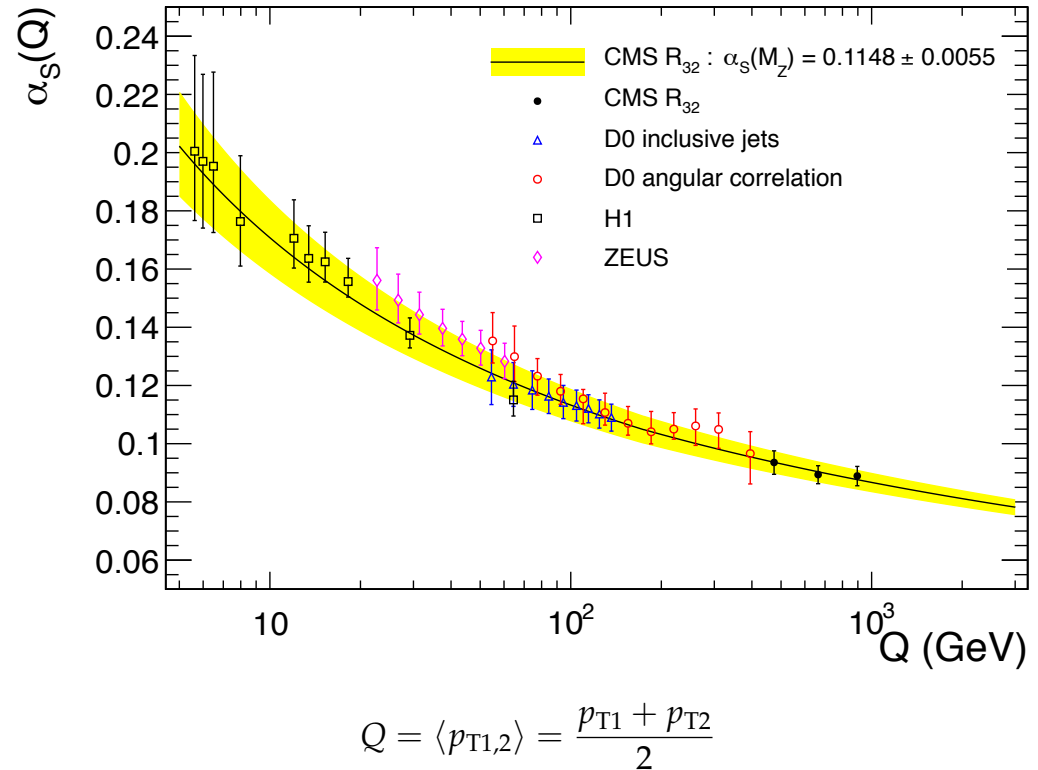
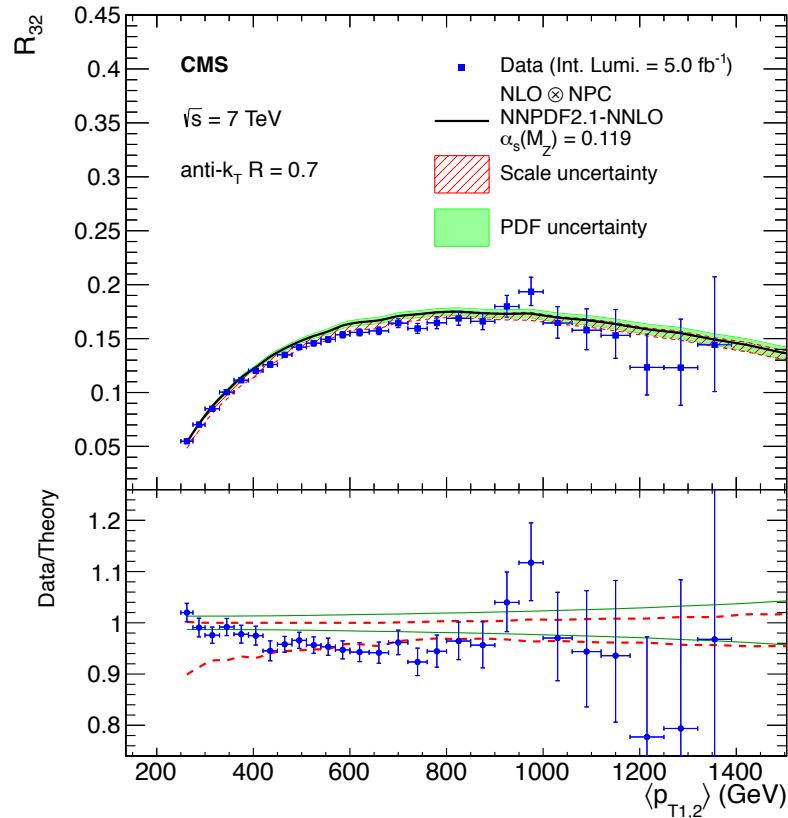
$$\hat{H}_T = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{parton}}} p_{T,i}^{\text{parton}}$$



4jets in agreement with previous calculation by BlackHat (Z. Bern et al)

# Multi-jet production

Use ratios **3-jets/2-jets** to extract coupling constant



- Coupling extraction in agreement with HERA/Tevatron

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1148 \pm 0.0014 (\text{exp.}) \pm 0.0018 (\text{PDF}) \pm 0.0050 (\text{theory})$$

▶ Not everything solved at NLO yet... but constant progress

- Parton Showers @NLO

- Automated EW corrections

MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO

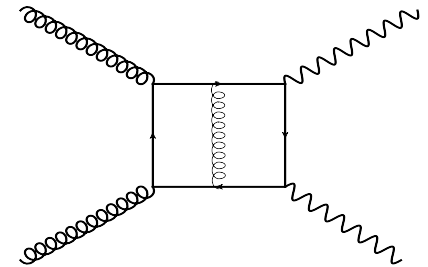
Sherpa+Recola

- ▶ QCD dominant (except very large pT)
- ▶ Coupling hierarchy ~ respected
- ▶ Large cancellations in EW contributions

- Loop induced Processes

$$gg \rightarrow VV$$

- ▶ Enhanced by gluon luminosity
- ▶ Corrections for gg channel usually large (color, logs)



F. Caola, et al (2015-2016)

J. Campbell, K. Ellis, M. Czakon, S. Kirchner (2015)

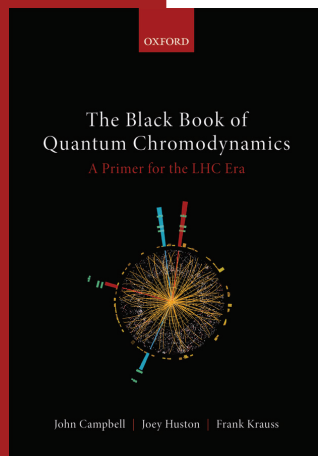
- BSM (arbitrary, higher dimensional operators, etc)

~Automated!

BSM@NLO+aMC@NLO  
MadGolem

# Recap of third lecture

- “New” methods allow to compute amplitudes in a more efficient way : helicity, color, recursions
- Many tools available for LO : qualitative for colliders...
- Higher order calculations needed: scale dependence and uncertainties estimates, large higher order corrections, precision. more realistic (more partons), new channels with large luminosities, etc
- How to do NLO: subtraction method for “real” plus new techniques for numerical computation of virtual amplitudes
- Automation for NLO : very simple to compute, input card, definitions and run!
- Many high multiplicities observables computed for LHC : multi-jet
- NLO might not be enough for some processes...



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