

# $Z[\ell\ell]$ +JETS BENCHMARKS WITH SHERPA-2.2.7

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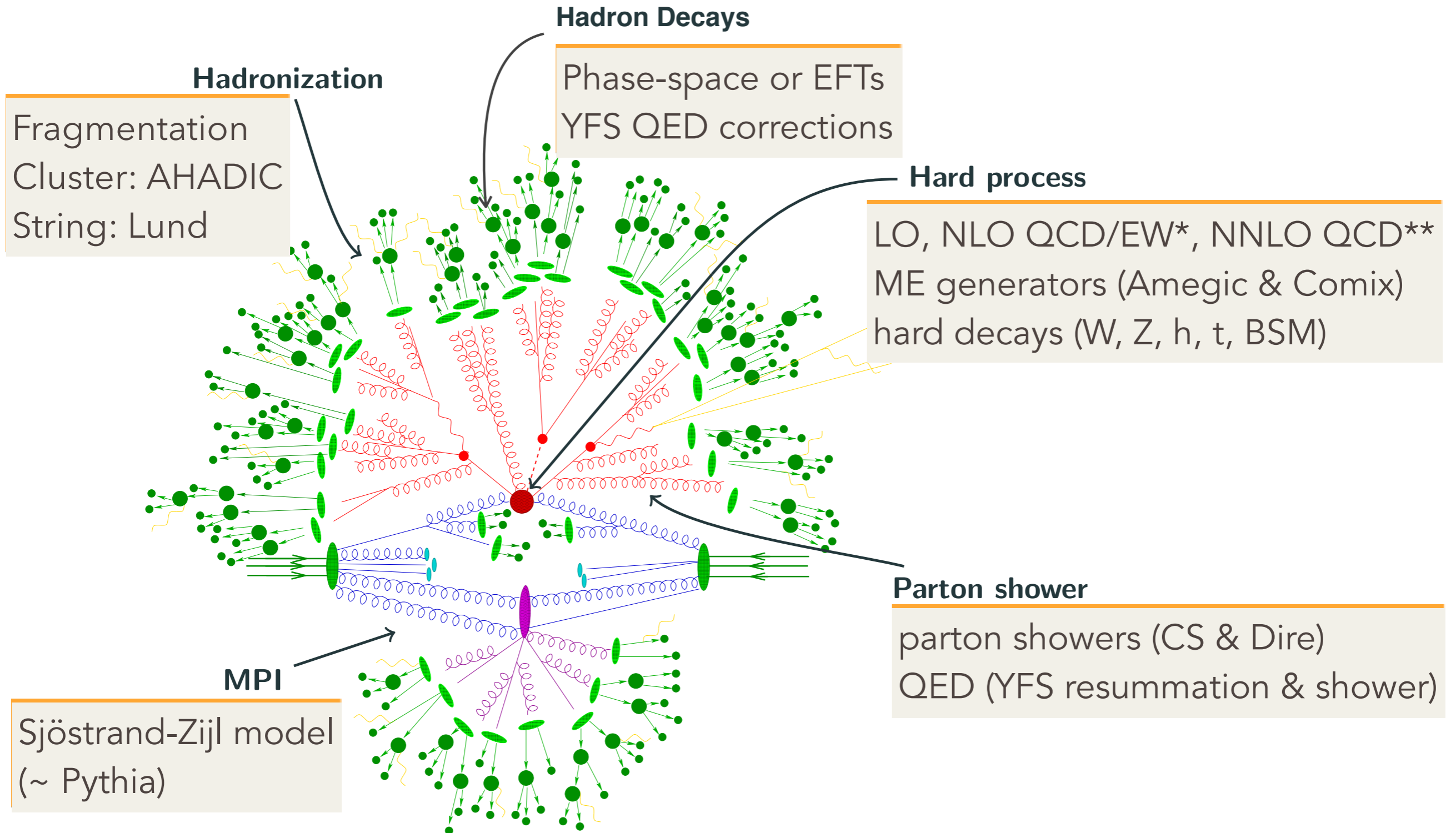
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# Sherpa overview

[Gleisberg et al. 0811.4622]

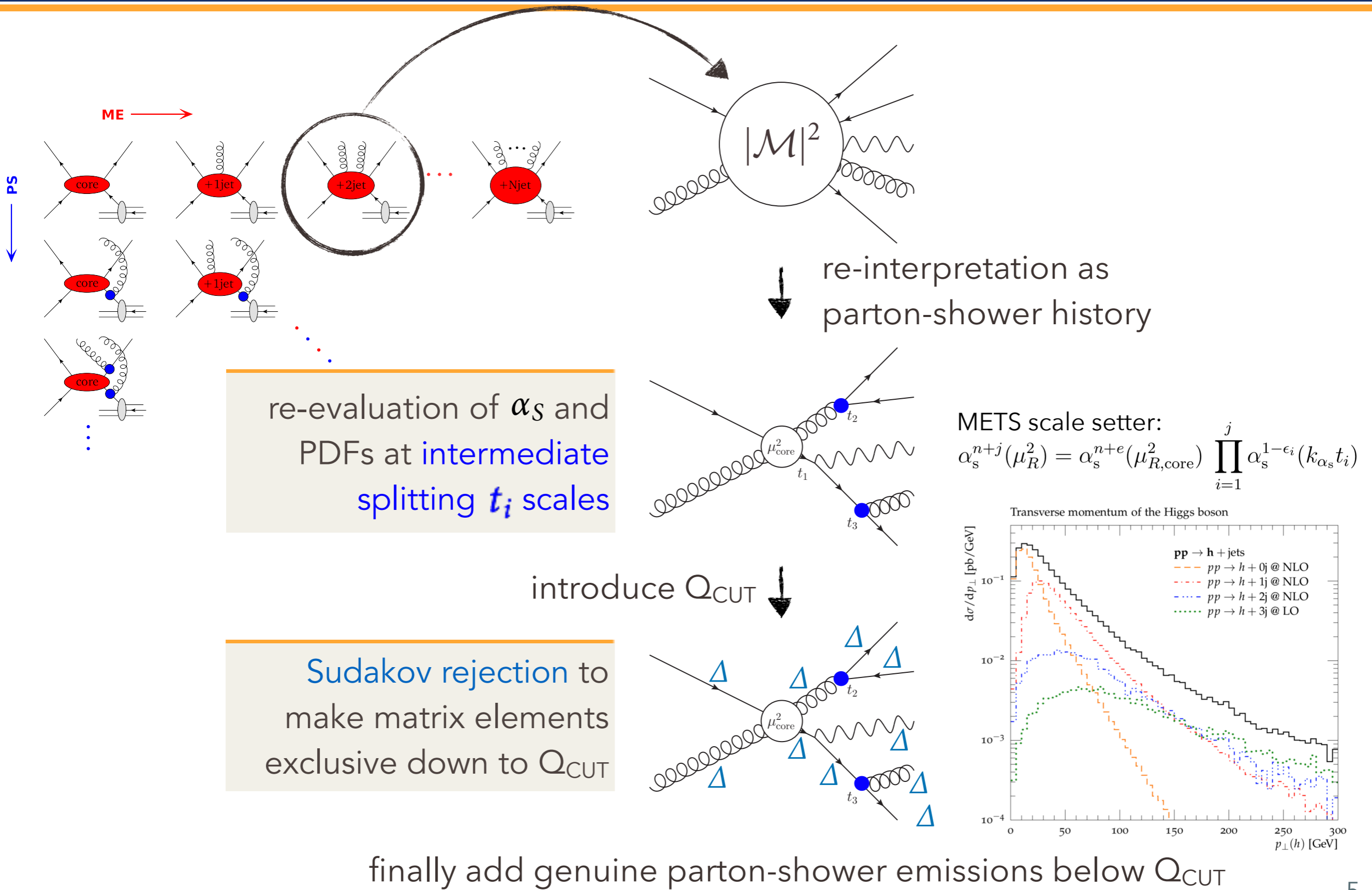


# Sherpa pQCD calculations for $Z[\ell\ell](+jets)$

- ▶ methods available to generate  $Z[\ell\ell](+jets)$  predictions include:
  - ▶ Fixed-order (LO, NLO, NNLO)
    - ▶ NNLO QCD and NLO EW for incl. Z
    - ▶ NLO QCD and NLO EW für  $Z[\ell\ell]+j^n$  (for QCD,  $n \leq 4$ )
    - ▶ parton-level
  - ▶ Parton-shower matched (LOPS, NLOPS/MC@NLO, NNLOPS)
    - ▶ NNLOPS for incl. Z
    - ▶ NLOPS (S-MC@NLO) for  $Z[\ell\ell]+j^n$  ( $n \leq 4$ )
    - ▶ particle-level, but not predictive for multi-jet observables
  - ▶ Multi-jet merged (MEPS@LO, MEPS@NLO, MENLOPS)  
[Höche et al. [0903.1219](#), [1009.1127](#)]
    - ▶ NLOPS (S-MC@NLO) for  $Z[\ell\ell]+j^n$  ( $n \leq 4$ ), can add more multiplicities at LOPS
    - ▶ particle-level, predictive for multi-jet observables
- ▶ full pQCD reweighting for on-the-fly uncertainties in all modes  
[EB,Schönherr,Schumann [1606.08753](#)]



# Multi-jet merging: algorithm



# EW corrections in particle-level evtgen

slide adapted from Marek Schönherr

[Kallweit, Lindert, Maierhöfer, Pozzorini, Schönherr [1511.08692](#)]

- ▶ already many QCD+EW NLO *fixed-order* results  
 $V^{*+1,2j}$ ,  $W^{+1,2,3j}$ ,  $\gamma+j$ , also  $\gamma\gamma+0,1,2j$ ,  $\gamma\gamma\gamma$ ,  $\gamma\gamma V^*$ ,  $Z^*Z^*$ ,  $ttH$ ,  $W^*W^*W^*$ ,  $tt+0,1j$
- ▶ particle-level not automated yet, but approx. EW corrections in MEPS@NLO through K factor to Born configuration:

$$\bar{B}_{n,\text{QCD+EW}_{\text{approx}}}(\Phi_n) = \bar{B}_{n,\text{QCD}}(\Phi_n) + V_{n,\text{EW}}(\Phi_n) + I_{n,\text{EW}}(\Phi_n) + B_{n,\text{mix}}(\Phi_n)$$

- ▶ real QED radiation through parton shower / YFS
- ▶ stand-in for proper matching & merging
- ▶ comparisons to fixed-order, found to be reliable:
  - ▶  $\approx 5\%$  if observable not driven by real radiation  
inaccurate e.g. for  $m_{\ell\nu} < m_\nu$  due to large real photon radiation corrections

# Roadmap / <https://gitlab.com/sherpa-team/sherpa>

## ▶ 2.2.6 (current)

- ▶  $EW_{\text{approx}}$  within merging as alternate event weights
- ▶ include sub-leading terms in MEPS@NLO in on-the-fly reweighting
- ▶ bugfixes

## ▶ 2.2.7 (~hours/days)

- ▶ improvements+fixes for massive quark production
- ▶ bugfix in shower reweighting
- ▶ better support for recent Rivet and OPENLOOPS 2
- ▶ bugfixes

## ▶ 3.0.0 (~few months)

- ▶ partial NLO shower, sub-leading colour effects [Dulat, Hoeche, Krauss, Prestel [1705.00982](#), [1705.00742](#), [1805.03757](#)]
- ▶ complete NLO EW subtraction automation [Schönherr [1712.07975](#)]
- ▶ semi-automated MC@NLO for loop-induced processes [Jones, Kuttimalai [1711.03319](#)]
- ▶ improved HPC support [Benjamin, Childers, Höche, LeCompte, Uram [J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 898 \(2017\) 072044](#)]
- ▶ physical colour flow in VBF-like configurations

▶ up-to-date infos: [gitlab/tags](#) & [gitlab/milestones](#)  
▶ communicate with us via our [gitlab/issue-tracker](#)

# Sherpa 2.2.7 Z[ee]+jets @ 13 TeV benchmarks



# Sherpa 2.2.6 Z[ee]+jets @ 13 TeV benchmarks

## event generation

- ▶ MEPS@NLO  
V + 0,1,2j@NLO + 3,4j@LO  
 $Q_{\text{cut}} = 20 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ NNPDF30\_nnlo\_as\_0118 default
- ▶  $\alpha_S(m_Z) = 0.118$  default
- ▶ default core scale  $\mu^2$ 
  - ▶  $\ell\ell$ -like  $\rightarrow m_{\ell\ell}^2$
  - ▶ Vj-like  $\rightarrow m_T^2 / 4$
  - ▶ jj-like  $\rightarrow -1/(1/s+1/t+1/u)/4$
- ▶ Virtuals from OPENLOOPS
- ▶ 7-point scale variations  
on-the-fly, with and w/o shower dependence
- ▶ extra variation includes  $\text{EW}_{\text{approx}}$
- ▶ minimal cut ( $66 \leq m_{\ell\ell}$ )

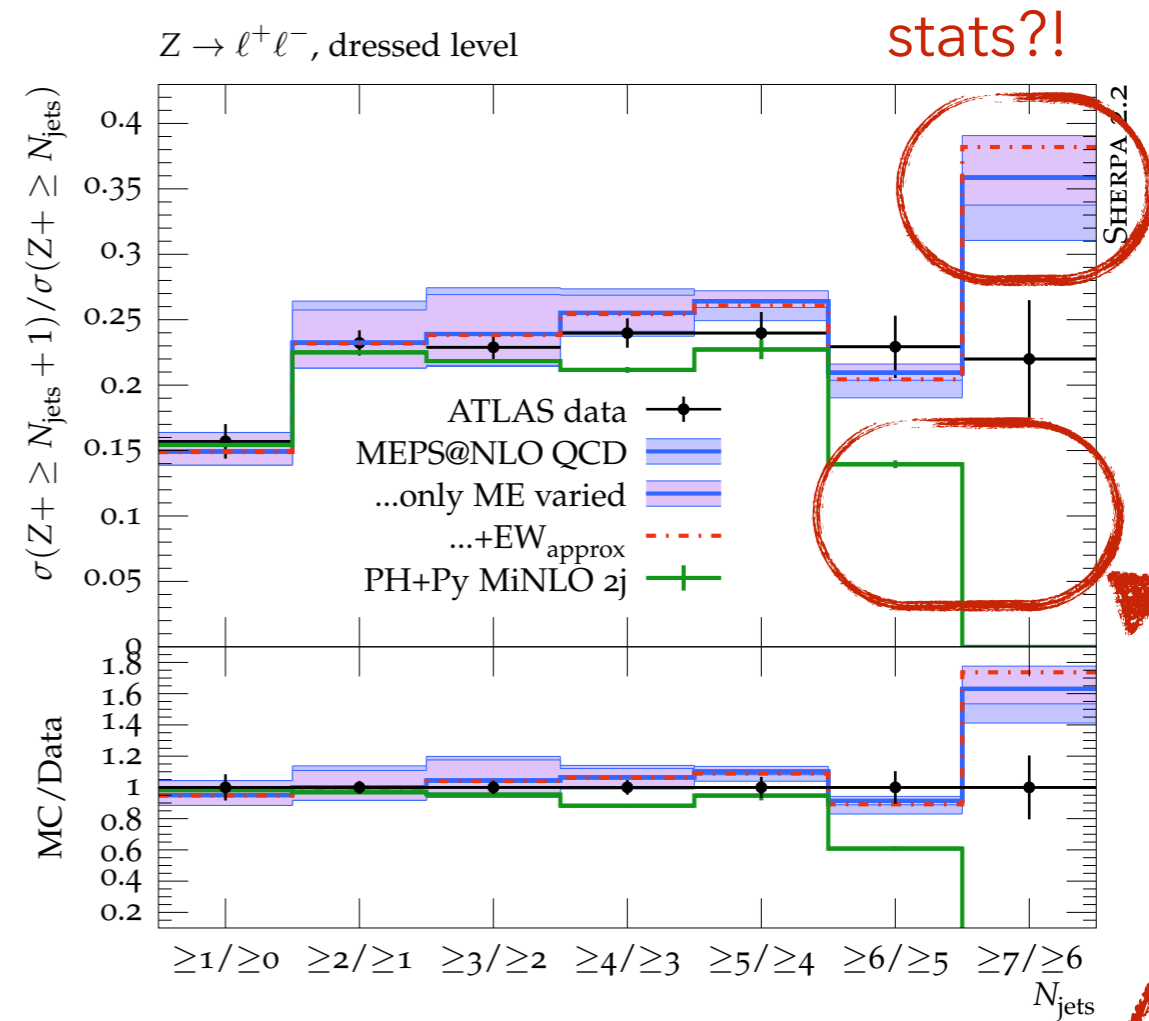
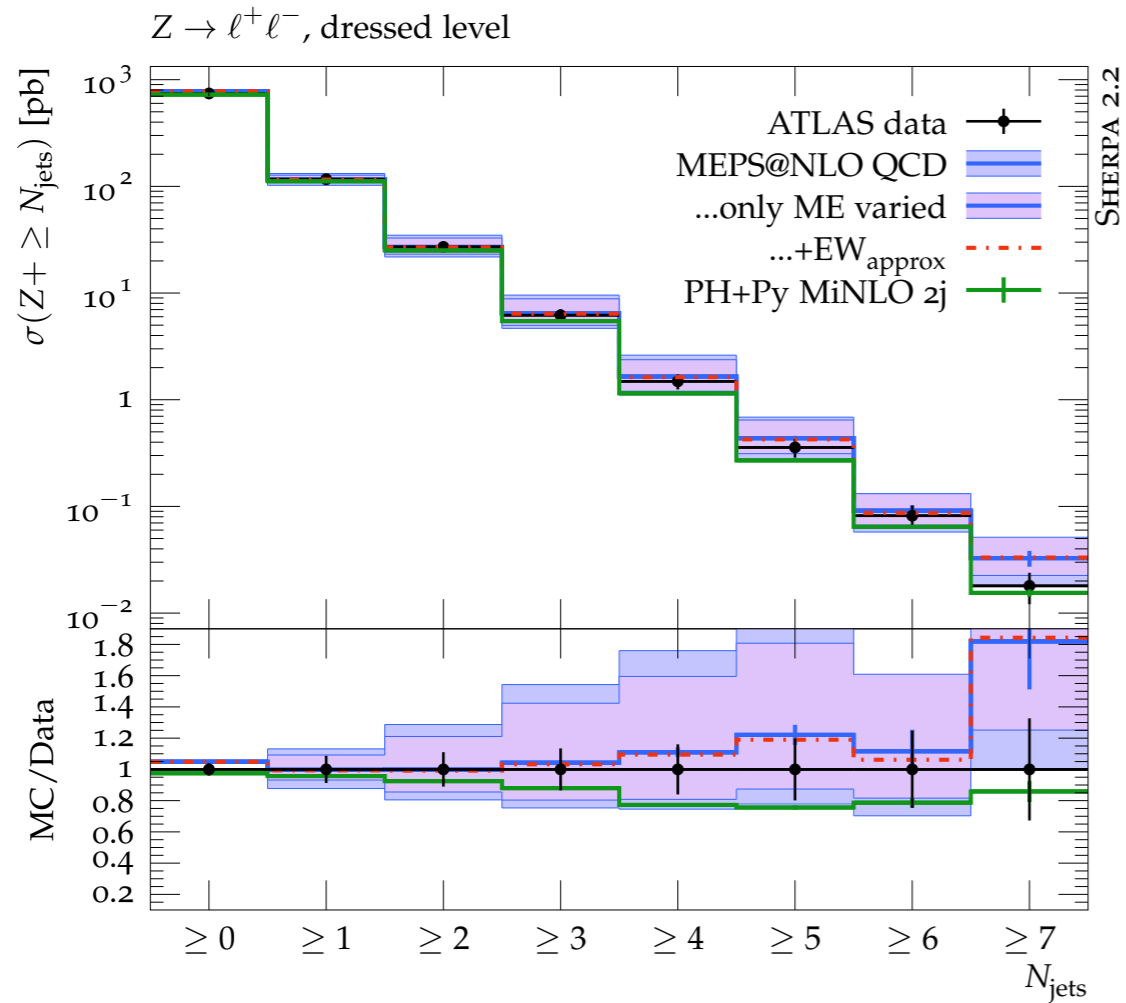
## event sample

- ▶ 2k HepMC event files à 7.5k events (100MB)
  - ➔ in total 15M events and 200 GB data
- ▶ ready to be pushed to common storage space

## analysis

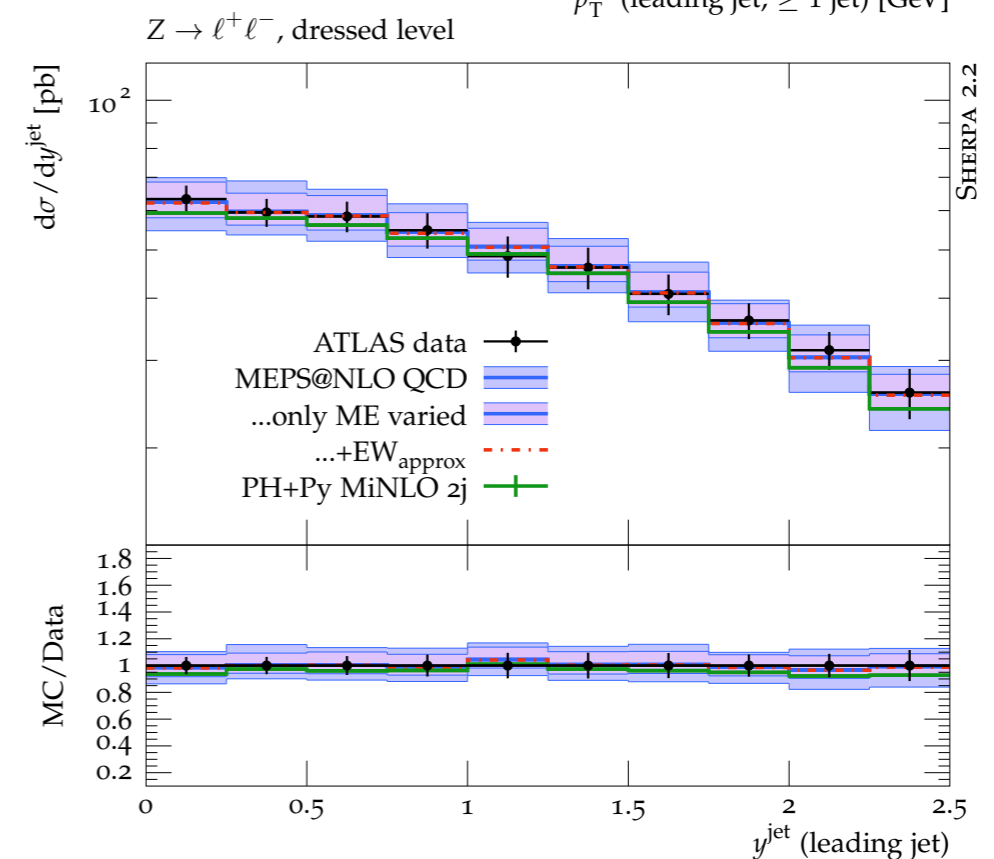
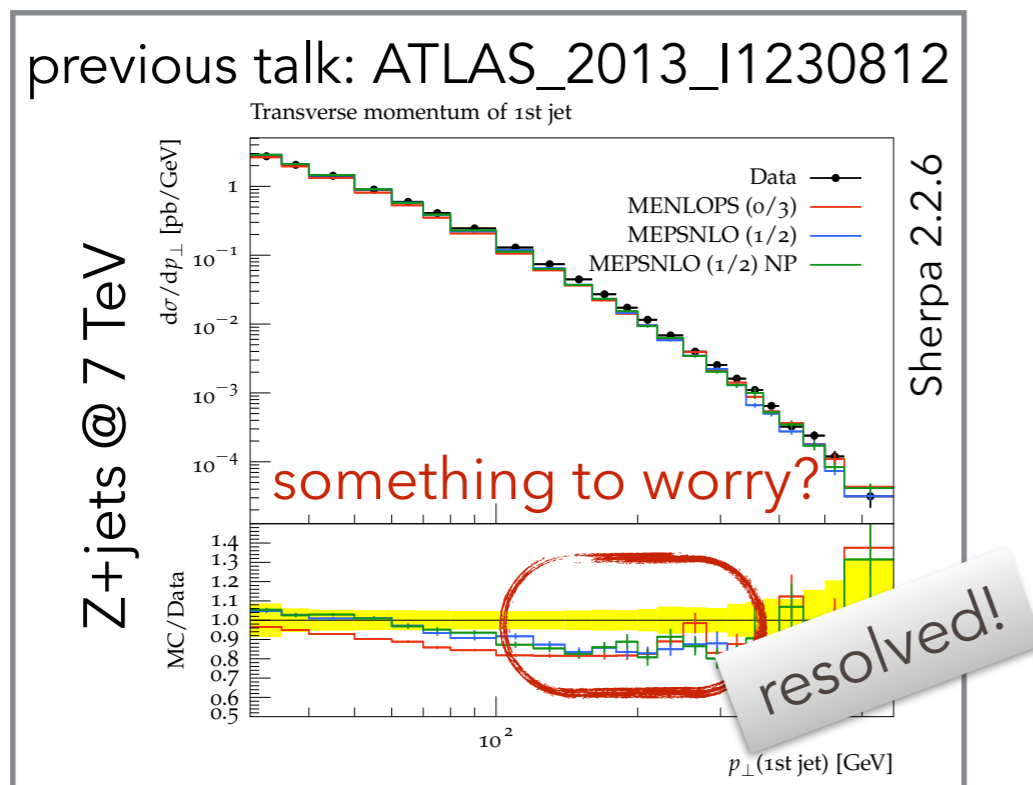
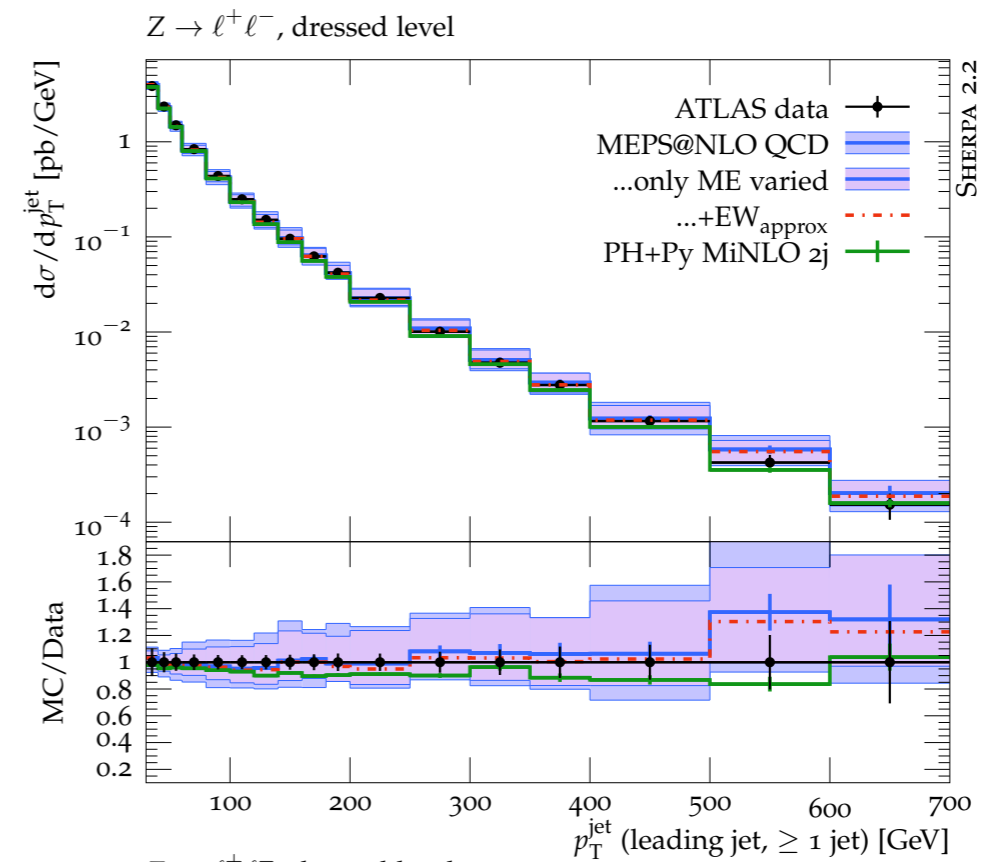
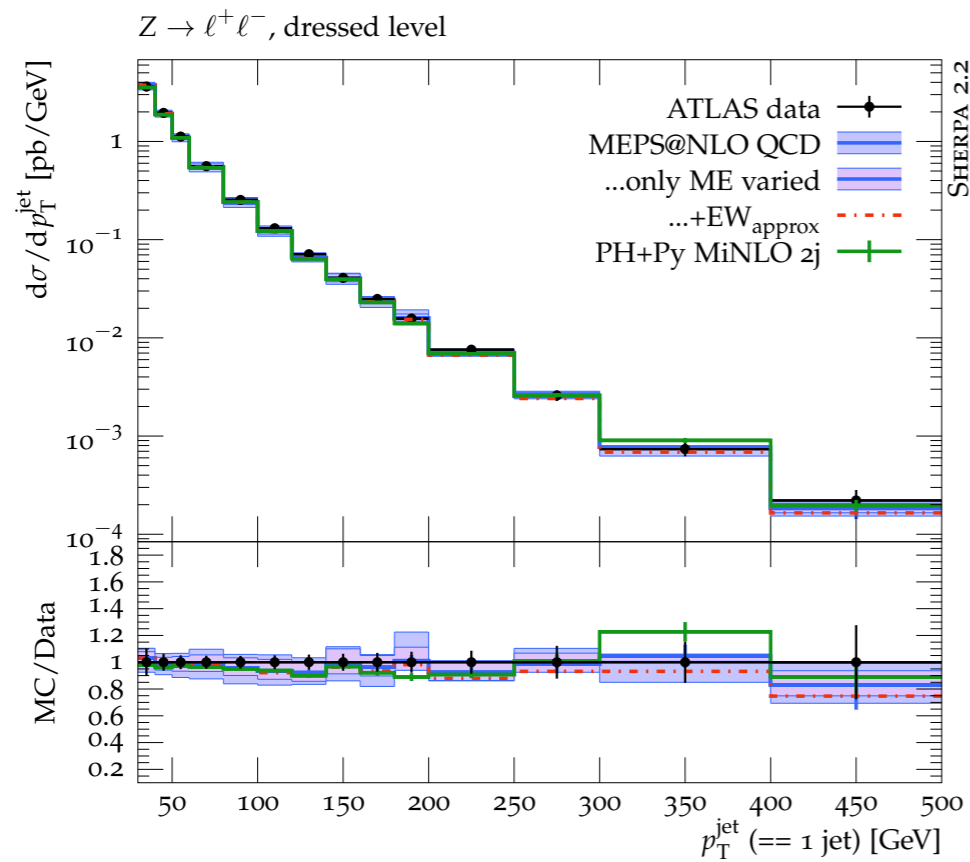
- ▶ ATLAS\_2017\_I1514251
  - ▶  $3.16 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - ▶  $p_{T,j} > 30$  and  $|y_j| > 2.5$
- ▶ comparison to Hannes Jung's POWHEG V+2j MiNLO / Pythia (CUETP8M1) Z[ee] benchmarks linked at the WG TWiki page
  - ▶ also NLO accurate up to 2j
  - ▶ 4th+ jet from parton shower!
  - ▶ same PDF in hard process
  - ▶ sintw instead of sintweff  
~5 % normalisation

# Z[ee]+jets benchmarks: $N_{\text{jets}}$

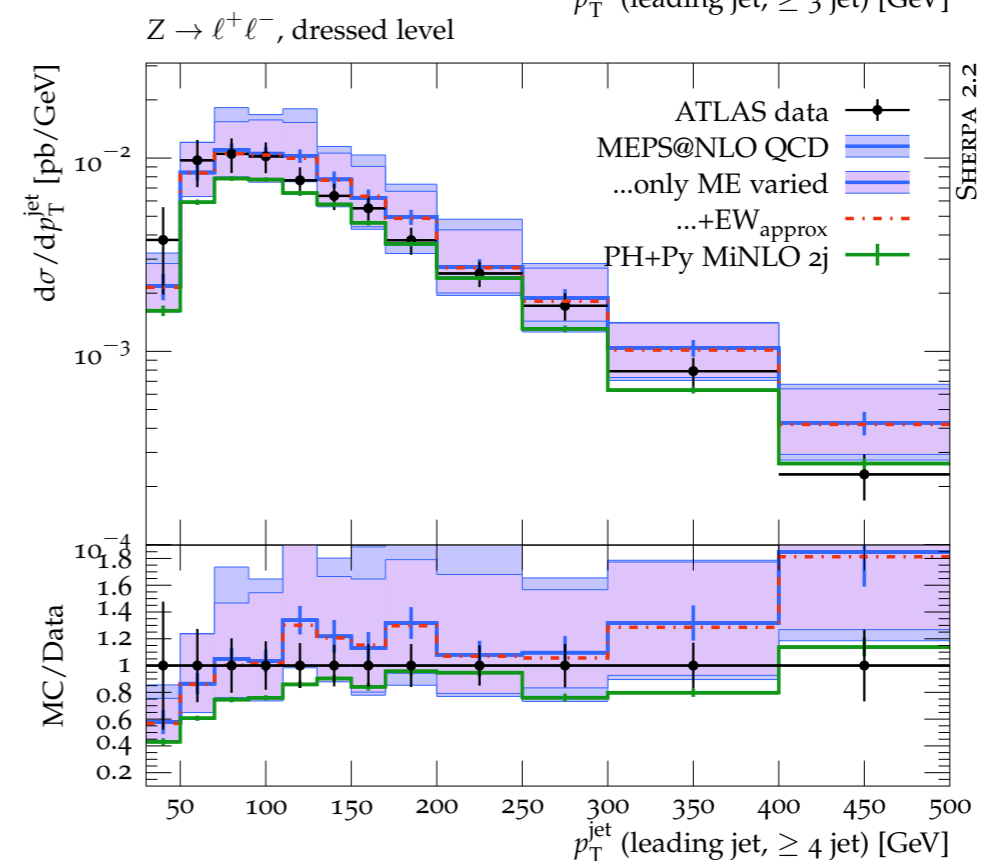
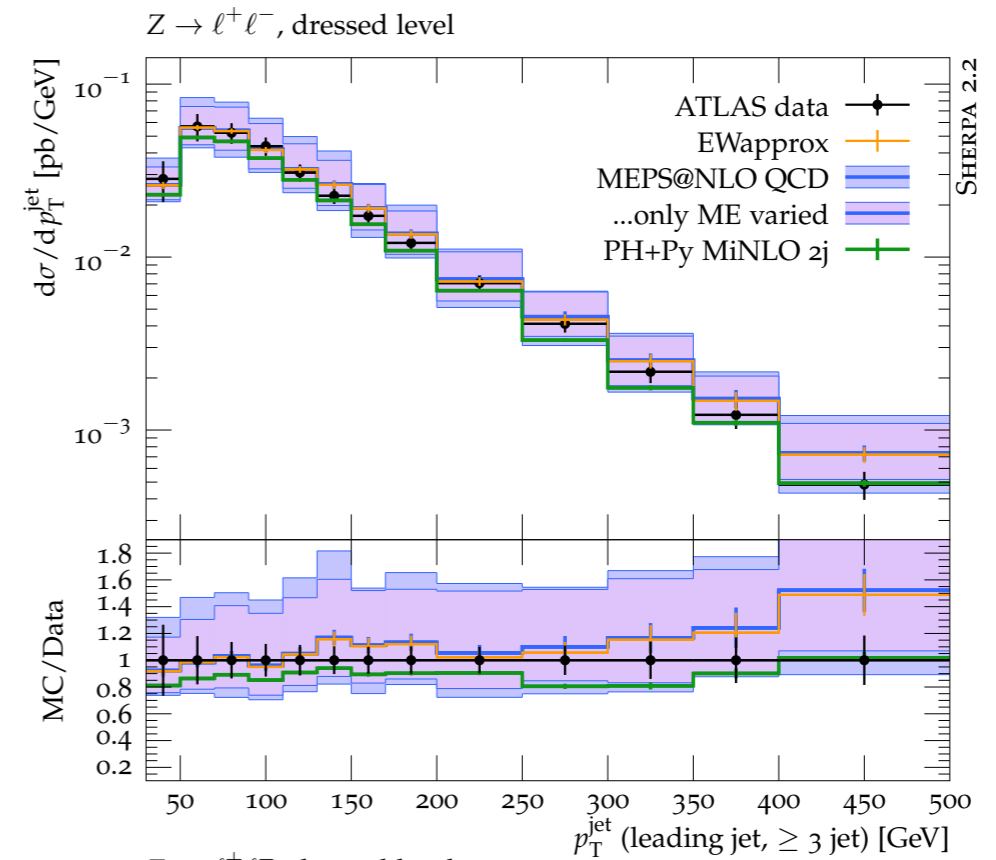
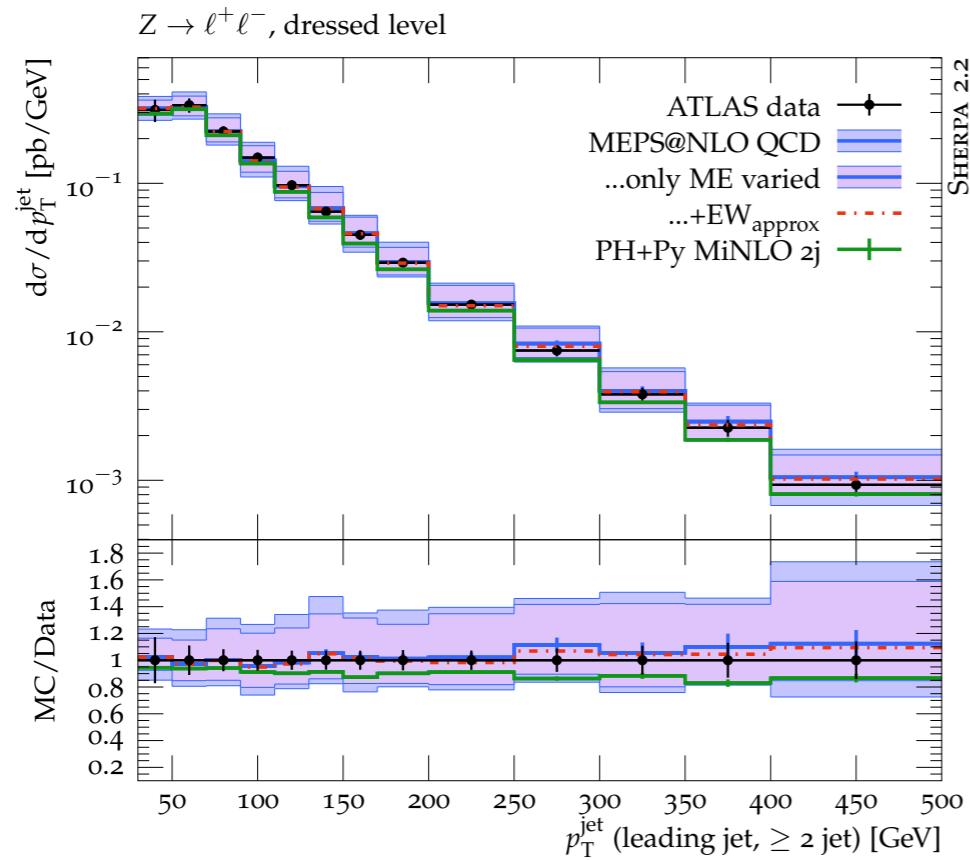


event merging?

# Z[ee]+jets benchmarks: leading jet



# Z[ee]+jets benchmarks: 2-4th jet $p_T$

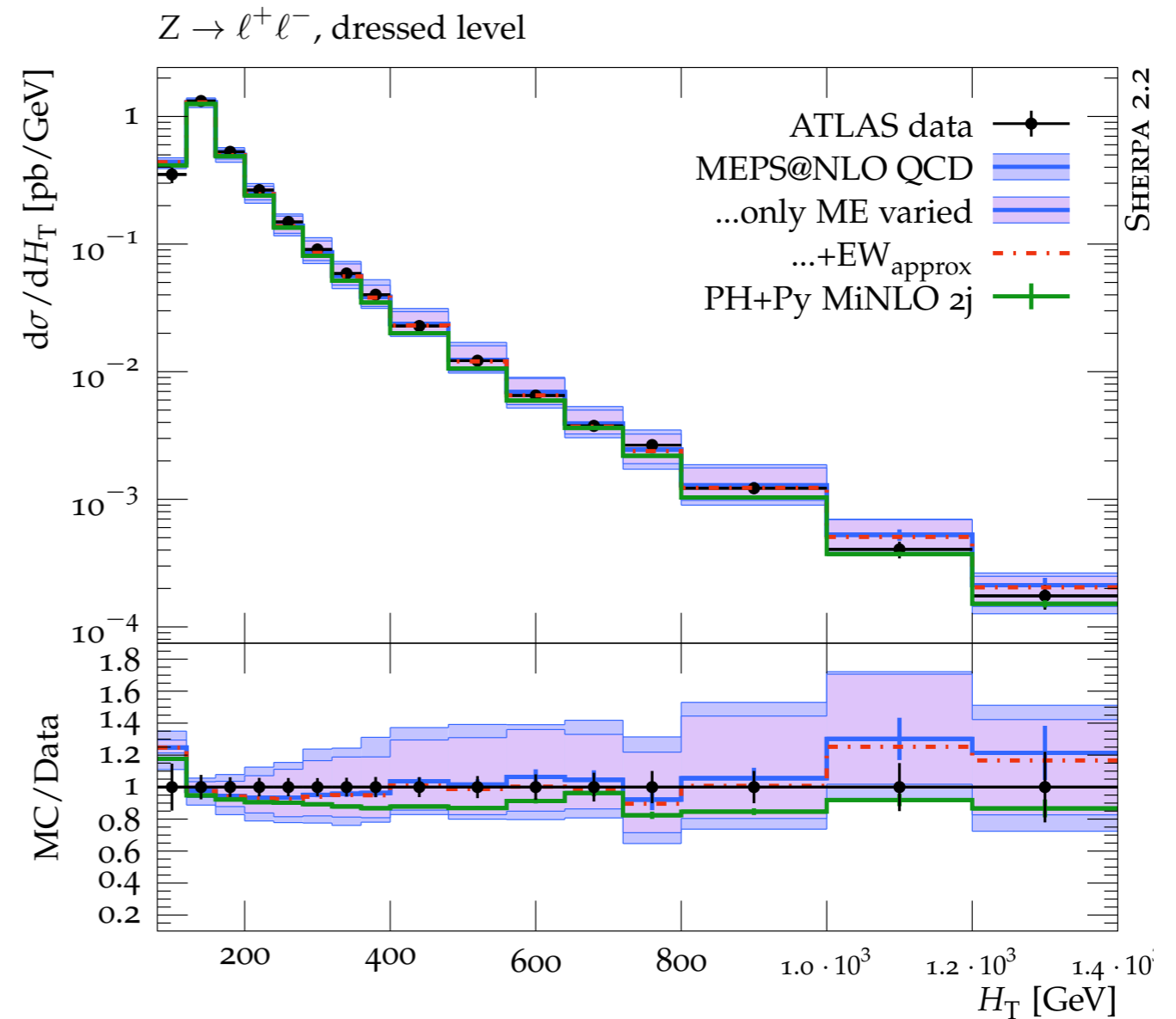


$\leadsto$  no shape differences even for the 4th jet, but normalisation difference increases to  $\sim 20\%$

# Z[ee]+jets benchmarks: $H_T$

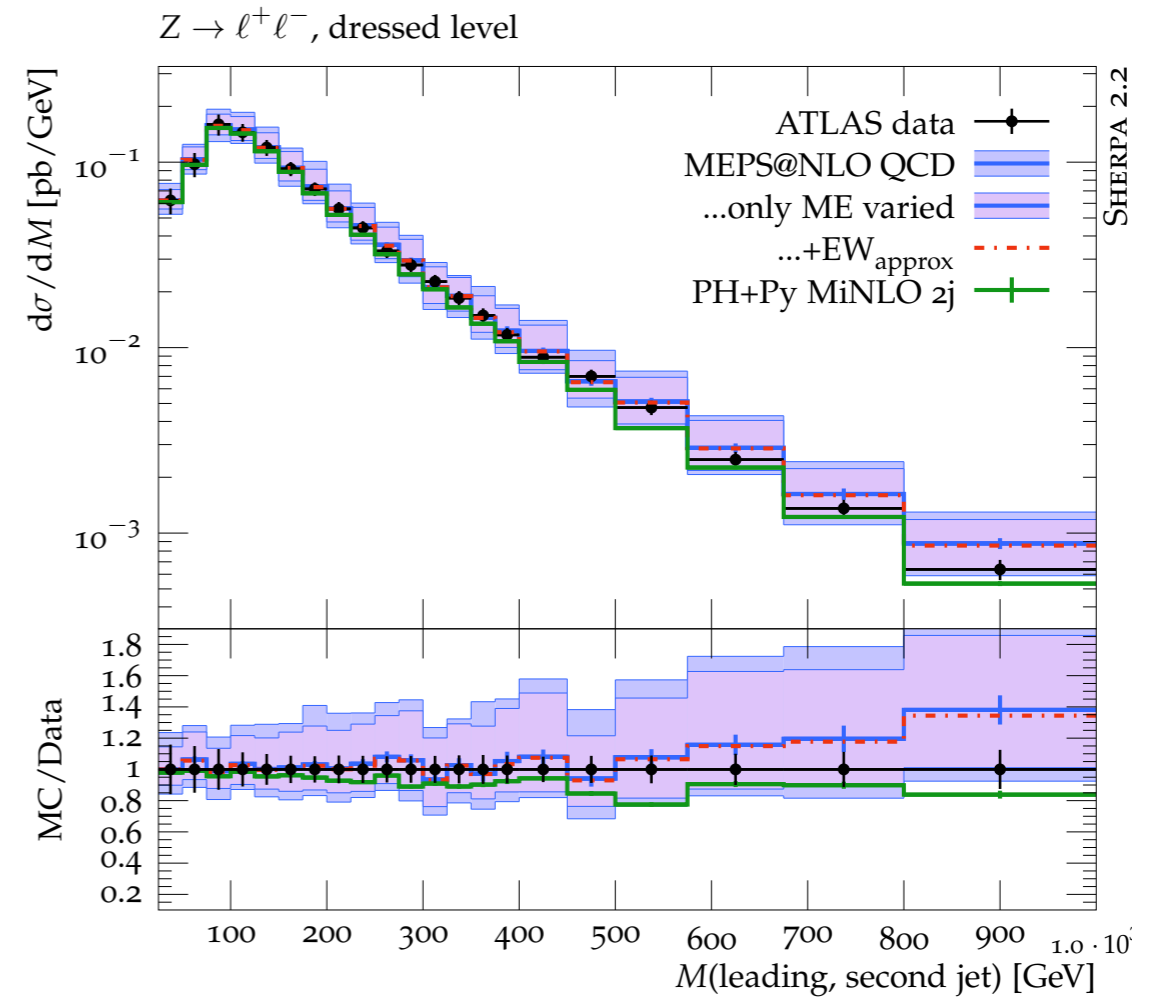
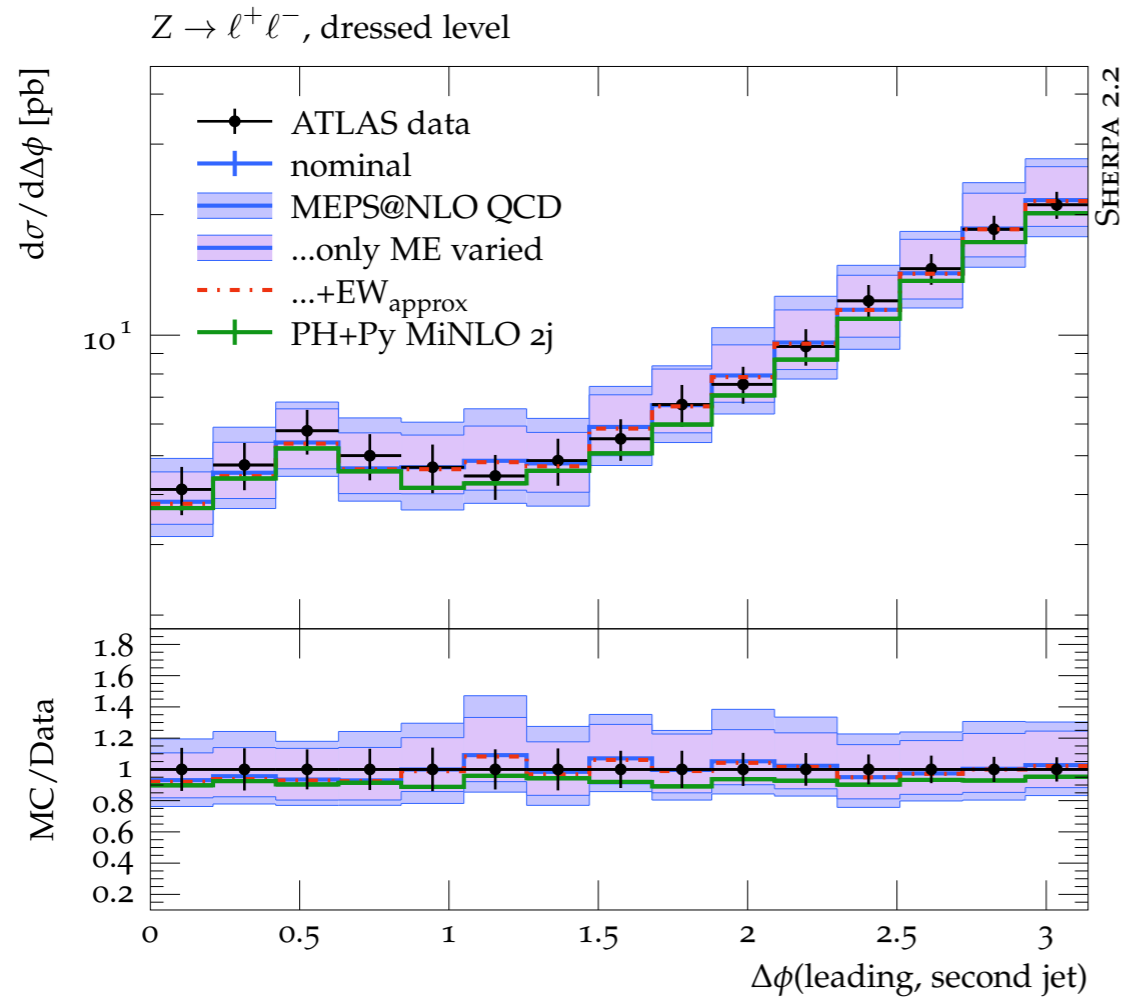
$$H_T = p_{T,\ell_1} + p_{T,\ell_2} + \sum_i p_{T,j_i}$$

- ▶ here: only events with at least 1 jet!



↪ Sherpa 2.2.7 tends to have slightly enhanced tails (also visible in previous observables)

# Z[ee]+jets benchmarks: jet pairs



# Conclusions

- ▶ Sherpa ❤️ V+jets
  - ▶ we provide a comprehensive list of example configs, only one tune & hopefully sensible defaults
    - ↪ easy to compare across experiments
  - ▶ MEPS@NLO (+EWvirt) state-of-the-art
    - particle-level, multi-jet observables
- ▶ Z+jets @ 13 TeV benchmarks consistent with PH+Py and data
- ▶ generate W+Jets @ 13 TeV
  - on the way, will include 5j @ LO
- ▶ **THANKS!**

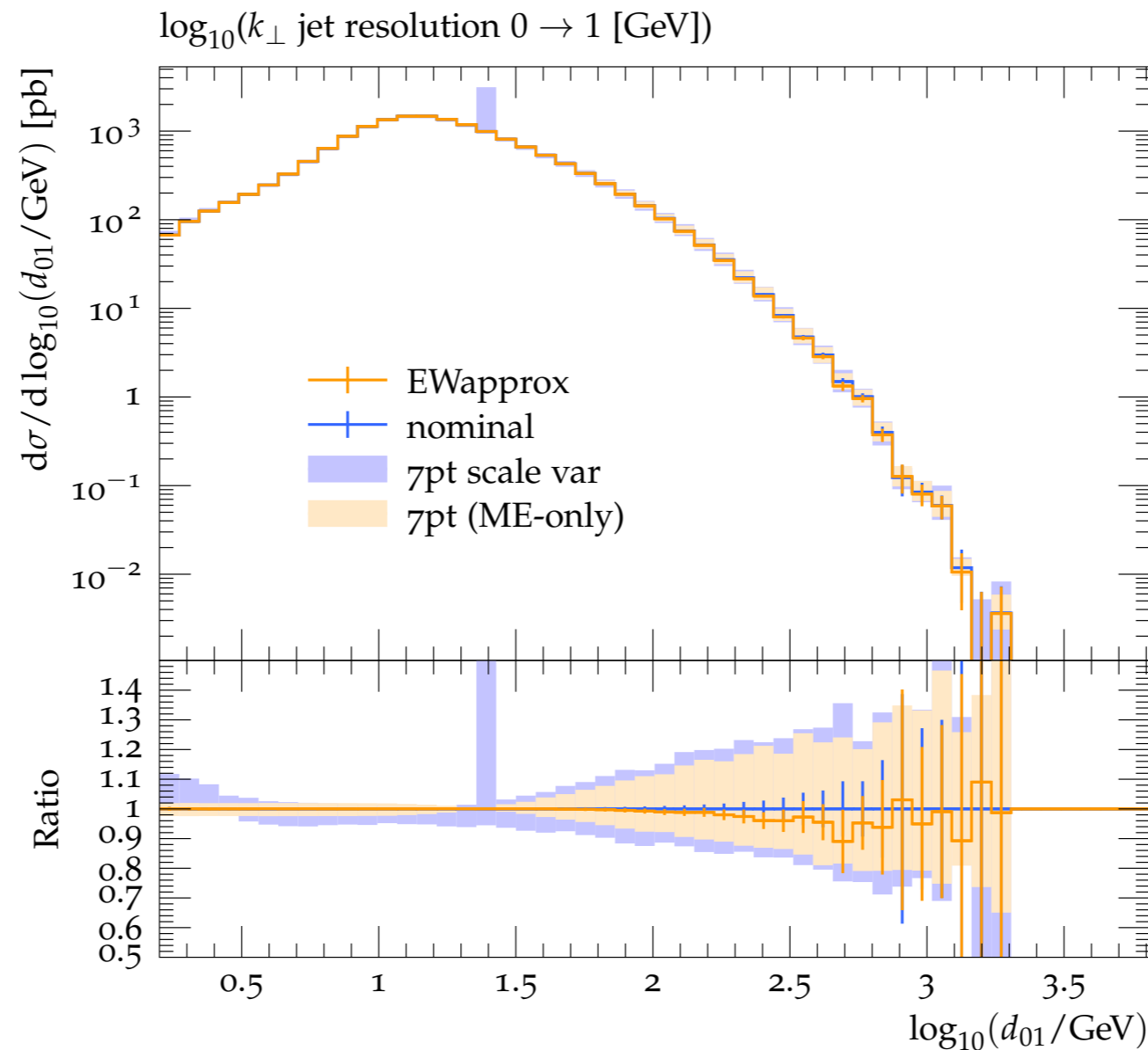
BACK-UP



# pQCD uncertainties with Sherpa

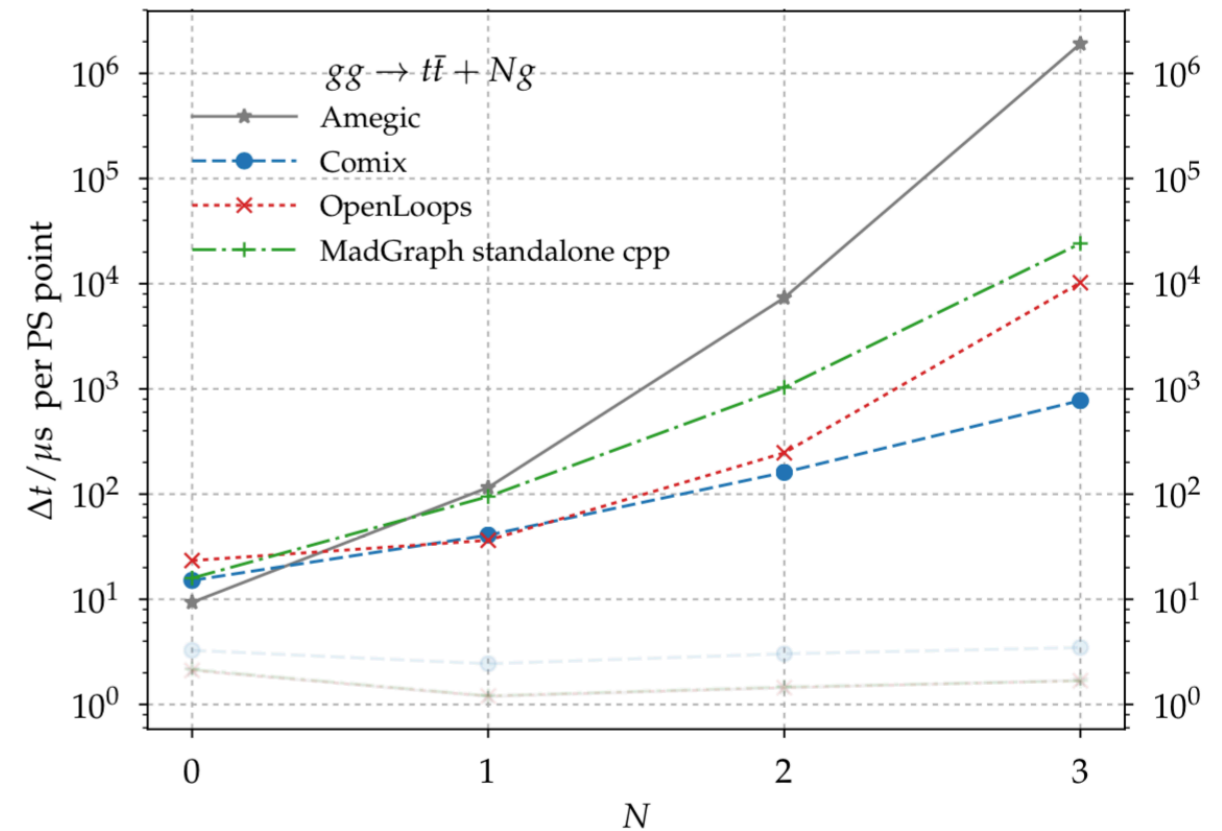
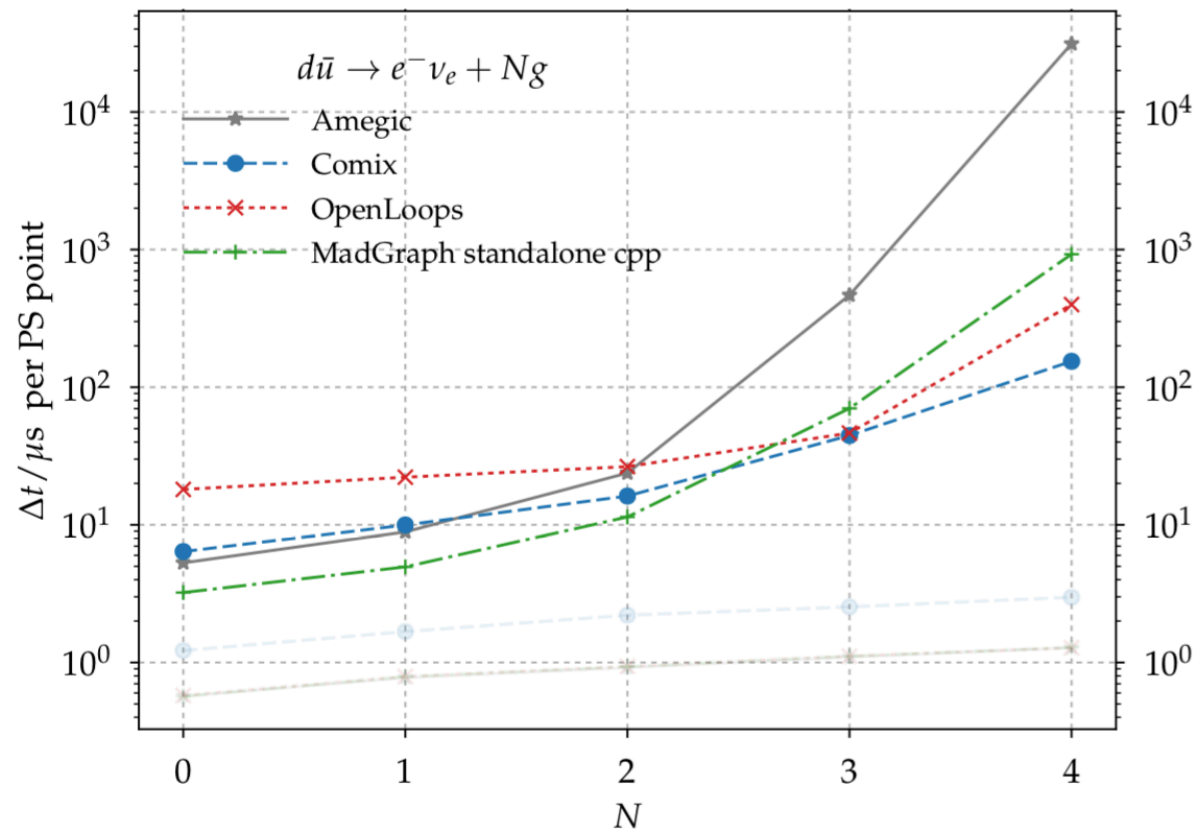
- ▶ see following talk(s) for more systematic discussion (?)
- here: QCD input parameters & scale choices:
  - ➔  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ , PDFs,  $\mu_R$ ,  $\mu_F$ ,  $\mu_{\text{CKKW}}$
  - ➔ appear both in **ME** & **PS**: traceable
- ▶ dedicated re-simulation often too expensive/time consuming
- ▶ solutions:
  - ▶ interpolations grids
    - ▶ APPLGRID, FASTNLO  
[Sutton et al.] PoS DIS2010 (2010) 051; [Wobisch et al.] hep-ph/0609285
    - ▶ automated using AMCFast, MCGRID  
[Bertone et al.] JHEP 1408 (2014) 166; [DelDebbio,Hartland,Schumann] CPC 185 (2014) 2115
  - ▶ extended event files (BLACKHAT/SHERPA NTUPLE)  
[Bern et al.] CPC 185 (2014) 1443
  - ▶ on-the-fly reweighting of **ME** ...
    - ➔ ... and new since 2016 in SHERPA/HERWIG/PYTHIA: **PS**  
[EB,Schönherr,Schumann], [Bellm et al.] PRD 94 (2016) 034028, [Mrenna,Skands] PRD 94 (2016) 074005
  - ▶ a-posteriori **PS** variations using a neural net  
TODO: provide reference

# Issue with the 0-jet OTF uncertainty band



- ~ a freak event spoils the 7-point uncertainty band for 0-jet events
- ~ used ME-only variation for 0-jet bin on previous slides
- ~ will search+remove the event from the final sample

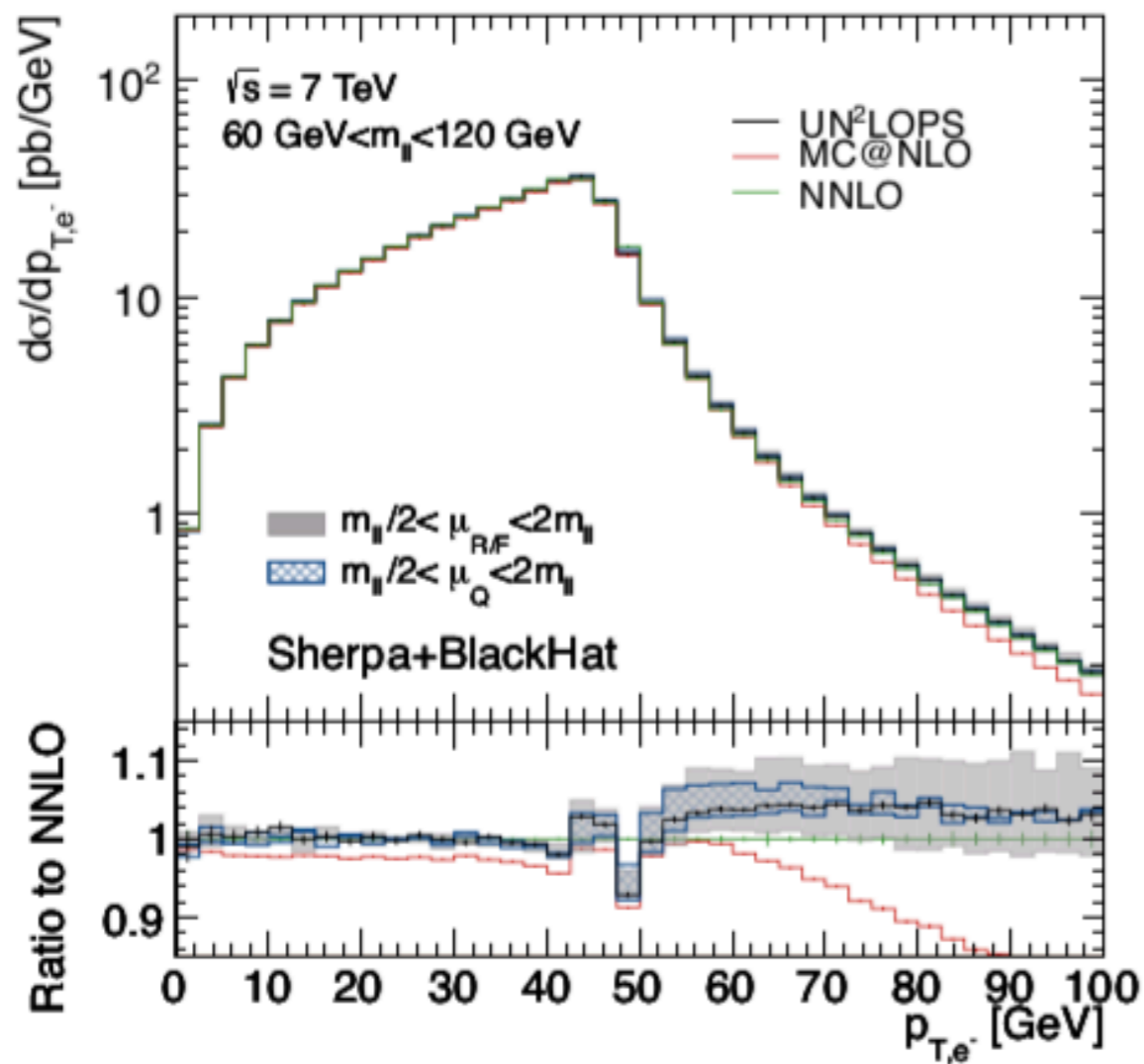
# CPU cycles



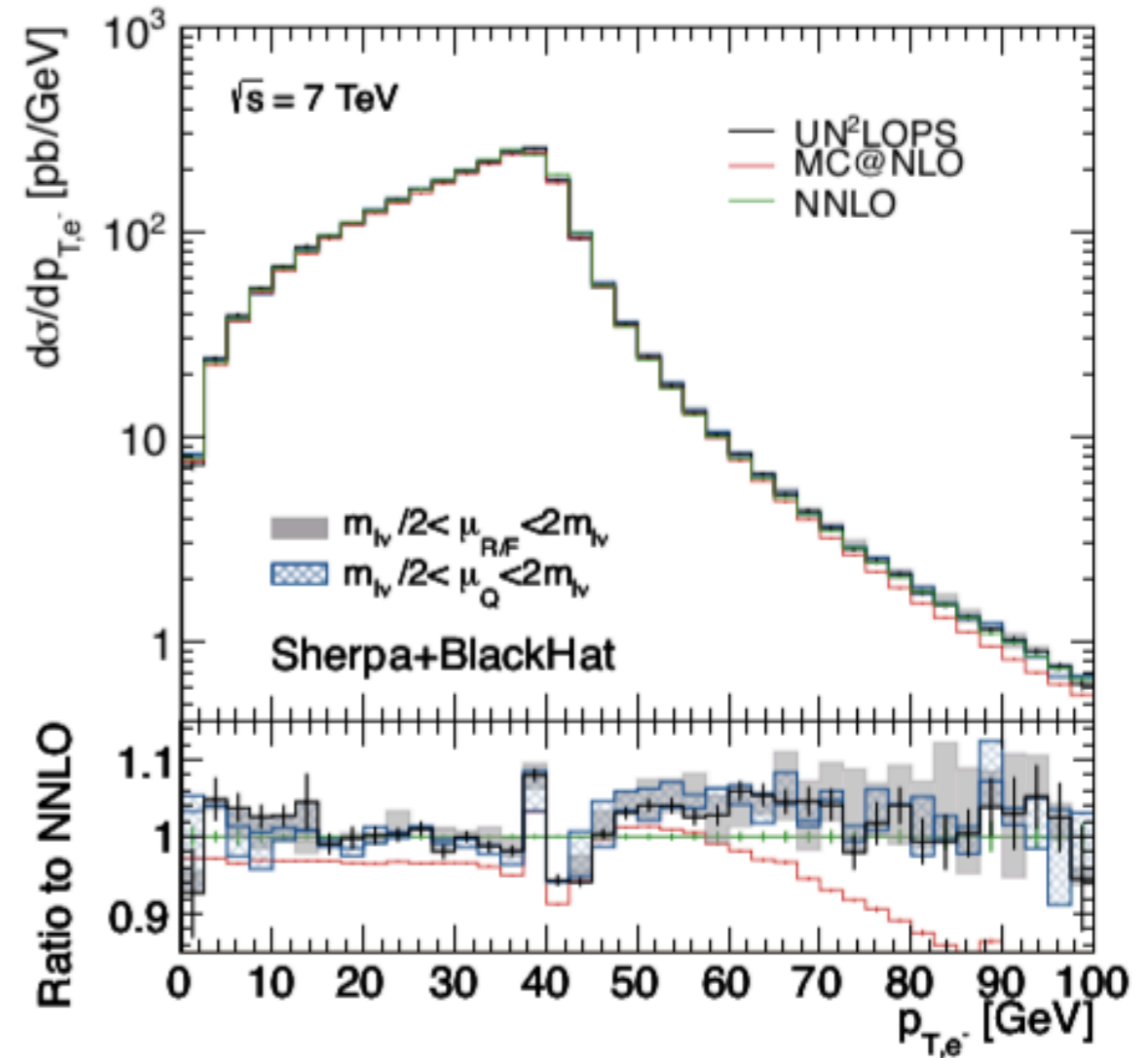
- ▶ Efficient tree-level generators for Born and real-emission corrections  
Amegic [Krauss,Kuhn,Soff] hep-ph/0109036, Comix [Gleisberg,SH] arXiv:0808.3674
- ▶ In Comix factorial scaling with multiplicity reduced to exponential by dynamic programming & sampling of color configurations  
[Berends,Giele] NPB306(1988)759, [Duhr,Maltoni,SH] hep-ph/0607057

# NNLOPS for $pp \rightarrow V$

[Hoeche et al.] arXiv:1405.3607,1407.3773



$pp \rightarrow ll$

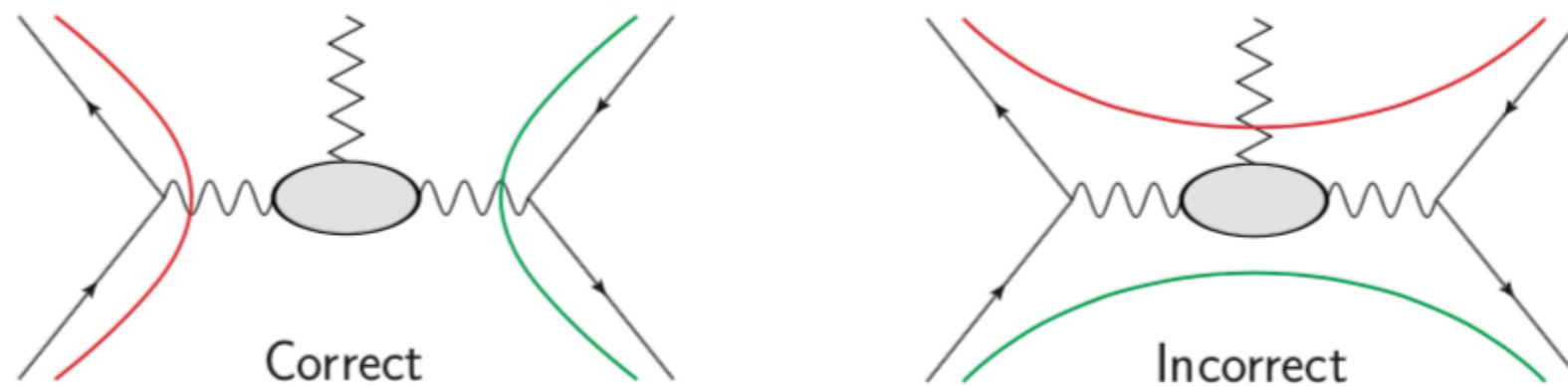


$pp \rightarrow lv$

# Vector-boson scattering simulations with Sherpa

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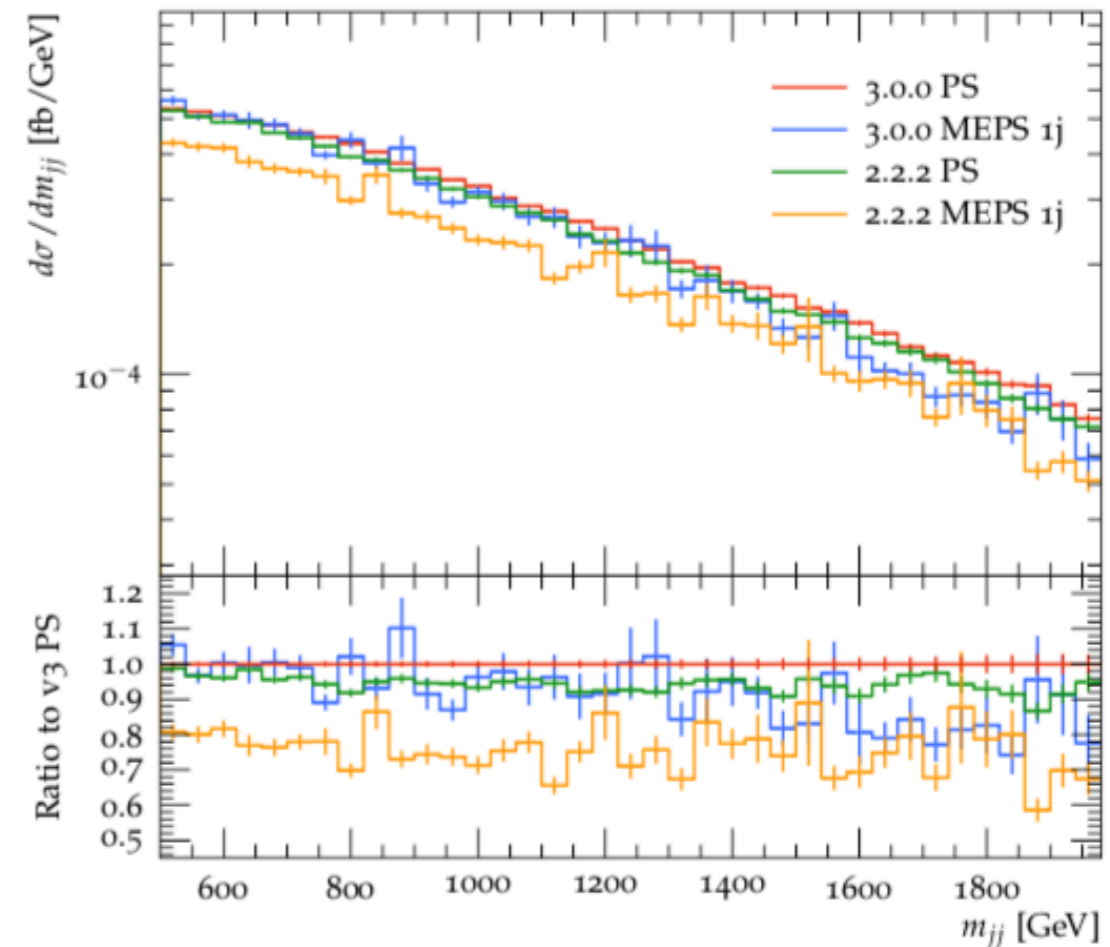
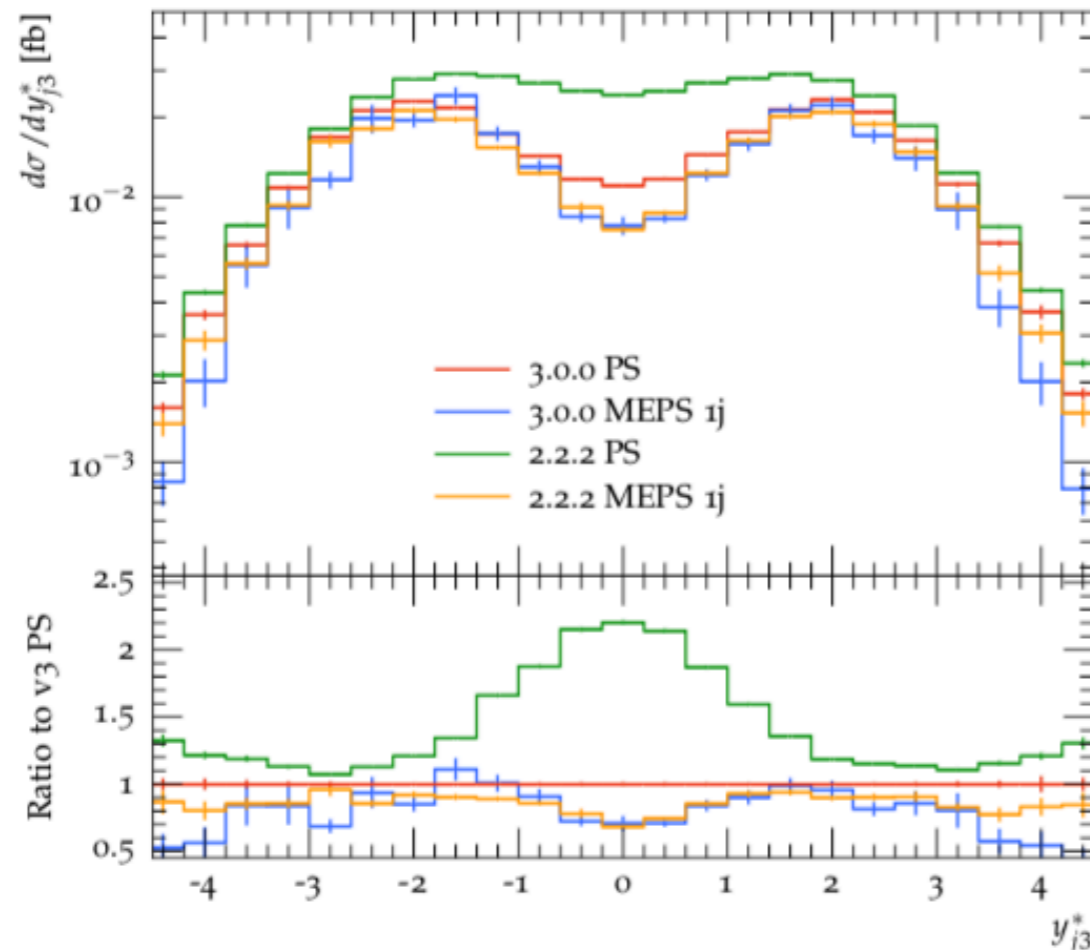
- ▶ VBF-like situations require judicious setting of color flow information in interface between fixed-order calculation and parton shower



- ▶ Current color selection in Sherpa based on hardcoded probabilities for the most relevant processes, VBF topologies are *not* included
- ▶ Alternative, generic option in future version 3.0.0
  - ▶ Identify all possible color flows in core interaction (after ME+PS clustering, e.g.  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^-$  in  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^- + \text{jets}$ )
  - ▶ Compute corresponding partial amplitudes [Gleisberg,SH] arXiv:0808.3674
  - ▶ Select winner topology probabilistically
- ▶ Sherpa 3.0.0 also allows to specify different starting scales for parton-shower evolution of disconnected dipoles

# Vector-boson scattering simulations with Sherpa

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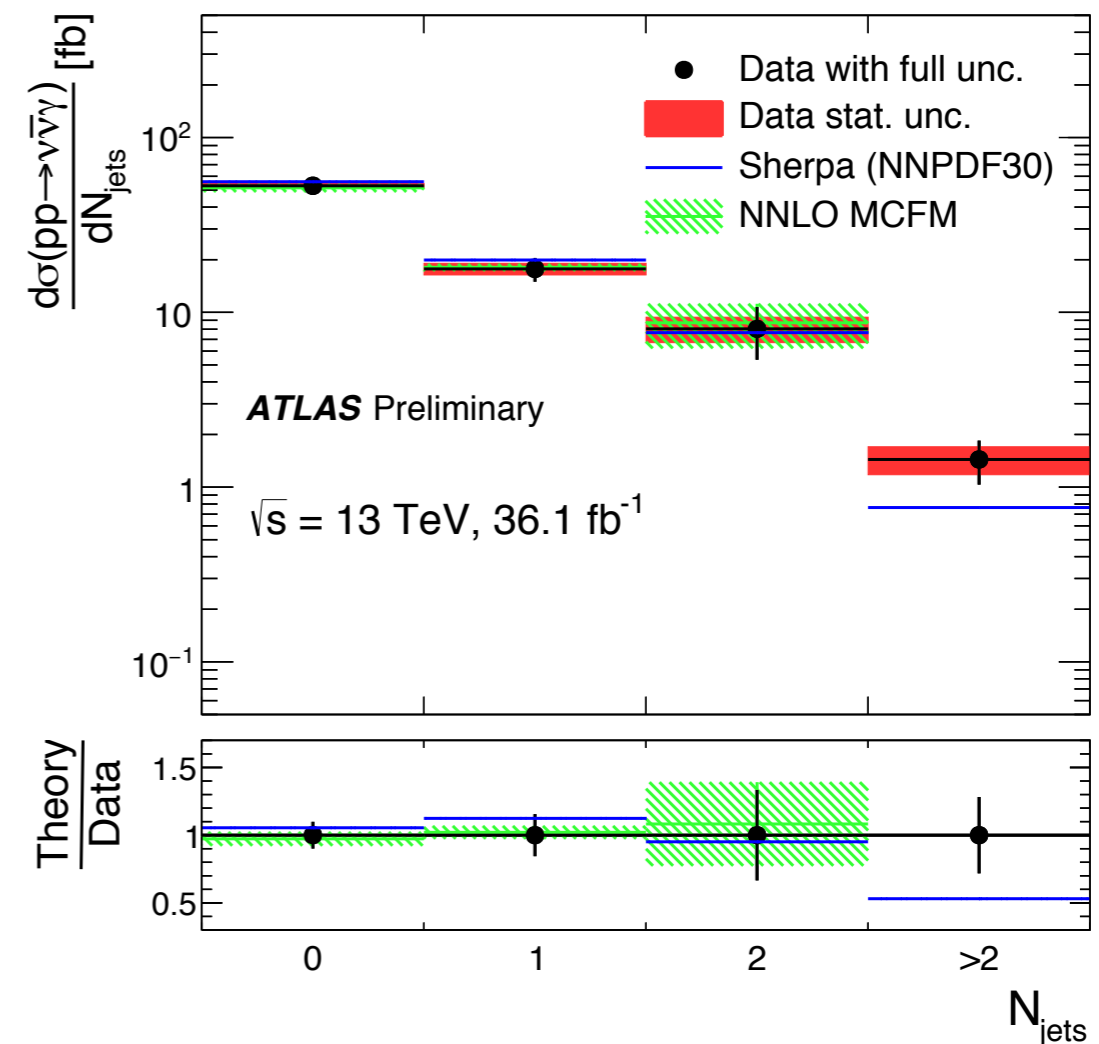
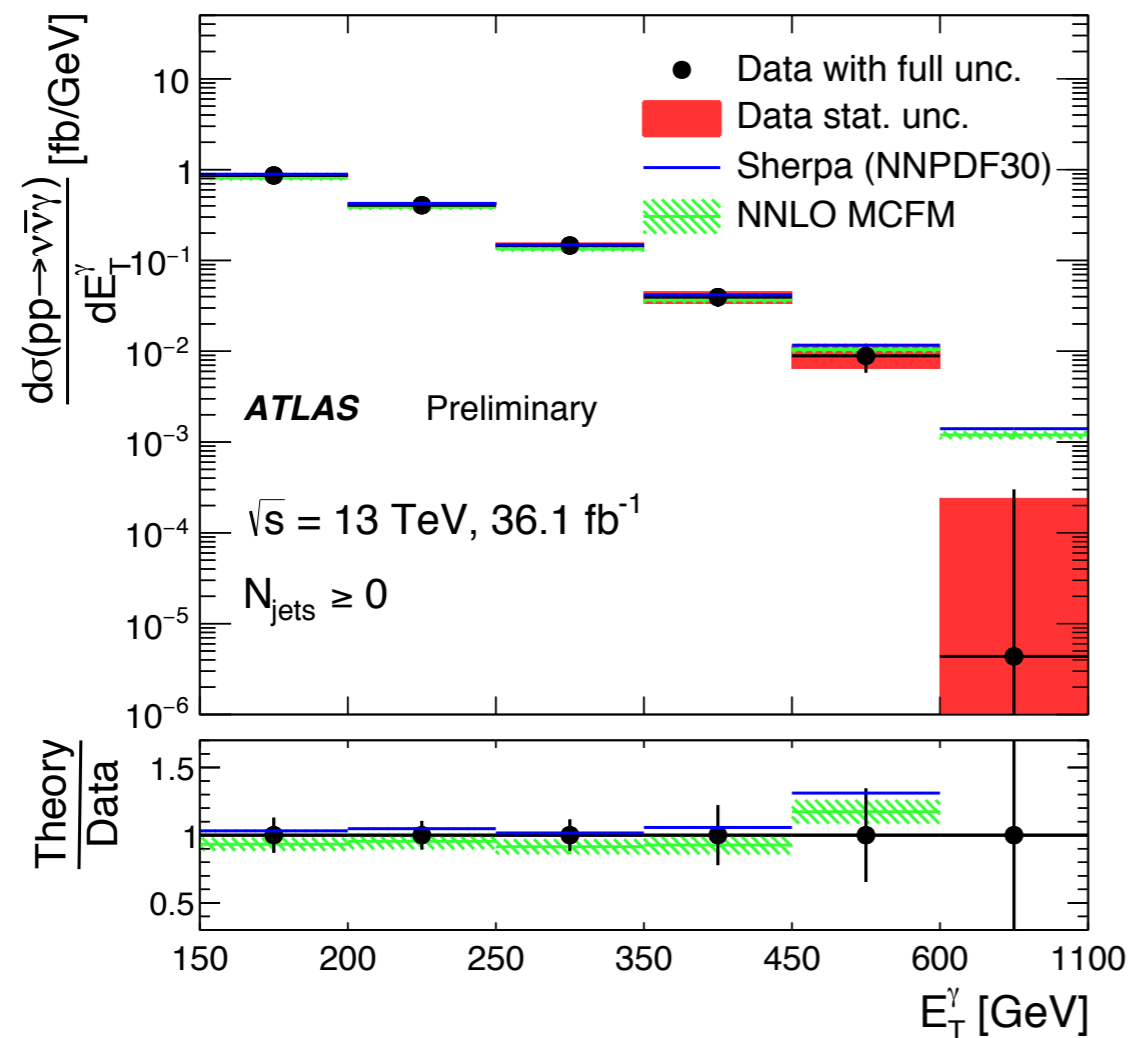


- ▶ Differential distributions confirm improvement:
  - ▶ Third jet produced more forward and at lower rate in Sherpa 3.0.0
  - ▶ PS radiation pattern in Sherpa 2.2.0 corrected by ME+PS merging, but breaking of PS unitarity in CKKW(L) decreases overall event rate
- ▶ Sherpa 3.0.0 predicts  $\sim 20\%$  larger cross section after cuts as a result of correct color flow and PS starting scales

# WHAT WE GET OUT

[ATLAS-CONF-2018-035]

- Sherpa  $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma \rightarrow \nu\nu\gamma$ , NLO  $\leq 1j$ , LO  $\leq 3j$  (multi-jet merging)
- compares well to data & NNLO



also see recent Sherpa pheno study on  $Z\gamma \rightarrow \nu\nu\gamma$  production [Krause, Siegert, Eur.Phys.J. C78 (2018) no.2, 161]

# EW NLO

needed to regularise V and R ME pieces in MCEG  
based on universal behaviour in divergent limit

*lists by S. Kuttimalai*

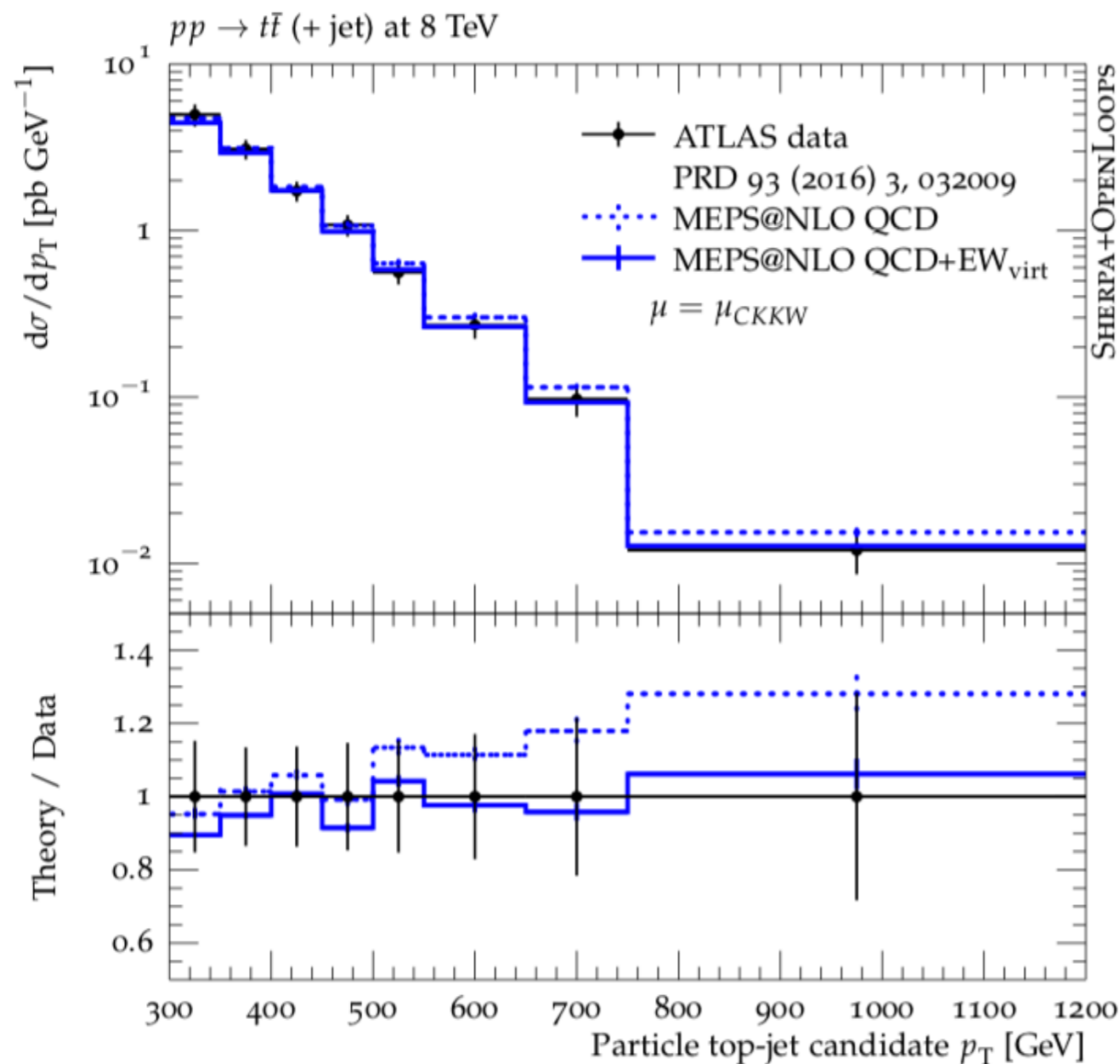
- motivation: previous talk  $\alpha_s^2 \approx \alpha$
- Sherpa: tree-level ME, IR subtraction, process management, PS integration
- one-loop MEs from external libraries
- **SHERPA + GOSAM:**
  - $\gamma\gamma + 0, 1, 2$  jets  
[Chiesa et al, JHEP 1710 (2017) 181]
  - $\gamma\gamma\gamma/\gamma\gamma\ell\nu/\gamma\gamma\ell\ell$   
[Greiner, Schönherr, JHEP 1801 (2018) 079]
- **SHERPA + RECOLA**
  - $V/\ell\nu/\ell\ell + j, \ell\ell + 2j, \ell\ell\ell\ell, ttH$   
[Biedermann et al, Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) 492]
  - $\ell\ell\ell\nu\nu\nu$  [Schönherr, JHEP 1807 (2018) 076]
- **SHERPA + OPENLOOPS**
  - $W + 1, 2, 3$  jets  
[Kallweit et al, JHEP 04 (2015) 012]
  - $Z/\gamma + j$   
[Kallweit et al, Moriond QCD2015 proceeding]
  - $\ell\ell/\ell\nu/\nu\nu/\gamma + j$   
[Lindert et al, Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017)]
  - $\ell\ell\nu\nu$  [Kallweit et al., JHEP 1711 (2017) 120]
  - $\ell\ell/\ell\nu + 2j, ttH$  [LH 2015 SM WG report]
  - $tt + 0, 1$  jets [Gütschow, Lindert, Schönherr, Eur.Phys.J. C78 (2018) no.4, 317]



# EW NLO: TOP PAIR PRODUCTION & APPROX MERGING

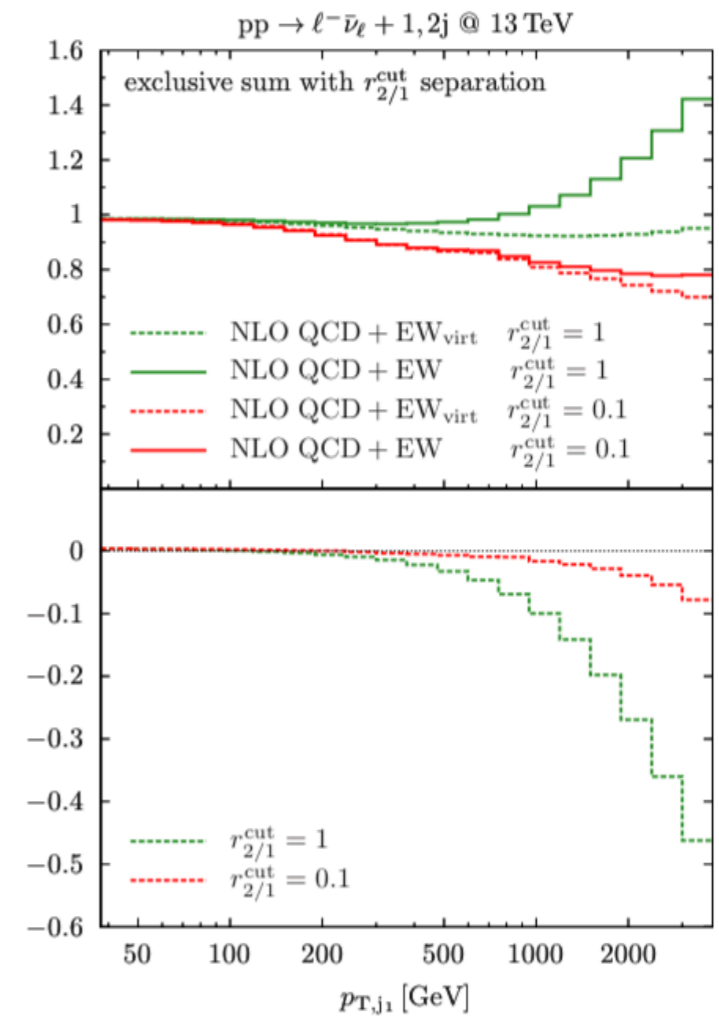
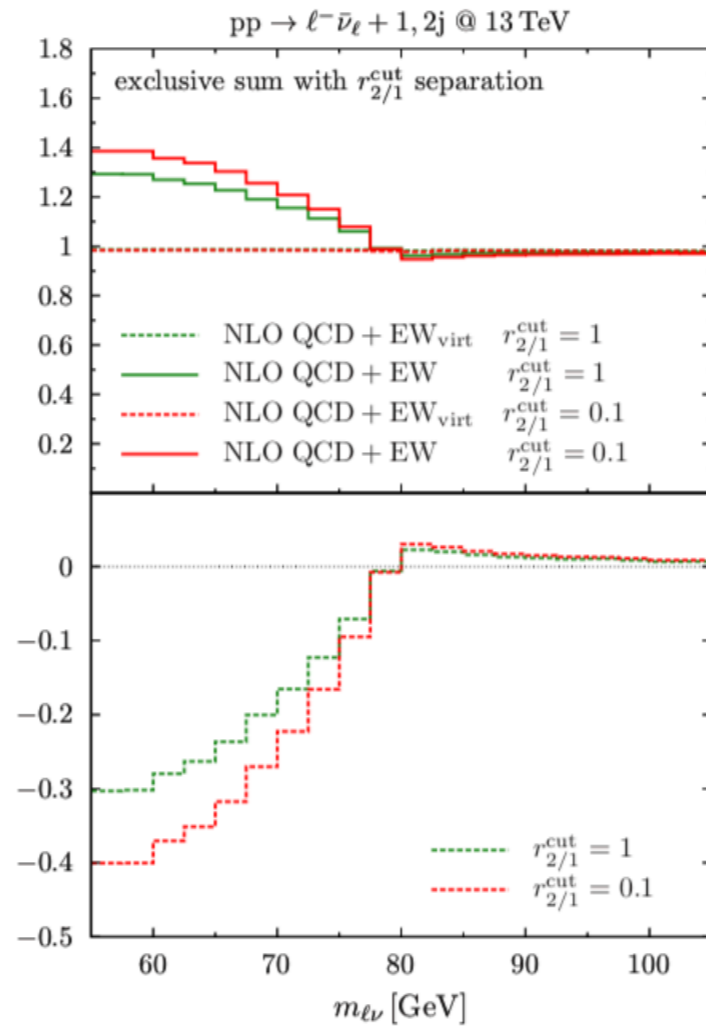
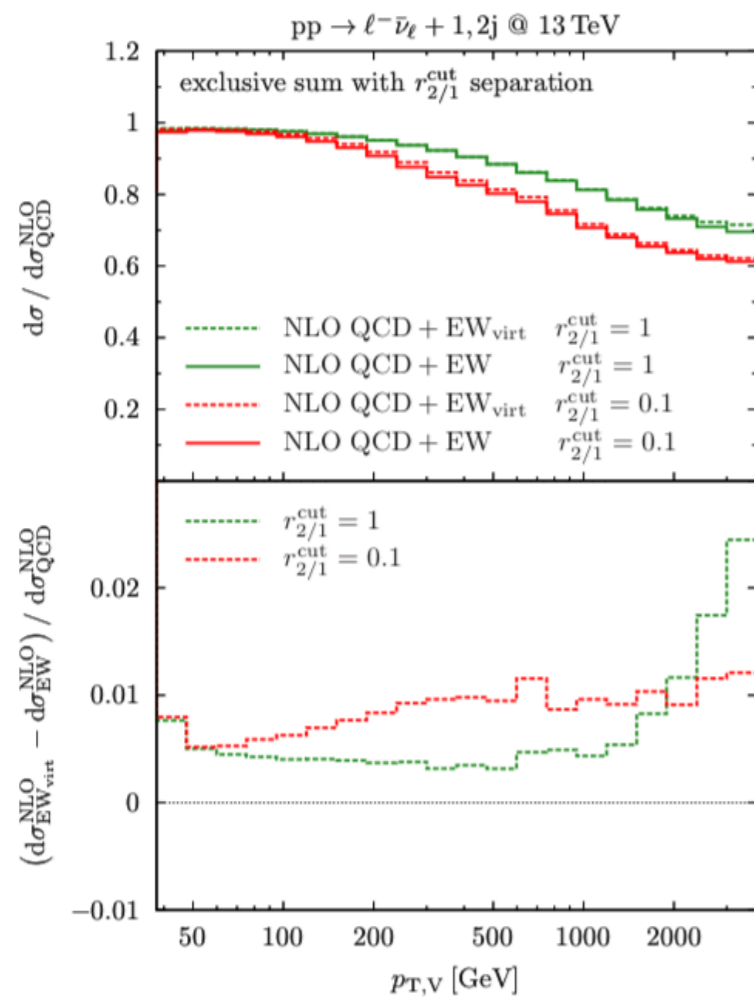
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$$d\sigma^{NLO\ EW\ virt} = \left[ B_{QCD} + V_{EW} + \int R^{approx} d\Phi_1 + B_{sub} \right] d\Phi_B$$



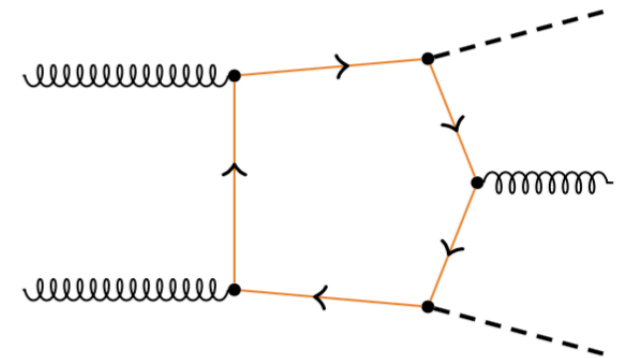
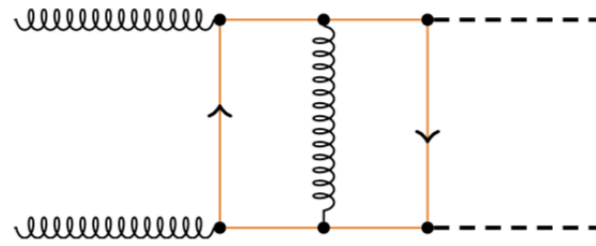
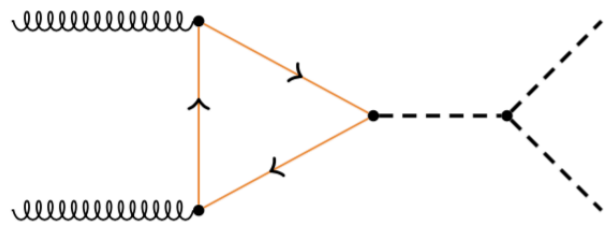
- MEPS@NLO QCD+EW<sub>virt</sub>  
0,1 @ NLO, 2,3,4 @ LO
- recover real QED  
bremsstrahlung: YFS
- boosted top quark, ID by  
substructure technique  
from fat jet

# EW NLO VS. EW<sub>APPROX</sub>



# LOOP-INDUCED PROCESSES AT MC@NLO

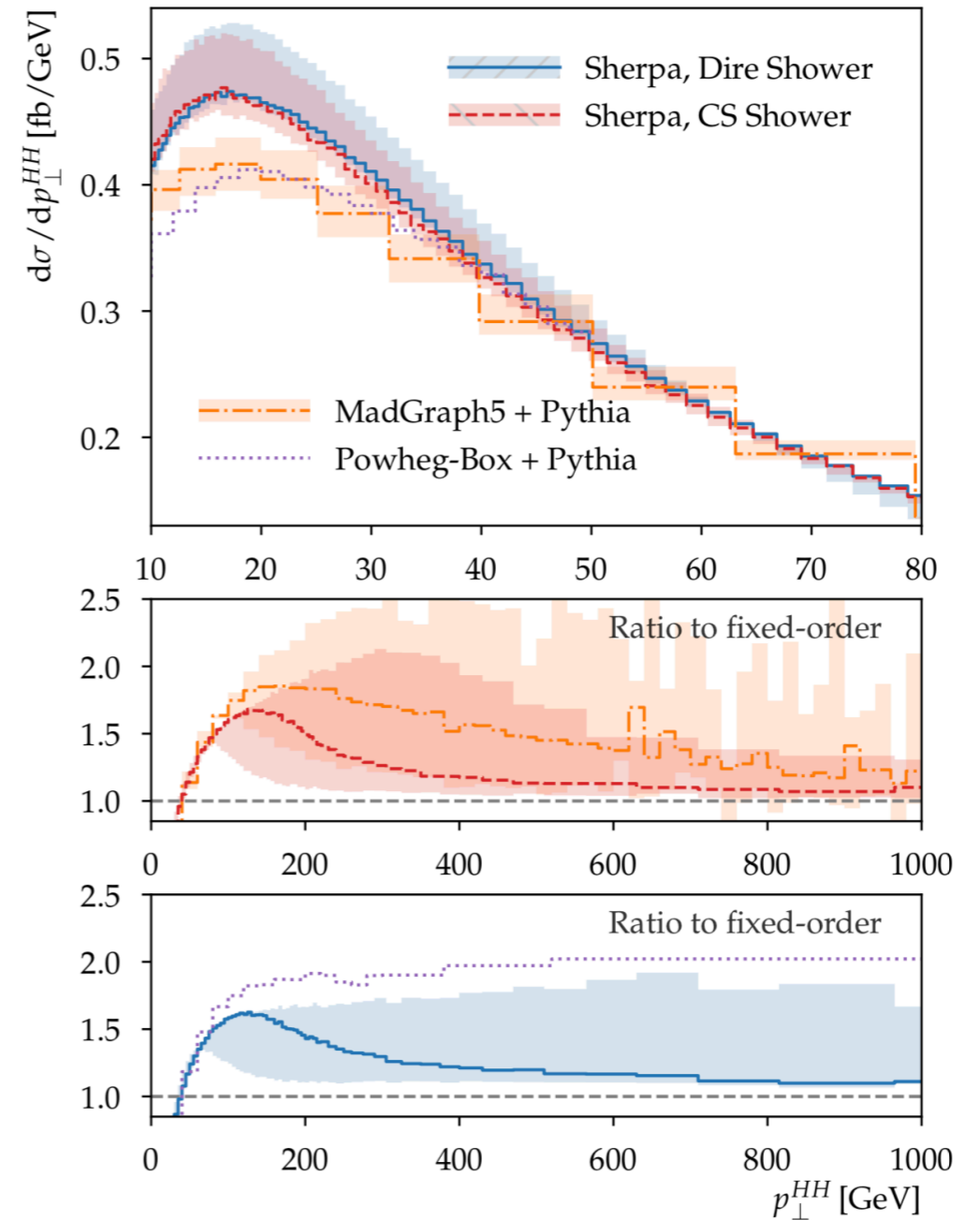
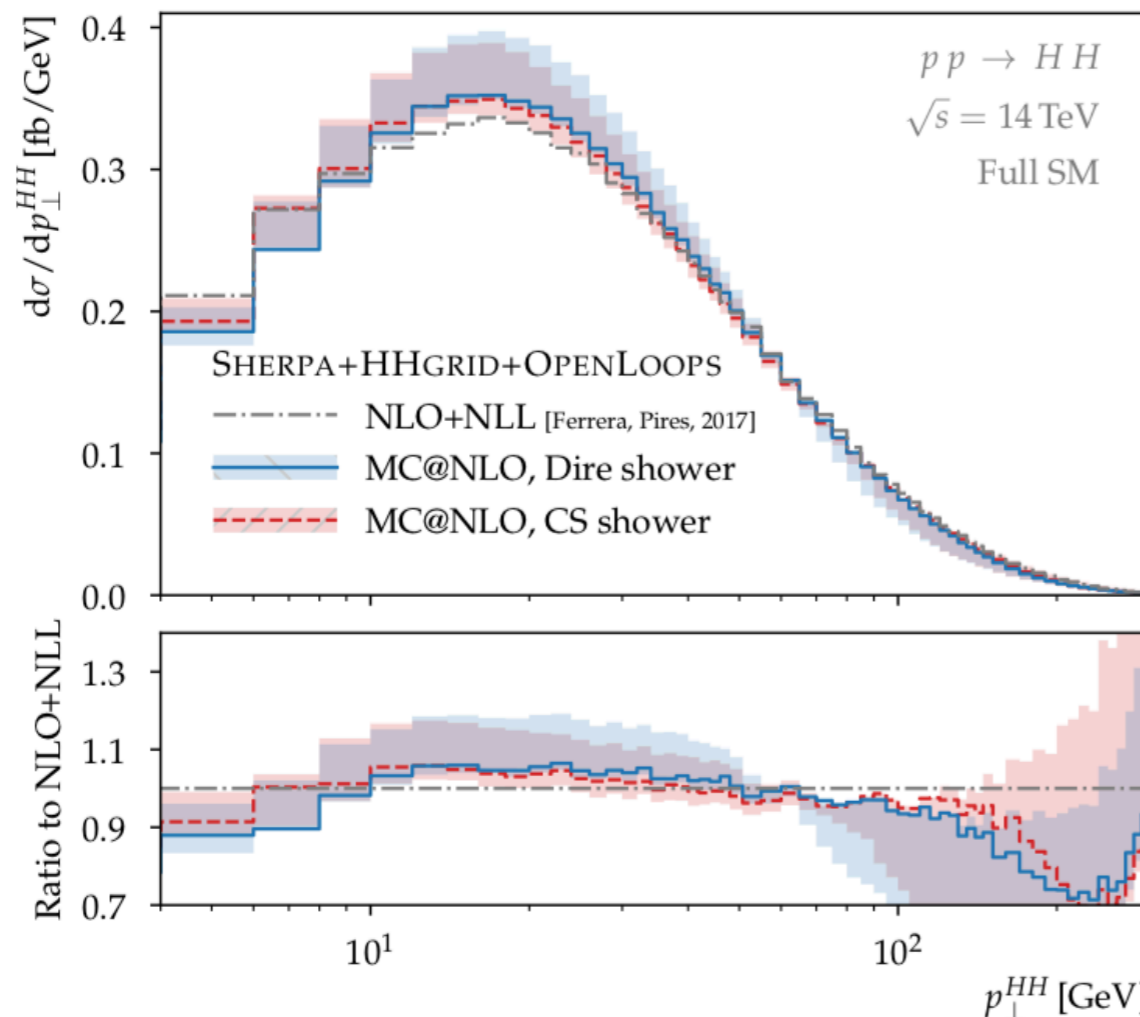
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- Born & real-emission by automated one-loop tools
- SHERPA: IR subtraction, process management, PS integration, matching (MC@NLO), fully automated [Jones, Kuttimalai: JHEP 1802 (2018)]
- Available two-loop virtual amplitudes
  - $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma/HH/Hj$   
*e.g.  $ggHH$  difficult due to massive propagators & externals*
  - $gg \rightarrow VV \rightarrow llll$

# LOOP-INDUCED PROCESSES AT MC@NLO

- $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma/HH$  (full top-quark mass dependence) [Jones, Kuttimalai, JHEP 1802 (2018) 176]
- large K factor enhances matching uncertainties
- other impl PYTHIA via POWHEG/MC@NLO [Heinrich et al, JHEP 08 (2017), p. 088]



uncertainties on NLO+NLL in left plot: 3% near  $p_{\perp}^{HH} = 20 \text{ GeV}$ , 10% near  $100 \text{ GeV}$

# NLO DGLAP IN THE PARTON SHOWER

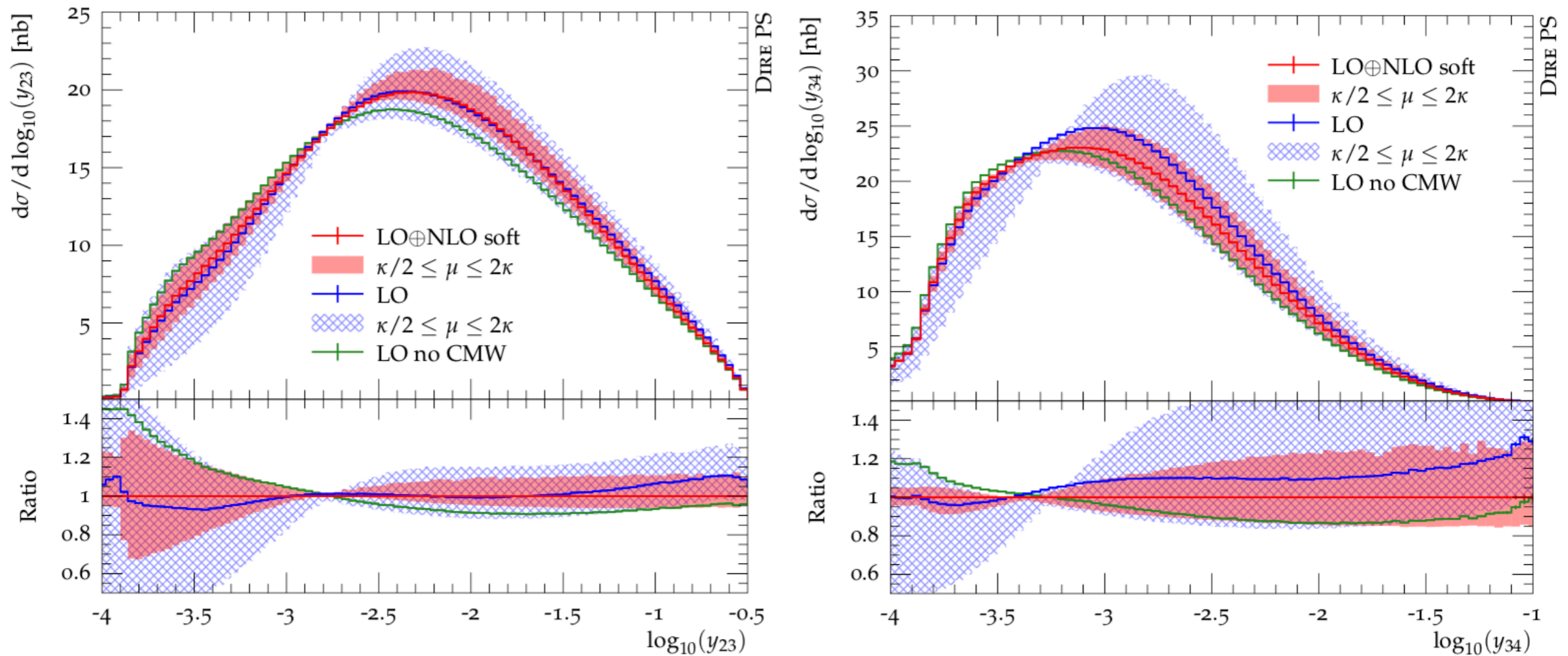
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- goal: fully differential PS evolution with NLO kernels
  - last year: inclusion of NLO *collinear* splitting functions (NLO DGLAP) & flavour-changing  $1 \rightarrow 3$  *collinear* splittings  
[Höche, Prestel, Phys.Rev. D96 (2017) no.7, 074017] [Höche, Krauss, Prestel, JHEP 1710 (2017) 093]
  - this year: higher-order *soft* terms  
[Dulat, Höche, Prestel, 1805.03757]
  - implemented in SHERPA and PYTHIA  
*via two independent cross-checked DIRE shower implementations*
- higher-order soft terms, fully differential in one-emission PS
  - check: sum of integrated terms = two-loop cusp anomalous dimension which is included in CMW method already for “LO” showers

# NLO DGLAP IN THE PARTON SHOWER

[Dulat, Höche, Prestel, 1805.03757]

- fair agreement between fully diff NLO and approximate treatment using CMW in “LO” shower



# SHERPA tunes

- SHERPA comes with exactly one tune
- 1) tune **hadronisation** parameters to **LEP data**
  - iterative between event shapes and hadron multiplicities
  - colour-reconnection found not to be needed to improve tune
- 2) tune **intrinsic transverse momentum** parameters to **LHC DY data**
  - no Tevatron data, as mostly corrected to unphysical Born leptons
- 3) tune **multiple interaction** and **beam remnant** parameters to **LHC data**
  - model rather basic, but key observables can be described
  - currently no Tevatron data used
- LEP data mostly ALEPH 2004 event shapes  
LHC data selection somewhat ATLAS biased for historical reasons