

N-jettiness Subtraction With Subleading Power Corrections

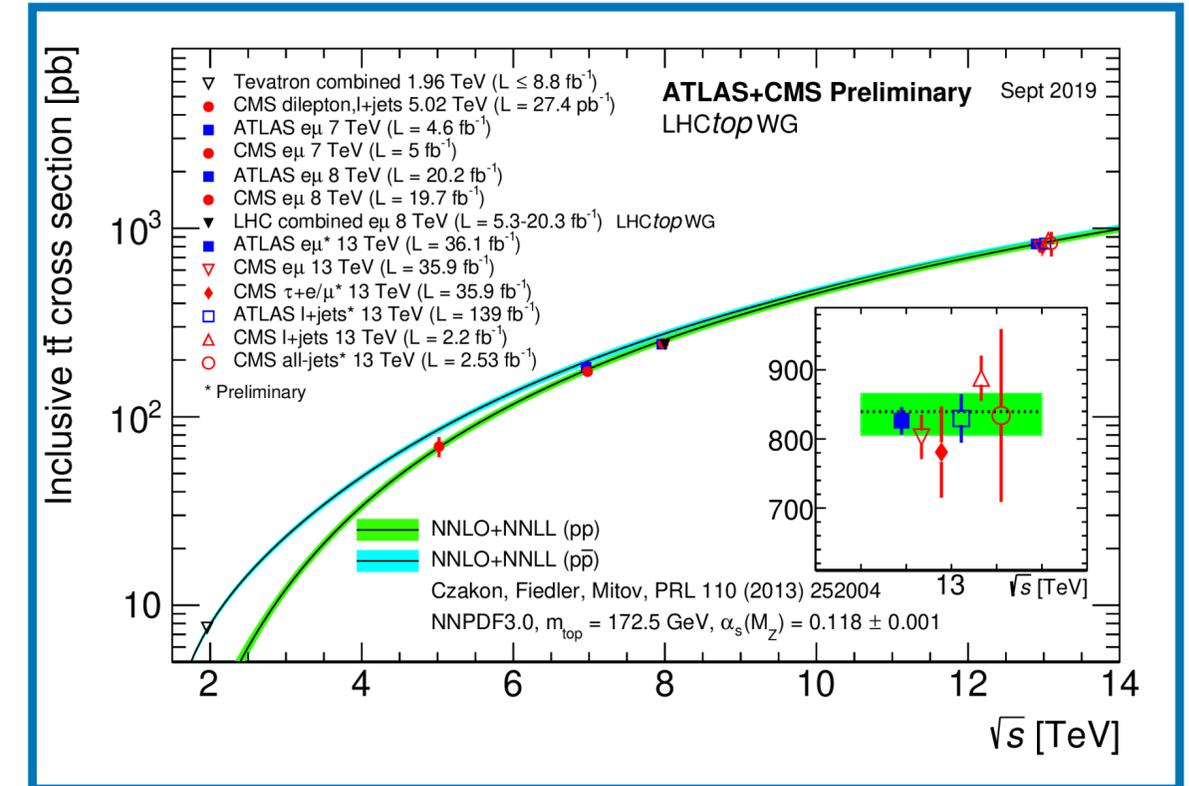
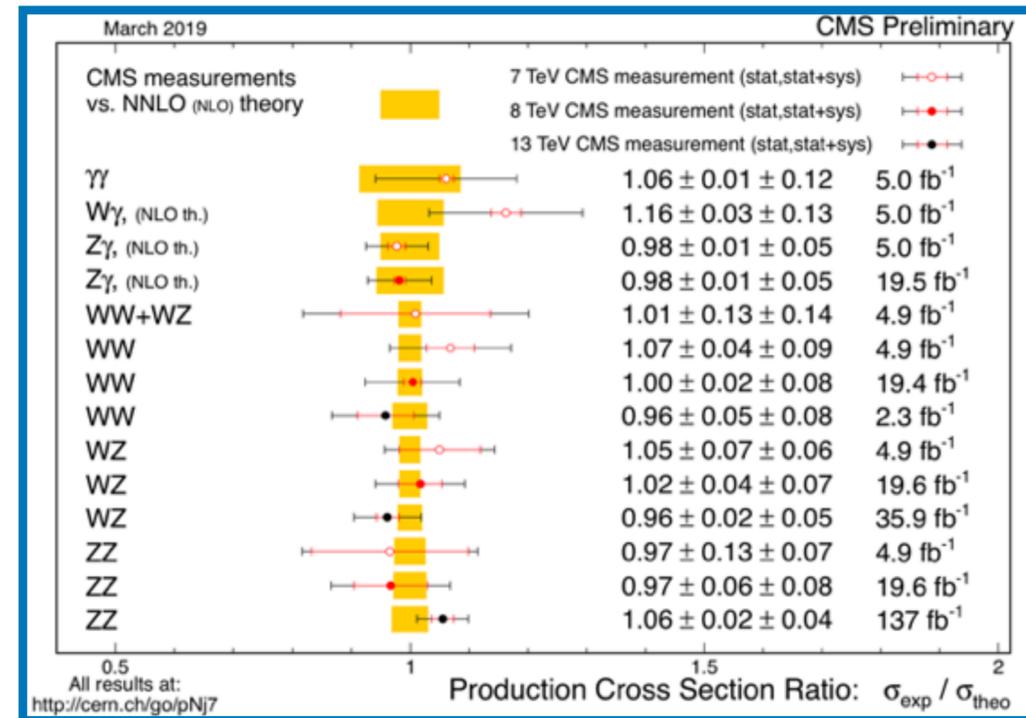
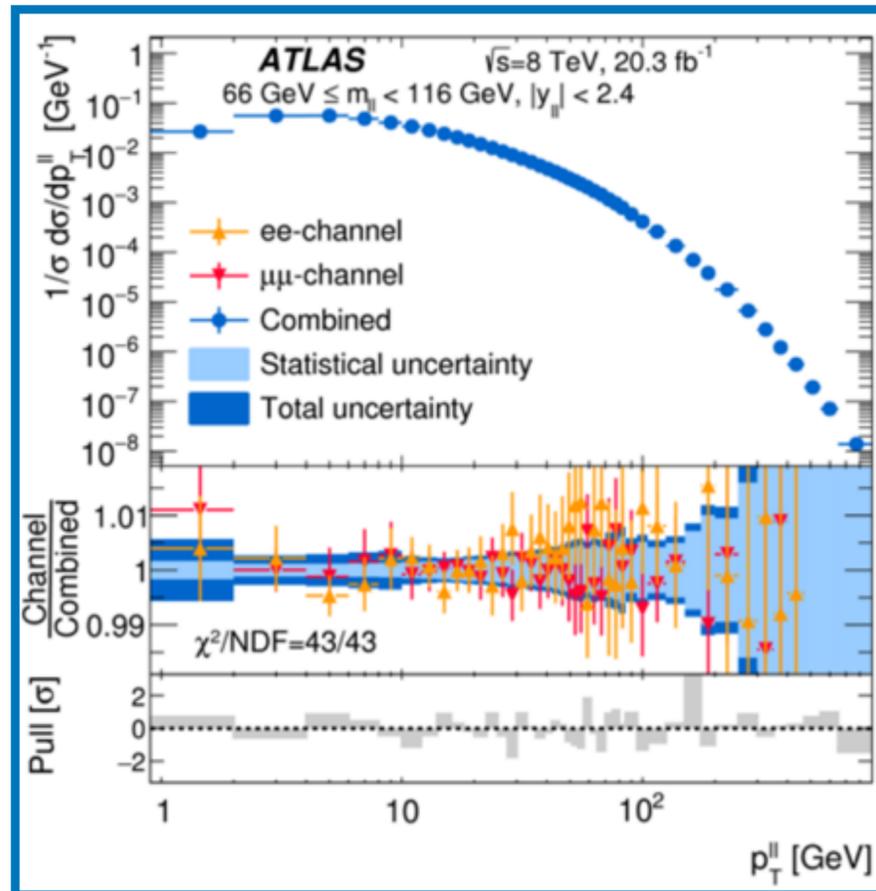
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Why Precision?

Practical reasons: we are facing the limitations now. The LHC has turned into a precision machine.



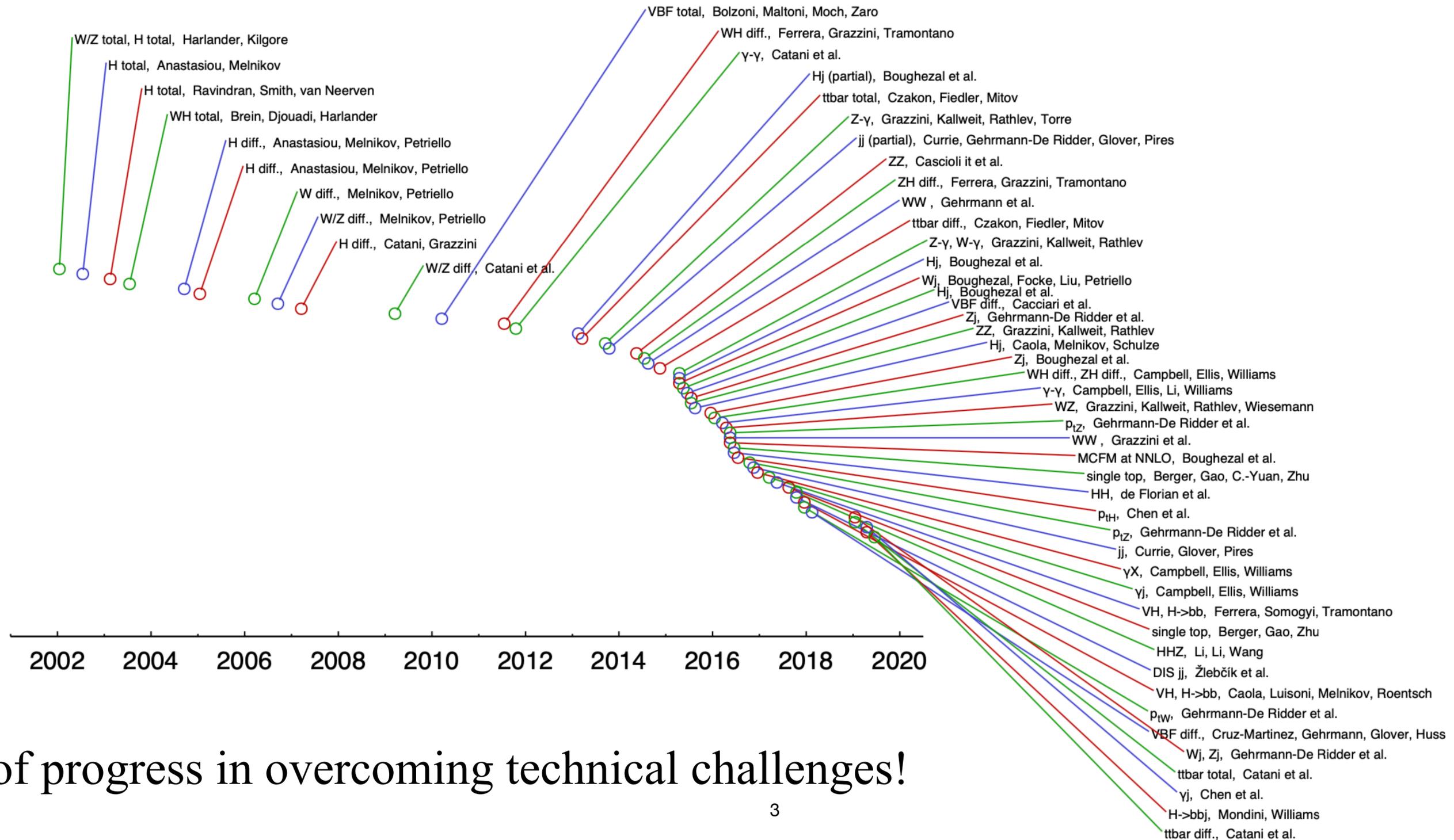
Z-pT measured to better than 1% up to 200 GeV

Experimental errors approaching ± 5% for a large class of di-boson measurements

Current top measurements are challenging even NNLO theory

Progress on the NNLO Front

From G. Salam (September 2019)



Lots of progress in overcoming technical challenges!

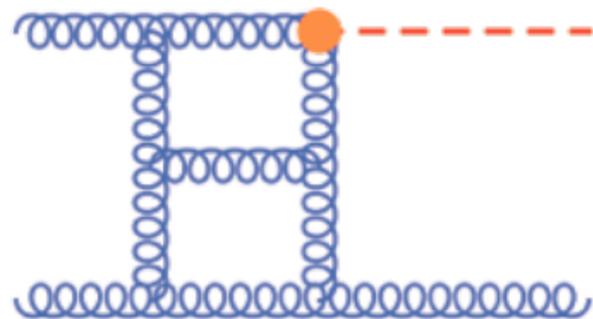
Challenges of NNLO

- Several ingredients are needed for NNLO predictions. My focus here will be on the real radiation.

- ▶ In dim reg, virtual poles $1/\varepsilon^n$ need to cancel with real poles
- ▶ Real poles (soft and collinear) are only explicit after integrating over the phase space
- ▶ We need a way to extract the final-state singularities

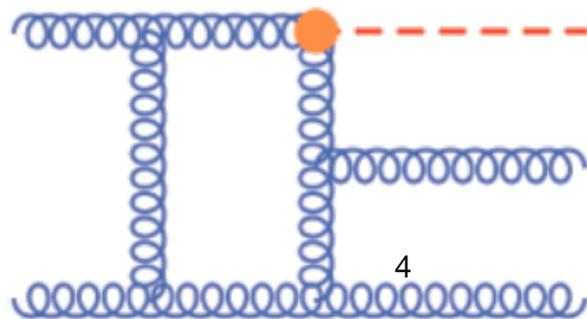
$$\int \left[\frac{A}{\varepsilon^4} + \frac{B}{\varepsilon^3} + \frac{C}{\varepsilon^2} + \frac{D}{\varepsilon} + E \right] d\Phi_2$$

VV



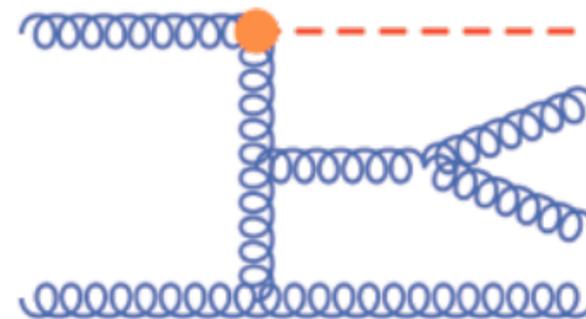
$$\int \left[\frac{A'}{\varepsilon^2} + \frac{B'}{\varepsilon} + C' \right] d\Phi_3$$

RV



$$\int A'' d\Phi_4$$

RR



Dealing with IR Singularities

Two classes of solutions are used:

- Subtraction methods:

$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \int_{m+1} [d\sigma^R - d\sigma^A] + \int_{m+1} d\sigma^A + \int_m d\sigma^V$$

Real minus
counterterm:
finite

Integrated counterterm:
known analytically

Virtual

* The construction of the subtraction terms $d\sigma^A$ @ NNLO is an art by itself, multiple methods are used:

- ❖ Sector decomposition [Anastasiou, Melnikov, Petriello; Binoth, Heinrich](#)
- ❖ Antenna subtraction [Kosower; Gehrmann, Gehrmann De Ridder, Glover](#)
- ❖ Sector Improved Residue Subtraction [Czakon; RB, Melnikov, Petriello; Czakon, Heymes; Caola, Melnikov, Rontsch](#)
- ❖ Colorful subtraction [Del Duca, Duhr, Kardos, Somogyi, Trocsanyi](#)
- ❖ Projection to Born [Cacciari, Dreyer, Karlberg, Salam, Zanderighi](#)

Dealing with IR Singularities

- EFT-assisted methods:

$$\sigma = \int d\tau_N \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau_N} \theta(\tau^{cut} - \tau_N) + \int d\tau_N \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau_N} \theta(\tau_N - \tau^{cut})$$

a simpler effective theory description is available for this region

have one more resolved jet than at Born level; need one order lower in perturbation theory in this region!

* Q_T -subtraction: Catani, Grazzini (2007); $\tau_N = Q_T$ (transverse momentum of the final state color singlet)

* **N-jettiness subtraction:** RB, Focke, Liu, Petriello (2015); Gaunt, Stahlhofen, Tackmann, Walsh (2015)

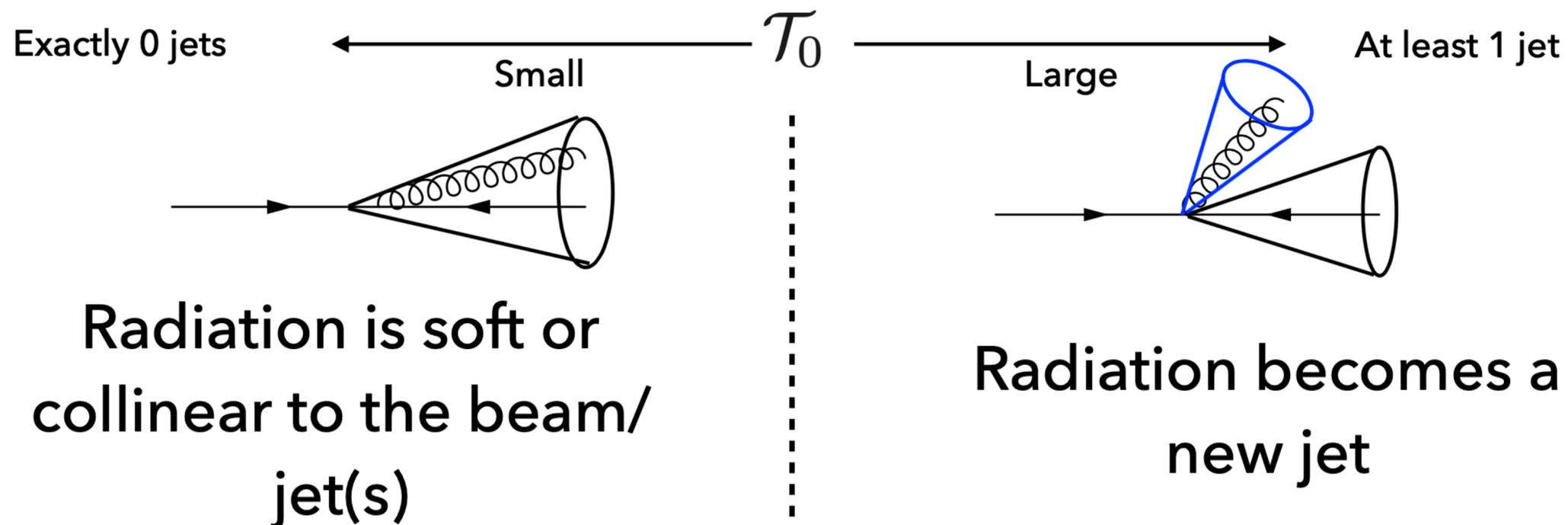
The N-jettiness Subtraction Scheme

- **N-jettiness** τ_N : an event-shape variable designed to veto final-state jets [Stewart, Tackmann, Waalewijn 2009](#)

$N = \text{Number of jets}$

$$\tau_N \equiv \sum_k \min_i \left\{ \frac{2q_i \cdot p_k}{Q_i} \right\}$$

All final-state partons (points to p_k)
Normalization constants (points to Q_i)
Momenta of the 2 beams and Born final-state jets (points to q_i)



Results from N-jettiness Subtraction

- $W + 1\text{jet @ NNLO}$ [RB, Focke, Liu, Petriello \(2015\)](#)
- $\text{Higgs} + 1\text{jet @ NNLO}$ [RB, Focke, Giele, Liu, Petriello \(2015\)](#)
- $Z + 1\text{jet @ NNLO}$ [RB, Campbell, Ellis, Focke, Giele, Liu, Petriello \(2016\)](#)
- Color singlet processes @ NNLO [RB, Campbell, Ellis, Focke, Giele, Liu, Petriello, Williams \(2016\)](#)
- Associated Higgs production @ NNLO [Campbell, Ellis, Williams \(2016\)](#)
- Diphoton production @ NNLO [Campbell, Ellis, Williams \(2016\)](#)
- $\text{DIS} + 1\text{jet @ NNLO}$ [Abelof, RB, Liu, Petriello \(2016\)](#)
- $ZZ @ \text{NNLO}$ [Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, Kerner, Pires \(2018\)](#)

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N-jettiness Factorization Formula

$$\sigma(\mathcal{T} < \mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}) = \int H \otimes B_a \otimes B_b \otimes S \otimes \left[\sum_n^N J_n \right] + \dots$$

describes hard radiation

describes radiation collinear to initial-state beams; *universal*

describes soft radiation; *semi-universal*; depends on number of jets

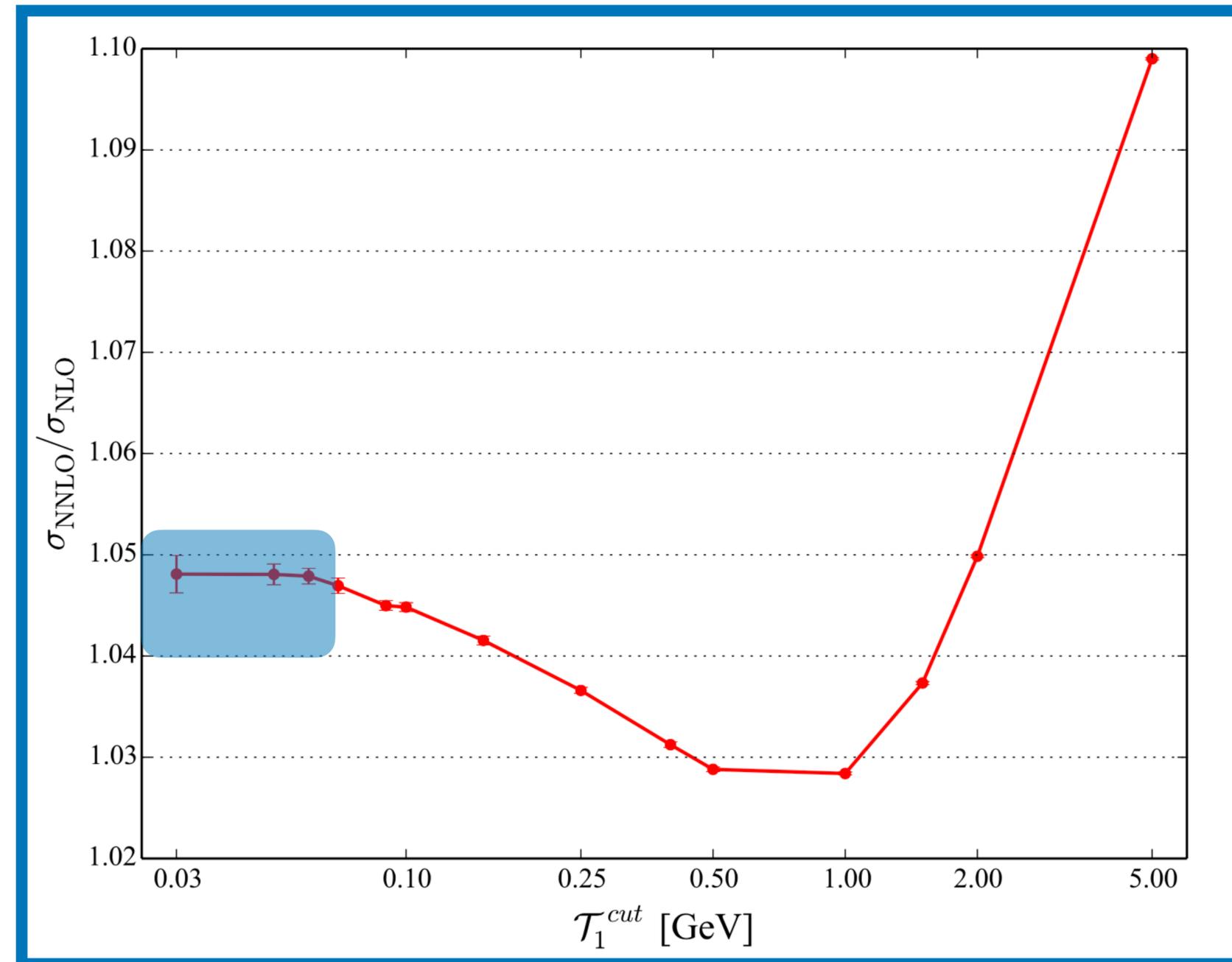
describes radiation collinear to final-state jets; *universal*

- **Ellipses**: power corrections, they are small for low τ_{cut} . Leading power corrections go like $\tau_{\text{cut}} \log^{2n-1}(\tau_{\text{cut}})$ where n is the order of perturbation theory.

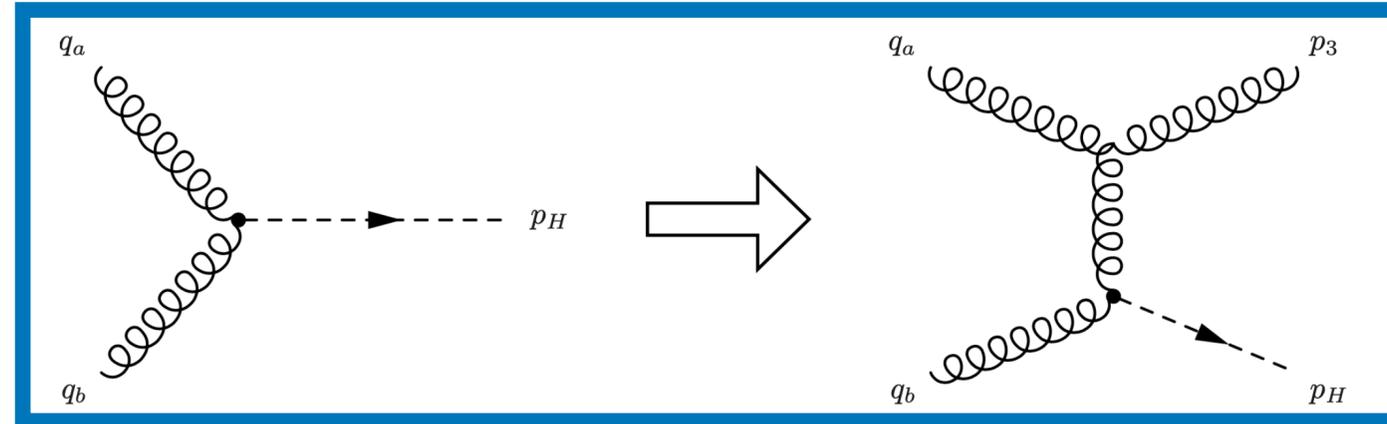
Without the Power Corrections

- Power corrections force us to low τ_{cut} where numerical integration errors for the above the cut cross section become large.
- Leaves us with a limited range of τ_{cut} to use for predictions
- Can we understand power corrections analytically to lessen the dependence on τ_{cut} ?

Z+1j



Power Corrections: Color Singlet Case



- Compute the full Next-to-Leading Power (LL+NLL) analytically. Focus on NLO for simplicity.
- Study the numerical impact of different τ definitions (different normalizations)

$$\mathcal{T}_N \equiv \sum_k \min_i \left\{ \frac{2q_i \cdot p_k}{Q_i} \right\} = \sum_k \min_i \left\{ \frac{n_i \cdot p_k}{\rho_i} \right\}$$

($\rho_i = Q_i/2E_i$)
 n_i : light like vectors for the beam directions

Choices of Normalization for τ_0

- Power corrections depend strongly on the definition of tau, can we find a choice that minimizes them?

$$\mathcal{T} \equiv \min \left\{ \frac{n_a \cdot p_3}{\rho_a}, \frac{n_b \cdot p_3}{\rho_b} \right\} = \min \{ \mathcal{T}_a, \mathcal{T}_b \}$$

Hadronic:

$$\mathcal{T}^{\text{had}} \equiv \min \{ n_a \cdot p_3, n_b \cdot p_3 \}$$

$$n_a^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 1) \quad n_b^\mu = (1, 0, 0, -1)$$

Leptonic:

$$\mathcal{T}^{\text{lep}} \equiv \min \{ e^Y n_a \cdot p_3, e^{-Y} n_b \cdot p_3 \}$$

takes into account the rapidity of the color singlet

Strategy for the Computation

1. Define regions: beam a, beam b and soft
2. Expand the phase space in each region

$$\frac{dPS_{\text{beam } a}}{dY dQ^2} = \frac{d\hat{PS}_{\text{Born}}}{dY dQ^2} \int_{x_a}^1 dz_a \int_0^{\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}} d\mathcal{T} \left[\Phi_{\text{beam } a}^{(0,0)} + \Phi_{\text{beam } a}^{(1,0)} \mathcal{T} + \Phi_{\text{beam } a}^{(0,1)} (1 - z_a) + \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{dPS_{\text{soft}}}{dY dQ^2} = \frac{d\hat{PS}_{\text{Born}}}{dY dQ^2} \int d\mathcal{T}_a \int d\mathcal{T}_b \left[\Phi_{\text{soft}}^{(0,0)} + \Phi_{\text{soft}}^{(1,0)} \mathcal{T}_a + \Phi_{\text{soft}}^{(0,1)} \mathcal{T}_b + \dots \right] \quad (z_a \rightarrow 1 \text{ is the soft limit})$$

PROCESS INDEPENDENT COEFFICIENTS

3. Expand the matrix element (amplitude²) in each region

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{beam } a} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{beam } a}^{(-1,-1)} \mathcal{T}^{-1} (1 - z_a)^{-1} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{beam } a}^{(-1,0)} \mathcal{T}^{-1} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{beam } a}^{(0,-1)} (1 - z_a)^{-1}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{soft}} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{soft}}^{(-1,-1)} \mathcal{T}_a^{-1} \mathcal{T}_b^{-1} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{soft}}^{(-1,0)} \mathcal{T}_a^{-1} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{soft}}^{(0,-1)} \mathcal{T}_b^{-1}$$

PROCESS DEPENDENT IN PRINCIPLE

Power Counting at NLO

$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}}{d\mathcal{T}}$	LL	NLL	NNLL
LP	$\left[\frac{\log \mathcal{T}}{\mathcal{T}}\right]_+$	$\left[\frac{1}{\mathcal{T}}\right]_+$	$\delta(\mathcal{T})$
NLP	$\log \mathcal{T}$	1	

- RB, Liu, Petriello, 2016
- Moult, Rothen, Stewart, Tackmann, Zhu, 2016

- RB, Isgro, Petriello, 2018
- Ebert, Moult, Stewart, Tackmann, Vita, Zhu, 2018

Matrix Elements Expansion

- In this very simple case, the full NLO matrix element is known and already factorized, so it is easiest to just expand it

$$|\mathcal{M}(gg \rightarrow Hg)|^2 = \frac{8C_A\pi\alpha_s}{m_H^4(1-\varepsilon)} |\mathcal{M}(gg \rightarrow H)|^2 \left[\frac{m_H^8 + s_{12}^4 + s_{13}^4 + s_{23}^4}{s_{12}s_{13}s_{23}} (1-2\varepsilon) + \frac{\varepsilon (m_H^4 + s_{12}^2 + s_{13}^2 + s_{23}^2)^2}{2s_{12}s_{13}s_{23}} \right]$$

S. Dawson (1990)

- In the beam (a) region, for example

$$|\mathcal{M}(gg \rightarrow Hg)|^2 = |\mathcal{M}(gg \rightarrow H)|^2 (16C_A\alpha_s\pi) \left\{ \frac{1}{Q_a\mathcal{T}} \frac{(1-z_a+z_a^2)^2}{(1-z_a)z_a} + \frac{1}{m_H^2} \left[5 \frac{1}{1-z_a} + \frac{1}{z_a^2} - \frac{1}{z_a} + z_a - \frac{2}{1-\varepsilon} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{T}) \right\}$$

LEADING POWER: PREDICTABLE FROM THE LP COLLINEAR LIMIT. THE $z_a \rightarrow 1$ LIMIT IS PREDICTABLE FROM THE LP SOFT LIMIT (LP - LL)

NEXT TO LEADING POWER, IN GENERAL NOT WRITTEN IN A UNIVERSAL FORM

NLP-LL: PREDICTABLE FROM THE NEXT-TO-LEADING SOFT LIMIT

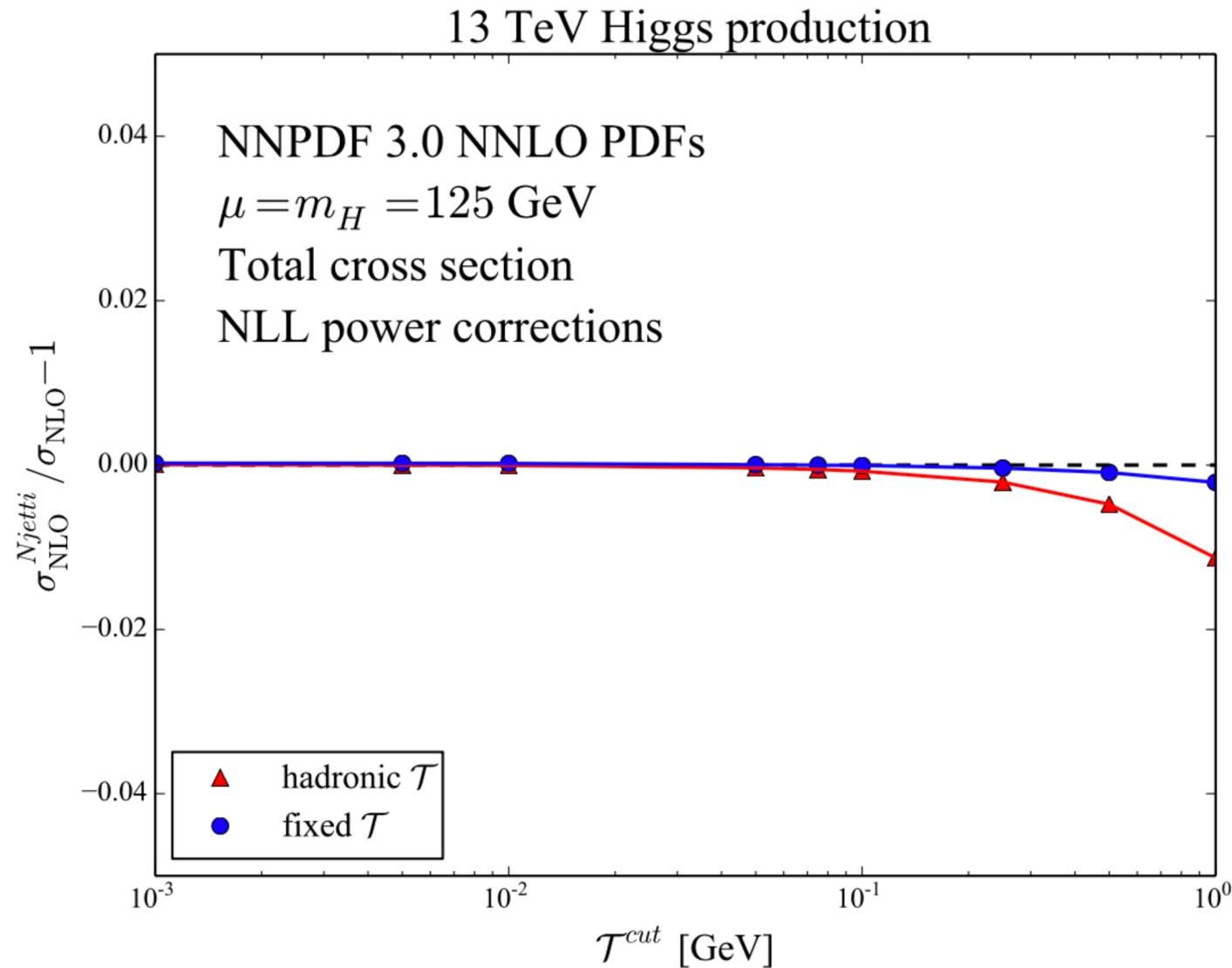
Next to Leading Power, Leading Log

- NLO, NLP-LL cross section below the cut for $gg \rightarrow H$ for the hadronic definition:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{NLP-LL}}}{dY dQ^2 d\mathcal{T}} = \hat{\sigma}_{\text{Born}} \left(\frac{C_A \alpha_s}{\pi} \right) \left\{ \left[\frac{e^Y \rho_a}{Q} \log \left(\frac{\mathcal{T}}{Q e^Y \rho_a} \right) + \frac{\rho_b e^{-Y}}{Q} \log \left(\frac{\mathcal{T}}{Q \rho_b e^{-Y}} \right) \right] f_a(x_a) f_b(x_b) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{x_a}{Q e^Y \rho_a} \log \left(\frac{\mathcal{T} e^Y \rho_a}{Q} \right) f'_a(x_a) f_b(x_b) - \frac{x_b}{Q \rho_b e^{-Y}} \log \left(\frac{\mathcal{T} \rho_b e^{-Y}}{Q} \right) f_a(x_a) f'_b(x_b) \right\}$$

- Derivatives of the PDFs appear
- There is a rapidity term multiplying the log, which suggests that for the hadronic definition, power corrections will be large for large rapidities.

Numerical Results



Dashed: exact NLO

Colored: N-jettiness NLO

Hadronic LL power corrections go like:

$$\frac{e^Y}{Q} \log \left(\frac{\mathcal{T}_{\text{had}}}{Q e^Y} \right)$$

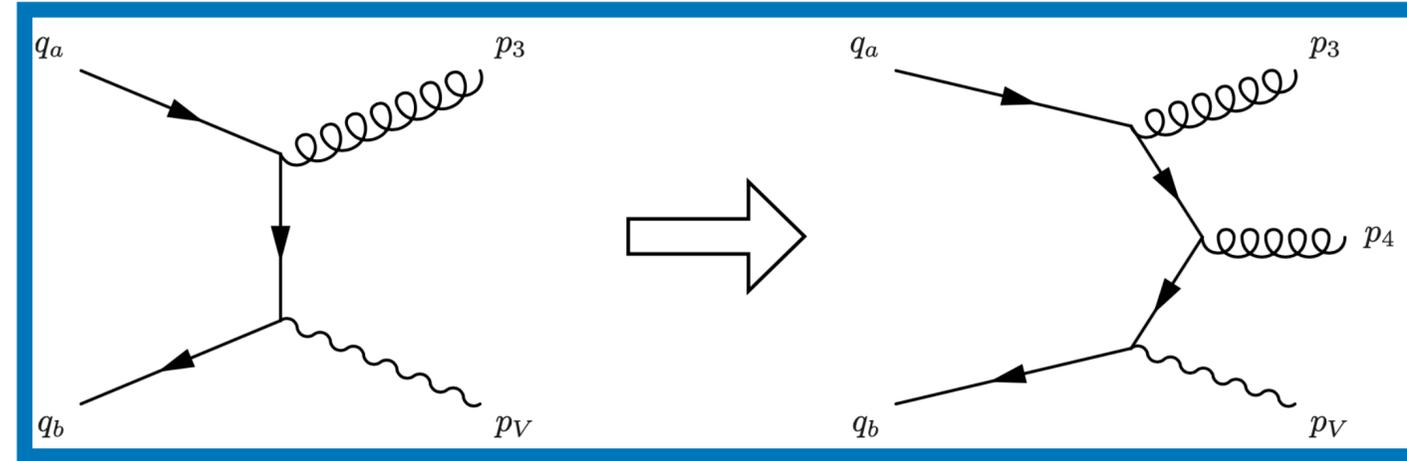
Leptonic LL power corrections go like:

$$\frac{1}{Q} \log \left(\frac{\mathcal{T}_{\text{lep}}}{Q} \right)$$

$$Q = m_H$$

- With the inclusion of power corrections, deviations from dipole subtraction are better than 0.1% with the leptonic definition.
- Leptonic definition at leading power is an optimal choice for N-jettiness definition

Power Corrections for V + 1jet



- Compared to the color singlet case, we have one more collinear direction in the definition:

$$\mathcal{T}_0 \equiv \min \left\{ \frac{n_a \cdot p_3}{\rho_a}, \frac{n_b \cdot p_3}{\rho_b} \right\}$$

2 possibilities

$$\mathcal{T}_1 \equiv \min \left\{ \frac{n_a \cdot p_3}{\rho_a}, \frac{n_b \cdot p_3}{\rho_b}, \frac{n_J \cdot p_3}{\rho_J} \right\} + \min \left\{ \frac{n_a \cdot p_4}{\rho_a}, \frac{n_b \cdot p_4}{\rho_b}, \frac{n_J \cdot p_4}{\rho_J} \right\}$$

in
principle
3x3=9
possibilities

Strategy: What is New With 1 jet

- **Pre-clustering jet algorithm to determine the jet-direction**
Use N-jettiness to pre-cluster rather than the usual anti-kT
- **Soft function divided into hemisphere and non-hemisphere**
Does this framework also hold at NLP? Does it introduce new poles?
- **The matrix elements are more complicated**
What can we say about their factorization properties at NLP?
- **Is there an equivalent to the leptonic definition?**

N-jettiness as a Pre-clustering Jet Algorithm

- Previous N-jettiness implementations had the jet direction determined via a pre-clustering jet algorithm

$$\Delta_{34}^2 \equiv (\eta_3 - \eta_4)^2 + (\phi_3 - \phi_4)^2$$

Jet cone radius

$$\Delta_{34} > R$$

Partons are separated: the hardest momentum is the jet

$$\Delta_{34} < R$$

Partons are close: the sum of the momenta is the jet

- This procedure would complicate the computation of the NLP due to the tough phase space constraints imposed by the anti-kT jet algorithm. We will define as the parton distance the scalar product that appears in the measurement function.

$$\mathcal{T}_1 \equiv \min \left\{ \frac{n_a \cdot p_3}{\rho_a}, \frac{n_b \cdot p_3}{\rho_b}, \frac{n_J \cdot p_3}{\rho_J} \right\} + \min \left\{ \frac{n_a \cdot p_4}{\rho_a}, \frac{n_b \cdot p_4}{\rho_b}, \frac{n_J \cdot p_4}{\rho_J} \right\}$$

First assume p_3 is hardest ($p_3 \leftrightarrow p_4$ symmetry)

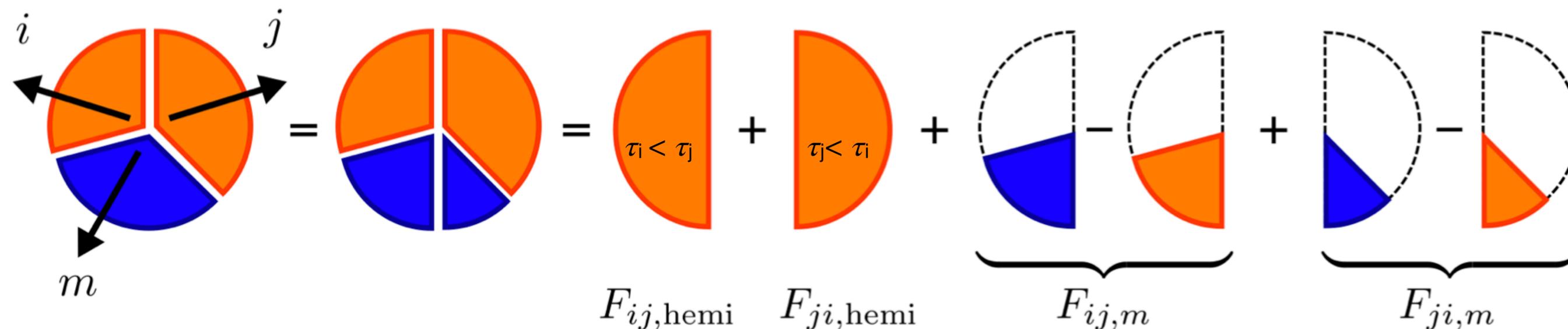
If p_4 is closest to n_a or n_b : p_3 is the jet

If p_4 is closest to p_3 : p_3+p_4 is the jet

Now only 3 possibilities

The Soft Hemisphere Function

From 1102.4344



- At LP: **hemisphere soft function** \rightarrow pole, LL
 $F_{ij,m}$ and $F_{ji,m}$ non-hemisphere soft functions \rightarrow no pole therefore not LL
- This is a useful decomposition because the divergent integrals do not depend on the m direction: less scales, easier integrals.
- At NLP, we found that the hemisphere decomposition can be applied, but now the non-hemisphere terms also have poles, and therefore contribute to the LL.
- Poles cancel only after summing beam, jet, soft hemisphere and soft non-hemisphere contributions, and is therefore a non-trivial check of this result

Subleading Factorization of the Matrix Elements

- Burnett, Kroll, Low (1968) derived the subleading soft factorization of amplitudes squared in QED. It also holds in QCD upon adding the appropriate color factors.

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{soft}}^{\text{NLO,LP+NLP}} = (4\pi\alpha_s) \sum_{i,j} \left\{ \overbrace{-\frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{(k \cdot p_i)(k \cdot p_j)}}^{\text{LP eikonal factor}} + \frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{(k \cdot p_i)(k \cdot p_j)} k \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} - \frac{1}{k \cdot p_i} p_i \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} \right\} \langle \mathcal{A}_{\text{Born}} | \vec{T}_i \cdot \vec{T}_j | \mathcal{A}_{\text{Born}} \rangle$$

- We expand the matrix elements in each region:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{soft}}(\mathcal{T}_a, \mathcal{T}_b, \mathcal{T}_J) = \sum_{n,m,l} \mathcal{M}_{\text{soft}}^{(n,m,l)} \mathcal{T}_a^n \mathcal{T}_b^m \mathcal{T}_J^l$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{beam}}(\mathcal{T}, z_a, \phi) = \sum_{n,m} \mathcal{M}_{\text{beam}}^{(n,m)}(\phi) \mathcal{T}^n (1 - z_a)^m$$

- The theorem can predict ALL the expansion coefficients needed for the NLP-LL. This means that the LL power corrections are process independent!

Final Form of Power Corrections

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{NLP}}}{dQ^2 dY dp_T d\eta d\mathcal{T}} = \frac{d\hat{\text{P}}\hat{\text{S}}_{\text{Born}}}{dQ^2 dY dp_T d\eta} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right) \sum_{\alpha} \left\{ C_{\alpha}^{\text{LL}} \log \frac{\mathcal{T}}{Q_{\alpha}} + C_{\alpha}^{\text{NLL}} \right\}$$

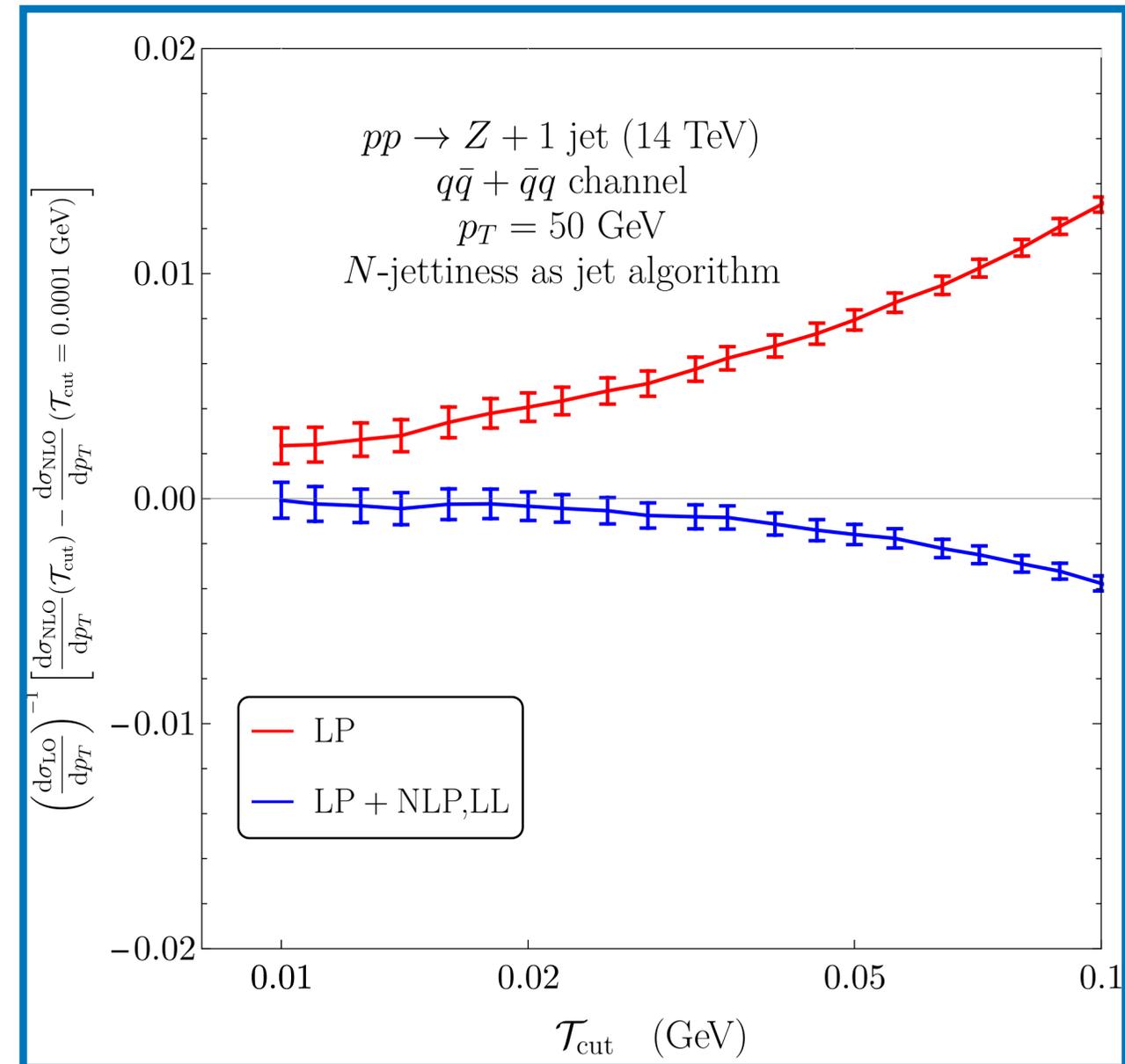
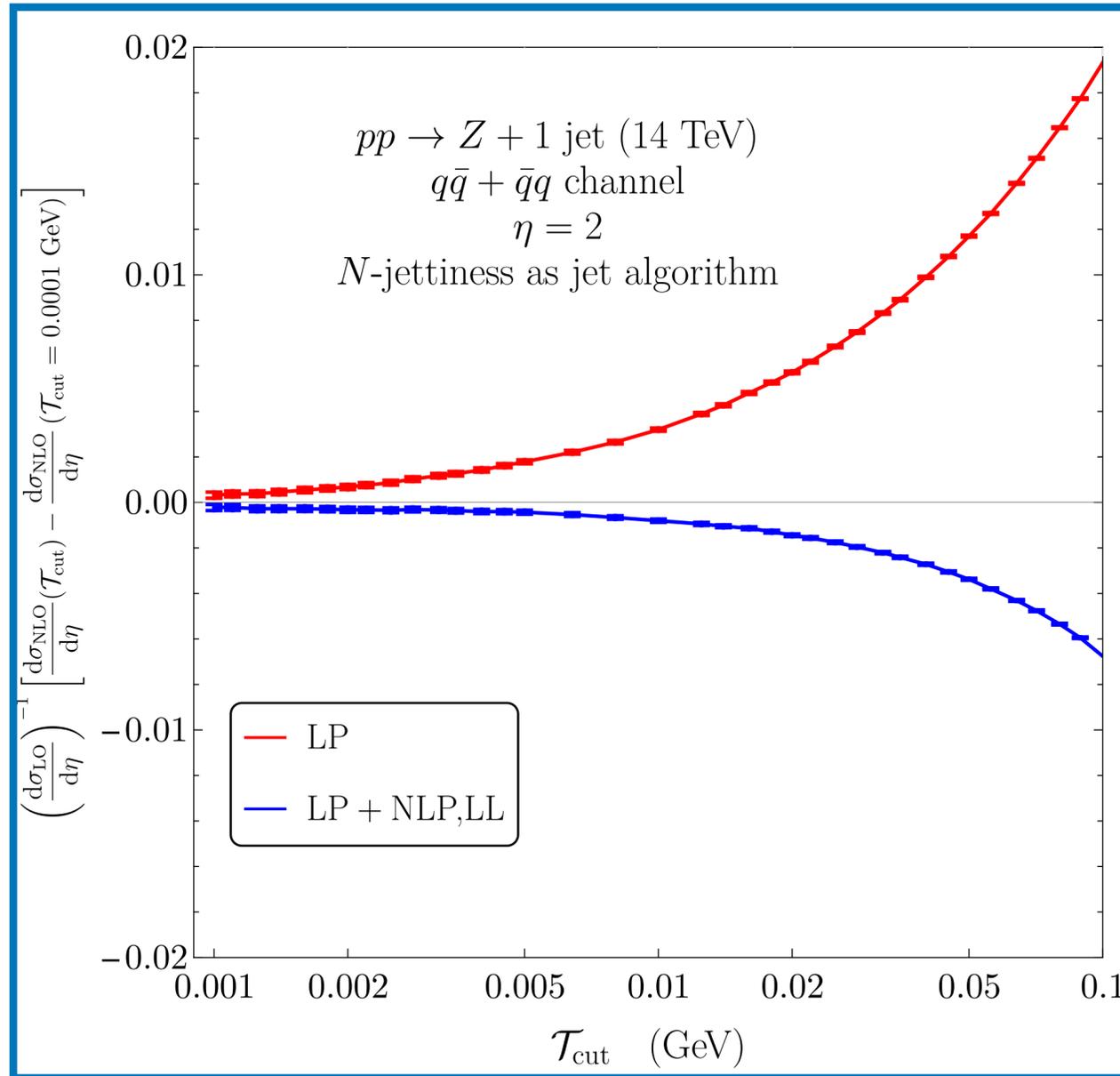
- The sum over α runs over all the regions: beam a, beam b, jet, soft hemisphere, soft non-hemisphere
- The coefficients C_{α}^{LL} are products of process independent phase space coefficients (which contain PDF derivatives) and matrix element coefficients.

- The arguments Q_{α} have a quite simple form: $\hat{s}_{ij} = \frac{n_i \cdot n_j}{2\rho_i\rho_j}$ $\rho_{i,j}$ are hardness measures

$$Q_{\text{soft } ij \text{ hemi}} = \mu\sqrt{\hat{s}_{ij}} \quad Q_{\text{soft } ij \text{ non-hemi}} = \frac{\mu\hat{s}_{im}}{\sqrt{\hat{s}_{ij}}} \quad Q_{\text{beam } a} = \frac{\mu^2}{\sqrt{s}x_a\rho_a} \quad Q_{\text{beam } b} = \frac{\mu^2}{\sqrt{s}x_b\rho_b} \quad Q_{\text{jet}} = \frac{\mu^2}{2p_T\rho_J \cosh \eta}$$

- Without a subleading collinear theorem, there is no general way to express the NLL coefficients.

Results in the QQBar Channel



- We have analytically checked the cancellation of poles.
- Inclusion of NLP-LL corrections reduces the cross section dependence on τ_{cut} and allows for higher values of τ_{cut} .

Different Normalizations

- So far we performed numerical studies for the hadronic definition, where $\rho_a = \rho_b = \rho_J = 1$
- Recent work in the literature ([1906.01020](#)) revisited the NNLO Higgs+1 jet calculation ([1505.03893](#)) by defining N-jettiness in a boosted frame where the system H+1jet is at rest, finding good improvement with respect to the hadronic case.

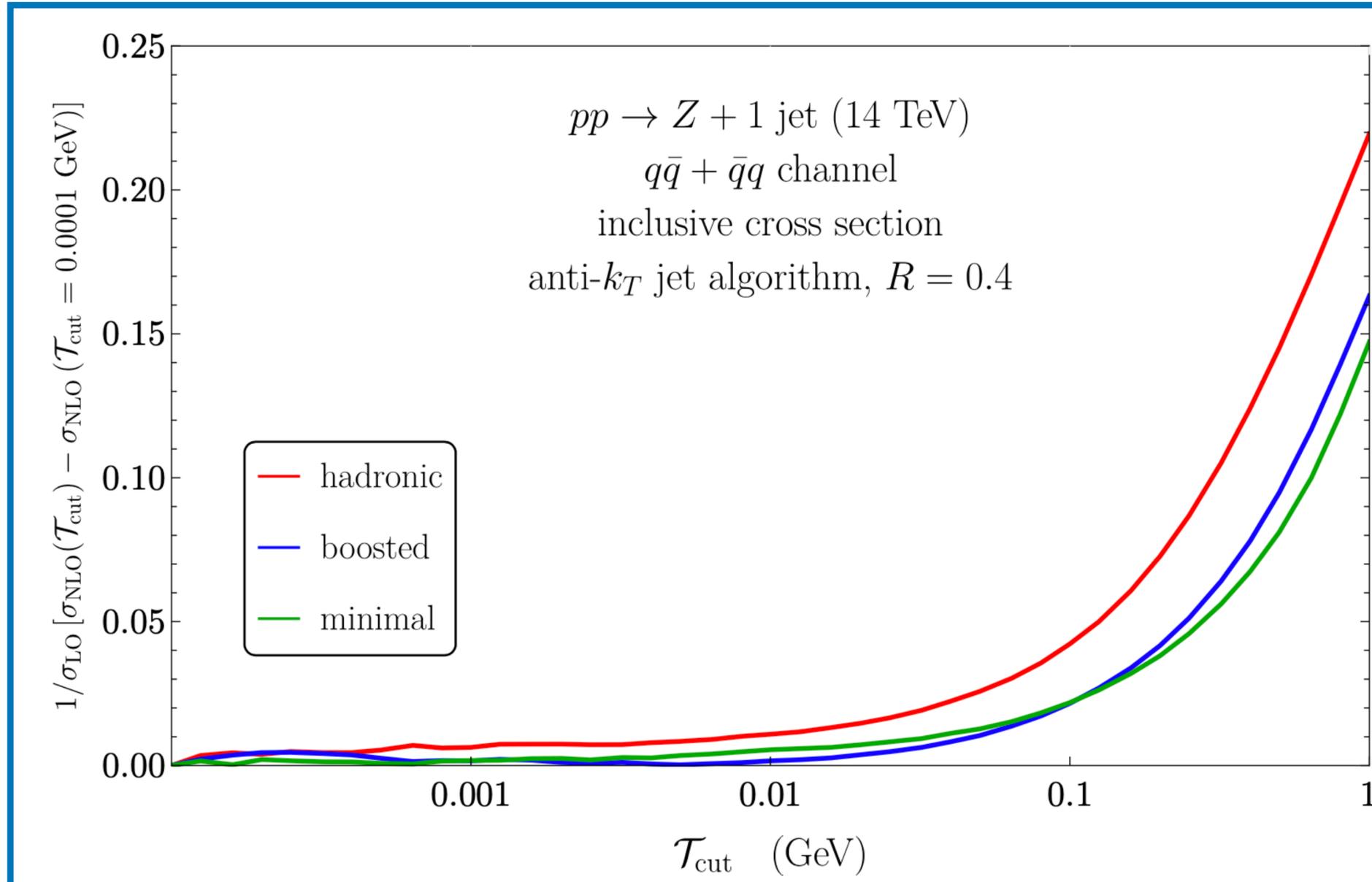
- Boosted definition: $\hat{Q}^2 \equiv (p_V + q_J)^2 = s x_a x_b$ $\hat{Y} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \log \left[\frac{(p_V + q_J) \cdot n_b}{(p_V + q_J) \cdot n_a} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{x_a}{x_b}$

$$\rho_a^{\text{boosted}} = e^{-\hat{Y}} \quad \rho_b^{\text{boosted}} = e^{\hat{Y}} \quad \rho_J^{\text{boosted}} = \frac{\cosh(\eta - \hat{Y})}{\cosh \eta}$$

- This resembles the leptonic definition in the choice of ρ_a and ρ_b . It minimizes $Q_{\text{beam } a}$ and $Q_{\text{beam } b}$ but Q_{jet} is not minimized. We therefore define:

$$\rho_a^{\text{minimal}} = e^{-\hat{Y}} \quad \rho_b^{\text{minimal}} = e^{\hat{Y}} \quad \rho_J^{\text{minimal}} = \frac{1}{\cosh \eta}$$

Comparison of the Three Normalizations



- Comparison done with anti- k_T pre-clustering
- We see an improvement from **hadronic** \rightarrow **boosted** \rightarrow **minimal**

at 1 GeV: **22%** \rightarrow **16%** \rightarrow **15%**

Summary

- The simplicity of the N-jettiness subtraction method made it an attractive approach in deriving jet cross sections at NNLO
- In order to achieve an accuracy that matches the current experimental precision for many processes it is helpful to include NLP corrections for a better numerical stability
- Our analytical derivation of these terms for V+jet at NLO revealed many interesting results:

- ➔ Using the N-jettiness as a clustering jet algorithm simplifies the calculation of the NLP-LL and NLP-NLL
- ➔ The NLP-LL result can be written in a universal form thanks to the subleading soft factorization theorem
- ➔ In order to achieve a universal form for the NLP-NLL, a subleading collinear factorization theorem is needed
- ➔ The minimal definition of the N-jettiness minimizes the impact of the power corrections. Good agreement was found with the boosted definition. Both boosted and minimal definitions should be used at NNLO for a better numerical stability.