

# PRECISION PHENOMENOLOGY AT THE LHC

*Standard Candles* and the *Higgs* to *lighten the path to discoveries*

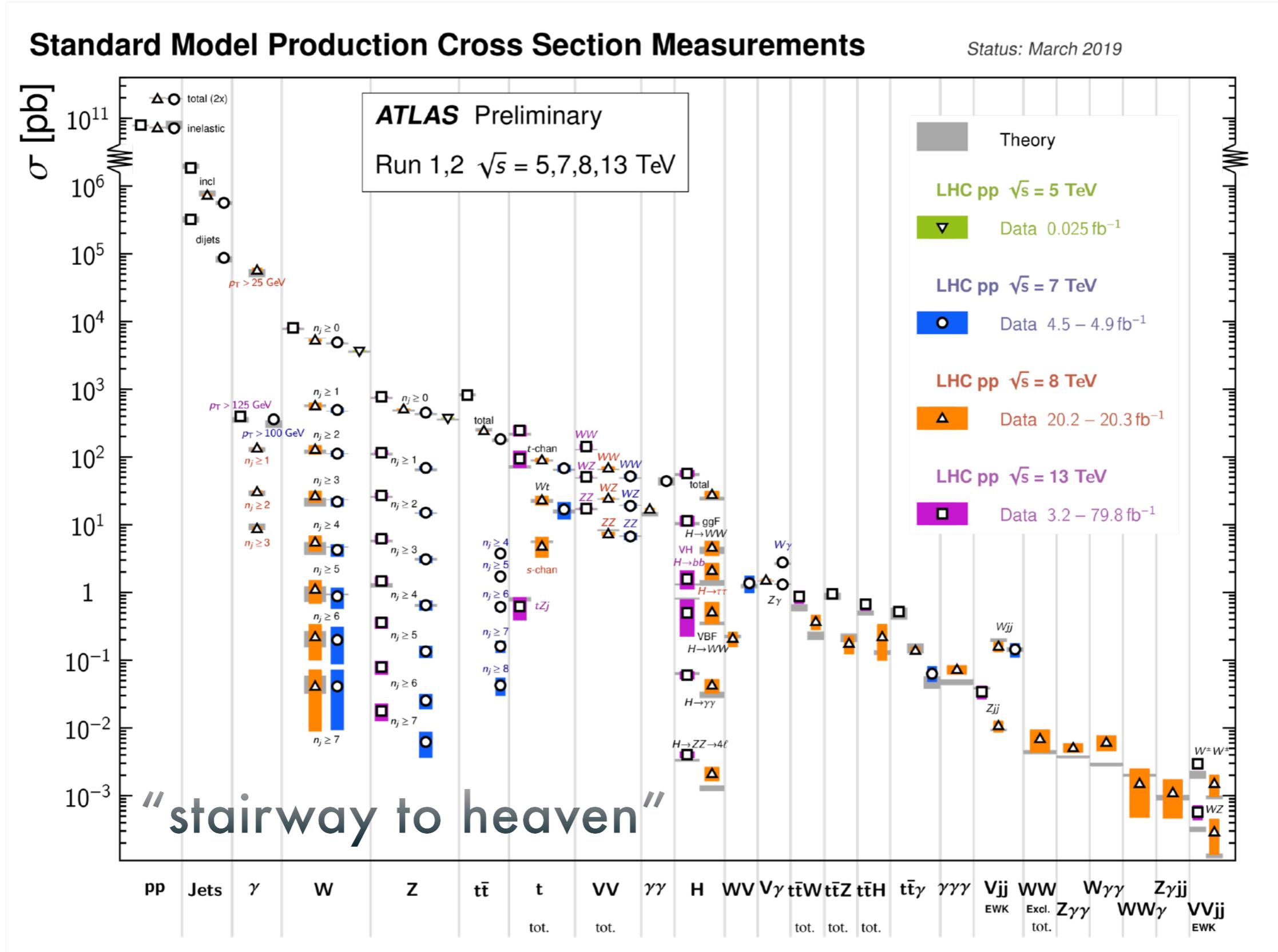


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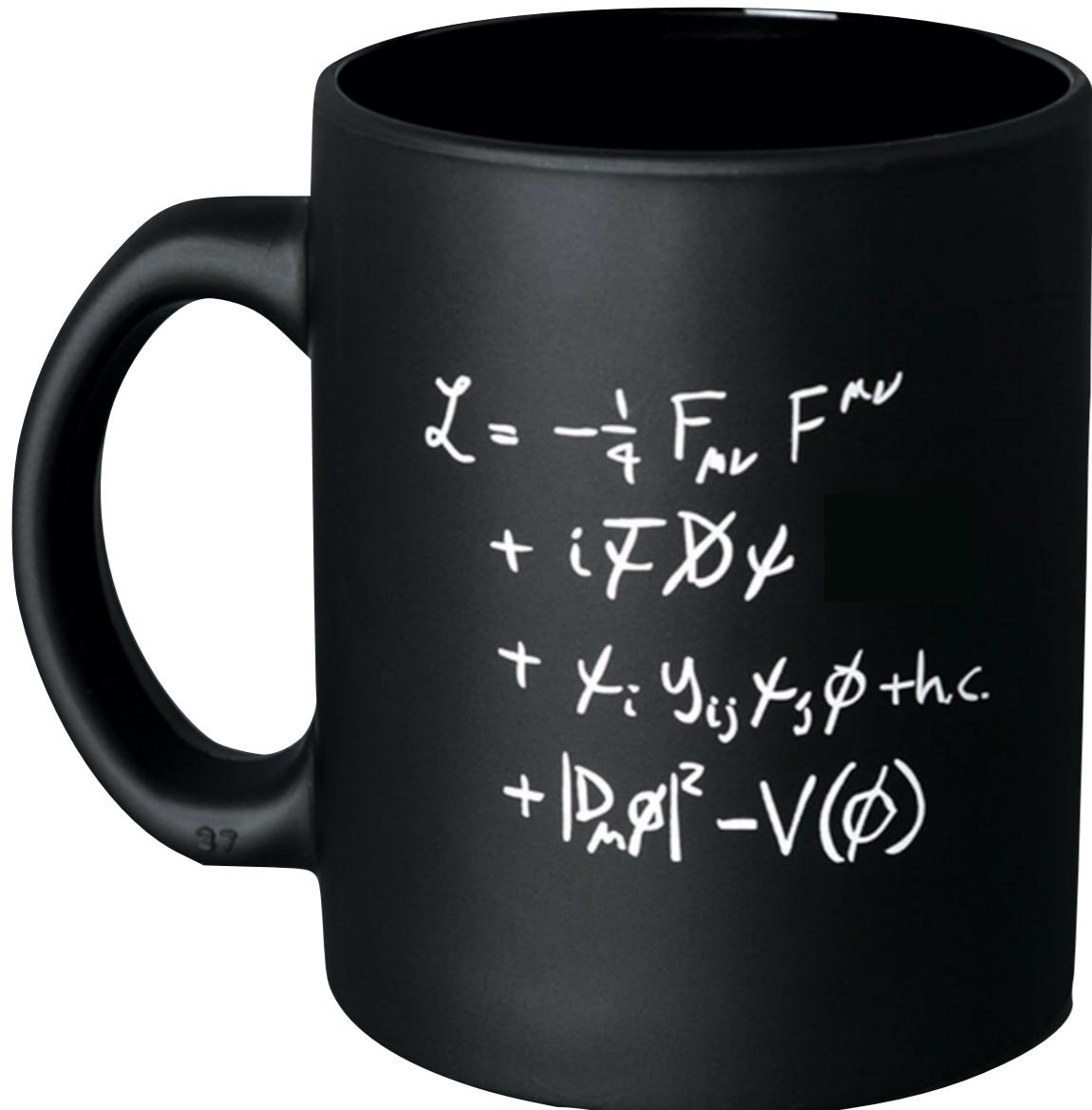


# A REMARKABLE SUCCESS STORY...



## ...BUT NOT THE FULL STORY

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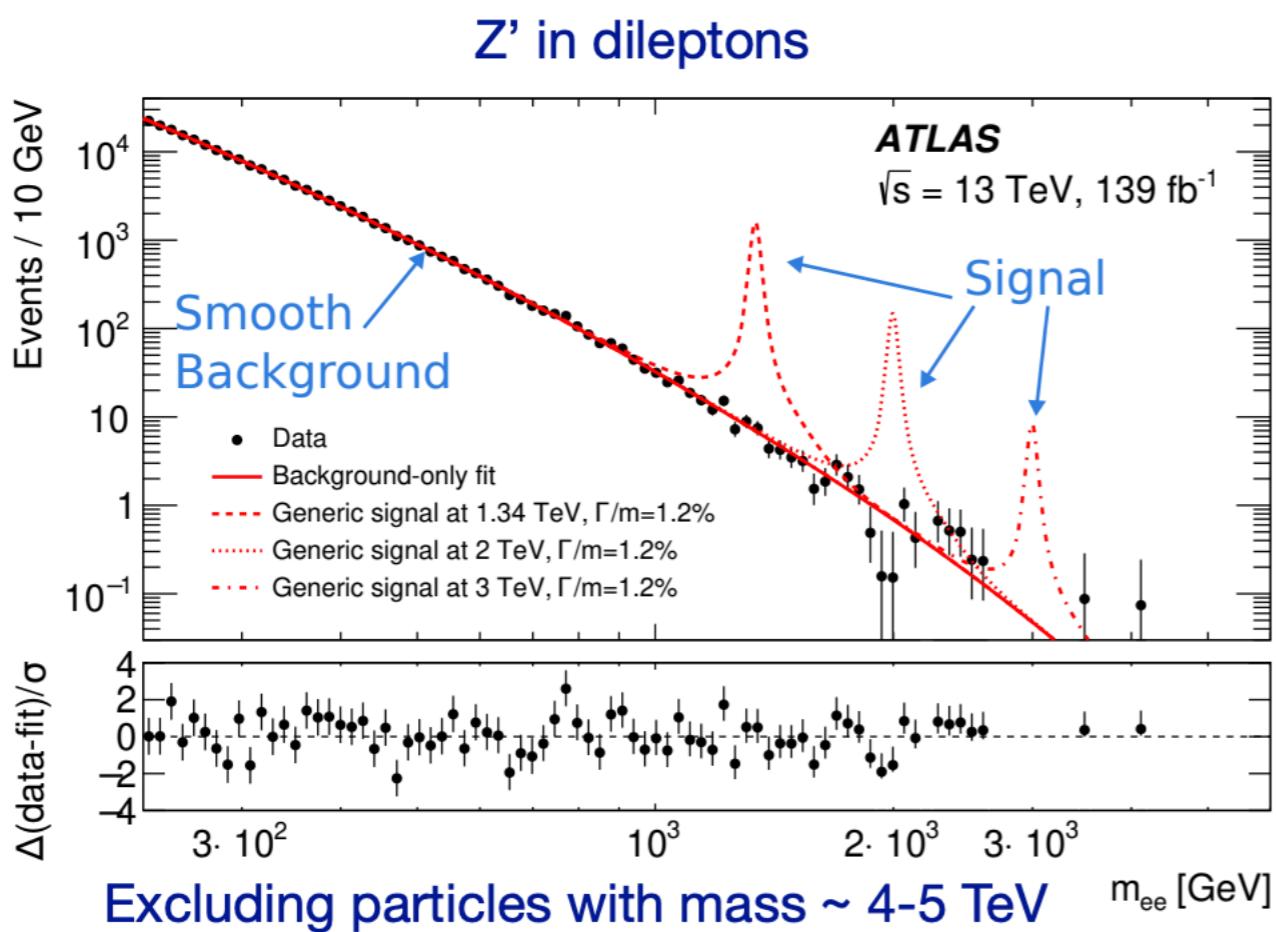


This equation neatly sums up our current understanding of fundamental particles and forces.

- origin of dark matter
- hierarchy problem
- matter anti-matter asymmetry
- hierarchy of scales (generations)
- unification with gravity
- ...
- what is the Higgs potential?
- establish the Yukawa's  $Y_{ij}$
- ...



# NEW PHYSICS — HIDING IN SMALL & SUBTLE EFFECTS?

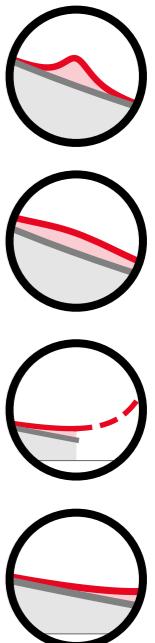


“bump hunting”

→ *little to no theory input needed*

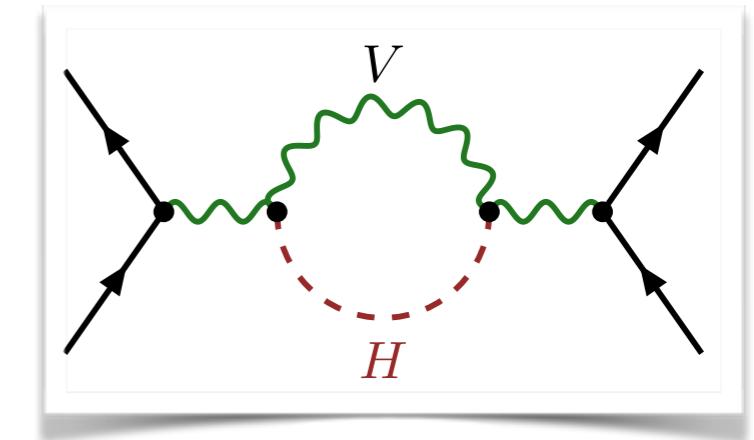
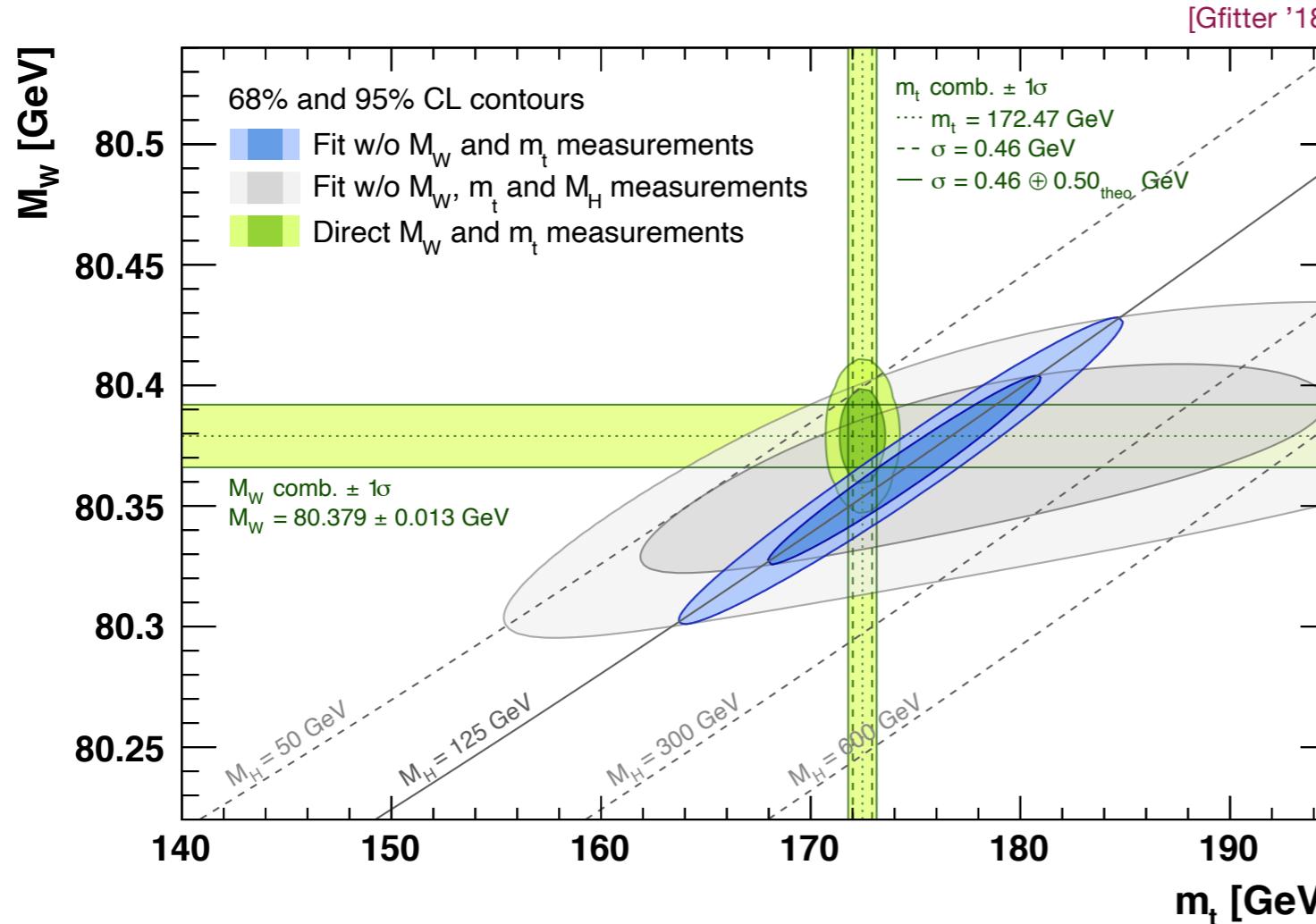
## WHAT IF?

- *interaction weak*
- *wide resonance*
- *too heavy*
- *shape distortion*
- *challenging signature*
- ...

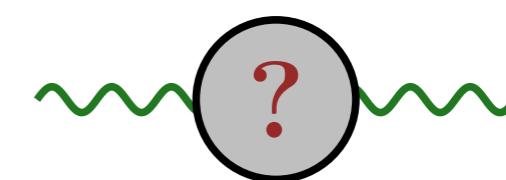


requires solid understanding  
and control of SM backgrounds

# PRECISION MEASUREMENTS & INDIRECT SEARCHES



- constrained system
- self consistent?

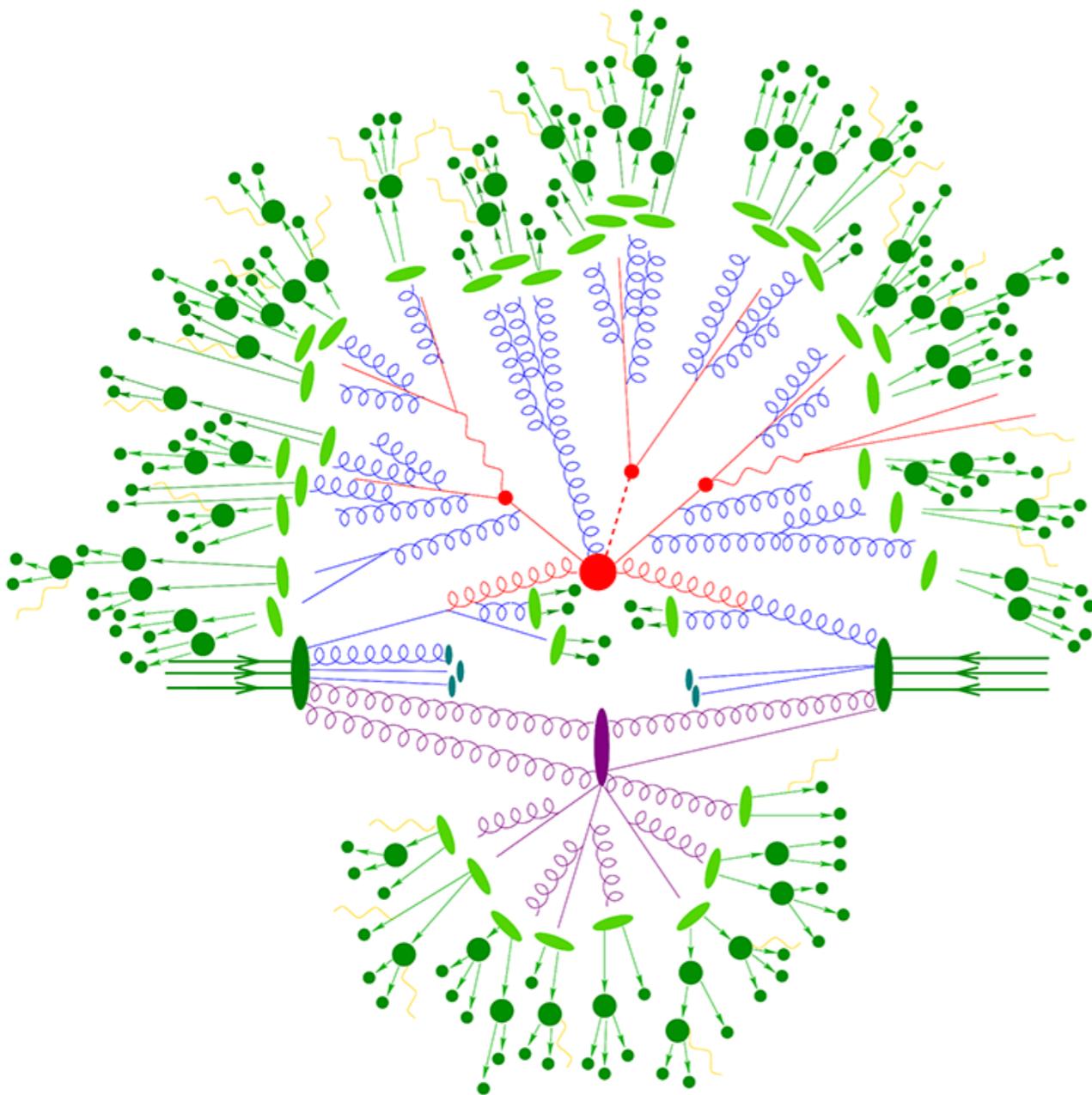


$m/\text{GeV}$	measured	fit value
$m_t$	$172.47 \pm 0.68$	$176.4 \pm 2.1$
$M_H$	$125.1 \pm 0.2$	$90^{+21}_{-18}$
$M_W$	$80.379 \pm 0.013$	$80.354 \pm 0.007$

precision theory  
for  
“standard candles”

# HIGH-PRECISION THEORY PREDICTIONS!

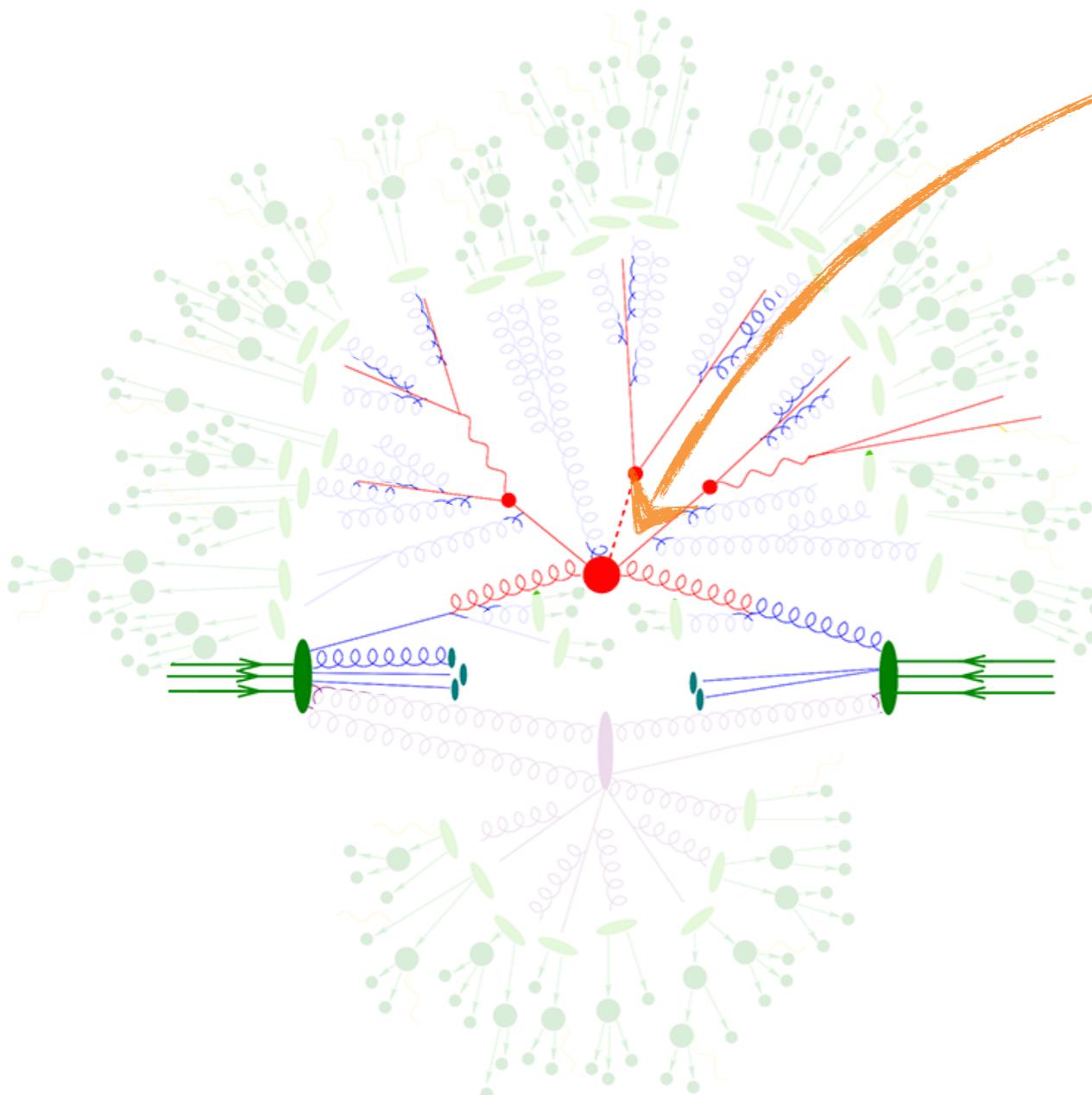
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# THE PLAN.

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## 1. *Precision Predictions for the LHC*

- *The Antenna Subtraction Formalism*

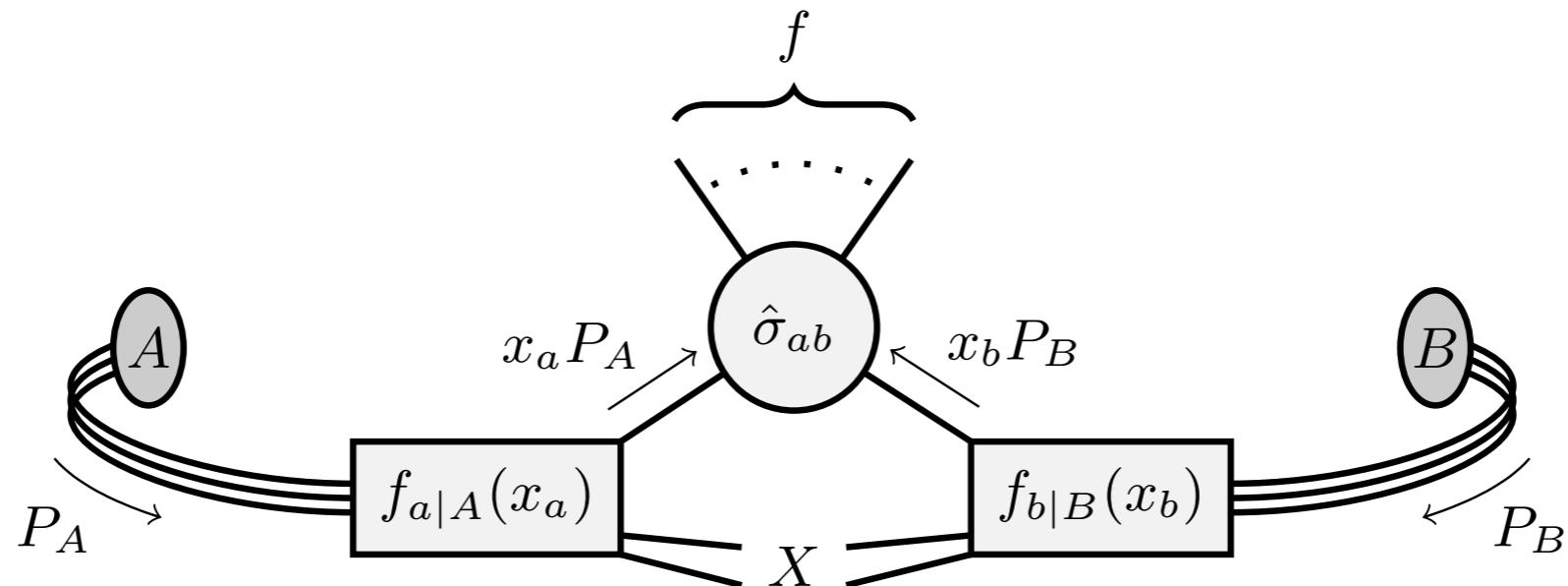
## 2. *Hard QCD Probes*

- *Photon & Jet Production at NNLO*

## 3. *Differential Higgs Production*

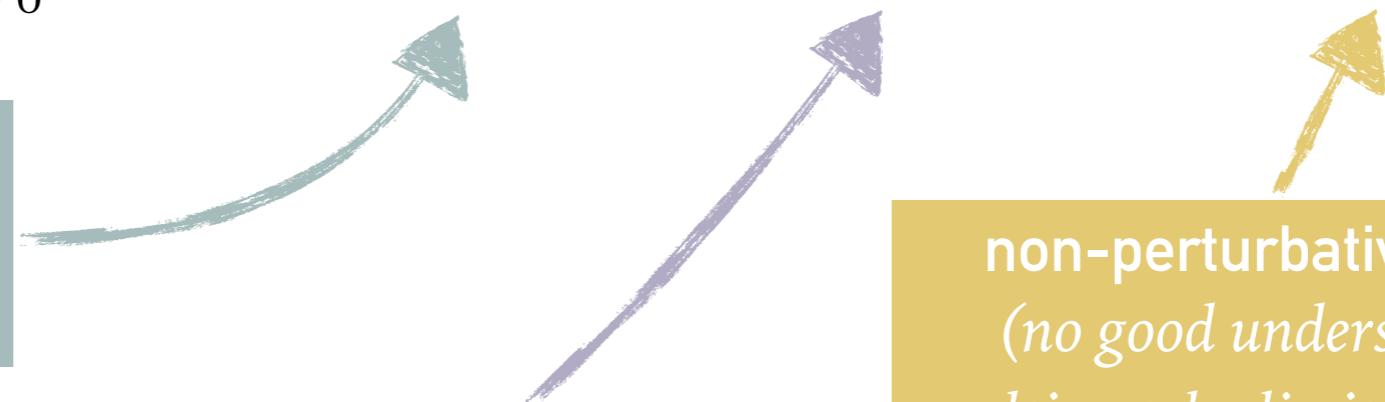
- *The Projection-to-Born Method*

# THEORY PREDICTIONS FOR THE LHC



$$\sigma_{AB} = \sum_{ab} \int_0^1 dx_a \int_0^1 dx_b f_{a|A}(x_a) f_{b|B}(x_b) \hat{\sigma}_{ab}(x_a, x_b) (1 + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/Q))$$

parton distribution functions  
(non-perturbative, universal)

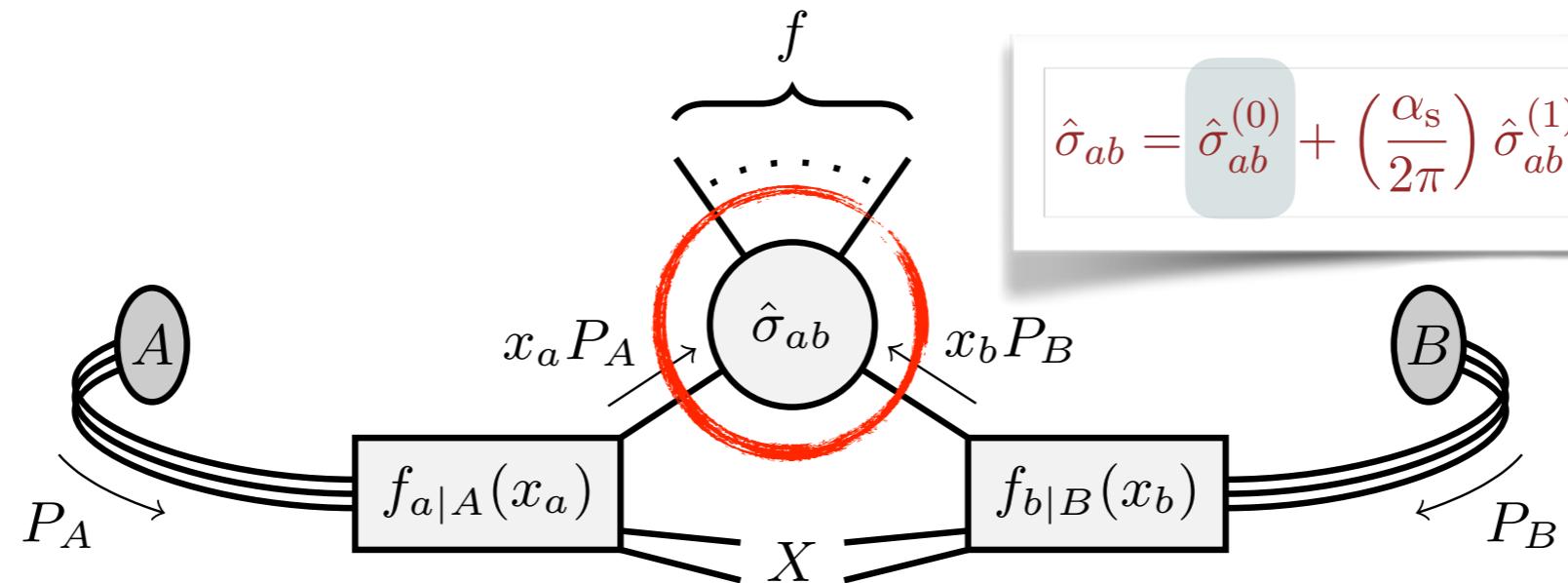


hard scattering  
(perturbation theory)

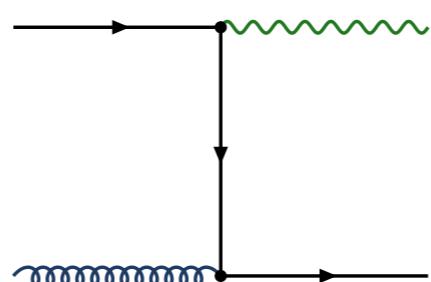
non-perturbative effects  
(no good understanding)  
ultimately, limiting factor?

# HARD SCATTERING — PERTURBATION THEORY

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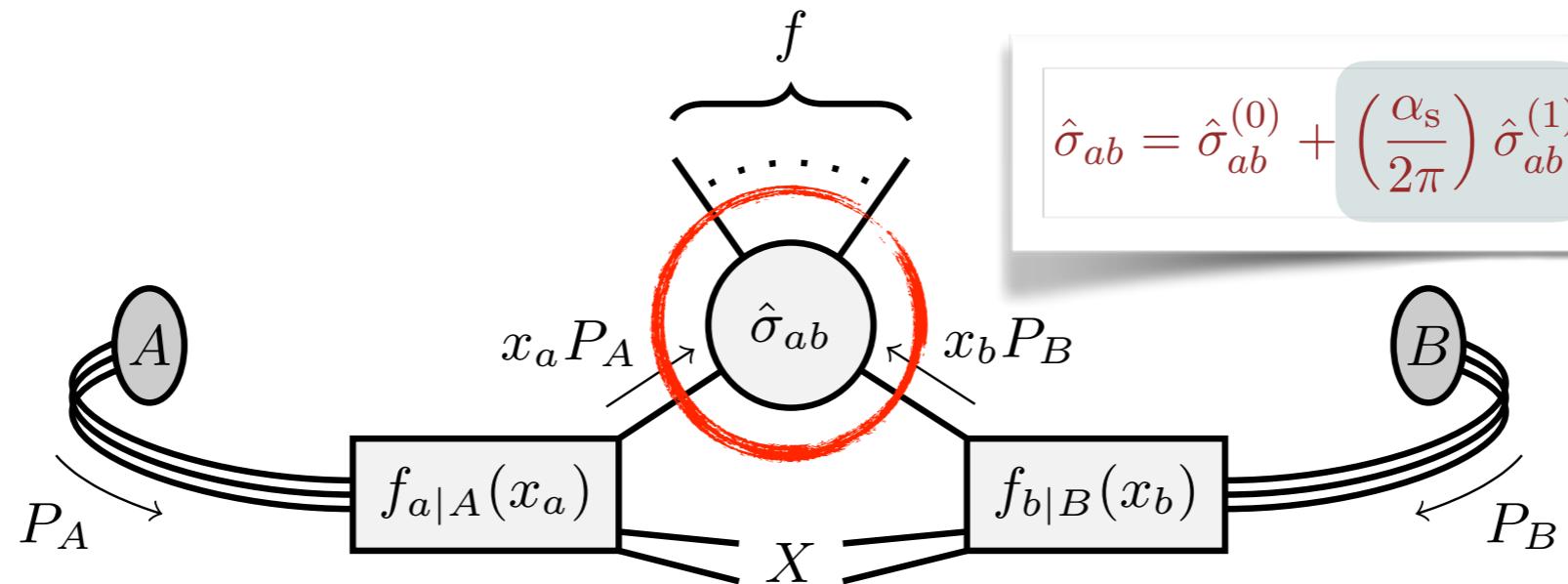


leading order (LO)



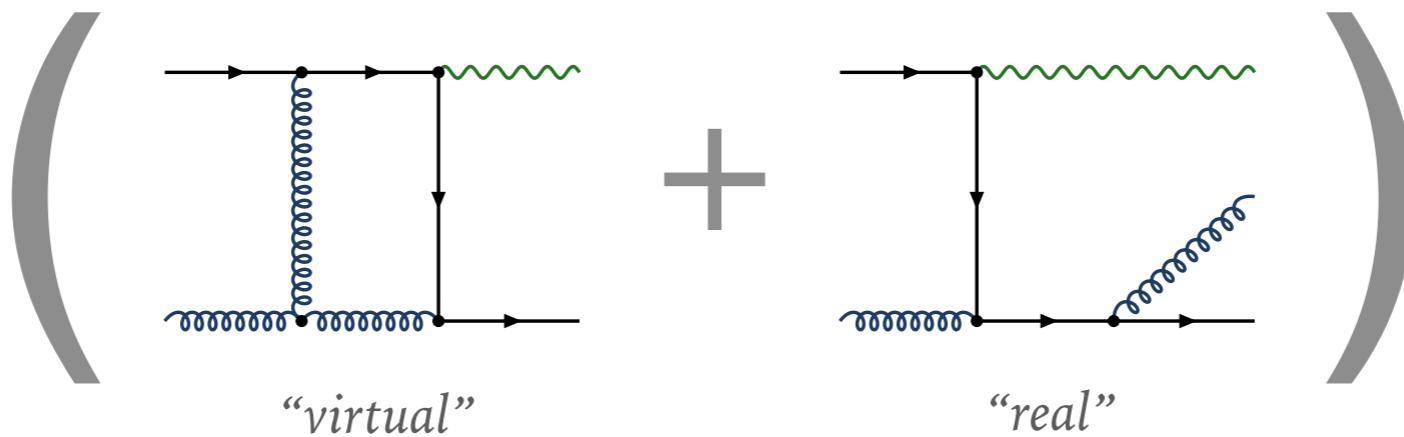
“tree level”

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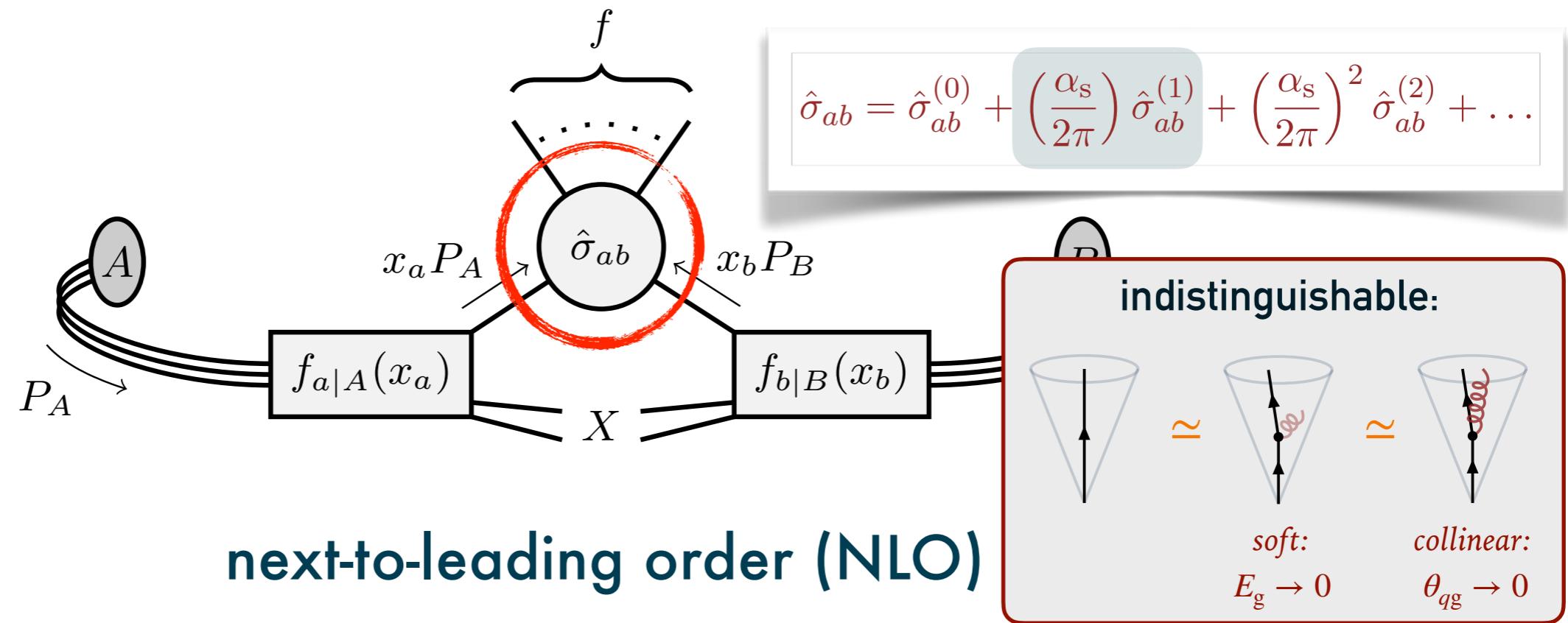


$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab} = \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(0)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right) \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right)^2 \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(2)} + \dots$$

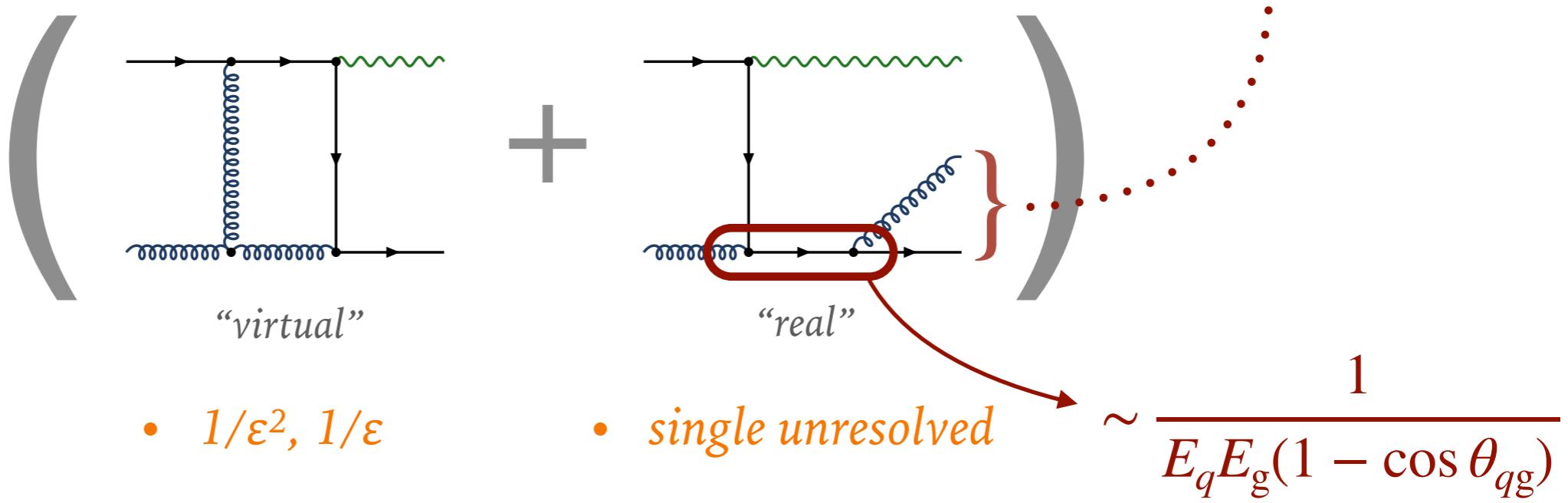
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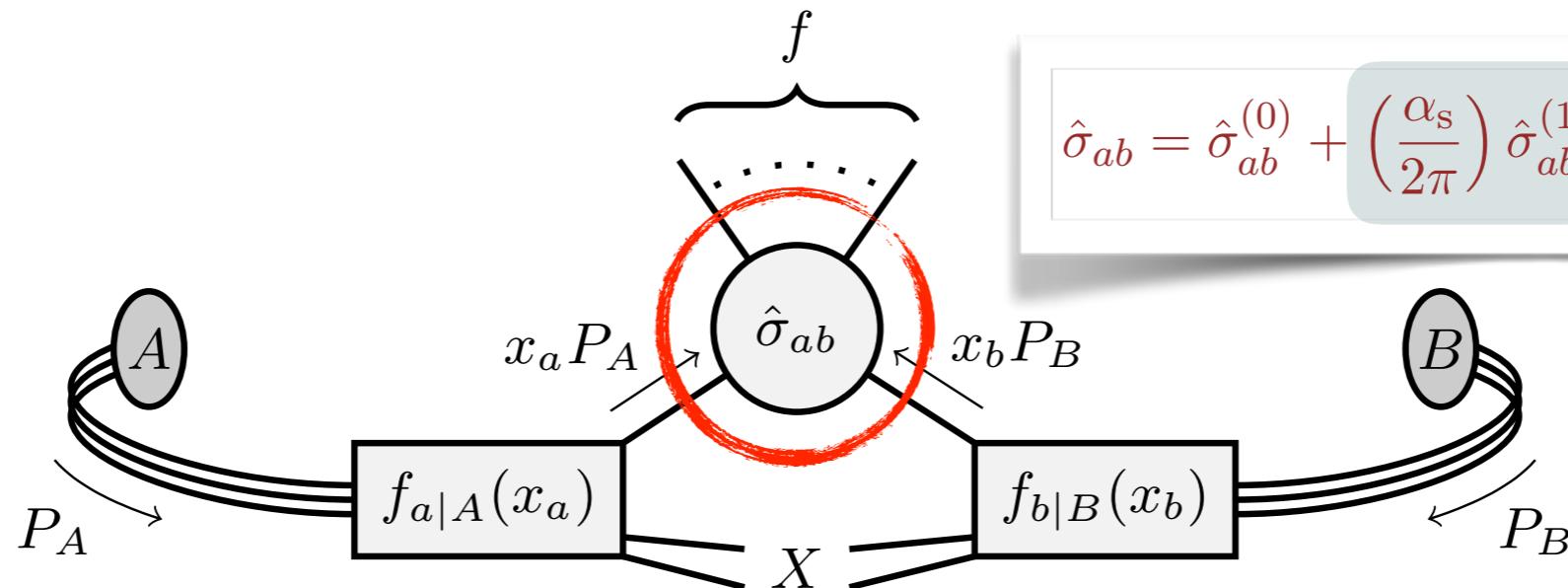
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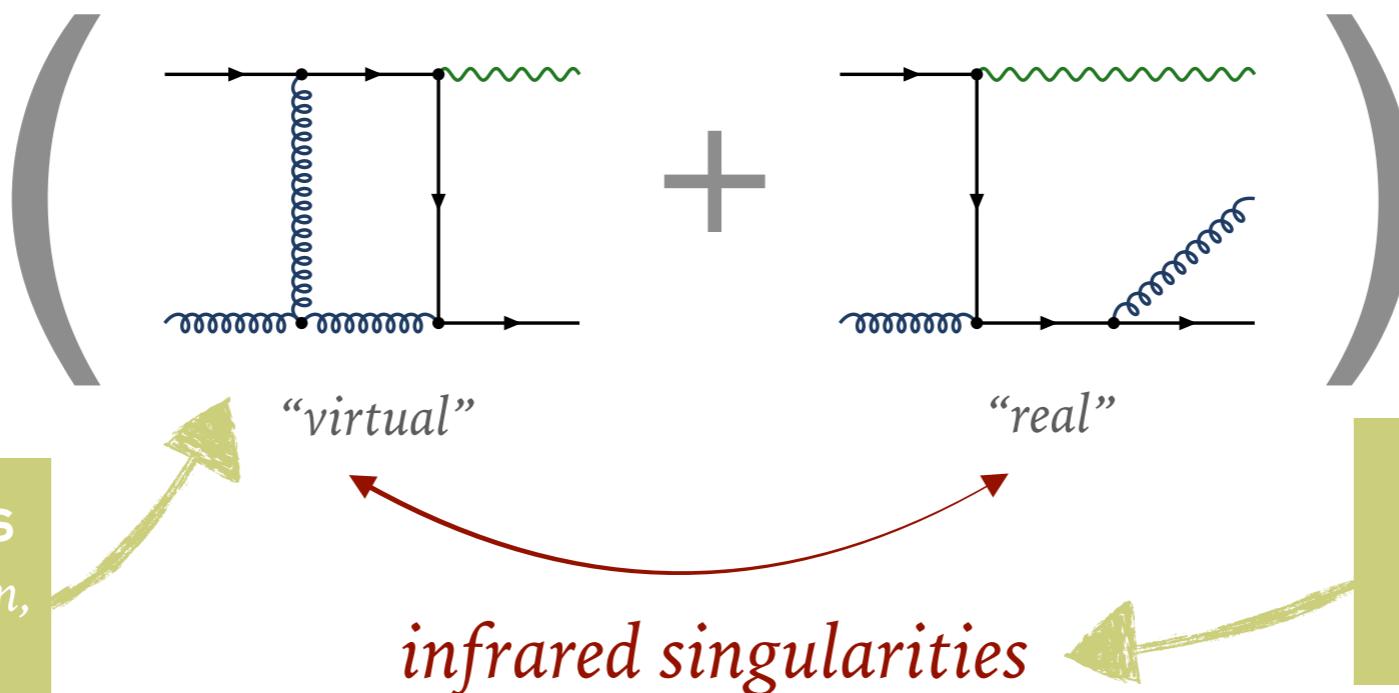
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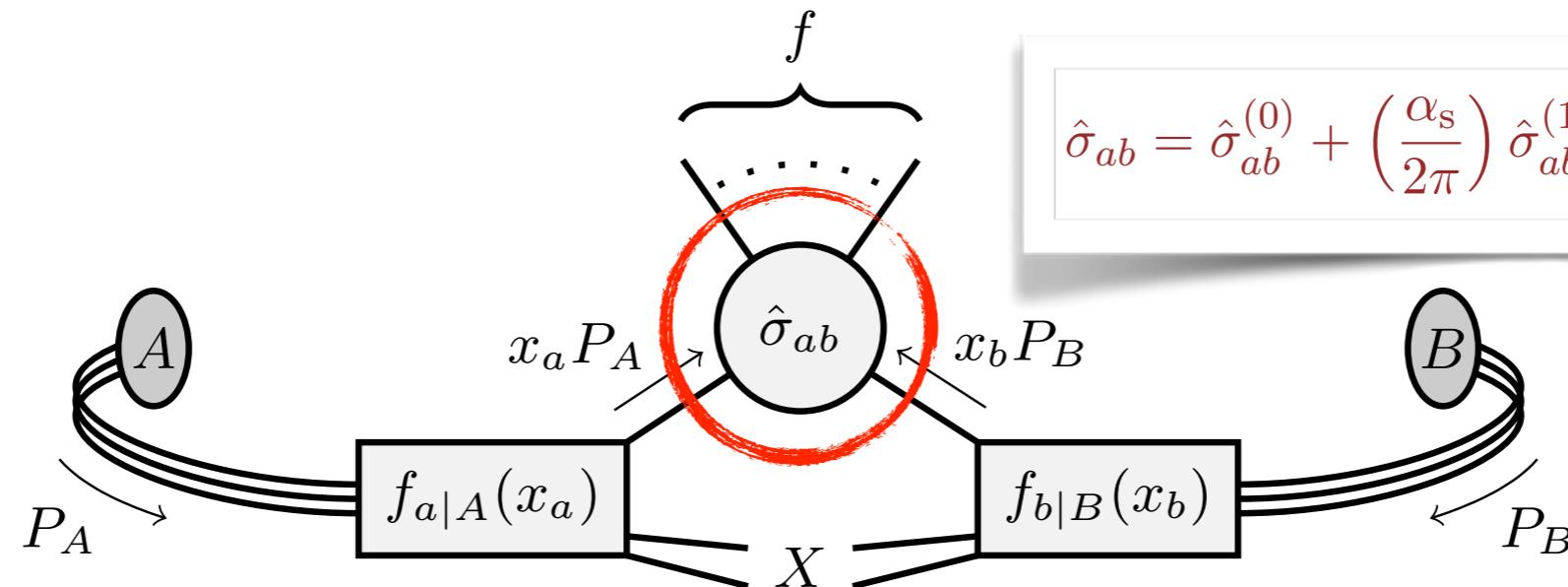
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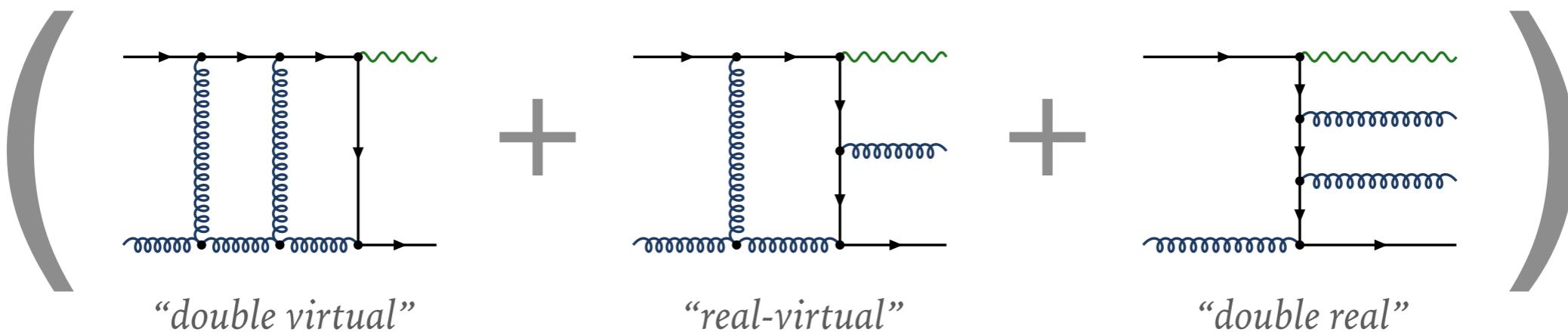


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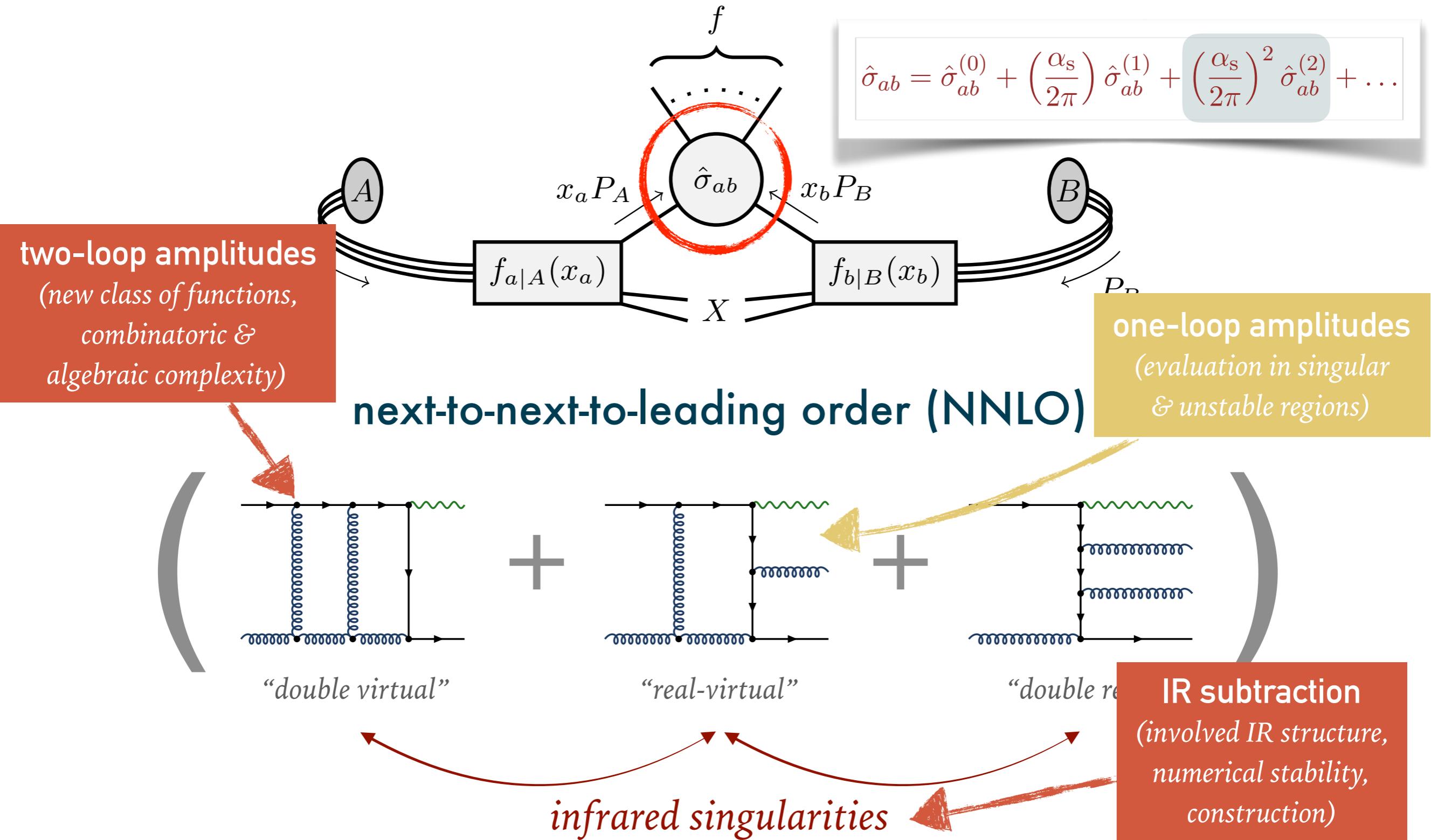


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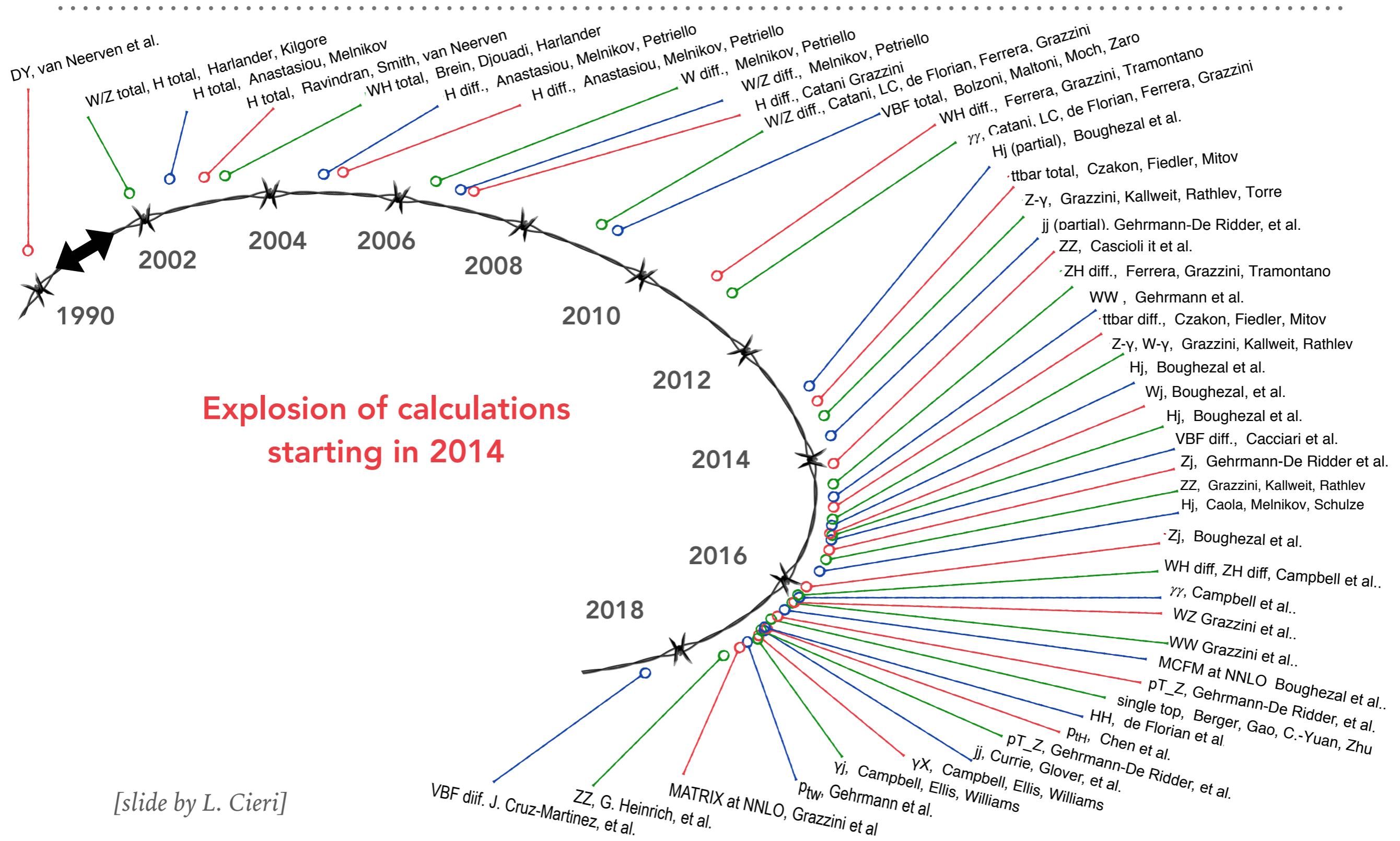
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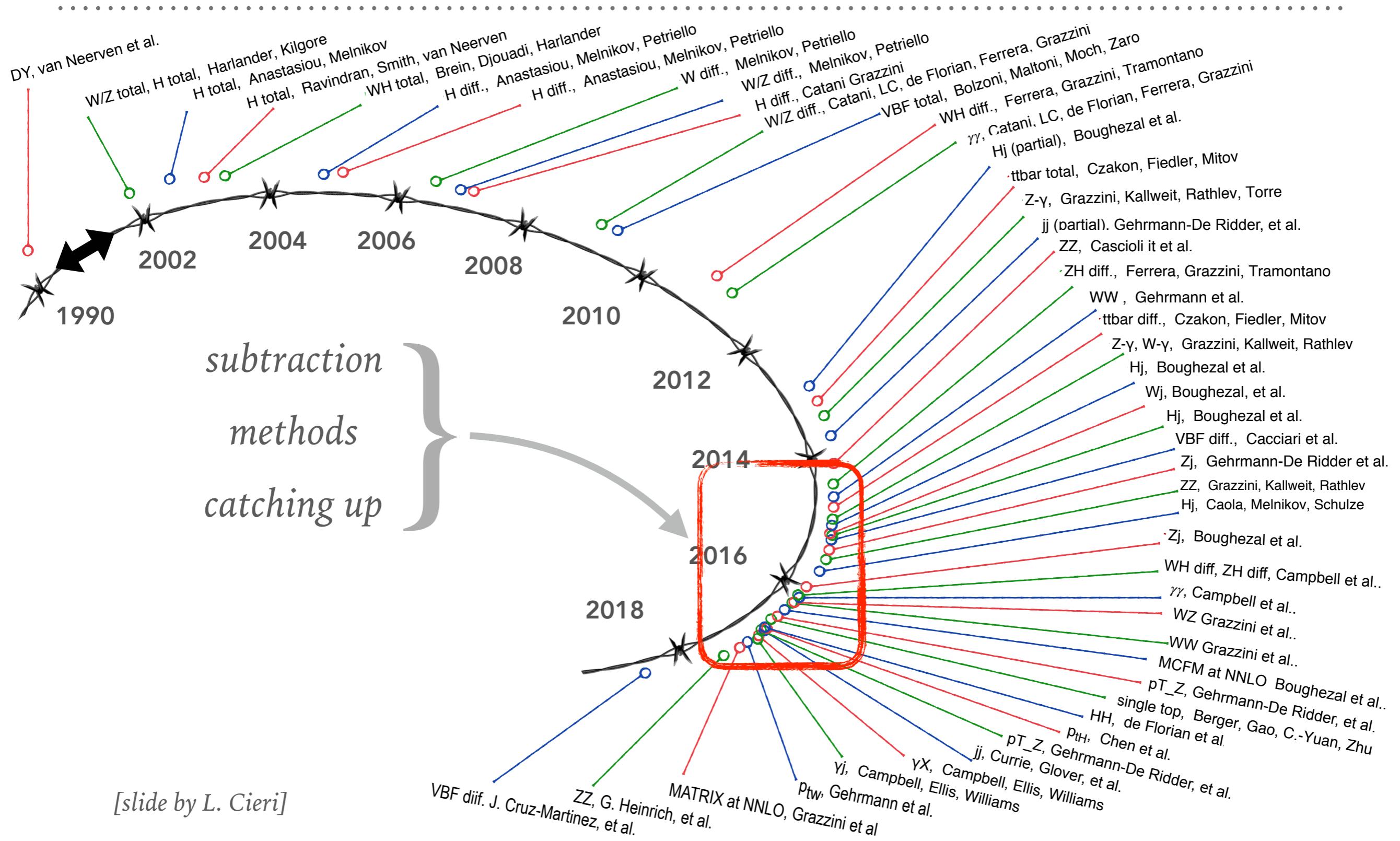
# NNLO — BOTTLE NECKS



# TIMELINE FOR NNLO @ HADRON COLLIDERS

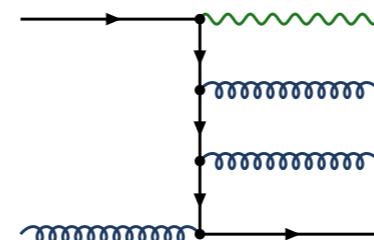


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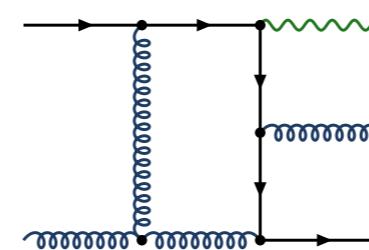
# ANATOMY OF NNLO CALCULATIONS

$$\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = \int_{\Phi_{Z+3}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RR}}$$



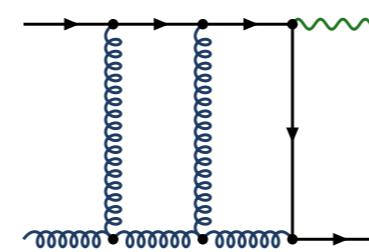
- ▶ single-unresolved
- ▶ double-unresolved

$$+ \int_{\Phi_{Z+2}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RV}}$$



- ▶ single-unresolved
- ▶  $1/\epsilon^2, 1/\epsilon$

$$+ \int_{\Phi_{Z+1}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{VV}}$$



- ▶  $1/\epsilon^4, 1/\epsilon^3, 1/\epsilon^2, 1/\epsilon$

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 $\sum$ 

**finite**

(Kinoshita–Lee–Nauenberg & factorization)

Non-trivial cancellation of infrared singularities

# NNLO USING SUBTRACTION

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$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = & \int_{\Phi_{Z+3}} \left( d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RR}} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S}} \right) \\ & + \int_{\Phi_{Z+2}} \left( d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RV}} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{T}} \right) \\ & + \int_{\Phi_{Z+1}} \left( d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{VV}} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{U}} \right)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S}}, d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{T}}$ :  
mimic  $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RR}}, d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RV}}$   
in unresolved limits
- ▶  $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{T}}, d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{U}}$ :  
*analytic cancellation of poles* in  $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RV}}, d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{VV}}$

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Antenna subtraction  
use simple processes ( $1 \rightarrow 2$ )  
to reconstruct singularities of  
arbitrary processes ( $n \rightarrow m$ )  
colour ordering

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# ANTENNA FACTORIZATION

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$$\underbrace{|\mathcal{A}_{m+1}^0(\dots, i, j, k, \dots)|^2}_{\text{colour-ordered amplitude}} \xrightarrow{j \text{ unresolved}} \underbrace{X_3^0(i, j, k)}_{\text{antenna function}} \underbrace{|\mathcal{A}_m^0(\dots, \tilde{I}, \tilde{K}, \dots)|^2}_{\text{reduced ME}}$$

+ mapping  
 $\{p_i, p_j, p_k\} \rightarrow \{\tilde{p}_I, \tilde{p}_K\}$

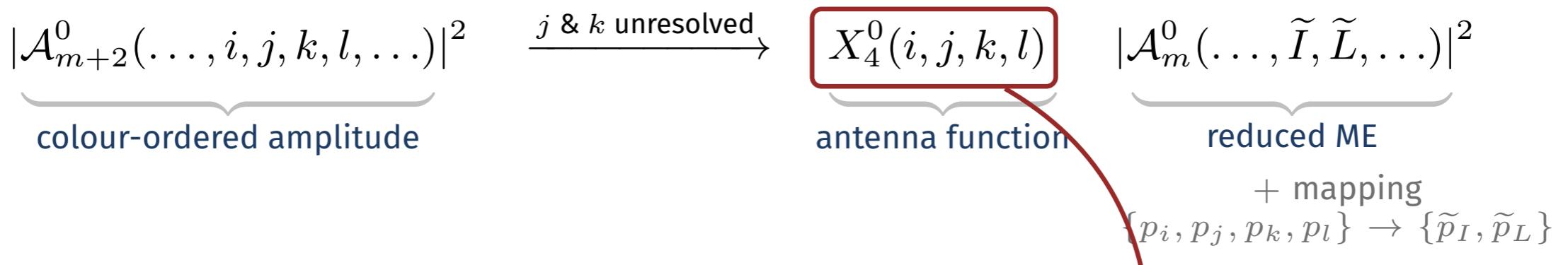
- ▶ captures *multiple limits* and smoothly interpolates between them\*

limit	$X_3^0(i, j, k)$	mapping
$p_j \rightarrow 0$	$\frac{2s_{ik}}{s_{ij}s_{jk}}$	$\tilde{p}_I \rightarrow p_i, \tilde{p}_K \rightarrow p_k$
$p_j \parallel p_i$	$\frac{1}{s_{ij}} P_{ij}(z)$	$\tilde{p}_I \rightarrow (p_i + p_j), \tilde{p}_K \rightarrow p_k$
$p_j \parallel p_k$	$\frac{1}{s_{jk}} P_{kj}(z)$	$\tilde{p}_I \rightarrow p_i, \tilde{p}_K \rightarrow (p_j + p_k)$

\* c.f. dipoles:  $X_3^0(i, j, k) \sim \mathcal{D}_{ij,k} + \mathcal{D}_{kj,i}$

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- ▶ double soft:  $j, k \rightarrow 0$
- ▶ triple-collinear:  
 $(i \parallel j \parallel k) \text{ & } (j \parallel k \parallel l)$
- ▶ double collinear:  $(i \parallel j), (k \parallel l)$
- ▶ soft-collinear:  
 $(i \parallel j), k \rightarrow 0 \text{ & } (k \parallel l), j \rightarrow 0$
- ▶ single-unresolved

# ANTENNA SUBTRACTION — BUILDING BLOCKS

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- $X(\dots)$  based on physical matrix elements

$$X_3^0(i, j, k) = \frac{|\mathcal{A}_3^0(i, j, k)|^2}{|\mathcal{A}_2^0(\tilde{I}, \tilde{K})|^2}, \quad X_4^0(i, j, k, l) = \frac{|\mathcal{A}_4^0(i, j, k, l)|^2}{|\mathcal{A}_2^0(\tilde{I}, \tilde{L})|^2},$$

$$X_3^1(i, j, k) = \frac{|\mathcal{A}_3^1(i, j, k)|^2}{|\mathcal{A}_2^0(\tilde{I}, \tilde{K})|^2} - X_3^0(i, j, k) \frac{|\mathcal{A}_2^1(\tilde{I}, \tilde{K})|^2}{|\mathcal{A}_2^0(\tilde{I}, \tilde{K})|^2},$$

$$A_3^0(i_q, j_g, k_{\bar{q}}) = \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of } A_3^0 \text{ vertex} \\ \text{with } \gamma^*, i_q, j_g, k_{\bar{q}} \end{array} \right|^2 / \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of } A_2^0 \text{ vertex} \\ \text{with } \gamma^*, I_q, K_{\bar{q}} \end{array} \right|^2$$

- integrating the antennae  $\longleftrightarrow$  phase-space factorization

$$\begin{aligned} d\Phi_{m+1}(\dots, p_i, p_j, p_k, \dots) \\ = d\Phi_m(\dots, \tilde{p}_I, \tilde{p}_K, \dots) d\Phi_{X_{ijk}}(p_i, p_j, p_k; \tilde{p}_I + \tilde{p}_K) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{X}_3^{0,1}(i, j, k) = \int d\Phi_{X_{ijk}} X_3^{0,1}(i, j, k), \quad \mathcal{X}_4^0(i, j, k, l) = \int d\Phi_{X_{ijkl}} X_4^0(i, j, k, l)$$

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All building blocks known!

$X_3^0, X_4^0, X_3^1$  and integrated counterparts  $\mathcal{X}_3^0, \mathcal{X}_4^0, \mathcal{X}_3^1$

$\forall$  configurations relevant at hadron colliders:

↪ final-final .....  $e^+e^-$

[Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover '05]

↪ initial-final .....  $e^+p$

[Daleo, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Luisoni, Maitre '06,'09,'12]

↪ initial-initial .....  $pp$

[Boughezal, Daleo, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Maitre, et al. '10,'11,'12]

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# ANTENNA SUBTRACTION @ NLO — $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ggZ$

$d\hat{\sigma}^T :$

$$d\hat{\sigma}^T \sim J_n^{(1)} M_n^0$$

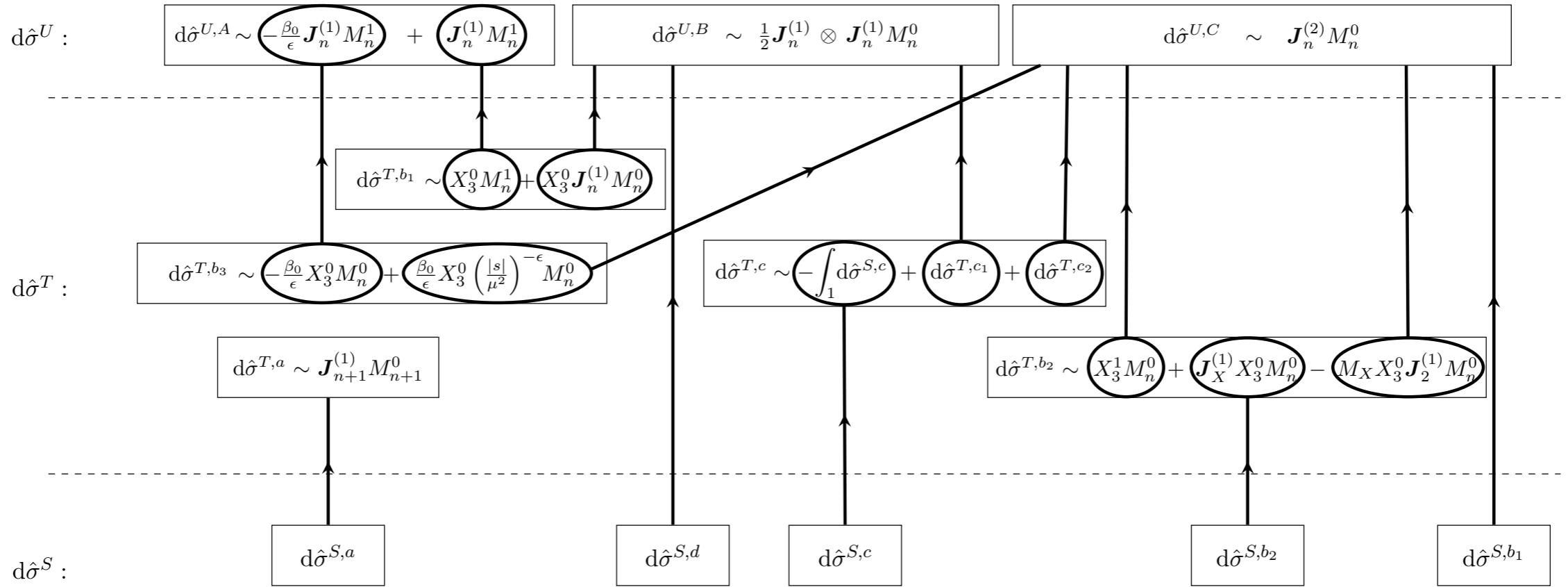
$d\hat{\sigma}^S :$

$$d\hat{\sigma}^S \sim X_3^0 M_n^0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \left\{ d\sigma_{Z+1\text{jet}}^R - d\sigma_{Z+1\text{jet}}^S \right\} \\ = & \int d\Phi_{Z+2} \left\{ \left| \mathcal{A}_4^0(1_q, 3_g, 4_g, 2_{\bar{q}}, Z) \right|^2 \mathcal{J}(\Phi_{Z+2}) \right. \\ & \quad - d_3^0(1_q, 3_g, 4_g) \left| \mathcal{A}_3^0(\tilde{1}_q, \widetilde{(34)}_g, 2_{\bar{q}}, Z) \right|^2 \mathcal{J}(\tilde{\Phi}_{Z+1}) \\ & \quad \left. - d_3^0(2_{\bar{q}}, 4_g, 3_g) \left| \mathcal{A}_3^0(1_q, \widetilde{(34)}_g, \tilde{2}_{\bar{q}}, Z) \right|^2 \mathcal{J}(\tilde{\Phi}_{Z+1}) \right\} + (3 \leftrightarrow 4) \\ & \int \left\{ d\sigma_{Z+1\text{jet}}^V - d\sigma_{Z+1\text{jet}}^T \right\} \\ = & \int d\Phi_{Z+1} \left\{ \left| \mathcal{A}_3^1(1_q, 3_g, 2_{\bar{q}}, Z) \right|^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} [\mathcal{D}_3^0(s_{13}) + \mathcal{D}_3^0(s_{23})] \left| \mathcal{A}_3^0(1_q, 3_g, 2_{\bar{q}}, Z) \right|^2 \right\} \mathcal{J}(\Phi_{Z+1}) \end{aligned}$$

# ANTENNA SUBTRACTION @ NNLO

[J. Currie , E.W.N. Glover, S. Wells '13]



- ▶ double real:  $dσ^S \sim X_3^0 |\mathcal{A}_{m+1}^0|^2, X_4^0 |\mathcal{A}_m^0|^2, X_3^0 X_3^0 |\mathcal{A}_m^0|^2$
- ▶ real-virtual:  $dσ^T \sim X_3^0 |\mathcal{A}_{m+1}^0|^2, X_3^0 |\mathcal{A}_m^1|^2, X_3^1 |\mathcal{A}_m^0|^2$
- ▶ double virtual:  $dσ^U = (\text{collect rest}) \sim \mathcal{X} |\mathcal{A}_m^{0,1}|^2$

# ANTENNA SUBTRACTION — CHECKS OF THE CALCULATION

## Analytic pole cancellation

- ▶ Poles  $(d\sigma^{RV} - d\sigma^T) = 0$
- ▶ Poles  $(d\sigma^{VV} - d\sigma^U) = 0$

DimReg:  $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$

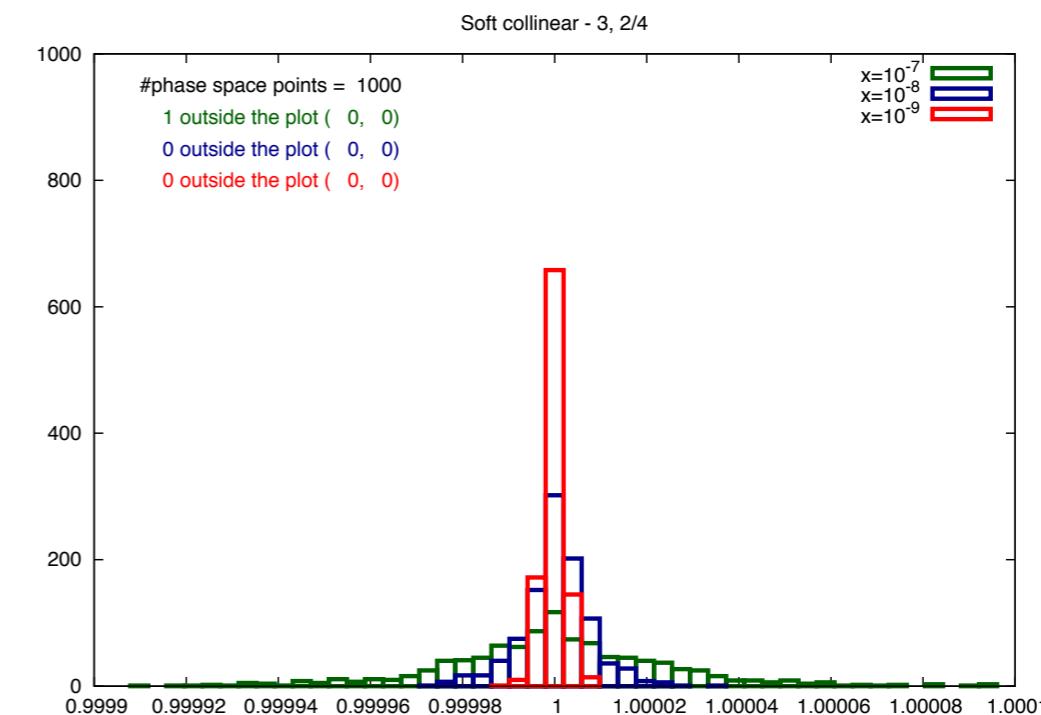
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$ form autoqgB1g2ZgtoqU.frm
FORM 4.1 (Mar 13 2014) 64-bits
#-
poles = 0;
6.58 sec out of 6.64 sec
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## Unresolved limits

- ▶  $d\sigma^S \rightarrow d\sigma^{RR}$  (single- & double-unresolved)
- ▶  $d\sigma^T \rightarrow d\sigma^{RV}$  (single-unresolved)

bin the ratio:  $d\sigma^S/d\sigma^{RR} \xrightarrow{\text{unresolved}} 1$

$q \bar{q} \rightarrow Z + g_3 g_4 g_5$  ( $g_3$  soft &  $g_4 \parallel \bar{q}$ )



(approach singular limit:  $x_i = 10^{-7}, 10^{-8}, 10^{-9}$ )



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## Processes computed using the antenna subtraction method

- $\text{pp} \rightarrow V$  @ NNLO
- $\text{pp} \rightarrow V + j$  @ NNLO
- $\rightarrow V \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}$  ( $V = Z/\gamma^*, W^\pm$ )
- $\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{jets}$  (inc. jets, 2j) @ NNLO
- $\text{pp} \rightarrow \gamma + j$  @ NNLO
- $\text{ep} \rightarrow 1j$  @ N<sup>3</sup>LO
- $\text{ep} \rightarrow 2j$  @ NNLO
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3 \text{ jets}$  @ NNLO
- $\text{pp} \rightarrow H \text{ (ggH)}$  @ N<sup>3</sup>LO
- $\text{pp} \rightarrow H + j \text{ (ggH)}$  @ NNLO
- $\text{pp} \rightarrow H + 2j \text{ (VBF)}$  @ NNLO
- $\rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \tau\tau, V\gamma, VV$
- $\text{pp} \rightarrow VH$  @ NNLO
- $\rightarrow H \rightarrow bb$
- ...



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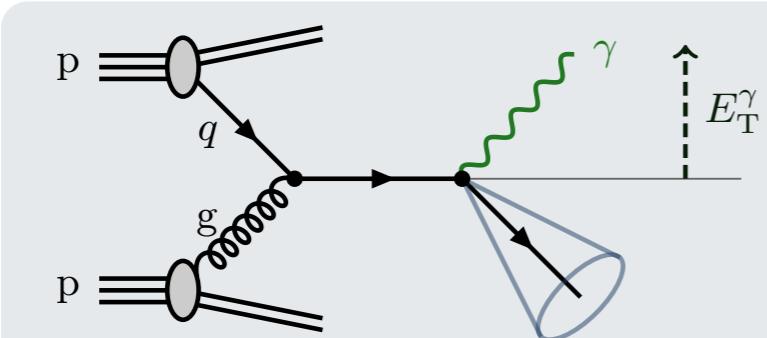
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  - $pp \rightarrow \text{jets}$  @ NNLO
  - $pp \rightarrow \gamma +$  @ NNLO
  - $ep \rightarrow$  @ NNLO
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  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow$  @ NNLO
  - $pp \rightarrow V + 0,1,2 \text{ jets}$  "colour neutral" + (VBF) @ NNLO
  - $pp \rightarrow VH$  @ NNLO
  - $\rightarrow H \rightarrow bb$
  - ...
- N<sup>3</sup>LO**
- "NNLO subtraction set up for"**
- p p**

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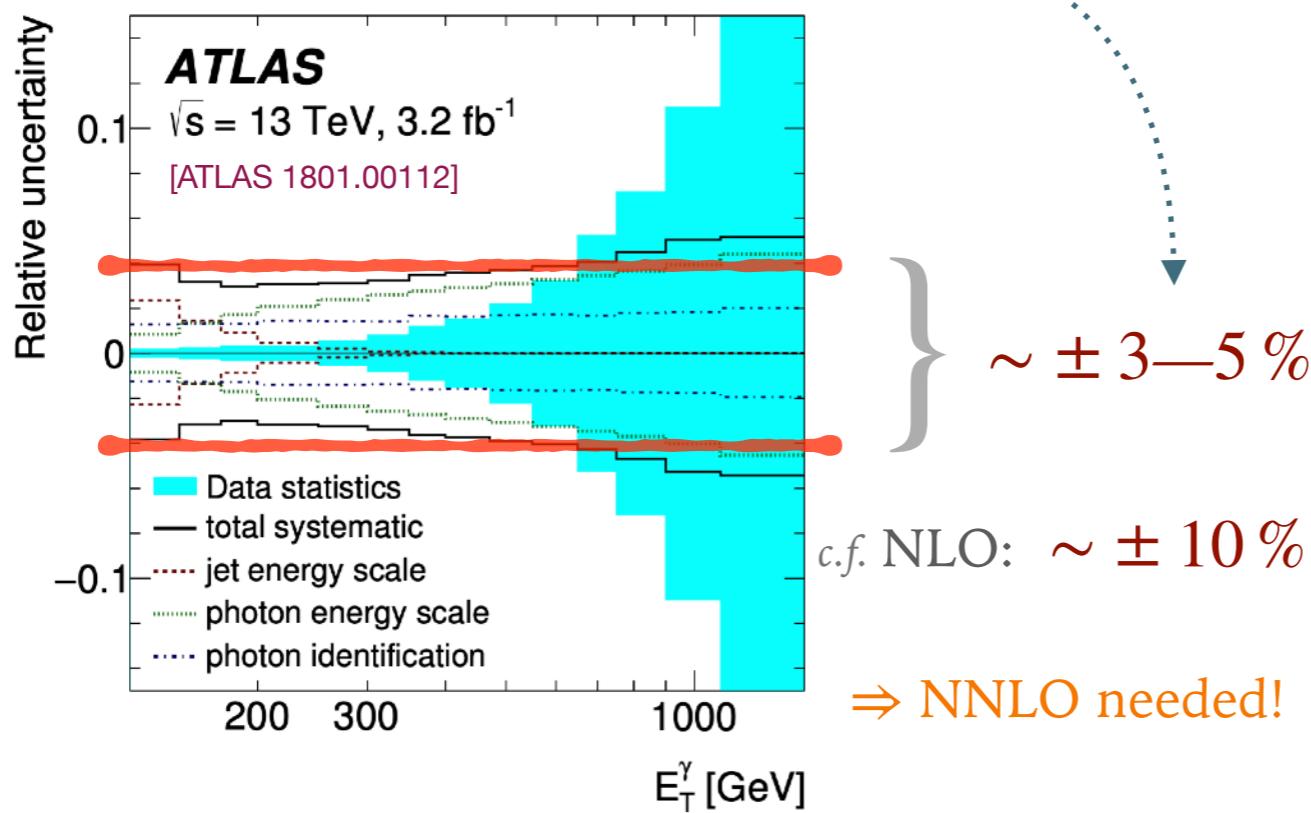
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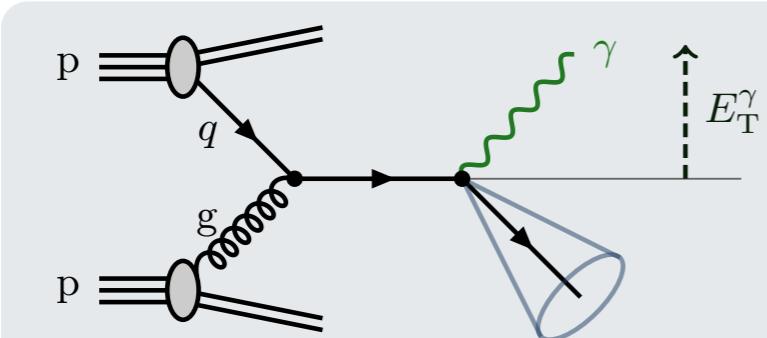
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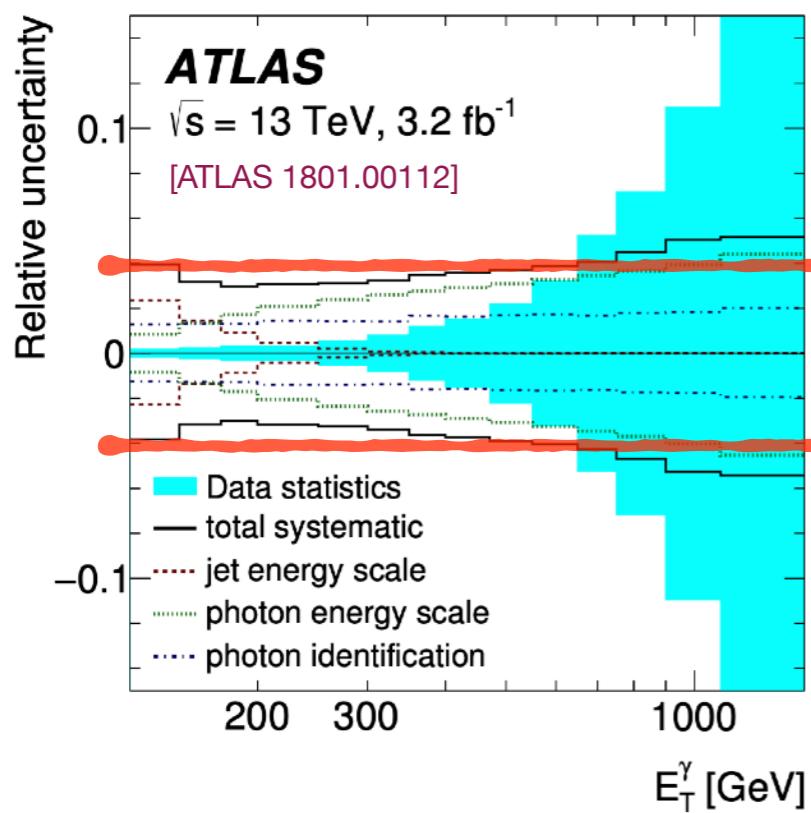
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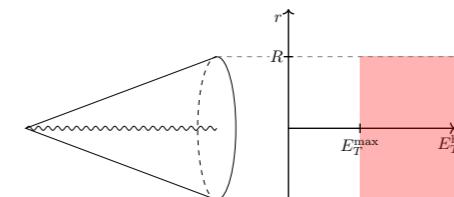
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c.f. NLO:  $\sim \pm 10\%$

⇒ NNLO needed!

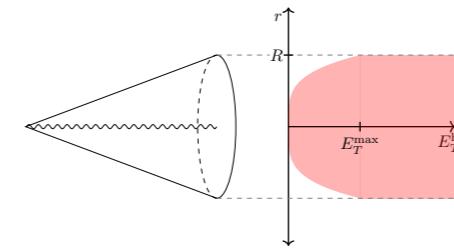
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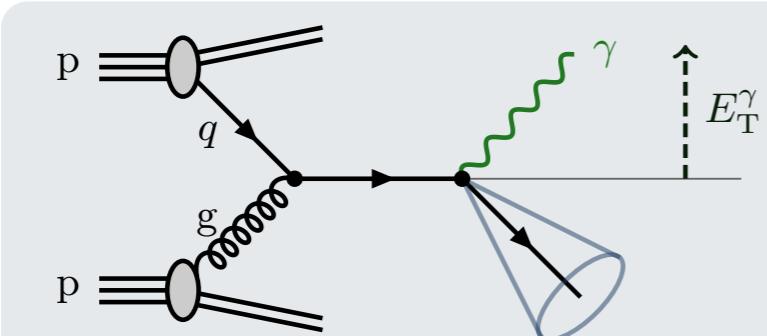
Mismatch  $\sim$  few—10 %



Smooth Cone [Frixione '98]

↪ theory

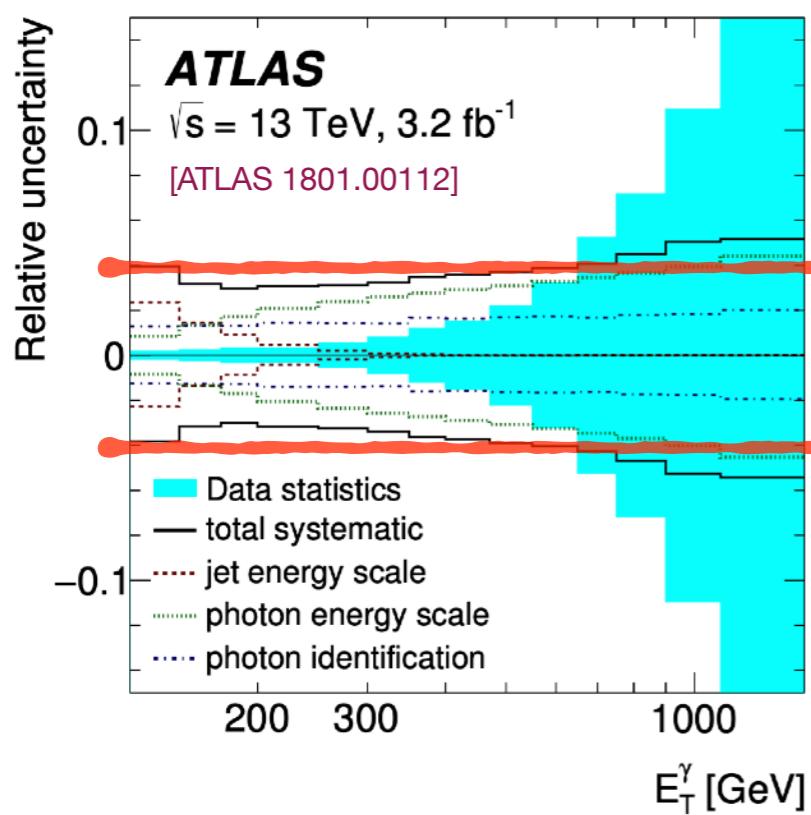
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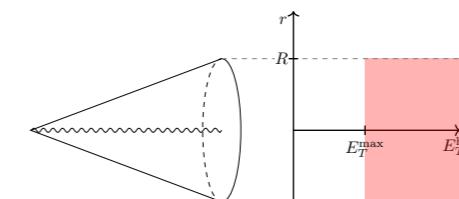
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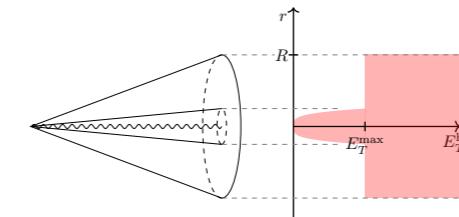


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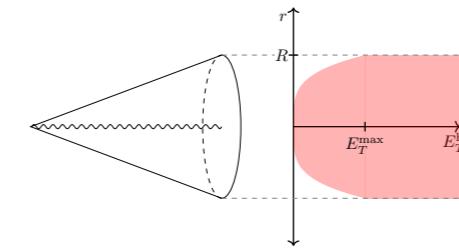
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Hybrid [Siegert '16]

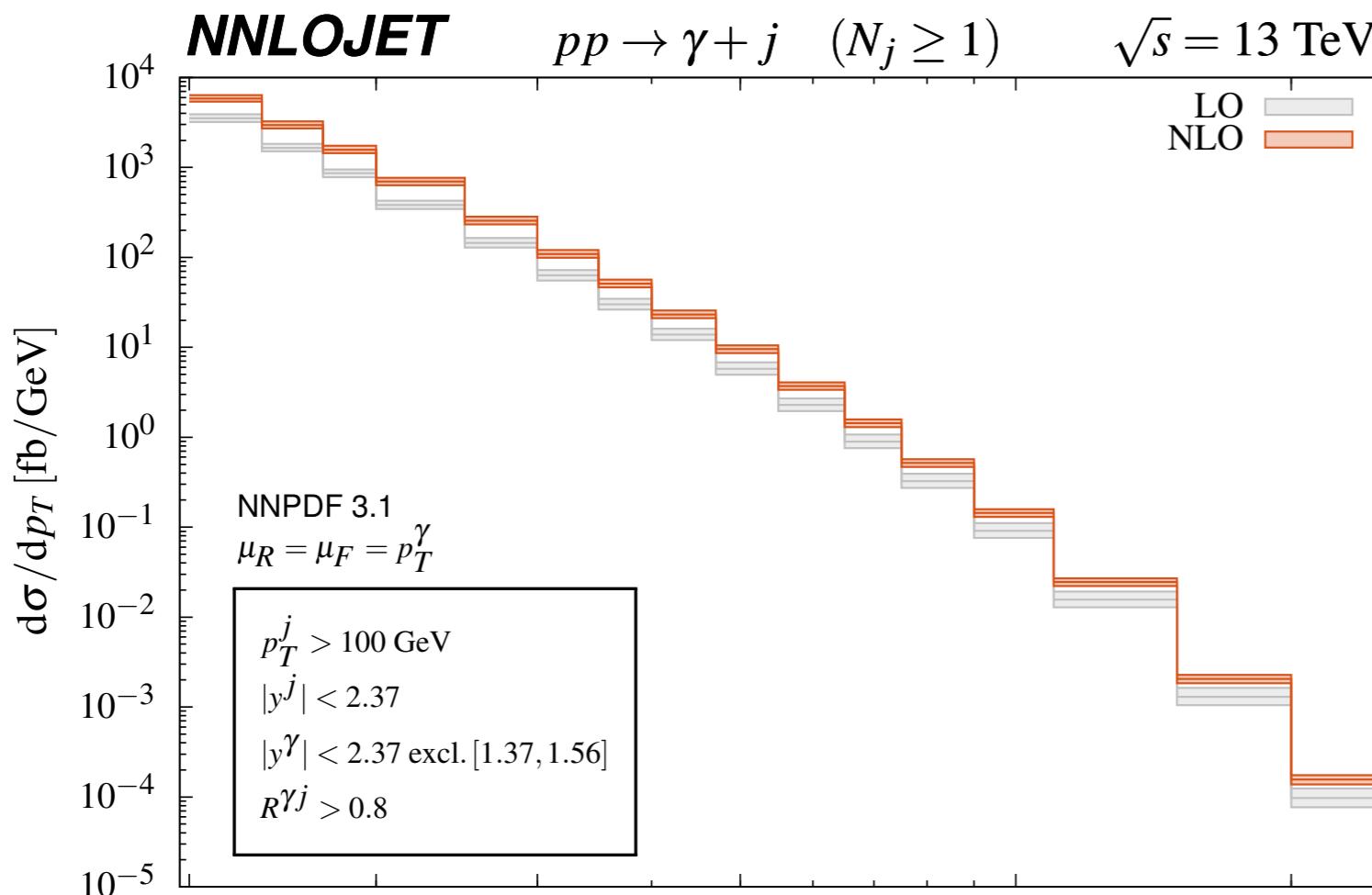
↪ smaller mismatch?



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# $pp \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jet} @ \text{NNLO}$



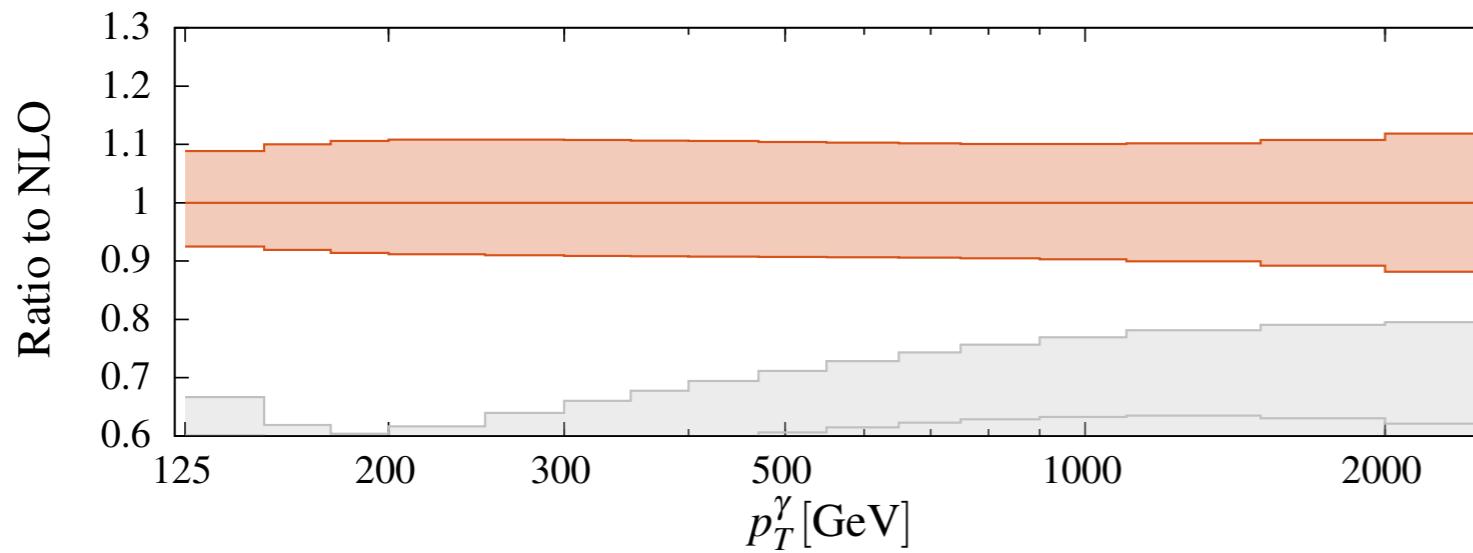
[Chen, Gehrmann, Gehrmann, Glover, Höfer, AH '19]

LO

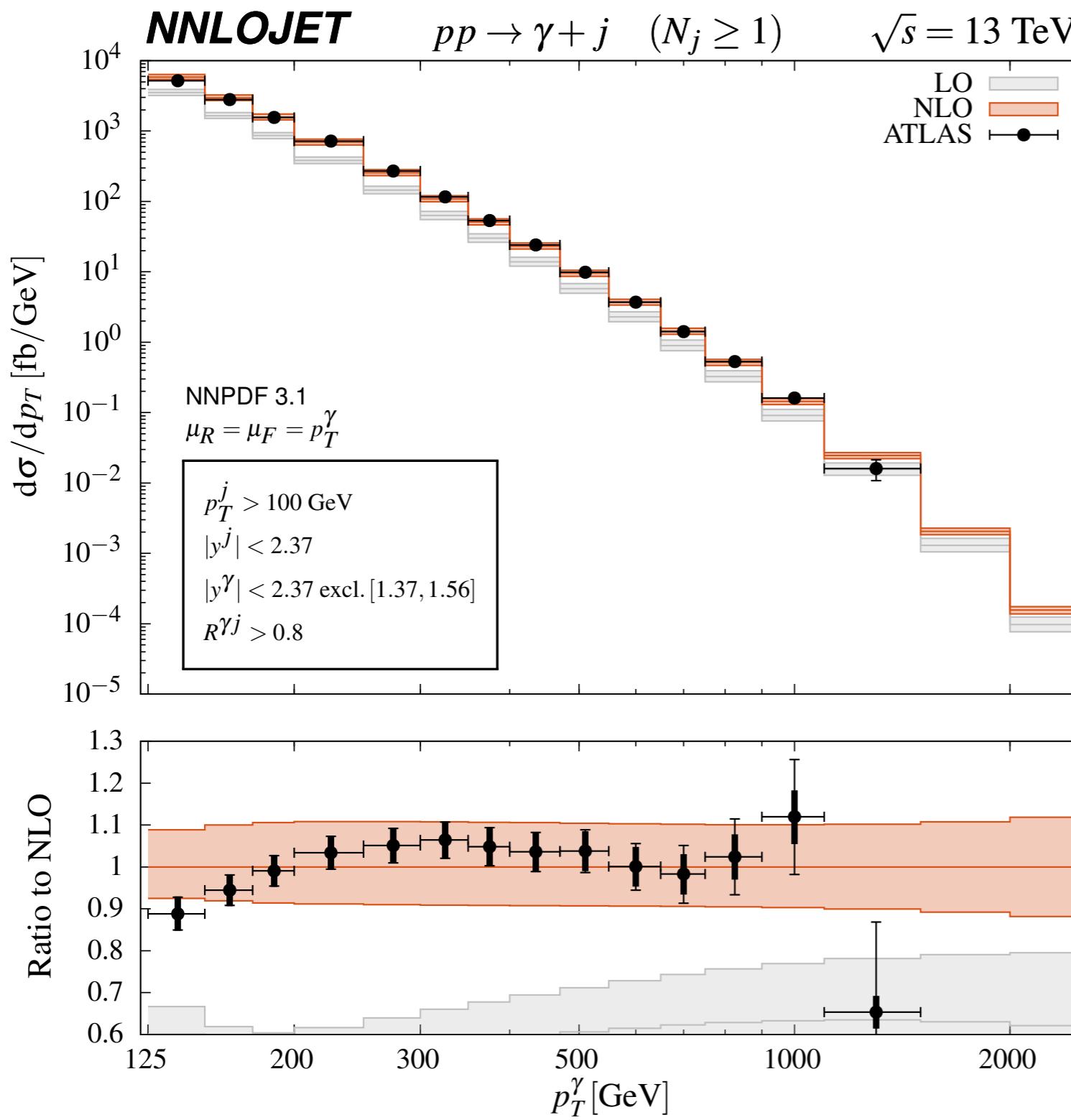
NLO

+40 %

$\pm 10\% \text{ uncertainties}$



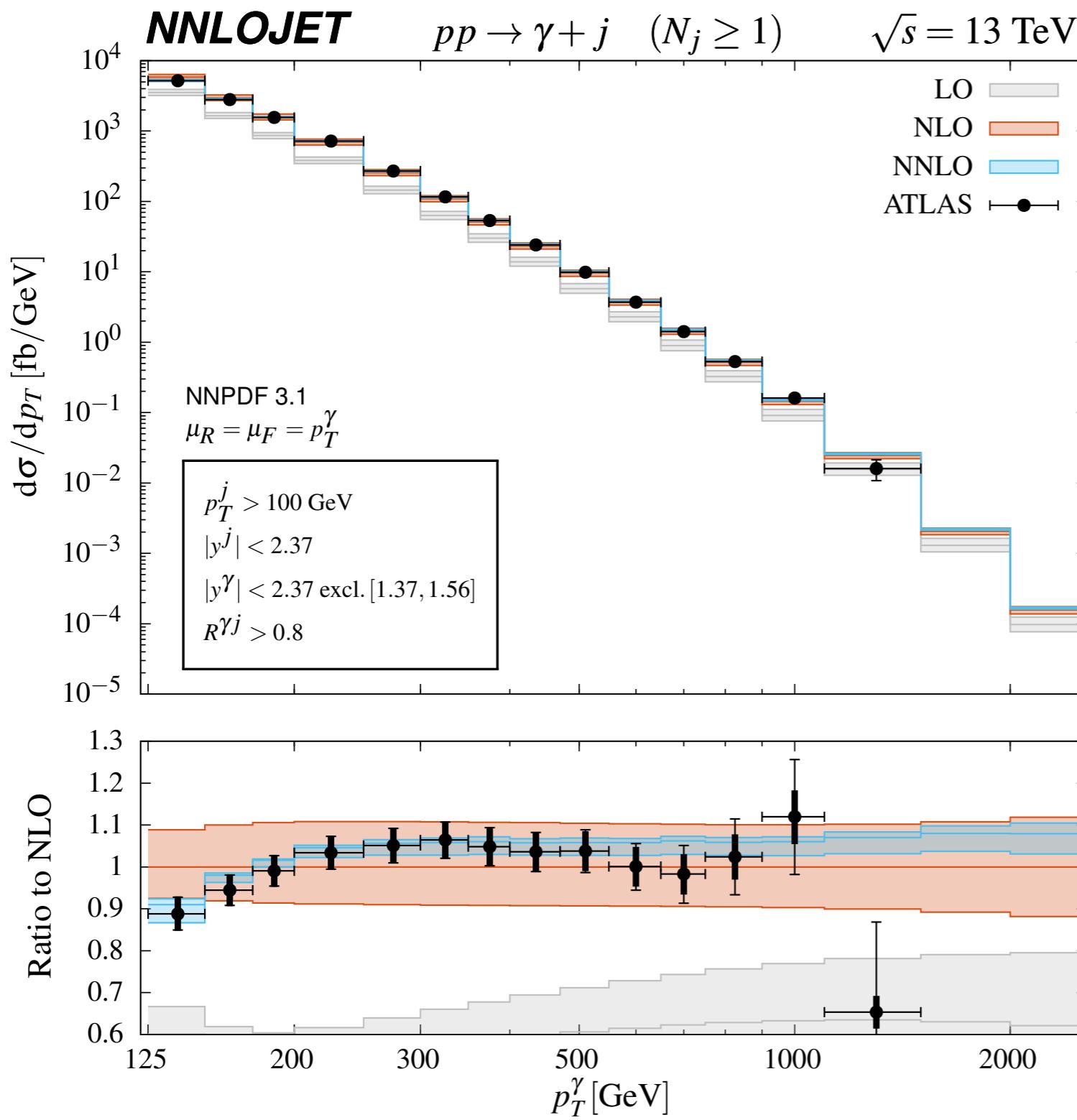
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- LO**      +40 %
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+40 %

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**measurement**

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*different shape (?)*



**NNLO** in excellent agreement

$\sim 5\% \text{ corrections}$

$\lesssim 5\% \text{ uncertainties}$

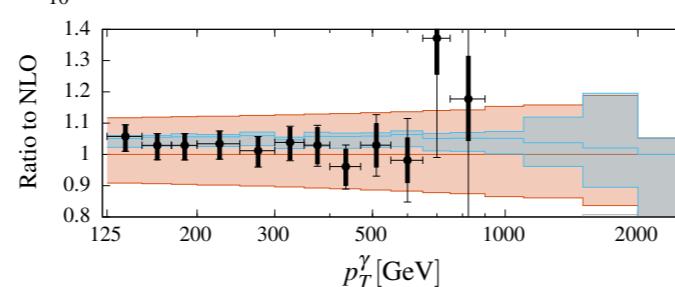
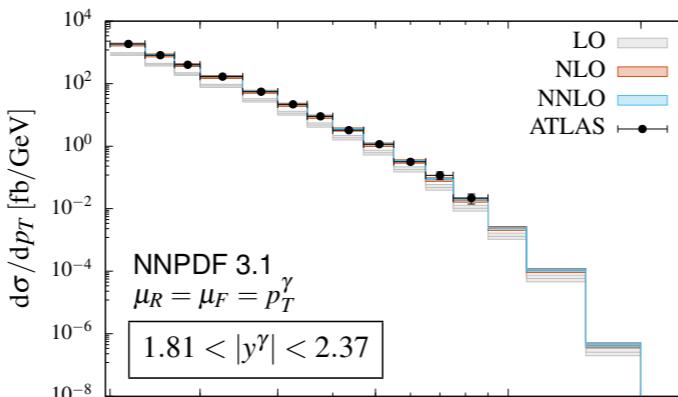
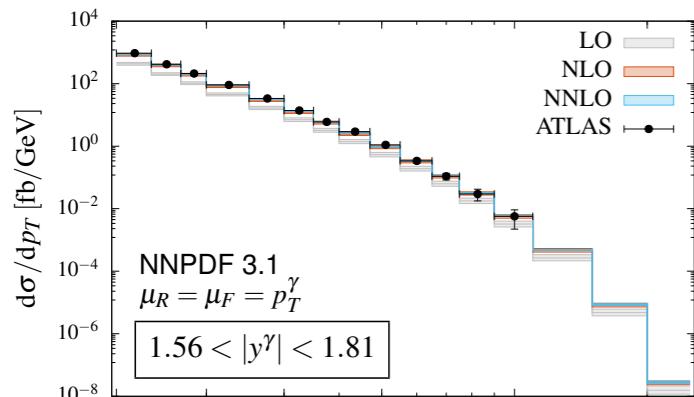
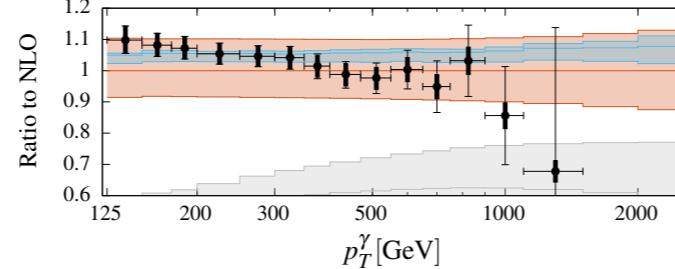
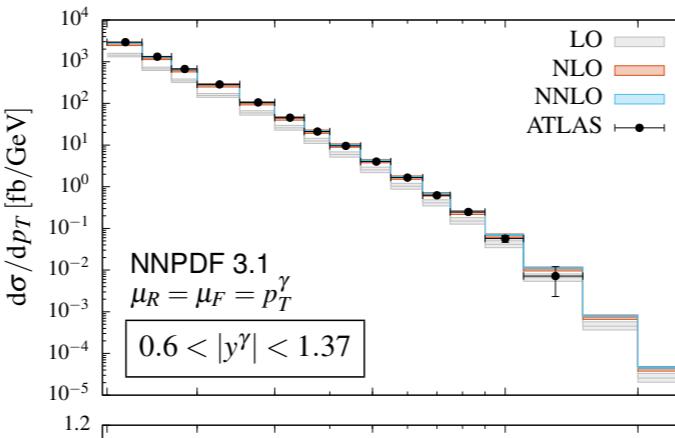
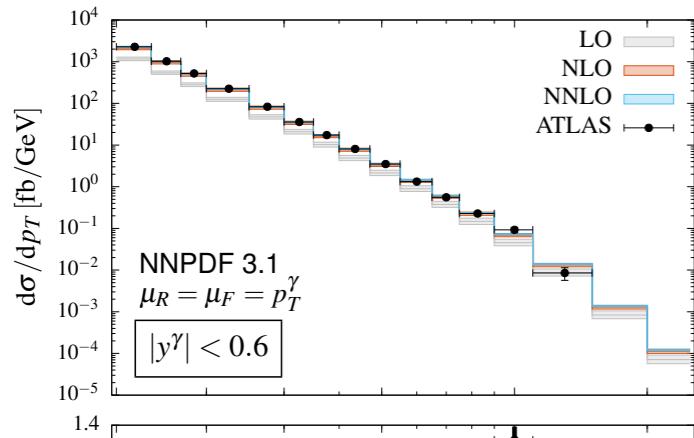
# PHOTON PRODUCTION @ 13 TeV

**NNLOJET**

$pp \rightarrow \gamma + X$

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$

[Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Höfer, AH '19]



hybrid isolation

**NLO** ( $\sim 1$ )

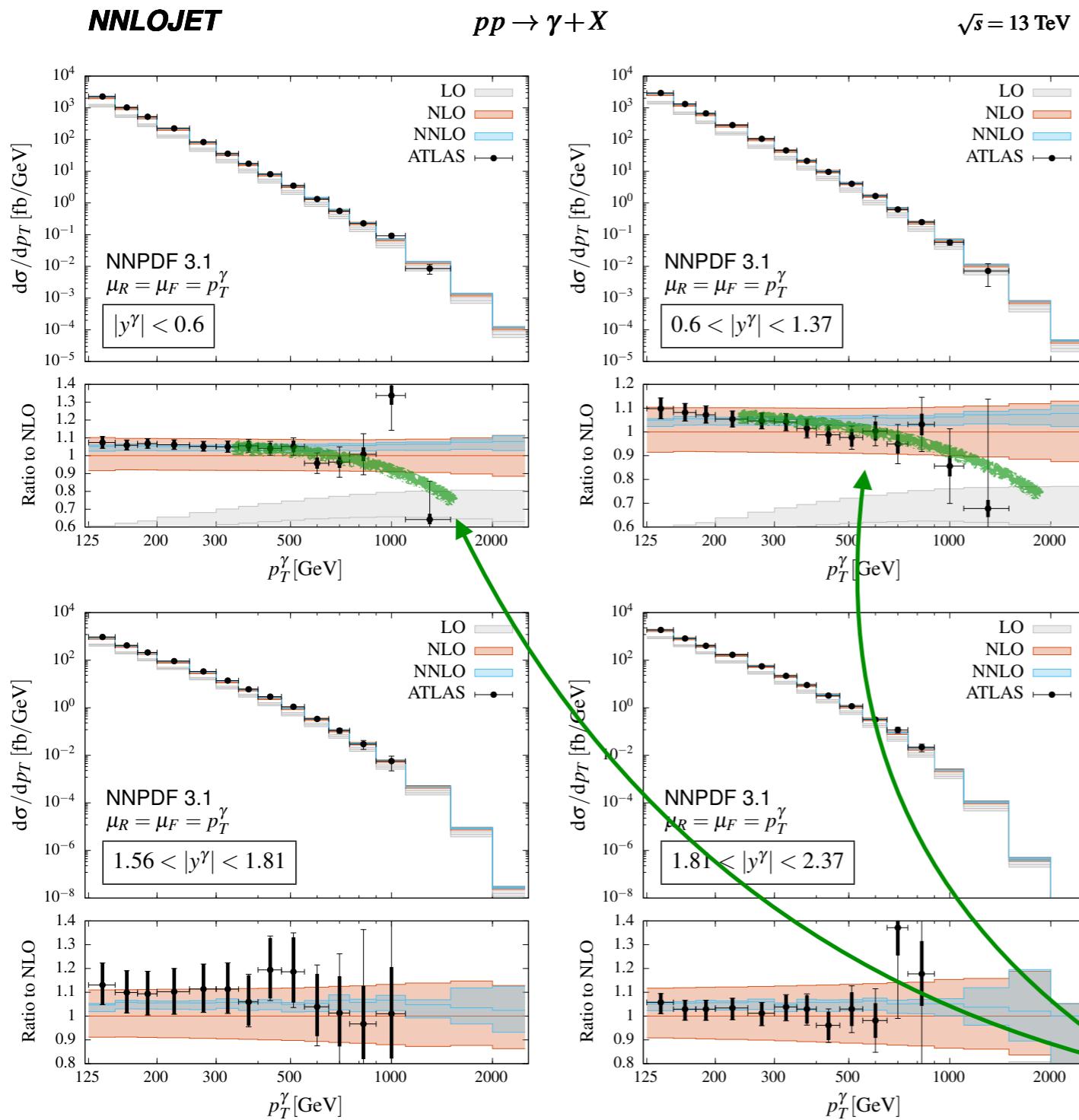
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*small systematic trend in the tails?*

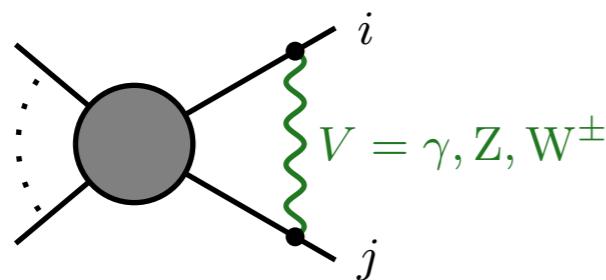
# ELECTROWEAK INTERACTIONS

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- generic size:  $\mathcal{O}(a) \sim \mathcal{O}(a_s^2)$
- systematic **enhancements** possible:

## SUDAKOV LOGARITHMS

(kinematic tails)

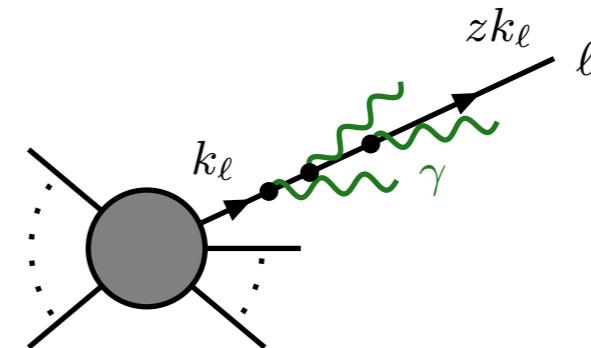


$$\sim \ln^2 \left( \frac{s_{ij}}{M_W^2} \right) + \text{sub-leading (collinear)}$$

O(10-20%)  
corrections!

## FINAL-STATE RADIATION

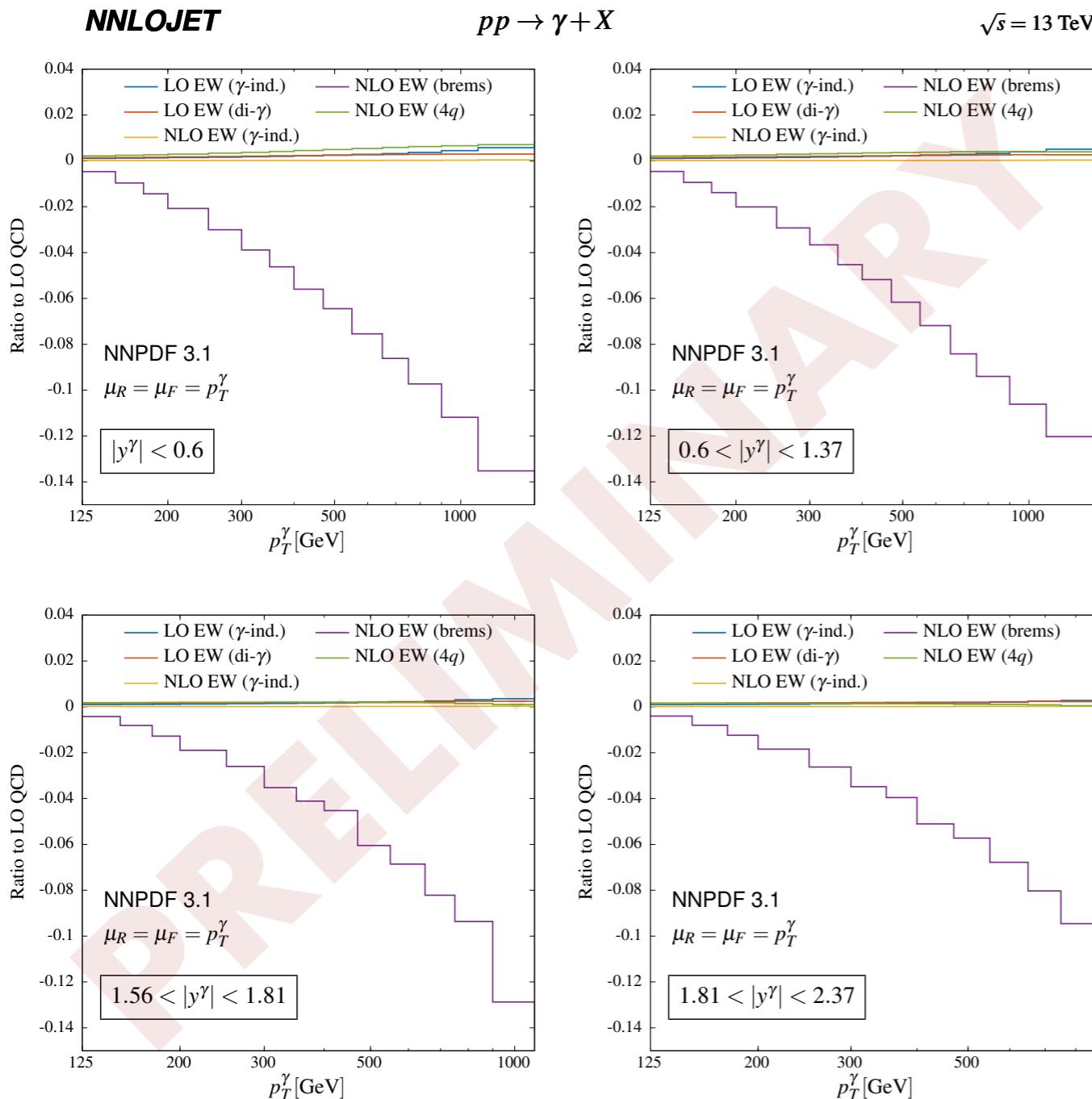
(resonances, shoulders, ...)



$$\sim \alpha^n \ln^n \left( \frac{Q^2}{m_\ell^2} \right)$$

O(10-100%)  
corrections!

# EW CORRECTIONS USING ANTENNAE



► *dipole subtraction:*

$$\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \mathcal{D}_{ik,j} \otimes |\mathcal{M}(\dots, \tilde{i}, \tilde{j}, \dots)|^2$$

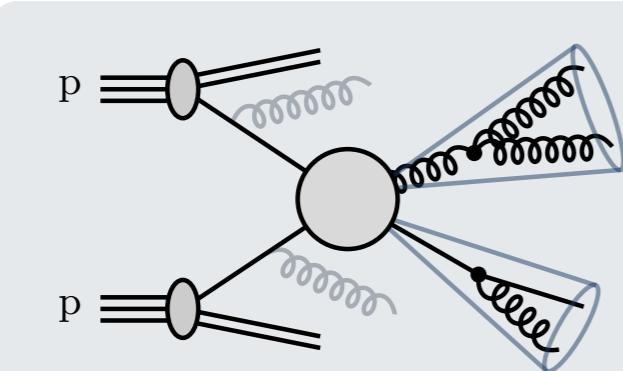
► *antenna subtraction:*<sup>\*</sup>

$$\sum_i \sum_{j < i} A_3^0(i, k, j) \otimes |\mathcal{M}(\dots, \tilde{i}, \tilde{j}, \dots)|^2$$

⇒ reduction in # of terms by  $\times 2!$

\* fully algorithmic & general

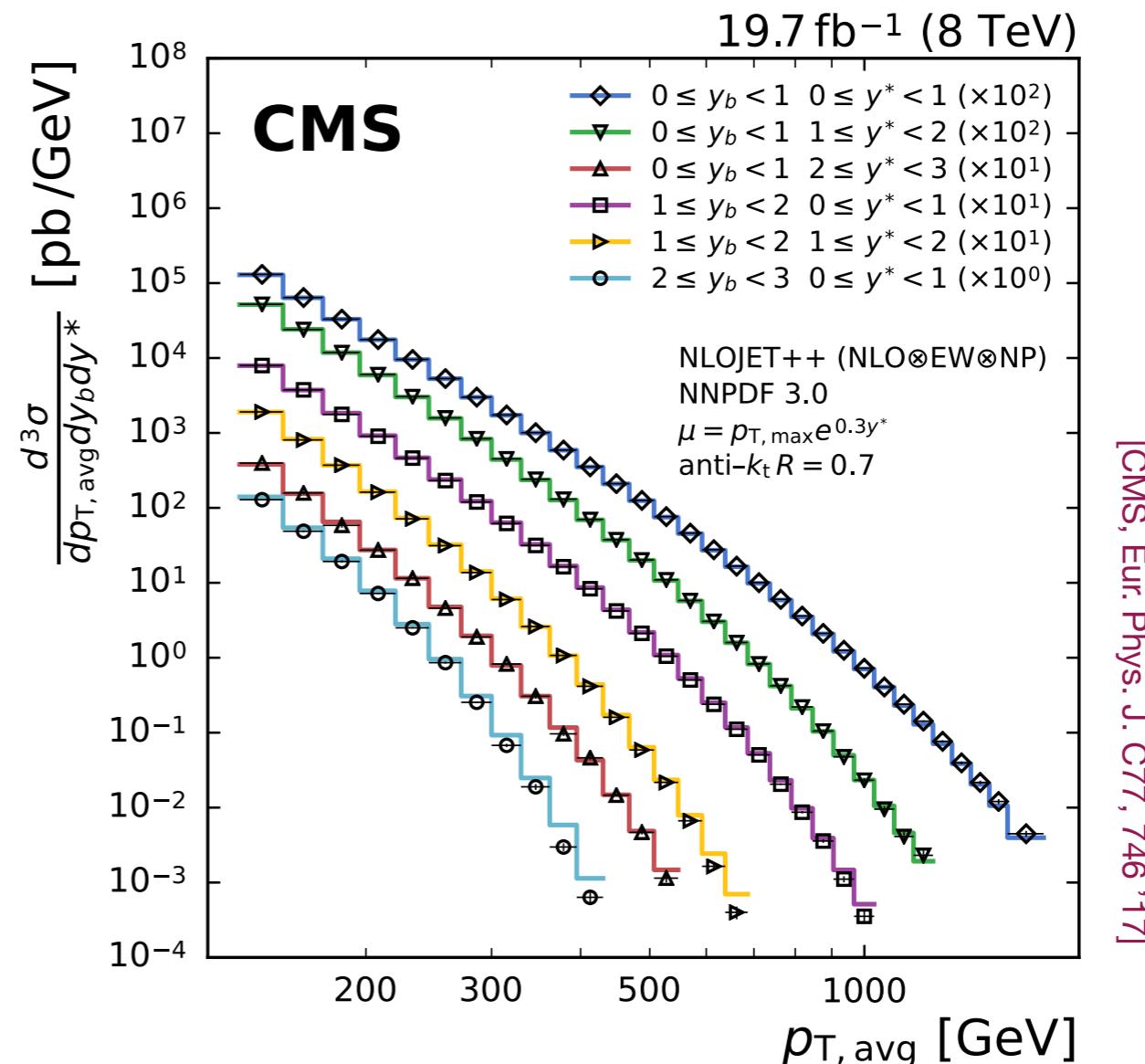
# JET PRODUCTION AT THE LHC



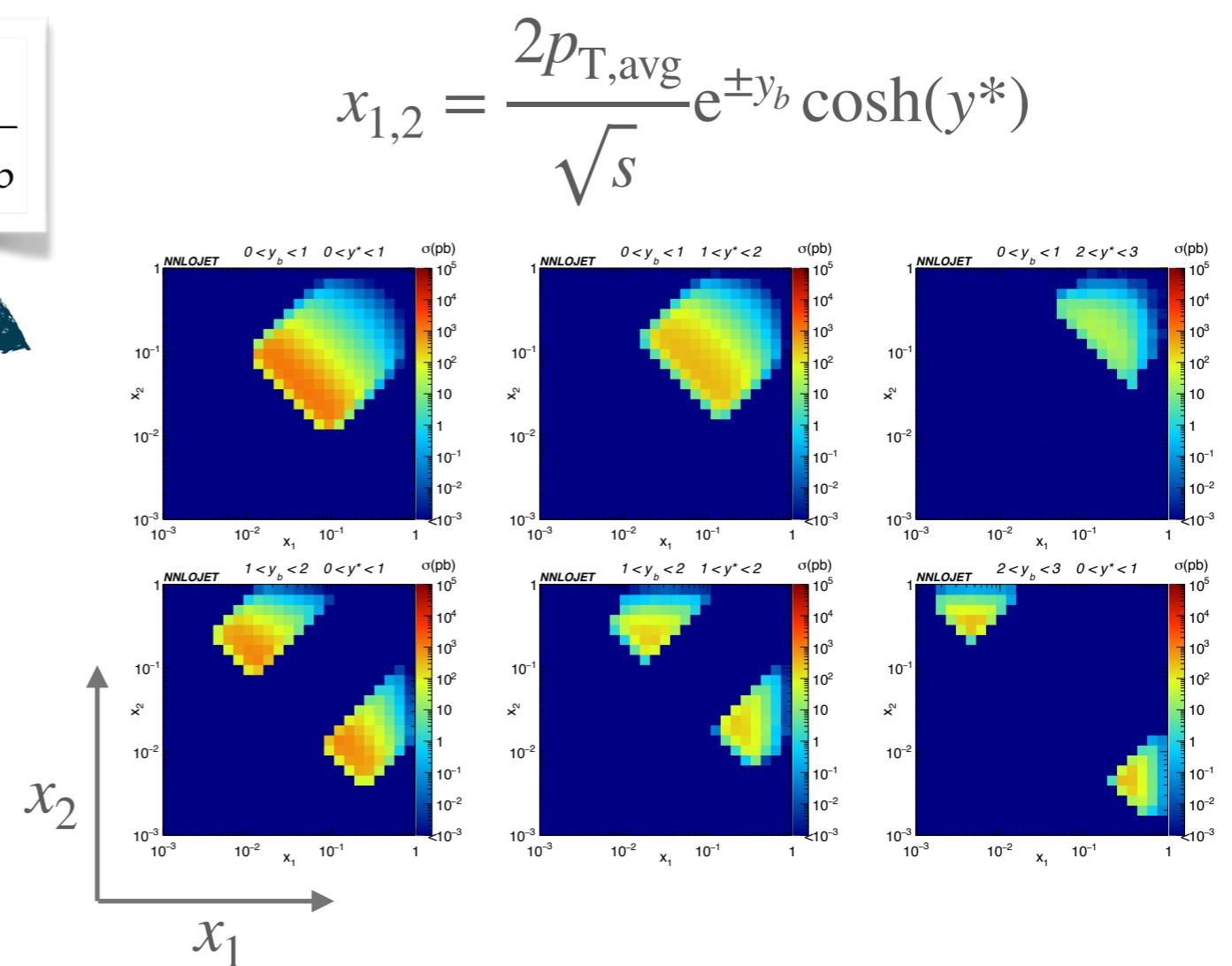
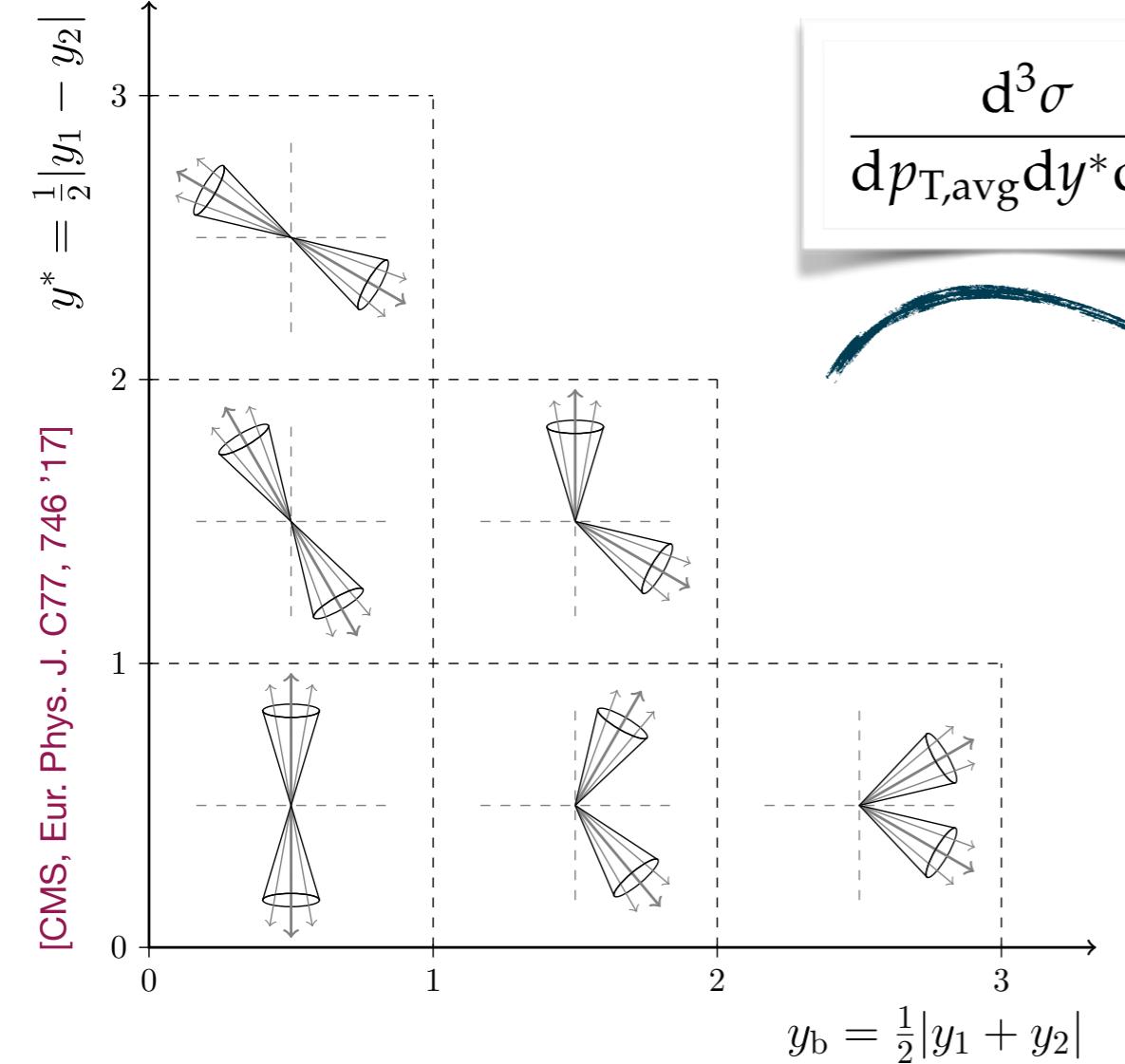
$p + p \rightarrow \text{jet(s)} + X$

- ▶ jets produced in abundance
- ▶ precise measurements ( $p_{T,j} \gtrsim 20 \text{ GeV}$ )
- ▶ wide kinematic range accessible

- ▶ test perturbative QCD
    - ↪ study scale choices
  - ▶ constrain PDFs
    - ↪ sensitive to gluon
    - ↪ probe wide  $x$ -range
  - ▶  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  and running
  - ▶ search for BSM physics
- high-precision predictions  
mandatory!



# TRIPLE-DIFFERENTIAL CROSS SECTION

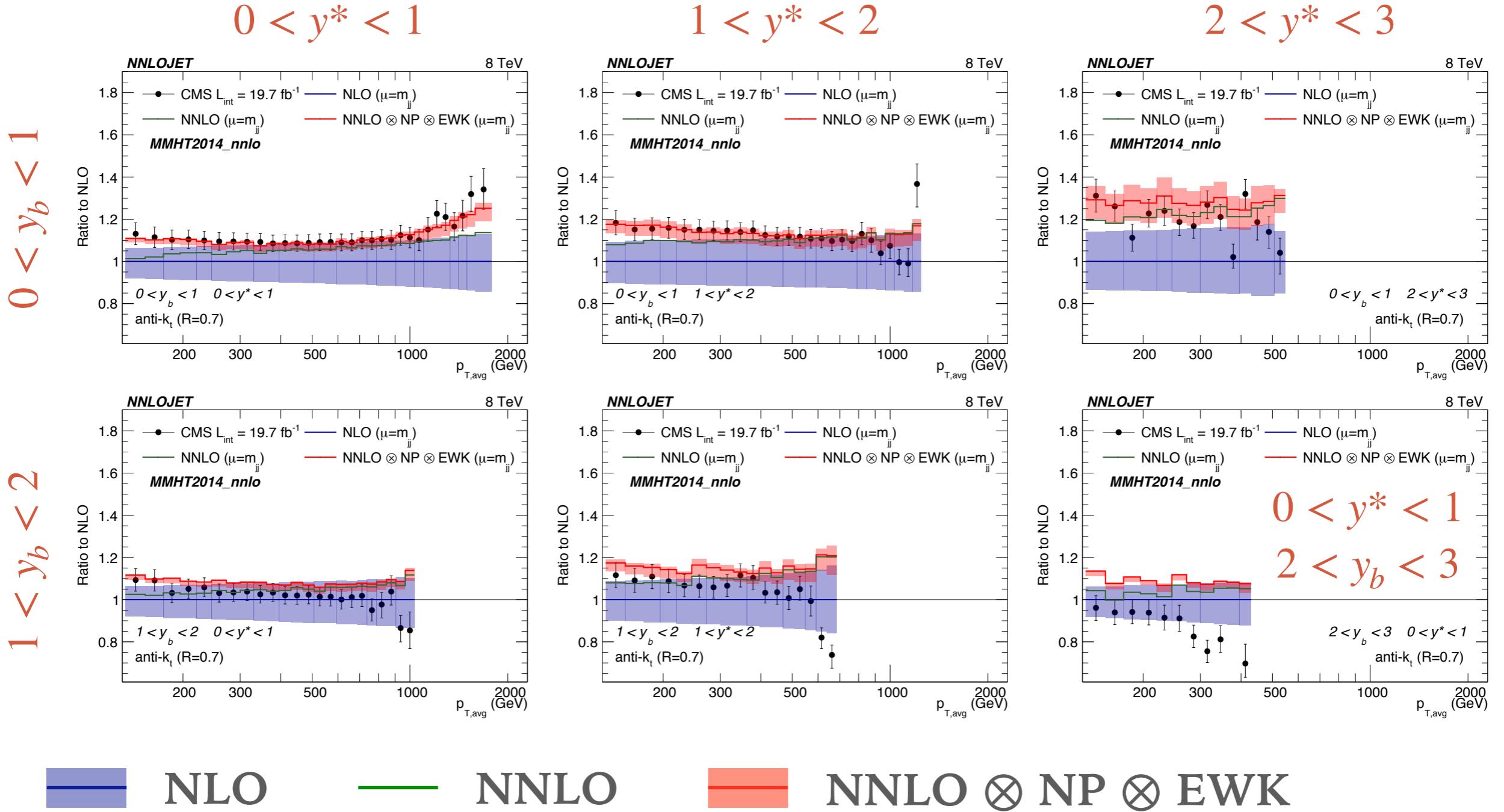


- study different kinematic regimes

- disentangle momentum fractions  $x_1$  &  $x_2$

# TRIPLE-DIFFERENTIAL CROSS SECTION @ NNLO

[Gehrman-De Ridder, Gehrman, Glover, AH, Pires '19]

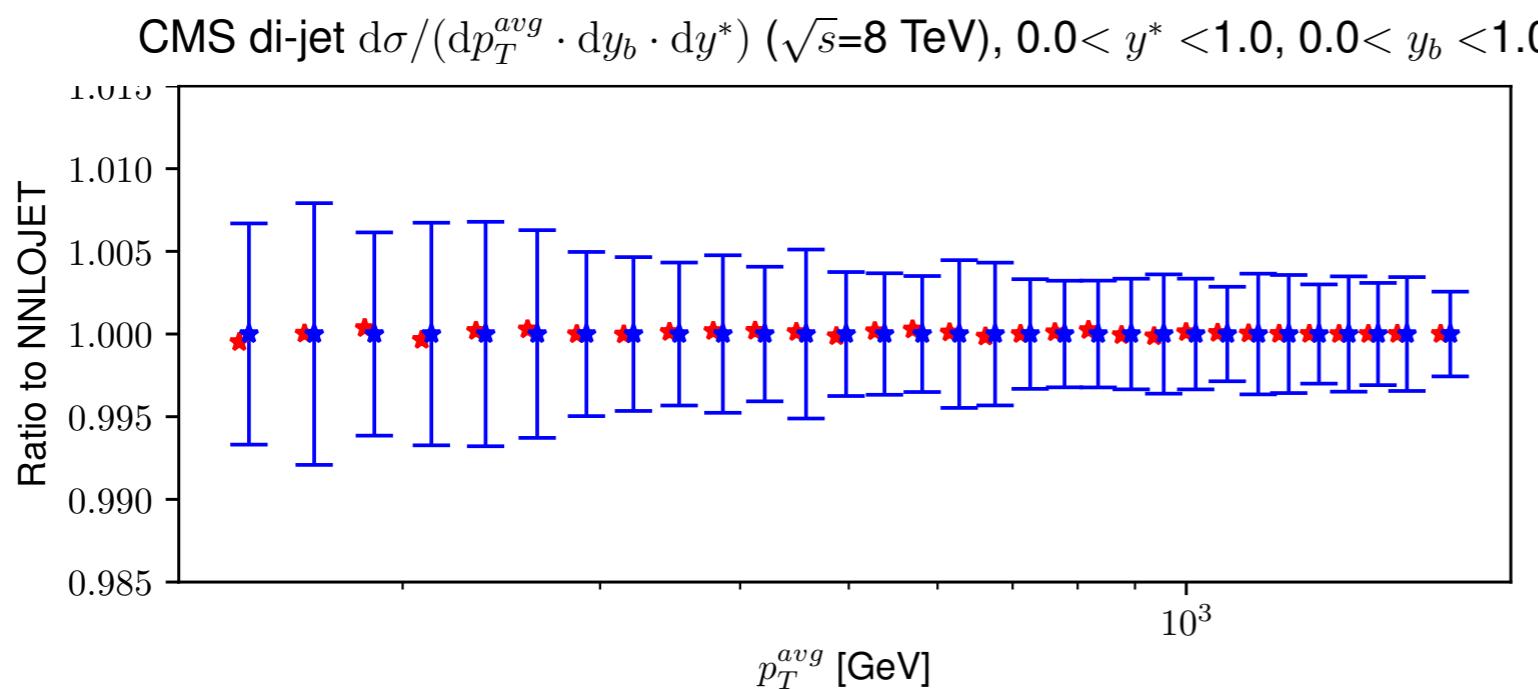
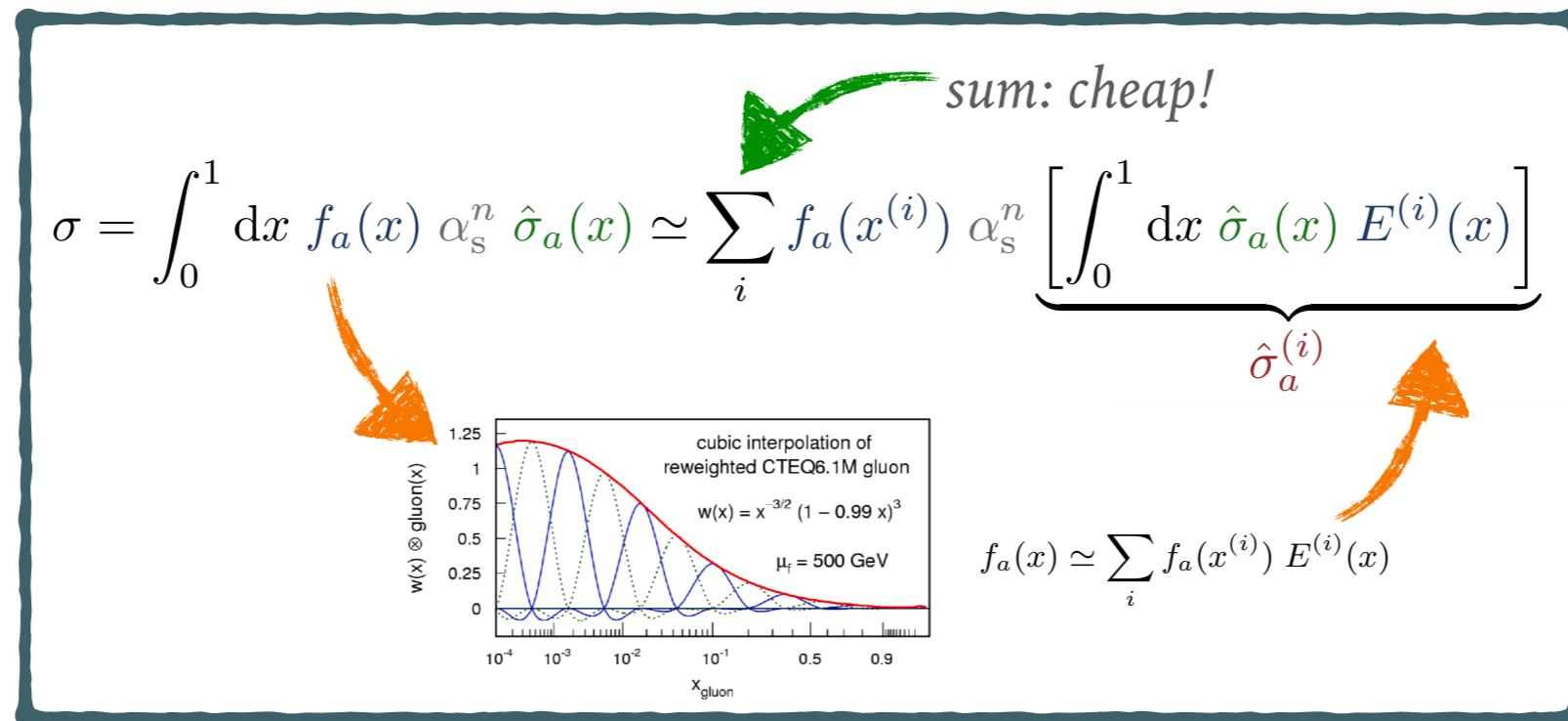


*improved description of data & reduced uncertainties!*

# FAST INTERPOLATION GRIDS: APPLFAST

[APPLgrid, fastNLO, NNLOJET '19]

- NNLO calculation:  $\mathcal{O}(100k)$  CPUh  $\Rightarrow$  prohibitive in PDF &  $a_s$  fits!



APPLfast -vs- “vanilla” NNLOjet

- stat. error:  $\lesssim 0.5\text{---}1\%$
- interp. bias:  $\lesssim 0.05\%$

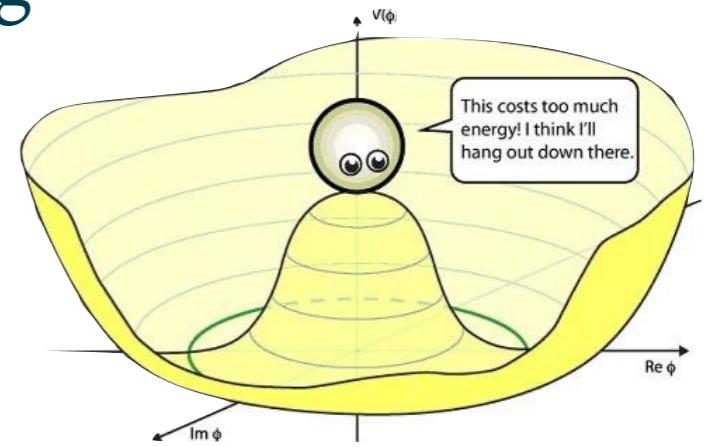
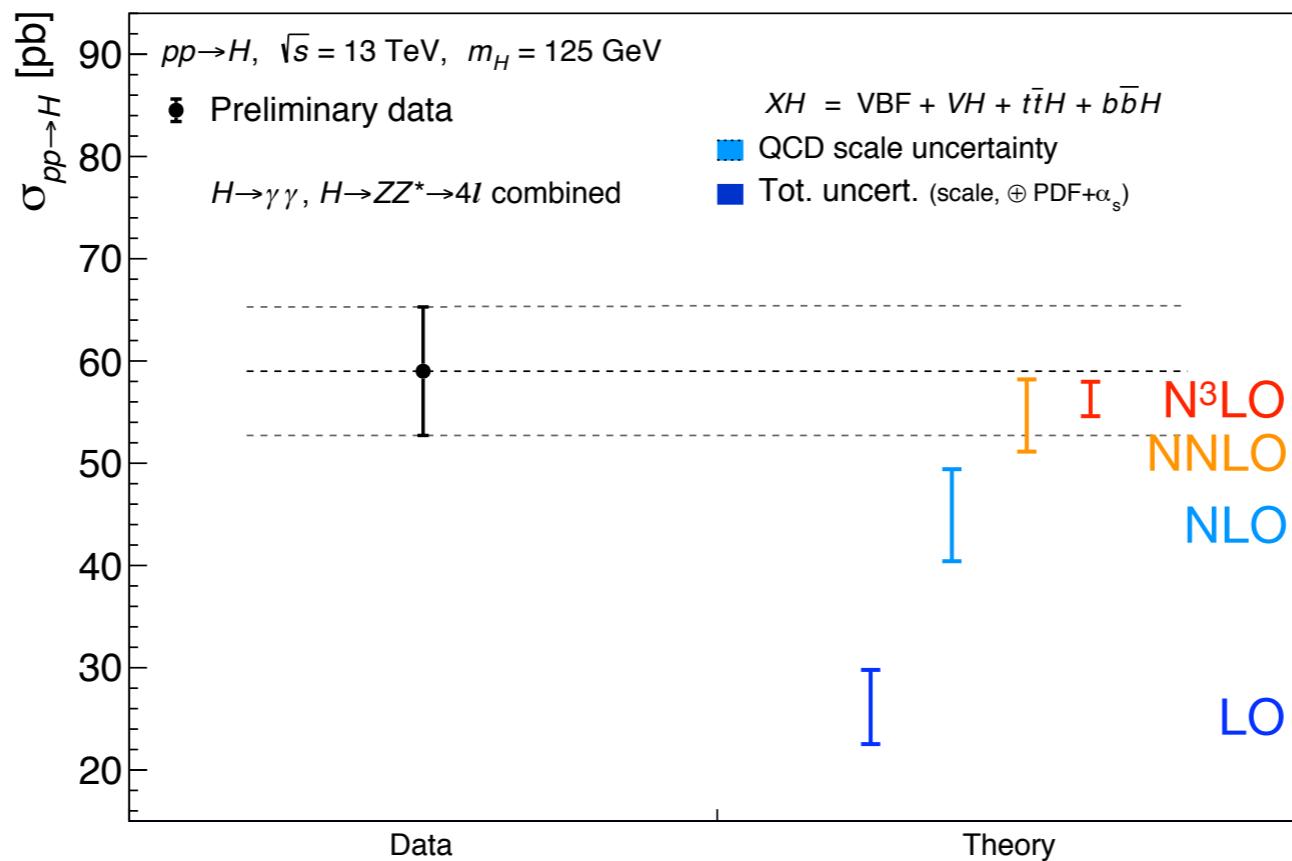
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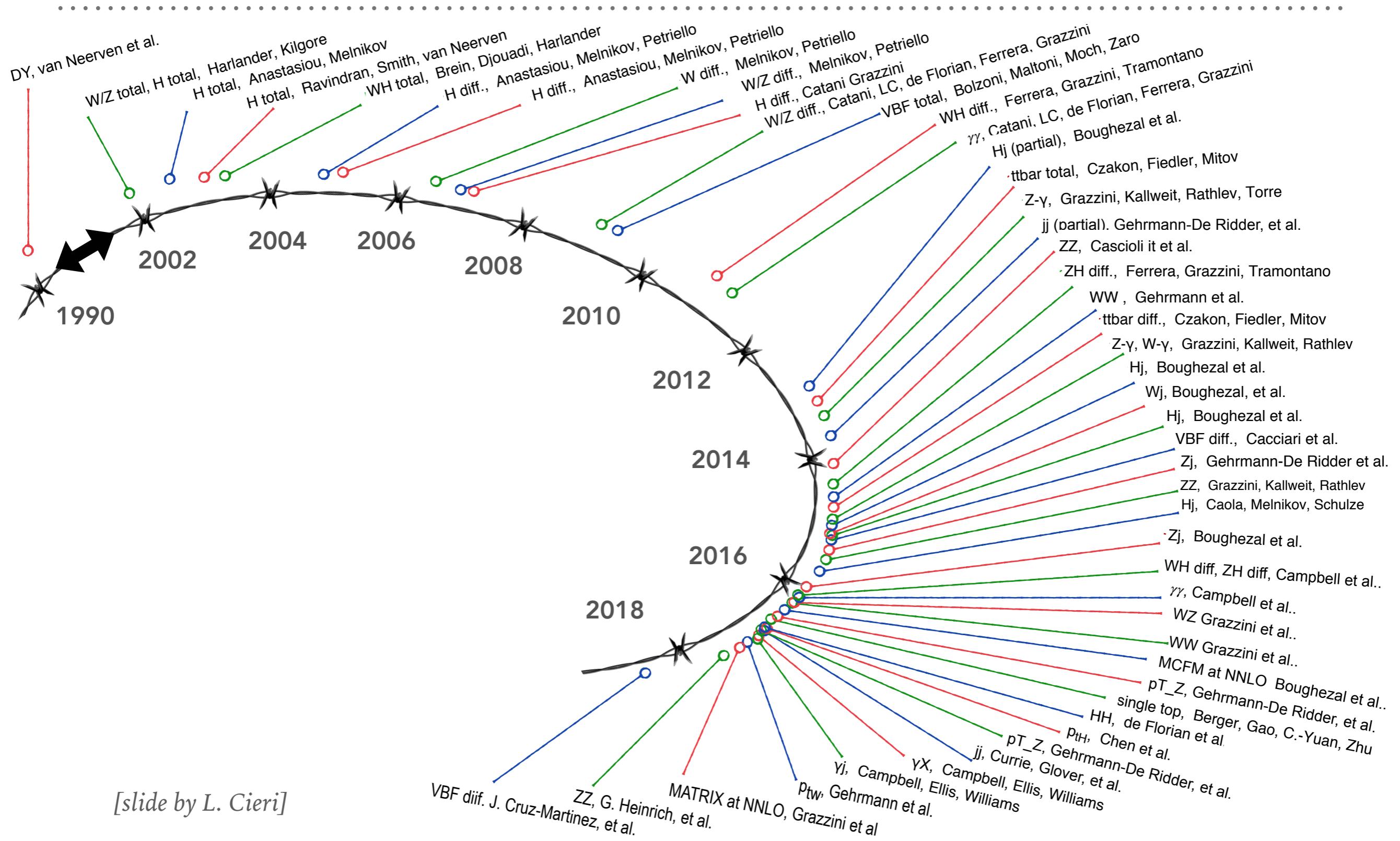
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# THE HIGGS BOSON

- experimental era of Higgs physics just starting
  - ▶ scrutinise all properties
  - ▶ couplings/interactions
  - ▶ probe the potential
- notoriously bad perturbative convergence (need N<sup>3</sup>LO)

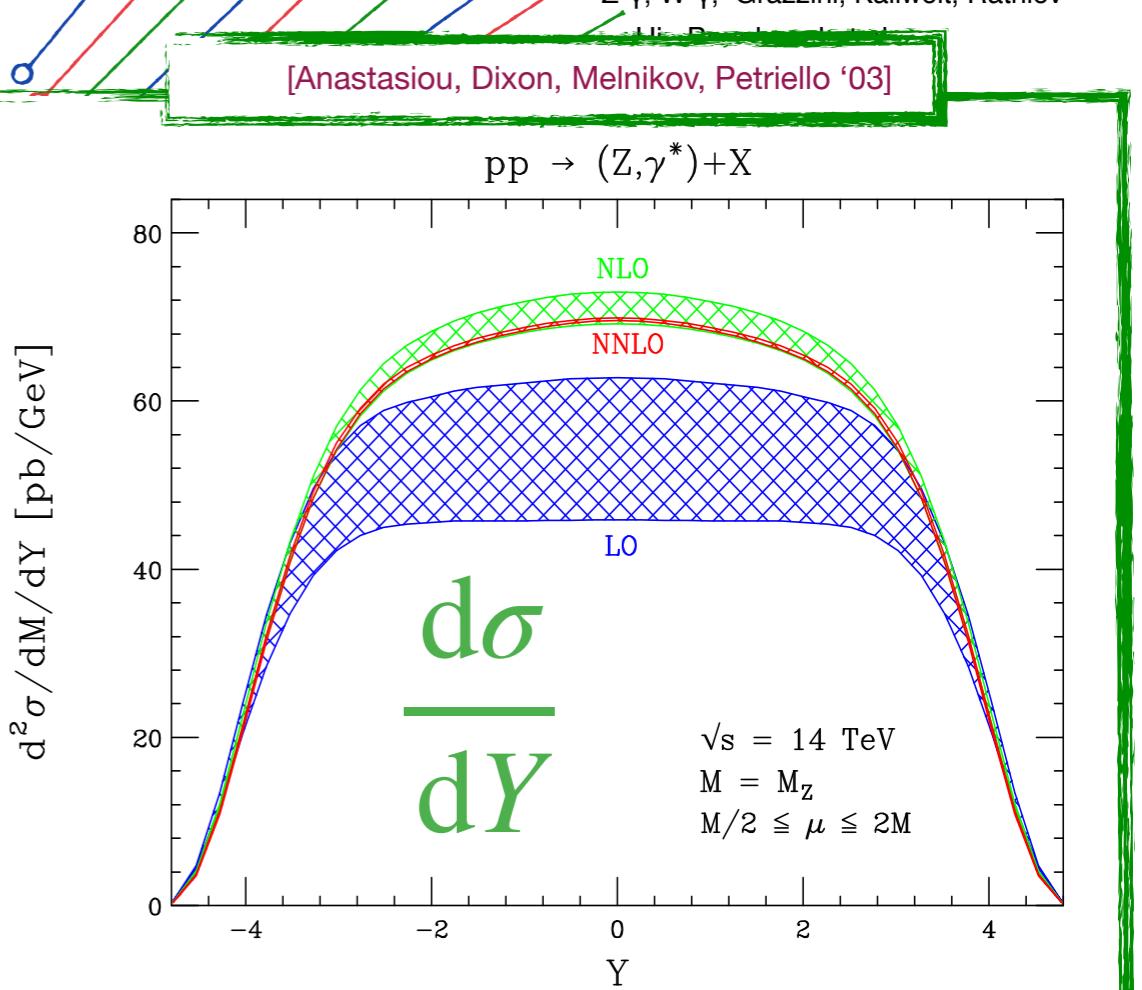
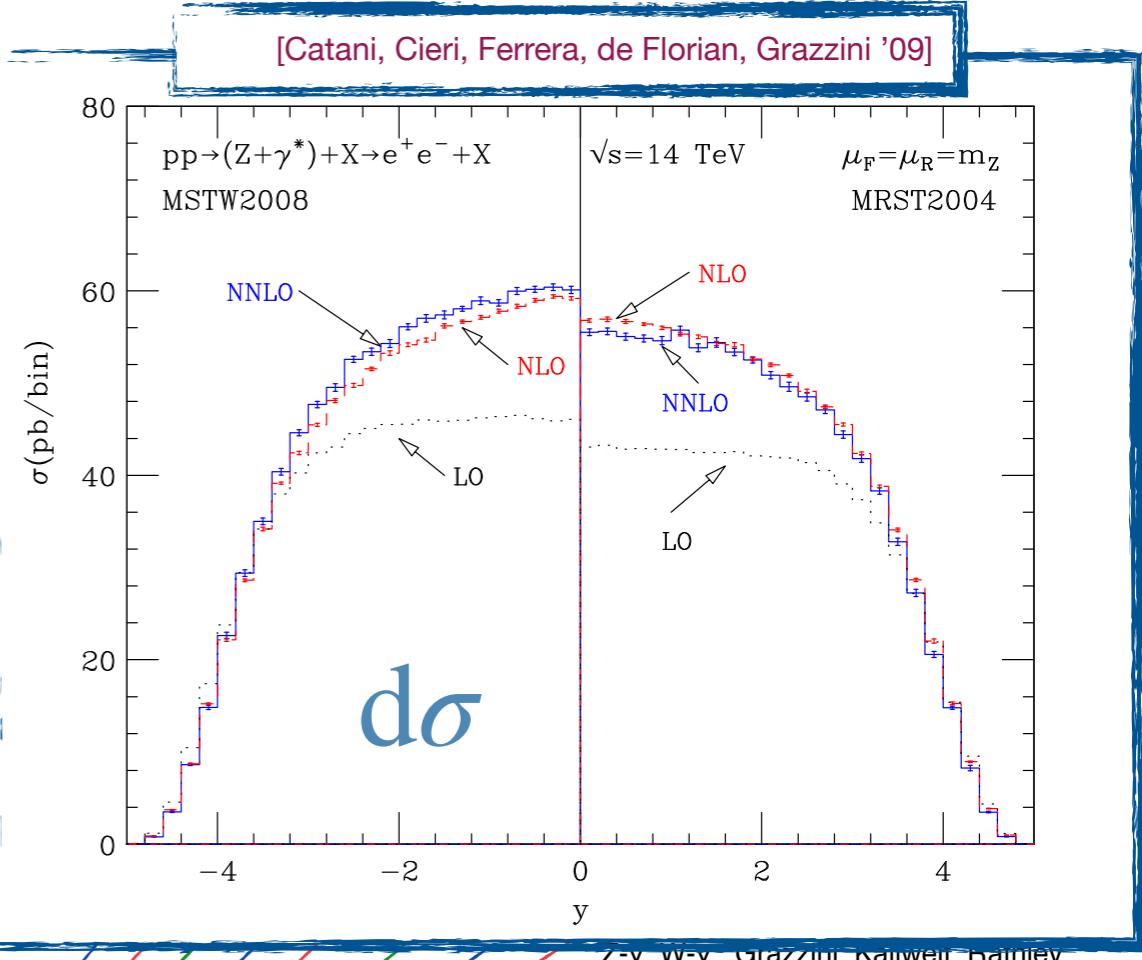
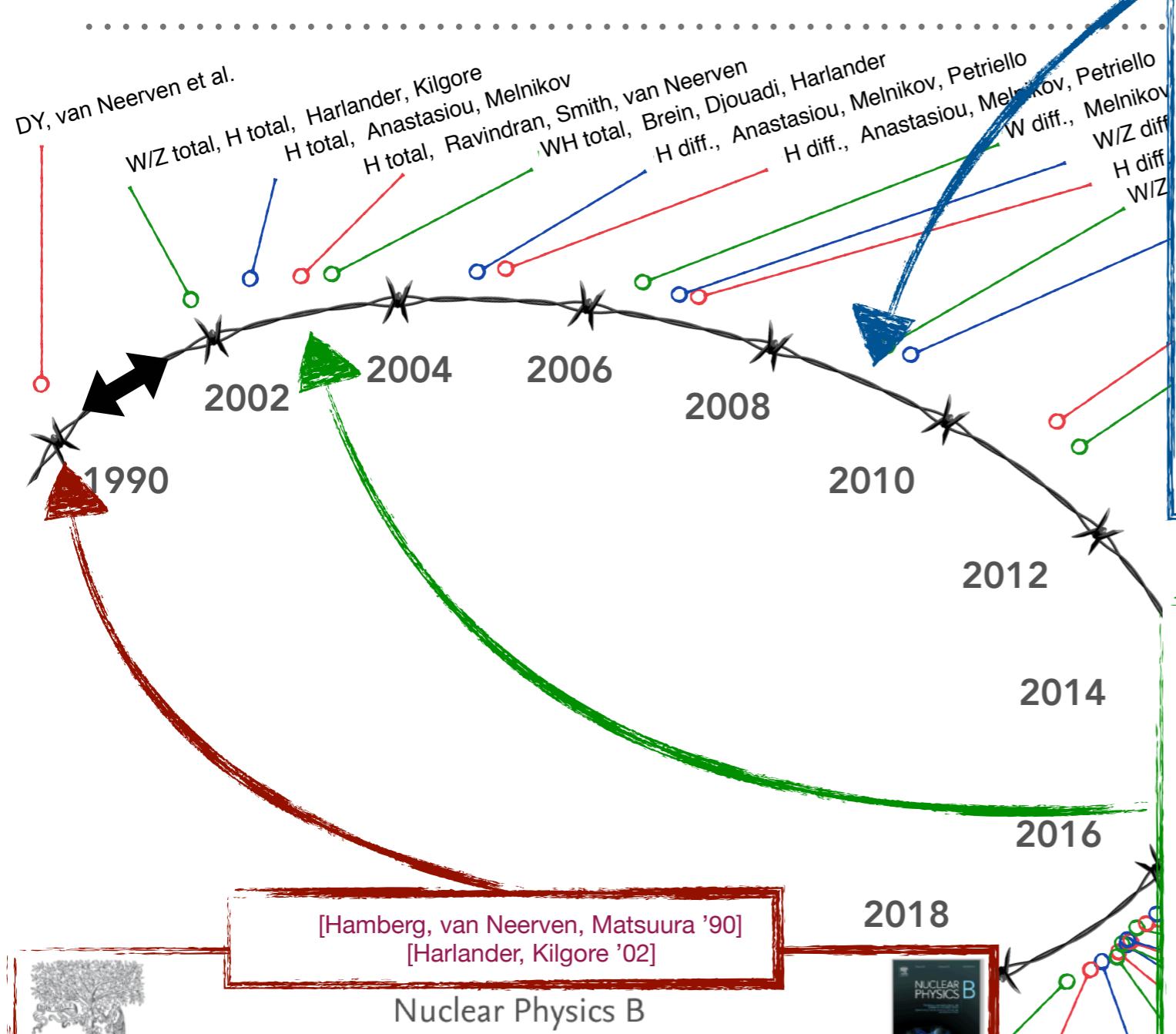


# DRELL-YAN ( $pp \rightarrow Z$ ) @ NNLO: WHEN?



[slide by L. Cieri]

# DRELL-YAN ( $pp \rightarrow Z$ ) @ NNLO:



A complete calculation of the order  $\alpha_s^2$  correction  
to the Drell-Yan  $K$ -factor

$\sigma_{tot}$

# HIGGS @ N<sup>3</sup>LO & GOING DIFFERENTIAL

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$$\sigma_{tot}^{pp \rightarrow H}$$

- What is the probability of producing a Higgs boson?

inclusive

$$\sigma_{tot}^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}} = 48.68 \text{ pb}^{+2.07 \text{ pb}}_{-3.16 \text{ pb}}$$

✓ analytic integration over full phase space

✗ no information on final state

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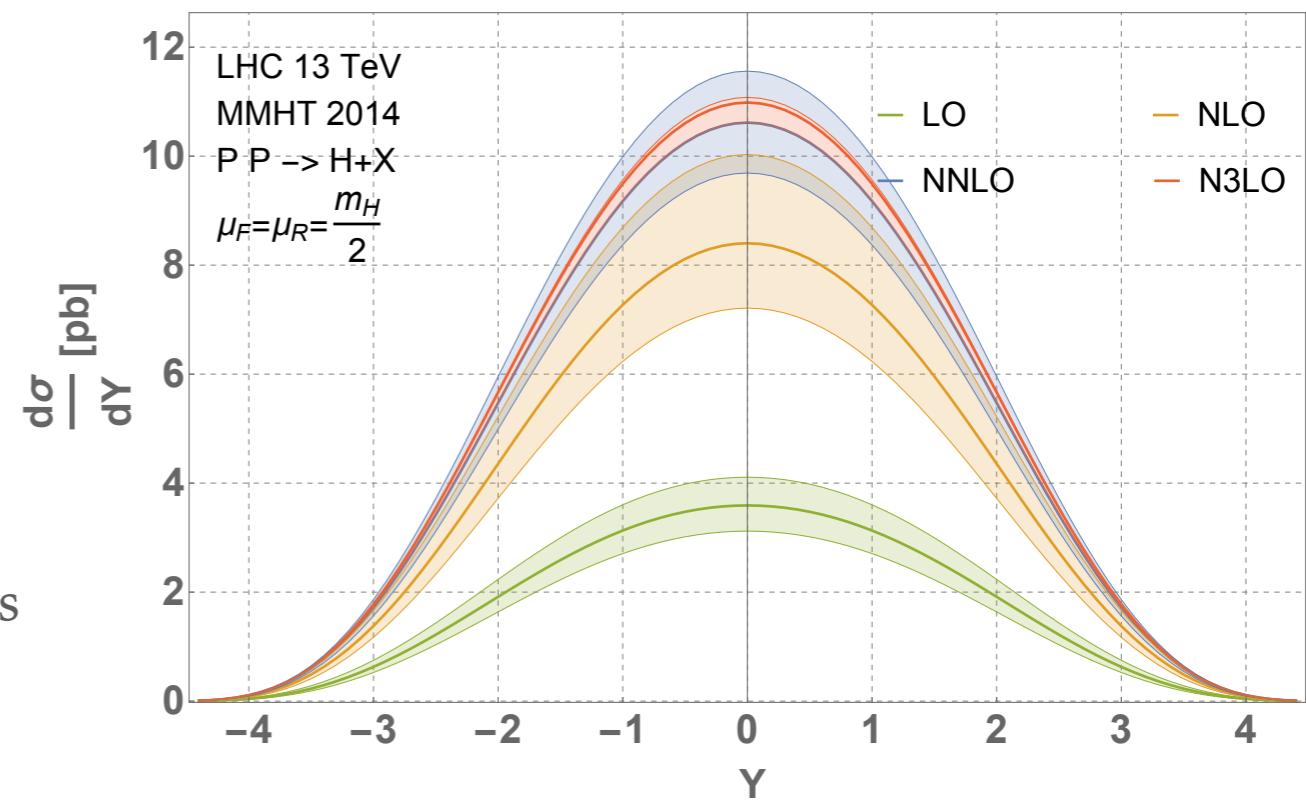
... in direction  $Y$  {  $\begin{array}{l} Y \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow \perp \text{ to beam} \\ Y \rightarrow \infty \Leftrightarrow \parallel \text{ to beam} \end{array}$

$y_H$  differential

✓ analytic integration over QCD emissions

✗ partial information on final state

- only  $y_H \rightsquigarrow$  no decay kinematics
- no information on final-state partons



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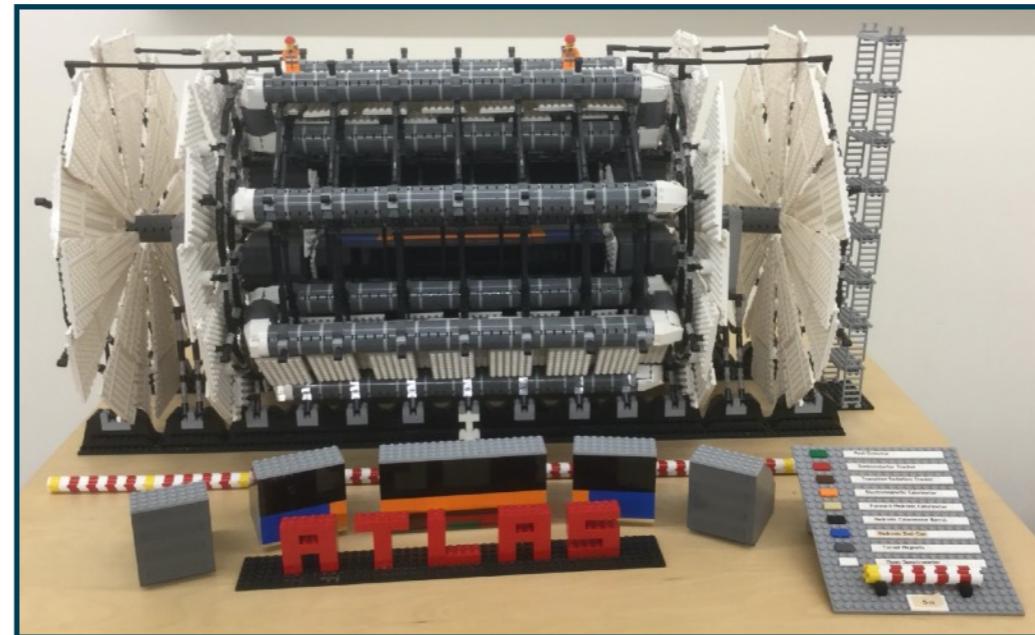
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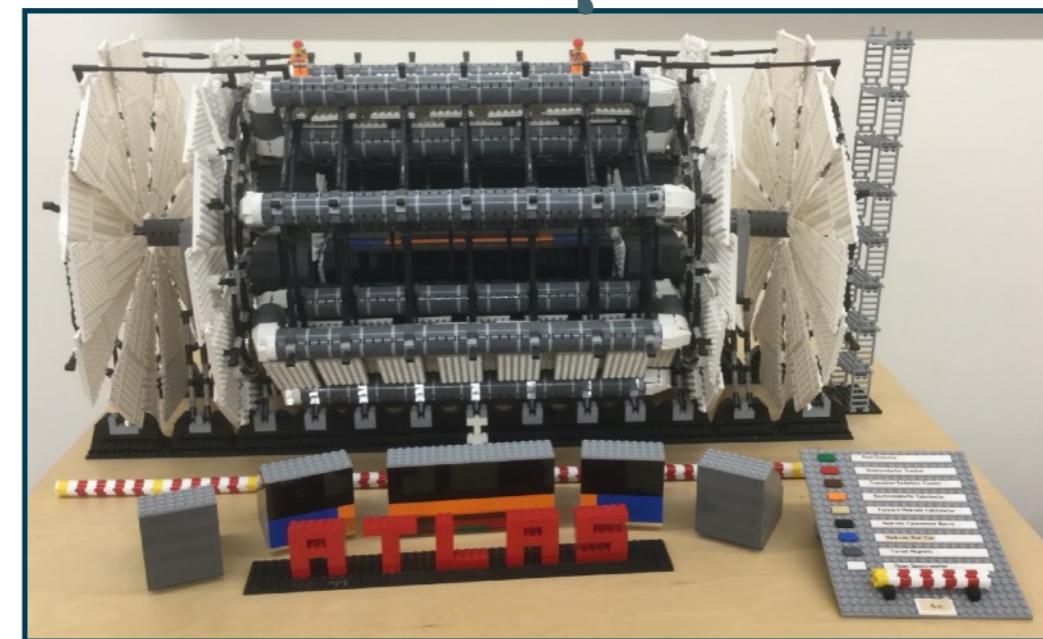
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- ask *any*\* question!

fully differential

- ✓ numerical integration of phase space
- ✓ complete final-state information (decay, isol., ...)



\*infrared safe

# THE PROJECTION-TO-BORN METHOD

[Cacciari et al. '15]

$$\frac{d\sigma_F^{N^k \text{LO}}}{d\mathcal{O}} = \frac{d\sigma_{F, \text{inc.}}^{N^k \text{LO}}}{d\mathcal{O}_B} + \left\{ \frac{d\sigma_{F+\text{jet}}^{N^{k-1} \text{LO}}}{d\mathcal{O}} - \frac{d\sigma_{F+\text{jet}}^{N^{k-1} \text{LO}}}{d\mathcal{O}} \Big|_{\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_B} \right\}$$



- start: inclusive calculation
  - differential in Born variables
- supplement fully differential information:
  - difference of a “+jet” calculation at one order lower

observables projected to Born  
fully local counter term

# HIGGS @ N<sup>n</sup>LO USING PROJECTION-TO-BORN

$H + \text{jet}$   
@ N<sup>n-1</sup>LO

Projection-to-Born



$d\sigma/dy_H$   
@ N<sup>n</sup>LO

=

$H$  fully  
differential @ N<sup>n</sup>LO

\* Born variables:  $(Y, M^2)$

- ▶ real-emission phase space:  $d\Phi_{H+n}$

$$p_a + p_b \rightarrow p_H + k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n$$

- ▶ projection to Born:  $d\tilde{\Phi}_H$

$$\tilde{p}_a + \tilde{p}_b \rightarrow \tilde{p}_H \quad (\tilde{p}_a = \xi_a p_a, \quad \tilde{p}_b = \xi_b p_b)$$

$$\text{on-shell: } \tilde{p}_H^2 \equiv p_H^2 = M_H^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \xi_a \xi_b = \frac{2p_a p_b - 2(p_a + p_b)k_{1\dots n} + k_{1\dots n}^2}{2p_a p_b}$$

$$\text{rapidity: } \tilde{y}_H \equiv y_H \quad \Rightarrow \quad \xi_a / \xi_b = \frac{2p_b p_H}{2p_a p_H}$$

- ↪ decay products:  $p_H \rightarrow p_1 + \dots + p_m \quad (p_i^\mu \rightarrow \tilde{p}_i^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu p_i^\nu)$

$$\Lambda^\mu_\nu(p_H, \tilde{p}_H) = g^\mu_\nu - \frac{2(p_H + \tilde{p}_H)^\mu (p_H + \tilde{p}_H)_\nu}{(p_H + \tilde{p}_H)^2} + \frac{2\tilde{p}_H^\mu p_{H,\nu}}{p_H^2}$$

# HIGGS @ N<sup>3</sup>LO USING PROJECTION-TO-BORN

$H + \text{jet}$   
@ N<sup>n-1</sup>LO

Projection-to-Born



$d\sigma/dy_H$   
@ N<sup>n</sup>LO

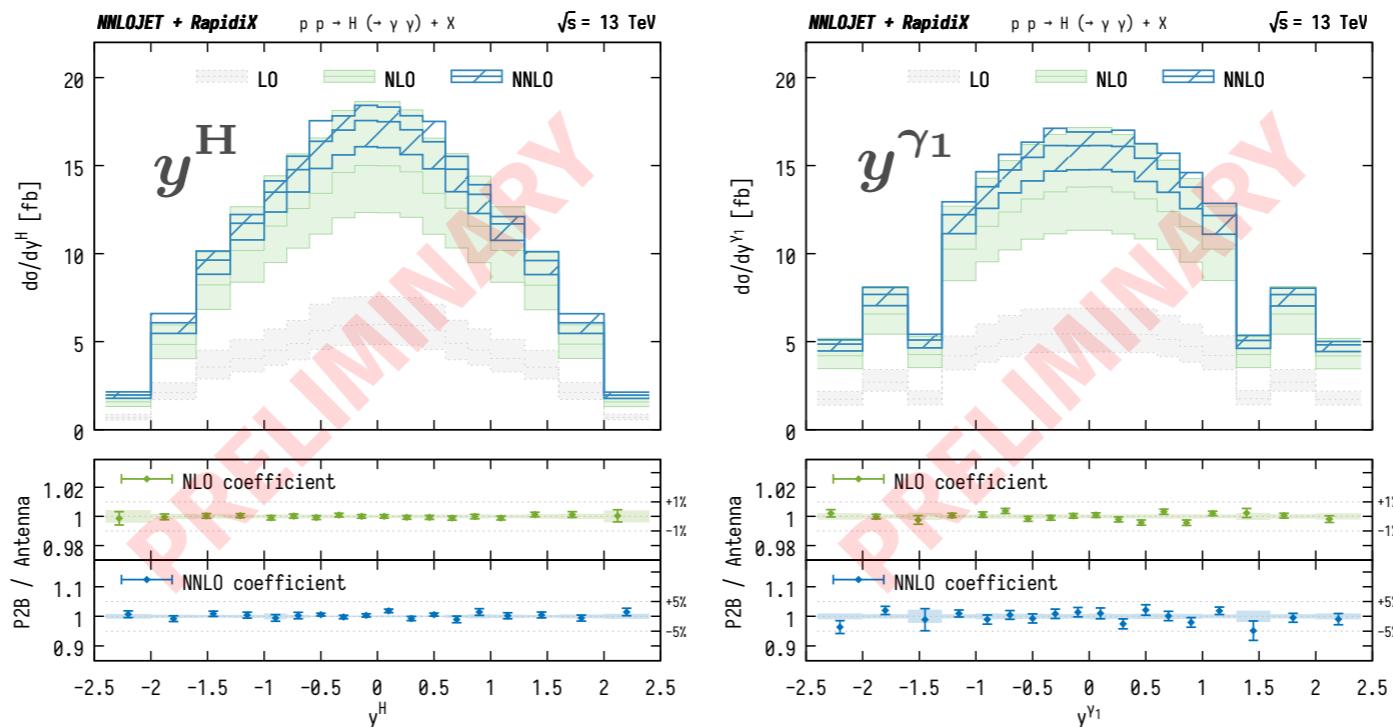
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$H$  fully differential  
@ N<sup>n</sup>LO

\* Born variables:  $(Y, M^2)$

*Validated up to NNLO!*

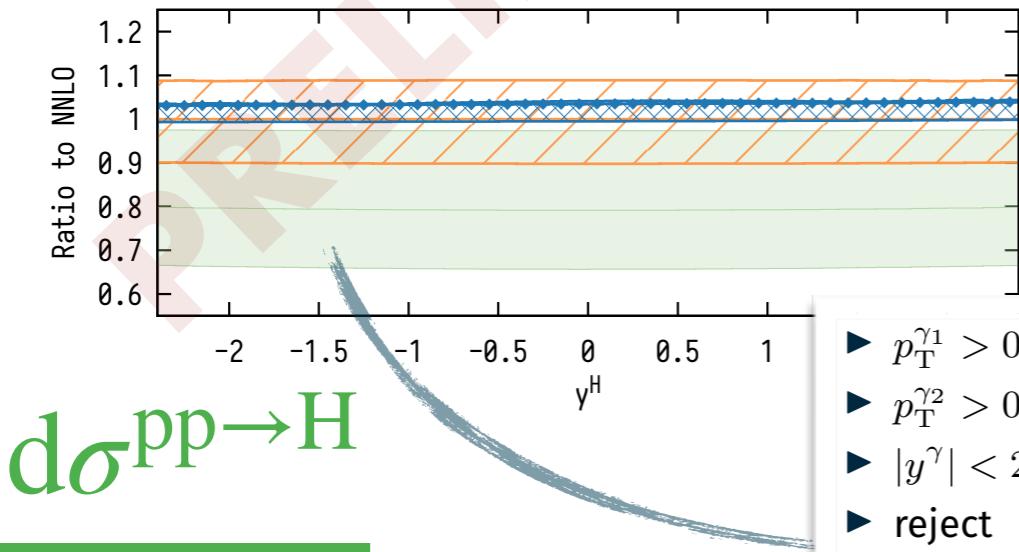
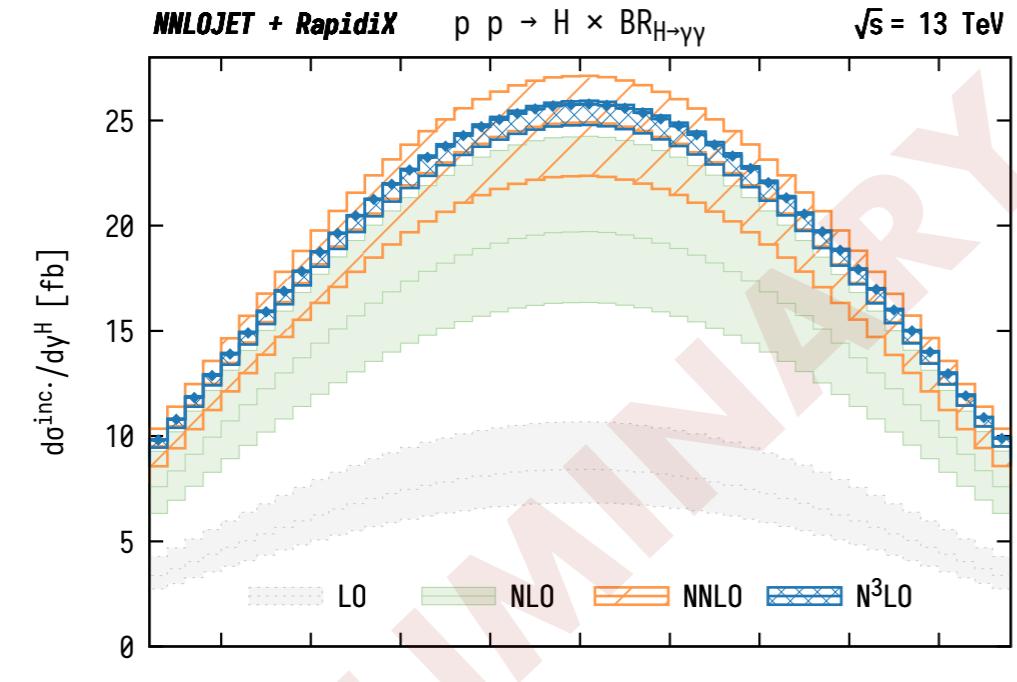
[Chen, Dulat, Gehrmann, Glover, AH, Mistlberger, Pelloni]



# HIGGS @ N<sup>3</sup>LO USING PROJECTION-TO-BORN $d\sigma/dY^H$

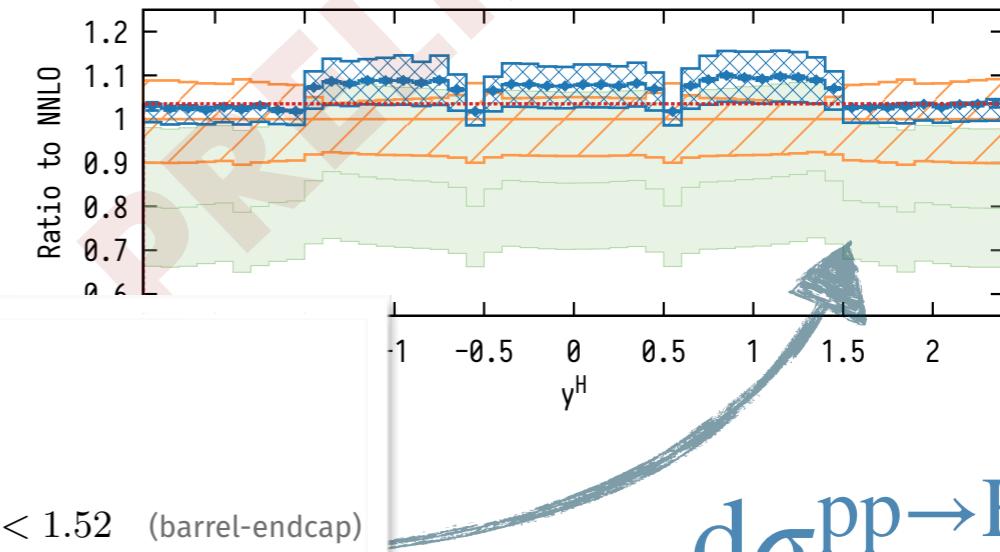
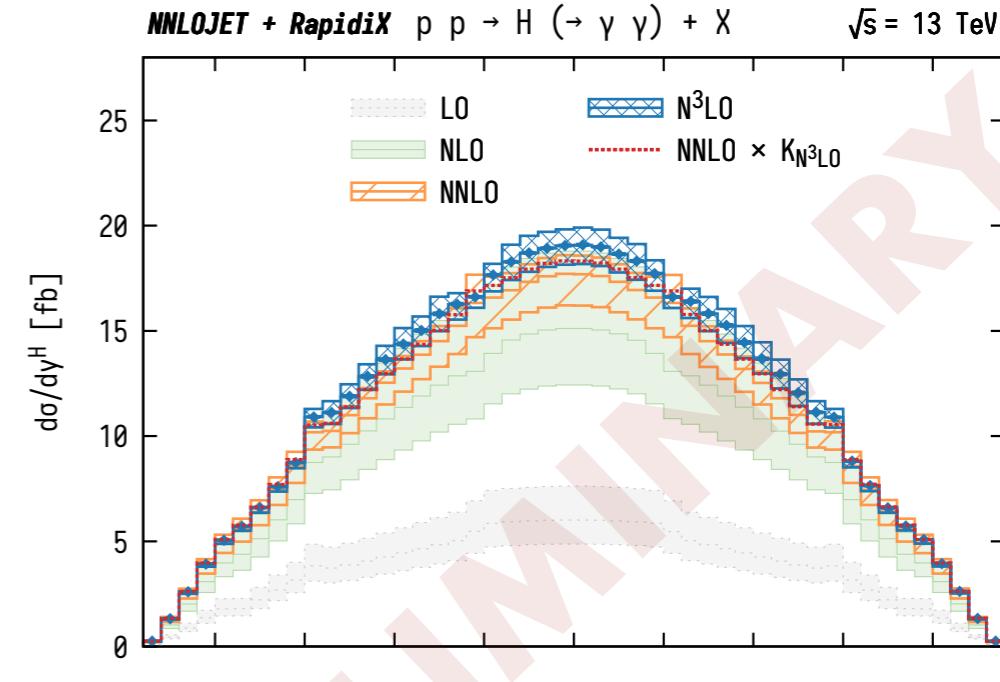
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## INCLUSIVE



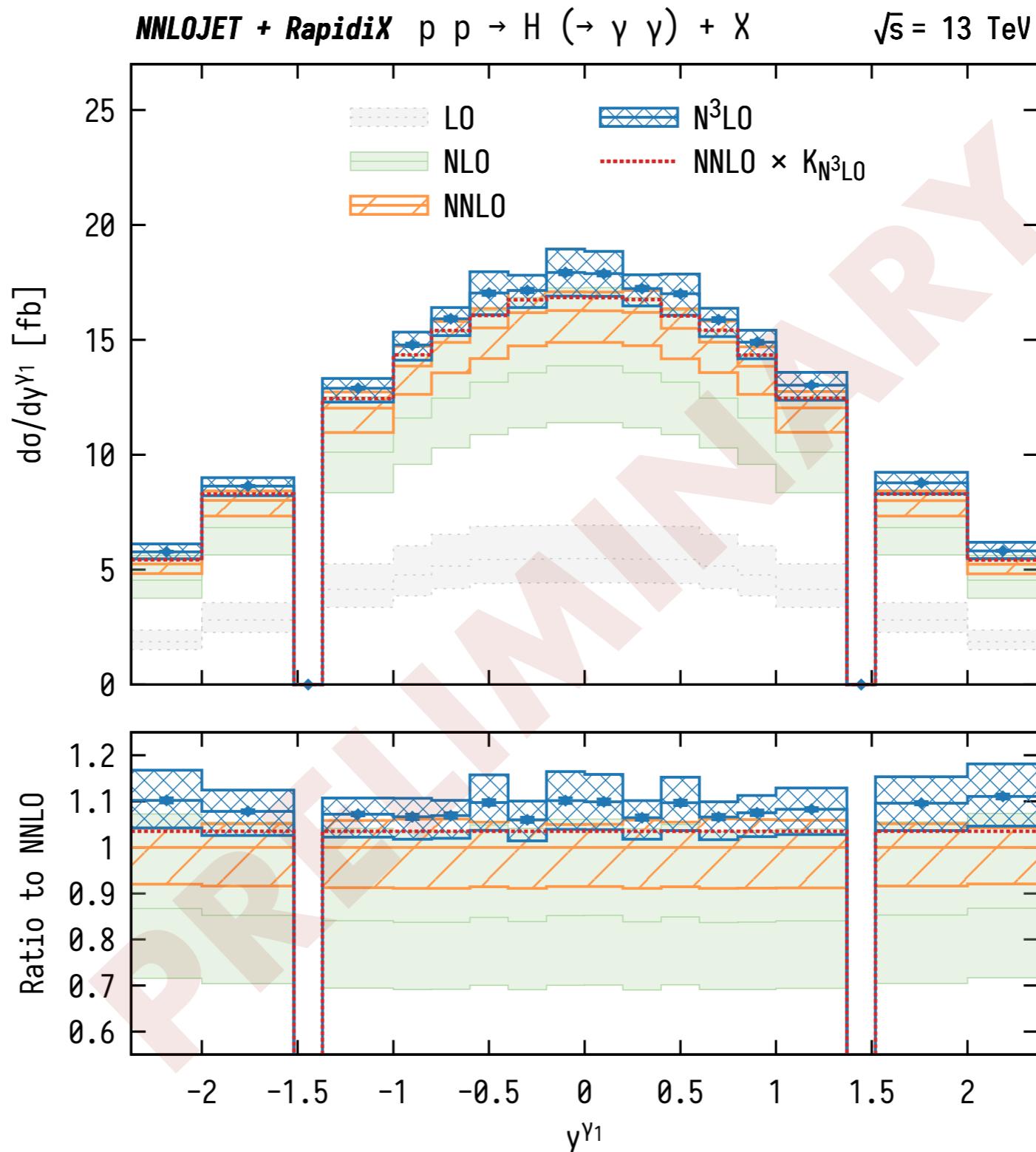
- $p_T^{\gamma_1} > 0.35 \cdot m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- $p_T^{\gamma_2} > 0.25 \cdot m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- $|y^\gamma| < 2.37$
- reject  $1.37 < |y^\gamma| < 1.52$  (barrel-endcap)
- *photon isolation* in  $\Delta R < 0.2$   
 $\hookrightarrow \sum_{\Delta R_{i\gamma} < 0.2} p_{T,i} < 0.05 \cdot E_T^\gamma$

## FULLY DIFFERENTIAL



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**Antennae = ratios of *physical* Matrix Elements:**

$$F_3^0(i_g, j_g, k_g) \equiv \frac{A3g0H(i_g, j_g, k_g, H)}{A2g0H(\tilde{i}_g, \tilde{k}_g, H)}$$

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⇒ Simple processes where antenna  $\simeq$  real-emission Matrix Element  
↔ Projection-to-Born

Similarly at NNLO:  $X_4^0$  &  $X_3^0 \times X_3^0$  are “projections” of RR ME & NLO(+jet) subtraction term.

$d\sigma_{N^3LO}/dy_H \simeq$  integrated antenna:  $\chi_5^0, \chi_4^1, \chi_3^2$

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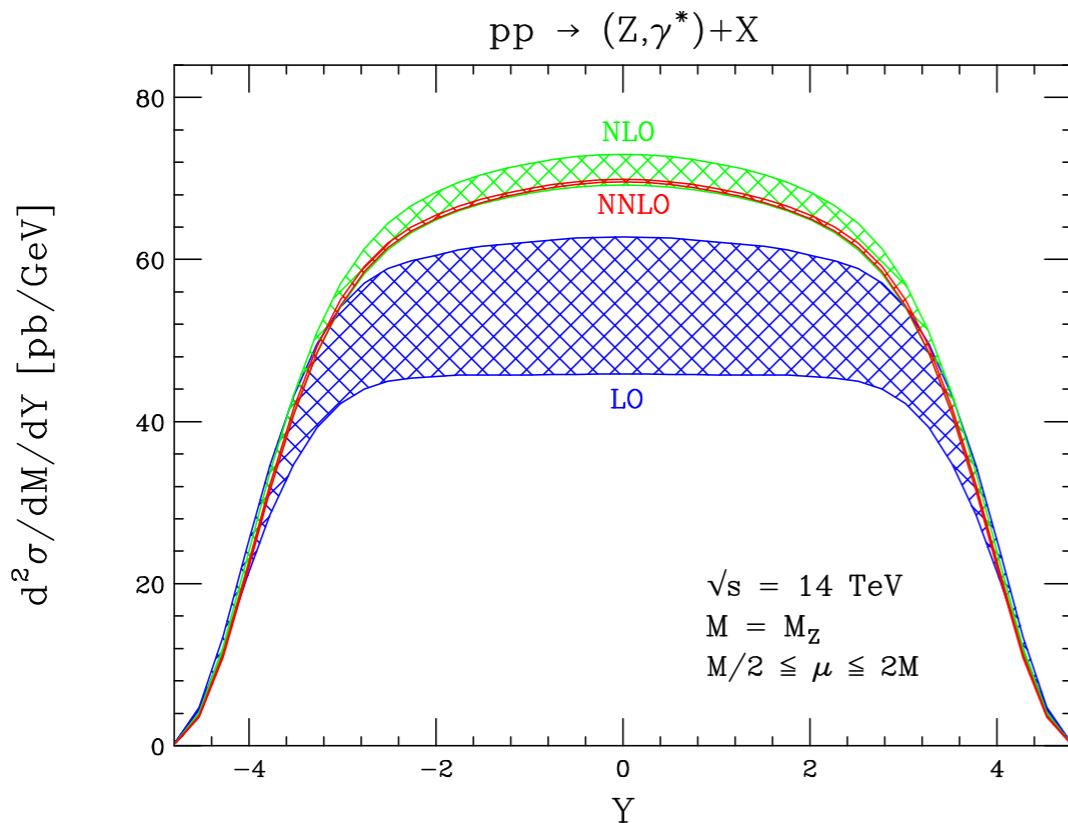
**THANK YOU!**

**BACKUP.**

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# WHY HIGHER ORDERS?

- ▶ high-precision mandatory
  - ↪ processes with large  $K$ -factors ( $H$ )
  - ↪ “standard candles” (jets,  $V$ ,  $t$ , ...)
- ▶ reduction of scale uncertainties
  - ↪ variation of  $\mu_R$  &  $\mu_F$



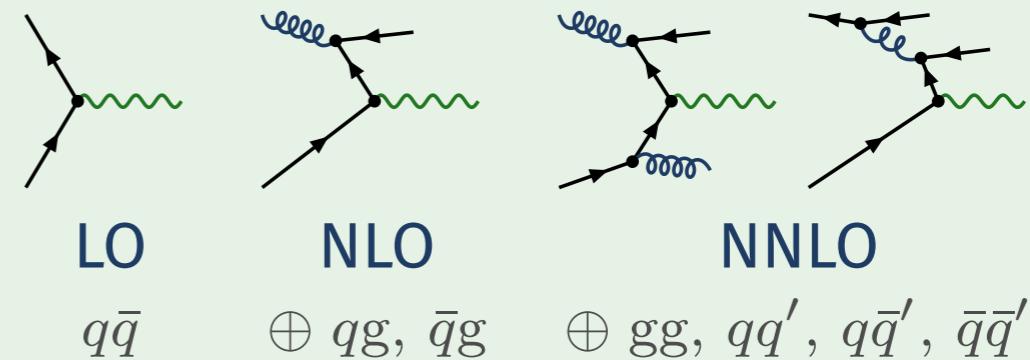
[Anastasiou, Dixon, Melnikov, Petriello '04]

## Jet clustering



- ▶ better modelling of jet algorithm between theory & experiment

## Initial-state radiation



- ▶ opening up of all channels
- ▶ more complicated  $p_T$  recoil

# SUBTRACTION METHODS — CANCEL $\infty$ 'S

- Remarkable progress in the development of methods to perform NNLO computations!

(not an exhaustive list)	local subtraction	analytic	pp collisions	final-state jet(s)
Antenna	✗ <small>(local after rot<sup>n</sup>)</small>	✓	✓	✓
CoLorFul	✓	✓	✗	✓
$q_T$ -Subtr.	✗	✓	✓	✗ <small>(only t)</small>
STRIPPER / nested soft-coll.	✓	✗ / ✓	✓	✓
$N$ -jettiness	✗	✓	✓	✓ <small>(≤ 1 jet so far)</small>

- Projection-to-Born, Local Analytic Sectors, Geometric, ...

# WHAT ABOUT ANGULAR TERMS?!

- Antenna subtraction:  $X_n^l |\mathcal{A}_m|^2 \leftrightarrow$  spin averaged!
- angular terms in gluon splittings:

$$P_{g \rightarrow q\bar{q}} = \frac{2}{s_{ij}} \left[ -g^{\mu\nu} + 4z(1-z) \frac{k_\perp^\mu k_\perp^\nu}{k_\perp^2} \right]$$

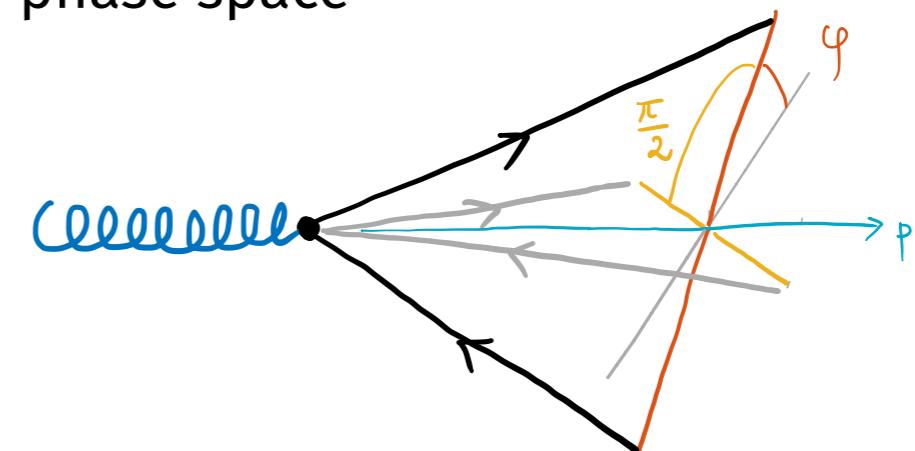
- ↪ subtraction non-local in these limits!
- ↪ vanish upon azimuthal-angle ( $\varphi$ ) average ( $\Rightarrow$  do not enter  $\mathcal{X}$ )

**sol. 1:** supplement angular terms in the subtraction

**sol. 2:** exploit  $\varphi$  dependence & average in the phase space

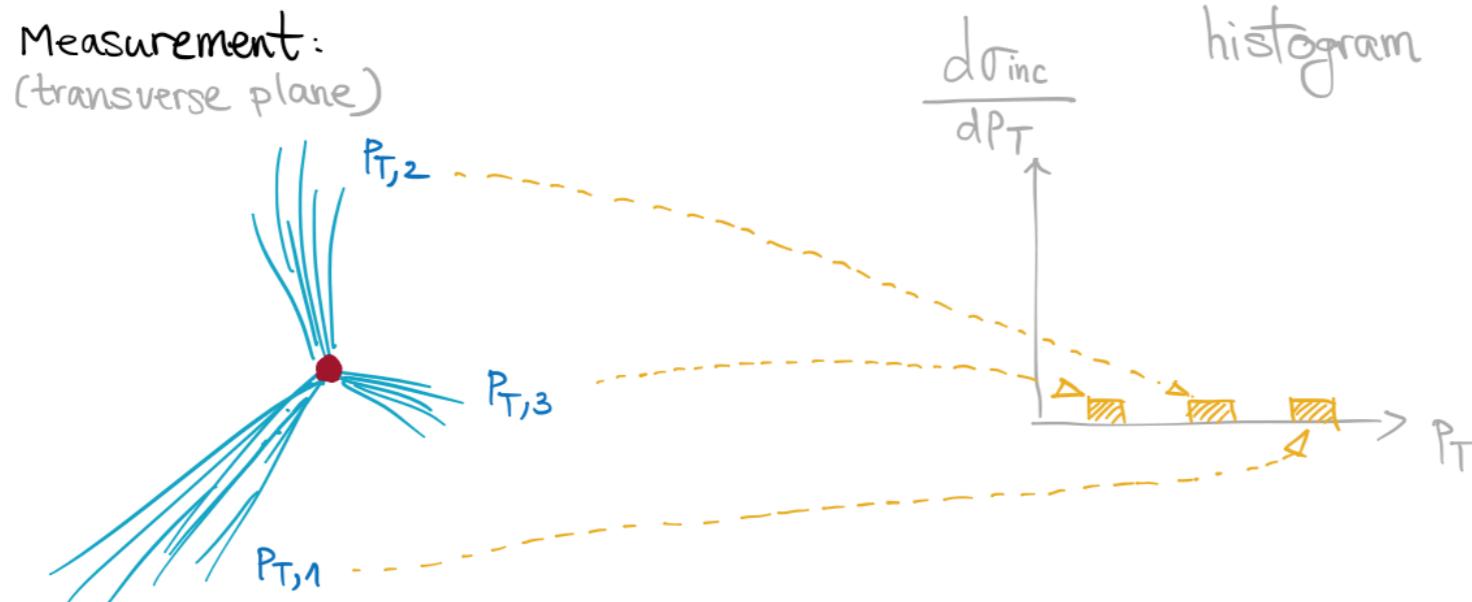
$$\mathcal{A}_\mu^* \frac{k_\perp^\mu k_\perp^\nu}{k_\perp^2} \mathcal{A}_\nu \sim \cos(2\varphi + \varphi_0)$$

$\Rightarrow$  add  $\varphi$  &  $(\varphi + \pi/2)$ !



$$\vec{r} \longrightarrow \text{PS}_{\text{gen.}} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \{p_i, p_j, \dots\} \\ \{p'_i, p'_j, \dots\} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(i \parallel j)} \begin{bmatrix} \{p_i^\varphi, p_j^\varphi, \dots\} \\ \{p_i^{\varphi+\pi/2}, p_j^{\varphi+\pi/2}, \dots\} \end{bmatrix}$$

# INCLUSIVE JET PRODUCTION



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} n \text{ reconstructed jets} \\ \text{in the event} \end{array} \right\} \leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} n \text{ binnings to} \\ \text{the histogram} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{bins}} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{inc}}}{dp_T} \neq \sigma_{\text{tot}}$$

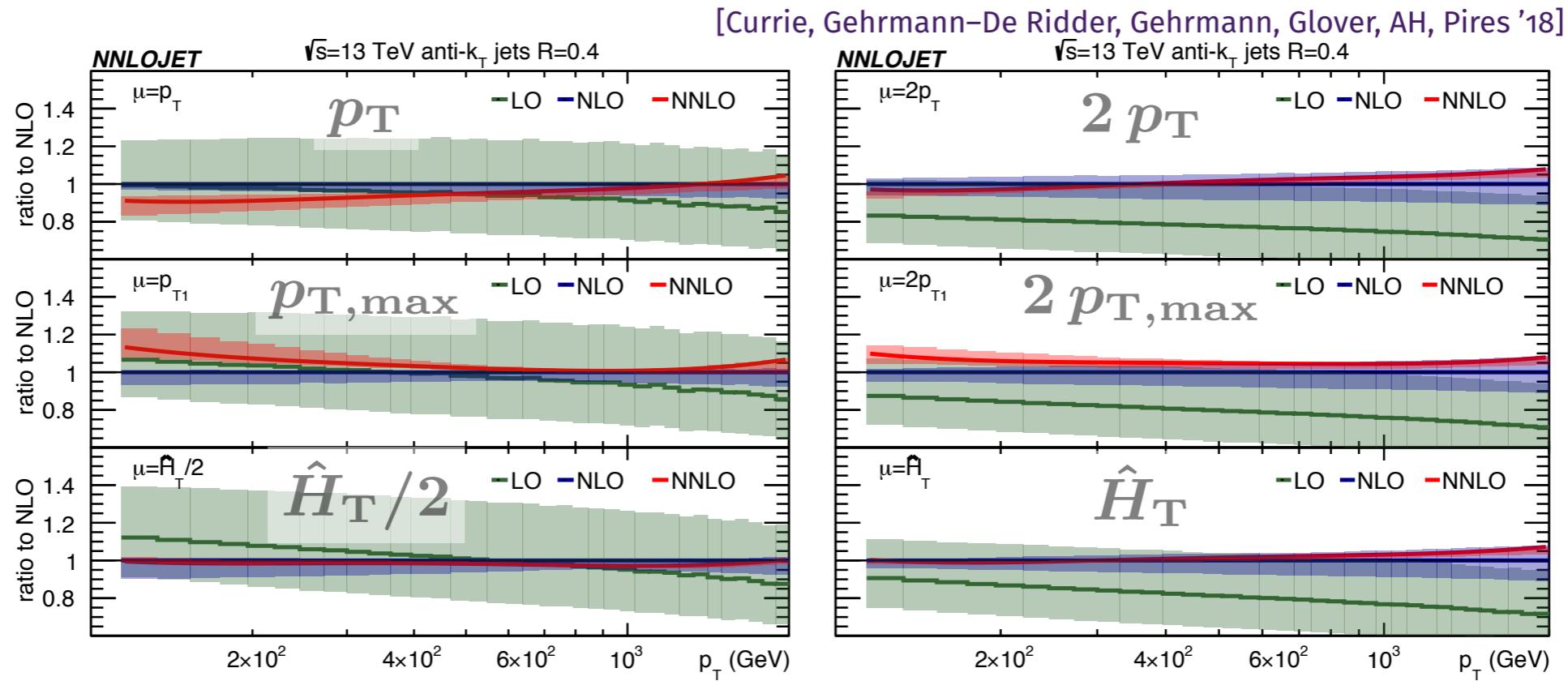
scale choices



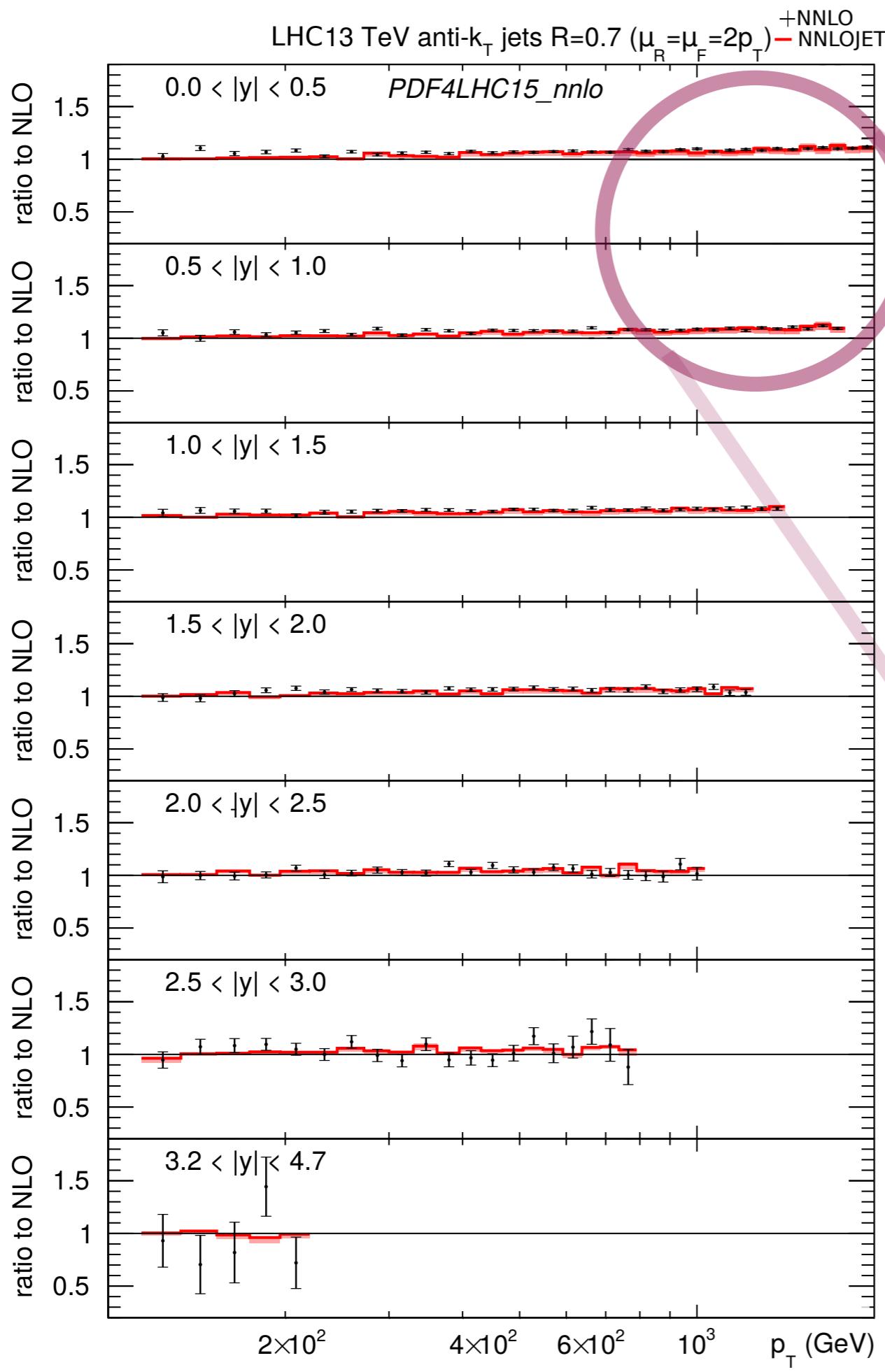
binning of *individual jets vs. events*

- ▶ “global” scales (event):  $p_{T,\text{max}}, \langle p_T \rangle, \dots$
- ▶ “local” scales (jet):  $p_T, \dots$

# INCLUSIVE JET PRODUCTION — SCALE CHOICES ( $R=0.4$ )



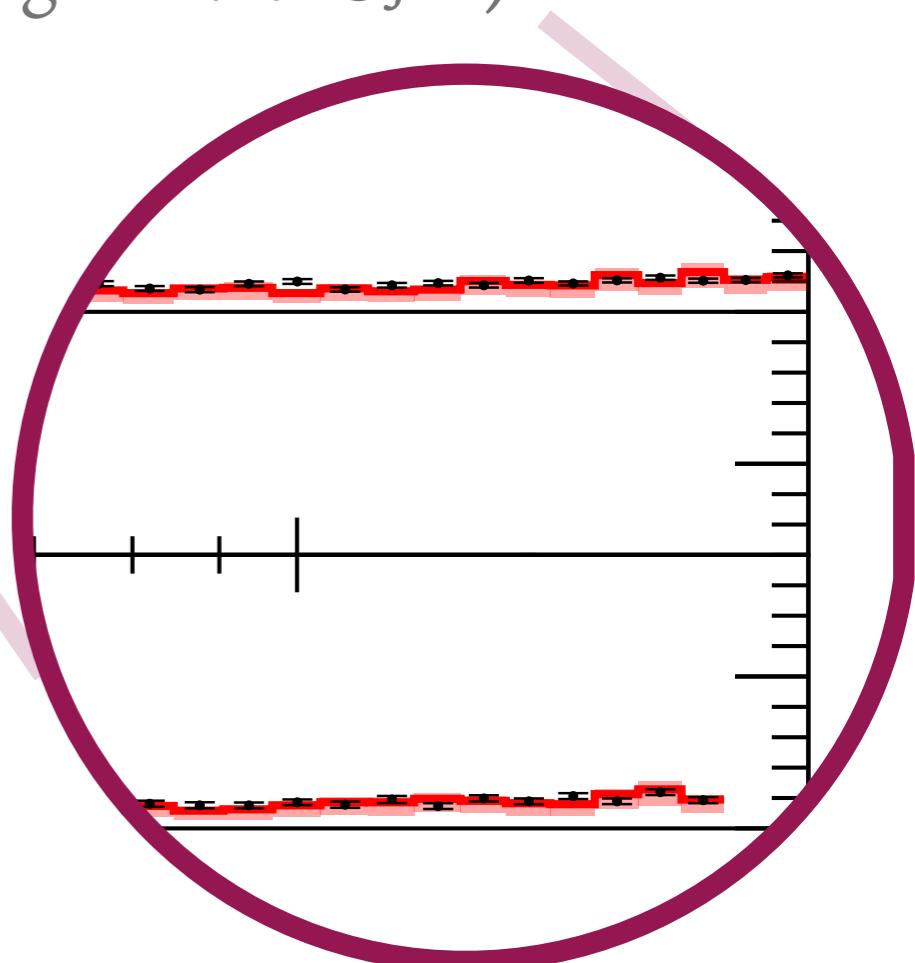
- ▶ most common choice:  $\mu = p_T$  &  $\mu = p_{T,\max}$ 
  - ↪ worst perturbative behaviour
- ▶ harder scales preferred:  $\mu = 2p_T$  &  $\mu = \hat{H}_T$ 
  - ↪ show good properties
- ▶ origin: infrared sensitivity of the inclusive-jet observable
  - ↪ driven by 2<sup>nd</sup> leading jet distribution  $p_T^{j_2}$  (very small @ NLO)
  - ↪ mismatch between real & virtual corrections (alleviated with larger  $R$ )



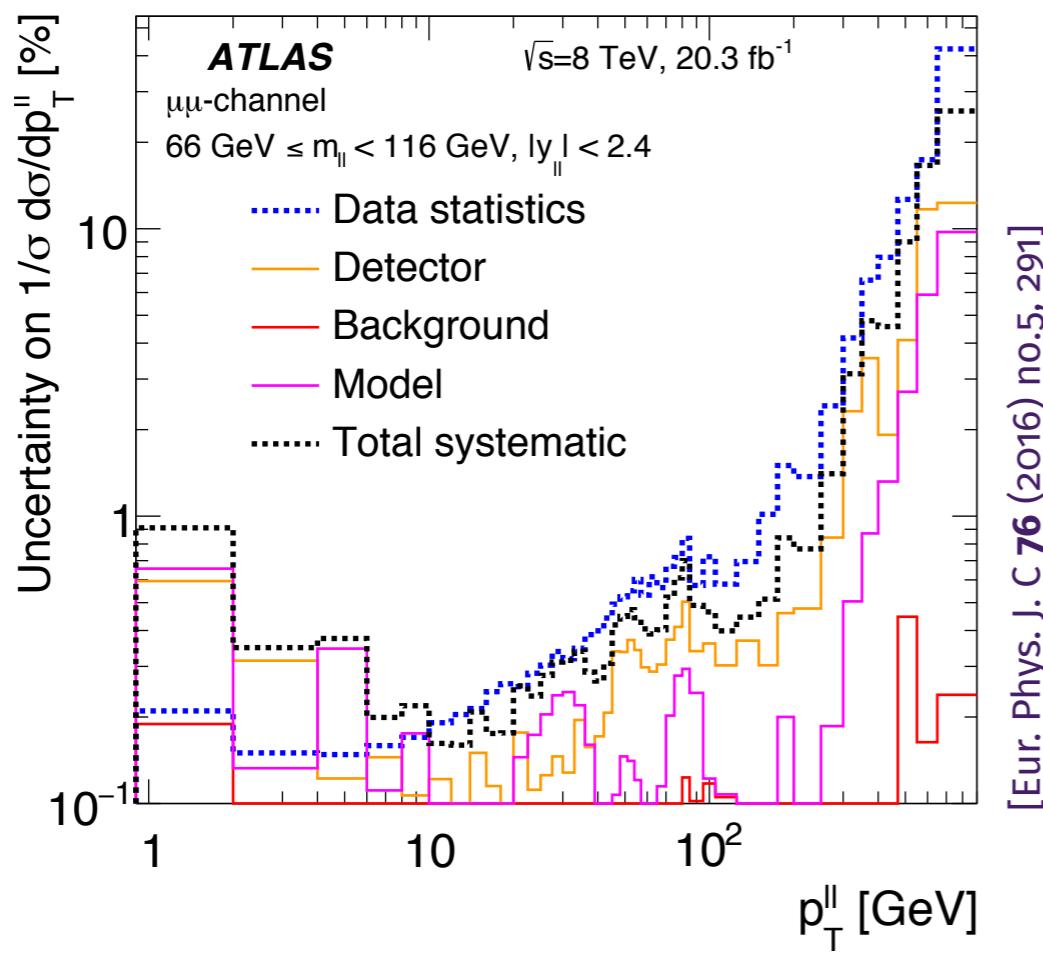
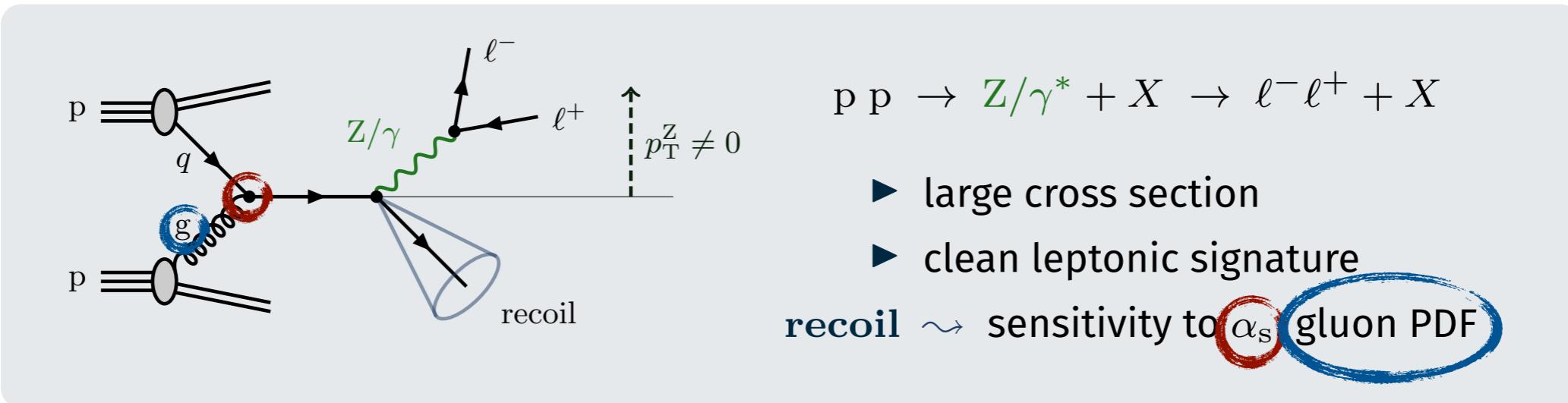
## Two CALCULATIONS!

- **NNLOJET** [Currie, Glover, Pires '16]
- + **STRIPPER** [Czakon, van Hameren, Mitov, Poncelet '19]

- excellent agreement
- sub-leading colour negligible  
(missing in NNLOJET)

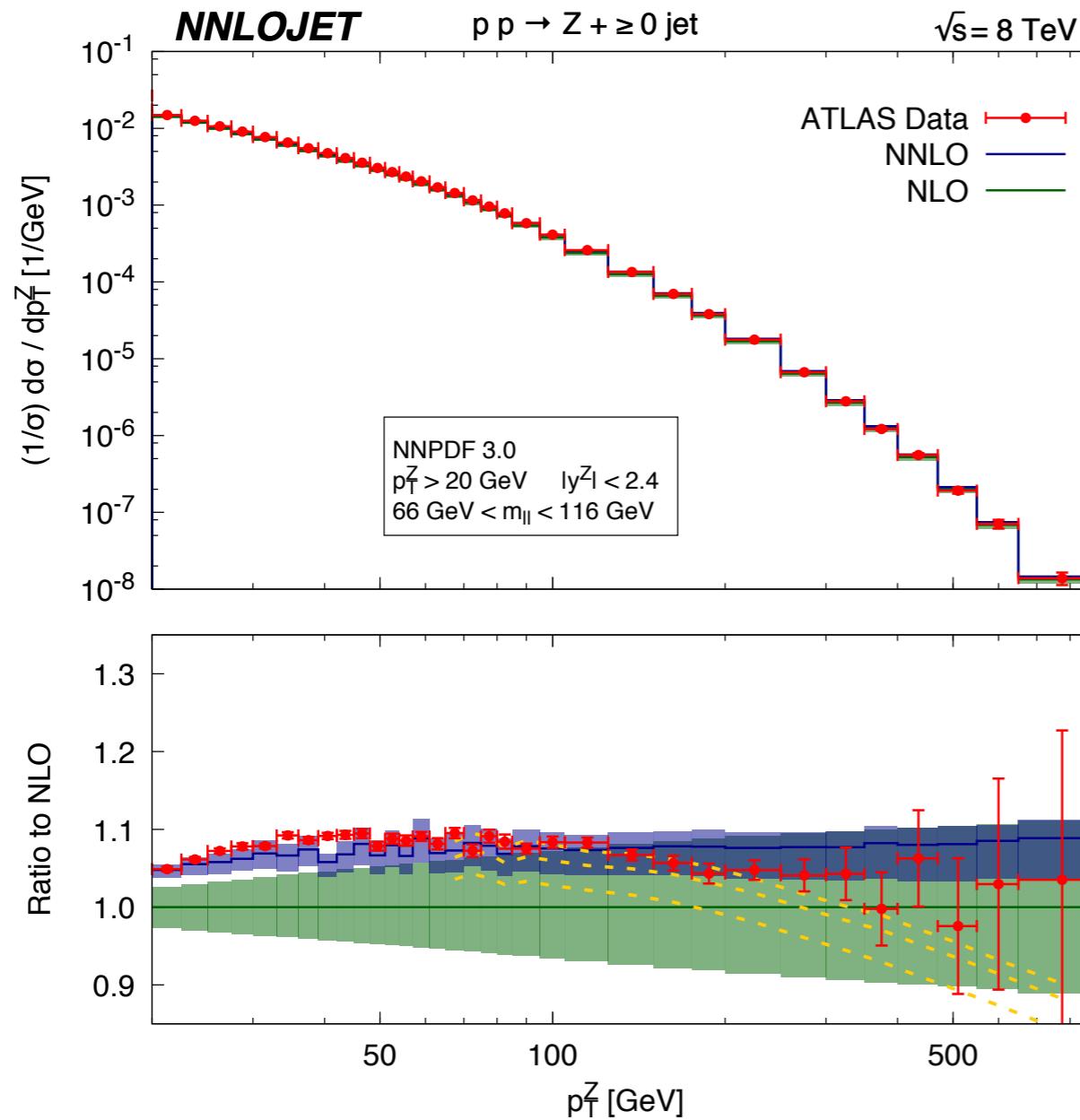


# TOWARDS PER-CENT PHENOMENOLOGY



- only reconstruct  $\ell^+, \ell^-$   
~ sub-% accuracy!
- important constraints in PDF fits  
[Boughezal et al. '17]
- probe various theory aspects:  
very low  $p_T$  non-pert. effects  
low  $p_T$  resummation  
interm.  $p_T$  fixed order  
high  $p_T$  EW Sudakov logs

# INCLUSIVE $P_T$ SPECTRUM

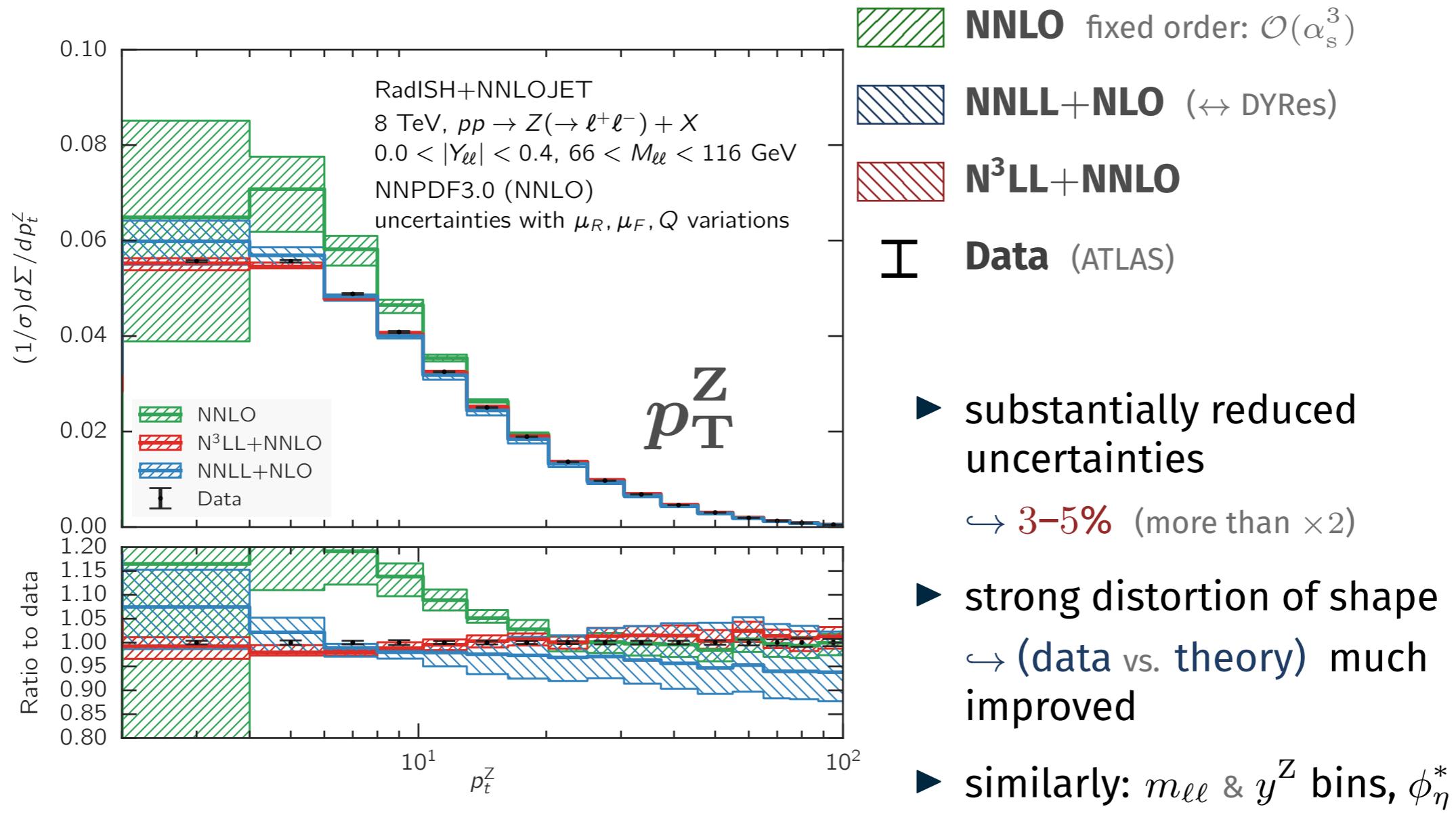


[Gehrman-De Ridder, Gehrman, Glover, AH, Morgan '16]

- $$\frac{1}{\sigma} \cdot \frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^Z}$$
  - removes luminosity error ( $\sim 3\%$ )
  - NLO**  
undershoots data by 5–10%
  - NNLO**  
significant improvement in **Data** vs. Theory comparison
- + EW corrections:   
[Denner, Dittmaier, Kasprzik, Mück '11]
  - ⇒ large impact in the high- $p_T$  tail  
 $\sim -20\%$  for  $p_T^Z \sim 900 \text{ GeV}$   
 (Sudakov logarithms)

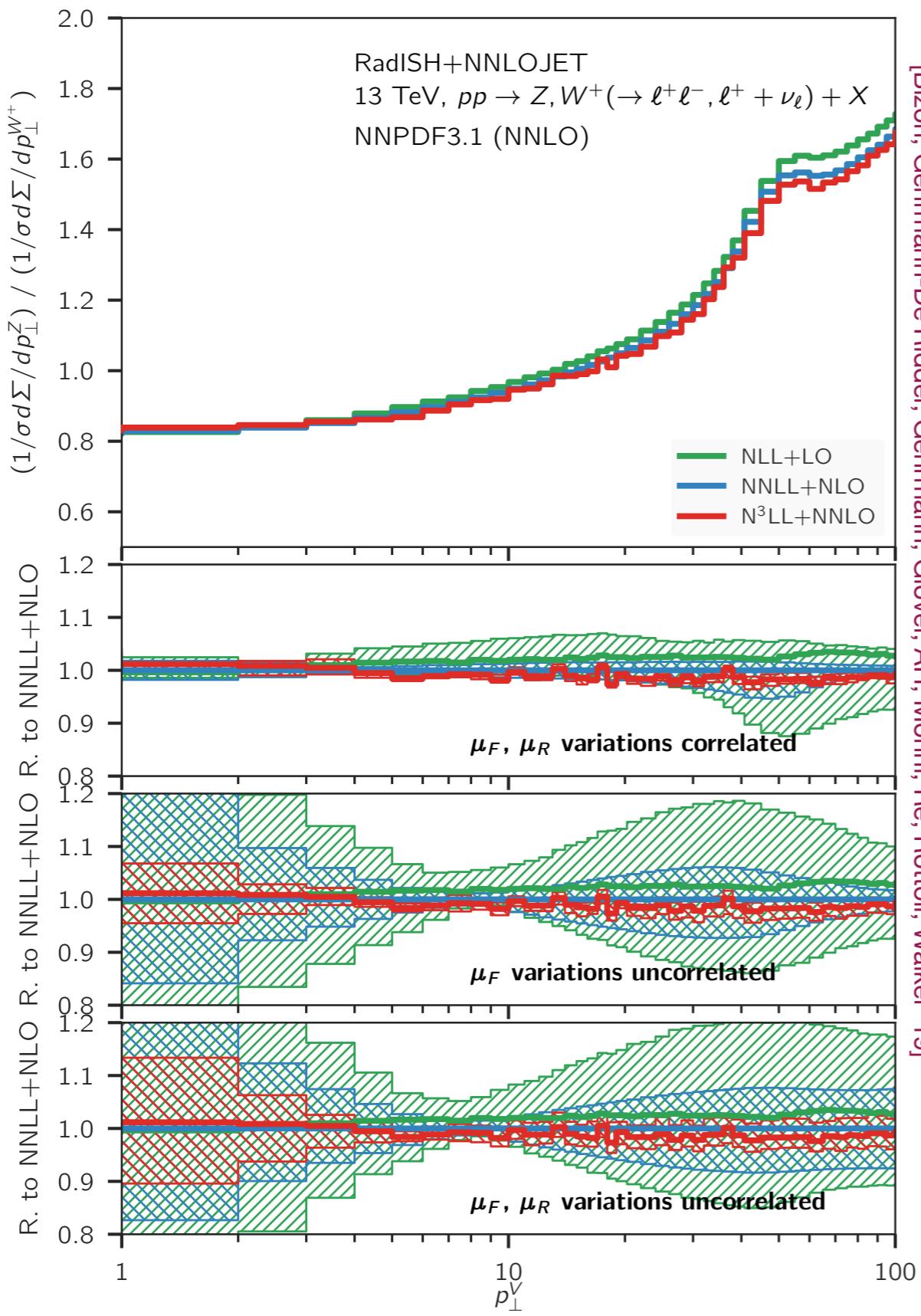
# FIXED ORDER + RESUMMATION – NNLO + N<sup>3</sup>LL

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also:  $p_T^W$  &  $p_T^W/p_T^Z$  (for  $M_W$ )

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NNLO fixed order:  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$

NNLL+NLO ( $\leftrightarrow$  DYRes)

N<sup>3</sup>LL+NNLO

Data (ATLAS)

- ▶ substantially reduced uncertainties  
 $\rightarrow 3\text{--}5\%$  (more than  $\times 2$ )
- ▶ strong distortion of shape  
 $\rightarrow$  (data vs. theory) much improved
- ▶ similarly:  $m_{\ell\ell}$  &  $y^Z$  bins,  $\phi_\eta^*$

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# DIS<sub>1J</sub> @ N<sup>3</sup>LO USING PROJECTION-TO-BORN

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DIS 2 jet  
@ NNLO

[Currie, Gehrmann, Niehues '16]  
[Currie, Gehrmann, AH, Niehues '17]  
CC: [Niehues, Walker '18]

Projection-to-Born



[Cacciari, et al. '15]

DIS structure  
function  
@ N<sup>3</sup>LO

[Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt '05]

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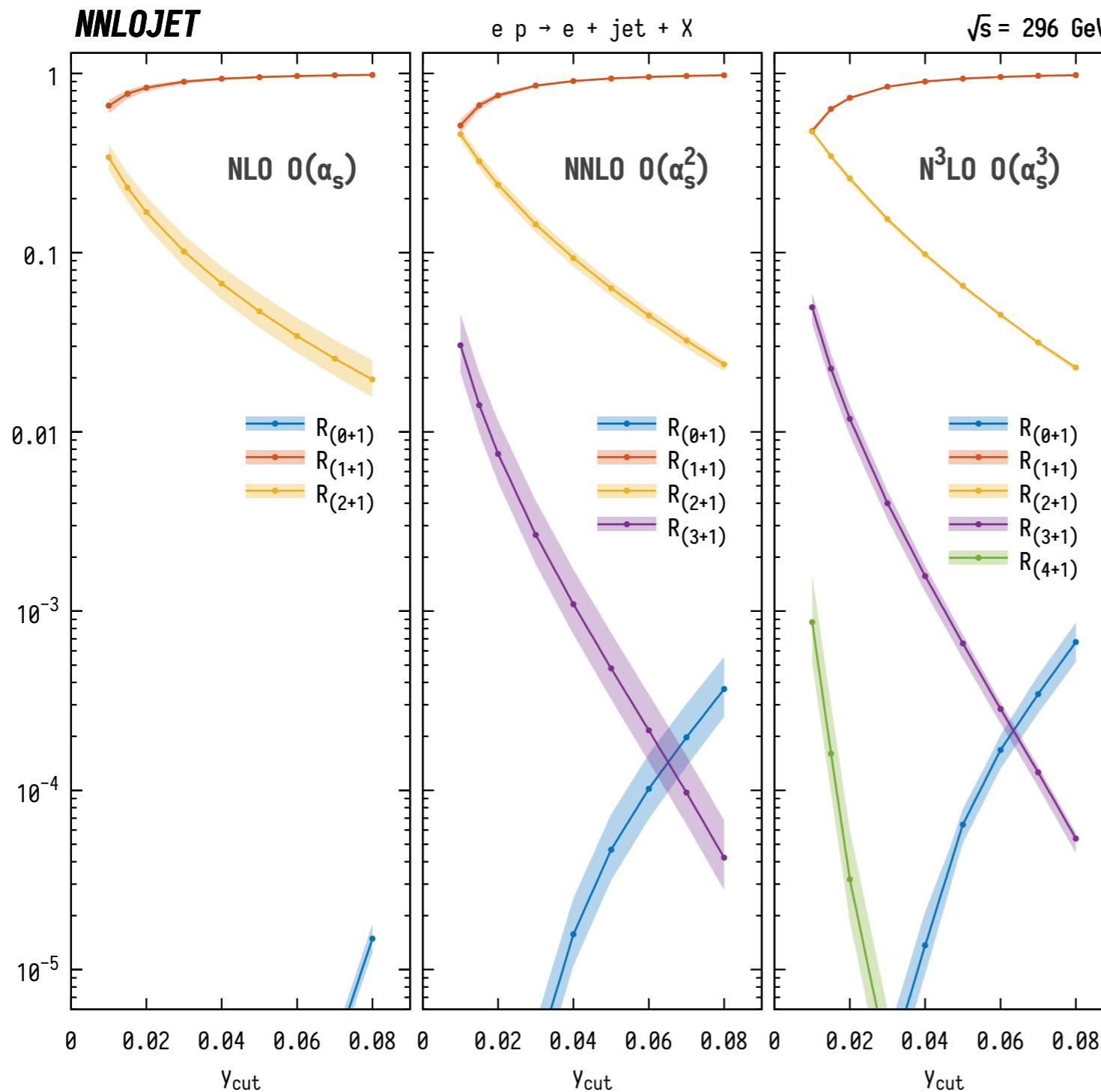
DIS fully  
differential @ N<sup>3</sup>LO

[Currie, Gehrmann, Glover, AH, Niehues, Vogt. '18]  
CC: [Gehrmann, Glover, AH, Niehues, Walker, Vogt '18]

\* Born variables:  $(x, Q^2)$

# JET RATES (NEUTRAL-CURRENT DIS<sub>1J</sub>)

[Currie, Gehrmann, Glover, AH, Niehues, Vogt. '18]



Jet rates:

$$R_{(n+1)} = N_{(n+1)} / N_{\text{tot}}$$

JADE algorithm

→ cluster partons if:

$$\frac{2E_i E_j (1 - \cos \theta_{ij})}{W^2} < y_{\text{cut}}$$