

# Jet identification and flavoured jet algorithms

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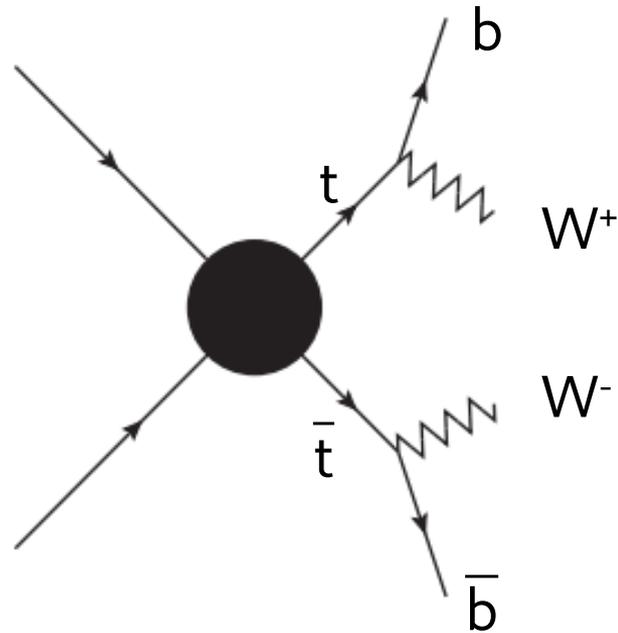
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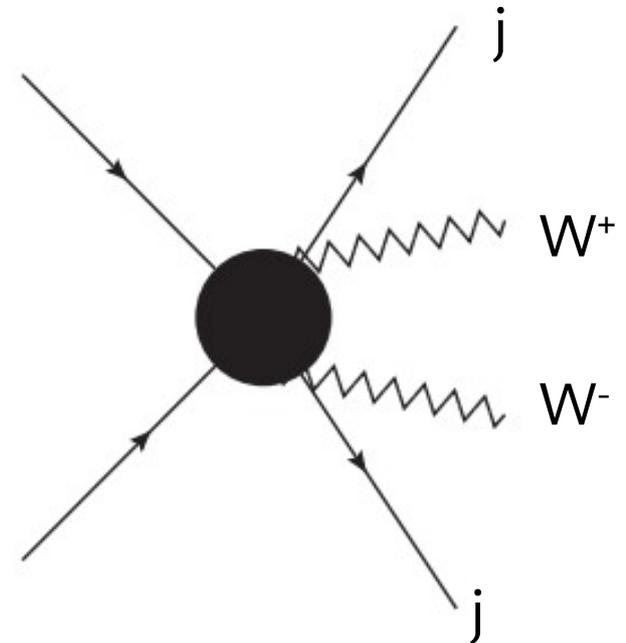
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- Why are flavoured jets interesting?
- Infrared safety of flavoured jet definitions
  - What is the issue?
  - Flavoured jet algorithms
- Experimental flavour-tagging
- Phenomenology with flavour anti-kT
  - Vector-bosons + flavoured jets

# Top-quark production



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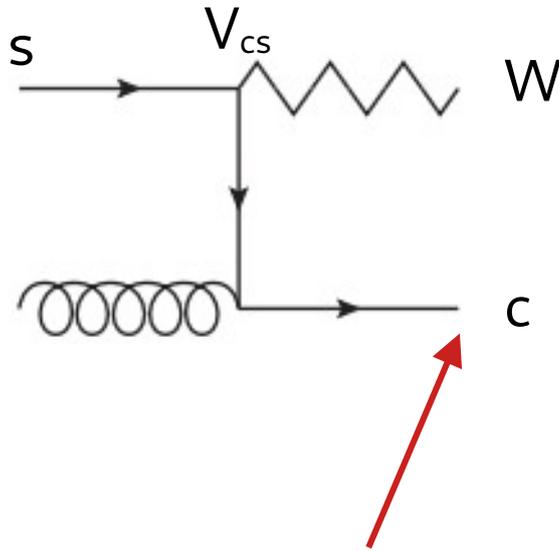


Top-quark pairs:

→ Experimental signature 2 – b-jets + WW

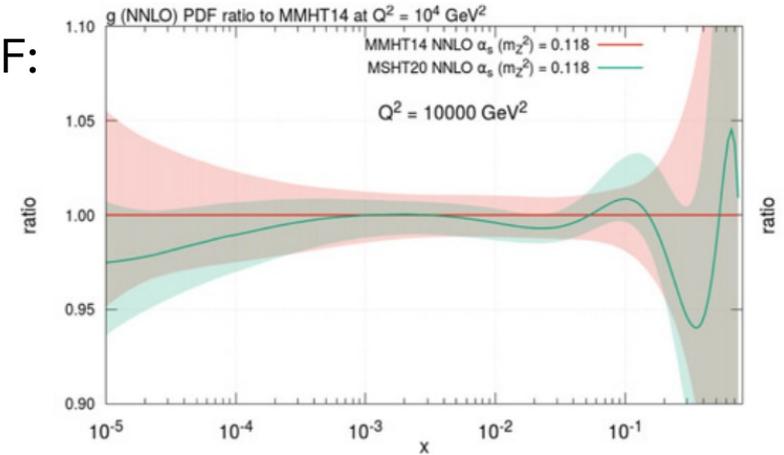
→ b-jet tagging reduces WW+QCD background dramatically.

# W + charm jet

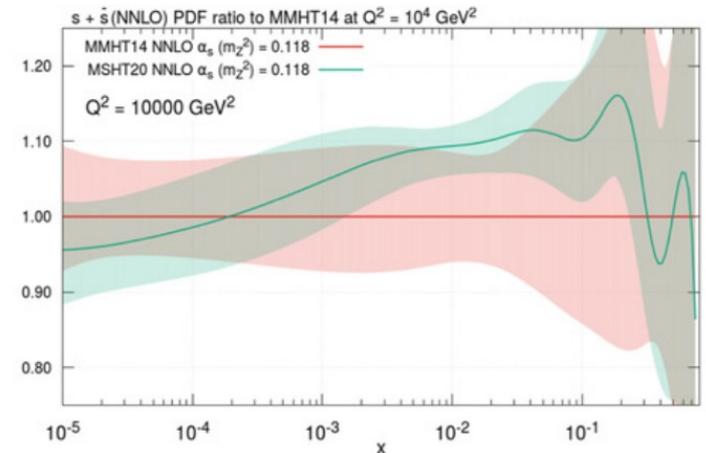


Tagging of charm jet  
to increase sensitivity  
to strange quark PDF

gluon PDF:



s+s PDF:



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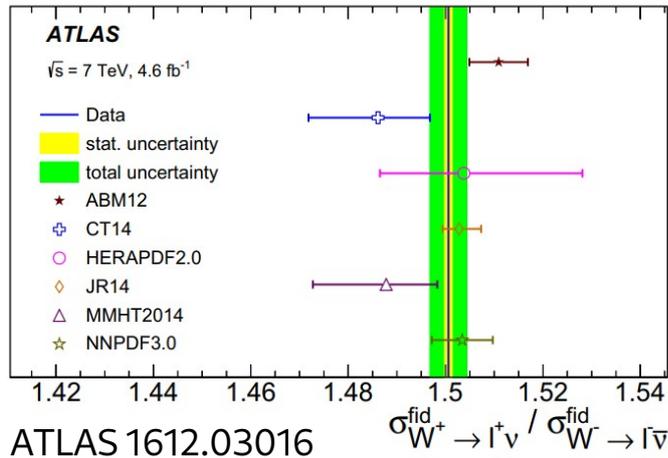
# W + charm jet

Could solve long-standing puzzle:

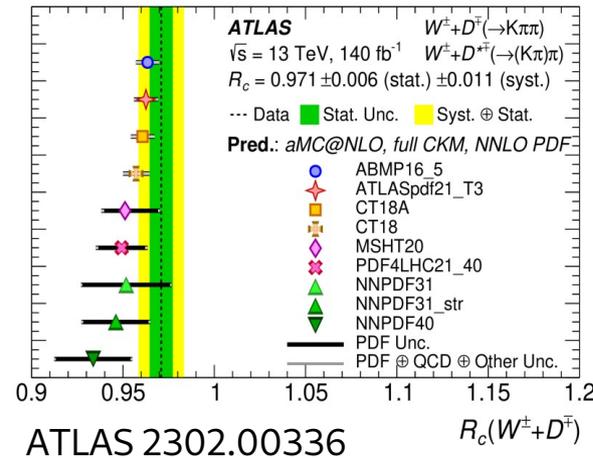
## Strange – anti – strange asymmetry

- pQCD: Three loop SM prediction  $q \rightarrow q' \neq q \rightarrow \bar{q}'$  small effect  $\langle x(s-\bar{s}) \rangle \sim 10^{-4}$
- Size of non-perturbative effect unknown

7 TeV analysis favours  $s \neq \bar{s}$

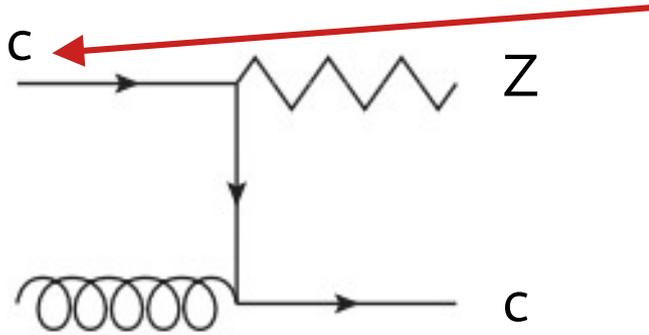


13 TeV analysis favours  $s = \bar{s}$



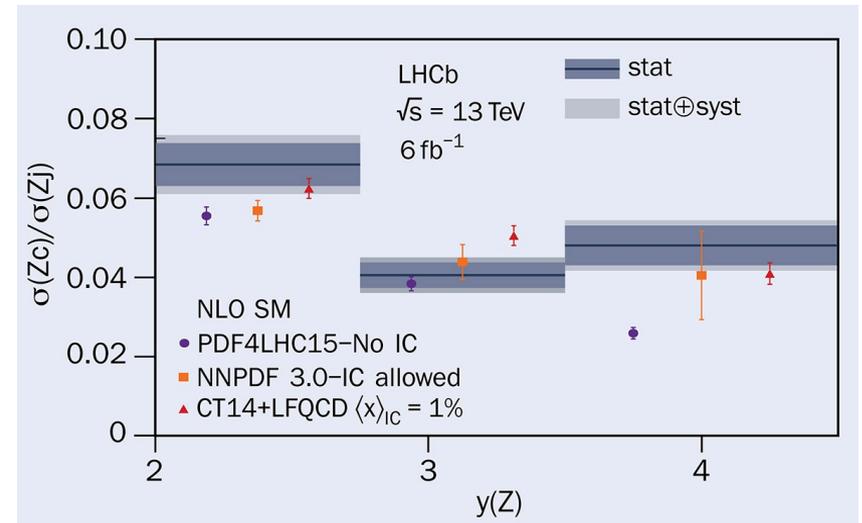
All at NLO QCD  
 higher order  
 corrections needed  
 to fit properly the  
 PDF

# Z + charm jet



Similar to W+charm but for charm PDF

Intrinsic charm component?  
Clarification needs  
→ higher order corrections  
→ charm jet definition



CERN/LHCb 2109.08084

# Flavoured jets are everywhere

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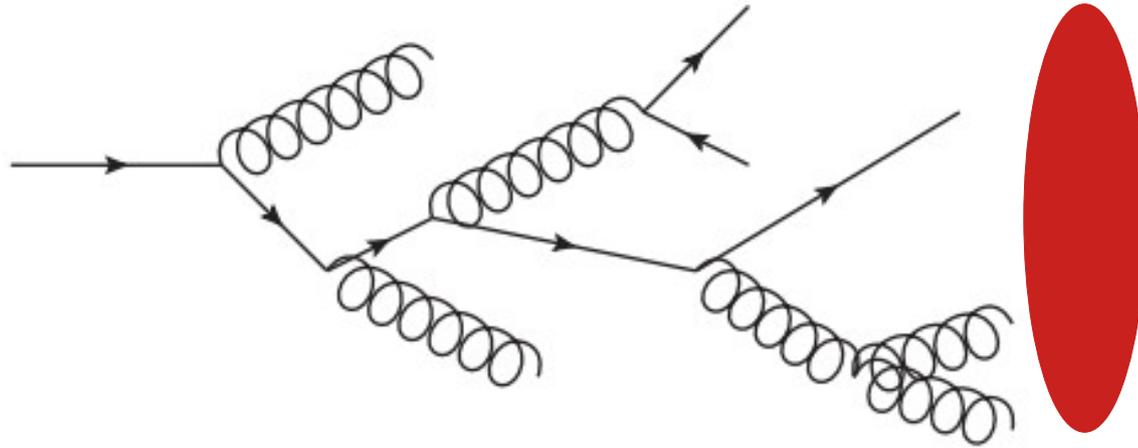
- Top-quarks
- Vector+heavy flavour:  $pp \rightarrow W/Z/A + c/b$
- Higgs  $\rightarrow$  charm, Higgs  $\rightarrow$  bottom
- New physics searches
- ...

# Infrared safety of flavoured jet

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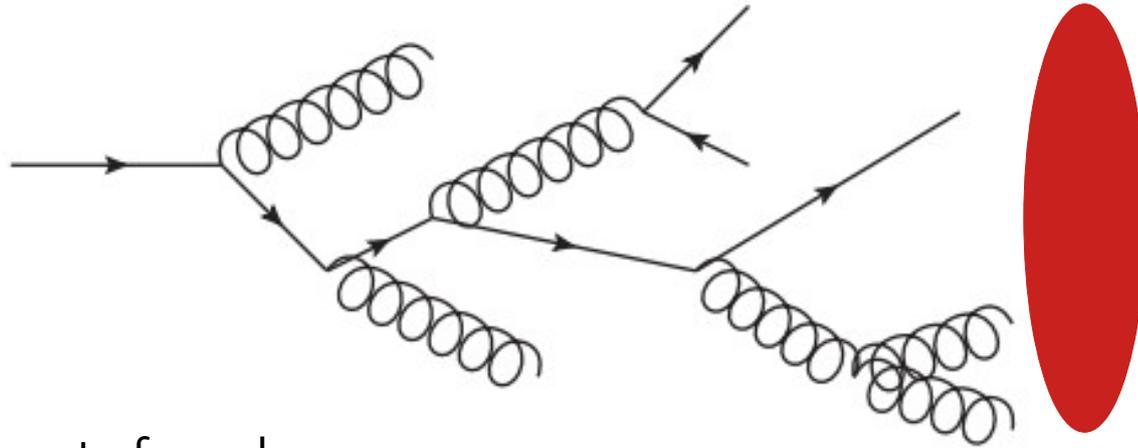
# Parton evolution

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- A high energy parton radiates
- QCD/QED favours collinear splitting
  - jets instead of individual particles
  - closer reconstruction of object from hard interaction
- IR singularities make flavour assignment more difficult

# Parton evolution

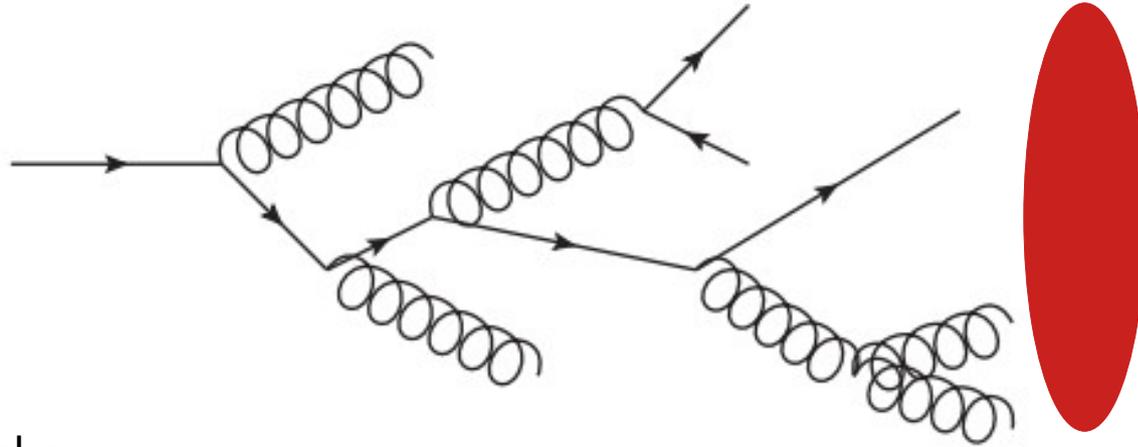


## Case I: Massive treatment of quark

- Mass acts as IR regulator  $\rightarrow$  no IR divergences from collinear splitting
  - Price to pay:  $\log(p_T/m)$  will be important at high energy!  
 $\rightarrow$  resummation needed for reliable predictions
  - Parton-showers can do this but at low accuracy
  - Higher order calculations more difficult
  - Some applications (like PDF fits) need fixed order pQCD at higher orders
- } NLO+PS

# Parton evolution

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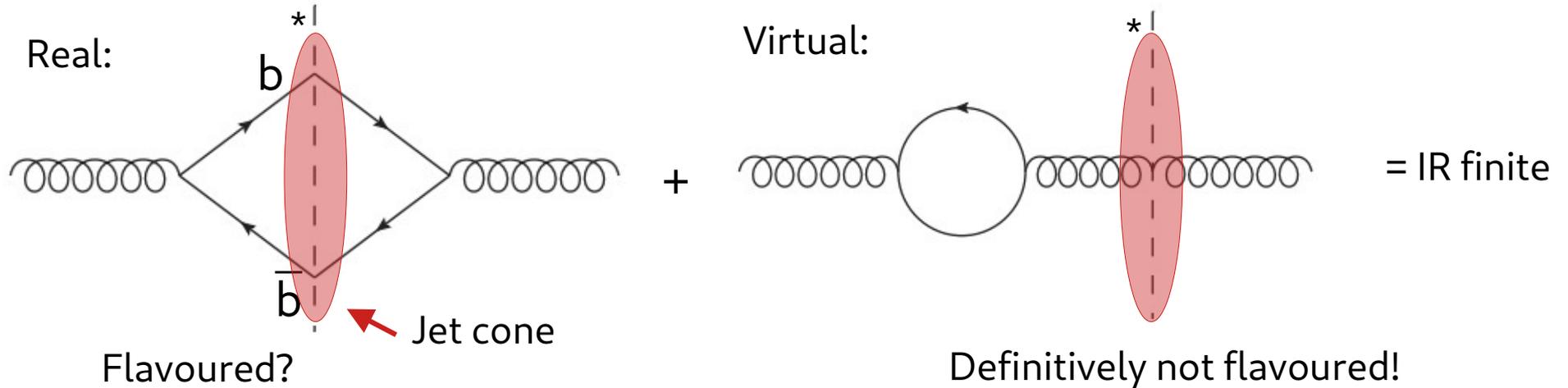


Case II: massless quarks

- Collinear divergences absorbed by renormalisation
- Consistent treatment in junction with PDFs
- Higher order calculations easier  $\rightarrow$  NNLO QCD de-facto standard
- BUT: IR-safety more demanding due to collinear and soft flavoured particles  
 $\rightarrow$  modified algorithms needed  
 $\rightarrow$  implications for phenomenology!

# IR safety issues at NLO QCD

Massless QCD: Cancellation of IR divergences between real and virtual corrections

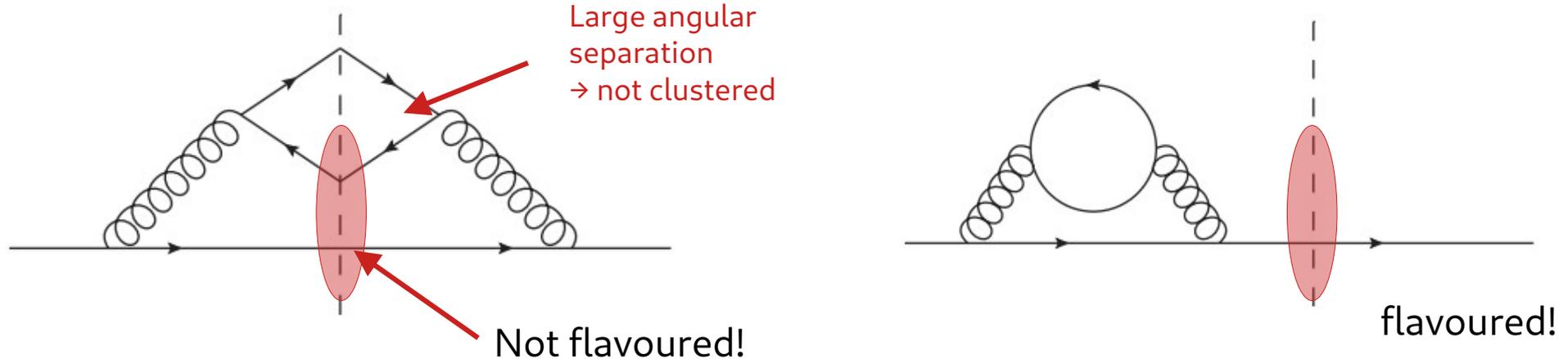


$b \bar{b}$  has to count as a gluon!

\*: cut symbolises the "measured" final state

# IR safety issues at NNLO QCD

Double soft limit of quark pairs



- These double soft splittings need to be captured
- Requires to interleave the kinematics and the flavour information!

# Solution: Modified jet algorithms

→ Implies correlated treatment of kinematics and flavour information

Standard kT algorithm:

Pair distance:

$$d_{ij} = \min(k_{T,i}^2, k_{T,j}^2) R_{ij}^2$$

$$R_{ij}^2 = (\Delta\phi_{ij}^2 + \Delta\eta_{ij}^2) / R^2$$

“Beam” distance for determination condition:

$$d_i = k_{T,i}^2$$

Flavour kT algorithm:

**Infrared safe definition of jet flavor,**  
Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi hep-ph/0601139

Pair distance:

$$d_{ij} = R_{ij}^2 \begin{cases} \max(k_{T,i}, k_{T,j})^\alpha \min(k_{T,i}, k_{T,j})^{2-\alpha} & \text{softer of } i, j \text{ is flavoured} \\ \min(k_{T,i}, k_{T,j})^\alpha & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Beam distance:

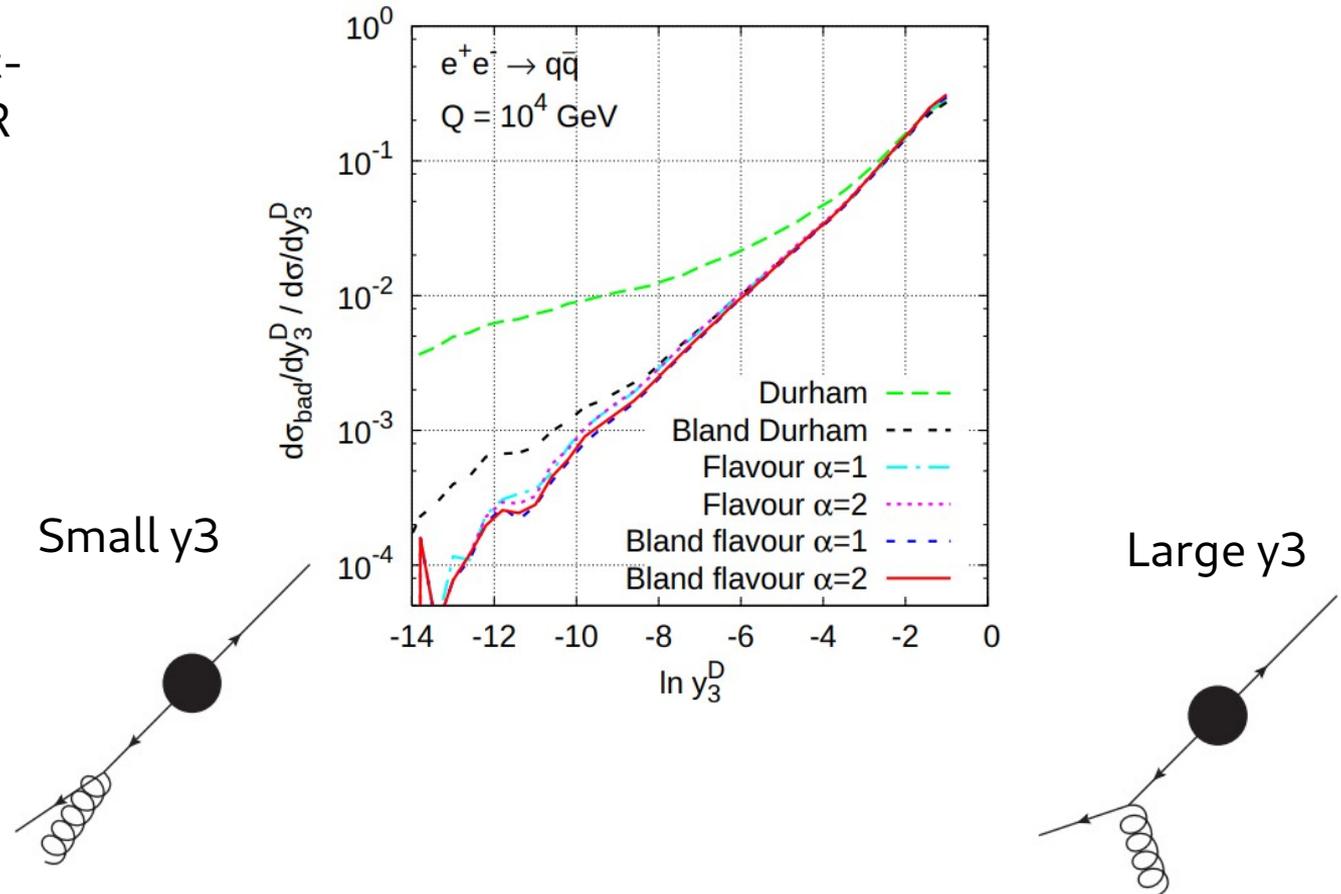
$$d_{i,B} = \begin{cases} \max(k_{T,i}, k_{T,B}(y_i))^\alpha \min(k_{T,i}, k_{T,B}(y_i))^{2-\alpha} & i \text{ is flavoured} \\ \min(k_{T,i}, k_{T,B}(y_i))^\alpha & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$d_B(\eta) = \sum_i k_{T,i} (\theta(\eta_i - \eta) + \theta(\eta - \eta_i)) e^{\eta_i - \eta}$$

$$d_{\bar{B}}(\eta) = \sum_i k_{T,i} (\theta(\eta - \eta_i) + \theta(\eta_i - \eta)) e^{\eta - \eta_i}$$

# Tests of IR safety

- Rate of bad-identified jet-flavour as a function of IR sensitive variable
- Parton-shower to model many emissions



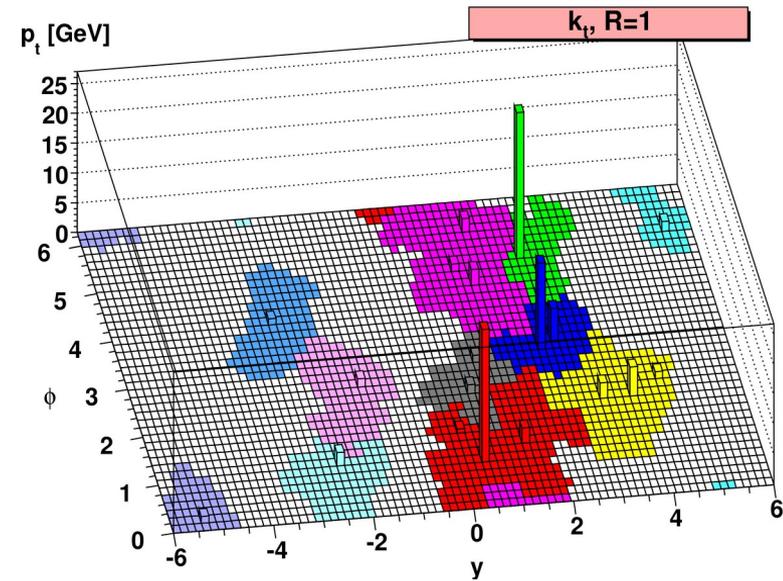
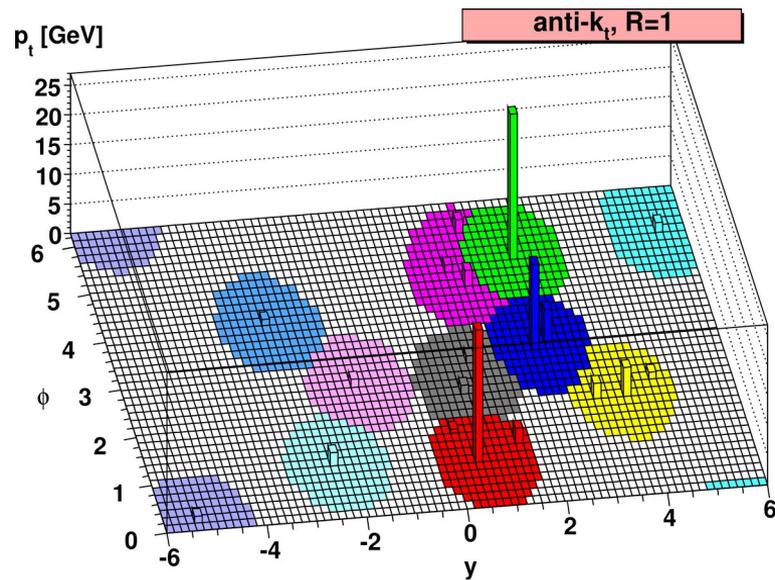
# Problem solved, isn't it?

The standard algorithm for the LHC is the anti-kT:

→ nice geometric properties

→ less sensitive to soft physics

Towards Jetography  
Salam 0906.1833



# New proposals for flavour-safe anti-kT jets

- Flavour anti-kT **Infrared-safe flavoured anti-kT jets,**  
Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet 2205.11879
- Flavour with Soft-drop **Practical Jet Flavour Through NNLO**  
Caletti, Larkoski, Marzani, Reichelt 2205.01109
- Fragmentation approach: **A Fragmentation Approach to Jet Flavor**  
Caletti, Larkoski, Marzani, Reichelt 2205.01117  
**B-hadron production in NNLO QCD: application to LHC ttbar events with leptonic decays,**  
Czakon, Generet, Mitov and Poncelet, 2102.08267
- Flavour dressing → standard anti-kT + flavour assignment  
**QCD-aware partonic jet clustering for truth-jet flavour labelling**  
Buckley, Pollard 1507.00508 **A dress of flavour to suit any jet**  
Gauld, Huss, Stagnitto 2208.11138
- Flavour neutralisation (not-yet-public)
- TBC...

# Flavour anti-kT

Infrared-safe flavoured anti-kT jets,  
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$$\text{Anti-kT: } d_{ij} = \min(k_{T,i}^{-2}, k_{T,j}^{-2}) R_{ij}^2 \quad d_i = k_{T,i}^{-2}$$

The energy ordering in anti-kT prevents correct recombination of flavoured pairs in the double soft limit.

Proposed modification:

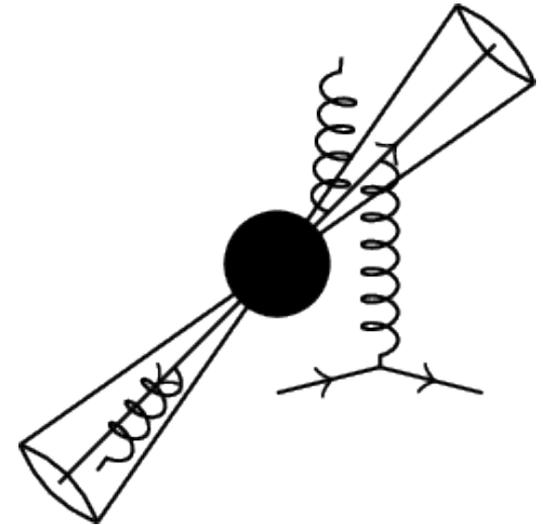
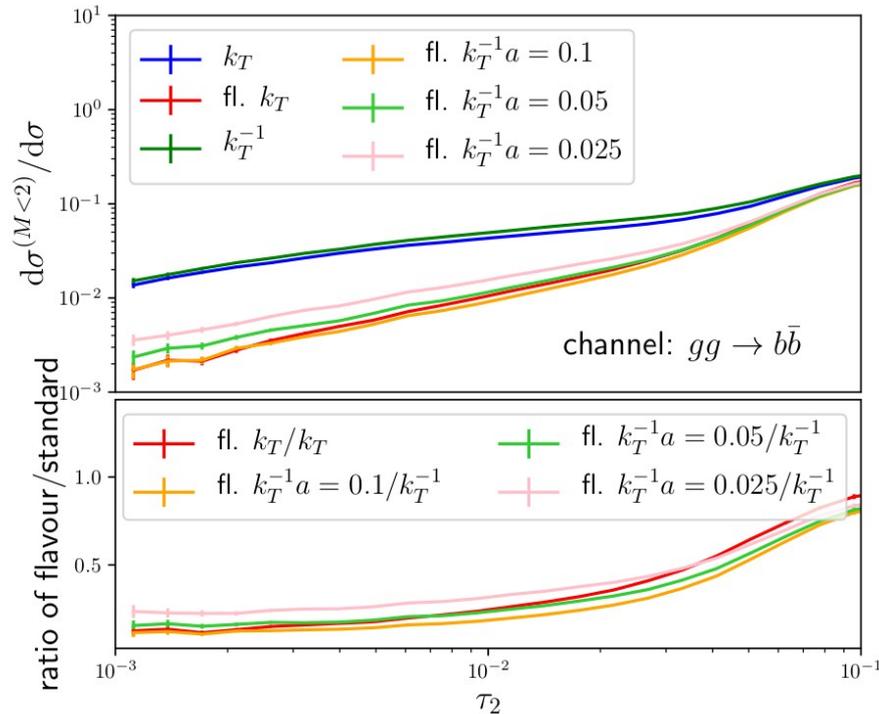
A soft term designed to modify the distance of flavoured pairs.

$$d_{ij}^{(F)} = d_{ij} \begin{cases} \mathcal{S}_{ij} & \text{i,j is flavoured pair} \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{ij} \equiv 1 - \theta \left(1 - \kappa_{ij}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \kappa_{ij}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad \kappa_{ij} \equiv \frac{1}{a} \frac{k_{T,i}^2 + k_{T,j}^2}{2k_{T,\max}^2}.$$

# Tests of IR safety with parton showers

- In the di-jet limit the flavour needs to correspond to tree level flavours
- misidentification rate needs to vanish in di-jet back-to-back limit
- IR sensitive observable 2-jettiness



# Tests of IR safety with NNLO FO computations

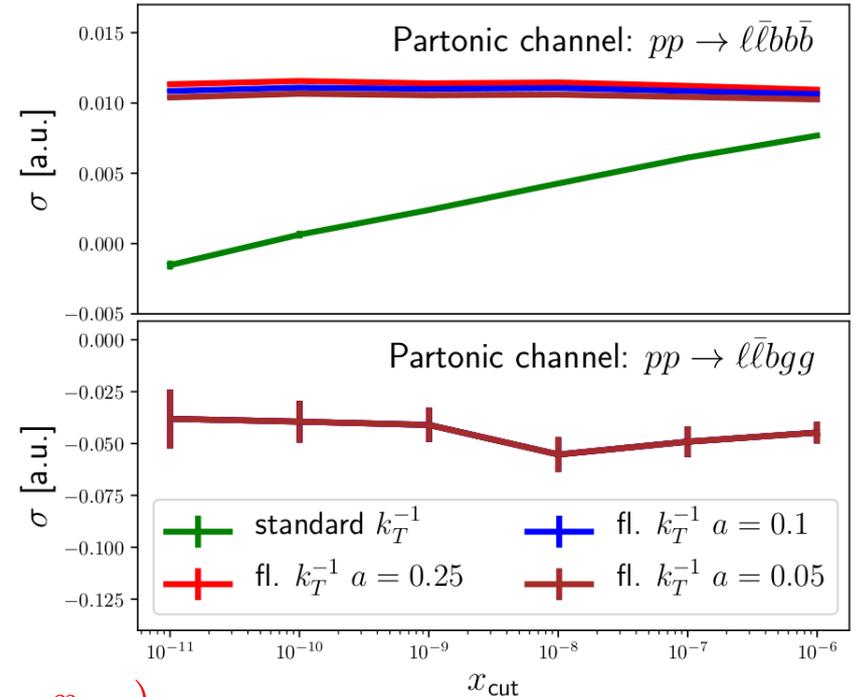
IR sensitivity of jet cross sections on (technical)  
IR regulating parameter  $x$

In the limit  $x_{\text{cut}} \rightarrow 0$ :

IR safe jet flavour  $\rightarrow$  no dependence on  $x_{\text{cut}}$

IR non-safe jet flavour  $\rightarrow$  logarithmic divergent

$$d\sigma \ni d\Phi_{n+2} \left( \text{Diagram 1} \right) F_{n+2} + \dots + d\tilde{\Phi}_{n+2} \mathcal{S}_2 \left( \text{Diagram 2} \right) F_n \theta(x - x_{\text{cut}})$$



# Remarks to the flavour anti-kT

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- What is that kT\_max parameter?

Some scale to define what **soft** means. Examples:

1. pT of hardest pseudo jet or lepton at a clustering step
2. Some fixed dynamical scale, e.g. pT(Z), pT(lep), ...
3. Some fixed hard scale: m\_top, m\_Z etc.

→ The choice impacts the clustering.

# Flavour-dressing

## A dress of flavour to suit any jet

Gauld, Huss, Stagnitto 2208.11138

- Use standard anti-kT (or any other) to cluster jets  $\{j_k\}$
- Creation of flavour clusters  $\{f_l\}$ 
  - cluster radiation close to quarks (or B/D hadrons)
  - soft-drop criterion for flavour+not-flavour clusters:

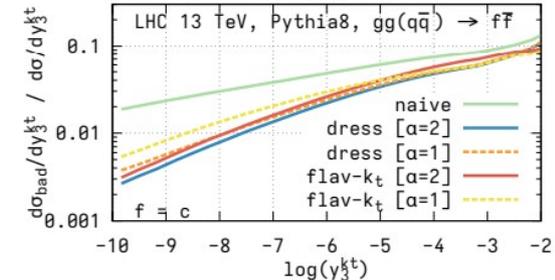
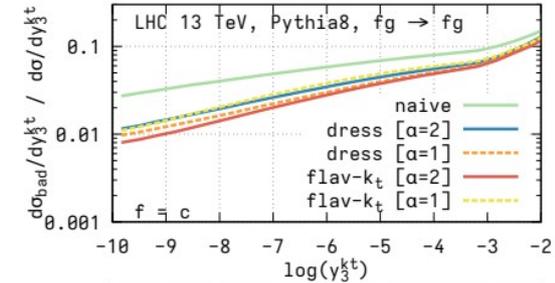
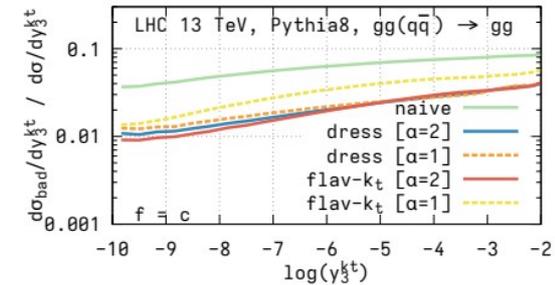
$$\frac{\min(p_{t,a}, p_{t,b})}{(p_{t,a} + p_{t,b})} > z_{\text{cut}} \left( \frac{\Delta R_{ab}}{\delta R} \right)^\beta$$

- Associate flavour clusters to jets based on flavour-kT distances

$$d_{ij} = R_{ij}^2 \begin{cases} \max(k_{T,i}, k_{T,j})^\alpha \min(k_{T,i}, k_{T,j})^{2-\alpha} & \text{softer of } i,j \text{ is flavoured} \\ \min(k_{T,i}, k_{T,j})^\alpha & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

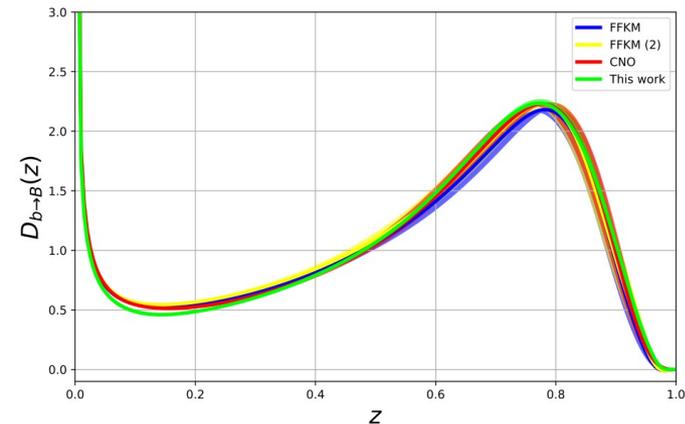
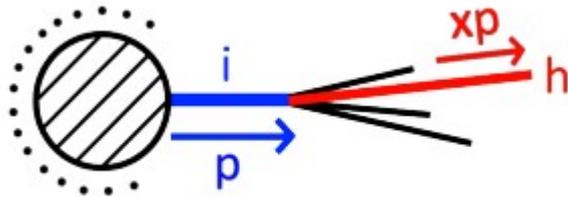
$$d_{i,B} = \begin{cases} \max(k_{T,i}, k_{T,B}(y_i))^\alpha \min(k_{T,i}, k_{T,B}(y_i))^{2-\alpha} & i \text{ is flavoured} \\ \min(k_{T,i}, k_{T,B}(y_i))^\alpha & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- Accumulation criterion to deal with multiple tags in one jet



# Fragmentation

- A massless quark's momentum is ill-defined due to collinear emissions  $q \rightarrow q g$
- For finite quark momentum (i.e. the quark has "large" momentum) the collinear singularities can be subtracted in the framework of **fragmentation** (similar to PDF)
- Perturbative fragmentation: massless parton to massive quark fragmentation is calculable in pQCD
- Non-perturbative fragmentation into hadrons needs to be fitted to data (like PDFs)



# Using fragments as tags

B-hadron production in NNLO QCD: application to LHC ttbar events with leptonic decays, Czakon, Generet, Mitov and Poncelet, 2102.08267

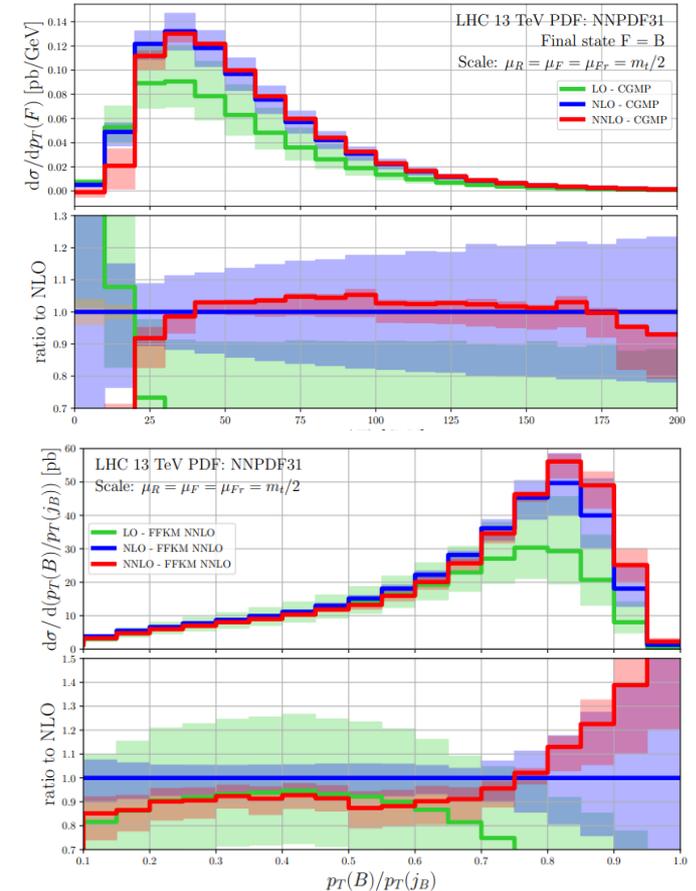
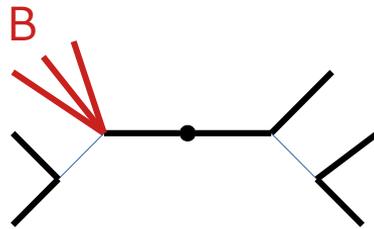
- Advantage is that the fragments momentum is IR safe while the quark's is not → **can be used as flavour tag!**

- Example:

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow B\ell\bar{\ell}\nu\bar{\nu}b + X$$

typical ttbar selection + B-hadron is part of one jet

- Parton-evolution without parton-shower at high accuracy: Implementation through NNLO QCD



# Experimental flavour tagging

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# Experimental b/c-tagging

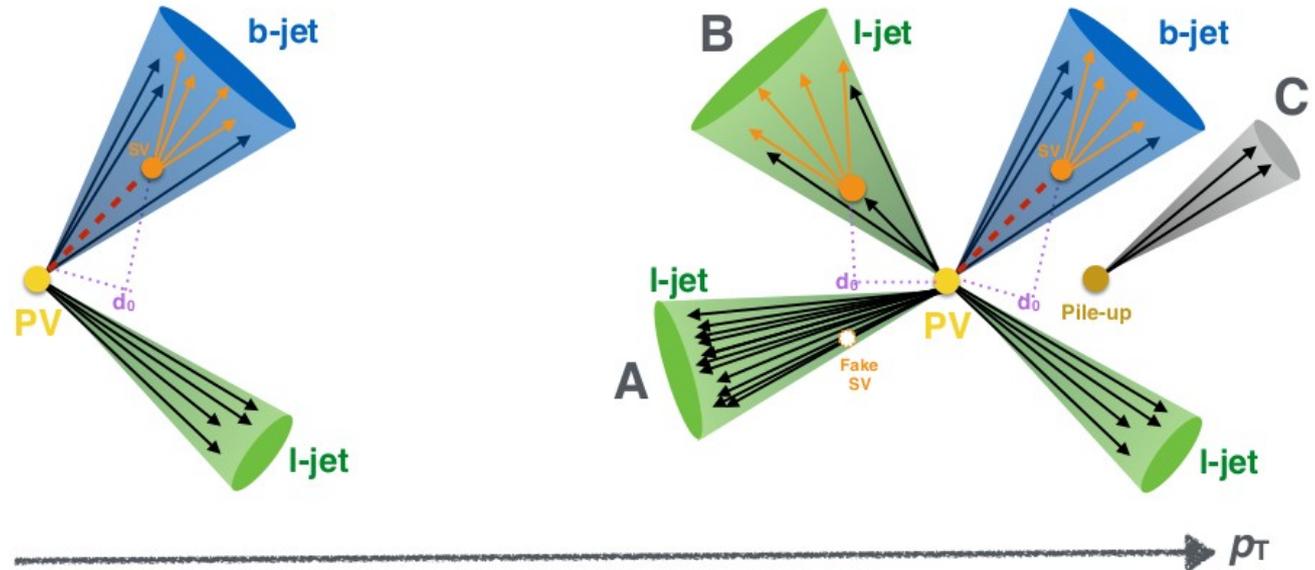
Credit: Arnaud Duperrin (DIS23 talk)

## Secondary vertex (SV) tagging

- Long-life time  
→ several mm flight
- Looking for the decay products of B-hadron decays forming SV

## Challenges

- Fake SV from fragmentation
- Material interactions
- Pile-up



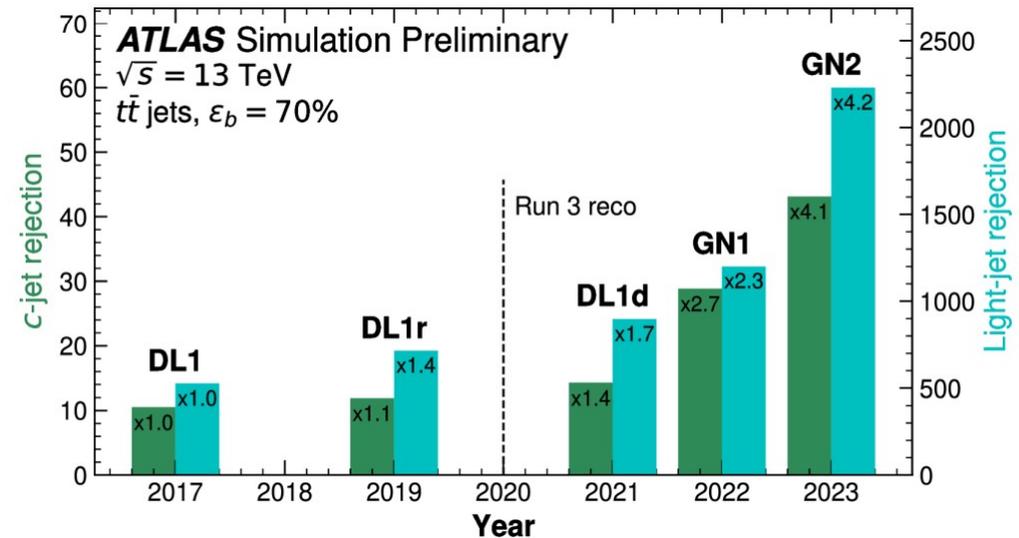
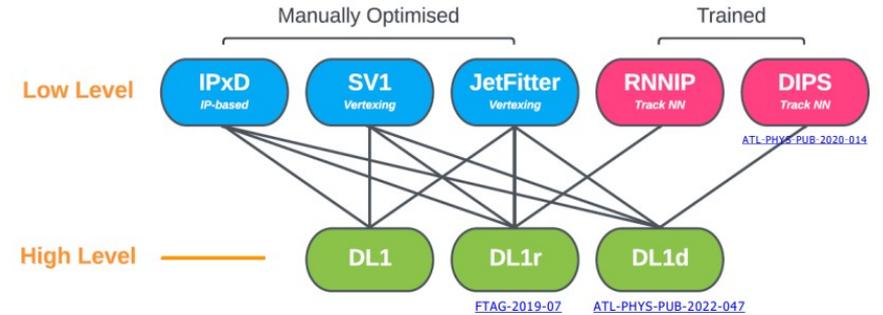
# Experimental b/c-tagging with NN

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## Using NN to perform b-tagging

- Many Run II/III analysis use already NN based taggers
- For example ATLAS: DL1
  - uses precomputed low-level infos
- Next generation will directly use hit, track and jet information
  - further performance boost

The truth level information comes from MC simulations



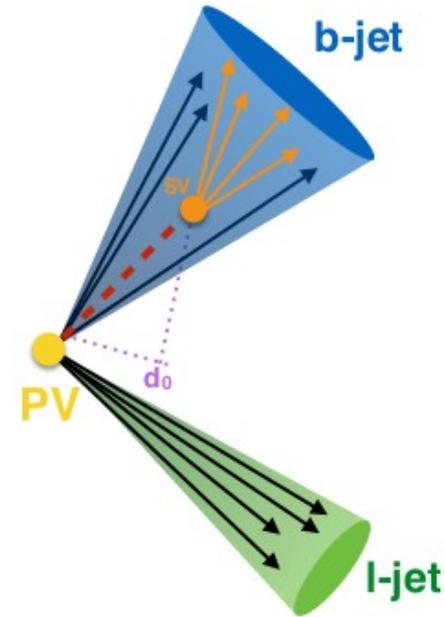
# Ghost tagging

A jet is defined as flavoured if:

- 1) it contains at least one B/D hadron  
FO: IR-unsafe because of  $g \rightarrow b \bar{b}$  splitting
- 2) within  $dR < R$  of jet axis  
FO: IR-unsafe because soft wide angle emission
- 3) with  $p_T > p_{T\_cut}$   
FO: collinear unsafe  $b \rightarrow b g$  splitting  
(okay in fragmentation approach)



“Truth” labelling used in Monte Carlo samples, used to train the NN



*Technically okay for PS+hadronisation models*  
BUT  
**Unsatisfactory from theory point of view**

# Issues for precision phenomenology

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- The flavoured jet algorithms require detailed flavour information  
→ flavour algorithms difficult to implement experimentally  
Limited by detector-resolution & efficiencies!
- For now: comparisons to higher order QCD partonic computations require corrections for the differences in tagging procedures! → Unfolding!
  - 1)  $g \rightarrow b \bar{b}$  splitting if both  $b$ 's hadronise to B-hadrons  
(this is different to  $b \bar{b} = g$  @ fixed order)
  - 2) Hadronisation/non-perturbative models
- Unfolding corrections can be sizeable  $O(5-10\%)$

# Phenomenology with flavour anti-kT

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# Benchmark process: Z+b-jet

Well studied up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ :

**Predictions for Z-Boson Production in Association with a b-jet at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ ,**  
 Gauld, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Glover, Huss, Majer 2005.03016

- Flavour-kT algorithm
- Unfolding of experimental data (RooUnfold, bin-by-bin unfolding)
- Matching between four- and five-flavour schemes (FONLL)

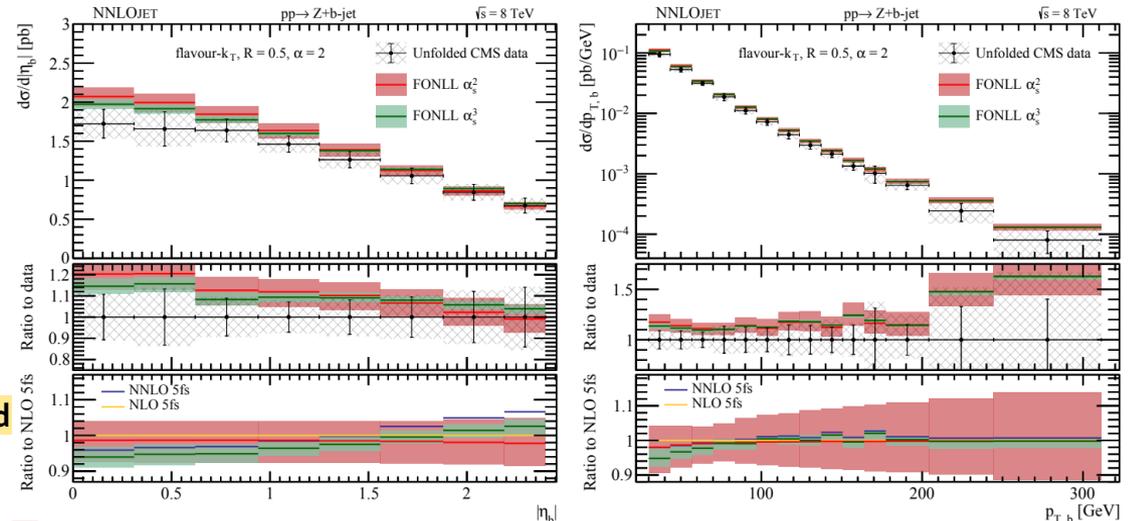
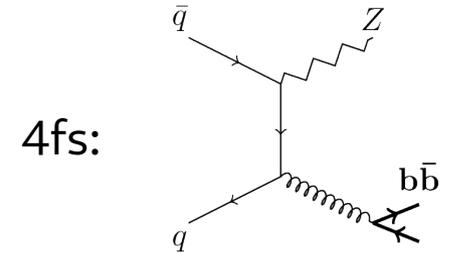
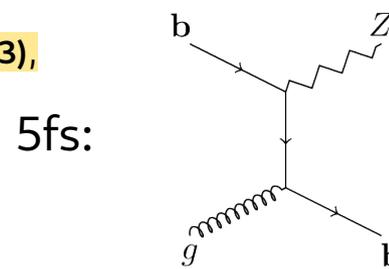
$$d\sigma^{\text{FONLL}} = d\sigma^{5\text{fs}} + (d\sigma_{m_b}^{4\text{fs}} - d\sigma_{m_b \rightarrow 0}^{4\text{fs}})$$

- CMS measurement @ 8 TeV

**Measurements of the associated production of a Z boson and b jets in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ , CMS 1611.06507**

→ Ideal testing ground for flavour anti-kT

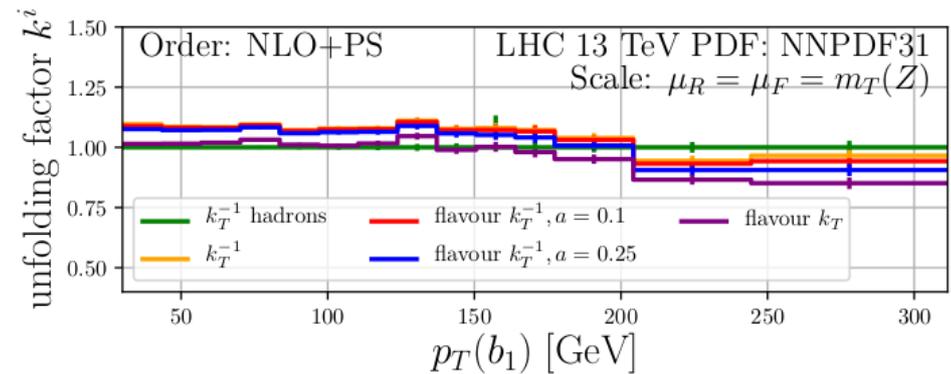
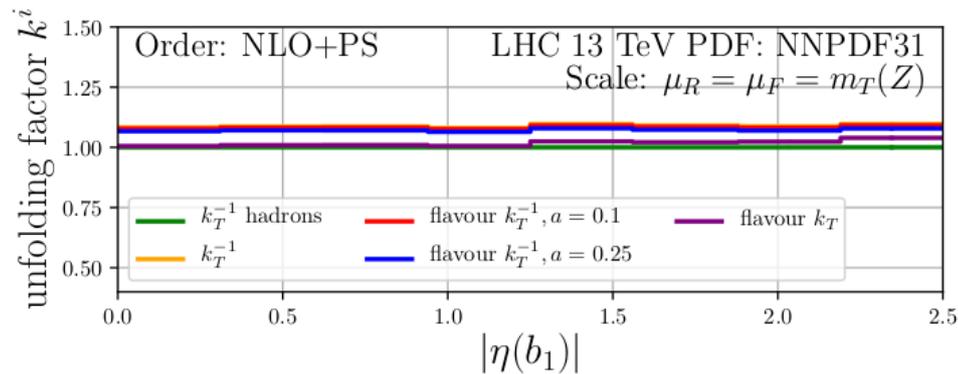
pp → Z(ll) + b-jet



# Bin-by-bin unfolding

Estimation of hadronisation and experimental tagging corrections  
→ NLO + PS (Madraph+Pythia8)

Unfolding factor = NLO+PS (had = Off) / NLO+PS (had = On)



# Z+b-jet Phenomenology: Tunable parameter

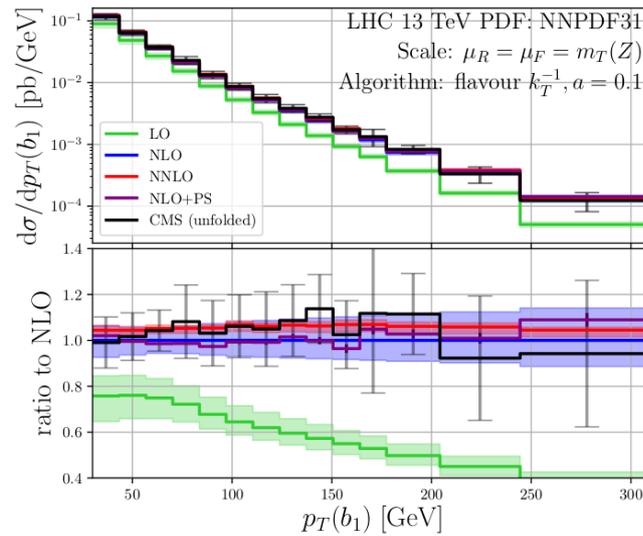
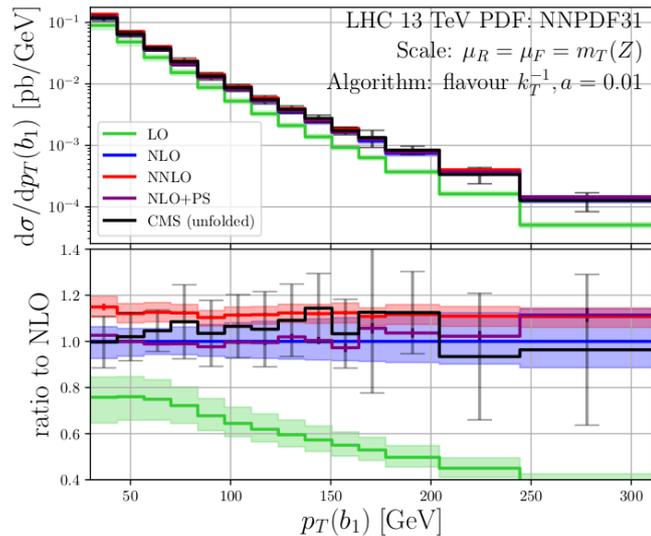
Benchmark process:  $pp \rightarrow Z(\ell\ell) + b\text{-jet}$

Tunable parameter  $a$ :

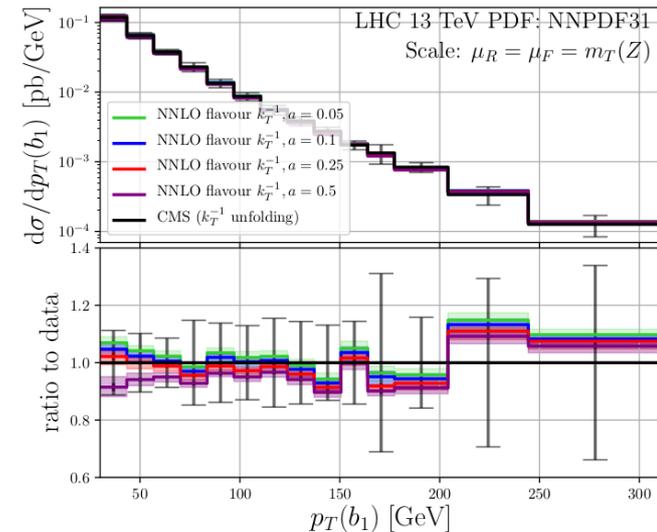
- Limit  $a \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow$  original anti-kT (IR unsafe)
- Large  $a \Leftrightarrow$  large modification of cluster sequence

Flavour anti-kT ( $a=0.01$ ):

Flavour anti-kT ( $a=0.1$ ):

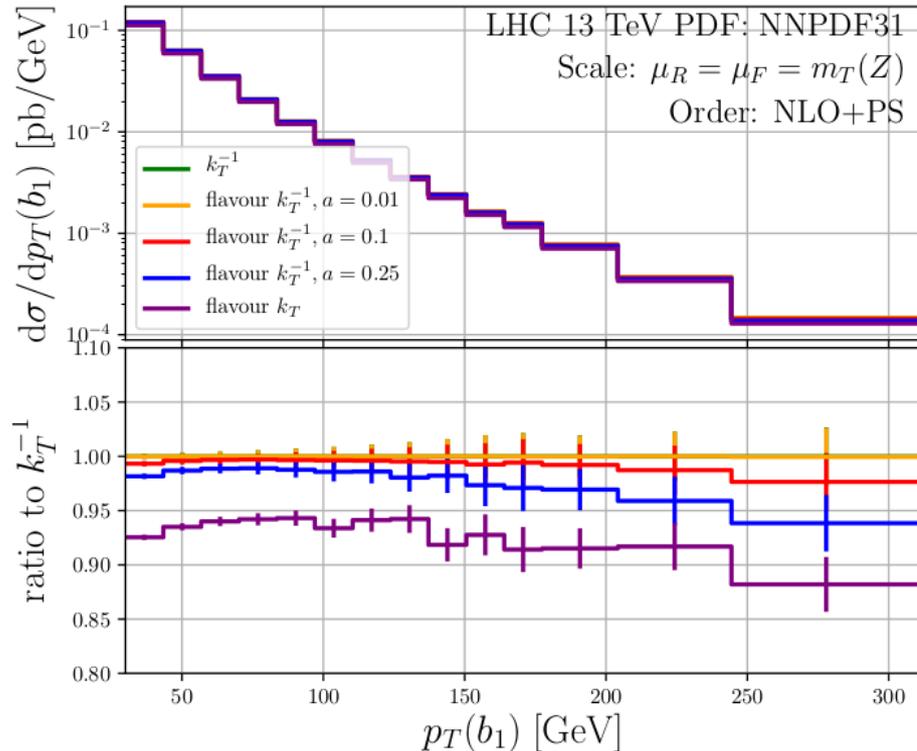


Comparison of different parameter  $a$  to data:



# Z+b-jet Phenomenology: Tunable parameter II

What happens in the presence of many flavoured partons?  $\rightarrow$  NLO PS



Tunable parameter  $a$ :

- Small  $a$ : Flavour anti- $k_T$  results are more similar to standard anti- $k_T$
- Larger  $a$ : Larger modification of clustering

Good FO perturbative convergence +  
Small difference to standard anti- $k_T$   
 $\rightarrow a \sim 0.1$  is a good candidate

# Summary

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# Summary

- Jets are a **tool** to connect QCD of quarks & gluons to actually strongly interacting particles, i.e. hadrons.
- They are **defined by a suitable algorithm**: experimentally and theoretically
- “Jet-substructure” reveals additional information:
  - Separation of quark and gluon initiated jets
  - Jets of definite flavour:

Experimentally	<i>Displayed vertices</i> of heavy intermediate particles: D/B mesons
MC Event Simulation	Similar objects due to hadronization and detector simulations
Partonic computations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Impose relation between quarks and hadrons</li><li>• Massless quarks: emission of soft flavoured pairs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ <b>Implications for IR safety in FO computations beyond NLO</b></li><li>→ <b>Special flavour jet algorithms solve this problem</b></li></ul></li></ul>

- Why are partonic computations for flavoured jets interesting?
  - Higher order perturbation theory (not necessarily available matched to PS)
  - Extraction of SM parameters or PDFs

# Take home messages

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- 1) Measurements of flavour sensitive observables becoming more precise  
→ **higher order theory needed** to make most of these measurements!
- 2) Higher order theory predictions require **rethinking of jet flavour definitions**  
→ new algorithms
- 3) Phenomenology requires joint effort from experiment and theory  
to achieve **infra-red safe, precise and accurate** theory/data comparisons

# Backup

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# LHC precision computations with flavoured jets

## Associated Higgs production + decays in b-quarks:

**Associated production of a Higgs boson decaying into bottom quarks at the LHC in full NNLO QCD**

Ferrera, Somogyi, Tramontano 1705.10304

**NNLO QCD corrections to associated WH production and  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  decay**

Caola, Luisoni, Melnikov, Röntsch 1712.06954

**Associated production of a Higgs boson decaying into bottom quarks and a weak vector boson decaying leptonically at NNLO in QCD**

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