

Precision phenomenology with heavy-flavour jets at the LHC

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and preliminary Les Houches studies



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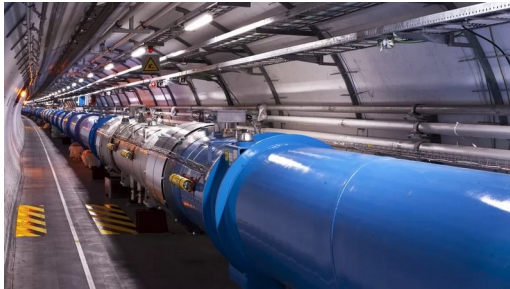


Outline

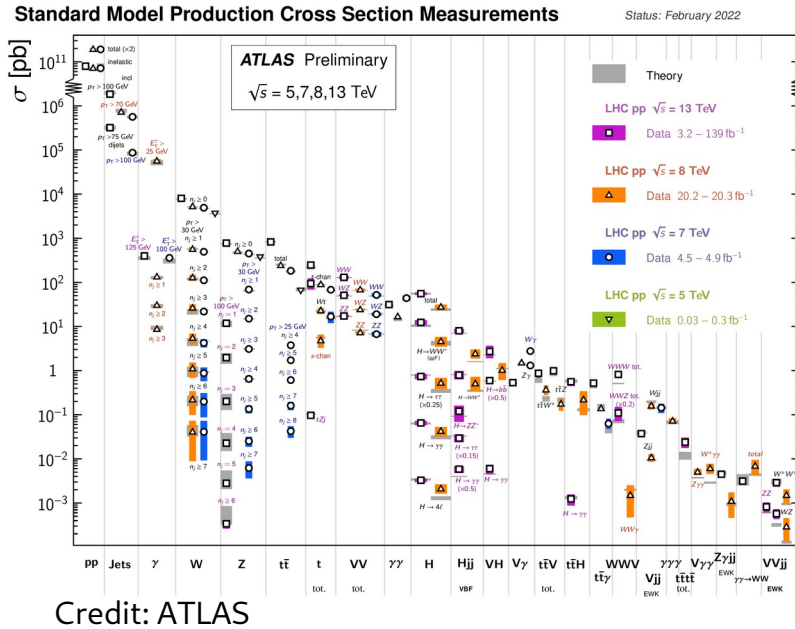
- Phenomenological motivation
 - Vector bosons + flavoured jets
 - Infrared safety/sensitivity
- NNLO QCD Phenomenology with $W+c$ -jets
- Flavoured (anti- k_T) jet algorithms

What are the fundamental building blocks of matter?

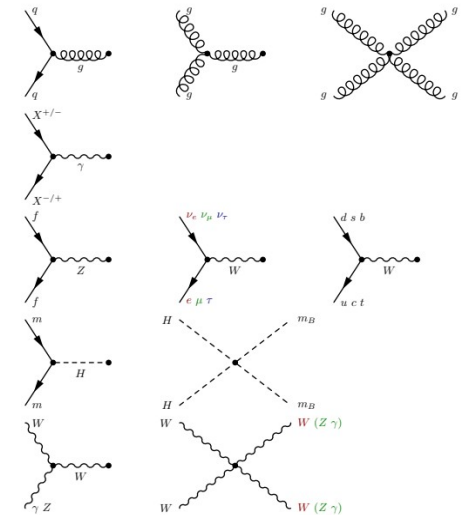
Scattering experiments



Credit: CERN



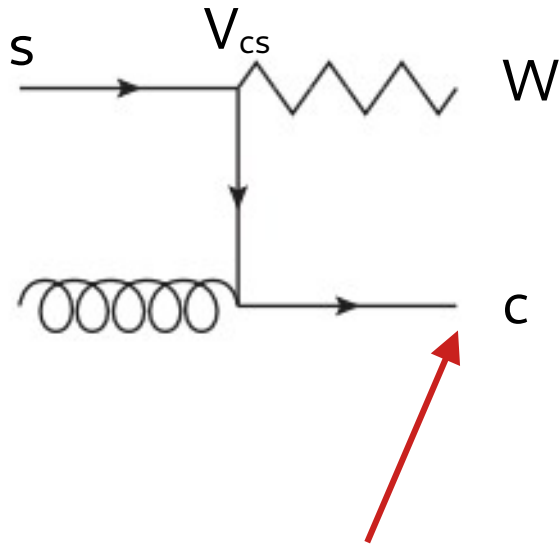
Theory/Model



Credit: Jack Lindon, CERN

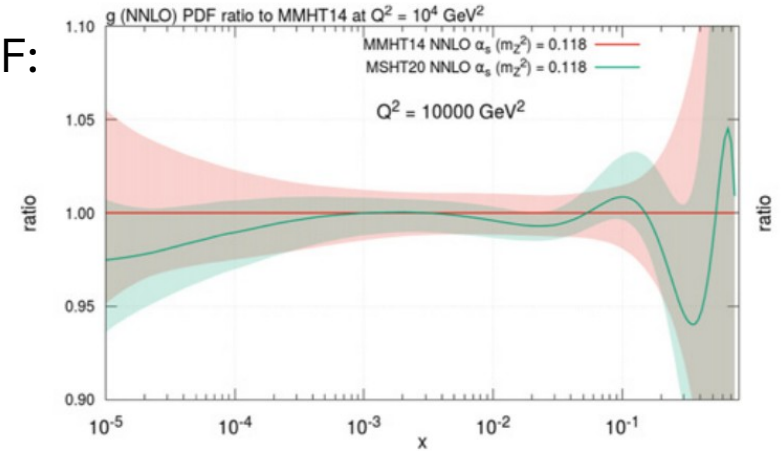
Looking into **more exclusive observables** (“flavoured jets”) with **more precision** (“higher order corrections”).

W + charm jet

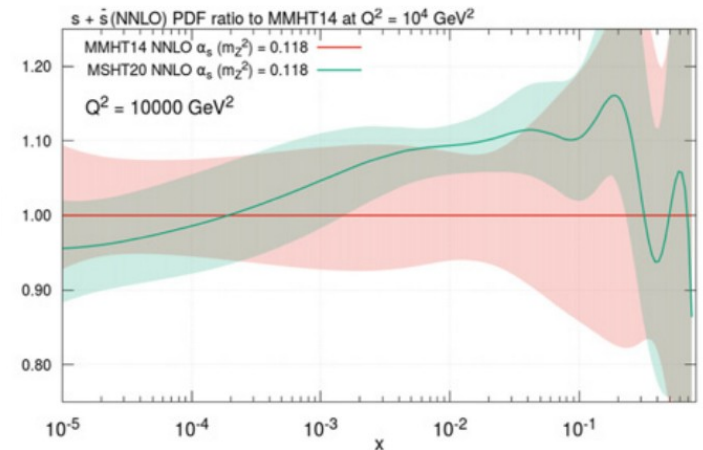


Tagging of charm jet
to increase sensitivity
to strange quark PDF

gluon PDF:



s+s PDF:



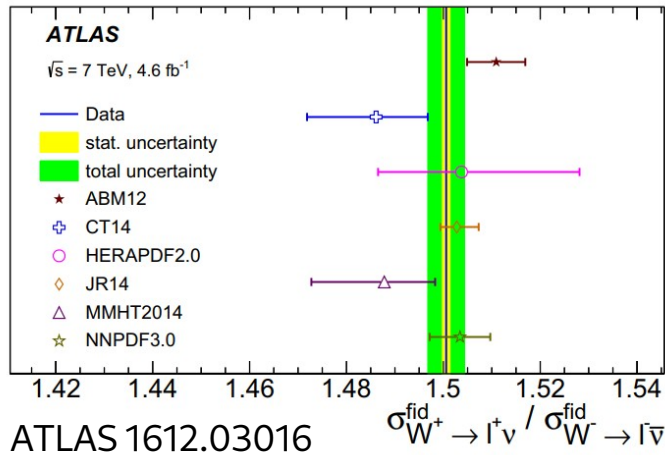
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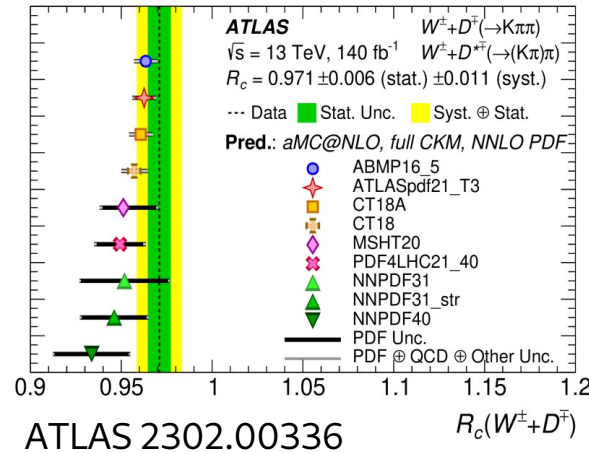
Could solve long-standing puzzle:
Strange – anti – strange asymmetry

- 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 $s \neq \bar{s}$

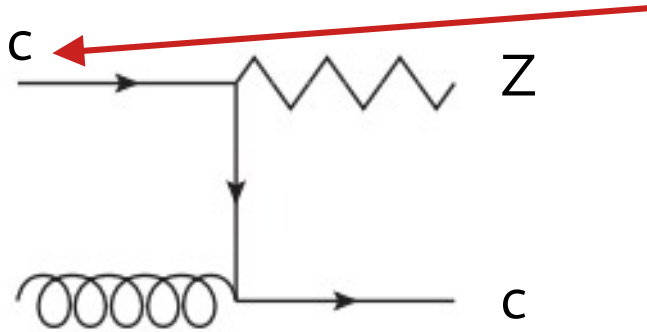


13 TeV analysis favours $s = \bar{s}$



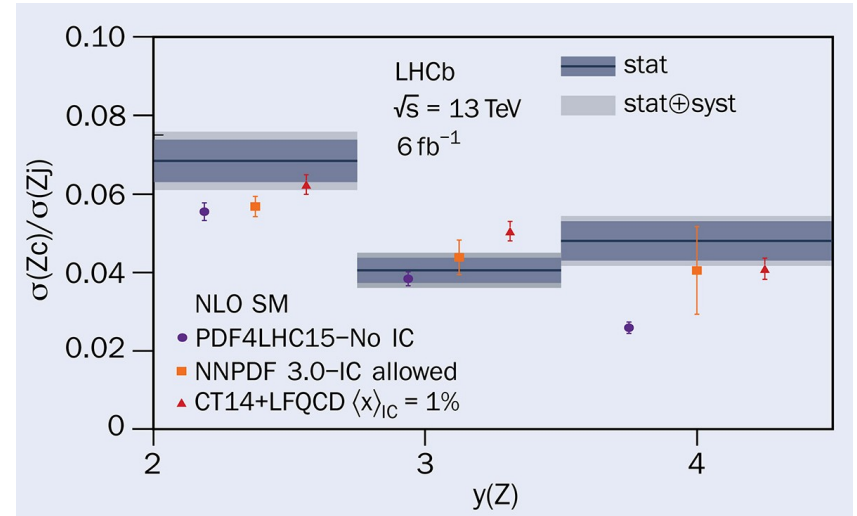
All at NLO QCD
 higher order
 corrections needed
 to fit properly the
 PDF

Z + charm jet



Similar to W+charm but for charm PDF

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



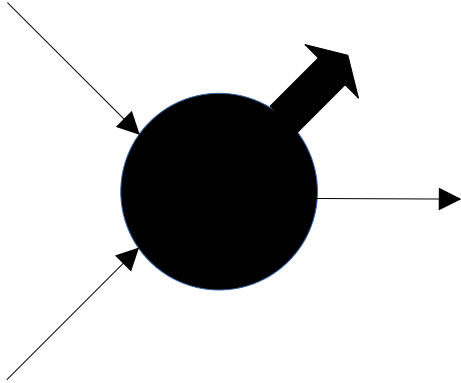
CERN/LHCb 2109.08084

Flavoured jets are everywhere

V+heavy-flavour as benchmark for flavour tagging

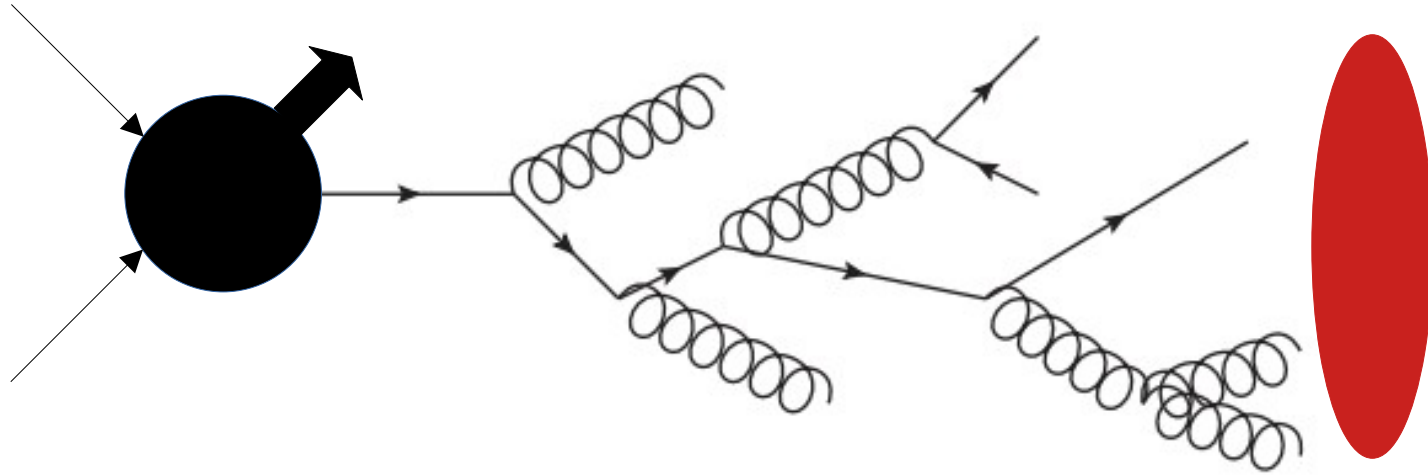
- Heavy-quark evolution: fragmentation and hadronisation
- IR safety/sensitivity
- Flavoured jets as signature:
 - Top-quarks
 - Vector+heavy flavour: $pp \rightarrow W/Z/A + c/b$
 - Higgs \rightarrow charm, Higgs \rightarrow bottom
 - New physics searches

Heavy flavour production

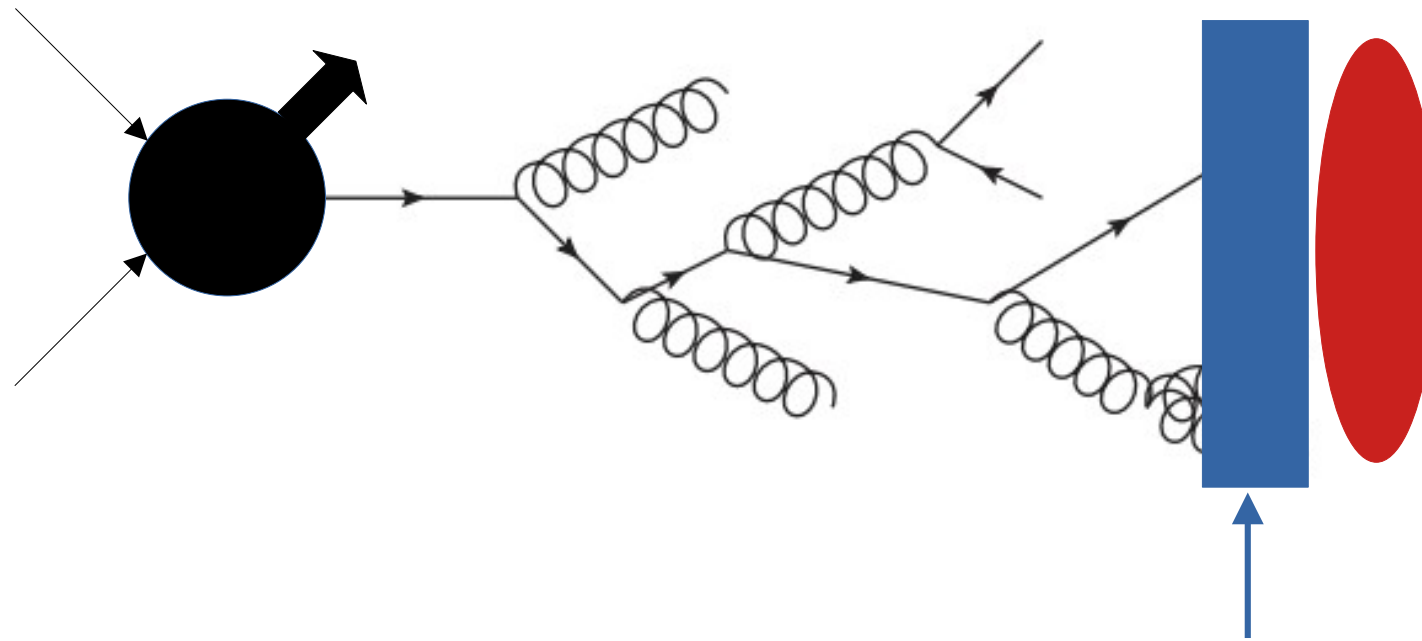


Setup for this talk:
Production of a massive quark(s)
with high transverse momentum: $p_T \gg m$

Partonic jet evolution

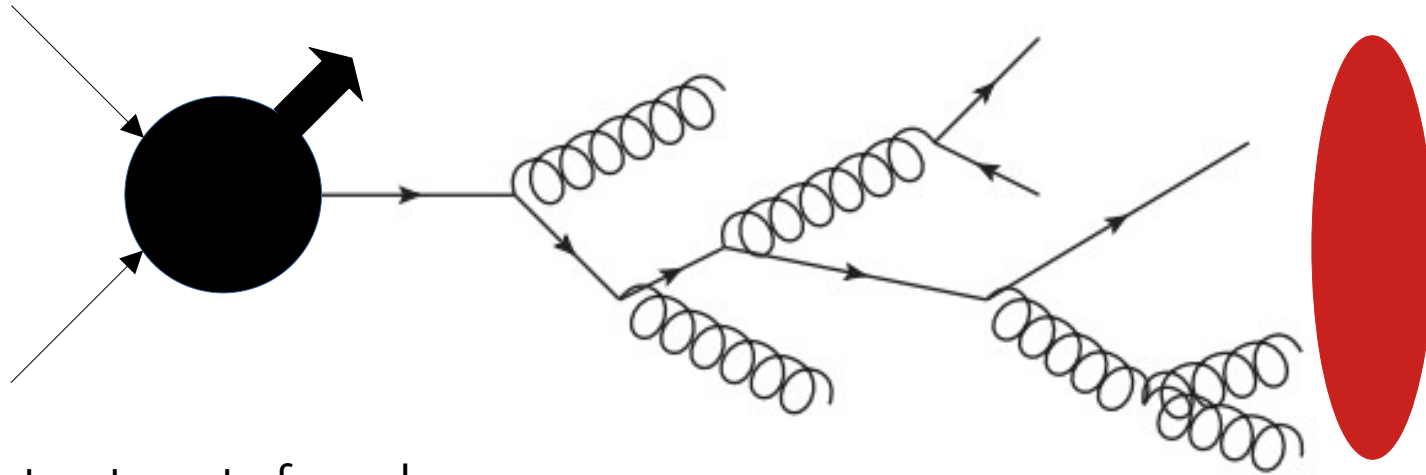


Partonic jet evolution



- Fragmentation/Hadronisation
- Partonic jet flavour: Quark-Hadron Duality
- Heavy B/D – hadron's long life time: experiment signature (displaced vertices) → distinguishable from "light" jets

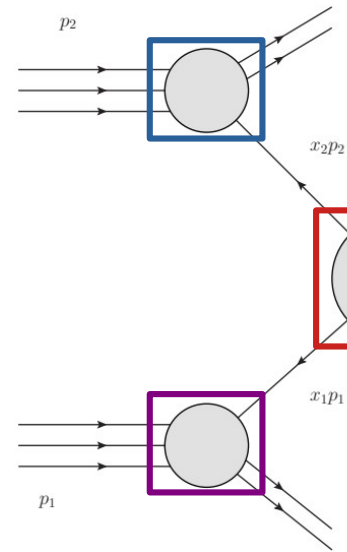
Partonic jet evolution



Massive treatment of quark

- Mass acts as IR regulator \rightarrow no IR divergences from collinear splitting
- Price to pay: $\log(p_T/m)$, how to treat PDFs (high Q^2 process due to V-boson)?
 - \rightarrow Resummation for reliable predictions
 - \rightarrow Parton-showers (at low accuracy)
- **But** Higher order calculations more difficult } NLO+PS
 - \rightarrow some applications (like PDF fits) need **fixed order** pQCD at higher orders

Hadronic cross section in collinear factorization – NNLO QCD



Hadronic X-section:
$$\sigma_{h_1 h_2 \rightarrow X} = \sum_{ij} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 \underbrace{\phi_{i/h_1}(x_1, \mu_F^2)}_{\text{Parton distribution functions}} \underbrace{\phi_{j/h_2}(x_2, \mu_F^2)}_{\text{Parton distribution functions}} \underbrace{\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow X}(\alpha_s(\mu_R^2), \mu_R^2, \mu_F^2)}_{\text{Partononic cross section}}$$

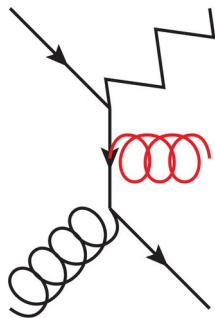
Parton distribution functions

Perturbative expansion of partonic cross section:

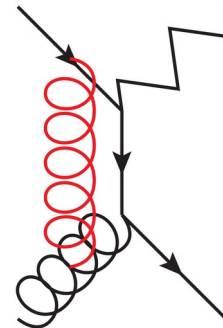
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The NLO bit:
$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(1)} = \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^R + \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^V + \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^C$$

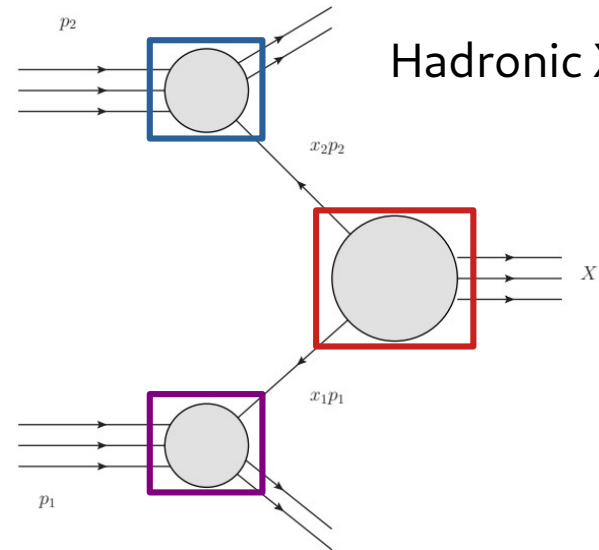
Real radiation



Virtual correction



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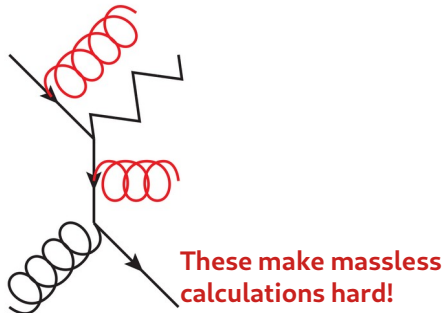
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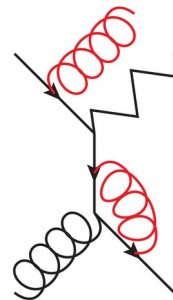
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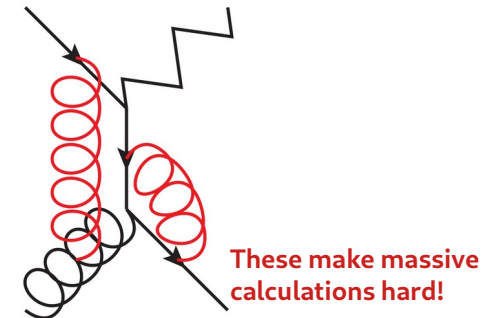
Double real radiation



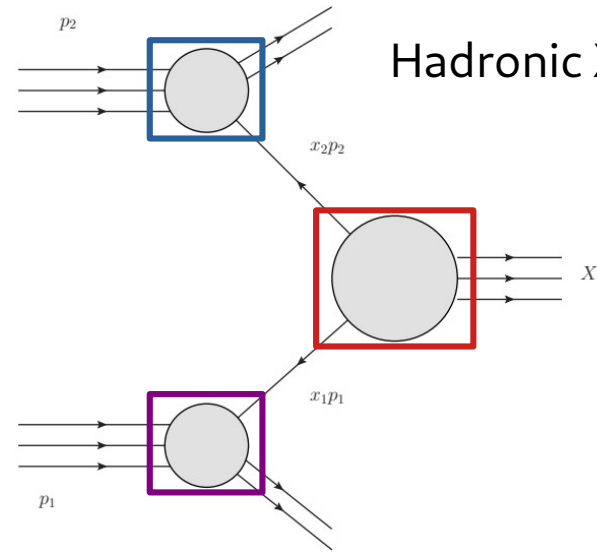
Real/Virtual correction



Double virtual corrections



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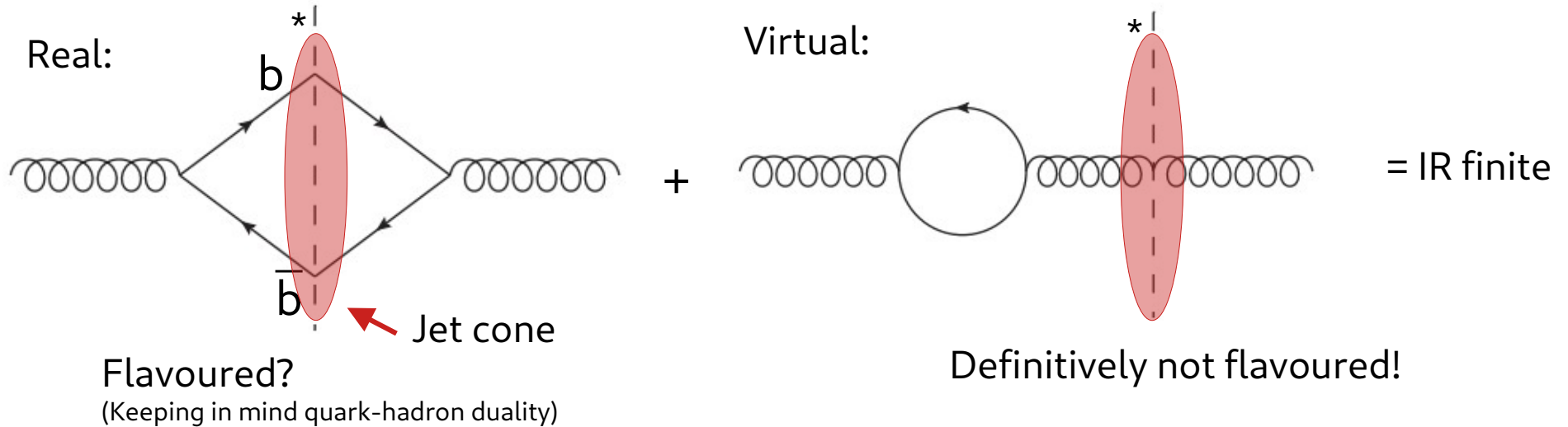
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Calculations performed with sector-improved residue subtraction scheme
1408.2500 & 1907.12911

IR safety issues starting from NLO QCD

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

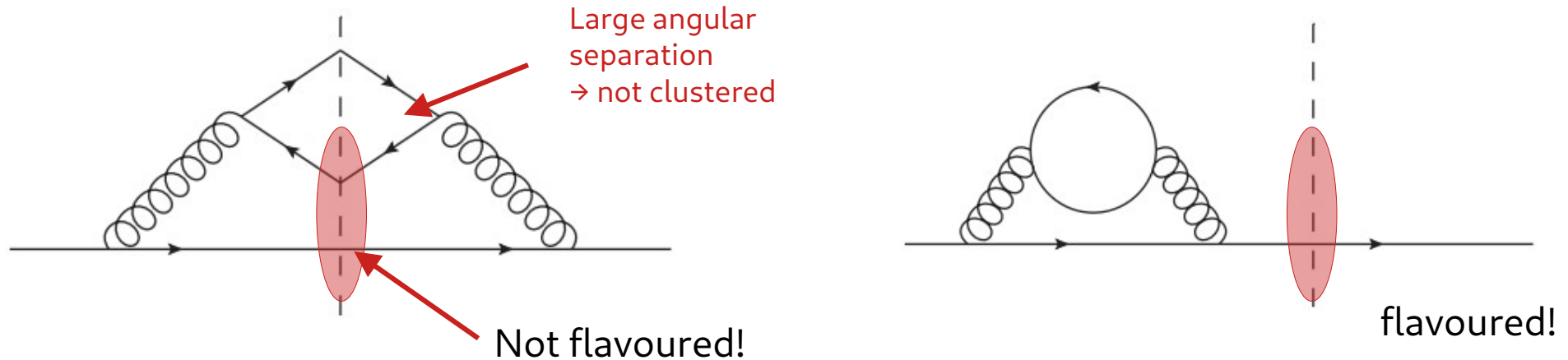


$b \bar{b}$ has to count as a gluon/light jet!

*: cut symbolises the "measured" final state

IR safety issues starting from NNLO QCD

Double soft limit of quark pairs



- These double soft splitting need to be captured
- **Requires to interleave kinematics and 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:

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

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

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

Approaches to heavy flavour

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- FO more complicated
- Resummation of logs \rightarrow PS
- Flavour-scheme/PDFs?

Massless

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- Mass/Threshold effects at intermediate p_T ?

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- Hadronic observables

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How does this compare to experiment?

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Experimental b/c-tagging

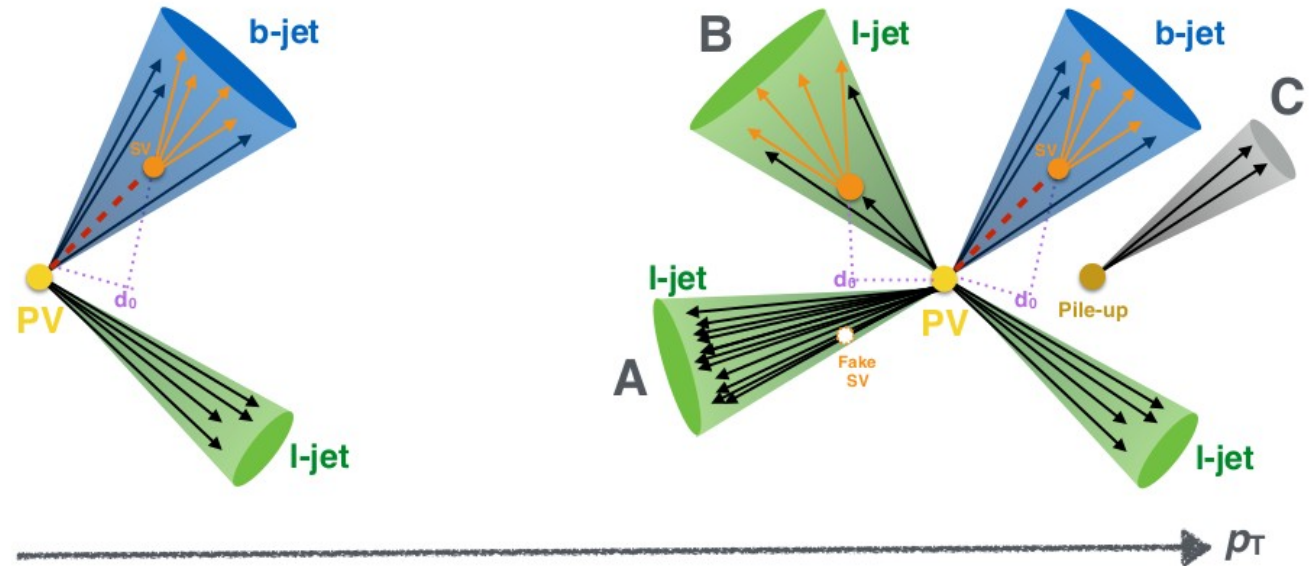
Credit: Arnaud Duperrin (DIS23 talk)

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



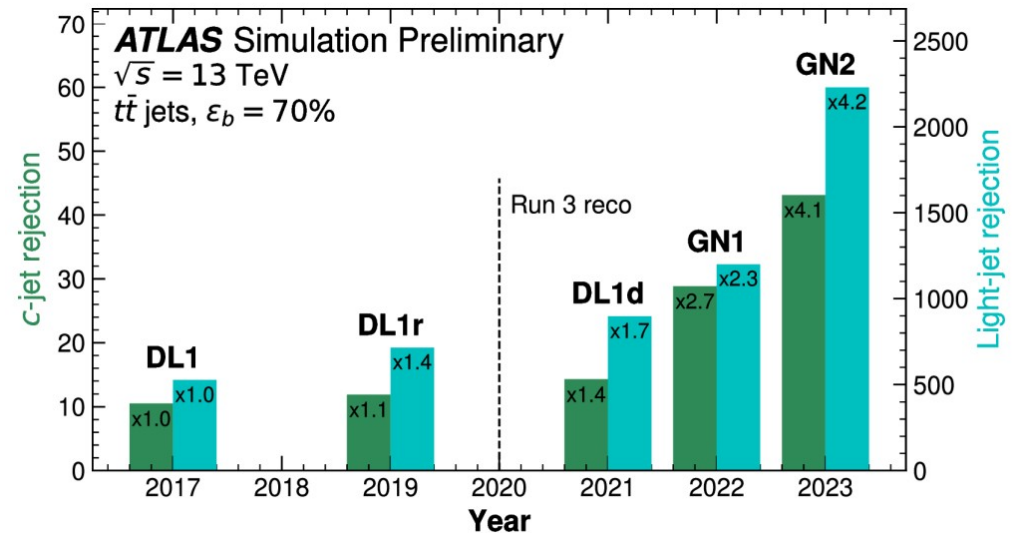
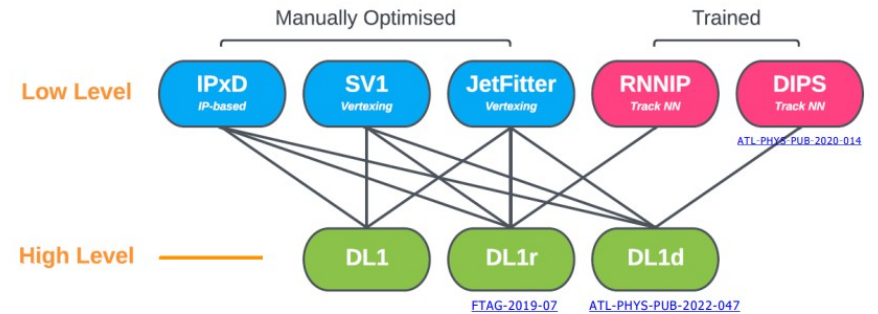
Experimental b/c-tagging with NN

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

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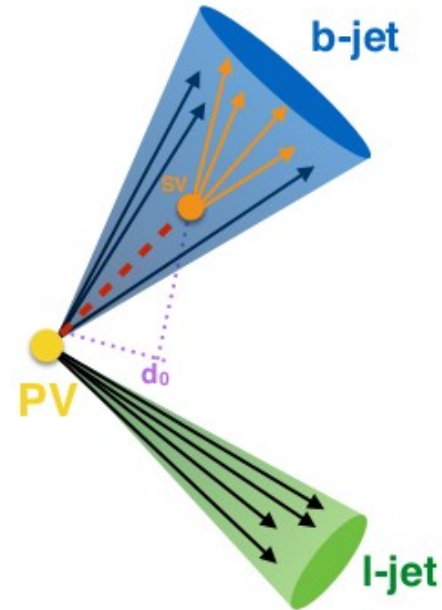
Ghost tagging

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



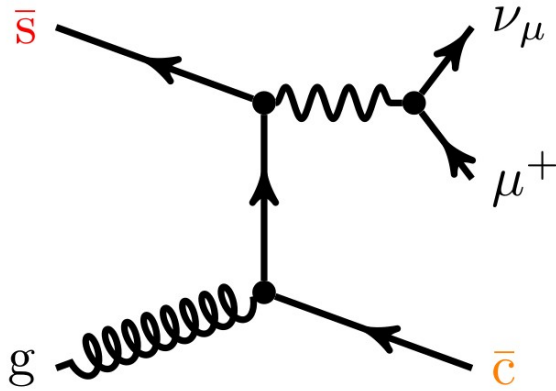
Technically okay for PS+hadronisation models
BUT
Unsatisfactory from theory point of view
(trading IR safety with sensitivity)

Issues for precision phenomenology

- 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 $O(5-10\%)$

NNLO QCD $W+c$ -jet

W+charm production



A detailed investigation of W+c-jet at the LHC,
Czakon, Mitov, Pellen, Poncelet 2212.00467

Simple phase space: $p_{T,\ell} > 30 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_\ell| < 2.5$
 $p_{T,j_c} > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_{j_c}| < 2.5$

Various effects studied:

- EW corrections
- Off-diagonal CKM
- Jet-algorithms: fl. kT & fl. anti-kT

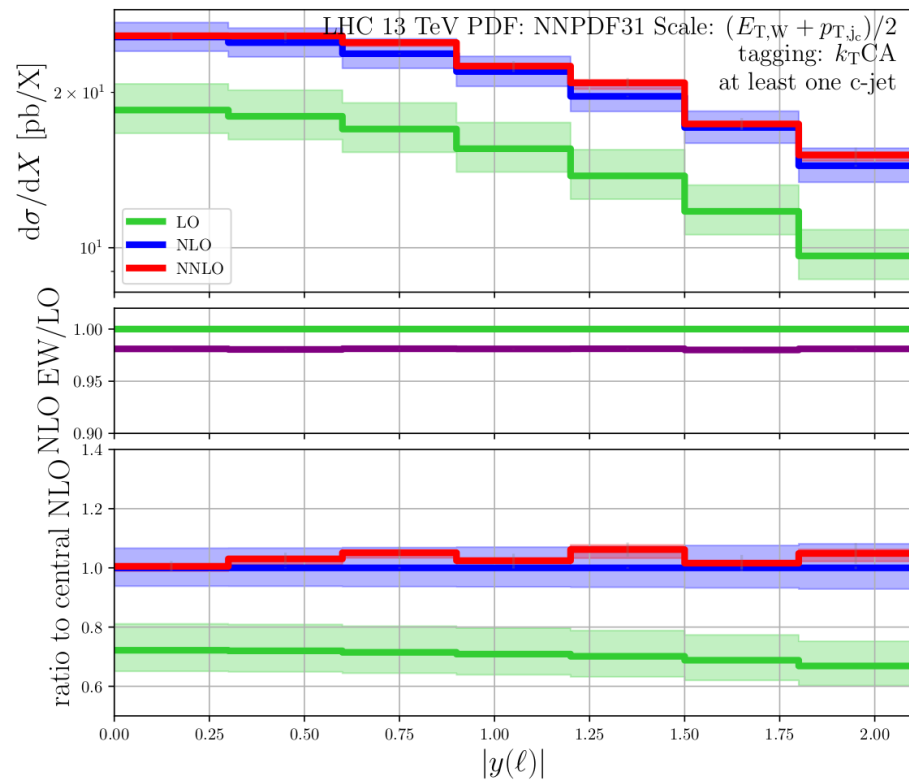
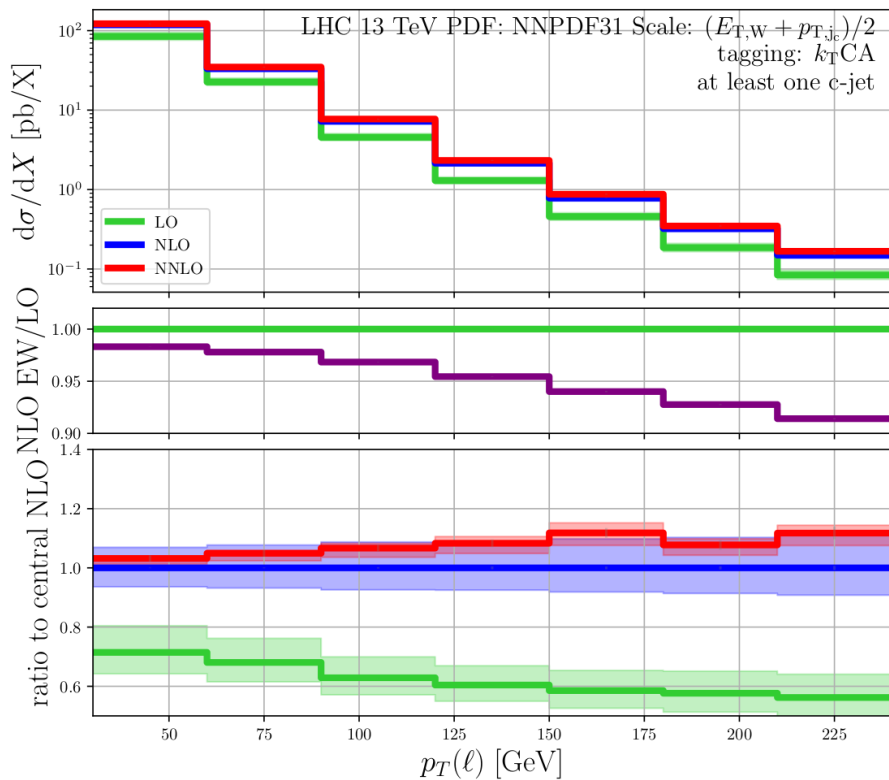
• Different tagging requirements:

- The leading c-jet (based on its transverse momentum) is of OS type, no requirement on c-jet multiplicity,
- One and only one c-jet is required, no requirement on c-jet charge,
- One and only one c-jet of OS type,
- One and only one c-jet of SS type,
- OS-SS (“OS *minus* SS”) cross section.

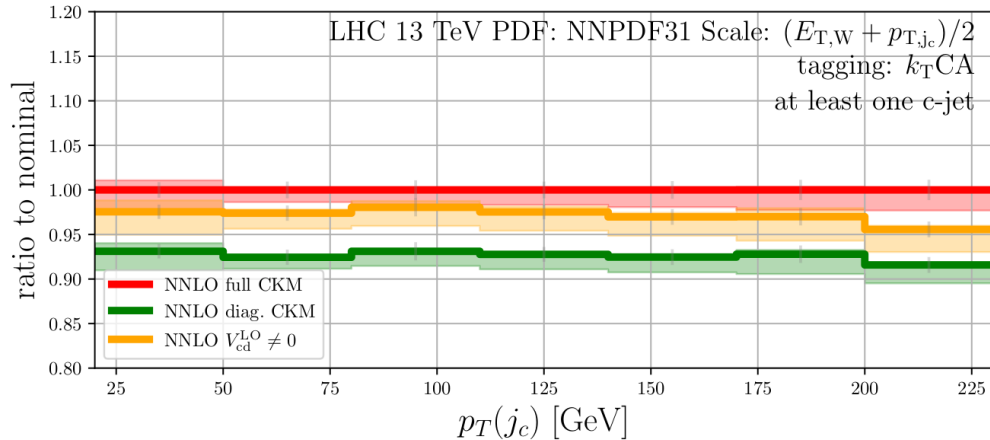
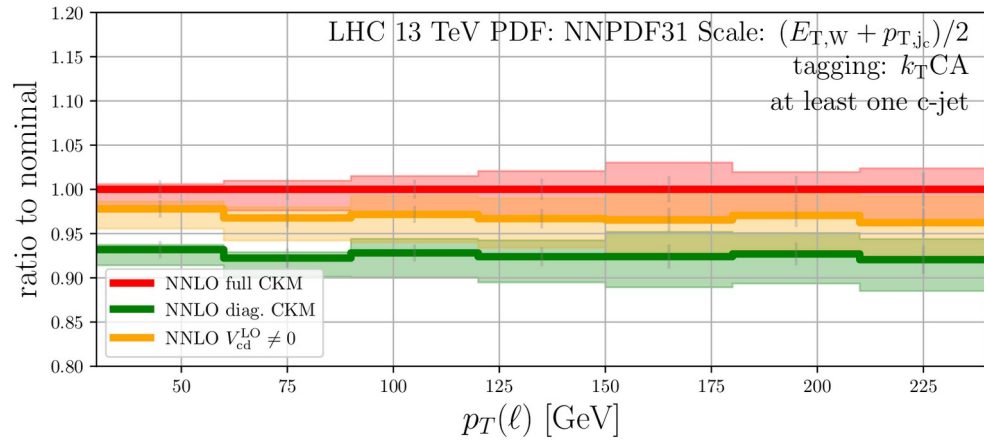
← Sensitive to $c\bar{c}$ pairs from gluon splittings

Perturbative corrections

Flavour-kT, inclusive c-jet requirements

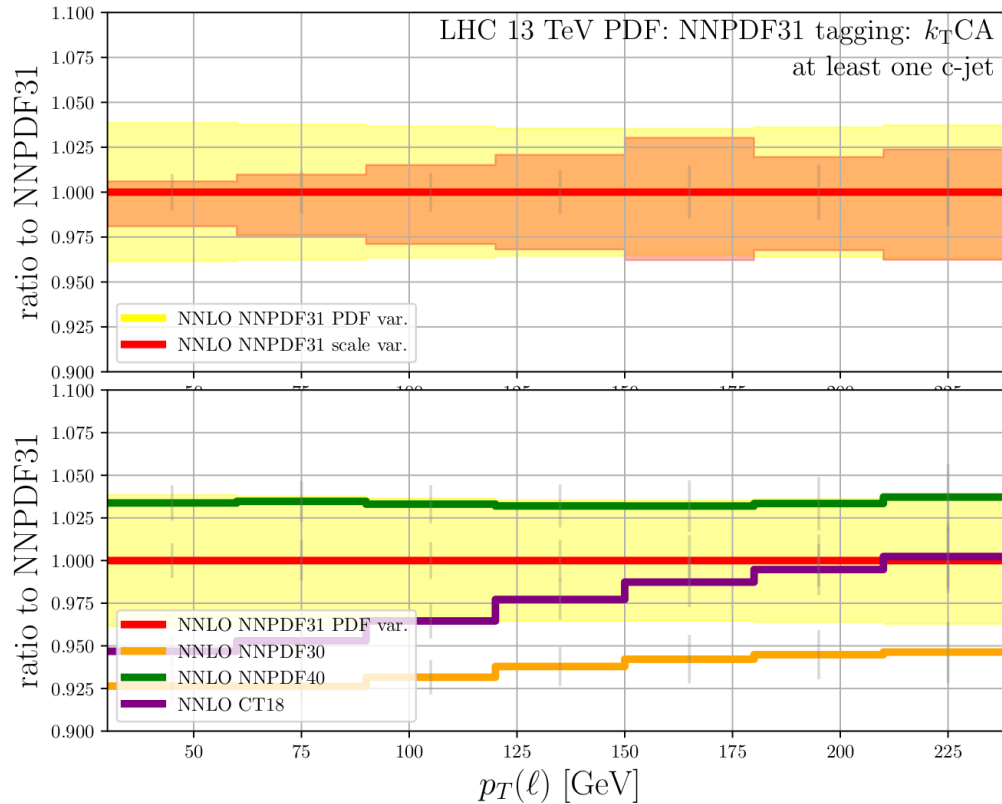


Off-diagonal CKM



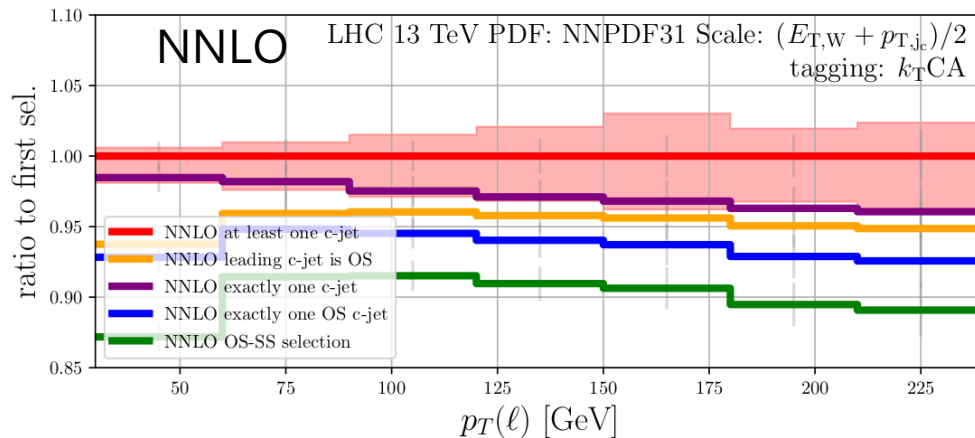
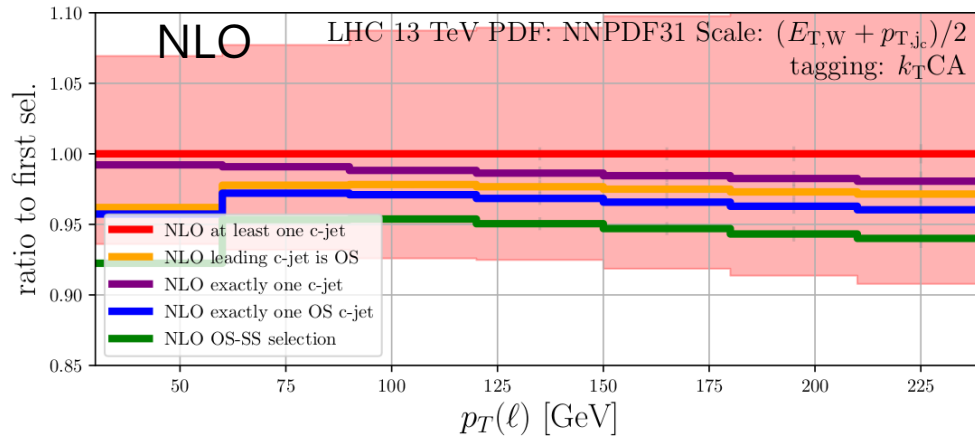
- Full CKM effects through NNLO QCD
- **Sizeable with respect NNLO corrections!**
- LO V_{cd} captures most of the full CKM

PDF dependence



- PDF uncertainty: ~5%
- PDF model variations: ~5-8%

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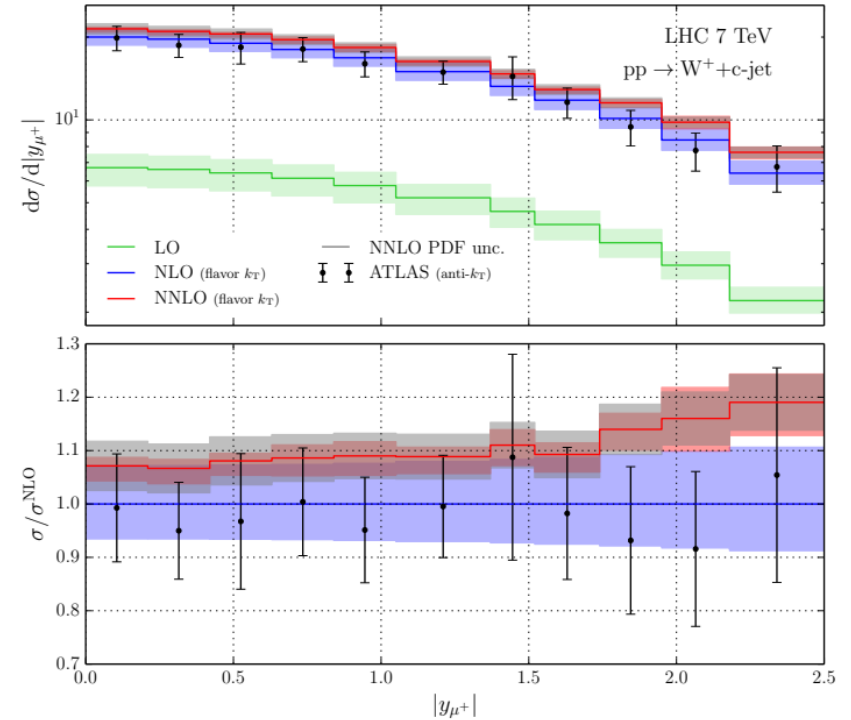
W+c-jet with flavour kT at NNLO QCD

NNLO QCD predictions for W+c-jet production at the LHC,
Czakon, Mitov, Pellen, Poncelet 2011.01011

NNLO QCD 7 TeV results:

- Full NNLO corrections for Vcs contribution
- Off-diagonal CKM only LO QCD
- Comparison flv. kT results vs. ATLAS

Measurement of the production of a W boson in association with a charm quark in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV with the ATLAS detector, 1402.6263



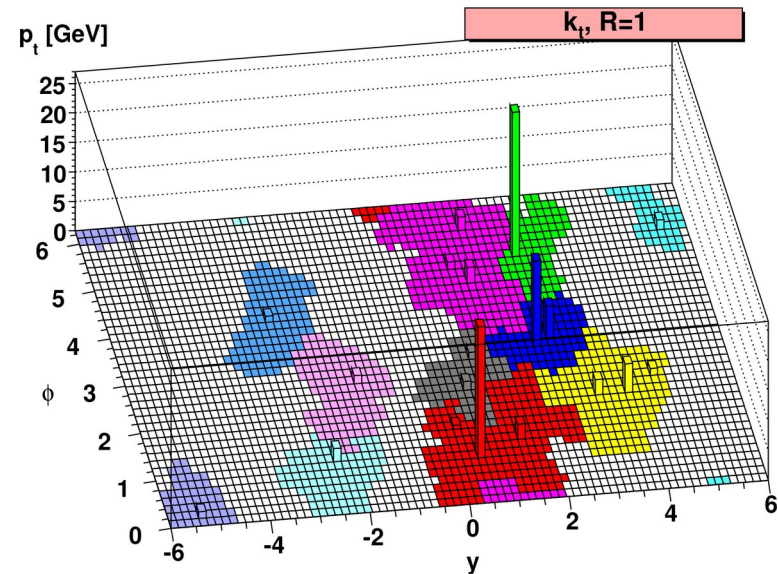
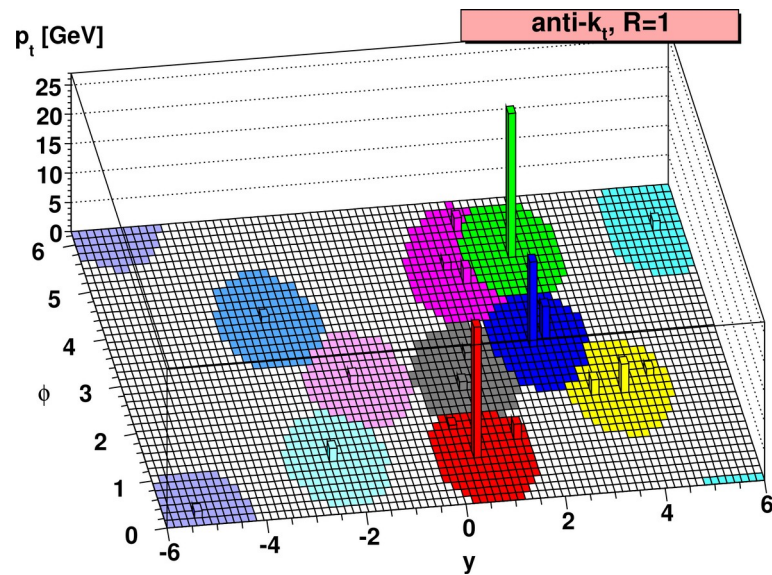
Flavour anti-kT?

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 with Soft-drop **Practical Jet Flavour Through NNLO**
Caletti, Larkoski, Marzani, Reichelt 2205.01109
- Flavour anti-kT **Infrared-safe flavoured anti-kT jets,**
Czakov, Mitov, Poncelet 2205.11879
- 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,
Czakov, 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
- Interleaved flavour neutralisation
Flavoured jets with exact anti-kT kinematics and tests of infrared and collinear safety
Caola, Grabarczyk, Hutt, Salam, Scyboz, Thaler 2306.07314
- TBC...

Flavour anti-kT

Infrared-safe flavoured anti-kT jets,
Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet 2205.11879

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

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.

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

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

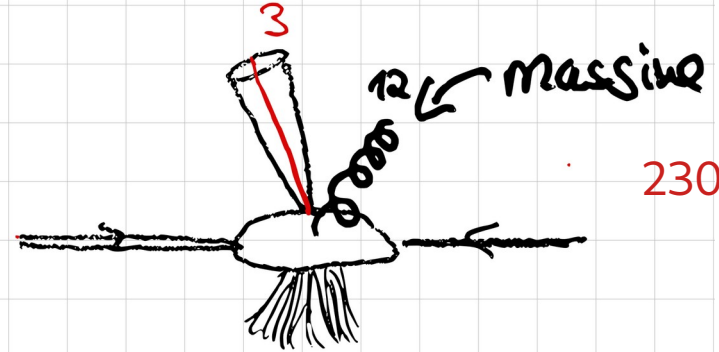
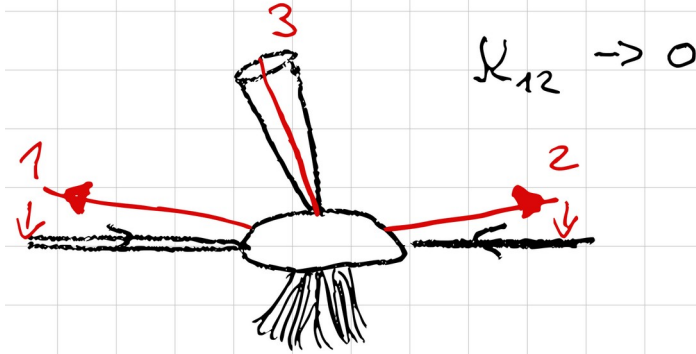
A scale to define "soft"
→ Can be any hard scale

Allow systematic variations

New developments...

Issue for double collinear limits wrt. to initial states

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Caola, Grabarczyk, Hutt, Salam, Scyboz, Thaler



if $\gamma_{12} - \gamma_3 < R$ ☹️

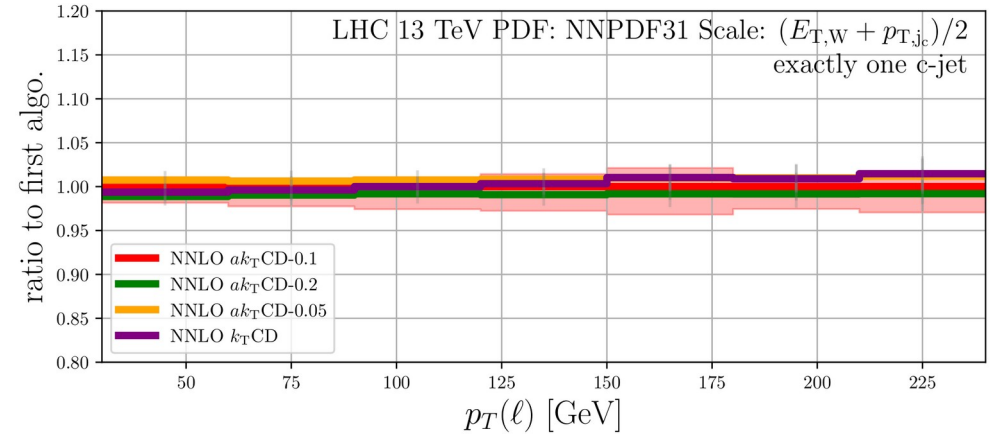
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Their proposal: $\mathcal{S}_{ij} \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{S}}_{ij} = \mathcal{S}_{ij} \frac{\Omega_{ij}^2}{\Delta R_{ij}^2}$ $\Omega_{ik}^2 \equiv 2 \left[\frac{1}{\omega^2} (\cosh(\omega \Delta y_{ik}) - 1) - (\cos \Delta \phi_{ik} - 1) \right]$

W+charm - jet algorithm dependence

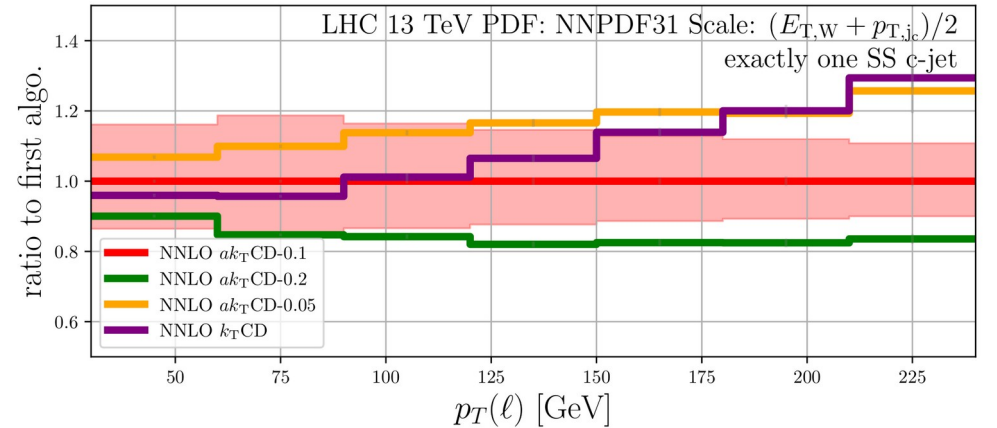
Exactly one c-jet requirement (OS+SS):

- Comparison of parameters a:
→ small dependence < 2%
- Comparison to flv-kT:
→ small dependence @ NNLO < 2%



ONLY large effect in SS contribution

- Exactly one c-jet of SS type:
Larger dependence ~15%
(roughly size of NNLO scale band)
- BUT: SS contribution ~2-5%
- => OS ~0.2-0.5% dependence



Comparison to CMS data

Measurement of the production cross section for a W boson in association with a charm quark in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV
 CMS 2308.02285

Similar phase space:

$$p_T^l > 35 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^l| < 2.4, p_T^{c \text{ jet}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

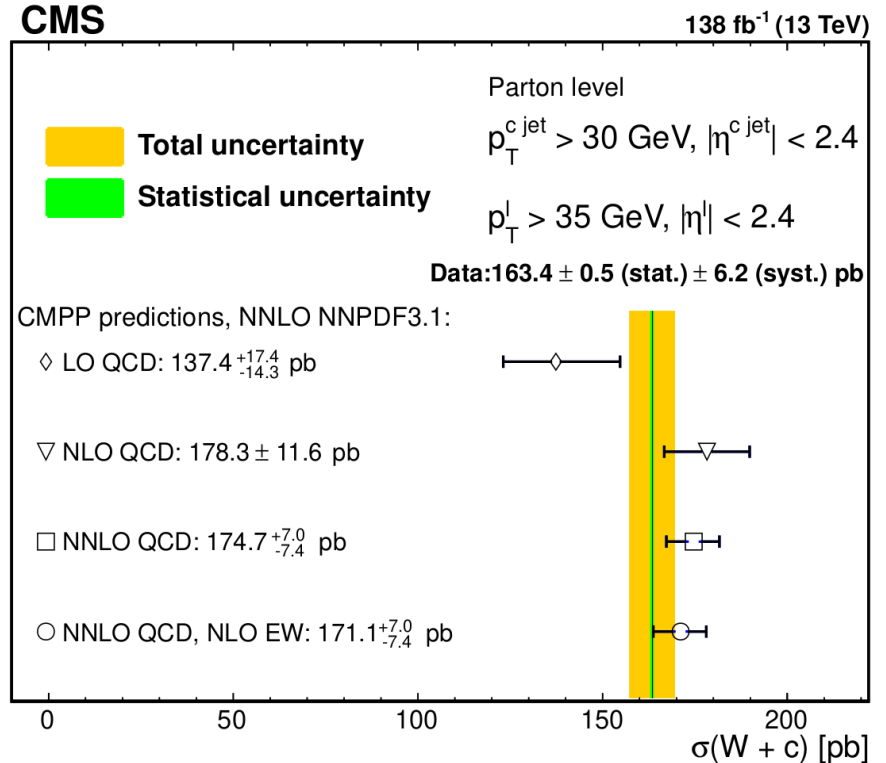
$$|\eta^{c \text{ jet}}| < 2.4, \Delta R(\text{jet}, l) > 0.4$$

Measurement of OS – SS cross-section unfolded to parton-level (anti-kT algorithm)

→ hadronisation and fragmentation corr. ~ 10%

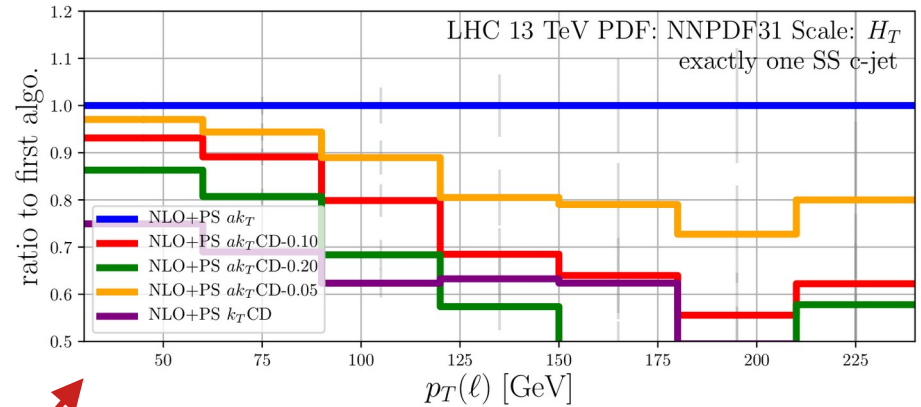
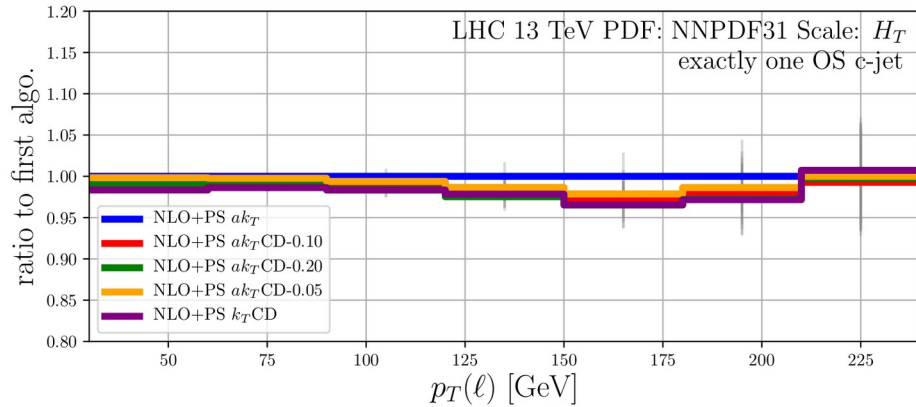
+ anti-kT → flv. Anti-kT correction on fixed-order

Not ideal but a full flv. Anti-kT unfolding was not feasible at that time...



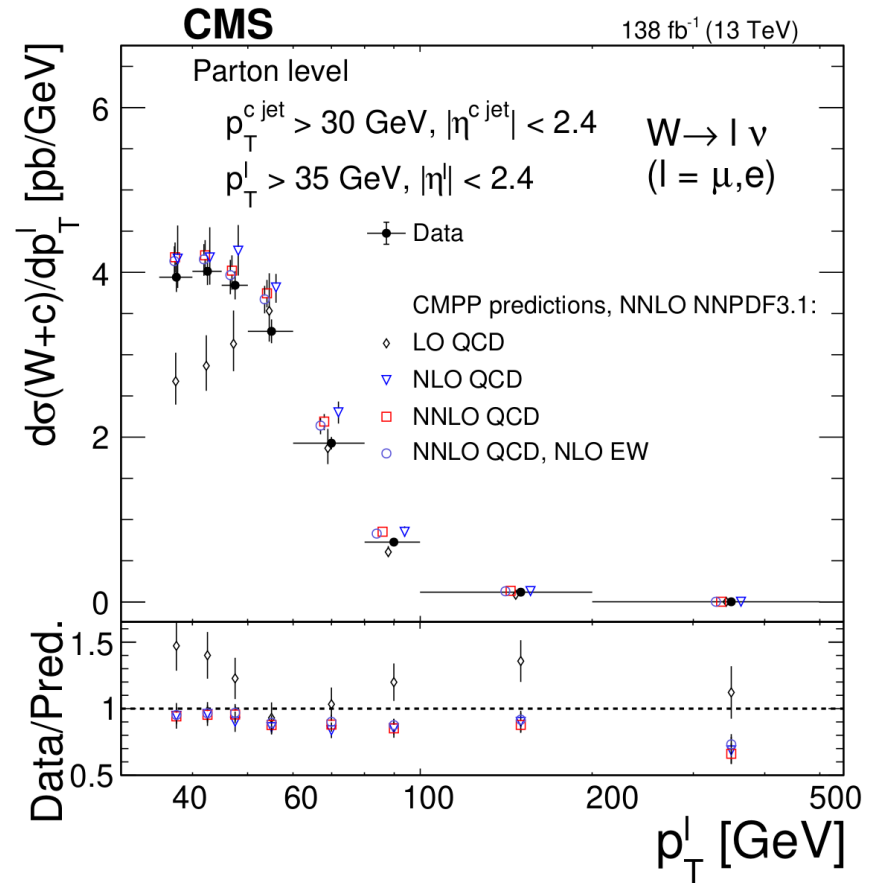
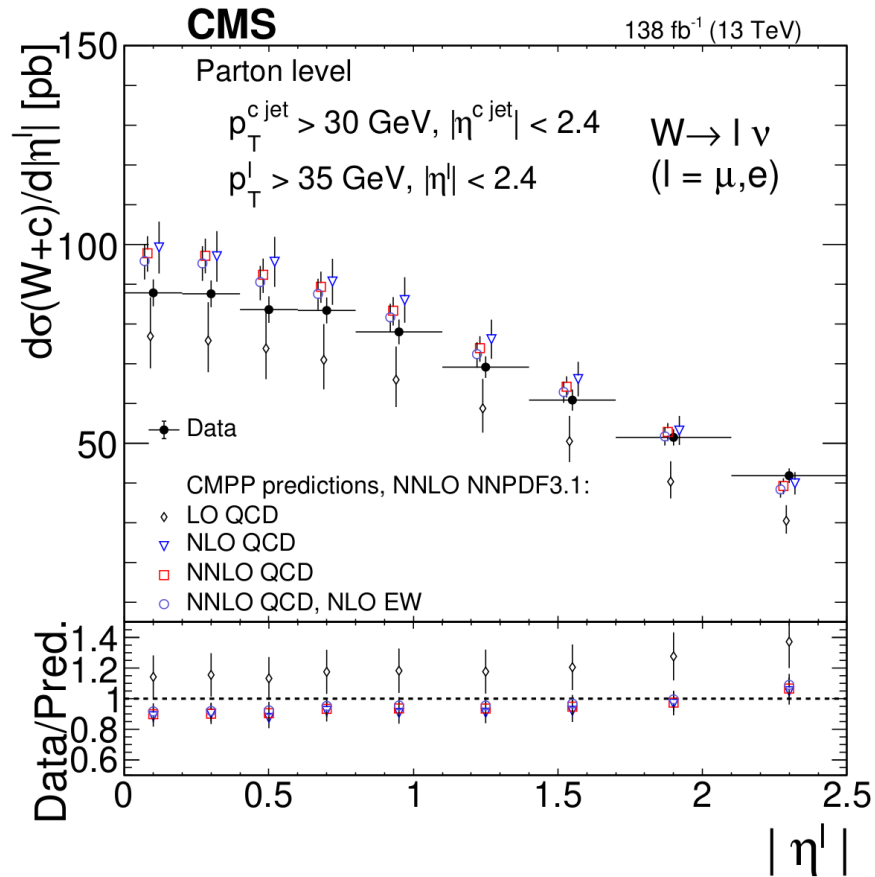
Unfolding corrections

NLO+PS (fl. anti-kT) / NLO+PS (anti-kT)



SS ~2-5% of OS
→ OS – SS unfolding corrections < 2%

Comparison to CMS data



Comparison of flavoured jet algorithms

Comparisons

Les Houches 23 workshop (aka FlavourFest :))

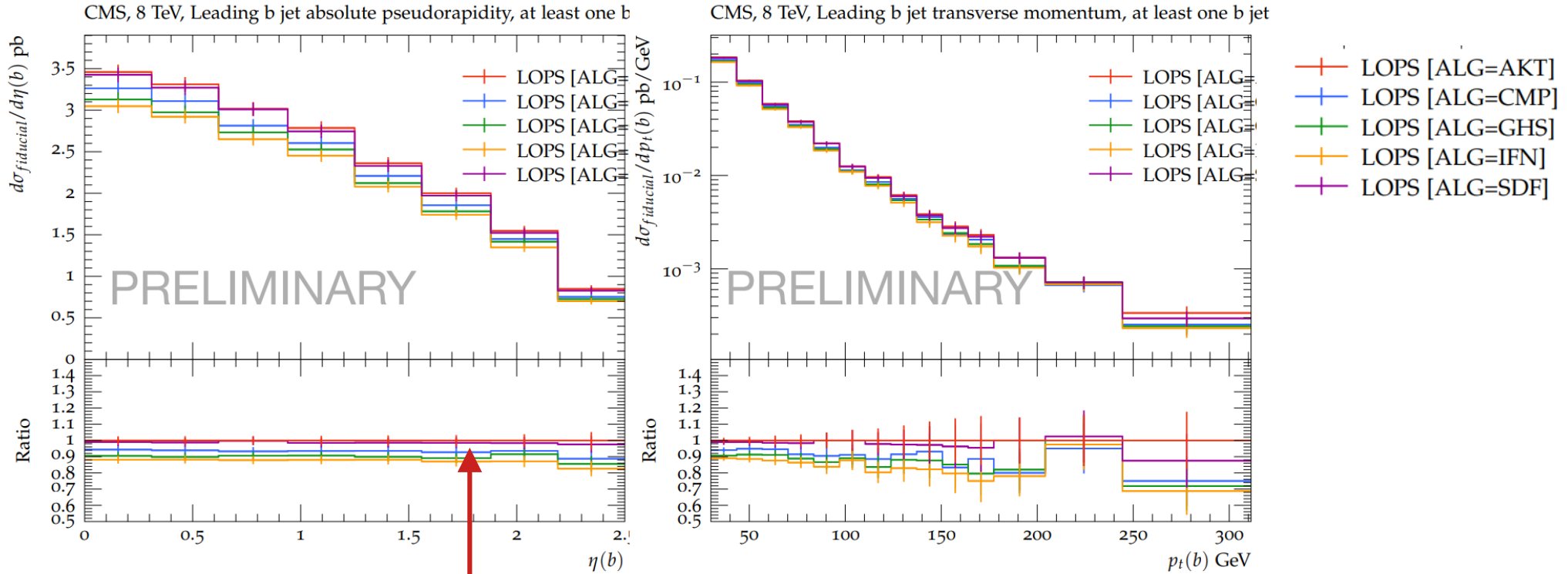
- CMPΩ: Flavour anti-kT (with fixed \mathcal{S}_{ij})
- SDF: Flavour with Soft-drop (only IR-safe up to α_s^2 corrections)
- GHS: Flavour dressing \rightarrow standard anti-kT + flavour assignment
- IFN: Interleaved flavour neutralisation

Implementation in
FastJet package

Benchmark process: Z+b-jet following CMS analysis 1611.06507

Comparison with parton showers

HERWIG LO PS

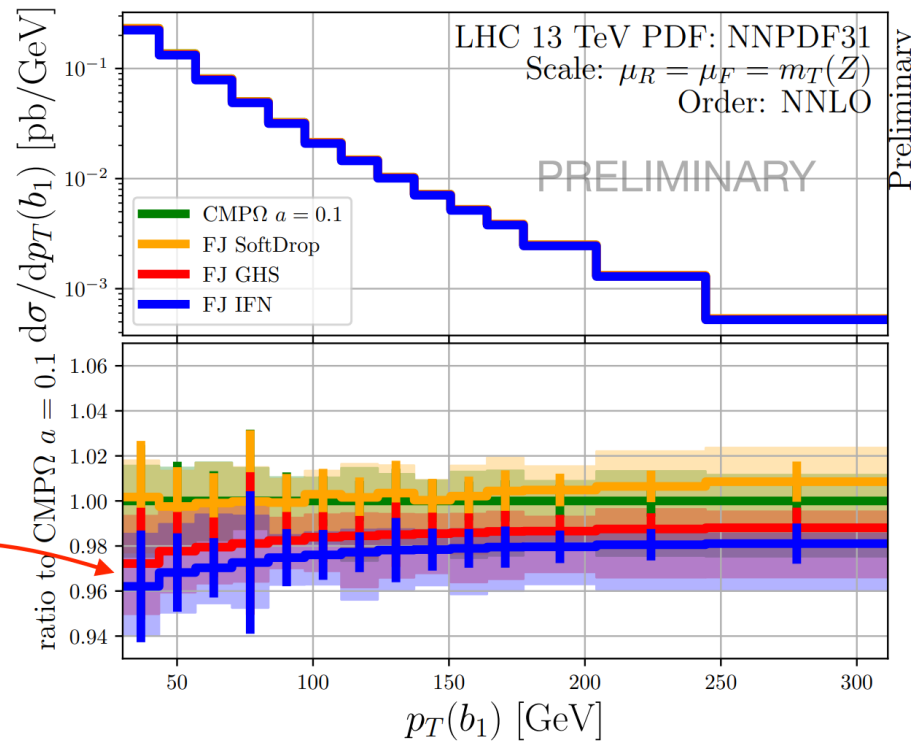
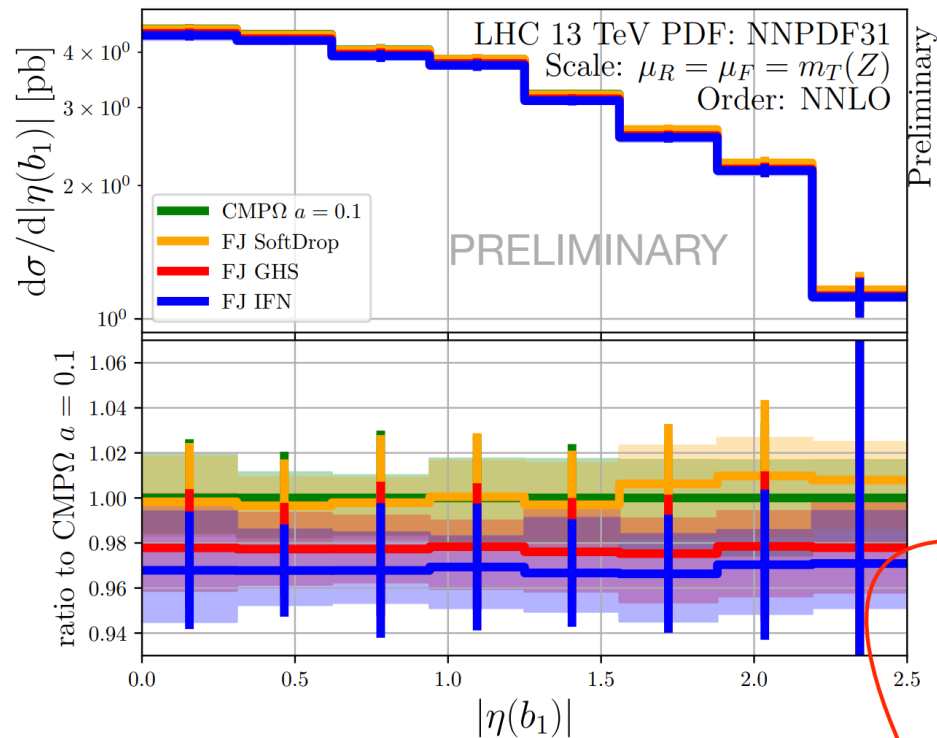


SDF ~ anti-kT → consequence of IR unsafety at higher orders?

NNLO QCD comparisons

Calculations performed with sector-improved residue subtraction scheme
1408.2500 & 1907.12911

Les Houches Jet Flavour WG

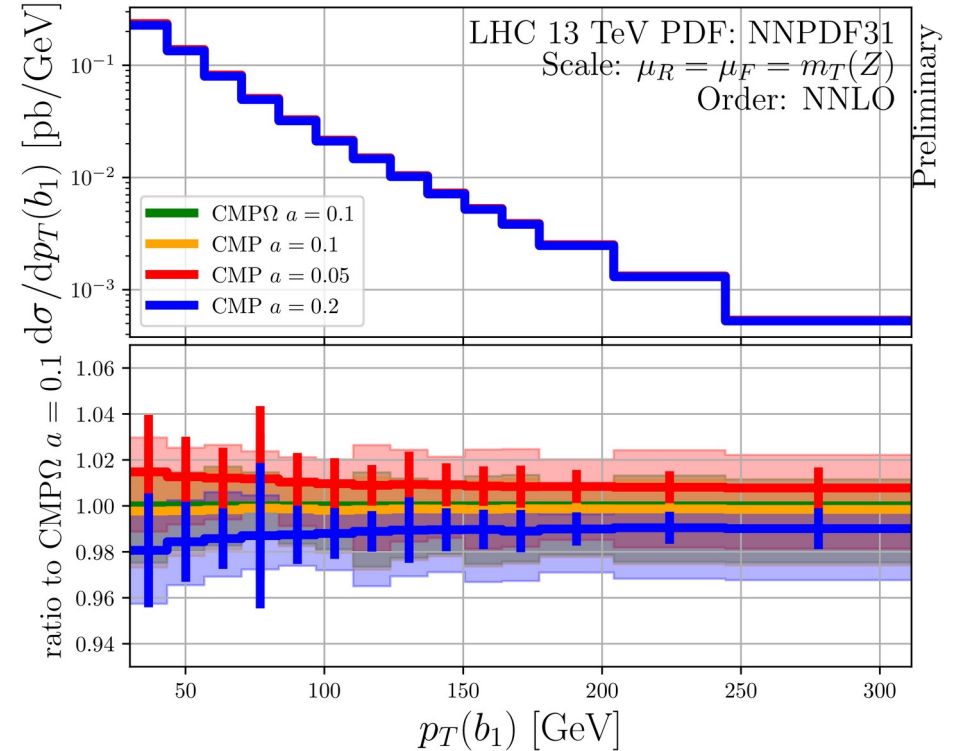
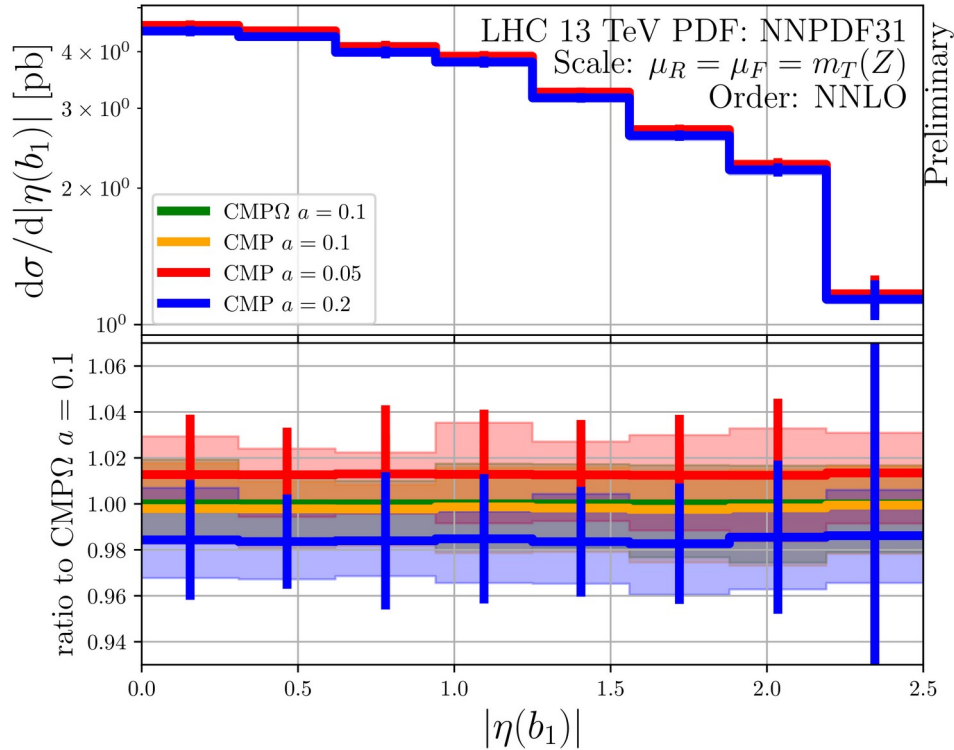


interesting shape difference at low p_T : it deserves further investigation!

Flavour anti-kT: impact of Ω_{ij}

Calculations performed with sector-improved residue subtraction scheme
1408.2500 & 1907.12911

Les Houches Jet Flavour WG



Negligible difference between CMP Ω and CMP

Summary

Take home messages

- 1) NNLO QCD effects in W+charm largely understood.
First comparisons to data → steps towards W+charm in PDF fits
- 2) Flavoured jets require modified jet algorithms to avoid IR safety/sensitivity issues.
Solutions exists for anti-kT jets and are implemented in FastJet: SDF, CMP, GHS, IFN, ...
→ phenomenological applications @ NNLO QCD
- 3) Still open question regarding the best way of comparing state-of-the-art predictions and measurements with flavoured jets:
→ Unfolding? How do the different algorithms compare?
→ Which flavoured jet algorithm has the most favourable properties?

Backup

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

Gauld, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Glover, Huss, Majer 1907.05836

Bottom quark mass effects in associated WH production with the $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay through NNLO QCD

Behring, Bizoń, Caola, Melnikov, Röntsch 2003.08321

VH + jet production in hadron-hadron collisions up to order α_s^3 in perturbative QCD

Gauld, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Glover, Huss, Majer 2110.12992

+Partonshower:

NNLOPS accurate associated HZ production with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay at NLO

Astill, Bizoń, Re, Zanderighi 1804.08141

NNLOPS description of the $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay with MiNLO

Bizoń, Re, Zanderighi 1912.09982

Next-to-next-to-leading order event generation for VH production with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay

Zanoli, Chiesa, Re, Wiesemann, Zanderighi 2112.04168

LHC precision computations with flavoured jets

Vector + flavoured jet(s) production:

NLO QCD predictions for $Wb\bar{b}$ production in association with up to three light jets at the LHC

Anger, Cordero, Ita, Sotnikov 1712.05721

Predictions for Z-Boson Production in Association with a b-jet at $O(\alpha_s^3)$

Gauld, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Glover, Huss, Majer 2005.03016

NNLO QCD predictions for W+c-jet production at the LHC,

Czakov, Mitov, Pellen, Poncelet 2011.01011

NNLO QCD corrections to $Wb\bar{b}$ production at the LHC,

Hartanto, Poncelet, Popescu, Zoia 2205.01687

A detailed investigation of W+c-jet at the LHC,

Czakov, Mitov, Pellen, Poncelet 2212.00467

Associated production of a W boson and massive bottom quarks at next-to-next-to-leading order in QCD,

Buonocore, Devoto, Kallweit, Mazzitelli, Rottoli, Savoini, 2212.04954

NNLO QCD predictions for Z-boson production in association with a charm jet within the LHCb fiducial region

Gauld, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Glover, Huss, Rodriguez Garcia, Stagnitto 2302.12844

Precise QCD predictions for W-boson production in association with a charm jets

Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Garcia, Stagnitto, 2311.14991

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)

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

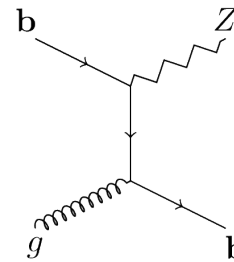
- CMS measurement @ 8 TeV

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

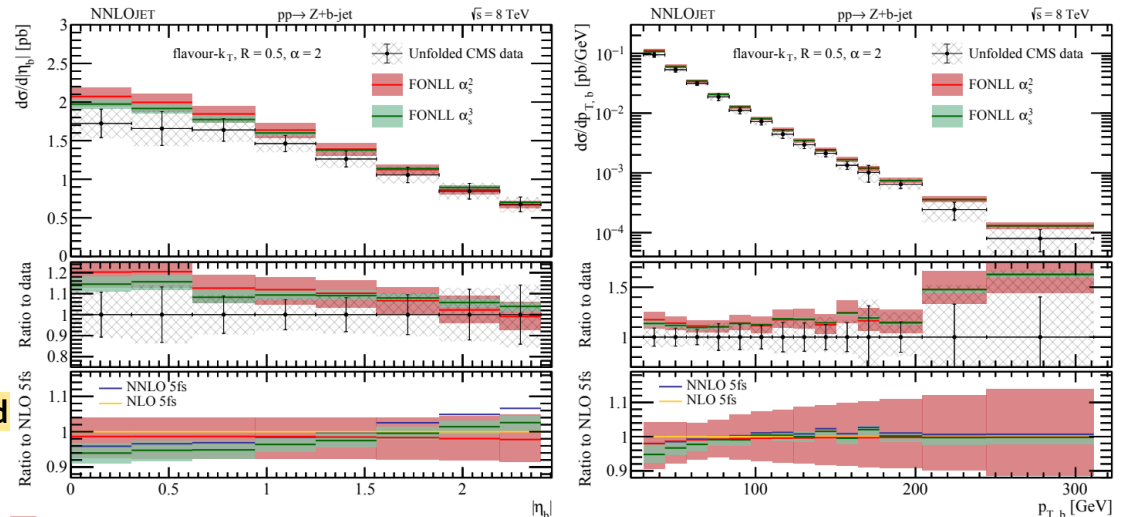
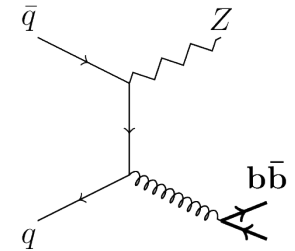
→ Ideal testing ground for flavour anti-kT

$pp \rightarrow Z(\text{ll}) + \text{b-jet}$

5fs:



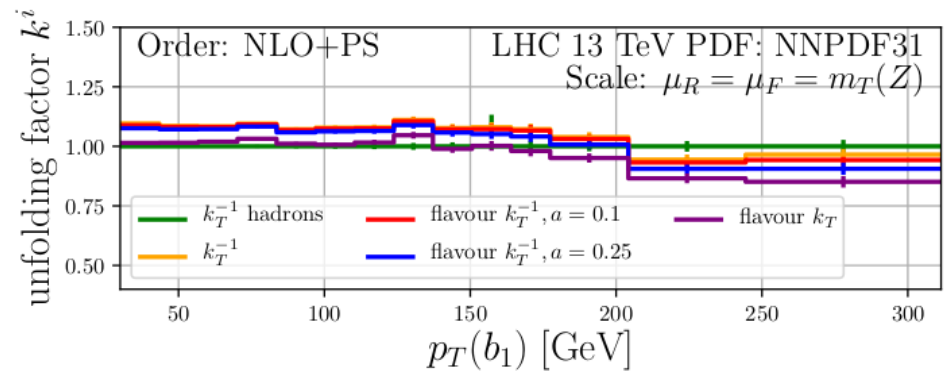
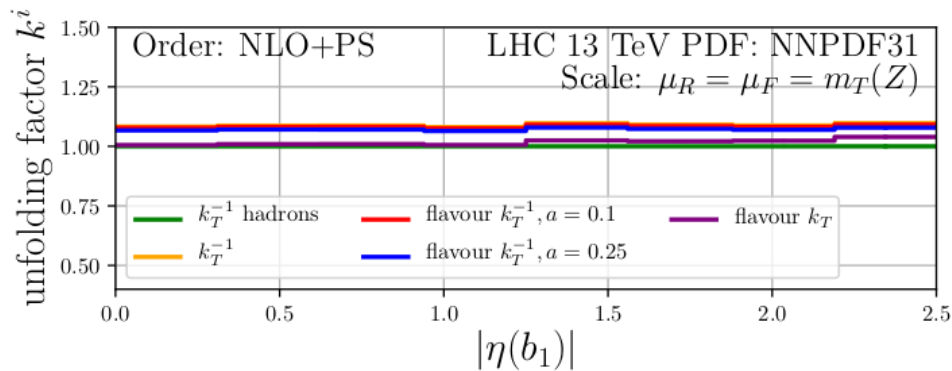
4fs:



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)



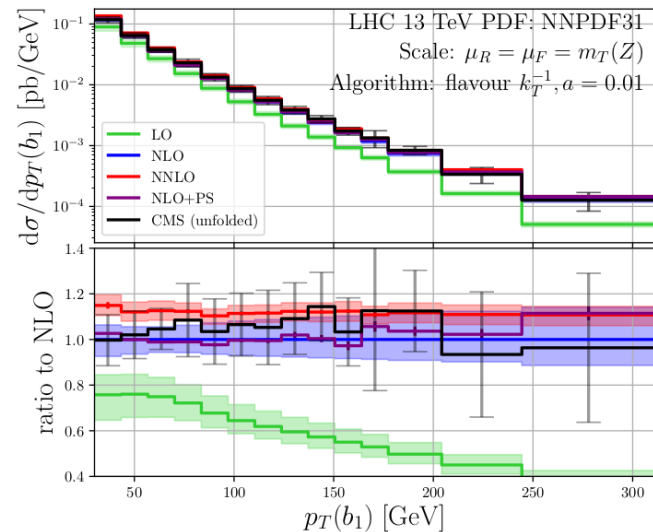
Z+b-jet Phenomenology: Tunable parameter

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

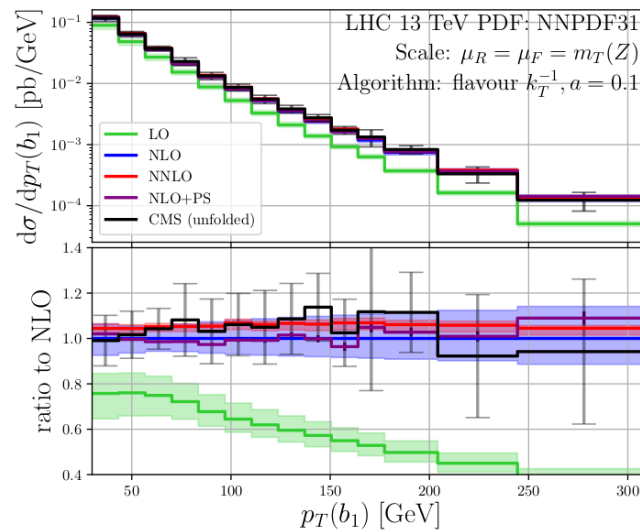
Tunable parameter a :

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

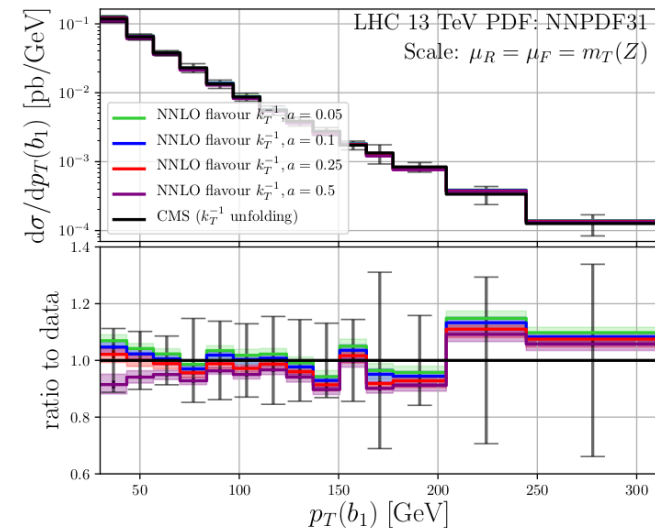
Flavour anti-kT ($a=0.01$):



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

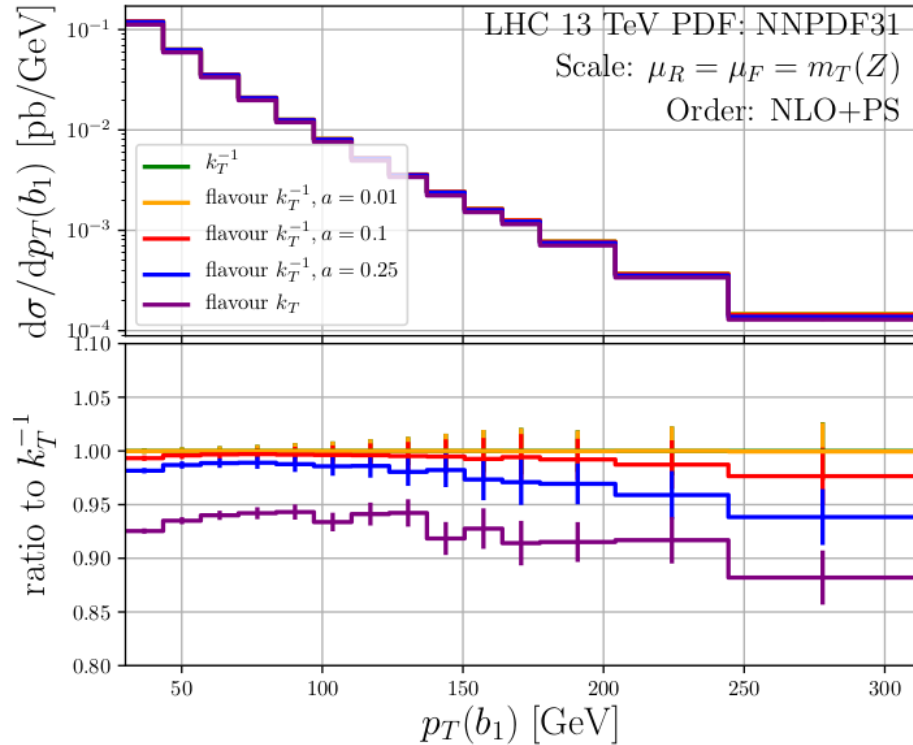


Comparison of different parameter a to data:



Z+b-jet Phenomenology: Tunable parameter II

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



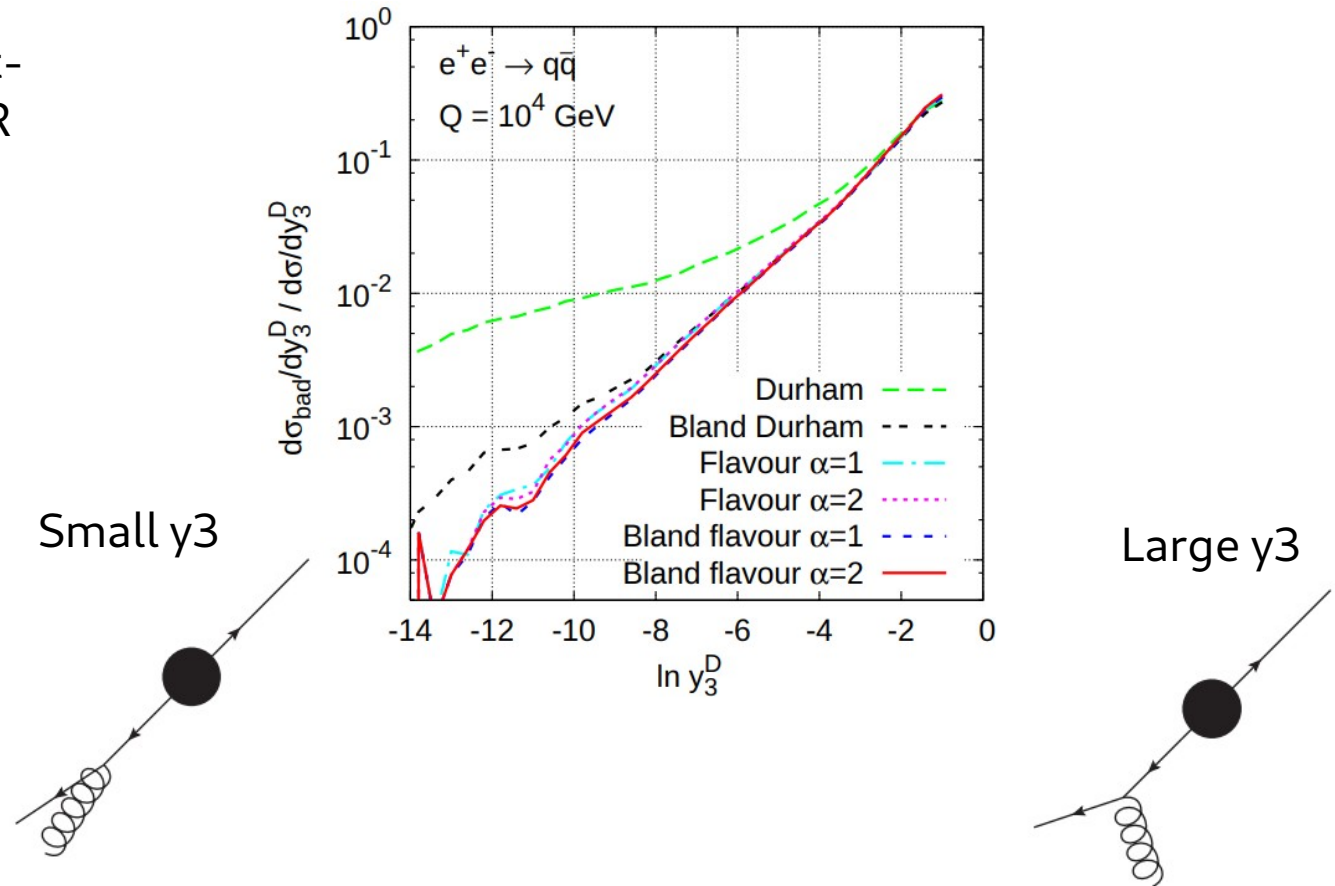
Tunable parameter a :

- 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

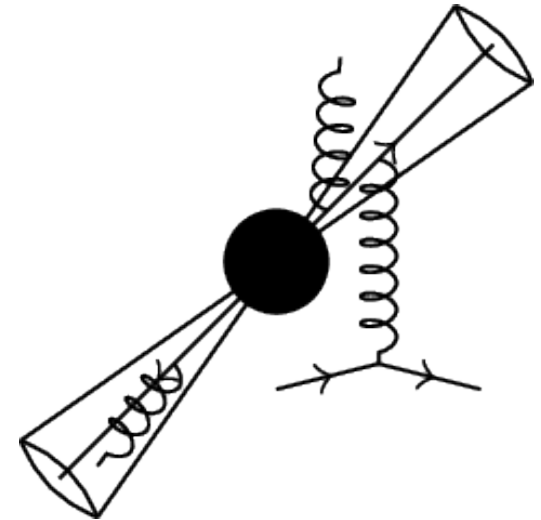
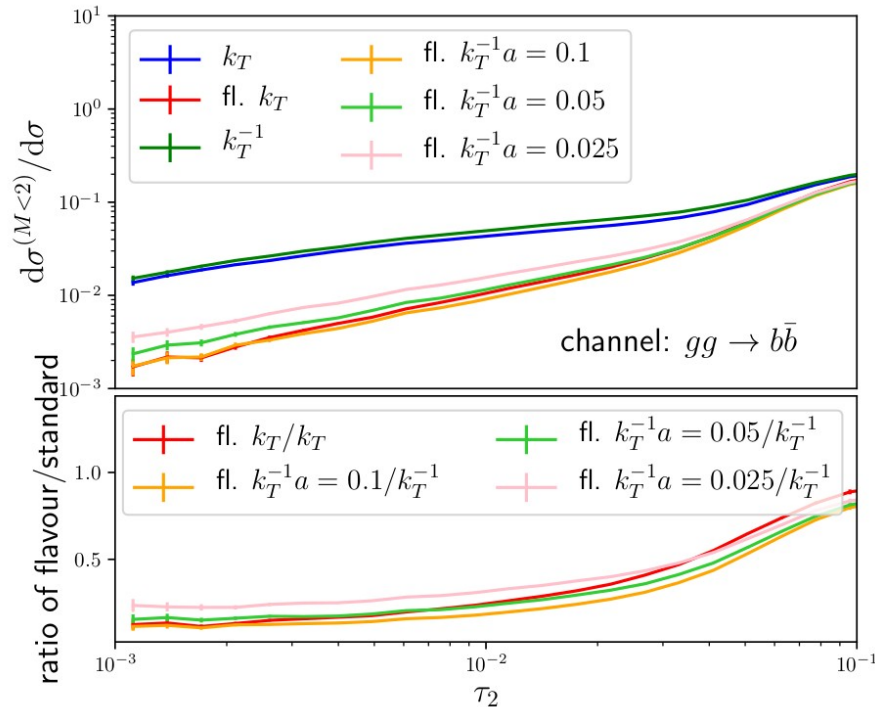
Tests of IR safety

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



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

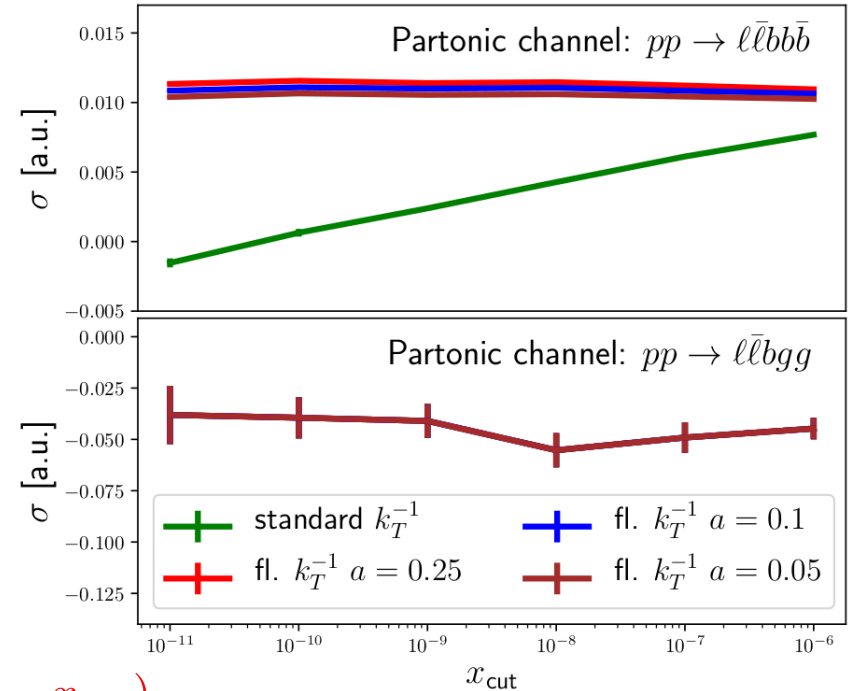
IR sensitivity of jet cross sections on (technical)
IR regulating parameter x

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

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

IR non-safe jet flavour \rightarrow logarithmic divergent

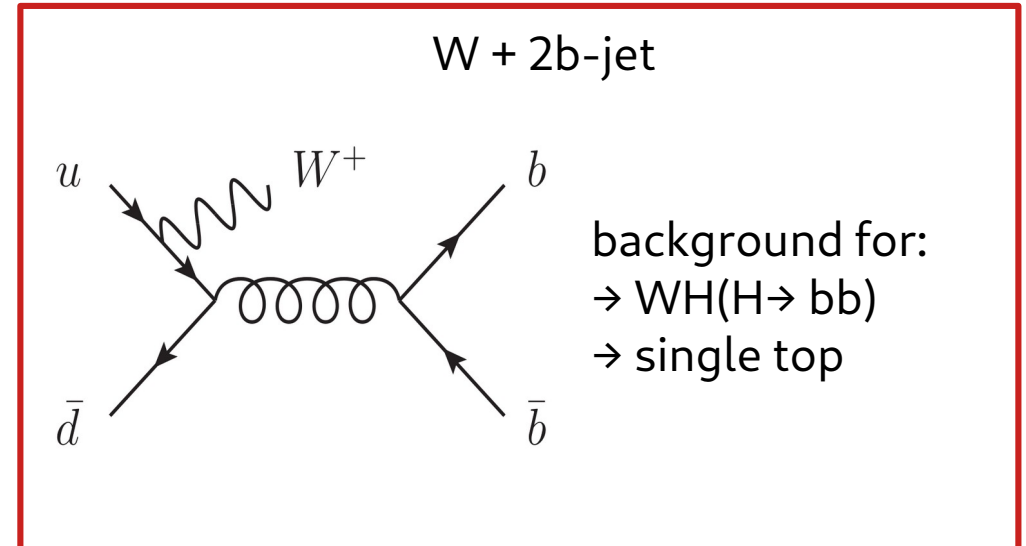
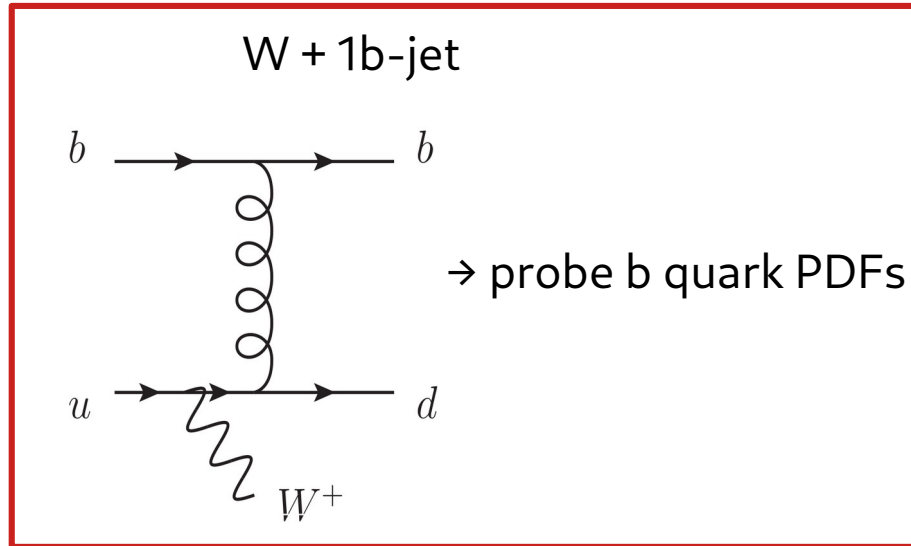
$$d\sigma \ni d\Phi_{n+2} \left(\text{Diagram 1} \right) F_{n+2} + \dots + d\tilde{\Phi}_{n+2} \mathcal{S}_2 \left(\text{Diagram 2} \right) F_n \theta(x - x_{\text{cut}})$$



$W + \text{bottom-pairs}$

W + b - jets

Motivation: → testing perturbative QCD: large NLO QCD corrections, 4FS vs. 5 FS
→ modelling of flavoured jets

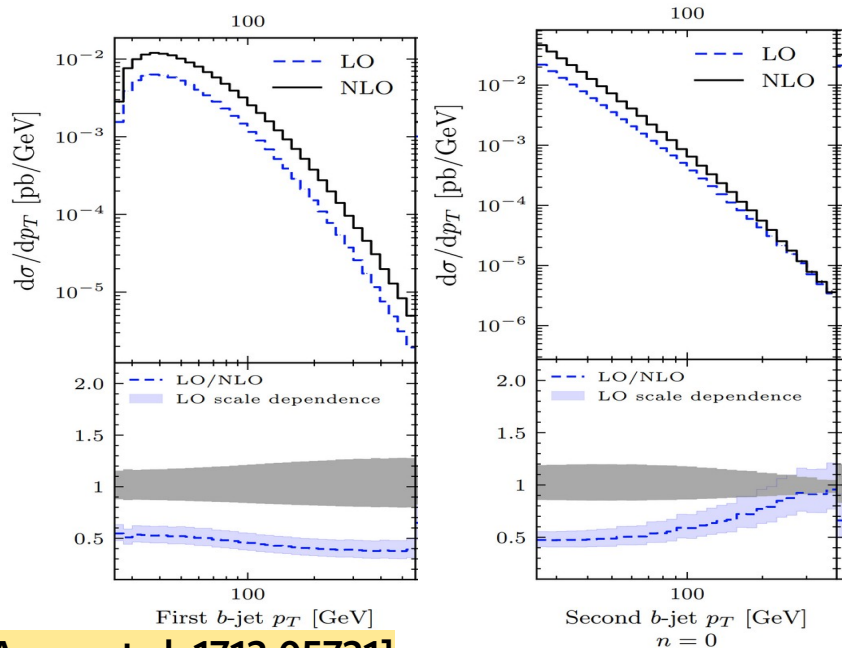


NLO QCD corrections

Experiment: [D0,1210.0627,0410062] [ATLAS,1109.1470,1302.2929][CMS,1312.6608,1608.07561]

Theory W+1 b-jet: [Campbell et al,0611348,0809.3003][Caola et.al.,1107.3714]

Theory W+2 b-jet: mb=0 [Ellis et al,9810489] onshell W: [Cordero et al,0606102] W(lv)bb: [Campbell et al,1011.6647]
 NLO+PS: [Oleari et al,1105.4488][Frederix et al,1110.5502] W(lv)bb: [Luisoni et al,1502.01213]
 W(lv)bb+≤3j: [Anger et al, 1712.05721]



[Anger et al, 1712.05721]



- Large NLO QCD corrections + scale dependence
- Opening of qg -channel



- NNLO QCD corrections required!
- Main challenges:
- **Two-loop amplitudes** [Bager'21,Hartanto'22]
 - **Subtraction** for high-multiplicity processes → Stripper [Czakon'10'14'19]

Setup

NNLO QCD corrections to $Wb\bar{b}$ production at the LHC
Hartanto, Poncelet, Popescu, Zoia 2205.01687

- LHC @ 8 TeV in 5 FS, NNPDF31, scale: $H_T = E_T(l\nu) + p_T(b1) + p_T(b2)$
- Phasespace definition to model **[CMS, 1608.07561]**:
 $p_T(l) \geq 30 \text{ GeV}$ $|y(l)| < 2.1$ $p_T(j) \geq 25 \text{ GeV}$, $|y(j)| < 2.4$
- Inclusive (at least 2 b-jets) and exclusive (exactly 2 b-jets, no other jets) jet phase spaces (defined by the flavour-kT jet algorithm **[Banfi'06]**)

	inclusive [fb]	\mathcal{K}_{inc}	exclusive [fb]	\mathcal{K}_{exc}
σ_{LO}	$213.2(1)^{+21.4\%}_{-16.1\%}$	-	$213.2(1)^{+21.4\%}_{-16.1\%}$	-
σ_{NLO}	$362.0(6)^{+13.7\%}_{-11.4\%}$	1.7	$249.8(4)^{+3.9(+27)\%}_{-6.0(-19)\%}$	1.17
σ_{NNLO}	$445(5)^{+6.7\%}_{-7.0\%}$	1.23	$267(3)^{+1.8(+11)\%}_{-2.5(-11)\%}$	1.067

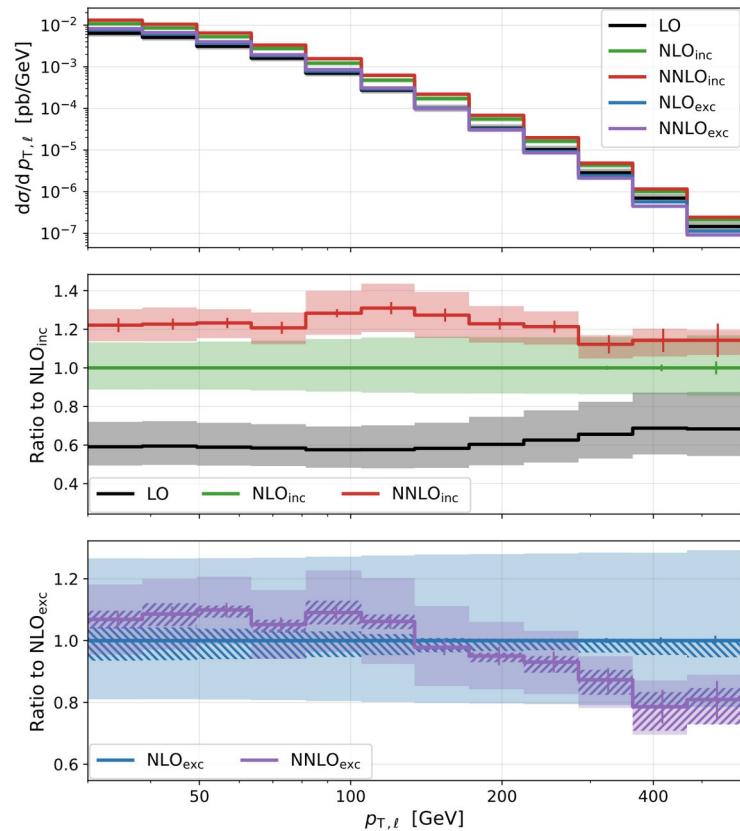
- Inclusive :
~ +20% corrections
~ 7% scale dependence
- Exclusive:
~ + 6% corrections
~ 2.5% scale dependence (7-pt)
Compare decorrelated model: **[Steward'12]**
~ 11% scale dependence

$$\sigma_{Wb\bar{b},excl.} = \sigma_{Wb\bar{b},incl.} - \sigma_{Wb\bar{b}j,incl.}$$

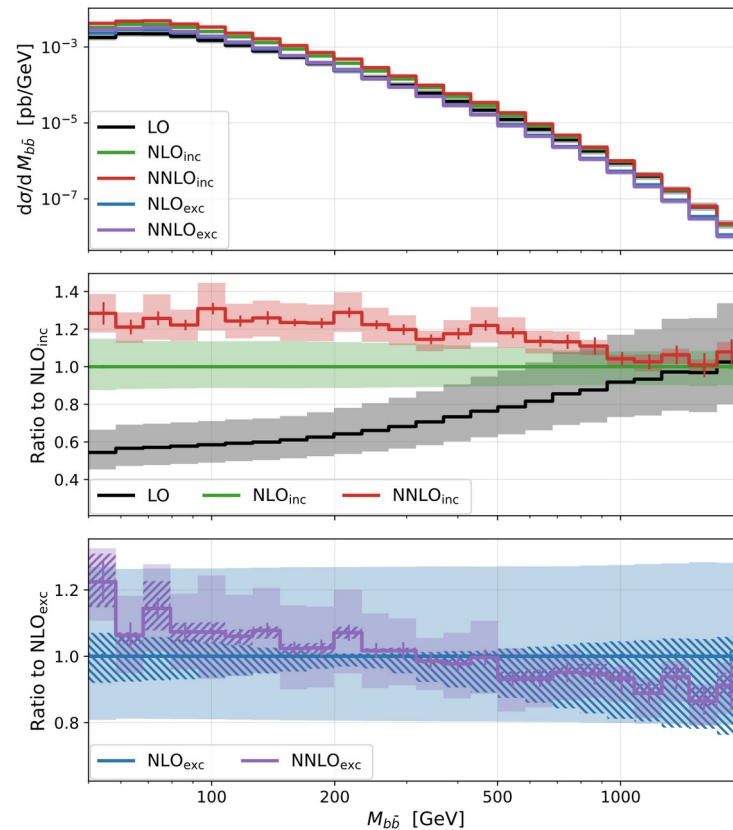
$$\Delta\sigma_{Wb\bar{b},excl.} = \sqrt{(\Delta\sigma_{Wb\bar{b},incl.})^2 + (\Delta\sigma_{Wb\bar{b}j,incl.})^2}$$

Differential cross sections

Transverse momentum of lepton

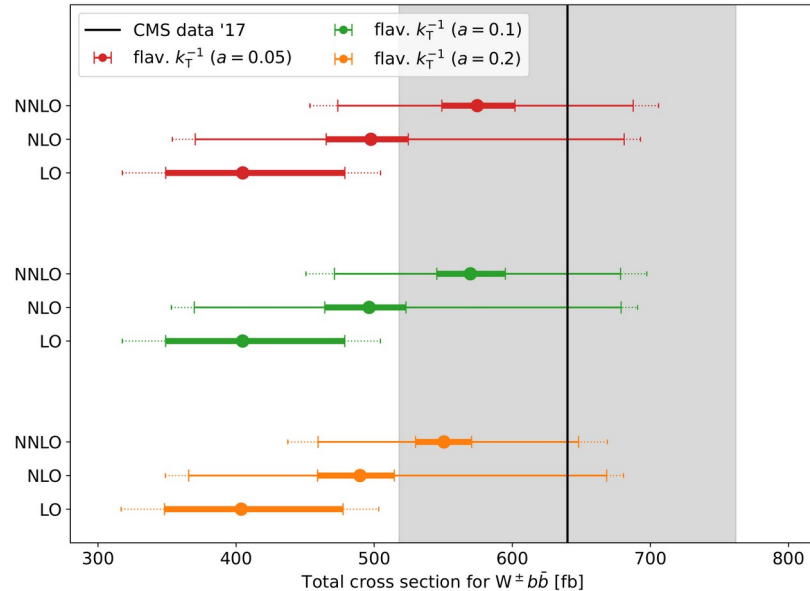


Invariant mass b-jet pair



W+2 bjets: flavour anti-kT

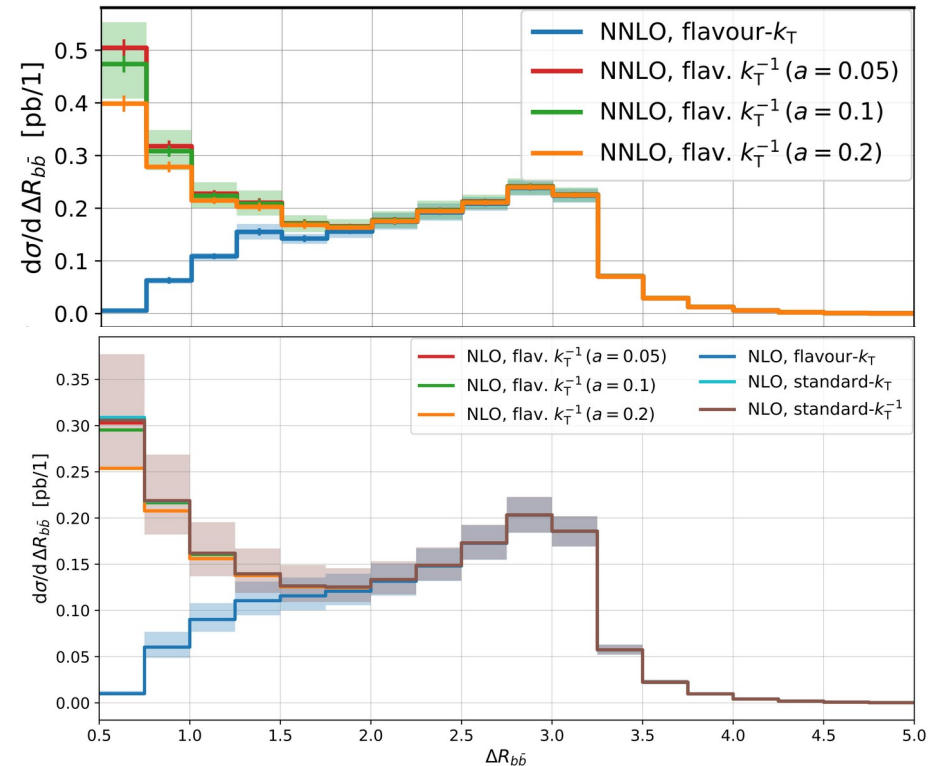
Flavour anti-kT algorithm applied to Wbb production at the LHC
Hartanto, Poncelet, Popescu, Zoia 2209.03280



Comparison to data

Measurement of the production cross section of a W boson in association with two b jets in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV, CMS 1608.07561

(assumes small unfolding corrections → wip)



Significant differences between kT and anti-kT
In small $\Delta R(bb)$ region? Beam-function?!

Computation in 4FS

Associated production of a W boson and massive bottom quarks at next-to-next-to-leading order in QCD, Buonocore, Devoto, Kallweit, Mazzitelli, Rottoli, Savoini, 2212.04954

Credit: Luca Buonocore RadCor23

	2209.03280	2212.04954
α_s and PDF scheme	5FS	4FS
Jet clustering algorithm	flavour k_T and flavour anti- k_T algorithm (R=0.5)	k_T and anti- k_T algorithm (R=0.5)
pdf sets	NNPDF31_as_0118 (LO, NLO, NNLO)	NNPDF30_as_0118_nf_4 (LO) NNPDF31_as_0118_nf_4 (NLO, NNLO)

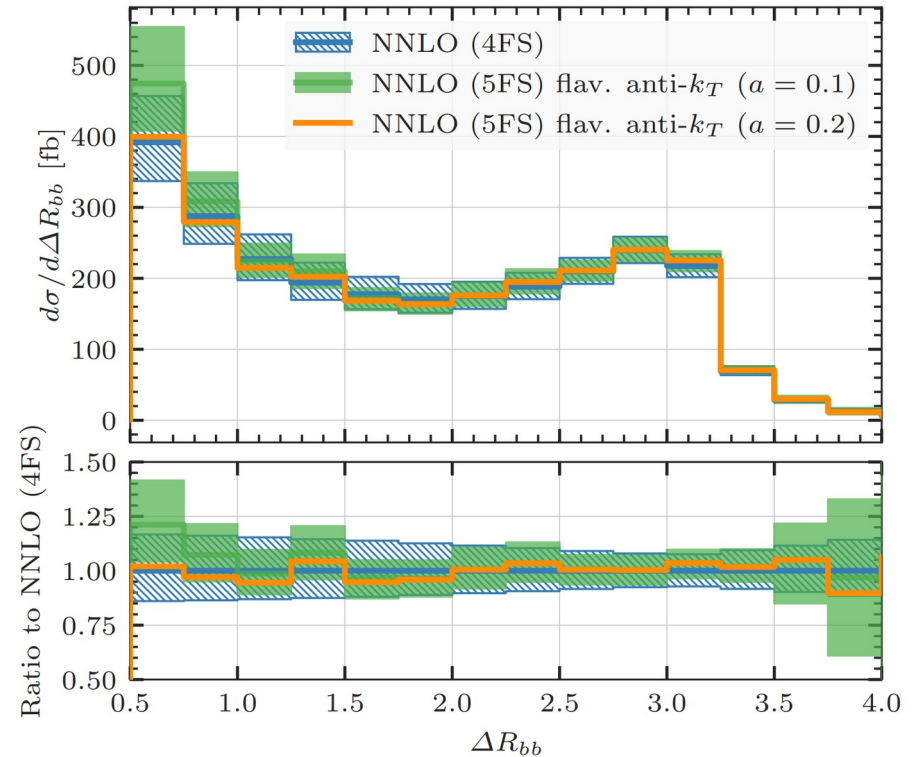
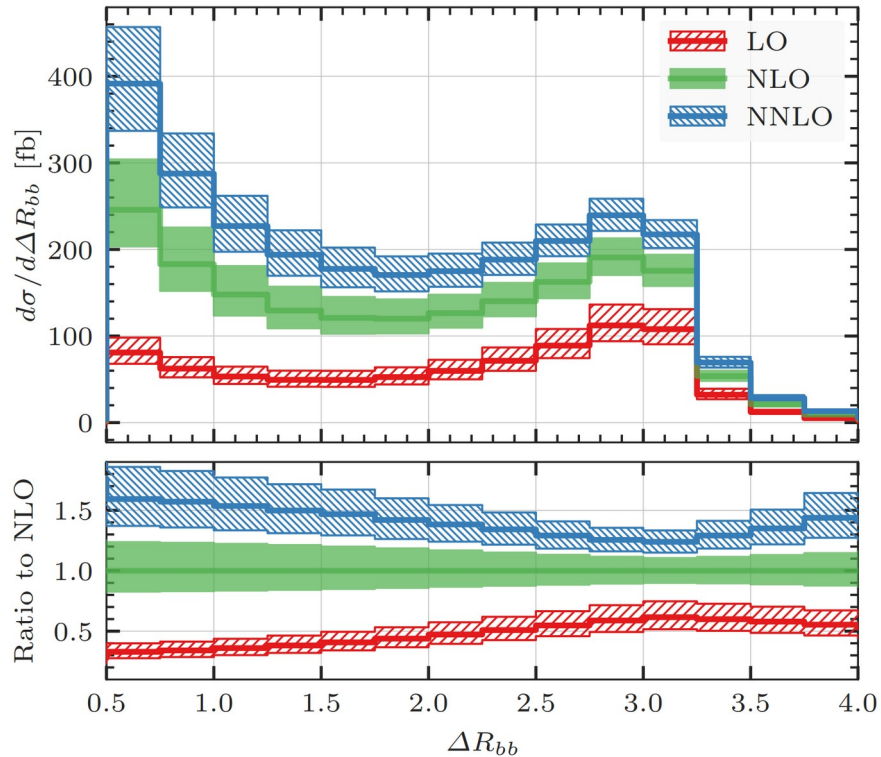
Simplification of massive 2-loop amplitude (Massification) [Mitov, Moch '07]:

$$|\mathcal{M}^{[p],(m)}\rangle = \prod_i \left[Z_{[i]} \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2), \epsilon \right) \right]^{1/2} \times |\mathcal{M}^{[p]}\rangle + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{m^2}{Q^2} \right)$$

Comparison 4FS(+PS) vs 5FS

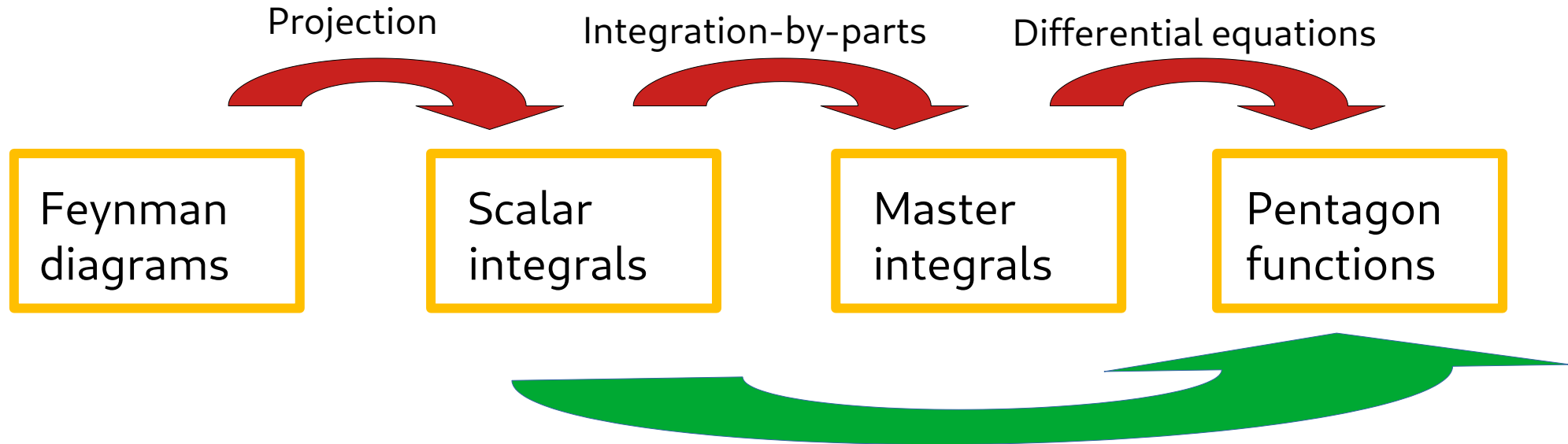
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Overview

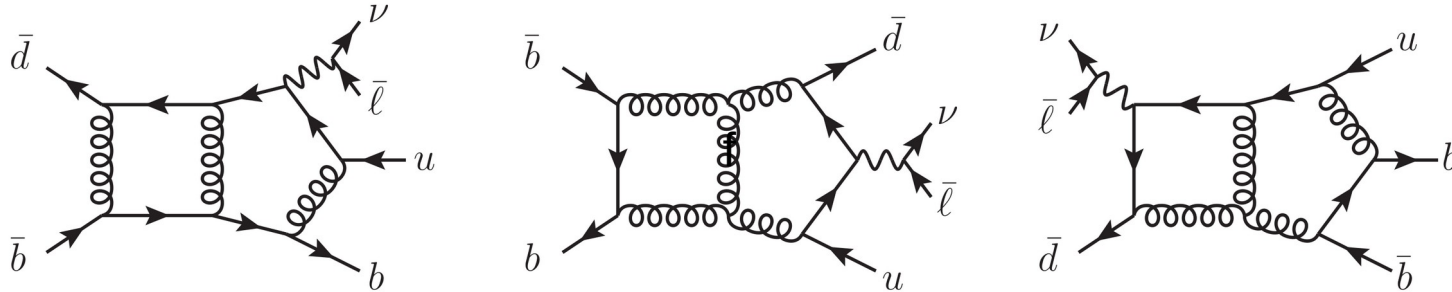
Old school approach:



Automated framework using finite fields
to avoid expression swell based on
FiniteFlow [Peraro'19]

Projection to scalar integrals

Generate diagrams (contributing to leading-colour) with QGRAF



Factorizing decay: $A_6^{(L)} = A_5^{(L)\mu} D_\mu P$ $M_6^{2(L)} = \sum_{\text{spin}} A_6^{(0)*} A_6^{(L)} = M^{(L)\mu\nu} D_{\mu\nu} |P|^2$

Projection on scalar functions (FORM+Mathematica):
 → anti-commuting γ_5 + Larin prescription

$$M_5^{(L)} = \sum_{i=1}^{16} a_i^{(L)} v_i^{\mu\nu}$$



$$a_i^{(L)} = a_i^{(L),\text{even}} + \text{tr}_5 a_i^{(L),\text{odd}}$$

$$a_i^{(L),p} = \sum_j c_{j,i}(\{p\}, \epsilon) \mathcal{I}(\{p\}, \epsilon)$$

Integration-By-Parts reduction

$$a_i^{(L),p} = \sum_i c_{j,i}(\{p\}, \epsilon) \mathcal{I}(\{p\}, \epsilon)$$

Prohibitively large number of integrals

$$\mathcal{I}_i(\{p\}, \epsilon) \equiv \mathcal{I}(\vec{n}_i, \{p\}, \epsilon) = \int \frac{d^d k_1}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{d^d k_2}{(2\pi)^d} \prod_{k=1}^{11} D_k^{-n_{i,k}}(\{p\}, \{k\})$$

Integration-By-Parts identities connect different integrals \rightarrow system of equations
 \rightarrow only a small number of independent “master” integrals

$$0 = \int \frac{d^d k_1}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{d^d k_2}{(2\pi)^d} l^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial l^\mu} \prod_{k=1}^{11} D_k^{-n_{i,k}}(\{p\}, \{k\}) \quad \text{with } l \in \{p\} \cap \{k\}$$

LiteRed (+ Finite Fields)



$$a_i^{(L),p} = \sum_i d_{j,i}(\{p\}, \epsilon) \text{MI}(\{p\}, \epsilon)$$

Master integrals & finite remainder

Differential Equations: $d\vec{M}I = dA(\{p\}, \epsilon)\vec{M}I$

[Remiddi, 97]

[Gehrmann, Remiddi, 99]

[Henn, 13]

Canonical basis: $d\vec{M}I = \epsilon d\tilde{A}(\{p\})\vec{M}I$

Simple iterative solution



$$MI_i = \sum_w \epsilon^w \tilde{M}I_i^w \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{M}I_i^w = \sum_j c_{i,j} m_j$$

Chen-iterated integrals
"Pentagon"-functions

[Chicherin, Sotnikov, 20]

[Chicherin, Sotnikov, Zoia, 21]

Putting everything together (and removing of IR poles):

$$f_i^{(L),p} = a_i^{(L),p} - \text{poles}$$

$$f_i^{(L),p} = \sum_j c_{i,j}(\{p\}) m_j + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$