

# Application of effective theories to precision predictions

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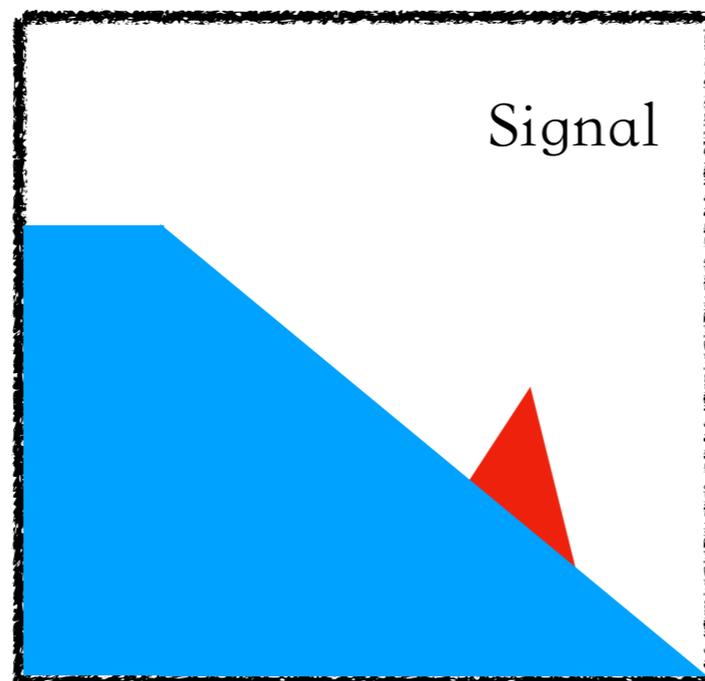
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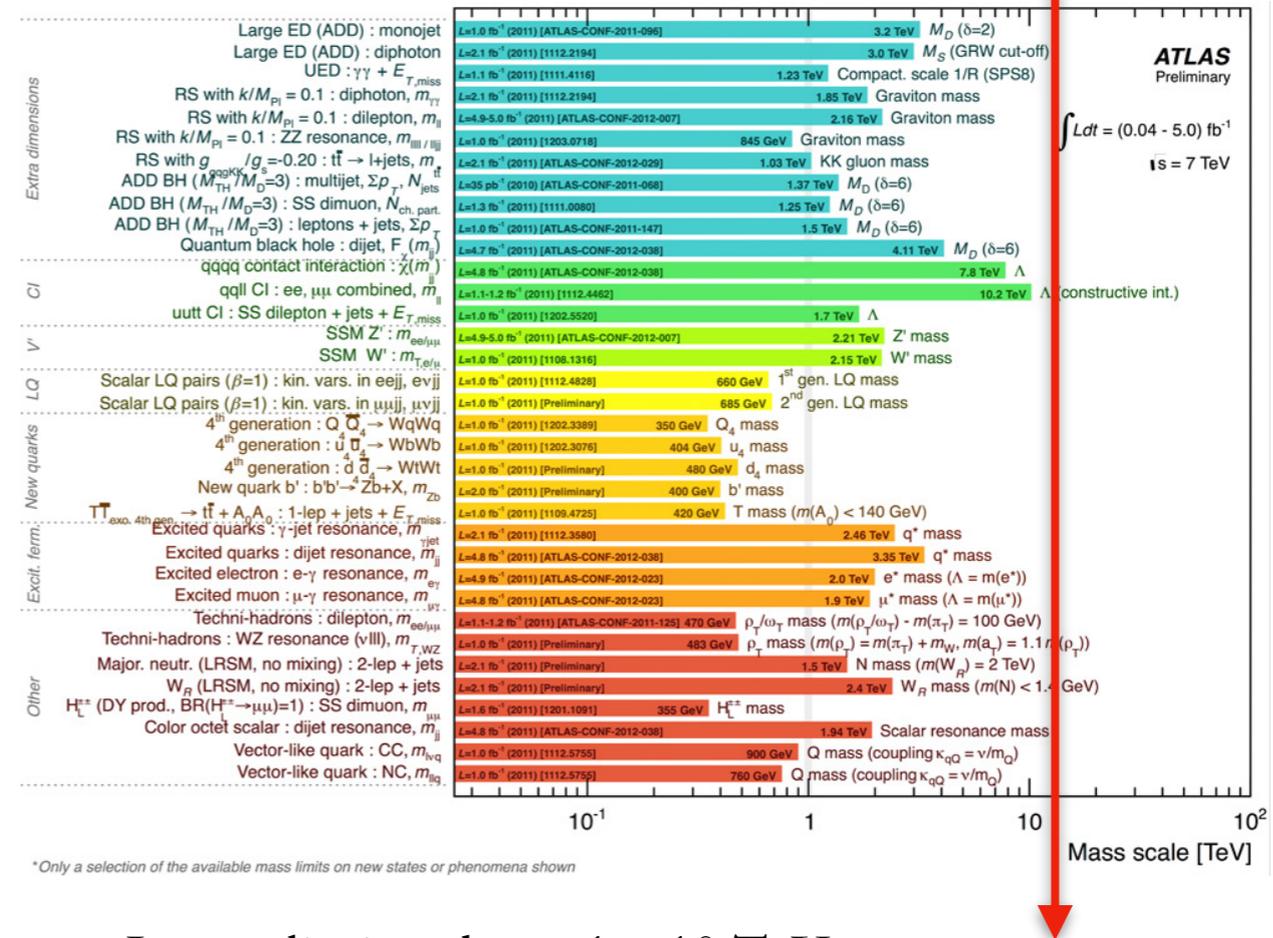
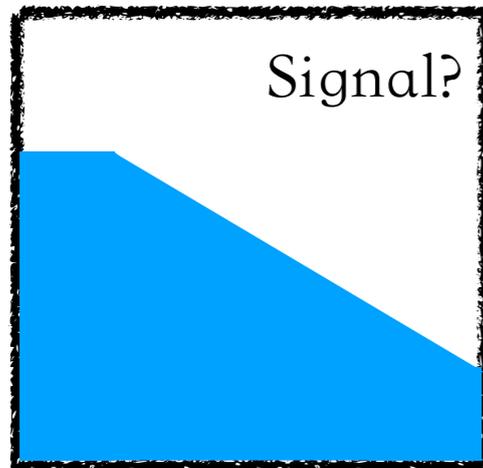
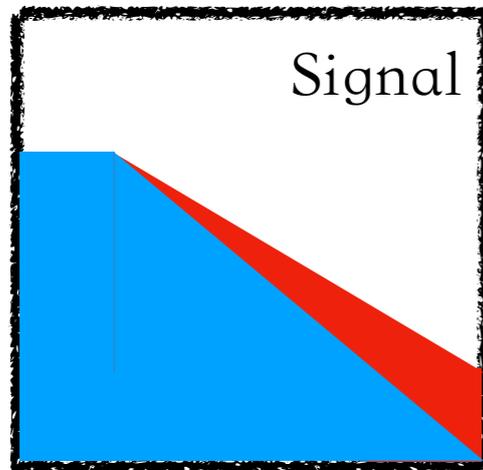
## Example 1



An optimistic scenario: a clear resonance (e.g. Higgs discovery)

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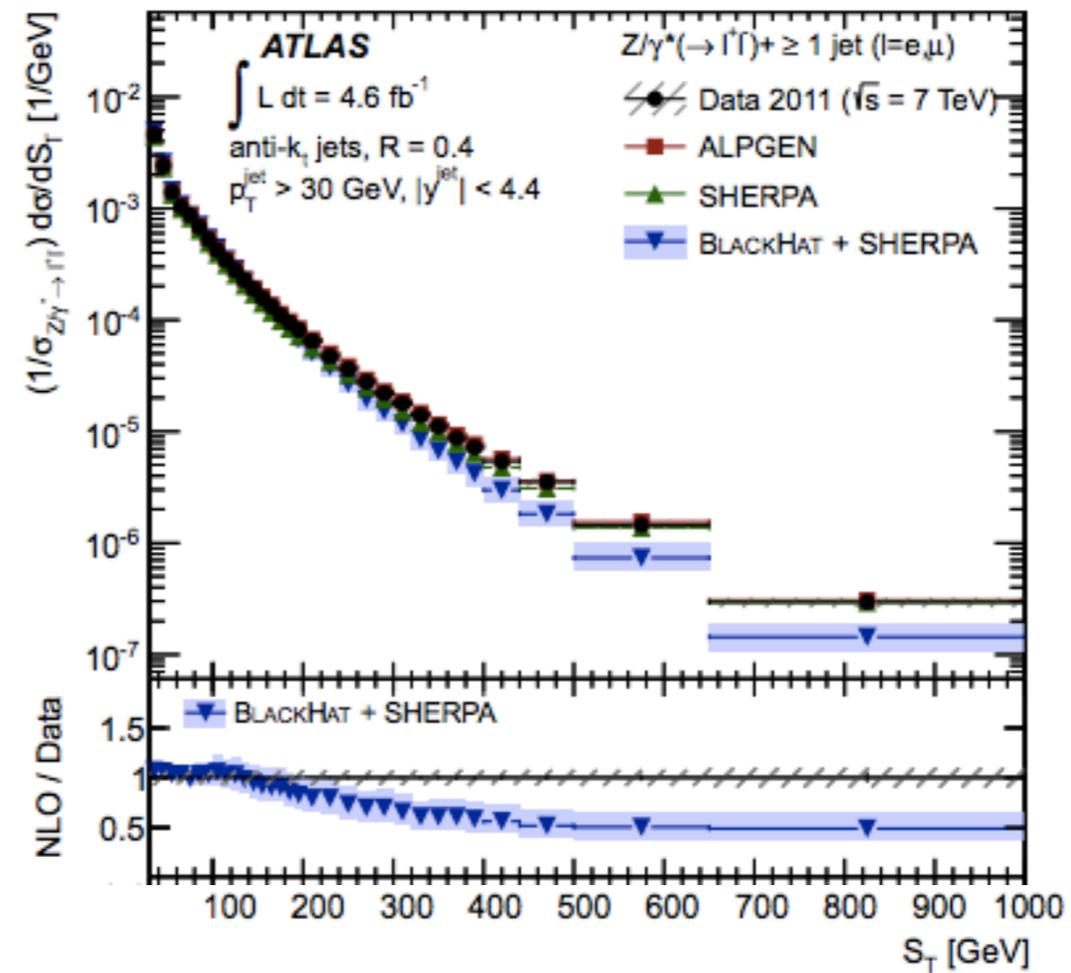
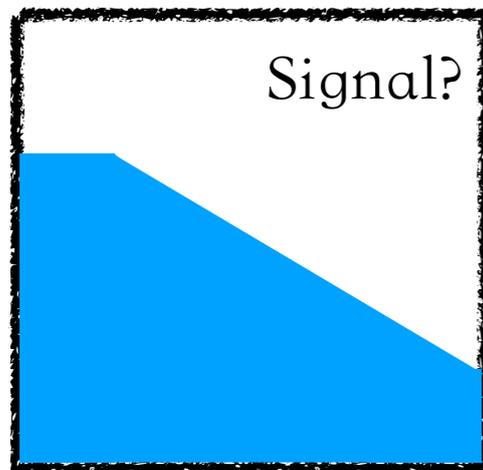
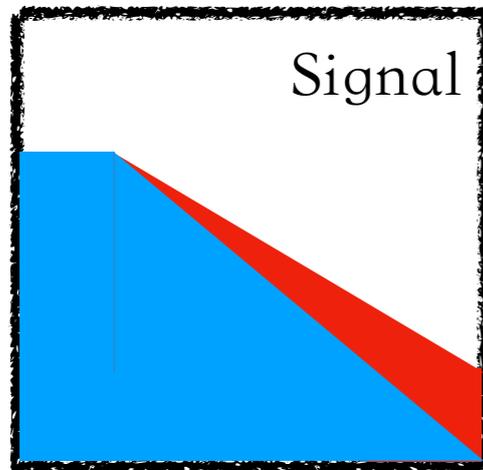


- Lower limits above 1—10 TeV now.
- New physics could be out of reach for current LHC
- Predicting the shape correctly will be crucial

New Physics = precise Data - precise TH predictions!!

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## Example 1



$$S_T = \sum_i |p_{i,T}|$$

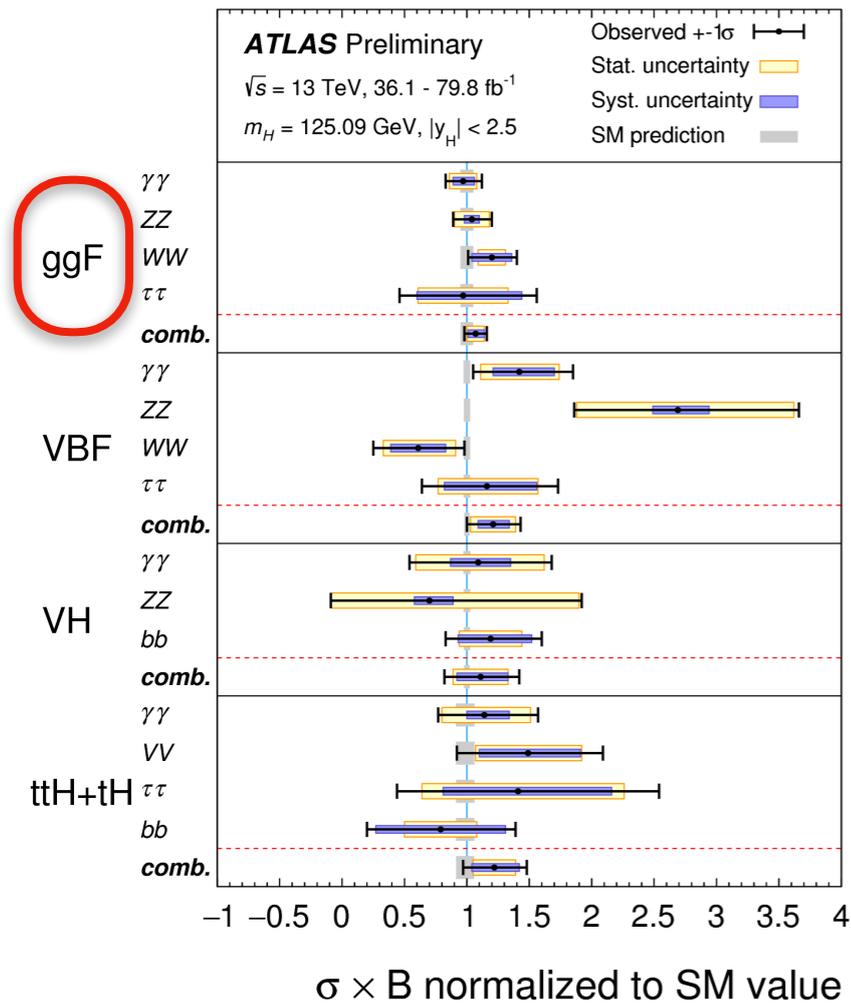
TH: NLO perturbation

50% difference at high  $S_T$  with NLO  
New Physics? Missing Higher order?

# Why Precision?

## Example 2

Precision measurements of the SM param.



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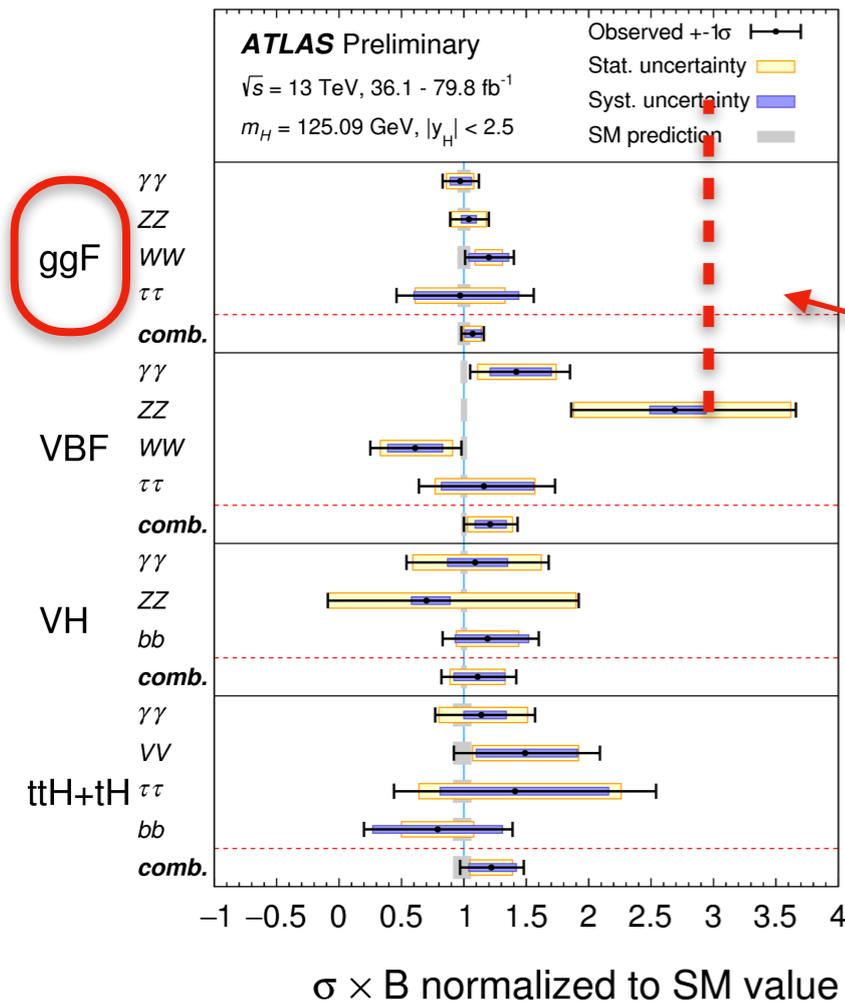
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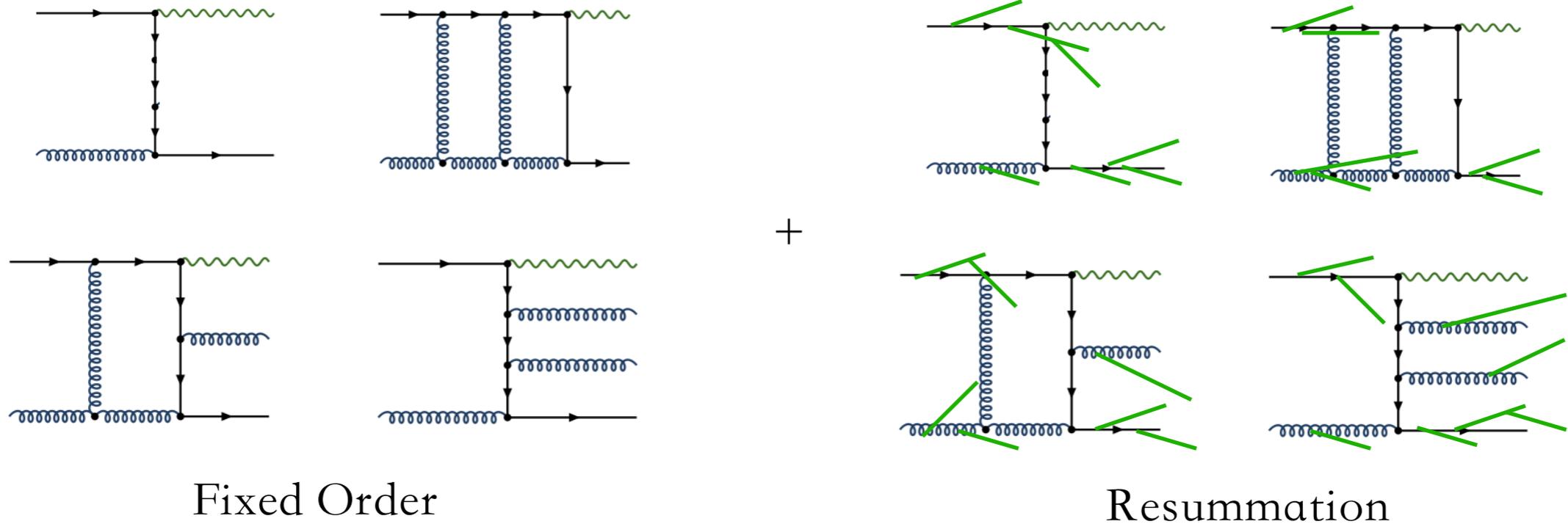
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# How to achieve precision?



		Fixed Order					
Resummation	LO	1					
	NLO	$\alpha_s L^2$	$\alpha_s L$	$\alpha_s$			
	NNLO	$\alpha_s^2 L^4$	$\alpha_s^2 L^3$	$\alpha_s^2 L^2$	$\alpha_s^2 L$	$\alpha_s^2$	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	N <sup>k</sup> LO	$\alpha_s^k L^{2k}$	$\alpha_s^k L^{2k-1}$	$\alpha_s^k L^{2k-2}$	$\alpha_s^k L^{2k-3}$	$\alpha_s^k L^{2k-4}$	...
		↓	↓	↓			
		LL	NLL	NNLL			

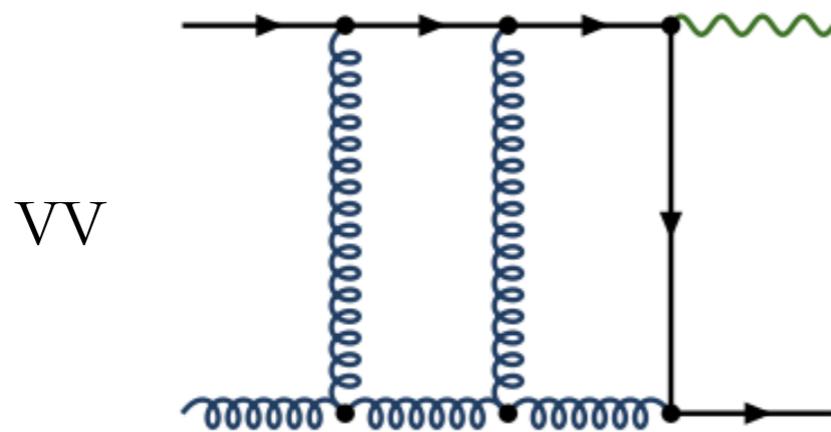
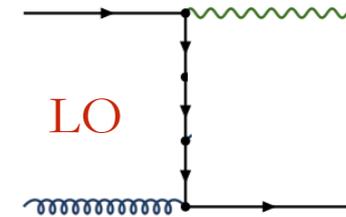
# Outlines

- EFT in FO @ colliders
- EFT in Resummation @ colliders
- Summary

# EFT in FO @ colliders

# Fixed order @ colliders

$V + 1j$  at NNLO as an example

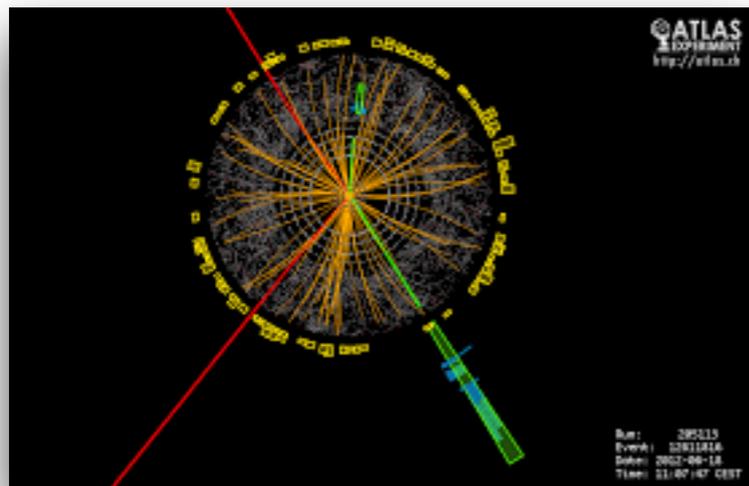


+ ...

$$\int d\Phi_2 \sum_{i=0}^4 \frac{v v_i}{\epsilon^i}$$

$D = 4 \rightarrow D = 4 - 2\epsilon$

Divergence  $\rightarrow$   $\epsilon$ -poles

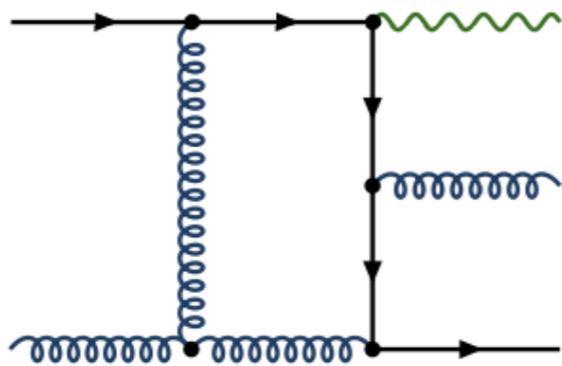


- Benefit from the amplitude community
- Explicit IR poles after loop integrations
- Pretty much limited to  $2 \rightarrow 1, 2 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 3$  starts to be available

# Fixed order @ colliders

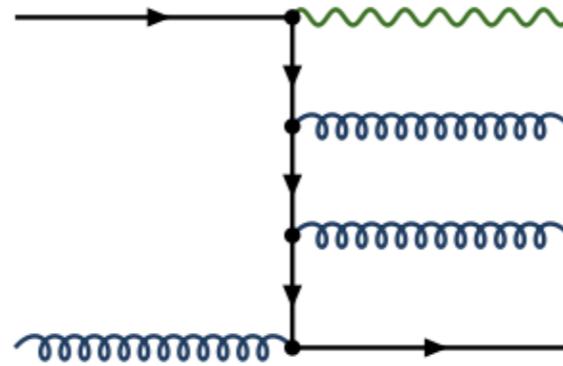
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VR



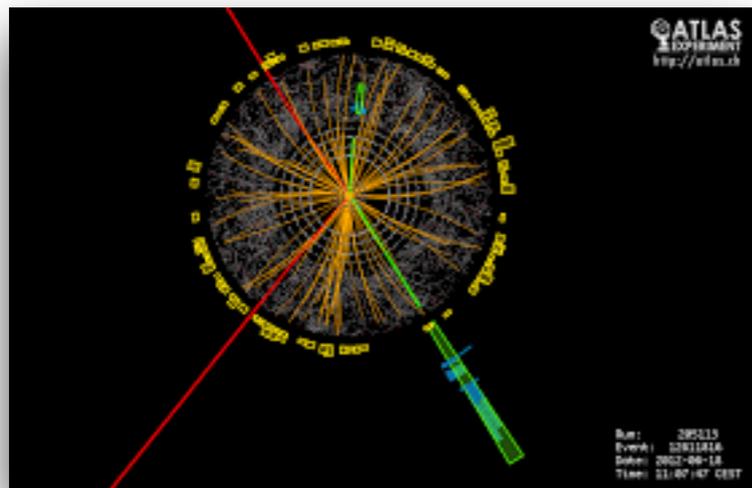
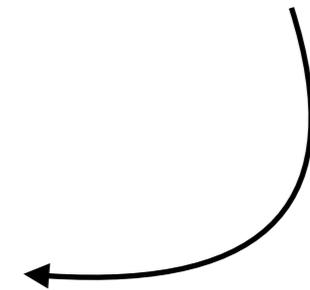
$$\int d\Phi_3 \sum_{i=0}^2 \frac{vr_i}{\epsilon^i}$$

RR



$$\int d\Phi_4 rr$$

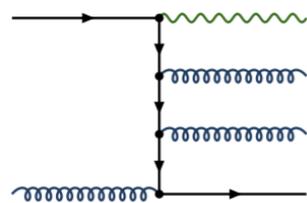
Complicated experimental cuts, jet algorithms applied to the final states



- We are mostly interested in fully differential cross section, which allows for experimental cuts, jet algorithms and parton showers ...
- IR poles fully show up for degenerate (soft/collinear) states ONLY after integrating over phase space, with all kinds of exp. cuts, jet algorithms ...
- How to isolate for numerical evaluation? A problem for ~15 years that prevents us from making NNLO predictions for the LHC.

# Fixed order @ colliders

## Subtraction



$$= \int dz \frac{f(z)}{z^{1+a\epsilon}} \longrightarrow \int dz \frac{f(z) - f(0)}{z} + \int dz z^{-1-a\epsilon} f(0)$$

IRC limit of QCD

Jet algorithms, exp. cuts  
enter here. Finite and  
suitable for numerical  
evaluations

“inclusive”, loop  
techniques come  
into help

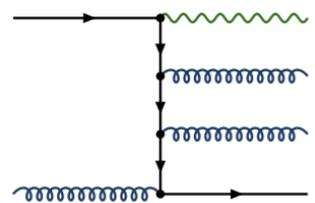
Construct counter terms point-wise in the phase space

- Antenna subtraction 2 Gehrmann, Glover
- STRIPPER + modifications Czakon + ...

...

# Fixed order @ colliders

Slicing



$$= \int dz \frac{f(z)}{z^{1+a\epsilon}} \longrightarrow \int \frac{f(z)}{z} \theta(z > z_0) - f(0) \frac{z_0^{-a\epsilon}}{a\epsilon} + \dots$$

One single physical observable to separate out all singularities

Power corrections of the EFT

Jet algorithms, exp. cuts enter here. Finite and suitable for numerical evaluations

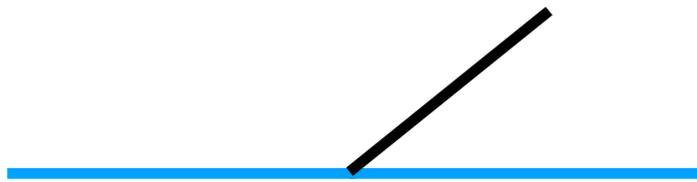
EFT of this observable enters to simplify the calculations; will also rely on various loop techniques

A physical observable ( $z_0$ ) to regulate all related IR singularities

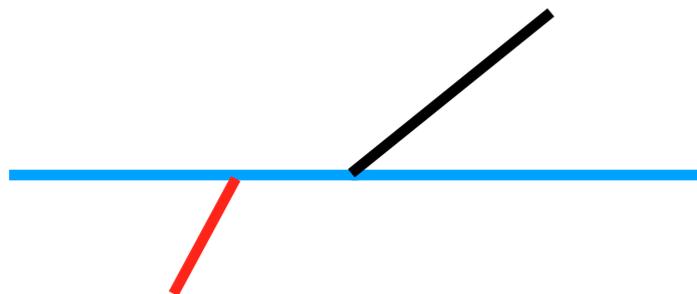
- qT-subtraction Catani, Grazzini
- N-jettiness subtraction Boughezal, Focke, **XL**, Petriello + ...

# Fixed order @ colliders

$q_T$  subtraction [Catani, Grazzini](#)



For color neutral final state @ LO



$q_T = 0$ , if no radiation.

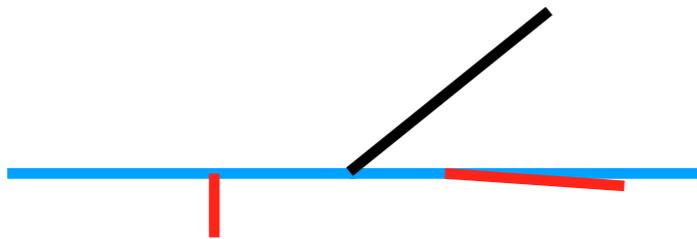
Finite  $q_T$  means at least one additional radiation

Becomes color neutral final state + 1 jet @ LO

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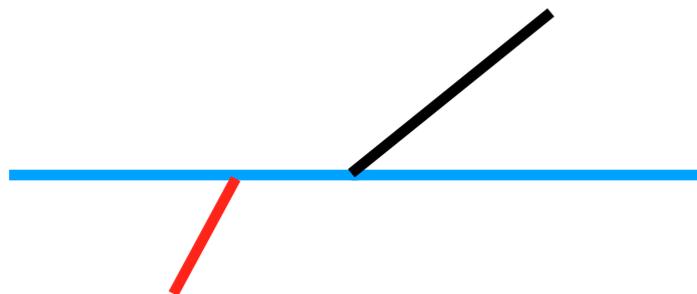
$$\int \frac{f(z)}{z} \theta(z > z_0) - f(0) \frac{z_0^{-a\epsilon}}{a\epsilon} + \dots$$



$q_T$  cut = small, only virtual + soft/collinear radiations.  
EFT for small  $q_T$  physics comes into play

$$\sigma = H [B \otimes B \otimes S] (q_T)$$

Some of them known to 3-loops



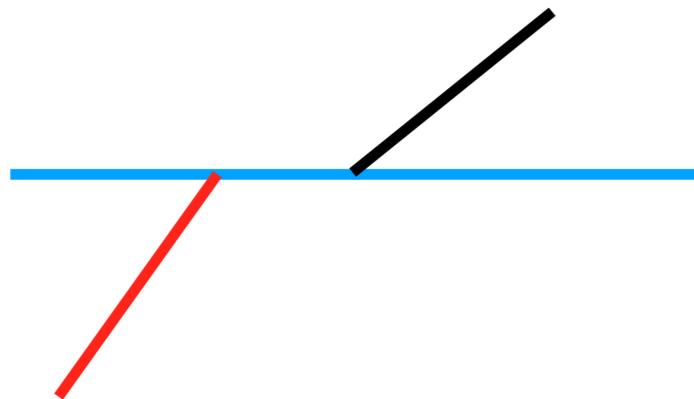
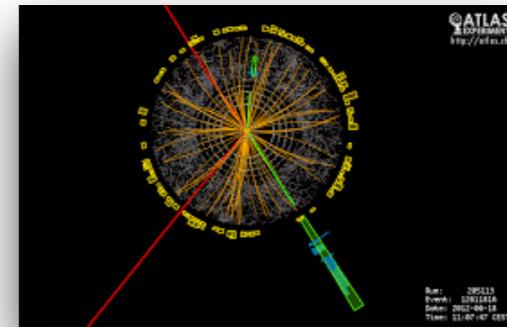
Above  $q_T$  cut

Recycle color neutral final state + 1 jet @ (N-1)LO results

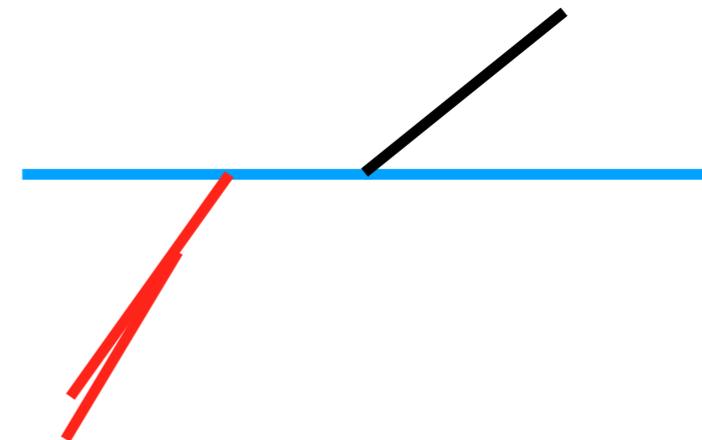
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Difficulties in dealing with colored final state



LO



NLO

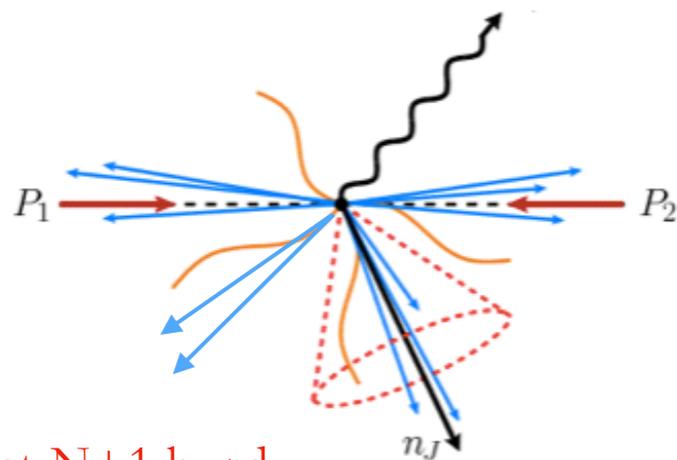
$q_T$  of the system can not single out the collinear divergence

# Fixed order @ colliders

N-jettiness subtraction Bougehal, **XL**, Petriello + ...

$$\tau_N = \sum_k \min \left[ \frac{p_k \cdot n_a}{Q_a}, \frac{p_k \cdot n_b}{Q_b}, \frac{p_k \cdot n_1}{Q_1}, \dots, \frac{p_k \cdot n_N}{Q_N} \right]$$

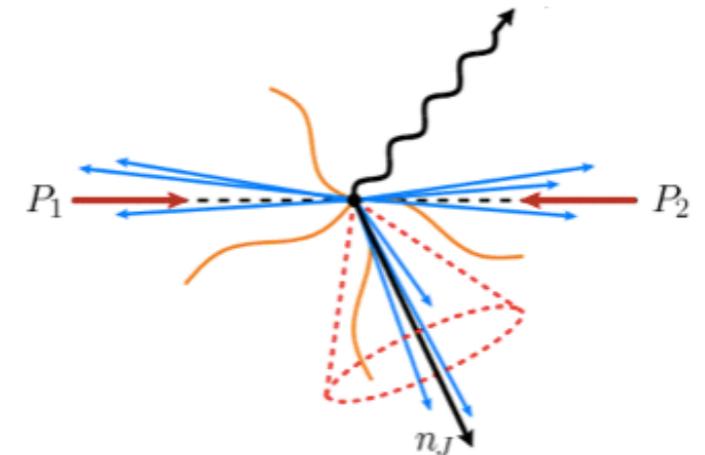
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$\tau_{cut} \rightarrow 0$



True NNLO is here

- N-jettiness to set the boundary between NLO and NNLO
- NNLO using EFT based on Factorization  $\text{Tr}[H \cdot S_N] \otimes B_a \otimes B_b \otimes J_i + \dots$
- universal building blocks
- ignorant of the NLO details, conceptually appealing to implement

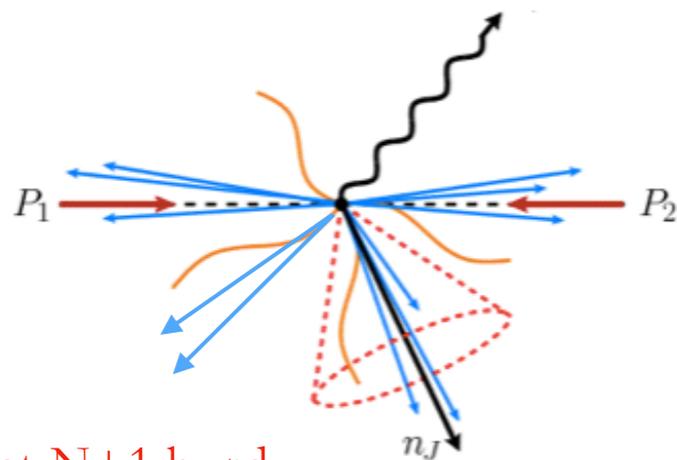
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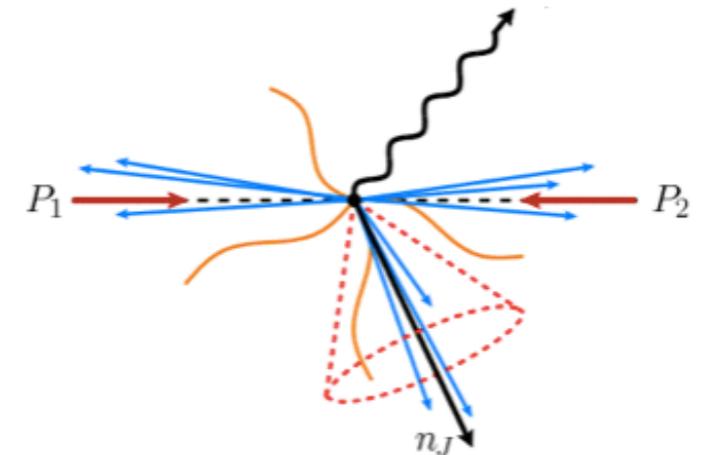
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- **B** and **J** are all known to NNLO [Gaunt et al, 2014; Becher et al, 2004,2010](#)
- Power corrections are known for Drell-Yan, ggH to NNLO leading logs [Zhu et al, 2017; XL et al, 2017](#)
- NNLO **S** is known numerically, complicated due to the N-jettiness measure [XL et al, 2015, 2019 + ...](#)  
[Liu and Wang, 2016](#)

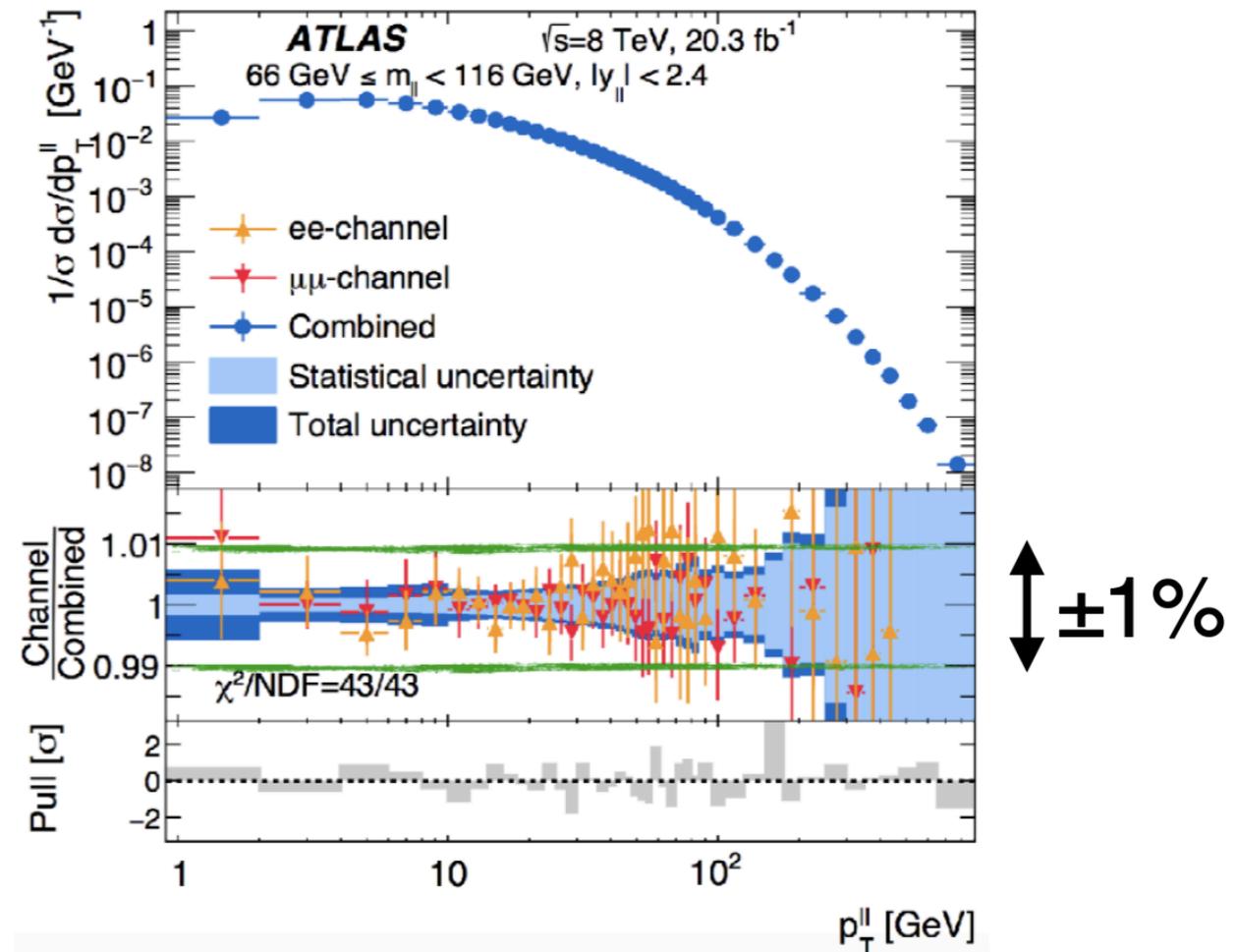
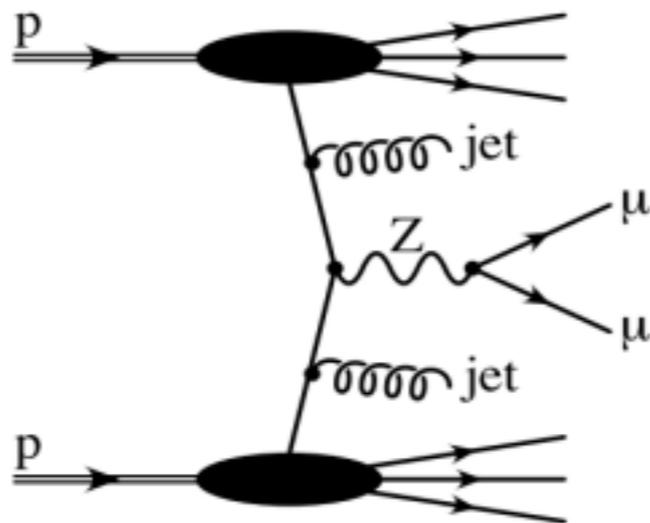
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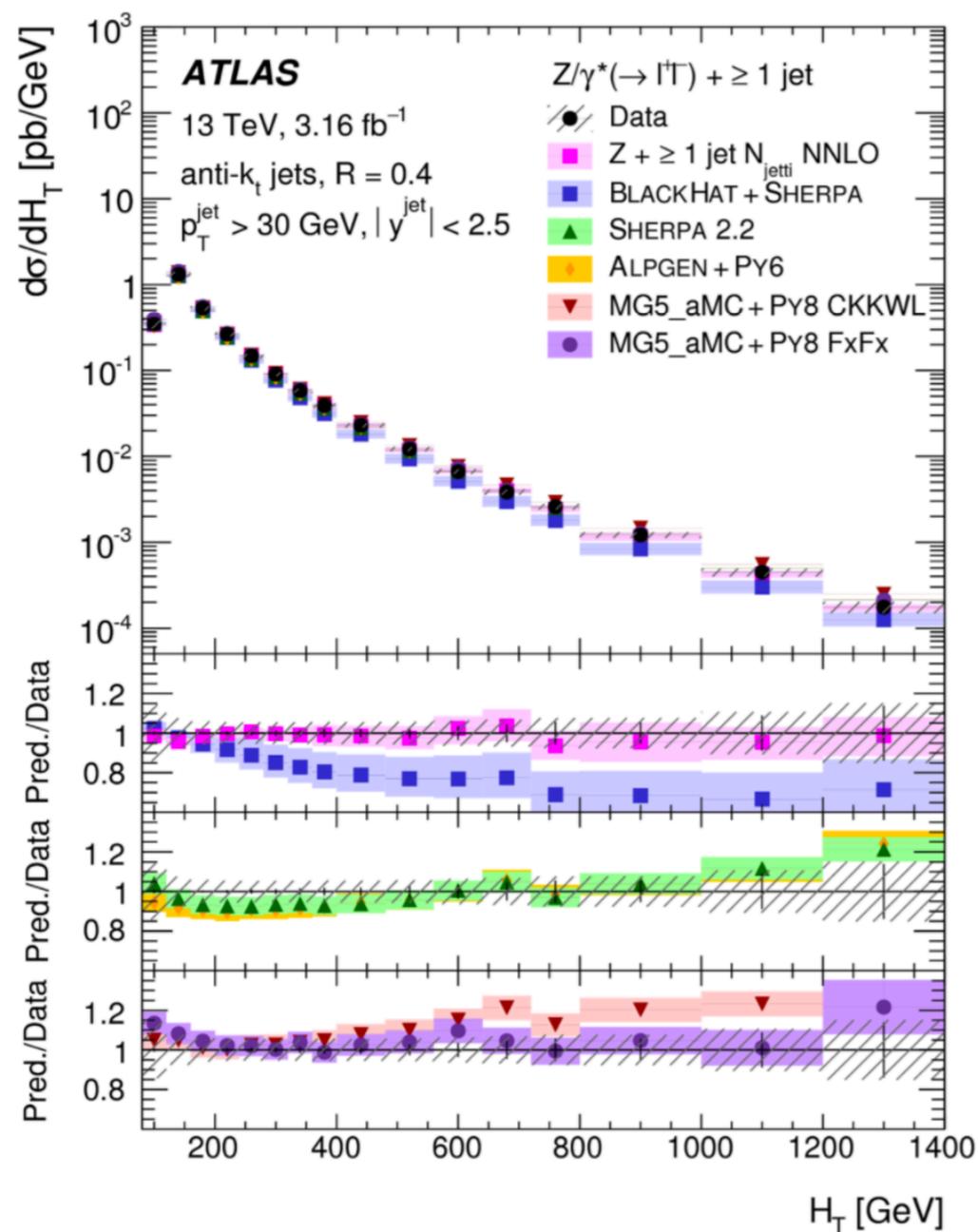
Impacts on the LHC physics: V+1j

- Benchmark process at the LHC
- Clean signature, exp. uncertainty  $< 1\%$
- Irreducible background for NP searches
- Large  $p_T$  Sensitive to PDFs, small  $p_T$  imbalance can probe the medium effects



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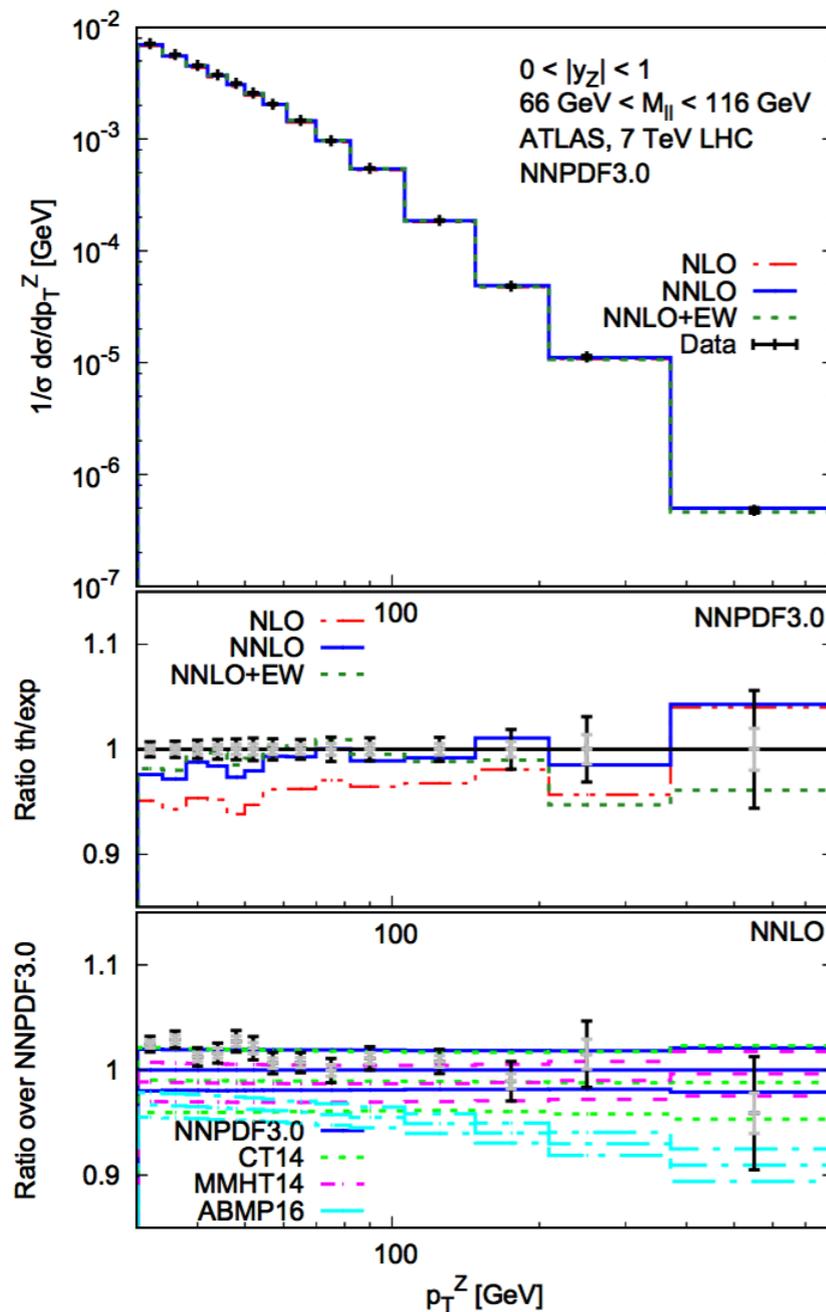
NLO underestimates the data by 50% !

NNLO recovers agreement with data by add on missing high orders.

Boughezal, Focke, **XL**, Petriello + MCFM, 2016

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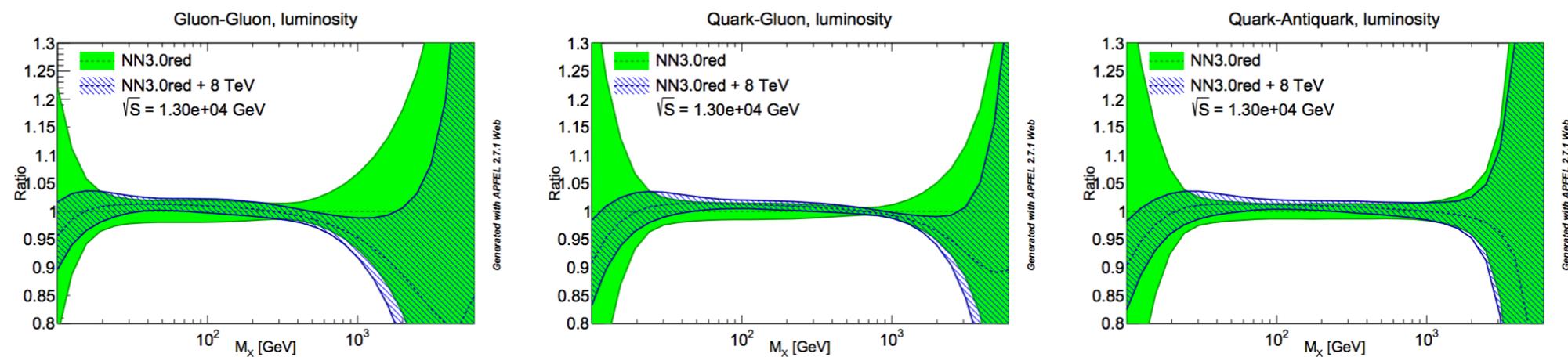
Z  $p_T$  distribution

- Clean and very small exp. uncertainty  $\sim 1\%$
- therefore standard candle at the LHC

NNLO agrees much better than NLO.

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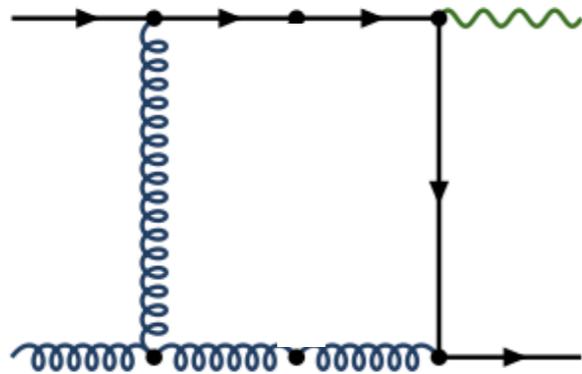


	Before $p_T^Z$ data	After $p_T^Z$ data
$\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H}$ [pb]	$48.22 \pm 0.89$ (1.8%)	$48.61 \pm 0.61$ (1.3%)
$\sigma_{\text{VBF}}$ [pb]	$3.92 \pm 0.06$ (1.5%)	$3.96 \pm 0.04$ (1.0%)

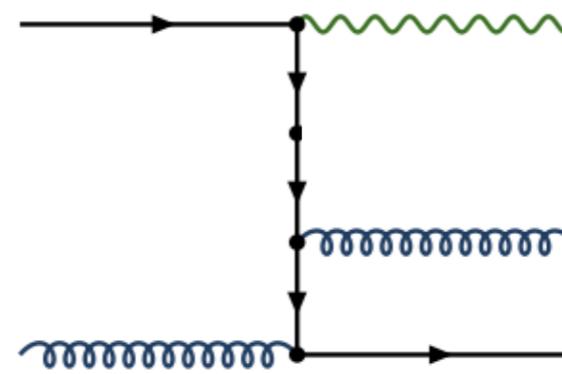
Error reduced by 30% when NNLO Z pT included

EFT in resummation @ colliders

# Resummation @ colliders



$$\propto -\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$



$$\propto \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} + L^2 + L + \dots$$

$$L = \log \frac{\text{exp. cuts}}{Q}$$

# Resummation @ colliders

Standard approaches to the predictions: FO + Res.

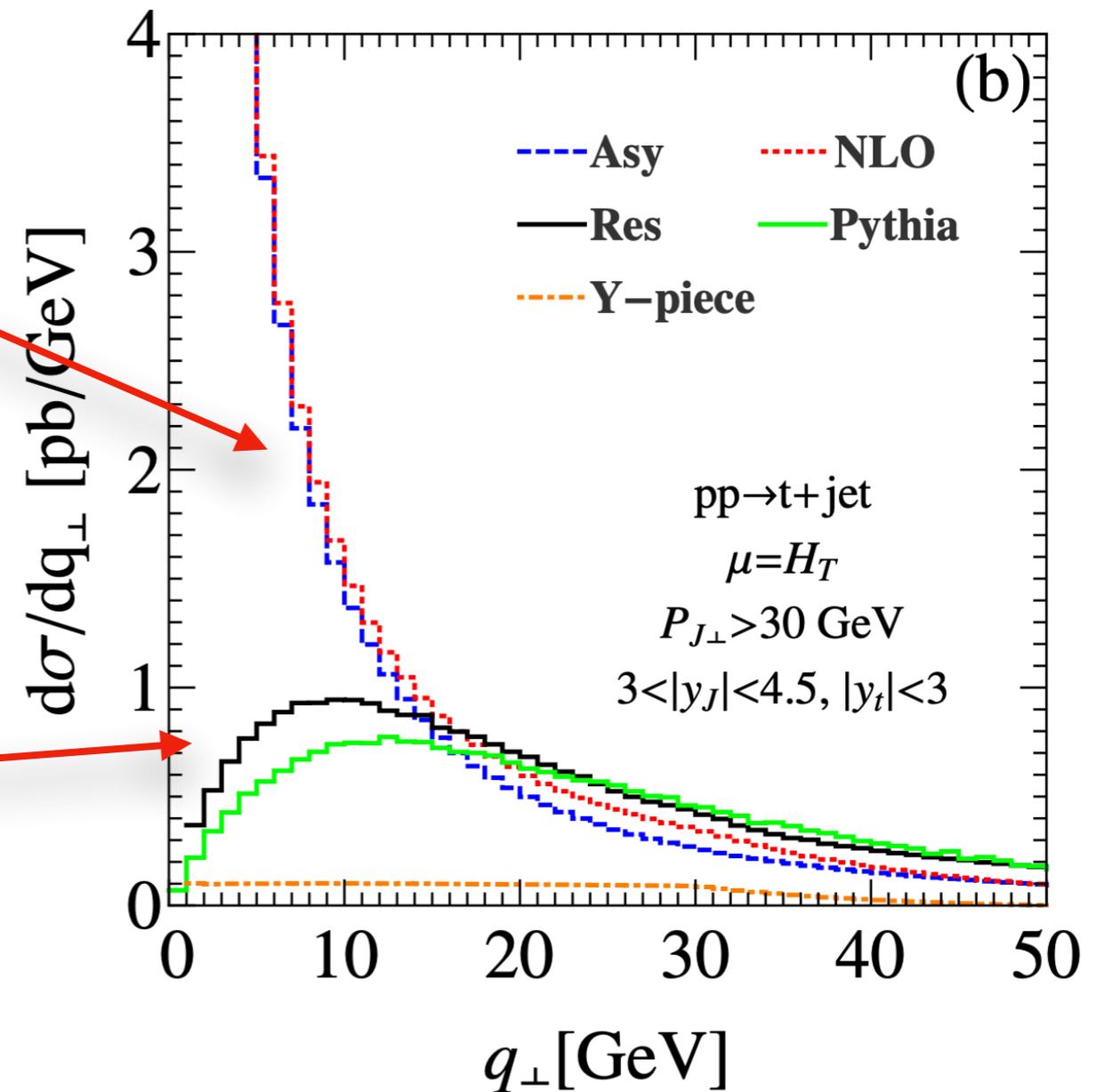
## Fixed order

- Breaks down in the soft-collinear dominated regions

## Resummation to rescue

- LL + NLL + NNLL + ...
- Parton shower ( $\sim$  LL)
- Analytic  $\sim$  going beyond LL...

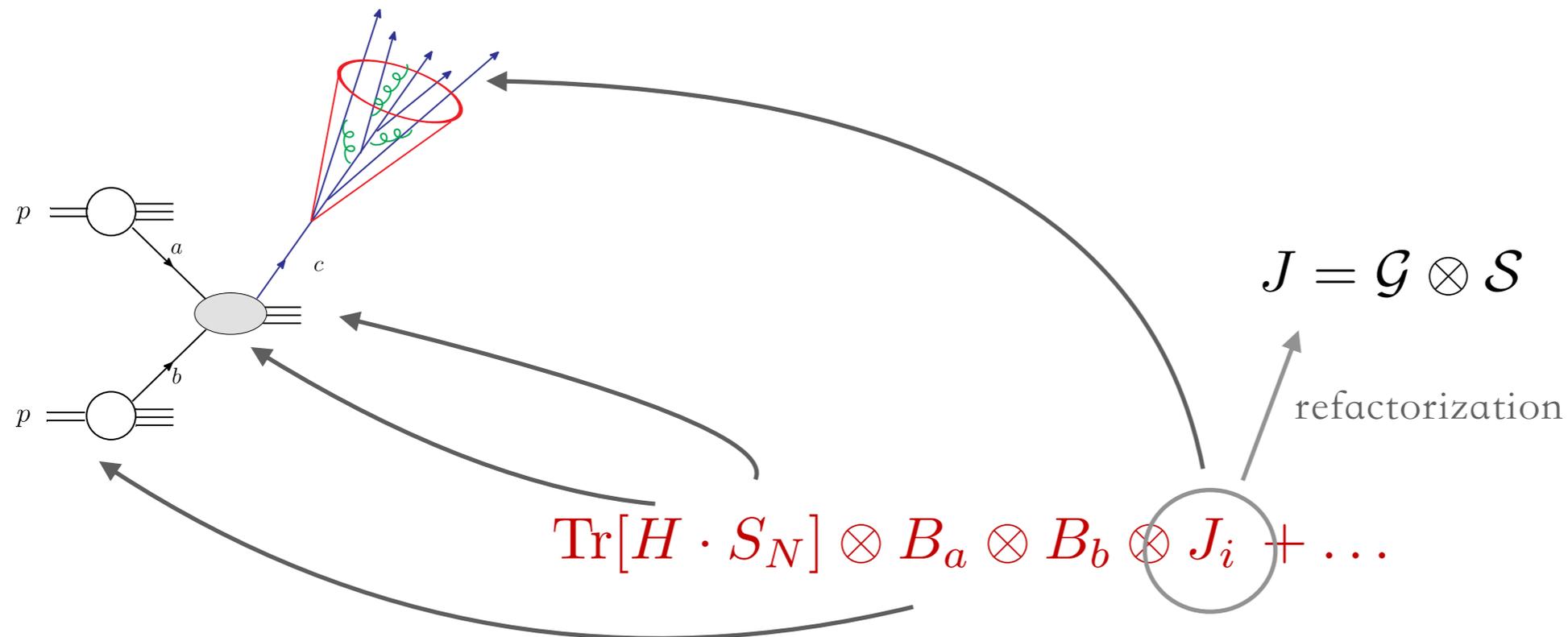
LO	1				
NLO	$\alpha_s L^2$	$\alpha_s L$	$\alpha_s$		
NNLO	$\alpha_s^2 L^4$	$\alpha_s^2 L^3$	$\alpha_s^2 L^2$	$\alpha_s^2 L$	$\alpha_s^2$
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	LL	NLL	NNLL		



# Resummation @ colliders

## Theoretical Options

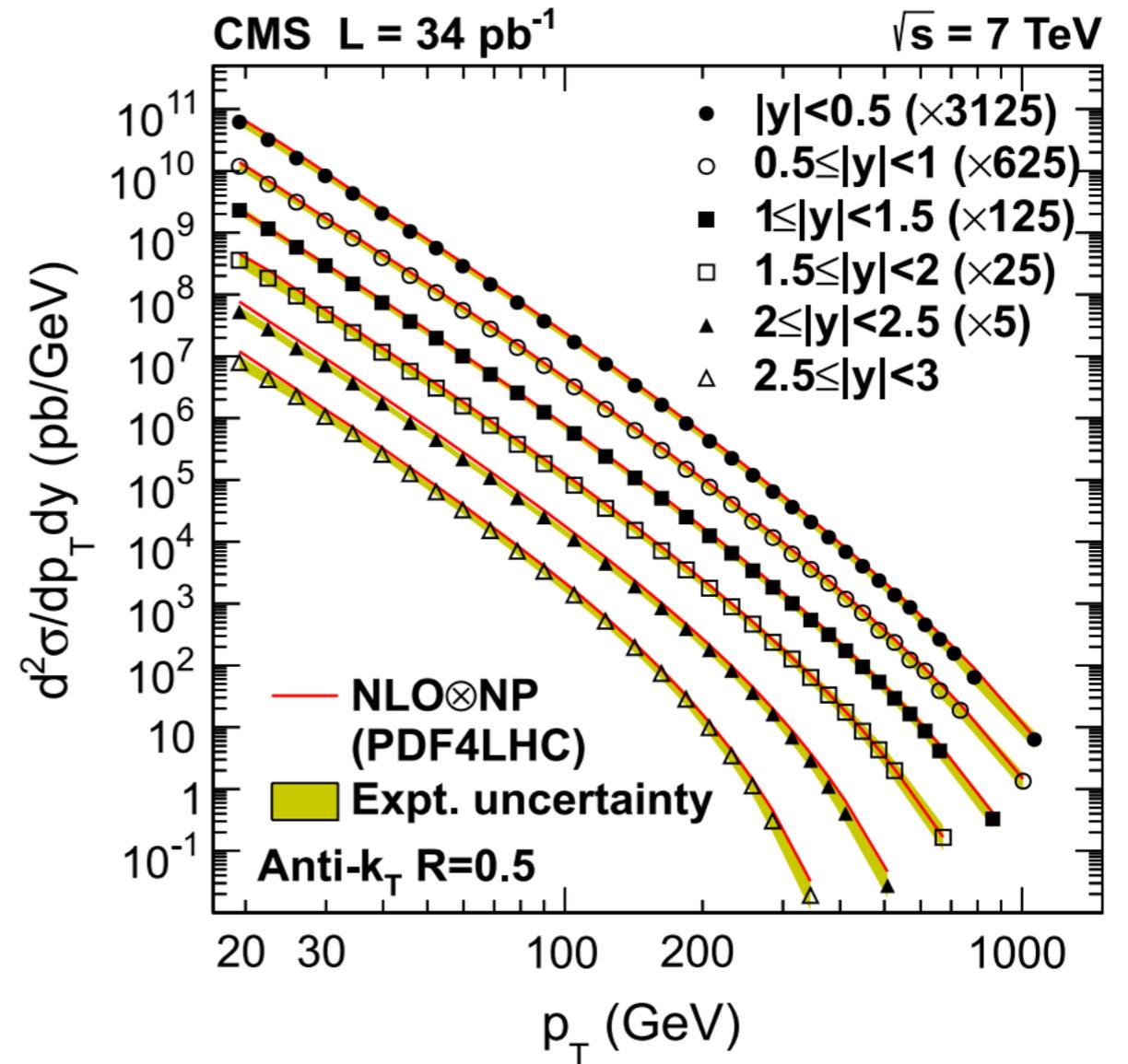
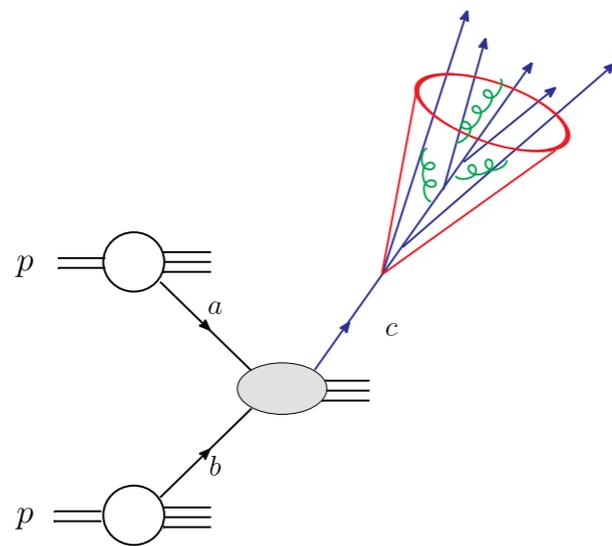
- Parton Shower (Pythia, Herwig++, Sherpa, **Geneva** ...), mostly LL + tuning
- Conventional QCD approach, go beyond N<sup>2</sup>LL? Complicated processes?
- EFT, based on (re)factorization theorem, supplemented with FO techniques



All components  
can be calculated  
using modern loop  
techniques

# Inclusive jet production — where FO is not enough

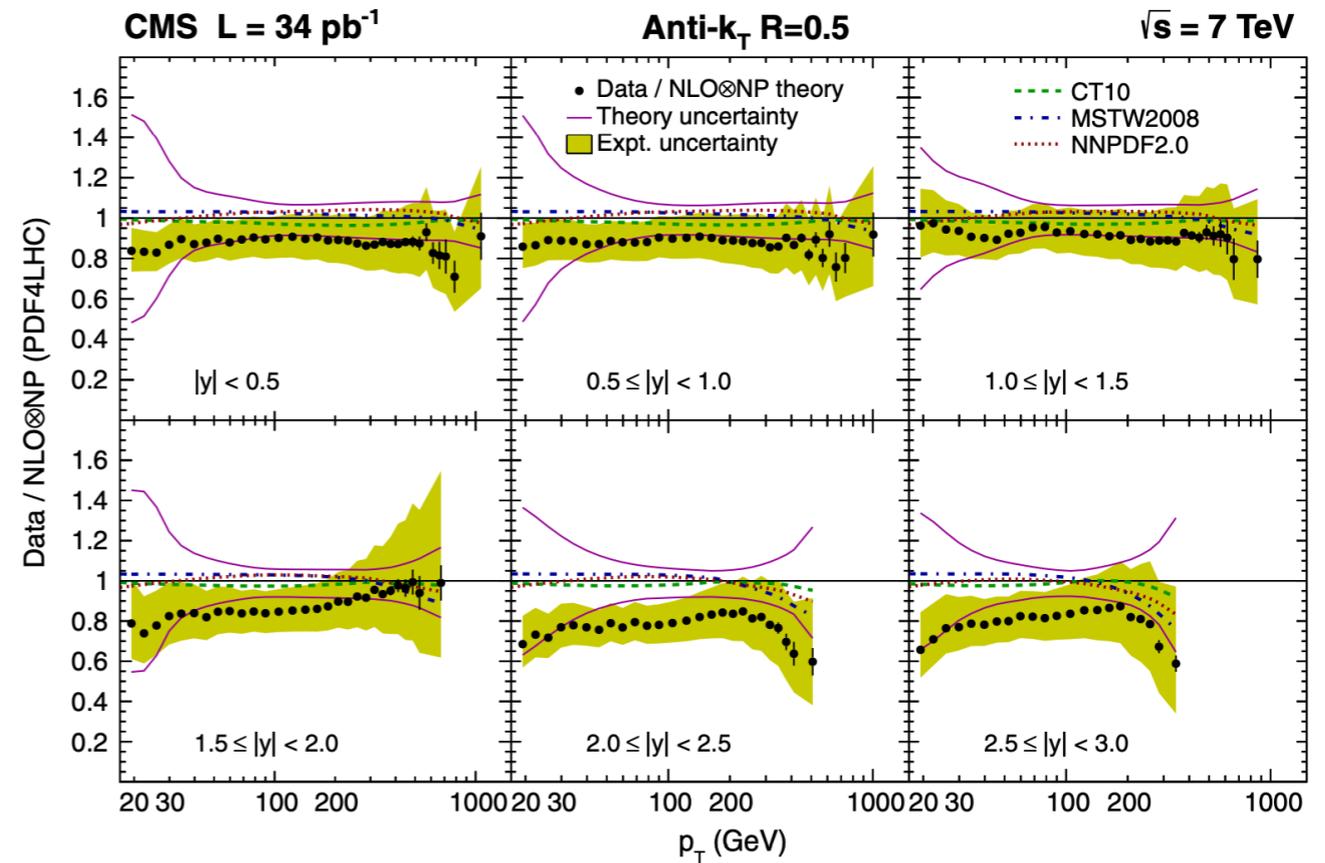
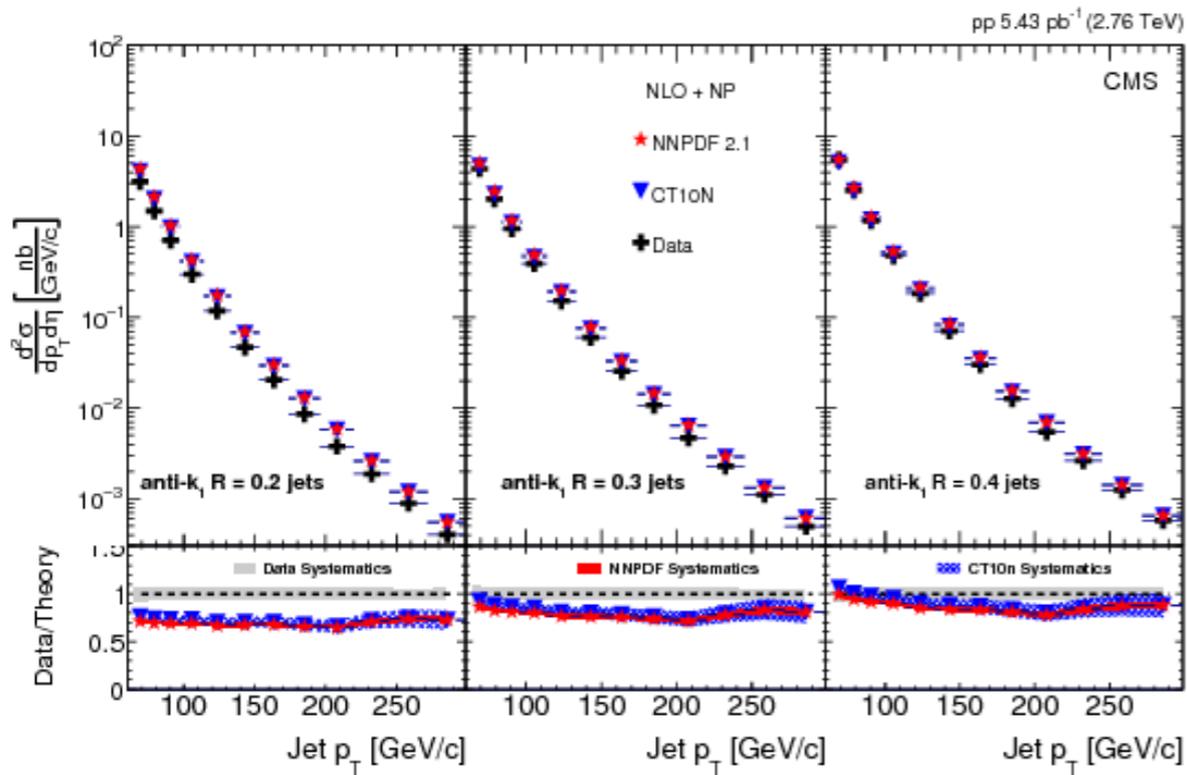
- Another benchmark process at the LHC
- Related to new physics searches, PDF fitting ...



Overall good agreements with data, but ...

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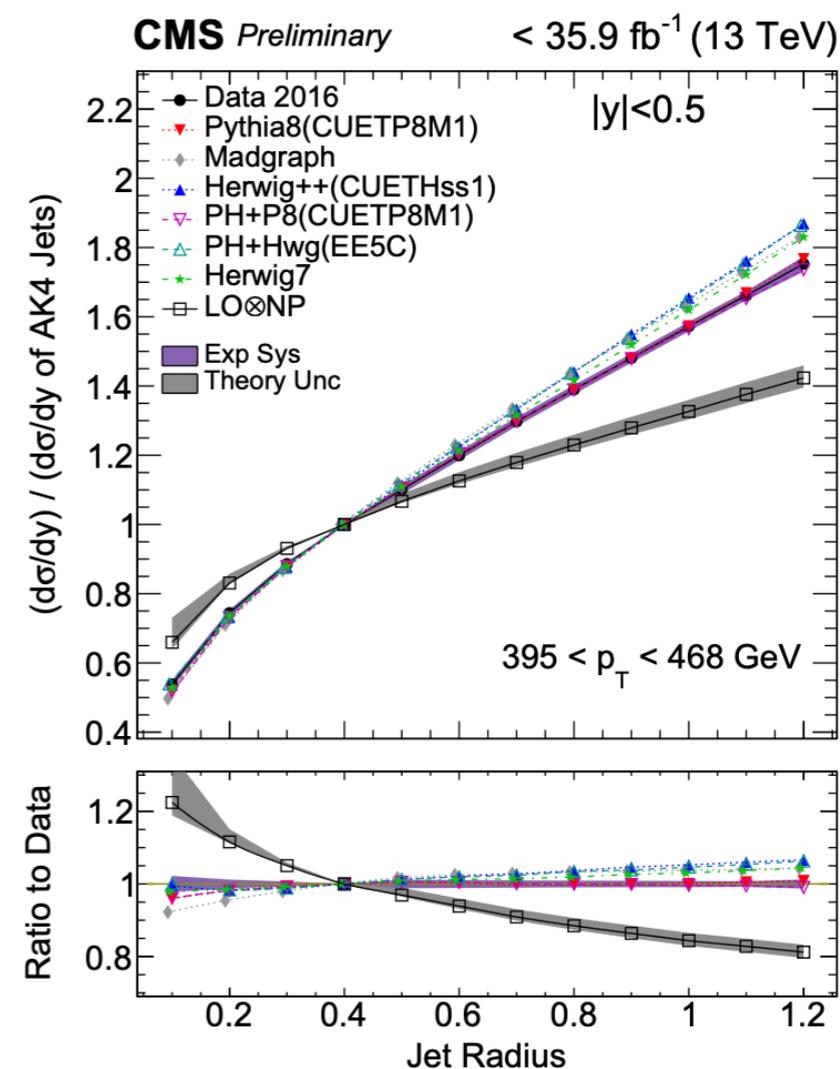
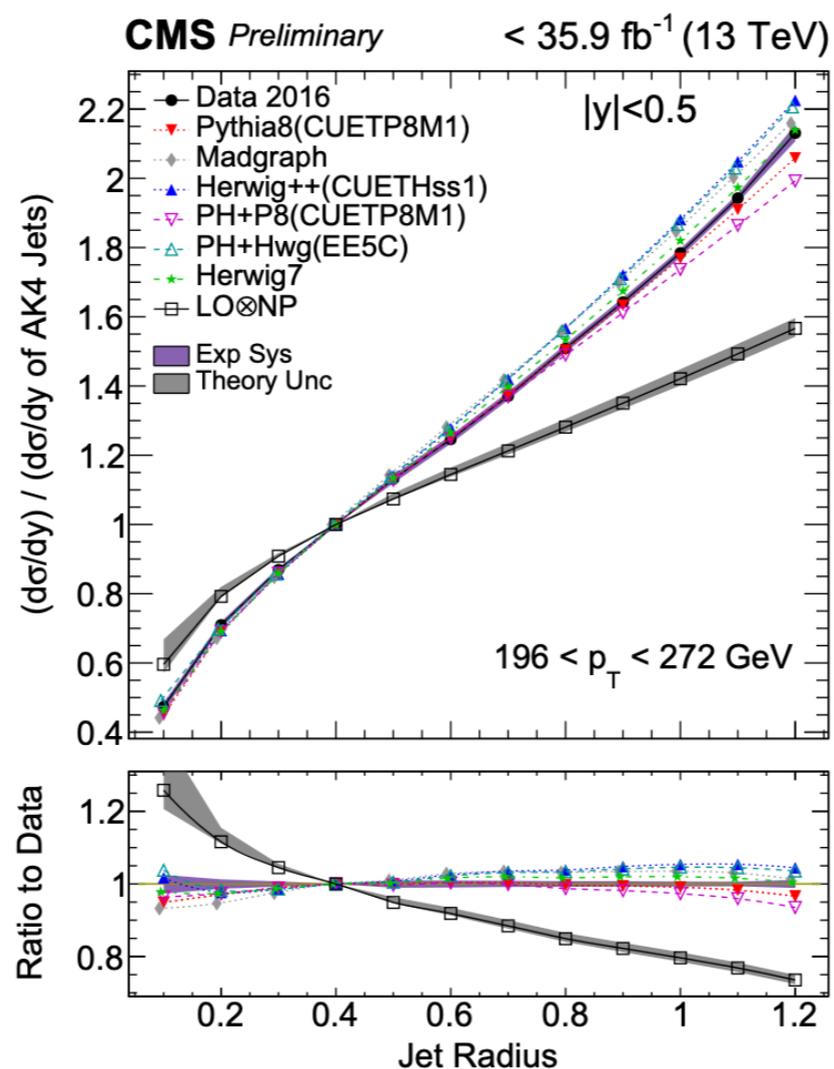
Long time systematic discrepancies between theory and the data



Happens for 7, 8, 13, ... TeV  
 Strongly depends on the choice of R

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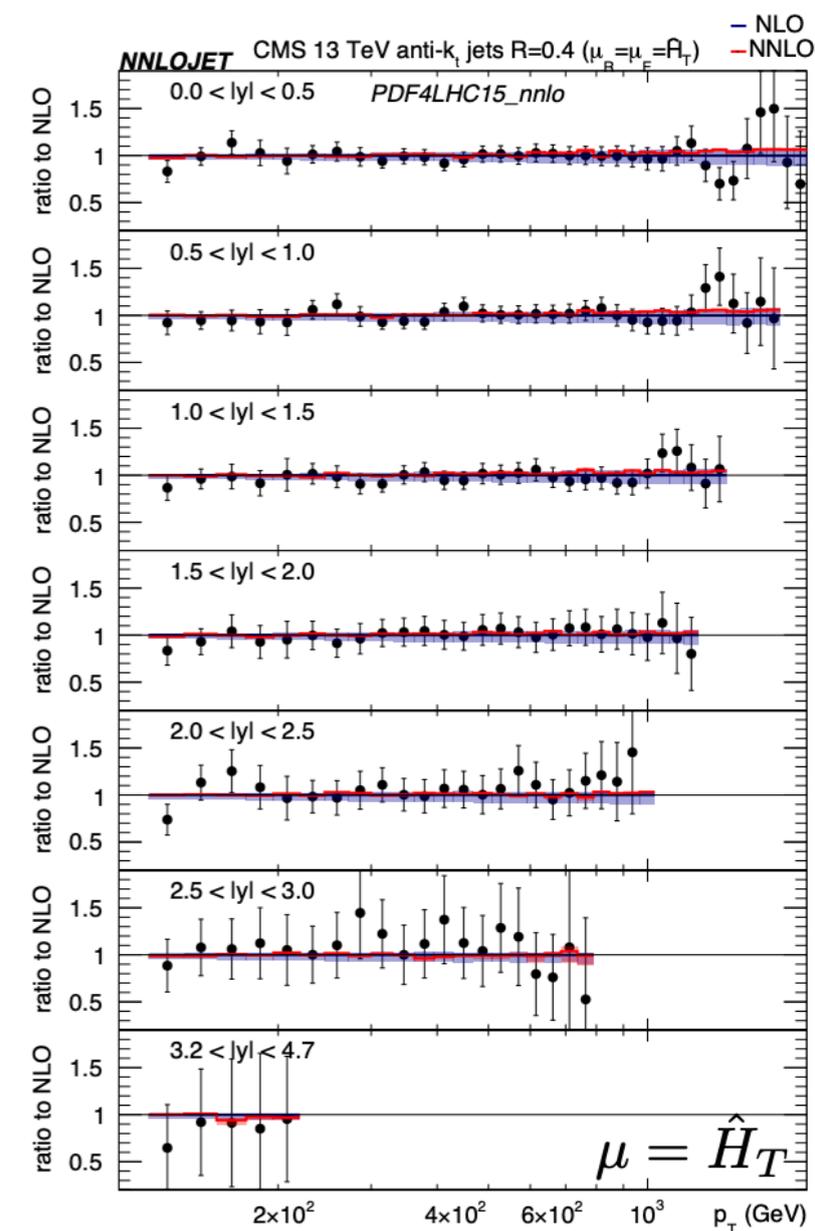
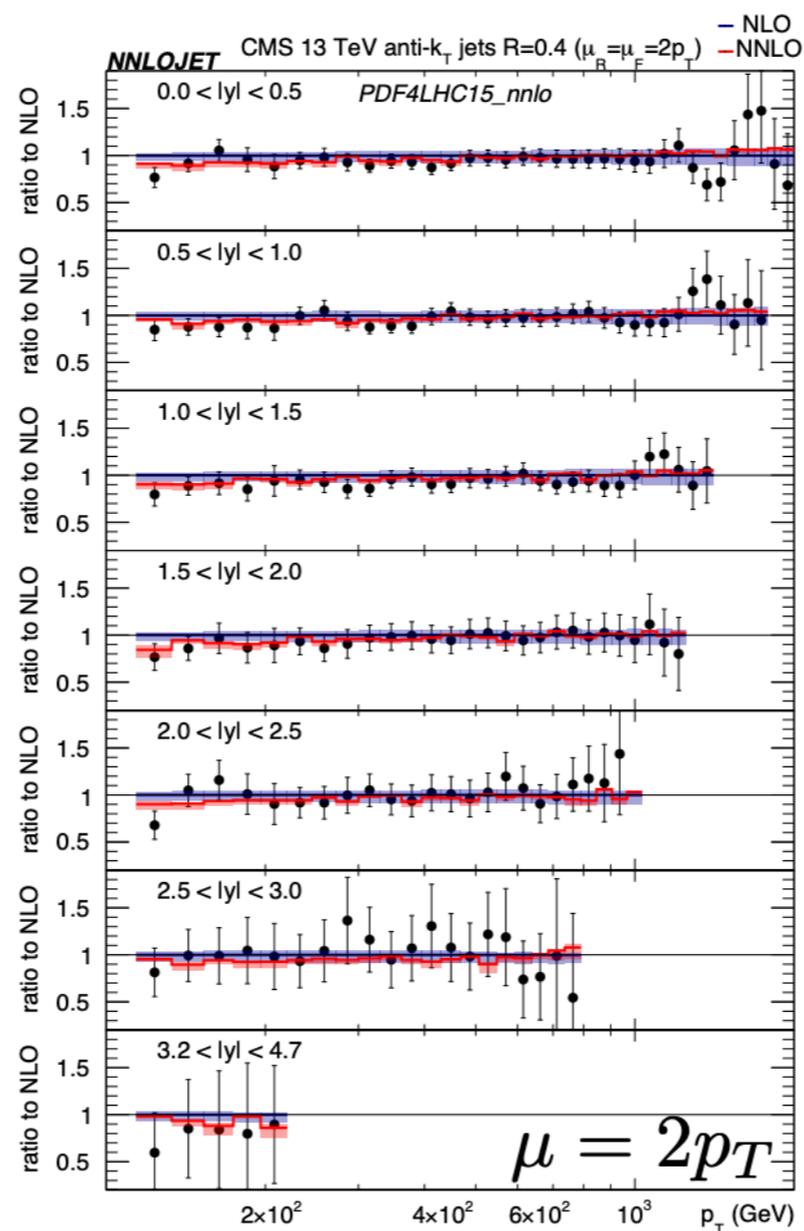
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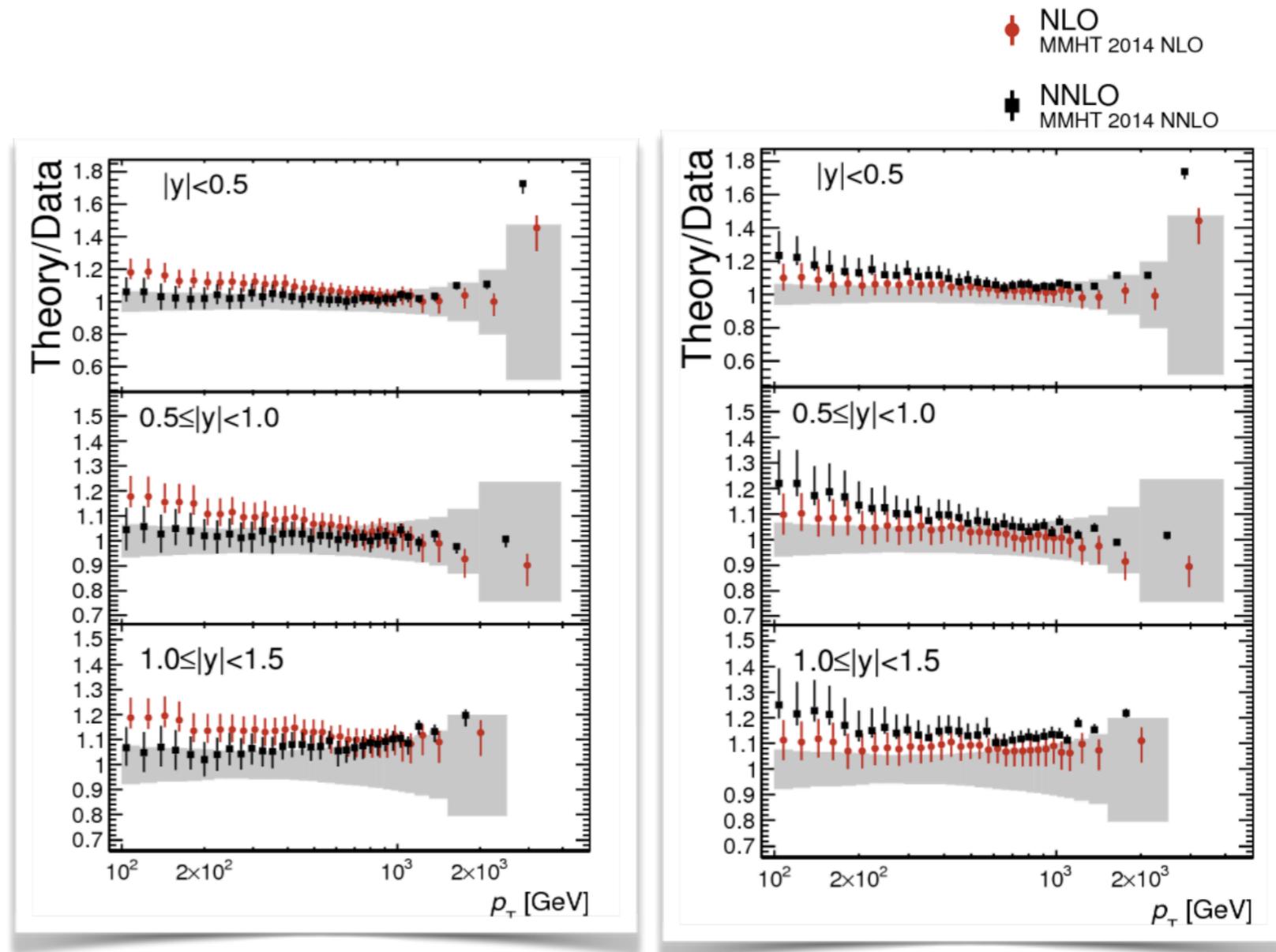
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“optimized” scale choice



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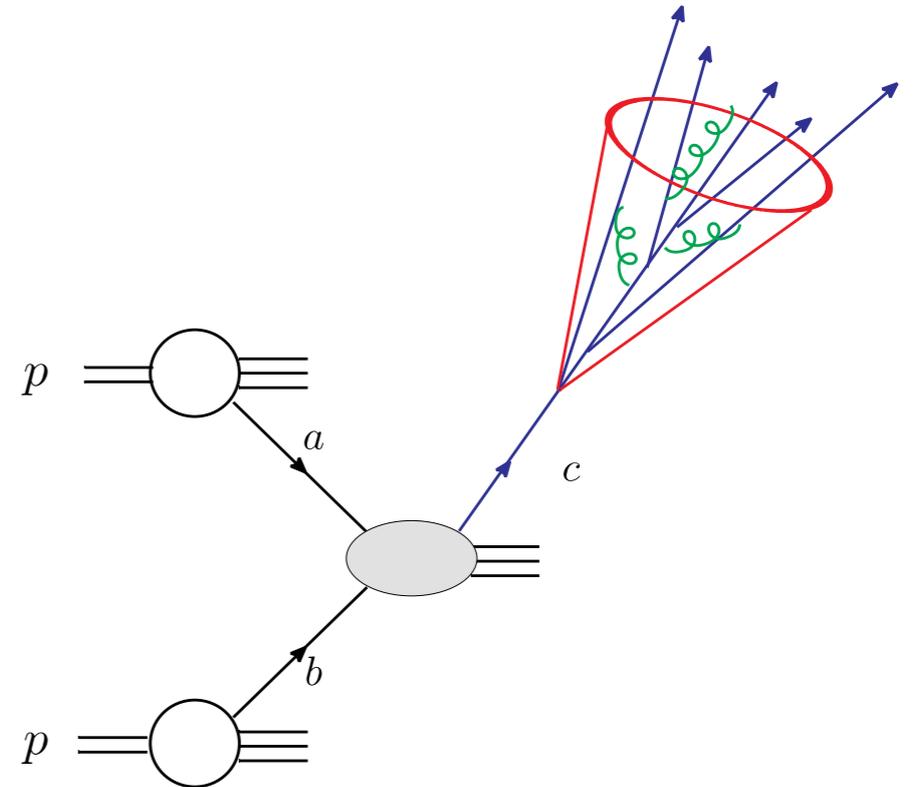
scale = individual jet  $p_T$

scale = leading jet  $p_T$

Currie, Glover, Pires, 2018

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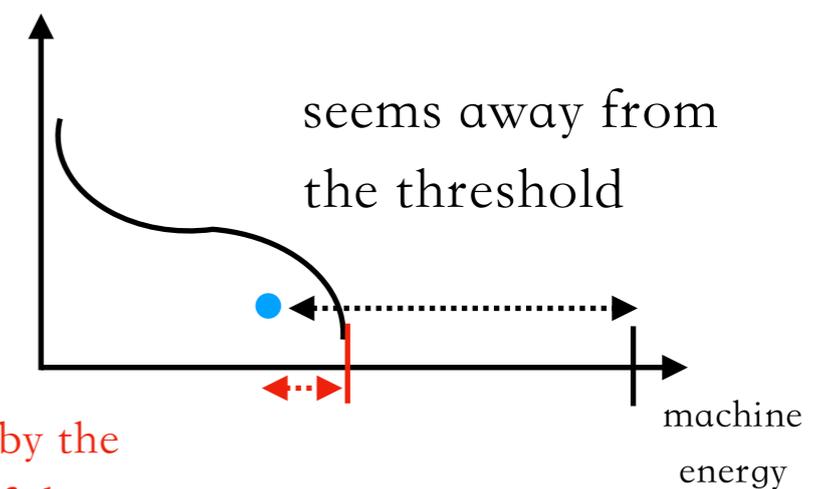
- Possible large corrections
- small R
- threshold



$$\sum_{m=0, k=1} \alpha_s^n \left[ \frac{\ln^{2n-m-k} z}{z} \right] + \ln^m R$$

$z$  measures the invariant mass outside the signal jet, characterize the distance to the threshold

luminosity



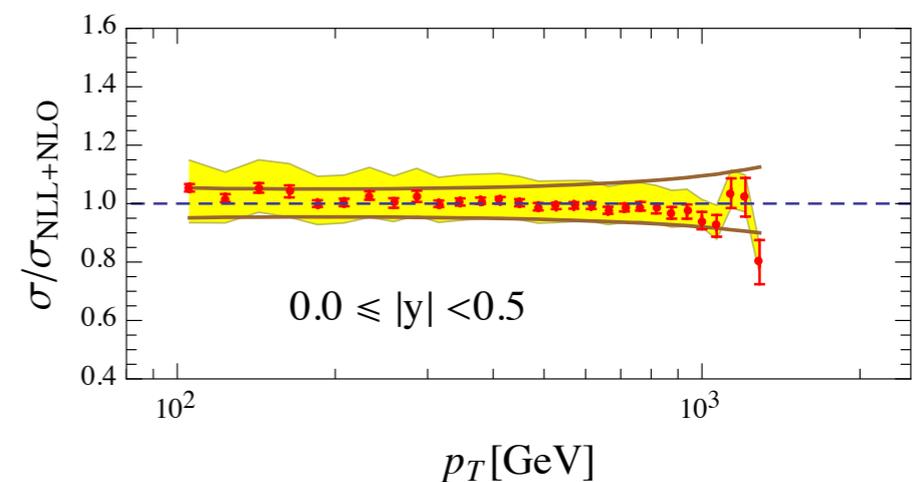
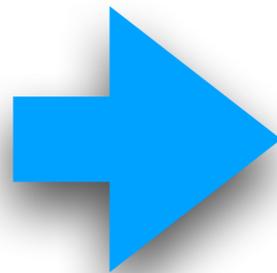
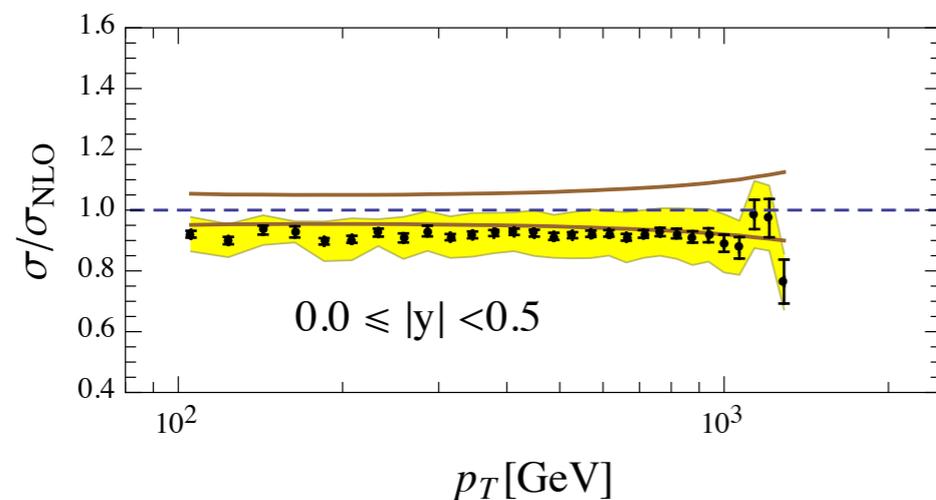
but enhanced by the steep falling of the luminosity

energy

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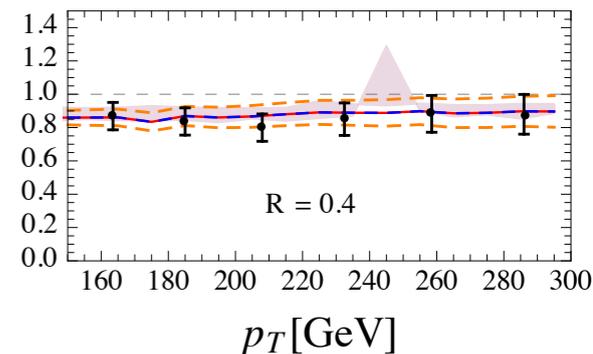
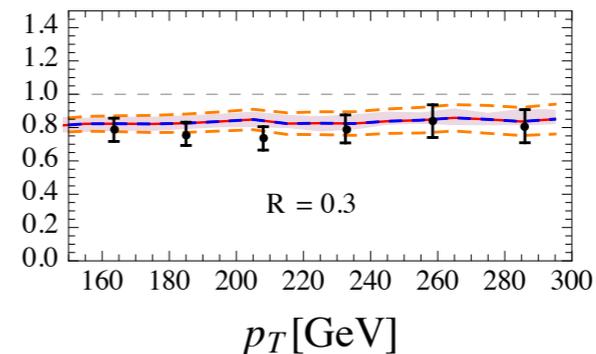
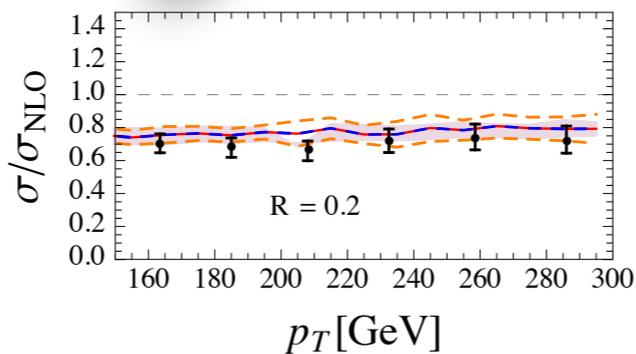
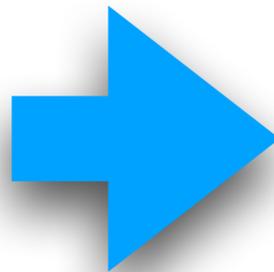
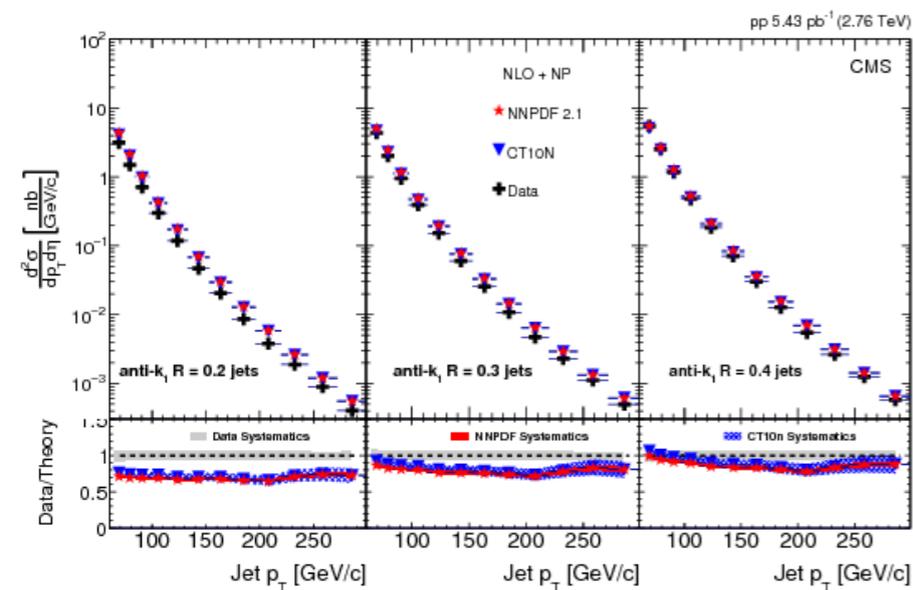


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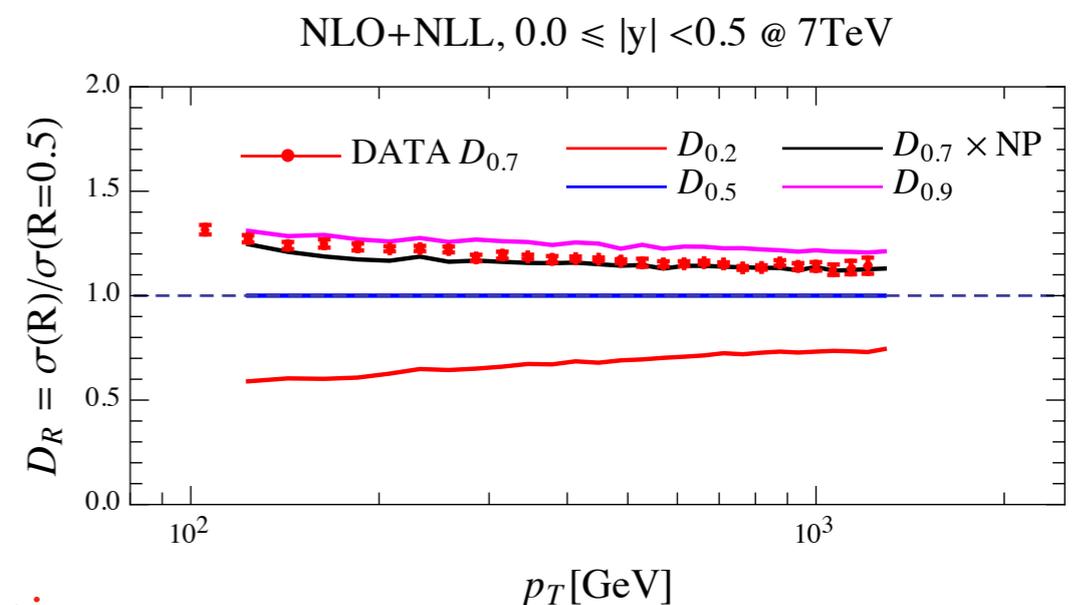
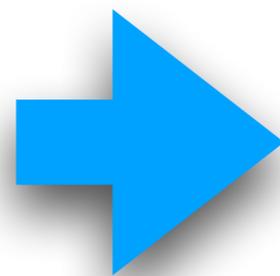
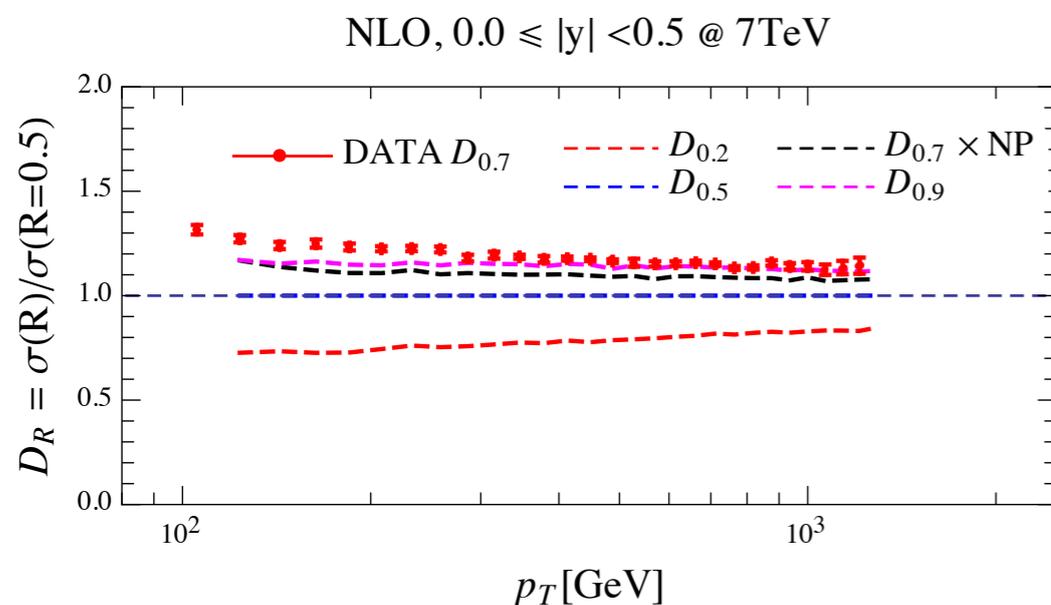
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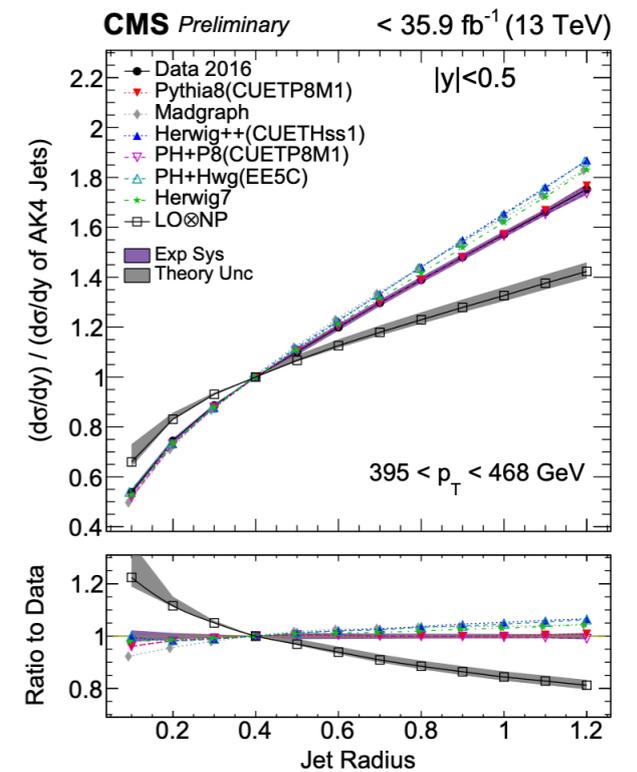
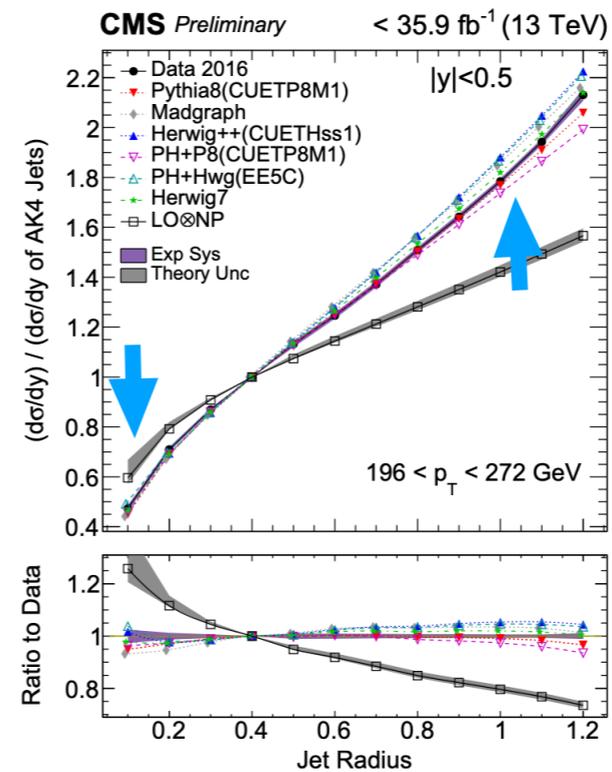
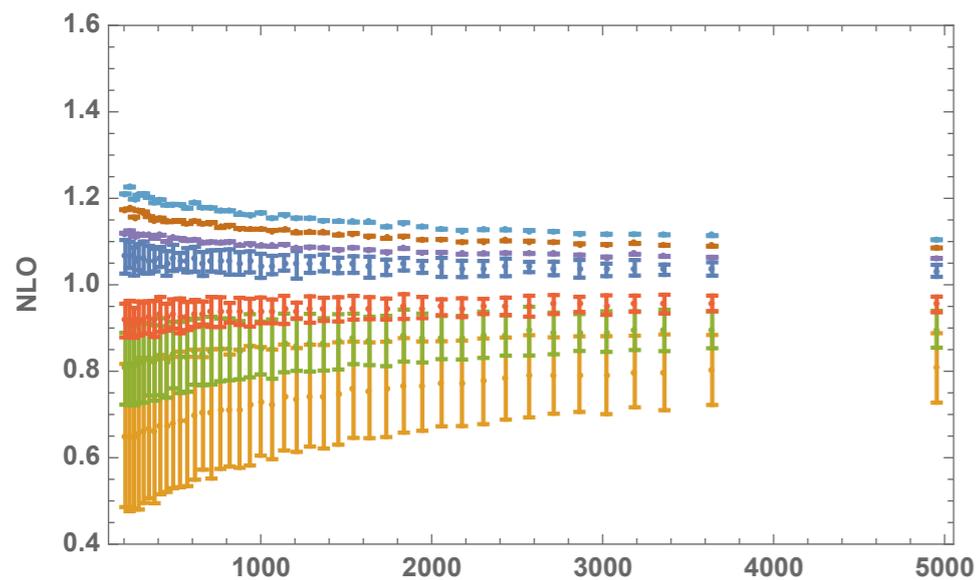
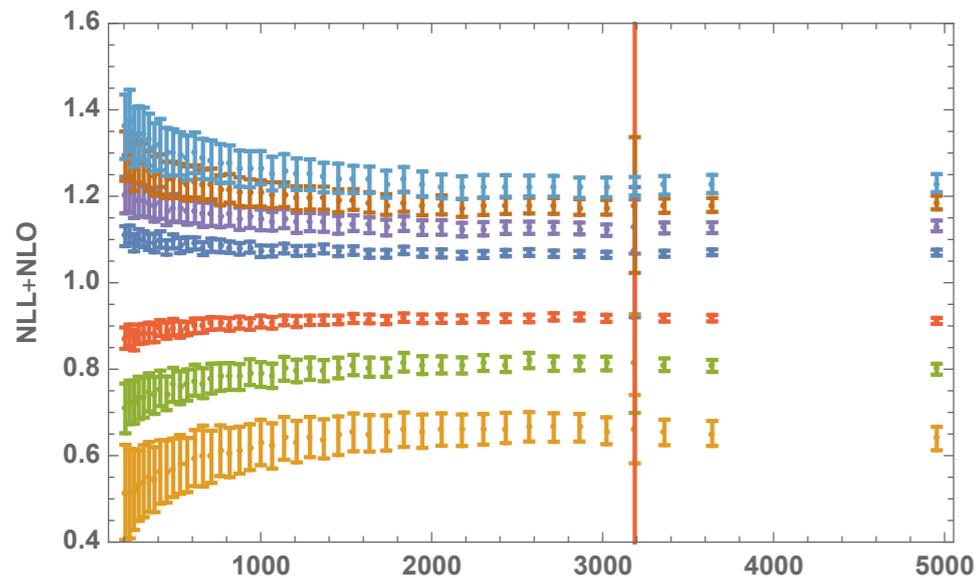
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Take ratios to reduce the impact of the PDFs

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# Summaries

- A brief review the impacts of EFT on the collider precision calculations
- Quite useful in resummation and FO.
- Directions to explore:
  - Stability of the slicing schemes: power correction to NNLO and beyond, for general processes
  - ...

Thanks!