Perturbative QCD for the LHC

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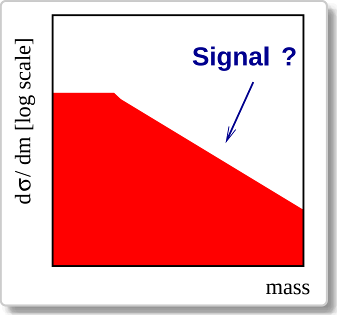

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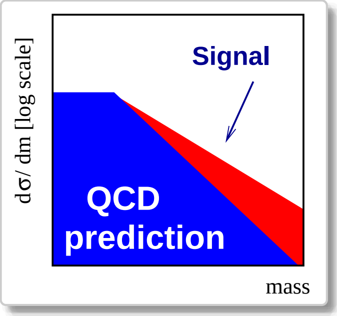

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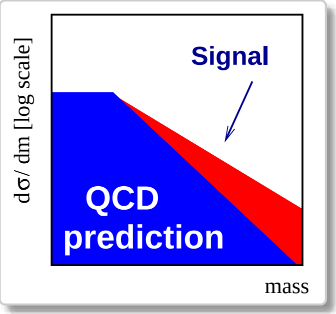

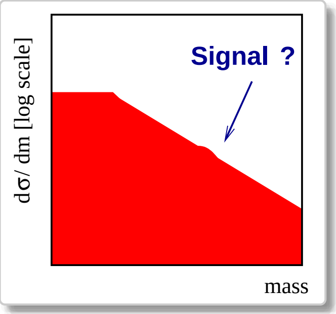

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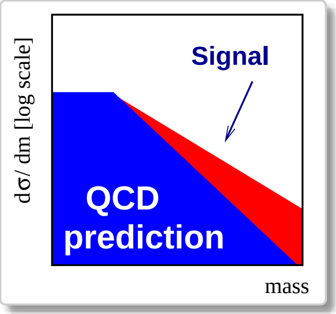

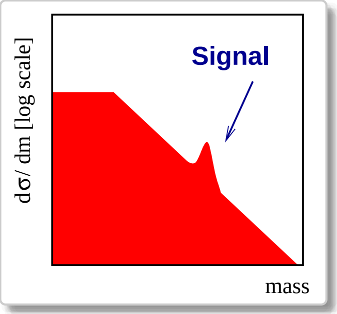

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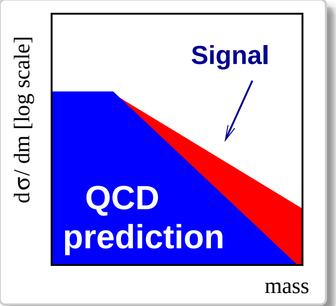

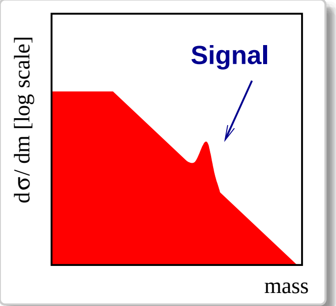

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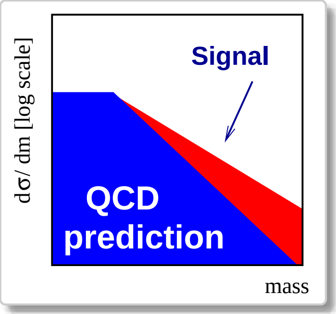

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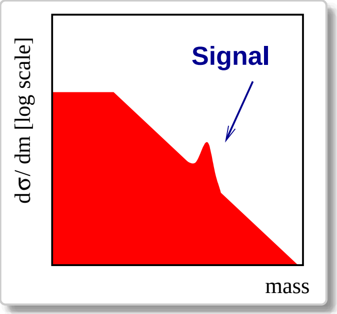

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Monte Carlos

Monte Carlo — *NLO* — *NNLO, etc.* — *Jets*

The most pervasive role of QCD at LHC

Every paper that comes out from the LHC pp physics programme will involve the use of one or more QCD-based parton-shower Monte Carlo event generators: Pythia, Herwig, Sherpa, ...

For simulating physics signals.

For simulating background signals.

For simulating pileup.

As input to simulating detector respone.

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F77 → C++; but also improved physics

Pythia 6.4 → Pythia 8.1

- New p_t ordered shower (mass-ordered shower removed)
- Numerous new features for multiple interactions

Herwig 6.5 → Herwig++ 2.4

- New angular ordered shower, including better mass treatment
- Several processes at NLO with POWHEG
- Incorporates multiple interactions model

[no F77 version] → **Sherpa 1.2**

- Dipole shower
- Efficient multileg matrix-elements (COMIX), CKKW matching
- Now has own multiple interactions, hadronisation, etc.

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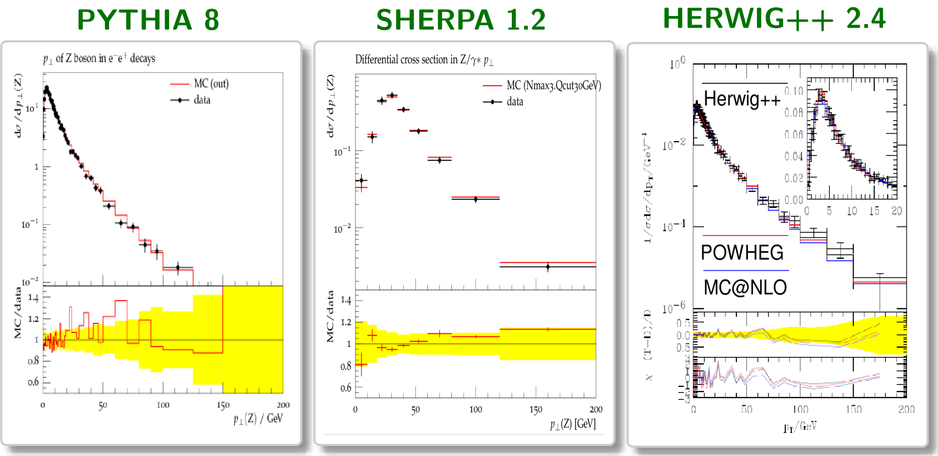

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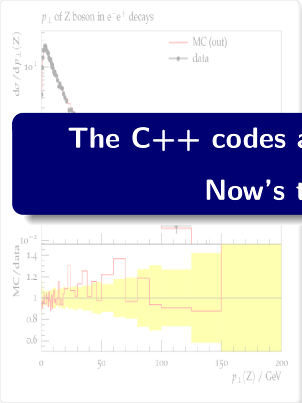

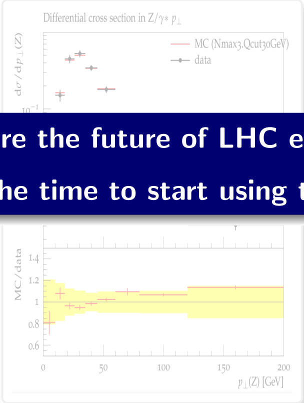

The C++ codes are the future of LHC event generation

Now's the time to start using them.

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NLO calculations

Monte Carlo $\longrightarrow$ ***NLO*** — *NNLO, etc.* — *Jets*

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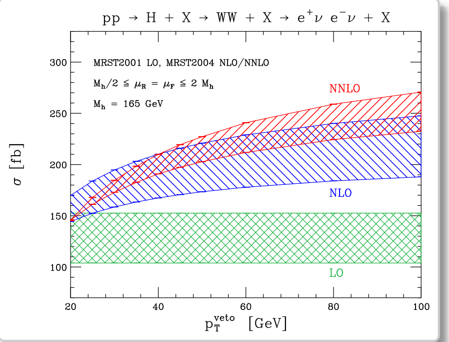

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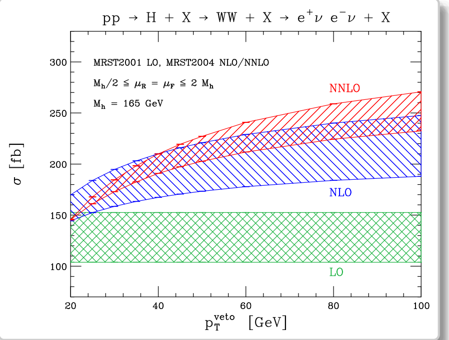

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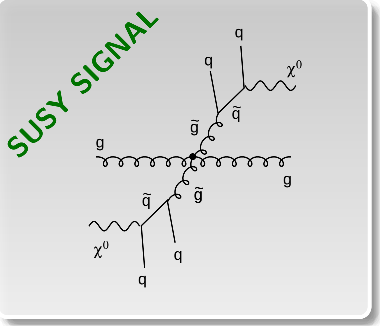

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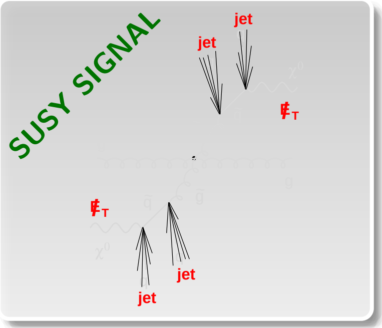

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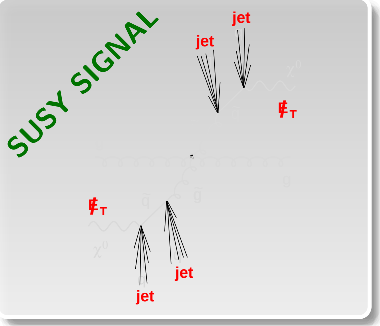

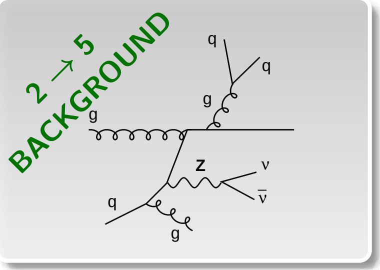

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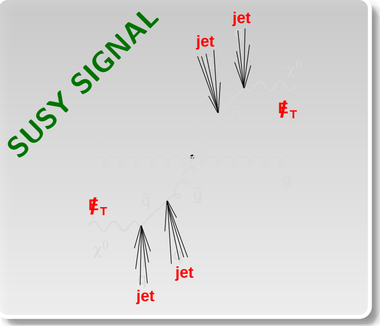

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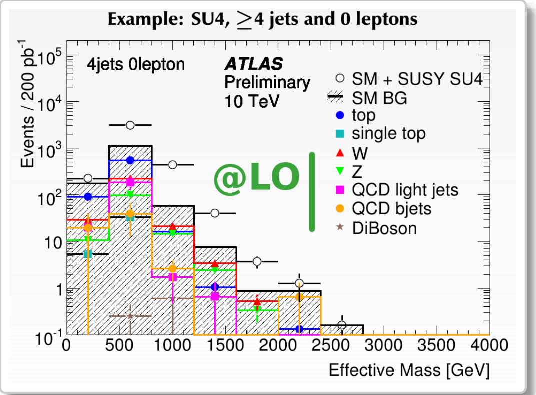

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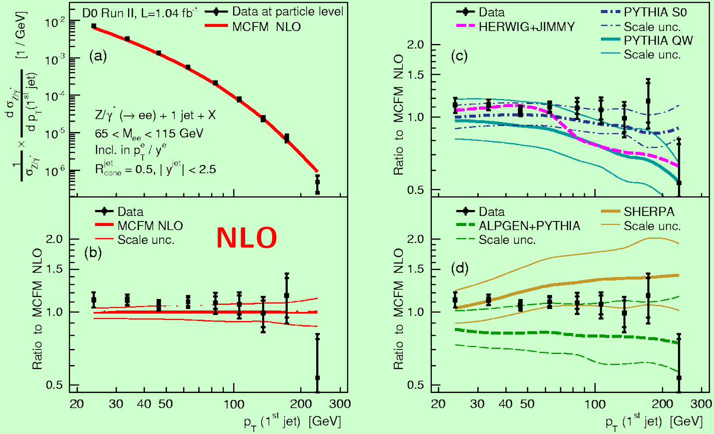
Z + jet (p_t of jet)



NLO usually gets normalisation & shape correct

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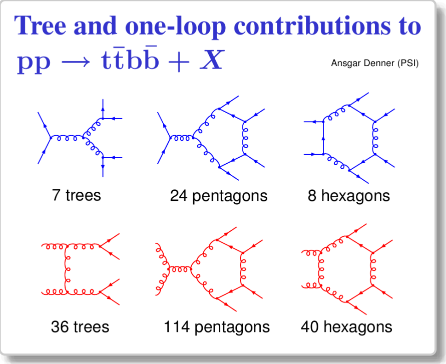

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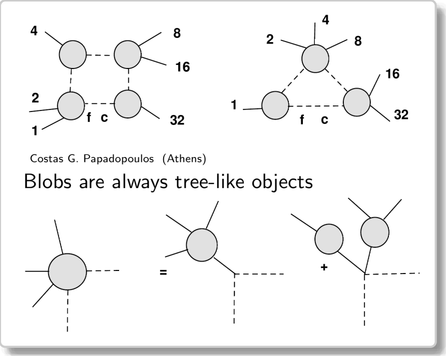

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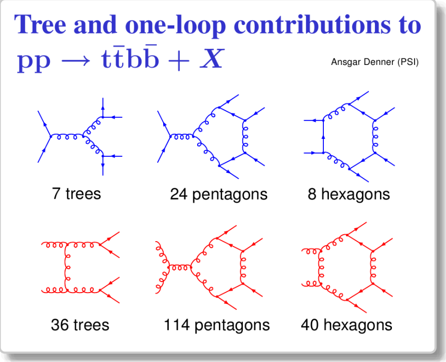

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Some main ideas:

Bern, Dixon & Kosower '93
[sewing together trees]

Britto, Cachazo & Feng '04
[on-shell complex loop momenta]

Ossola, Pittau & Papadopoulos '06
[handful of loop momentum choices give full amplitude]

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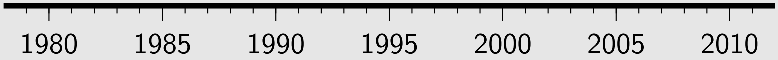

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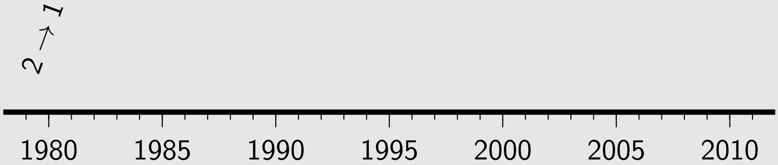

1979: NLO Drell-Yan [Altarelli, Ellis & Martinelli]

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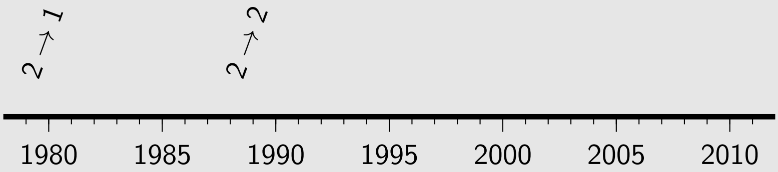

1987: NLO high-p_t photoproduction [Aurenche et al]
1988: NLO $b\bar{b}$, $t\bar{t}$ [Nason et al]
1993: dijets, Vj [JETRAD, Giele, Glover & Kosower]

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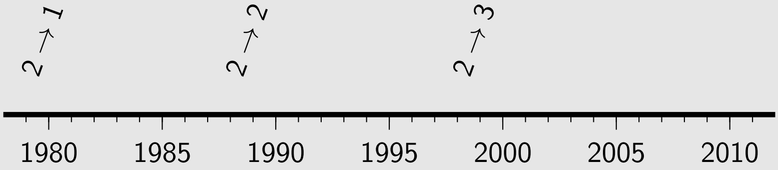

1998: NLO $Wb\bar{b}$ [MCFM: Ellis & Veseli]
2000: NLO $Zb\bar{b}$ [MCFM: Campbell & Ellis]
2001: NLO $3j$ [NLOJet++: Nagy]
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2007: NLO $t\bar{t}j$ [Dittmaier, Uwer & Weinzierl '07]
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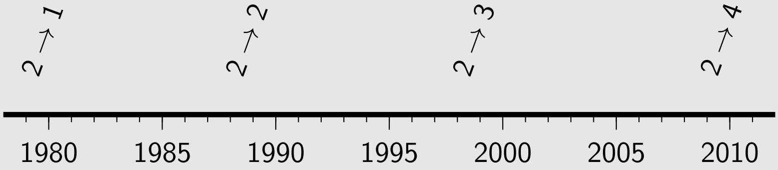

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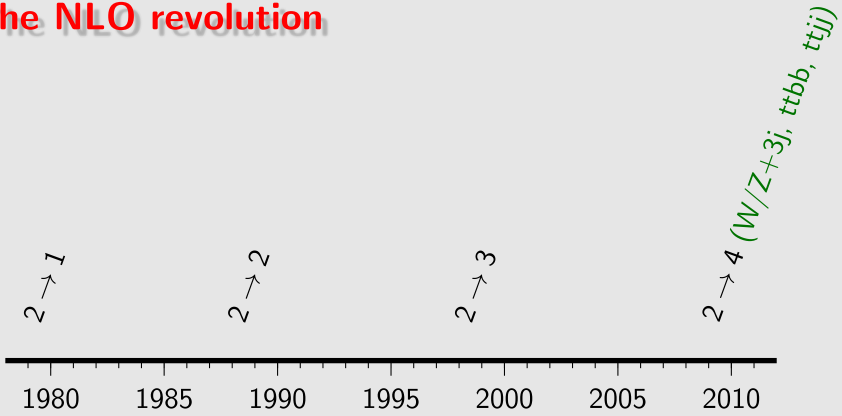

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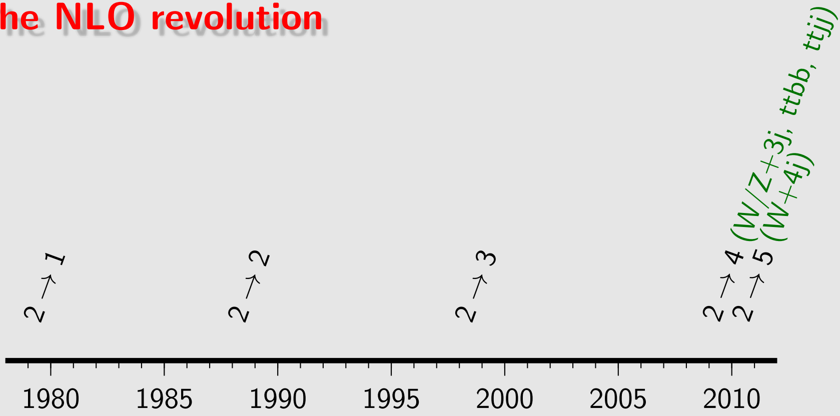

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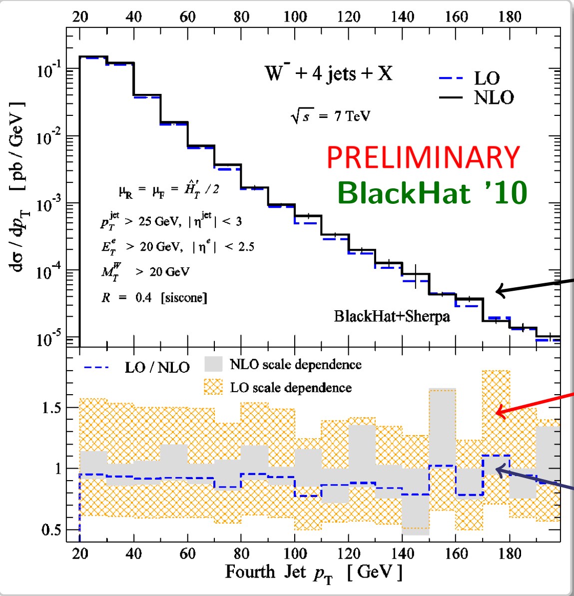
NLO $pp \to W + 4$ jets



First (nearly) complete $2 \to 5$ computation

(as needed in our SUSY example)

NLO spectrum of 4th jet!

LO uncertainty

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[Currently, leading colour & missing W+6q diags]

NLO multileg outlook

Automation:

A large number of $2 \to 3$ processes have been done manually.

Only some public; e.g. MCFM, NLOJet++

For $2 \to 4$, $2 \to 5$, far too many processes for all to be handled manually.

Among the challenges, **efficiency**, which becomes limiting factor as complexity increases

1 histogram $\sim \mathcal{O}(100)$ CPU days

- because you need to integrate over "more" phase space
- because the amplitudes themselves take longer to evaluate

Or get efficiency gain from graphics cards?

Hagiwara et al '09

Giele, Stavenga & Winter '09-10

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2 developments

MENLOPS: e.g. NLO:Z, LO:Z+1/2/3/... + parton shower

Hamilton & Nason '10; + work in progress SHERPA

simultaneously NLO:Z & NLO:Z+j + parton shower

Alioli et al, prelim

Generalising this is the current frontier

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Precision QCD
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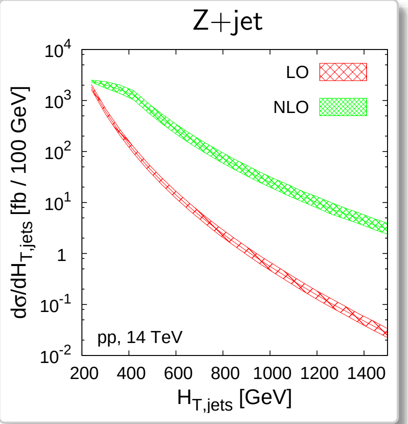

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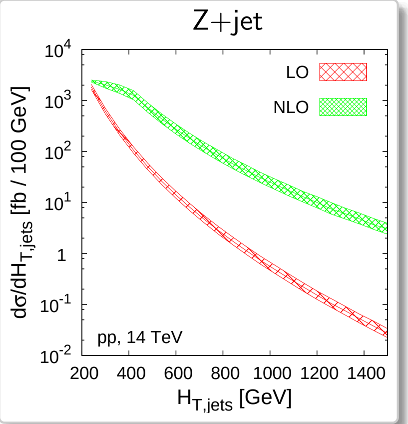

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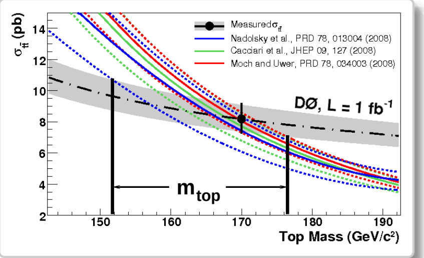

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Towards a high precision $t\bar{t}$ cross section

NNLO

- Two-loop diagrams

  high-energy limit:

  Czakon, Mitov & Moch '07

  numerical $q\bar{q} \to t\bar{t}$, Czakon '08

  analytical $q\bar{q} \to t\bar{t}$ (part):

  Bonciani et al '08–'09

  all two-loop poles: Ferroglia et al '09

- One-loop squared

  Körner et al '08, Anastasiou & Aybat '08

- 1-loop $t\bar{t}j$ and real $t\bar{t}jj$

  Dittmaier, Uwer & Weinzierl '07

  Bevilacqua et al '10, Melnikov & Schulze '10

- Learning how to combine terms

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All this just part-way to NNLO!

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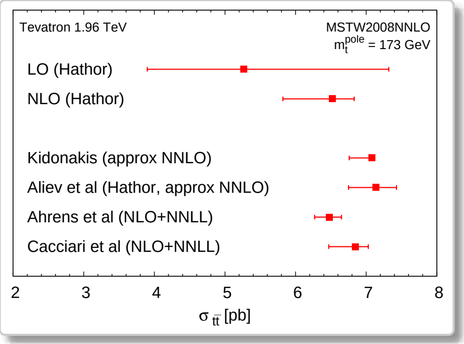

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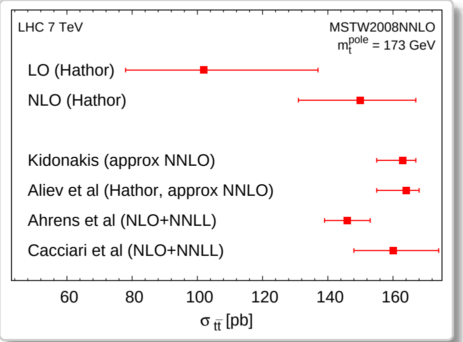

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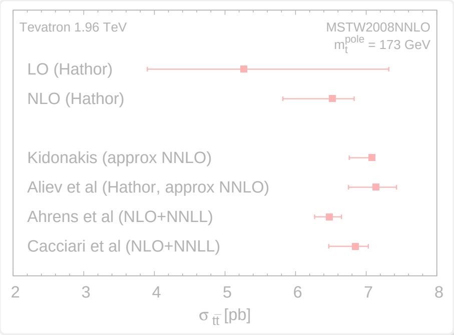

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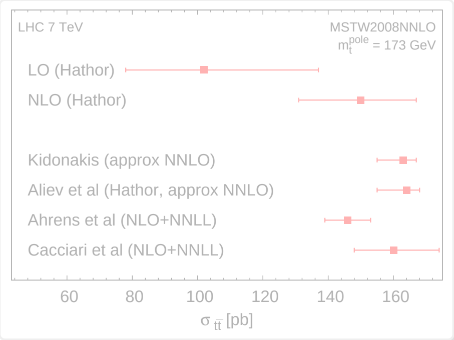

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An aside (not directly LHC):
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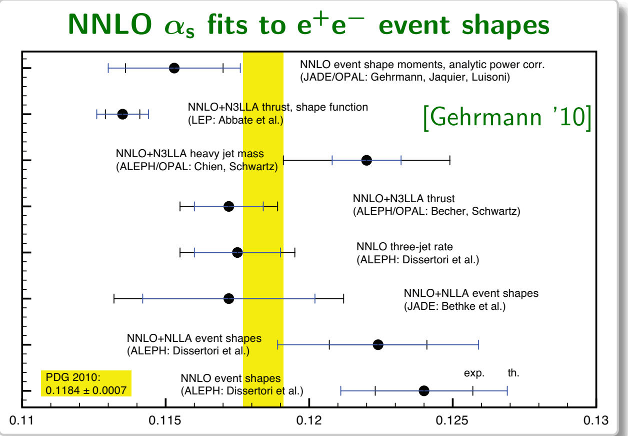

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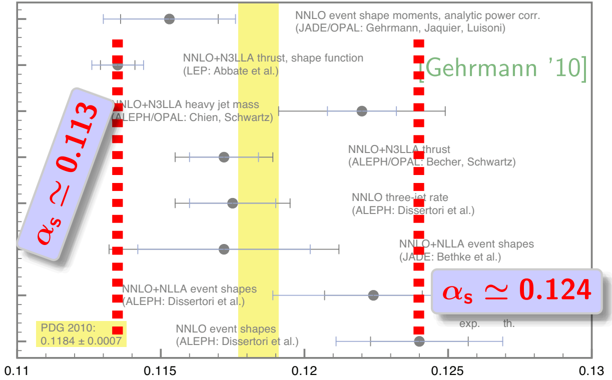

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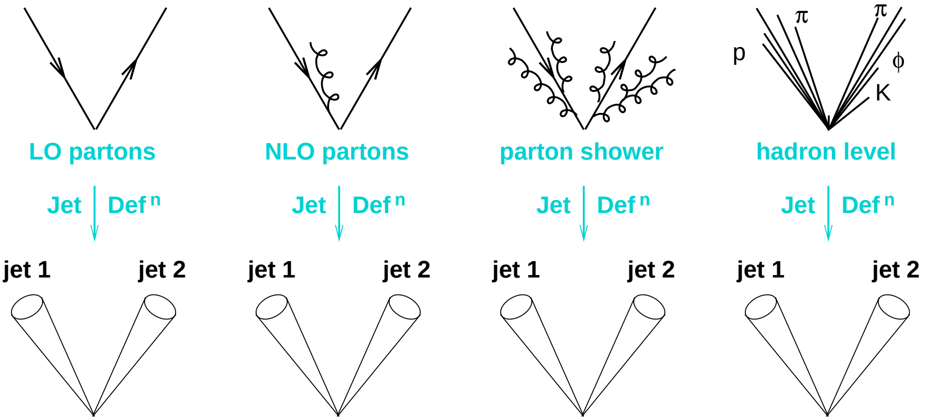
Jets as projections



Projection to jets provides "universal" view of event

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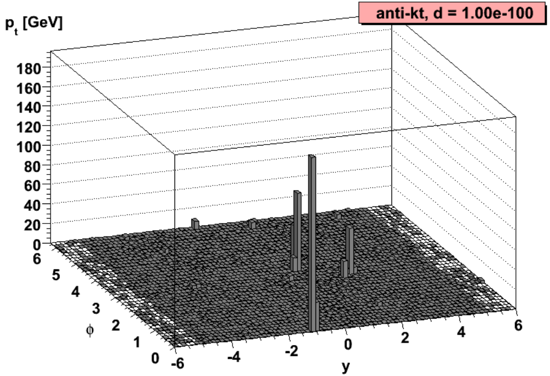

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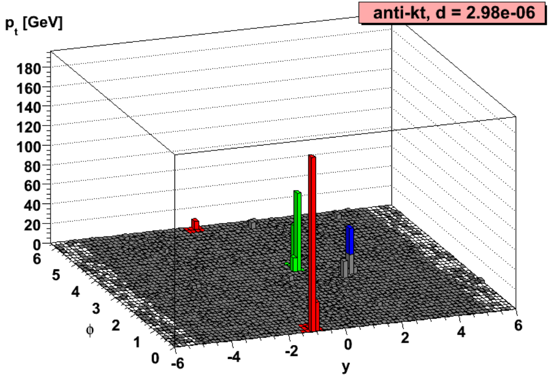

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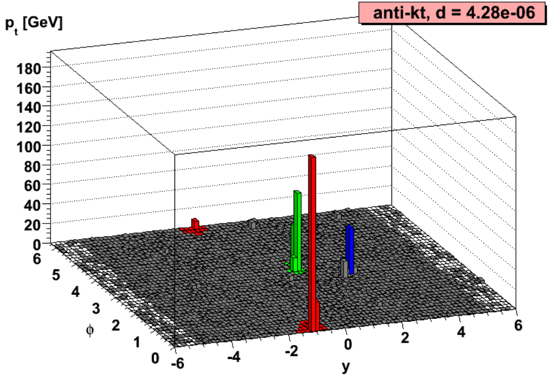

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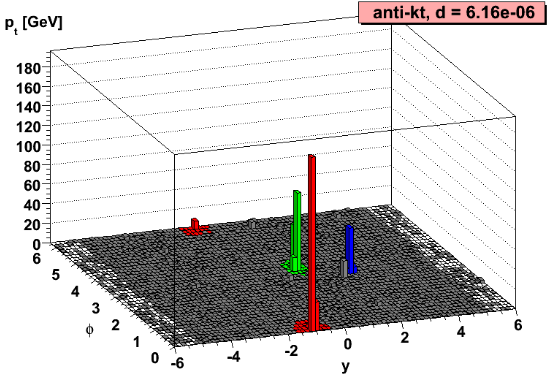

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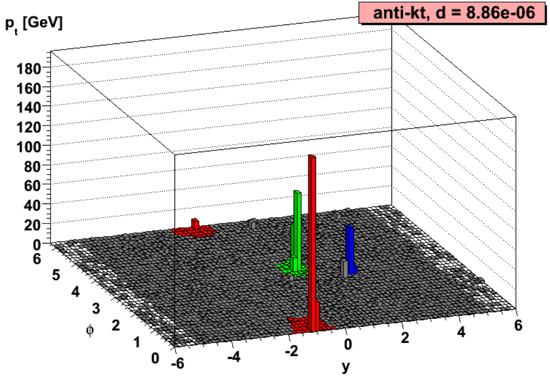

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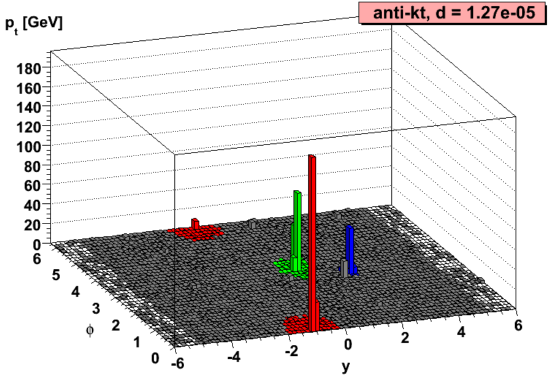

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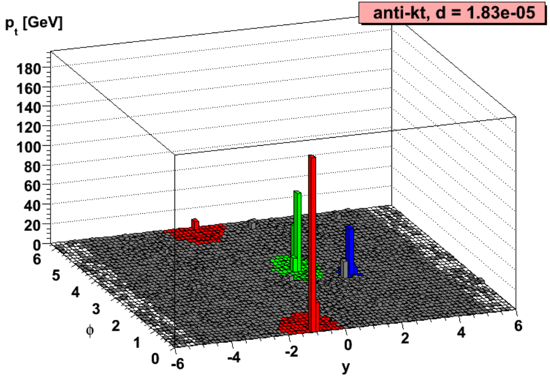

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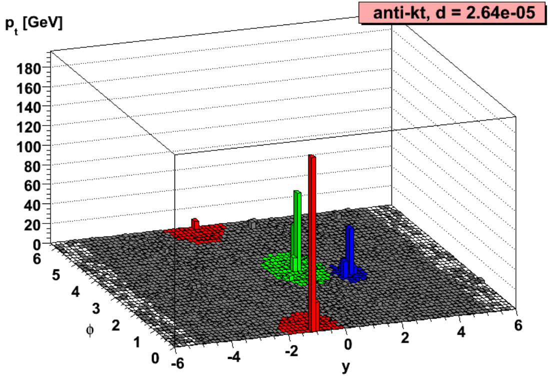

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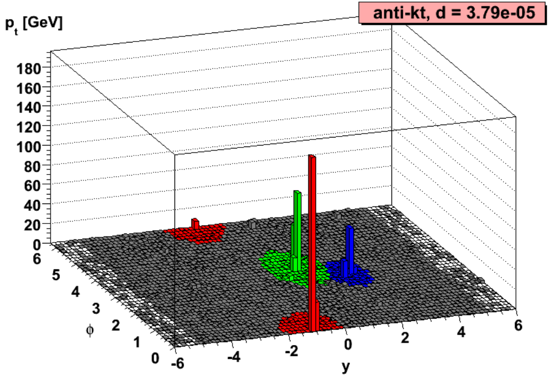

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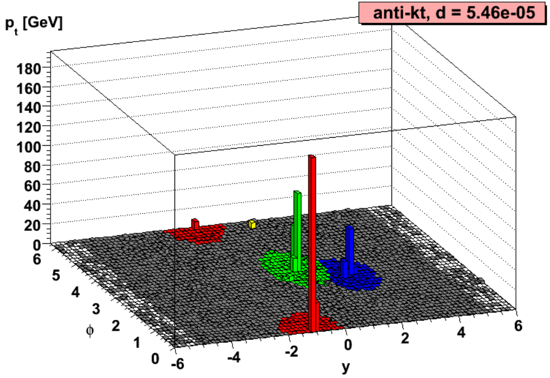

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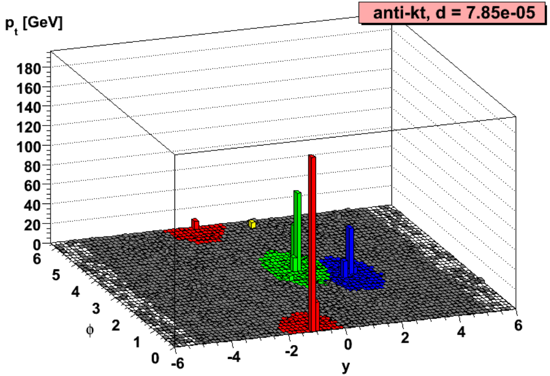

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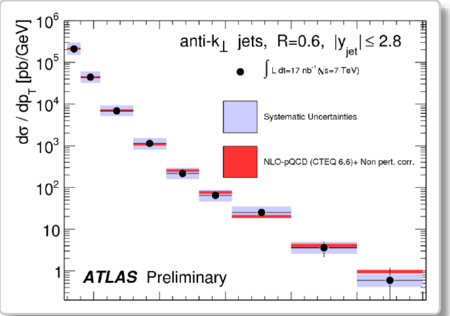
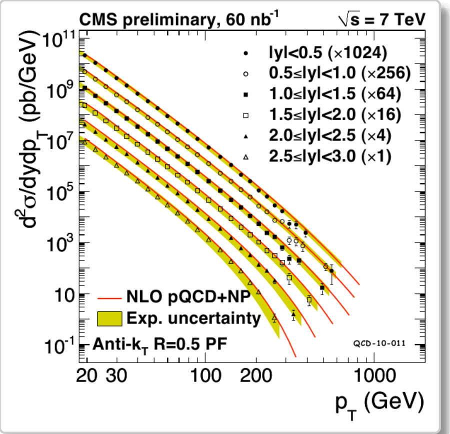
And is infrared & collinear safe





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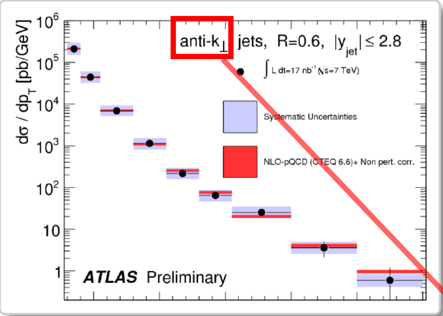

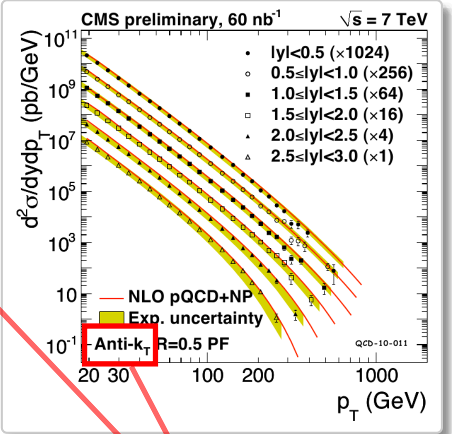

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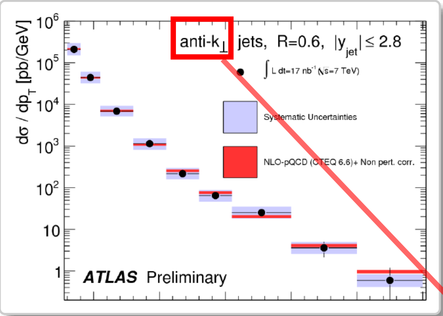

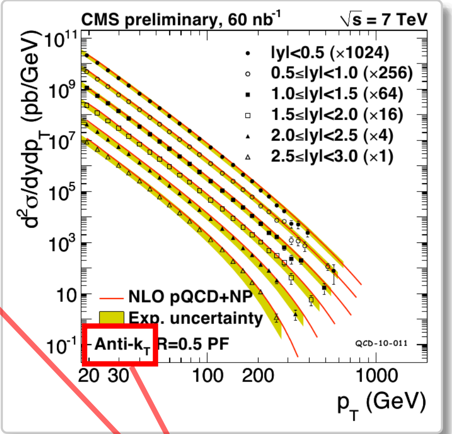

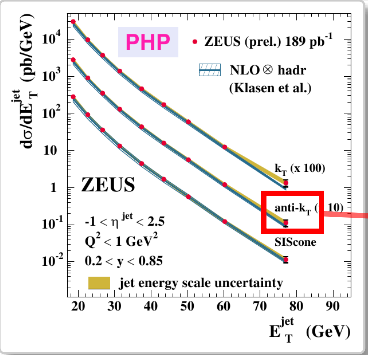

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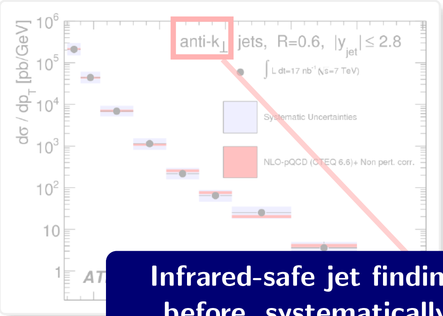

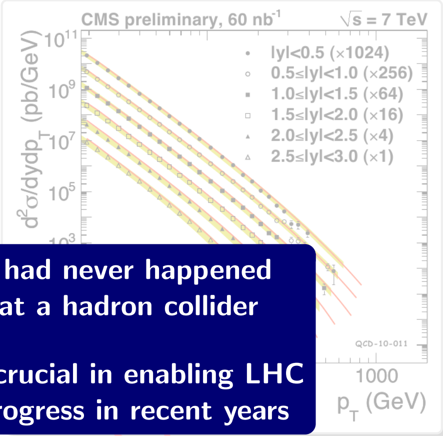

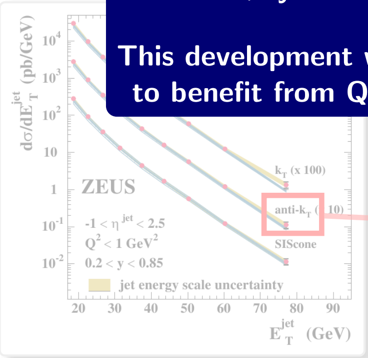

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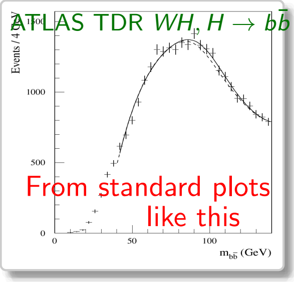

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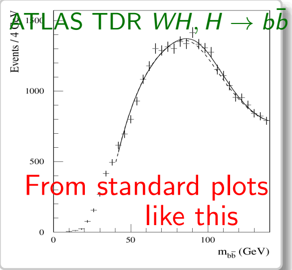

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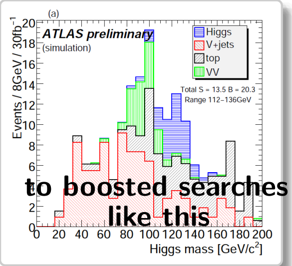

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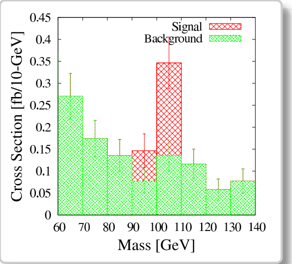

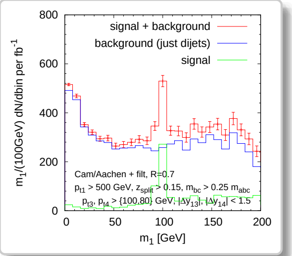

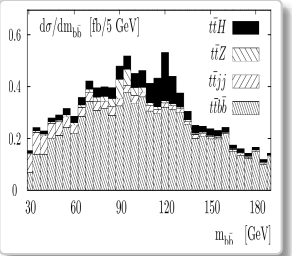

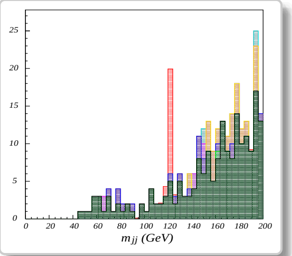

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EXTRAS

The three MC++'s

Key differences between PYTHIA 6.4 and 8.1

Old features definitely removed include, among others:
- independent fragmentation
- mass-ordered showers

Features omitted so far include, among others:
- ep, γp and $\gamma\gamma$ beam configurations
- several processes, especially Technicolor, partly SUSY

New features, not found in 6.4 ($\star$ = see below):
- interleaved $p_\perp$-ordered MI + ISR + FSR evolution
- richer mix of underlying-event processes (γ, J/ψ, DY, . . .)

$\star$ possibility for two selected hard interactions in same event
$\star$ allow rescattering in MI framework
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- possibility to use one PDF set for hard process and another for rest

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Herwig++

- The new Herwig++ program now provides a full simulation of lepton-lepton, lepton-hadron and hadron-hadron collisions with many improvements over its FORTRAN predecessor:
  - New angular ordered parton shower with better theoretical control and mass treatment;
  - Many processes at NLO in the POWHEG approach;
  - Multiple scattering model of the underlying event;
  - Better treatment of BSM physics models;
  - Improved simulation of tau and hadron decays.

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A brief introduction [SHERPA]

- SHERPA has been under development since the late 1990's
  - In the beginning, borrowed and re-implemented physics from others: virtuality-ordered parton shower - APACIC++, underlying event like PYTHIA 6.2
  - Helicity amplitudes for matrix elements - AMEGIC++
  - Fragmentation/hadron decays through link to PYTHIA routines
- Constructed from scratch, in C++
  - Mainly done by diploma and PhD students
- Replaced physics modules one-by-one.
- Status in SHERPA 1.2: by now independent of other code
  - Virtuality-ordered shower replaced by dipole shower,
  - Berends-Giele matrix elements,
  - Own version of cluster fragmentation AHADIC++,
  - Huge own library of hadron and τ-decays,
  - QED radiation through YFS formalism,
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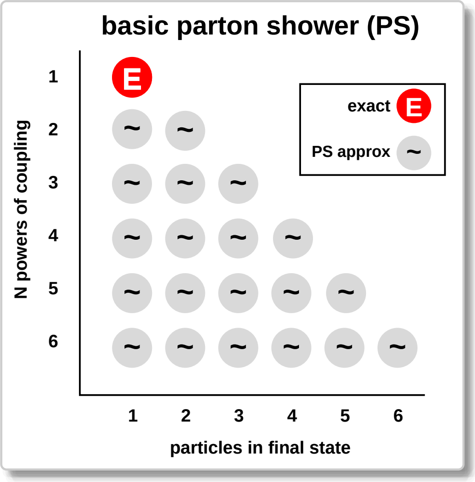

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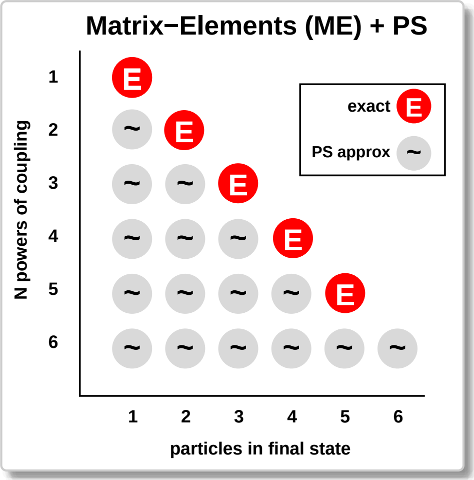

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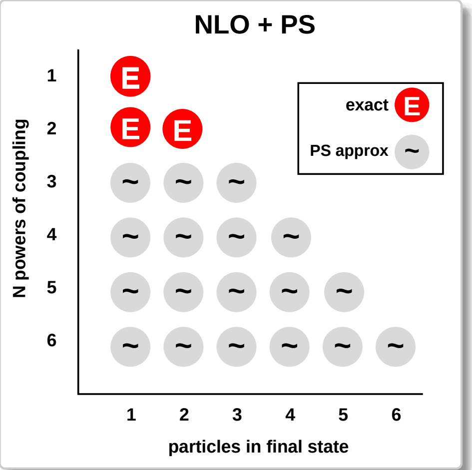

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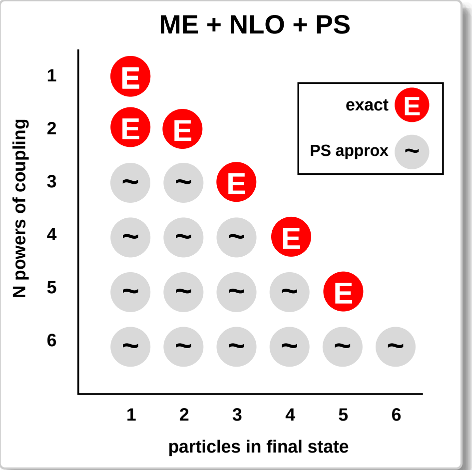

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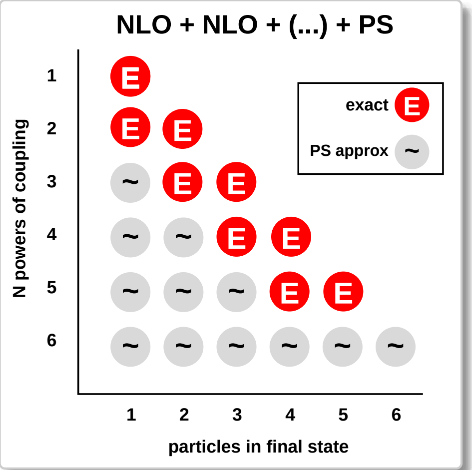

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2010: NNPDF goes global + adds heavy quarks

Statistical treatment is transparent

Generate 'replica' datasets.

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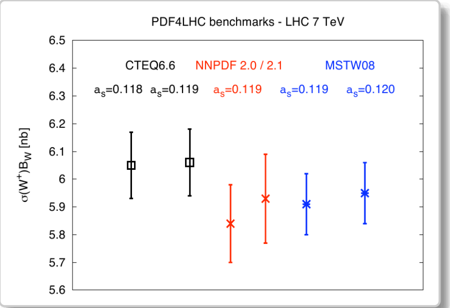

Provides significant added confidence in our understanding of PDF uncertainties

What's still missing with PDFs?

Theory uncertainties

For a wide range of experimentally well-measured observables, theory uncertainties are limiting factor in extracting parameters of the theory (masses, couplings, etc.).

Theory uncertainties are currently being left out from global PDF fits

I would be surprised if NLO theory uncertainties $\ll$ exp. ones

Maybe not a problem at NNLO?

Only MSTW have NNLO right now

This should (in my opinion) become a high priority for PDF fits.