

PROSPECTS OF QCD AND TOP PHYSICS

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FUTURE ACCELERATORS

“IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE PREDICTIONS, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE FUTURE”

Niels Bohr, quoting K. K. Steincke

- **FIRST HORIZON: HL-LHC & EIC: MID 2030s**
 - BEYOND CURRENT PRECISION AND ACCURACY
 - BEYOND CURRENT PROCESSES, OBSERVABLES, AND TECHNIQUES
- **SECOND HORIZON: FCC-EE: MID 2040s**
 - STRETCHING THE CURRENT THEORY
 - THE ERA OF MACHINE LEARNING
- **BEYOND (MY) HORIZON: FCC-PP: MID 2070s**
 - 50 YEARS AGO THE SM ARGUABLY DID NOT EXIST

QCD

- A TOOL FOR **PRECISION PHYSICS**
- A PATH TO **THEORETICAL DISCOVERY**

DISCLAIMER

- A **PERSONAL SELECTION** OF RESULTS
- **ONLY DEVELOPMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023** COVERED

STEFANO CATANI (1958-2024)



HIGHER PRECISION AND ACCURACY

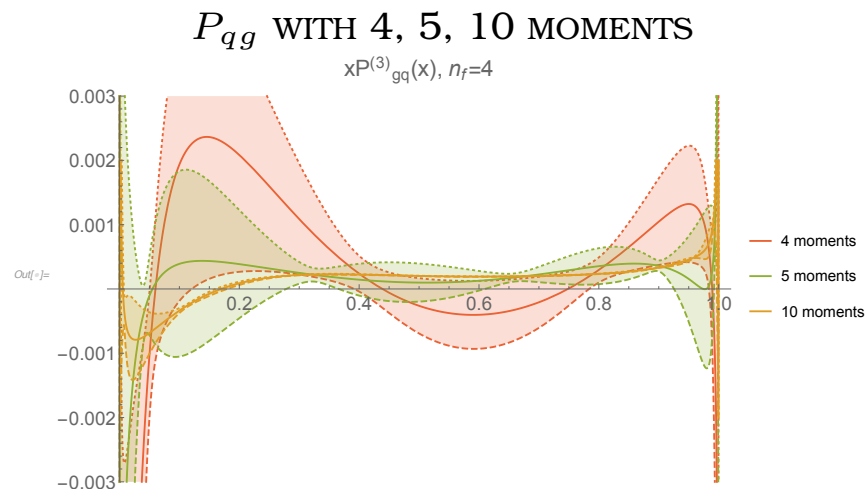
THE AMPLITUDE REVOLUTION AND N³LO

- ENORMOUS PROGRESS IN AMPLITUDE COMPUTATIONS ⇒ Papadopoulos, Corfu 2023
- MORE N³LO MATRIX ELEMENTS:
HIGGS DECAY TO $b\bar{b}$ OR gg , INDIVIDUAL PARTON CHANNELS UP TO N³LO
Chen, Jakubčík, Marcoli, Stagnitto, 2024

- N³LO SPLITTING FUNCTIONS: GETTING THERE

THE SPLITTING FUNCTIONS

- LO: 1973 Gross, Wilckzek; NLO: 1979 Floratos, Ross, Sachrajda; Gonzalez-Arroyo, López, Ynduráin; NNLO: 2004 Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt
- N³LO: SUBLEADING LARGE AND SMALL x BEHAVIOUR, INCREASINGLY LARGE NUMBER OF MELLIN MOMENTS (SINCE 2017): FIVE MOMENTS FOR P_{ij} KNOWN (2022)
- FIVE MORE MOMENTS FOR P_{qq} , P_{qg} , P_{gq} SINCE EARLY 2023
Falcioni, Herzog, Moch, Vogt; + Pelloni, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren
EXACT N_f^2 TERMS Gehrmann, von Mateuffel, Sotnikov, Yang

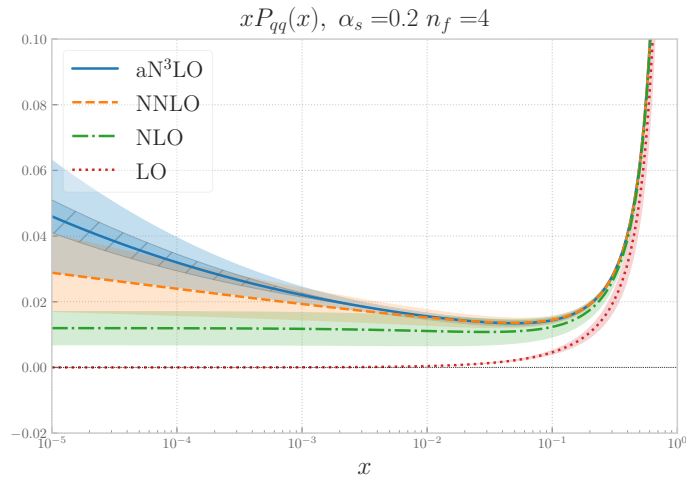


N³LO SPLITTING FUNCTIONS

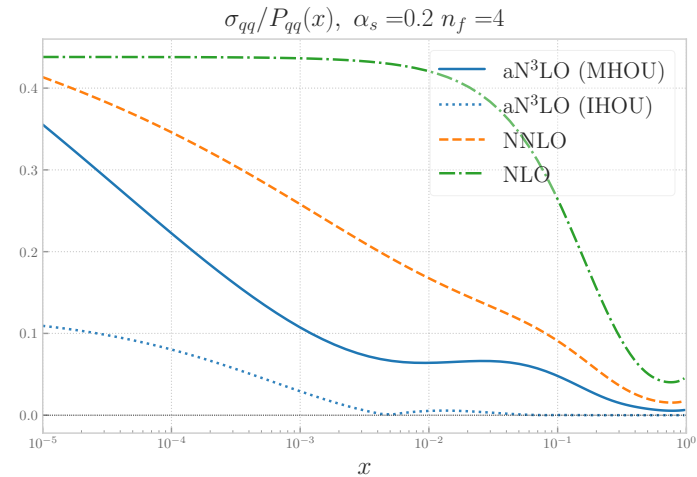
- **NONSINGLET & SINGLET QUARK SECTOR** P_{qq}, P_{qg}, P_{gq}
 UNCERTAINTY APPROX (IHOU) \ll MISSING N⁴LO UNCERTAINTY (MHOU) \Rightarrow **KNOWN EXACTLY FAPP**
- P_{gg} **ONLY UNCERTAIN** FOR $x \lesssim 0.03 \Rightarrow$ **BFKL RESUMMATION REGION**
- **FIXED-ORDER N³LO EVOLUTION KNOWN FAPP**

QUARK-QUARK

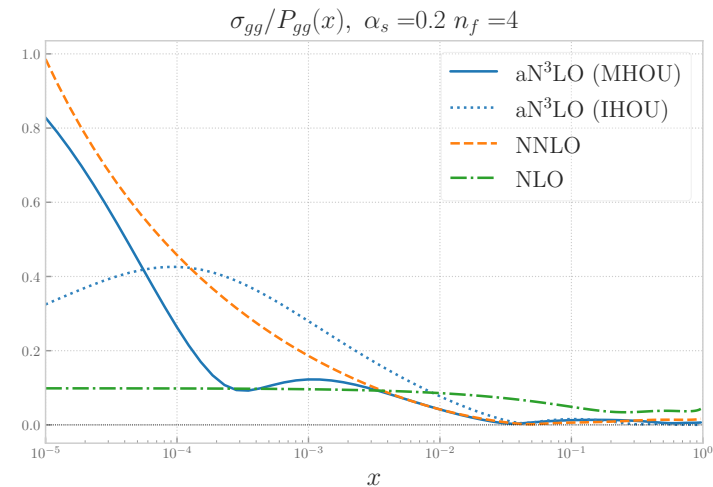
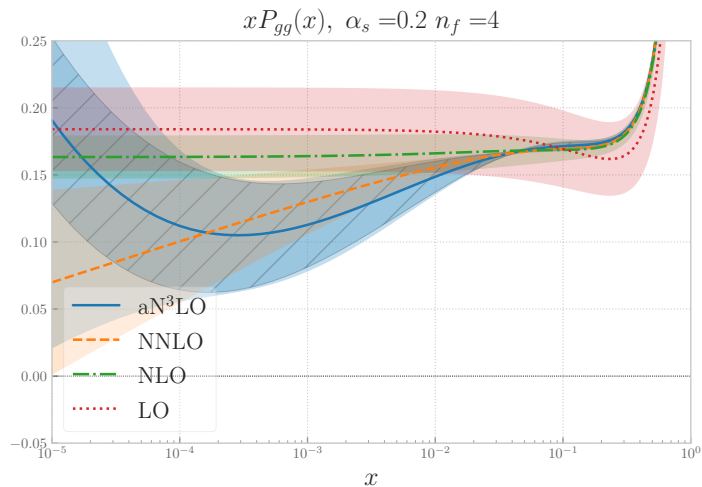
SPLITTING FCTN



UNCERTAINTY



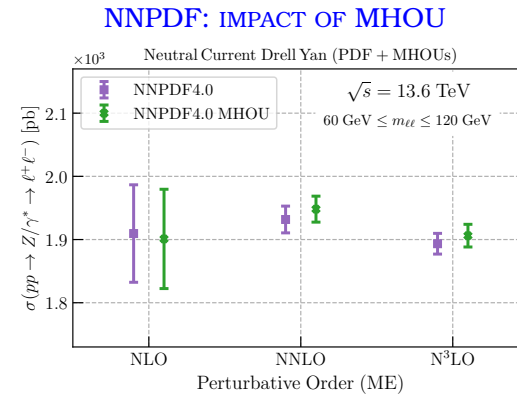
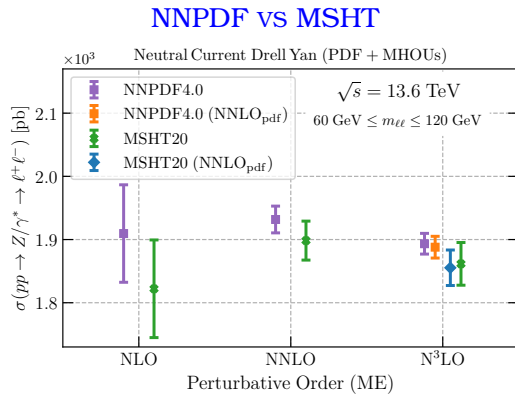
GLUON-GLUON



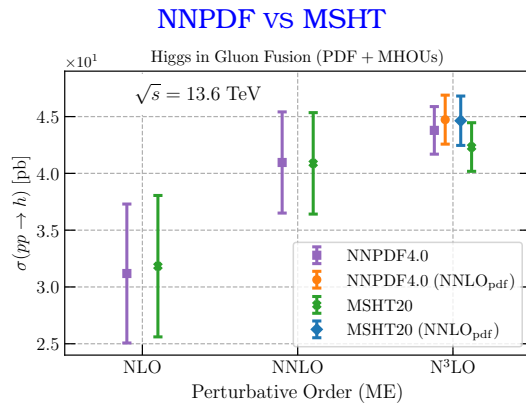
PDFs: N³LO, MHOUs, QED

- AN³LO PDF SETS NOW AVAILABLE: MSHT20 (2023), NNPDF4.0 (2024)
 - NNPDF IHOU ESTIMATED FROM THEORY COVARIANCE MATRIX
 - MSHT IHOU ESTIMATED FITTING NUISANCE PARMS TO DATA
- MHOU ON PDF FIT AVAILABLE:
 - NNPDF4.0 AT ANY ORDER, FROM SCALE VARIATION
 - MSHT20 AT AN³LO FROM NUISANCE PARMS, AT NNLO FROM N³LO-NNLO DIFFERENCE
- COMBINED QED-QCD EVOLUTION AND PHOTON PDF AVAILABLE FOR BOTH

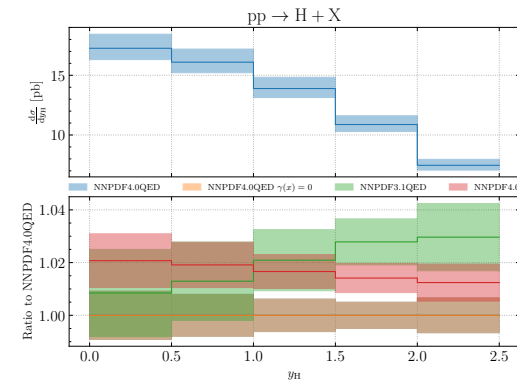
on-shell Z production



Higgs in gluon fusion



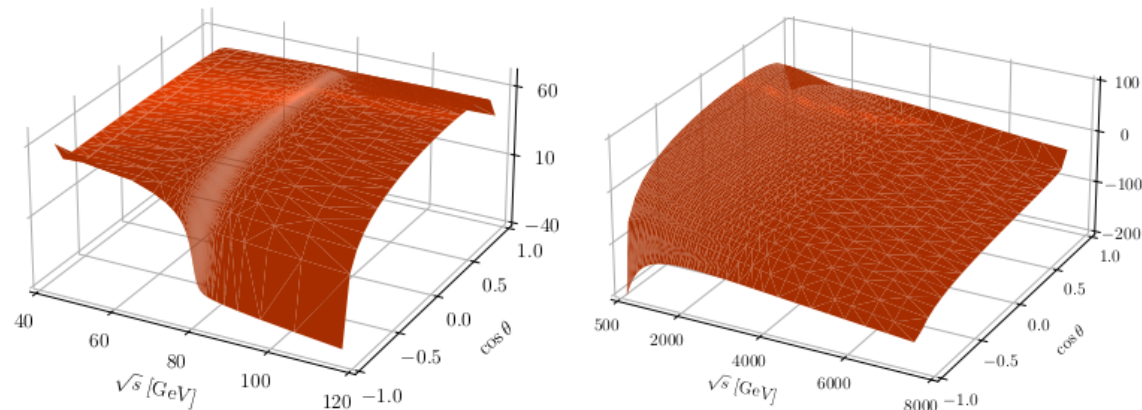
NNPDF: IMPACT OF QED



MIXED QCD \times EW CORRECTIONS

- $\alpha \sim (\alpha_s(M_Z))^2$ SO $\alpha\alpha_s \sim \alpha_s^3$; NONTRIVIAL INTERFERENCE; RESONANT CONTRIBUTIONS
- FULL TWO LOOP QCD \times EW CORRECTIONS TO NC DRELL-YAN INCLUDING DECAY RECENTLY COMPLETED (2022)
- CC DRELL-YAN AVAILABLE WITH TWO LOOP VIRTUAL CORRECTIONS IN POLE APPROX (2021)
- EXACT TWO-LOOP VIRTUAL CORRECTIONS TO CC NOW AVAILABLE (Armadillo, Bonciani, Devoto, Rana, Vicini, 2023)

VIRTUAL TWO-LOOP RATIO TO BORN IN UNITS OF $\alpha\alpha_s$



- PERCENT-LEVEL INTERFERENCE (NEGATIVE)

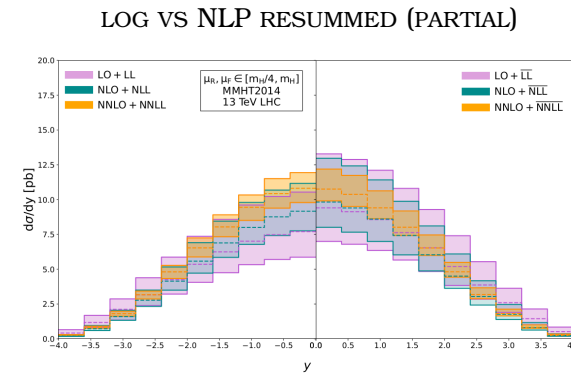
RESUMMATION: THE NLP FRONTIER

DRELL-YAN, HIGGS CROSS-SECTION: $\sigma(\tau) = \sigma^{\text{LO}} C(\alpha_s, \tau)$, $C(\alpha_s, \tau) = 1 + \alpha_s (M^2) C^{\text{NLO}} + \dots$, $\tau = \frac{M^2}{s}$;
 $C(\alpha_s, N) = \int_0^1 d\tau \tau^{N-1} C(\alpha_s, \tau)$

LEADING, NEXT TO LEADING... LOG VS. LEADING, NEXT TO LEADING... POWER: $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} C^{\text{N}^k \text{LO}}(\alpha_s, N) \sim \alpha^k \left[C^{k,LL} \ln^{2k} N + C^{k,NLL} \ln^{2k-1} N + \dots + g^k + \frac{1}{N} C^{k,NLP} (\ln N) + \dots \right]$

- N³LO DETERMINES N³LL
- NLP PHENOMENOLOGICALLY RELEVANT FOR M² BETWEEN THE GeV AND THE TeV SCALE

HIGGS PRODUCTION LHC



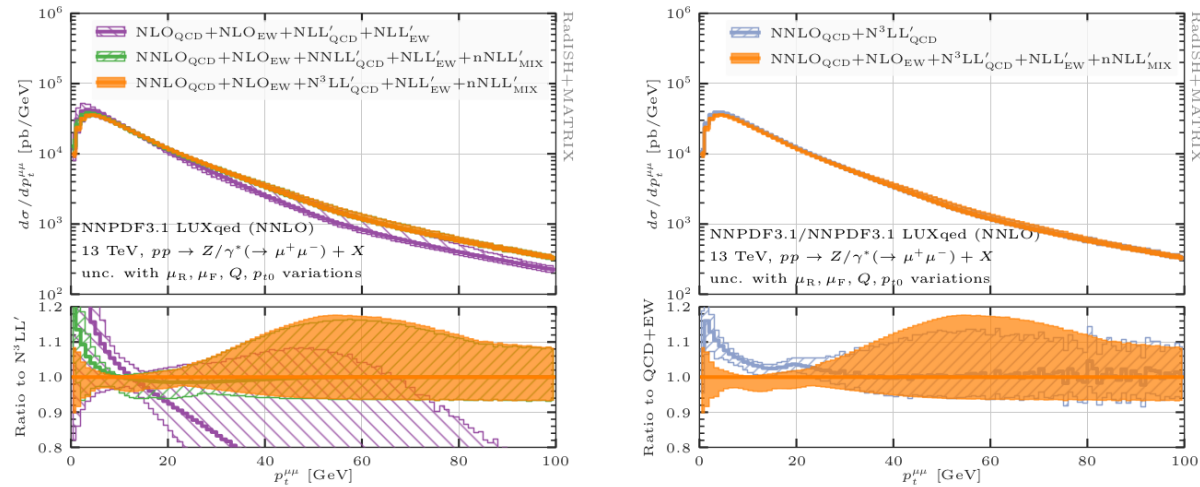
(Ravindran, Sankar, Tiwari, 2022)

- FULL LL, NLP RESUMMATION FOR DY (Bileveld, Laenen, Vernazza, Wang, 2023)
- SOFT QUARK EMISSION GENERALLY RESUMMED (van Beekveld, Vernazza, White, 2023)
- NLP PARTLY RESUMMED FOR JET THRUST AND C-PARM (Agarwal, van Beekveld, Laenen, Mishra, Mukhopadhyay, Tripathi, 2024)

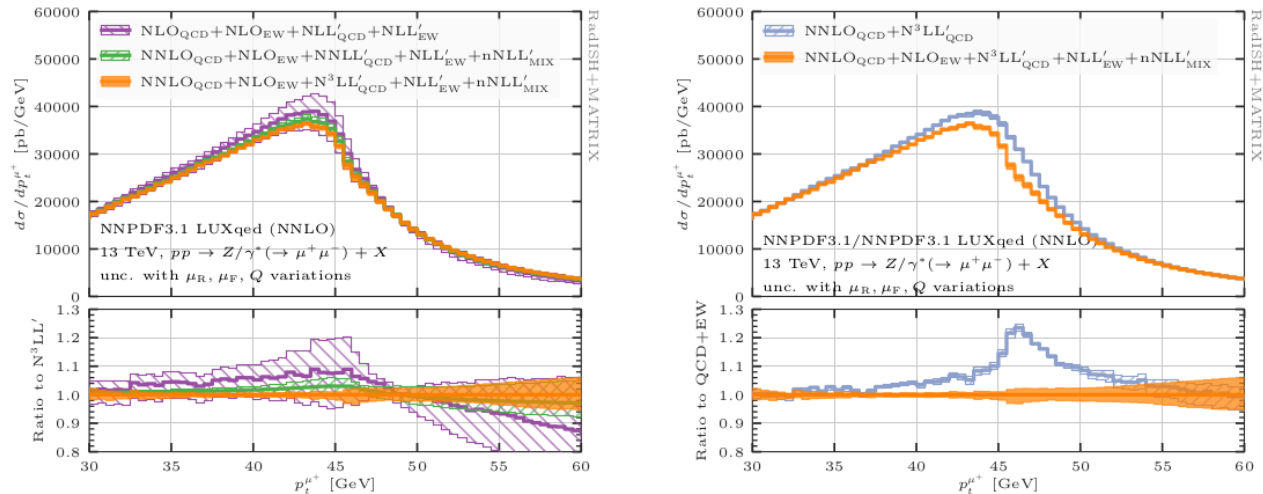
COMBINED QCD-EW RESUMMATION

- DRELL-YAN FIXED ORDER MIXED QCD+EW COMPUTATION IMPROVED WITH TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM RESUMMATION THROUGH PARTON SHOWERING LONG AGO
- ANALYTIC NLL (EW) x NNLL(QCD) x NLL (MIXED) NOW AVAILABLE (Buonocore, Rottoli, Torrielli, 2024)

NEUTRAL CURRENT DIMUON p_T



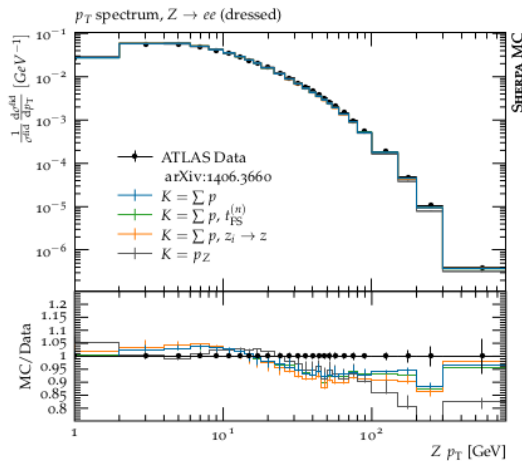
MUON p_T



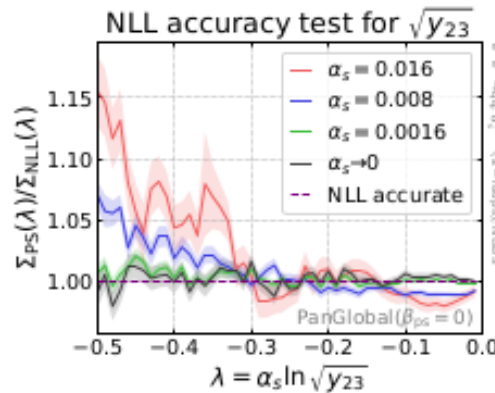
PARTON SHOWER MONTECARLOS: THE PATH TO NN LOGARITHMIC ACCURACY

- CLOSE TO ACHIEVING FULL AGREEMENT WITH NLL ANALYTIC RESUMMATION \Rightarrow COLOR DIPOLE
 - Alaric \Rightarrow NLL FOR GLOBAL LHC OBSERVABLES (Höche, Krauss, Reichelt, 2024)
 - PanScales \Rightarrow EXACT NLL FOR e^+e^- (van Beekveld et al., 2023)
- INITIAL-STATE MASSIVE QUARK EFFECTS INCLUDED IN Alaric (Assi, Höche, 2024)
- NNLL EFFECTS INCLUDED IN PanScales FOR OBSERVABLES SENSITIVE TO SOFT EMISSION (e^+e^-) (Ferrario-Ravasio, Hamilton, Karlberg, Salam, Sczyboz, Soyez, 2023)
- JET CALCULUS EXTENDED TO NNLL TOWARDS NNLL PS (van Beekveld, Dasgupta, El-Menoufi, Helliwell, Monni, 2024)

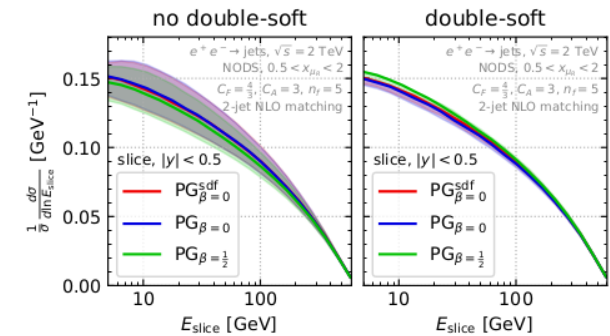
Alaric: RECOIL UNCERTAINTY IN DY



PanScales: NLL ACCURACY TEST



PanScales: UNCERTAINTY REDUCTION AT NNLL



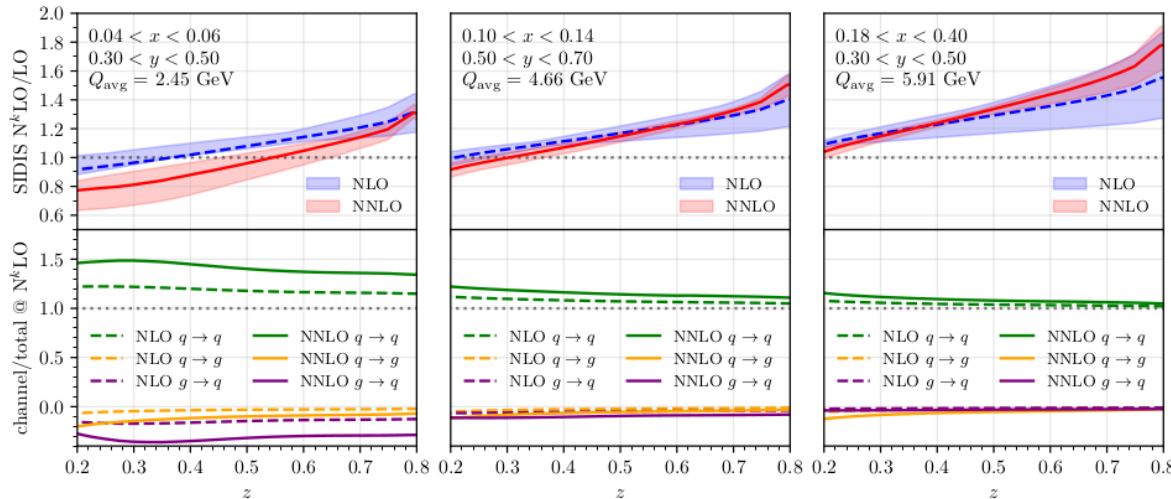
NEW PROCESSES,
OBSERVABLES, TECHNIQUES

SIDIS AT NNLO

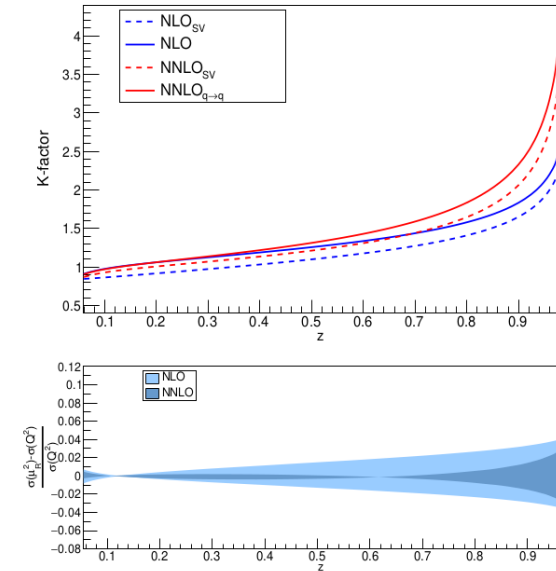
- SEMI-INCLUSIVE DIS: $ep \rightarrow h + X$ (TAGGED HADRON IN FINAL STATE)
- WILL BE MEASURED ACCURATELY AT EIC
- SIMULTANEOUS DETERMINATION OF PDF AND FRAGMENTATION FUNCTIONS DEPENDS ON TWO MOMENTUM FRACTIONS x & z
- STRINGENT CONSTRAINTS ON PDF FLAVOR SEPARATION \Rightarrow NEW PHYSICS SEARCHES AT HL-LHC
- NNLO CORRECTIONS COMPUTED (Bonino, Gehrmann, Stagnitto, 2024; Gyal, Moch, Pathak, Rana, Ravindran, 2024), ALSO IN POLARIZED CASE (Bonino, Gehrmann, Stagnitto, 2024)
- SIMILAR IN SIZE TO INCLUSIVE, NONTRIVIAL z DEPENDENCE

NNLO/LO & NLO/LO K -FACTORS VS z

COMPASS x BINS (Bonino et al., 2024)



INTEGRATED OVER x FOR EIC (Moch et al., 2024)



RESUMMATION: INCREASED COMPLEXITY

NON GLOBAL LOGS

- RADIATION FROM **SECONDARY VERTICES** \Rightarrow LARGE LOGS IF **NON-GLOBAL VETOS**
- **SUPER-LEADING** LOGS DUE TO NONTRIVIAL COLOR STRUCTURE
- **FULL RESUMMATION** FOR $2 \rightarrow M$ JET PROCESSES USING SCET
(Becher, Neubert, Shao, Stillger, 2023)

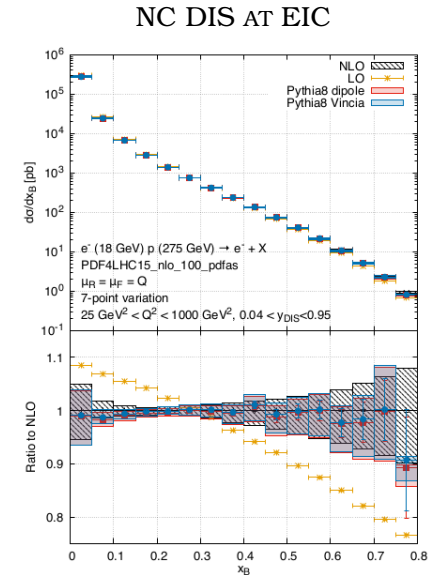
JOINT RESUMMATION

- HEAVY QUARKS \Rightarrow **MASSIVE** (DECOUPLING) **SCHEME** (MASS EFFECTS RETAINED) OR **MASSLESS** (\overline{MS}) (MASS LOGS RESUMMED)
- **THRESHOLD RESUMMATION POSSIBLE** IN EITHER CASE
- RESUMMATION & MASSLESS **LIMIT DO NOT COMMUTE**
- NONTRIVIAL **MATCHING** \Rightarrow **SIMULTANEOUS RESUMMATION** OF MASS & THRESHOLD LOGS
(Ghira, Marzani, Ridolfi, 2024)

PARTON SHOWER MCs FOR DIS

NLO+PS

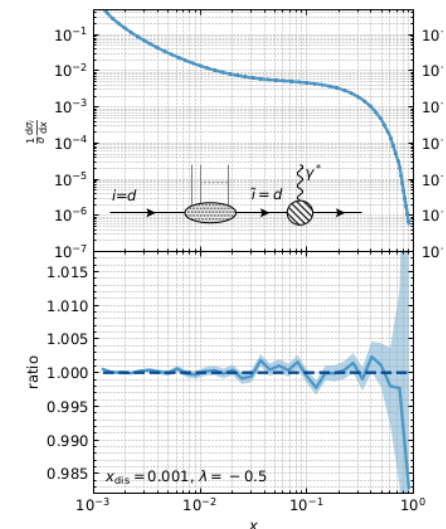
- **NLO+PS** EVENT GENERATOR IMPLEMENTED IN **POWHEG BOX** FOR DIS
(Banfi, Ferrario Ravasio, Jäger, Karlberg, Reichenbach, Zanderighi, 2023)
- **FSR DOES NOT PRESERVE** x_B, y, Q^2
⇒ **MOMENTUM MAPPINGS ADAPTED**
⇒ **PRESERVE INCOMING & OUTGOING LEPTON MOMENTA**
- **NLO** CORRECTIONS **SIGNIFICANT** IN EIC KINEMATICS



NLL SHOWER

- PanScales **FULLY IMPLEMENTED** FOR DIS AND VBF
(van Beekveld, Ferrario Ravasio, 2023)
- **FIXED-ORDER** ⇒ **WIDELY SEPARATED EMISSIONS INDEPENDENT**
- **FIXED-ORDER** ⇒ **EXACT SUBLEADING COLOR**
- **ALL-ORDER** ⇒ **TESTED VS. EXACT NLO EVOLUTION**

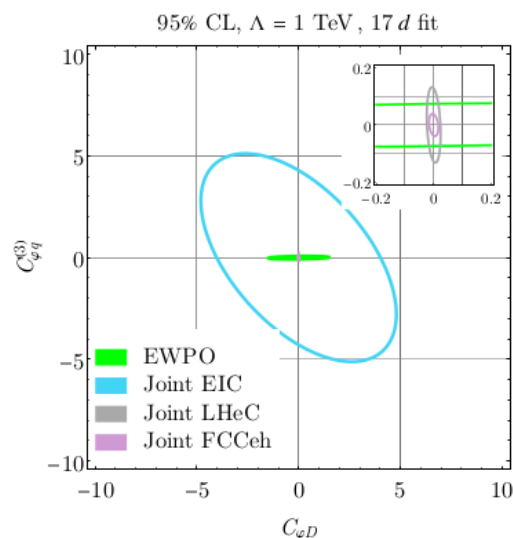
Panscales VS HOPPET
PROBABILITY OF PARTON x FOR FIXED x_B



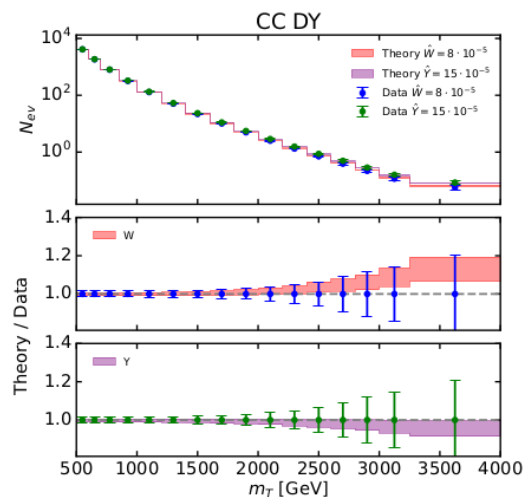
SMEFT, DIS, AND PDFs

- KNOWLEDGE OF QCD SECTOR \Rightarrow SEARCHES FOR NEW PHYSICS
- DIS CAN RESOLVE DEGENERACIES IN SMEFT FITS, BUT EIC $\Rightarrow \sim 3$ TeV (LHEC ~ 13 TeV; FCC-EH ~ 18 TeV (Bissolotti, Boughezal, Simsek, 2023)
- PDFs CAN BE CONTAMINATED BY NP \Rightarrow DIFFICULT TO SEE IN CC DY, VISIBLE IN DIBOSON (Hammou, Kassabov, Madigan, Mangano, Mantani, Moore, Morales, Ubiali, 2023)
- MUST PERFORM GLOBAL FIT \Rightarrow OPEN-SOURCE TOOL SIMUnet (Costantini, Hammou, Kassabov, Madigan, Mantani, Moore, Morales, Ubiali, 2024)

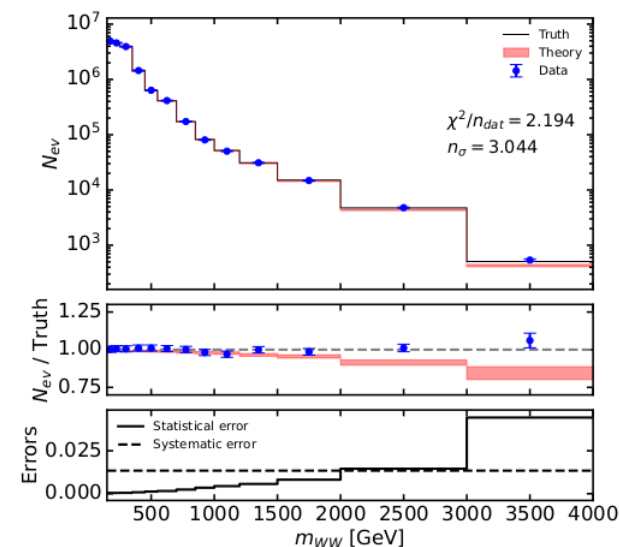
SMEFT FITS: IMPACT OF FUTURE DATA



CONTAMINATED PDFs: CC DY



CONTAMINATED PDFs WW

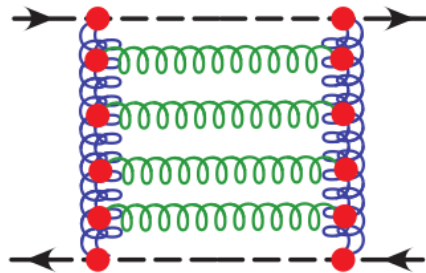


STRETCHING THE THEORY

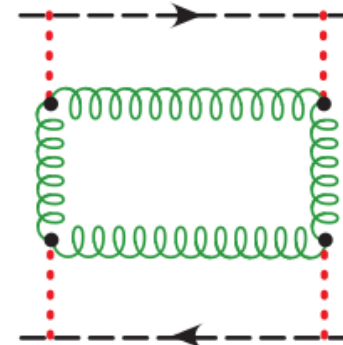
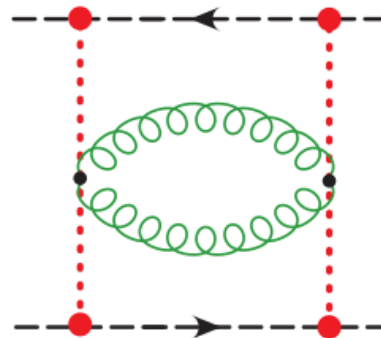
HIGH-ENERGY RESUMMATION

- HIGH ENERGY (BFKL, SMALL x) LOGS $\alpha \ln 1/x$, $x = \frac{M^2}{s}$
 \Rightarrow PARTONIC CROSS-SECTIONS AND ANOMALOUS DIMENSIONS
- ONLY LL FULLY RESUMMED \rightarrow DOMINANT UNCERTAINTY AT N³LO
- SMALL x EVOLUTION DUAL TO LARGE Q^2 EVOLUTION
- SCET APPROACH \Rightarrow RESUMMATION FROM RGE OF SOFT GLUON OPERATORS
- CONSISTENCY BETWEEN COLLINEAR & SOFT ANOMALOUS DIMENSIONS
 (Gao, Moult, Raman, Ridgway, Stewart 2024)

LIPATOV VERTEX DIAGRAMS IN QCD



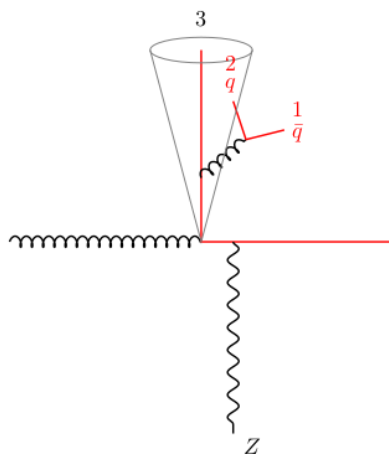
GLAUBER GLUON DIAGRAMS IN SCET



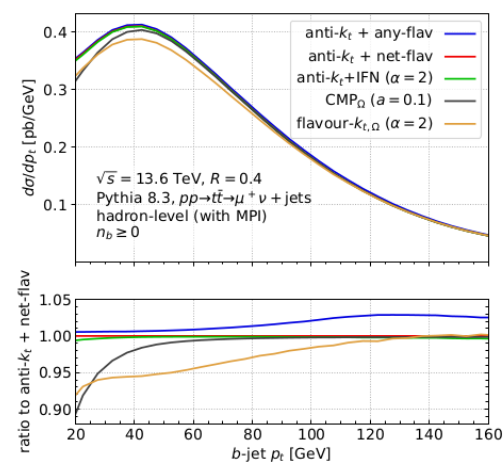
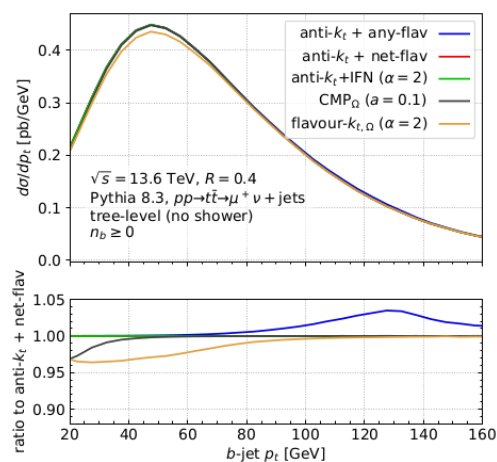
JET FLAVOR

- DEFINITION OF **HEAVY FLAVORED JET NONTRIVIAL** \Rightarrow “EXPERIMENTAL” DEFINITION NOT IRC SAFE
- LONG-STANDING **OPEN PROBLEM**: SOLUTIONS
 - LIMITED (IRC ONLY AT LOW ORDER)
 - IMPRACTICAL (DIFFICUL TO MERGE WITH ANTI- k_t .)
- **FULL SOLUTION (IFN SCHEME)**, CONSISTENT WITH ANTI- k_t , **ALL-ORDER IRC-SAFETY TEST** (Caola, Grabarczyk, Hitt, Salam, Sczyboz, Thaler, 2024)

JET FLAVOR POLLUTION



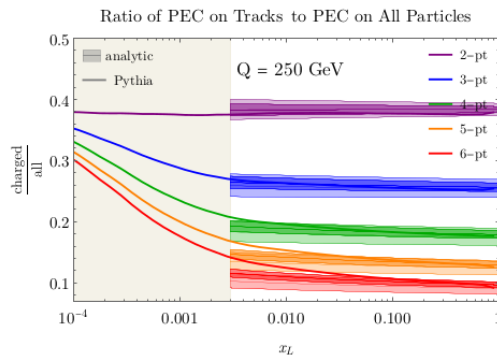
B JET FROM TOP PRODUCTION



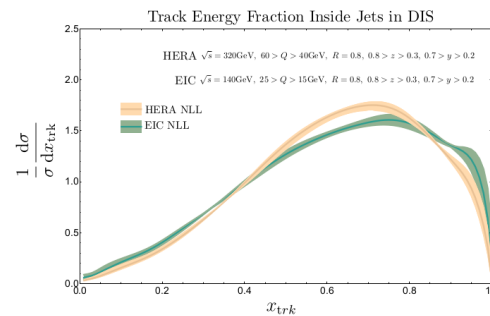
JET SUBSTRUCTURE AND ENERGY CORRELATORS

- **PARISI'S IDEA (1978): ENERGY CORRELATORS** \Rightarrow **PARTON TO HADRON TRANSITION**
- **COMPUTABLE** \Rightarrow **FACTORIZED TRACK FUNCTIONS; NONPERTURBATIVE, PERTURBATIVE RGE** (Jaarsma, Li, Moutl, Waalewijn, Zhu, 2023)
- **TRACK FUNCTIONS** (PROPERTY OF FINAL STATE) MATCHED TO **TRACK JET FUNCTION** (PROPERTIES OF IDENTIFIED JETS) \Rightarrow **JET SUBSTRUCTURE FROM DATA** (Lee, Moutl, Ringer, Waalewijn 2023)
- **CORRELATIONS BETWEEN DIFFERENT HADRONS** \Rightarrow **DECONFINEMENT** (Lee, Moutl, 2023)
- **SPECTRAL FUNCTIONS** \Rightarrow **METRIC IN JET SPACE (& IN THEORY SPACE?)** (Larkoski, Thaler, 2023)

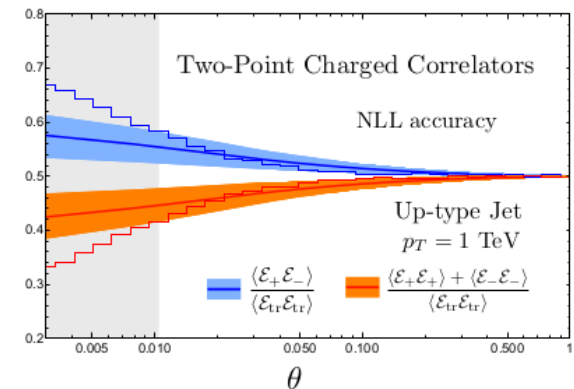
ENERGY CORRELATORS VS ANGULAR SIZE: TRACK TO ALL RATIO
PERTURBATIVE VS. pythia



EXTRACTION OF TRACK FUNCTION FROM EIC DIS DATA



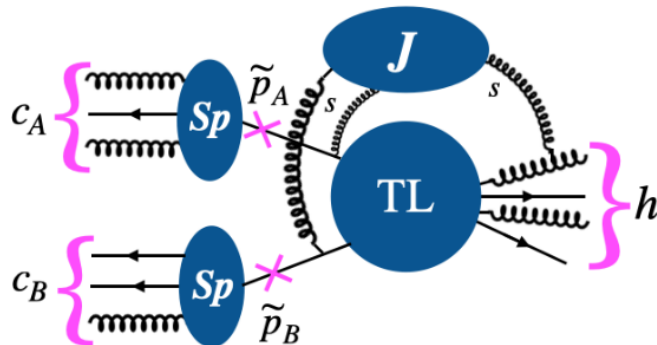
HADRON ENERGY CORRELATORS: SAME VS. DIFFERENT CHARGE



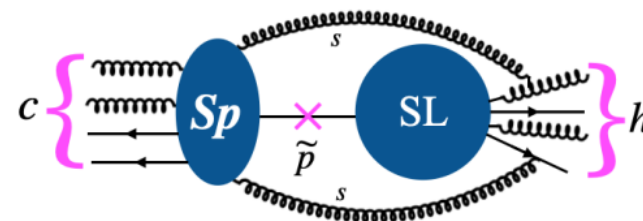
STRETCHING THE LIMITS OF FACTORIZATION

- ALL-ORDER EXTENSION OF SOFT-GLUON EFFECTIVE COUPLING
 \Rightarrow ALL-ORDER EXACT RESULTS IN LARGE n_f LIMIT \Rightarrow CUSP ANOMALOUS DIMENSION
 (Catani, de Florian, Devoto, Grazzini, Mazzitelli, 2023)
- UNIVERSALITY OF FACTORIZATION VIOLATED BY INITIAL-STATE COLLINEAR CONFIGURATIONS \Rightarrow
 COLLINEAR FACTORIZATION ENDANGERED AT N³LO AND BEYOND
- SOFT-PHOTON THEOREM MODIFIED IN QCD (Ma, Sterman, Venkata, 2024)
- Catani's GENERALIZED FACTORIZATION FOR SPACELIKE COLLINEAR EMISSION
 (Cieri, Dhani, Rodrigo, 2024)

TIMELIKE COLLINEAR (FINAL STATE)



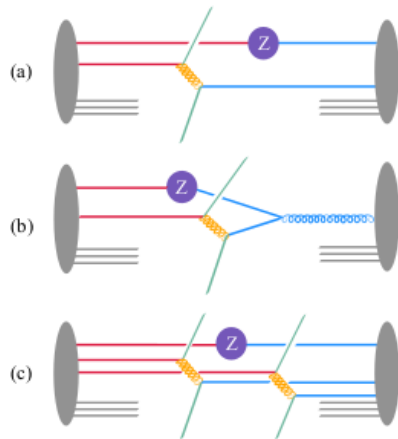
SPACELIKE COLLINEAR (INITIAL STATE)



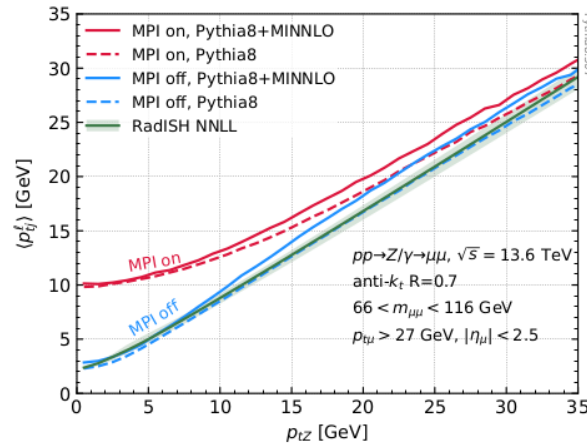
MULTIPARTON INTERACTIONS

- **SIZABLE** CONTRIBUTION, **FACTORIZABLE** IN HARD SCATTERING
- **DISENTANGLE** THROUGH p_t CUTS (Andersen, Monni, Rottoli, Salam, Soto-Ontoso 2023)
- **DOMINANT** CONTRIBUTION TO DY AT SMALL p_T
- **ENHANCED** IN CUMULATIVE INTEGRATED JET SPECTRUM $p_t > p_t^{\min}$

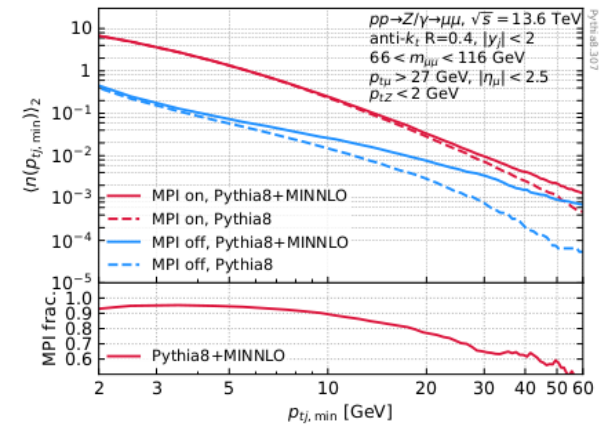
DOUBLE (A,B) AND TRIPLE (C) PARTON HARD SCATTERING



MPI VS NO MPI VS p_t

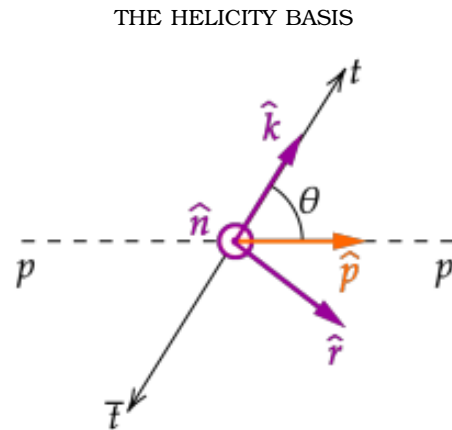


MPI VS NO MPI CUT CUMULATIVE JET SPECTRUM

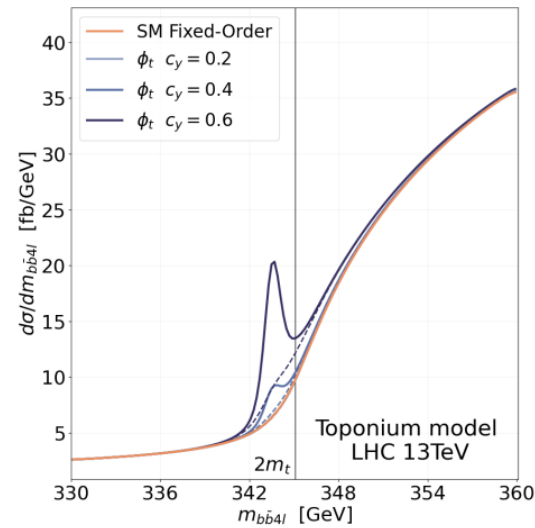


ENTANGLED TOP PAIRS

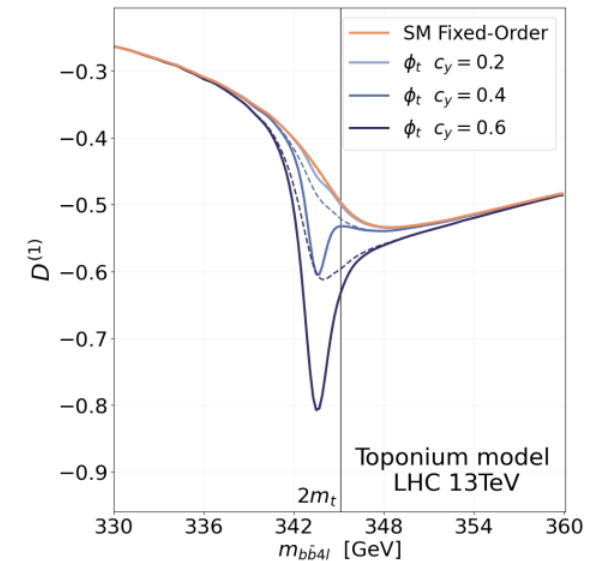
- TOP PAIRS ENTANGLED \Rightarrow PATTERN CHANGES BSM
- DEFINE $D^1 = -\text{tr } C_{ij}$ ENTANGLEMENT MARKER \Rightarrow TRACE OF $t\bar{t}$ SPIN CORRELATION MATRIX IN HELICITY BASIS
- ENTANGLEMENT SENSITIVE TO BSM PSEUDOSCALAR RESONANCE ϕ (Maltoni, Severi, Tentori, Vryonidou 2024)
- ALSO EW DIBOSON PRODUCTION (Aoude, Madge, Maltoni, Mantani 2024)



CROSS-SECTION VS FINAL STATE MASS



ENTANGLEMENT MARKER VS FINAL STATE MASS



DEEP LEARNING QCD

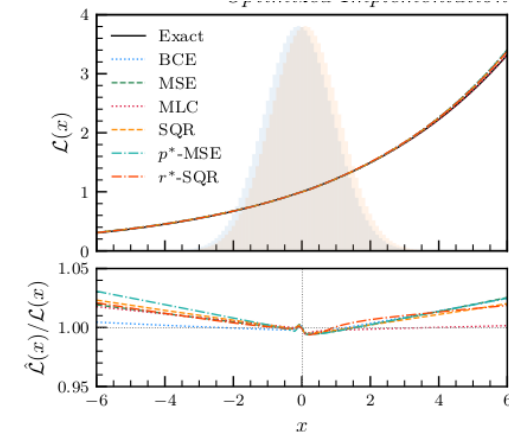
CLASSIC METHODS

REGRESSION

- HYPOTHESIS TESTING \Rightarrow LIKELIHOOD RATIO:

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = \frac{p(x|\theta_0)}{p(x|\theta_1)},$$
 θ_i PARMS OF PROBABILITY
- NEURAL NET FIT
- OPTIMAL NN CLASSIFIER (Rizvu, Pettee, Nachman, 2023)
- MATRIX ELEMENT METHOD: RECONSTRUCTED PROBABILITY FROM UNDERLYING PARTON EVENT (Heimel, Huetsch, Winterhalder, Plehn, Butter 2023)

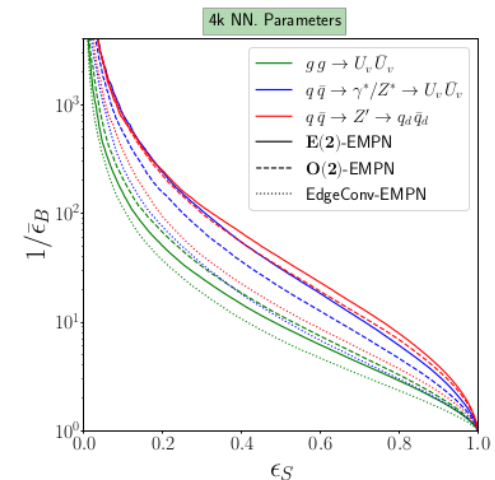
LIKELIHOOD RATIO: DISPLACED GAUSSIAN
FITTED VS TRUE



TAGGING

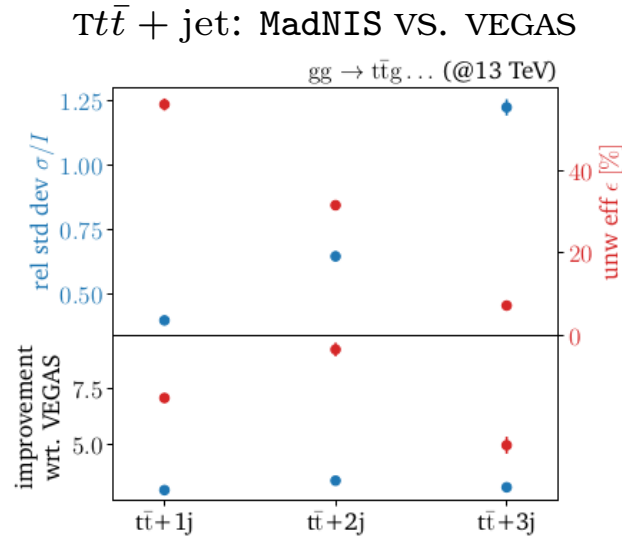
- TRAIN NEURAL NET \Rightarrow TAG SIGNAL FROM BACKGROUND
- STANDARD IN TOP TAGGING, EXTENDED TO JETS
- GRAPH & CONVOLUTIONAL NN \Rightarrow EQUIVARIANCE
- JET TAGGING FOR NP SIGNALS (Bhardwaj, Englert, Naskar, Ngairangbam, Spannowsky, 2024)

1/(FALSE POSITIVE) VS TRUE POSITIVE
NEW PHYSICS SIGNALS

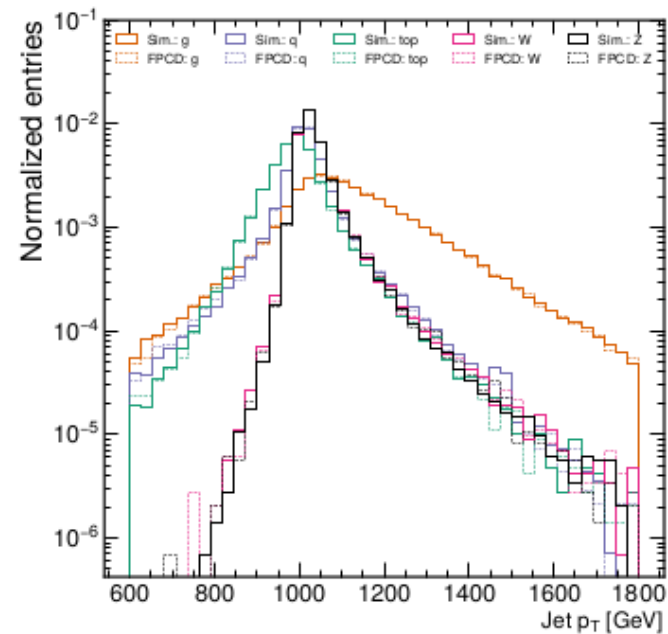


CONTEMPORARY METHODS GENERATIVE METHODS

- GENERATIVE METHODS \Rightarrow ARTIFICIAL IMAGES
- IMPORTANCE SAMPLING \Rightarrow MadNIS NEURAL IMPORTANCE SAMPLING IN Madgraph (Heimel, Huetsch, Maltoni, Mattelaer, Plehn, Winterhalder, 2023)
- HEP EVENTS \Rightarrow CONTINUOUS VARIABLES (NOT PIXELS), SYMMETRIES
- DIFFUSION MODELS \Rightarrow GENERATE PROBABILITY USED FOR SAMPLING: FPCD (FAST POINT CLOUD DIFFUSION) FOR JETS (Mikuni, Nachman, Pettee, 2023)



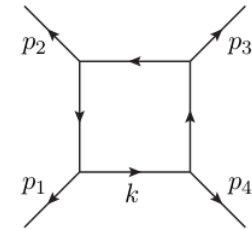
JET p_T : GENERATED VS SIMULATED



TOWARDS THE FUTURE LEARNING FEYNMAN INTEGRALS

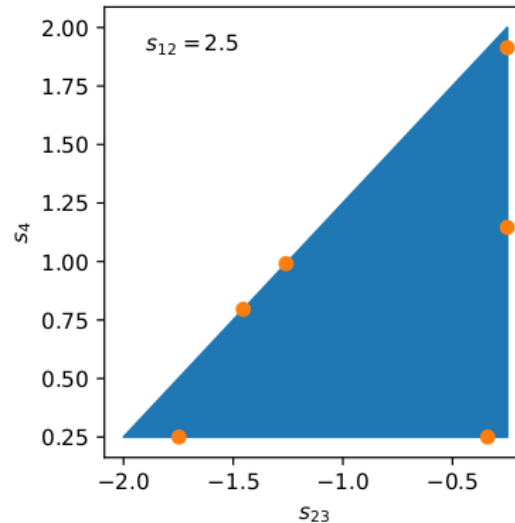
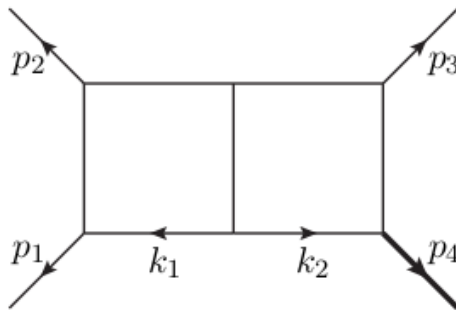
- MASSLESS BOX INTEGRAL FAMILY: $I_{\vec{a}} = \int \frac{d^d k}{i\pi^{d/2}} \frac{\mu^{4-d}}{D_1^{a_1} D_2^{a_2} D_3^{a_3} D_4^{a_4}}$
- FINITE NUMBER LIN. INDEP. \Rightarrow MASTER INTEGRALS $\vec{F}(s, t, \epsilon)$
- DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS $\frac{\partial}{\partial s} F^i(s, t, \epsilon) = \epsilon A_s^{ij}(s, t) F^j(s, t, \epsilon) \Rightarrow$
DETERMINE \vec{F} SOLVING EQN., B.C. FROM NUMERICAL EVALUATION
- PHYSICS-INSPIRED DEEP LEARNING: TRAIN NN
LOSS: DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO SIDE OF EQN + BOUNDARY VALUES
(Calisto, Moodie, Zoia, 2023)

THE BOX DIAGRAM

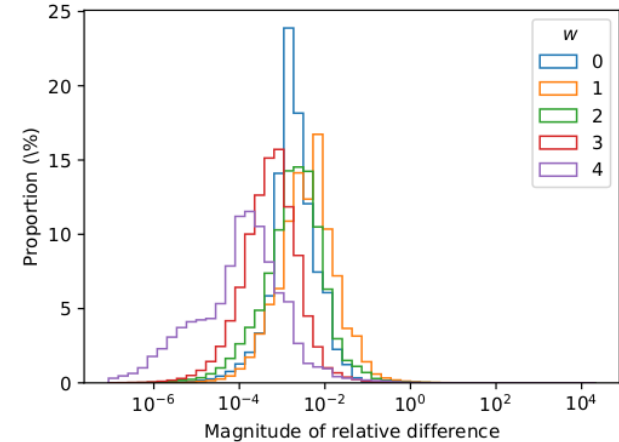


SIMILAR PROBLEM: DETERMINE PHASE OF AMPLITUDE FROM XSECT FROM OPTICAL THM \Rightarrow INTEGRAL EQN (Dersy, Schwartz, Zhiboedov, 2023)
BOUNDARY POINTS

THE DOUBLE BOX



APPROX ERROR FOR DIFFERENT POWERS OF ϵ



THE FUTURE?

LEARNING AMPLITUDES

- TRANSFORMERS \Rightarrow LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS \Leftrightarrow ATTENTION (TOKENS)
- PREDICT ANSWER TO QUESTION \Rightarrow PREDICT ITEM IN SEQUENCE
- EXPRESS AMPLITUDES IN TERMS OF POLYLOGS \Rightarrow SYMBOLS (ITERATED INTEGRALS)
- PREDICT MISSING TERMS OF SYMBOLS
- PREDICT HIGHER LOOPS
- TEST IMPLEMENTATION FOR $N = 4$ SYM
(Cai, Merz, Charton, Nolte, Wilhelm, K. Cranmer, Dixon, 2024) \Rightarrow
FOUNDATION MODEL FOR QCD OR QFT?

SUMMARY

THE TWO HORIZONS



- MID 2030s: **SUB-PERCENT** ACCURACY AND PRECISION
 - $N^3\text{LO} + N(N)\text{LO}$ EW **STANDARD CANDLES**; **NLP RESUMMATION**, **NNLO PARTON SHOWER**
 - LEVERAGING THE HL-LHC EIC **SYNERGY**
- MID 2040s: **THE TRIUMPH** OF QCD
 - FULL UNDERSTANDING OF **QCD FACTORIZATION**
 - **MACHINE LEARNING** FOR INFERENCE