



PRECISION FRONTIER OF PQCD WITH NNLOJET

**NNLO
JET**

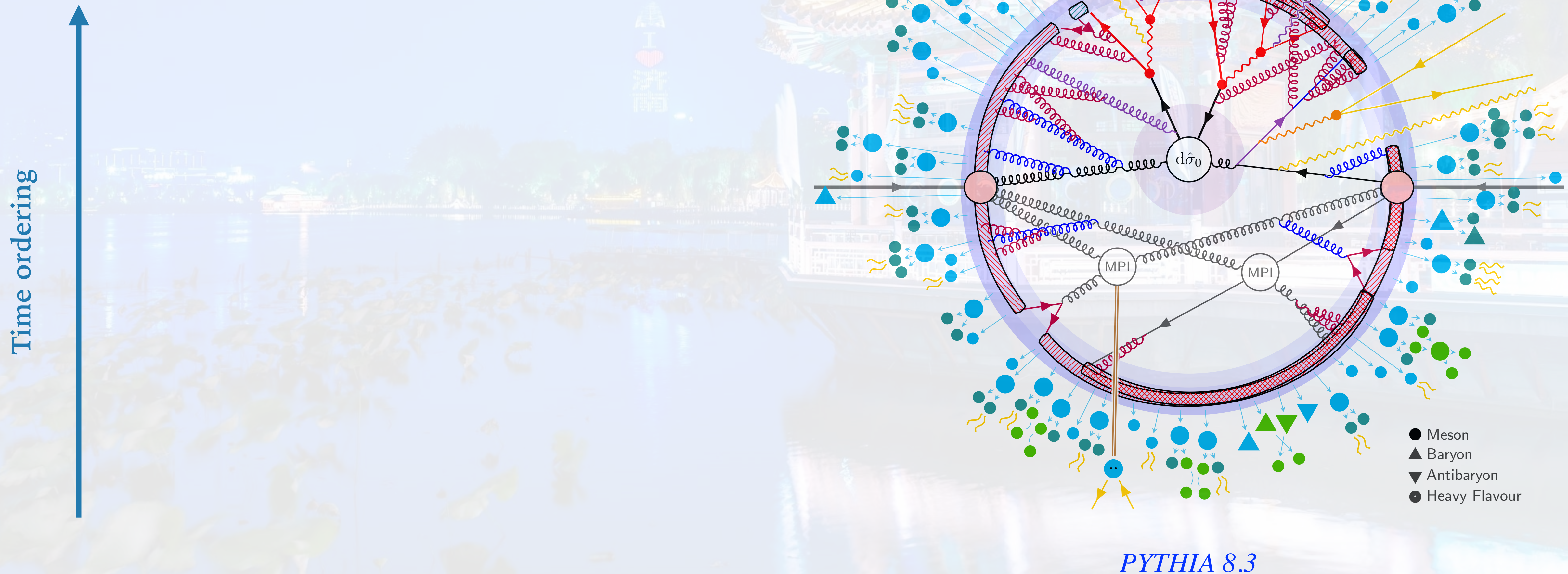
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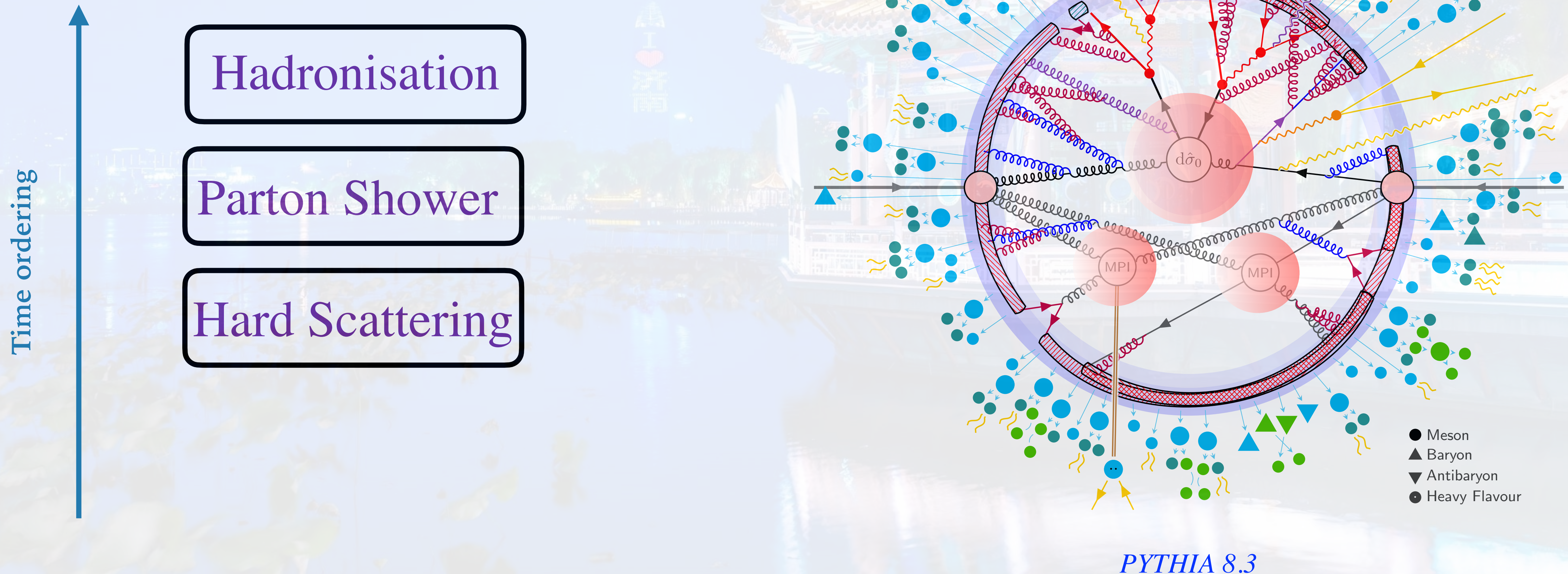
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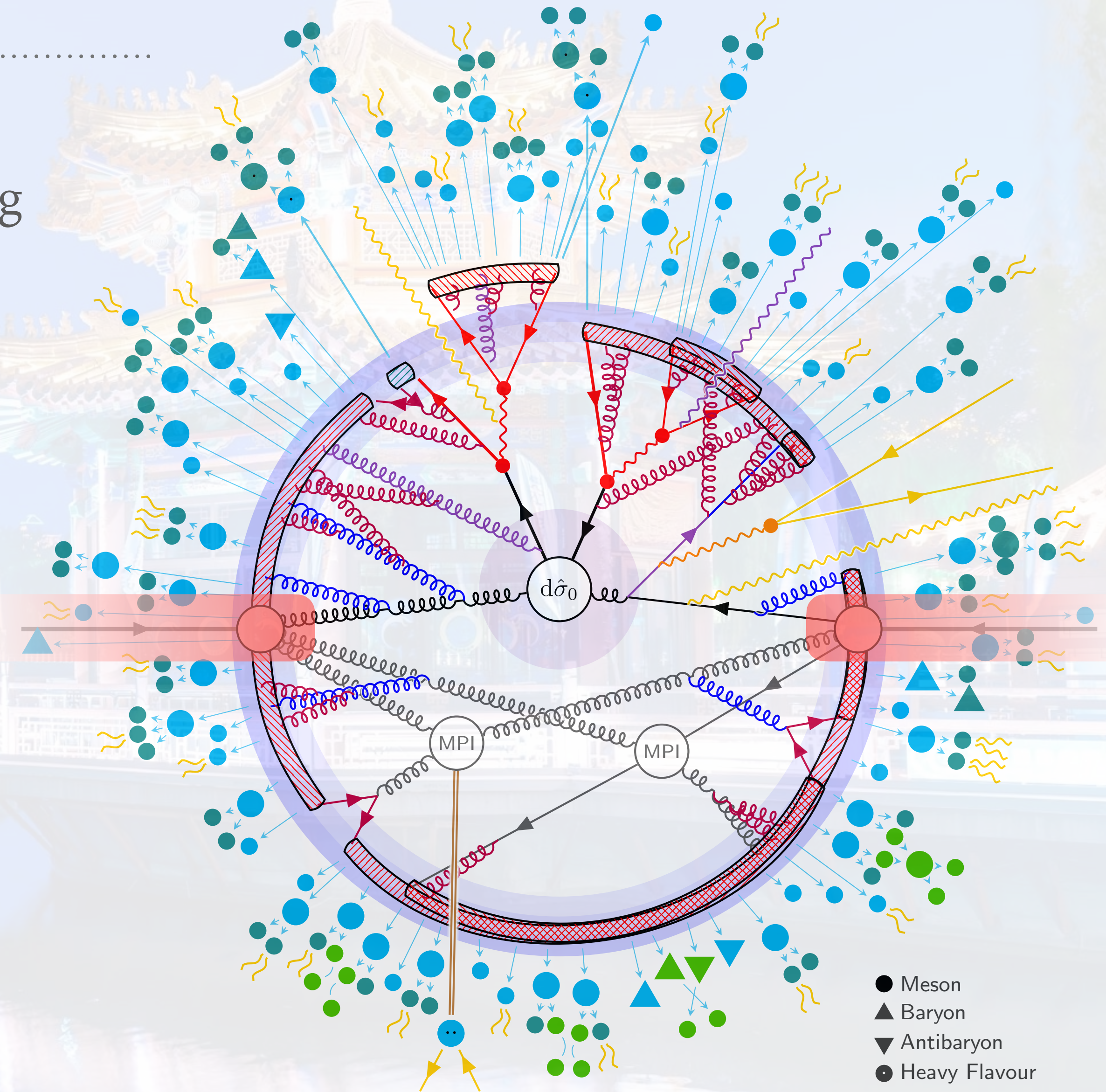
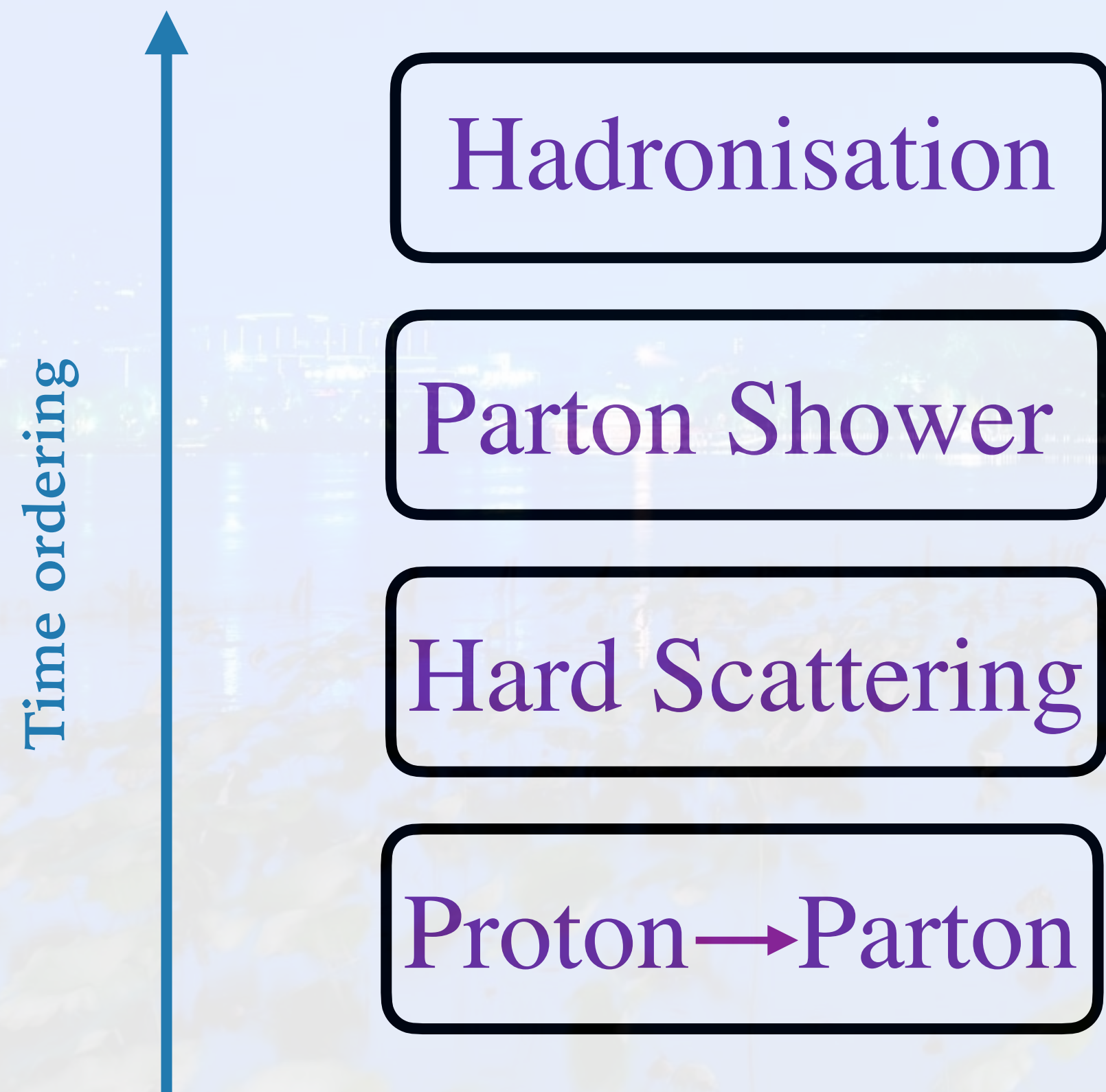
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The Bucket Effect in $pp \rightarrow H + X$

Which is the shortest panel?

Hadronisation

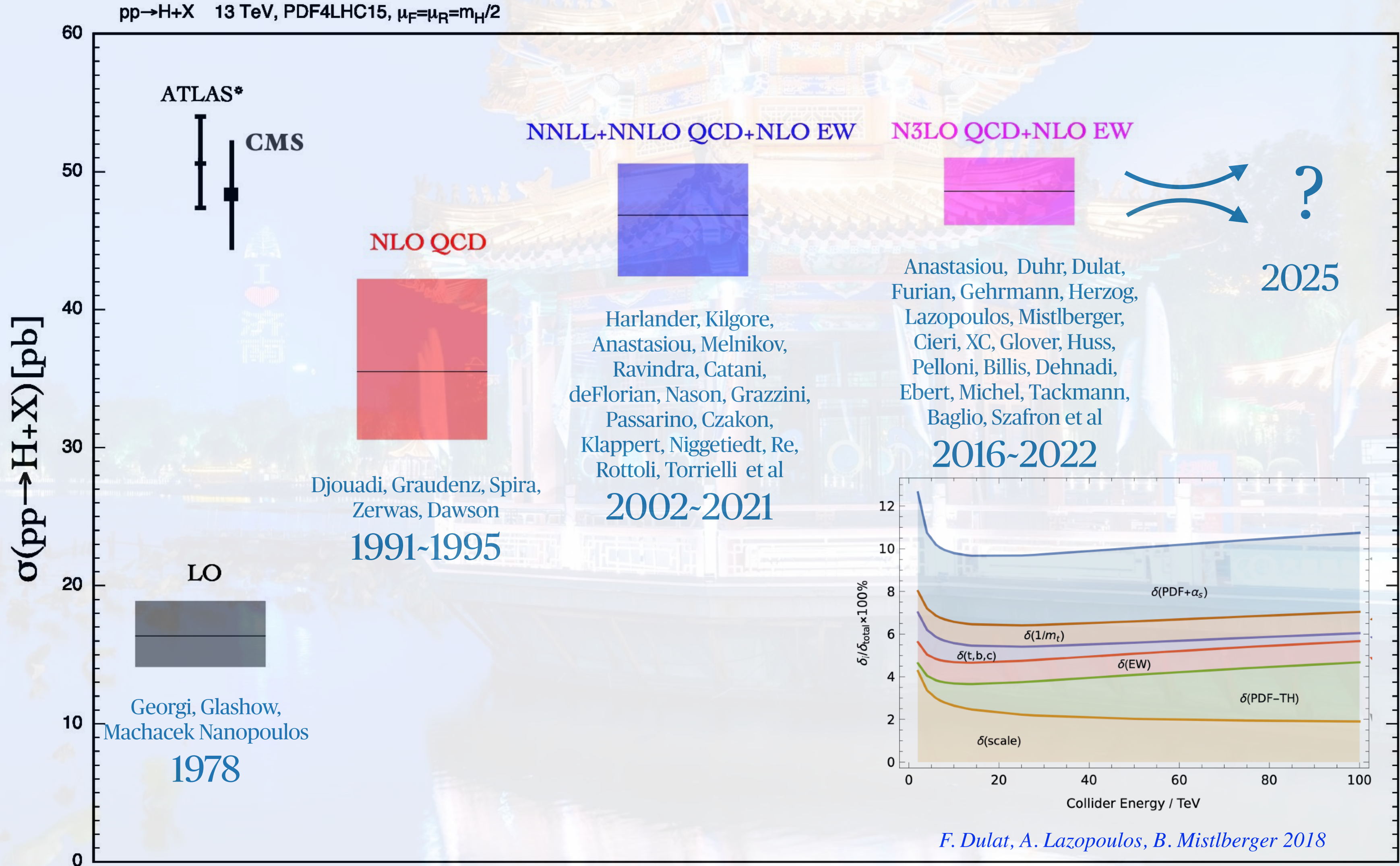
Parton Shower

Hard Scattering

Proton $\rightarrow$ Parton

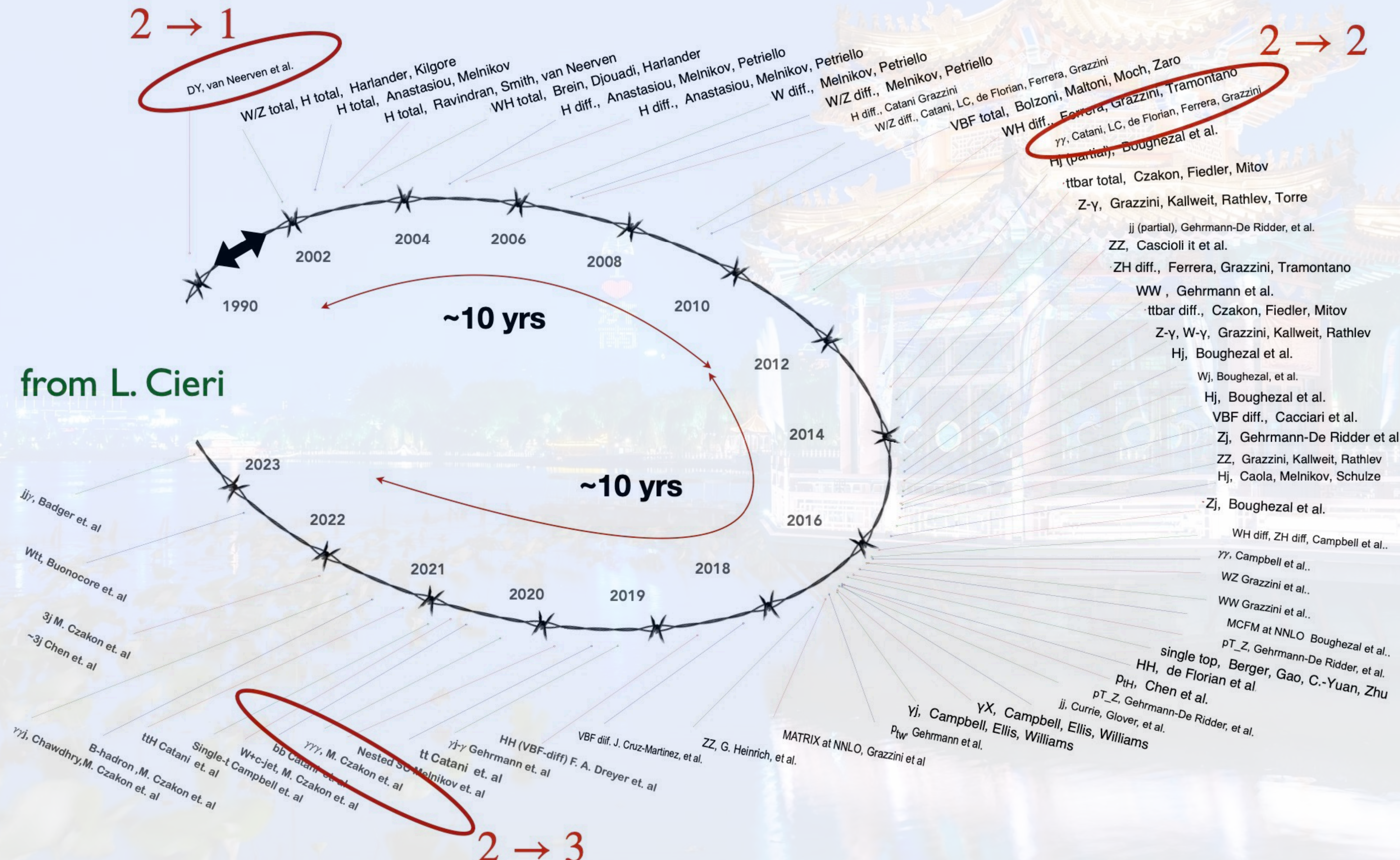


The Bucket Effect in $pp \rightarrow H + X$



Slide based on M. Grazzini's talk @ Higgs10

Perturbative QCD @ NNLO



State-of-the-Art QCD Calculations @ NNLO

Marcoli's slide @ Loop Summit 2

Sector improved residue subtraction,
STRIPPER

qT slicing, MATRIX

Antenna subtraction,
NNLOJET

pp→γγj

pp→Htt
soft approx.
massification (LC)

pp→Wtt
soft approx.
massification (LC)

pp→Wbb
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pp→γγγ
LC

qT slicing + PS, MiNNLOPS

pp→Zbb
massification (LC)

pp→jjj
LC, gluons

pp→γγj

pp→jjj
LC

pp→Wbb
LC, mb=0

pp→jjj
LC

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Precise predictions for $t\bar{t}H$ production at the LHC: inclusive cross section and differential distributions Simone Devoto^a, Massimiliano Grazzini^b, Stefan Kallweit^b, Javier Mazzitelli^c and Chiara Savoini^d ^a Dipartimento di Fisica e Astronomia, Università di Padova PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 131, 231901 (2023)	Precise Predictions for the Associated Production of a W Boson with a Top-Antitop Quark Pair at the LHC Luca Buonocore^a, Simone Devoto^a, Massimiliano Grazzini^b, Stefan Kallweit^b, Javier Mazzitelli^c, Luca Rottoli^a and Chiara Savoini^d ^a Dipartimento di Fisica e Astronomia, Università di Padova PHYSICAL REVIEW D 107, 074032 (2023)	Associated production of a W boson and massive bottom quarks at next-to-next-to-leading order in QCD Luca Buonocore^a, Simone Devoto^a, Stefan Kallweit^b, Javier Mazzitelli^c, Luca Rottoli^a and Chiara Savoini^d ^a Dipartimento di Fisica e Astronomia, Università di Padova PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 130, 111902 (2023)	Higgs Boson Production in Association with a Top-Antitop Quark Pair in Next-to-Next-to-Leading Order QCD Stefano Catani^a, Simone Devoto^a, Massimiliano Grazzini^b, Stefan Kallweit^b, Javier Mazzitelli^c and Chiara Savoini^d ^a INFN, Sezione di Firenze e Dipartimento di Fisica e Astronomia, Università degli Studi di Firenze	Triphoton production at hadron colliders in NNLO QCD Stefan Kallweit^a, Vasily Sotnikov^b, Marius Wiesemann^b ^a Dipartimento di Fisica G. Galilei, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca and INFN, Piazza della Scienza 3, 20126 Milano, Italy ^b Max-Planck-Institut für Physik, Föhringer Ring 6, 80805 München, Germany
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pp→Hbb
massification

State-of-the-Art QCD Calculations @ NNLO

- NNLO QCD predictions for $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes (NNLO revolution since 2015)

- Accomplished during past 10 years on case-by-case basis
- As parton-level event generators (fully differential final state information)
- Current frontier at NNLO $2 \rightarrow 3$

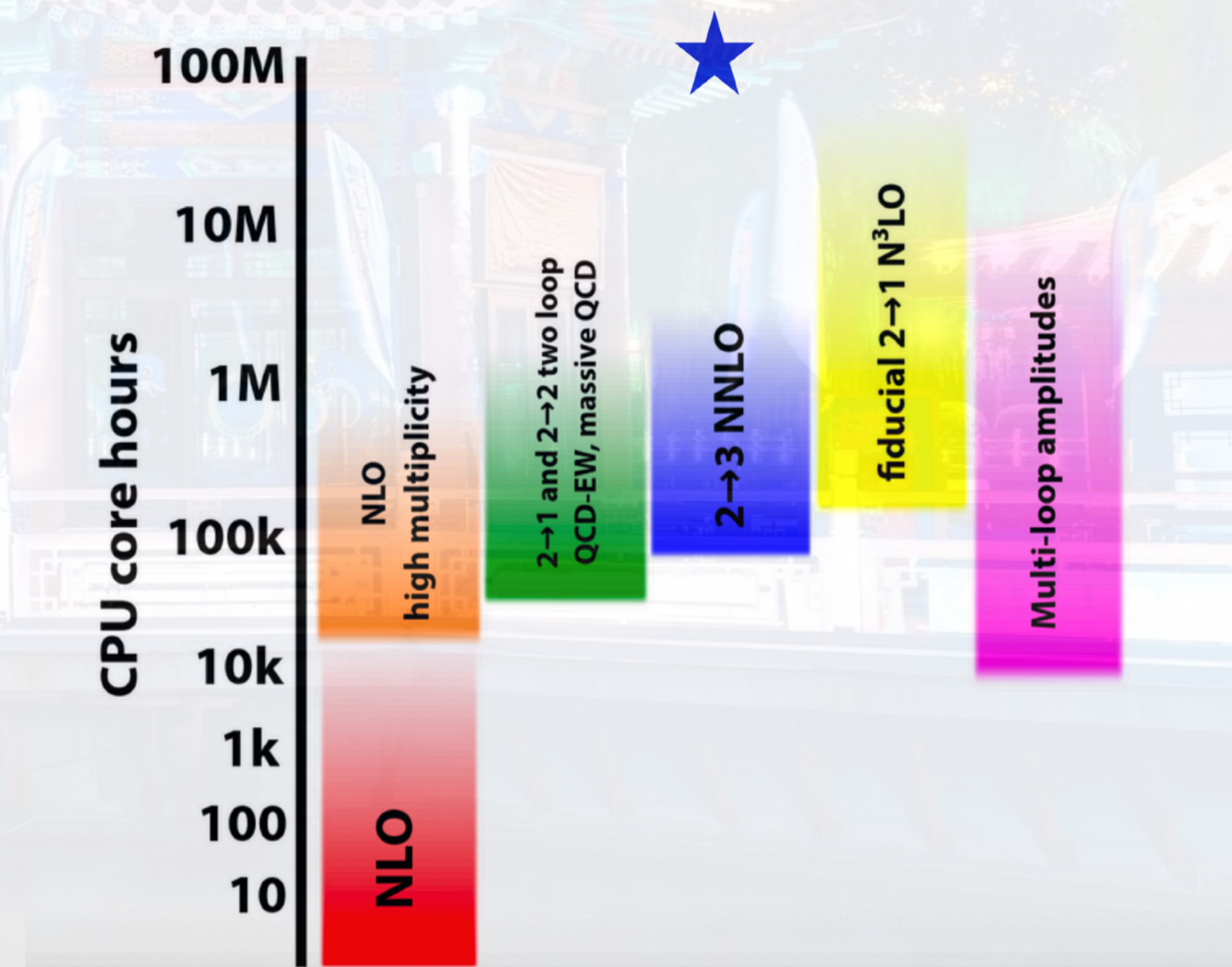
- Typical size of corrections and uncertainty

- NLO corrections: 10~100%, uncertainty: 10~30%
- NNLO corrections: 2~15%, uncertainty: 3~8%
- expect N3LO to yield uncertainty at level of 1%

- So, is NNLO solved?

- In principle **yes**: STRIPPER, given the relevant amplitudes and enough computational resources, the NNLO calculation is streamlined.
- **But**:
 - Prohibitive computational cost (loop AMP, IR subtraction)
 - Missing cross-validation (many years between 1st and 2nd)
 - Still a long way to automated NNLO event generation

pp $\rightarrow$ jjj event shapes with STRIPPER



Snowmass White Paper, [Comput. Softw. Big Sci. 6 \(2022\)](#)

NNLOJET: Parton Level Event Generator



A parton-level event generator
for jet cross sections at NNLO QCD accuracy

About NNLOJET is a parton-level event generator for jet cross sections using the antenna subtraction method. It can be used to compute a large number of jet cross sections and related observables in e^+e^- , ep and pp collisions at next-to-next-to-leading order in QCD. NNLOJET contains routines for Monte Carlo phase-space integration, event handling and analysis.

Citation If you are using NNLOJET for a scientific paper, please cite:

A. Huss et al. (NNLOJET Collaboration)
NNLOJET: a parton-level event generator for jet cross sections at NNLO QCD accuracy
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Please also cite the relevant references for each process (as included in the .bib file which is automatically written when running NNLOJET through the automatic workflow)

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<https://nnlojet.hepforge.org/index.html>



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- NNLO parton level event generator
 - Based on antenna subtraction
- Provides infrastructure
 - Process management
 - Phase space, histogram routines
 - Validation and testing
- Parallel computing (MPI) support
- Typical runtimes: 60 k ~ 250 k core-hours

NNLOJET: Parton Level Event Generator

➤ Processes implemented:

e^+e^- scattering

Jet production

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2\text{jets}$
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3\text{jets}$

ep scattering

Jet production

- $ep \rightarrow \text{lepton} + 1\text{jet}$
- $ep \rightarrow \text{lepton} + 2\text{jets}$

pp scattering

Jet production

- $pp \rightarrow 1\text{jet} + X$
- $pp \rightarrow 2\text{jets}$

Vector boson (+ jet) production

- $pp \rightarrow (\gamma^*Z) + 0\text{jet}$
- $pp \rightarrow (\gamma^*Z) + 1\text{jet}$
- $pp \rightarrow W^\pm + 0\text{jet}$
- $pp \rightarrow W^\pm + 1\text{jet}$

Photon (+ jet) production

- $pp \rightarrow \gamma + X$
- $pp \rightarrow \gamma + 1\text{jet}$
- $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Higgs (+ jet) production

- $pp \rightarrow H + X$
- $pp \rightarrow H + 1\text{jet}$

- Open-source code release: NNLOJET v1.0.2
 - Analytic matrix elements and subtraction
 - Download from nnlojet.hepforge.org
- Runcard options:
 - Process/sub-process selection
 - Generic histogramming
 - Multi-run feature: e.g. jet radius
 - Example runcards for published studies
- Cluster workflow management: Dokan
 - Automated resource allocation
 - Works with slurm and htcondor (Ixplus)
 - Combination of results, quality control



<https://github.com/aykhuss/dokan>

dokan (土管)

pypi

v1.0.0

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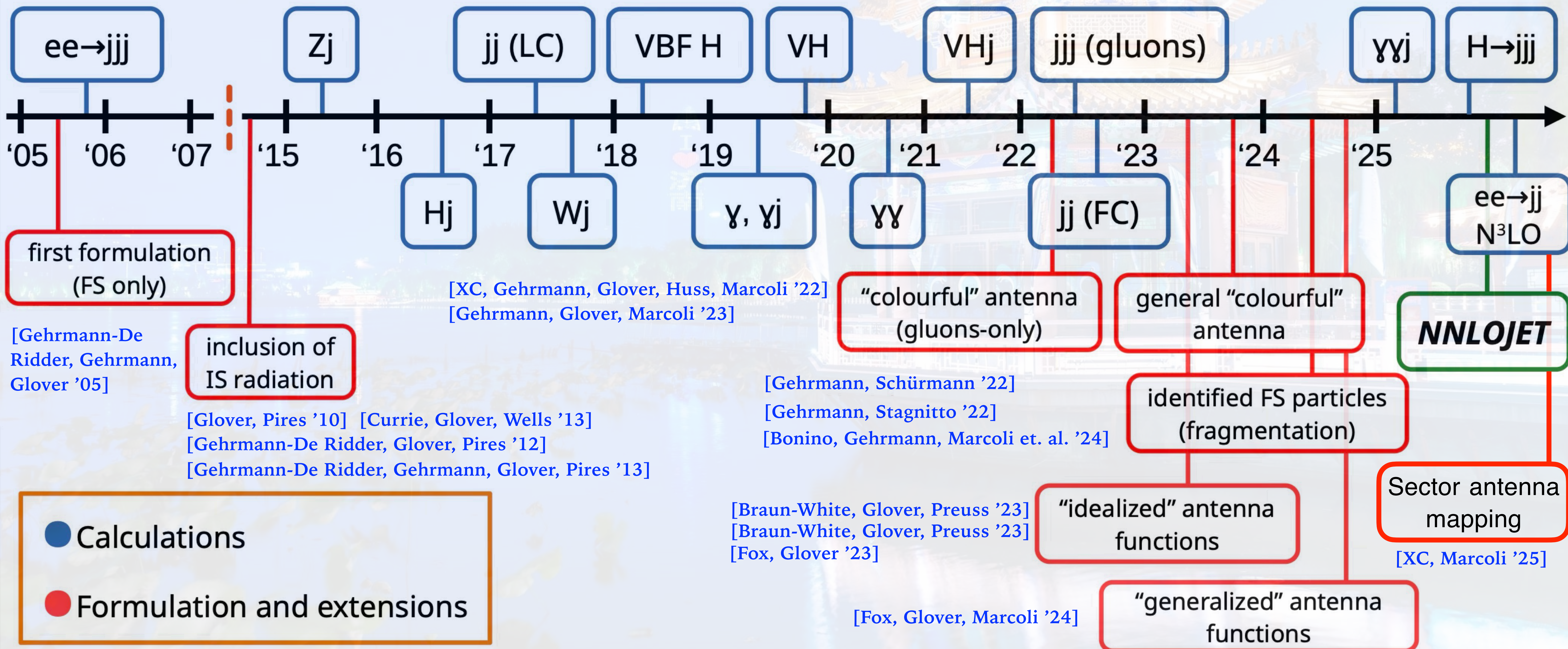
 A pipeline for automating the NNLOJET workflow

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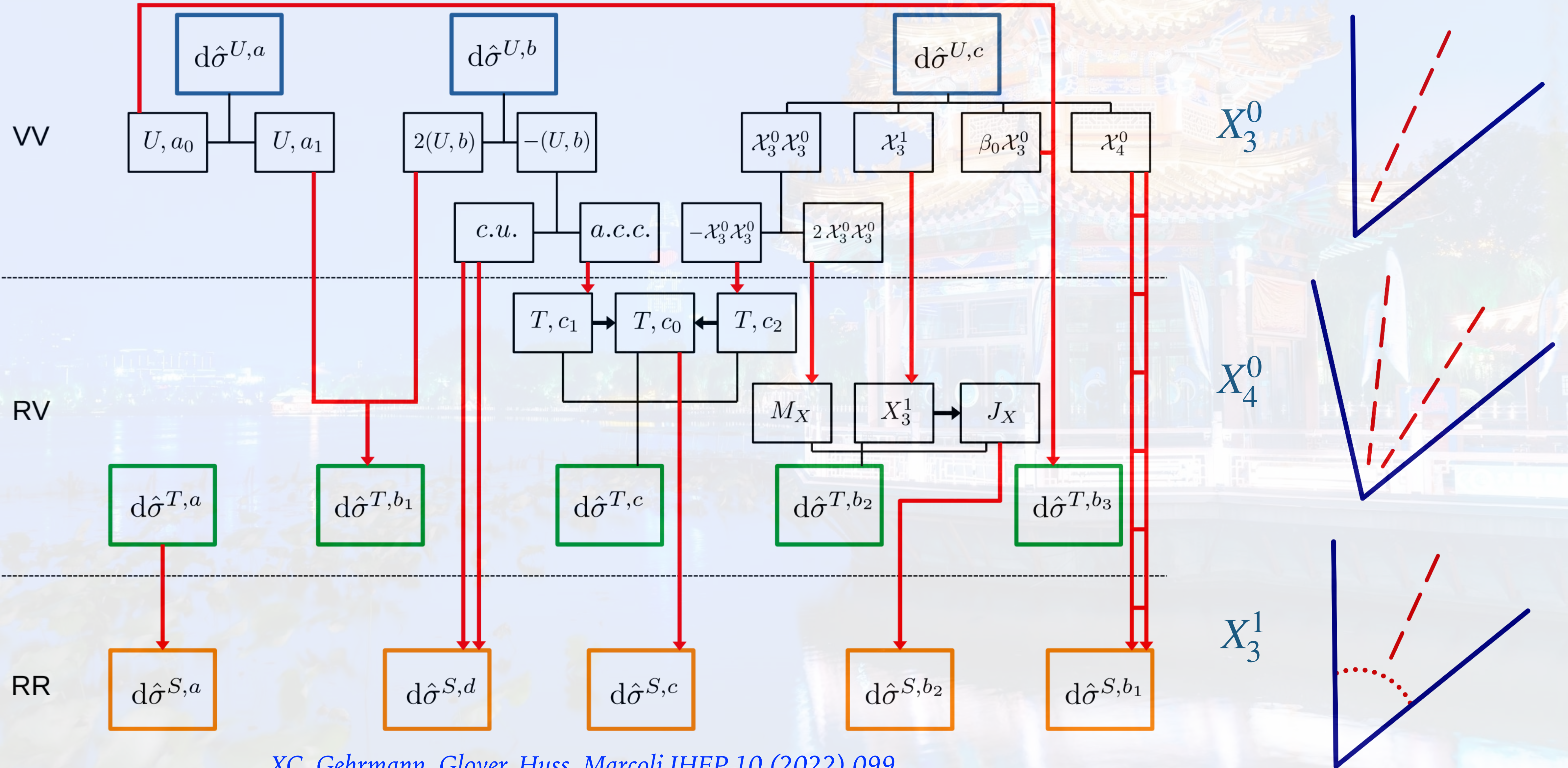
Development of Antenna Subtraction Method

Based on Marcoli's slide @ Loop Summit 2

Successfully applied at NNLO to a variety of processes within the **NNLOJET** Monte Carlo framework



Antenna Subtraction @ NNLO



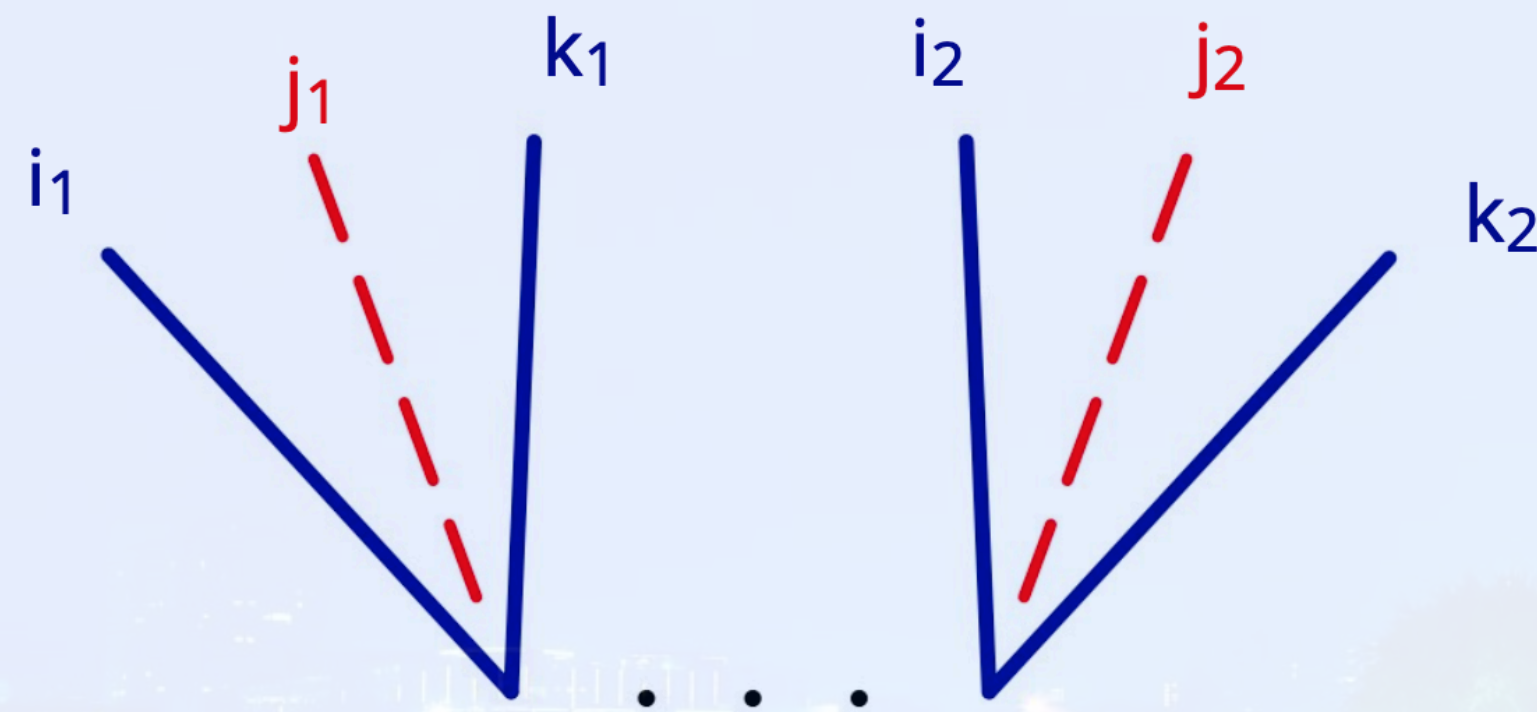
XC, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Marcoli JHEP 10 (2022) 099

Antenna Subtraction @ NNLO

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NNLO: two unresolved emissions → multiple topologies

colour-unconnected emissions: no shared hard radiation



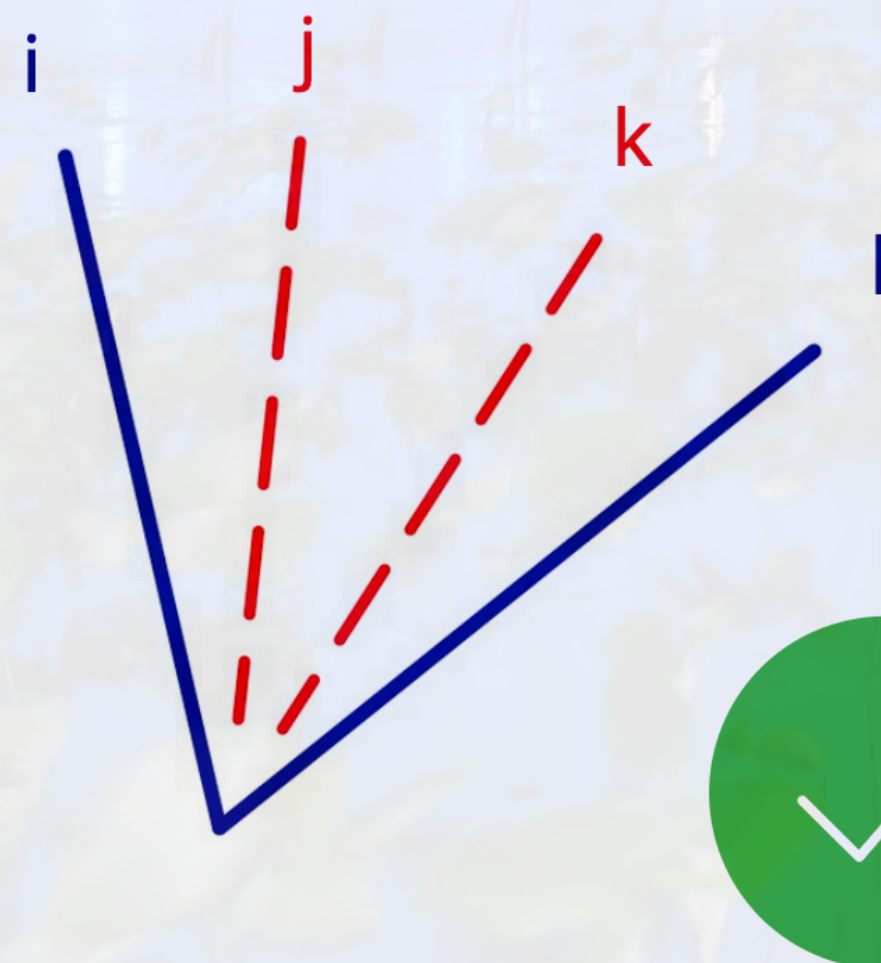
$$M_{n+2}^0(\dots, i_1, j_1, k_1, \dots, i_2, j_2, k_2, \dots)$$



fully iterated structure

$$X_3^0(i_1^h, j_1, k_1^h) X_3^0(i_2^h, j_2, k_2^h) M_n^0(\dots, (\widetilde{i_1 j_1}), (\widetilde{j_1 k_1}), \dots, (\widetilde{i_2 j_2}), (\widetilde{j_2 k_2}), \dots)$$

colour-connected emissions: both hard radiators shared



$$M_{n+2}^0(\dots, i, j, k, l, \dots)$$

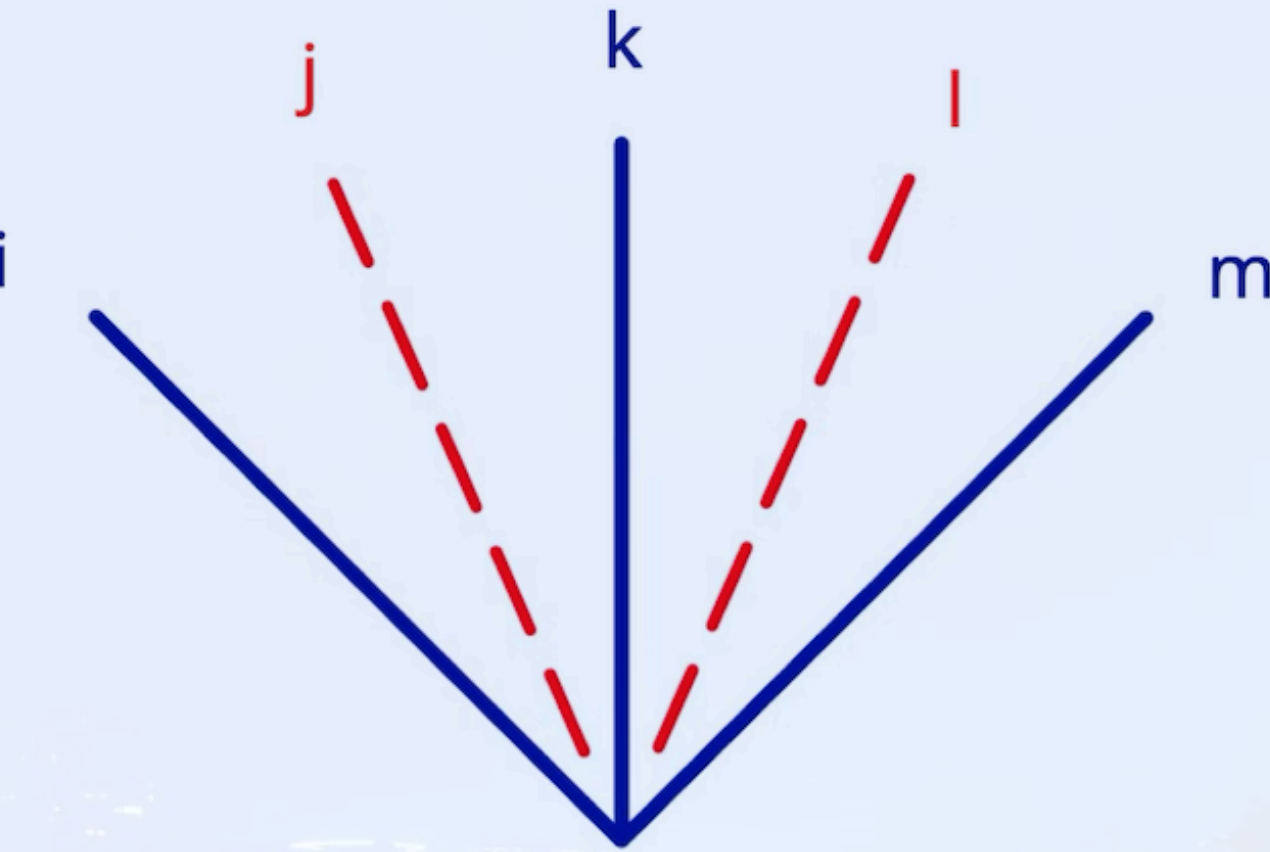
4→2 momentum mapping

$$X_4^0(i^h, j, k, l^h) M_n^0(\dots, (\widetilde{ijk}), (\widetilde{jkl}), \dots)$$

$$X_3^0(i, j, k) = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_3^0(i, j, k)|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_2^0(\tilde{I}, \tilde{K})|^2} \quad X_4^0(i, j, k, l) = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_4^0(i, j, k, l)|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_2^0(\tilde{ijk}, \tilde{jkl})|^2}$$

There is more ... **almost colour-connected** emissions: only one shared hard radiator

most complicated and inefficient
sector of antenna subtraction



NOT fully iterated: the two emissions “feel” each other through the recoil on the shared radiator

traditional antenna functions can be used,
but a **very complicated** sequence of iterated
structures is needed, plus **Large-Angle-Soft-Terms**

[Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Heinrich '07]

[Weinzierl '08] [Currie, Glover, Wells '13]

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from $e^+e^- \rightarrow jjj$ @NNLO

Ideally we want:

$$M_{n+2}^0(\dots, i, j, k, l, m \dots)$$

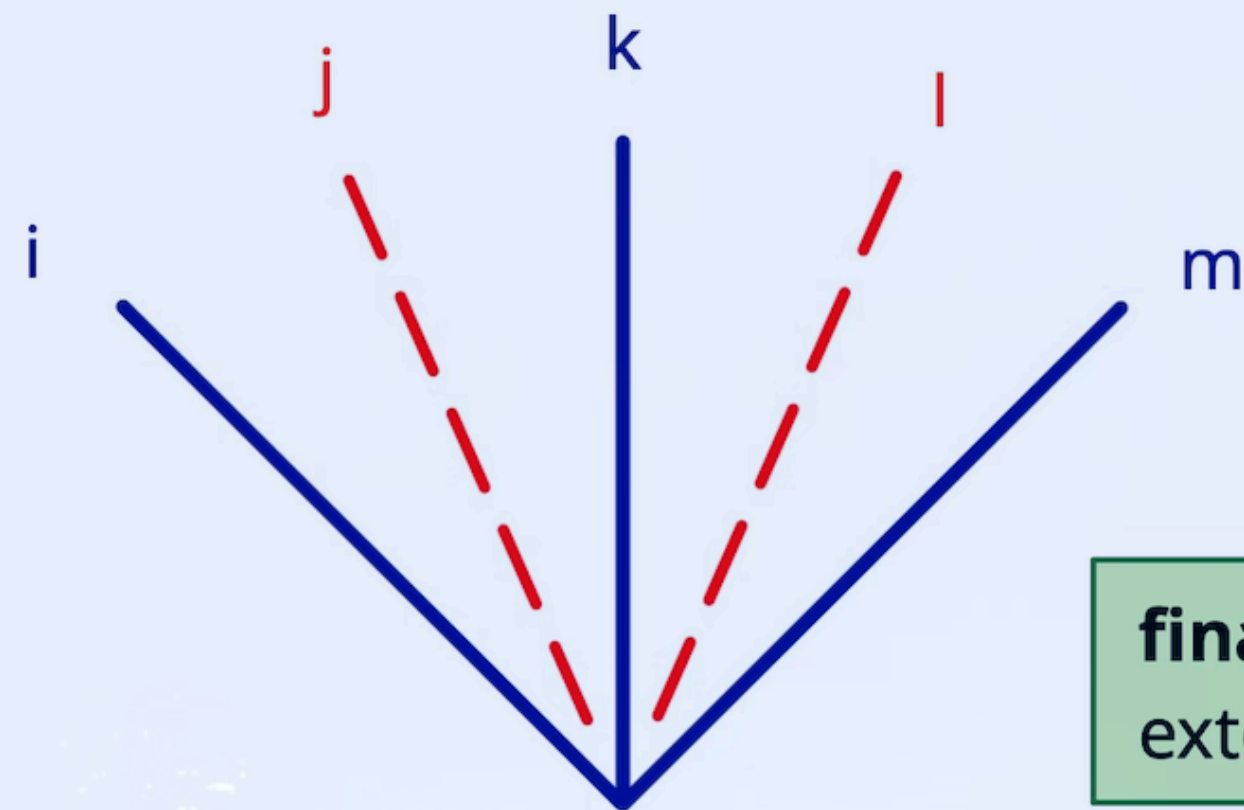
5→3 momentum mapping

$$X_{5,3}^0(i^h, j, k^h, l, m^h) M_n^0(\dots, (\widetilde{ijk}), (\widetilde{ijklm}), (\widetilde{klm}), \dots)$$

generalized three-hard-radiator antenna function

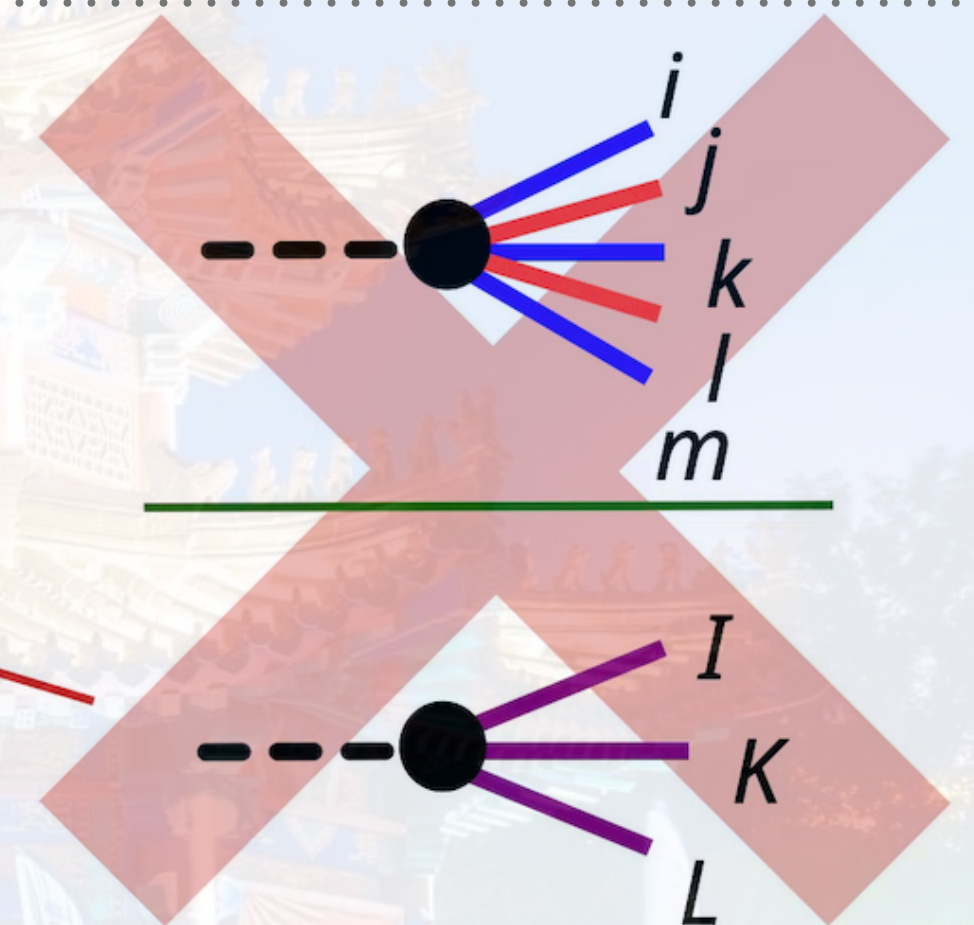
Generalized Antenna @ NNLO

Not possible with matrix element-based antenna functions



final-state radiation only,
extension to ISR in progress

non-trivial function of the
three-particle phase space



With the **designer antenna algorithm**, it is possible to construct antenna functions with **more than two hard radiators: generalized antenna functions**.

[Fox, Glover, Marcoli '24]

Analytical integration made particularly simple thanks to a convenient choice of **5→3 momentum mapping**.

$$\text{map}_{5 \rightarrow 3} : \begin{aligned} p_I &= p_i + p_j - \frac{s_{ij}}{s_{ik} + s_{jk}} p_k \\ p_K &= \left(1 + \frac{s_{ij}}{s_{ik} + s_{jk}} + \frac{s_{lm}}{s_{lk} + s_{mk}} \right) p_k \\ p_M &= p_l + p_m - \frac{s_{lm}}{s_{lk} + s_{mk}} p_k \end{aligned}$$

iterated dipole mapping

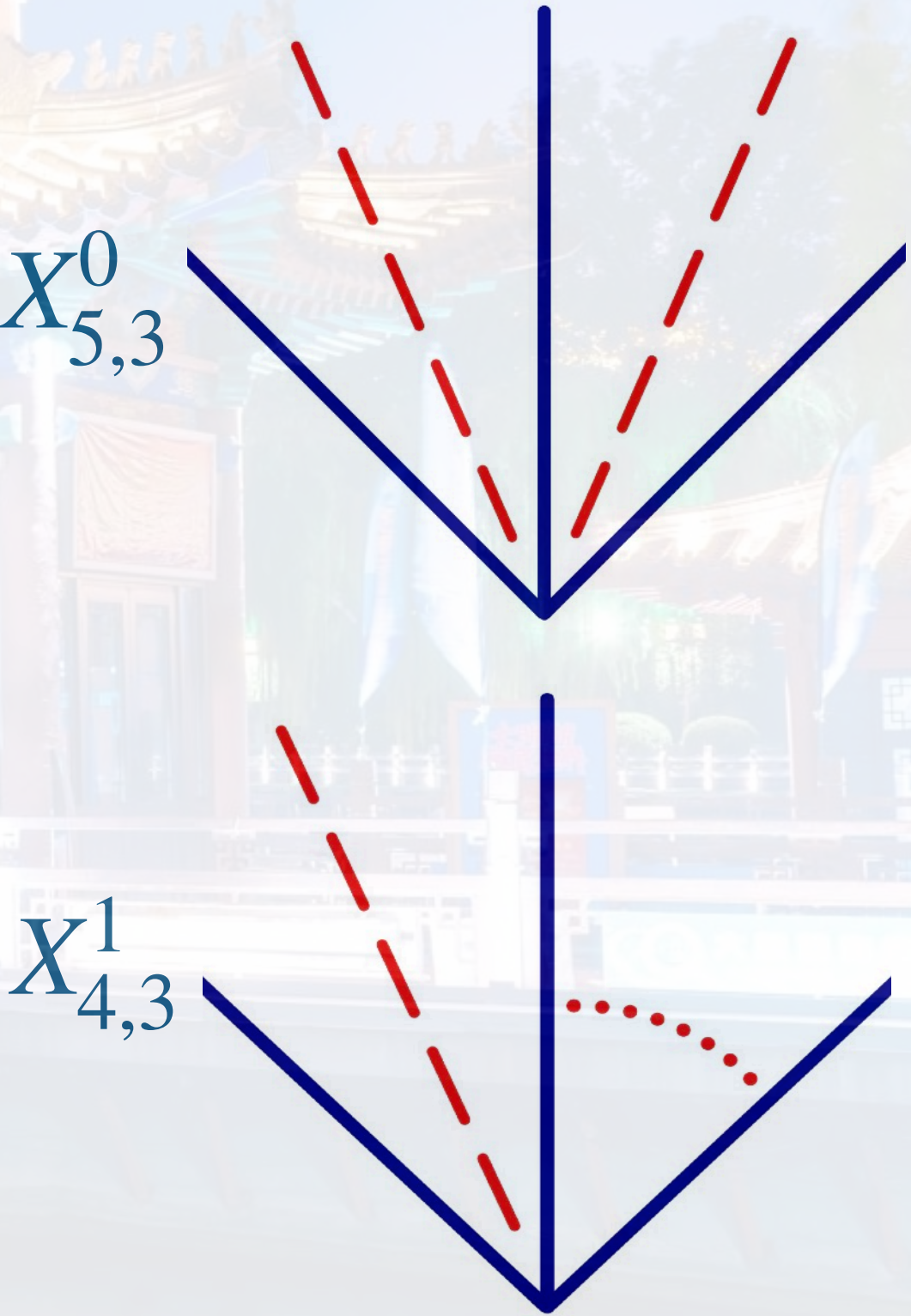
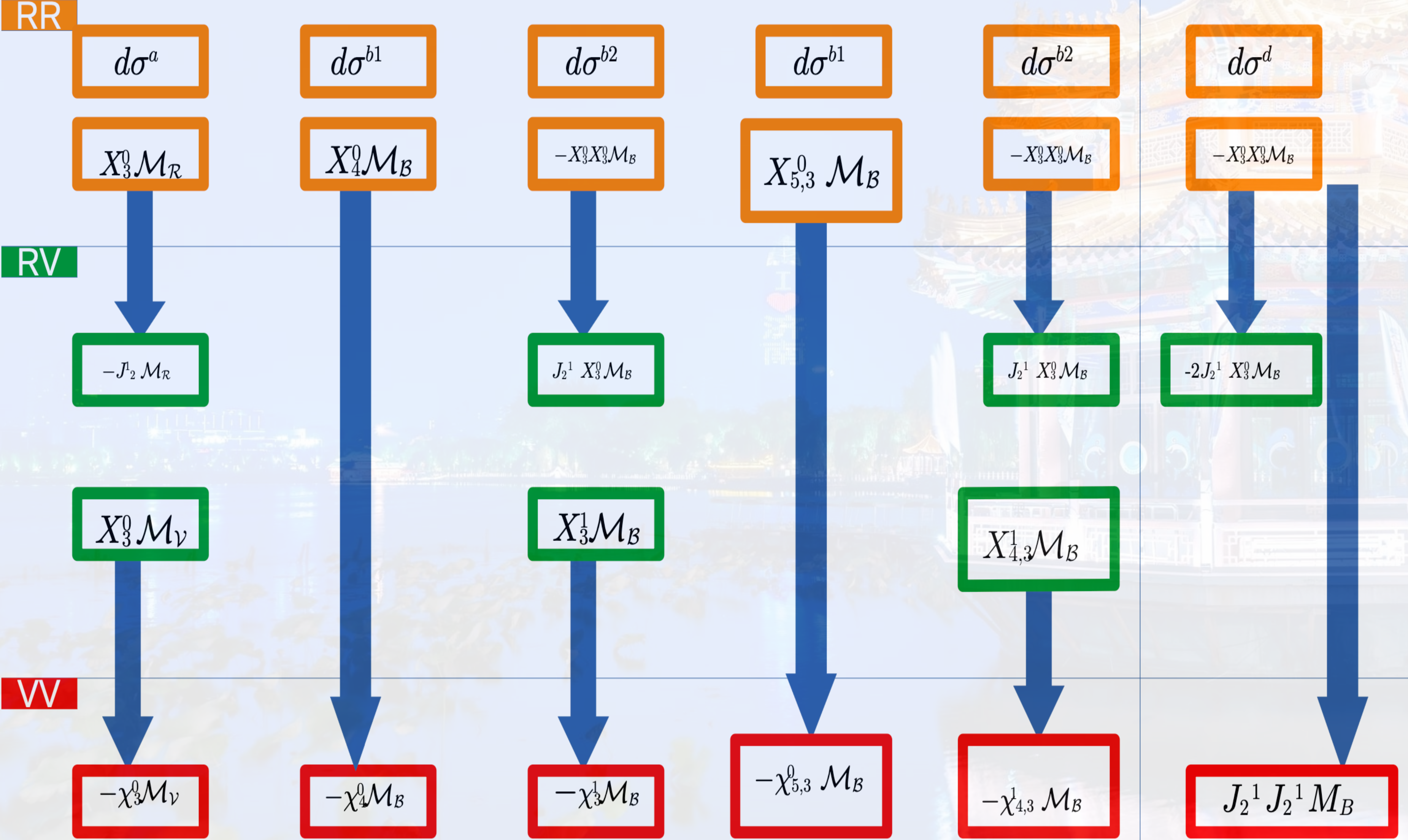
- Constructed with an iterative algorithm
 - From the desired IR limits (not from physical matrix-elements)
 - Using projector (up-down) to connect full phase space (antennae) and subspace (IR limits)
 - Can be integrated analytically (as in conventional method)

[Braun-White, Glover, Preuss '23]

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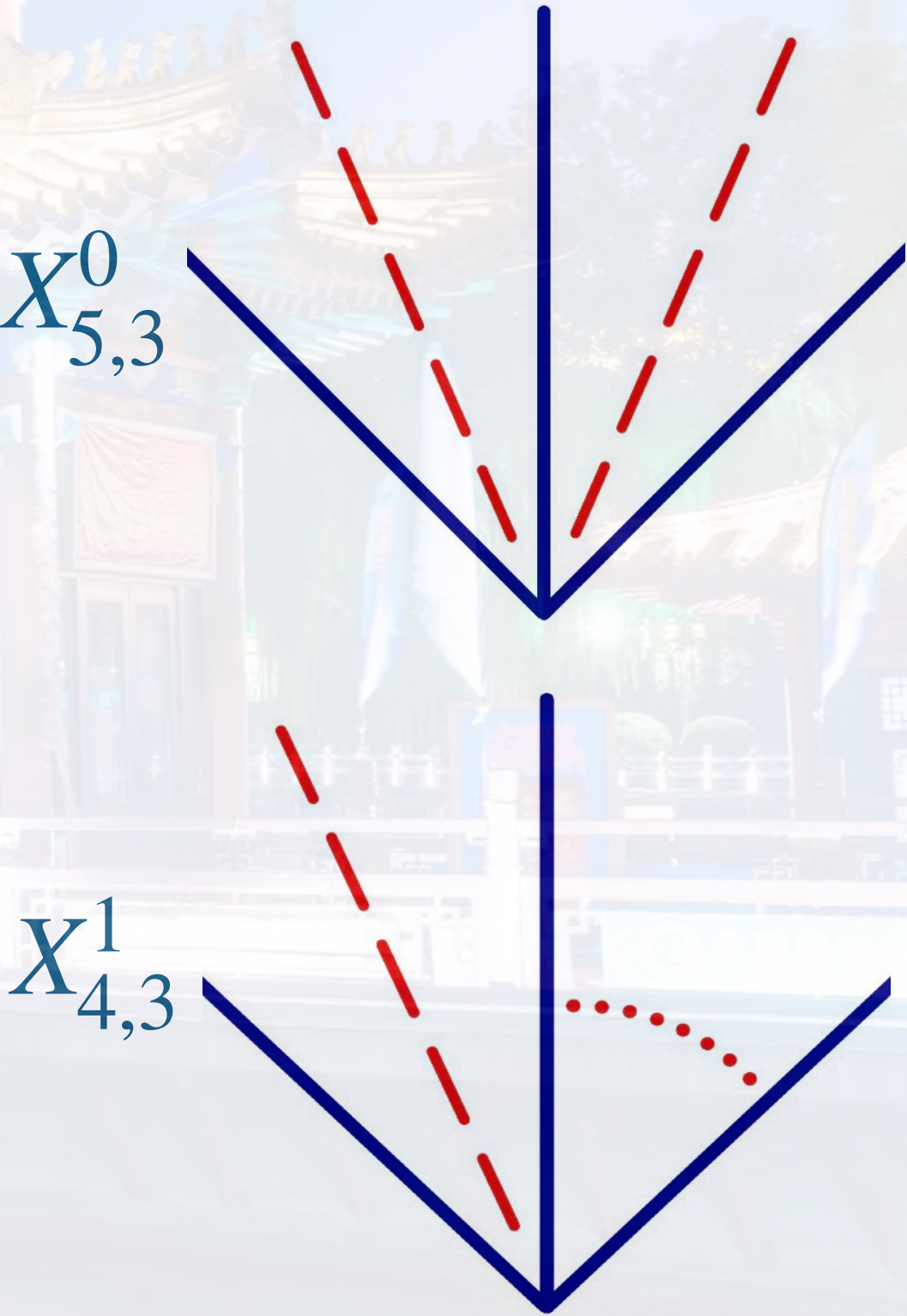
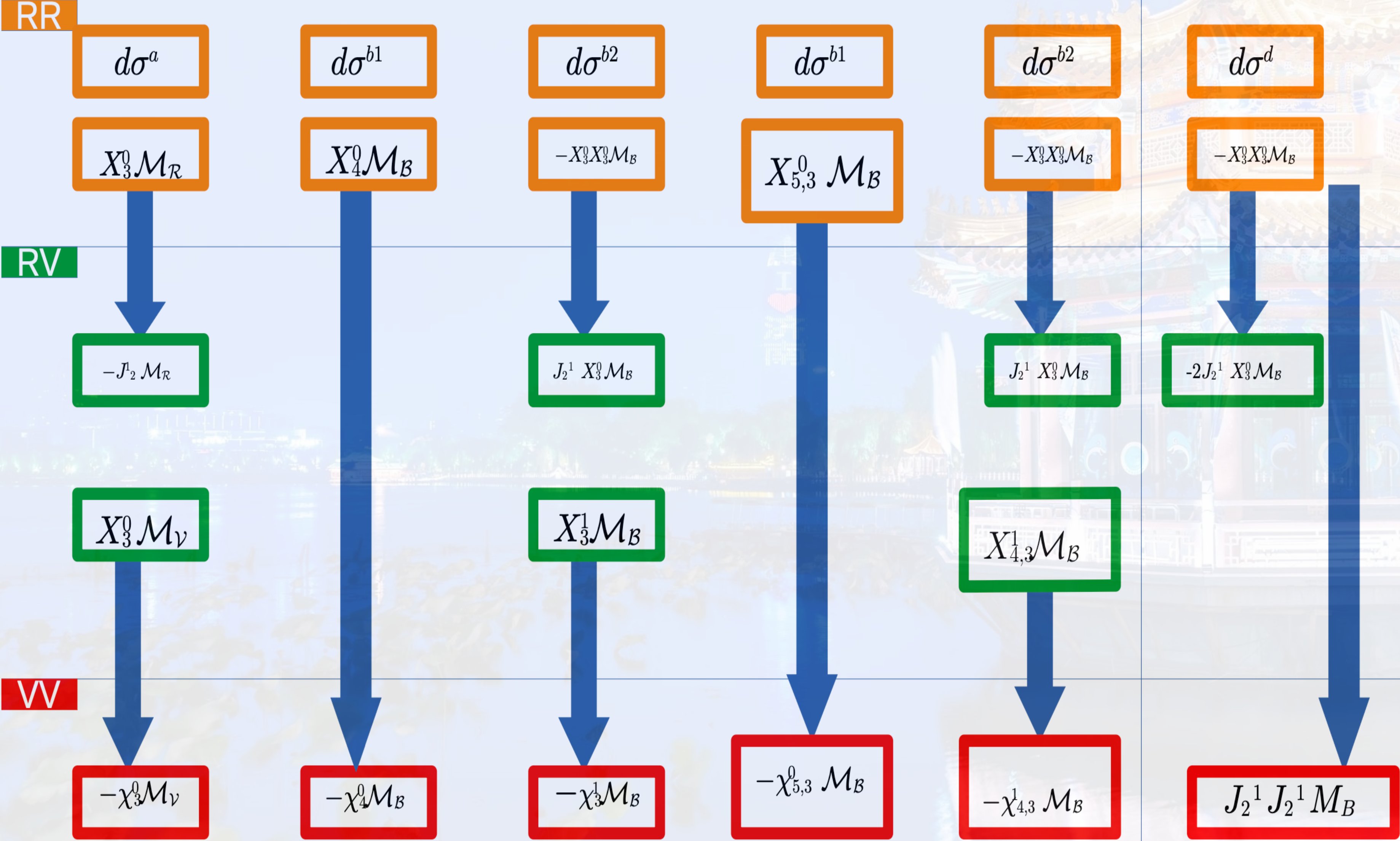
[Fox, Glover '23]

Generalized Antenna @ NNLO



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Generalized Antenna @ NNLO



$e^+e^- \rightarrow 3 \text{ jets @ NNLO}$

Efficiency boost by a factor of 10

Application of **NNLOJET** at the LHC

NNLOJET: New Feature To Be Released

PDF grids: APPLfast and PineAPPL

Data	$\sqrt{s}$ [TeV]	$d\sigma$	R	$\mathcal{L}$
ATLAS [10]	7	$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dm_{jj}dy^*}$	0.6	$4.5\text{ fb}^{-1} \pm 1.8\%$
CMS [12]	7	$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dm_{jj}dy_{\text{max}}}$	0.7	$5.0\text{ fb}^{-1} \pm 2.2\%$
CMS [13]	8	$\frac{d^3\sigma}{d\langle p_T \rangle_{1,2} dy^* dy_b}$	0.7	$19.7\text{ fb}^{-1} \pm 2.6\%$
ATLAS [11]	13	$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dm_{jj}dy^*}$	0.4	$3.2\text{ fb}^{-1} \pm 2.1\%$
CMS [14]	13	$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dm_{jj}dy_{\text{max}}}$	0.8	$33.5\text{ fb}^{-1} \pm 1.2\%$
CMS [14]	13	$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dm_{jj}dy^* dy_b}$	0.8	$29.6\text{ fb}^{-1} \pm 1.2\%$

367 LHC data

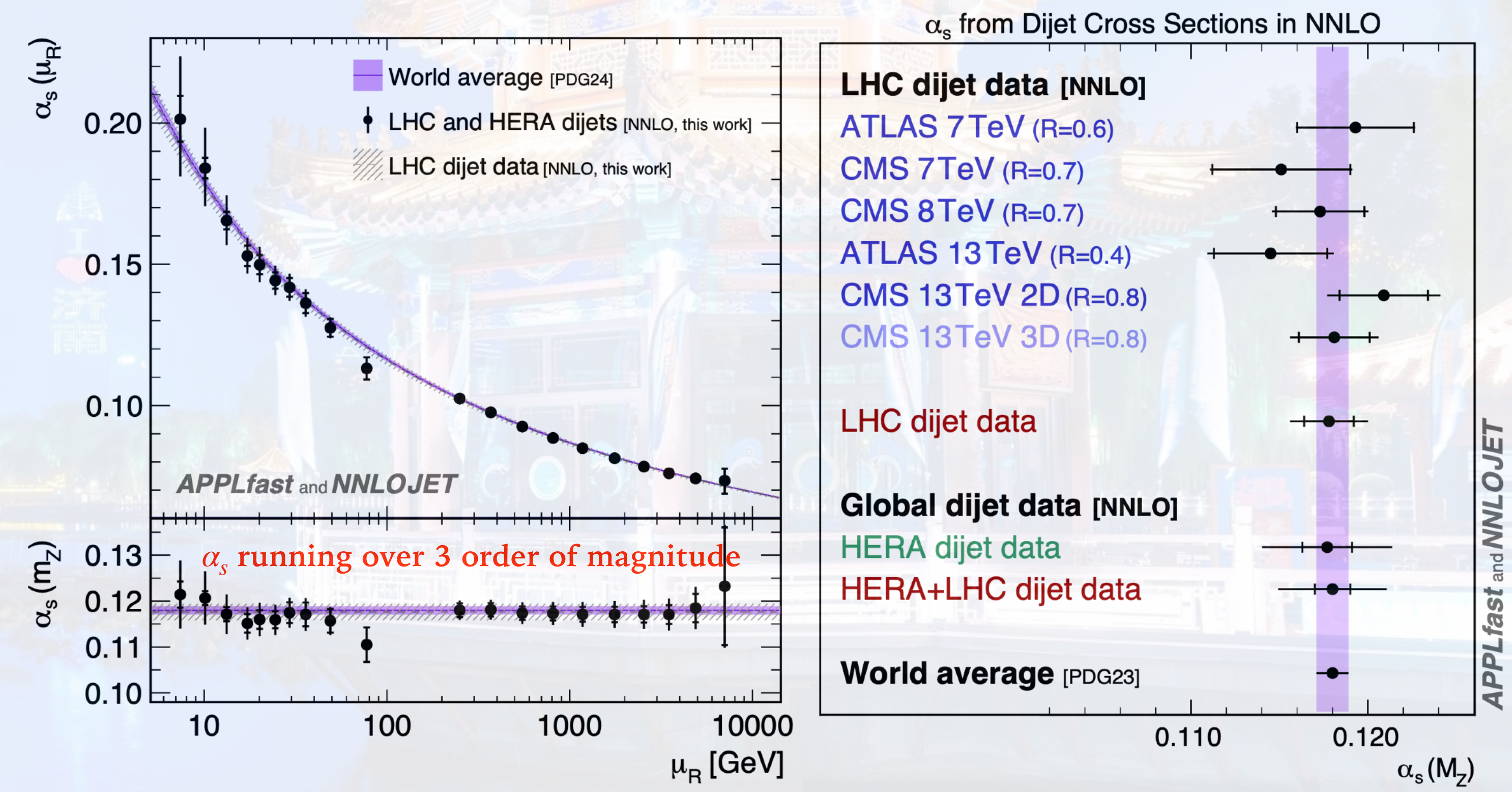


119 HERA data

Data set	χ^2/n_{dof}	$\alpha_s(m_Z)$
ATLAS 7 TeV	74.7/ 77	0.1193 (33) (4) (6)
ATLAS 13 TeV	87.7/106	0.1145 (32) (4) (16)
CMS 7 TeV	50.7/ 45	0.1151 (39) (1) (9)
CMS 8 TeV	37.0/ 56	0.1173 (25) (0) (11)
CMS 13 TeV (2D)	71.6/ 78	0.1209 (25) (2) (20)
CMS 13 TeV (3D)	137.7/112	0.1181 (20) (1) (15)
LHC dijets (CMS13-2D)	335.3/366	0.1178 (14) (0) (17)
LHC dijets (CMS13-3D)	397.9/400	0.1172 (14) (0) (14)
HERA	92.8/118	0.1177 (14) (1) (34)
LHC+HERA (CMS13-2D)	428.4/485	0.1180 (10) (0) (29)
LHC+HERA (CMS13-3D)	491.0/519	0.1177 (10) (0) (27)

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i,j} \log \frac{\zeta_i}{\sigma_i} (V_{\text{exp}} + V_{\text{NP}} + V_{\text{NNLOstat}} + V_{\text{PDF}})^{-1}_{ij} \log \frac{\zeta_j}{\sigma_j}$$

ζ_i LHC or HERA jet data
 σ_i NNLO theory
 V covariance matrices



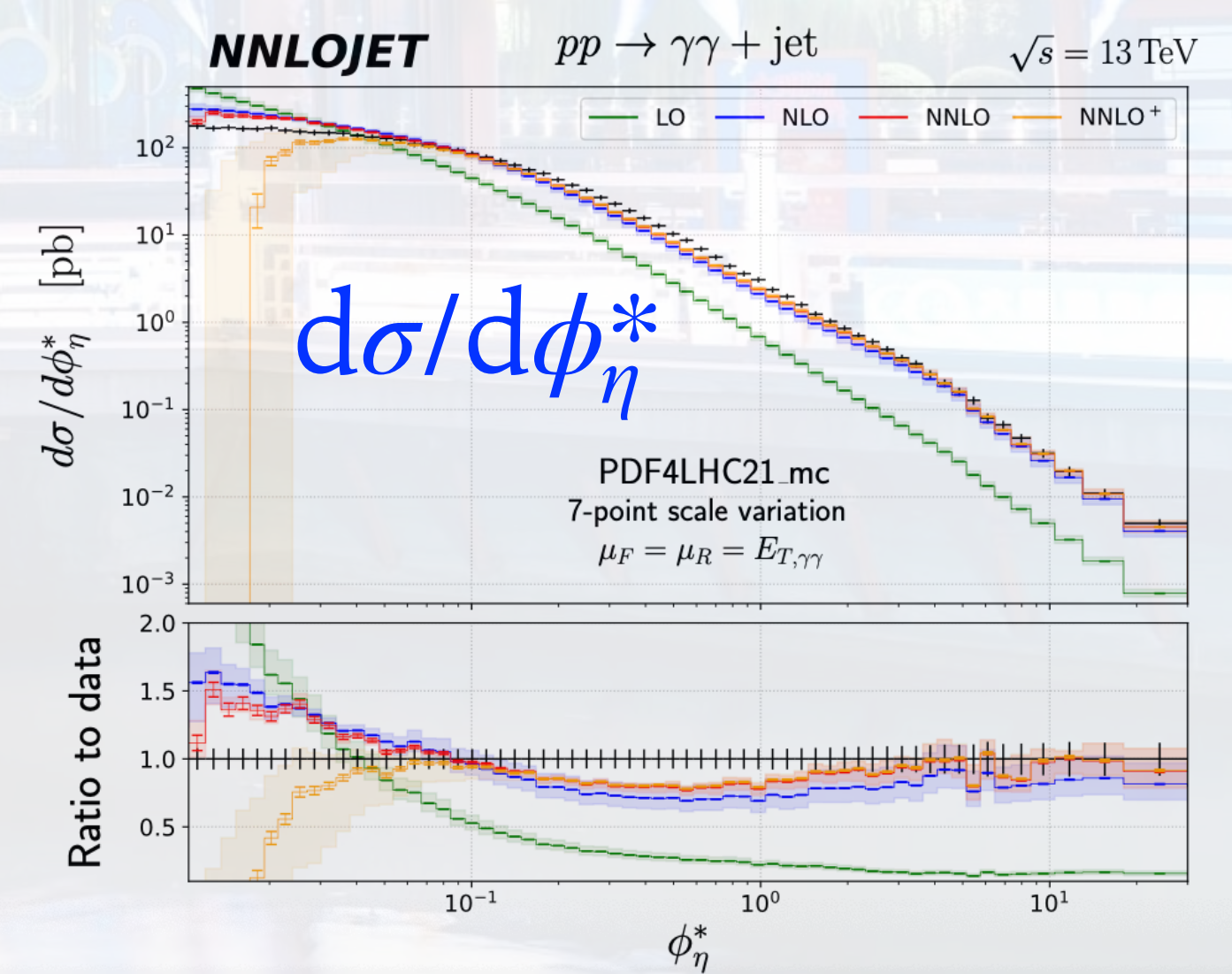
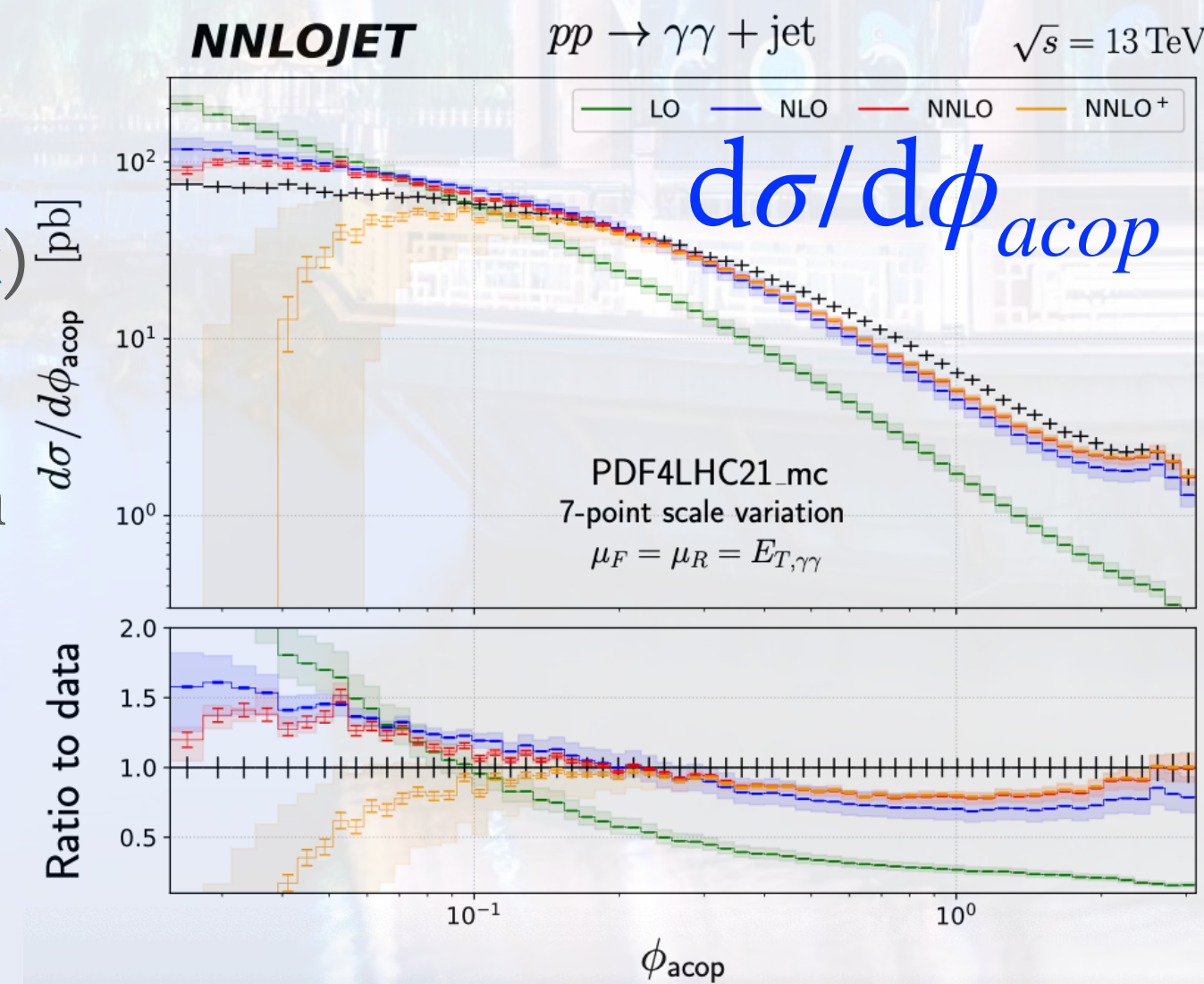
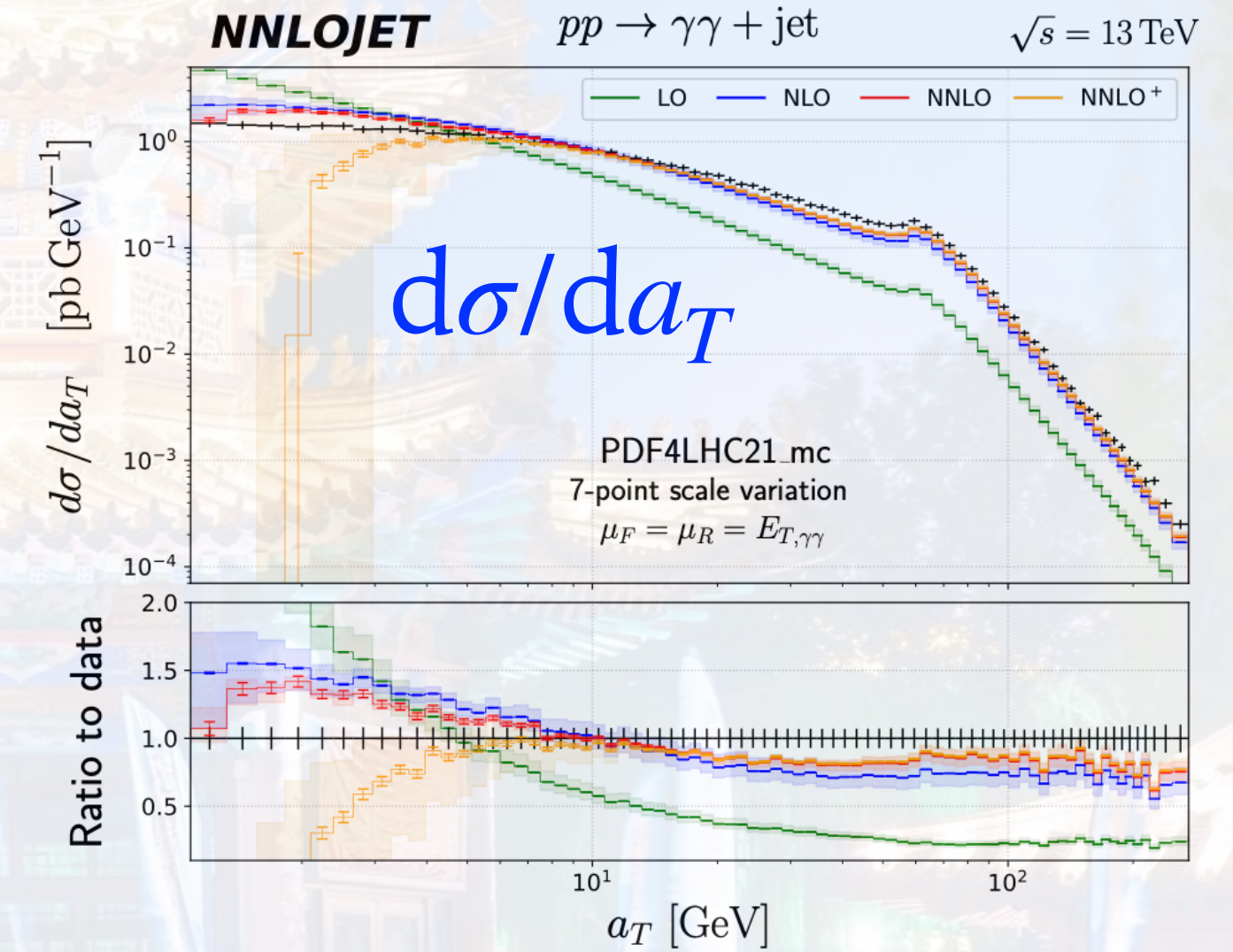
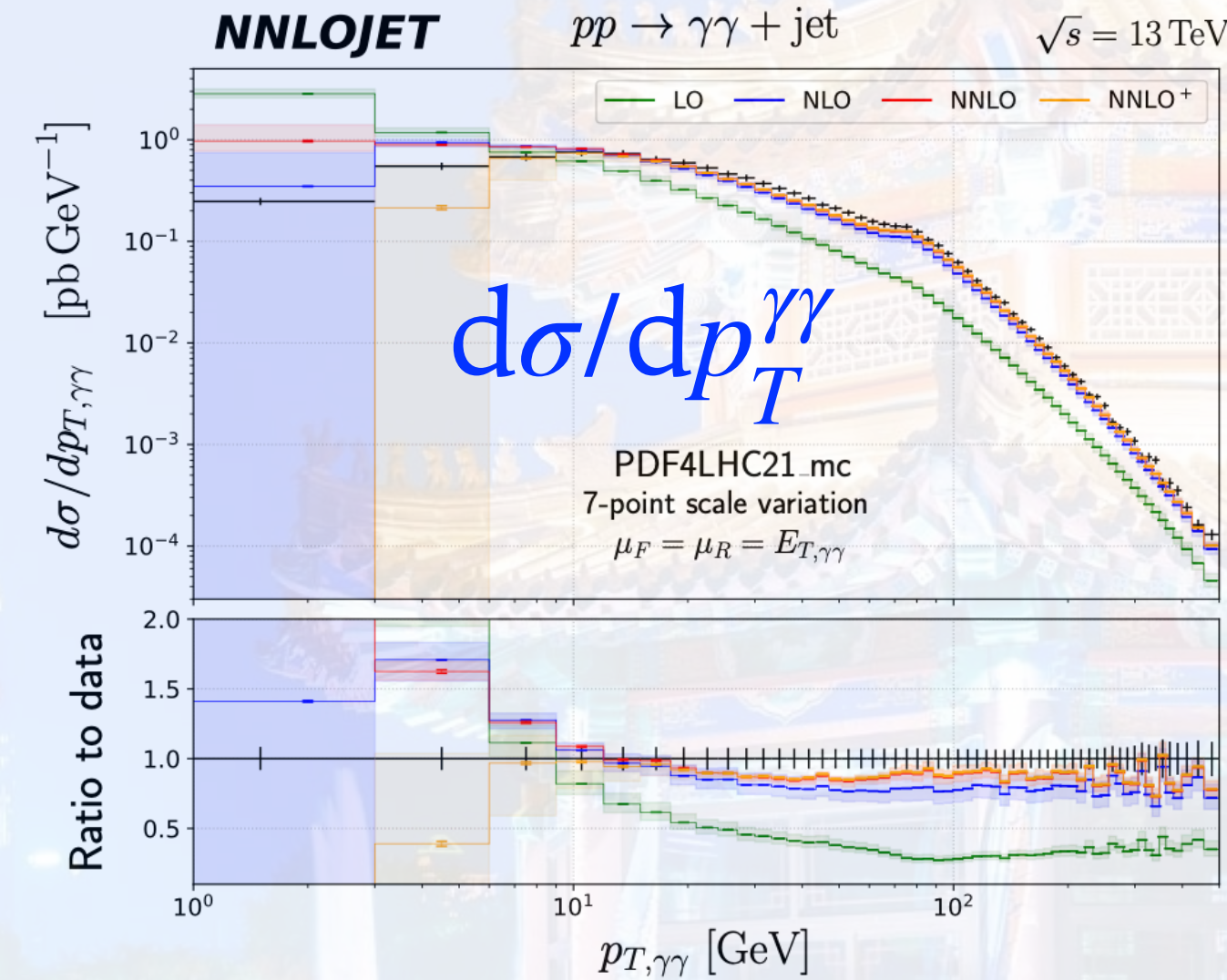
- All LHC and HERA di-jet double- and triple-differential measurements.
- APPLfast PDF grids from NNLOJET NNLO di-jet predictions.
- Fitting of the strong coupling constant: $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1178 \pm 0.0022$.

Ahmadova, Britzger, XC, Gaßler et. al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 135 (2025) 3

NNLOJET: New Feature To Be Released

$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + \text{recoil} @ \text{NNLO QCD}$

- Di-photon production at the LHC with $p_T^{\gamma\gamma} > 1 \text{ GeV}$
 - The main SM background of $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
 - Large pQCD and photon fragmentation corrections
 - **NNLO** = $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ terms:
 - NNLO in $q\bar{q}$ and qg channels:
Tree and 1-loop ME: OpenLoops
Two-loop, five-point **full colour contributions**
 - **LO** loop-induced process for gg channel
 - **NNLO⁺** = NNLO + NLO (loop-induced new result)
- Comparison with ATLAS 13 TeV data:
 - Better agreement but still with systematic deviation
 - Loop-induced corrections are crucial for the reduction of systematic uncertainties.
- Future plan (to be included in public release) :
 - Impact of various photon-isolation algorithm
 - Extend to $p_T^{\gamma\gamma} \in [0,1] \text{ GeV}$ to complete N3LO



F. Buccioni, XC, W.J. Feng, T. Gehrmann et. al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 134 (2025) 17

NNLOJET: New Feature To Be Released

Drell-Yan @ N3LO QCD (q_T slicing)

- Fully differential N3LO correction in event generator

- Recycle $pp \rightarrow V + J$ @ NNLO with q_T slicing

$$d\sigma_{N^k LO}^F = \mathcal{H}_{N^k LO}^F \otimes d\sigma_{LO}^F \Big|_{\delta(q_T)} + \left[d\sigma_{N^{k-1} LO}^{F+jet} - d\sigma_{N^k LO}^{F CT} \right]_{q_T > q_T^{cut}} + \mathcal{O}((q_T^{cut}/Q)^2)$$

- Fiducial power correction removed via MC recoil technique.

- Below-cut contribution from expansion of N3LL resummation to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$

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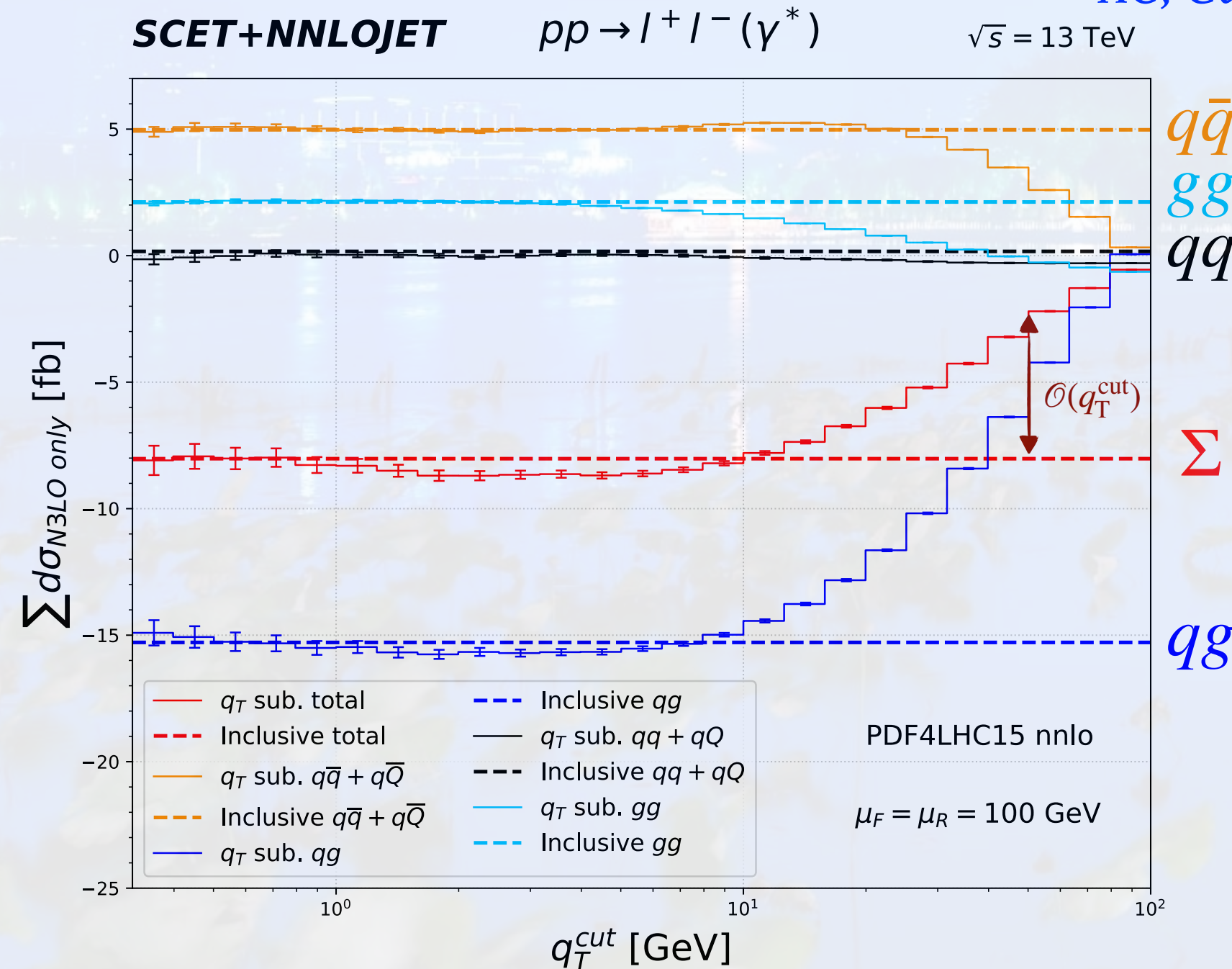
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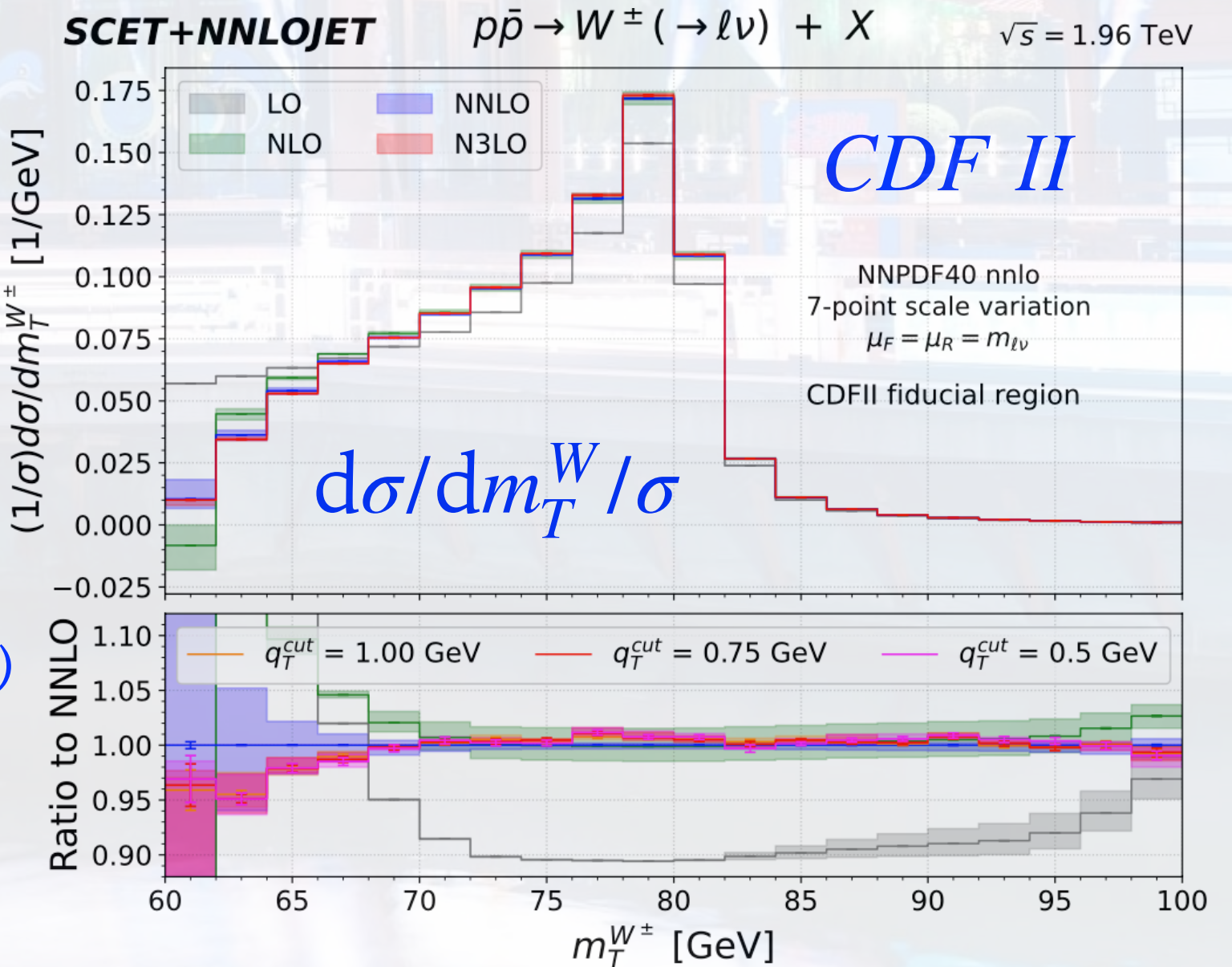
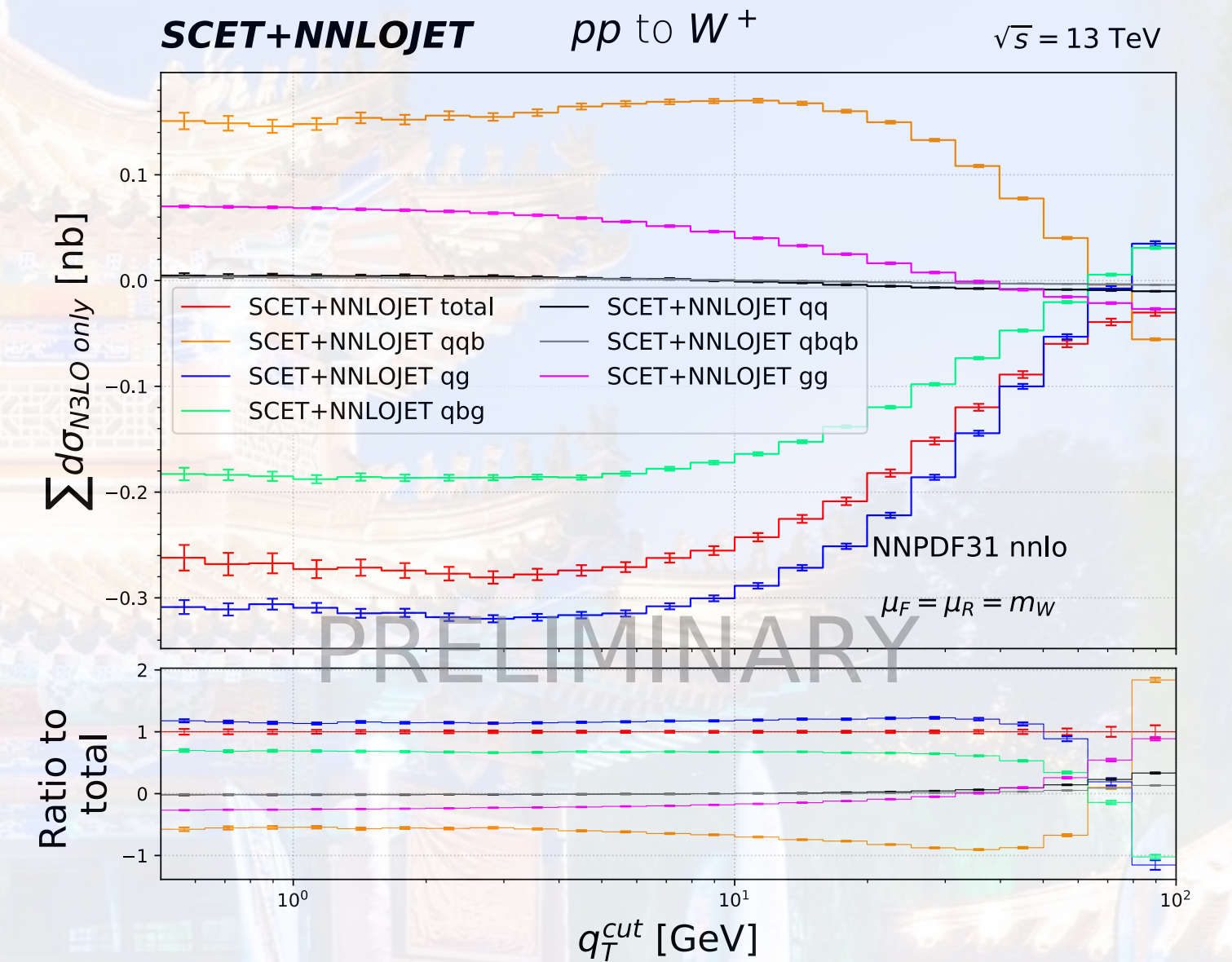
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- Foundation of numerical Monte Carlo



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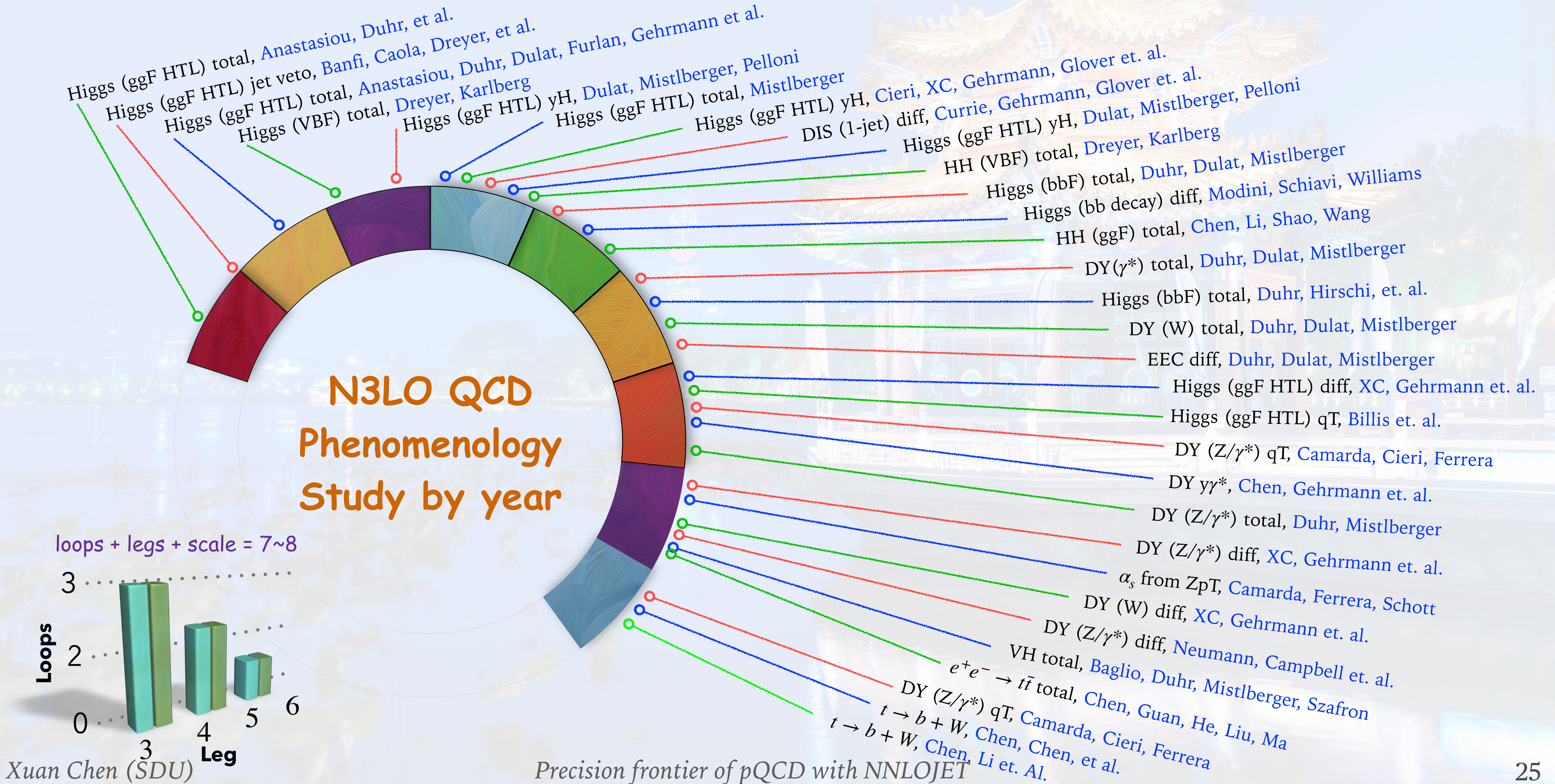
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Precision frontier of pQCD with NNLOJET

Perturbative QCD @ N3LO



State-of-the-Art QCD Calculations @ N3LO

- Several phenomenologically relevant results despite the extreme complexity.
- Available techniques are applicable to limited cases with high quality EXP data.
- New approaches must be developed for more complicated scattering.

(10 M → X00 k CPU hours)

- Inclusive
- ◇ qT slicing
- ⊙ τ slicing
- * Projection-2-Born
- † Antenna subtraction

Precision frontier of pQCD with NNLOJET

Inclusive production cross sections at N³LO

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$pp \rightarrow VH$

Dilepton Rapidity Distribution in Drell-Yan Production to Third Order in QCD

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$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Third-Order Fiducial Predictions for Drell-Yan Production at the LHC

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Transverse mass distribution and charge asymmetry in W boson production to third order in QCD

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$pp \rightarrow W$

Third order QCD predictions for fiducial W-boson production

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ABSTRACT: Measurements of W-boson production at the LHC have reached percent-level precision and impose challenging demands on theoretical predictions. Such precision directly limit the precision of measurements of fundamental quantities like the weak mixing angle. A dominant source of uncertainty in these measurements is the higher-order QCD effects. We present predictions for the fiducial cross section and the transverse mass distribution and charge asymmetry in W-boson production to third order in QCD.

N³LO corrections to jet production in deep inelastic scattering using the Projection-to-Born method

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N³LO predictions for the decay of the Higgs boson to bottom quarks

$H \rightarrow bb$ *

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$H \rightarrow JJ$ *

Jet Rates in Higgs Boson Decay at Third Order in QCD

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Letter

Jet production at electron-positron colliders at next-to-next-to-next-to-leading order in QCD

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1. Introduction

Experiments at present and future colliders plan to deliver an unprecedented amount of data and significantly increase our sensitivity to the effects of QCD. The effects of QCD are dominant and increasingly precise Standard Model predictions are available. The effects of QCD are dominant and increasingly precise Standard Model predictions are available.

ABSTRACT

We present the first application of antenna subtraction [46–48], which encode the singular behavior of real-emission matrix elements and can be analytically integrated over the phase space of the unresolved radiation in order to cancel the explicit IR singularities of antenna subtraction [50] in order to cancel the explicit IR singularities of antenna subtraction [50] in order to cancel the explicit IR singularities of antenna subtraction [50].

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Application of **NNLOJET** in e^+e^- Colliders (Close Relation to Antenna Subtraction)

$e^+e^- \rightarrow$ di-jet @ N3LO (Antenna Subtraction) 2505.10618

H decay $\rightarrow$ di-jet @ N3LO (Generalized Antenna) 2502.17333, 2508.14282

Antenna Subtraction @ N3LO

Slide from Jakubcik @ LL24

	NLO	NNLO
$\begin{matrix} R \\ R \\ R \\ R \end{matrix}$	$X_3^0 \tilde{M}_{h+2}^0$	$(X_4^0 - X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_{h+1}^0$
$\begin{matrix} R \\ R \\ V \\ R \end{matrix}$	$X_3^0 \tilde{M}_{h+2}^0$	$(X_3^1 + X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_{h+1}^0$ $+ X_3^0 \tilde{M}_{h+1}^1$
$\begin{matrix} V \\ V \\ R \\ V \end{matrix}$		$(X_4^0 + X_3^1 + X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_{h+1}^0$ $+ X_3^0 \tilde{M}_{h+1}^1$
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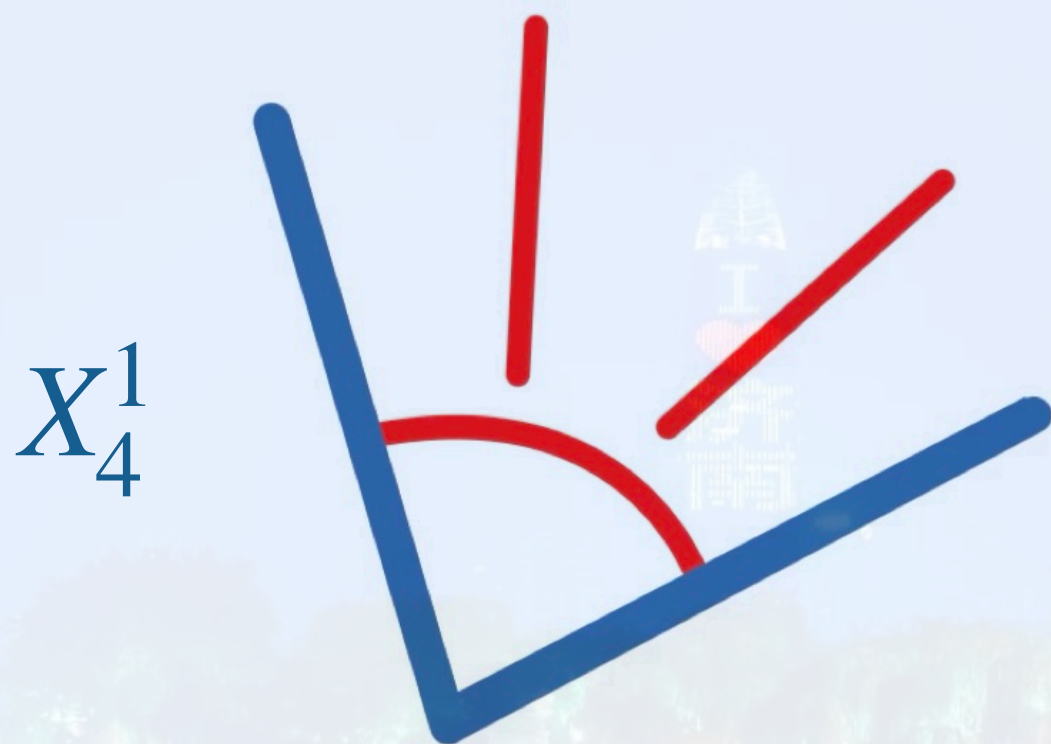
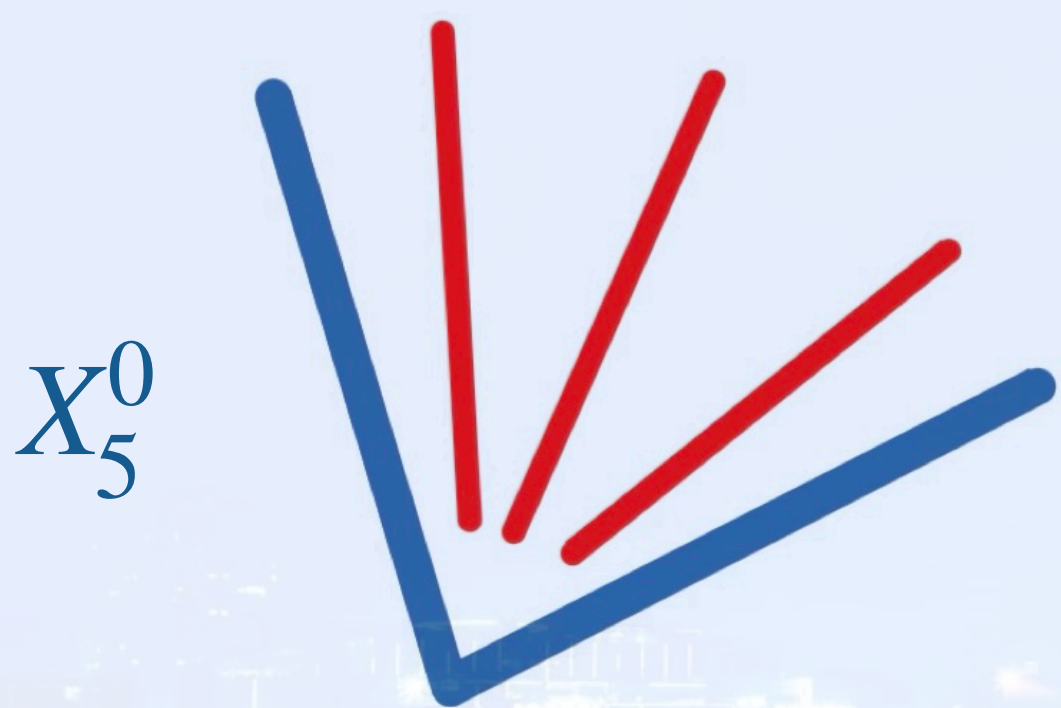
Antenna Subtraction @ N3LO

Slide from Jakubcik @ LL24

	NLO	NNLO	N ³ LO (a sketch)
$\begin{smallmatrix} R \\ R \\ R \end{smallmatrix}$	$X_3^0 \tilde{M}_{n+2}^0$	$(X_4^0 - X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_{n+1}^0$	$(X_5^0 - X_4^0 X_3^0 - X_3^0 X_4^0 + X_3^0 X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_n^0$
$\begin{smallmatrix} R \\ R \\ V \end{smallmatrix}$	$X_3^0 \tilde{M}_{n+2}^0$	$(X_3^1 + X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_{n+1}^0$ $+ X_3^0 \tilde{M}_{n+1}^1$	$(X_4^1 - X_3^1 X_3^0 + X_3^0 X_3^0 X_3^0 + X_3^0 X_4^0) \tilde{M}_n^0$ $+ (X_4^0 + X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_n^1$
$\begin{smallmatrix} V \\ V \\ R \end{smallmatrix}$		$(X_4^0 + X_3^1 + X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_{n+1}^0$ $+ X_3^0 \tilde{M}_{n+1}^1$	$(X_3^2 + X_3^0 X_3^1 + X_3^1 X_3^0 + X_4^0 X_3^0 + X_3^0 X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_n^0$ $+ (-X_3^1 + X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_n^1$ $+ X_3^0 \tilde{M}_n^2$
$\begin{smallmatrix} V \\ V \\ V \end{smallmatrix}$	$\color{red}{\text{reduced matrix elem.}}$ $\color{blue}{\text{unintegrated antenna}}$ $\color{green}{\text{integrated antenna}}$	$\tilde{M}$ loops hard partons X loops emissions+2 X	$(X_5^0 + X_4^1 + X_3^2 + X_4^0 X_3^0 + X_3^1 X_3^0 + X_3^0 X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_n^0$ $+ (X_4^0 + X_3^1 + X_3^0 X_3^0) \tilde{M}_n^1$ $+ X_3^0 \tilde{M}_n^2$

Antenna Subtraction @ N3LO

Topology of X_5^0 , X_4^1 , X_3^2 antenna functions:



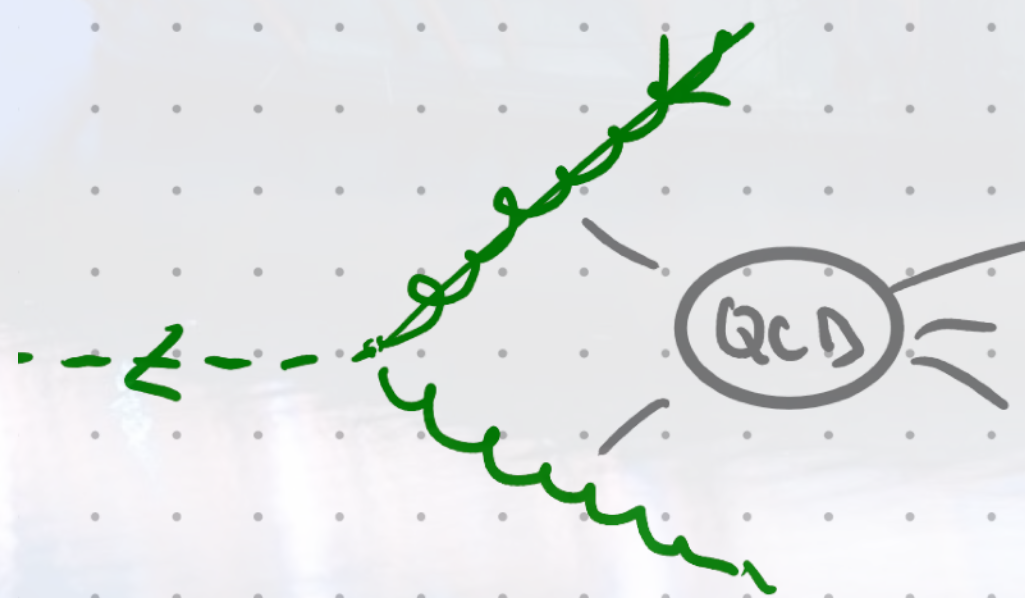
Integration of X_5^0 , X_4^1 , X_3^2 finished for all final states:



$\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
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$H \rightarrow gg$
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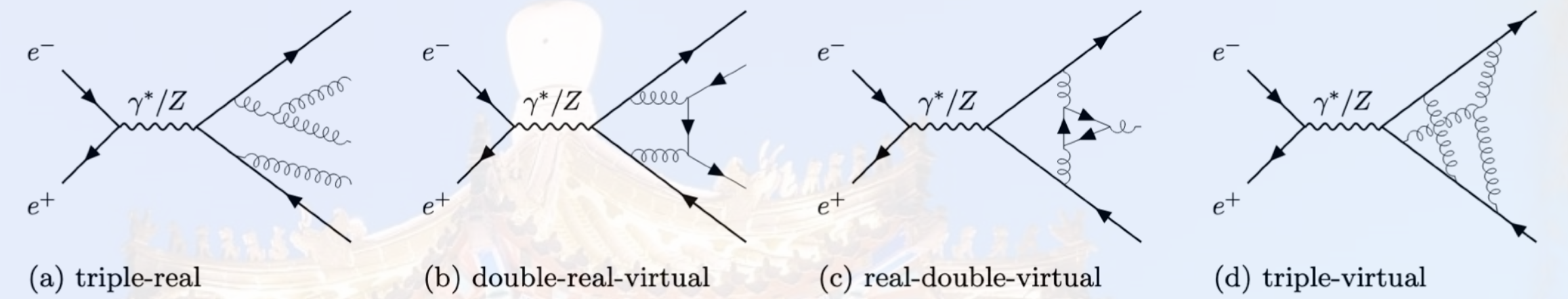
$e^+e^- \rightarrow JJ @ N3LO$

➤ Simple process:

- Only $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ N3LO antenna functions
- Only dipole-like correlations at N3LO
- Recycle ingredients from $e^+e^- \rightarrow JJJ @ NNLO$

➤ Goals:

- Establish N3LO antenna subtraction framework
 - Extension of NNLO framework
 - Introduce sector antenna mapping to remove the requirement of sub-antenna functions
- Exploration of numerical challenges:
 - One-loop double-unresolved regions
 - Two-loop single-unresolved regions
 - Rescue-system to trigger:
 - 1, Quadruple precision
 - 2, Taylor expansion of special functions
- Preparation of computational framework:
 - Spike tests of multiple unresolved IR limits
 - Phase space generators
 - Code generation for N3LO MC.



$$d\sigma_{N^3LO} = \int_n [d\sigma^{VVV} - d\sigma^W] + \int_n [d\sigma^{RVV} - d\sigma^U]$$

triple-virtual
subtraction term

double-virtual real
subtraction term

$$+ \int_{n+1} [d\sigma^{RRV} - d\sigma^T] + \int_{n+2} [d\sigma^{RRR} - d\sigma^S]$$

double-real-virtual
subtraction term

triple-real
subtraction term

$$d\sigma^S = d\sigma^{S_1} + d\sigma^{S_2} + d\sigma^{S_3}$$

$$d\sigma^U = d\sigma^{V_2 S_1} - \int_1 d\sigma^{V_1 S_1} - \int_2 d\sigma^{S_2}$$

$$d\sigma^T = d\sigma^{V_1 S_1} + d\sigma^{V_1 S_2} - \int_1 d\sigma^{S_1}$$

$$d\sigma^W = - \int_1 d\sigma^{V_2 S_1} - \int_2 d\sigma^{V_1 S_2} - \int_3 d\sigma^{S_3}$$

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$e^+e^- \rightarrow JJ @ N3LO$

- Fully working subtraction terms for all partonic channels:
 - Spike test in IR limits of RRR, RRV and RVV

$$t_{RRR} = \log_{10} \left(\left| 1 - \frac{M_{RRR}}{S_{RRR}} \right| \right)$$

- **Green** → **Blue** → **Red**: deeper in IR divergence, better cancellation between ME and Subtraction terms.
- Use sector antenna mapping in RRR and RRV:

$\tilde{X}_4$ sector: $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}\tilde{g}\tilde{g} @RRV$

- (a) $s_{12}s_{34} \leq s_{13}s_{24}$: $\{4 \rightarrow 2\}$ mapping with ordering $\{p_1^h, p_2, p_3, p_4^h\}$.
- (b) $s_{12}s_{34} > s_{13}s_{24}$: $\{4 \rightarrow 2\}$ mapping with ordering $\{p_1^h, p_3, p_2, p_4^h\}$.

$\tilde{X}_5$ sector: $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}\tilde{g}\tilde{g}\tilde{g} @RRR$

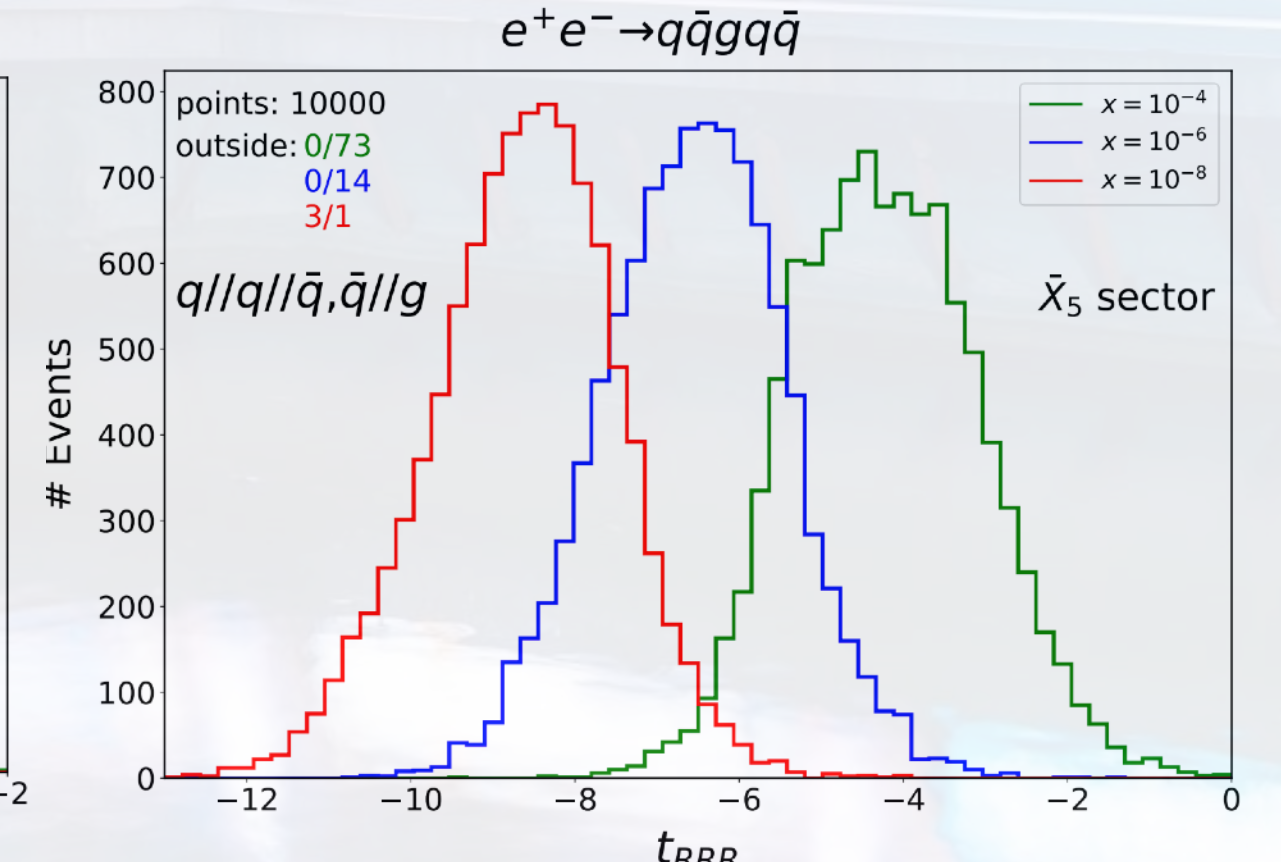
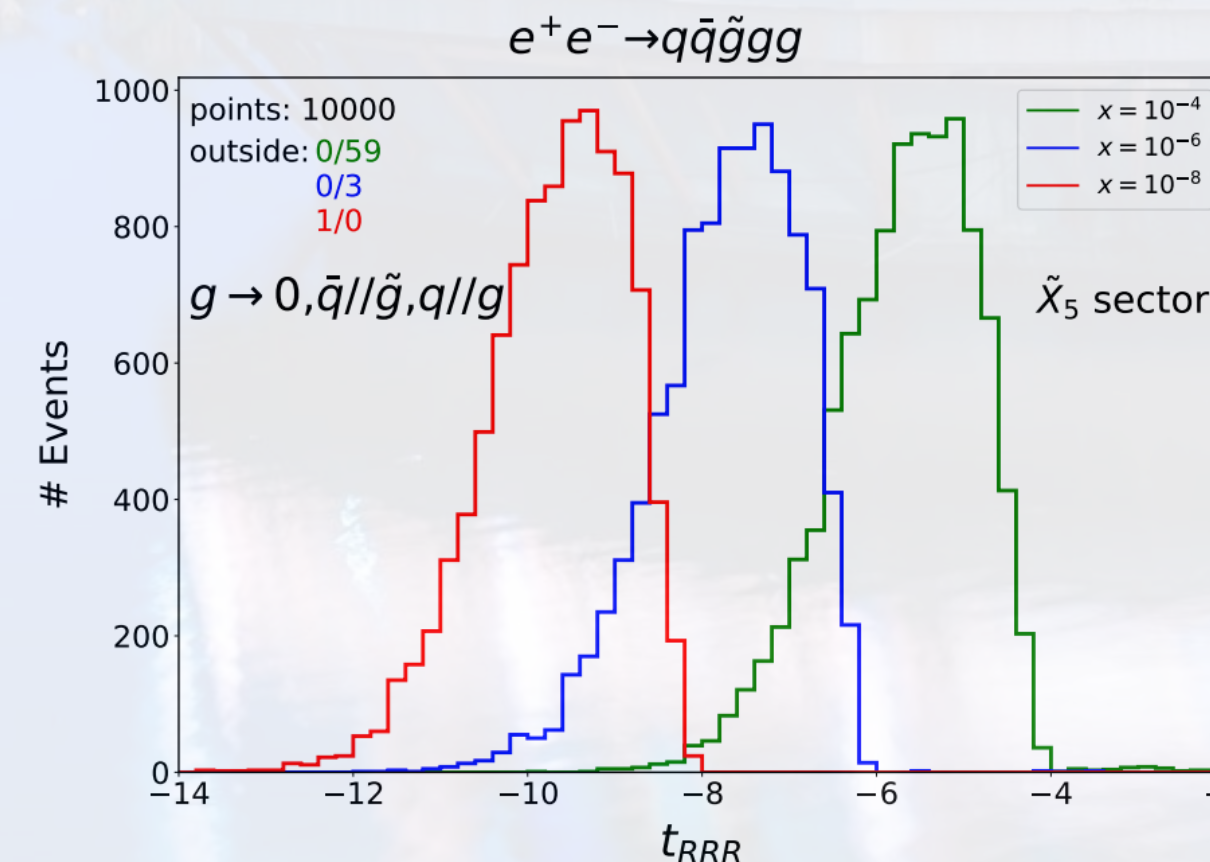
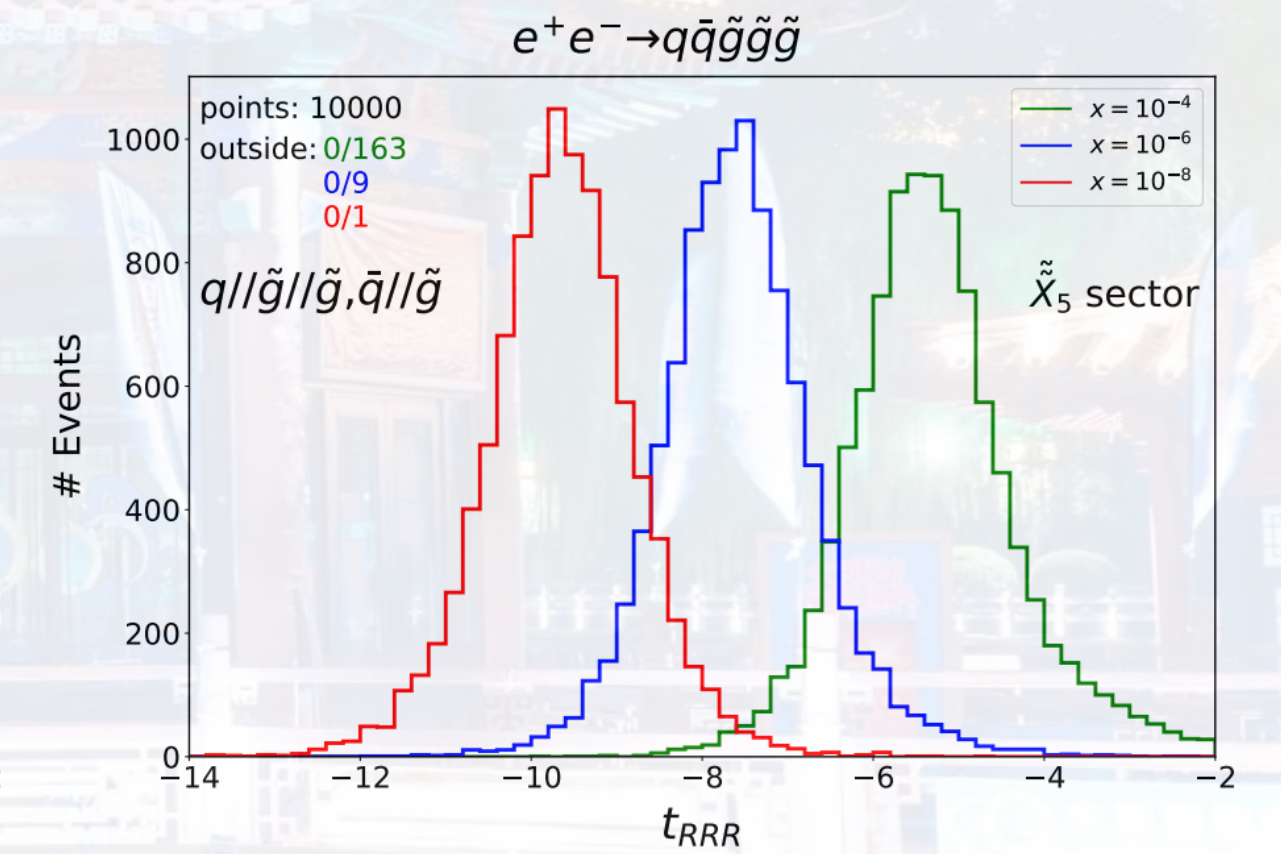
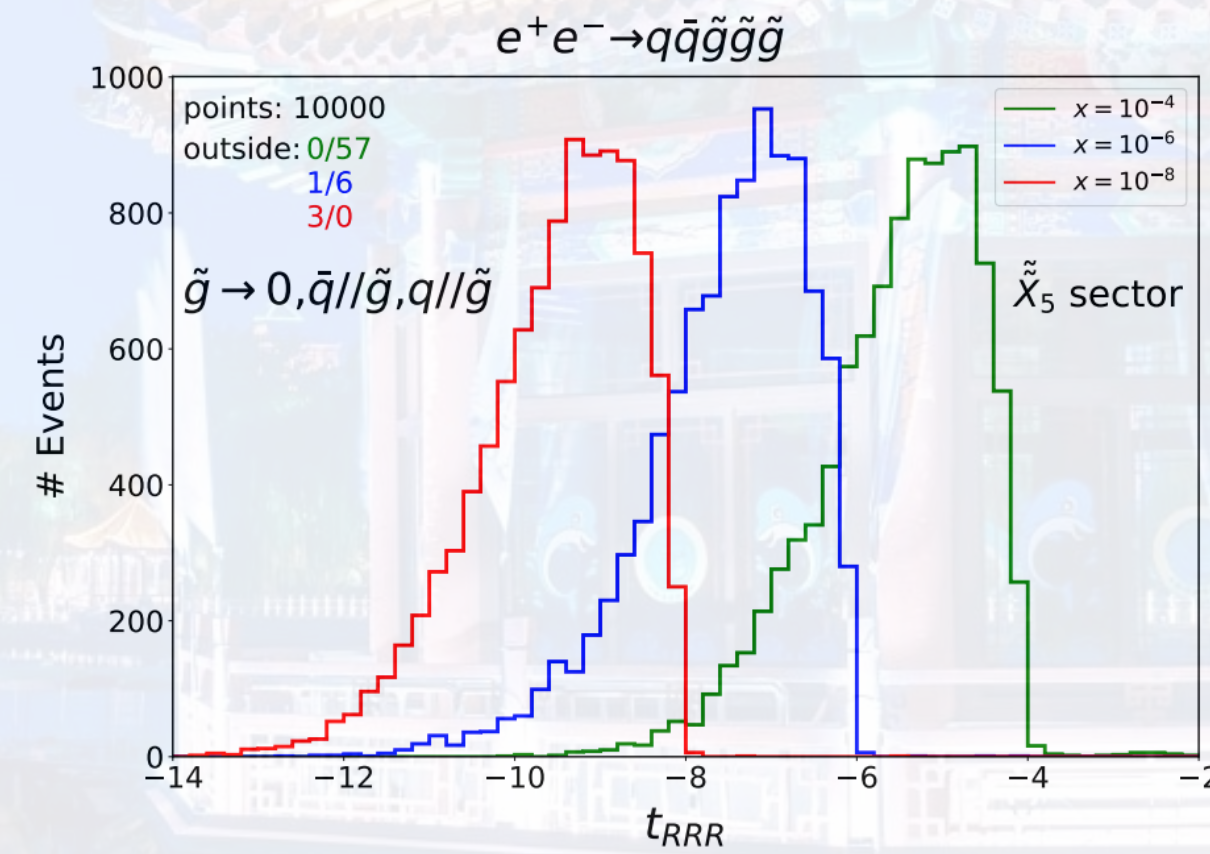
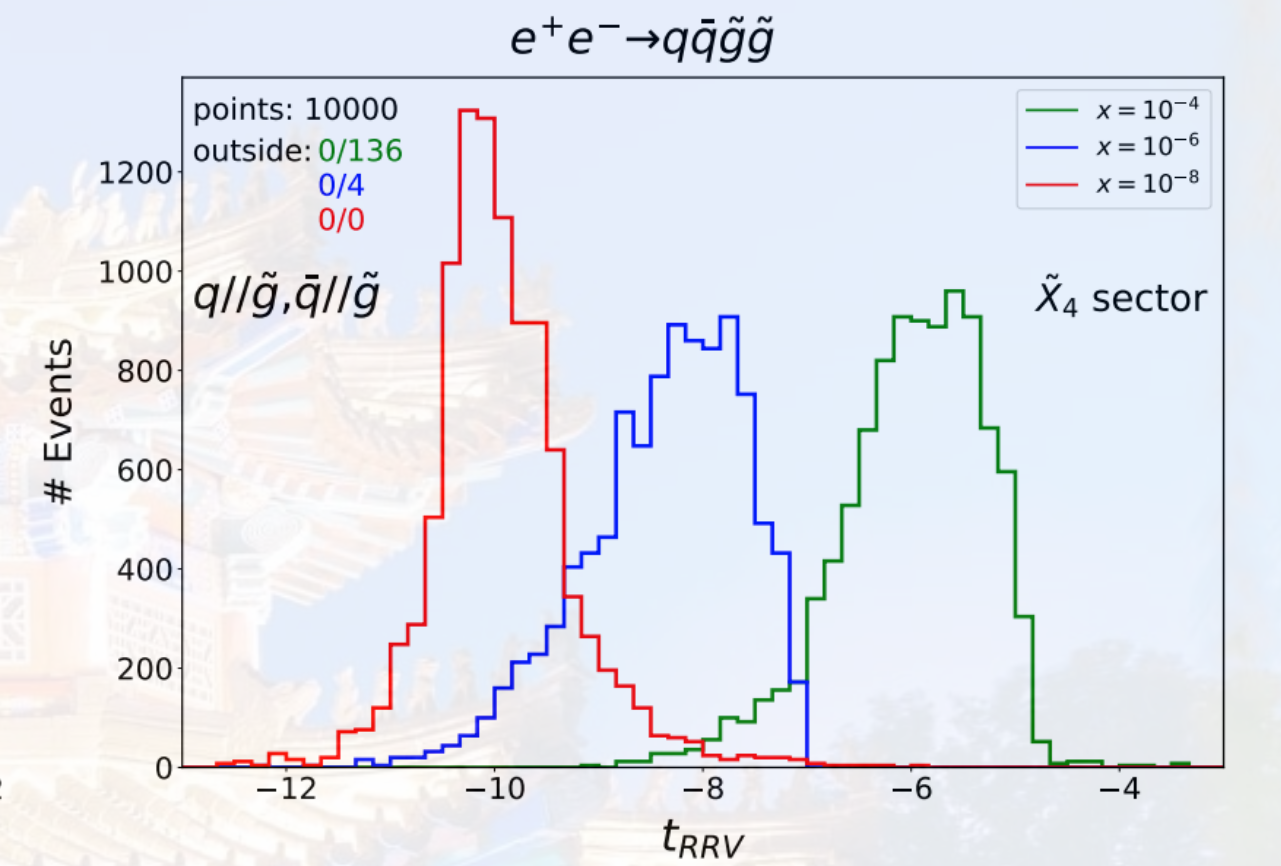
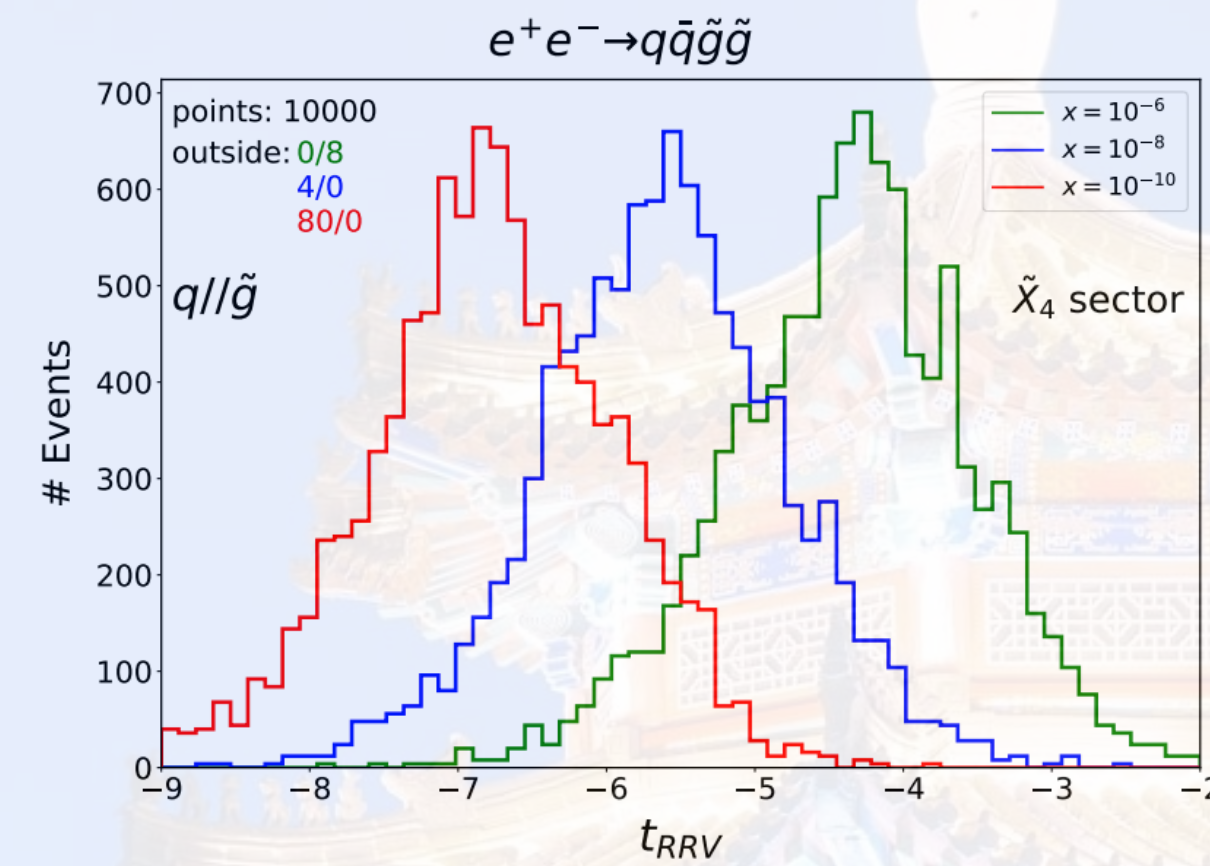
$\tilde{X}_5$ sector: $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}\tilde{g}gg @RRR$

$\bar{X}_5$ sector: $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}\tilde{g}q\bar{q} @RRR$

- Explicit pole cancellation checked analytically for RRV, RVV and VVV

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$e^+e^- \rightarrow JJ @ N^3LO$

► Basic checks: inclusive cross section

N3LO coefficient:

$$\sigma^{(3)} = \sigma^{(0)} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^3 (-105 \pm 11)$$

Monte Carlo error:

Not so small for inclusive quantities due to large cancellations.

Not the most clever way to compute inclusive cross sections.

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$$\sigma^{(3)} = \sigma^{(0)} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^3 (-102.14 \dots)$$

Chetyrkin, Künn, Kwiatkowski, Phys. Rept. 277 (1996) 189

N3LO 2-jet rate:

Exclusive n-jet rate @ N3LO:

$$R_n^{(3)}(y_{cut}) = \frac{\Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow n \text{ jets}}^{(3)}(y_{cut})}{\Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}^{(3)}}$$

For back-to-back QCD emissions, we have at least two jets $\rightarrow n \geq 2$

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$$R_2^{(3)}(y_{cut}) \Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}^{(3)} = \int_0^{y_{cut}} \frac{d\sigma}{dy_{23}} dy_{23} \quad \text{with } y_{ij} = \frac{2\min(E_i^2, E_j^2)}{Q^2} (1 - \cos\theta_{ij})$$

$$R_3^{(3)}(y_{cut}) \Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}^{(3)} = \int_{y_{cut}}^1 \frac{d\sigma}{dy_{23}} dy_{23} - \int_{y_{cut}}^1 \frac{d\sigma}{dy_{34}} dy_{34}$$

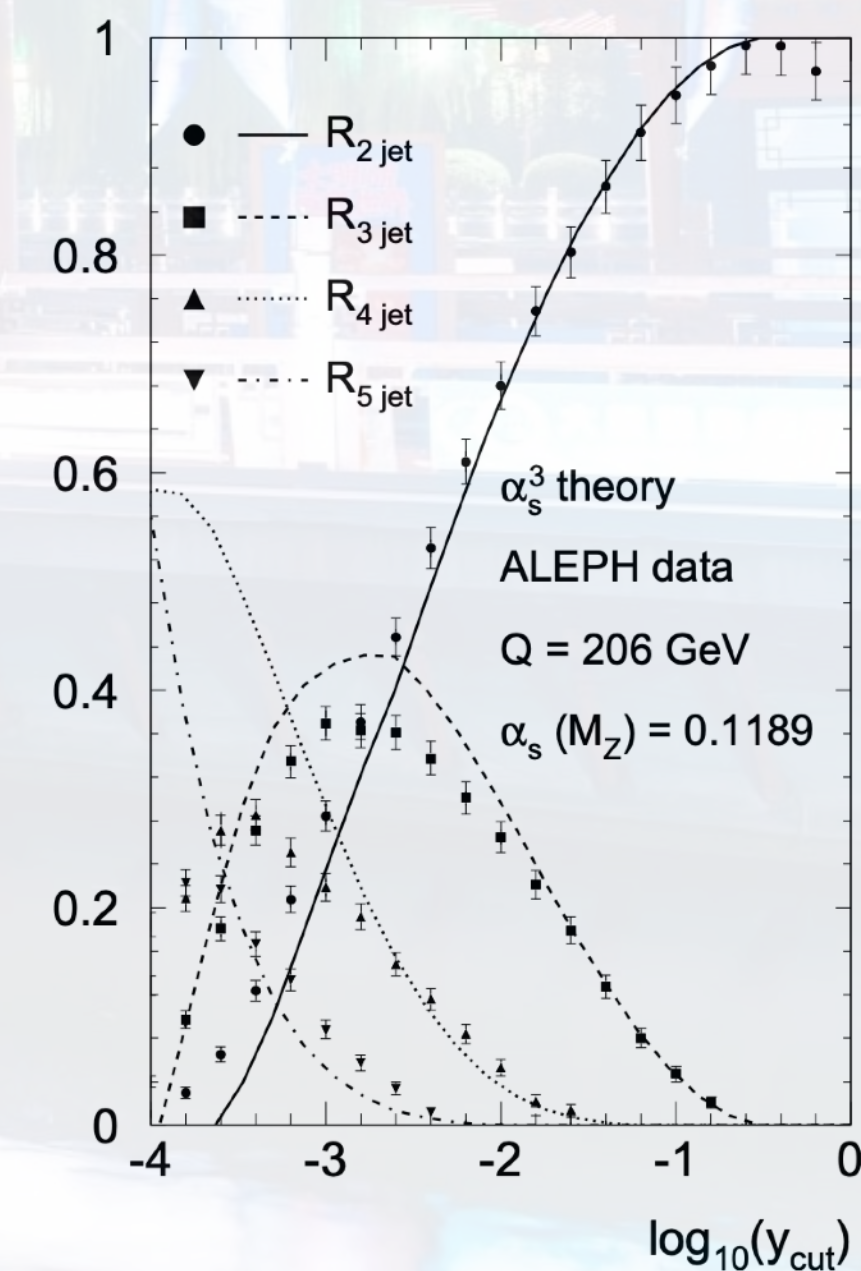
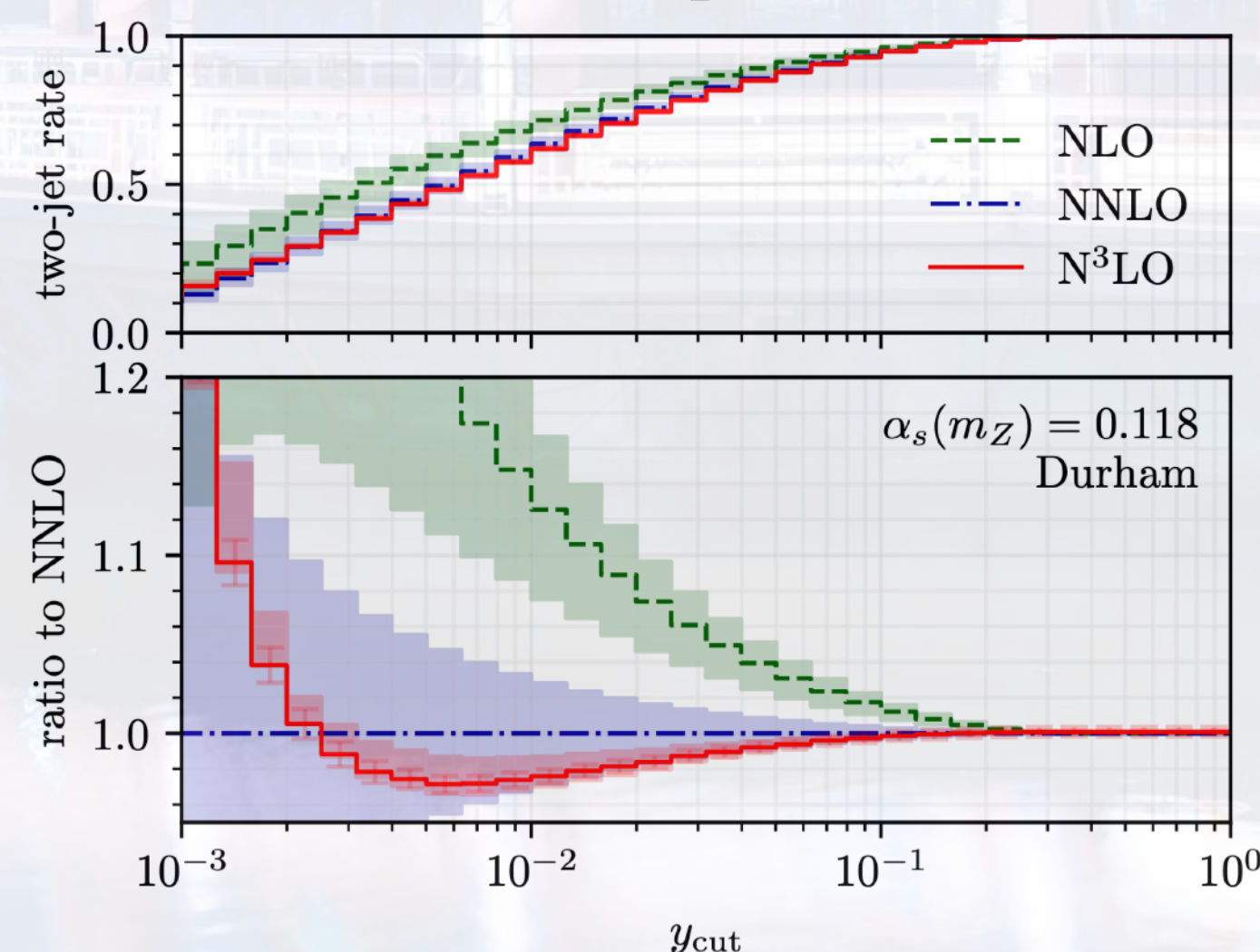
$$R_4^{(3)}(y_{cut}) \Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}^{(3)} = \int_{y_{cut}}^1 \frac{d\sigma}{dy_{34}} dy_{34} - \int_{y_{cut}}^1 \frac{d\sigma}{dy_{45}} dy_{45}$$

$$R_5^{(3)}(y_{cut}) \Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}^{(3)} = \int_{y_{cut}}^1 \frac{d\sigma}{dy_{45}} dy_{45}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{m+2} R_n^{(m)}(y_{cut}) = 1$$

Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Heinrich, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100 (2008) 172001

Full agreement between direct and indirect calculation of $R_2^{(3)}(y_{cut})$



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► Differential observable:

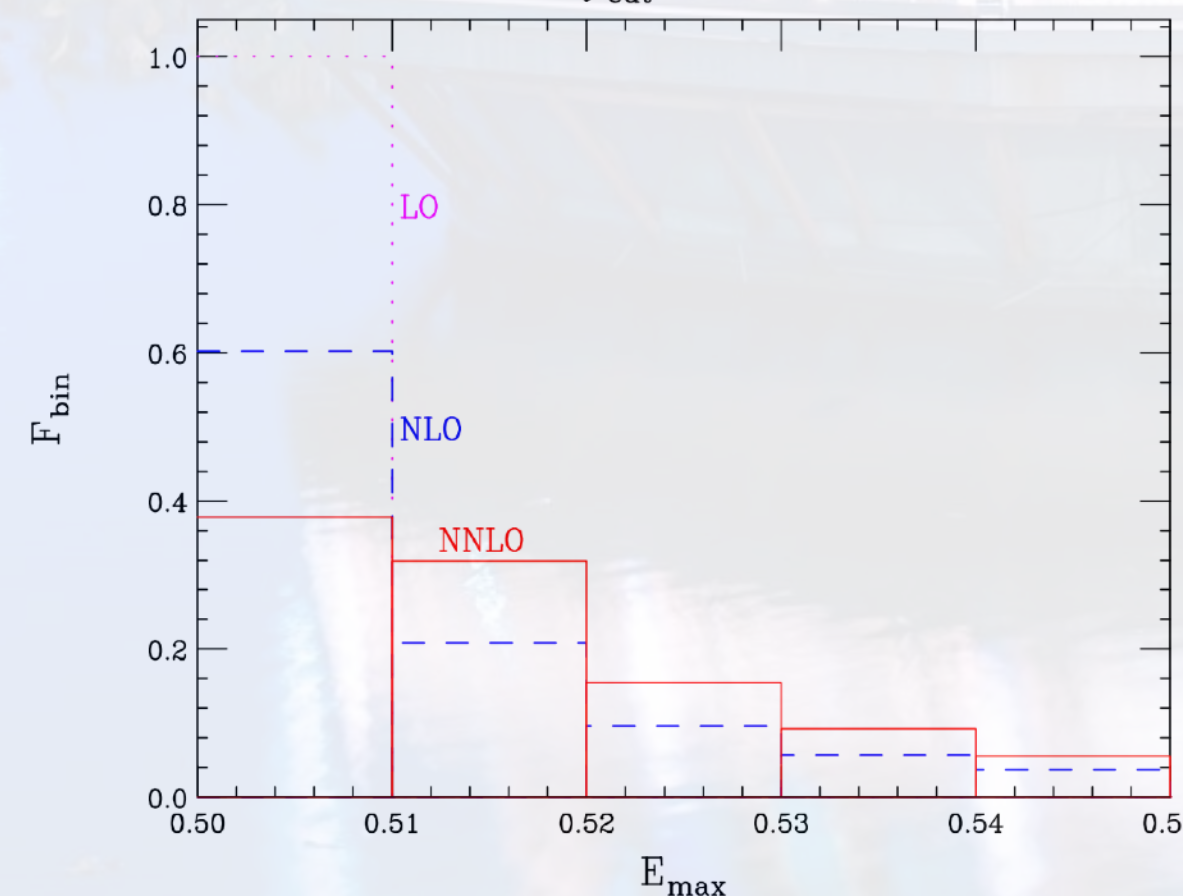
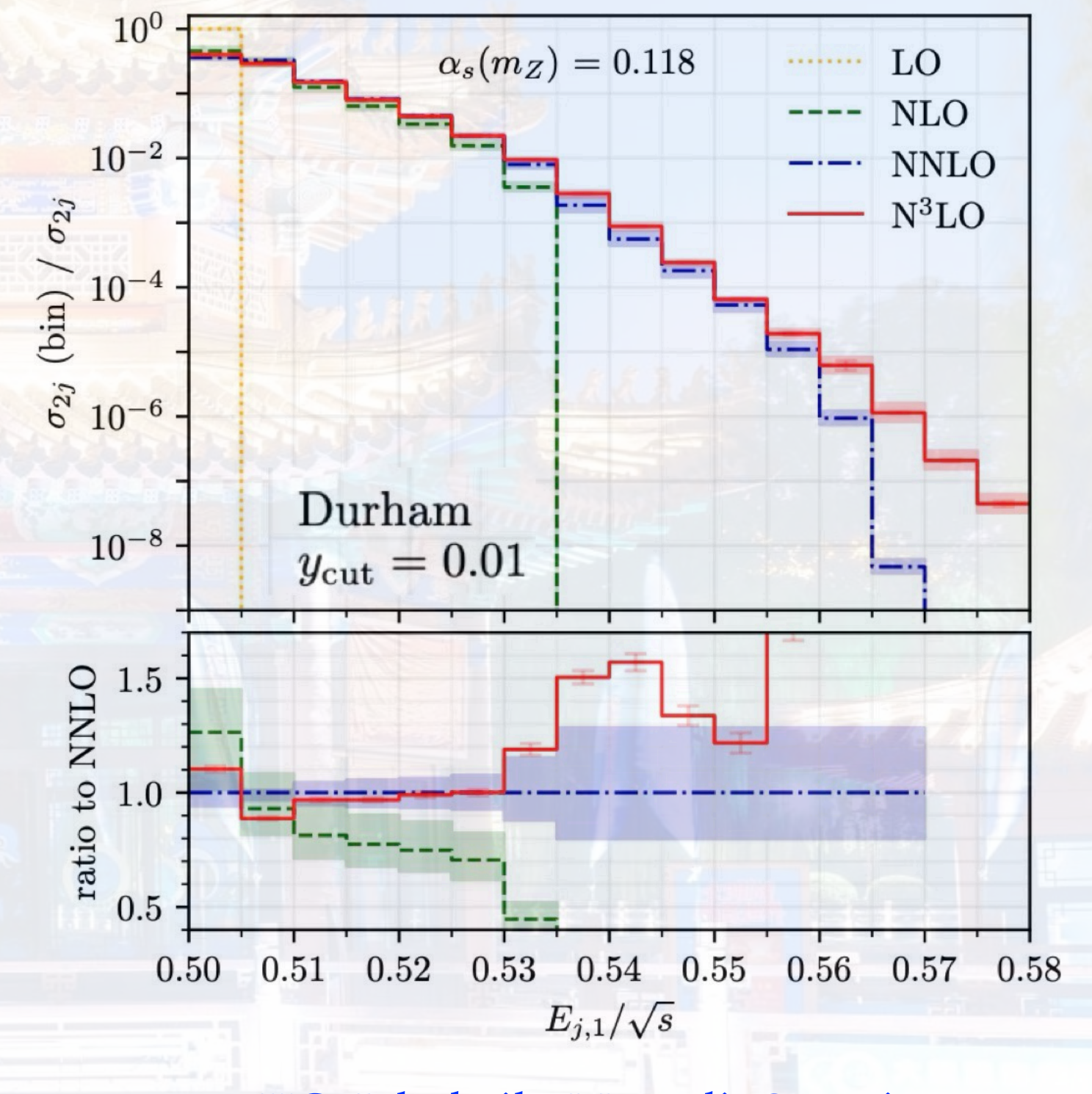
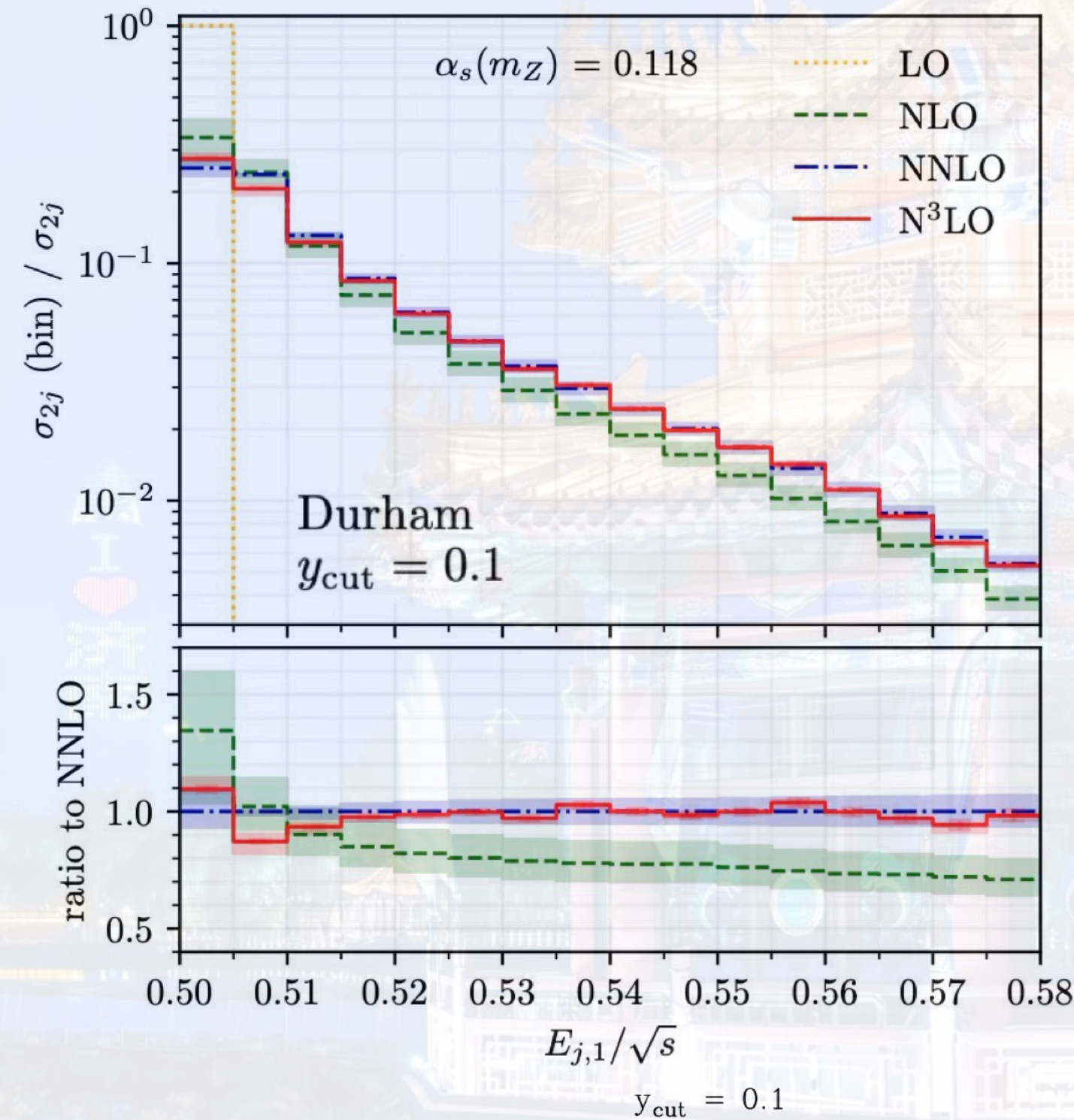
► Leading-jet energy E_{j1}

- Defined on 2-jet events, bin-integrated and normalized to exclusive 2-jet XS
- Lower orders vanish faster at high E_{j1} for smaller y_{cut} due to energetic leading jet recoil against multiple emissions
- Very good convergence for large y_{cut}
- The distribution can be obtained by combining $e^+e^- \rightarrow JJ @ NNLO$ and N3LO inclusive XS

► Future plan:

- Include in public release
- Jet forward-backward asymmetry
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow JJJ @ N3LO$

**NNLO
JET**



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Full agreement up to NNLO with

Anastasiou, Melnikov, Petriello,
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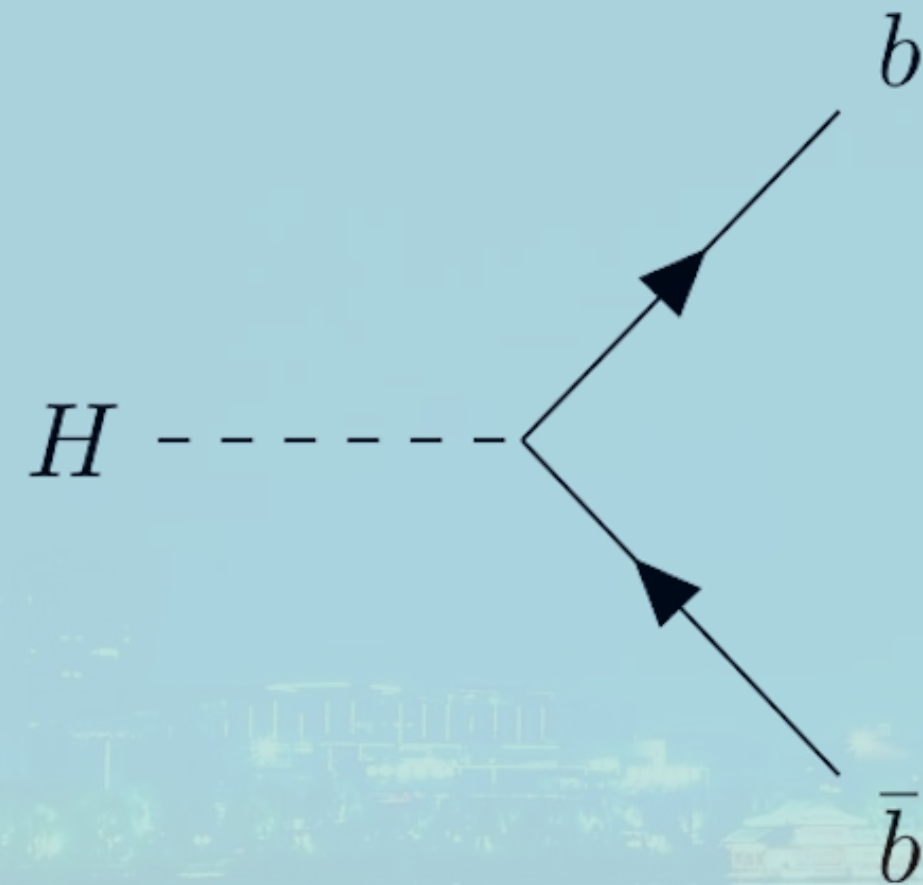
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Higgs $\rightarrow$ JJ @ N3LO

Marcoli's slide @ Loop Summit 2

We consider a Higgs boson at rest (neglect production mode) decaying hadronically.

Yuakawa mode



$$\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)} = \frac{m_b^2(\mu_R) m_H N_c}{8\pi v^2}$$

- massless b (apart from Yuakwa interaction) ***
- analogous contribution from charm

Gluonic mode



$$\Gamma_{H \rightarrow gg}^{(0)} = \frac{\alpha_s^2(\mu_R) m_H^3 (N_c^2 - 1)}{576\pi^3 v^2}$$

- effective vertex: infinite top mass limit
- finite t, b and c mass and EW vertex corrections included by rescaling

Inclusive decay widths at order k in QCD:

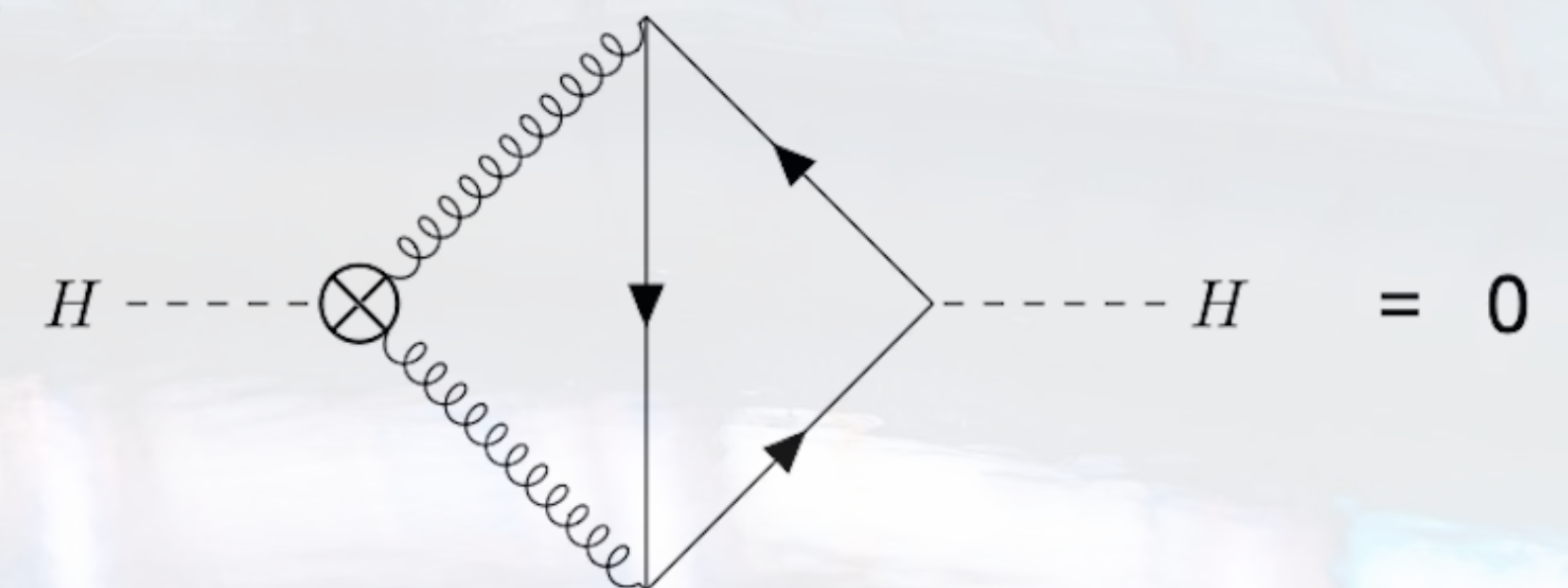
$$\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(k)} = \Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^k \alpha_s^n(\mu_R) C_{b\bar{b}}^{(n)} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{H \rightarrow gg}^{(k)} = \Gamma_{H \rightarrow gg}^{(0)} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^k \alpha_s^n(\mu_R) C_{gg}^{(n)} \right)$$

Expansion coefficients know up to k=4

Herzog, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren, Vogt JHEP 08 (2017) 113

*** The interference between the two modes vanishes.
We verified that it is anyway negligible for the observables we consider.



Higgs $\rightarrow$ JJ @ N3LO

- We compute the decay of a Higgs boson into three jets up to NNLO in QCD
- From this we can extract the 3-jet rate at NNLO and 2-jet rate at N3LO
- Previous calculation in the Yukawa mode. Novel results in the gluonic mode.

**NNLO
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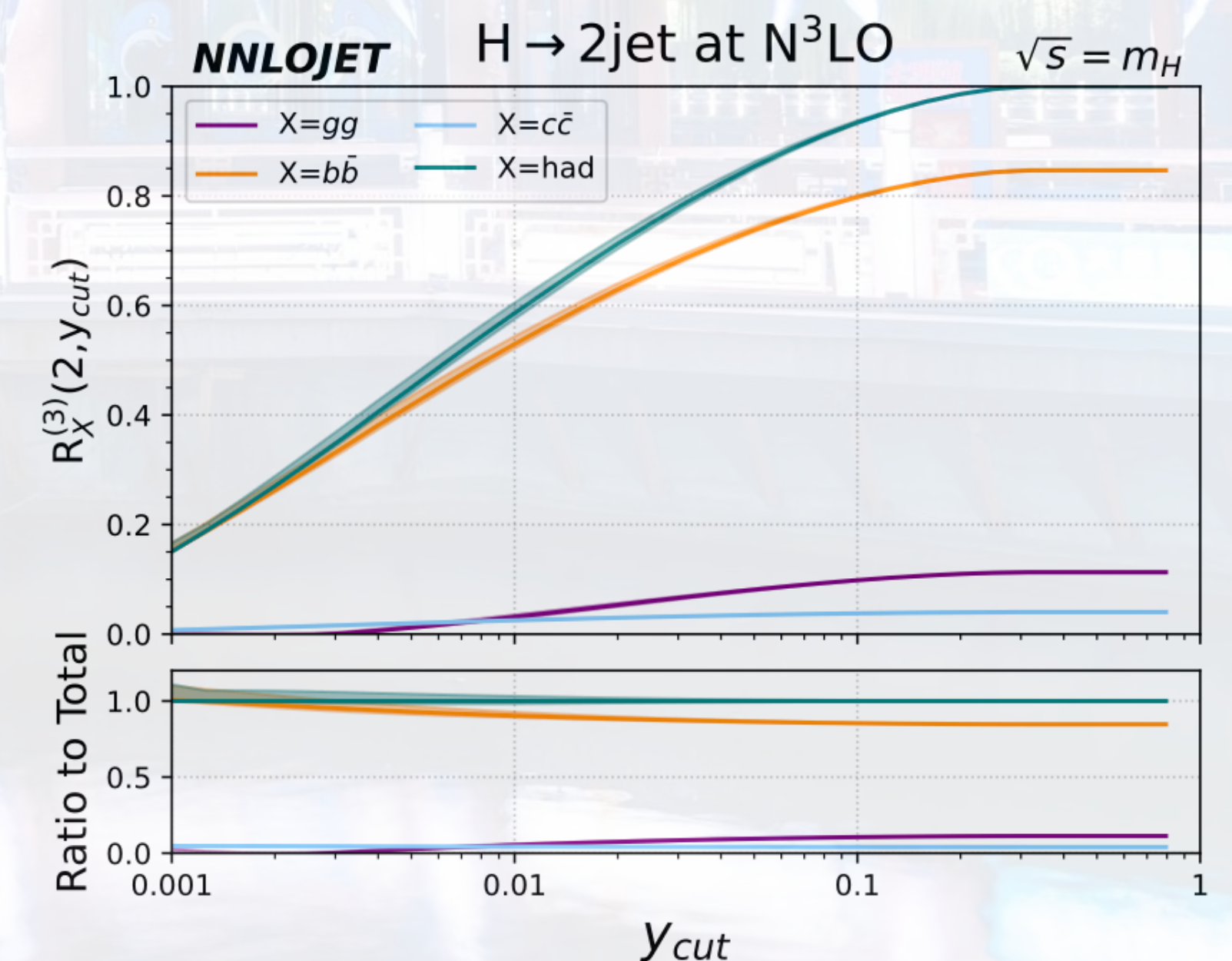
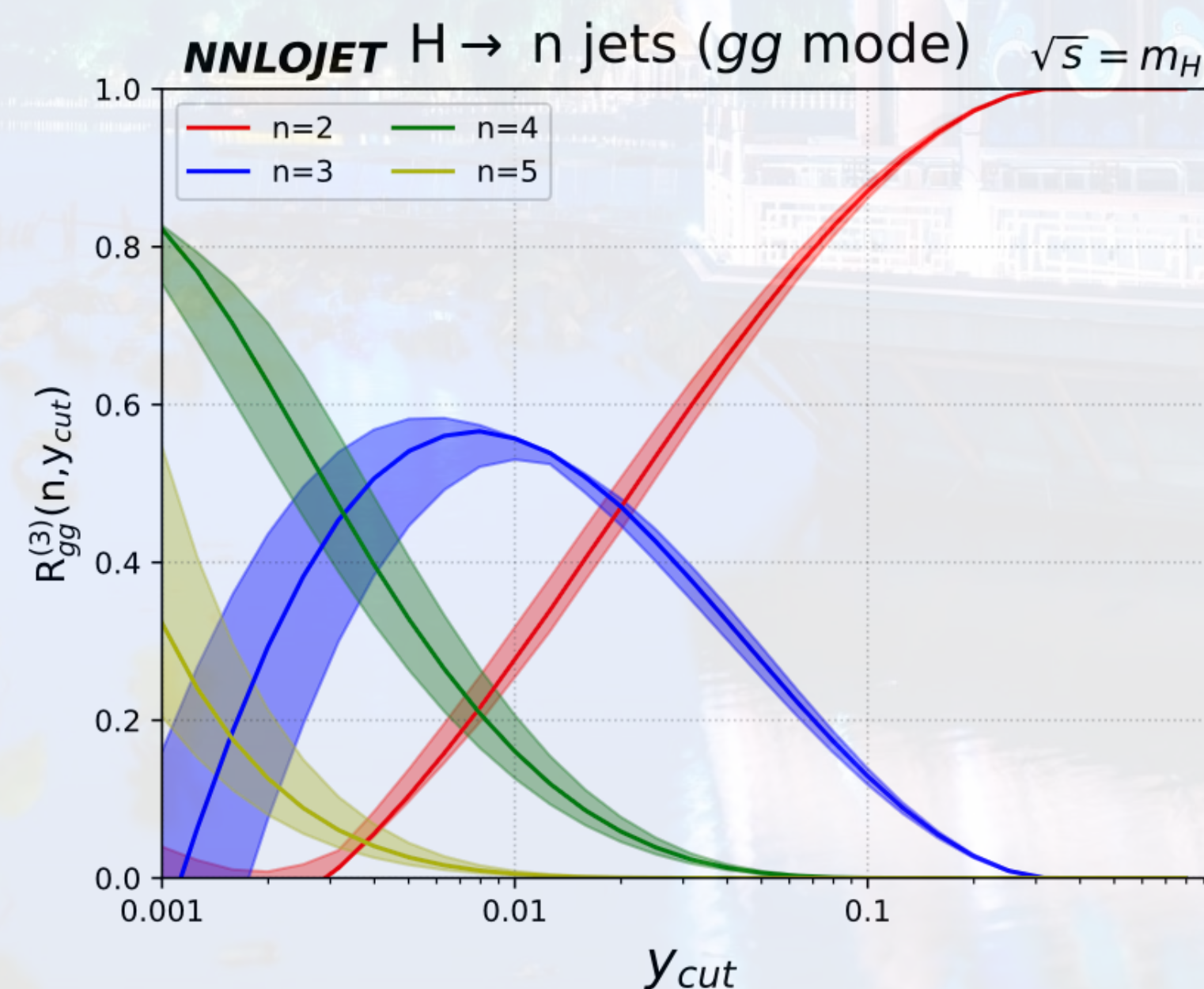
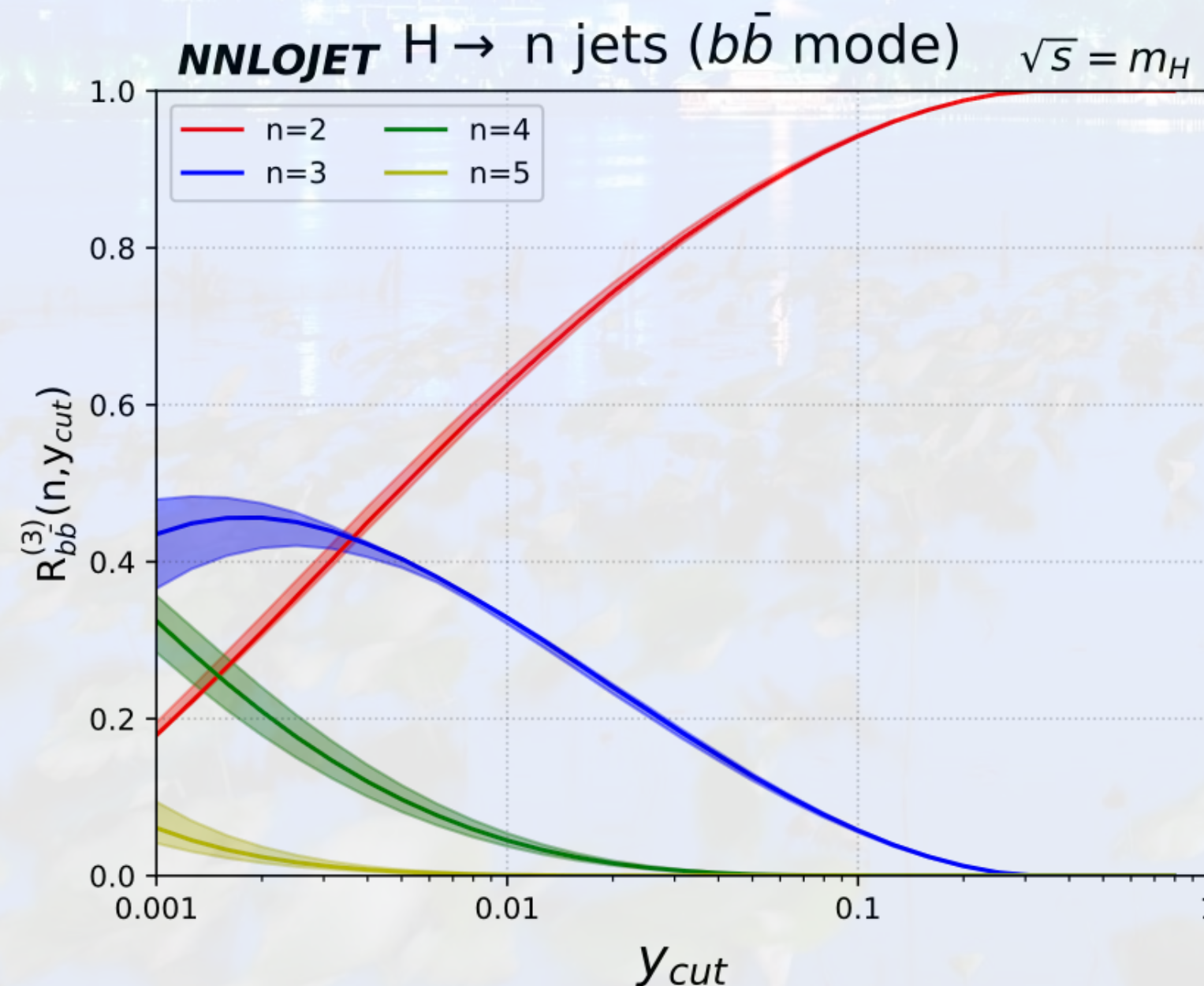
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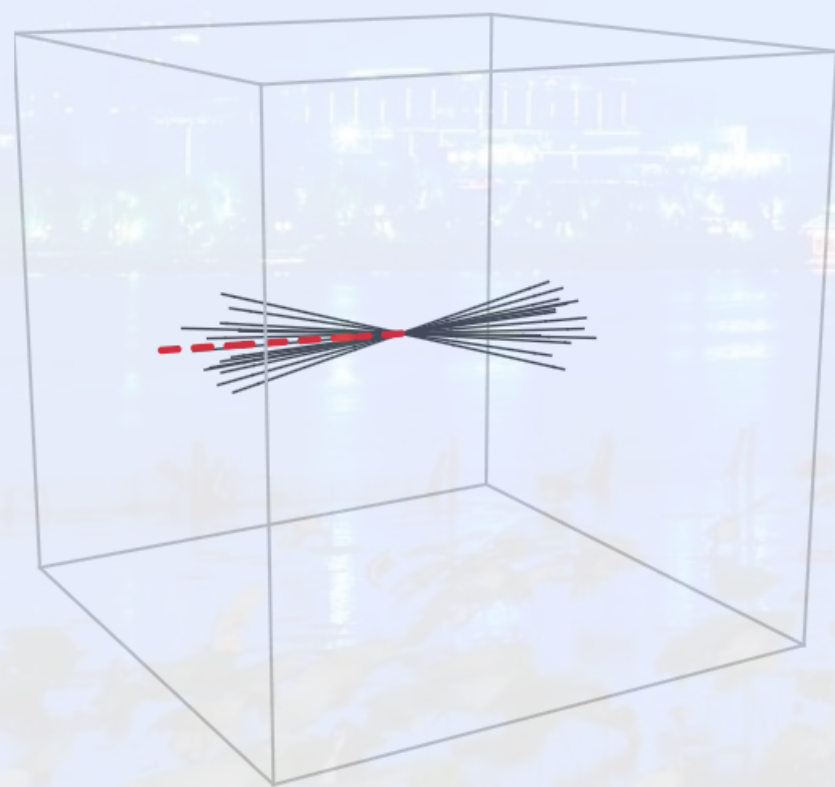
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Higgs $\rightarrow$ JJ @ N3LO

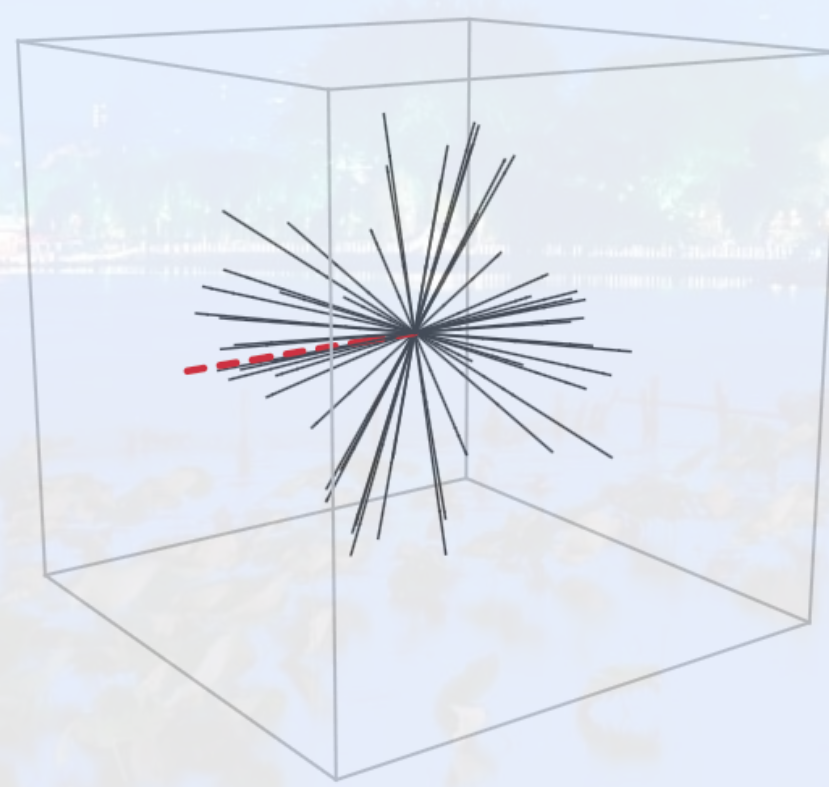
► Thrust distribution from Higgs decay

- Fraction of gg mode enhanced in the high multiplicity hard region
- Perturbative predictions for the gluonic mode breaks down earlier than for the Yukawa one in pencil-like regions
- All-order resummation effects are important in the back-to-back region ($\tau \rightarrow 0$)



$$T = 0.998, \quad \tau = 0.002$$

pencil-like
back to back



$$T = 0.65, \quad \tau = 0.35$$

spherical
isotropic

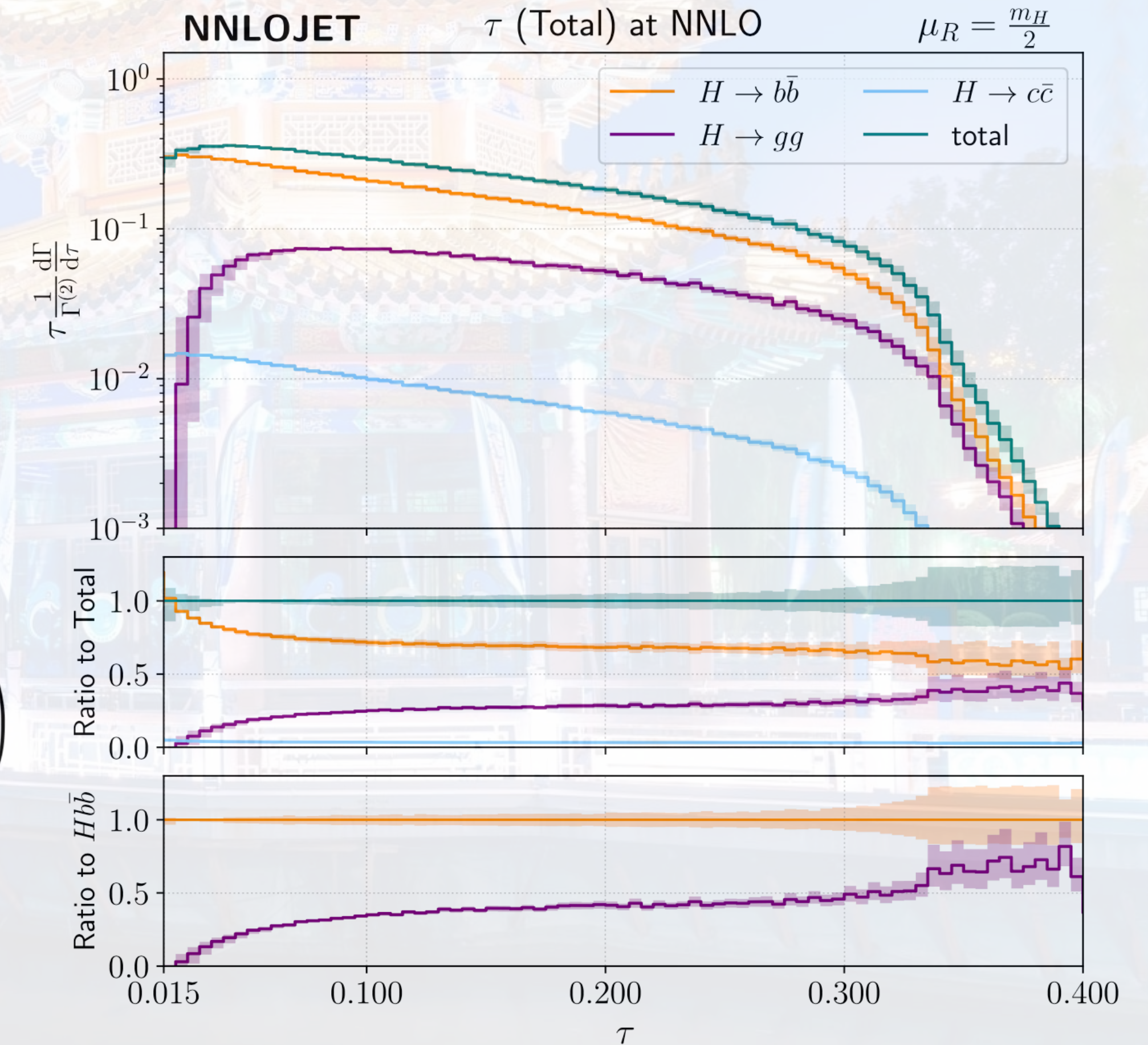
$$T = \max_{\vec{n}} \left(\frac{\sum_i \vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{n}}{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i|} \right)$$

$$\tau \equiv 1 - T = \min_{\vec{n}} \left(1 - \frac{\sum_i \vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{n}}{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i|} \right)$$

NNLO
JET

pencil-like
back to back

spherical
isotropic



Fox, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Marcoli, Preuss [2508.14282]

FUTURE PROSPECTS

- Precision is not the ultimate goal → identify anomaly then understand
- The most famous **failed experiment**: Michelson–Morley in 1887, foundation of special relativity. → 1907 Nobel Prize to [Albert A. Michelson](#) . 
- “... it seems probable that **most of the grand underlying principles have been firmly established** and that further advances are to be sought chiefly in the rigorous application of these principles to all the phenomena which come under our notice. ... An eminent physicist remarked that **the future truths of physical science are to be looked for in the sixth place of decimals.**” — [Albert A. Michelson](#), 1894
University of Chicago
- NNLO QCD precision maybe **solved**, but still not easily accessible. Several ongoing efforts towards automation and generalization. N3LO is very challenging, but first steps have been made in this direction.
- **Generalized antenna functions** yield a simpler and more efficient formulation of final-state IR subtraction.
- First application of antenna subtraction to a **fully-differential N3LO calculation**. Gradual extension to more complicated processes is desired in the future.



Thank You for Your Attention



BACK UP SLIDES

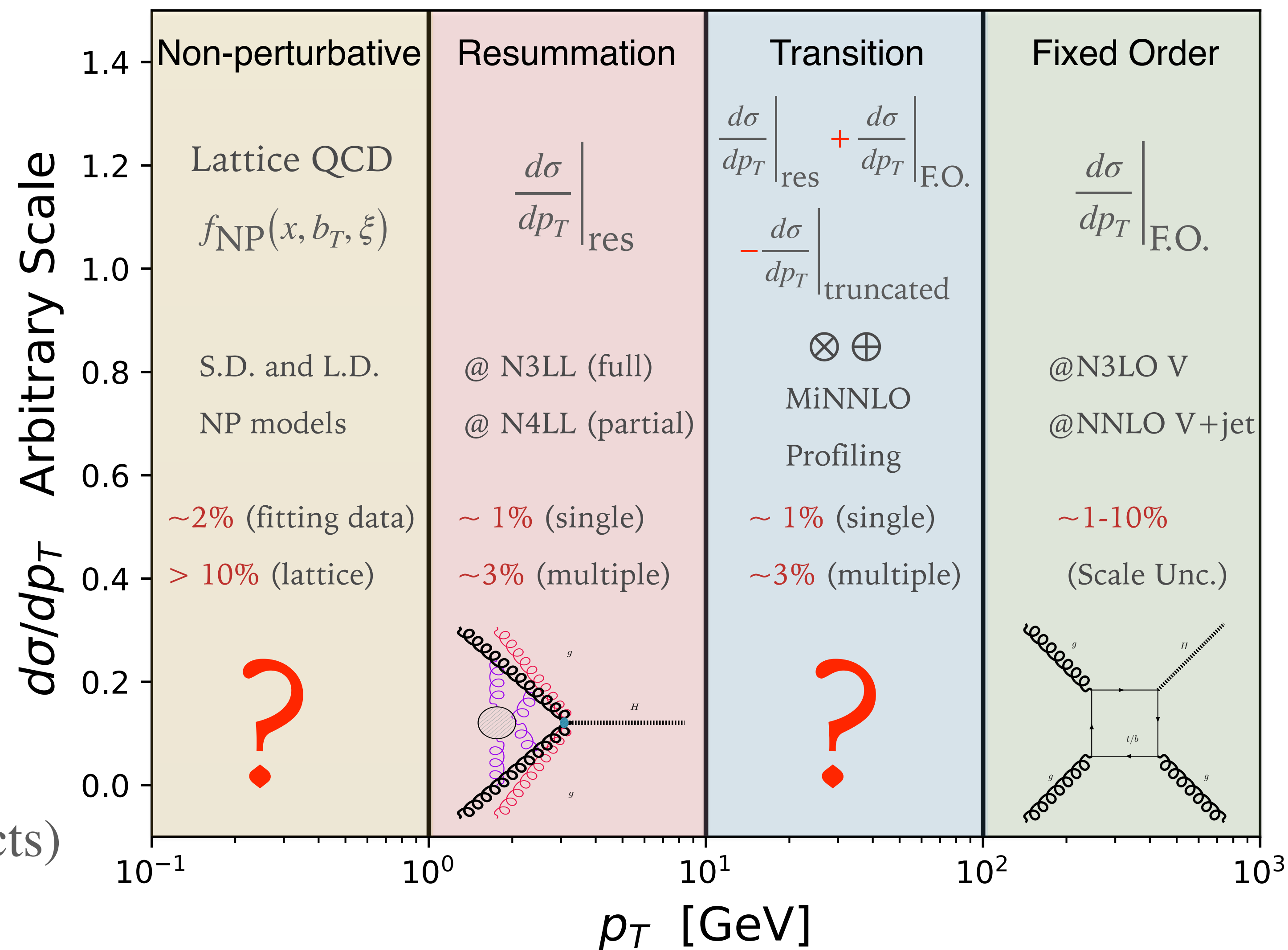
STATE-OF-THE-ART PREDICTIONS FOR $d\sigma_{N^3LO+N^3(4)LL}$

FO	α_s^n	$H(m_V, \mu)$	$I_{ij}^{(n)}(x, b)$	$\ln W(x_a, x_b, m_V, \vec{b}, \mu = b_0/b) \sim \int_{\mu_h}^{\mu} d\bar{\mu} / \bar{\mu} (A(\alpha_s(\bar{\mu})) \ln \frac{m_V^2}{\bar{\mu}^2} + B(\alpha_s(\bar{\mu})))$						
$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{NLO}^V}{dq_T}$	NLO	✓	✓	$\ln^2(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln(b^2 m_V^2)$	1				
$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{NNLO}^V}{dq_T}$	N2LO	✓	✓	$\ln^3(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln^2(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln(b^2 m_V^2)$	1			
$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{N^3LO}^V}{dq_T}$	N3LO	✓	✓	$\ln^4(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln^3(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln^2(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln(b^2 m_V^2)$	1		
$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{N^4LO}^V}{dq_T}$	N4LO	✓	✗	$\ln^5(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln^4(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln^3(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln^2(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln(b^2 m_V^2)$	1	
...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...	...
$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{N^kLO}^V}{dq_T}$	NKLO			$\ln^{k+1}(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln^k(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln^{k-1}(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln^{k-2}(b^2 m_V^2)$	$\ln^{k-3}(b^2 m_V^2)$	...	...
...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Resum				LL	NLL	NNLL	N3LL	N4LL	...	$N^{k+1}LL$
A				A1 ✓	A2 ✓	A3 ✓	A4 ✓	A5 ✗	...	A_{k+2}
B					B1 ✓	B2 ✓	B3 ✓	B4 ✓	...	B_{k+1}

PREDICTIONS OF COLOURLESS PT AT HADRON COLLIDER

- Beyond QCD improved parton model
 - pQCD describes the tail of spectrum
 - Large logarithmic divergence
- $\ln \frac{p_T}{Q}$ as $p_T \rightarrow 1 \text{ GeV}$
- Various LP resummation schemes
- Multiple solutions in transition region
- Non-perturbative effects $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}$
(Short distance and long distance effects)

p_T Spectrum = multi-scale problem



PERTURBATIVE QFT FOR PRECISION PREDICTIONS

► State-of-the-art differential N3LO predictions ($2 \rightarrow 1$)

► Fully differential N3LO Drell-Yan production (via γ^*) (XC, T. Gehrmann, N. Glover, A. Huss, T.-Z. Yang, H. X. Zhu 2021)

► Apply qt-slicing at N3LO with **SCET factorisation** and expand to N3LO:

$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dQ^2 d^2\vec{q}_T dy} = \int \frac{d^2b_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-iq_\perp \cdot b_\perp} \sum_q \sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\gamma^*} H_{q\bar{q}} \left[\sum_k \int_{x_1}^1 \frac{dz_1}{z_1} \mathcal{I}_{qk}(z_1, b_T^2, \mu) f_{k/h_1}(x_1/z_1, \mu) \right. \\ \left. \times \sum_j \int_{x_2}^1 \frac{dz_2}{x_2} \mathcal{I}_{\bar{q}j}(z_2, b_T^2, \mu) f_{j/h_2}(x_2/z_2, \mu) \mathcal{S}(b_\perp, \mu) + (q \leftrightarrow \bar{q}) \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q_T^2}{Q^2}\right)$$

► All factorised functions are recently known up to N3LO:

1) 3-loop hard function $H_{q\bar{q}}^{(3)}$ (T. Gehrmann, E.W.N. Glover, T. Huber, N. Ikizlerli, C. Studerus 2010)

2) Transverse-momentum-dependent (TMD) soft function $S(b_\perp, \mu)$ at α_s^3 (Y. Li, H.X. Zhu 2016)

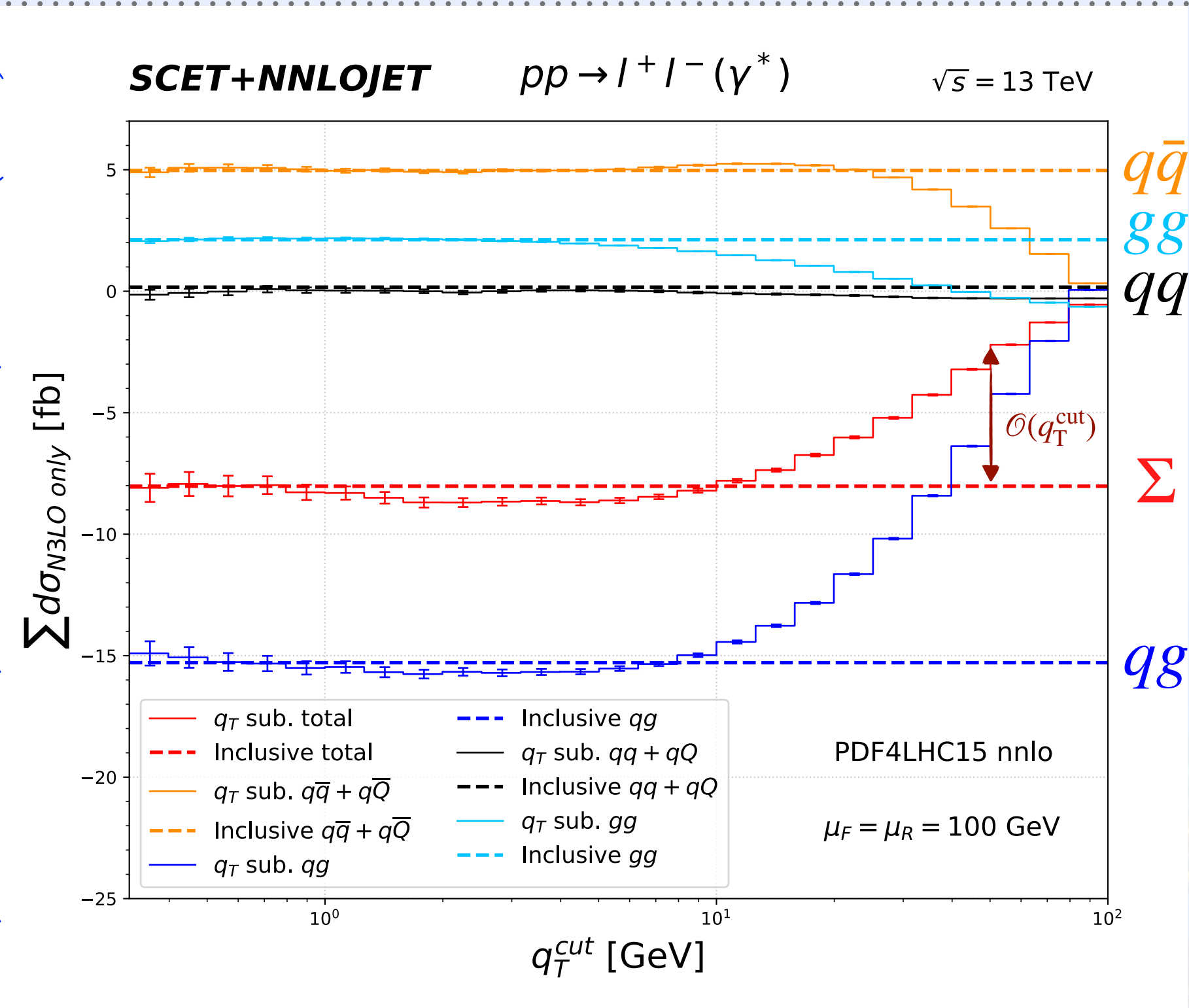
3) Matching kernel of TMD beam function I_{qk} at α_s^3 (M.-X. Luo, T.-Z. Yang, H. X. Zhu, Y. J. Zhu 2019, M. A. Ebert, B. Mistlberger, G. Vita 2020)

► Apply qt cut to factorise N3LO contribution into two parts:

$$d\sigma_{N^3LO}^{\gamma^*} = [\mathcal{H}^{\gamma^*} \otimes d\sigma^{\gamma^*}]_{N^3LO} \Big|_{\delta(p_{T,\gamma^*})} + [d\sigma_{NNLO}^{\gamma^*+jet} - d\sigma_{N^3LO}^{\gamma^* CT}]_{p_{T,\gamma^*} > \textcolor{red}{qt}_{cut}} + \mathcal{O}(qt_{cut}^2/Q^2)$$

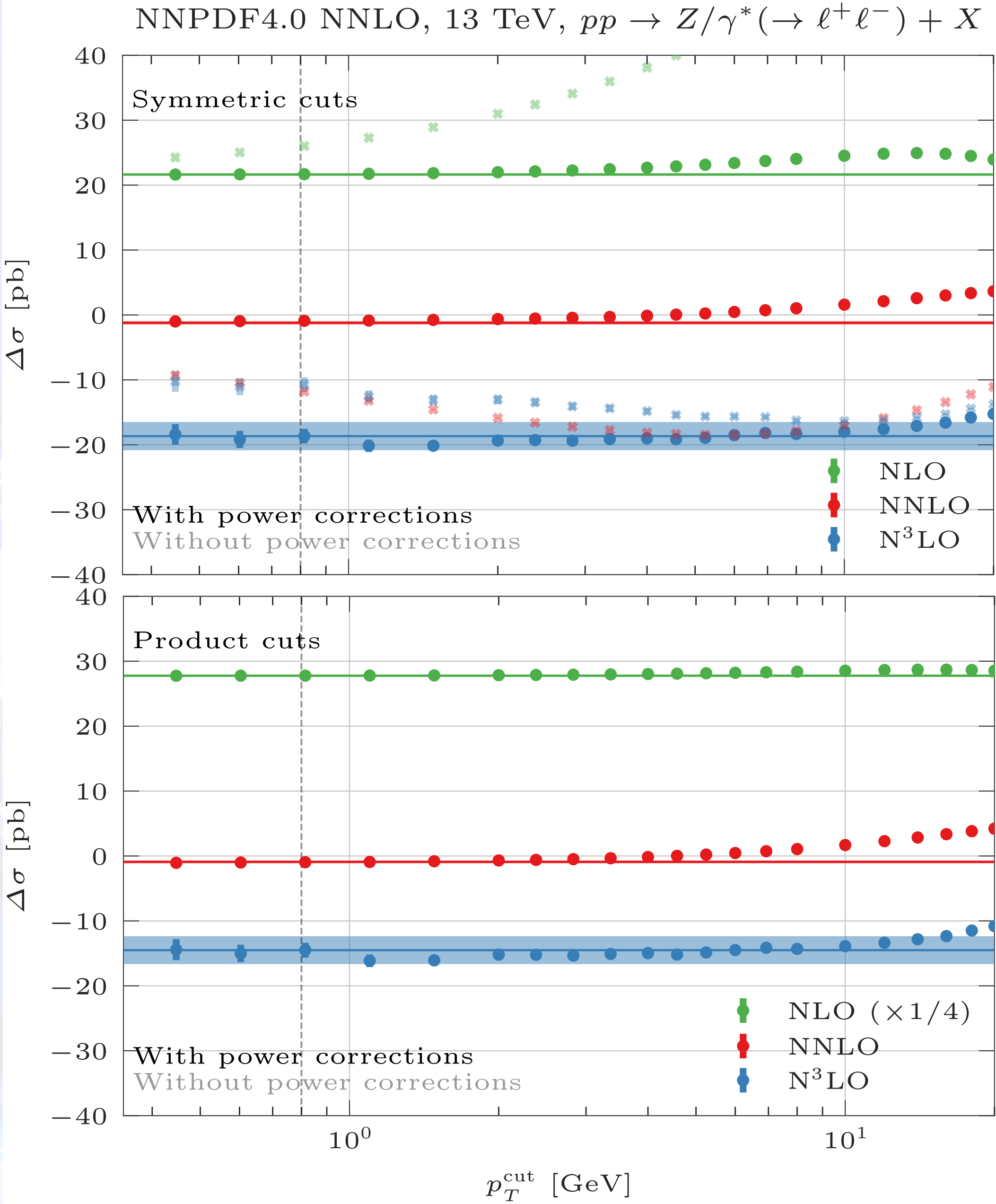
pp → γ*/Z @ N³LO

XC, T. Gehrmann, et. al. PRL. 128, 052001 (2022)



Fixed order	$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \gamma^*} (\text{fb})$		
LO	$339.62^{+34.06}_{-37.48}$		
NLO	$391.25^{+10.84}_{-16.62}$		
NNLO	$390.09^{+3.06}_{-4.11}$		
N ³ LO	$382.08^{+2.64}_{-3.09}$ [14]		
N ³ LO only	$q_T^{\text{cut}} = 0.63$ GeV	$q_T^{\text{cut}} \rightarrow 0$ fit	[14]
qg	-15.32(32)	-15.34(54)	-15.29
$q\bar{q} + q\bar{Q}$	+5.06(12)	+5.05(12)	+4.97
gg	+2.17(6)	+2.19(6)	+2.12
$qq + qQ$	+0.09(13)	+0.09(17)	+0.17
Total	-7.98(36)	-8.01(58)	-8.03

C. Duhr, F. Dulat, B. Mistlberger.
PRL. 125, 172001 (2020)



XC, T. Gehrmann, N. Glover, et. al. PRL 128, 252001 (2022)

STATE-OF-THE-ART PREDICTIONS: $d\sigma_{N^3LO}$

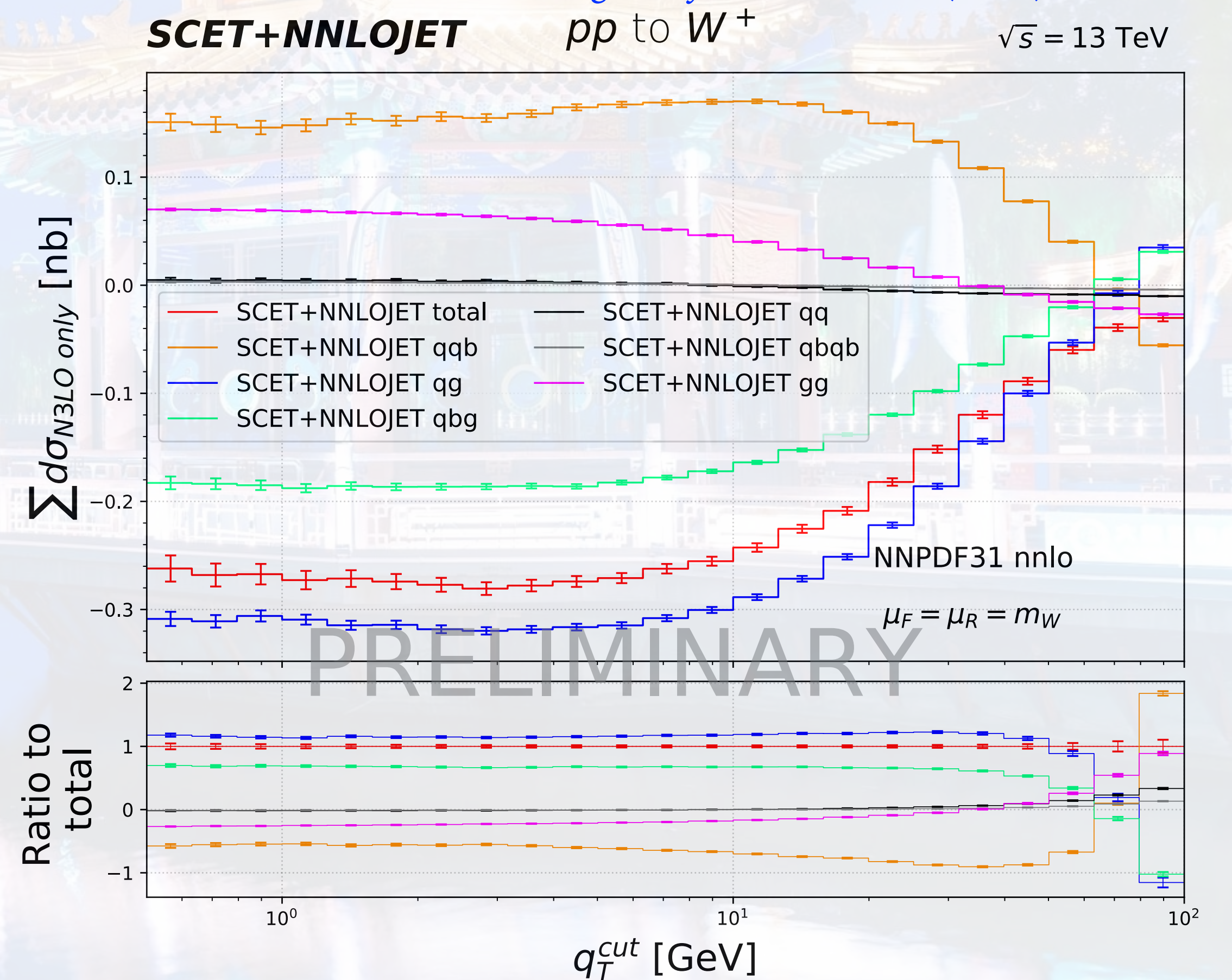
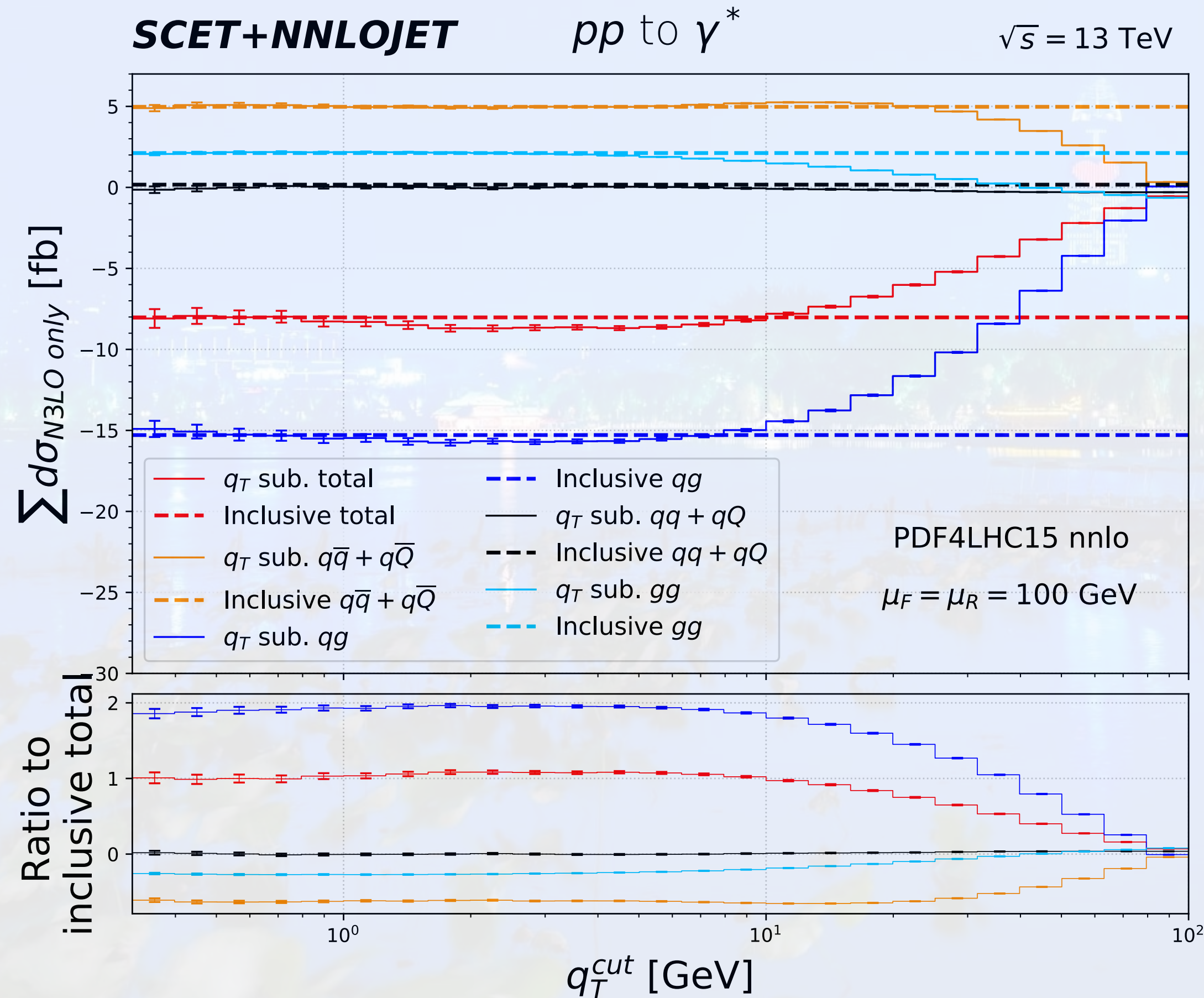
► qT slicing at N3LO for neutral and charged current production (NNLOJET)

$$\sum d\sigma_{N^3LO}^V \equiv \sum_{dp_{T,V}} d\sigma_{NNLO}^{V+jet}/dp_{T,V}|_{p_{T,V} > q_T^{cut}} + \sum_{dp_{T,V}} d\sigma_{N^3LO}^{V SCET}/dp_{T,V}|_{p_{T,V} \in [0, q_T^{cut}]}$$

NC and CC Validated against inclusive XS within $\pm 5\%$ uncertainty

$$\Delta\sigma_{N^3LO}^{\gamma^*} = -7.98 \pm 0.36 \text{ fb vs. } -8.03 \text{ fb}$$

Duhr, Dulat, Mistlberger *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 125 (2020)



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Precision frontier of pQCD with NNLOJET

STATE-OF-THE-ART PREDICTIONS: $d\sigma_{N^3LO}$

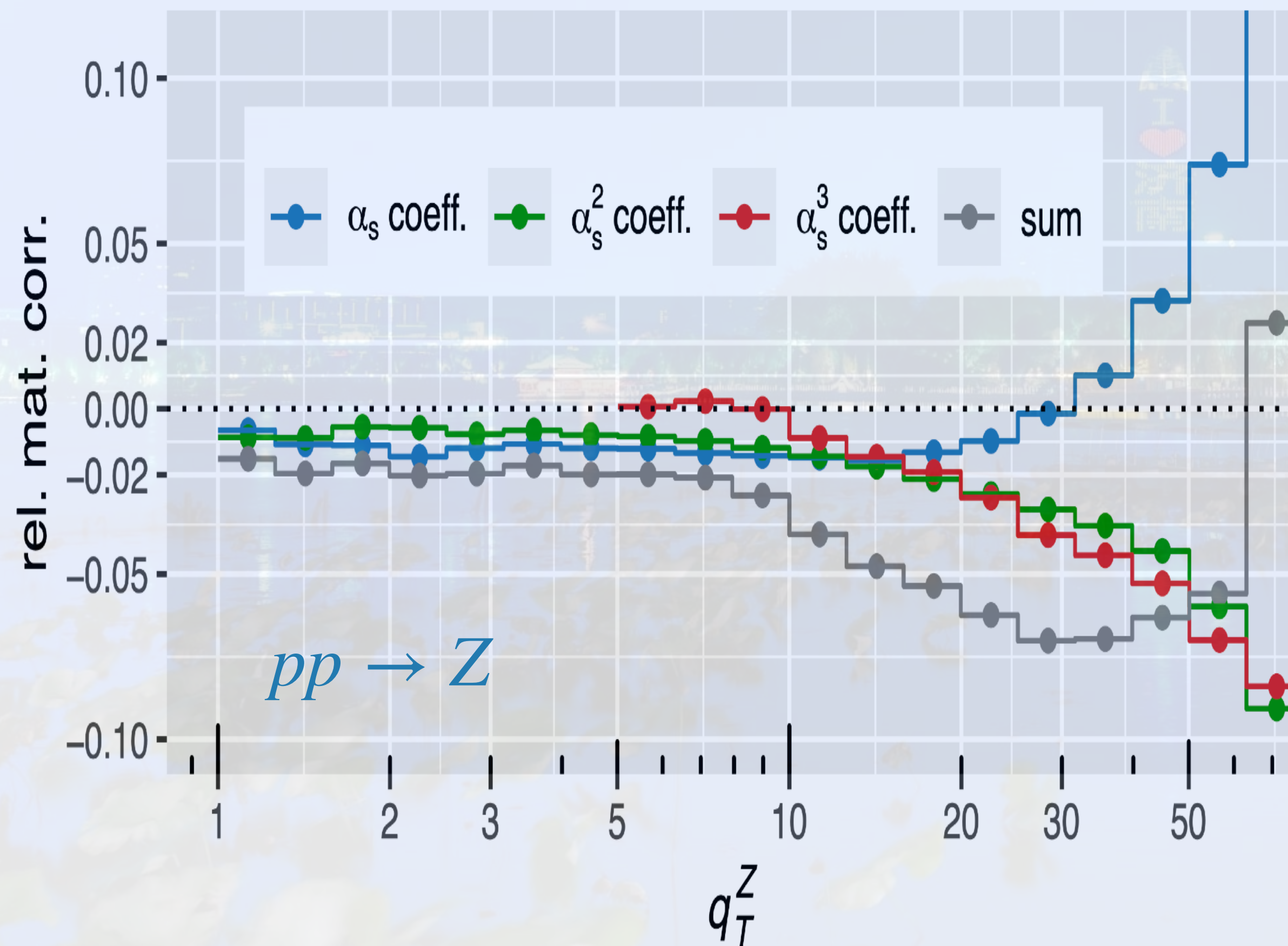
► qT slicing at N3LO for neutral and charged current production (MCFM)

$$\sum d\sigma_{N^3LO}^V \equiv \sum_{dp_{T,V}} d\sigma_{NNLO}^{V+jet}/dp_{T,V}|_{p_{T,V} > q_T^{cut}} + \sum_{dp_{T,V}} d\sigma_{N^3LO}^{V SCET}/dp_{T,V}|_{p_{T,V} \in [0, q_T^{cut}]}$$

NC MCFM: $-22.6 \text{ pb} \pm 1.4 \text{ pb (num.)} \pm 1 \text{ pb (slicing)}$

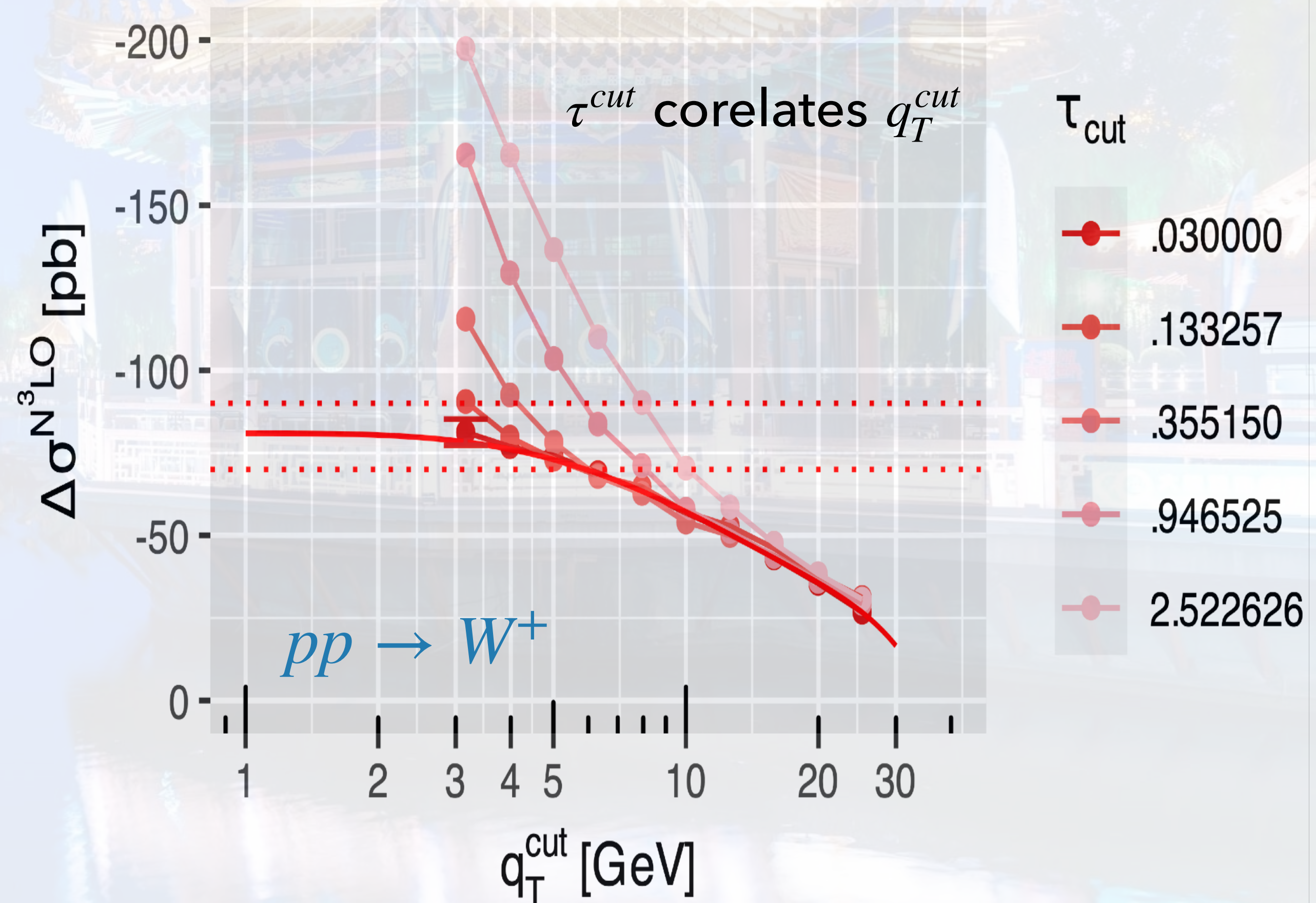
NC NNLOJET: $-18.7 \text{ pb} \pm 1.1 \text{ pb (num.)} \pm 0.9 \text{ pb (slicing)}$

CC agree to inclusive XS within $\pm 60\%$ uncertainty of $\Delta(\alpha_s^3)$



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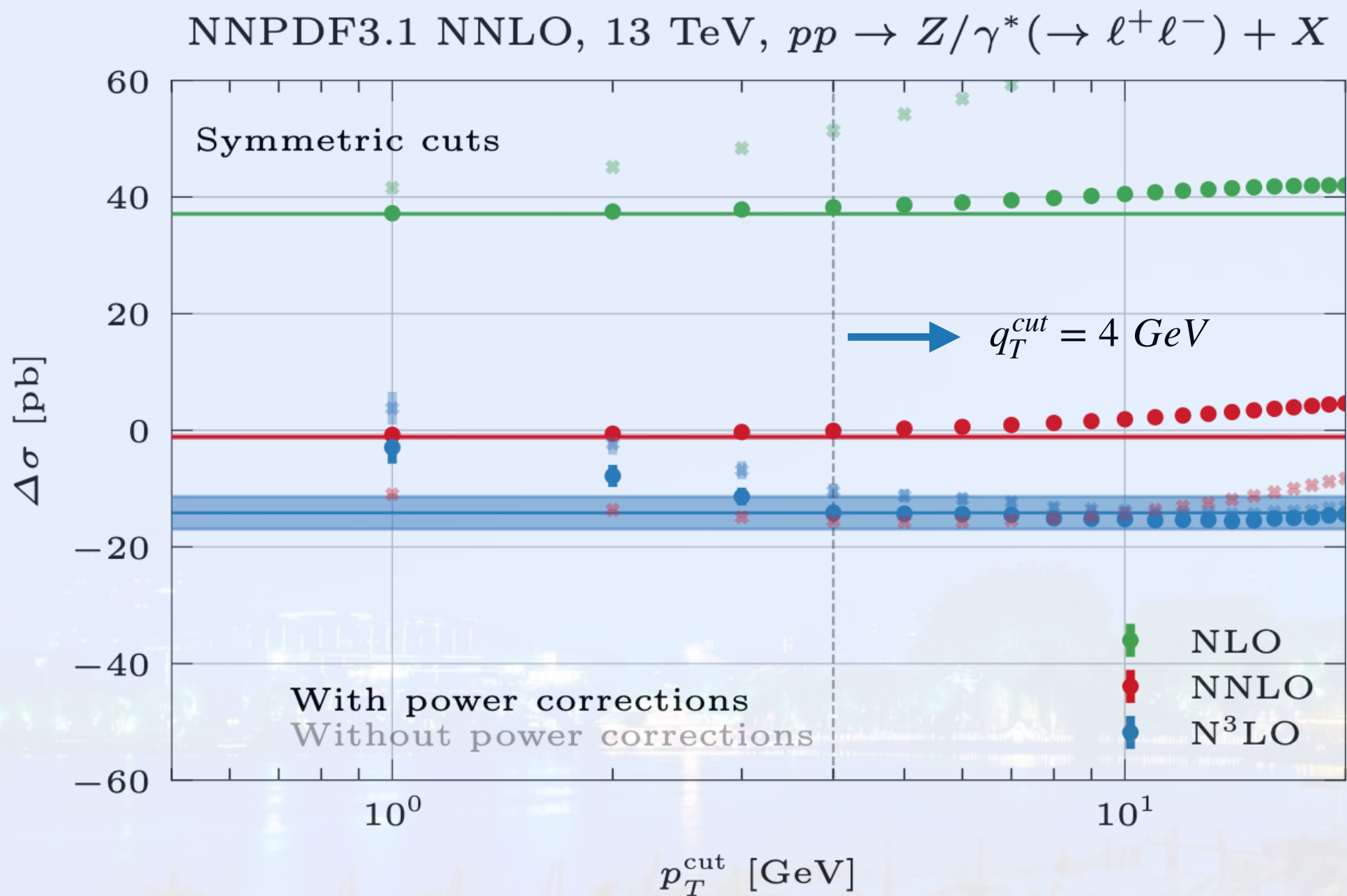
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Precision Predictions at Hadron Collider

2 → 1 @ N3LO (+ N3LL) QCD



XC, T. Gehrmann, N. Glover, et. al. PRL 128, 252001 (2022)

DYTurbo result with fiducial power correction

Order	N ³ LO
q_T subtr. ($q_T^{\text{cut}} = 4 \text{ GeV}$)	$747.1 \pm 0.7 \text{ pb}$
recoil q_T subtr.	$745.7 \pm 0.7 \text{ pb}$

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- Solid horizontal lines: NLO, NNLO at 1 GeV, N3LO at 4 GeV with MC error.
- N3LO shows no plateau in 1905.05171
- Pale dots are **values used by DYTurbo** in 2103.04974 and 2303.12781 (taken from 1905.05171).
- Fiducial power corrections are not included.
- Leads to 30% difference of N3LO coefficients at $q_T^{\text{cut}} = 4 \text{ GeV}$.
- Solid dots are corrected values with fiducial power correction.
- Central value shifts **2 pb** starting from NLO (the dominant error).
- **$\pm 2.1 \text{ pb}$** uncertainty from MC and q_T^{cut} (estimated from [3,5] GeV region).
- Not consistent with DYTurbo update result of **$\pm 0.7 \text{ pb}$** uncertainty.

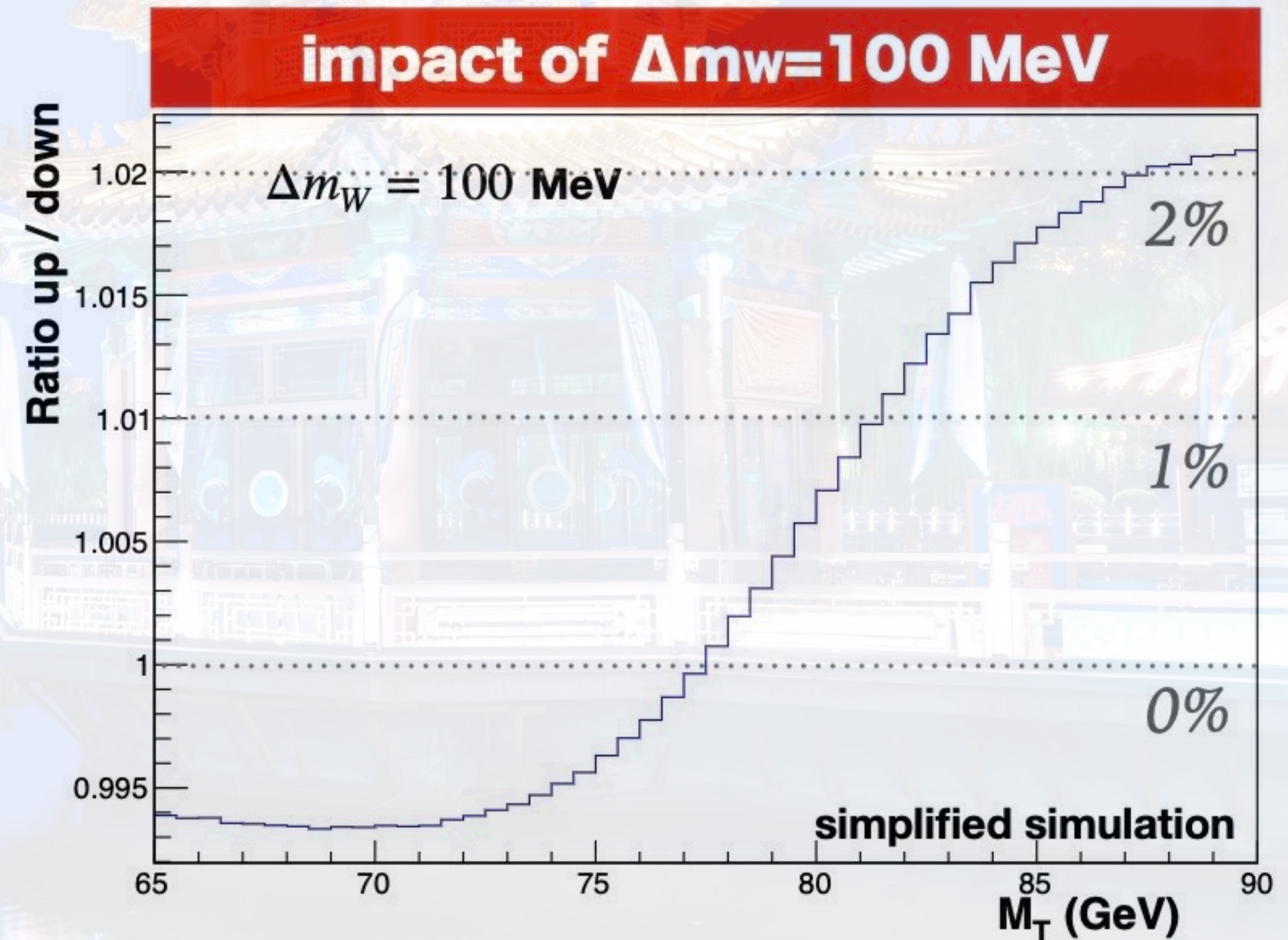
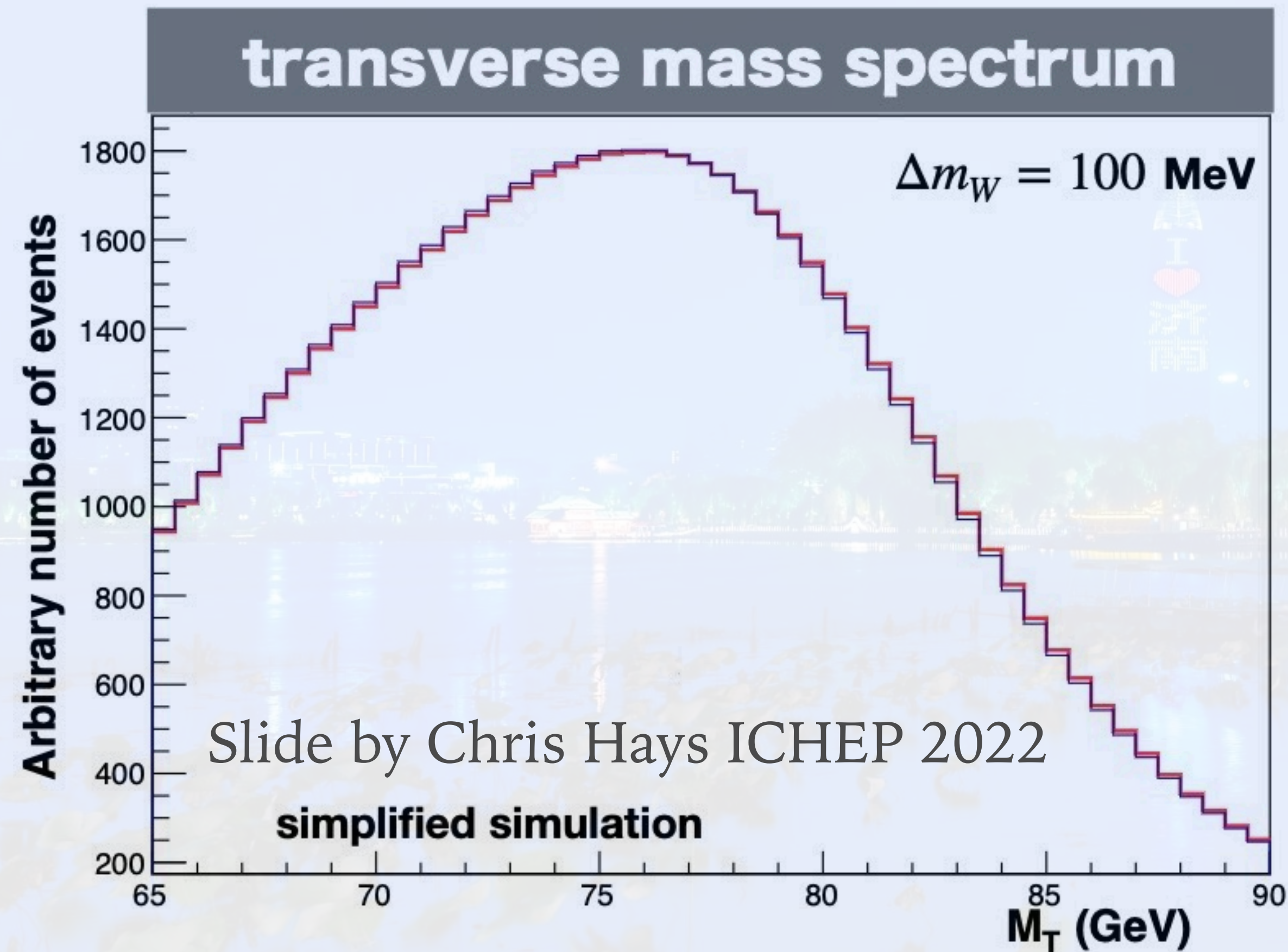
DYTurbo result without fiducial power correction cited in ATLAS α_s fitting

Order	NLO	NNLO	N ³ LO
$\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow l^+l^-)$ [pb]	766.3 ± 1	757.4 ± 2	746.1 ± 2.5
Order	NLL+NLO	NNLL+NNLO	N ³ LL+N ³ LO
$\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow l^+l^-)$ [pb]	773.7 ± 1	759.8 ± 2	749.6 ± 2.5

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W MASS IN CDFII MEASUREMENT

► $d\sigma/dm_T^W$ two templates with $\Delta m_W = 100$ MeV



$\Delta m_W = 100$ MeV ~ 0.5 -2% change in $d\sigma/dm_T^W \longrightarrow \Delta m_W = 10$ MeV $\sim 0.1\%$ precision in $d\sigma/dm_T^W$

PRECISION PREDICTIONS IN CDF II

►CDF II use ResBos to generate theory templates

►NLO+NNLL accuracy for W/Z production

Balazs, Brock, Landry, Nadolsky and Yuan`97 to`03

►CSS factorisation and resummation of p_T in b space:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2 d^2\vec{p}_T dy d\cos\theta d\phi} = \sigma_0 \int \frac{d^2b}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\vec{p}_T \cdot \vec{b}} e^{-S(b)} \\ \times C \otimes f(x_1, \mu) C \otimes f(x_2, \mu) + Y(Q, \vec{p}_T, x_1, x_2, \mu_R, \mu_F)$$

Collins, Soper and Sterman`85

►Non-perturbative effects at $\alpha_s(\Lambda)$ and large b :

$$S(b) = S_{\text{NP}} S_{\text{Pert}}, \quad \text{Collins and Soper`77}$$

$$S_{\text{Pert}}(b) = \int_{C_1^2/(b^*)^2}^{C_2^2 Q^2} \frac{d\bar{\mu}^2}{\bar{\mu}^2} \left[\ln \left(\frac{C_2^2 Q^2}{\bar{\mu}^2} \right) A(\bar{\mu}, C_1) + B(\bar{\mu}, C_1, C_2) \right]$$

$$S_{\text{NP}} = \left[-g_1 - g_2 \ln \left(\frac{Q}{2Q_0} \right) - g_1 g_3 \ln(100x_1 x_2) \right] b^2$$

S_{NP} assumes the BLNY functional form

Brock, Landry, Nadolsky and Yuan`02

►Use data driven method:

Fix	g1	g2	g3	α_s
p_T^Z	Global fit`03	CDFII fit	Global fit`03	CDFII fit
p_T^Z/p_T^W			Global fit`03	

Global fit by Brock, Landry, Nadolsky and Yuan`03

$$m_T^W \sim 0.7 \text{ MeV}, p_T^l \sim 2.3 \text{ MeV}, p_T^\nu \sim 0.9 \text{ MeV}$$

CDF supplementary materials`22

►Scale uncertainty of p_T^Z/p_T^W by DYQT

Bozzi, Catani, Ferrera, de Florian, Grazzini`09`11

$$m_T^W \sim 3.5 \text{ MeV}, p_T^l \sim 10.1 \text{ MeV}, p_T^\nu \sim 3.9 \text{ MeV}$$

Not included in final result CDF sm`22