



# PRECISION FRONTIER OF PQCD WITH NNLOJET

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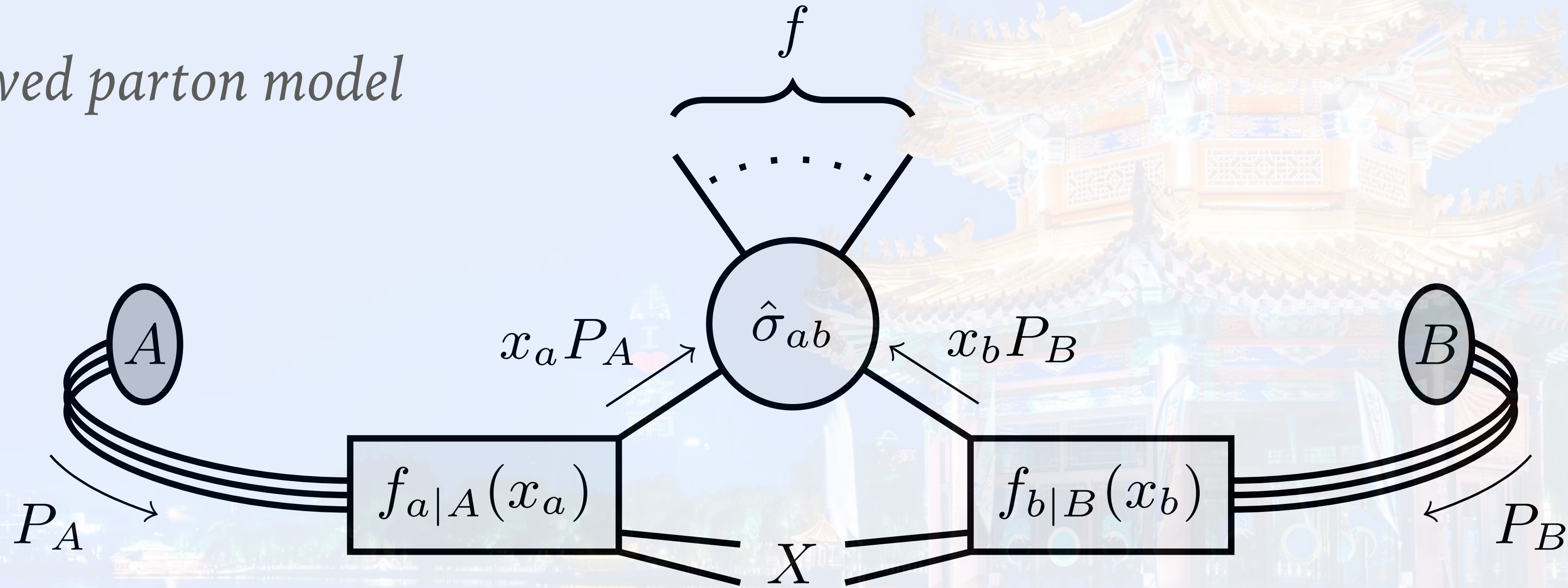
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**NNLO  
JET**



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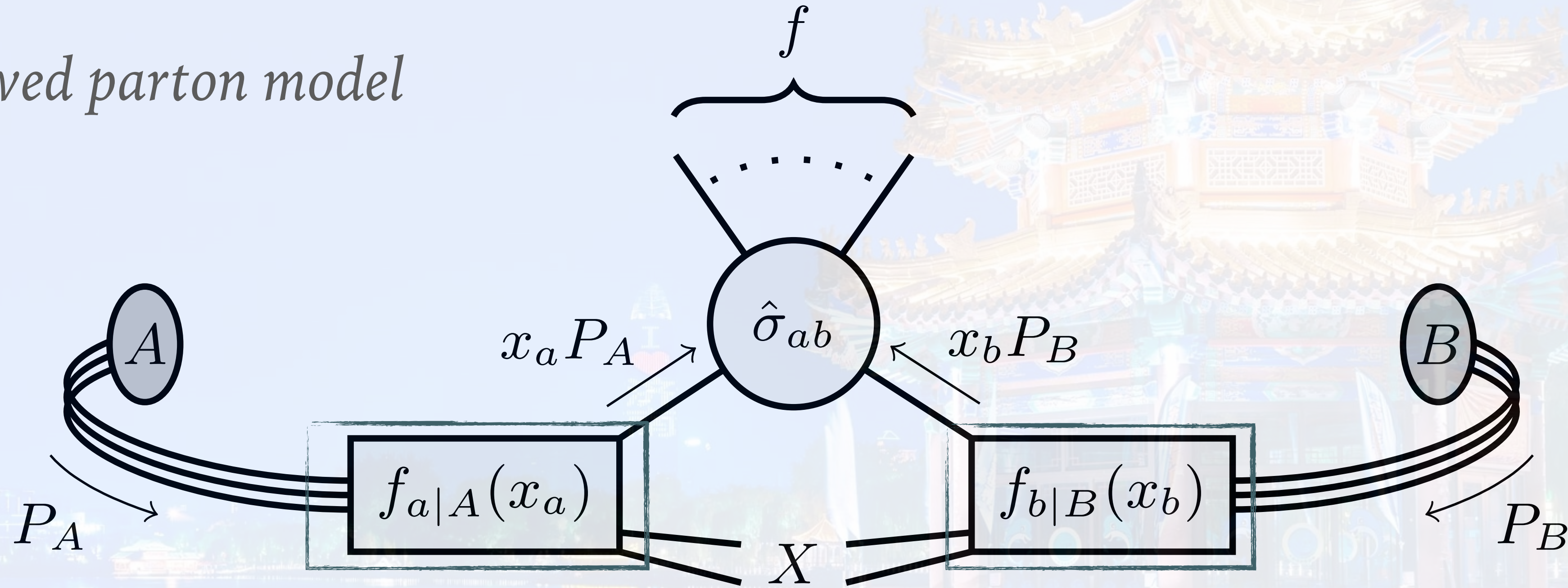
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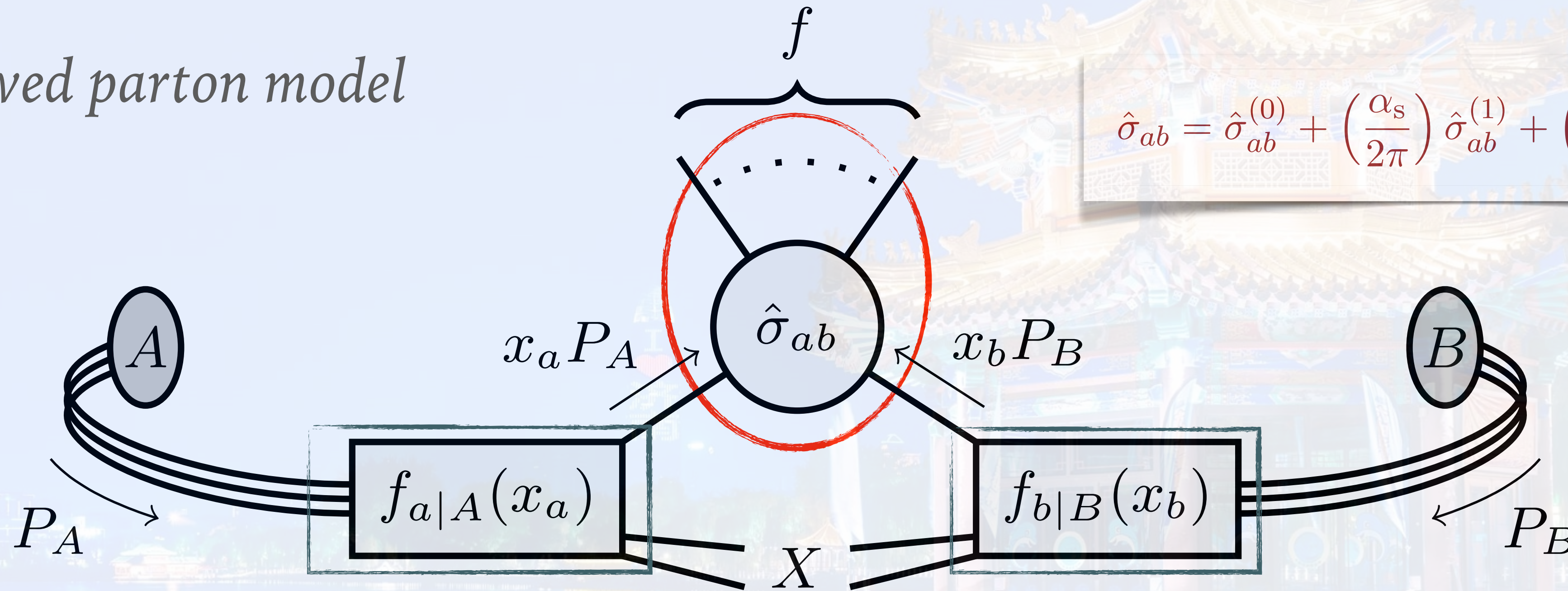
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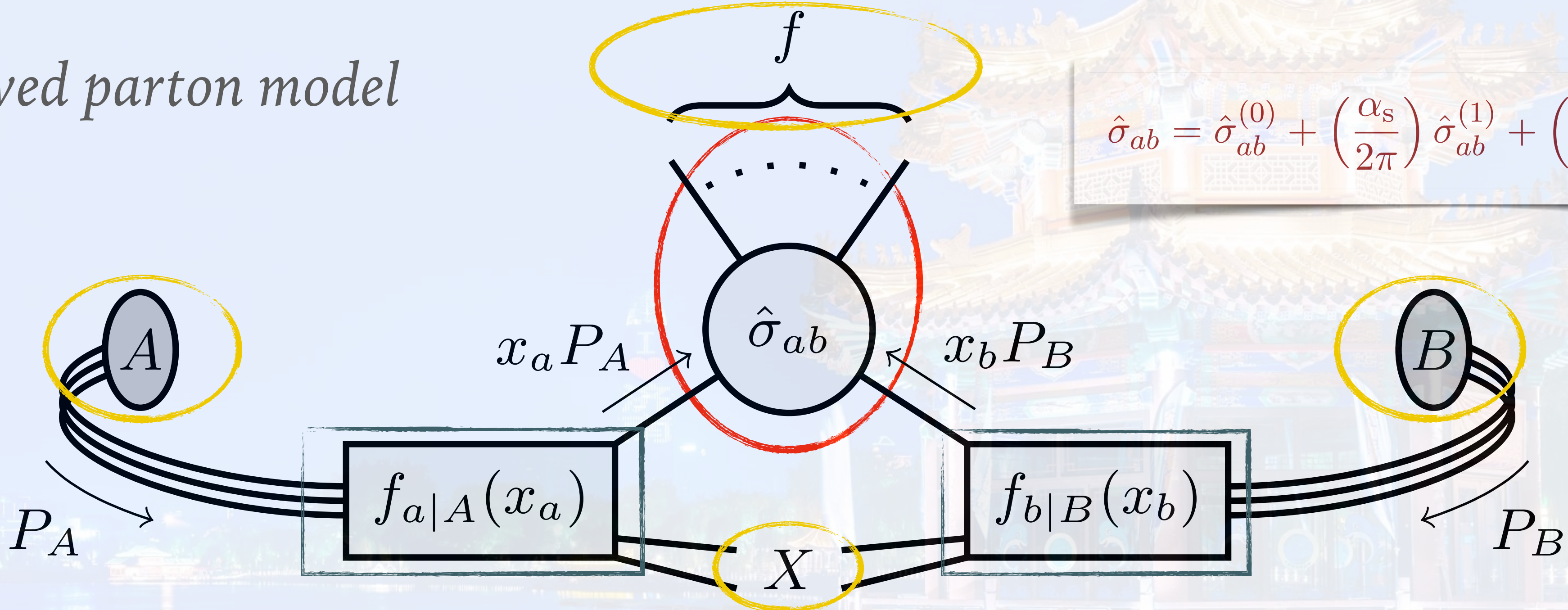
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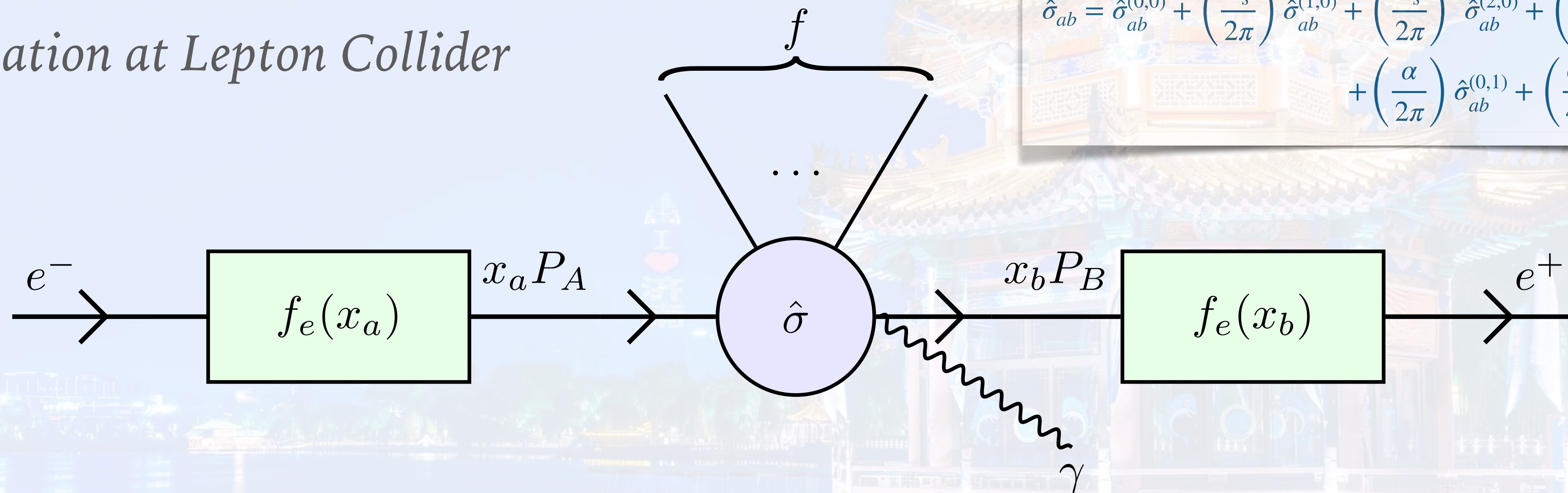
Parton distribution functions  
(Energy evolution from all exp.)  
**± 3-5 % at LHC energy**

Hard scattering  
(Perturbative quantum field theory)  
**± 1~3 % level!**

non-perturbative effects  
(Fragmentation, hadronisation)  
**±  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/\sqrt{\hat{s}}$**

# PRECISION PREDICTIONS AT LEPTON COLLIDER

## Factorisation at Lepton Collider



$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab} = \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(0,0)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right) \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(1,0)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right)^2 \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(2,0)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right)^3 \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(3,0)} + \dots$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right) \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(0,1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha\alpha_s}{4\pi^2}\right) \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(1,1)} + \dots$$

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Electron PDF at NLO+NLL  
(Determined by first principle)  
 $\pm 0.1 \sim 1\%$  at  $\mathcal{O}(10^2)$  GeV

Hard scattering (Perturbative QFT)  
 $\pm 5 \sim 10\%$  for jets  
 $\pm 0.01 \sim 2\%$  for leptons

non-perturbative effects  
(Fragmentation, hadronisation)  
 $\pm \Lambda/\sqrt{\hat{s}}, \delta(\mathcal{O} - c_0/\sqrt{\hat{s}})$

# 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%

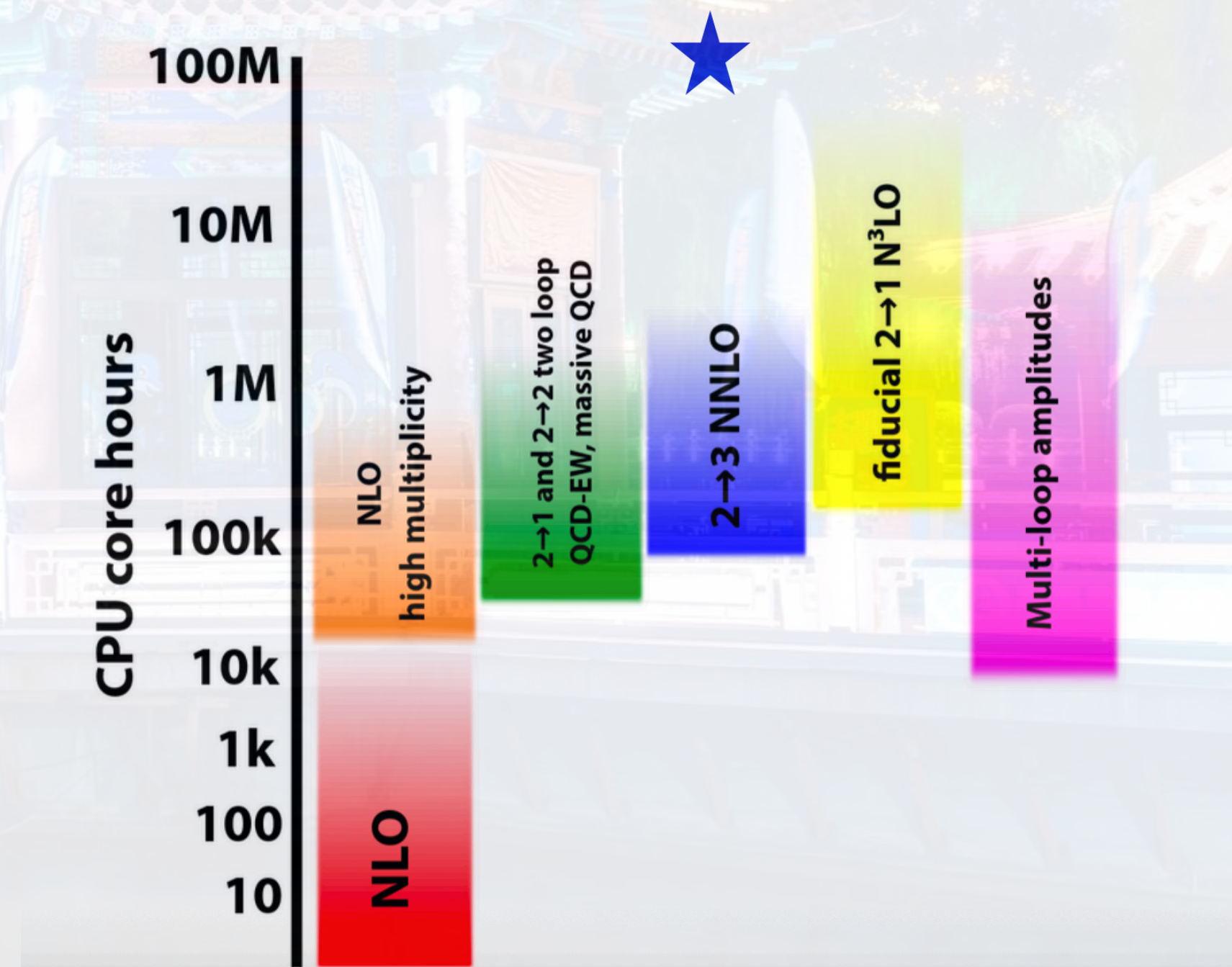
## ➤ So, is NNLO solved?

- 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

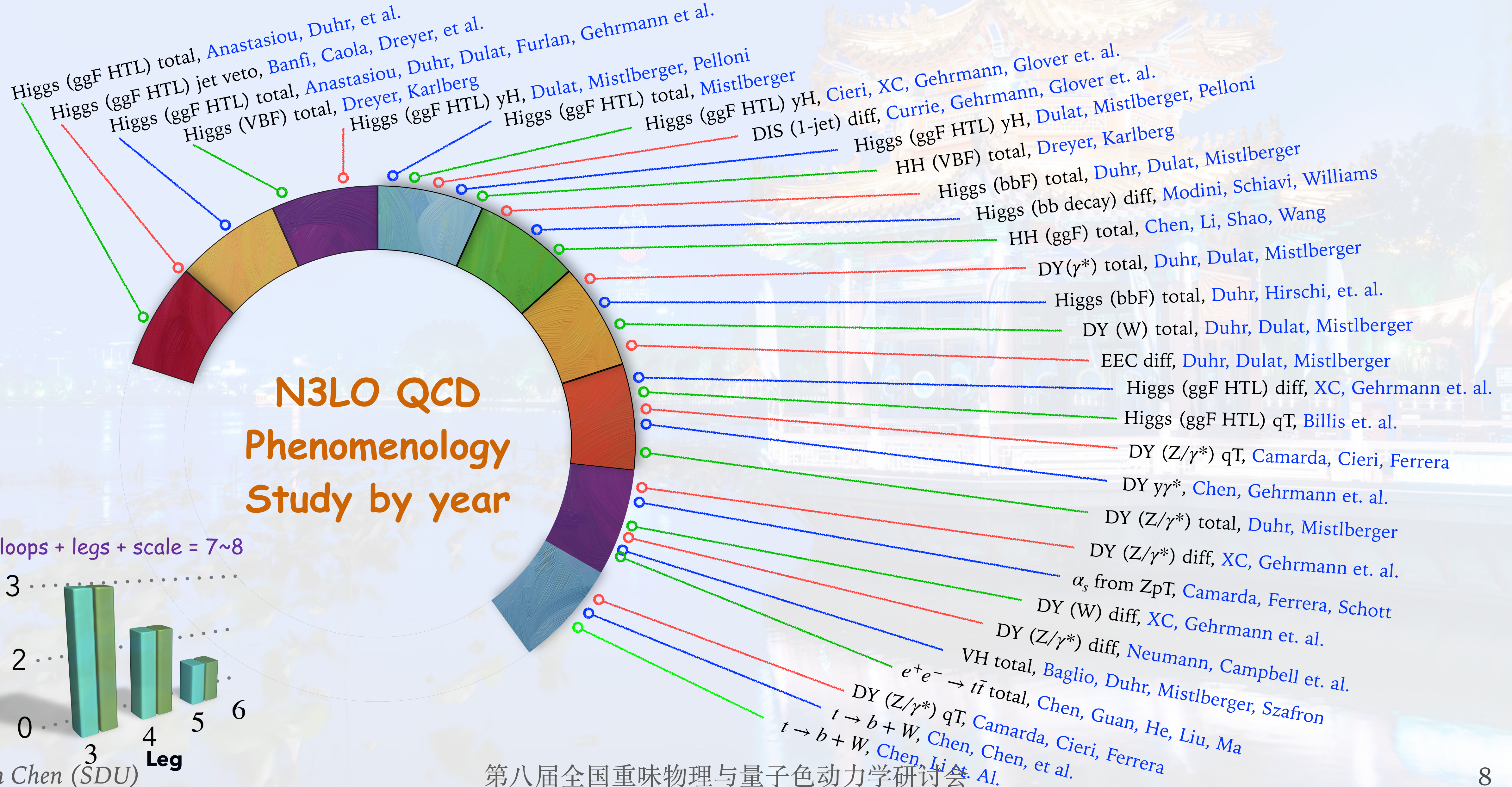
pp  $\rightarrow$  jjj event shapes with STRIPPER



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

# Perturbative QCD @ N3LO

## N3LO QCD Phenomenology Study by year



# 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)

◇ qT slicing

⊙ τ slicing

\* Projection-2-Born

† Antenna subtraction

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Third order QCD predictions for fiducial W-boson production

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Fully differential Higgs boson pair production at N<sup>3</sup>LO with top quark mass effects

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Next-to-next-to-next-to-leading order QCD corrections to photon-pair production

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**pp → γγ**

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**pp → H**

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Two-Dimensional Transverse-Momentum Subtraction and Semi-Inclusive Deep-Inelastic Scattering at N<sup>3</sup>LO in QCD

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N<sup>3</sup>LO predictions for the decay of the Higgs boson to bottom quarks

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**H → bb\***

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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ABSTRACT

We present the first application of antenna subtraction at next-to-next-to-next-to-leading order (N<sup>3</sup>LO) in QCD by computing fully differential predictions for two-jet production at electron-positron colliders. We illustrate the structure of the infrared counterterms and provide results for the N<sup>3</sup>LO correction to the two-jet production rate and to the leading-jet energy. Our work constitutes the first direct calculation of jet production at electron-positron colliders at N<sup>3</sup>LO and represents the first step in tackling arbitrary processes with jets at this perturbative order.

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# 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:

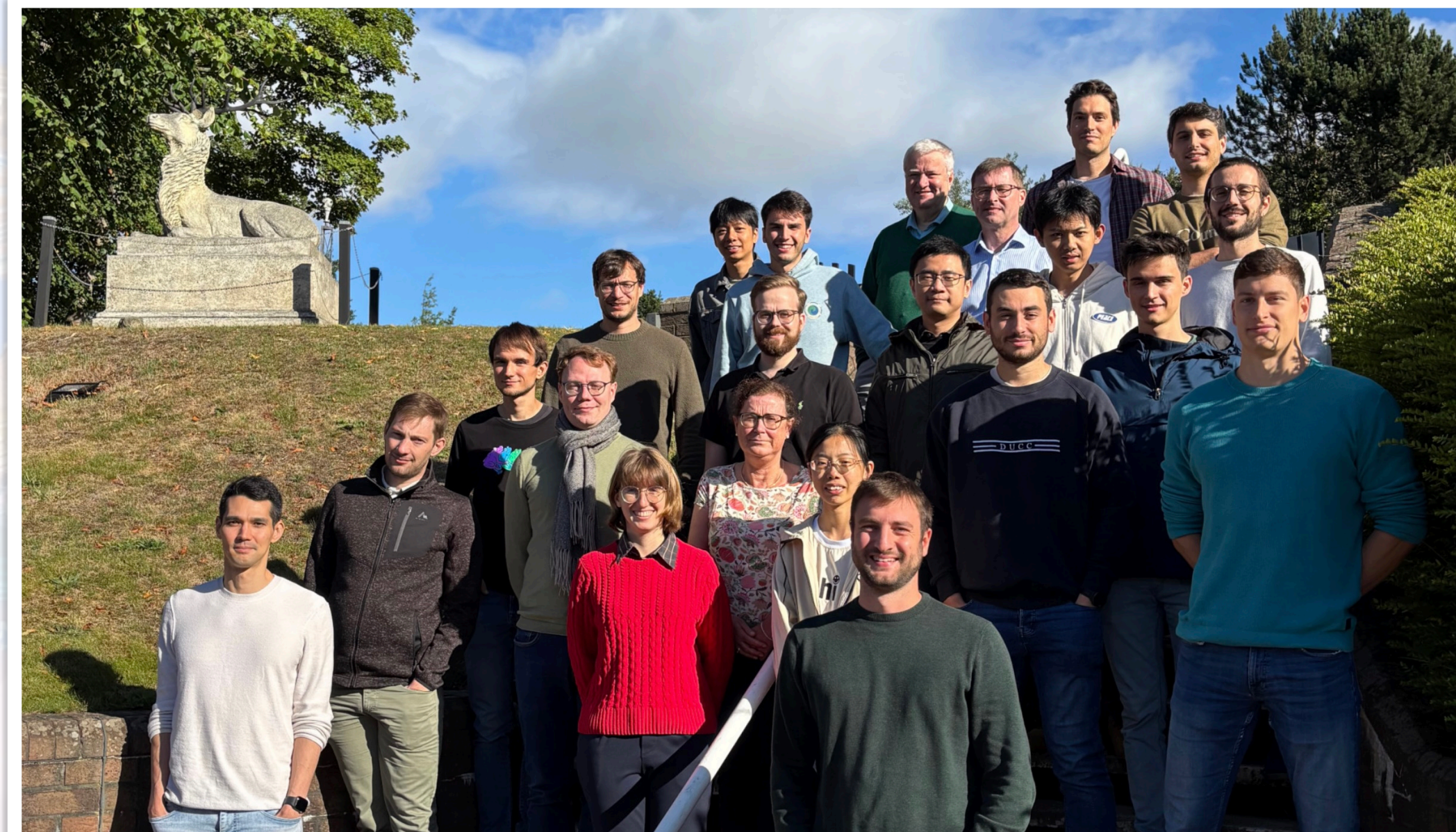
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*NNLOJET: a parton-level event generator for jet cross sections at NNLO QCD accuracy*  
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Please also cite the relevant references for each process (as included in the .bib file which is automatically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

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- 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](https://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>

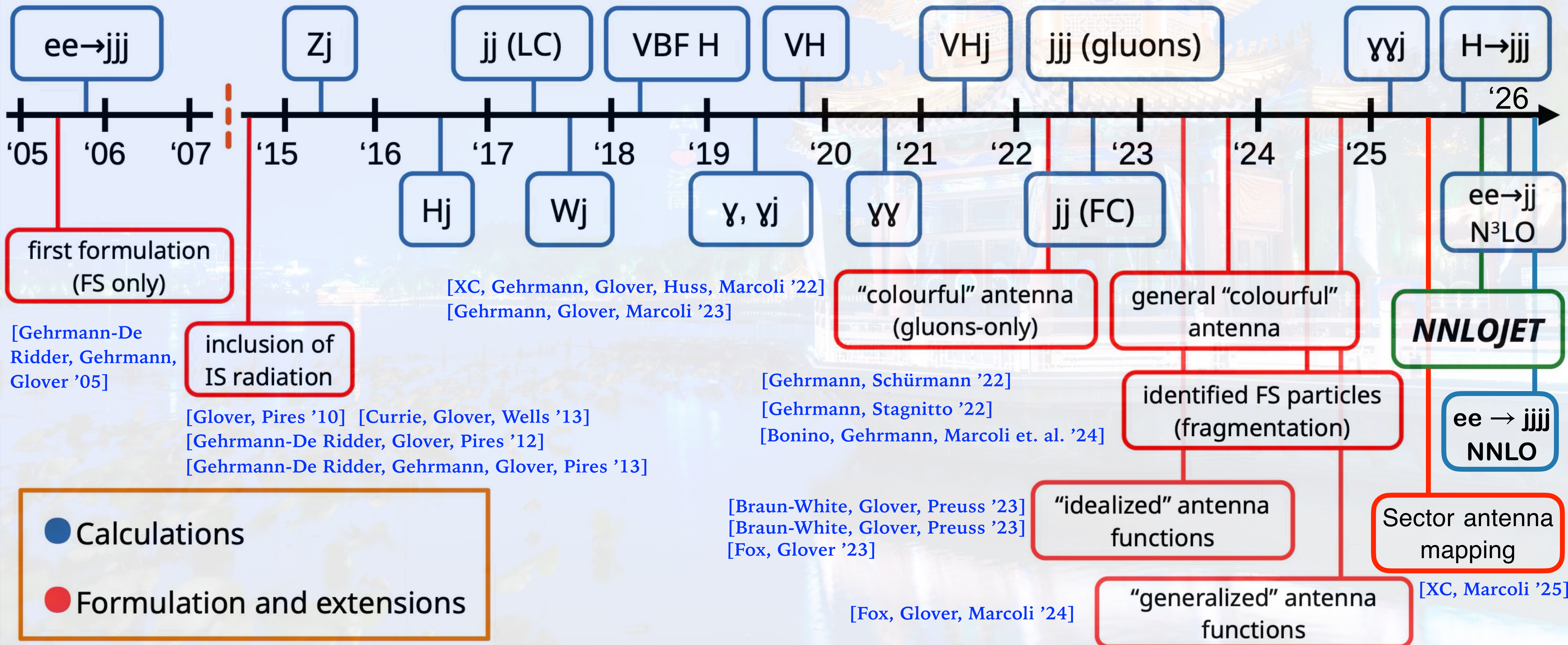


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# Development of Antenna Subtraction Method

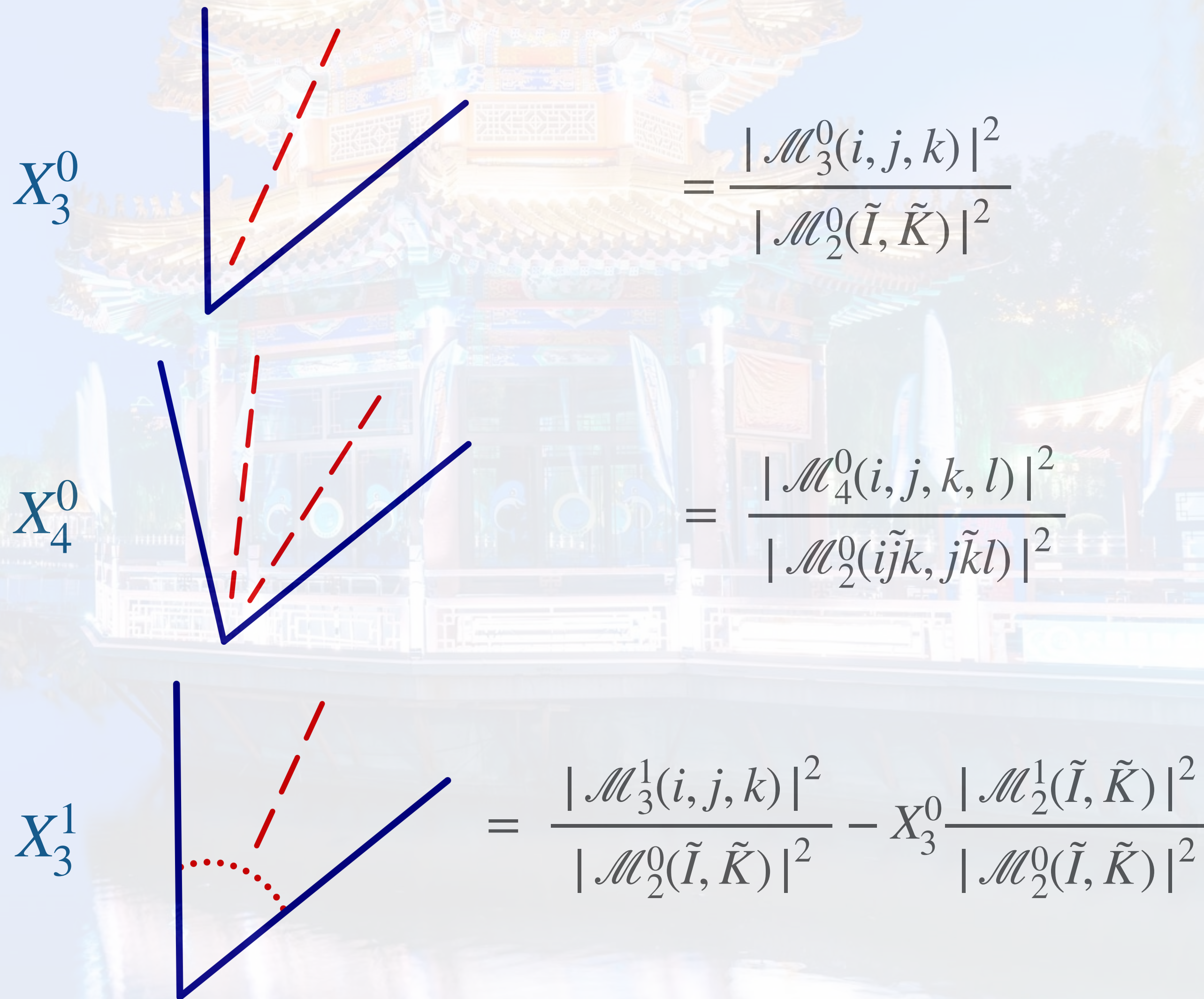
Based on Marcoli's slide @ Loop Summit 2

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



# Antenna Subtraction @ N3LO

	NLO	NNLO
R R R	$X_3^0 \mathcal{M}_{h+2}^0$	$(X_4^0 - X_3^0 X_3^0) \mathcal{M}_{h+1}^0$
R R V	$\mathcal{X}_3^0 \mathcal{M}_{h+2}^0$	$(X_3^1 - \mathcal{X}_3^0 X_3^0) \mathcal{M}_{h+1}^0$ $+ X_3^0 \mathcal{M}_{h+1}^1$
R V V		$(\mathcal{X}_4^0 + \mathcal{X}_3^1 - \mathcal{X}_3^0 \mathcal{X}_3^0) \mathcal{M}_{h+1}^0$ $+ \mathcal{X}_3^0 \mathcal{M}_{h+1}^1$
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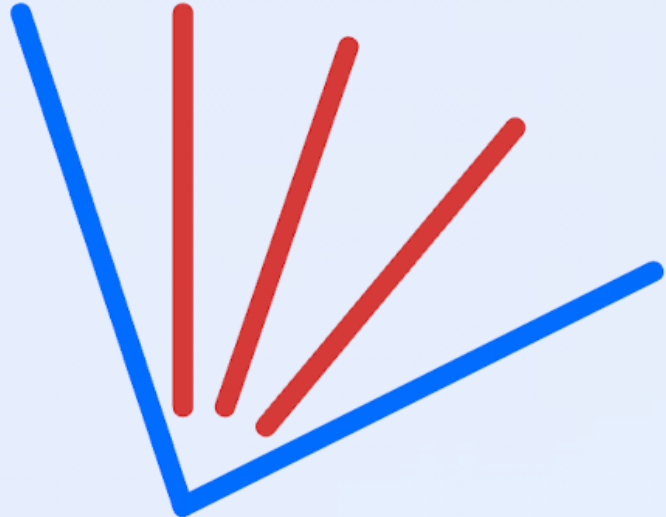
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	NLO	NNLO	N3LO
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R R V	$\mathcal{X}_3^0 \mathcal{M}_{h+2}^0$	$(X_3^1 - \mathcal{X}_3^0 X_3^0) \mathcal{M}_{h+1}^0$ $+ X_3^0 \mathcal{M}_{h+1}^1$	$(X_4^1 - X_3^1 X_3^0 + \mathcal{X}_3^0 X_3^0 X_3^0 + \mathcal{X}_3^0 X_4^0) \mathcal{M}_h^0$ $+ (X_4^0 + X_3^0 X_3^0) \mathcal{M}_{h+1}^1$
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# Antenna Subtraction @ N3LO

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

- Build from scattering matrix elements
- Capture genuine N3LO QCD divergences
- Retain colour connection
- Multiple unresolved limits in one antenna

$$X_5^0 : \text{Diagram} = \mathcal{M}_5^0 / \mathcal{M}_2^0$$


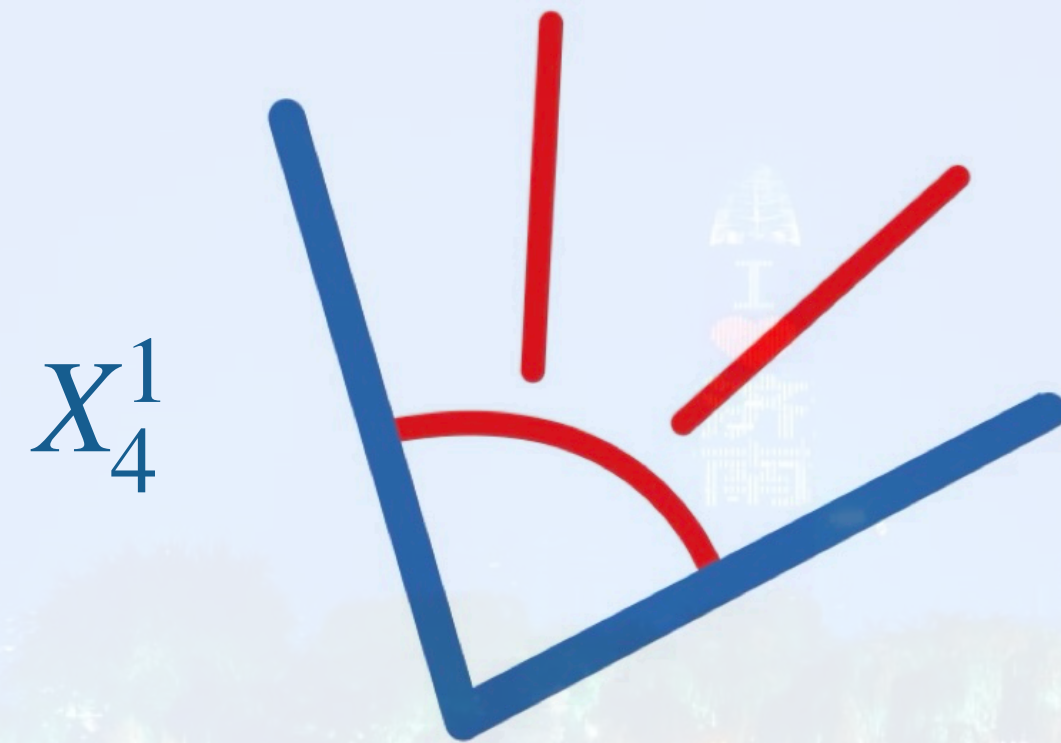
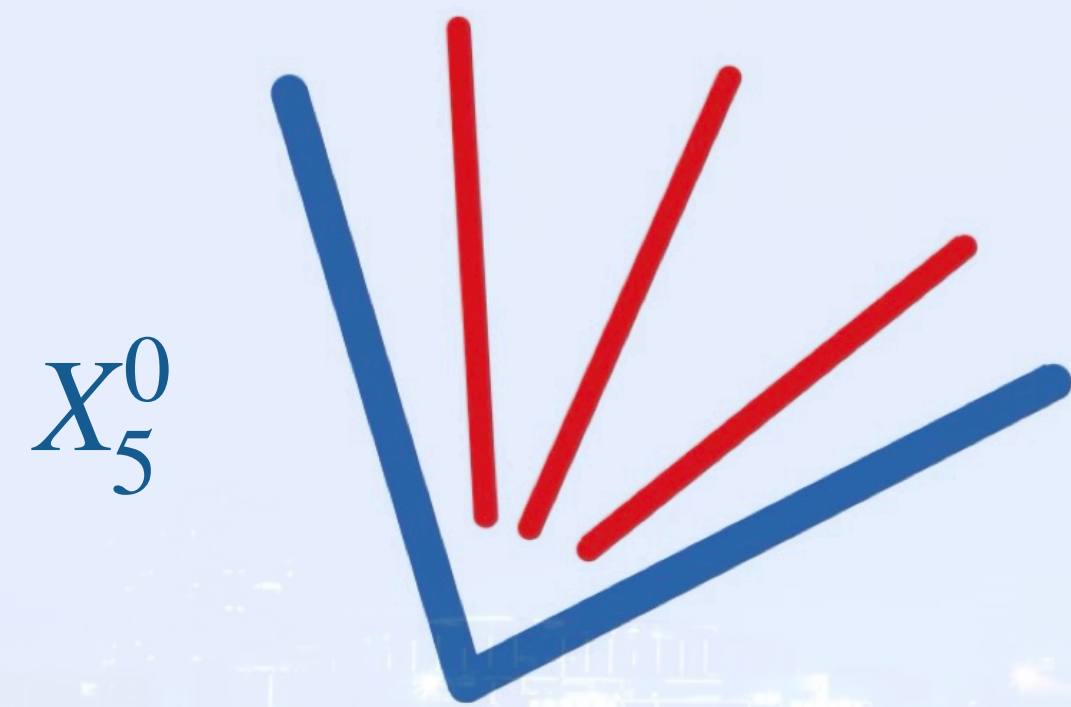
$$X_4^1 : \text{Diagram} = \left( \mathcal{M}_4^1 - \text{Diagram} \mathcal{M}_2^1 \right) / \mathcal{M}_2^0$$



$$X_3^2 : \text{Diagram} = \left( \mathcal{M}_3^2 - \text{Diagram} \mathcal{M}_2^2 - \text{Diagram} \mathcal{M}_2^1 \right) / \mathcal{M}_2^0$$

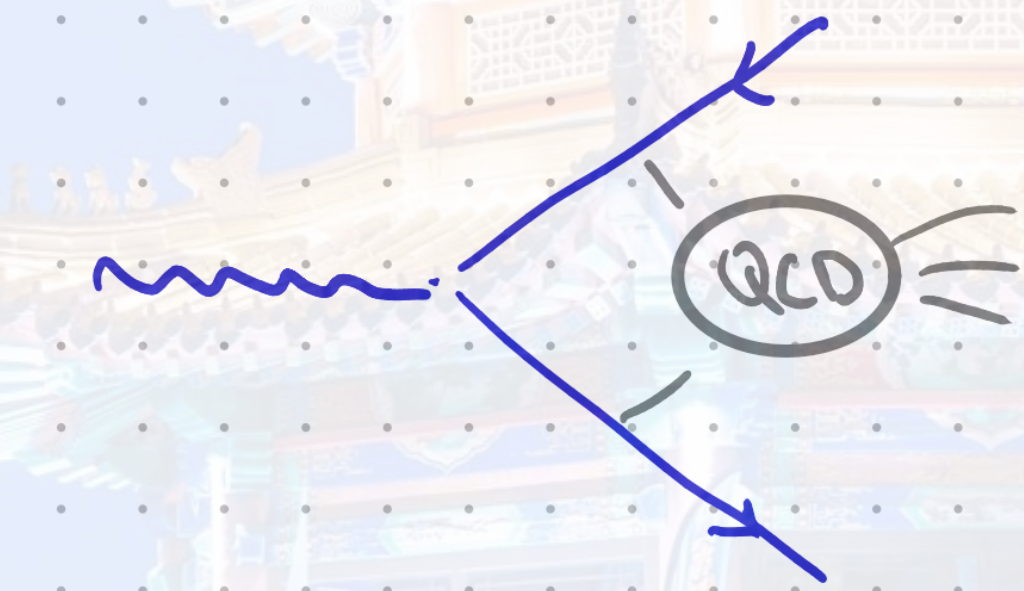



# Antenna Subtraction @ N3LO

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



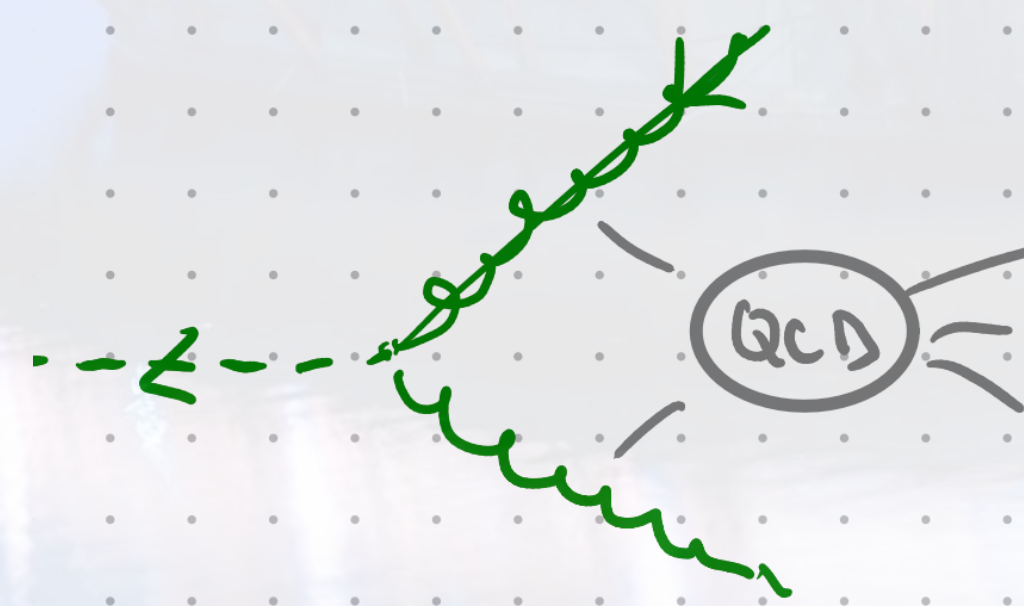
Integration of  $X_5^0$ ,  $X_4^1$ ,  $X_3^2$  finished for all final states:



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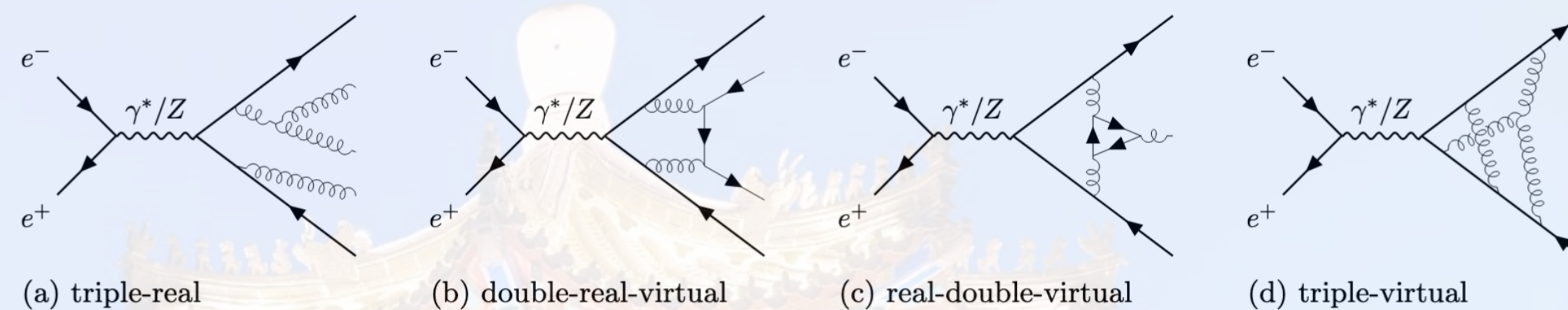
# $e^+e^- \rightarrow JJ @ N3LO$

## 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:
    - Quadruple precision
    - Taylor expansion of special functions
- Preparation of computational framework:
  - Spike tests of multiple unresolved IR limits
  - Phase space generators
  - Code generation for N3LO MC.



$$d\sigma_{N^3LO} = \int_n [d\sigma^{VVV} - d\sigma^W] + \int_{n+1} [d\sigma^{RVV} - d\sigma^U]$$

triple-virtual subtraction term

double-virtual real subtraction term

$$+ \int_{n+2} [d\sigma^{RRV} - d\sigma^T] + \int_{n+3} [d\sigma^{RRR} - d\sigma^S]$$

double-real-virtual subtraction term

triple-real subtraction term

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

$$d\sigma^U = d\sigma^{V_2S_1} - \int_1 d\sigma^{V_1S_1} - \int_2 d\sigma^{S_2}$$

$$d\sigma^T = d\sigma^{V_1S_1} + d\sigma^{V_1S_2} - \int_1 d\sigma^{S_1}$$

$$d\sigma^W = - \int_1 d\sigma^{V_2S_1} - \int_2 d\sigma^{V_1S_2} - \int_3 d\sigma^{S_3}$$

XC, Jakubcik, Marcoli, Stagnitto, Phys. Lett. B. 869 (2025) 139804

XC, Marcoli, EPJC. 86 (2026) 136

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

► Basic checks: inclusive cross section

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

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<b>n=3</b>		1976	1980, 1981, 1981, 1982	2008, 2008, 2014, 2025		N4LO
<b>n=4</b>			1979, 1980	1996, 1997, 1998, 1999	2026	N3LO
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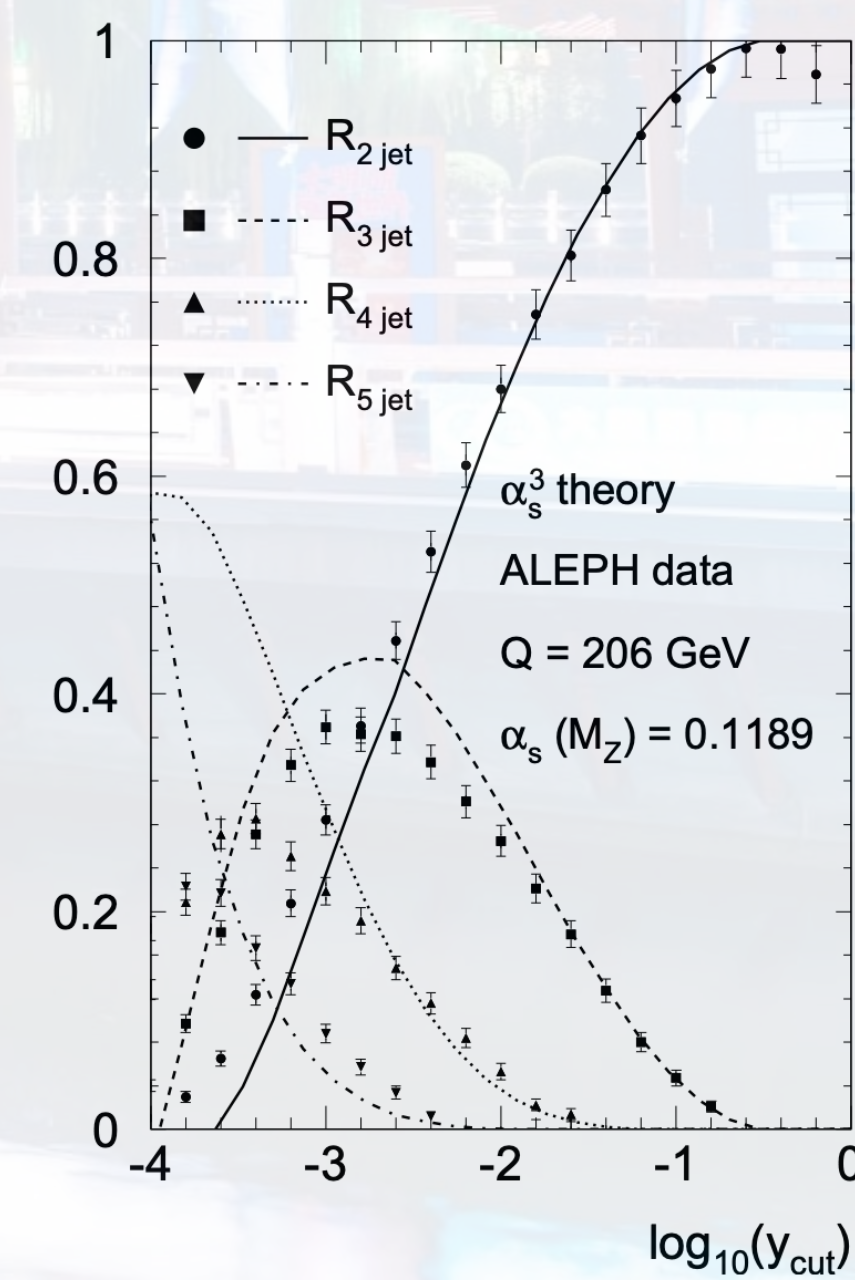
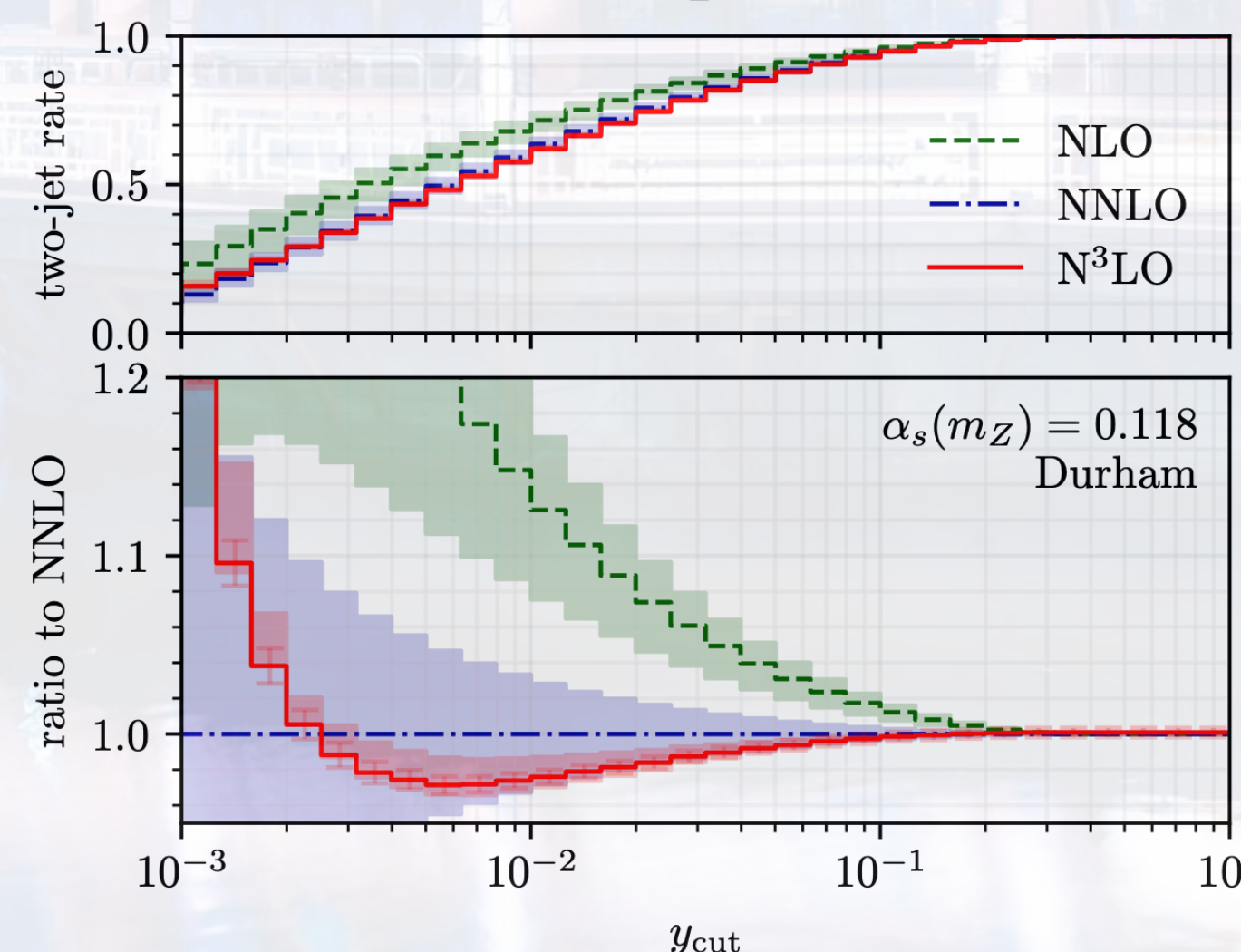
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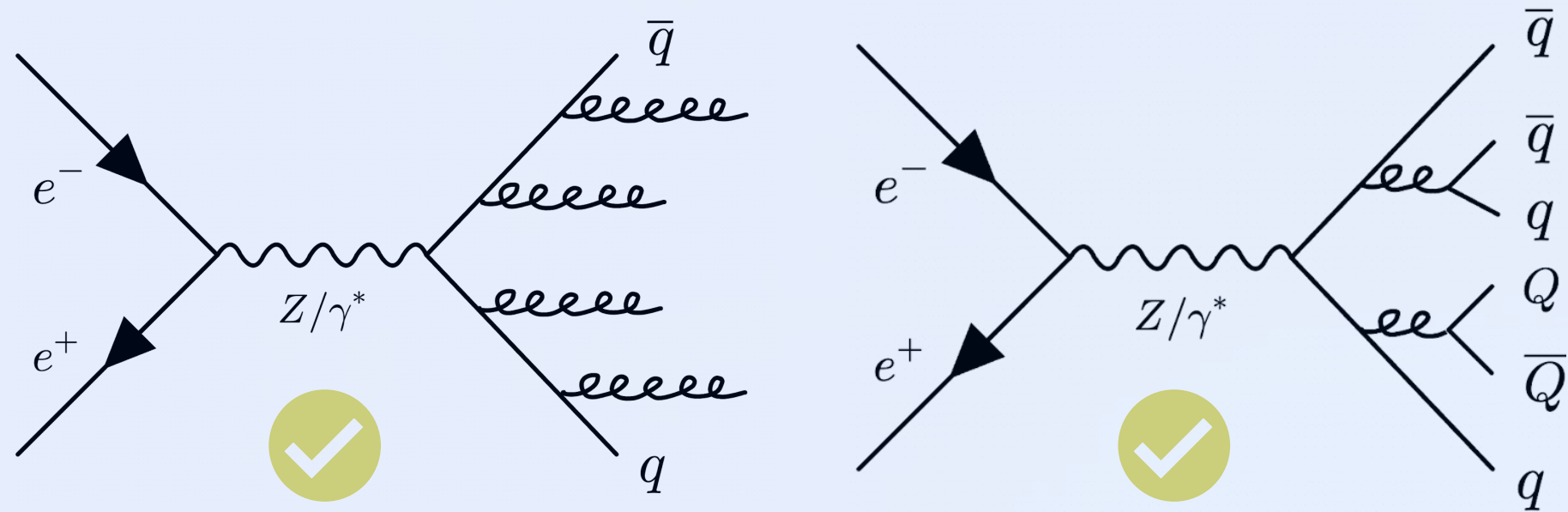
*Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Heinrich, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100 (2008) 172001*

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

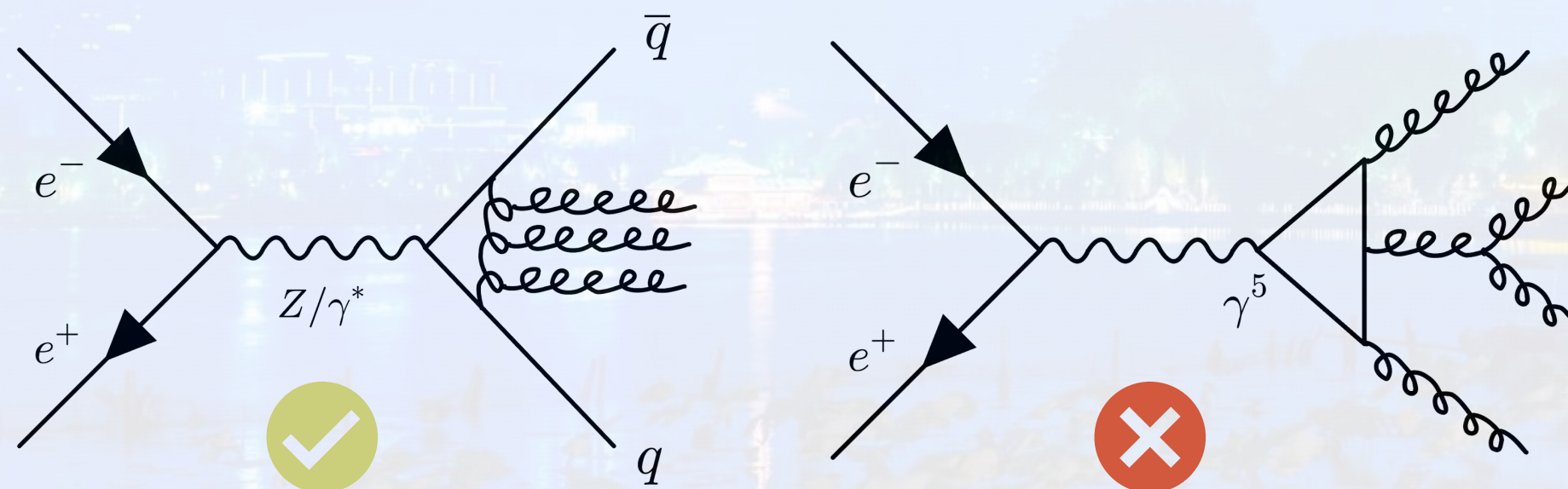


# $e^+e^- \rightarrow JJJJ @ NNLO$

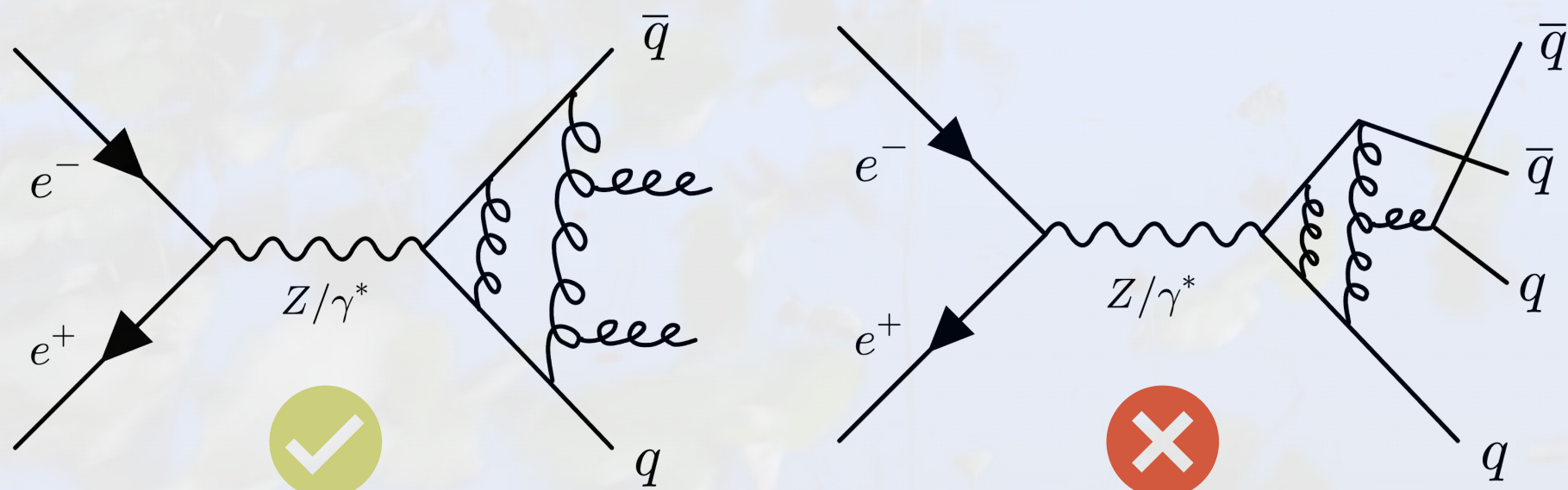
► Double-real matrix element examples:



► Real-virtual matrix element examples:



► Double-virtual matrix element examples:



► Massless quark with  $n_f = 5$  flavour scheme

► Tree and one-loop matrix elements are obtained from **OpenLoops2**: *Buccioni, Lang, Lindert, Maierhoefer et al., EPJC. 79 (2019) 10, 866*

► Efficient and stable numerical evaluations in **IR regions**

► Axial-vector coupling of the Z to closed quark loops **ignored**

► Two-loop matrix elements finite remainders obtained from **PentagonFunctions++** and **FivePointAmplitudes++**:

*De Laurentis, Ita, Page, Sotnikov, JHEP. 06 (2025) 093 Abreu, et. al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 132 (2024) 141601*

► Solve the canonical differential equations with one-mass pentagon functions and cross kinematics to **decay channel**

► Use **leading colour approximation** in each partonic channel

► Vector coupling with singlet contribution ( $d_{abc}$ ) **ignored**

► Finite remainders defined in **Catani's scheme**

►  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 5$  Jets @ NLO **validation** with SHERPA:

$y_{cut}$	NNLOJET	Sherpa	Deviation
$10^{-2.5}$	$-1.13(2) \cdot 10^2$ (RS) $6.96(1) \cdot 10^2$ (VI) $5.84(2) \cdot 10^2$	$1.843(8) \cdot 10^3$ (RS) $-1.262(3) \cdot 10^3$ (VI) $5.84(4) \cdot 10^2$	$0.11\sigma$
$10^{-3.5}$	$-5.87(6) \cdot 10^3$ (RS) $1.419(3) \cdot 10^4$ (VI) $8.32(7) \cdot 10^3$	$3.42(3) \cdot 10^4$ (RS) $-2.60(1) \cdot 10^4$ (VI) $8.35(9) \cdot 10^3$	$0.26\sigma$

# $e^+e^- \rightarrow JJJJ @ NNLO$

► Application to jet rates @  $\alpha_s^4$ :

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						<b>LO</b>

Table 4.2: Wish-list for calculations of missing higher-order perturbative QCD  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n)$  and/or EW  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^n)$  to match the expected experimental uncertainty at future  $e^+e^-$  and  $ep$  colliders.

Observable	Missing higher-order & power-suppressed corrections
Hadronic Z width	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5), \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^6), \mathcal{O}(\alpha^3), \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \alpha^3), \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha^2)$
Hadronic W width	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5), \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2), \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha)$
Hadronic $\tau$ width	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$
Hadronic event shapes (Z, W, H decays)	N <sup>3</sup> LO differential, N <sup>3,4</sup> LL resummation, power corrections
Inclusive jet rates	3-jet cross-sections at N <sup>3</sup> LO, <b>4-jets at N<sup>2</sup>LO, 5-jets at NLO</b>
Lattice QCD results ( $\alpha_s$ extr.; quark masses $m_c, m_b$ )	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^6)$ $\beta$ -function; $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$ heavy quark decoupling; $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ static potential
$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-)$ vs. $\sqrt{s}$	EW N <sup>2</sup> LO: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$ , Mixed EW-QCD: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \alpha^2), \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha)$
$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t})$ vs. $\sqrt{s}$	NRQCD: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$ , Non-resonant: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5), \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ differential; QED: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$ at NNLL
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ width	N <sup>4</sup> LO ( $m_b \neq 0$ ); N <sup>4</sup> LO differential ( $m_b = 0$ )
$H \rightarrow gg$ width	N <sup>5</sup> LO (heavy-top limit), N <sup>4</sup> LO ( $m_t \neq 0$ ); N <sup>4</sup> LO differential, N <sup>3</sup> LO differential ( $m_t \neq 0$ )
MC simulations for $e^+e^- \rightarrow X$ processes	N <sup>2,3</sup> LO matched to N <sup>2,3</sup> LL PS. Per mille control of non-pQCD effects (hadronization, CR, ...)
$ep \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ (PDF and $\alpha_s$ determ.)	N <sup>3,4</sup> LO evolution equations and inclusive cross-sections
$ep \rightarrow \text{jets}$ ( $\alpha_s$ determ.)	N <sup>3</sup> LO cross-sections

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► JJJJ@NNLO is also genuine NNLO contribution to event shapes:

$$D = 27\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3, \quad C = 3\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3, \quad \text{from } \Theta^{ij} = \frac{\sum_k \frac{p_k^i p_k^j}{|\vec{p}_k|}}{\sum_k |\vec{p}_k|}$$

$$\frac{M_L^2}{s} = \frac{1}{s} \min \left\{ \left( \sum_{\vec{k}_k \in H_1} p_k \right)^2, \left( \sum_{\vec{k}_k \in H_2} p_k \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$A = \frac{3}{2}\lambda_3, \quad \text{from } \Phi^{ij} = \frac{\sum_k p_k^i p_k^j}{\sum_k |\vec{p}_k|^2}$$

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► Application to 4 jet rate up to NNLO:

► Computational setup:

►  $m_Z = 91.2 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.118$

►  $\mu_R^c = \sqrt{s}$  with  $\mu_R \in [\sqrt{s}/2, 2\sqrt{s}]$

►  $\Gamma_{Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}^{\alpha_s}$  with matching  $\alpha_s$  order.

► **Perturbative region**  $10^{-3} \leq y_{\text{cut}} \leq 10^{-1}$  for  $\sqrt{s} = m_Z$ :

► Remarkable convergence with NLO.

► Excellent agreement with ALEPH data.

► Scale uncertainty reduced to  $\pm(3\% - 5\%)$  smaller than LEP systematic errors.

► Symmetrization of scale uncertainty.

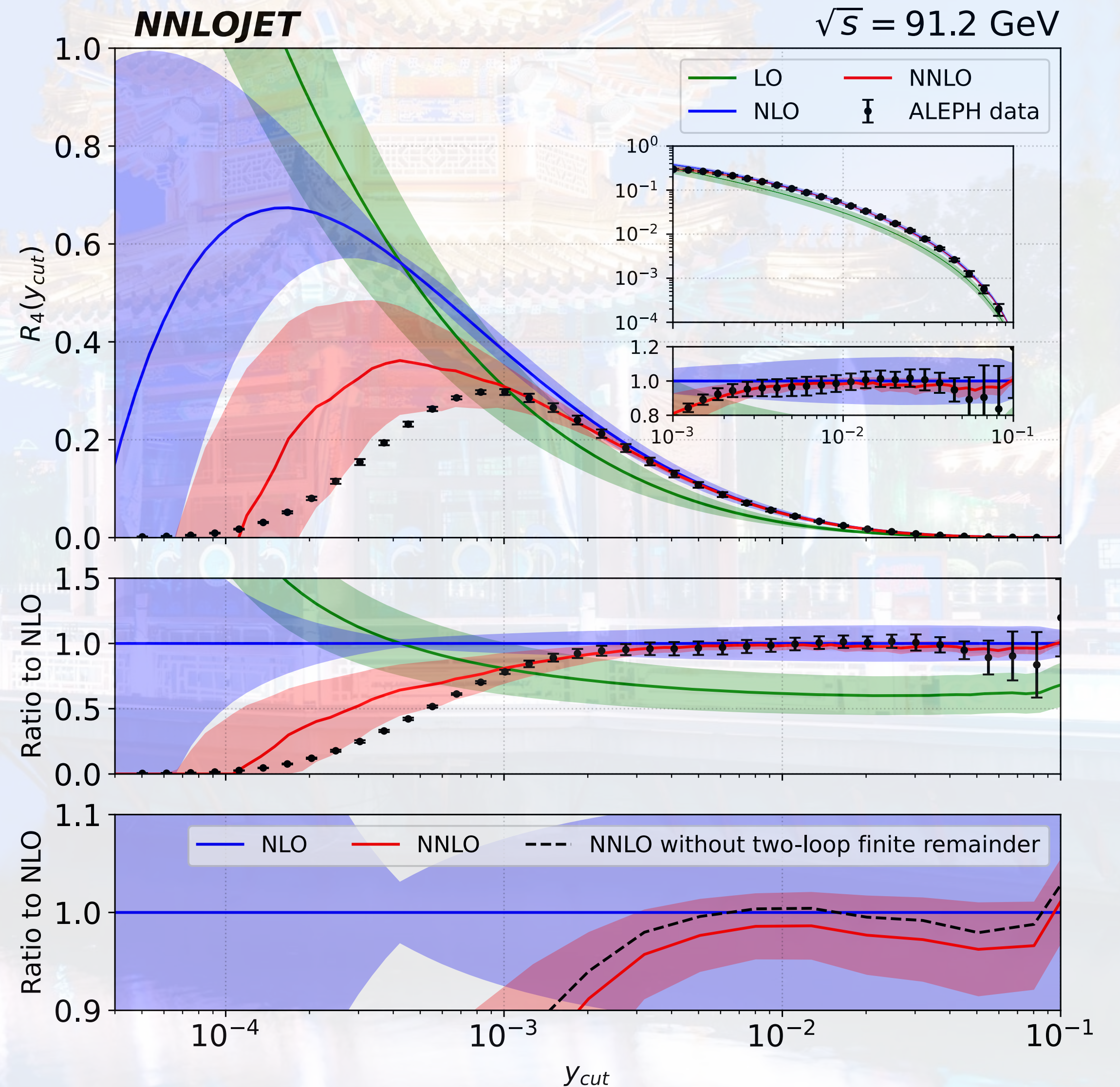
► Two-loop finite remainder has size above  $-2\% \sim -5\%$

► LCA is expected to have  $\sim 0.5\%$  modification

► **Resummation and none-perturbative region:**

► NNLO peak moves to larger  $y_{\text{cut}}$  value than NLO

► Jet rate turns negative around  $y_{\text{cut}} = 10^{-4}$



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► **Perturbative region:**

►  $R_4(y_{\text{cut}})$  dependence of  $\sqrt{s}$  is **only via running of  $\alpha_s(\mu_R)$** .

► **FO prediction extends** to smaller  $y_{\text{cut}}$  as  $\sqrt{s}$  increase.

► Excellent agreement with ALEPH data for  $y_{\text{cut}} \sim 10^{-4}$

► Two-loop finite remainder is largely insensitive to  $\sqrt{s}$ .

► Further validation with data:

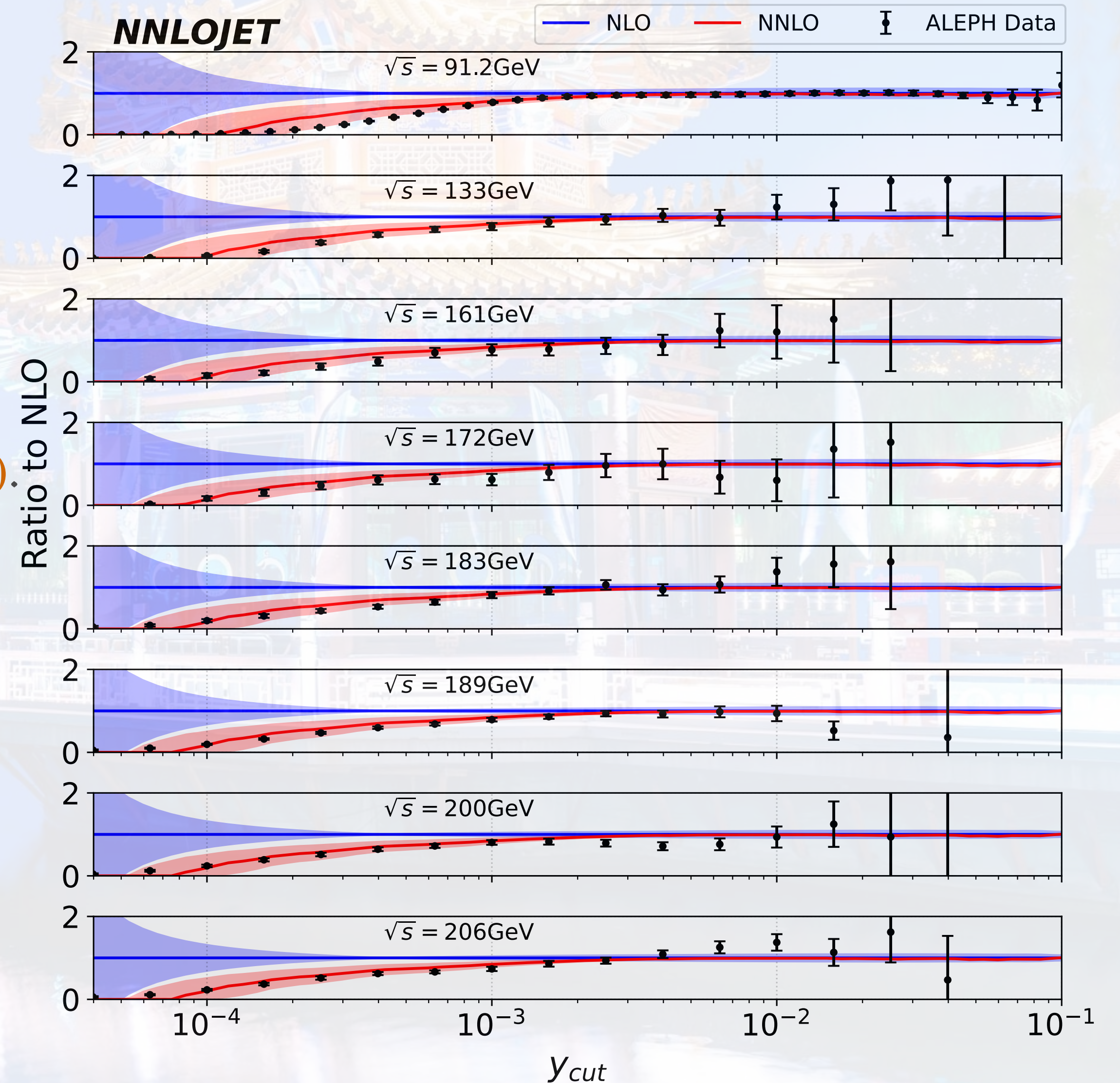
► Reanalyzing existing measurements

► Future electron-positron colliders

► **Resummation and none-perturbative region:**

► NLO and NNLO results deviate for  $y_{\text{cut}} \leq 10^{-3}$

► Need resummation to reduce dominant scale uncertainty



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# HH Production at N3LO QCD

## ► Feynman diagrams in the SM:



- Earlier Studies: **SM LO (1988)**  $\Rightarrow$   $\dots$   $\Rightarrow$  **NLO (2016)**  $\Rightarrow$

[Nucl. Phys. B 309 \(1988\) 282-294](#)

[JHEP 10 \(2016\) 107](#)

[PRL 117 \(2016\) 1, 012001](#)

$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV)	NLO $_{m_t}$ (fb)	NLO $_{\infty}$ (fb)
13	27.56 $^{+14\%}_{-13\%}$	25.81 $^{+18\%}_{-15\%}$
14	32.64 $^{+14\%}_{-12\%}$	31.89 $^{+18\%}_{-15\%}$
27	126.2 $^{+12\%}_{-10\%}$	183.0 $^{+16\%}_{-14\%}$
100	1119 $^{+13\%}_{-13\%}$	3724 $^{+13\%}_{-11\%}$

## ► Heavy Top Limit (HTL): Integrate out top quarks ( $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ )

## ► Effective Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{4} \left( C_h \frac{h}{v} - C_{hh} \frac{h^2}{2v^2} \right) G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(h^k, k \geq 3)$

- Couplings:  $C_h = -\frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi}(1 + \delta)$ ,  $C_{hh} = -\frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi}(1 + \delta + \eta)$

- Wilson Coefficients:  $\delta = \sum_{i=0} \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^i \delta^{(i)}$ ,  $\eta = \sum_{i=0} \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^i \eta^{(i)}$

## HTL NLO (1998) $\Rightarrow$ NNLO (2013)

[Phys. Rev. D 58 \(1998\) 115012](#)

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 111 \(2013\) 201801](#)

[Nucl. Phys. B 888 \(2014\) 17-29](#)

## $\Rightarrow$ NNLO FTa (2018) $\Rightarrow$ N3LO (2020)

[JHEP 05 \(2018\) 059](#)

[JHEP 03 \(2020\) 072](#)

## ► Feynman diagrams in the HTL:



- HH production:  $2m_H < \sqrt{\hat{s}}$

- HTL Valid condition:  $\sqrt{\hat{s}} \ll 2m_T$

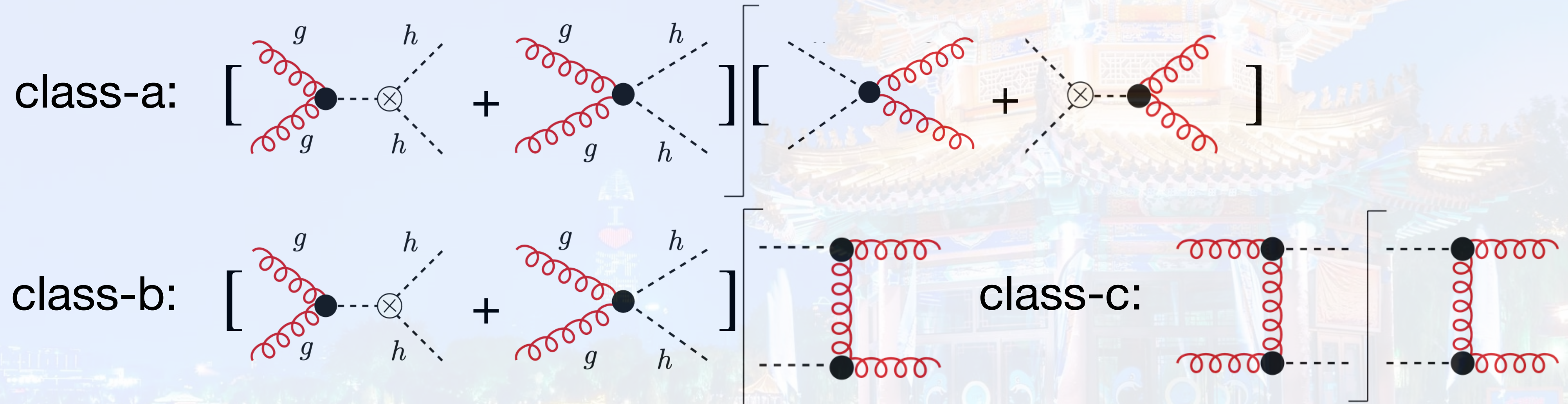
**Top-quark mass effects**

$\sqrt{s}$	13 TeV	14 TeV	27 TeV	100 TeV
LO	13.80 $^{+31\%}_{-22\%}$	17.06 $^{+31\%}_{-22\%}$	98.22 $^{+26\%}_{-19\%}$	2015 $^{+19\%}_{-15\%}$
NLO	25.81 $^{+18\%}_{-15\%}$	31.89 $^{+18\%}_{-15\%}$	183.0 $^{+16\%}_{-14\%}$	3724 $^{+13\%}_{-11\%}$
NNLO	30.41 $^{+5.3\%}_{-7.8\%}$	37.55 $^{+5.2\%}_{-7.6\%}$	214.2 $^{+4.8\%}_{-6.7\%}$	4322 $^{+4.2\%}_{-5.3\%}$
N <sup>3</sup> LO	31.31 $^{+0.66\%}_{-2.8\%}$	38.65 $^{+0.65\%}_{-2.7\%}$	220.2 $^{+0.53\%}_{-2.4\%}$	4439 $^{+0.51\%}_{-1.8\%}$

Total cross section +  $m_{hh}$  distribution

# HH Production at N3LO QCD

► According to the number of **effective couplings**:  $d\sigma_{hh} = d\sigma_{hh}^a + d\sigma_{hh}^b + d\sigma_{hh}^c$

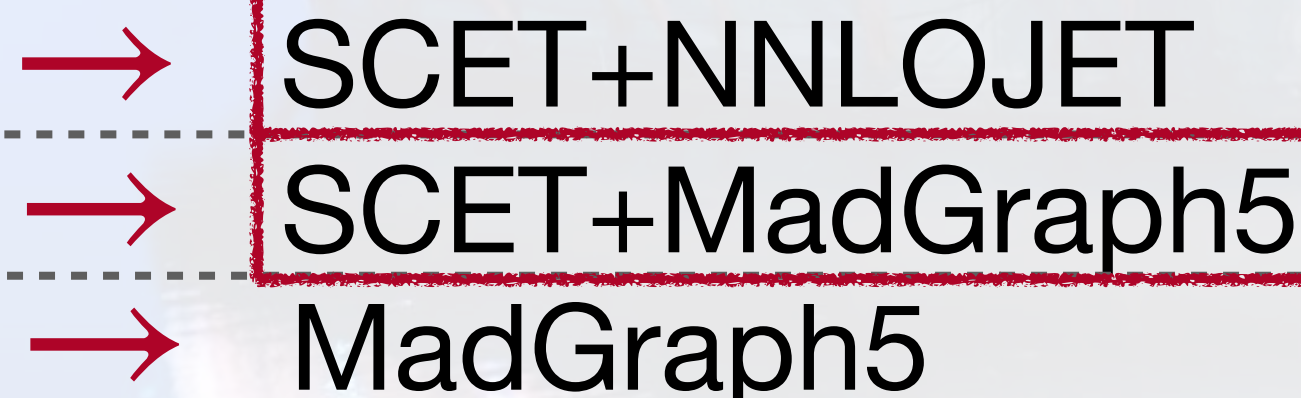


► **Scheme of each class (fully differential):**

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	LO	NLO	NNLO	N <sup>3</sup> LO
total	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$
class-a	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$
class-b	0	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$
class-c	0	0	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$

► **Usage of packages:**



NNLOJET (derived from single H) **qt-slicing**:  $d\sigma_{hh} = d\sigma_{hh} \Big|_{p_T^{hh} < p_T^{\text{veto}}} + d\sigma_{hh} \Big|_{p_T^{hh} > p_T^{\text{veto}}}$

# HH Production at N3LO QCD

## ► Differential XS calculation setup:

- Fiducial cuts:

$$p_T^{h1st} > 30 \text{ GeV} \quad p_T^{h2nd} > 20 \text{ GeV} \quad |y_h| < 2.4$$

- Centre of mass energy:  $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$

- PDF: NNPDF40\_an3lo\_as\_01180

- SM Parameters:

$$v = 246.2 \text{ GeV} \quad m_h = 125 \text{ GeV} \quad m_t = 173 \text{ GeV}$$

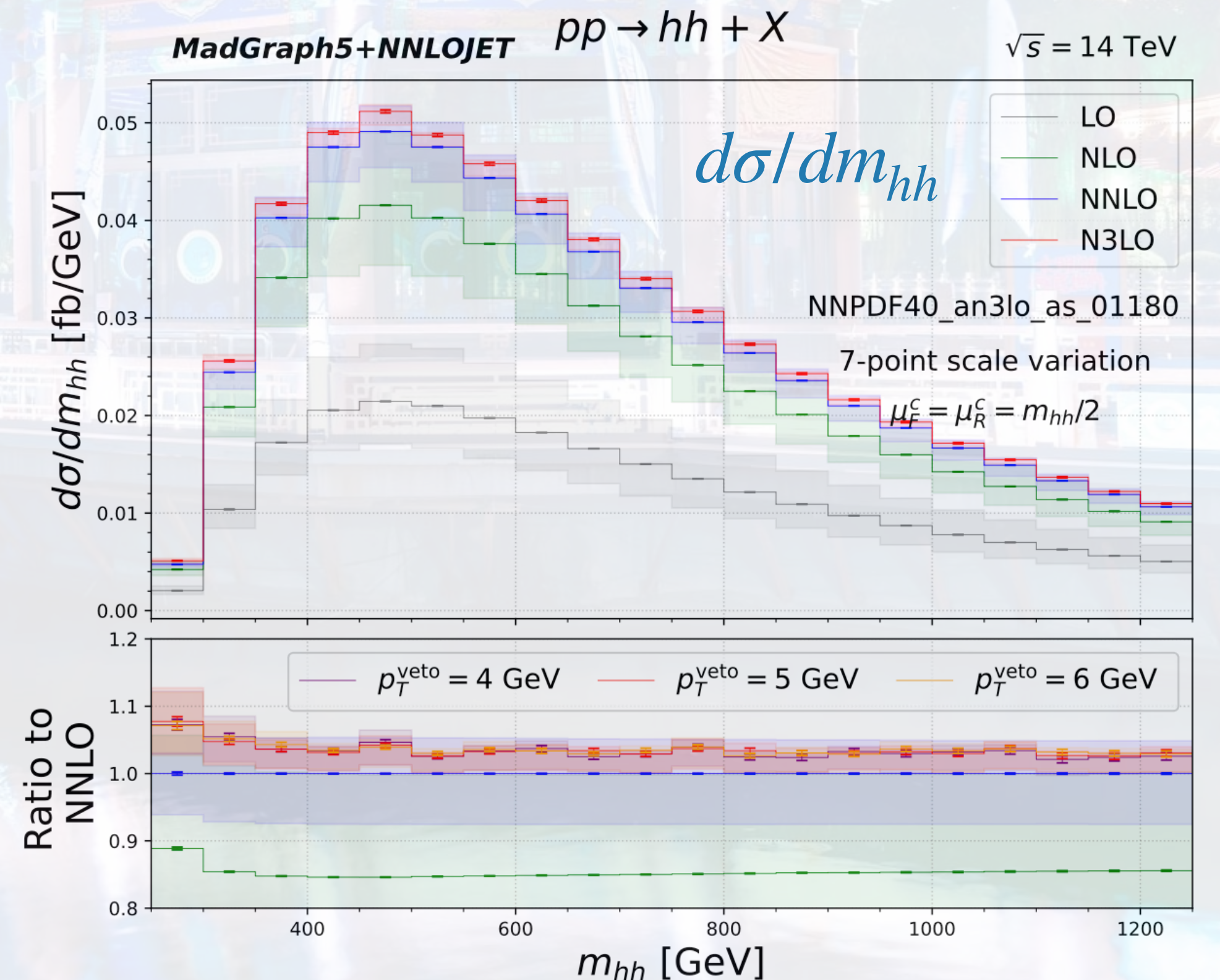
- Central scale:  $\mu_F = \mu_R = m_{hh}/2$

- Scale variation:  $\mu_R \rightarrow k_{\mu_R} \mu_R, \mu_F \rightarrow k_{\mu_F} \mu_F$

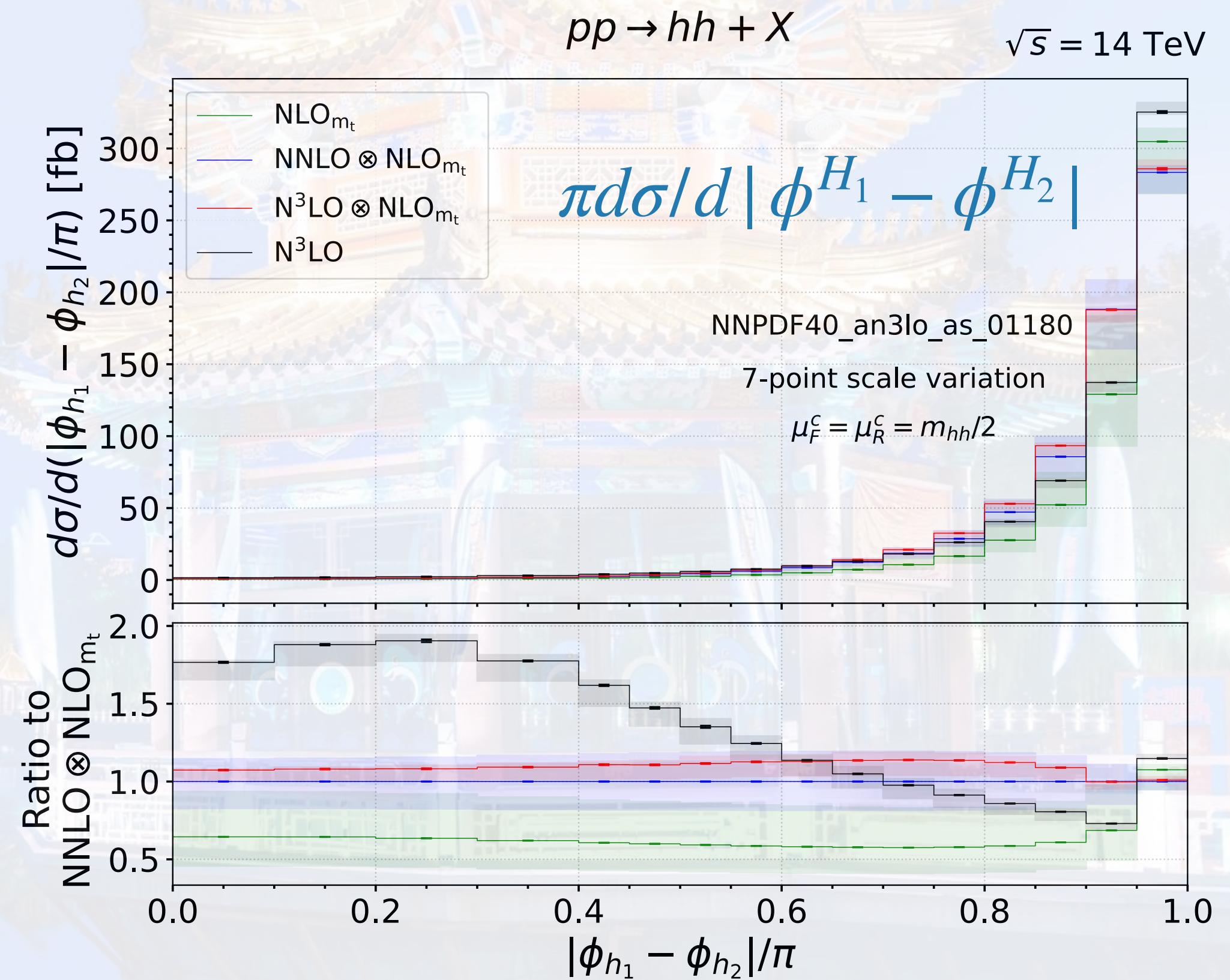
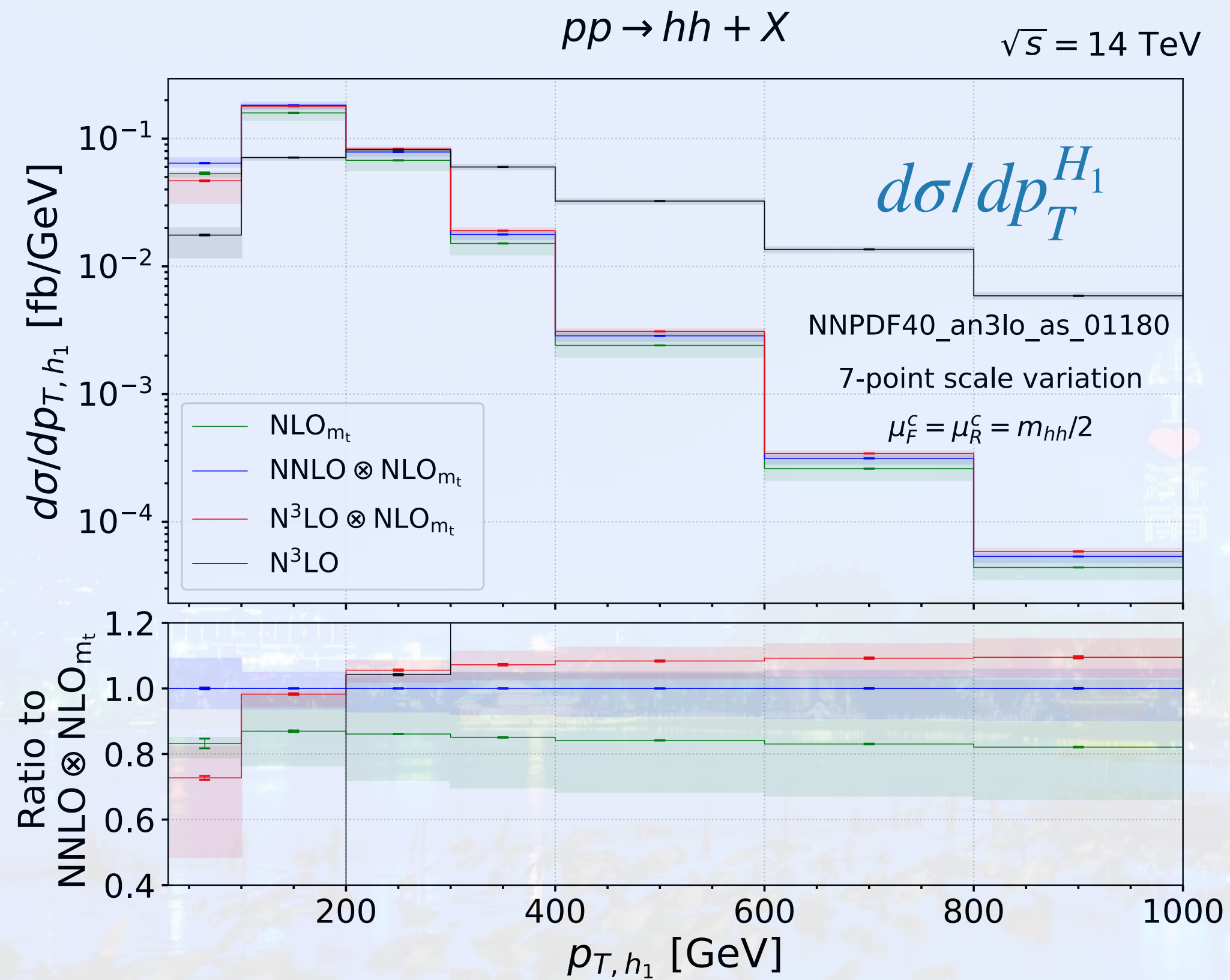
$$(k_{\mu_R}, k_{\mu_F}) \in \{(1,1), (1,1/2), (1,2), (1/2,1), (2,1), (1/2,1/2), (2,2)\}$$

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Sum	$14.85^{+30\%}_{-22\%}$	$27.87^{+18\%}_{-15\%}$	$32.74^{+5.2\%}_{-7.3\%}$	$34.00(4)^{+1.4\%}_{-2.9\%} \pm 0.05\%$
Class-a	$14.85^{+30\%}_{-22\%}$	$28.25^{+18\%}_{-15\%}$	$33.62^{+5.7\%}_{-7.7\%}$	$35.20(4)^{+1.7\%}_{-3.4\%} \pm 0.02\%$
Class-b	0	$-0.3758(2)^{+42\%}_{-28\%}$	$-0.8854(2)^{+29\%}_{-12\%}$	$-1.216(3)^{+13\%}_{-14\%} \pm 1\%$
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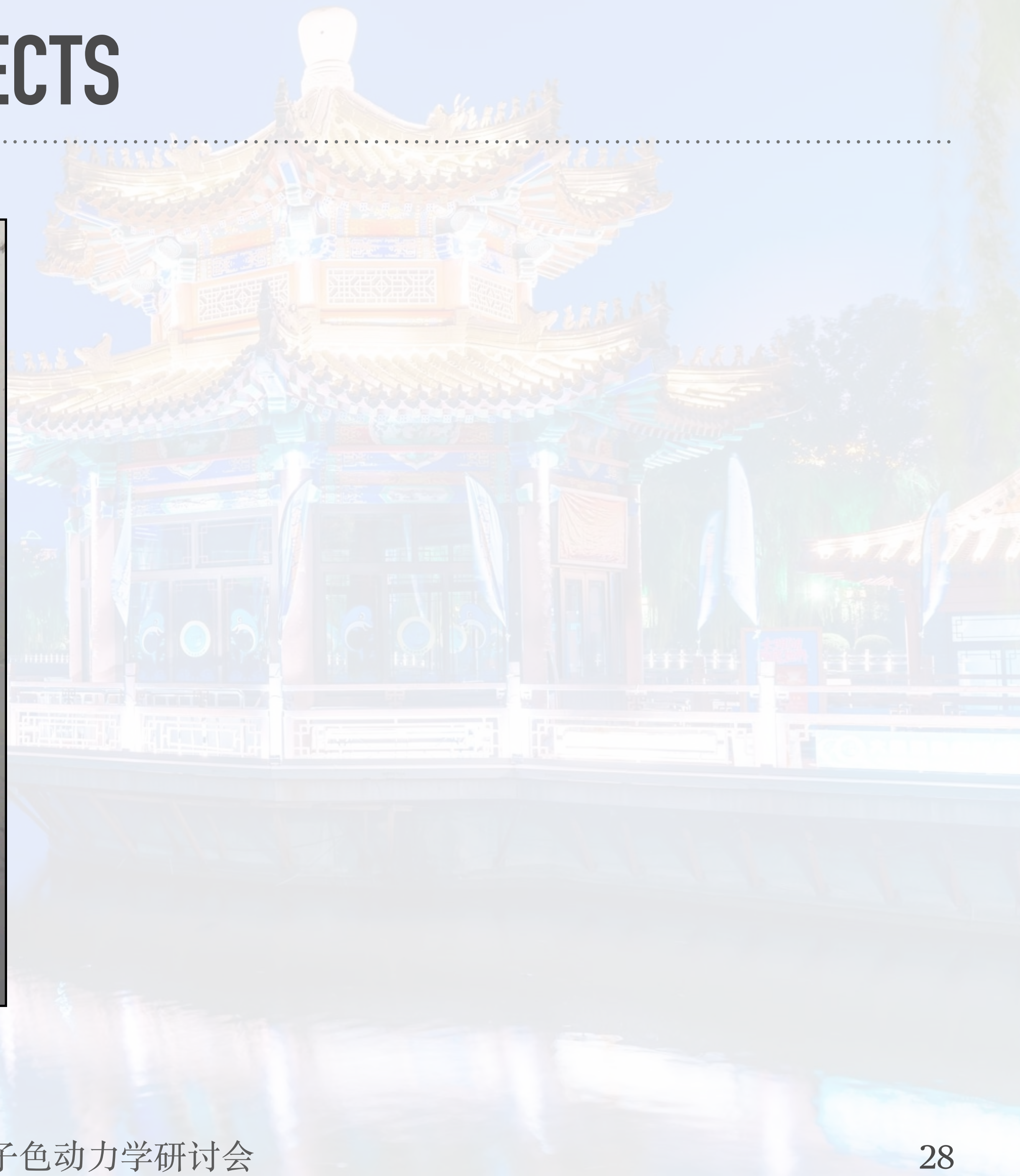
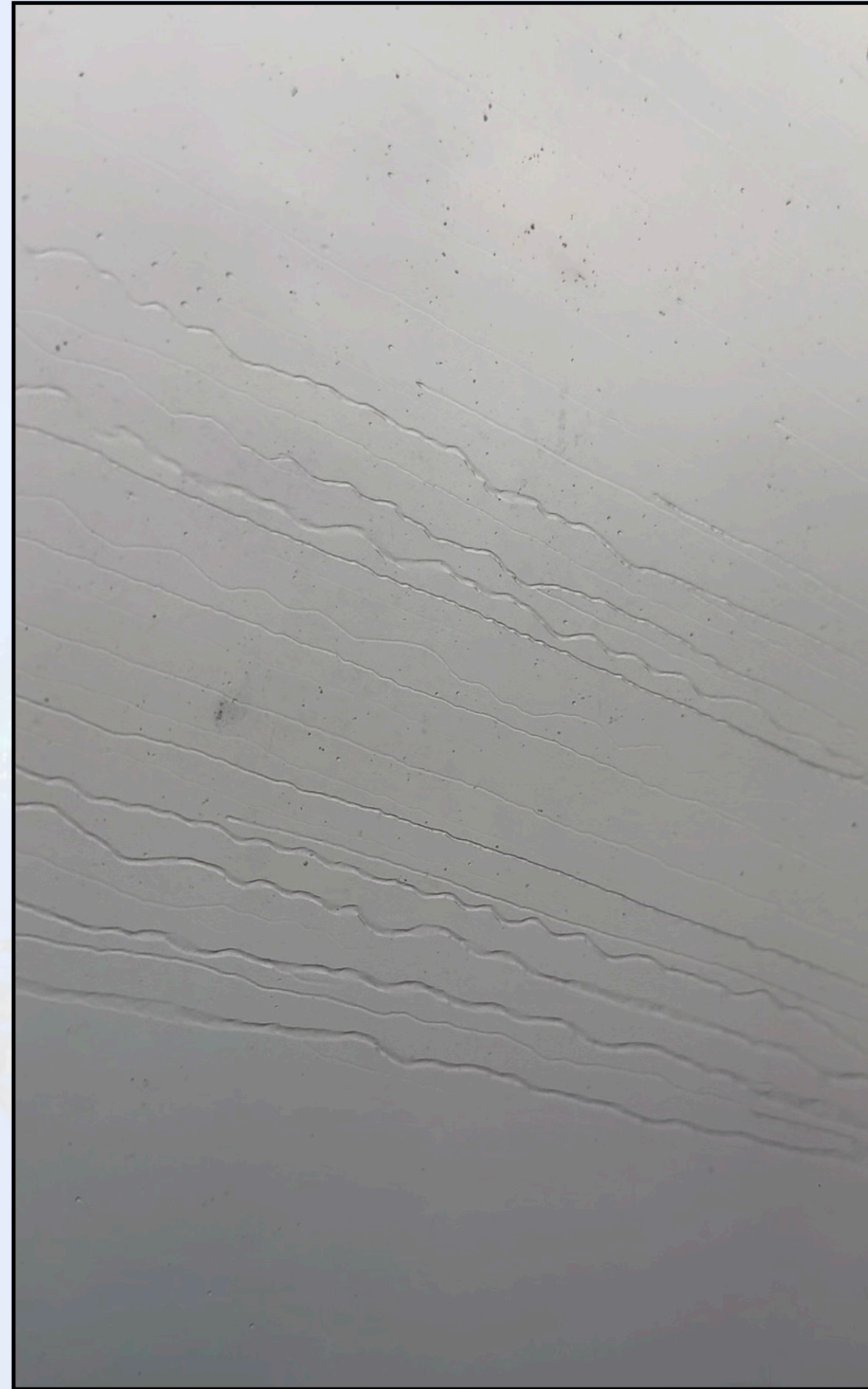
# HH Production at N3LO QCD



- Fully differential predictions from event generators with nontrivial N3LO corrections to the shape of distributions.
- Excellent fixed order convergence with scale uncertainties reduced by more than 60%.
- Reference  $p_T^{veto} = 5$  GeV with stable predictions by varying  $p_T^{veto}$  at 4 and 6 GeV (negligible  $p_T^{veto}$  dependence)
- Top mass effects at NLO included by reweighting (available from ggxy package) [Davies et. al. Comput.Phys.Commun. 320 \(2026\) 109933](#)
- Included in LHCHWG YR5 report as inclusive and differential benchmarks

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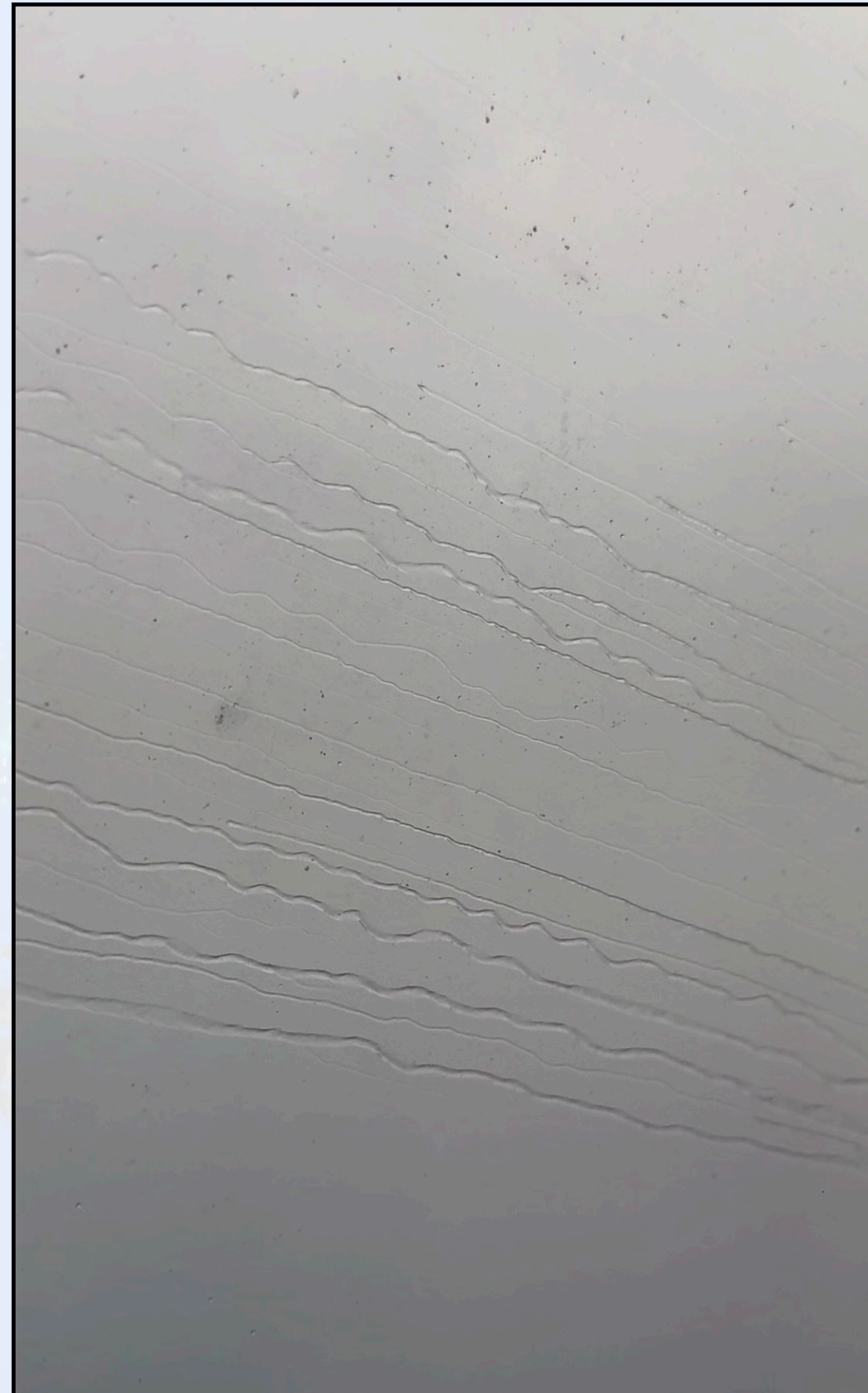
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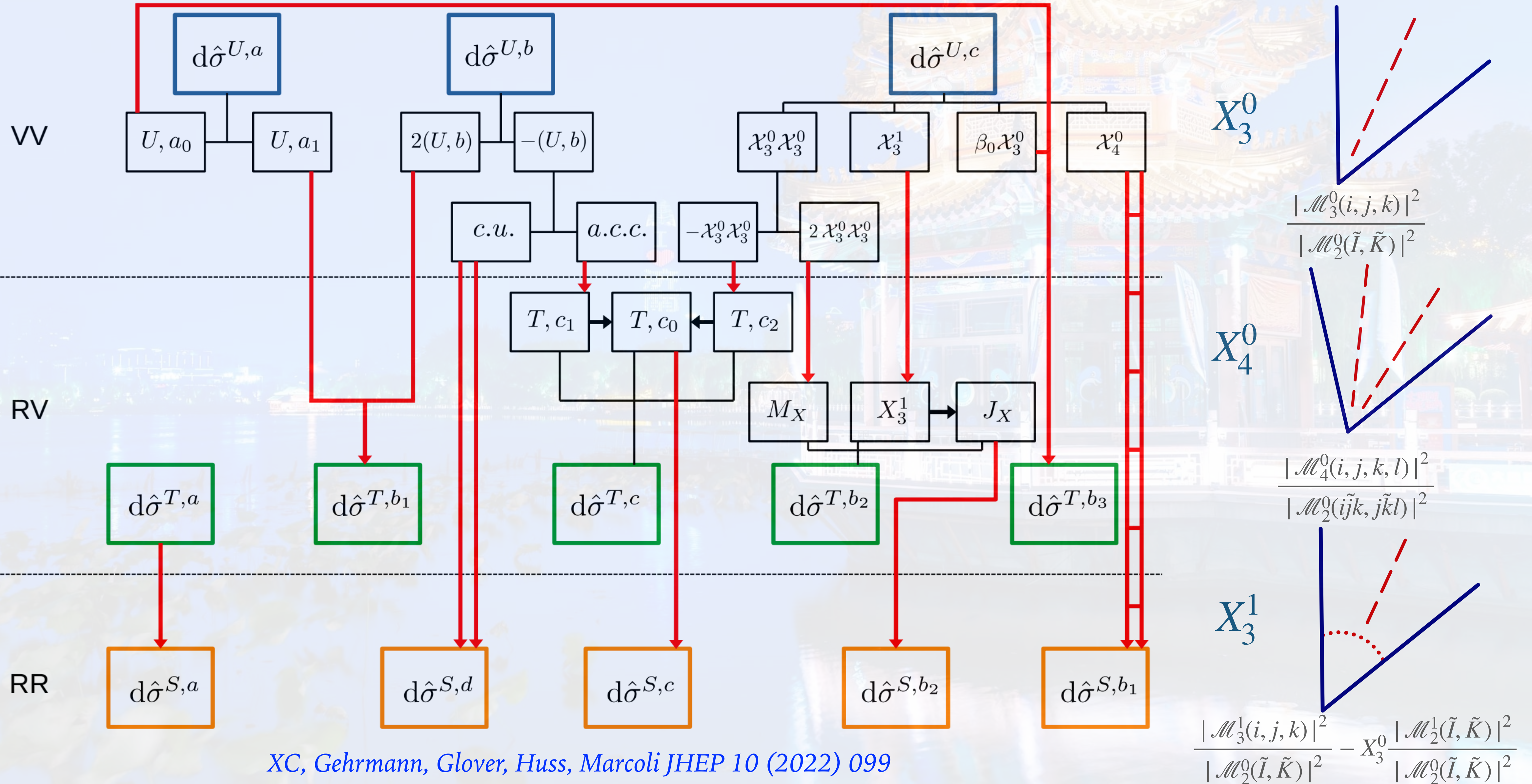


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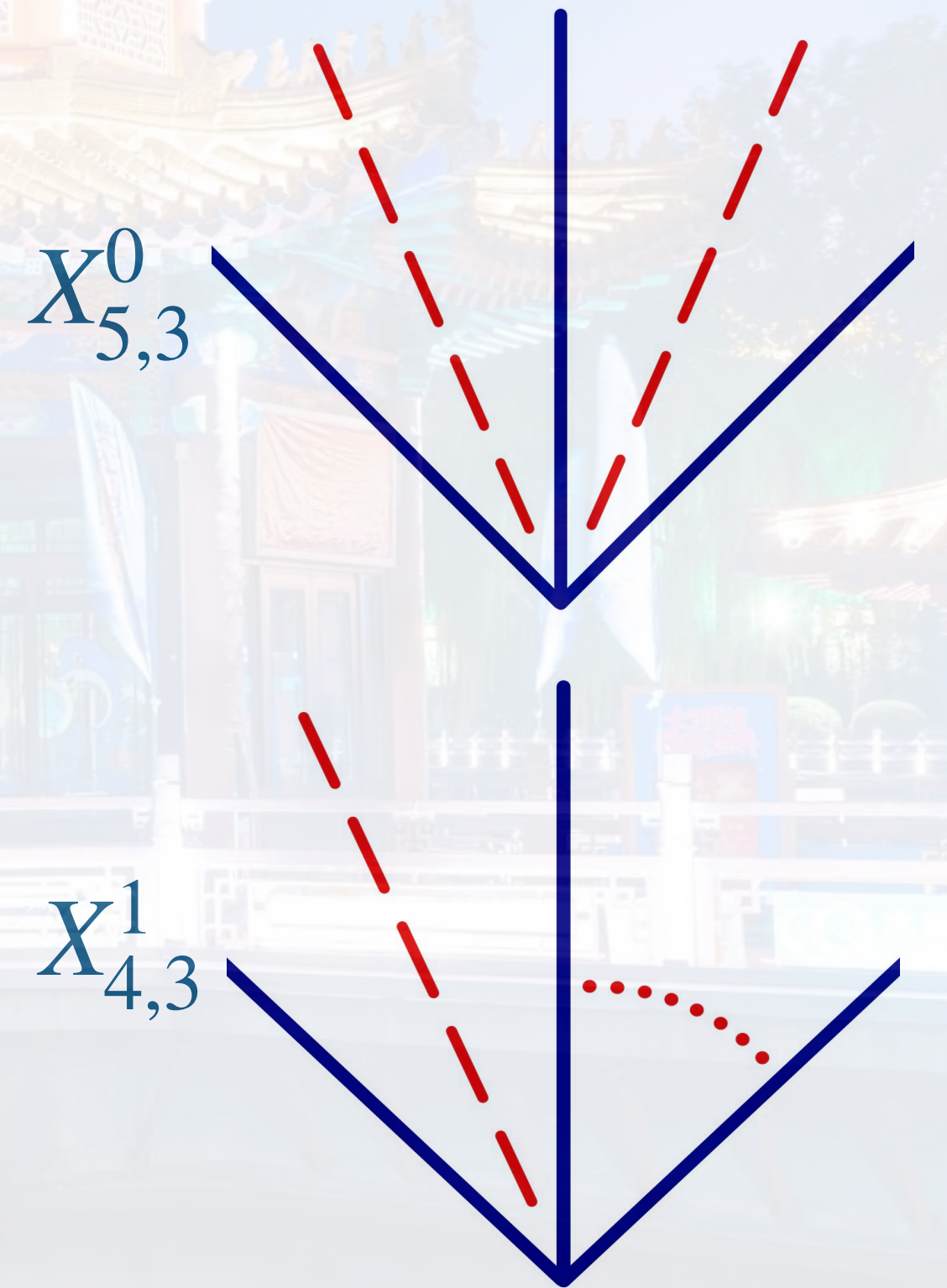
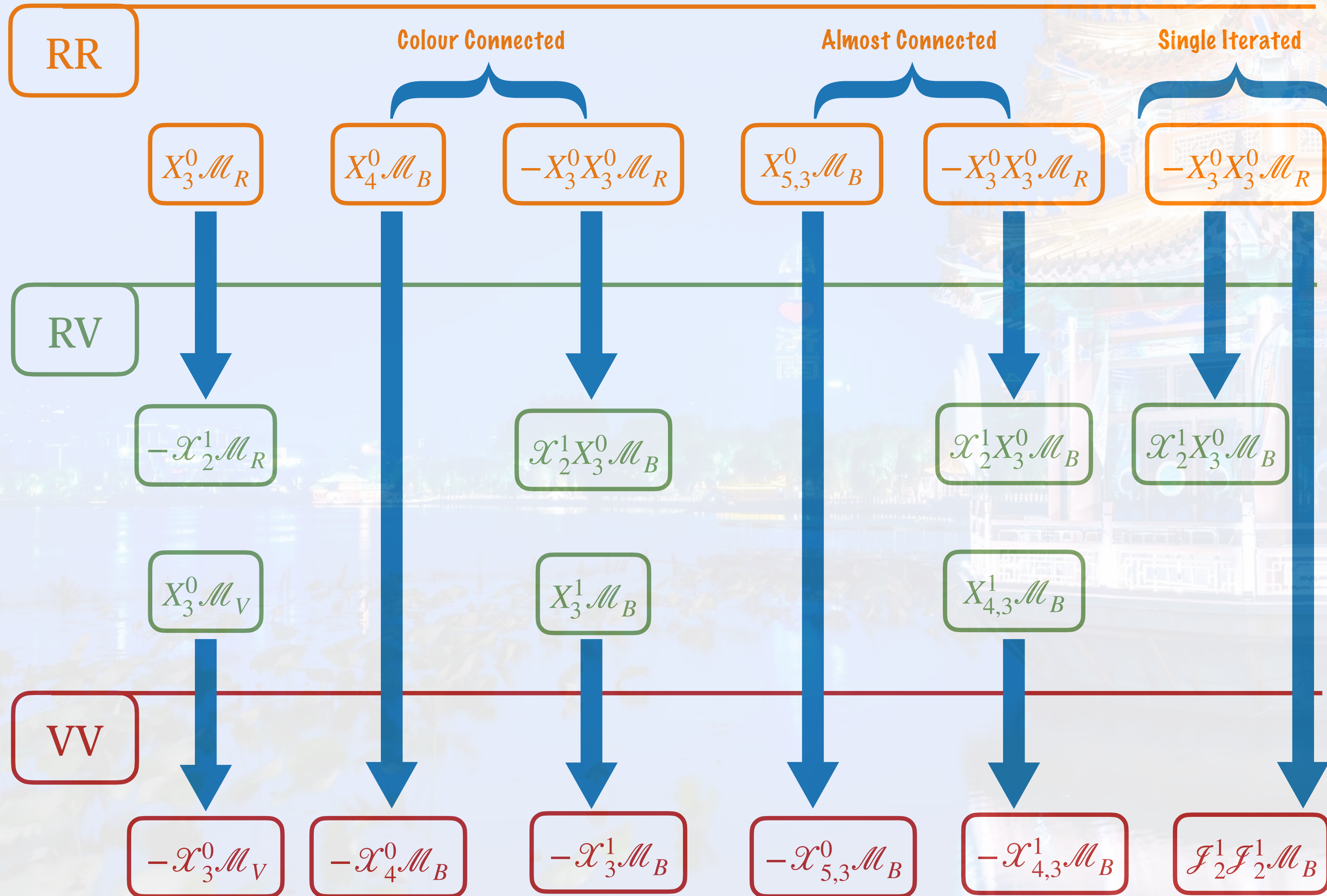
# BACK UP SLIDES

# Traditional Antenna Subtraction @ NNLO



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

# Generalized Antenna Subtraction @ NNLO



$e^+e^- \rightarrow 3$  jets @ NNLO

Efficiency boost by a factor of 10

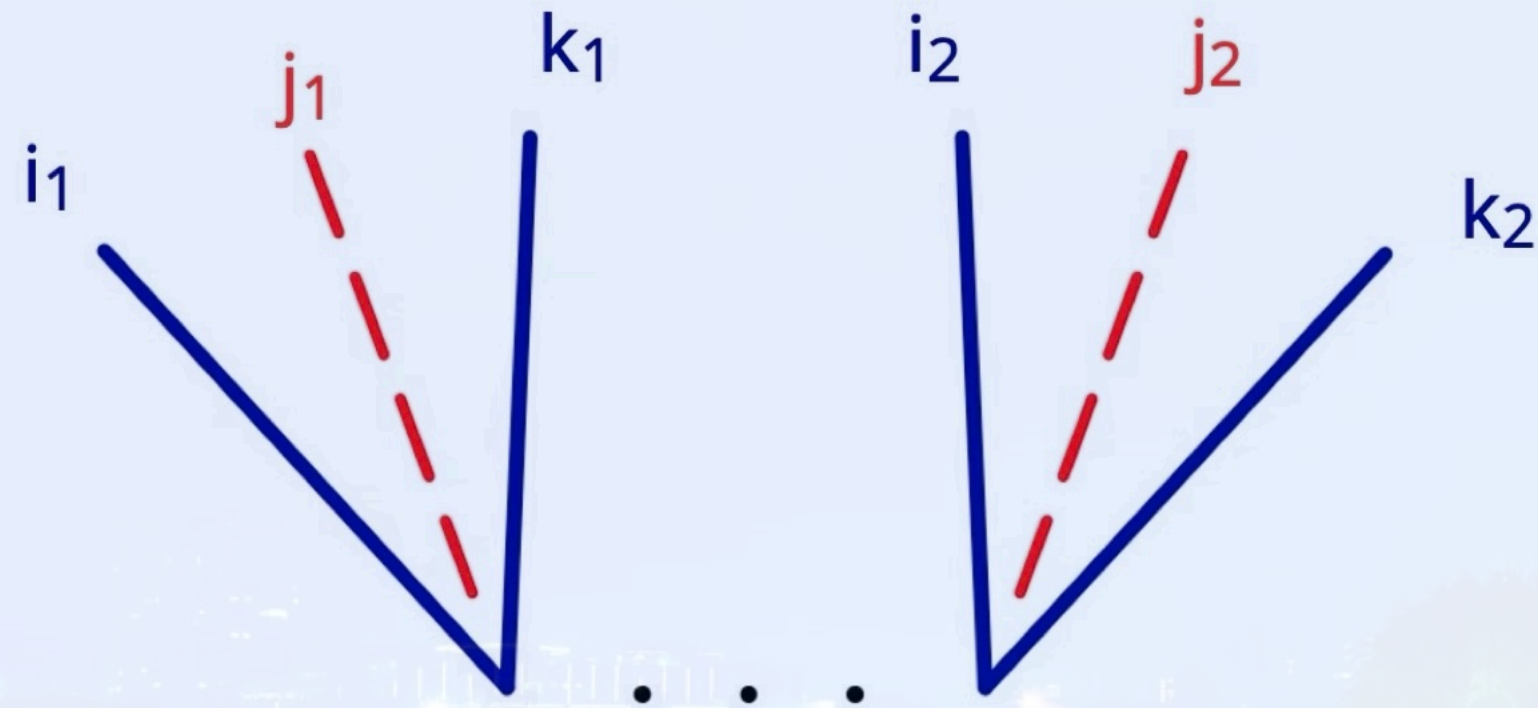
Fox, Glover, Marcoli, JHEP 12 (2024) 225

# Antenna Subtraction @ NNLO

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**NNLO:** two unresolved emissions → multiple topologies

**colour-unconnected** emissions: no shared hard radiator



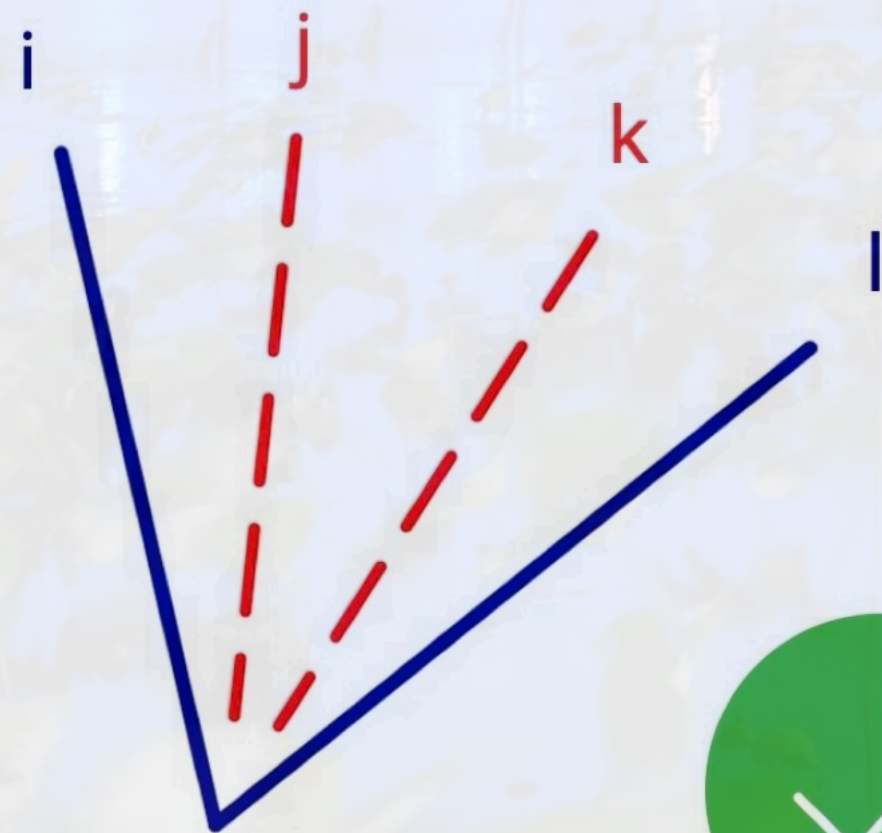
$$M_{n+2}^0(\dots, i_1, j_1, k_1, \dots, i_2, j_2, k_2, \dots)$$



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



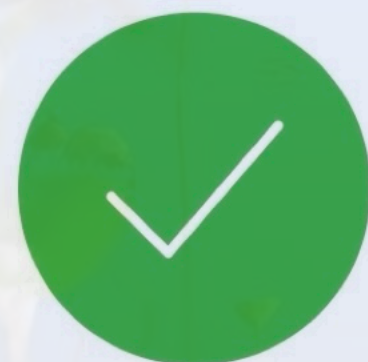
$$M_{n+2}^0(\dots, i, j, k, l, \dots)$$

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

3 → 2 momentum mapping

4 → 2 momentum mapping

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

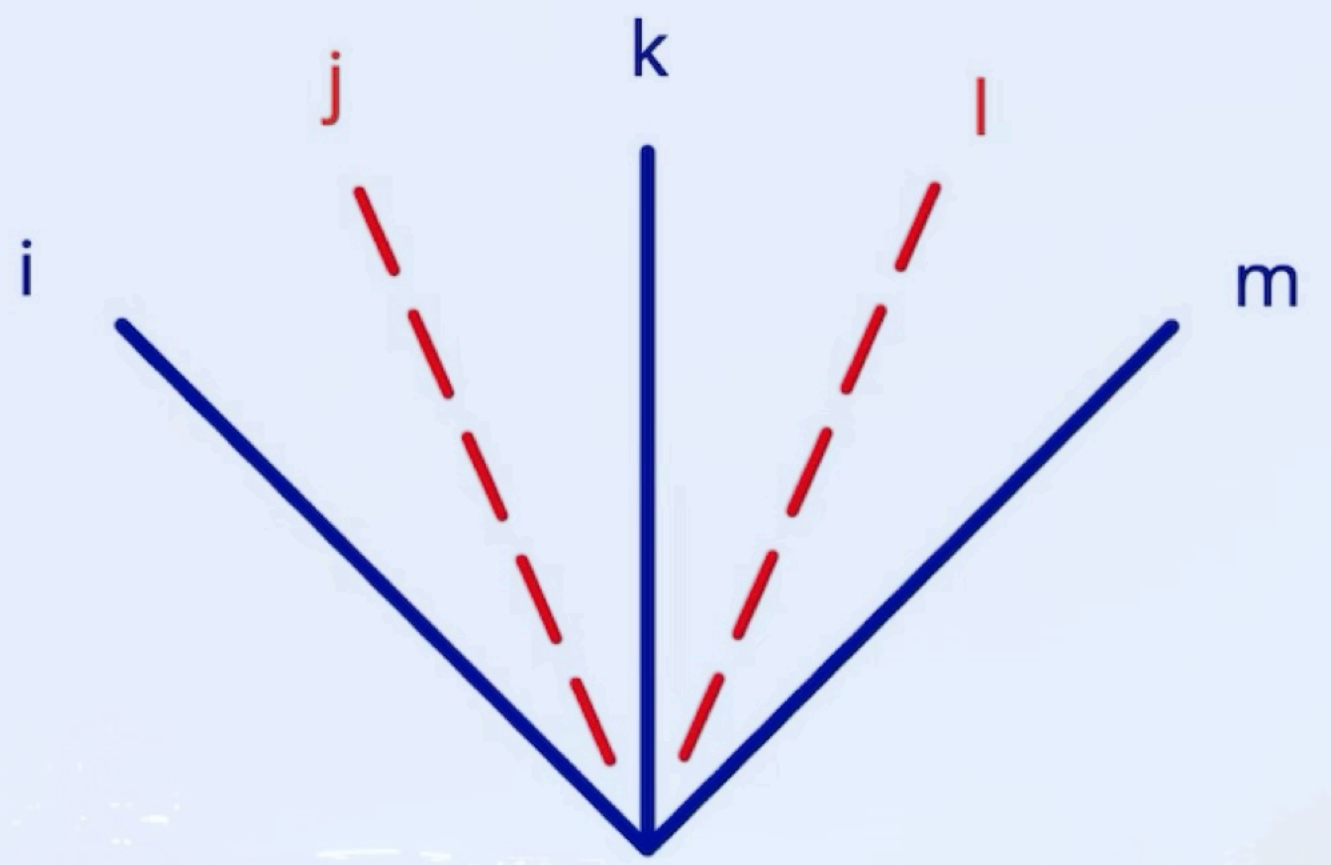


# Generalized Antenna @ NNLO

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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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-1/2*d30FF(l,i,j)*d30FF(m,k,j,i)*B1g0Z(l,i,[[j,i],k],[m,i,1,2])*JET33(l,i,[[j,i],k],[m,i])*a31
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-1/2*(SFF(l,i,j,i,[m,i])-SFF(k,i,j,i,[m,i]))*SFF(l,i,[[i,j]],k,[i,j]))+SFF(l,i,[[i,j]],k,[i,j]))-SFF(l,i,[[i,j]],k,[m,i]))+SFF(l,i,[[i,j]],k,[m,i]))*d30FF(m,i,k,i,j)*B1g0Z(l,k,[[i,j]],k,[m,i,1,2])*JET33(l,k,[[i,j]],k,[m,i])*a34

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Ideally we want:

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

5→3 momentum mapping

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

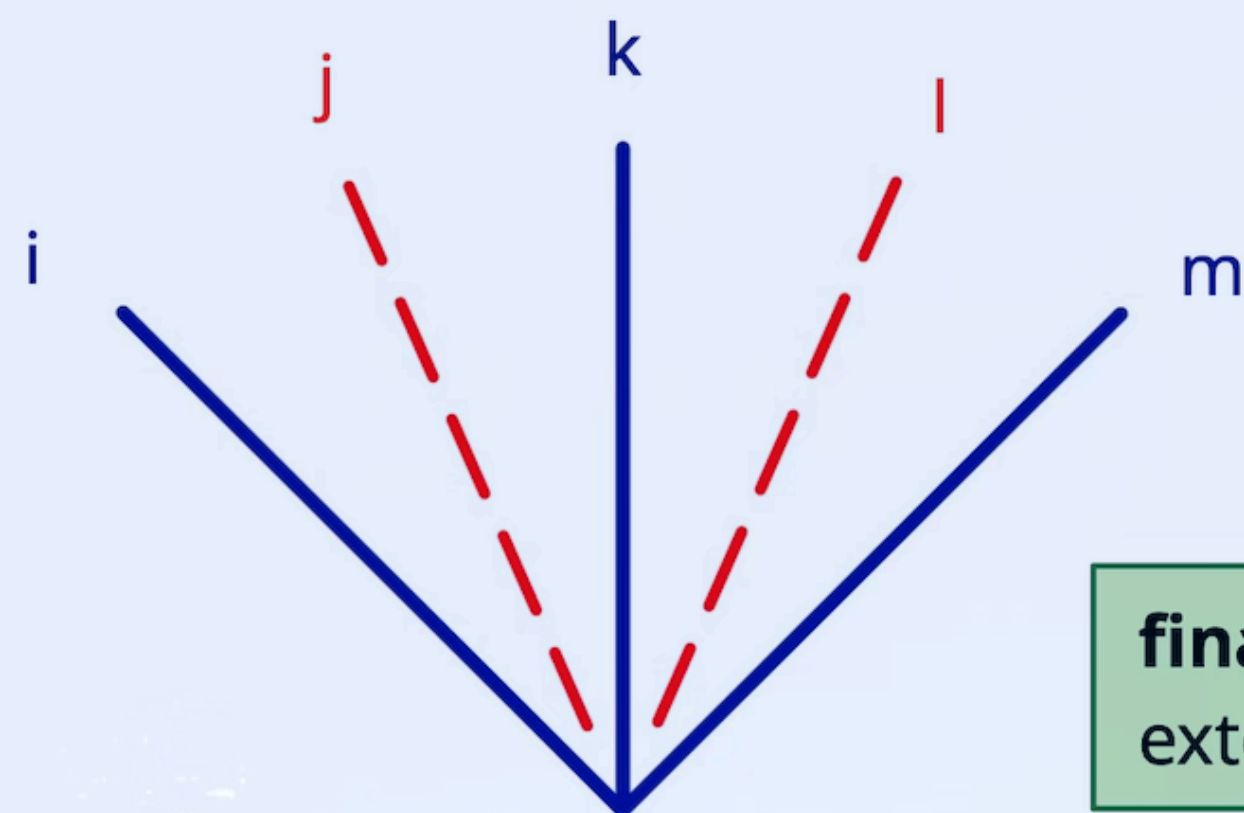
generalized three-hard-radiator antenna function

23 additional subtraction terms for leading colour  $\mathcal{M}_{RR}^0(q, g, g, g, \bar{q})$



# Generalized Antenna @ NNLO

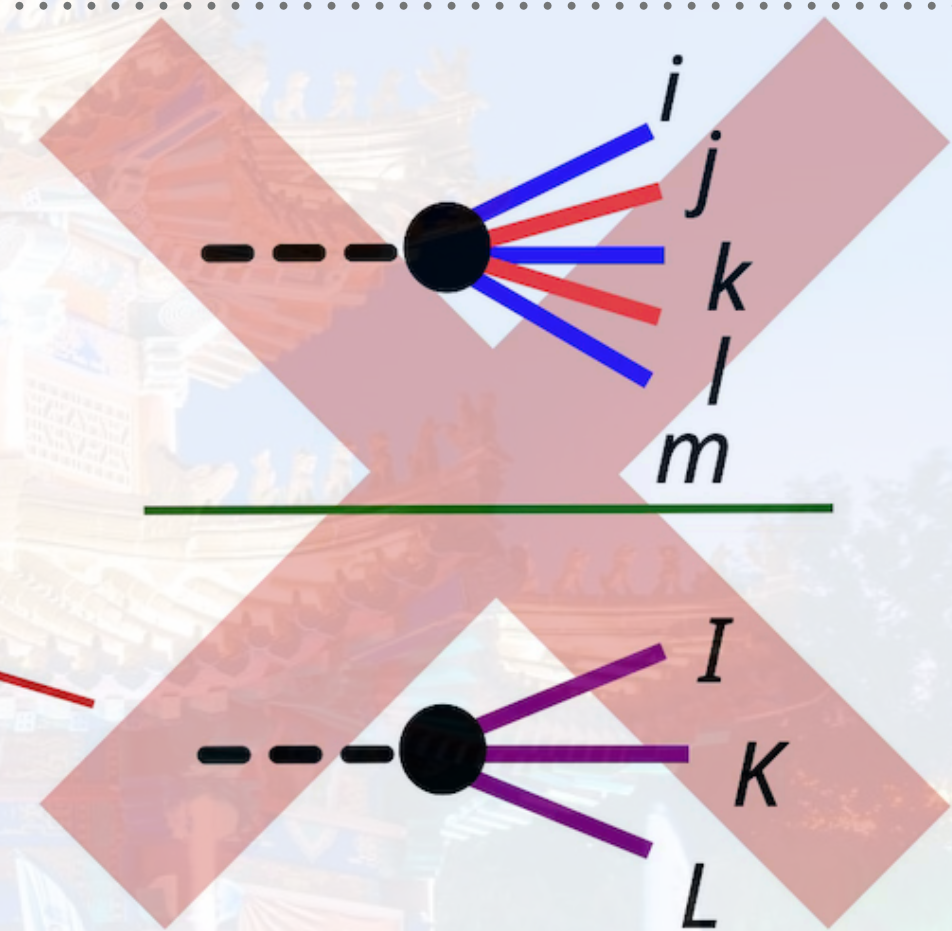
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final-state radiation only,  
extension to ISR in progress

Not possible with matrix element-based antenna functions

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

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

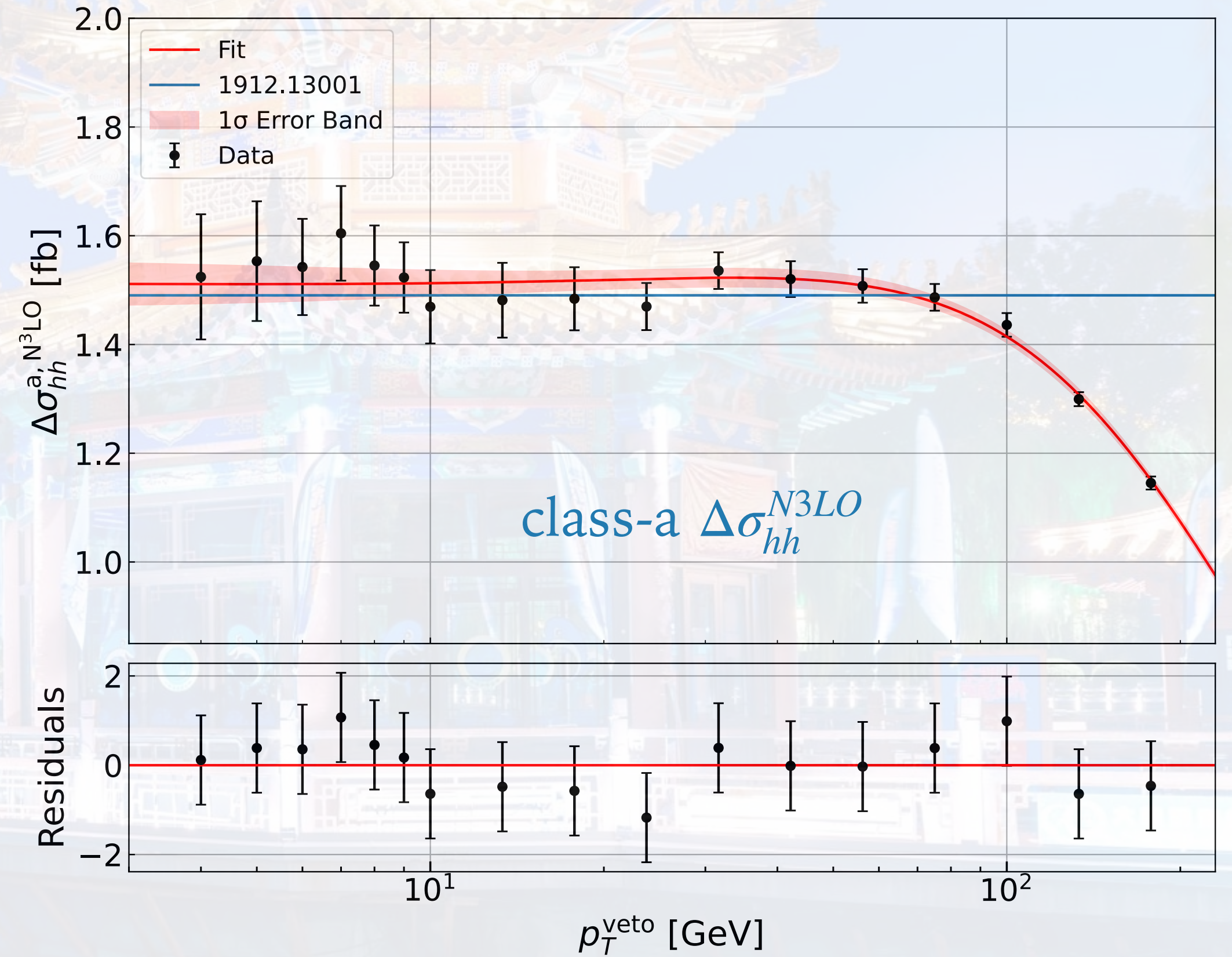
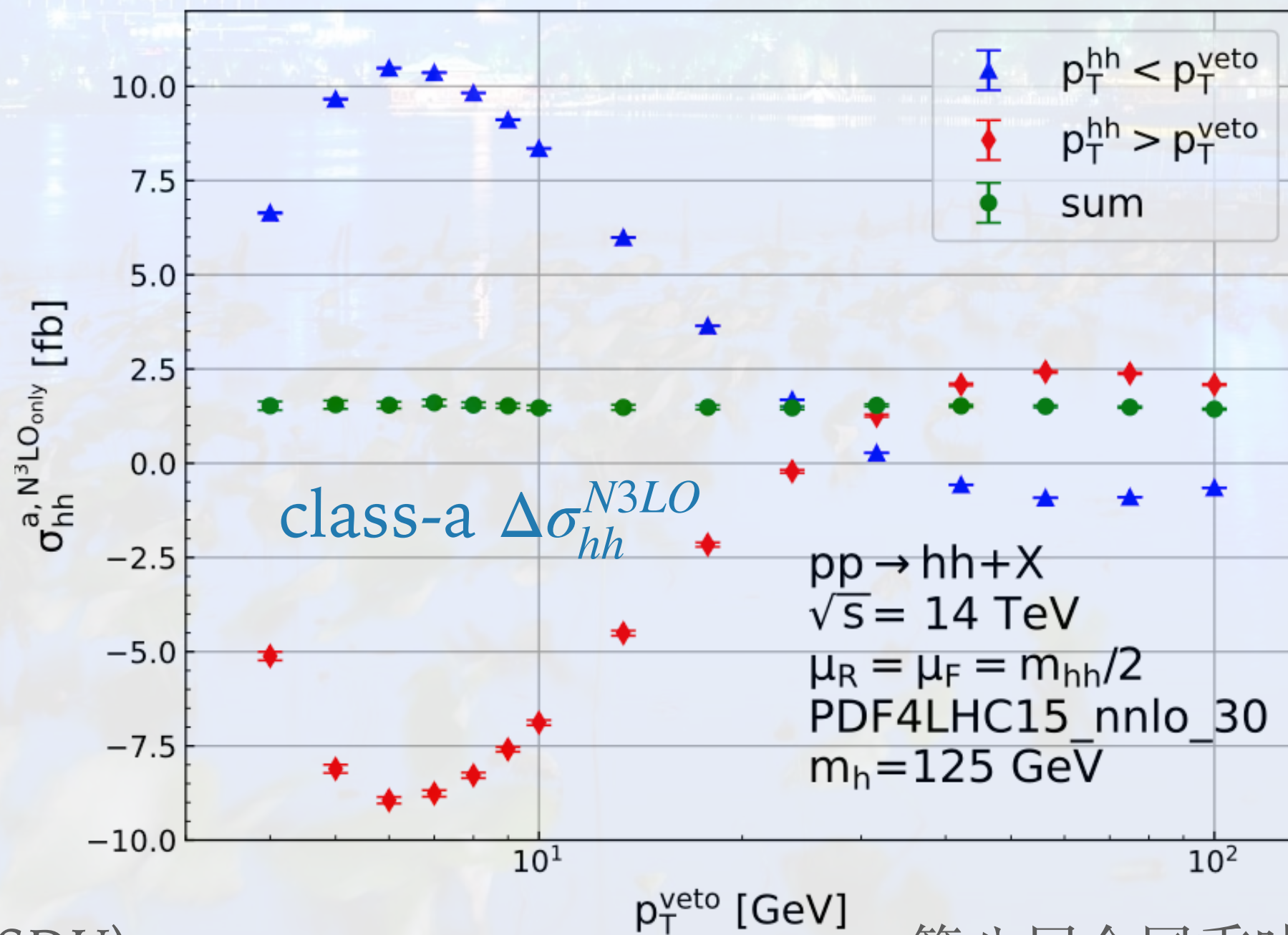
# HH Production at N3LO QCD

- Class-a contribution achieve N3LO accuracy via  $q_T$ -slicing:

$$d\sigma_{hh} = d\sigma_{hh} \Big|_{p_T^{hh} < p_T^{\text{veto}}} + d\sigma_{hh} \Big|_{p_T^{hh} > p_T^{\text{veto}}}$$

- Large cancellation between above and below  $p_T^{\text{veto}}$  cut.
- Fit the  $p_T^{\text{veto}}$  power correction with  $\chi^2$  and functional form:

$$\Delta\sigma^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}}(p_T^{\text{veto}}) \sim \Delta\sigma_0^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}} + \frac{\alpha_s^3}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{p_T^{\text{veto}^2}}{m_{hh}^2} \sum_{n=0}^5 a_n^{(3)} \ln^n \frac{m_{hh}}{p_T^{\text{veto}}}$$



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- $p_T^{\text{veto}}$  plateau observed  $< 10 \text{ GeV}$ .
- Excellent agreement with inclusive total XS:  
 N3LO only ( $p_T^{\text{veto}} \rightarrow 0$ ): **1.513(47) fb**  
 N3LO only reference: **1.4904(1) fb** (based on iHixs 2)

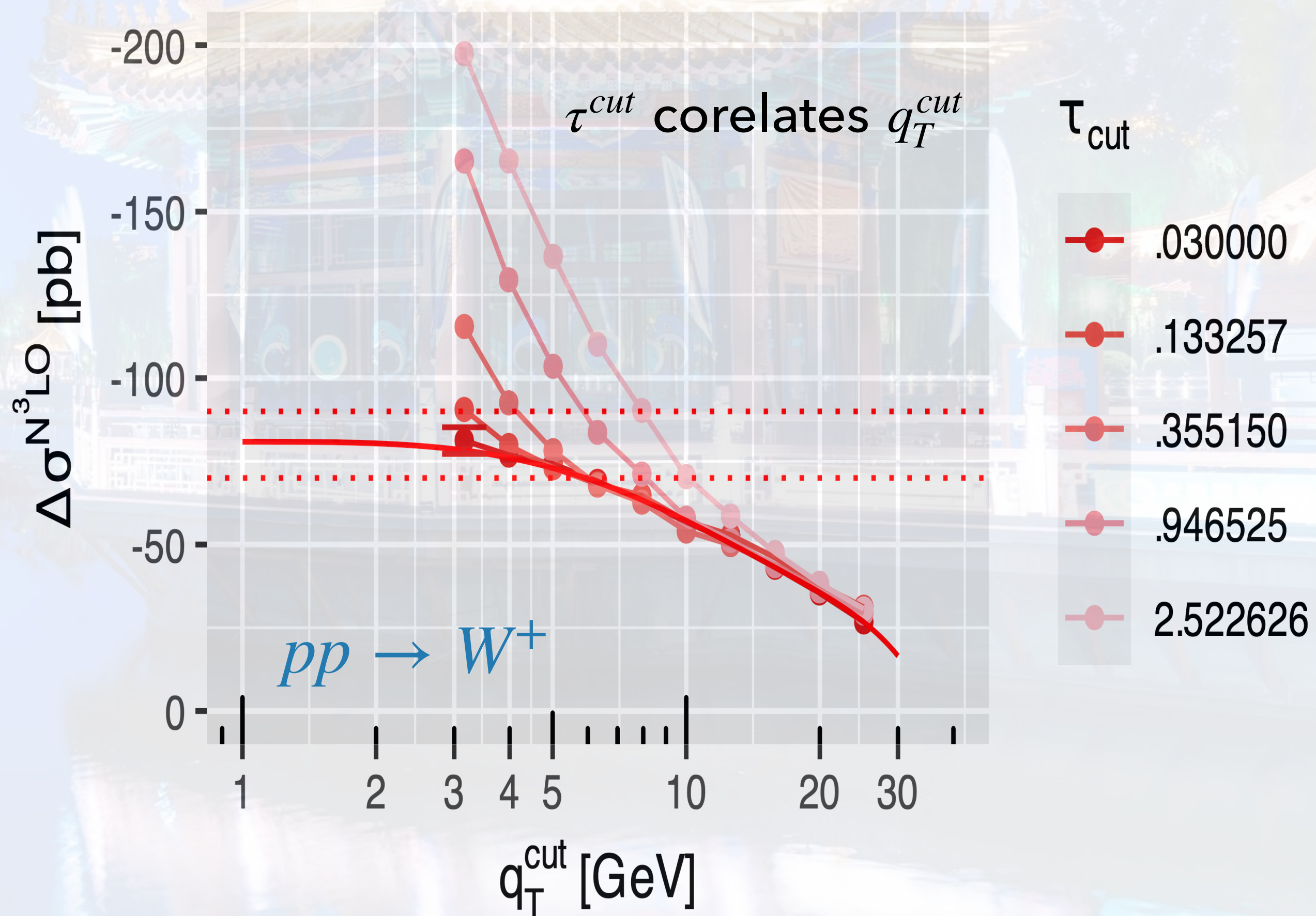
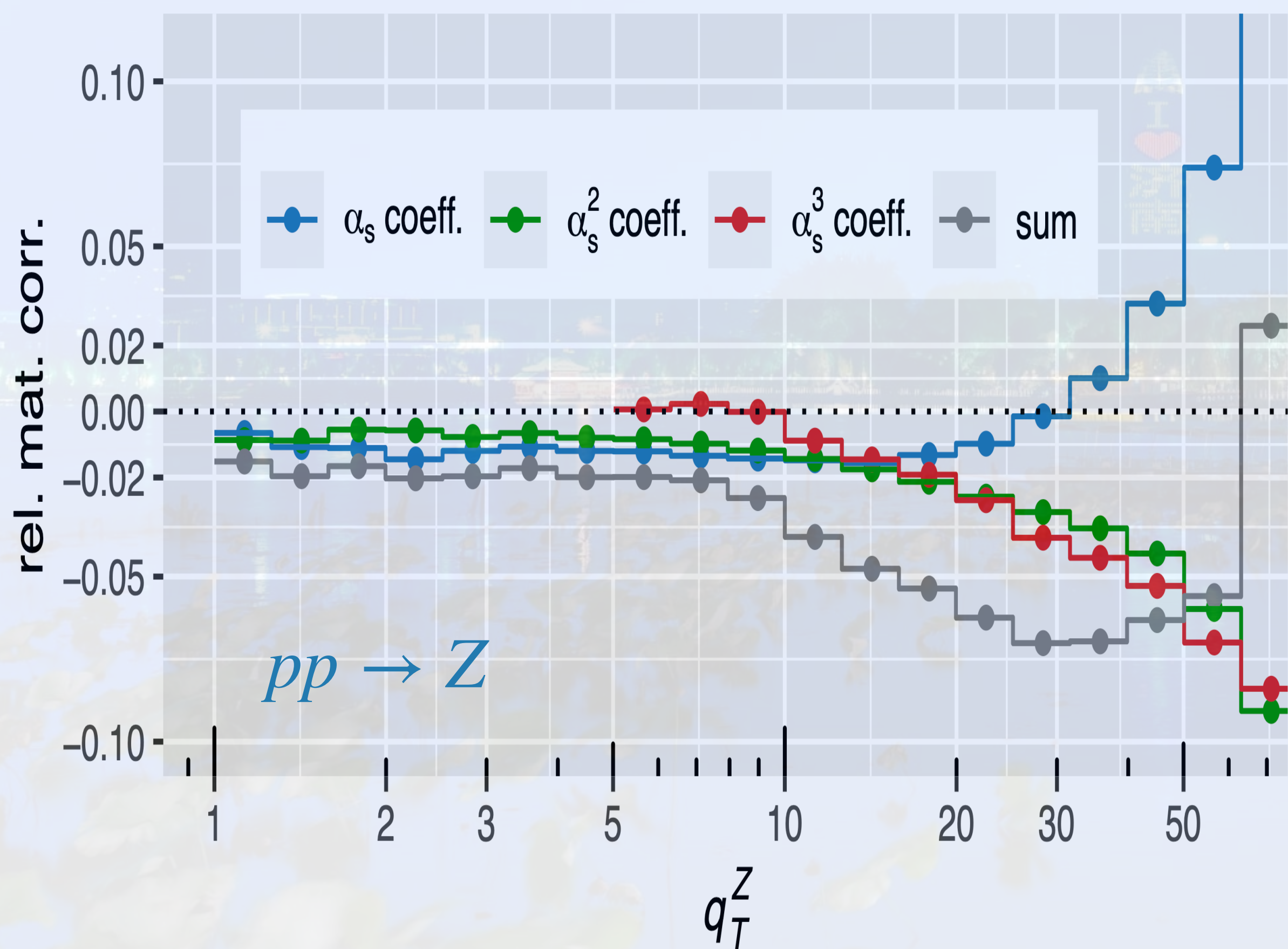
*F. Dulat, A. Lazopolulos, B. Mistlberger, Comput.Phys.Commun 233 (2018)*

# 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  $\Delta(\alpha_s^3)$

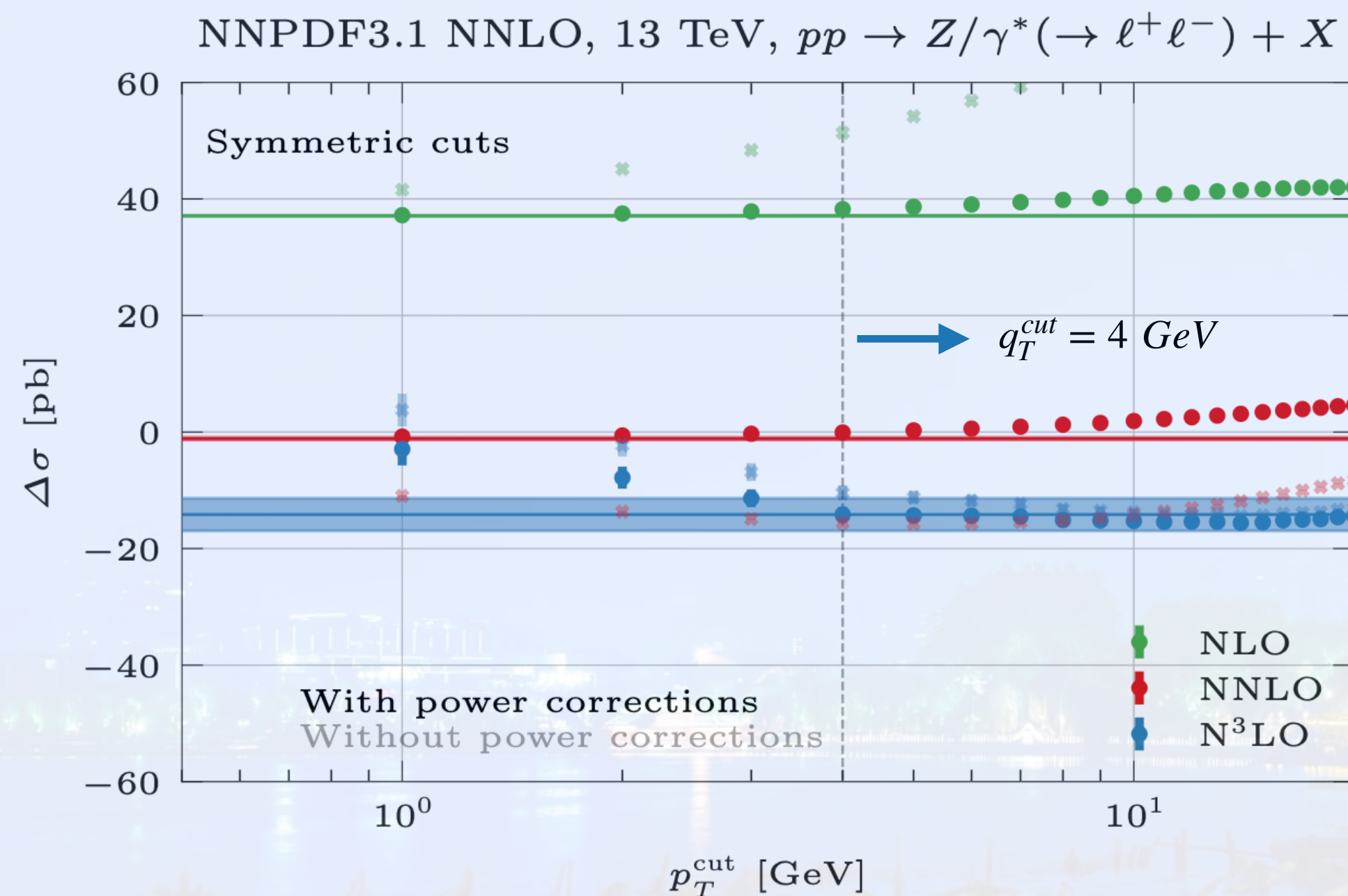


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# Precision Predictions at Hadron Collider

## $2 \rightarrow 1$ @ N3LO (+ N3LL) QCD



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

DYTurbo result with fiducial power correction

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

*S. Camarda, L. Cieri, G. Ferrera Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 6*

- 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  $q_T^{cut} = 4 \text{ GeV}$ .
- 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  $\alpha_s$  fitting

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

*S. Camarda, L. Cieri, G. Ferrera Phys. Rev. D 104, L111503 (2021)*