

Beyond the Standard Model phenomenology at the NLO in QCD

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Outline

1. Introduction: two decades of Monte Carlo developments for new physics
2. Automating NLO calculations in QCD for new physics
3. Phenomenology: supersymmetry, vector-like quarks, EFT and dark matter
4. Summary - conclusions

The quest for new physics at the LHC

◆ The quest for physics beyond the Standard Model at the LHC is on-going

♣ How to get hints of new physics?

★ Confront data to the Standard Model expectation in search channels

★ Observe unexplained deviations at a good confidence level

♣ Ingredient 1: predictions for the Standard Model background

♣ Ingredient 2: predictions for the new physics signals

Standard Model simulations: the status

◆ The need for better simulation tools has spurred a very intense activity

- ❖ Automated matrix element generation (MADGRAPH5, SHERPA, WHIZARD, etc.)
- ❖ Higher-order computations (MC@NLO, POWHEG, NNLO)
- ❖ Parton showering and hadronization (PYTHIA, HERWIG, SHERPA)
- ❖ Matrix element - parton showering matching
- ❖ Merging techniques (MLM, CKKW, FxFx, UNLOPS, etc.)

◆ Standard Model simulations

- ❖ All processes relevant for the LHC can be simulated with a very good precision
- ❖ The precision will improve in the next few years (e.g. electroweak corrections)

Standard Model simulations under control
What about new physics?

New physics simulations: the challenges

◆ The challenges with respect to new physics simulations are different

- ❖ Theoretically, we are still in the dark
 - ★ No sign of new physics
 - ★ All measurements are Standard-Model-like
- ❖ There is not any leading new physics candidate theory
 - ★ Plethora of models to implement in the tools

◆ New physics is a standard in many tools today

- ❖ Result of 20 years of developments
- ❖ Simulations mostly achieved at the leading-order accuracy in QCD
- ❖ But this has started to change a couple of years ago

A Monte Carlo tool framework for new physics

◆ Streamlining the chain from the Lagrangian to analyzed simulated collisions

- ❖ Connect the physics to simulated LHC collisions: need for a framework
 - ★ ... where any new physics model can be implemented
 - ★ ... where any new physics model can be tested against data
 - ★ ... easy to validate, to maintain
 - ★ ... easily integrable in a software chain

◆ A framework for new physics simulations

❖ Inputs / Outputs

- ★ A physics object: the Lagrangian (unique and non ambiguous, no MC dependence)
- ★ Flexible (a change in the model = a change in the Lagrangian)
- ★ Automatic derivation of the Feynman rules and generate MC model files

❖ Validation

- ★ Automatic and systematical

❖ Distribution

- ★ Public, transparent
- ★ No private tools

[Christensen, de Aquino, Degrande, Duhr, BF, Herquet, Maltoni & Schumann (EPJ C 11)]

Automating new physics simulations

◆ First steps towards a new physics simulation framework: LANHEP

- ❖ Restricted to the CALCHEP / COMHEP environment
- ❖ Working environment: C

[Semenov (NIMA'97; CPC'98; CPC'09; CPC'16)]
[Boos et al. (IJMPC'94; NIMA'04)]
[Belyaev, Christensen & Pukhov (CPC'13)]

◆ FEYNRULES: a platform for new physics model implementations in MC tools

- ❖ Working environment: MATHEMATICA
 - ★ Flexibility, symbolic manipulations, easy implementation of new methods, etc.
- ❖ Interfaced to many Monte Carlo tools
 - ★ Dedicated translators to several tools (obsolete today thanks to the UFO)
- ❖ Automatic linking of Lagrangians to files in a given programming language

[Christensen & Duhr (CPC '09); Alloul, Christensen, Degrande, Duhr & BF (CPC'14)]

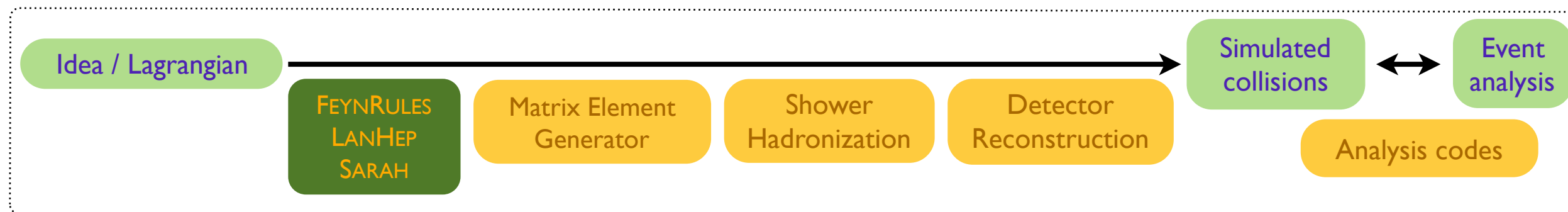
◆ The SARAH package

- ❖ Working environment: MATHEMATICA
- ❖ Interfaced to many Monte Carlo tools
- ❖ Spectrum generator features

[Staub (CPC'13; CPC'14)]

New physics simulations: other challenges

◆ A comprehensive approach to Monte Carlo simulations



◆ Implementation of any new physics theory in a MC tool is straightforward

Many interfaces dedicated to specific tools

- ★ Removal of non compliant vertices
- ★ Translation to a specific format/language

! **Not efficient**

A step further: the Universal FEYNRULES Output

◆ Improving the maintenance: the UFO one format to rule them all

[Degrande, Duhr, BF, Grellscheid, Mattelaer, Reiter (CPC '12)]
[Degrande, Duhr, BF, Hirschi, Mattelaer, Shao *et al.* (in prep.)]

◆ The UFO in a nutshell

- ❖ UFO $\equiv$ Universal FEYNRULES output
 - ★ **Universal** as not tied to any specific Monte Carlo program
- ❖ Allows the models to contain **generic color and Lorentz** structures
 - ★ It is up to the different tools to discard what they cannot handle
- ❖ Consists of a **PYTHON module** to be linked to any code
- ❖ This module contains **all the model information**
- ❖ Can be employed for next-to-leading order calculations

◆ The UFO is now a standard and used by many other programs

ALOHA

GOSAM

HERWIG ++

MADANALYSIS 5

SHERPA

MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO

WHIZARD

LANHEP

SARAH

Discoveries at the LHC (and simulations)

- ◆ Path towards the characterization of (potentially observed) new physics
 - ❖ Getting information on the nature of an observation
 - ★ Fitting deviations by some new physics signals
 - ★ Leading order Monte Carlo tools and techniques can do a proper job
 - ★ Reinterpretation of the signals in different theoretical frameworks
 - ❖ Final words on the nature of any potential new physics
 - ★ Accurate measurements of the model parameters
 - ★ More precise predictions are mandatory

Can precision predictions for new physics be automated?

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Predictions at the LHC (using QCD)

◆ Distribution of an observable ω : the QCD factorization theorem

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} = \sum_{ab} \int dx_a dx_b \mathbf{f}_{a/p_1}(x_a; \mu_F) \mathbf{f}_{b/p_2}(x_b; \mu_F) \frac{d\sigma_{ab}}{d\omega}(\dots, \mu_F)$$

- ❖ Long distance physics: **the parton densities**
- ❖ Short distance physics: the differential parton cross section **$d\sigma_{ab}$**
- ❖ **Separation of both regimes through the factorization scale μ_F**
 - ★ Choice of the scale $\triangleright$ theoretical uncertainties

◆ Short distance physics: the partonic cross section

- ❖ Calculated **order by order in perturbative QCD**: $d\sigma = d\sigma^{(0)} + \alpha_s d\sigma^{(1)} + \dots$
 - ★ The more orders included, the more precise the predictions
 - ★ Truncation of the series and $\alpha_s \triangleright$ theoretical uncertainties

Fixed-order predictions

◆ Leading-order (LO): $d\sigma \approx d\sigma^{(0)}$

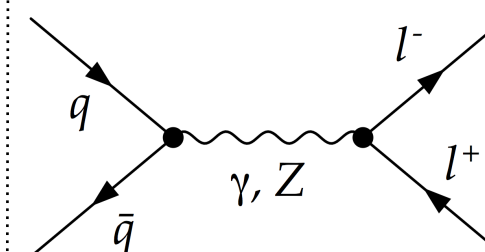
❖ Easily calculable

- ★ Automated for any theory and any process

❖ Very naive

- ★ Rough estimate for many observables (large uncertainties)
- ★ Cannot be used for any observable (e.g., dilepton p_T)

The Drell-Yan example



◆ Next-to-leading-order (NLO): $d\sigma \approx d\sigma^{(0)} + \alpha_s d\sigma^{(1)}$

❖ Two contributions: virtual loop and real emission

- ★ Both divergent
- ★ The sum is finite (KLN theorem)

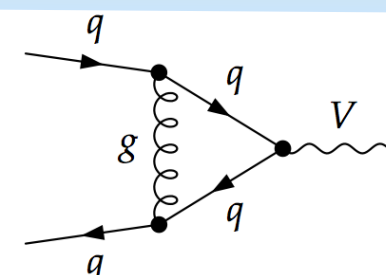
❖ Reduction of the theoretical uncertainties

- ★ First order where loops compensate trees

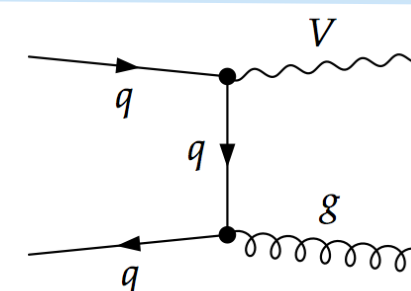
❖ Better description of the process

- ★ Impact of extra radiation
- ★ More initial states included
- ★ Sometimes not precise enough

The Drell-Yan example:
Representative virtual



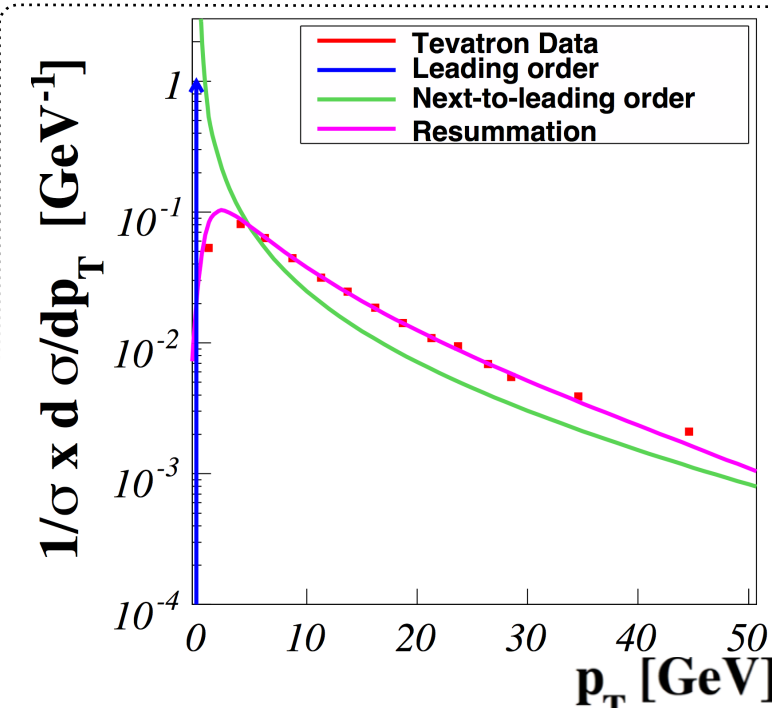
Representative real



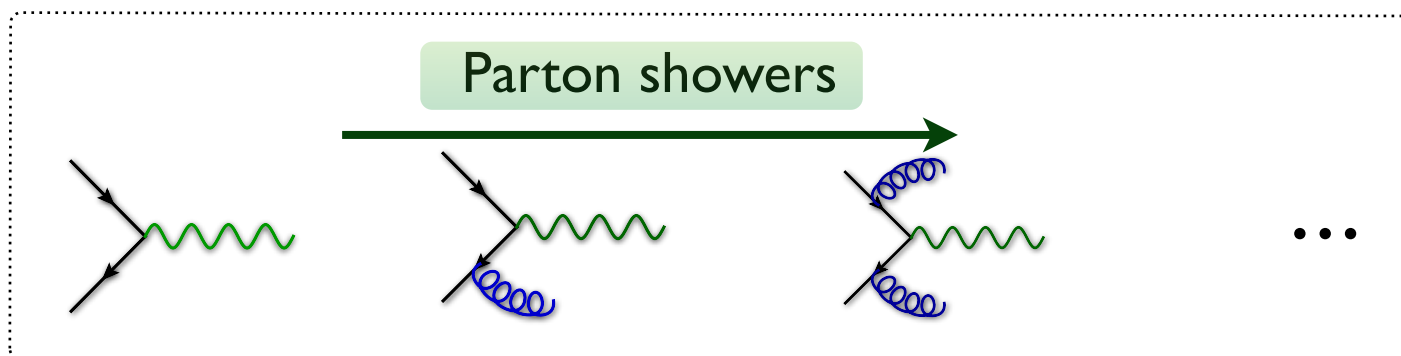
Matrix-element / parton shower matching

◆ Problems with NLO (fixed-order) calculations

- ❖ Soft and collinear radiation ➤ large logarithms
- ❖ Spoil the convergence of the perturbative series



◆ Matching with parton showers



- ❖ **Resummation** of the soft and collinear radiation
- ❖ Predictions for a fully exclusive description of the collisions
- ❖ Suitable for going **beyond the parton level** (hadronization, detector simulation)

NLO calculations in a nutshell

◆ Contributions to an NLO result in QCD

♣ Three ingredients: the Born, virtual loop and real emission contributions

$$\sigma_{NLO} = \int d^4\Phi_n \mathcal{B} \quad + \quad \int d^4\Phi_n \int_{\text{loop}} d^d\ell \, \mathcal{V} \quad + \quad \int d^4\Phi_{n+1} \mathcal{R}$$

Born

Virtuals: one extra power
of α_s and divergent

Reals: one extra power
of α_s and divergent

♣ Challenge: computing predictions numerically (and in four dimensions)

Virtual contributions

◆ Loop diagram calculations

- ✿ Calculations to be done in $d=4-2\epsilon$ dimensions
 - ★ Divergences made explicit ($1/\epsilon^2$, $1/\epsilon$)

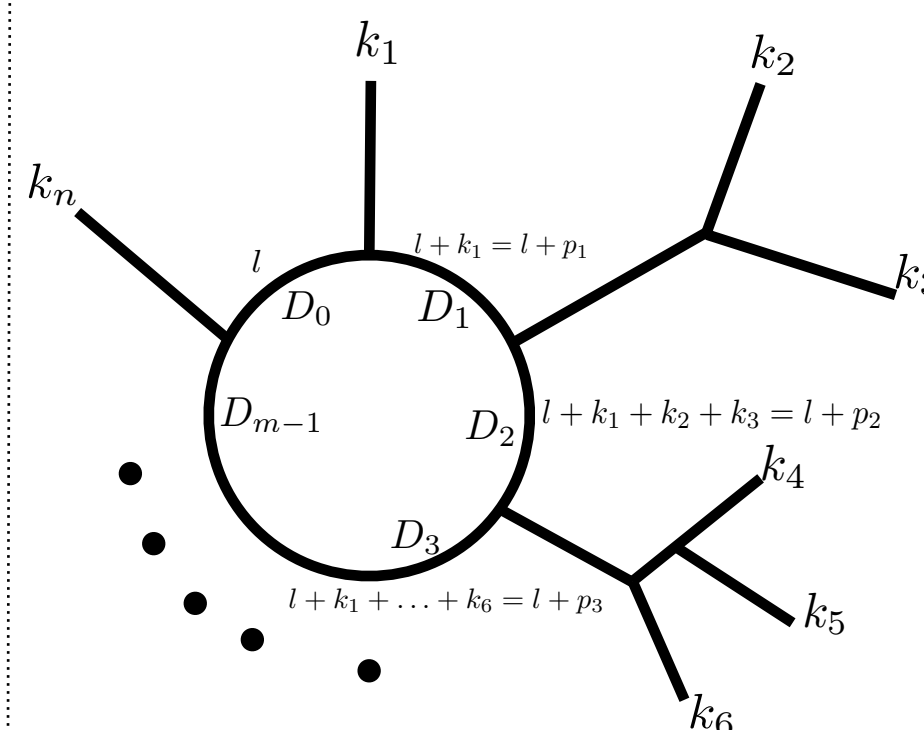
- ✿ Rewriting loop integrals with **scalar integrals**

$$\int d^d \ell \frac{N(\ell)}{D_0 D_1 \cdots D_{m-1}} = \sum a_i \int d^d \ell \frac{1}{D_{i_0} D_{i_1} \cdots}$$

- ★ Involves integrals with **up to four denominators**
- ★ **The decomposition basis is finite**

The basis integrals can be calculated once and for all

m -point diagram with n external momenta



The rational terms

◆ The loop momentum lives in a d -dimensional space

- ♣ The reduction should be done in d dimensions and not in 4 dimensions

$$\int d^d \ell \frac{N(\ell, \tilde{\ell})}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1 \cdots \bar{D}_{m-1}} \quad \text{with } \bar{\ell} = \ell + \tilde{\ell}$$

D-dim
4-dim
(-2ε)-dim

- ♣ Numerical methods works in four dimensions: need to be compensated!

◆ The R_1 terms originates from the denominators

$$\frac{1}{\bar{D}} = \frac{1}{D} \left(1 - \frac{\tilde{\ell}^2}{\bar{D}} \right)$$

- ♣ These extra pieces can be calculated **generically** (3 integrals in total)

◆ The R_2 terms originates from the numerator

- ♣ Process-dependent contributions proportional to $\tilde{\ell}^2$
- ♣ In a renormalizable theory, there is a finite number of such R_2 pieces
 - ★ They can be calculated once and for all for a specific model (➤ NLOCT) [Degrande (CPC'15)]
 - R_2 counterterm Feynman rules

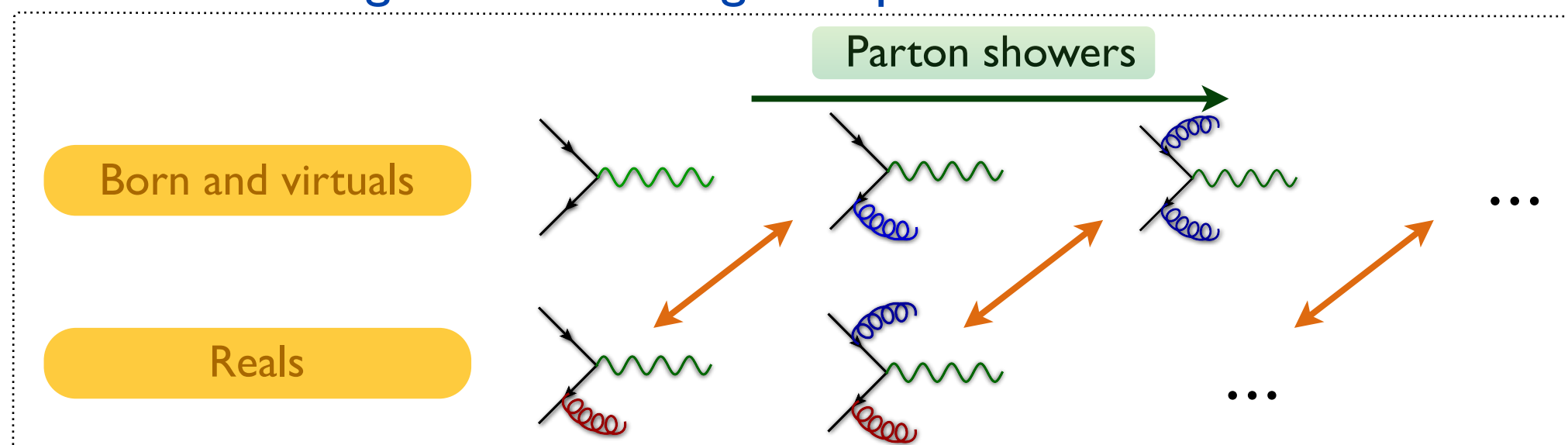
Matching fixed order with parton showers

◆ Subtracting the poles

- ❖ The structure of the poles appearing at NLO is known ➤ subtraction methods
 - ★ $\mathcal{C}$ subtracted from the reals ➤ makes them finite
 - ★ $\mathcal{C}$ integrated and added back to the virtuals ➤ makes them finite
 - ★ Integrals can be made numerically (in four dimensions)

$$\sigma_{NLO} = \int d^4\Phi_n \mathcal{B} + \int d^4\Phi_{n+1} [\mathcal{R} - \mathcal{C}] + \int d^4\Phi_n \left[\int_{\text{loop}} d^d\ell \mathcal{V} + \int d^d\Phi_1 \mathcal{C} \right]$$

◆ Double counting when matching with parton showers



- ❖ Two sources of double counting that compensate each other (shower unitarity)
 - ★ Radiation: both at the level of the reals and of the shower
 - ★ No radiation: both in the virtuals and in the no-emission probability

MG5_AMC@NLO: master formula

◆ Two series of counterterms: NLO and Monte Carlo

$$\sigma_{NLO} = \int d^4\Phi_n \left[\mathcal{B} + \left(\int_{\text{loop}} d^d\ell \mathcal{V} + \int d^d\Phi_1 \mathcal{C} \right) + \int d^4\Phi_1 \left(\mathcal{MC} - \mathcal{C} \right) \right] \mathcal{I}_{\text{MC}}^{(n)} + \int d^4\Phi_{n+1} \left[\mathcal{R} - \mathcal{MC} \right] \mathcal{I}_{\text{MC}}^{(n+1)}$$

S-events

H-events

★ $\mathcal{I}_{\text{MC}}^{(n)}$ represents the shower operator for a (n)-body final state

♣ The MC counterterms **match the real emission IR behavior** (by definition)

- ★ They describe: how the shower gets from an (n)-body to a (n+1)-body final state
- ★ Same kinematics as the reals: pole cancelation
- ★ Extra component accounting for the soft divergences

♣ The MC counterterms cannot be integrated numerically

- ★ **Using simultaneously the NLO and MC counterterms in the virtuals**

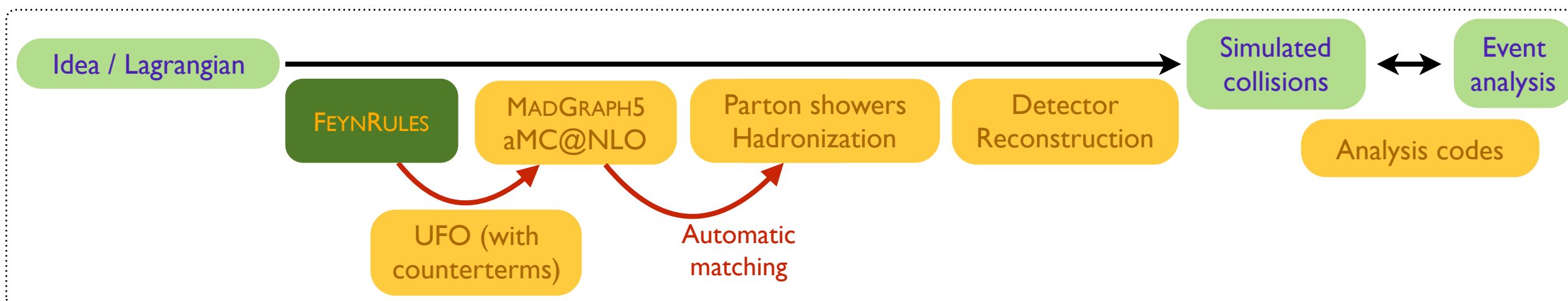
♣ In practice, S-events and H-events are generated separately

- ★ The related contribution can carry a negative weight
- ★ The sign of the weight has to be included in the unweighting procedure

[Alwall, Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Mattelaer, Shao, Stelzer, Torrielli & Zaro (JHEP'14)]

Automated NLO simulations with MG5_AMC

◆ A comprehensive approach to Monte Carlo simulations



◆ From Lagrangians to analyzed NLO simulated collisions

❖ FEYNRULES is linked to the NLOCT module

- ★ Calculation of UV and R_2 counterterms
- ★ Export of the information to the UFO

[Alloul, Christensen, Degrande, Duhr & BF (CPC'14)]
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◆ Matching with parton showers within MG5_aMC@NLO

❖ Monte Carlo subtraction terms automatically handled

[Alwall, Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Mattelaer, Shao, Stelzer, Torrielli & Zaro (JHEP'14)]

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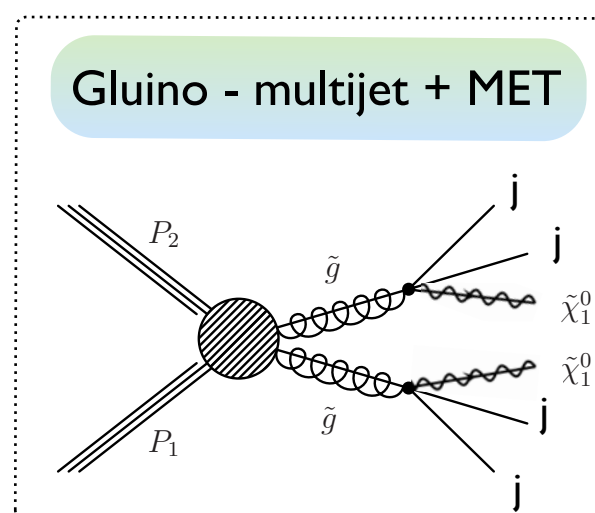
I - Supersymmetric QCD

◆ The supersymmetric QCD Lagrangian

[Degrande, BF, Hirschi, Proudom & Shao (PRD'15; PLB'16)]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SQCD}} = D_\mu \tilde{q}_L^\dagger D^\mu \tilde{q}_L + D_\mu \tilde{q}_R^\dagger D^\mu \tilde{q}_R + \frac{i}{2} \bar{\tilde{g}} \not{D} \tilde{g} - m_{\tilde{q}_L}^2 \tilde{q}_L^\dagger \tilde{q}_L - m_{\tilde{q}_R}^2 \tilde{q}_R^\dagger \tilde{q}_R - \frac{1}{2} m_{\tilde{g}} \bar{\tilde{g}} \tilde{g} \\ + \sqrt{2} g_s \left[- \tilde{q}_L^\dagger T (\tilde{g} P_L q) + (\bar{q} P_L \tilde{g}) T \tilde{q}_R + \text{h.c.} \right] - \frac{g_s^2}{2} \left[\tilde{q}_R^\dagger T \tilde{q}_R - \tilde{q}_L^\dagger T \tilde{q}_L \right] \left[\tilde{q}_R^\dagger T \tilde{q}_R - \tilde{q}_L^\dagger T \tilde{q}_L \right]$$

- ★ All (s)quarks, gluino and gluon supersymmetric-QCD interactions included
- ★ Missing: subtraction of the possible intermediate resonances in the reals [in progress]
- ★ **We need to decouple either the squarks or the gluino**
 - Supersymmetry-inspired simplified models



Validation and total cross sections

◆ Total rates at 13 TeV

[Degrande, BF, Hirschi, Proudom & Shao (PRD'15; PLB'16)]

$m_{\tilde{g}}$ [GeV]	σ^{LO} [pb]	σ^{NLO} [pb]
500	$15.46^{+34.7\%+19.5\%}_{-24.1\%-19.5\%}$	$24.90^{+12.5\%+3.7\%}_{-13.4\%-3.7\%}$
750	$1.206^{+35.9\%+23.5\%}_{-24.6\%-23.5\%}$	$2.009^{+13.5\%+5.5\%}_{-14.1\%-5.5\%}$
1000	$1.608 \cdot 10^{-1}^{+36.3\%+26.4\%}_{-24.8\%-26.4\%}$	$2.743 \cdot 10^{-1}^{+14.4\%+7.3\%}_{-14.8\%-7.3\%}$
2000	$4.217 \cdot 10^{-4}^{+35.6\%+29.8\%}_{-24.5\%-29.8\%}$	$6.327 \cdot 10^{-4}^{+17.7\%+17.8\%}_{-16.6\%-17.8\%}$

★ Central scales: average gluino $M_{\tilde{T}}$

★ Parton densities: NNPDF 3.0

◆ Validation

✿ Analytical

★ Counterterms, UV / IR structure, etc.

✿ Numerical (with respect to PROSPINO) [Beenakker, Kramer, Plehn, Spira & Zerwas (NPB'98)]

★ Generalization of the PROSPINO setup (different squark masses)

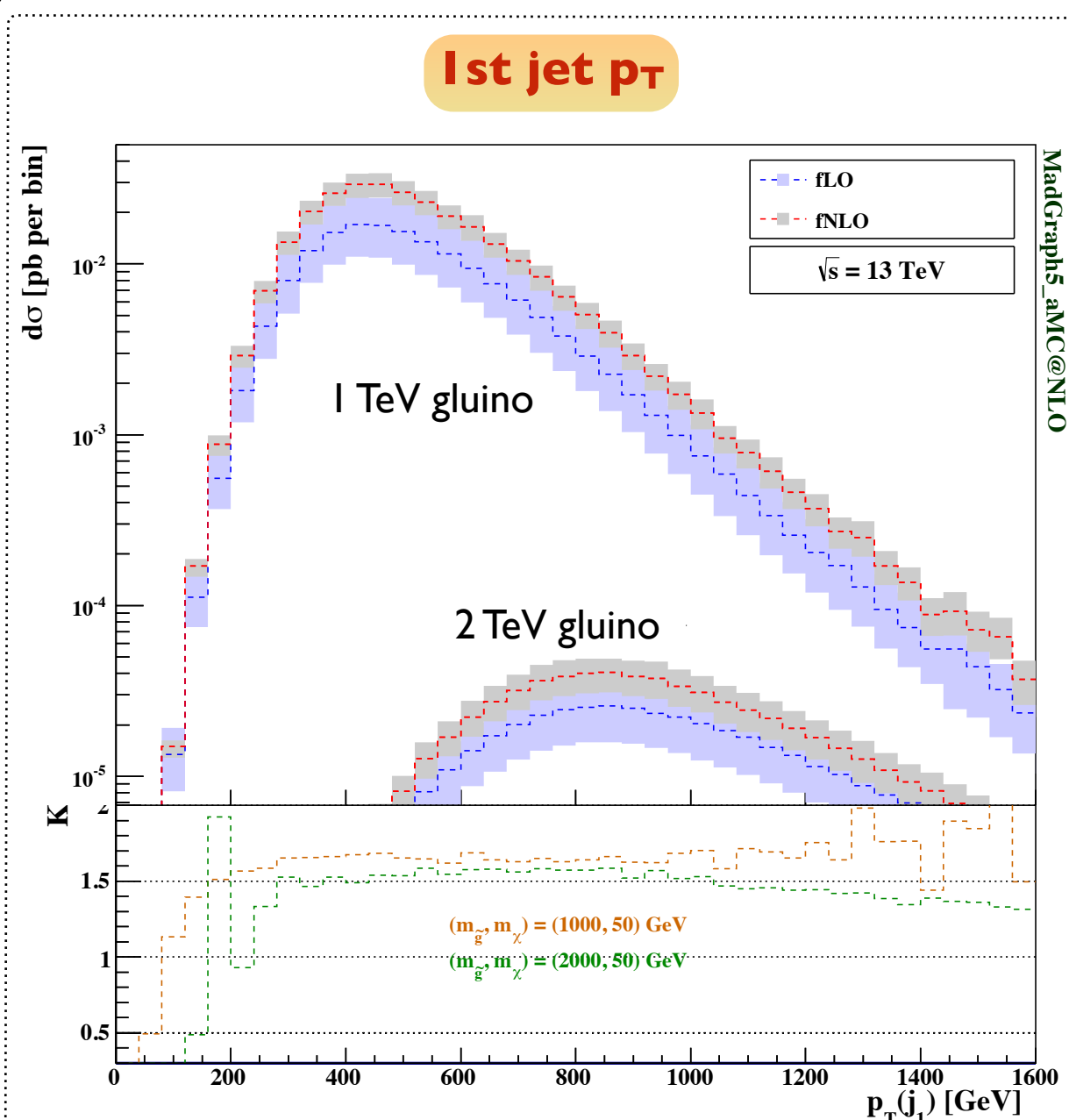
◆ NLO effects

✿ Enhancement of the cross section of 50% (genuine NLO contributions)

✿ Sizeable reduction of the scale / PDF uncertainties

★ Beware: poor quality of the NNPDF LO fit

Differential distributions: jet properties (I)



[Degrande, BF, Hirschi, Proudom & Shao (PLB'16)]

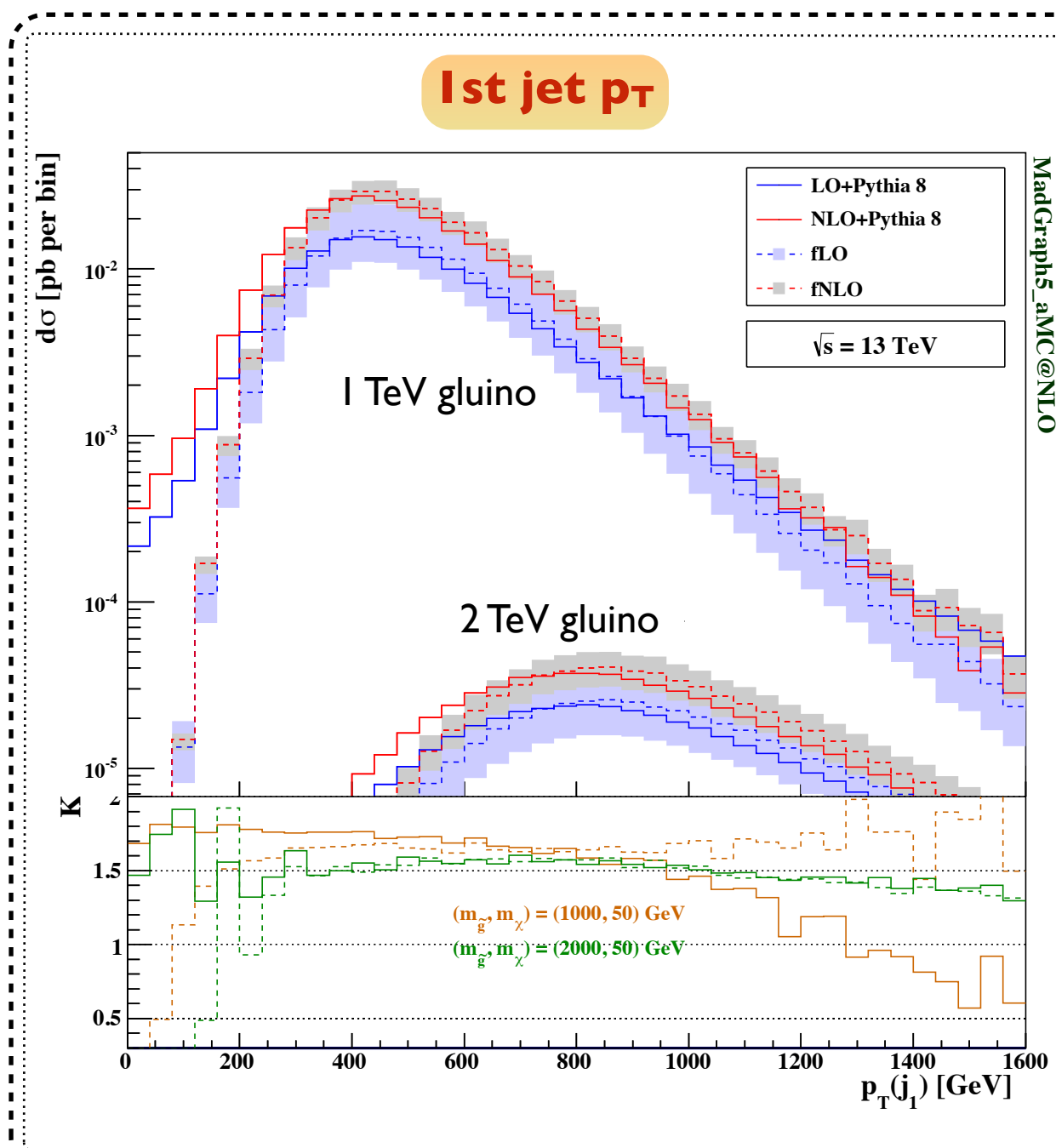
- ❖ The 1st jet mostly arises from gluino decays
 - ★ The low p_T region is depleted (heavy gluino)
- ❖ **Constant K -factors not accurate**
- ❖ **NLO effects**
 - ★ Normalization enhancement
 - ★ Distortion of the shapes
 - ★ **Reduction of the theoretical uncertainties**

LO description + constant K -factor:

- very inaccurate signal modelling
- in particular in the low- p_T region

Region better described
by parton showers

Differential distributions: jet properties (2)

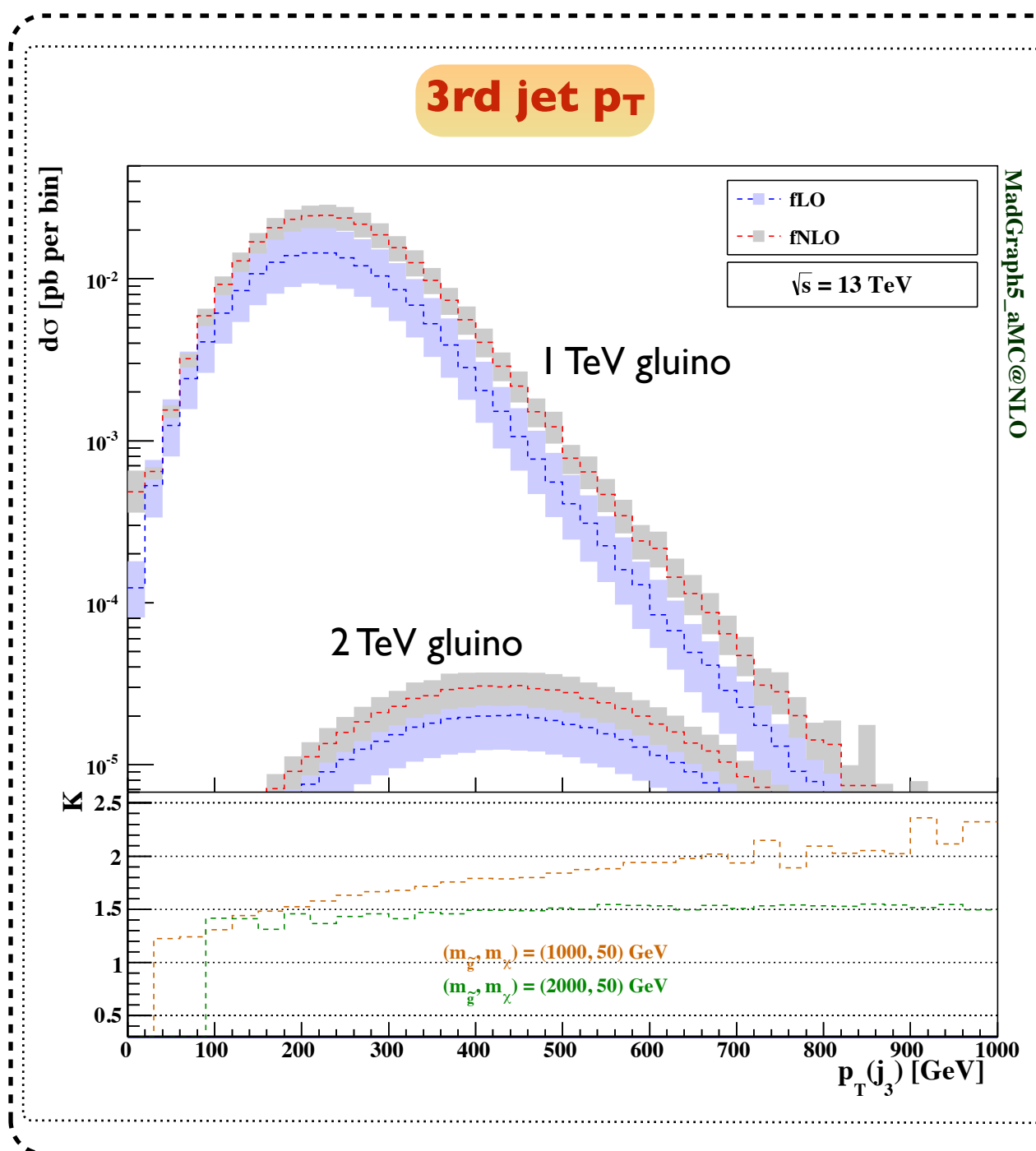


[Degrande, BF, Hirschi, Proudom & Shao (PLB'16)]

- ❖ **Parton showers populate the low- p_T region**
 - ★ Emitted partons often not reclustered back
 - ★ Extra softer jets
 - ★ Distortion of the spectrum
 - ★ Effects milder for hard p_T
(the matrix element drives the shape)
- ❖ **K-factor behavior (fixed-order vs. ME+PS)**
 - ★ Changes more pronounced for 1 TeV gluinos
 - **Drastic behavior change**
 - ★ Effects appear at larger p_T for 2 TeV gluinos

The 'decay' origin of the jet dominates
 ➤ single peak at large p_T value

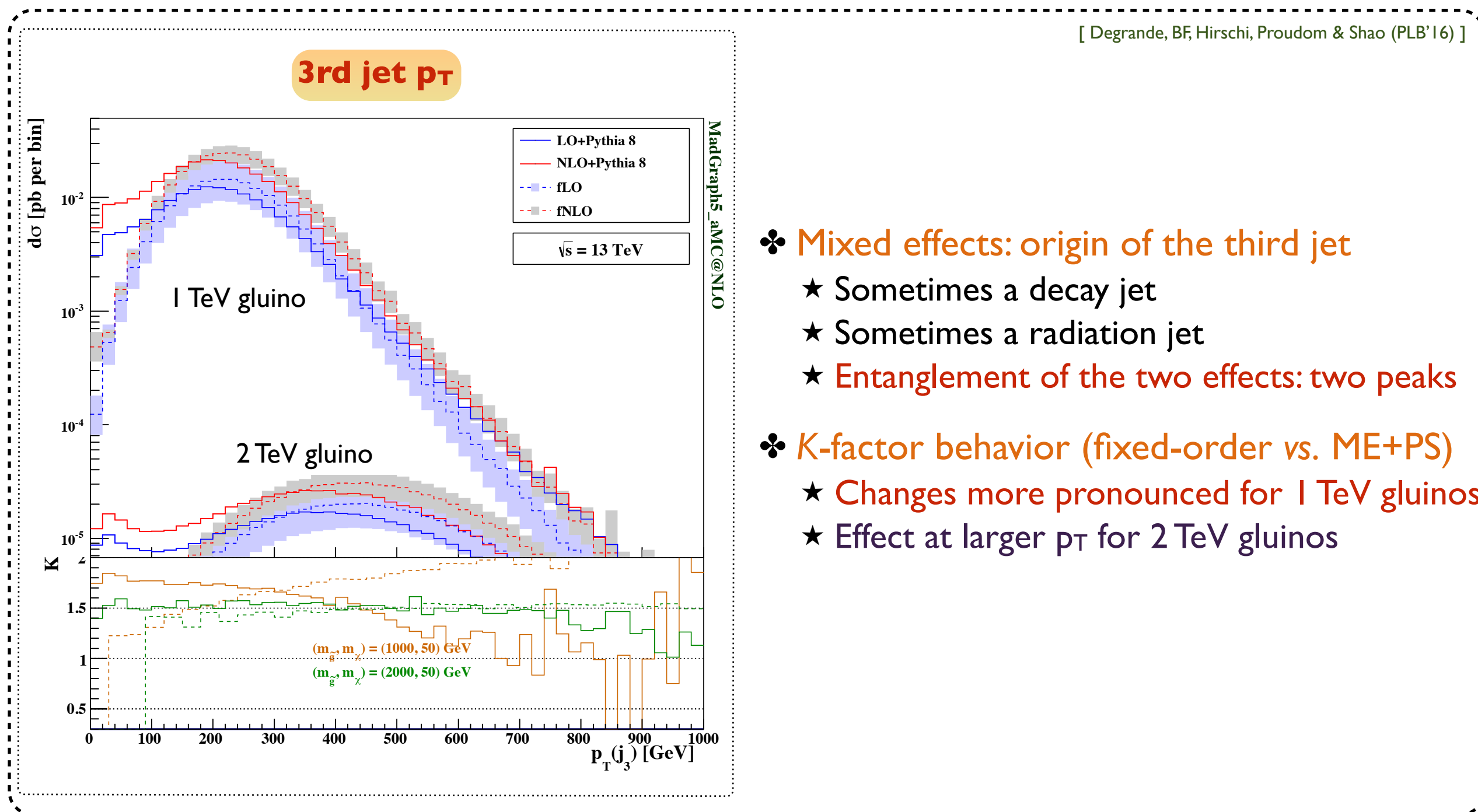
Differential distributions: jet properties (3)



[Degrande, BF, Hirschi, Proudom & Shao (PLB'16)]

- ❖ **Mixed effects: origin of the third jet**
 - ★ Sometimes a decay jet
 - ★ Sometimes a radiation jet
 - ★ **More activity in the low- p_T region**
- ❖ **Constant K -factors not accurate**
 - ★ At all for 1 TeV gluinos
 - ★ In the small p_T region for 2 TeV gluinos
- ❖ **NLO effects**
 - ★ Crucial for a precise signal description
 - ★ **Reduction of the theoretical uncertainties**

Differential distributions: jet properties (4)



2 - Vector-like quark partners

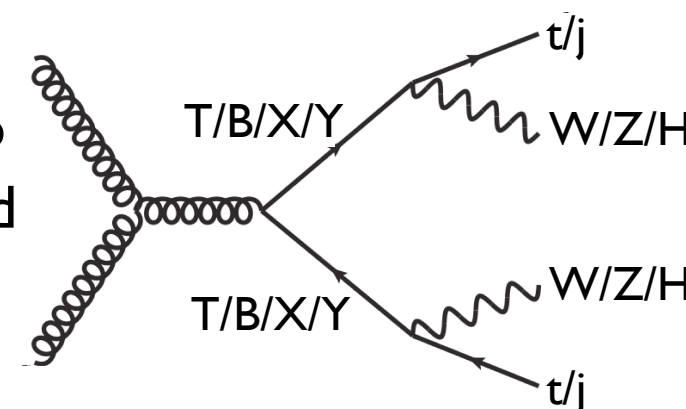
[BF & Shao ('16); Cacciapaglia, Cai, Carvalho, Deandrea, Flacke, BF, Majumder & Shao (in prep.)]

◆ An effective Lagrangian (with four partners: T, B, X and Y)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{VLQ}} = & i\bar{Y}\not{D}Y - m_Y\bar{Y}Y + i\bar{B}\not{D}B - m_B\bar{B}B + i\bar{T}\not{D}T - m_T\bar{T}T + i\bar{X}\not{D}X - m_X\bar{X}X \\ & - h \left[\bar{B} \left(\hat{\kappa}_L^B P_L + \hat{\kappa}_R^B P_R \right) q_d + \bar{T} \left(\hat{\kappa}_L^T P_L + \hat{\kappa}_R^T P_R \right) q_u + \text{h.c.} \right] \\ & + \frac{g}{2c_W} \left[\bar{B} \not{Z} \left(\tilde{\kappa}_L^B P_L + \tilde{\kappa}_R^B P_R \right) q_d + \bar{T} \not{Z} \left(\tilde{\kappa}_L^T P_L + \tilde{\kappa}_R^T P_R \right) q_u + \text{h.c.} \right] \\ & + \frac{\sqrt{2}g}{2} \left[\bar{Y} \not{W} \left(\kappa_L^Y P_L + \kappa_R^Y P_R \right) q_d + \bar{B} \not{W} \left(\kappa_L^B P_L + \kappa_R^B P_R \right) q_u + \text{h.c.} \right] \\ & + \frac{\sqrt{2}g}{2} \left[\bar{T} \not{W} \left(\kappa_L^T P_L + \kappa_R^T P_R \right) q_d + \bar{X} \not{W} \left(\kappa_L^X P_L + \kappa_R^X P_R \right) q_u + \text{h.c.} \right] \end{aligned}$$

◆ Illustrative process

- ★ Quark partners decay into an electroweak boson and a jet/top
- ★ Pair, single and QV/QH associated production can be simulated



Illustrative example

[BF & Shao ('16); Cacciapaglia, Cai, Carvalho, Deandrea, Flacke, BF, Majumder & Shao (*in prep.*)]

◆ Model description: T-Higgs interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{VLQ}} = i\bar{T}\not{D}T - m_T\bar{T}T - h \left[\bar{T} \left(\hat{\kappa}_L^T P_L + \hat{\kappa}_R^T P_R \right) u + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

- ★ Coupling proportional to $m_T/v_{\text{SM}} U_{41}$
 - driven by the quark-VLQ mixing U
 - VLQ mass enhancement

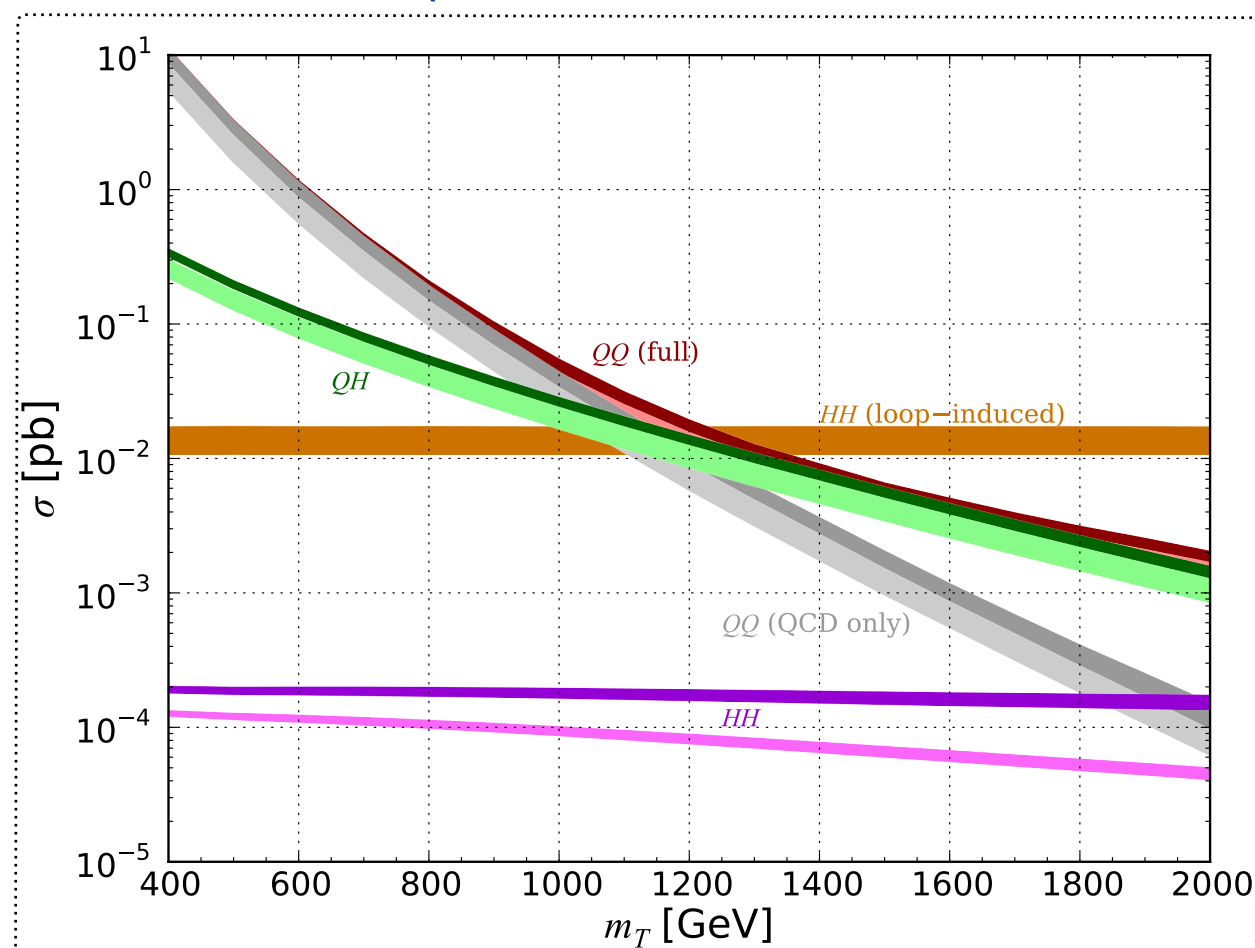
◆ Investigation of (inclusive) Higgs-pair production

- ♣ Production mode 1: TT pair-production followed by two $T \rightarrow uH$ decays
- ♣ Production mode 2: TH associated production followed by a $T \rightarrow uH$ decays
- ♣ Production mode 3: H-pair production (VLQ t -channel exchange or loop-diagrams)

NLO effects on total rates

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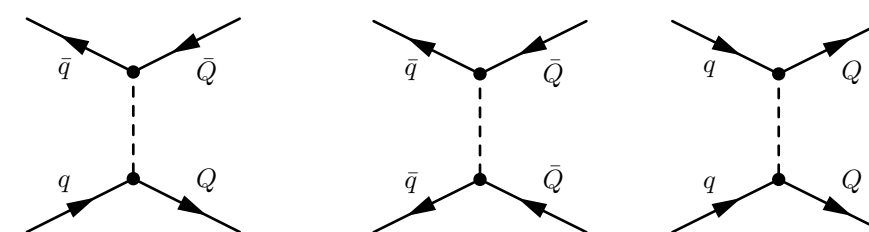
◆ Total rates (first NLO-QCD calculations in many cases)



❖ NLO: large K -factors, smaller errors

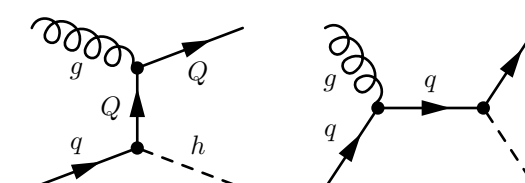
❖ EW diagrams for TT production

★ Dominates QCD prod. at large mass



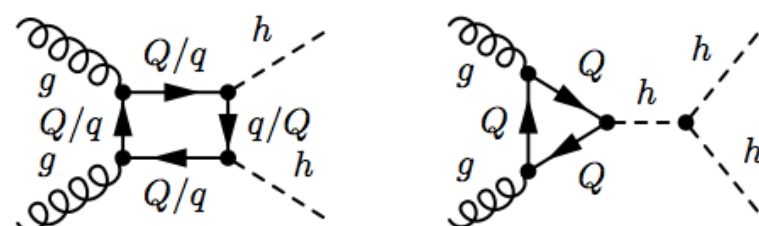
❖ TH production

★ Competes with TT prod. at large mass



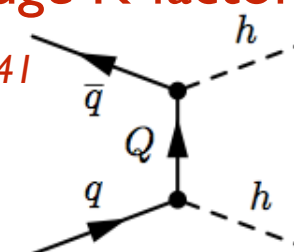
❖ H-boson pair production

★ Loop-induced diagrams dominate



★ t -channel VLQ exchange diagrams: huge K -factor

- Coupling proportional to $m_T/v_{SM} U_{41}$
- Driven by the u -VLQ mixing U
- VLQ mass enhancement

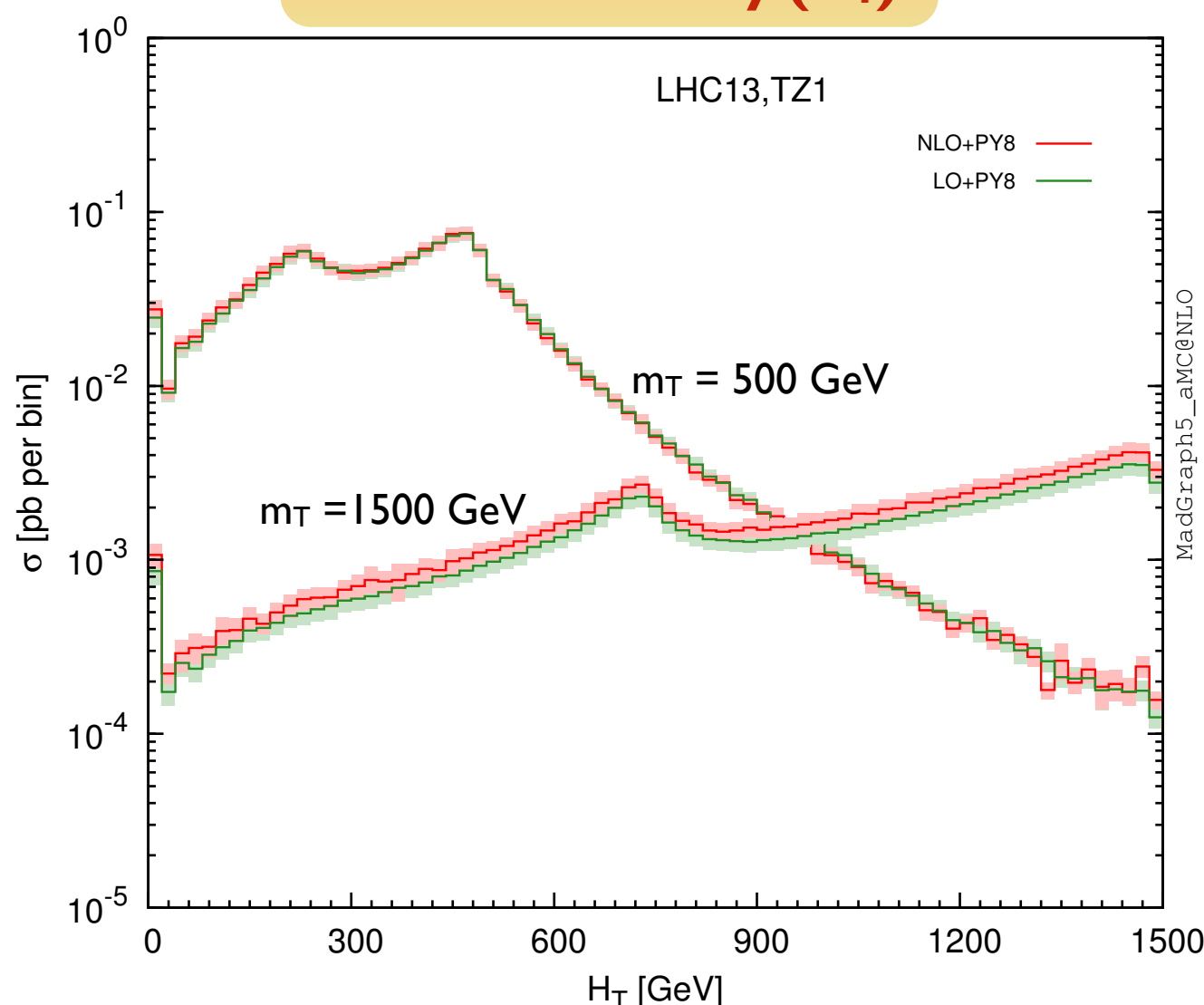


Differential distribution: jet activity

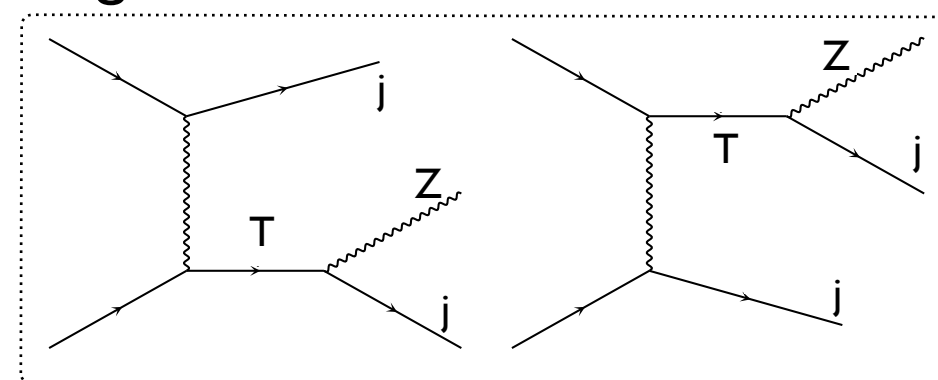
◆ Model description: T-Z interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{VLQ}} = i\bar{T}\not{D}T - m_T\bar{T}T + \frac{g}{2c_W} \left[\bar{T}\not{Z} \left(\tilde{\kappa}_L^T P_L + \tilde{\kappa}_R^T P_R \right) u + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

Hadronic activity (H_T)



✿ Diagrams



✿ Simulations: ME + PS

✿ H_T distribution

- ★ Scalar sum of the p_T of all reconstructed objects
- ★ Two-peaked structure (at M_T and $M_T/2$)
- ★ The 2nd peak: invisible Z decays

✿ Constant K-factor

- ★ $K=1$ ($m_T=500$ GeV)
- ★ $K \sim 1.20$ ($m_T=1500$ GeV)

3 - (Higgs) Effective Field Theory

[Degrande, BF, Mawatari, Mimasu & Sanz ('16)]

◆ Standard Model EFT operators could impact electroweak Higgs production

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} &+ \frac{g'^2}{4\Lambda^2} \bar{c}_{BB} \Phi^\dagger \Phi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + \frac{ig}{2\Lambda^2} \bar{c}_W [\Phi^\dagger T_{2k} \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \Phi] D_\nu W^{k,\mu\nu} \\ &+ \frac{ig'}{2\Lambda^2} \bar{c}_B [\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \Phi] \partial_\nu B^{\mu\nu} + \frac{ig}{\Lambda^2} \bar{c}_{HW} [D_\mu \Phi^\dagger T_{2k} D_\nu \Phi] W^{k,\mu\nu} \\ &+ \frac{ig'}{\Lambda^2} \bar{c}_{HB} [D_\mu \Phi^\dagger D_\nu \Phi] B^{\mu\nu}\end{aligned}$$

★ Five operators as an illustrative example

◆ Effective field theories at NLO (in QCD)

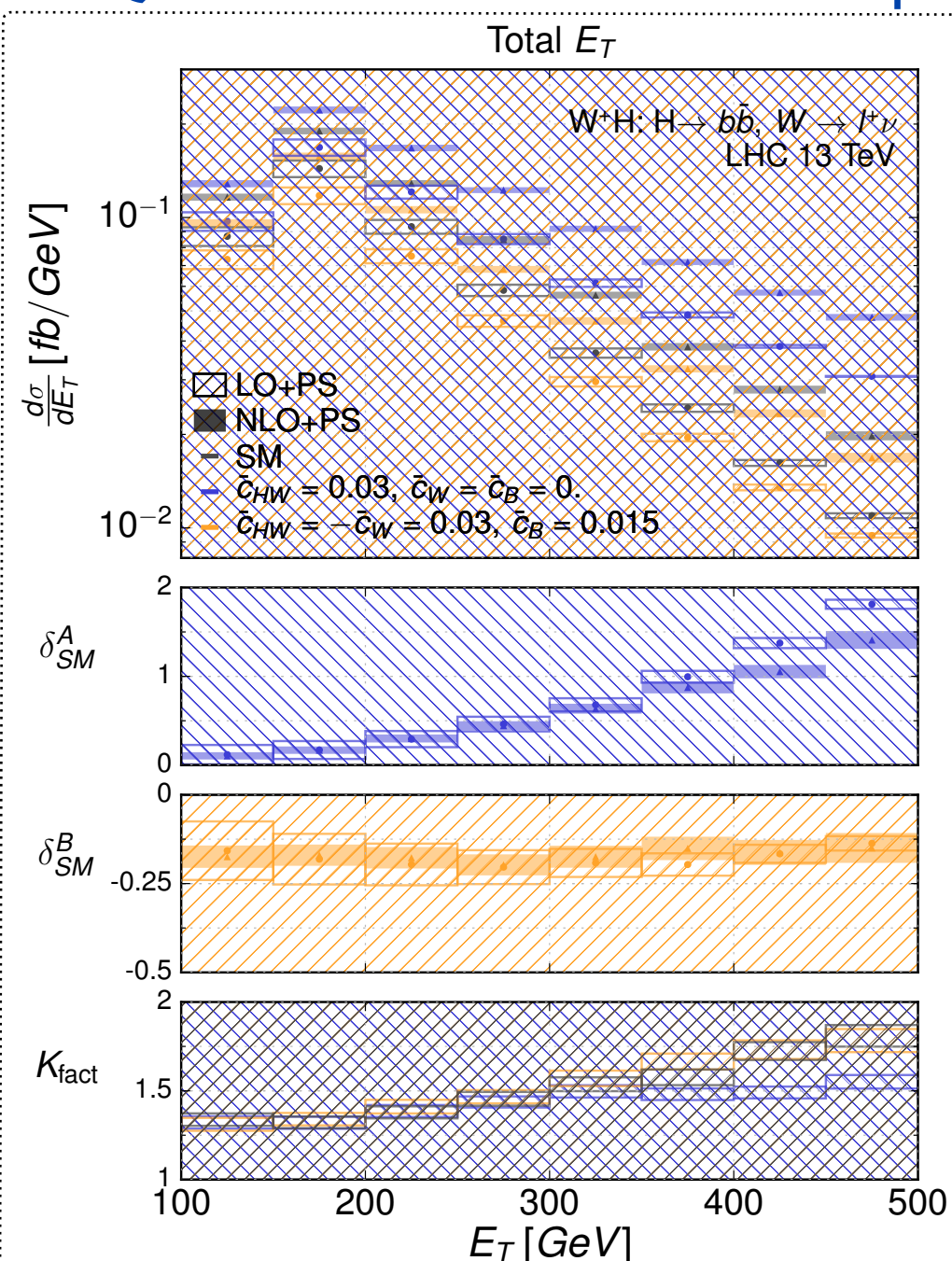
- ♣ **Renormalizability**: order by order in $1/\Lambda^2$
- ♣ **Precision**: including the QCD corrections
- ♣ **Double perturbative series**

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}\sigma \approx & 1 & + & O(\alpha_s) & + & O(1/\Lambda^2) & + & O(\alpha_s/\Lambda^4) \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & \text{SM@LO} & & \text{SM@NLO} & & \text{EFT@LO} & & \text{EFT@NLO}\end{array}$$

WH production at the LHC (I)

[Degrande, BF, Mawatari, Mimasu & Sanz ('16)]

◆ QCD and EFT effects on VH production

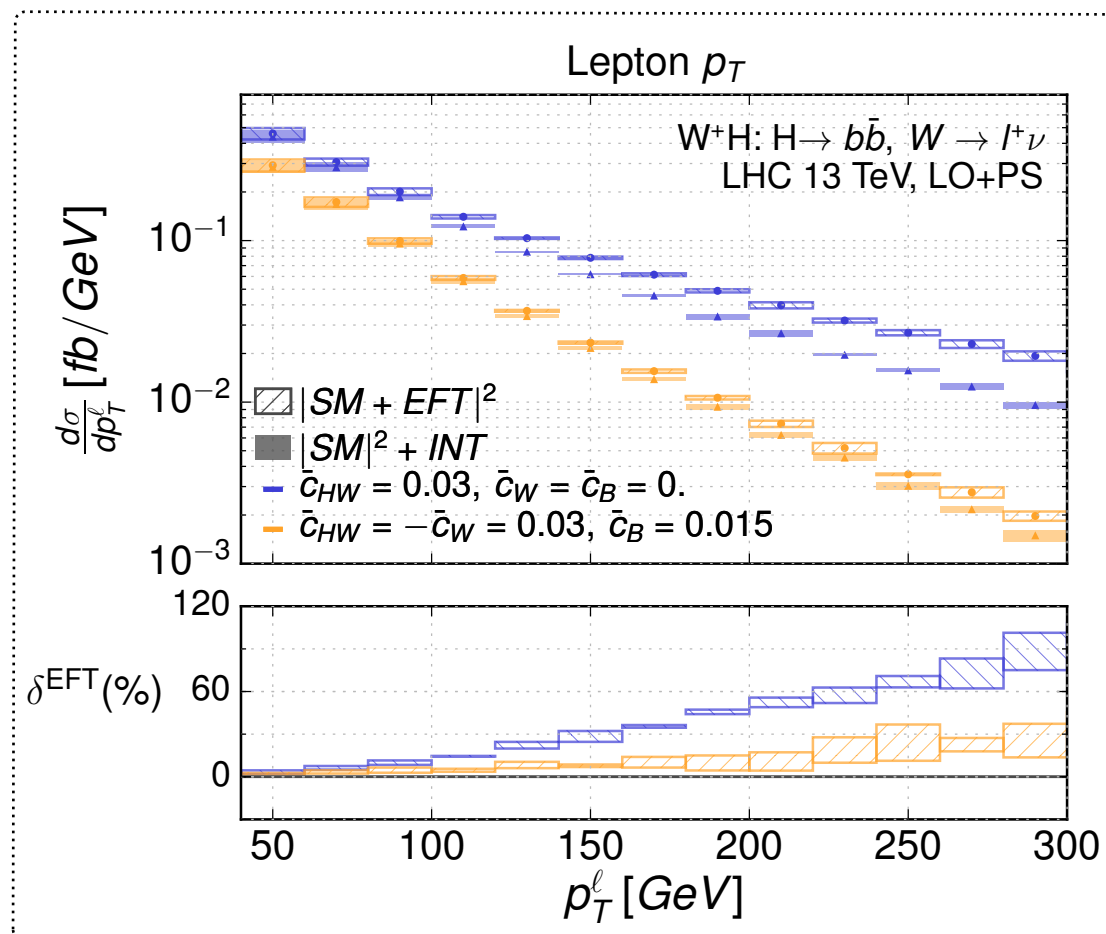


- ❖ **Differential K-factors** scenario-dependent
 - ❖ **Significant deviations** from the Standard Model
 - ★ The *blue* scenario features specific hVV couplings
 - ★ Huge deviations in the tails
$$-g_{hww}^{(2)} \left[W_\nu^+ \partial_\mu W^{-\mu\nu} h + \text{h.c.} \right]$$
 - ★ **Could be exploited to further constrain SM EFT**
- ❖ LO and NLO predictions **do not overlap**
 - ★ **LO uncertainties could be underestimated**

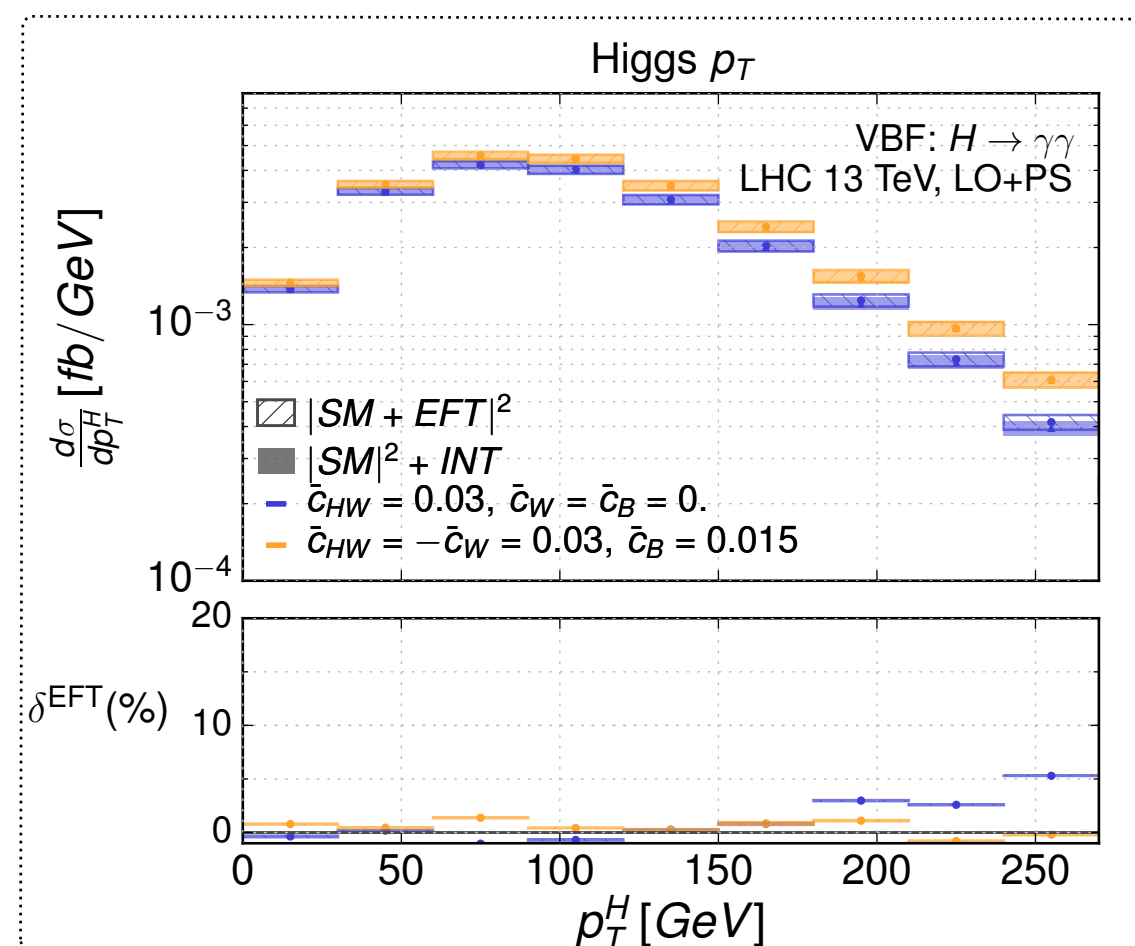
WH production at the LHC (2)

[Degrande, BF, Mawatari, Mimasu & Sanz ('16)]

◆ Unitarity and perturbativity checks



- ★ $1/\Lambda^4$ effects possibly large (40-100%) in the tails
- ★ Benchmark- and process-dependent
- ★ **Care must be taken with the EFT interpretation**
 - WH: orange is OK, blue is not
 - VBF: orange and blue OK



4 - Top-philic dark matter

[Arina, Backovic, Conte, BF, Guo et al. (JHEP'16)]

◆ A simplified model for top-philic dark matter

- ❖ A dark sector with a fermionic **dark matter candidate** X
- ❖ A (scalar) **mediator** Y_0 linking the dark sector and the top

$$\mathcal{L}_{t,X}^{Y_0} = - \left(g_t \frac{y_t}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{t}t + g_X \bar{X}X \right) Y_0$$

❖ This scenario can be probed in many ways

$\cancel{E}_T$		$m_Y > 2m_X$	$+t\bar{t}$
		$m_Y > 2m_X$	$+j, +Z, +h$
no $\cancel{E}_T$		$m_Y > 2m_t$	$4t$
		$m_Y > 2m_t$	$t\bar{t}$
		$m_Y < 2m_X, 2m_t$	$jj, \gamma\gamma$

- ★ With or without missing energy
- ★ Via tree or loop-induced processes
- ★ Via top-enriched final states or not

- ❖ Examples: $t\bar{t}$ +MET (CMS-B2G-14-004) and monojet (CMS-EXO-12-048)

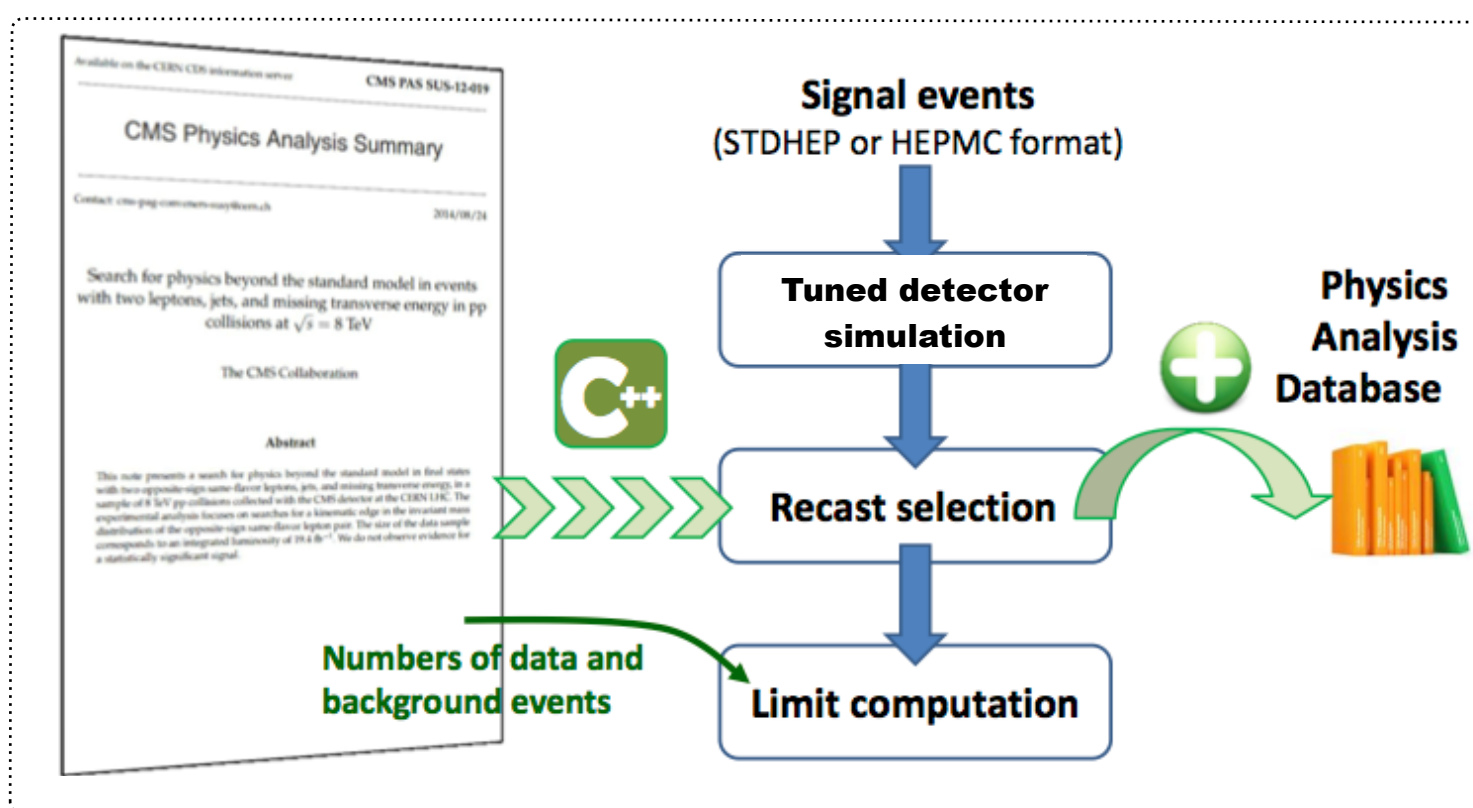
Recasting with MADANALYSIS 5

[Conte, BF, Serret (CPC '13); Conte, Dumont, BF, Wymant (EPJC '14); Dumont, BF, Kraml et al. (EPJC '15)]

◆ The MADANALYSIS 5 strategy for the reinterpretation of an LHC analysis

- ❖ Relies on a (public) detector simulation mimicking ATLAS-CMS simulations
- ❖ Relies on a (public) framework where LHC analyses can be easily implemented

◆ Scheme



❖ 2 options for detector effects

- ★ DELPHES/PGS-like (resolutions, efficiencies, etc.)
- ★ RIVET-like (transfer functions)

Picked approach in
MADANALYSIS 5

Implementing a new analysis in MADANALYSIS 5

◆ Picking up an experimental publication

- ❖ Reading
- ❖ Understanding

✓ Relatively easy

◆ Writing the analysis code in the tool internal language

✓ Relatively easy

◆ Getting the information missing from the publication for a proper validation

- ❖ **Efficiencies** (trigger, electrons, muons, b-tagging, JES, etc.)
 - ★ Including p_T and/or η dependence
 - ★ Accurate information
- ❖ Detailed **cutflows** for some well-defined **benchmark** scenarios
 - ★ Exact definition of the benchmarks (SLHA spectra)
 - ★ Event generation information (cards, tunes, LHE files if possible)
- ❖ Expected **number of events** in each region and **cross sections**
- ❖ **Digitized histograms** (e.g., on HEPDATA)

! Essential
✗ Often difficult!

◆ Comparing theory tools and real life (and beware of the genuine differences between both approaches)

Recasting CMS-EXO-12-048

[Conte, BF, Guo ('16)]

◆ Missing information for the validation

- ❖ Discussion with CMS to get validation benchmarks
- ❖ Cutflows and Monte Carlo information for given benchmarks



Discussions with
CMS needed

◆ Validation:

	Selection step	CMS	ϵ_i^{CMS}	MA5	ϵ_i^{MA5}	δ_i^{rel}
0	Nominal	84653.7		84653.7		
1	One hard jet	50817.2	0.6	53431.28	0.631	5.2%
2	At most two jets	36061	0.7096	38547.75	0.721	1.61%
3	Requirements if two jets	31878.1	0.884	34436.35	0.893	1.02%
4	Muon veto	31878.1	1	34436.35	1.000	0
5	Electron veto	31865.1	1	34436.35	1.000	0
6	Tau veto	31695.1	0.995	34397.54	0.998	0.3%
	$\cancel{E}_T > 250$ GeV	8687.22	0.274	7563.04	0.219	20.00%
	$\cancel{E}_T > 300$ GeV	5400.51	0.621	4477.67	0.592	4.66%
	$\cancel{E}_T > 350$ GeV	3394.09	0.628	2813.70	0.628	0.00%
	$\cancel{E}_T > 400$ GeV	2224.15	0.6553	1753.71	0.623	4.93%
	$\cancel{E}_T > 450$ GeV	1456.02	0.654	1110.92	0.633	3.21%
	$\cancel{E}_T > 500$ GeV	989.806	0.679	722.83	0.650	4.27%
	$\cancel{E}_T > 550$ GeV	671.442	0.678	487.54	0.674	0.59%



Validated at
the 20% level

Issue with the low-MET modelling in DELPHES

◆ The $t\bar{t}$ +MET analysis (CMS-B2G-14-004) was validated to the 2-3% level

MADANALYSIS 5 analyses on INSPIRE

[BF, Martini ('16)]

◆ Implementation of LHC analyses can be uploaded on INSPIRE

❖ DOI are assigned: can be cited, searched for, etc.

Information

Citations (1)

Files

Files are versioned, can be downloaded

MadAnalysis5 implementation of the CMS search for dark matter production with top quark pairs in the single lepton channel (CMS-B2G-14-004)

DOI and citations

Fuks, Benjamin; Martini, Antony

Description: This is the MadAnalysis5 implementation of the CMS search for dark matter in a channel where a pair of dark matter particles is produced in association with a top-antitop system. This search targets events featuring a single lepton originating from the top decays and a large amount of missing transverse energy.

Information how to use this code and a detailed validation summary are available at <http://madanalysis.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/PhysicsAnalysisDatabase>. The CMS analysis is documented at <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsB2G14004>.

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Automatic installation of all implemented analyses from MADANALYSIS 5

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$t\bar{t}$ +MET constraints on top-philic dark matter

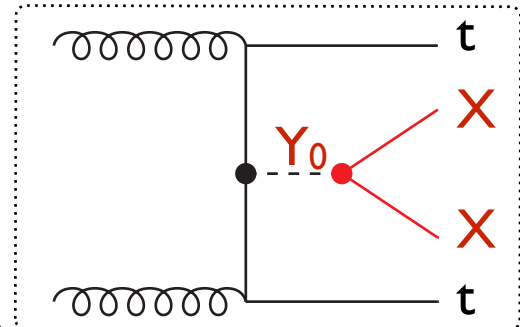
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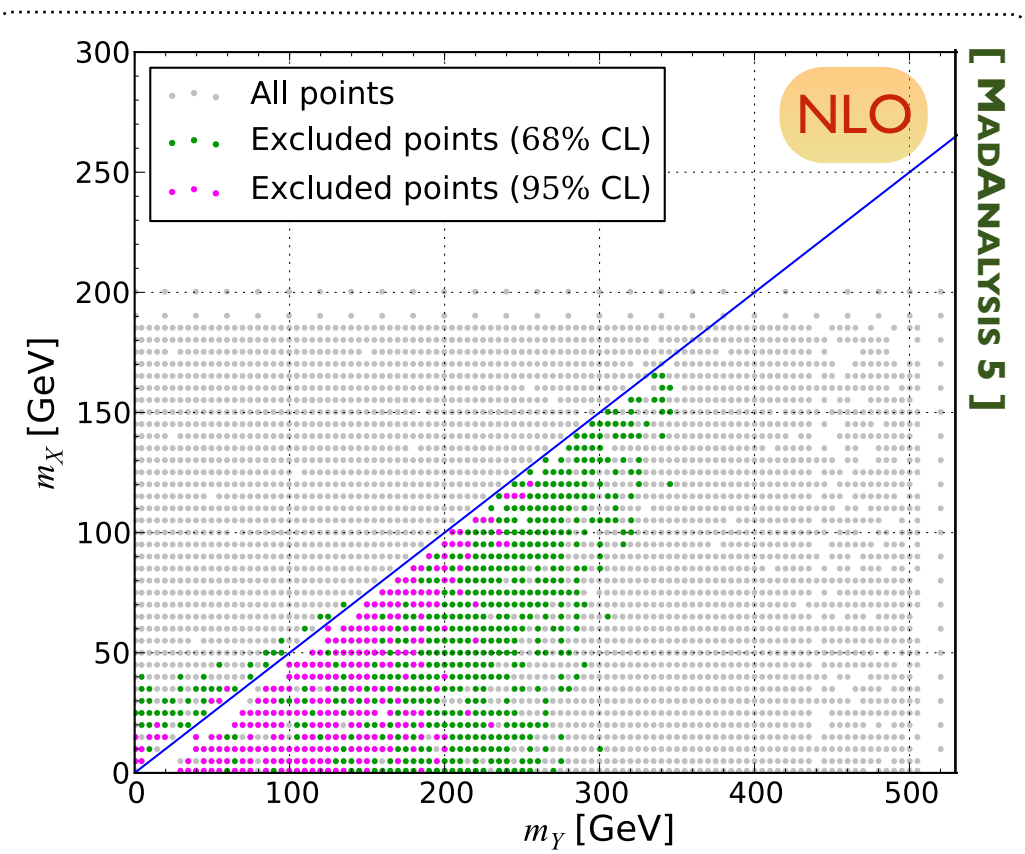
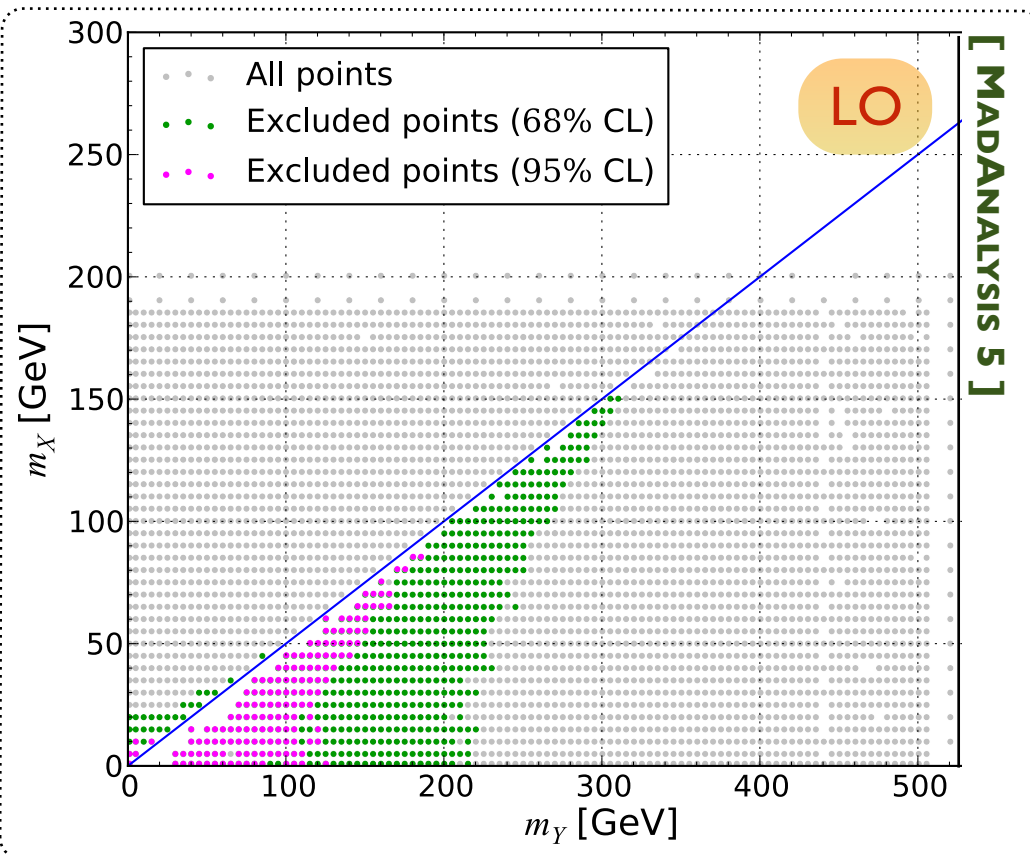
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- ♣ Could be probed with $t\bar{t}$ +MET events (CMS-B2G-14-004)



◆ For central scales: mild (but visible) NLO effects on the exclusions



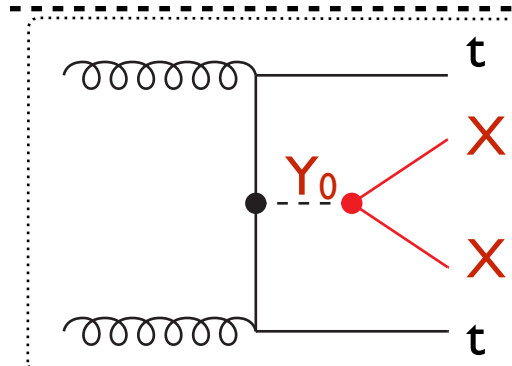
- ♣ How is the picture changing when including scale variations?

NLO effects on a CLs

[Arina, Backovic, Conte, BF, Guo et al. (JHEP'16)]

◆ There are theoretical uncertainties on a CLs number

	(m_Y, m_X)	σ_{LO} [pb]	CL _{LO} [%]	σ_{NLO} [pb]	CL _{NLO} [%]
I	(150, 25) GeV	$0.658^{+34.9\%}_{-24.0\%}$	$98.7^{+0.8\%}_{-13.0\%}$	$0.773^{+6.1\%}_{-10.1\%}$	$95.0^{+2.7\%}_{-0.4\%}$
II	(40, 30) GeV	$0.776^{+34.2\%}_{-24.1\%}$	$74.7^{+19.7\%}_{-17.7\%}$	$0.926^{+5.7\%}_{-10.4\%}$	$84.2^{+0.4\%}_{-14.4\%}$
III	(240, 100) GeV	$0.187^{+37.1\%}_{-24.4\%}$	$91.6^{+6.4\%}_{-18.1\%}$	$0.216^{+6.7\%}_{-11.4\%}$	$86.5^{+8.6\%}_{-5.5\%}$



- ❖ An excluded point may not be excluded when accounting for uncertainties
- ❖ The CLs number can increase / decrease at NLO
- ❖ **The error band is reduced**

Outline

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3. Phenomenology: supersymmetry, vector-like quarks, EFT and dark matter

4. **Summary - conclusions**

Summary

◆ NLO-QCD simulations for new physics are now the state of the art

- ❖ Via a joint use of FEYNRULES and MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO
- ❖ Divergences (UV, R_2 , IR) and MC subtraction terms are automatically handled
- ❖ Many models are already publicly available (more to come)
 - ★ Supersymmetry-inspired simplified models
 - ★ BSM Higgs models
 - ★ Dark matter simplified model
 - ★ Higgs and top effective field theories
 - ★ Vector-like quark models

[<http://feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/NLOModels>]

◆ NLO effects are important

- ❖ Better control of the normalization
- ❖ Distortion of the shapes
- ❖ Reduction of the theoretical uncertainties
 - ★ Effects on a CLs number (even if the central value shift is mild)