Generalized unitarity & W +3 jets

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Based on work done with Keith Ellis, Walter Giele, Zoltan Kunszt, Kirill Melnikov

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### This talk



Brief reminder of main ideas used in D-dimensional unitarity



I will concentrate on practical aspects: numerical implementation, efficiency, performance, applications & new results

#### References:

- Ellis, Giele, Kunszt '07

- Giele, Kunszt, Melnikov '08

- Giele & GZ '08

- Ellis, Giele, Melnikov, Kunszt '08

- Ellis, Giele, Melnikov, Kunszt, GZ '08

- Ellis, Melnikov, GZ '09

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[All one-loop N-gluon amplitudes]

[Massive fermions, ttggg amplitudes]

[W+5p one-loop amplitudes]

[W+3 jets]

#### These papers heavily rely on previous work

- Bern, Dixon, Kosower '94

- Ossola, Pittau, Papadopoulos '06

- Britto, Cachazo, Feng '04

**-** [....]

[Unitarity, oneloop from trees]
[OPP]
[Generalized cuts]

# One-loop virtual amplitudes

Cut constructable part can be obtained by taking residues in D=4

$$\mathcal{A}_{N} = \sum_{[i_{1}|i_{4}]} \left( d_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}i_{4}} \ I_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}i_{4}}^{(D)} \right) + \sum_{[i_{1}|i_{3}]} \left( c_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}} \ I_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}}^{(D)} \right) + \sum_{[i_{1}|i_{2}]} \left( b_{i_{1}i_{2}} \ I_{i_{1}i_{2}}^{(D)} \right) + \mathcal{R}$$

Rational part: can be obtained with  $D \neq 4$ 

### Generic D dependence

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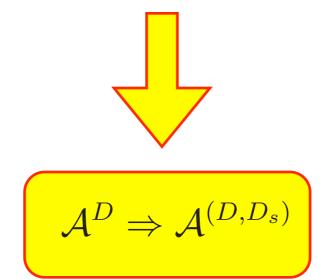




dimensionality of loop momentum D

# of spin eigenstates/polarization states D<sub>s</sub>

#### Keep D and D<sub>s</sub> distinct



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Choose  $D_{s1}$ ,  $D_{s2}$  integer  $\Rightarrow$  suitable for numerical implementation

 $[D_s = 4 - 2\varepsilon \text{ 't-Hooft-Veltman scheme}, D_s = 4 \text{ FDH scheme}]$ 

### In practice

Start from

$$\frac{\mathcal{N}^{(D_s)}(l)}{d_1 d_2 \cdots d_N} = \sum_{[i_1|i_5]} \frac{\overline{e}_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5}^{(D_s)}(l)}{d_{i_1} d_{i_2} d_{i_3} d_{i_4} d_{i_5}} + \sum_{[i_1|i_4]} \frac{\overline{d}_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{(D_s)}(l)}{d_{i_1} d_{i_2} d_{i_3} d_{i_4}} + \sum_{[i_1|i_3]} \frac{\overline{c}_{i_1 i_2 i_3}^{(D_s)}(l)}{d_{i_1} d_{i_2} d_{i_3}} + \sum_{[i_1|i_2]} \frac{\overline{b}_{i_1 i_2}^{(D_s)}(l)}{d_{i_1} d_{i_2}} + \sum_{[i_1|i_1]} \frac{\overline{a}_{i_1}^{(D_s)}(l)}{d_{i_1} d_{i_2}}$$

- Use unitarity constraints to determine the coefficients, computed as products of tree-level amplitudes with complex momenta in higher dimensions
- ▶ Berends-Giele recursion relations are natural candidates to compute tree level amplitudes: they are very fast for large N and very general (spin, masses, complex momenta)

### Final result

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{A}_{(D)} &= \sum_{[i_1|i_5]} e^{(0)}_{i_1i_2i_3i_4i_5} \ I^{(D)}_{i_1i_2i_3i_4i_5} \\ &+ \sum_{[i_1|i_4]} \left( d^{(0)}_{i_1i_2i_3i_4} \ I^{(D)}_{i_1i_2i_3i_4} - \frac{D-4}{2} \ d^{(2)}_{i_1i_2i_3i_4} \ I^{(D+2)}_{i_1i_2i_3i_4} + \frac{(D-4)(D-2)}{4} \ d^{(4)}_{i_1i_2i_3i_4} \ I^{(D+4)}_{i_1i_2i_3i_4} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{[i_1|i_3]} \left( c^{(0)}_{i_1i_2i_3} \ I^{(D)}_{i_1i_2i_3} - \frac{D-4}{2} c^{(9)}_{i_1i_2i_3} \ I^{(D+2)}_{i_1i_2i_3} \right) + \sum_{[i_1|i_2]} \left( b^{(0)}_{i_1i_2} \ I^{(D)}_{i_1i_2} - \frac{D-4}{2} b^{(9)}_{i_1i_2} \ I^{(D+2)}_{i_1i_2} \right) \end{split}$$

#### Cut-constructable part:

$$\mathcal{A}_{N}^{CC} = \sum_{[i_{1}|i_{4}]} d_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}i_{4}}^{(0)} I_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}i_{4}}^{(4-2\epsilon)} + \sum_{[i_{1}|i_{3}]} c_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}}^{(0)} I_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}}^{(4-2\epsilon)} + \sum_{[i_{1}|i_{2}]} b_{i_{1}i_{2}}^{(0)} I_{i_{1}i_{2}}^{(4-2\epsilon)}$$

#### Rational part:

$$R_N = -\sum_{[i_1|i_4]} \frac{d_{i_1i_2i_3i_4}^{(4)}}{6} + \sum_{[i_1|i_3]} \frac{c_{i_1i_2i_3}^{(9)}}{2} - \sum_{[i_1|i_2]} \left(\frac{(q_{i_1} - q_{i_2})^2}{6} - \frac{m_{i_1}^2 + m_{i_2}^2}{2}\right) b_{i_1i_2}^{(9)}$$

<u>Vanishing contributions:</u>  $A = O(\epsilon)$ 

# The F90 Rocket program

### Rocket science!

**Eruca sativa** =Rocket=roquette=arugula=rucola

Recursive unitarity calculation of one-loop amplitudes



### So far computed one-loop amplitudes:

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√ N-gluons
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$$\sqrt{qq + W + N-gluons}$$

NB: N is a parameter in Rocket!

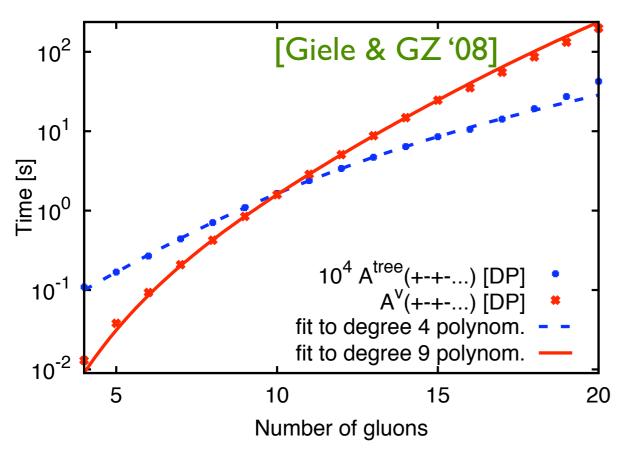
In perspective, for gluons:

$$N = 6 \Rightarrow 10860 \text{ diags.}$$

$$N = 7 \Rightarrow 168925$$
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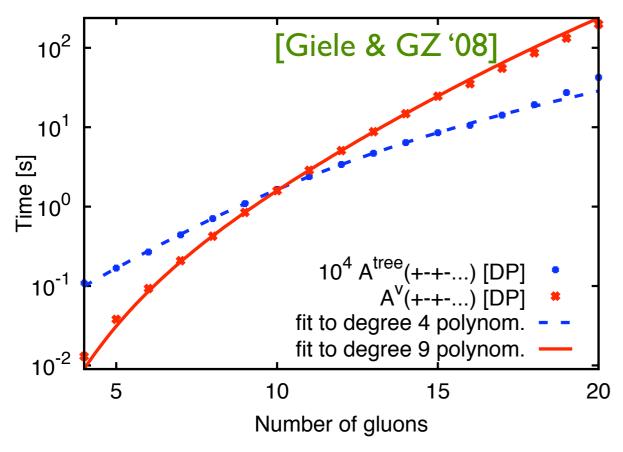
Successfully computed up to N=20!

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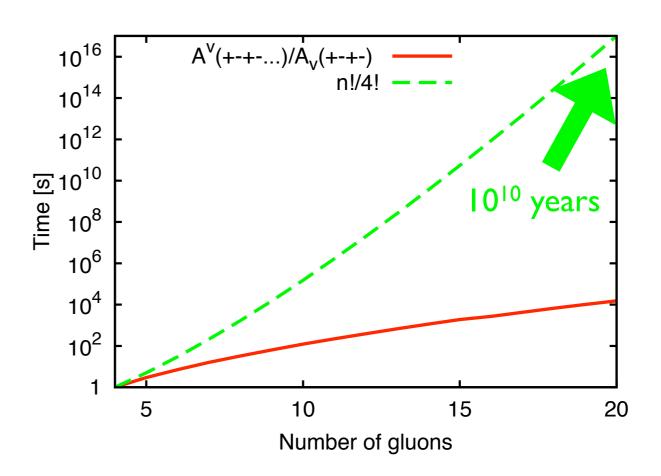


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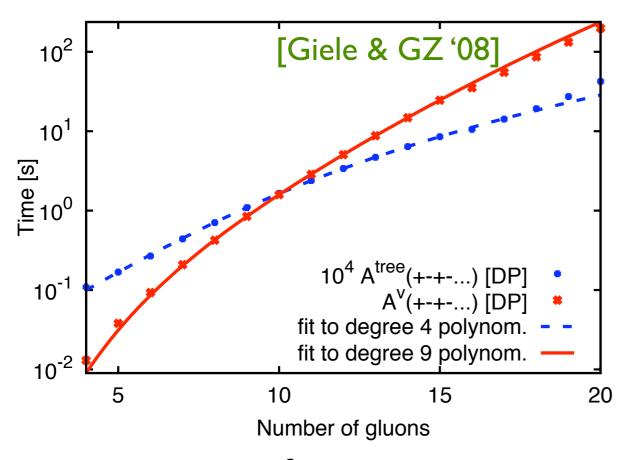


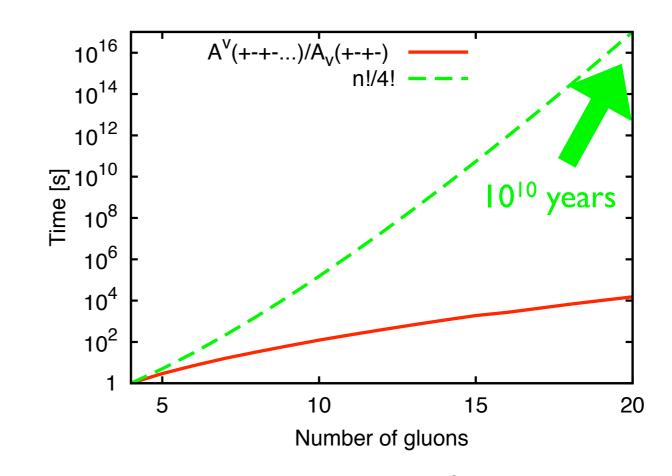
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Comparison with other methods: time roughly comparable

### Issues of automated one-loop

- checks of the results
  - ullet poles, ward identities, independence of choice of D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub>, independence of the choice of the solution of the unitarity constraints, independence from choice of auxiliary vectors (gauge)
- numerical instabilities at special points
  - efficient procedure for identification of special points, than run in quadruple precision. Checked that target accuracy is reached.
- numerical efficiency
  - polynomial scaling for any NLO amplitude (N<sup>9</sup> for gluons)
- practicality: computation of realistic LHC processes
  - first application: W + 3 jets

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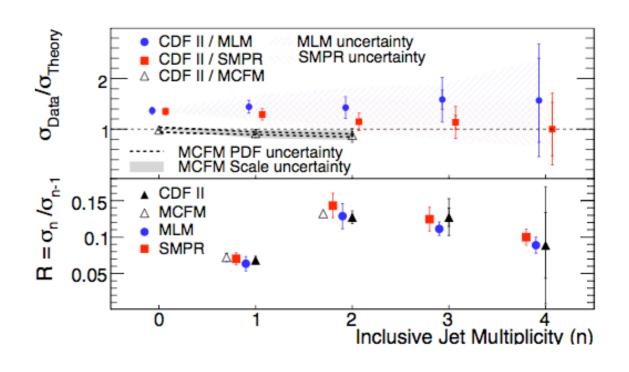
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II. Measurements at the Tevaton:

for W + n jets with n=1,2 data is described well by NLO QCD

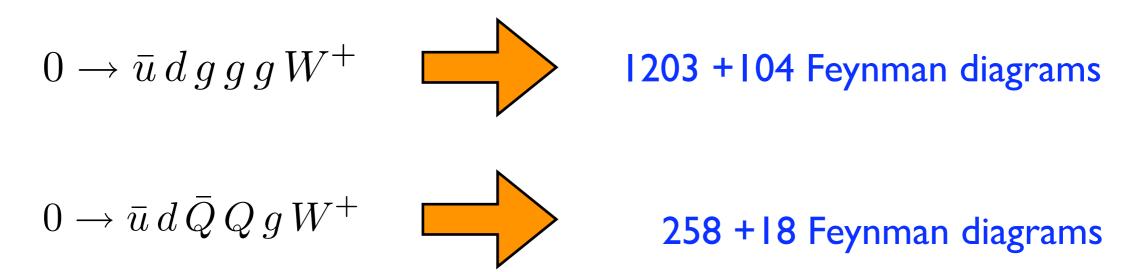
 $\Rightarrow$  verify this for 3 and more jets



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IV. Calculation highly non-trivial optimal testing ground



## Color decomposition

$$0 \rightarrow \bar{q} + q + (n-2) \text{ gluons} + W$$

#### Tree level:

$$\mathcal{A}_{n}^{\text{tree}}(1_{\bar{q}}, 2_{q}, 3_{g}, \dots, n_{g}) = g^{n-2} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} (T^{a_{\sigma(3)}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma(n)}})_{i_{2}}^{\bar{\imath}_{1}} A_{n}^{\text{tree}}(1_{\bar{q}}, 2_{q}; \sigma(3)_{g}, \dots, \sigma(n)_{g})$$

#### One-loop decomposition into primitive amplitudes:

Bern, Dixon, Kosower '94

$$\mathcal{A}_{n}^{1-\text{loop}}(1_{\bar{q}}, 2_{q}, 3_{g}, \dots, n_{g}) = g^{n} \left[ \sum_{p=2}^{n} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} (T^{x_{2}} T^{a_{\sigma_{3}}} \cdots T^{a_{\sigma_{p}}} T^{x_{1}})_{i_{2}}^{\bar{i}_{1}} (F^{a_{\sigma_{p+1}}} \cdots F^{a_{\sigma_{n}}})_{x_{1}x_{2}} \right.$$

$$\times (-1)^{n} A_{n}^{L}(1_{\bar{q}}, \sigma(p)_{g}, \dots, \sigma(3)_{g}, 2_{q}, \sigma(n)_{g}, \dots, \sigma(p+1)_{g})$$

$$+ \frac{n_{f}}{N_{c}} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}/S_{n;j}} \operatorname{Gr}_{n;j}^{(\bar{q}q)}(\sigma_{3}, \dots, \sigma_{n}) A_{n;j}^{[1/2]}(1_{\bar{q}}, 2_{q}; \sigma(3)_{g}, \dots, \sigma(n)_{g}) \right]$$

Knowledge of (gauge invariant) primitives specifies one-loop amplitude. One highest level N-point function per primitive.

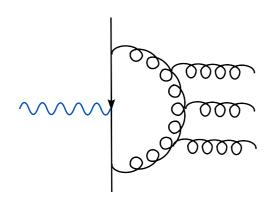
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### Leading color

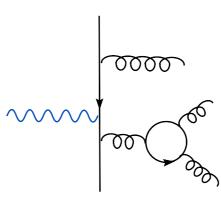
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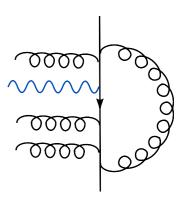
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3-gluon



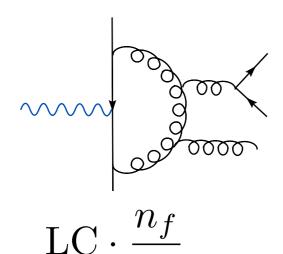
$$LC \equiv (N_c^2 - 1)N_c^3$$

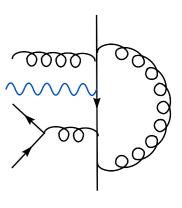


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4-quark I-gluon





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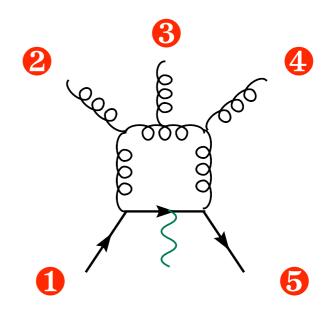
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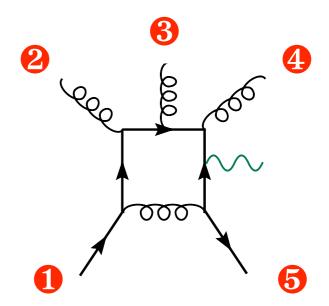
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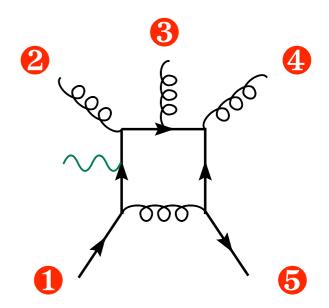
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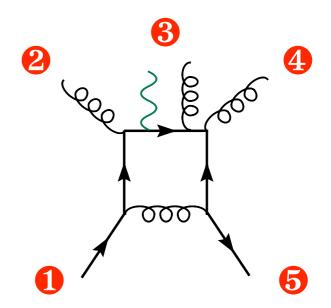
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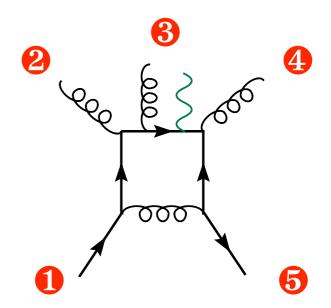
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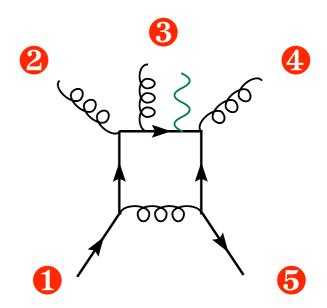
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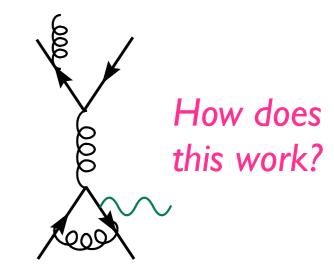
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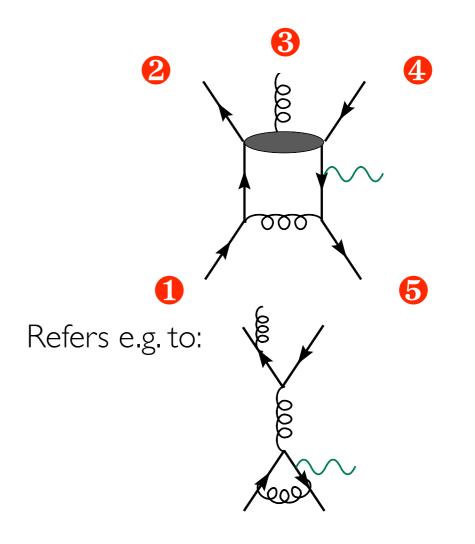
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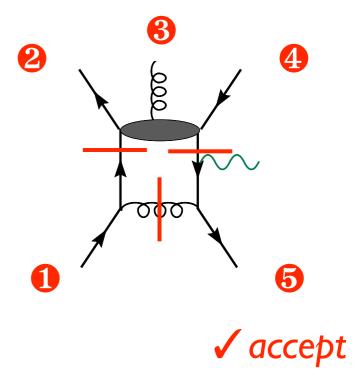
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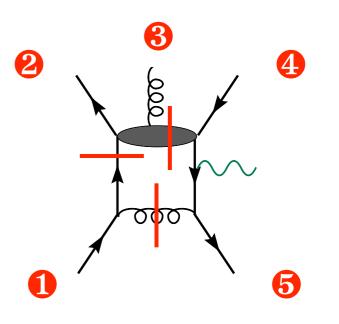
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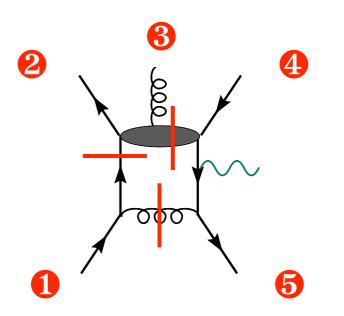


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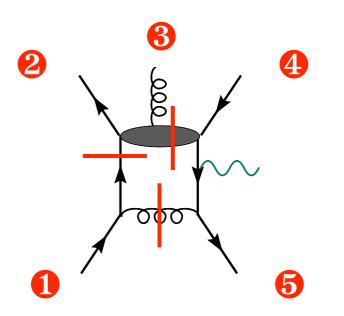


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### Sample results

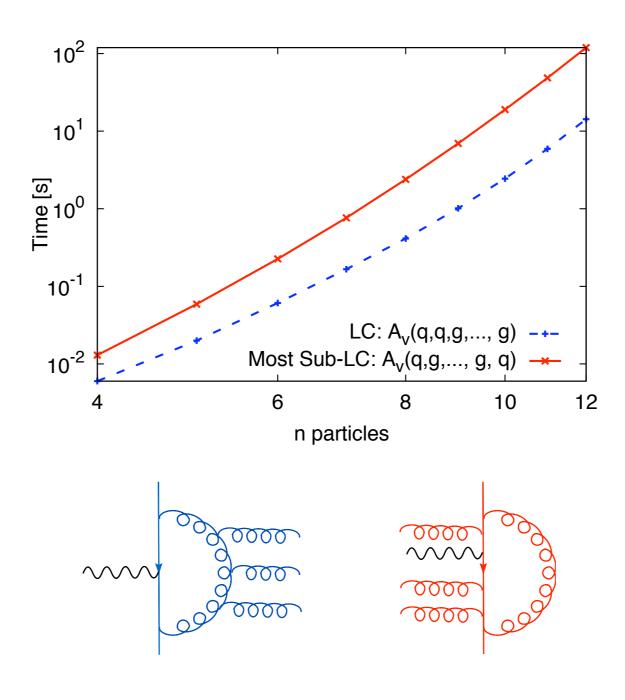
Helicity	$1/\epsilon^2$	$1/\epsilon$	$\epsilon^0$
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$r_L^{[1]}(1_{\bar{q}}^+ 2_q^- 3_g^+ 4_g^+ 5_g^+ 6_{\bar{l}}^+ 7_l^-)$	-4.00000	-10.439578 - i9.424778	5.993700 - i19.646278
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$$r_L^{[j]}(1,2,3,4,5,6,7) = \frac{1}{c_{\Gamma}} \frac{A_L^{[j]}(1,2,3,4,5,6,7)}{A^{\text{tree}}(1,2,3,4,5,6,7)}, \quad c_{\Gamma} = \frac{\Gamma(1+\epsilon)\Gamma(1-\epsilon)^2}{(4\pi)^{2-\epsilon}\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)},$$

Leading color amplitudes in 0808.094 [Berger, Bern, Cordero, Dixon, Forde, Ita, Kosower, Maitre]

All amplitudes in 0810.2542 [Ellis, Giele, Kunszt, Melnikov, GZ]

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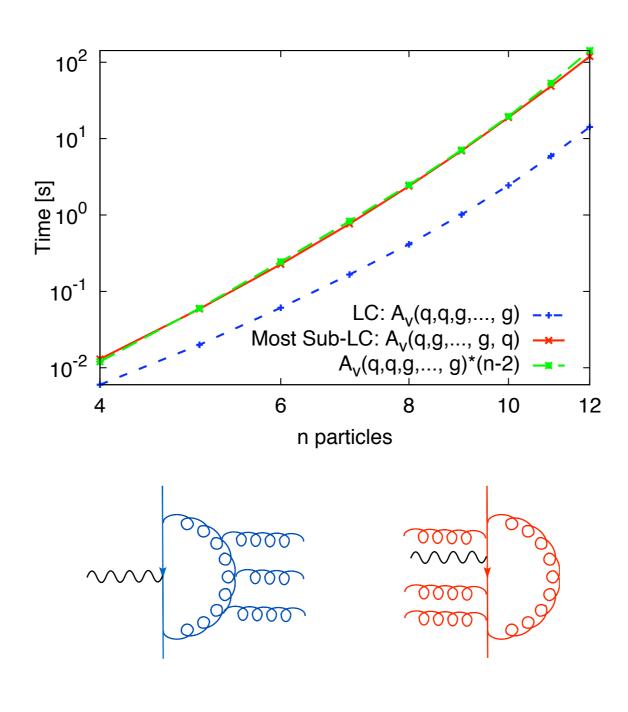


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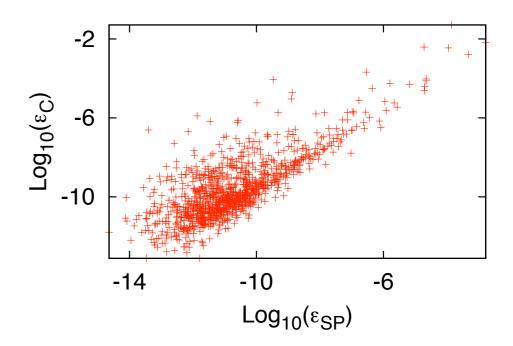
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Similar plots for qq + n gluons

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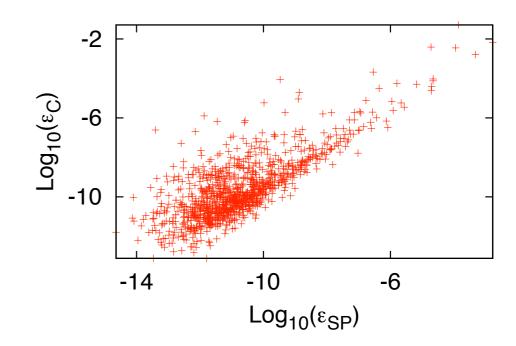
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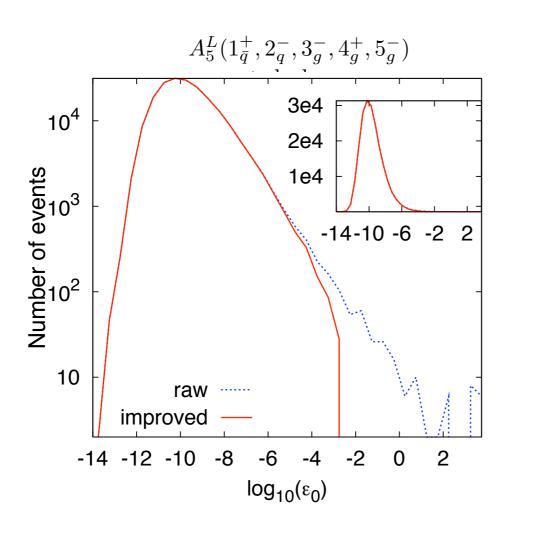


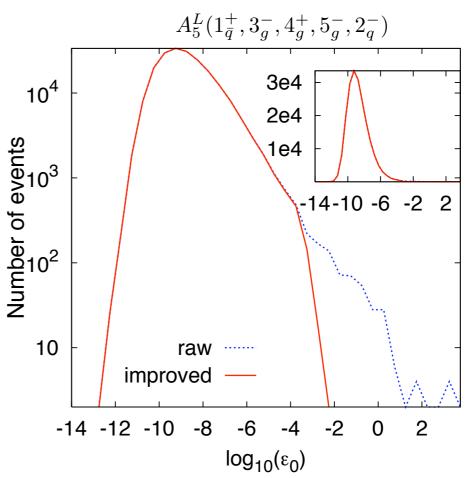
#### 2. How good is the system of equations solved?

Look at how well residues are reconstructed using the coefficients In practice: choose a random loop momentum and for a given cut

- compute the residue as linear combination of coefficients
- compute the residue directly
- $\Rightarrow$  if the results differ more than X use higher precision

## Instabilities and accuracy





⇒ All instabilities detected and cured with quadruple precision

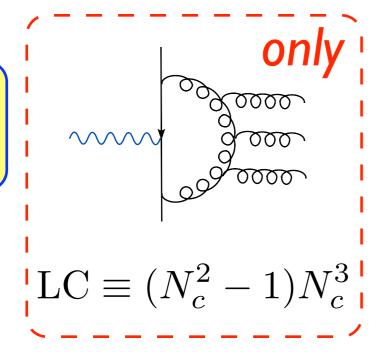
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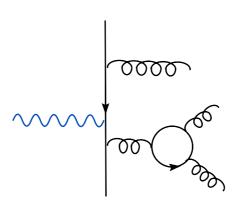


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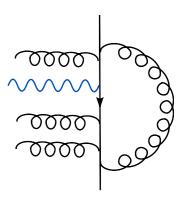
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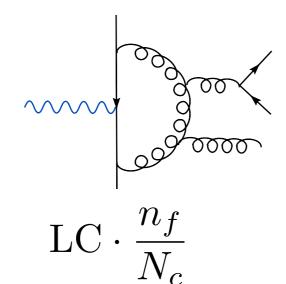




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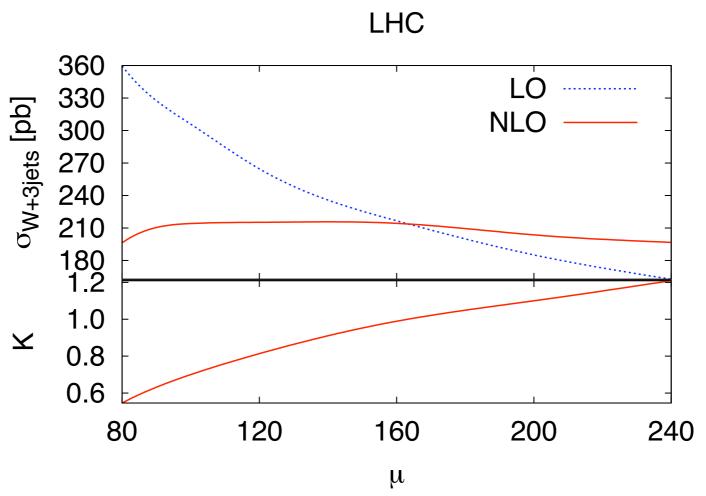
4-quark I-gluon



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At tree level: leading color works up to O(10%), 4-quark processes O(30%)

# Scale variation: W<sup>+</sup> + 3 jets



[Cuts and input defined in Ellis, Melnikov, GZ '09]

- very strong dependence at LO, remarkable independence at NLO
- ▶ LO = NLO at scales ~ 160 GeV
- ▶ W + 3 jets similar to W + 2 jets, however the price to pay for an infelicitous choice of scales is higher now
- similar results at the Tevatron

# Second W + 3 jet calculation

More recently, similar calculation for W + 3 jets done in Blackhat+Sherpa

C. F. Berger, Z. Bern, L. J. Dixon, F. Febres Cordero, D. Forde, T. Gleisberg, H. Ita, D.A. Kosower, D. Maitre [0902.2760]

In the above paper: still leading color approximation in virtual (not real), all subprocesses included (but no fermion loops)

Next step: inclusion of all subprocesses and comparison with Berger et al.

### CDF cuts

$$p_{\perp,j} > 20 \text{GeV}$$
  $p_{\perp,e} > 20 \text{GeV}$   $E_{\perp,\text{miss}} > 30 \text{GeV}$   $|\eta_e| < 1.1$   $M_{\perp,W} > 20 \text{GeV}$   $\mu_0 = \sqrt{p_{\perp,W}^2 + M_W^2}$   $\mu = \mu_R = \mu_F = [\mu_0/2, 2\mu_0]$ 

- CDF uses JETCLU with R = 0.4, but this is not infrared safe, use SIScone with the same R
  - Difference small in inclusive cross-section [more in distributions]

SIScone ⇒ Salam & Soyez '06

- CDF applies lepton-isolation cuts. This is a O(10%) effect. Lepton-isolation and detector acceptance cuts are believe to cancel out
   No lepton isolation applied
- PDFs: cteq611 and cteq6m, all other input as in 0902.2760 NB: diagonal CKM O(1-2%) effect relative to Cabibbo rotated one

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Leading color adjustment tested in W+2jets: OK to few %

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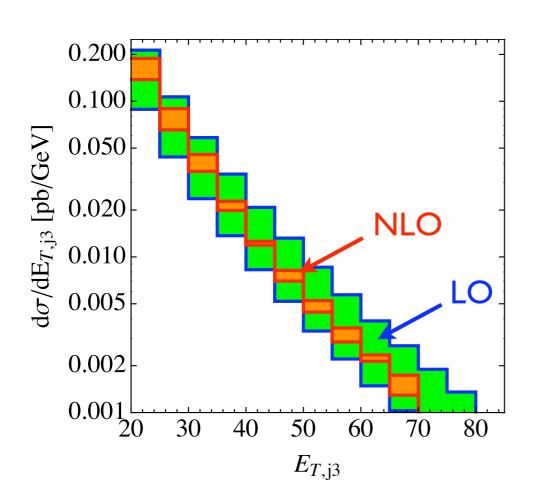
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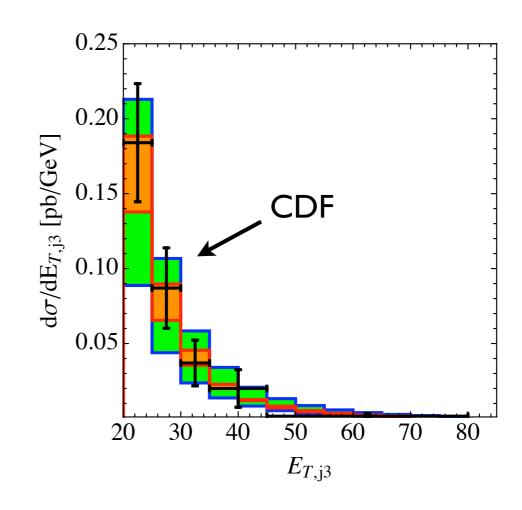
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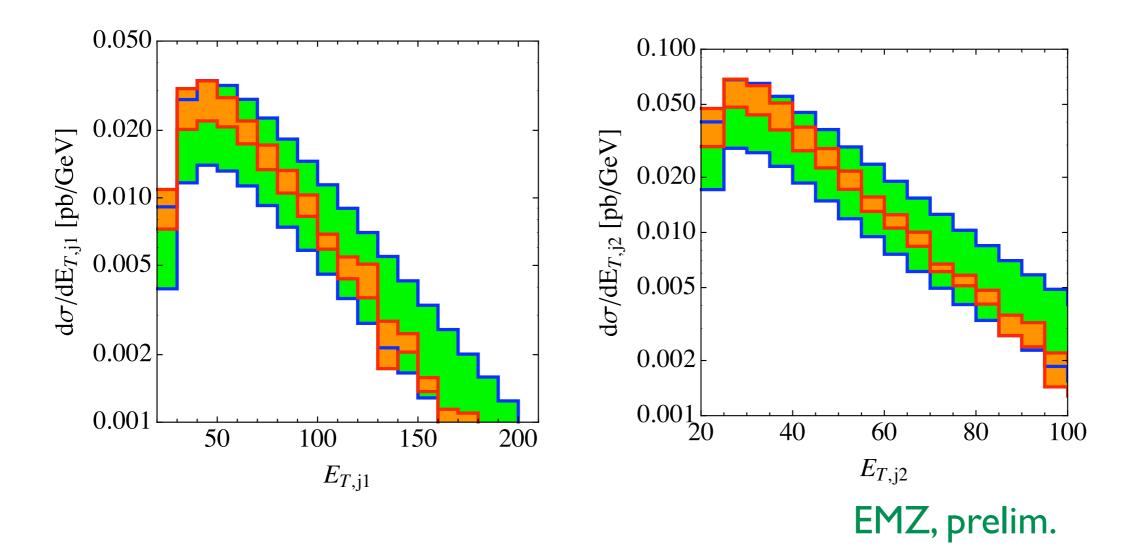


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#### Comparison to data

- OK within large experimental errors
- even with reduced exp. errors, accurate comparison not possible because of difference jet-algorithm used

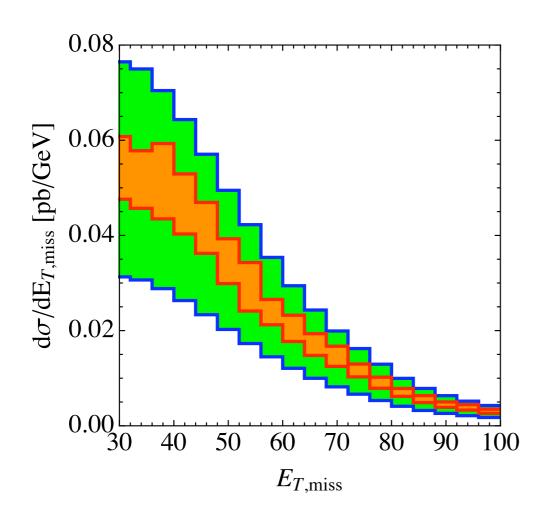
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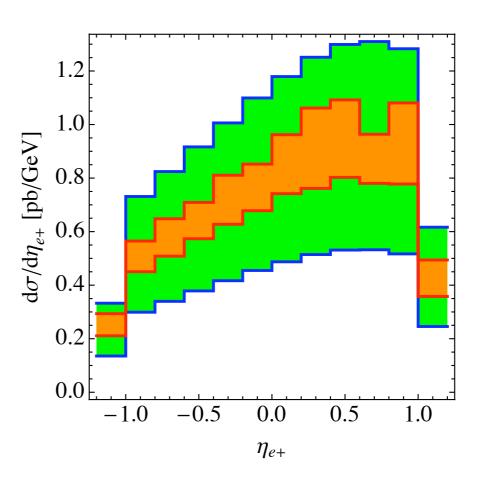


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### Leptonic observables:

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Maturity reached for cross-sections calculations?

Demonstrated by first explicit calculation of W + 3 jets (but still room for further improvements)