

# **Electroweak contributions to squark and gluino production processes at the LHC**

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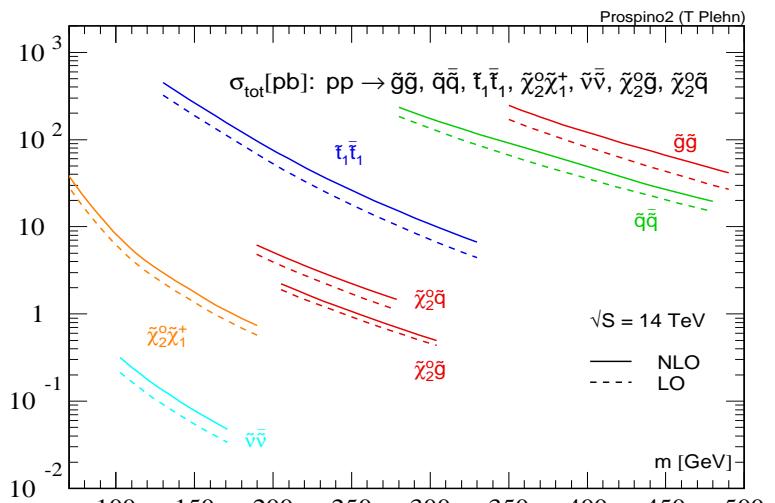
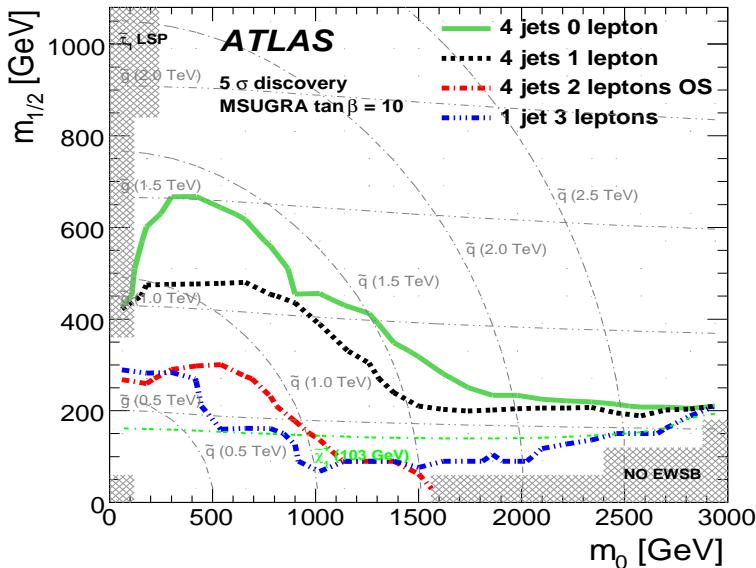


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# Outline

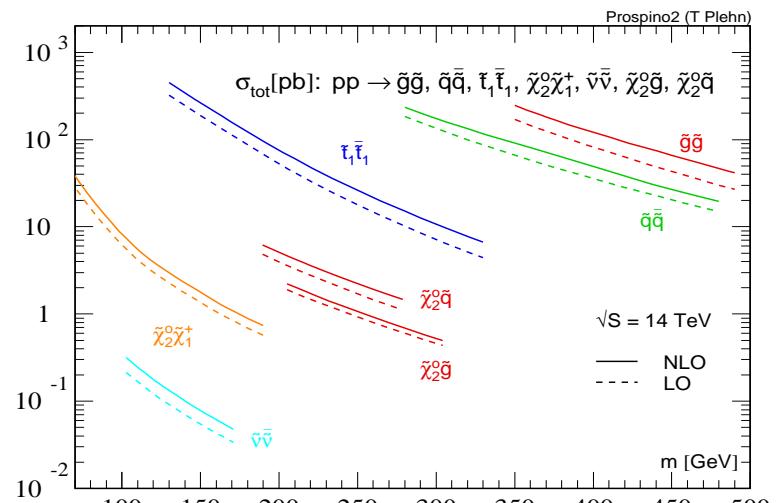
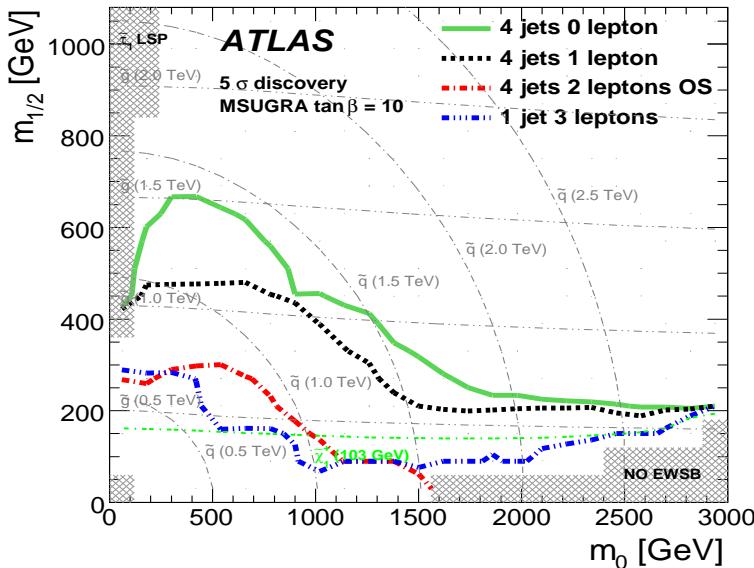
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- Closer look into EW contributions
  - UV divergences
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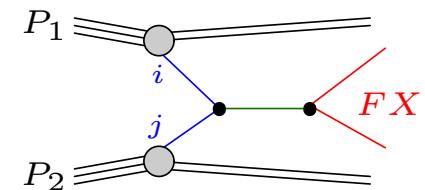


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- Electroweak Contributions
  - chirality, flavour, scenario dependent
  - can become numerically important
  - if small, reliable estimation of the theoretical error
  - ~~> investigation needed

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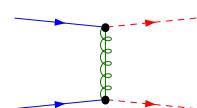
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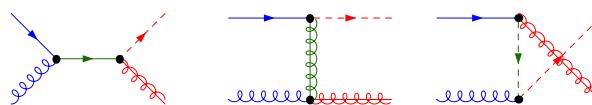
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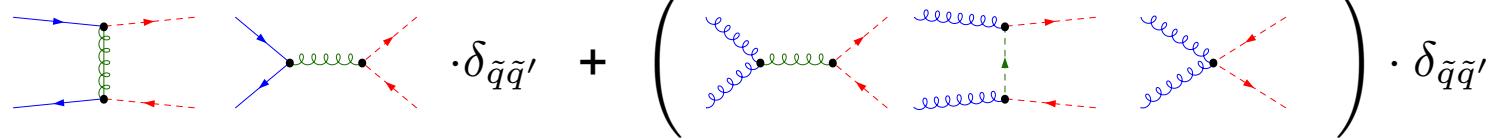
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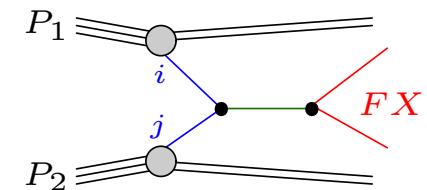
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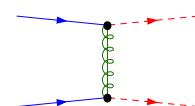
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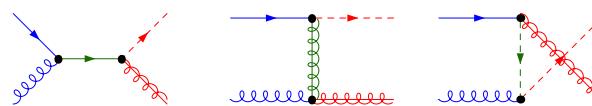
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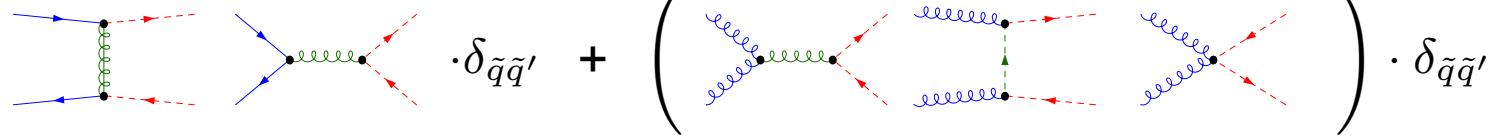
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- NLO QCD corrections, of  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$  [Beenakker *et al.* '96, '97, '98]

- scale dependence is reduced

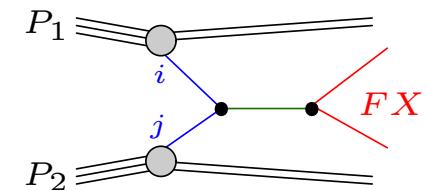
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- NLO QCD total cross section publicly available [PROSPINO, Beenakker, Höpker & Spira, '97]

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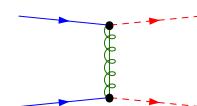
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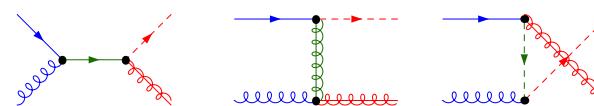
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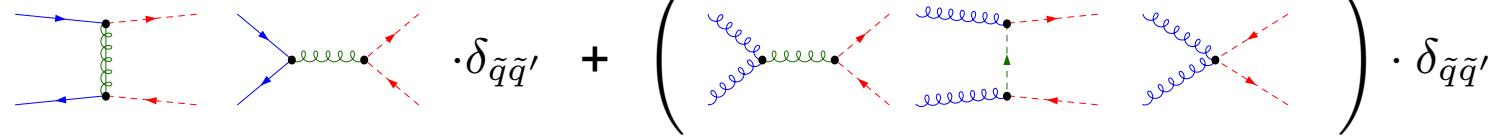
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- Beyond NLO QCD

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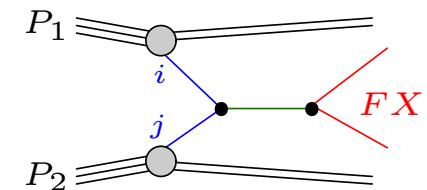
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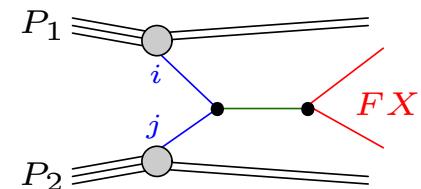
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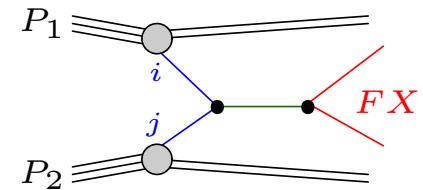
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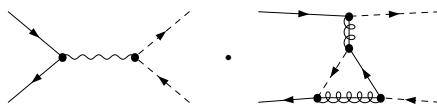
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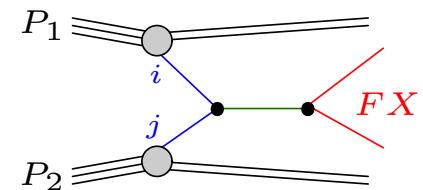
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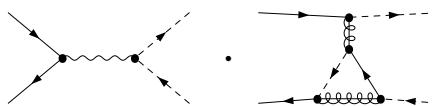
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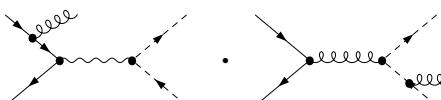


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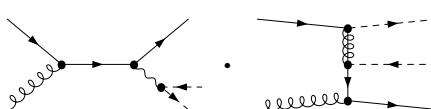
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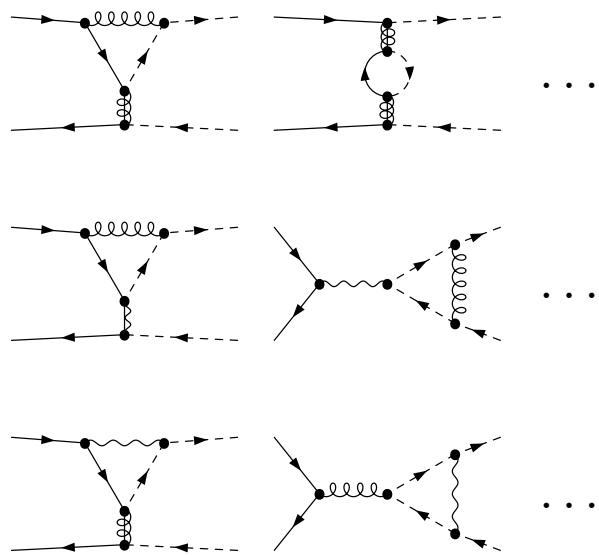
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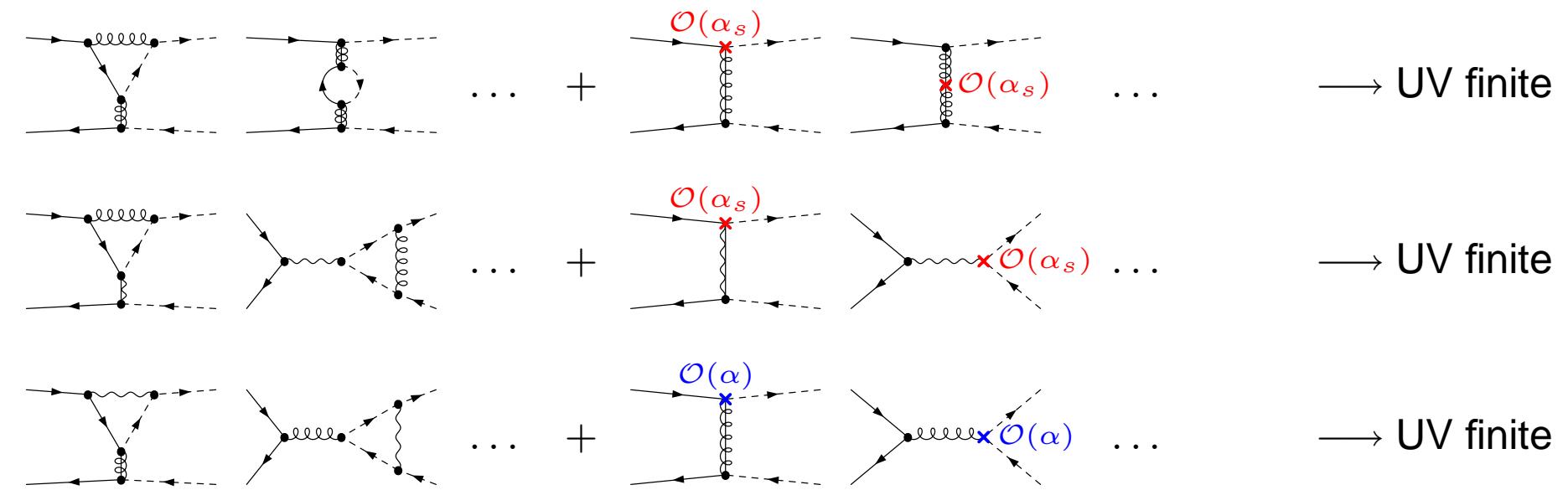
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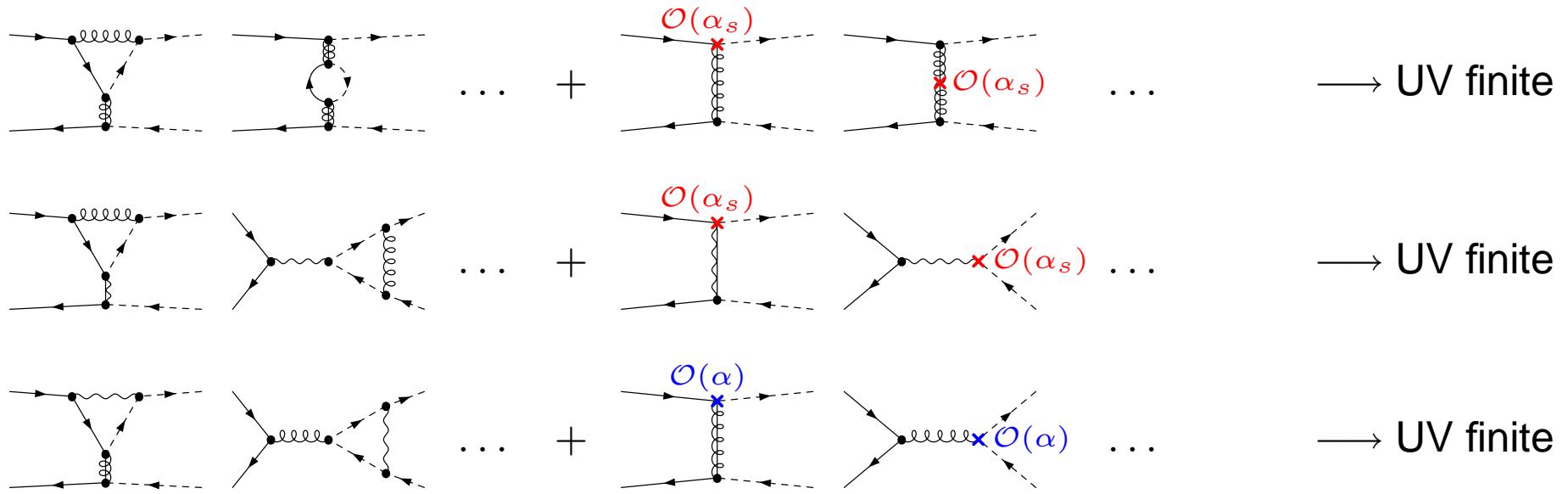
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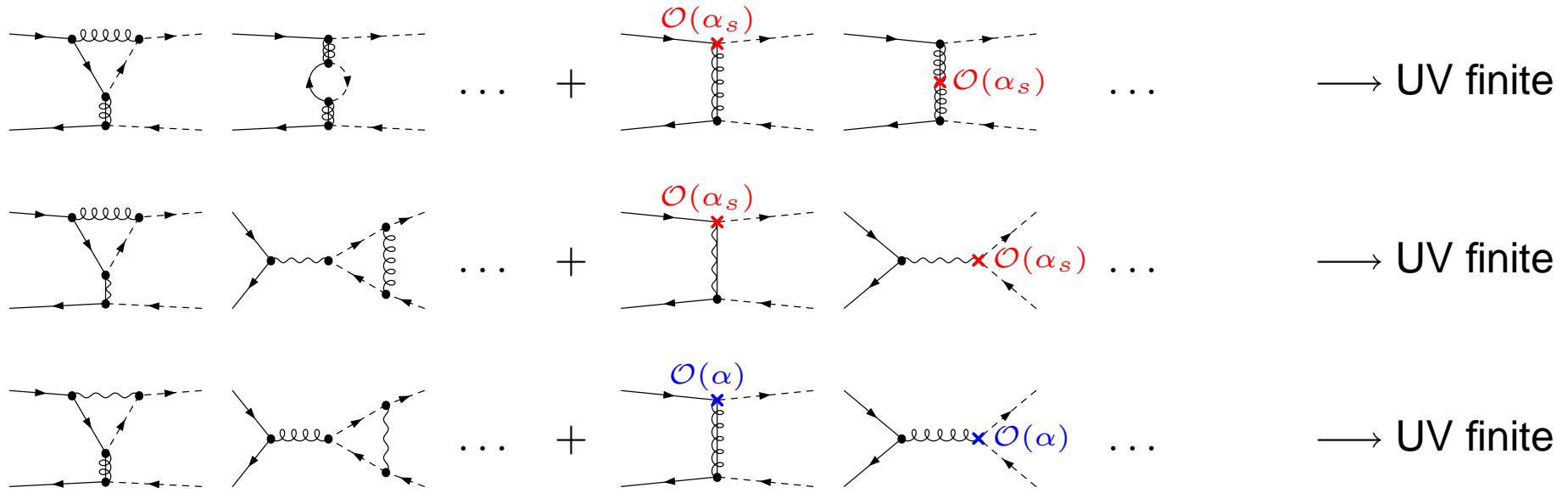


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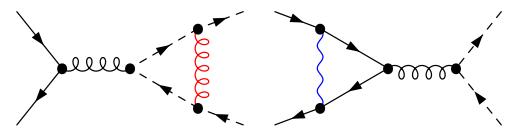
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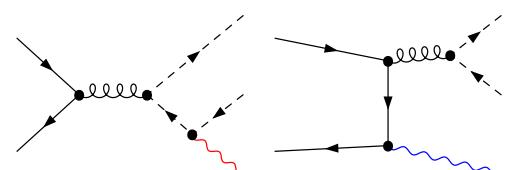


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- Renormalization of the squark & quark sectors:
  - First two generations → on-shell
  - Third generation → four different schemes
    - check of their reliability [Heinemeyer *et al.* '05] [Heinemeyer, Rzehak & Schappacher '10]
      - ~~ see the talk of Sven Heinemeyer

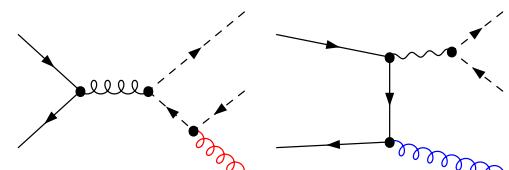
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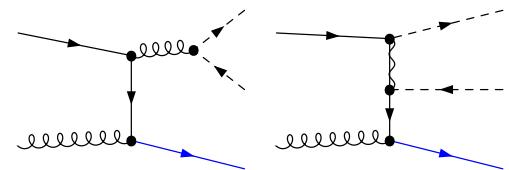
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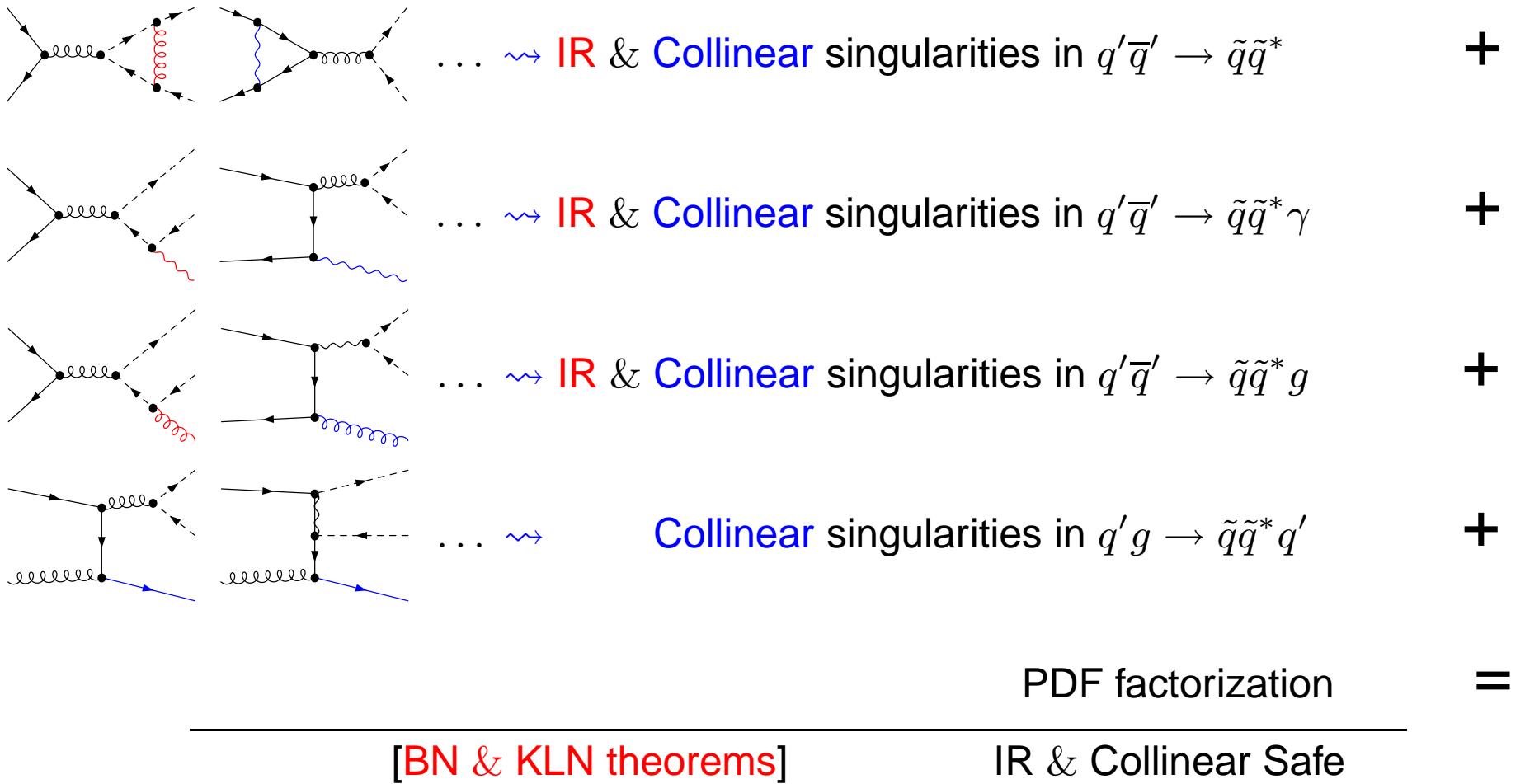


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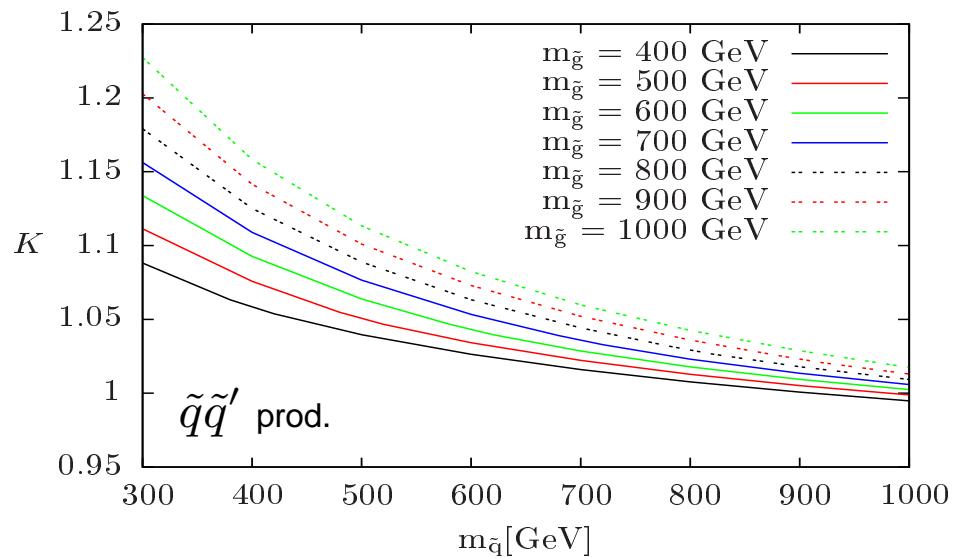
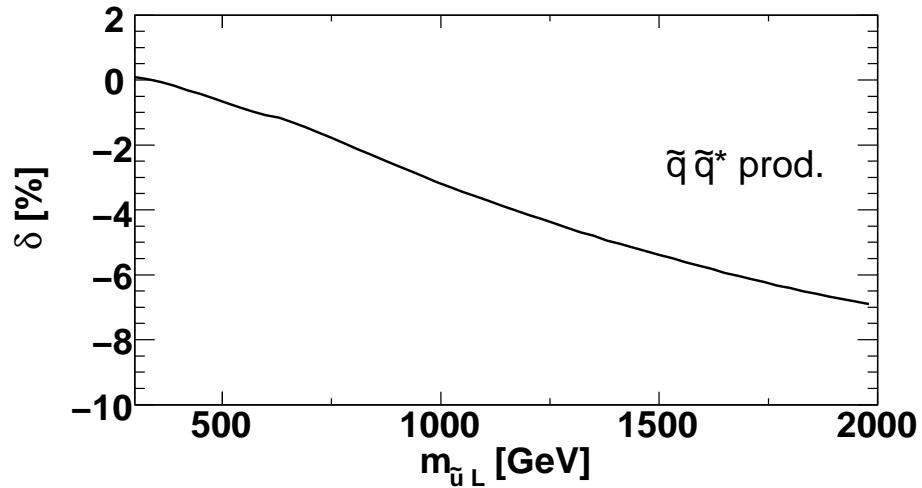
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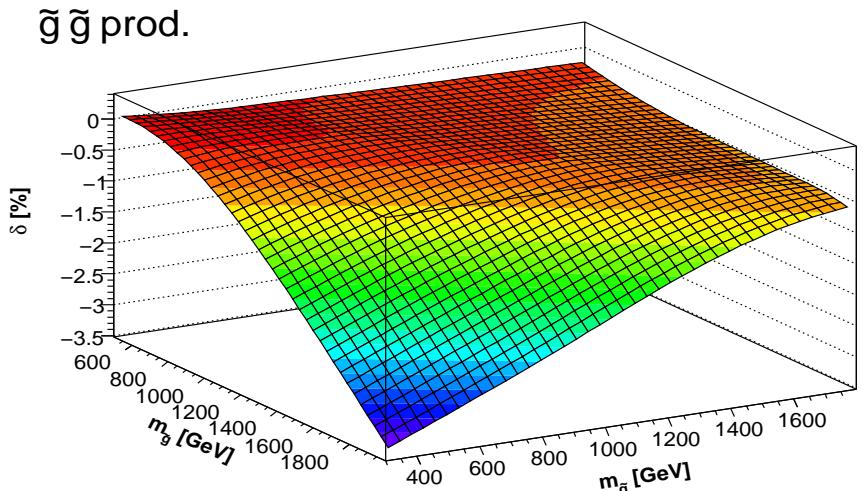


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  - regularized by mass regularization
  - Extracted using both phase space slicing & dipole subtraction

# Numerical Results – Cross Section Vs squark / gluino mass



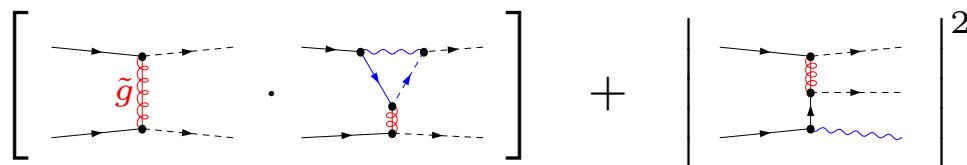
- ~ SPS1a' scenario
- $\delta = \sigma^{\text{EW}} / \sigma^{\text{LO}} (\%)$        $K = \sigma^{\text{EW}} / \sigma^{\text{LO}} + 1$
- EW contributions
- $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*$ ,  $\tilde{g}\tilde{g}$ : grow with the mass  
(key role of  $q\bar{q}$  channel)
- $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}'$ : important if  $m_{\tilde{q}}$  small  
(key role of  $\tilde{q}_L \tilde{q}'_R$  production)
- $\tilde{g}\tilde{q}$ :  $|\delta| \sim 1\%$  if  $m_{\tilde{q}} \leq 1200 \text{ GeV}$   
(not shown here)



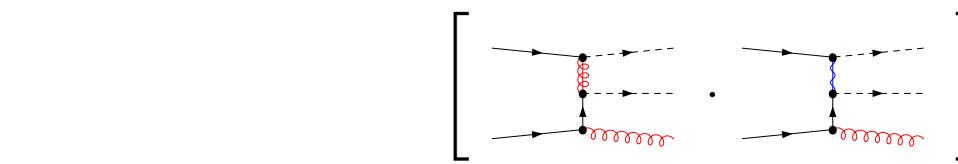
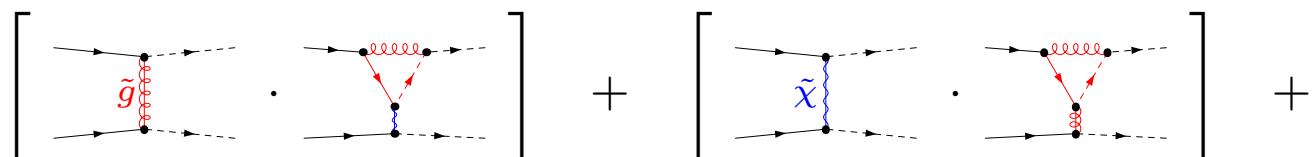
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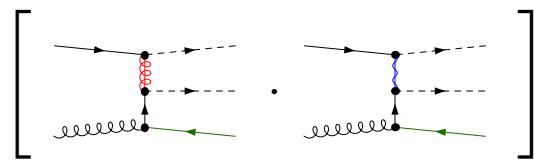
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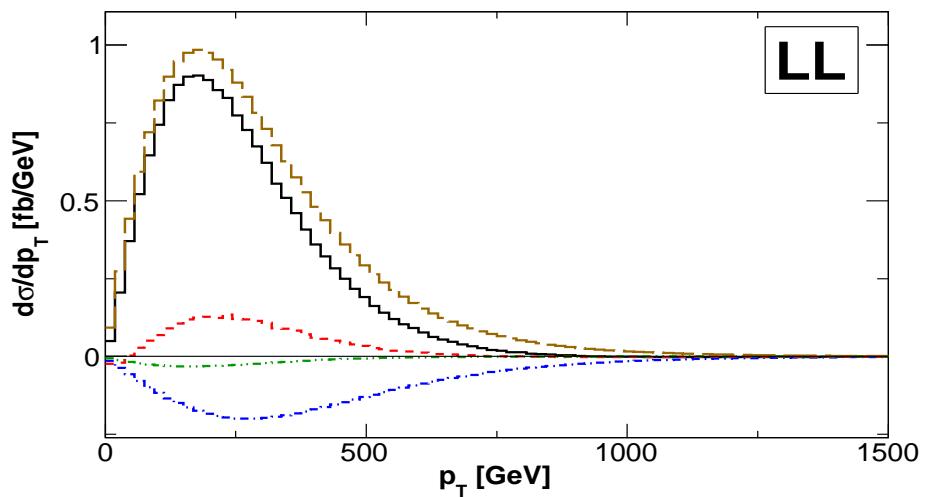
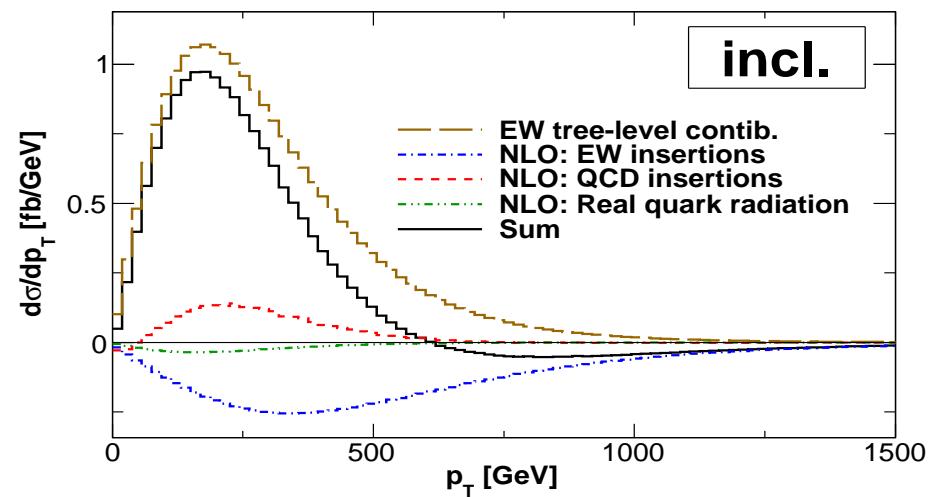
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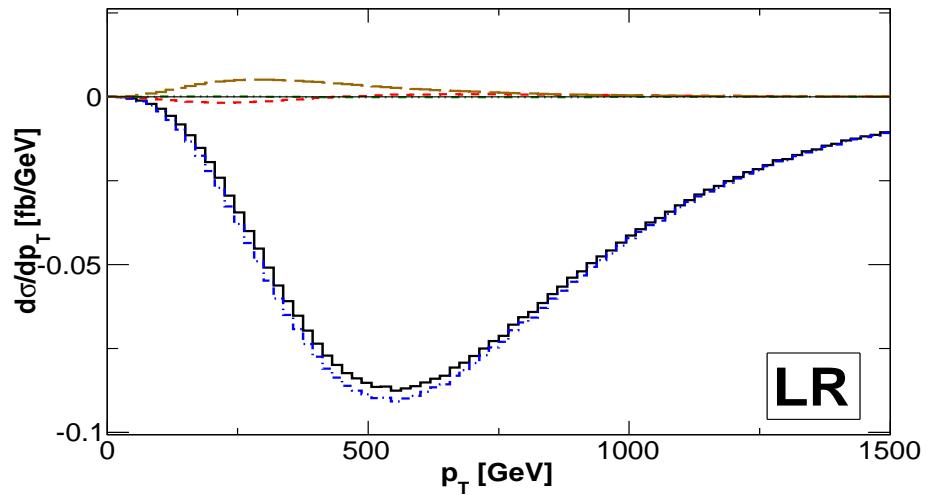
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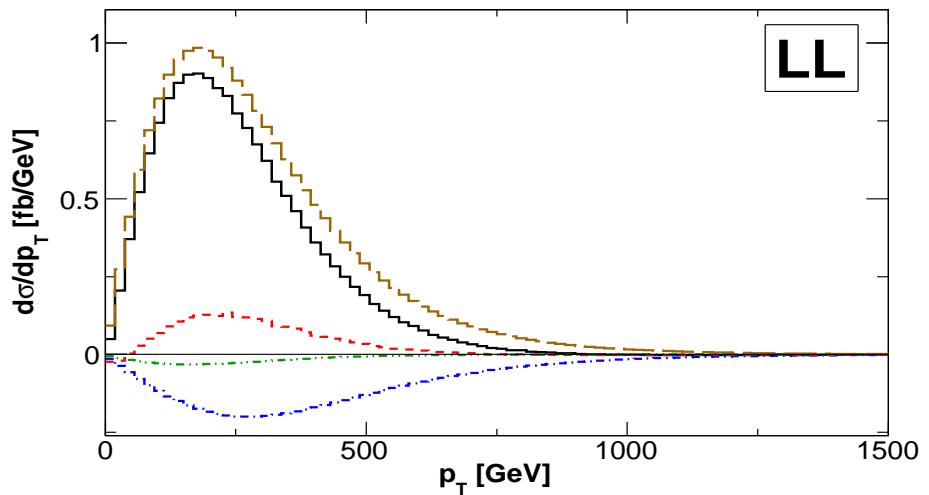
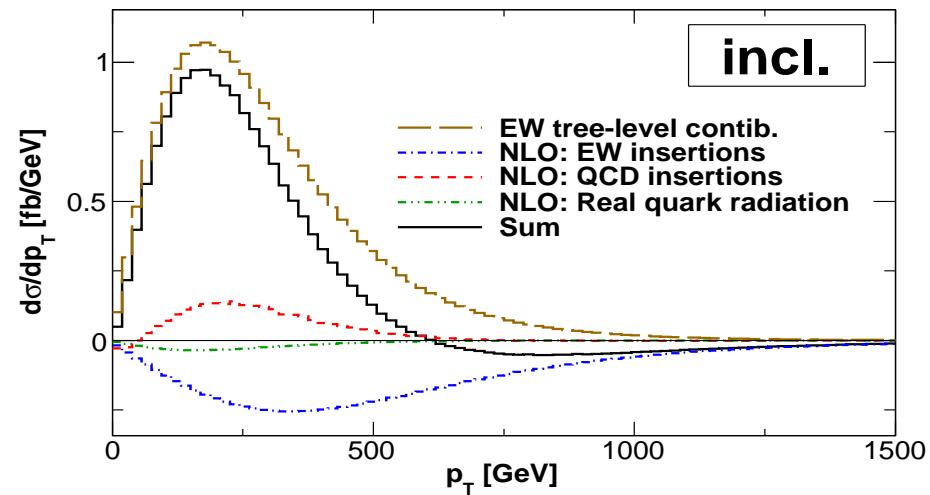
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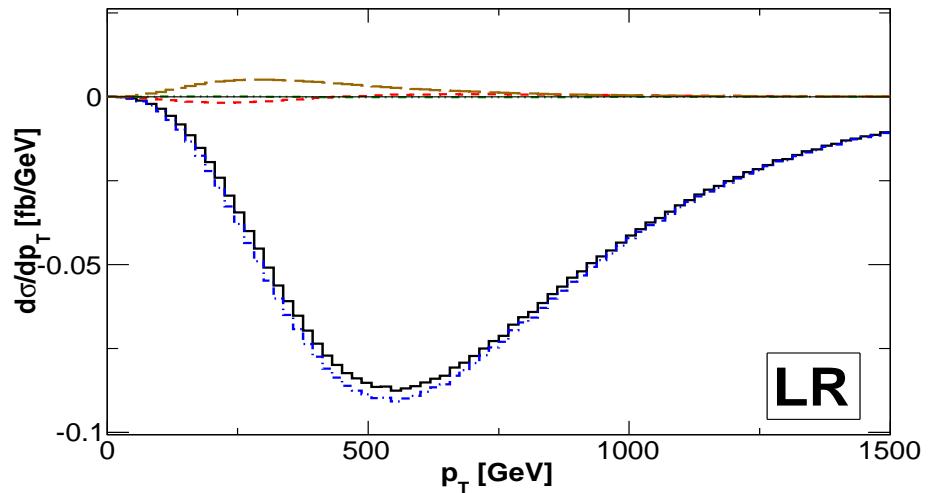
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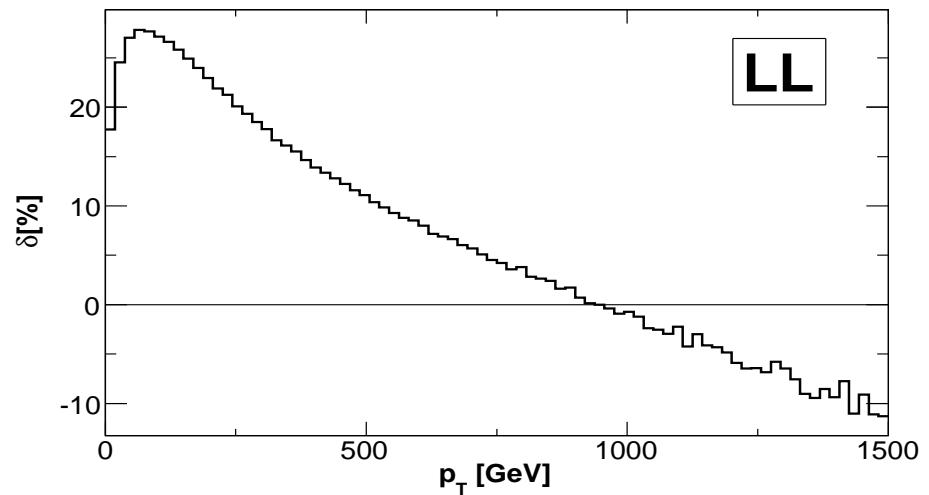
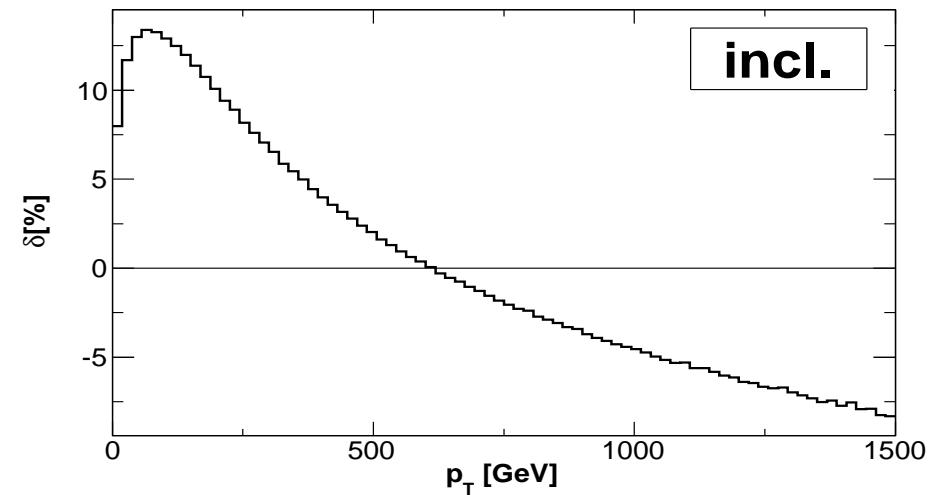
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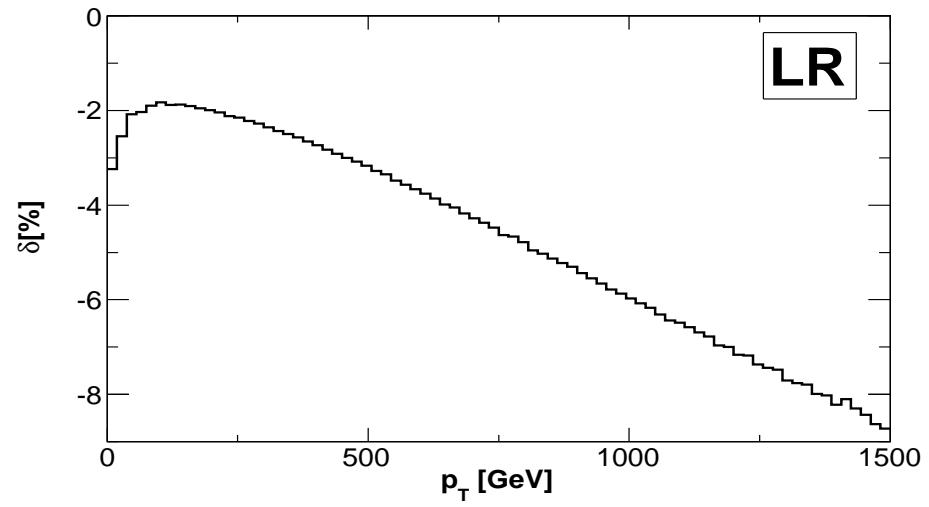
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  - different sets depend differently on the chirality



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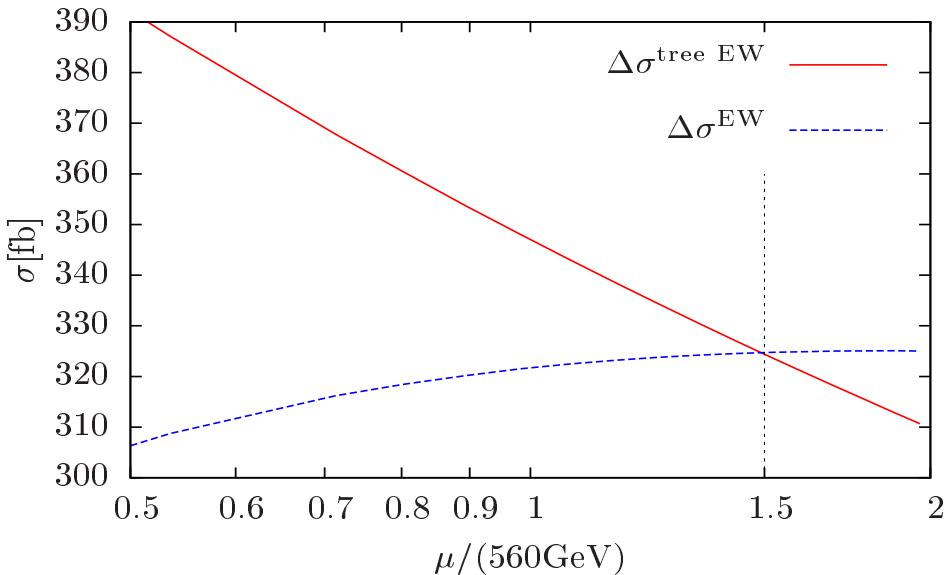


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- EW contributions
  - LL: important when  $p_T \leq 250$  GeV
  - LR: below 10 %
  - $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}'$ : above 10 % if  $p_T$  small

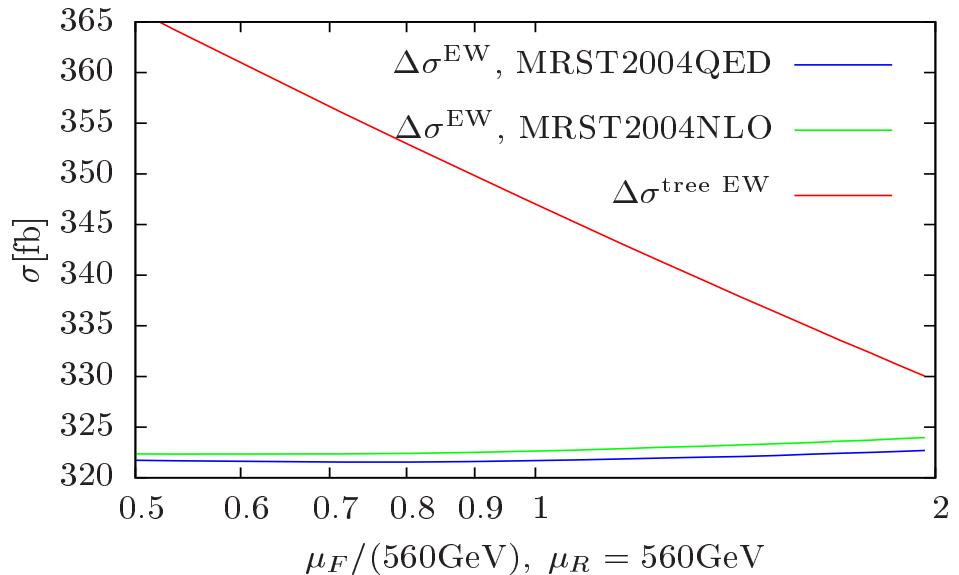


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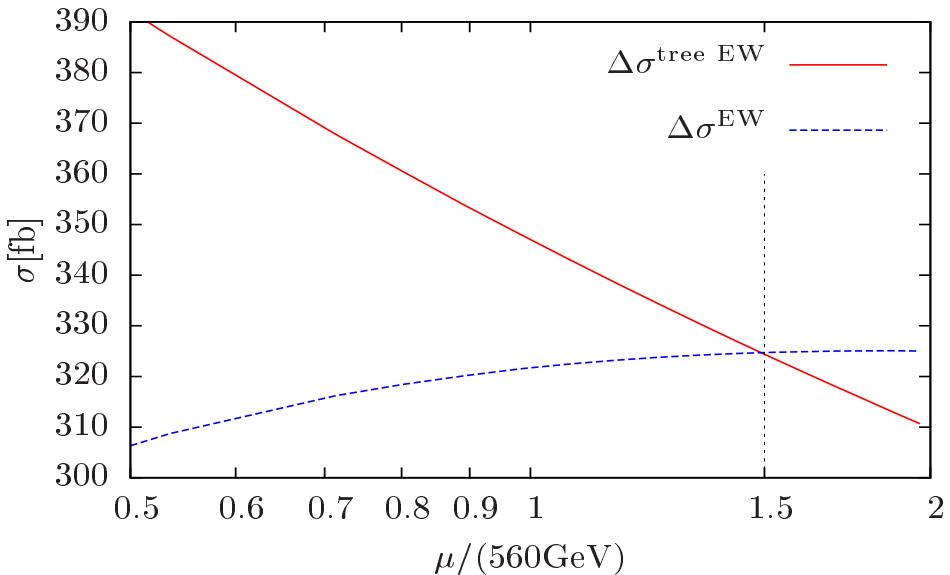
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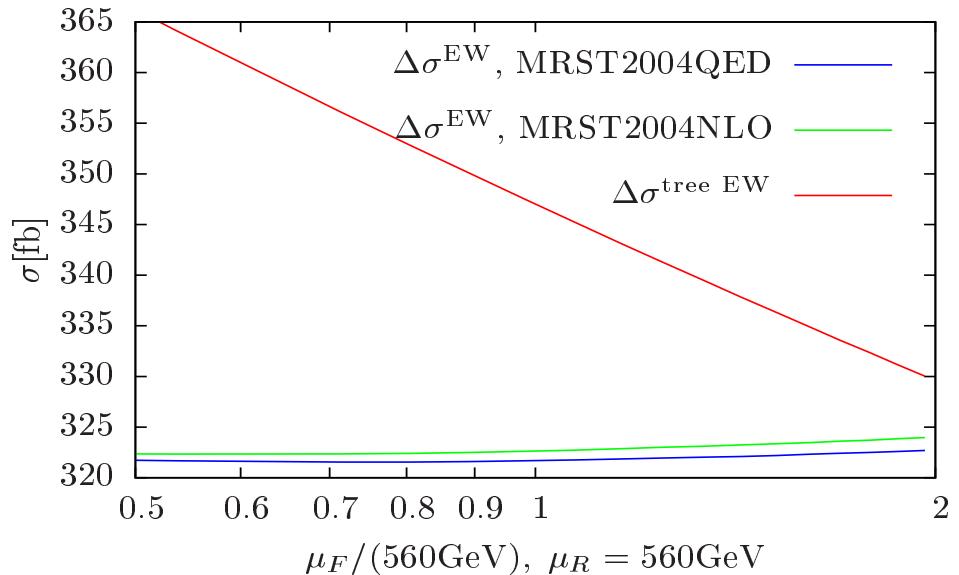
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- reduced scale dependence @ NLO EW
- if  $\mu \sim m_{\tilde{q}}/2$  NLO EW  $\mathcal{O}(20\%)$   
~~ NLO EW needed for reliable predictions .

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- $\mu_F$  dependence almost cancelled @ NLO EW
- QED evolution of the PDF not important ...

... as expected [Kripfganz, Perlt '88] [Spiesberger '95] [Bauer, Keller, Wackerlo '98] [Roth, Weinzerl '04]

# Conclusions

- Direct production of squarks and gluinos
  - important discovery channels for TeV-scale SUSY
- EW contributions to these processes:
  - under investigation ( $\tilde{b}\tilde{b}^*$  in preparation)
  - chirality dependent
    - enhanced if  $\tilde{q}_L$  in the final state
  - can become numerically important . . .
    - . . . in particular in the distributions
  - $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}'$ : scale dependence of the tree-level EW reduced by NLO EW

# Backup Slides

# Phase Space Slicing & Dipole

Consider the process  $q' \bar{q}' \rightarrow \tilde{q}^a \tilde{q}^{a*} \gamma$

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computed in  
eikonal approx.

$d\phi_3$  = phase space measure  
 $\theta_{i\gamma}$  = angle between  $\gamma$  and  $i$   
 $E_\gamma$  = energy of  $\gamma$

- **Phase Space Slicing.** The photon phase space is divided into two parts introducing cuts:
  - regular region integrated numerically
  - singular region eikonal approximation after mass regularization
  - Remarks:
    - + Intuitive method
    - Cuts have to be small (eikonal approximation) . . .
    - . . . But not too much (numerical instabilities)

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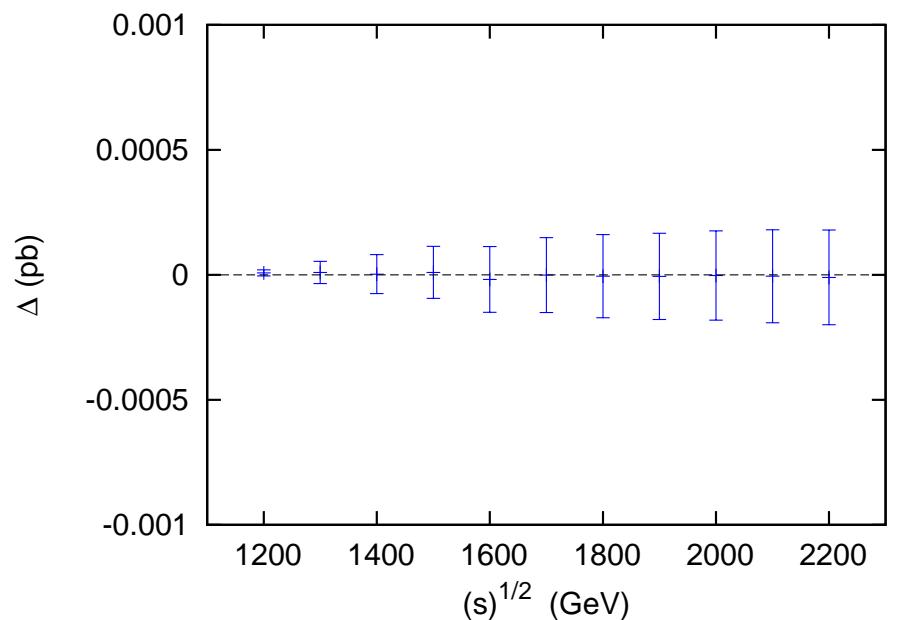
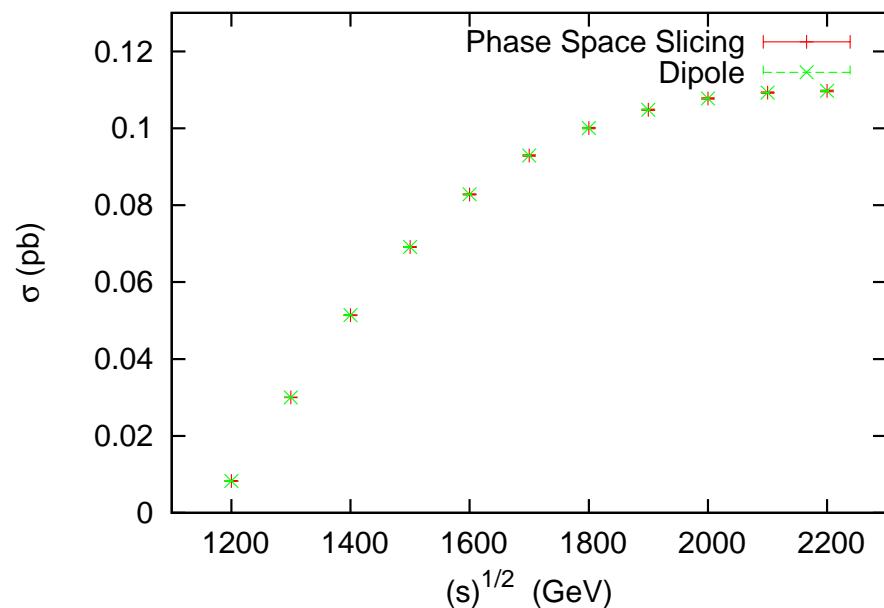
$$\sigma_{q'\bar{q}' \rightarrow \tilde{q}^a \tilde{q}^{a*} \gamma} = \int d\Phi_3 [ |\mathcal{M}|^2 - |\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}|^2 ] + \boxed{\int d\Phi_3 |\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}|^2}$$

exactly  
computed

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- **Subtraction method.** Add and subtract a function  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}$  such that
  - i)  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  have same singularity structure
  - ii)  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}$  easy enough to be analitically computed
- $(|\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}|^2 - |\mathcal{M}|^2)$  is regular and evaluated numerically
- $\int d\Phi_3 |\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}|^2$  exactly evaluated (after mass regularization)
- Remarks:
  - + All numerics involve regular functions
  - + No cut off are needed
  - + leads to more precise results

- Slicing & Subtraction
  - Two completely different approaches to the problem
  - Their comparison is a non trivial check for IR treatment
- Result of the comparison for the process  $u\bar{u} \rightarrow \tilde{u}^L \tilde{u}^{L*} \gamma$



$$\Delta = (\text{Dipole} - \text{Slicing}), \text{ point SPS1a'}$$

# Renormalizing the strong coupling

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{strong}} = & - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A,\mu\nu} + g_s T^A \bar{\Psi}_u \gamma^\mu \Psi_u G_\mu^A \\ & - \sqrt{2} \hat{g}_s [T^A \bar{\Psi}_{\tilde{g}}^A \omega_- \Psi_u \Phi_{\tilde{u},L}^* + h.c.] + \dots\end{aligned}$$

one field and two couplings to reparametrize:

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- Divergences within DREG,  $\Delta = 2/\epsilon - \gamma + \ln 4\pi$
- $\overline{\text{MS}}$  (DREG + UV poles subtraction) if light particles in loops
- Zero momentum subtraction scheme if heavy particles in loops  
→ SM-like running of  $g_s$

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- Definition of  $\delta \hat{g}_s$ :
  - Owing to SUSY should be a dependent parameter
    - $\hat{g}_s = g_s$ ;  $\delta \hat{g}_s = \delta g_s$
  - But DREG spoils SUSY @ NLO [Beenakker *et al.*'96,98]
    - SUSY restored setting:  $\hat{g}_s = g_s + g_s \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi}$ ;  $\delta \hat{g}_s = \delta g_s$
  - The mismatch between  $g_s$  and  $\hat{g}_s$  is reabsorbed into  $\delta \hat{g}_s$ :
    - $\hat{g}_s = g_s$ ;  $\delta \hat{g}_s = \delta g_s + g_s \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi}$