

Matching and merging

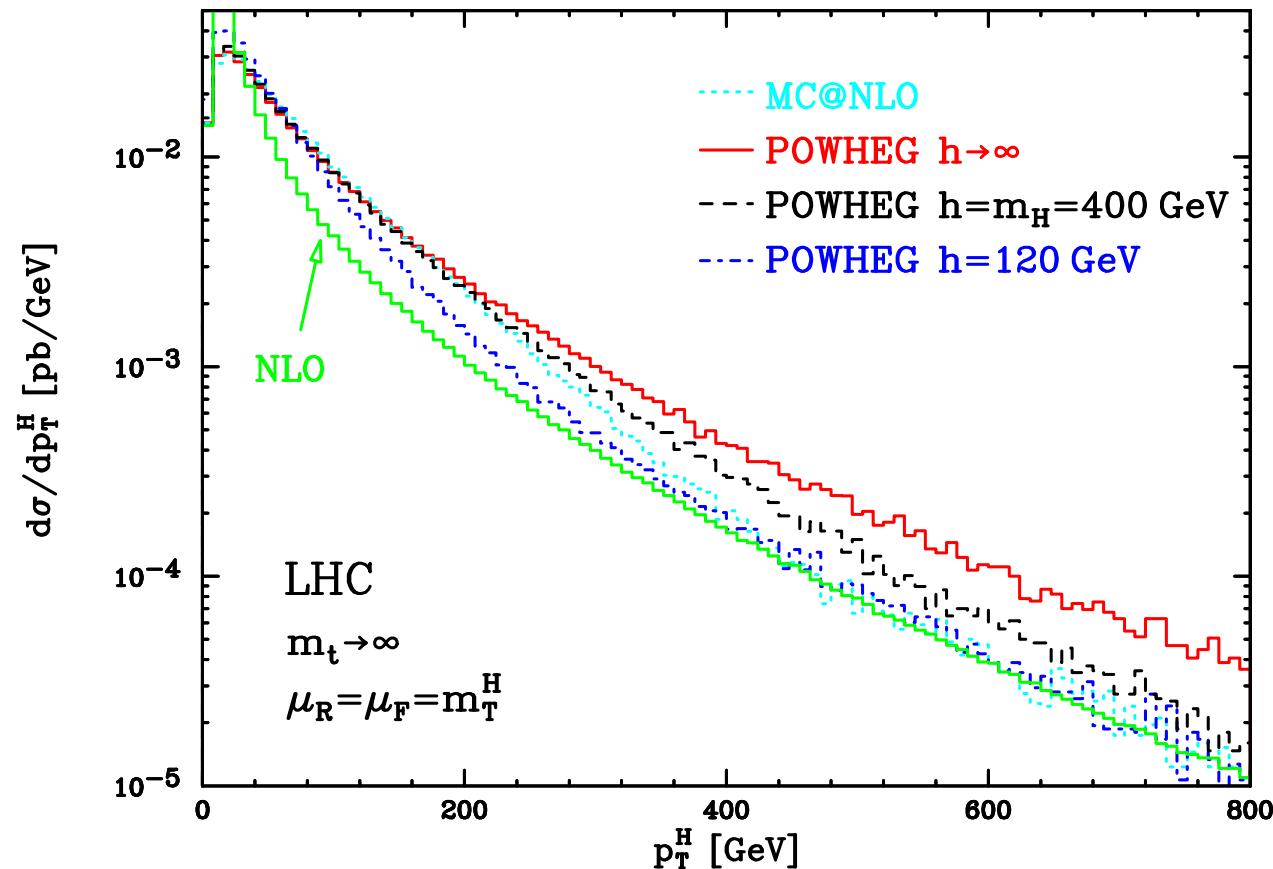
Part 1: Matching (continued)

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Summary from the last lecture

- Matching = combining fixed-order NLO with parton showers
 - keep inclusive NLO accuracy and LL resummation
 - avoid double counting between real matrix elements and shower emissions
- Matching schemes intro
 - additive (MC@NLO-type): NLO result + [PS – approximate real], negative weights but FO structure is transparent
 - multiplicative (POWHEG-type): generate hardest emission with R/B and a Sudakov, effectively reweighting LO+PS by an NLO K-factor
- POWHEG method
 - from LO+PS to POWHEG formula
 - singular regions and $\Phi_B \leftrightarrow (\Phi_R, \Phi_{\text{rad}})$
 - Sudakov veto loop
- Tuning the real cross section
 - split $R = R_s + R_f$ with `hdamp` / `bornzerodamp` so that only the genuinely singular part R_s is exponentiated
 - control the high- p_T tail and scale dependence in the remnant R_f

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Outline, Part 1: Continued

Resonance-aware POWHEG

- Resonance histories
- Multiple-radiation scheme

POWHEG BOX V2/RES

- POWHEG method implementations
- From POWHEG events to parton shower

Resonance-aware POWHEG method (POWHEG RES)

Global recoil

- In standard POWHEG, each real configuration is mapped to an underlying Born: $\Phi_R \leftrightarrow (\Phi_B, \Phi_{\text{rad}}^{\alpha})$ for each singular region α
 - This mapping redistributes real emission recoil globally and so in general **does not preserve internal resonance virtualities**
- If a narrow resonance r is on-shell in the real kinematics:
 - real: $M_r^2(\Phi_R) \simeq m_r^2$ (Breit-Wigner peak)
 - mapped Born: $M_r^2(\Phi_B) \neq m_r^2$ in general
 - the recoil that removes $\Phi_{\text{rad}}^{\alpha}$ shifts M_r^2 off-shell

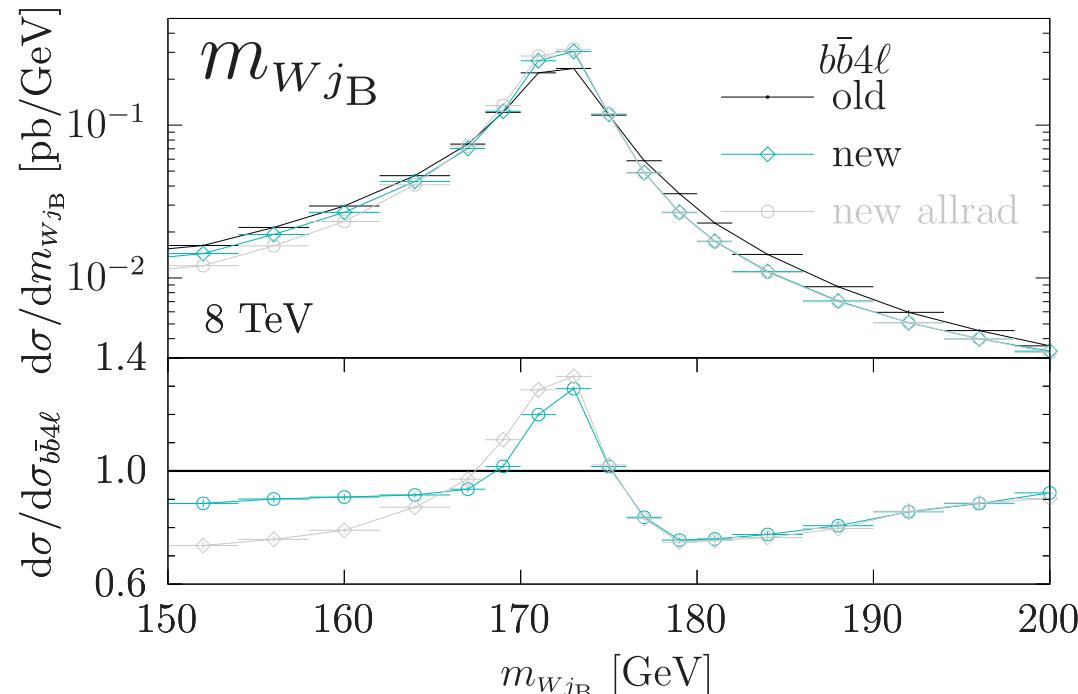
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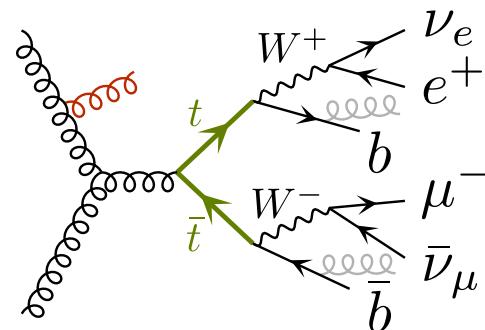


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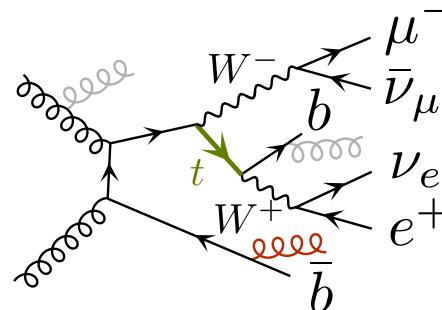
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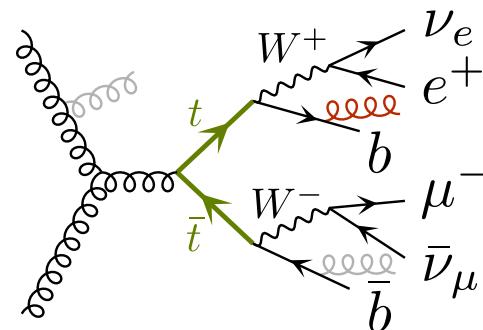
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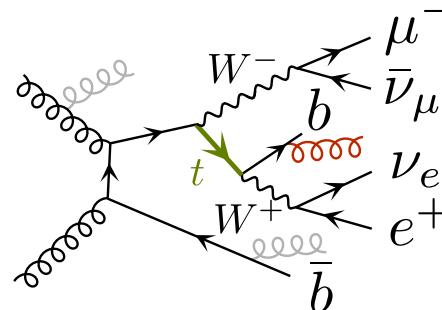
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3. Resonance-aware FKS[‡] subtraction
 - new mappings are resonance history dependent: \bar{B} and R/B must be partitioned
 - within one resonance history they are basically the original FKS mappings but now applied in resonance rest frames instead of the lab frame
 - FKS needs re-deriving, since the reference frame is no longer fixed: soft mismatch

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[‡]This is also available in CS [Höche et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 79 (2019) 728]

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- Additional resonance-history–phase-space partition:
 - for each real phase-space point Φ_R construct weights $\Pi_{h(\Phi_R)}$ with $\Pi_{h(\Phi_R)} \geq 0$ and $\sum_h \Pi_{h(\Phi_R)} = 1$
 - per default: Π_h are built from Breit–Wigner–like factors for the resonances in history h (top, W , ...), so the history with resonances closest to shell dominates

$$\Pi_{h_{t\bar{t}}}(\Phi) = \frac{w_{h_{t\bar{t}}}(\Phi)}{\sum_{h'} w_{h'}(\Phi)}, \quad w_{h_{t\bar{t}}}(\Phi) = F_t\left(M_t^2(\Phi)\right)F_{\bar{t}}\left(M_{\bar{t}}^2(\Phi)\right)F_{W^+}\left(M_{W^+}^2(\Phi)\right)F_{W^-}\left(M_{W^-}^2(\Phi)\right)$$
$$F_R\left(M_R^2(\Phi)\right) = m_R^4 / \left(\left(M_R^2(\Phi) - m_R^2 \right)^2 + m_R^2 \Gamma_R^2 \right)$$

- for $t\bar{t}$: there is also a custom matrix element based separation
- the real matrix element is split as $R(\Phi_R) = \sum_h R^{h(\Phi_R)}$ with $R^{h(\Phi_R)} = \Pi_{h(\Phi_R)} R(\Phi_R)$, and then further into singular pieces $R_\alpha^{h(\Phi_R)}$ for POWHEG

Multiple-radiation scheme

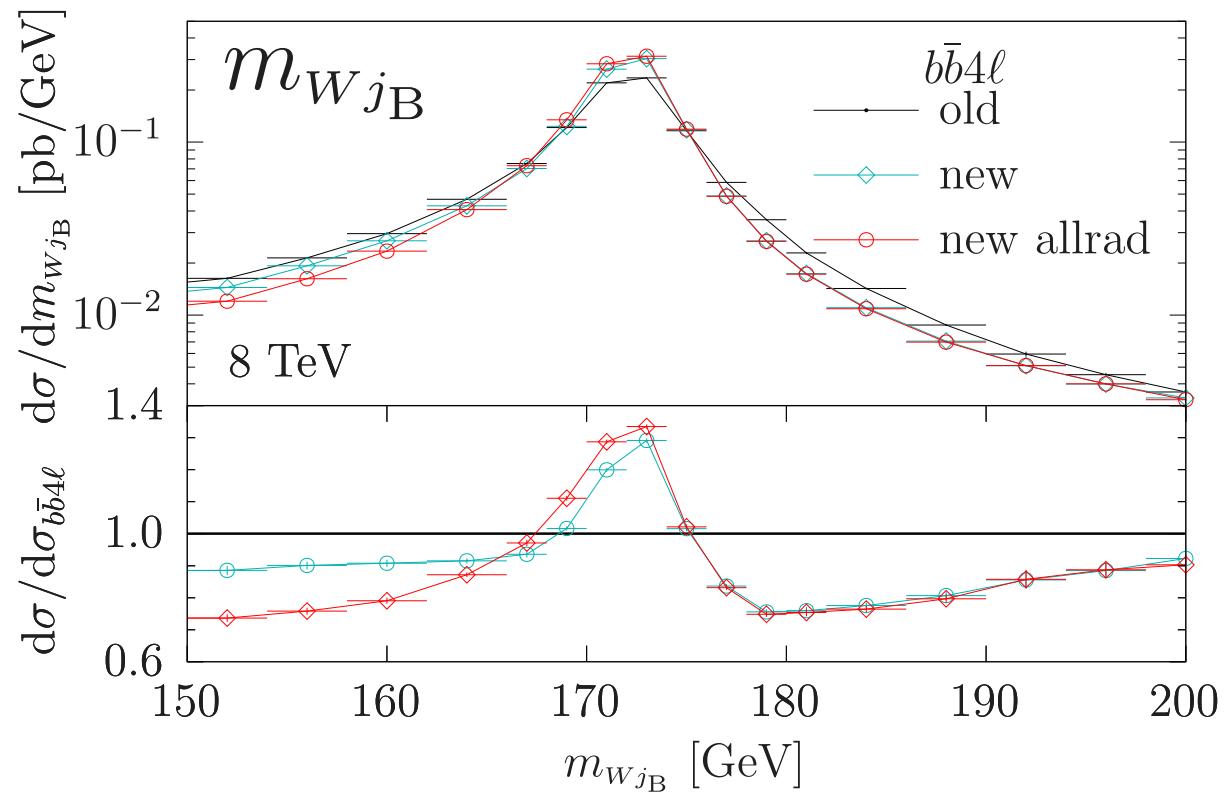
- Motivation
 - In standard NLO+PS matching only one hardest emission is corrected
 - In $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ the hardest emission is almost always ISR, so radiation in decays is down to PS
- Idea
 - We can keep up to $n_h + 1$ POWHEG emissions: one from production ($r = 0$) and one from each resonance decay ($h = 1, \dots, n_h$)

$$d\sigma = \bar{B}(\Phi_B) \prod_{h=0}^{n_h} \left[\Delta_h(t_0) + \int d\Phi_{\text{rad}}^h \Delta_h(p_T^h(\Phi_{\text{rad}}^h)) \frac{R_h(\Phi_B, \Phi_{\text{rad}}^h)}{B(\Phi_B)} \right]$$

- One emission – the usual NLO correction, multiple emissions – formally higher order
- Product over h turns into a sum upon expansion $\prod_h [\Delta_h(t_0) + \dots] = \Delta_h(t_0) + \sum_h R_{h,c} \frac{\Phi_{R,c}}{B_h(\Phi_B)}, d\Phi_{\text{rad},c}$
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- Philosophy
 - BOX core: interface to MEs, phase space, subtraction, POWHEG Sudakovs, and LHE interface, ...
 - Each process: in its own directory and is implemented largely independently on top of the core
- No full automation
 - downside: no “one-click” NLO+PS like MG5_aMC
 - upside: if a process is in the BOX, it usually has
 - a dedicated publication and thorough validation
 - with recommended settings and options, reference plots / benchmarks to reproduce

From POWHEG events to parton showers

- POWHEG output:
 - events in LHE: particles with momenta and colour, weight, scalup, ...
- Pythia
 - reads LHE state and starts ISR/FSR shower from there
 - uses scalup as a veto scale: no emission with $p_T > \text{'scalup'}$ (also via PowhegHooks)
- Herwig
 - ordering variable is emission angle, so the hardest p_T emission is not necessarily the first
 - formally needs a **truncated shower**: soft wide-angle emissions above the POWHEG scale generated before the hardest emission, then the usual shower below it
 - practically small impact (in processes that were studied)
- Resonance-aware showers
 - POWHEG-RES requires multiple scalups not possible in LHE
 - Pythia / Herwig need dedicated interfaces
 - shower then typically preserves resonance virtualities

Summary

- Resonance-aware POWHEG:
 - standard $\Phi_R \leftrightarrow (\Phi_B, \Phi_{\text{rad}})$ mapping distorts internal resonances: on-shell in R , off-shell in $B \rightarrow$ large R/B , Sudakov suppresses the peak
 - RES introduces resonance histories and resonance-preserving mappings: recoil is confined within each resonance system, resonance virtualities are identical in real and underlying Born kinematics
- Resonance histories and multiple radiation:
 - phase space is partitioned with resonance projectors $\Pi_{h(\Phi)}$: $R(\Phi) = \sum_h R^{h(\Phi)}$, each h a definite pattern of intermediate tops, W 's, ...
 - singular regions become (h, c) and the Sudakov per history uses a sum over splitting kernels; multi-rad scheme allows one POWHEG emission from production and from each resonance decay, adding useful higher-order structure in the decay chains while keeping NLO accuracy
- Showering POWHEG events:
 - Shower Monte Carlo's (Pythia, Herwig) read LHE files, and attach further emissions respecting POWHEG shower starting scale

Backup

Backup slides follow

Resonance-aware mapping for $t \rightarrow bgW^+$

Go to the top rest frame, recombine $p_b + k$ to define the direction of the Born b' , and perform a standard 2-body decay $t \rightarrow b' + W^+$ by rescaling $|(p_b)|$ and $|(p_W)|$ to the on-shell 2-body kinematics while keeping their back-to-back directions (with b' along $p_b + k$). Then boost the resulting $p_{b'}$ and $p_{W'}$ back to the lab frame with the inverse top boost $B_t^{\{-1\}}$.

Setup

- Real decay in lab frame: $t(p_t) \rightarrow b(p_b) + g(k) + W^+(p_W)$, with $p_t = p_b + k + p_W$.
- Underlying Born decay: $t(p_t) \rightarrow b'(p_{b'}) + W^+(p_{W'})$, with $p_t = p_{b'} + p_{W'}$.

1. Go to the top rest frame

- Boost with B_t such that in this frame $p_t = (m_t, 0)$.
- Real momenta in this frame: $p_b \rightarrow B_t p_b$, $k \rightarrow B_t k$, $p_W \rightarrow B_t p_W$.

2. Recombine $b + g$ and fix direction

- Combined emitter momentum: $q = p_b + k$.
- Take unit vector along it: $\hat{q} = \frac{q}{\|q\|}$.

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3. Two-body kinematics for $t \rightarrow b'W^+$

- Treat the Born decay as a $1 \rightarrow 2$ decay $t \rightarrow b' + W^+$.
- Common three-momentum magnitude: $p^* = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda(m_t^2, m_b^2, m_W^2)}}{2m_t}$ with $\lambda(a, b, c) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 2ab - 2ac - 2bc$.
- Energies: $E_b^* = \sqrt{(p^*)^2 + m_b^2}$, $E_W^* = \sqrt{(p^*)^2 + m_W^2}$.
- Define Born momenta in the top rest frame: $p_{b'} = (E_b^*, +p^* \hat{q})$, $p_{W'} = (E_W^*, -p^* \hat{q})$.
- Then $p_{b'}^2 = m_b^2$, $p_{W'}^2 = m_W^2$ and $p_{b'} + p_{W'} = (m_t, 0) = p_t$.

4. Boost back to the lab frame

- Final underlying-Born momenta: $p_{b'} \rightarrow B_t^{\{-1\}} p_{b'}$, $p_{W'} \rightarrow B_t^{\{-1\}} p_{W'}$.
- In words: go to the top rest frame, recombine $b + g$ to set the b' direction, apply on-shell $1 \rightarrow 2$ kinematics $t \rightarrow b'W^+$, then boost back to the lab frame

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Part 2: Merging

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Outline, Part 2: Merging

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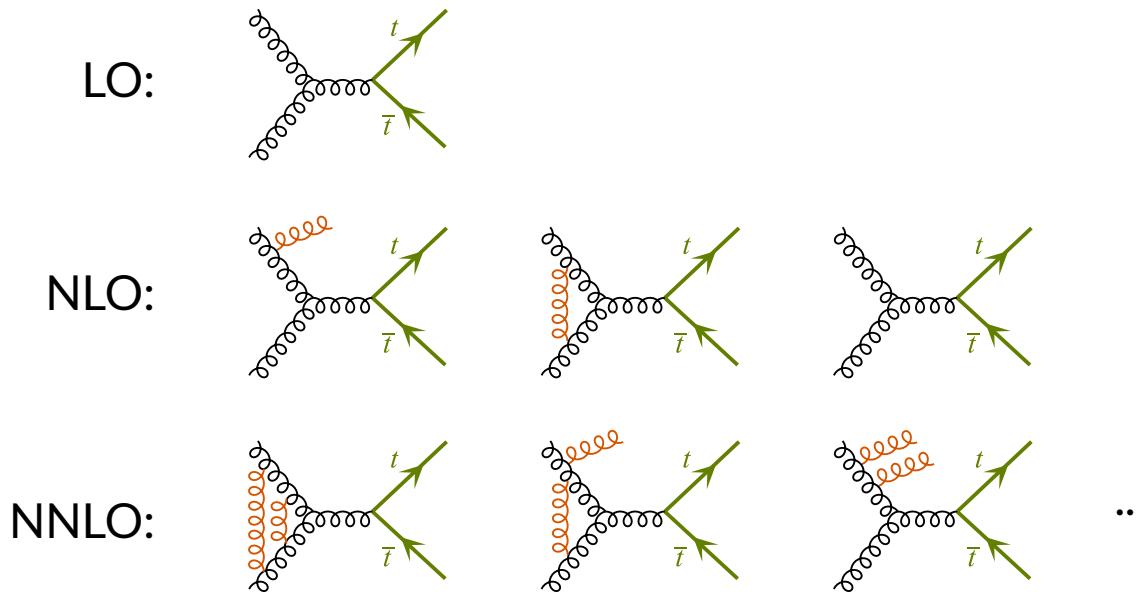
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- Concepts behind merging
- Shower branching history
- LO Merging formula

Merging via matching

- Suppressing singularities with Sudakovs
- MiNLO and MiNLO'

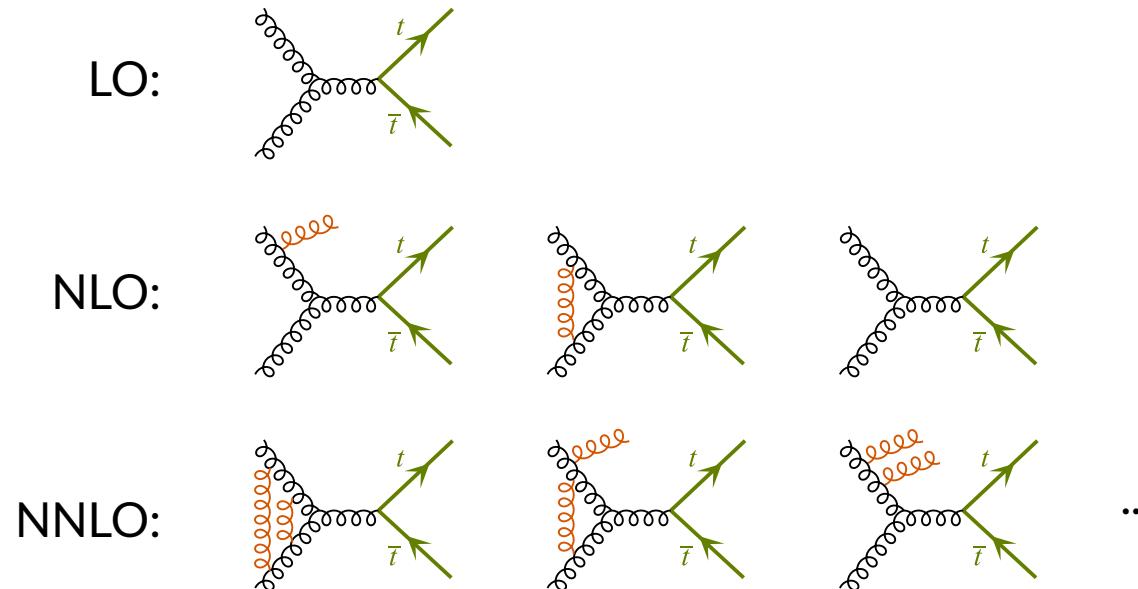
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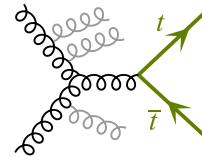
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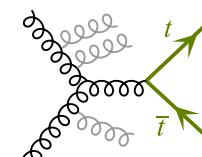
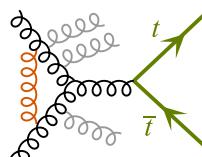
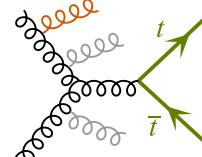
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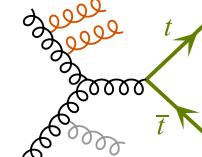
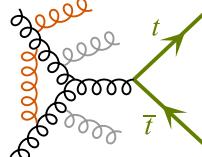
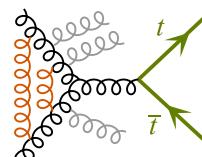
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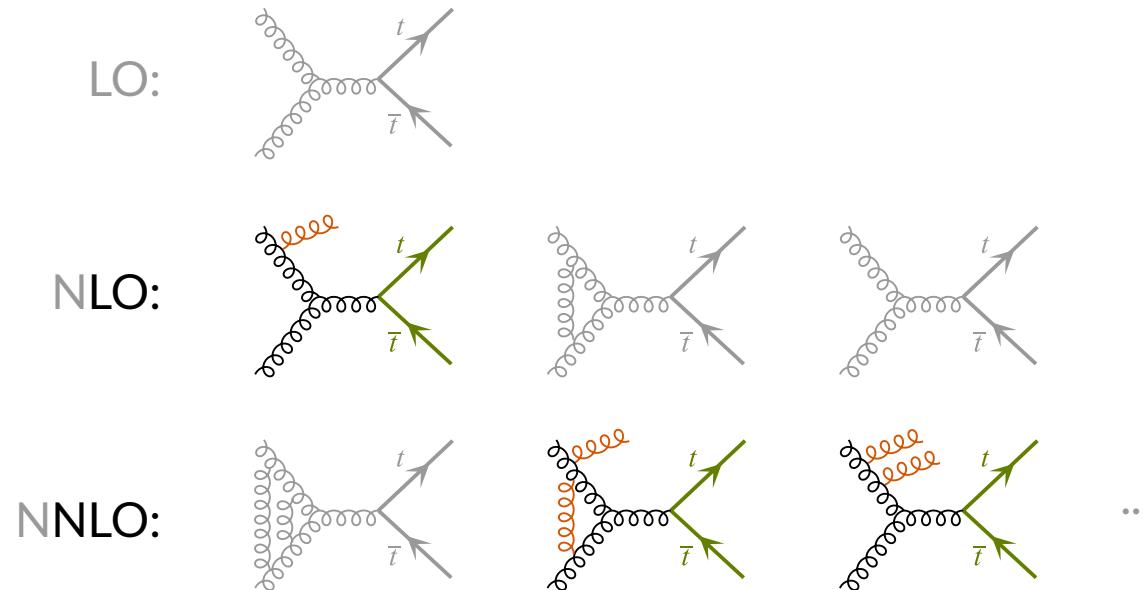
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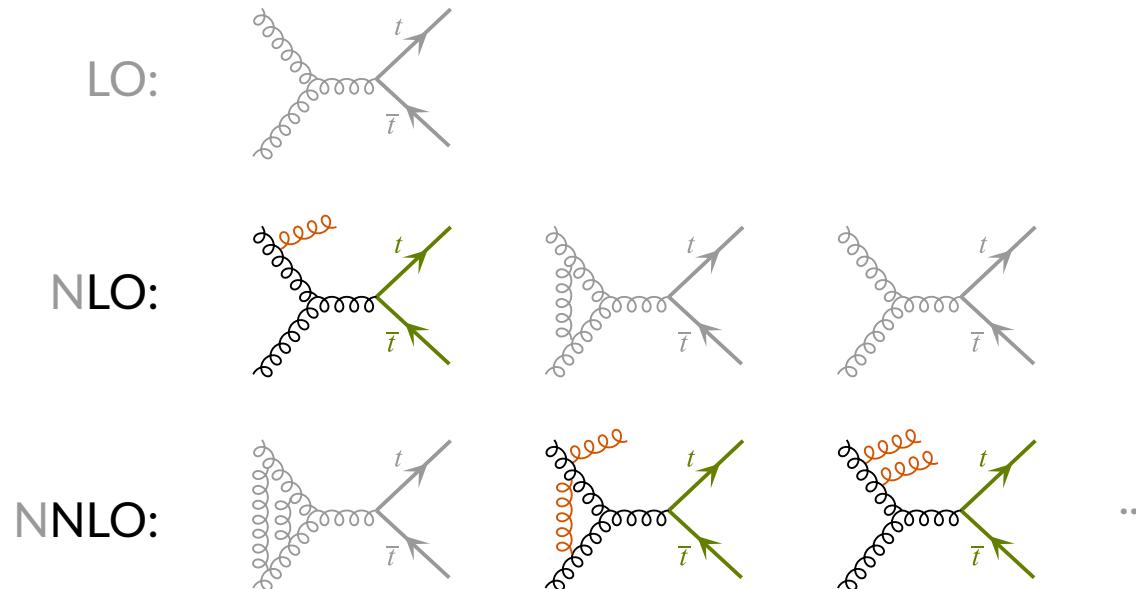
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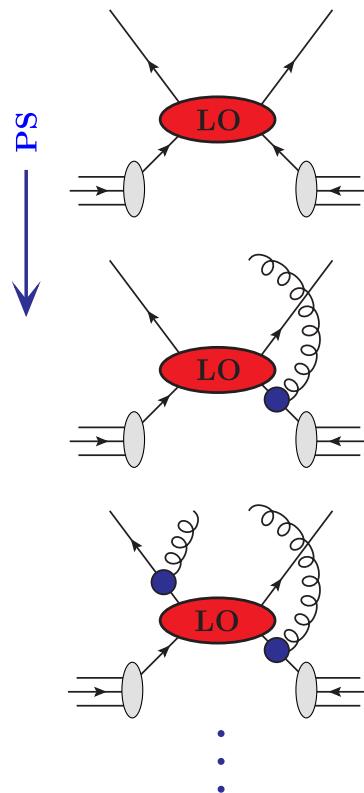
- **Matching FO** calculations with **PS**
 - N^n LO+PS describe observables dominated by topologies of a single multiplicity
 - But many observables receive contributions from many final state multiplicities, e.g. $p_{T,t\bar{t}}$
 - NLO+PS will describe this observable the low end at NLO accuracy, an intermediate region at LO accuracy, and the high end at PS accuracy only
 - If we want to describe such observables as uniformly as possible we need multi-jet merging

calculation vs jet multiplicity	≥ 0 jets	≥ 1 jet	≥ 2 jets	≥ 3 jets
LO+PS	LO	PS	PS	PS
(LO+j)+PS		LO	PS	PS
MEPS@LO (0-2j)	LO	LO	LO	PS

- **Merging** combines several **FO** samples with different jet multiplicities with **PS**
 - avoids double counting between matrix elements of different multiplicities and the **PS**

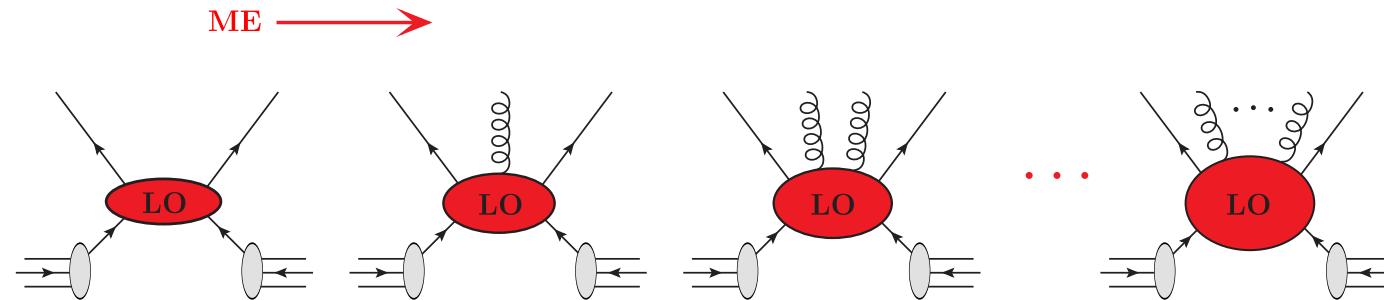
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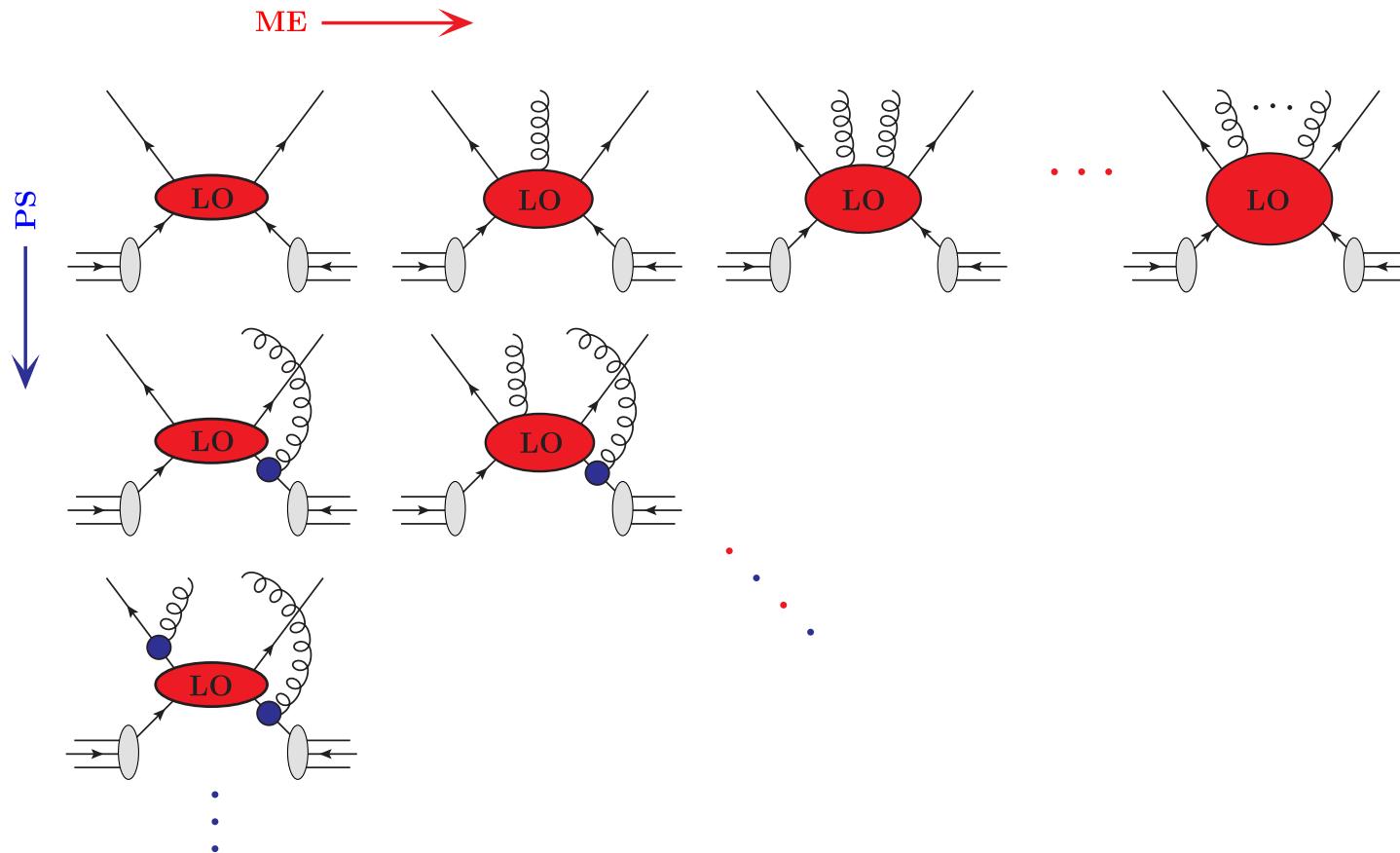
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- In order to replace some **PS** emissions by **FO**
 - Choose a merging scale $p_{T,\text{cut}}$:
 - jets with $p_T > p_{T,\text{cut}}$ → described by **FO**
 - jets with $p_T < p_{T,\text{cut}}$ → left to the shower
 - To know “which **FO** sample owns an event”, we need the full sequence $\{p_{T,i}\}$, not just $p_{T,\text{cut}}$:
 - 1-jet **FO** region: $p_{T,1} > p_{T,\text{cut}}$ and $p_{T,2} < p_{T,\text{cut}}$
 - 2-jet **FO** region: $p_{T,2} > p_{T,\text{cut}}$ and $p_{T,3} < p_{T,\text{cut}}$
 - etc.
 - $\{p_{T,i}\}$ are obtained by clustering **FO** samples
 - They classify the event as a 0-jet, 1-jet, 2-jet, ... ME configuration by counting how many emissions lie above $p_{T,\text{cut}}$

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Merging formula (schematic)

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma^{\text{MEPS}} = & \int d\Phi_n B_n(\Phi_n) \text{PS}_n \Theta(p_{T,\text{cut}} - p_{T,n+1}) \\ & + \int d\Phi_{n+1} B_{n+1}(\Phi_{n+1}) \Theta(p_{T,n+1} - p_{T,\text{cut}}) \Delta_n(p_{T,n+1}, p_{T,n}) \Theta(p_{T,\text{cut}} - p_{T,n+2}) \text{PS}_{n+1} \\ & + \dots \end{aligned}$$

where $\text{PS}_i = [\Delta_i(p_{T,\text{min}}) + K_{\text{PS},i} \Delta_i(p_T) d\Phi_{\text{rad}}]$, $p_{T,n}$... the scale of the hard process

1. Generate $n + 0j$ sample, shower below $p_{T,\text{cut}}$
2. Generate $n + 1j$ sample
 - for each event calculate branching history and keep only those with $p_{T,n+1} > p_{T,\text{cut}} > p_{T,n+2}$
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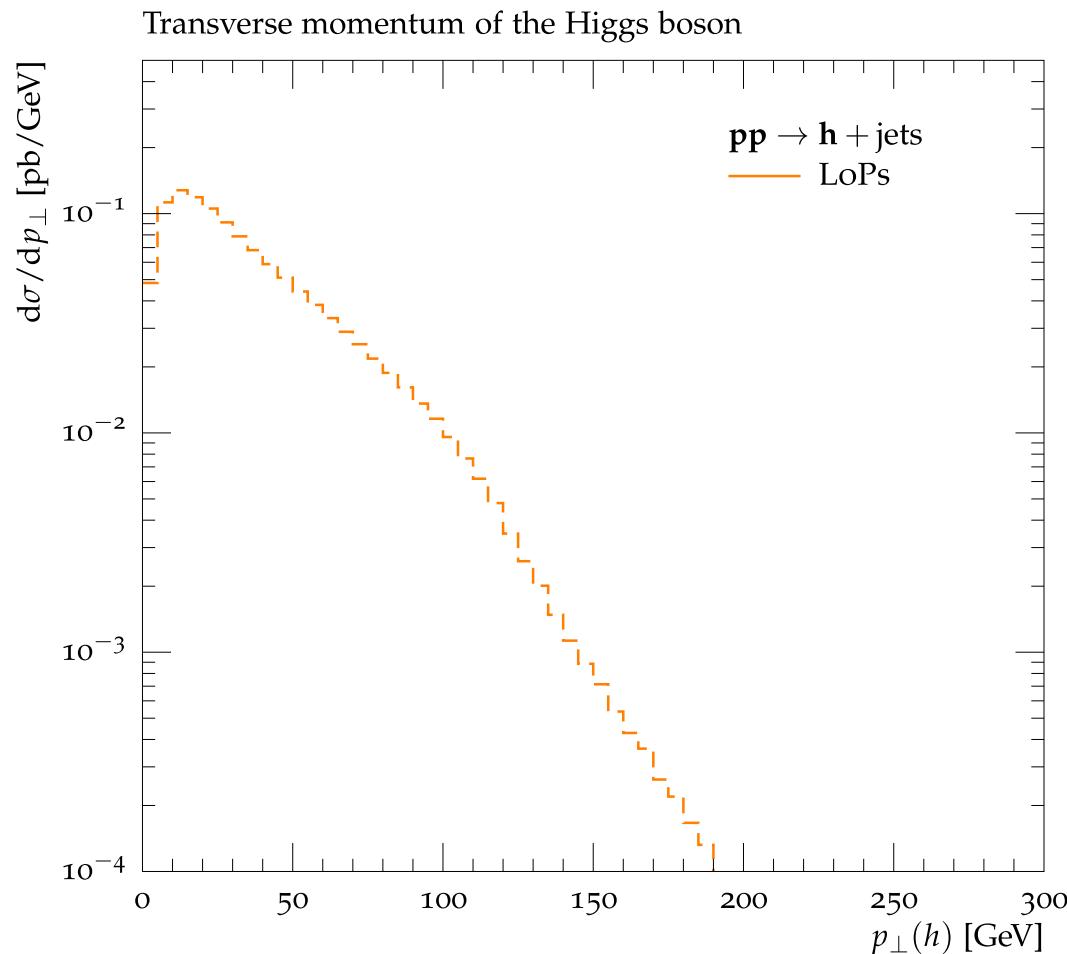
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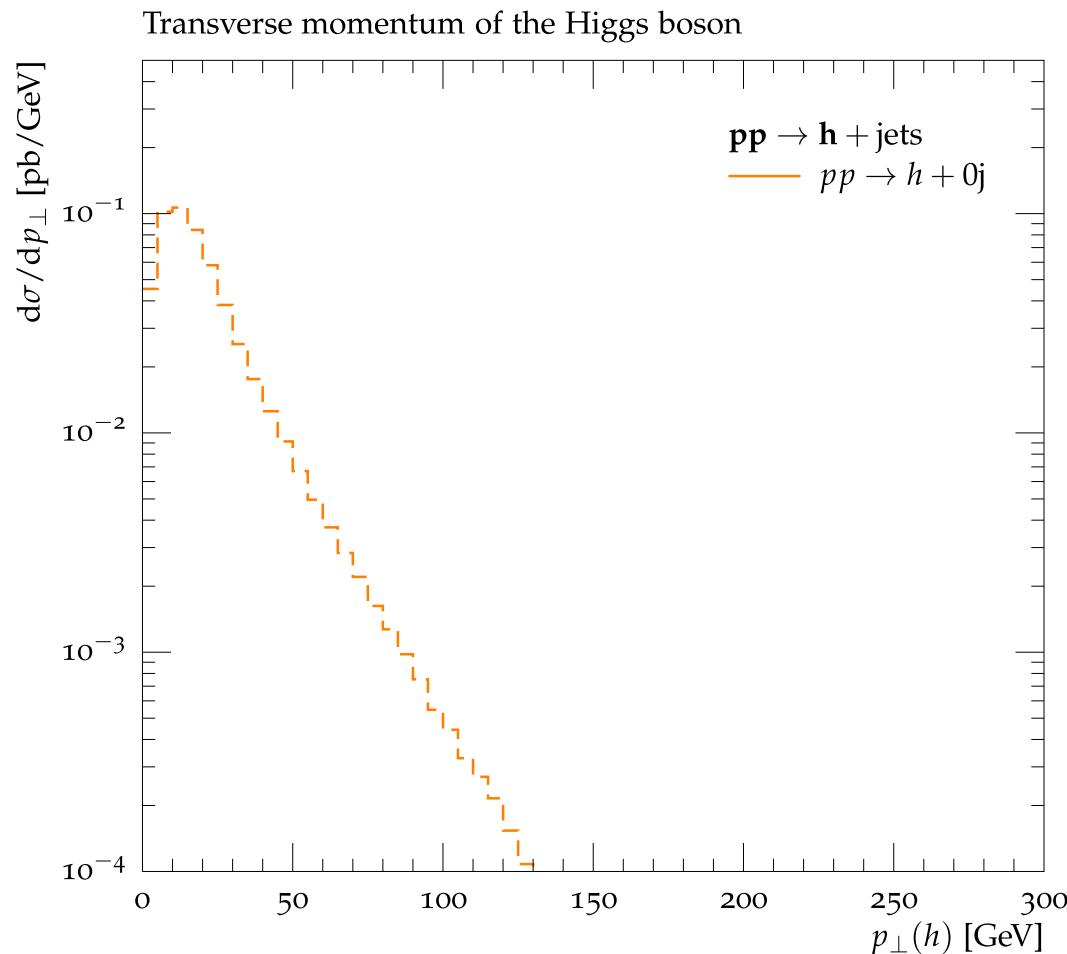
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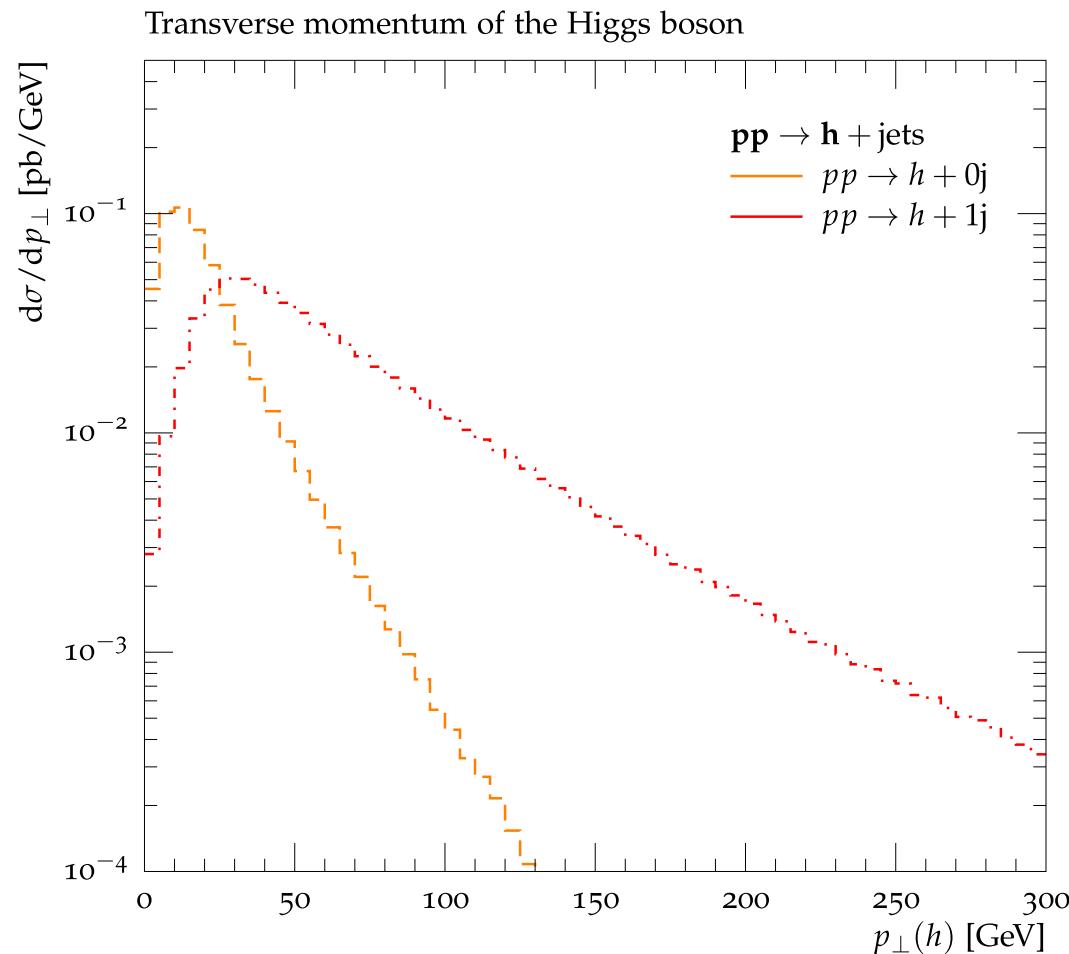
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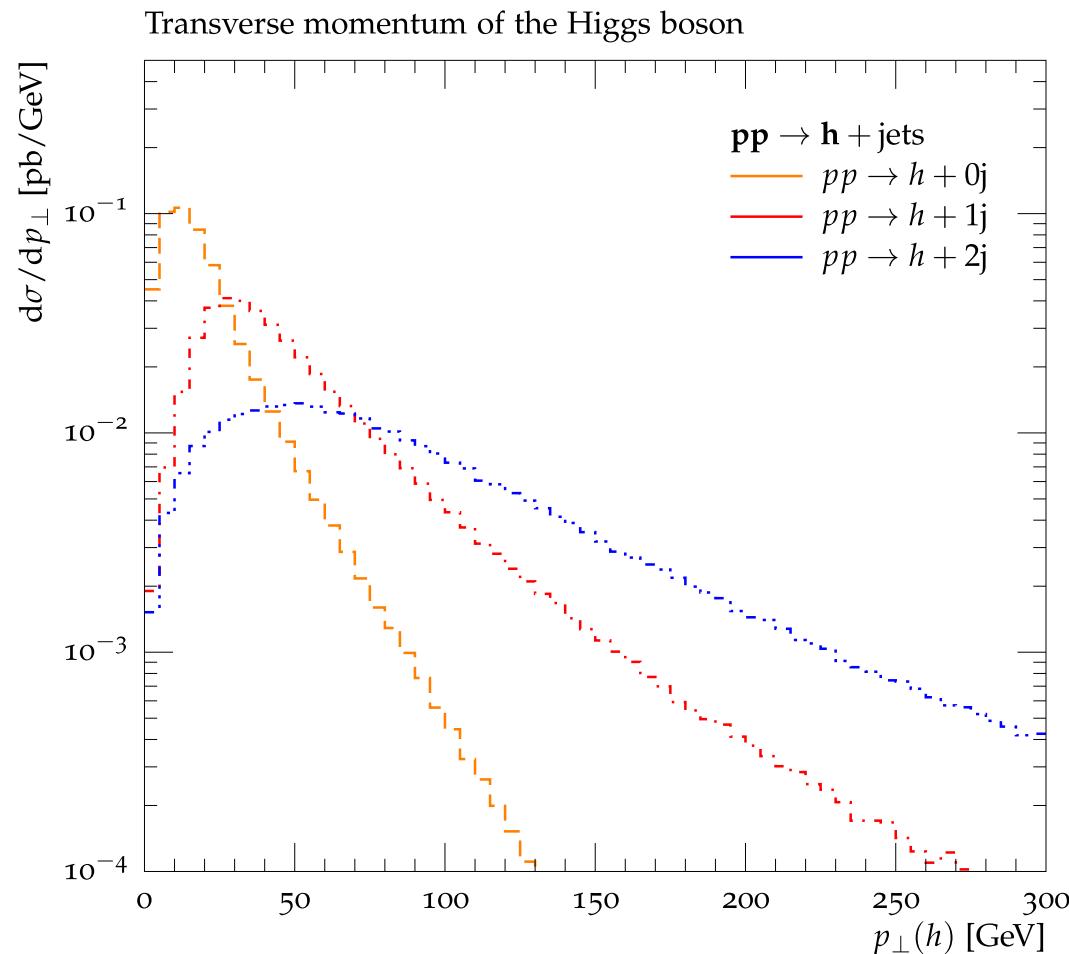
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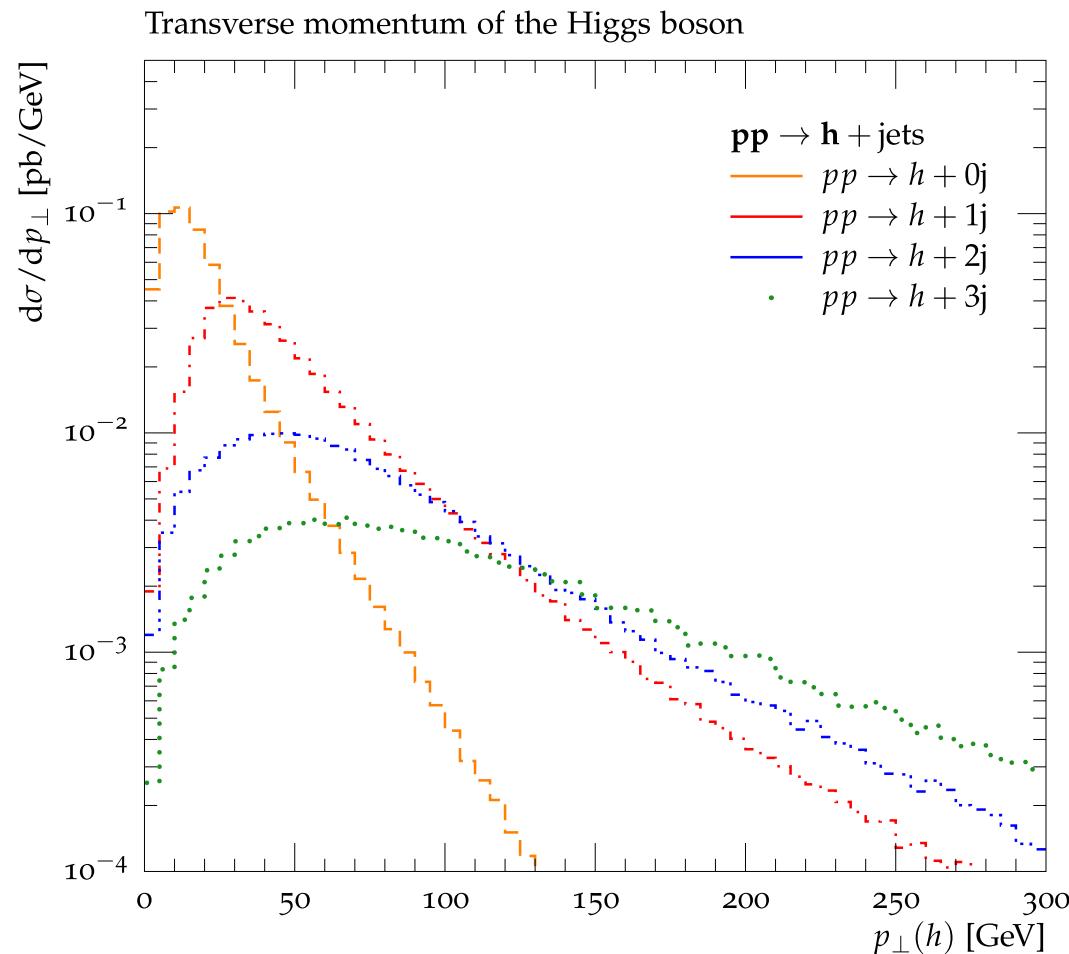
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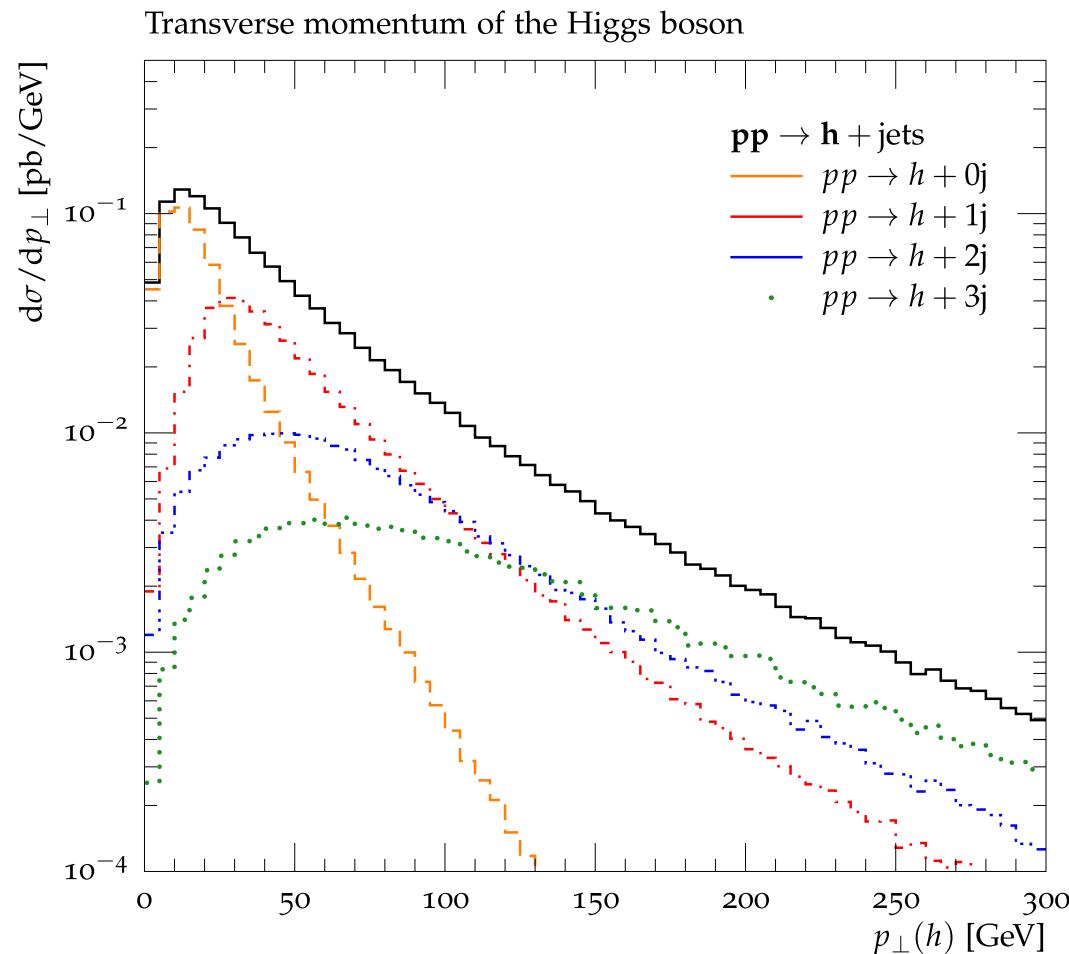
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- MLM [Mangano et al., JHEP 0307 (2003) 001]
- UMEPS [Lönnblad & Prestel, JHEP 1203 (2012) 019]

NLO merging

- MEPS@NLO [Höche et al., JHEP 1304 (2013) 027]
- FxFx [Frederix & Frixione, JHEP 1212 (2012) 061]
- UNLOPS [Lönnblad & Prestel, JHEP 1303 (2013) 166]
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Summary

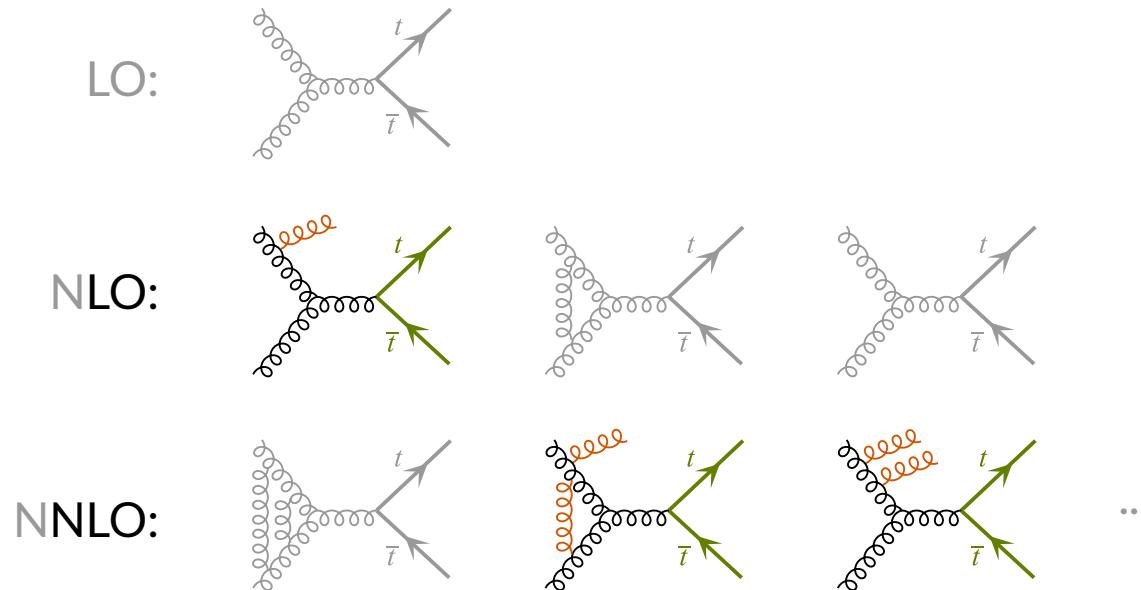
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 - NLO: first real emission → “ ≥ 1 jet” LO, “ ≥ 0 jets” NLO
 - etc.
- Why merging
 - LO+PS gives many jets but only LL accuracy for hard ones
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 - In **FO** sample obtained by clustering and used to (a) count how many jets are above $p_{T,\text{cut}}$ and (b) attach Sudakovs $\Delta(p_{T,i}, p_{T,i-1})$
- Schematic multi-jet merging picture
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Checkpoint

Are there any questions?

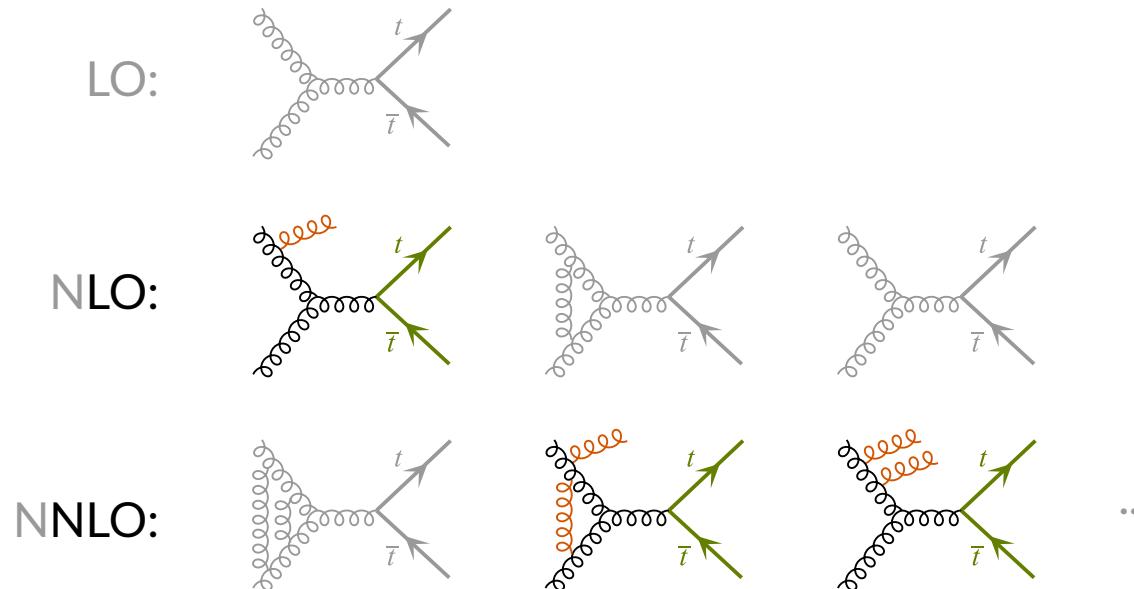
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- Cure: multiply by a Sudakov form factor
 - introduce $\Delta(Q, p_T) \approx \exp(-\alpha\alpha_s \ln^2(Q/p_T))$: probability of no emissions between the hard scale Q and an emission with scale p_T
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Summary

- For “process +1j”, as $p_T \rightarrow 0$ the ME behaves like $B \propto \frac{1}{p_T^2} \rightarrow$ non-integrable divergence
- Multiplying by a Sudakov $\Delta(Q, p_T)$ (no-emission probability) suppresses the small- p_T region: the product $B\Delta$ is integrable and has the correct small- p_T logarithmic structure
 - here the Sudakov argument p_T is the hardest scale in the branching history (from clustering the event)
- This idea supplemented with a process-dependent constant (the B_2 term from p_T resummation) yields a sample in which the inclusive lower-multiplicity is at NLO
 - so there are two multiplicities at the same accuracies with explicit merging
- Foundation for NNLO+PS matching

Backup: MiNLO and the correct log structure

- Fixed order at small p_T
 - For colour-singlet Q ,

$$d \frac{\sigma}{dp_T^2} \sim \sum_n \alpha_s^n \sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} c_{n,k} L^k, \quad L = \ln(Q^2/p_T^2)$$

- As $p_T \rightarrow 0$ ($L \rightarrow \infty$), each order has large terms like $\alpha_s L^2, \alpha_s^2 L^4, \dots \rightarrow$ FO breaks down / diverges
- Resummation: reorganise the series into a Sudakov exponent

$$d \frac{\sigma}{dp_T^2} \sim H(Q) \exp[L g_1(\alpha_s L) + g_2(\alpha_s L) + \alpha_s g_3(\alpha_s L) + \dots]$$

- $g_1 = \text{LL terms}, g_2 = \text{NLL}, \text{etc.}$
- The Sudakov $\Delta(Q, p_T)$ suppresses the cross section as $p_T \rightarrow 0$ and makes the integral finite
- “Correct log structure”
 - If we expand $\Delta(Q, p_T)$ used in MiNLO/MiNLO’, the coefficients of $\alpha_s^n L^{\{2n\}}, \alpha_s^n L^{\{2n-1\}}, \dots$ match the known LL/NLL (...) coefficients for the underlying process
 - So “Correct log structure” in the 0-jet region means:
 - finite as $p_T \rightarrow 0$, and
 - the same Sudakov suppression pattern as in the standard p_T resummation