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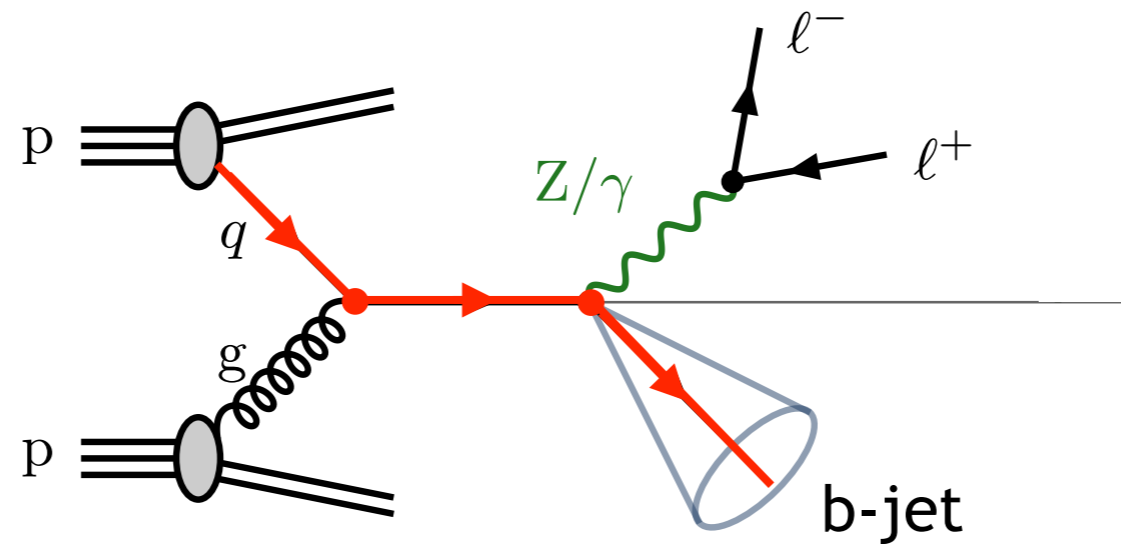
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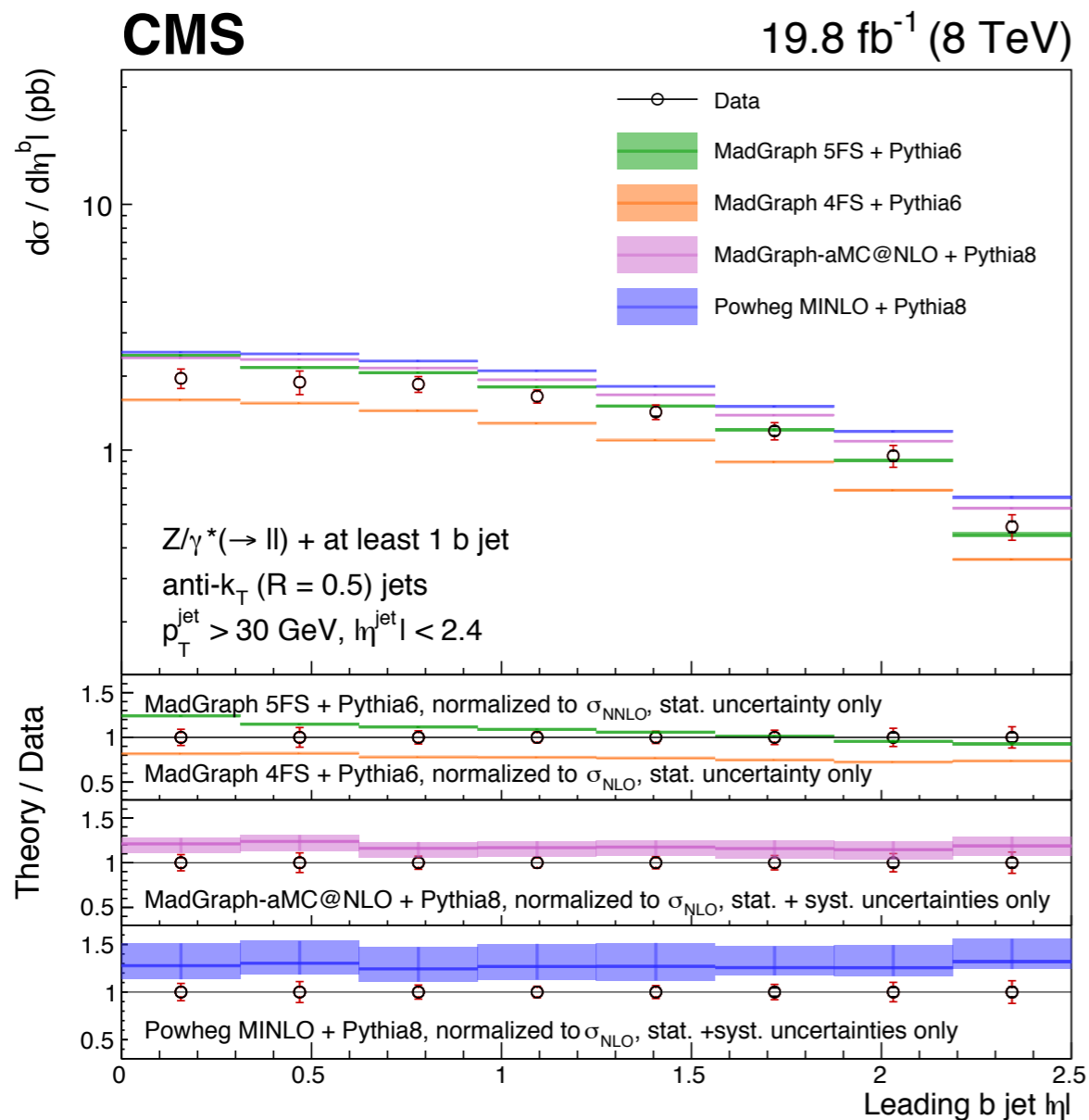


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PRL 125 (2020) 22, 222002

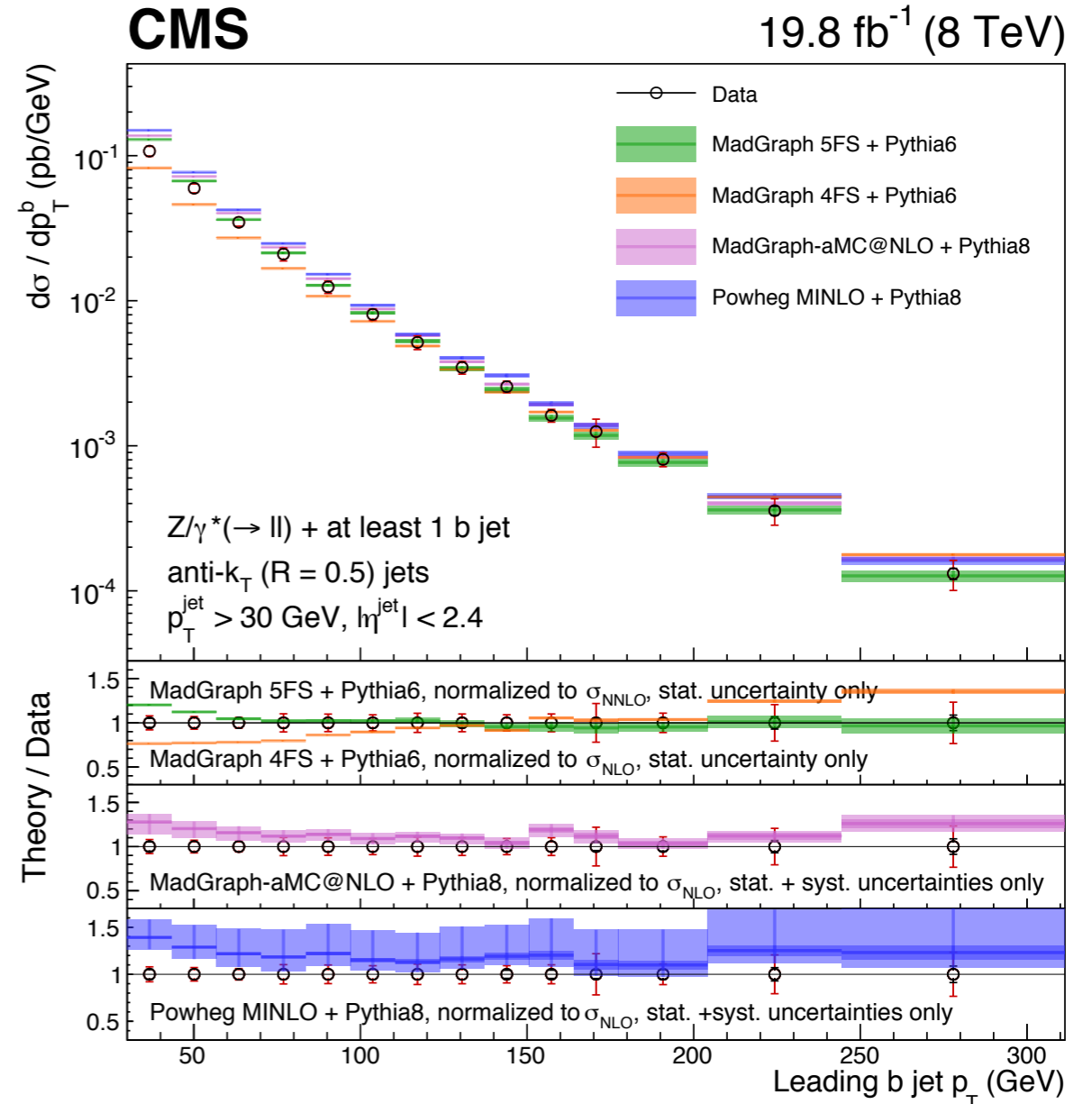
Physics relevance/potential:

- (i) Study of processes involving flavoured jets (test theory framework)
- (ii) Backgrounds for Higgs measurements, direct searches (Dark Matter)
- (iii) Probing the flavour content of the proton

Theory motivation



η_b



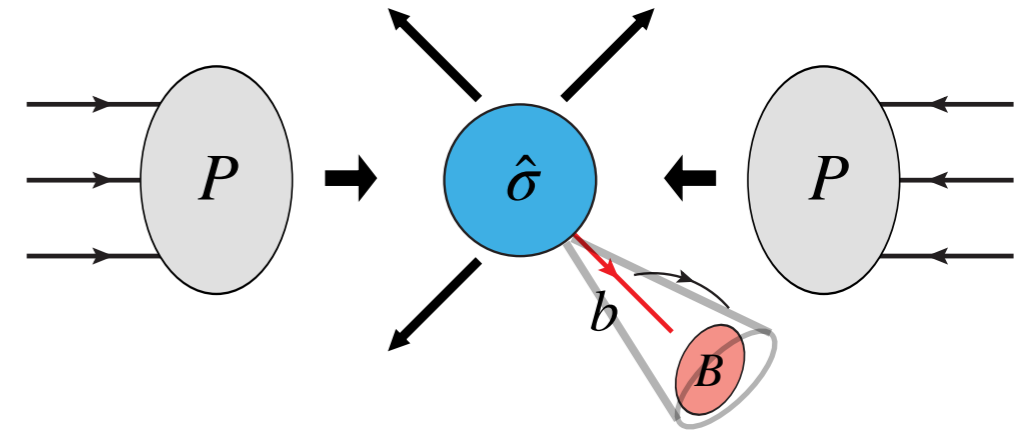
$p_{T,b}$

CMS Run I (8 TeV) measurement of $pp \rightarrow Z + b - \text{jet}(s)$ <https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.06507>
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Overview of this talk

Anatomy of heavy-flavour processes

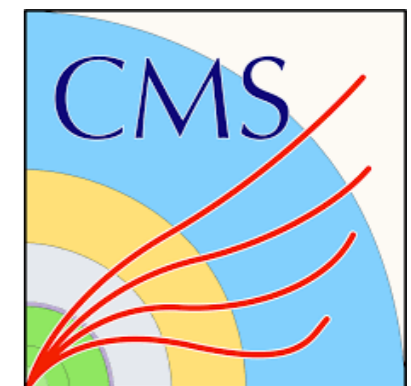
- ▶ General structure of computation
- ▶ The b-quark PDF



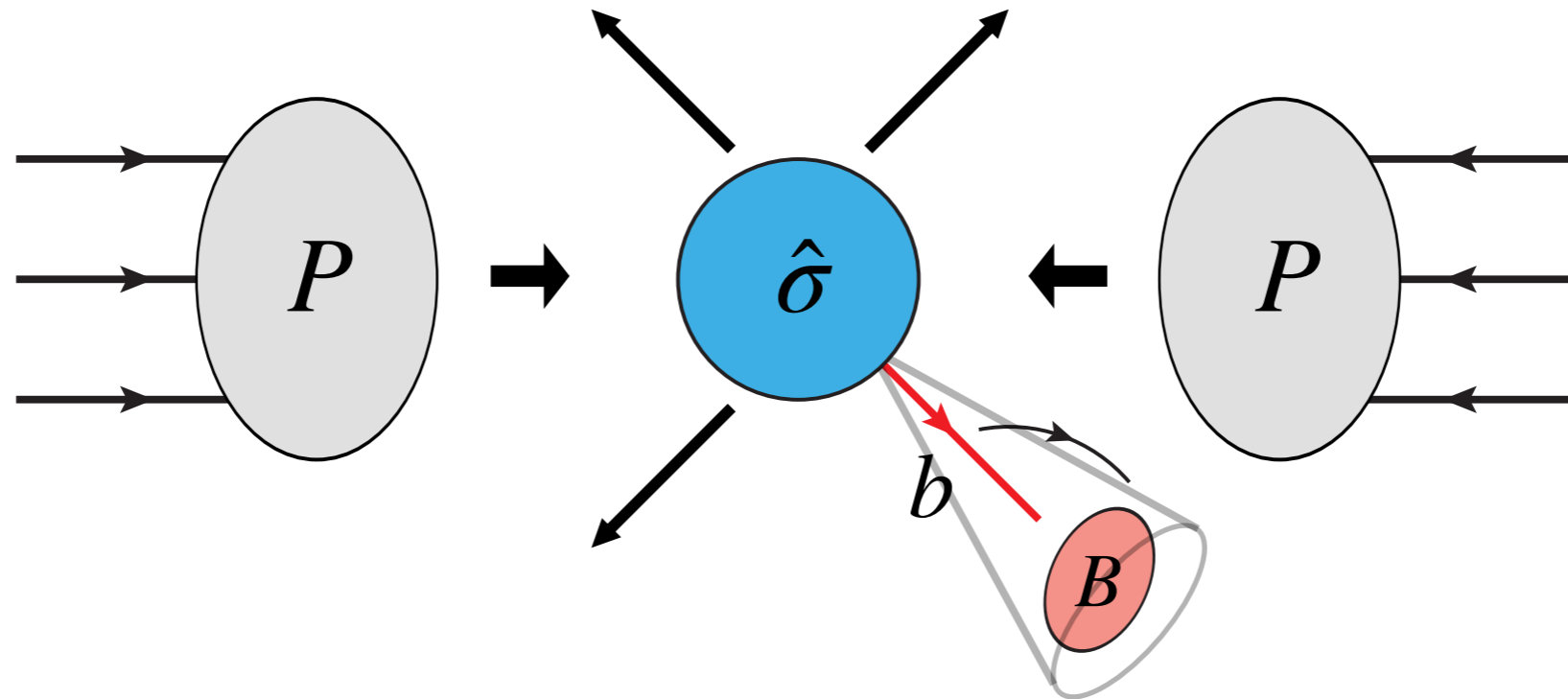
Flavoured jets & perturbative computations

- ▶ A flavoured jet algorithm
- ▶ NNLO QCD predictions (with m_b effects)

Comparison to CMS data, and conclusions



Anatomy of heavy-flavour processes



Factorisation theorem

$$d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow X} = \sum_{i,j} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \hat{X}}(\hat{s}, \dots) T(\hat{X} \rightarrow X)$$

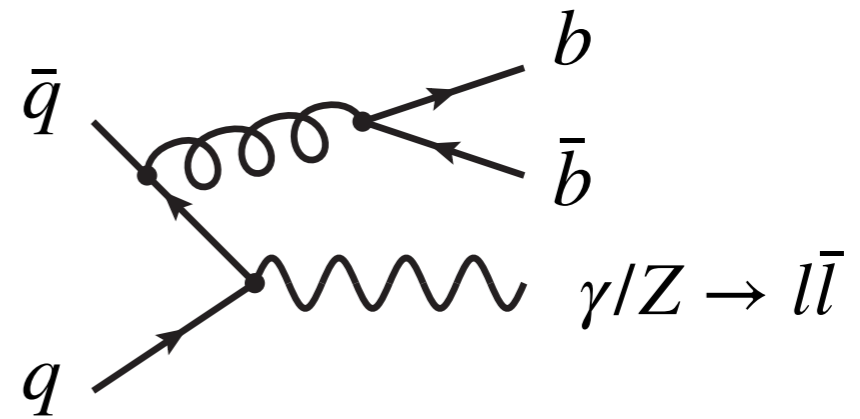
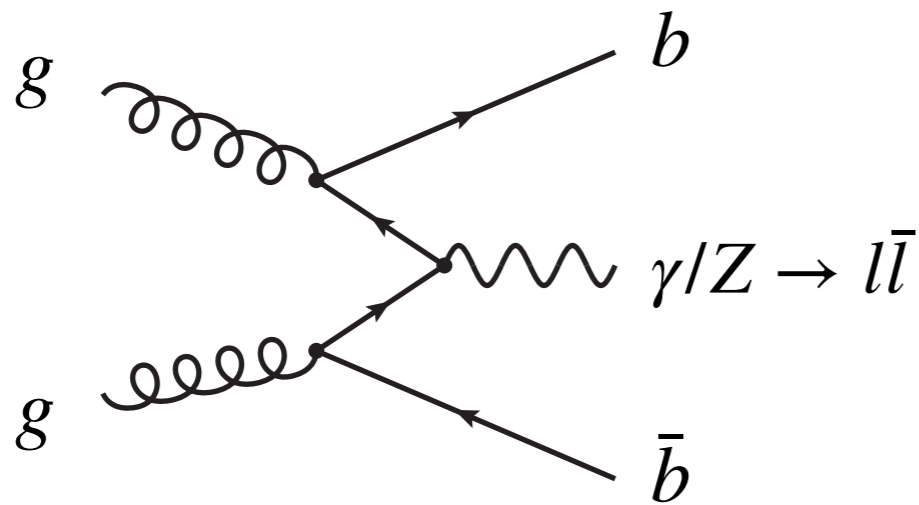
Partonic cross-section

$$d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \hat{X}} = d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \hat{X}}^{\text{LO}} + \alpha_s d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \hat{X}}^{\text{NLO}} + \alpha_s^2 d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \hat{X}}^{\text{NNLO}} + \dots$$

At fixed-order, define parton-level jets [corrected with $T(\hat{X} \rightarrow X)$]

$$pp \rightarrow Z + b - \text{jet} + \dots$$

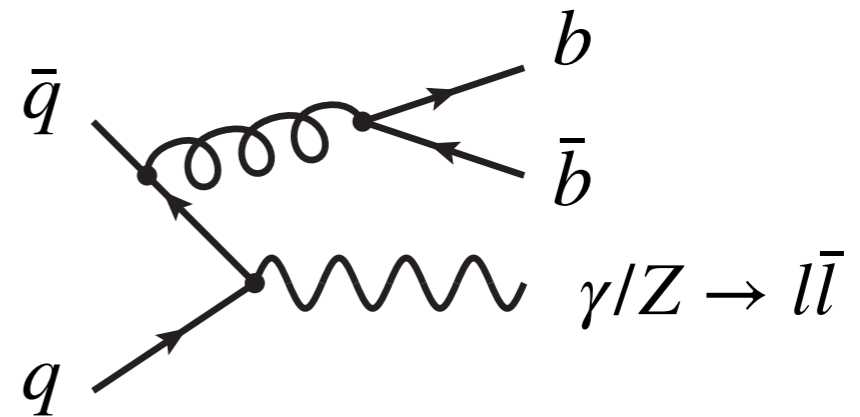
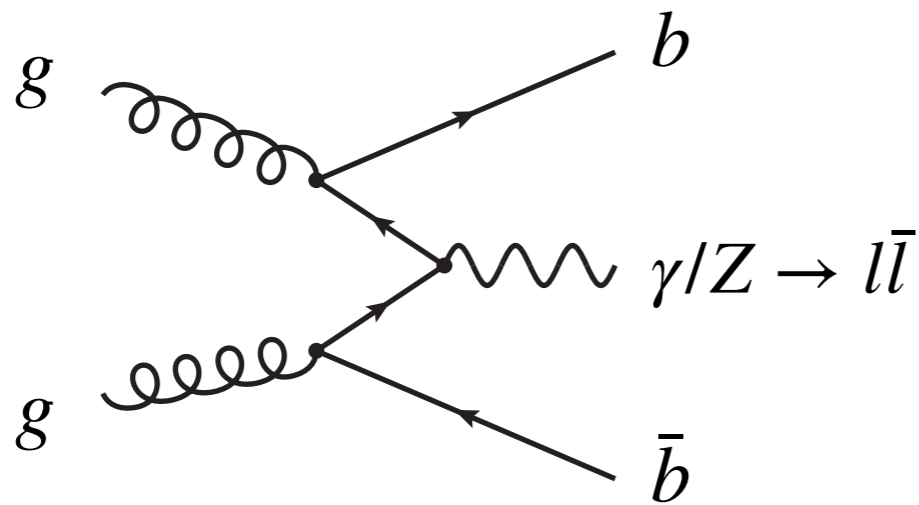
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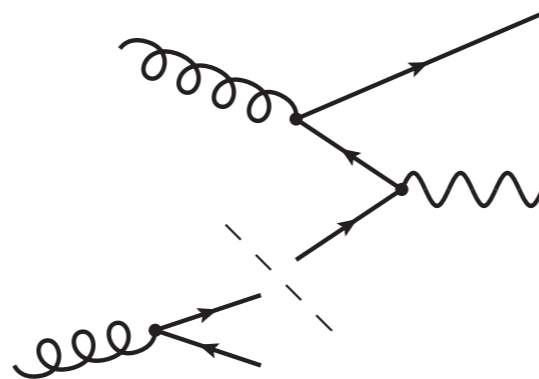
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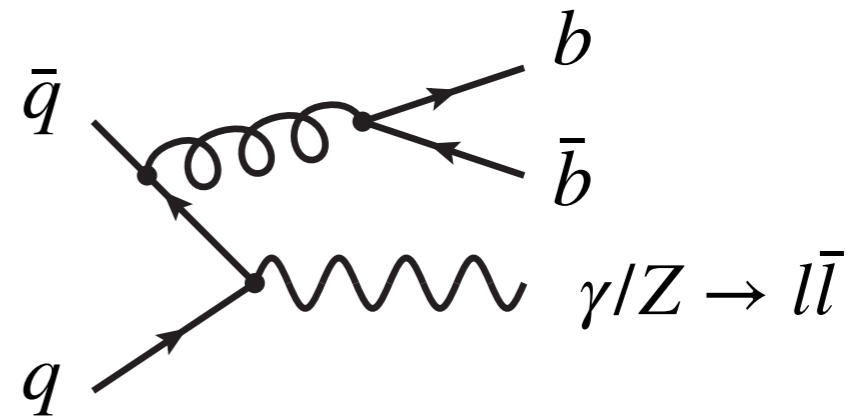
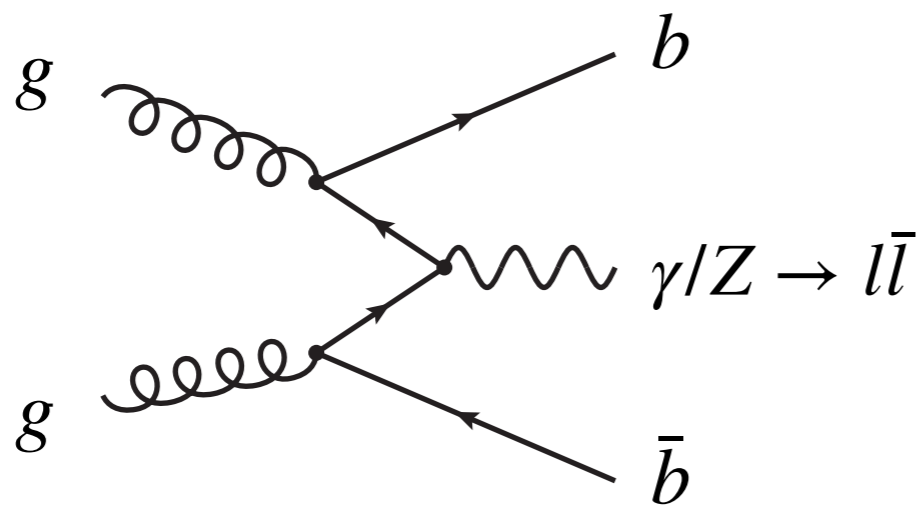
Massless component
 $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 n_f)$ in 5fs



$\mathcal{O}(m_b^2)$ effects
exact kinematics

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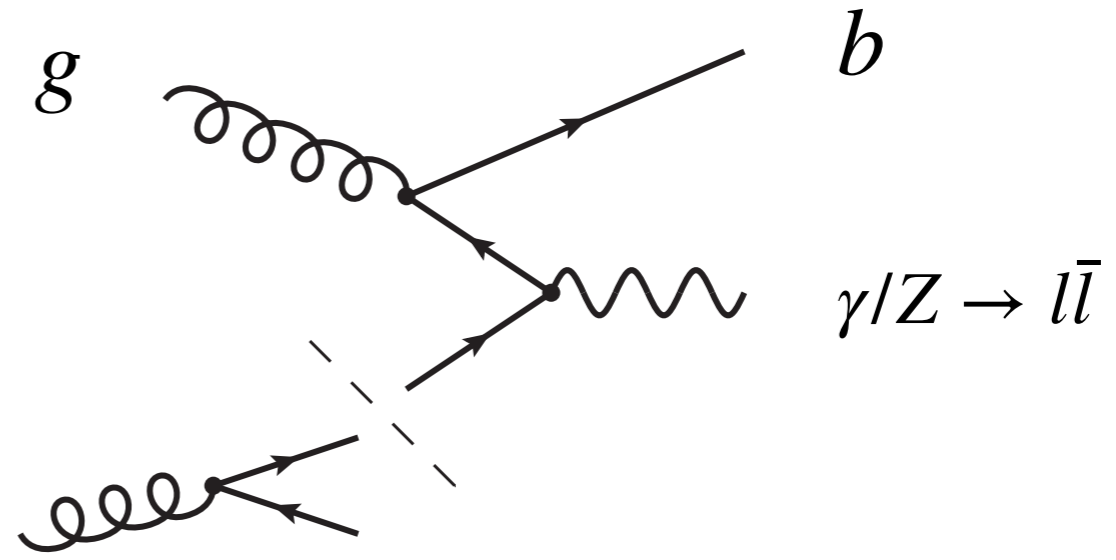
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	100%	-32%	135%	-3%

The b-quark PDF

Clearly, we wish to understand the logarithmic part (it is the largest)

$$d\sigma^{\ln[m_b]} \sim$$

$$(g \rightarrow b)_{||}$$

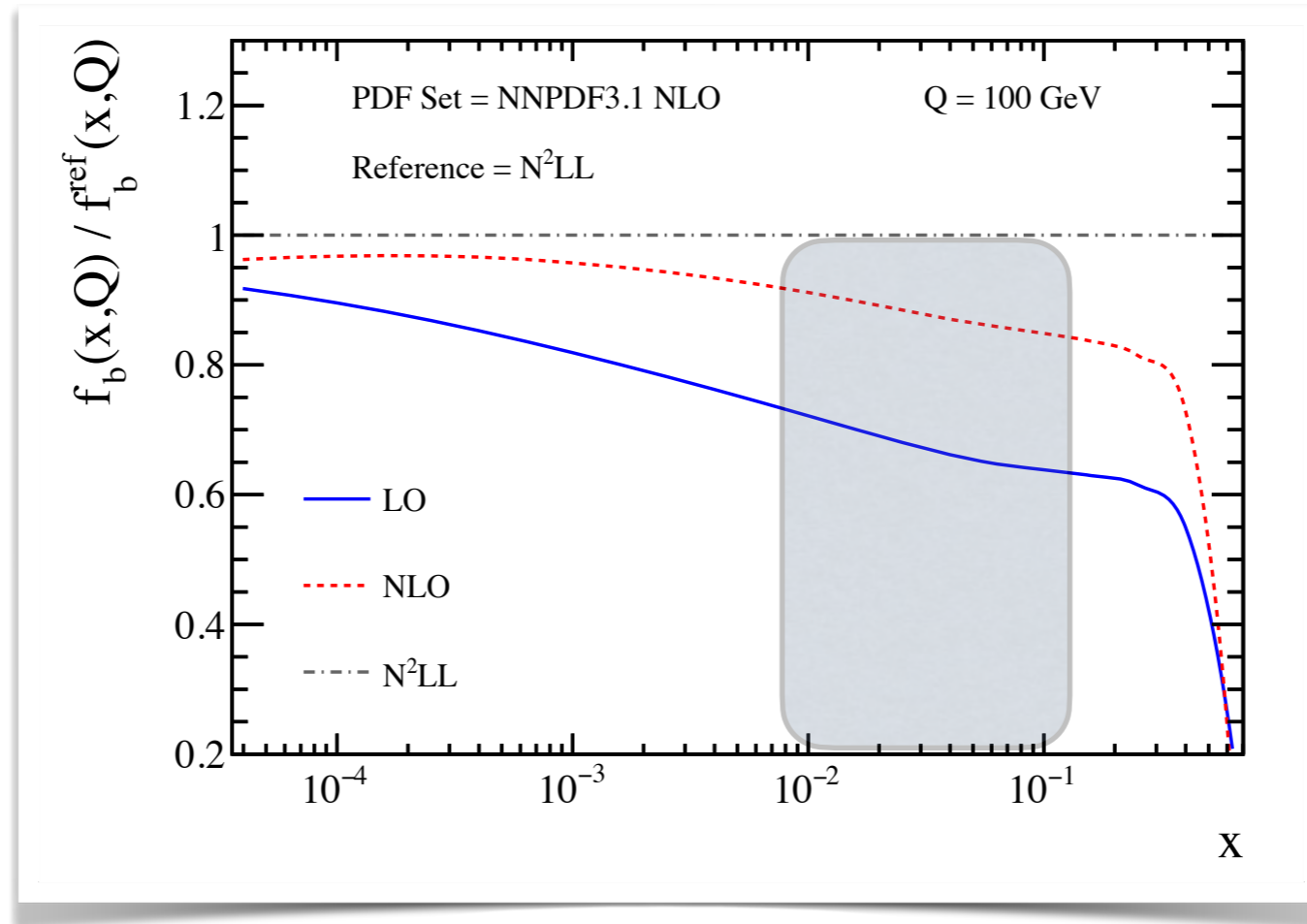


$$d\sigma^{\ln[m_b]} \sim f_g(x_1, \mu_F^2) \otimes f_b^{(1)}(x_2, \mu_F^2) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}_{bg \rightarrow Zb}^{m_b=0}$$

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Actually, we know it well (use the renormalisation group, “PDF evolution”)



I am showing fixed-order pdf versus a resummed one (PDF evolution)

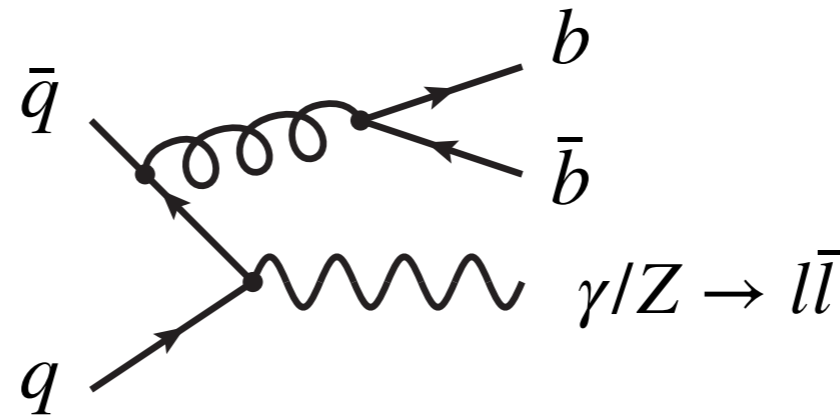
$$\alpha_s^m \ln^n[\mu_F^2/m_b^2], \quad m \geq n$$

$$\text{Note! } \alpha_s \ln[m_Z^2/m_b^2] \approx 0.7$$

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What happens if we apply anti- k_T alg. as in an experimental set-up

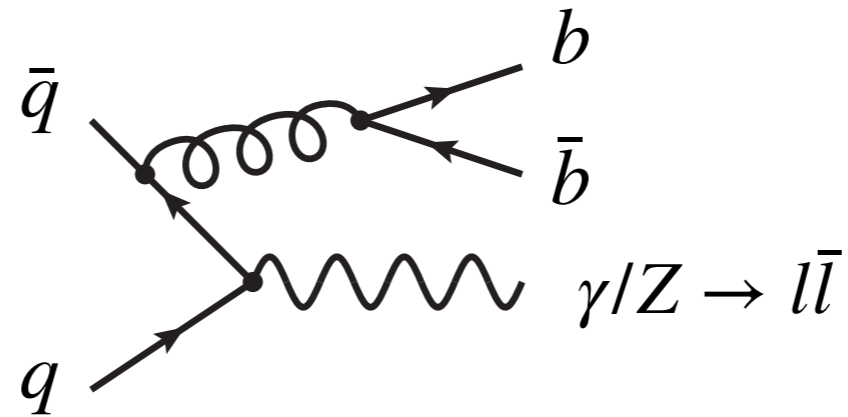
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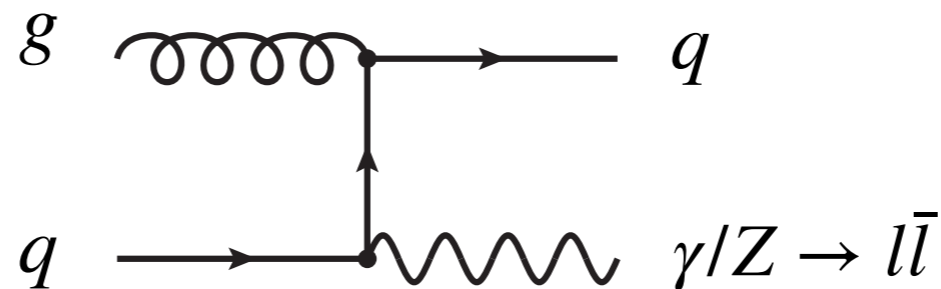
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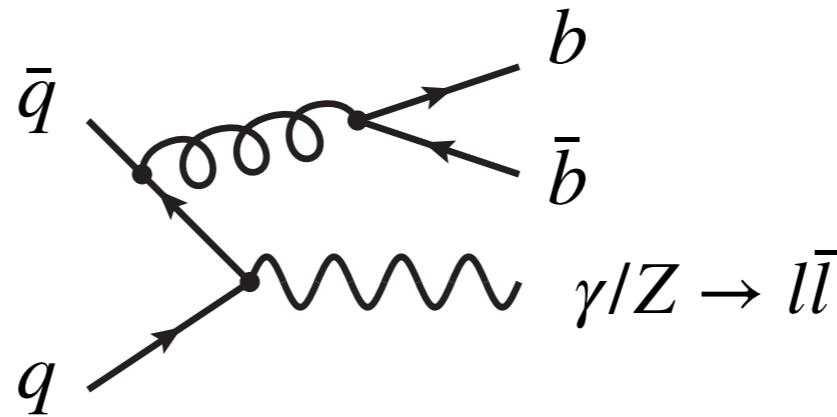
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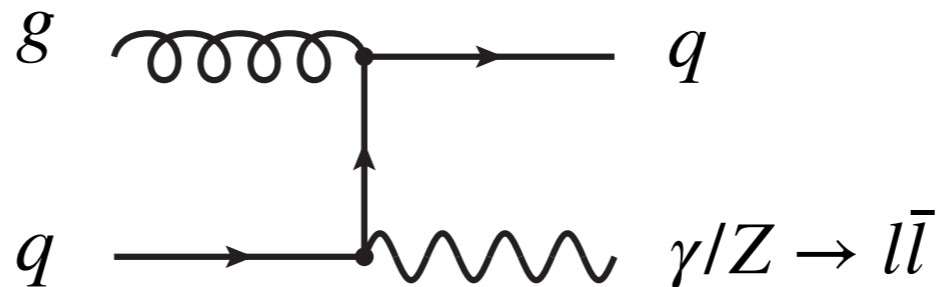
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Massless(5fs): infinite

Massive(4fs): finite, but contains large corrections like

$$C \propto \alpha_s \ln[Q^2/m_b^2]$$

$$S \propto \alpha_s^2 \ln^2[Q^2/m_b^2]$$

The flavour- k_T algorithm

We want to use resummed b-pdf, and avoid large “C, S” corrections

Theoretical Physics | Published: 19 May 2006

Infrared-safe definition of jet flavour

[A. Banfi](#) , [G.P. Salam](#) & [G. Zanderighi](#)

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(1) Quantum flavour assignment:

$$b = +1, \bar{b} = -1$$

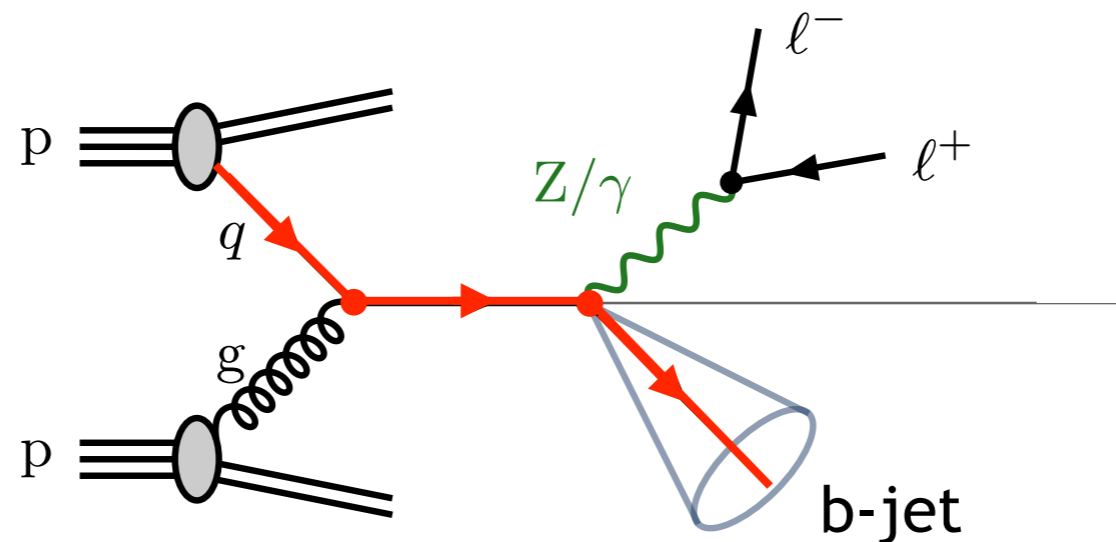
(2) Flavour specific clustering

$$d_{ij} = \frac{\Delta y_{ij}^2 + \Delta \phi_{ij}^2}{R^2} \begin{cases} \max(k_{ti}, k_{tj})^\alpha \min(k_{ti}, k_{tj})^{2-\alpha} & \text{softer of } i, j \text{ is flavoured,} \\ \min(k_{ti}, k_{tj})^\alpha & \text{softer of } i, j \text{ is unflavoured.} \end{cases}$$

Note! anti- k_T clustering not well suited (preference of soft-hard clustering)

The massless calculation

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At LO: 4 distinct channels, $d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}^{\text{LO}} \sim \int d\phi_{\hat{X}} |M_{ij \rightarrow \hat{X}}|^2$

A small Feynman diagram showing a b quark and a gluon interacting at a vertex to produce a Z boson and a b quark.

At NNLO: 1000 distinct channels (amplitudes also become complicated)

Use a “flavoured dressed” version of the computation of $Z + 1j$ @ NNLO

Gehrmann-De Ridder et al., <https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.02850>

PRL 117, 022001 (2016)

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Theory collaboration between CERN, Durham, Lisbon, Nikhef, Zurich

A (parton level) Monte Carlo generator, antenna subtraction formalism
(Gehrmann et al. 2005-2013)

My collaborators for this work, i.e. $pp \rightarrow Z + b - \text{jet}$, *PRL* 125 (2020) 22, 222002



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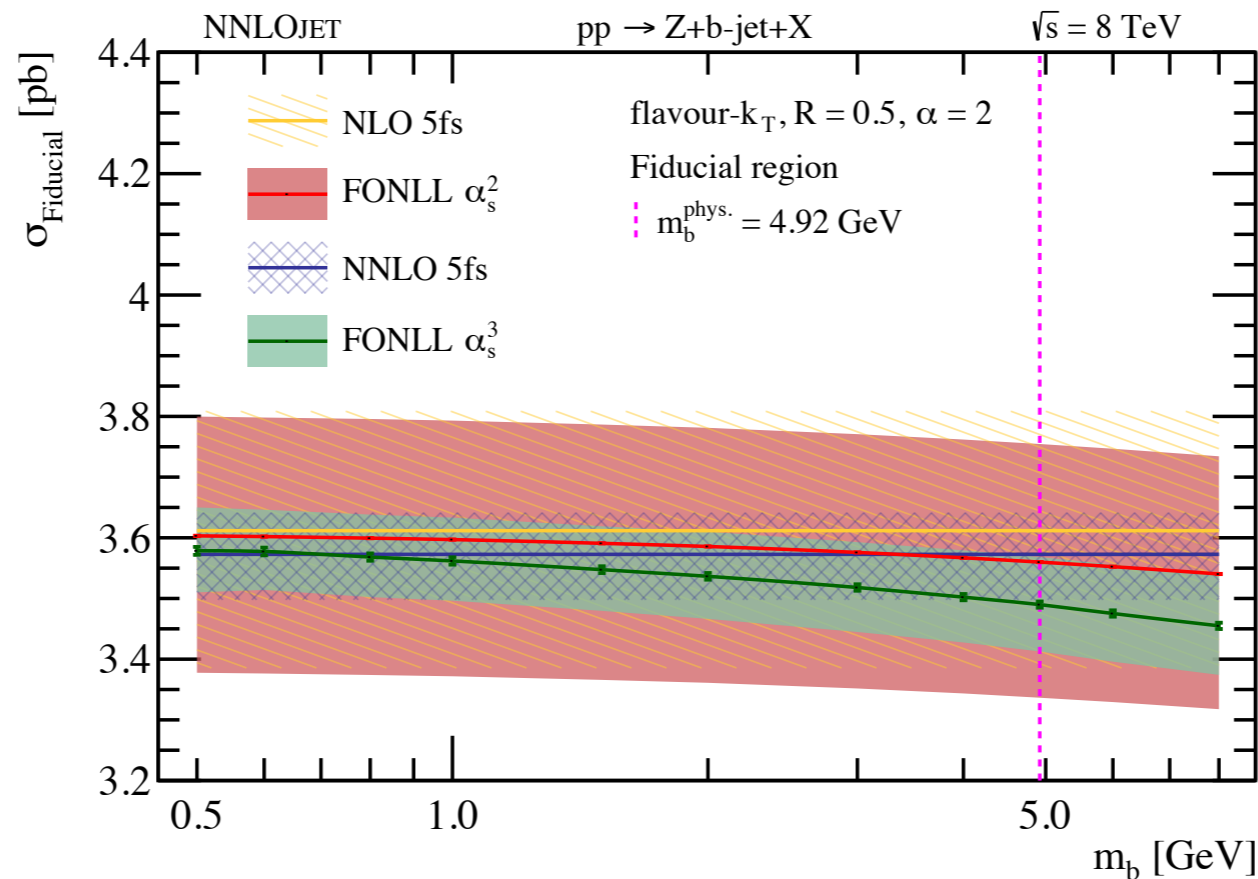


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Including mass corrections

Construct a massive variable flavour number scheme (M-VFNS)

$$d\sigma^{\text{M-VFNS}} = d\sigma^{5fs} + \left(d\sigma^{4fs} - d\sigma^{4fs}_{m_b \rightarrow 0} \right)$$



$$d\sigma^{4fs} = d\sigma^{m_b=0} + d\sigma^{\ln[m_b]} + \left(d\sigma^{m_b} \right) \approx -3\%$$

aMC@NLO

dedicated computation

*M-VFNS = FONLL

Comparison to CMS data

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Theory: parton-level flavour- k_T jets

Unfold data with RooUnfold

This includes:

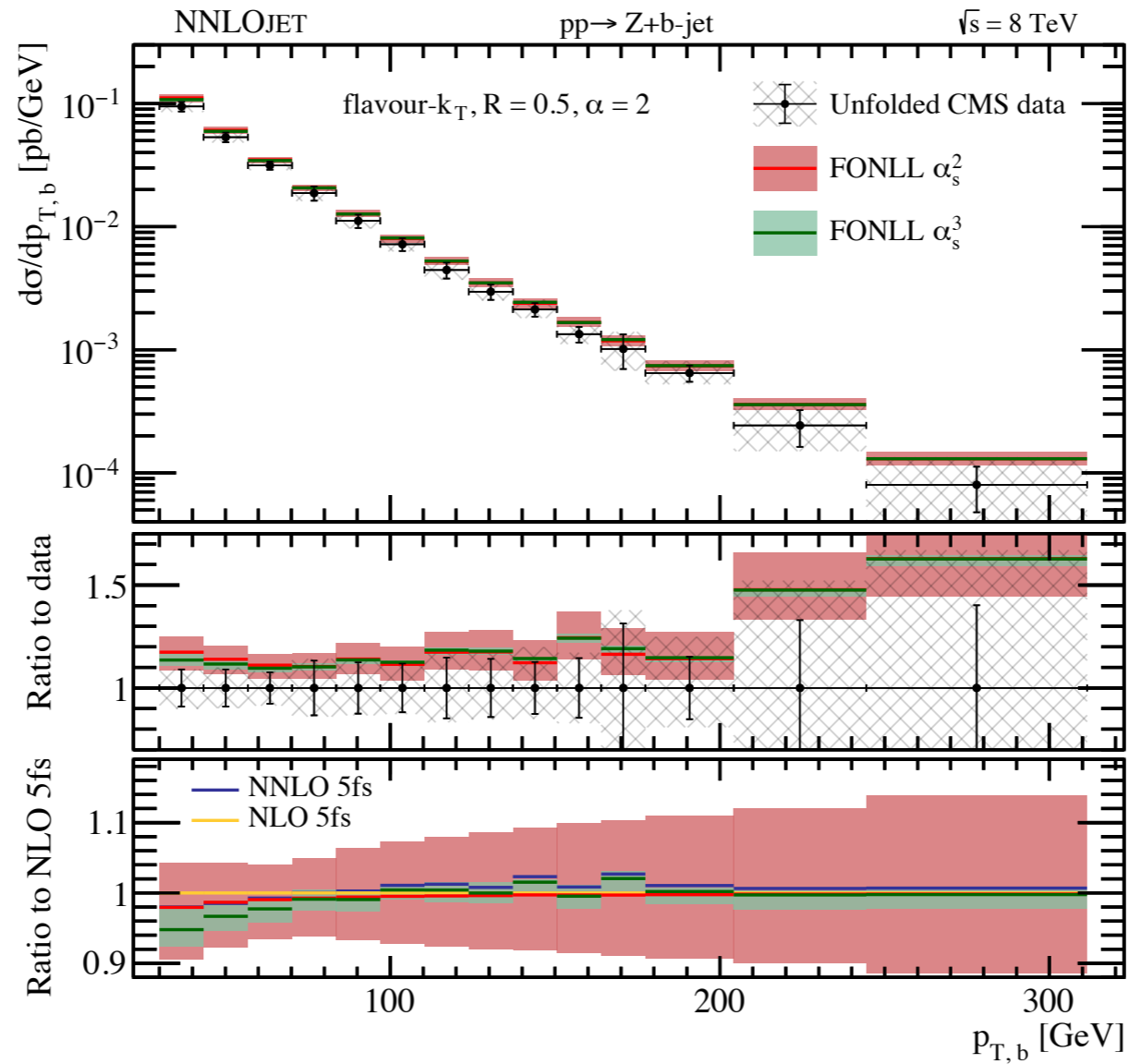
$$T(\hat{X} \rightarrow X)$$

Data: hadron-level anti- k_T jets

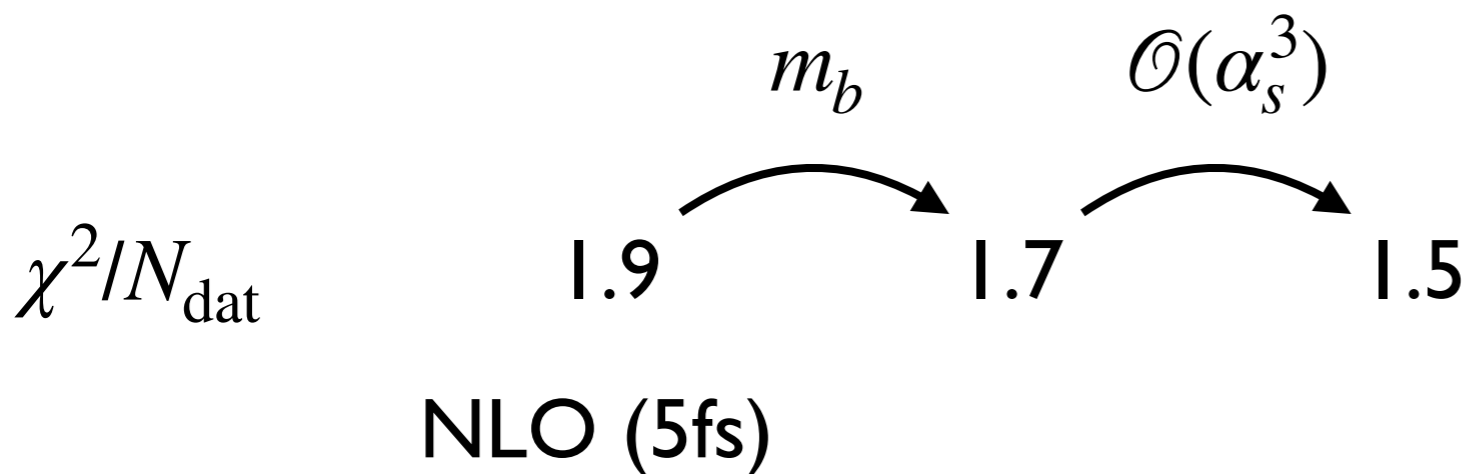
Model: NLO+PS, aMC@NLO+Pythia8

Main effect: to remove 'double-tagged' jets. i.e. a pseudo-collinear $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

Comparison to CMS data

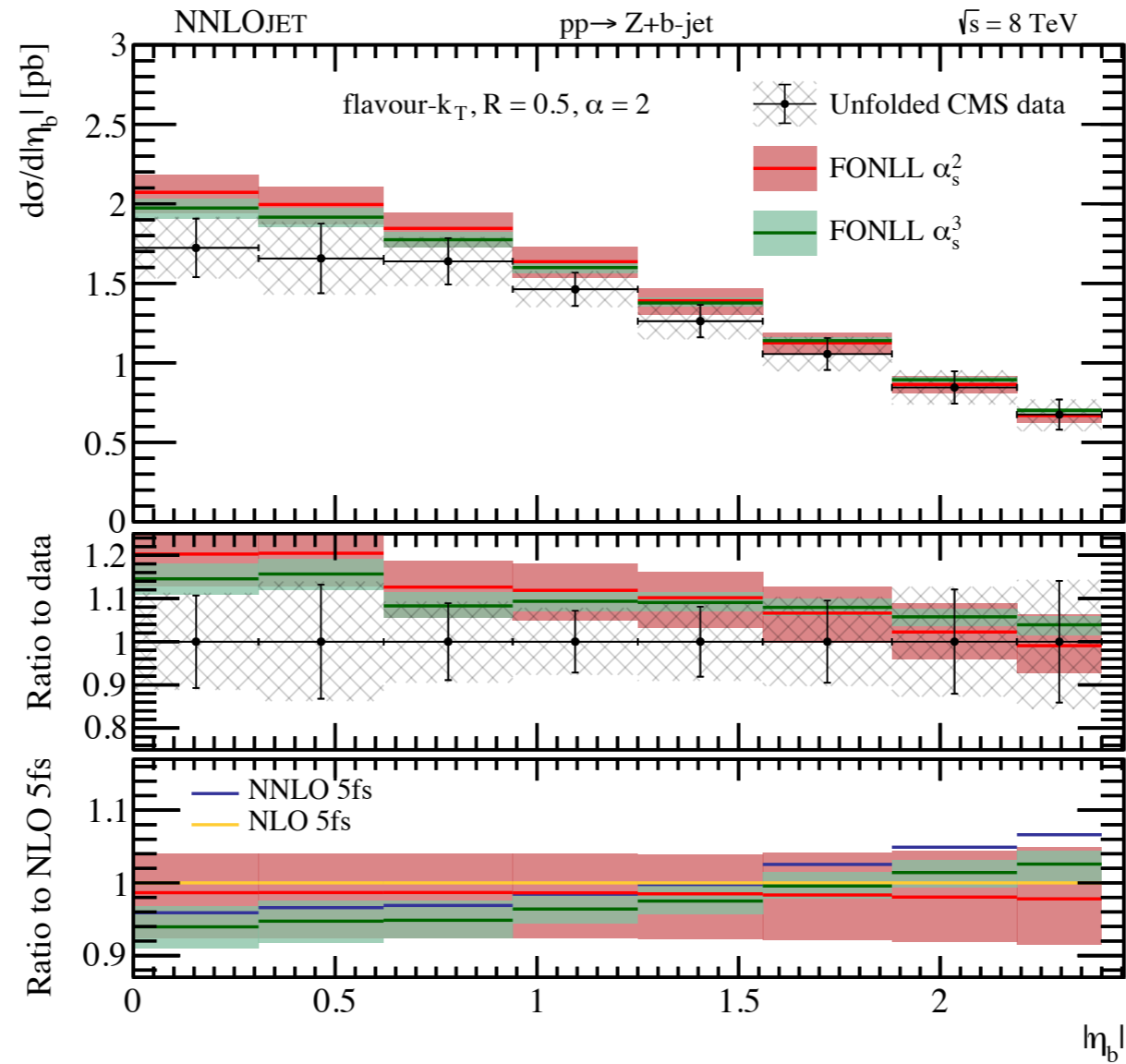


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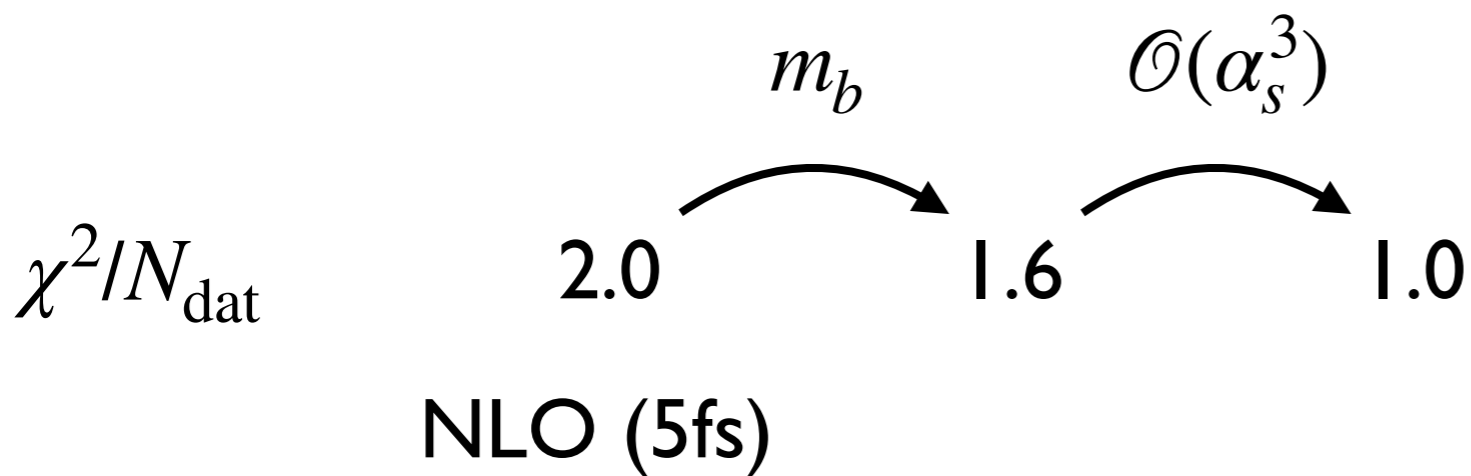


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η_b



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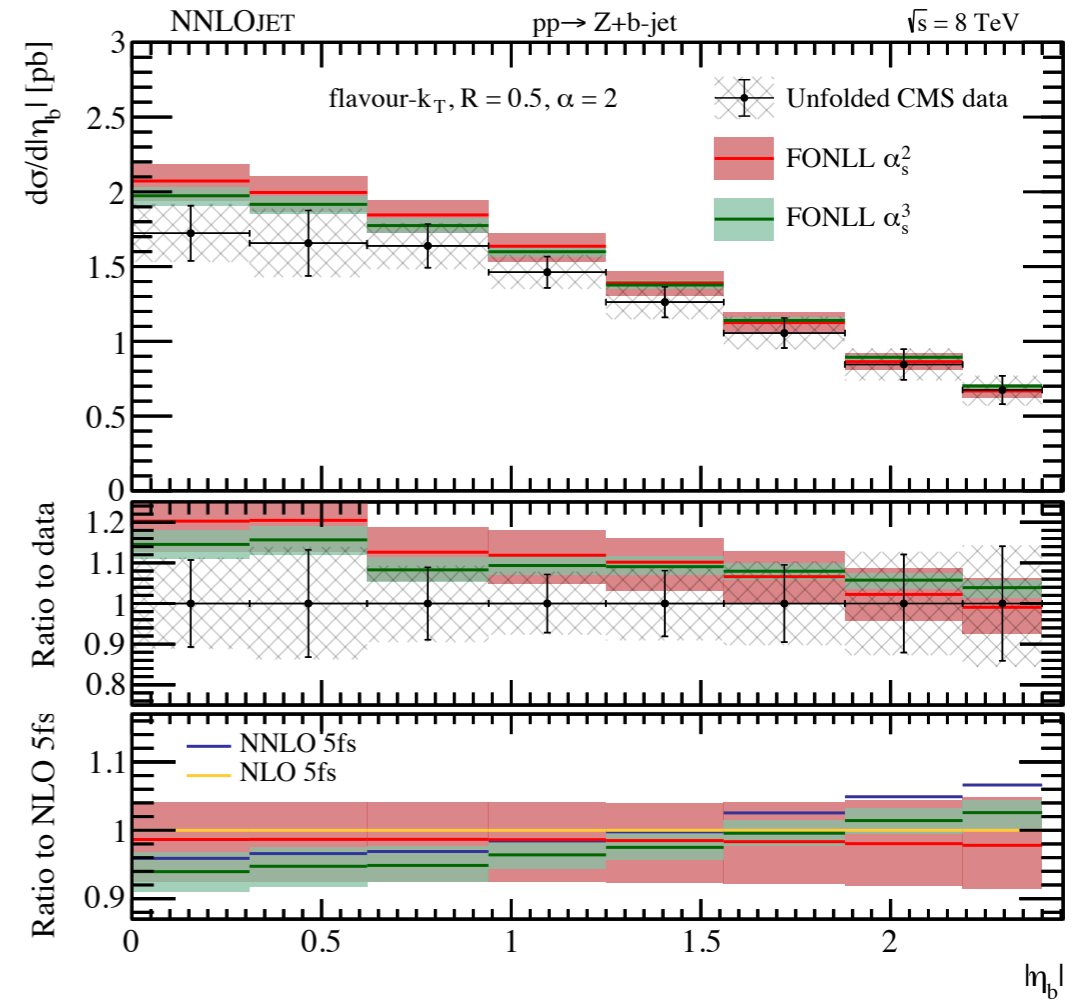
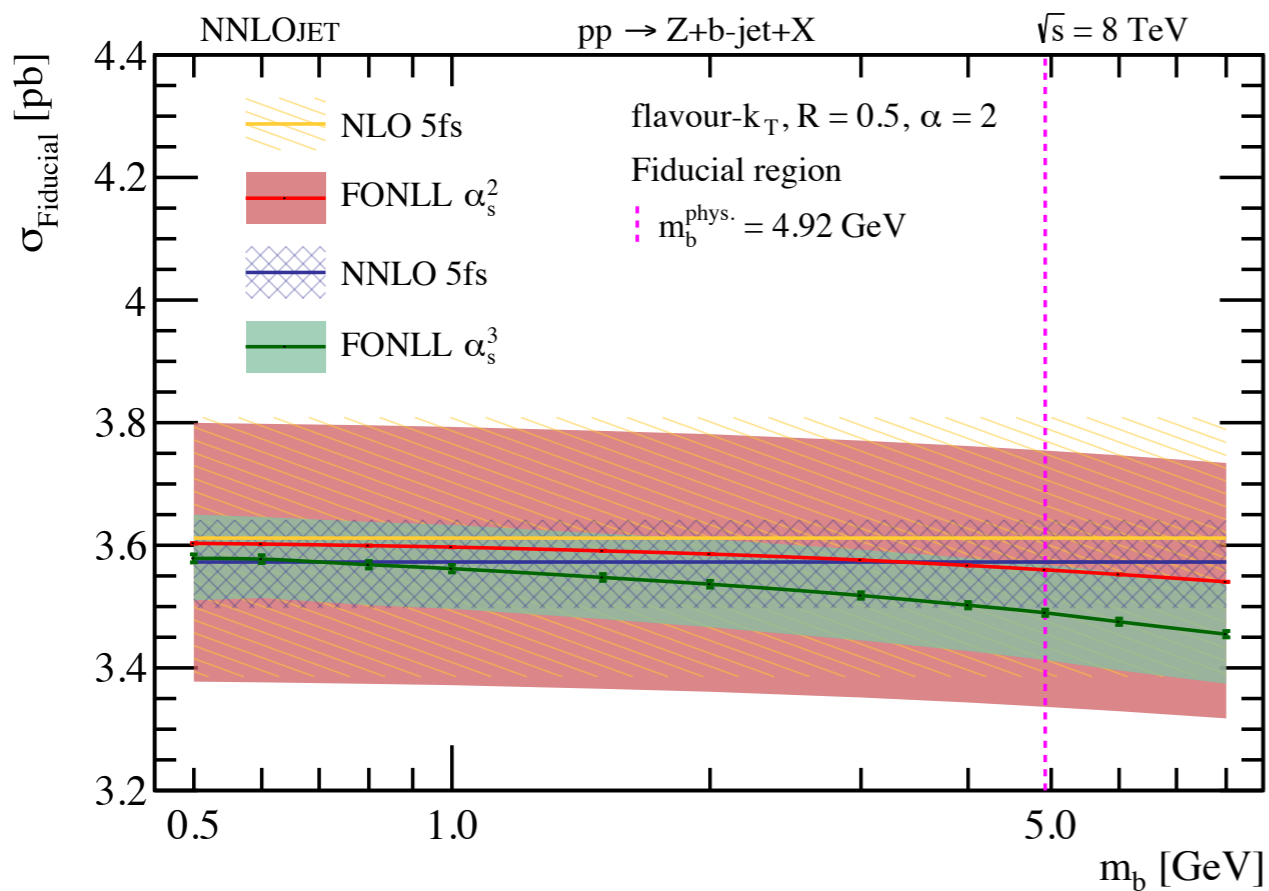
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Future applications:

- ▶ Precise signal \leftrightarrow control region corrections (searches, etc.)
- ▶ Scaling of MC (reduce theory uncertainty of backgrounds)
- ▶ Ideally, direct comparison to data (PDF analyses etc.)
- ▶ Interface to Parton Shower



Much obliged! Questions?

Whiteboard

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Size of unfolding correction

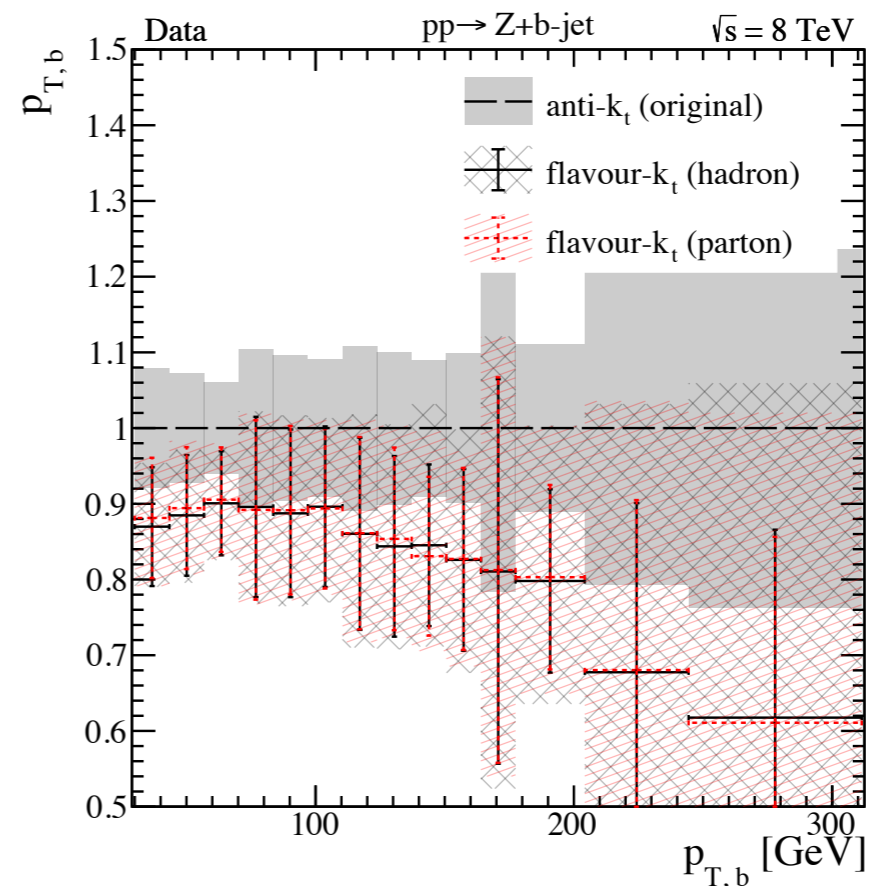
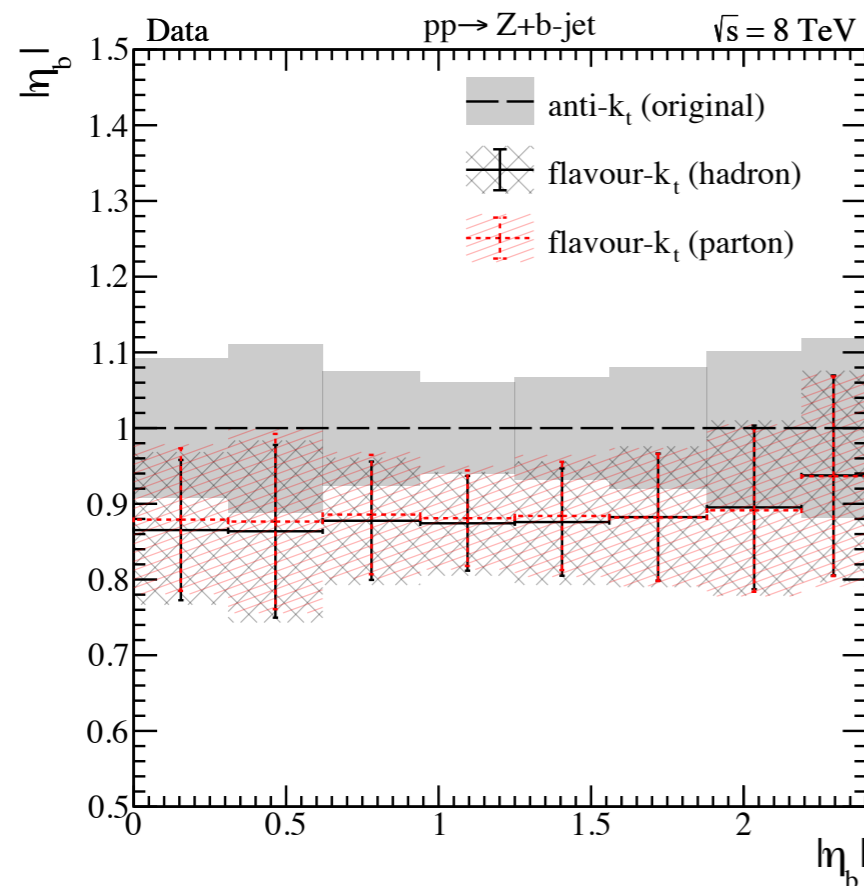
How to account for theory-experiment mismatch?

Use an NLO + Parton Shower prediction (which can evaluate both)

1) Prediction at parton-level, flavour- k_T algorithm (**Theory**)

2) Prediction at hadron-level, anti- k_T algorithm (**Experiment**)

Calculate an “Unfolding” correction from 2) Experiment \rightarrow 1) Theory



We use RooUnfold (following the procedure used in the exp. analyses)

NNLO flavoured jet cross-sections

$$d\hat{\sigma}_{ij,\text{NLO}} = \int_{n+1} [d\hat{\sigma}_{ij,\text{NLO}}^R - d\hat{\sigma}_{ij,\text{NLO}}^S] + \int_n [d\hat{\sigma}_{ij,\text{NLO}}^V - d\hat{\sigma}_{ij,\text{NLO}}^T], \quad (2.1)$$

Generic structure of higher-order terms —see Gauld et al. arXiv: 1907.05836

$$d\hat{\sigma}_{ij,\text{NLO}}^R = \mathcal{N}_{\text{NLO}}^R d\Phi_{n+1}(\{p_3, \dots, p_{n+3}\}; p_1, p_2) \frac{1}{S_{n+1}} \\ \times \left[M_{n+3}^0(\{p_{n+3}\}, \{f_{n+3}\}) J_n^{(n+1)}(\{p_{n+1}\}, \{f_{n+1}\}) \right]. \quad (2.2)$$

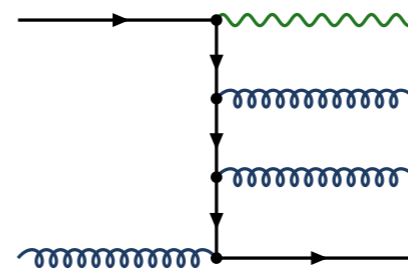
Jet function acts on flavour of reduced MEs. In general $(i, j, k) \xRightarrow[\text{momentum}]{\text{flavour}} (I, K)$

$$d\hat{\sigma}_{ij,\text{NLO}}^S = \mathcal{N}_{\text{NLO}}^R \sum_k d\Phi_{n+1}(\{p_3, \dots, p_{n+3}\}; p_1, p_2) \frac{1}{S_{n+1}} \\ \times \left[X_3^0(\cdot, k, \cdot) M_{n+2}^0(\{\tilde{p}_{n+2}\}, \{\tilde{f}_{n+2}\}) J_n^{(n)}(\{\tilde{p}_n\}, \{\tilde{f}_n\}) \right], \quad (2.3)$$

The \sim functions denoted mapped (in soft/collinear limits) momenta/flavour sets

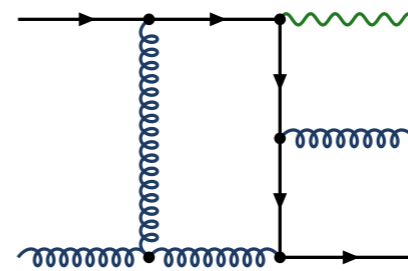
NNLO corrections, Z+(b)-jet

$$\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = \int_{\phi_{n+2}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{RR}$$



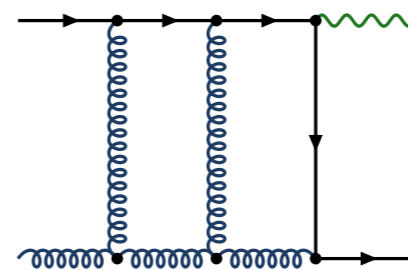
Single unresolved
Double unresolved

$$+ \int_{\phi_{n+1}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{RV}$$



Single unresolved
 $1/\epsilon, 1/\epsilon^2$

$$+ \int_{\phi_{n+0}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{VV}$$



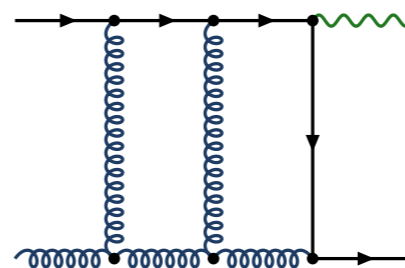
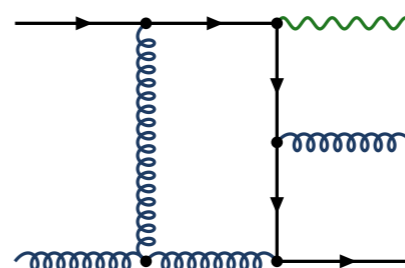
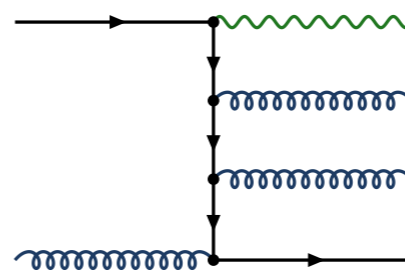
$1/\epsilon, 1/\epsilon^2, 1/\epsilon^3, 1/\epsilon^4$

$$\Sigma = \text{Finite}$$

Non-trivial cancellation of IR divergences

NNLO corrections, Z+(b)-jet

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Hagiwara, Zeppenfeld '89
Berends, Giele, Kuijf '89
Falck, Graudenz, Kramer '89

Glover, Miller '97
Bern, et al. '97
Campbell, Glover, Miller '97
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Antenna subtraction

Gehrmann(-De Ridder), Glover `05

CoLoRful subtraction

Del Duca, Somogyi, Trocsanyi `05

qT subtraction

Catani, Grazzini `05

Sector-Improved residue subtraction

Czakon `10

Boughezal, Melnikov, Petriello `11

N-jettiness subtraction

Gaunt, Stahlhofen, Tackmann, Walsh `15

Boughezal, Melnikov, Petriello `15

Projection-to-Born

Cacciari et al. `15

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Organisation of calculation to allow numerical integration

NNLO corrections, Z+(b)-jet

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = & \int_{\phi_{n+2}} \left(d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{RR} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^S \right) \\
 & + \int_{\phi_{n+1}} \left(d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{RV} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^T \right) \\
 & + \int_{\phi_{n+0}} \left(d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{VV} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^U \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

mimic unresolved

explicit pole cancellation

$$\Sigma = \text{Finite} - 0$$

Each line individually finite, can be integrated in 4-d

Framework - antenna subtraction

- Exploits factorisation properties in IR limits
- Formalism operates on colour-ordered amplitudes

$$|\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^0(\dots, i, j, k, \dots)|^2 \xrightarrow{j \text{ unresolved}} X_3^0(i, j, k) |\mathcal{M}_m^0(\dots, I, K, \dots)|^2$$

Partial amplitude

Antenna
function

Reduced amplitude
 $\{p_i, p_j, p_k\} \rightarrow \{p_I, p_K\}$

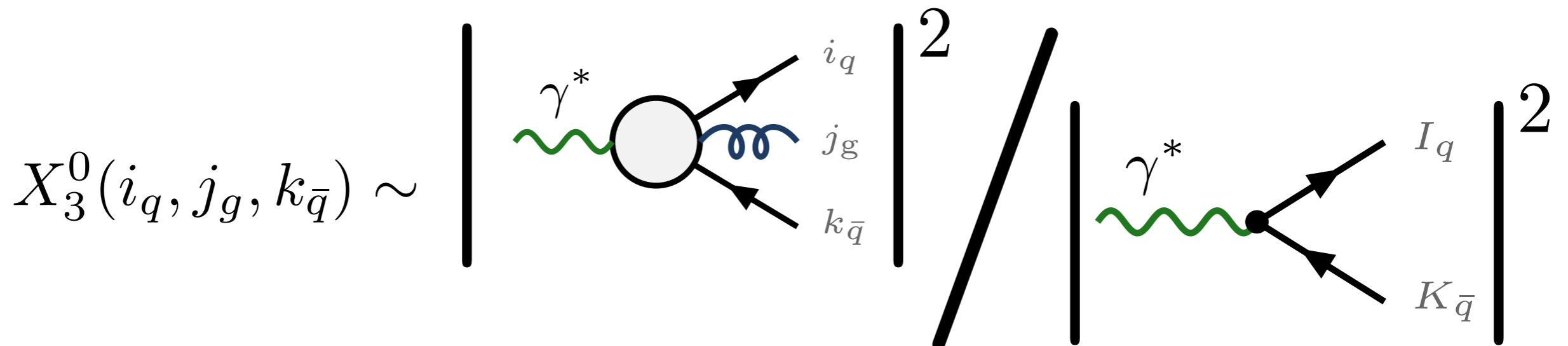
The antenna function captures multiple IR limits, e.g.

limit	$X_3^0(i, j, k)$	mapping
$p_j \rightarrow 0$	$\frac{2s_{ik}}{s_{ij}s_{kj}}$	$p_i \rightarrow p_I, p_k \rightarrow p_K$
$p_j \parallel p_k$	$\frac{1}{s_{kj}} P_{kj}(z)$	$p_i \rightarrow p_I, (p_k + p_j) \rightarrow p_K$
$p_j \parallel p_i$	$\frac{1}{s_{ij}} P_{ij}(z)$	$(p_i + p_j) \rightarrow p_I, p_k \rightarrow p_K$

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Example: tree-level quark, anti-quark antenna



$p_j \parallel p_i$

s_{kj}

$$\frac{1}{s_{ij}} P_{ij}(z)$$

$(p_i + p_j) \rightarrow p_I, p_k \rightarrow p_K$

Framework - antenna subtraction

Real subtraction then numerically integrated

$$d\sigma^S = \frac{1}{S_{m+1}} d\phi_{m+1}(\dots, p_i, p_j, p_k, \dots) X_{ijk}^0(i, j, k) |\mathcal{M}_m^0(\dots, I, K, \dots)|^2 J_m^{(m)}(\dots, p_I, p_K, \dots)$$

m+1 parton
phase-space

Antenna
function

Reduced
amplitude

Jet function

Note that (phase-space factorisation):

$$d\phi_{m+1}(\dots, p_i, p_j, p_k, \dots) = d\phi_m(\dots, p_I, p_K, \dots) \cdot d\phi_{X_{ijk}}(p_i, p_j, p_k; p_I + p_K)$$

can be used to re-write subtraction term according to:

$$d\phi_m(\dots, p_I, p_K, \dots) |\mathcal{M}_m^0(\dots, I, K, \dots)|^2 J_m^{(m)}(\dots, p_I, p_K, \dots)$$

$$\int d\phi_{X_{ijk}} X_{ijk}^0(i, j, k)$$

analytically integrated
in d-dimensions

which allows to construct integrated subtraction term $d\sigma^T$.

Flavour- k_T Jet algorithm

Original work: Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi et al. hep-ph/0601139

These details from — Gauld et al. arXiv: 1907.05836

$$d_{ij} = \frac{\Delta y_{ij}^2 + \Delta \phi_{ij}^2}{R^2} \begin{cases} \max(k_{ti}, k_{tj})^\alpha \min(k_{ti}, k_{tj})^{2-\alpha} & \text{softer of } i, j \text{ is flavoured,} \\ \min(k_{ti}, k_{tj})^\alpha & \text{softer of } i, j \text{ is unflavoured,} \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

and

$$d_{i\bar{B}} = \begin{cases} \max(k_{ti}, k_{t\bar{B}}(y_i))^\alpha \min(k_{ti}, k_{t\bar{B}}(y_i))^{2-\alpha} & \text{softer of } i, j \text{ is flavoured,} \\ \min(k_{ti}, k_{t\bar{B}}(y_i))^\alpha & \text{softer of } i, j \text{ is unflavoured.} \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

Introduction of a beam momentum, controls clusterings

$$k_{tB}(y) = \sum_i k_{ti} (\Theta(y_i - y) + \Theta(y - y_i) e^{y_i - y}), \quad (2.6)$$

$$k_{t\bar{B}}(y) = \sum_i k_{ti} (\Theta(y - y_i) + \Theta(y_i - y) e^{y - y_i}), \quad (2.7)$$

The mass of the b-quark

$$m_b^{\text{pole}} \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$$

The NNLO QCD computation assumes $m_b = 0$, what does this mean

The b-quark is **active** in the running of α_s and PDF. Meaning?

$$\frac{d\alpha_s}{d \ln \mu} = -\beta_0 \frac{\alpha_s^2}{2\pi} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$$

$$\alpha_s(\mu_R) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_0)}{1 + \frac{\beta_0}{2\pi} \alpha_s(\mu_0) \ln[\mu_r^2 / \mu_0^2]}$$

$$\beta_0 = \left(\frac{11}{6} c_a - \frac{2}{3} t_r n_f \right)$$

$$\frac{x}{1 + Bx} \approx x (1 - Bx + B^2 x^2) + \mathcal{O}(x^4)$$

Use of 'RG' improved perturbation theory to (re)sum $\ln[\mu_r/m_b]$ terms

The zero mass limit

$$d\sigma^{GMVFNS} = d\sigma^{m=0} + \left(\underline{d\sigma^m} - d\sigma^{m \rightarrow 0} \right)$$

$$\underline{d\sigma^m} = d\sigma^{m=0, n_f} + d\sigma^{L[m]} + d\sigma^{\mathcal{O}(m^2)}$$

$d\sigma^{L[m]}$ is built from:

- 1) convolutions of a massless partonic cross section and OME
- 2) explicit virtual corrections, implicit via $\alpha_s^{n_f}$

Example: gg-channel at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$.

$$d\sigma_{gg,L} = \int dx_1 dx_2 g(x_1, \mu_F^2) \left[\hat{A}_{g \rightarrow b}(z, \mu_F^2/m_b^2) \otimes g(x_2/z, \mu_F^2) \right] \hat{\sigma}_{bg \rightarrow Zb}^{[5fs]}(\alpha_s(\mu_r), \mu_r, \mu_F, \hat{S})$$

$$f_b(x, \mu_F^2) = \int_x^1 g(x/z, \mu_F^2) \hat{A}_{gb} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2), \quad \hat{A}_{gb} = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_F^2)}{2\pi} P_{g \rightarrow q}(z) \ln[\mu_F^2/m_b^2]$$