

QCD scattering amplitudes at the precision frontier

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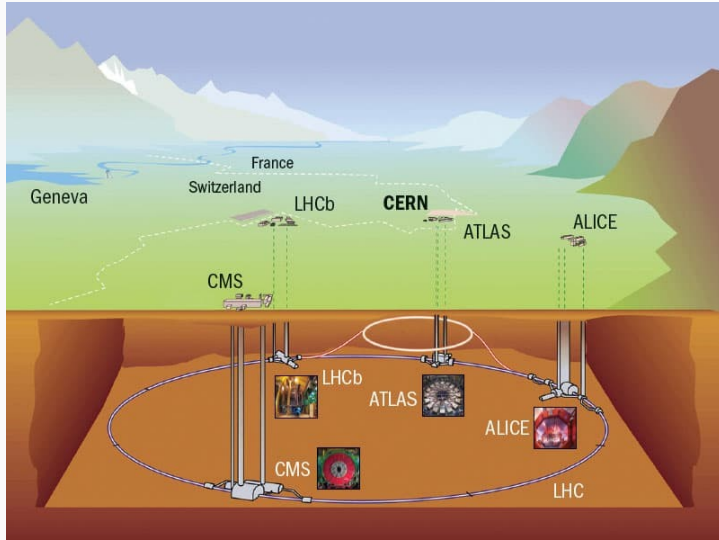
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The Large Hadron Collider

**Test the Standard Model
and search for new physics**

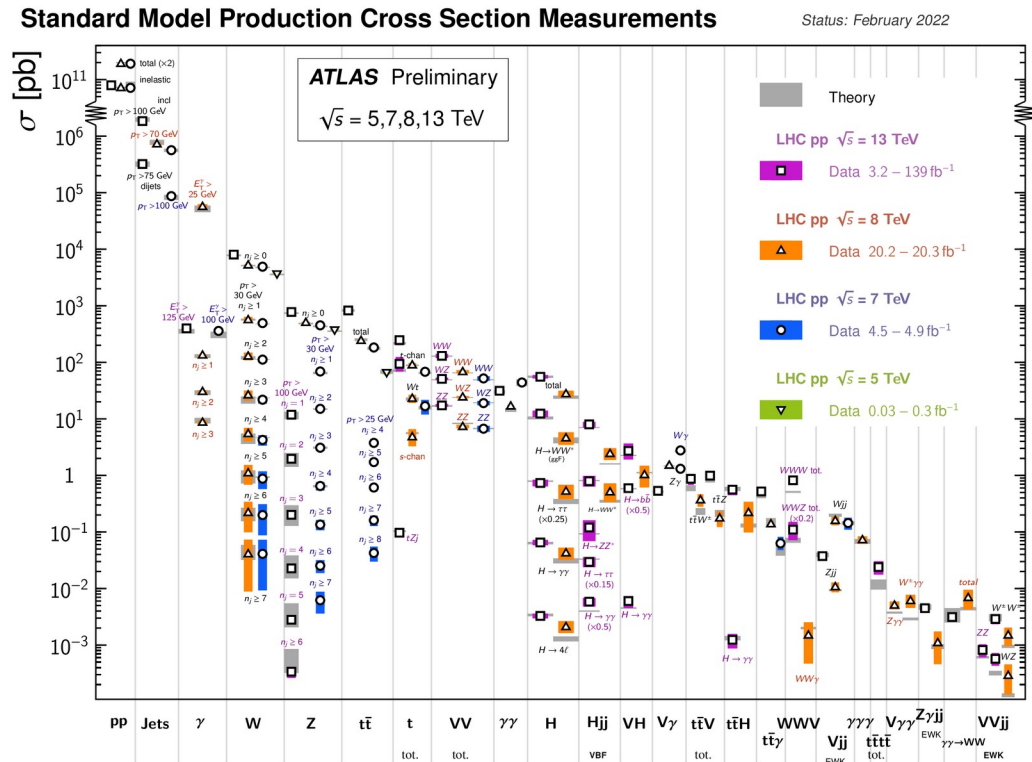
Measurements on wide range
of final states



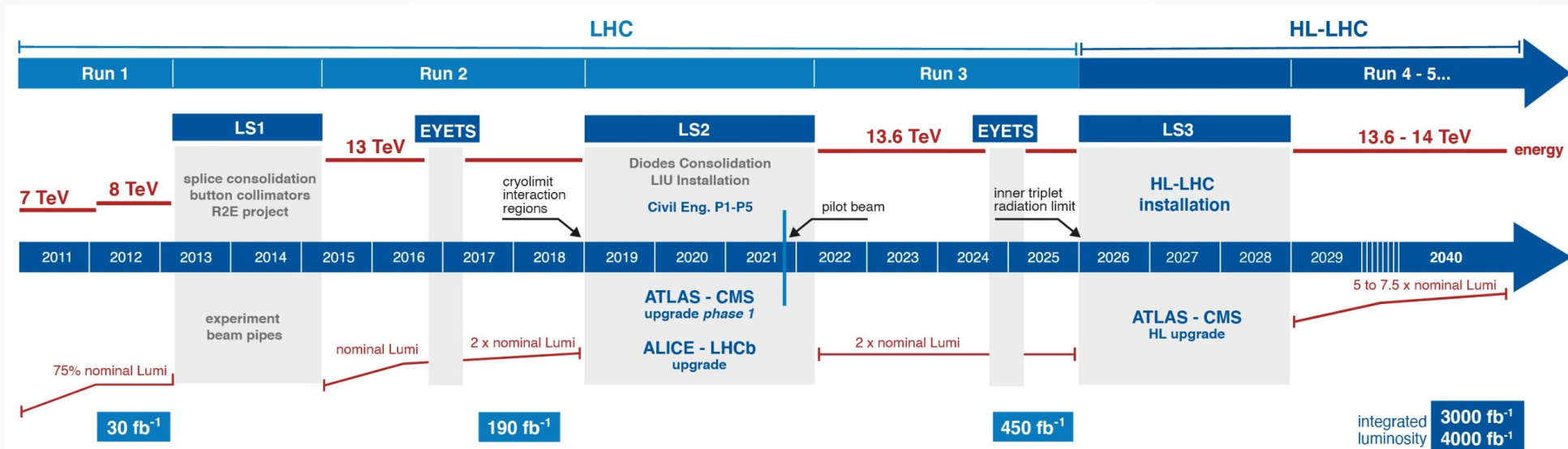
(<https://physicsworld.com/a/on-the-road-to-discovery>)

How do we interpret experimental
measurements?

Compare with theory predictions!



LHC as a precision machine



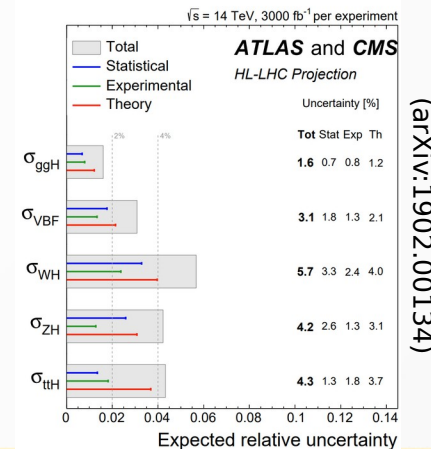
(<https://hilumilhc.web.cern.ch/content/hl-lhc-project>)

Run 1+2+3 and HL-LHC ⇒ huge amount of data

→ Small uncertainties on experimental measurements

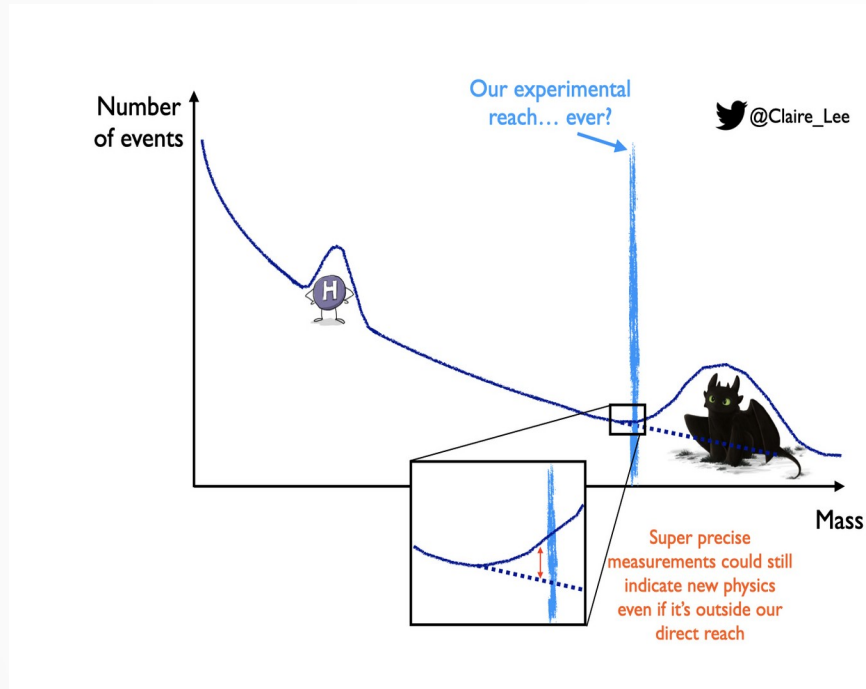
(some may reach % level accuracy)

→ Observe rare processes

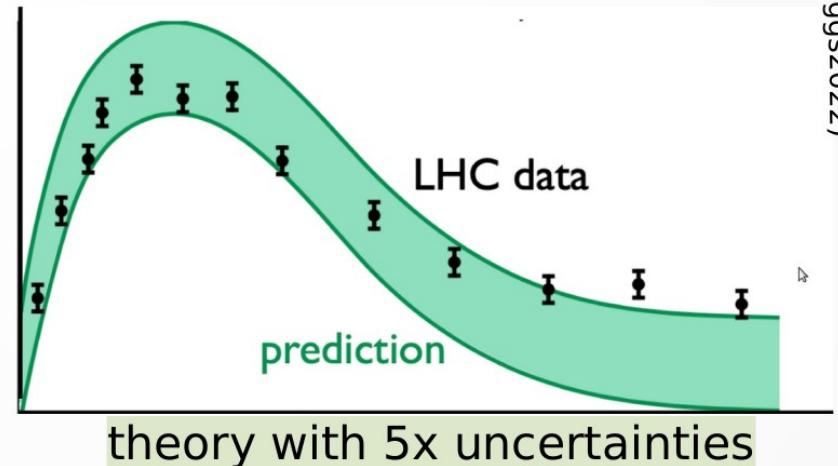
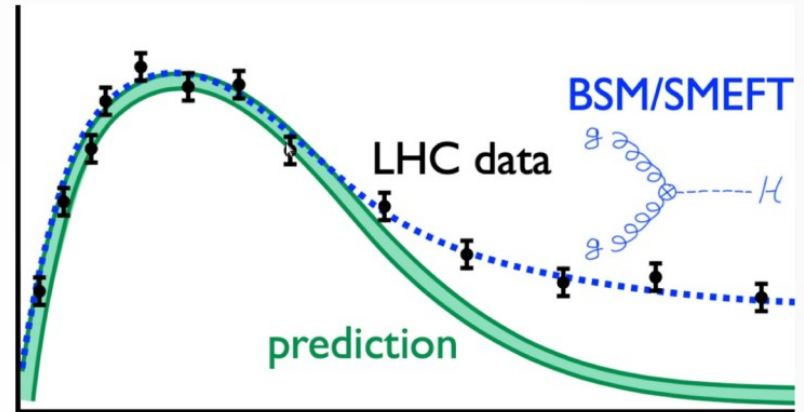


Searching for New Physics at the LHC

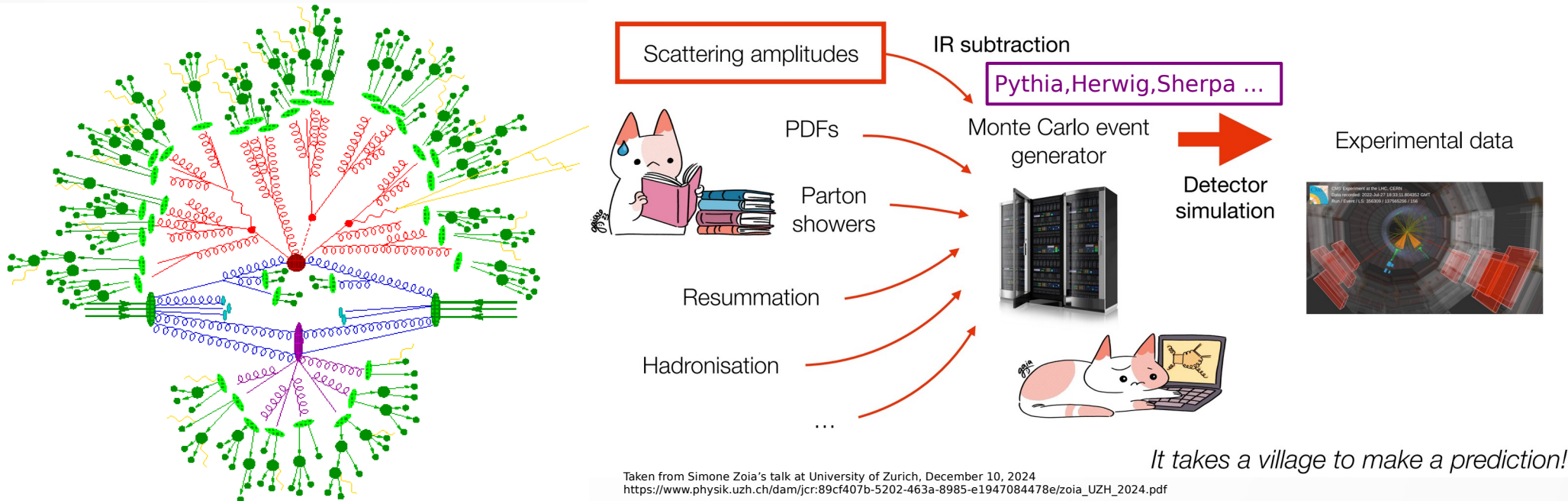
So far: no clear new physics signal at the current energy reach of LHC



looking for deviations from SM predictions through precision measurements



Theoretical predictions for the LHC



Master formula for pp cross section:

$$d\sigma(pp \rightarrow X) = \sum_{ij} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_{i/p}(x_1) f_{j/p}(x_2) d\hat{\sigma}(ij \rightarrow X)$$

parton distribution functions (PDF)

partonic cross section \rightarrow perturbative computation

Perturbative QFT framework

Perturbative calculation of partonic cross sections

$$d\hat{\sigma} = \underbrace{d\hat{\sigma}^{(0)}}_{\text{LO}} + \underbrace{\alpha d\hat{\sigma}^{(1)}}_{\delta\text{NLO}} + \underbrace{\alpha^2 d\hat{\sigma}^{(2)}}_{\delta\text{NNLO}} + \dots$$

LO: Leading Order

NLO: Next-to-Leading Order

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Large quantum corrections come from strong interaction (QCD)

$$\alpha_s(M_Z^2) \sim 0.1$$

Main source of theoretical error \Rightarrow truncation of perturbative series (scale dependence)

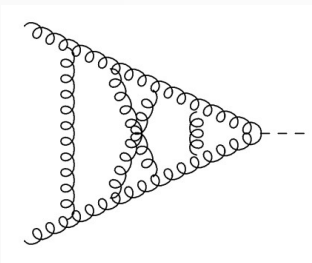
Typical theoretical error on :

LO > 50%

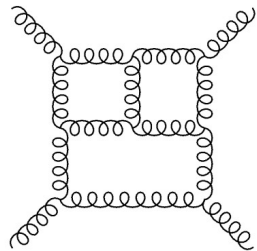
NLO QCD \sim 20-30%

NNLO QCD \sim 1-10%

Loop Frontiers

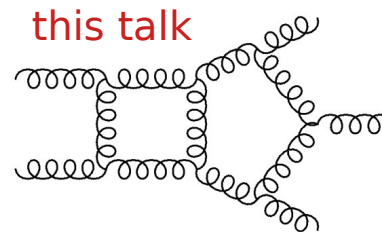


N4LO 2 \rightarrow 1

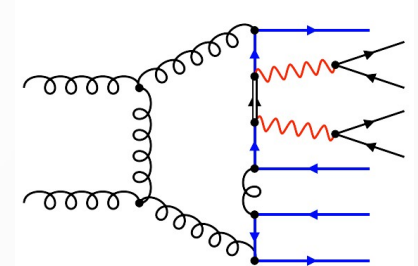


N3LO 2 \rightarrow 2

Multiplicity Frontiers

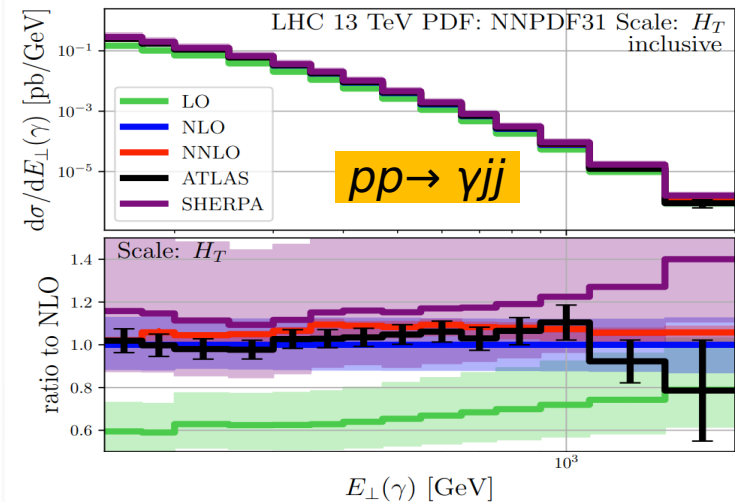


NNLO 2 \rightarrow 3



NLO 2 \rightarrow 6

NNLO QCD phenomenology with 2→3 scattering process



[Badger,Czakon,**HBH**,Moodie,Peraro, Poncelet,Zoia(2023)]

$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$, $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma j$,
 $pp \rightarrow Wbb$, $pp \rightarrow Zbb$

[Chawdhry,Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2019)]

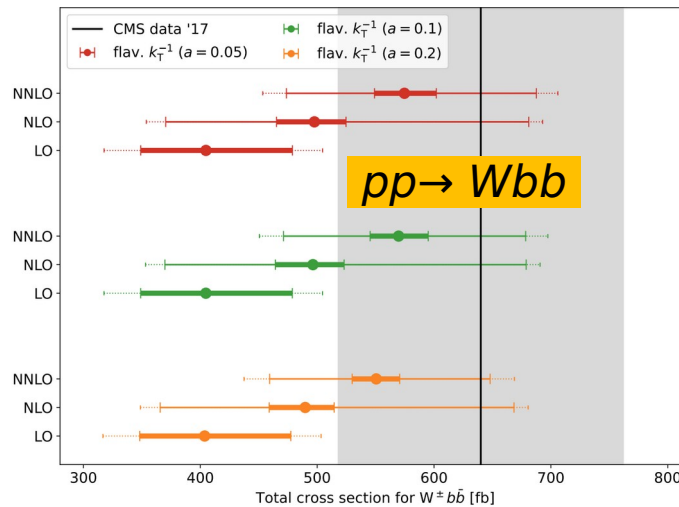
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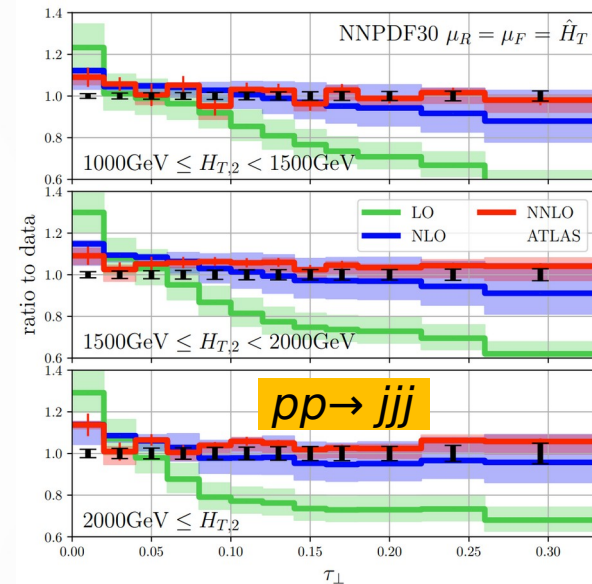
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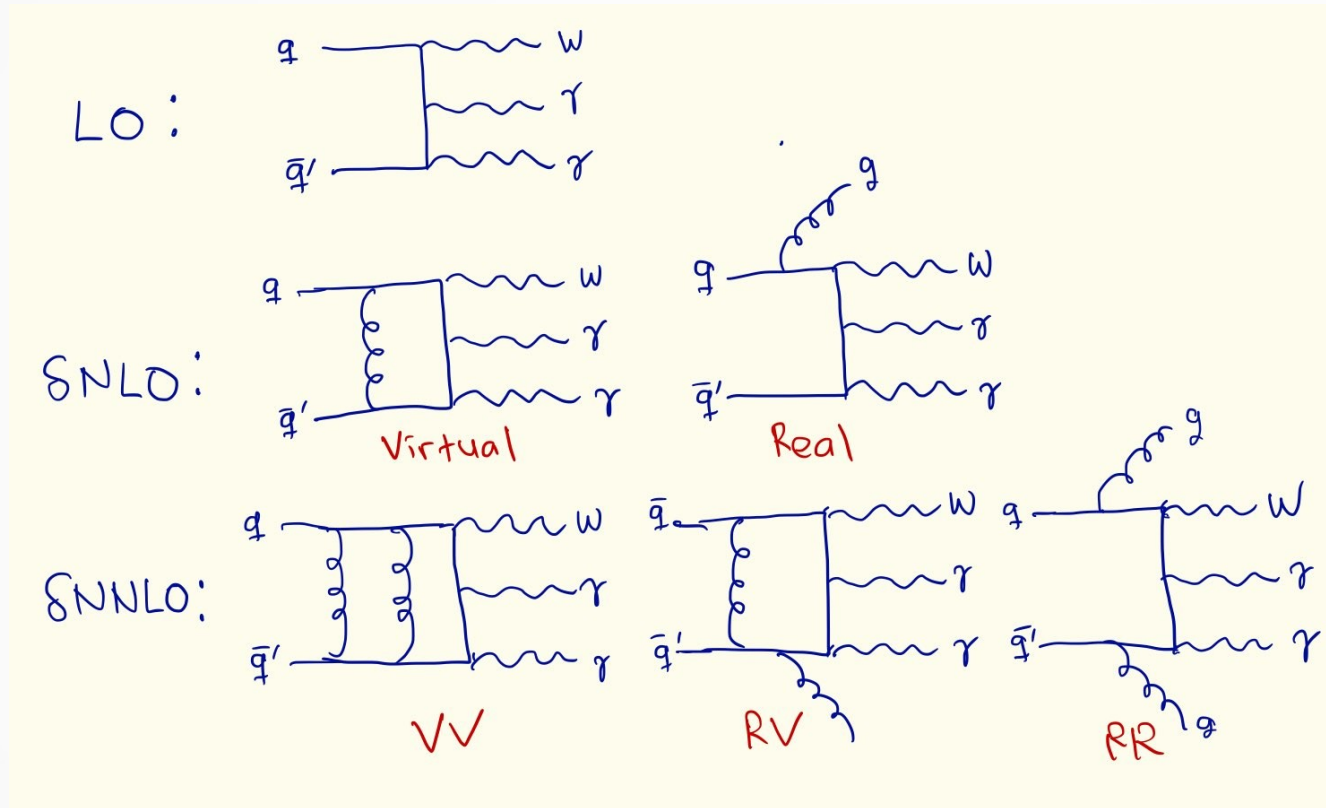
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$pp \rightarrow ttW$, $pp \rightarrow ttH$ (using approximated two-loop amplitudes)

[Buonocore,Devoto,Grazzini,Kallweit,Mazzitelli,Rottoli,Savoini(2022)]

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NNLO QCD predictions: under the hood



IR singularities:

➤ Soft: $E_g \rightarrow 0$

➤ Collinear: $p_g = \lambda p_q$

QCD corrections: virtual and real parton (quark & gluon) emissions

Combining different (separately IR divergent) contributions \rightarrow subtraction scheme

Two-Loop Scattering Amplitudes

$$d\hat{\sigma}^{VV} = \int d\text{PS} \left[2\text{Re} \mathcal{A}^{(0)*} \mathcal{A}^{(2)} + |\mathcal{A}^{(1)}|^2 \right]$$

Multi-loop amplitude → integrand from Feynman diagrams/recursion relations/trees
 → linear combination of **Master Integrals** via IBP reduction

$$\mathcal{A}^{(2)} = \int d^d k_1 d^d k_2 \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{diag}}} \frac{\mathcal{N}_i(\{k\}, \{p\})}{\mathcal{D}_i(\{k\}, \{p\})} = \sum_i c_i(\{p\}, \epsilon) I_i(\{p\}, \epsilon) = \sum_i d_i(\{p\}, \epsilon) \text{MI}_i(\{p\}, \epsilon)$$

Dimensional regularization: $d=4-2\epsilon$

Computing master integrals → differential equation method [Gehrmann, Remiddi(1999)][Henn(2013)]

$$\frac{d\text{MI}_i}{dx} = B_{ij}(x, \epsilon) \text{MI}_j \Rightarrow \frac{d\text{MI}'_i}{dx} = \epsilon \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\tilde{B}_{ij}^{\alpha}(x, \epsilon)}{x - x_{\alpha}} \text{MI}'_j \Rightarrow \text{MI}'_i(x, \epsilon) = \sum_{j=0}^4 \sum_k d_{jk,i} \epsilon^j \text{mon}_{jk}(f)$$

“canonical” basis
basis of special functions

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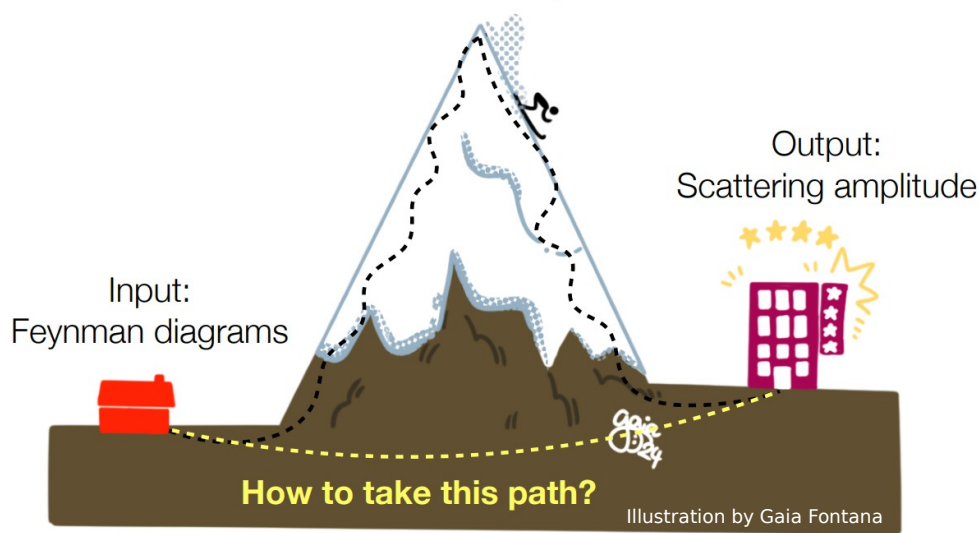
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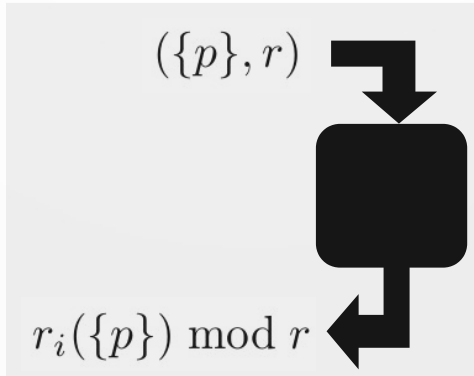
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Taming algebraic complexity: analytics from numerics

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In[1]:= << FiniteFlow`

In[4]:= prime = 9 223 372 036 854 775 783;
a = -3 / 2;
b = 5 / 3;

In[9]:= aFF = FFRatMod[a, prime]
Out[9]= 4 611 686 018 427 387 890

In[10]:= bFF = FFRatMod[b, prime]
Out[10]= 3 074 457 345 618 258 596
    
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Out[15]= -5/2
    
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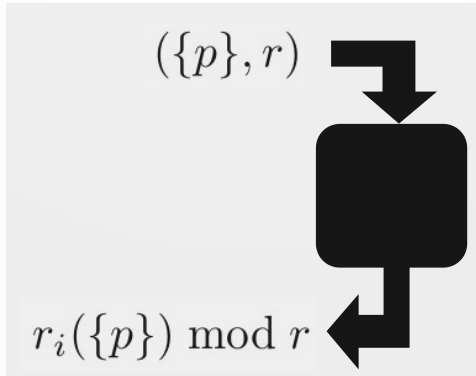
How to take this path?

Illustration by Gaia Fontana

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Reconstructing the finite remainders (1)

$$\mathcal{F}^{(2)} = \sum_i r_i(\{p\}) \text{mon}_i(f)$$

→ helicity amplitudes: $\mathcal{A}(\langle ij \rangle, [ij], \langle i|k_\ell|j \rangle)$

need rational parameterization
of external kinematics

momentum
twistor
variables

Ex: massless 5-point parameterization

$$\begin{aligned} |1\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, & |2\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, & |3\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x_1} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, & |4\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_1 x_2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, & |5\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_1 x_2} + \frac{1}{x_1 x_2 x_3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ |1] &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{x_4 - x_5}{x_4} \end{pmatrix}, & |2] &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}, & |3] &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_4 \\ -x_1 \end{pmatrix}, & |4] &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1(x_2 x_3 - x_3 x_4 - x_4) \\ -\frac{x_1 x_2 x_3 x_5}{x_4} \end{pmatrix}, & |5] &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_3(x_4 - x_2) \\ \frac{x_1 x_2 x_3 x_5}{x_4} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Momentum conservation:

$$\langle 1|2|5 \rangle + \langle 1|3|5 \rangle + \langle 1|4|5 \rangle = 0$$

$$-x_1^2 x_3(x_2 - x_4) - x_1^2 x_3(-x_2 + x_4 + x_2 x_5) + x_1^2 x_3 x_2 x_5 = 0$$

Schouten identity: $\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle + \langle 13 \rangle \langle 42 \rangle + \langle 14 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle = 0$

$$-\frac{1}{x_1 x_2} + \frac{1 + x_2}{x_1 x_2} - \frac{1}{x_1} = 0$$

$$\text{tr}_5(ijkl) = 4i \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_i^\mu p_j^\nu p_k^\rho p_l^\sigma$$

can also use Mandelstam invariants: $A_{\text{phase-free}} = C_{\text{even}}(s_{ij}) + \text{tr}_5(1234) C_{\text{odd}}(s_{ij})$

Reconstructing the finite remainders (2)

$$\mathcal{F}^{(2)} = \sum_i r_i(\{p\}) \text{mon}_i(f)$$

need to reduce the complexity of the rational coefficients!!

- set one of the kinematic variables to one ($s_{12} = 1$ or $x_1 = 1$)
- find linear relations among coefficients and reconstruct the simpler ones

$$\sum_i y_i r_i = 0, \quad \text{we can supply ansatz} \rightarrow \sum_i y_i r_i + \sum_j \tilde{y}_j \tilde{r}_j = 0,$$

- guess the denominators \rightarrow from letters of the alphabet
- on-the-fly univariate partial fraction \rightarrow one fewer variables, lower degrees

$$f(x, y) = \frac{y^4 + 13xy^2 + x^2}{(y-x)(y+x)^2}, \quad \text{ansatz} \Rightarrow f(x, y) = \frac{u_{110}(x)}{y-x} + \frac{u_{210}(x)}{y+x} + \frac{u_{220}(x)}{(y+x)^2} + r(x) + v_1(x)y$$

- factor matching: letters, spinor products/strings
- reconstructed expressions can be further simplified: *MultivariateApart*, *pfd-parallel*

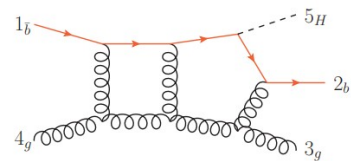
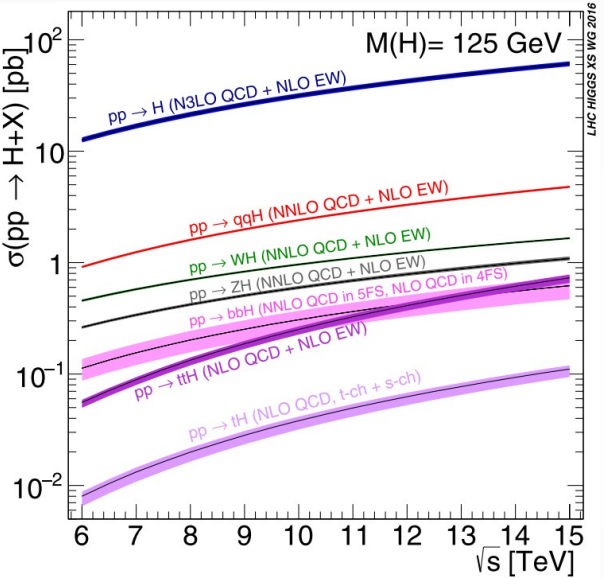
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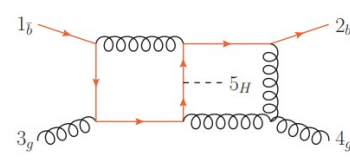
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Amplitude with massive b quark → massification

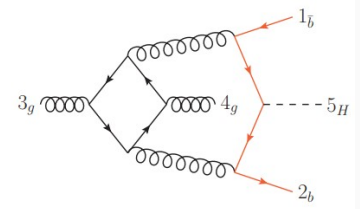
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First analytic result for full-colour two-loop five-point amplitude with an external mass

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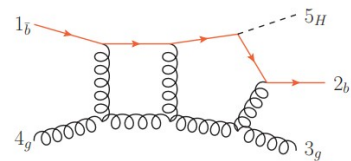
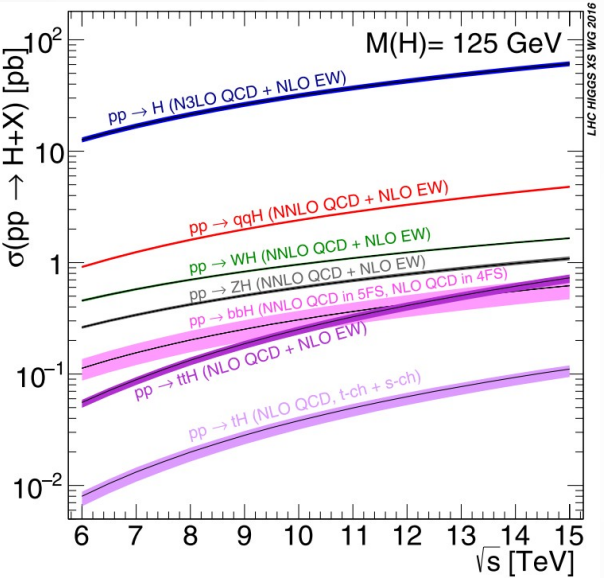
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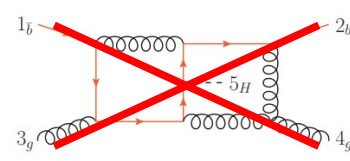
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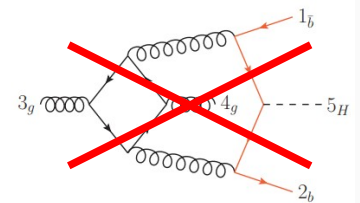
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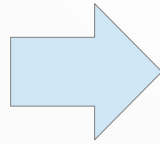


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Leading-colour approximation



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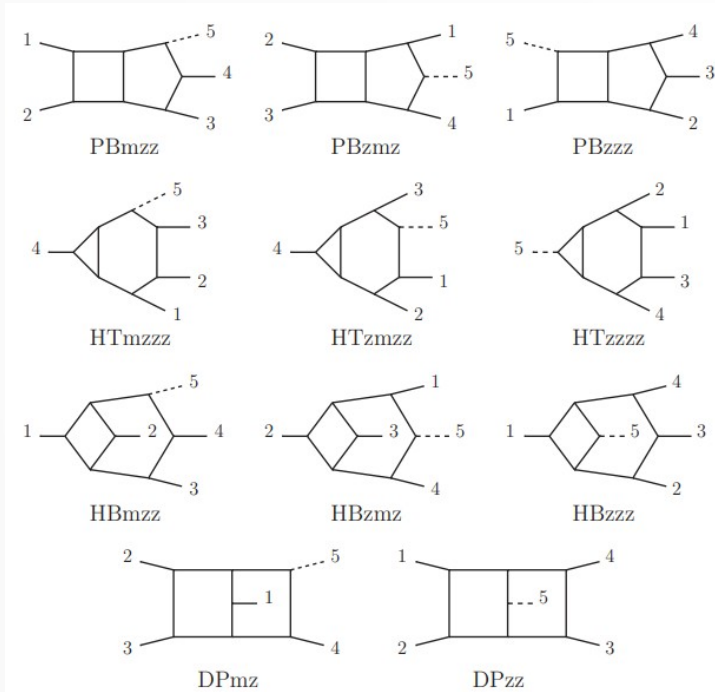
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IBP reduction to master integrals: solving linear system of eqs for all integral families

Solve IBP systems numerically over FF, permute the solutions, chain to the next stage of computation



	$A_{34}^{(2), N_c^2}$	$A_{34}^{(2), 1}$	$A_{34}^{(2), 1/N_c^2}$	$A_{\delta}^{(2), N_c}$	$A_{\delta}^{(2), 1/N_c}$	NEATIBP file size
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Analytic reconstruction data

Subleading colour terms:

- more complicated rational coeffs
- slower evaluation time

exploit relations of rational coefficients
among different partial amplitudes

can we use this data to
construct primitive amplitudes?

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helicity set	\vec{h}_g	\vec{h}'_g		\vec{h}_g		\vec{h}_g	
$x_1 = 1$	133/132	176/175	176/175	265/269	265/269	214/207	214/207
ansatz for linear relations				$A_{34}^{(2),1}$ $A_{43}^{(2),1}$		$A_{34}^{(2),1}$ $A_{43}^{(2),1}$ $A_{34}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$ $A_{43}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	
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N/D: max polynomial degrees
in the numerator/denominator

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Analytic reconstruction data

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- slower evaluation time

exploit relations of rational coefficients
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Analytic structure of the full-colour amplitude

Planar scattering

V. Sotnikov, QCD meets Gravity 2023

Only **linear or quadratic** letters vanish in $\mathcal{P}_{\text{phys}}$, poles always canceled, i.e. $h^{(0)} = 0$

New feature of nonplanar scattering

Square roots of quartic polynomials $\sqrt{\Sigma_5}$ can vanish in $\mathcal{P}_{\text{phys}} \implies$ new types of **divergences**


1. Integrable square root:
$$d \log \frac{a + \sqrt{\Sigma_5}}{a - \sqrt{\Sigma_5}} \xrightarrow{\Sigma_5 \rightarrow 0} \frac{d\Sigma_5}{a\sqrt{\Sigma_5}} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow t^*} \frac{C}{\sqrt{t-t^*}} + \dots$$

2. Uncompensated poles:
$$d \log \sqrt{\Sigma_5} \xrightarrow{\Sigma_5 \rightarrow 0} \frac{d\Sigma_5}{2\Sigma_5} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow t^*} \frac{C}{t-t^*} + \dots \implies \text{log divergence!}$$

- Choose basis functions to localize non-analytic behavior

- Functions with type 2 divergence cancel out in physical results?

- Numerical evaluation more challenging

 **YES!!**
(at the level of bare amplitude)
!!! need to check for other processes !!!

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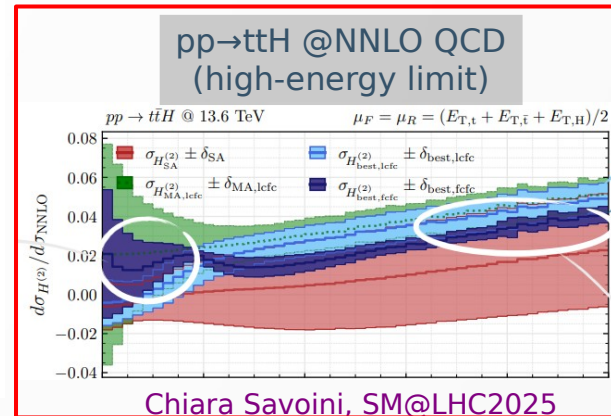
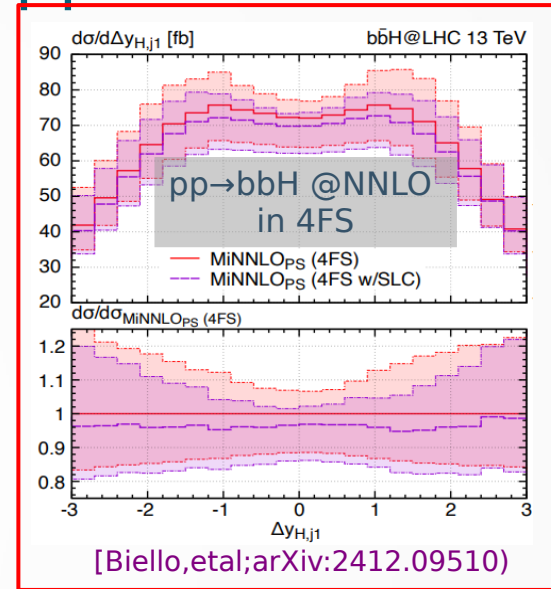
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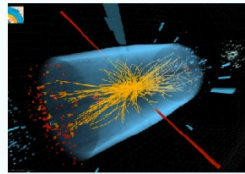
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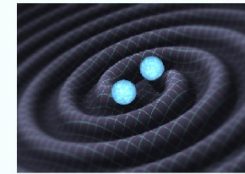
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Amplitudes: a Virtuous Cycle



Compute Something

beyond the reach of
recent imagination



Discover Simplicity

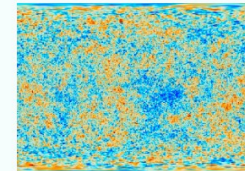
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Exploit Simplicity
to build **more powerful**
computational technology



Understand Why

study it, understand it,
& explore consequences



Jake Bourjaily talk at Amplitudes 2025 ²⁴

- Can we do better? (reconstruction algorithm, better kinematic variables & ansatz, ...)
- What's the limit of analytic calculation?

Back-up Slides

Momentum Twistor Variables

$$p_i \cdot \sigma_{a\dot{a}} = \lambda_{i\dot{a}} \tilde{\lambda}_i^{\dot{a}} \quad p_i^\mu = x_i^\mu - x_{i-1}^\mu \quad \mu_i^{\dot{a}} = x_i \cdot \tilde{\sigma}^{\dot{a}a} \lambda_{ia}$$

Momentum twistor variables $Z_i(\lambda_i, \mu_i)$ for each momentum $\tilde{\lambda}_i$ are obtained via

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i = \frac{\langle i, i+1 \rangle \mu_{i-1} + \langle i+1, i-1 \rangle \mu_i + \langle i-1, i \rangle \mu_{i+1}}{\langle i, i+1 \rangle \langle i-1, i \rangle}$$

5-point parameterization:

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 & \lambda_5 \\ \mu_1 & \mu_2 & \mu_3 & \mu_4 & \mu_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{x_1} & \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_1 x_2} & \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_1 x_2} + \frac{1}{x_1 x_2 x_3} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{x_4}{x_2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 - \frac{x_5}{x_4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$s_{12} = x_1, \quad s_{23} = x_1 x_4, \quad s_{45} = x_1 x_5$$

$$\langle 12 \rangle = 1, \quad [12] = -x_1, \quad \langle 23 \rangle = -\frac{1}{x_1}, \quad [23] = x_1^2 x_4, \quad \langle 45 \rangle = -\frac{1}{x_1 x_2 x_3}, \quad [45] = x_1^2 x_2 x_3 x_5$$