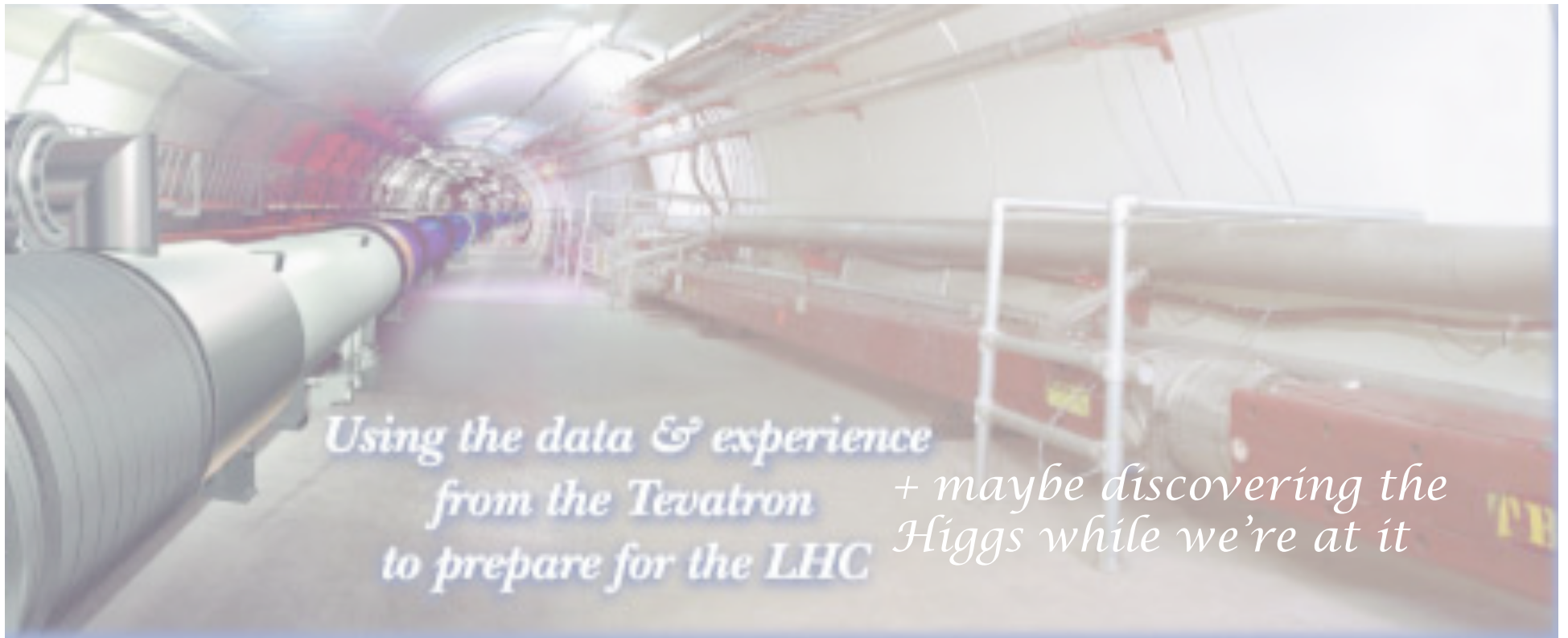




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# Higgs Physics at the Tevatron and LHC: the QCD issues

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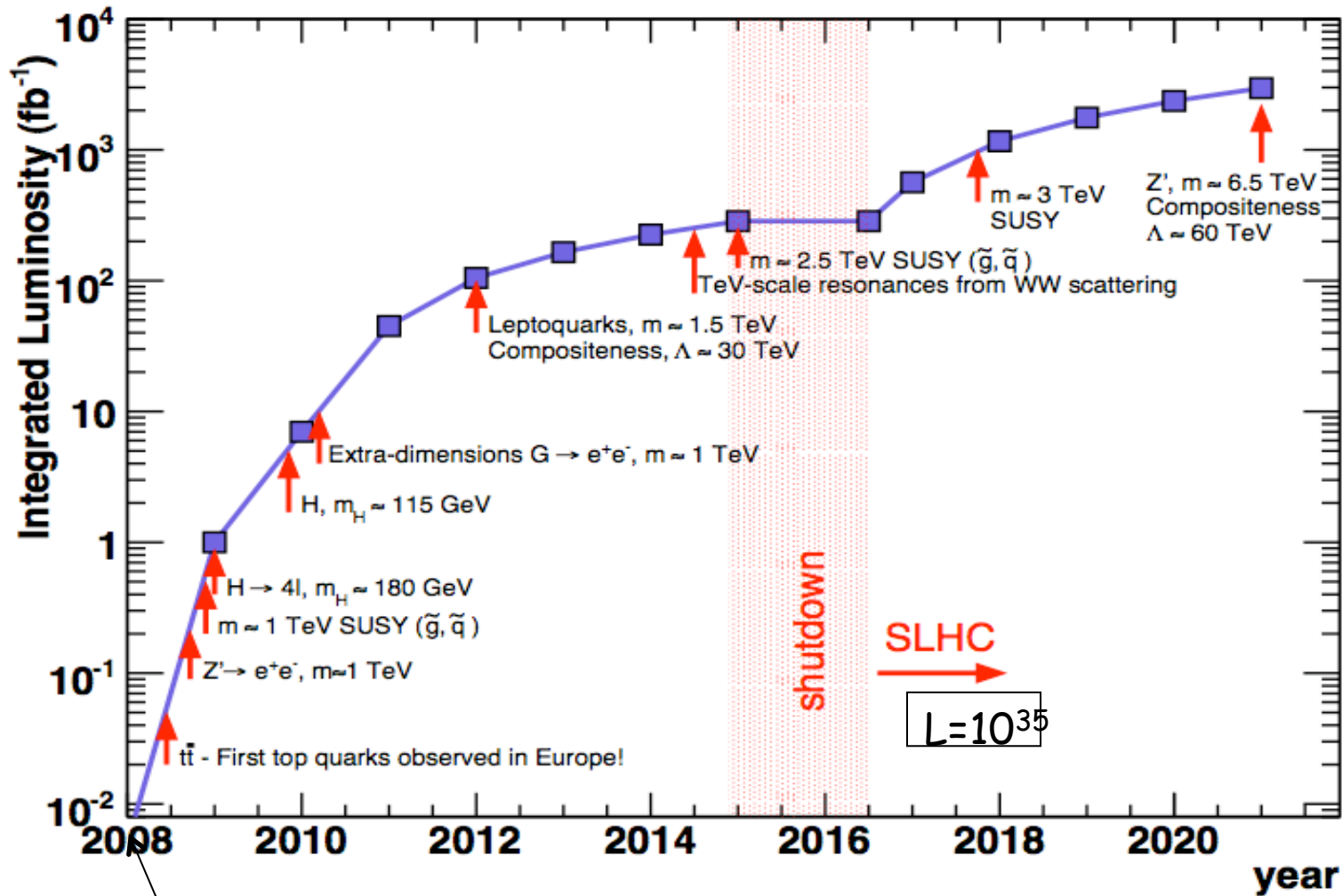




We'll look back on early LHC trouble in 15 years and laugh

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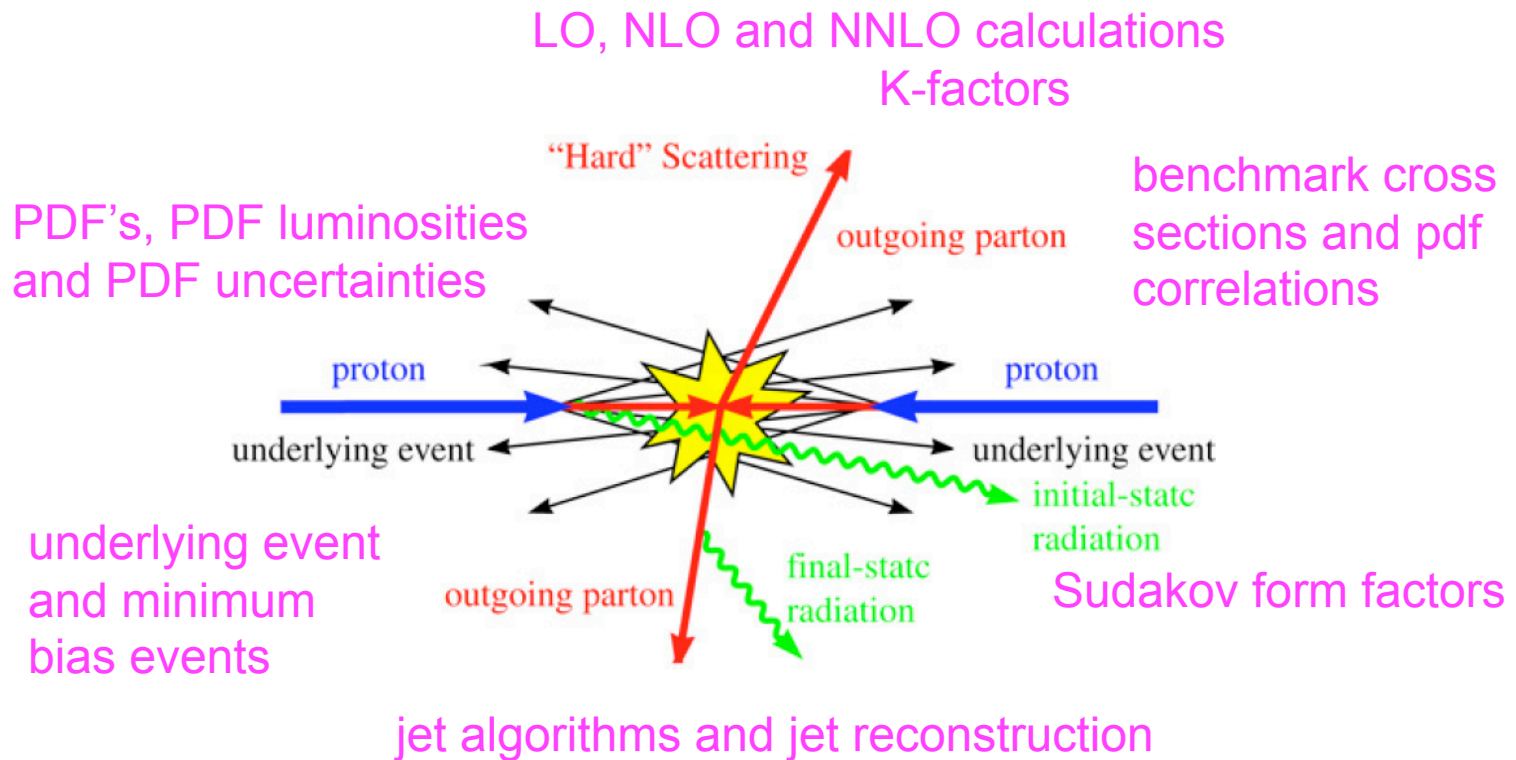
*LHC vs time: a wild guess ...*



you are here (even though it's now 2009)



# Understanding cross sections at the LHC



...but before we can laugh, and count the Higgs bosons, we have to understand QCD (at the LHC)



# CTEQ workshops

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- CTEQ has organized a series of workshops in the past, dealing with both Tevatron and LHC physics
- Given the importance of Higgs physics, at both the Tevatron and LHC, and the QCD-related questions that have arisen recently, we thought it would be useful to collaborate with the Fermilab LPC (thanks for the coffee and cookies, by the way) to bring about this workshop

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## CTEQ Topical Workshops and Symposia

- [Physics at the LHC: Early Challenges](#), 14-15 May 2007, Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University
- [ANL meeting/workshop](#), May 2006
- [Jefferson Lab CTEQ Meeting Physics Session](#), November 2005
- [Joint CTEQ/CDF/D0 Workshop on W/Z Physics](#) Fermilab, 22 April 2005
- [Fermilab CTEQ Meeting Physics Session](#), October 2004
- [MSU CTEQ Meeting Physics Session](#), October 2003
- Co-sponsor of 1999 "[QCD and Weak Boson Physics workshop in preparation for Run II at the Fermilab Tevatron](#)"
- [The Pheno-CTEQ Symposium 1998](#) - *Frontiers of Phenomenology: From Non-Perturbative QCD to New Physics* : 23 - 26 March 1998; Madison
- Fall 1996 [Confronting QCD with Experiment: Puzzles and Challenges](#) : 7 - 9 November; Fermilab
  - Presentation [transparencies](#) online
- Spring 1996 [Top Quark Production and Mass Determination](#): 4 - 5 April; Fermilab
- 1995 [Collider Physics](#): 27 - 28 October; Michigan State University
- 1994 [Up and Down Quarks, Drell-Yan, and W Production](#): 13 May; Fermilab
- 1993 [QCD2TEV](#): 29 - 30 October; Michigan State University



# Wu Ki

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- This is in keeping with the goal that Wu Ki had in mind when he formed CTEQ almost two decades ago





# The agenda



## Higgs Physics at the Tevatron and LHC: the QCD Issues

Thursday 19 November 2009  
 from 08:00 to 17:00  
 US/Central  
 at FNAL LPC  
 chaired by: *Dan Green, Ian Shipsey (Purdue U.) , Joey Huston (Michigan State)*

**Description:** The goal of the workshop is to review QCD-related questions that have an impact on Higgs predictions and analyses, with a goal of providing some answers or at least some consensus. Rather than a workshop saturated with talks, the attempt will be to promote a lively discussion on these issues. The workshop will be held in 1-West at Fermilab, starting at 9 AM CST, with evo broadcasting provided. Higgs at the LHC will be covered in the morning (for the benefit of people connecting by evo in Europe), and Higgs at the Tevatron will be covered in the afternoon.

The meeting is a joint activity of CTEQ and the Fermilab LPC.

If you are interested, please register so that we have an idea of how many people might attend.

To register please click on "Evaluation" LINK at the top of the page  
 modification password:CTEQ - for speakers to post their talks

This meeting will be broadcast on EVO: in the Universe room, with the title above, no password. The phone bridge ID is 1393600.

If there are any problems during the meeting, please send an email to [huston@msu.edu](mailto:huston@msu.edu).

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### Thursday 19 November 2009

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09:00	Welcome, Orientation and Intro to PDF Issues (30')  )	Joey Huston (Michigan State University)
09:30	State of Higgs QCD predictions (30')	Laura Reina (Florida State University)
10:00	Higgs in ATLAS (25')	Jianming Qian (University of Michigan)
10:45	break (30')	
11:15	Higgs in CMS (25')	Andrey Korytov (University of Florida)
12:00	Further discussion (30')	
12:30	lunch (1h30')	
14:00	Higgs in CDF (25')	Eric James (Fermilab)
14:45	Higgs in D0 (25')	Marco Verzocchi (Fermilab)
15:30	break (30')	

### 16:00->17:00 Further discussion/short talks

Description:  
 Note we will have to move to Curia II for this part of the meeting.

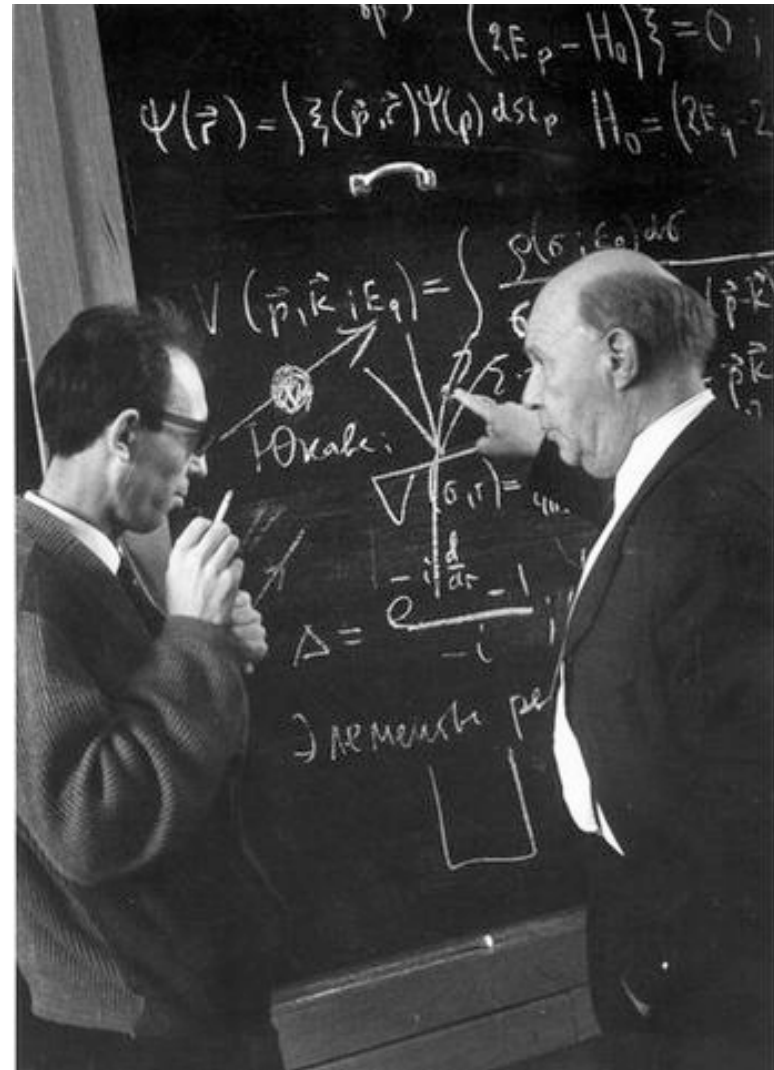
Recover



# Russian seminar

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- ...relatively small number of talks, focused on QCD issues, with lots of time for discussion;
- the goal is to be like a “Russian seminar”
- If the speaker is the one who is doing the most talking, it’s not a success
  - ◆ but no smoking





# Questions

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I'll start the discussion

- 1) Theory predictions for Higgs + backgrounds to Higgs
  - a. can we have a dynamic collection of cross sections (detailing methods and parameters used to calculate these cross sections) for all Higgs production processes and main backgrounds?
  - b. understanding consistency and best use of predictions at LO, NLO, NNLO, NLO+NLL, NNLO+NNLL
    - i. how consistent are the predictions from CTEQ, MSTW, NNPDF?
    - ii. how to properly include the cross section/PDF uncertainty due to the uncertainty on  $\alpha_s$ ?
    - iii. what is the best way of adding PDF and scale uncertainties?
    - iv. should the factorization and renormalization scales be varied separately or together?
    - v. can we assume similar scales for related processes?
    - vi. how best to treat the PDF correlations between cross sections?
    - vii. can we improve the PDF and scale uncertainties by normalizing to the W/Z cross section?
  - viii. how do we relate these higher order predictions to the LO event generators that we most often use?
  - ix. how to deal with higher order information for differential distributions ; for example, for the Higgs pT distribution or for n-jet distributions?
  - x. what theory uncertainties do we have to include as acceptance uncertainties when setting a limit on a cross section, such as  $gg \rightarrow H + X \cdot BR(H \rightarrow WW)$ ?
  - xi. is there a consensus on how to deal with calculations of MSSM Higgs and their uncertainties in 4- and 5-flavor schemes?





# Questions

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in extra  
slides,  
for  
discussion

- c. using knowledge of NLO calculations to provide best LO estimates for multi-parton final state calculations for Higgs + backgrounds
  - i. best scale choices
  - ii. impact of jet choices
  - iii. dynamic K-factors for re-weighting of LO distributions
- d. using NNLO/NNLL calculations to provide best estimates for NLO
  - i. best scale choices
  - ii. dynamical K-factors for reweighting
- e. what is the impact of jet vetoing on the theoretical uncertainty for a signal cross section; for a background cross section? How do we evaluate the efficiency uncertainties for the central jet veto for the classical VBF Higgs signature? What are the experimental benchmarks that allow us to choose between the different predictions?
- f. how do we tie the theoretical predictions into data-driven background predictions?
- g. how do we properly split the Higgs signal into 0-jet , 1-jet samples? How do we evaluate the theoretical uncertainties?
- h. photon isolation; can a meaningful definition of isolation that works for both theory and experiment be adopted a la the Les Houches working group?



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- 2) Calculations needed (see also Les Houches wishlist)
  - a. WW production (to NNLO)
    - i.  $gg \rightarrow WW$  at NLO
  - b. WW production (NLO + resummed)
  - c. VVjj
  - d. VVbB (related to VVjj)
  - e. tTjj (related to tTbB)
  - f. VBF to NNLO
  - g.  $gg \rightarrow \text{Higgs} + \text{jet}$  to NNLO
  - h. updated PDF sets with QED corrections
- 3) How might the MSSM make Higgs measurements/discovery more difficult?
- 4) Public codes (or ROOT ntuples) for
  - a. tTH( $\rightarrow$ bB)
  - b. tTbB
  - c. tTj
  - d. Wjjj
- 5) Saving the Higgs (in difficult channels)
  - a. boosted Higgs
  - b. tTH (using NLO knowledge of tTbB to discriminate)



# Questions

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Questions from theorists to experimentalists

1. Analysis techniques

- a. Can experimentalists make more information available to theorists, such as (simplified) neural nets, or decision trees? This is especially true for some Tevatron analyses where the S/B ratio is very difficult.
- b. There is a significant discrepancy between NLO theory and experiment for  $W + b$ . What impact does this/might this have for Higgs exclusion limits?



# Parton distribution functions and global fits

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- Calculation of production cross sections at the Tevatron and LHC relies upon knowledge of pdf's in the relevant kinematic region
- Higgs (gg channel) at the LHC sensitive to gluons in range 0.001 to 0.1; at Tevatron  $\sim 0.01$  to 0.3
- Pdf's are determined by global analyses of data from DIS, DY and jet production
- ~~Two~~ **Three** major groups that provide semi-regular updates to parton distributions when new data/theory becomes available
  - ◆ MRS>MRST98>MRST99>MRST2001->MRST2002 ->MRST2003 ->MRST2004->MSTW2008
  - ◆ CTEQ->CTEQ5->CTEQ6 ->CTEQ6.1->CTEQ6.5 ->CTEQ6.6->CT09->CT09.1
  - ◆ NNPDF1.0->NNPDF1.1 ->NNPDF1.2

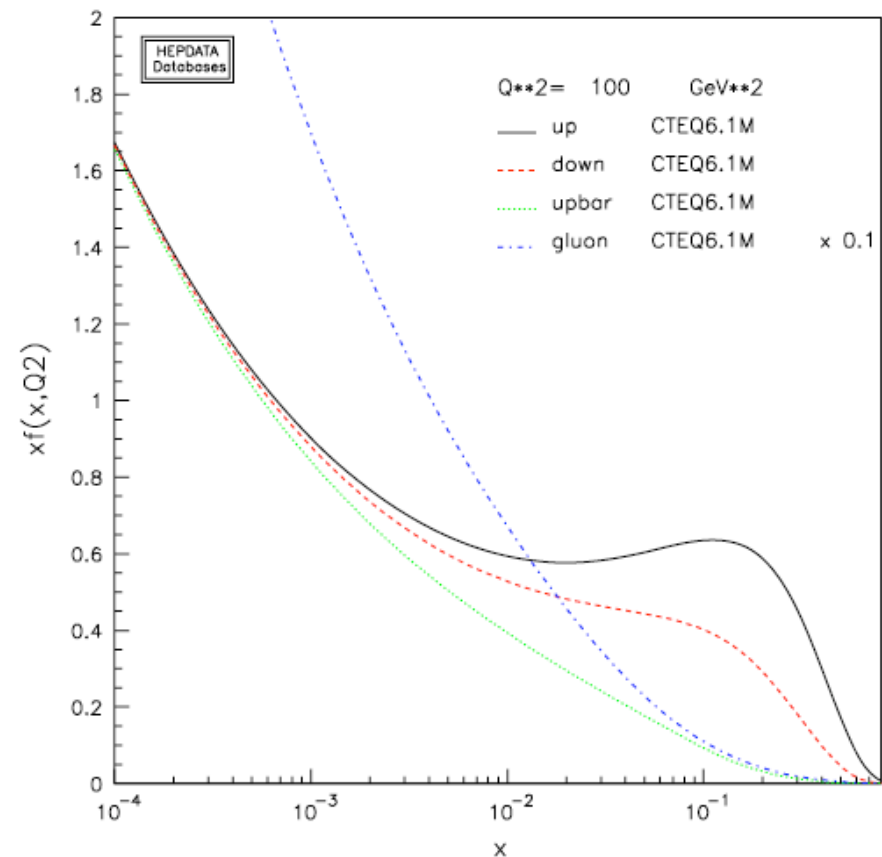


Figure 27. The CTEQ6.1 parton distribution functions evaluated at a  $Q$  of 10 GeV.

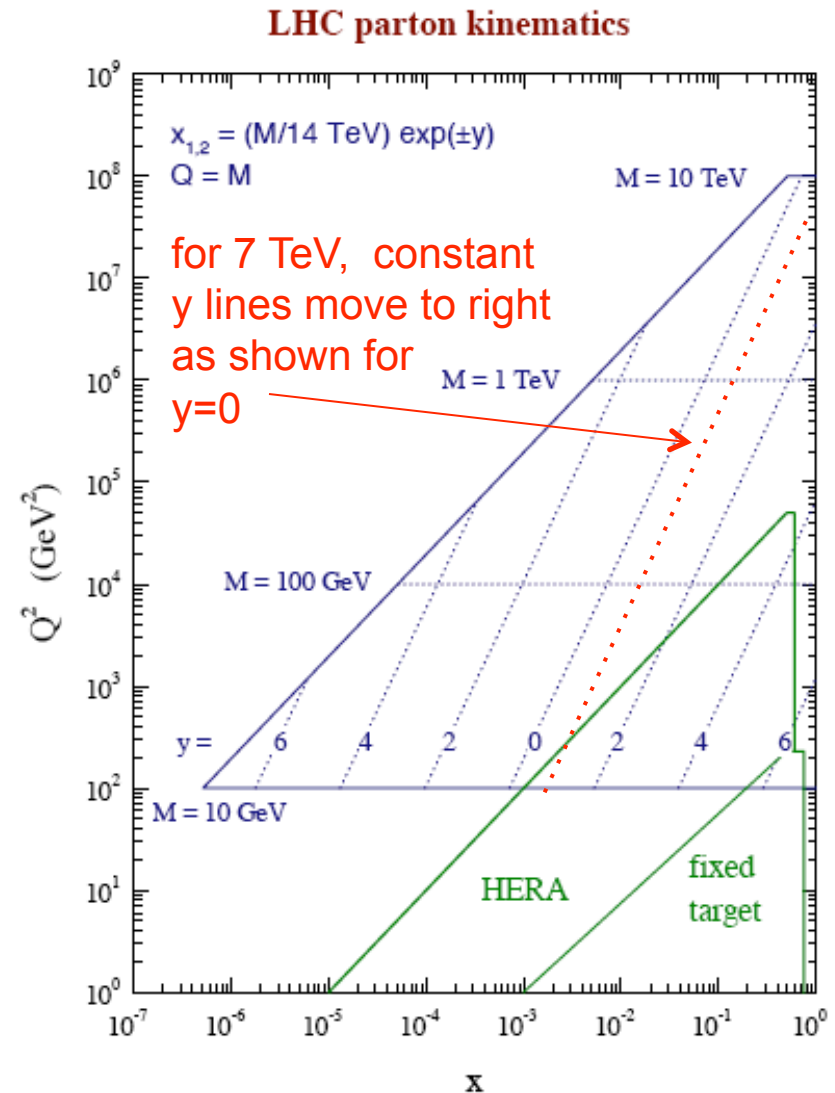
Use only modern versions of PDFs; older versions can lead to surprises



# Cross sections at the LHC

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- Experience at the Tevatron is very useful, but scattering at the LHC is not necessarily just “rescaled” scattering at the Tevatron
- Small typical momentum fractions  $x$  for the quarks and gluons in many key searches
  - ◆ dominance of gluon and sea quark scattering
  - ◆ large phase space for gluon emission and thus for production of extra jets
  - ◆ intensive QCD backgrounds
  - ◆ or to summarize, ...lots of Standard Model to wade through to find the BSM pony

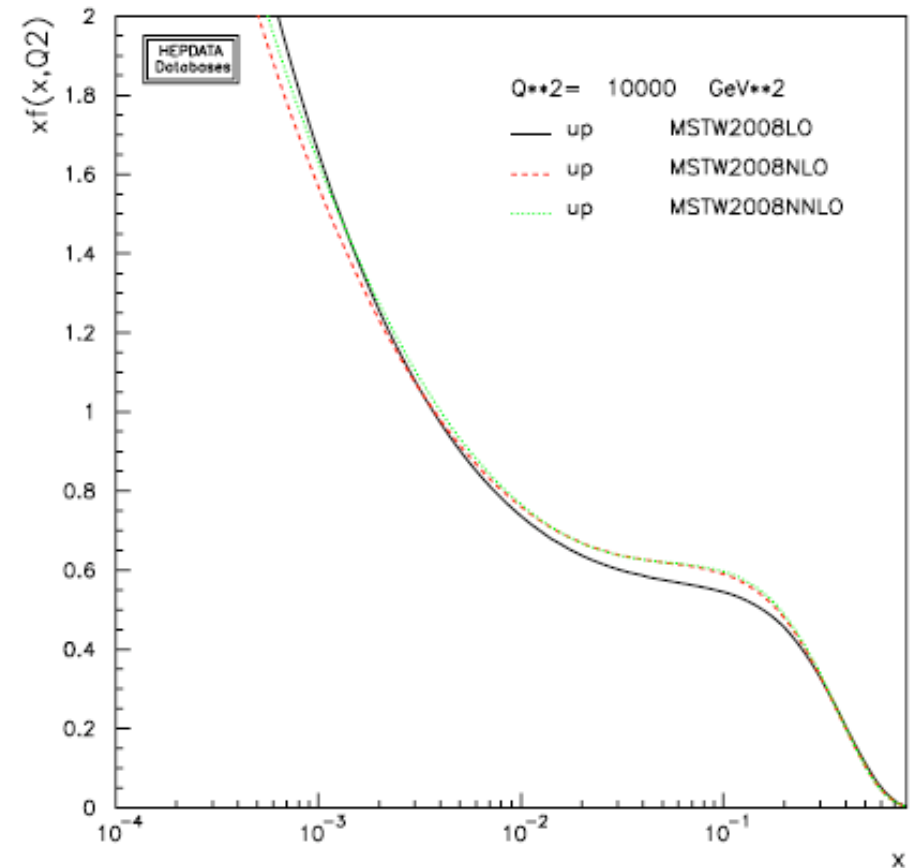
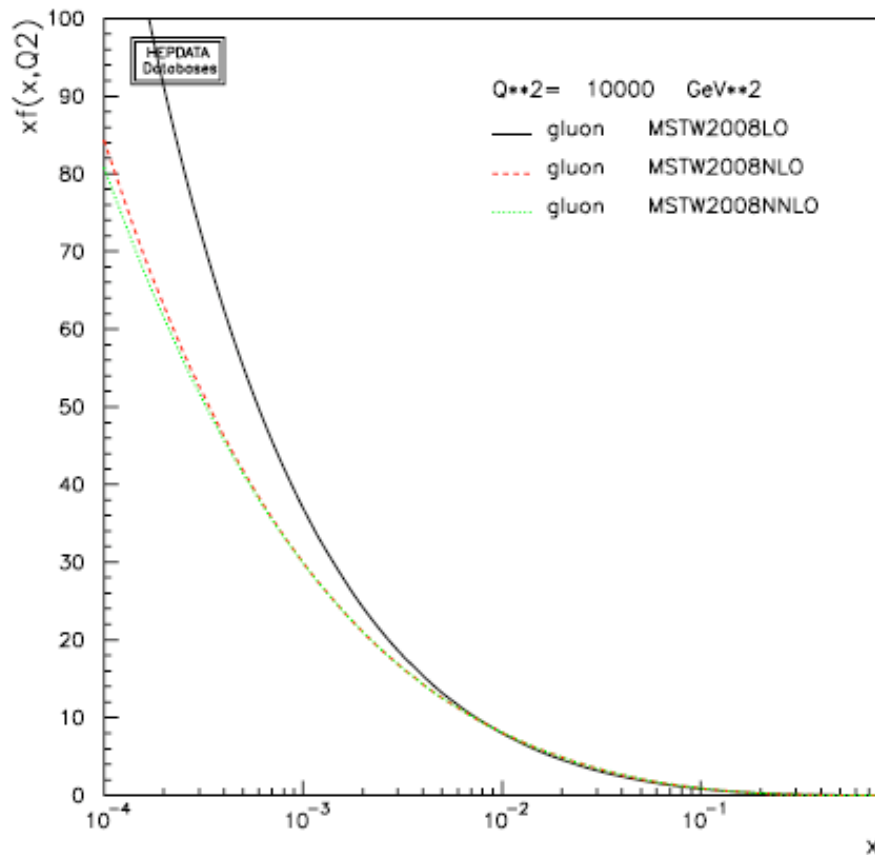




# LO->NLO->NNLO

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- There is a big change in general for PDFs in going from LO to NLO, but not from NLO to NNLO

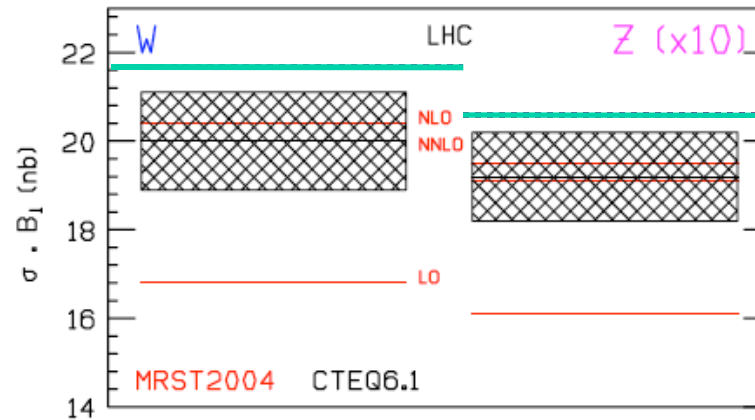




# W/Z agreement

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- Inclusion of heavy quark mass effects affects DIS data in x range appropriate for W/Z production at the LHC
- ...but MSTW2008 also has increased W/Z cross sections at the LHC
  - ◆ now CTEQ6.6 and MSTW2008 in good agreement
- NNPDF still low by 5% or so since still working with zero mass approximation
  - ◆ but error estimates will still be very useful
- ...but, MSTW2008 tT,Higgs predictions larger than that for CTEQ6.6
  - ◆ primarily due to the different value of  $\alpha_s$  used



CTEQ6.5(6)  
MSTW08

**Figure 80.** Predicted cross sections for  $W$  and  $Z$  production at the LHC using MRST2004 and CTEQ6.1 pdfs. The overall pdf uncertainty of the NLO CTEQ6.1 prediction is approximately 5%, consistent with figure 77.



# PDF Errors



- So we have optimal values (minimum  $\chi^2$ ) for the  $d=20$  (22,24) free pdf parameters in the global fit
  - ◆  $\{a_\mu\}, \mu=1, \dots, d$
- Varying any of the free parameters from its optimal value will increase the  $\chi^2$
- It's much easier to work in an orthonormal eigenvector space determined by diagonalizing the Hessian matrix, determined in the fitting process

$$H_{uv} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \chi^2}{\partial a_\mu \partial a_\nu}$$

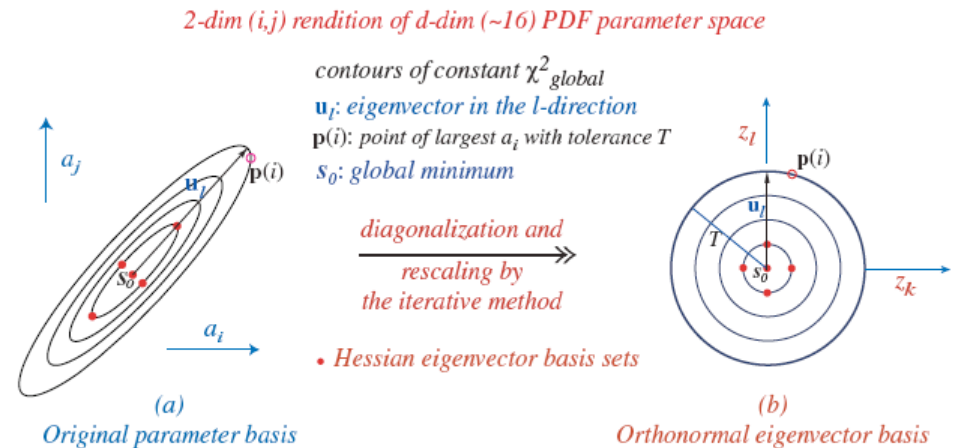


Figure 28. A schematic representation of the transformation from the pdf parameter basis to the orthonormal eigenvector basis.

To estimate the error on an observable  $X(a)$ , due to the experimental uncertainties of the data used in the fit, we use the *Master Formula*

$$(\Delta X)^2 = \Delta \chi^2 \sum_{\mu, \nu} \frac{\partial X}{\partial a_\mu} (H^{-1})_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial X}{\partial a_\nu}$$





# PDF Errors



- 20 (22,24) eigenvectors with the eigenvalues having a range of  $>1E6$
- Largest eigenvalues (low number eigenvectors) correspond to best determined directions; smallest eigenvalues (high number eigenvectors) correspond to worst determined directions
- Easiest to use Master Formula in eigenvector basis

$$\Delta X_{\max}^+ = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N [\max(X_i^+ - X_0, X_i^- - X_0, 0)]^2},$$

$$\Delta X_{\max}^- = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N [\max(X_0 - X_i^+, X_0 - X_i^-, 0)]^2}.$$

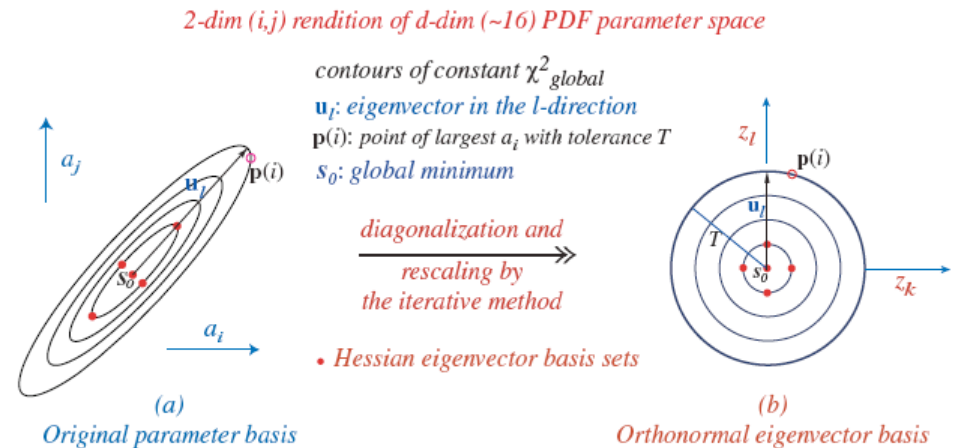


Figure 28. A schematic representation of the transformation from the pdf parameter basis to the orthonormal eigenvector basis.

To estimate the error on an observable  $X(\mathbf{a})$ , from the experimental errors, we use the *Master Formula*

$$(\Delta X)^2 = \Delta \chi^2 \sum_{\mu, \nu} \frac{\partial X}{\partial a_\mu} (H^{-1})_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial X}{\partial a_\nu}$$

where  $X_i^+$  and  $X_i^-$  are the values for the observable  $X$  when traversing a distance corresponding to the tolerance  $T(=\text{sqrt}(\Delta\chi^2))$  along the  $i^{\text{th}}$  direction



# PDF uncertainties

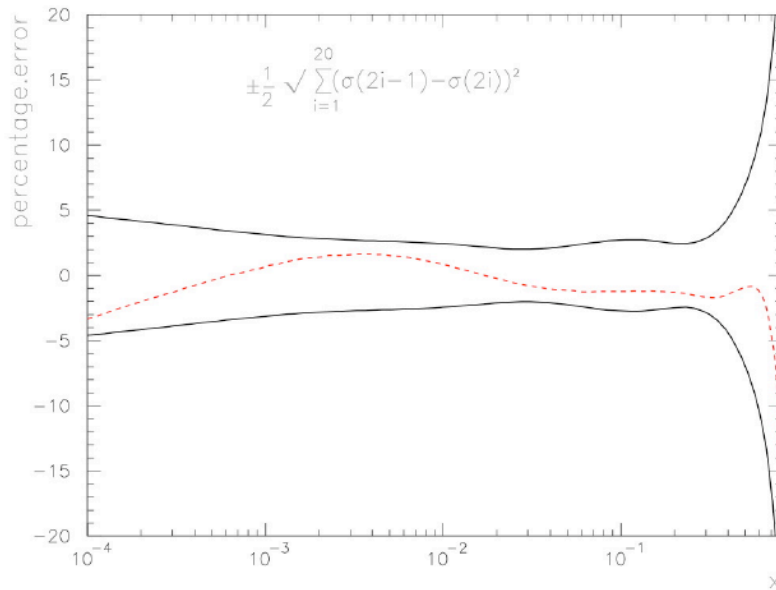


- Use master formula to construct PDF uncertainties

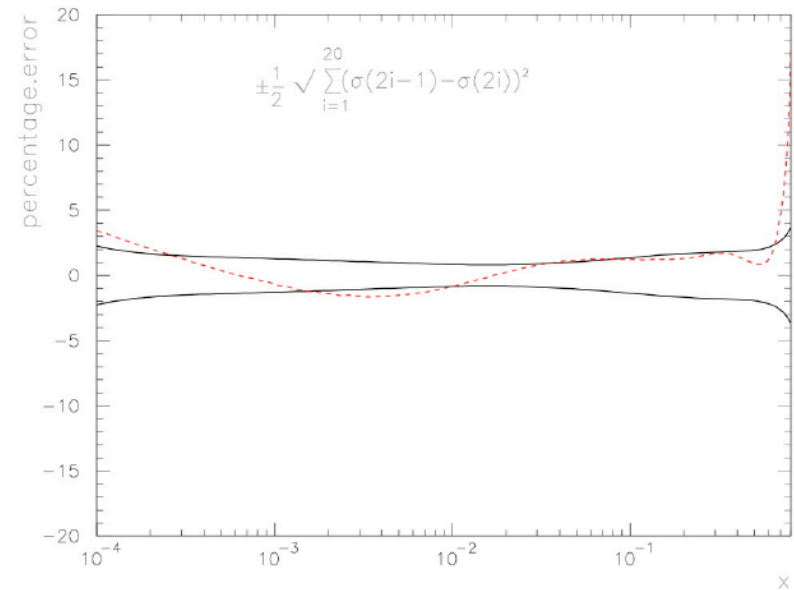
$$\Delta X_{max}^+ = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N [\max(X_i^+ - X_0, X_i^- - X_0, 0)]^2}$$
$$\Delta X_{max}^- = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N [\max(X_0 - X_i^+, X_0 - X_i^-, 0)]^2}$$

tolerance larger for CTEQ  
than for MSTW (by design)

up quark: MSTW2008 in CTEQ6.6 error bands



CTEQ6.6 in MSTW2008 error bands



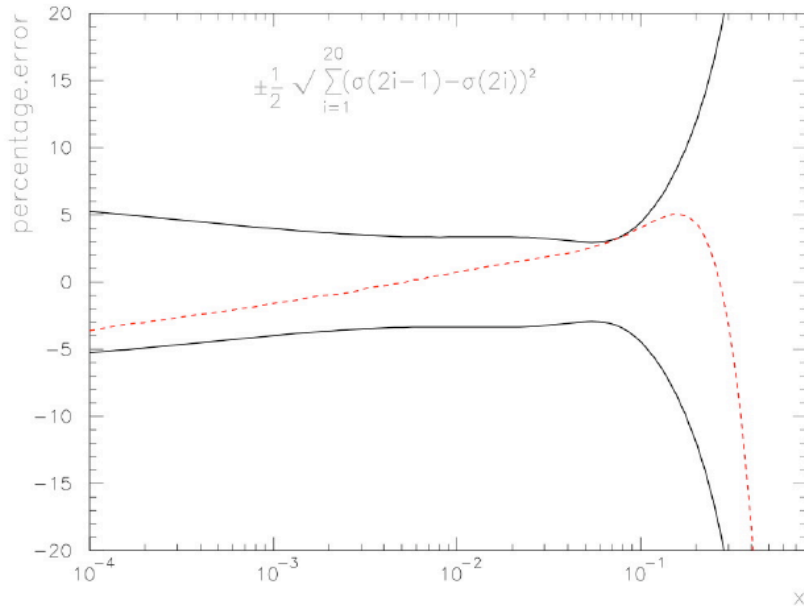


# PDF uncertainties

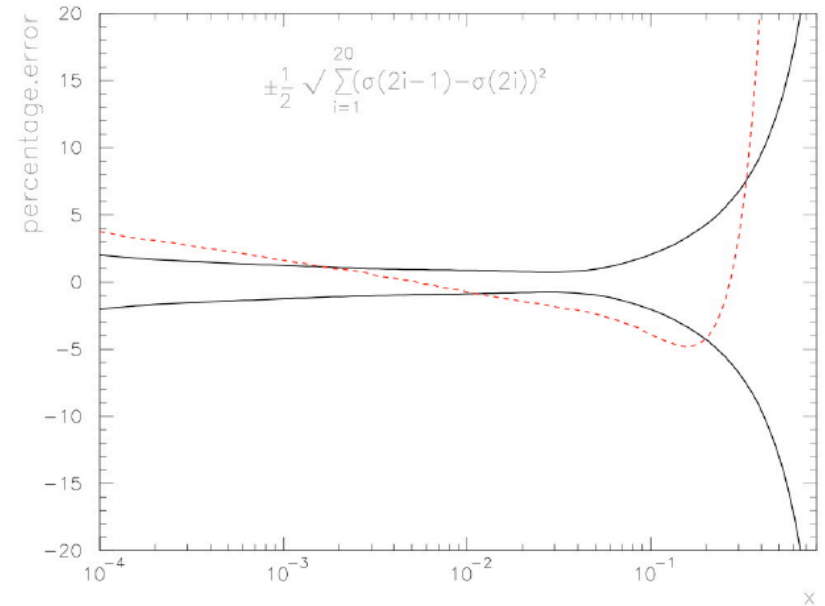


- Necessary condition for PDF uncertainties: central fits for other PDF should be inside error band
- Not always the case for MSTW

gluon distribution: MSTW compared to CTEQ6.6 error band



CTEQ6.6 compared to MSTW error band





# Higgs and eigenvectors

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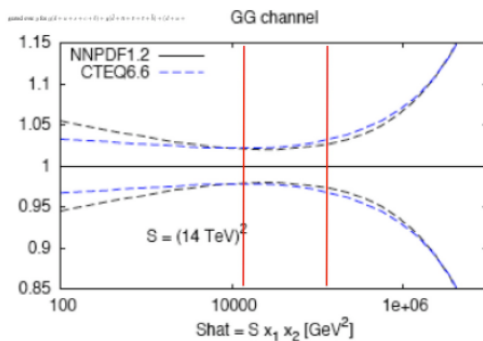
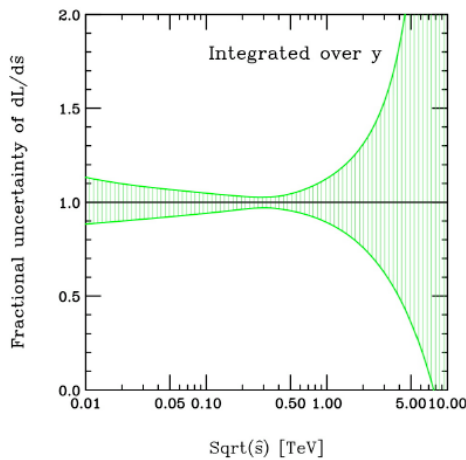
- 20 eigenvectors for CTEQ6.1 and MSTW2008
  - ◆ 22 eigenvectors for CTEQ6.6
    - ▲ Higgs cross section at LHC sensitive to eigenvectors 4, 6, 11 and 16 (for Higgs masses of 120 and 200 GeV, joined by eigenvectors 5 and 7 at 300 GeV)
    - ▲ a new technique has been developed by CTEQ called data set diagonalization, which makes it possible to create a new eigenvector sensitive to a cross section/distribution of choice, i.e. one could create an eigenvector that probes the Higgs cross section uncertainty
  - ◆ 24 eigenvectors for CT09



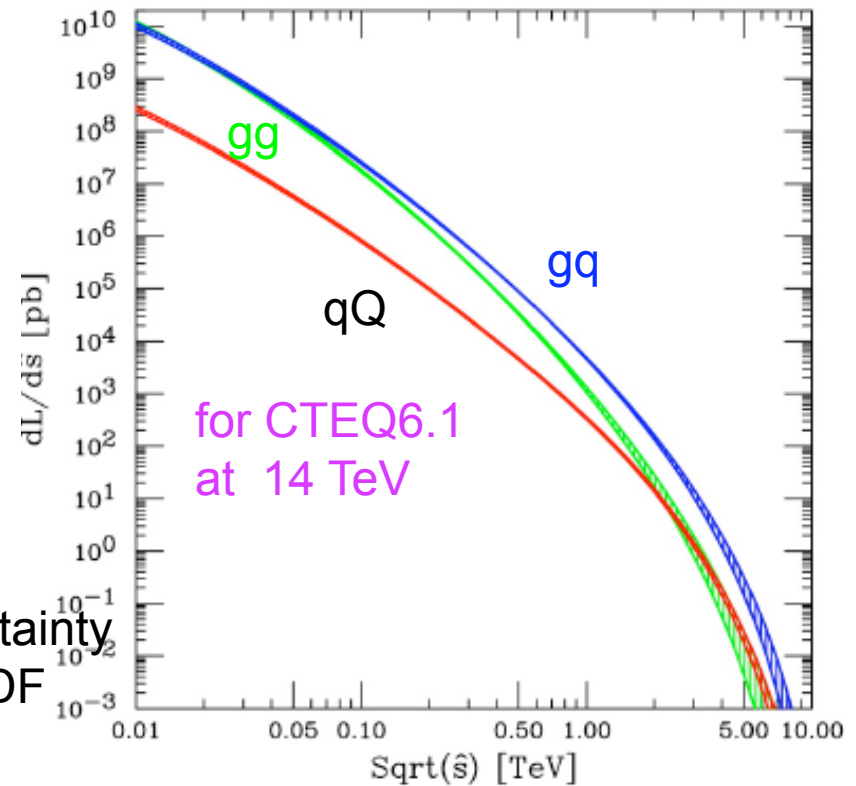
# PDF luminosities



- Define pdf parton-parton luminosity



CTEQ6.6 PDF uncertainty close to that of NNPDF



$$\frac{dL_{ij}}{d\hat{s} dy} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{1 + \delta_{ij}} [f_i(x_1, \mu) f_j(x_2, \mu) + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)] . \quad (2)$$

The prefactor with the Kronecker delta avoids double-counting in case the partons are identical. The generic parton-model formula

$$\sigma = \sum_{i,j} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 f_i(x_1, \mu) f_j(x_2, \mu) \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \quad (3)$$



# Ratios:LHC to Tevatron pdf luminosities

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- Processes that depend on qQ initial states (e.g. chargino pair production) have small enhancements
- Most backgrounds have gg or qq initial states and thus large enhancement factors (500 for W + 4 jets for example, which is primarily qq) at the LHC
- W+4 jets is a background to tT production both at the Tevatron and at the LHC
- tT production at the Tevatron is largely through a qQ initial states and so qQ->tT has an enhancement factor at the LHC of ~10
- Luckily tT has a gg initial state as well as qQ so total enhancement at the LHC is a factor of 100
  - ◆ but increased W + jets background means that a higher jet cut is necessary at the LHC
  - ◆ known known: jet cuts have to be higher at LHC than at Tevatron

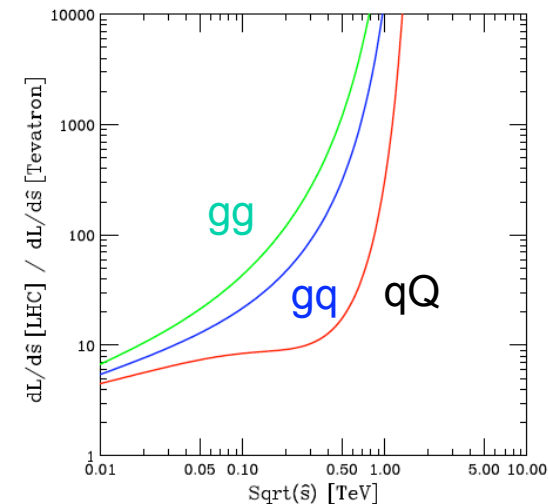


Figure 11. The ratio of parton-parton luminosity  $\left[\frac{1}{s} \frac{dL}{ds}\right]$  in pb integrated over  $y$  at the LHC and Tevatron. Green= $gg$  (top), Blue= $g(d+u+s+c+b)+g(\bar{d}+\bar{u}+\bar{s}+\bar{c}+\bar{b})+(d+u+s+c+b)g+(\bar{d}+\bar{u}+\bar{s}+\bar{c}+\bar{b})g$  (middle), Red= $d\bar{d}+u\bar{u}+s\bar{s}+c\bar{c}+b\bar{b}+\bar{d}d+\bar{u}u+\bar{s}s+\bar{c}c+\bar{b}b$  (bottom).

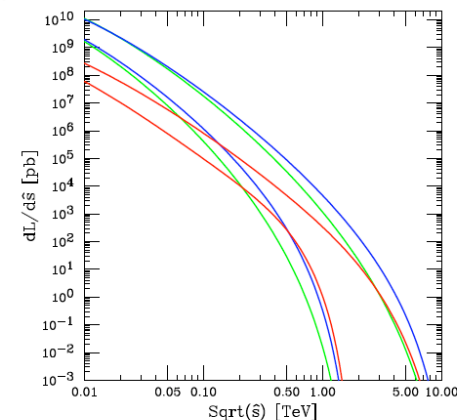


Figure 10. The parton-parton luminosity  $\left[\frac{1}{s} \frac{dL}{ds}\right]$  in pb integrated over  $y$ . Green= $gg$ , Blue= $g(d+u+s+c+b)+g(\bar{d}+\bar{u}+\bar{s}+\bar{c}+\bar{b})+(d+u+s+c+b)g+(\bar{d}+\bar{u}+\bar{s}+\bar{c}+\bar{b})g$ , Red= $d\bar{d}+u\bar{u}+s\bar{s}+c\bar{c}+b\bar{b}+\bar{d}d+\bar{u}u+\bar{s}s+\bar{c}c+\bar{b}b$ . The top family of curves are for the LHC and the bottom for the Tevatron.



# Ratios:LHC to Tevatron pdf luminosities

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- But wait, we're not running at 14 TeV, but at 7-10 TeV
- Ratios proportionally smaller
- You get the picture for 7 TeV

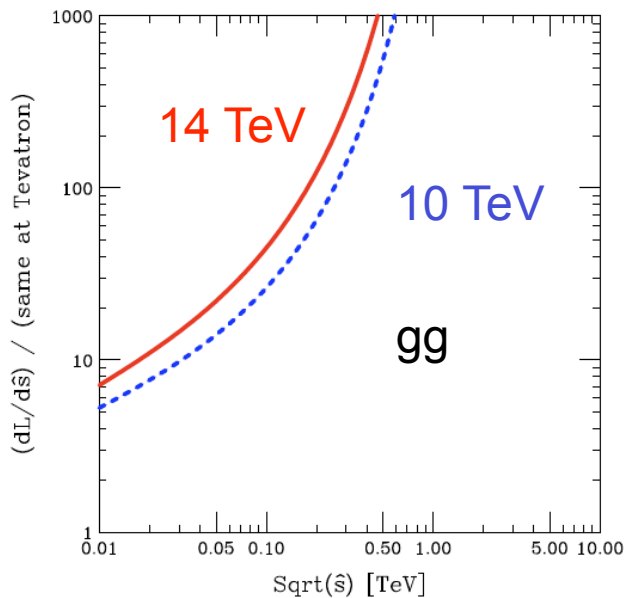


Figure 1:  $gg$  luminosity integrated over  $y$ .  
Blue =  $(pp \text{ at } 10 \text{ TeV}) / (pp \text{ at } 1.96 \text{ TeV})$ ;  
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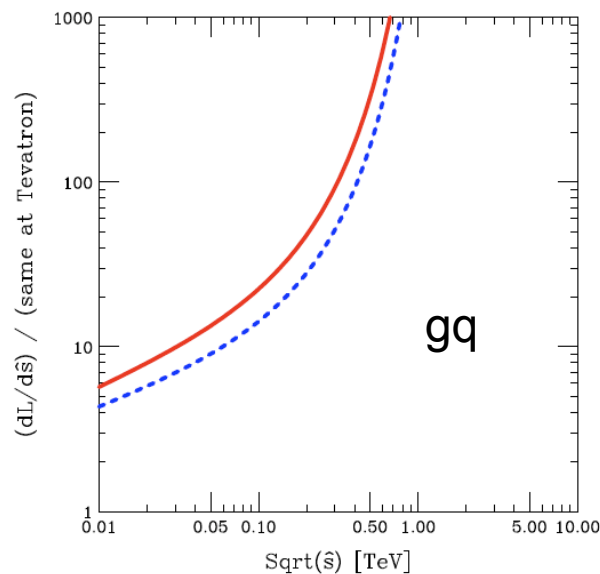


Figure 2:  $gq + g\bar{q}$  luminosity integrated over  $y$ .  
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Red =  $(pp \text{ at } 14 \text{ TeV}) / (pp \text{ at } 1.96 \text{ TeV})$ .

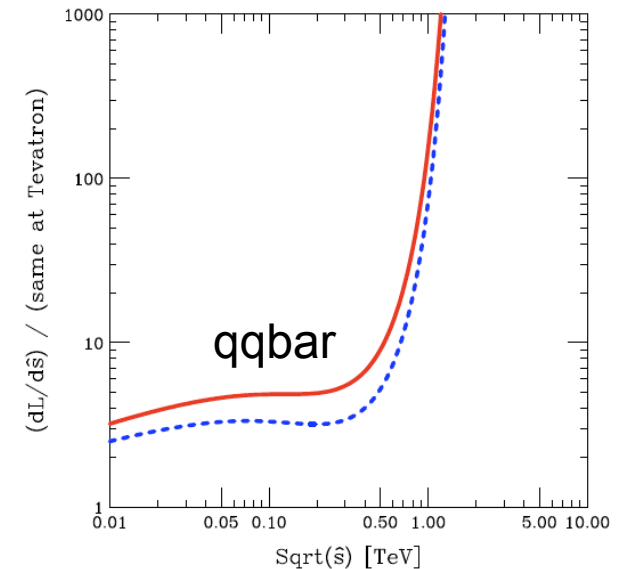


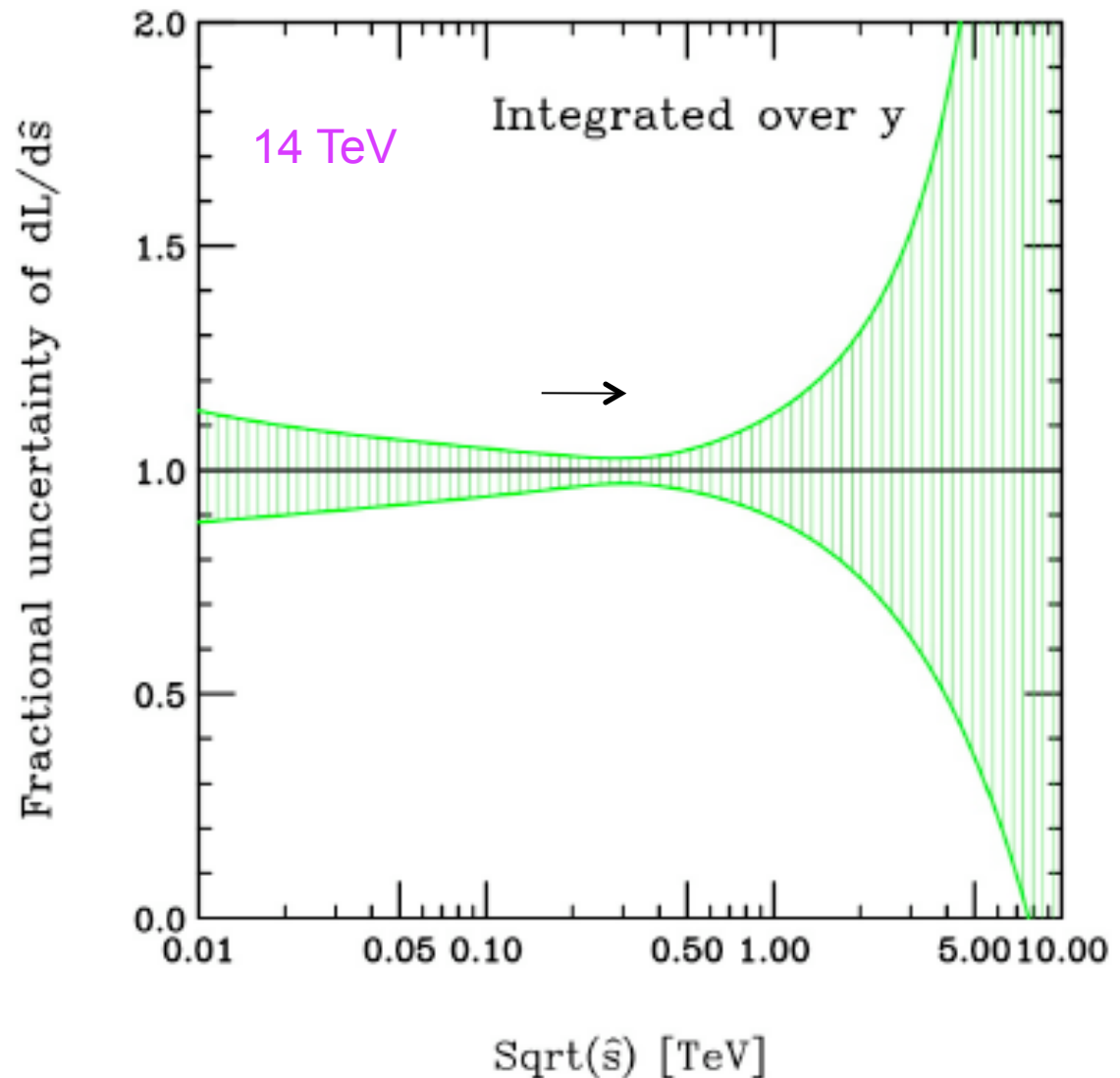
Figure 3:  $u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s} + c\bar{c} + b\bar{b}$ .  
Blue =  $(pp \text{ at } 10 \text{ TeV}) / (pp \text{ at } 1.96 \text{ TeV})$ ;  
Red =  $(pp \text{ at } 14 \text{ TeV}) / (pp \text{ at } 1.96 \text{ TeV})$ .



# gg uncertainties for lower energies

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- Impact of lower energies is that you slide to the right along the uncertainty curve (for fixed Higgs mass)
- Consider a Higgs of mass 120 GeV; at 7 TeV, the gg pdf luminosity uncertainty is similar to that of 240 GeV Higgs at 14 TeV
- In this case, a good thing







# Correlations



- As expected, W and Z cross sections are highly correlated
- Anti-correlation between tT and W cross sections
  - ◆ more glue for tT production (at higher x) means fewer anti-quarks (at lower x) for W production
  - ◆ mostly no correlation for H and W cross sections

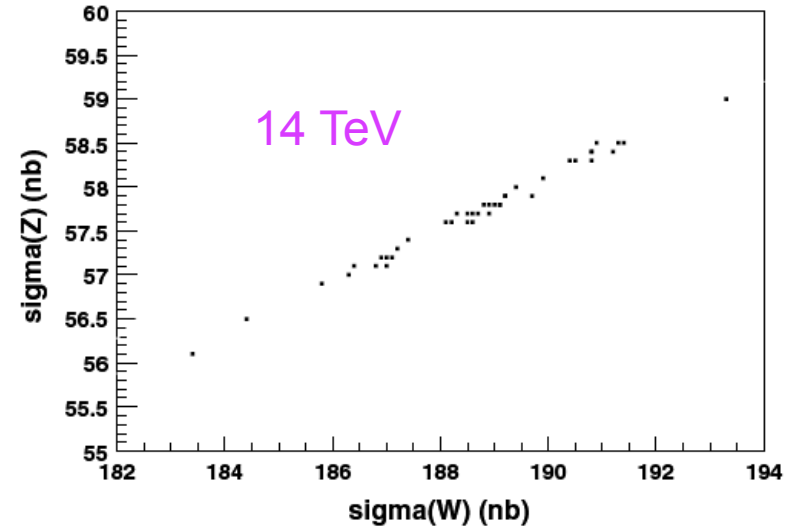


Figure 85. The cross section predictions for Z production versus the cross section predictions for W production at the LHC plotted using the 41 CTEQ6.1 pdfs

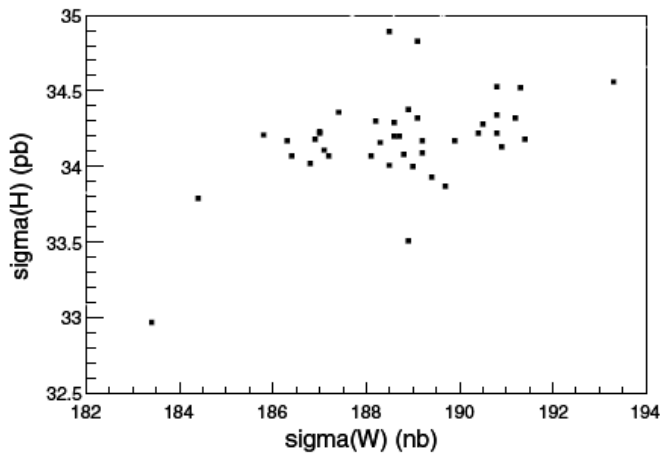


Figure 99. The cross section predictions for Higgs production versus the cross section predictions for W production at the LHC plotted using the 41 CTEQ6.1 pdfs.

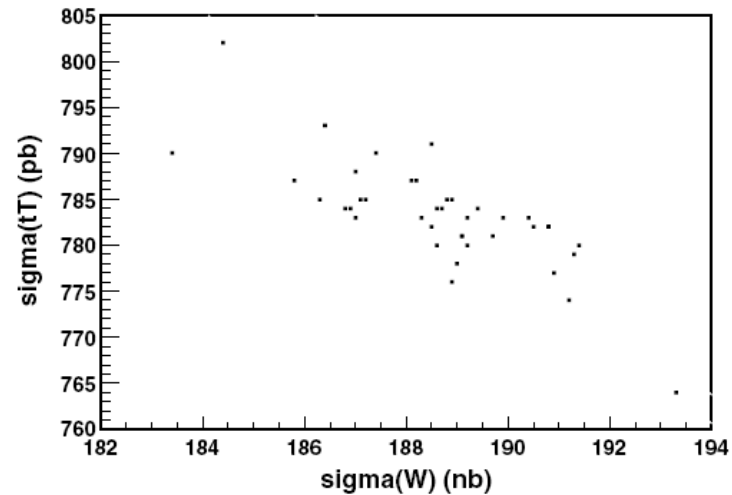


Figure 93. The cross section predictions for  $t\bar{t}$  production versus the cross section predictions for W production at the LHC plotted using the 41 CTEQ6.1 pdfs.



# Correlation cosines



- Define angle  $\phi$  between gradients for two cross sections X and Y (for example Higgs and Z cross section)

$$\cos \phi = \frac{\vec{\nabla} X \cdot \vec{\nabla} Y}{\Delta X \Delta Y} = \frac{1}{4 \Delta X \Delta Y} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( X_i^{(+)} - X_i^{(-)} \right) \left( Y_i^{(+)} - Y_i^{(-)} \right)$$

- Higgs cross section (through gg fusion) goes from being correlated with W/Z at low mass to being highly anti-correlated for high mass
- Has impact on normalizing to W/Z cross section
  - ◆ if two cross sections are correlated, then relative PDF uncertainty cancels
- This is for 14 TeV; will re-do for 7 and 10 TeV

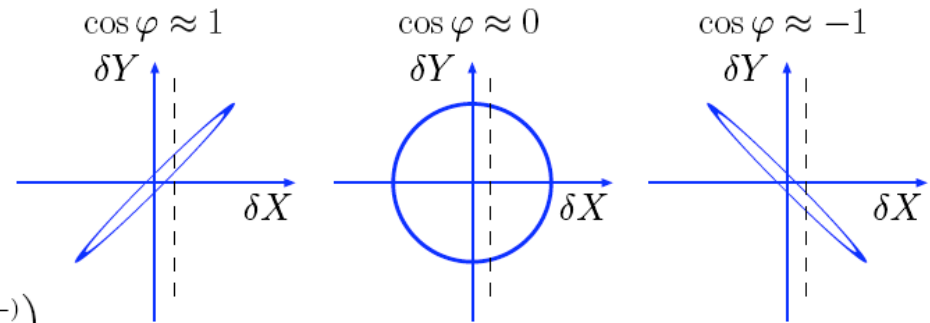
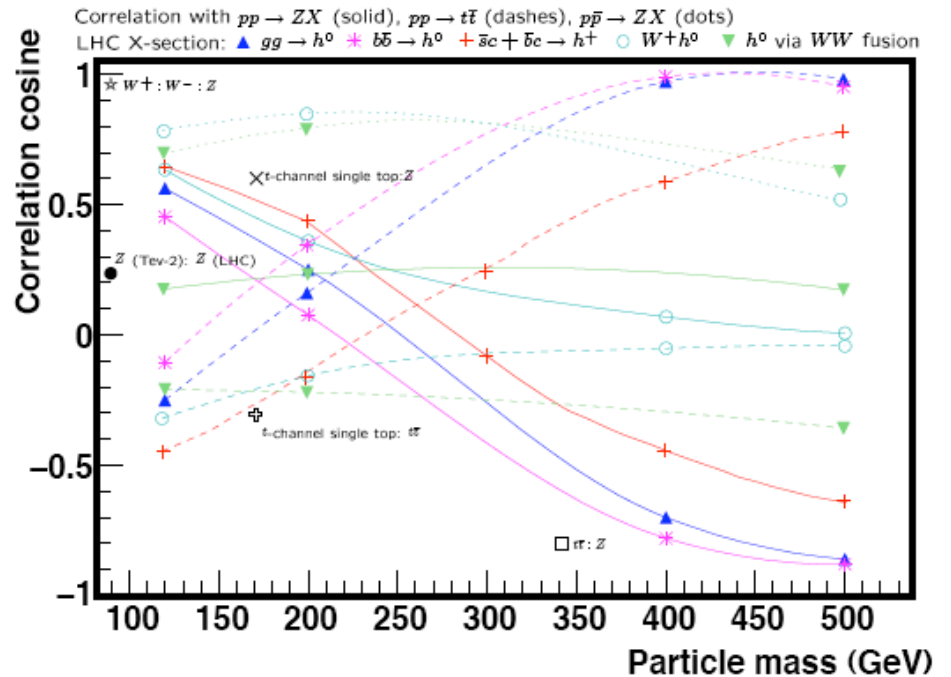


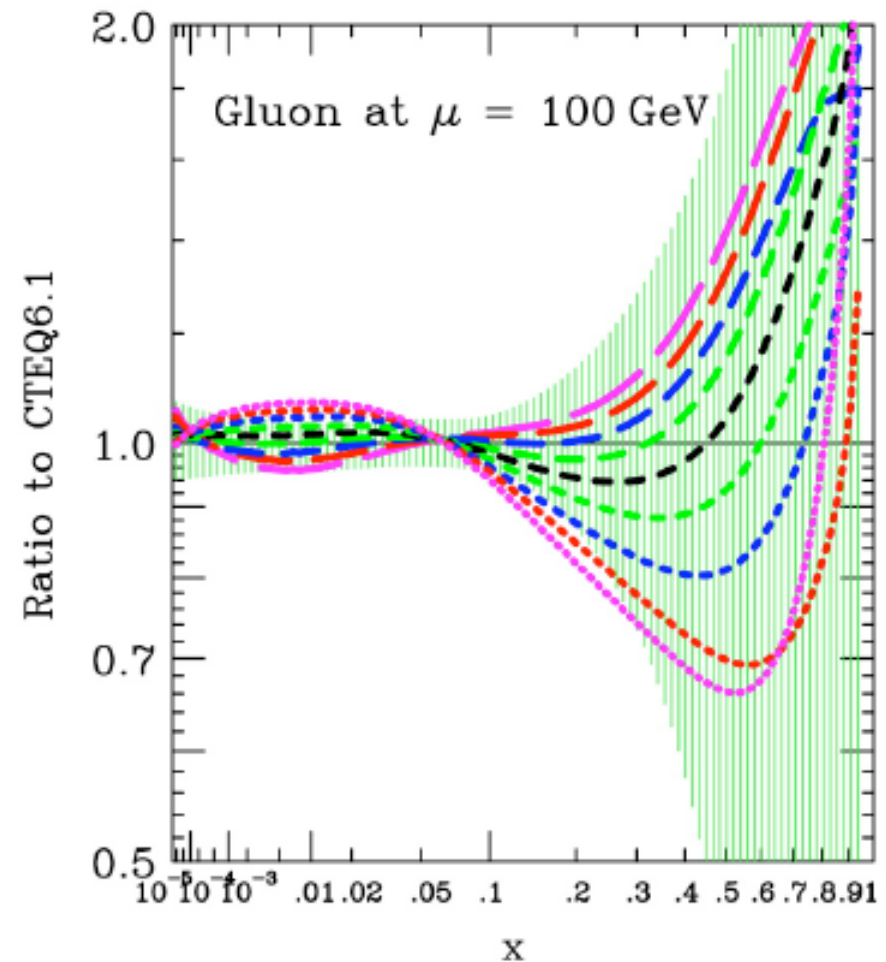
Figure 10. Dependence on the correlation ellipse formed in the  $\delta X - \delta Y$  plane on the value of  $\cos \phi$ .



 $\alpha_s$ 

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- In  $x$  range relevant for Higgs production, the gluon distribution is correlated with the value of  $\alpha_s$ , i.e. the larger the value of  $\alpha_s$ , the larger the gluon
- This means that there is an especially large sensitivity to the value of  $\alpha_s$
- Two different philosophies
  - ◆ CTEQ and NNPDF use the world average value of  $\alpha_s(m_Z)(=0.118)$
  - ◆ MSTW uses the value obtained in their fit (0.120 for MSTW2008)
  - ◆ large impact on cross sections such as Higgs which have large  $\alpha_s^3$  and  $\alpha_s^4$  contributions

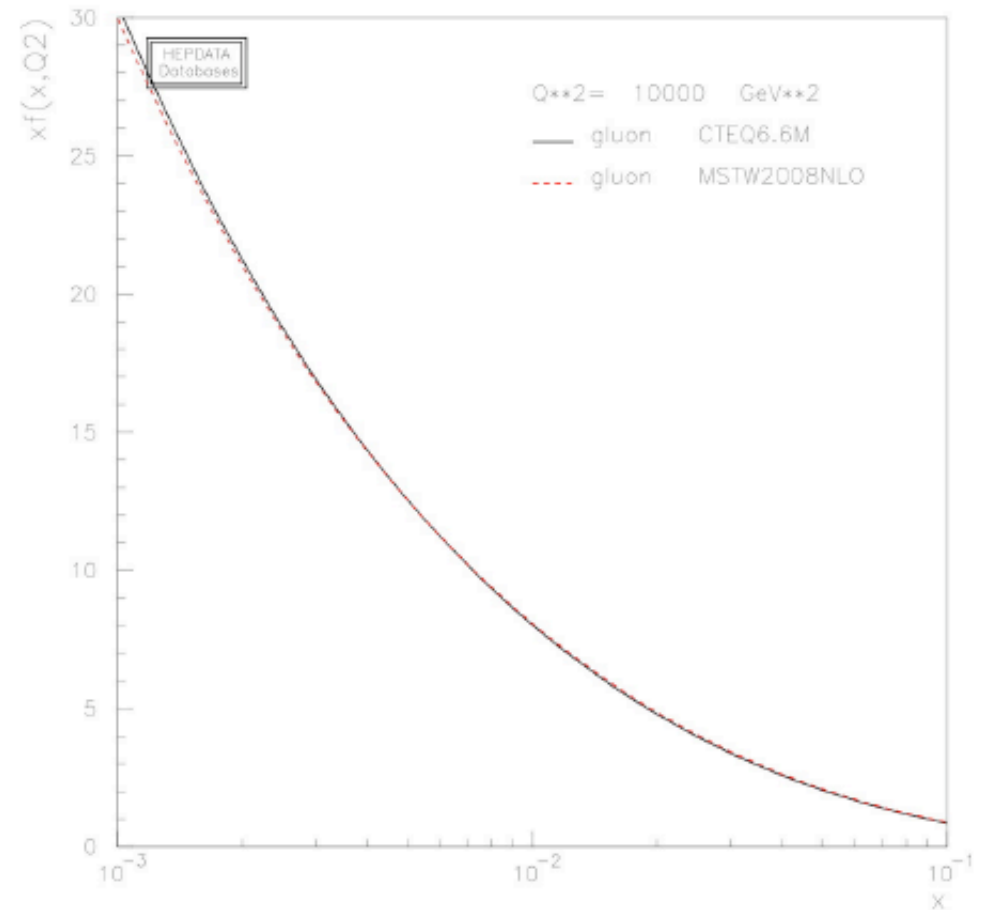




# Higgs and gluon

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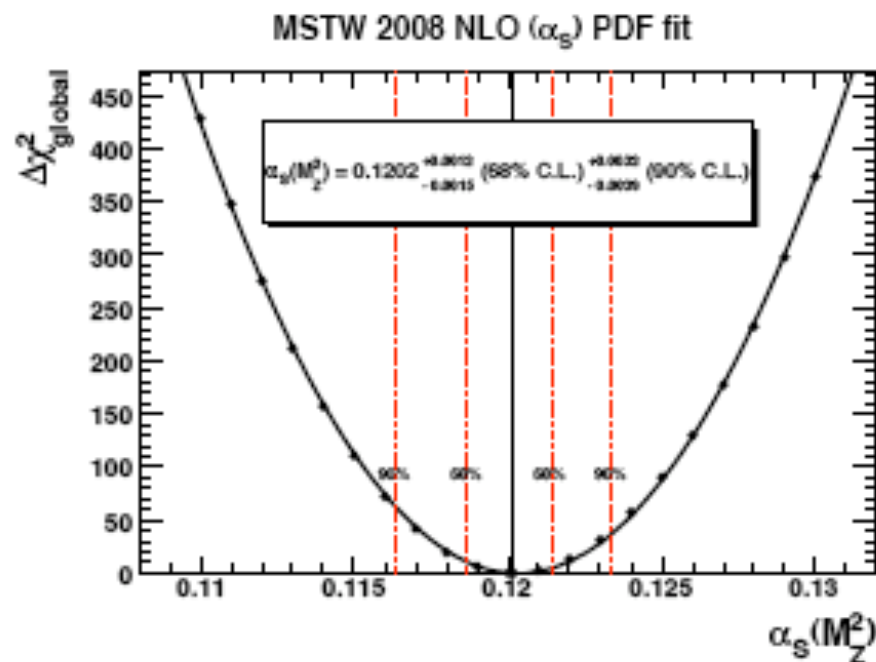
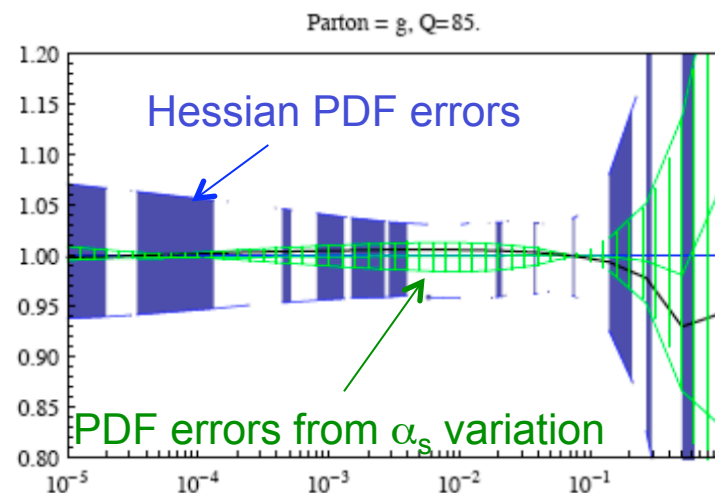
- Gluon distribution for CTEQ6.6 and MSTW2008 almost indistinguishable in relevant  $x$  range at LHC
- But MSTW Higgs (and  $t\bar{t}$ ) cross sections are larger because of the larger value of  $\alpha_s$





# $\alpha_s$ errors

- CTEQ has produced PDF sets with different  $\alpha_s$  values in the past
  - ◆ we have new  $\alpha_s$  sets from CTEQ6.6 corresponding to  $\alpha_s=0.116, 0.117, 0.119, 0.120$
- MSTW has come out with a new prescription for calculating  $\alpha_s$  errors
- The key is
  - ◆ what is the uncertainty on  $\alpha_s$
  - ◆ if it is +/-0.002, the impact is relatively small
  - ◆ talking with Siggie Bethke; in his latest fit ( $\alpha_s(m_Z)=0.1184$ ), the uncertainty is +/-0.0007 (which he considers to be >1 sigma)
  - ◆ take 0.0014 as 90%CL errors
  - ◆ then  $\alpha_s$  varies between 0.117 and 0.1198; maybe call it 0.118 +/- 0.002
  - ◆ MSTW starts from a higher central value and has a larger error





# MSTW $\alpha_s$ error prescription

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- Since the prescription for dealing with the varied  $\alpha_s$  values is a bit complicated, they give examples

PDF uncertainties given by [1]

$$(\Delta F_{\text{PDF}}^{\alpha_s})_+ = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n \{\max [F^{\alpha_s}(S_k^+) - F^{\alpha_s}(S_0), F^{\alpha_s}(S_k^-) - F^{\alpha_s}(S_0), 0]\}^2}, \quad (7)$$

$$(\Delta F_{\text{PDF}}^{\alpha_s})_- = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n \{\max [F^{\alpha_s}(S_0) - F^{\alpha_s}(S_k^+), F^{\alpha_s}(S_0) - F^{\alpha_s}(S_k^-), 0]\}^2}, \quad (8)$$

for each of the five fixed values of  $\alpha_s$ . Then the overall best-fit prediction is  $F^{\alpha_s^0}(S_0)$ , where  $\alpha_s^0$  is the best-fit  $\alpha_s$  value, and the overall “PDF+ $\alpha_s$ ” uncertainties are given by

$$(\Delta F_{\text{PDF}+\alpha_s})_+ = \max_{\alpha_s} (\{F^{\alpha_s}(S_0) + (\Delta F_{\text{PDF}}^{\alpha_s})_+\}) - F^{\alpha_s^0}(S_0), \quad (9)$$

$$(\Delta F_{\text{PDF}+\alpha_s})_- = F^{\alpha_s^0}(S_0) - \min_{\alpha_s} (\{F^{\alpha_s}(S_0) - (\Delta F_{\text{PDF}}^{\alpha_s})_-\}). \quad (10)$$

Since this prescription might look quite complicated at first sight, we will give a few concrete examples of its application and consequences in the following subsections.<sup>3</sup>



# Significant change to Higgs uncertainty



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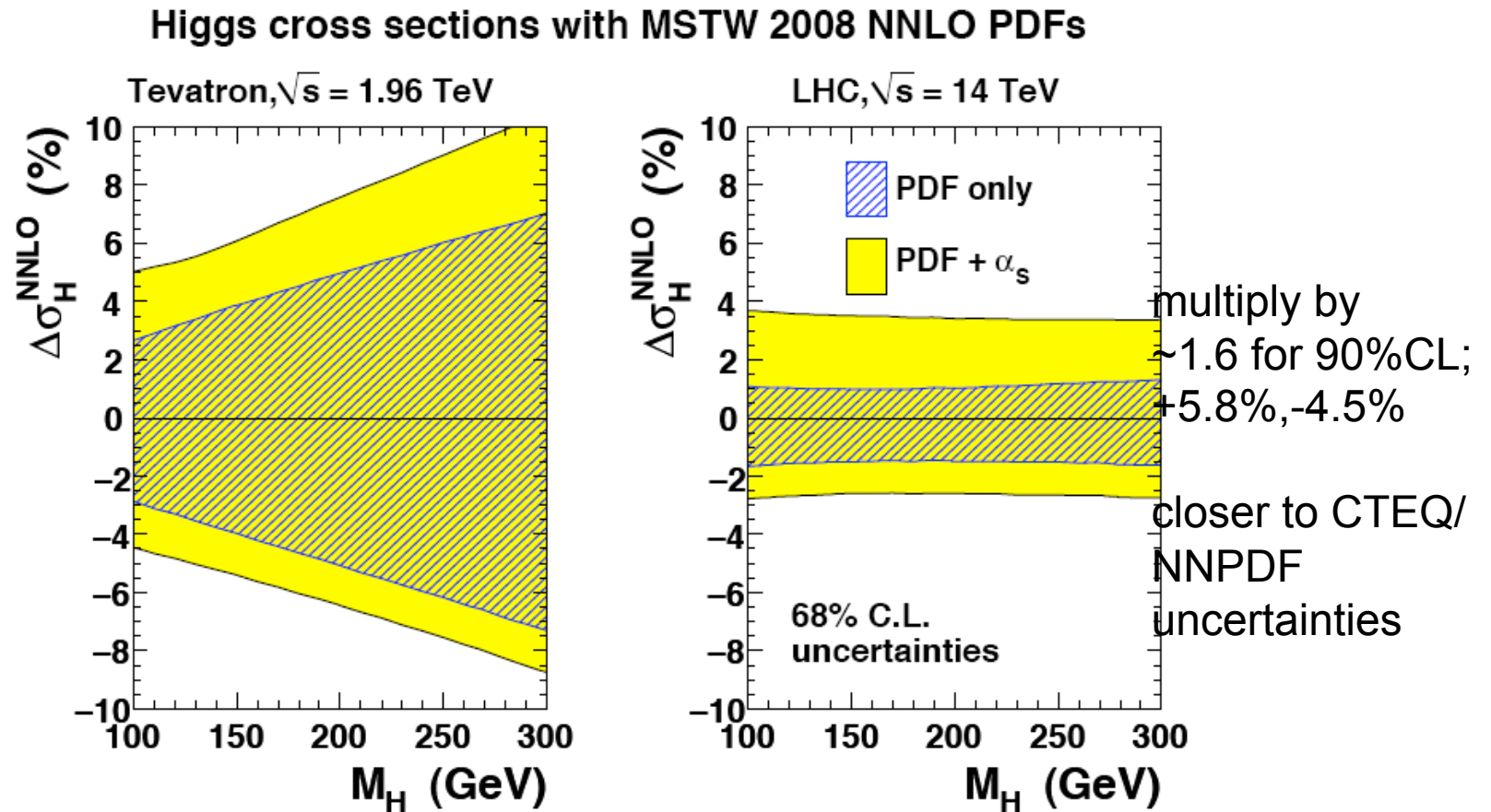


Figure 15: (a) Higgs total cross sections as a function of the Higgs mass at the Tevatron and LHC. (b) Percentage uncertainty in the Higgs total cross sections when accounting simultaneously for PDF and  $\alpha_s$  uncertainties (outer error bands) as compared to that due to the PDF uncertainty alone (inner error bands).



# Some quick answers

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## 1) Theory predictions for Higgs + backgrounds to Higgs

a. can we have a dynamic collection of cross sections (detailing methods and parameters used to calculate these cross sections) for all Higgs production processes and main backgrounds?

yes, see for example  
CTEQ4LHC/  
ATLAS

b. understanding consistency and best use of predictions at LO, NLO, NNLO, NLO+NLL, NNLO+NNLL

i. how consistent are the predictions from CTEQ, MSTW, NNPDF?

~ok

ii. how to properly include the cross section/PDF uncertainty due to the uncertainty on  $\alpha_s$ ?

use world  
average

iii. what is the best way of adding PDF and scale uncertainties?

iv. should the factorization and renormalization scales be varied separately or together?

add in  
quadrature

v. can we assume similar scales for related processes?

vi. how best to treat the PDF correlations between cross sections?

correlation  
cosines

vii. can we improve the PDF and scale uncertainties by normalizing to the W/Z cross section?

yes (in  
many  
cases)





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**EXTRA**



# CTEQ4LHC/FROOT

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- Collate/create cross section predictions for LHC
  - ◆ processes such as W/Z/ Higgs(both SM and BSM)/ diboson/tT/single top/photons/ jets...
  - ◆ at LO, NLO, NNLO (where available)
    - ▲ new: W/Z production to NNLO QCD and NLO EW
  - ◆ pdf uncertainty, scale uncertainty, correlations
  - ◆ impacts of resummation ( $q_T$  and threshold)
- As prelude towards comparison with actual data
- Using programs such as:
  - ◆ MCFM
  - ◆ ResBos
  - ◆ Pythia/Herwig/Sherpa
  - ◆ ... private codes with CTEQ
- First on webpage and later as a report

Primary goal: have all theorists (**including you**) write out parton level output into ROOT ntuples  
Secondary goal: make libraries of prediction ntuples available

- FROOT: a simple interface for writing Monte-Carlo events into a ROOT ntuple file
- Written by Pavel Nadolsky (nadolsky@physics.smu.edu)
- CONTENTS
- =====
- froot.c -- the C file with FROOT functions
- taste\_froot.f -- a sample Fortran program writing 3 events into a ROOT ntuple
- taste\_froot0.c -- an alternative top-level C wrapper (see the compilation notes below)
- Makefile



- Zoltan Nagy has some ideas for making the calculation of the factorization scale uncertainty somewhat easier, by simplifying the pdf convolutions

The last line in Eq. (1.1) is more tricky. The  $P$  kernel explicitly depends on the factorization scale. on the other hand it is not a pleasant expression. On the other hand for  $P$  we have

$$P^{a,b}(x, \mu_F^2) = -\frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R^2)}{2\pi} \left[ \tilde{P}^{a,b}(x, Q^2) - P^{a,b}(x) \log \frac{\mu_F^2}{Q^2} \right], \quad (1.5)$$

Here the  $P^{a,b}(x)$  functions are the standard Altarelli-Parisi splitting probabilities and  $Q^2$  is an arbitrary reference scale. We can see the factorization scale dependence is simple. Thus  $\tilde{P}$  kernel can be combined with  $K$ . Thus we have

$$\int_0^1 dx \int_m d\sigma^B(x\eta p_A) \otimes [K(x) + P(x, Q^2)] = \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R^2)}{2\pi} \right)^{n+1} dC_a(\eta p_A). \quad (1.6)$$

Now, the cross section is

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma = & \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R^2)}{2\pi} \right)^n \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R^2)}{2\pi} \frac{n}{2} \beta_0 \log \frac{\mu_R^2}{Q^2} \right) \int_0^1 d\eta f_{a/A}(\eta, \mu_F^2) \int_m dB_a(\eta p_A) \\ & + \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R^2)}{2\pi} \right)^{n+1} \int_0^1 d\eta f_{a/A}(\eta, \mu_F^2) \left\{ \int_{m+1} dR_a(\eta p_A) + \int_m [dV_a(\eta p_A) + dC_a(\eta p_A)] \right\} \\ & - \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R^2)}{2\pi} \right)^{n+1} \log \frac{\mu_F^2}{Q^2} \int_0^1 d\eta f_{a/A}(\eta, \mu_F^2) \int_0^1 dx P^{a,b}(x) \int_m dB_b(x\eta p_A) \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

Her the last term is the problematic because there is an double convolution. Furtunately the  $P^{a,b}(x)$  functions are universal. Now, let us change integration variable in such a way that  $\tilde{\eta} = x\eta$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 d\eta f_{a/A}(\eta, \mu_F^2) \int_0^1 dx P^{a,b}(x) \int_m dB_b(x\eta p_A) \\ = \int_0^1 d\tilde{\eta} \int_{\tilde{\eta}}^1 \frac{dx}{x} f_{a/A}(\tilde{\eta}/x, \mu_F^2) P^{a,b}(x) \int_m dB_b(\tilde{\eta} p_A) \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

Defining a new kind of pdf function

$$f_{b/A}^{(P)}(\tilde{\eta}, \mu_F^2) = \sum_a \int_{\tilde{\eta}}^1 \frac{dx}{x} f_{a/A}(\tilde{\eta}/x, \mu_F^2) P^{a,b}(x) \quad (1.9)$$

then we have

$$\int_0^1 d\eta f_{a/A}(\eta, \mu_F^2) \int_0^1 dx P^{a,b}(x) \int_m dB_b(x\eta p_A) = \int_0^1 d\eta f_{a/A}^{(P)}(\eta, \mu_F^2) \int_m dB_a(\eta p_A). \quad (1.10)$$

This integral has the same simple structure like the Born term but with a different pdf function.

Note, if the pdf function is a leading order pdf then

$$\mu_F^2 \frac{f_{a/A}(\eta, \mu_F^2)}{d\mu_F^2} = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_F^2)}{2\pi} f_{a/A}^{(P)}(\eta, \mu_F^2). \quad (1.11)$$



# NLO and the Les Houches wishlist



- NLO is the first order at which the normalization, and sometimes the shape, can be taken seriously
- A great deal of effort has gone into calculations of 2->3 processes, and now we even have a formalism(s) for tackling 2->4
- The Les Houches wishlist from 2005/2007 is filling up slowly but progressively. The effort in 2009 will result in an updated Les Houches list. For the Les Houches 2009 writeup, we would like to specify not only the new calculations needed, but the level of accuracy to which we need to know them. This would tell us, for example, whether EW corrections are needed as well
- Public code/ntuples will make the contributions to this wishlist the most useful/widely cited
  - ◆ not many of the calculated processes are available to the public

Process ( $V \in \{Z, W, \gamma\}$ )	Comments
Calculations completed since Les Houches 2005	
1. $pp \rightarrow VV\text{jet}$	$WW\text{jet}$ completed by Dittmaier/Kallweit/Uwer, Campbell/Ellis/Zanderighi and Binoth/Karg/Kauer/Sanguinetti (in progress) NLO QCD to the $gg$ channel completed by Campbell/Ellis/Zanderighi; NLO QCD+EW to the VBF channel completed by Ciccolini/Denner/Dittmaier $ZZZ$ completed by Lazopoulos/Melnikov/Petriello and $WWZ$ by Hankele/Zeppenfeld
2. $pp \rightarrow \text{Higgs}+2\text{jets}$	
3. $pp \rightarrow VVV$	
Calculations remaining from Les Houches 2005	
4. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$	relevant for $t\bar{t}H$ relevant for $t\bar{t}H$ relevant for $\text{VBF} \rightarrow H \rightarrow VV, t\bar{t}H$ relevant for $\text{VBF} \rightarrow H \rightarrow VV$ VBF contributions calculated by (Bozzi/Jäger/Oleari/Zeppenfeld various new physics signatures
5. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}+2\text{jets}$	
6. $pp \rightarrow VVb\bar{b}$	
7. $pp \rightarrow VV+2\text{jets}$	
8. $pp \rightarrow V+3\text{jets}$	
NLO calculations added to list in 2007	
9. $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	Higgs and new physics signatures
Calculations beyond NLO added in 2007	
10. $gg \rightarrow W^*W^* \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2\alpha_s^3)$	backgrounds to Higgs normalization of a benchmark process Higgs couplings and SM benchmark
11. NNLO $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	
12. NNLO to VBF and $Z/\gamma+\text{jet}$	
Calculations including electroweak effects	
13. NNLO QCD+NLO EW for $W/Z$	precision calculation of a SM benchmark

Table 1: The updated experimenter's wishlist for LHC processes

It's also imperative that decays be included to allow better matching to experimental cuts.



# K-factors

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- Often we work at LO by necessity (parton shower Monte Carlos), but would like to know the impact of NLO corrections
- K-factors (NLO/LO) can be a useful short-hand for this information
- But caveat emptor; the value of the K-factor depends on a number of things
  - ◆ PDFs used at LO and NLO
  - ◆ scale(s) at which the cross sections are evaluated
- And often the NLO corrections result in a shape change, so that one K-factor is not sufficient to modify the LO cross sections



# K-factor table from CHS paper



K-factors for LHC slightly less K-factors at Tevatron K-factors with NLO PDFs at LO are more often closer to unity

Process	Typical scales		Tevatron $K$ -factor			LHC $K$ -factor		
	$\mu_0$	$\mu_1$	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_0)$	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_1)$	$\mathcal{K}'(\mu_0)$	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_0)$	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_1)$	$\mathcal{K}'(\mu_0)$
$W$	$m_W$	$2m_W$	1.33	1.31	1.21	1.15	1.05	1.15
$W+1\text{jet}$	$m_W$	$p_T^{\text{jet}}$	1.42	1.20	1.43	1.21	1.32	1.42
$W+2\text{jets}$	$m_W$	$p_T^{\text{jet}}$	1.16	0.91	1.29	0.89	0.88	1.10
$WW+\text{jet}$	$m_W$	$2m_W$	1.19	1.37	1.26	1.33	1.40	1.42
$t\bar{t}$	$m_t$	$2m_t$	1.08	1.31	1.24	1.40	1.59	1.19
$t\bar{t}+1\text{jet}$	$m_t$	$2m_t$	1.13	1.43	1.37	0.97	1.29	1.10
$b\bar{b}$	$m_b$	$2m_b$	1.20	1.21	2.10	0.98	0.84	2.51
Higgs	$m_H$	$p_T^{\text{jet}}$	2.33	–	2.33	1.72	–	2.32
Higgs via VBF	$m_H$	$p_T^{\text{jet}}$	1.07	0.97	1.07	1.23	1.34	0.85
Higgs+1jet	$m_H$	$p_T^{\text{jet}}$	2.02	–	2.13	1.47	–	1.90
Higgs+2jets	$m_H$	$p_T^{\text{jet}}$	–	–	–	1.15	–	–

Table 3:  $K$ -factors for various processes at the LHC calculated using a selection of input parameters. Have to fix this table. In all cases, the CTEQ6M PDF set is used at NLO.  $\mathcal{K}$  uses the CTEQ6L1 set at leading order, whilst  $\mathcal{K}'$  uses the same set, CTEQ6M, as at NLO and  $\mathcal{K}''$  uses the modified LO (2-loop) PDF set. For Higgs+1,2jets, a jet cut of 40 GeV/ $c$  and  $|\eta| < 4.5$  has been applied. A cut of  $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 20 \text{ GeV}/c$  has been applied for the  $t\bar{t}+\text{jet}$  process, and a cut of  $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 50 \text{ GeV}/c$  for  $WW+\text{jet}$ . In the  $W(\text{Higgs})+2\text{jets}$  process the jets are separated by  $\Delta R > 0.52$ , whilst the VBF calculations are performed for a Higgs boson of mass 120 GeV. In each case the value of the  $K$ -factor is compared at two often-used scale choices, where the scale indicated is used for both renormalization and factorization scales.



# MCFM has ROOT output built in; standard Les Houches format will be developed



store 4-vectors for final state particles  
+ event weights; use analysis script  
to construct any observables and their  
pdf uncertainties; in future will put scale  
uncertainties and pdf correlation info as  
well

The screenshot shows a Mac OS X desktop with a ROOT Object Browser window open. The browser displays a directory structure of ROOT files, including PDF01 through PDF44, px3 through px7, pz3 through pz7, wt\_all, wt\_gg, wt\_qq, and wt\_qqb. A histogram titled 'wt\_ALL' is shown in the foreground, with a y-axis ranging from 0 to 5000 and an x-axis from -4000 to 4000. The histogram shows a single sharp peak at zero. A statistics box for 'htemp' is visible, showing 6559810 entries, a mean of -426.4, and an RMS of 604.9. Below the histogram, another histogram titled 'PDF01' is shown, with a similar y-axis and x-axis, and a statistics box for 'htemp' showing 6559810 entries, a mean of -426.5, and an RMS of 604.8. A terminal window at the bottom shows a list of files and a command prompt.

htemp	Entries	Mean	RMS
wt_ALL	6559810	-426.4	604.9

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PDF01	6559810	-426.5	604.8



# Go back to K-factor table



- Some rules-of-thumb
- NLO corrections are larger for processes in which there is a great deal of color annihilation
  - ◆  $gg \rightarrow \text{Higgs}$
  - ◆  $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
  - ◆  $K(gg \rightarrow tT) > K(qQ \rightarrow tT)$
  - ◆ these  $gg$  initial states want to radiate like crazy (see Sudakovs)
- NLO corrections decrease as more final-state legs are added
  - ◆  $K(gg \rightarrow \text{Higgs} + 2 \text{ jets}) < K(gg \rightarrow \text{Higgs} + 1 \text{ jet}) < K(gg \rightarrow \text{Higgs})$
  - ◆ unless can access new initial state gluon channel
- Can we generalize for uncalculated HO processes?
- What about effect of jet vetoes on K-factors? Signal processes compared to background. Of current interest.

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Casimir for biggest color representation final state can be in

Simplistic rule

$$C_{i1} + C_{i2} - C_{f,\text{max}}$$

L. Dixon

Casimir color factors for initial state (not the full story, but indicative)





# CTEQ modified LO PDFs

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- Discussed already in several PDF4LHC meetings
- Preprint available on the archive last Friday (0910.4183)
- Three different flavors of PDFs
  - ◆ CT09MCS: momentum sum rule kept; fit to NLO pseudo-data
  - ◆ CT09MC1: 1-loop  $\alpha_s$ ; momentum sum rule violated (by  $\sim 10\%$ ); fit to NLO pseudo-data;
  - ◆ CT09MC2: 2-loop  $\alpha_s$ ; momentum sum rule violated (by  $\sim 14\%$ ); fit to NLO pseudo-data

## Parton Distributions for Event Generators

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In this paper, conventional Global QCD analysis is generalized to produce parton distributions optimized for use with event generators at the LHC. This optimization is accomplished by combining the constraints due to existing hard-scattering experimental data with those from anticipated cross sections for key representative SM processes at LHC (by the best available theory) as joint input to the global analyses. The PDFs obtained in these new type of global analyses using matrix elements calculated in any given order will be best suited to work with event generators of that order, for predictions at the LHC. This is most useful for LO event generators at present. Results obtained from a few candidate PDF sets (labeled as CT09MCS, CT09MC1 and CT09MC2) for LO event generators produced in this way are compared with those from other approaches.



# K-factor table with the modified LO PDFs



Process	Typical scales		Tevatron $K$ -factor			LHC $K$ -factor			
	$\mu_0$	$\mu_1$	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_0)$	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_1)$	$\mathcal{K}'(\mu_0)$	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_0)$	$\mathcal{K}(\mu_1)$	$\mathcal{K}'(\mu_0)$	$\mathcal{K}''(\mu_0)$
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$b\bar{b}$	$m_b$	$2m_b$	1.20	1.21	2.10	0.98	0.84	2.51	–
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Higgs via VBF	$m_H$	$p_T^{\text{jet}}$	1.07	0.97	1.07	1.23	1.34	0.85	0.78
Higgs+1jet	$m_H$	$p_T^{\text{jet}}$	2.02	–	2.13	1.47	–	1.90	1.33
Higgs+2jets	$m_H$	$p_T^{\text{jet}}$	–	–	–	1.15	–	–	1.13

mod LO PDF

Note K-factor for  $W < 1.0$ , since for this table the comparison is to CTEQ6.1 and not to CTEQ6.6, i.e. corrections to low x PDFs due to treatment of heavy quarks in CTEQ6.6 “built-in” to mod LO PDFs

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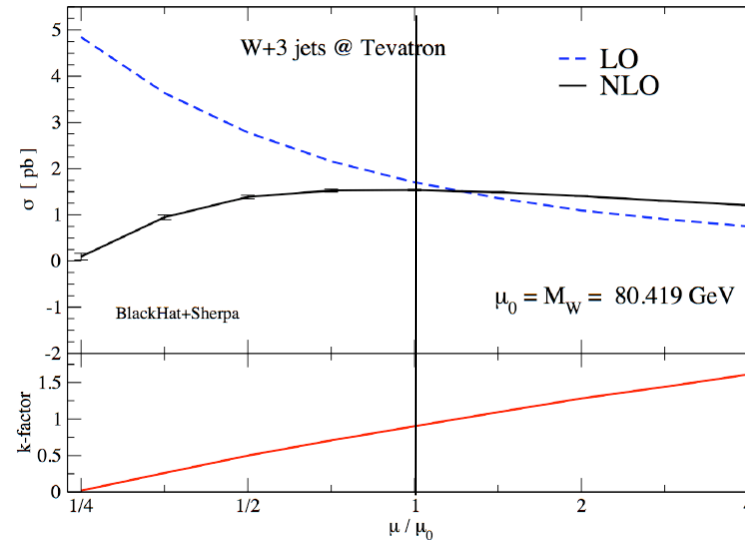


Consider a scale of  $m_W$  for W + 1,2,3 jets. We see the K-factors for W + 1,2 jets in the table below, and recently the NLO corrections for W + 3 jets have been calculated, allowing us to estimate the K-factors for that process.

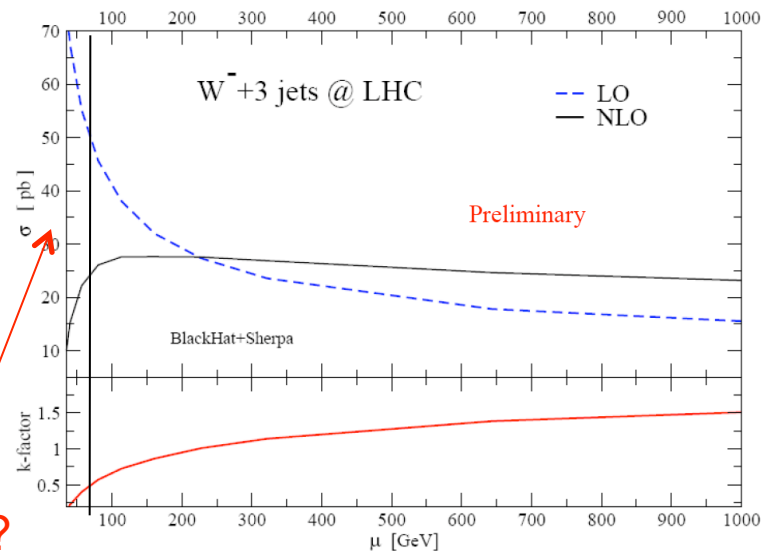
Process	Typical scales		Tevatron $K$ -factor			LHC $K$ -factor			
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W	$m_W$	$2m_W$	1.33	1.31	1.21	1.15	1.05	1.15	0.95
W+1jet	$m_W$	$p_T^{\text{jet}}$	1.42	1.20	1.43	1.21	1.32	1.42	0.99
W+2jets	$m_W$	$p_T^{\text{jet}}$	1.16	0.91	1.29	0.89	0.88	1.10	0.90
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## LHC TOTAL CROSS SECTION





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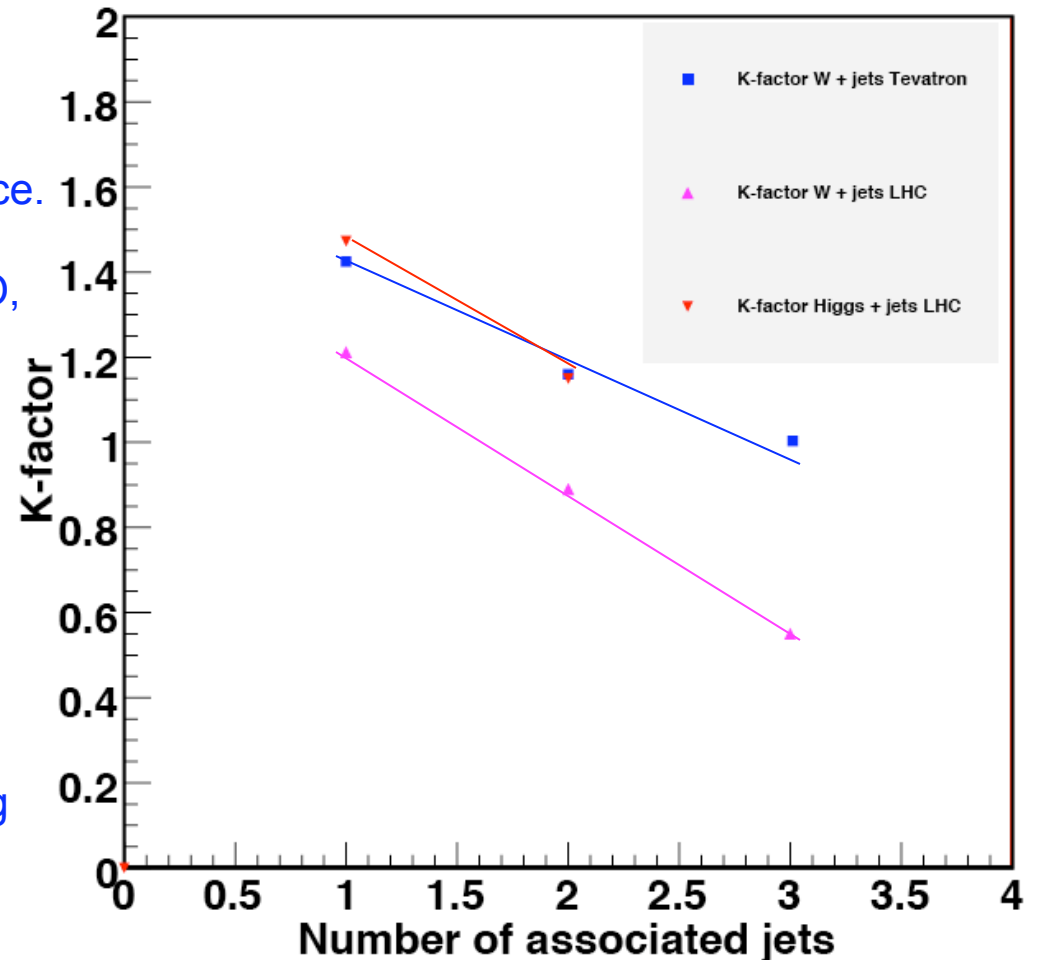
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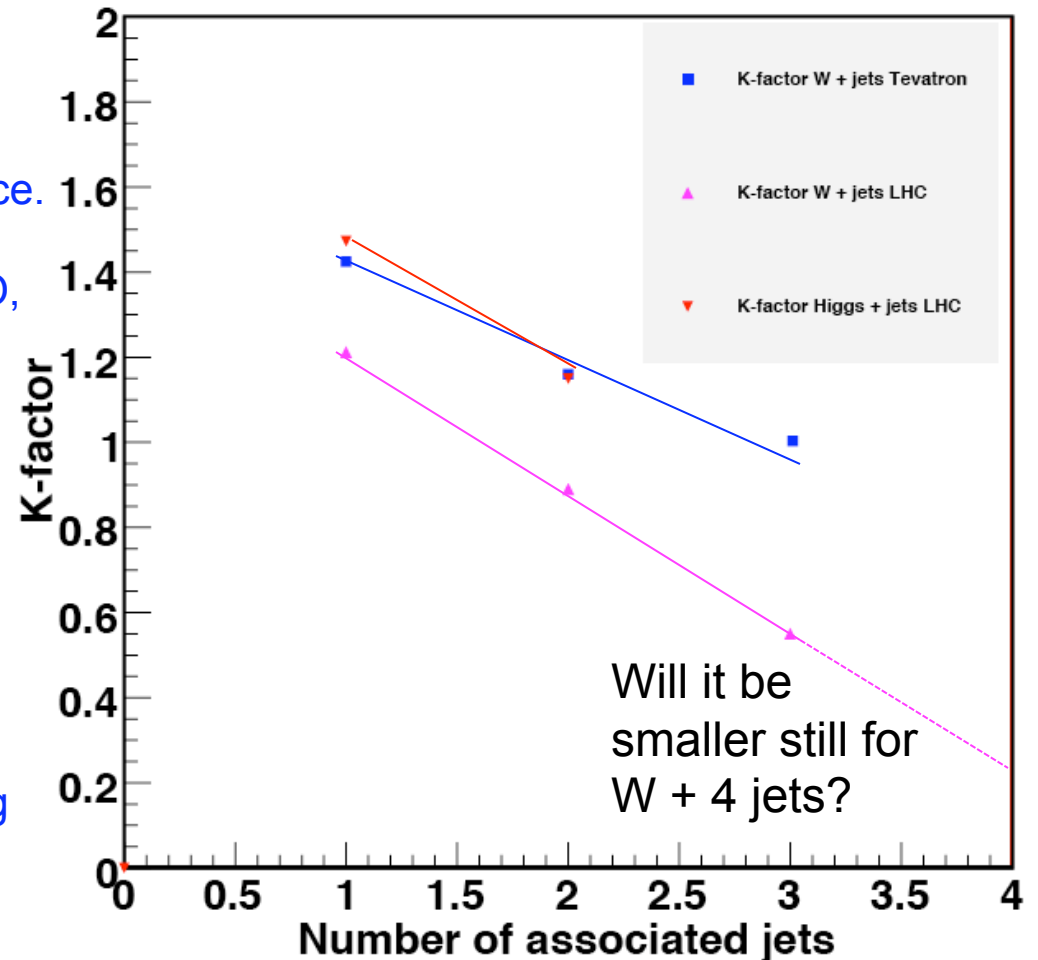
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# Jet algorithms at LO/NLO



- Remember at LO, 1 parton = 1 jet
- By choosing a jet algorithm with size parameter  $D$ , we are requiring any two partons to be  $> D$  apart
- The matrix elements have  $1/\Delta R$  poles, so larger  $D$  means smaller cross sections
  - ◆ it's because of the poles that we have to make a  $\Delta R$  cut
- At NLO, there can be two (or more) partons in a jet and jets for the first time can have some structure
  - ◆ we don't need a  $\Delta R$  cut, since the virtual corrections cancel the collinear singularity from the gluon emission
  - ◆ but there are residual logs that can become important if  $D$  is too small
- Increasing the size parameter  $D$  increases the phase space for including an extra gluon in the jet, and thus increases the cross section at NLO (in most cases)

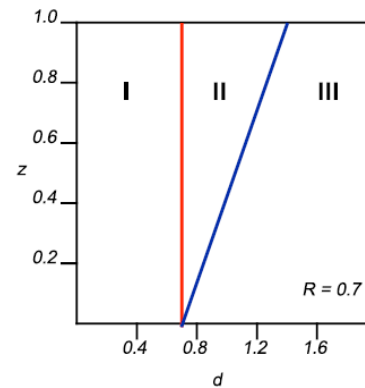
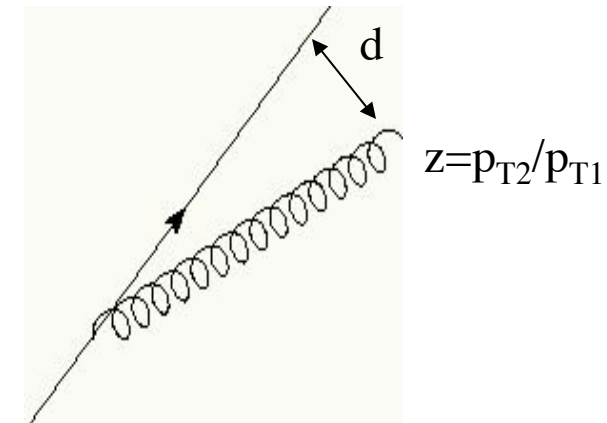


Figure 22. The parameter space  $(d, Z)$  for which two partons will be merged into a single jet.

For  $D=R_{\text{cone}}$ ,  
 Region I =  $k_T$  jets,  
 Region II (nominally) = cone jets;  
 I say nominally because in data not all of Region II is included for cone jets

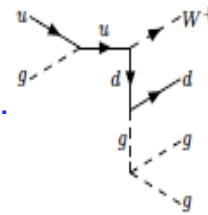
→ not true for  $WbB$ , for example



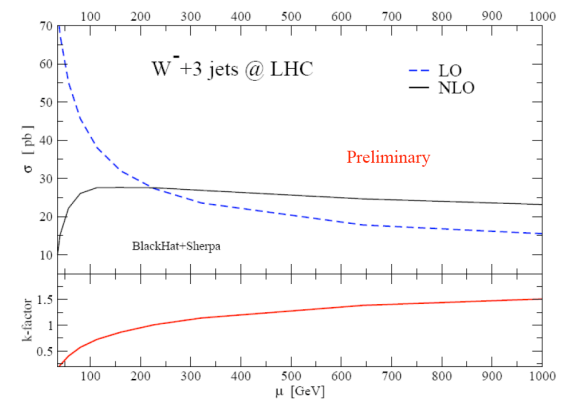
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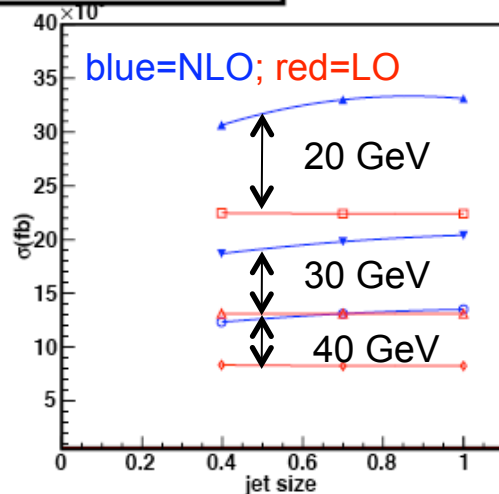
The problem is not the NLO cross section; that is well-behaved. The problem is that the LO cross section sits 'too-high'. The reason (one of them) for this is that we are 'too-close' to the collinear pole ( $R=0.4$ ) leading to an enhancement of the LO cross section (double-enhancement if the gluon is soft ( $\sim 20$  GeV/c)). Note that at LO, the cross section increases with decreasing  $R$ ; at NLO it decreases. The collinear dependence gets stronger as  $n_{\text{jet}}$  increases. The K-factors for  $W + 3$  jets would be more *normal* ( $>1$ ) if a larger cone size and/or a larger jet  $p_T$  cutoff were used. But that's a LO problem; the best approach is to use the appropriate jet sizes/jet  $p_T$ 's for the analysis and understand the best scales to use at LO (matrix element + parton shower) to approximate the NLO calculation (as well as comparing directly to the NLO calculation).



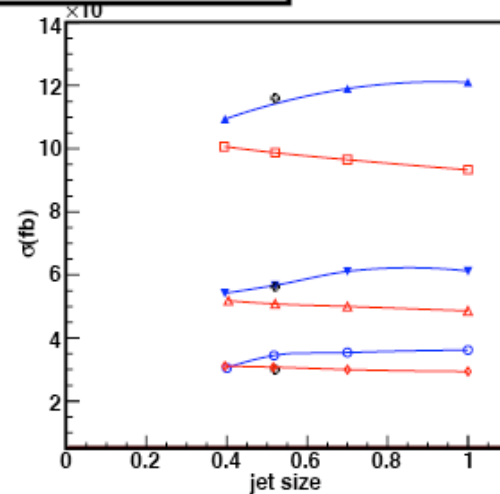
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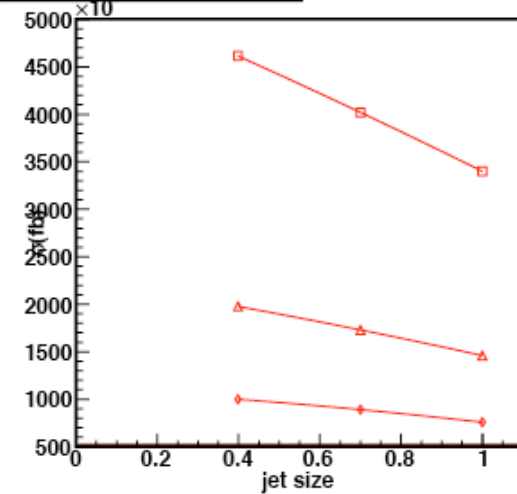
W + 1 jets cross section



W + 2 jets cross section



W + 3 jets cross section



For 3 jets, the LO collinear singularity effects are even more pronounced.

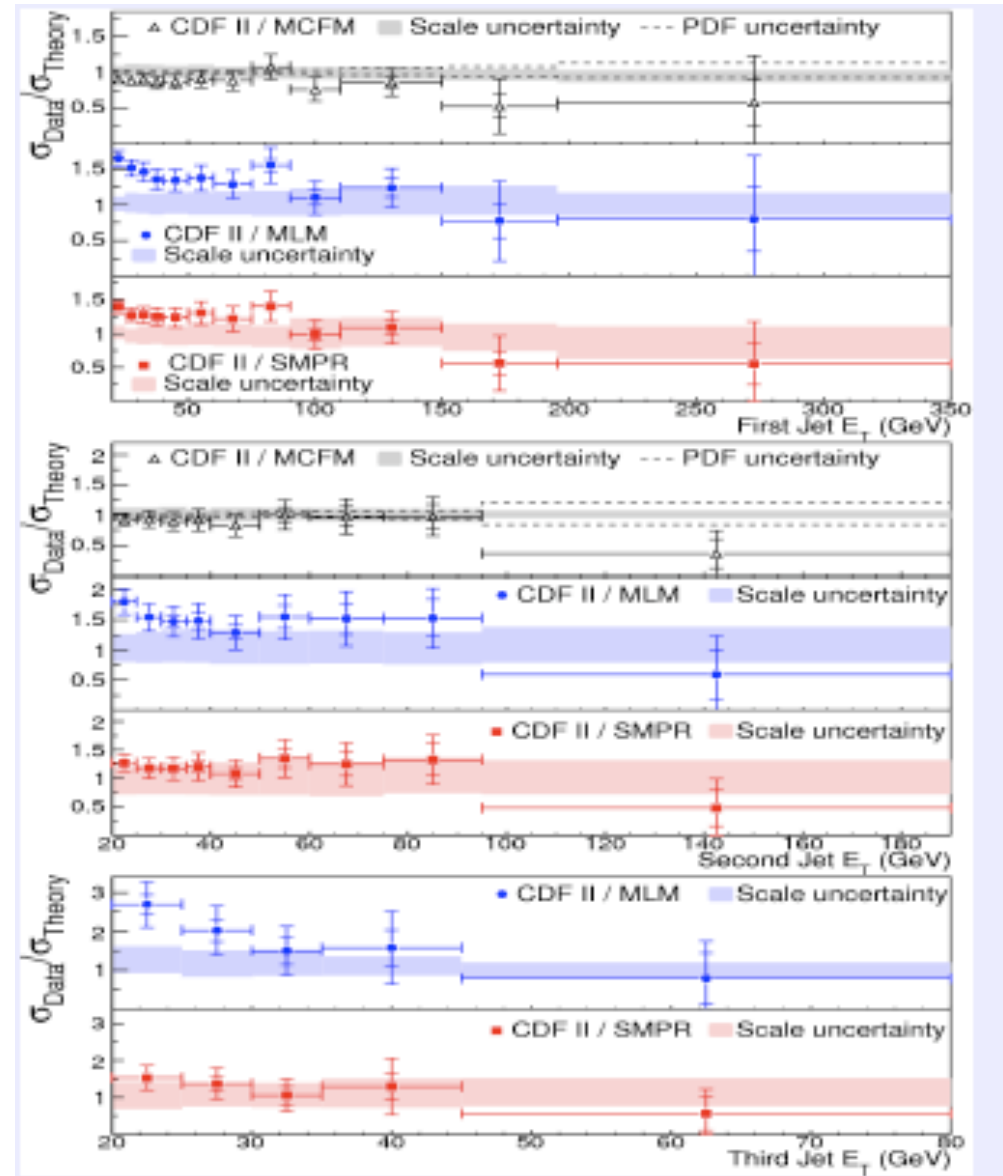
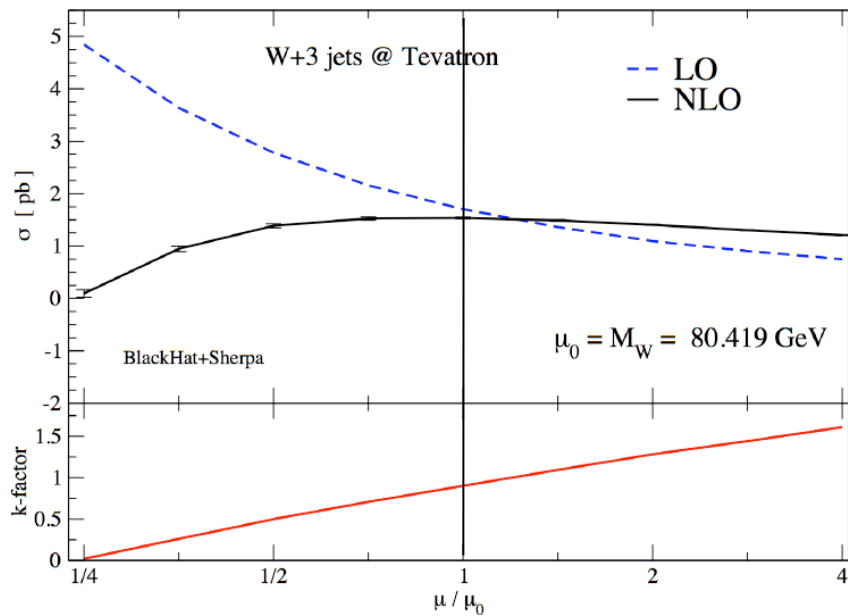
NB: here I have used CTEQ6.6 for both LO and NLO; CTEQ6L1 would shift LO curves up



# W + jets at the Tevatron

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- At the Tevatron,  $m_W$  is a reasonable scale (in terms of K-factor~1)





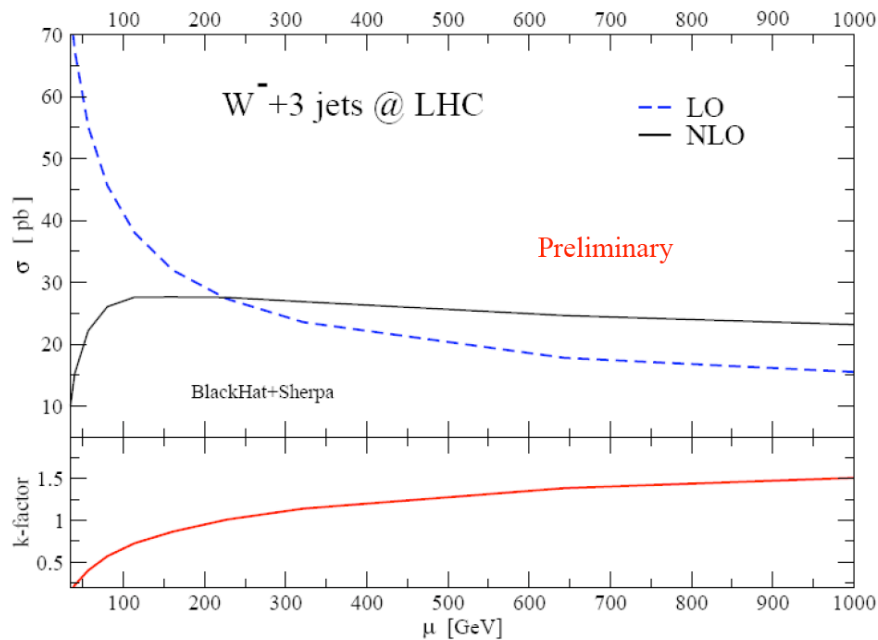


# W + 3 jets at the LHC

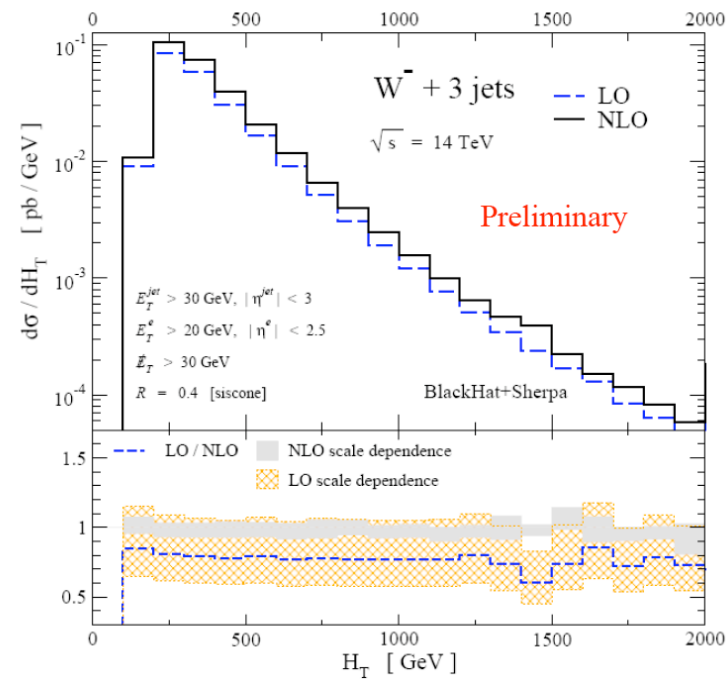


A scale choice of  $m_W$  would be in a region where  $LO \gg NLO$ . In addition, such a scale choice (or related scale choice), leads to sizeable shape differences in the kinematic distributions. The Blackhat people found that a scale choice of  $H_T$  worked best to get a constant K-factor for all distributions that they looked at. Note that from the point-of-view of only NLO, all cross sections with scales above  $\sim 100$  GeV seem reasonably stable.

## LHC total cross section



$$H_T = \sum_j E_{T,j}^{\text{jet}} + E_T^e + \cancel{E}_T \quad \text{distribution}$$



$\mu = H_T$



# Some other observables in Blackhat paper

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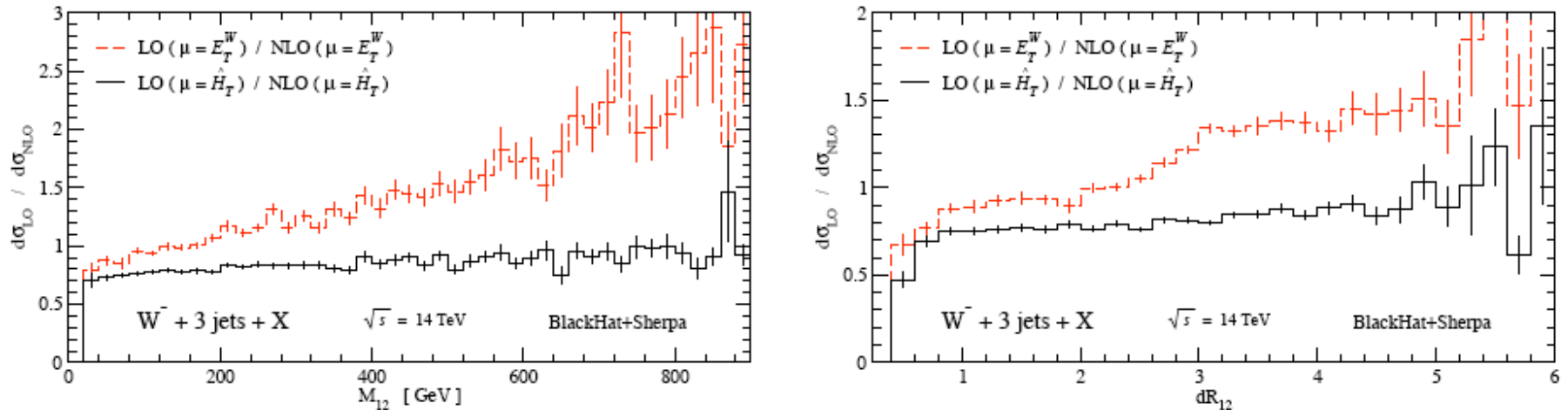


FIG. 12: Ratios of LO to NLO predictions for the distributions in the di-jet invariant mass (left panel) and  $\Delta R$  separation (right panel) for the leading two jets in  $W^- + 3$ -jet production at the LHC. In each panel, the dashed (red) line gives the scale choice  $\mu = E_T^W$ , while the solid (black) line gives the (much flatter) ratio for  $\mu = \hat{H}_T$ .

Soft collinear effective theory (SCET) suggests scales on the order of  $1/4M_{\text{had}}^2 + M_W^2$ , where  $M_{\text{had}}$  is the invariant mass of the jets



# CKKW

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- Applying a CKKW-like scale leads to better agreement for shapes of kinematic distributions

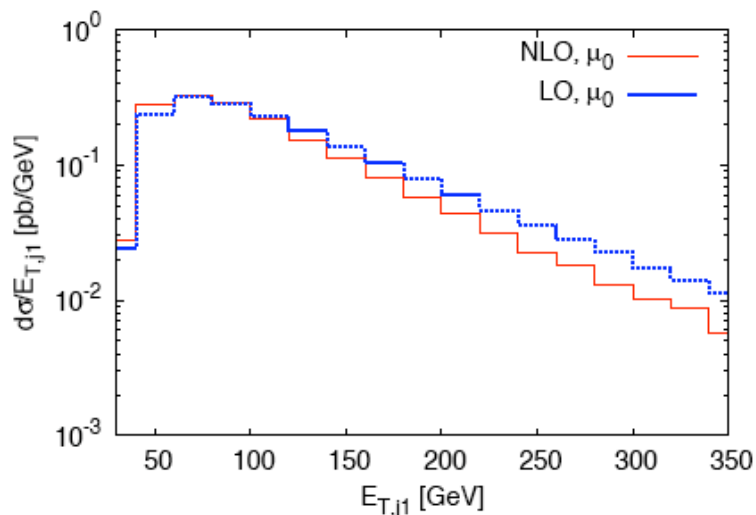


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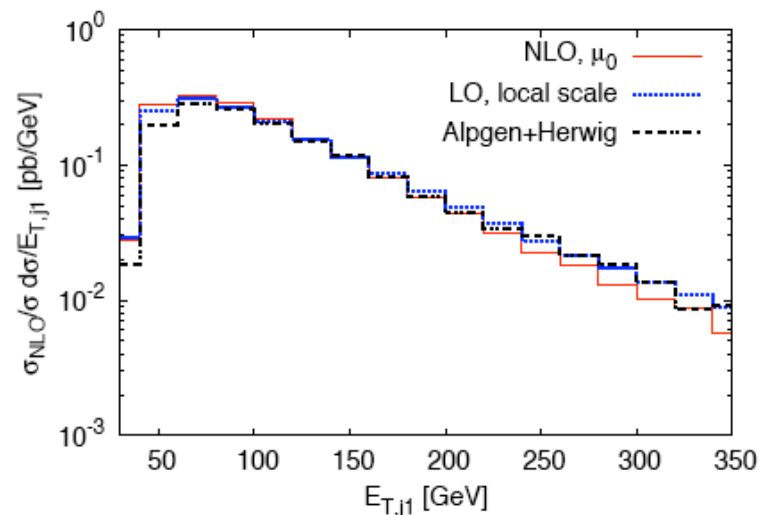


FIG. 4: The transverse momentum distribution of the leading jet for  $W^+ + 3$  jet inclusive production cross section at the LHC. All cuts and parameters are described in the text. The leading color adjustment procedure is applied. All LO distributions are rescaled by constant factor, to ensure that the LO and NLO normalizations coincide.



# Choosing jet size

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## ● Experimentally

- ◆ in complex final states, such as  $W + n$  jets, it is useful to have jet sizes smaller so as to be able to resolve the  $n$  jet structure
- ◆ this can also reduce the impact of pileup/underlying event

## ● Theoretically

- ◆ hadronization effects become larger as  $R$  decreases
- ◆ for small  $R$ , the  $\ln R$  perturbative terms referred to previously can become noticeable
- ◆ this restriction in the gluon phase space can affect the scale dependence, i.e. the scale uncertainty for an  $n$ -jet final state can depend on the jet size,
- ◆ ...under investigation

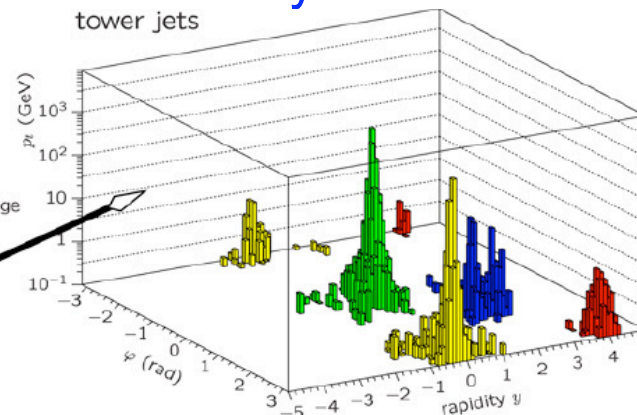
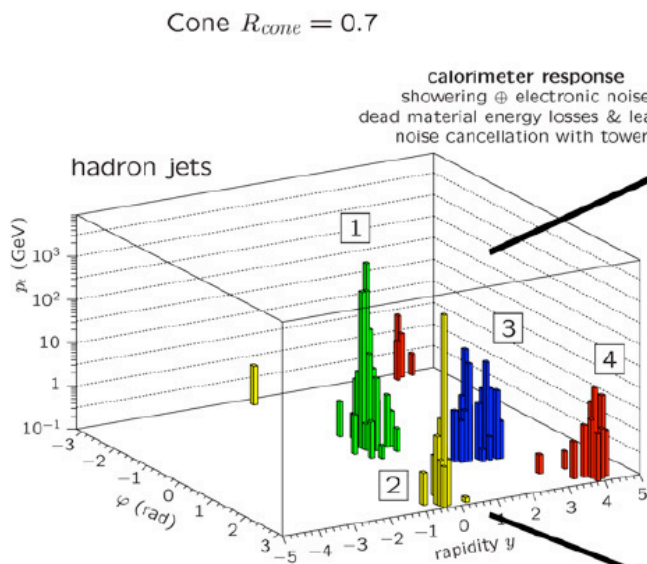
Another motivation for the use of multiple jet algorithms/parameters in LHC analyses.



# ATLAS jet reconstruction

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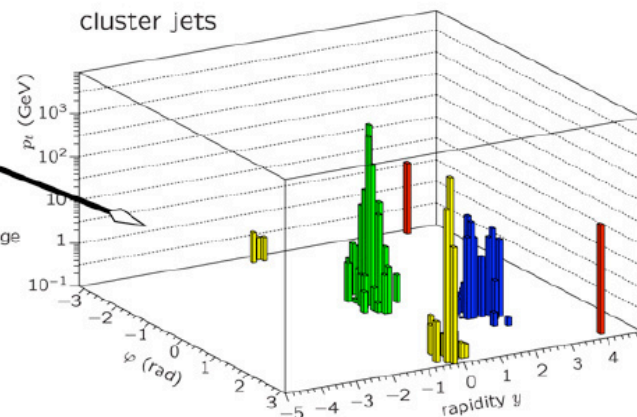
- Using calibrated topoclusters, ATLAS has a chance to use jets in a dynamic manner not possible in any previous hadron-hadron calorimeter, i.e. to examine the impact of multiple jet algorithms/parameters/jet substructure on every data set



blobs of energy in the calorimeter correspond to 1/few particles (photons, electrons, hadrons); can be corrected back to hadron level

rather than reporting results only for 1 algorithm/parameter, show dynamics of each event with multiple jet algorithms/sizes

calorimeter response  
showering ⊕ electronic noise  
dead material energy losses & leakage  
cluster bias & noise suppression



rather than jet itself being corrected

similar to running at hadron level in Monte Carlos



# SpartyJet

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Sparty

<http://www.pa.msu.edu/~huston/SpartyJet/SpartyJet.html/>

Provides the flexibility to perform the jet analyses with multiple algorithms/parameters

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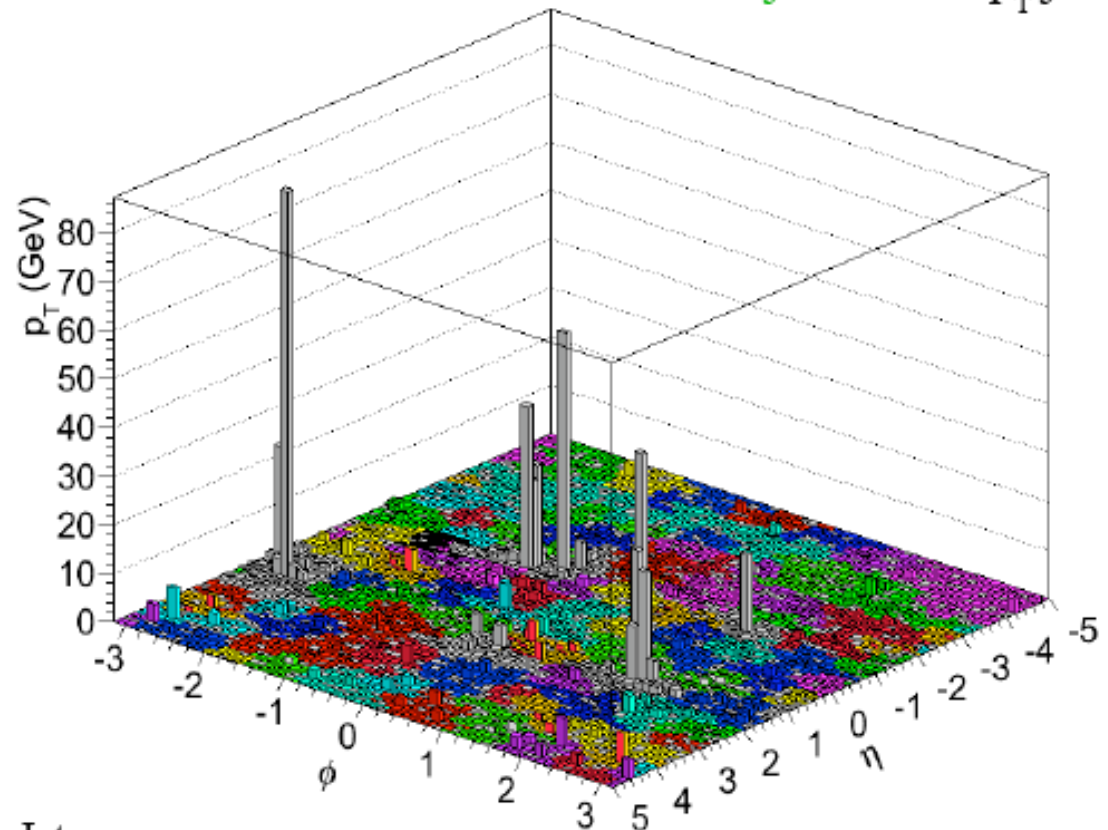
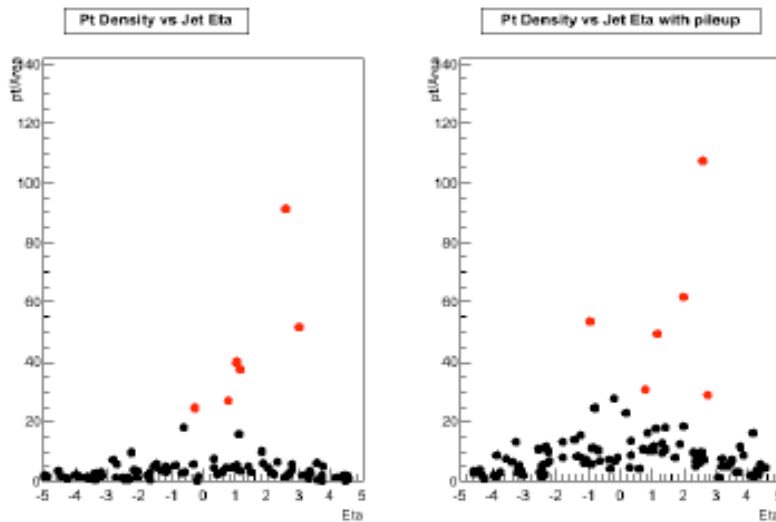
# Area-based correction: Salam et al

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- 1) Find low  $p_T$  jets in event. ( $< 10\text{GeV}$ ) We use kT5jet.
- 2) From these, find average/median  $p_T$  density of event  $\rho$
- 3) Determine area  $A$  of signal jets
- 4) Subtract “pileup/UE” estimate

W+5j event with kT5Jets  
Gray jets = Signal Jets  
Colored jets = Low  $p_T$  jets

$$p_{T\text{corr}} = p_T - \rho A$$



- Black points used to find  $p_T$  density
- Red points are then corrected according to Jet area

See presentations of Brian Martin in ATLAS jet meetings.



- Tried to come up with an optimal  $R$  value for jets, in terms of minimizing fluctuations
  - ◆ but, not taking into account the virtual terms present at NLO

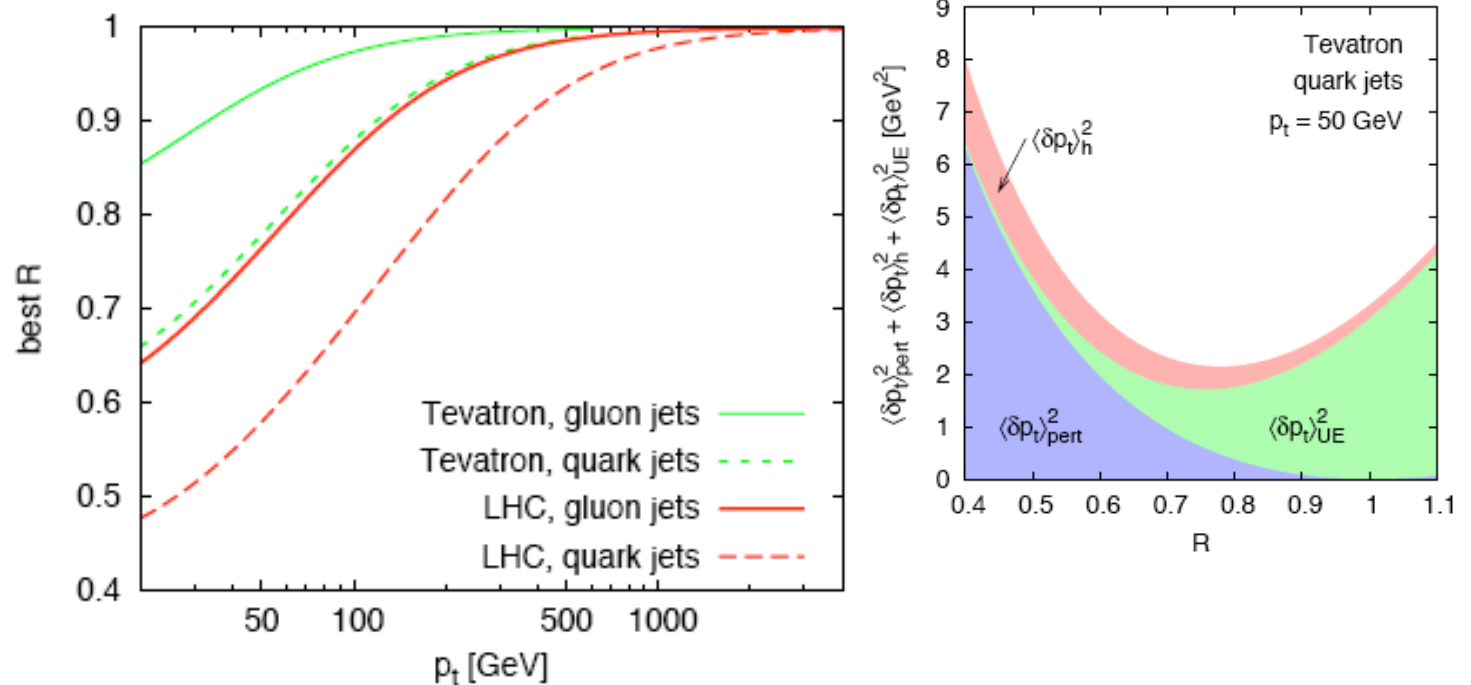


Figure 6: The  $R$  value that minimises the sum of squared average perturbative, hadronization and UE contributions, as a function of  $p_t$ . The approximations are the same as those in Fig. 5, except that for LHC we have used  $\Lambda_{UE} = 10$  GeV.





# Jet sizes and scale uncertainties: the Goldilocks theorem

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- Take inclusive jet production at the LHC for transverse momenta of the order of 50 GeV
- Look at the theory uncertainty due to scale dependence as a function of jet size
- It appears to be a minimum for cone sizes of the order of 0.7
  - ◆ i.e. if you use a cone size of 0.4, there are residual uncancelled virtual effects
  - ◆ if you use a cone size of 1.0, you are adding too much tree level information with its intrinsically larger scale uncertainty
- This effect becomes smaller for jet  $p_T$  values on the order of 100 GeV/c
  - ◆ how does it translate for multi-parton final states?



# Jet vetos and scale dependence: WWjet



- Often, we cut on the presence of an extra jet
- This can have the impact of improving the signal to background ratio
  - ◆ ...and it may appear that the scale dependence is improved
- However, in the cases I know about, the scale dependence was *anomalous* at NLO without the jet veto, indicating the presence of uncancelled logs
- The apparent improvement in scale dependence may be illusory

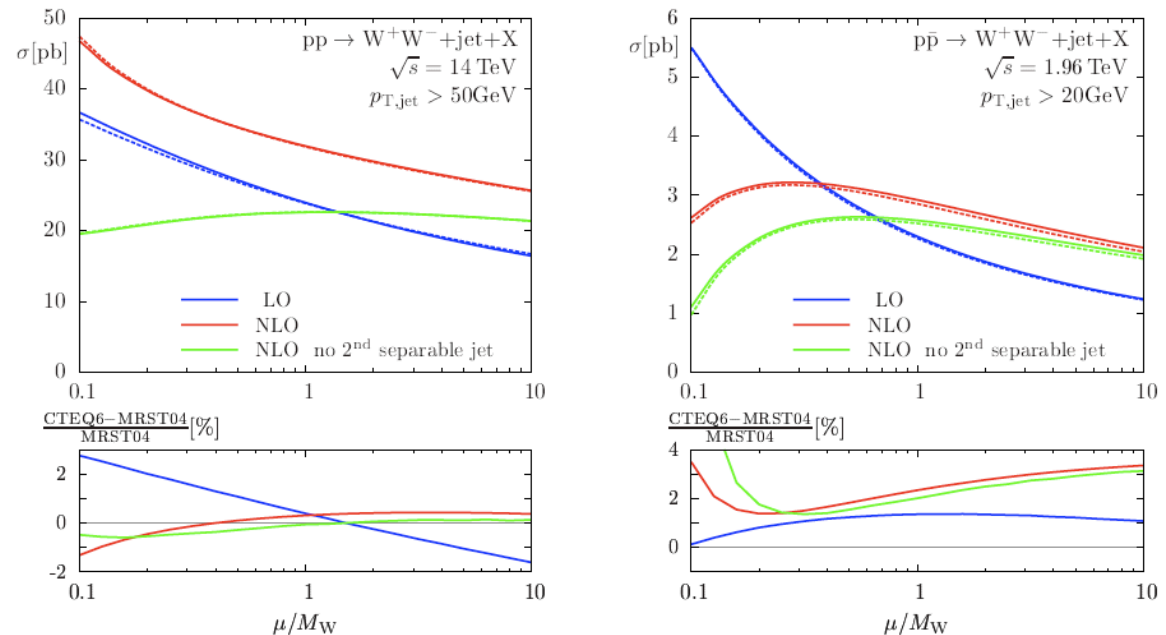
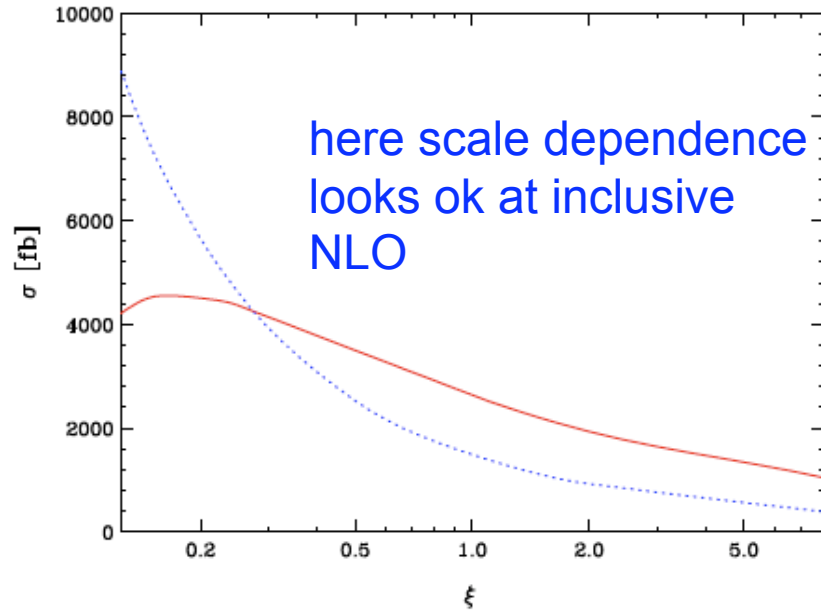


Figure 11: Comparison of WW+jet production cross sections in the LHC setup with  $p_{T,jet} > 50 \text{ GeV}$  and for Tevatron with  $p_{T,jet} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ : The straight lines show the results calculated with the five-flavour PDFs of CTEQ6, the dashed lines those calculated with the four-flavour PDFs of MRST2004F4. Contributions from external bottom (anti-)quarks are omitted, as described in Section 2.2.

Project for Les Houches writeup: to categorize NLO calculations in terms of effect of jet veto



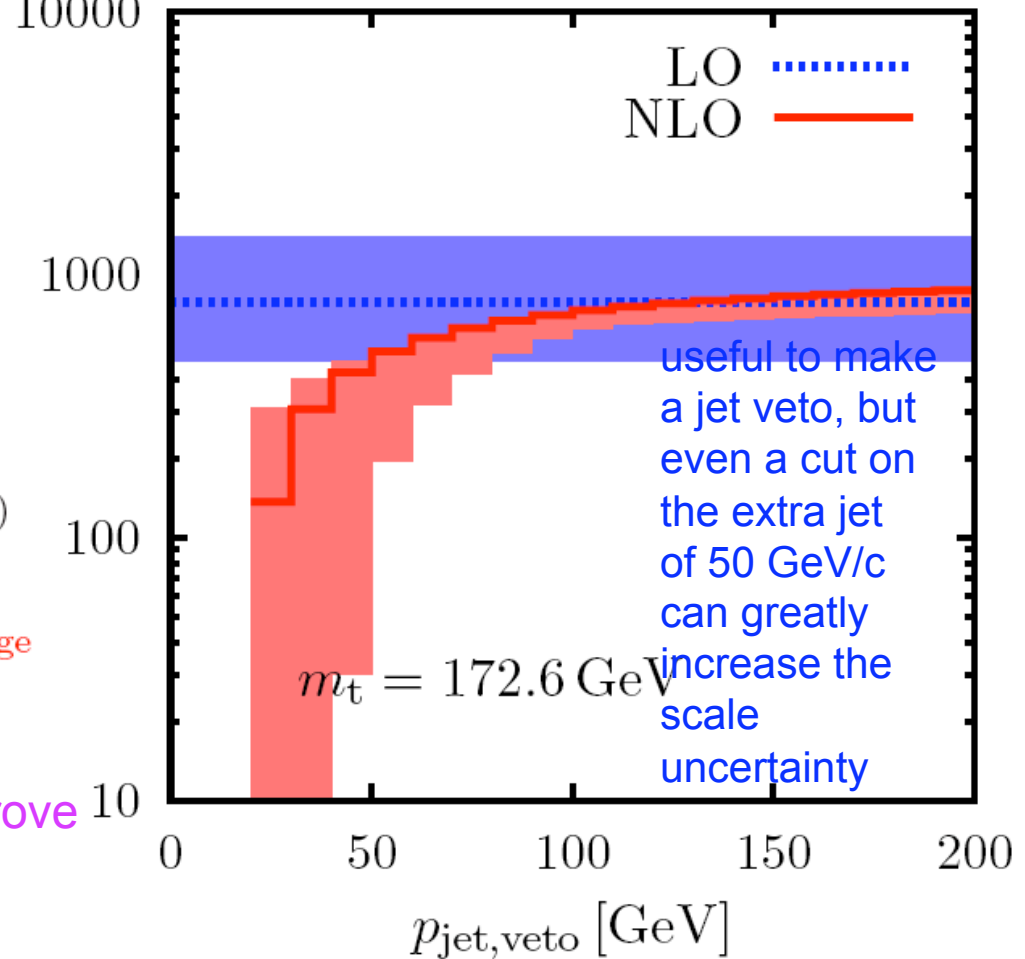
# back to tTbB



$\sigma$  [fb]

from Stefano Pozzorini

$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b} + X$



Perturbative instability for small  $p_{\text{jet,veto}}$

- veto  $\Rightarrow$  negative contribution  $-\alpha_s^5 \ln^2(Q_0/p_{\text{jet,veto}})$
- IR log dramatically enhances NLO uncertainty
- $p_{\text{jet,veto}} < 40 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow$  NLO-band enters  $K < 0$  range  
NLO prediction completely unreliable!

NB: a high  $p_T$  (100 GeV) jet veto can improve the scale dependence slightly; removing extraneous real radiation?



# Counter-example: $W + 3$ jets



- Here the NLO inclusive scale dependence looks ok
- Looks even better with exclusive cuts

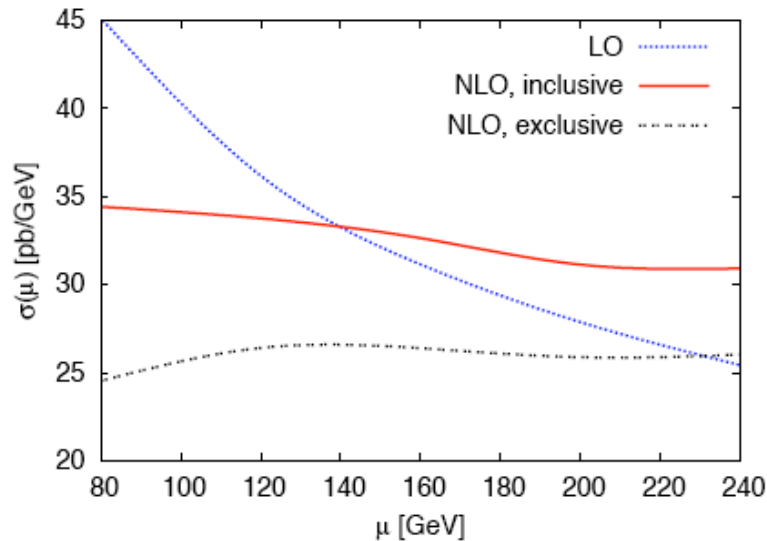


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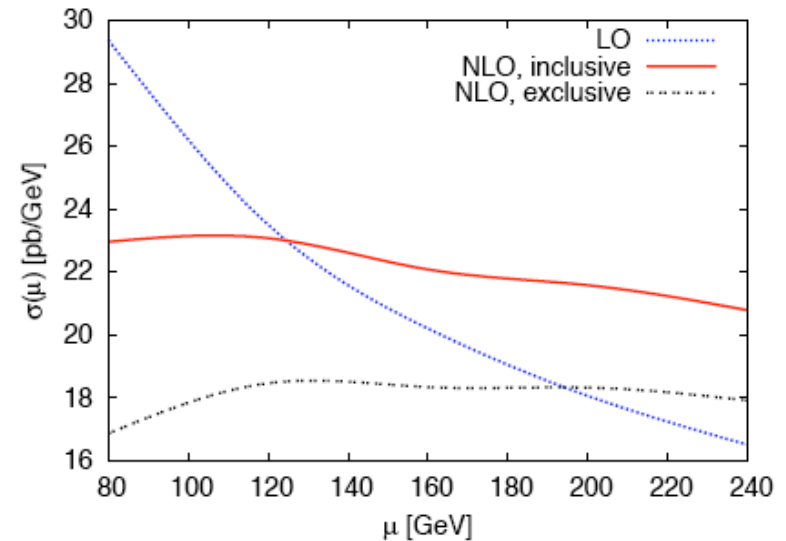


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# Now consider jets in real life



- Jets don't consist of 1 fermi partons but have a spatial distribution
- Can approximate this as a Gaussian smearing of the spatial distribution of the parton energy
  - ◆ the effective sigma ranges between around 0.1 and 0.3 depending on the parton type (quark or gluon) and on the parton  $p_T$
- Note that because of the effects of smearing that
  - ◆ the midpoint solution is (**almost always**) lost
    - ▲ thus region II is effectively truncated to the area shown on the right
  - ◆ the solution corresponding to the lower energy parton can also be lost
    - ▲ resulting in dark towers
    - ▲ clusters of energy not in jets

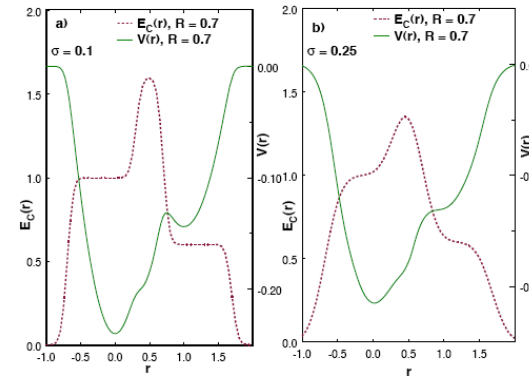


Figure 52. A schematic depiction of the effects of smearing on the midpoint cone jet clustering algorithm

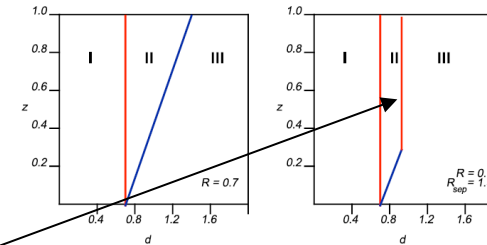


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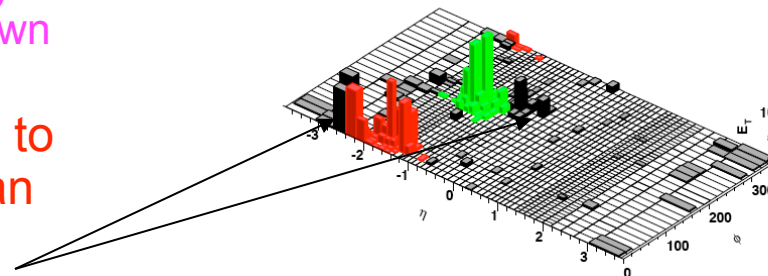


Figure 50. An example of a Monte Carlo inclusive jet event where the midpoint algorithm has left substantial energy unclustered.



# Jets in real life

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- In NLO theory, can mimic the impact of the truncation of Region II by including a parameter called  $R_{\text{sep}}$ 
  - ◆ only merge two partons if they are within  $R_{\text{sep}} * R_{\text{cone}}$  of each other
    - ▲  $R_{\text{sep}} \sim 1.3$
  - ◆ ~4-5% effect on the theory cross section; effect is smaller with the use of  $p_T$  rather than  $E_T$
  - ◆ really upsets the theorists (but there are also disadvantages)
- Dark tower effect is also on order of few (<5)% effect on the (experimental) cross section

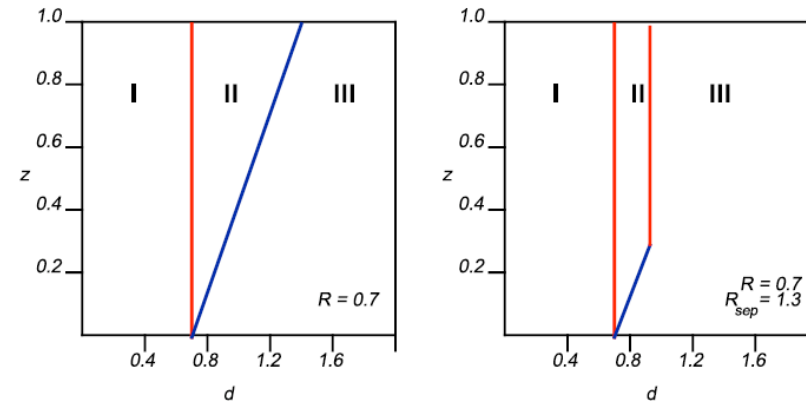


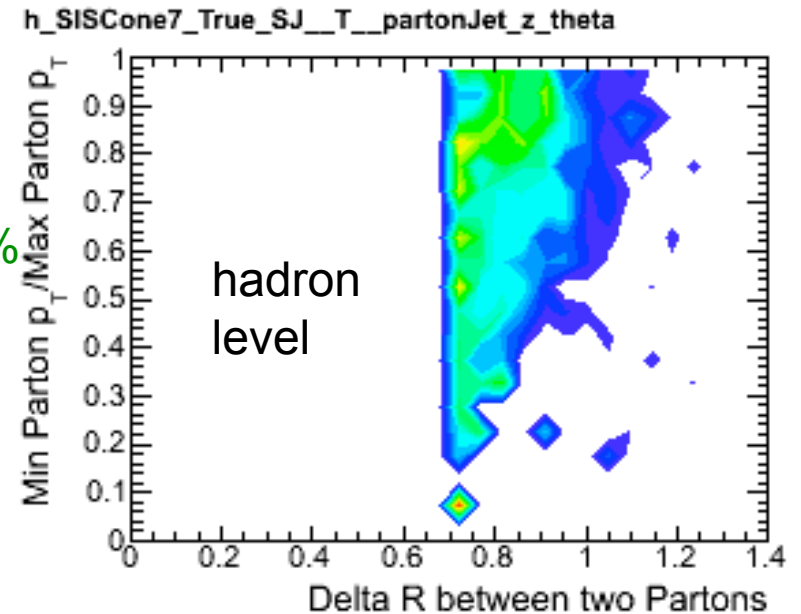
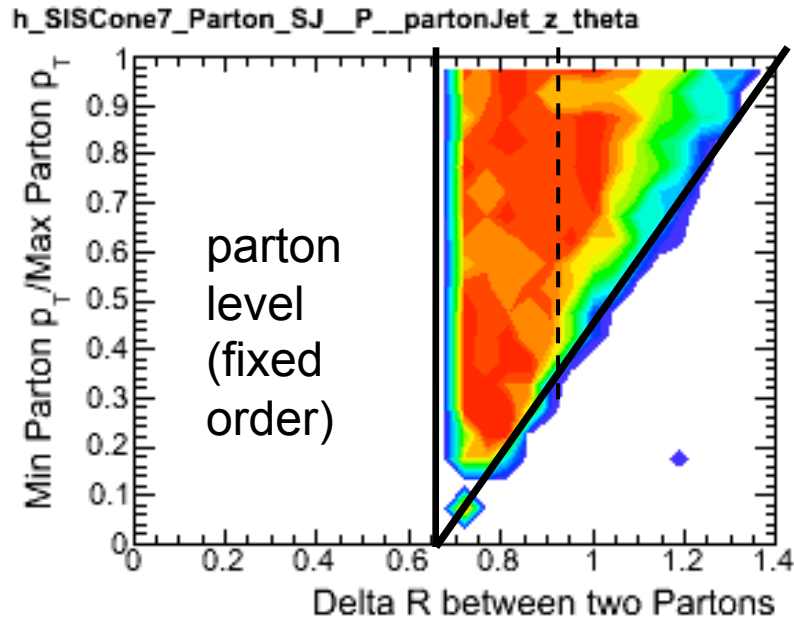
Figure 22. The parameter space ( $d, Z$ ) for which two partons will be merged into a single jet.



# W + 2 partons at LHC: parton/hadron/detector levels

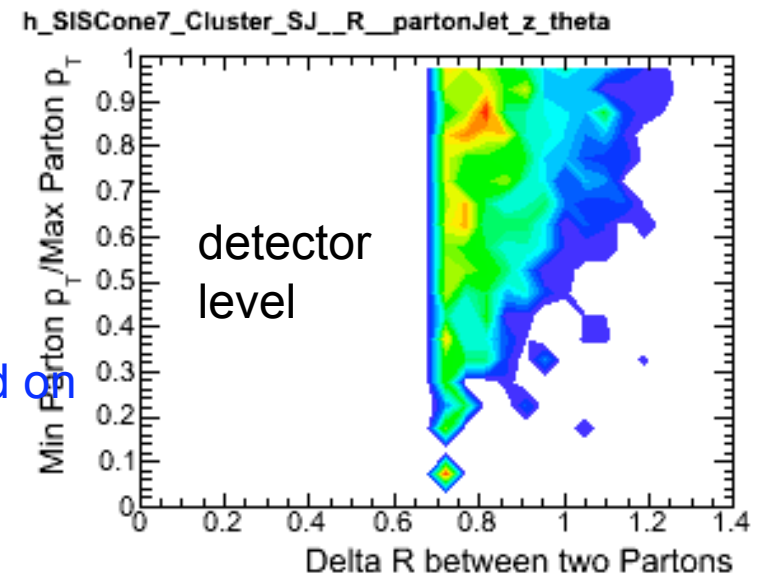
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Simple parton level results not duplicated at either hadron level or detector level. Showers produced by widely separated partons tend to be reconstructed as separate jets. Same cause as *dark towers*.

Jet cores have a finite size, so this must depend on the jet parameters, i.e. as  $R_{\text{cone}} \rightarrow \text{inf}$ , we should recover the simple parton level behavior.





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## Hard interactions of quarks and gluons: a primer for LHC physics

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### Abstract

In this paper, we will develop the perturbative framework for the calculation of hard-scattering processes. We will undertake to provide both a reasonably rigorous development of the formalism of hard-scattering of quarks and gluons as well as an intuitive understanding of the physics behind the scattering. We will emphasize the role of logarithmic corrections as well as power counting in  $\alpha_S$  in order to understand the behaviour of hard-scattering processes. We will include ‘rules of thumb’ as well as ‘official recommendations’, and where possible will seek to dispel some myths. We will also discuss the impact of soft processes on the measurements of hard-scattering processes. Experiences that have been gained at the Fermilab Tevatron will be recounted and, where appropriate, extrapolated to the LHC.

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Review

## Jets in hadron–hadron collisions

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### Abstract

In this article, we review some of the complexities of jet algorithms and of the resultant comparisons of data to theory. We review the extensive experience with jet measurements at the Tevatron, the extrapolation of this acquired wisdom to the LHC and the differences between the Tevatron and LHC environments. We also describe a framework (SpartyJet) for the convenient comparison of results using different jet algorithms.

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