



Multijet merging at next-to-leading order

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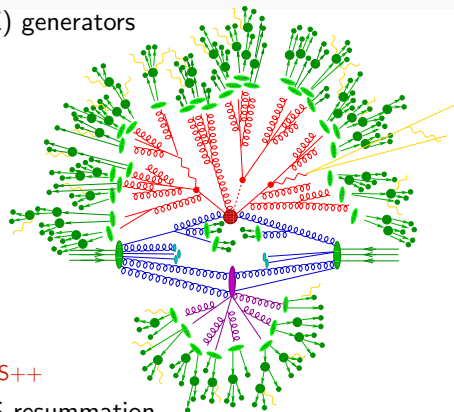
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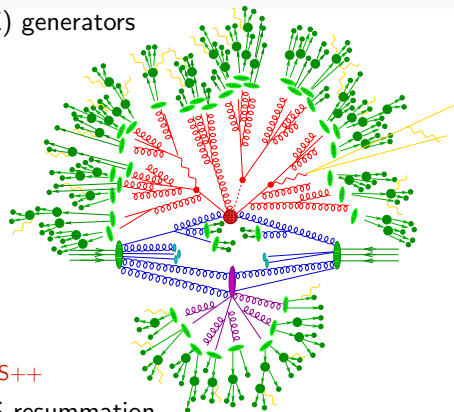
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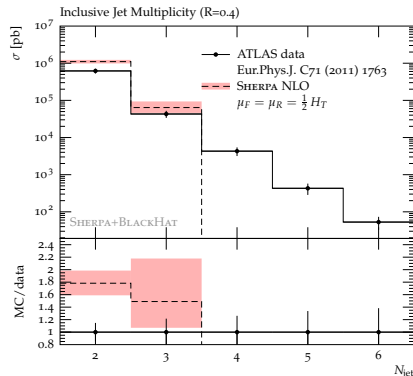
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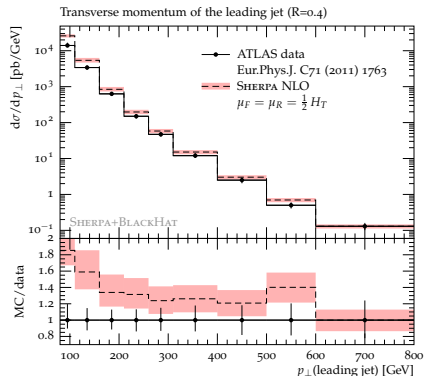
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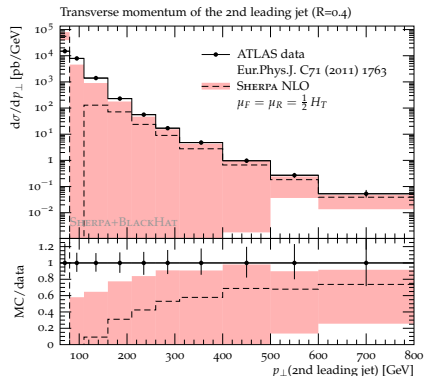
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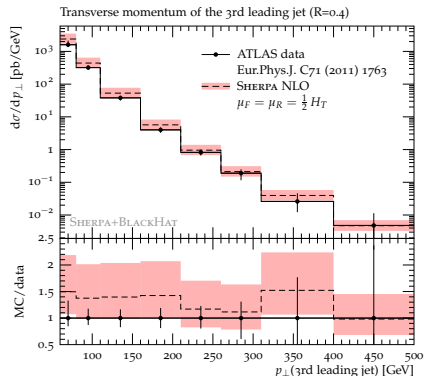
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Case study: Inclusive jet & dijet production

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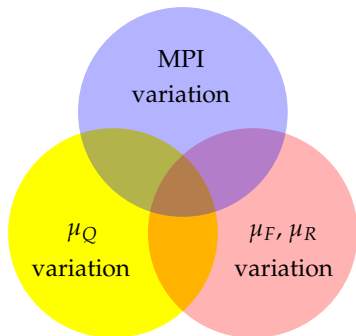
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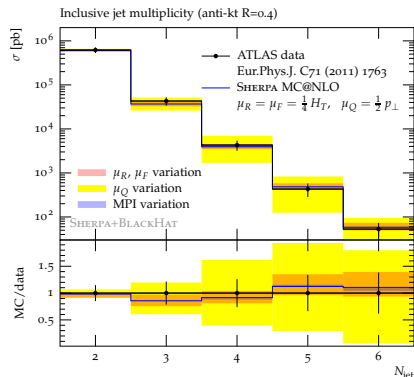
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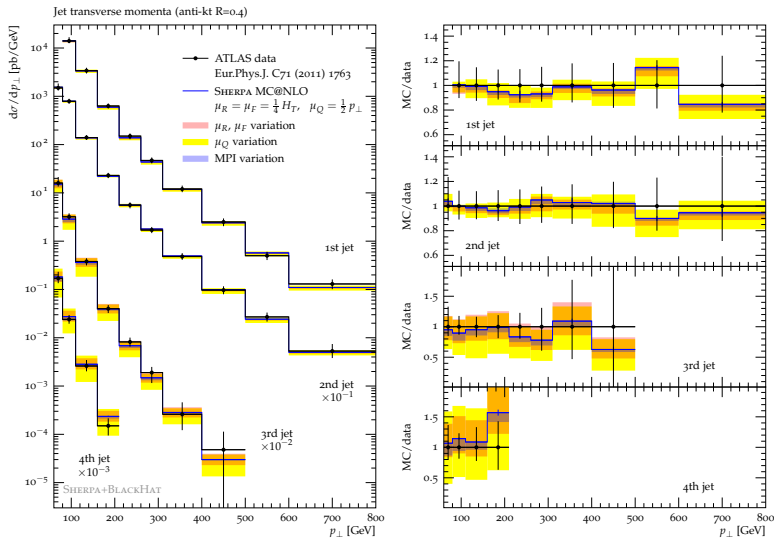
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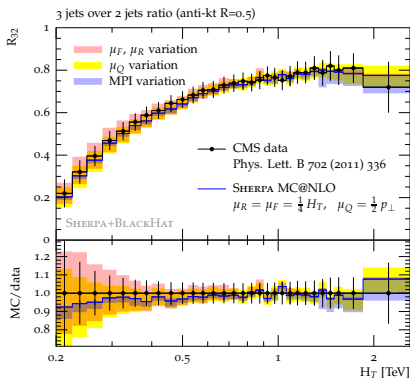


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3-jet-over-2-jet ratio

- determined from incl. sample
2-jet rate at NLO+NLL
3-jet rate at LO+LL
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uncertainties
→ better MPI physics needed
(soft QCD)
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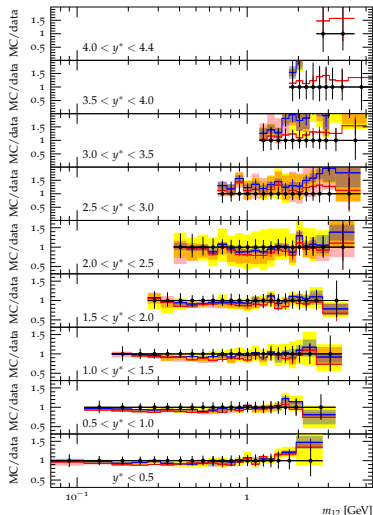
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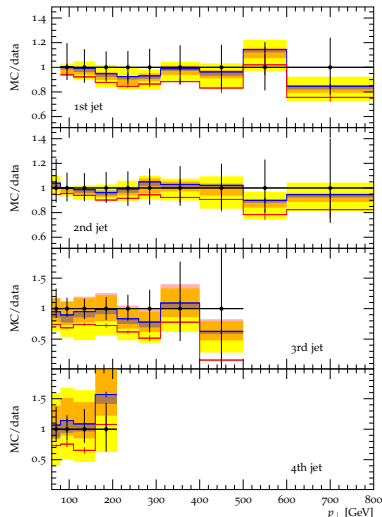
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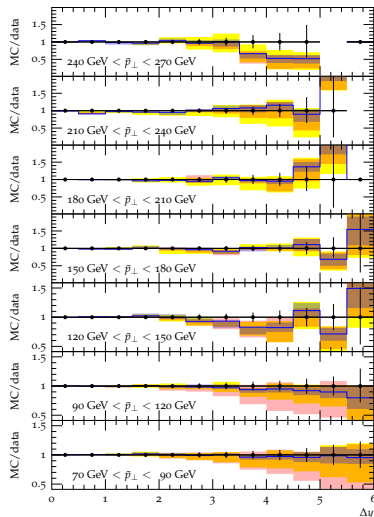
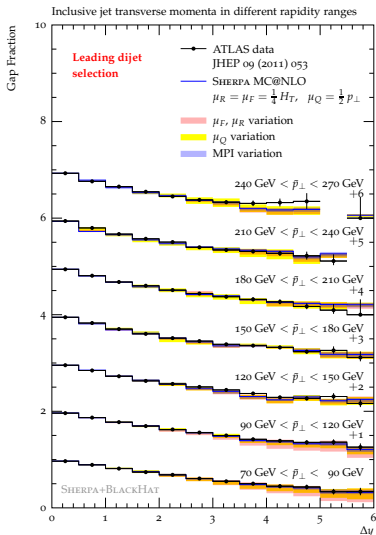
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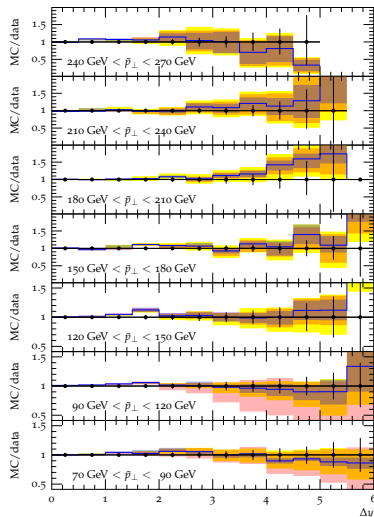
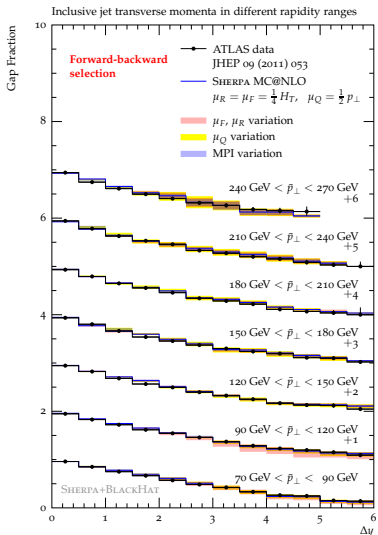


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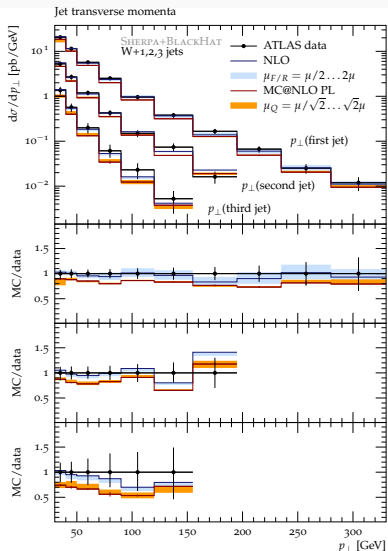


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$W + n$ jet production



Höche, Krauss, MS, Siegert

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$pp \rightarrow W + 1, 2, 3$ jets

- 3 separate samples/calculations
- NLO accuracy for inclusive observables of respective jet multiplicity
- resummation of softest/LO jet, i.e. 4th jet in $pp \rightarrow W + 3$ jets
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- scales:

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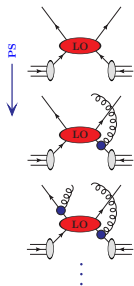
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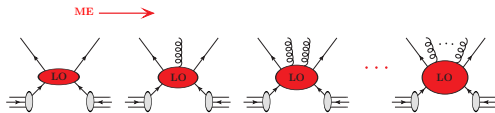
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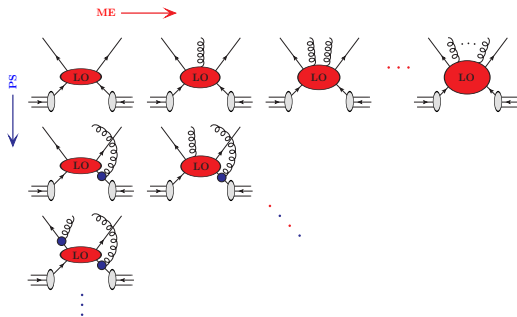
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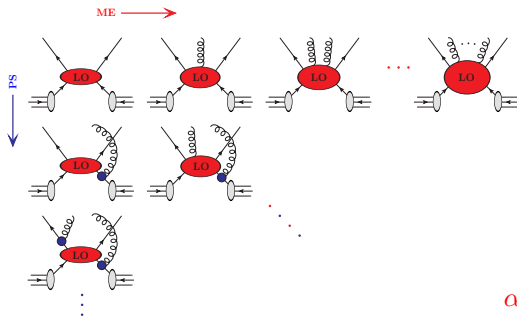
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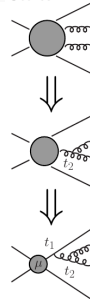
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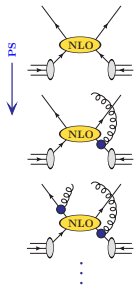
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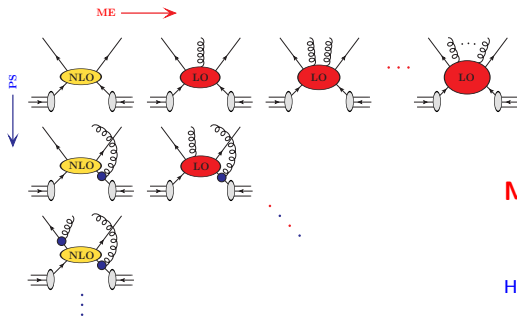
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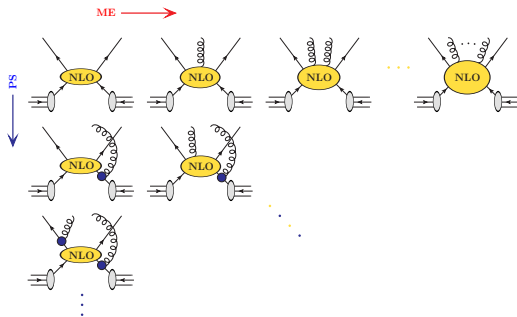
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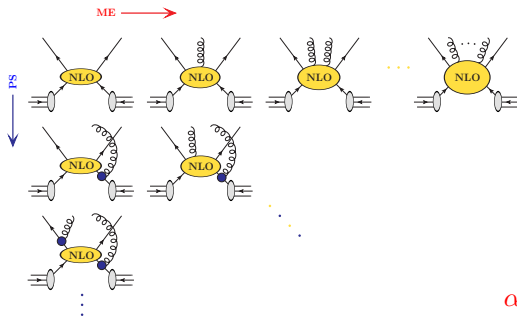
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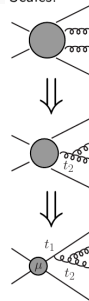
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NLO merging – Generation of MC counterterm

$$\left[1 + \frac{B_{n+1}}{\bar{B}_{n+1}} \int_{t_{n+1}}^{\mu_Q^2} d\Phi_1 \mathcal{K}_n \right]$$

- same form as exponent of Sudakov form factor $\Delta_n^{(\text{PS})}(t_{n+1}, \mu_Q^2)$
- truncated parton shower on n -parton configuration underlying $n + 1$ -parton event
 - 1 no emission \rightarrow retain $n + 1$ -parton event as is
 - 2 first emission at t' with $Q > Q_{\text{cut}}$, multiply event weight with $B_{n+1}/\bar{B}_{n+1}^{(A)}$, restart evolution at t' , do not apply emission kinematics
 - 3 treat every subsequent emission as in standard truncated vetoed shower
- generates

$$\left[1 + \frac{B_{n+1}}{\bar{B}_{n+1}} \int_{t_{n+1}}^{\mu_Q^2} d\Phi_1 \mathcal{K}_n \right] \Delta_n^{(\text{PS})}(t_{n+1}, \mu_Q^2)$$

\Rightarrow **identify $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ counterterm with the omitted emission**



NLO merging

Renormalisation scales:

- determined by clustering using PS probabilities and taking the respective nodal values t_i

$$\alpha_s(\mu_R^2)^{n+k} = \alpha_s(\mu_{\text{core}})^n \cdot \prod_{i=1}^k \alpha_s(t_i)$$

- change of scales $\mu_R \rightarrow \tilde{\mu}_R$ in MEs necessitates one-loop counter term

$$\alpha_s(\tilde{\mu}_R^2)^k \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_s(\tilde{\mu}_R^2)}{2\pi} \beta_0 \sum_{i=1}^k \ln \frac{t_i}{\tilde{\mu}_R^2} \right)$$

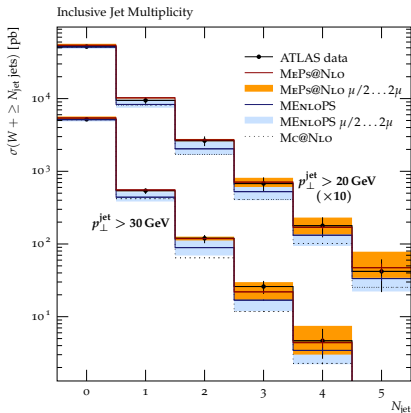
Factorisation scale:

- μ_F determined from core n -jet process
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$$B_n(\Phi_n) \frac{\alpha_s(\tilde{\mu}_R^2)}{2\pi} \log \frac{\mu_F^2}{\tilde{\mu}_F^2} \left(\sum_{c=q,g}^n \int_{x_a}^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{ac}(z) f_c(x_a/z, \tilde{\mu}_F^2) + \dots \right)$$



Results – $pp \rightarrow W + \text{jets}$



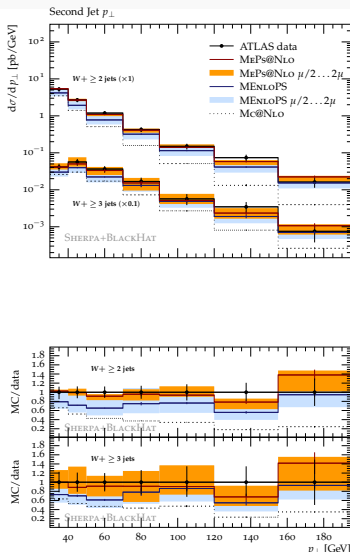
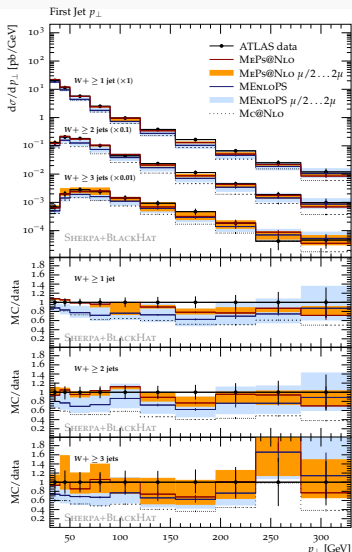
$pp \rightarrow W + \text{jets}$ (0,1,2 @ NLO; 3,4 @ LO)

- $\mu_{R/F} \in [\frac{1}{2}, 2] \mu_{\text{def}}$
scale uncertainty much reduced
- NLO dependence for $pp \rightarrow W + 0,1,2$ jets
LO dependence for $pp \rightarrow W + 3,4$ jets
- $Q_{\text{cut}} = 30 \text{ GeV}$
- good data description

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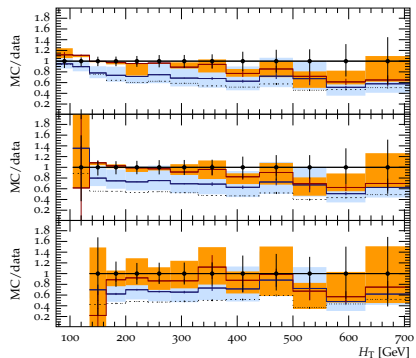
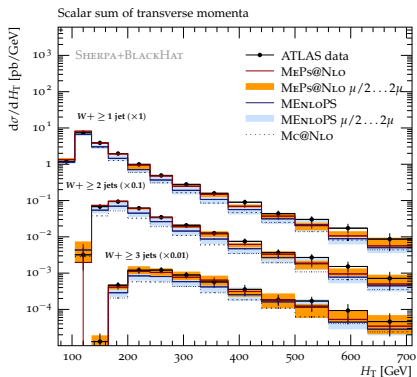
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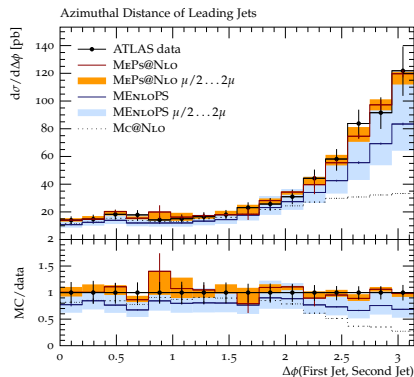
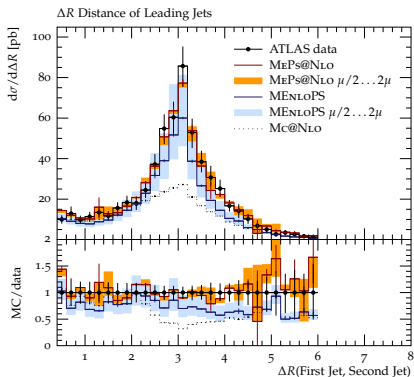
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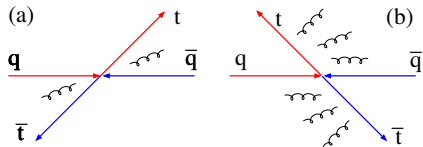


Results – $p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$

Parton showers and the $t\bar{t}$ -asymmetry at the Tevatron

Skands, Webber, Winter JHEP07(2012)151

- if colour coherence is respected, PS creates an asymmetry because of asymmetric colour flow
- HERWIG respects colour correlations through angular ordering
- CSSHOWER++ (CS dipoles, $1 \rightarrow 2$ splittings, recoil to large- N_c partner) \rightarrow respects colour correlations by choice of radiating dipoles/recoil partners



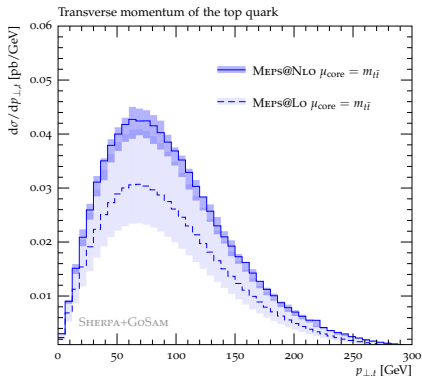
\Rightarrow **it is important to respect colour-correlations**



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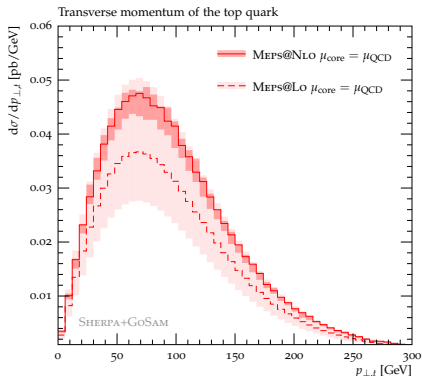




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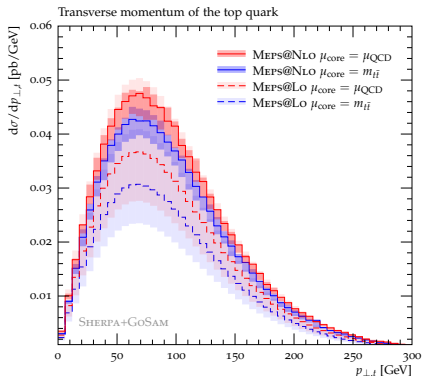




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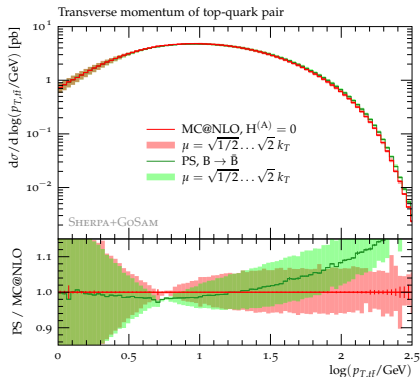
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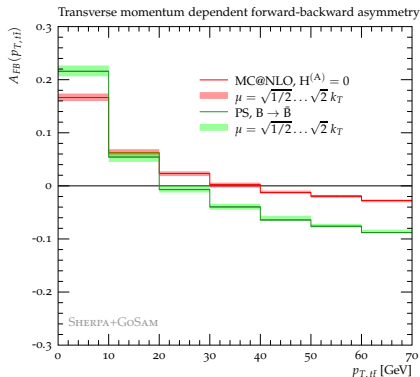
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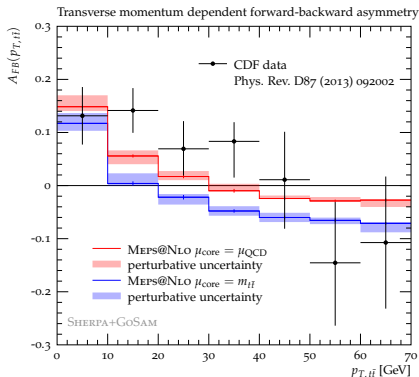
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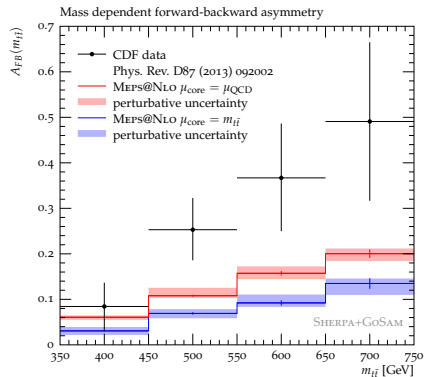
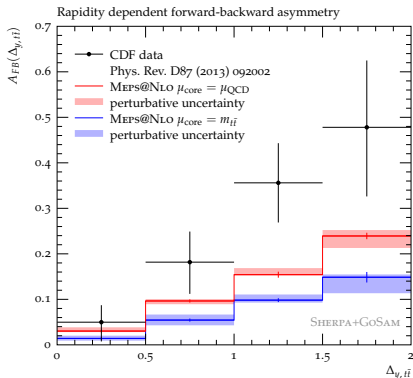
$p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$ (0,1 @ NLO)

- $A_{FB}(p_{\perp,t\bar{t}})$ NLO accurate in all but the first bin
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- no EW corrections ($\approx 20\%$) effected
- right qualitative behaviour, but consistently below data



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Inclusive asymmetries

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Source	A_{FB} [%]	$A_{\text{FB}}(m_{t\bar{t}})$ [%]		$A_{\text{FB}}(p_{T,t\bar{t}})$ [%]	
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Conclusions

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 - allow for continuation into non-perturbative regime (hadronisation, multiple parton interactions)
- NLOPS is LO+(N)LL matching
- multijet merging at NLO proceeds schematically as at LO
 - introduce MC-counterterm to retain NLO accuracy
- scale setting essential for recovering PS resummation
- can be improved by adding higher order calculations
 - (N)NLL resummation
 - NNLO corrections

current release SHERPA-2.0. β_2 , when fully tuned SHERPA-2.0.0

<http://sherpa.hepforge.org>

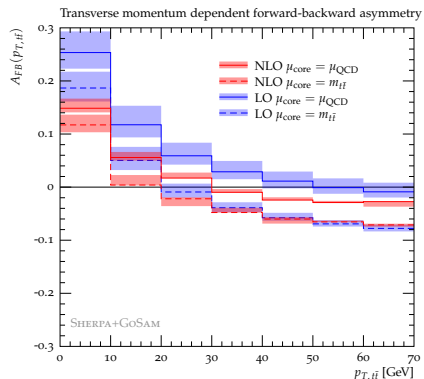
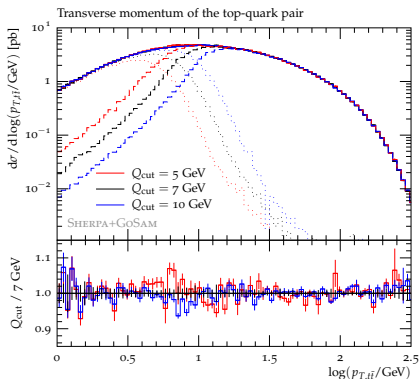
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Thank you for your attention!



Results – $p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$



- very small Q_{cut} dependence
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- add in real radiation explicitly, as in MEPS
- restore logarithmic behaviour by explicit Sudakov
- local K-factor for continuity at Q_{cut}



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constraints: $\text{sign}(f) = \text{sign}(g)$, $|f| \leq |g|$



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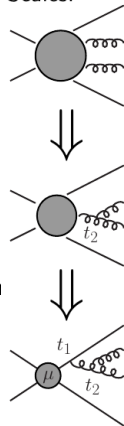
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