

Matching and merging in SHERPA

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The SHERPA event generator framework

- Two multi-purpose Matrix Element (ME) generators

AMEGIC++ JHEP02(2002)044, EPJC53(2008)501

COMIX JHEP12(2008)039, PRL109(2012)042001

- A Parton Shower (PS) generator

CSSHOWER++ JHEP03(2008)038

- A multiple interaction simulation
à la Pythia AMISIC++ hep-ph/0601012

- A cluster fragmentation module

AHADIC++ EPJC36(2004)381

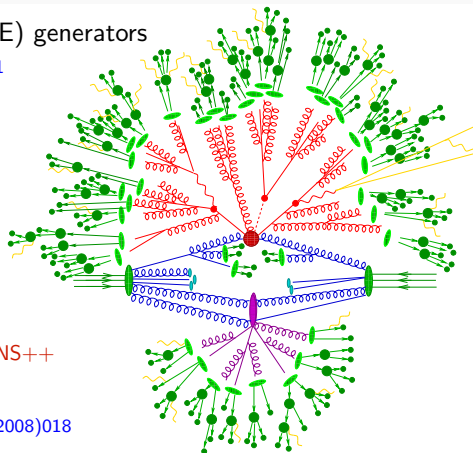
- A hadron and τ decay package HADRONS++

- A higher order QED generator using
YFS-resummation PHOTONS++ JHEP12(2008)018

- A minimum bias simulation SHRiMPs to appear

Sherpa's traditional strength is the perturbative part of the event

MEPs (CKKW), S-Mc@NLO, MENLOPs, MEPS@NLO



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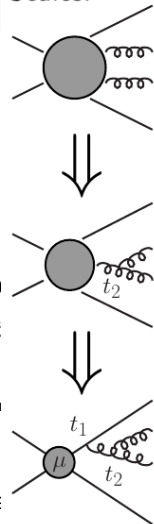
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Scales:



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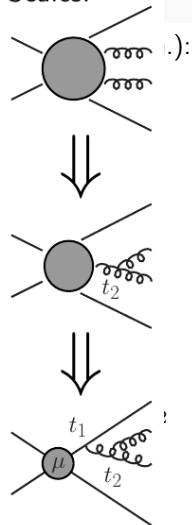
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MEPs@NLO

Parton showers for NLOPS (need to reproduce $N_c = 3$ singular li

$$\widetilde{\text{PS}}_n(t_c, t_{\max}) = \tilde{\Delta}_n(t_c, t_{\max}) + \int_{t_c}^{t_{\max}} dt' \tilde{\mathcal{K}}_n(t') \tilde{\Delta}_n(t',$$

Multijet merging at next-to-leading order:

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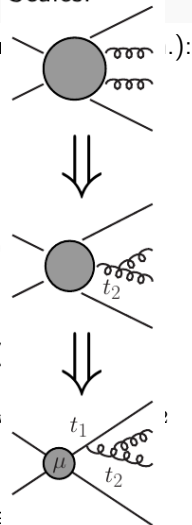
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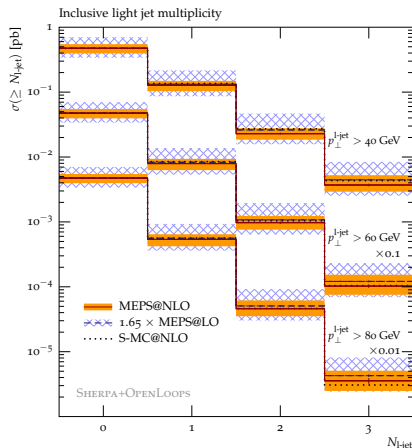
Recent results

Multijet merging at NLO accuracy (MEPs@NLO)

- $pp \rightarrow W + \text{jets}$ – SHERPA+BLACKHAT Höche, Krauss, MS, Siebert JHEP04(2013)027
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Gehrmann, Höche, Krauss, MS, Siebert JHEP01(2013)144
- $pp \rightarrow h + \text{jets}$ – SHERPA+GOSAM/MCFM
Höche, Krauss, MS, Siebert, contribution to YR3 arXiv:1307.1347
Höche, Krauss, MS arXiv:1401.7971
MS, Zapp, contribution to LH13
- $p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$ – SHERPA+GOSAM/OPENLOOPS
Höche, Huang, Luisoni, MS, Winter Phys.Rev.D88(2013)014040
Höche, Krauss, Maierhöfer, Pozzorini, MS, Siebert arXiv:1402.6293
- $pp \rightarrow 4\ell + \text{jets}$ – SHERPA+OPENLOOPS
Cascioli, Höche, Krauss, Maierhöfer, Pozzorini, Siebert JHEP01(2014)046
- $pp \rightarrow VH + \text{jets}, pp \rightarrow VV + \text{jets}, pp \rightarrow VVV + \text{jets}$
– SHERPA+OPENLOOPS
Höche, Krauss, Pozzorini, MS, Thompson, Zapp arXiv:1403.7516

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

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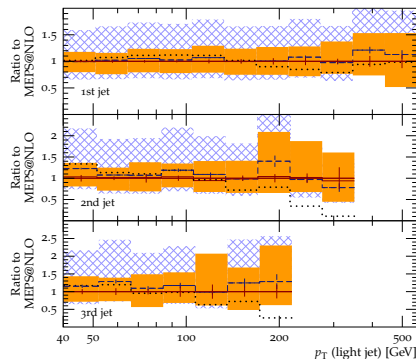
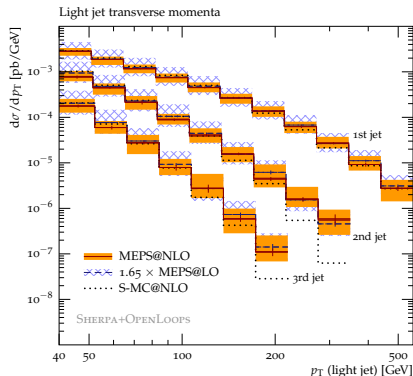
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$$Q_{\text{cut}} = 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\mu_{\text{core}} = - \frac{2}{\frac{1}{p_0 p_1} + \frac{1}{p_0 p_2} + \frac{1}{p_0 p_3}}$$

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- $Q_{\text{cut}} \in \{20, 30, 40\} \text{ GeV}$

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



- Shapes are stable
- Uncertainties are much smaller where higher accuracy is employed

Scale choices

$$\alpha_s^{n+k}(\mu_R^2) = \alpha_s^k(\mu_{\text{core}}^2) \alpha_s(t_1) \cdots \alpha_s(t_n) \quad \mu_{F,a/b}^2 = t_{\text{ext},a/b} \quad \mu_Q^2 = \mu_{\text{core}}^2$$

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Höche, Huang, Luisoni, MS, Winter Phys.Rev.D88(2013)014040

Setup: $p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$

- purely perturbative calculation (no hadronisation, MPI, etc.)

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$$Q_{\text{cut}} = 7 \text{ GeV}$$

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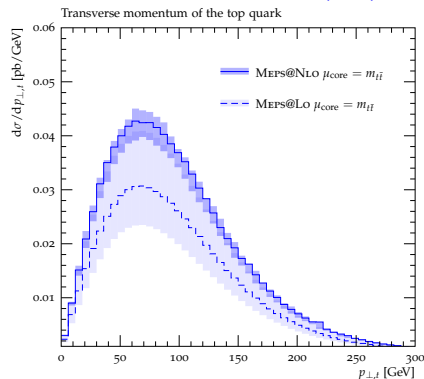
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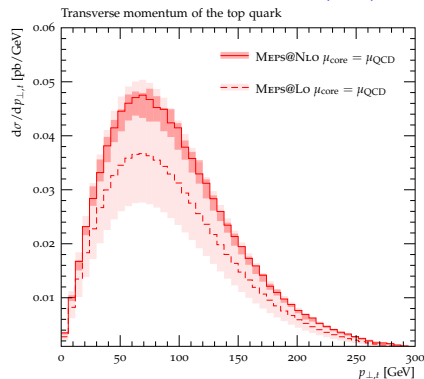
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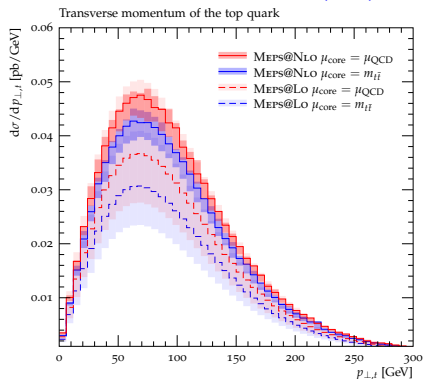
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Results – $p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$ – A_{FB}

- Definition of forward-backward asymmetry of an observable $\mathcal{O}$

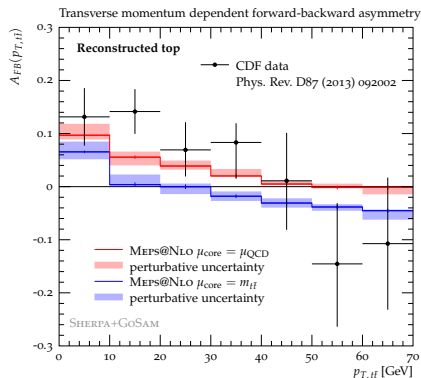
$$A_{\text{FB}}(\mathcal{O}) = \frac{\left. \frac{d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}}{d\mathcal{O}} \right|_{\Delta y > 0} - \left. \frac{d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}}{d\mathcal{O}} \right|_{\Delta y < 0}}{\left. \frac{d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}}{d\mathcal{O}} \right|_{\Delta y > 0} + \left. \frac{d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}}{d\mathcal{O}} \right|_{\Delta y < 0}}$$

- A_{FB} is ratio of expectation values
→ conventional scale variations by factor 2 will largely cancel for uncertainty on A_{FB}
- ⇒ use different functional forms of the scale definition that behave differently in $\Delta y > 0$ and $\Delta y < 0$ for a realistic estimate of uncertainty

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CDF data Phys.Rev.D87(2013)092002



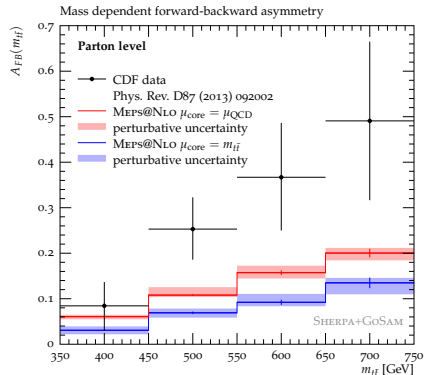
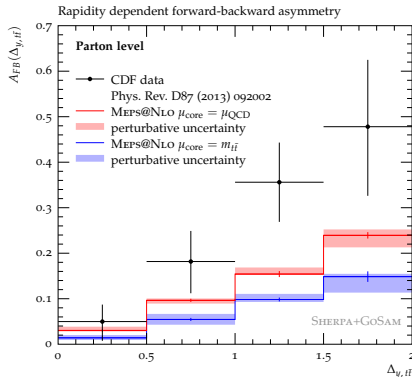
$p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$ (0,1 @ NLO)

- $A_{FB}(p_{\perp, t\bar{t}})$ NLO accurate in all but the first bin
- tops reconstructed from decay products (jets, lepton, MET)
- no EW corrections

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

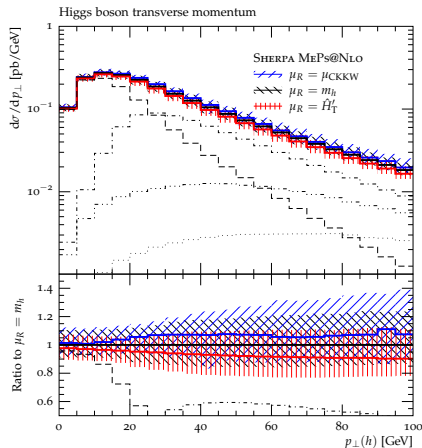
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- parton level (exact top quarks)
- no EW corrections ($\approx 20\%$) effected
- right qualitative behaviour, but consistently below data

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

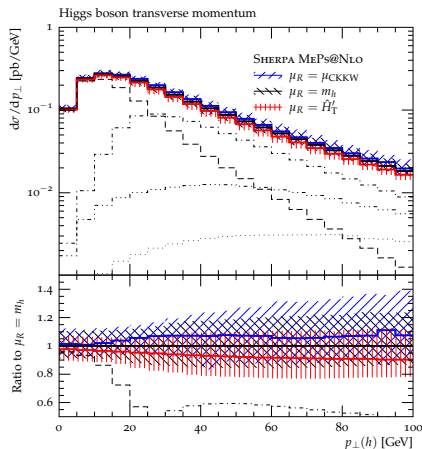


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- virtual MEs from MCFM (hjj)

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



⇒ difference beyond accuracy

scale choices: $\mu_F = \mu_Q = m_h$

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② $\mu_R = m_h$

③ $\mu_R = \hat{H}'_T$

need to include ren. term

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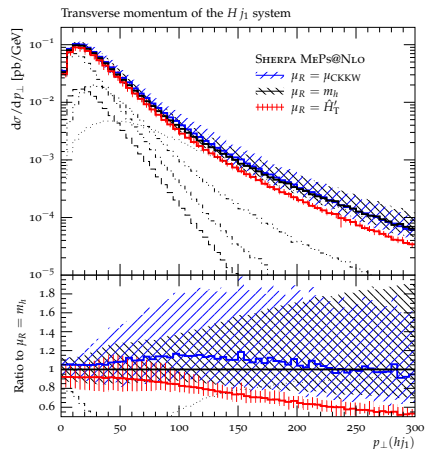
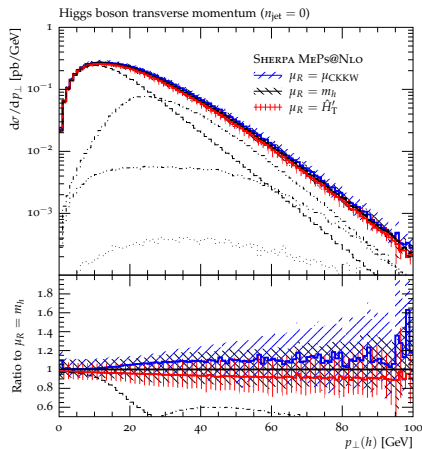
to restore 1-loop running to μ_{CKKW}
→ otherwise PS-accuracy violated

→ same as in UNLOPs approach

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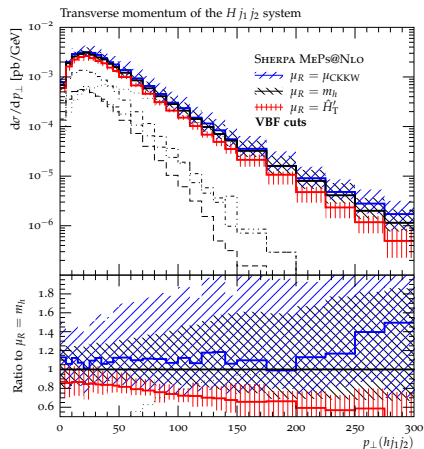
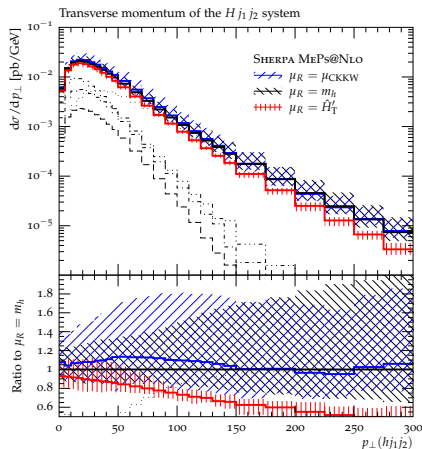
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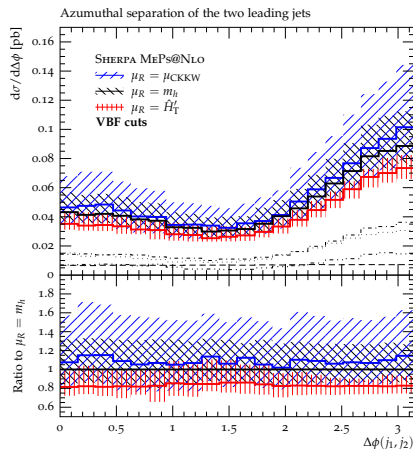
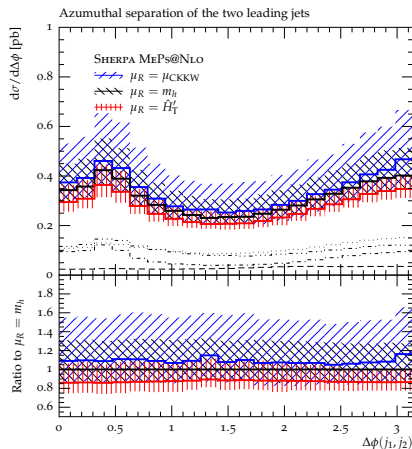
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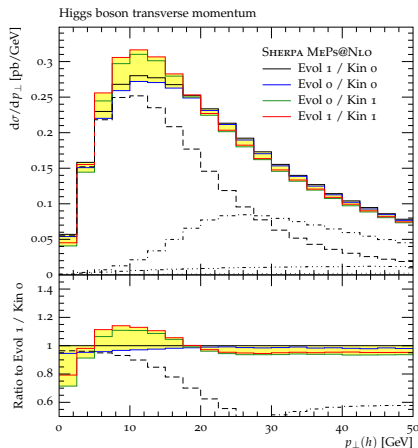
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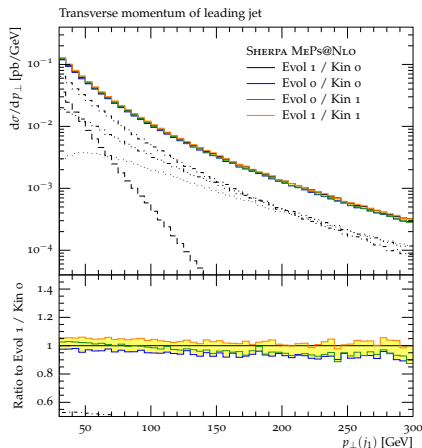
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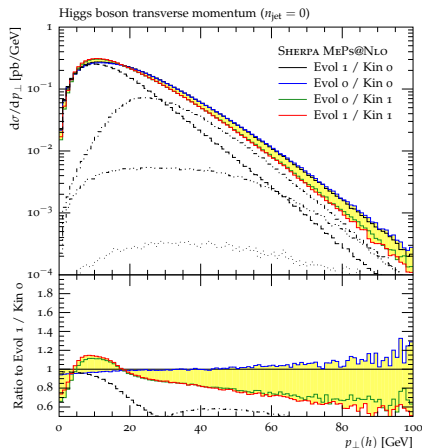
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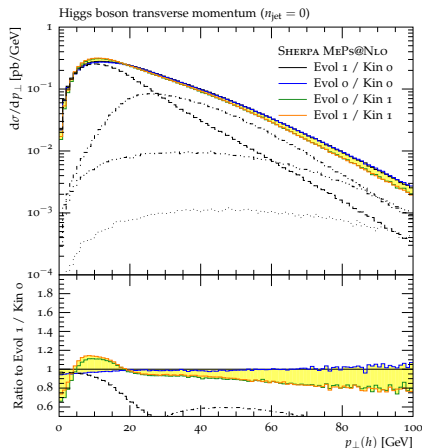
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Conclusions

- multijet merging at NLO proceeds schematically as at LO
 - introduce MC-counterterm to retain NLO accuracy
- preserves NLO accuracy of the ME and accuracy of the PS in resumming hierarchies of emission scales
 - scale setting essential for recovering PS resummation
 - core scale can be chosen freely
 - beyond 1-loop running the scales can of course be freely chosen

current release SHERPA-2.1.1

<http://sherpa.hepforge.org>

Thank you for your attention!

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 & \quad \times \Delta_n(t_{n+1}, t_n) \Delta_{n+1}(t_{n+2}, t_{n+1}) \otimes \text{PS}_{n+2}
 \end{aligned}$$

- restrict MC@NLO expression to region $Q < Q_{\text{cut}}$
- add in real radiation explicitly, as in MEPS
- restore logarithmic behaviour by explicit Sudakov
- local K-factor for continuity at Q_{cut}

$$k_n(\Phi_{n+1}) = \frac{\bar{B}_n(\Phi_n)}{B_n(\Phi_n)} \left(1 - \frac{H_n(\Phi_{n+1})}{R_n(\Phi_{n+1})} \right) + \frac{H_n(\Phi_{n+1})}{R_n(\Phi_{n+1})}$$

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