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# EXPLORING COLLINEAR LIMITS OF SCATTERING CROSS SECTIONS

- With Gherardo Vita

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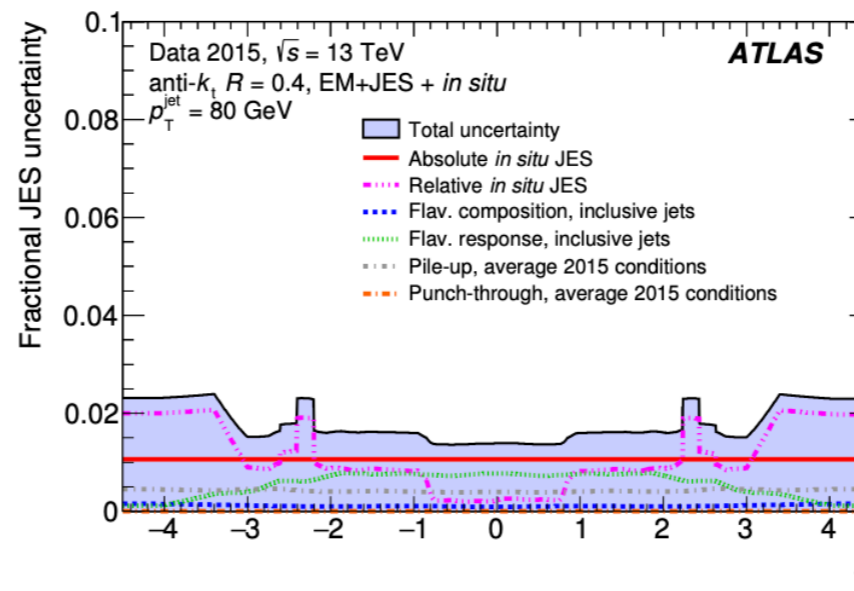
Fundamental Limitations:

- Luminosity  
(any absolute measurement)

[\[CMS, 2104.01927\]](#)

Source	2015 [%]	2016 [%]	Corr
Total normalization uncertainty	1.3	1.0	—
Total integration uncertainty	1.0	0.7	—
Total uncertainty	1.6	1.2	—

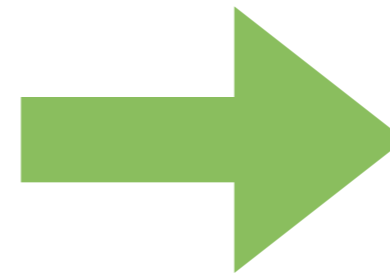
- Jet-Energy Scale



- Statistics



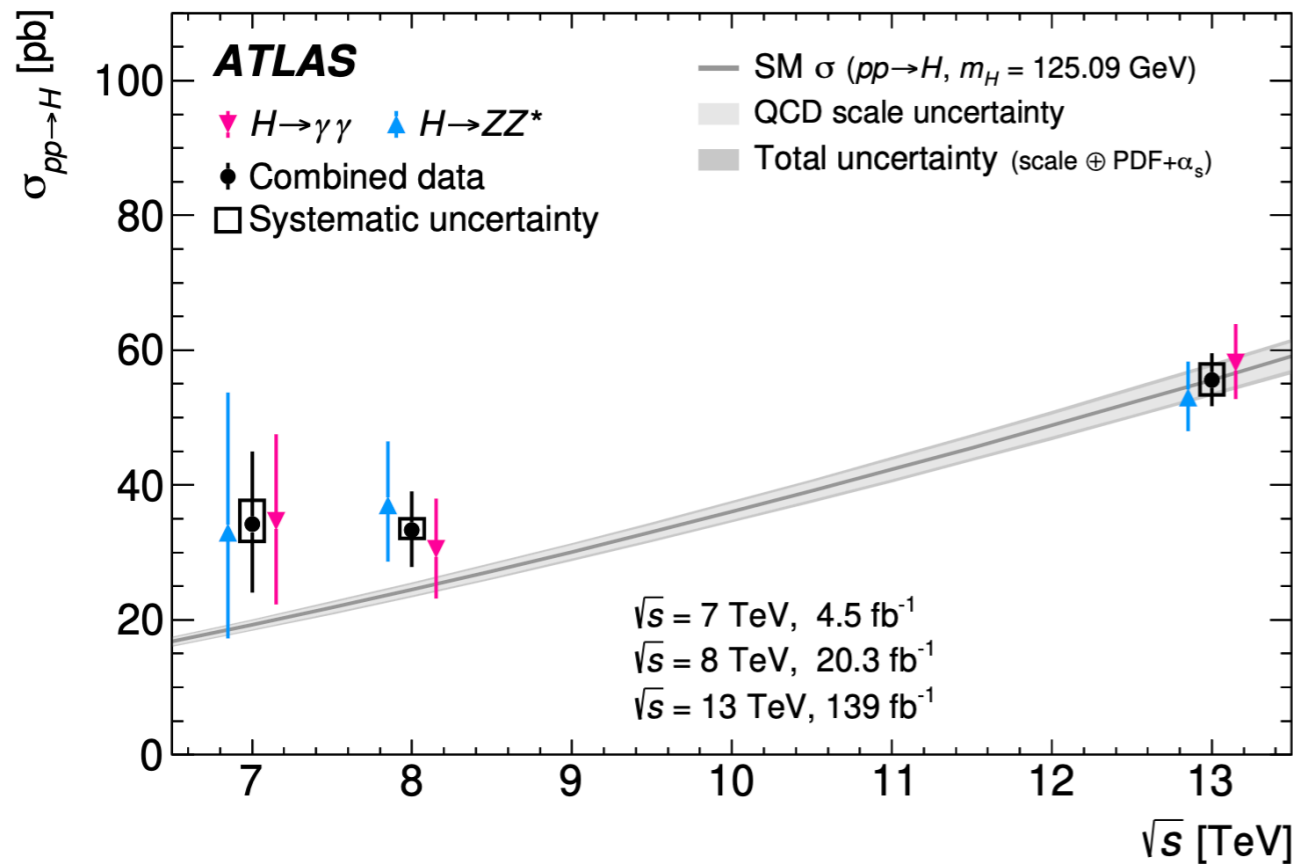
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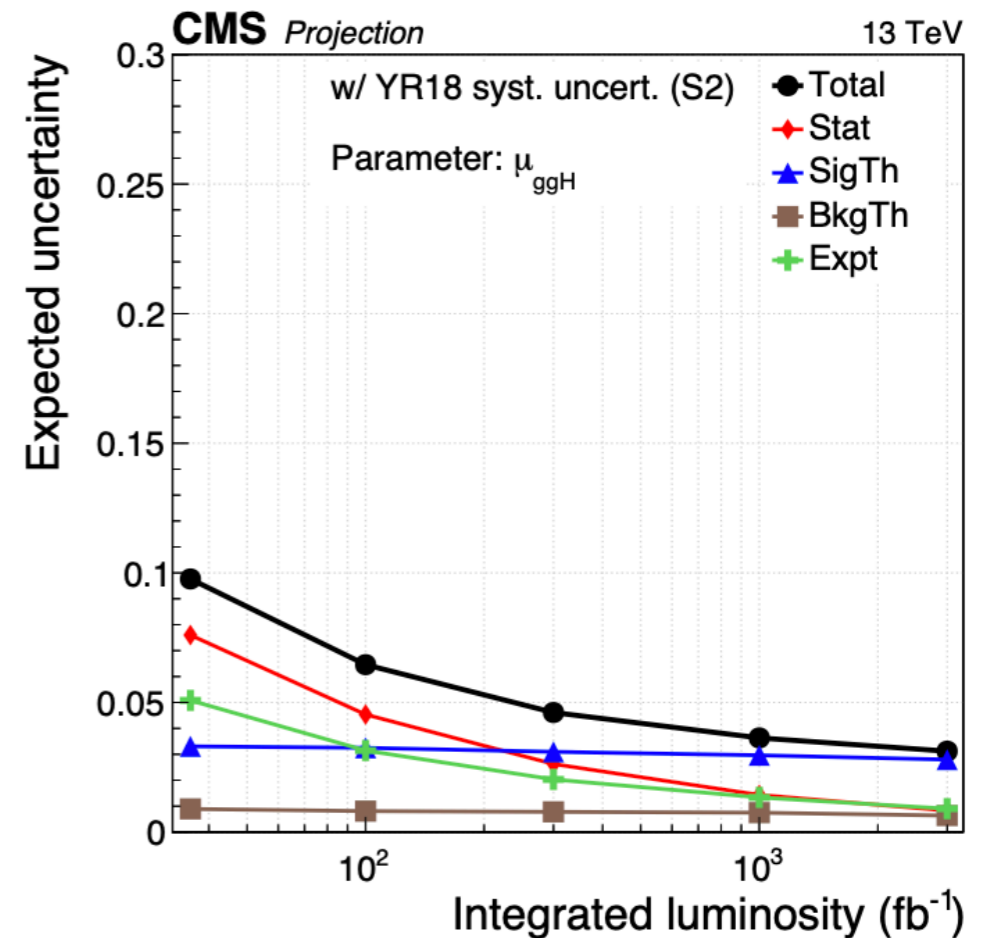
# PRECISION OBSERVABLES

## How many Higgs bosons are produced at the LHC?



$$\mu = \frac{\sigma_{\text{obs.}}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}}$$

- ▶ Agreement of EXP and TH at ~ 7%!
- ▶ TH Uncertainty ~ Exp Uncertainty
- ▶ Incredible future precision envisioned! ~ 2.5 %



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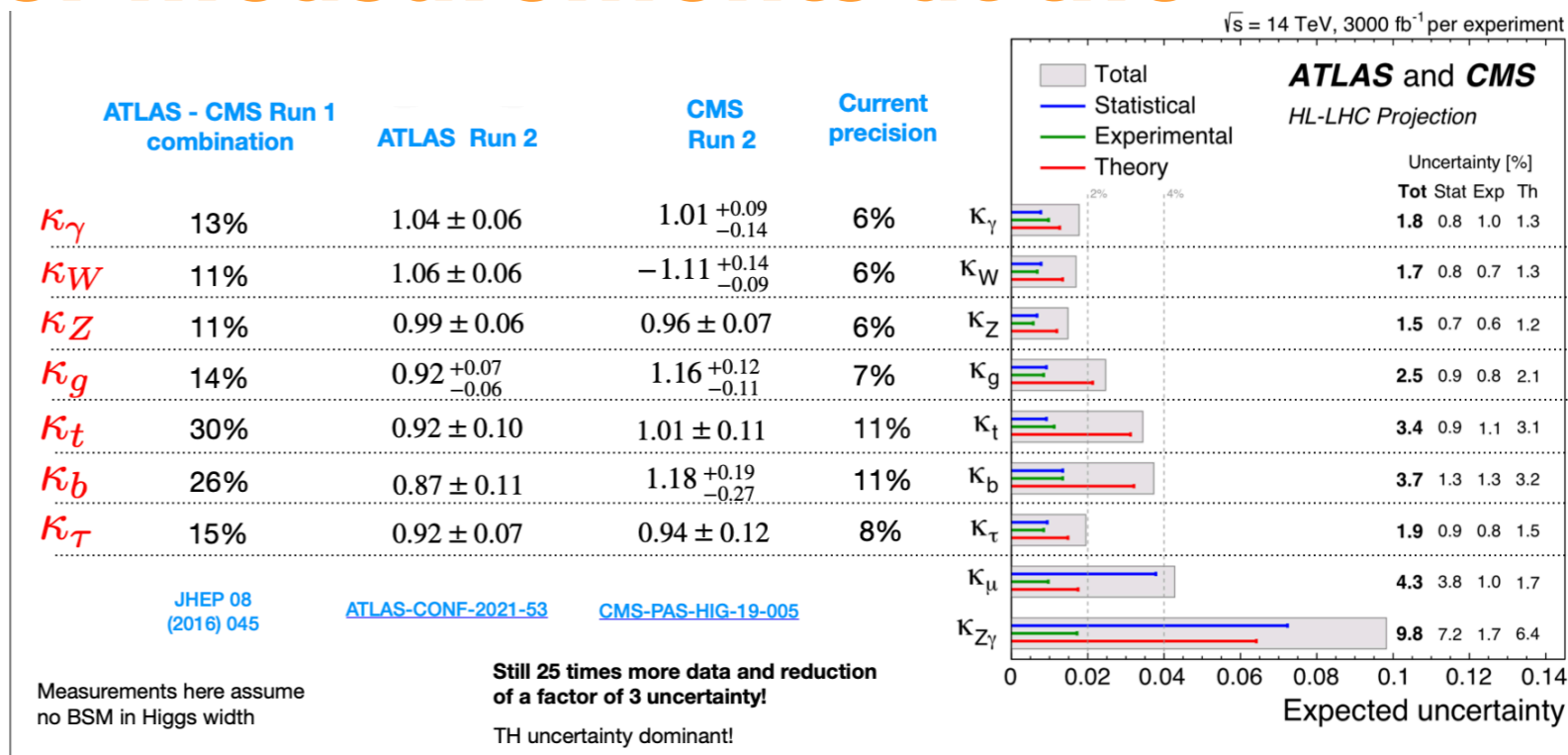
Phenomenology:

- Higgs Properties:

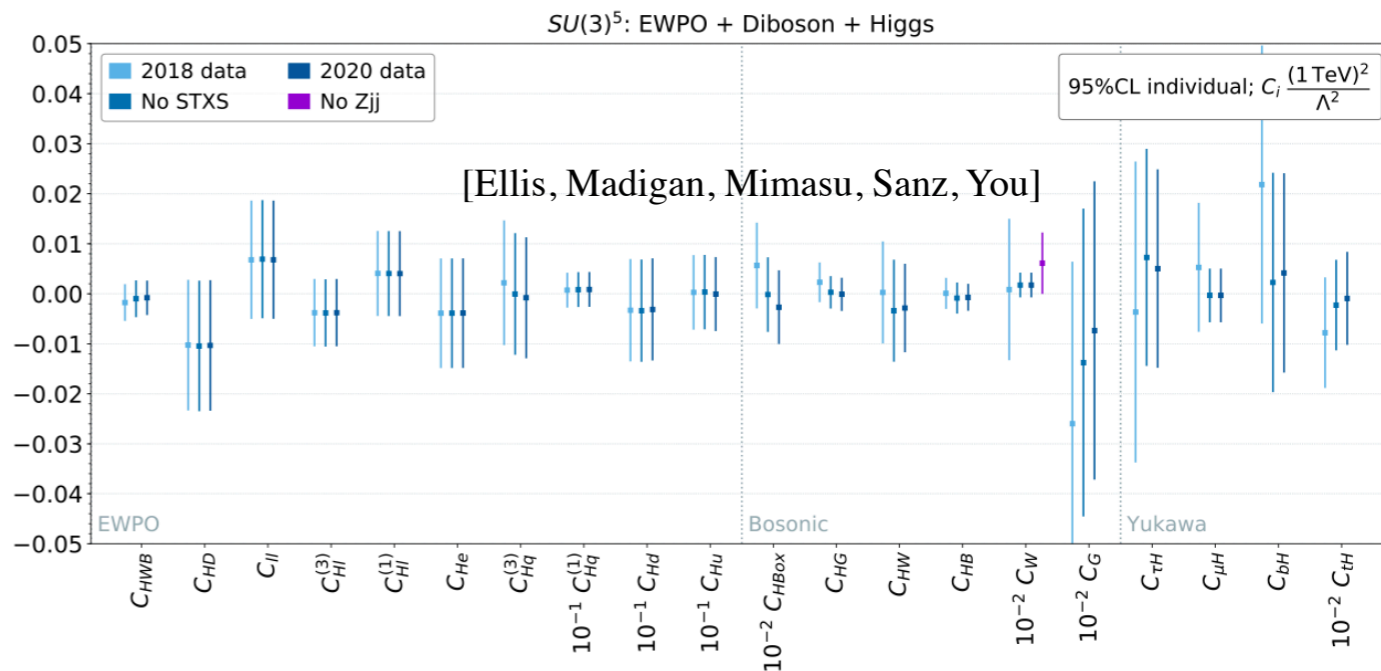
- Establish the SM at the 1 % level

$$m_W^2 \left( 1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2} \right) = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_\mu}$$

- Search for deviations



**Z**                      **W**                      **top**                      **jets**



## The Method: Predict & Compare.

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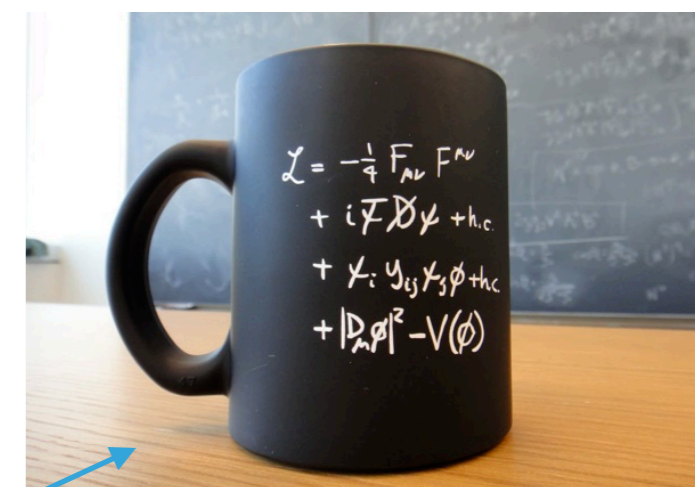
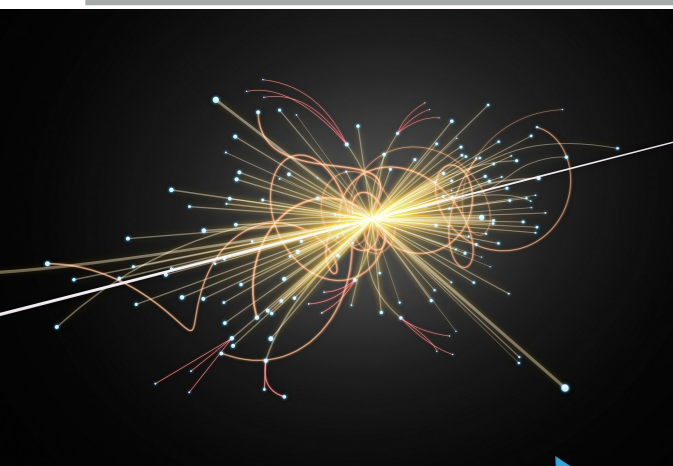
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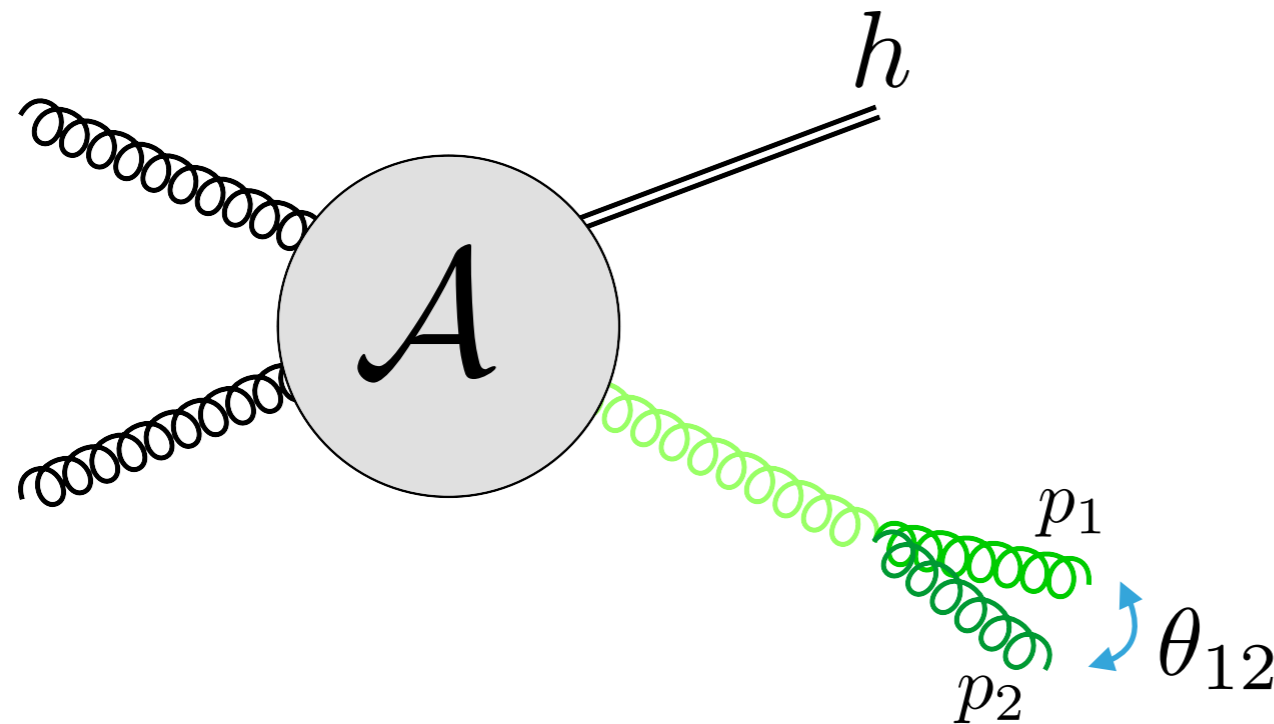
**Precision Theory**



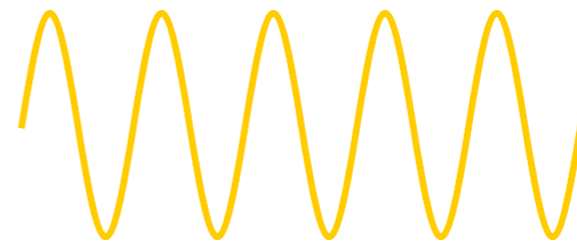
$$\sigma \sim \int dx dy f(x) f(y) \hat{\sigma} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda}{Q}\right)$$

- ▶ Perturbative partonic cross sections
- ▶ Making progress is hard but desired on many fronts!
- ▶ The path we want to follow here:

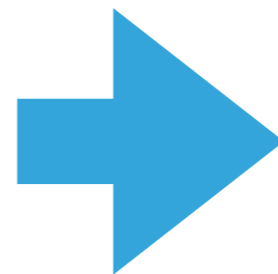
Explore one **universal** problem with perturbative computations and use our improvements for **new phenomenology**.



## Collinear Particles



Consider angular separation smaller than resolution of our detectors.

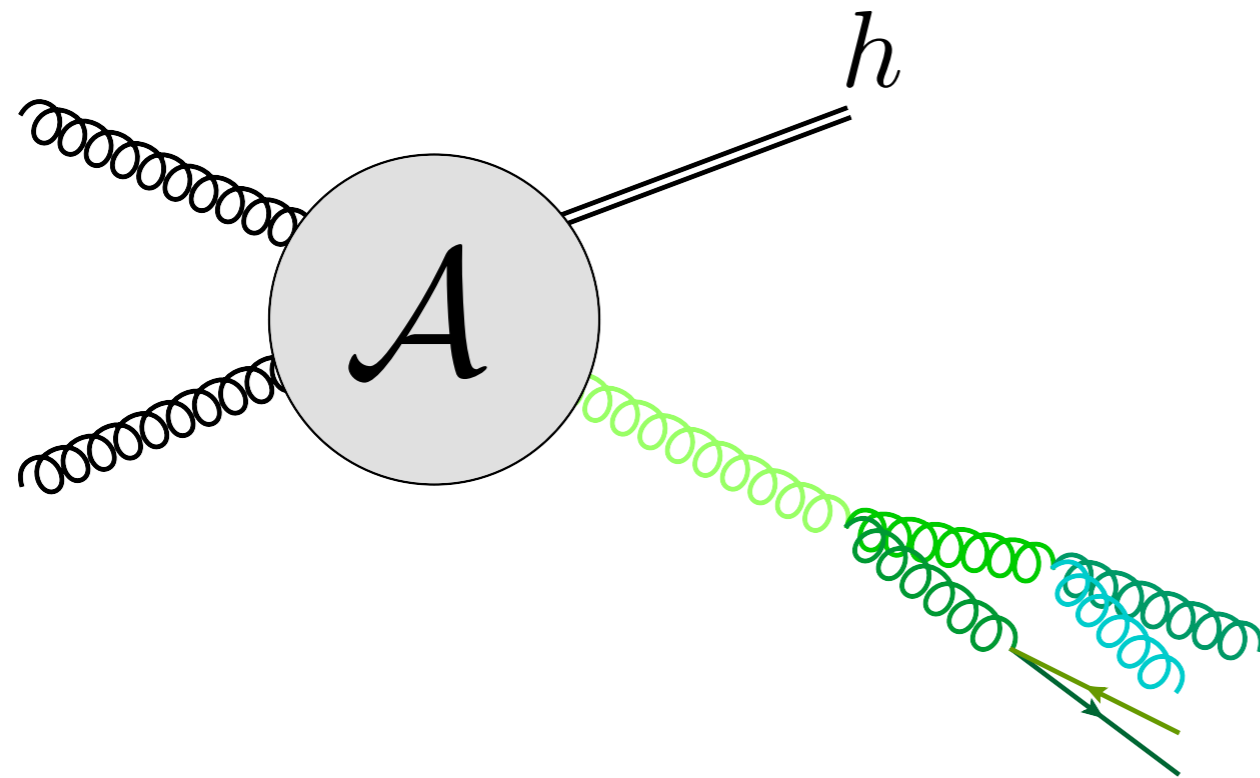


Two particles look like one!

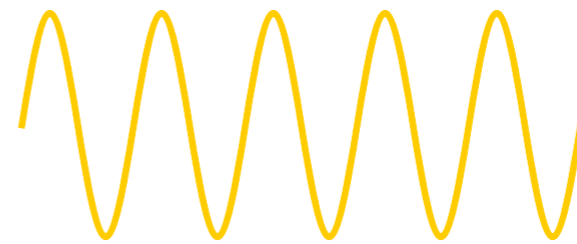
Sum of quantum numbers of many particles = quantum number of one mother particle.

$$\lim_{p_1 \parallel p_2} \mathcal{A}_{ggggh} \sim \mathcal{A}_{gggh} \times g_S \frac{1}{p_1 \cdot p_2} \sim \frac{1}{1 - \cos(\theta_{12})}$$

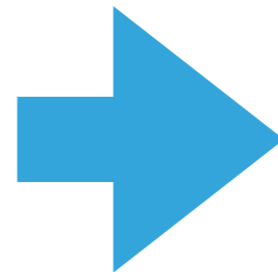




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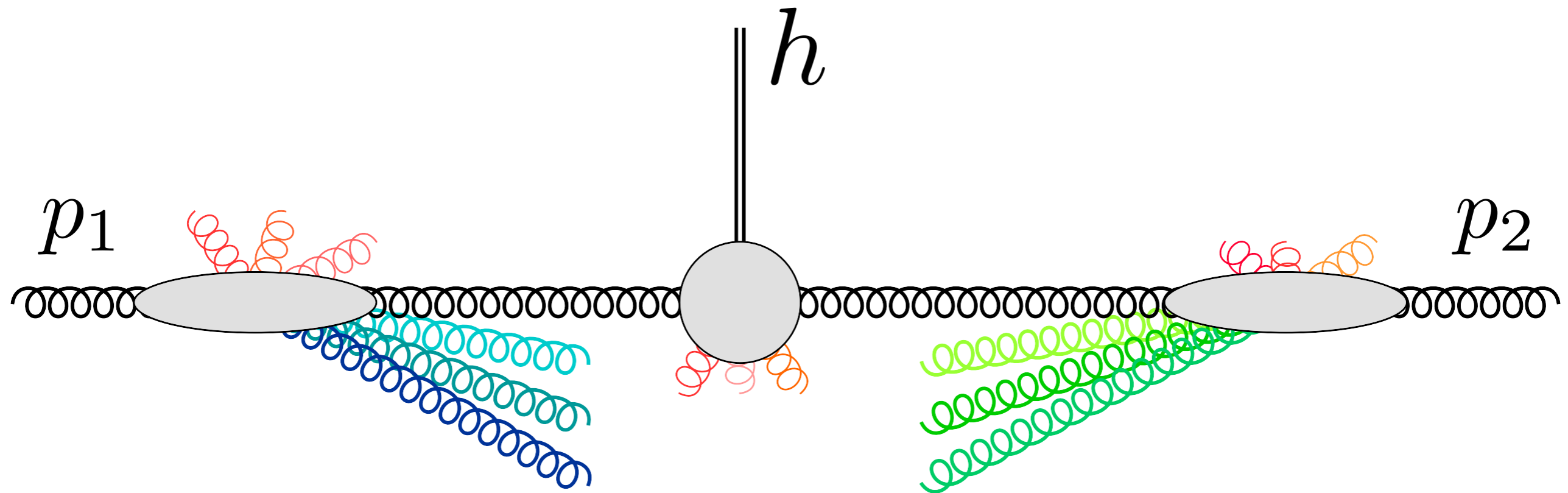
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**Many** particles look like one!

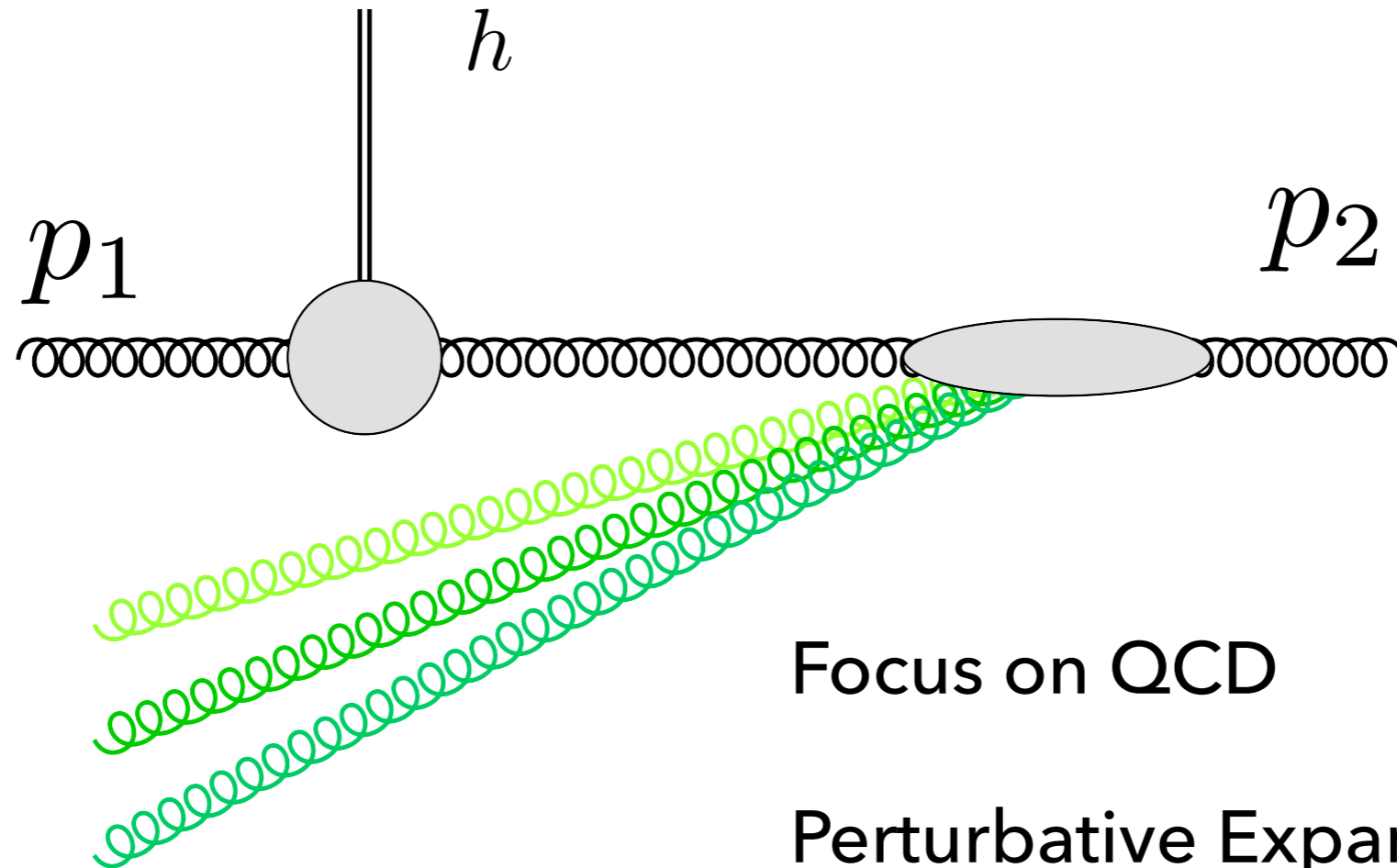
- ▶ Breakdown of perturbation theory in limit of small particle angles.
- ▶ If we probe this limit with observation - resolve it - we need to include (infinitely) many orders in perturbation theory.

**Higgs Boson:**  $g g \rightarrow h$



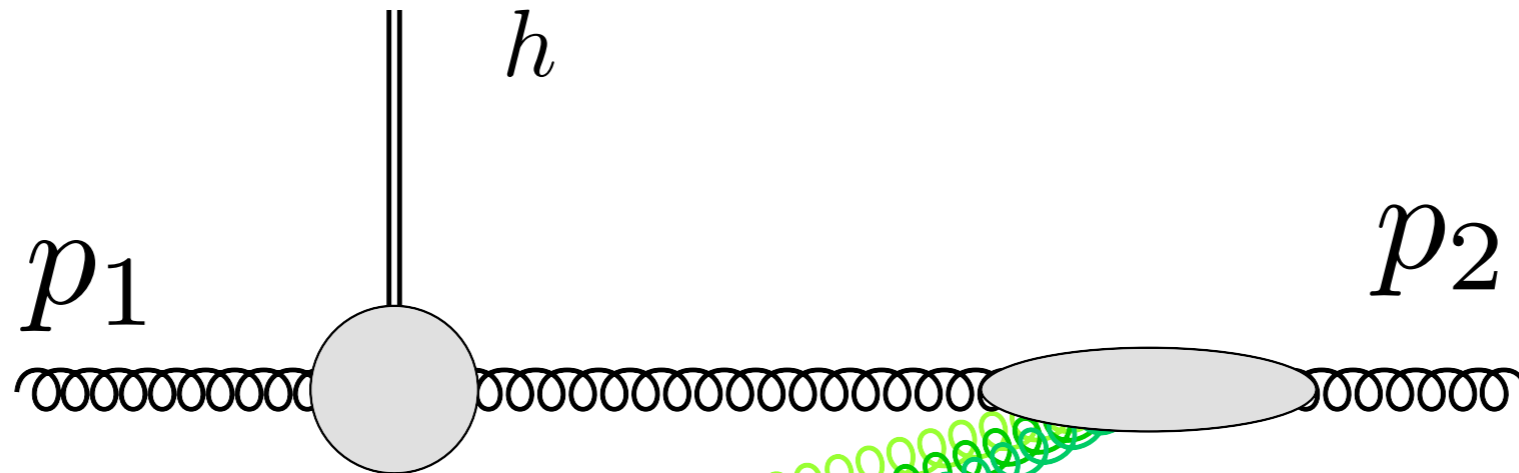
- Interesting Radiation:**
- ▶ **Collinear to  $p_1$**
  - ▶ **Collinear to  $p_2$**
  - ▶ **Soft**

Partonic Scattering Process:



$$\hat{\sigma} = \hat{\sigma}^{(0)} + \alpha_S^1 \hat{\sigma}^{(1)} + \alpha_S^2 \hat{\sigma}^{(2)} + \alpha_S^3 \hat{\sigma}^{(3)} \dots$$

Partonic Scattering Process:



$$\int d\Phi_n$$

$$k = \sum_i p_i$$

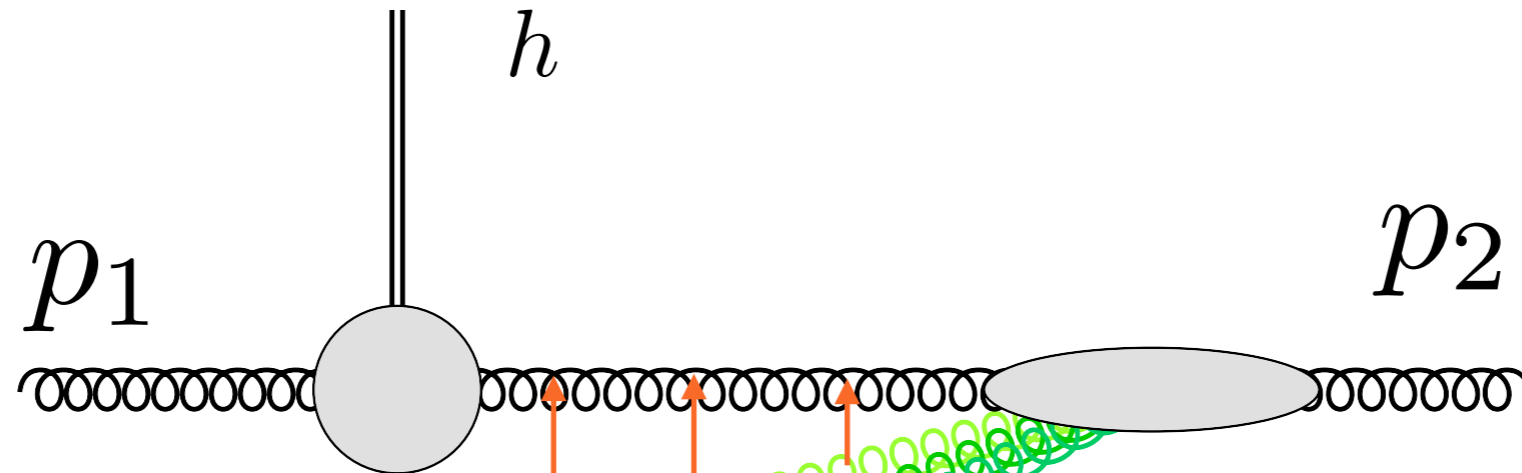
**Integrate out all radiation**

Dependence only on momenta

$$p_1, p_2, k, p_h$$

Variables:  $\{s, p_{\perp}^2, Y, m_h^2\}$

Approaching the limit:



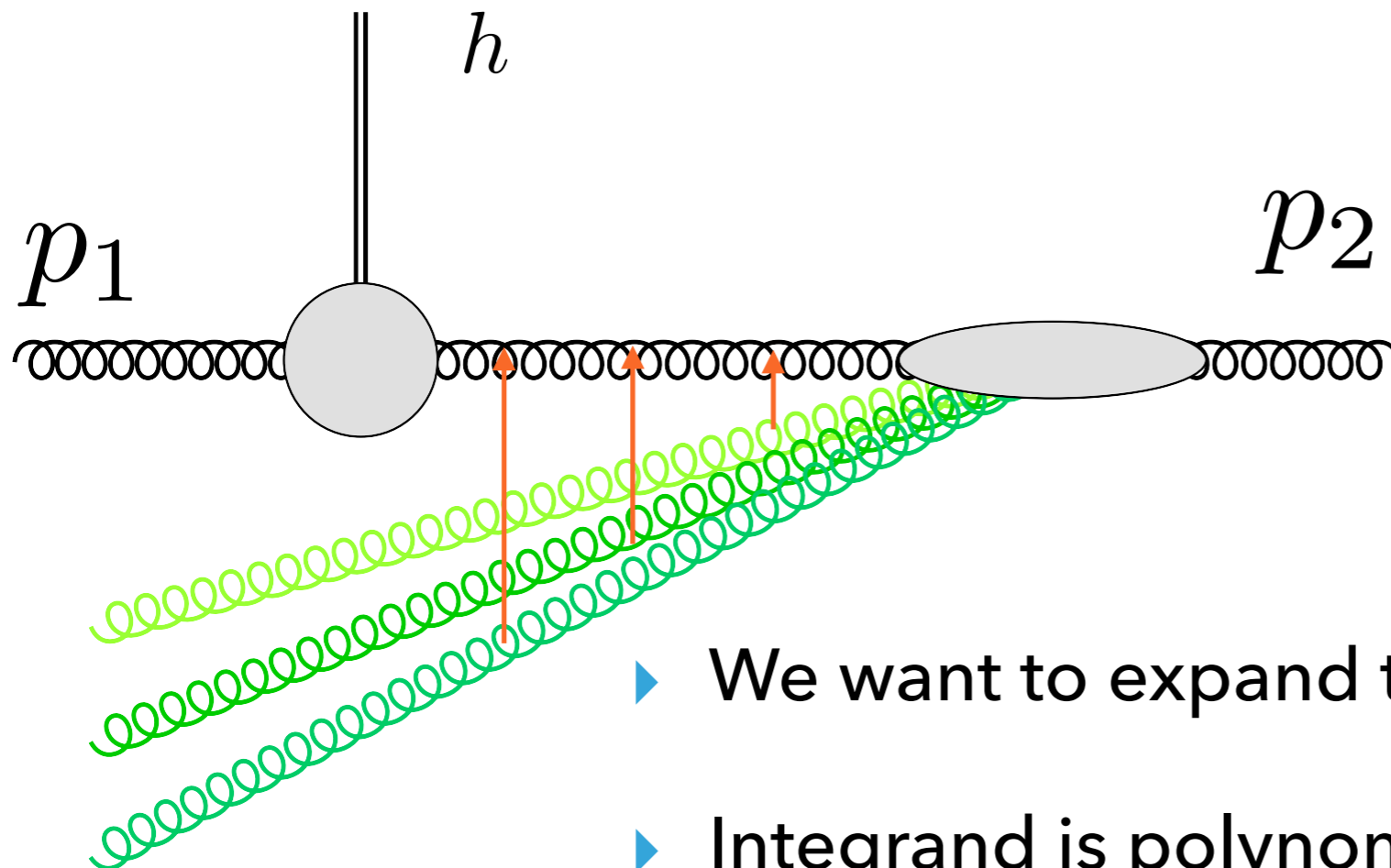
$$k = \sum_i p_i$$

$$(2p_2 k) \rightarrow 0$$

$$p_2 k \sim E_2 E_k (1 - \cos \theta_{2k})$$

## Goal:

Formulate a systematic expansion around the collinear limit of colorless final state LHC cross sections.



Expansion parameter:

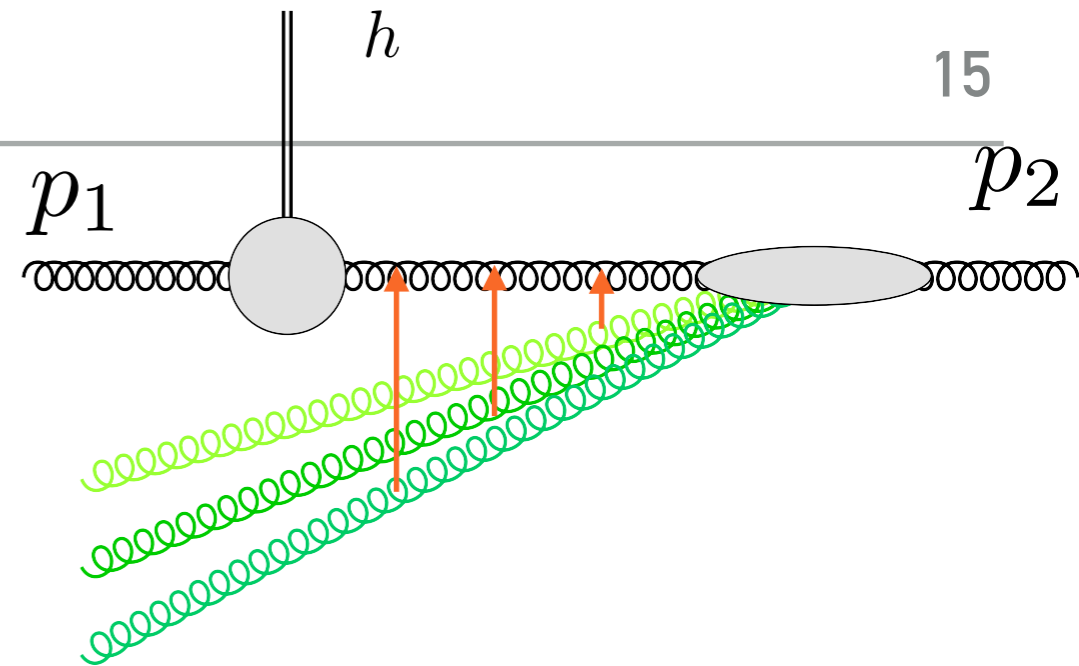
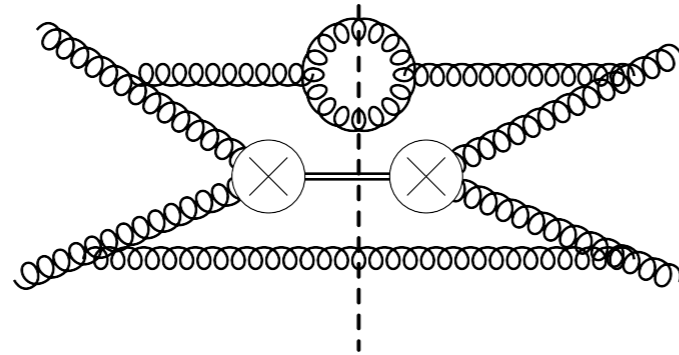
$$\sim 2p_2 k$$

- ▶ We want to expand the Feynman integrand!
- ▶ Integrand is polynomial in momenta: easy to expand!
- ▶ Work in DimReg with  $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$

# EXPANDING AROUND COLLINEAR LIMITS

1

Write down all your Feynman diagrams!  
(Drell-Yan + Higgs production)



2

Expand all integrands around the limit of  
all final state momenta collinear to  $p_2$

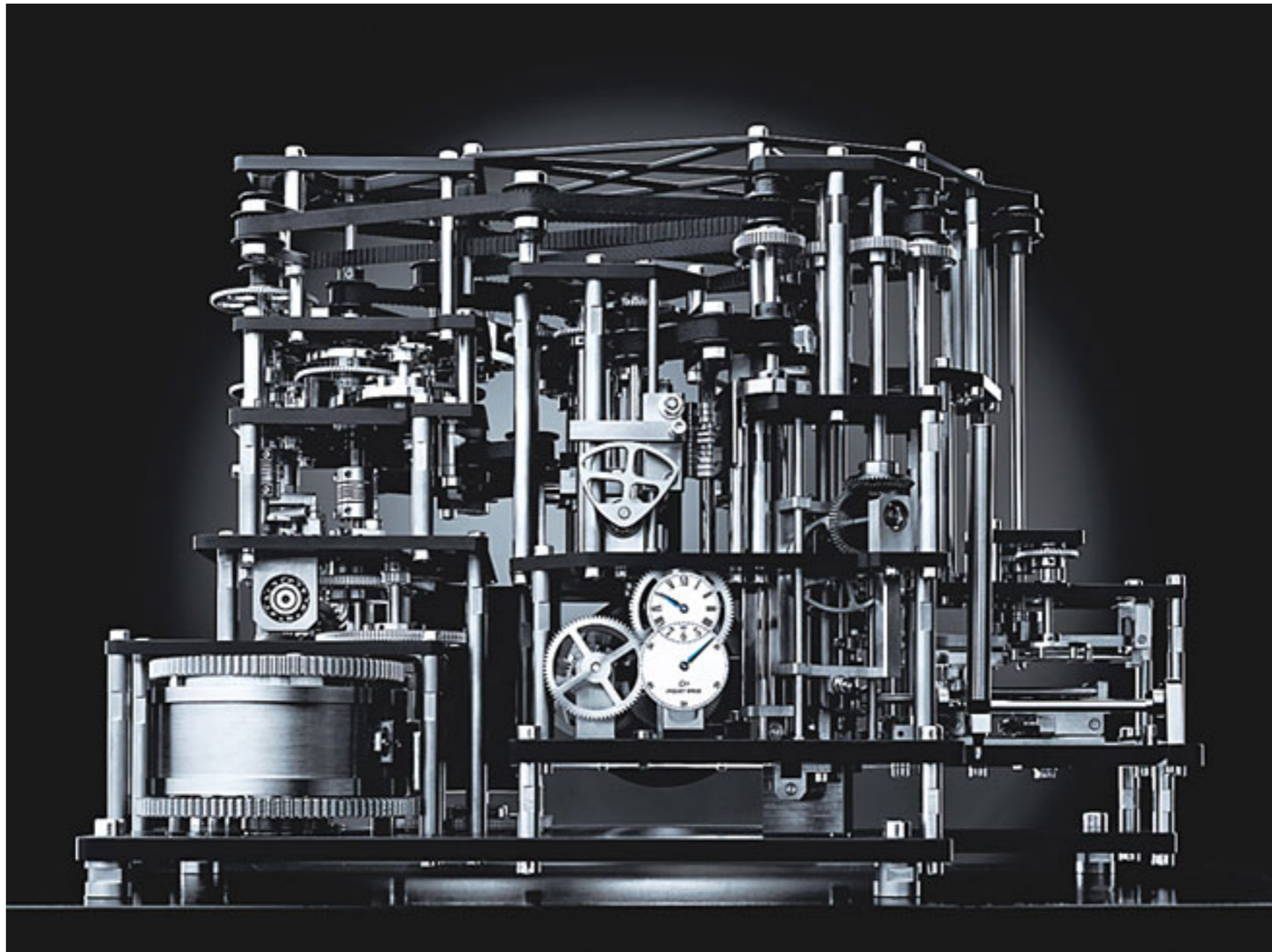
$$p_i \rightarrow \alpha p_2 + \delta^2 \beta p_1 + \delta p_{i,\perp} \quad \delta \rightarrow 0$$

(Similar to SCET / CSS / Catani+Grazzini, apply method of regions!)

3

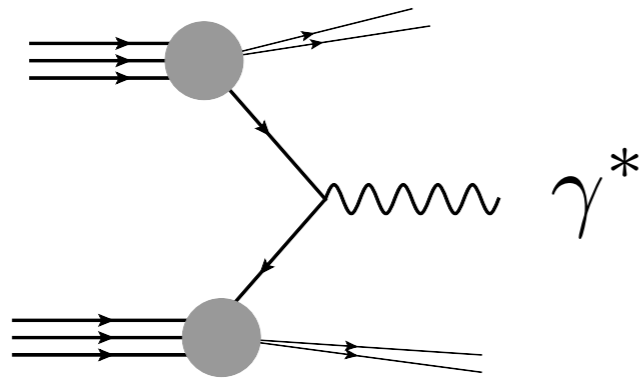
Carry out all our loop and phase-space integrals!

## THE CROSS SECTION CALCULATION MACHINE

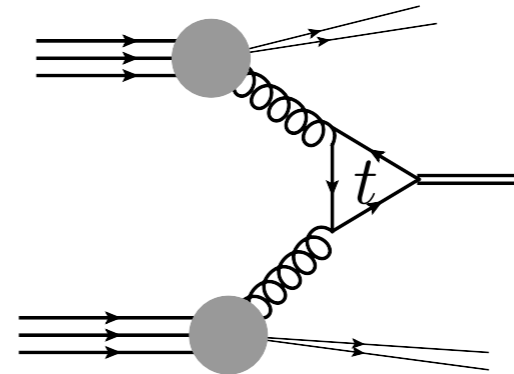




## Drell - Yan



## Higgs



- ▶ **Expanded partonic cross section up to N3LO in QCD to first order in collinear limit.**

- ▶ Feynman diagrams:  $\mathcal{O}(10^6)$
- ▶ 492 new master integrals using differential equations.
- ▶ Fully analytic results for the collinear limit of the partonic cross section.

**APPLICATIONS**

**APPROXIMATIONS FOR CROSS SECTIONS**

# APPROXIMATIONS OF CROSS SECTIONS

- ▶ We found a systematic expansion around collinear limit.

- ▶  $k \parallel p_2$ : Gluon with  $p_1$  does not have to contribute to energy in the radiation -> all its energy can go to the Higgs. The more gluon  $p_1$  needs to contribute to radiation, the smaller phase space gets -> collinear enhancement.

- ▶ Born level observable:  $Y$  - Rapidity distribution.

- ▶ Create approximation:

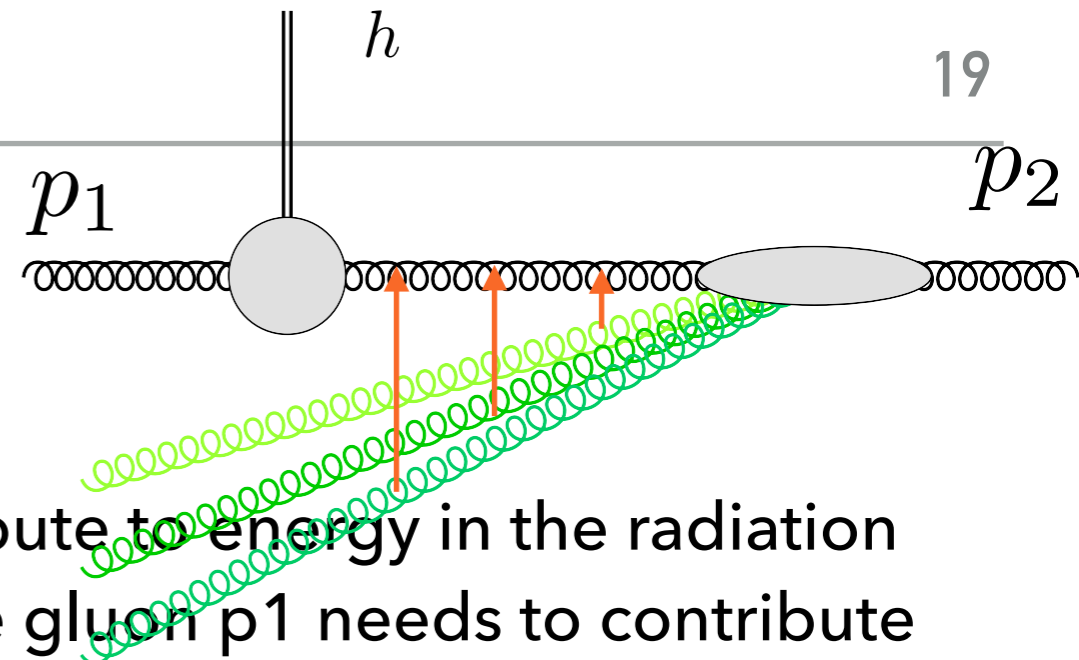
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dY} \sim \frac{d\sigma}{dY} \Big|_{C_1} + \frac{d\sigma}{dY} \Big|_{C_2} - \frac{d\sigma}{dY} \Big|_{C_1 + C_2}$$

$k \parallel p_1$

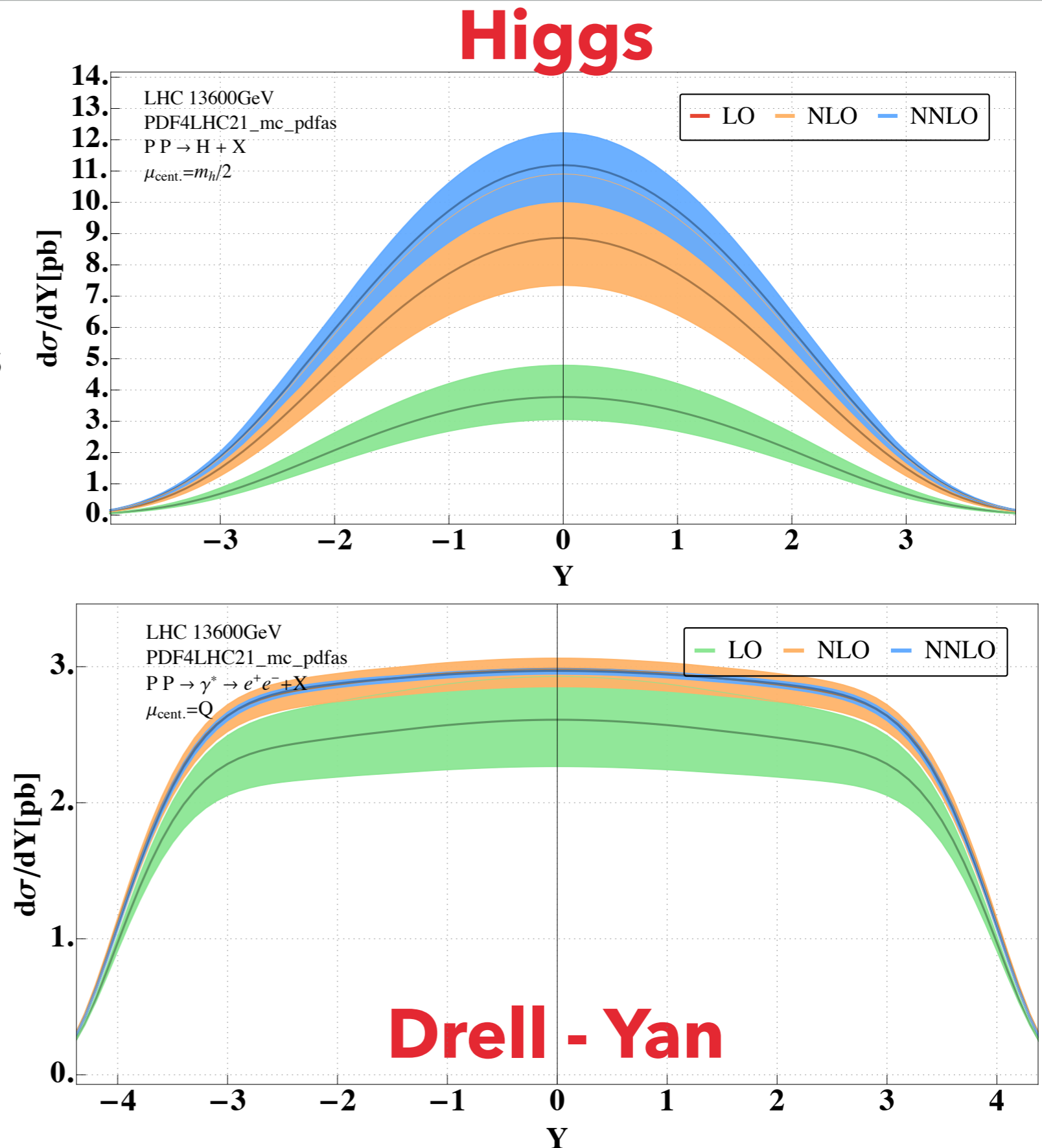
$k \parallel p_2$

$k \parallel p_1 \ \& \ k \parallel 2$

= soft

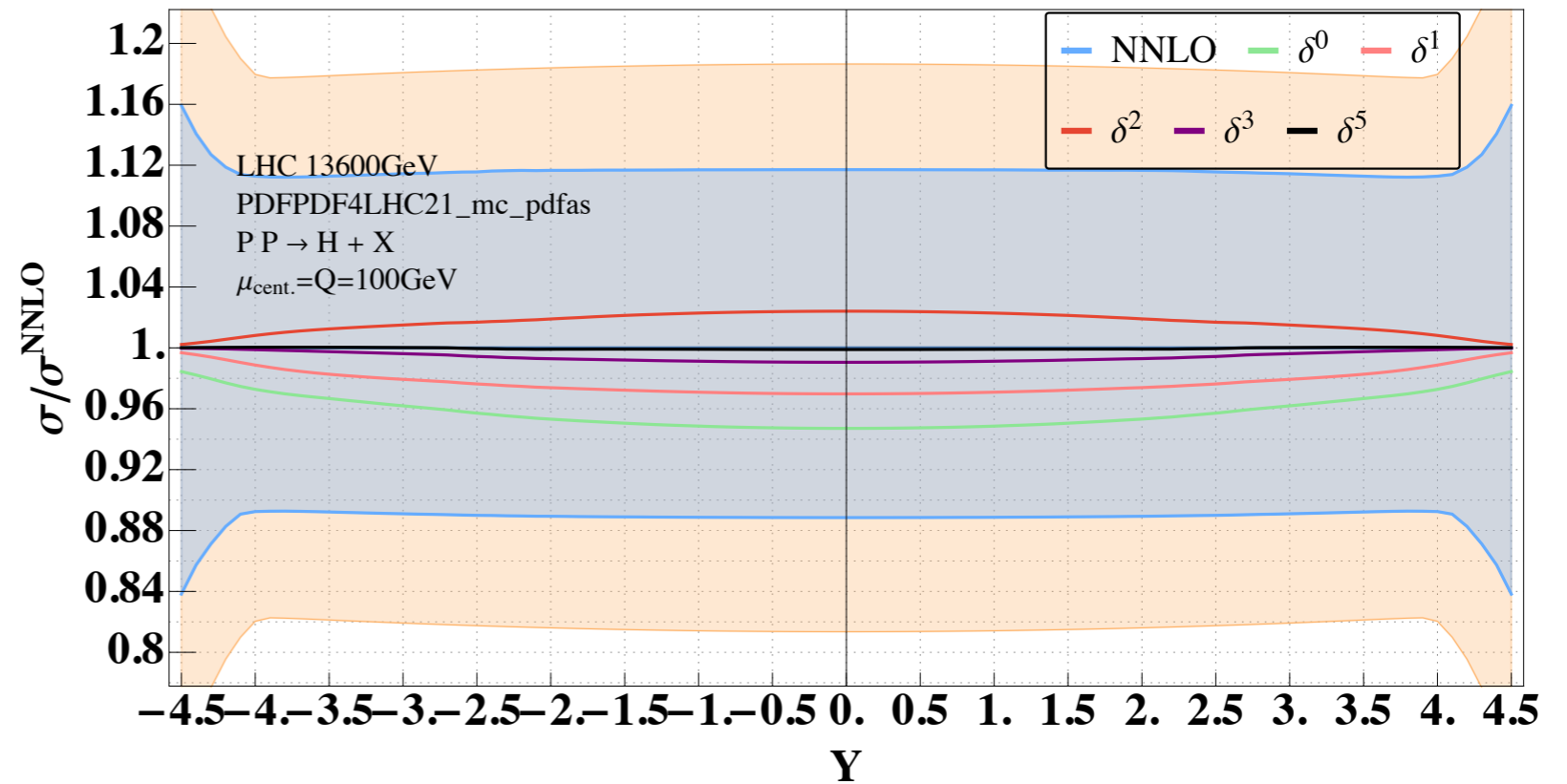


- ▶ Exact results available  
-> testing and validation
- ▶ See how well collinear expansion approximates exact results

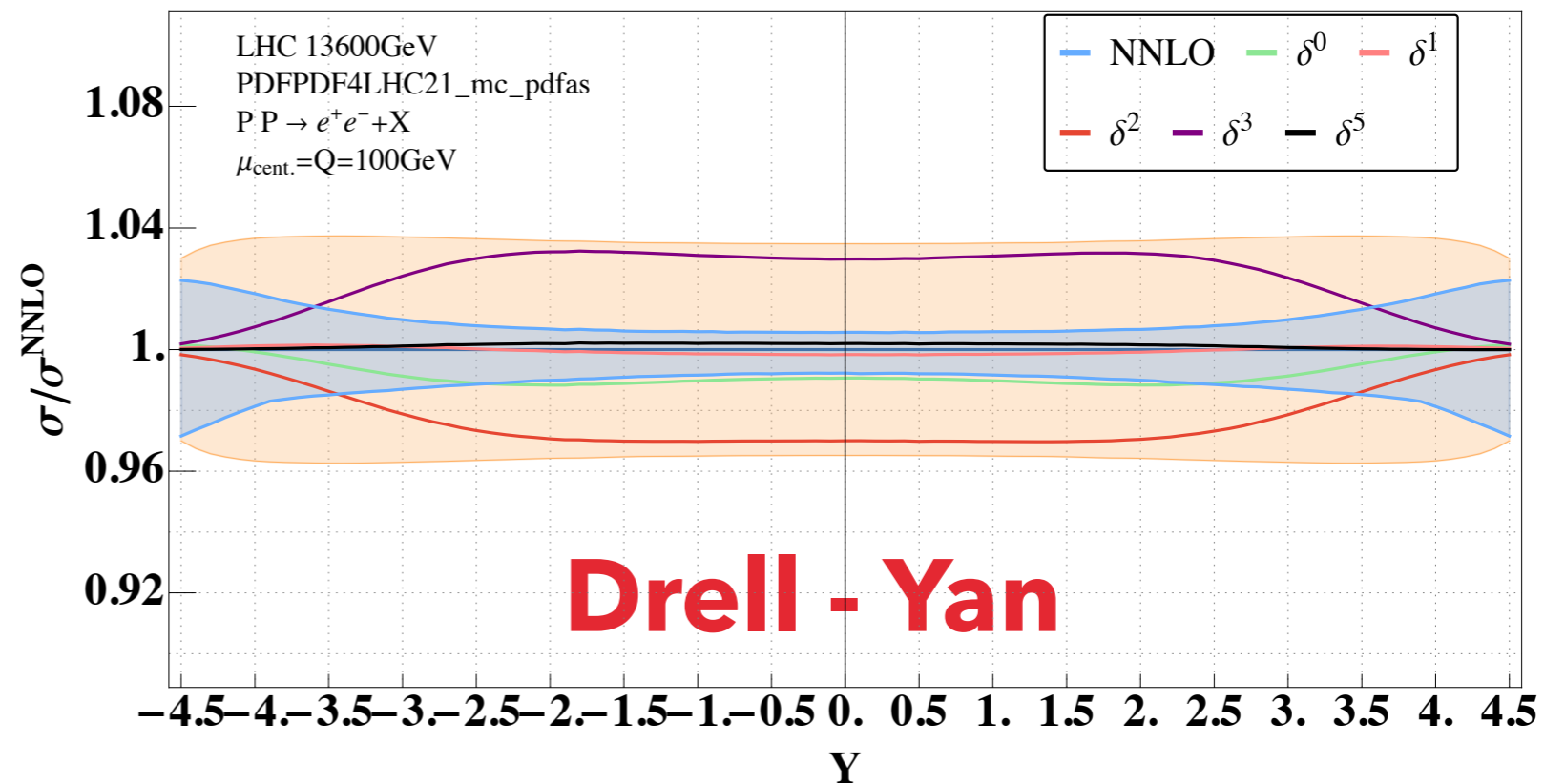


- ▶  $Q=100$  GeV.
- ▶ Collinear expansion works well as an approximation for Higgs (gluon-induced) processes.
- ▶ Uncertainty on DY-type processes much smaller.
- ▶ Great in very forward region.

## Higgs

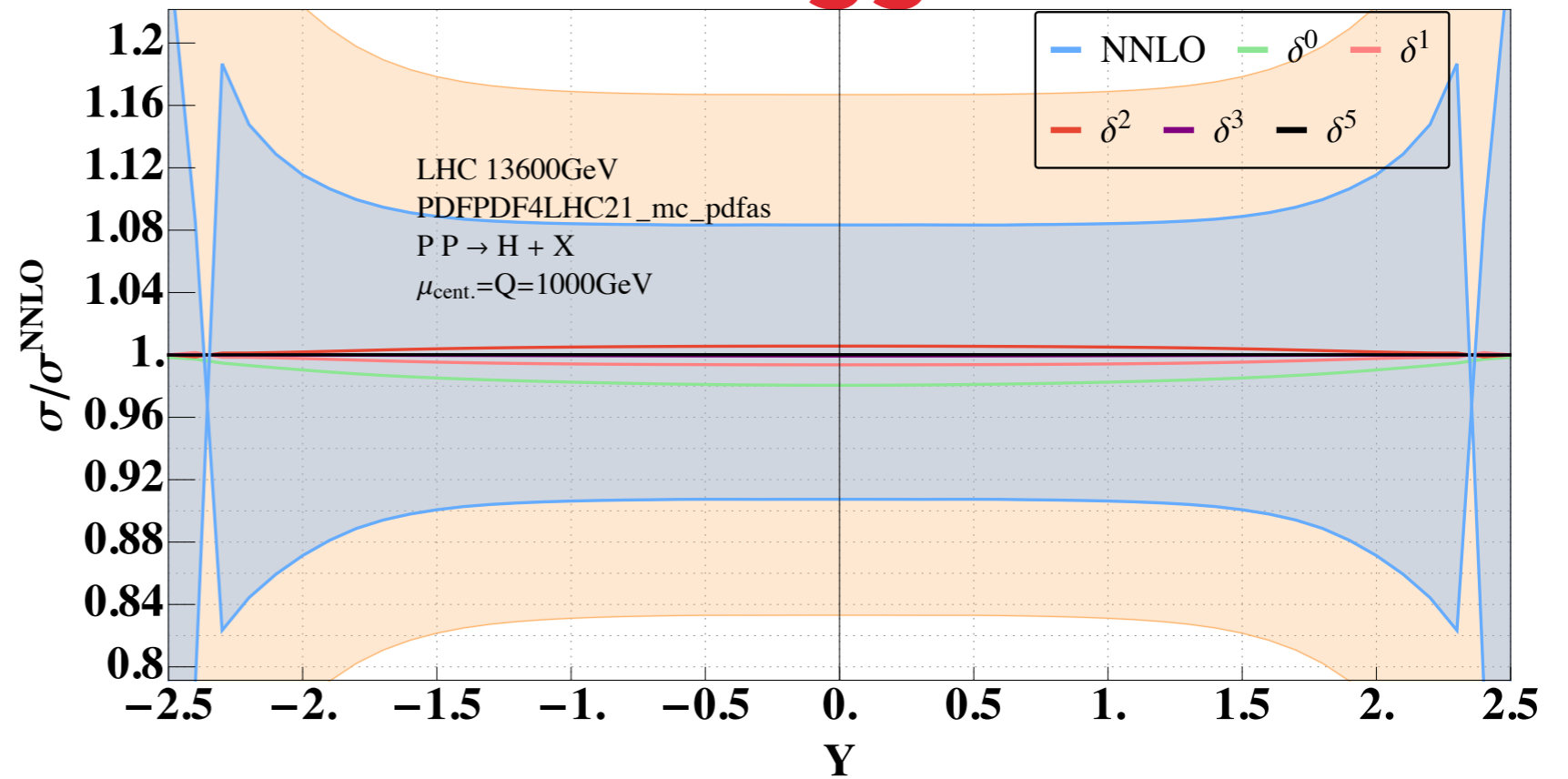


## Drell - Yan

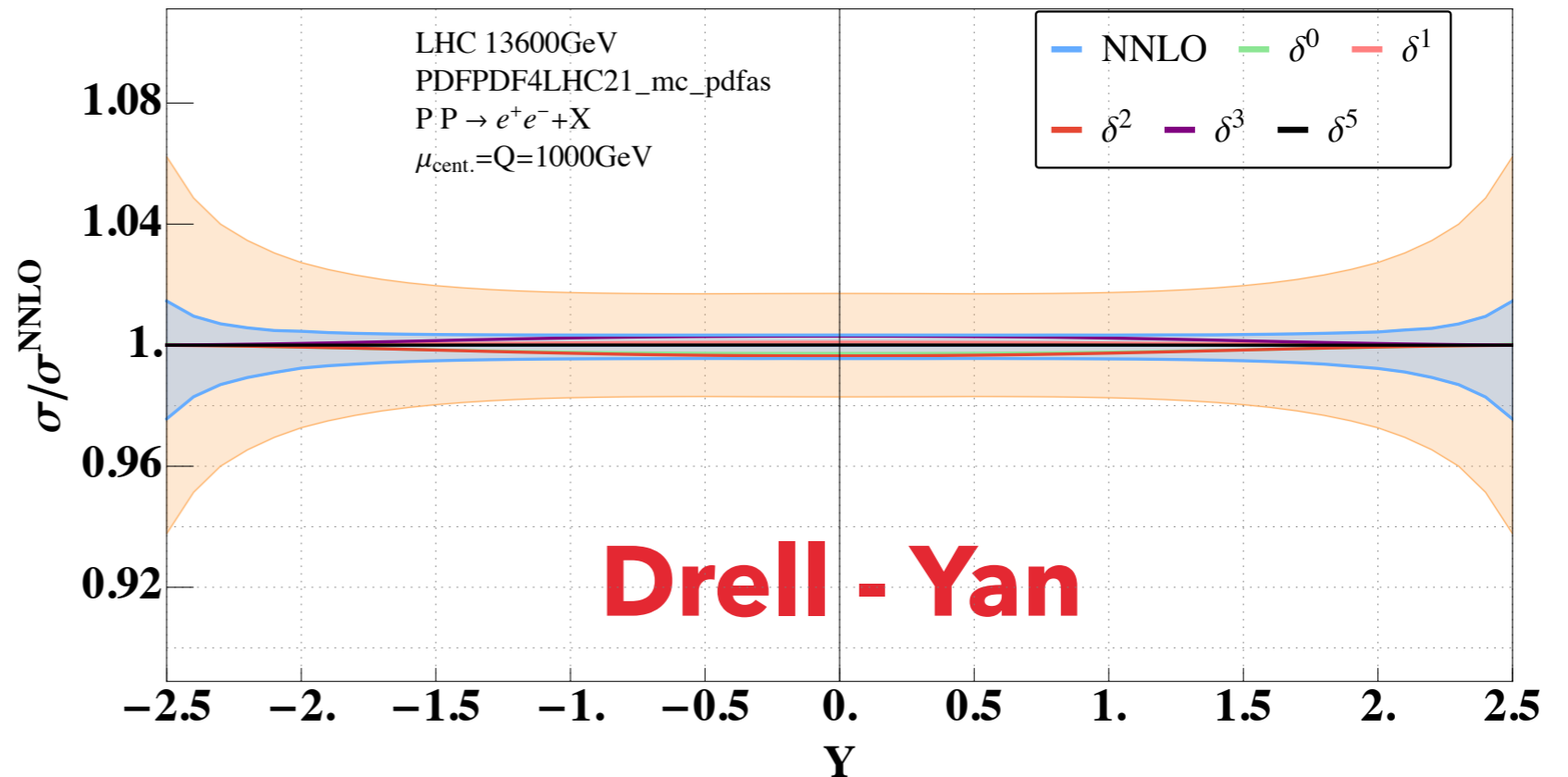


- ▶  $Q=1000$  GeV.
- ▶ Collinear expansion works well for quark and gluon induced at high invariant mass.

## Higgs



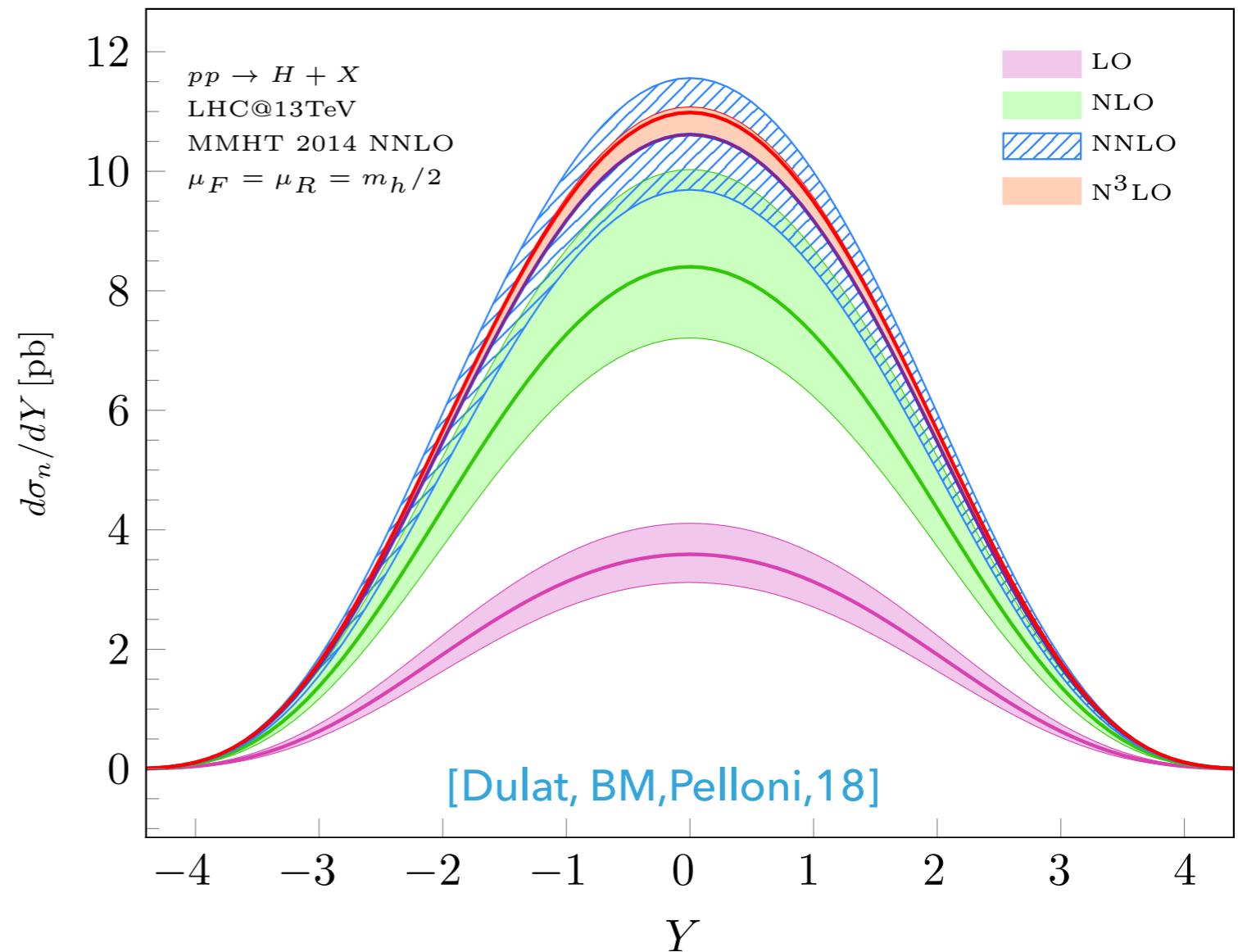
## Drell - Yan



- ▶ Created approximation for the ggF Higgs boson rapidity distribution at N3LO.

## Ingredients:

- ❖ Collinear expansion\*.
  - ❖ Threshold Expansion (6 terms)
  - ❖ Matching to inclusive cross section.
  - ❖ Bonus Logs.
- ▶ Fully analytic:  
fast evaluation times!

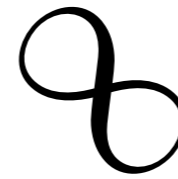
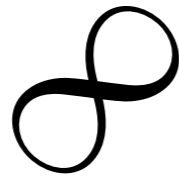


# FULLY DIFFERENTIAL HIGGS AT N3LO

- ▶ Predict fully differential distributions at the LHC:

[Cacciari,Dreyer,Karlberg,Salam,Zanderighi; 15]

## Projection-To-Born Subtraction



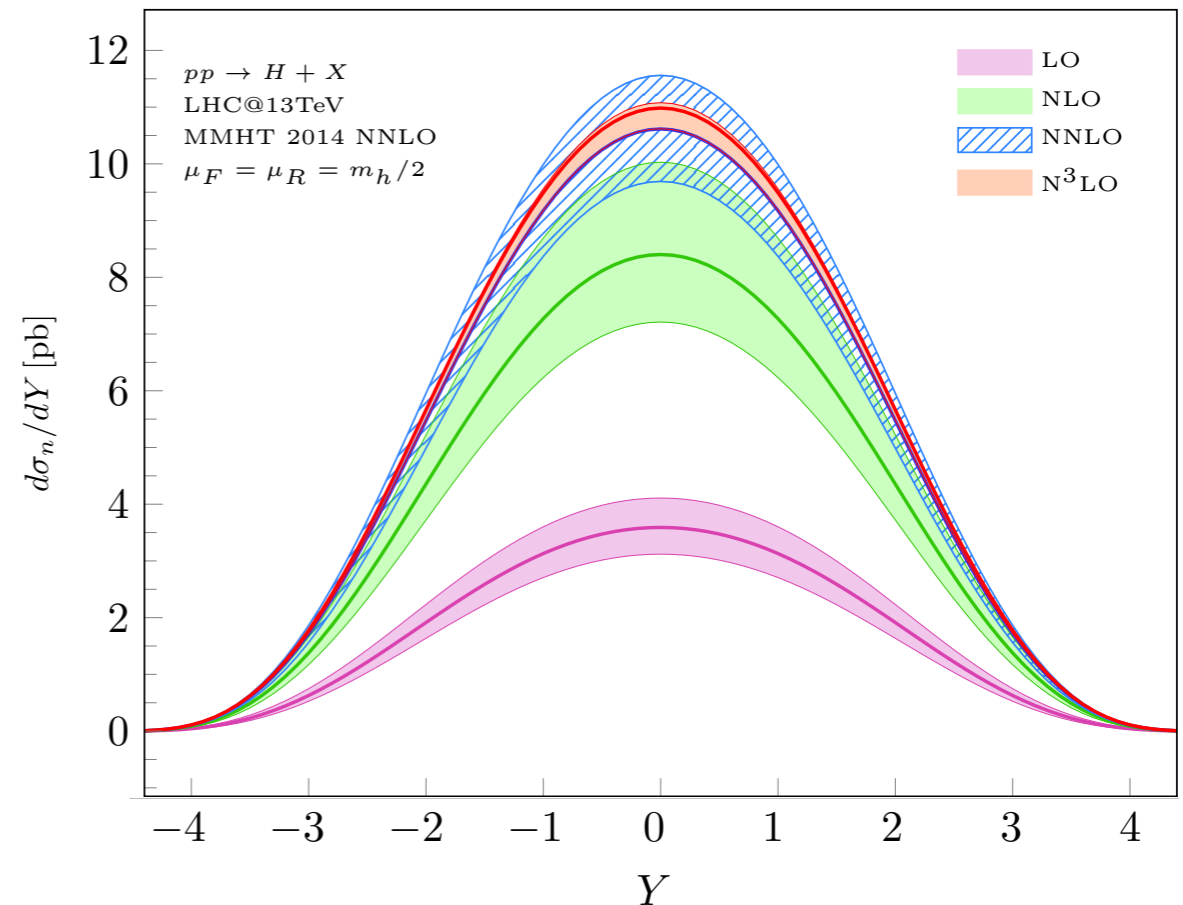
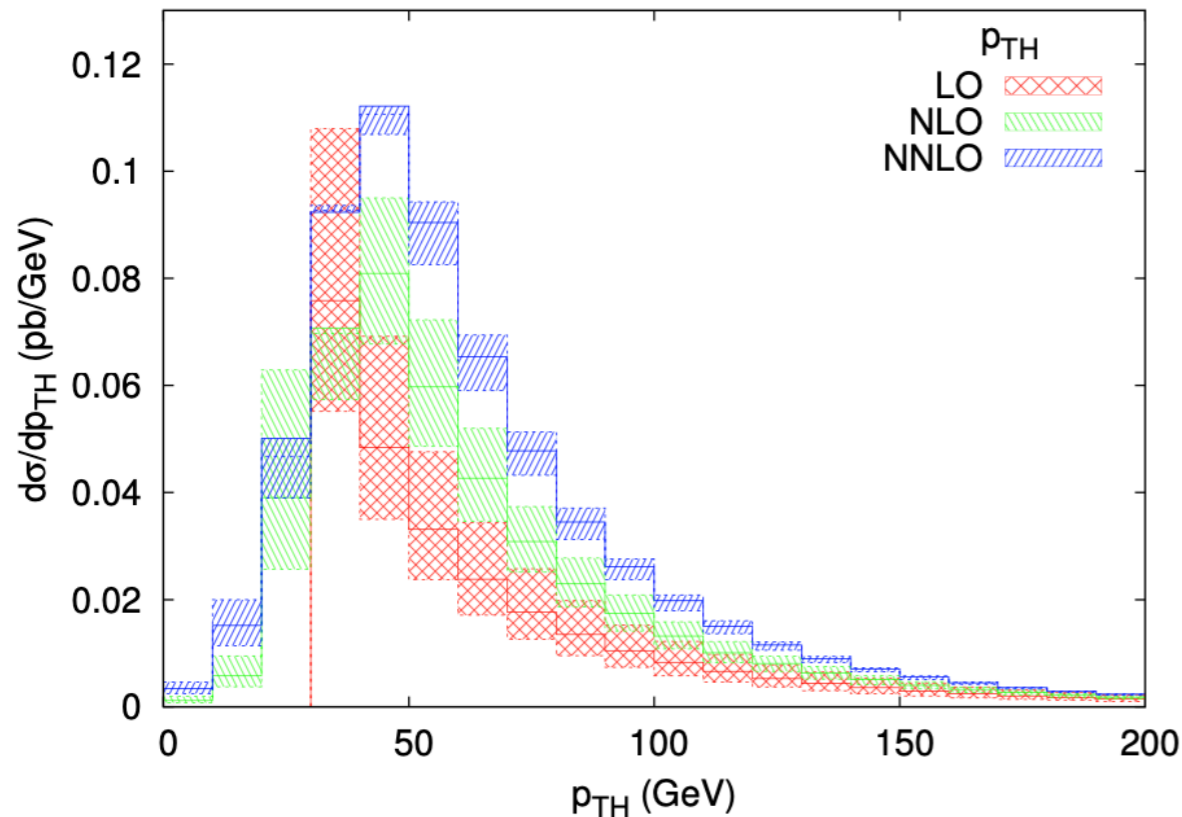
H+J at NNLO



Analytic Rapidity Distribution  
of the Higgs

[Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Jaquier, 1408.5325]

[Dulat, BM,Pelloni,18]





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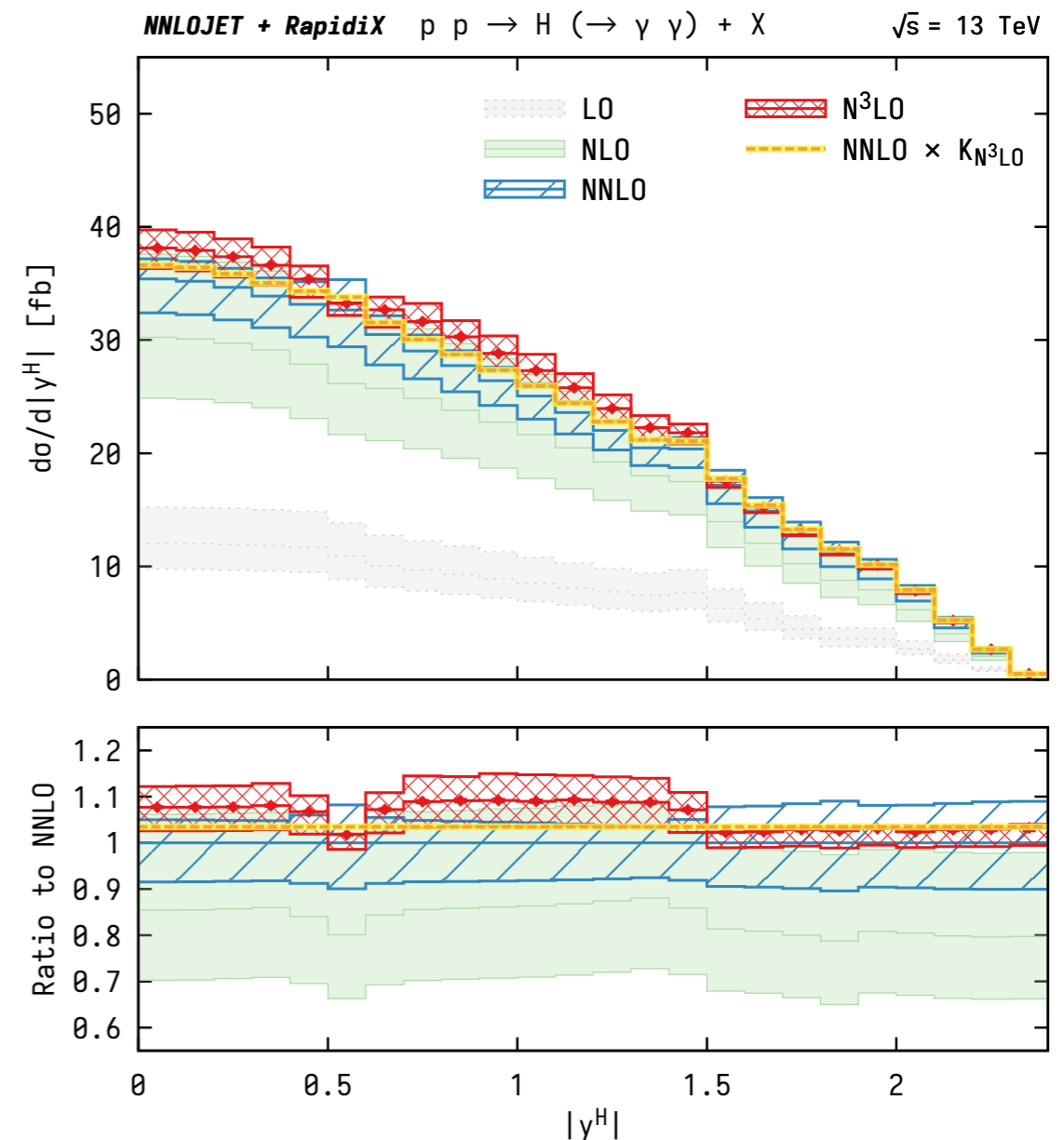
- ▶ Predict fully differential distributions at the LHC:

$$P P \rightarrow H + X \rightarrow \gamma \gamma + X$$

Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, BM, Pelloni [\[2102.07607\]](#)

- ▶ First predictions for fully differential distributions at **N3LO** in perturbative QCD at the LHC.
- ▶ Corrections slightly larger than inclusive K - factor.
- ▶ Interesting features due to photon cuts.

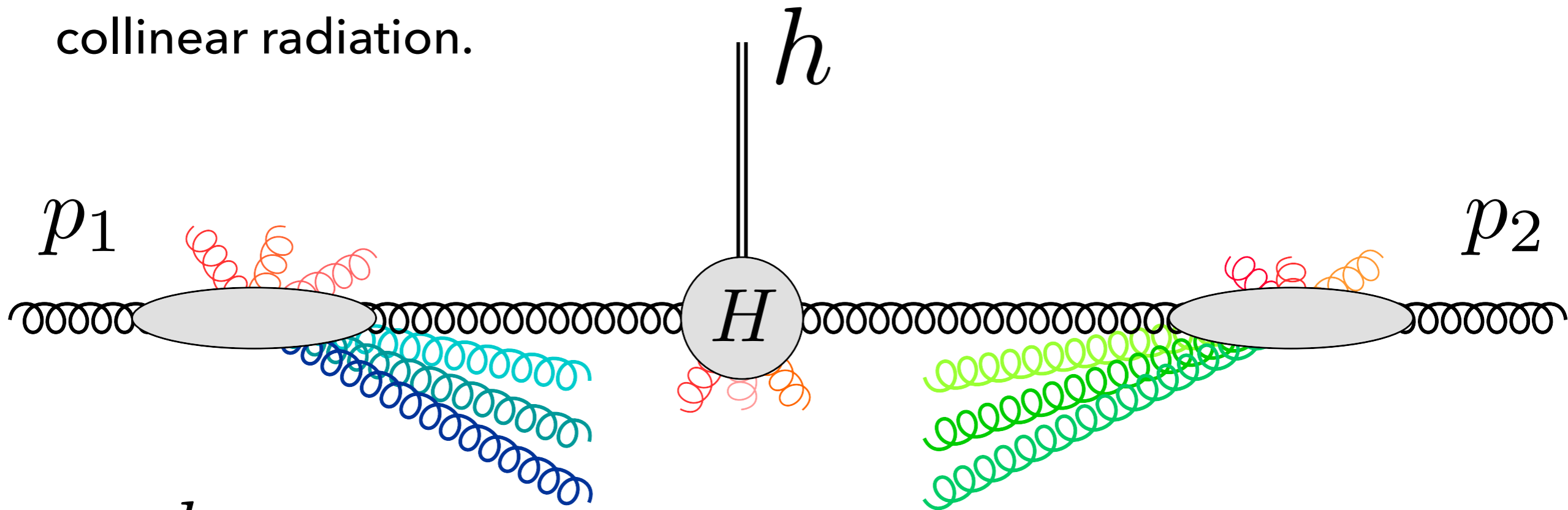
## Differential Rapidity



**APPLICATIONS**

**FACTORIZATION AND RESUMMATION**

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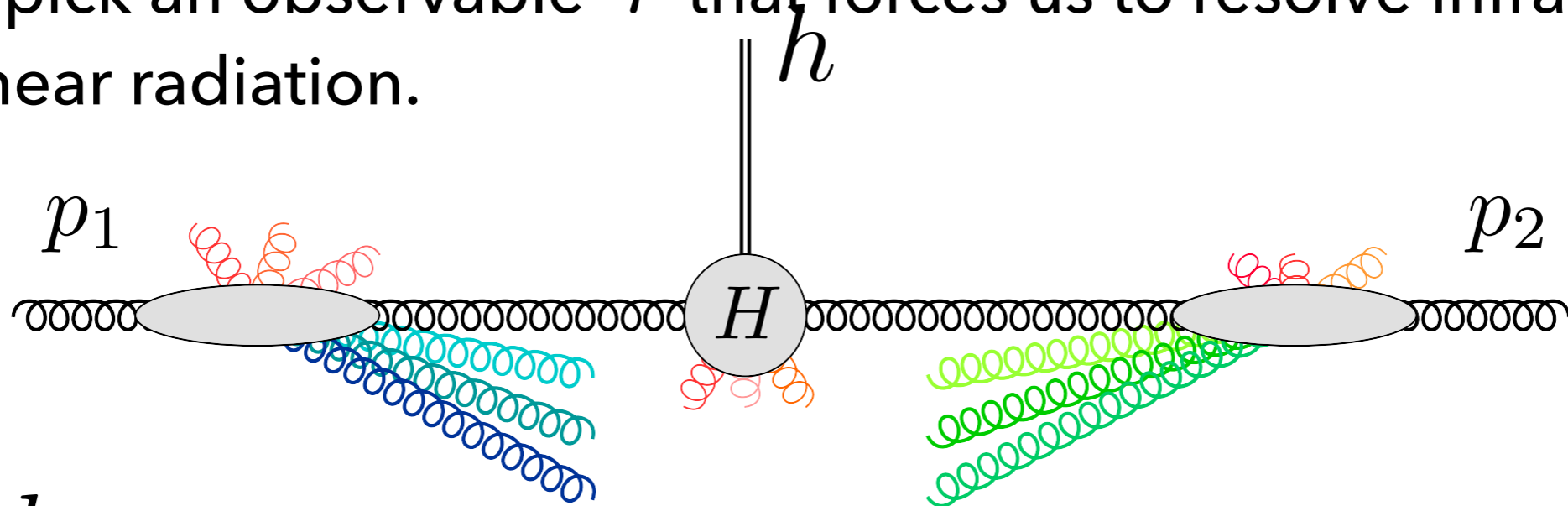
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} = H \times [B_1(\tau) \otimes S(\tau) \otimes B_2(\tau)] + \mathcal{O}(\tau)$$

**Hard**
**Collinear 1**
**Soft**
**Collinear 2**

- ▶ Example:

$$\tau = p_{\perp}^2$$

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$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} = H \times [B_1(\tau) \otimes S(\tau) \otimes B_2(\tau)] + \mathcal{O}(\tau)$$

↑  
 Only process dependence!

- ▶ Same ingredients for  $H$ ,  $ZZ$ ,  $WHZ$ , ...  $15W$  production!
- ▶ Very high degree of universality for color singlet production cross sections.
- ▶ Starting point for resummation of the perturbative expansion.

- ▶ Collinear dynamics of factorization theorems captured by collinear expansions - relate to "beam functions".

$$B_i(x_1^B, \mathcal{T}) = \sum_j \int_{x_1^B}^1 \frac{dz_1}{z_1} f_j\left(\frac{x_1^B}{z_1}\right) \times \int_0^1 dx \int_0^\infty dw_1 dw_2 \delta[z_1 - (1 - w_1)]$$

$$\times \lim_{\text{strict } n\text{-coll.}} \left\{ \delta[\mathcal{T} - \mathcal{T}(Q, Y, w_1, w_2, x)] \frac{d\eta_{j\bar{i}}}{dQ^2 dw_1 dw_2 dx} \right\}.$$

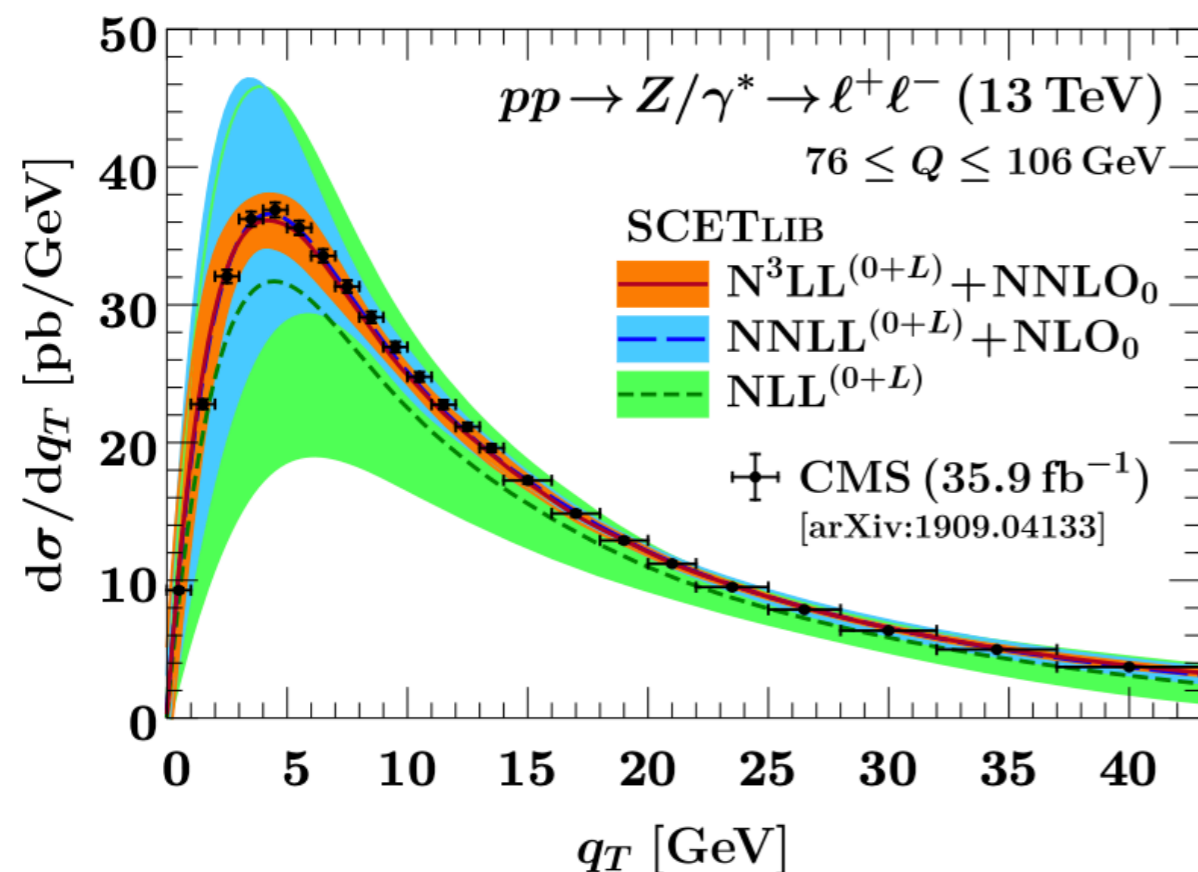
- ▶ Beam functions: Probability to find a parton in a proton with momentum fraction  $x_1^B$  and observable value  $\mathcal{T}$ .
- ▶ We computed beam functions at N3LO:

- ▶ **N-Jettiness**  $\tau = \tau^N$  [[Ebert, BM, Vita arXiv:2006.03056](#)]

- ▶ **Transverse momentum**  $\tau = p_\perp^2$  [[Ebert, BM, Vita arXiv:2006.05329](#)]

Key ingredient for high precision resummation!

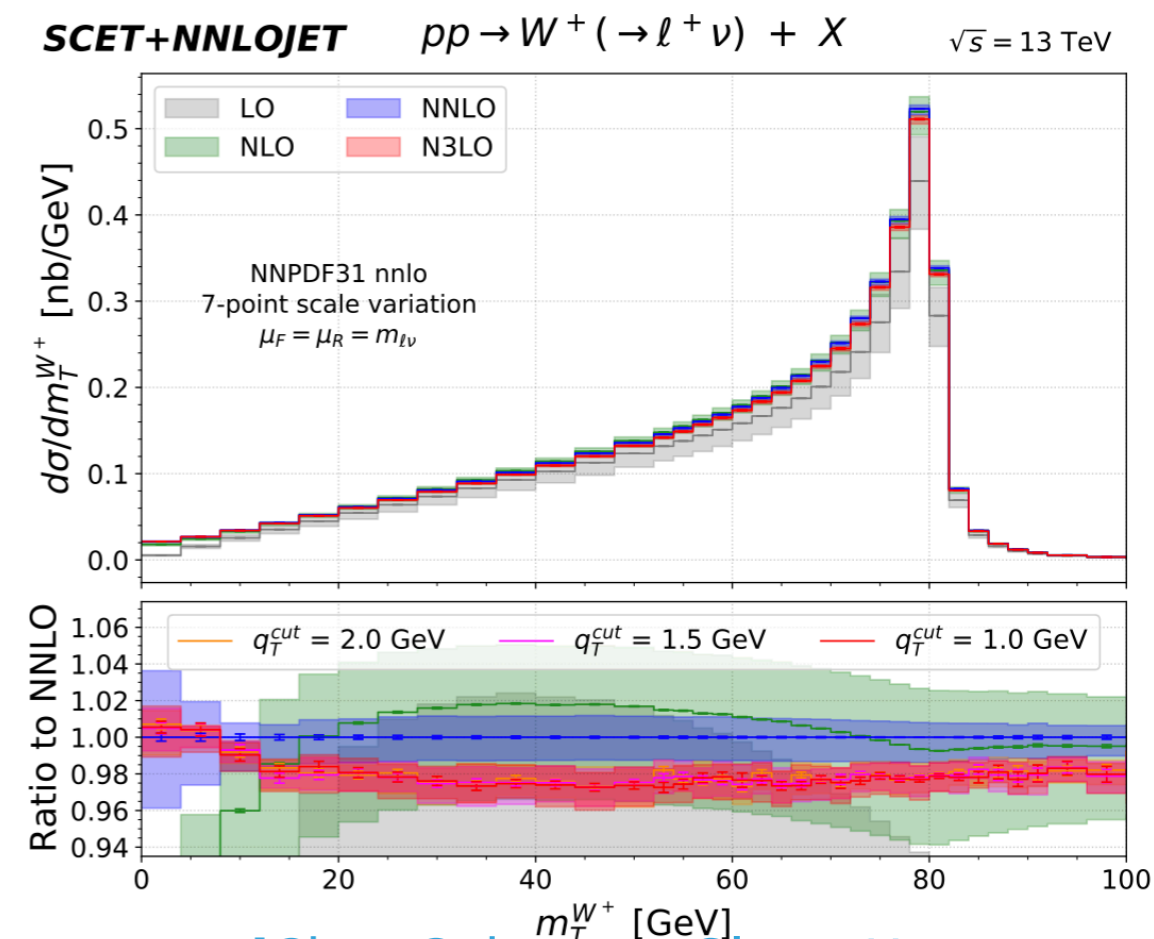
## Z boson transverse momentum:



[Ebert, Michel, Stewart, Tackmann 2006.11382]

Last missing universal ingredient for qT-subtraction at N3LO.

## W boson transverse mass:

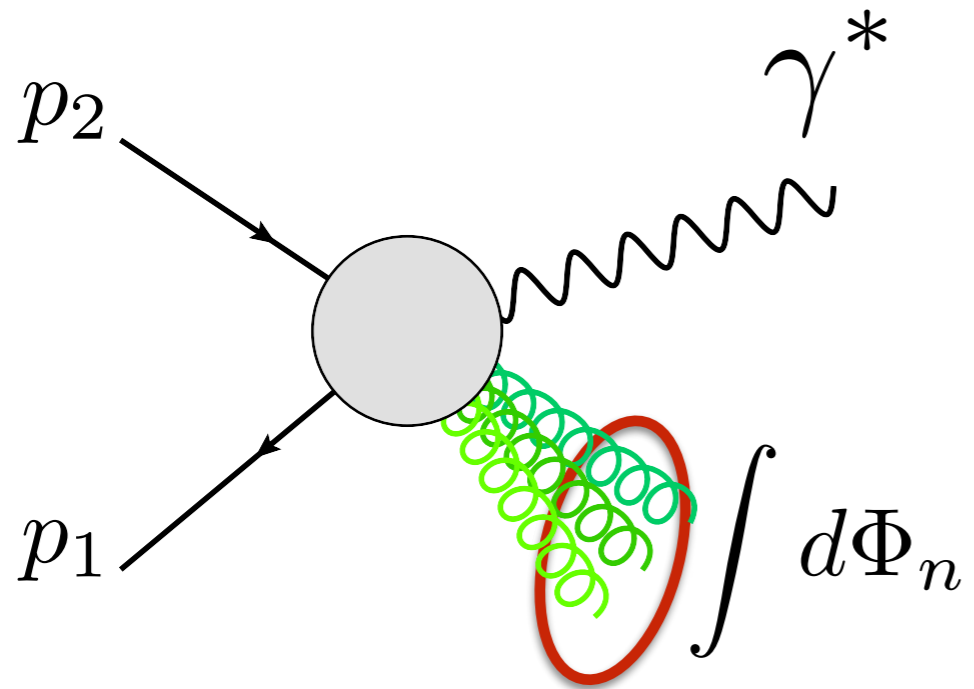


[Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Yang, Zhu, 2205.11426]

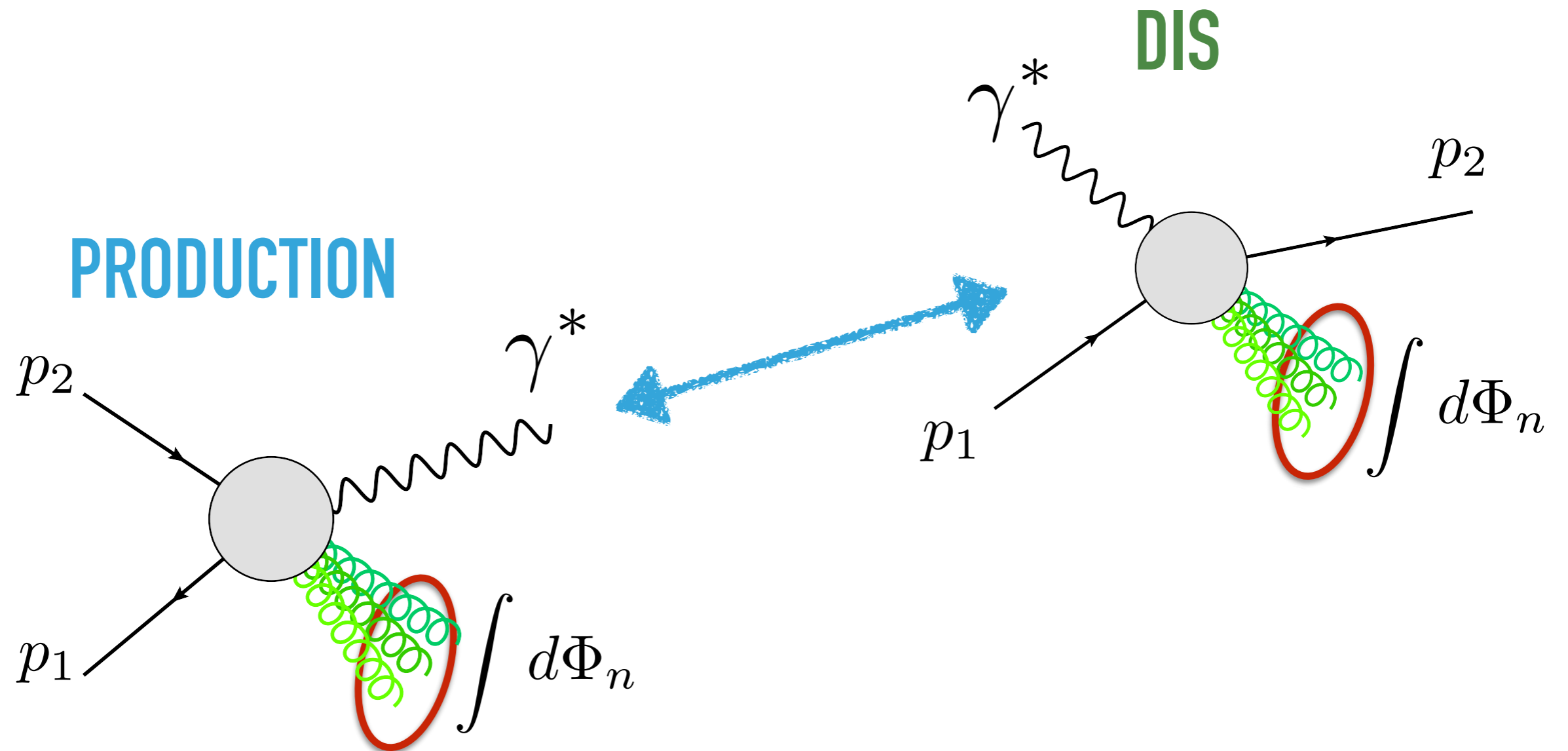
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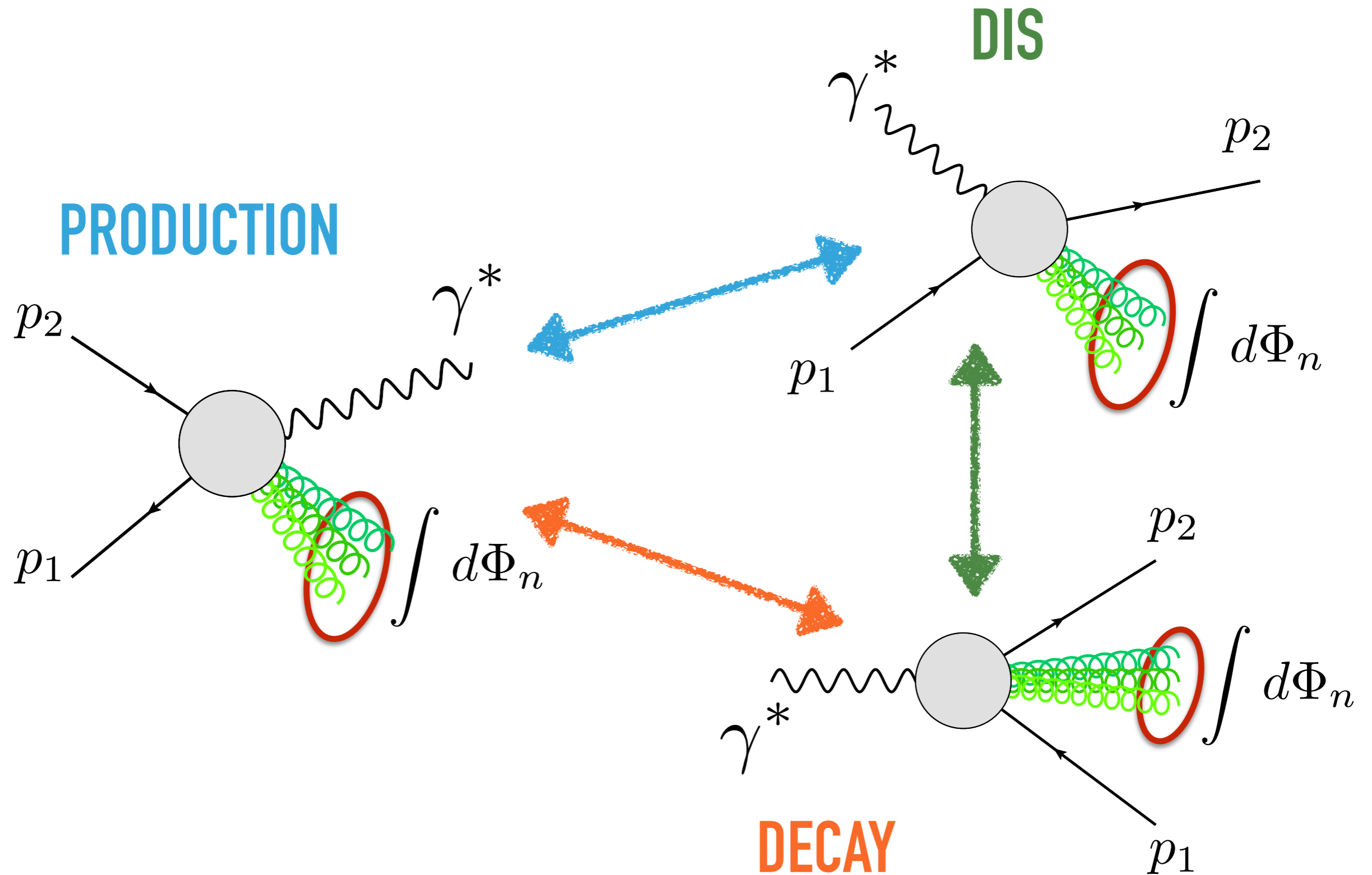
# CROSSING AND THE EEC

## PRODUCTION









- ▶ We figured out how cross sections in IR sensitive limits are related: Production, DIS, Decay!

*Production:*

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} = H \times [B_1(\tau) \otimes S(\tau) \otimes B_2(\tau)] + \mathcal{O}(\tau)$$

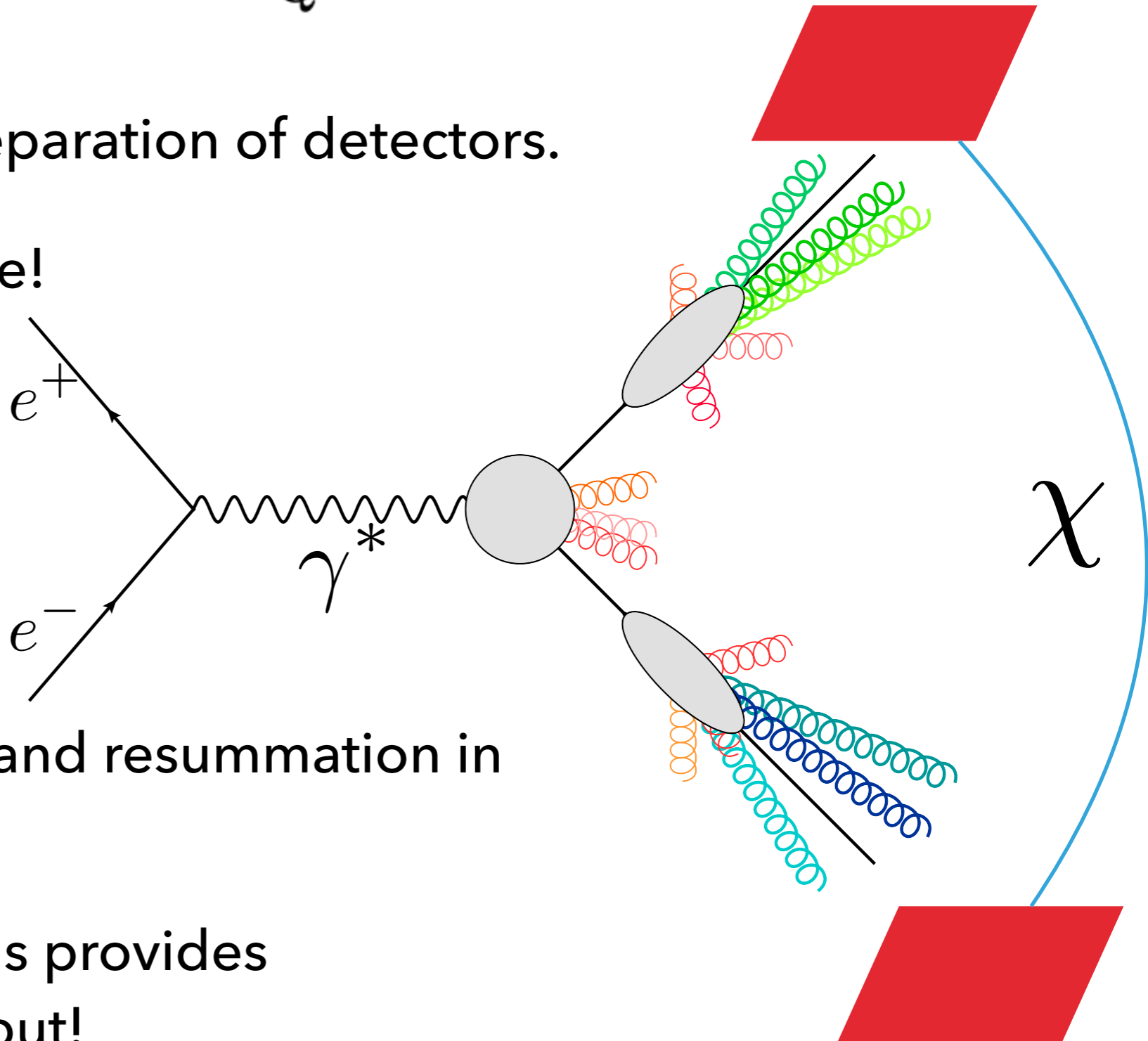
Replace Beam Functions with Fragmentation Functions + Analytic Continuation!

*Electron-Positron Annihilation*

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} = H \times [F_1(\tau) \otimes S(\tau) \otimes F_2(\tau)] + \mathcal{O}(\tau)$$

$$\text{EEC}(\chi) = \sum_{a,b} \int d\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow a+b+X} \frac{E_a E_b}{Q^2} \delta(\cos \chi_{ab} - \cos \chi)$$

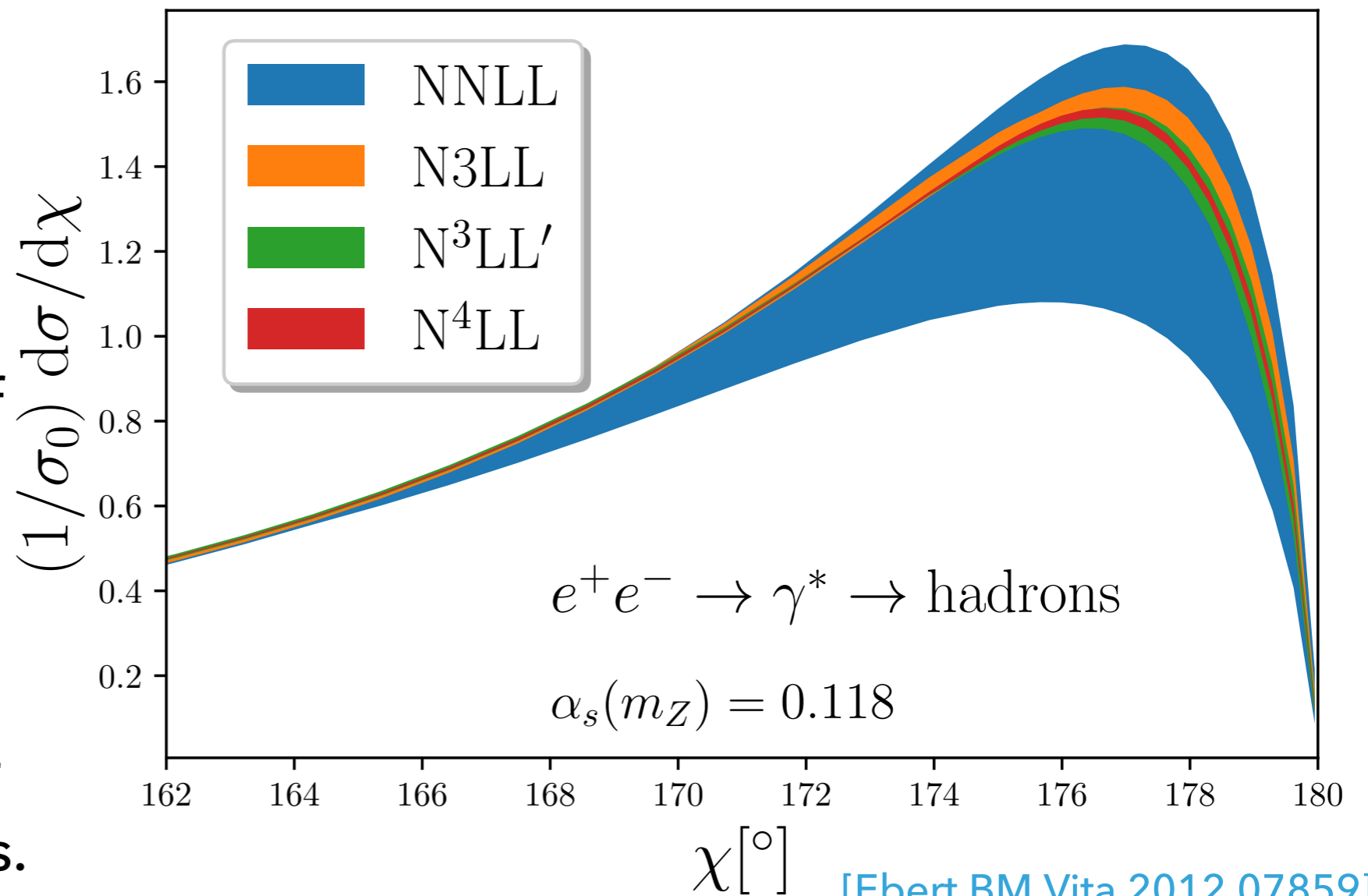
- ▶ Look at large angular separation of detectors.
- ▶ Almost like DY in reverse!



- ▶ Can be used to understand resummation in the limit  $\chi \rightarrow 180^\circ$
- ▶ Our collinear expansions provides the required analytic input!

$$\text{EEC}(\chi) = \sum_{a,b} \int d\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow a+b+X} \frac{E_a E_b}{Q^2} \delta(\cos \chi_{ab} - \cos \chi)$$

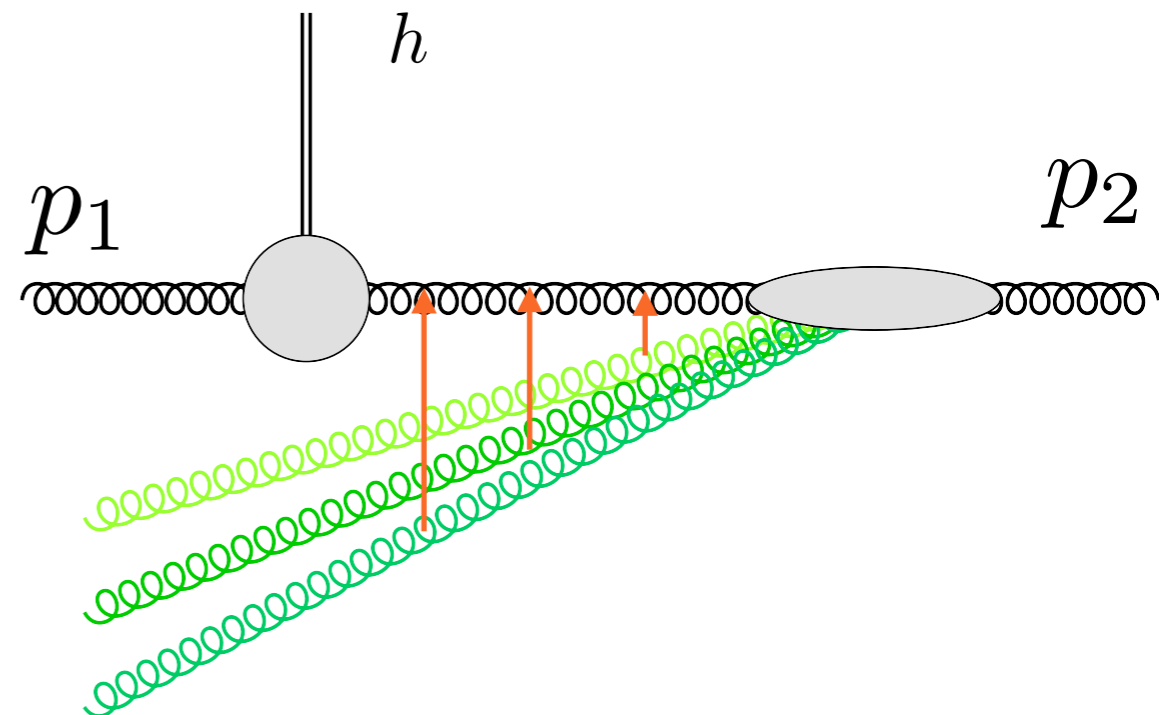
- ▶ First resummation of an event shape at N4LL!
- ▶ Very high precision predictions for one of the most classical event shape observables.
- ▶ Versatility of collinear expansion techniques.



[\[Ebert,BM,Vita 2012.07859\]](#)

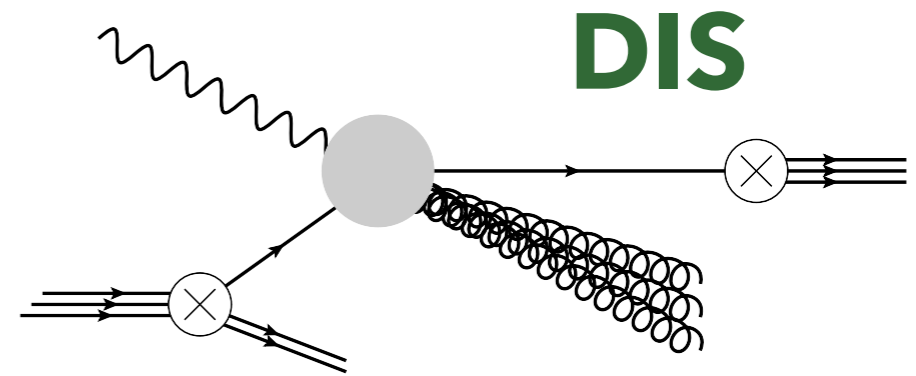
[\[Duhr,BM,Vita 2205.02242\]](#)

- ▶ Developed systematic expansion around collinear limit of color singlet LHC cross sections.
  - ❖ New ways to compute:  
Fully differential predictions for Higgs boson production at N3LO.
  - ❖ New universal ingredients:  
Beam functions at N3LO.
  - ❖ Crossing and resummation:  
The EEC at N4LL.



**THANK YOU!**

- ▶ Semi-Inclusive DIS in the small  $P_{2,\perp}$  limit:



$$\frac{d\sigma_{P+h \rightarrow H+X}}{d\vec{P}_{2,\perp}^2 d\xi} = \hat{\sigma}_0 \sum_{i,j} H_{ij} \times (Q^2, \mu) \tilde{f}_i(P_{2,\perp}) \otimes d_j(P_{2,\perp}, \xi) \left[ 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\vec{P}_{2,\perp}^2/Q^2\right) \right]$$

- ▶ Transverse Momentum Dependent Fragmentation Function (TMDFF)

The probability to find a Hadron inside a parton with a given longitudinal momentum fraction  $\xi$  and transverse momentum  $P_{2,\perp}$

- ▶ Related to the longitudinal fragmentation function via

$$\tilde{d}_j^{\text{TMDFF}}\left(\xi, b_T, \mu, \tau, \omega_b\right) = \sqrt{\tilde{S}(b_T, \mu, \tau)} \sum_j \int_{\xi}^1 \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{ij}^{\text{FF}}\left(\zeta, b_T, \mu, \tau, \omega_b\right) D_j\left(\frac{\xi}{\zeta}, \mu\right)^{\text{FF}}$$

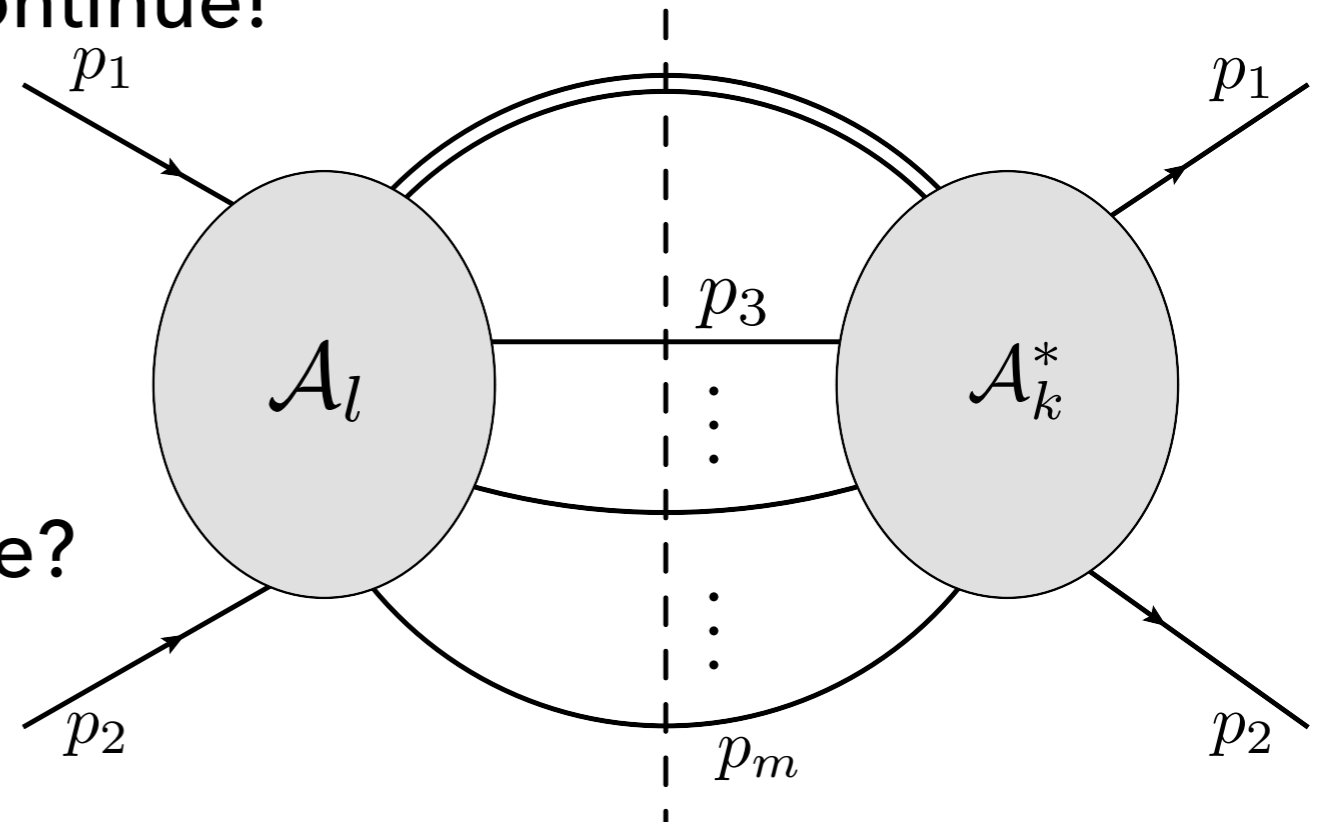
Soft Function
Matching Kernel

▶ To cross means to analytically continue!

▶ Our variables change sign:

$$\{s, w_1, w_2\}$$

▶ What is their branch cut structure?



[cross section]

$$\frac{d\eta_{ij}^{(m+l+k)}}{dQ^2 dw_1 dw_2 dx} = (sw_1 w_2)^{-m\epsilon} \times \left[ \sum_{i_1, i_2=0}^l \sum_{j_1, j_2=0}^k \frac{d\eta_{ij}^{(m+l+k, i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2)}}{dQ^2 dw_1 dw_2 dx} \right]$$

[real coefficients - complicated stuff]

$$\times \Re \left( \left[ (-s)^{(i_1+i_2-l)\epsilon} (sw_1)^{-i_1\epsilon} (sw_2)^{-i_2\epsilon} \right] \left[ (-s)^{(j_1+j_2-k)\epsilon} (sw_1)^{-j_1\epsilon} (sw_2)^{-j_2\epsilon} \right]^* \right)$$

[Mandelstam Invariants! - Continue!]