

# NNLO QCD corrections for three-jet production

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# Multi-jet observables at the LHC

Multi-jet final states:

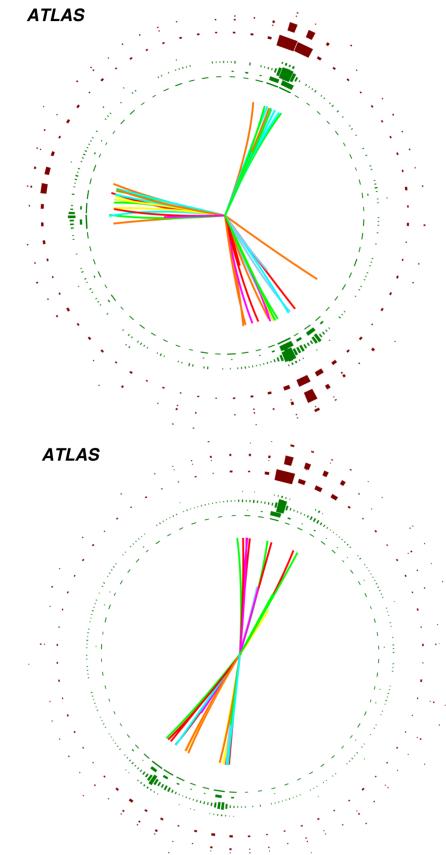
- Tests of pQCD at high energy
- Tests of MC modelling of LHC events
- Search for new physics

Study of perturbative QCD:

- R32 ratios

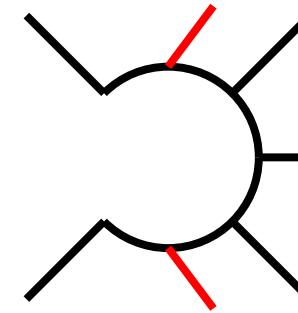
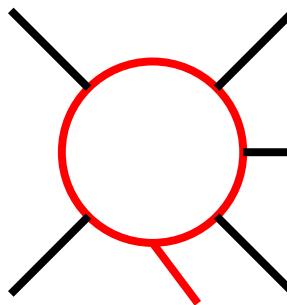
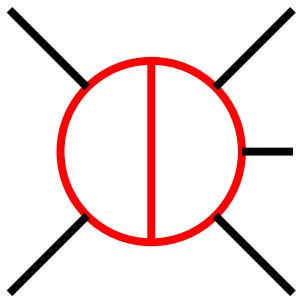
$$R_{3/2}(X, \mu_R, \mu_F) = \frac{d\sigma_3(\mu_R, \mu_F)/dX}{d\sigma_2(\mu_R, \mu_F)/dX} \sim \alpha_s$$

- Extraction of the strong coupling constant
- Transverse Energy-Energy Correlator
- Event shapes



Credits: [ATLAS:2007.12600]

# NNLO QCD prediction beyond $2 \rightarrow 2$



$2 \rightarrow 3$  Two-loop amplitudes:

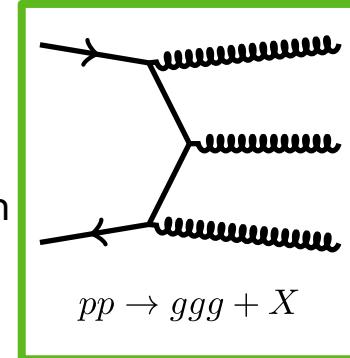
- Advances in amplitude techniques:  
IBPs, amplitude reconstruction and master integrals
- (Non-) planar 5 point massless amplitudes  
[Chawdry'19'20'21, Abreu'20'21, Agarwal'21, Badger'21]  
→ triggered by efficient MI representation  
[Chicherin'20]

Cross-sections → Combination with real radiation

- Various NNLO subtraction schemes available:  
qT-slicing [Catain'07], N-jettiness slicing  
[Gaunt'15/Boughezal'15], Antenna [Gehrmann'05-'08],  
Colorful [DelDuca'05-'15], Projectction [Cacciari'15],  
Geometric [Herzog'18], Unsubtraction [Aguilera-Verdugo'19], Nested collinear [Caola'17],  
Sector-improved residue subtraction [Czakon'10-'14,'19]

# Three-jet production

- Sector-improved residue subtraction [Czakon'10'14'19]
  - Efficient c++ implementation → STRIPPER
  - Highly automated to deal with enormous amount of channels in three-jet production  
→ O(1k) sectors → O(1M) individual MC integrals
  - Still computationally very challenging! → O(1M CPUh)
- Many-leg, IR stable one-loop amplitudes → OpenLoops [Buccioni'19]
- Double virtual amplitudes in leading-colour approximation [Abreu'21]
  - Sub-leading colour corrections expected to be small
  - Analytical expressions challenging
  - Fast numerical evaluation → very small contribution to computational cost



**Only** Approximation made:

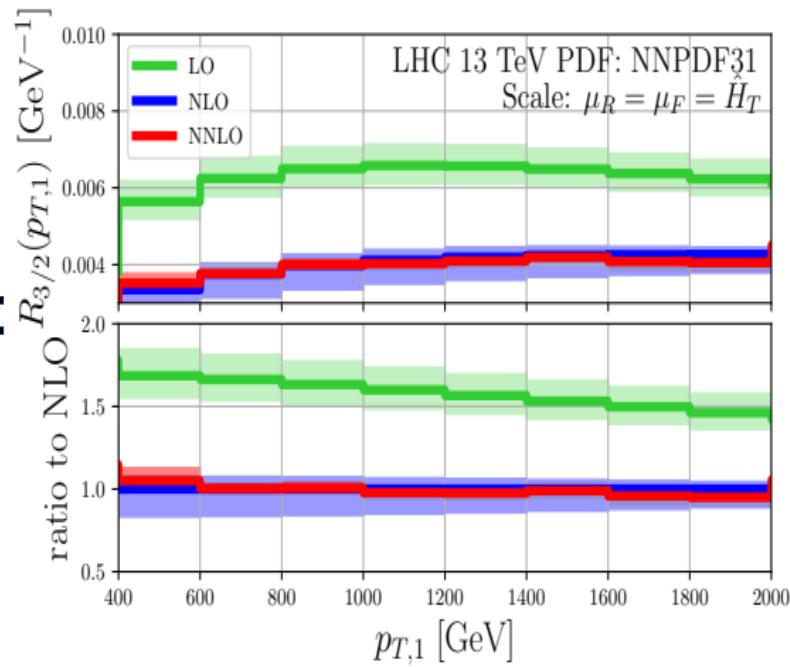
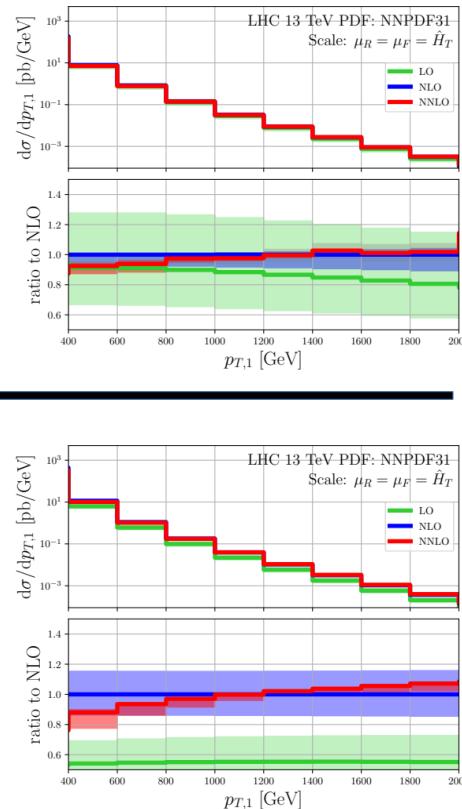
$$\mathcal{R}^{(2)}(\mu_R^2) = 2 \operatorname{Re} \left[ \mathcal{M}^{\dagger(0)} \mathcal{F}^{(2)} \right] (\mu_R^2) + |\mathcal{F}^{(1)}|^2(\mu_R^2) \equiv \mathcal{R}^{(2)}(s_{12}) + \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i \ln^i \left( \frac{\mu_R^2}{s_{12}} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{R}^{(2)}(s_{12}) \approx \mathcal{R}^{(2)l.c.}(s_{12})$$

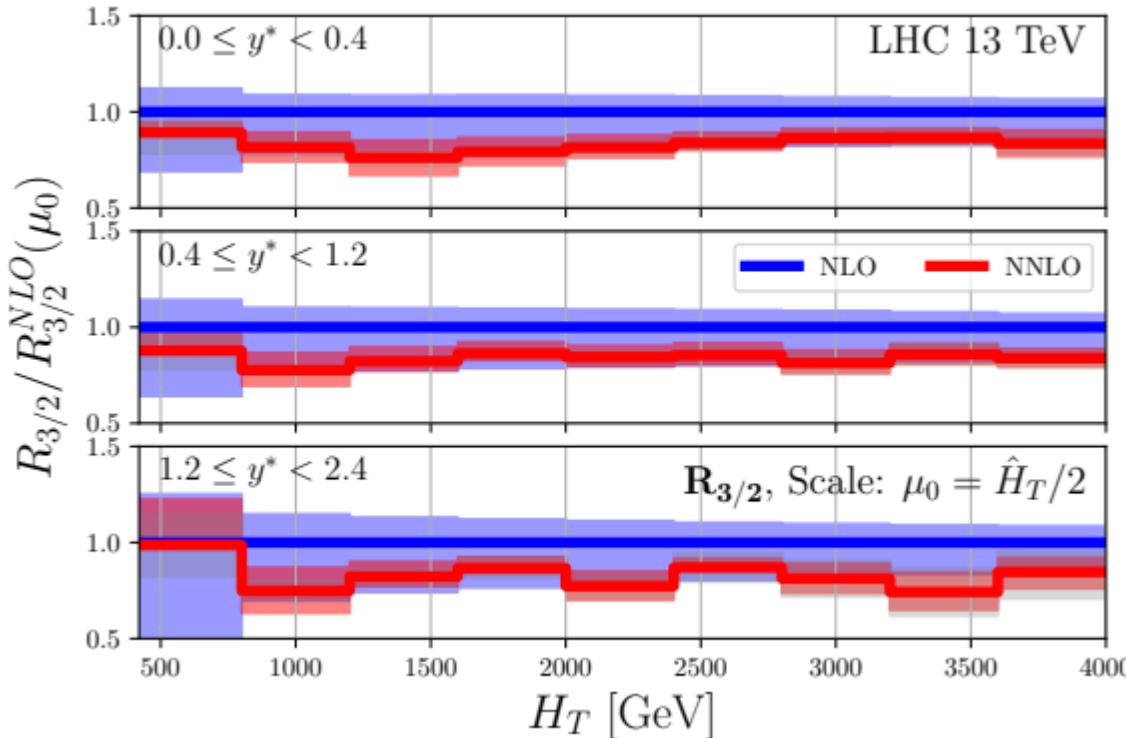
# Three-jet production - R32( $p_T$ 1)

- LHC @ 13 TeV, NNPDF31
- Require at least three (two) jets:
  - $p_T(j) > 60$  GeV and  $|y(j)| < 4.4$
  - $H_{T,2} = p_T(j_1) + p_T(j_2) > 250$  GeV
- Scales:

$$\mu_R = \mu_F = \hat{H}_T = \sum_{\text{partons}} p_T$$



# Three-jet production – R<sub>3/2</sub>(H<sub>T</sub>,y\*)



Double differential w.r.t.  $H_T = \sum_{\text{jets}} p_T$  and  $y^* = |y(j_1) - y(j_2)|/2$

Central scale choice:  $\hat{H}_T/2$

# Three-jet production – azimuthal decorrelation

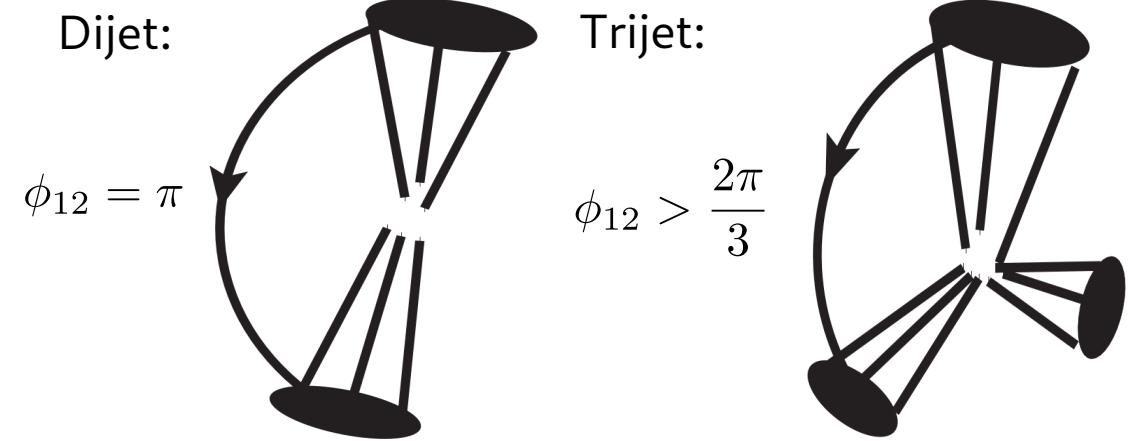
Kinematic constraints on the azimuthal separation between the two leading jets ( $\phi_{12}$ )

$\phi_{12}$  sensitive to the jet multiplicity:

$$2j: \phi_{12} = \pi$$

$$3j: \phi_{12} > \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

4j: unconstrained

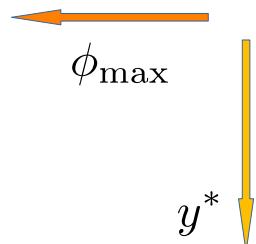


Study of the ratio:

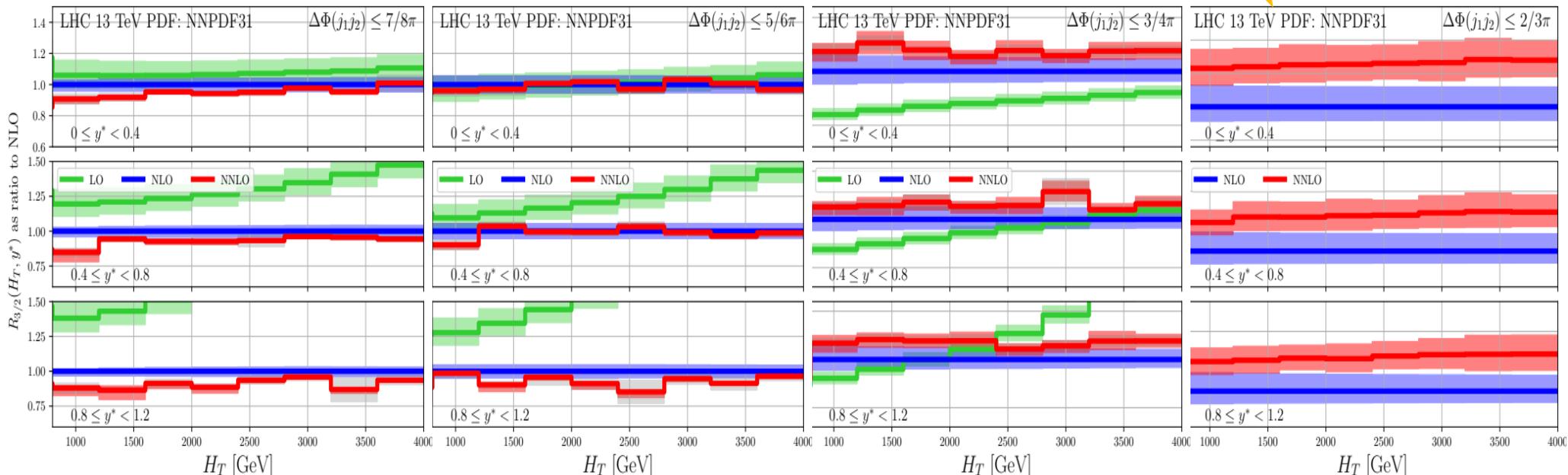
$$R_{32}(H_T, y^*, \phi_{\max}) = \frac{d\sigma_3(H_T, y^*, \phi_{12} < \phi_{\max})}{d\sigma_2(H_T, y^*)}$$

# Three-jet production - azimuthal decorrelation

NNLO/NLO K-factor smaller than NLO/LO  
Scale dependence is reduced



Work in progress: phasespace in [1805.04691]



# Outlook: Extraction of the strong coupling constant from multi-jet events at the LHC

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- Transverse Energy-Energy Correlator TEEC
- Event shapes

# Transverse Energy-Energy Correlator @ LHC

## TEEC: Transverse Energy-Energy Correlation

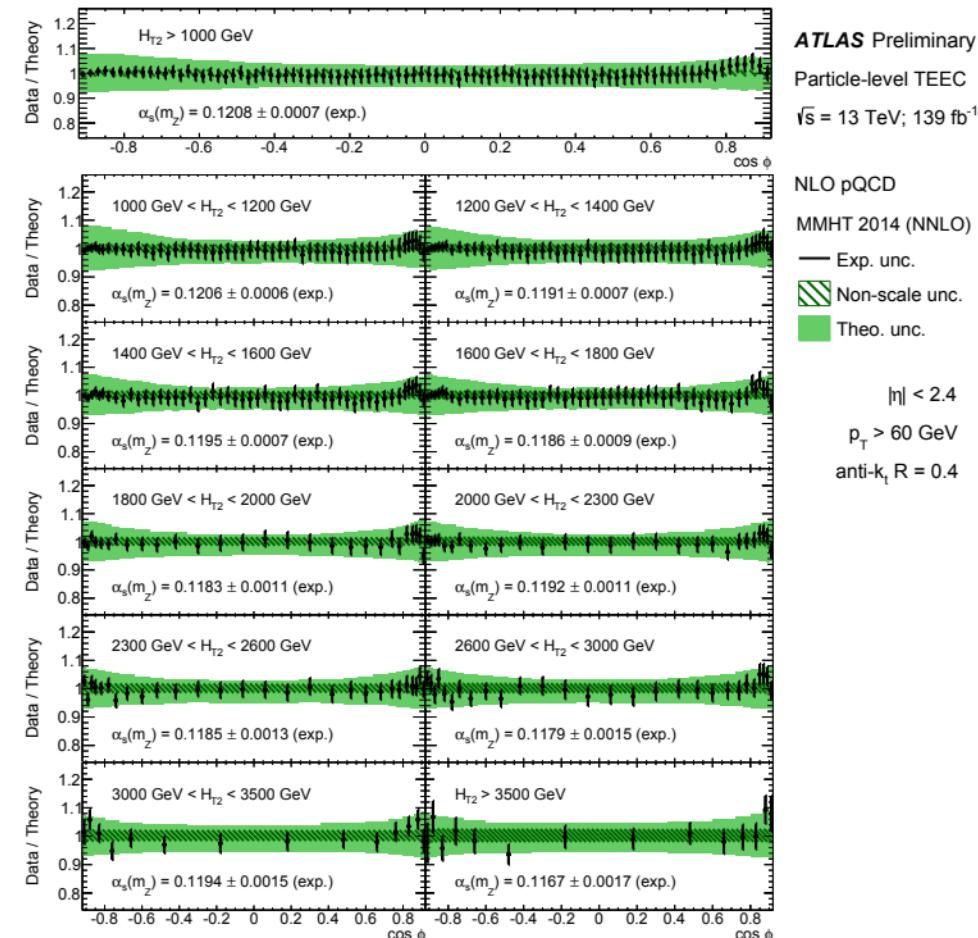
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\Sigma}{d \cos \phi} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{A=1}^N \sum_{ij} \frac{E_{\perp,i}^A E_{\perp,j}^A}{\left( \sum_k E_{T,k}^A \right)^2} \delta(\cos \phi - \cos \phi_{ij})$$

ATLAS measurement of the TEEC and ATEEC:

- @ 8 TeV [[ATLAS:1707.02562](#)]
- @ 13 TeV [[ATLAS-CONF-2020-025](#)]

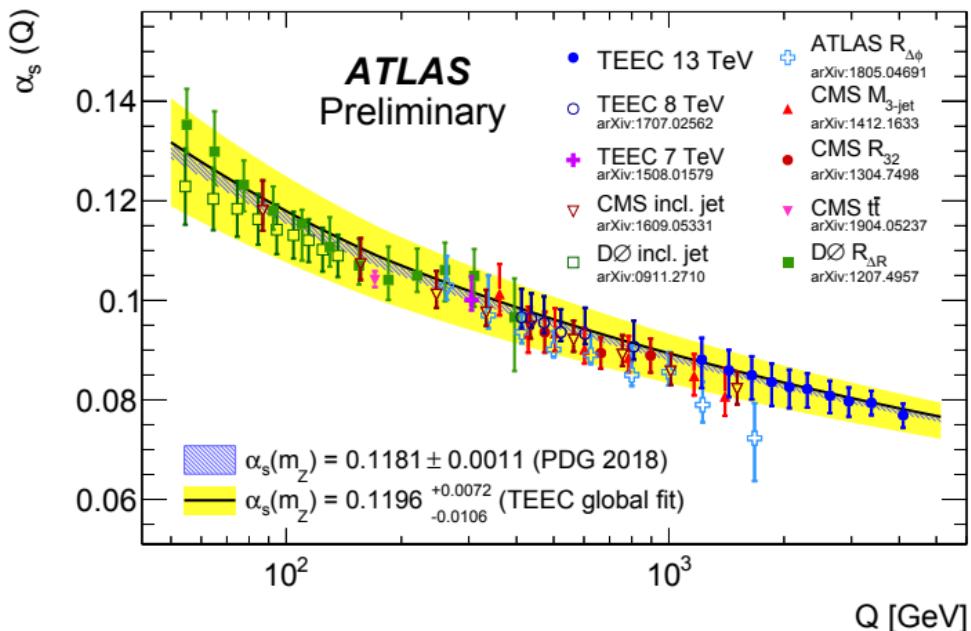
TEEC in HT2 bins:

- from 1000 GeV to 3500 GeV and above
- sensitivity to different energy scales



# Transverse Energy-Energy Correlator @ LHC

Extraction of alphas in different HT bins → test of SM running



$\langle Q \rangle$ [GeV]	$\alpha_s(m_Z)$ value (MMHT 2014)
Global	$0.1195 \pm 0.0002$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0006$ (syst.) $+0.0084_{-0.0106}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0009$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0003$ (NP)
Inclusive	$0.1198 \pm 0.0002$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0006$ (syst.) $+0.0078_{-0.0095}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0010$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0002$ (NP)
1219	$0.1202 \pm 0.0003$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0006$ (syst.) $+0.0079_{-0.0098}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0010$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0002$ (NP)
1434	$0.1184 \pm 0.0003$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0007$ (syst.) $+0.0078_{-0.0098}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0011$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0002$ (NP)
1647	$0.1188 \pm 0.0004$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0007$ (syst.) $+0.0073_{-0.0087}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0012$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0001$ (NP)
1856	$0.1177 \pm 0.0006$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0008$ (syst.) $+0.0072_{-0.0083}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0013$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0006$ (NP)
2064	$0.1174 \pm 0.0008$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0009$ (syst.) $+0.0069_{-0.0078}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0013$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0007$ (NP)
2300	$0.1185 \pm 0.0009$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0010$ (syst.) $+0.0063_{-0.0067}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0014$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0005$ (NP)
2636	$0.1166 \pm 0.0016$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0012$ (syst.) $+0.0062_{-0.0066}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0015$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0000$ (NP)
2952	$0.1141 \pm 0.0029$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0013$ (syst.) $+0.0062_{-0.0069}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0018$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0003$ (NP)
3383	$0.1164 \pm 0.0043$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0015$ (syst.) $+0.0050_{-0.0044}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0017$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0001$ (NP)
4095	$0.1029 \pm 0.0163$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0014$ (syst.) $+0.0066_{-0.0012}$ (scale) $\pm 0.0010$ (PDF) $\pm 0.0003$ (NP)



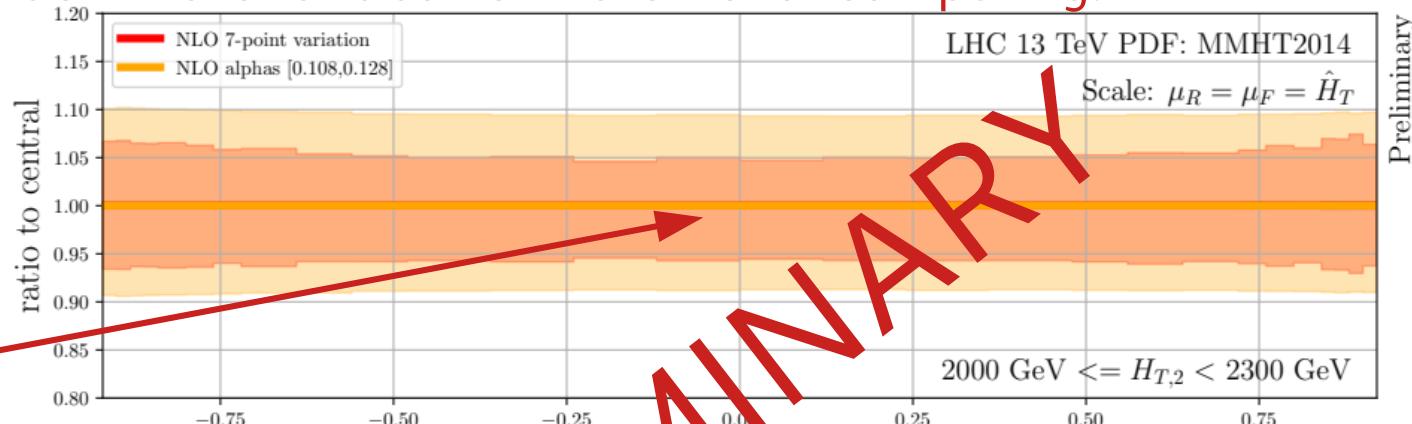
FO scale uncertainty limiting factor!

# NNLO QCD corrections to TEEC @ LHC

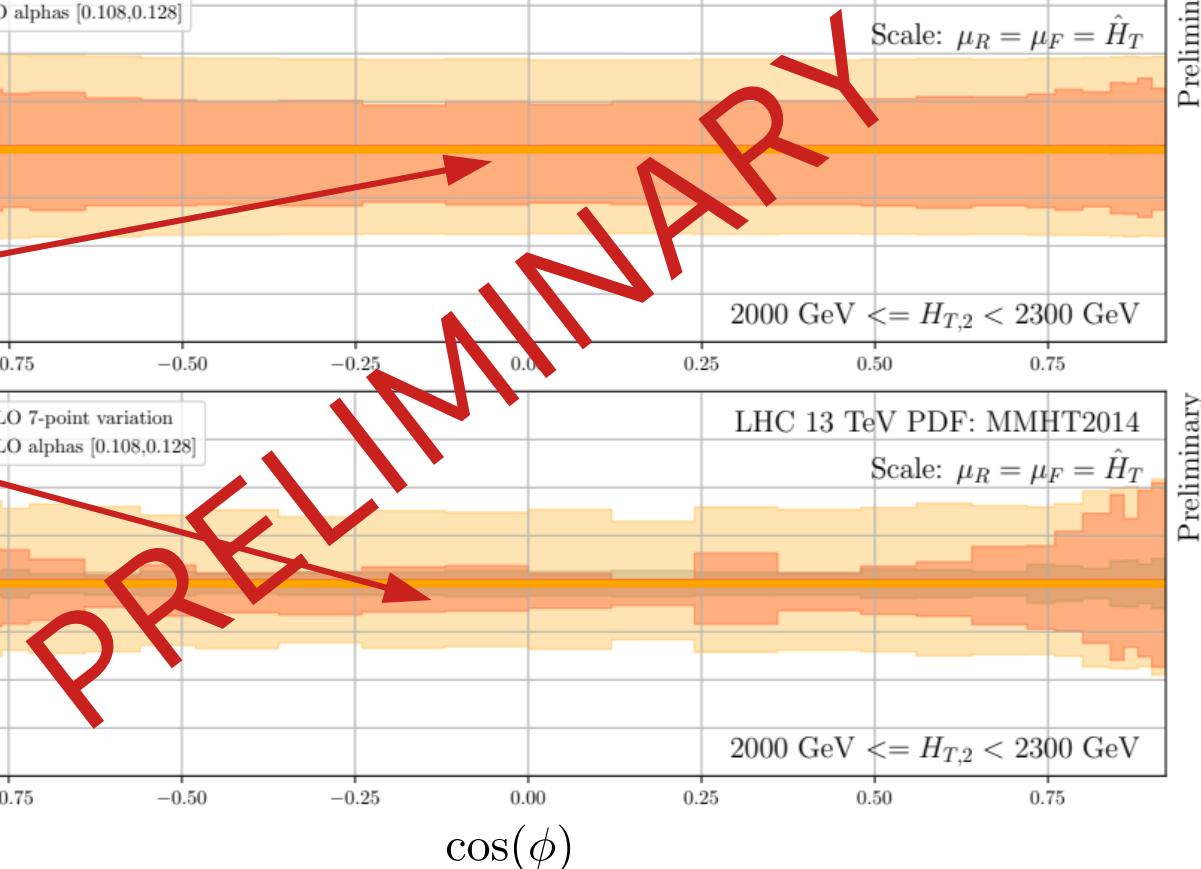
Massive thanks to Manuel Alvarez and Javier Llorente for computing!

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Reduction in  
scale dependence  
by factor 2-3



NNLO



# Event shapes at the LHC

ATLAS measurement of event shapes @ 13 TeV using multi-jet events (139fb-1) in HT2 bins and high pT jets (> 100 GeV): [ATLAS:2007.12600]

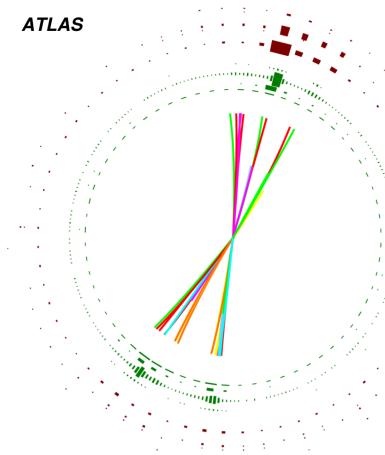
Transverse Thrust:  $\tau_T = 1 - \frac{\sum_i^{\text{jets}} |\vec{p}_{T,i} \cdot \hat{n}|}{\sum_i^{\text{jets}} |\vec{p}_{T,i}|}$

Thrust Minor:  $T_m = \frac{\sum_i^{\text{jets}} |\vec{p}_{T,i} \times \hat{n}|}{\sum_i^{\text{jets}} |\vec{p}_{T,i}|}$

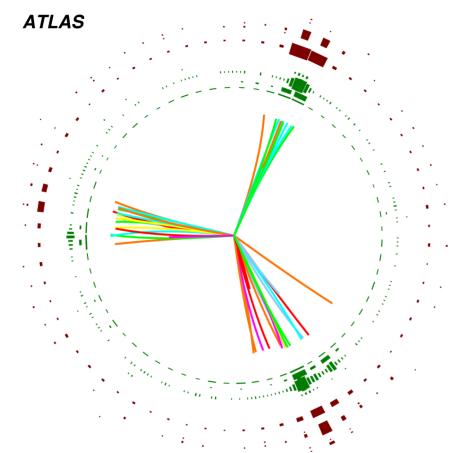
More quantities based on eigenvalues of (transverse) linearised sphericity tensor:

$$\mathcal{M}_{xyz} = \frac{1}{\sum_i^{\text{jets}} |\vec{p}_i|} \sum_i^{\text{jets}} \frac{1}{|\vec{p}_i|} \begin{pmatrix} p_{x,i}^2 & p_{x,i}p_{y,i} & p_{x,i}p_{z,i} \\ p_{y,i}p_{x,i} & p_{y,i}^2 & p_{y,i}p_{z,i} \\ p_{z,i}p_{x,i} & p_{z,i}p_{y,i} & p_{z,i}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Back-to-Back

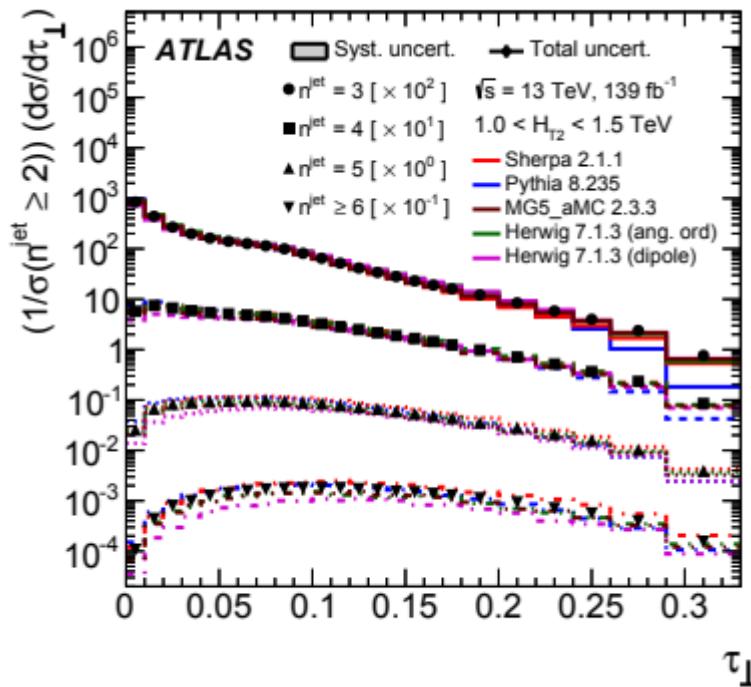


Spherical

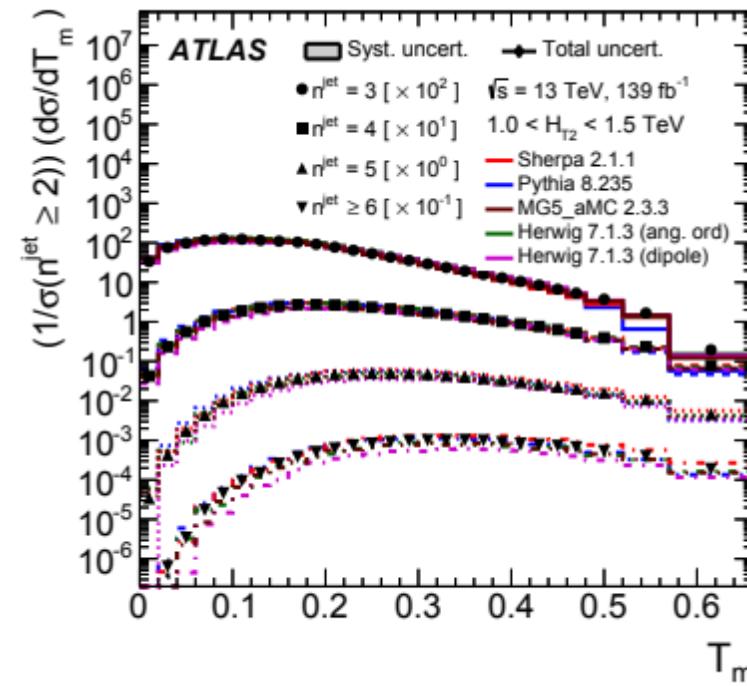


# Event shapes at the LHC

Transverse thrust:



Transverse thrust minor:

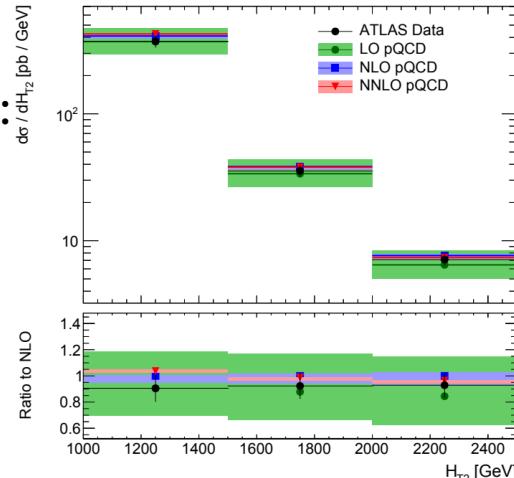


[ATLAS:2007.12600]

# NNLO QCD corrections to event shapes

Comparison of public data from HEPdata

HT 2 denominator:

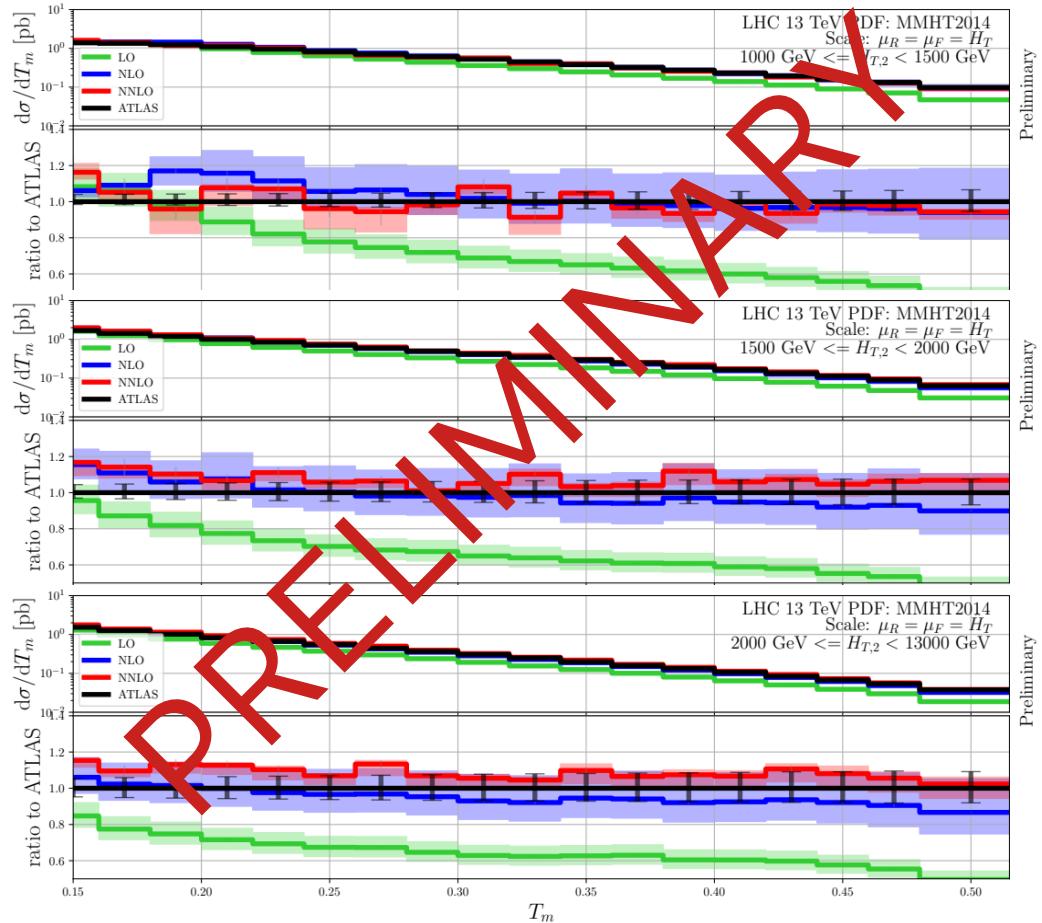


Credits:

Javier Llorente!

Example Thrust-Minor:

- Beautiful perturbative convergence
- Significant reduction of perturbative corrections



# Summary and Outlook

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NNLO predictions with the sector-improved residue subtraction framework

- First computations of  $2 \rightarrow 3$  processes: 3 photon, 2 photon+jet and three-jet production
- Three jets @ the LHC:
  - R32 ratios → reduction of scale uncertainties, stabilization of K-factors
  - alphaS extractions from
    - R32 ratios
    - Event-shapes
    - TEEC

Many interesting applications ahead!  
Stay tuned!

Thank you for your attention!

# Backup

# State of NNLO QCD at the LHC

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NNLO QCD completed for  $2 \rightarrow 1, 2 \rightarrow 2$  SM processes:

- Colour singlet production:  $pp \rightarrow H$ ,  $pp \rightarrow VV$  (available in MATRIX [Grazzini'17], MCFM [Bouhezel'16])
- Massive quark production:  $pp \rightarrow tt\bar{t}$  (+decays) [Czakon'15,19],  $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  [Kallweit'20], single top [Campbell'17]
- Vector plus jet:  $pp \rightarrow V + \text{jet}$ ,  $pp \rightarrow A + X$ , flavoured jets:  $pp \rightarrow Z + b\text{-jets}$ ,  $V + c\text{-jets}$  [NNLOJet '16-'20, Bouhezel'15, Czakon'20]
- Di-jets:  $pp \rightarrow j + X$ ,  $pp \rightarrow jj + X$  [NNLOJet '16-'20, Czakon, '19]

Recently first steps in the realm of  $2 \rightarrow 3$  processes:

- Three photons [Chawdhry'19, Kallweit '20]
- Diphoton plus jet [Chawdhry'21], gg-induced [Badger'21]
- Three jets [Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet'21]

Beyond fixed-order QCD:

- Dedicated resummation calculations for specific observables
- First NNLO + PS appear for colour singlet and  $tt\bar{t}$ : MiNNLOPS with MATRIX [Monni '20]
- Identified hadron production: B-hadrons in  $tt\bar{t}$  production [Czakon'21]
- Photon fragmentation [Gehrmann'21]