

Fixed-order parton-level 'events'

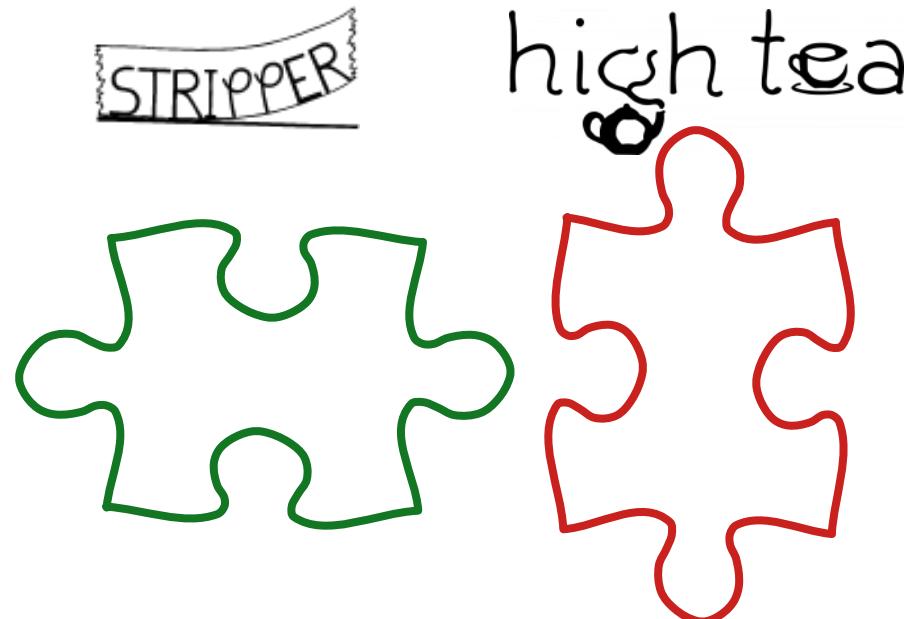
Some

- Ideas
- Perspectives
- Challenges

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Super brief introduction STRIPPER

STRIPPER (**S**ec**T**o**R** Improved **P**hase **sPacE** for real **R**adiation) [Czakon'10, + et al '14'19]

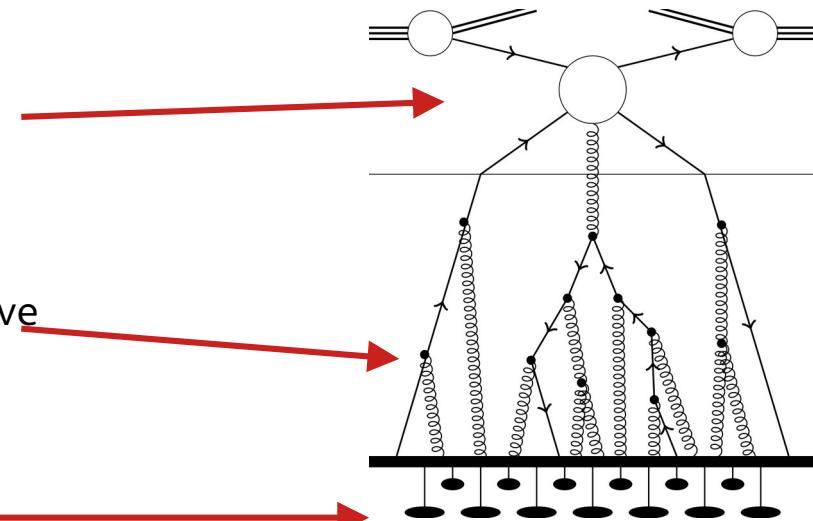
→ NNLO QCD fixed-order cross section Monte Carlo integrator

→ general and automated implementation: any process at NNLO (only needs loop amplitudes)



$$Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

Fixed-order perturbation theory
scattering of individual partons



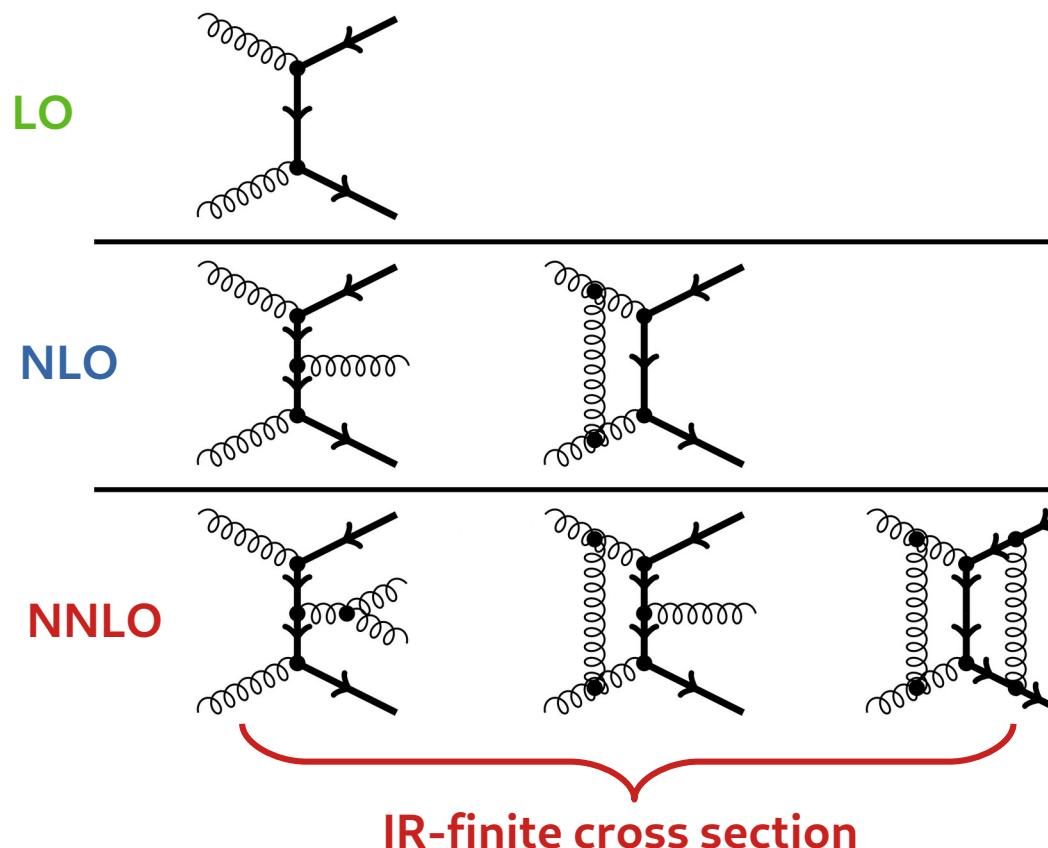
$$Q \gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

Parton-shower/Resummation
all-order bridge between perturbative
and non-perturbative physics

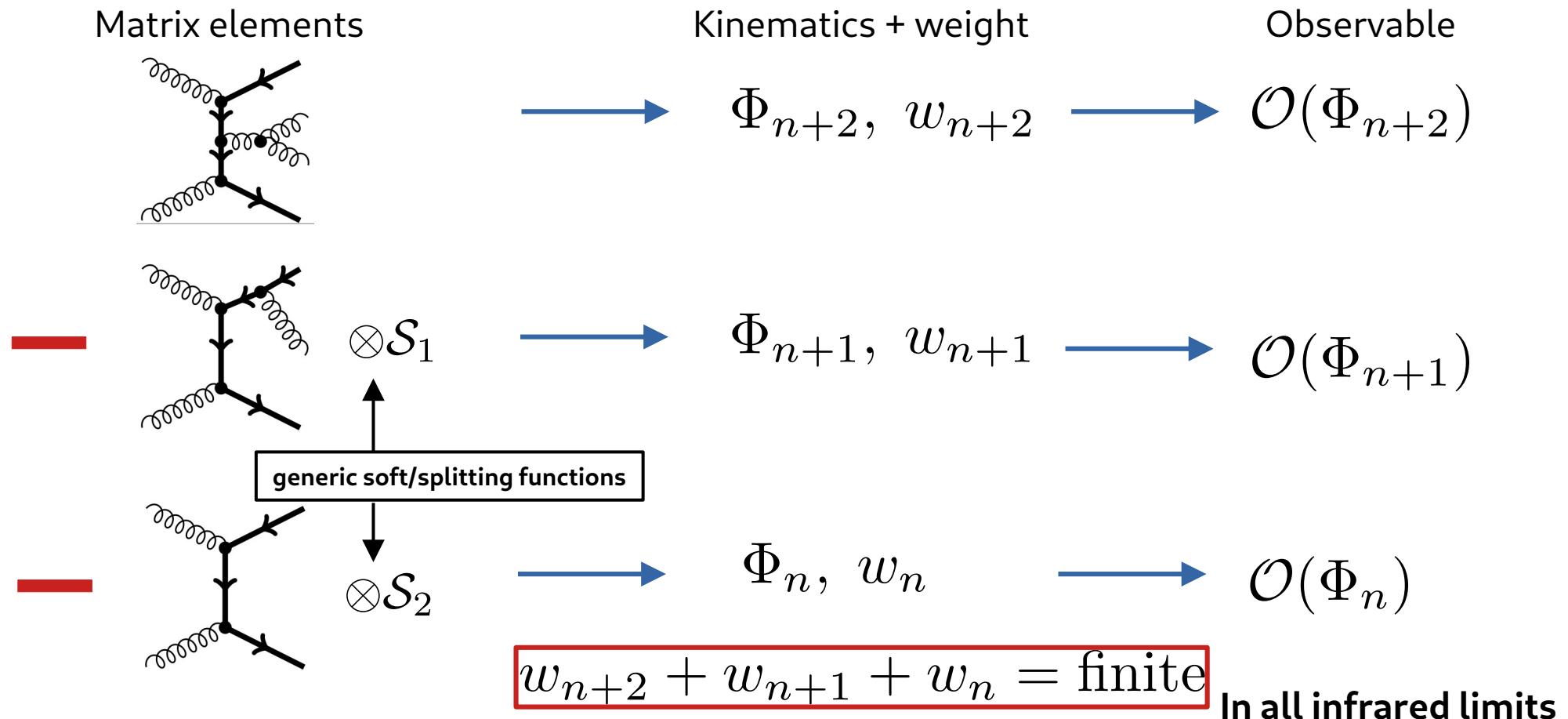
$$Q \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

"Hadronization"/MPI/...
non-perturbative physics

NNLO contributions

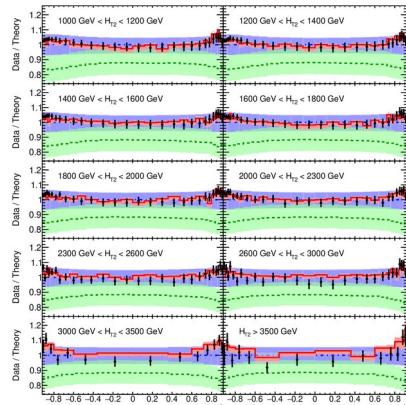


Anatomy of a fixed-order real emission event



Fixed-order cross sections

- Normally evaluated as **weighted MC** integrals
(optimisations for efficient integration like VEGAS implied)
→ histogram cross sections
(if you change bin edges you start from scratch)
- Can be computationally very challenging
- Negative subtraction source of large **variance/MC error**
[ATLAS 2301.09351]



→ many MCPUh

Process class	Core-hours
$pp \rightarrow V$	~hours
$pp \rightarrow VV$	O(1k)
$pp \rightarrow V + j$	O(>10k)
$pp \rightarrow jj$	O(>100k)
$pp \rightarrow jjj$	O(>1M)

How to make this more
efficient/environment-friendly/
accessible/faster/reusable?

high tea
for your freshly brewed analysis [2304.05993]
<https://www.precision.hep.phy.cam.ac.uk/hightea>

Basic ideas

1. Database of precomputed “Theory Events”

- **Equivalent to a full fledged computation**
- Currently this means partonic fixed order events
- **Problem:** just writing $10^{10}–10^{14}$ MC points to disk isn’t really useful

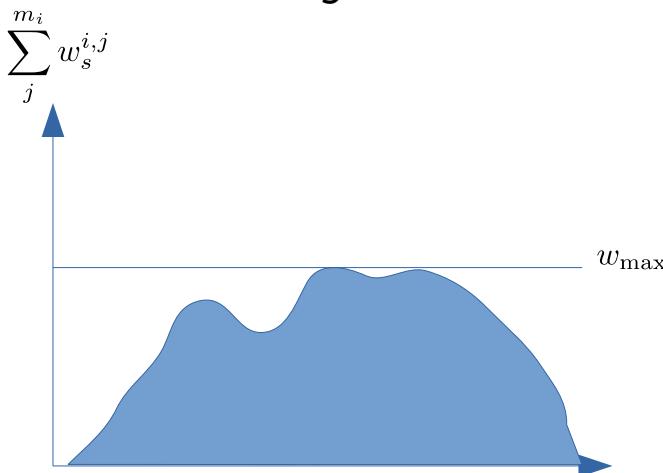
Not so new idea:
LHE [[Alwall et al ‘06](#)],
Ntuple [[BlackHat ‘08’13](#)],

2. Analysis of the data through an user interface

- Easy-to-use
- Fast
 - Observables from basic 4-momenta
 - Free specification of bins
- Flexible:
 - Renormalization/Factorization Scale variation
 - PDF (member) variation
 - Specify phase space cuts

(Partially) Unweighting

Hit-And-Miss Algorithm:



Accept each event i with probability
based on the summed event weight

$$\left(\sum_j^{m_i} w_s^{i,j} \right) / w_{\max}$$

→ partial unweighting for each kinematic
store each sub-event with weight:

$$w_s^{i,j} / \left(\sum_j^{m_i} w_s^{i,j} \right)$$

Reduces event samples depending on your initial integration optimisation
→ ttbar (with basic VEGAS): factor of 1000 to 10000

Factorizations

Factorizing renormalization and factorization scale dependence:

$$w_s^{i,j} = w_{\text{PDF}}(\mu_F, x_1, x_2) w_{\alpha_s}(\mu_R) \left(\sum_{i,j} c_{i,j} \ln(\mu_R^2)^i \ln(\mu_F^2)^j \right)$$

PDF dependence:

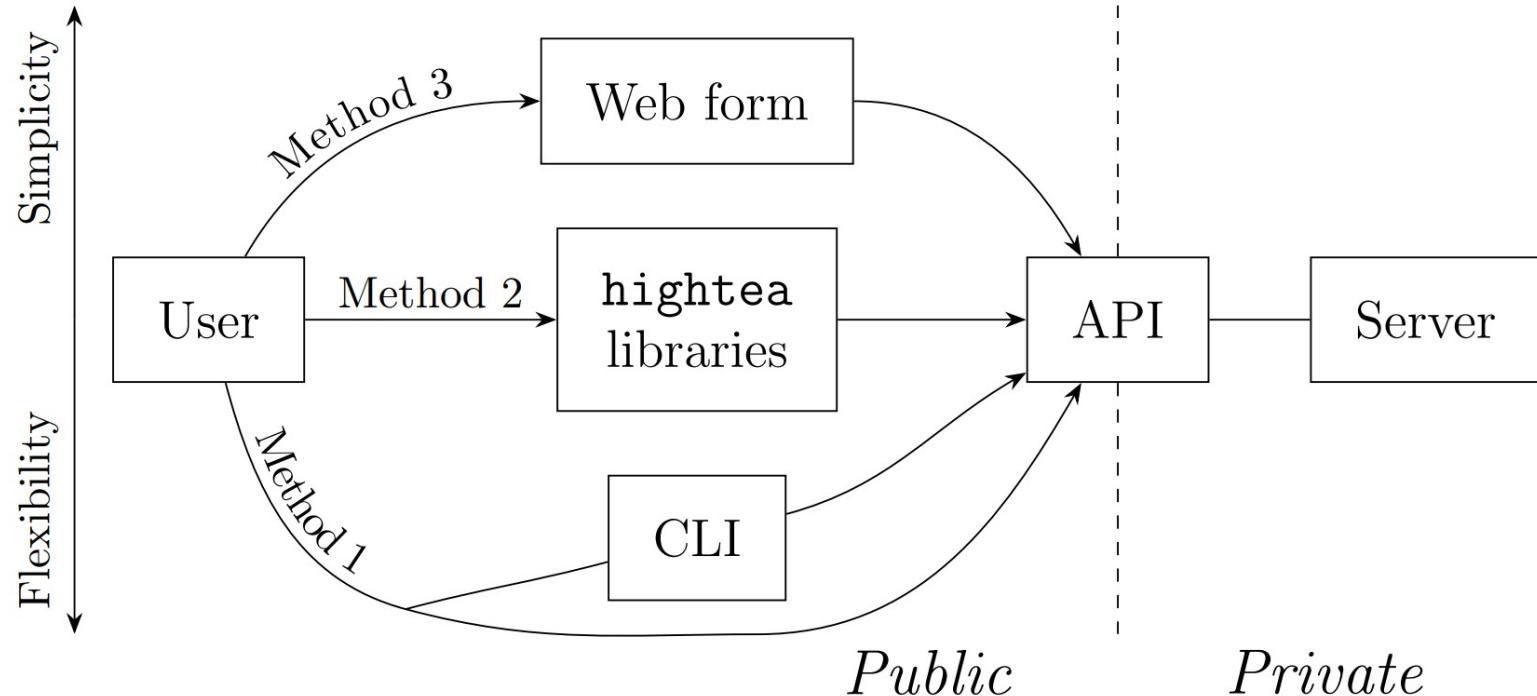
$$w_{\text{PDF}}(\mu, x_1, x_2) = \sum_{ab \in \text{channel}} f_a(x_1, \mu) f_b(x_2, \mu)$$

α_s dependence:

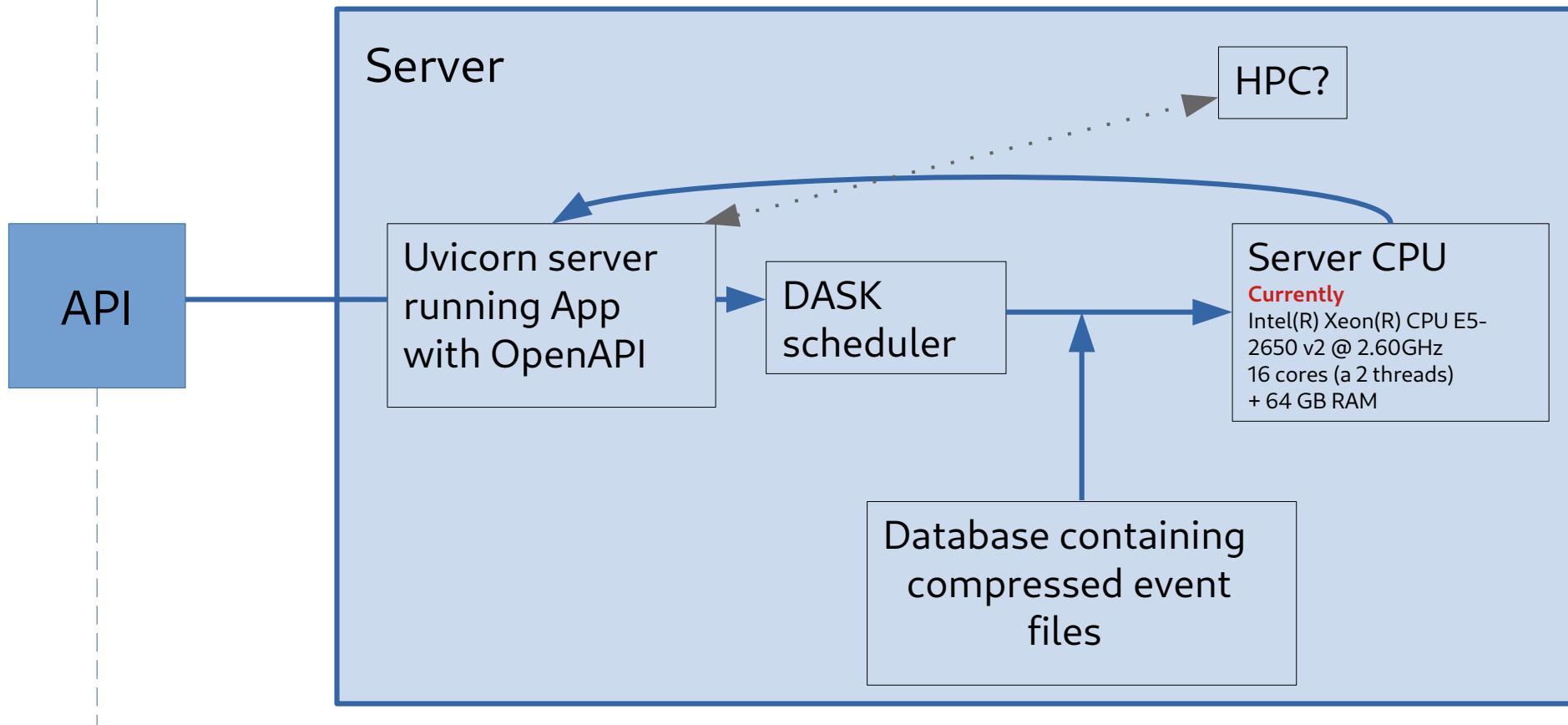
$$w_{\alpha_s}(\mu) = (\alpha_s(\mu))^m$$

Allows **full control over scales and PDF**

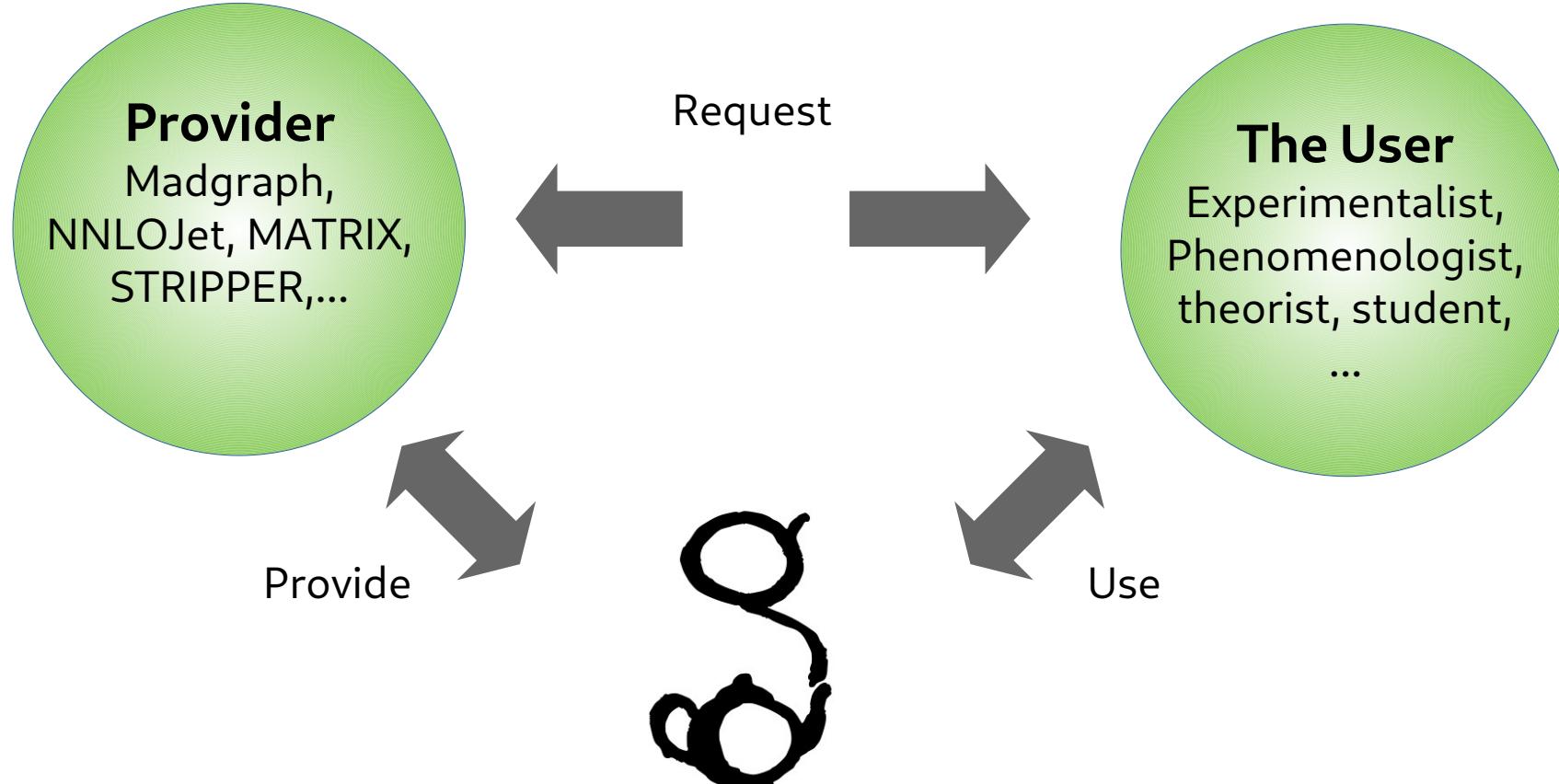
HighTEA user interface



The server



Data sharing



Challenges

- **The partial unweighting step is expensive > direct integration**
and does not lead to “weight 1 events” because of kinematics and positive/negative regions of phase space
→ backup: normalising flows and positive/negative splitting
- **Might need large storage**
→ ttbar, WW, ... ~100 GB (easy, but not enough for precision studies)
→ jet processes will need 100x more due to large cancellations of pos/neg
→ some parametric dependence does not factorise → more samples

Both aspects call for a community effort
→ shared databases

Summary

- Higher-order parton-level computations are computationally expensive
 - Correlated kinematics
 - Non-local cancellations between positive and negative regions of phase space
- Partially unweighting reduces the 'event sample' size (to a manageable level) but in principle has the same bottlenecks
- STRIPPER + HighTEA demonstrate a potential workflow / framework how fixed-order computations can be made reusable and shared in a differential manner (i.e. not via histograms...)

Backup - Normalizing Flows

The problem

- Numerical integration of highly dimensional integrands → Monte Carlo Sampling

Integral

$$I = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} d\mathbf{x} f(\mathbf{x})$$

MC estimate

$$\hat{I} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\mathbf{x}_i), \quad \delta \hat{I} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f^2(\mathbf{x}_i) - \hat{I}^2 \right)}$$

MC error estimate

- Variance reduction techniques improve performance, mapping $\mathbf{H} : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega, \mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x})$

$$I = \int_{\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}) \in \Omega} d\mathbf{H} \frac{f(\mathbf{x})}{h(\mathbf{x})}$$

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right|$$



Find with $h(\mathbf{x})$ adaptive MC techniques: VEGAS [Lepage'78], Parni [Hameren'14],
ML techniques: Normalising Flows Iflow [Bothmann'20] Madnis [Heimel'22], ...

How to build $h(x)$?

- by hand...
- 'Standard': VEGAS/Parni
→ essentially histograms, assuming integrand factorises wrt to integration variables
- Deep Learning approach: Normalising Flows
 - Coupling Layer (CL) Flows
 - Continuous (ODE) Flows

Coupling Layer Normalizing Flow

Based on the i-flow paper:
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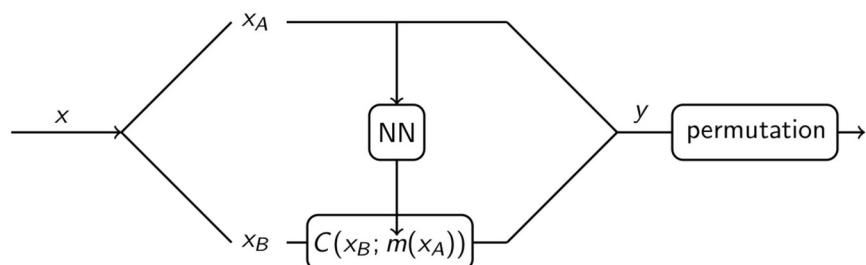
Series of bijections:

$$\vec{x}_K = c_K(c_{K-1}(\cdots c_2(c_1(\vec{x}))))$$

Distribution:

$$g_K(\vec{x}_K) = g_0(\vec{x}_0) \prod_{k=1}^K \left| \frac{\partial c_k(\vec{x}_{k-1})}{\partial \vec{x}_{k-1}} \right|^{-1}, \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} \vec{x}_0 = \vec{x} \\ \vec{x}_k = c_k(\vec{x}_{k-1}) \end{cases}$$

Structure of a single coupling layer:



$$\begin{aligned} x'_A &= x_A, & A \in [1, d], \\ x'_B &= C(x_B; m(\vec{x}_A)), & B \in [d + 1, D]. \end{aligned}$$

The inverse map

$$x_A = x'_A ,$$

$$x_B = C^{-1}(x'_B; m(\vec{x}'_A)) = C^{-1}(x'_B; m(\vec{x}_A))$$

$$\text{Inverse Jacobian: } \left| \frac{\partial c(\vec{x})}{\partial \vec{x}} \right|^{-1} = \left| \begin{pmatrix} \vec{1} & 0 \\ \frac{\partial C}{\partial m} \frac{\partial m}{\partial \vec{x}_A} & \frac{\partial C}{\partial \vec{x}_B} \end{pmatrix} \right|^{-1} = \left| \frac{\partial C(\vec{x}_B; m(\vec{x}_A))}{\partial \vec{x}_B} \right|^{-1}$$

Derivative of the NN


Big advantage: $\frac{\partial m}{\partial x_A}$ not needed!
→ Performance

How many coupling layers you need?

$$\begin{aligned} 2\log_2 D &\quad \text{for } D > 5 \\ D &\quad \text{for } D \leq 5 \end{aligned}$$

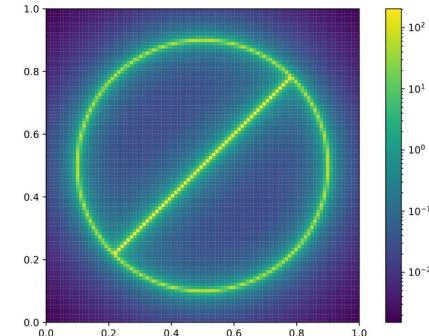
Example: Masking to capture all correlations for D=12

Dimension	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2x	Transformation 1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
	Transformation 2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
	Transformation 3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Transformation 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1

A toy example

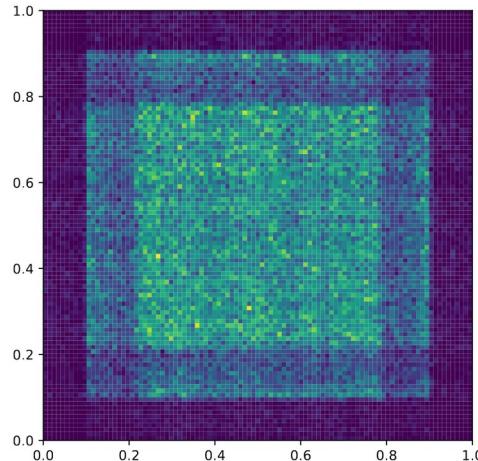
Multi-modular function (“stop-sign”):

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \cdot \frac{\Delta r}{\left(\sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2} - r_0 \right)^2 + (\Delta r)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2}} \\ + \frac{1}{2\pi r_0} \cdot \frac{\Delta r}{((y - y_0) - (x - x_0))^2 + (\Delta r)^2} \cdot \Theta \left(r_0 - \sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2} \right).$$

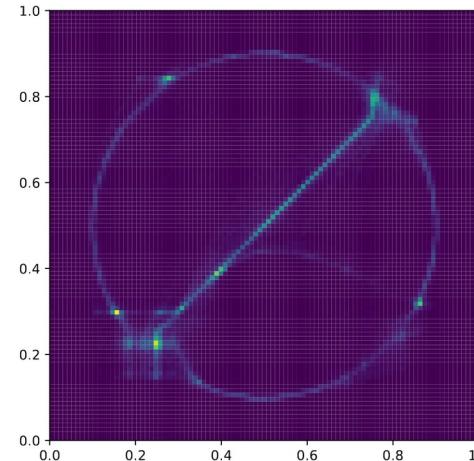


Sampling densities:

VEGAS



Coupling-Layer Flow



Continuous Flows

"time"-dependent probability density function: $\log q_t(\mathbf{y}_t) = \log q_0(\mathbf{y}_0) - \log \left| \det \frac{\partial \phi_t}{\partial \mathbf{y}_0} \right|$

constructed from $\frac{d}{dt} \phi_t(\mathbf{y}) = v_t(\phi_t(\mathbf{y}))$, with $\phi_0(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{y}$ +continuity equation
(preserve prob.)

vector-field is given by a trainable NN

The mapped point is the solution of a simple ODE: $\mathbf{y}_1 = \phi_1(\mathbf{y}_0) = \int_0^1 v_t(\phi_t(\mathbf{y}_0)) dt$

Jacobian by inverse ODE:

$$\frac{d}{ds} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{1-s}(\mathbf{y}) \\ f(1-s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -v_{1-s}(\phi_{1-s}(\mathbf{y})) \\ -\text{div}(v_{1-s}(\phi_{1-s}(\mathbf{y}))) \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(\mathbf{y}) \\ f(1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ $\log q_1(\mathbf{y}_1) = \log q_0(\mathbf{y}_0) - f(0)$

Training and model parameters

Training target based on Kullback–Leibler (KL) divergence:

$$D_{\text{KL}}(p \parallel q_{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^N p(\mathbf{y}_i) \log \left(\frac{p(\mathbf{y}_i)}{q_{\theta}(\mathbf{y}_i)} \right)$$

1) Generate sample & evaluate target function

(1M points)

2) Do NN optimization step with gradient descend (ADAM)

3) Repeat 1)

(10 times)

Size of neural networks depends on the dimension of the problem.

→ we investigated 4 to 13 dimensional problems + discrete parameters (conditional NNs):

~ 100k – 10M parameters for CL flows

~ 1M parameter for ODE flows

The integrands II

Structure of partonic contributions:

different partonic channels $\hat{\sigma}_{ab}^i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{C}_{ab}^i (ab \rightarrow X)} \hat{\sigma}_{ab,j}^i$



Matrix elements +
measurement functions
 $\hat{\sigma}_{ab,j}^i = N_j \int d\Phi_j \mathcal{F}_{ab,j}(\Phi_j)$

Subtraction for real-emission contributions
based on sector-decomposition + residue subtraction:

$$\hat{\sigma}^{(1)} \ni \int d\Phi_j \sum_{kl} \mathcal{S}_{kl} |\mathcal{M}_j(\Phi_j)|^2 F(\Phi_j).$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^{(i)} \ni \int_{[0,1]^m} d^m \chi \int_{[0,1]^n} d^n \mathbf{x} \frac{f_{\{k\}}^j(\chi, \mathbf{x}) - \sum f_{\{k\}}^j(\chi|_{\rightarrow 0}, \mathbf{x})}{\prod_i^m \chi_i}$$

But for the integration problem (in case of tot cross sections) it is enough to consider:

$$\hat{\sigma}^{(i)} \ni \int_{[0,1]^n} d\mathbf{y} g_{\{k\}}^j(\mathbf{y})$$

Sum of
Sectors, helicities, channels

$$\sum_{\{k\},h} \int_{[0,1]^n} d\mathbf{y} g_{\{k\},h}^j(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_l \int_{[0,1]^n} d\mathbf{y} g_l^j(\mathbf{y})$$

Benchmarks

- To make life simple: Optimization goal is total integral (i.e. total cross section)
→ focusing on gluonic top-pair production (small number of channels)
- Three integrators: VEGAS (reference for the current default), CL, ODE
each with standard absolute training and positive/negative stratified training
- Benchmark quantities
 - Weight variance
 - Unweighting efficiency

Results LO and NLO

Frozen integrators
1M points

Estimate + Error

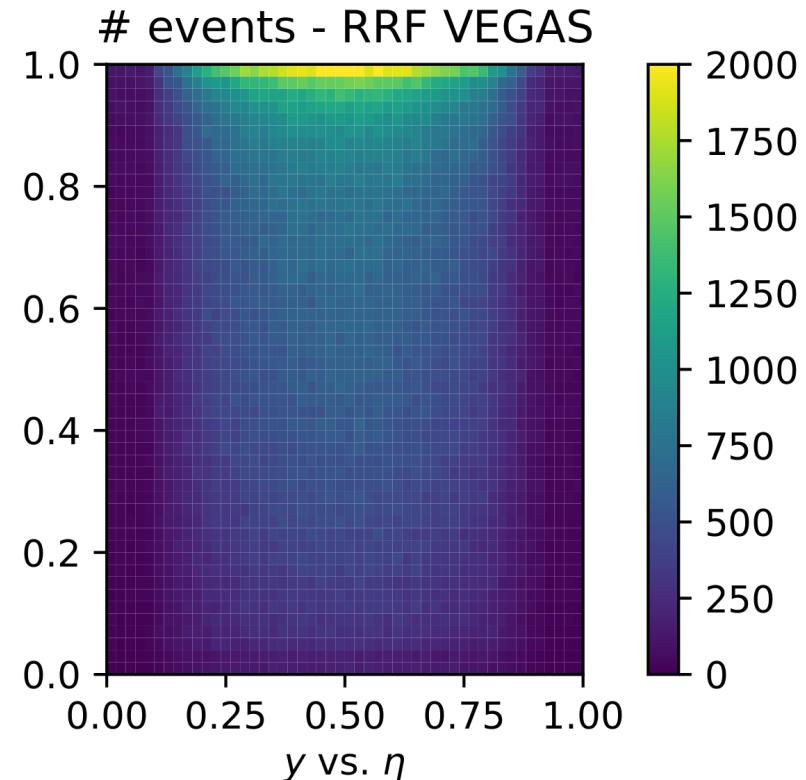
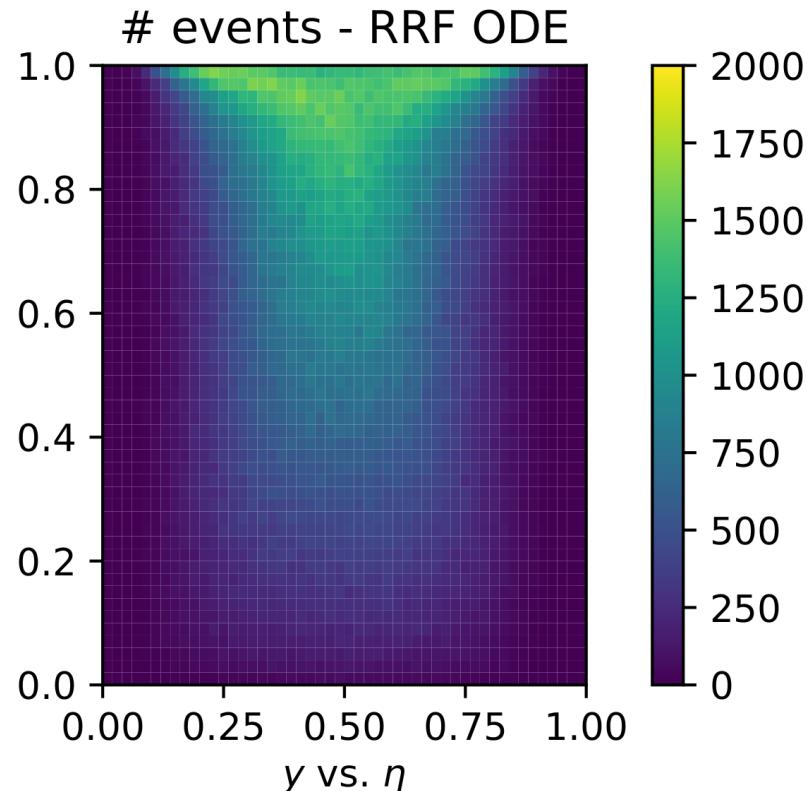
Observation #1:
Saturation of
lower bounds
with flows, for
VEGAS only in
the simpler ones

Contribution	$\sigma_B \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{RF} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{RU} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{VF} \cdot 10^{-1}$
δ^{opt}	0.0001	0.008	0.01	0.006
CPU cost [a.u.]	1	6	1.5	1.3
VEGAS				
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	5.3278 ± 0.002	6.967 ± 0.01	-5.378 ± 0.02	-4.487 ± 0.006
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	5.3284 ± 0.002	8.955 ± 0.01	4.432 ± 0.006	1.403 ± 0.0008
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	$-0.0006446 \pm 5e - 07$	-1.981 ± 0.004	-9.8098 ± 0.008	-5.8939 ± 0.003
Σ^\pm	5.3278 ± 0.002	6.973 ± 0.01	-5.378 ± 0.01	-4.4909 ± 0.003
ϵ_Φ^+	0.99	0.728	0.639	0.808
ϵ_Φ^-	0.834	0.384	0.852	0.95
$\epsilon^+(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^+)$	0.13 (0.43)	0.048 (0.098)	0.02 (0.048)	0.082 (0.21)
$\epsilon^-(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^-)$	0.016 (0.066)	0.013 (0.021)	0.049 (0.17)	0.12 (0.27)
ODE Flow				
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	5.3279 ± 0.0005	6.98 ± 0.009	-5.394 ± 0.01	-4.483 ± 0.006
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	5.32872 ± 0.0004	8.9494 ± 0.002	4.4185 ± 0.002	1.4018 ± 0.0001
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	$-0.00064495 \pm 1e - 07$	-1.9844 ± 0.0006	-9.802 ± 0.003	-5.89315 ± 0.0005
Σ^\pm	5.32808 ± 0.0004	6.965 ± 0.003	-5.3835 ± 0.004	-4.4914 ± 0.0006
ϵ_Φ^+	1.0	0.991	0.992	1.0
ϵ_Φ^-	0.997	0.99	0.987	0.999
$\epsilon^+(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^+)$	0.33 (0.7)	0.025 (0.3)	0.0059 (0.099)	0.11 (0.56)
$\epsilon^-(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^-)$	0.055 (0.36)	0.028 (0.17)	0.02 (0.16)	0.12 (0.73)
Coupling Layer Flow				
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	5.32795 ± 0.0003	6.972 ± 0.009	-5.39 ± 0.01	-4.492 ± 0.006
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	5.32807 ± 0.0003	8.949 ± 0.002	4.4101 ± 0.002	$1.40155 \pm 9e - 05$
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	$-0.000644883 \pm 3e - 08$	-1.9821 ± 0.0007	-9.8 ± 0.002	-5.89183 ± 0.0003
Σ^\pm	5.32742 ± 0.0003	6.9669 ± 0.003	-5.3899 ± 0.004	-4.49028 ± 0.0004
ϵ_Φ^+	1.0	0.989	0.988	1.0
ϵ_Φ^-	1.0	0.99	0.994	1.0
$\epsilon^+(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^+)$	0.53 (0.81)	0.028 (0.24)	0.0082 (0.046)	0.17 (0.63)
$\epsilon^-(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^-)$	0.11 (0.79)	0.0074 (0.06)	0.009 (0.19)	0.4 (0.79)

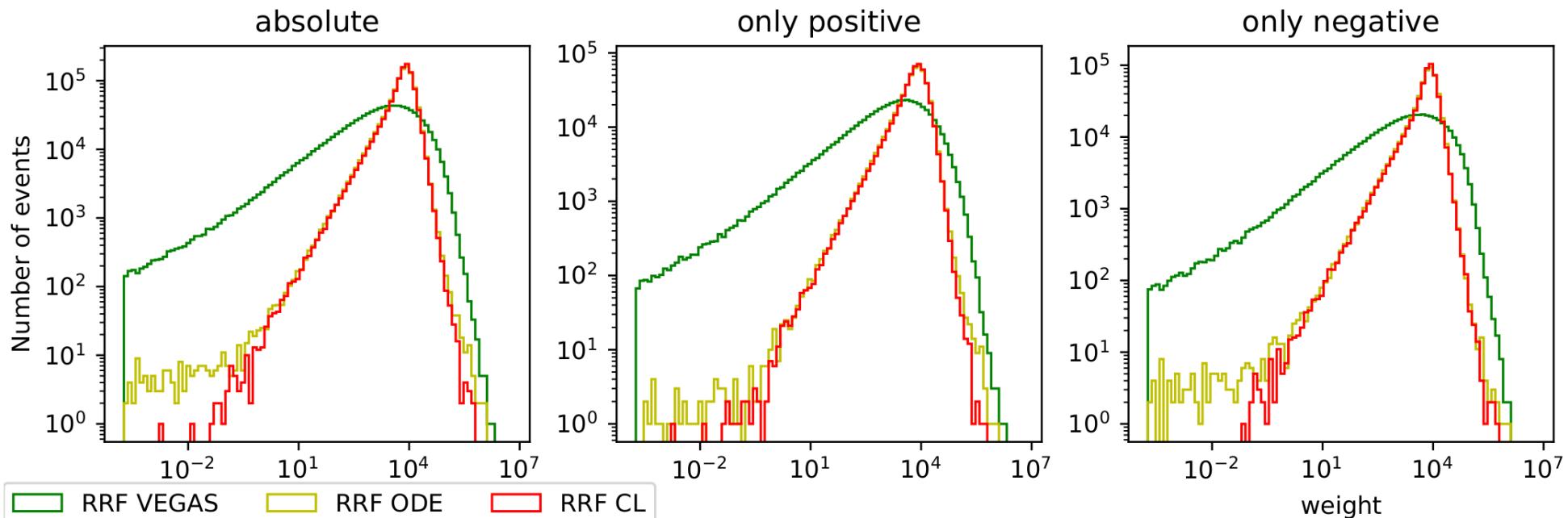
Results NNLO

Contribution	$\sigma_{RRF} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{RRSU} \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\sigma_{RRDU} \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\sigma_{RVF} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{RVFR} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{RVDU} \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\sigma_{VVF} \cdot 10^{-0}$
δ^{opt}	0.0079	0.0036	0.013	0.0081	0.0018	0.0045	0.011
CPU cost [a.u.]	53	26	8	1542	2.7	2.7	13
VEGAS							
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	-0.3 ± 0.02	2.835 ± 0.0069	-2.461 ± 0.017	-6.808 ± 0.022	0.2864 ± 0.0023	0.267 ± 0.0049	14.768 ± 0.014
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	3.823 ± 0.013	3.718 ± 0.0056	5.639 ± 0.0065	1.669 ± 0.0026	1.051 ± 0.0014	2.381 ± 0.0011	16.711 ± 0.0067
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	-4.135 ± 0.013	-0.8813 ± 0.0022	-8.078 ± 0.0085	-8.4539 ± 0.0068	-0.7635 ± 0.0012	-2.1114 ± 0.0012	-1.955 ± 0.0011
Σ^\pm	-0.312 ± 0.025	2.836 ± 0.0079	-2.439 ± 0.015	-6.785 ± 0.0094	0.2871 ± 0.0025	0.2696 ± 0.0023	14.756 ± 0.0078
ϵ_Φ^+	0.54	0.732	0.803	0.55	0.593	0.946	0.956
ϵ_Φ^-	0.513	0.402	0.8	0.871	0.501	0.916	0.816
$\epsilon^+(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^+)$	0.004 (0.0052)	0.0073 (0.017)	0.0018 (0.022)	0.013 (0.024)	0.025 (0.06)	0.029 (0.22)	0.015 (0.1)
$\epsilon^-(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^-)$	0.0041 (0.0053)	0.0035 (0.01)	0.0037 (0.019)	0.014 (0.038)	0.021 (0.05)	0.011 (0.11)	0.024 (0.17)
ODE Flow							
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	-0.333 ± 0.011	2.823 ± 0.0048	-2.421 ± 0.015	-6.784 ± 0.0081	0.2893 ± 0.0019	0.271 ± 0.0046	14.758 ± 0.012
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	3.812 ± 0.0063	3.7056 ± 0.0028	5.6439 ± 0.0036	1.6764 ± 0.00085	1.0495 ± 0.00038	2.3806 ± 0.00043	16.72 ± 0.0026
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	-4.142 ± 0.0057	-0.8848 ± 0.0045	-8.071 ± 0.0068	-8.4578 ± 0.0019	-0.76271 ± 0.00026	-2.1109 ± 0.0005	-1.9554 ± 0.00023
Σ^\pm	-0.33 ± 0.012	2.821 ± 0.0073	-2.427 ± 0.01	-6.7814 ± 0.0027	0.2868 ± 0.00064	0.2697 ± 0.00093	14.765 ± 0.0028
ϵ_Φ^+	0.855	0.945	0.977	0.988	0.981	0.998	0.999
ϵ_Φ^-	0.853	0.834	0.982	0.991	0.983	0.998	0.998
$\epsilon^+(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^+)$	0.0013 (0.0027)	0.0028 (0.022)	0.003 (0.023)	0.0029 (0.067)	0.0081 (0.099)	0.03 (0.27)	0.0086 (0.49)
$\epsilon^-(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^-)$	0.0019 (0.0053)	0.00025 (0.00025)	0.0018 (0.0096)	0.051 (0.25)	0.017 (0.095)	0.017 (0.18)	0.17 (0.49)
Coupling Layer Flow							
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	-0.317 ± 0.01	2.829 ± 0.0044	-2.414 ± 0.014	-6.778 ± 0.0079	0.285 ± 0.0019	0.276 ± 0.0045	14.771 ± 0.012
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	3.814 ± 0.0054	3.7038 ± 0.0025	5.6425 ± 0.0039	1.676 ± 0.0024	1.05 ± 0.00059	2.3799 ± 0.00043	16.718 ± 0.0021
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	-4.134 ± 0.0063	-0.8849 ± 0.0015	-8.0756 ± 0.0047	-8.456 ± 0.0026	-0.76256 ± 0.00055	-2.1091 ± 0.00036	-1.95479 ± 0.00011
Σ^\pm	-0.32 ± 0.012	2.819 ± 0.0041	-2.433 ± 0.0086	-6.7803 ± 0.005	0.2874 ± 0.0011	0.2708 ± 0.00079	14.763 ± 0.0022
ϵ_Φ^+	0.838	0.956	0.985	0.987	0.988	0.998	1.0
ϵ_Φ^-	0.852	0.836	0.988	0.991	0.985	0.999	1.0
$\epsilon^+(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^+)$	0.0022 (0.0056)	0.0096 (0.022)	0.0029 (0.011)	0.00076 (0.00076)	0.0024 (0.035)	0.01 (0.22)	0.02 (0.31)
$\epsilon^-(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^-)$	0.0034 (0.006)	0.0012 (0.0028)	0.0044 (0.011)	0.0054 (0.13)	0.0017 (0.018)	0.022 (0.22)	0.1 (0.68)

Non-factorizing phase space features



Weight distribution for double real



Non-positive definite integrands

- Non-definite integrands introduce new challenges
→ cancellation between +/- parts increase the variance
- Consider extreme case: $|f(x)|/h(x) = w = \text{const.}$

MC estimate:

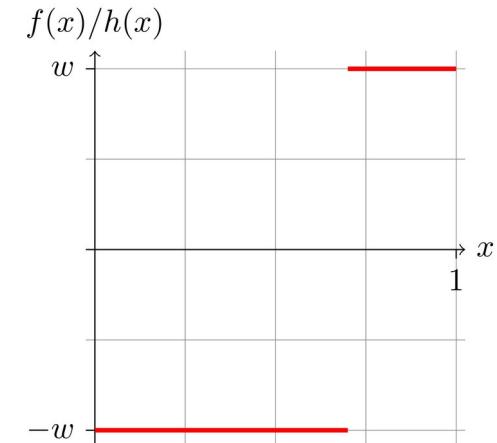
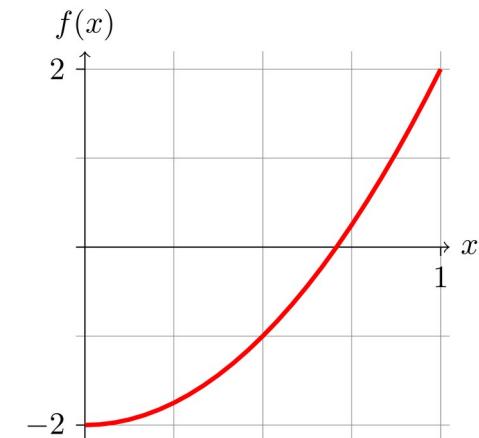
$$\hat{I} = w \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N} \equiv w(2\alpha - 1) \quad \alpha = N_+/N$$

- Lower bound on variance:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{I}) = w^2 - w^2(2\alpha - 1)^2 = w^2(4\alpha(1 - \alpha))$$

$$\rightarrow \text{relative uncertainty: } \frac{\delta \hat{I}}{\hat{I}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N-1}} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha(1-\alpha)}}{\alpha - \frac{1}{2}}$$

Rephrased: at some point it doesn't matter any more how good your adaptive MC is...



Stratification of signed integrands

There are ways around:

1) Add a large constant

2) Stratification: $f(\mathbf{x}) = f_+(\mathbf{x}) + f_-(\mathbf{x})$, with $f_\pm(\mathbf{x}) = \Theta(\pm f(\mathbf{x}))f(\mathbf{x})$

→ $I = \int_{\mathbf{H}_+(\mathbf{x}) \in \Omega} d\mathbf{H}_+ \frac{f_+(\mathbf{x})}{h_+(\mathbf{x})} + \int_{\mathbf{H}_-(\mathbf{x}) \in \Omega} d\mathbf{H}_- \frac{f_-(\mathbf{x})}{h_-(\mathbf{x})}$ “two independent integrals”

$$\hat{I}_{\text{strat}} = \hat{I}_+ + \hat{I}_- = \frac{1}{N_+} \sum_{i=1}^{N_+} \frac{f_+(\mathbf{x}_i)}{h_+(\mathbf{x}_i)} + \frac{1}{N_-} \sum_{i=1}^{N_-} \frac{f_-(\mathbf{x}_i)}{h_-(\mathbf{x}_i)}$$

$$\delta \hat{I}_{\text{strat}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \left[\frac{N}{N_+} \text{Var}(\hat{I}_+) + \frac{N}{N_-} \text{Var}(\hat{I}_-) \right]}$$
$$\text{Var}(\hat{I}_\pm) = \frac{1}{N_\pm} \sum_{i=1}^{N_\pm} \left(\frac{f_\pm(\mathbf{x}_i)}{h_\pm(\mathbf{x}_i)} \right)^2 - \hat{I}_\pm^2$$

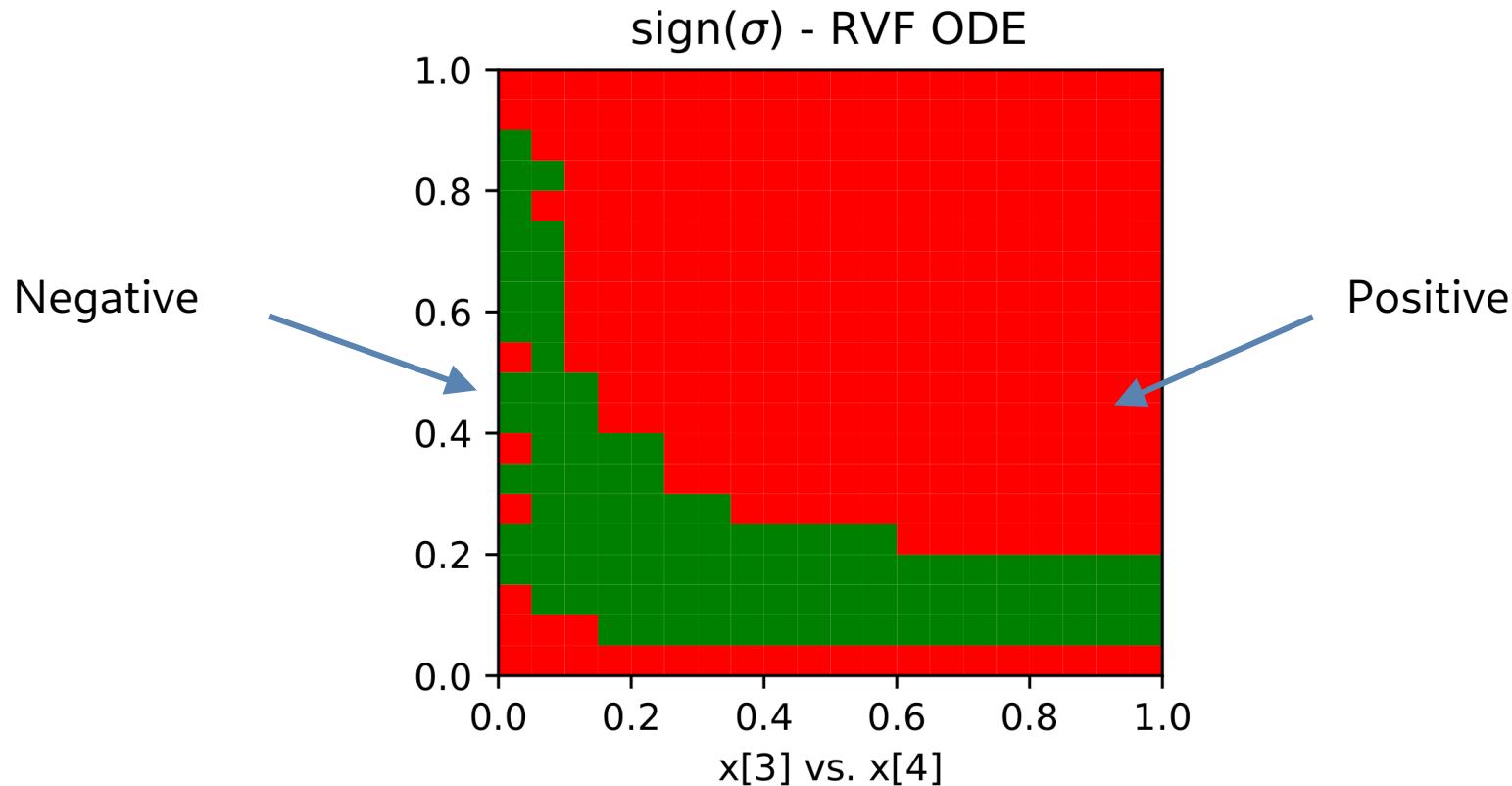
- + The total variance is now bounded by the individual variances
- The mappings are more complicated (need high phase space efficiency)

Results LO and NLO

Contribution	$\sigma_B \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{RF} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{RU} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{VF} \cdot 10^{-1}$
δ^{opt}	0.0001	0.008	0.01	0.006
CPU cost [a.u.]	1	6	1.5	1.3
VEGAS				
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	5.3278 ± 0.002	6.967 ± 0.01	-5.378 ± 0.02	-4.487 ± 0.006
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	5.3284 ± 0.002	8.955 ± 0.01	4.432 ± 0.006	1.403 ± 0.0008
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	$-0.0006446 \pm 5e-07$	-1.981 ± 0.004	-9.8098 ± 0.008	-5.8939 ± 0.003
Σ^\pm	5.3278 ± 0.002	6.973 ± 0.01	-5.378 ± 0.01	-4.4909 ± 0.003
ϵ_Φ^+	0.99	0.728	0.639	0.808
ϵ_Φ^-	0.824	0.384	0.852	0.95
$\epsilon^+(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^+)$	0.13 (0.43)	0.048 (0.098)	0.02 (0.048)	0.082 (0.21)
$\epsilon^-(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^-)$	0.016 (0.066)	0.013 (0.021)	0.049 (0.17)	0.12 (0.27)
ODE Flow				
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	5.3279 ± 0.0005	6.98 ± 0.009	-5.394 ± 0.01	-4.483 ± 0.006
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	5.32872 ± 0.0004	8.9494 ± 0.002	4.4185 ± 0.002	1.4018 ± 0.0001
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	$-0.00064495 \pm 1e-07$	-1.9844 ± 0.0006	-9.802 ± 0.003	-5.89315 ± 0.0005
Σ^\pm	5.32808 ± 0.0004	6.965 ± 0.003	-5.3835 ± 0.004	-4.4914 ± 0.0006
ϵ_Φ^+	1.0	0.991	0.992	1.0
ϵ_Φ^-	0.997	0.99	0.987	0.999
$\epsilon^+(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^+)$	0.33 (0.7)	0.025 (0.3)	0.0059 (0.099)	0.11 (0.56)
$\epsilon^-(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^-)$	0.055 (0.36)	0.028 (0.17)	0.02 (0.16)	0.12 (0.73)
Coupling Layer Flow				
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	5.32795 ± 0.0003	6.972 ± 0.009	-5.39 ± 0.01	-4.492 ± 0.006
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	5.32807 ± 0.0003	8.949 ± 0.002	4.4101 ± 0.002	$1.40155 \pm 9e-05$
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	$-0.000644883 \pm 3e-08$	-1.9821 ± 0.0007	-9.8 ± 0.002	-5.89183 ± 0.0003
Σ^\pm	5.32742 ± 0.0003	6.9669 ± 0.003	-5.3899 ± 0.004	-4.49028 ± 0.0004
ϵ_Φ^+	1.0	0.989	0.988	1.0
ϵ_Φ^-	1.0	0.99	0.994	1.0
$\epsilon^+(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^+)$	0.53 (0.81)	0.028 (0.24)	0.0082 (0.046)	0.17 (0.63)
$\epsilon^-(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^-)$	0.11 (0.79)	0.0074 (0.06)	0.009 (0.19)	0.4 (0.79)

Observation #2:
 Splitting can give a significant performance gains for flow based integrators
 → requires high phase space eff.

Non-trivial positive/negative structure



Results NNLO

Contribution	$\sigma_{RRF} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{RRSU} \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\sigma_{RRDU} \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\sigma_{RVF} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{RVFR} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{RVDU} \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\sigma_{VVF} \cdot 10^{-0}$
δ^{opt}	0.0079	0.0036	0.013	0.0081	0.0018	0.0045	0.011
CPU cost [a.u.]	53	26	8	1542	2.7	2.7	13
VEGAS							
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	-0.3 ± 0.02	2.835 ± 0.0069	-2.461 ± 0.017	-6.808 ± 0.022	0.2864 ± 0.0023	0.267 ± 0.0049	14.768 ± 0.014
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	3.823 ± 0.013	3.718 ± 0.0056	5.639 ± 0.0065	1.669 ± 0.0026	1.051 ± 0.0014	2.381 ± 0.0011	16.711 ± 0.0067
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	-4.135 ± 0.013	-0.8813 ± 0.0022	-8.078 ± 0.0085	-8.4539 ± 0.0068	-0.7635 ± 0.0012	-2.1114 ± 0.0012	-1.955 ± 0.0011
Σ^\pm	-0.312 ± 0.025	2.836 ± 0.0079	-2.439 ± 0.015	-6.785 ± 0.0094	0.2871 ± 0.0025	0.2696 ± 0.0023	14.756 ± 0.0078
ϵ_Φ^+	0.54	0.732	0.803	0.55	0.593	0.946	0.956
ϵ_Φ^-	0.513	0.402	0.8	0.871	0.501	0.916	0.816
$\epsilon^+(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^+)$	0.004 (0.0052)	0.0073 (0.017)	0.0018 (0.022)	0.013 (0.024)	0.025 (0.06)	0.029 (0.22)	0.015 (0.1)
$\epsilon^-(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^-)$	0.0041 (0.0053)	0.0035 (0.01)	0.0037 (0.019)	0.014 (0.038)	0.021 (0.05)	0.011 (0.11)	0.024 (0.17)
ODE Flow							
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	-0.333 ± 0.011	2.823 ± 0.0048	-2.421 ± 0.015	-6.784 ± 0.0081	0.2893 ± 0.0019	0.271 ± 0.0046	14.758 ± 0.012
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	3.812 ± 0.0063	3.7056 ± 0.0028	5.6439 ± 0.0036	1.6764 ± 0.00085	1.0495 ± 0.00038	2.3806 ± 0.00043	16.72 ± 0.0026
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	-4.142 ± 0.0057	-0.8848 ± 0.0045	-8.071 ± 0.0068	-8.4578 ± 0.0019	-0.76271 ± 0.00026	-2.1109 ± 0.0005	-1.9554 ± 0.00023
Σ^\pm	-0.33 ± 0.012	2.821 ± 0.0073	-2.427 ± 0.01	-6.7814 ± 0.0027	0.2868 ± 0.00064	0.2697 ± 0.00093	14.765 ± 0.0028
ϵ_Φ^+	0.855	0.945	0.977	0.988	0.981	0.998	0.999
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$\epsilon^+(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^+)$	0.0013 (0.0027)	0.0028 (0.022)	0.003 (0.023)	0.0029 (0.067)	0.0081 (0.099)	0.03 (0.27)	0.0086 (0.49)
$\epsilon^-(\epsilon_{0.1\%}^-)$	0.0019 (0.0053)	0.00025 (0.00025)	0.0018 (0.0096)	0.051 (0.25)	0.017 (0.095)	0.017 (0.18)	0.17 (0.49)
Coupling Layer Flow							
$\hat{\sigma} \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}$	-0.317 ± 0.01	2.829 ± 0.0044	-2.414 ± 0.014	-6.778 ± 0.0079	0.285 ± 0.0019	0.276 ± 0.0045	14.771 ± 0.012
$\hat{\sigma}^+ \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^+$	3.814 ± 0.0054	3.7038 ± 0.0025	5.6425 ± 0.0039	1.676 ± 0.0024	1.05 ± 0.00059	2.3799 ± 0.00043	16.718 ± 0.0021
$\hat{\sigma}^- \pm \delta\hat{\sigma}^-$	$-4.134 + 0.0063$	-0.8849 ± 0.0015	-8.0756 ± 0.0047	-8.456 ± 0.0026	-0.76256 ± 0.00055	-2.1091 ± 0.00036	-1.95479 ± 0.00011
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ϵ_Φ^+	0.838	0.956	0.985	0.987	0.988	0.998	1.0
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