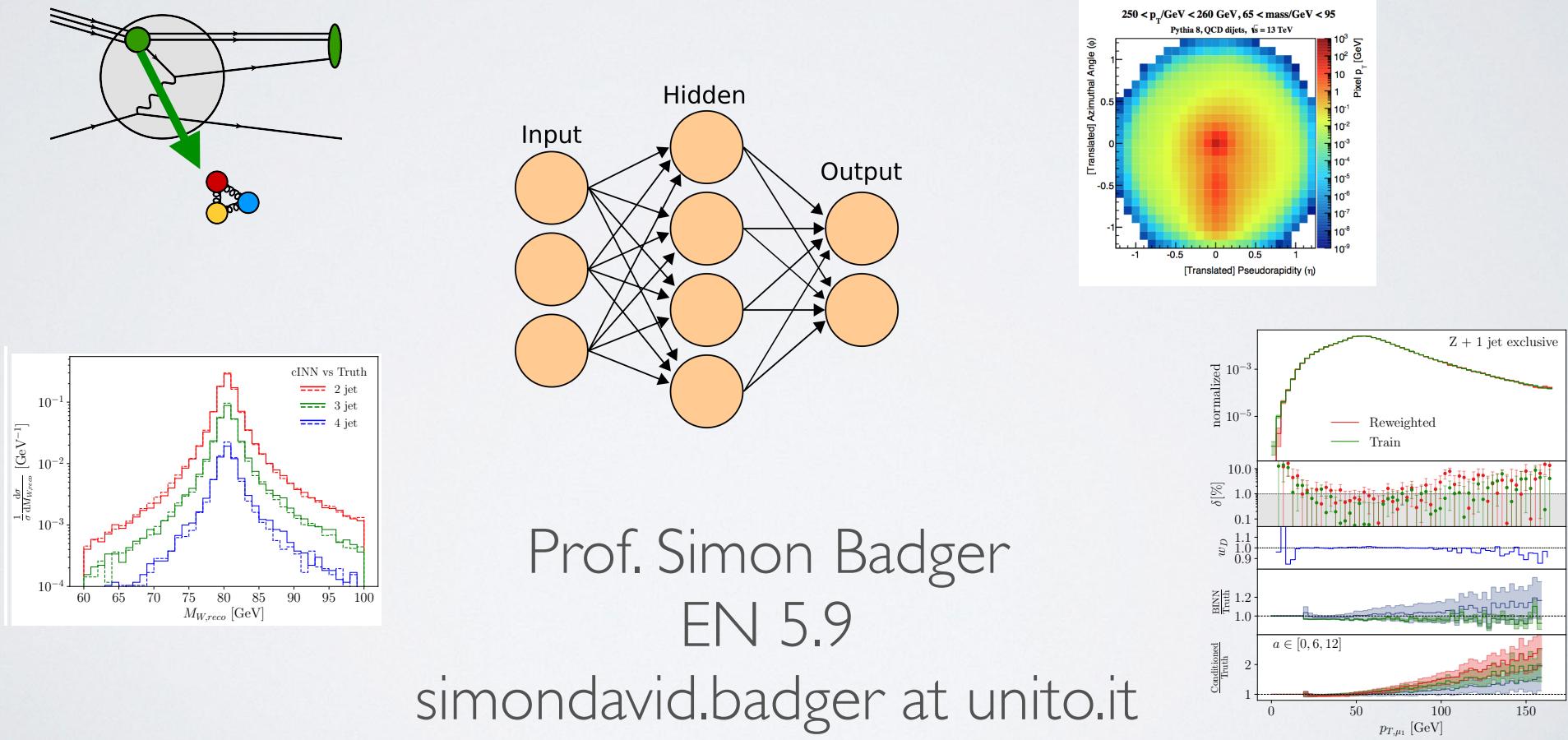


# Machine Learning for applied and high energy physics



# Course overview

some motivation

## High energy collider phenomenology

From field theory to experiment

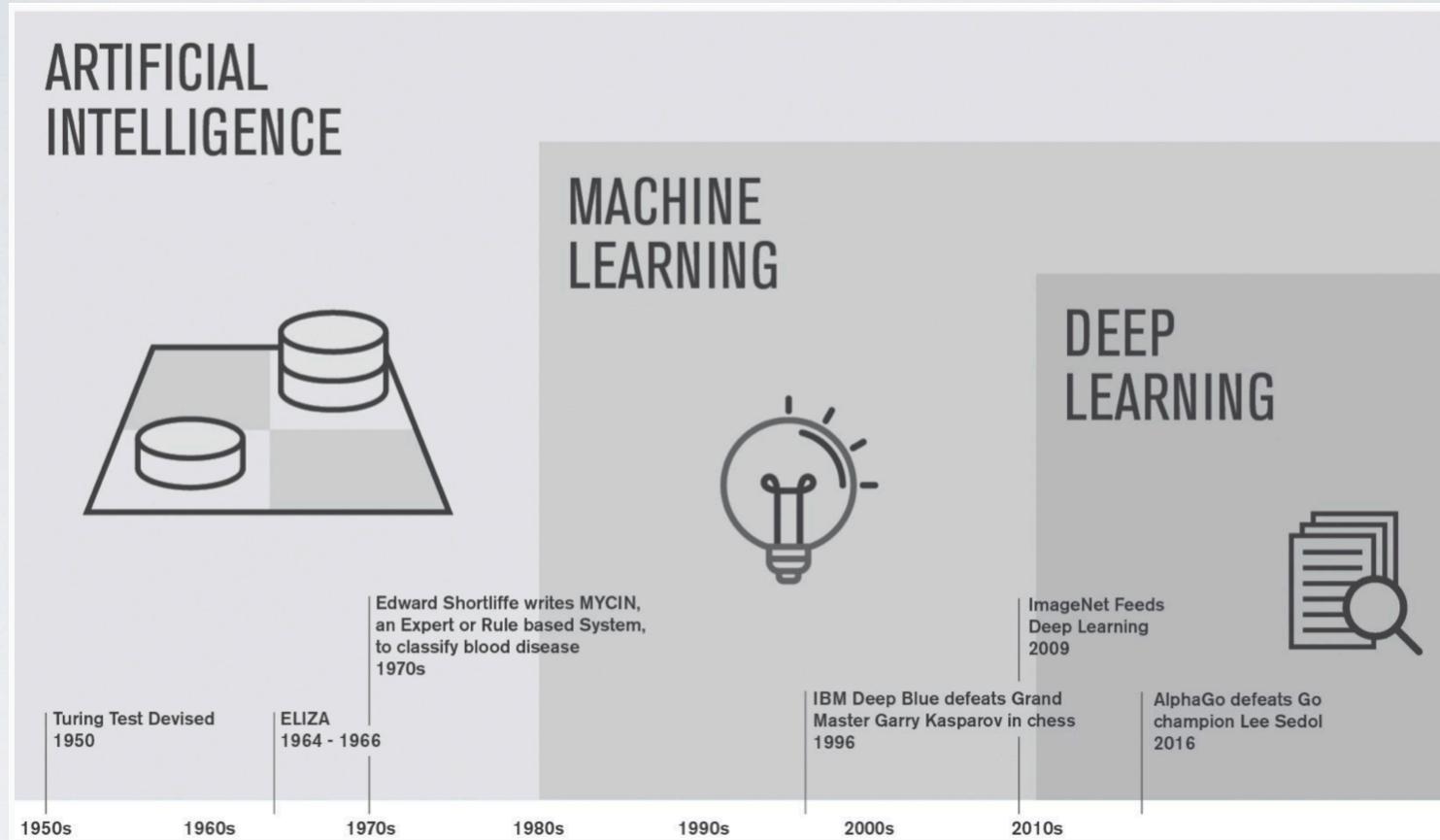
## Simulations

The high cost of numerical integration

## Machine Learning for fundamental physics

How can ML help us understand the laws of Nature

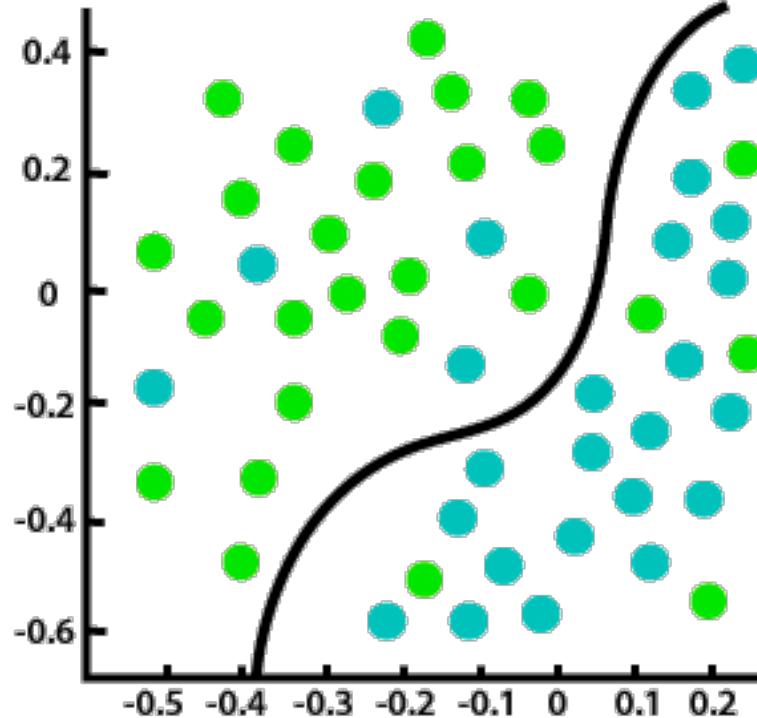
# ML algorithms have been around for a while



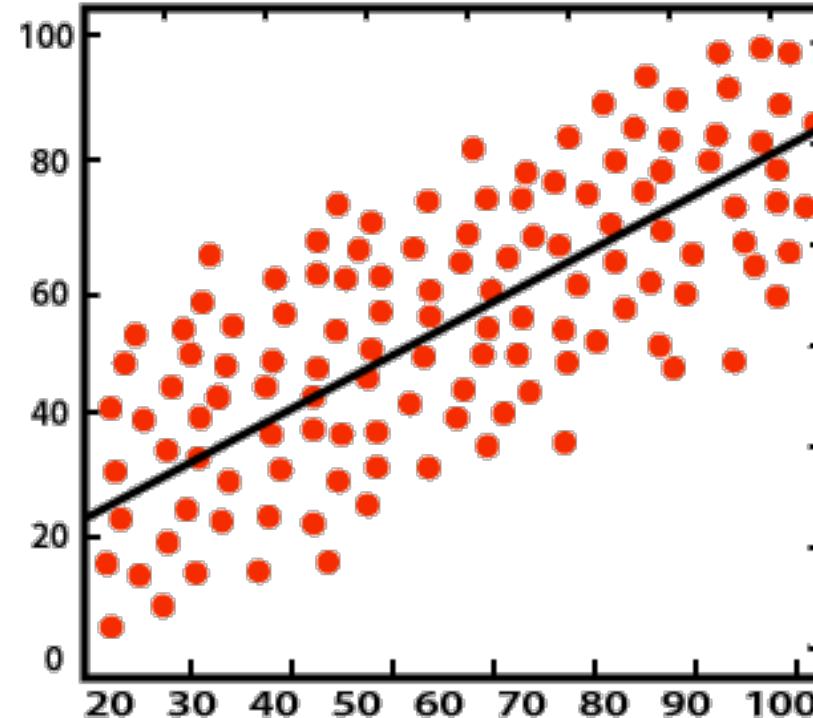
also in HEP

e.g. Finding Gluon Jets With a Neural Trigger,  
Lonnblad, Petersen, Rognvaldsson (1990)

# Supervised Learning



Classification



Regression

“Learn from examples”

# the world of ML techniques can be a bit intimidating



# Course overview

## structure

- Introduction to collider simulations [1]  
What are the aims? What are the challenges?
- Overview of Machine Learning in HEP [1]  
What techniques are being used? Look at the [Living Review](#). (Pandas dataframes)
- Non-linear regression: Neural Networks [2]  
Perceptron, analytic structure, training and backpropagation
- (Deep) Neural Networks [1]  
Optimised training methods, TensorFlow examples

# Course overview

## structure

- Logistic Regression for Classification [2]  
Cross-entropy, Soft-Max, ROC curves
- Application: Supersymmetry searches [1]  
signal/background discrimination
- Application: Optimising collider simulations [2]  
Phase space integration, Amplitude Neural Networks, Neural network errors
- Convolutional Neural Networks [1]  
2d image processing
- Application: Jet substructure and Jet image classification [1]  
Jet algorithms, CNNs for boosted Higgs searches

# Course overview

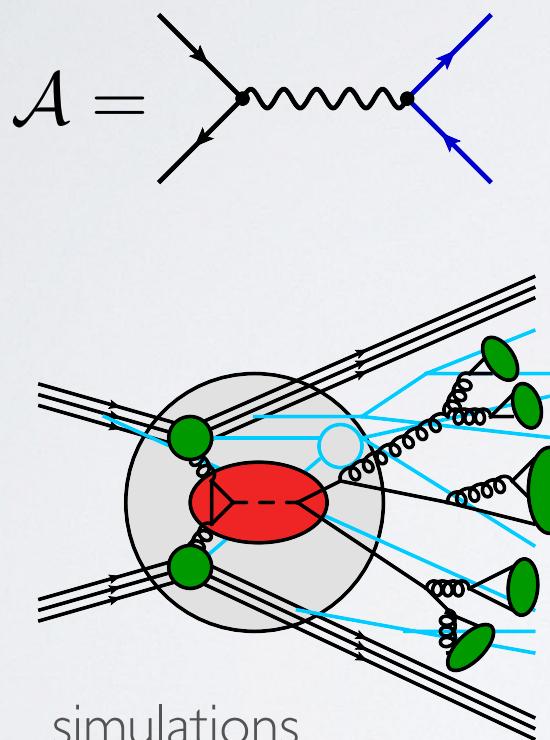
## Exam

- Project based assessment
- Demonstrate understanding of course elements
  - choose the right tool for the problem at hand
  - technical skills: demonstrate ability to extend code from a given examples
- 15 minute presentation
  - physics background
  - methods
  - results

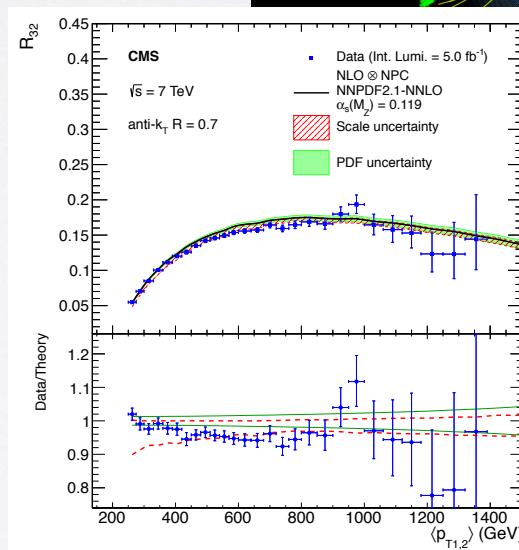
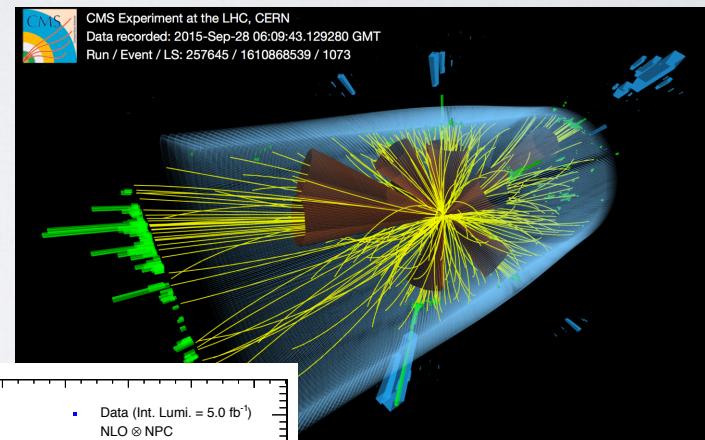
NB: no requirement to be original research - many examples in the 'Living Review' will be too much work

# I. Introduction to collider physics

amplitudes



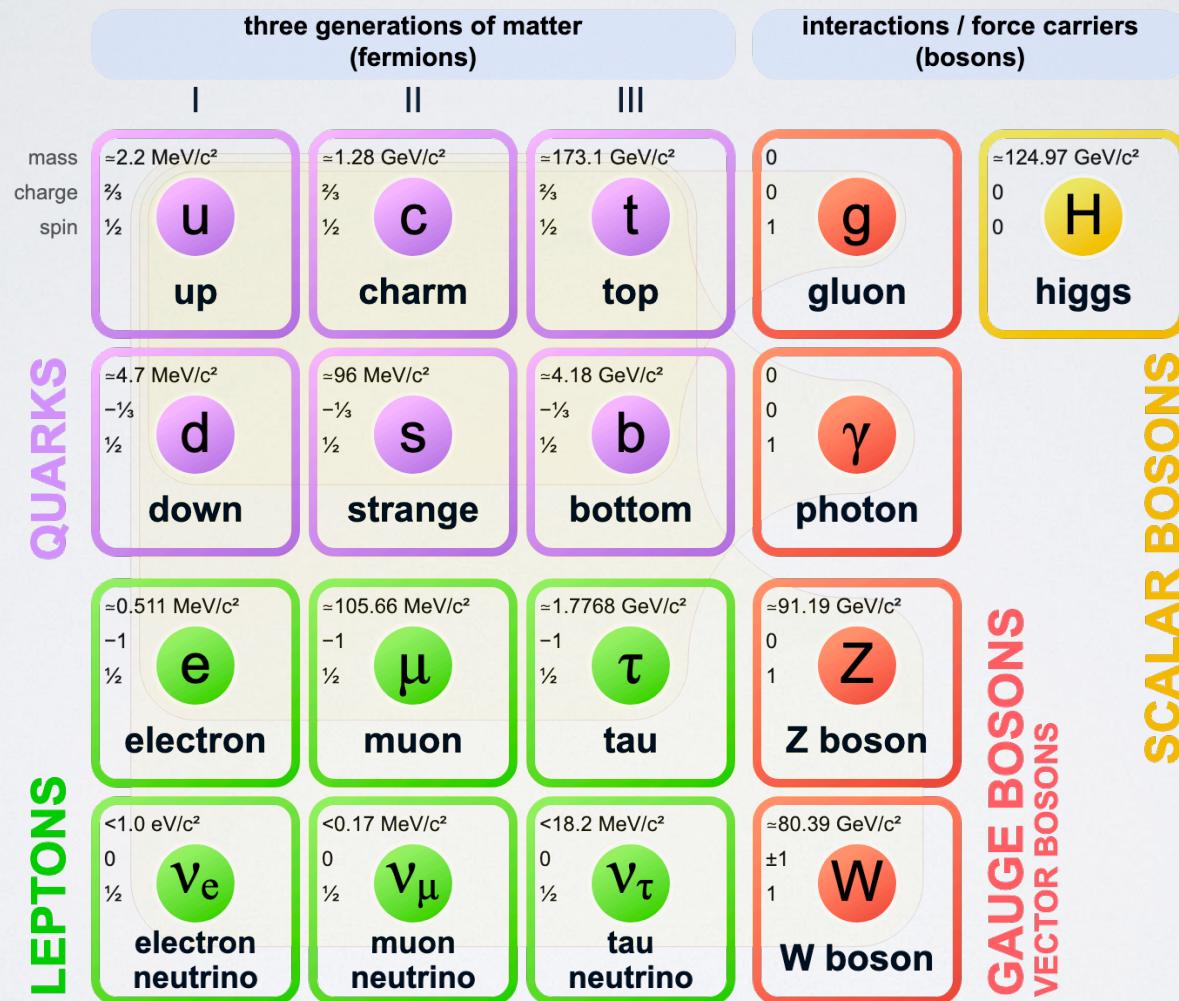
detectors



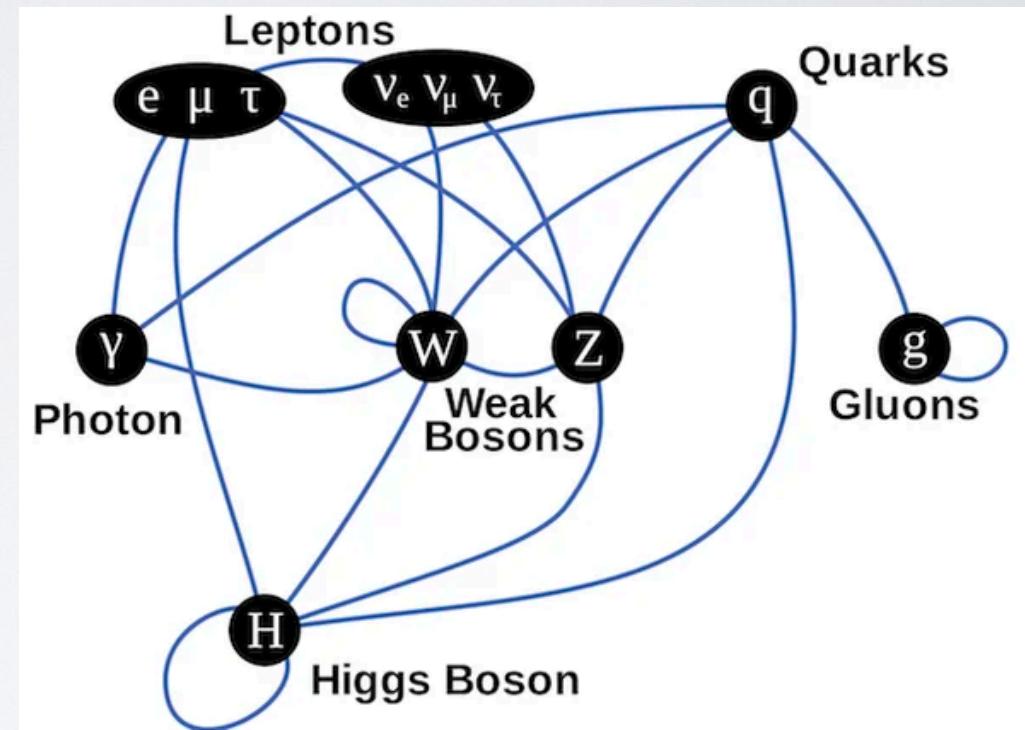
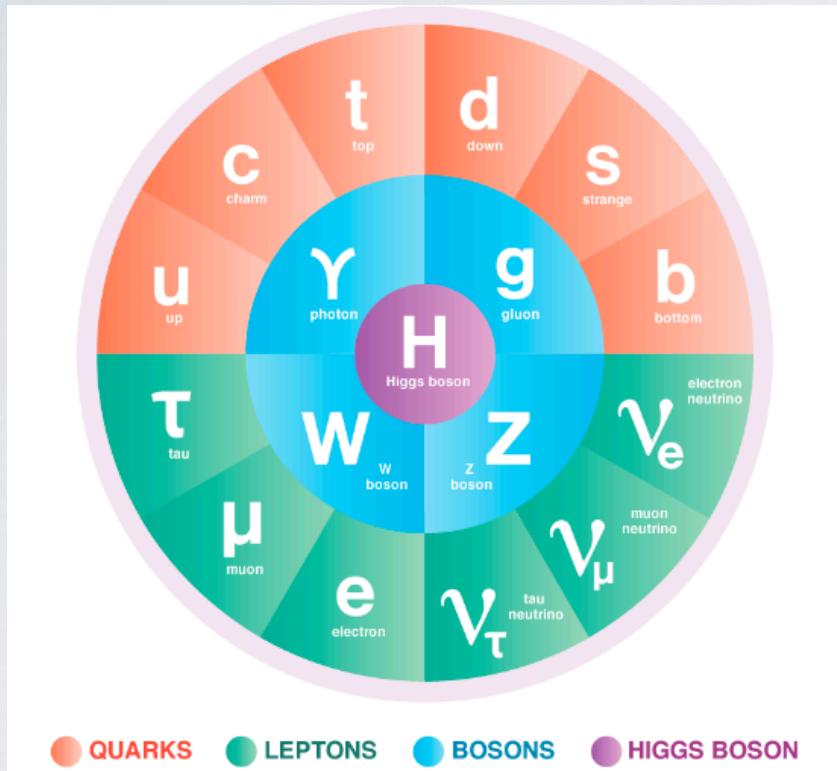
phenomenology

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

# Standard Model of Elementary Particles

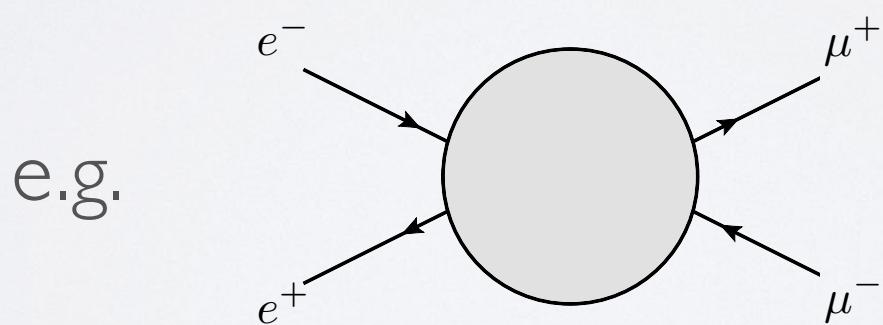


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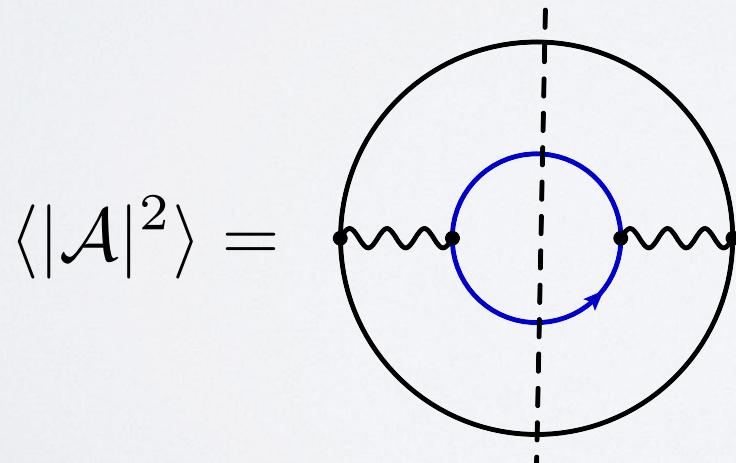
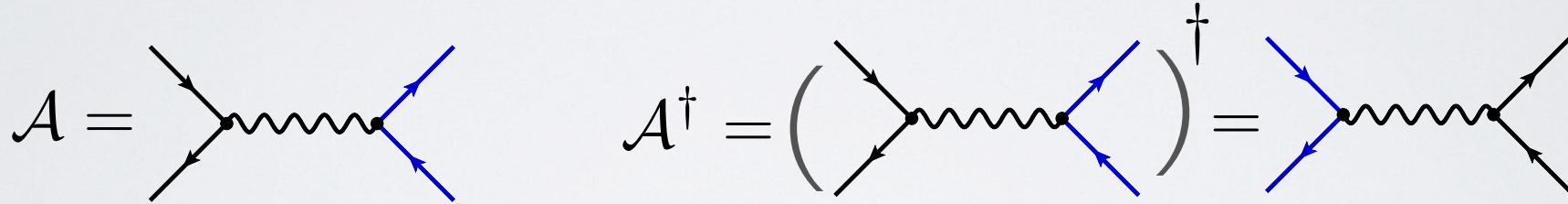
What do theorists see?  
scattering cross sections

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\text{flux}} \int \delta^{(4)}(Q - \sum_i p_i) \prod_i d^4 p \delta^{(+)}(p_i^2 - m_i^2) \langle |\mathcal{A}|^2 \rangle$$



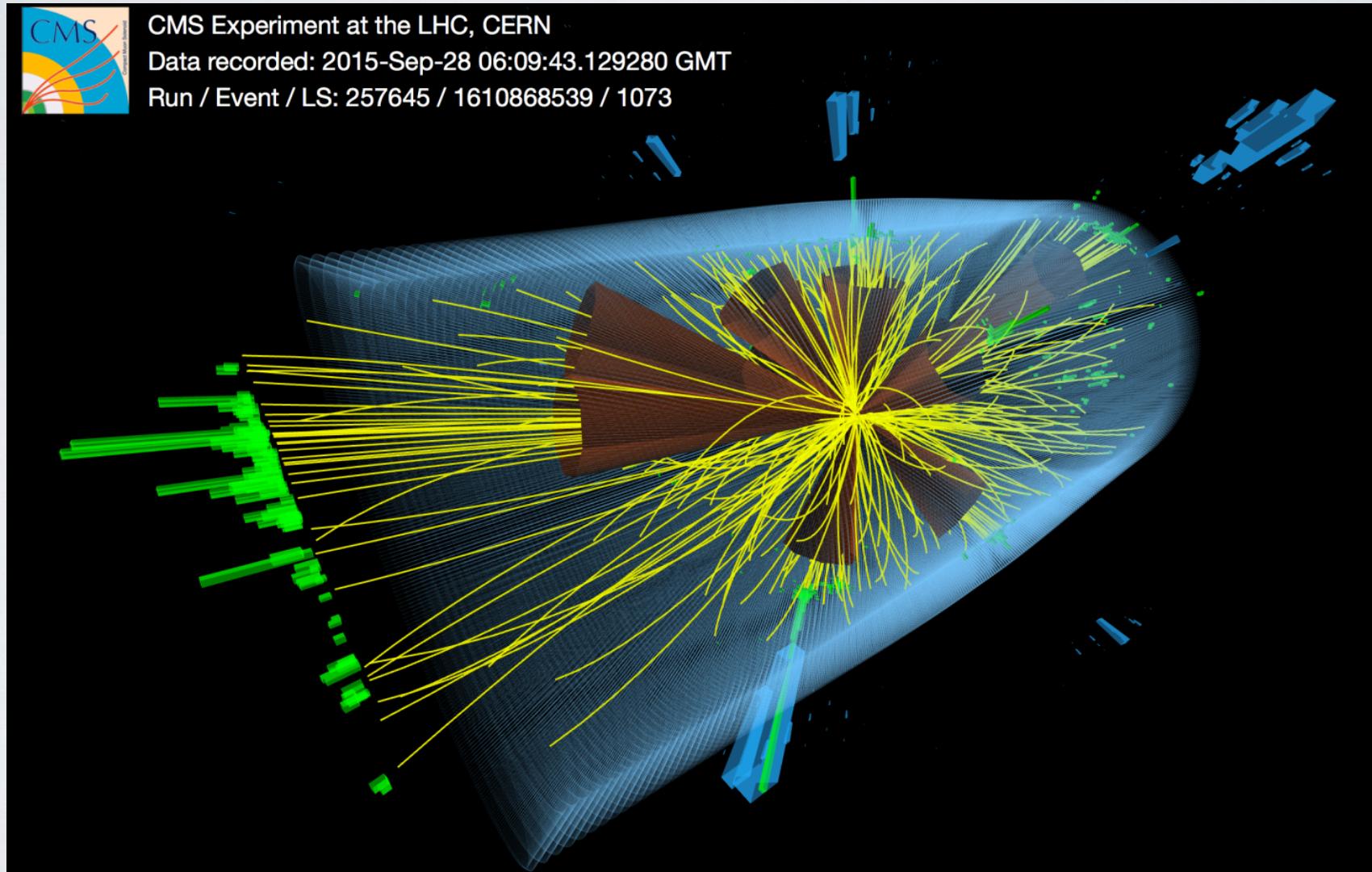
# Scattering amplitudes: Probabilities from the Lagrangian

$$\langle |\mathcal{A}|^2 \rangle = \sum_{\text{spins}} \mathcal{A}^\dagger \mathcal{A}$$



diagrammatic  
representation of the  
squared amplitude

# What do we see in the experiments?



# What do we see in the experiments?

tracking detectors

calorimeters

exclusive particle identification

(see  $\pi$ ,  $p$ ,  $J/\psi$  NOT  $u,d,c,g$ )

unstable particle decay

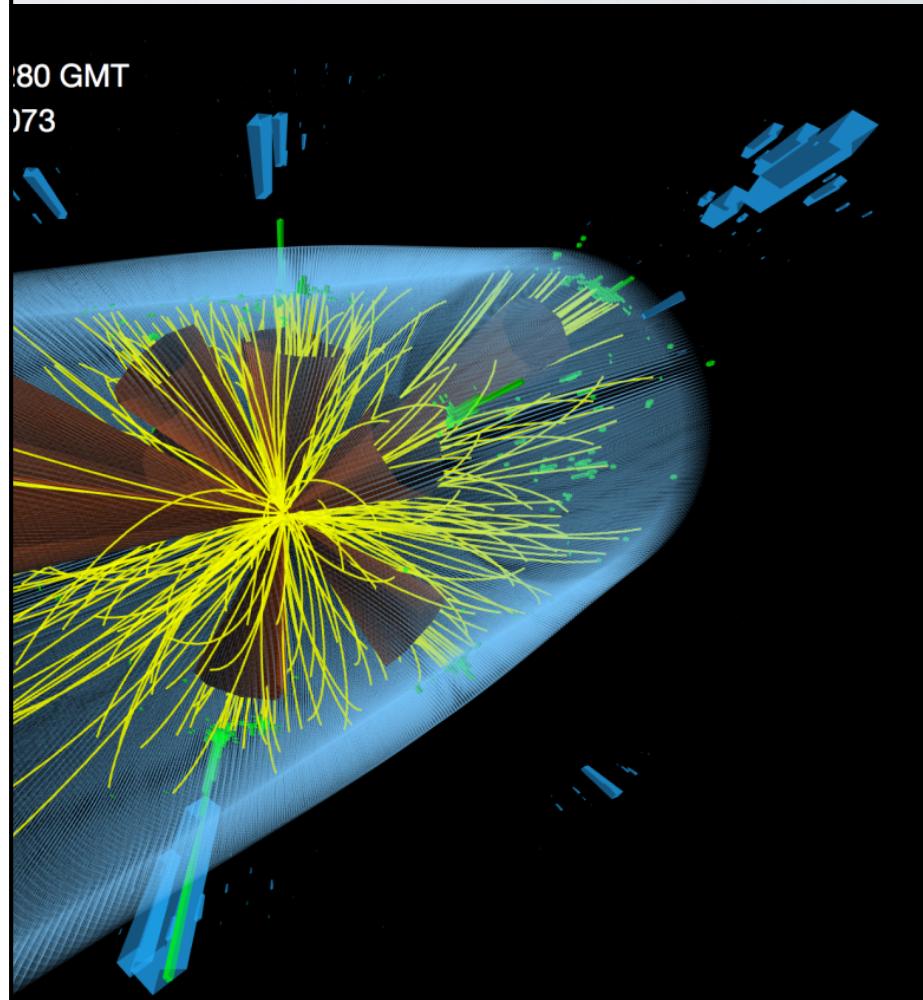
(see  $e,\mu,b$  NOT  $W,Z,H,t$ )

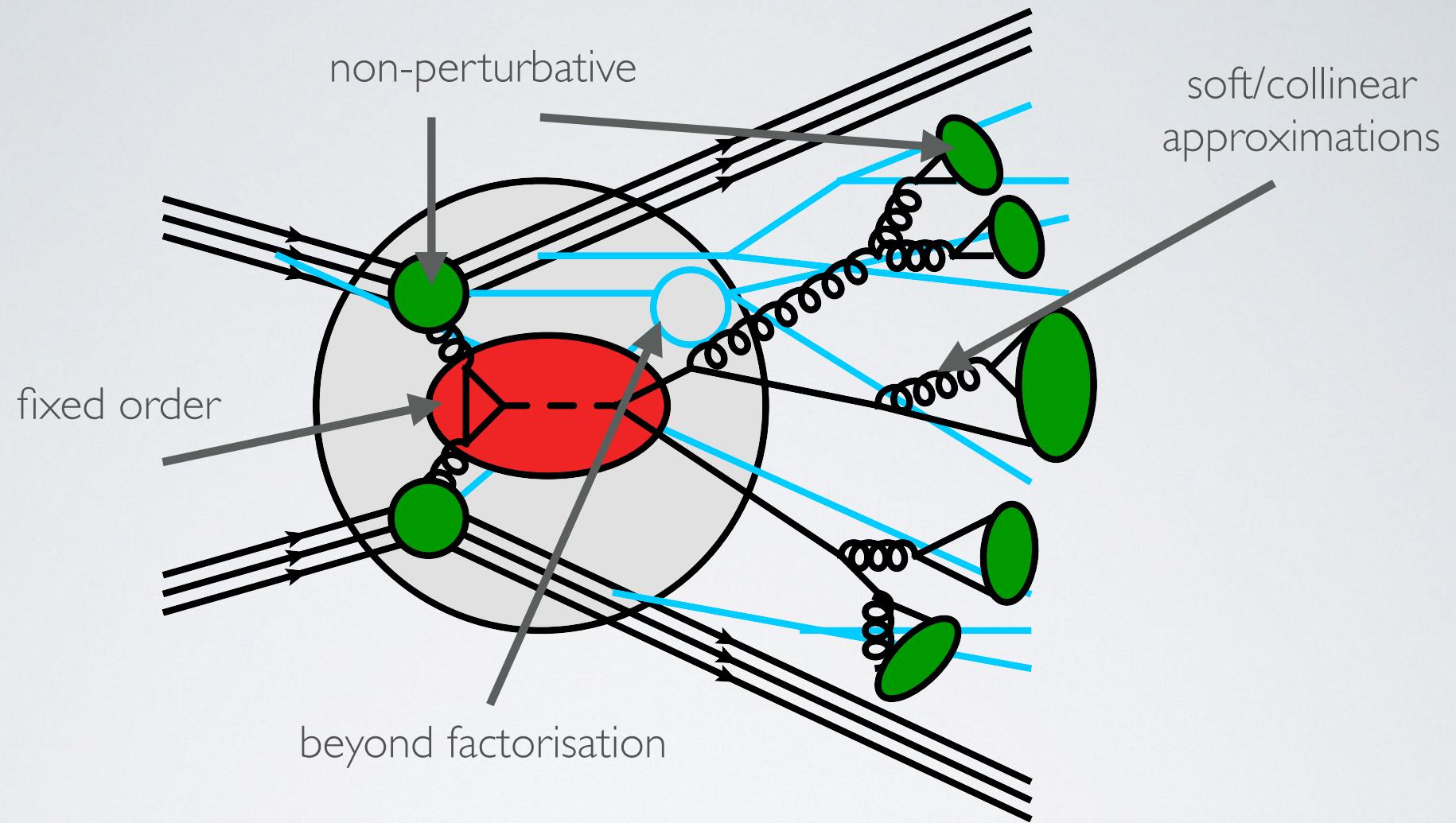
there will be missing energy

(can't see  $\nu$ )

precise physical dimensions!

(need fully differential theory predictions)





numerical **event simulations** using Monte Carlo integration

'Monte Carlo Event Generators'

# More on scattering at high energies

## Factorisation at hadron colliders (e.g. LHC)

$$\hat{\sigma} = \frac{1}{\text{flux}} \int \delta^{(4)}(Q - \sum_i p_i) \prod_i d^4 p \delta^{(+)}(p_i^2 - m_i^2) \langle |\mathcal{A}|^2 \rangle$$

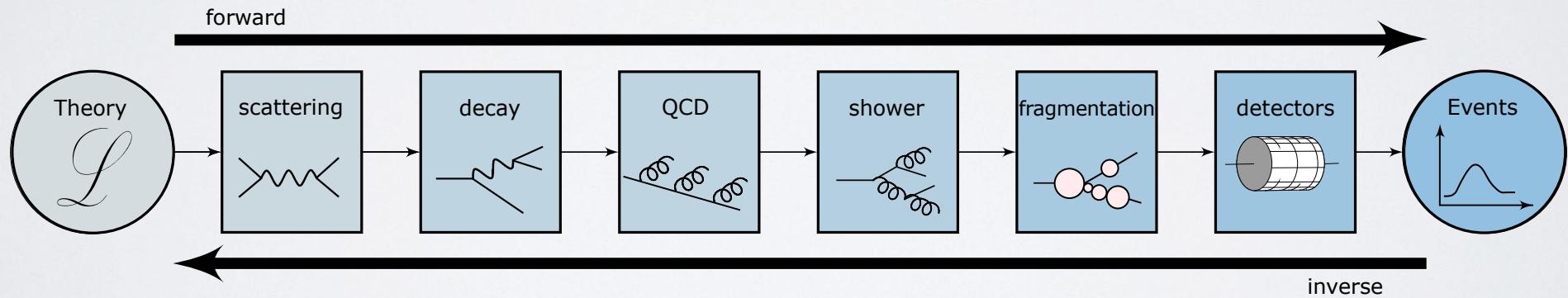
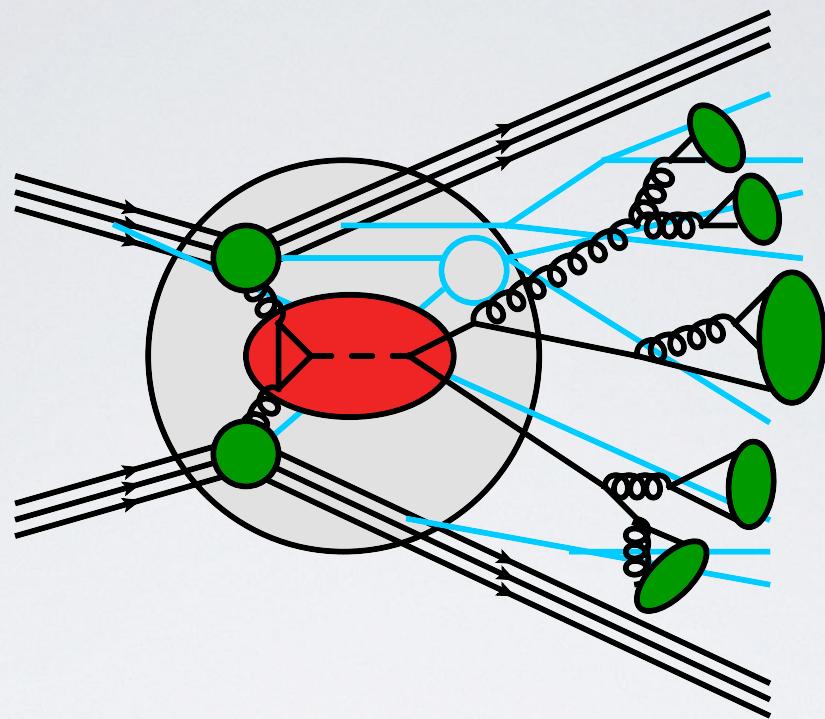
$$\sigma \sim \int dx_1 dx_2 f_i(x_1, Q^2) f_j(x_2, Q^2) \hat{\sigma}(ij \rightarrow \{p\}) \Theta + \mathcal{O}(Q/\Lambda)$$

PDF  
parton distribution function

observable  
(very broad definition)

beyond leading  
order factorisation

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the cross-section  $\sigma$  into three components. Three arrows point from the terms in the equation to their respective labels: one arrow points to  $f_i(x_1, Q^2) f_j(x_2, Q^2)$  labeled 'PDF parton distribution function', another points to  $\hat{\sigma}(ij \rightarrow \{p\})$  labeled 'observable (very broad definition)', and a third points to  $\Theta + \mathcal{O}(Q/\Lambda)$  labeled 'beyond leading order factorisation'.



what precision do we need?

determination of  
SM parameters

a lot!

general searches for  
BSM resonances

less...

e.g. Drell-Yan with ATLAS (2019)

Many experimental measurements approach 1% precision

Data	
$\sigma(W^+ \rightarrow \mu^+\nu)$ [pb]	$3110 \pm 0.5$ (stat.) $\pm 28$ (syst.) $\pm 59$ (lumi.)
$\sigma(W^- \rightarrow \mu^-\bar{\nu})$ [pb]	$2137 \pm 0.4$ (stat.) $\pm 21$ (syst.) $\pm 41$ (lumi.)
Sum [pb]	$5247 \pm 0.6$ (stat.) $\pm 49$ (syst.) $\pm 100$ (lumi.)
Ratio	$1.4558 \pm 0.0004$ (stat.) $\pm 0.0040$ (syst.)

QCD is the largest coupling and so dominates the perturbative expansion

$$\alpha_s(M_z^2) = 0.117 \pm 0.0009$$

PDG world average (2021)

$$\text{c.f. } \alpha^{(-1)}(0) = 137.035999150(33)$$

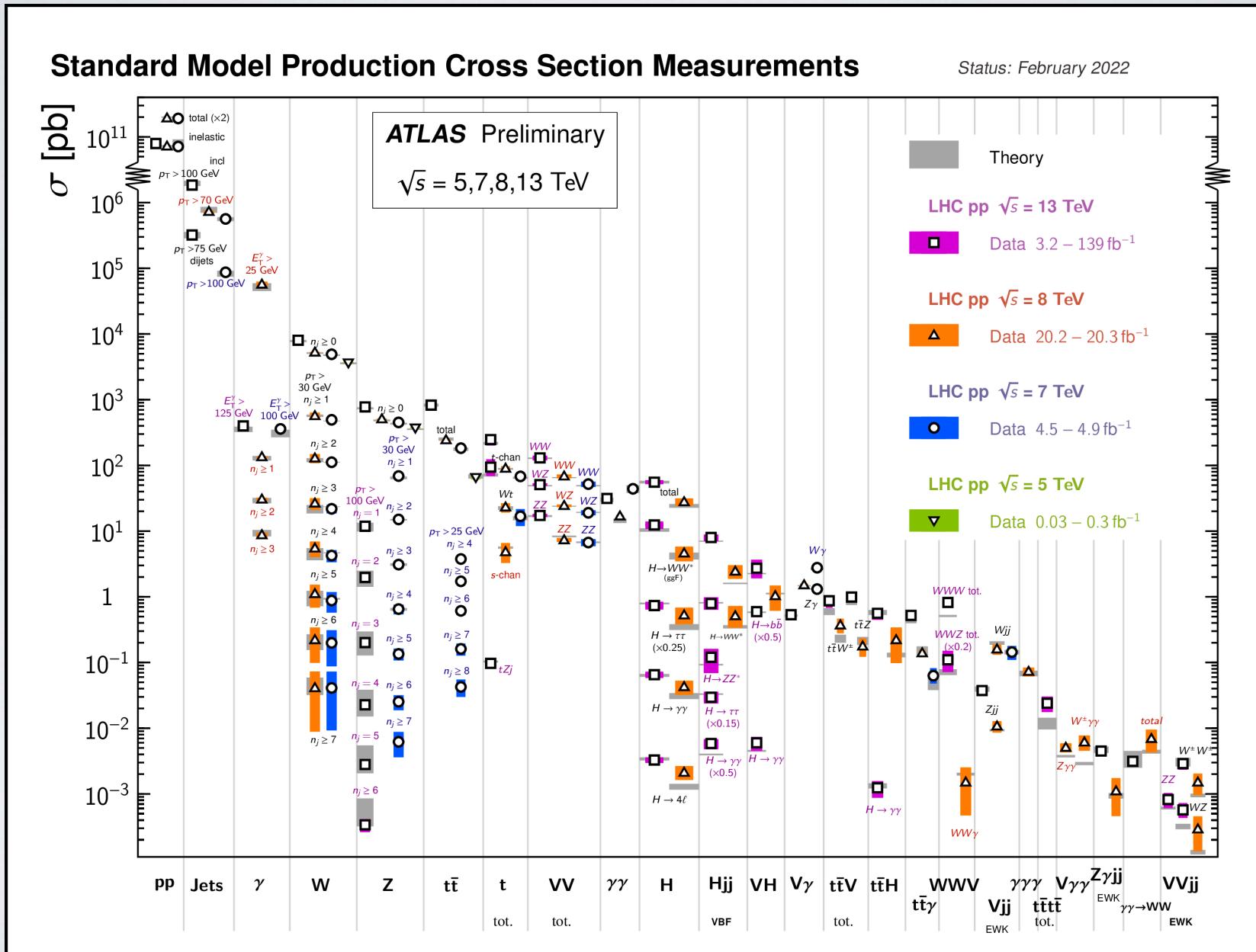
$$d\sigma = d\sigma^{\text{LO}} + \alpha_s d\sigma^{\text{NLO}} + \alpha_s^2 d\sigma^{\text{NNLO}}$$

**~10-30 %**      **~1-10 %**

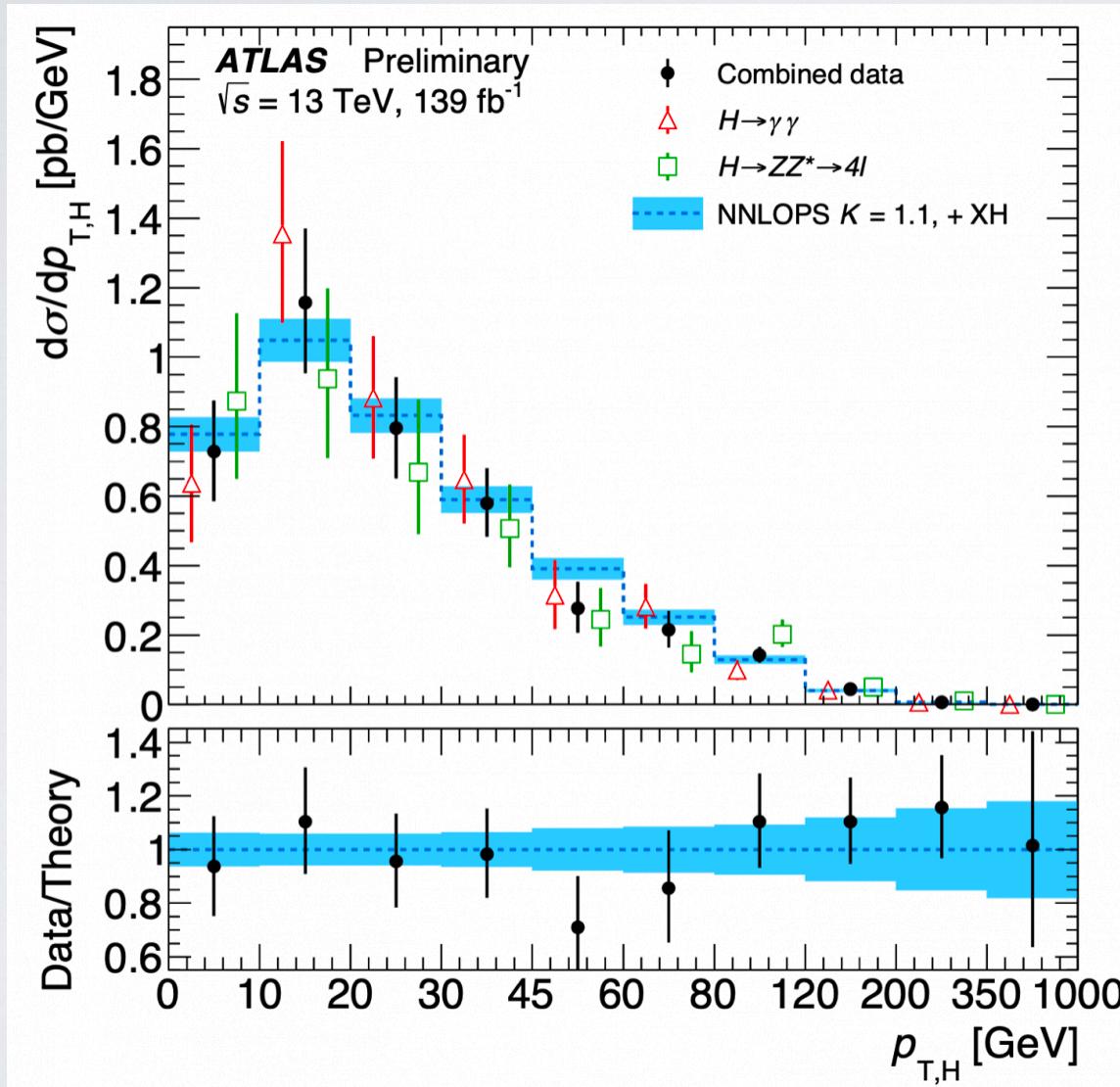
remember:  
RG improved PT  
is asymptotic

differentially many effects play a role: EW corrections, mass effects etc.

# Current Standard Model Tests

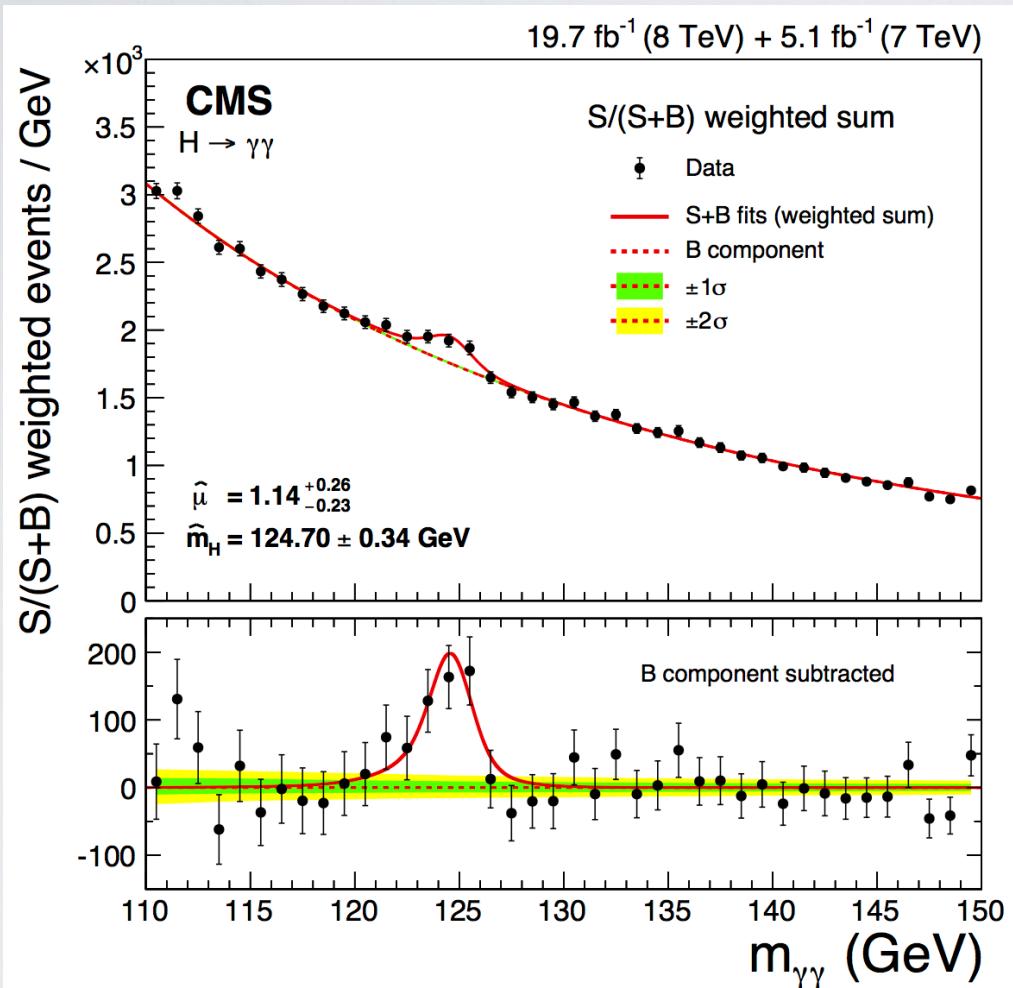


# Differential tests offer more information



area under the curve is  
the cross section

# Finding new particles



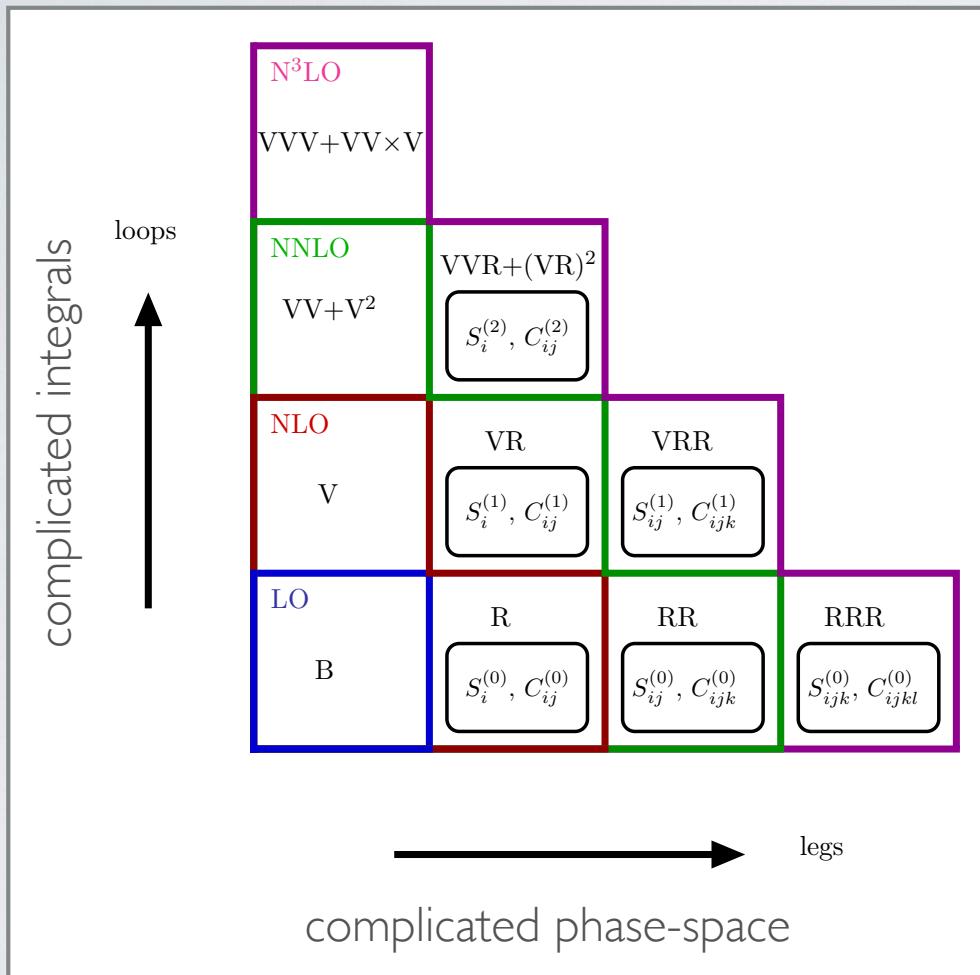
bump hunting is relatively easy

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \frac{1}{p^2 - m_h^2 - im_h\Gamma_h}$$

leads to the  
Breit-Wigner distribution

$\Gamma_h$  = decay width

# Precision theory for experiments: quantum corrections from fixed order calculations



$$d\sigma \left( \text{black circle} + X \right) = \text{white circle} + \text{light gray circle} + \text{medium gray circle} + \text{dark gray circle} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^8)$$

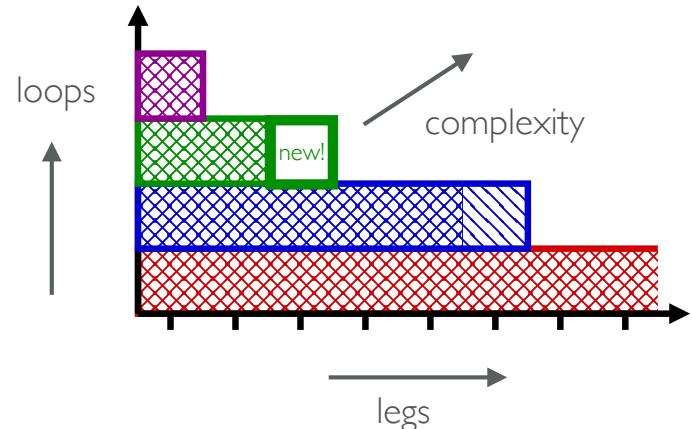
The equation shows the expansion of a differential cross-section  $d\sigma$  into various contributions. It starts with a black circle representing the full theory, followed by a white circle, a light gray circle, a medium gray circle, and a dark gray circle, separated by plus signs. The final term is  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^8)$ , indicating higher-order corrections.

keeping theory in line with  
experiments takes **years** of  
dedicated effort

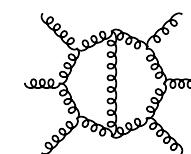
# Growing Complexity

loops	1	2	3	4	5
diagrams	5	30	450	50,000	$1.5 \times 10^6$
year	1973	1974	1980/1993	1997/2005	2016

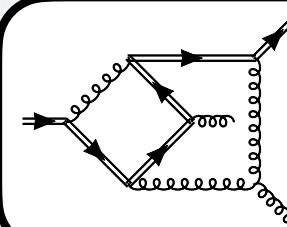
Diagrams contributing to QCD  $\beta$  function up to 5 loops



more scales = more complicated



algebraic complexity  
e.g. six-gluon scattering

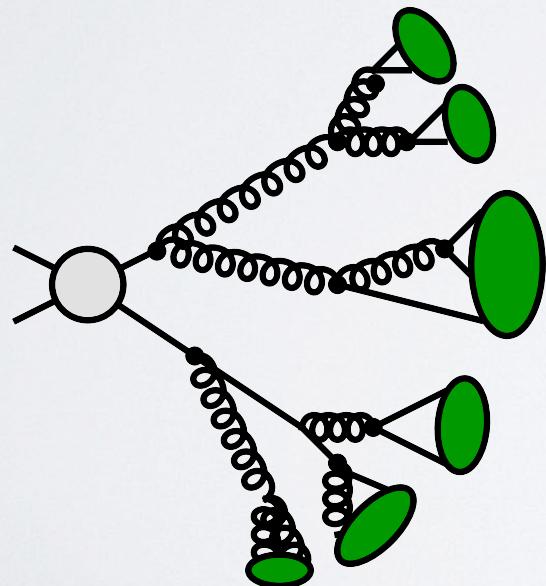


analytic complexity  
e.g.  $pp \rightarrow tt$

## More radiation: e.g. parton showers

The cancellation of IR divergences is connected to the universal singular behaviour of QCD

The probability of a parton emitting a soft or collinear gluon is independent of the hard scattering process



parton showers give a statistical evolution of the hard scattering process until the hadronisation scale is reached

the effect is an explicit re-summation of soft emissions **beyond fixed order** perturbation theory

# General purpose event generators (long term projects)

Pythia (1982-)

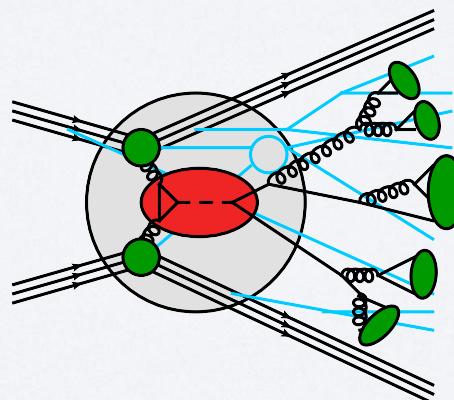
Herwig (1986-)

Sherpa (2002-)

Powheg (2004-)

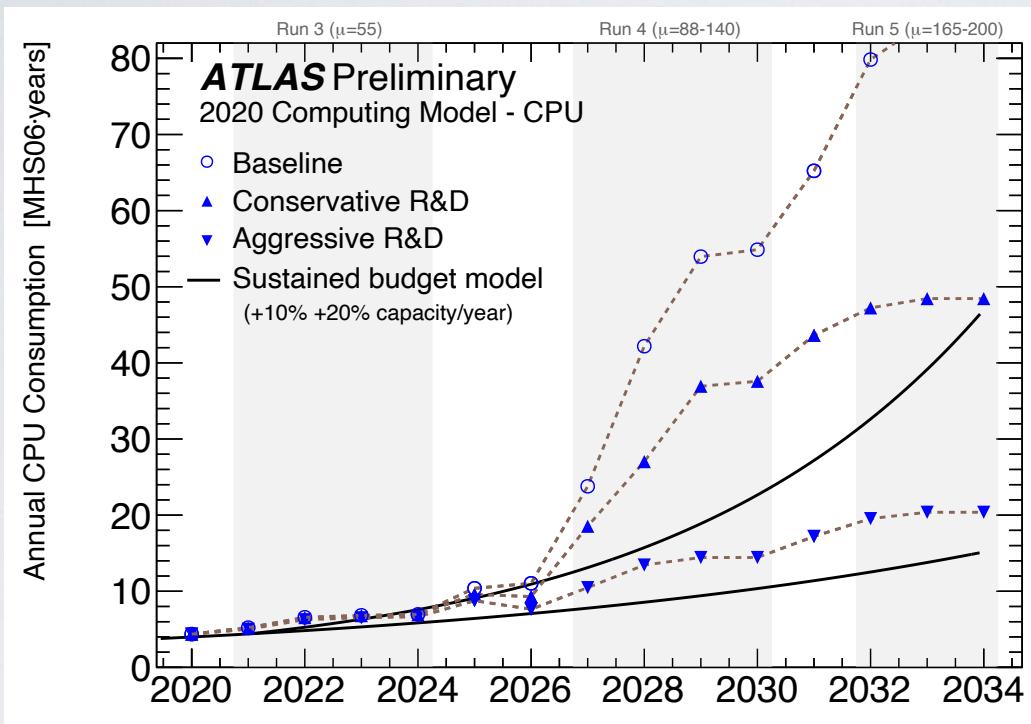
MadGraph (1994-)

collect large numbers  
of different models  
(hadronisations,  
parton showers etc.)  
and interface with  
specialised codes for  
PDFs, amplitudes etc.



what's the computational cost?

# LHC MC computing requirement projections

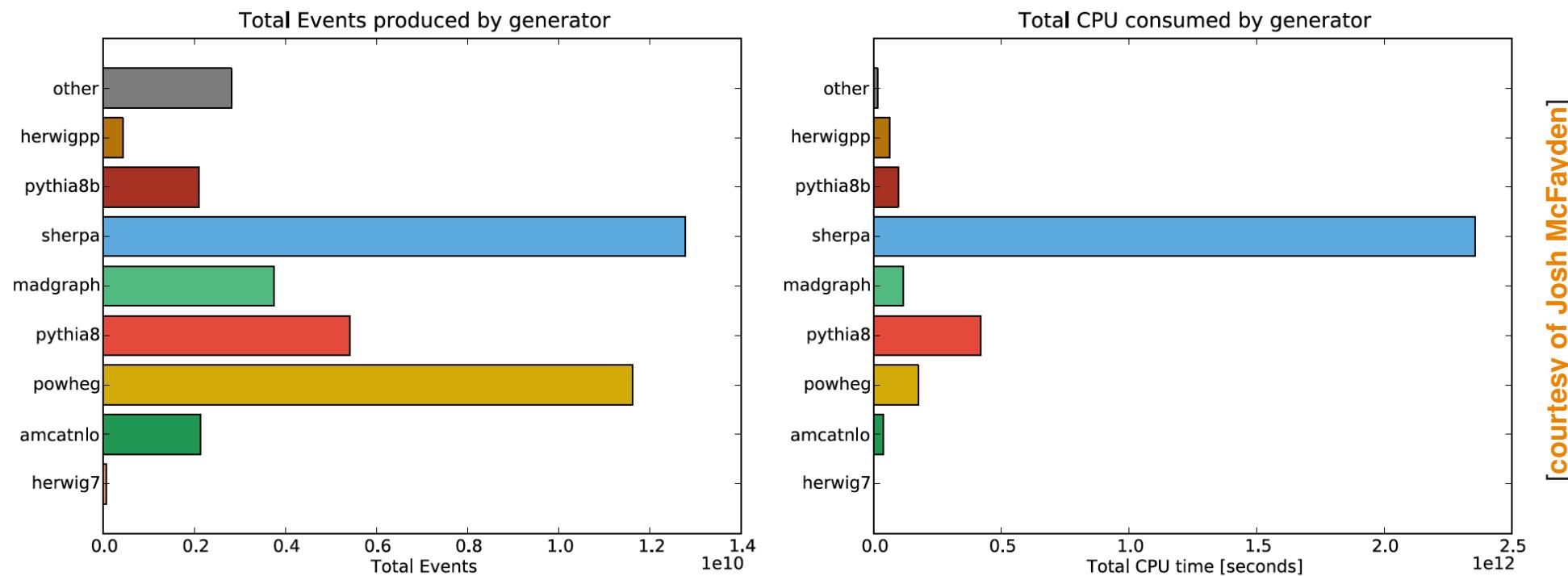


- Moore's Law no longer applies
- HL-LHC could have limitations from MC statistics without new developments

from  
Christian Güttschow  
at  
Taming the accuracy of event generators  
workshop CERN, June 2020

## Breakdown by generator (bit outdated, but not too bad)

- left plot: does not account for alternative multi-leg setups
- right plot: most CPU spent on high-precision multi-leg calculations  
(e.g. for ATLAS:  $V + 0, 1, 2j$ @NLO+3,  $4j$ @LO and  $t\bar{t} + 0, 1j$ @NLO+2, 3,  $4j$ @LO)

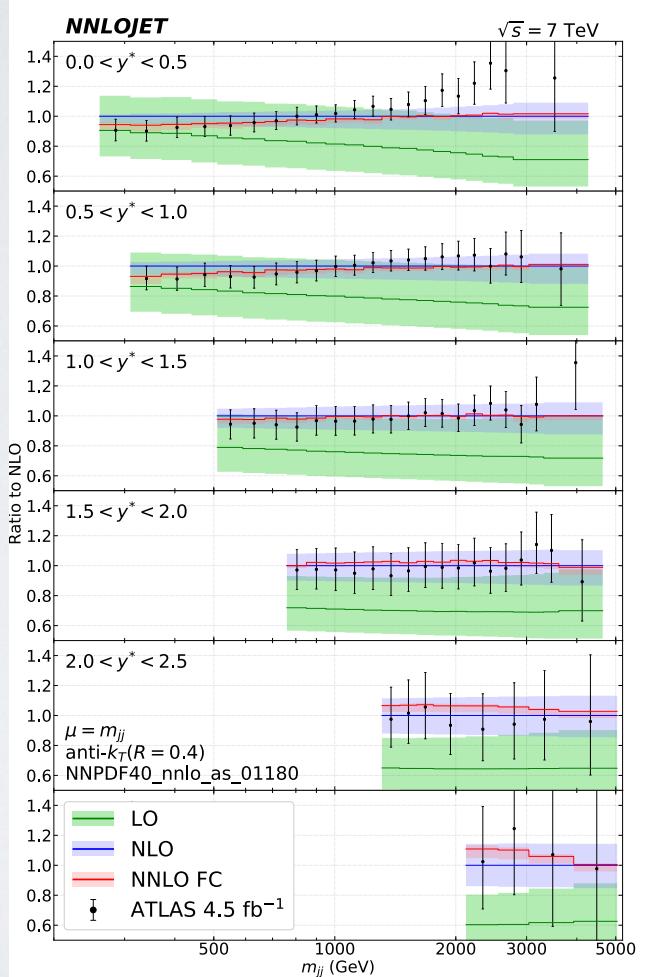


[courtesy of Josh McFayden]

- outlook: CPU spent on expensive setups expected to increase faster than for fast setups

# and for NNLO precision?

many are still specialized (private) codes, NNLOjet, MATRIX, etc.



for some of the most expensive  
fixed order simulations

~ 200,000 CPU hours

example: full colour di-jets [Chen et al 2204.10173]

# Conclusions

- Simulations for high energy collider physics are essential to link theory and experiment
- Full event simulations contain many steps, all of which come at a high computing cost
- Precision measurements are more important than ever and put increasing demand on computational tools.

## Backup slides

Some sketches on NLO computations and cancellation of IR divergences

# Making Precision Predictions

As mentioned before QFT contains divergences in both **UV** and **IR**

**observables** such as (differential) cross sections must be **inclusive** over the phase-space in order to capture the cancellations from **unresolved** radiation configurations

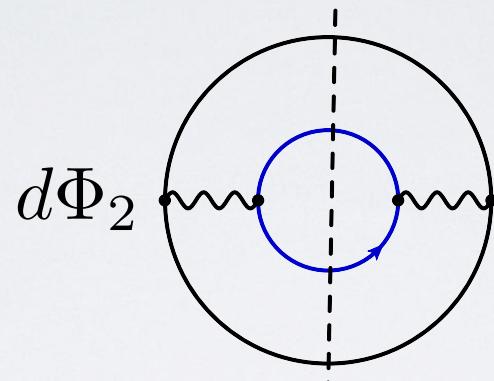
$$\sigma \left( \text{diagram} + X \right) = \int d\Omega_1 \left( \text{diagram} \right)^2 + \int d\Omega_2 \left( \text{diagram} \right)^2 + \int d\Omega_3 \left( \text{diagram} \right)^2 + \dots$$

now consider the perturbative expansion of these amplitudes

# Making Precision Predictions

QCD corrections to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

LO

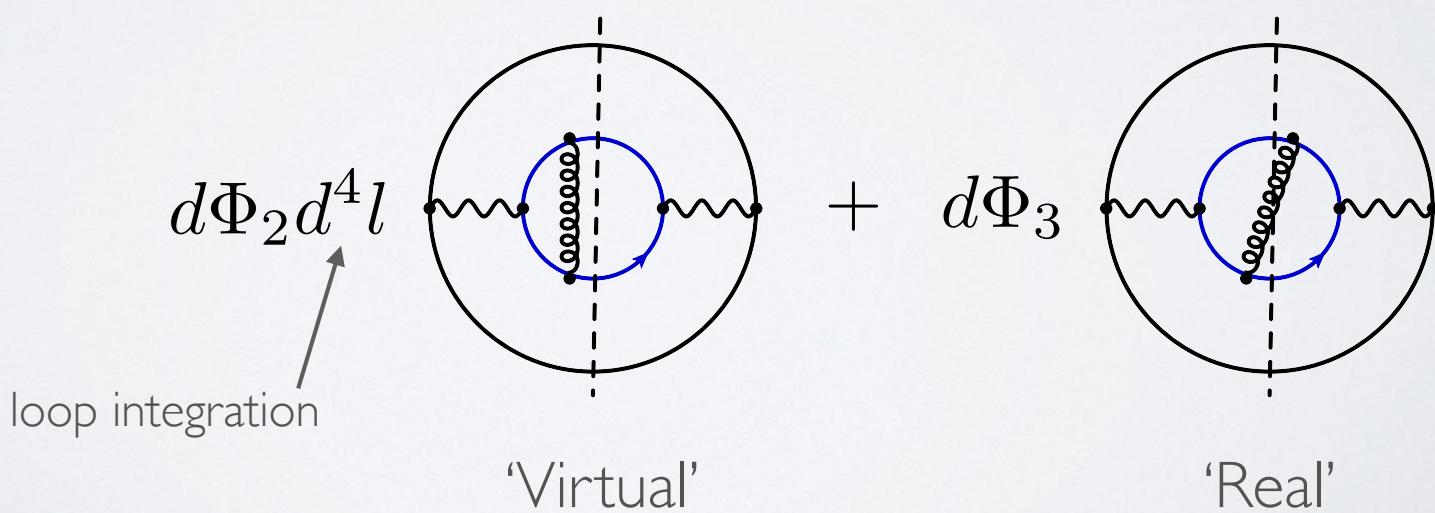


'Born'

IR divergences cancel between real and virtual corrections to physical observables.

Kinoshita-Lee-Nauenberg (KLN) theorem

NLO



# Making Precision Predictions

The full calculation involves many steps and techniques...

