Theory input for the measurement of W+c production at the LHC

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Outline:

→ Predictions for W+c! ...

→ ... and why you want to compute them

- *NNLO QCD predictions for W+c-jet production at the LHC*

  [Czakon, Mitov, MP, Poncelet; 2011.01011]

- *A detailed investigation of W+c-jet at the LHC*

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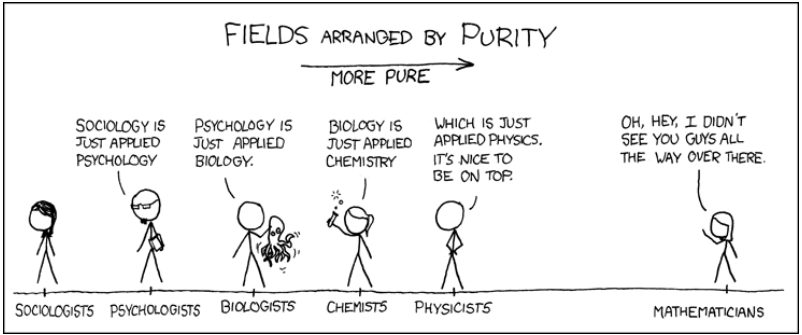
- **Comparison to data!**

  Measurement of the production cross section for a W boson in association with a charm quark in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

  [CMS + Czakon, Mitov, MP, Poncelet; 2308.02285]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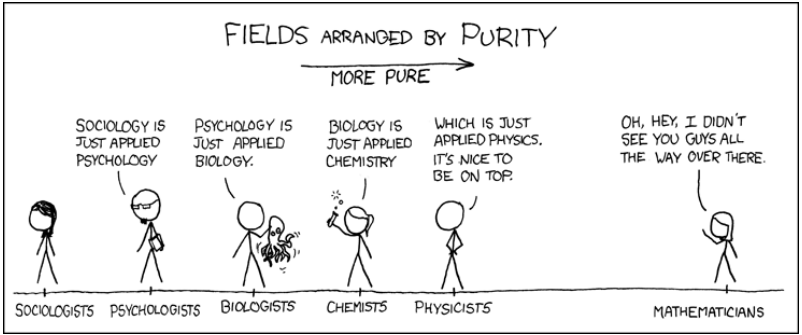
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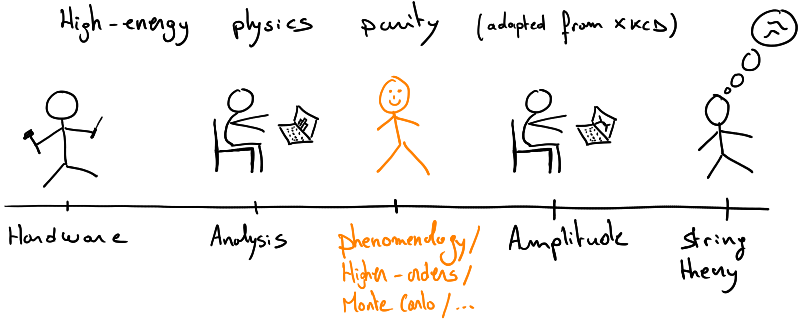
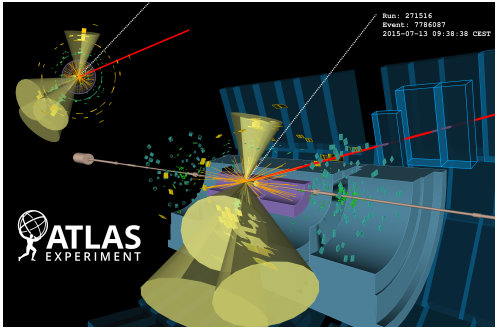
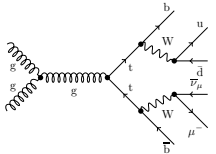

High-energy physics purity (adapted from xkcd)
Hardware
Analysis
Phenomenology/ Higher-orders/ Monte Carlo/...
Amplitude
String Theory

→ Illustration of Giordano Bruno's philosophical ideas ($\mathrm{XVI}^{th}\mathrm{century}$)

LHC: Great tool to probe fundamental interactions at high energies
→ Cross talk between **experiment** and **theory**



$$pp \to t^\star \bar{t}^\star \to (W^\star \to \nu_\mu \mu^-)\,(W^\star \to jj)\,b\bar{b}$$

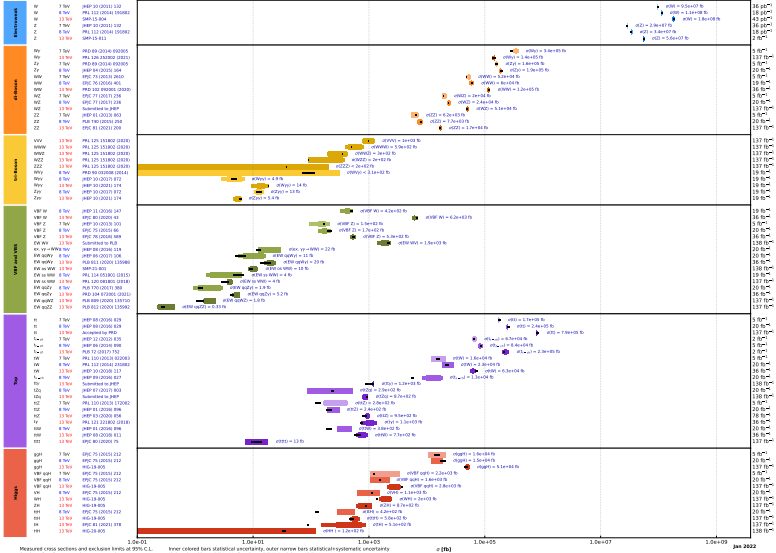


- Greatest achievement of the LHC so far:

Discovery of the Higgs boson

→ Great interest in measuring properties of the Higgs boson ...

... but there are also other interesting things



→ **Cross-sections measurements machine!**

State of the art: W+j

- NLO QCD:

  [Giele et al.; hep-ph/9302225], [Arnold et al.; Nucl.Phys. B319 (1989) 37-71, Phys.Rev. D40 (1989) 912], [Campbell et al.; hep-ph/0202176, 0809.3003, 1107.3714]

- NNLO QCD:

  [Boughezal et al.; 1504.0213, 1602.06965], [Gehrmann-De Ridder et al.; 1901.11041], [MP et al.; 2204.12394]

- NLO EW:

  [Kühn et al.; hep-ph/0703283, 0708.0476], [Hollik et al.; 0707.2553], [Denner et al.; 0906.1656]

- Combinations of QCD and EW corrections:

  [Kallweit et al.; 1412.5157, 1511.08692], [Lindert et al.; 1511.08692], [Biederman, MP et al.; 1704.05783]

- NLO QCD for polarised W-jet:

  [Bern et al.; 1103.5445] [Stirling, Vryonidou; 1204.6427]

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  [MP, Popescu, Poncelet; 2109.14336]

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- NLO QCD for W+c-jet:

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- NNLO QCD+NLO EW for W+c-jet:

  [Czakon, Mitov, MP, Poncelet; 2212.00467]

- NLO QCD+PS for W+c-jet:

  [Bevilacqua, Garzelli, Kardos, Toth; 2106.11261], [Ferrario Ravasio, Oleari; 2304.13791]

- Study of charm production in context of strange PDF:

  [Lai et al.; hep-ph/0702268], [Yalkun, Dulat; 1908.00026], [Faura et al.; 2009.00014]

- NNLO QCD Z+b-jet - [Gauld et al.; 2005.03016], NNLO QCD W+bb - [Hartanto et al.; 2209.03280]

→ This work: **NNLO QCD (+ NLO EW) computation for W+c-jet production**

Tools

- Private Monte Carlo STRIPPER // MOCANLO
  [Czakon, Heymes, Poncelet; 1005.0274, 1101.0642, 1408.2500] // [Denner, Feger, Lombardi, MP, Pelliccioli, Schmidt, Schwan]
- Tree level: AVH [Bury, van Hameren; 1503.08612]
- One-loop: OPENLOOP2 [Buccioni et al.; 1907.13071] // RECOLA [Actis et al.; 1211.6316, 1605.01090]
- Two-loop: [Gehrmann, Tancredi; 1112.1531]
  → using GINAC [Bauer, Frink, Kreckel], [Vollinga, Weinzierl; hep-ph/0410259]
- Complex-mass scheme [Denner et al.; hep-ph/9904472, hep-ph/0505042, hep-ph/0605312]
- PDF: LHAPDF [Buckley et al.; 1412.7420]

PART I

- *NNLO QCD predictions for W+c-jet production at the LHC*

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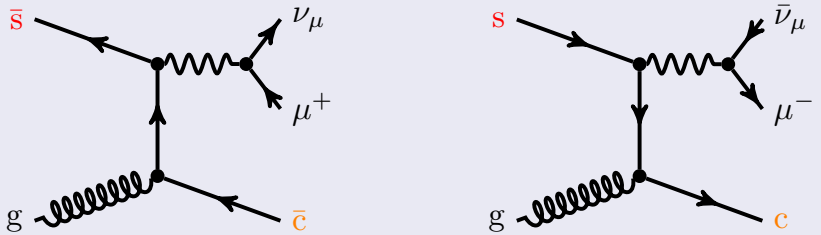
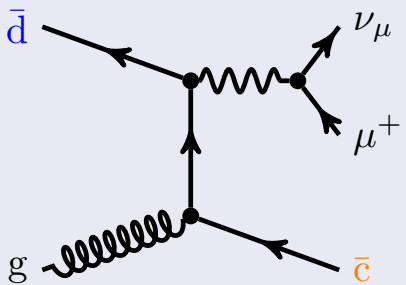
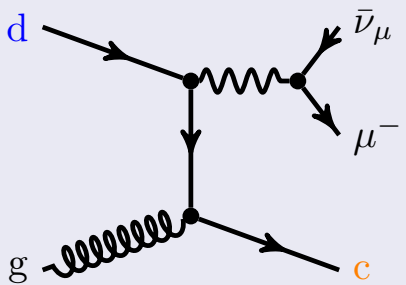
LO process (1)



- Direct link between W+c measurements and strange PDF
  $\rightarrow$ main motivation to be interested in this process
- Test of (perturbative) QCD
  $\rightarrow$ s-$\bar{s}$ asymmetry predicted at 3-loop in QCD [Catani, de Florian, Rodrigo, Vogelsang; hep-ph/0404240]
- Study of flavour jets
- Further test of the Standard Model

LO process (2)





- With non-diagonal CKM matrix ($V_{cd} \neq 0$) ...
  ...more complicated interpretation in terms of strange PDF

LO process (3)

$$R_{W^{\pm}j_c} = \frac{\sigma_{W^+j_c}}{\sigma_{W^-j_c}} \sim \left(|V_{cs}|^2\bar{s} + |V_{cd}|^2\bar{d}\right) / \left(|V_{cs}|^2 s + |V_{cd}|^2 d\right)$$

PDF set	V_{cd}	$\sigma_{W^+j_c}$ [pb]	$\sigma_{W^-j_c}$ [pb]	$R_{W^{\pm}j_c}$
NNPDF31 LO	$= 0$	9.8395(4)	10.4654(4)	0.94020(5)
	$\neq 0$	12.0725(4)	14.2624(5)	0.84646(4)
NNPDF31 NLO	$= 0$	22.593(2)	23.718(2)	0.95260(6)
	$\neq 0$	24.500(9)	27.29(1)	0.8977(5)
CT18 NLO	$= 0$	21.675(2)	21.675(2)	1.0000(1)
	$\neq 0$	23.477(9)	25.252(8)	0.9297(5)

- Large differences between PDF sets ...

Inclusion of higher orders

$pp \to W^+ j_c$

Contrib.	LO	NLO	NNLO
$\bar{s}g$	✓	✓	✓
sg	X	X	✓
$s\bar{s}$	X	✓	✓
$\bar{s}\bar{s}$	X	✓	✓
$\bar{s}q$	X	✓	✓
qq'	X	✓	✓
gq	X	X	✓
gg	X	✓	✓

$pp \to W^- j_c$

Contrib.	LO	NLO	NNLO
$\bar{s}g$	X	X	✓
sg	✓	✓	✓
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ss	X	✓	✓
sq	X	✓	✓
qq'	X	✓	✓
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→ Higher-order corrections further complicates the picture
→ Interpretation of W+c-jet is not trivial

Set up - [ATLAS; 1402.6263] @ 7 TeV

- Event selection

$$p_{\mathrm{T},\ell} > 20\,\mathrm{GeV}, \qquad |\eta_\ell| < 2.5$$
$$p_{\mathrm{T,miss}} > 25\,\mathrm{GeV}, \qquad m_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{W}} > 40\,\mathrm{GeV}.$$

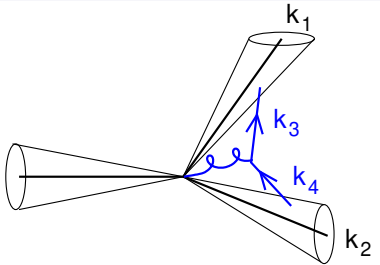
  One and only one flavoured c-jet with:

$$p_{\mathrm{T,j_c}} > 25\,\mathrm{GeV}, \qquad |\eta_{\mathrm{j_c}}| < 2.5.$$

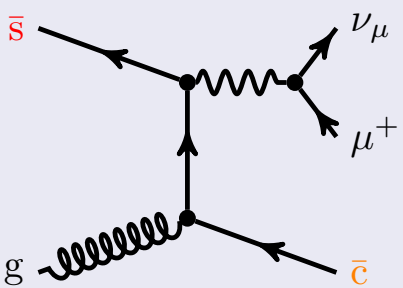
- NNPDF31 sets with $\alpha_s = 0.118$ [Ball et al.; 1706.00428]
- $\mu = \frac{1}{2}\left(E_{\mathrm{T},W} + p_{\mathrm{T,j_c}}\right)$ where $E_{\mathrm{T,W}} = \sqrt{M_{\mathrm{W}}^2 + \left(\vec{p}_{\mathrm{T},\ell} + \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T},\nu}\right)^2}$
- **flavour k_{T} algorithm with $R = 0.4$** [Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi; hep-ph/0601139]

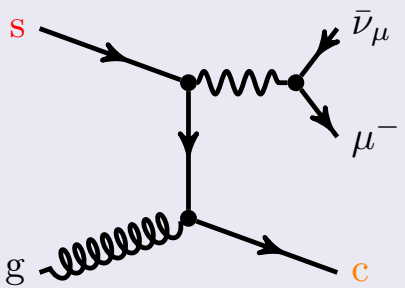
Jet algorithm

- Beyond NLO, flavour jet algorithm is required
  - → Otherwise no IR-safe definition of flavour jets
  - → Soft wide angle radiations are problematic
- flavour k_{T} algorithm with $R = 0.4$ [Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi; hep-ph/0601139]
  - → Soft radiations are clustered first
  - → rules:
    - $\mathrm{c} + \mathrm{c} = \mathrm{j}$ or $\mathrm{c} + \bar{\mathrm{c}} = \mathrm{j}$
    - $\mathrm{c} + \mathrm{c} + \bar{\mathrm{c}} = \mathrm{j_c}$ or $\bar{\mathrm{c}} + \mathrm{c} + \bar{\mathrm{c}} = \mathrm{j_c}$



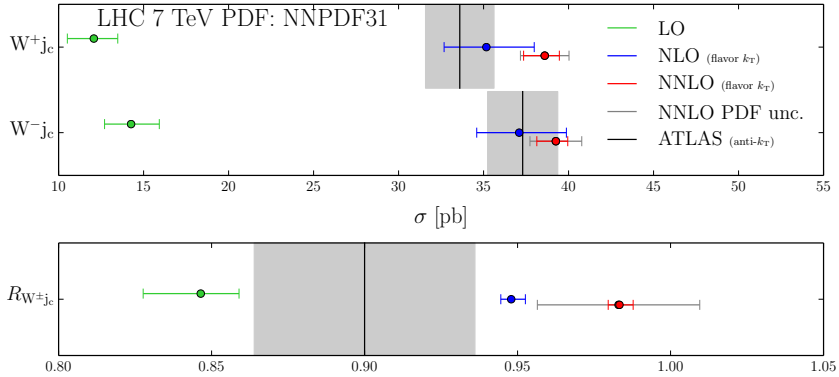
Features of the computation





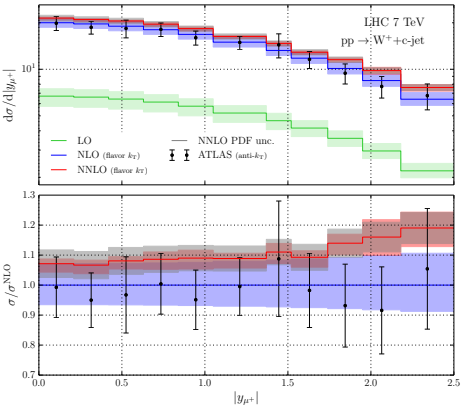
- NNLO QCD computation to $pp \to \mu^+ \nu_\mu j_c$ and $pp \to \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu j_c$
- 5-flavour scheme
- PDF uncertainty computed at NNLO using [Carrazza et al.; 1602.00005]
- $V_{cd} \neq 0$ at LO when comparing against data

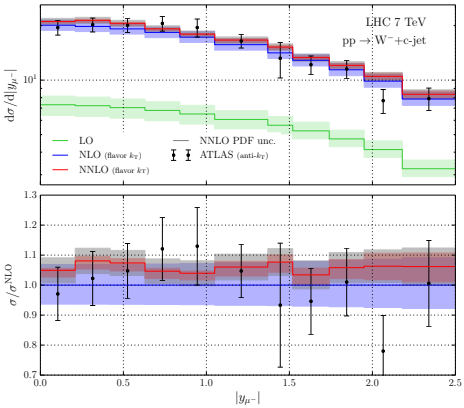
Th. vs. Exp. - cross section



- PDF uncertainty dominant over NNLO scale uncertainty
- NNLO QCD prediction tends to be larger for the + signature
  → Not statistically relevant [ATLAS; 1402.6263]

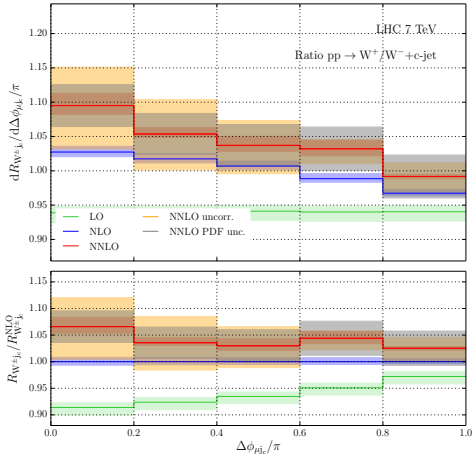
Th. vs. Exp. - Differential distribution

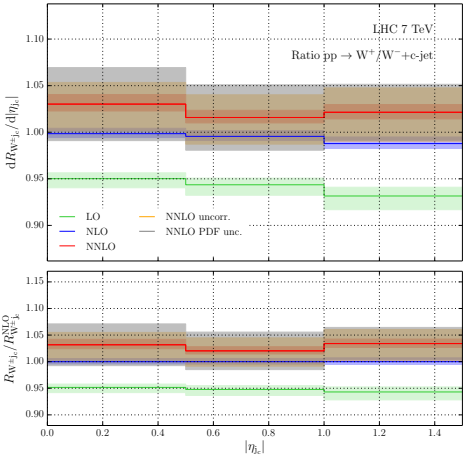




Similar picture as for the total cross section
→ General good agreement

Differential distributions - ratio





As for total cross section, PDF uncertainty are dominant in ratios

→ Uncorrelated scale uncertainty more conservative

Discussion

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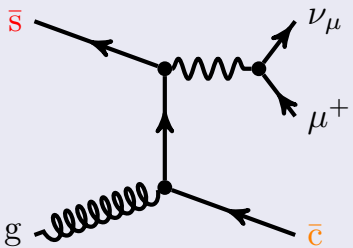
- Definition of the experimental measurement ?
  $\rightarrow$ D meson and not charm jet ?

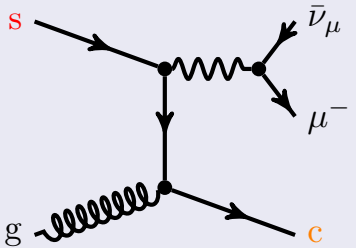
PART II

- *A detailed investigation of W+c-jet at the LHC*

  [Czakon, Mitov, MP, Poncelet; 2212.00467]

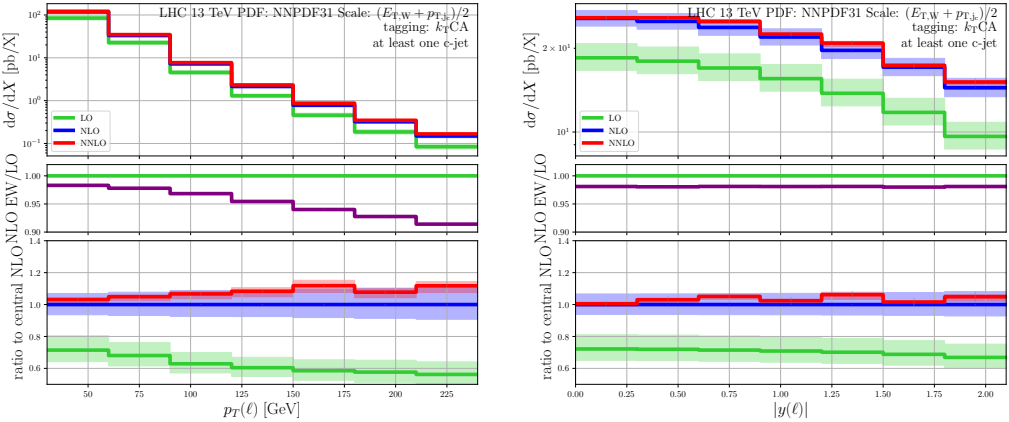
Feature of the (new) computation





- Full CKM dependence up to NNLO QCD
- NLO EW
- Study of flavour-jet algorithm
- Study of experimental definition
- 13 TeV setup

Best predictions @ 13 TeV - Differential distributions



- Good perturbative behaviour for QCD corrections
- Sudakov logarithm for EW corrections

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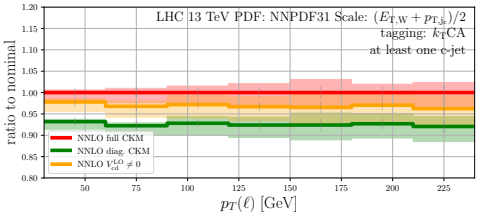
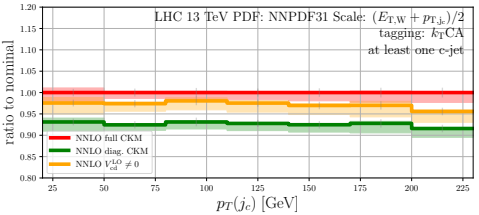
$\delta_{\mathrm{NLO\ EW}}$[%]	-1.93	-1.92	-0.01

- EW corrections null in the ratio

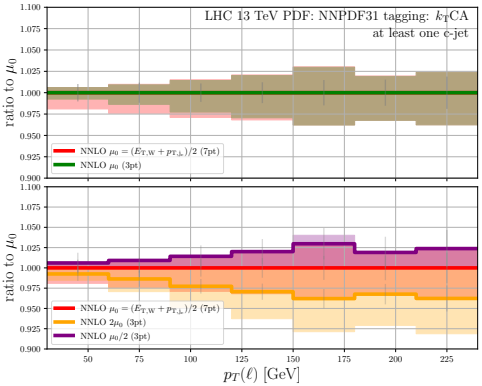
Effect of non-diagonal CKM @ NNLO QCD

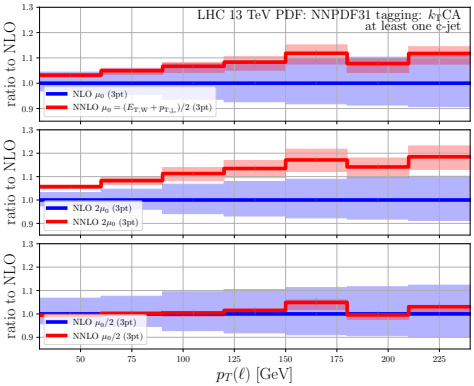




- full CKM / no CKM $\sim 7.5-11\%$
- full CKM / $V_{\mathrm{cd}}^{\mathrm{LO}} \neq 0 \sim 3\%$
  - $\rightarrow$ Original approximation rather good
  - $\rightarrow$ Full CKM dependence up to NNLO QCD for precise predictions

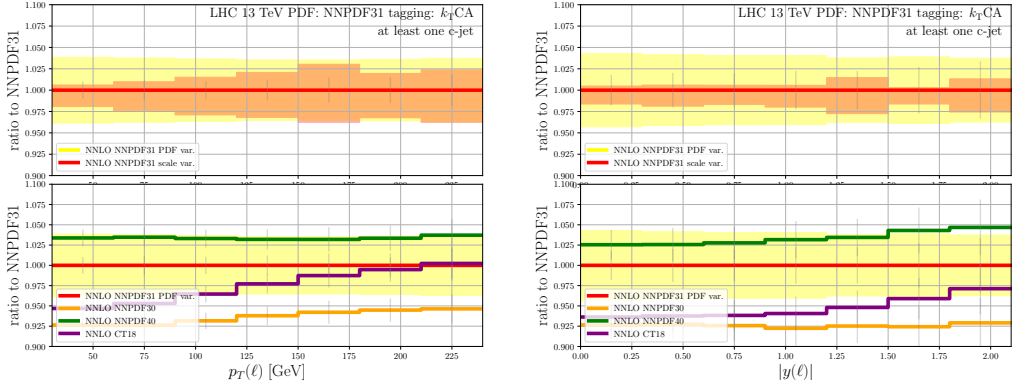
Scale setting





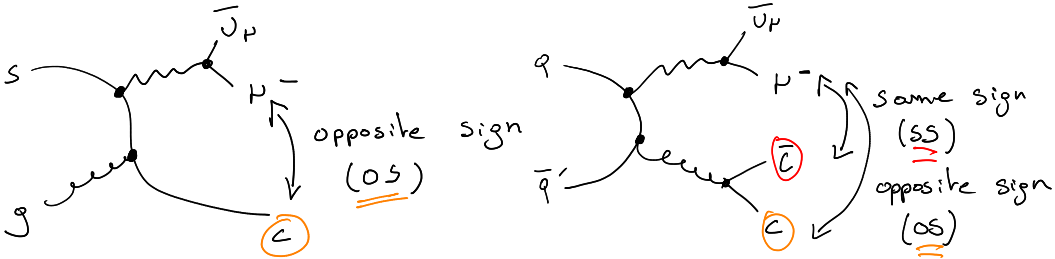
- $\mu_0 = \frac{1}{2}\left(E_{\mathrm{T,W}} + p_{\mathrm{T,j_c}}\right)$
- For $p_{\mathrm{T},\ell}$, $\mu_0/2$ best / For $p_{\mathrm{T,j_c}}$, μ_0 best / For cross section, $2\mu_0$ best
  $\rightarrow$ μ_0 good choice with good perturbative convergence

PDF uncertainty



- NNPDF3.1 variation $\sim \pm 4\%$
- Spread of various PDF sets $\sim 10\%$
  $\rightarrow$ PDF error is the largest theoretical uncertainty

Event selection(s)



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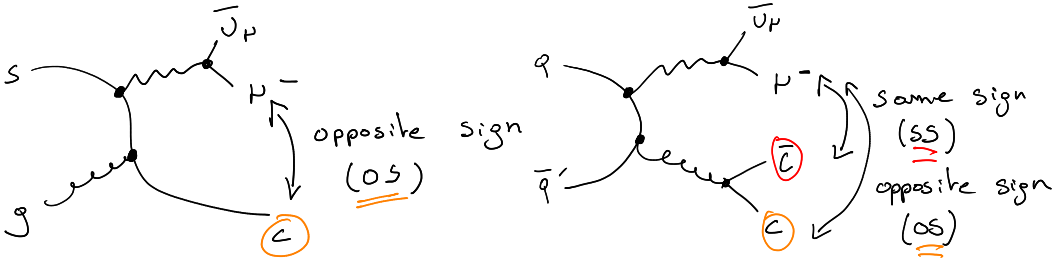

- Experiments measure OS-SS
  → More sensitivity to strange PDF
- Many possibilities...
  → most inclusive: at least one c-jet

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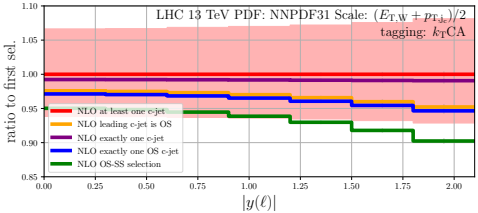

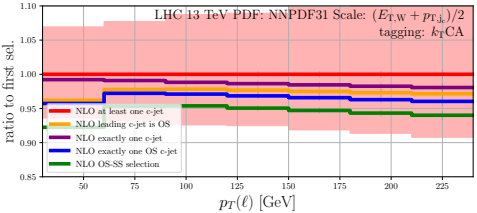

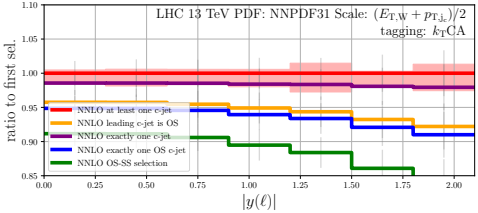

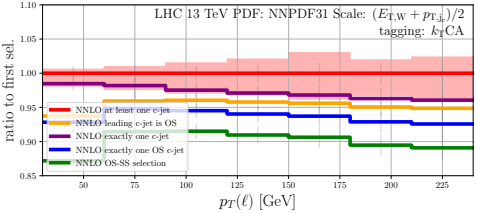

- At NLO QCD, differences covered by scale uncertainty
- At NNLO QCD, differences $> 10-15\%$

Jet algorithms - definitions (1)

$\rightarrow$ Freedom in choosing whether $c\bar{c}$ and $\bar{c}\bar{c}$ are flavoured

Variation of flavour k_{T} algorithm [Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi; hep-ph/0601139]

- flavoured k_{T} algorithm, charge dependent (k_{T}CD)
- flavoured k_{T} algorithm, charge agnostic (k_{T}CA)
- flavoured k_{T} algorithm, charge dependent, with beam definition including W momenta (k_{T}CDB)

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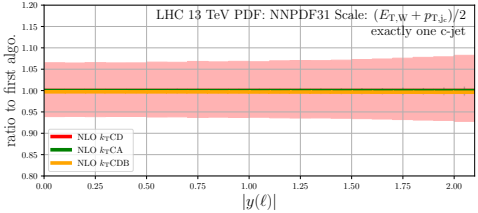

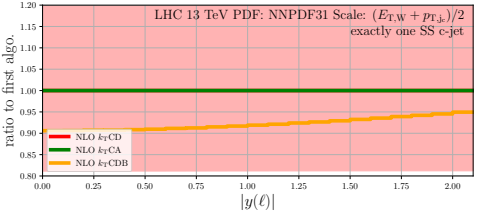

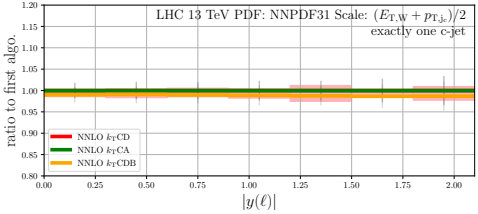

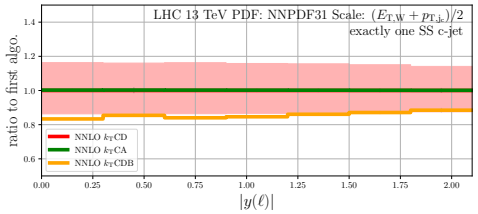

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Jet algorithms - definitions (2)

→ Flavoured anti-k_{T} algorithm

$$d_{ij}^{(flavored)} = d_{ij}^{(standard)} \times \begin{cases} \mathcal{S}_{ij}\,, & \text{if both } i \text{ and } j \text{ have non-zero flavor of opposite sign,} \\ 1\,, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where

$$\mathcal{S}_{ij} = 1 - \theta\,(1 - \kappa_{ij}) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\kappa_{ij}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad \kappa_{ij} \equiv \frac{1}{a}\,\frac{k_{T,i}^2 + k_{T,j}^2}{2k_{T,\mathrm{max}}^2}\,.$$

[Czakon, Poncelet, Mitov; 2205.11879]

Variation of anti-k_{T} algorithm

- flavoured anti-k_{T} algorithm, charge dependent, with $a = 0.2, 0.1, 0.05$ ($\mathrm{a}k_{\mathrm{T}}$CD-0.2, $\mathrm{a}k_{\mathrm{T}}$CD-0.1, $\mathrm{a}k_{\mathrm{T}}$CD-0.05)
- flavoured anti-k_{T} algorithm, charge agnostic, with a $= 0.1$ ($\mathrm{a}k_{\mathrm{T}}$CA-0.1).

Alternatives: [Caletti, Larkoski, Marzani, Reichelt; 2205.01117, 2205.01109], [Gauld, Huss, Stagnitto; 2208.11138], [Caola et al.; 2306.07314]

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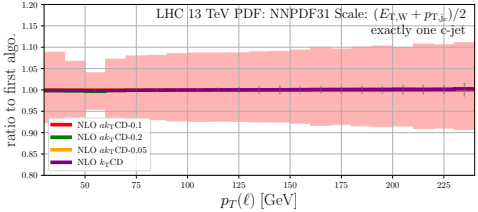

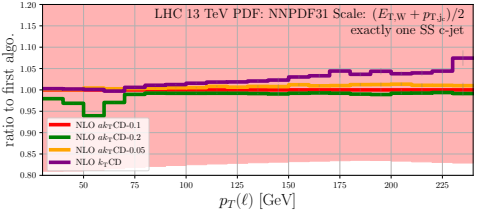

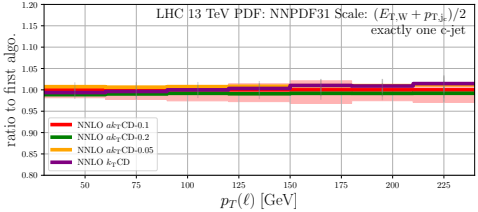

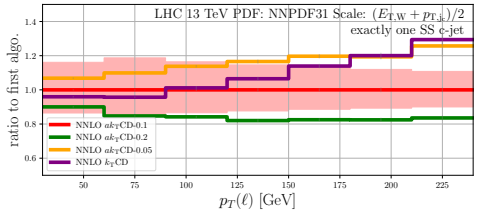

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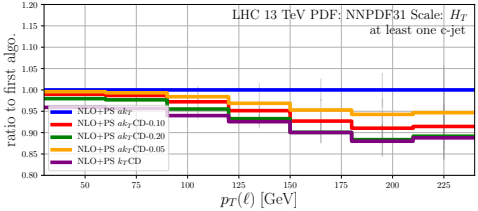

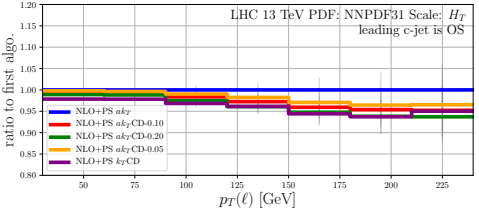

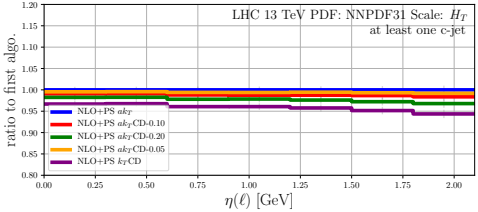

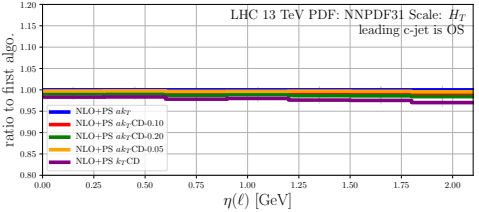

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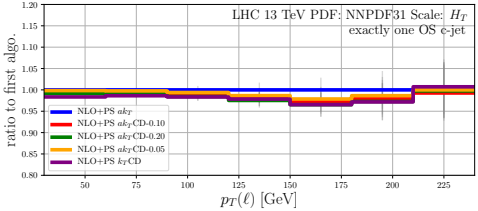

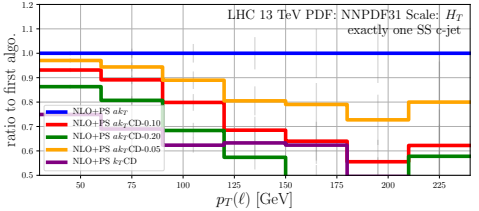

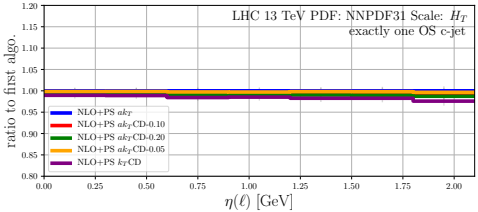

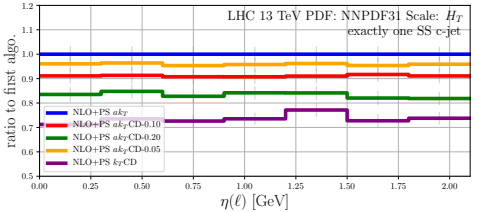

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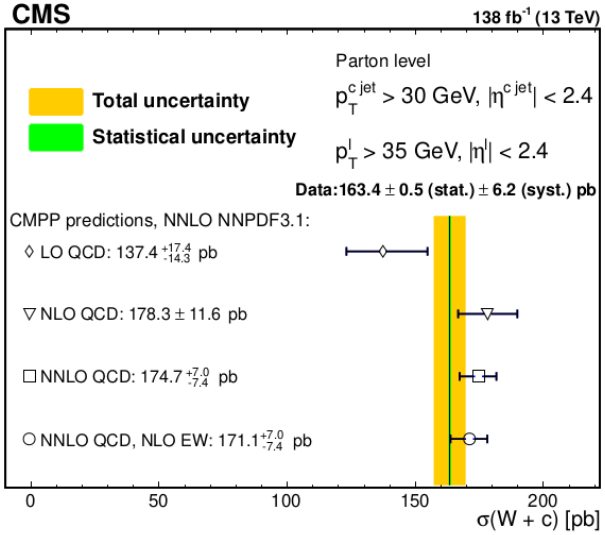

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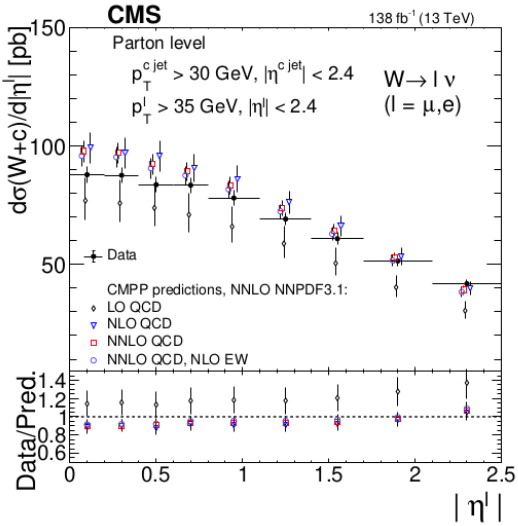

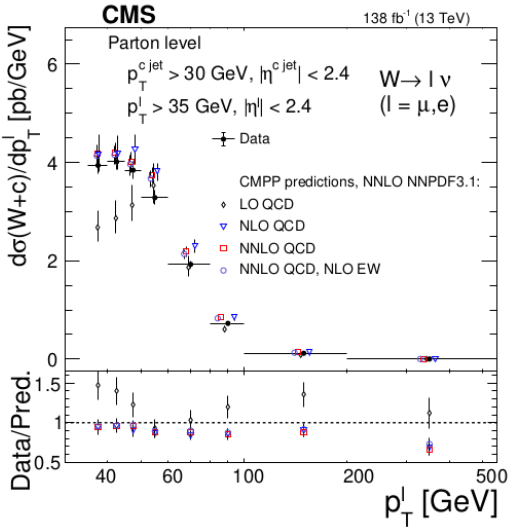

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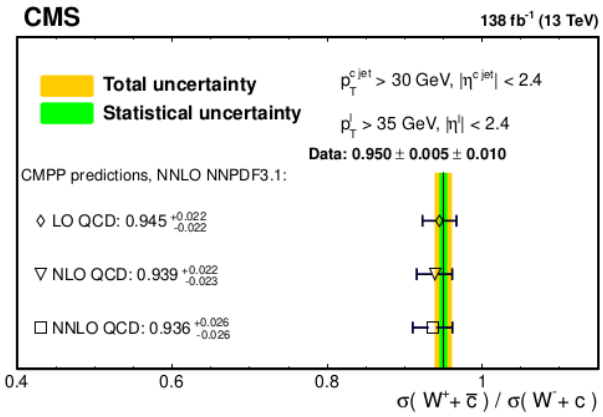

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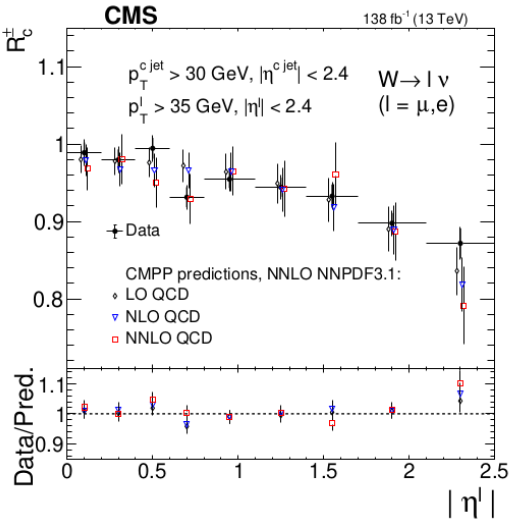

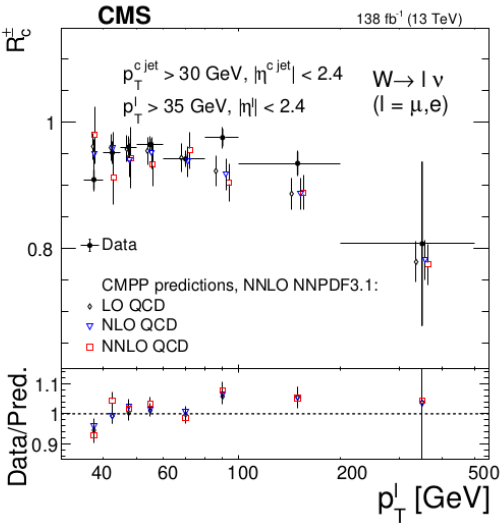

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NLO	LO	182.4	4.1	178.3	± 0.3	$^{+9.3}_{-9.4}$	± 6.8	$^{+11.6}_{-11.6}$
NNLO	LO	182.9	8.2	174.7	± 1.0	$^{+1.2}_{-2.8}$	± 6.8	$^{+7.0}_{-7.4}$
NNLO	NLO	179.1	8.0	171.1	± 1.0	$^{+1.2}_{-2.8}$	± 6.8	$^{+7.0}_{-7.4}$

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Cuts @ 13 TeV

- Charged lepton

$$p_{\mathrm{T},\ell} > 30\,\mathrm{GeV}, \qquad |\eta_\ell| < 2.5.$$

- At least one c-tagged jet

$$p_{\mathrm{T},\mathrm{j}_c} > 20\,\mathrm{GeV}, \qquad |\eta_{\mathrm{j}_c}| < 2.5.$$

CKM effect

σ_{NNLO} [pb]	full CKM	$V_{\mathrm{cd}}^{\mathrm{LO}} \neq 0$	no CKM
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