

$Wb\bar{b}$ production at NNLO QCD

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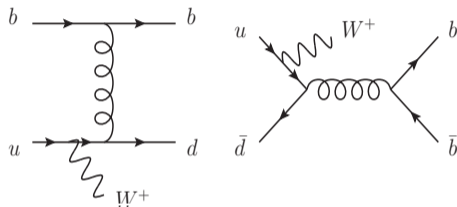


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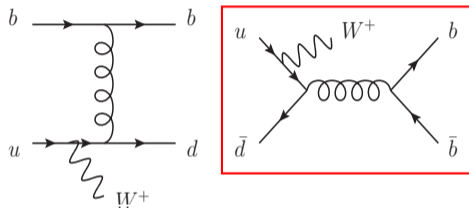
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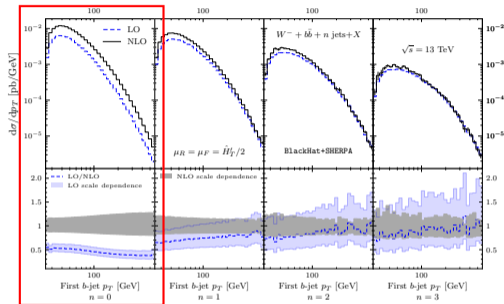
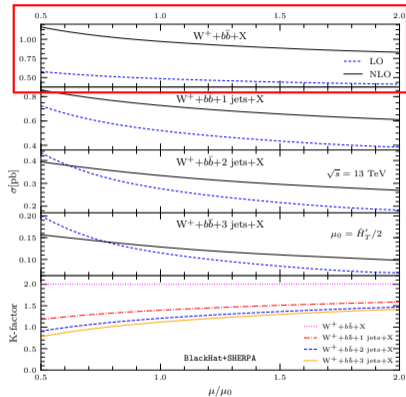
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$Wb\bar{b} + \text{jets}$ production at NLO QCD

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$\Rightarrow Wb\bar{b} + X$ (inclusive, $n = 0$): large NLO corrections, large NLO scale dependence

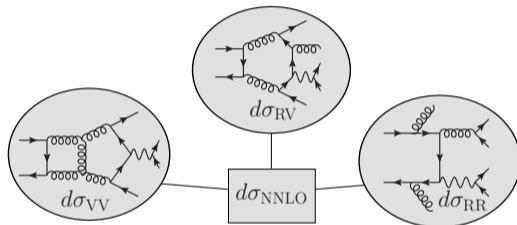
\Rightarrow due opening of qg channel at NLO

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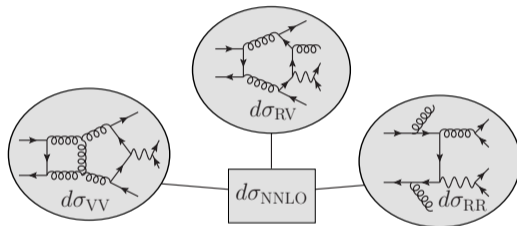
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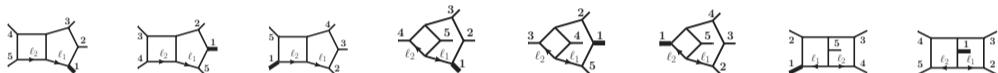
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Two-Loop Scattering Amplitude

2 → 3 scattering with an off-shell leg at two loops

talk by Federica Devoto on Monday on massless 2-loop 5-point amplitudes

- ▶ Multi-loop scattering amplitude: $A^{(2)} = c(\epsilon, \{p\}) \text{MI}(\epsilon, \{p\})$
- ▶ All two-loop master integrals are known!!!



[Papadopoulos, Tommasini, Wever(2015)] [Papadopoulos, Wever(2019)] [Abreu, Ita, Moriello, Page, Tschernow, Zeng(2020)]

[Canko, Papadopoulos, Syrrakos(2020)] [Syrrakos(2020)][Abreu, Ita, Page, Tschernow(2021)] [Kardos, Papadopoulos, Smirnov, Syrrakos, Wever(2022)]
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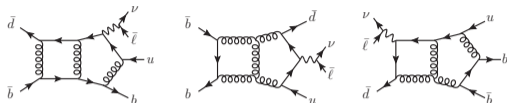
⇒ Pentagon function basis ⇒ fast numerical evaluation available

[Chicherin, Sotnikov, Zoia(2021)][Abreu, Chicherin, Ita, Page, Sotnikov, Tschernow, Zoia(2023)]

- ▶ Several two-loop QCD amplitudes known analytically at **leading colour**
 - $pp \rightarrow Wb\bar{b}$, $pp \rightarrow W^+(\rightarrow \bar{\ell}\nu)b\bar{b}$, $pp \rightarrow Hb\bar{b}$ (massless b)
[Badger, HBH, Zoia(2021)][Badger, HBH, Krys, Zoia(2021)][HBH, Poncelet, Popescu, Zoia(2022)]
 - $pp \rightarrow W/Z + jj$ [Abreu, Febres Cordero, Ita, Klinkert, Page(2021)] $pp \rightarrow W^+(\rightarrow \bar{\ell}\nu)\gamma j$ [Badger, HBH, Krys, Zoia(2022)]
- Towards full colour amplitudes: determination of **coefficients** extremely complicated
⇒ extremely large algebraic expressions and huge integral reduction tables!!!

$u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+(\rightarrow \bar{\ell}\nu)b\bar{b}$ at two loops

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⇒ leading colour approximation and massless b quark

⇒ compute squared matrix element

$$\sum \mathcal{M}^{(0)*} \mathcal{M}^{(2)} = M_{\text{even}}^{(2)} + \text{tr}_5 M_{\text{odd}}^{(2)}$$

$$\text{tr}_5 = 4i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_1^\mu p_2^\nu p_3^\rho p_4^\sigma$$

employ CDR+Larin scheme to treat γ_5 .

⇒ Incorporating $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ decay

$$M_6^{(L)} = \sum_{\text{spin}} A_6^{(0)\dagger} A_6^{(L)} = M_5^{(L)\mu\nu} \mathcal{D}_{\mu\nu} |P(s_{56})|^2$$

$$M_5^{(L)\mu\nu} = \sum_{i=1}^{16} a_i^{(L)} v_i^{\mu\nu} \quad v_i^{\mu\nu} \in \{p_1^\mu, p_2^\mu, p_3^\mu, p_W^\mu\}$$

Derive analytic expressions of the finite remainders using finite-field reconstruction method

talk by Xiao Liu on Tuesday on analytic reconstruction method

QGraf[Nogueira], FORM[Vermaseren], LiteRed[Lee],
FiniteFlow[Peraro], Mathematica

$$M_k^{(2)}(\{p\}, \epsilon) = \sum_i c_{k,i}(\{p\}, \epsilon) \mathcal{I}_{k,i}(\{p\}, \epsilon)$$

↓ IBP reduction

$$M_k^{(2)}(\{p\}, \epsilon) = \sum_i d_{k,i}(\{p\}, \epsilon) \text{MI}_{k,i}(\{p\}, \epsilon)$$

↓ map to pentagon function basis

↓ subtract UV/IR poles

↓ ϵ expansion

$$F_k^{(2)}(\{p\}) = \sum_i e_{k,i}(\{p\}) m_{k,i}(f) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

Numerical Results

Fixed-order flavoured jets beyond NLO

Example NNLO: double real radiation and subtraction

$$d\sigma \ni d\Phi_{n+2} \left(\text{Double real matrix element} \right) F_{n+2} + \dots + d\tilde{\Phi}_{n+2} \mathcal{S}_2 \left(\text{Double soft subtraction term: Double soft function * tree ME} \right) F_n$$

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Infrared-safe flavoured anti- k_T jet algorithm [Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2022)]

\Rightarrow introduce damping function to the standard anti- k_T

$$S_{ij} = 1 - \Theta(1 - x) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) \leq 1 \quad x \equiv \frac{1}{a} \frac{k_{T,i}^2 + k_{T,j}^2}{2k_{T,\max}^2}$$

if i, j have the same non-zero flavour of opposite sign, a : tunable *softness* parameter

\Rightarrow minimize the effect of unfolding

Setup (follows CMS measurement^[arXiv:1608.07561])

- ⇒ **5FS**, LHC 8 TeV, PDFs: NNPDF31, cuts: $p_{T,\ell} > 30$ GeV, $|\eta_\ell| < 2.1$, $p_{T,j} > 25$ GeV, $|\eta_j| < 2.4$
- ⇒ **jet algorithm**: flavour- k_T ^[Banfi,Salam,Zanderighi(2006)] and flavour anti- k_T ^[Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2022)] with $R = 0.5$
- ⇒ central scale: $\mu_R = \mu_F = \mu_0$, where $H_T = E_T(\ell\nu) + p_T(b_1) + p_T(b_2)$.
- ⇒ final states: **inclusive** (at least 2 b jets) and **exclusive** (exactly two b jets and no other jets).
- ⇒ scale uncertainties: **inclusive** → 7-pt variation $1/2 \leq \mu_R/\mu_F \leq 2$
exclusive → 7-pt variation and uncorrelated prescription^[Stewart,Tackmann(2012)]

Uncorrelated scale variation $\sigma_{Wb\bar{b},\text{exc}} = \sigma_{Wb\bar{b},\text{inc}} - \sigma_{Wbbj,\text{inc}}$ $\Delta\sigma_{Wb\bar{b},\text{exc}} = \sqrt{(\Delta\sigma_{Wb\bar{b},\text{inc}})^2 + (\Delta\sigma_{Wbbj,\text{inc}})^2}$

Leading colour approximation is only applied to *scale independent* double virtual finite remainder

$$\mathcal{V}^{(2)}(\mu_R^2) = \mathcal{V}_{\text{LC}}^{(2)}(s_{12}) + \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i \ln^i \left(\frac{\mu_R^2}{s_{12}} \right)$$

Double virtual contributions to σ : **5%** (inc) and **10%** (exc), expected SLC: **0.5%** (inc) and **1%** (exc)

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flavour anti- k_T ($a = 0.2$)	261.71(10) ^{+21.4%} _{-16.1%}	486.3(8) ^{+15.5%} _{-12.5%}	1.86	647(7) ^{+9.5%} _{-8.9%}	1.33

Exclusive $W^\pm(\rightarrow \ell^\pm\nu)b\bar{b}$ cross sections

Jet algorithm	σ_{LO} [fb]	σ_{NLO} [fb]	K_{NLO}	σ_{NNLO} [fb]	K_{NNLO}
flavour- k_T	345.97(9) ^{+21.4%} _{-16.2%}	408.4(5) ^{+4.2% (41%)} _{-6.2% (28%)}	1.18	434(8) ^{+1.7% (16%)} _{-2.5% (16%)}	1.06
flavour anti- k_T ($a = 0.05$)	425.71(12) ^{+21.5%} _{-16.2%}	540.3(7) ^{+6.2% (42%)} _{-7.4% (29%)}	1.27	636(11) ^{+5.4% (23%)} _{-5.0% (20%)}	1.18
flavour anti- k_T ($a = 0.1$)	425.63(12) ^{+21.5%} _{-16.2%}	538.7(7) ^{+6.1% (42%)} _{-7.4% (29%)}	1.27	630(10) ^{+5.0% (22%)} _{-4.8% (20%)}	1.17
flavour anti- k_T ($a = 0.2$)	424.37(12) ^{+21.5%} _{-16.2%}	530.6(7) ^{+5.8% (42%)} _{-7.2% (29%)}	1.25	606(10) ^{+4.2% (21%)} _{-4.2% (19%)}	1.14

Numerical results: cross sections

$$K_{\text{NLO}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{NLO}}}{\sigma_{\text{LO}}} \quad K_{\text{NNLO}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}}{\sigma_{\text{NLO}}}$$

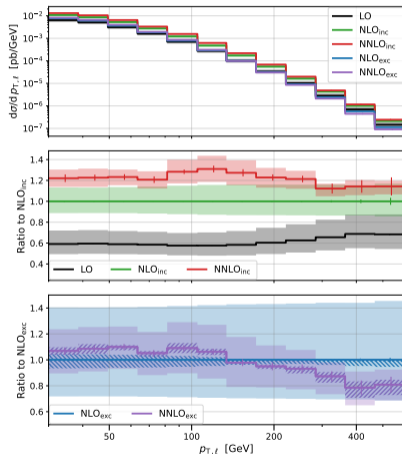
Inclusive $W^+(\rightarrow \ell^+ \nu) b\bar{b}$ cross sections

Jet algorithm	σ_{LO} [fb]	σ_{NLO} [fb]	K_{NLO}	σ_{NNLO} [fb]	K_{NNLO}
flavour- k_T	213.24(8) $^{+21.4\%}_{-16.1\%}$	362.0(6) $^{+13.7\%}_{-11.4\%}$	1.70	445(5) $^{+6.7\%}_{-7.0\%}$	1.23
flavour anti- k_T ($a = 0.05$)	262.52(10) $^{+21.4\%}_{-16.1\%}$	500.9(8) $^{+16.1\%}_{-12.8\%}$	1.91	690(7) $^{+10.9\%}_{-9.7\%}$	1.38
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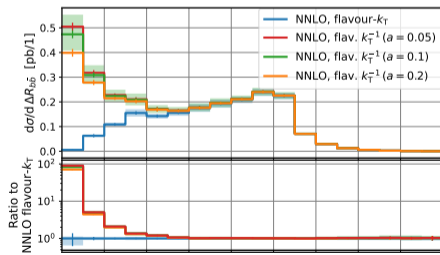
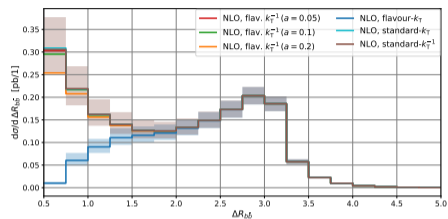
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Numerical results: differential distributions



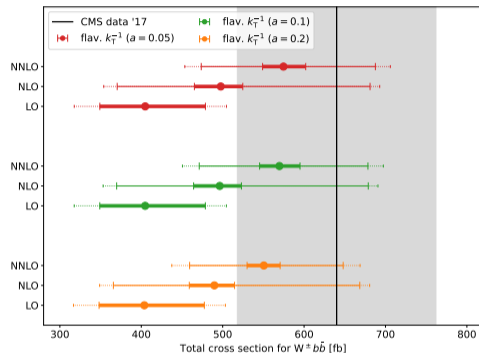
$W^+(\rightarrow \ell^+\nu)b\bar{b}$ with flavour- k_T



inclusive $W^+(\rightarrow \ell^+\nu)b\bar{b}$

Comparison to CMS data [arXiv:1608.07561]

- ▶ CMS measurement is done for exclusive final state configuration
- ▶ The use of flavour anti- k_T algorithm in theoretical calculation allows for close comparison with CMS data (standard anti- k_T)
 \Rightarrow unfolding corrections expected to be small
- ▶ Correction factors included:
 hadronisation (multiplicative) = 0.81 ± 0.07
 DPI (additive) = 0.06 ± 0.06 pb
- ▶ **Thick** bands: 7-pt scale variation (without DPI error)
 thin bands: uncorrelated prescription (without DPI error),
 dotted bands: uncorrelated prescription (with DPI error)



[HBH, Poncelet, Popescu, Zoia; arXiv:2209.03280]

$Wb\bar{b}$: 4FS vs 5FS comparison

NNLO QCD calculation for $Wb\bar{b}$ with massive b quark (4FS) [Buonocore, Devoto, Kallweit, Mazzitelli, Rottoli, Savoini(2022)]

- ▶ main bottleneck: two-loop matrix element is still out of reach \Rightarrow use massification procedure

[Mitov, Moch(2007)]

$$\mathcal{M}^{Wb\bar{b},(m)} = \prod_{i \in b, \bar{b}} \left(Z_{[i]}^{(m|0)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{M}^{Wb\bar{b},(m=0)} + \mathcal{O}(m^k)$$

predicts poles, $\log(m)$ and mass independent terms but not m^k and heavy quark loops

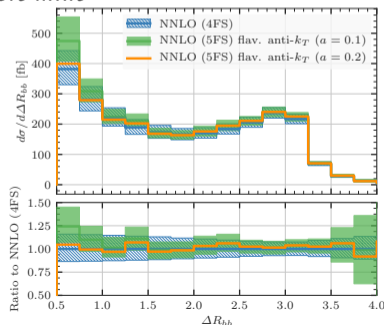
talk by Simone Devoto on Friday

- ▶ b -quark mass regulates IR divergencies in the double soft limit \Rightarrow can use standard anti- k_T jet algorithm

- ▶ massless (5FS) vs massive (4FS) comparison

order	σ^{4FS} [fb]	$\sigma_{a=0.05}^{5FS}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{a=0.1}^{5FS}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{a=0.2}^{5FS}$ [fb]
LO	210.42(2) ^{+21.4%} _{-16.2%}	262.52(10) ^{+21.4%} _{-16.1%}	262.47(10) ^{+21.4%} _{-16.1%}	261.71(10) ^{+21.4%} _{-16.1%}
NLO	468.01(5) ^{+17.8%} _{-13.8%}	500.9(8) ^{+16.1%} _{-12.8%}	497.8(8) ^{+16.0%} _{-12.7%}	486.3(8) ^{+15.5%} _{-12.5%}
NNLO	636.4(1.6) ^{+11.9%} _{-10.5%}	690(7) ^{+10.9%} _{-9.7%}	677(7) ^{+10.4%} _{-9.4%}	647(7) ^{+9.5%} _{-9.4%}

Table and Figure from [Buonocore, Devoto, Kallweit, Mazzitelli, Rottoli, Savoini(2022)]



Summary

Summary & Outlooks

Summary:

- ✓ NNLO QCD predictions for $W(\rightarrow \ell\nu)b\bar{b}$ production at the LHC
 - \Rightarrow improved perturbative convergence
 - \Rightarrow better agreement with CMS measurements
- ✓ Comparison between 4FS and 5FS calculations
- ✓ Two-loop amplitude for 5-point process with one external mass (at leading colour)

Outlooks:

- ▶ Full colour two-loop amplitude
- ▶ $W + 1b$ jet at NNLO QCD \Rightarrow comparison with data, 4FS vs 5FS
- ▶ NNLO+PS matching for the massive $Wb\bar{b}$ calculation [talk by Emanuele Re on Monday](#)

Back-up Slides

NNLO vs NLO-merged calculation

$$K_{\text{NNLO}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}}{\sigma_{\text{NLO}}}$$

$$K_{\text{NLO}^+} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{NLO}^+}}{\sigma_{\text{NLO}}}$$

Inclusive $W^+(\rightarrow \ell^+ \nu) b\bar{b}$ cross sections

Jet algorithm	σ_{NLO} [fb]	σ_{NNLO} [fb]	K_{NNLO}	σ_{NLO^+} [fb]	K_{NLO^+}
flavour- k_T	362.0(6) ^{+13.7%} _{-11.4%}	445(5) ^{+6.7%} _{-7.0%}	1.23	426(5) ^{+7.6%} _{-8.9%}	1.18
flavour anti- k_T ($a = 0.05$)	500.9(8) ^{+16.1%} _{-12.8%}	690(7) ^{+10.9%} _{-9.7%}	1.38	635(6) ^{+11.2%} _{-11.1%}	1.27
flavour anti- k_T ($a = 0.1$)	497.8(8) ^{+16.0%} _{-12.7%}	677(7) ^{+10.4%} _{-9.4%}	1.36	626(6) ^{+10.8%} _{-10.9%}	1.26
flavour anti- k_T ($a = 0.2$)	486.3(8) ^{+15.5%} _{-12.5%}	647(7) ^{+9.5%} _{-8.9%}	1.33	602(6) ^{+10.2%} _{-10.5%}	1.24

Large corrections and scale dep at NLO

$\Rightarrow qg(\bar{q}g) \rightarrow Wb\bar{b}q(\bar{q})$ subprocess

\Rightarrow upgrade $pp \rightarrow Wb\bar{b}j$ to NLO

[Luisoni, Oleari, Tramontano(2015)]

Combine $Wb\bar{b}$ and $Wb\bar{b}j$ NLO cross sections using *exclusive sums* method

[The SM and NLO Multileg and SM MC Working Groups:
Summary Report(2012)]

[Anger, Febres Cordero, Ita, Sotnikov(2017)]

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}^+, Wb\bar{b}, \text{inc}} = \sigma_{\text{NLO}, Wb\bar{b}, \text{exc}} + \sigma_{\text{NLO}, Wb\bar{b}j, \text{inc}}$$

