

# Jet counting & QCD scaling patterns

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based on:  
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and still some stuff to come ...

# jets?

jets are a collimated spray of hadrons

jet algorithm

distance measure [e.g.  $k_T$  algorithm]

$$1.) \quad y_{ij} = \frac{\Delta R_{ij}}{R} \min(p_{T,i}^2, p_{T,j}^2)$$

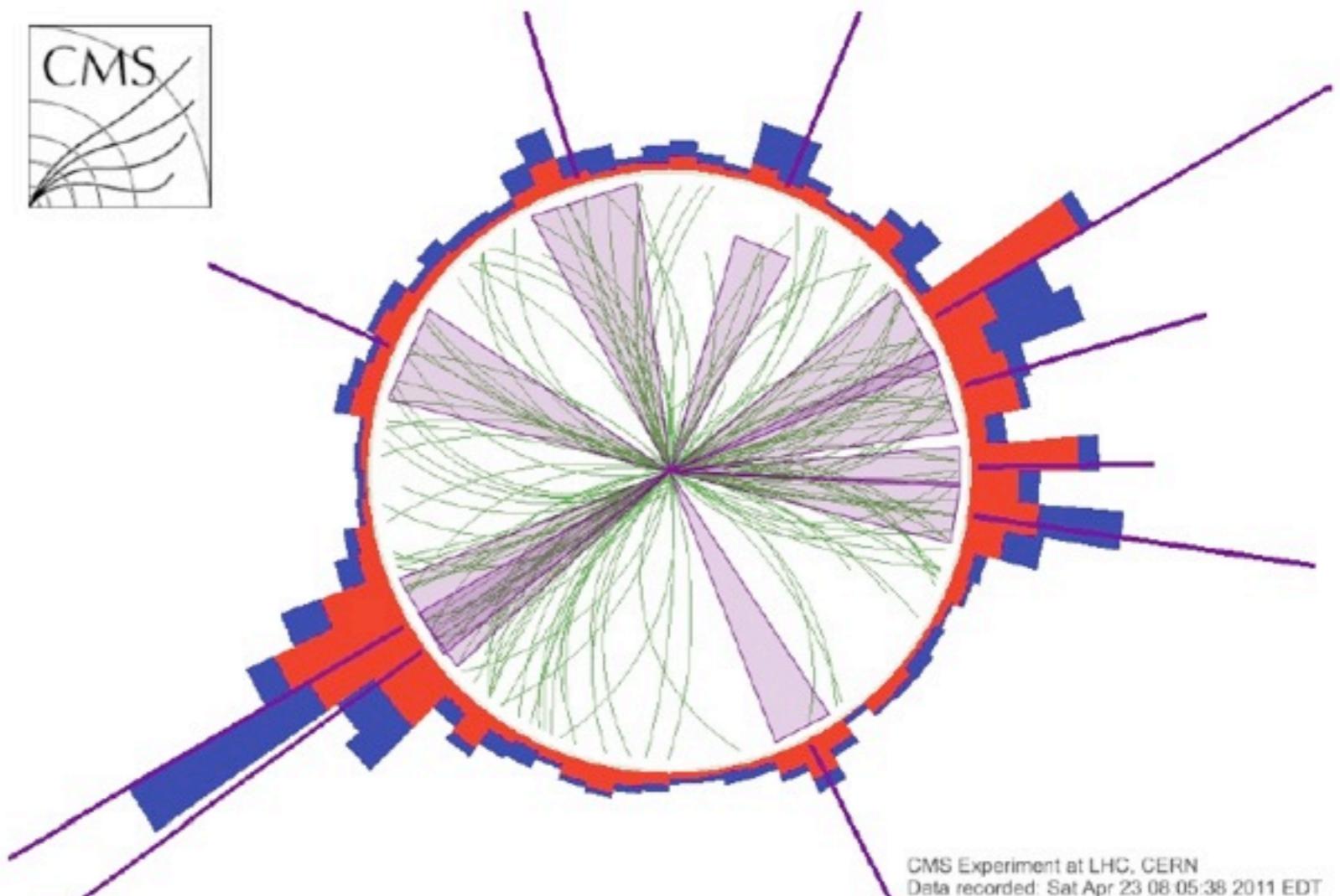
$$2.) \quad y_{iB} = p_{T,i}^2$$

clustering scheme:

- 1.) smallest  $\rightarrow$  cluster i and j
- 2.) smallest  $\rightarrow$  call it a jet

i and j can be anything: particles, detector cells, partons,...

[CMS multi-jet event  $\rightarrow$ ]



many algorithms, different parameters yield different jets

# why jets?

this talk is all about LHC physics



LHC is a discovery machine: Higgs(✓), BSM(?)

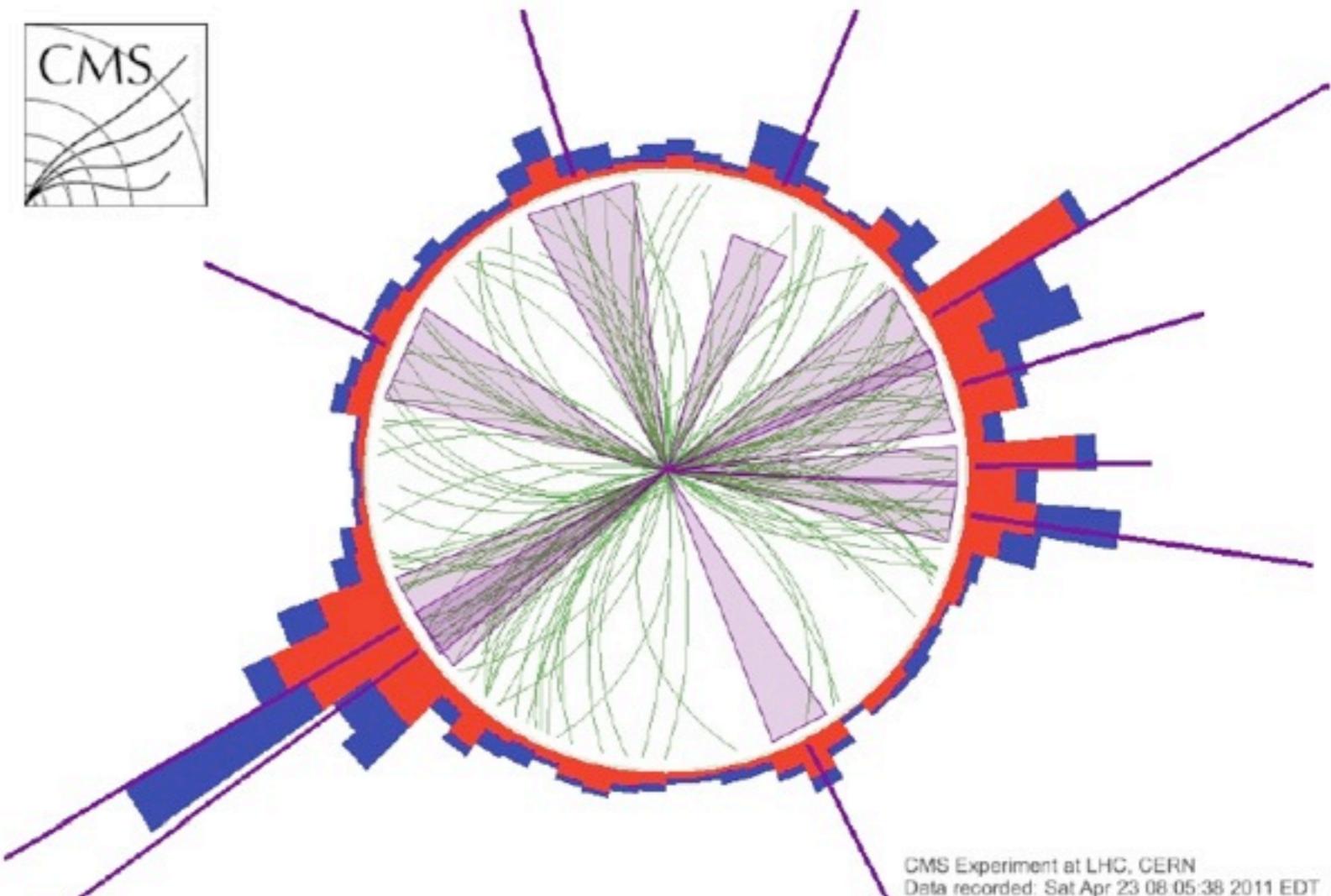
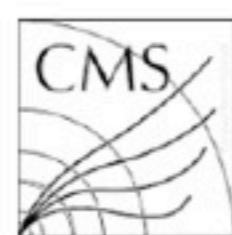
LHC is a SM machine: precision test  
proton collider: QCD machine

physics processes:

- Drell-Yan [Z plus jets, mirror process to  $e^+e^-$ ]
- WBF Higgs [tagging jets]
- strong coupling [2 vs. 3 jets]
- di-jet resonances [new physics]

backgrounds:

- W/Z plus jets [Higgs, missing energy]
- top plus jets [decay chains, missing energy]
- pure QCD jets [fake missing energy]



understanding jets is essential for LHC physics

# LHC physics

## Experiments:

a theorists point of view

what kind of information?

- tracks
- particle flow
- calorimeter cells

jet algorithm



jets

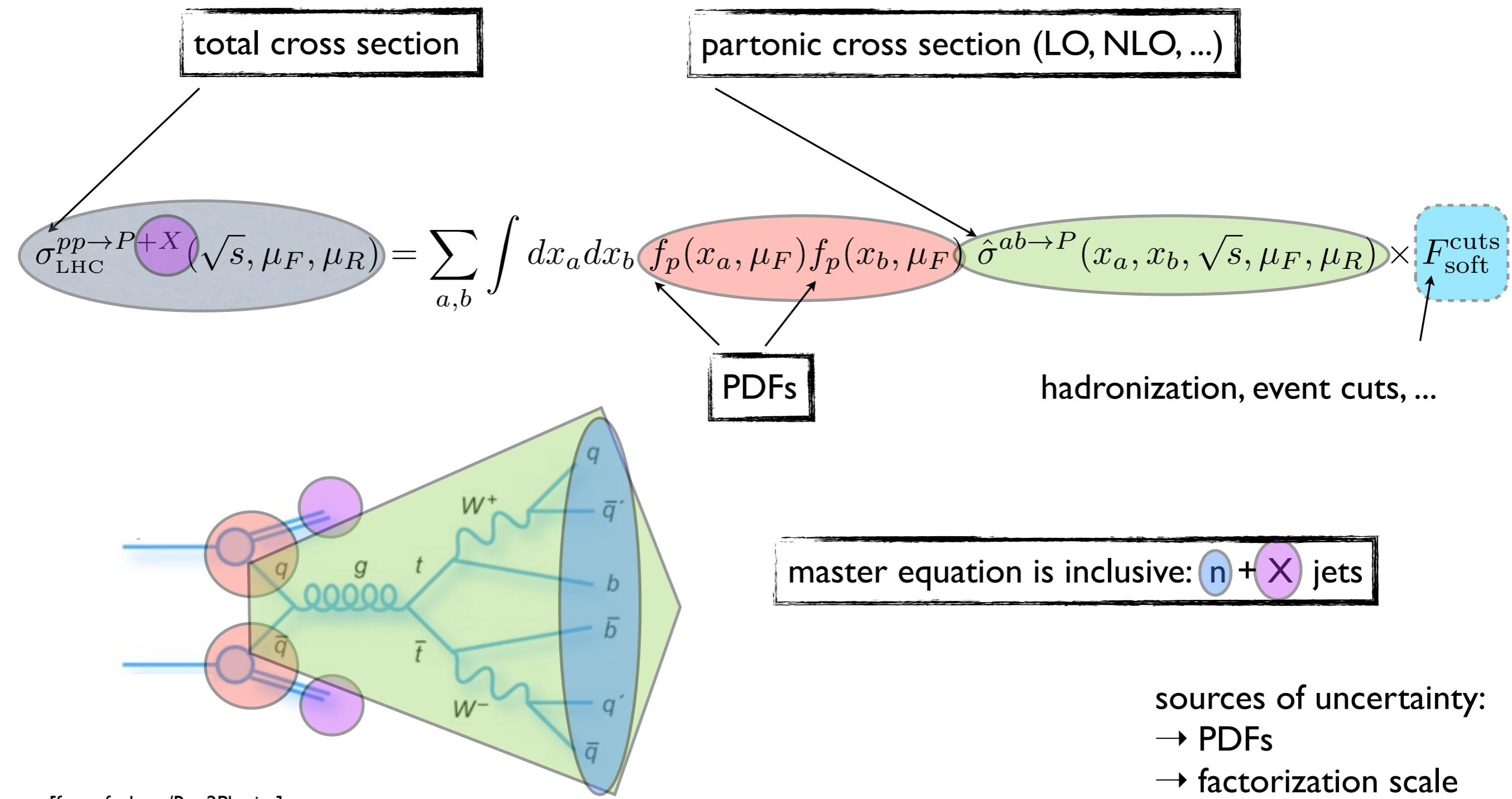
→ cross sections



sources of uncertainty:  
→ systematics  
→ statistics

# LHC physics

Theory:



# jet counting

inclusive: at least n jets

→ easily calculable

→ n jets in matrix element

→ PDF's sum collinear radiation X

→ higher order leads to smaller uncertainty

exclusive: exactly n jets

→ excl. jet rates are ambiguous (ISR?)

→ closer to real event structure

→ statistical independent

→ correlation to other multi-jet observables

**count exclusive jets**

use exclusive jet cross-section ratios

jets are counted in addition to the hard event

analysis	# excl. jets
Higgs WBF	0,1,2
Higgs WW*	2
di-boson	0,1
top mass	4
new physics	4,8,n(?)

observe two different patterns: staircase and Poisson scaling

# scaling patterns

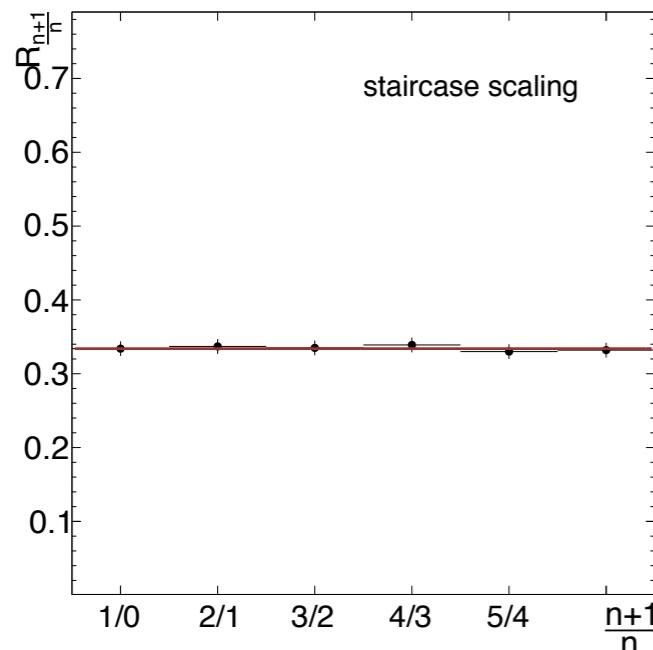
## staircase scaling

[Steve Ellis,Kleis,Stirling(1985);Berends(1989)]

$$\sigma_n^{\text{excl.}} = \sigma_0 e^{-bn}$$

constant ratios

$$R_{\frac{n+1}{n}} = \frac{\sigma_{n+1}}{\sigma_n} = R_0$$



[idealized example]

the same for inclusive! [NLO]

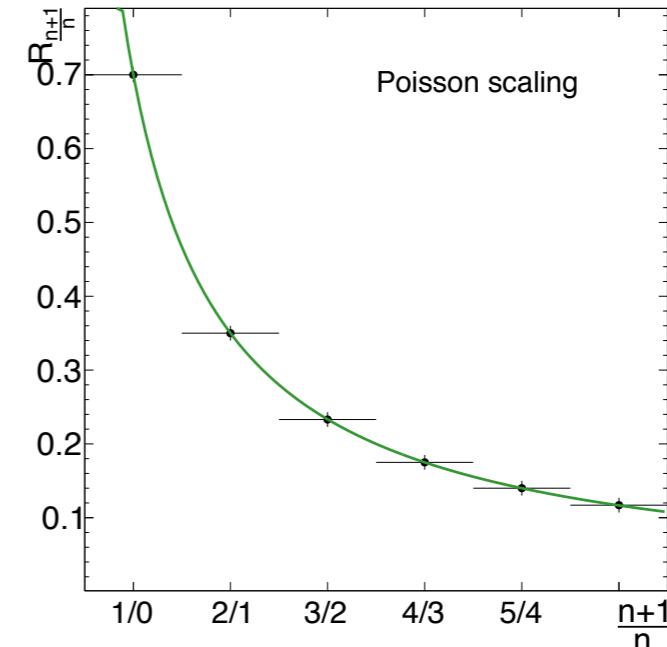
## Poisson scaling

[Peskin & Schroeder; Rainwater, Zeppenfeld(1997)]

$$\sigma_n^{\text{excl.}} = \sigma_0 \frac{\bar{n}^n e^{-\bar{n}}}{n!}$$

falling ratios

$$R_{\frac{n+1}{n}} = \frac{\sigma_{n+1}}{\sigma_n} = \frac{\bar{n}}{n+1}$$



[idealized example]

rates depend on jet algorithm and hard process features NOT!

# theory behind QCD scaling

eikonal approximation

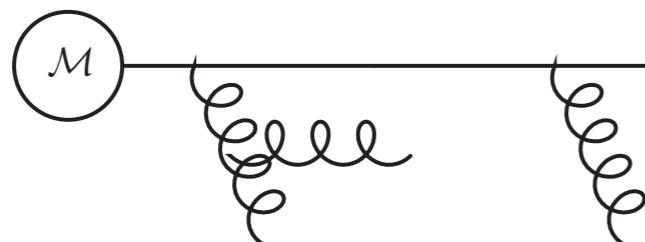
$$\gamma^\mu \frac{q + k}{(q + k)^2} \rightarrow \frac{q^\mu}{qk}$$

factorization

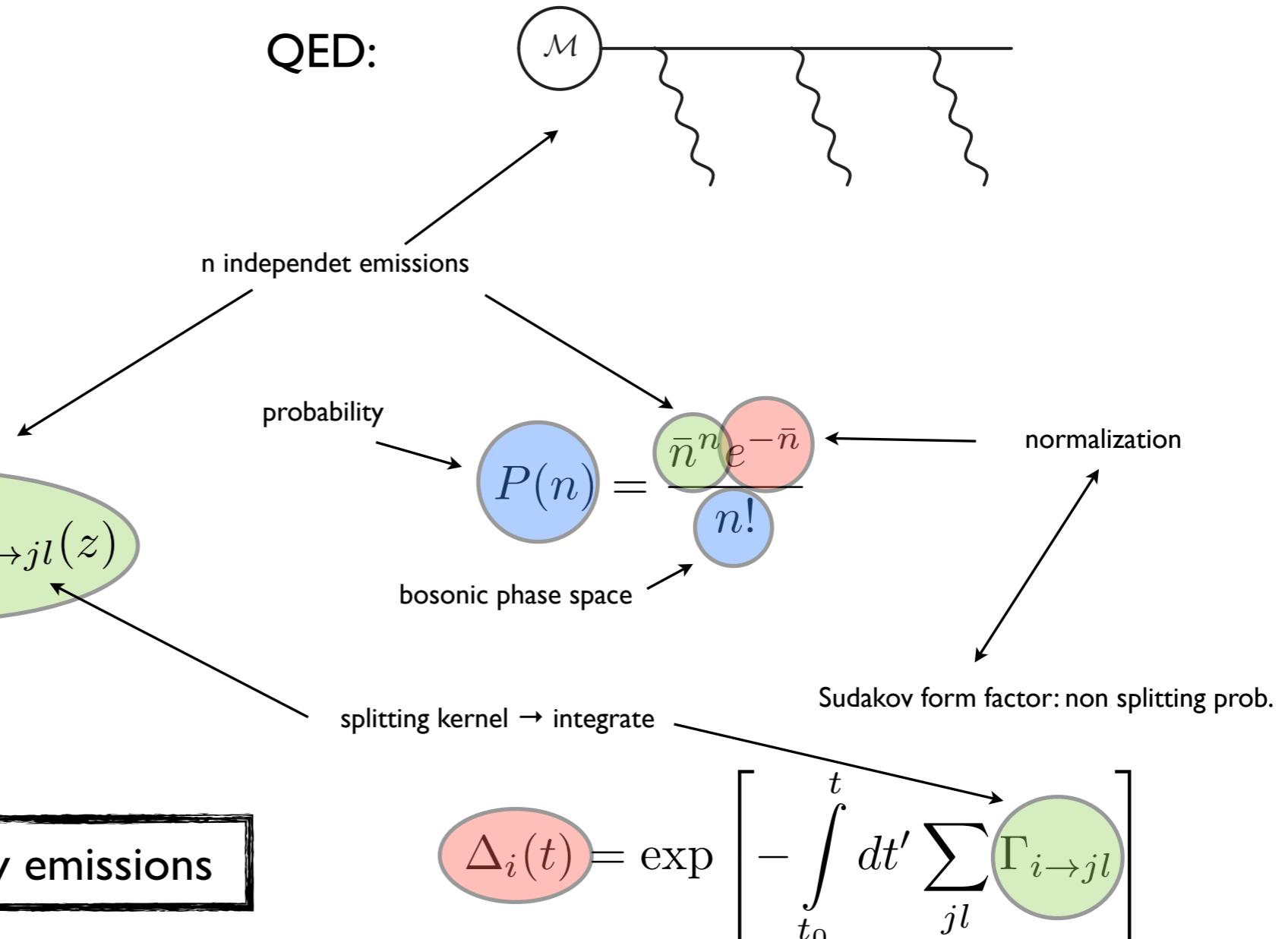
$$d\sigma_{n+1} = d\sigma_n \times \frac{dt}{t} dz \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{i \rightarrow jl}(z)$$

three gluon vertex → secondary emissions

QCD:



QED:



factorization still holds  
 → resummation  
 → parton shower  
 → iterated Poisson

# theory behind QCD scaling

generating functional formalism

$$\Phi(u) := \sum_n u^n P(n)$$

jet rate

$$P(n) = \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n}{du^n} \Phi(u) \Big|_{u=0}$$

electron collider: Durham algorithm

jet resolution

$$y_{ij} = 2 \min(E_i^2, E_j^2) \frac{1 - \cos \theta_{ij}}{t}$$

scale of hard process

$$y_{\text{cut}} = \frac{t_0}{t}$$

smallest resolvable splitting

evolution equation

[time like evolution]

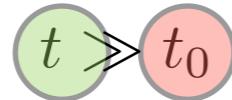
$$\Phi_i(t) = u \exp \left[ \int_{t_0}^t dt' \sum_{jl} \Gamma_{i \rightarrow jl} \left( \frac{\Phi_j(t') \Phi_l(t')}{\Phi_i(t')} - 1 \right) \right]$$

simultaneous evolution in energy and distance

$$t = 2E_i E_j (1 - \cos \theta_{ij})$$

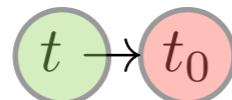
# theory behind QCD scaling

large log limit:



primary emissions dominate  $\rightarrow$  Poisson scaling

democratic limit



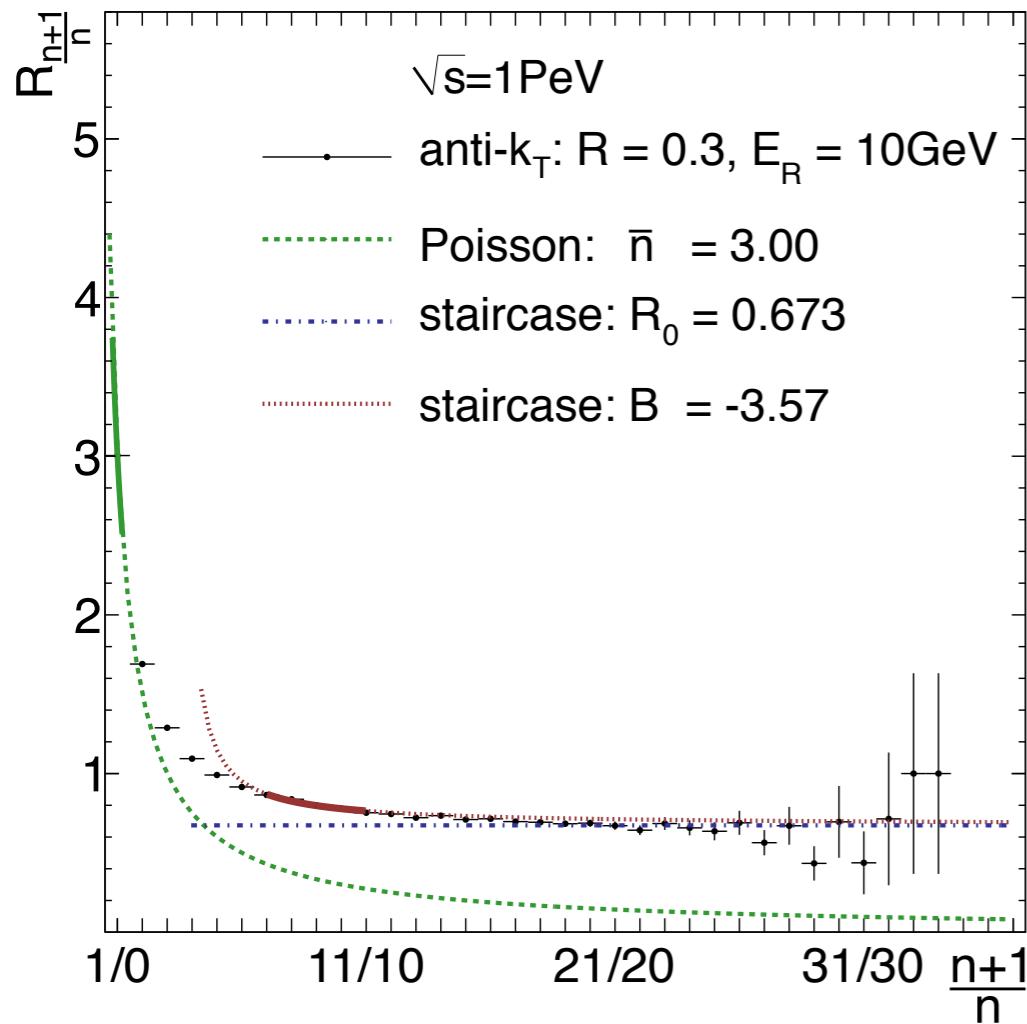
**exact solution**

first time! [JHEP 1210 (2012) 162]

$$\Phi_g(t) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1-u}{u\Delta_g(t)}}$$

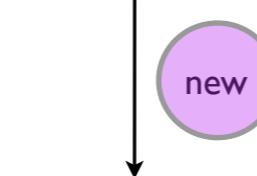
$\rightarrow$  staircase scaling

$$R_{\frac{n+1}{n}} := \frac{P(n+1)}{P(n)} = 1 - \Delta_g(t)$$



generalized  $k_T$  algorithm:  
 $\rightarrow$  independent evolution in energy and distance

[JHEP 1304 (2013) 089]



compute staircase scaling **breaking** terms

$$R_{\frac{n+1}{n}} = (1 - \Delta_g(t)) \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{B + (n+1)} \right]$$

$\leftarrow$  simulation of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q} + n \times g$

expected to be negative

# hadron collider effects

at leading log pdfs and jet evolution factorize

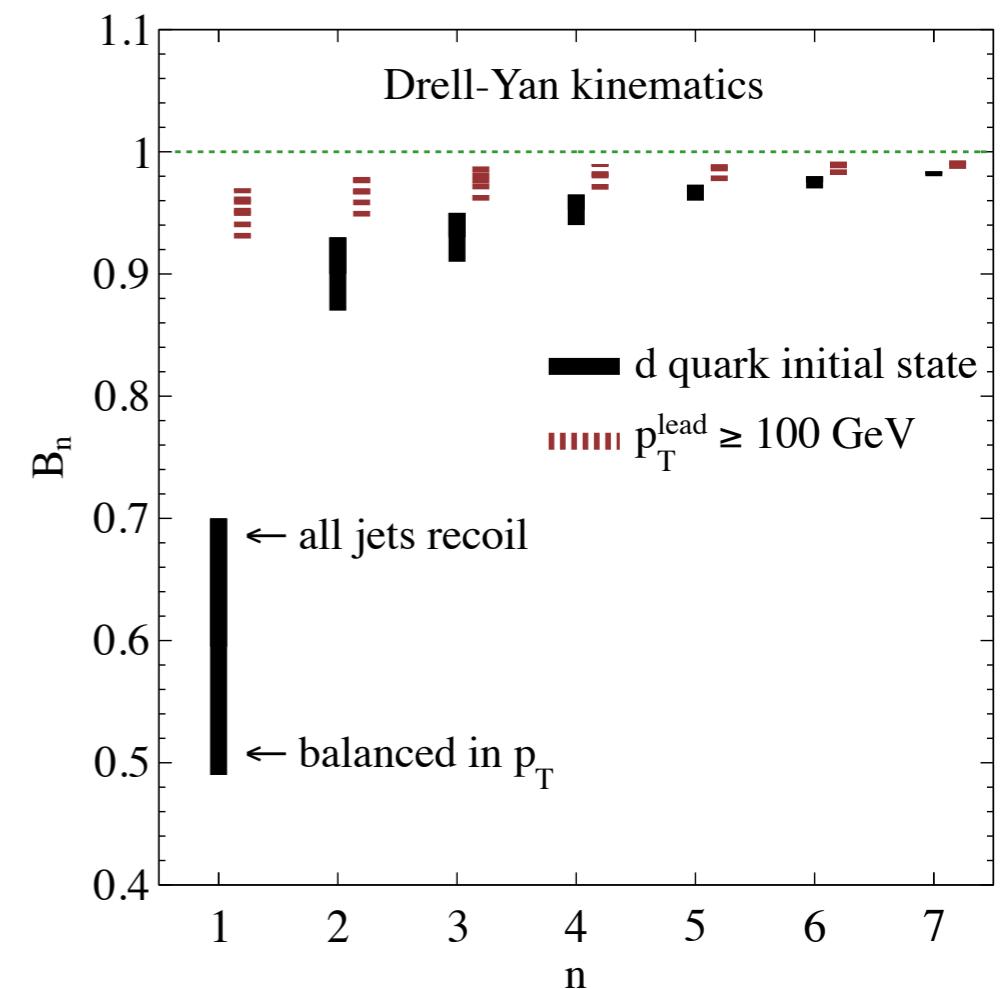
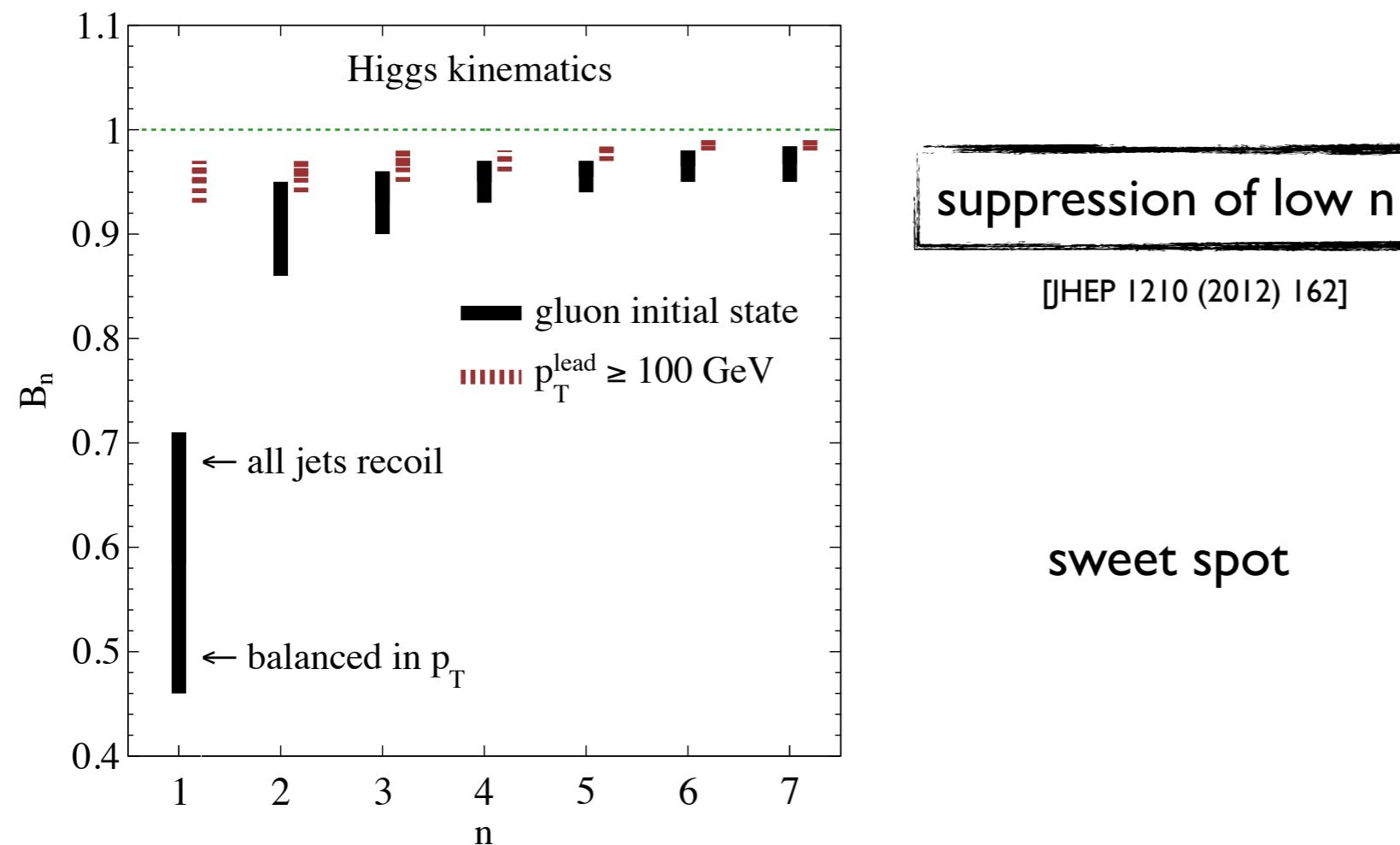
assume threshold kinematics

$$x^{(0)} \approx \frac{m_Z}{2E_{\text{beam}}} \quad x^{(1)} \approx \frac{\sqrt{m_Z^2 + 2 \left( p_T \sqrt{p_T^2 + m_Z^2} + p_T^2 \right)}}{2E_{\text{beam}}}$$

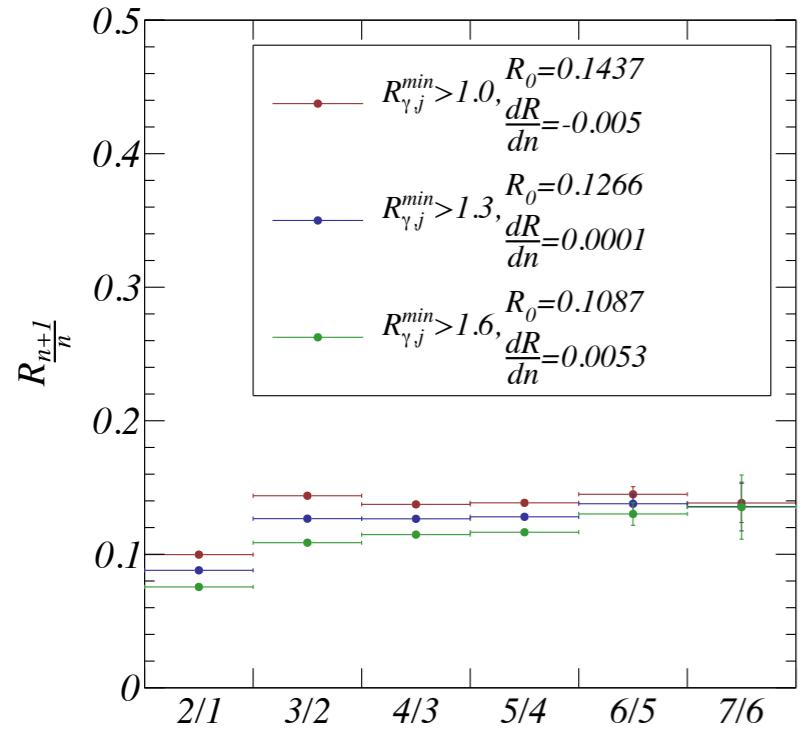
pdf effects on jet ratios

$$B_n = \left| \frac{f(x^{(n+1)}, Q)}{f(x^{(n)}, Q)} \right|^2$$

$$\frac{f(x^{(n+2)}, Q)}{f(x^{(n+1)}, Q)}$$



# learn, test, ...

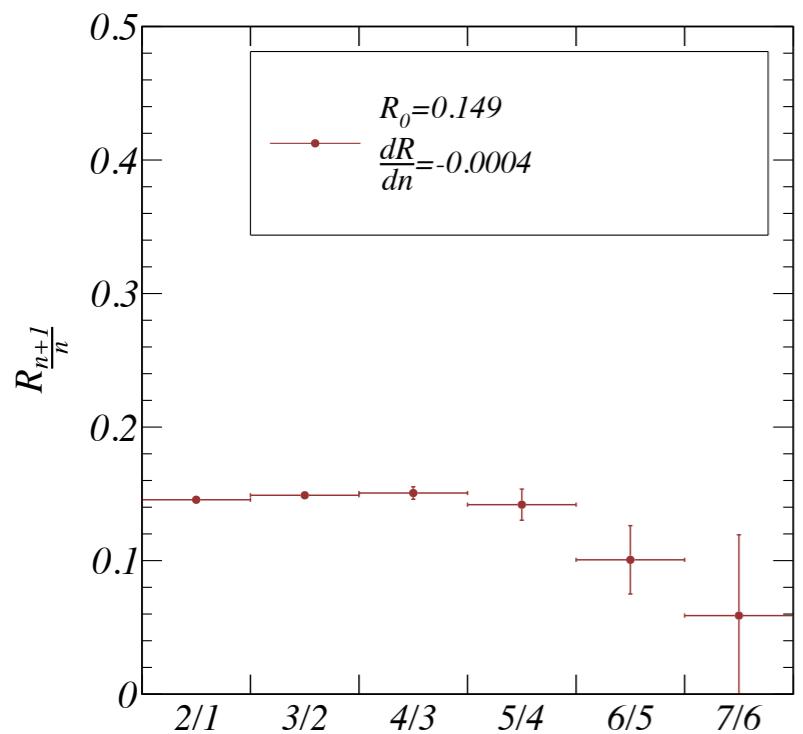
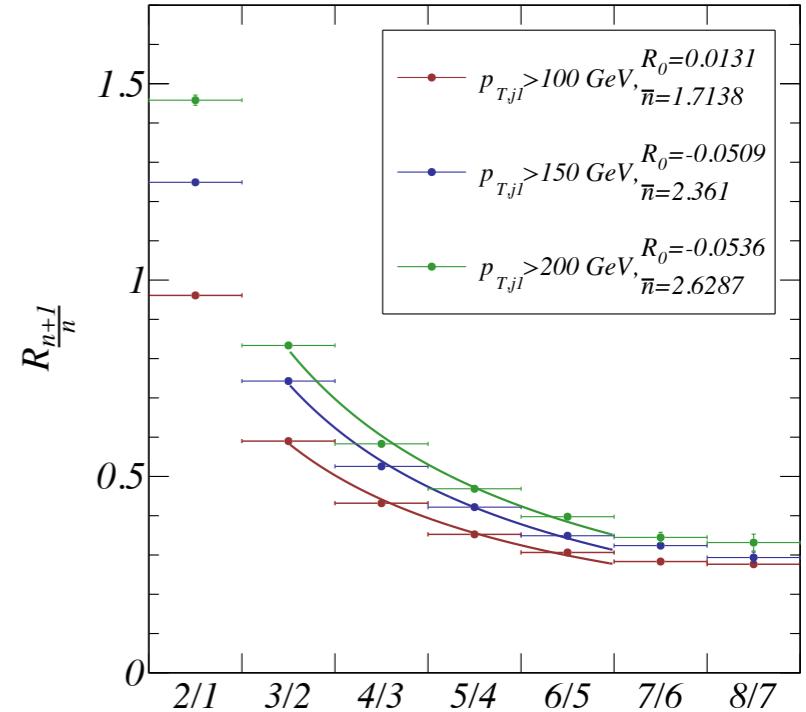


photon plus jets

high cross-section: signal free

tune between patterns

→ understand experimentally

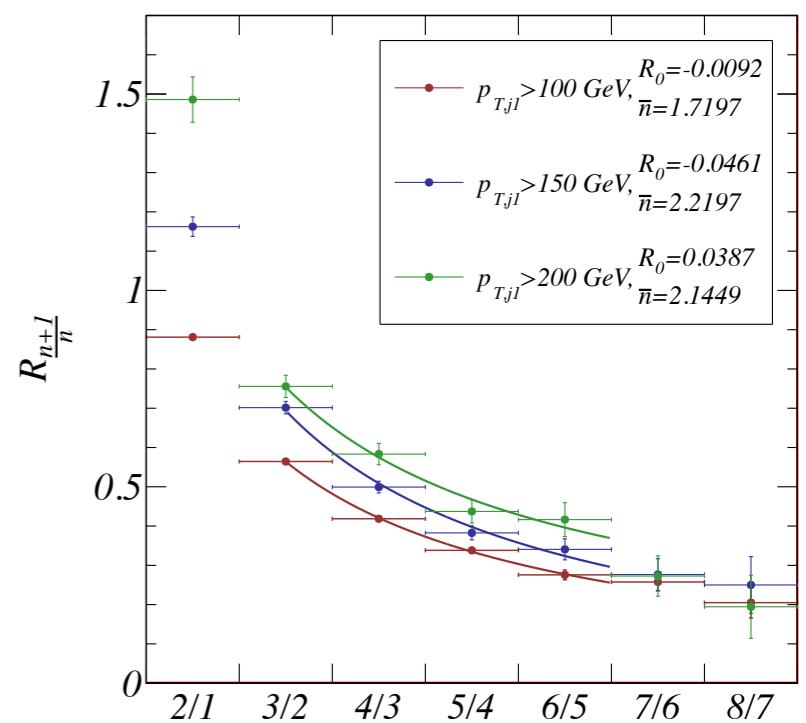


translate to Z plus jets

same hard process (QCD p.o.v.)

but: important background

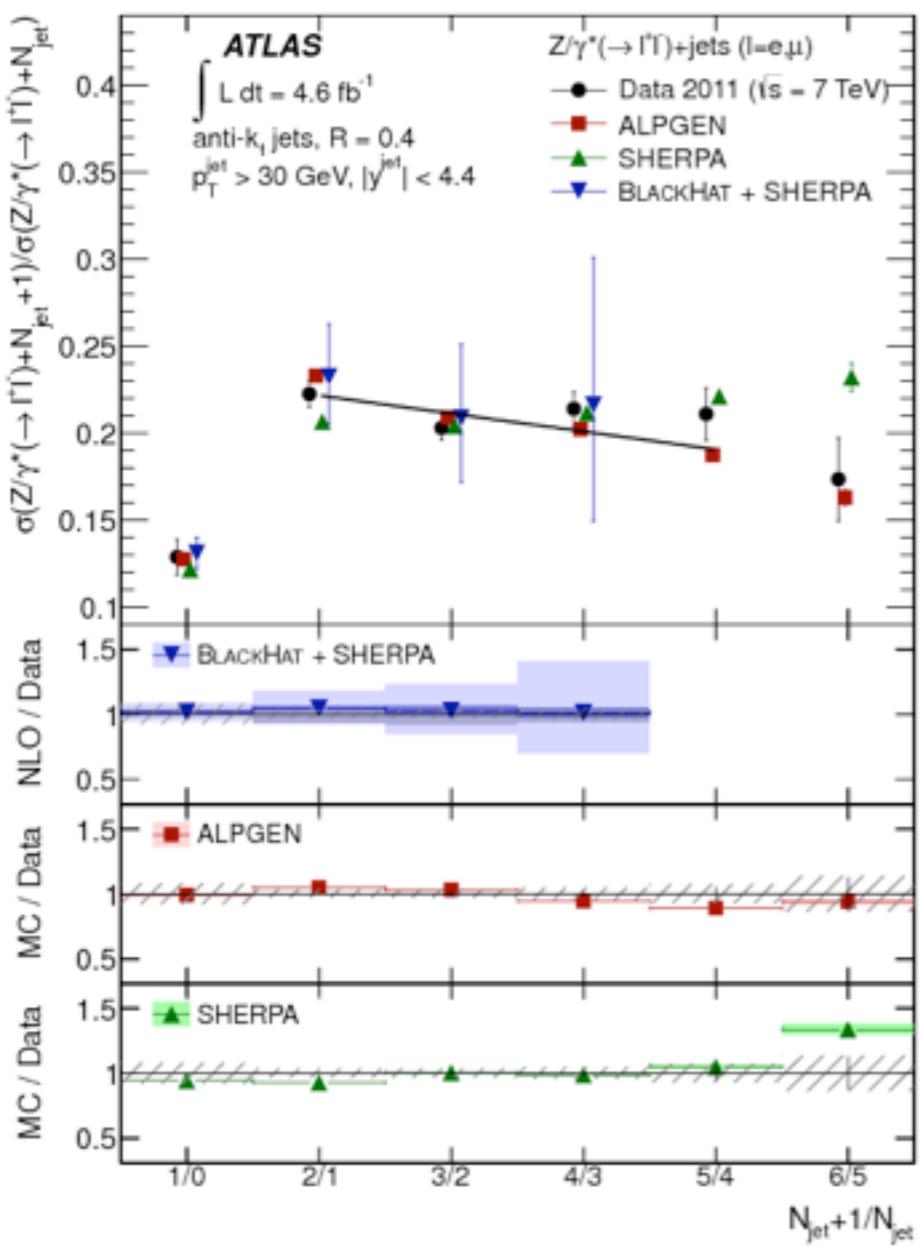
great laboratory!



# learn, test, ...

## actual LHC study

[arXiv:1304.7098]

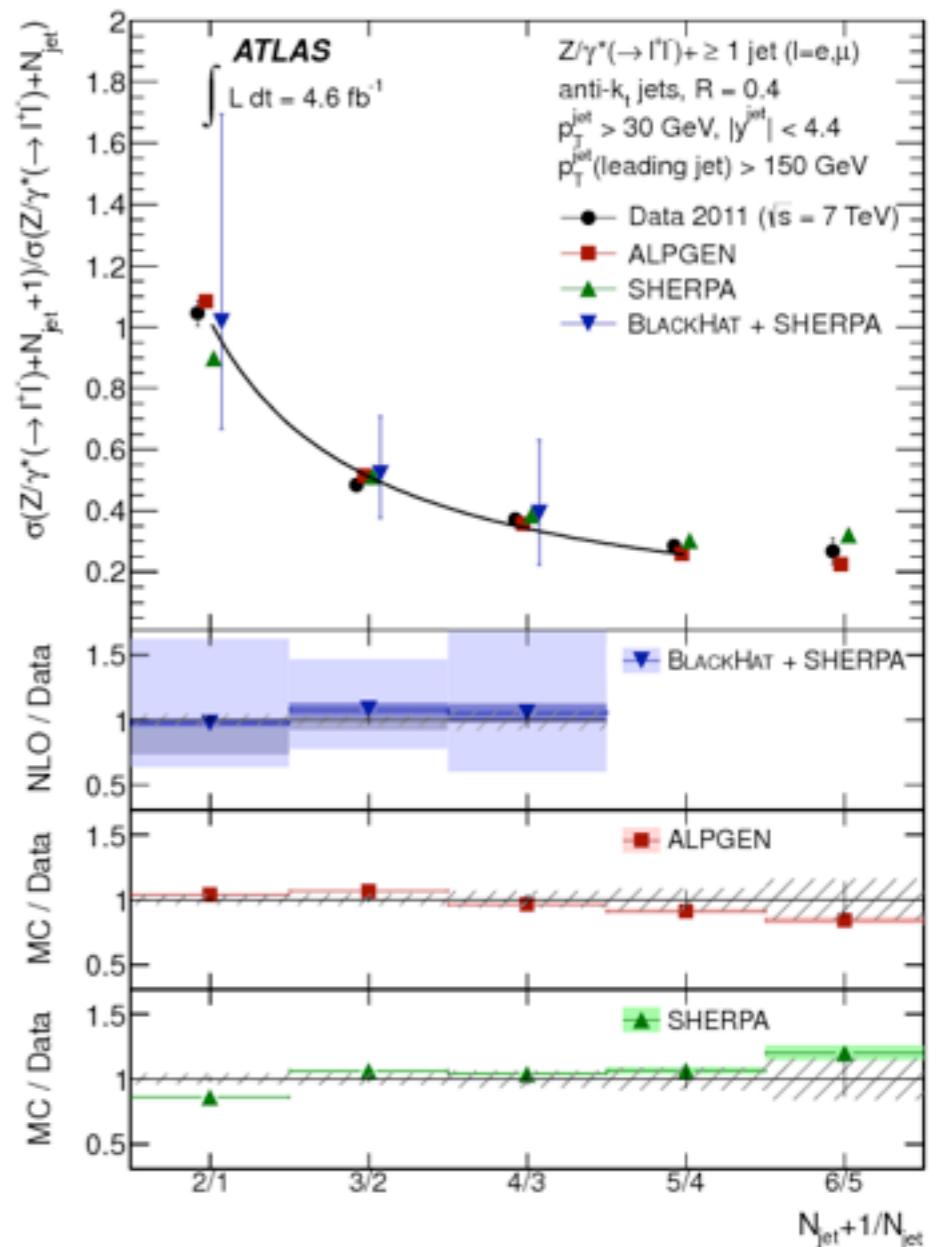


### Z plus jets

Note:

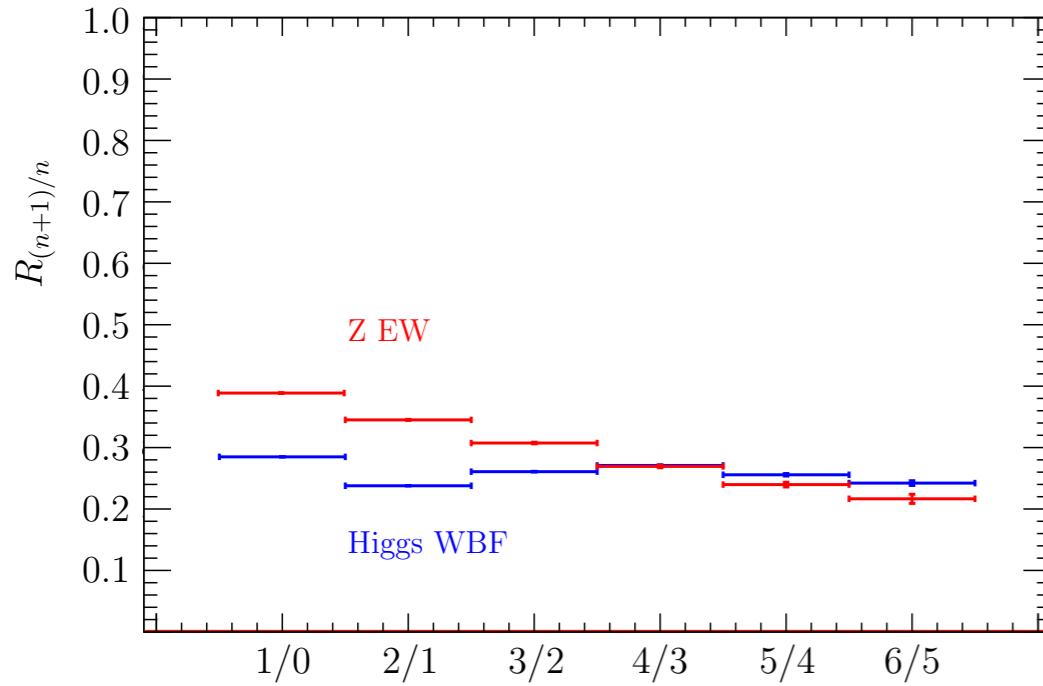
- staircase has tilt
- Poisson flattens out
- exactly as predicted
- NLO stops at 4 jets

[arXiv:1304.7098]



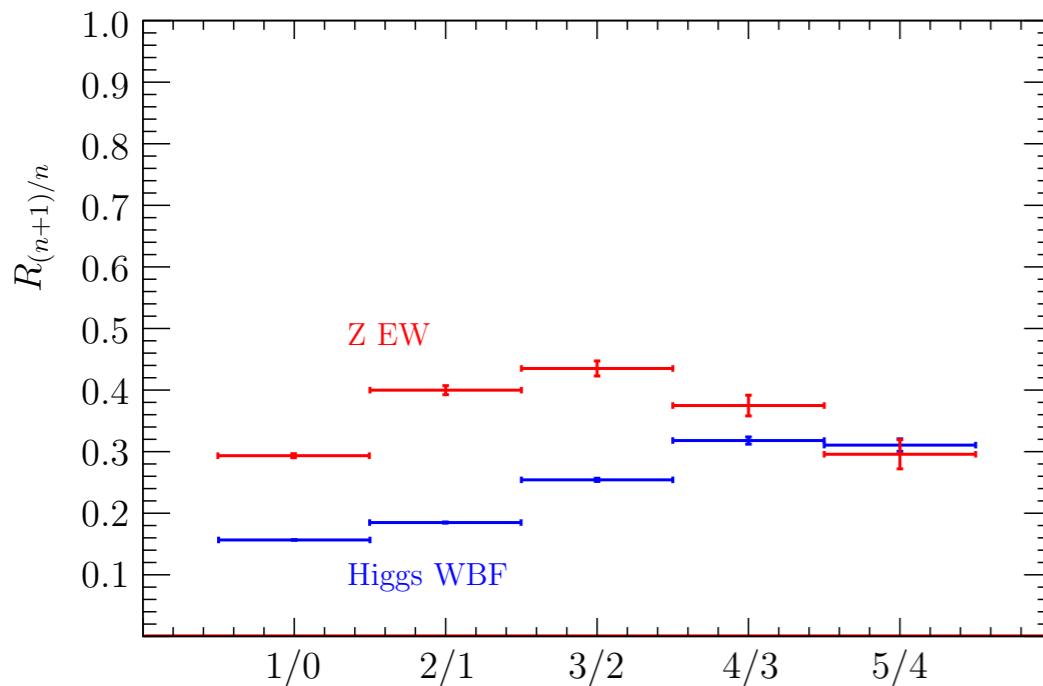
# Higgs vetos

... and use!



before cuts  
both staircase

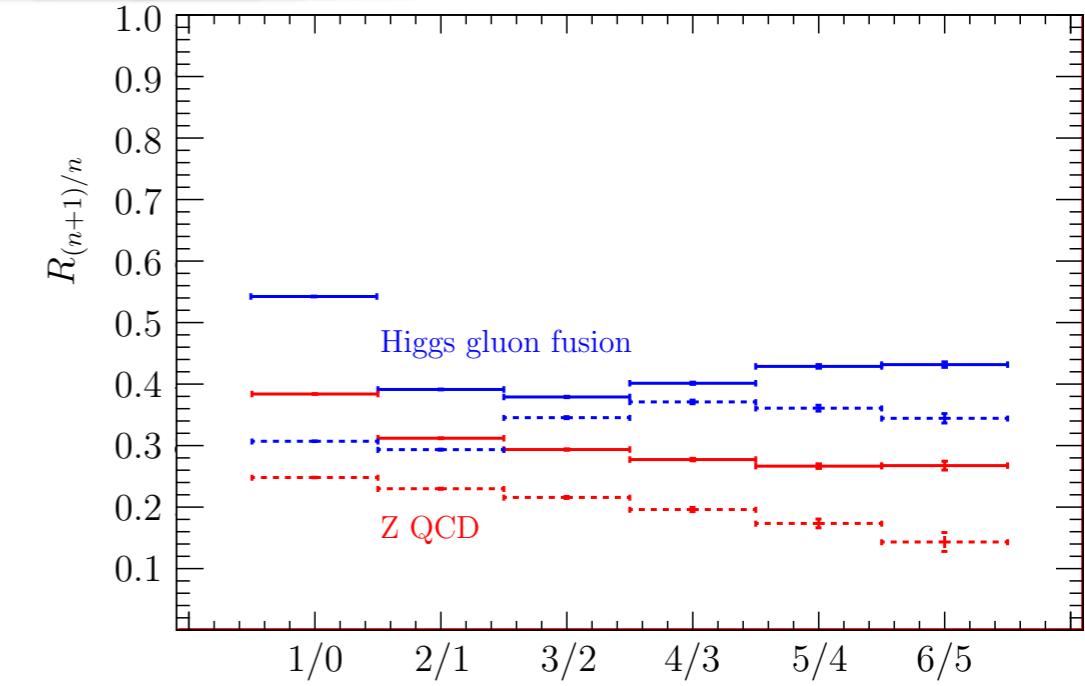
↓  
signal stays staircase like



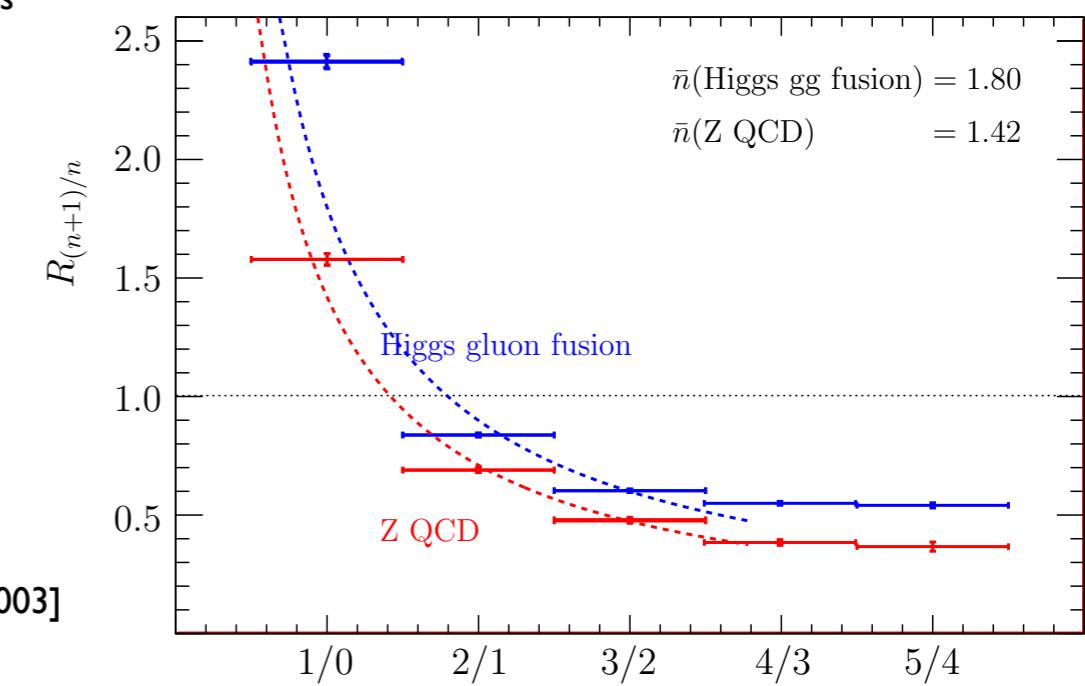
# WBF cuts

ask for two hard tagging jets

[Phys.Rev.Lett. 108 (2012) 032003]



↓  
background becomes Poisson



# LHC gap studies

(extending an existing study)

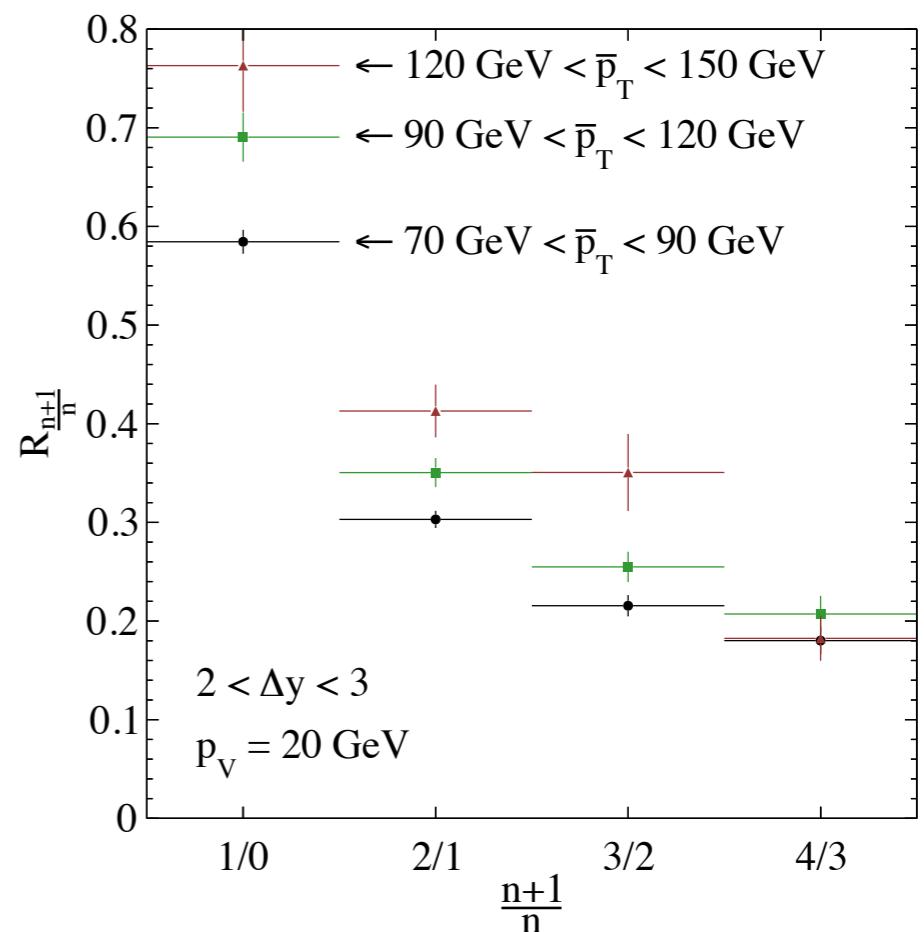
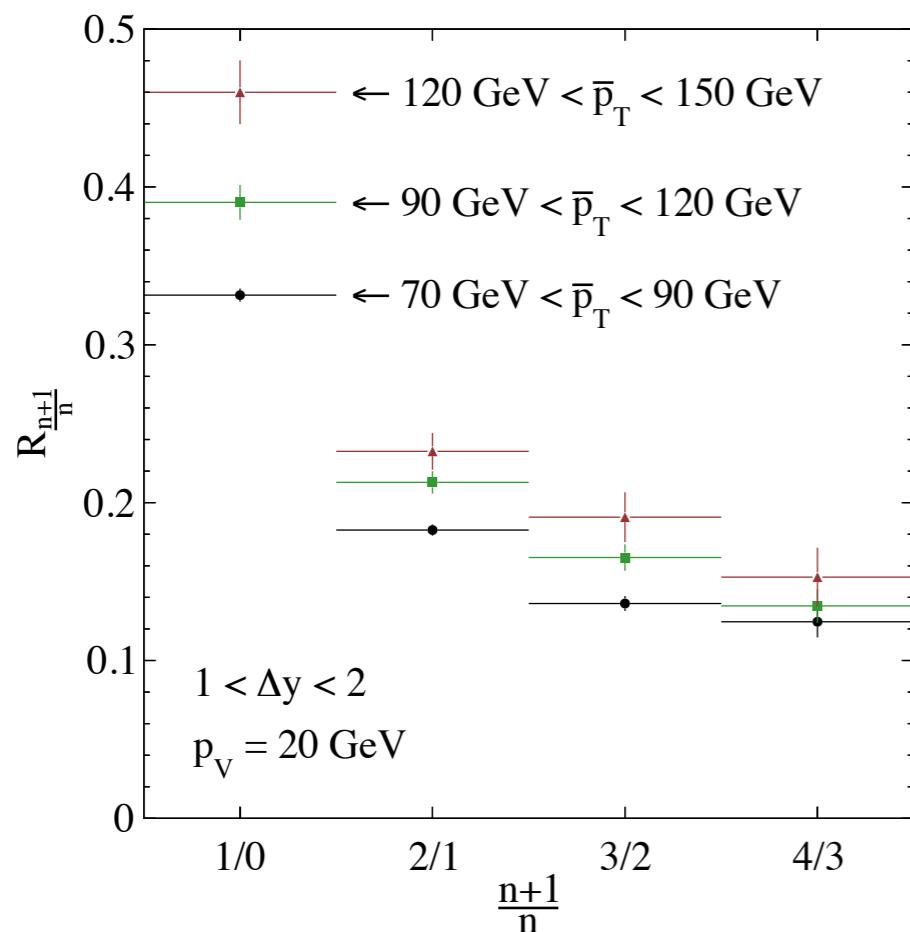
# ... and use!

define two hard tagging jets

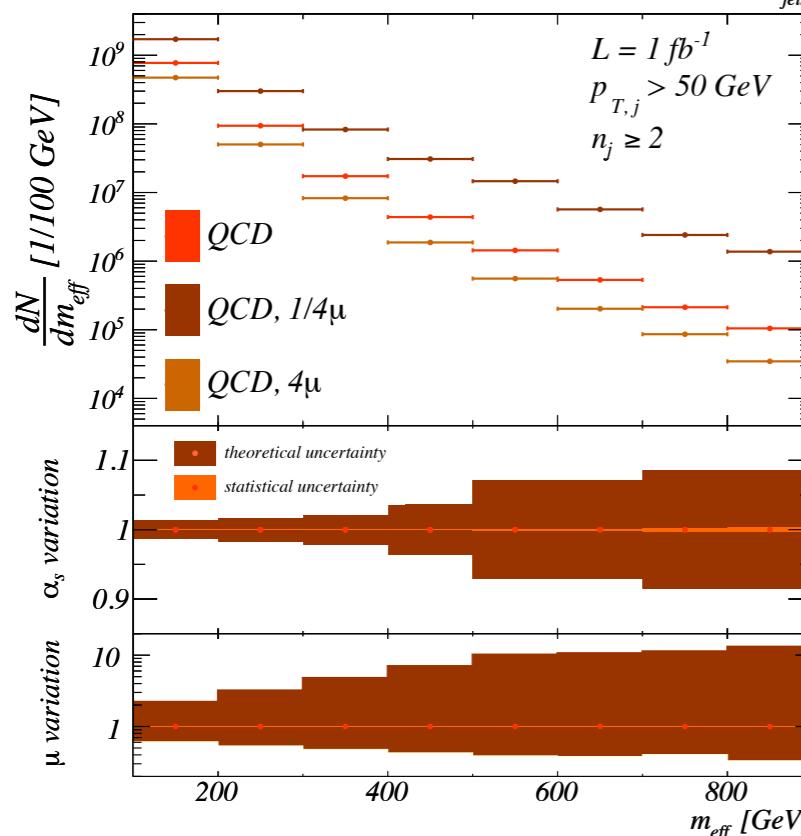
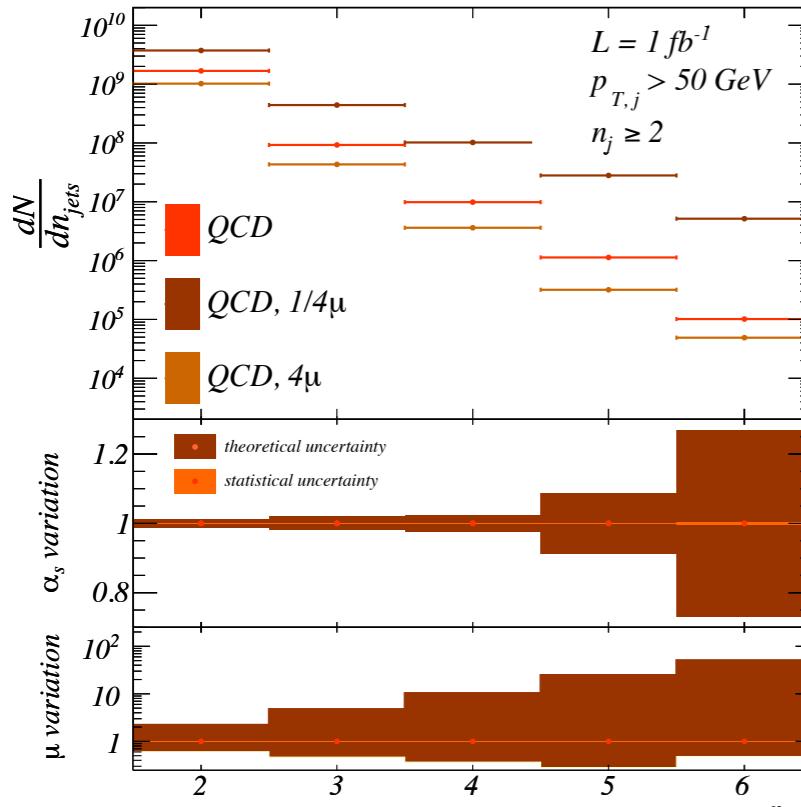
measure gap fraction  $P(0) = \frac{\sigma_0}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}$

jet veto  $p_V$

in addition: measure jet spectrum  
→ expect Poisson



# BSM searches with autofocus



← understand jets  
discriminate decay chains →

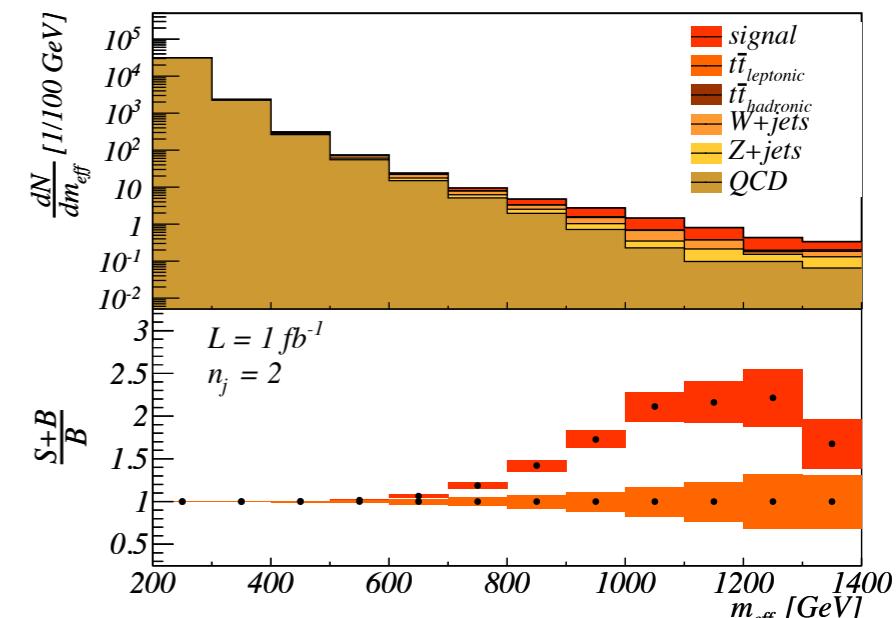
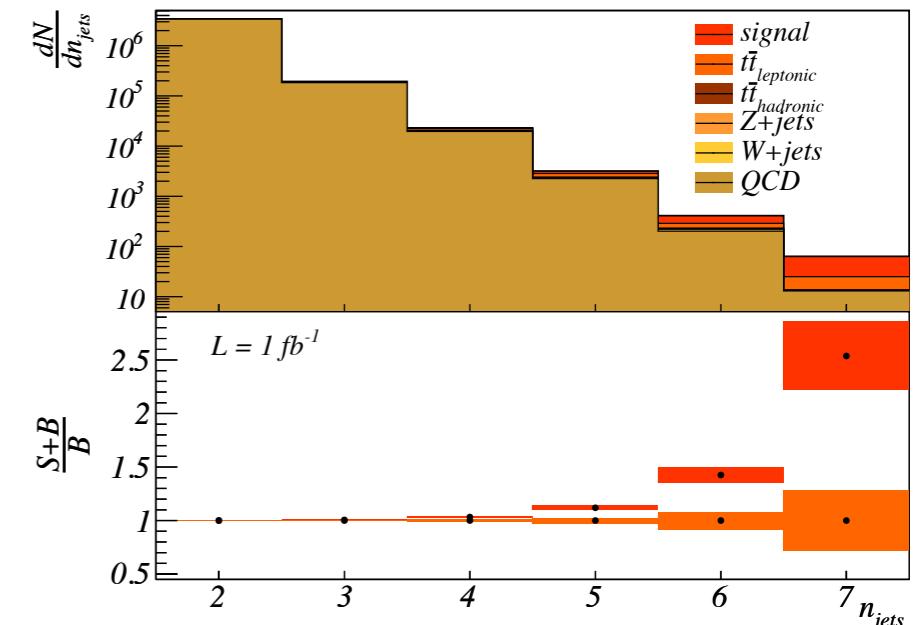
use notorious observables:

e.g.  $m_{\text{eff}} = \not{p}_T + \sum_{\text{all jets}} p_{T,\text{jet}}$

depends on exclusive number of jets

complementary

[Phys.Rev. D83 (2011) 095009]

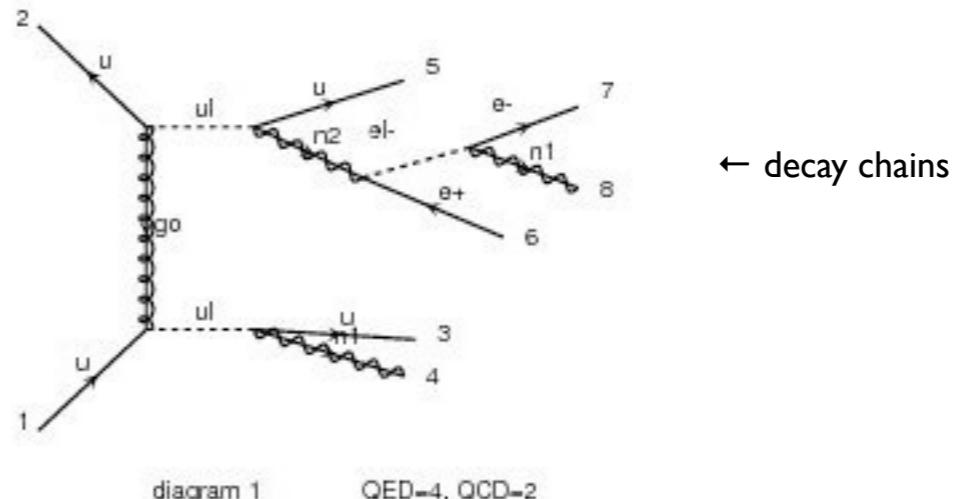


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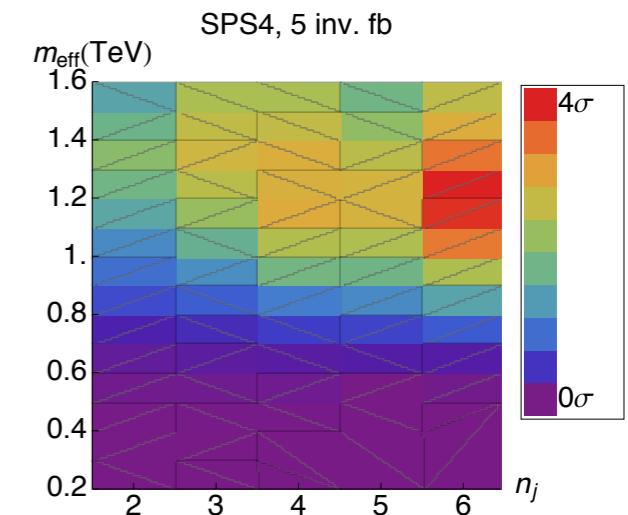
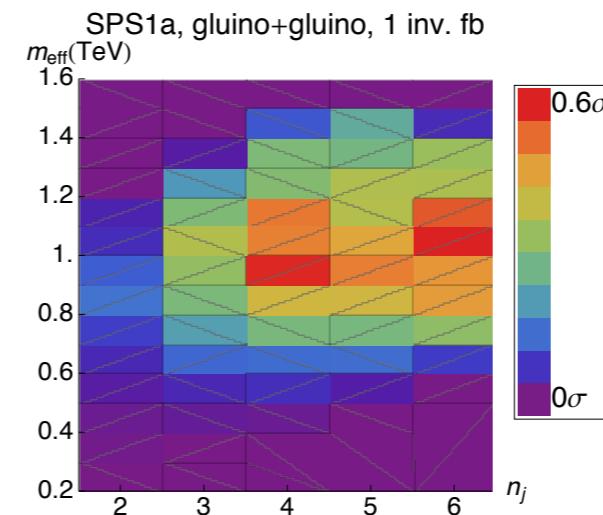
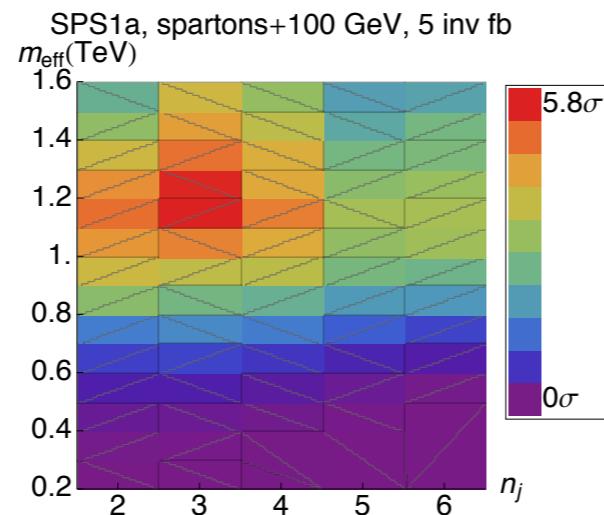
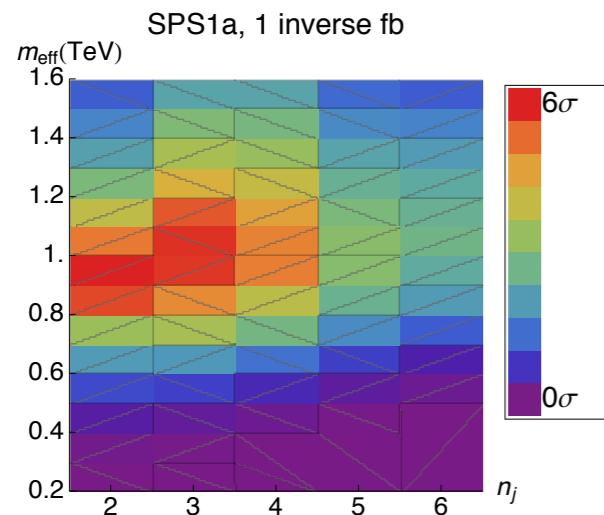
... and use!

number of jets → color structure  
effective mass → particles mass scale

SUSY benchmark points



log-likelihood maps → autofocus



# conclusions

- staircase scaling is a firm QCD prediction
  - @ LHC: low multiplicities due to PDF effects
- compute staircase scaling breaking terms [new]
- staircase and Poisson scaling are an observed fact
- precession test of QCD at high multiplicity [not possible with NLO]
- tons of pheno applications:
  - Higgs studies, photon laboratory, BSM searches, jet substructure(?)

thanks for listening