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# CAUSAL REPRESENTATION OF PHYSICAL OBSERVABLES THROUGH THE LOOP-TREE DUALITY

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- Loop-Tree Duality theorem and the Four-Dimensional Unsubtraction method
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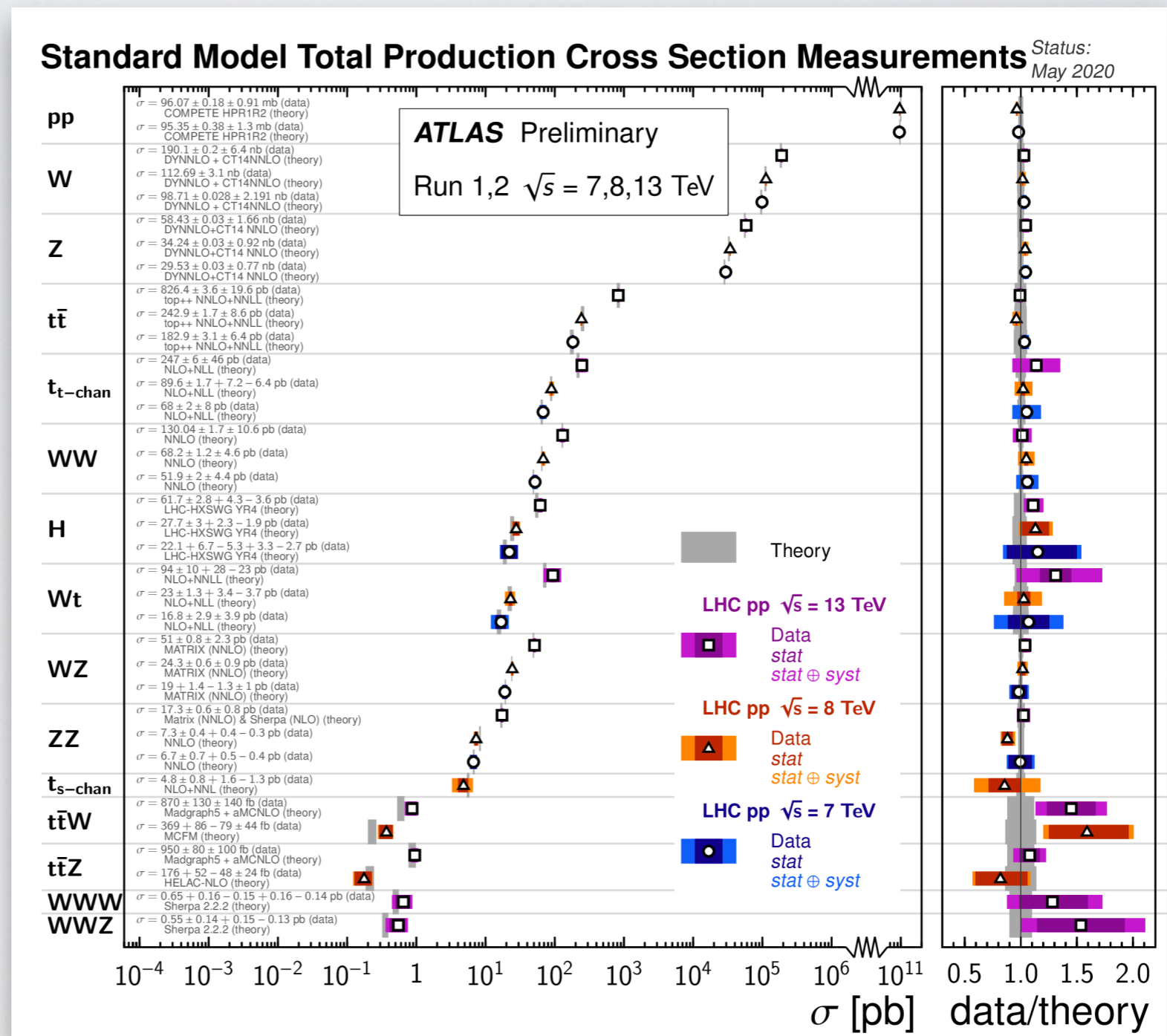
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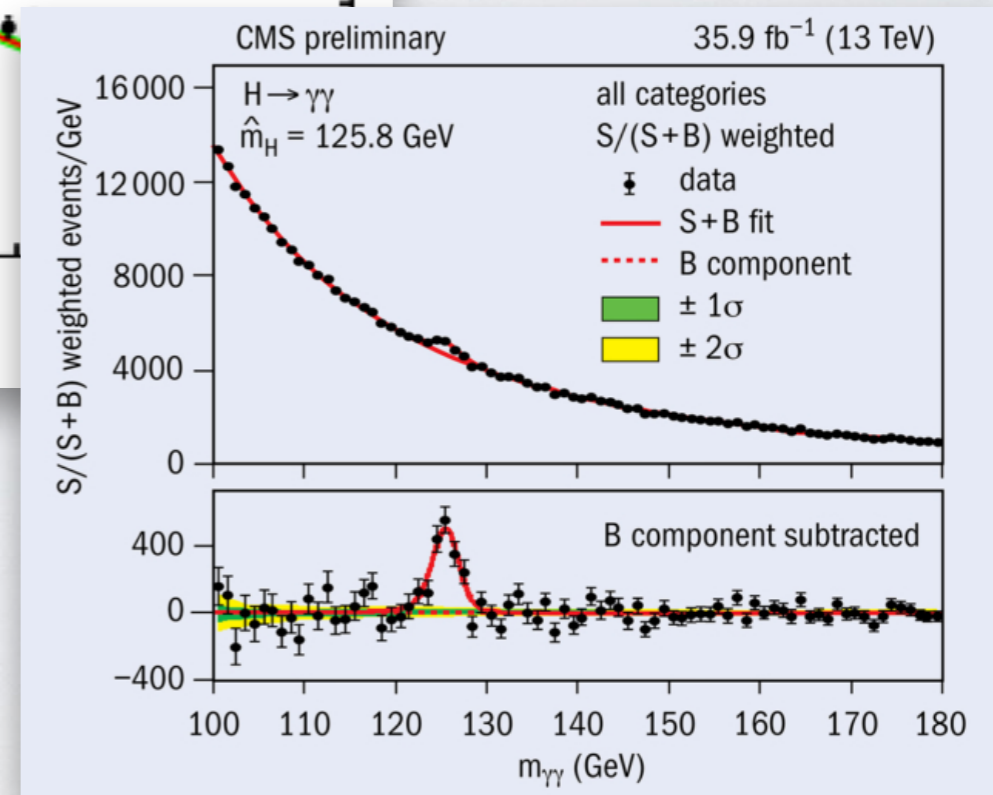
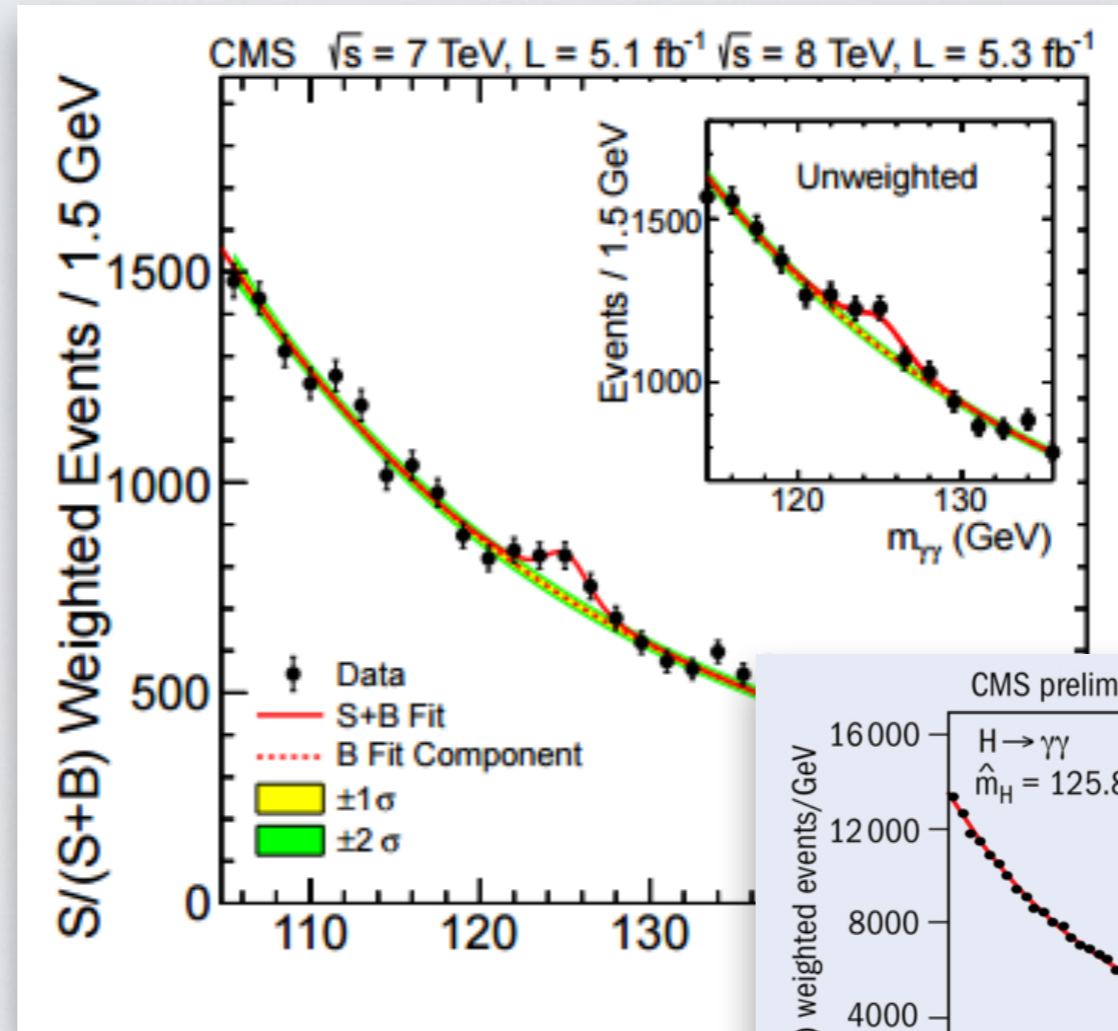
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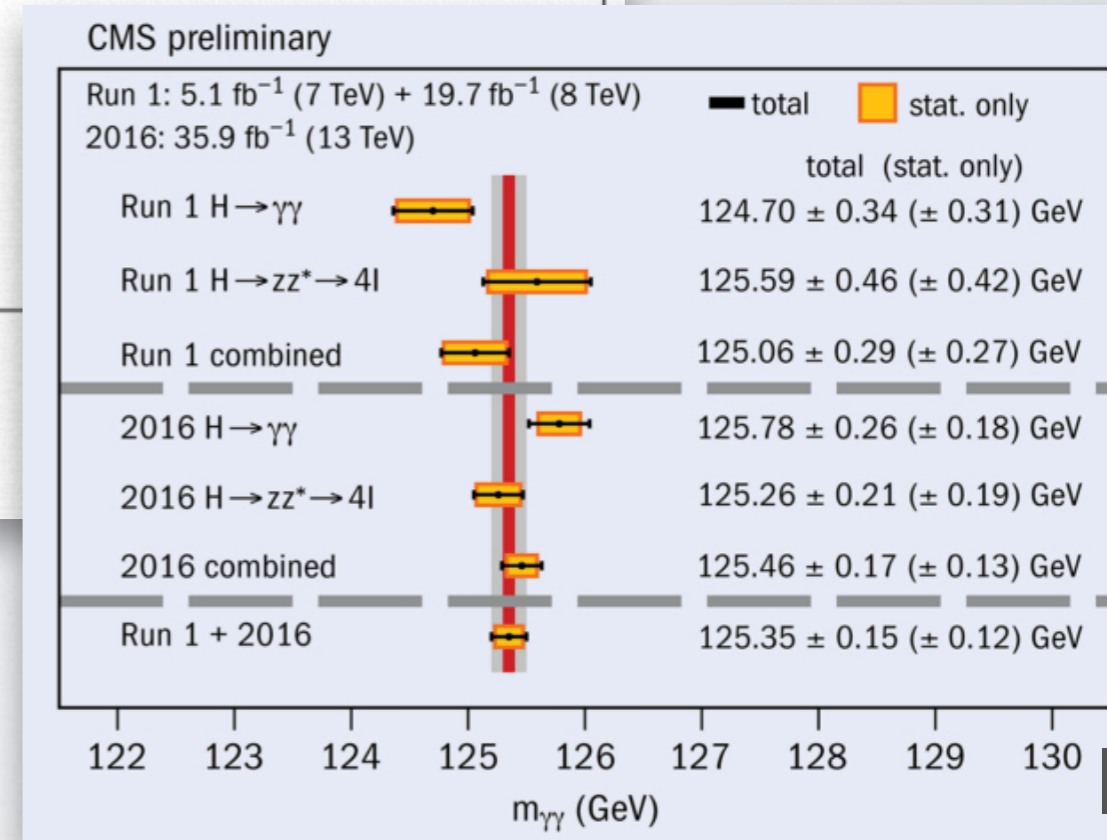
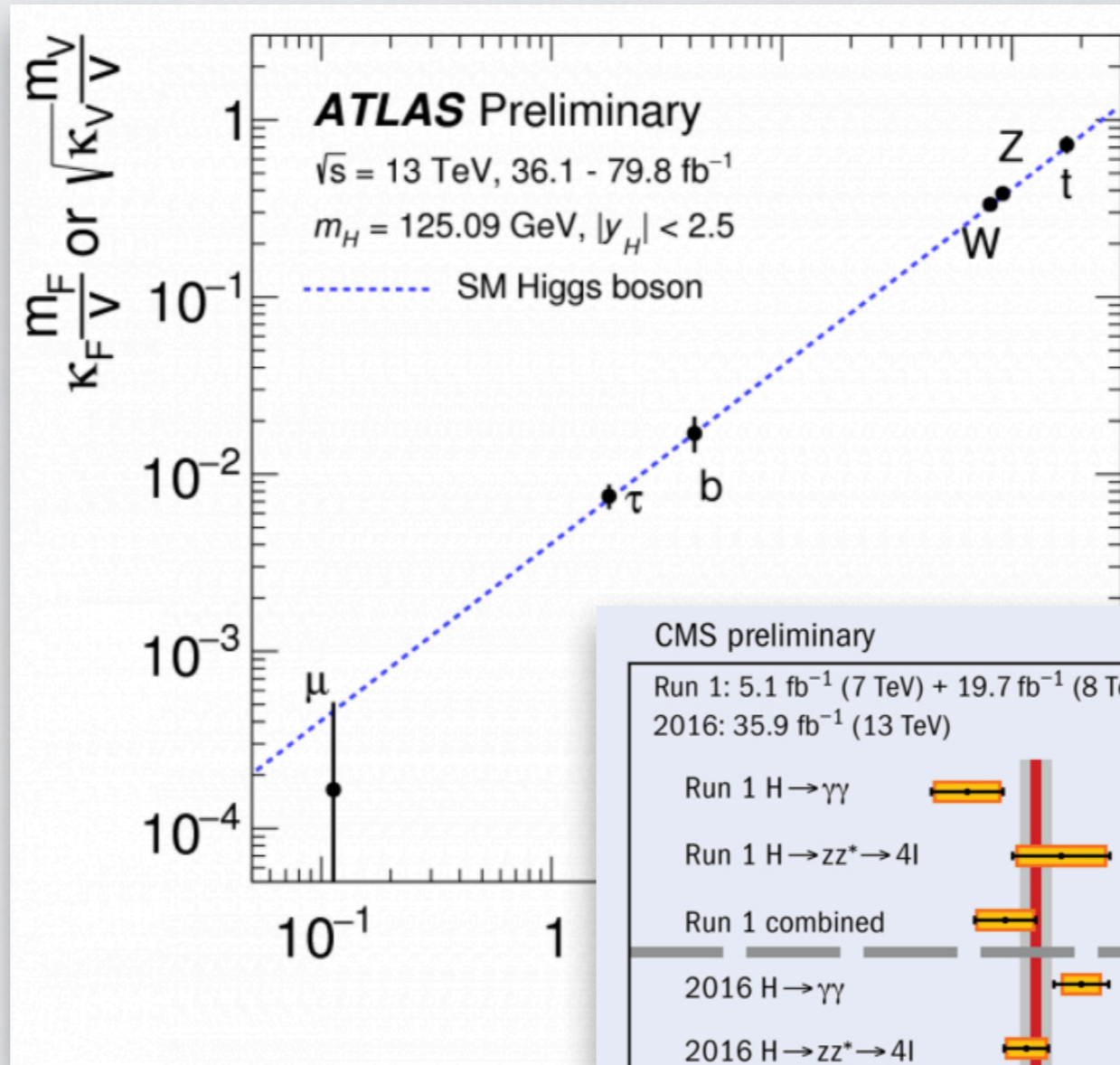
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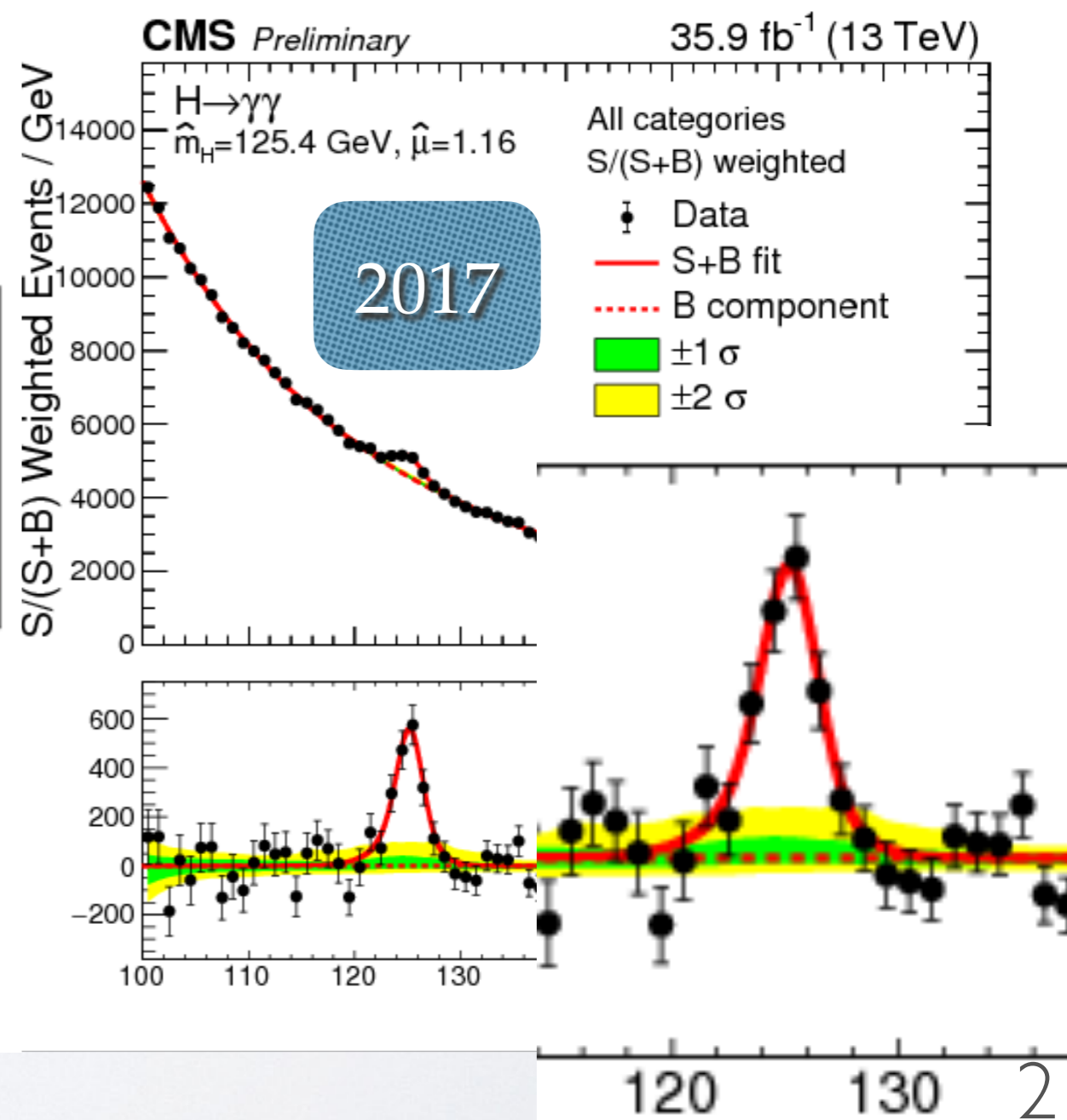
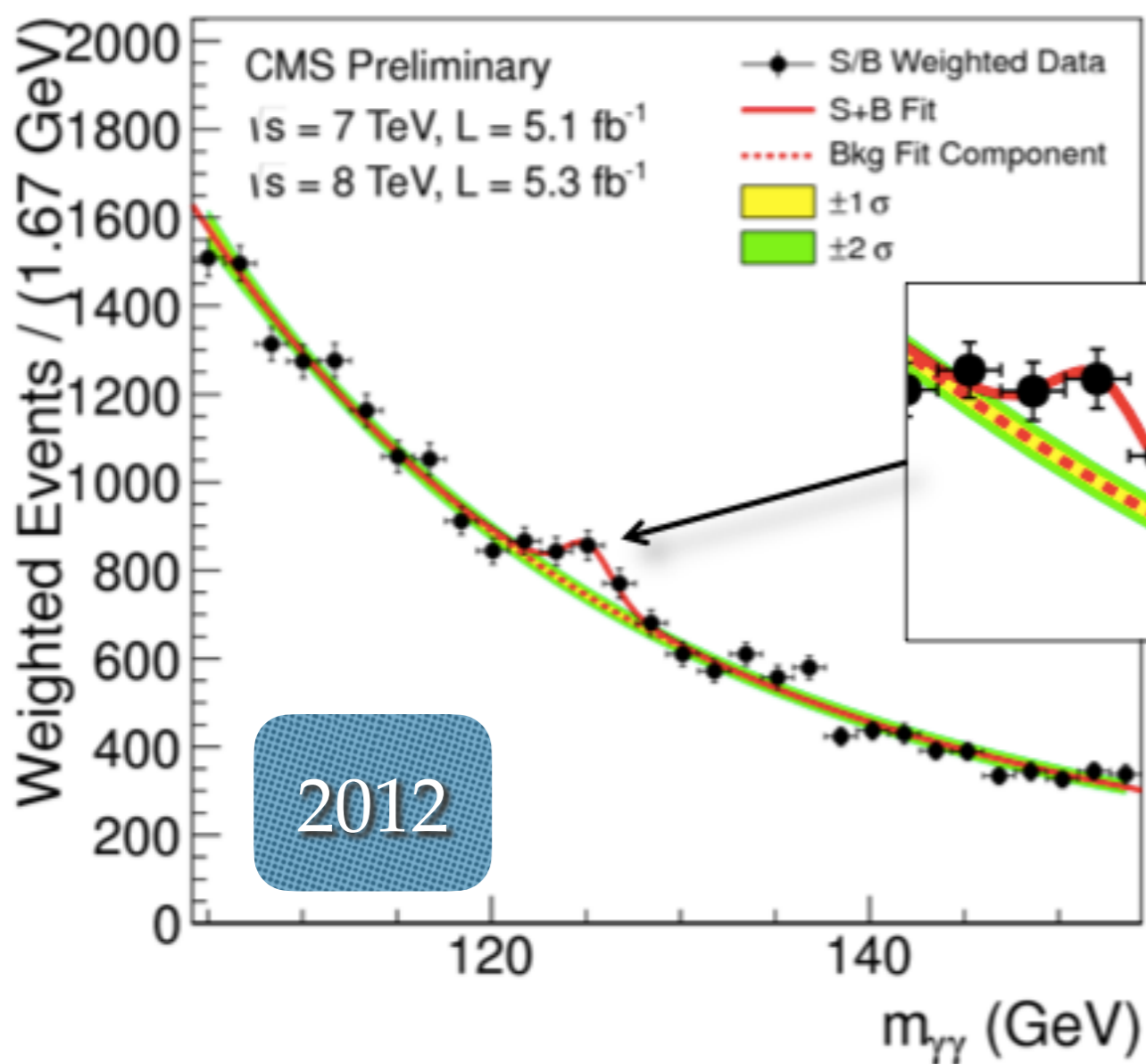
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- The complete determination of the Standard Model Higgs properties requires the computation of theoretical predictions to the highest possible accuracy.

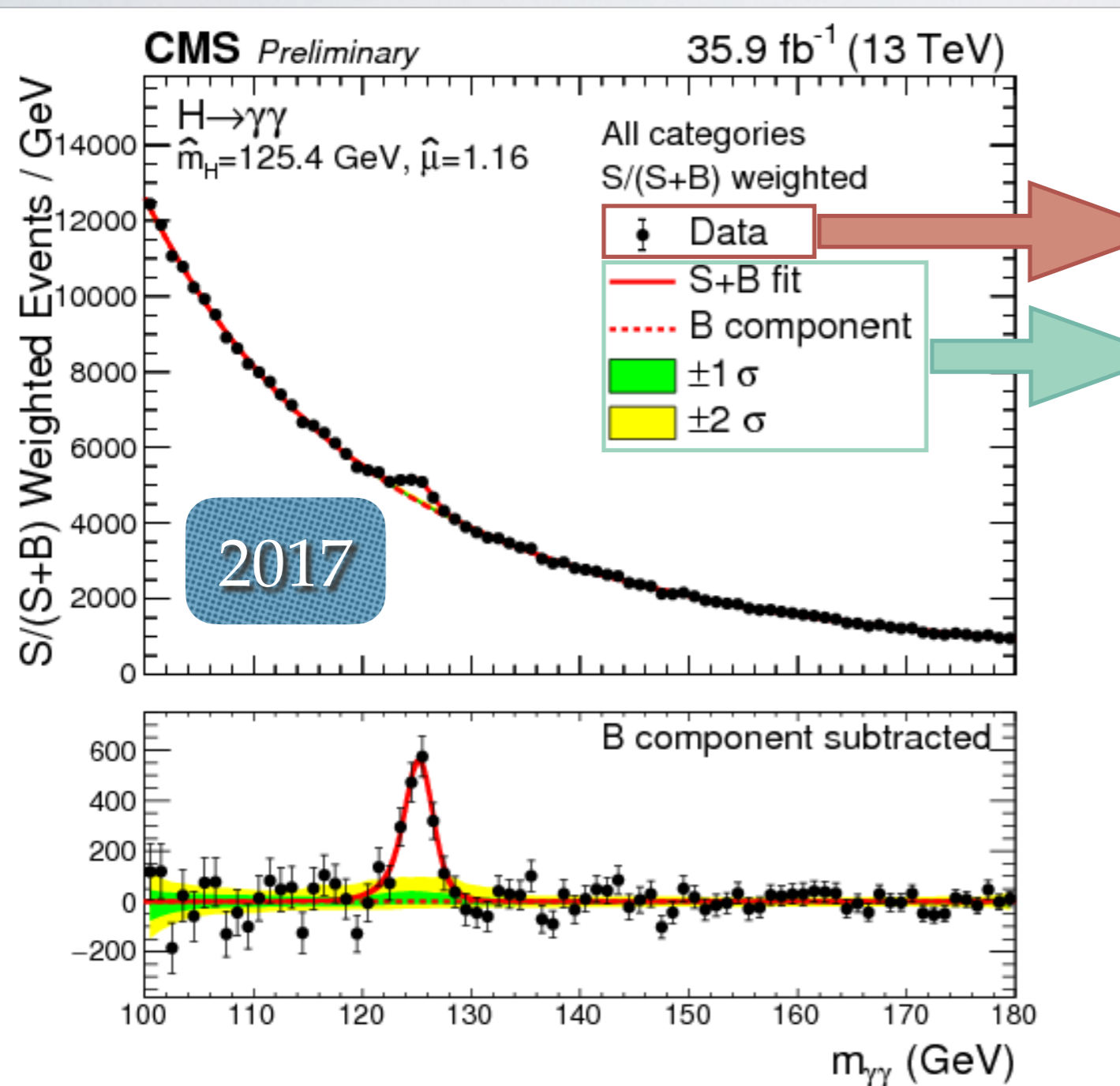




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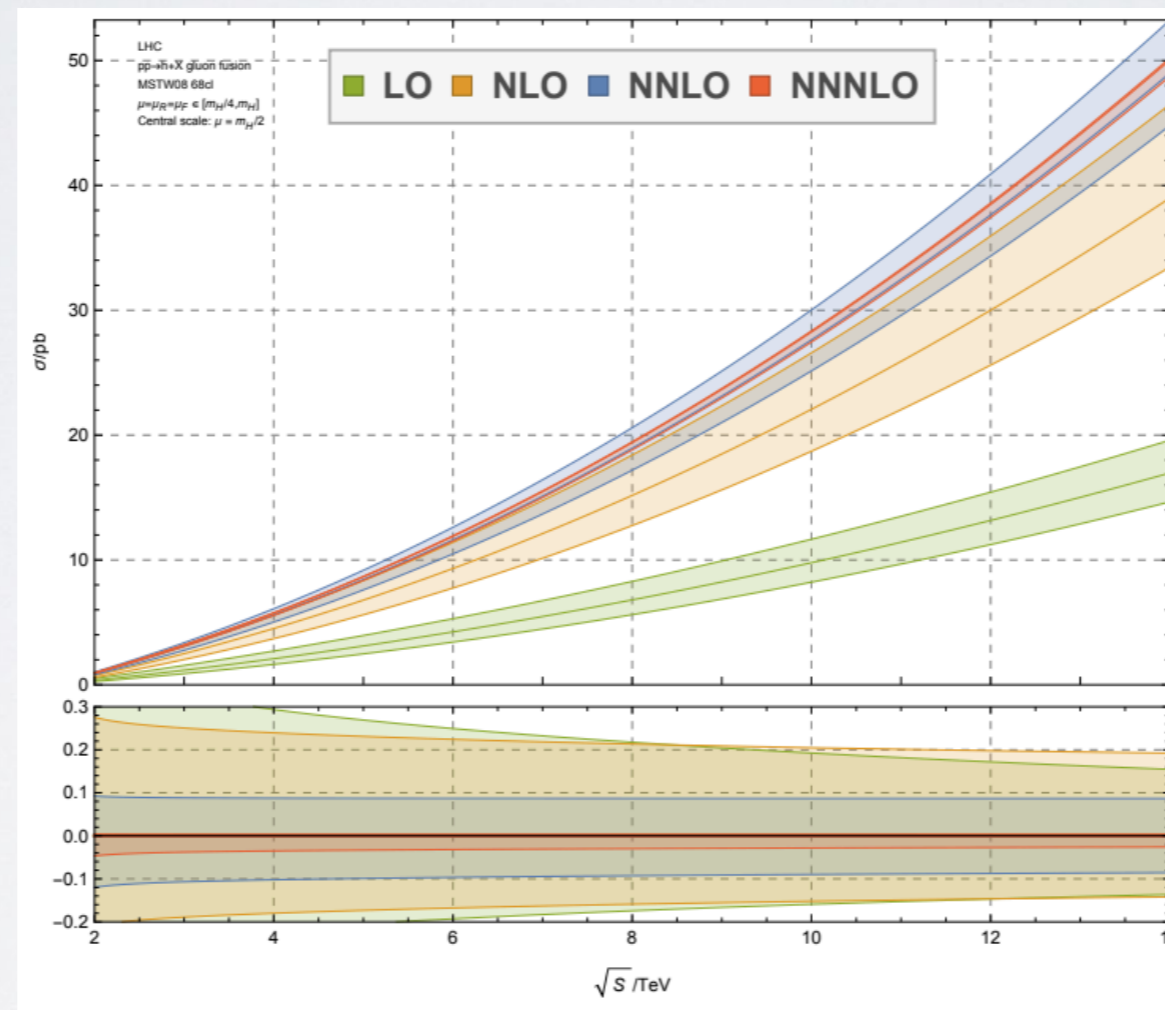
Experiment

Phenomenology

Strong knowledge in:  
-Quantum Field Theory,  
-Mathematical methods,  
-Programming, ...

# THEORY MEETS EXPERIMENT

- Precision measurements use accurate theoretical predictions.



- Experimental results needs Monte Carlo simulations in order to compare with nature.

# THEORETICAL PREDICTIONS

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- The total cross section is the theoretical prediction computed to compare with the experiment. It has a series expansion as,

$$\sigma = \sigma^{(LO)} + \alpha_S(\mu)\sigma^{(NLO)} + \alpha_S^2(\mu)\sigma^{(NNLO)} + \dots$$

- where all the elements are given in terms of integrals, as

$$\sigma^{(NLO)} = \int_{\Omega} d\sigma^V + \int_{\Omega+1} d\sigma^R$$

$$\sigma^{(NNLO)} = \int_{\Omega} d\sigma^{VV} + \int_{\Omega+1} d\sigma^{RV} + \int_{\Omega+2} d\sigma^{RR}$$

# THEORETICAL PREDICTIONS

- However, we must keep in mind that a cross section is always finite at all orders in the series.
- The integrands are known using diagrams, Feynman diagrams. For instance,

$$\sigma^{\text{LO}} = \text{[Diagram 1]}$$

$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \text{[Diagram 2]} + \text{[Diagram 3]}$$

$$\sigma^{\text{NNLO}} = \text{[Diagram 4]} + \text{[Diagram 5]} + \text{[Diagram 6]}$$

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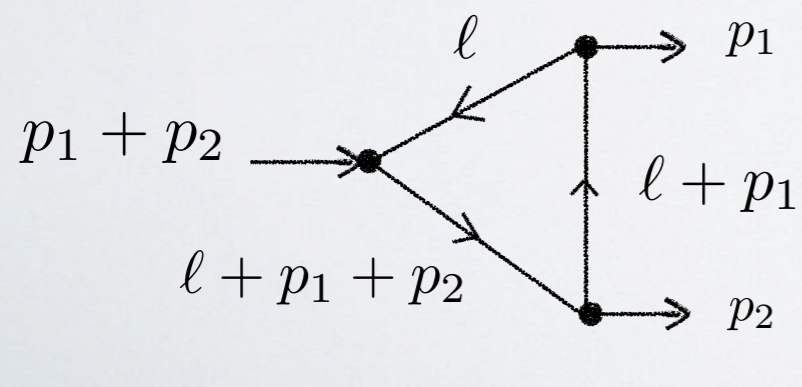
- The cross section is made, diagrammatically, by dots and lines. A line between two dots is called the propagator and has the functional form, for simplicity we consider no numerator,



$$: \quad f(p, m) = \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2}$$

- where  $p^2 = p_0^2 - \vec{p}^2$ .

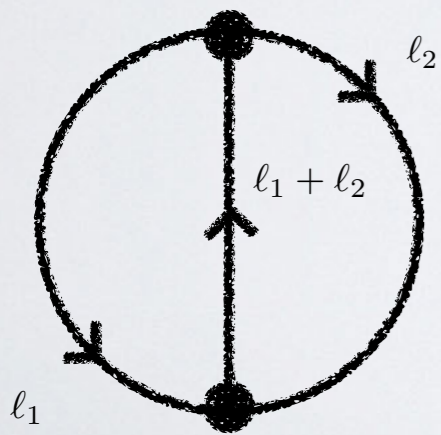
- Considering the triangle diagram, it has the structure,



$$: \quad \int d\ell_0 d\ell_x d\ell_y d\ell_z \frac{1}{\ell^2 - m^2} \times \frac{1}{(\ell + p_1 + p_2)^2 - m^2} \frac{1}{(\ell + p_1)^2 - m^2}$$

# THEORETICAL PREDICTIONS

- The simplest two loop diagram involves a different complexity in the integrands.
- With more loops and legs, you need to impose momentum conservation at each vertex and apply the corresponding propagators and vertices “recipe” to build the integrand. Then, integrate.
- How to compute the complete set of integrals ?



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int d^4 l_1 d^4 l_2 \frac{1}{l_1^2 - m^2} \\
 & \times \frac{1}{l_2^2 - m^2} \frac{1}{(l_1 + l_2)^2 - m^2}
 \end{aligned}$$



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# THEORETICAL ISSUES

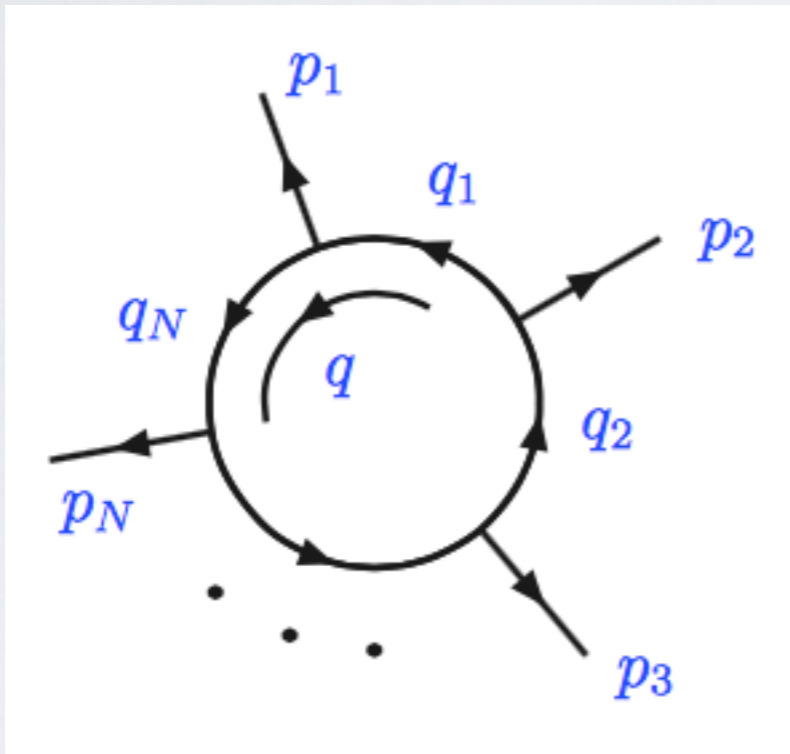
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- In a physical problem, integrands are usually lengthy.
- In addition, integrands are divergent. It is necessary to work in  $(4-2\epsilon)$ -space-time dimensions.
- The number of Feynman diagrams increase enormously when high accuracy is required.
- Time consuming Monte Carlo simulations.
- New methods for higher order calculations are extremely important.



# LOOP-TREE DUALITY

- Massive one-loop scalar integrals are,



$$= -i \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{q_i^2 - m_i^2 + i0}$$

- where the  $+i0$  prescription establishes that particles are going forward in time.

- LTD at one loop establishes then

$$L^{(1)}(p_1, \dots, p_N) = - \sum \int_{\ell_1} \tilde{\delta}(q_i) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N G_D(q_i; q_j)$$

- where Feynman propagators are transformed to dual propagators.

$$G_D(q_i; q_j) = \frac{1}{q_j^2 - m_j^2 - i0\eta \cdot (q_j - q_i)}$$

- $\tilde{\delta}(q_i) = 2\pi i \theta(q_{i,0}) \delta(q_i^2 - m_i^2)$  and sets internal lines on-shell and in the positive energy mode.
- LTD modify the  $+i0$  prescription, instead of having multiple cuts like in the Feynman Tree Theorem.
- $\eta^\mu$  is a future-like vector, for simplicity we take  $\eta^\mu = (1, \mathbf{0})$ . In fact, the only relevance is the sign in the prescription.

# NUMERICAL IMPLEMENTATION

- Faster computations are needed for the Montecarlo simulations for the LHC observables.
- Using LTD the standard methods become time consuming

	Rank	Tensor Pentagon	Real Part	Imaginary Part	Time [s]
P16	2	LoopTools	$-1.86472 \times 10^{-8}$		
		SecDec	$-1.86471(2) \times 10^{-8}$		45
		LTD	$-1.86462(26) \times 10^{-8}$		1
P17	3	LoopTools	$1.74828 \times 10^{-3}$		
		SecDec	$1.74828(17) \times 10^{-3}$		550
		LTD	$1.74808(283) \times 10^{-3}$		1
P18	2	LoopTools	$-1.68298 \times 10^{-6}$	$+i 1.98303 \times 10^{-6}$	
		SecDec	$-1.68307(56) \times 10^{-6}$	$+i 1.98279(90) \times 10^{-6}$	66
		LTD	$-1.68298(74) \times 10^{-6}$	$+i 1.98299(74) \times 10^{-6}$	36
P19	3	LoopTools	$-8.34718 \times 10^{-2}$	$+i 1.10217 \times 10^{-2}$	
		SecDec	$-8.33284(829) \times 10^{-2}$	$+i 1.10232(107) \times 10^{-2}$	1501
		LTD	$-8.34829(757) \times 10^{-2}$	$+i 1.10119(757) \times 10^{-2}$	38

	Rank	Tensor Hexagon	Real Part	Imaginary Part	Time[s]
P20	1	SecDec	$-1.21585(12) \times 10^{-15}$		36
		LTD	$-1.21552(354) \times 10^{-15}$		6
P21	3	SecDec	$4.46117(37) \times 10^{-9}$		5498
		LTD	$4.461369(3) \times 10^{-9}$		11
P22	1	SecDec	$1.01359(23) \times 10^{-15}$	$+i 2.68657(26) \times 10^{-15}$	33
		LTD	$1.01345(130) \times 10^{-15}$	$+i 2.68633(130) \times 10^{-15}$	72
P23	2	SecDec	$2.45315(24) \times 10^{-12}$	$-i 2.06087(20) \times 10^{-12}$	337
		LTD	$2.45273(727) \times 10^{-12}$	$-i 2.06202(727) \times 10^{-12}$	75
P24	3	SecDec	$-2.07531(19) \times 10^{-6}$	$+i 6.97158(56) \times 10^{-7}$	14280
		LTD	$-2.07526(8) \times 10^{-6}$	$+i 6.97192(8) \times 10^{-7}$	85

- This results shows have been implemented for several data points for tensor pentagons and hexagons.
- Integrals considering massive internal lines were computed numerically.
- The results using LTD are, in some cases, four order of magnitudes faster than SecDec.

# FDU

- The Four-Dimensional Unsubtraction relies on the fact that cross sections are always finite.
- Poles at the integrand level should cancel at the integral level, by adding proper counter-terms.
- Loop-Tree Duality sets virtual particles on-shell. Therefore, merging the variables must cancel divergences at integral level.

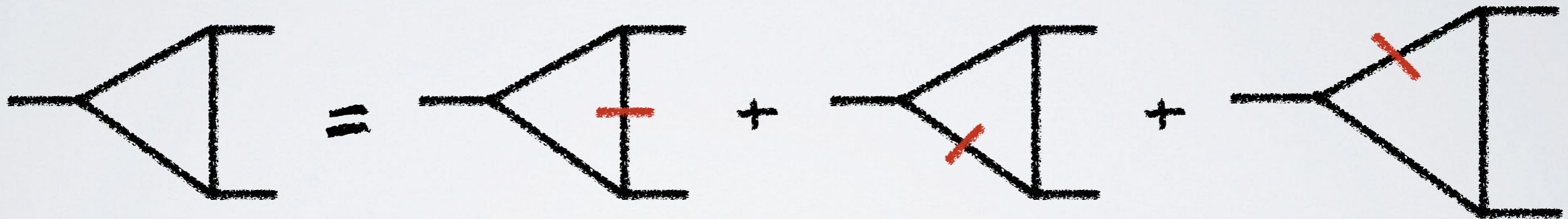
$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \text{[Diagram 1]} + \text{[Diagram 2]}$$

The diagram shows the NLO cross-section as a sum of two terms. Each term consists of a loop diagram (a hexagon with a vertical line through it) and a tree-level diagram (a pentagon with a vertical line through it). In the first term, a red vertical line is drawn inside the loop. In the second term, two red diagonal lines are drawn inside the loop, representing a cut.

- OBJECTIVE: Apply the LTD for matching the virtual and the real contributions at integrand level at NLO where the integrand should not have divergences.

# IR DIVERGENCES

- Let's apply the LTD to the triangle:



- It means that the full integrals is the sum over three phase-space integrals,

$$L^{(1)}(p_1, p_2, -p_3) = - \sum_{i=1}^3 I_i$$

# IR REGULARISATION

- Let's define real and virtual cross sections as,

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{i,R} = \sigma_0^{-1} 2\text{Re} \int d\Phi_{1\rightarrow 3} \langle \mathcal{M}_{2r}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}_{1r}^{(0)} \rangle \theta(y'_{jr} - y'_{ir})$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{i,V} = \sigma_0^{-1} 2\text{Re} \int d\Phi_{1\rightarrow 2} \langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}_i^{(1)} \rangle \theta(y'_{jr} - y'_{ir})$$

- where

$$\langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}_i^{(1)} \rangle = -g^4 s_{12} I_i \quad y'_{ir} = \frac{s_{12}}{s'_{ir}}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{M}_{2r}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}_{1r}^{(0)} \rangle = g^4 s_{12} / (s'_{1r} s'_{2r})$$

- Momentum conservation:  $p_1 + p_2 = p'_1 + p'_2 + p'_r$

- Claim:  $\tilde{\sigma}_i = \tilde{\sigma}_{i,V} + \tilde{\sigma}_{i,R}$  allows a 4-dimensional representation at the integrand level.

- Building the mapping for the condition  $y'_{1r} < y'_{2r}$  :

$$p_r'^{\mu} = q_1^{\mu}$$

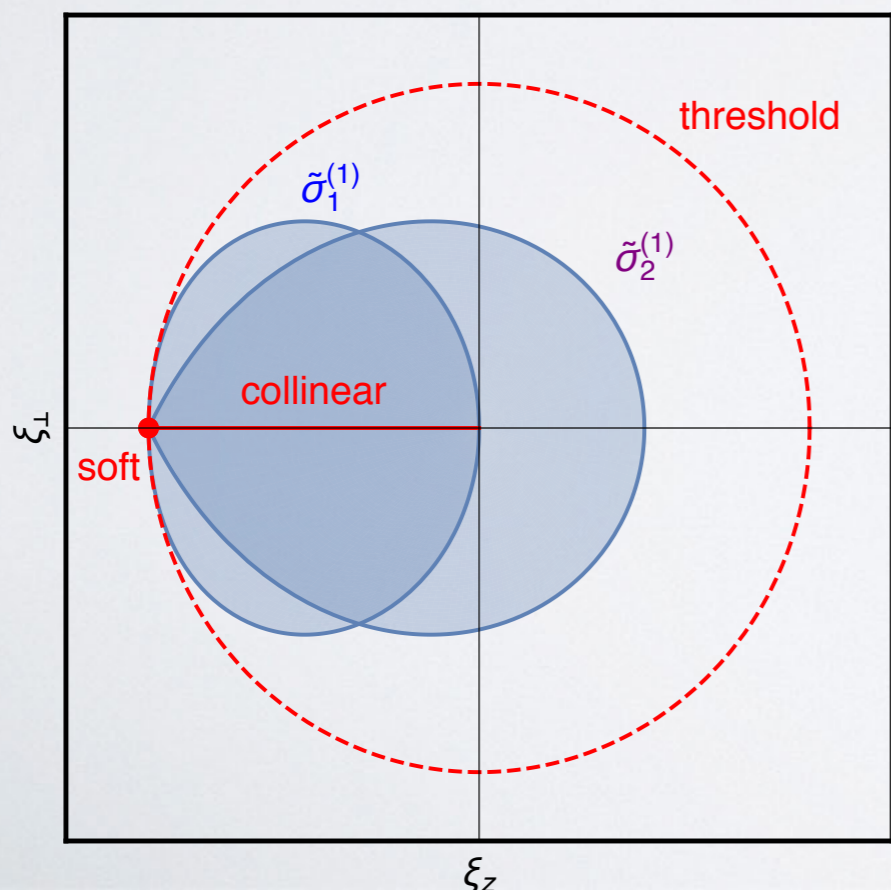
$$\alpha_1 = \frac{q_3^2}{2q_3 \cdot p_2}$$

$$p_1'^{\mu} = p_1^{\mu} - q_1^{\mu} + \alpha_1 p_2^{\mu}$$

$$p_2'^{\mu} = (1 - \alpha_1) p_2^{\mu}$$

$$q_1 = \ell + p_1$$

- and a similar mapping for  $y'_{1r} > y'_{2r}$ . The integral regions are



$$\tilde{\sigma}_1 = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_2 = -c_{\Gamma} \frac{g^2 \pi^2}{s_{12} 6} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_V = c_{\Gamma} \frac{g^2 \pi^2}{s_{12} 6} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$



# UV RENORMALISATION

- UV renormalisation requires local cancellation of divergences.
- In general, counterterms are obtained by expanding the propagator around a UV propagator

$$G_F(q_i) = \frac{1}{q_{UV}^2 - \mu_{UV}^2 + i0} + \dots, \quad q_{UV} = \ell + k_{UV}$$

- For the bubble integral, the counterterm is

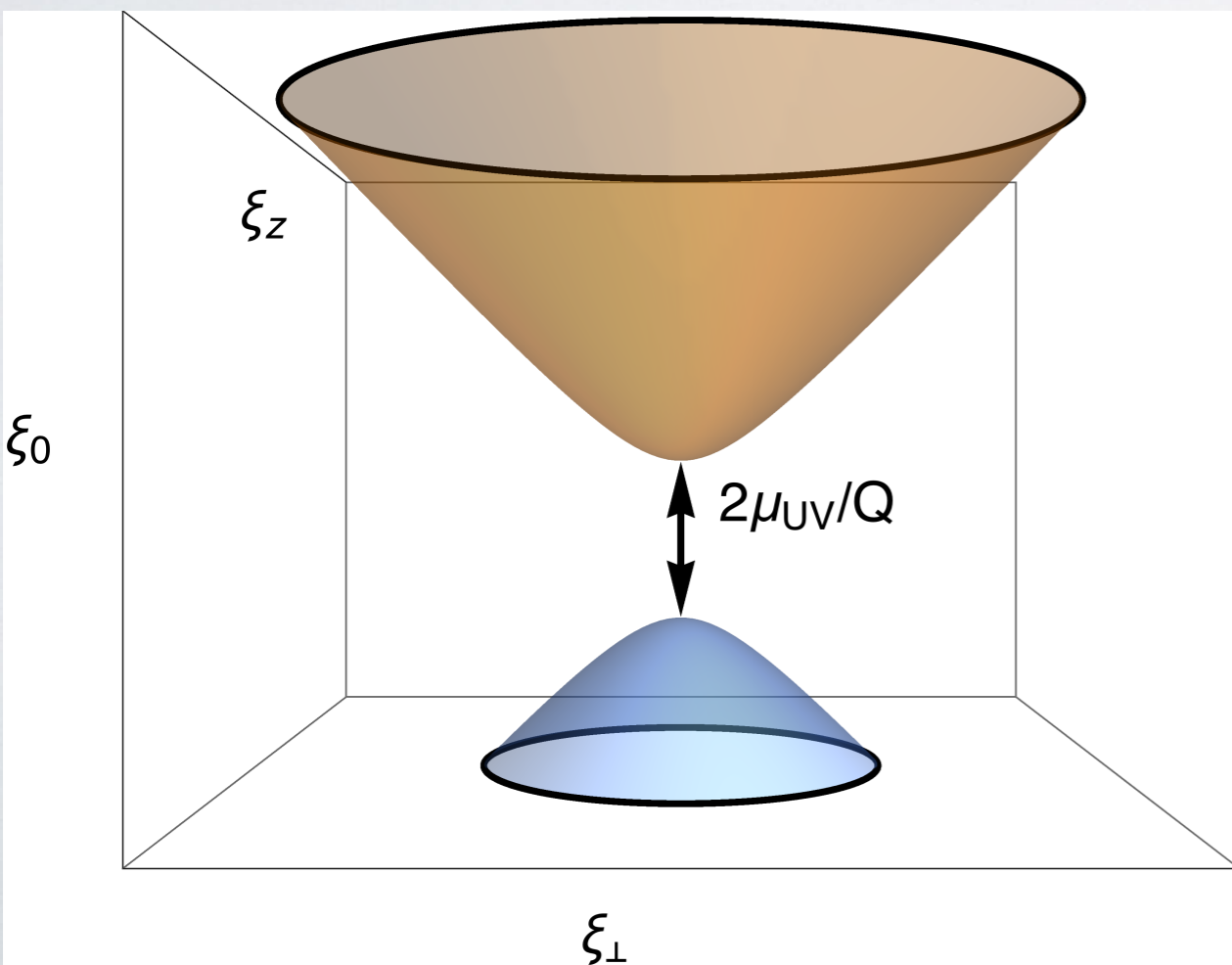
$$I_{UV}^{cnt} = \int_{\ell} \frac{1}{(q_{UV}^2 - \mu_{UV}^2 + i0)^2} \xrightarrow{\text{LTD}} I_{UV}^{cnt} = \int_{\ell} \frac{\tilde{\delta}(q_{UV})}{2(q_{UV,0}^{(+)})^2}$$

$$q_{UV,0}^{(+)} = \sqrt{\mathbf{q}_{UV}^2 + \mu_{UV}^2 - i0}$$

- 4 dimensional representation of the renormalised bubble integral is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{(1,R)} &= L^{(1)}(p, -p) - I_{UV}^{cnt} \\
 &= -4 \int d[\xi] d[v] \left[ \frac{\xi}{1 - 2\xi + i0} + \frac{\xi}{1 + 2\xi} + \frac{\xi^2}{2(\xi^2 + m_{UV}^2)^{3/2}} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left[ -\log \left( -\frac{p^2}{\mu_{UV}^2} - i0 \right) + 2 \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

- the integration regions corresponds to hyperboloids

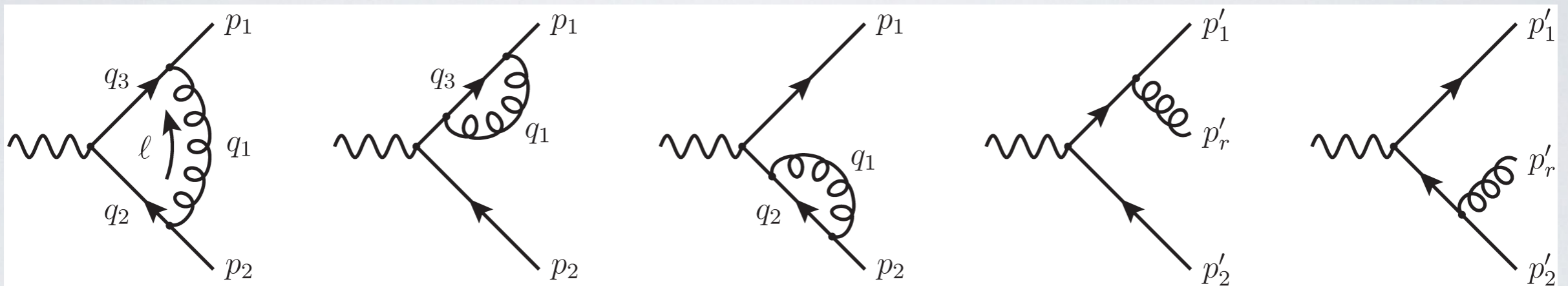


- Physical interpretation of renormalisation scale: Avoid the intersection of hyperboloids. Thus

$$\mu_{UV} = Q/2$$

# $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ AT NLO IN QCD

- In this well known process, the Feynman diagrams are



- Using the LTD we find,

$$\tilde{\sigma}_1^{(1)} = \sigma^{(0)} \frac{\alpha_S}{4\pi} C_F (19 - 32 \log(2)),$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_2^{(1)} = \sigma^{(0)} \frac{\alpha_S}{4\pi} C_F \left( -\frac{11}{2} + 8 \log(2) - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right),$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_V^{(1)} = \sigma^{(0)} \frac{\alpha_S}{4\pi} C_F \left( -\frac{21}{2} + 24 \log(2) + \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right).$$

The sum coincides with the result in 4-dimensions.

It is local !

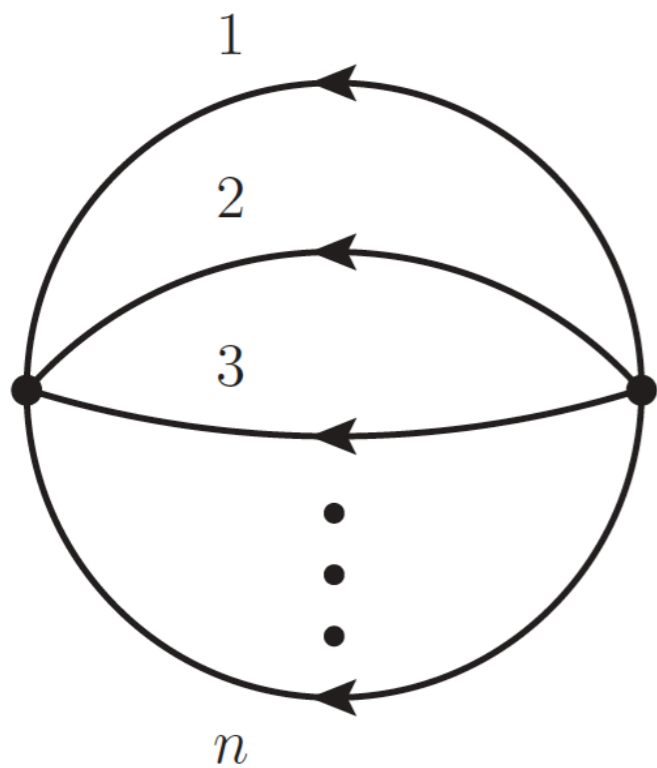
# INTEGRAL REPRESENTATIONS

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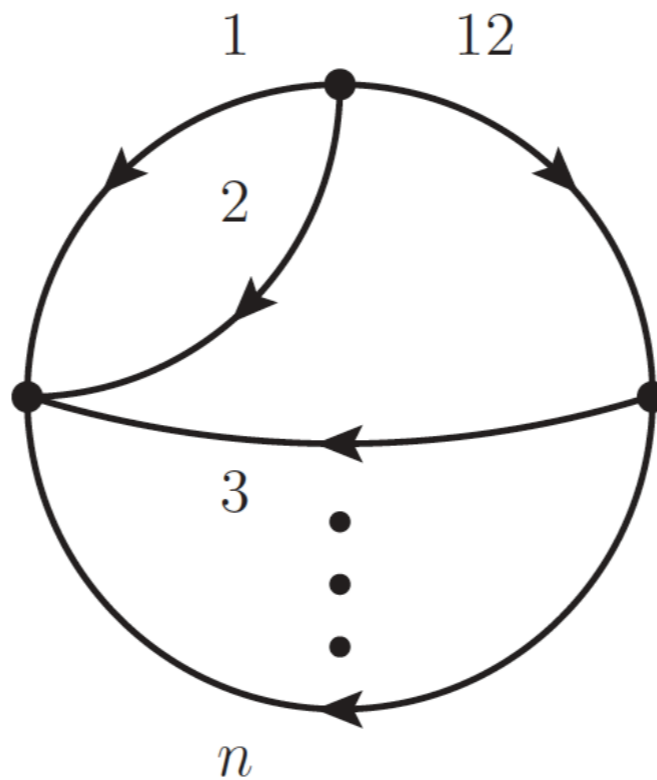
- Integrals (sums) can be written in many ways.
- We call the Feynman representation to the integrals that are obtained by the Feynman rules, without making any treatment.
- The dual representation is the one obtained by the Loop-Tree Duality theorem.
- The causal representation is obtained when partial fractioning is made to the dual representation, and only physical singularities remain.

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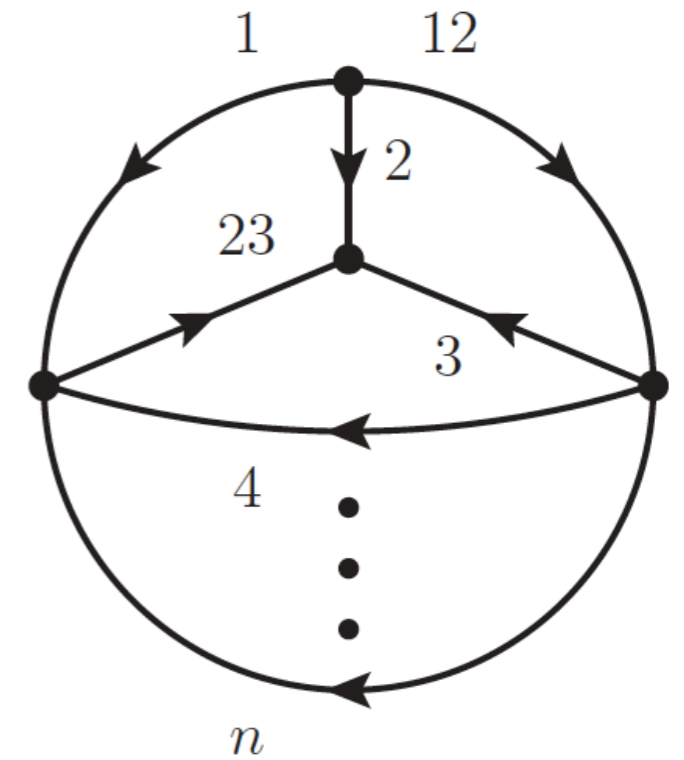
- We were interested in the application of the LTD to some topologies.
- The arrangement most simplest are,



Maximal Loop  
Topology  
**MLT**



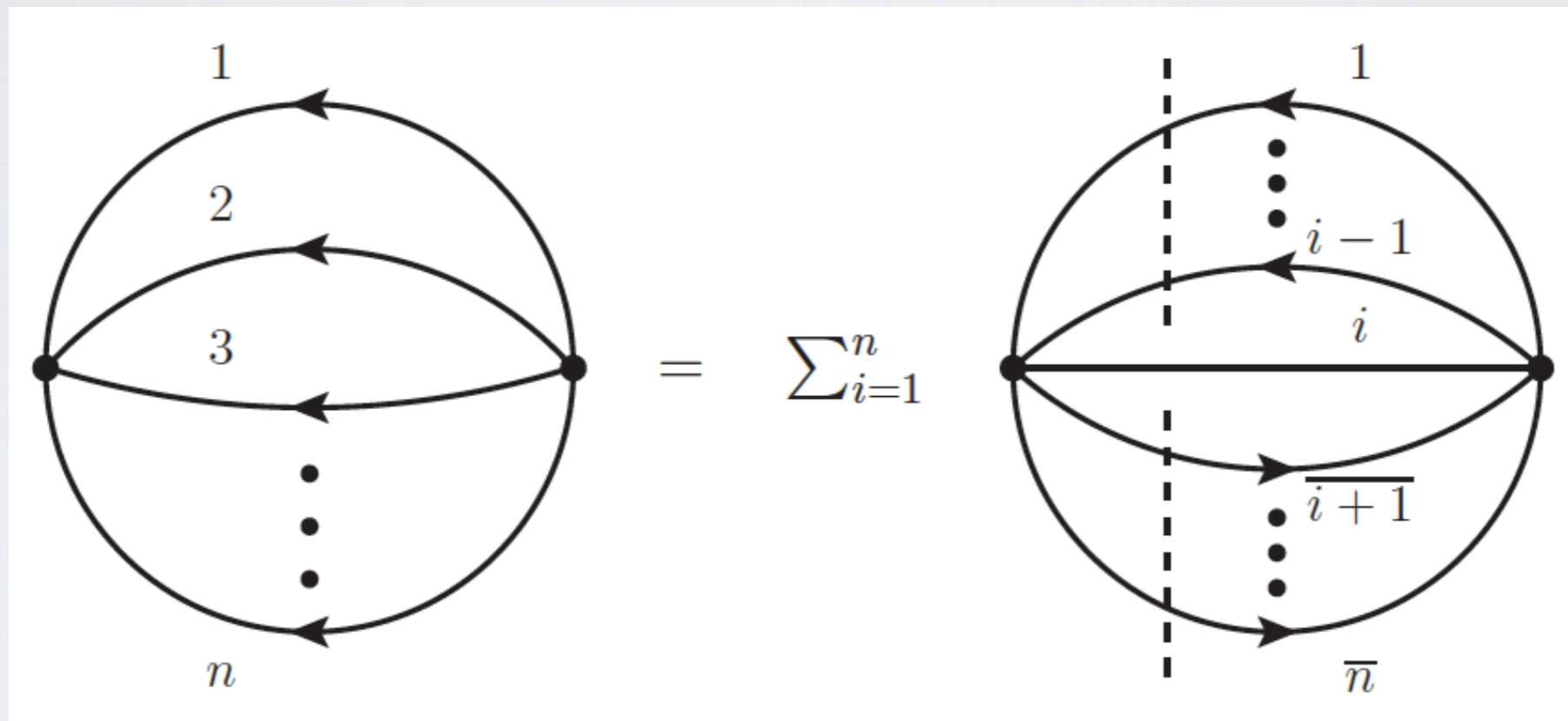
Next-to-Maximal Loop  
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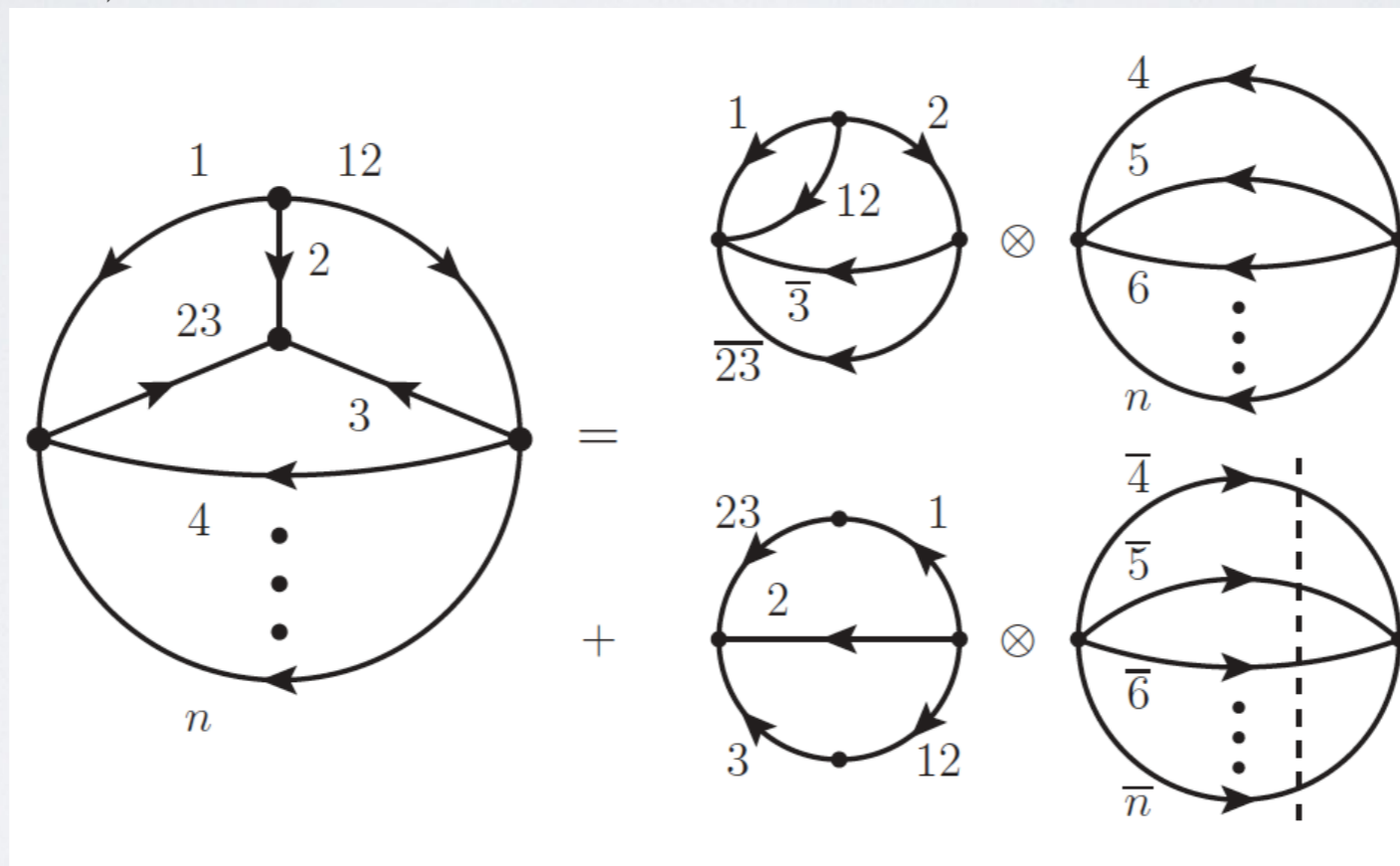
- It is possible to find, dual representations for each topology. For instance,



$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{MLT}}^{(L)}(1, \dots, n) = \int_{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_L} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{A}_D^L(1, \dots, i-1, \overline{i+1}, \dots, \bar{n}; i)$$

# INTEGRAL REPRESENTATIONS

- It is possible to recycle the results in order to build more complicated topologies, such as,



$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{NNMLT}}^{(L)}(1, \dots, n, 12, 23) = \mathcal{A}_{\text{NMLT}}^{(3)}(1, 12, \bar{3}, \bar{23}, 2) \otimes \mathcal{A}_{\text{MLT}}^{(L-3)}(4, \dots, n) \\ + \mathcal{A}_{\text{MLT}}^{(2)}(1 \cup 23, 2, 3 \cup 12) \otimes \mathcal{A}_{\text{MLT}}^{(L-2)}(\bar{4}, \dots, \bar{n})$$

# INTEGRAL REPRESENTATIONS

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- Denominators are important in the representations since the complexity of the integrals are explicitly there.
- Combinatorics in the dual representations shows that there are denominators that could present a non-physical singularity, such as,

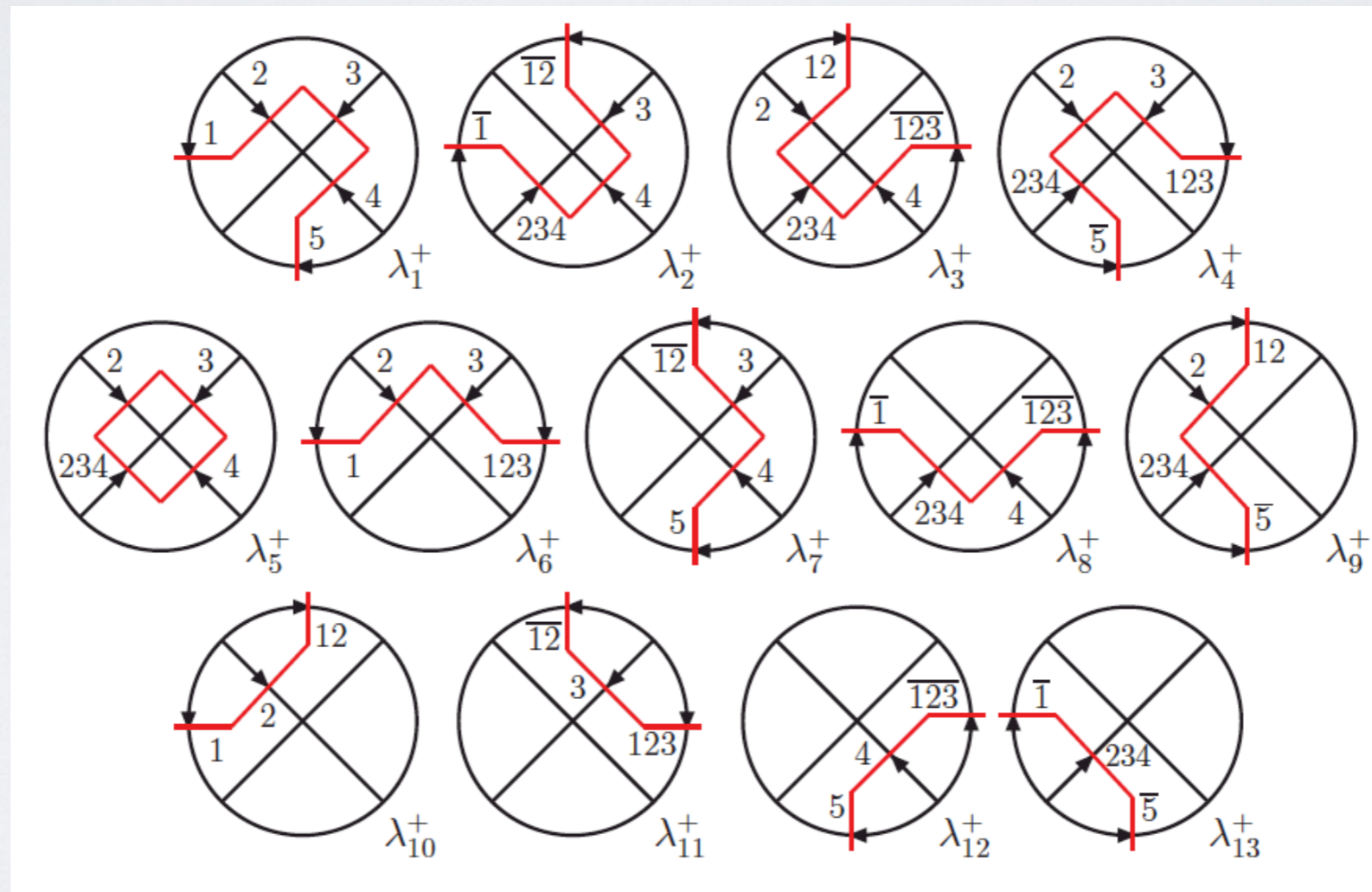
$$q_{1,0}^{(+)} + \cdots + q_{i-1,0}^{(+)} - q_{i,0}^{(+)} + q_{i+1,0}^{(+)} + \cdots + q_{N,0}^{(+)}$$

- However, causal representation do not have such non-physical divergences.



# INTEGRAL REPRESENTATIONS

- For instance, the  $N^3$ MLT requires 13 causal propagators to describe the full amplitude.



- How about more loops or different complexities ??

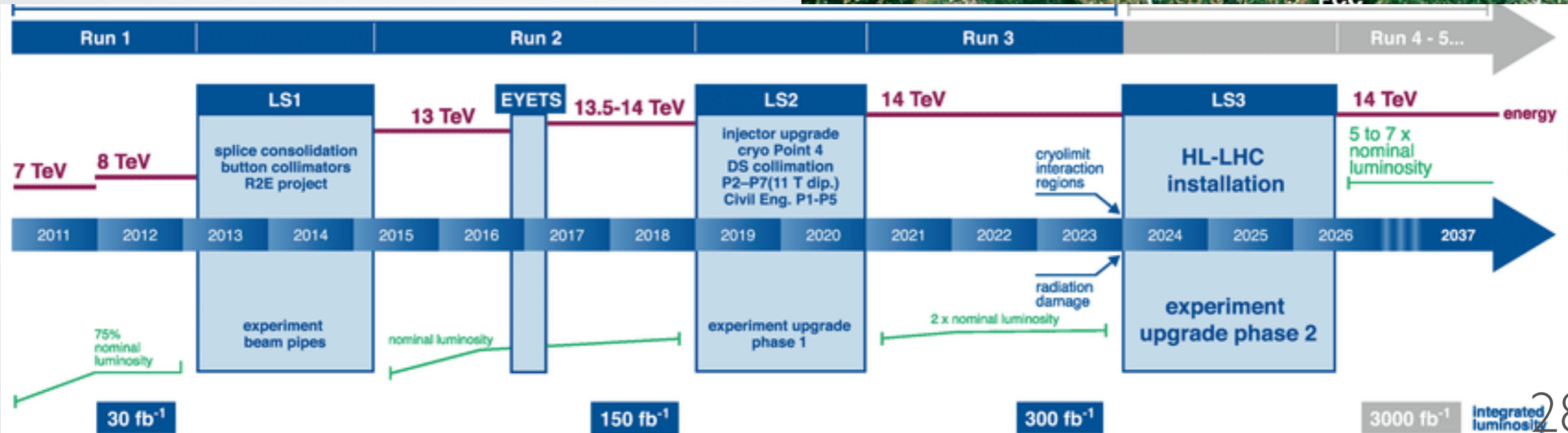
# CONCLUSIONS

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- New methods for computing higher order corrections are needed for the upcoming LHC observables.
- The Loop-Tree Duality is a new method for computing efficiently divergent amplitudes and its application through the Four-Dimensional Unsubtraction opens a new window for the high precision era.
- Causal representation can play an important role when numerical integration is performed for a large number of diagrams.

- The Standard Model cannot be the end of the road.
- New accelerators are searching for new particles and interactions.
- The discovery of New Physics will be driven by the understanding small deviations between the theoretical predictions and the experimental data.

- **Future Circular Collider (FCC)**  
Circumference: 90 -100 km  
Energy: 100 TeV (pp) 90-350 GeV ( $e^+e^-$ )
- **Large Hadron Collider (LHC)**  
**Large Electron-Positron Collider (LEP)**  
Circumference: 27 km  
Energy: 14 TeV (pp) 209 GeV ( $e^+e^-$ )





THANK YOU !