

Subtraction method for QCD jet cross sections

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Outline

- The **problem** and our goals
- Our method: **recipe** for a general subtraction scheme at any order in perturbation theory
- **Main difficulty**: integrating the counter terms
- **Light in the tunnel**: cancellation of poles
- **Application**
- **Conclusions**

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personal opinion: general solution is not yet available

Approaches

- Sector decomposition

Anastasiou, Melnikov, Petriello et al 2004-

- Antennae subtraction

Gehrmann, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Glover et al 2004-

- q_T -subtraction

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- Sector-improved phase space for real radiation (STRIPPER)

Czakon et al 2010-

- Completely Local Subtractions for Fully Differential Predictions at NNLO (Colorful NNLO)

Somogyi, TZ et al 2005-

- For details see: NNLO Ante Portas (LHCPhenonet Summer School in Hungary, June 2014)

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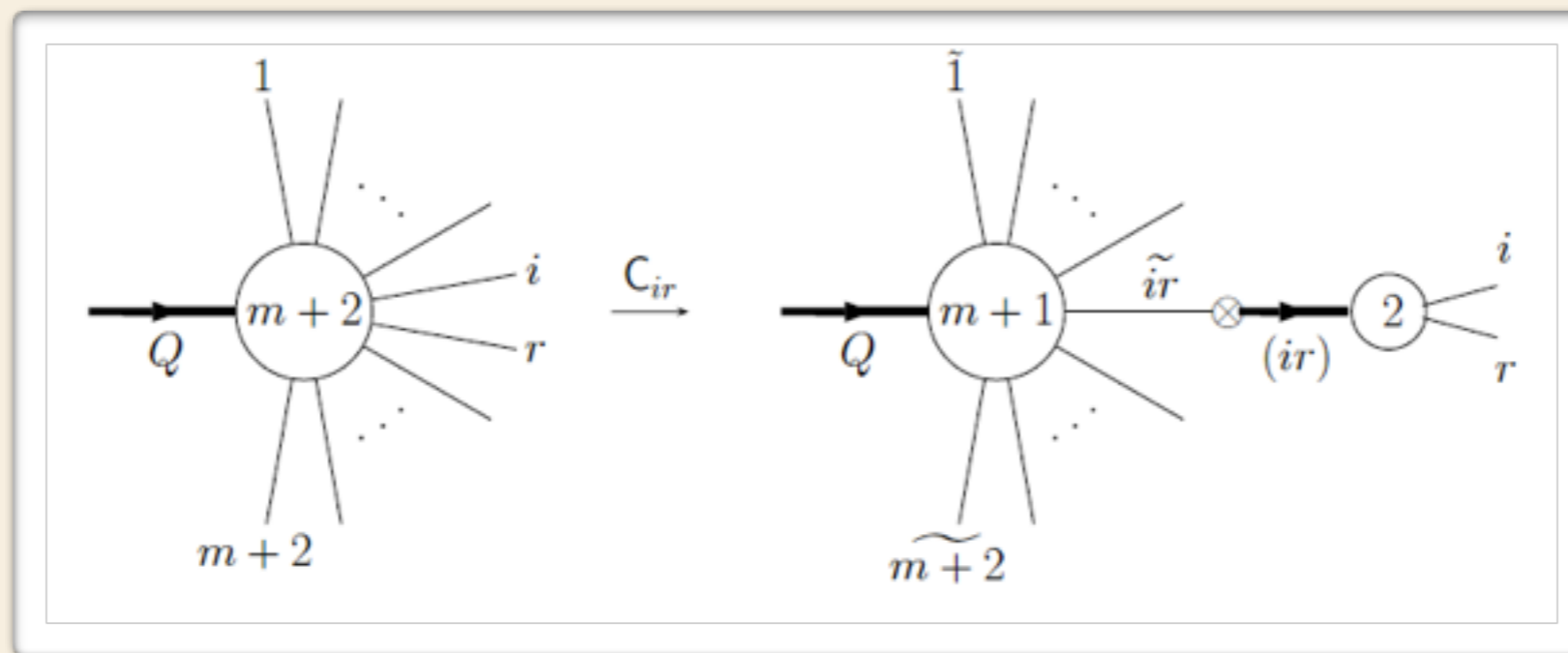
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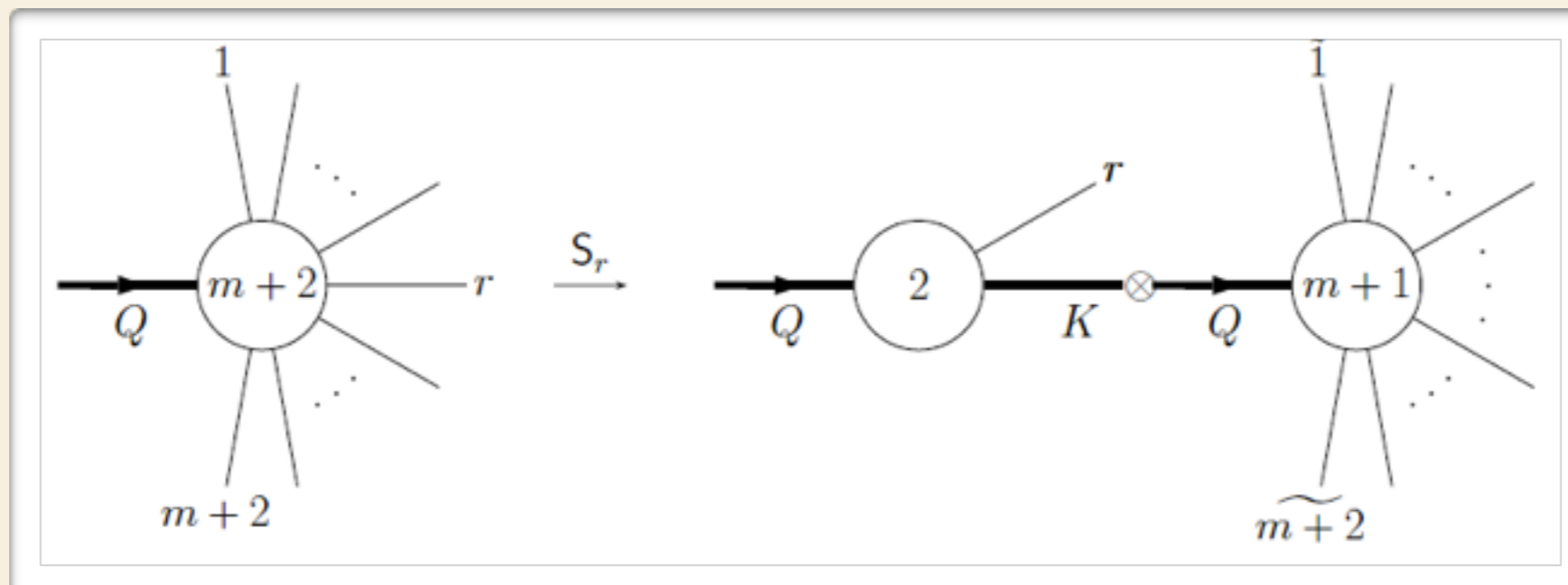
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Regularized RR and RV contributions

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$$\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{NNLO}} = \int_{m+1} \left\{ \left(d\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{RV}} + \int_1 d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_1} \right) J_{m+1} - \left[d\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{RV},A_1} + \left(\int_1 d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_1} \right)^{A_1} \right] J_m \right\}$$

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After integrating over unresolved momenta & summing over unresolved flavors, the subtraction terms can be written as products of insertion operators (in color space) and lower point cross sections:

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 &= \int_p \left[d\phi_n(\{\tilde{p}\}^{(R)}) [dp_p^{(R)}] \sum_R (\delta\pi\alpha_s\mu^{2\epsilon})^p \text{Sing}_R(p_p^{(R)}) \otimes |\mathcal{M}_n^{(0)}(\{\tilde{p}\}_n^{(R)})|^2 \right] \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

the integrated counter-terms $[X]_R \propto \int_p [dp_p^{(R)}] \text{Sing}_R(p_p^{(R)})$ are

independent of the process & observable

\Rightarrow need to compute only once (admittedly cumbersome, though)

Summation over unresolved flavors

- ▶ integrated counter-terms $[X]_{f_i \dots}$ carry flavor indices of unresolved patrons

⇒ need to sum over unresolved flavors:

technically simple, though tedious, result can be summarized in flavor-summed integrated counter-terms

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- ▶ symbolically:

$$\left(X^{(0)} \right)_{f_i \dots}^{(j,l) \dots} = \sum [X^{(0)}]_{f_k \dots}^{(j,l) \dots}$$

- ▶ and precisely, for instance, two-flavor sum:

$$\sum_{\{m+2\}} \frac{1}{S_{\{m+2\}}} \sum_t \sum_{k \neq t} [X_{kt}^{(0)}]_{f_k f_t}^{(\dots)} \equiv \sum_{\{m\}} \frac{1}{S_{\{m\}}} \left(X_{kt}^{(0)} \right)^{(\dots)}$$

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Insertion operators involve all possible color connections with given number of unresolved partons with kinematic coefficients

for 1 unresolved parton on tree SME $|M^{(0)}|^2$:

$$\mathbf{I}_1^{(0)}(\{p\}_{m+1}; \epsilon) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} S_\epsilon \left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q^2}\right)^\epsilon \sum_i \left[C_{1,f_i}^{(0)} \mathbf{T}_i^2 + \sum_k S_1^{(0),(i,k)} \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{T}_k \right]$$

kinematic functions contain poles starting from $O(\epsilon^{-2})$ for collinear and from $O(\epsilon^{-1})$ for soft

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for 2 unresolved patrons on tree SME $|M^{(0)}|^2$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{I}_2^{(0)}(\{p\}_m; \epsilon) = & \left[\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} S_\epsilon \left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q^2} \right)^\epsilon \right]^2 \left\{ \sum_i \left[C_{2,f_i}^{(0)} \mathbf{T}_i^2 + \sum_k C_{2,f_i f_k}^{(0)} \mathbf{T}_k^2 \right] \mathbf{T}_i^2 \right. \\ & + \sum_{j,l} \left[S_2^{(0),(j,l)} C_A + \sum_i C S_{2,f_i}^{(0),(j,l)} \mathbf{T}_i^2 \right] \mathbf{T}_j \mathbf{T}_l \\ & \left. + \sum_{i,k,j,l} S_2^{(0),(i,k)(j,l)} \{ \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{T}_k, \mathbf{T}_j \mathbf{T}_l \} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

the iterated doubly-unresolved has the same color structure, kinematic coefficients differ

Structure of insertion operators

general form at one loop

$$\int_1 d\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{RV},A_1} = \mathbf{I}_1^{(0)}(\{p\}_m; \epsilon) \otimes d\sigma_m^{\text{V}} + \mathbf{I}_1^{(1)}(\{p\}_m; \epsilon) \otimes d\sigma_m^{\text{B}}$$

for 1 unresolved parton on loop SME $|\mathcal{M}^{(1)}|^2$:

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present for $m > 3$ (four or more hard partons)

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Structure of insertion operators

singly-unresolved integrated singly unresolved:

$$\int_1 \left(\int_1 d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR}, A_1} \right)^{A_1} = \left[\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \mathbf{I}_1^{(0)}(\{p\}_m; \epsilon), \mathbf{I}_1^{(0)}(\{p\}_m; \epsilon) \right\} + \mathbf{I}_{1,1}^{(0,0)}(\{p\}_m; \epsilon) \right] \otimes d\sigma_m^{\text{B}}$$

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kinematic functions contain poles starting from $O(\epsilon^{-3})$ only

Structure of insertion operators

- ▶ the color structures are independent of the precise definition of subtractions (momentum mappings), only subleading coefficients of ϵ -expansion in kinematic functions may depend
- ▶ we computed all insertion operators (defined in our subtraction scheme) up to $O(\epsilon^{-2})$ for arbitrary m

Light in the tunnel

Cancellation of poles

- ▶ we checked the cancellation of the leading and first subleading poles (defined in our subtraction scheme) for arbitrary m
- ▶ for $m=2$,
 - ▶ the insertion operators are independent of the kinematics (momenta are back-to-back, so MI's are needed at the endpoints only)
 - ▶ color algebra is trivial: $T_1 T_2 = -T_1^2 = -T_2^2 = -C_F$
- ▶ so can demonstrate the cancellation of poles

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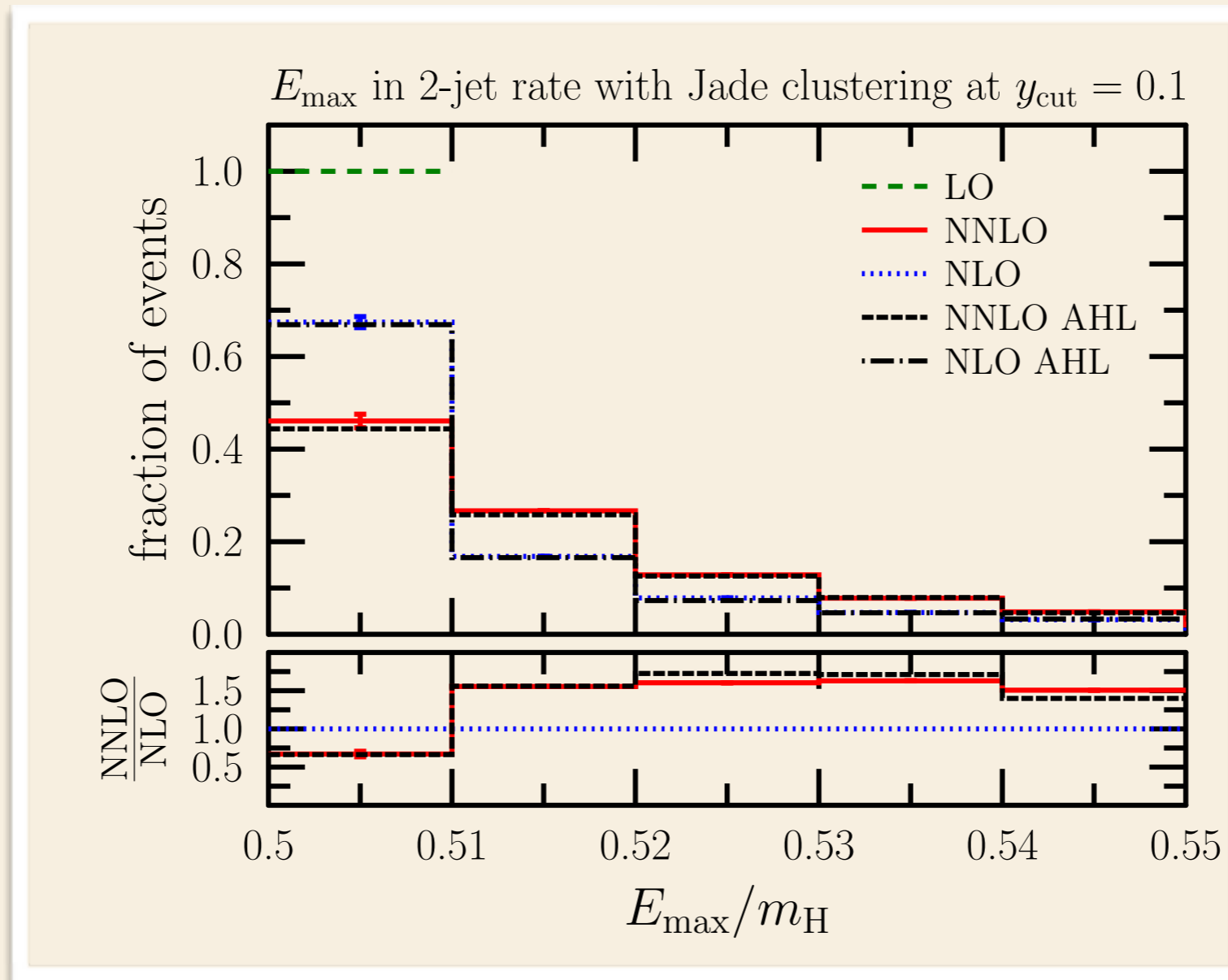
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Message:
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Application

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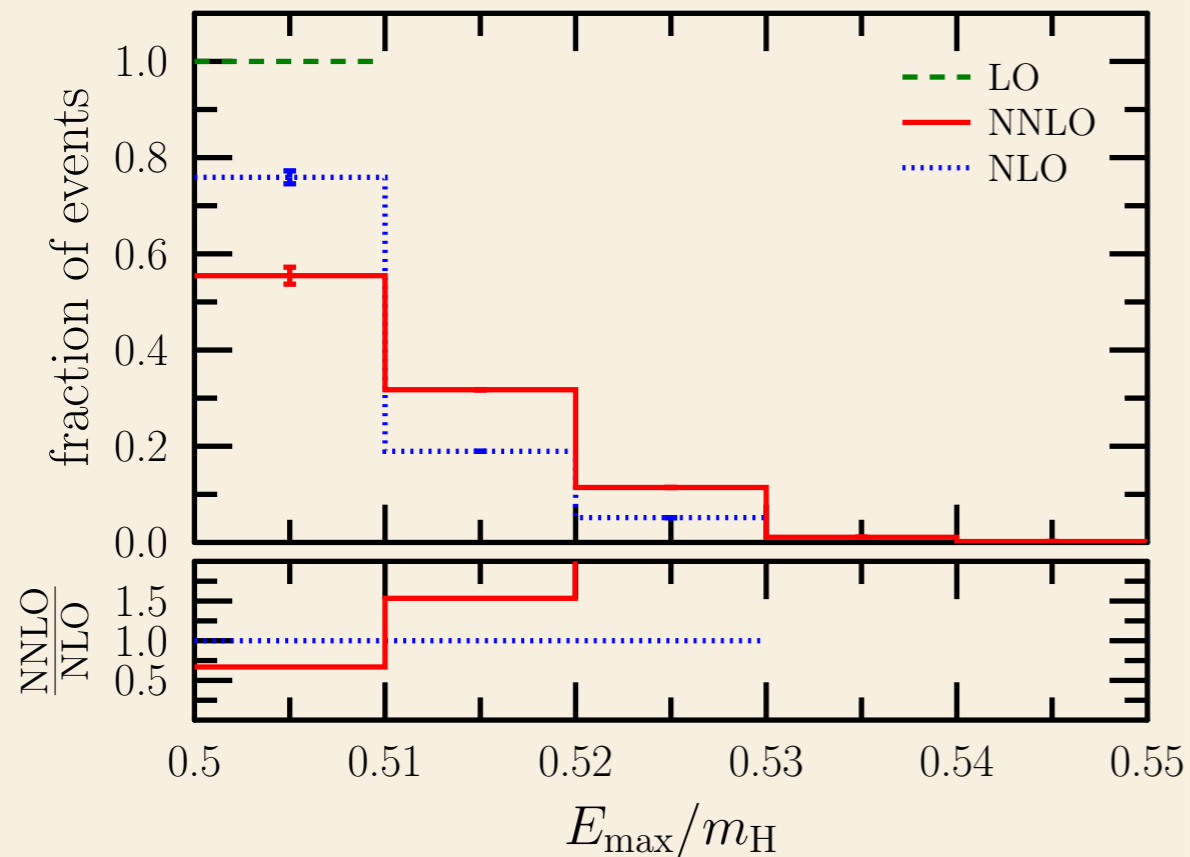


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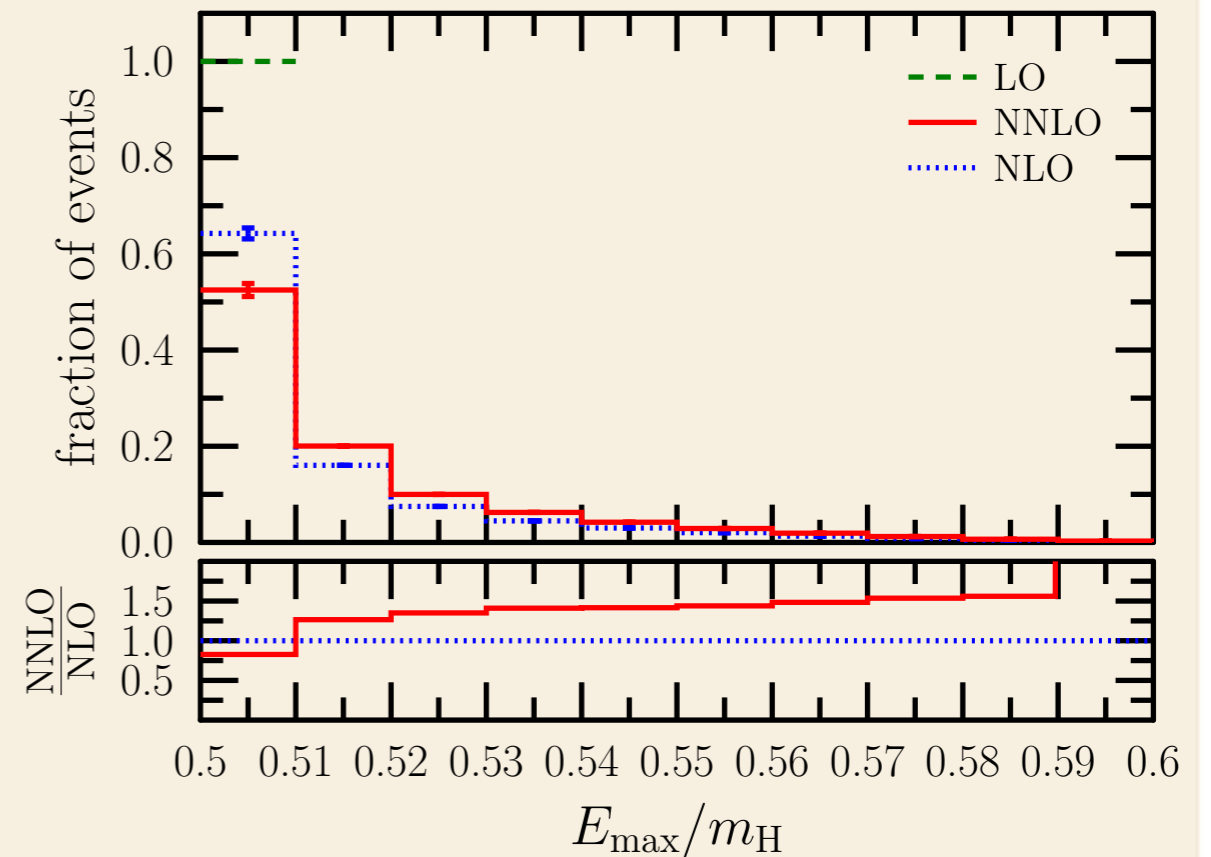
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