Squark Pair Production at NLO matched with Parton Showers

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Introduction

- Major task at the LHC: Direct Search for supersymmetric particles and determination of their properties
- Main production channels: Coloured sparticles $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$, $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*$, $\tilde{q}\tilde{g}$ and $\tilde{g}\tilde{g}$
- In the currently tested mass region: $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$ production dominant channel

[Falgari, Schwinn & Wever, '12]

- Status: QCD NLO predictions for cross sections of pair produced sparticles by PROSPINO *[Beenakker, Hopker, Spira & Zerwas, '96]*

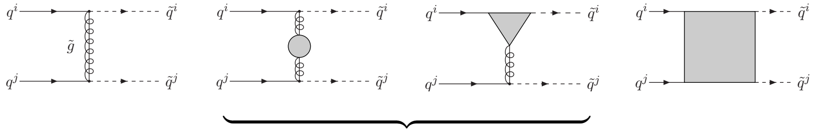
  - Squark masses assumed to be degenerate
  - Various subchannels not treated individually
  - (Differential) K-factors assumed to be flat

- Here: Squark pair production at NLO
  - ➡ Without any assumptions on mass spectrum
  - ➡ Embedded in fully differential partonic Monte Carlo program
  - ➡ Matched with Parton Showers in the POWHEG-BOX

[Frixione, Nason, Oleari & Re, '10]

Elements of the NLO calculation I

Tree level | Virtual corrections



UV divergent

[FeynArts, FormCalc, LoopTools]

Dimensional regularization: $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$

Mismatch between fermionic and bosonic degrees of freedom $\rightarrow$ Breaks SUSY

SUSY restoring counterterm:

$$\hat{g}_s = g_s(1 + \alpha_s/3\pi)$$

Renormalization:

- Mass and field renormalization in on-shell scheme
- Strong coupling constant in $\overline{MS}$ scheme: $\tilde{g}_s^{(0)} = g_s + \delta g_s$

  Decouple heavy particles from running of α_s to match experimental value

$$\delta g_s = \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi}\left[\beta_0\left(-\Delta + \log\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}\right) - 2\log\frac{m_{\tilde{g}}^2}{Q^2} - \frac{2}{3}\log\frac{m_t^2}{Q^2} - \sum_{i=1,12}\frac{1}{6}\log\frac{m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2}{Q^2}\right]$$

Elements of the NLO calculation II

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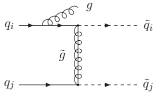
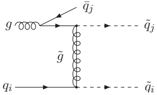
Real corrections

$qq \to \tilde{q}\tilde{q}g$



soft + collinear
Divergencies

$qg \to \tilde{q}\tilde{q}\bar{q}$



collinear
Divergencies

[Madgraph]

Catani-Seymour subtraction formalism

$$\sigma_{NLO} = \int d\Phi_3 \, d\sigma^R + \int d\Phi_2 \, d\sigma^V$$

$\rightarrow$ Monte Carlo implementation technically difficult:
Cancellation between integrated phase spaces of different multiplicities

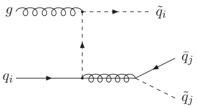
$$\sigma^{NLO} = \int d\Phi_3 \, [d\sigma^R - d\sigma^A] + \int d\Phi_2 \, [d\sigma^V + \int d\Phi_1 d\sigma^A]$$

- $d\sigma^A$ same singular behaviour as $d\sigma^R$
- Integration over one-parton subspace analytically
- Cancel divergencies, carry out remaining integration numerically

[Catani, Seymour '97]
[Catani, Dittmaier, Seymour, Trocsanyi '02]

Elements of the NLO calculation III

For $m_{\tilde{q}_j} < m_{\tilde{g}}$:
Resonant $\tilde{q}\tilde{g}$ production with subsequent decay



$$|M_{qg}|^2 = |M_{nr}|^2 + 2 \cdot \mathrm{Re}(M_r M_{nr}^*) + |M_r|^2$$

On-shell subtraction methods

- Diagram removal - type I (DR): $|M_{qg}|^2 \approx |M_{nr}|^2$
- Diagram removal - type II (DR-II): $|M_{qg}|^2 \approx |M_{nr}|^2 + 2 \cdot \mathrm{Re}(M_r M_{nr}^*)$
- Diagram subtraction (DS):

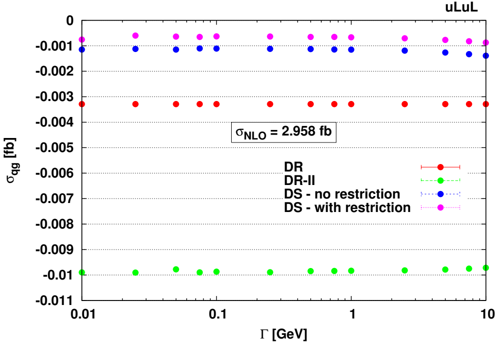
  Remove resonant contribution for $(p_{\tilde{q}_j} + p_{\bar{q}_j})^2 \to m_{\tilde{g}}^2$ by a local counterterm $d\sigma_{\mathrm{sub}}$

  $\to$ Gauge invariant in the limit $\Gamma_{\tilde{g}} \to 0$
  $\to$ Ideal for MC event generators

$$d\sigma_{\mathrm{sub}} = \Theta(\sqrt{\hat{s}} - m_{\tilde{g}} - m_{\tilde{q}_i}) \cdot \Theta(m_{\tilde{g}} - m_{\tilde{q}_j}) \cdot |M_r(\tilde{\Phi}_3)|^2 \cdot \frac{m_{\tilde{g}}^2 \Gamma_{\tilde{g}}^2}{(m_{\tilde{q}_j \bar{q}_j}^2 - m_{\tilde{g}}^2)^2 + m_{\tilde{g}}^2 \Gamma_{\tilde{g}}^2} \cdot d\tilde{\Phi}_3$$

Elements of the NLO calculation IV

Comparison of different on-shell subtraction methods



- Magnitude of terms neglected in Diagram Removal (DR) schemes can be sizable
- Influence of jacobian in DS scheme not negligible
- Impact on specific channels (e.g. $\tilde{u}_L \tilde{c}_L$) can be as large as $\mathcal{O}(20\%)$
- Impact on total NLO cross section is a sub percent effect

NLO Results I

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K-factors in individual subchannels

$$K = \frac{\sigma_{NLO}}{\sigma_{LO}}$$

PROSPINO: NLO cross sections of individual subchannels obtained by scaling LO cross sections with global K-factor of the total cross section

→ Is the K-factor constant in the various subchannels?

$$m_{\tilde{q}} = 1800 \text{ GeV} \qquad m_{\tilde{g}} = 1600 \text{ GeV} \qquad \sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$$

Channel	$\tilde{u}_L\tilde{u}_L$	$\tilde{u}_L\tilde{u}_R$	$\tilde{u}_L\tilde{d}_L$	$\tilde{u}_L\tilde{d}_R$	$\tilde{d}_L\tilde{d}_L$	$\tilde{d}_L\tilde{d}_R$	Sum
K-Factor	1,10	1,17	1,21	1,22	1,19	1,30	1,16

- K-factors vary in a range of 20 %
- Independent treatment reasonable: different channels have different kinematic distributions

NLO Results II

Differential K-factors on Production Level

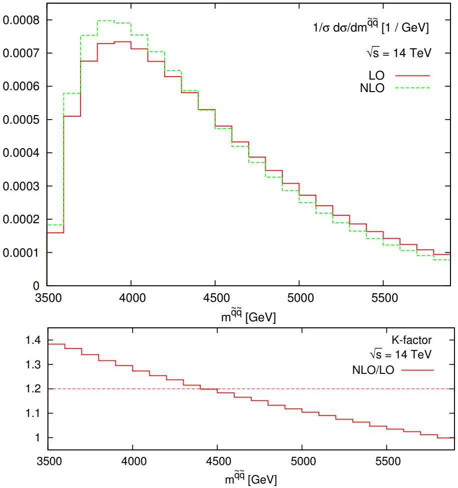
So far:

- NLO corrections have no impact on shape of distributions
- NLO distributions obtained by scaling LO distributions with the global K-factor

$$m_{\tilde{q}} \approx 1800 \text{ GeV} \quad m_{\tilde{g}} = 1602 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$$

- Differential K-factor varies in a range of 40%
- NLO corrections can change shape of distributions
- Full NLO distributions should be taken into account



NLO Results III

Differential K-factors with Decays

- Shortest decay chain: $\tilde{q} \to q + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$

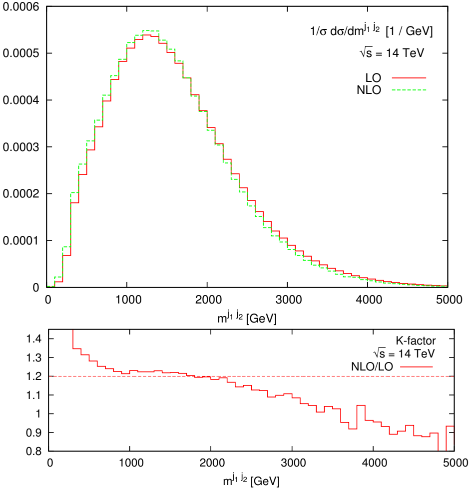
$\mathrm{BR}(\tilde{u}_L \to u\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$	$\mathrm{BR}(\tilde{u}_R \to u\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$
0.0098	0.566

- Partons clustered with anti-k_T algorithm with $R = 0.4$ *[FastJet 3.0.3]*
- Jets required to fulfil

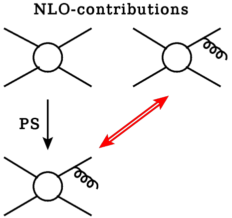
$$p_T^j > 20\ \text{GeV}, \quad |\eta^j| < 2.8$$

- Distribution inherits strong phase space dependence observed at production level

[Hollik, Lindert & Pagani, '12]



Matching $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$ Production in the POWHEG-BOX



- Realistic predictions for measurements:
  Combination of NLO parton level results with Parton Showers
- Avoid double-counting:
  Contributions in real parts of NLO result and radiation added by shower
- POWHEG method: *[Nason, '04; Frixione, Nason & Oleari, '07]*
  Generate hardest emission first, maintain full NLO accuracy and add subsequent radiation with p_T-vetoed shower
- Process-independent parts (generation of first emission & subtraction of IR divergencies) automatized in POWHEG-BOX *[Frixione, Nason, Oleari & Re, '10]*
- Process-dependent parts have to be provided (colour flows, flavours structures, Born & colour-correlated Born amplitudes squared, finite part of virtual corrections, real amplitudes squared)

  ➡ Independent check of implementation of NLO calculation

Effects of different Parton Showers

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- LHE files obtained from POWHEG-BOX interfaced with
  - ➡ PYTHIA 6 (version 6.4.26): *[Sjostrand, Mrenna & Skands, '06]*
    I Usage of p_T-ordered shower, Perugia 0 tune
  - ➡ HERWIG++ (version 2.6.1): *[Bahr et al, '08; Arnold et al, '12]*
    IIa p_T-ordered Dipole shower
    IIb Angular-ordered default shower with p_T-veto (w/o soft, wide-angle radiation)

- Decays $\tilde{q} \to q + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ performed by shower programs directly

  Check of distributions after decay with independent NLO implementation

  - ➡ PYTHIA: Performs decays during showering stage
    Radiation off decay independent from radiation related to production
    Starting scale for shower related to mass of decaying particle
  - ➡ HERWIG++: Performs decays before parton shower
    p_T^{PWG} applied for radiation related to production and decay
    Starting scale for shower much smaller than in PYTHIA

  We have set p_T^{PWG} as starting scale for all types of radiation

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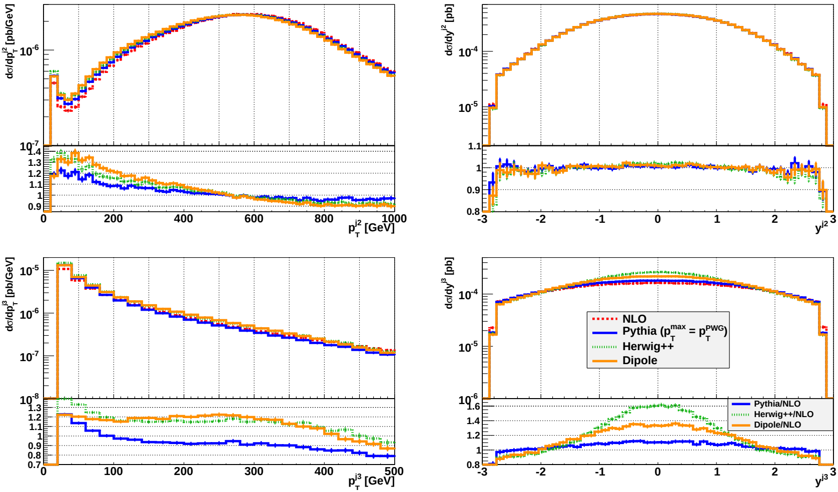

Conclusions

Summary

- Squark pair production at NLO completed
- Treating different subchannels independently reasonable
- Important to take full NLO distributions into account
- Comparison to implementation in POWHEG BOX
- Output interfaced to PYTHIA, Dipole and default shower of HERWIG++
- Sizebale differences for 3rd jet could be traced back to ISR

Outlook

- Combine with decay $\tilde{q} \to q\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ at NLO
- Study phenomenological effects with full NLO accuracy
- Calculate and implement other processes: Keep track of spin information