

Z + jet production at NNLO

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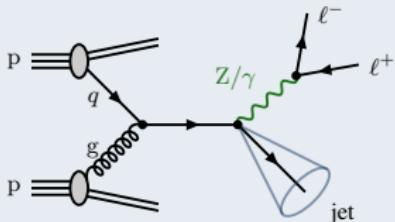
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MC@NNLO

Motivation

Z + jet production at the LHC

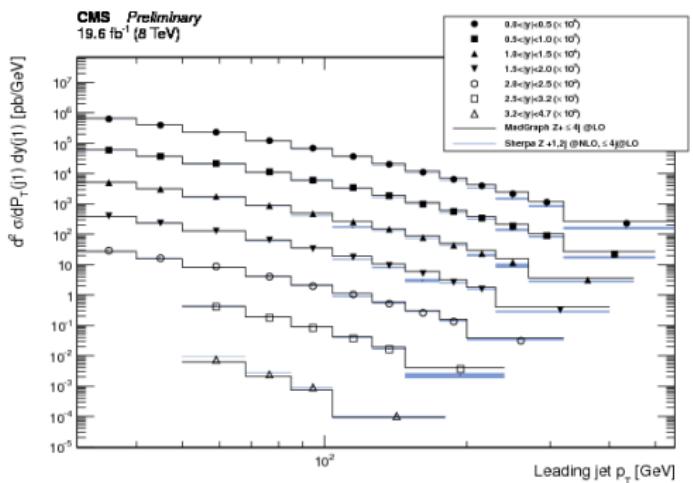


$$p \ p \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* + \text{jet} \rightarrow \ell^- \ell^+ + \text{jet} + X$$

- ▶ large cross section
- ▶ clean leptonic signature

- ▶ precision measurements
 - ↪ test pQCD
 - ↪ constrain PDFs (gluon)
- ▶ detector calibration
 - ↪ jet energy scale
- ▶ searches for BSM physics

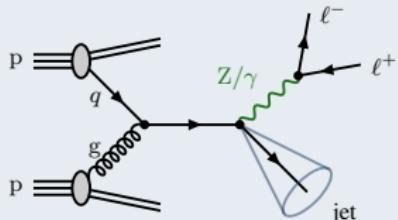
high-precision predictions
mandatory!



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Theory status

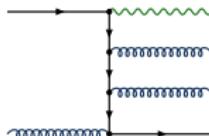
- ▶ **NLO QCD** [Giele, Glover, Kosower '93]
- ▶ **NLO EW** [Kühn, Kulesza, Pozzorini, Schulze '05] [Denner, Dittmaier, Kasprzik, Mück '11]
- ▶ **NLO QCD+EW** (+multijet merging) [Kallweit, Lindert, Maierhofer, Pozzorini, Schönherr '15]
(talk by P. Maierhofer)
- ▶ **NNLO QCD**
 - ↪ Antenna subtraction ... (**this talk**) [Gehrman-De Ridder, Gehrman, Glover, AH, Morgan '15]
 - ↪ N -jettiness [Boughezal, Campbell, Ellis, Focke, Giele, Liu, Petriello.'15]
(talk by K. Ellis) [Boughezal, Liu, Petriello.'16]

Outline

- ➊ $Z + \text{jet}$ @ NNLO using Antenna Subtraction
- ➋ Numerical results for $Z + \text{jet}$ production
- ➌ The inclusive p_T spectrum of the Z boson

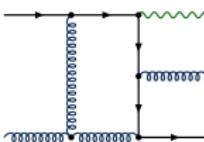
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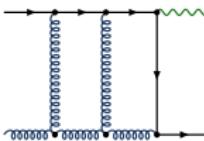
[Hagiwara, Zeppenfeld '89]
[Berends, Giele, Kuijf '89]
[Falck, Graudenz, Kramer '89]

$$+ \int_{\Phi_{Z+2}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RV}}$$



[Glover, Miller '97]
[Bern, Dixon, Kosower, Weinzierl '97]
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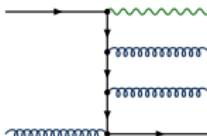


[Moch, Uwer, Weinzierl '02]
[Garlandet al. '02]
[Gehrmann, Tancredi '12]

Individual building blocks known for a while

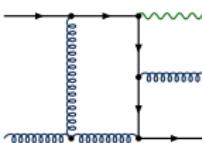
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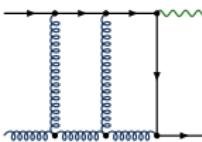
- ▶ single-unresolved
- ▶ double-unresolved

$$+ \int_{\Phi_{Z+2}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RV}}$$



- ▶ single-unresolved
- ▶ $1/\epsilon^2, 1/\epsilon$

$$+ \int_{\Phi_{Z+1}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{VV}}$$



- ▶ $1/\epsilon^4, 1/\epsilon^3, 1/\epsilon^2, 1/\epsilon$

 \sum

finite

(Kinoshita–Lee–Nauenberg & factorization)

Non-trivial cancellation of infrared singularities

Z + jet @ NNLO using Antenna

$$\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = \int_{\Phi_{Z+3}} \left(d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RR}} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S}} \right)$$

$$+ \int_{\Phi_{Z+2}} \left(d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RV}} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{T}} \right)$$

$$+ \int_{\Phi_{Z+1}} \left(d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{VV}} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{U}} \right)$$

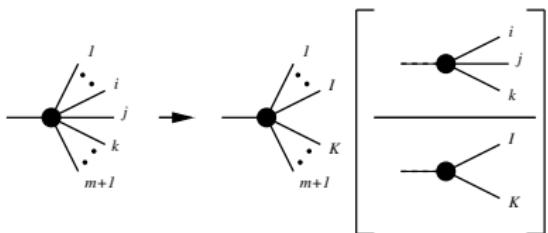
- ▶ $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S}}, d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{T}}$:
mimic $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RR}}, d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RV}}$
in unresolved limits
- ▶ $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{T}}, d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{U}}$:
analytic cancellation of
poles in $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RV}}, d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{VV}}$

\sum finite -0

⇒ each line suitable for numerical evaluation in $D = 4$

Antenna Subtraction Formalism

- ▶ exploit universal factorization properties in the IR limits (colour-ordering):



- ▶ phase-space factorization

$$d\Phi(\dots, p_i, p_j, p_k, \dots) = d\Phi(\dots, \tilde{p}_I, \tilde{p}_K, \dots) \cdot d\Phi_{X_{ijk}}(p_i, p_j, p_k; \tilde{p}_I + \tilde{p}_K)$$

All building blocks available!

X_3^0, X_4^0, X_3^1 and integrated counterparts $\mathcal{X}_3^0, \mathcal{X}_4^0, \mathcal{X}_3^1$

∀ configurations relevant at hadron colliders

↪ final–final, initial–final, initial–initial



X. Chen, J. Cruz-Martinez, J. Currie, A. Gehrmann–De Ridder, T. Gehrmann,
E.W.N. Glover, AH, M. Jaquier, T. Morgan, J. Niehues, J. Pires

Common code base for NNLO corrections using Antenna Subtraction

- ▶ $\text{pp} \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- + 0, 1 \text{ jets}$
 - ▶ $\text{pp} \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + 0, 1, 2 \text{ jets}$
 - ▶ $\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{dijets}$
 - ▶ $\text{ep} \rightarrow 2 \text{ jets}$ (talk by J. Niehues)
 - ▶ ...
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- ▶ Fully differential parton-level event generator
 - ▶ Work in progress: Interface to APPLgrid, fastNLO

Checks of the calculation

Analytic pole cancellation

- ▶ Poles $(d\sigma^{RV} - d\sigma^T) = 0$
- ▶ Poles $(d\sigma^{VV} - d\sigma^U) = 0$

DimReg: $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$

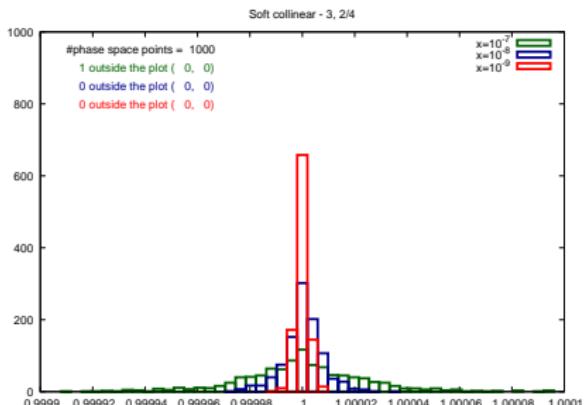
Unresolved limits

- ▶ $d\sigma^S \rightarrow d\sigma^{RR}$ (single- & double-unresolved)
- ▶ $d\sigma^T \rightarrow d\sigma^{RV}$ (single-unresolved)

bin the ratio: $d\sigma^S / d\sigma^{RR} \xrightarrow{\text{unresolved}} 1$

$q \bar{q} \rightarrow Z + g_3 \ g_4 \ g_5 \quad (g_3 \text{ soft } \& \ g_4 \parallel \bar{q})$

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FORM 4.1 (Mar 13 2014) 64-bits
#-
poles = 0;
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(approach singular limit: $x_i = 10^{-7}, 10^{-8}, 10^{-9}$)

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Calculational setup

[Gehrman-De Ridder, Gehrman, Glover, AH, Morgan '15]

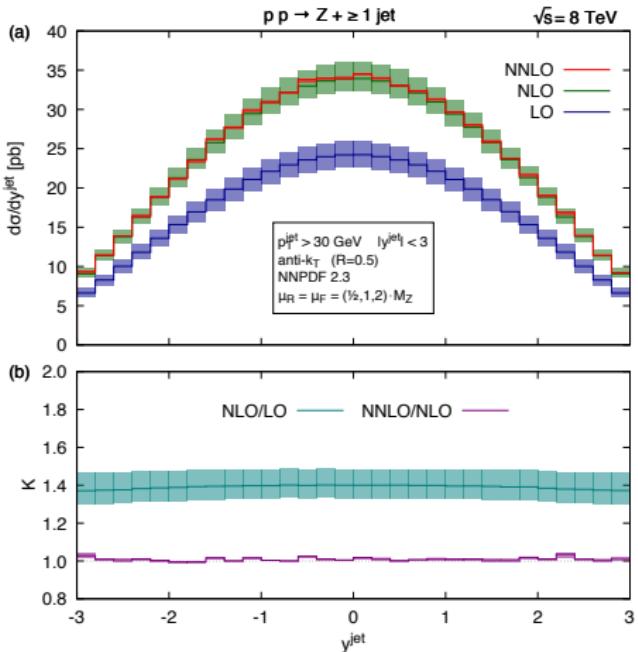
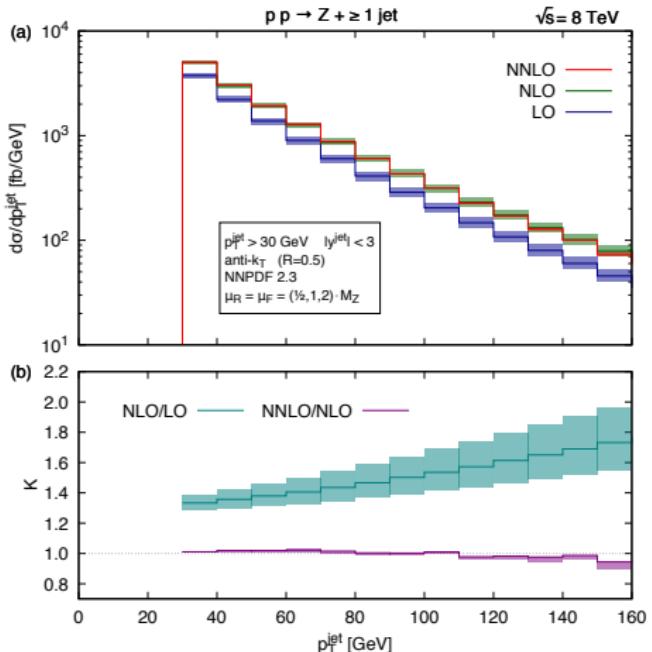
- ▶ LHC @ 8 TeV [NNPDF2.3]: $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.118$
- ▶ select resonant Z bosons: $80 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 100 \text{ GeV}$, $|y^\ell| < 5$
- ▶ jets [anti- k_T ($R = 0.5$)]: $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|y^{\text{jet}}| < 3$
- ▶ scale choice: $\mu_F = \mu_R = M_Z \times [\frac{1}{2}, 1, 2]$

Total Cross section

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{LO}} &= 103.6^{+7.7}_{-7.5} \text{ pb} \\ \sigma_{\text{NLO}} &= 144.4^{+9.0}_{-7.2} \text{ pb} \\ \sigma_{\text{NNLO}} &= 145.8^{+0.0}_{-1.2} \text{ pb}\end{aligned}$$

starting from NLO, all partonic channels open up: $qg, q\bar{q}, gg, qq', \dots$

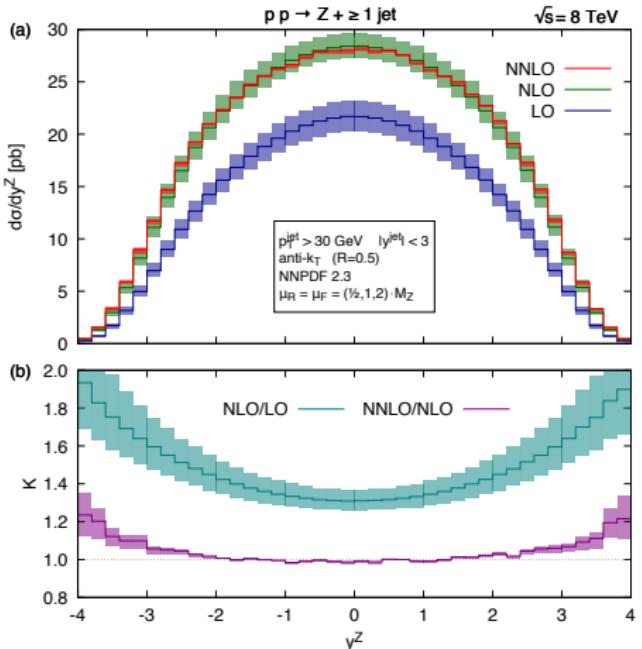
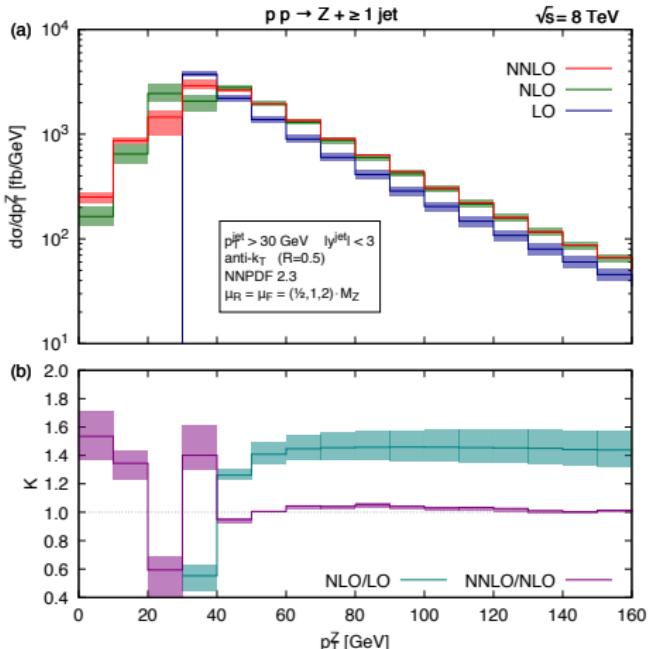
Distributions: Leading jet



- ▶ **NLO corrections** $\gtrsim 40\%$
- ▶ **NNLO corrections** $\lesssim 5\%$ (quite flat)
- ▶ significant reduction of scale uncertainty

$$K = \frac{d\sigma^{(N)\text{NLO}}(\mu)}{d\sigma^{(N)\text{LO}}(\mu = M_Z)}$$

Distributions: Z-boson



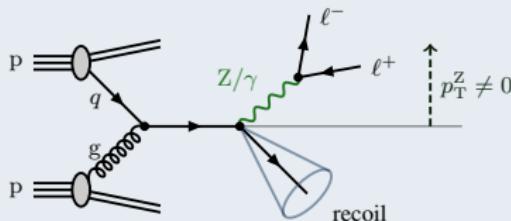
- ▶ “Sudakov shoulder” at $p_T^Z \sim 30 \text{ GeV}$
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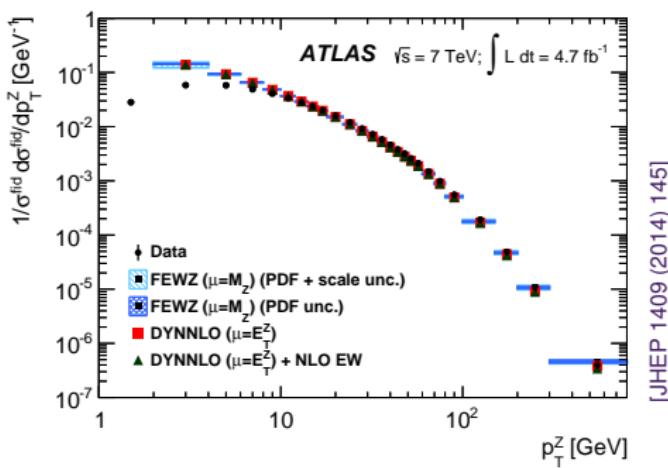
Motivation

Inclusive p_T spectrum of the Z boson ($p_T^Z > 0$ GeV)



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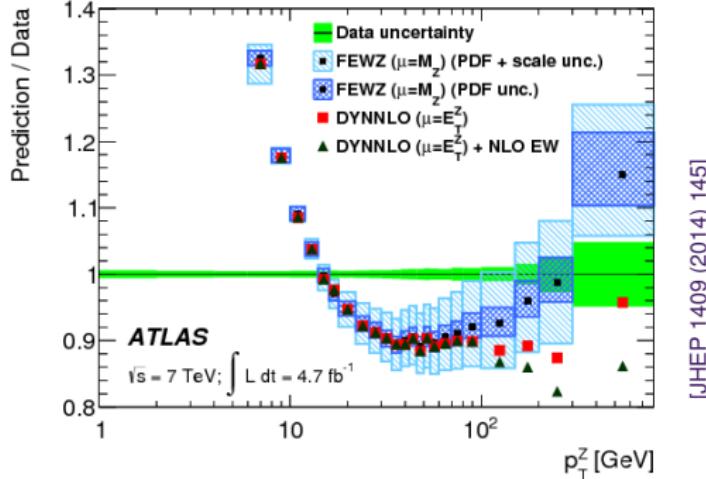
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- ▶ fully inclusive w.r.t. QCD radiation
- ▶ only reconstruct ℓ^+ , ℓ^-
 - ↪ very clean & precise measurement
- ▶ potential to constrain gluon PDFs
 - ↪ NNLO needed

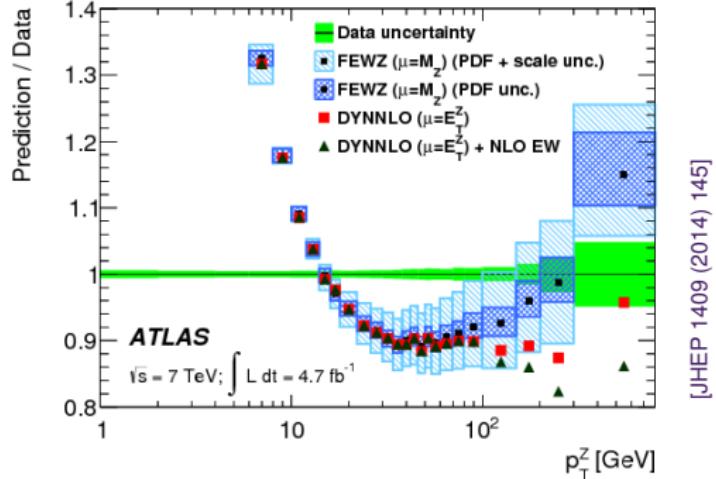
[Malik, Watt '14]

Inclusive p_T^Z at fixed order

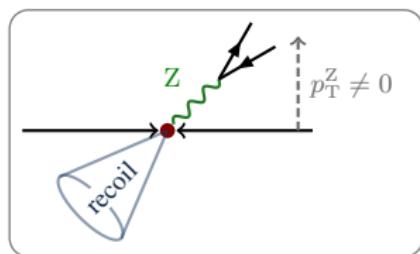


- ▶ low $p_T^Z \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}$: resummation required
- ▶ $p_T^Z \gtrsim 20 \text{ GeV}$: fixed-order prediction $\sim 10\%$ below data!
- ▶ high $p_T^Z \gtrsim 500 \text{ GeV}$: EW corrections $\sim -5 - 10\%$

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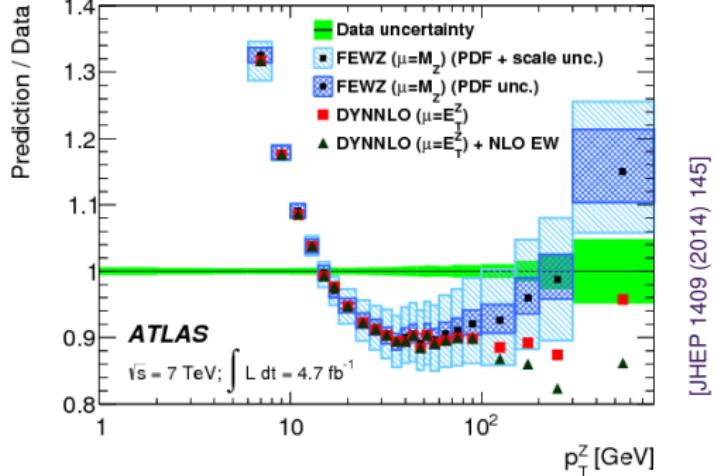


FEWZ
DYNNLO } $Z + 0 \text{ jet @ NNLO}$

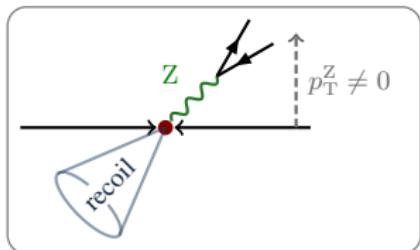


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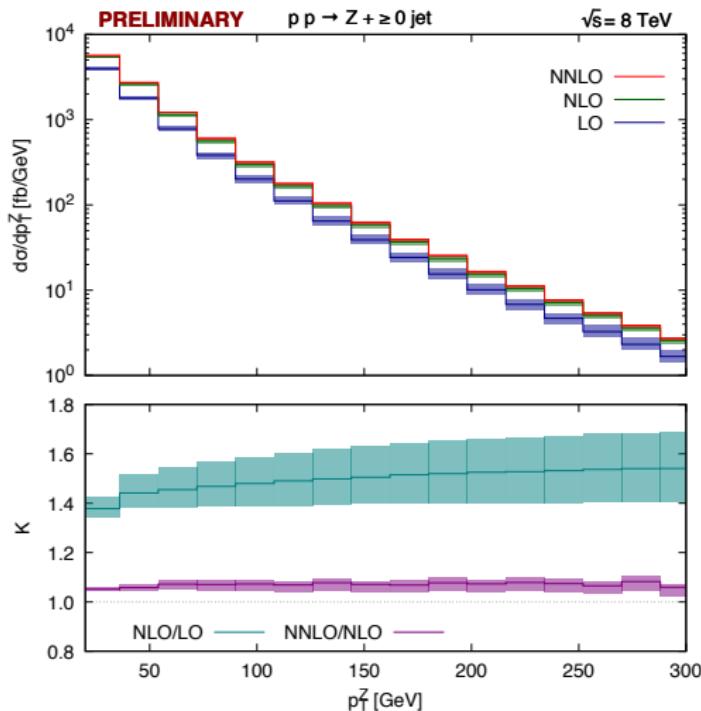
NNLO
 $p_T^Z > p_{T,\text{cut}}^Z = 20 \text{ GeV}$
▶ requires hadronic recoil
~~ Z + ≥ 1jet @ NNLO

Calculational setup

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- ▶ PDF: NNPDF3.0 $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.118$
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- ▶ scale choice (dynamical)

$$\mu_F = \mu_R = \sqrt{m_{\ell\ell}^2 + p_{T,Z}^2} \times [\tfrac{1}{2}, 1, 2]$$

Inclusive p_T spectrum of Z/γ^*



- ▶ NLO corrections $\sim 40 - 60\%$
- ▶ significant reduction of scale uncertainties NLO \rightarrow NNLO
- ▶ NNLO corrections:
relatively flat $\sim 5 - 10\%$

Can this resolve the discrepancy in theory vs. data?!

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CMS setup

[arXiv:1504.03511]

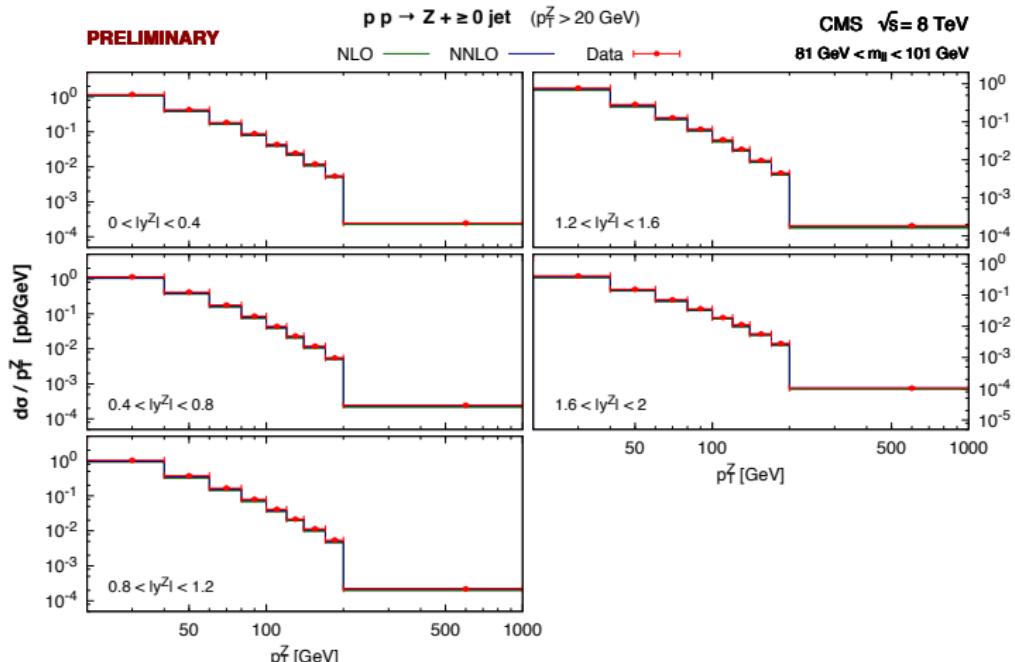
- ▶ $p_T^{\ell_1} > 25 \text{ GeV}, \ |y^{\ell_1}| < 2.1$
- ▶ $p_T^{\ell_2} > 10 \text{ GeV}, \ |y^{\ell_2}| < 2.4$
- ▶ $81 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 101 \text{ GeV}$
+ binning in y^Z

ATLAS setup

[arXiv:1512.02192]

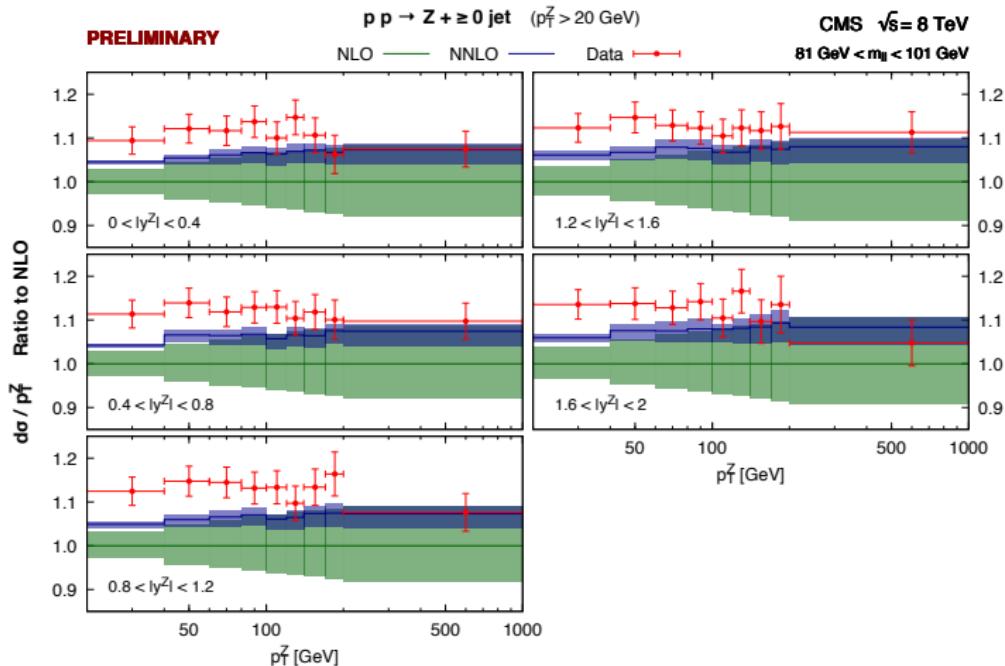
- ▶ $p_T^{\ell^\pm} > 20 \text{ GeV}, \ |y^{\ell^\pm}| < 2.4$
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- ▶ $|y^Z| < 2.4$ + binning in $m_{\ell\ell}$

Double-differential: $d\sigma/dp_T^Z$ binned in y^Z — CMS



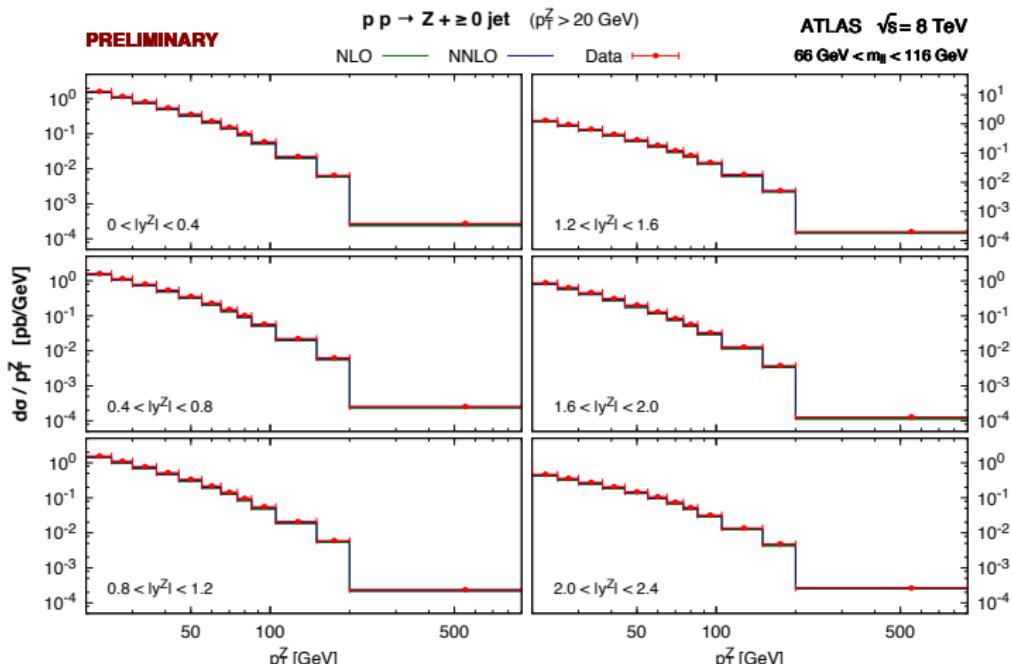
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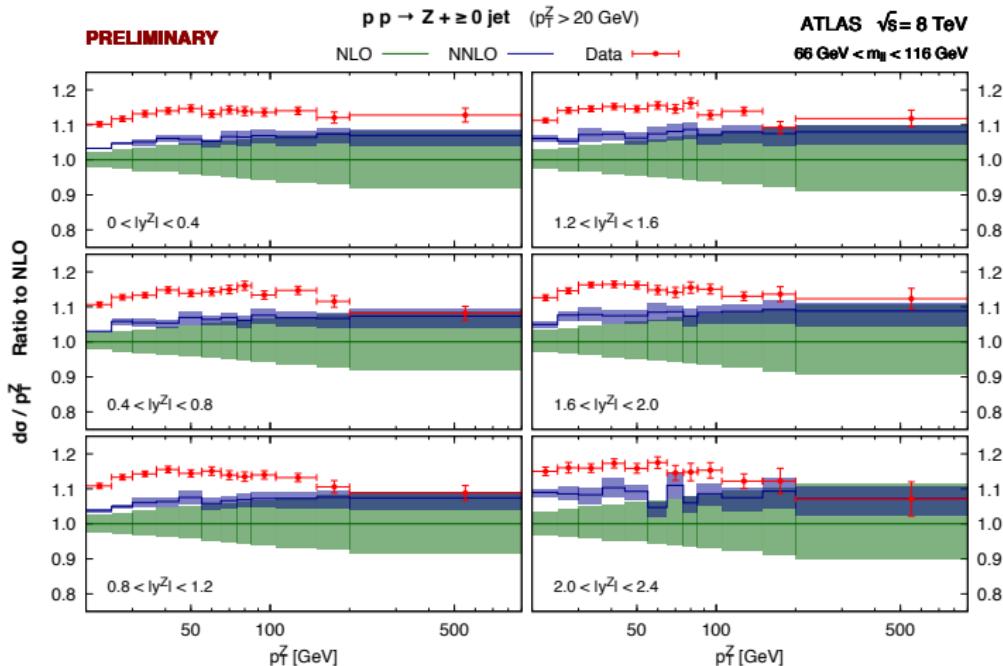
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* ATLAS errors significantly smaller compared to CMS (includes e and μ)

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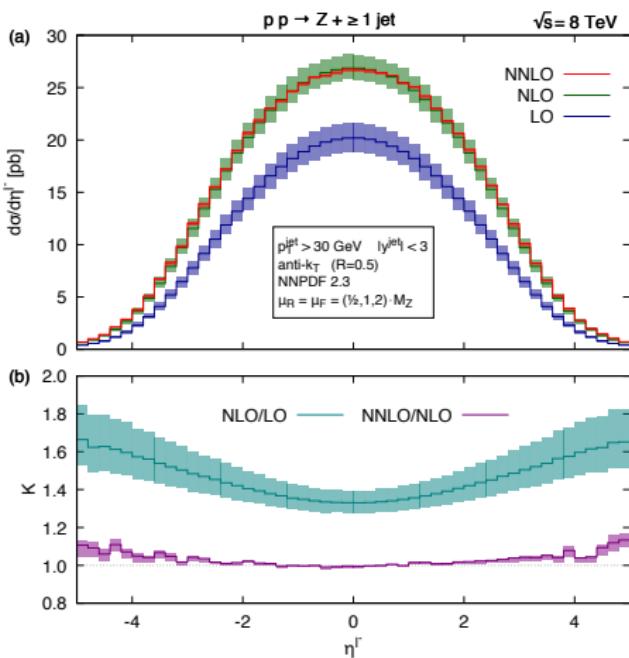
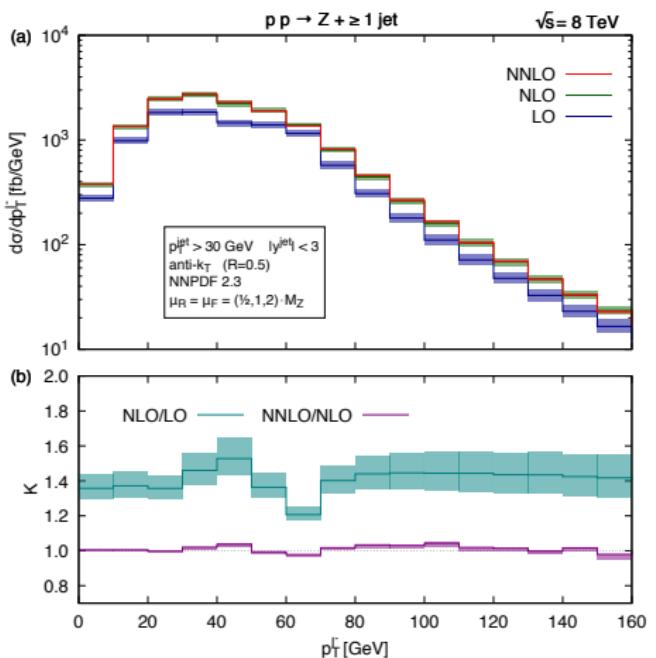
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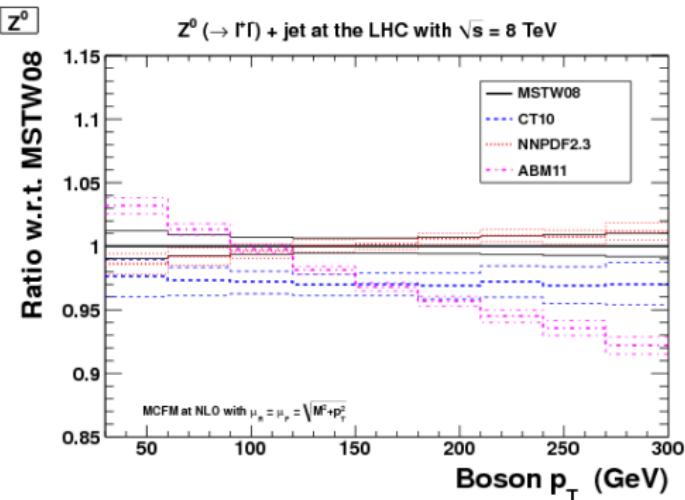
Distributions: lepton ℓ^-



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PDF constraints from p_T^Z



- ▶ $p_T^Z \gtrsim M_Z \rightsquigarrow$ fixed-order reliable
- ▶ left: only PDF uncertainties!
(NLO scale uncertainty: $\sim 10\%$)
- ▶ potential to constrain gluon PDFs
⇒ NNLO calculation needed!

[Malik, Watt '14]

- ▶ repeat study at NNLO using newest generation of PDF sets
- ▶ work in progress: interface to APPLgrid, fastNLO
- ▶ tag flavour: $Z + b(b) \leftrightarrow$ constrain b-quark PDFs