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Mixed \underline{QCD} -EW corrections to the Drell–Yan process

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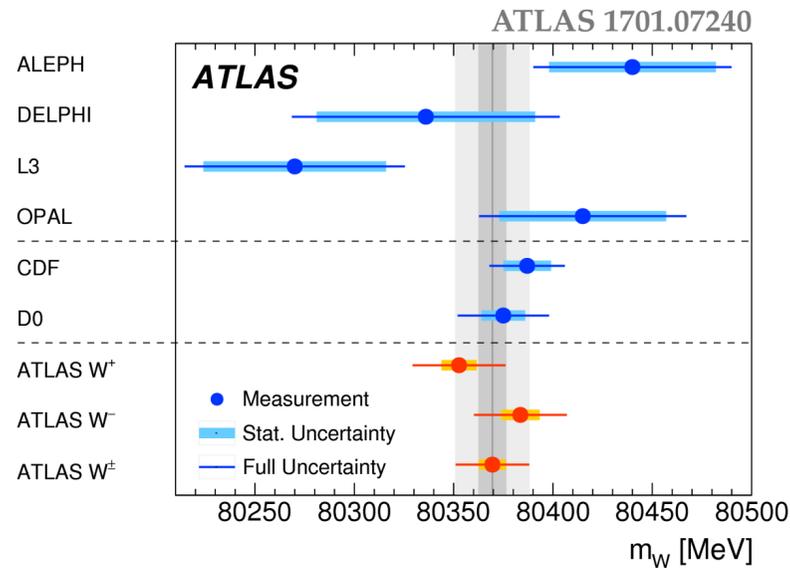
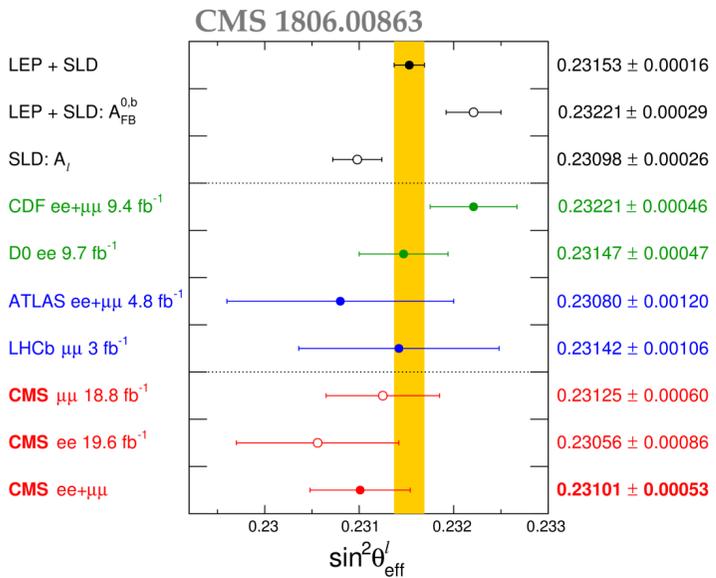
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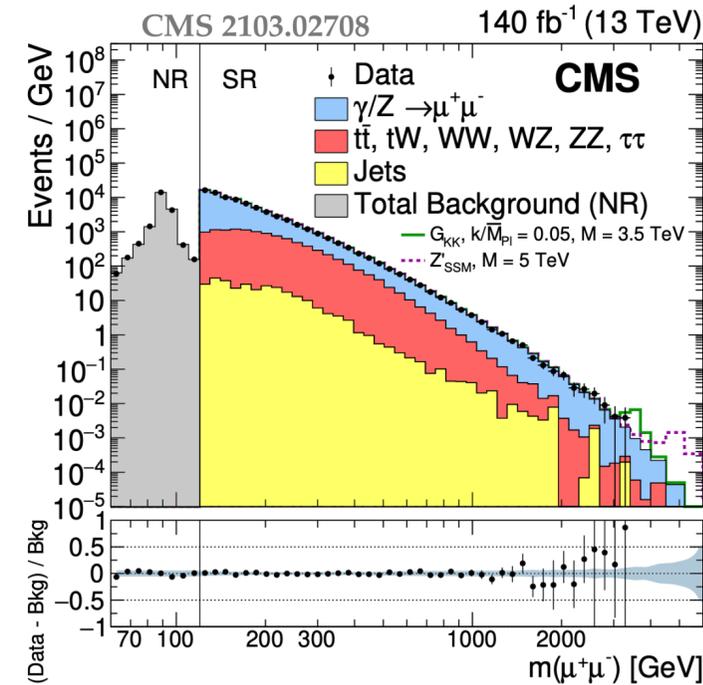
Resonant Region

LHC Electro-Weak precision physics:

- extremely **precise** determination of **W mass** 80.354 ± 0.007 GeV with expected **uncertainties** at the level of $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ MeV})$ at the end of HL-LHC
- measurement of the effective mixing angle starts to **compete** with LEP: $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\ell} = 0.23101 \pm 0.00053$



Off-Shell Region



mass window [GeV]	stat. unc. 140fb ⁻¹	stat. unc. 3ab ⁻¹
600 < m _{μμ} < 900	1.4%	0.2%
900 < m _{μμ} < 1300	3.2%	0.6%

- Modelling of the SM background **relevant** for new physics searches
- Measurement of the dilepton invariant mass spectrum **expected at $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$ at $m_{\ell\ell} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$**
- Requires control of the SM prediction at the $\mathcal{O}(0.5\%)$ level in the TeV

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QCD

QCD corrections dominant effects. They are known up to

- **NNLO differential cross sections**

[Anastasiou, Dixon, Melnikov, Petriello (2003)], [Melnikov, Petriello (2006)] [Catani, Cieri, Ferrera, de Florian, Grazzini (2009)] [Catani, Ferrera, Grazzini (2010)]

- **N³LO inclusive cross sections and di-lepton rapidity distribution**

[Duhr, Dulat, Mistlberger (2020)] [Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Yang, and Zhu (2021)] [Duhr, Mistlberger (2021)]

- **N³LO fiducial cross sections and distributions**

[Camarda, Cieri, Ferrera (2021)], [Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Monni, Re, Rottoli, Torrielli (2022)]

see talk by X. Chen

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$$+ \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(0,1)} + \dots \quad \text{EW}$$

NLO EW corrections

- known since long
[S. Dittmaier and M. Kramer (2002)], [Baur, Wackerroth (2004)], [Baur, Brein, Hollik, Schappacher, Wackerroth (2002)]
- nowadays **automatised** in different available generators
[Les Houches 2017, 1803.07977]

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Remark: N³LO results displays a **slower convergence** of the perturbative series than expected from previous orders

Mixed QCD-EW corrections

- should **compete with N³LO** according to the physical counting $\alpha \approx \alpha_S^2$ and represent the leading residual theoretical uncertainties due to truncation of the perturbative expansion
- is **highly desirable** in view of the expected precision target at HL-LCH, both in the resonant and in the off-shell regions



from factorised ansatz,
 $\mathcal{O}(-2\%)$ at $m_{\ell\ell} = 1$ TeV

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dX} = \frac{d\sigma^{(1,0)}}{dX} \frac{d\sigma_{qq}^{(0,1)}}{dX} \left(\frac{d\sigma^{(0,0)}}{dX} \right)^{-1}$$

Mixed QCD-EW corrections: state of the art

The computation of fully differential mixed QCD-EW corrections to the production of an electro-weak boson is a **non trivial task**

Theoretical developments

- progress on two-loop master integrals
[Bonciani, Di Vita, Mastrolia, Schubert (2016)], [Heller, von Manteuffel, Schabinger (2019)], [Hasan, Schubert (2020)]
- renormalization
[Dittmaier, Schmidt, Schwarz (2020)]
- 2-loop amplitudes for $2 \rightarrow 2$ neutral current DY for massless leptons
[Heller, von Manteuffel, Schabinger, Spiesberger (2020)]
- 2-loop amplitudes for $2 \rightarrow 2$ neutral current DY (retaining logarithms of the lepton mass)
[Armadillo, Bonciani, Devoto, Rana, Vicini (2022)]

On-shell Z/W production ($2 \rightarrow 1$ process)

- analytical mixed QCD-QED corrections to the inclusive production of an on-shell Z
[De Florian, Der, Fabre (2018)]
- fully differential mixed QCD-QED corrections to the production of an on-shell Z
[Delto, Jaquier, Melnikov, Röntschi (2019)]
- total Z production cross section in fully analytical form including exact NNLO QCD-EW corrections
[Bonciani, Buccioni, Rana, Vicini (2020)]
- fully differential on-shell Z and W production including exact NNLO QCD-EW corrections
[F. Buccioni, F. Caola, M. Delto, M. Jaquier, K. Melnikov, R. Roentsch (2020)], [Behring, Buccioni, Caola, Delto, Jaquier, Melnikov, Röntschi (2020)]

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- approximate corrections available in parton showers based on a factorised approach
[Balossini et al (2010)], [Bernaciak, Wackerroth (2012)], [Barze' et al (2012,2013)], [Calame et al (2017)]
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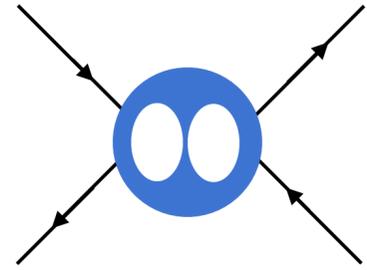
- mixed QCD-EW corrections to charged current Drell-Yan with approximate 2-loop amplitude
[LB, Grazzini, Kallweit, Savoini, Tramontano (2021)]
- mixed QCD-EW corrections to neutral current Drell-Yan
[Bonciani, LB, Grazzini, Kallweit, Rana, Tramontano, Vicini (2021)]
[Buccioni, Caola, Chawdhry, Devoto, Heller, von Manteuffel, Melnikov, Rontsch, Signorile-Signorile (2022)]

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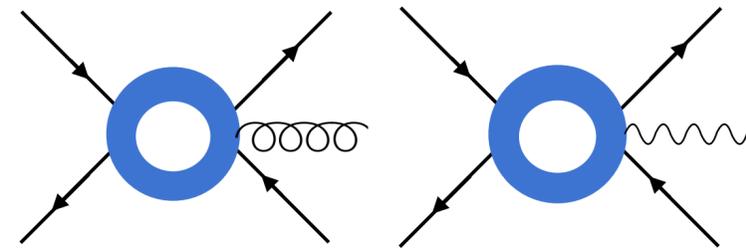
Important to have an independent calculation based on very different approaches for the infrared subtraction and for the calculation of the two-loop virtual amplitude

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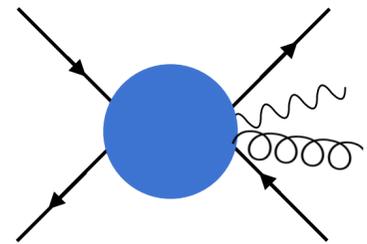
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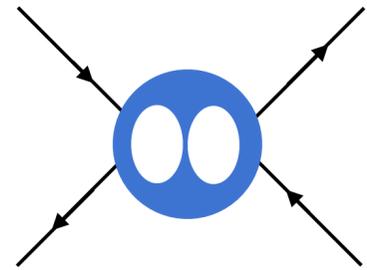
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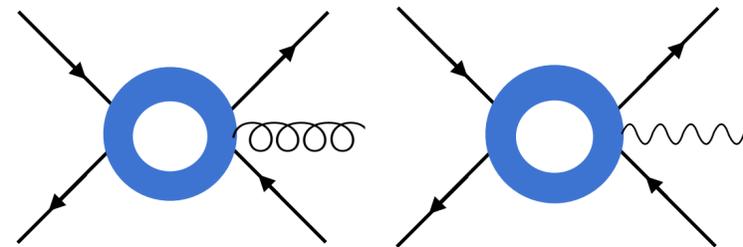
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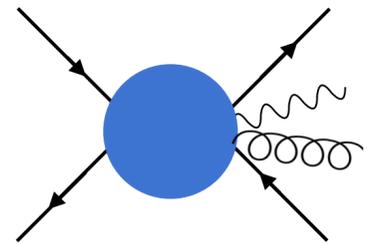
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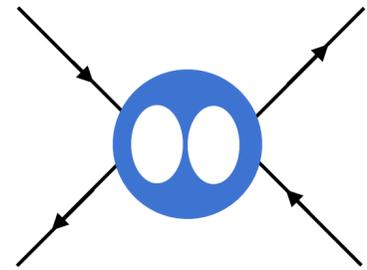
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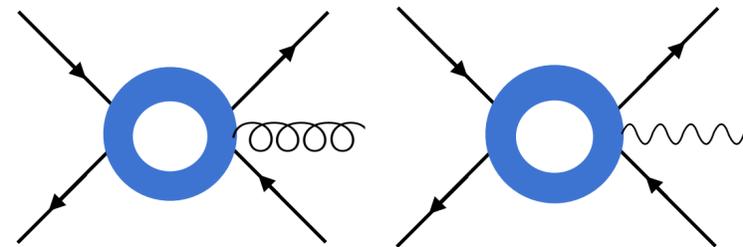
- The computation of **tree-level** and **one-loop** amplitude is nowadays fully automatised, using tools like **OpenLoops** and **Recola**
- The double-real and real-virtual corrections known from studies of the **large transverse momentum lepton pair final state**
[A.Denner, S.Dittmaier, T.Kasprzik, A.Muck (2011), A.Denner, S.Dittmaier, M.Hecht, C.Pasold (2015)] [J.Lindert et al., 1705.04664]
- **Complications:** numerical stabilities in the deep infrared regions

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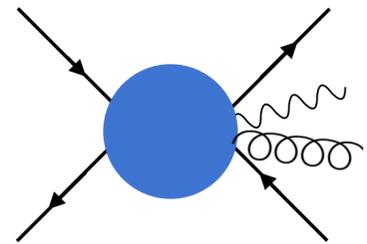
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ISSUES

- computation of two-loop virtual amplitudes (generation of the amplitudes, γ_5 treatment, 2-loop UV renormalization, subtraction of IR divergences, IBP reduction, **evaluation of Master Integrals**)
- combining all contributions to obtain the prediction for physical cross section and differential observable is a non-trivial task due to **the presence of IR singularities** (from intermediate virtual particles and real emission phase space integrals)

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Resolution variable

q_T := **transverse momentum** of the dilepton final state

Q := **invariant mass** of the dilepton final state

One emission is always resolved for $q_T/Q > 0$

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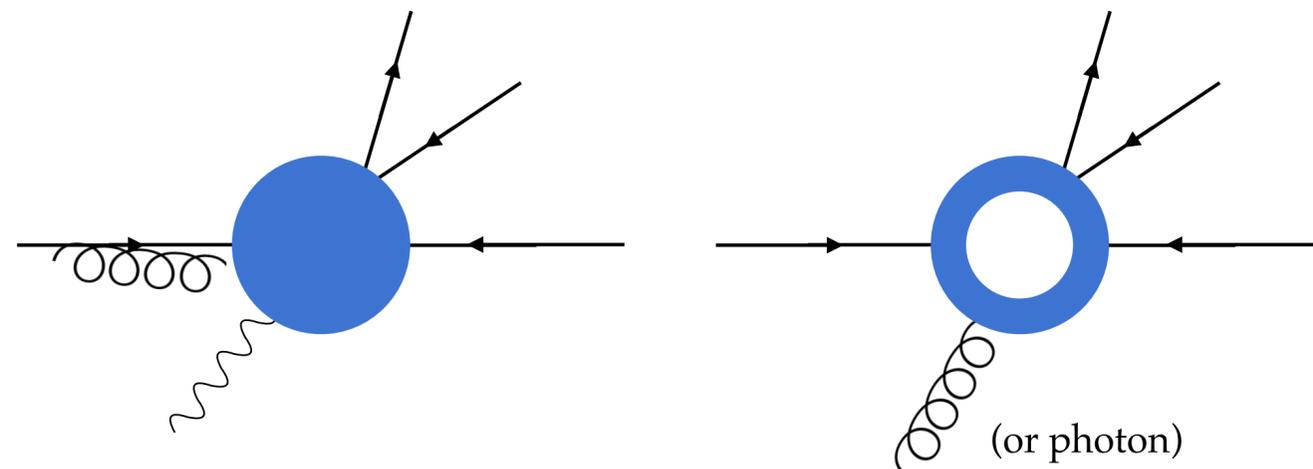
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Lepton must be massive!

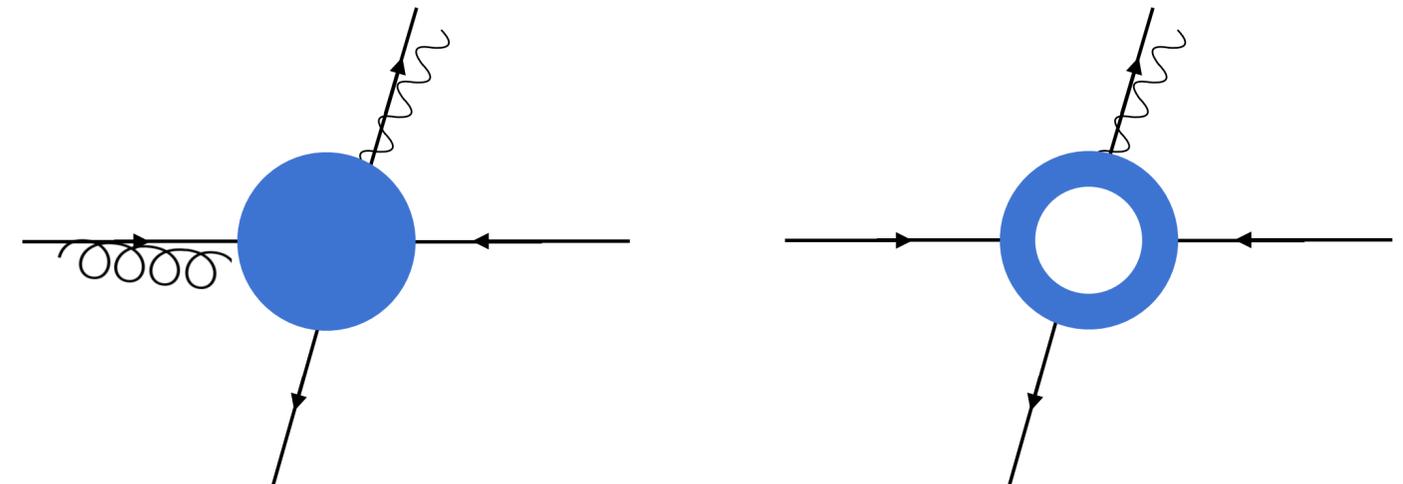
Initial-state radiation

For $q_T/Q > 0$ one emission is always resolved



Final-state (collinear) radiation

There are configurations with $q_T/Q > 0$ and **two unresolved emission if leptons are massless**



The q_T subtraction formalism in a nutshell

$$d\sigma = \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} d\sigma^{(m,n)} \quad \downarrow \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^m \alpha^n) \text{ term}$$

$$d\sigma^{(1,1)} = \mathcal{H}^{(1,1)} \otimes d\sigma_{LO} + \left[d\sigma_R^{(1,1)} - d\sigma_{CT}^{(1,1)} \right]_{q_T/Q > r_{\text{cut}}}$$

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- Double real + real-virt have only **NLO-type singularities** above the cut
- Apply a suitable **NLO subtraction scheme** (CS dipole in our case)
- Their contribution is **finite**
- **Double unresolved singularities** display themselves as **large logarithms** of the cutoff parameter r_{cut}

$$\int_{r_{\text{cut}}} d\sigma_R^{(1,1)} \sim \sum_{i=1}^4 \boxed{C_i \ln^i r_{\text{cut}}} + C_0 + \mathcal{O}(r_{\text{cut}}^m)$$

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- The **counterterm** is obtained by expanding at fixed order the q_T **resummation formula**
- The counterterm **removes the IR sensitivity** associated to the cutoff variable through abelianisation of available QCD results

$$\int_{r_{\text{cut}}} d\sigma_R^{(1,1)} \sim \sum_{i=1}^4 \cancel{\mathcal{O}(\ln^i r_{\text{cut}})} + C_0 + \mathcal{O}(r_{\text{cut}}^m) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_{r_{\text{cut}}} \left[d\sigma_R^{(1,1)} - d\sigma_{CT}^{(1,1)} \right] \sim C_0 + \mathcal{O}(r_{\text{cut}}^m)$$

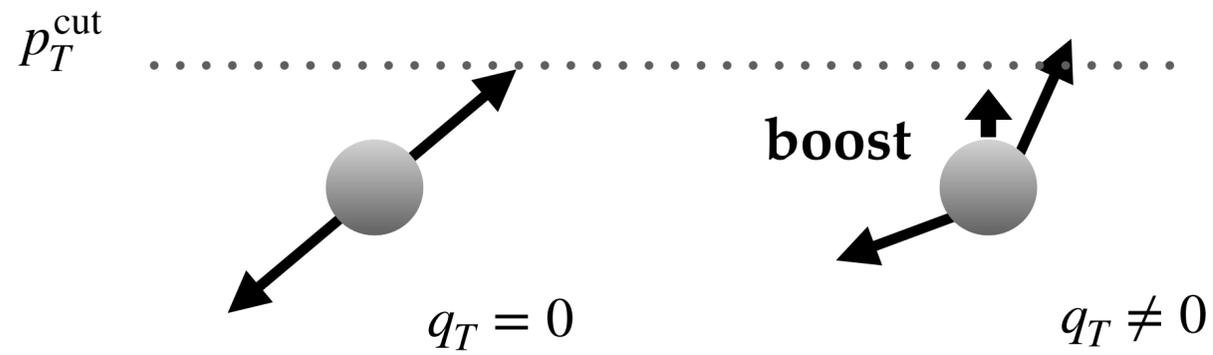
Size of **power corrections** affects the **performance** of the method ; trade off in the choice of r_{cut}

- ▶ sufficiently small to render power corrections negligible
- ▶ sufficiently large to reduce numerical instabilities due to (global) cancellation of large quantities

Power Corrections (PCs) in the Drell-Yan process

- **QCD corrections: quadratic** ($m = 2$) for inclusive setups, **linear** power corrections may arise for **fiducial cuts** [Ebert, Tackmann, 2019], [Salam, Slade, 2021]

[Ebert, Michel, Stewart, Tackmann, 2020],
[Catani, de Florian, Ferrera, Grazzini, 2015]

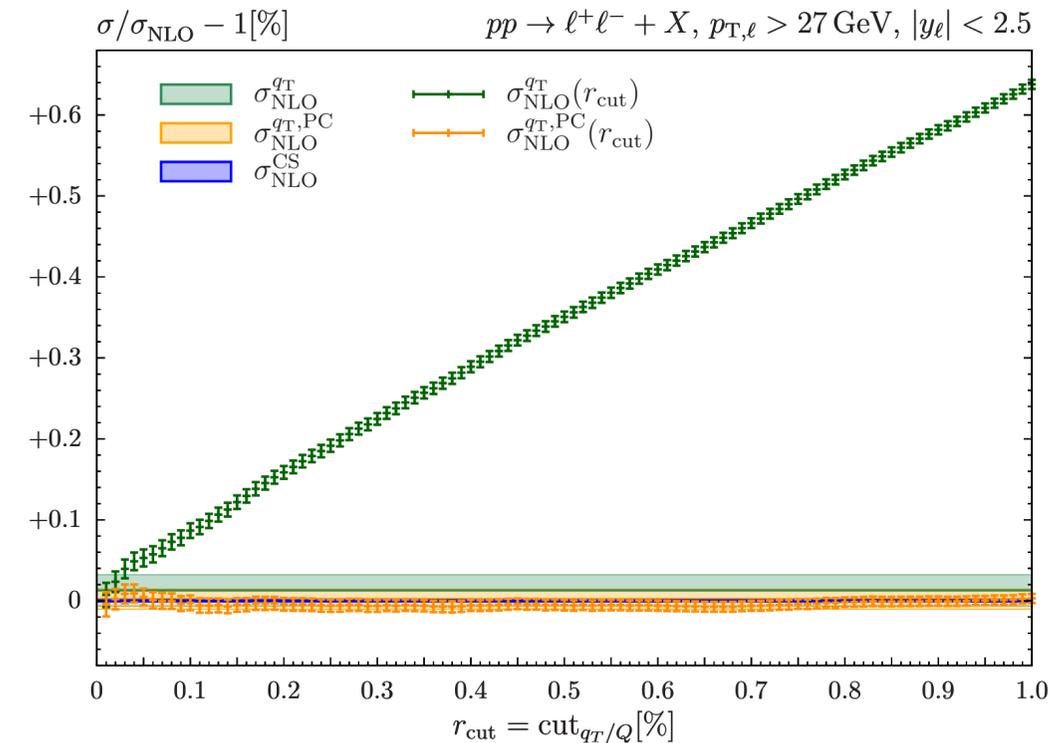
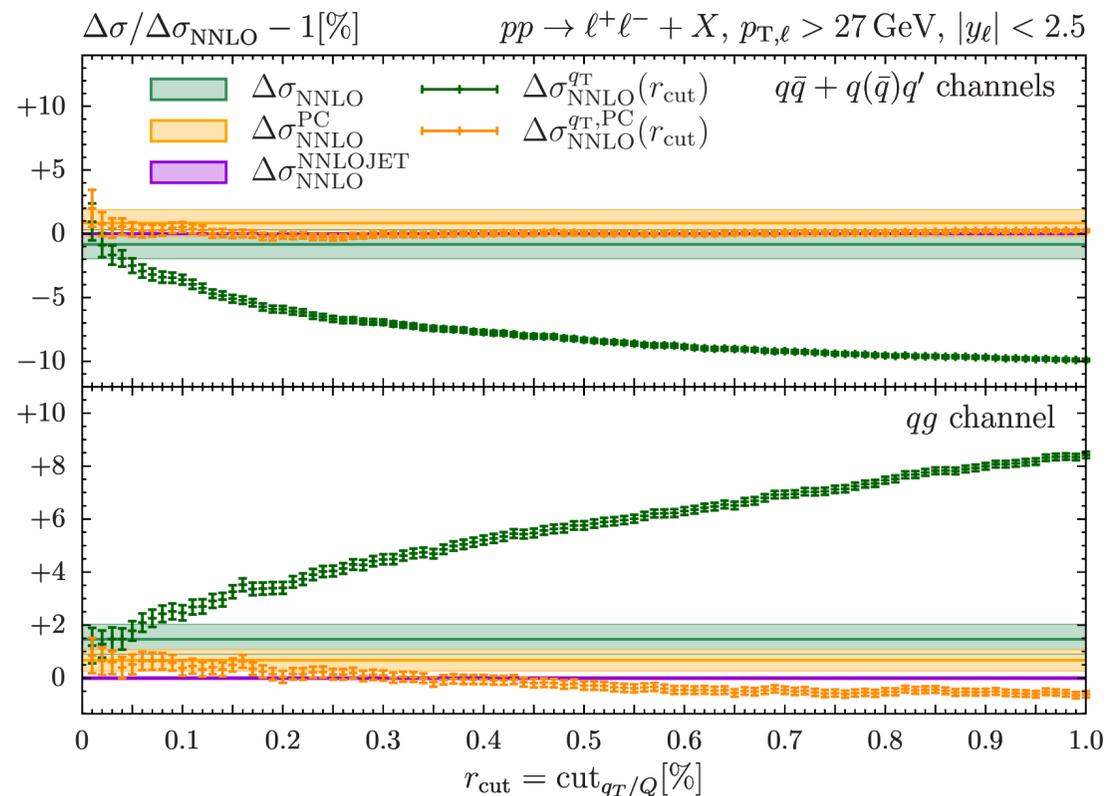


general solution for fiducial power corrections
through a modification of the subtraction formula

$$\sigma = \sigma_{q_T} + \Delta\sigma^{\text{linPCs}}(r_{\text{cut}}) + \mathcal{O}(r_{\text{cut}}^{k'})$$

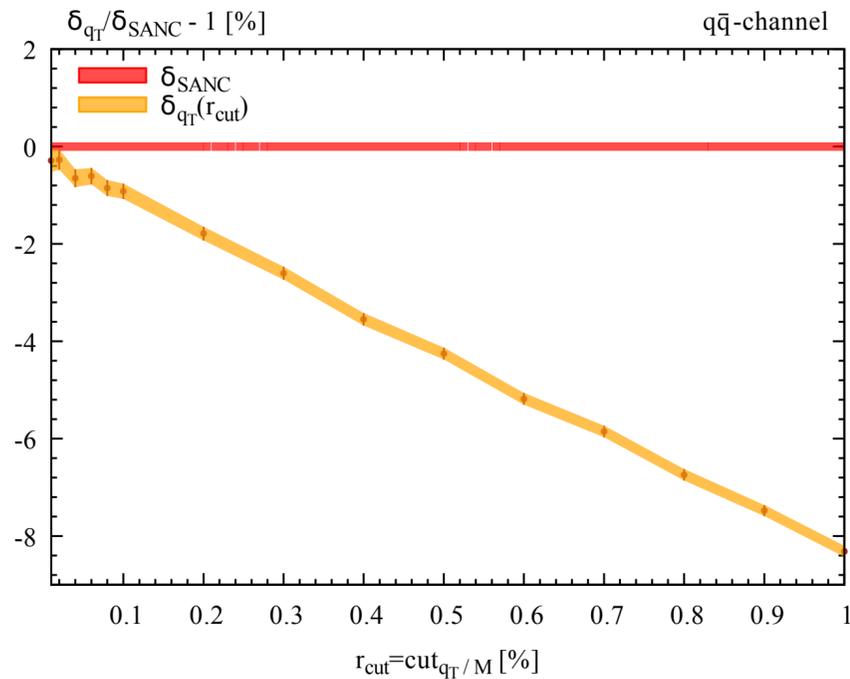
$$\Delta\sigma^{\text{linPCs}}(r_{\text{cut}}) = \int d\Phi_F \int_0^{r_{\text{cut}}} dr' \left[\frac{d\sigma_{\text{CT}}^{\text{F}}}{d\Phi_F} \Theta_{\text{cuts}}(\Phi_F^{\text{rec}}(\Phi_F, r')) - \frac{d\sigma_{\text{CT}}^{\text{F}}}{d\Phi_F} \Theta_{\text{cuts}}(\Phi_F) \right]$$

[LB, Kallweit, Rottoli, Wiesemann, 2021], [Camarda, Cieri, Ferrera, 2021]



Power Corrections (PCs) in the Drell-Yan process

- ▶ EW corrections: linear ($m = 1$) power corrections due to final-state emission



analytical insight for inclusive cross section in pure QED

$$\sigma^{\text{NLP}}(s; r_{\text{cut}}) = -\frac{3\pi}{8} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} r_{\text{cut}} \left[\frac{6(5 - \beta^2)}{3 - \beta^2} + \frac{-47 + 8\beta^2 + 3\beta^4}{\beta(3 - \beta^2)} \log \frac{1 + \beta}{1 - \beta} \right] \sigma_B(s)$$

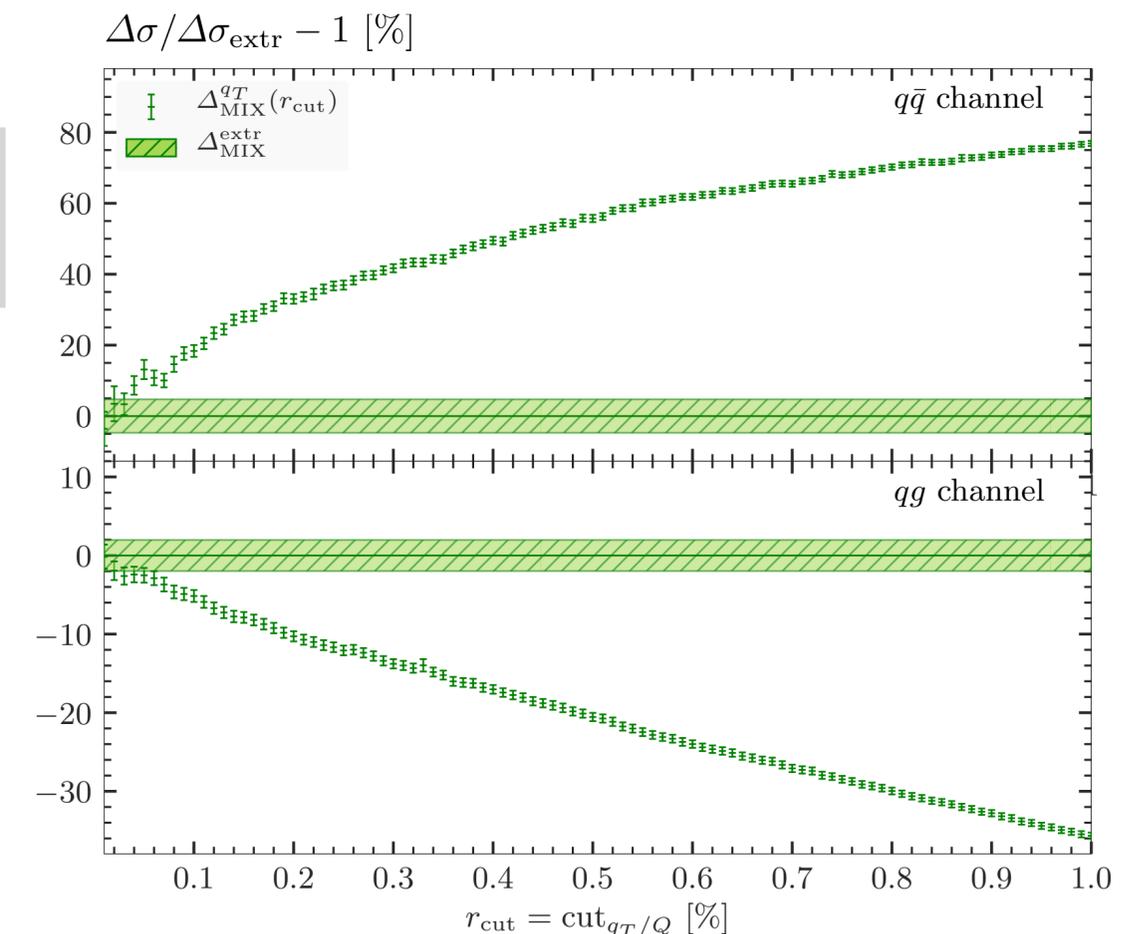
$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{s}}$$

[LB, Grazzini, Tramontano, 2019]

in general we have to rely on an **extrapolation procedure!**

- ▶ Mixed QCD-NLO EW: linear ($m=1$) + log enhancement

- Rather **large** r_{cut} dependence on the mixed corrections
- Control of the mixed corrections at $\mathcal{O}(5-10\%)$ which translates into **per mille level accuracy on the total cross section**
- **Bin-wise extrapolation** for distributions



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- The **hard-collinear** coefficient brings in the **virtual corrections** and finite remainder that lives at $q_T = 0$, restoring the correct **normalisation**

Process dependent **hard-virtual functions**: universal relation with the all-order virtual amplitude
 [Catani, Cieri, de Florian, Ferrera Grazzini (2013)]

$$\mathcal{H}^F = [H^F C_1 C_2]$$

Process independent (universal) **collinear functions** known up N³LO in QCD
 [Catani, Grazzini (2011)],
 [Catani, Cieri, de Florian, Ferrera, Grazzini (2012)]
 [Luo, Yang, Zhu, Zhu (2019)]
 [Ebert, Mistlberger, Vita (2020)]

$$|\tilde{\mathcal{M}}\rangle = (1 - \tilde{I}) |\mathcal{M}\rangle$$

$$H^F \sim \langle \tilde{\mathcal{M}} | \tilde{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H}^{(m,n)} = H^{(m,n)} \delta(1 - z_1) \delta(1 - z_2) + \boxed{\delta \mathcal{H}^{(m,n)}}$$

computed with abelianisation

IR subtracted amplitude

$$H^{(1,1)} \equiv \frac{2\text{Re} \left(\mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(1,1)} \mathcal{M}^{(0,0)*} \right)}{|\mathcal{M}^{(0,0)}|^2}$$

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2-loop virtual NC-DY: exact calculation

WORKFLOW

Feynman diagrams: QGRAF



Dirac Algebra and interference terms:
FORM



IBPs: KIRA, LITERED, REDUZE2



Evaluation of MIs



UV renormalisation,
subtraction of IR poles



Numerical grid

Treatment of γ_5 : Naive anti-commuting γ_5 with reading point prescription

MIs with **up to one massive boson** exchange are evaluated analytically

[Bonciani, Di Vita, Matrolia, Schubert, 2016], [Heller, von Manteuffel, and Schabinger, 2020] [Hasan, Schubert, 2020], [R. Bonciani, A. Ferroglia, T. Gehrmann, D. Maitre, and C. Studerus, 2008], [R. Bonciani, A. Ferroglia, T. Gehrmann, D. Maitre, and C. Studerus, 2008], [P. Mastrolia, M. Passera, A. Primo, and U. Schubert, 2017]

5 MIs with **two massive bosons** cannot be easily expressed in terms of GPLs

Require an **alternative strategy** (see also [Heller, von Manteuffel, Schabinger (2019)])

Semi-analytical evaluation of tree-loop interference

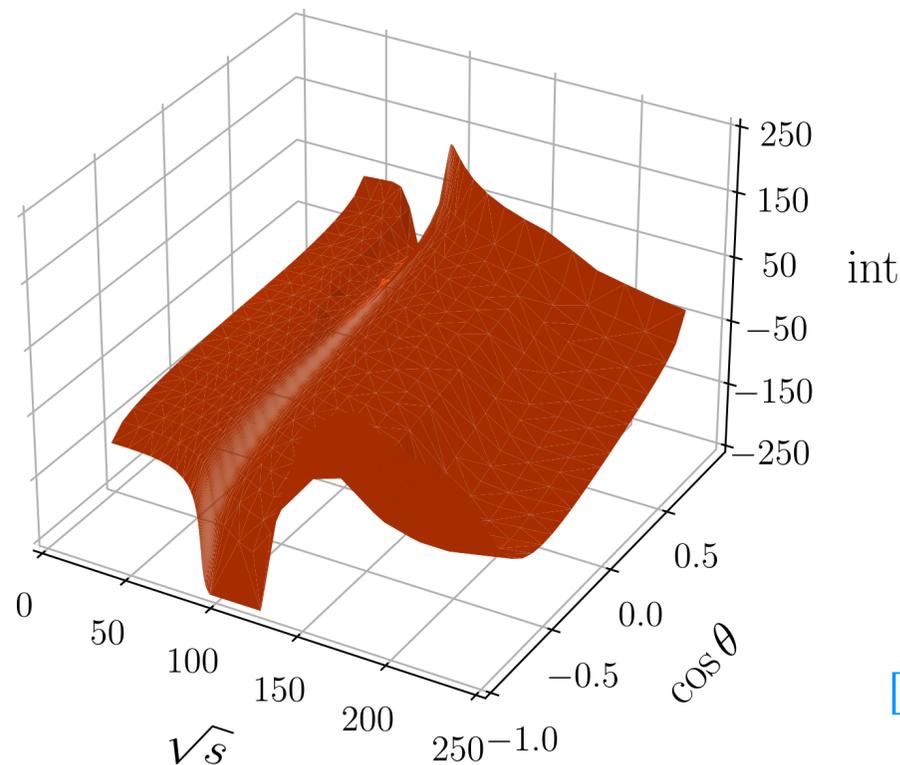
[Armadio, Bonciani, Devoto, Rana, Vicini 2022] *see talk by S. Devoto*

- Numerical resolution of differential equations for MIs via **series expansions**, inspired by DiffExp [Hidding (2006)] but extended for **complex masses**
- **Arbitrary number of significant digits** (with analytic boundary condition)
- The method is **general** (applicable to other processes)
- Numerical evaluation of amplitudes takes $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ min/point})$ per core

for **fast numerical integration**

2-loop virtual NC-DY: numerical evaluation

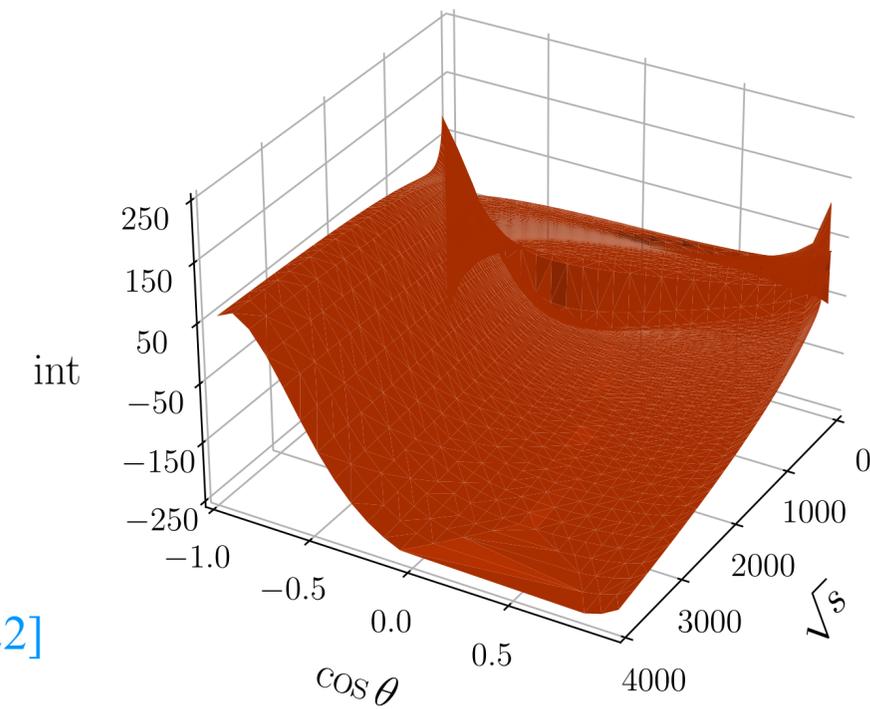
- **Validation:** several checks of the MIs performed with Fiesta and PySecDec, comparison with the PA in the resonant region
- **Evaluation:** preparation of an **optimised numerical grid** covering the physical $2 \rightarrow 2$ phase space relevant the LHC in $(s, \cos \theta)$ with GiNaC and DiffExp/SeaFire [T. Armadillo et al in preparation] and **interpolation with cubic splines** for numerical integration
 - ▶ $\mathcal{O}(9 \text{ h})$ on a 32-cores machines for 3000 grid points
 - ▶ the **lepton mass is kept finite** wherever needed to regularise the final state collinear divergence; the logarithms of the lepton mass are subtracted from the numerical grid and added back analytically
 - ▶ the resulting UV- and IR-subtracted Hard-Virtual coefficient is a **smooth, slowly varying** function



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$$\text{in units } \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \sigma_{\text{LO}}$$

[Armadillo, Bonciani, Devoto, Rana, Vicini 2022]



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[Grazzini, Kallweit, Wiesemann, 2018]

MUNICH (by S. Kallweit)

- **efficient multichannel** phase space generation
- **bookkeeping** all subprocesses
- automatic implementation of dipole subtraction

AMPLITUDES

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[Grazzini, Kallweit, Wiesemann, 2018]

MUNICH (by S. Kallweit)

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σ [pb]	σ_{LO}	$\sigma^{(1,0)}$	$\sigma^{(0,1)}$	$\sigma^{(2,0)}$	$\sigma^{(1,1)}$
$q\bar{q}$	809.56(1)	191.85(1)	-33.76(1)	49.9(7)	-4.8(3)
qg	—	-158.08(2)	—	-74.8(5)	8.6(1)
$q(g)\gamma$	—	—	-0.839(2)	—	0.084(3)
$q(\bar{q})q'$	—	—	—	6.3(1)	0.19(0)
gg	—	—	—	18.1(2)	—
$\gamma\gamma$	1.42(0)	—	-0.0117(4)	—	—
tot	810.98(1)	33.77(2)	-34.61(1)	-0.5(9)	4.0(3)

$\sigma^{(m,n)}/\sigma_{\text{LO}}$ +4.2% -4.3% ~ 0% **+0.5%**

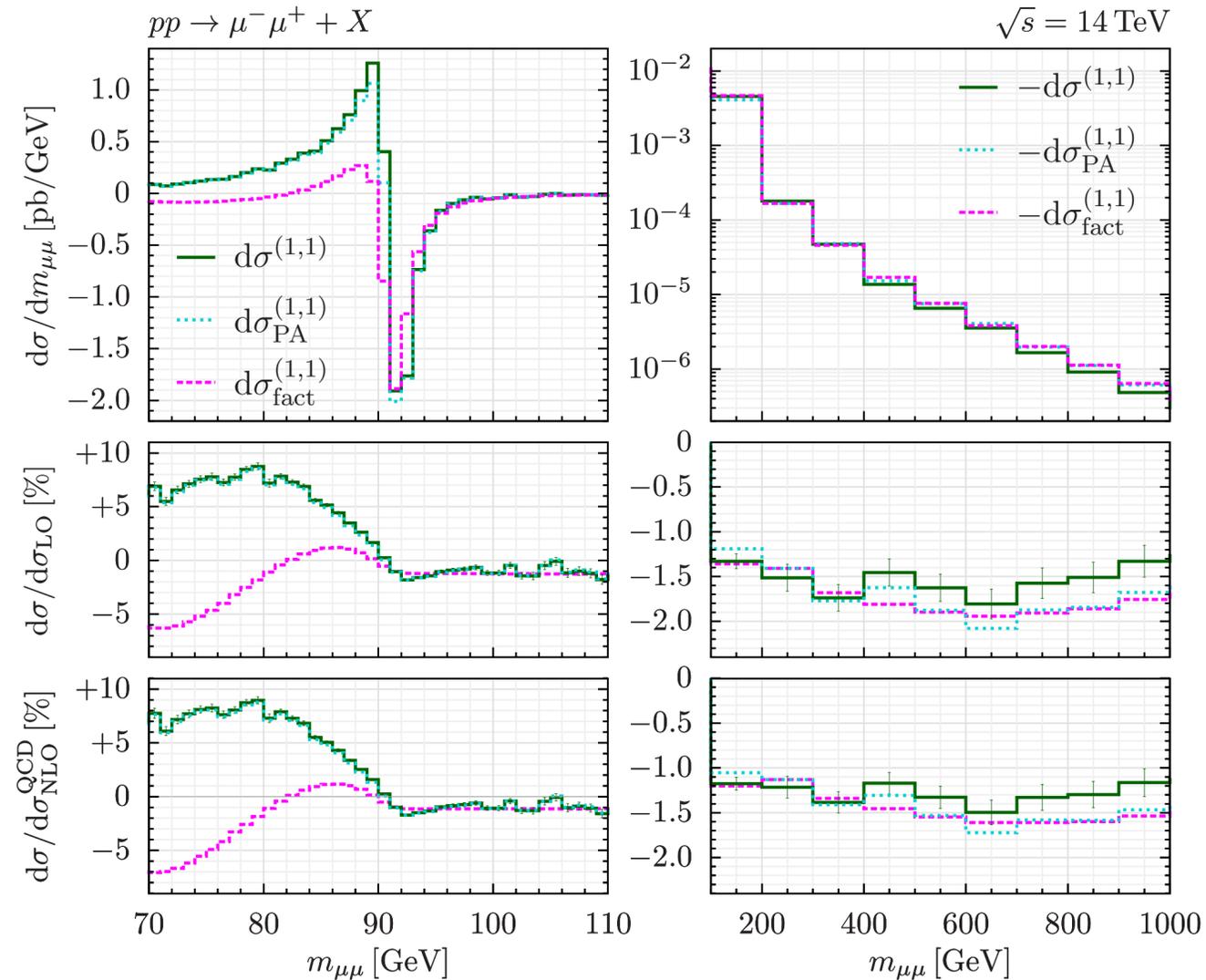
- ▶ NLO and NNLO QCD corrections show large cancellations among the partonic channels (especially between $q\bar{q}$ and qg)
- ▶ NLO QCD and NLO EW corrections are of the same order and opposite sign (accidental cancellation)
- ▶ Mixed QCD-EW corrections are dominated by the qg channel and are larger than NNLO QCD (for the particular chosen setup)
- ▶ Photon induced processes rather suppressed

Computational resources

- $\mathcal{O}(120\text{k})$ core hours for NNLO QCD (reduced by a factor 2-3 by including fiducial PCs)
- $\mathcal{O}(180\text{k})$ core hours for mixed QCD-EW

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- ▶ Breakdown of naive QCD-QED factorisation below Z peak
- ▶ PA provides an excellent description **near the resonance**
- ▶ $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$ corrections at 1 TeV, PA slightly off

- ▶ Around resonance, breakdown of fixed-order
- ▶ Naive QCD-QED factorisation fails to describe the high-tail
- ▶ The high-tail is dominated by Z+1jet configurations, with Z almost on shell; qg channel by far dominant

Mixed QCD-EW corrections for CC-DY

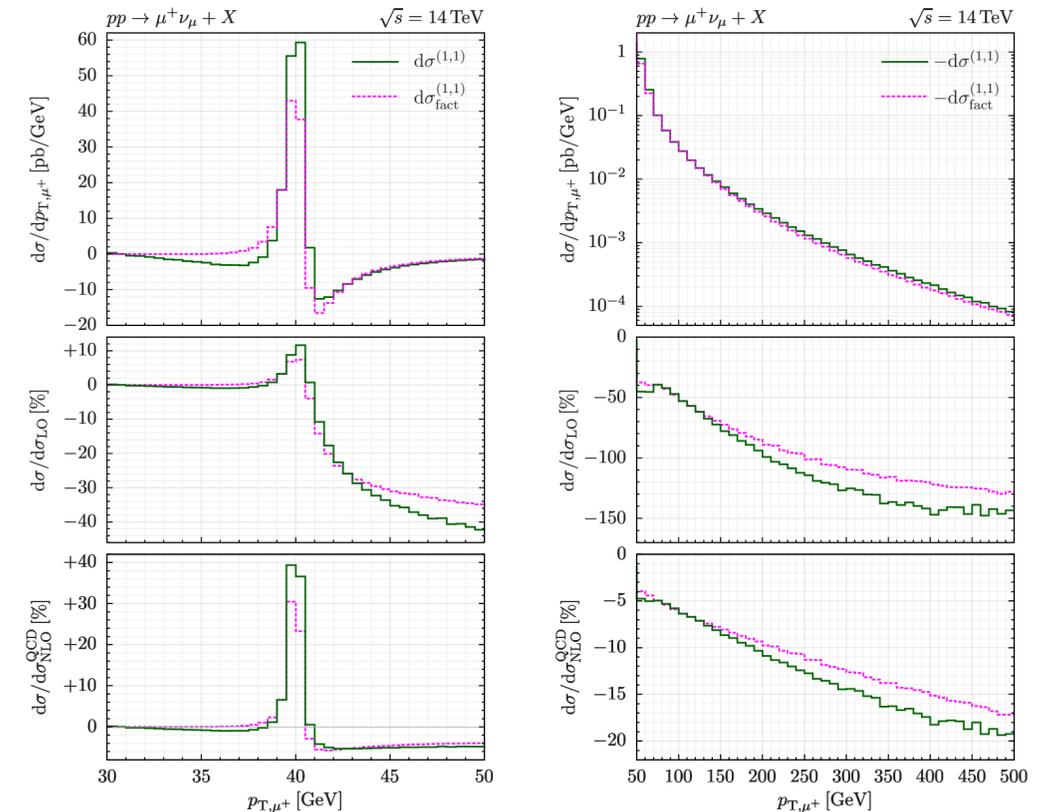
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gg	—	—	—	100.8(8)	—
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- ▶ Same pattern of corrections as in NC-DY
- ▶ Mixed QCD-EW corrections **dominated by qg channel (exact)**
- ▶ Focus on lepton transverse momentum, but **transverse mass** around the W peak should well described by PA

Possibility to estimate the impact on W mass as in [Dittmaier, Huss, Schwinn (2015)]

Ongoing work

- ▶ Computation of the exact 2-loop amplitude

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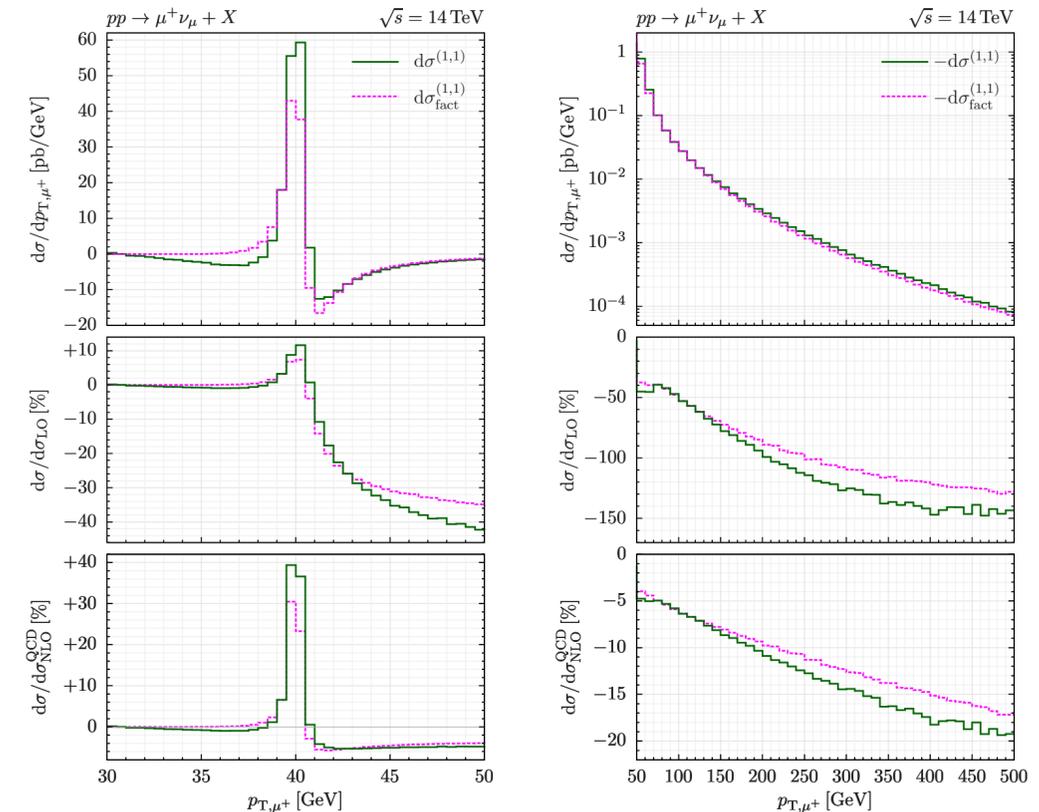
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Remark: the pattern of QCD correction is sensitive to the scale choice

$$\mu_F = \mu_R = m_W/2$$

Phenomenology of mixed QCD-EW corrections for NC-DY

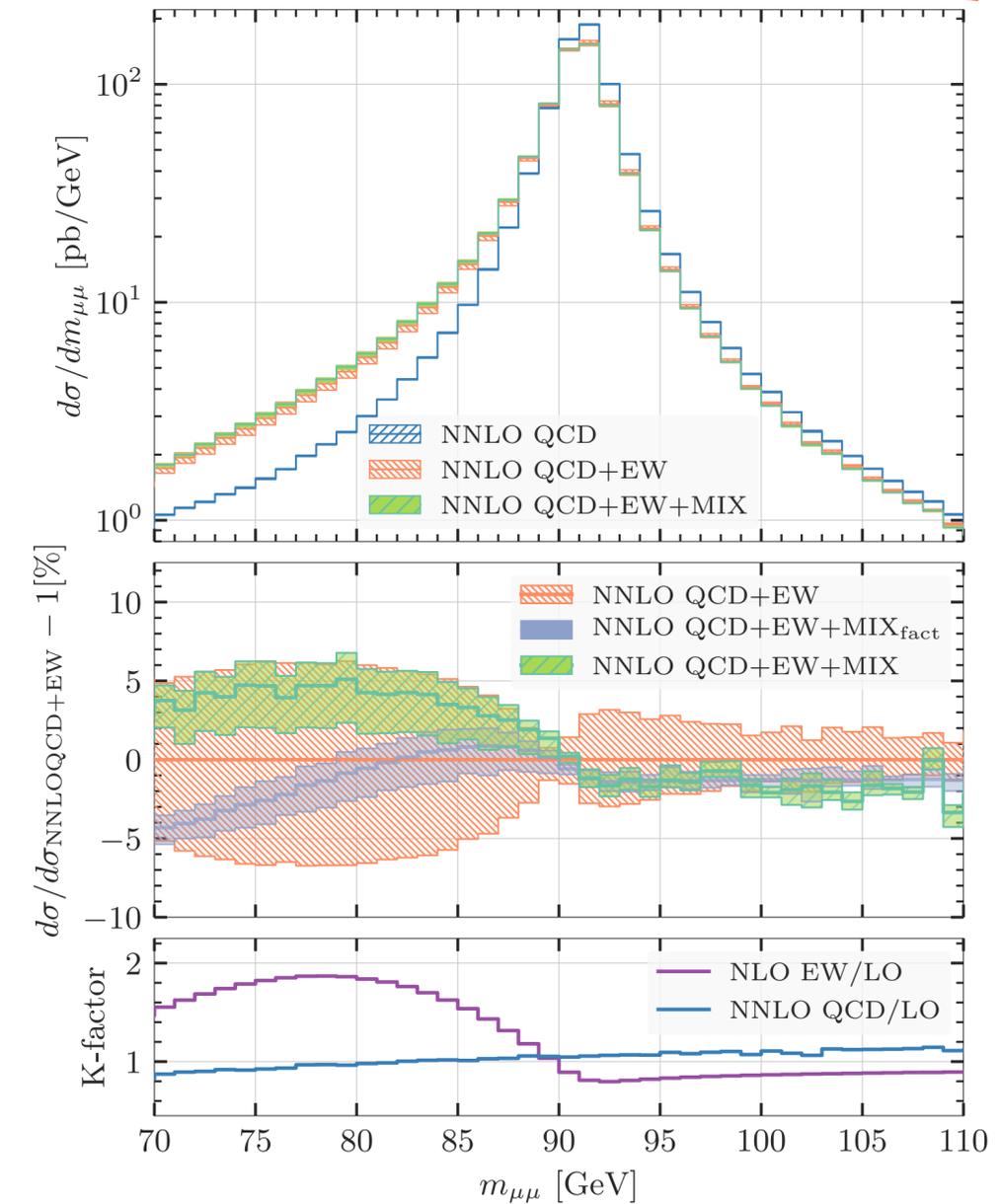
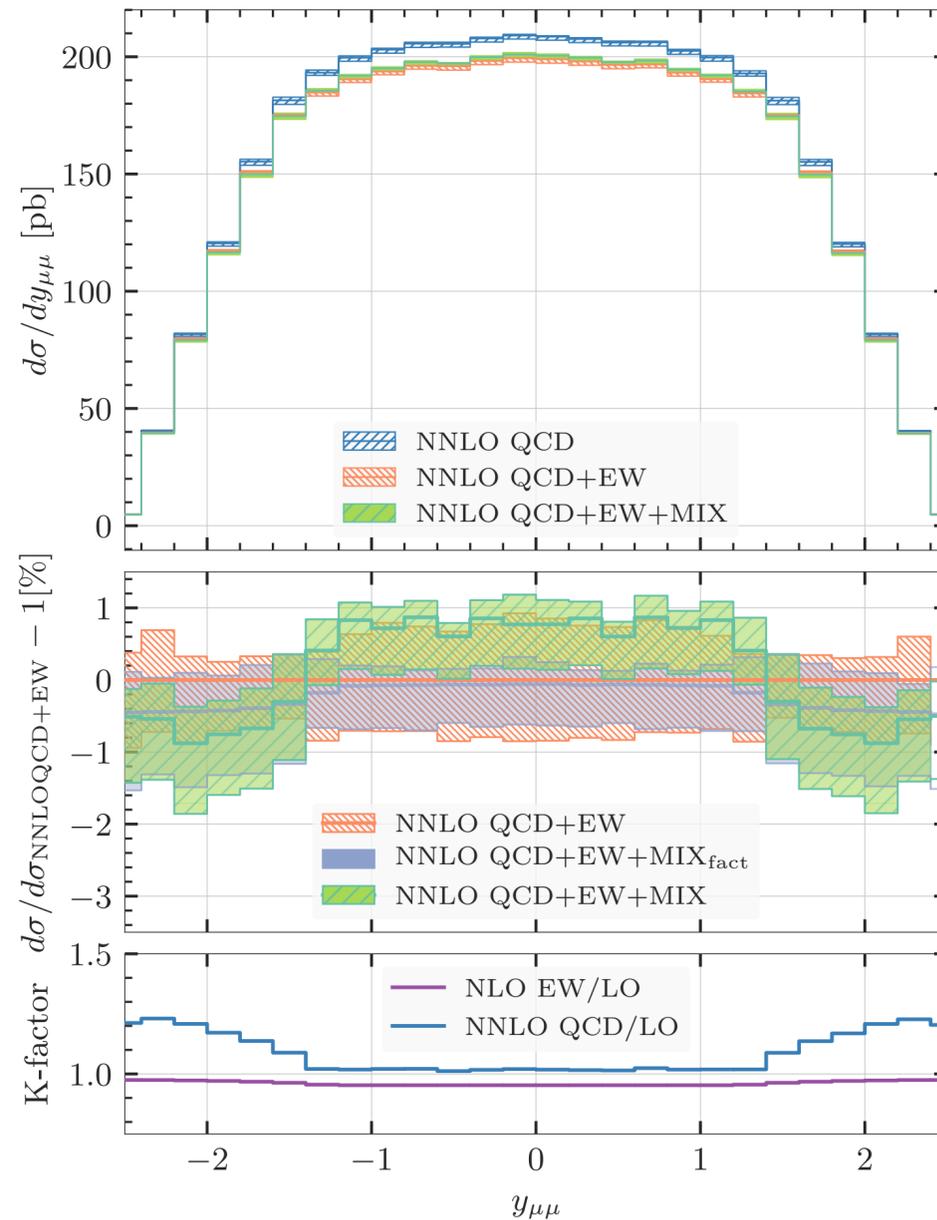
PRELIMINARY

[LB, Bonciani, Devoto, Grazzini, Kallweit, Rana, Tramontano, Vicini in preparation]

SETUP (LHC @ $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV)

- NNPDF31_nnlo_as_0118_luxqed
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- massive muons (no photon lepton recombination)
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G_μ -scheme	σ [pb]	$\sigma^{(i,j)}$ [pb]	$\sigma^{(i,j)}/\sigma_{\text{LO}}$
LO	763.40(2) ^{+12.7%} _{-13.6%}	—	—
NLO QCD	802.26(6) ^{+2.7%} _{-4.2%}	38.86(6)	5.1%
NNLO QCD	802.5(7) ^{+0.4%} _{-0.8%}	0.2(7)	0.0%
NLO EW	730.76(2) ^{+12.7%} _{-13.6%}	-32.65(3)	-4.3%
NNLO QCD+EW	769.8(7) ^{+0.5%} _{-0.6%}	—	—
NNLO QCD+EW+MIX _{fact}	768.2(7) ^{+0.3%} _{-0.7%}	-2.0(1)	-0.2%
NNLO QCD+EW+MIX	772.4(8) ^{+0.3%} _{-0.7%}	2.6(2)	0.3%



- ▶ Mixed QCD-EW corrections are smaller in this setup, but **non-trivial $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$ shape distortion** in the distributions
- ▶ Stabilisation of theory uncertainties

Uncertainties: 7-point scale variation
 NNLO QCD+EW+MIX_{fact}: NNLO QCD+EW+factorised approximation of mixed corrections

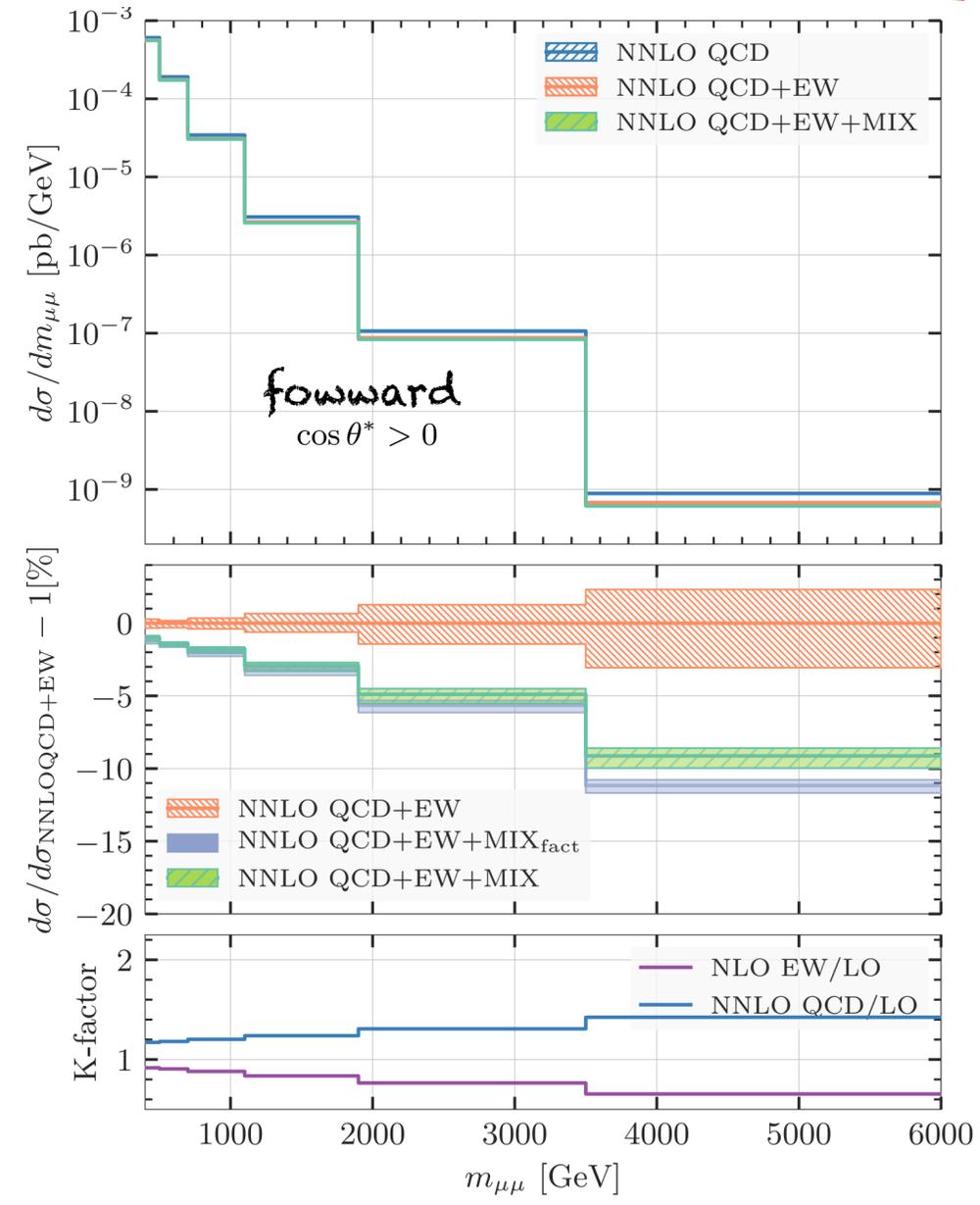
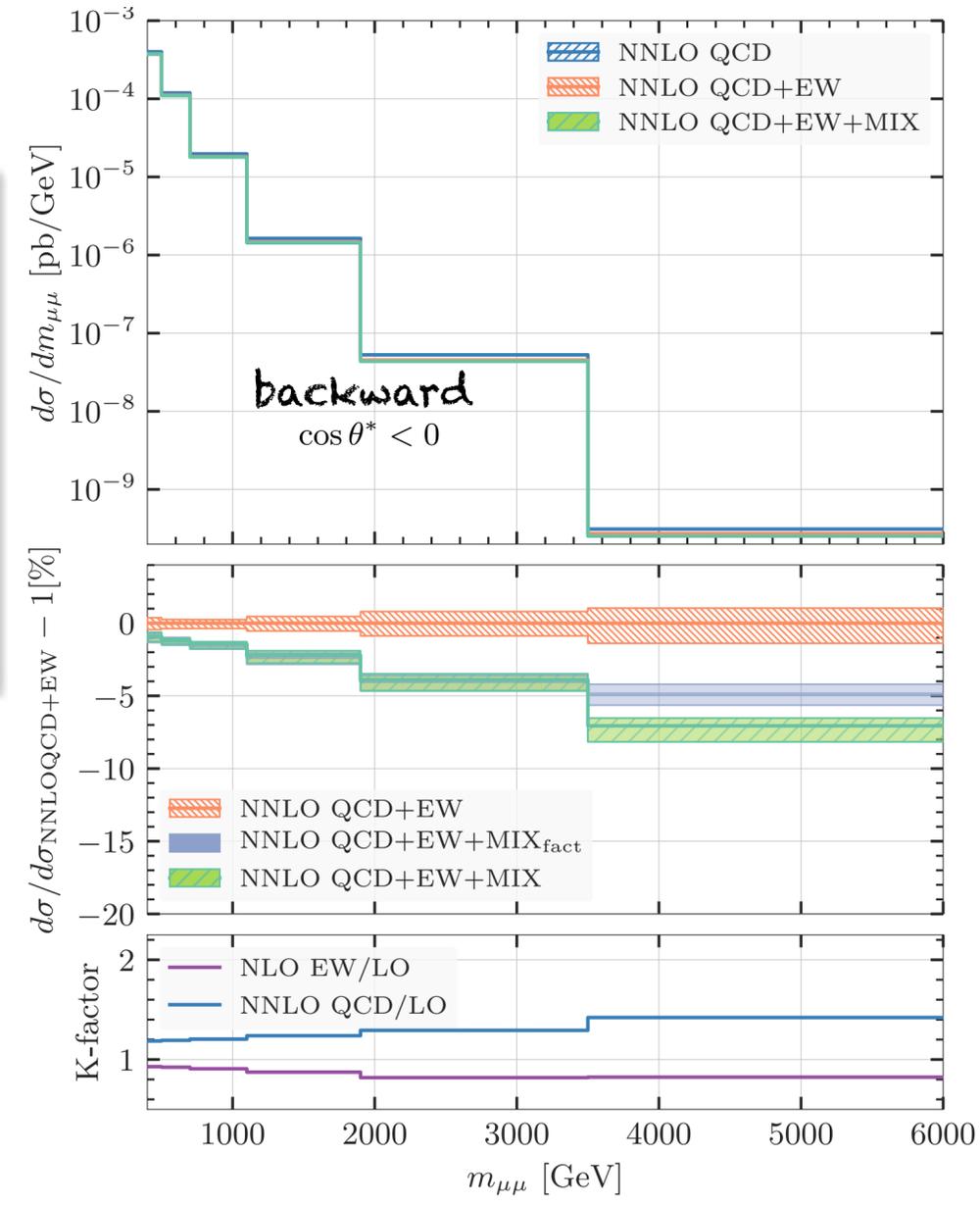
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▶ Negative corrections of several percents in the tails with respect to NNLO QCD+EW

▶ The **factorised approximation** catches the bulk of QCD-EW corrections pointing towards a factorisation of NLO QCD corrections and EW Sudakov logarithms

as observed in [Buccioni et al (2022)]

▶ Small residual non-factorisable effects at (sub) percent level

Conclusions & Outlook

- The Drell-Yan process is a cornerstone of the LHC precision physics program: a lot of progress from **experimental** and **theory** pointing towards an astonishing target of **(sub) per mille accuracy**
- We have presented a **new computation** of the mixed QCD-EW corrections to the neutral and charged Drell-Yan processes with massive lepton
- For the first time, **all real and virtual contributions** are consistently included for the **neutral current process**. For the **charged current**, **only the finite part of the two-loop amplitude** is computed in the **pole approximation**
- The cancellation of the IR singularities is achieved with the q_T subtraction formalism while the two-loop virtual amplitude is computed by applying a semi-numerical approach
- Mixed QCD-EW corrections are small but usually larger than what expected by naive counting of couplings. They **improves the theoretical accuracy** and may lead to **non-trivial distortions** of the shape of differential observables
- Impact on the **high-energy tail** of the invariant dilepton mass: **$\sim 1-5\%$ at $m_{\ell\ell} \sim 1-3\text{TeV}$** , relevant for New Physics searches. It is described reasonably well by a **factorisation** of NLO QCD and NLO EW (Sudakov logs) corrections

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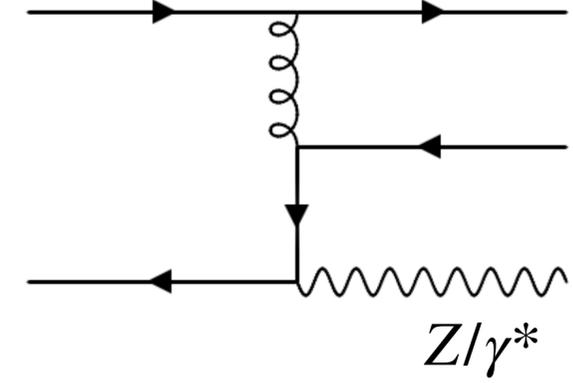
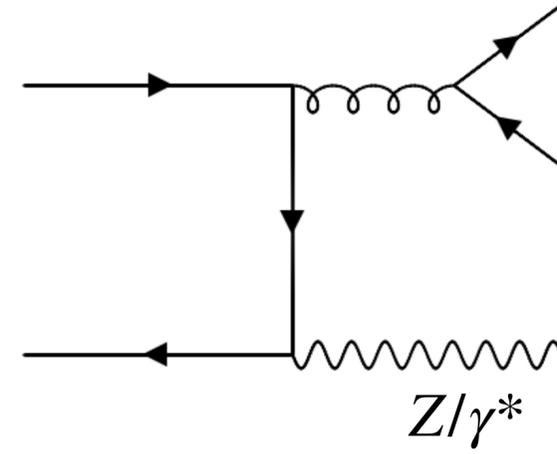
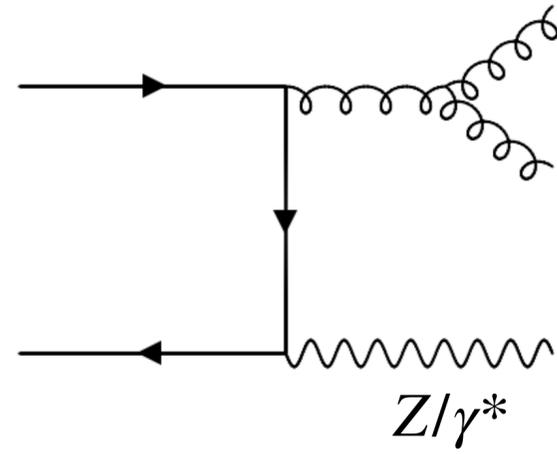
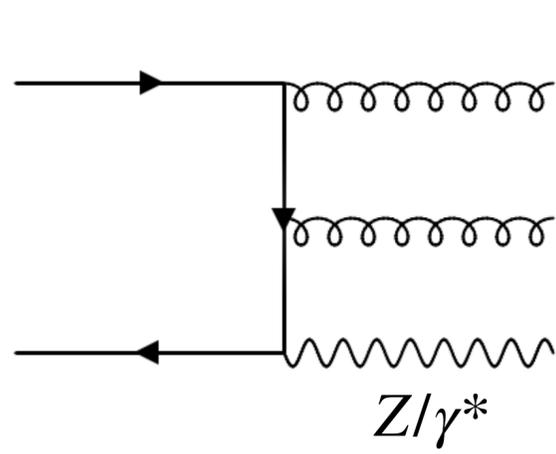
Prospects

- **Pheno studies** ongoing (electrons and comparison with Buccioni et al, A_{FB} , electroweak input scheme, implications on W mass determination)
- Computation of the **exact** 2 loop mixed QCD-EW amplitude for the **charged current process**
- Inclusion of mixed corrections in **resummed predictions** for the transverse momentum of the dilepton system and of the charged leptons

Back up

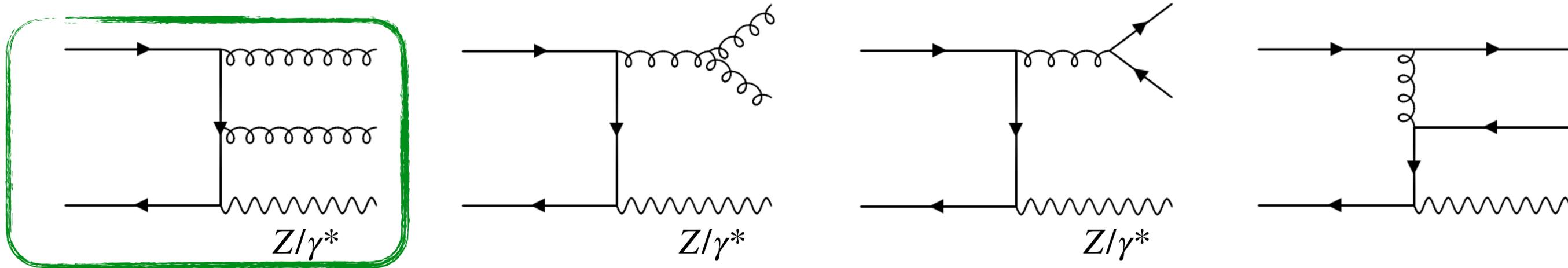
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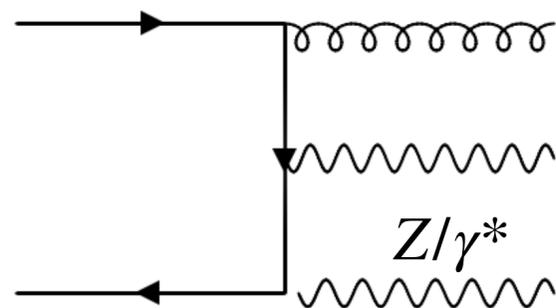
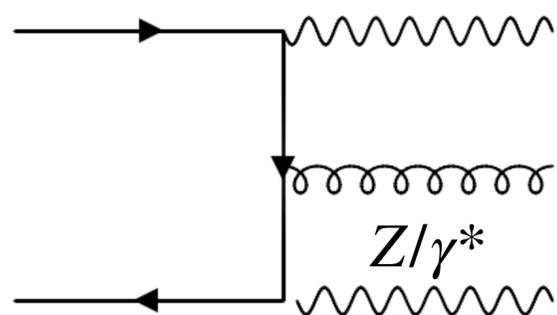


Color structure + symmetry factor (**identical gluons**)

$$\frac{1}{2N_C^2} \text{Tr}[T^a T^a T^b T^b] = \frac{C_F^2}{2N_C}$$

$$\frac{1}{2N_C^2} \text{Tr}[T^a T^b T^a T^b] = \frac{1}{2N_C} C_F \left(C_F - \frac{C_A}{2} \right)$$

Photon-gluon replacement. Two **distinguishable** processes



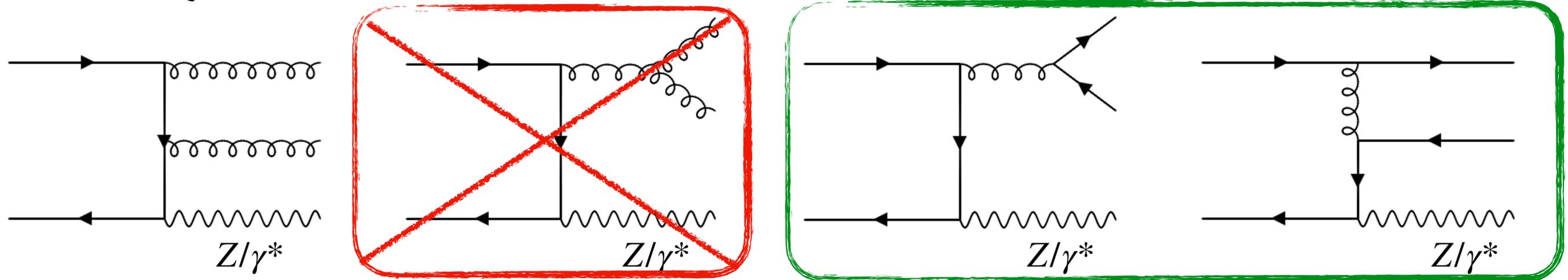
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Replacement list:

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qg channel in NNLO QCD

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qg channel in QCD-QED

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$q\gamma$ channel in QCD-QED

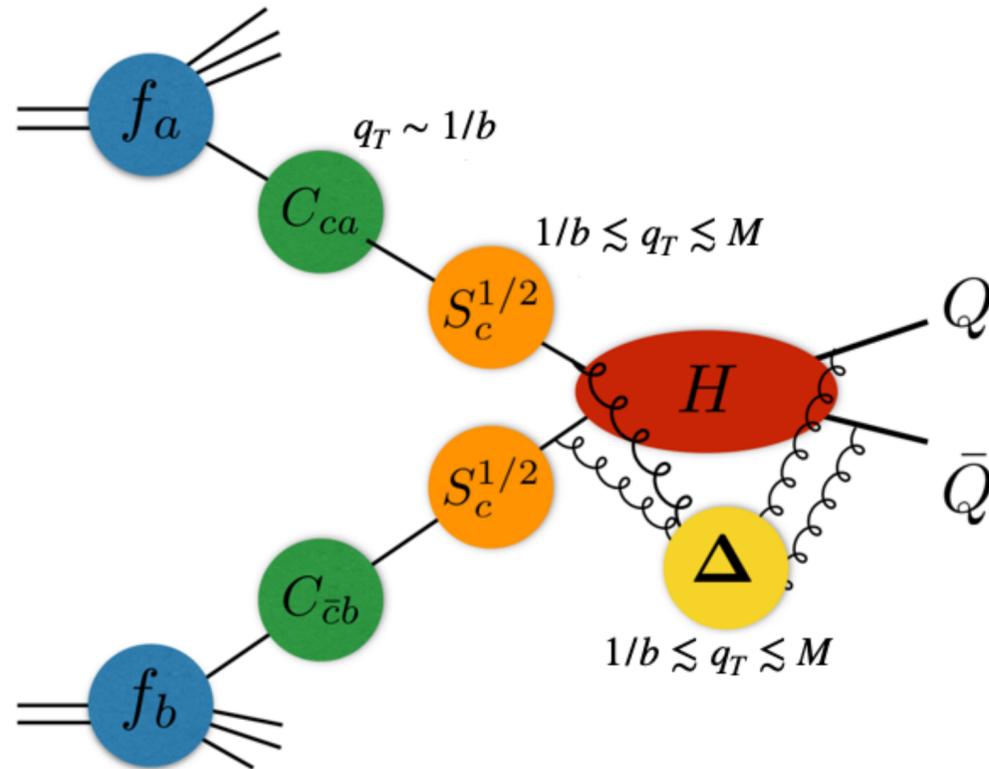
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- Soft logarithms controlled by the **transverse momentum anomalous dimension Γ_t** known up to NNLO [Mitov, Sterman, Sung(2009)], [Neubert et al (2009)]
- Hard coefficient gets a **non-trivial** colour structure (matrix in colour-space)
- Non trivial azimuthal correlations
- Notice that it is crucial that the final state is **massive**: the mass is the physical regulator of the final state collinear singularities

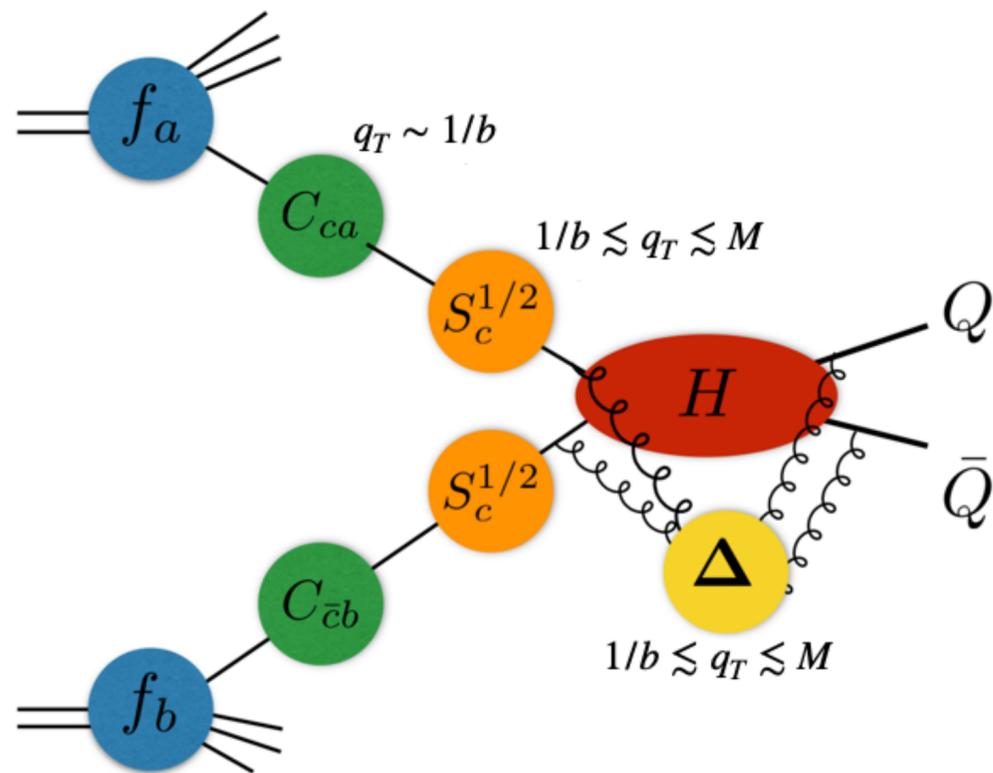
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MIXED QCD-EW case

Final state is colour neutral

purely soft contributions exhibit a much simpler structure
the corresponding soft logarithms are entirely controlled by the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ soft anomalous dimension

$$\Gamma_t = -\frac{1}{4} \left\{ (e_3^2 + e_4^2)(1 - i\pi) + \sum_{i=1,2;j=3,4} e_i e_j \ln \frac{(2p_i \cdot p_j)^2}{Q^2 m_\ell^2} \right\}$$

$$q(p_1) + \bar{q}'(p_2) \rightarrow \ell(p_3) + \bar{\ell}(\bar{\nu}_\ell)(p_4)$$

the same is valid for the finite **soft function** (contact term)

Hard-Virtual coefficient: IR structure and finite amplitudes

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(1,0)} &= \mathcal{M}^{(1,0)} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) C_F \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \left(\frac{3}{2} + i\pi \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right] \mathcal{M}^{(0)} \\
 \mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(0,1)} &= \mathcal{M}^{(0,1)} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \left(\frac{3}{2} + i\pi \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right] \frac{e_c^2 + e_{\bar{c}}^2}{2} - \frac{2\Gamma_t}{\epsilon} \right\} \mathcal{M}^{(0)} \\
 \mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(1,1)} &= \mathcal{M}^{(1,1)} - \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) \left\{ \frac{1}{8\epsilon^4} (e_c^2 + e_{\bar{c}}^2) C_F + \frac{1}{2\epsilon^3} C_F \left[\left(\frac{3}{2} + i\pi \right) \frac{e_c^2 + e_{\bar{c}}^2}{2} - \Gamma_t \right] \right\} \mathcal{M}^{(0)} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} \left\{ \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) \frac{e_c^2 + e_{\bar{c}}^2}{2} \mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(1,0)} + C_F \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) \mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(0,1)} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + C_F \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) \left[\left(\frac{7}{12} \pi^2 - \frac{9}{8} - \frac{3}{2} i\pi \right) \frac{e_c^2 + e_{\bar{c}}^2}{2} + \left(\frac{3}{2} + i\pi \right) \Gamma_t \right] \mathcal{M}^{(0)} \right\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \left\{ \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) \left[\left(\frac{3}{2} + i\pi \right) \frac{e_c^2 + e_{\bar{c}}^2}{2} - 2\Gamma_t \right] \mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(1,0)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) C_F \left[\frac{3}{2} + i\pi \right] \mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(0,1)} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{8} C_F \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) \left[\left(\frac{3}{2} - \pi^2 + 24\zeta(3) + \frac{2}{3} i\pi^3 \right) \frac{e_c^2 + e_{\bar{c}}^2}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \pi^2 \Gamma_t \right] \mathcal{M}^{(0)} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

2-loop virtual CC-DY: Pole Approximation

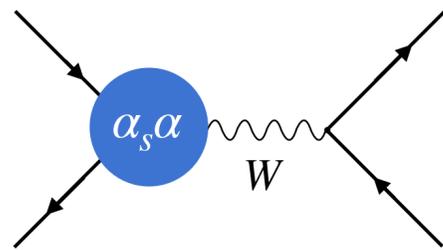
The **Pole Approximation** (PA) is a systematic expansion around the resonance pole with respect to the parameter Γ_W/M_W .

Beyond the narrow width approximation, the PA:

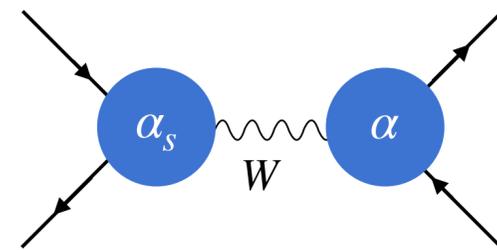
- keeps dominant (logarithmic) terms in Γ_W/M_W
- the structure of the IR singularities resembles that of the full computation

Factorisable corrections

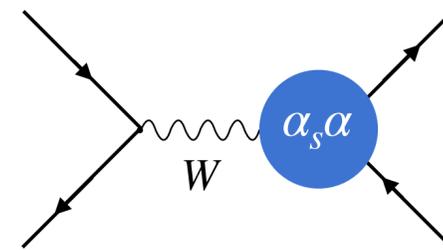
Corrections to the production and/or decay vertex



Initial-Initial: extracted from mixed QCD-EW form factors
- [Behring, Buccioni, Caola, Delto, Jaquier, Melnikov, Rötsch (2020)] W boson
- Bonciani, Buccioni, Rana, Vicini (2020)] Z boson



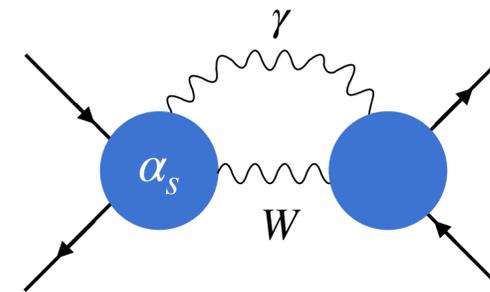
Initial-Final: computed using RECOLA



Final-Final: finite renormalisation constant [Dittmaier, Huss, and Schwinn (2015)]

Non-Factorisable corrections

Box topologies containing a soft photon linking production and decay



$$= \mathcal{F}_{\text{nf}}^{(1,1)} \mathcal{M}_{\text{PA}}^{(0)} = \delta_{\text{nf}}^{(0,1)} \delta^{(1,0)} \mathcal{M}_{\text{PA}}^{(0)}$$

[Dittmaier, Huss, and Schwinn (2014)]

We apply the PA (improved by a re-weighting procedure) **only** for the computation of the interference of **the two-loop virtual** with the tree-level amplitude for

- **charged current** Drell-Yan process
- **cross checks and validation** for the **neutral current** process

Hard-Virtual coefficient in PA: re-weighting

$$H_{\text{PA}}^{(m,n)} = \frac{2\text{Re} \left(\mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(m,n)} \mathcal{M}^{(0,0)*} \right)_{\text{PA}}}{|\mathcal{M}^{(0,0)}|^2}, \quad \text{for } m = 0, 1, n = 1$$

Remark: since the Hard-Virtual term is eventually multiplied by $d\sigma_{\text{LO}}$, the above definition corresponds to **compute the virtual-tree interference in PA**

We consider **alternative definitions** which differ for terms beyond the accuracy of the PA

- at NLO-EW ($m = 0, n = 1$)

$$H_{\text{PA,rwg}}^{(0,1)} = \frac{2\text{Re} \left(\mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(0,1)} \mathcal{M}^{(0,0)*} \right)_{\text{PA}}}{|\mathcal{M}_{\text{PA}}^{(0,0)}|^2}$$



Cancellation of IR poles is exact

Effectively re-weights the virtual in PA with the exact Born amplitude

- at NNLO QCD-EW ($m = 1, n = 1$)

$$H_{\text{PA,rwgB}}^{(1,1)} = H_{\text{PA}}^{(1,1)} \times \frac{|\mathcal{M}^{(0,0)}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{\text{PA}}^{(0,0)}|^2} = \frac{2\text{Re} \left(\mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(1,1)} \mathcal{M}^{(0,0)*} \right)_{\text{PA}}}{|\mathcal{M}_{\text{PA}}^{(0,0)}|^2}$$

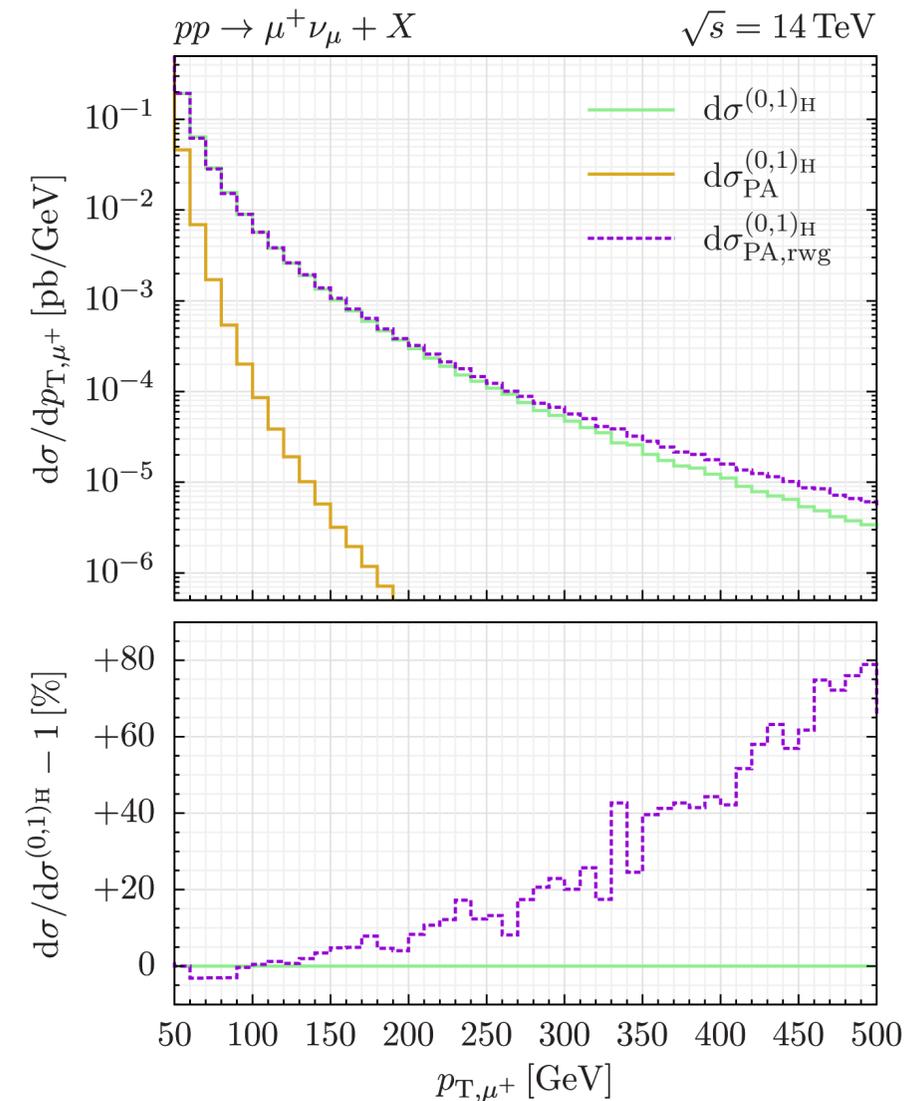
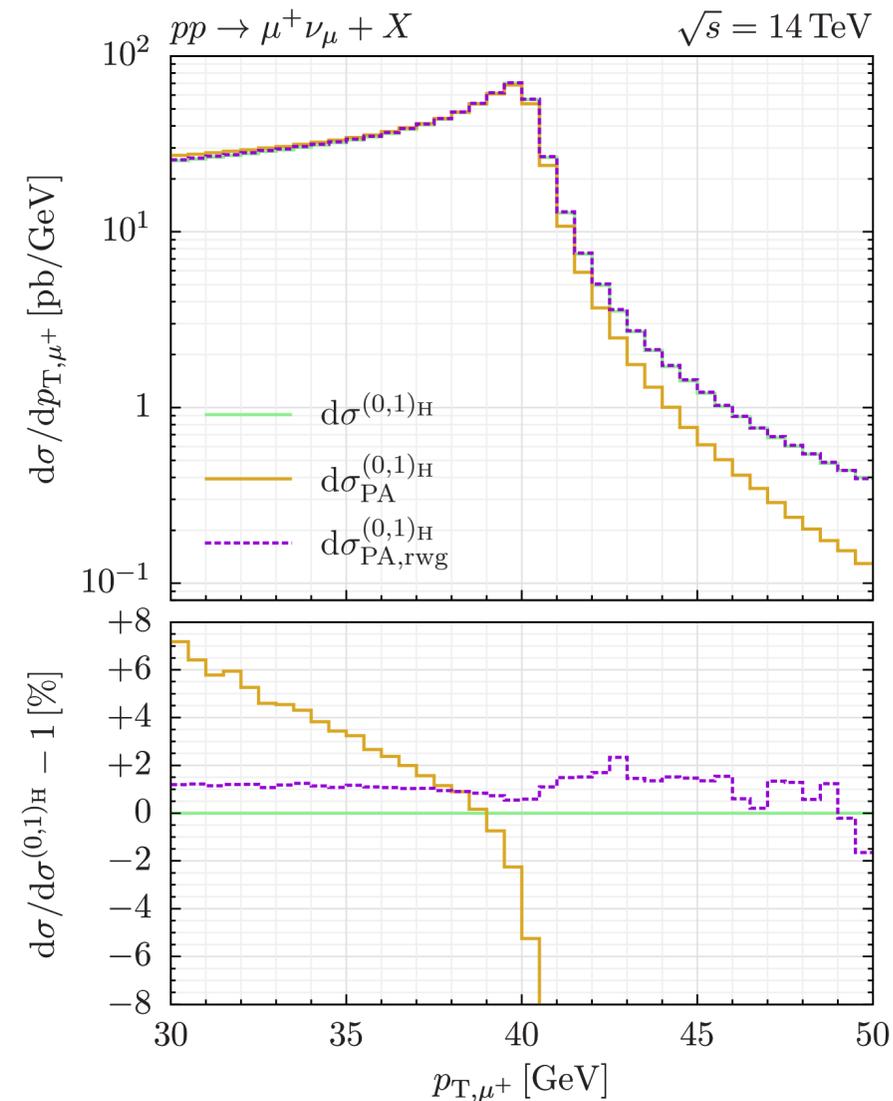


Effectively re-weights with the exact one-loop EW virtual amplitude

$$H_{\text{PA,rwgV}}^{(1,1)} = H_{\text{PA}}^{(1,1)} \times \frac{H^{(0,1)}}{H_{\text{PA}}^{(0,1)}} = \frac{2\text{Re} \left(\mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(1,1)} \mathcal{M}^{(0,0)*} \right)_{\text{PA}}}{|\mathcal{M}^{(0,0)}|^2} \times \frac{2\text{Re} \left(\mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(0,1)} \mathcal{M}^{(0,0)*} \right)}{2\text{Re} \left(\mathcal{M}_{\text{fin}}^{(0,1)} \mathcal{M}^{(0,0)*} \right)_{\text{PA}}}$$



Hard-Virtual coefficient in PA: validation @NLO EW



- The Pole Approximation **supplemented** with the **re-weighting**
 - agrees with the exact result at the **percent level** both below and above the **peak**
 - good modelling (**correct order of magnitude**) of the hard-virtual at high pT
 - difference with exact coefficient: $\mathcal{O}(20\%)$ at 300 GeV, $\mathcal{O}(80\%)$ at 500 GeV with PA systematically overshooting the exact result (**Sudakov Logs**)

Factorise ansatz

We present our prediction for the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s\alpha)$ correction as

- absolute correction
- normalised correction with respect to the LO cross section
- normalised correction with respect to the NLO QCD cross section

We compare our results with the naive factorised ansatz given by the formula

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{fact}}^{(1,1)}}{dX} = \left(\frac{d\sigma^{(1,0)}}{dX} \right) \times \left(\frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(0,1)}}{dX} \right) \times \left(\frac{d\sigma_{\text{LO}}}{dX} \right)^{-1}$$

Remark (especially for the transverse momentum distribution)

A factorised approach is justified if the dominant sources of QCD and EW corrections factorise with respect to the hard W production subprocesses.

At NLO, gluon/photon initiated channels open up populating the tail of the p_T spectrum, thus leading to large corrections (*giant K-factors*)

We do not include the **photon-induced** channels in the NLO-EW differential K-factor to avoid the multiplication of two giant K-factors of QCD and EW origin, which is not expected to work

[Lindert, Grazzini, Kallweit, Pozzorini, Wiesemann (2019)]

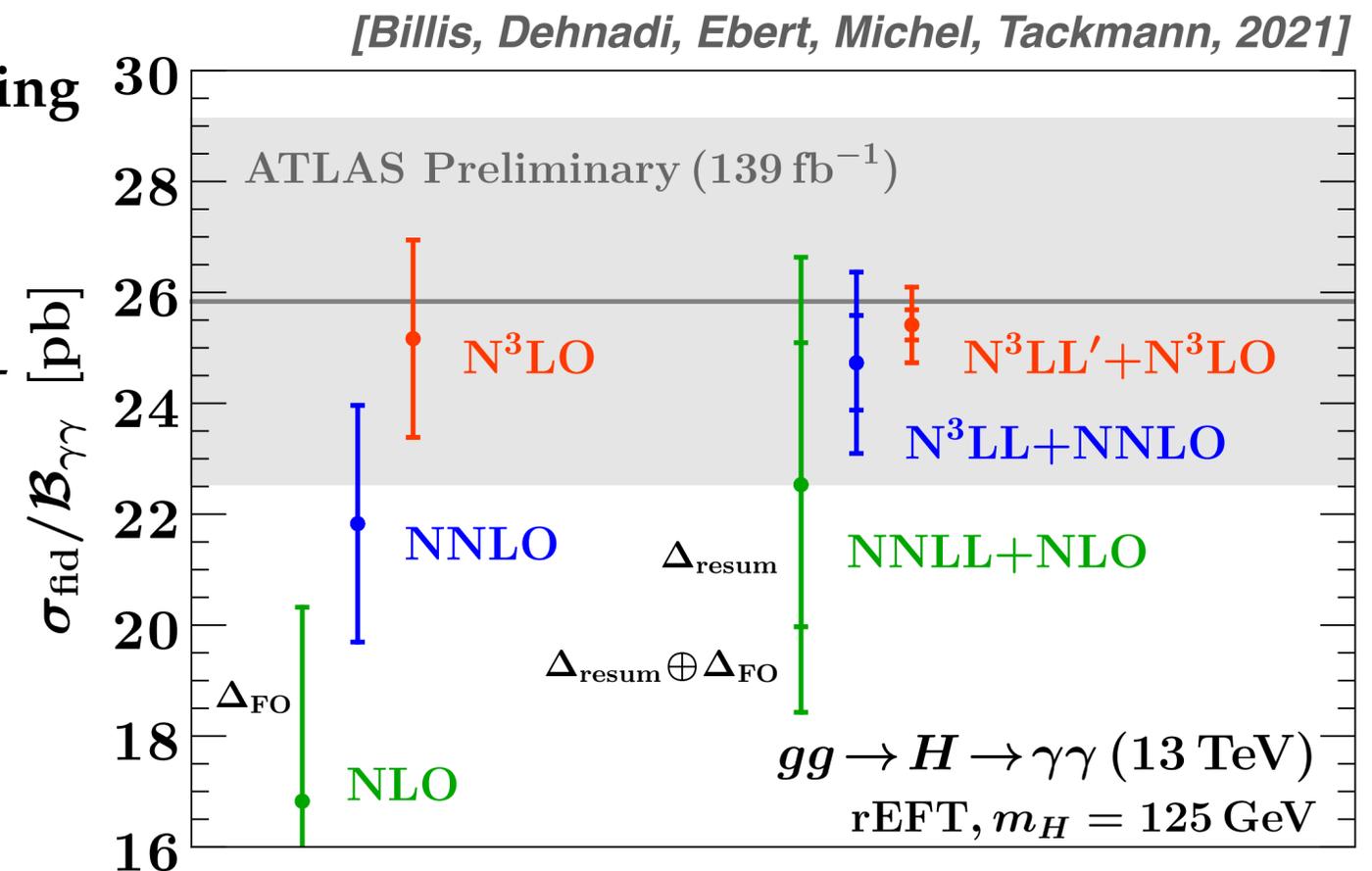
Convergence of the perturbative expansion in the presence of fiducial cuts

Fiducial cuts may challenge the convergence of the perturbative fixed-order series

- **Symmetric cuts** on the transverse momentum of the two-body decay products lead to an **enhanced sensitivity to soft radiation** when the two particles are back-to-back in the transverse plane
[Klaser, Kramer, 1996], [Harris, Owens, 1997], [Frixione, Ridolfi, 1997]
- They lead to **linear power corrections** in the transverse momentum spectrum of the color singlet q_T
- The linear dependence in q_T is related to a **factorial growth** of the coefficients in the perturbative series (with **alternating-sign** coefficient, hence Borel-summable) *[Salam, Slade, 2021]*
- The effect is larger for the case of the Higgs due to its **Casimir scaling**
- **Asymmetric cuts** on the transverse momentum of the hardest and the of the softest particle do not improve the situation.
- Symmetric cuts and asymmetric cuts are commonly used for Drell-Yan and Higgs analysis, respectively.

Viable resolution strategies

- improve the convergence by **resumming** the linear power corrections
- **alternative** choices of cuts *[Salam, Slade, 2021]*



Restoring the quadratic dependence on q_T

In the standard q_T subtraction master formula [Catani, Grazzini, 2007]

$$\sigma_{(N)NLO}^F = \int d\sigma_{LO}^F \otimes \mathcal{H} + \int \left[d\sigma_{(N)LO}^{F+jet} - d\sigma_{CT}^F \right] \theta(q_T/Q - r_{cut}) + \mathcal{O}(r_{cut}^k)$$

the counterterm is given by a **pure LP expansion** of the q_T spectrum

- above r_{cut} : all power corrections are exactly provided by the real matrix element (avoiding any double counting)
- below r_{cut} : all power corrections are missing

Formally, the residual dependence on the slicing parameter r_{cut} is given by the integral of the non-singular component of the real spectrum below the cut.

$$\int d\sigma_{(N)LO}^{F+jet,reg} \theta(r_{cut} - q_T/Q)$$

For the case of **fiducial cuts**, the leading power correction is linear ($k = 1$). It can be **predicted by factorisation** and is **equivalent** to the q_T recoil prescription

$$\int d\Phi_{F+jet} \frac{d\sigma_{(N)LO}^{F+jet,reg}}{d\Phi_{F+jet}} \theta(r_{cut} - q_T/Q) \Theta_{cuts}(\Phi_{F+jet}) = \int d\Phi_F \int_0^{r_{cut}} dr' \left[\frac{d\sigma_{CT}^F}{d\Phi_F} \Theta_{cuts}(\Phi_F^{rec}(\Phi_F, r')) - \frac{d\sigma_{CT}^F}{d\Phi_F} \Theta_{cuts}(\Phi_F) \right] + \mathcal{O}(r_{cut}^2)$$

where Θ_{cuts} implements the fiducial cuts and $\Phi_F^{rec} = \Phi_F^{rec}(\Phi_F, r')$ is the recoiled kinematics

Restoring the quadratic dependence on q_T

Improved q_T subtraction master formula

$$\sigma_{(N)\text{NLO}}^{\text{F}} = \int d\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{F}} \otimes \mathcal{H} + \int \left[d\sigma_{(N)\text{LO}}^{\text{F+jet}} - d\sigma_{\text{CT}}^{\text{F}} \right] \theta(q_T/Q - r_{\text{cut}}) + \Delta\sigma^{\text{linPCs}}(r_{\text{cut}}) + \mathcal{O}(r_{\text{cut}}^{k'})$$

with the **linPC** term, $\Delta\sigma^{\text{linPCs}}(r_{\text{cut}})$, given by

$$\Delta\sigma^{\text{linPCs}}(r_{\text{cut}}) = \int d\Phi_{\text{F}} \int_0^{r_{\text{cut}}} dr' \left[\frac{d\sigma_{\text{CT}}^{\text{F}}}{d\Phi_{\text{F}}} \Theta_{\text{cuts}}(\Phi_{\text{F}}^{\text{rec}}(\Phi_{\text{F}}, r')) - \frac{d\sigma_{\text{CT}}^{\text{F}}}{d\Phi_{\text{F}}} \Theta_{\text{cuts}}(\Phi_{\text{F}}) \right]$$

Remarks on the **linPC** term

- it affects the q_T subtraction formula at the **power corrections** level only
- its formulation is **fully differential** with respect to the Born phase space
- it is **integrable** in 4 dimensions (local cancellation of infrared singularities)
- it is completely determined by the **knowledge of the counterterm** (can be easily **implemented** in any code implementing the q_T subtraction method)

Restoring the quadratic dependence on q_T

Improved q_T subtraction master formula

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Remarks on the **linPC** term

- for the case of fiducial cuts, we expect that its inclusion will **change the power correction scaling from linear to quadratic** ($k = 1$ to $k' = 2$)
- for other cases, we expect that its inclusion will not make the power correction scaling worse
- in principle, given its formulation, it can be applied to any process

Origin of linear power corrections

Kinematics of the two-body decay

[Ebert, Michel, Stewart, Tackmann, 2020], [Alekin, Kardos, Moch, Trocsanyi, 2021], [Salam, Slade, 2021]

$$q^\mu = (m_T \cosh Y, q_T, 0, m_T \sinh Y)$$

$$p_1^\mu = p_{T,1} (\cosh(Y + \Delta y), \cos \phi, \sin \phi, m_T \sinh(Y + \Delta y))$$

$$p_2^\mu = q^\mu - p_1^\mu$$

in the small q_T limit



$$p_{T,1} = \frac{Q}{2 \cosh \Delta y} \left[1 + \frac{q_T \cos \phi}{Q \cosh \Delta Y} + \mathcal{O}(q_T^2/Q^2) \right]$$

$$p_{T,2} = p_{T,1} - q_T \cos \phi + \mathcal{O}(q_T^2/Q^2)$$

$$\eta_1 = Y + \Delta y$$

$$\eta_2 = Y - \Delta y - 2 \frac{q_T}{Q} \cos \phi \sinh \Delta y + \mathcal{O}(q_T^2/Q^2)$$

The two-body decay **phase space** with cuts is given by

$$\Phi_{q \rightarrow p_1+p_2}(q_T) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int d\Delta y \frac{p_{T,1}^2}{Q^2} \Theta_{\text{cuts}}(q_T, \phi, \Delta y; \text{cuts})$$

The integrand has a dependence on q_T through the combinations q_T^2 and $q_T \cos \phi$. It follows that

presence of **linear fiducial power corrections**



use of cuts **breaking the azimuthal symmetry**

Origin of linear power corrections

Symmetric cuts: $p_{T,i} > p_T^{\text{cut}}, \quad i = 1,2 \implies \min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2}) > p_T^{\text{cut}}$

two different integrands: **breaking of azimuthal symmetry**

$$\min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2}) = \begin{cases} p_{T,1} & \cos \phi < 0 \\ p_{T,1} - q_T \cos \phi & \cos \phi > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Phi(q_T) - \Phi(0) = -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{q_T}{Q} \frac{p_T^{\text{cut}}/Q}{\sqrt{1 - (2p_T^{\text{cut}})^2/Q^2}} \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi \cos \phi$$

Asymmetric cuts: $p_T^{\text{hard}} > p_T^{\text{cut,h}}$ and $p_T^{\text{soft}} > p_T^{\text{cut,s}} \implies \min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2}) > p_T^{\text{cut,s}}$

Equivalent to the symmetric cuts case: **it does not solve the issue of the appearance of linear power corrections!**

Staggered cuts: $p_{T,1} > p_T^{\text{cut}} + \delta p_T$ and $p_{T,2} > p_T^{\text{cut}} \implies \min(p_{T,1} - \delta p_T, p_{T,2}) > p_T^{\text{cut}}$

$$\min(p_{T,1} - \delta p_T, p_{T,2}) = \begin{cases} p_{T,1} - \delta p_T & \cos \phi < \delta p_T/q_T \\ p_{T,1} - q_T \cos \phi & \cos \phi > \delta p_T/q_T \end{cases}$$

In the region $q_T < \delta p_T$, the **quadratic dependence on q_T is restored**, as numerically observed in [*Grazzini, Kallweit, Wiesemann, 2017*]

Fiducial PCs and differential distributions

