

# Electroweak corrections to gauge boson production at large transverse momentum

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# Overview

- Introduction: why are the electroweak corrections important?
- Theoretical status
- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections to gauge boson production
  - What is calculated?
  - Results
- Impact of the EW corrections on transverse momentum distributions at the LHC

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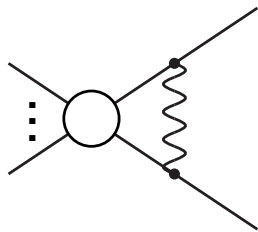
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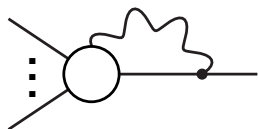
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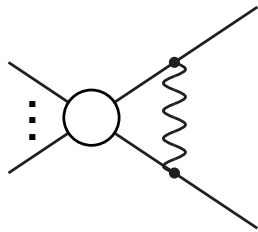
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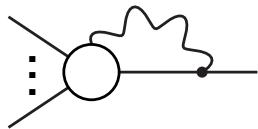
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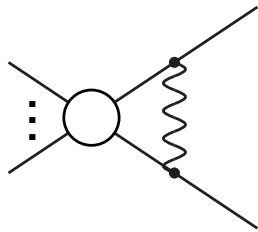
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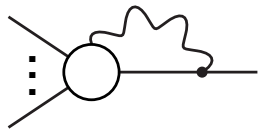
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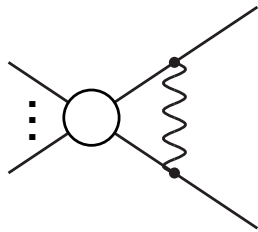
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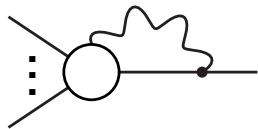
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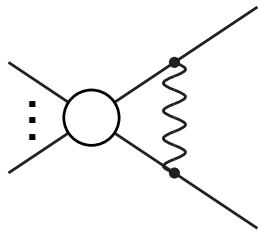
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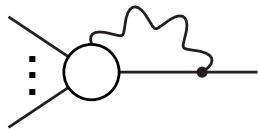
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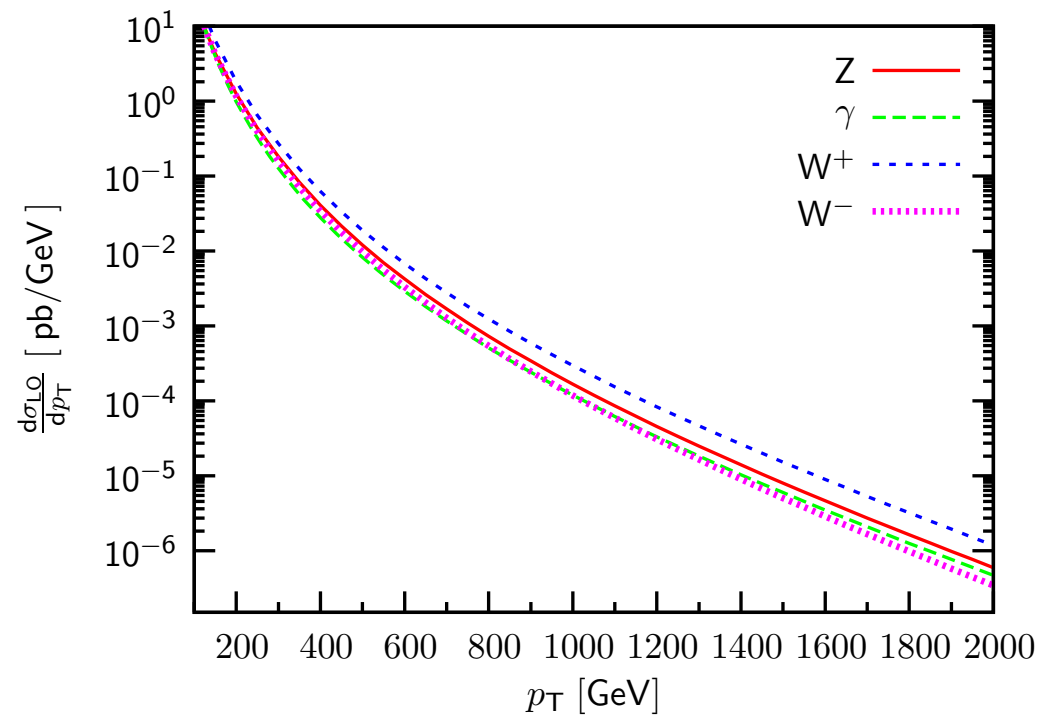
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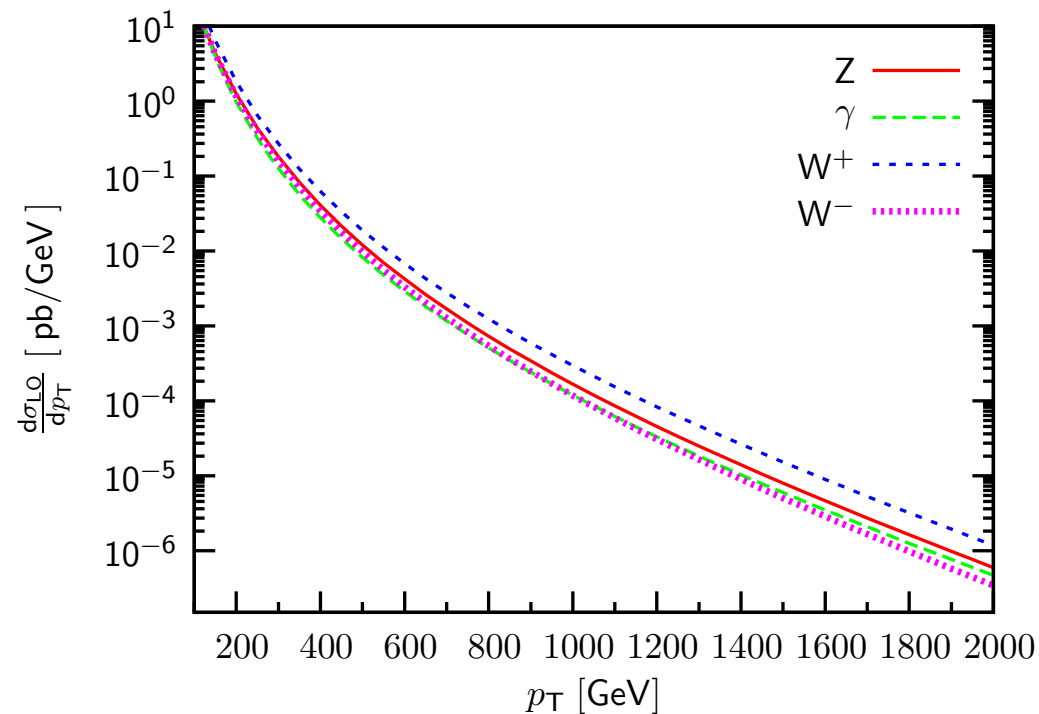
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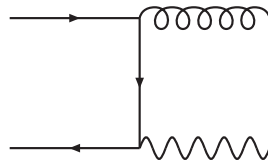
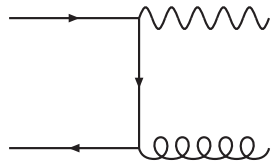
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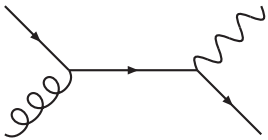
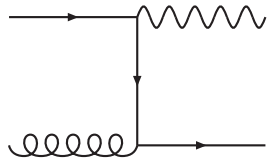
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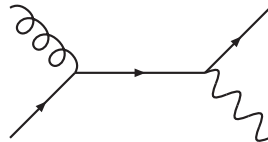
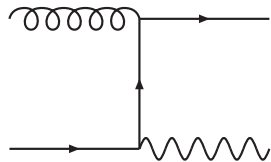
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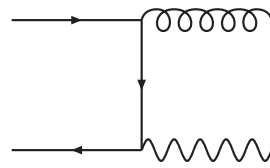
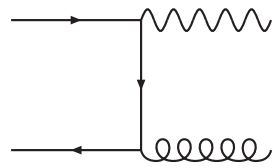
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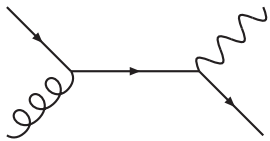
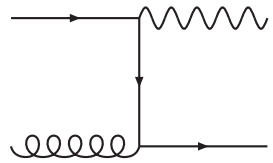
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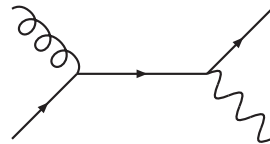
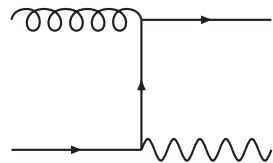
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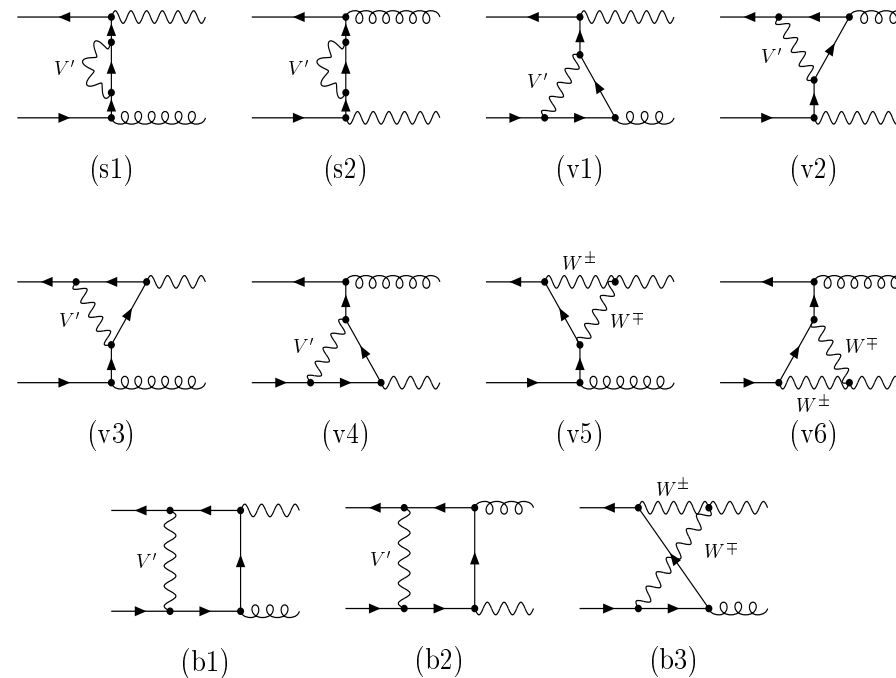
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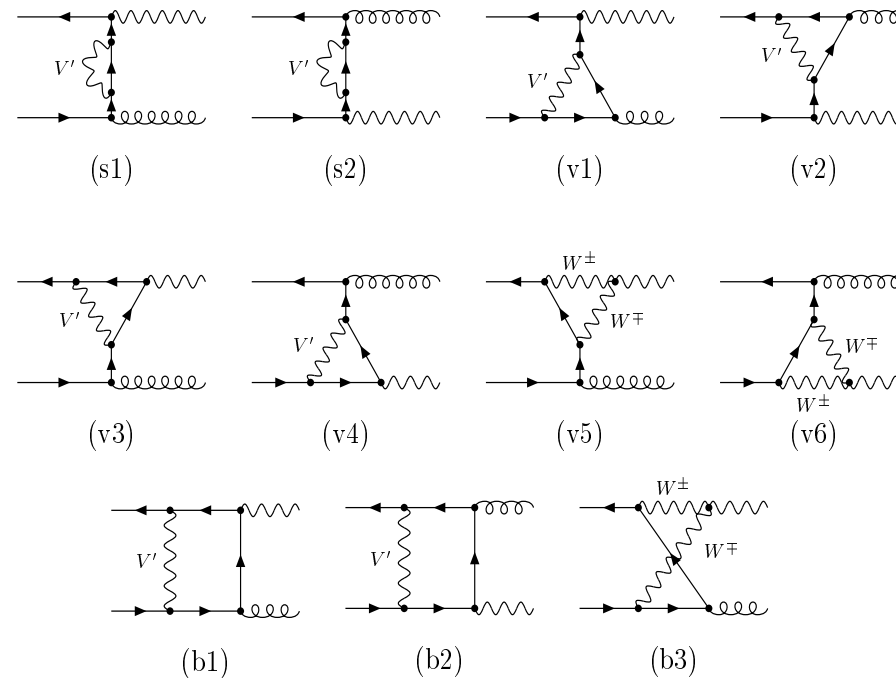


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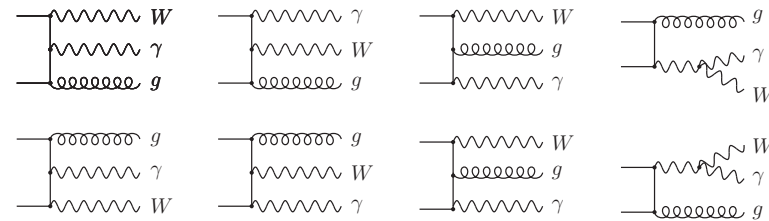
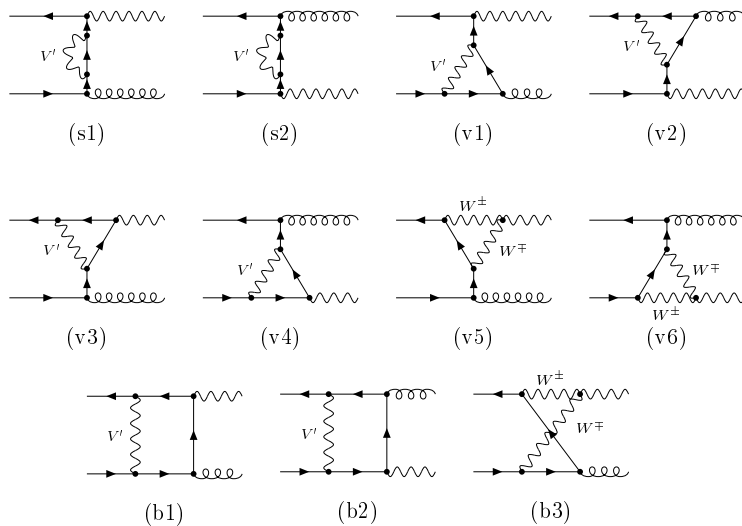


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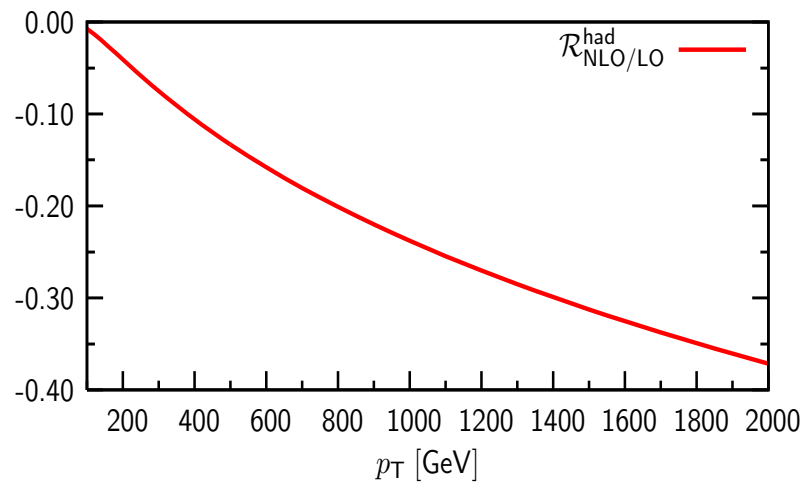
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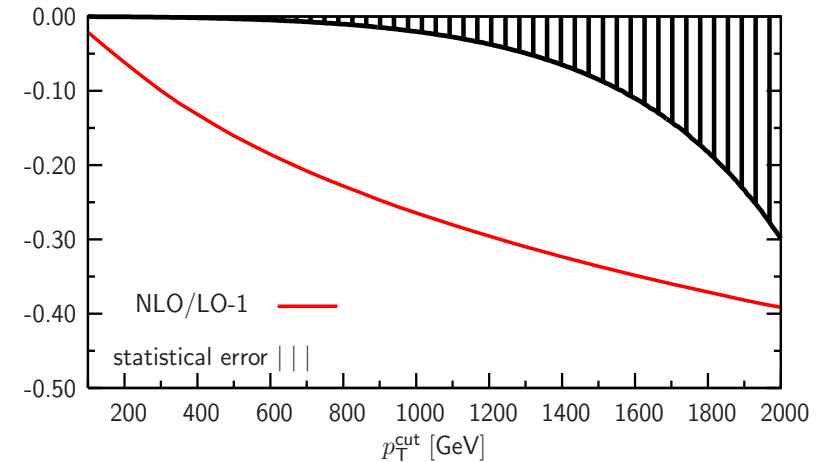
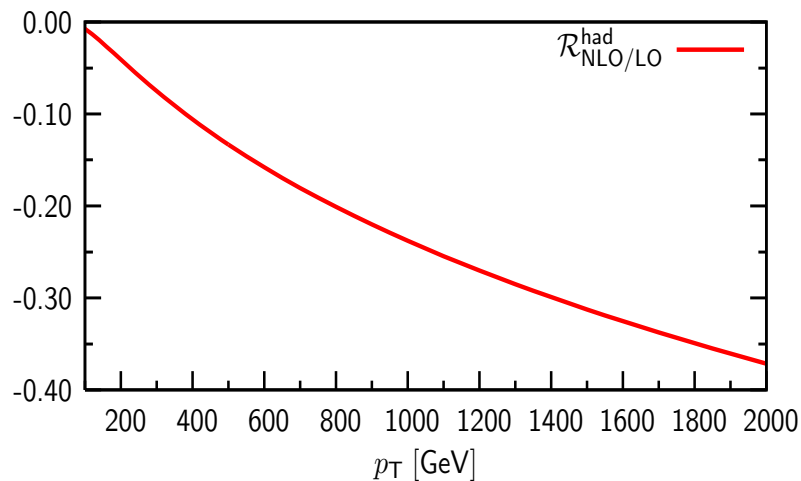
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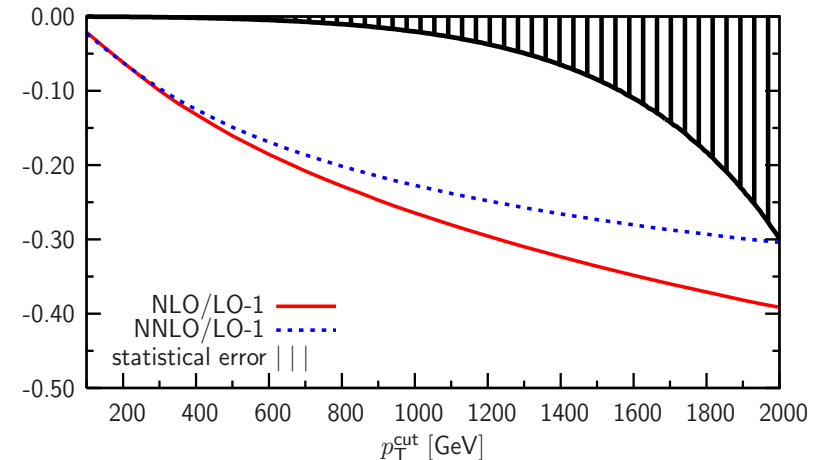
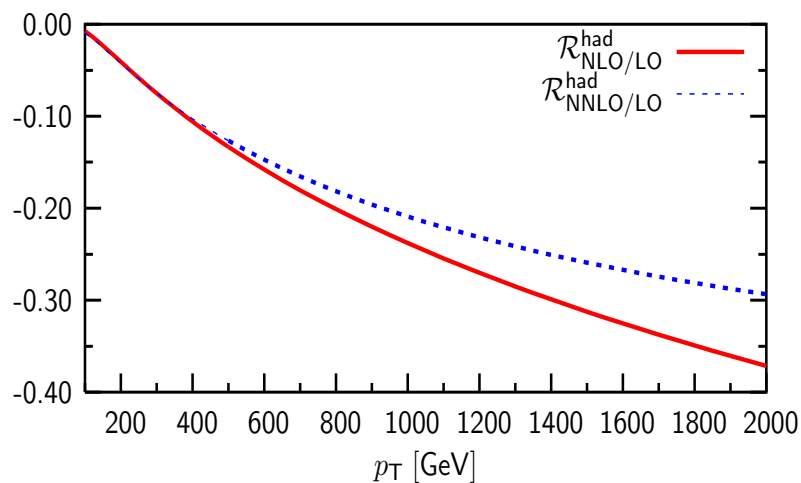
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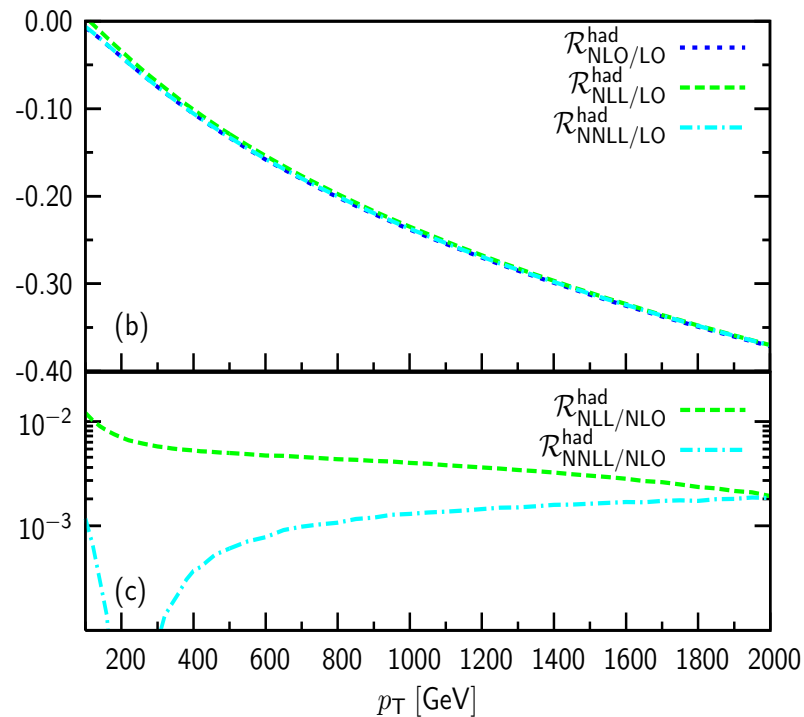
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- For large range of  $p_T$  values 2-loop effects comparable with statistical error

# High-energy approximation of the 1-loop result

## Large $p_T$ Z-boson production at the LHC



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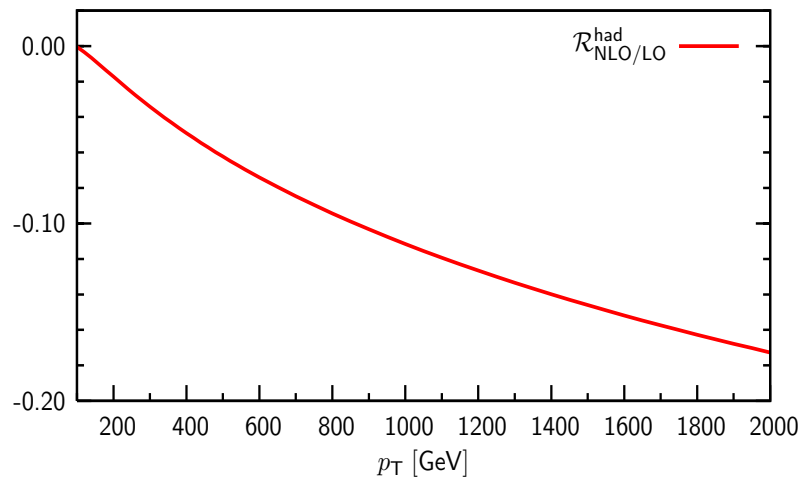
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- NLL approximation: percent (or better) level
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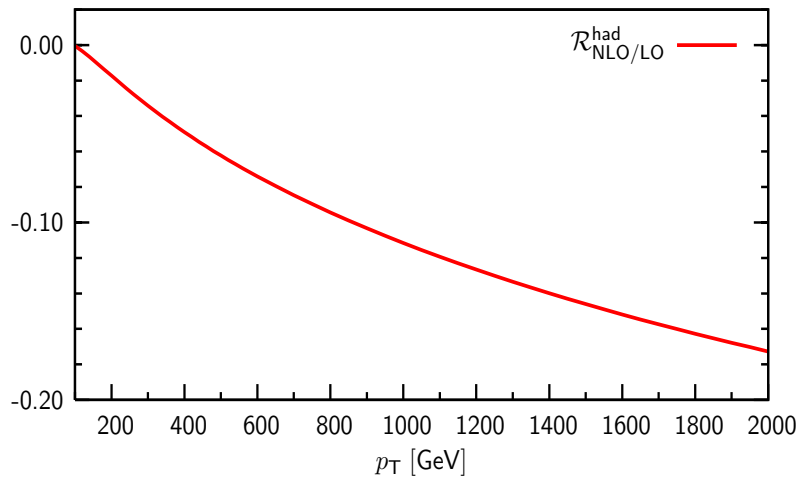


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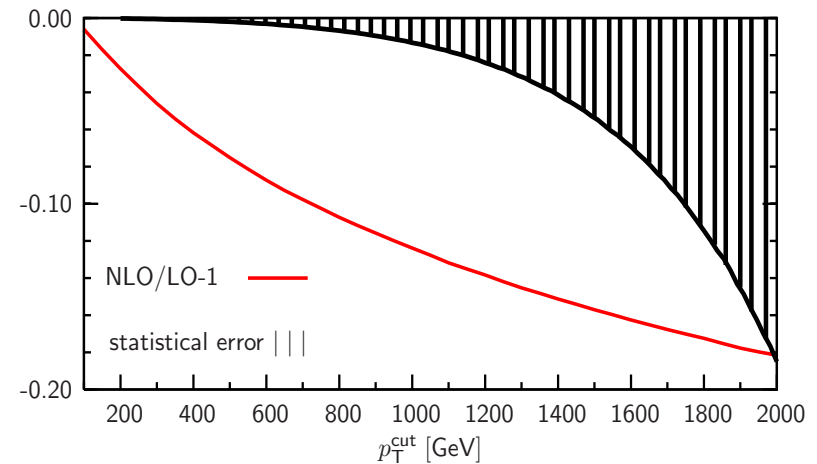
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Integrated  $\Delta\sigma(p_T^{\text{cut}})$  vs.  $\Delta\sigma_{\text{stat}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$

$$N = \mathcal{L} \times \sigma_{\text{LO}}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$



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- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections negative; range from -6% at 500 GeV up to -17 % at 2 TeV
- Size of the integrated  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections much bigger than the statistical error!

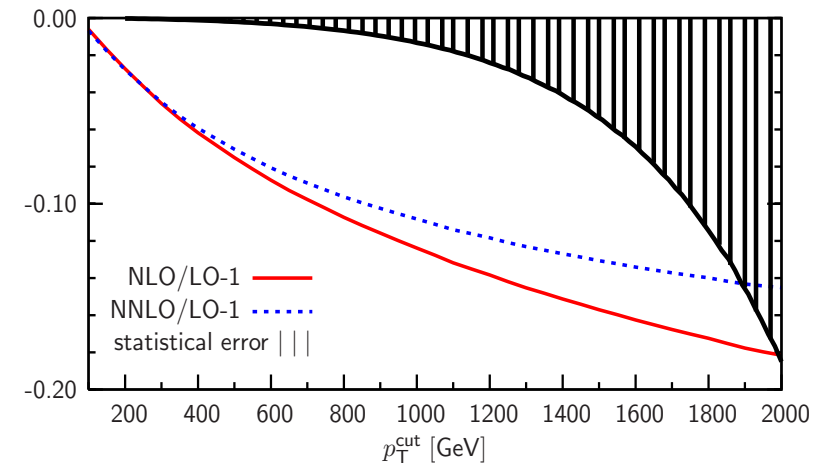
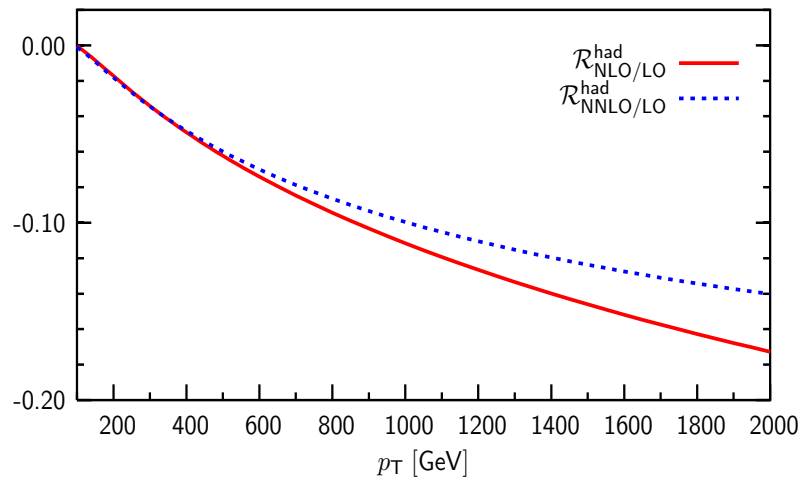
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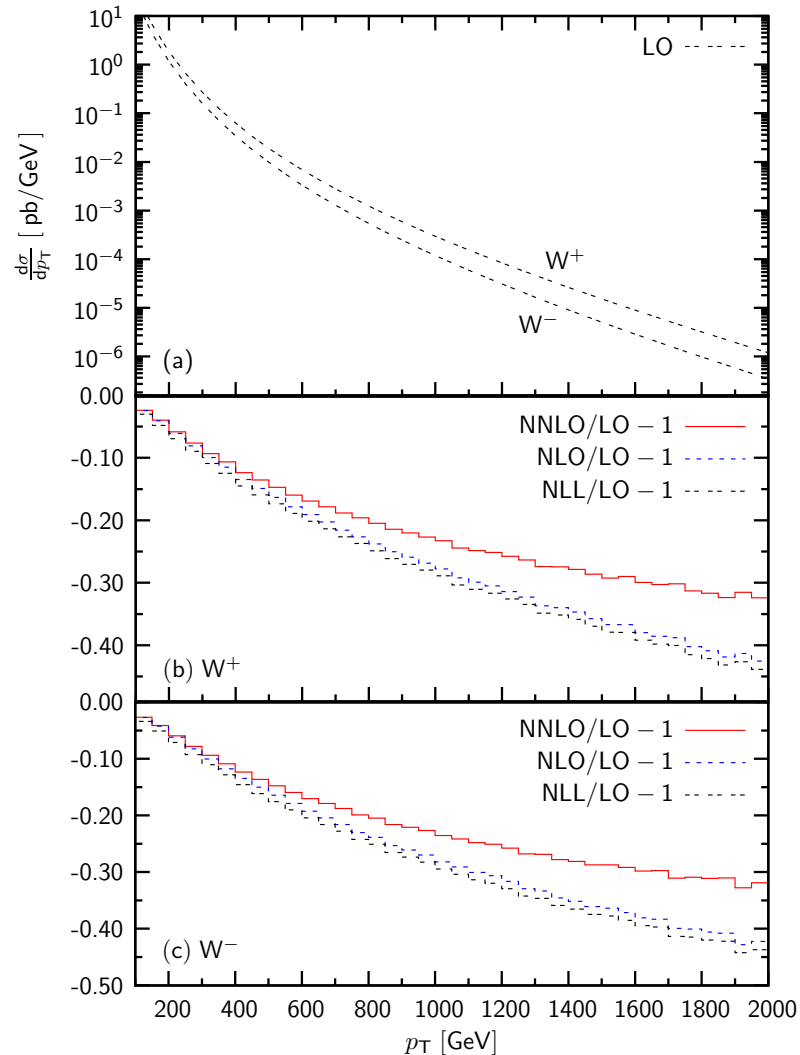
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- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections negative; range from -6% at 500 GeV up to -17 % at 2 TeV
- Size of the integrated  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections much bigger than the statistical error!
- 2-loop terms positive, up to 3% contribution (at 2 TeV)
- For large range of  $p_T$  values 2-loop effects comparable with statistical error

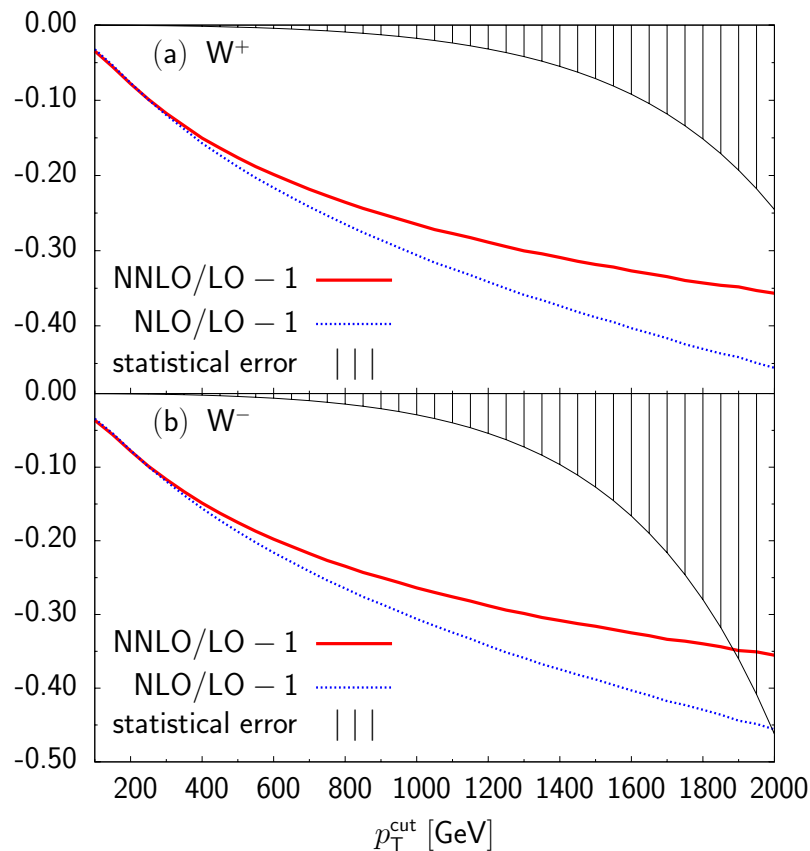
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- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections negative; range from -15% at  $p_T = 500 \text{ GeV}$  up to -42% at  $p_T = 2 \text{ TeV}$
- NLL approximation in **good agreement** with the full NLO result
- NLL **2-loop terms positive** and amount to 2% at  $p_T = 500 \text{ GeV}$  and up to 10% at  $p_T = 2 \text{ TeV}$

(LO MRST2001 PDFs,  $\mu_F = \mu_R = p_T$ ,  $p_T^{\min}(\text{jet}) = 100 \text{ GeV}$ )

# EW corrections to $pp \rightarrow W^\pm + 1 \text{ jet}$ at the LHC



Integrated  $\Delta\sigma(p_T^{\text{cut}})$  vs.  $\Delta\sigma_{\text{stat}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$

$N = \mathcal{L} \times \text{BR}(W \rightarrow e\nu_e, \mu\nu_\mu) \times \sigma_{\text{LO}}$

$\text{BR}(W \rightarrow e\nu_e, \mu\nu_\mu) = 22.2\%$ ,

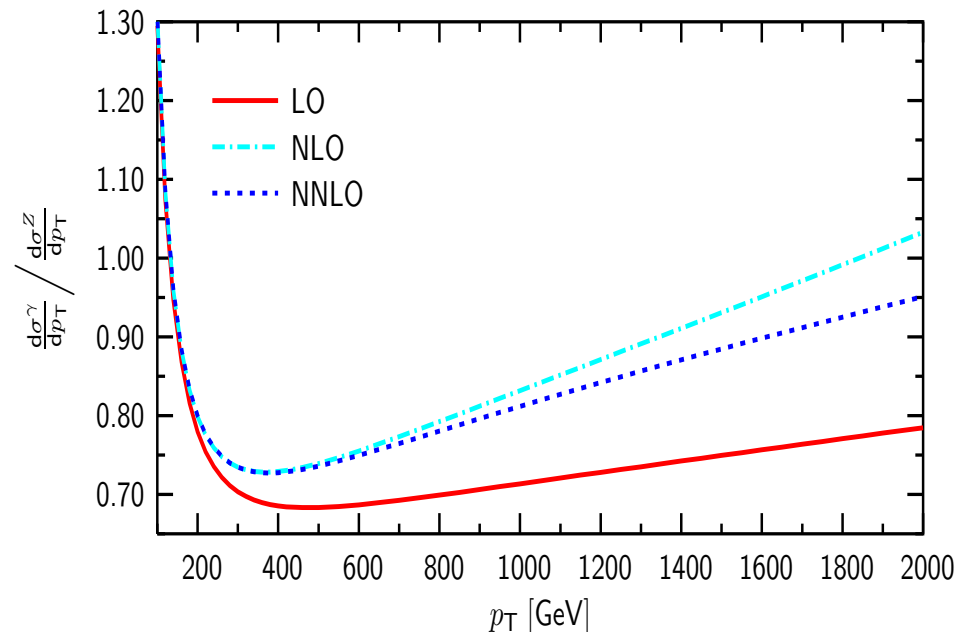
$\mathcal{L} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- Size of the integrated  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections much bigger than the statistical error!
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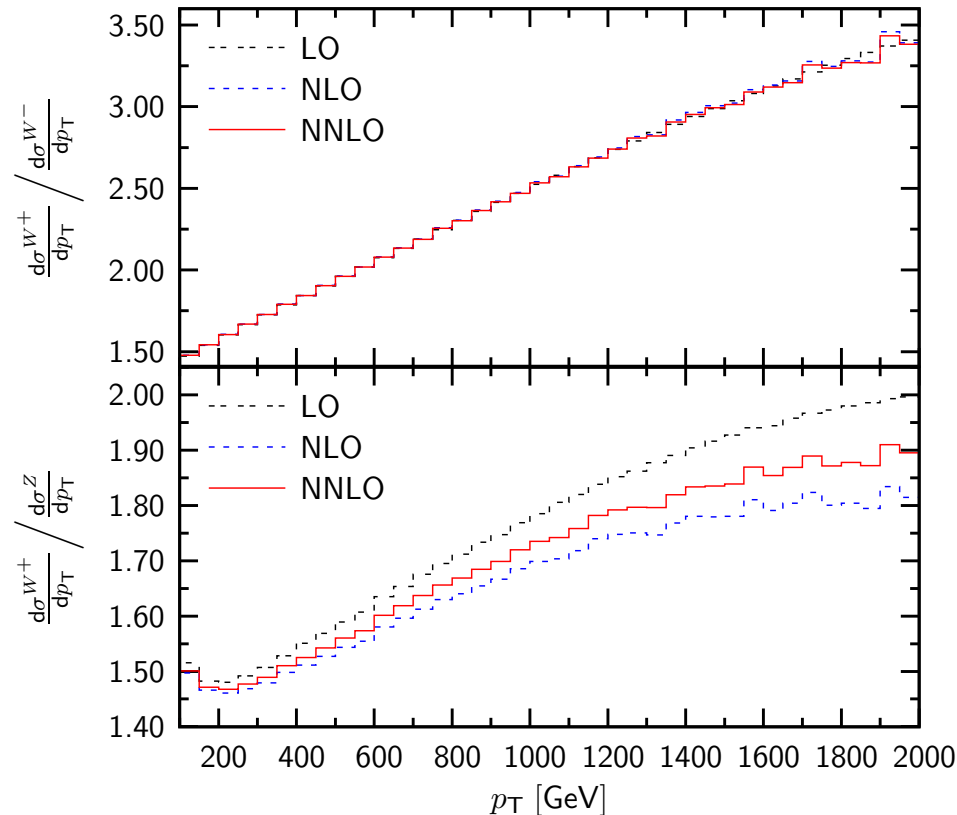


# Ratio of the $p_T$ distributions: $\gamma$ to $Z$



- Cancellation of theoretical uncertainties (PDFs  $\alpha_S$ )
- Stability wrt. QCD corrections
- Ratio of the LO distributions:  $\frac{d\sigma^\gamma}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T} \sim 0.7 - 0.8$
- EW corrections modify the ratio; strongest effect at large  $p_T$   
NLO:  $\frac{d\sigma^\gamma}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T} \sim 0.75 - 1$ , NNLO:  $\frac{d\sigma^\gamma}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T} \sim 0.75 - 0.95$

# Ratio of the $p_T$ distributions: $W^+$ to $W^-$ , $W^+$ to $Z$



- EW corrections to  $\frac{d\sigma^{W^+}}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^{W^-}}{dp_T}$  almost identical

- Above 1 TeV, 5-10% corrections to  $\frac{d\sigma^{W^+}}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T}$

# Summary

- **Analytic** results for the  $p_T$  distribution of direct photons,  $Z$ -bosons and  $W$ -bosons
  - Exact  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  correction
  - NNLL approximation of the  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  correction → **excellent approximation**
  - Dominant (NLL) part of the 2-loop corrections
- Results are in **compact** form, ready to implement in a code of your choice
- **Conclusion:** EW corrections extremely important for the precise knowledge of the production cross sections at large  $p_T$  (large logs at TeV scales!)
  - Negative **1-loop** corrections of the order of **tens of percent** at high  $p_T$  at the LHC
  - Positive **2-loop NLL** corrections of the order of **several percent** at high  $p_T$  at the LHC  
⇒ relevant for the analysis!
- Ratio  $\frac{d\sigma^\gamma}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T}$  and  $\frac{d\sigma^{W^\pm}}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T}$  : significant effects due to EW corrections at large  $p_T$
- Relevant issues...
  - Size of the stat. error due to detector and bckg. subtraction at large  $p_T$
  - Extent to which real radiation of massive gauge bosons can be seen in the experiment