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ZH production in gluon fusion at NLO QCD

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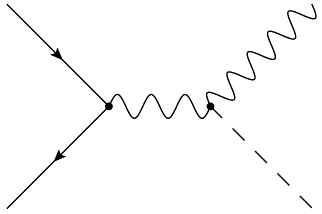
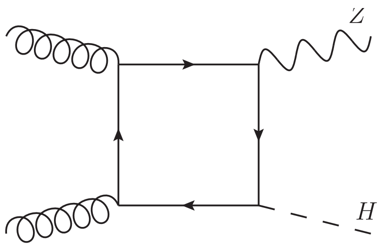
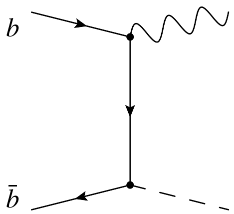
Introduction – ZH Production Modes

ZH production modes



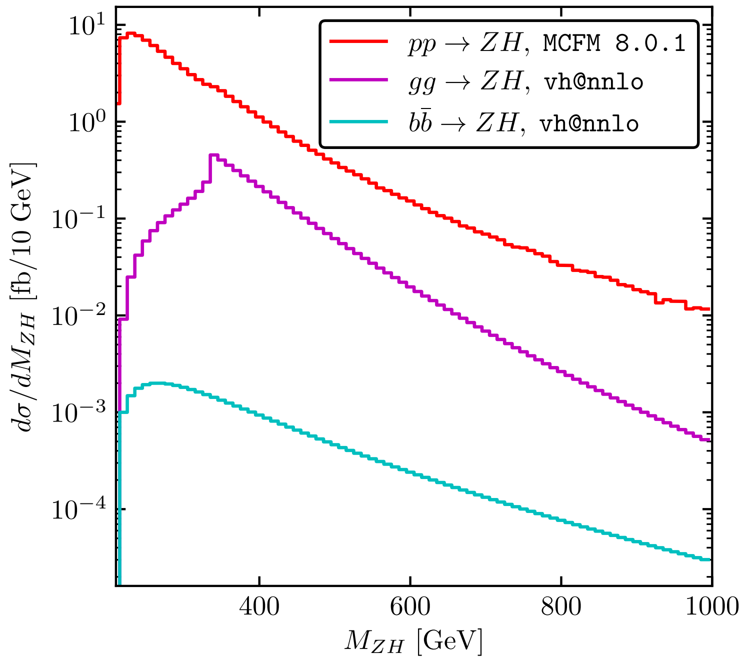
NNLO: Brein, Djouadi, Harlander 03
N³LO: Baglio, Duhr, Mistlberger, Szafron 22





NNLO
Ahmed, Ajjath, Chen, Dhani, Mukherjee, Ravindran 19

[Harlander, Klappert, Liebler, Simon 18]



Gluon-induced production:

- Contribution to to total cross section ~10%
- Large scale uncertainties

quark-initiated production known with high accuracy:

NNLO: Brein, Harlander, Wiesemann, Zirke; Ferrera, Grazzini, Somogyi, Tramontano; Campbell, Ellis, Williams; Gauld, Gehrmann-De Rideer, Glover, Huss, Majer

NLO EW(+QCD): Ciccolini, Denner, Dittmaier, Kallweit, Krämer, Mück; Granata, Lindert, Oleari, Pozzorini; Obul, Dulat, Hou, Tursun, Yulkun

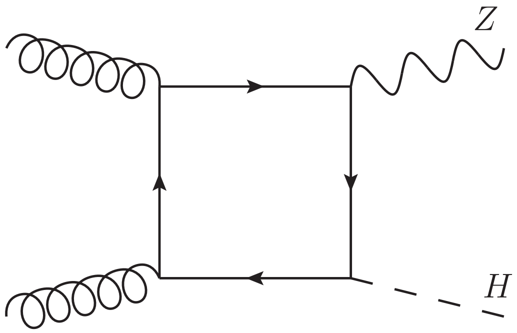
N³LO: Baglio, Duhr, Mistlberger, Szafron 22

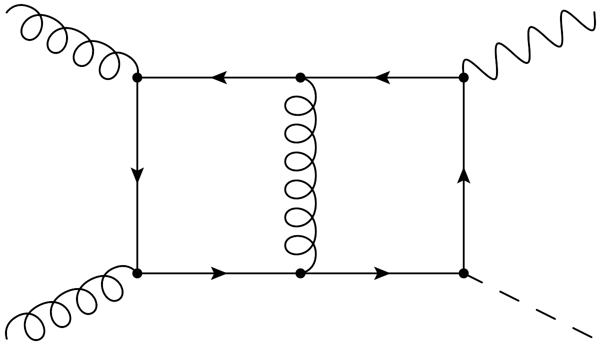
Uncertainties in ZH, WH measurements

ATLAS 2007.02873

	Signal
Cross-section (scale)	0.7% (qq), 25% (gg)
$H \to b\bar{b}$ branching fraction	1.7%
Scale variations in STXS bins	3.0%–3.9% ($qq \to WH$), 6.7%–12% ($qq \to ZH$), 37%–100% ($gg \to ZH$)
PS/UE variations in STXS bins	1%–5% for $qq \to VH$, 5%–20% for $gg \to ZH$
PDF+α_S variations in STXS bins	1.8%–2.2% ($qq \to WH$), 1.4%–1.7% ($qq \to ZH$), 2.9%–3.3% ($gg \to ZH$)
m_{bb} from scale variations	M+S ($qq \to VH$, $gg \to ZH$)
m_{bb} from PS/UE variations	M+S
m_{bb} from PDF+α_S variations	M+S
p_T^V from NLO EW correction	M+S

Introduction – gg → ZH: Calculations at LO and NLO





Leading Order
[Dicus, Kao 88; Kniehl 90]

NLO in $m_t \to \infty$ limit
[Altenkamp, Dittmaier, Harlander, H. Rzehak, Zirke 12]

Virtual corrections with m_t dependence

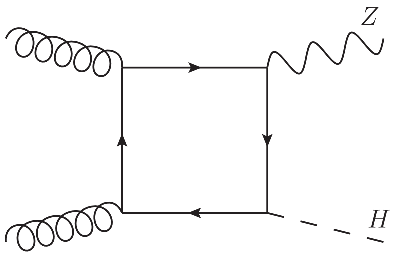
- Expansion in large m_t, up to $1/m_t^8$, improved by Padé approx.
  [Hasselhuhn, Luthe, Steinhauser 17]
- expansion in small and large m_t , up to $1/m_t^{10}, m_t^{32}$ + Padé approx.
  [Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20]
- numerical evaluation using pySecDec
  [Chen, Heinrich, Jones, MK, Klappert, Schlenk 20]
- expansion in small p_T up to p_T^4
  [Alasfar, Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber, Vitti 21]
- combine expansions in small p_T and small m_t
  [Bellafronte, Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber, Vitti 22]

Full NLO results:

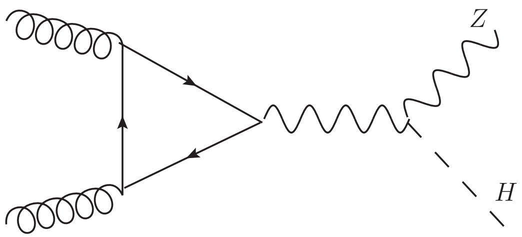
- Chen, Davies, Heinrich, Jones, MK, Mishima, Schlenk, Steinhauser 22
- Degrassi, Gröber, Vitti, Zhao 22
- small m_Z, m_H expansion
  Wang, Xu, Xu, Yang 21

Introduction – ZH in Gluon Fusion

LO

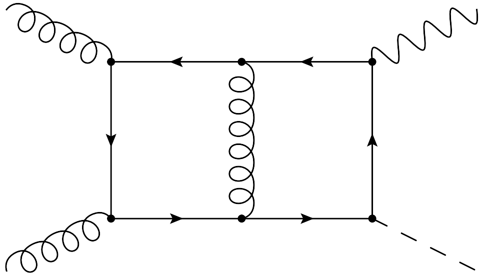


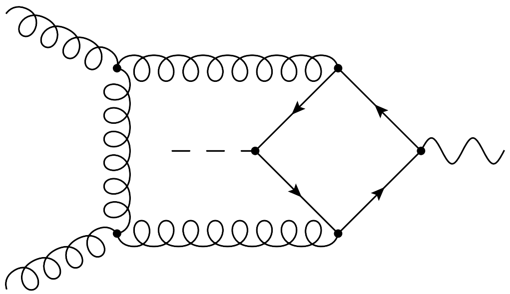
only top-quark contributing

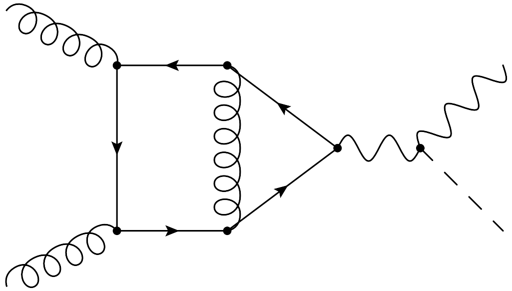


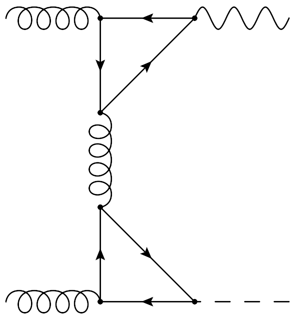
triangle contributions vanish for mass-degenerate quark doublets
→ contributions by b- and t-quark

NLO virtual

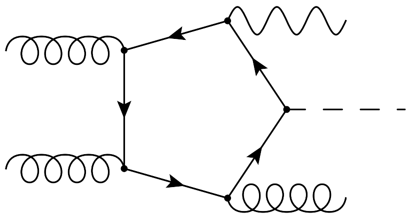


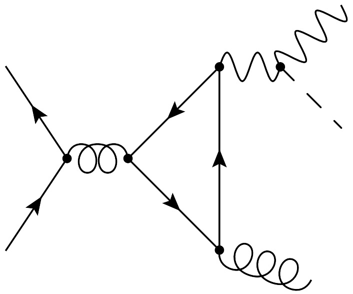


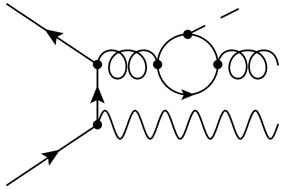




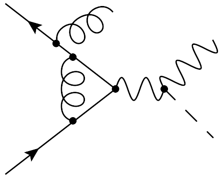
NLO reals







finite & gauge invariant; can be included with DY contribution



RV correction to DY-type

not included here

Overview of Calculation

Virtual Corrections using 2 methods:

Numerical evaluation using pySecDec
[Chen, Heinrich, Jones, MK, Klappert, Schlenk 20]

- ✓ valid for arbitrary kinematics
- ✗ evaluation challenging in HE region
- ✗ masses fixed during integral reduction
  $\rightarrow$ can only use OS mass

High-energy expansion
[Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20]

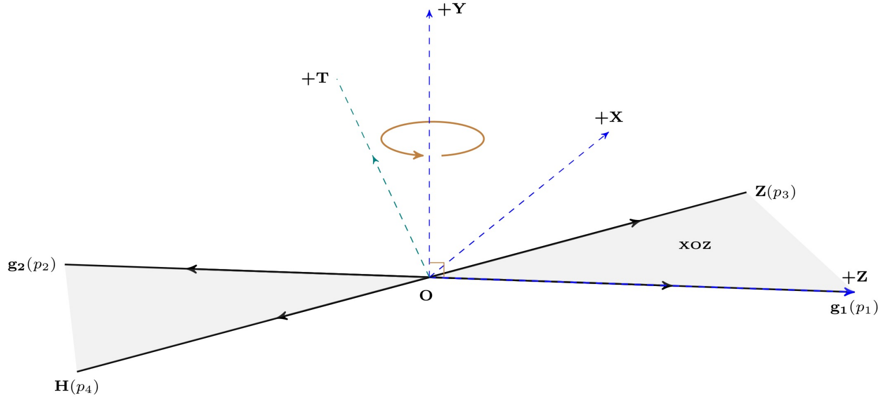
- ✗ only valid in HE region
- ✓ fast evaluation
- ✓ arbitrary masses

$\rightarrow$ We combine these calculations at histogram level, using $p_T = 200$ GeV as a threshold

Real-radiation amplitudes generated with GoSam [Cullen et.al.]

Overview of Numerical Calculation

1) Write amplitude using linear polarizations [L. Chen 19]



$$\mathcal{A} = \varepsilon^{\mu_1}_{\lambda_1}(p_1)\,\varepsilon^{\mu_2}_{\lambda_2}(p_2)\,(\varepsilon^{\mu_3}_{\lambda_3}(p_3))^\star\,\mathcal{A}_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon^\mu_x &= \mathcal{N}_x\,\left(-s_{23}p_1^\mu - s_{13}p_2^\mu + s_{12}p_3^\mu\right)\,, \\
\varepsilon^\mu_y &= \mathcal{N}_y\,\left(\epsilon^\mu_{\mu_1\,\mu_2\,\mu_3}\,p_1^{\mu_1}\,p_2^{\mu_2}\,p_3^{\mu_3}\right)\,, \\
\varepsilon^\mu_T &= \mathcal{N}_T\,\left(\left(-s_{23}(s_{13}+s_{23}) + 2m_Z^2 s_{12}\right)p_1^\mu + \left(s_{13}(s_{13}+s_{23}) - 2m_Z^2 s_{12}\right)p_2^\mu \right. \\
&\quad \left. + s_{12}(-s_{13}+s_{23})\,p_3^\mu\,\right)\,, \\
\varepsilon^\mu_l &= \mathcal{N}_l\,\left(-2m_Z^2\,(p_1^\mu + p_2^\mu) + (s_{13}+s_{23})\,p_3^\mu\right)\,,
\end{aligned}$$

2) Use IBP-reduction to reduce all integrals to minimal set of master integrals
- using Kira [Klappert, Lange, Maierhöfer, Usovitsch] with Firefly [Klappert, Klein, Lange]
- simplification: fix $\frac{m_Z^2}{m_t^2} = \frac{23}{83}, \quad \frac{m_H^2}{m_t^2} = \frac{12}{23} \quad \rightarrow \quad m_Z = 91.18\,\text{GeV}, \quad m_H = 125.1\,\text{GeV}, \quad m_t = 173.21\,\text{GeV}$
- choice of masters:
  - (quasi-) finite basis [von Manteuffel, Panzer, Schabinger 14]
  - simple denominators factors $\frac{N(s,t,d)}{D_1(d)D_2(s,t)}$
  - with d-dependence factorized [Smirnov, Smirnov `20; Usovitsch `20]
  - …

- avoid spurious poles & cancellations
- reduced file sizes of expressions:
  - amplitude: factor of 5
  - most complicated coefficient: 150 MB → 5 MB

3) Sector decompose integrals using pySecDec

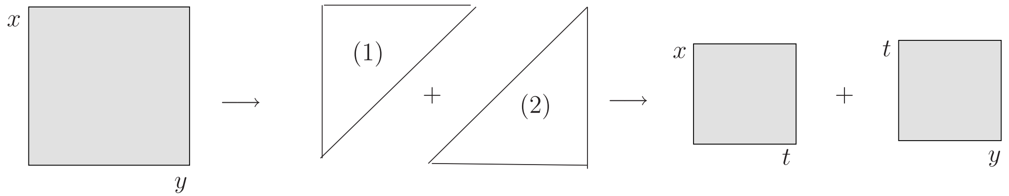
4) Numerical integration using a Quasi-Monte Carlo using GPUs

Sector Decomposition – pySecDec

Numerical evaluation of loop integrals with pySecDec
[Borowka, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, MK, Langer, Magerya, Põldaru, Schlenk, Villa]

Available at
github.com/gudrunhe/secdec

- Sector decomposition [Binoth, Heinrich 00]
  factorizes overlapping singularities



- Subtraction of poles & expansion in ε
- Contour deformation [Soper 00; Binoth et.al. 05, Nagy, Soper 06; Borowka et al. 12]

→ Finite integrals at each order in ε

→ Numerical integration possible

New release:

- expansion by regions
- automated reduction of contour-def. parameter
- automatically adjusts FORM settings
- evaluation of linear combinations of integrals, with automated optimization of sampling points N per sector, based on

$$T = \sum_{\text{integral } i} t_i + \lambda \left(\sigma^2 - \sum_i \sigma_i^2 \right) \qquad \sigma_i = c_i \cdot t_i^{-e}$$

$\sigma_i =$ error estimate (including coefficients in amplitude)
$\lambda =$ Lagrange multiplier $\qquad \sigma =$ precision goal

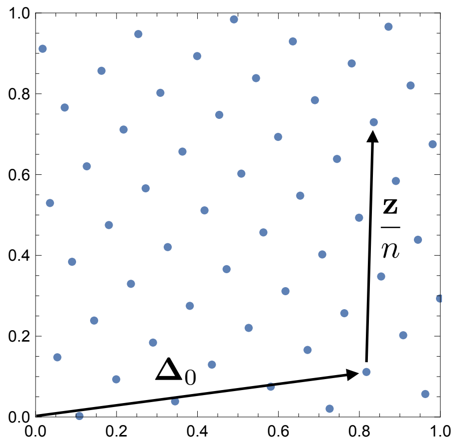
pySecDec integral libraries can be directly linked to amplitude code

Quasi-Monte Carlo Integration

Review: Dick, Kuo, Sloan 13
First application to loop integrals:
Li, Wang, Yan, Zhao 15

Our preferred integration algorithm is a
Quasi-Monte Carlo using rank-1 shifted lattice rule

$$I[f] \approx I_k = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{N} f(\mathbf{x}_{i,k}), \quad \mathbf{x}_{i,k} = \left\{ \frac{i \cdot \mathbf{z}}{N} + \mathbf{\Delta}_k \right\}$$



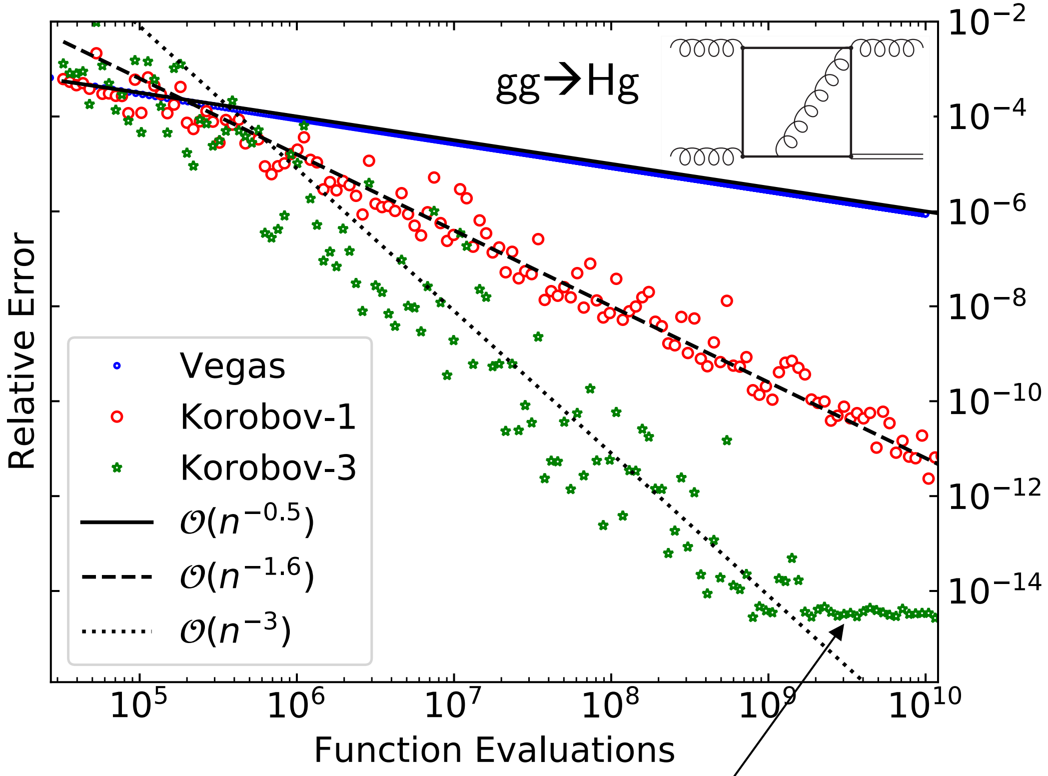
$\{\ldots\} =$ fractional part ($\to x \in [0;1[$)

$\mathbf{\Delta}_k =$ randomized shifts
$\to$ m different estimates of Integral
$\to$ error estimate of result

$\mathbf{z} =$ generating vector
constructed component-by-component [Nuyens 07]
minimizing worst-case error

$\to$ integration error scales as $\mathcal{O}(n^{-1})$ or better

Integrator available at github.com/mppmu/qmc
[Borowka, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, MK, Schlenk]



Limited by double precision arithmetic

High-Energy Expansion

Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20

Scale hierarchy in high-energy region:

$$m_Z, m_H < m_t \ll s, t$$

1) Use Taylor series expansion in m_Z, m_H
   $\rightarrow$ remaining integrals only depend on m_t, s, t

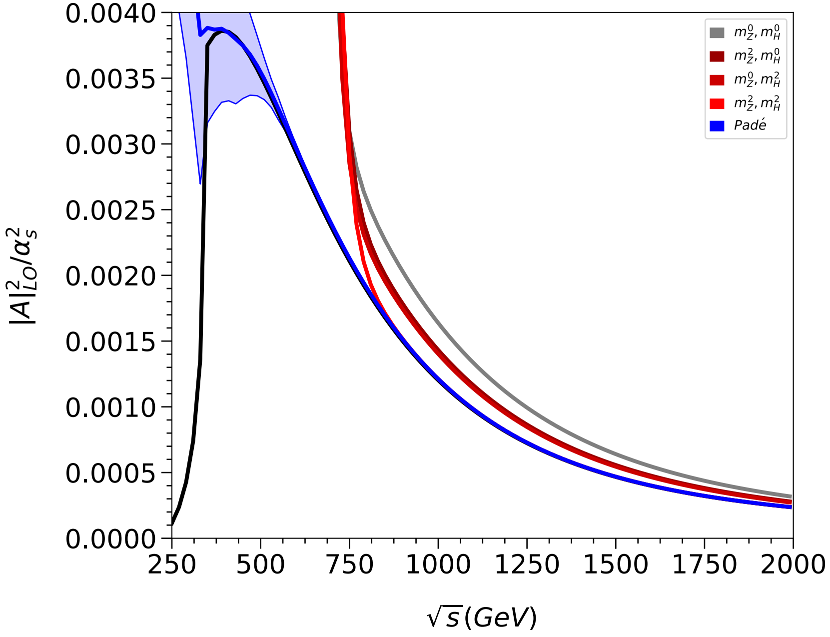
2) Solve differential equations using ansatz

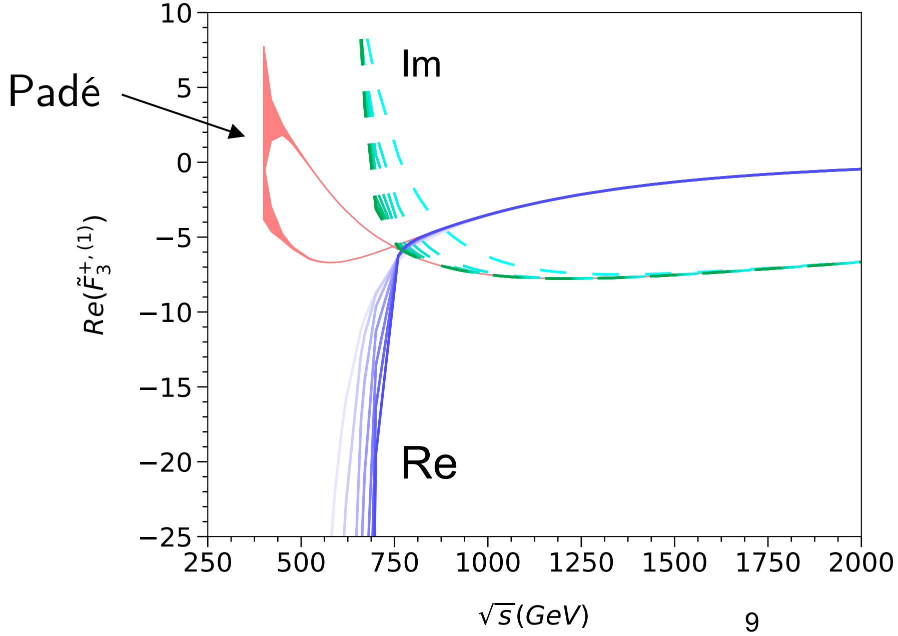
$$I = \sum_{n_1=n_1^{\min}}^{\infty} \sum_{n_2=n_2^{\min}}^{\infty} \sum_{n_3=0}^{2l+n_1} c(I, n_1, n_2, n_3, s, t)\, \epsilon^{n_1} \left(m_t^2\right)^{n_2} \left(\log(m_t^2)\right)^{n_3}$$

3) Boundary conditions using [see Mishima 18]
   - expansion-by-regions [Beneke, Smirnov; Jantzen]
   - Mellin-Barnes techniques

4) Series convergence improved using Padé approximants:

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{fin}}^{N} = \frac{a_0 + a_1 x + \ldots + a_n x^n}{1 + b_1 x + \ldots + b_m x^m} \equiv [n/m](x)$$



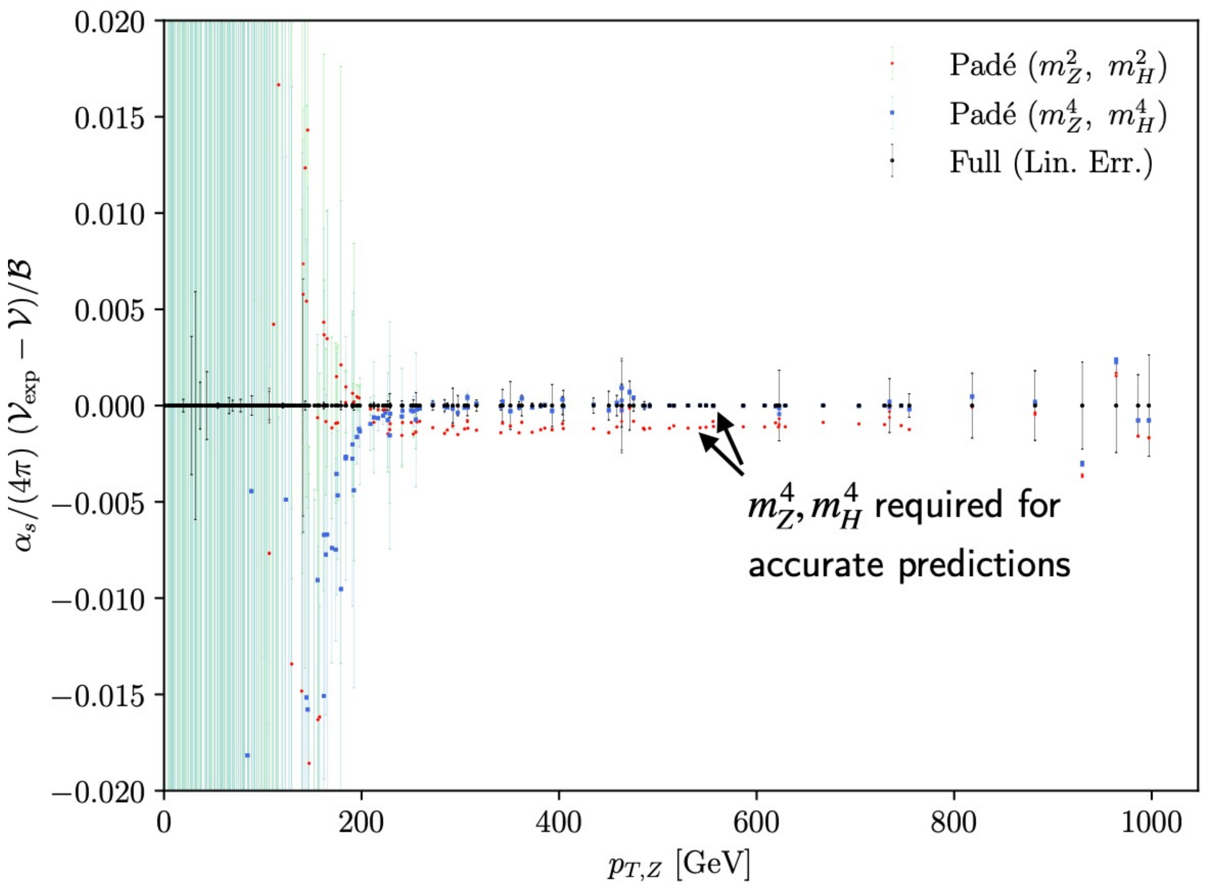


Combination with Expansions

Comparison of numerical results with high-energy expansion

- expansion around small masses up to m_t^{32}, m_Z^4, m_H^4
- agreement at 0.1% level or better for p_T>200 GeV
- m_Z^4, m_H^4 terms required to reach this accuracy

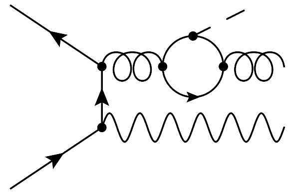
We switch from the numerical calculation to the expansion at p_T=200



Results – Total Cross Section & Invariant Mass

$\sqrt{s}$	LO [fb]	NLO [fb]
13 TeV	$52.42^{+25.5\%}_{-19.3\%}$	$103.8(3)^{+16.4\%}_{-13.9\%}$
13.6 TeV	$58.06^{+25.1\%}_{-19.0\%}$	$114.7(3)^{+16.2\%}_{-13.7\%}$
14 TeV	$61.96^{+24.9\%}_{-18.9\%}$	$122.2(3)^{+16.1\%}_{-13.6\%}$

- NLO/LO ≈ 2
- NLO scale uncertainty: ±15%
- K-factor relatively flat for $m_{ZH} > 400$GeV
  larger effects at top-pair threshold and below

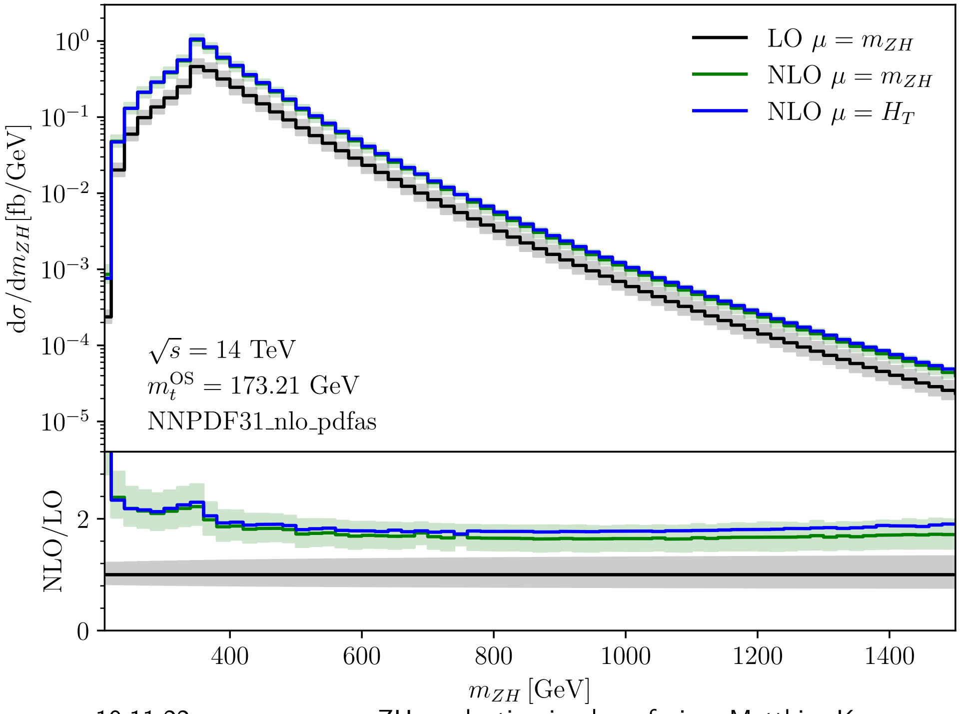


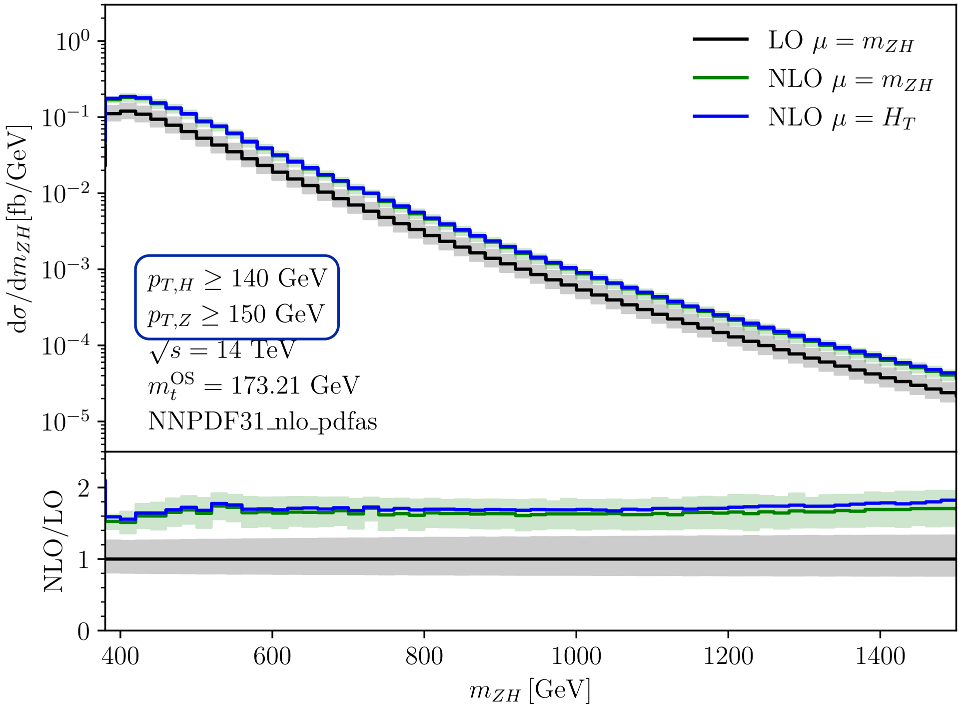
can bet attributed to
gg → ZH or DY

→ next talk

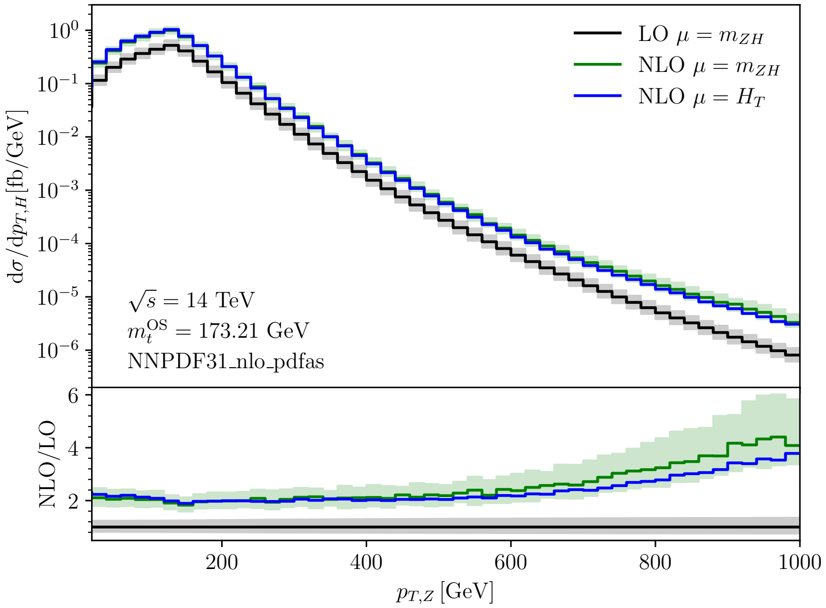
has been studied as
part of NNLO $q\bar{q} \to$ ZH production
see e.g. Brein, Harlander, Wiesemann, Zirke 12

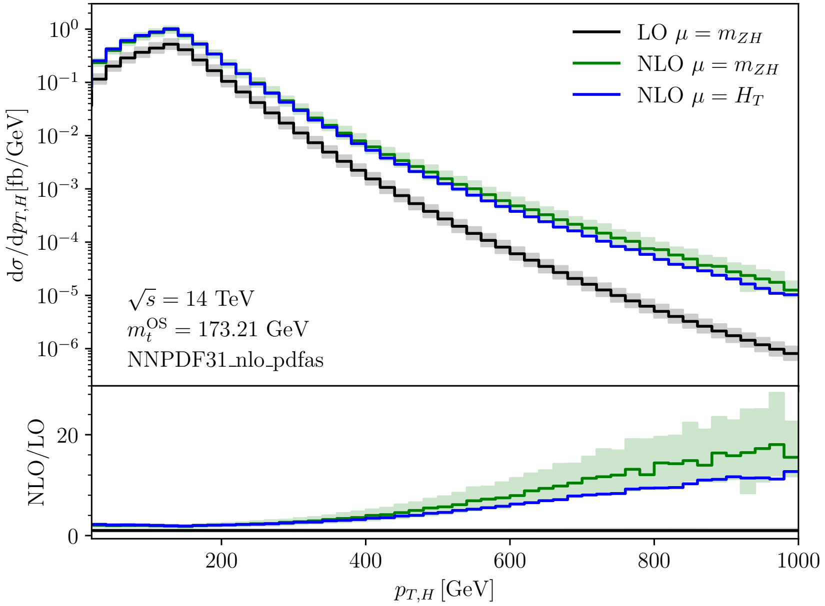
included in independent
calculation of gg → ZH production
(formally N3LO of DY type)
Degrassi, Gröber, Vitti, Zhao 22





Results – p_T distributions

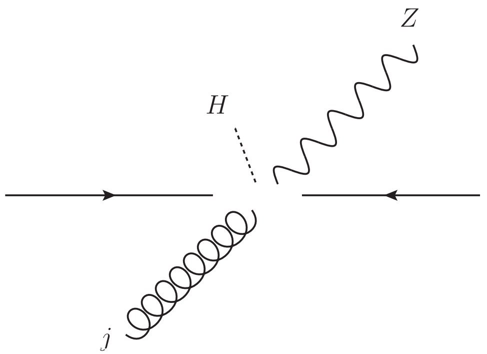


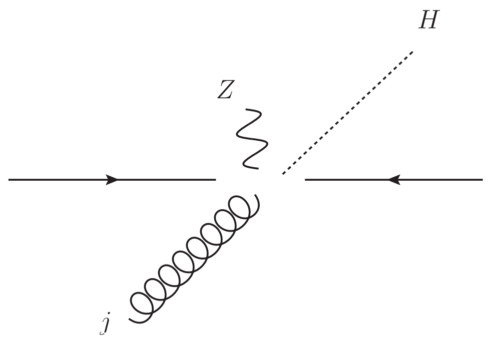


large corrections at high p_T

already observed in ZHj@LO
Hespel, Maltoni, Vryonidou 15; Les Houches 19

caused by new kinematic region in real radiation:





difference of eikonal factors:

soft Z emission: $\dfrac{p^\mu}{p \cdot p_Z}$

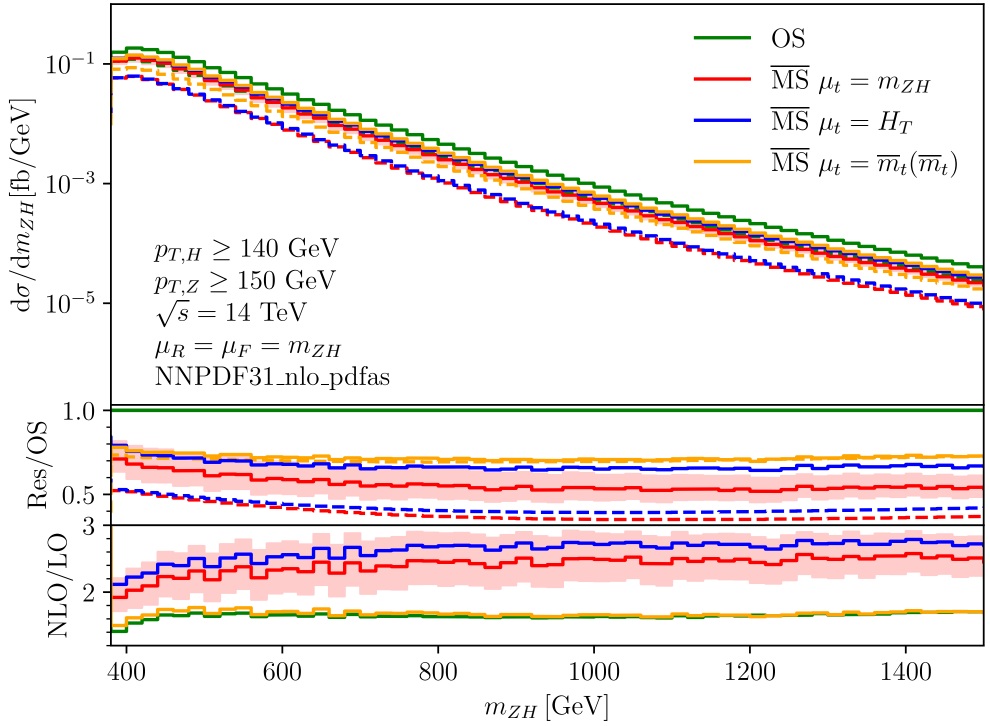
soft H emission: $\dfrac{m_t}{p \cdot p_H}$

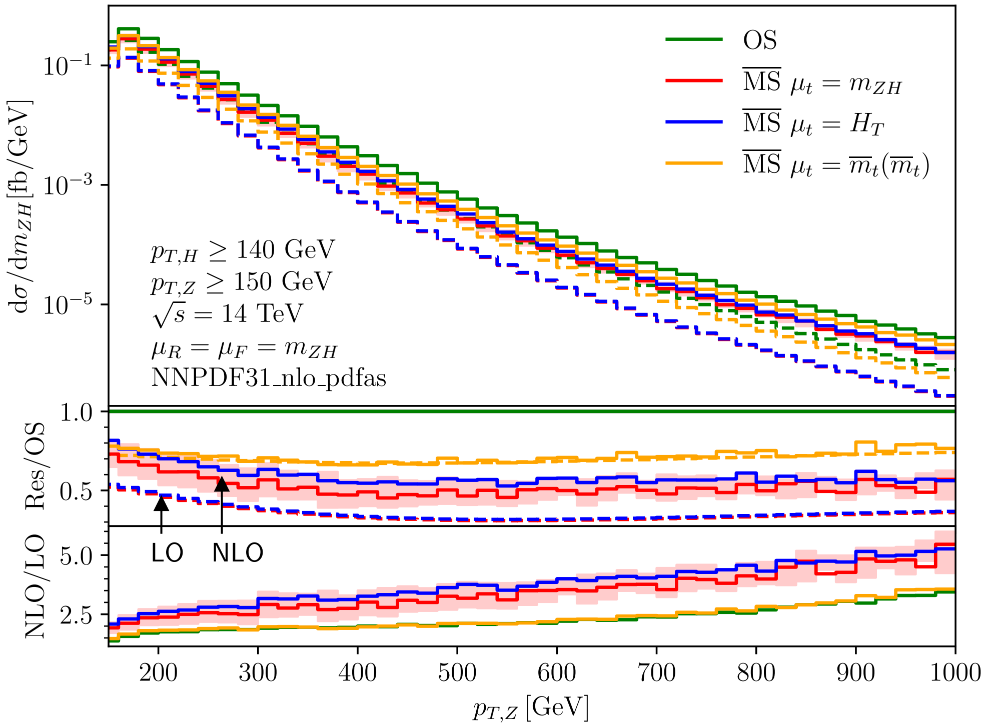
$\rightarrow$ larger enhancement of Z emission for large p_T

Mass Scheme Dependence

The results presented so far use OS renormalization of m_t, we can change to $\overline{\text{MS}}$ renormalization
(using the high-energy expansion where m_t is not fixed in reduction)

$$m_t \to \overline{m_t}(\mu_t)\left(1+\frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{4\pi}C_F\left\{4+3\log\left[\frac{\mu_t^2}{\overline{m_t}(\mu_t)^2}\right]\right\}\right)$$





The $\overline{\text{MS}}$ result is significantly smaller than OS result:

LO: ~ factor 2.9
NLO: ~ factor 1.9

at $m_{ZH} = 1$ TeV

If taken as uncertainty, it is much larger than scale dependence

Mass Scheme Dependence

Leading HE contributions in gg $\to$ HH and gg $\to$ ZH production

$$A_i^{\text{fin}} = a_s A_i^{(0),\text{fin}} + a_s^2 A_i^{(1),\text{fin}} + \mathcal{O}(a_s^3)$$

HH

$$A_i^{(0)} \sim m_t^2 f_i(s,t)$$

$$A_i^{(1)} \sim 6 C_F A_i^{(0)} \log\left[\frac{m_t^2}{s}\right]$$

LO: m_t^2 from y_t^2
NLO: leading $\log(m_t^2)$ from mass c.t.
converting to $\overline{MS}$ gives $\log(\mu_t^2/s)$
motivating scale choice of $\mu_t^2 = s$

ZH

$$A_i^{(0)} \sim m_t^2 f_i(s,t) \log^2\left[\frac{m_t^2}{s}\right],$$

$$A_i^{(1)} \sim \frac{(C_A - C_F)}{6} A_i^{(0)} \log^2\left[\frac{m_t^2}{s}\right]$$

LO: one m_t from y_t
NLO: leading $\log(m_t^2)$ not coming from mass c.t.

$\to$ The leading contributions seem to have different origins for the 2 processes

It would be interesting to understand these logarithms in more detail.
(for some recent progress for off-shell H production, see Liu, Modi, Penin 21; Mazzitelli 22)

Conclusion

NLO corrections to ZH production in gluon-fusion

Virtual corrections obtained from combination of 2 calculations

- numeric evaluation using pySecDec
- high-energy expansion

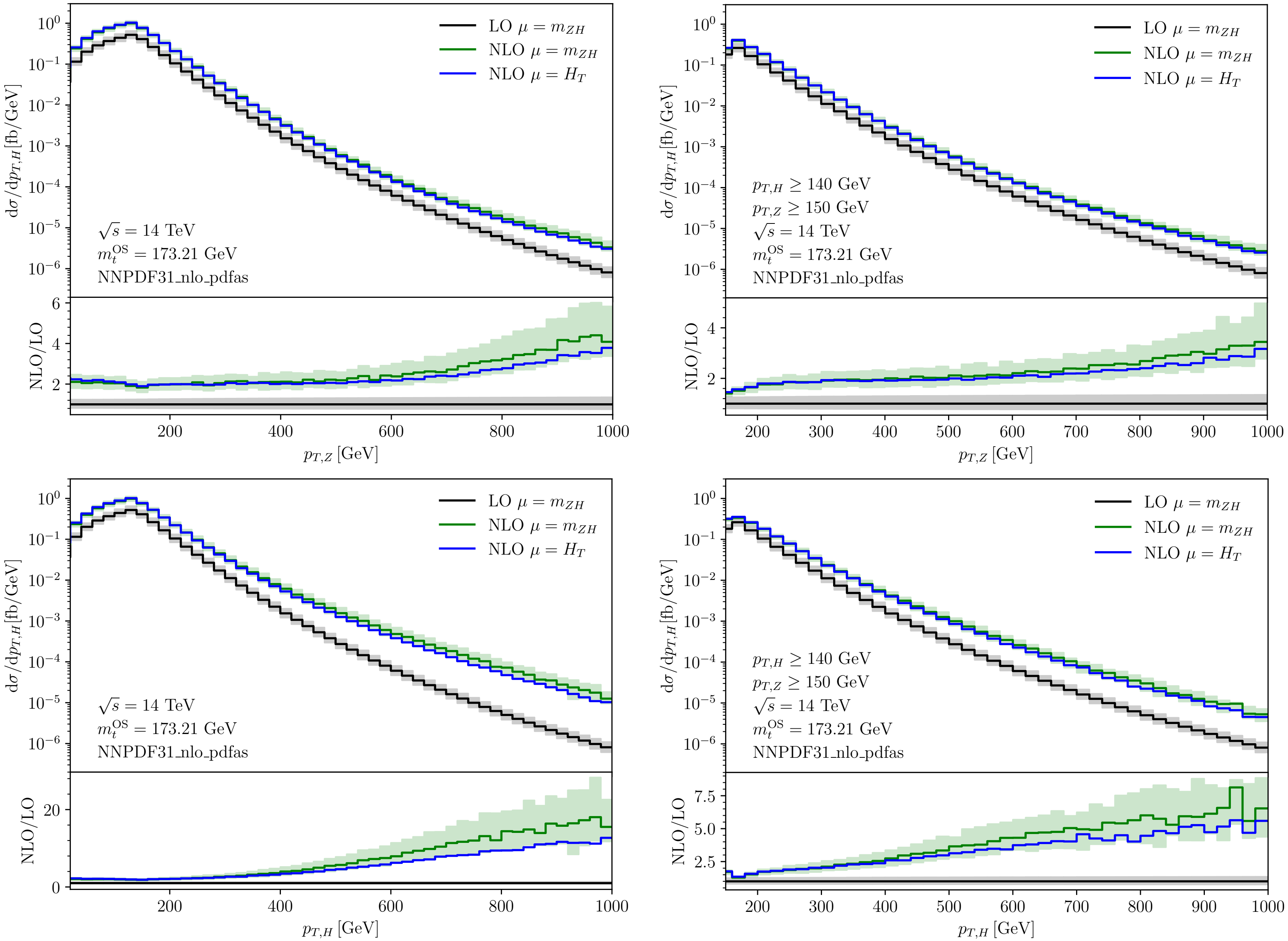
Phenomenological results

- K-factor ≈ 2
- large corrections at high-p_T due to new kin. configurations
- large dependence on top-mass renormalization scheme

Thank you for your attention!

Backup

Results – p_T distributions



Size of this effect reduced with additional p_T cuts,

but K-factor sill large, ~ 5