# SM backgrounds for VLLs

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Singlet-model

$$pp \xrightarrow{d} \psi_i \overline{\psi}_i \rightarrow \ell_i^- \ell_i^+ \ell_j^+ \ell_j^- \ell_k^+ \ell_k^- \quad \text{for } i, j, k = 1, 2, 3$$

$$pp \rightarrow \psi_i \overline{\psi}_i \rightarrow \ell_i^- \ell_i^+ q_j \overline{q}_j \ell_k^+ \ell_k^- \quad \text{for } i, k = 1, 2$$

$$pp \rightarrow \psi_i \overline{\psi}_i \rightarrow \ell_i^- \ell_i^+ \ell_j^+ \ell_j^- \nu_k \overline{\nu}_k \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, 2$$

$$pp \rightarrow \psi_i \overline{\psi}_i \rightarrow \nu_i \ell_i^+ \ell_j^+ \ell_j^- \ell_k^- \overline{\nu}_k \quad \text{for } i, j, k = 1, 2$$

$$pp \rightarrow \psi_i \overline{\psi}_i \rightarrow \ell_i^- \overline{\nu}_i \ell_j^+ \ell_j^- \ell_k^+ \nu_k \quad \text{for } i, j, k = 1, 2$$

$$pp \rightarrow \psi_i \ell_i^+ \rightarrow \ell_i^- \ell_j^+ \ell_j^- \ell_i^+ \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, 2$$

$$pp \rightarrow \overline{\psi}_i \ell_i^- \rightarrow \ell_i^+ \ell_j^+ \ell_j^- \ell_i^- \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, 2$$

$$\begin{split} pp &\to \psi_i^0 \overline{\psi}_i^0 \to \nu_j \overline{\nu}_k \ell_j^+ \ell_i^- \ell_i^+ \ell_k^- \quad \text{for } i, j, k = 1, 2 \\ pp &\to \psi_i^- \overline{\psi}_i^0 \to \ell_i^- \ell_i^+ \overline{\nu}_j \ell_j^- \ell_k^+ \ell_k^- \quad \text{for } i, j, k = 1, 2 \\ pp &\to \psi_i^0 \psi_i^+ \to \ell_i^- \ell_i^+ \ell_j^+ \nu_j \ell_k^+ \ell_k^- \quad \text{for } i, j, k = 1, 2 \\ pp &\to \psi_i^- \overline{\psi}_i^0 \to \ell_i^- \ell_i^+ \overline{q}_j q_j \ell_k^+ \ell_k^- \quad \text{for } i, k = 1, 2 \\ pp &\to \psi_i^0 \psi_i^+ \to \ell_i^- \ell_i^+ \overline{q}_j q_j \ell_k^+ \ell_k^- \quad \text{for } i, k = 1, 2 \\ \end{split}$$

$$[Multi-lepton signatures of vector-like leptons with flavor,]$$

Bißmann, Hiller, Hormigos-Feliu, Litim, 20]

**Doublet-model** 

## Signatures for VLL's







### Dominant background



ZZ / (ttV)

also: misID -> Z+jets / ttbar+jets

ZZ







### Available searches: CMS-EXO-18-005









This will not be good enough with HL-LHC data samples!



# Relevance of EW higher-order corrections: Sudakov logs in the tails

I. Possible large (negative) enhancement due to soft/collinear logs from virtual EW gauge bosons:



# Relevance of EW higher-order corrections: collinear QED radiation

exclusive observables.



important for radiative tails, Higgs backgrounds etc.



















### NNLO QCD

In MATRIX [Grazzini, Kallweit, Wiesemann '17] all on-shell & off-shell diboson processes pp->VV' are available







### NLO EW

- •4I-DF-ZZ
- •2I-DF-WW
- •2I-SF-ZZ & 2I-SF-ZZWW & 2I-DF-WW
- 3I-DF-WZ & 3I-DF-WZ

Biedermann, Denner, Dittmaier, Hofer, Jäger; '16, '16 Biedermann, Billoni, Denner, Dittmaier, Hofer, Jäger, Salfelder; '16 Kallweit, JML, Pozzorini, Schönherr, '17 Biedermann, Denner, Hofer, '17





### NNLO QCD + NLO EW

4l-SF-ZZ	$pp \to \ell^+ \ell^- \ell^+ \ell^-$	ZZ
4l-DF-ZZ	$pp \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \ell'^+ \ell'^-$	ZZ
3l-SF-WZ	$pp \to \ell^+ \ell^- \ell \nu_\ell$	WZ
3l-DF-WZ	$pp \to \ell^+ \ell^- \ell' \nu_{\ell'}$	WZ
2l-SF-ZZ	$pp \to \ell^+ \ell^- \nu_{\ell'} \bar{\nu}_{\ell'}$	ZZ
2l-SF-ZZWW	$pp \to \ell^+ \ell^- \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$	ZZ,WW
2l-DF-WW	$pp \to \ell^+ \ell'^- \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}_{\ell'}$	WW

- In Matrix+OpenLoops all (massive) diboson processes are now available at NNLO QCD + NLO EW
- [M. Grazzini, S. Kallweit, JML, S. Pozzorini, M. Wiesemann; 1912.00068]
- (code available upon request)





# NNLO QCD + NLO EW for dibosons: pTV2

[M. Grazzini, S. Kallweit, JML, S. Pozzorini, M. Wiesemann; 1912.00068]

- ► NNLO/NLO QCD very small at large pTV2
- NNLO QCD uncertainty: few percent

$$= d\sigma_{\rm LO} \left( 1 + \delta_{\rm QCD} + \delta_{\rm EW} \right) + d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{gg}$$
$$= d\sigma_{\rm LO} \left( 1 + \delta_{\rm QCD} \right) \left( 1 + \delta_{\rm EW} \right) + d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{gg}$$
$$= d\sigma_{\rm NNLO QCD + EW} + d\sigma_{\rm LO} \delta_{\rm QCD} \delta_{\rm EW}$$

• difference very conservative upper bound on  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S \alpha)$ 

•multiplicative/factorised combination clearly superior (EW Sudakov logs x soft QCD) •dominant uncertainty at large pTV2:  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) \sim \alpha_{\rm W}^2 \log^4(Q^2/M_W^2)$ 









- NLO QCD/LO = 30-70%
- •NNLO QCD/NLO = 10-20%
- NLO EVV = -30/-20/-20%at 2 TeV





















$$= \left[ d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{q\bar{q}} \left( 1 + \delta_{\rm QCD}^{q\bar{q}} \right) + d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{\gamma\gamma} \right] (1 + \delta_{\rm EW}) + d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{gg}$$

$$= \frac{\delta_{\rm EW}^{q\bar{q}} d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{q\bar{q}} + \delta_{\rm EW}^{\gamma\gamma/\gamma q} d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{\gamma\gamma}}{d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{q\bar{q}} + d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{\gamma\gamma}}$$
averaged EW corr. factor

yields pathological behaviour when  $\delta_{
m EW}$  is dominated by giant EW K-factors.

alternative/modified multiplicative ansatz:

$$= d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{q\bar{q}} \left(1 + \delta_{\rm QCD}^{q\bar{q}}\right) \left(1 + \delta_{\rm EW}^{q\bar{q}}\right) + d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{\gamma\gamma} \left(1 + \delta_{\rm EW}^{\gamma\gamma/q\gamma}\right) + d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{gg}$$
$$= d\sigma_{\rm NNLO\,QCD+EW} + d\sigma_{\rm LO} \delta_{\rm QCD} \,\delta_{\rm EW}^{q\bar{q}}$$

yields behaviour consistent with EW Sudakov logs

•Caveat: splitting in  $q\bar{q}$  and  $\gamma\gamma/\gamma q$  channels is ad-hoc/scheme dependent







- ➡check!





- •NLO QCD/LO reduced to 10-20%
- •Very small difference between additive and multiplicative QCD-EW combinations







# gg-induced WW and ZZ production











![](_page_22_Figure_6.jpeg)

- Formally same order as NNLO QCD
- Enhanced due to gg flux
- Interference with H->VV

![](_page_22_Picture_10.jpeg)

[M. Grazzini, S. Kallweit, J.Y.Yook, M. Wiesemann; WW: '20, ZZ: '21]

![](_page_23_Figure_2.jpeg)

# NLO QCDgg

[Alioli, Ferrario Ravasio, JML, Röntsch, '21]

![](_page_23_Figure_5.jpeg)

•ggWW/ggZZ @ NLO QCD + PS available! (VV-cont.,  $H \rightarrow VV \&$  interference)

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![](_page_23_Picture_8.jpeg)

### Tribosons

![](_page_24_Picture_1.jpeg)

### Triboson production @ NLO QCD

![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

- - → 'giant K-factors'
  - $\rightarrow$  strong observable dependence
  - → NLO mandatory
- jet veto ( $pT_{cut} = 50 \text{ GeV}$ ) reduces size and phase space dependence
  - → better: multi-jet merging

### [Campanario et.al., '08]

![](_page_25_Figure_9.jpeg)

•QCD correction driven by additional jet activity:VV+jet topologies with soft V

### WWW @ NLO QCD+EW

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

- corrections w/o jet veto
- QCD corrections  $\approx$  70%, slight observable dependence

•  $\gamma$ -induced EW corrections large and observable dependent  $\rightarrow$  large accidental cancellations with EW corrections in  $q\bar{q}$ -channel

[Slide: M. Schönherr]

Dittmaier, Huss, Knippen arXiv:1705.03722

![](_page_26_Figure_7.jpeg)

### Triboson production: on-shell vs. off-shell

![](_page_27_Figure_1.jpeg)

• at large mll and  $pT_{II}$  large interference with other resonance structures

![](_page_27_Picture_3.jpeg)

### [M. Schönherr, '18] σ/dp<sub>T</sub> [fb/GeV] $10^{1}$ $d\sigma/dp_{T}$ [fb/GeV] SHERPA+RECOLA $e^{-}\mu^{+}\mu^{+}$ off-shell on-shell (BW) $10^{-2}$ $10^{-3}$ $10^{-}$ $e^-\mu^+\mu^+ar{ u}_e v_\mu v_\mu$ $e^{-}\mu^{+}\mu^{+}\bar{\nu}_{e}\nu_{\mu}\nu_{\mu}$ 1.8 $d\sigma/d\sigma_{off-shell}$ 0.8 0.6 1000 100 200 500 20 50 $p_{\rm T}$ [GeV] 1st lepton $\mathcal{U}$ $\mathcal{U}$ $W^+$ $W^+$

![](_page_27_Figure_5.jpeg)

### Off-shell VVV(3I+MET) production @ NLO EW

	inclusive			
	LO [fb]	$\delta_{EW}$	$\delta^{\sf EW}_{qar q}$	$\delta^{\sf EW}_{q\gamma/ar q\gamma}$
$\ell^-\ell^+\ell^+$	0.4209	<b>-2.0 %</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>	3.2 %
$e^-e^+e^+$	0.0212	-3.4 %	-7.1%	3.6 %
$e^-e^+e^+ar{ u}_e u_e u_e$	0.0206	-3.4 %	-7.0 %	3.6 %
$e^-e^+e^+ar{ u}_{\mu/ au} u_{\mu/ au} u_e$	0.0006	-5.4%	-9.5%	4.1 %
$e^-e^+\mu^+$	0.0938	-1.4%	-5.4%	4.1 %
$e^-e^+\mu^+ar{ u}_e u_e u_\mu$	0.0924	-1.4%	-5.4 %	4.1 %
$e^-e^+\mu^+ar u_\mu u_\mu u_\mu$	0.0007	-2.9%	-6.1%	3.2 %
$e^-e^+\mu^+ar u_ au u_\mu$	0.0007	-2.7 <b>%</b>	-6.2%	3.5 %
$e^-\mu^+\mu^+$	0.0955	-2.2 %	-4.6%	2.4 %
$e^-\mu^+\mu^+ar{ u}_e u_\mu u_\mu$	0.0955	-2.2 %	-4.6 <b>%</b>	2.4 %

- large accidental and cut dependent cancellations of Sudadov-type
- WWW channels receive smaller corrections than pure WZZ channels

### [M. Schönherr, '18]

neg. EW corrections and  $\gamma$ -induced pos. contribs w/ extra jet activity

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

• cancellations of EW corr. in qq and q $\gamma$  channels highly observable dependent

Off-shell VVV production @ NLO EW

[M. Schönherr, '18]

- Multilepton signatures dominated by VV / VVV / ttV SM backgrounds
- Upcoming large data samples will require more careful background estimates
- It will become mandatory to include higher-order QCD & EW
- Stare-of-the-art for VV at fixed-order: NNLO  $QCD \times NLO EW$
- Beyond fixed-order for VV:
  - •NNLO QCD + PS
  - MEPS @ NLO QCDxEW
  - NLO QCD + EW PS
- Stare-of-the-art for VVV at fixed-order: NLO  $QCD \times NLO EW$ 
  - off-shell calculations mandatory

## Conclusions

•QCD -> giant K-factors, but NNLO often allows to reach few percent precision • EW -> large EW Sudakov corrections at large energies: several tens of percent

•Very large cancellations between EW Sudakov and photon-induced corrections

# Backup

![](_page_31_Picture_2.jpeg)

# Giant K-factors and effect of jet veto

![](_page_32_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_32_Figure_2.jpeg)

$$_{
m o}~H_{
m T}^{
m lep}$$
 corresponds to

$$=\frac{2}{3}p_{T,V_1}$$
 for  $\xi_{veto} = 0.2$ 

![](_page_32_Picture_8.jpeg)

### PS MC: NLO QCD + EW PS[Chiesa, Re, Oleari '20]

![](_page_33_Figure_1.jpeg)

- Missing: photon-induced channels
- Question: NLO (QCD + EW) PS (QCD + QED) / (NLO QCD PS QCD) x NLO EW ?

Available in POWHEG-BOX-RES (Resonance aware matching)

NLO (QCD + EW) PS (QCD + QED)/NLO QCD PS (QCD + QED)

NLO (QCD + EW) PS (QCD + QED)/ NLO QCD PS QCD

![](_page_33_Picture_8.jpeg)

![](_page_33_Picture_9.jpeg)

![](_page_33_Picture_10.jpeg)

### Parton shower Monte Carlos: NNLO QCD +PS via Mi(N)NLO<sub>PS</sub> [Re, Wiesemann; Zanderighi '18]

### Jet veto

![](_page_34_Figure_2.jpeg)

 $\rightarrow$  NNLOPS physical down to  $p_T = 0$ 

### *p***<sub>T</sub> of dilepton system**

![](_page_34_Figure_7.jpeg)

 $\rightarrow$  NNLOPS cures perturbative instabilities ( $p_T^{miss}$  cut) → NNLOPS induces additional shape effects

 Currently only available for WW via MiNLO<sub>PS</sub> + reweighing • Full MiNNLO<sub>PS</sub> work in progress (recent results for Zy - 2010.10478)

![](_page_34_Picture_10.jpeg)

# PS MC: NNLO QCD + PS for VV via MiNNLO<sub>PS</sub>

![](_page_35_Figure_2.jpeg)

- MiNNLO<sub>PS</sub> physical down to pTVV=0
- Also available for  $Z\mathbf{y}$ : <u>2010.10478</u> [Lombardi, Wiesemann; Zanderighi '20]

![](_page_35_Figure_7.jpeg)

• Latest implementation does not require computationally expensive reweighting required earlier • Alternative NNLOPS approach available for ZZ in GENEVA [Alioli, Broggio, Gavardi, Kallweit, Lim, Nagar, Napoletano '21]

![](_page_35_Picture_9.jpeg)

### Triboson production calculations

### NLO QCD

 on-shell fixed-order off-shell fixed-order

- on-shell matched to parton showers in SHERPA, multijet merged WWW + 0, 1j
- off-shell matched to parton showers should be available in automated tools (MG5\_aMC, SHERPA+OPENLOOPS/RECOLA)

### NLO EW

- on-shell known for some time
- off-shell recently computed
- no matching to parton showers available yet

[Slide: M. Schönherr]

Binoth et.al. arXiv:0804.0350 Campanario et.al. arXiv:0809.0790  $\rightarrow$  available in aut. tools (MG5\_aMC, SHERPA+OPENLOOPS/RECOLA) Höche et.al. arXiv:1403.7516

Yong-Bai et.al. arXiv:1605.00554 Dittmaier, Huss, Knippen arXiv:1705.03722

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