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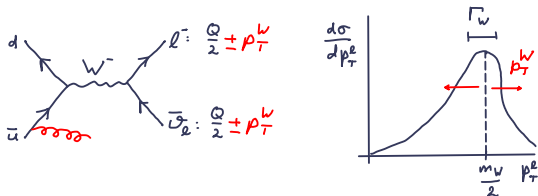
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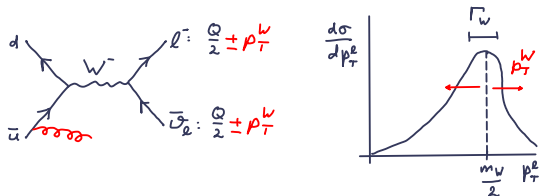
[ATLAS, 1701.07240]

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 m_W^{\text{LHCb}} &= 80354 \pm 23_{\text{stat.}} \\
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[LHCb, 2109.01113]

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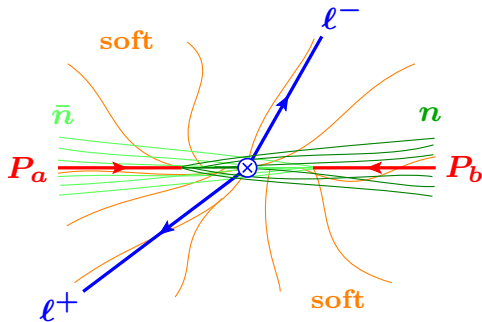
## Challenges Opportunities for theory

- Need sub-percent precision on  $d\sigma/dp_T^Z$  and  $d\sigma/dp_T^W$ 
  - ▶ Leave no stone unturned: QCD three-loop corrections, QED radiative corrections, quark mass effects, parametric and nonperturbative uncertainties
- Resum singular terms & large logarithms  $\frac{\alpha_s^n}{q_T} \left(\ln \frac{q_T}{Q}\right)^{2n-1}$  to all orders in  $\alpha_s$

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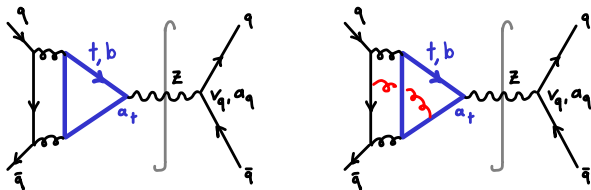
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- Use exact analytic solutions of virtuality and rapidity RG equation, combined with fast numerically exact solution of  $\beta$  function [Ebert '21]

...will come back to this

- Choose RG boundary scales as *hybrid profile scales*  $\mu_X(b_T, q_T, Q)$ :  
[Lustermans, JKLM, Tackmann, Waalewijn '19]

$$\mu_X(b_T, q_T \ll Q) = \frac{b_0}{b_T} \quad \text{but} \quad \mu_X(b_T, q_T \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow \mu_{\text{FO}} = Q$$

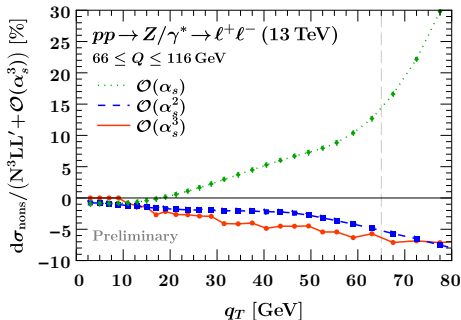
- Apply “local”  $b^*$  prescription starting at  $\mathcal{O}(b_T^4)$  to virtuality scales *only*:

$$\mu_X \rightarrow \mu_X^* = \left[ (\mu_X^{\min})^4 + \left( \frac{b_0}{b_T} \right)^4 \right]^{1/4} = \frac{b_0}{b_T} \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{O} \left[ (\mu_i^{\min} b_T)^4 \right] \right\}$$

- ▶ Avoids contaminating nonperturbative corrections at quadratic order  
[Conflict with  $b_T$ -space renormalon structure: Scimemi, Vladimirov '18]  
[Translation back to momentum space: Ebert, JKLM, Stewart, Sun '22]

- For PDFs inside beam functions, use  $\mu_f^{\min} = \min\{Q_0, m_c\}$

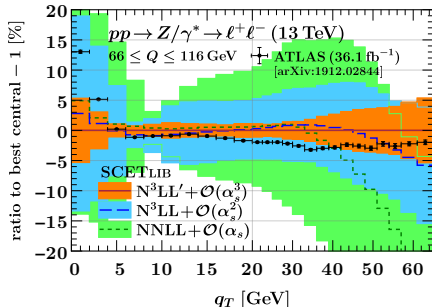
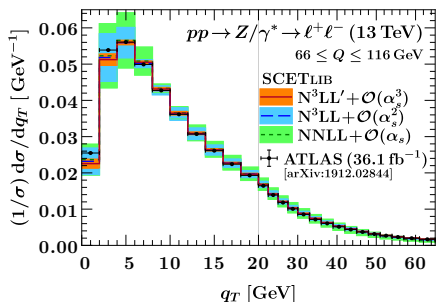
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- In-house analytic implementation of all helicity structure functions at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$
- Fiducial  $Z$ +jet MC data at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  from MCFM  
[Campbell, Ellis, et al. '99, '15]
- Very recently: Precise fiducial  $Z$ +jet MC data at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$  from NNLOjet  
[Chen et al., 2203.01565 – many thanks to the NNLOjet collaboration for providing the raw data.]
- Use that  $\left| \int_0^{8 \text{ GeV}} dq_T \frac{d\sigma_{\text{nons}}^{(3)}}{dq_T} \right| \leq 1 \text{ pb}$  to drop  $d\sigma_{\text{nons}}^{(3)}$  below 8 GeV

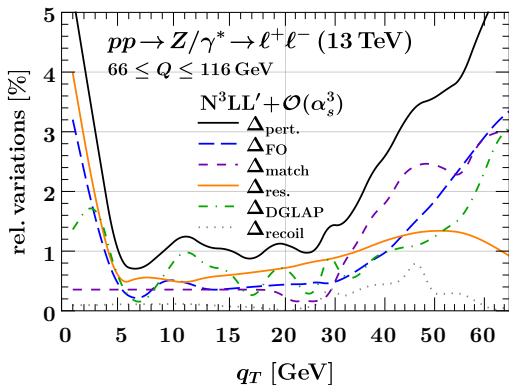
# Results: Central prediction and perturbative convergence for $Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$

- Central results use MSHT20nnl0 with  $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.118, n_f = 5$
- NNLO (= three-loop!) PDF evolution formally sufficient at N<sup>3</sup>LL':
  - DGLAP kernels are a noncusp anomalous dimension
  - Scale dependence cancels within three-loop beam function
  - Separate question whether PDFs should have been extracted using three-loop  $\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$



- Excellent perturbative convergence towards three-loop result
- Higher orders are covered by uncertainty estimate at lower orders  
...see next five slides for how they are estimated

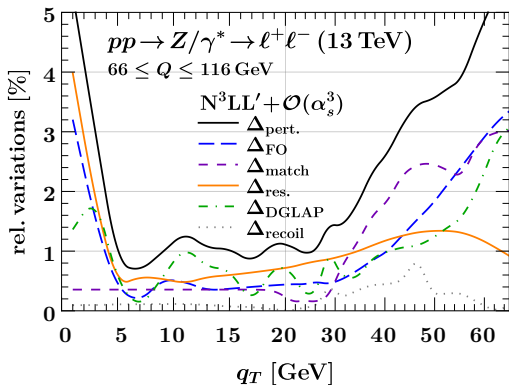
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- Fixed-order uncertainty, keeps resummed logarithms unchanged
- Estimated by standard variations of overall  $\mu_R = \mu_{\text{FO}}$
- All scales (except  $\mu_f$ ) are chosen  $\propto \mu_{\text{FO}}$ , so e.g.  $\mu_H/\mu_S$  unchanged
- Frozen out at  $b_T \lesssim 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  by  $\mu_X^*$  prescription  $\Rightarrow$  disentangled from NP

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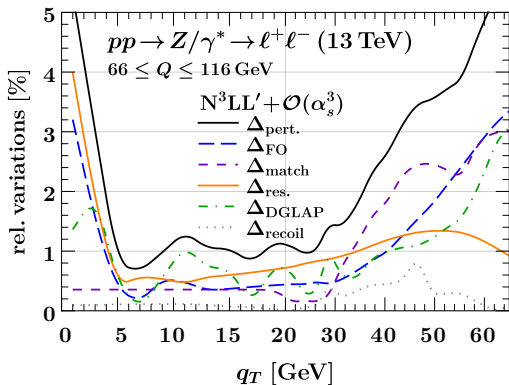
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- Uncertainty from **matching scheme** between resummed peak and fixed-order tail
- Estimated by varying the  $x = q_T/Q$  transition points in hybrid profile as

$$\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} = \{0.3, 0.6, 0.9\} \pm \{0.1, 0.15, 0.2\}$$

- Checked that *inclusive* integrated cross section is recovered within  $\Delta_{\text{match}}$

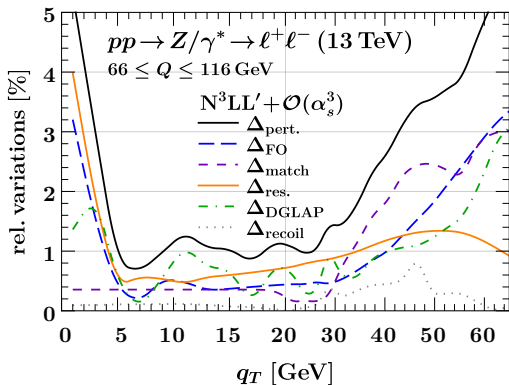
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- Probes higher-order **resummed** logarithms
- Estimated by envelope of 36 different combinations of independently varying  $\{\mu_B, \mu_S, \nu_B, \dots\}$  in  $\sigma^{(0)} = HB \otimes B \otimes S$
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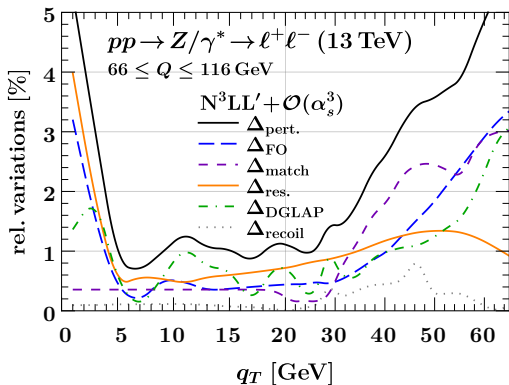
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- Estimate of missing higher orders (four loops) in **DGLAP** running
- Estimated both in peak and tail by joint variations of  $\mu_f(b_T, q_T, Q)$  and  $\mu_F(Q)$
- Oscillatory due to  $b_T$ -space features at uncanceled  $m_b$  threshold

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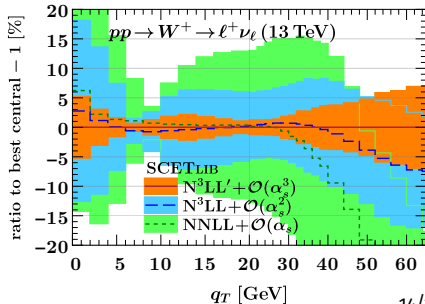
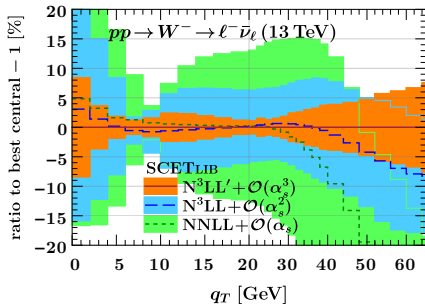
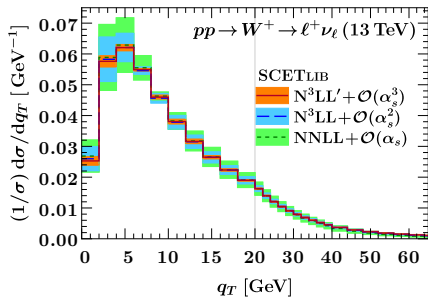
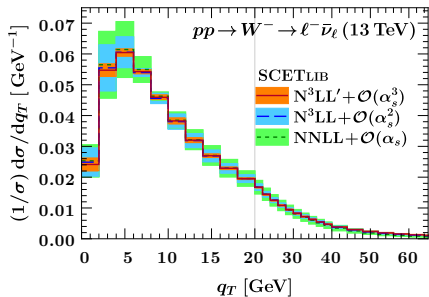


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- RPI-I transformation of  $n_a^\mu, n_b^\mu$  in  $W_{\text{LP}}^{\mu\nu} \sim g_\perp^{\mu\nu}(n_a, n_b)$
- Induces  $\mathcal{O}(q_T^2/Q^2)$  change in spectrum due to fiducial cuts on  $L_{\mu\nu}$   
[Ebert, JKLM, Stewart, Tackmann '20]
- Equivalent to changing “recoil prescription”/choice of  $Z$  rest frame by  $\mathcal{O}(q_T/Q)$

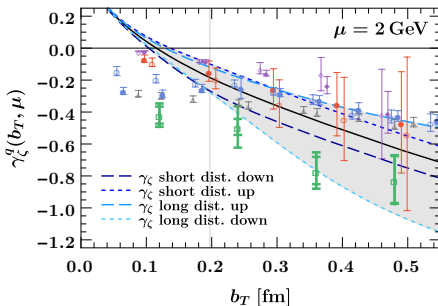


# Results: Predictions for $W^\pm \rightarrow \ell\nu$



# Nonperturbative model for the Collins-Soper kernel

$$\frac{1}{2}\gamma_{\nu, \text{NP}}^q(b_T) = \gamma_{\zeta, \text{NP}}^q(b_T) = c_{\zeta}^i \tanh\left(\frac{\omega_{\zeta, i}^2}{|c_{\zeta}|} b_T^2\right) = \text{sgn}(c_{\nu}^i) \omega_{\zeta, i}^2 b_T^2 + \mathcal{O}(b_T^4)$$



- Vary either  $\omega_{\zeta}$  (“short distance”) or  $c_{\zeta}$  (“long distance”) to cover lattice results  
[Collection of lattice data reproduced from Shanahan, Wagman, Zhao, 2107.11930]
- Pick central value of  $\text{sgn}(c_{\nu}^i) \omega_{\zeta, i}^2 (1 \pm 2)$  to serve as bias correction for known leading (NNLL) bottom quark mass effect in  $\gamma_{\zeta}^q$ :



$$\Delta\gamma_{\zeta}^q(b_T, m_b, \mu) = \frac{\alpha_s^2}{\pi^2} C_F T_F (m_b b_T)^2 \left( \ln \frac{b_T^2 m_b^2}{4e^{-2\gamma_E}} - 1 \right) \approx -(0.25 \text{ GeV})^2 b_T^2$$

- Most general structure of leading NP correction  $b_T^2 \Lambda_i^{(2)}(\mathbf{x})$  is complicated
- However, can show that for a given process and fiducial volume, only a *single average coefficient*  $\bar{\Lambda}$  remains after the integral over hard phase space  $\Phi_B$ :

[Ebert, JKLM, Stewart, Sun '22]

$$\tilde{\sigma}(b_T) = \tilde{\sigma}^{(0)}(b_T) \left\{ 1 + b_T^2 \left( 2\bar{\Lambda}^{(2)} + \gamma_{\zeta, q}^{(2)} L_{Q^2} \right) \right\} + \mathcal{O}[(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} b_T)^4]$$

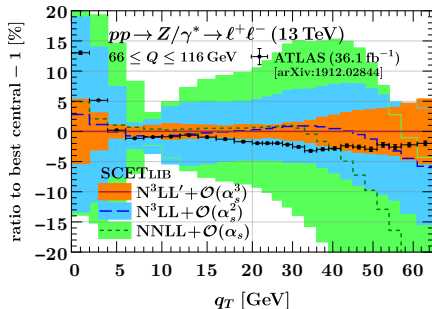
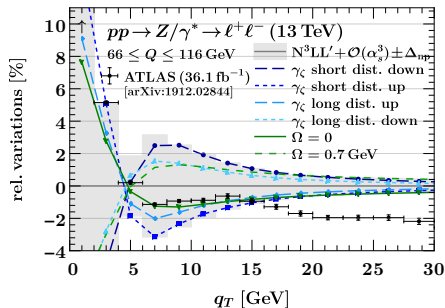
$$\bar{\Lambda}^{(2)} = \frac{\int d\Phi_B A(\Phi_B) \sum_{i,j} \sigma_{ij}^B(Q) f_i^{(0)}(x_a, \mu_0) f_j^{(0)}(x_b, \mu_0) [\Lambda_i^{(2)}(x_a) + \Lambda_j^{(2)}(x_b)]}{2 \int d\Phi_B A(\Phi_B) \sum_{i,j} \sigma_{ij}^B(Q) f_i^{(0)}(x_a, \mu_0) f_j^{(0)}(x_b, \mu_0)}$$

- ▶ Idea: Promote  $\bar{\Lambda}^{(2)}$  to a single-parameter Gaussian model

$$f_i^{\text{NP}}(x, b_T) = \exp(-\Omega^2 b_T^2) \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{\Lambda}^{(2)} = -\Omega^2$$

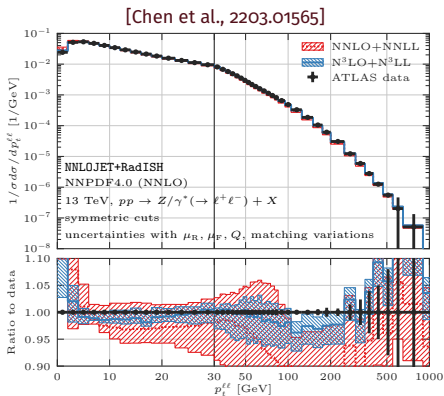
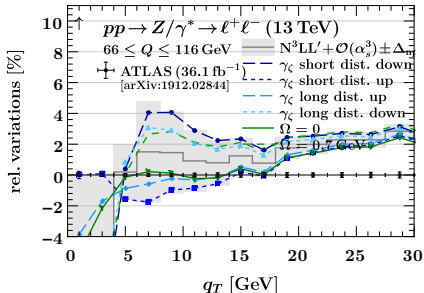
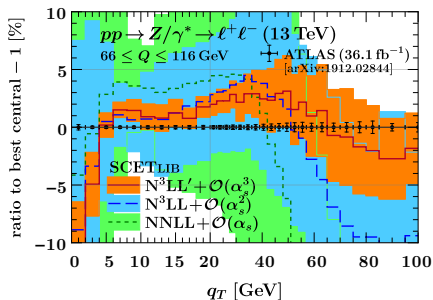
- Take central  $\Omega = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$  and vary it as  $\Omega = \{0, 0.7\} \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ For  $q_T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ , this captures the most general form of the leading NP correction to the rapidity-integrated  $q_T$  spectrum

## Results: Nonperturbative contributions



- Taken at face value, the lowest bins seem to prefer *weaker* NP effects
- $N^3LL$  closer to data for  $q_T \leq 15$  GeV with our default NP parameters, suggesting that three-loop and NP corrections can be traded off for one another
- Overshoot data at  $q_T = 20 - 30$  GeV, way outside NP effect strength

# Comparison with RadISH (using identical NNLOjet fixed-order matching)



- Can recover the data for  $q_T \leq 4$  GeV with NP model  $\approx$  off
- To recover the RadISH result at  $\leq 4$  GeV, would need large positive  $\gamma_\zeta^{(2)}$  or  $\bar{\Lambda}^{(2)}$
- In either case, cannot recover  $\geq 20$  GeV due to  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2/q_T^2$  scaling imposed by TMD factorization & OPE

- Common ingredient: Sudakov evolution kernels from  $\mu_0 \sim Q$  to  $\mu \sim 1/b_T, q_T$

e.g.: 
$$K_\Gamma(\mu_0, \mu) = \int_{\mu_0}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \Gamma[\alpha_s(\mu')] \ln \frac{\mu'}{\mu_0}$$

- Implementation of Sudakov kernels in SCETlib is exactly equal to numerical solution of  $\beta$  function + numerical  $\mu'$  integral
  - ▶  $\beta(\alpha_s)$  and  $\Gamma(\alpha_s)$  truncated after  $\alpha_s^4$ ,  
no additional approximations or assumptions
  - ▶ Exact RGE closure  $U(\mu_0, \mu) U(\mu, \mu_0) = 1$
  - ▶ Exact path independence in  $(\mu, \nu)$  or  $(\mu, \zeta)$  plane
- ...but much faster, thanks to closed-form results in [Ebert, 2110.11360] in terms of a single polynomial root-finding problem

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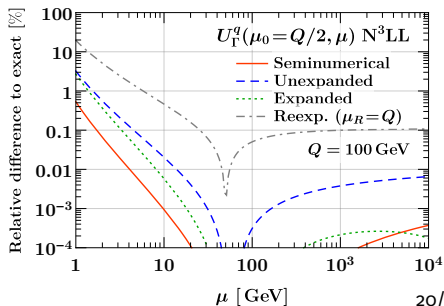
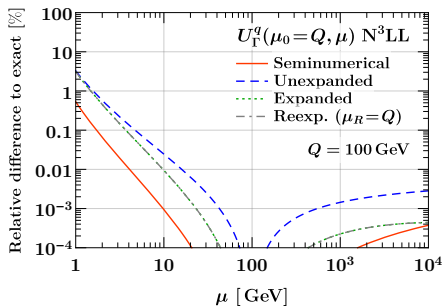
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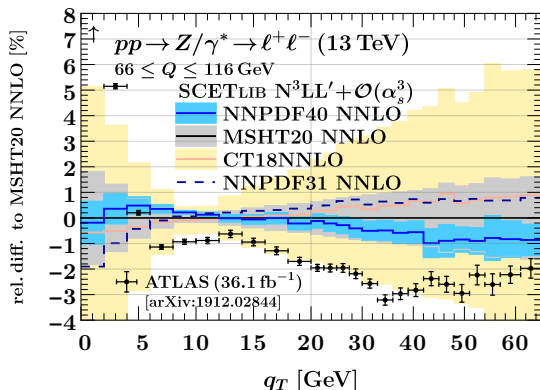
- Common to expand  $K_\Gamma(\mu_0, \mu)$  in terms of  $\alpha_s(\mu_0)$  throughout instead  
 $\Rightarrow$  simpler analytic solution with  $g^{(1)}$  a function of an  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  argument:

$$K_\Gamma^{\text{exp.}}(\mu_0, \mu) = Lg^{(1)}(\alpha_s(\mu_0)L) + \text{NLL}, \quad L = \ln \frac{\mu_0}{\mu}$$

- However, reexpanding in terms of  $\alpha_s(\mu_R)$ ,  $\mu_R \neq \mu_0$  (read:  $\mu_0 =$  resummation scale) leads to large truncation errors [Billis, Tackmann, Talbert, 1907.02971]



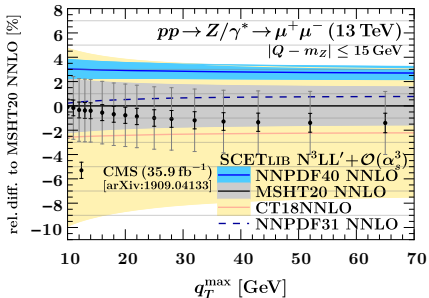
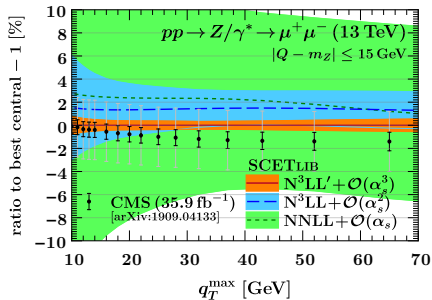
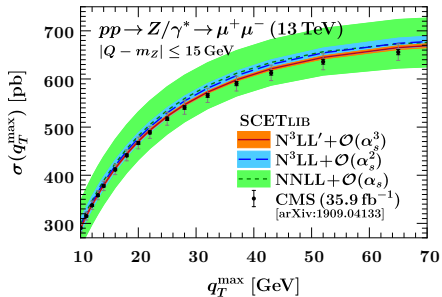
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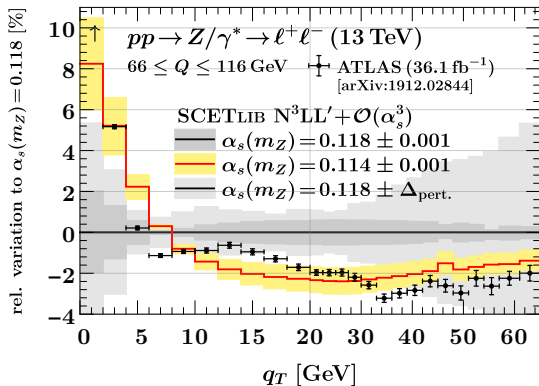


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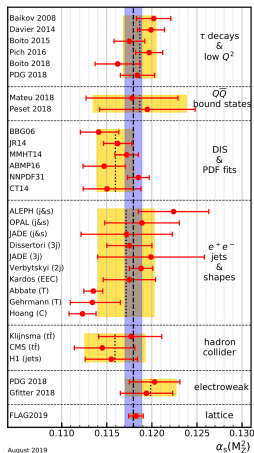
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- Parametric uncertainty due to  $\alpha_s(m_Z)$  on par with perturbative uncertainty
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# This is not unprecedented ...



- Lower values of  $\alpha_s(m_Z)$  have previously been reported in fits to  $e^+e^-$  event shapes (thrust and  $C$  parameter)
- **DISCLAIMER:** This was *not* an actual fit to  $\{\alpha_s(m_Z), \Omega, \omega_\zeta^{(2)}\}$ .
- Like  $p_T^{Z/W}$ , these are driven by all-order resummation ...

## T. Rex Might Have Had Close Cousins

New York Times, March 1, 2022

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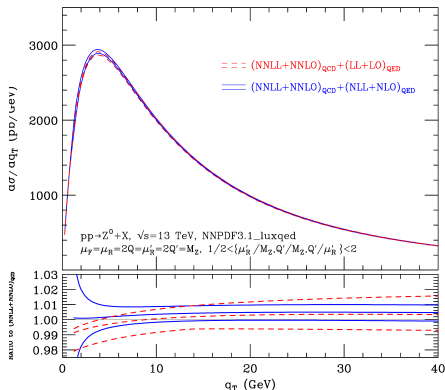
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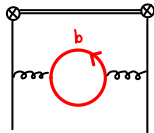
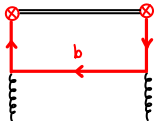
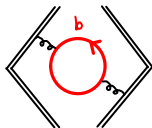
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- Subleading power resummation & factorization for *nonsingular* cross section  
[Progress towards doing this at least for  $\mathcal{O}(q_T/Q)$  azimuthal correlations!]  
[Moos, Scimemi, Rodini, Vladimirov '21-'22; Ebert, Gao, Stewart '21  $\rightarrow$  see yesterday's session]
- Full resummed treatment of mass effects/flavor thresholds
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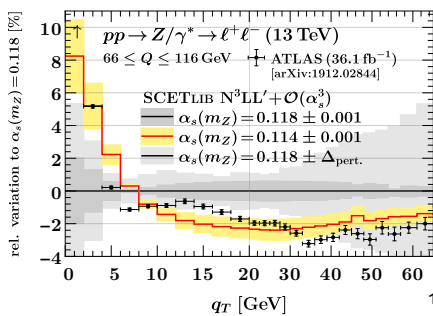
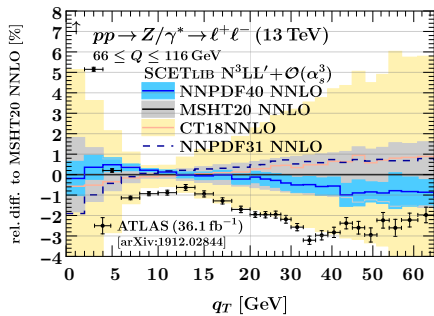
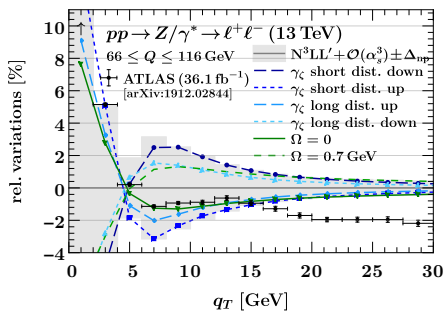
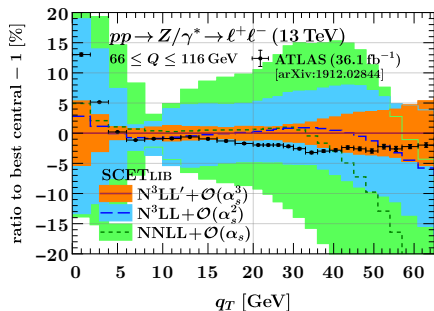
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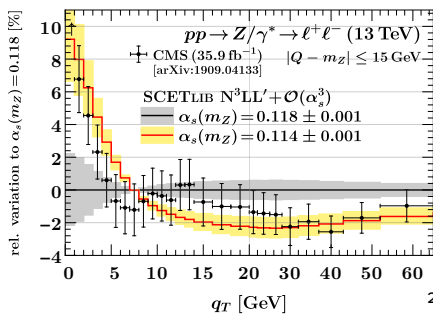
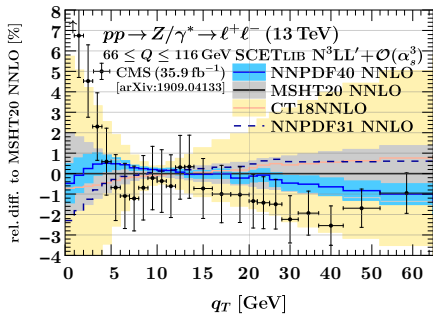
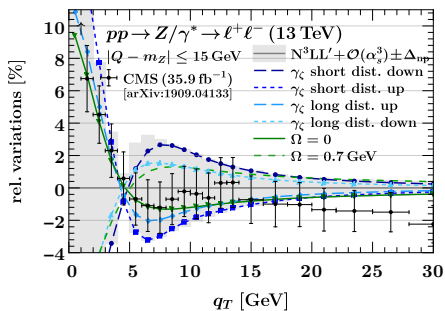
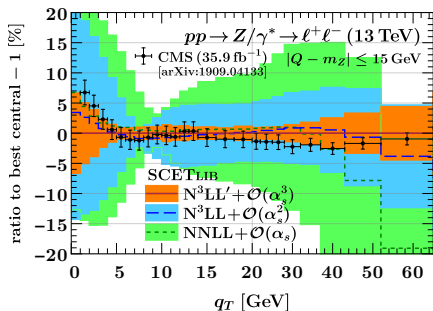


Backup

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# CMS normalized spectrum (dressed leptons)



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