

VH Production

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Gluon-induced contribution to $pp \rightarrow ZH$

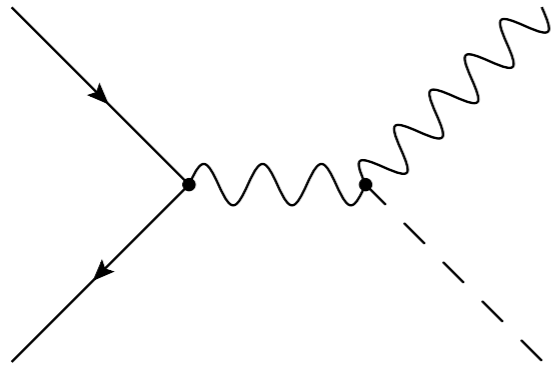
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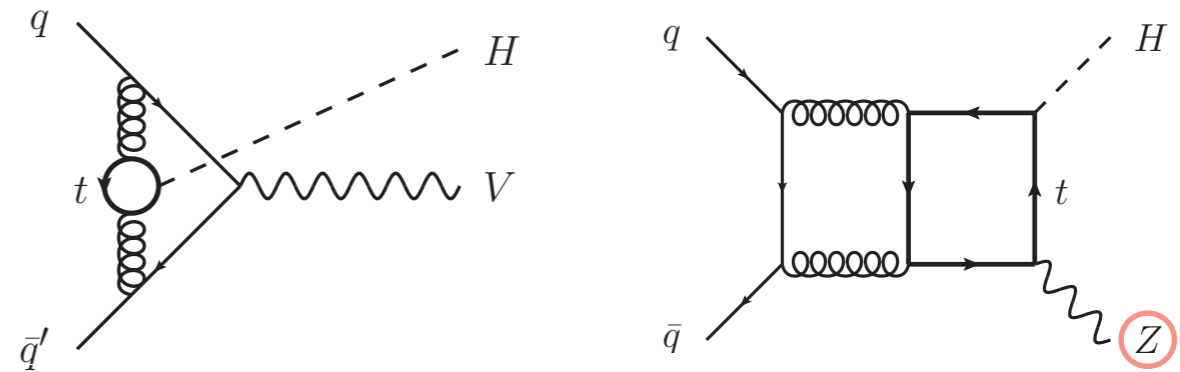
Summary

Overview of $pp \rightarrow VH$ @ Fixed-order



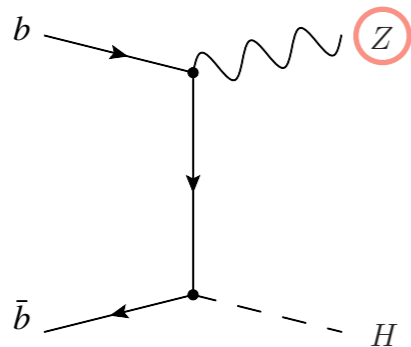
Drell-Yan piece (N^3LO known)

Brein, Djouadi, Harlander 03; Ferrera, Grazzini, Tramontano 14; Kumara, Mandal, Ravindran 14; Baglio, Duhr, Mistlberger, Szafron 22



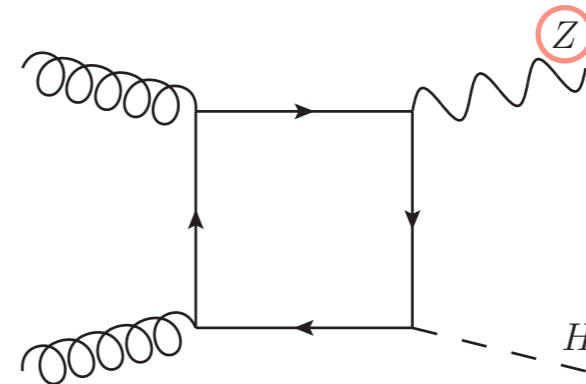
Non-Drell-Yan $q\bar{q}$ piece $\sim 1-2\%$

Brein, Harlander, Wiesemann, Zirke 11



$b\bar{b}$ piece (NNLO known)

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



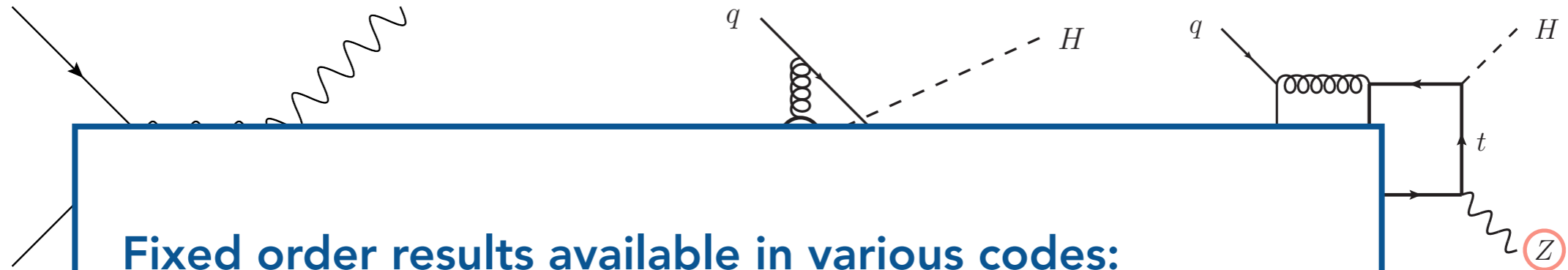
Gluon-induced (NLO known) $\sim 10\%$

Dicus, Kao 88; Kniehl 90; Altenkamp, Dittmaier, Harlander, H. Rzehak, Zirke 12; Wang, Xu, Xu, Yang 21; Chen, Davies, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner, Mishima, Schlenk, Steinhauser 22; Degrossi, Gröber, Vitti, Zhao 22

+ EW corrections (NLO known) $\sim -5-10\%$

Ciccolini, Dittmaier, Krämer 02; Brein, Ciccolini, Dittmaier, Djouadi, Harlander, Krämer 04; Denner, Dittmaier, Kallweit, Mück 12

Overview of $pp \rightarrow VH$ @ Fixed-order



Fixed order results available in various codes:

HAWK (NLO QCD + NLO EW)

Denner, Dittmaier, Kallweit, Mück 14

vh@nnlo (NNLO QCD + NLO EW)

Brein, Harlander, Zirke 12; Harlander, Klappert, Liebler, Simon 18

MCFM (NNLO QCD)

Campbell, Ellis, Williams 16

N3LO (N3LO DY QCD)

Baglio, Duhr, Mistlberger, Szafron 22

~10%

Drell-Ya

Brein, Djoua

Tramontano

Baglio, Duhr

b

\bar{b}

$b\bar{b}$ piec

Ahmed, Ajjath, Chen, Dhani, Mukherjee,

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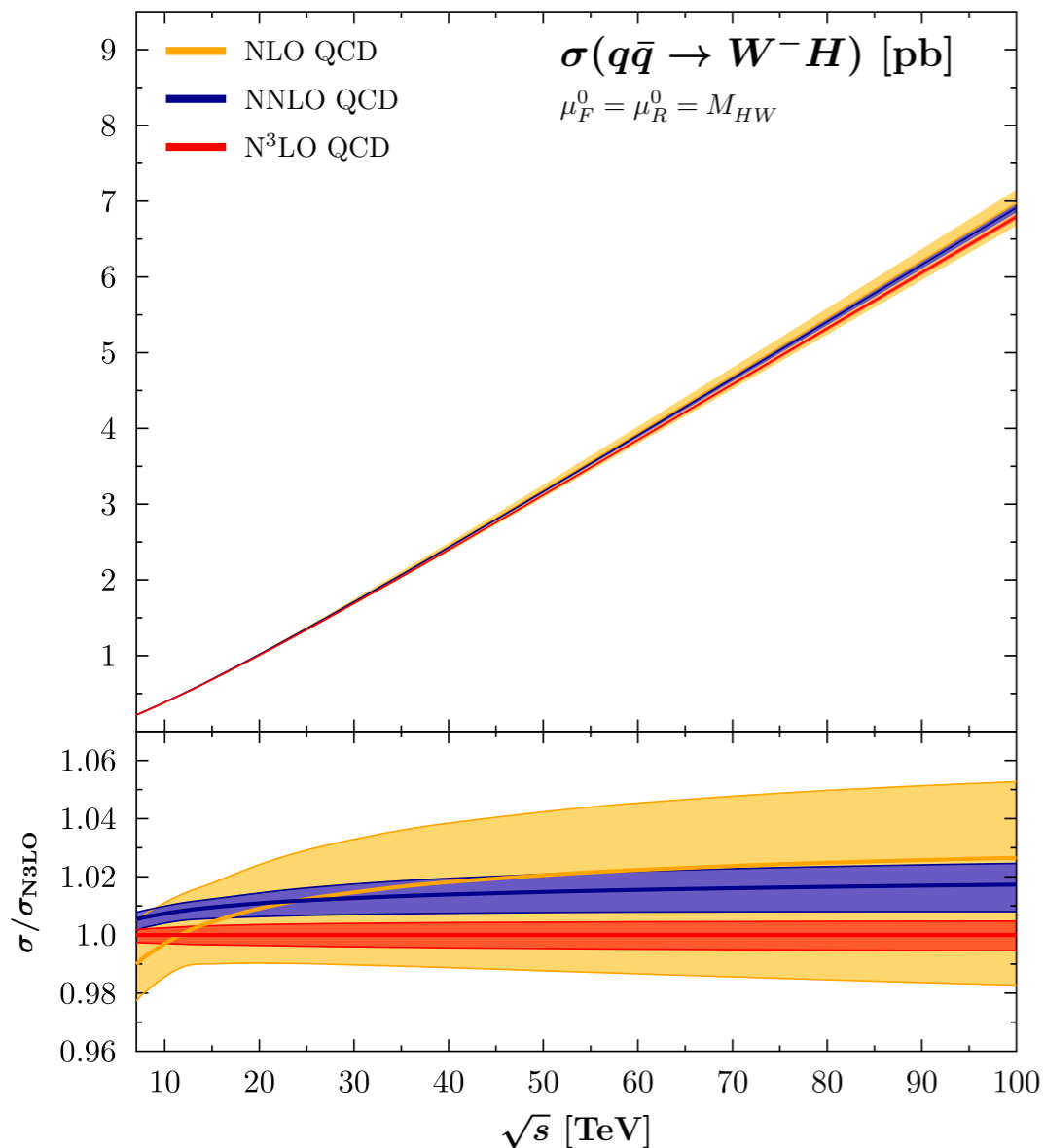
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N³LO Drell-Yan $pp \rightarrow VH$

Process	σ^{LO} [pb]	σ^{NLO} [pb]	K^{NLO}	σ^{NNLO} [pb]	K^{NNLO}	$\sigma^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}}$ [pb]	$K^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}}$
W^+H	$0.758^{+2.43\%}_{-3.13\%}$	$0.883^{+1.38\%}_{-1.20\%}$	1.16	$0.891^{+0.28\%}_{-0.34\%}$	1.18	$0.884^{+0.27\%}_{-0.30\%}$	1.17
W^-H	$0.484^{+2.50\%}_{-3.26\%}$	$0.560^{+1.34\%}_{-1.23\%}$	1.16	$0.564^{+0.27\%}_{-0.34\%}$	1.17	$0.559^{+0.30\%}_{-0.33\%}$	1.16
ZH	$0.678^{+2.40\%}_{-3.11\%}$	$0.786^{+1.33\%}_{-1.16\%}$	1.16	$0.792^{+0.25\%}_{-0.32\%}$	1.17	$0.786^{+0.26\%}_{-0.29\%}$	1.16

$pp \rightarrow W^-H + X$ | PDF4LHC15_nnlo_mc



N³LO Drell-Yan QCD corrections to $pp \rightarrow VH$
 publicly available in code n3loxs

[Baglio, Duhr, Mistlberger, Szafron 22](#)

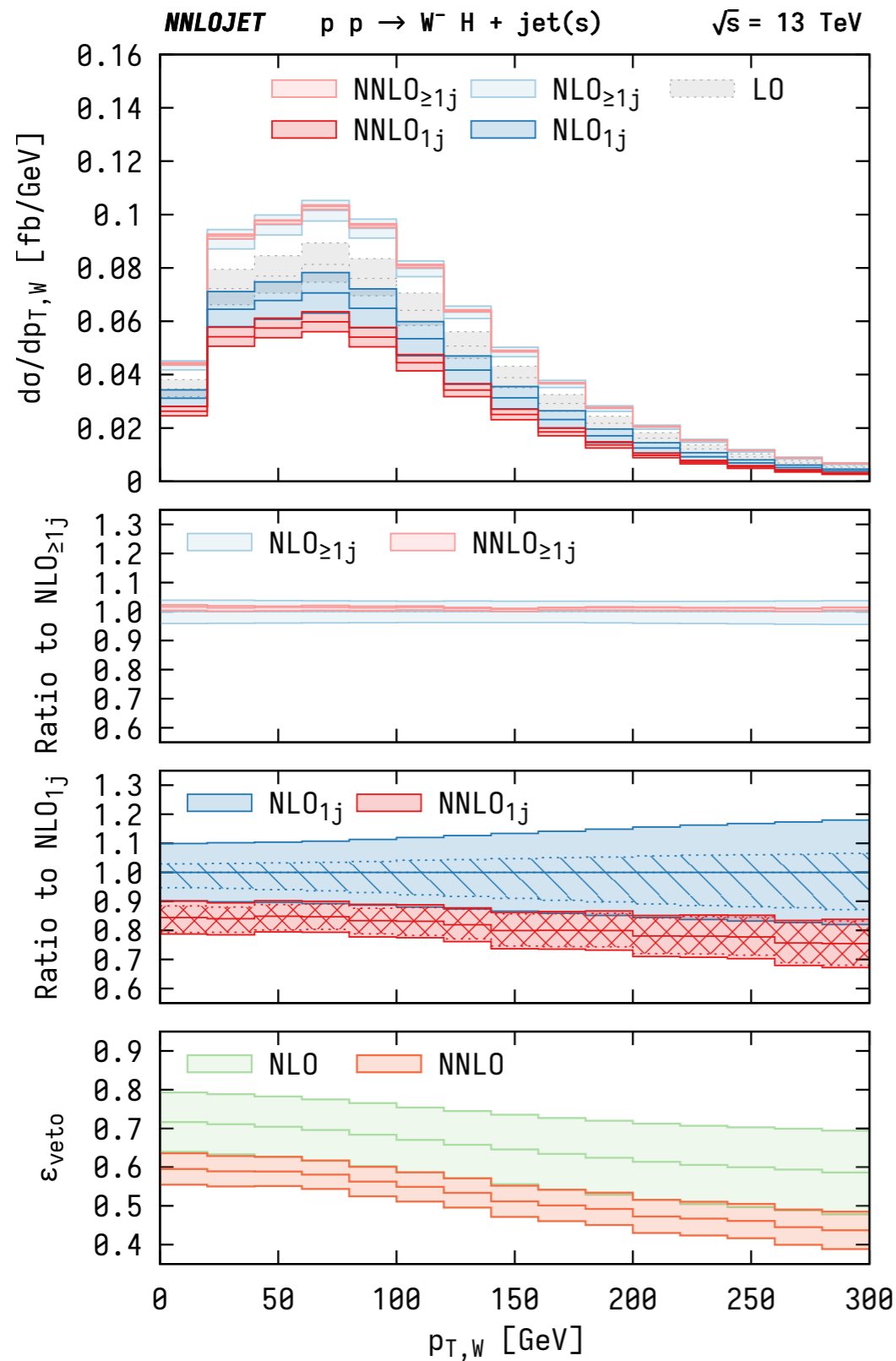
Result obtained using N³LO result for off-shell
 Drell-Yan production of W/Z then attaching the
 decay $V^* \rightarrow VH$

Behaviour of result broadly similar to Drell-Yan

NNLO corrections unusually small

N³LO corrections slightly larger than NNLO
 corrections and scale bands do not overlap

NNLO VH + jet(s)



σ [fb]	σ^{LO}	$\sigma_{\text{DY}}^{\text{NLO}}$	$\sigma_{\text{DY}+R_I}^{\text{NLO}}$	$\sigma_{\text{DY}}^{\text{NNLO}}$	σ^{NNLO}
$W^-H + \geq 1 \text{ jet}$	$12.30^{+1.24}_{-1.09}$	$15.18^{+0.52}_{-0.56}$	$15.40^{+0.57}_{-0.59}$	$15.37^{+0.03}_{-0.12}$	$15.59^{+0.05}_{-0.15}$
$W^-H + 1 \text{ jet}$	$12.30^{+1.24}_{-1.09}$	$10.13^{+0.45}_{-0.83}$	$10.35^{+0.41}_{-0.78}$	$8.61^{+0.44}_{-0.47}$	$8.82^{+0.40}_{-0.43}$

NNLO QCD including Drell-Yan type and top-loop induced contributions

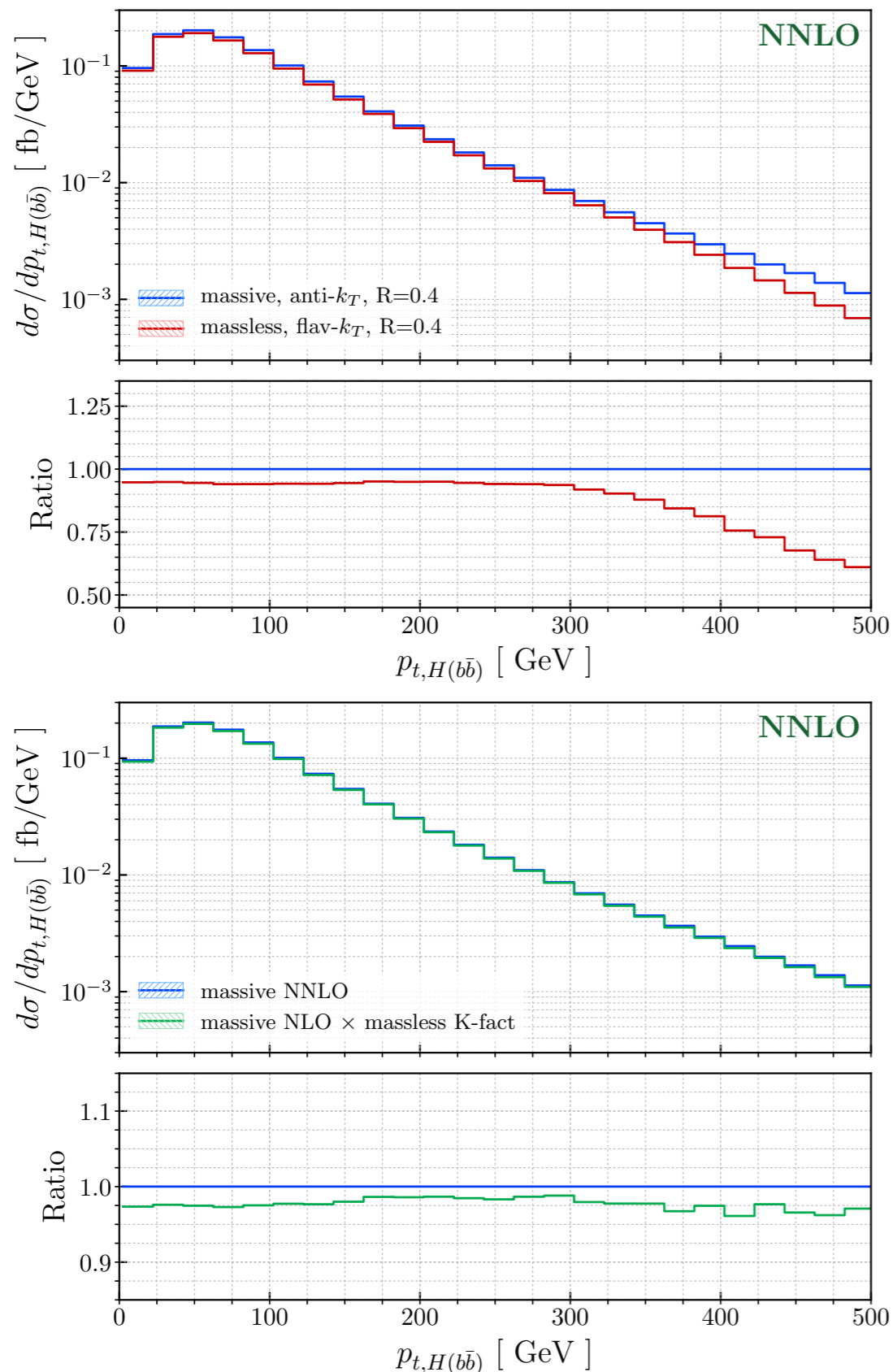
Gauld, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Glover, Huss, Majer 19, 20, 21

Flat $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$ corrections for DY corrections to inclusive jet production within scale uncertainty

Corrections $\mathcal{O}(-10\%)$ for exclusive jet production (residual TH uncertainty $\mathcal{O}(5\%)$)

Top-loop induced contributions are small for WHj but larger for ZHj (gluon fusion contribution), have biggest impact for $p_{T,Z} > 150 \text{ GeV}$

NNLO+PS $W(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}) + b$ mass effects



WH production with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ @ NNLO + PS

Astill, Bizon, Re, Zanderighi 18

+ NNLO with bottom mass effects

+ Anomalous couplings / SMEFT

Behring, Bizon, Caola, Melnikov, Röntschi 20;

Bizoń, Caola, Melnikov, Raoul Röntschi 21

Allows application of realistic jet algorithms for b jets (important for TH vs EXP)

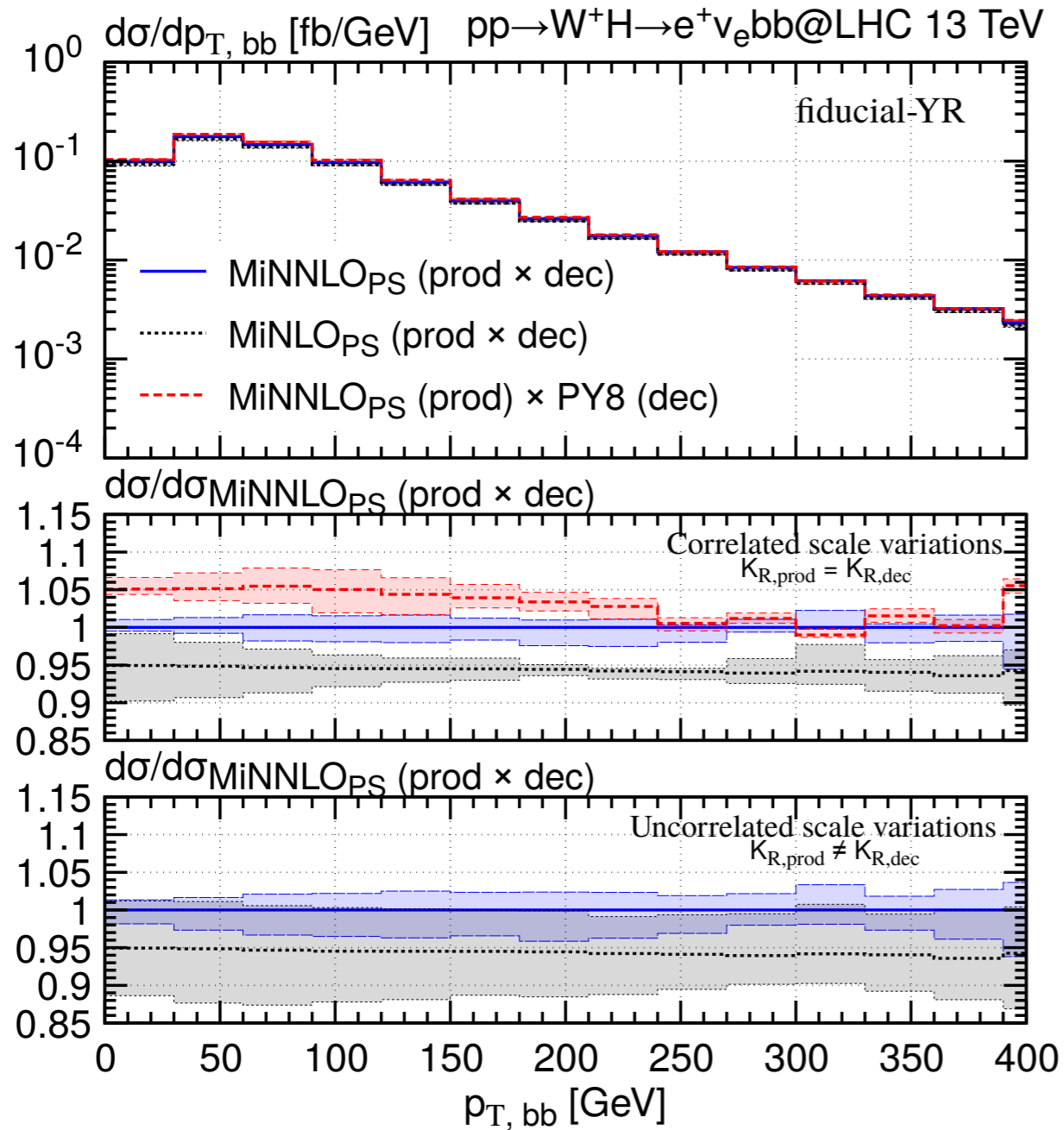
Including b mass increases σ_{tot} by +6.3 % (+7.7 % for boosted σ_{fid})

Rescaling massive NLO works for some distributions (e.g. $p_{t,H(b\bar{b})}$ but not $m_{H(b\bar{b})}$),

Results rely on use of flavour jet algorithms, saw a lot of theoretical development recently

Caletti, Larkoski, Marzani, Reichelt 22; Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet 22; Caola, Grabarczyk, Hutt, Salam, Scyboz, Thaler 23

POWHEG/MiNNLO/GENEVA for $pp \rightarrow VH$



QCD+EW (NLO with PS)

Granata, Lindert, Oleari, Pozzorini 17

GENEVA (NNLL'+NNLO with PS)

Alioli, Broggio, Kallweit, Lim, Rottoli 19

MiNNLO (NNLO with PS) also with decays

$pp \rightarrow l^+l^-b\bar{b}$, $pp \rightarrow \nu_l\bar{\nu}_l b\bar{b}$, $pp \rightarrow l^\pm\nu_l b\bar{b}$

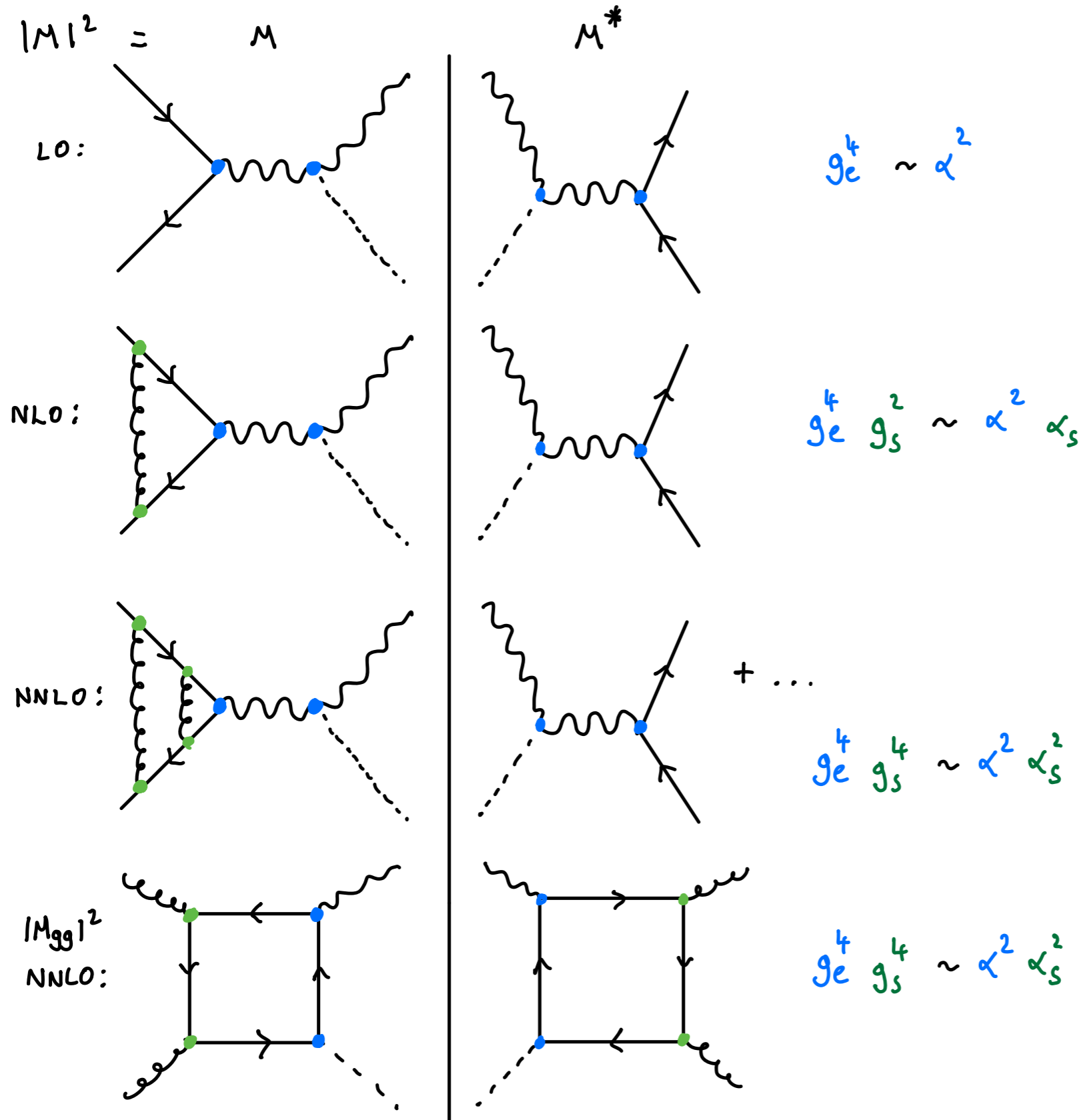
Zanoli, Chiesa, Re, Wiesemann, Zanderighi 21

MiNNLO SMEFT $pp \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow l^+l^-b\bar{b}$

Haisch, Scott, Wiesemann, Zanderighi, Zanoli 22

$pp \rightarrow W^+H \rightarrow e^+\nu_e b\bar{b}$		
σ [fb]	inclusive	fiducial-YR
MiNLO'	$54.04^{+6.6\%}_{-3.6\%}$	$20.13^{+2.3\%}_{-3.1\%}$
MiNNLO _{PS}	$57.44^{+1.7\%}_{-0.8\%}$	$21.27^{+1.3\%}_{-1.3\%}$
$pp \rightarrow W^-H \rightarrow e^-\bar{\nu}_e b\bar{b}$		
σ [fb]	inclusive	fiducial-YR
MiNLO'	$33.82^{+6.6\%}_{-3.6\%}$	$13.07^{+2.4\%}_{-3.3\%}$
MiNNLO _{PS}	$35.87^{+1.5\%}_{-0.7\%}$	$13.77^{+1.5\%}_{-1.6\%}$
$pp \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow e^+e^-b\bar{b}$		
σ [fb]	inclusive	fiducial-YR
MiNLO'	$14.88^{+6.7\%}_{-3.7\%}$	$5.21^{+2.2\%}_{-3.0\%}$
MiNNLO _{PS} (no $gg \rightarrow ZH$)	$15.79^{+1.8\%}_{-0.9\%}$	$5.48^{+1.2\%}_{-1.2\%}$
MiNNLO _{PS} (with $gg \rightarrow ZH$)	$16.99^{+3.6\%}_{-2.3\%}$	$6.07^{+3.4\%}_{-2.9\%}$

Overview of $pp \rightarrow ZH$ (II)



The $gg \rightarrow ZH$ channel contributes to $pp \rightarrow ZH$ starting at NNLO in QCD

However due the large gluon-gluon luminosity at the LHC it contributes significantly ($\sim 10\%$) to the total cross section

ZH in Gluon Fusion

Full leading order (loop induced)

Dicus, Kao 88; Kniehl 90

NLO in the limit of $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ ($K \approx 2$)

Altenkamp, Dittmaier, Harlander, H. Rzehak, Zirke 12

Virtual Corrections:

$1/m_t^8$ Expansion + Padé approx

Hasselhuhn, Luthe, Steinhauser 17

$1/m_t^{10}$ & m_t^{32} Expansion + Padé approx

Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20

Numerical

Chen, Heinrich, SPJ, Kerner, Klappert, Schlenk 20

p_T^4 Expansion

Alasfar, Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber, Vitti 21

$p_T^4 + m_t^{12}$ Expansion + Padé approx

Bellafronte, Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber, Vitti 22

NLO results:

small m_z, m_h Expansion

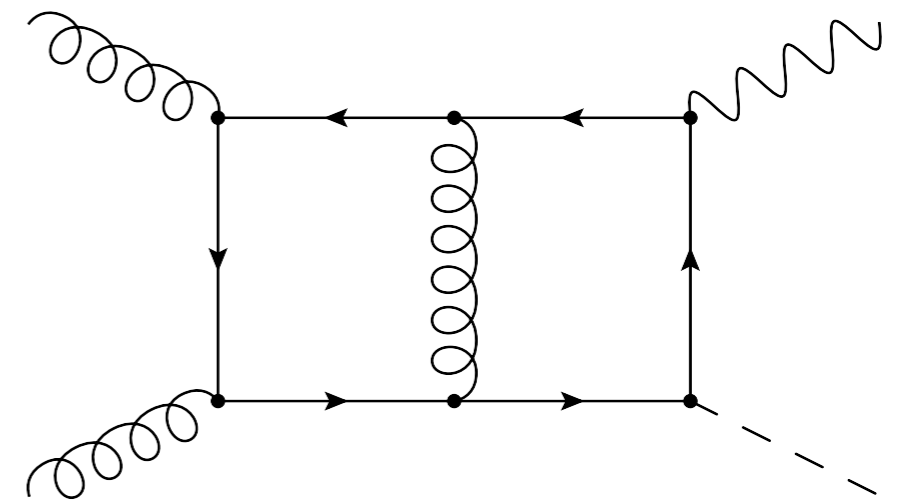
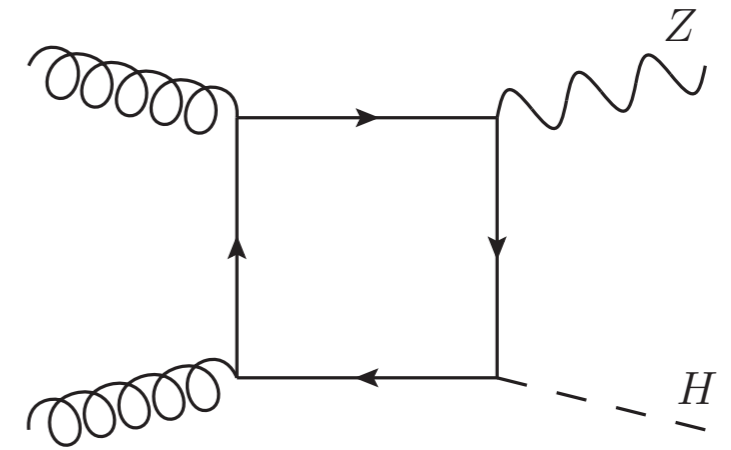
Wang, Xu, Xu, Yang 21

Numerical + m_t Expansion

Chen, Davies, Heinrich, SPJ, Kerner, Mishima, Schlenk, Steinhauser 22

$p_T + m_t$ Expansion

Degrassi, Gröber, Vitti, Zhao 22



Inclusive Cross Section $gg \rightarrow ZH$

Wang et al. 21: $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

$\mu_r = \mu_f$	σ_{LO}^{gg}	σ_{NLO}^{gg}	$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow ZH}^{w/o gg}$	$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow ZH}$
$M_{ZH}/3$	73.56(7)	129.4(3)	784.0(7)	913.4(7)
M_{ZH}	51.03(5)	101.7(2)	781.1(7)	882.9(7)
$3M_{ZH}$	36.62(4)	80.4(2)	780.7(8)	861.1(8)

Find good agreement between groups when same inputs used

NLO corrections are very large ($K \approx 2$)

Chen et al. 22: $\mu_R = \mu_F = m_{ZH}$

\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%}

Currently in process of updating Higgs WG recommendation using these results

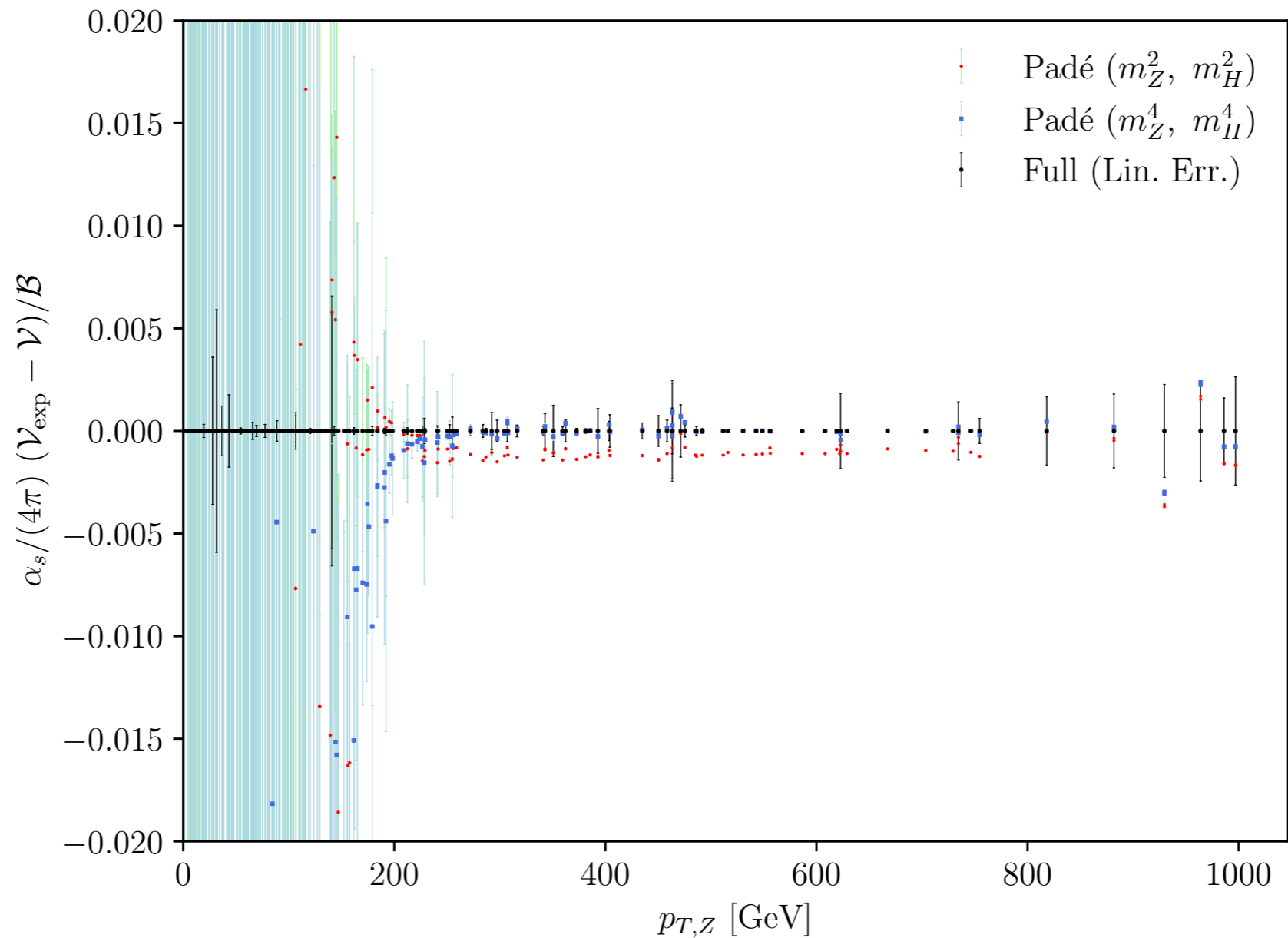
Degrassi et al. 22: $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, $\mu_R = \mu_F = m_{ZH}/2$

Top-mass scheme	LO [fb]	$\sigma_{LO}/\sigma_{LO}^{OS}$	NLO [fb]	$\sigma_{NLO}/\sigma_{NLO}^{OS}$	$K = \sigma_{NLO}/\sigma_{LO}$
On-Shell	64.01 ^{+27.2%} _{-20.3%}	-	118.6 ^{+16.7%} _{-14.1%}	-	1.85
$\overline{MS}, \mu_t = M_{ZH}/4$	59.40 ^{+27.1%} _{-20.2%}	0.928	113.3 ^{+17.4%} _{-14.5%}	0.955	1.91
$\overline{MS}, \mu_t = m_t^{\overline{MS}}(m_t^{\overline{MS}})$	57.95 ^{+26.9%} _{-20.1%}	0.905	111.7 ^{+17.7%} _{-14.6%}	0.942	1.93
$\overline{MS}, \mu_t = M_{ZH}/2$	54.22 ^{+26.8%} _{-20.0%}	0.847	107.9 ^{+18.4%} _{-15.0%}	0.910	1.99
$\overline{MS}, \mu_t = M_{ZH}$	49.23 ^{+26.6%} _{-19.9%}	0.769	103.3 ^{+19.6%} _{-15.6%}	0.871	2.10

Comparison Numeric/Small m_t Expansion

The amplitude can be expanded around small m_t, m_h, m_z
 Known to (m_z^4, m_h^4, m_t^{32})

Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20;
 Mishima 18; Chen, Davies, Heinrich,
 SPJ, Kerner, Mishima, Schlenk,
 Steinhauser 22



Find **acceptable** agreement for $p_{T,Z} \geq 150$ GeV (<2.8% difference)

Comparison Small p_T / Small m_t Expansion



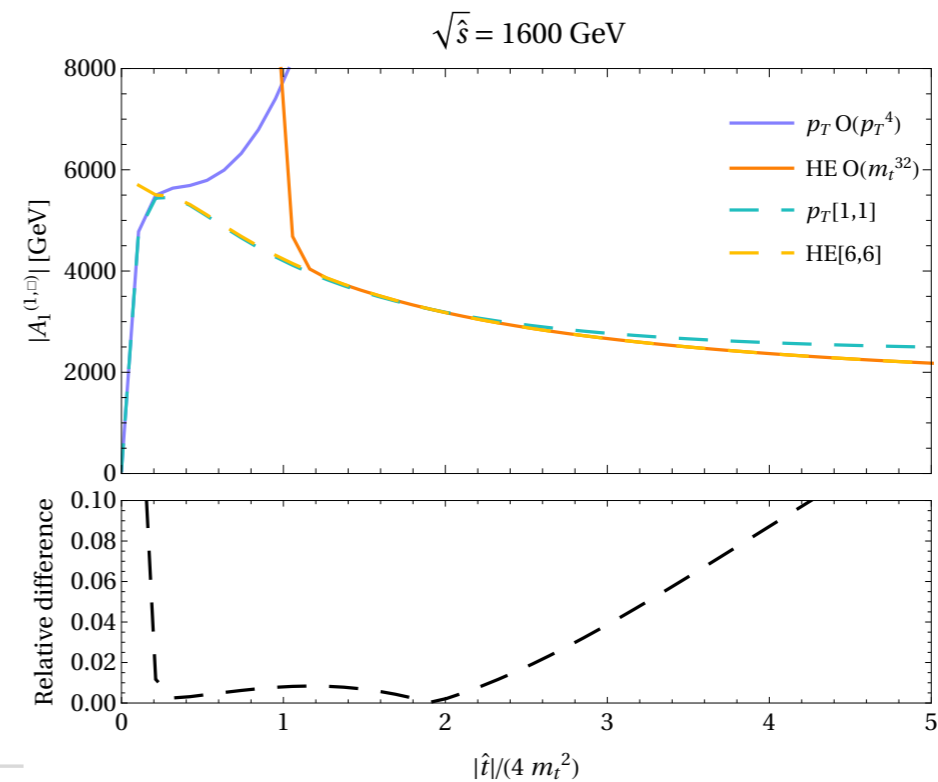
Merging pT and HE Expansions at NLO

Improve the convergence of a series expansion by matching the coefficients of the **Padé approximant** [m/n] [e.g. Fleisher, Tarasov ('94)]

$$f(x) \stackrel{x \rightarrow 0}{\simeq} c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_q x^q \quad f(x) \simeq [m/n](x) = \frac{a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_m x^m}{1 + b_1 x + \dots + b_n x^n} \quad (q = m + n)$$

[Bellafronte, Degraffi, Giardino, Gröber, MV -2103.06225]

- For each FF we merged the following results
 - pT exp improved by [1/1] Padé
 - HE exp improved by [6/6] Padé
- Padé results are stable and comparable in the region $|\hat{t}| \sim 4 m_t^2 \rightarrow$ can switch without loss of accuracy (% level or below)
- Evaluation time for a phase-space point below 0.1 s \Rightarrow suitable for Monte Carlo

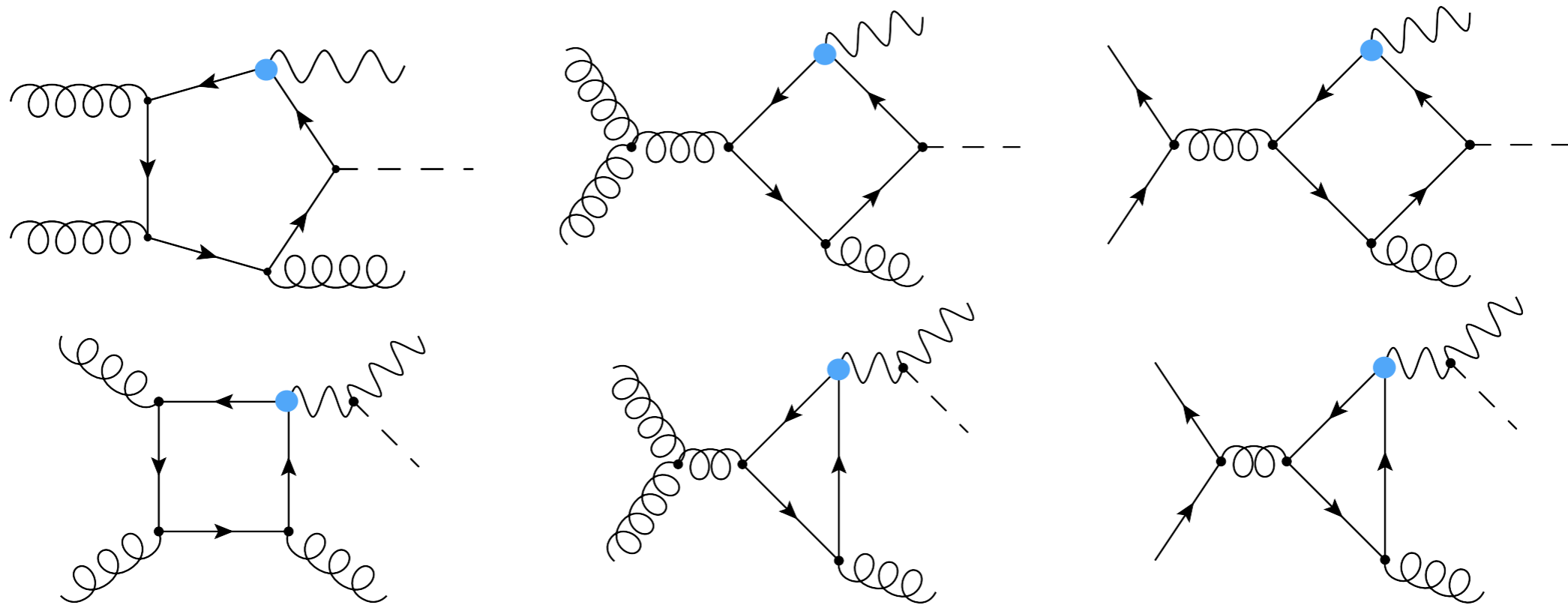


Slide: Marco Vitti (20th Workshop of the LHC Higgs Working Group)

Real Emission Diagrams

There is some **freedom** regarding which real diagrams we include in gg vs $q\bar{q}$
Must be careful not to double count when combining all channels for $pp \rightarrow ZH$

Diagrams included in all works ($n_f = 5$ + massive top in loop) + crossings

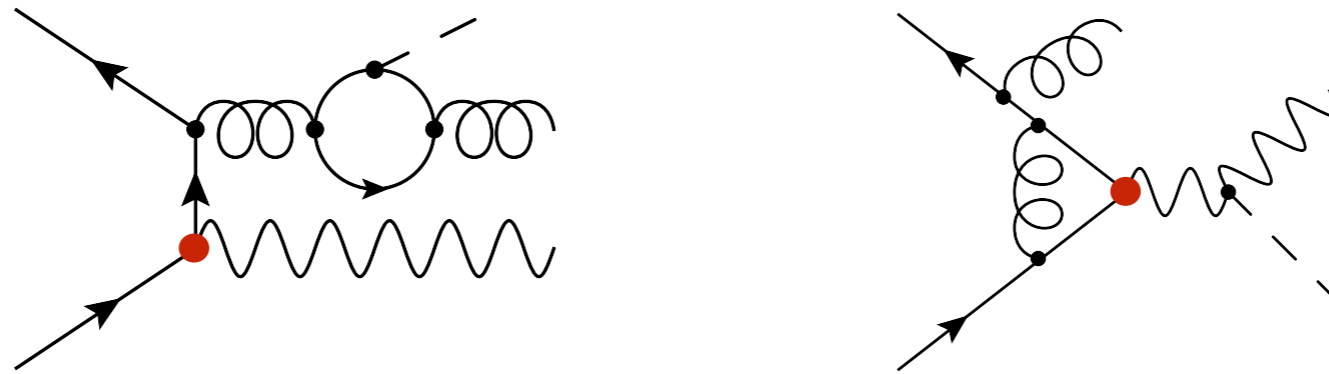


We require:

- 1) A closed fermion loop
- 2) A Z-boson or Goldstone boson coupled to that loop

Real Emission Diagrams (II)

Diagrams excluded in Wang et al./Chen et al., included in Degrassi et al

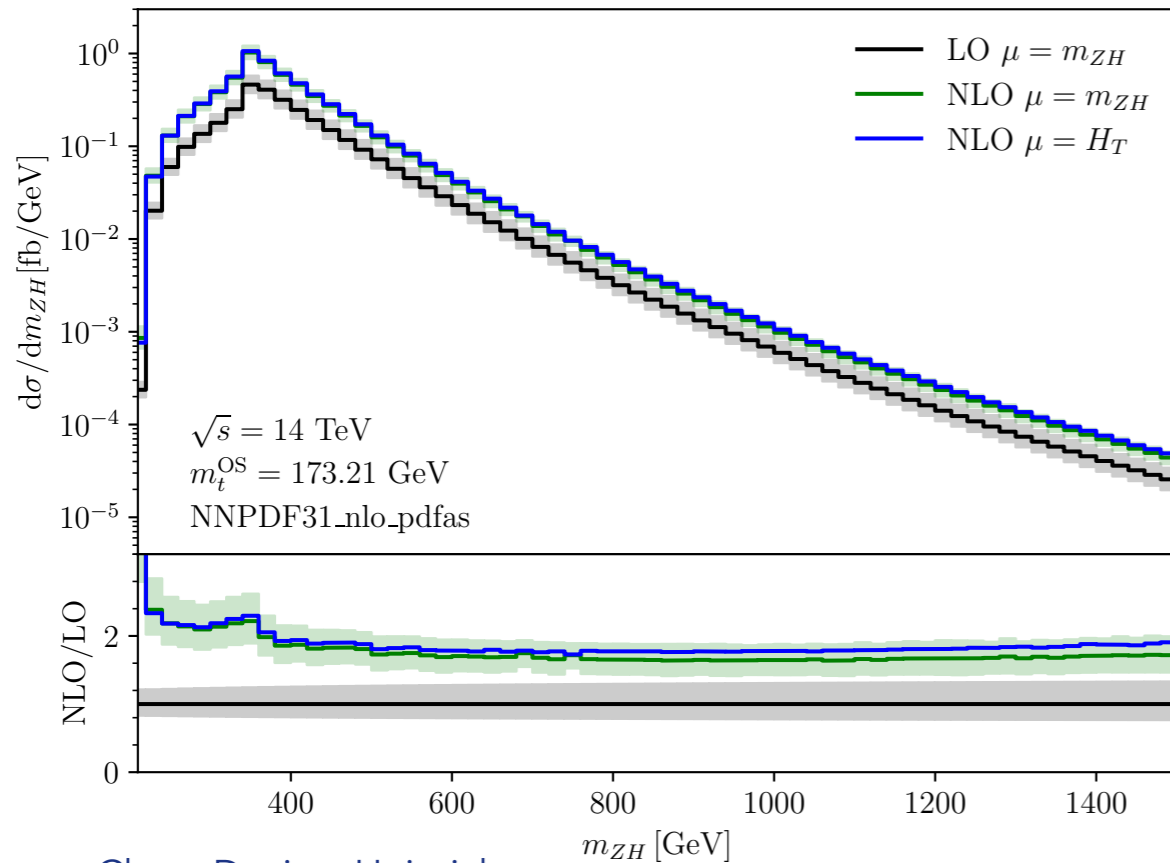


Left class of diagrams: separately UV/IR finite & gauge invariant
Previously studied in detail [See e.g. Brein, Harlander, Wiesemann, Zirke 12](#)

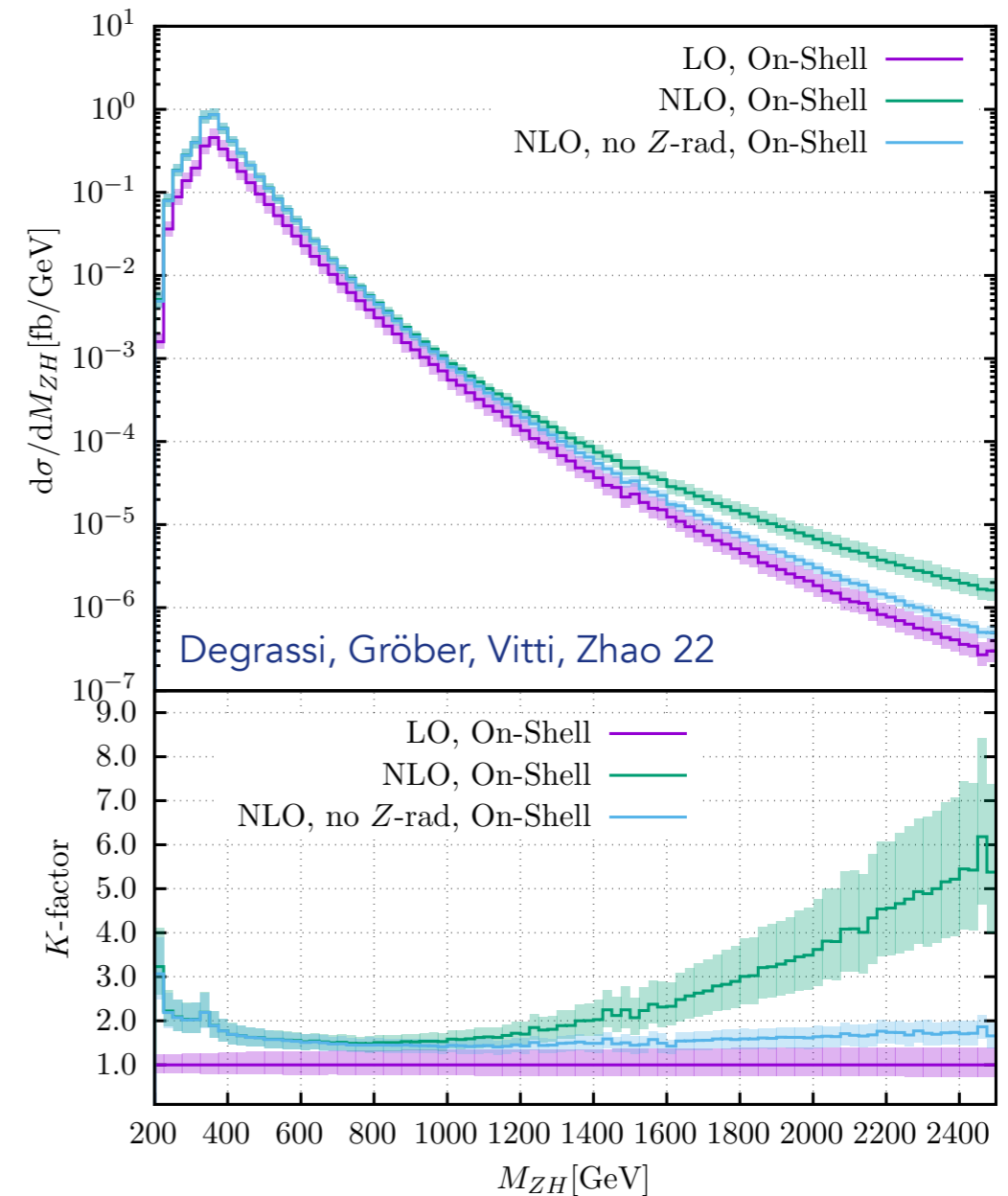
Right class of diagrams: belongs to real corrections to Drell-Yan (i.e. $q\bar{q}$)
Included in DY calculations

[Brein, Djouadi, Harlander 03;](#)
[Ferrera, Grazzini, Tramontano 14;](#)
[See also: Kumara, Mandal, Ravindran 14](#)

Invariant Mass $gg \rightarrow ZH$

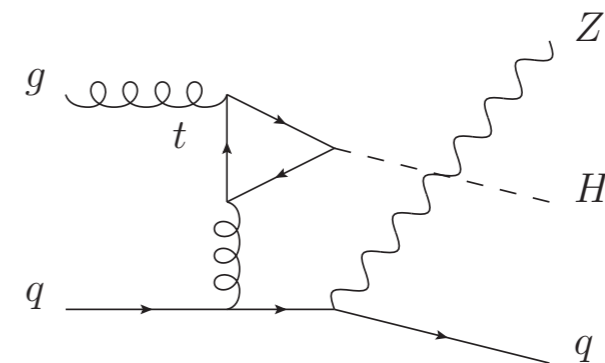


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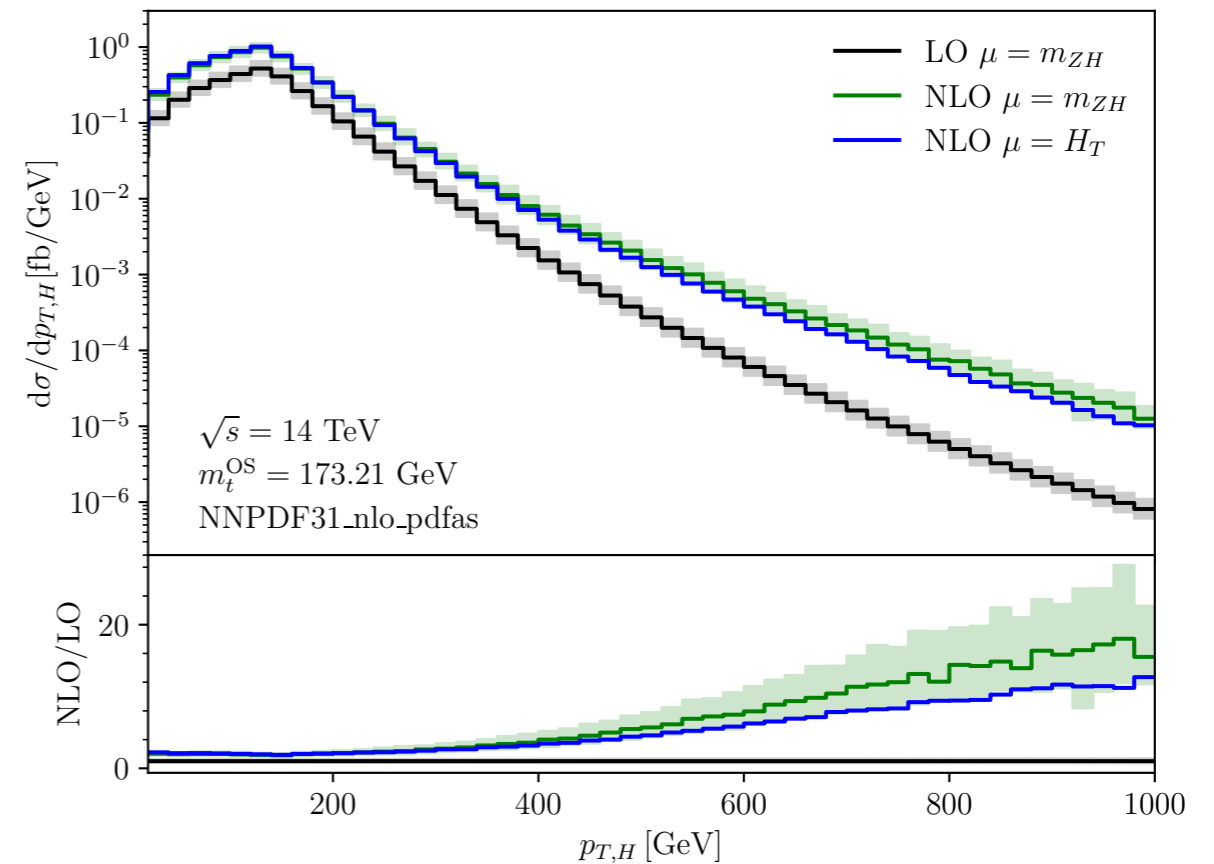
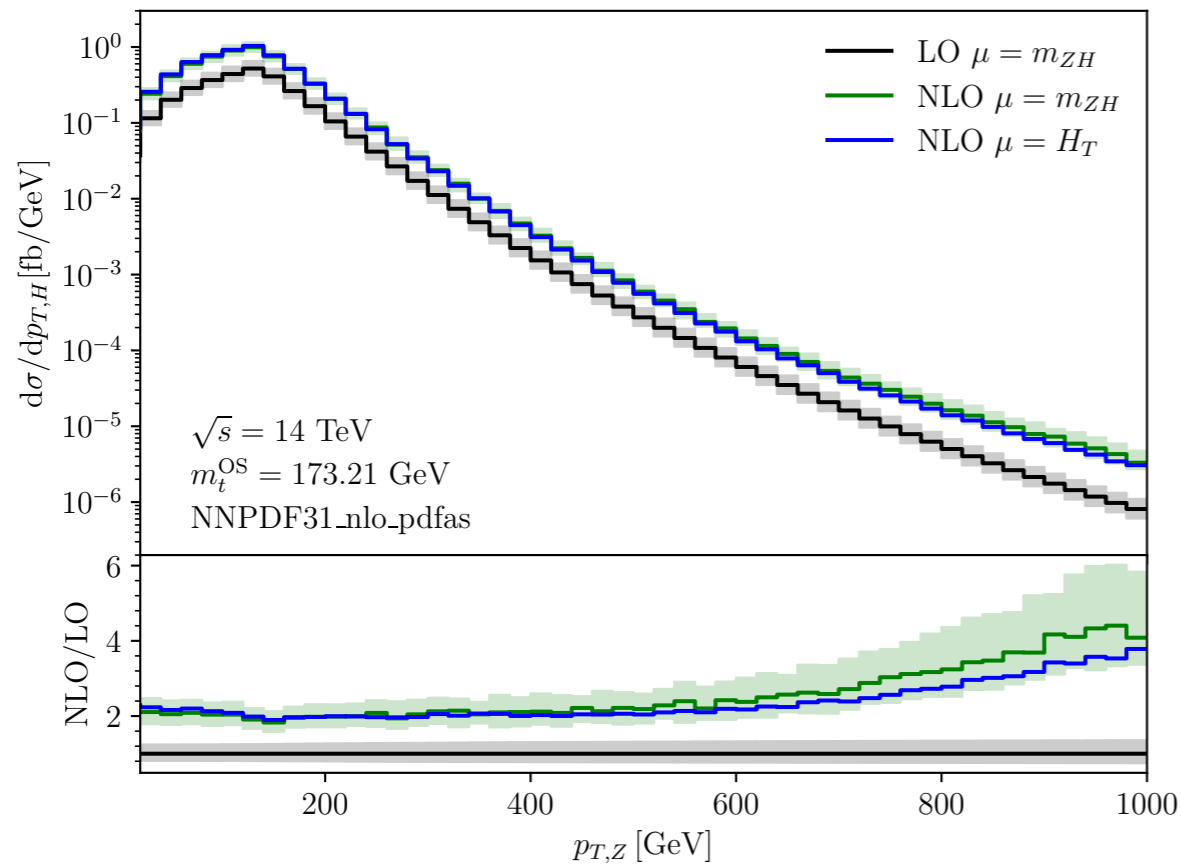


NLO/LO somewhat flat except at ZH and $t\bar{t}$ production thresholds

Large rise at high- m_{ZH} due to real diagrams with Z radiated from external quark line (Z -rad)



Z Transverse Momentum



$p_{T,Z}$: **Large** NLO corrections, rising sharply at large $p_{T,Z}$

Placing cuts on soft H emission only slightly tames growth

$p_{T,H}$: **Extremely** large pathological NLO corrections, rising very sharply at large $p_{T,H}$

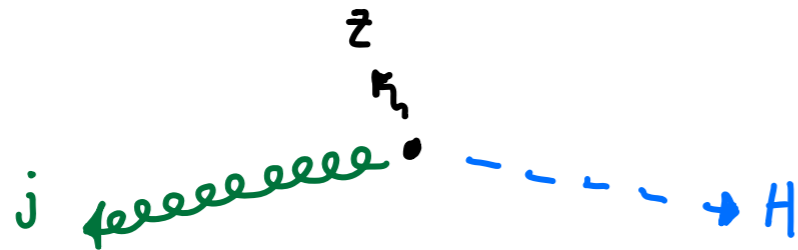
Placing cuts on soft Z emission tames growth somewhat

Very important to include higher order corrections in this region

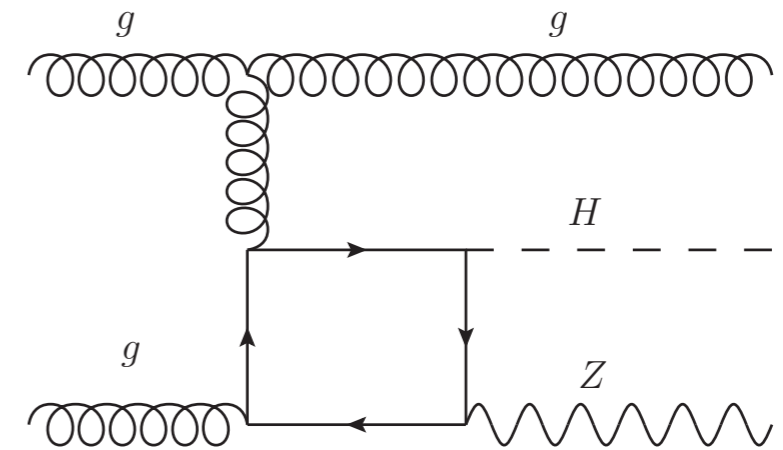
Transverse Momentum: Z vs H

The different behaviour of $p_{T,Z}$ and $p_{T,H}$ was observed previously in $gg \rightarrow ZH + j$

Hespel, Maltoni, Vryonidou 15; Les Houches 19



Traced to configurations where Higgs recoils against a hard jet, with a soft Z



Maltoni et al. attributed this t -channel gluon exchange

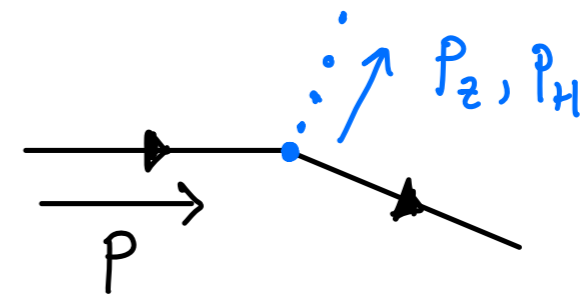
One observation

If we apply an eikonal approximation to such diagrams, the enhancement of soft Z bosons can be understood

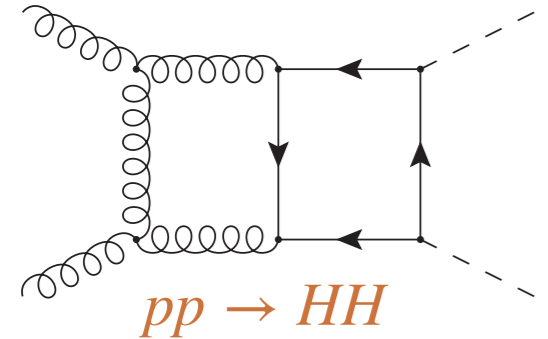
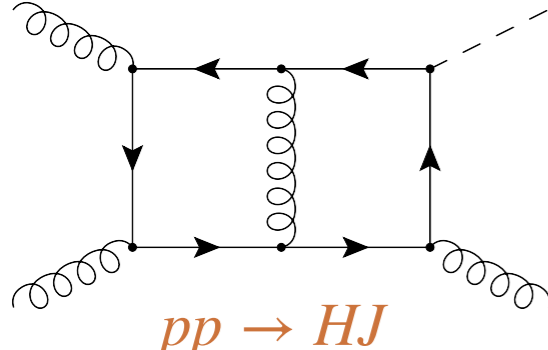
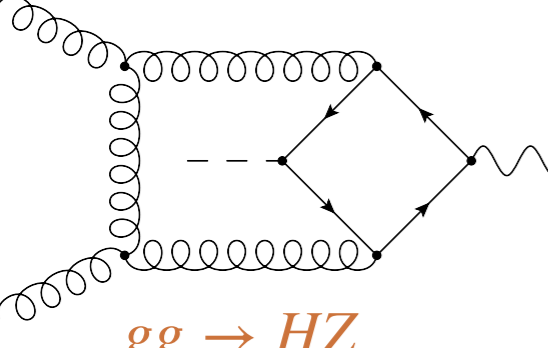
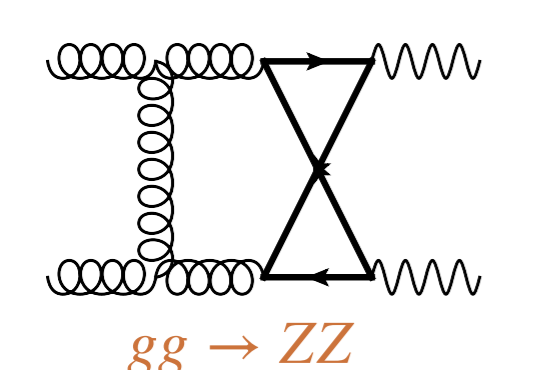
$$\text{(Soft } Z \text{ emission)} : \frac{p^\mu}{p \cdot p_Z}$$

$$\text{(Soft } H \text{ emission)} : \frac{m_t}{p \cdot p_H}$$

Ratio for large radiator (transverse) momentum $\sim p_T/m_t \gg 1$

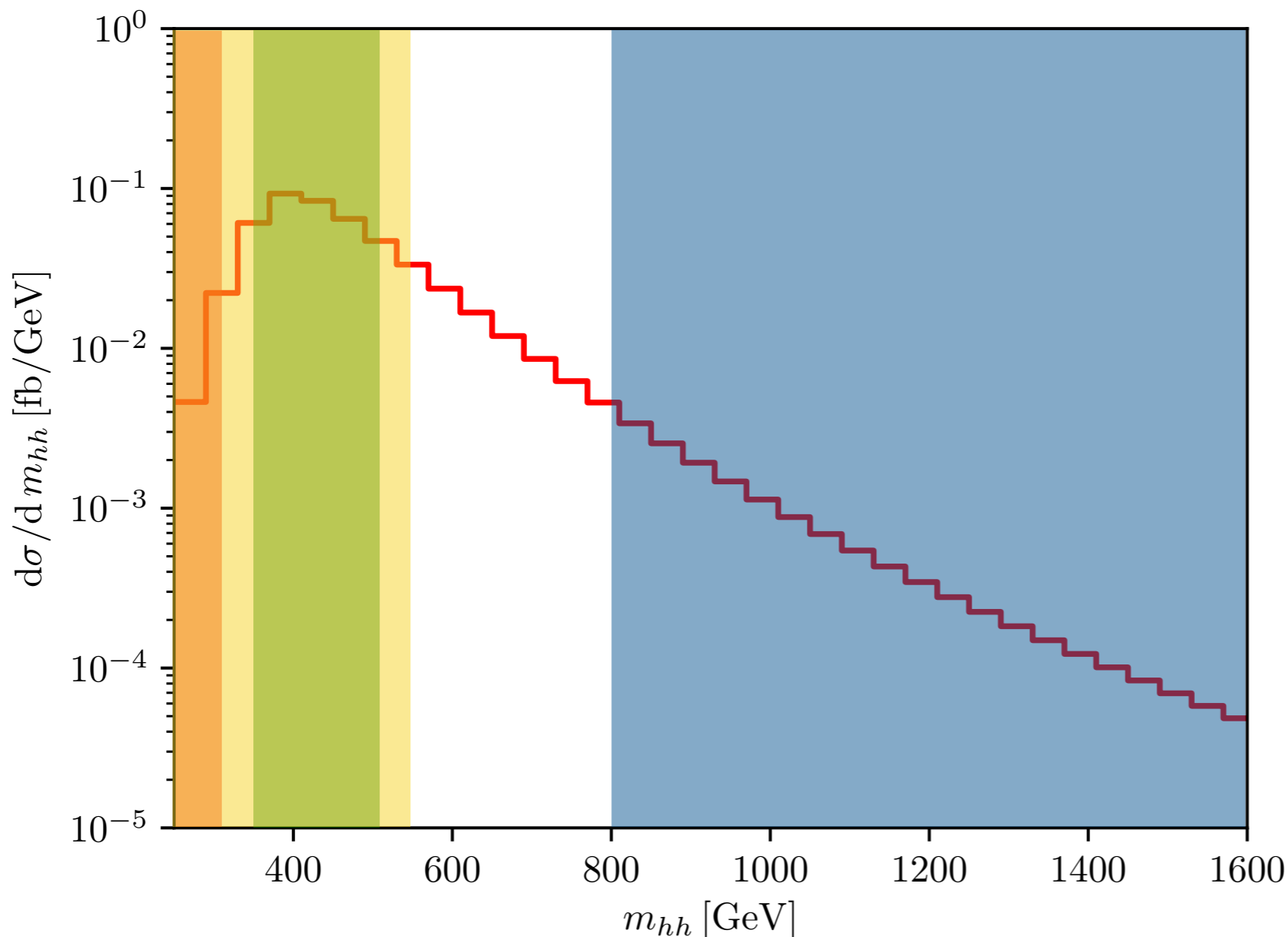


Numerically Computing $2 \rightarrow 2$ Amplitudes

	#Tensor Structures	#Master Integrals	
 <p>$pp \rightarrow HH$</p>	2	327*	*Not fully reduced
 <p>$pp \rightarrow HJ$</p>	4+2	458	
 <p>$gg \rightarrow HZ$</p>	6	452	Can be attacked with same tool chain (e.g. pySecDec)
 <p>$gg \rightarrow ZZ$</p>	20	264	For reduction we mostly fixed m_z^2/m_t^2 etc

Expansions for $2 \rightarrow 2$ Amplitudes

WV , VH , HH virtual $2 \rightarrow 2$ amplitudes often share the same master integrals after expansion, can combine up these expansions to cover the phase-space



Low invariant mass:

expand in $1/m_t^2$

known to NNLO

Grigo, Hoff, Steinhauser 15, ...

Around Peak:

threshold expansion

Gröber, Maier, Rauh 17, ...

High energy:

known at NLO

Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser,
Wellmann 18, 19, ...

Small p_T or t :

known at NLO

Alasfar, Degrassi, Giardino
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Mishima, Schönwald,
Steinhauser 23, ...

Mass Scheme Uncertainty



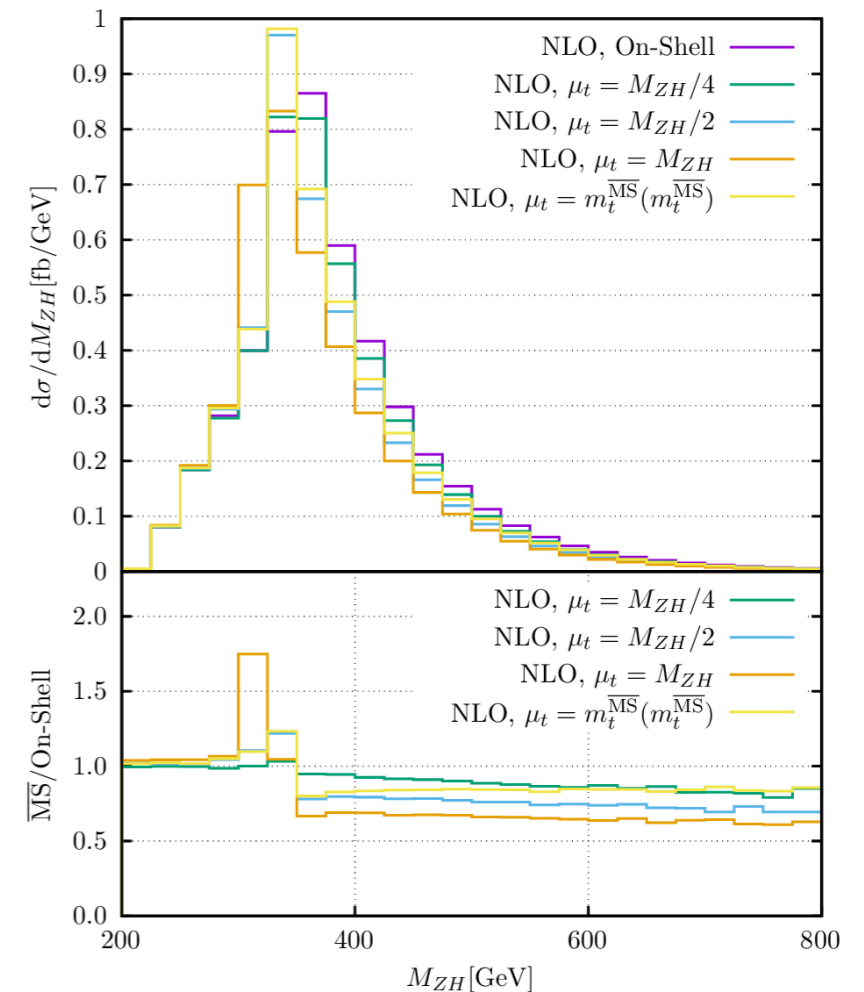
Top Mass Scheme Uncertainty

- Envelope of deviations of $\overline{\text{MS}}$ schemes wrt OS result
Same method already used for HH production
[Baglio et al. - 1811.05692, 2003.03227]
- Uncertainty sensitive to the binning of top-pair threshold peak

Avoid overestimate of uncertainty

Bin Width [GeV]	LO	NLO
1	64.01 ^{+15.6%} _{-35.9%}	118.6 ^{+17.2%} _{-27.0%}
5	64.01 ^{+15.3%} _{-35.6%}	118.6 ^{+14.7%} _{-24.9%}
25	64.01 ^{+14.0%} _{-33.1%}	118.6 ^{+10.9%} _{-20.8%}
100	64.01 ^{+2.0%} _{-25.3%}	118.6 ^{+0.6%} _{-13.7%}
∞	64.01 ^{+0%} _{-23.1%}	118.6 ^{+0%} _{-12.9%}

- Top-mass uncertainty ~ scale uncertainty
- Agreement with [Chen et al. - 2204.05225] for $M_{ZH} > 400$ GeV



[Degrassi, Gröber, MV, Zhao - 2205.02769]

Slide: Marco Vitti (20th Workshop of the LHC Higgs Working Group)

Mass Scheme Uncertainty

Comparing to $gg \rightarrow HH$, we see a different high-energy behaviour

$$A_i^{\text{fin}} = a_s A_i^{(0),\text{fin}} + a_s^2 A_i^{(1),\text{fin}} + \mathcal{O}(a_s^3) \quad \text{with } a_s = \alpha_s/4\pi$$

HH Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser, Wellmann 18;
Baglio, Campanario, Glaus, Mühlleitner, Ronca, Spira,
Streicher 20

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

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

LO: m_t^2 from y_t^2

NLO: leading $\log(m_t^2)$ from mass c.t.

converting to $\overline{\text{MS}}$ gives $\log[\mu_t^2/s]$

motivating scale choice of $\mu_t^2 \sim s$

ZH Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20

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

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

LO: one m_t from y_t

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

Similar power-suppressed mass logarithms have been studied in single H

Liu, Penin 18; Anastasiou, Penin 20; Liu, Modi, Penin 22; Liu, Neubert, Schnubel, Wang 22; Schnubel 23

Conclusion

Fixed Order

- $pp \rightarrow WH$: dominant pieces known to N3LO/NNLO accuracy
- $pp \rightarrow ZH$: largest theoretical uncertainty still from gluon-induced contribution
- NLO EW corrections available

Public MC/ Parton Shower Codes

- Available at NNLO + PS accuracy for all processes and with relevant decays
- Also available in SMEFT, useful for global analyses/combined constraints

Future...

- Higgs WG recommendation for $gg \rightarrow ZH$
- Incorporate NLO $gg \rightarrow ZH$ corrections into public codes for $pp \rightarrow ZH$
- Handling mass scheme uncertainties in Higgs processes (?)
- Further EW corrections necessary (?)

Thank you for listening!

Backup

Mass Scheme Uncertainty

Can assess impact of changing top quark mass renormalisation scheme for $p_{T,H} \geq 140 \text{ GeV}$ & $p_{T,Z} \geq 150 \text{ GeV}$ using full B + full R + expanded virtuals

HH: Baglio, Campanario, Glaus, Mühlleitner, Spira, Streicher 18 + Ronca 20, 21;

t \bar{t} : Catani, Devoto, Grazzini, Kallweit, Mazzitelli 20; *t \bar{t} H*: Martin, Moch, Saibel 21

t \bar{t} j: Alioli, Fuster, Garzelli, Gavardi, Irlles, Melini, Moch, Uwer, Voß 22; Various: Les Houches 19

Convert $m_t \rightarrow \bar{m}_t(\bar{m}_t)$ using 4-loops, then use RGE at 5-loops with $n_f = 6$

Gives $m_t = 173.21 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \bar{m}_t(\bar{m}_t) = 163.39 \text{ GeV}$

Chetyrkin, Kuhn, Steinhauser 00; Herren, Steinhauser 18

Go from OS to $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass counter term using:

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

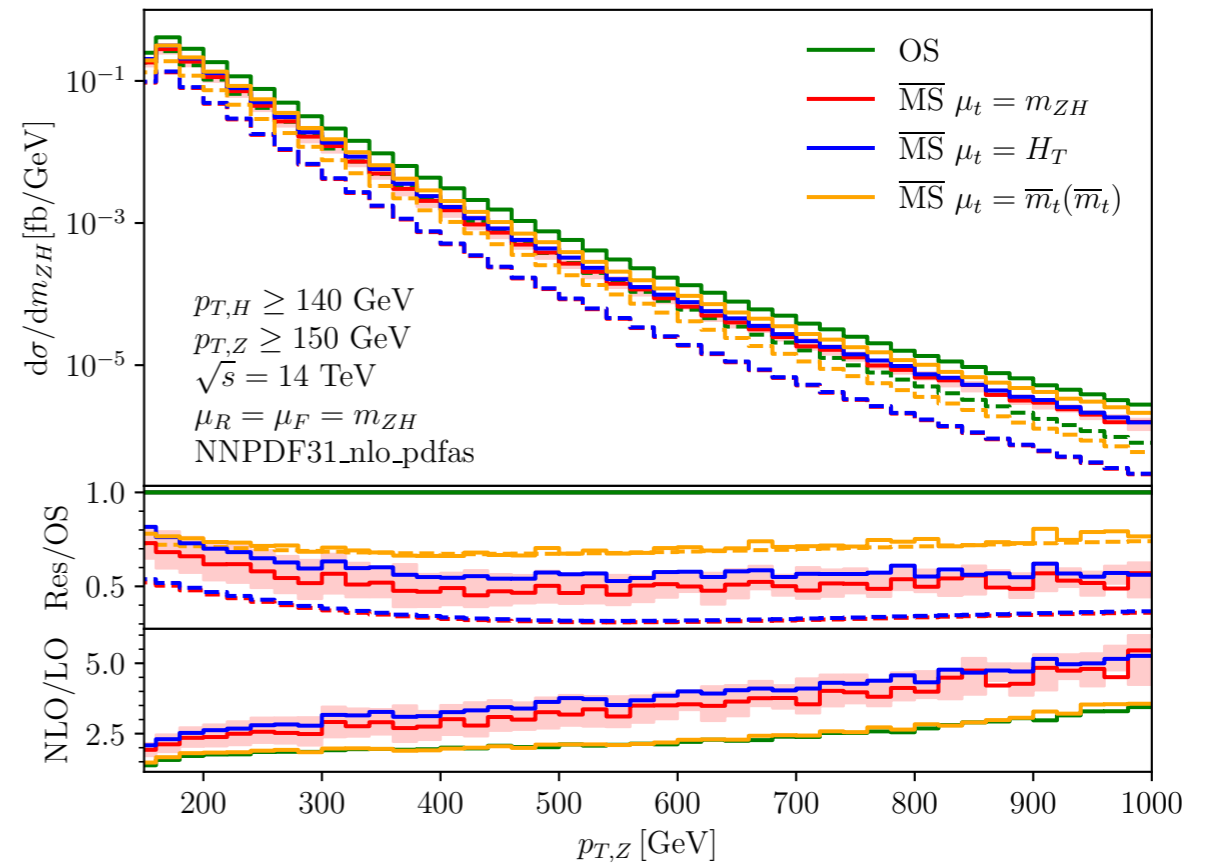
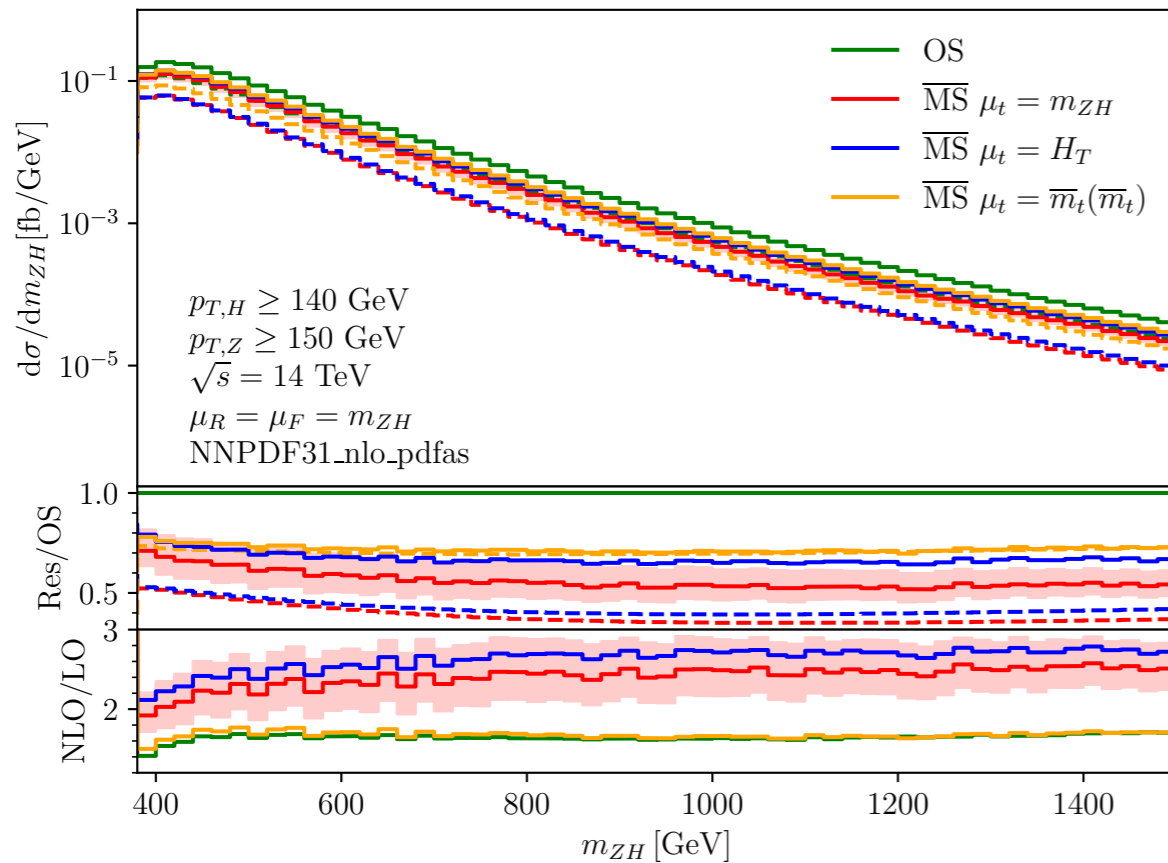
Study 3 different renormalisation scales:

$$\mu_t = m_{ZH},$$

$$\mu_t = H_T = \sum_{i=H,Z} \sqrt{m_i^2 + p_{T,i}^2} + \sum_k |p_{T,k}|$$

$$\mu_t = \bar{m}_t(\bar{m}_t)$$

Mass Scheme Uncertainty



Observations @ $m_{ZH} = 1$ TeV

Large difference between different schemes

LO: OS result $\sim 2.9\times$ $\overline{\text{MS}}$ result

NLO: Difference reduced $\sim 1.9\times$

Scale $\mu_t = \overline{m}_t(\overline{m}_t)$ most similar to OS (OS is $1.4\times$)

Scale $\mu_t = m_{ZH}$ differs most from OS (OS is $1.9\times$)

If taken as a theoretical uncertainty, is much larger than scale uncertainty

Comparison to Expansion (Small m_h, m_z)

Can expand in only m_h, m_z and retain full m_t dependence [Wang, Xu, Xu, Yang 21](#)

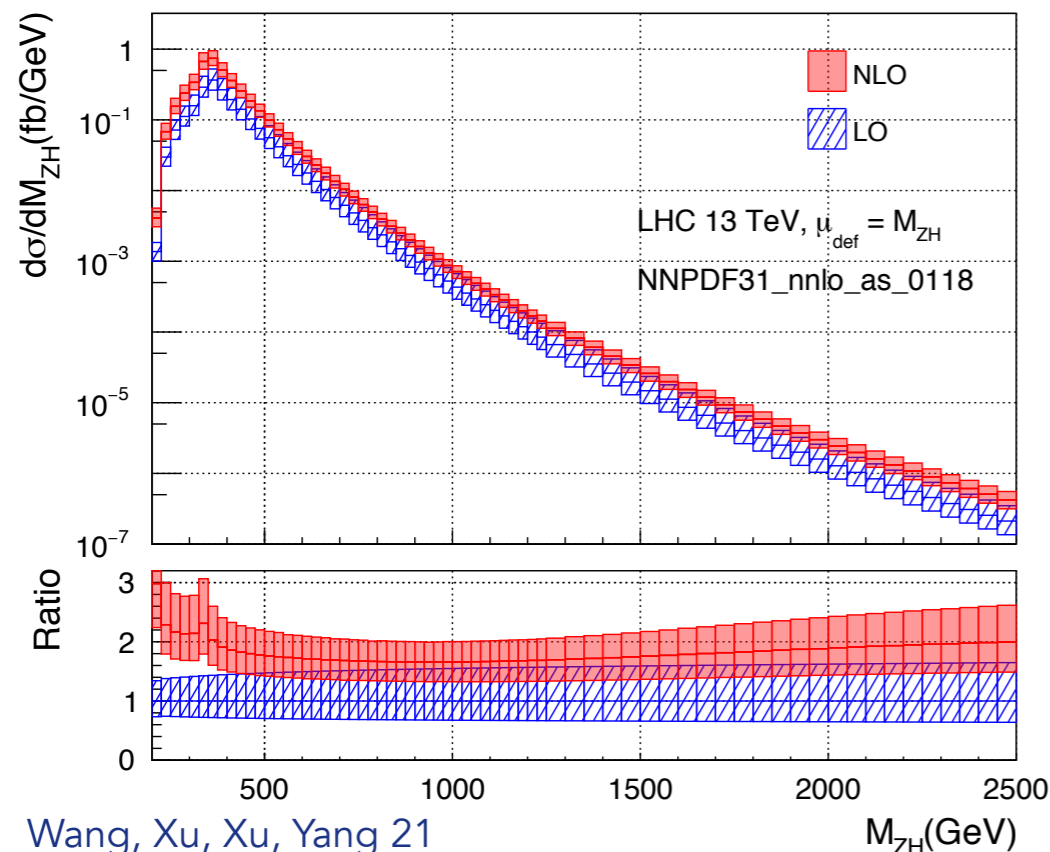
Integrals appearing in the expansion (scales s, t, m_t^2) are known

[Caron-Huot, Henn 14](#); [Becchetti, Bonciani 18](#); [Xu, Yang 18](#); [Wang, Wang, Xu, Xu, Yang 20](#);

Expansion shows good agreement with numerical result

No breakdown near top threshold

\hat{s}/m_t^2	\hat{u}/m_t^2	$\mathcal{V}'_{\text{fin}}$			
		pySecDec	$\mathcal{O}(m^0)$	$\mathcal{O}(m^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(m^4)$
1.707133657190554	-0.441203767016323	35.429092(6)	35.9823	35.5530	35.4478
3.876056604162662	-1.616287256345735	4339.045(1)	4319.37	4336.63	4338.73
4.130574250302561	-1.750372271104745	6912.361(3)	6870.47	6906.92	6911.64
4.130574250302561	-2.595461551488002	6981.09(2)	6979.28	6980.14	6980.85
134.5142052093564	-70.34125943305149	-153.9(4)	-154.543	-154.458	-154.460
134.5142052093564	-105.1770655376327	527(4)	524.585	525.958	525.965



Authors obtained NLO results for $gg \rightarrow ZH$

Virtuals: small m_h, m_z expansion

Reals: GoSam [Cullen et al. 11, 14](#)

We find agreement with their total cross section result and uncertainty

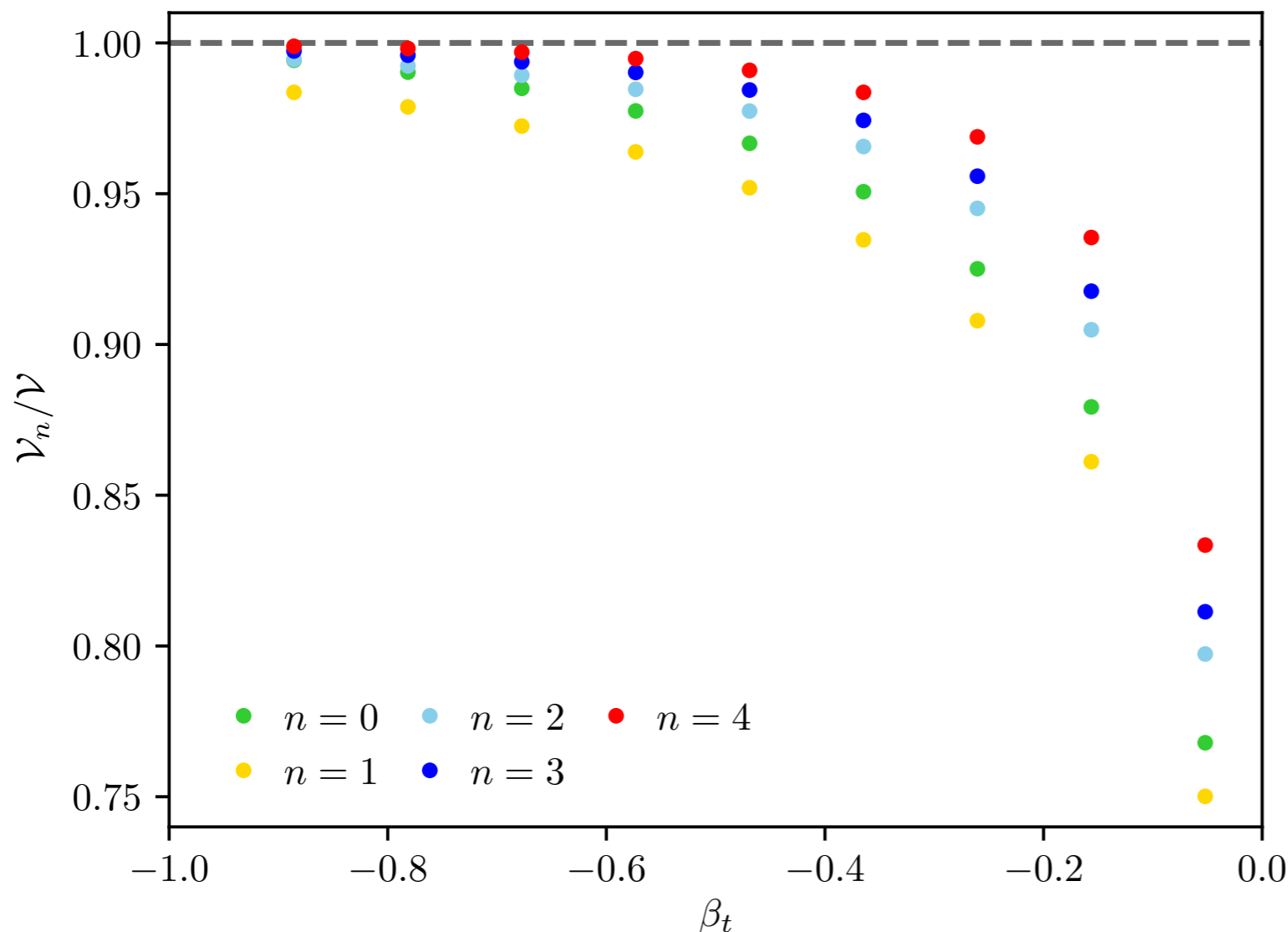
(2% difference ascribed to different choice of PDFs and masses)

Comparison to Large m_t Expansion

The amplitude has been expanded around large- m_t and computed analytically
 Hasselhuhn, Luthe, Steinhauser 17; Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20

Let us compare our result to the Born
 reweighted $1/m_t^{2n}$ expansion:

$$\mathcal{V}_n = \frac{\mathcal{B}}{\mathcal{B}_n} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_n + \mathcal{V}^{1\text{PR}}$$



Per mille level agreement far
 below top quark threshold:

$$\mathcal{V}_4/\mathcal{V} = 0.9989$$

Expansion breaks down at
 threshold, observe that it
 differs from our result

Observation: $n = 1$ apparently
 worse than $n = 0$