

# Monte-Carlo developments and Electroweak/mixed QCD-EW corrections

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# Outline

- Recent progress in the computation of EW corrections
  - Introduction on EW and mixed QCD-EW corrections
  - EW corrections in the high-energy limit
  - The problem of PS matching
  - Mixed QCD/EW corrections to Drell-Yan at NNLO
- Recent and future developments in MC tools
  - NNLO+PS predictions
  - Techniques for the reduction of negative weights in MC@NLO-type matching
  - GPU/AI related developments

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**Part I**

# EW corrections and mixed-coupling expansion



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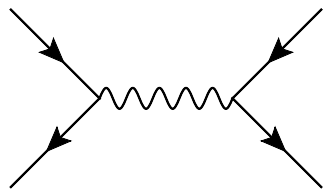
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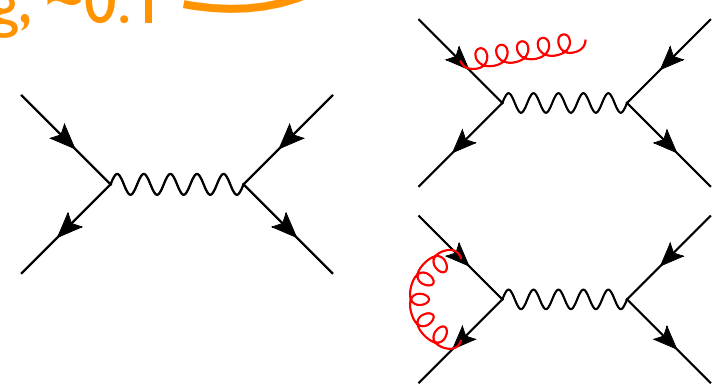
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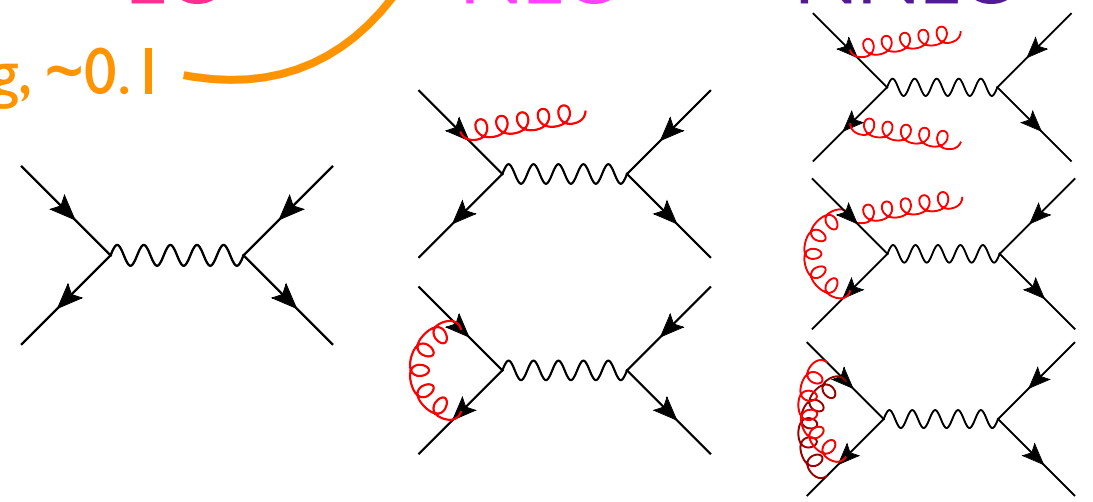
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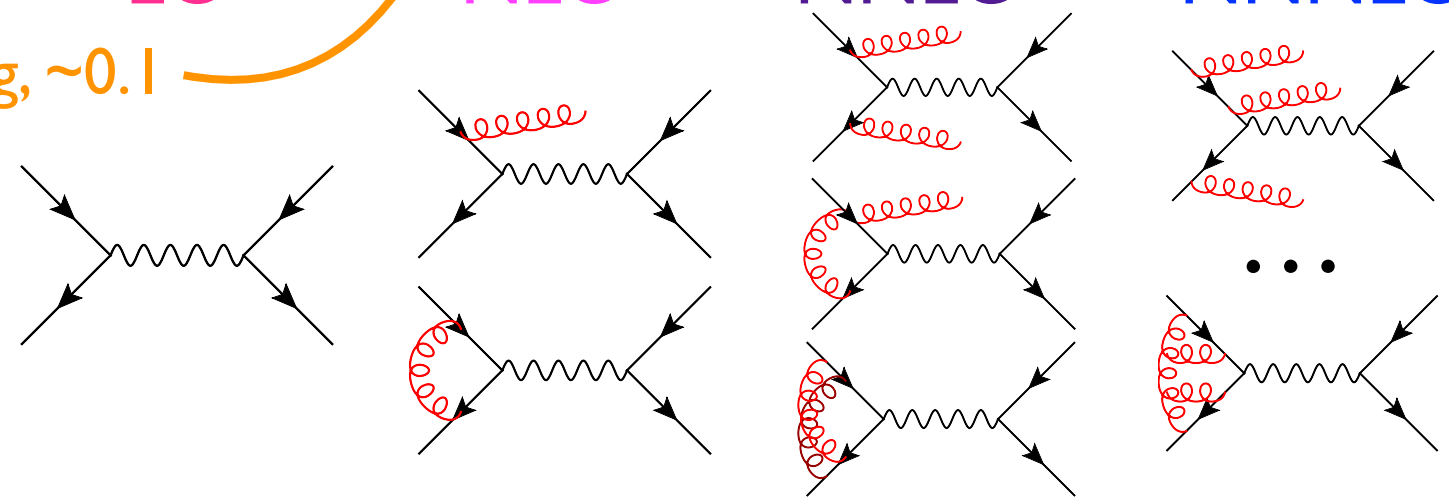
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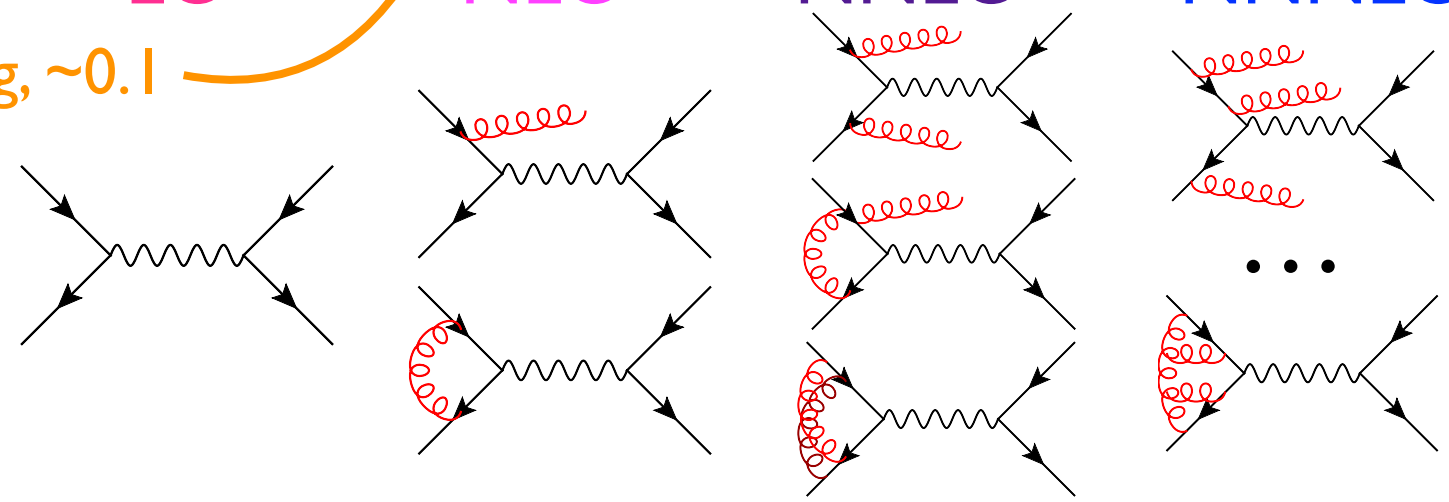
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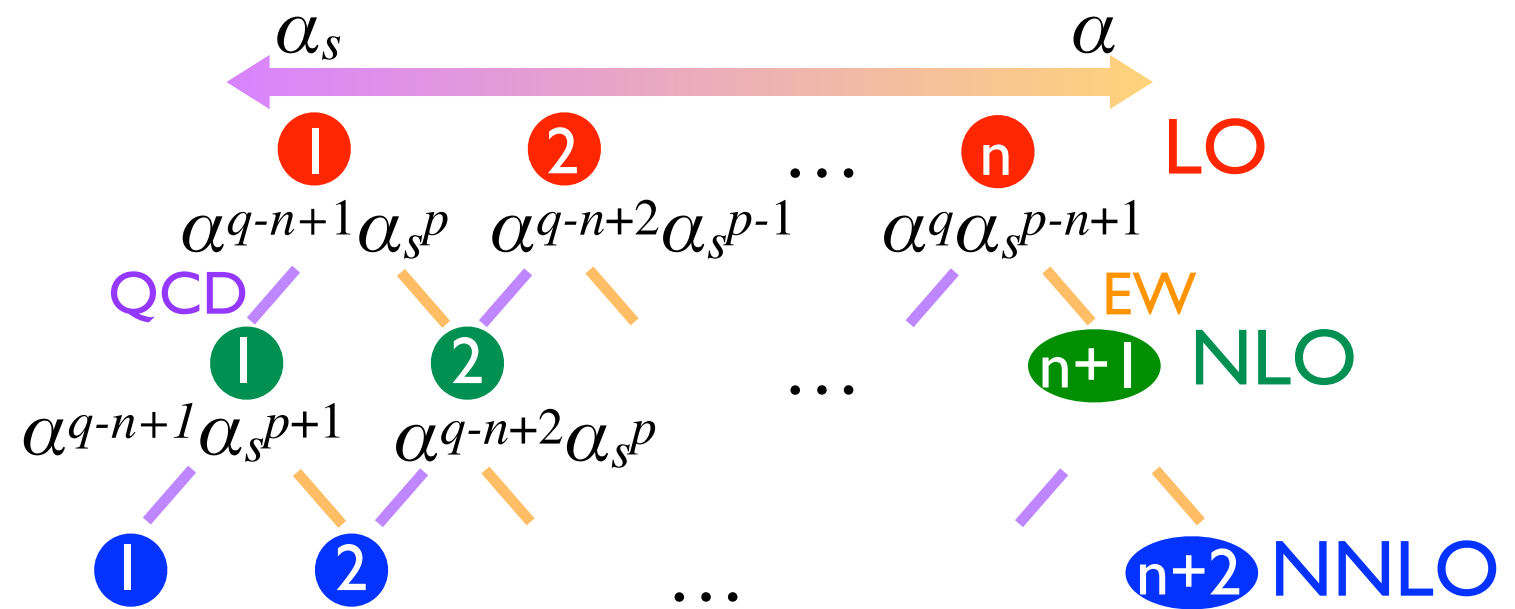
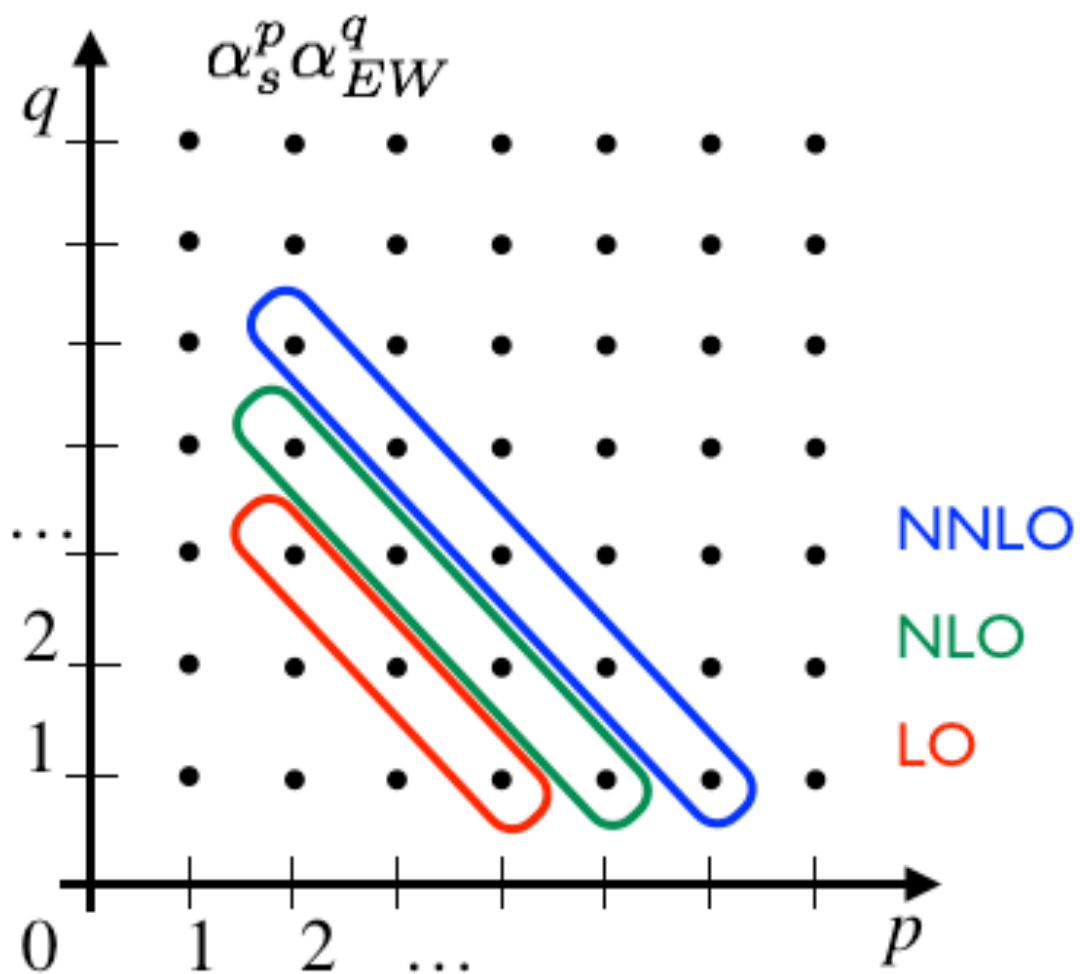


- Going higher orders, the complexity of the computation explodes



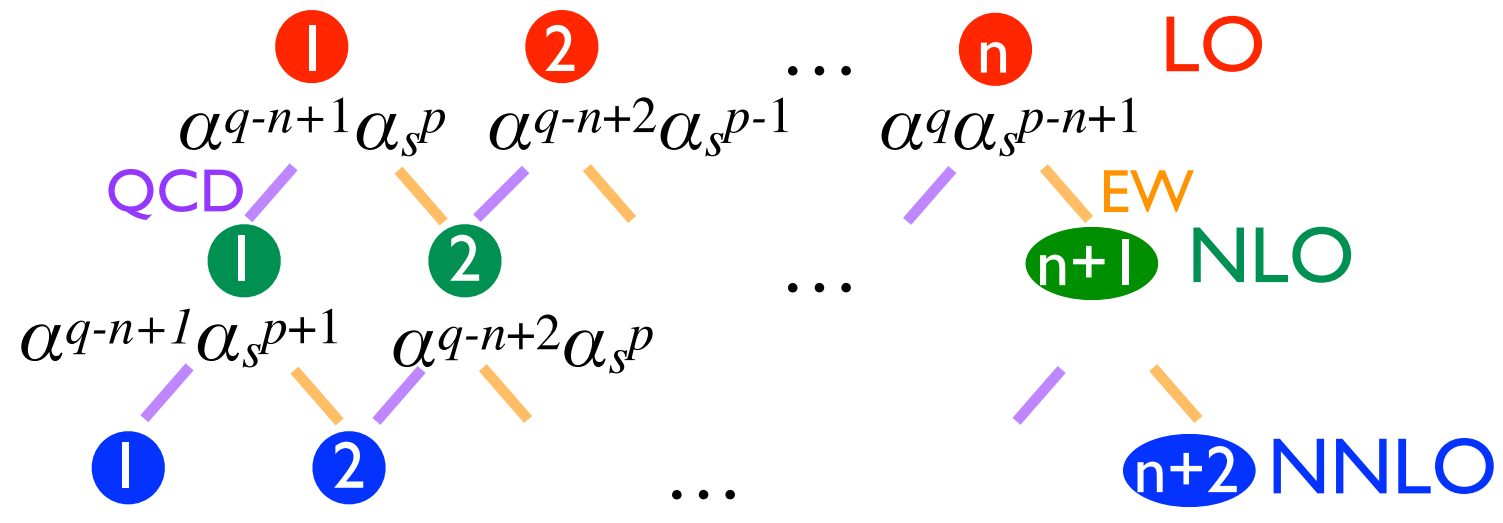
# Electroweak corrections: a multi-coupling expansion

- If EW corrections come into play, one must carry the expansion both in  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha_s$
- The structure of a given process are something like

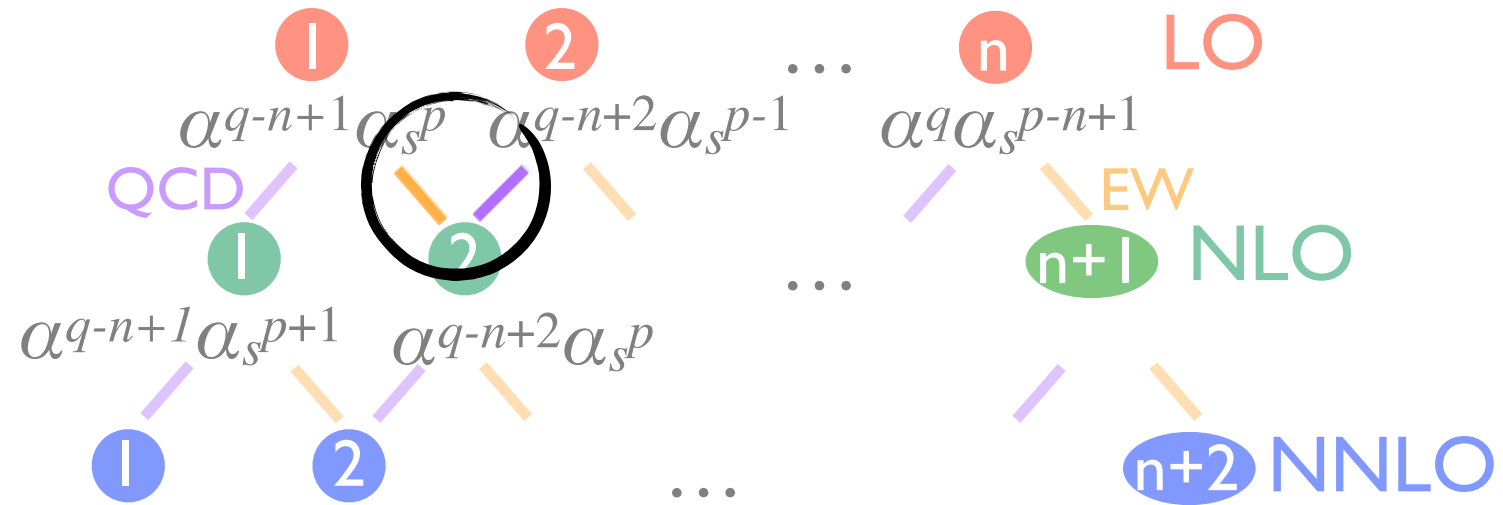


$n, p, q$  are process-dependent integers.  
 For  $t \bar{t}$  production:  $n=3, p=q=2$   
 For lepton-pair production,  $n=1, p=0, q=2$

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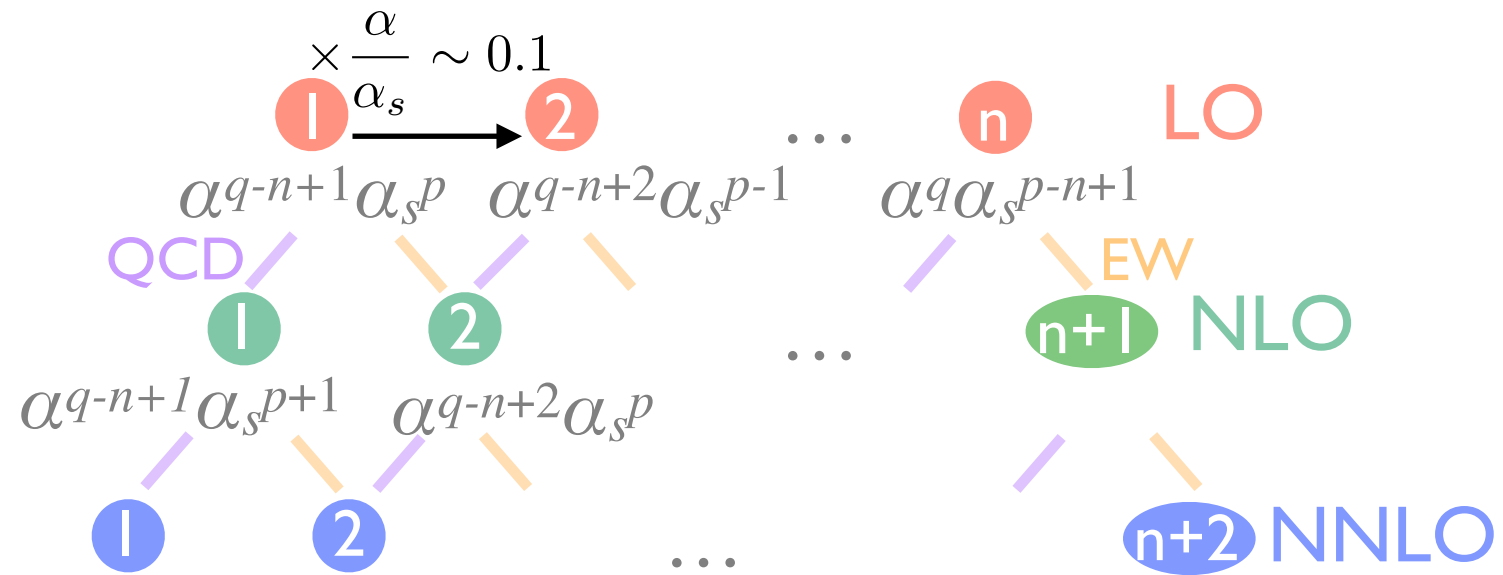


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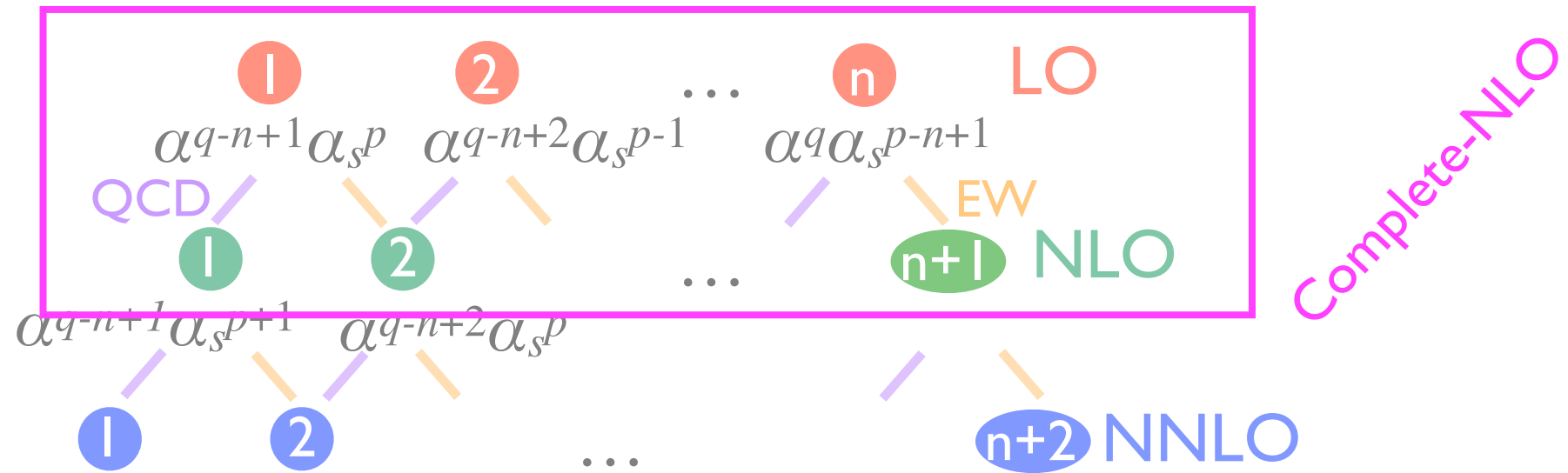
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- Predictions including all the contributions at LO/NLO/... are typically called “Complete-LO/NLO/...”  
NLO EW and Complete-NLO predictions can be obtained with automatic (and mostly public) tools

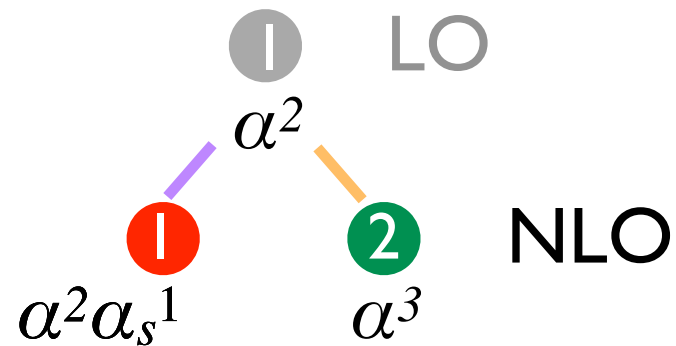
Collier, GoSam, MG5\_aMC, Recola, Sherpa+Collier/OpenLoops/OpenLoops2/...



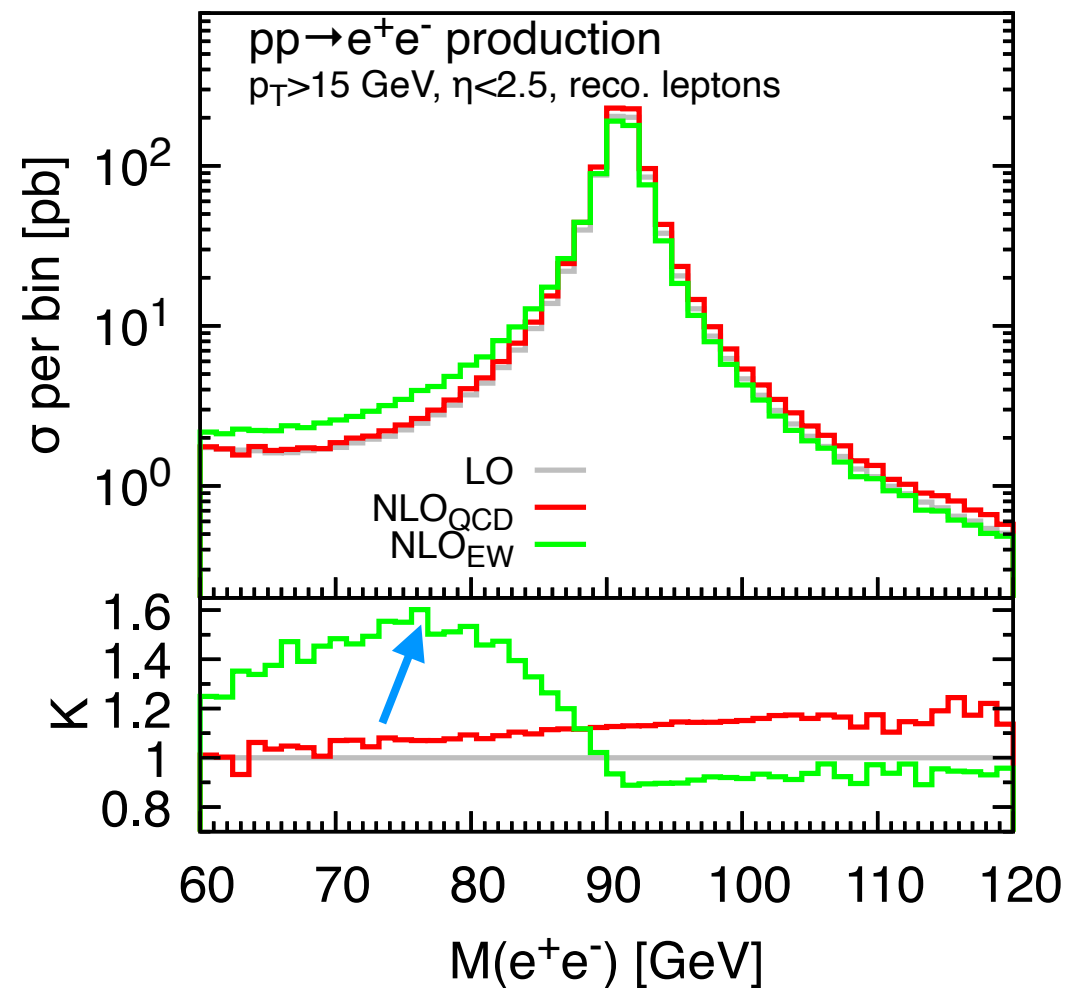
# Coupling-hierarchy violation

## Drell-Yan

Dittmaier et al, 0911.2329

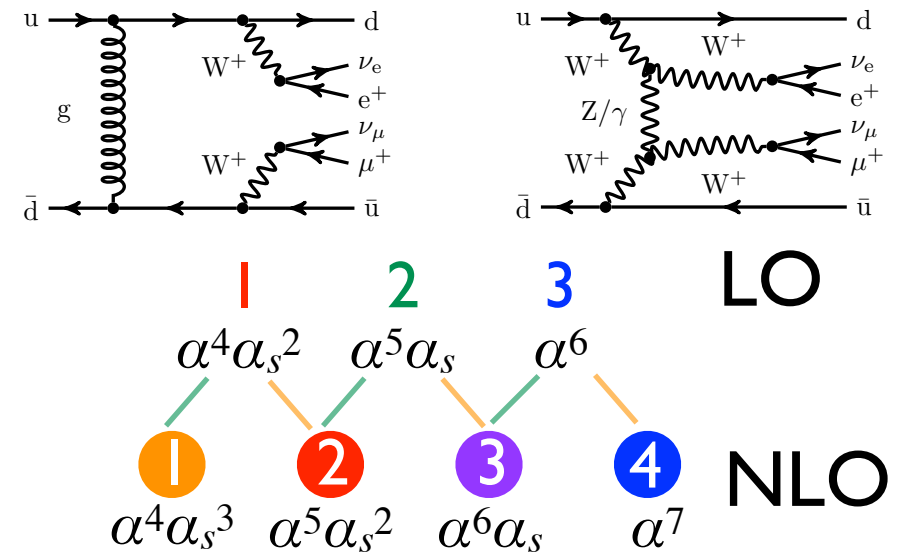
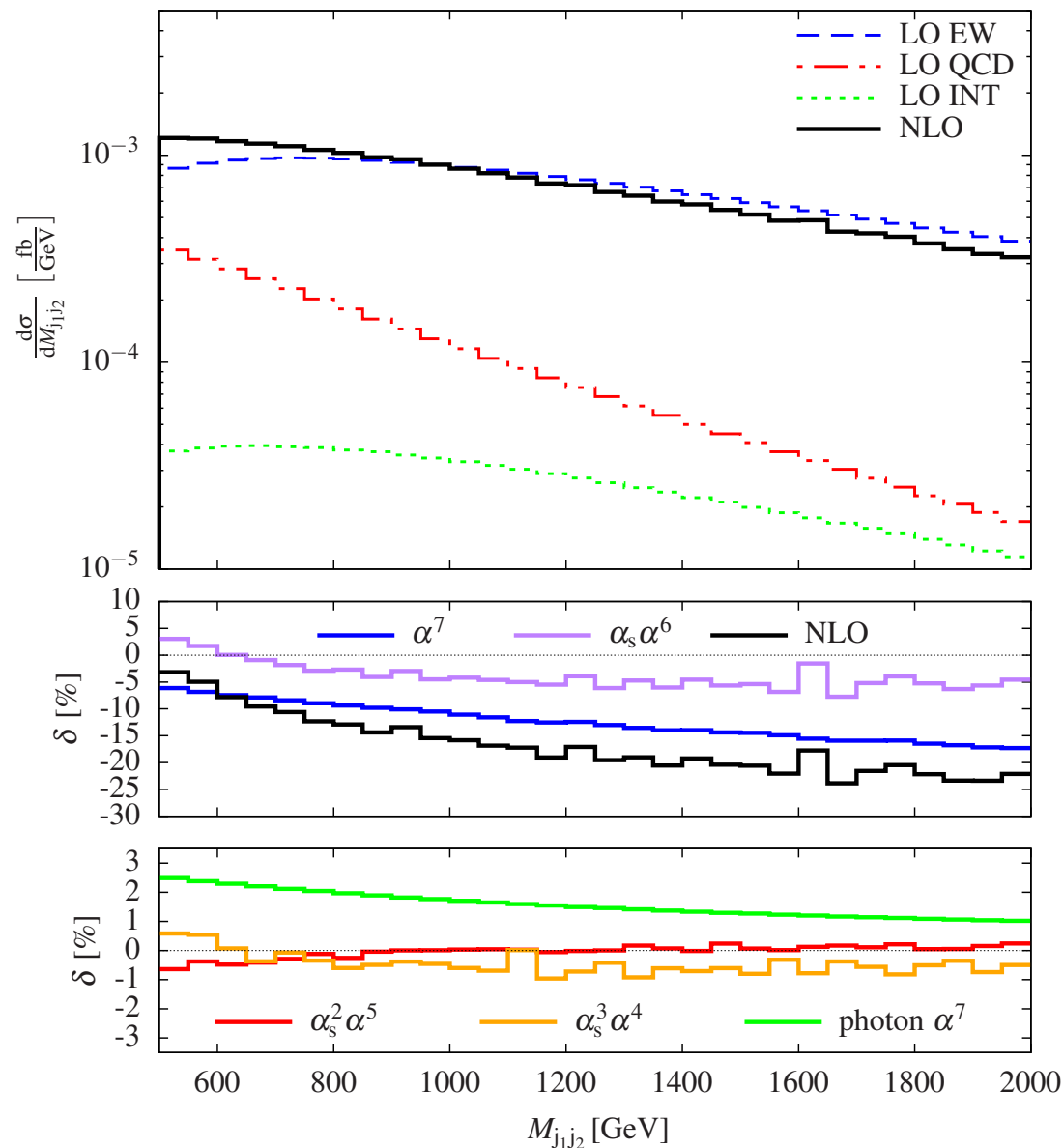


- Because of photon radiation from events on the peak, the region  $M(e^+e^-) < m_Z$  receives huge EW corrections
- NLO QCD corrections remain fairly stable across the peak



# Coupling-hierarchy violation VBS

Biedermann et al, I708.00268



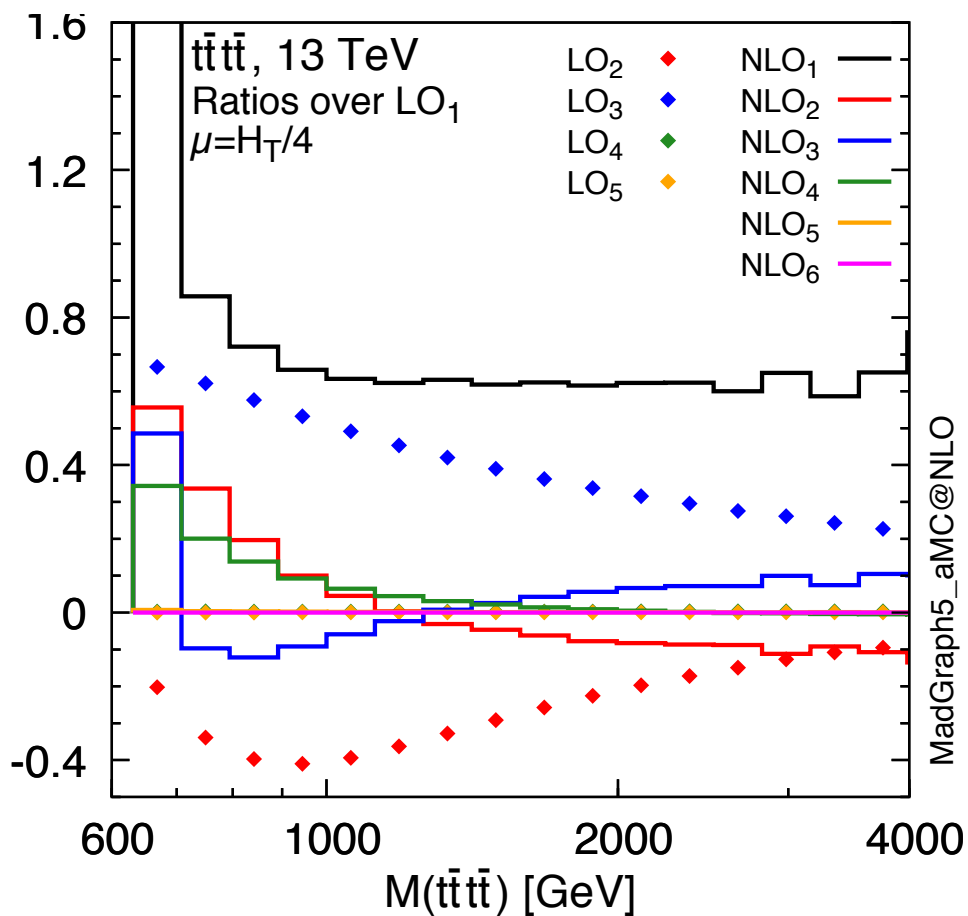
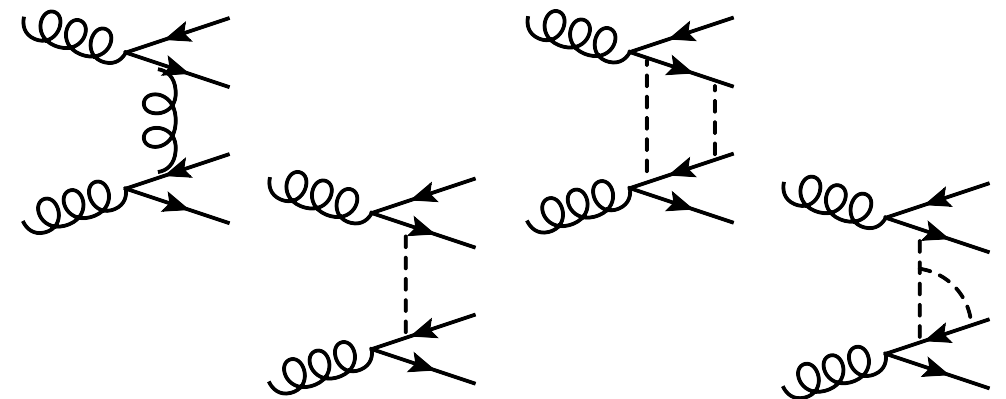
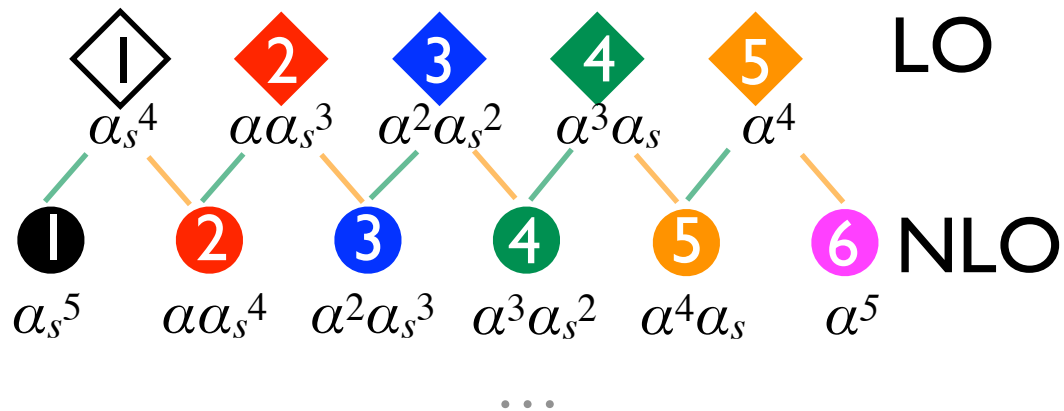
- In VBS, EW and QCD induced production modes comparable at LO
- NLO EW corrections to EW-induced mode (NLO<sub>4</sub>) are by far the dominant NLO contribution
- Not only for  $ssWW$ , but general feature of VBS processes

WZ: Denner et al, I904.00882

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Frederix, Pagani, MZ, 1711.02116



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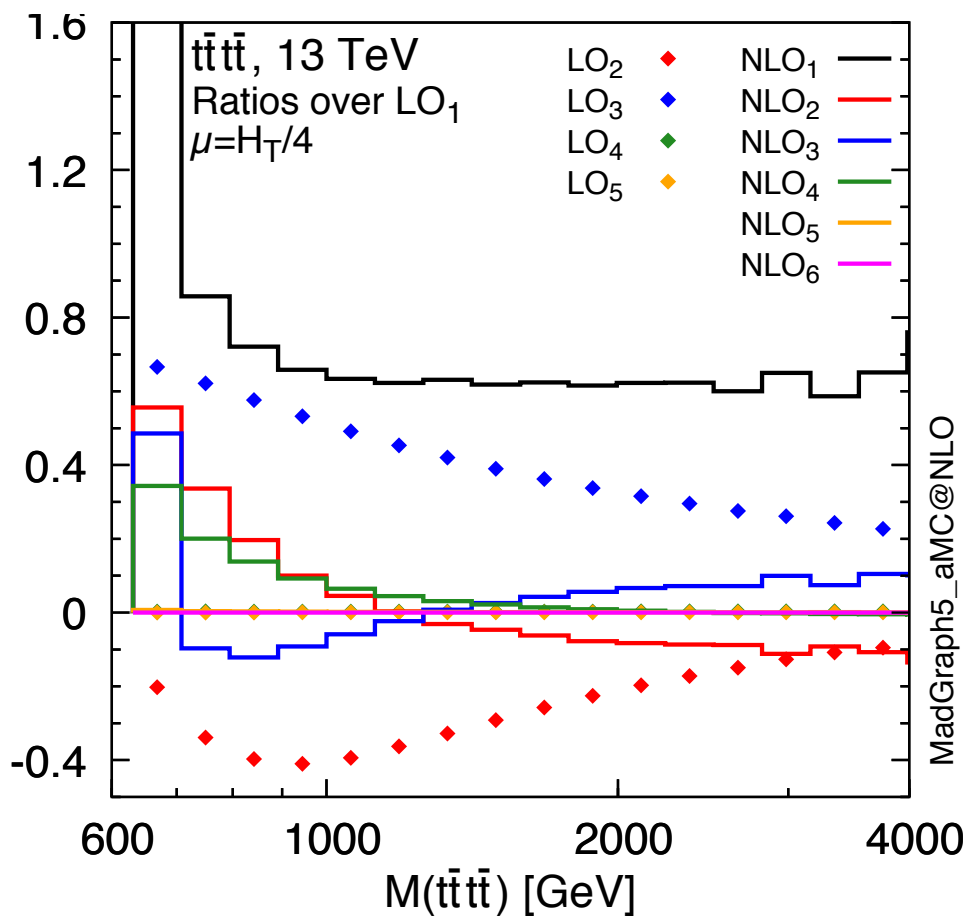
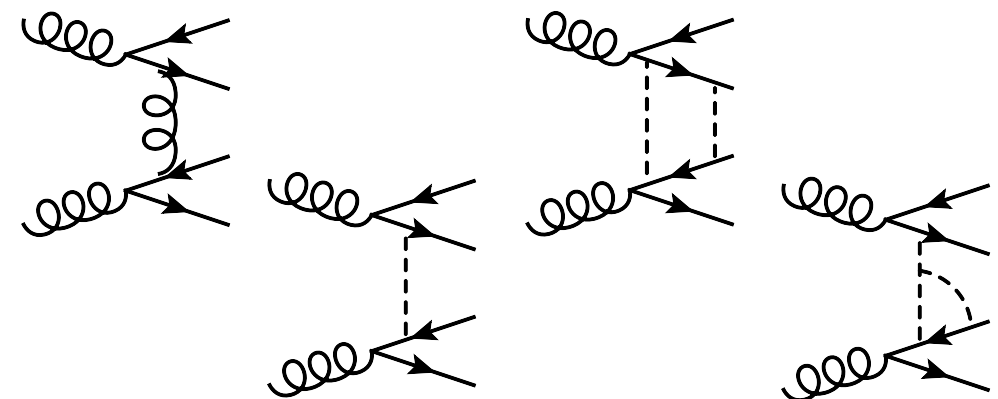
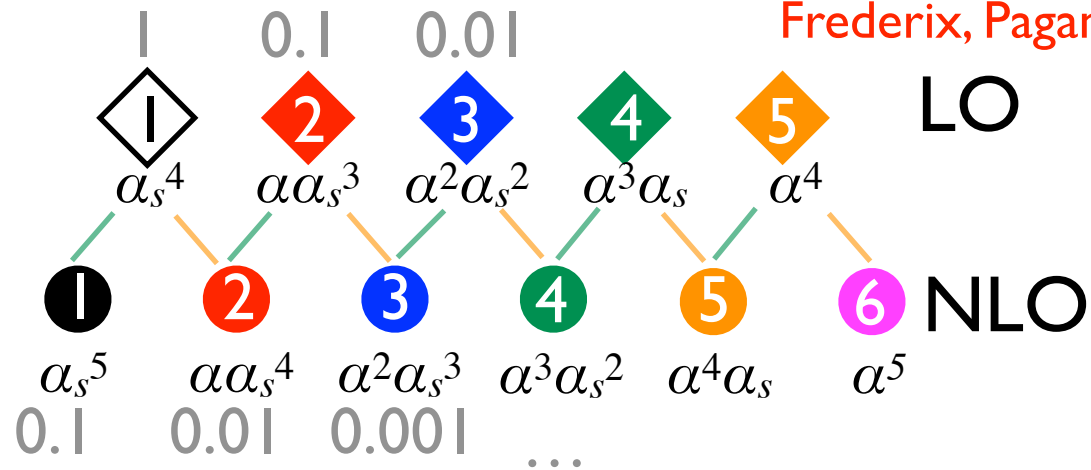




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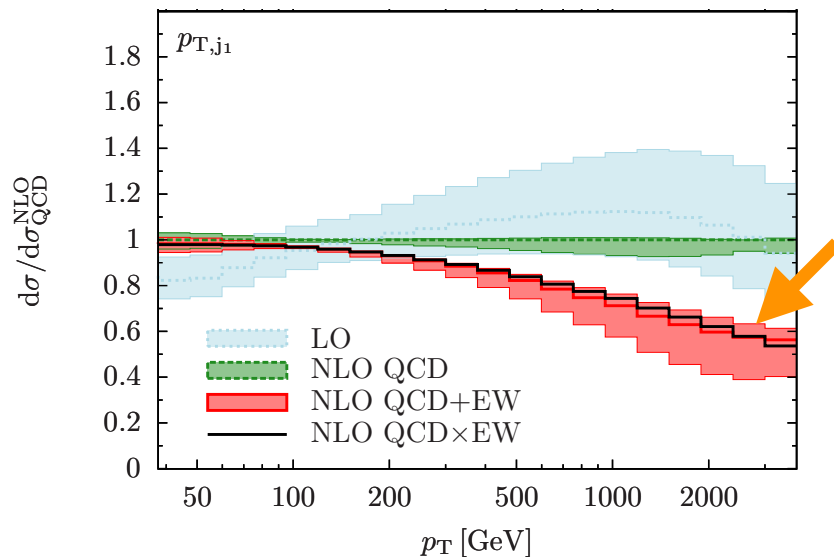
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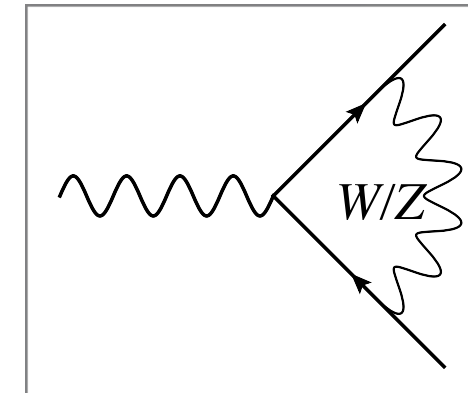
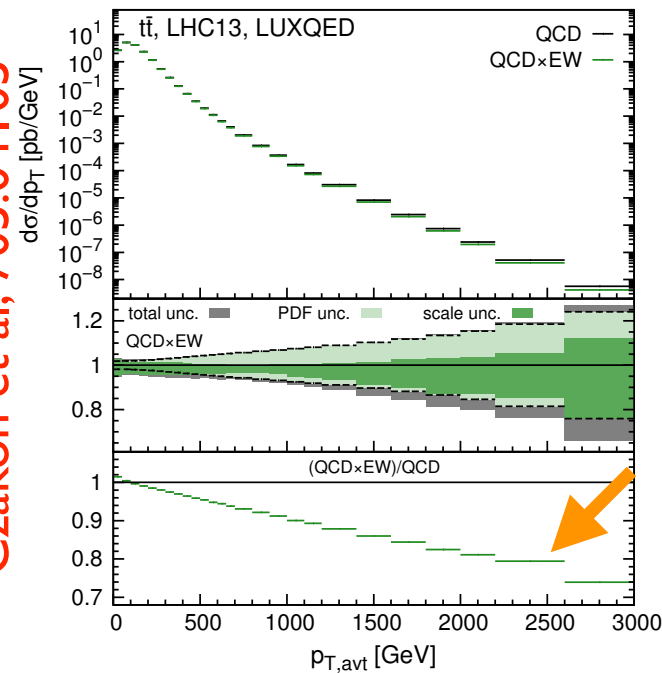
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Kallweit et al, 1511.08692

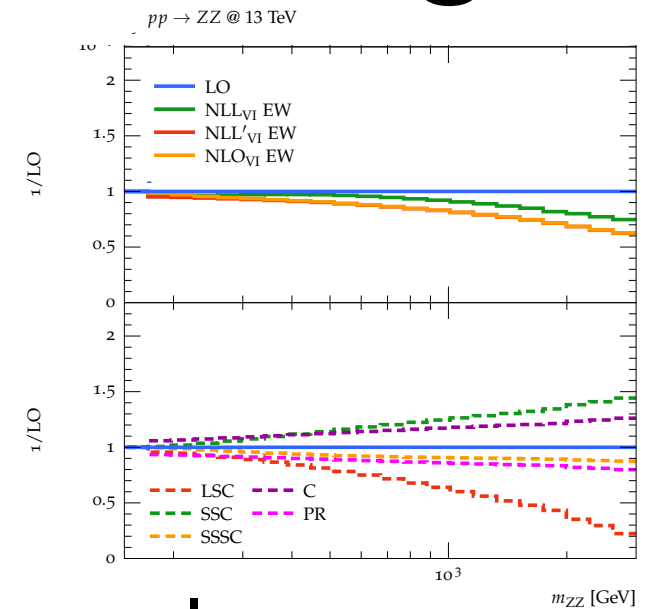
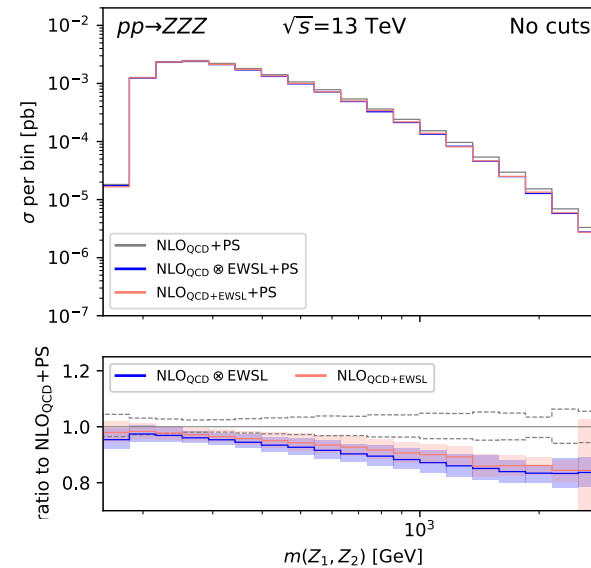
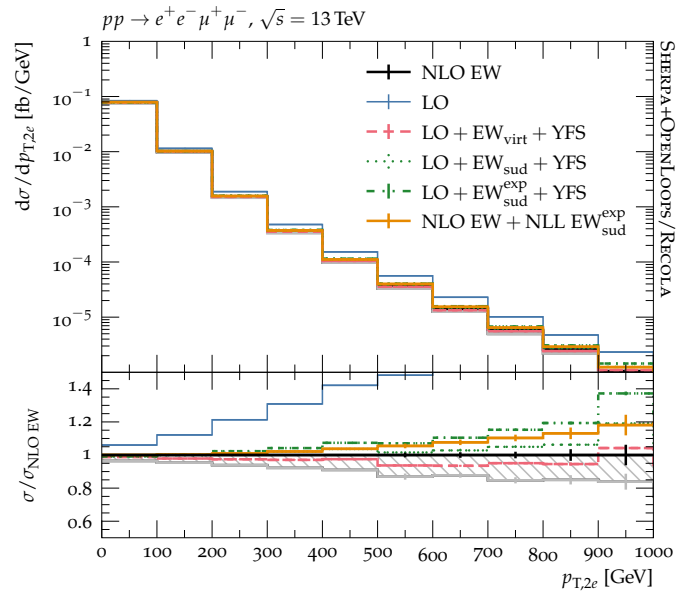


Czakon et al, 705.04105



- EW corrections show universal behaviour when all invariants are large
- Logarithmic enhancement due to would-be IR singularities related to W and Z masses, the so-called Sudakov logs
- In this limit, the logarithmic contribution can be computed using only tree-level amplitudes [Denner, Pozzorini, hep-ph/0010201 & hep-ph/0104127](#)
- This can be very helpful *if* EW corrections for a given process are dominated by Sudakov logs, *if* the large-invariants regime is considered, and *if* the process is not mass-suppressed

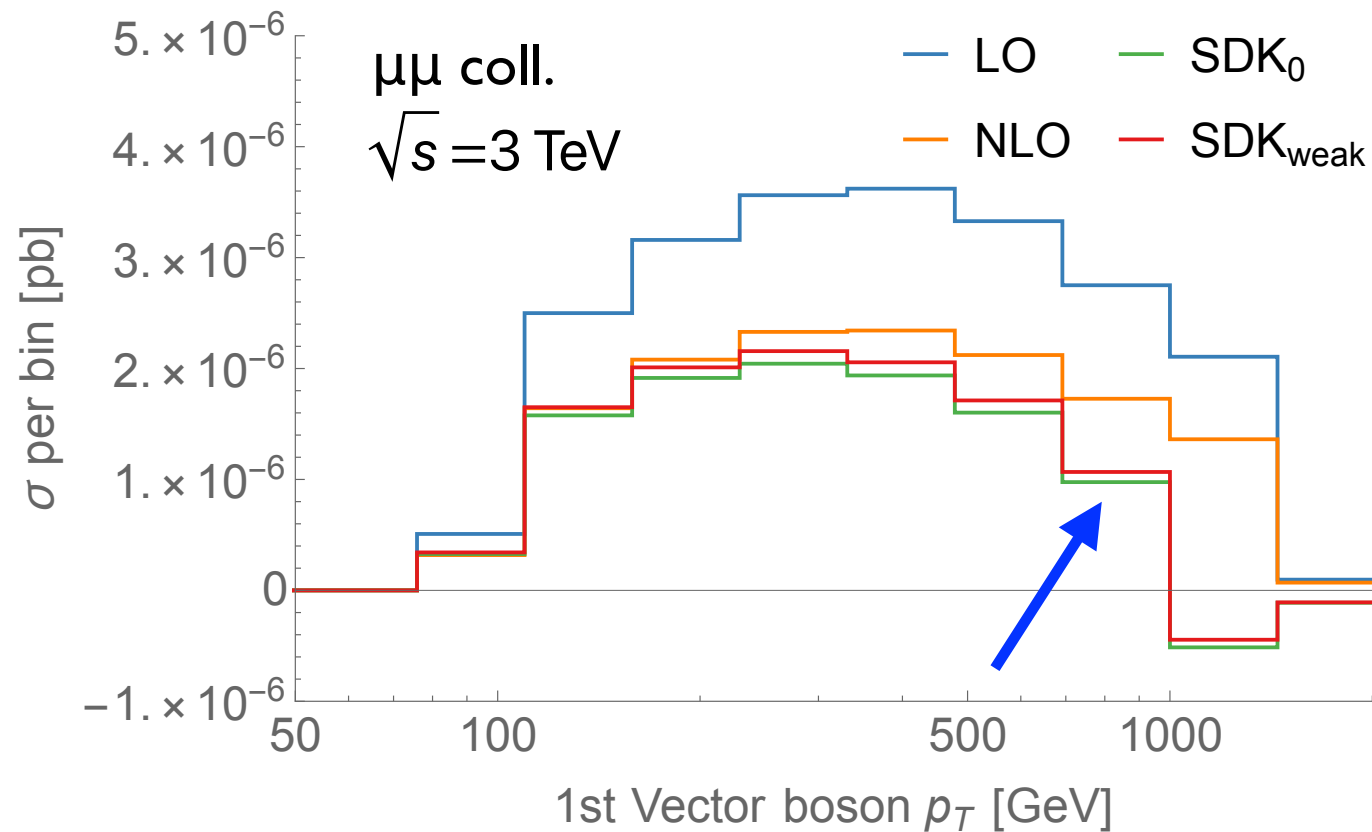
# EW Sudakov logs are back on stage



- In the recent years, interest towards EWSL has grown a lot
- Automated by 3 different collaborations  
[Sherpa: Bothmann et al, 2006.14635](#); [MG5\\_aMC: Pagani, MZ, 2110.03714](#); [OpenLoops: Lindert et al, 2312.07927](#)
- They provide easy solutions to difficult problems:
  - Much more stable and faster than EW corrections
  - Possibility to combine approximate-EW corrections with NLO-QCD predictions matched to PS (possibly in multijet-merged samples)  
[Bothmann et al, 2111.13453](#); [Pagani, Vitos, MZ, 2309.00452](#)
  - They exponentiate and can be resummed to all-orders
- However, one should always check whether the Sudakov approx holds against the exact EW corrections

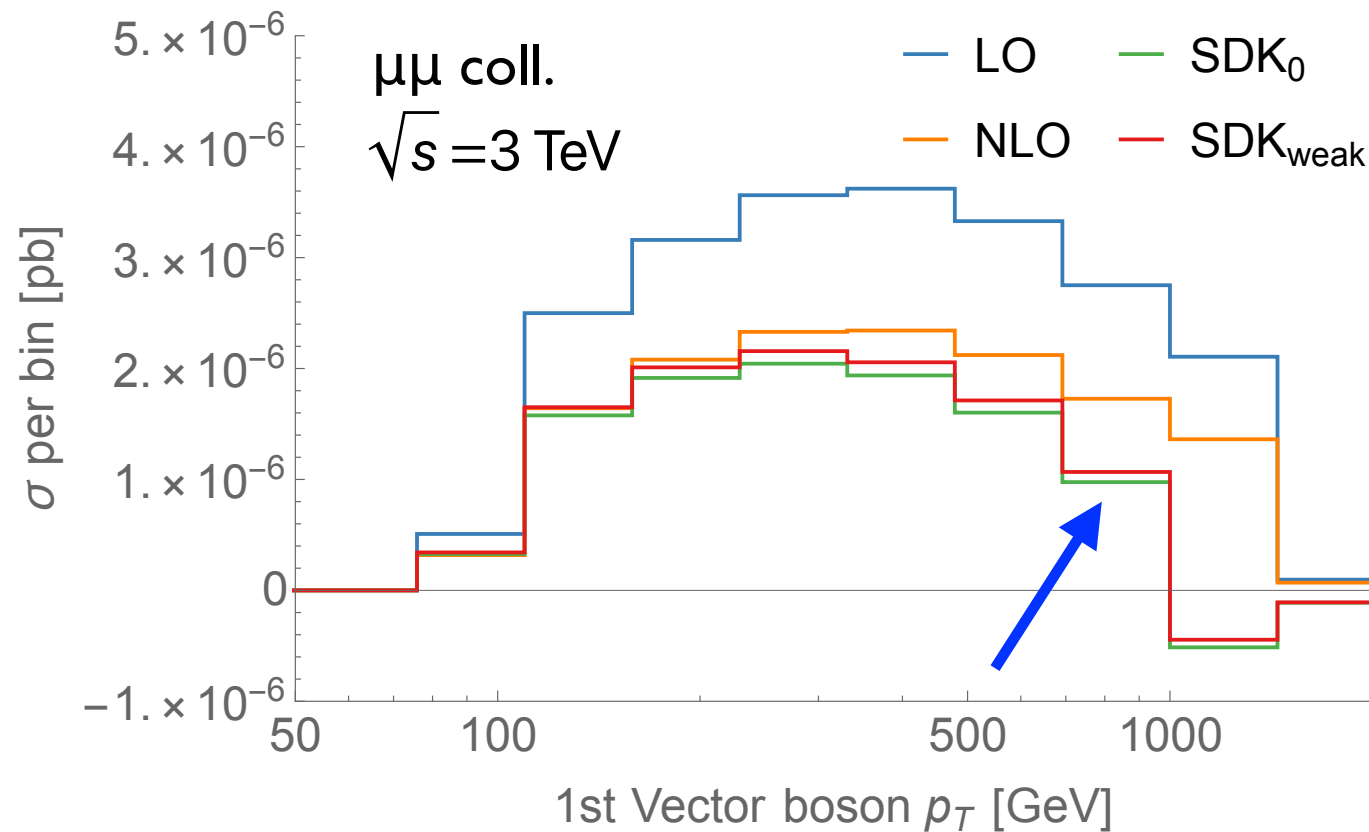
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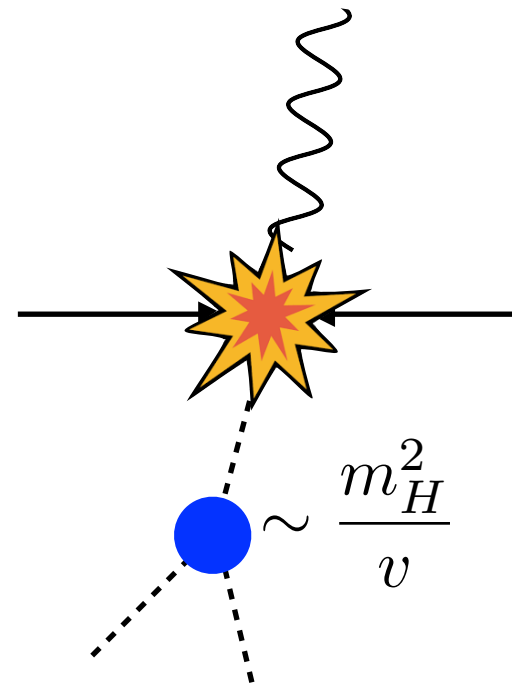


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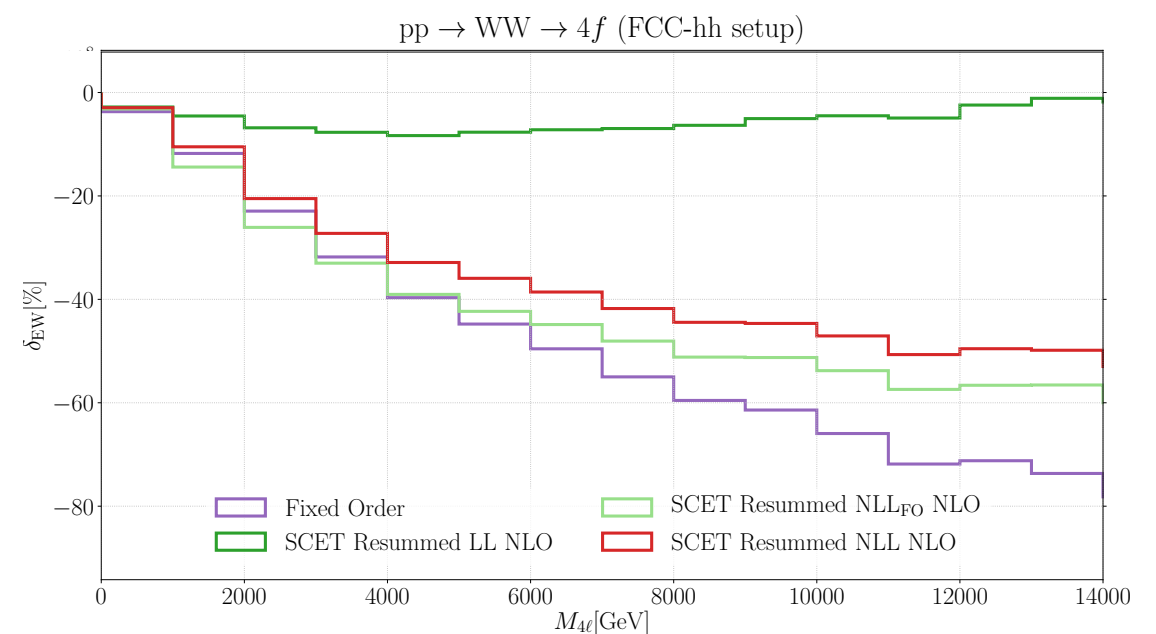
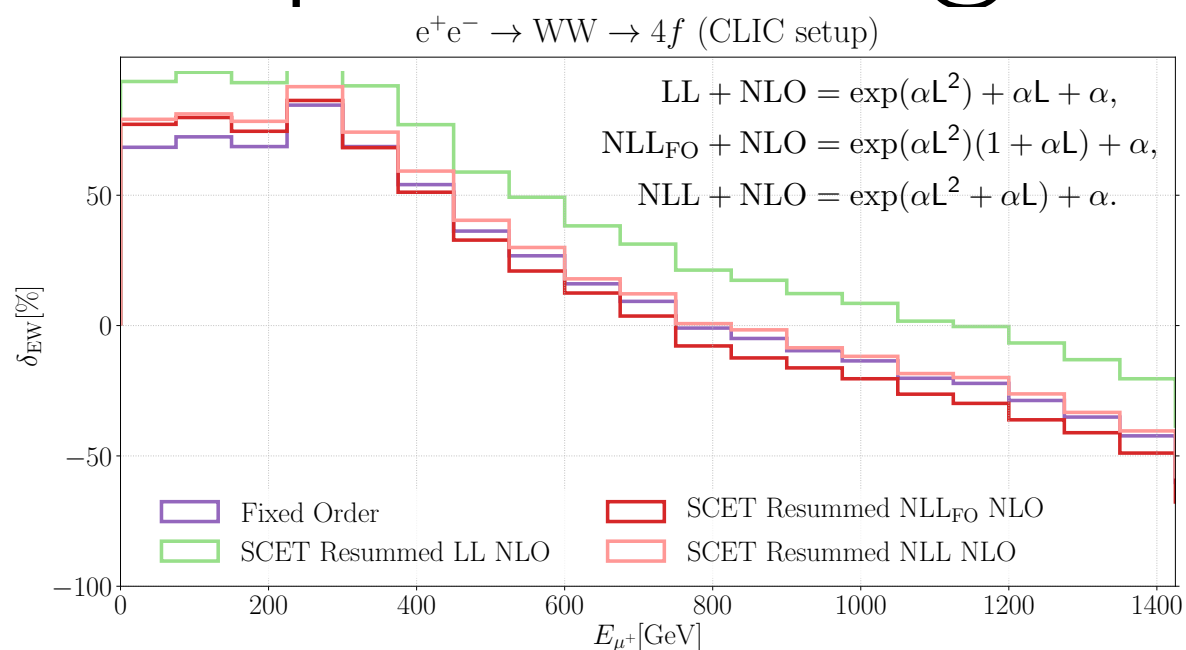


- These configurations are dominated by low  $M(HH)$  and are mass-suppressed (dominated by the trilinear diagram)

# Resummation of EW Sudakov logs

Denner, Rode, 2402.10503

- Since EW corrections are non-diagonal wrt flavour, exponentiation of Sudakov-logs is highly non-trivial
- Seminal studies for 2-loop amplitudes suggested to exponentiate separately weak and QED terms, and about their order [Denner et al, hep-ph/0301241](#)
- Resummation achieved using the EW version of SCET, included in a fully-differential MC
- Results presented for CLIC@3TeV and FCC-hh@100 TeV

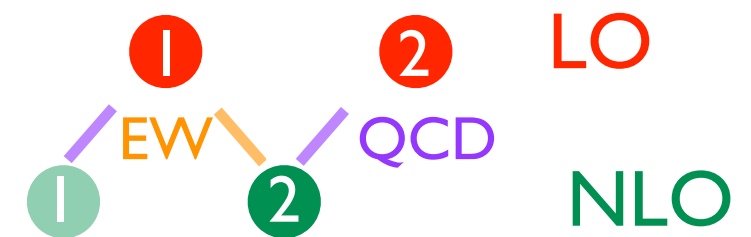
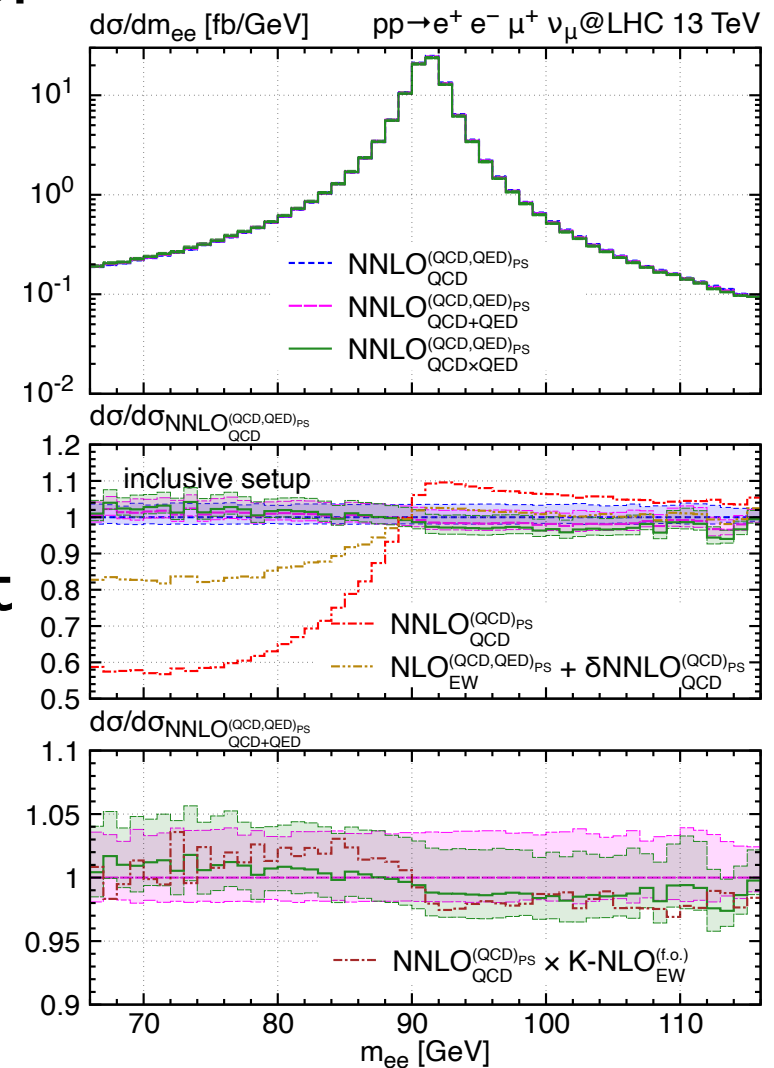


While the resummation of large EW logarithms is a must at future high-energy colliders, the application of the SCET<sub>EW</sub> formalism to realistic diboson processes is nontrivial and requires a number of approximations that need to be carefully checked.

# Matching with parton shower?

- EW corrections matched with PS still not available for general processes
- Approximate approaches exist, only including n-body contribution (“EWvirt” or EWSL). Accuracy depends on kinematics region  
**EWVirt:** VV(J): Brauer et al, 2005.12128; top: Gutschov et al, 1803.00950; V+jets: Kallweit et al, 1511.08692, ...
- Exact matching performed only for processes with just  $LO_1$  (in the Powheg scheme)  
DY: Barzè et al, 1302.4606; HV(J): Granata et al, 1706.03522; VBS: Chiesa et al, 1906.01863, VV: Chiesa et al, 2005.12146; WZ@NNLO+PS: Lindert et al, 2208.12660
- Main issue: how to assign colour-flows to interferences ( $LO_2$  is mostly an interference contribution) Some ideas: Frixione et al, 2106.13471

Lindert et al, 2208.12660



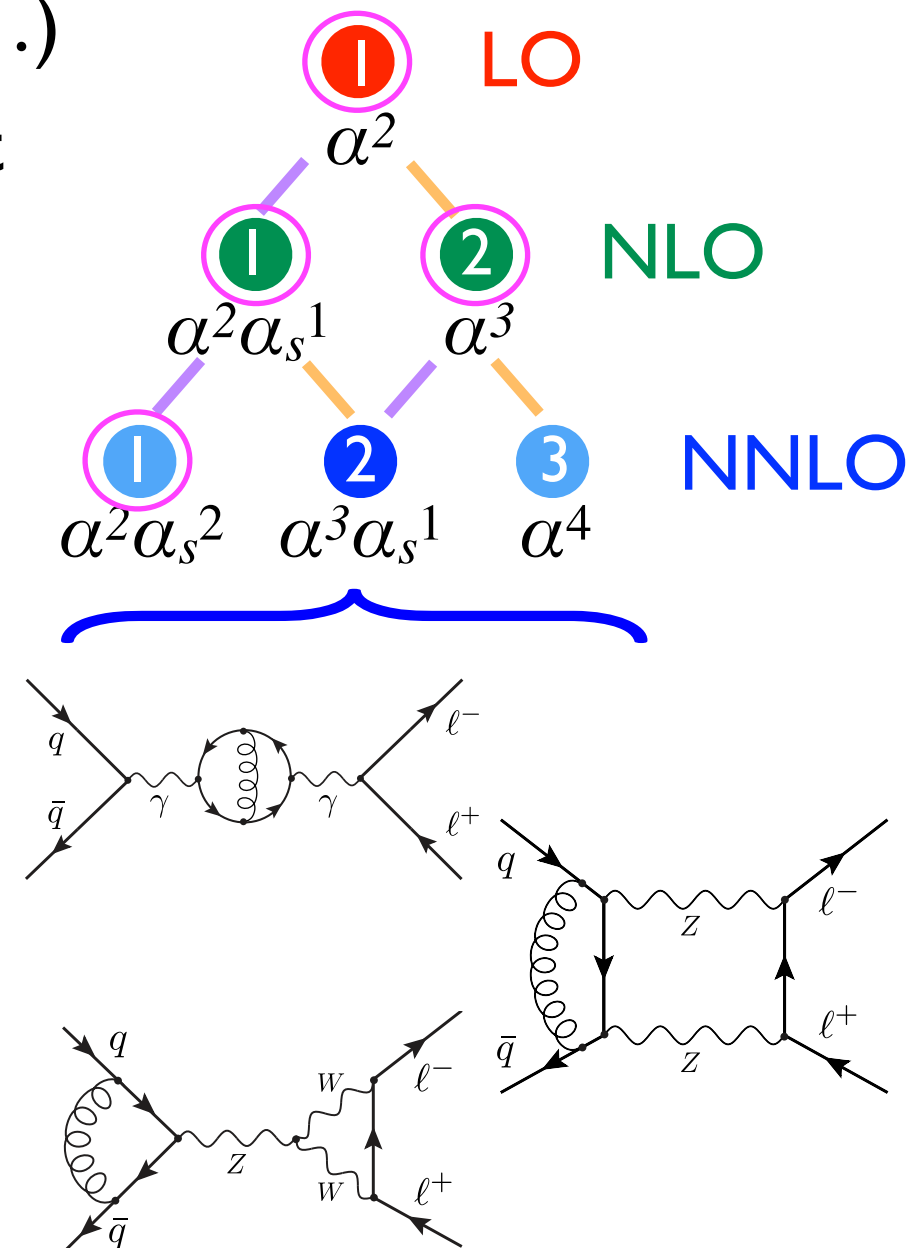




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- Lepton-pair production (Drell-Yan) is a high-precision probe of the EW sector ( $M_W, \sin\theta_W, \dots$ )
- **NNLO QCD+NLO EW** not enough for current and upcoming exp. data
- **NNLO<sub>2</sub>** has been the frontier for long time:
  - Historically, different approaches have been pursued for the pole vs large- $m(l^+l^-)$  region
  - Complicated topologies (massive double box)
- Recently, full computations of NNLO<sub>2</sub> have become available, both for NC and CC process
- I will briefly review these works, focusing on pheno results



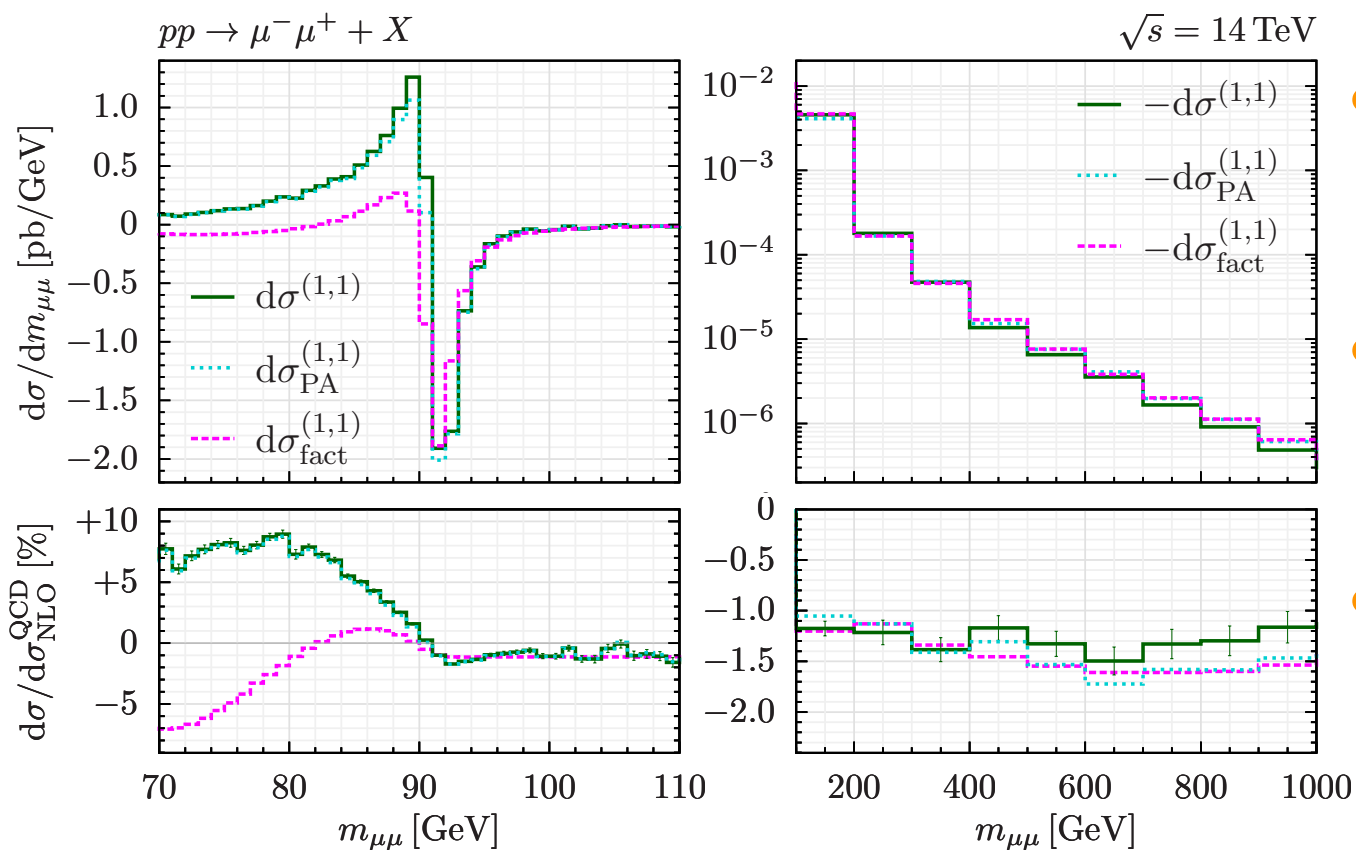
# Mixed QCD-EW corrections to NC Drell-Yan

Mixed Strong-Electroweak Corrections to the Drell-Yan Process

Roberto Bonciani<sup>1,\*</sup>, Luca Buonocore<sup>2,†</sup>, Massimiliano Grazzini<sup>2,‡</sup>, Stefan Kallweit<sup>3,§</sup>,  
Narayan Rana<sup>4,||</sup>, Francesco Tramontano<sup>5,¶</sup> and Alessandro Vicini<sup>4,\*\*</sup>

2106.11953

- First computation of NNLO<sub>2</sub> (with massive leptons)
- Amplitudes computed with semi-analytical approach
- IR Subtraction with Matrix [Grazzini et al, 1711.06631](#)
- Comparison with pole approx and naive factorisation of K-factors



- Peak region: excellent agreement with PA. Very large effects due to radiation. Naive factorisation fails
- Large inv.mass: O(0.5%) difference wrt PA and naive fact, due to genuinely non-factorisable contributions
- NNLO<sub>2</sub> corrections at the 1% level in the large inv.mass region

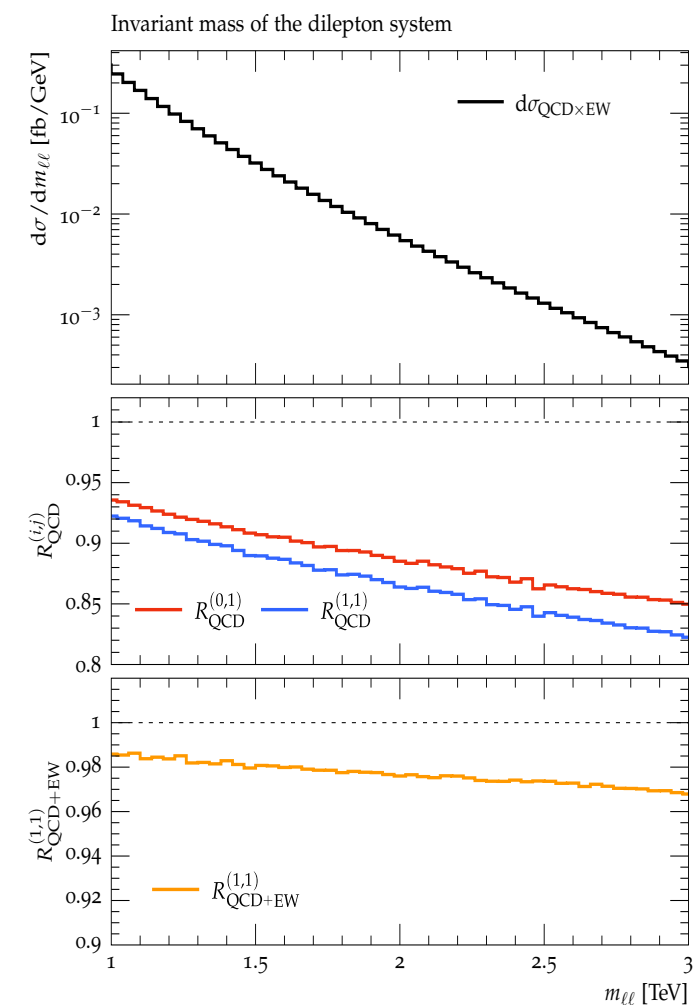
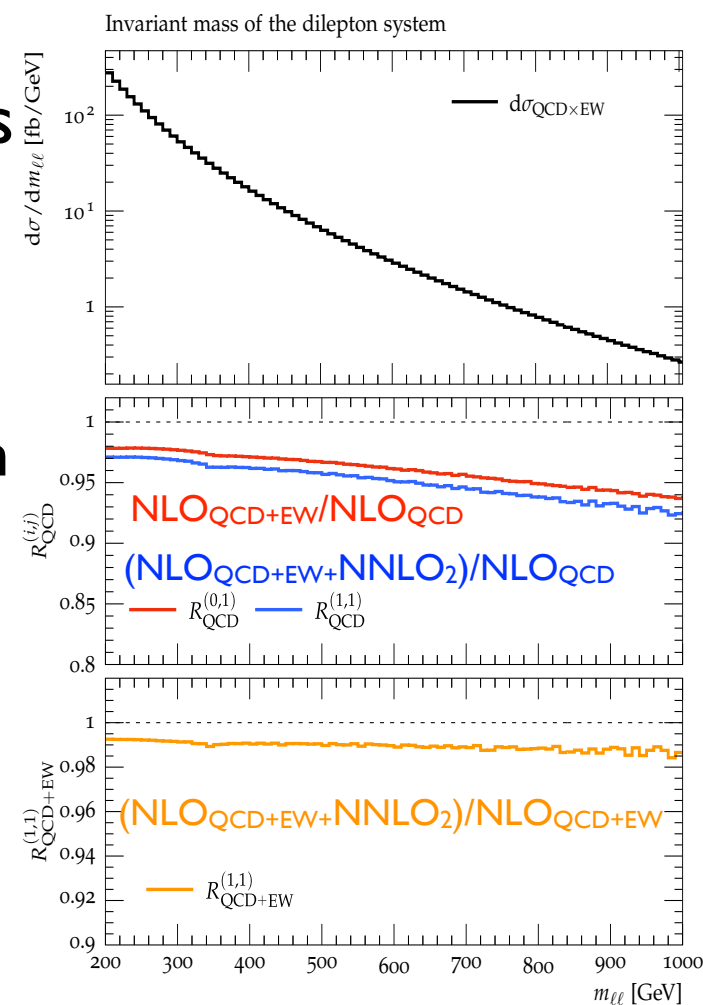
# Mixed QCD-EW corrections at large invariant mass

Mixed QCD-electroweak corrections to dilepton production at the LHC in the high invariant mass region

Federico Buccioni,<sup>a</sup> Fabrizio Caola,<sup>a,b</sup> Herschel A. Chawdhry,<sup>a</sup> Federica Devoto,<sup>a</sup> Matthias Heller,<sup>c</sup> Andreas von Manteuffel,<sup>d</sup> Kirill Melnikov,<sup>e</sup> Raoul Röntsch<sup>f</sup> and Chiara Signorile-Signorile<sup>e,g</sup>

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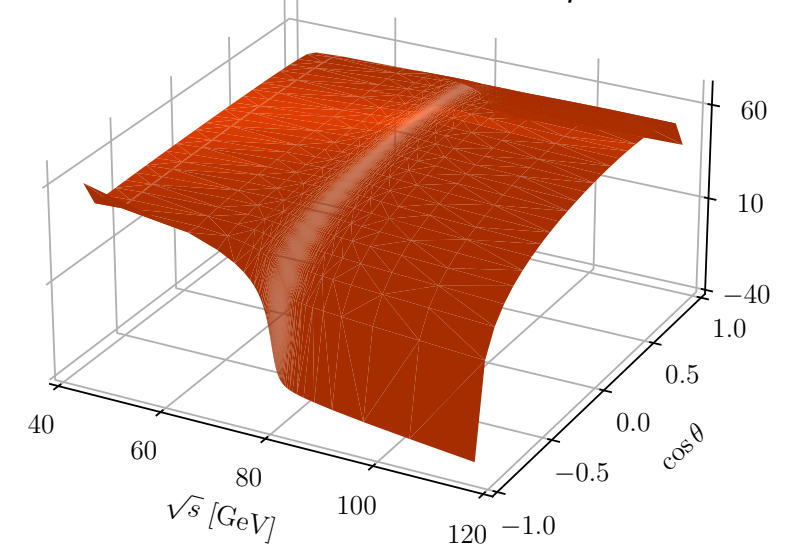
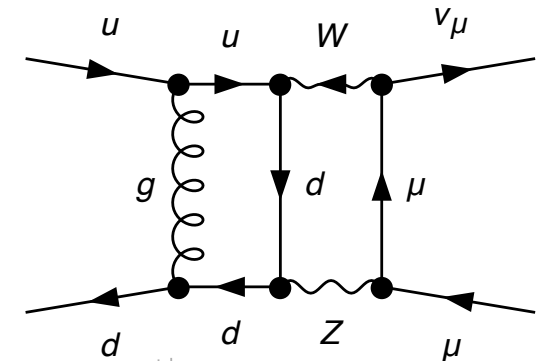
- Two-loop amplitudes computed in 2020, without widths  
[Heller et al, 2012.05918](#)
- IR subtraction with nested soft-collinear scheme  
[Caola et al, 1702.01352](#)
- Computation with massless leptons (recombination needed)
- NNLO<sub>2</sub> corrections at the 1% level wrt NLO<sub>QCD+EW</sub> in the large inv.mass region (up to 1 TeV)
- Growth with invariant mass due to Sudakov effects, up to 3% at 3 TeV
- Surprisingly large size in the TeV region wrt to power counting



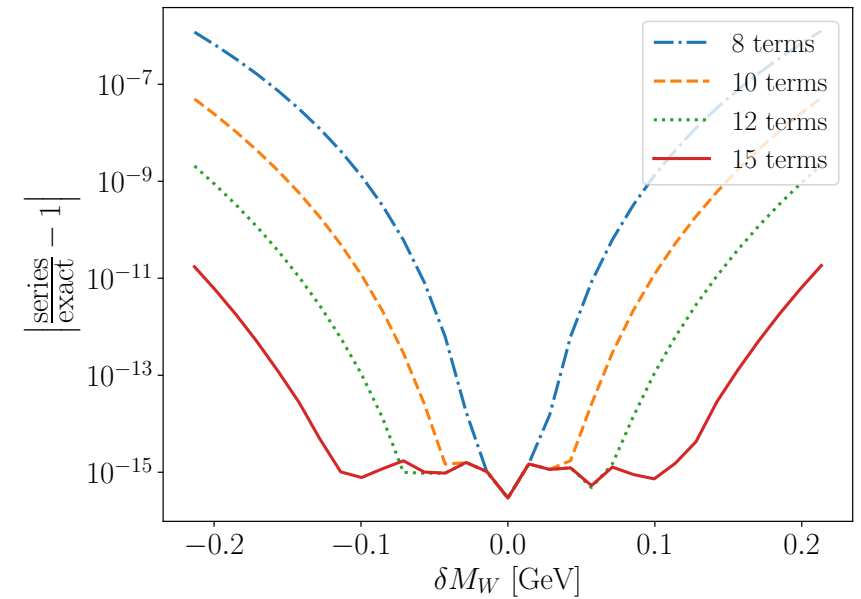
# From NC to CC

Armadillo, Bonciani, Devoto, Rana, Vicini, 2405.00612

- The CC case requires new topologies wrt the NC one
  - Most complicated: double-box, with 2 different internal masses
  - Solved by in-house package for differential equations, based on LiteRed and SeaSyde (series expansion wrt invariants)
  - Boundary condition evaluated with AMFlow
  - Checked that the result matches the equal-masses topology
  - Complex-mass scheme and lepton mass  $\neq 0$
- Results available as a grid, including full dependence on  $W$  mass



Relative error,  $\sqrt{s} = 80.1315$  GeV,  $\cos \theta = 0.165$



**LiteRed:** Lee, 1310.1145; **AMFlow:** Liu et al, 2201.11669;  
**SeaSyde:** Armadillo et al, 2205.03345

# Resummation of QED effects

Buonocore, Rottoli, Torrielli, 2404.15112

- Soft QED and mixed effects added on top of QCD ones, within the Radish framework [Monni et al, 1604.02191](#)
- QED soft effects due to correlations with final-state leptons included
- See also earlier work with stable W/Z [Autieri et al, 2302.05403](#)

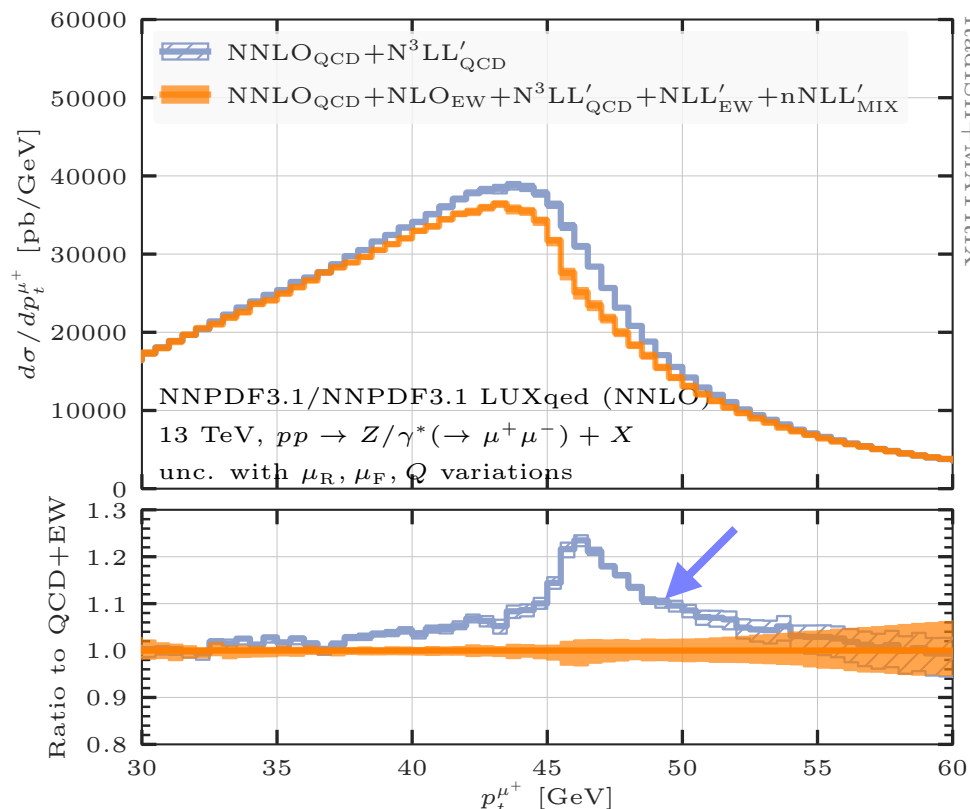
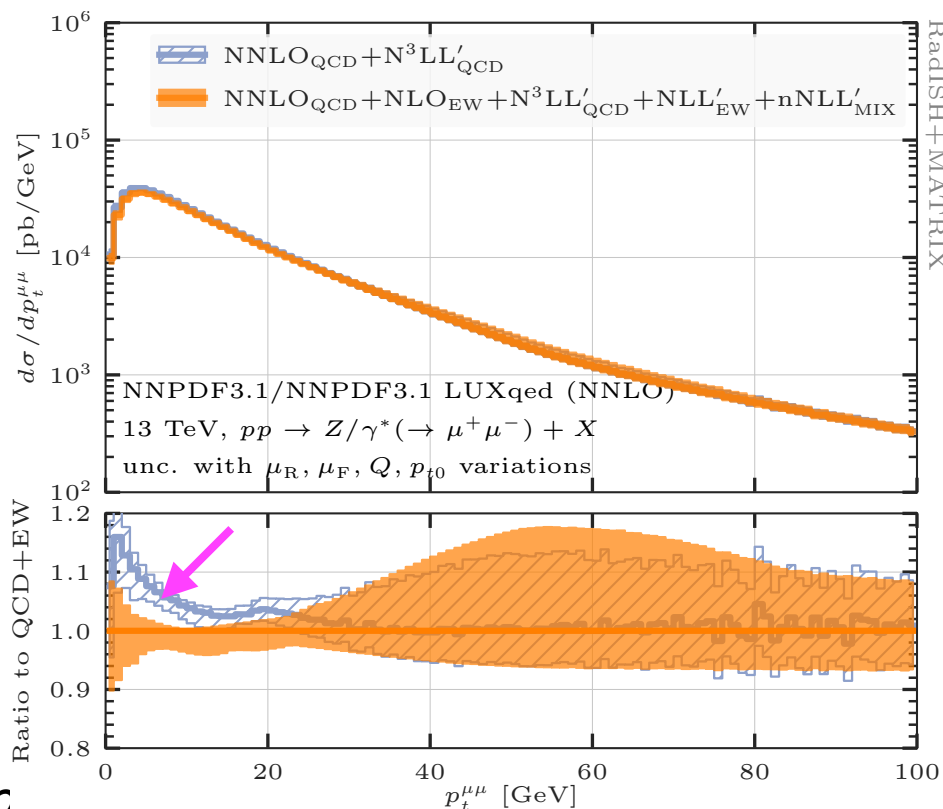
$N^3LL'$  QCD

$NLL'$  MIX  $\alpha_s^m \alpha^n L^{m+n}$

$$R(k_{t1}) = \left[ R(k_{t1}) \right]_{\text{eq. (2.4)}} + R^{\text{QED}}(k_{t1}) + R^{\text{MIX}}(k_{t1}) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} B^{(1,1)} L$$

$NLL'$  QED

FORMALLY NNLL' MIX



5-10% effects at low  $p_T(V)$   
Th.Unc do not overlap

Very large (20%) effects on the  
Jacobean peak, due to QED



Part 2

# Recent and planned developments for MC tools



# NNLO+PS predictions

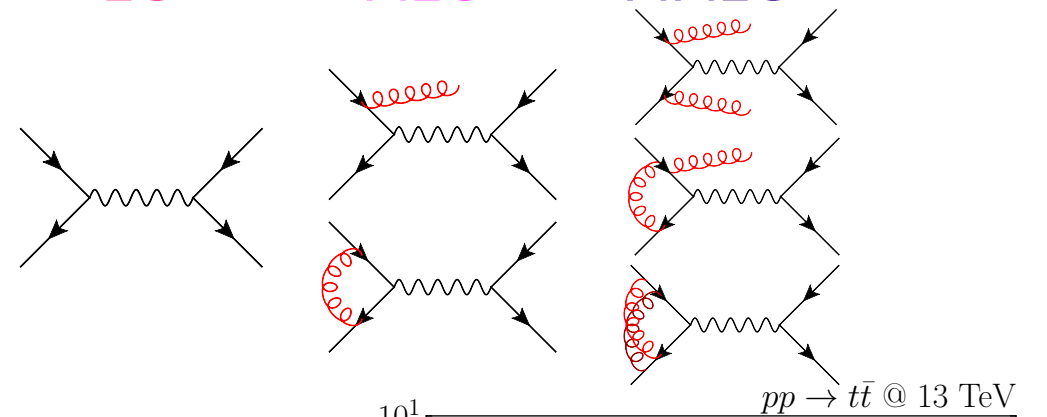


# MiNNLO+PS

- **NLO** QCD+PS has been the golden standard for long time  
MG5\_aMC/Sherpa/Powheg
- Going beyond NLO: **NNLO**
  - NNLO+PS relies on rather mature technology (MiNNLOPS)
  - All currently-available NNLO QCD computation can (in principle) be included into a NNLO+PS generator
  - Implementation is still process-dependent, and mostly done by hand

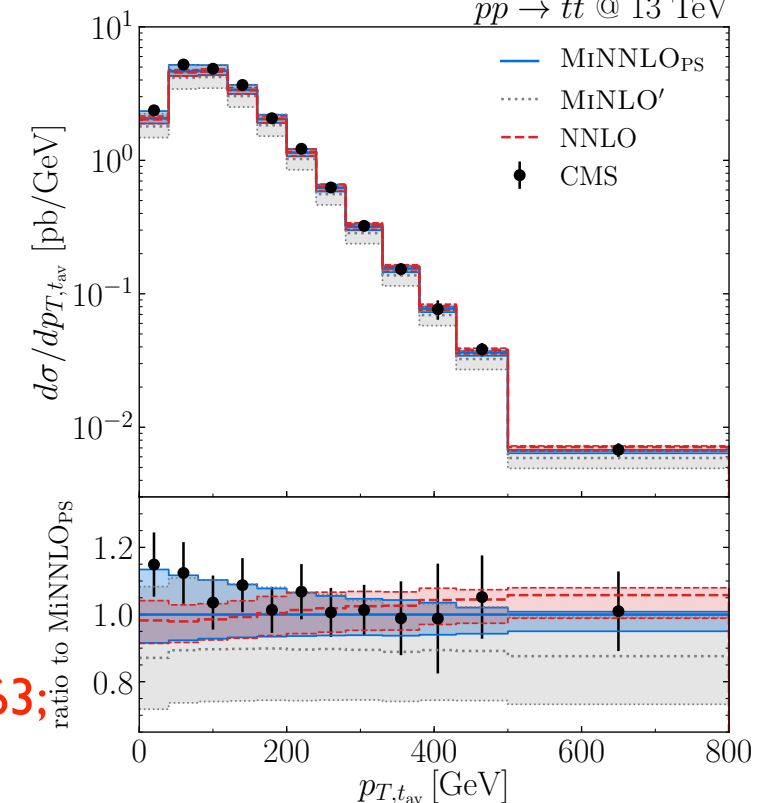
$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X} = \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X}^{(0)} + \alpha_s \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X}^{(1)} + \alpha_s^2 \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X}^{(2)} + \dots$$

LO
NLO
NNLO



Monni et al, 1908.06987

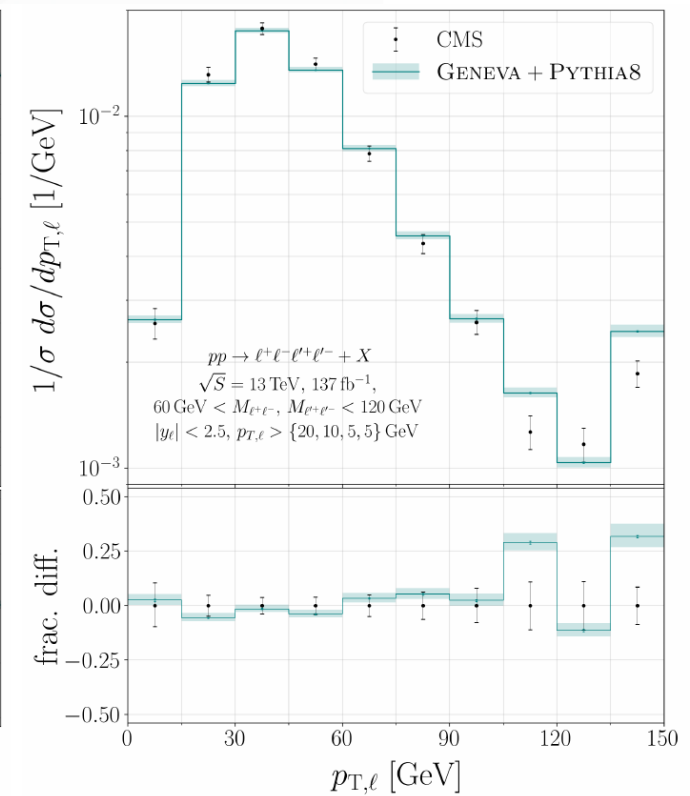
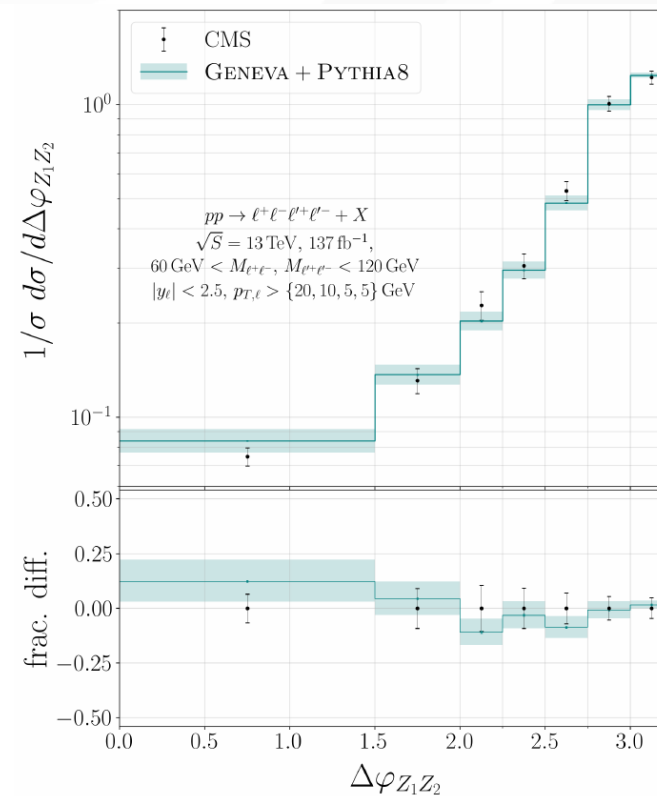
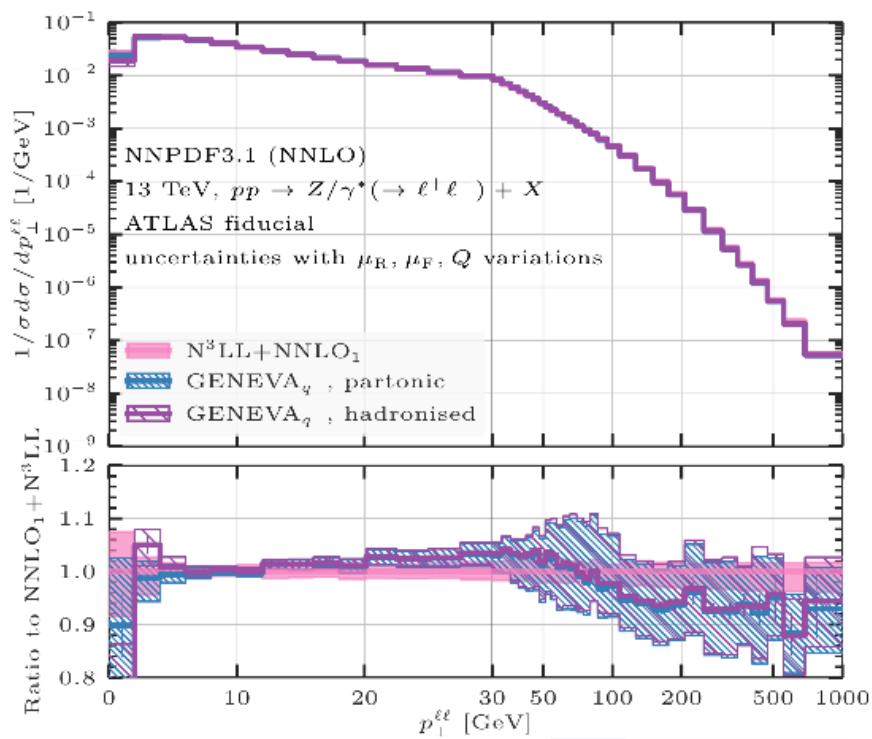
bbH: Biello et al, 2402.04025; b prod: Mazzitelli et al, 2302.01645;  
 WZ (+EW) Lindert et al, 2208.12660; ZH (SMEFT): Haisch et al, 2204.00663;  
 top: Mazzitelli et al, 2112.12135, ...



Mazzitelli et al, 2012.14267

# NNLO+PS in Geneva

- The Geneva method combines NNLO+PS with N-jettiness resummation at NNLL' [Alioli et al, 1211.7049](#)
- Implemented and validated for several color-singlet processes



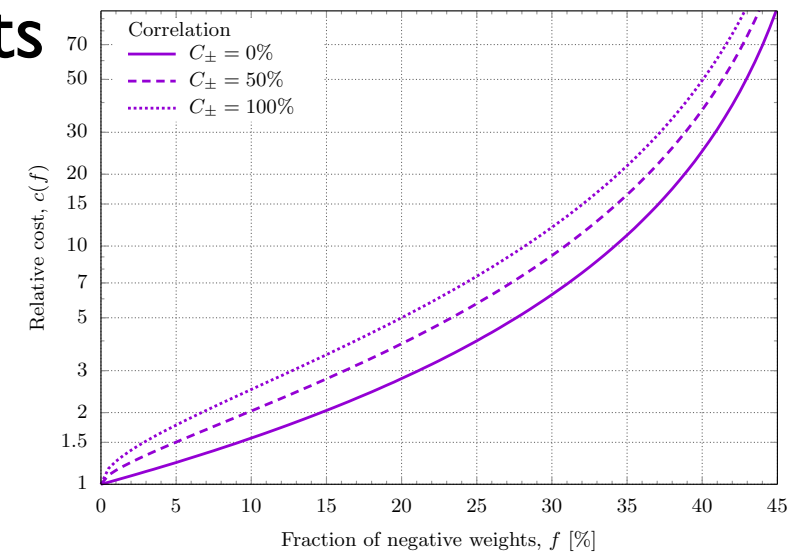
- New developments:
  - Resumming second jet resolution at NLL'
  - Extension towards color-singlet+jet processes WIP



# Reduction of negative weights in MC@NLO-type matching

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- MC@NLO-matched MCs affected by negative weights
  - Reduce the statistical quality of the event sample
  - More events need to be generated than with positive-only events
- Recent progress both in Sherpa and MG5\_aMC:
  - MG5\_aMC: modify the matching by a term which improves the IR behaviour of the MC counterterms  
[Frederix et al, 2002.12716](#)  
 Alternatively, spread the Born over the radiative PS in order to compensate for over-cancellation of local CTs or negative virtuals [Frederix, Torrielli, 2310.04160](#)
  - Sherpa: use leading-colour approximation+move K-factor to low-mult. processes in merged samples  
[Danzinger et al, 2110.15211](#)
- Other approaches (MC-agnostic):
  - Positive resampler: resample cross section to eliminate negative weights [Andersen et al, 2005.09375](#)

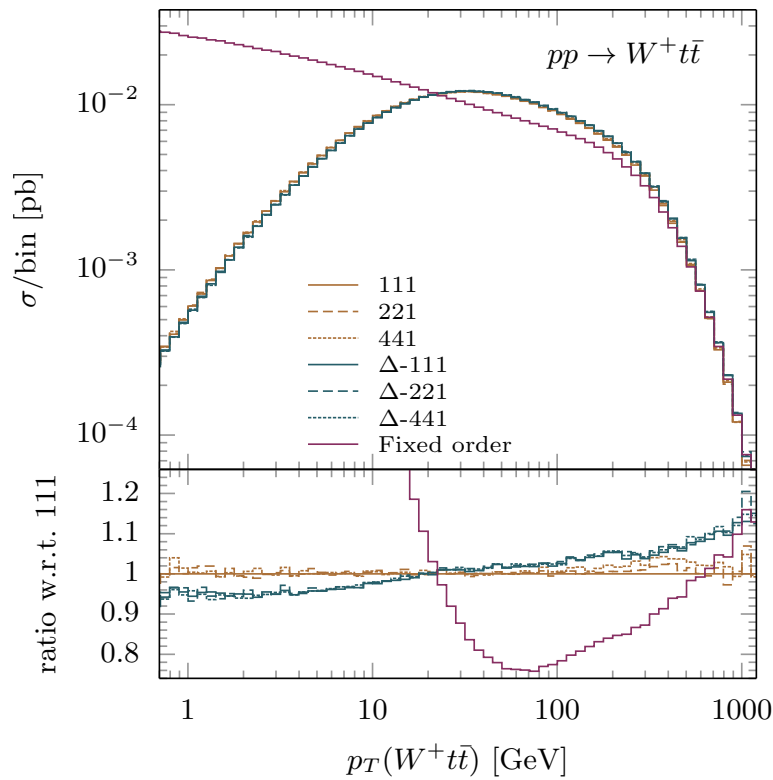


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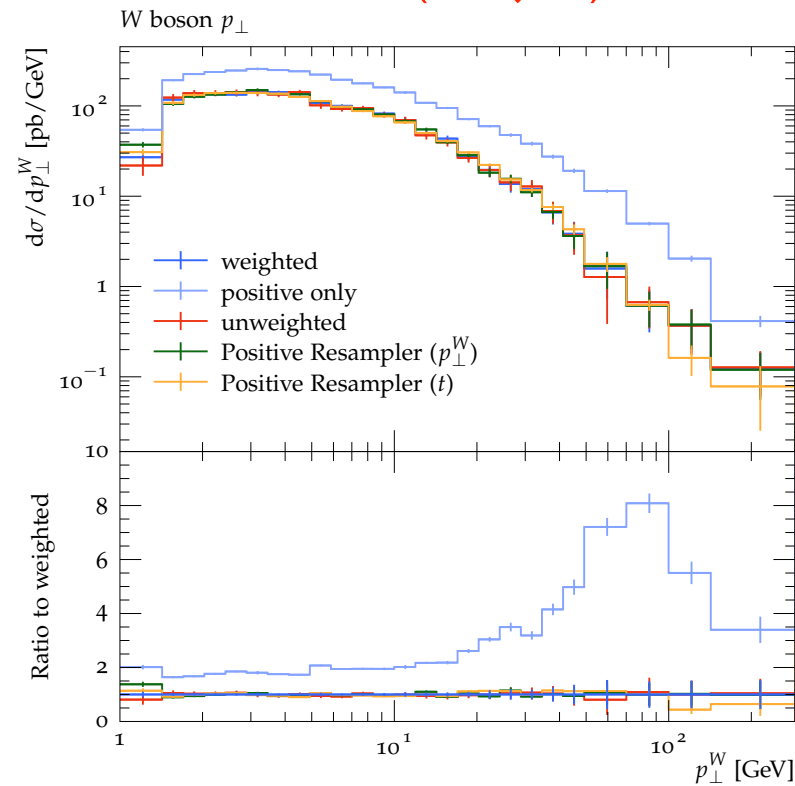
	MC@NLO	MC@NLO- $\Delta$
$pp \rightarrow e^+e^-$	3.5% (1.2)	2.4% (1.1)
$pp \rightarrow e^+\nu_e$	3.8% (1.2)	2.5% (1.1)
$pp \rightarrow H$	4.9% (1.2)	2.0% (1.1)
$pp \rightarrow Hb\bar{b}$	38.4% (19)	32.6% (8.2)
$pp \rightarrow W^+j$	16.5% (2.2)	7.9% (1.4)
$pp \rightarrow W^+t\bar{t}$	15.2% (2.1)	11.9% (1.7)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	20.2% (2.8)	9.3% (1.5)

# Results

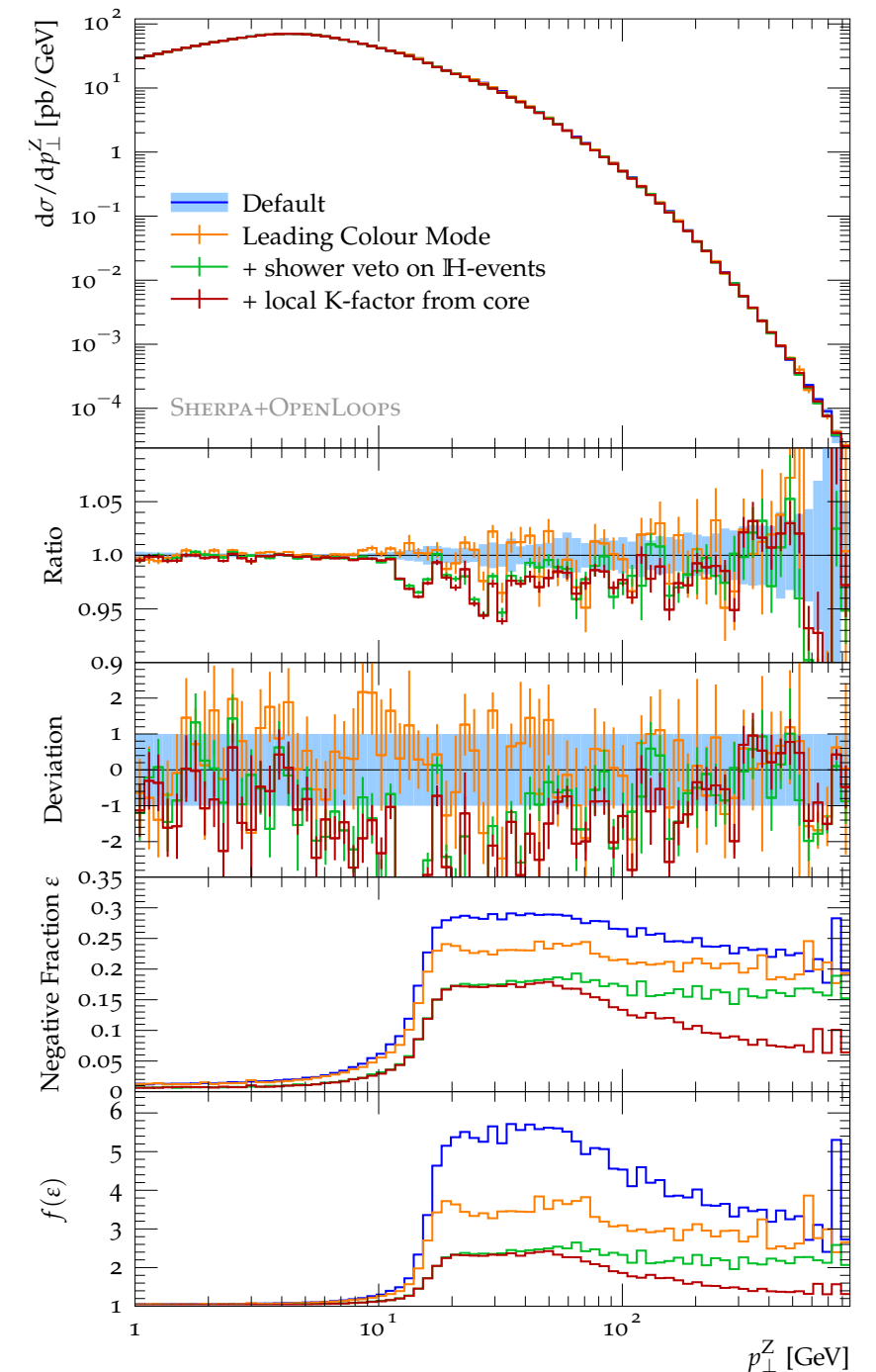
2002.12716 (ttW)



2005.09375 (W+jets)



2110.15211 (Z+jets)



- Take home message: differences due to new matching/resampling are generally small (5%), with some exceptions
- Reduction of neg. weights may entail some extra cost (ie slower code) at event generation, which is (over)compensated with full sim.



# Towards the usage of GPUs and AI in the MG5\_aMC framework



# Improving computing performances

- Computing demand requires more efficient and smarter handling of resources
- On one side, move away from multi-threading in favour of multiprocessing (SIMD/OpenMP), suitable for GPUs
  - This requires rewriting and rethinking our (old) codes
- On the other, benefit from AI to improve some specific aspects (integration/event-gen./...)
- See also:
  - “Event Generators for High-Energy Physics Experiments”, 2203.11110
  - “Machine learning and LHC event generation”, 2203.07460
  - “Challenges in Monte Carlo event generator software for High-Luminosity LHC”, 2004.13687



# Towards MG5\_aMC on GPU

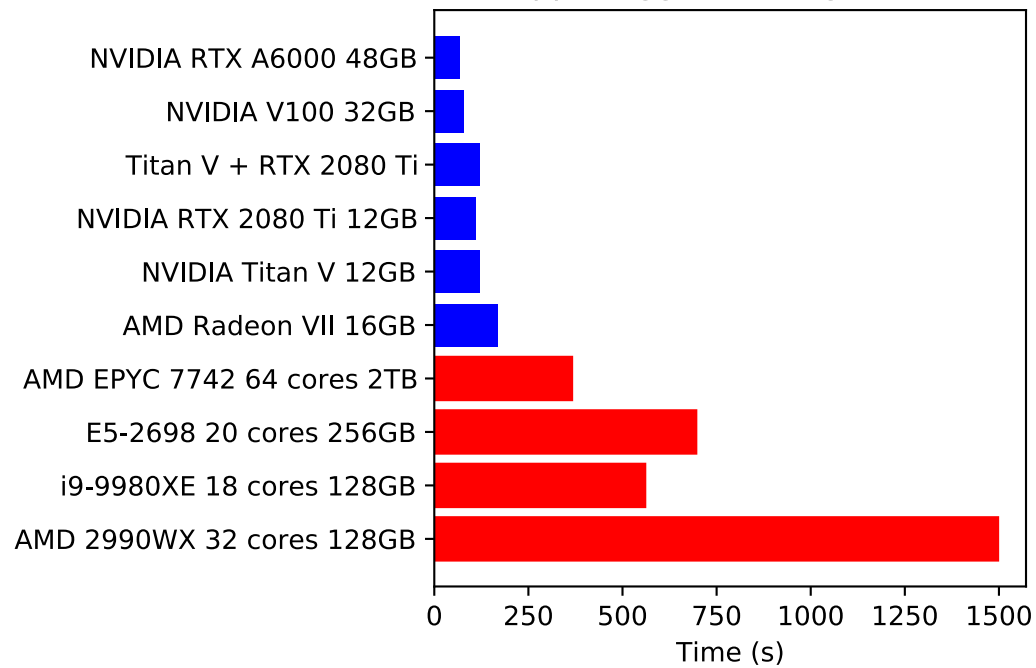
MadFlow:

Carrazza, Cruz-Martinez, Rossi, MZ, 2106.10279

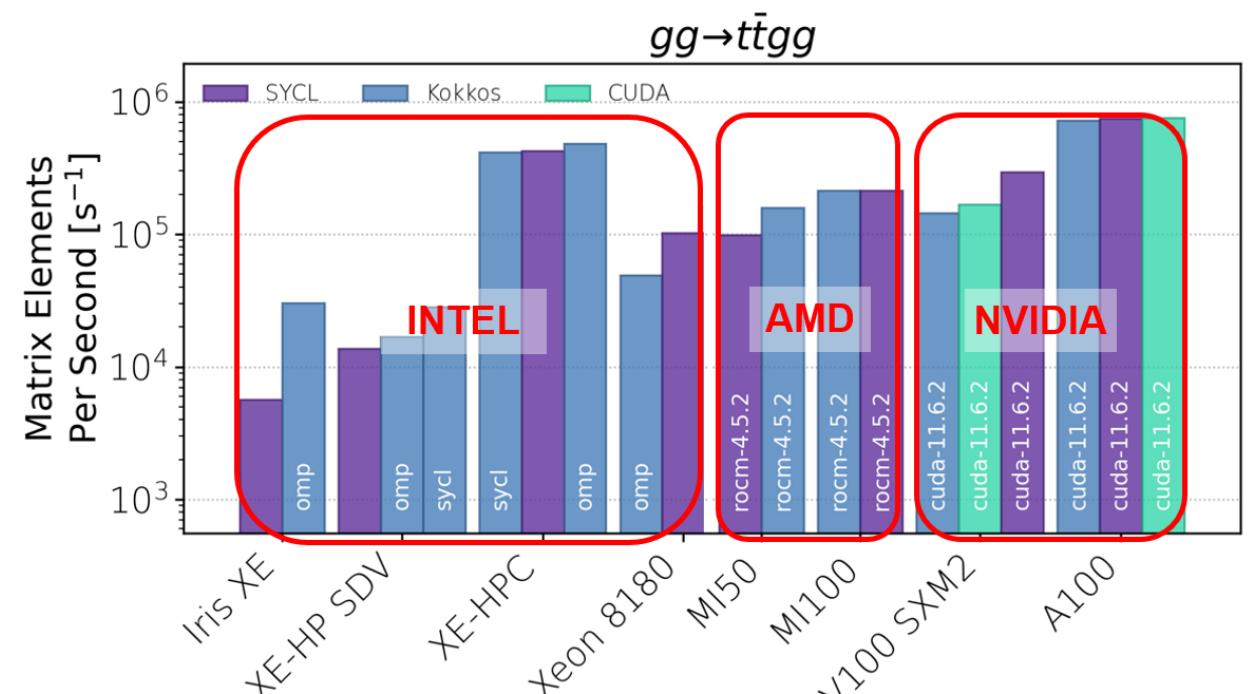
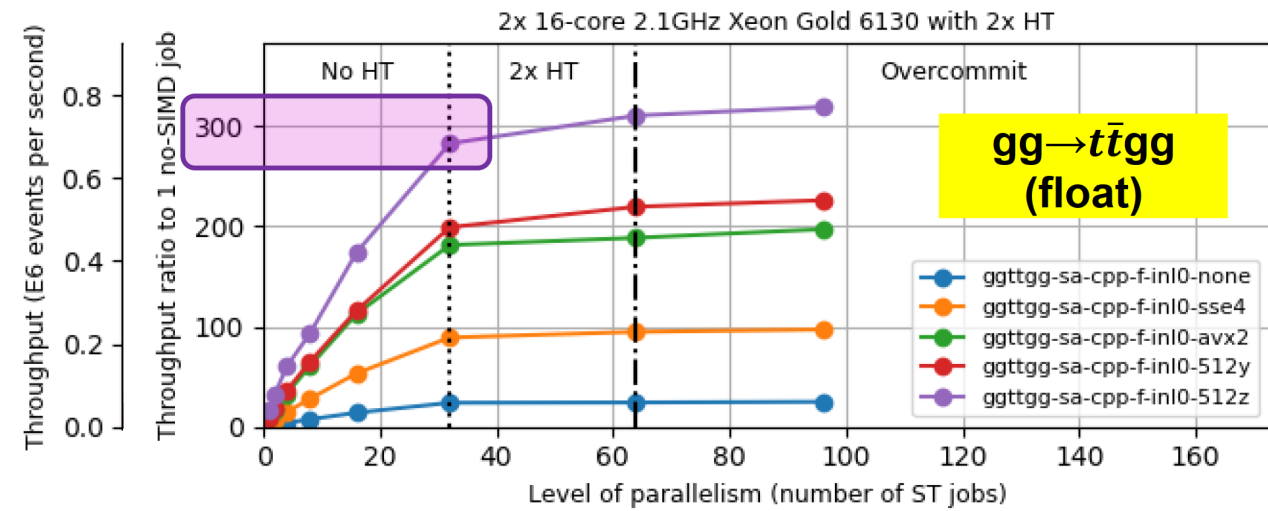
MG5onGPU:

Valassi et al, 2106.12631, 2303.18244, 2312.02898

MadFlow time for 1M events  
 $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}gg$  (267 diagrams)



Process	MadFlow CPU	MadFlow GPU	MG5_aMC
$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	9.86 $\mu$ s	1.56 $\mu$ s	20.21 $\mu$ s
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	14.99 $\mu$ s	2.20 $\mu$ s	45.74 $\mu$ s
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}g$	57.84 $\mu$ s	7.54 $\mu$ s	93.23 $\mu$ s
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}gg$	559.67 $\mu$ s	121.05 $\mu$ s	793.92 $\mu$ s

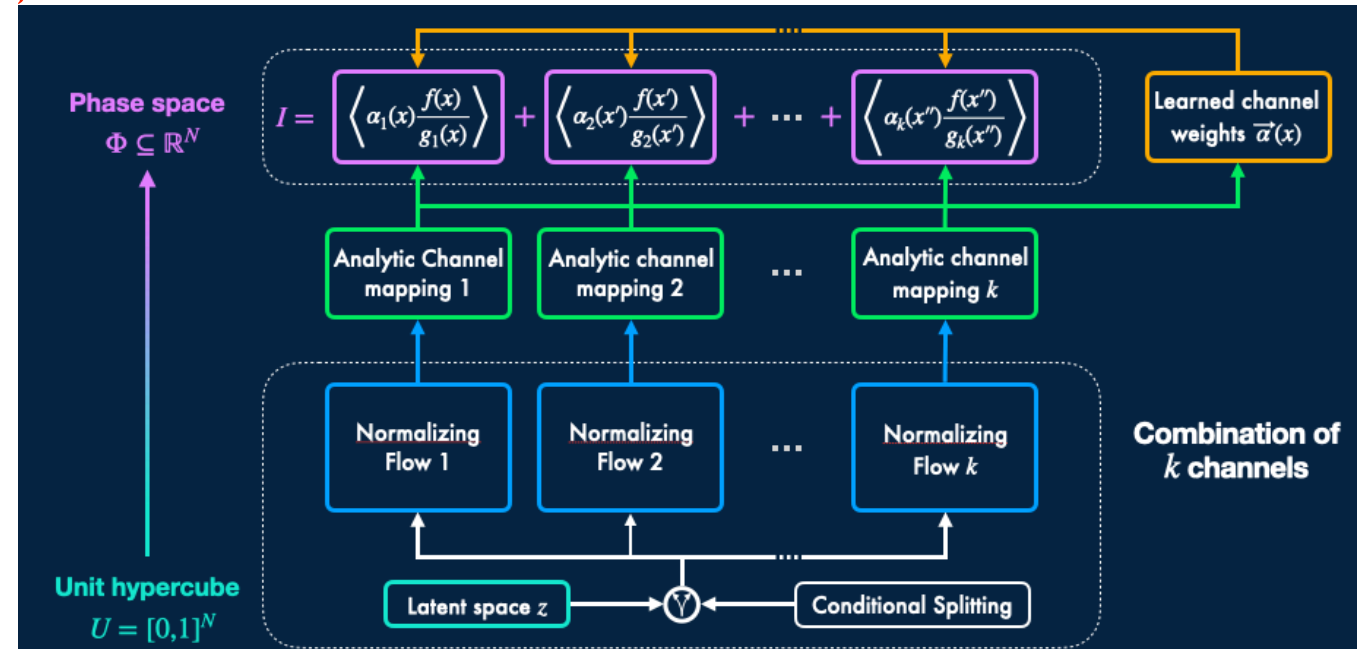




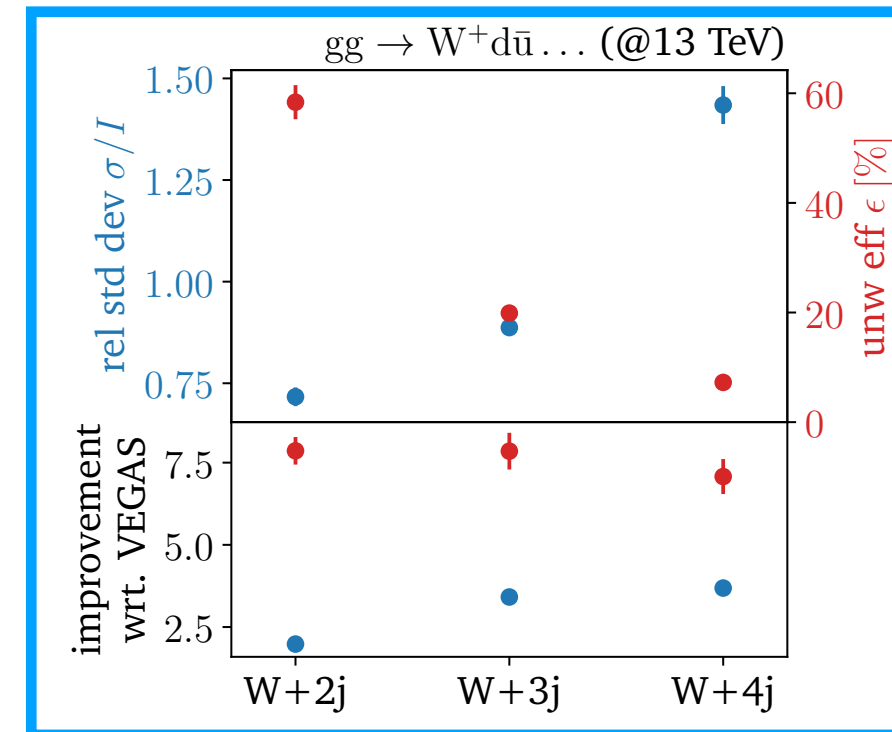
# Using NN's for importance sampling: MadNIS

Hiemel et al, 2212.06172 & 2311.01548

- ⊕ Computationally cheap
- ⊖ High-dim and rich peaking functions → **slow convergence**
- ⊖ Peaks not aligned with grid axes → **phantom peaks**



- Use NN to overcome some limitations of VEGAS
- Do not reinvent the wheel:
  - Pre-training with VEGAS (fast) used as starting point of normalizing-flow
  - Use NF on top of known analytical mappings
  - NF adjust the weight of each channel
- Important improvement both on variance and on unweighting efficiency, even for large multiplicities



All figures by R. Winterhalder



# Conclusions

## Part I

- EW corrections are not just 1% effects: several mechanisms can enhance them:
  - Kinematics, couplings (e.g. Yukawa), radiative return, EWSL
- EW corrections are moving beyond NLO
  - Drell-Yan corrections available for NNLO<sub>2</sub>, both NC and CC
  - Resummation available both for soft  $\gamma$ s (jointly with QCD) and for EWSLs
- Still, we miss a general procedure for PS matching at NLO
  - EWSL approximation +PS seems a good compromise
  - But the validity of EWSL approximation (both in principle and in practice) should always be checked
- Lot of progress also beyond LHC physics ( $e^+e^-/\mu^+\mu^-$  colliders, g-2) not covered in this talk



# Conclusions

## Part 2

- Understanding and improving MC tools is crucial for a proper and efficient collaboration between theory and experiments
- Lot of recent activity, only a glimpse of it in these slides
  - Inclusion of higher orders beyond NLO QCD
  - Reduction of negative weights leads to reduction in needed  $n$  of events. Some methods already implemented in public tools
  - Faster simulations can profit of modern hardwares (GPUs) and of AI for integration/event generation. At the moment most WIP, but stay tuned!