

**NLO QCD and other
recent results
in POWHEG-BOX-ew**

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This talk

- Recent results from Eur. Phys. J. C 84 (2024) 5, 539
most recent report on Z_{ew}-BMNNPV with comparison of different input schemes
- Results including NLO QCD

Main features of POWHEG Z_ew-BMNNPV

- Possibility to select among different EW input and renormalization schemes:

$$(\alpha_0 / \alpha(M_Z^2) / G_\mu, M_W, M_Z)$$

$$(\alpha, G_\mu, M_Z)$$

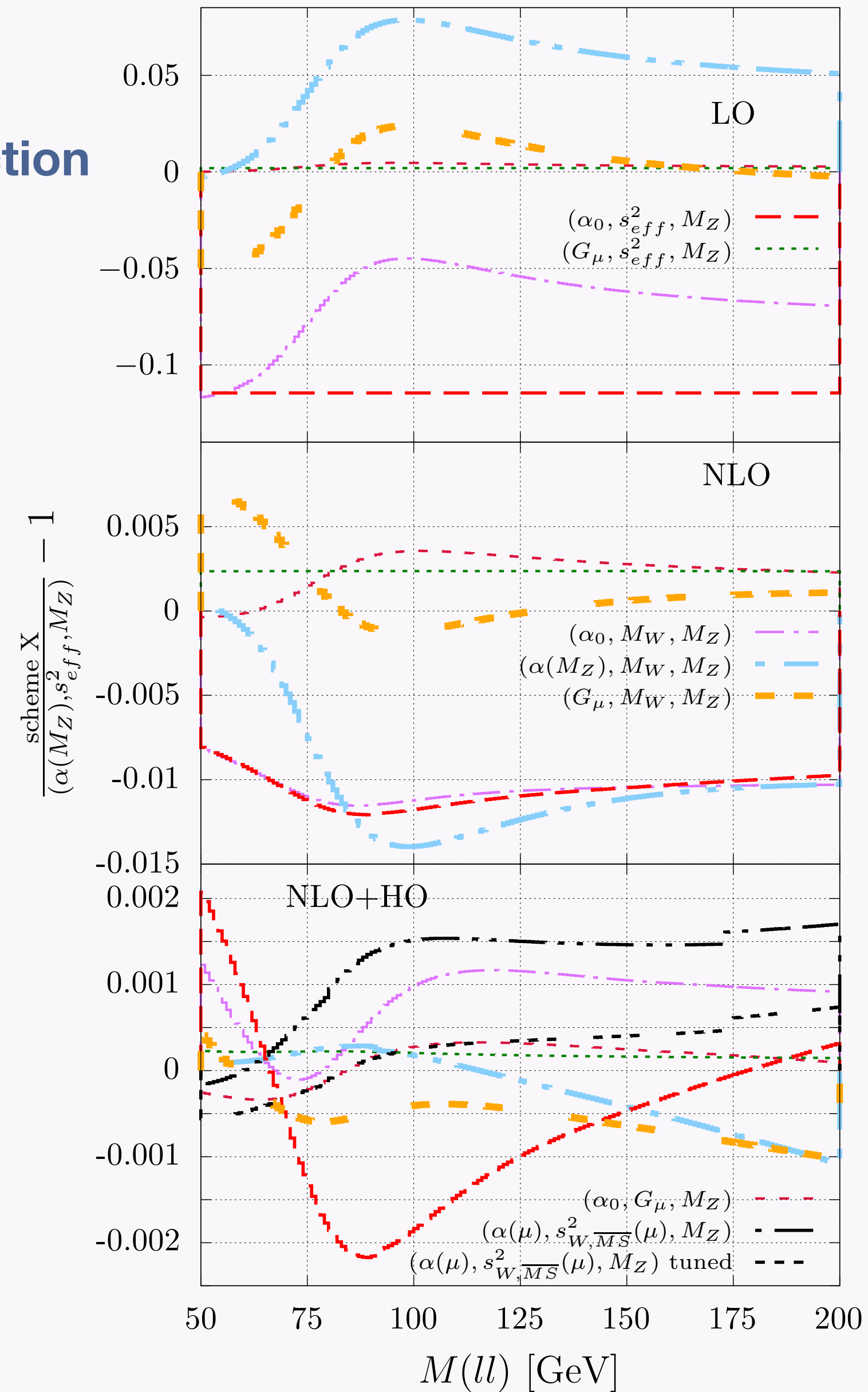
$$(\alpha_0 / \alpha(M_Z^2) / G_\mu, s_{eff}^2, M_Z)$$

$$(\alpha(\mu^2), s_w^2(\mu^2), M_Z)$$

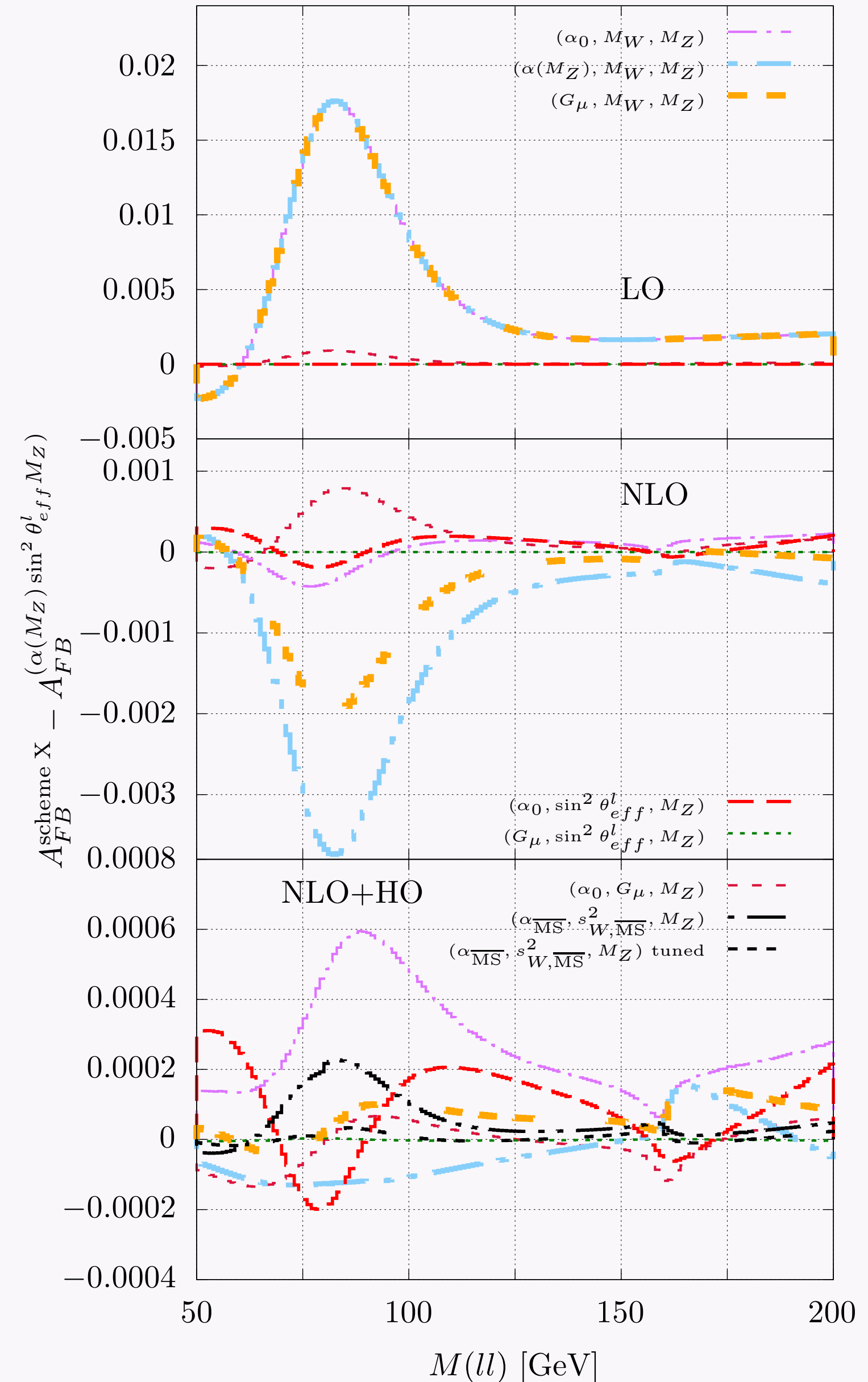
- Different options for resonance treatment: complex-mass scheme, pole scheme, factorization scheme
- Results for weak corrections are presented in the Z-peak region and high energy region (Sudakov regime)

Comparison among input schemes

Cross section



Asymmetry



Tuning (LEP inspired) I

Tuning from reference scheme (α_0, G_μ, M_Z)

$(\alpha_0, s_{eff}^2, M_Z)$

$$s_{eff}^2|_{G_\mu} = \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}G_\mu M_Z^2} \alpha(M_Z^2) (1 + \Delta\tilde{r}_{HO})}$$

(α_0, M_W, M_Z)

$$M_W|_{G_\mu} = \frac{M_Z}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{\sqrt{8}\pi}{G_\mu M_Z^2} \alpha(M_Z^2) \frac{1 + \Delta r^{(1)} - \Delta\alpha + \frac{c_W^2}{s_W^2} \Delta\rho^{(1,X)}}{1 + \frac{c_W^2}{s_W^2} \Delta\rho^{(X)}}} \right)$$

$$\alpha(M_Z^2) = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \Delta\alpha}$$

$$\Delta\tilde{r}_{rem} = \Delta\tilde{r}^{(1)} - \Delta\alpha + \Delta\rho^{(1)}$$

$$\Delta\tilde{r}_{HO} = \Delta\tilde{r}_{rem} - \Delta\rho$$

$$\Delta\rho = \Delta\rho^{(1)} + \Delta\rho^{(2)}$$

$$\Delta\rho^{(1,X)} = \frac{\Sigma_T^{ZZ}(M_Z)}{M_Z^2} - \frac{\Sigma_T^W(M_W)}{M_W^2} \Big|_{fin, \mu_{dim}=M_Z}$$

$$\Delta\rho^{(X)} = \Delta\rho^{(1,X)} + \Delta\rho^{(2,X)}$$

Tuning (LEP inspired) II

Higher orders in Born Improved Approximation with $\alpha(M_Z^2)$ and s_{eff}^2

(α_0, G_μ, M_Z)

$$\tilde{s}_{w, \text{NLO+HO}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_\mu M_Z^2} (1 + \Delta\tilde{r}|_{s_w^2})}$$

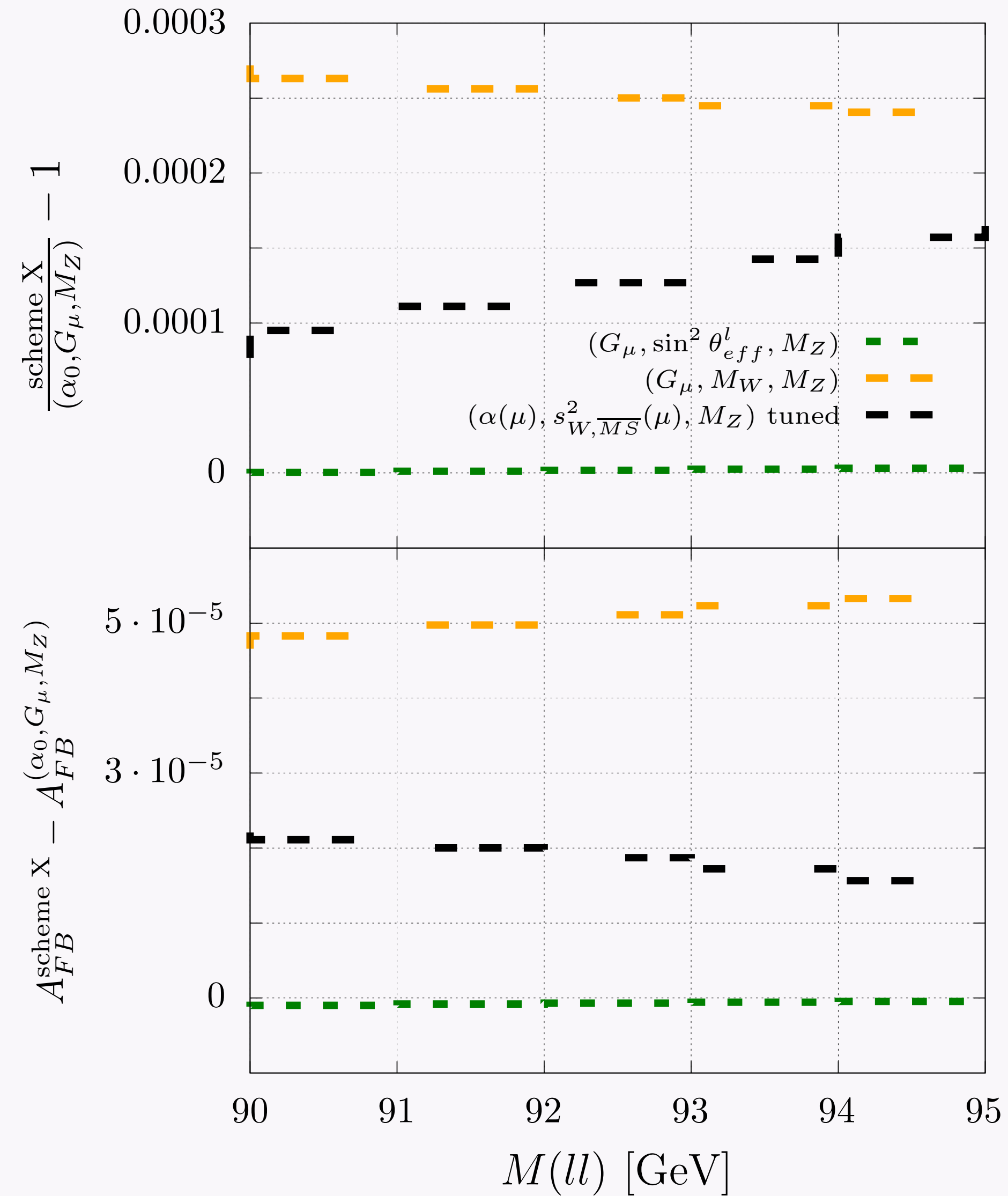
(α_0, M_W, M_Z)

$$\tilde{s}_{w, \text{NLO+HO}}^2 = s_w^2 \left(1 + \frac{c_w^2}{s_w^2} \Delta\rho^{(X)} \right) \left[1 - \frac{c_w^2}{s_w^2} \Delta\rho^{(1,X)} + \frac{1}{s_w^2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{g_L g_R}{(g_L - g_R)^2} \text{Re} \left(\frac{\delta g_L}{g_L} - \frac{\delta g_R}{g_R} \right) \right]$$

$(\alpha_0, s_{eff}^2, M_Z)$

already ok

Results of tuning



How can this impact
on our uncertainty estimation?

Resonance treatment

Complex-mass scheme

Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Wackerath, Nucl. Phys. B 560 no. 1-3, 33–65, 1999
 Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Wieders, Nucl. Phys. B 724 no. 1-2, 247–294, 2005
 Denner, Dittmaier, Nucl. Phys. B - Proceedings Supplements 160, 22–26, 2006

$$\mu_Z = M_Z - i\Gamma_Z M_Z \quad \mu_W = M_W - i\Gamma_W M_W$$

Pole scheme

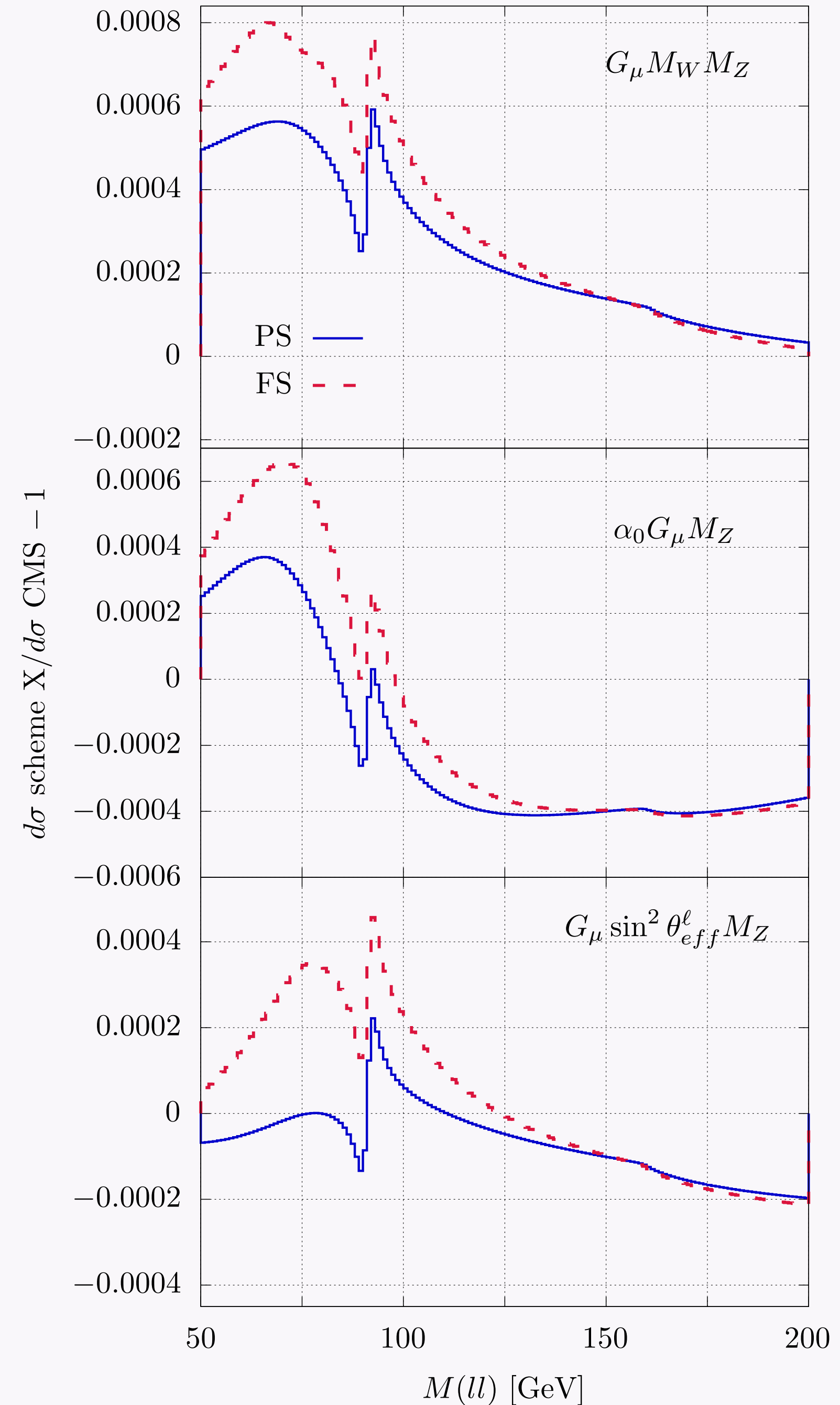
Stuart, Phys. Lett. B 262 no. 1, 113–119, 1991 - Sirlin, Phys. Lett. B 267 no. 2, 240–242, 1991
 Gambino, Grassi, Phys. Rev. D 62 no. 7, 2000 - Grassi, Kniehl, Sirlin, Phys. Rev. D 65 no. 8, 2002
 Stuart, Phys. Rev. Lett. 70, 3193–3196, 1993 - Dittmaier, Huber, JHEP 2010 no. 1, 2010)

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{\tilde{R}(\mu_P^2)}{p^2 - \mu_P^2} + \frac{R(p^2) - R(M_P^2)}{p^2 - M_P^2} + \tilde{N}(p^2)$$

Factorization scheme

Argyres et al., Phys. Lett. B 358 no. 3-4, 339–346, 1995
 Kurihara, Perret-Gallix, Shimizu, Phys. Lett. B 349 no. 3, 367–374, 1995
 S. Dittmaier and M. Krämer, Phys. Rev. D 65 no. 7, 2002

$$f_P(p^2) = \frac{p^2 - M_P^2}{p^2 - \mu_P^2}$$



Sudakov regime

Channel with d-quarks only: no PDFs dependence
 → no large unphysical distortions at high energies

Sudakov logs

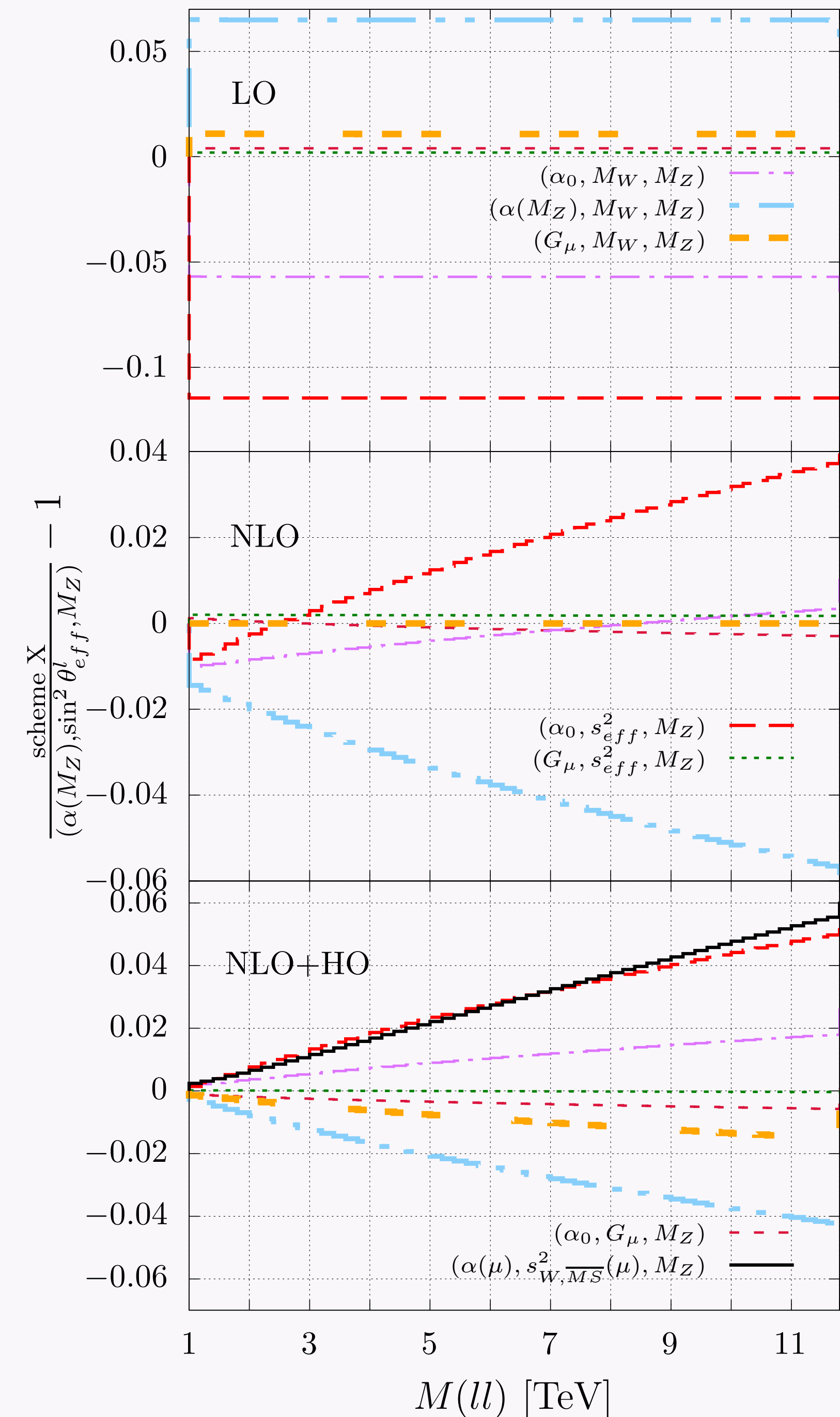
$$A(\alpha, s_w^2) \ln^2 \frac{s}{M_Z^2} + B(\alpha, s_w^2) \ln \frac{s}{M_Z^2}$$

Parameter renormalization logs

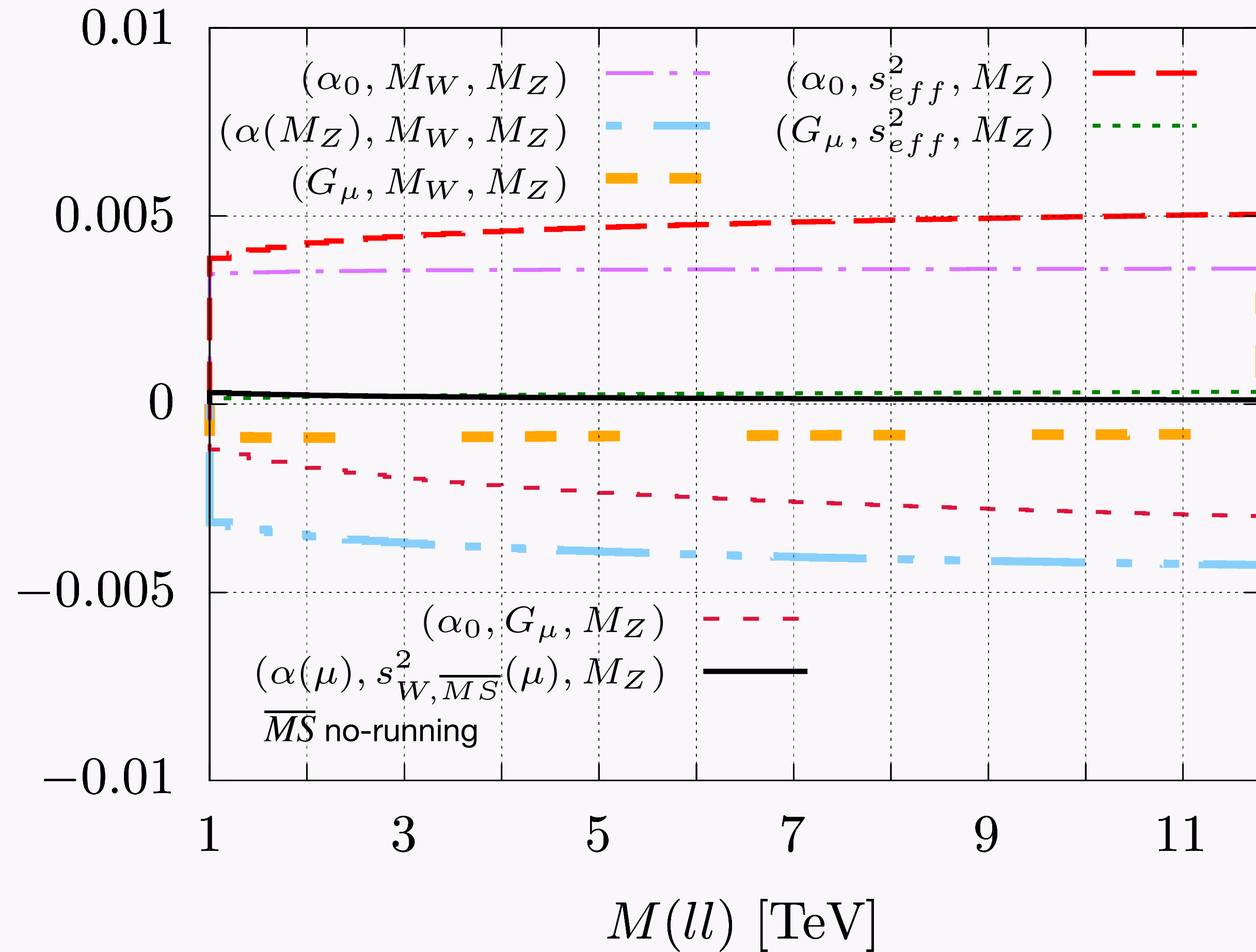
$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \ln \frac{r_{ct}^2}{\mu_{dim}^2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{r_{bare}^2}{\mu_{dim}^2} = \ln \frac{r_{bare}^2}{r_{ct}^2} \sim \ln \frac{M_{ll}^2}{m^2}$$

Counterterms from
parameter renorm.

Bare diagrams



Sudakov regime

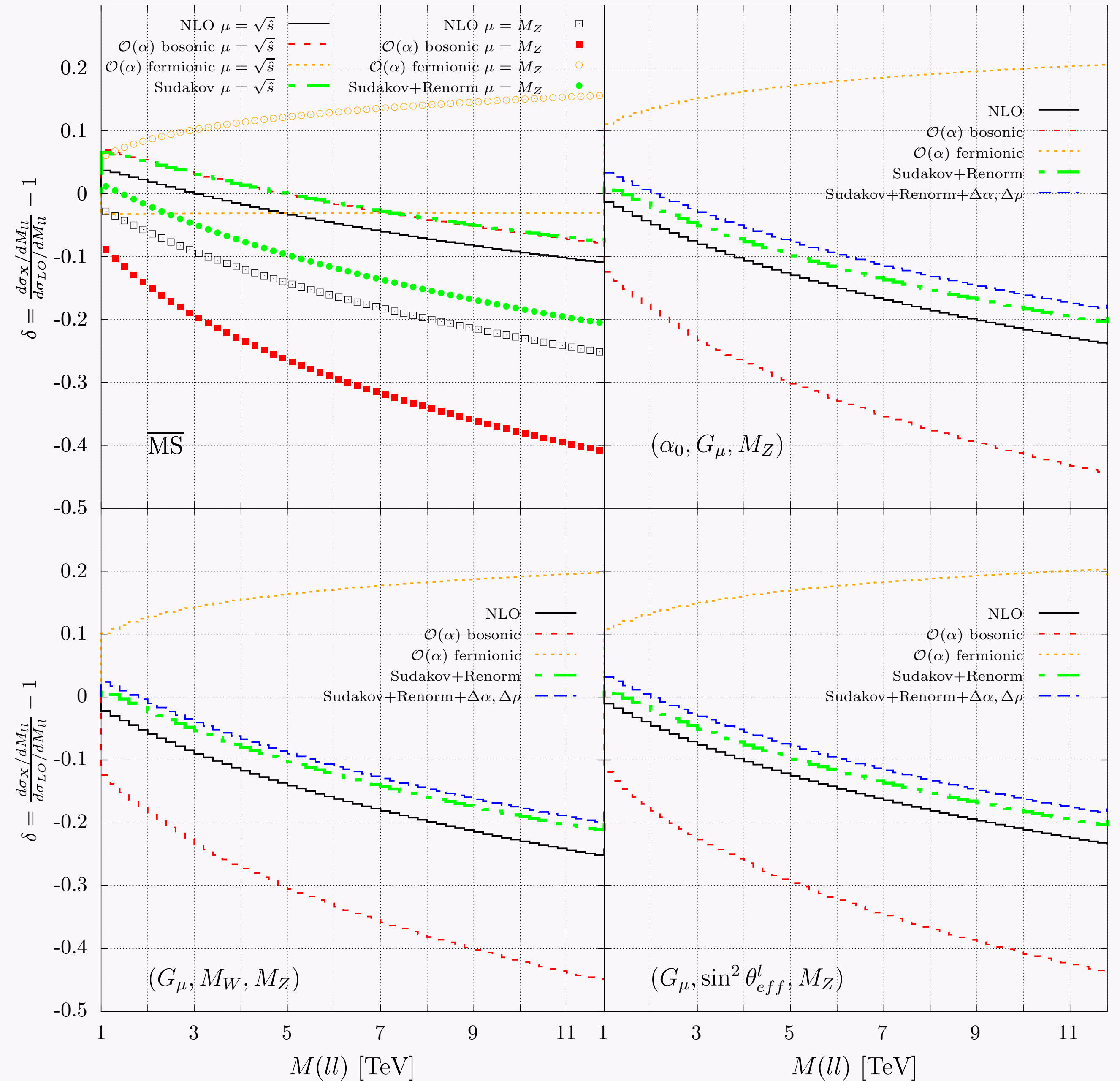


Cross section at NLO+ho - (Sudakov + param. renorm. logs)

$$\frac{\text{scheme } X}{(\alpha(M_Z^2), s_{eff}^2, M_Z)} - 1$$

Sudakov regime

True NLO - approx. $\sim 5\%$



NLO QCD effects

Code inputs and definitions

- EW scheme: (α, M_Z, M_W)
- CMS scheme
- $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$
- PDF: MSTW2008nlo68cl (LHA 21100)
- factorisation scheme: \overline{MS}

$$\mu_F = \mu_R = M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}$$

Parameter	Value
α	$7.297353 \cdot 10^{-3}$
G_μ	$1.166389 \cdot 10^{-5}$
M_Z^*	91.1876
Γ_Z^*	2.4952
M_W^*	80.385
Γ_W^*	2.085
M_H	125
m_e	$0.51099907 \cdot 10^{-3}$
m_μ	0.1056583
m_τ	1.77705
m_b	4.7
m_t	173

Parameter	Value
m_u	0.06983
m_d	0.06984
m_s	0.15
m_c	1.2

* Automatically translated to pole values

QED corrections

$$A_4 = 8/3 A_{FB}$$

Code:	$89 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 93$	$60 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 81$	$81 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 101$	$101 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 150$	
$8/3 \cdot [A_{FB}(\text{NLO QED ISR}) - A_{FB}(\text{LO})]/10^{-4}$					
MCSANC	0.2(3)	-5(2)	0.2(3)	5(2)	
WZGRAD2	0.2(5)	-5(3)	0.3(5)	6(4)	
KKMC-hh	-1.0(6)	0(1)	-0.5(5)	-8(2)	
KKMC-hh (NISR)	-1(2)	0(4)	0(1)	6(8)	
RADY (CMS)	0.16(4)	-4.05(3)	0.12(3)	4.90(3)	
A. Huss	0.17(1)	-4.07(1)	0.11(1)	4.94(4)	
POWHEG _{ew}	0.1(1)	-4.0(4)	0.1(1)	4.5(7)	
$8/3 \cdot [A_{FB}(\text{NLO QED IFI}) - A_{FB}(\text{LO})]/10^{-4}$					
MCSANC	-2.8(5)	-34(2)	-4.0(4)	-60(3)	
WZGRAD2	-1.1(5)	-37(3)	-2.3(5)	-51(4)	
KKMC-hh	-3.8(6)	-25(1)	-2.1(1)	-53(1)	
KKMC-hh (NISR)	-3.1(6)	-17(1)	-3.2(5)	-60(3)	
RADY (CMS)	-1.5(1)	-33.6(4)	-2.49(7)	-59.5(1)	
A. Huss	-1.42(6)	-33.9(6)	-2.57(7)	-58.7(3)	
POWHEG _{ew}	$\mu_F = M_{\ell\bar{\ell}\gamma}$	-1.2(3)	-62(1)	-2.5(4)	-59(2)
	$\mu_F = M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}$	-1.3(6)	-34(2)	-2.6(7)	-59(3)

- POWHEG_{ew} $\mu_F(1) \implies M_{ll}$ for real rad calculated with underlying Born momenta
- POWHEG_{ew} $\mu_F(2) \implies M_{ll}$ for real rad calculated with radiative event momenta
- differences between $\mu_F(1)$ and (2) expected to decrease when including also QCD corrections

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Overall agreement of the codes

QED corrections

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$$A_4 = 4 \langle \cos \vartheta \rangle$$

Code:	$89 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 93$	$60 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 81$	$81 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 101$	$101 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 150$
$[A_4(\text{NLO QED ISR}) - A_4(\text{LO})]/10^{-4}$				
RADY (CMS)	0.15(3)	-4.05(3)	0.10(2)	4.89(2)
A. Huss	0.16(1)	-4.07(1)	0.11(1)	4.87(2)
POWHEG _{ew}	0.07(9)	-4.0(3)	0.10(7)	4.8(4)
$[A_4(\text{NLO QED IFI}) - A_4(\text{LO})]/10^{-4}$				
RADY (CMS)	-1.7(1)	-42.3(4)	-2.97(6)	-71.6(2)
A. Huss	-1.68(6)	-42.4(6)	-3.05(8)	-71.2(3)
POWHEG _{ew}	$\mu_F = M_{\ell\bar{\ell}\gamma}$	-1.5(5)	-70(1)	-3.0(4)
	$\mu_F = M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}$	-1.5(5)	-43(1)	-3.0(4)

- POWHEG_{ew} $\mu_F(1) \implies M_{ll}$ for real rad calculated with underlying Born momenta
- POWHEG_{ew} $\mu_F(2) \implies M_{ll}$ for real rad calculated with radiative event momenta
- at low and high M_{ll} virtual QED boxes and I-F real radiation interference break factorization assumption for angular coefficients and the LO equality between the two A_4 def's
- differences between $\mu_F(1)$ and (2) expected to decrease when including also QCD corrections

NLO QED and QCD corrections - how to combine them?

1: additive method

$$\sigma_{\text{QED+QCD}} = \sigma_{\text{NLOQCD}} + \sigma_{\text{NLOQED}} - \sigma_{\text{LO}} = \sigma_{\text{LO}} (1 + \delta_{\text{QCD}} + \delta_{\text{QED}})$$

$$A_{\text{FB}}^{\text{QED+QCD}} = \frac{(\sigma_F - \sigma_B)^{\text{NLOQED}} + (\sigma_F - \sigma_B)^{\text{NLOQCD}} - (\sigma_F - \sigma_B)^{\text{LO}}}{(\sigma_F + \sigma_B)^{\text{NLOQED}} + (\sigma_F + \sigma_B)^{\text{NLOQCD}} - (\sigma_F + \sigma_B)^{\text{LO}}}$$

Equivalent at NLO
difference due to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ terms

2: factorized method

$$\sigma_{\text{QED+QCD}} = \sigma_{\text{LO}} (1 + \delta_{\text{QCD}}) (1 + \delta_{\text{QED}})$$

$A_{\text{FB}}^{\text{QED+QCD}}$ to be computed bin-by-bin from $d\sigma/d\cos\theta$ - has more complicated expression

starting point:
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{QED+QCD}}}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{d\sigma_{\text{NLOQCD}}}{d\cos\theta} \left(\frac{d\sigma_{\text{NLOQED}}}{d\cos\theta} / \frac{d\sigma_{\text{LO}}}{d\cos\theta} \right)$$

QED and QCD corrections

Numbers obtained with additive method

$$\mu_R = \mu_F = M_{\ell\bar{\ell}} \quad A_4 = 8/3 \cdot A_{FB}$$

89 – 93 GeV	60 – 81 GeV	81 – 101 GeV	101 – 150 GeV
$8/3 \cdot A_{FB}(\text{LO})$			
0.12414(1)	-0.54107(2)	0.119512(8)	0.60292(4)
$8/3 \cdot [A_{FB}(\text{NLOQCD}) - A_{FB}(\text{LO})]/10^{-2}$			
-0.38(4)	2.10(2)	-0.36(3)	-1.86(3)
$8/3 \cdot [A_{FB}(\text{NLOQCD} + \text{QED}) - A_{FB}(\text{LO})]/10^{-2}$			
-0.067(9)	27.24(1)	-0.152(6)	-1.79(4)

$$\text{QED} : [A_{FB}(\text{NLO QED}) - A_{FB}(\text{LO})]/10^{-2}$$

$$\text{NLOQCD} + \text{QED} : [A_{FB}(\text{NLO QCD} + \text{QED}) - A_{FB}(\text{NLO QCD})]/10^{-2}$$

	$89 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 93$	$60 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 81$	$81 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 101$	$101 < M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}[\text{GeV}] < 150$
QED	0.423(2)	28.296(3)	0.262(2)	0.27(1)
NLO QCD + QED	0.32(1)	25.14(3)	0.209(9)	0.07(5)
QED FSR	0.439(2)	28.604(7)	0.289(1)	0.87(1)
NLO QCD + QED FSR	0.33(1)	25.42(3)	0.231(9)	0.58(5)
QED ISR	0.001(1)	-0.040(4)	0.001(1)	0.045(6)
NLO QCD + QED ISR	0.002(8)	-0.04(2)	0.002(7)	0.05(3)
QED IFI	-0.013(6)	-0.34(2)	-0.026(7)	-0.59(3)
NLO QCD + QED IFI	-0.01(1)	-0.30(4)	-0.02(1)	-0.52(5)

QED and QCD corrections

Numbers obtained with additive method

$$\mu_R = \mu_F = M_{\ell\bar{\ell}} \quad A_4 = 4 \langle \cos \theta \rangle$$

89 – 93 GeV	60 – 81 GeV	81 – 101 GeV	101 – 150 GeV
$A_4 = 4 \langle \cos \theta \rangle$ (LO)			
0.031034(1)	-0.135266(3)	0.029878(1)	0.150727(2)
$[A_4(\text{NLOQCD}) - A_4(\text{LO})]/10^{-2}$			
-0.384(4)	2.1(1)	-0.363(3)	-1.89(1)
$[A_4(\text{NLOQCD} + \text{QED}) - A_4(\text{LO})]/10^{-2}$			
-0.071(7)	27.154(6)	-0.160(5)	-1.94(3)

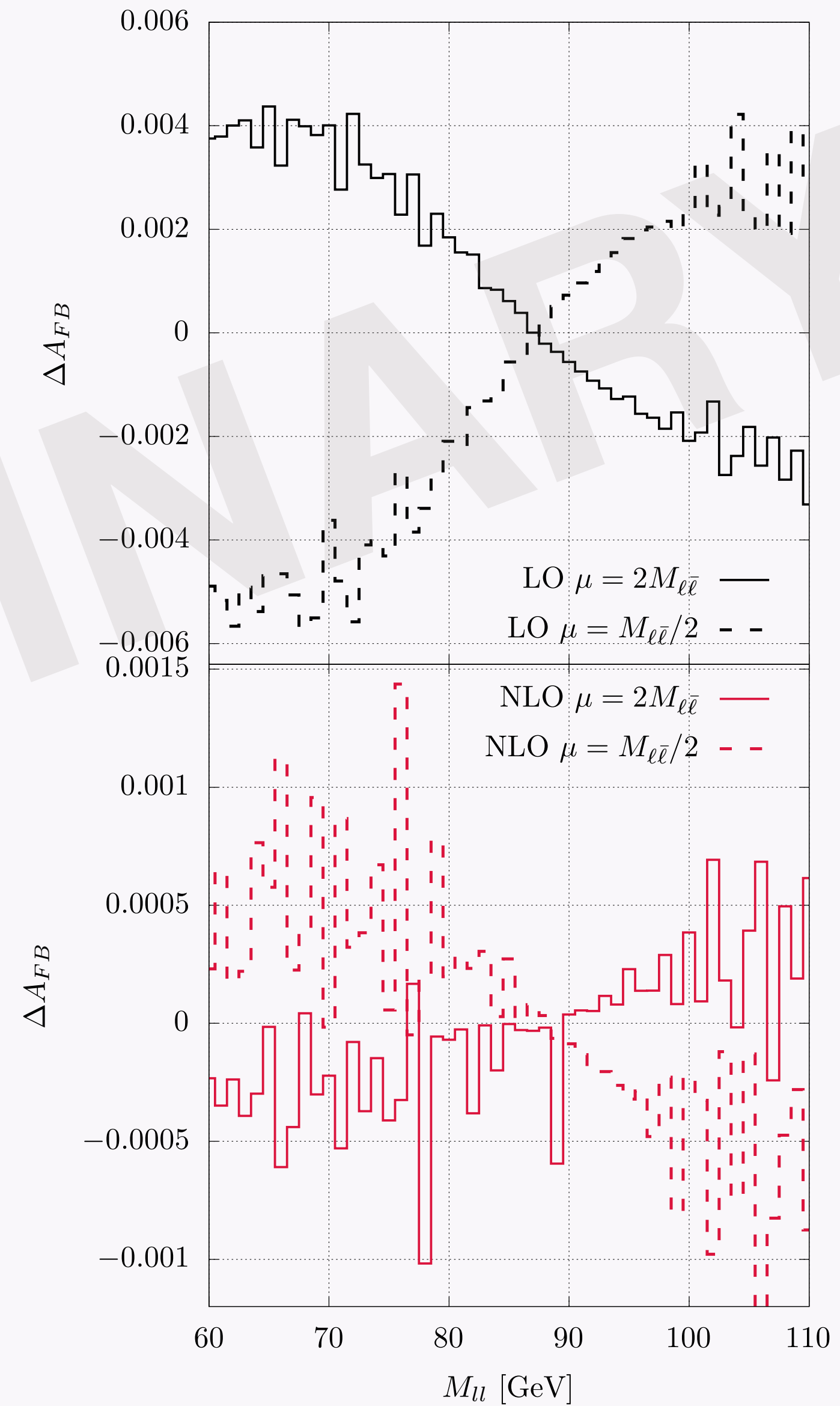
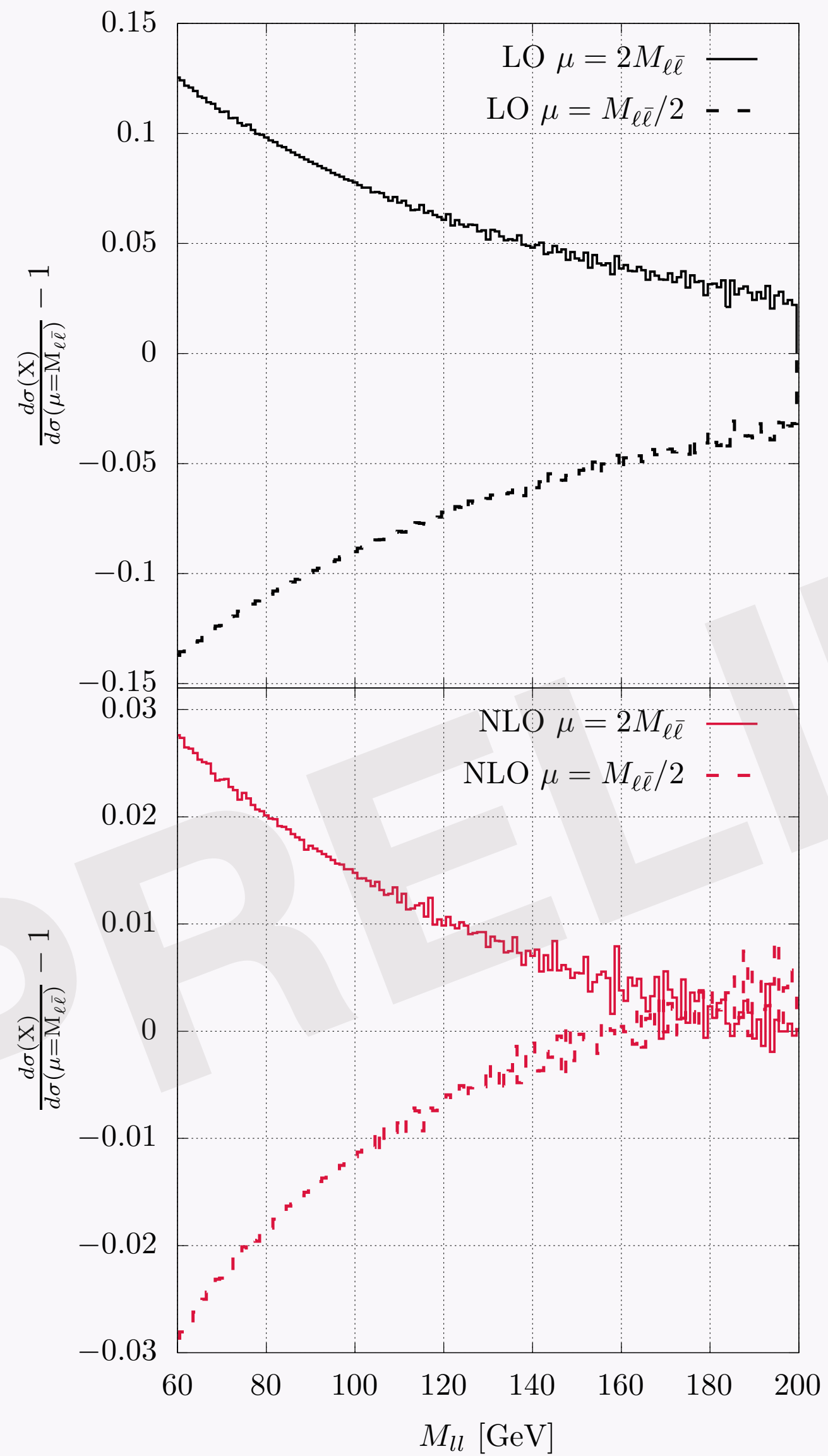
$$\text{QED} : [A_4(\text{NLO QED}) - A_4(\text{LO})]/10^{-2}$$

$$\text{NLOQCD} + \text{QED} : [A_4(\text{NLO QCD} + \text{QED}) - A_4(\text{NLO QCD})]/10^{-2}$$

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QED	0.420(2)	28.196(3)	0.256(1)	0.131(8)
NLO QCD + QED	0.313(9)	25.05(1)	0.203(7)	-0.05(4)
QED FSR	0.438(1)	28.553(6)	0.288(1)	0.862(9)
NLO QCD + QED FSR	0.327(9)	25.37(2)	0.229(7)	0.57(4)
QED ISR	0.0007(9)	-0.040(3)	0.0010(7)	0.048(4)
NLO QCD + QED ISR	0.002(6)	-0.04(1)	0.002(4)	0.05(3)
QED IFI	-0.015(5)	-0.43(1)	-0.030(4)	-0.72(3)
NLO QCD + QED IFI	-0.013(9)	-0.37(2)	-0.026(7)	-0.62(5)

Scale variations at NLO QCD

Cross section



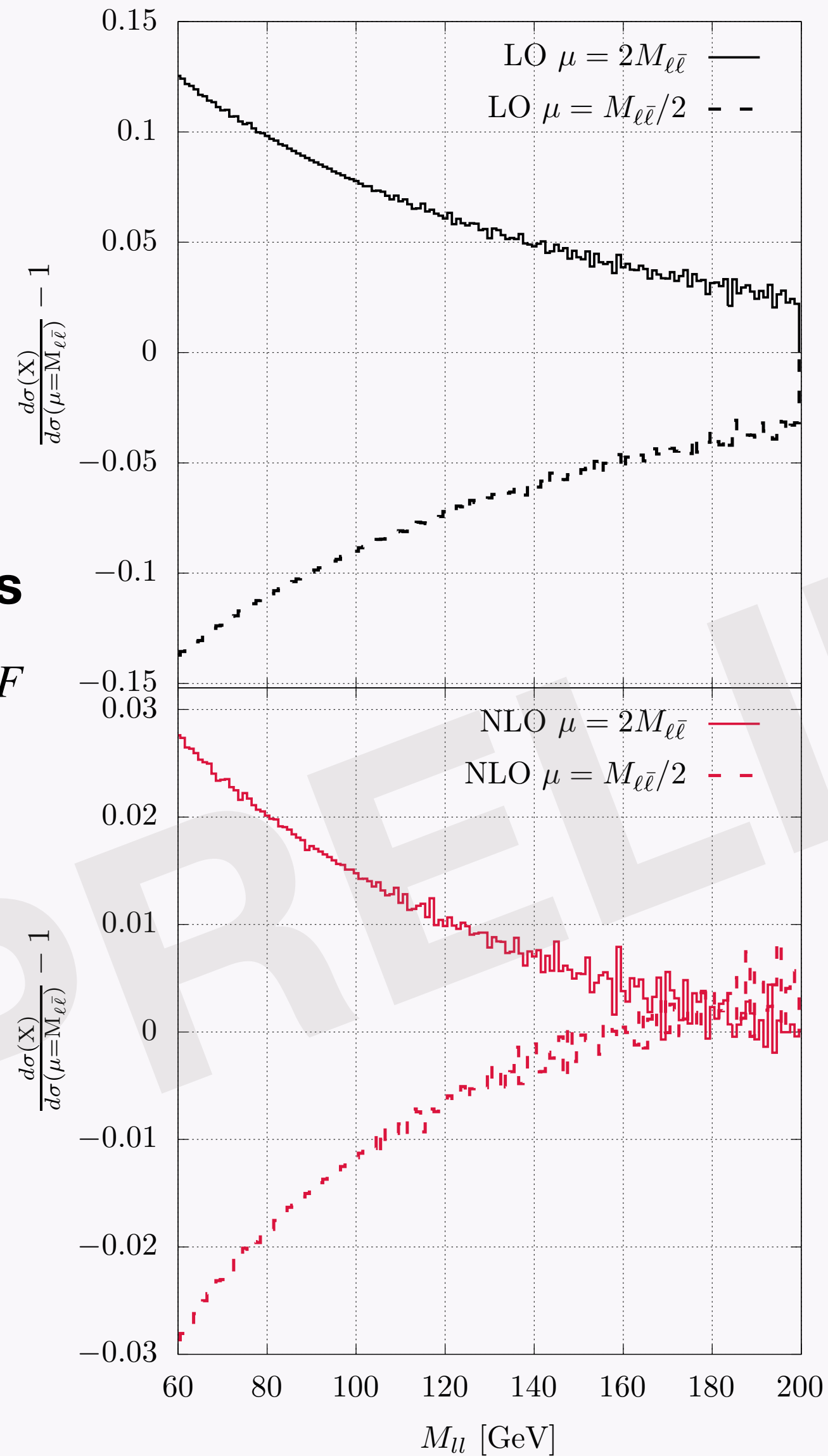
Asymmetry

Still low statistics

Scale variations at NLO QCD+QED

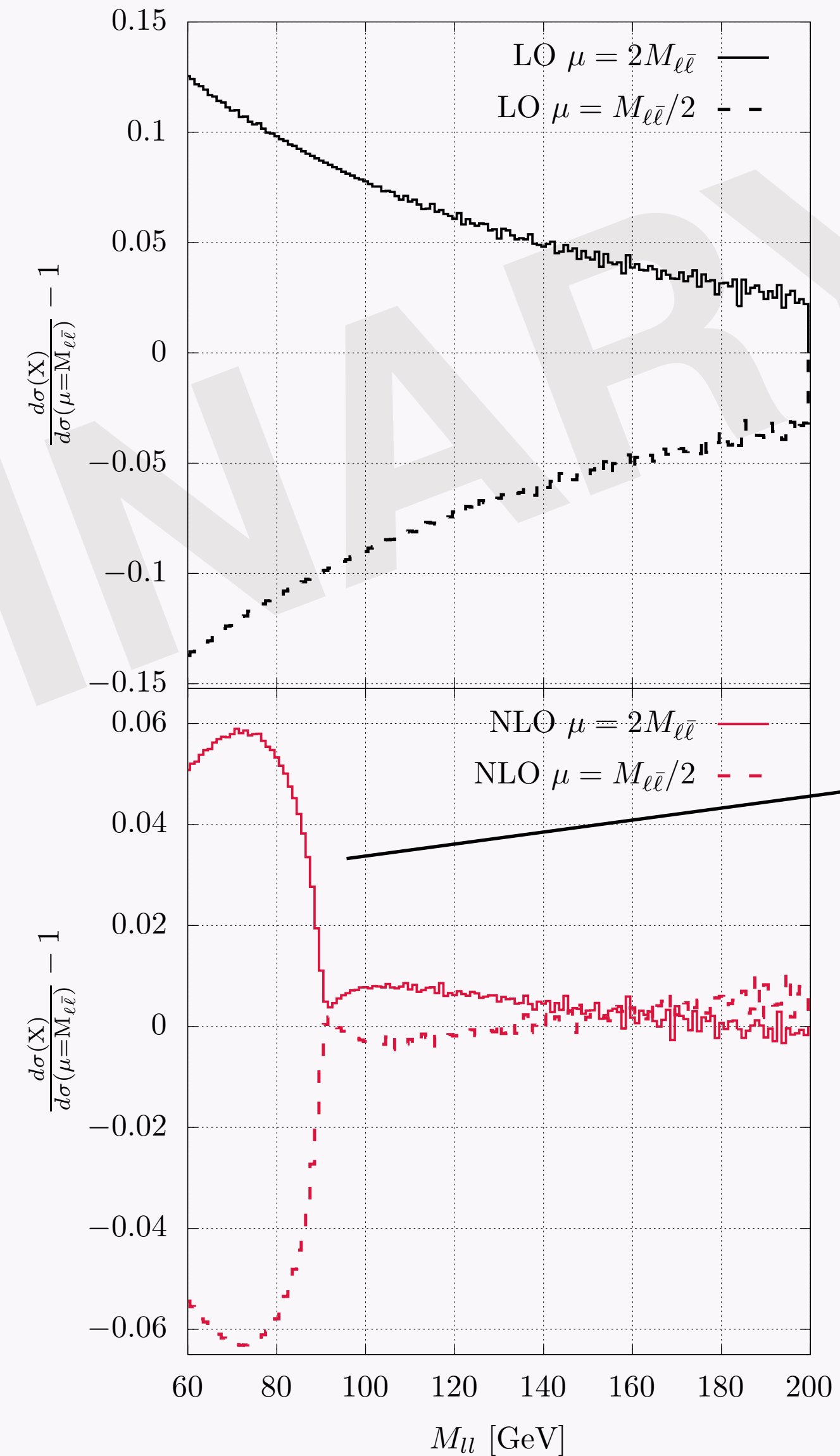
Cross section factorised method

Hp. QED corrections do not depend on μ_F



Cross section additive method

This bulk is due to NLO QED corrections: multi-photon emission would reduce the effect



Summary and roadmap

- Systematic study of different renormalization and input parameter schemes, as well as tuned realisations of some schemes, can be useful in our discussion on theoretical uncertainties
- Comparison of different schemes at high energy and effects of the Sudakov approximation for NC DY
- NLO QCD corrections with POWHEG and their combination with QED effects studied for A_4 and A_{FB} together with preliminary exploration of scale variations

To be done:

- plots for asymmetry with QCD+QED combination (higher stat will probably be needed)
- quantification of the impact of using $\mu_F = M_{\ell\bar{\ell}}$ or $\mu_F = M_{\ell\bar{\ell}\gamma}$ at NLO QCD+QED to follow-up previous discussions