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- I'm a third (last) year PhD student in Pavia, member of LHCPhenonet network;
- my research activity is principally related to EW physics at hadron colliders:
 - NLO calculations interfaced to Parton Showers;
 - mixing of EW with QCD NLO;
- in collaboration with M. Chiesa, G. Montagna, P. Nason, O. Nicrosini, F. Piccinini & V. Prospero.

Ongoing work

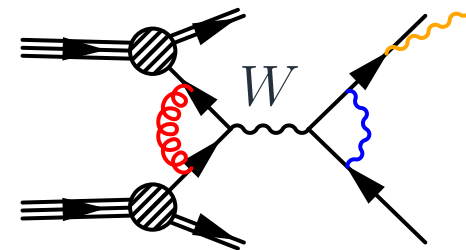
- combination of EW & QCD NLO corrections in the POWHEG-BOX framework;

- W^\pm production

- Z^0/γ^* production

- \Rightarrow precision physics (W/Z mass, width)

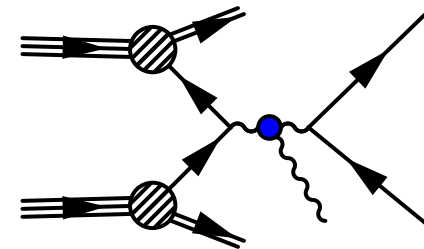
- \Rightarrow EW Sudakov logs ($\log s/M_V^2$) \Rightarrow background for NP



- $W\gamma$ - useful to probe $W\gamma$ anomalous coupling:

- NLO QCD in POWHEG-BOX;

- NLO EW.



QCD/EW NLO (subtraction procedure)

$$d\sigma_{NLO} = \left\{ \underbrace{B(\Phi_n) + \overbrace{V^b(\Phi_n)}^{-\infty} + \int \overbrace{C(\Phi_n, \Phi_{rad})}^{\infty} d\Phi_{rad}}_{<\infty} + \int \left[\overbrace{R(\Phi_n, \Phi_{rad})}^{\infty} - \overbrace{C(\Phi_n, \Phi_{rad})}^{\infty} \right]_{<\infty} d\Phi_{rad} \right\} d\Phi_n$$

$$V^b = V_{EW}^b + V_{QCD}^b$$

$$R = R_{EW} + R_{QCD} \quad C = C_{QED} + C_{QCD}$$

C_{QED} calculated (in principle) for every process;
 R_{EW} could be calculated with automatic algorithms.

Virtual part (process dependent)

$$V^b = V_{QCD}^b + V_{EW}^b$$

✓ V_{QCD}^b already implemented in POWHEG-BOX

■ V_{EW}^b calculated and checked from different groups.

□ We chose to use **Dittmaier & Krämer - 2002**

■ finite part of dimensional regularization of IR divergent scalar functions ($m_q^{in} = m_\gamma = 0, m_\ell \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ FSR description)

■ factorizing out $\mathcal{N} = \frac{(4\pi)^\epsilon}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \left(\frac{\mu_R^2}{Q^2}\right)^\epsilon$

\Rightarrow direct extension of subtraction procedure

Virtual part - details

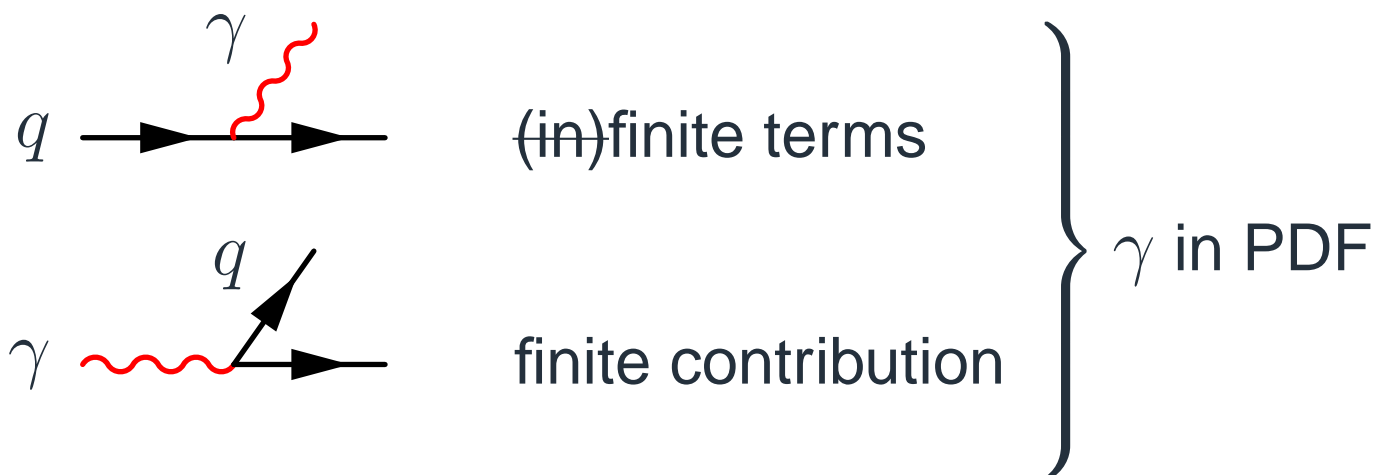
$$W \text{ (with } \gamma \text{ loop)} \propto \log(\hat{s} - M_W^2) \xrightarrow{\hat{s} \rightarrow M_W^2} \infty$$

■ Dyson resummation $\Rightarrow M_W^2 \rightarrow M_W^2 - i\Gamma_W M_W$

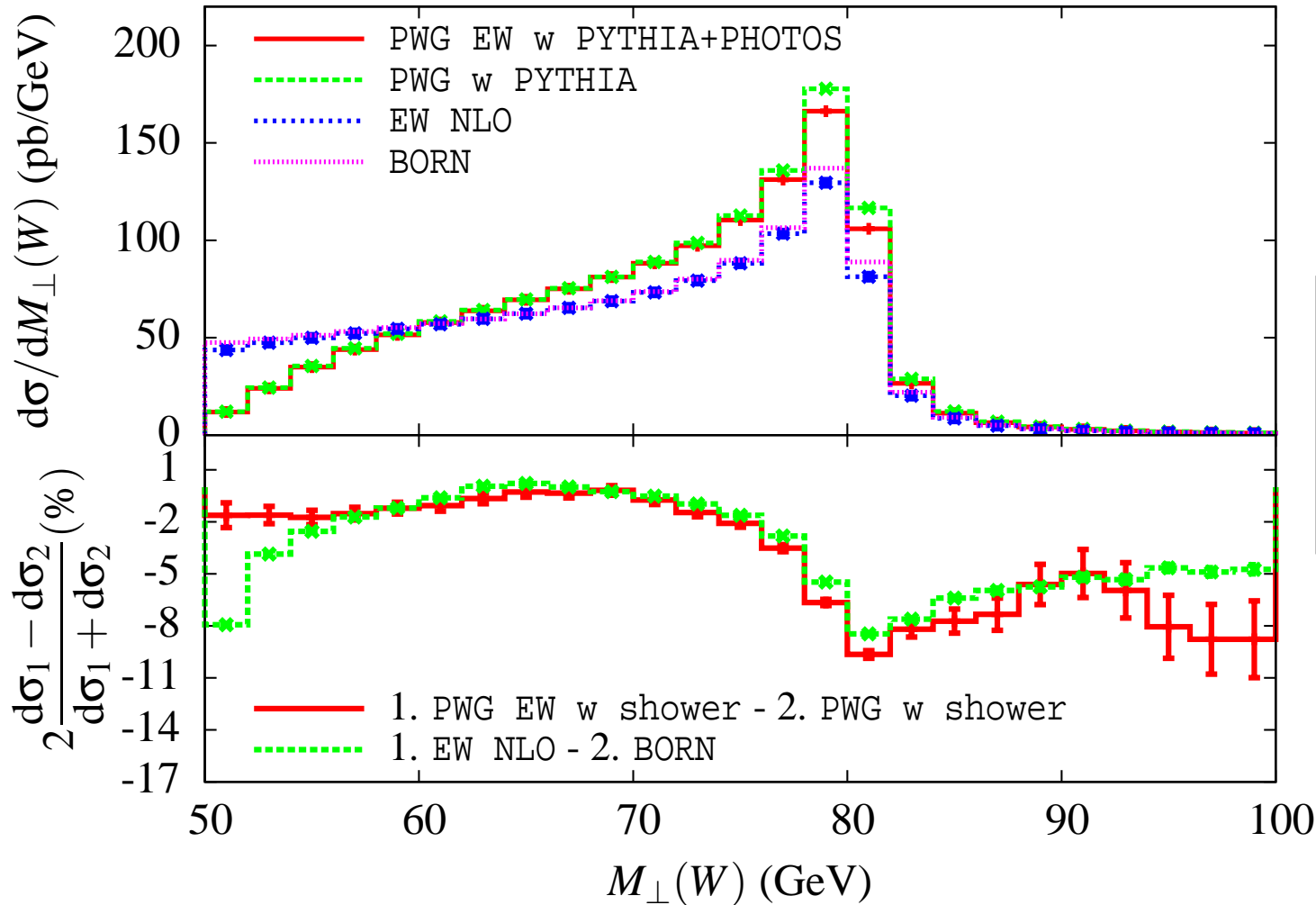
□ substitute M_W only in $\log(\hat{s} - M_W^2)$;

□ complex mass scheme.

For more complicated processes ($WW/ZZ/\dots$)
 complex mass scheme is (almost) the only possible solution.



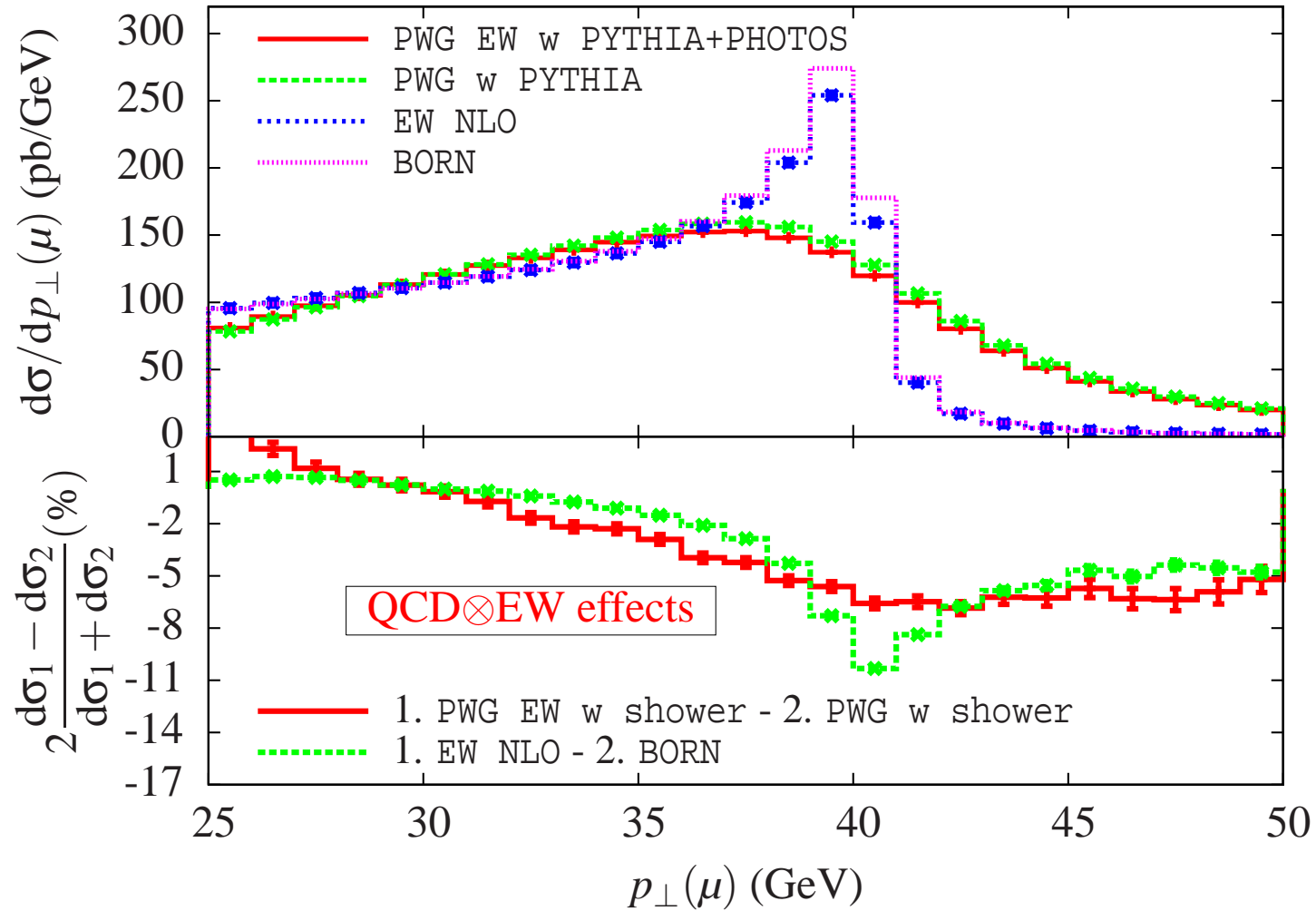
W^+ transverse mass



$pp \rightarrow W^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_{\mu}$
 $p_{\perp}^{\mu}, \cancel{E}_{\perp} \geq 25 \text{ GeV}, |\eta_{\mu}| \leq 2.5$
CTEQ6L(M) / LHC @ 7 TeV
 $\mu_R = \mu_F = M_W$

- M_{\perp} is invariant under a longitudinal boost
⇒ QCD doesn't modify shape in first approximation

μ^+ transverse momentum



$$\sigma \propto \exp \left\{ - \int (R_{EW} + R_{QCD}) / B \right\}$$

$$\propto \left(1 + \sum_n \mathcal{O}^n(\alpha_{EW}) + \sum_n \mathcal{O}^n(\alpha_{QCD}) + \sum_n \mathcal{O}^n(\alpha_{QCD}\alpha_{EW}) + \dots \right)$$

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- Drell-Yan CC \rightarrow OK \rightarrow general procedure;
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THANK YOU!!

**BACKUP
SLIDES**

POsitive Weight Hardest Event Generator

Method to interface NLO with PS (**Nason** - 2004):

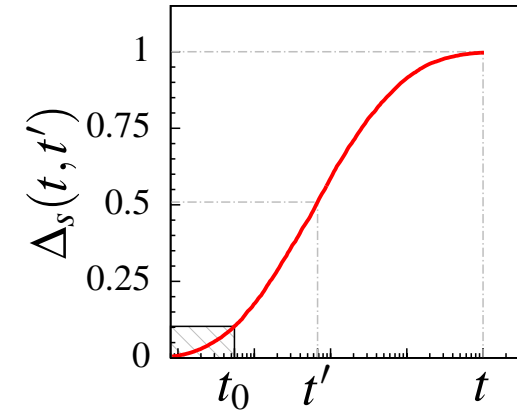
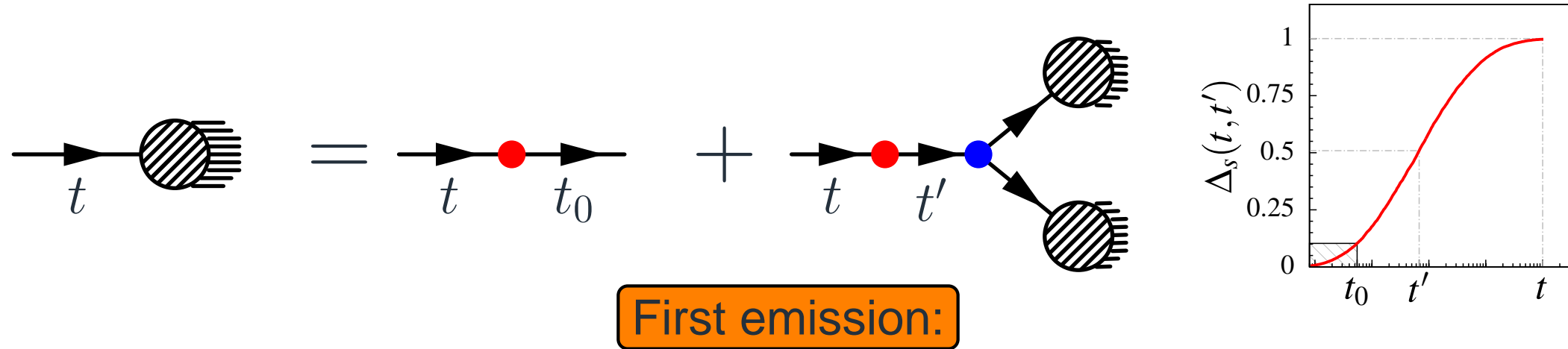
- generate with NLO accuracy the hardest emission;
- events have positive weights;
- shower Monte Carlo interfaced (PYTHIA, HERWIG, ...).

POWHEG-BOX (**Alioli, Nason, Oleari, Re** - 2009) program:

- identifies all the singular regions;
- projects real contributions over the singular regions;
- general FKS subtraction;
- ISR and FSR phase space;
- calculates upper bounds for the generation of radiation;
- generates radiation.

~ process independent \rightarrow Needs only $B_{(jk)}$, R , $d\Phi_n$ and V^b

Parton Shower



$$\Delta_t^{SMC} = \exp \left\{ - \int \frac{\alpha_s(t')}{2\pi} \frac{1}{t'} \mathcal{P}(z') \vartheta(t' - t) d\Phi'_{rad} \right\}$$

$$d\sigma_{SMC} = \overbrace{B d\Phi_n}^{d\sigma_{LO}} \left[\Delta_{t_0}^{SMC} + \Delta_t^{SMC} \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} \frac{1}{t} \mathcal{P}(z) d\Phi_{rad} \right]$$

Subsequent emissions $t \geq t'' \geq t''' \dots$

NLO + PS with POWHEG

In POWHEG p_{\perp} of hardest radiation generated according to:

$$\Delta_{p_{\perp}} = \exp \left\{ - \int \frac{R}{B} \vartheta(p'_{\perp} - p_{\perp}) d\Phi'_{rad} \right\}$$

p_{\perp} veto of subsequent emissions \Rightarrow **no double-counting**

$$d\sigma = \overbrace{\tilde{B} d\Phi_n}^{d\sigma_{NLO}} \left[\Delta_{p_{\perp}} + \Delta_{p_{\perp}} \frac{R}{B} d\Phi_{rad} \right]$$

$$\text{Small } p_{\perp} \rightarrow \tilde{B} \simeq B(1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha)), \quad \frac{R}{B} \rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{1}{t} \mathcal{P}$$

$$\text{Large } p_{\perp} \rightarrow d\sigma \simeq \tilde{B} \frac{R}{B} \simeq R(1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha))$$

NLO accuracy

$$\Delta_{\max(k_{\perp}, p_{\perp})}^{\text{POWHEG}} \equiv \Delta_{p_{\perp}}^{\text{QCD}} \Delta_{k_{\perp}}^{\text{EW}}$$

2 different p_{\perp} scales: $\begin{cases} m_{\ell} & \text{for leptons} \\ \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} & \text{for quarks} \end{cases}$

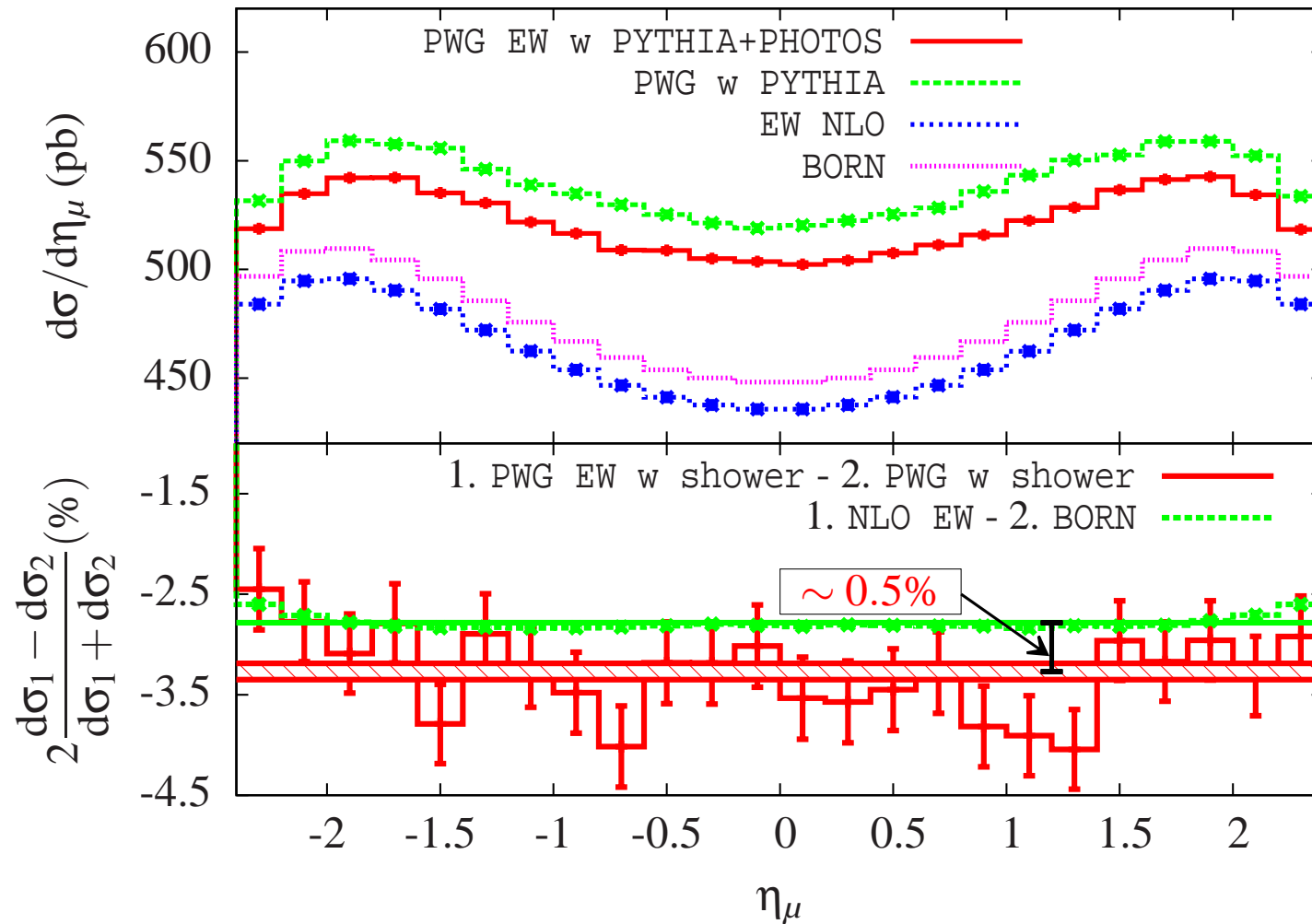
$$\Delta_{p_{\perp}}^{\text{QCD}} = \exp \left\{ - \int \frac{R_{\text{QCD}}}{B} \vartheta(p'_{\perp} - p_{\perp}) d\Phi'_{\text{rad}} \right\}$$

$$\Delta_{k_{\perp}}^{\text{EW}} = \exp \left\{ - \int \frac{R_{\text{EW}}}{B} \vartheta(k'_{\perp} - k_{\perp}) d\Phi''_{\text{rad}} \right\}$$

if $\begin{cases} \text{emitted } \gamma/g/q \ (p_{\perp} \gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \Rightarrow \text{veto } \gamma/g/q \text{ with } p'_{\perp} > p_{\perp} \\ \text{emitted } \gamma \quad (p_{\perp} \lesssim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \Rightarrow \text{veto } \begin{cases} g/q \\ \gamma \text{ with } p'_{\perp} > p_{\perp} \end{cases} \end{cases}$

Interfaced to PYTHIA / (HERWIG) \oplus PHOTOS

μ^+ pseudorapidity



$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{EW}\alpha_{QCD}) \sim 0.5\%$
Balossini & al. - JHEP 1001 (2010) 013