

# $t\bar{t}+V$ hadroproduction at NLO accuracy matched with SMC

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Future:

discovery tool, coupling measurements

These require precise predictions of distributions at hadron level for

$pp \rightarrow tT + \text{hard } X$ ,  $X = H, A, W, Z, \gamma, j, bB, 2j \dots$

(with decays, top is not detected)

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*We pursue both within Phenonet*

- match to shower Monte Carlo (SMC)

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*this talk*

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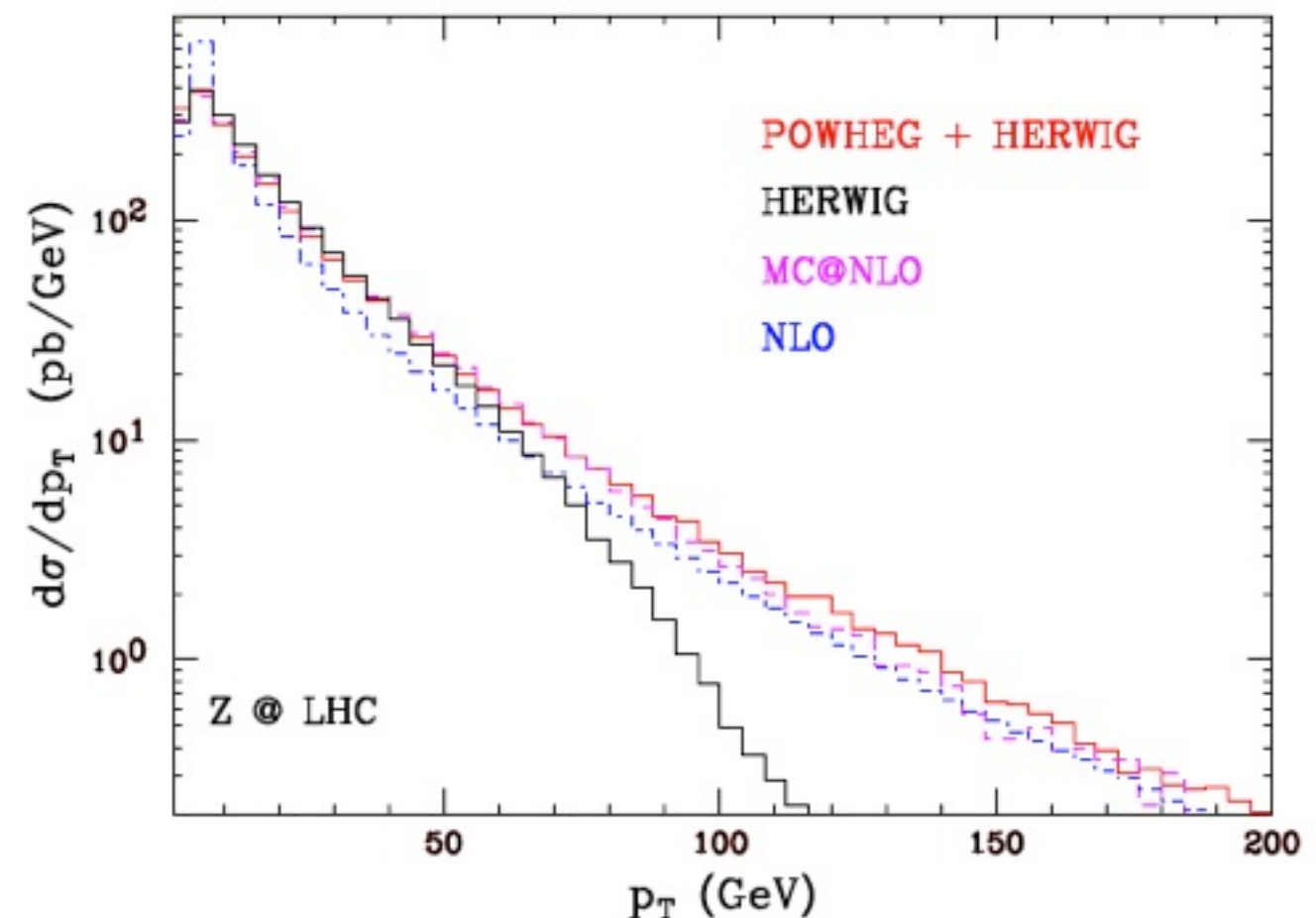
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Result: PS events giving distributions exact to NLO in pQCD



[Nason, Ridolfi hep-ph/0606275]

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Used:

$$\Delta\left(\Phi_B, k_{\perp}(\Phi_R)\right) \frac{\tilde{B}(\Phi_B)}{B(\Phi_B)} = 1 + O(\alpha_s)$$

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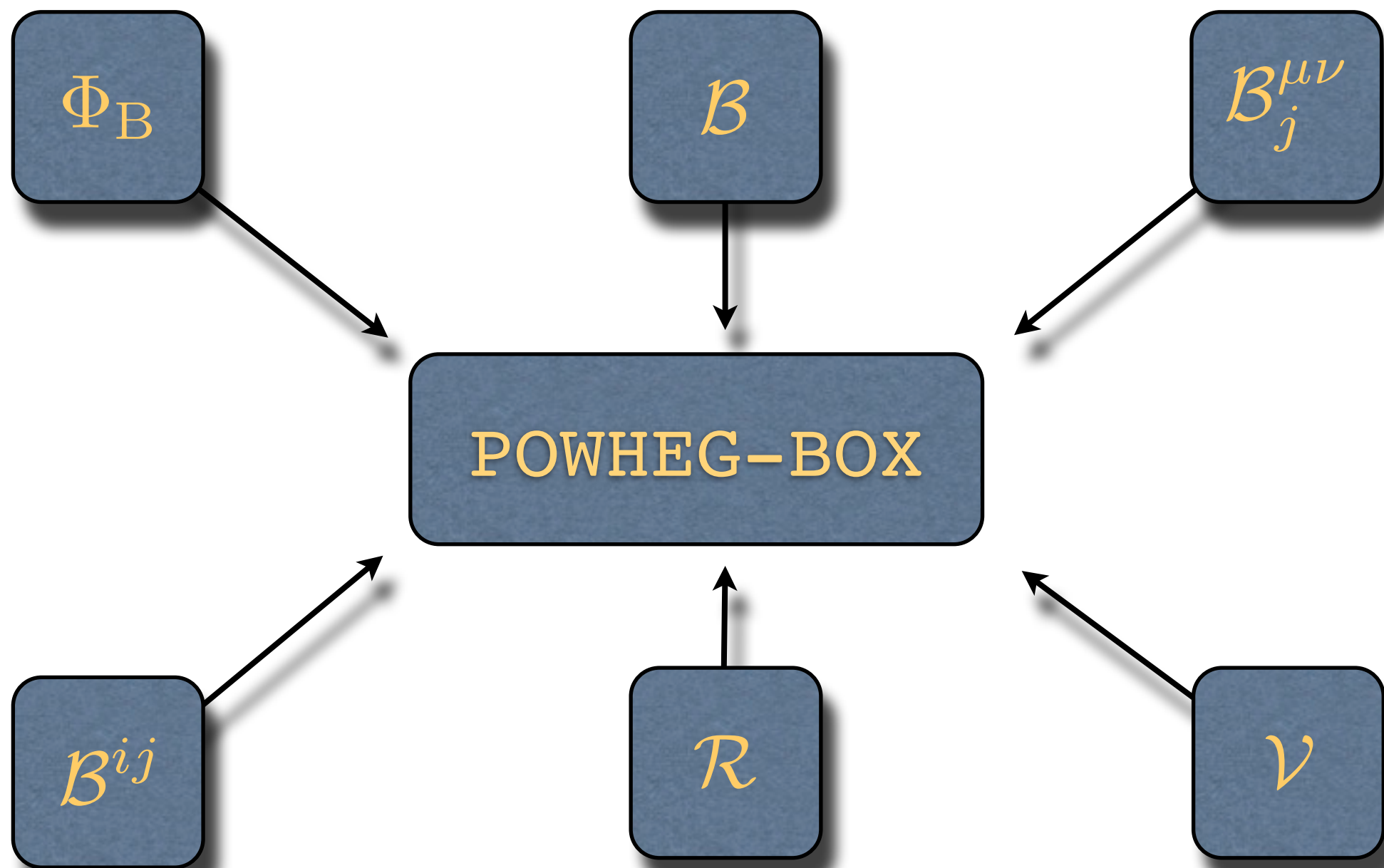
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<http://helac-phegas.web.cern.ch/helac-phegas/>

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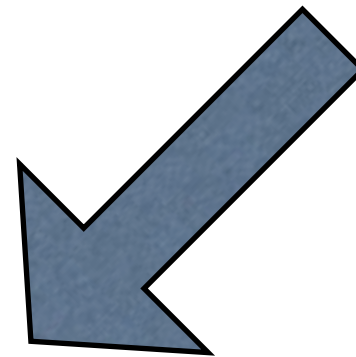
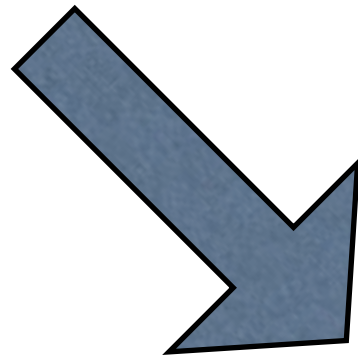
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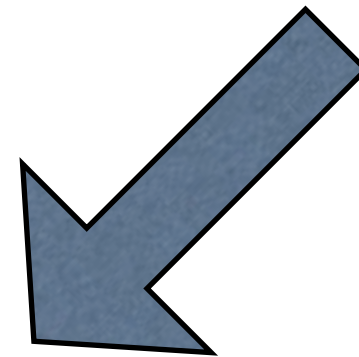
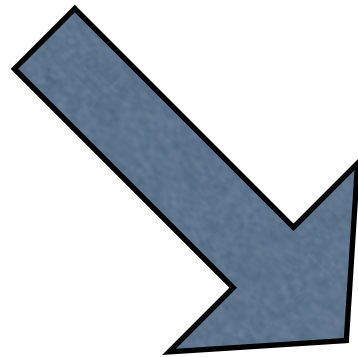


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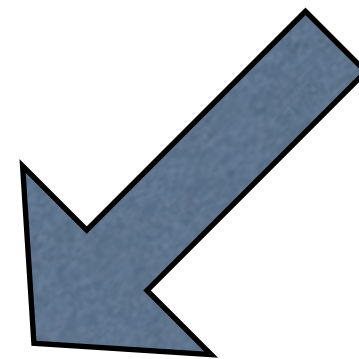
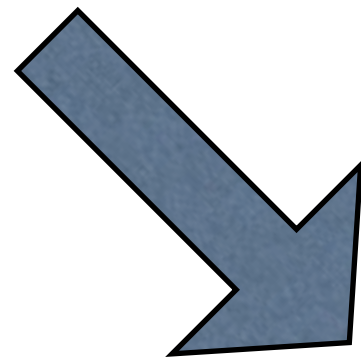
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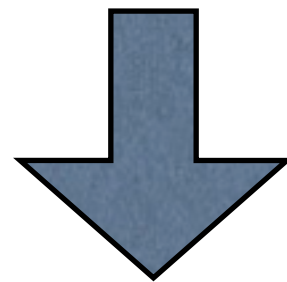
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Les Houches file of Born and Born+1st radiation events (LHE) ready for processing with SMC followed by almost arbitrary experimental analysis

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Processes with more than 2 particles in final state

- Complicated tensor integrals in 1-loop amplitudes
- High rank ones with possible numerical instabilities
- If double precision is not enough (check)
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# <http://www.grid.kfki.hu/twiki/bin/view/DbTheory/WebHome>

[TWiki](#) > [DbTheory Web](#) > [TtjProd](#) (2011-07-15, [AdamKardos](#))

## Top quark pair production in association with a jet

This page contains those event files which concern top quark pair production with a jet. The used code can be found here: [ttj.tgz](#).

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# Processes in PowHel

by Garzelli, Kardos, Papadopoulos, ZT

- ✓  $tT$  and  $W^+W^-bB$  [to appear]
- ✓  $tT+H/A$  [arXiv: 1108.0387 and 1201.3084]
- ✓  $tT+Z$  [arXiv: 1111.0610 and 1208.2665]
- ✓  $tT+jet$  [arXiv: 1101.2672]
- ✓  $tT+W^\pm$  [arXiv: 1208.2665]
- $tT+X$  [in preparation]

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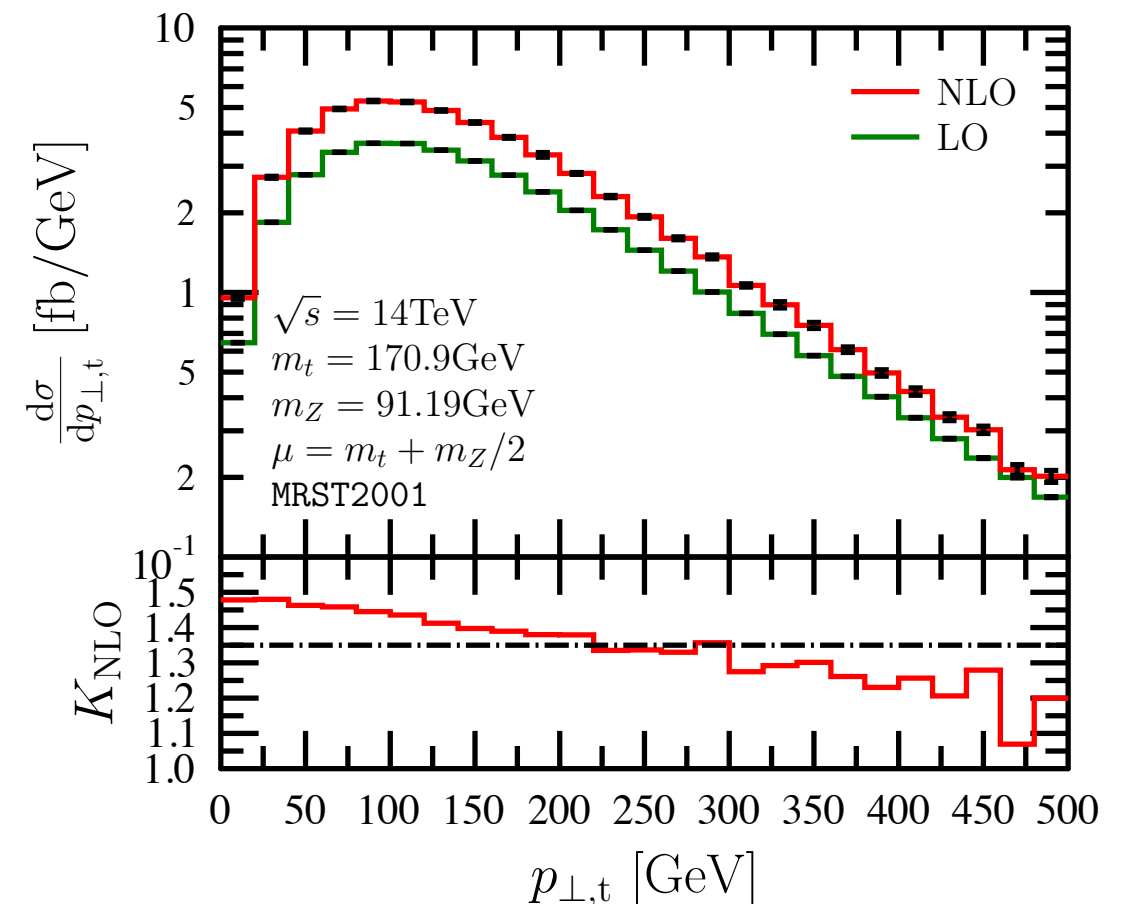
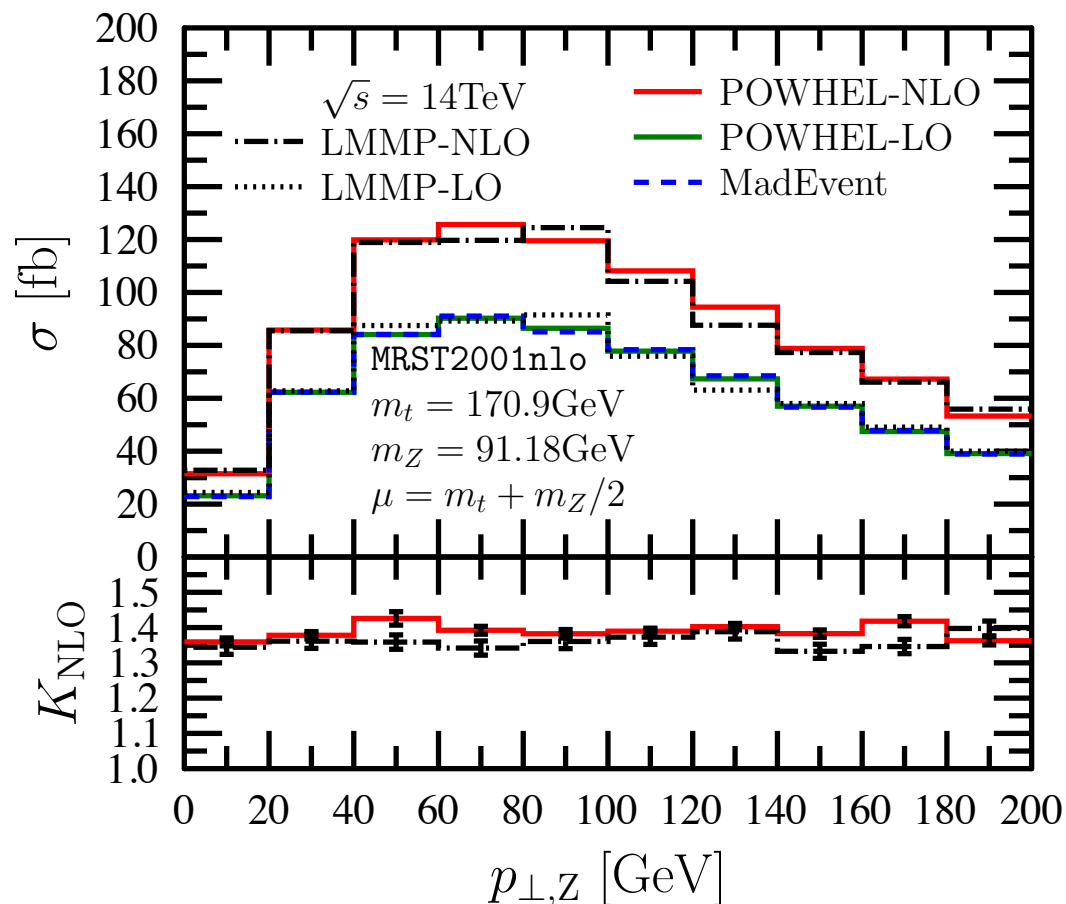
Each PowHel computation is an independent one of other NLO predictions for the process

(see e.g. arXiv: 1111.0610 for  $t\bar{t}Z$  production)

$t\bar{t}V$ -production ( $V=Z, W^\pm$ )

# $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + V$ checks

- NLO predictions for  $tTW^+$  and  $tTW^-$  agree with those by J. Campbell and K. Ellis, *JHEP* 1207 (2012) 052 [arXiv:1204.5678]
- NLO predictions for  $t\bar{t}Z$  a bit larger than those by A. Lazopoulos, T. McElmurry, K. Melnikov, F. Petriello, *Phys. Lett. B* 666 (2008) 62 [arXiv:0804.2220]



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- Comparison of LHEF to NLO made for the 7 TeV LHC
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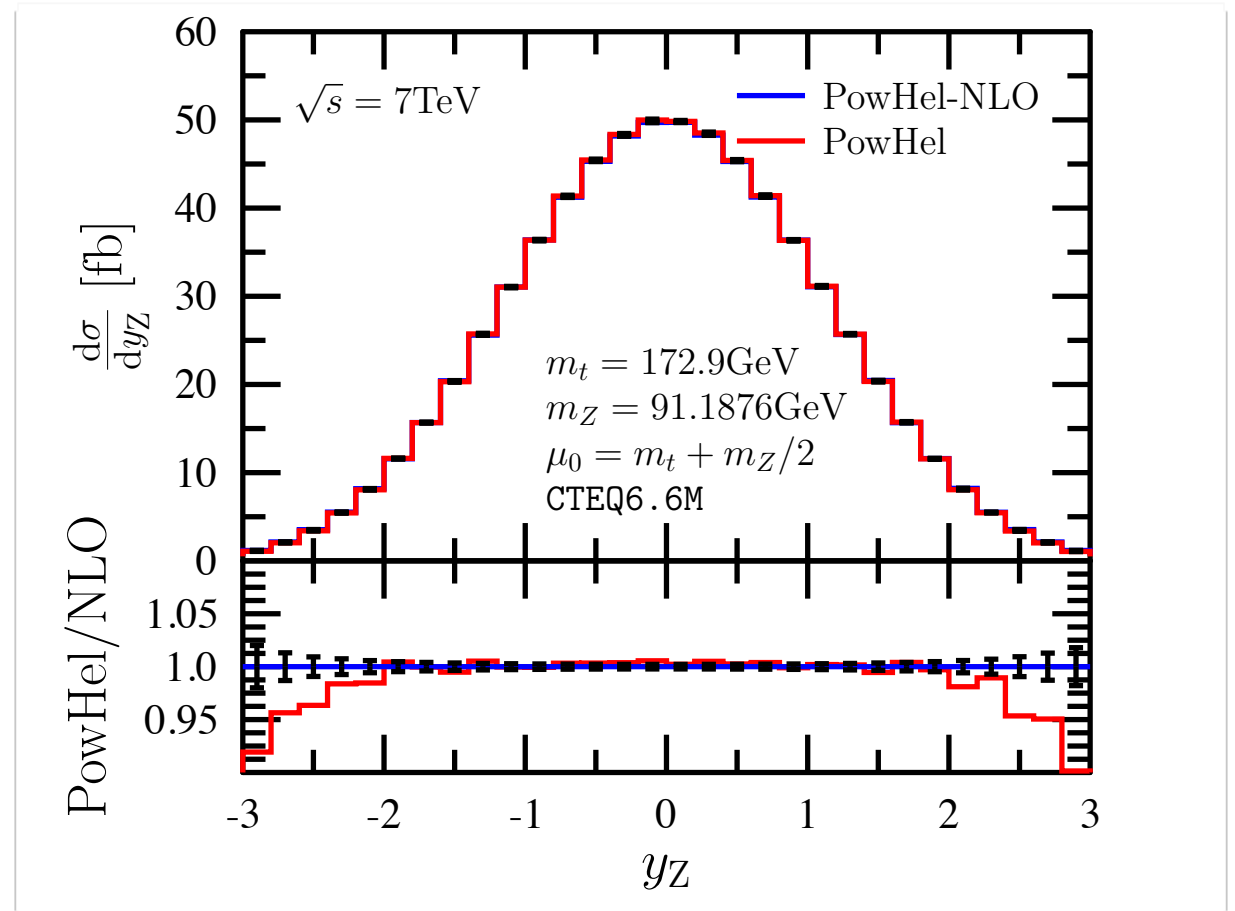
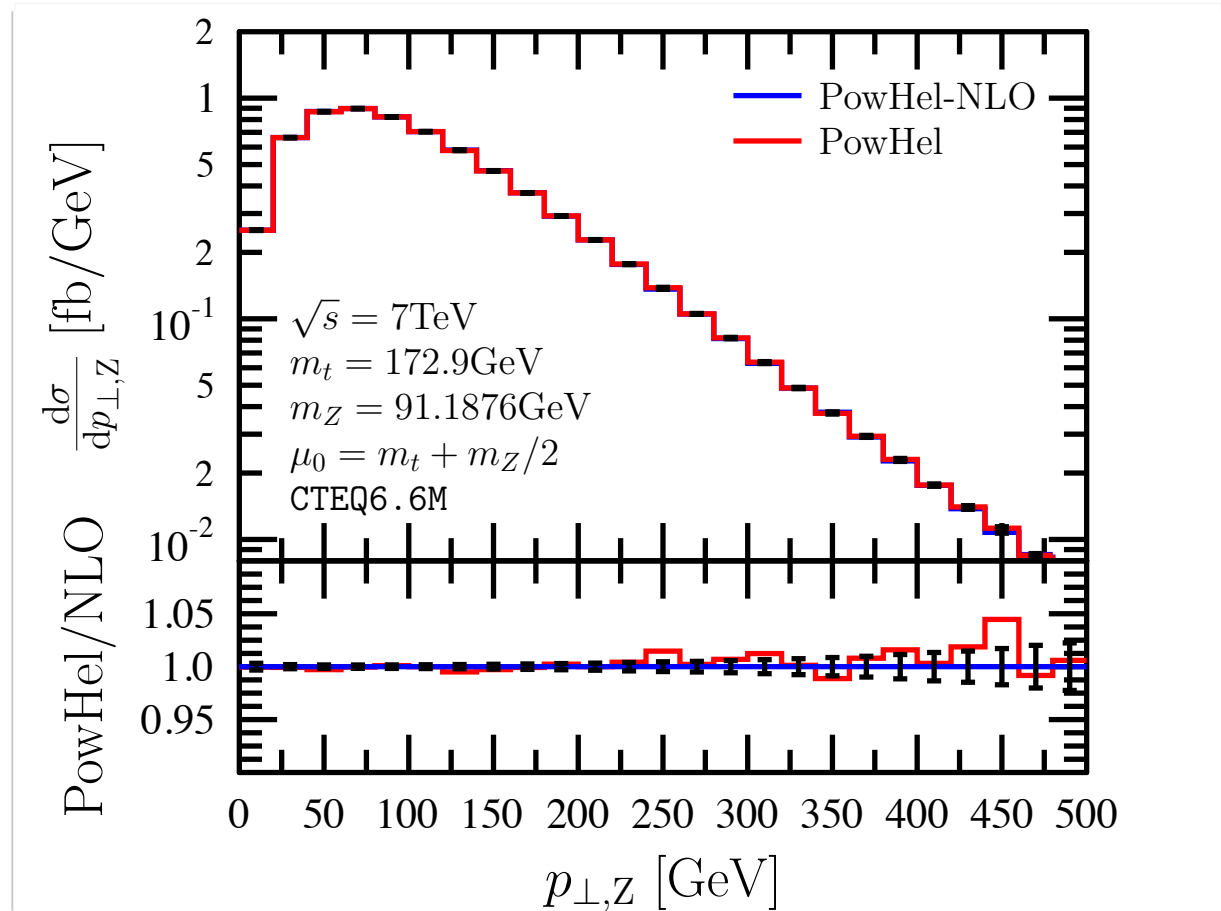
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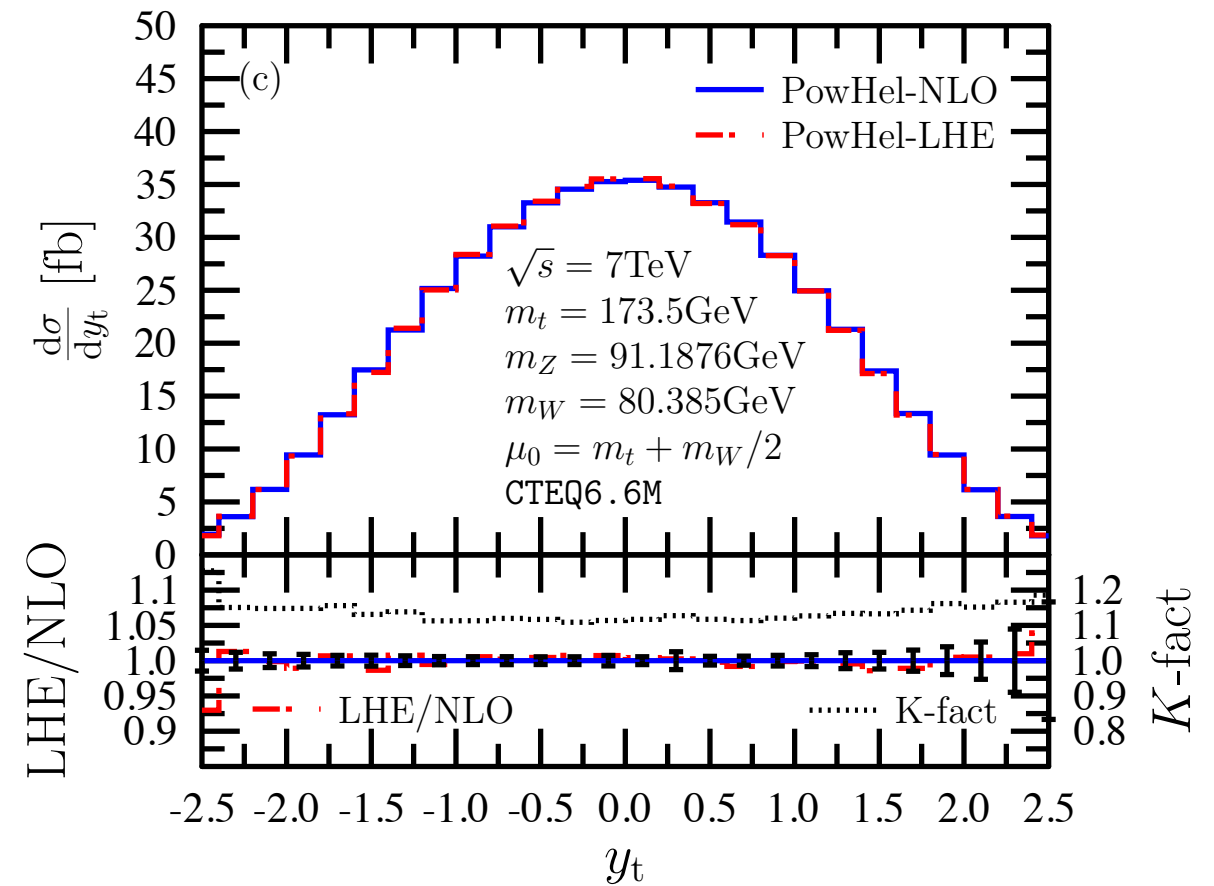
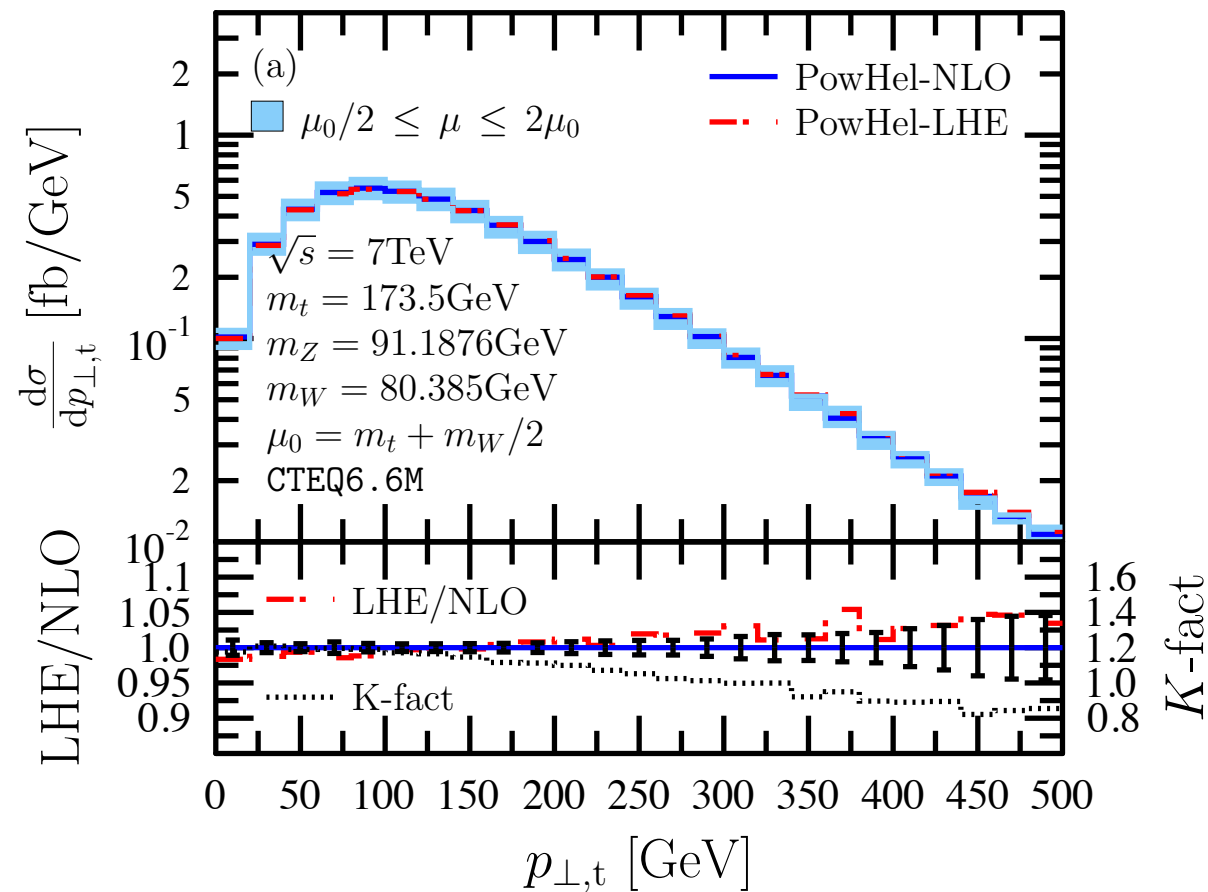


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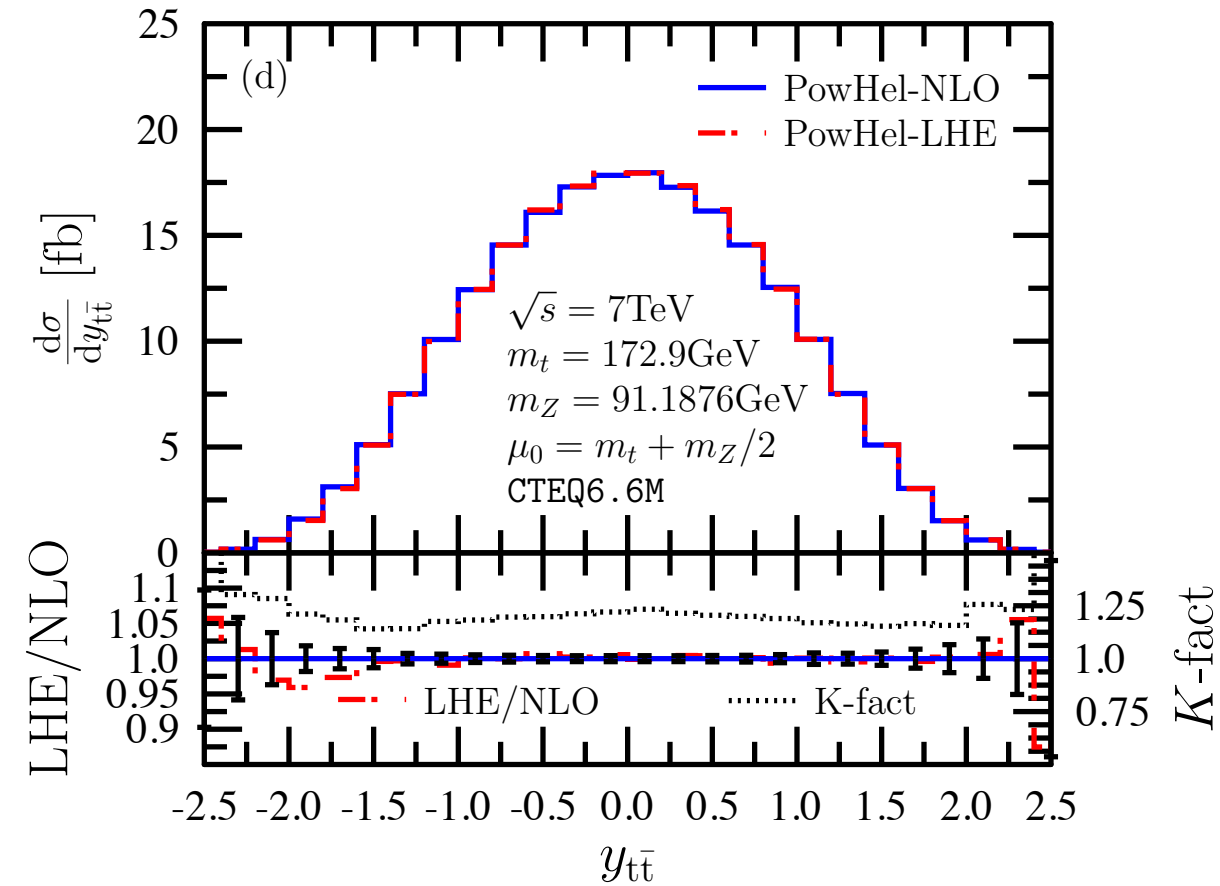
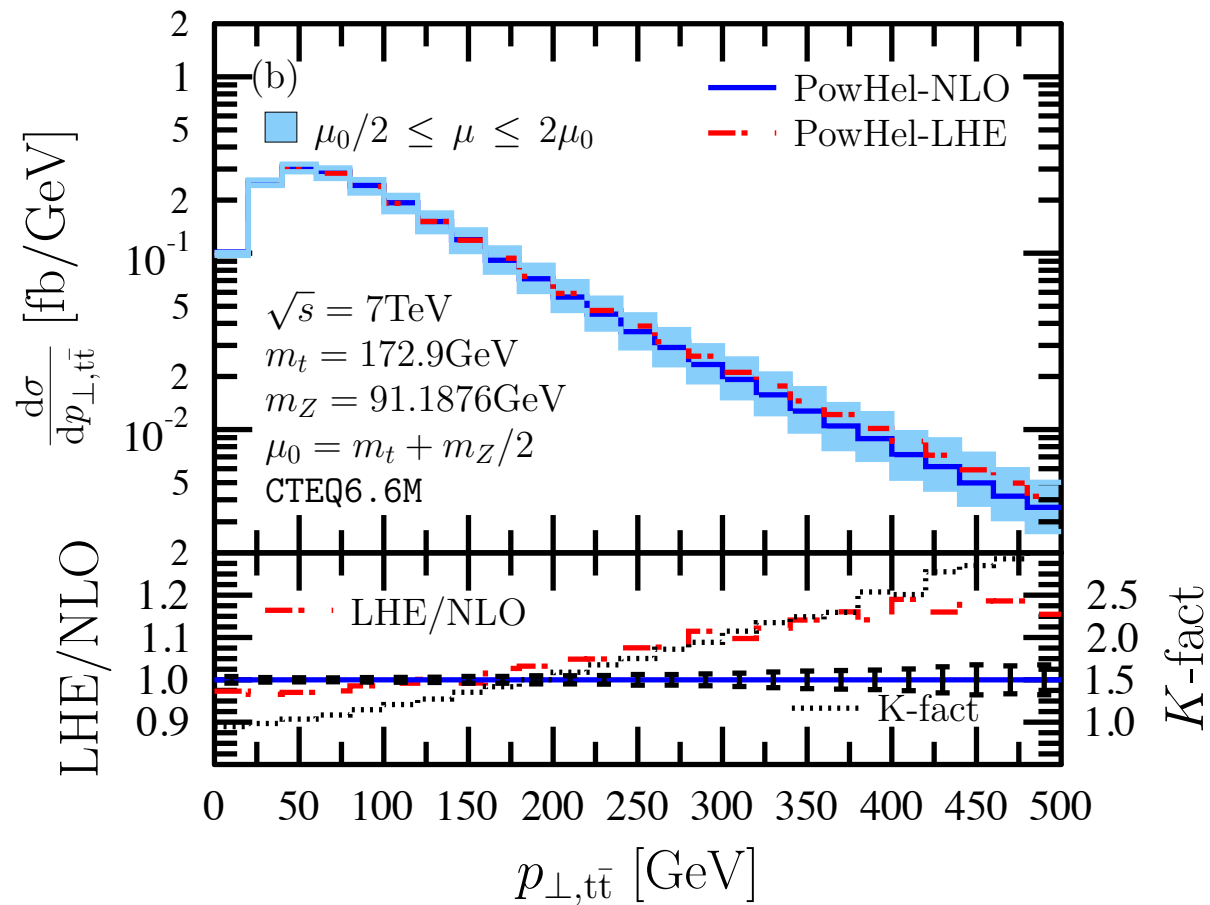
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difference correlates with K-factor,

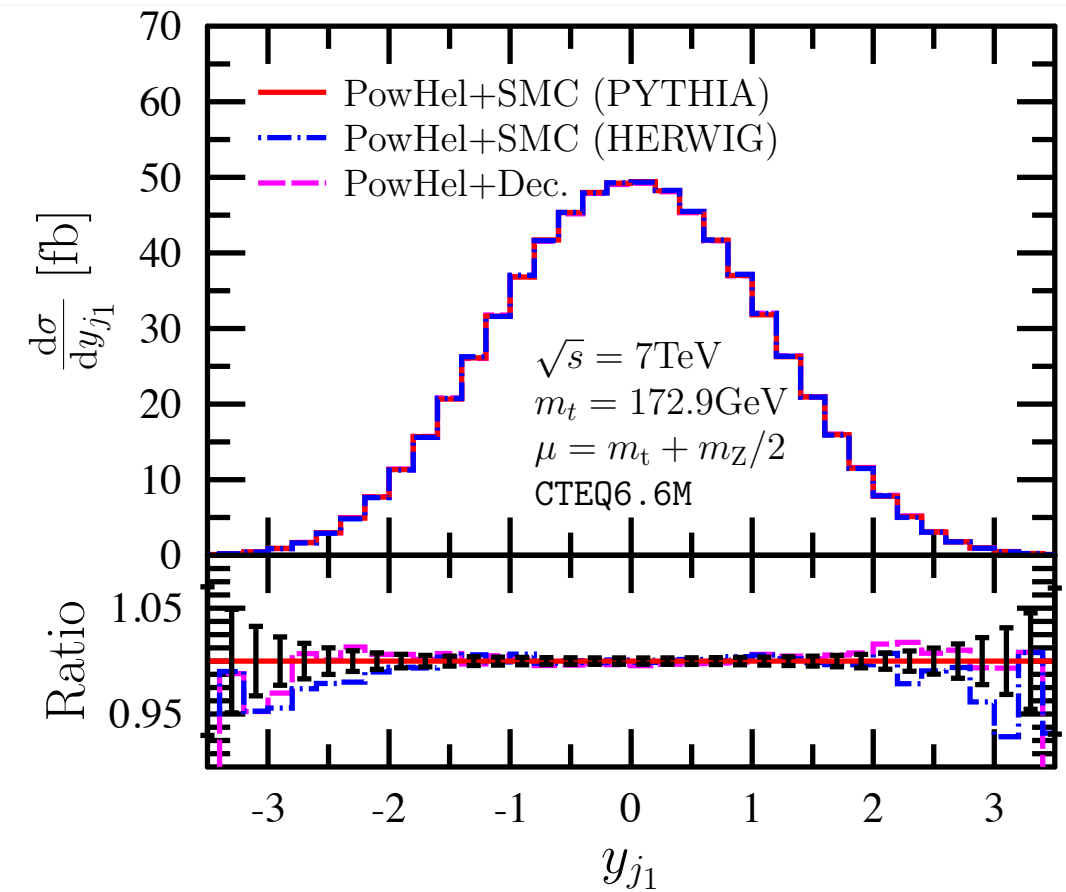
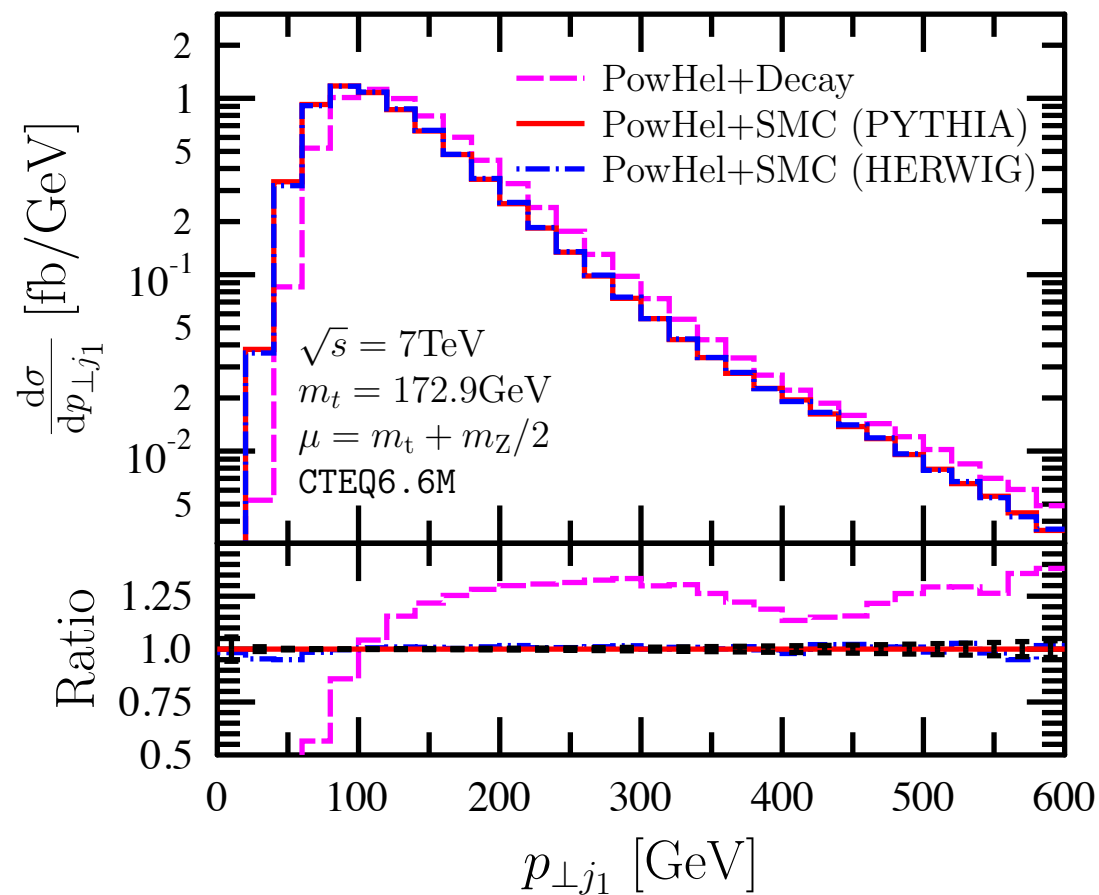
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...similar agreement between NLO and LHE  
(discussed elsewhere)

Predictions

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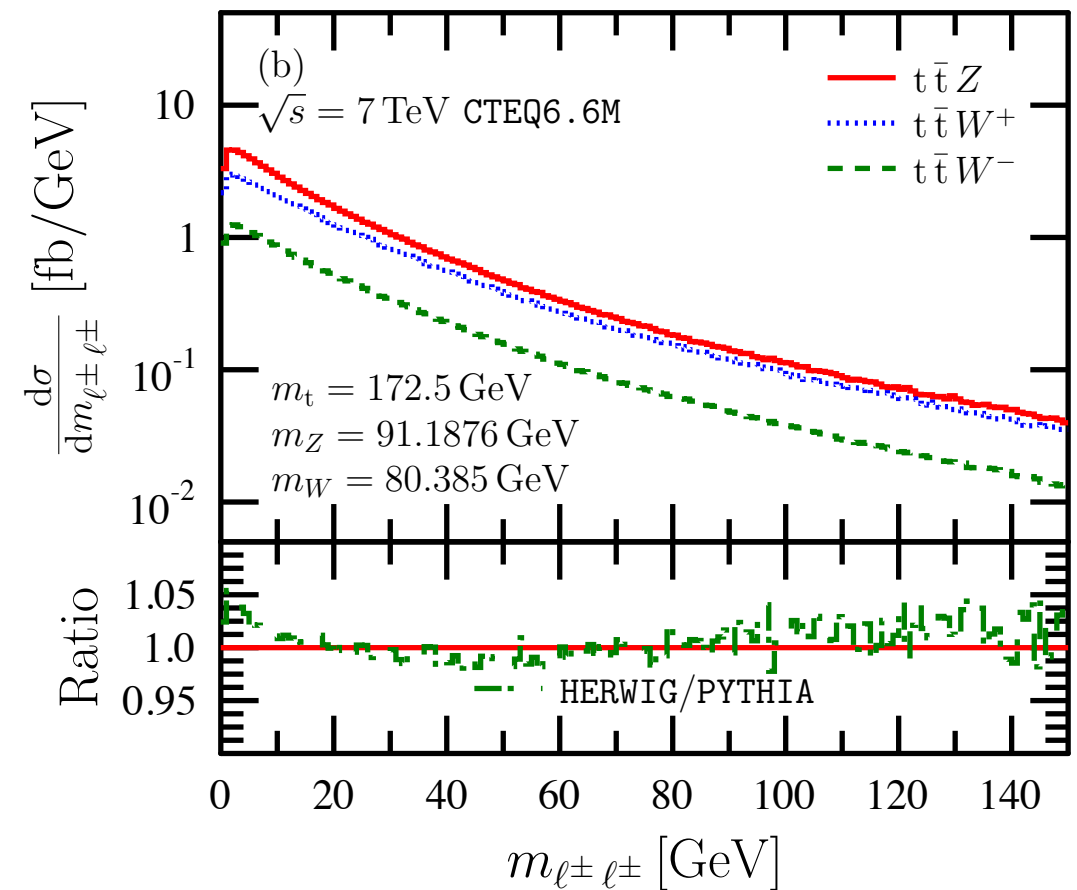
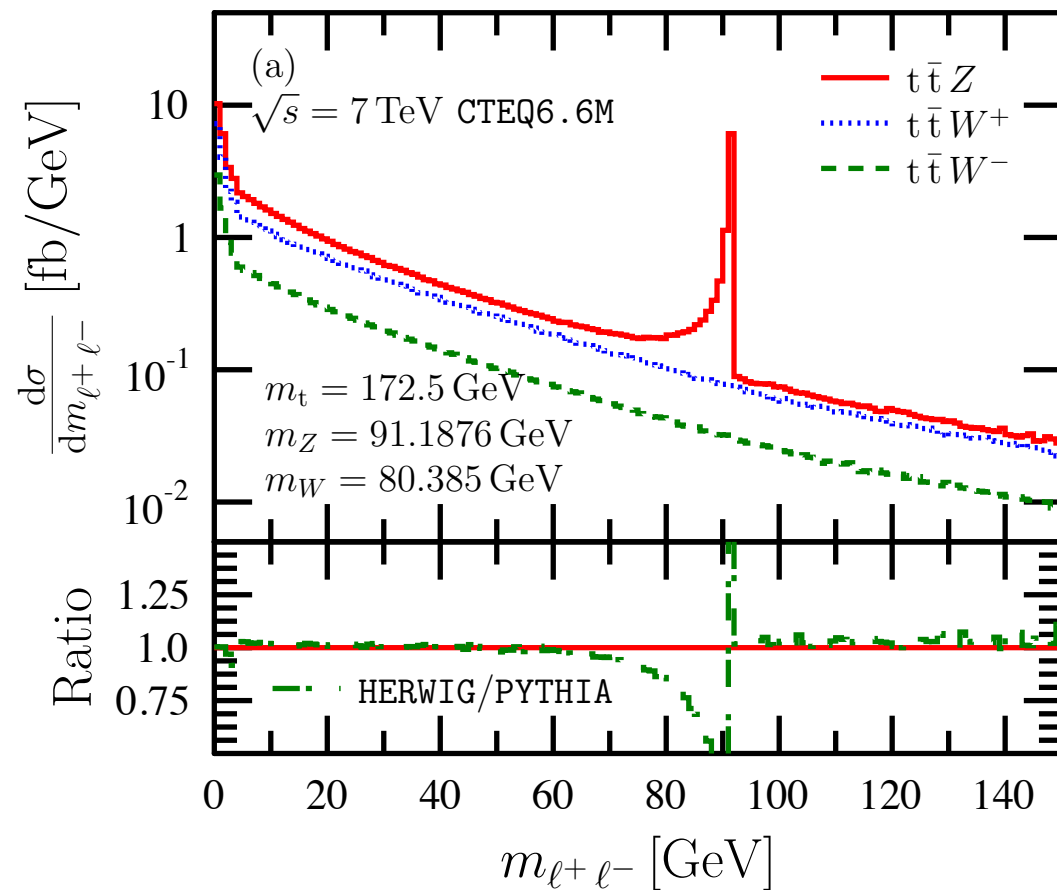


Transverse momentum and rapidity distribution for the hardest jet at 7TeV LHC

PS softens the  $p_{\perp}$ -spectrum, rapidity is hardly affected



# $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + V$ : after PS, no cuts



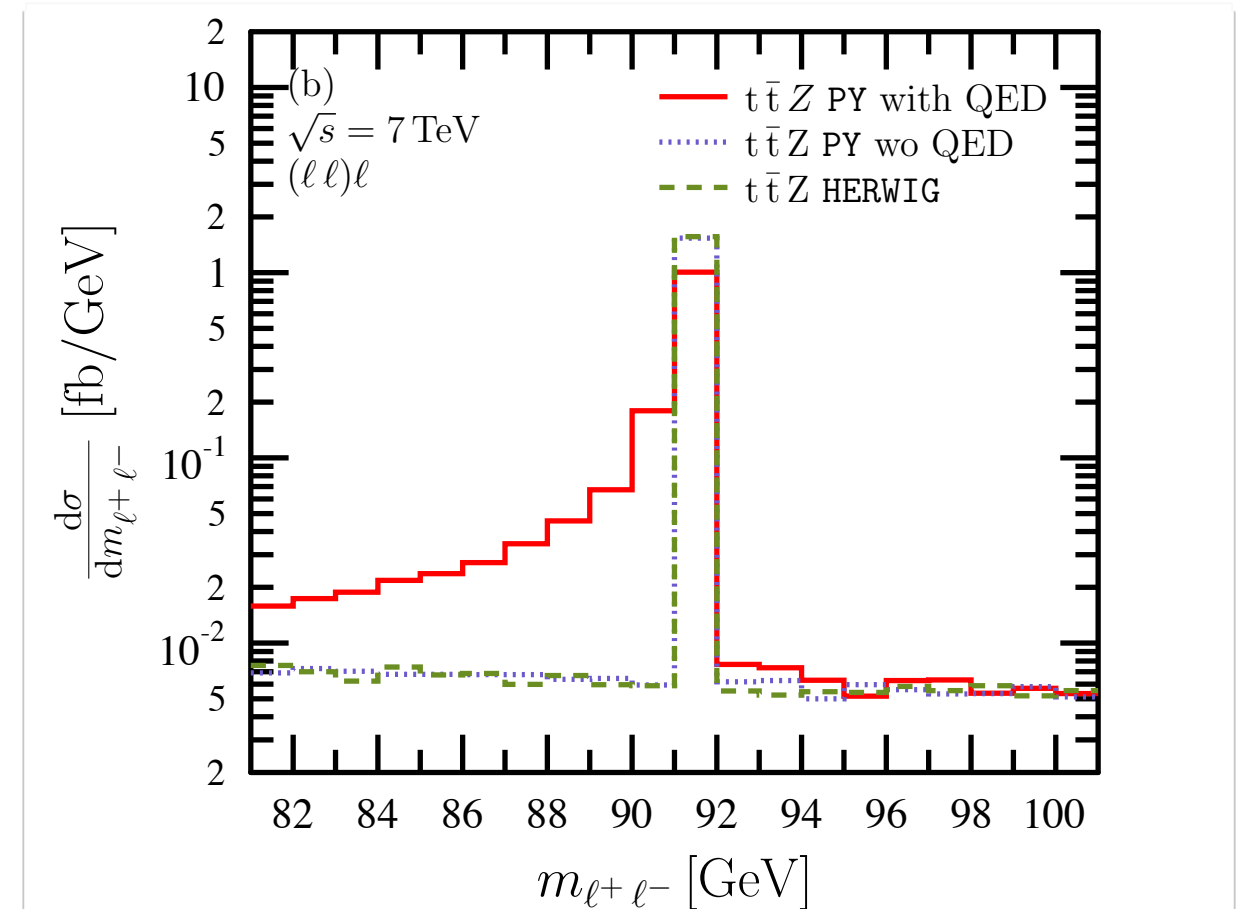
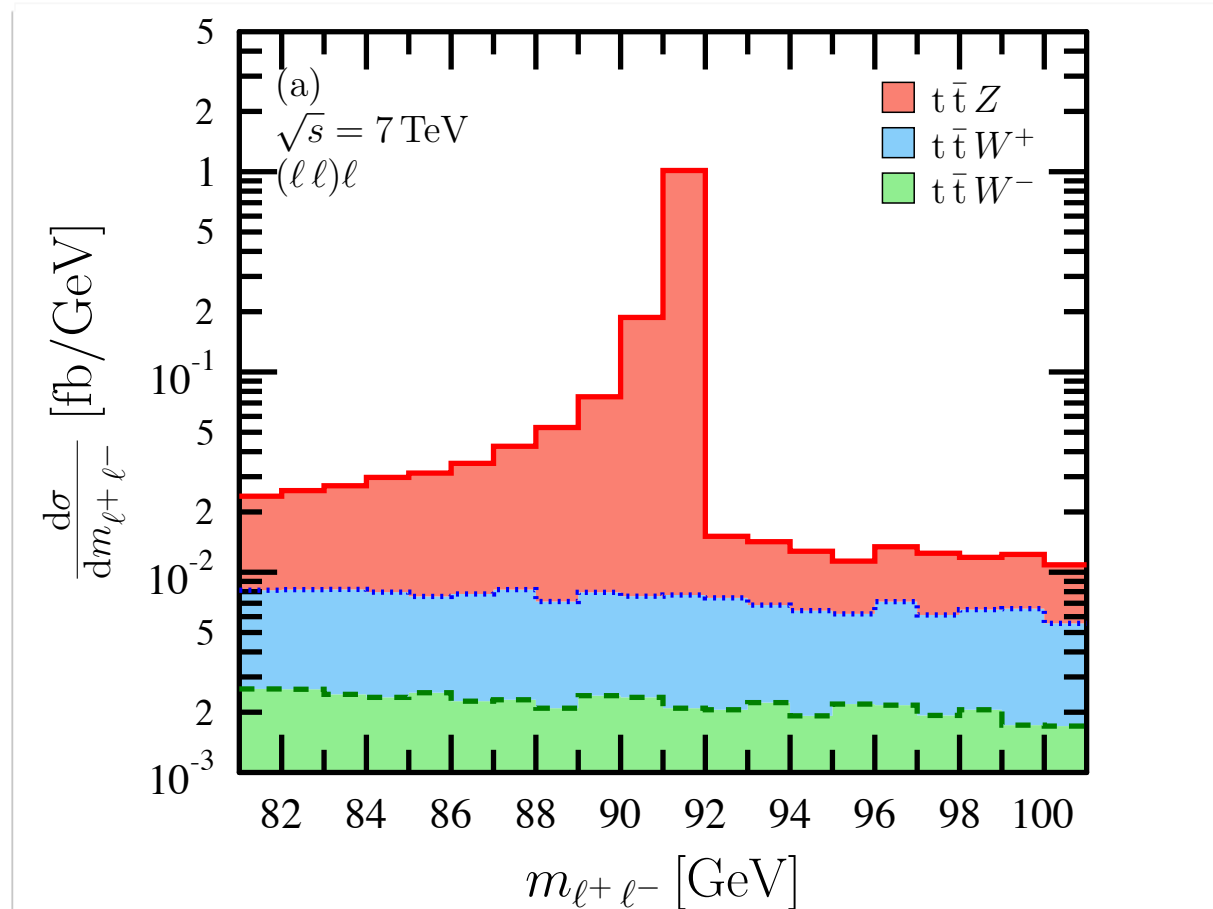
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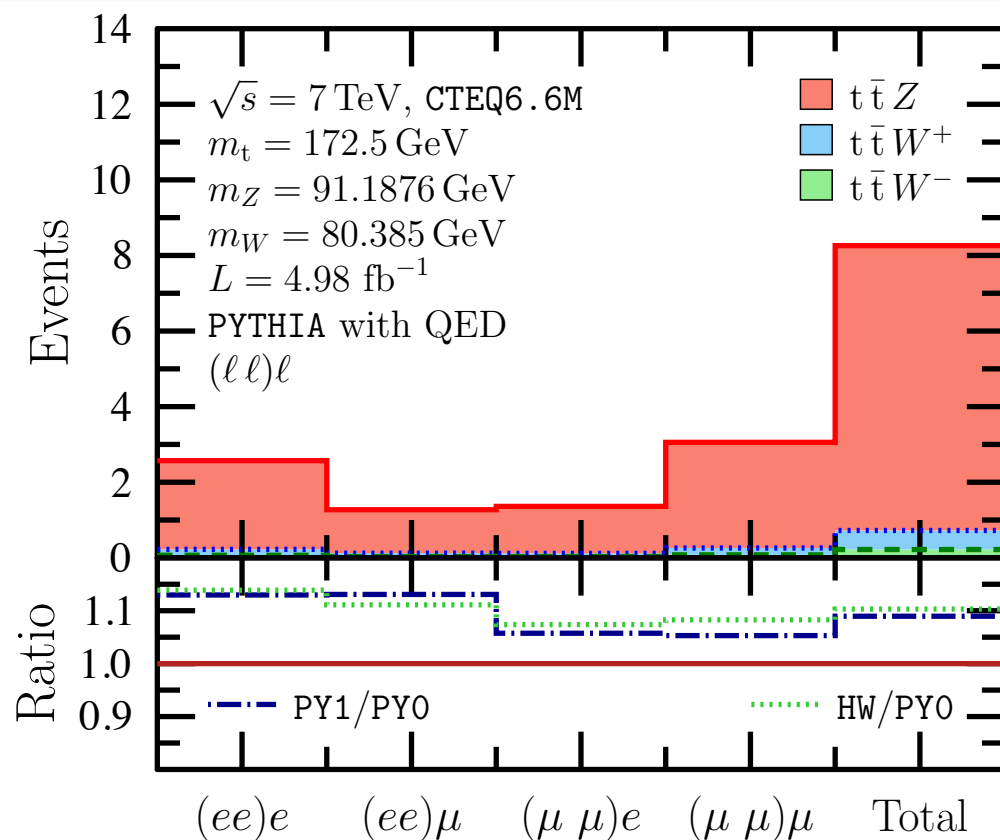
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channel	prediction #of events	measured #of events
$(e,e)e$	$2.57 \pm 0.02$	$1^{+2.4}_{-0.8}$
$(e,e)\mu$	$1.27 \pm 0.02$	$2^{+2.7}_{-1.2}$
$(\mu,\mu)e$	$1.36 \pm 0.02$	$2^{+2.7}_{-1.2}$
$(\mu,\mu)\mu$	$3.05 \pm 0.02$	$4^{+3.2}_{-2.0}$
total	$8.26 \pm 0.02$	$9^{+4.1}_{-3.0}$

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channel	$\sigma$ [fb] at 7 TeV	$\sigma$ [fb] at 8 TeV	ratio
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( $\mu$ , $\mu$ )e	0.273	0.420	1.54
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