

# Production of multiple electroweak bosons: theoretical status

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- Relevance of multiple electroweak boson production and perturbative corrections
- Vector-boson pair production
- Vector-boson pair production with additional jets
- Triple vector-boson production
- Vector-boson + jet production
- Summary

- probe non-Abelian structure of the SM  
(compare WW production at LEP2)
  - sensitive to (anomalous) triple and quartic vector-boson couplings
  - subject to unitarity cancellations in SM at high energies  
⇒ enhanced sensitivity to deviations from SM
  - probe dynamics of longitudinal massive gauge bosons  
⇒ window to Higgs mechanism
  - important background processes to
    - ▶ Higgs production with decay into vector-boson pairs
    - ▶ searches for new physics with leptons and  $\cancel{E}_T$  signatures  
(e.g. production of supersymmetric particles)
- ⇒ **precise theoretical predictions required!**  
for test of SM and search for physics beyond

Process class:  $pp \rightarrow$  weak vector bosons  $W, Z, (\gamma)$

vector bosons decay: leptonic  $V \rightarrow \bar{l}l'$ , hadronic  $V \rightarrow \bar{q}q'$

QCD corrections:

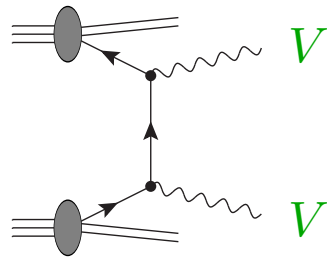
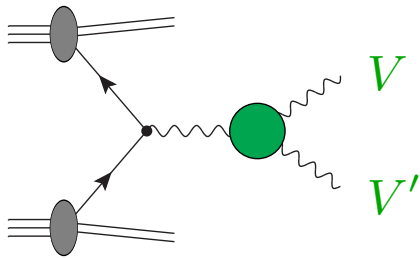
- for leptonic decays: only production corrected
- generic size:  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s) \sim 10\%$   
enhanced by logarithms and new channels  $\Rightarrow 25-100\%$
- generic size of NNLO corrections:  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \sim \text{few}\%$

EW corrections:

- involve full process: production and decay  
 $\Rightarrow$  more complicated structure  
 $\Rightarrow$  suitable approximations useful
- typical size for  $\sqrt{\hat{s}} \sim M_Z$ :  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha / \sin^2 \theta_w) \sim \text{few}\%$
- typical size for  $\sqrt{\hat{s}} \gg M_Z$ :  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha / \sin^2 \theta_w) \ln^2 (M_W^2 / \hat{s}) \sim \mathcal{O}(10 - 50\%)$   
Sudakov logarithms of universal origin

# Vector-boson pair production

## Leading order:



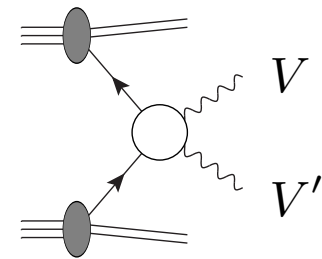
$$V, V' = Z, W^\pm, (\gamma)$$

only  $q\bar{q}'$  initial states

triple-gauge-boson couplings

## NLO-QCD corrections for stable vector bosons

- $pp \rightarrow ZZ$  Ohnemus, Owens '91; Mele, Nason, Ridolfi '91
- $pp \rightarrow W^\pm Z$  Ohnemus '91; Frixione, Nason, Ridolfi '92
- $pp \rightarrow W^+ W^-$  Ohnemus '91; Frixione '93

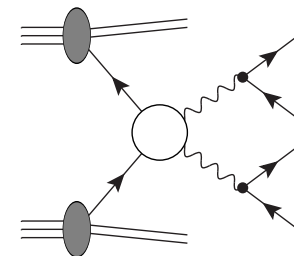


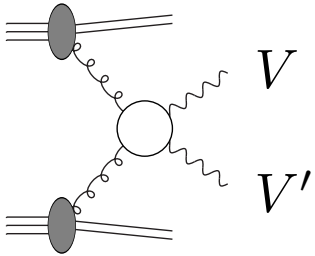
## NLO-QCD corrections including leptonic decays:

$\Rightarrow$  realistic cuts, spin correlations, off-shell effects

$VV$  production below threshold ( $\Rightarrow$  Higgs background)

- phenomenological results: Ohnemus '94; Dixon, Kunszt, Signer '99; Campbell, Ellis '99
- analytical amplitudes: Dixon, Kunszt, Signer '98
- public Monte Carlo code MCFM: Campbell, Ellis '99





occur first at one-loop level  
formally of NNLO but  
enhanced by large gluon luminosity

## calculations

- stable vector bosons:

Dicus, Kao, Repko '87; Glover, van der Bij '89, Kao, Dicus '91

- inclusion of off-shell effects:

Matsuura, van der Bij '91; Binoth, Ciccolini, Kauer, Krämer '05,'06; Binoth, Kauer, Mertsch '08, Campbell, Ellis, Williams '11

## results

- relative contribution depends strongly on cuts

- ▶ 4% for total cross section

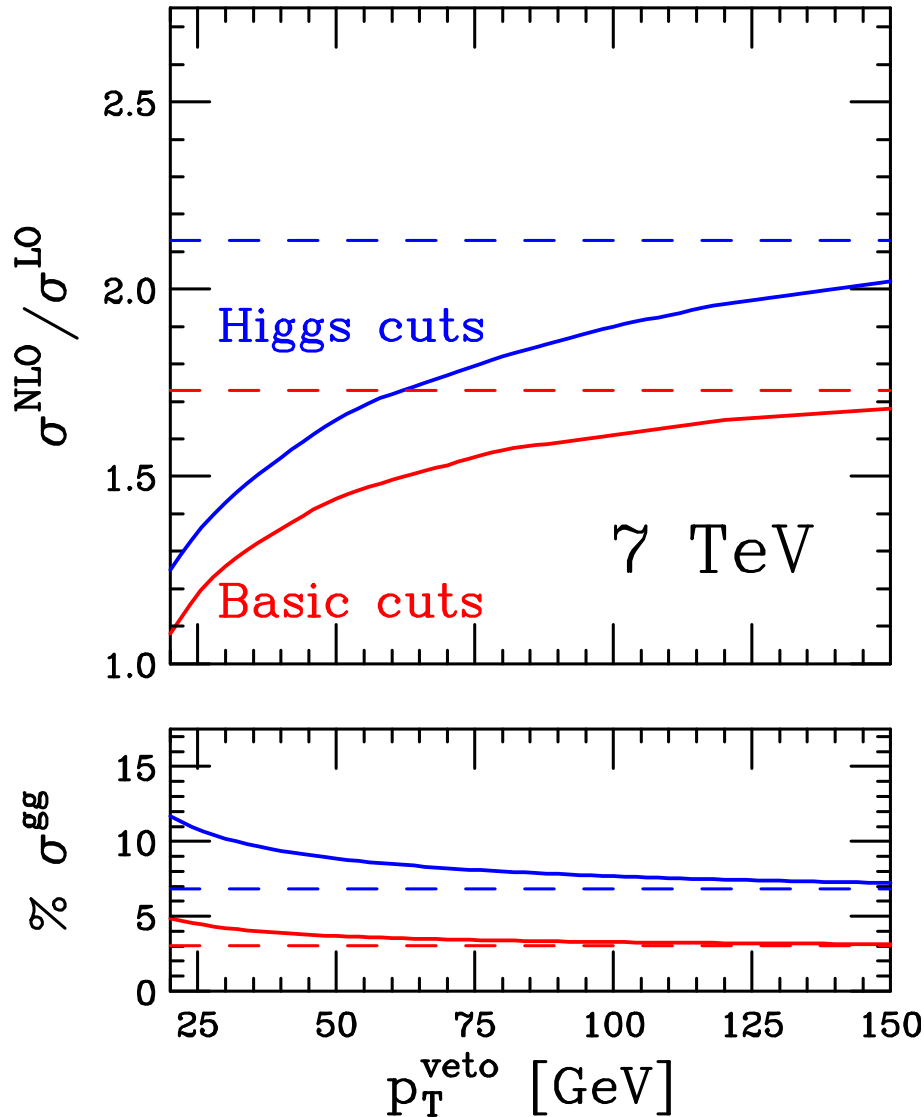
- ▶ up to 30–35% after “Higgs cuts”

Dührssen, Jakobs, van der Bij, Marquard '05

Binoth, Ciccolini, Kauer, Krämer '06

- enhanced by jet veto

Campbell, Ellis, Williams '11



$K$  factor as function of jet veto

- sizeable and cut-dependent NLO corrections 50–100%
- larger corrections for “Higgs cuts”
- $K$ -factor can be reduced by imposing a jet veto
- gluon-induced contributions are enhanced by a jet veto

Basic cuts:  $p_T^l > 20$  GeV,  $|\eta_l| < 2.5$   
 $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$  GeV

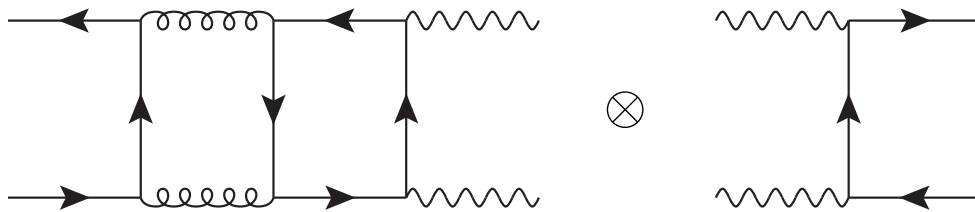
Higgs cuts:  $m_{ll} > 20$  GeV,  $\Delta\phi_{ll} < 60^\circ$   
 $p_T^{l,\text{max}} > 30$  GeV,  $p_T^{l,\text{min}} > 25$  GeV



Only small part of NNLO-QCD corrections available:

virtual corrections: Chachamis, Czakon, Eiras '08

- two-loop and one-loop-squared corrections
- for  $W^+W^-$  final state in  $q\bar{q}$  annihilation
- in the high-energy limit (all invariants  $\gg M_W^2$ )



complicated calculation at technical frontier

real corrections:

NLO calculations for  $VV_j$  (see below) constitute real part of NNLO for  $VV$

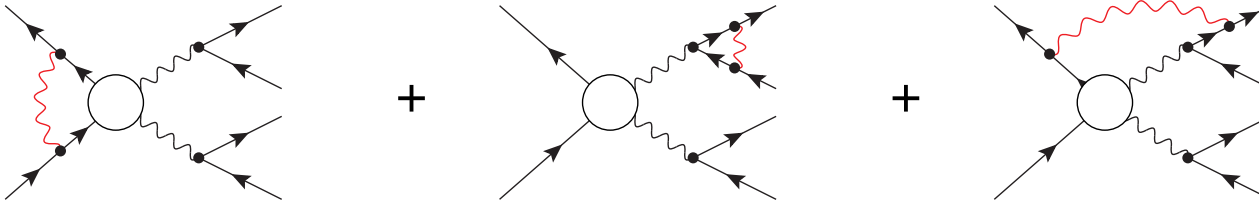
## NLO-QCD merged to parton-shower codes PYTHIA, HERWIG, SHERPA

- MC@NLO in HERWIG Frixione, Webber '06
- POWHEG in HERWIG++ Hamilton '10
- POWHEG in SHERPA Höche, Krauss, Schönherr, Siegert '10
- POWHEG-BOX Melia, Nason, Röntsch, Zanderighi '11
- aMC@NLO in HERWIG and PYTHIA6 Frederix et al. '11

## Results for $e^+e^-e^+e^-$ , $e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$ final states at 7 TeV: Frederix et al. '11

- +40% NLO corrections (size depends strongly on cuts, energy, process)
- distributions are generally rescaled, some nontrivial kinematic effects
- NLO scale uncertainty 2% for  $qq, qg$  channels, 20% for  $gg$  channel
- PDF uncertainty  $\sim 2\%$
- **effects of parton shower generally small**  
apart from few distributions where differences are expected ( $p_{T4l}$ )

More complicated than QCD corrections  $\Rightarrow$  approximations used



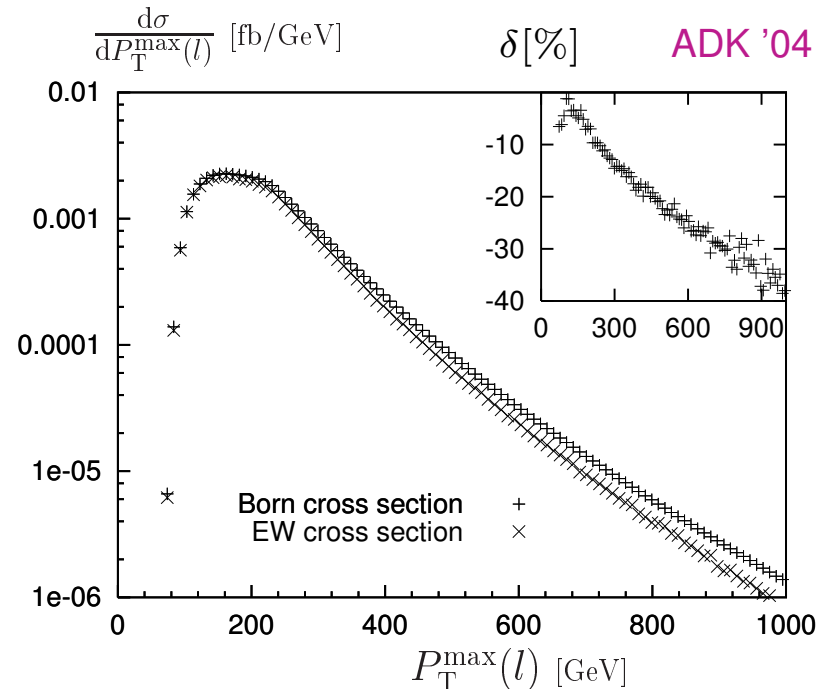
Accomando, Denner, Pozzorini '01  
Accomando, Denner, Kaiser '04

- double-pole approximation for vector bosons
- high-energy approximation: logarithmic corrections

result:

large negative EW corrections  
(Sudakov logarithms)  
for large energy scales

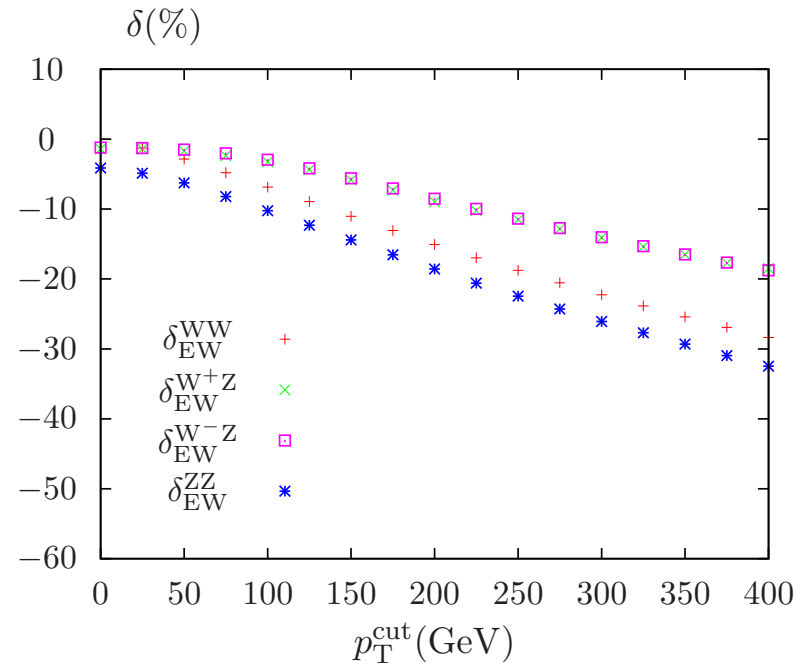
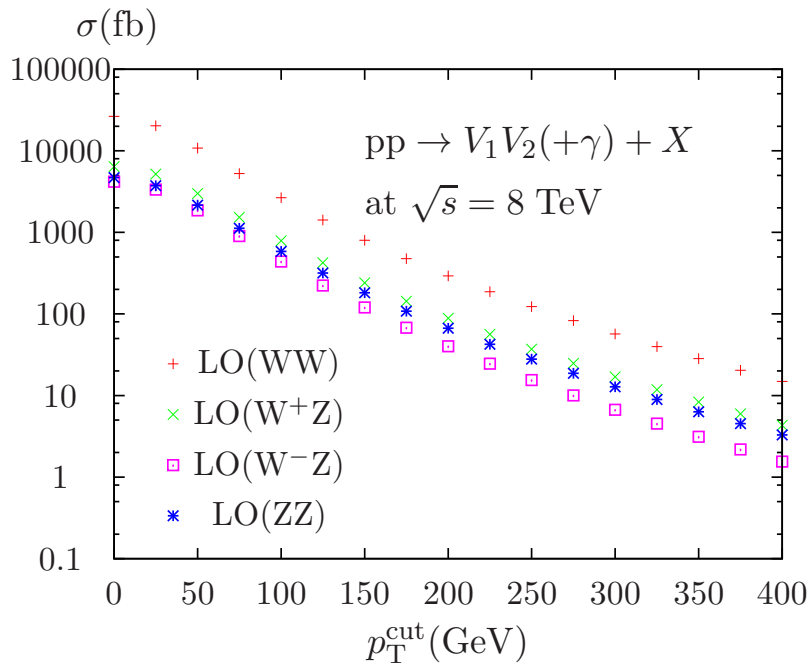
$pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow e\nu_e\mu^+\mu^-$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 14$  TeV



Bierweiler, Kasprzik, Kühn, Uccirati '12 complementary calculation

- complete NLO EW corrections for stable  $W^+W^-$ ,  $W^\pm Z$ ,  $ZZ$  ( $M_{VV'} > M_V + M_{V'}$ !)
- for  $W^+W^-$  also  $gg$  and  $\gamma\gamma$ -induced contributions ( $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$ )

cross section as a function of the cut on  $p_{TV}$



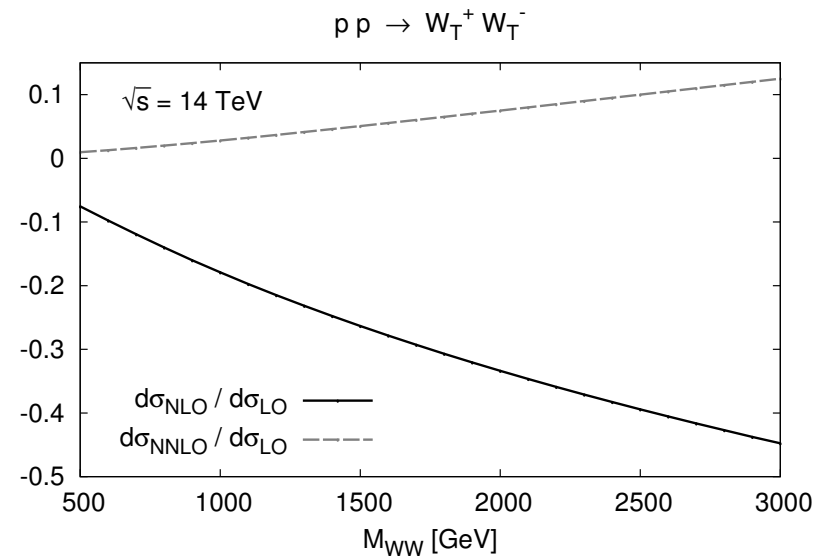
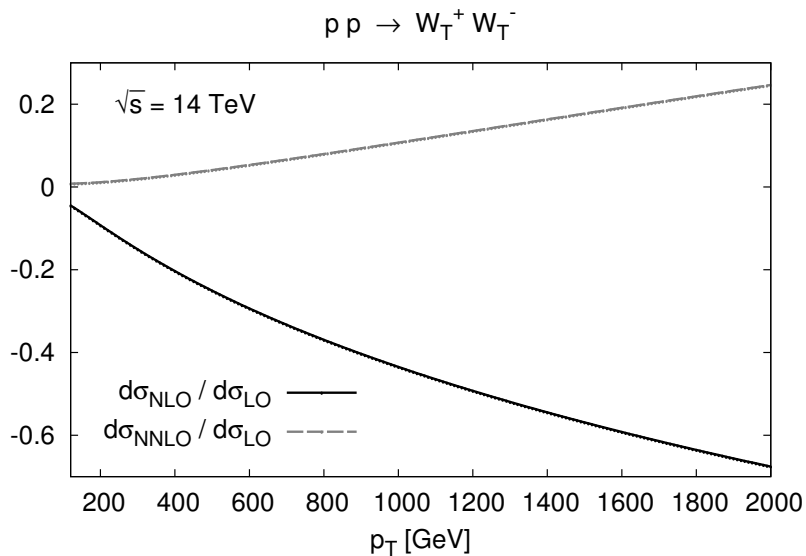
Sudakov regime ( $\hat{s}, |\hat{t}|, |\hat{u}| \gg M_W^2$ ):

relative EW corrections of Bierweiler et al. and Denner et al. agree within few %

$\Rightarrow$  off-shell effects and corrections to decays small for inclusive observables

Kühn, Metzler, Penin, Uccirati '11

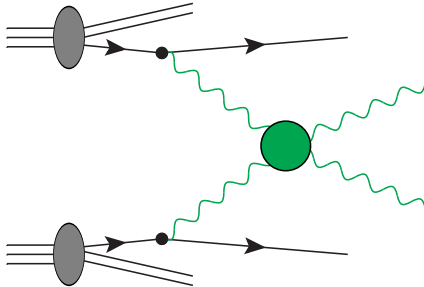
- **NNL EW logarithms** in high-energy limit for stable  $W^+W^-$  at
  - ▶ one loop:  $\alpha \ln^n(s/M_W^2)$ ,  $n = 2, 1, 0$
  - ▶ and **two loops**:  $\alpha^2 \ln^n(s/M_W^2)$ ,  $n = 4, 3, 2$
- significant cancellations between LL, NLL and NNLL logarithmic corrections
- maximal effect 60% (one-loop) and 20% (two loops) at 14 TeV LHC



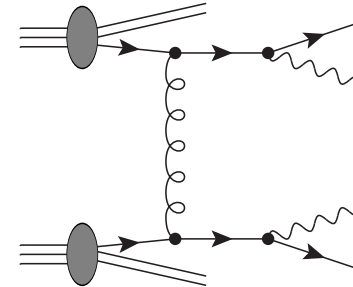
- NLO-EW corrections for full processes with decays in progress *Dittmaier et al.*
  - NNLO QCD: in progress? *Czakon et al.*
  - combination of all pieces required
    - ▶ NLO QCD
    - ▶  $gg$  contributions
    - ▶ parton-shower matching
    - ▶ NLO EW
    - ▶ NNLL EW logarithms
    - ▶ NNLO QCD?
- } combination exists
- parton-shower matching for EW corrections

# Vector-boson-pair production with two jets

EW production:  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$



QCD-induced production:  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha^2)$



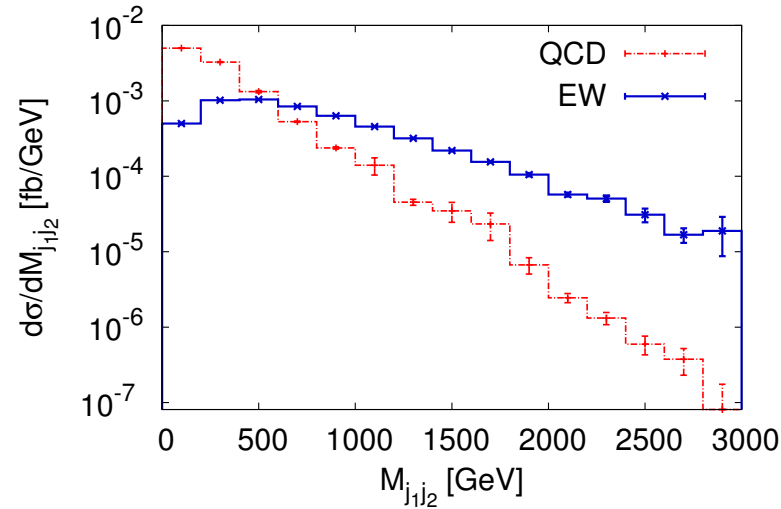
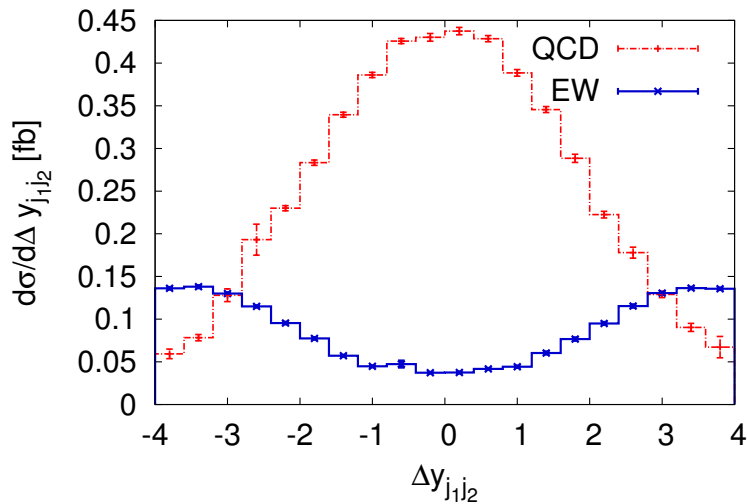
## physical significance

- physics is in EW production!
- EW production involves **vector-boson scattering**, sensitive to
  - ▶ **EW symmetry breaking sector**
  - ▶ **Higgs boson**
  - ▶ **quartic vector-boson couplings**
- $W^+ W^+ jj$ : distinct signature: same-sign dileptons +  $\cancel{E}_T$  + 2 jets
- **background to Higgs production and BSM searches in VBF**

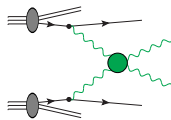


Jäger, Zanderighi '11

$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ , NLO QCD, basic cuts:  $p_{T,j} > 20 \text{ GeV}$

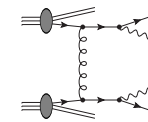


EW production:

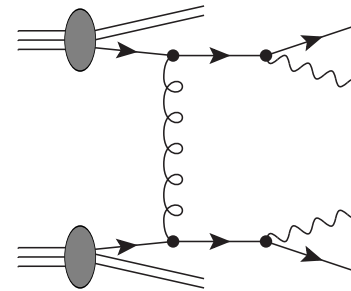
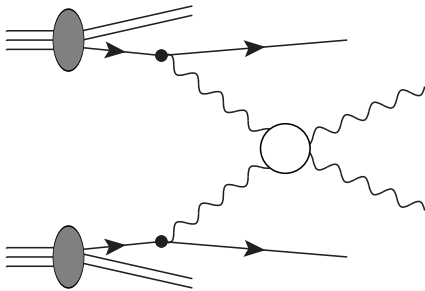


- large rapidity separation  $\Delta y_{jj}$
- dominant for large  $M_{jj}$
- $\sigma_{EW}^{\text{inclusive}} = 1.10 \text{ fb}$
- $\sigma_{EW}^{\text{VBFcuts}} = 0.201 \text{ fb}$

QCD-induced production:



- small rapidity separation  $\Delta y_{jj}$
- prefers small  $M_{jj}$
- $\sigma_{QCD}^{\text{inclusive}} = 2.12 \text{ fb}$  **192%**
- $\sigma_{QCD}^{\text{VBFcuts}} = 0.0074 \text{ fb}$  **3.7%**



## NLO-QCD corrections including leptonic decays

- $pp \rightarrow VVjj$  (all channels)  
Bozzi, Jäger, Oleari, Zeppenfeld '06–'09
- $pp \rightarrow W^+W^-jj$  Greiner et al. '12
- $pp \rightarrow W^+W^+jj$   
Denner, Hošeková, Kallweit '12
- $pp \rightarrow W^+W^+jj$   
Melia, Melnikov, Rötsch, Zanderighi '10
- $pp \rightarrow W^+W^-jj$   
Melia, Melnikov, Rötsch, Zanderighi '11

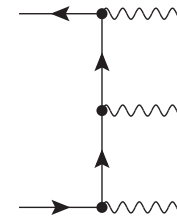
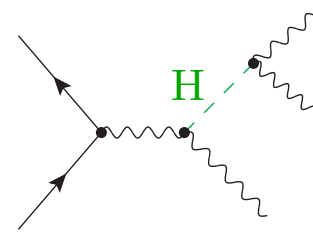
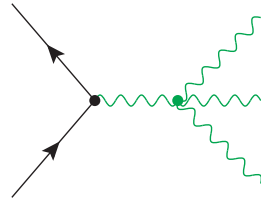
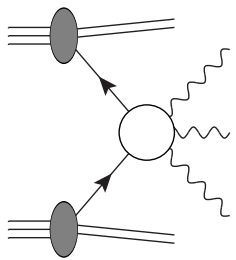
## parton-shower matching with POWHEG-BOX

- $pp \rightarrow W^+W^+jj, W^+W^-jj$   
Zanderighi, Jäger '11, '13
- $pp \rightarrow W^+W^+jj$   
Melia, Nason, Rötsch, Zanderighi '11

## NLO-EW corrections exist only for $VV \rightarrow VV$ : (not for full $2 \rightarrow 6$ process)

- $ZZ \rightarrow ZZ$  Denner, Dittmaier, Hahn '97,  $W^+W^+ \rightarrow W^+W^+$  Denner, Hahn '98
- size:  $\mathcal{O}(10-100\%)$ , increasing with energy

# Triple vector-boson production

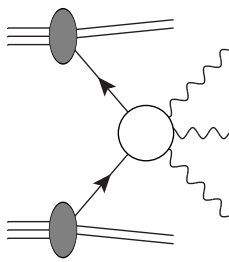


sensitive to triple and **quartic vector-boson couplings**

NLO calculations

on-shell vector bosons

including leptonic decays

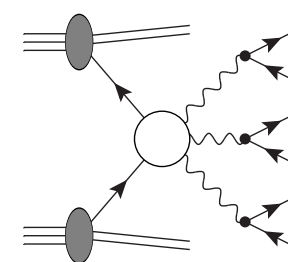


- $pp \rightarrow ZZZ$

Lazopoulos, Melnikov, Petriello '07

- $pp \rightarrow VVV$

Binoth, Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau '08



- $pp \rightarrow WWZ$

Hankele, Zeppenfeld '07 (VBFNLO)

- $pp \rightarrow WZZ, WWW$

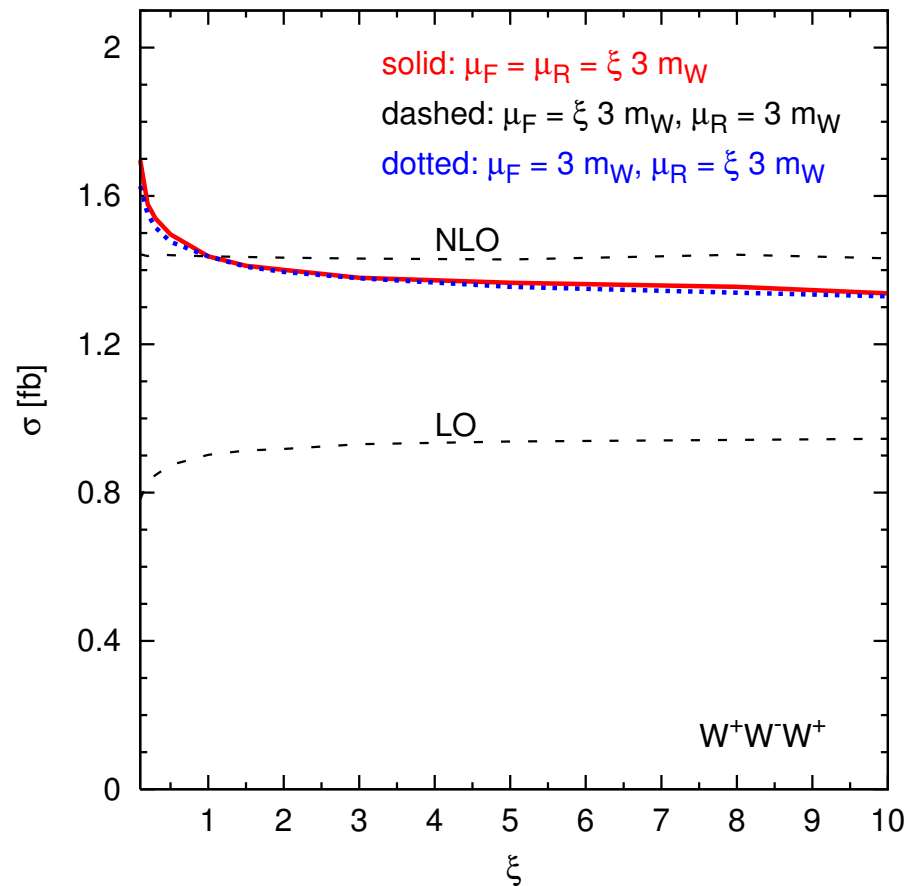
Campanario et al. '08 (VBFNLO)

- LO  $\propto \alpha_s^0$
- NLO corrections drastically underestimated by LO scale variation
- large  $K$  factors: 1.5 – 2.2 owing to new  $qg$  channel at NLO
- small NLO scale dependence:  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$
- $K$  factors depend strongly on phase-space region and observable

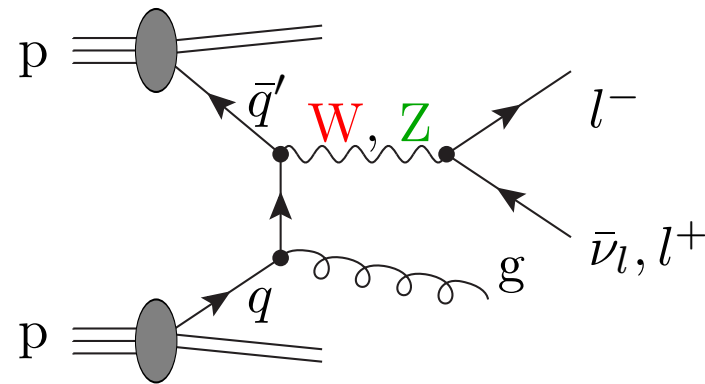
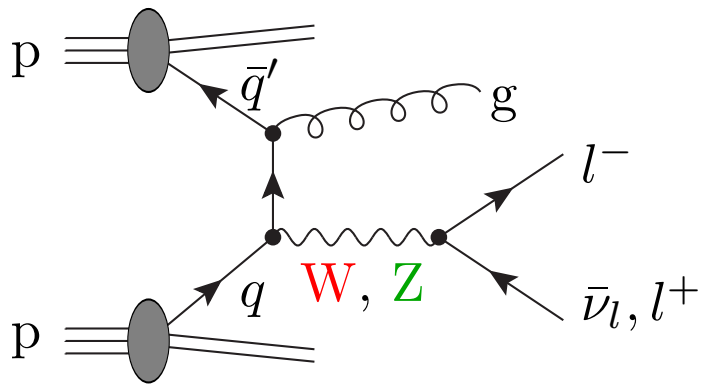
scale dependence

for  $pp \rightarrow W^+W^-W^+$

Campanario et al. '08



# Vector-boson plus jet production



- important contribution to single  $V$  production  
 $\Rightarrow$  measurement of  $M_V$ ,  $\Gamma_V$ , electroweak mixing angle  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$
- tests of jet dynamics in QCD
- constraints on parton distribution functions (PDFs)
- source of high-energy leptons and/or missing transverse momentum  
 $\Rightarrow$  background to new physics

NLO-QCD corrections: Giele, Glover, Kosower '93; Campbell, Ellis '02

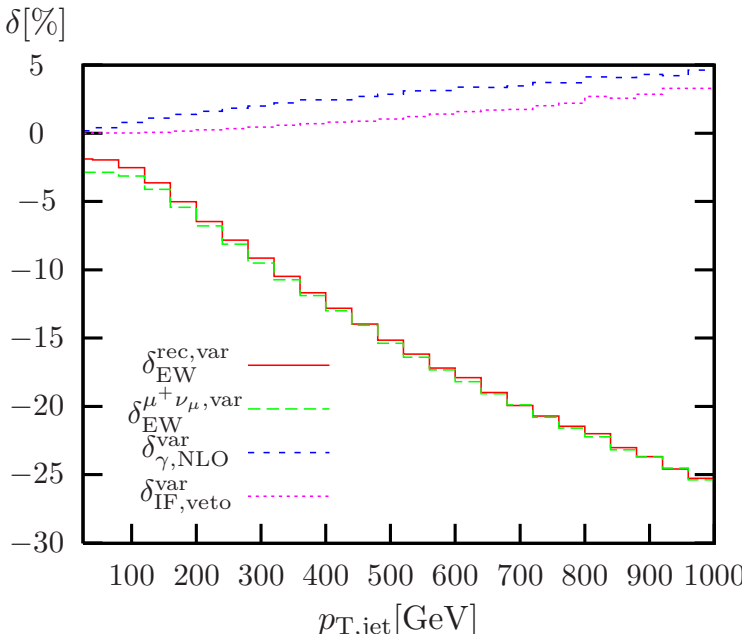
## EW corrections

- $pp \rightarrow Z + \text{jet} + X$ 
  - ▶ weak  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  correction (stable Z) Maina, Moretti, Ross '04  
 $\delta_{\text{weak}} \sim -(5-15)\%$  for  $p_T \lesssim 500 \text{ GeV}$
  - ▶ (NLO + NNLL) EW corrections (stable Z) Kühn, Kulesza, Pozzorini, Schulze '04, '05
  - ▶ EW and QCD NLO corrections for  $pp \rightarrow Z + \text{jet} + X$  including leptonic decays
    - $pp \rightarrow Z + l^+l^- + \text{jet} + X$  Denner, Dittmaier, Kasprzik, Mück '11
    - $pp \rightarrow Z + \nu\bar{\nu} + \text{jet} + X$  Denner, Dittmaier, Kasprzik, Mück '12
  
- $pp \rightarrow W + \text{jet} + X$ 
  - ▶ EW corrections for stable W: Kühn et al. '07; Hollik, Kasprzik, Kniehl '07  
 $\delta_{\text{weak}} \sim -30\%$  for  $p_T \sim 2000 \text{ GeV}$   
**photon-induced processes contribute appreciably** (several % at large  $p_T$ )  
 Hollik et al. '07
  - ▶ EW and QCD NLO corrections including leptonic decays
    - $pp \rightarrow W + l\nu + \text{jet} + X$  Denner, Dittmaier, Kasprzik, Mück '10

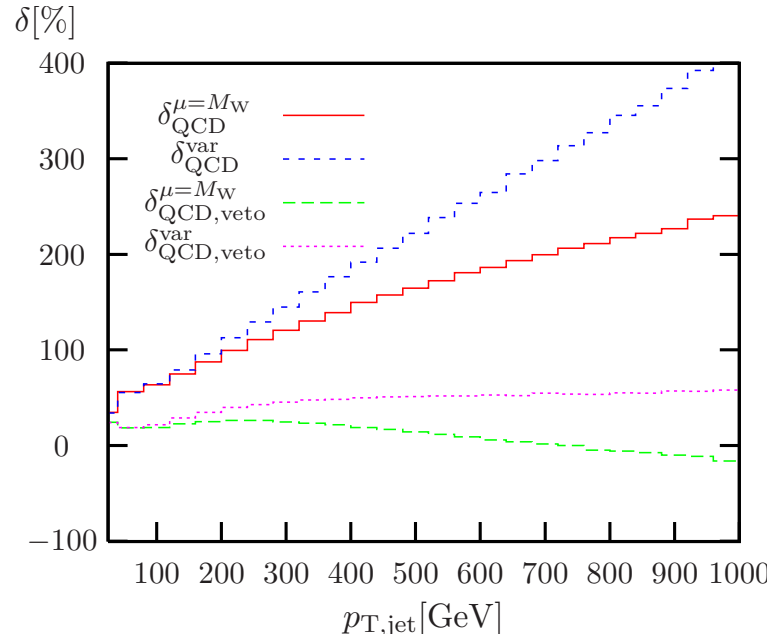


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Denner, Dittmaier, Kasprzik, Mück '11

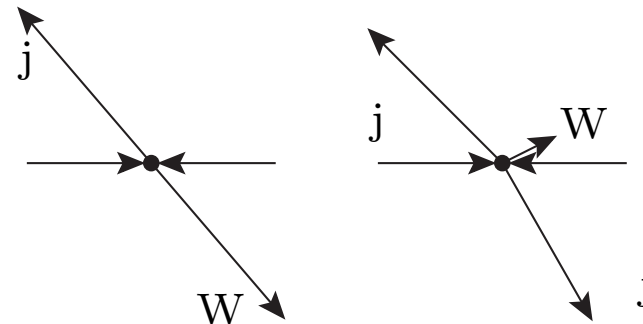


## QCD corrections



- large electroweak corrections for high  $p_T$  Sudakov logarithms
- 5% photon-induced corrections at 1 TeV
- for large  $p_{T,j}$  huge QCD corrections owing to new subprocess  $pp \rightarrow 2 \text{ jets} + W$  with two opposite hard jets and soft  $W$  veto on 2nd jet reduces corrections considerably

LO configuration    new NLO configuration



# Summary

## NLO-QCD corrections available for many multi-particle processes in

- MCFM *Campbell, Ellis, Williams*
- VBFNLO *Arnold, . . . , Zeppenfeld*
- upcoming: OPENLOOPS *Cascioli, Maierhöfer, Pozzorini*

## NLO-QCD parton-shower matching for many processes via

- POWHEG BOX *Alioli, Frixione, Nason, Oleari, Re*
- aMC@NLO *Alwall et al.*
- SHERPA *Höche et al.*

## NLO-EW corrections

- much more complicated structure
- exist only for some processes, often based on approximations
- more calculations in progress  
in particular including vector-boson decays and off-shell effects
- separation of photons and jets needed (e.g.  $W_\gamma/W_j$ )  
⇒ photon fragmentation function or Frixione criterion

process	NLO QCD	NLO PS matching	loop induced gg contribution	NLO EW
$\gamma\gamma$	✓, NNLO	✓	✓	
$V\gamma$	✓		✓	PA
$Vj$	✓	✓	OS	✓
$VV$	✓	✓	✓	OS/PA+HEA
$\gamma\gamma\gamma$	✓			
$\gamma jj$	VBF			
$V\gamma\gamma$	✓			
$V\gamma j$	✓		OS	
$Vjj$	VBF	✓		
$VVj$	✓		OS	
$VV\gamma$	✓			
$VVV$	✓			
$VVjj$	VBF,(✓)	(✓)		

OS = on-shell approximation

PA = pole approximation

VBF= vector-boson-fusion part

HEA= high-energy approximation

(✓): partial results or specific processes

⇒ much work to be done, in particular on EW side

# Conclusions

## Multiple vector-boson (MVB) production

- allow to test non-Abelian structure of SM
- constitute important background for Higgs and BSM production

## QCD corrections

- QCD corrections large and strongly dependent on experimental set-up
- NLO-QCD corrections exist for many MVB processes
- NLO-QCD parton-shower matching is becoming standard (typically small effect)
- very few NNLO corrections known

## EW NLO corrections

- typically few % to 10%  $\Rightarrow$  important for precise measurements
- strongly enhanced for high energy scales  $\sim 40\%$
- $VV$ : available for on-shell vector bosons or in approximations
- not yet available for  $pp \rightarrow VV \rightarrow 4l$ ,  $pp \rightarrow VVV$ , or  $pp \rightarrow jjVV$

# Backup slides

- Natural input parameters:  $\alpha, M_W, M_Z, m_f, M_H, \alpha_s$
  - alternative input parameter sets:  $G_\mu$  instead of  $M_W$  or  $\alpha$   
 $G_\mu$  no fundamental parameter, but precisely measured in  $\mu$  decay
  - weak mixing angle: on-shell definition  $\sin \theta_w = \sqrt{1 - M_W^2/M_Z^2}$
  - definition of  $\alpha$ 
    - ▶ on-shell:  $\alpha(0)$   
appropriate for external photons
    - ▶  $\alpha(M_Z), \alpha(\sqrt{s})$ :  $\frac{\alpha(M_Z)}{\alpha(0)} \approx 1.06$   
absorbs running of  $\alpha$  from  $Q = 0$  to EW scale  
appropriate for weak bosons and internal photons
    - ▶  $G_\mu$  scheme:  $\alpha_{G_\mu} = \sqrt{2}G_\mu M_W^2(1 - M_W^2/M_Z^2)/\pi$ :  $\frac{\alpha_{G_\mu}}{\alpha(0)} \approx 1.03$   
absorbs running of  $\alpha$  from  $Q = 0$  to EW scale and  $\Delta\rho$  in  $W f \bar{f}'$  coupling  
appropriate for W bosons
- appropriate choice of  $\alpha$  reduces missing higher-order corrections

gauge invariance demands unique input-parameter set!



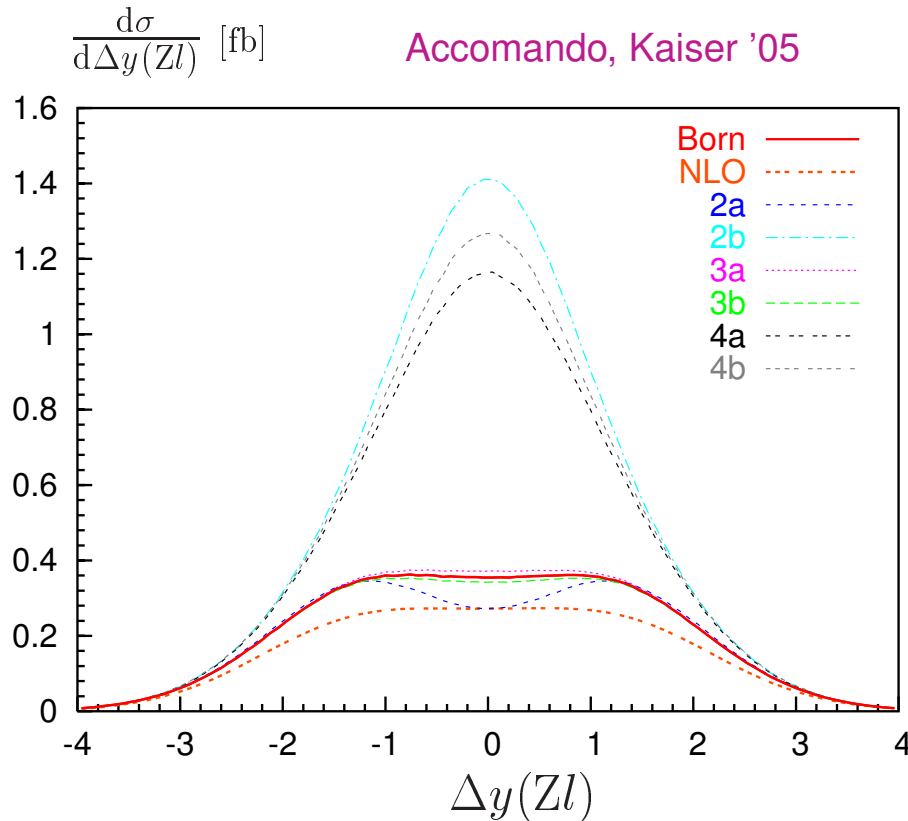
# Vector-boson pair production

$pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow l\nu_l l' \bar{l}' : \quad \sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$

distribution in rapidity difference of Z boson and lepton from W decay  $\Delta y(Zl)$

NLO = NLO electroweak:  $\sim -20\%$

2a/2b:  $\Delta g_1^Z = \pm 0.02$ ,    3a/3b:  $\Delta \kappa_\gamma = \pm 0.04$ ,    4a/4b:  $\lambda = \pm 0.02$



EW corrections can fake  
anomalous couplings

# Vector-boson-pair production with one jet

Large fraction of  $VV$ -pair events exhibits additional jet activity

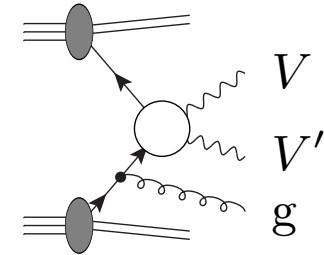
⇒ precise knowledge of  $VV + \text{jet(s)}$  production needed

calculations

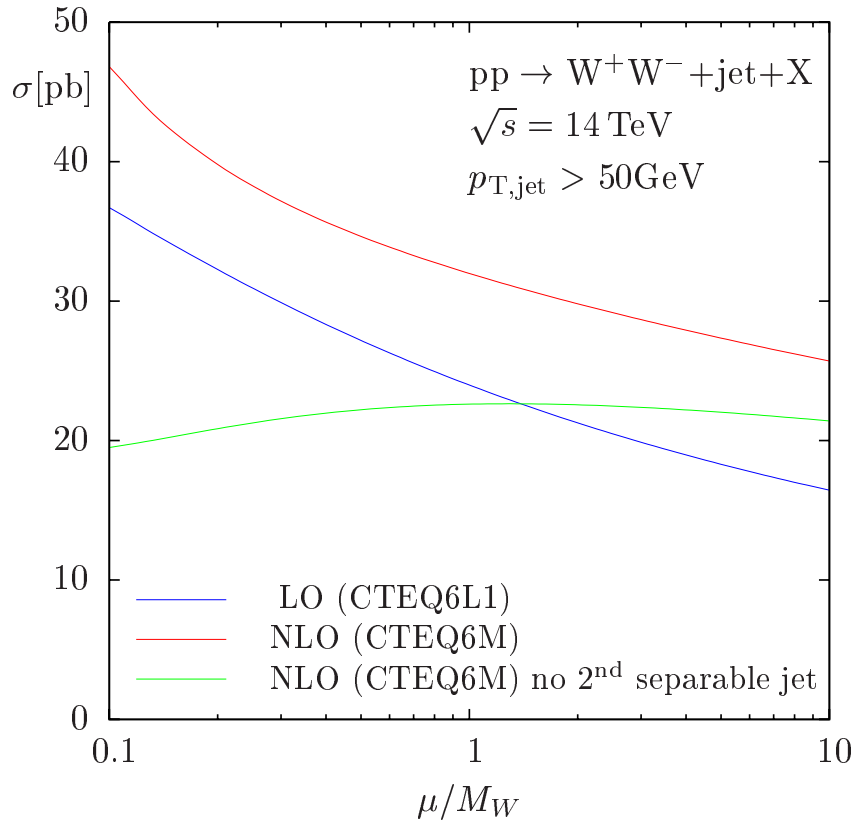
- $pp \rightarrow W^+ W^- j$  (including leptonic decays)  
Dittmaier, Kallweit, Uwer '07, '09; Campbell, Ellis, Zanderighi '07 (MCFM)
- $pp \rightarrow W^\pm Z j$  (including leptonic decays and anomalous couplings)  
Campanario et al. '10 (VBFNLO)
- $pp \rightarrow ZZ j$  (no decays)  
Binoth, Gleisberg, Karg, Kauer, Sanguinetti '10

results roughly similar as for  $VV$  production

- sizeable NLO-QCD corrections: 25–35% for inclusive cross sections ( $\mu = M_V$ )  
not covered by LO scale dependence  
size depends strongly on scale, cuts, energy
- effect of NLO-QCD corrections enhanced by cuts typical for Higgs search:  
70% for typical “Higgs cuts”  
Campbell, Ellis, Zanderighi '07
- NLO-QCD scale uncertainty reduced by veto on second jet  
no reduction for observables characterized by large  $p_T$  values Campanario et al. '10

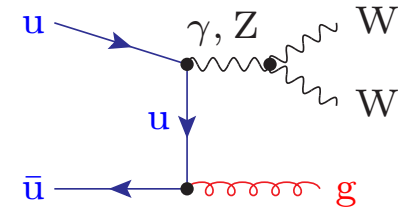
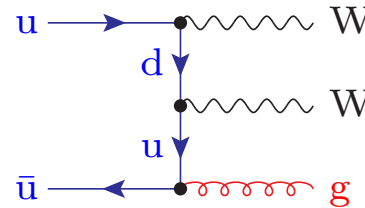


Dittmaier, Kallweit, Uwer '07



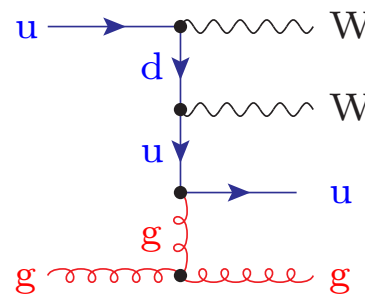
$qg$  channel contributes 56% at NLO

- $\sigma_{\text{LO}} \propto \alpha_s$

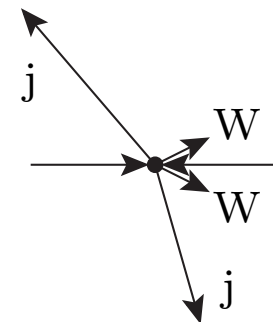


- scale dependence stabilises at NLO for genuine  $WW + j$  production
- significant scale dependence is introduced by  $WW + 2j$  (difference between green and red curves)

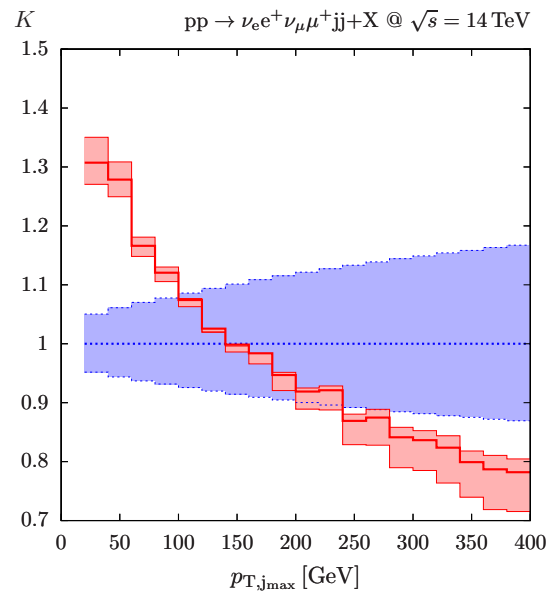
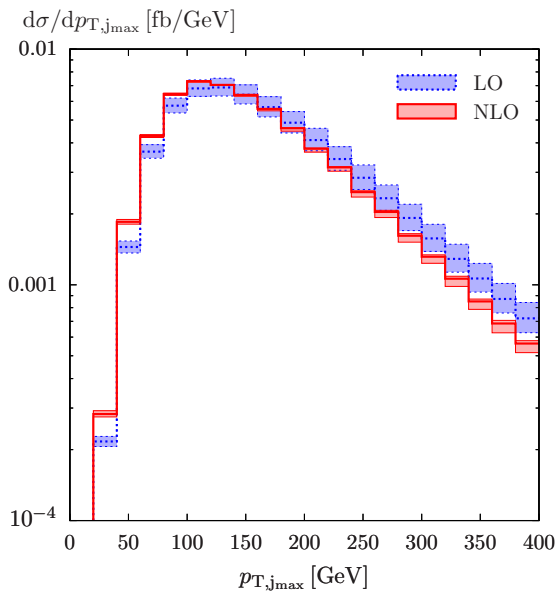
new diagram



new configuration

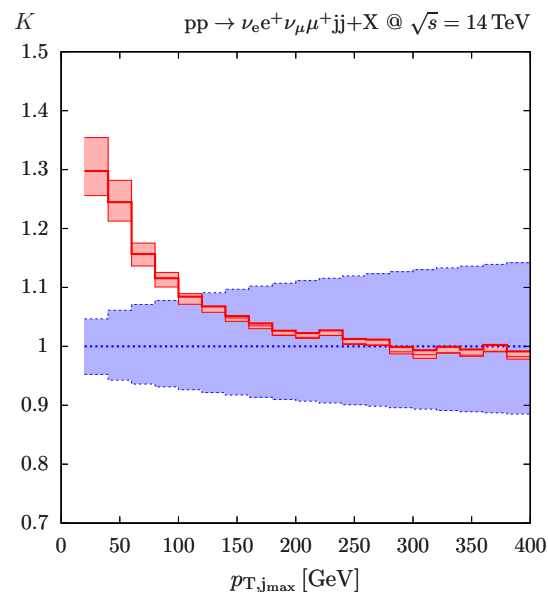
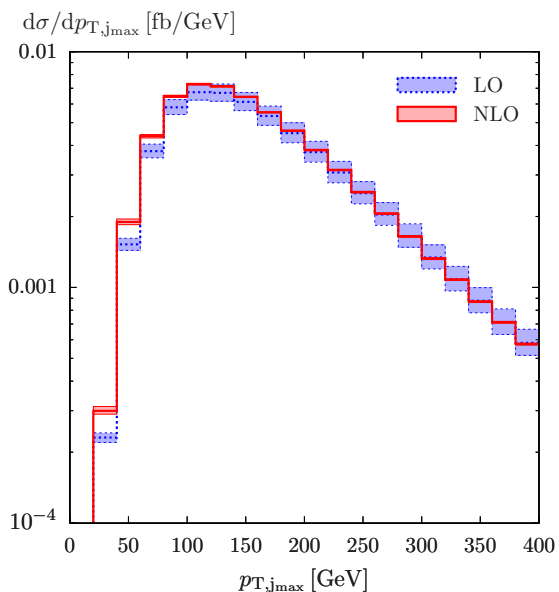


# Vector-boson-pair production with two jets



Denner, Hošeková, Kallweit '12

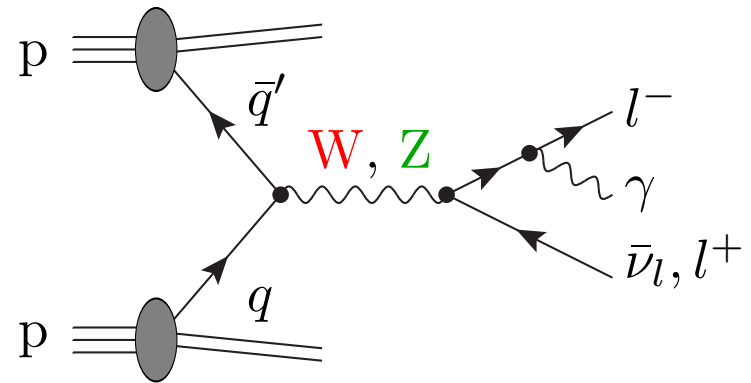
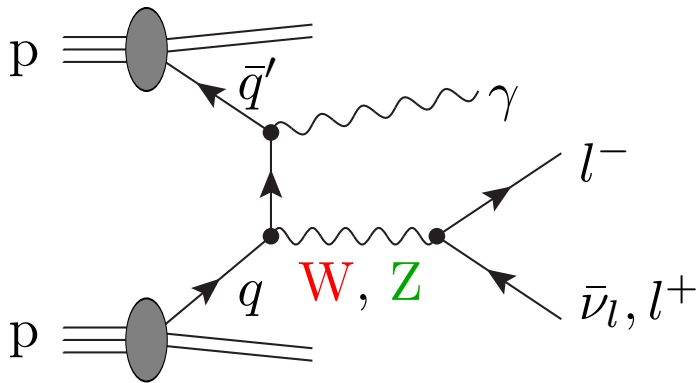
- fixed factorization scale:  $\mu = M_W$
- large negative corrections for high  $p_{T,jmax}$



- dynamical factorization scale:  $\mu = \sqrt{p_{T,j1} p_{T,j2}}$
- constant  $K$  factor for high  $p_{T,jmax}$

# Vector-boson plus photon production





- simplest multi-vector-boson production processes besides  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- measurement of  $VV\gamma$  couplings
- background to new physics

## NLO QCD corrections:

Ohnemus '93, Baur, Hahn, Ohnemus '93, De Florian, Signer '00

NLO QCD corrections  $\sim 30\%$ , can be enhanced by cuts

Campbell, Ellis, Williams '11

## EW corrections:

- $pp(\rightarrow W\gamma) \rightarrow l\bar{\nu}\gamma + X$  Accomando, Denner, Pozzorini '01; Accomando, Denner, Meier '05  
 $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  correction in pole approximation for W  
 $\hookrightarrow \delta \sim -10\% (-27\%)$  for  $p_{T,\gamma} \gtrsim 250 \text{ GeV} (700 \text{ GeV})$
- $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma + X$  Hollik, Meier '04 and  $pp(\rightarrow Z\gamma) \rightarrow ll\gamma + X$  Accomando, Denner, Meier '05  
 $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  correction for on-shell Z bosons / in pole approximation  
 $\hookrightarrow \delta \sim -10\%$  for  $M_{\gamma Z}$  distribution
- calculation of complete  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  correction in progress