



# Resummation effects in H and WW exclusive cross sections

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- Categorisation in jet multiplicities commonly used to differentiate sources of background of optimise sensitivity
- Recently there has been much progress on the fixed order (FO) front (N<sub>3</sub>LO, H+1J@NNLO, H+3J@NLO, WW@NNLO)  
[Bonvini et al. 1303.3590 - 1404.3204; Anastasiou et al. 1403.4616 - 1411.3584; de Florian et al. 1408.6277]  
[Boughezal et al. 1302.6216; Chen et al. 1408.5325]  
[Cullen et al. 1307.4737]  
[Gehrmann et al. 1408.5243]
- When tight phase space cuts (e.g. jet veto) on QCD radiation are present, the fixed-order prediction does not account for the correct Sudakov exponential suppression and **diverges** logarithmically
- Since FO is spoiled, one expects larger th. uncertainties. Often large (negative) Sudakov logarithms compensate large (positive) K-factors in exclusive cross sections (**scale variation not a reliable uncertainty measure**)

e.g. 0-jets cross section

$$\sigma_{0\text{jet}}(p_{t,\text{veto}}) = \sigma_{\text{tot}} - \sigma_{\geq 1\text{jet}}(p_{t,\text{veto}})$$

- Possible solution to both problems: resummation of logarithmic terms to all orders



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I will focus on this method  
in this talk



- Need to disentangle Sudakov large logarithms from K factor due to hard physics in order to avoid cancellations
- Express the exclusive cross sections as products of jet veto efficiencies (JVE) and the total cross section

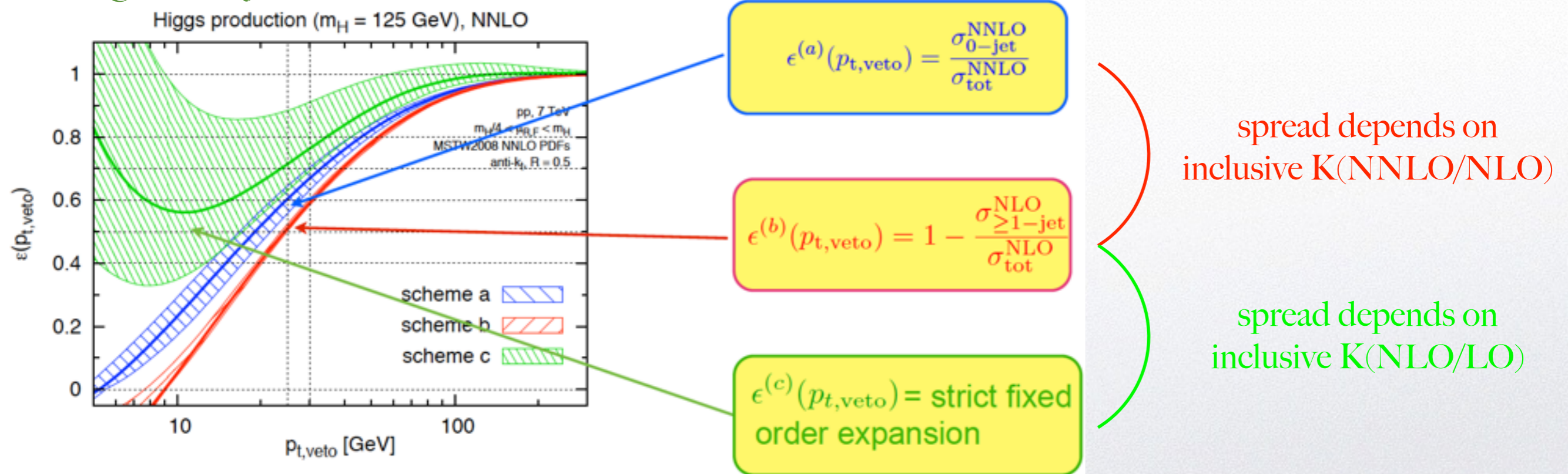
$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{0\text{-jet}} &= \epsilon_0 \sigma_{\text{tot}}, \\ \sigma_{1\text{-jet}} &= \epsilon_1 (1 - \epsilon_0) \sigma_{\text{tot}}, \\ \sigma_{2\text{-jet}} &= \epsilon_2 (1 - \epsilon_1) (1 - \epsilon_0) \sigma_{\text{tot}}, \\ &\dots \\ \sigma_{n\text{-jet}} &= \epsilon_n (1 - \epsilon_{n-1}) \dots (1 - \epsilon_0) \sigma_{\text{tot}}, \\ \sigma_{>n\text{-jet}} &= (1 - \epsilon_n) (1 - \epsilon_{n-1}) \dots (1 - \epsilon_0) \sigma_{\text{tot}}\end{aligned}$$

- Observe that **at small transverse momentum** the effects due to hard physics cancel in the efficiencies, and contribute as a global K factor in the total cross section
- In this phase space region** JVEs are dominated by large Sudakov logarithms, and their uncertainty can be considered as uncorrelated from the one in the total cross section (and uncorrelated with each other jet bin's uncertainty)



- Scale variation uncertainty in the total cross section due to inclusive K factor effects
- Scale uncertainty in the JVE is mainly associated with miss higher order large logarithms
- Moreover, the spread between central values relative to all possible definitions for the JVE at a give perturbative order is considered as an additional systematic
- Difference between schemes increases for slowly converging PT series

e.g. H+o-jets @ NNLO





- Error in the efficiency defined as the envelope of all these variations
- Final uncertainty in exclusive jet bin cross sections obtained by combining with the one in the total cross section
- Correlation between jet bins can be easily computed with any jet multiplicity

e.g. 2 jet-bins case

Fully correlated term  
(K factor effects on total cross section)      Fully anti-correlated term  
(migration effects due to jet bins separation)

$$\text{Cov}[\sigma_{0\text{-jet}}, \sigma_{\geq 1\text{-jet}}] = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^2 \Delta^2 \sigma_{\text{tot}} & \epsilon(1 - \epsilon) \Delta^2 \sigma_{\text{tot}} \\ \epsilon(1 - \epsilon) \Delta^2 \sigma_{\text{tot}} & (1 - \epsilon)^2 \Delta^2 \sigma_{\text{tot}} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{\text{tot}}^2 \Delta^2 \epsilon & -\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2 \Delta^2 \epsilon \\ -\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2 \Delta^2 \epsilon & \sigma_{\text{tot}}^2 \Delta^2 \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

Extension to any jet multiplicity in P. Monni's contribution to Les Houches '13 proceedings

- Resummation effects can be directly included in the JVE predictions when available



# Jet Veto Resummation



## Resummation for the 0-jet cross section known to NNLL

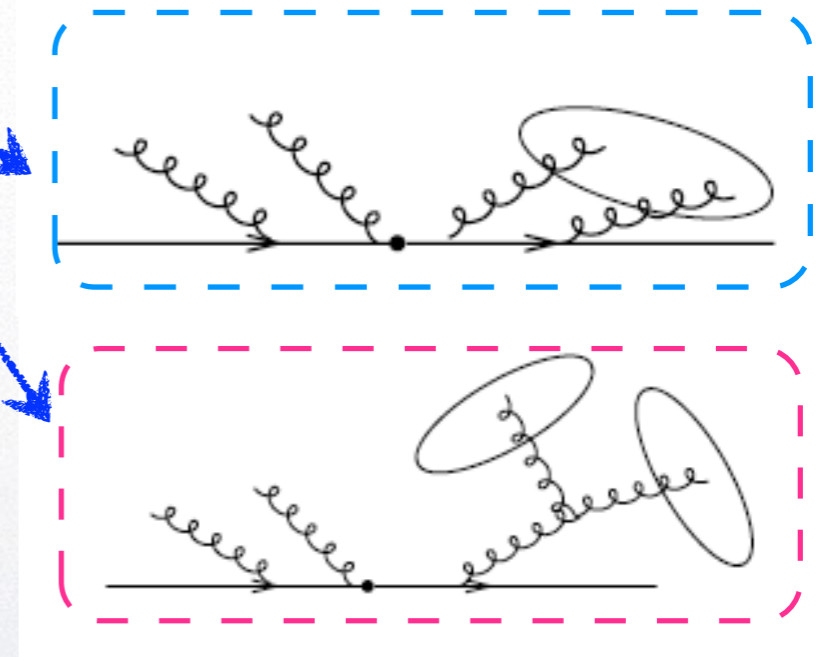
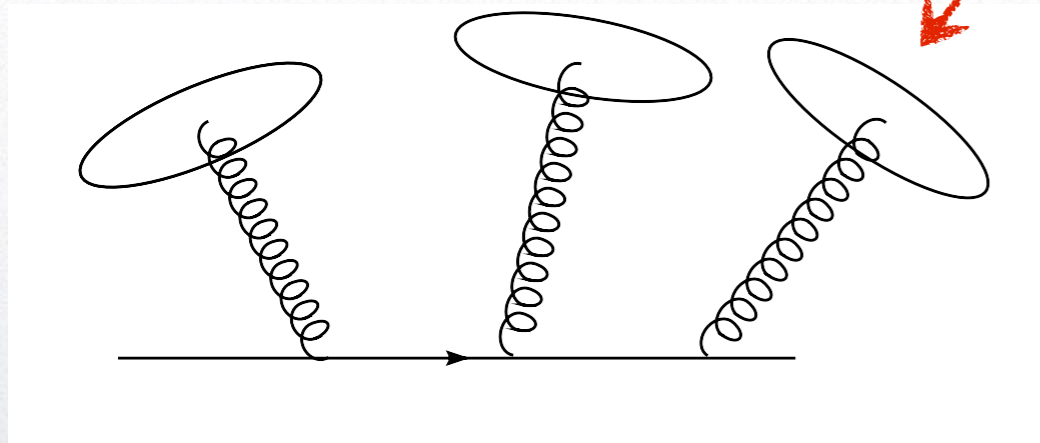
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$$\Sigma(p_t) = \mathcal{L}(p_t) |\mathcal{M}_B|^2 e^{-R(p_t)} \mathcal{F}(R') \quad R' = dR(p_t)/d \ln(m_H/p_t)$$

Sudakov Radiator,  
virtual corrections  
and parton luminosities

All-orders soft and collinear real  
radiation. Describes observable's  
behaviour in the presence of  
multiple emissions

$$\mathcal{F}(R') = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\text{NNLL})$$



Alternative approaches in SCET lead to same results (see F. Tackmann's talk)

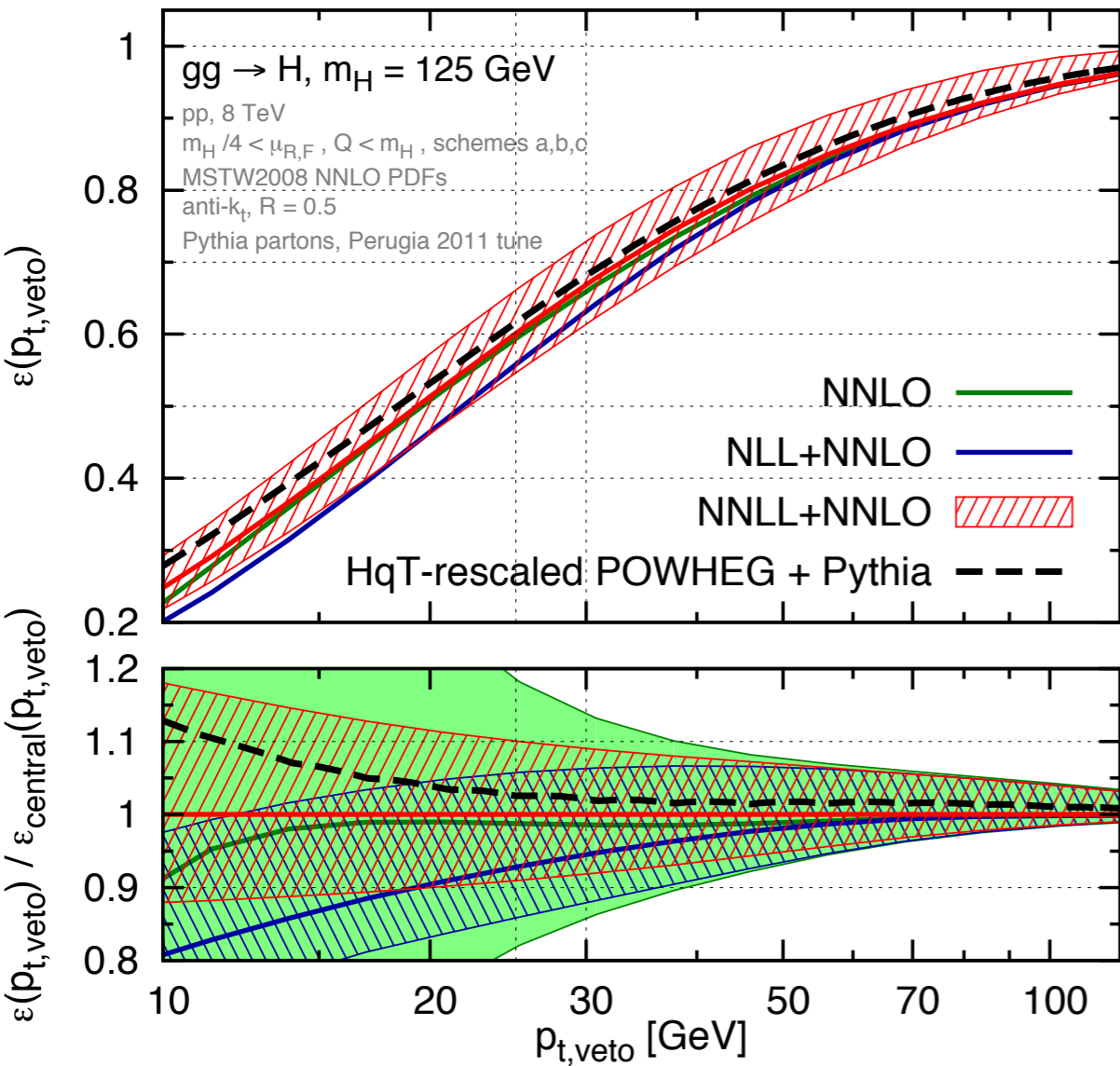
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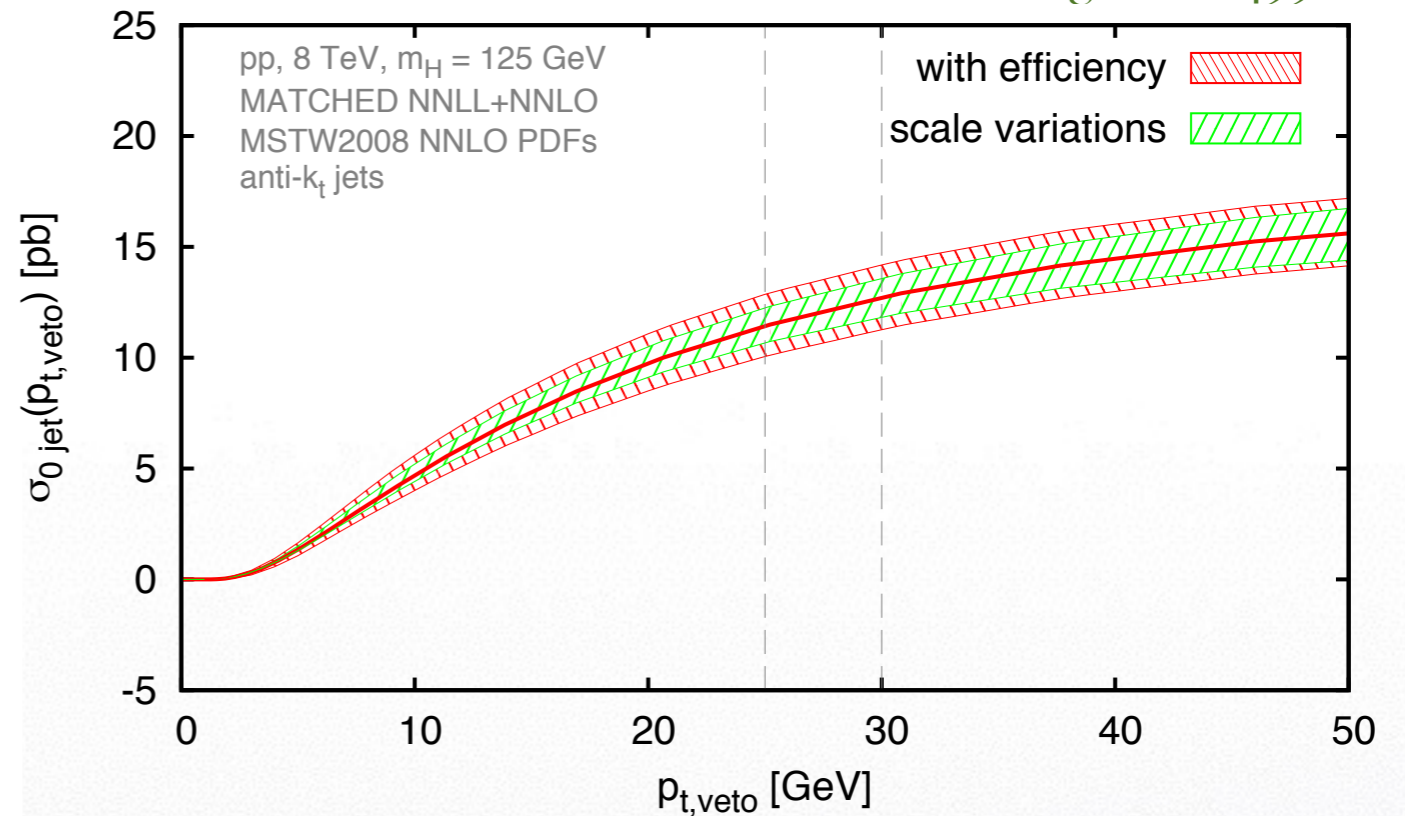




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Uncertainty in the efficiency considerably reduced by resummation

e.g.  $R = 0.4, p_{t,veto} = 25 \text{ GeV}$  :

$\delta\sigma_{0\text{-jet}} \sim 10\%$  [NNLL+NNLO]

$\delta\sigma_{0\text{-jet}} \sim 13.8\%$  [NNLL+NNLO + JVE method w  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{NNLO}}$ ]

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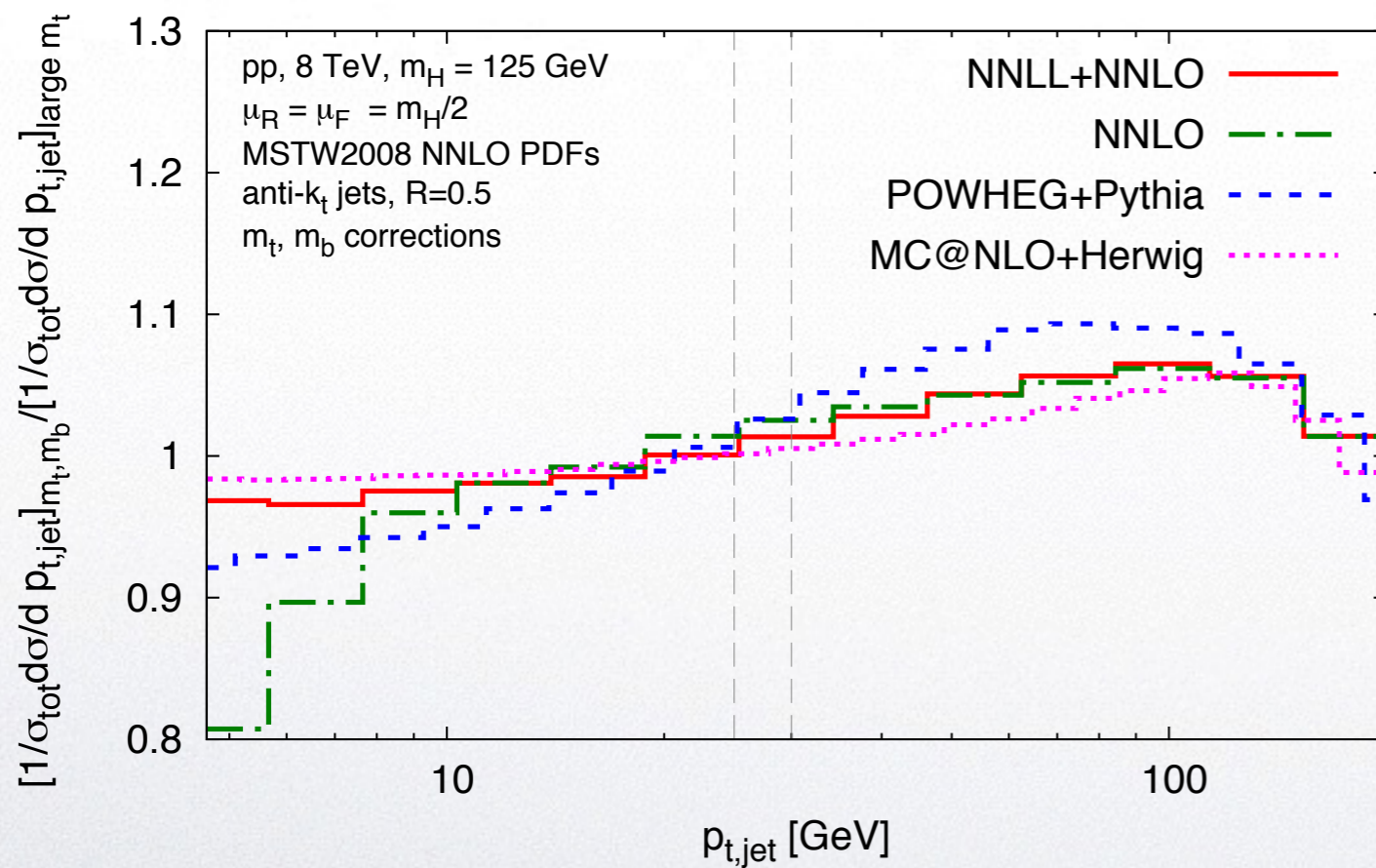


# Quark masses effect

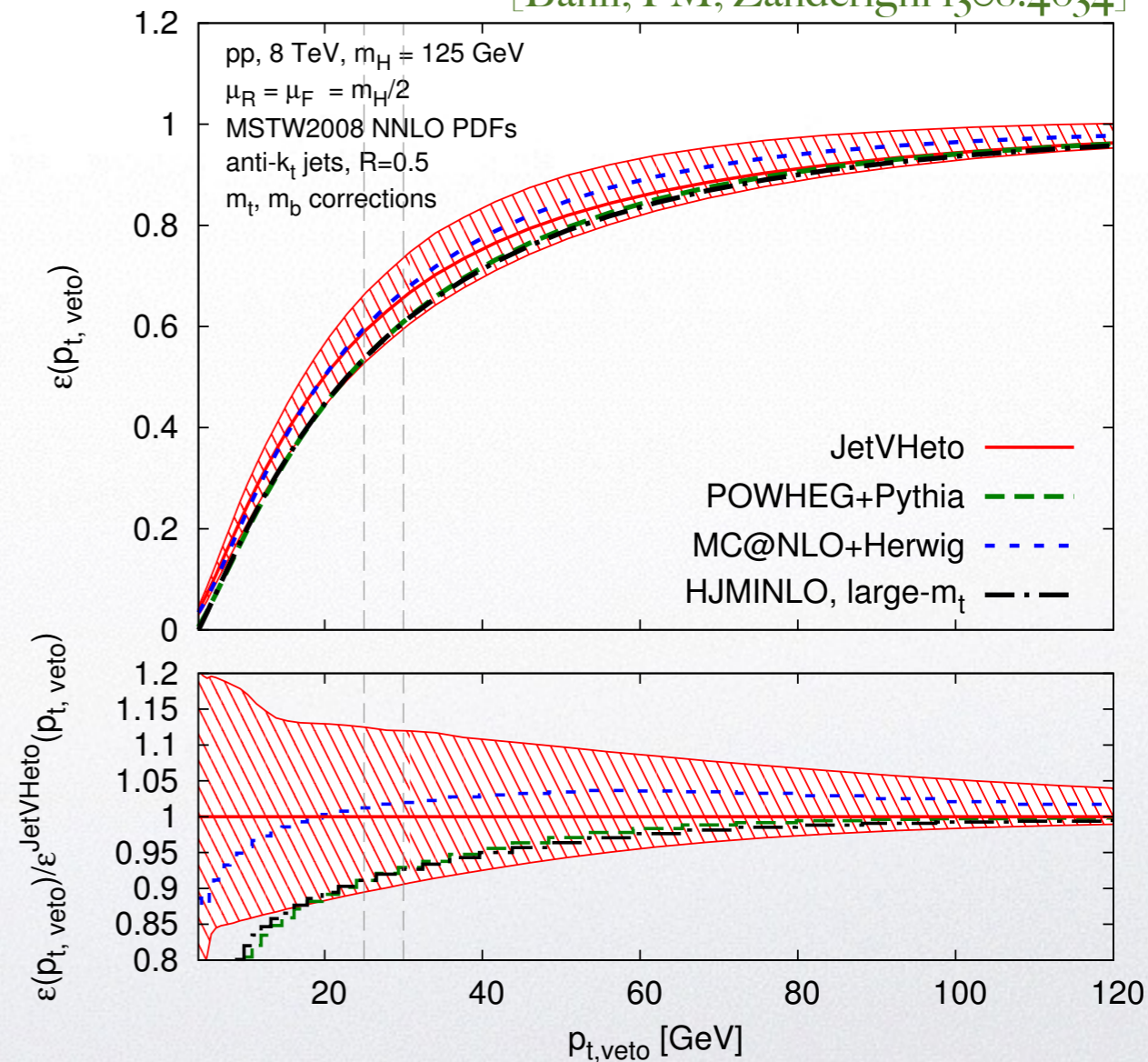


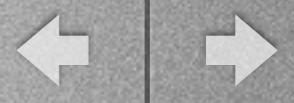
- Top and bottom quark masses introduce new **regular** logarithmic terms in the regime  $m_b^2 \leq p_t^2 \leq m_H^2$ , which can be treated as a remainder
- Moderate effects on both cross section and differential distributions
- Slightly larger theory uncertainties

[Banfi, PM, Zanderighi 1308.4634]



(see talks by G. Zanderighi and H. Sargsyan)

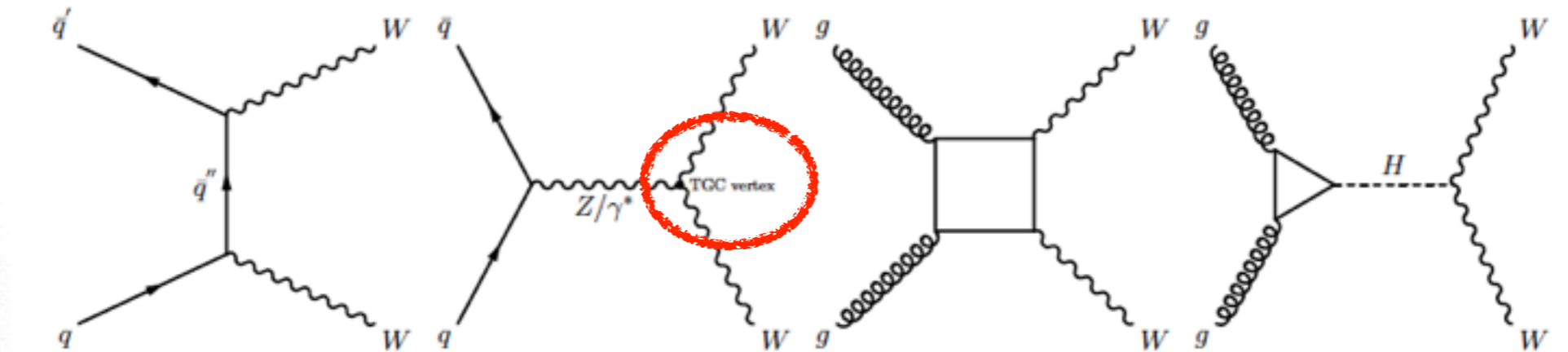




- JVE method: general prescription to treat jet bin uncertainties
  - Simple physical assumptions
  - Valid for any jet multiplicity
  - Allows one to combine fixed-order and resummed calculations
- Uncertainties for the 0-jet cross section under control, robust estimate with JVE method in agreement with pure scale variations for resummed cross section
- Further improvement achievable by combining the  $H+1J@NNLO$  and the total  $N_3LO$  cross sections (calculations ongoing)
- Resummation and matching for both the zero jet cross section and efficiency implemented in the public code JetVHeto <http://jetvheto.hepforge.org>



## Relevance of WW production at the LHC



- probe/test non-abelian structure of EW Standard Model
- Direct sensitivity to Triple Gauge Couplings (TGCs)
- Deviations in total cross section and kinematic distributions can be due to anomalous TGCs or new states decaying into leptons + missing energy
- Important irreducible background for Higgs boson production (off-shell production)



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with NLO.  
Let's focus on this for a while...

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- Measurements are carried out in a fiducial region, defined in an experiment-dependent way in order to optimise sensitivity
- The signal is then extrapolated to the inclusive phase space by means of MC event generators

Signal events in the fiducial region

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow WW) = \frac{N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{bg}}}{A_{WW} C_{WW} \mathcal{L} \times \text{Br}}$$

Integrated luminosity and branching ratios

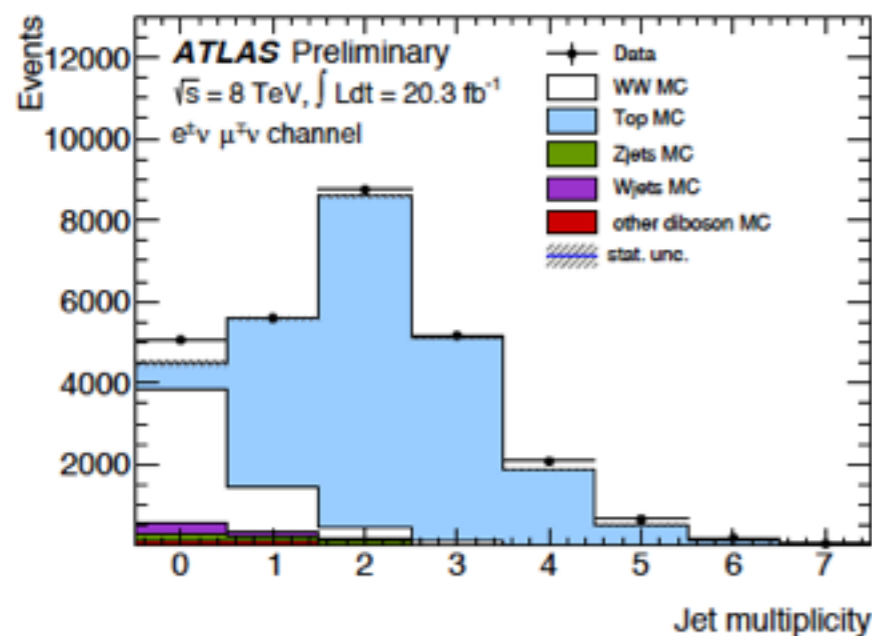
Kinematic and geometrical acceptance for the extrapolation from the fiducial to the total volume, i.e. efficiency of phase space cuts  
Simulated by MC generators

Detector and trigger acceptances and efficiencies, lepton reconstruction, missing phase space regions in the detector geometry, non-prompt leptons,...

- The above extrapolation requires a full control of the theory prediction and a robust assessment of the uncertainties associated with the MC generators in the fiducial region. Do we really understand so well the used tools ?
- Need to avoid that MC tool-dependent (e.g. shower, tune,...) effects propagate into the extrapolated total cross section



- Similar extrapolation methods from a fiducial to the total volume are used in other di-boson ( $WZ, ZZ, Z\gamma, W\gamma$ ) measurements, whose results are all consistent with the corresponding Standard Model predictions
- What's special in the WW channel ?
  - Unlike for other di-boson analyses, the WW fiducial volume requires a veto on extra jet activity, i.e. neglect events containing at least a jet with  $p_{t,j} > p_{t,veto}$
  - A jet veto is a necessary evil to suppress the large background due to top-pair production, leading to a sizeable loss of signal events



[ATLAS-CONF-2014-033]

Channels	$e\mu$	$ee$	$\mu\mu$
$m_{ll} > 10/15/15 \text{ GeV}$	83042	4918726	8357583
$ m_{ll} - m_Z  > 0/15/15 \text{ GeV}$	83042	412853	721978
$E_{T, \text{Rel}}^{\text{miss}} > 15/45/45 \text{ GeV}$	52142	11594	19887
$p_T^{\text{miss}} > 20/45/45 \text{ GeV}$	43718	5762	9152
$\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, p_T^{\text{miss}}) < 0.6/0.3/0.3$	27591	2613	4291
Jet-veto requirement	5067	594	975





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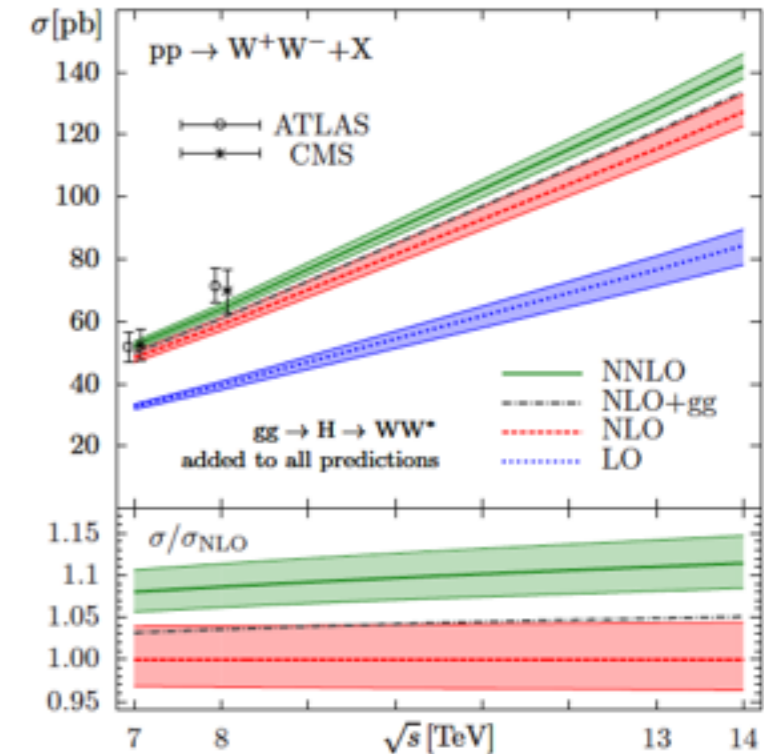
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MCFM

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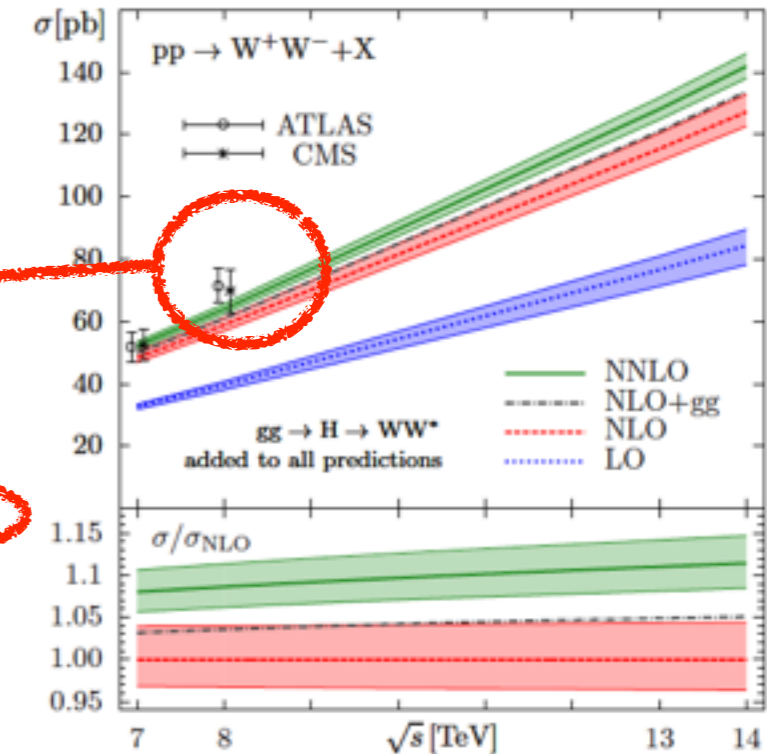
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- In ATLAS analysis @ 8 TeV - fiducial signal simulated with:
  - POWHEG + Pythia for  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow WW$  (9-11% suppression w.r.t. NLO result) [Melia et al. 1107.5051; Nason et al. 1311.1365]
  - GG2WW + Herwig for  $gg \rightarrow WW$  [Kauer, Passarino 1206.4803; Kauer 1310.7011]
- NNLL corrections known for  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow WW$  only and matched to NLO [Jaiswal, Okui 1407.4537]
- Higher-order (NNLL+NNLO) corrections in the JVE can be estimated by looking at processes with similar radiation patterns
- e.g. for the jet veto efficiency in the  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow WW$  channel, we can extract resummation effects from the Z production analysis
  - same initial state colour structure at Born level (quark initiated)
  - at sufficiently small  $p_{t,\text{veto}}$  Sudakov effects dominate the efficiency, and hard physics effects (virtual corrections, parton luminosities, EW parameters) largely cancel in the efficiency
  - In this phase space region, the only difference is the hard scale in the logs
- Similarly, effects in the efficiency for  $gg \rightarrow WW$  can be estimated from Higgs production

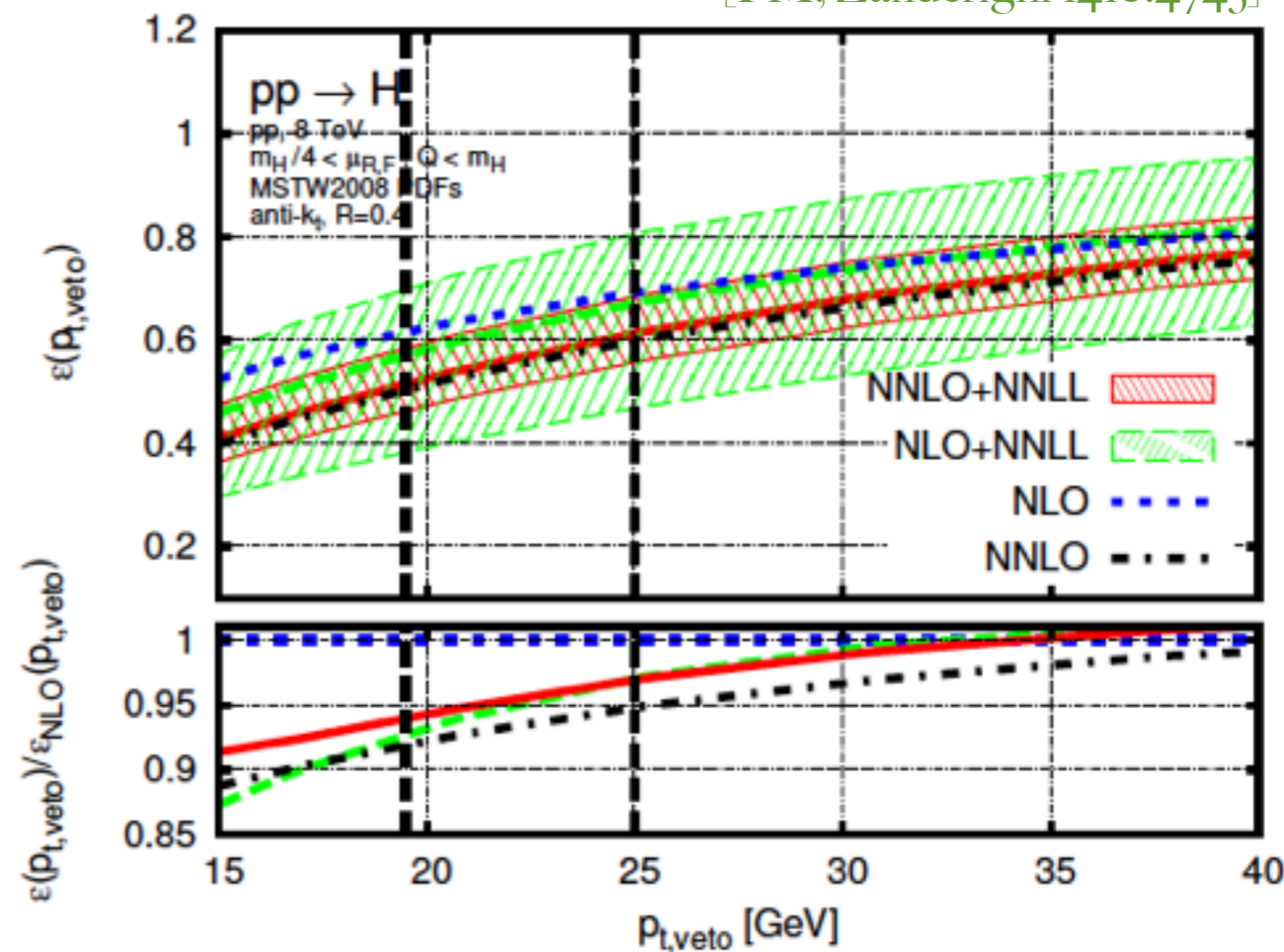
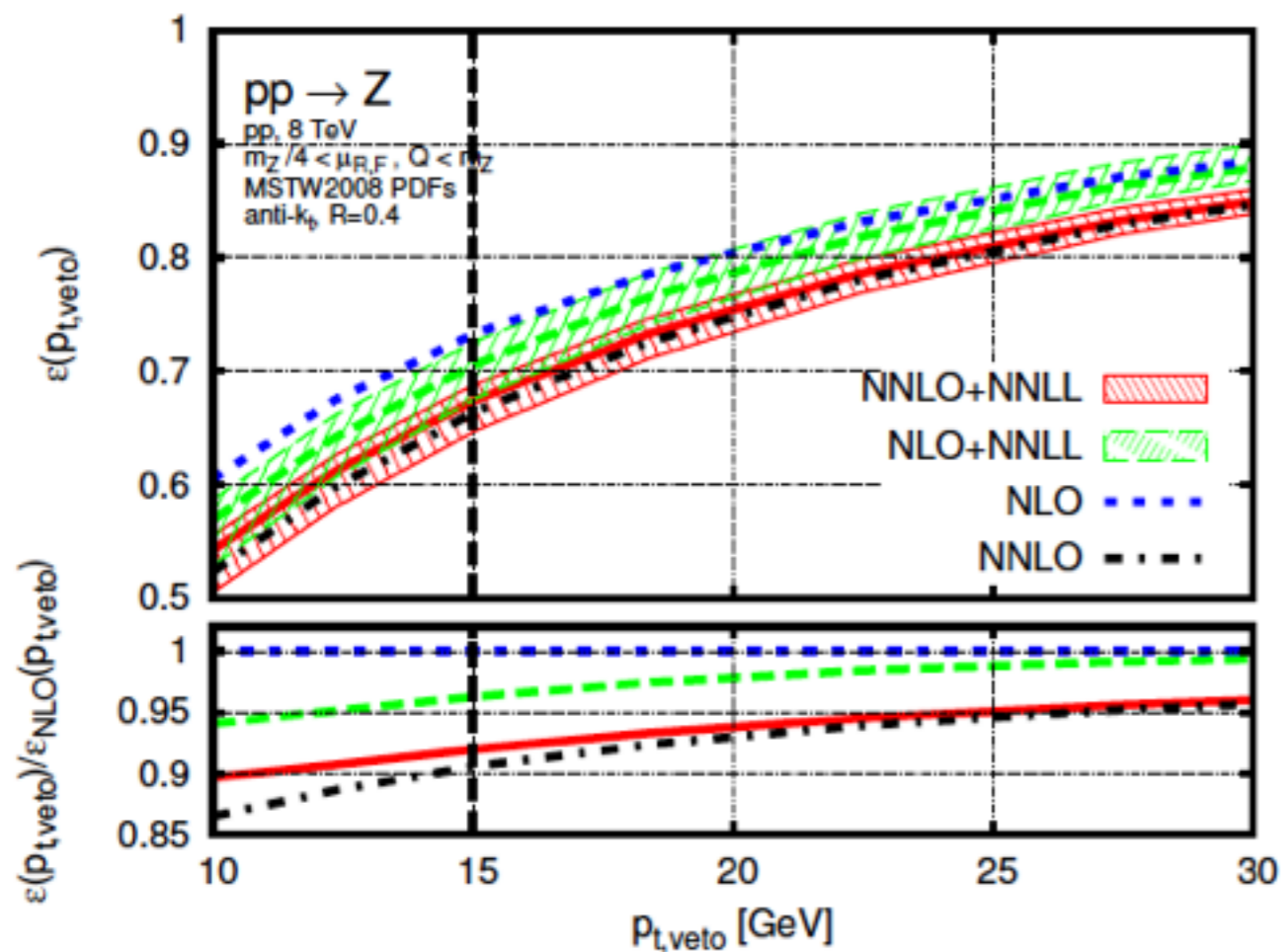


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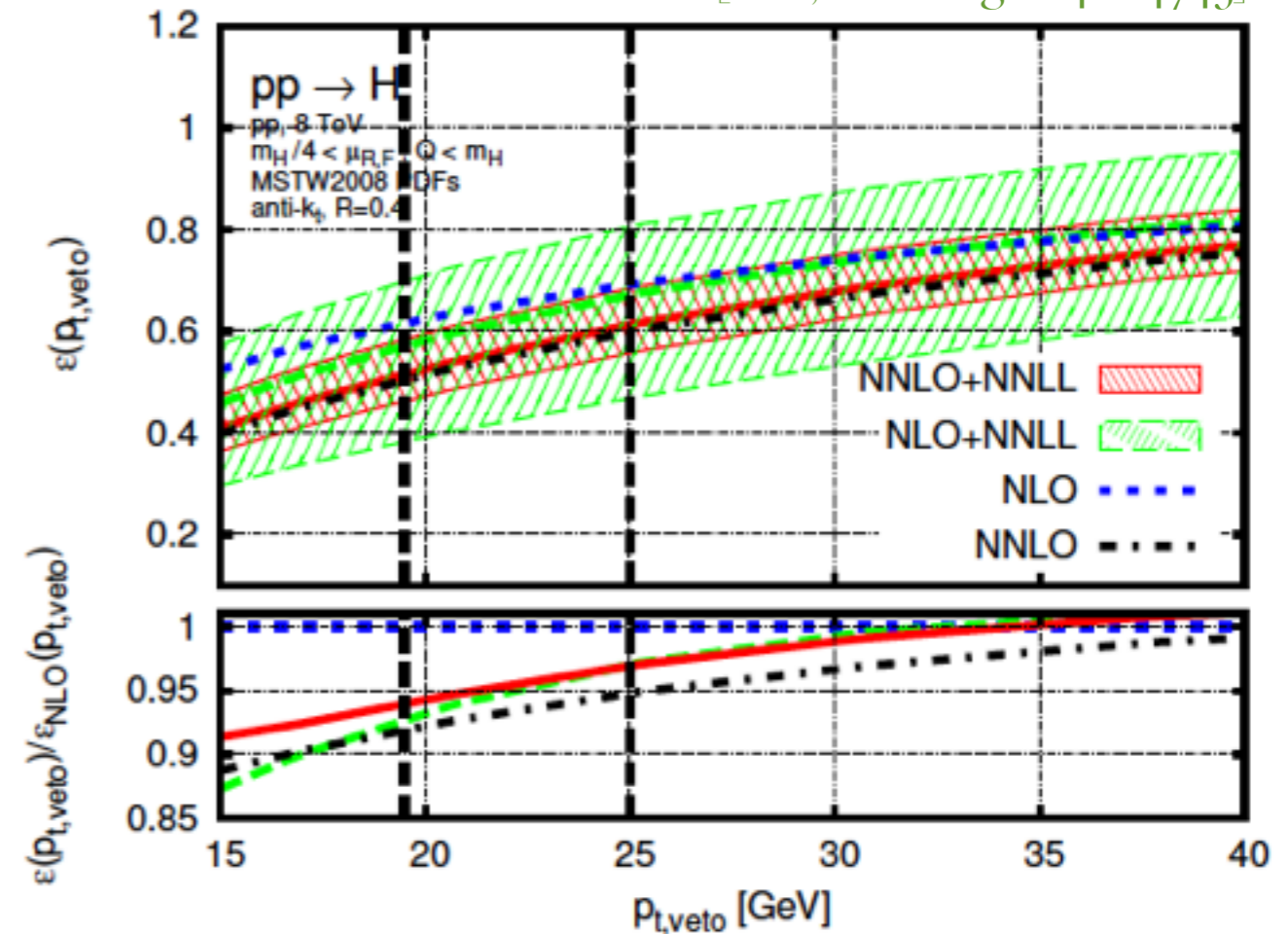
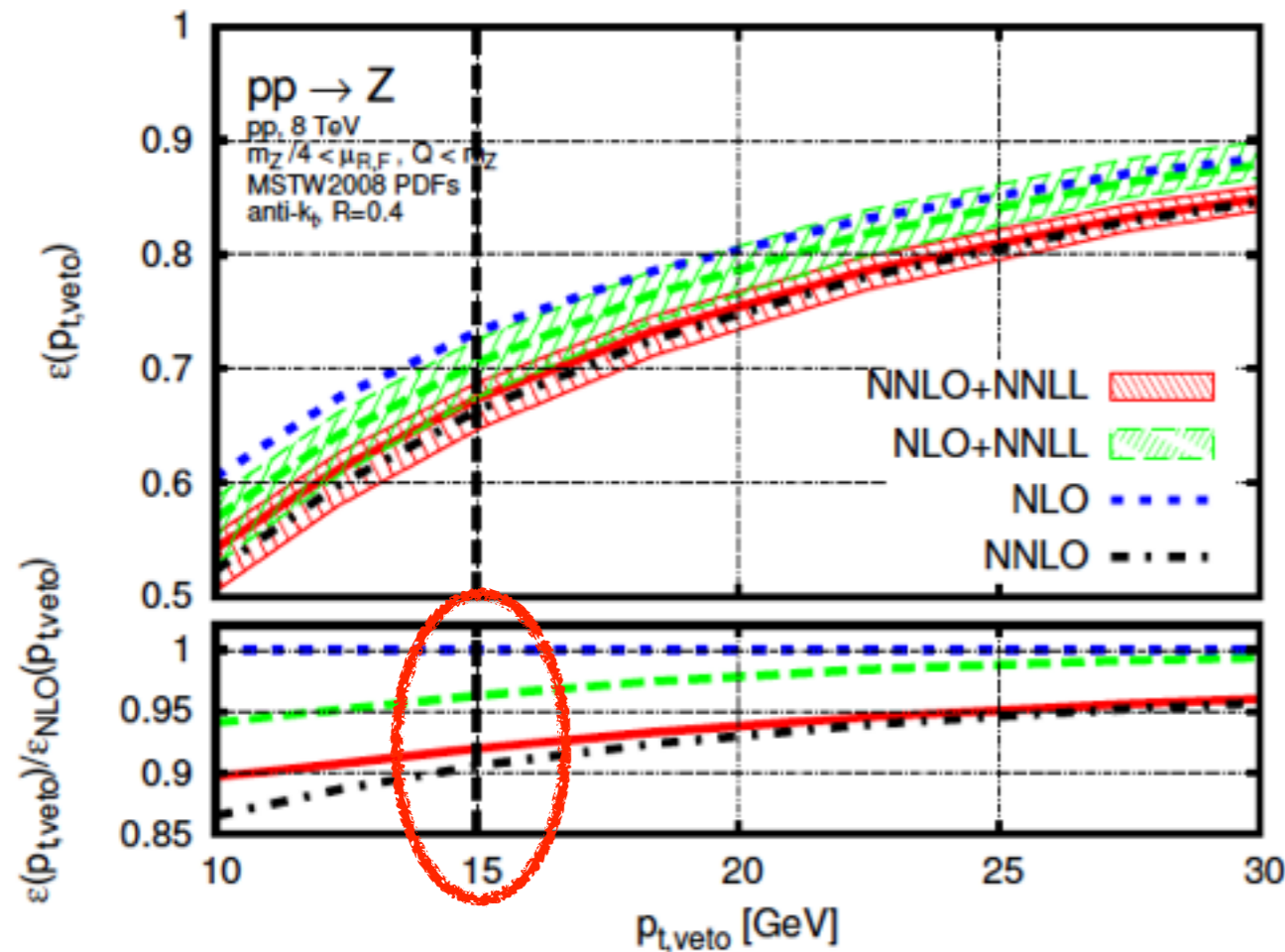


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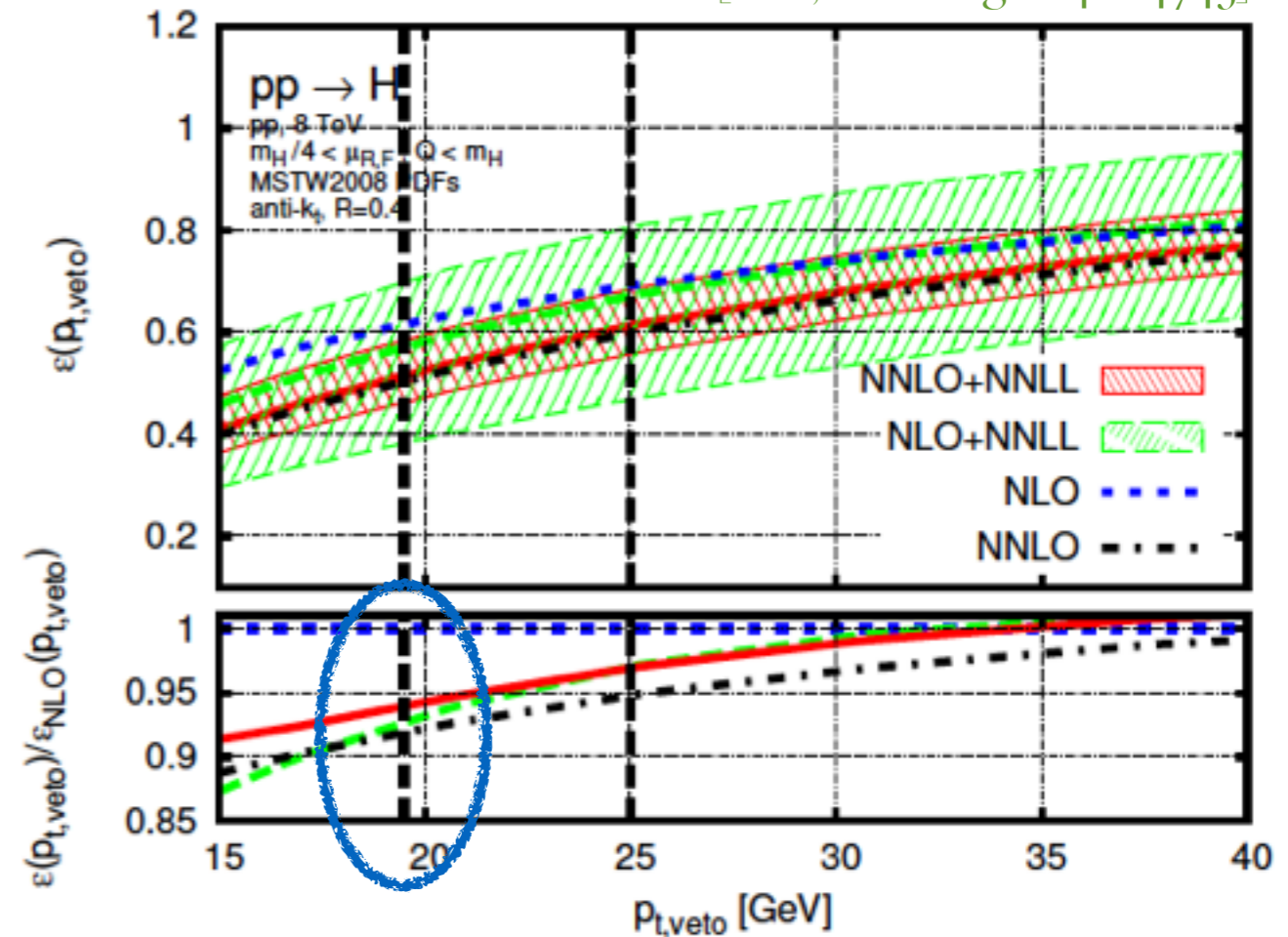
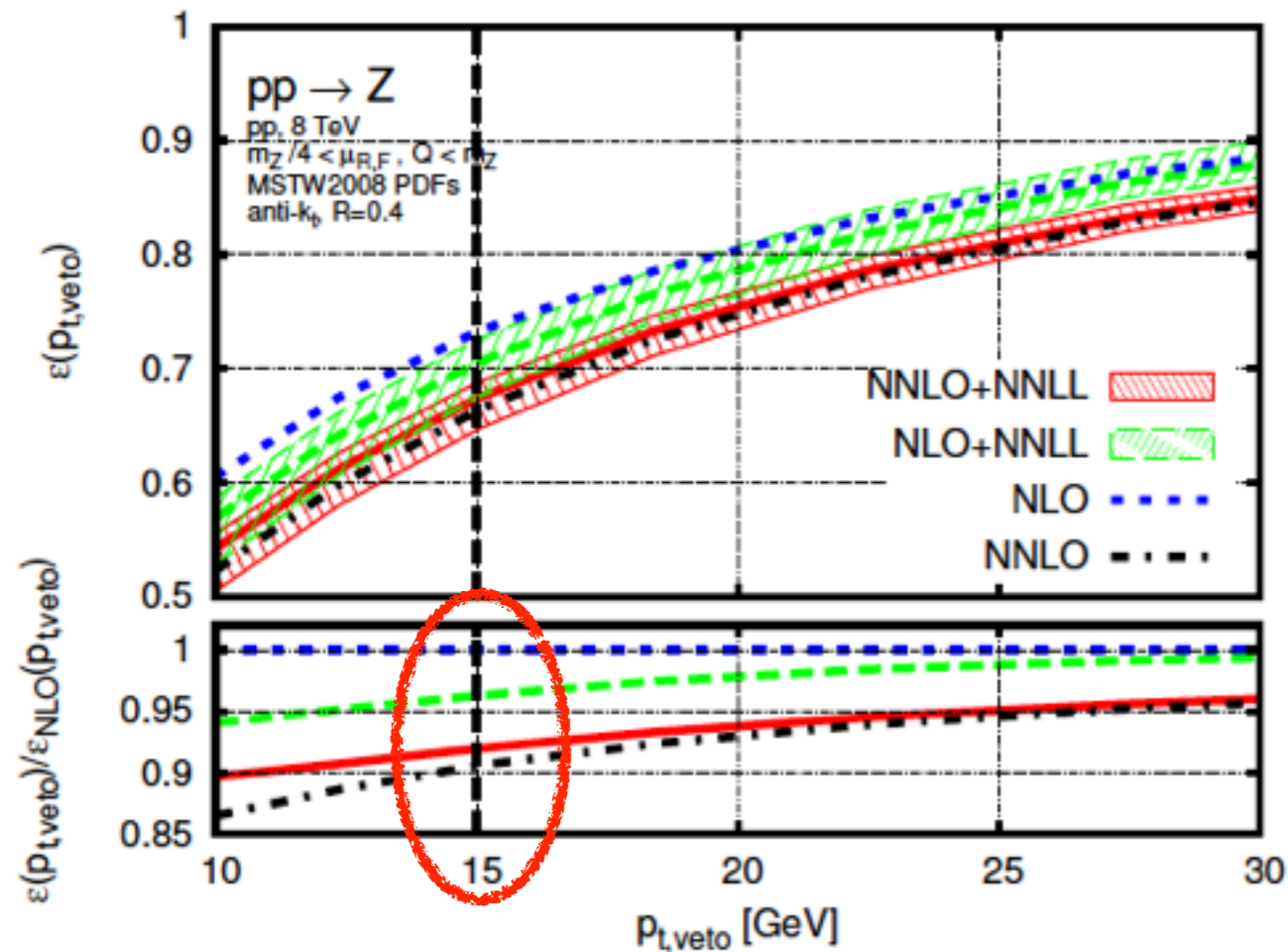


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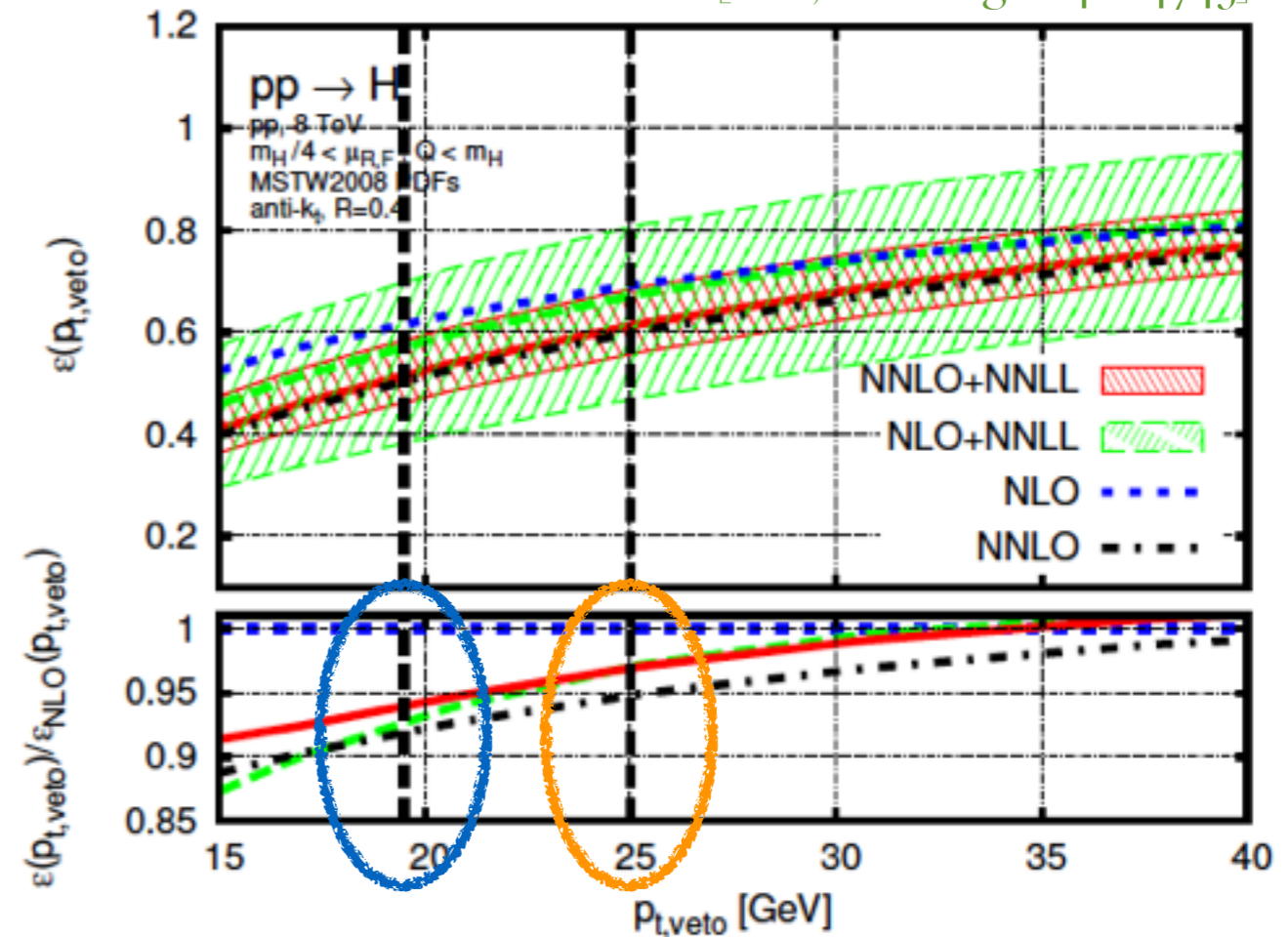
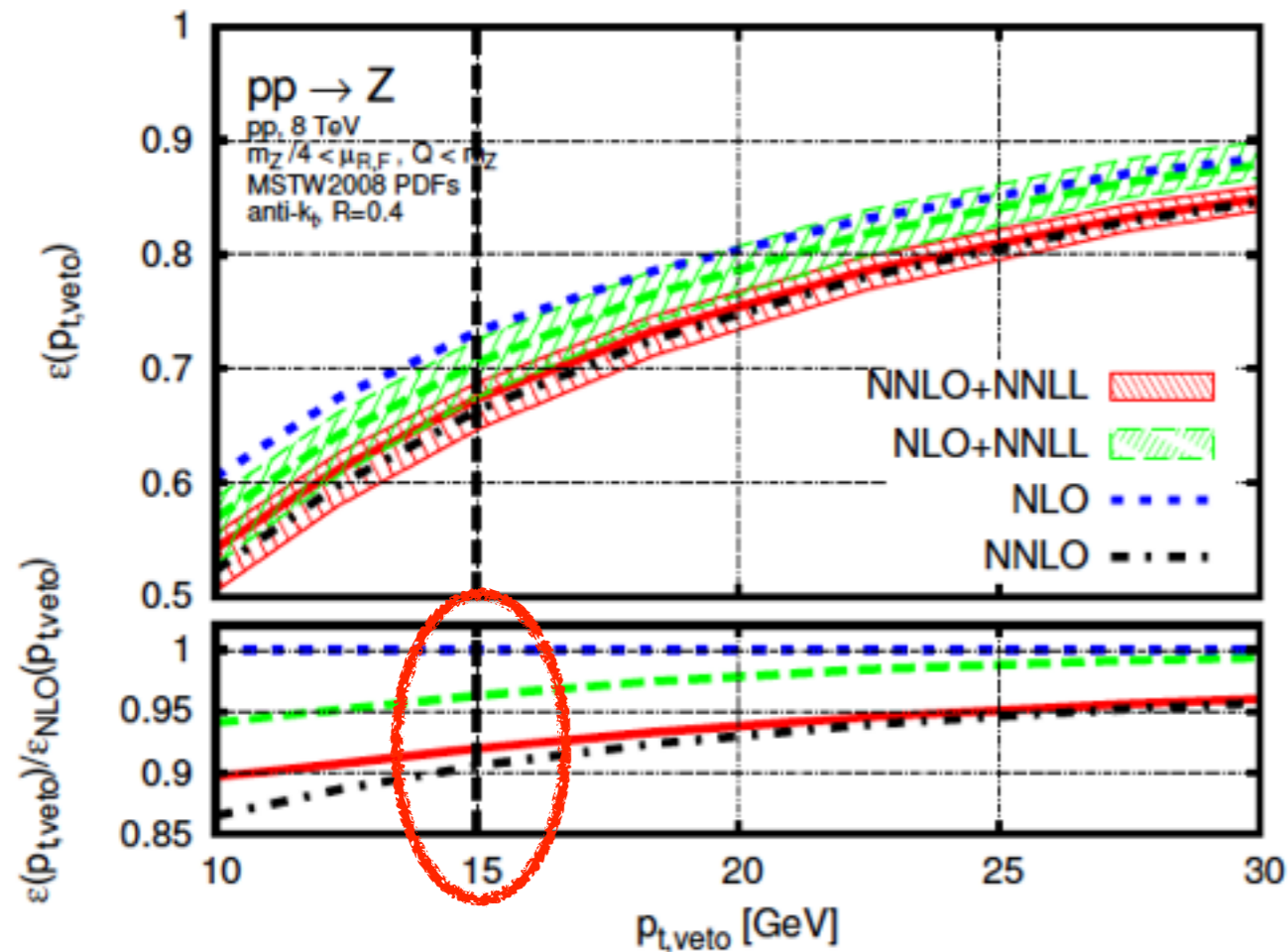


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Where, for the three contributing channels:

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow WW$$

$$p_{t,veto}^Z = \frac{M_Z}{2M_W} p_{t,veto}^{WW} \sim 15 \text{ GeV}$$

$$gg \rightarrow WW$$

$$p_{t,veto}^H = \frac{M_H}{2M_W} p_{t,veto}^{WW} \sim 19.5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW$$

$$p_{t,veto}^H = 25 \text{ GeV}$$



- The enhancement due to the NNLO K factor is balanced by the Sudakov suppression in the fiducial cross section. The combined effect amounts to a moderate enhancement with respect to the NLO result
- Assuming that lepton efficiencies are not significantly affected by higher order corrections

$$\sigma_{\text{fid.}}^{\text{th.}} = \sum_{c \in \text{channel}} \underbrace{\sigma_{\text{fid.}}^{(c), \text{NLO}}}_{\text{MCFM}} \times \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon^{(c), \text{NNLL} + \text{NNLO}}(p_{t, \text{veto}}^{(c)})}{\epsilon^{(c), \text{NLO}}(p_{t, \text{veto}}^{(c)})}}_{\text{As above}} \times \underbrace{\frac{\sigma_{\text{incl.}}^{(c), \text{NNLO}}}{\sigma_{\text{incl.}}^{(c), \text{NLO}}}}_{\text{[Gehrmann et al. 1408.5243]}}$$

(assume NNLO does not change lepton acceptances) As above

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$e^+ \mu^- + e^- \mu^+$	$377.8^{+6.9}_{-6.8}(\text{stat.})^{+25.1}_{-22.2}(\text{syst.})^{+11.4}_{-10.7}(\text{lumi.})$	$357.9^{+14.4}_{-14.4}$
$e^+ e^-$	$68.5^{+4.2}_{-4.1}(\text{stat.})^{+7.7}_{-6.6}(\text{syst.})^{+2.1}_{-2.0}(\text{lumi.})$	$69.0^{+2.7}_{-2.7}$
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Uncertainties combined in quadrature

- Good **agreement** at the fiducial level.
- Carefull assessment of uncertainties necessary





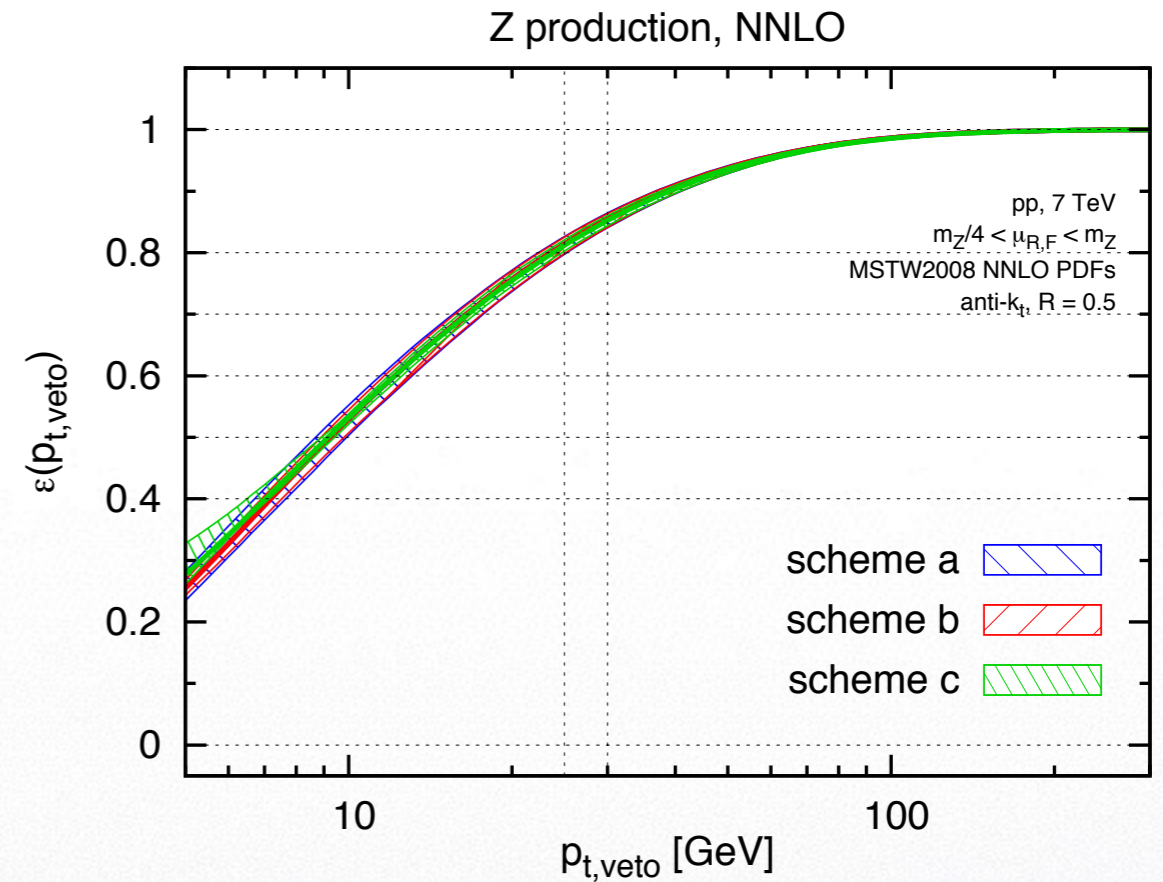
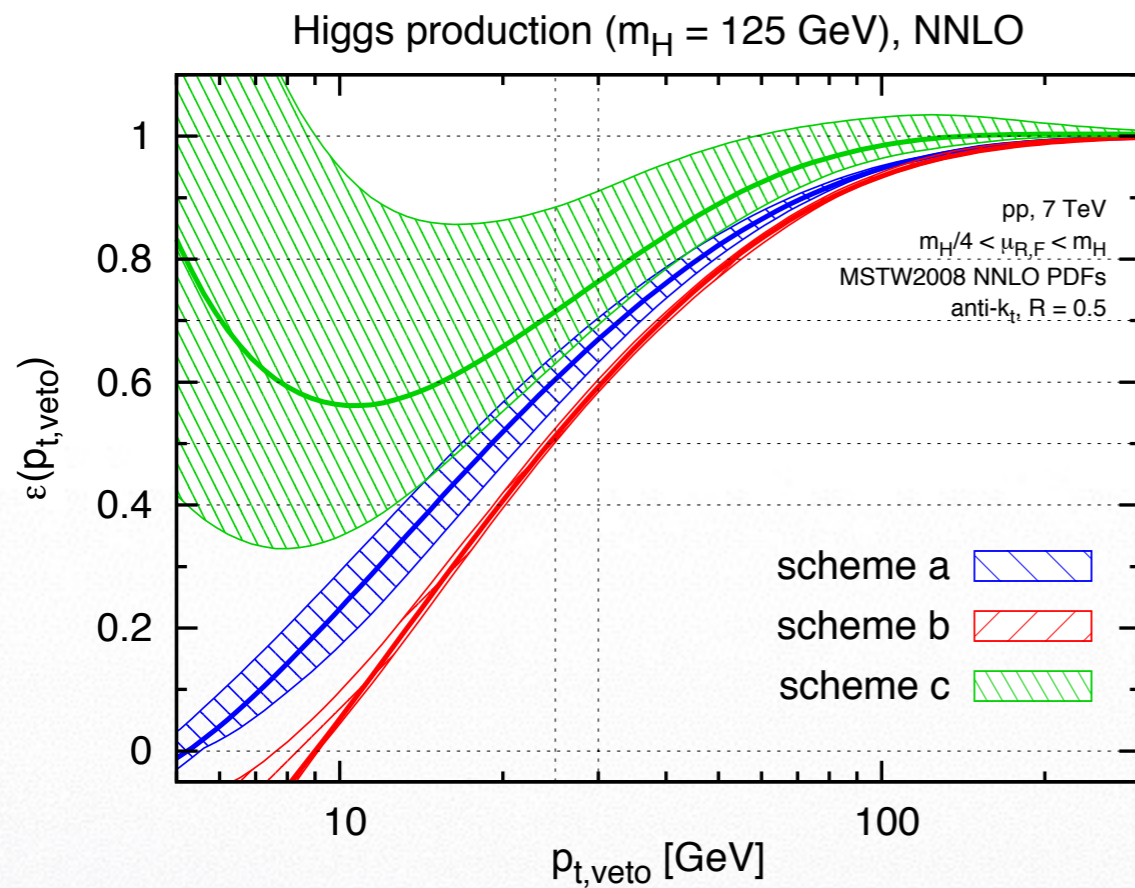
- The discrepancy between the measured total cross section and the **NLO** prediction for ATLAS@8TeV is due to the MC generator used in the extrapolation procedure
- Initial tension due to slightly underestimated JVE in POWHEG + Pythia and missing NNLO effects (**see backup slides**)  
[Meade, Ramani, Zeng 1407.4481; Jaiswal, Okui 1407.4537; PM, Zanderighi 1410.4745]
- For an extrapolation to be performed, a good understanding of the MC tools used, and a robust assessment of the uncertainties associated with them is required
- The (estimated) **NNLL+NNLO** corrections to the fiducial cross section bring the prediction in better agreement with measured data. The resulting extrapolated total cross section is in agreement with the **NNLO** prediction
- Full NNLL+NNLO analysis for all contributing channels desirable, now possible
- Similar effects could be present in some data-driven background estimates



Back up slides



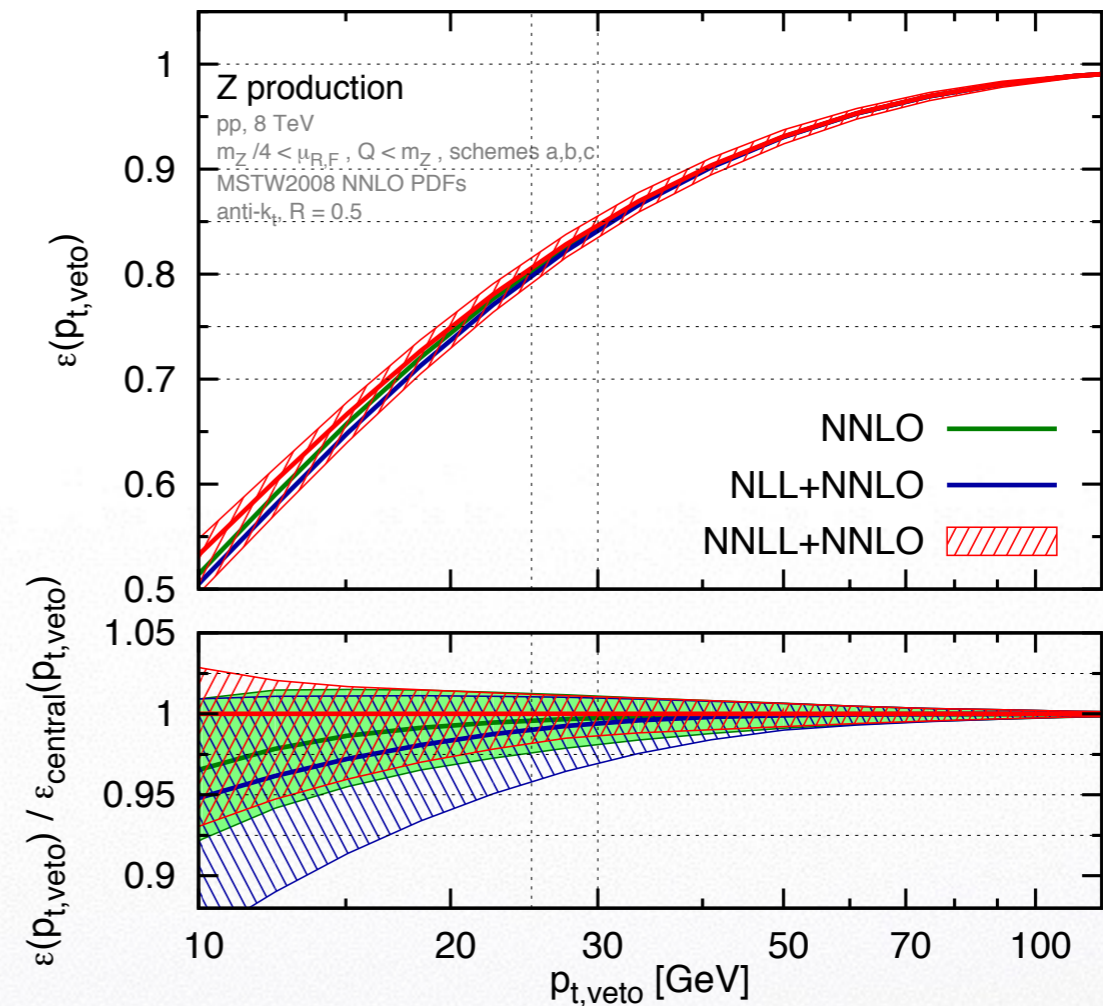
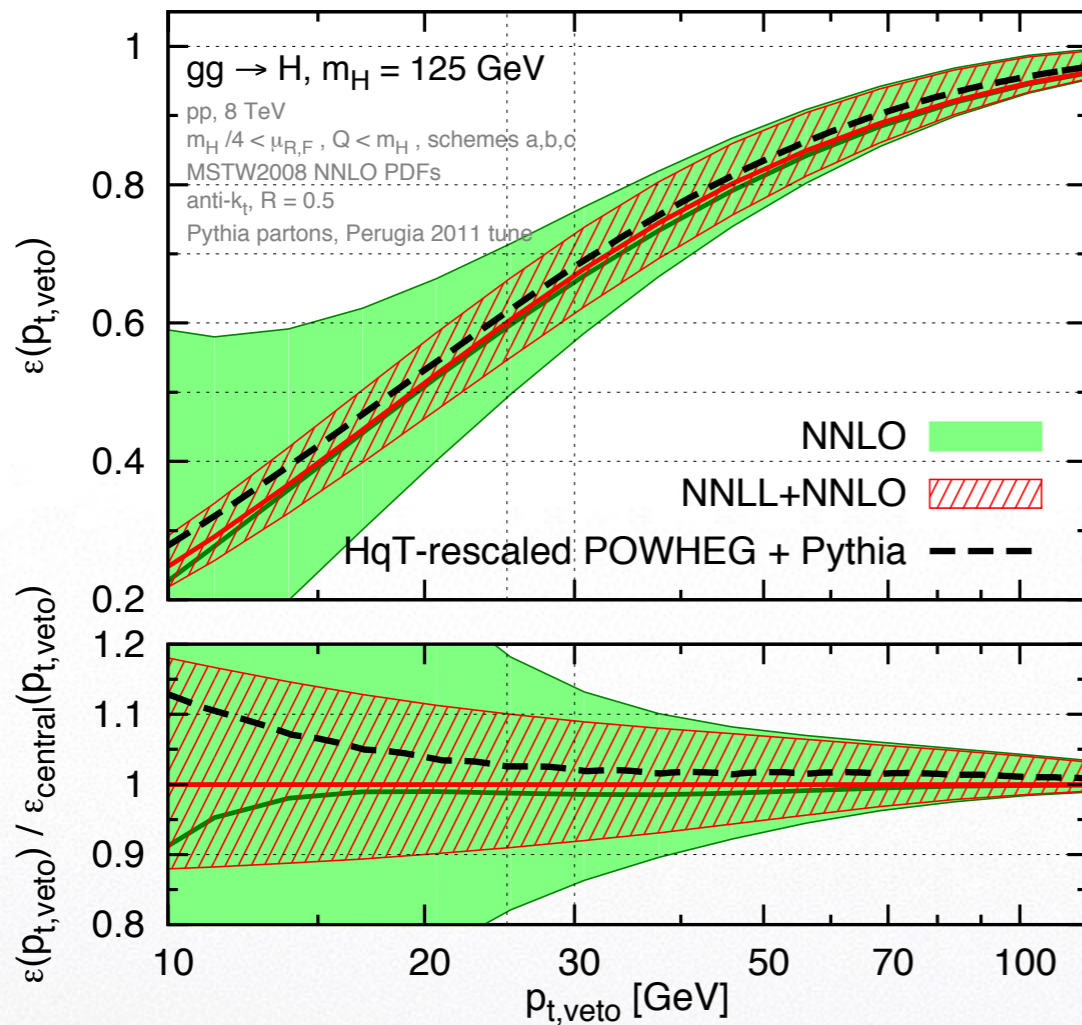
# zero-jet efficiency at NNLO



- Large spread in the Higgs case (much radiation constrained, important Sudakov effects). Large uncertainty !
- Different schemes agree in the DY case (less QCD radiation, good convergence of the PT series)



# zero-jet efficiency at NNLO+NNLL



- Uncertainty in the efficiency considerably reduced by resummation
- Central value in agreement with FO for  $p_{t,\text{veto}} \geq 20 \text{ GeV}$



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# Overview of results for ATLAS & CMS



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Larger discrepancy with NLO.

Let's focus on this for a while...

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- A parton shower matched to NLO is used to resum the relevant logarithms
- competing effects tend to lower the fiducial cross section (i.e. average number of jets increases, out-of-jet radiation and MPI affect the leading jet's transverse momentum)

e.g. ATLAS 8 TeV fiducial setup - no gg contribution  
 POWHEG + Pythia 6.4.28 - Perugia tune 350

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$pp \rightarrow l^+l^- \nu\bar{\nu}$ (no gg)	POWHEG (hadron)	POWHEG (NLO)	ratio
$e^+\mu^- + e^-\mu^+$	$295.2^{+4.8}_{-2.8}$	$323.0^{+6.0}_{-6.5}$	0.91
$e^+e^-$	$54.8^{+1.7}_{-0.7}$	$61.5^{+1.2}_{-1.3}$	0.89
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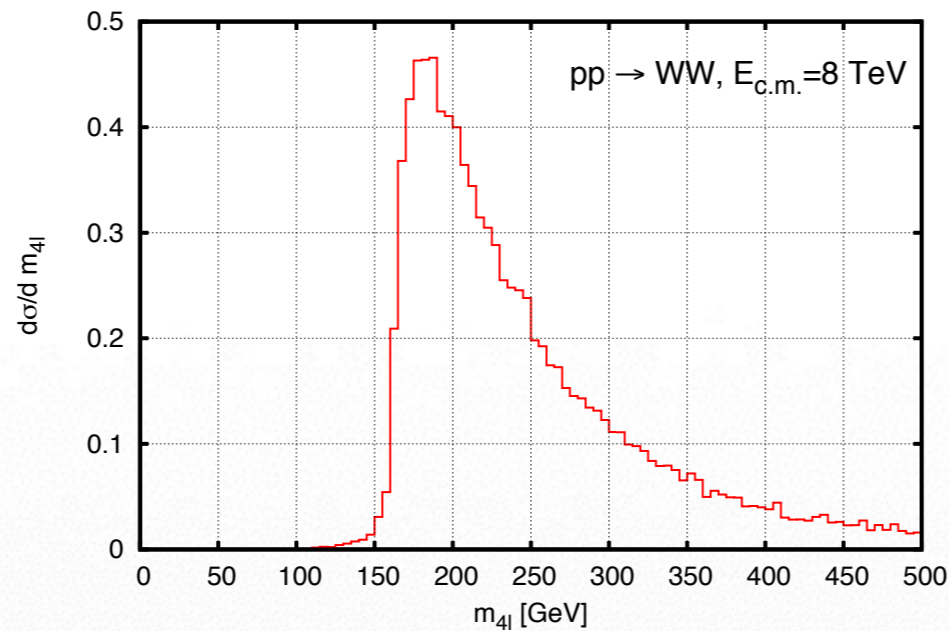
Fiducial cross section reduced by 9-11 %

- Too much suppression for a quark-initiated process with no extra QCD jets at tree level - need to understand where this comes from
- This can be due to a number of effects (e.g. shower tune dependence, uncontrolled sizeable higher order logarithmic effects)
- Need to validate this prediction against exact resummations in a more inclusive phase space region

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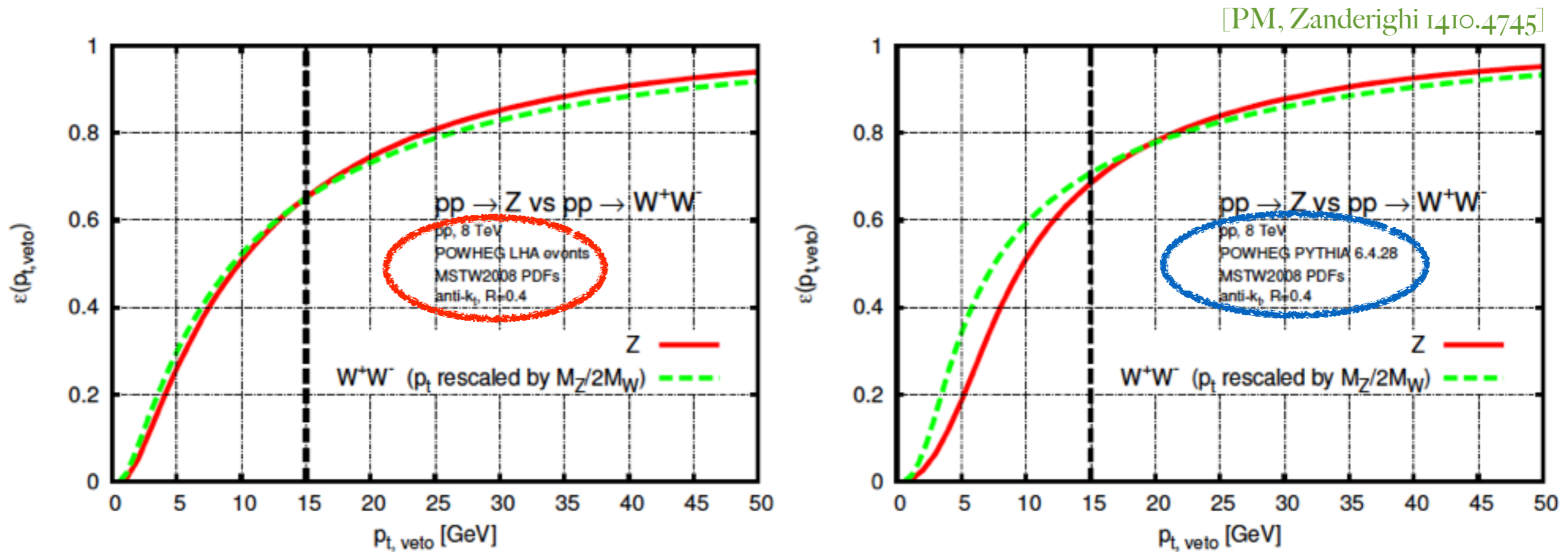
- First observe that the scale which appears in the large logarithms  $\ln(M/p_{t,\text{veto}})$  is the invariant mass of the colourless final state system (in general off-shell)



- The invariant mass spectrum is peaked at  $M \sim 2M_W$  and steeply falls for higher values
- It is safe to assume that the cross section is dominated by  $M \sim 2M_W$  - same applies to  $Z$  production with  $M \sim M_Z$
- The dynamics in the low  $p_{t,\text{veto}}$  region is ruled by the large logarithms, so we can extract information from the DY/H production via the simple rescalings



- This correspondence can be tested in POWHEG itself by performing the rescaling at the Les Houches Events (**LHE**) level - good agreement at small  $p_{t,\text{veto}}$
- Shower and hadronization** effects introduce non-logarithmic (perturbative and non-perturbative) effects that spoil the correspondence



- Similarly, effects in the efficiency for  $gg \rightarrow WW$  can be estimated from Higgs production



# Resummation effects



Jet veto efficiency for Z boson production known at NNLL+NNLO

[Banfi, PM, Salam, Zanderighi 1206.4998]

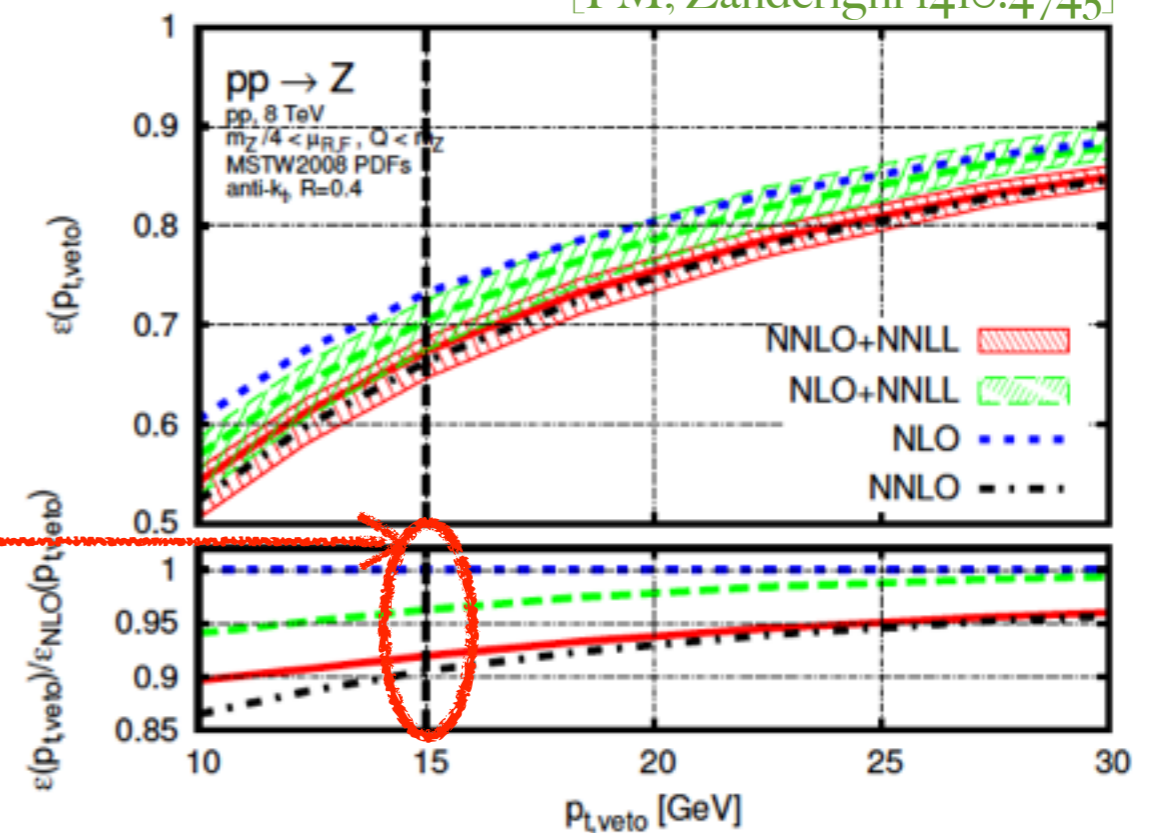
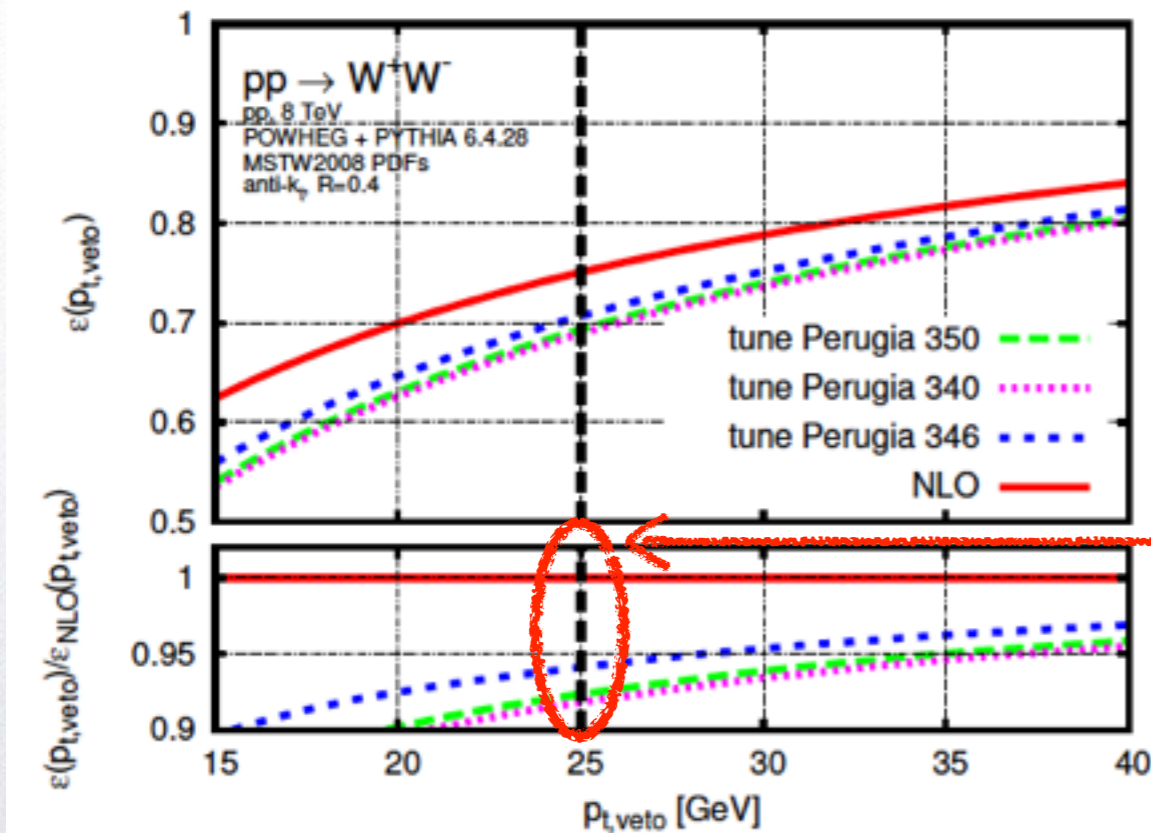
$$\Sigma(p_t) = \mathcal{L}(p_t) |\mathcal{M}_B|^2 e^{-R(p_t)} \mathcal{F}(R') \quad \mathcal{F}(R') = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\text{NNLL})$$

Sudakov Radiator, virtual corrections and parton luminosities

All-orders soft and collinear real radiation. Describes observable behaviour in the presence of multiple emissions

Compare to the efficiency for WW obtained with POWHEG in the  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow WW$  channel

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- comparing to the NLO result, POWHEG + Pythia 's jet veto efficiency is **6-8%** smaller (different results with different shower tunes)
- NNLL+NLO efficiency is reduced by **3-4%** with respect to the NLO one
- NNLL+NNLO efficiency is reduced by **7-8%** with respect to the NLO one
- At current values of the jet veto cut, POWHEG + Pythia **accidentally** mimics the NNLL + NNLO result for the jet veto efficiency
  - The resulting extrapolation to the inclusive phase space will be in better agreement with the NNLO total cross section
- This effect does not yet explain the **9-11%** suppression observed for the **fiducial cross section (efficiency)** in comparison to NLO

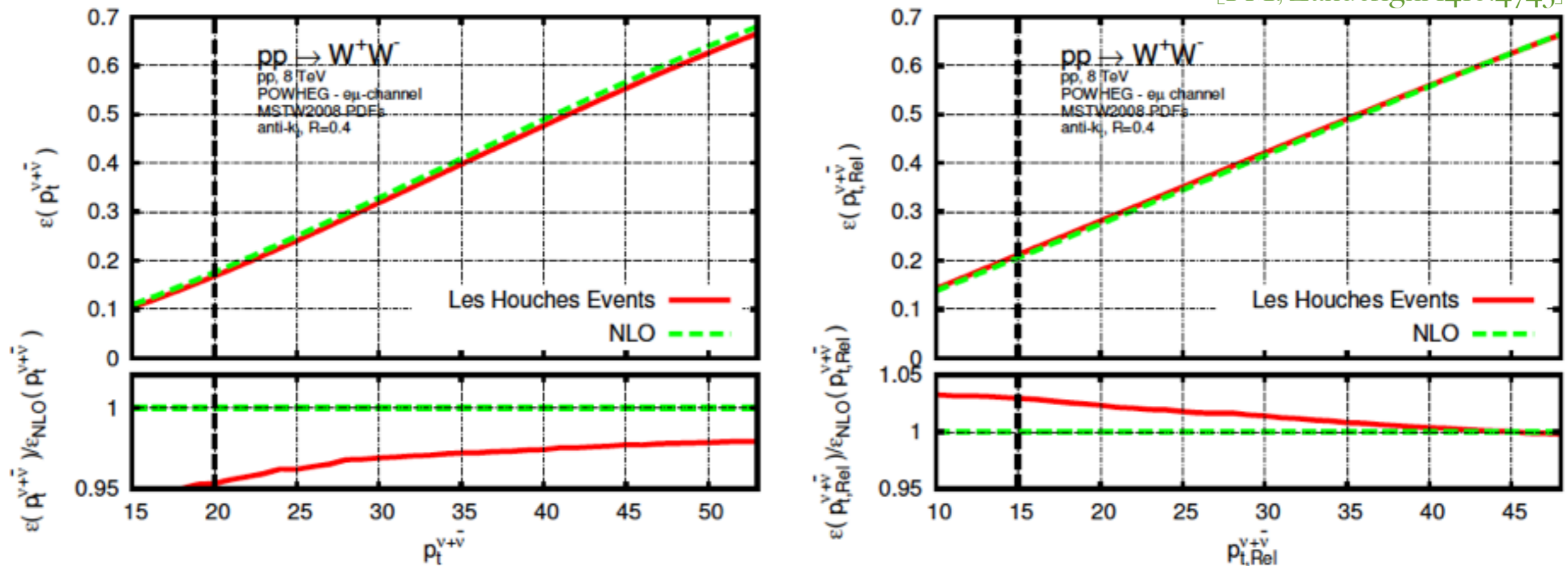


# Impact of leptonic cuts



- An extra source of suppression is present in POWHEG and has to do with the way the hardest emission is treated in the matching between NLO and parton shower
- Kinematic distributions of final state leptons change at the LHE level because of higher orders (unphysical ?) effects

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- The overall effect amounts to a further 3% reduction of the **fiducial cross section**, leading to the initial 9-11%

The resulting systematic uncertainty can be studied/reduced by means of the hdamp parameter