

Large **NLO** contributions in **ttW** and **four-top** production from **supposedly subleading** **EW** contributions

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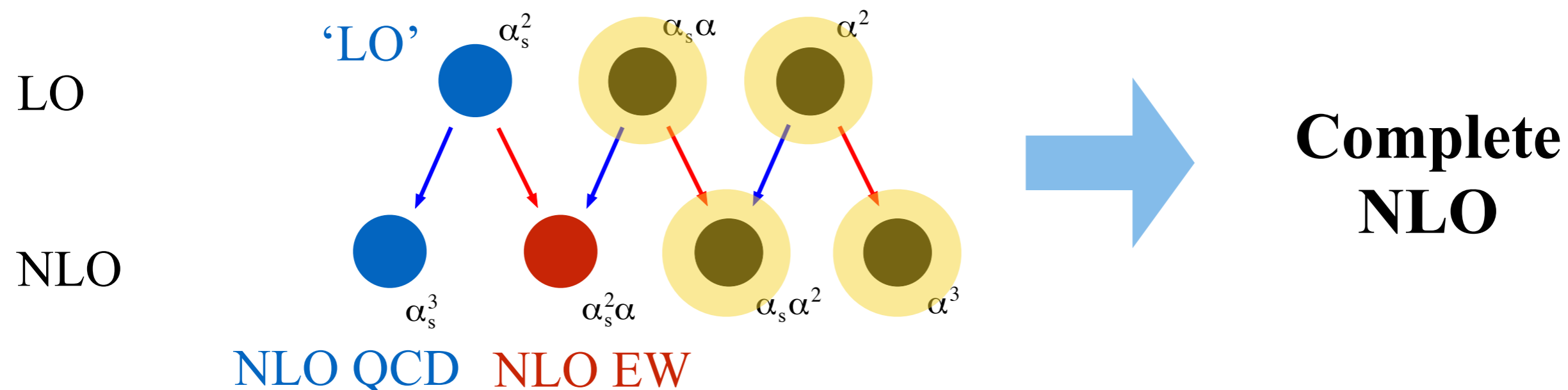
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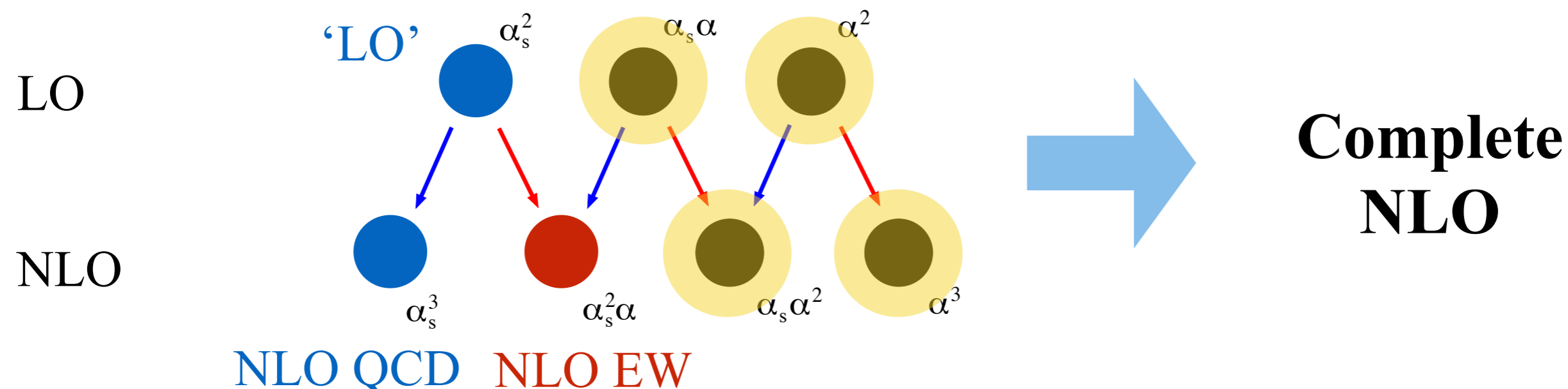


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Why does nobody calculate the other orders inside the Complete-NLO?

Because they are expected to be small due to the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha/\alpha_s)$ suppression!

Before the recent automations, nobody wanted to calculate terms that are expected to be small. First complete-NLO calculations:

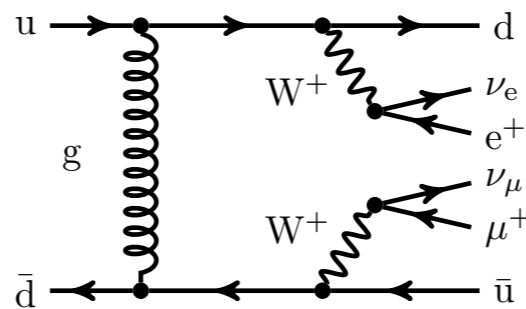
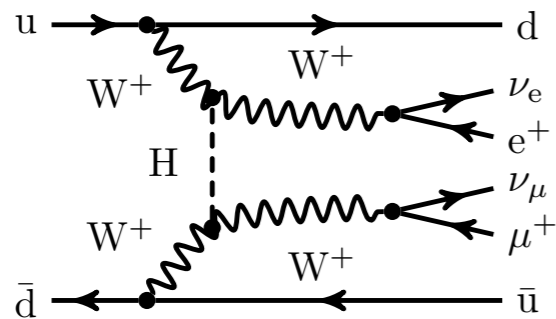
Dijet: *Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, DP, Shao, Zaro '16*

ttbar: *Czakon, Heymes, Mitov, DP, Tsinikos, Zaro '16*

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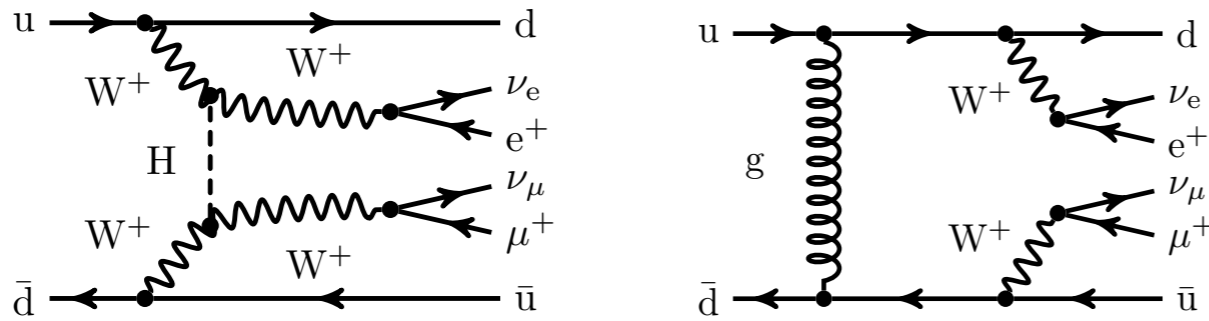


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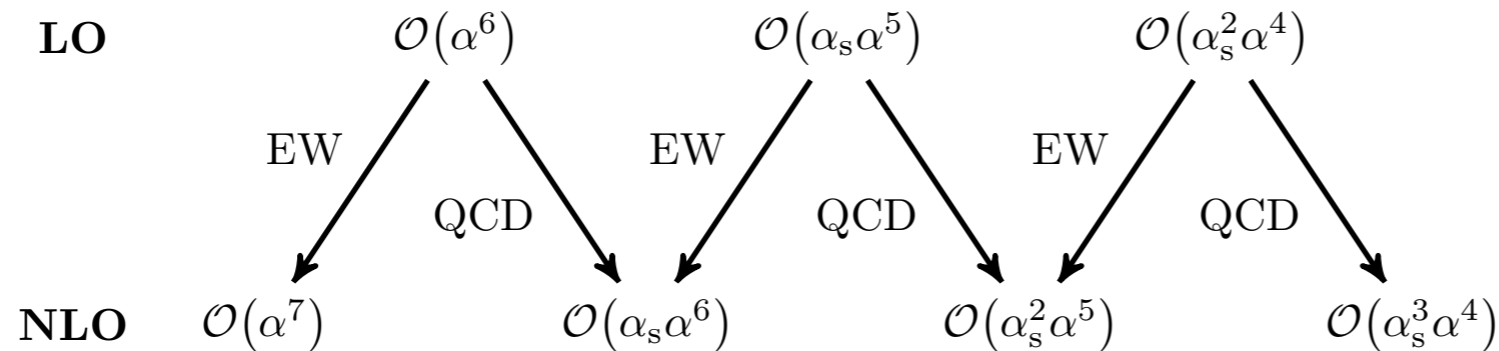
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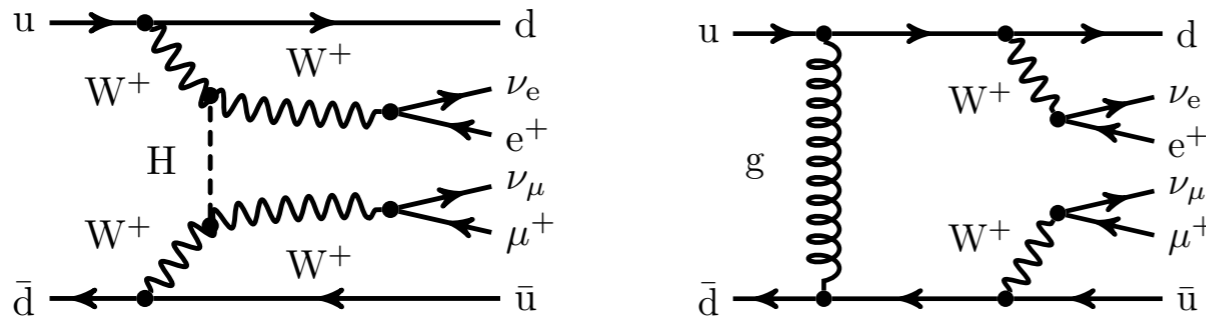


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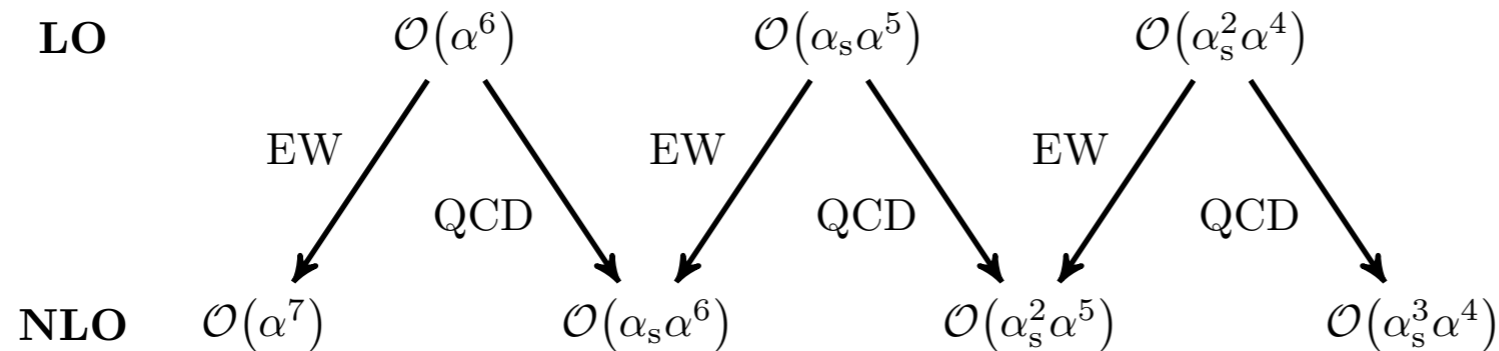
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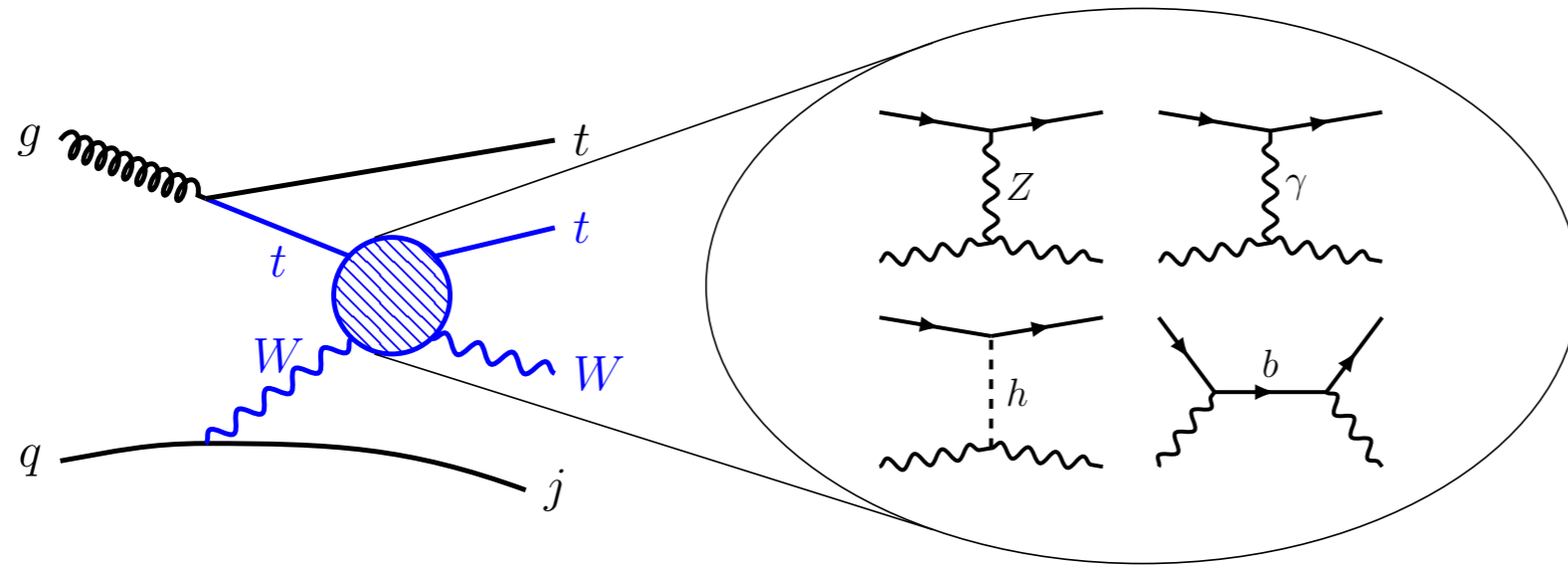


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Is same-sign WW scattering special? Do we have other processes with **supposedly subleading** contributions that are **large**?
We demonstrate that also ttW and four-top have this feature.

Why ttW and four-top?

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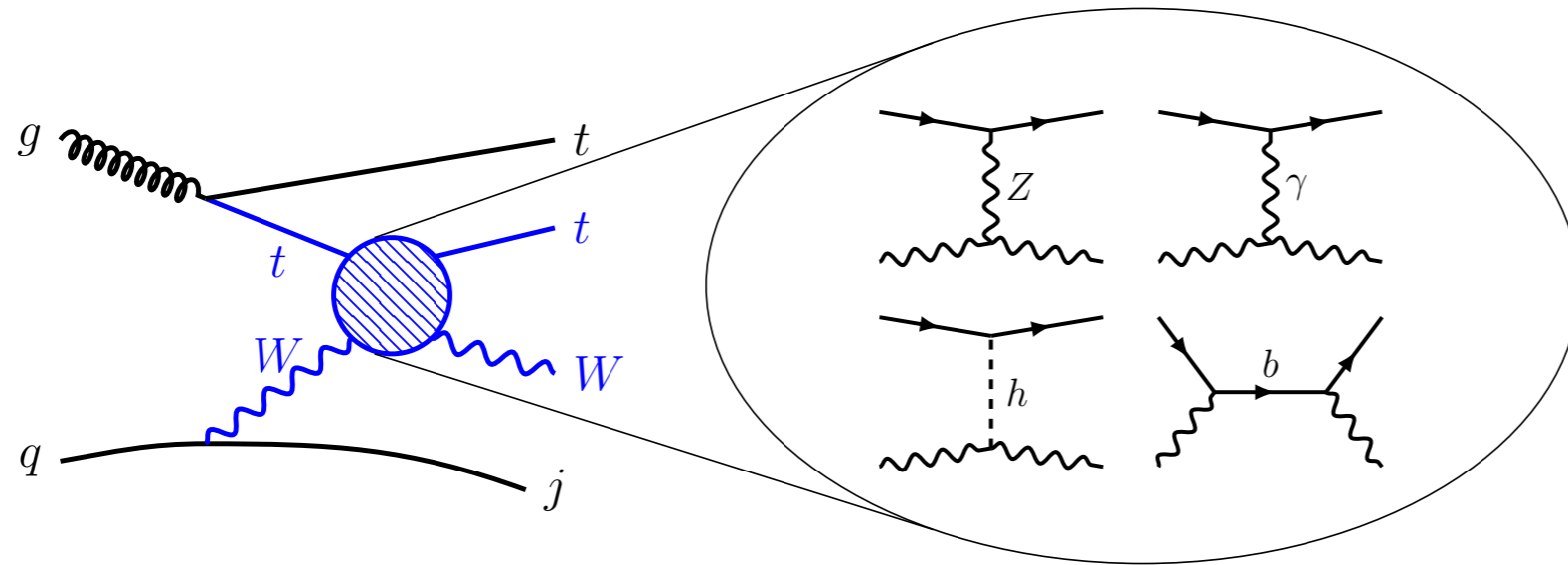


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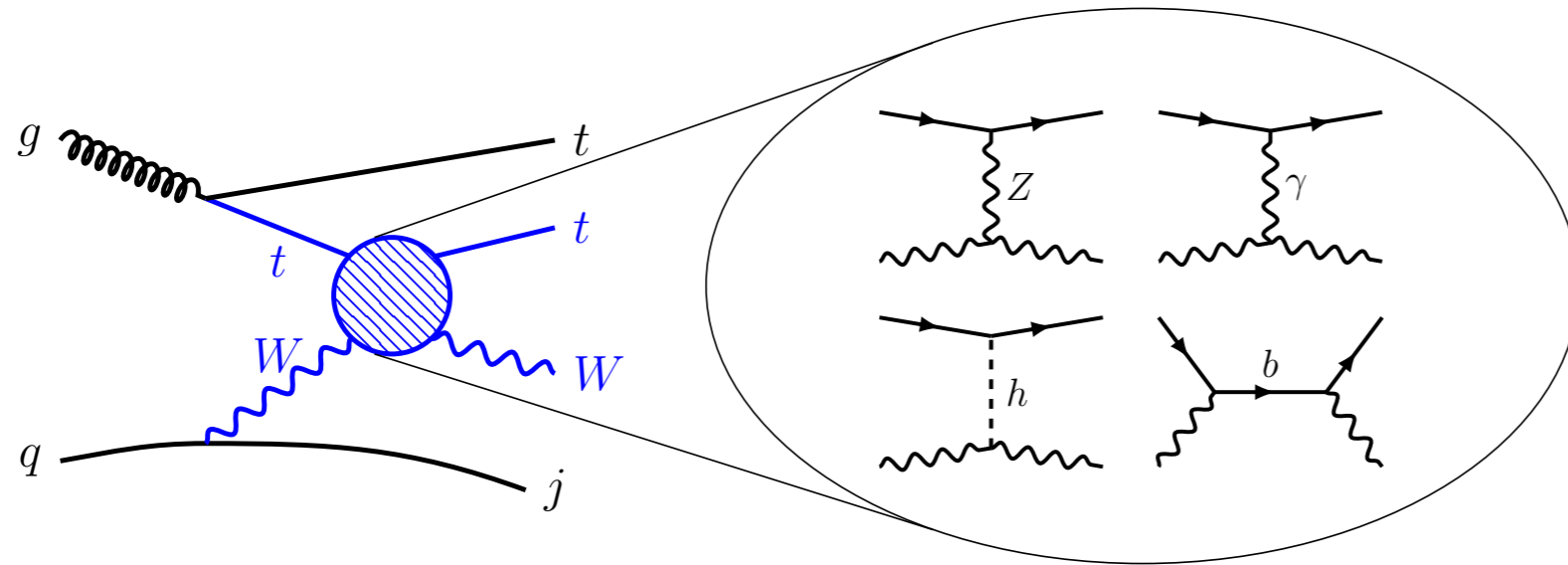


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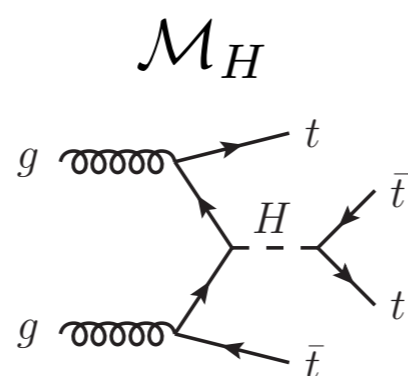
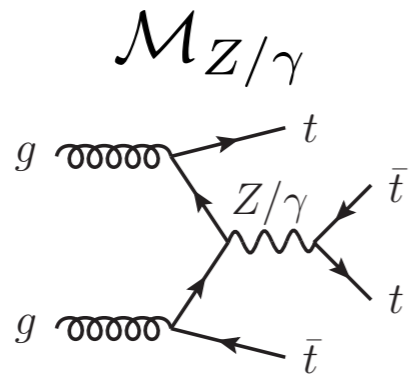
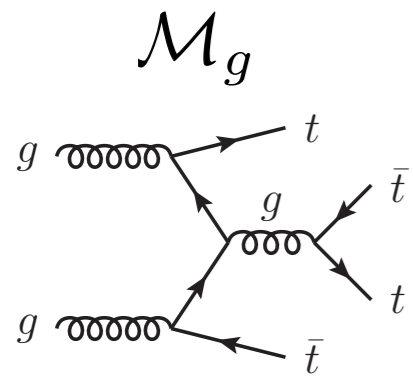
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ttWj is part of inclusive ttW production, but the tW-scattering component does not appear neither at NLO QCD nor (squared) at NLO EW.

It appears beyond NLO EW, in an EW subleading contribution, which anyway induces large NLO corrections.

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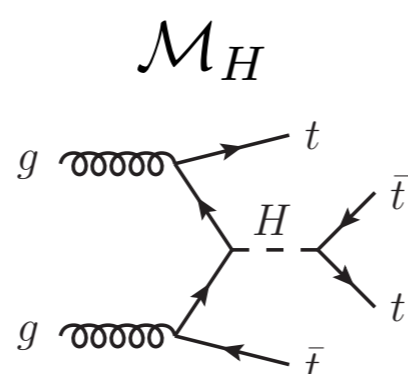
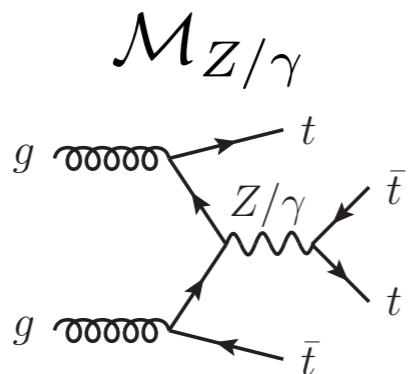
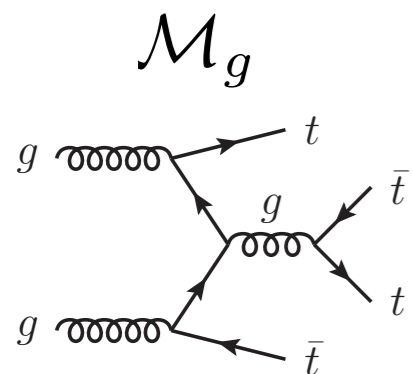
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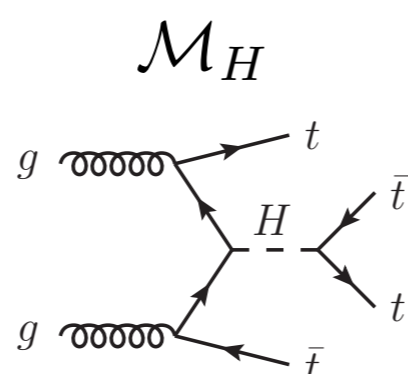
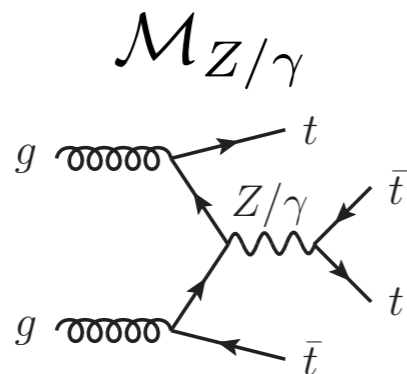
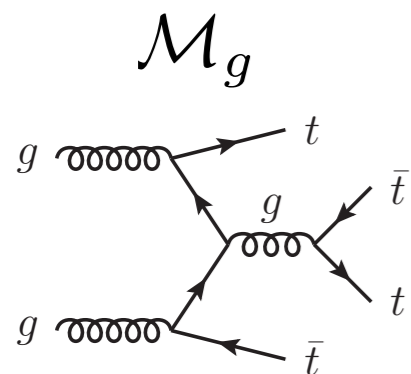
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What happens with NLO corrections? How is $tt \rightarrow tt$ scattering affected?

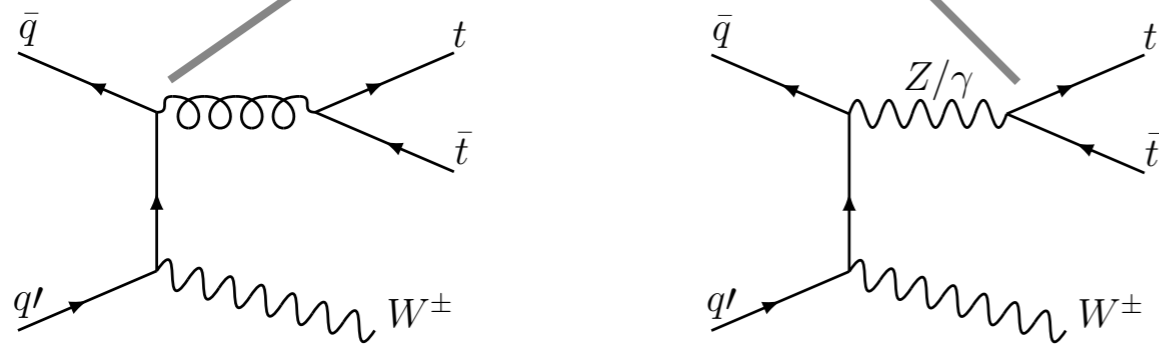
Relevant issue for precise y_t measurement.

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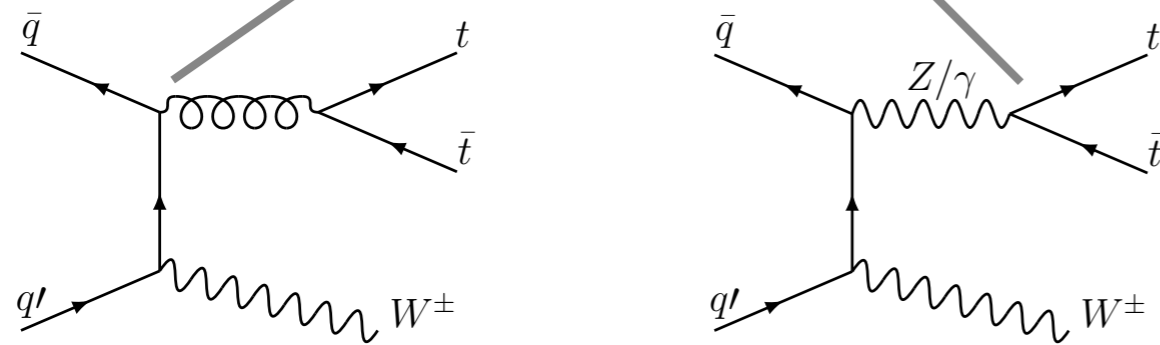
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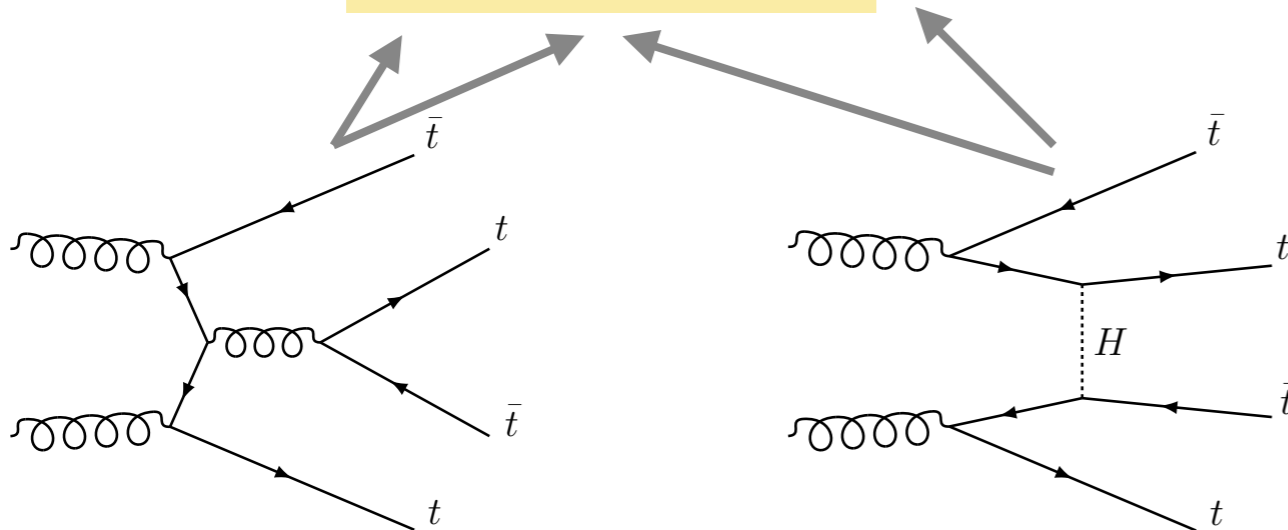
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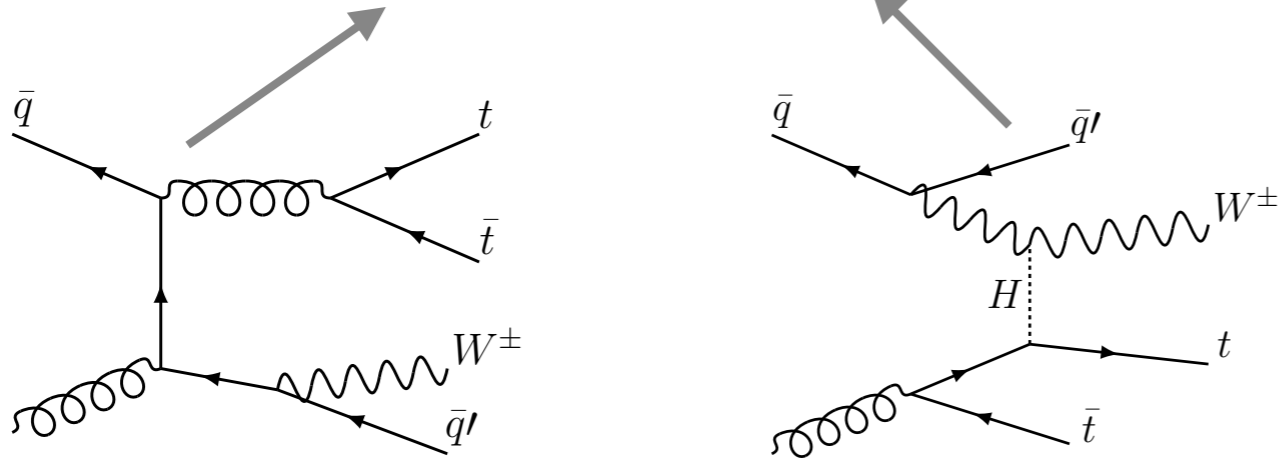
The gg initial-state is giving $\sim 90\%$ of LO cross section at 13 TeV and almost all the cross section at 100 TeV.

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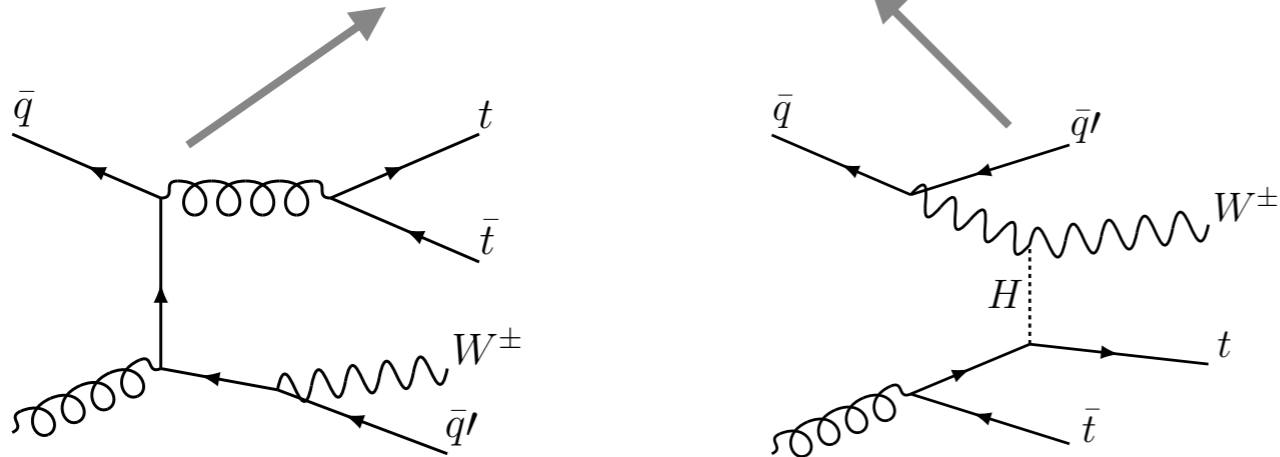
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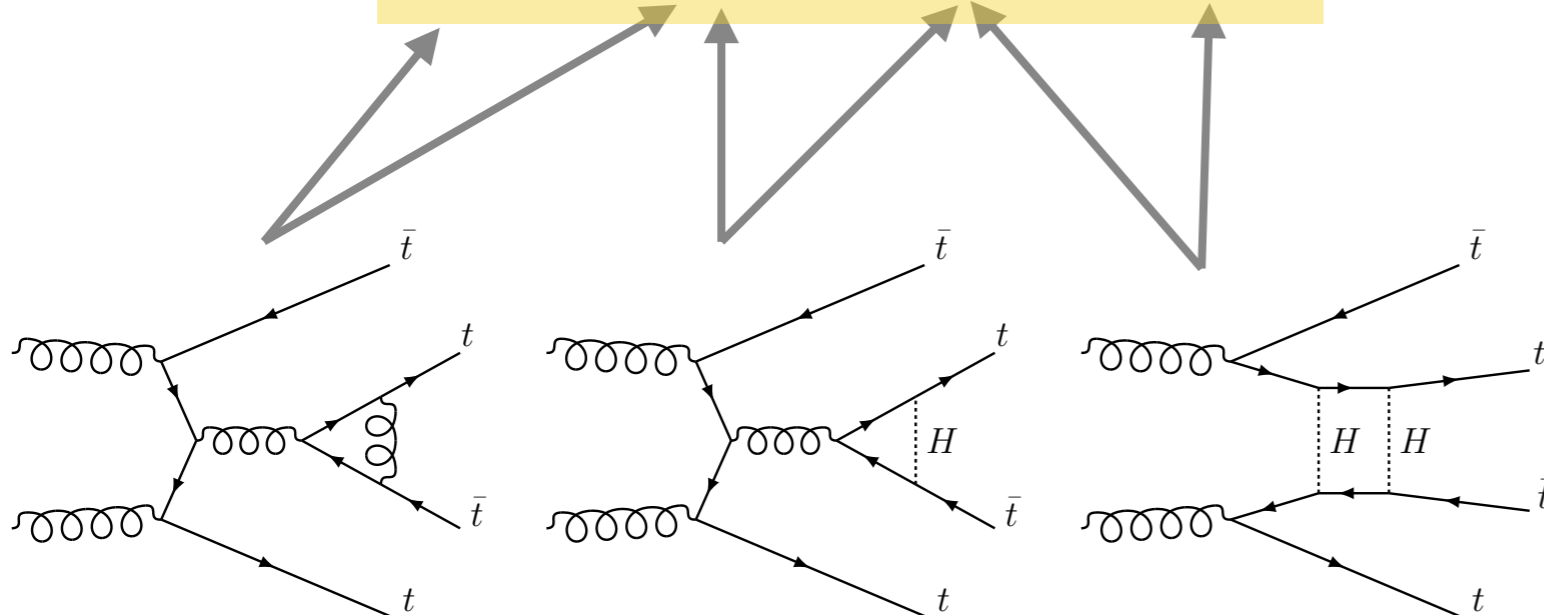


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Calculation Framework

The calculation has been performed in a completely automated way via the MadGraph5_aMC@NLO framework, without any customisation for the two processes considered. (*see talk of Marco*)

$$m_t = 173.34 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_W = 80.385 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_Z = 91.1876 \text{ GeV}$$

$$G_\mu = 1.16639 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad \text{EW renormalisation in the } G_\mu\text{-scheme}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_c &= \frac{H_T}{2} \quad \text{for } t\bar{t}W^\pm, \\ \mu_c &= \frac{H_T}{4} \quad \text{for } t\bar{t}t\bar{t}, \end{aligned} \quad H_T \equiv \sum_{i=1, N(+1)} m_{T,i}$$

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the contribution of photon PDF is small for both the processes.

$t\bar{t}W$

Cross sections

$\sigma[\text{fb}]$	LO_{QCD}	$\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}$	LO	LO + NLO	$\frac{\text{LO+NLO}}{\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}+\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}}$
$\mu = H_T/2$	$363^{+24\%}_{-18\%}$	$544^{+11\%}_{-11\%}$ ($456^{+5\%}_{-7\%}$)	$366^{+23\%}_{-18\%}$	$577^{+11\%}_{-11\%}$ ($476^{+5\%}_{-7\%}$)	1.06 (1.04)

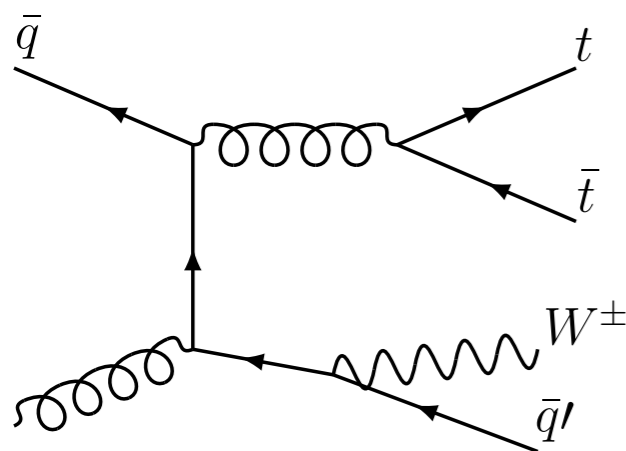
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$\mu = H_T/2$	$6.64^{+28\%}_{-21\%}$	$16.58^{+17\%}_{-15\%}$ ($11.37^{+11\%}_{-12\%}$)	$6.72^{+27\%}_{-21\%}$	$20.86^{+15\%}_{-14\%}$ ($14.80^{+11\%}_{-11\%}$)	1.26 (1.30)

100 TeV

Number in parentheses refer to the case of a jet veto applied

$$p_T(j) > 100 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{and} \quad |y(j)| < 2.5$$



At LO top-quark pairs recoil always against the W.

At NLO QCD, at large p_T , they mainly recoil against a jet, which can emit a W and thus a correction of order $\alpha_s \log^2 [p_T(tt)/m_W]$.

The effect is further enhanced since $qg \rightarrow t\bar{t}W^\pm q'$ has a gluon in the initial state.

Cross sections: order by order

$$\delta_{(N)\text{LO}_i}(\mu) = \frac{\Sigma_{(N)\text{LO}_i}(\mu)}{\Sigma_{\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}}(\mu)} \quad \text{LO}_1 \equiv \text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}$$

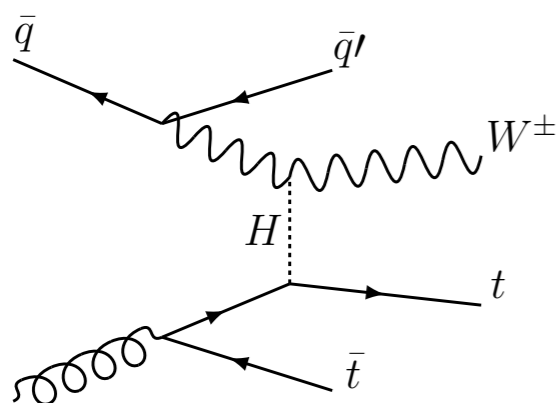
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Naive estimate

100 TeV

$\delta[\%]$	$\mu = H_T/4$	$\mu = H_T/2$	$\mu = H_T$	
LO ₂	-	-	-	10
LO ₃	0.8	0.9	1.1	1
NLO ₁	34.8 (7.0)	50.0 (25.7)	63.4 (42.0)	10
NLO ₂	-4.4 (-4.8)	-4.2 (-4.6)	-4.0 (-4.4)	1
NLO ₃	11.9 (8.9)	12.2 (9.1)	12.5 (9.3)	0.1
NLO ₄	0.02 (-0.02)	0.04 (-0.02)	0.05 (-0.01)	0.01

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NLO ₂	-5.8 (-6.4)	-5.6 (-6.2)	-5.4 (-6.1)
NLO ₃	67.5 (55.6)	68.8 (56.6)	70.0 (57.6)
NLO ₄	0.2 (0.1)	0.2 (0.2)	0.3 (0.2)

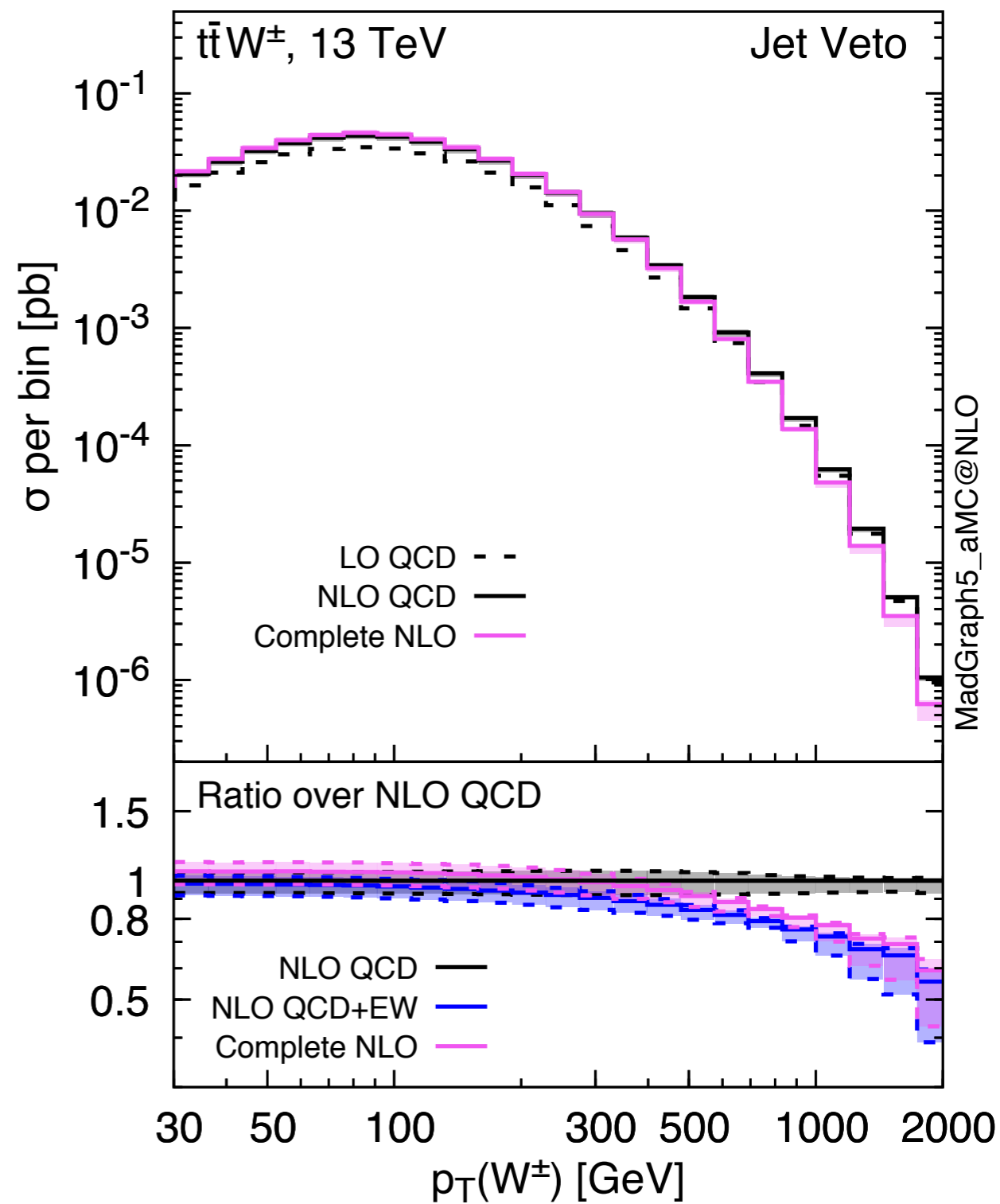
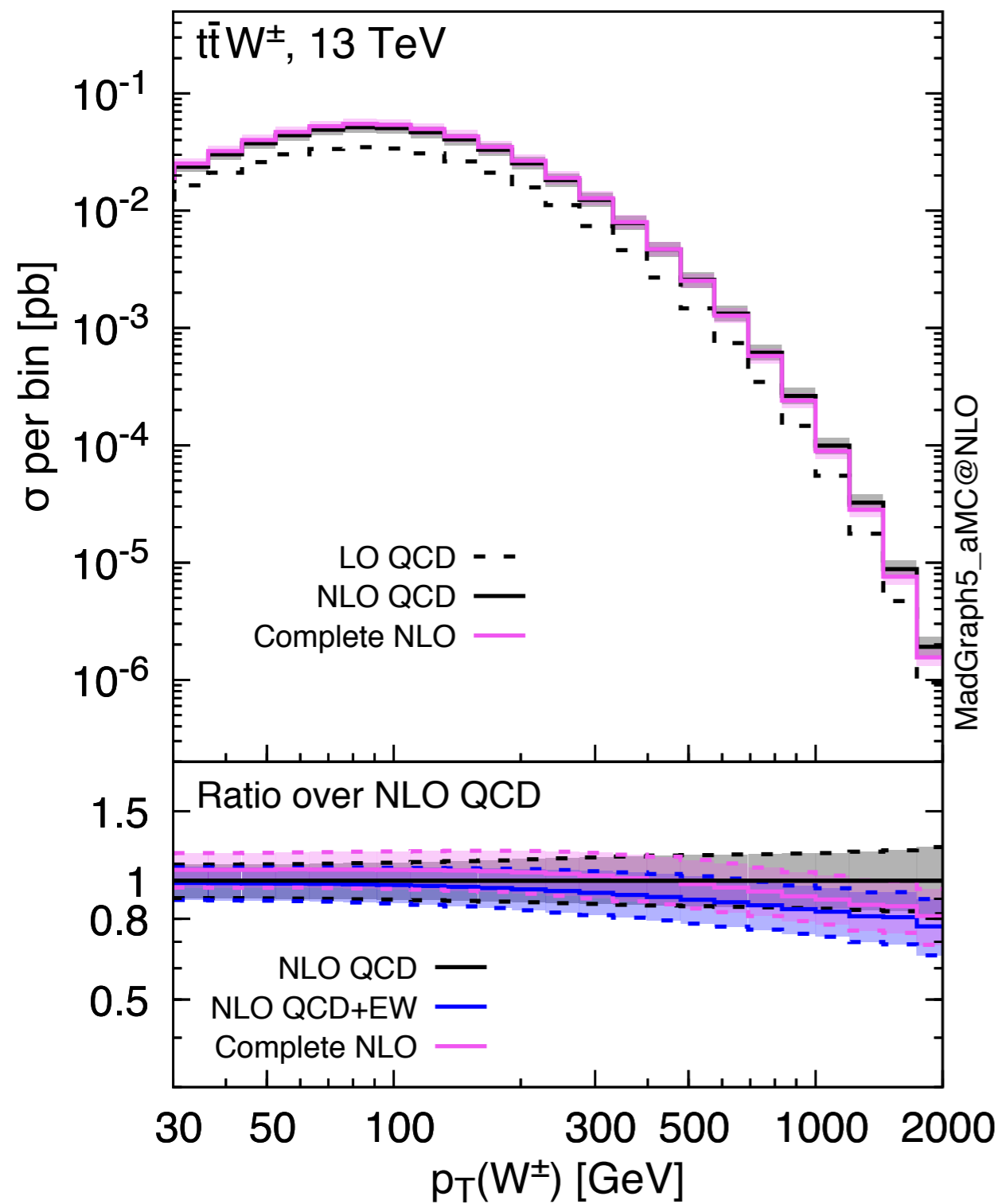


NLO₃ is large and it is not suppressed by the jet veto (number in parentheses) as much as NLO QCD corrections.

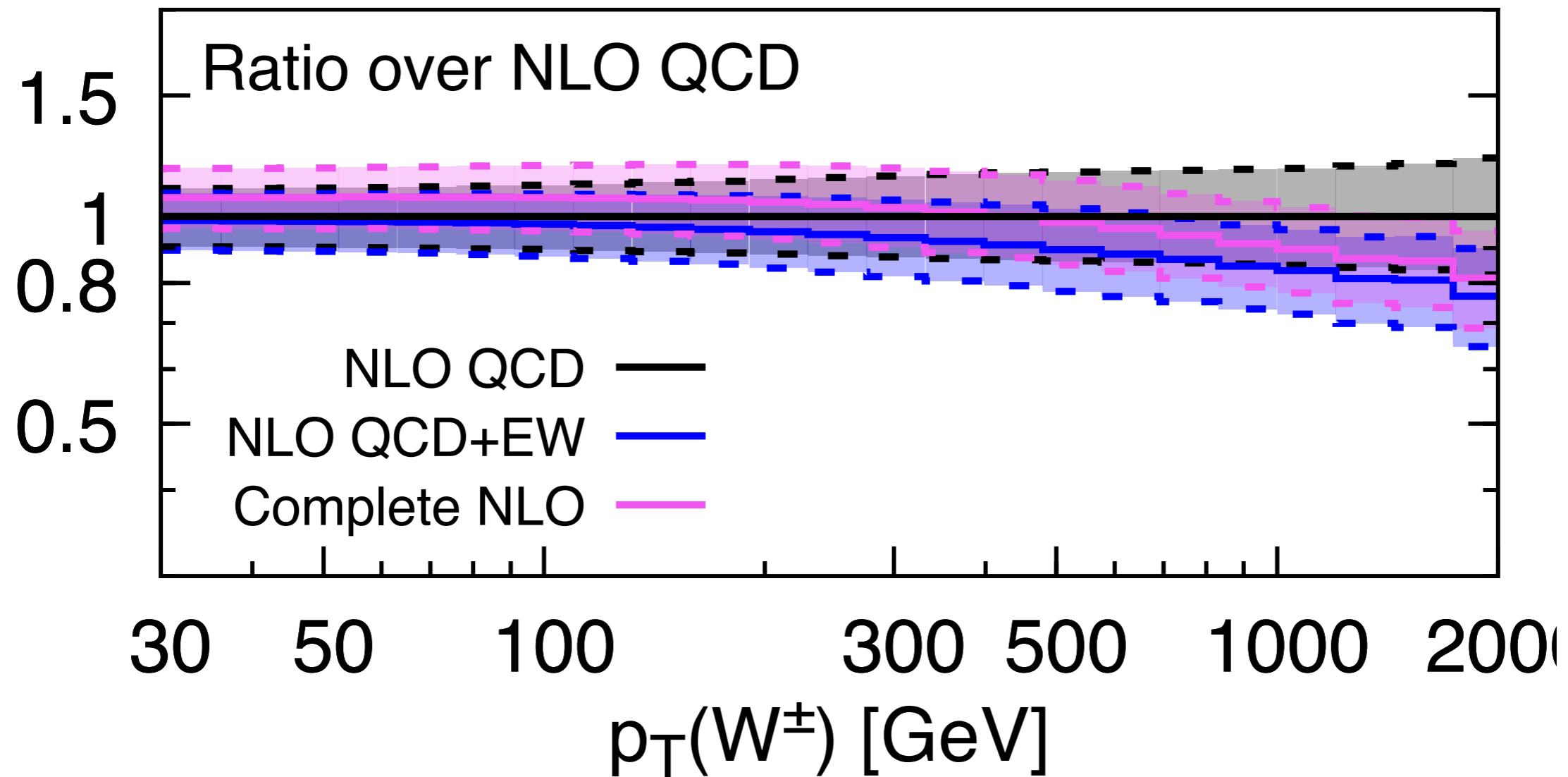
NLO QCD corrections depend on the scale, while NLO EW and NLO₃ do not.

Distributions

13 TeV



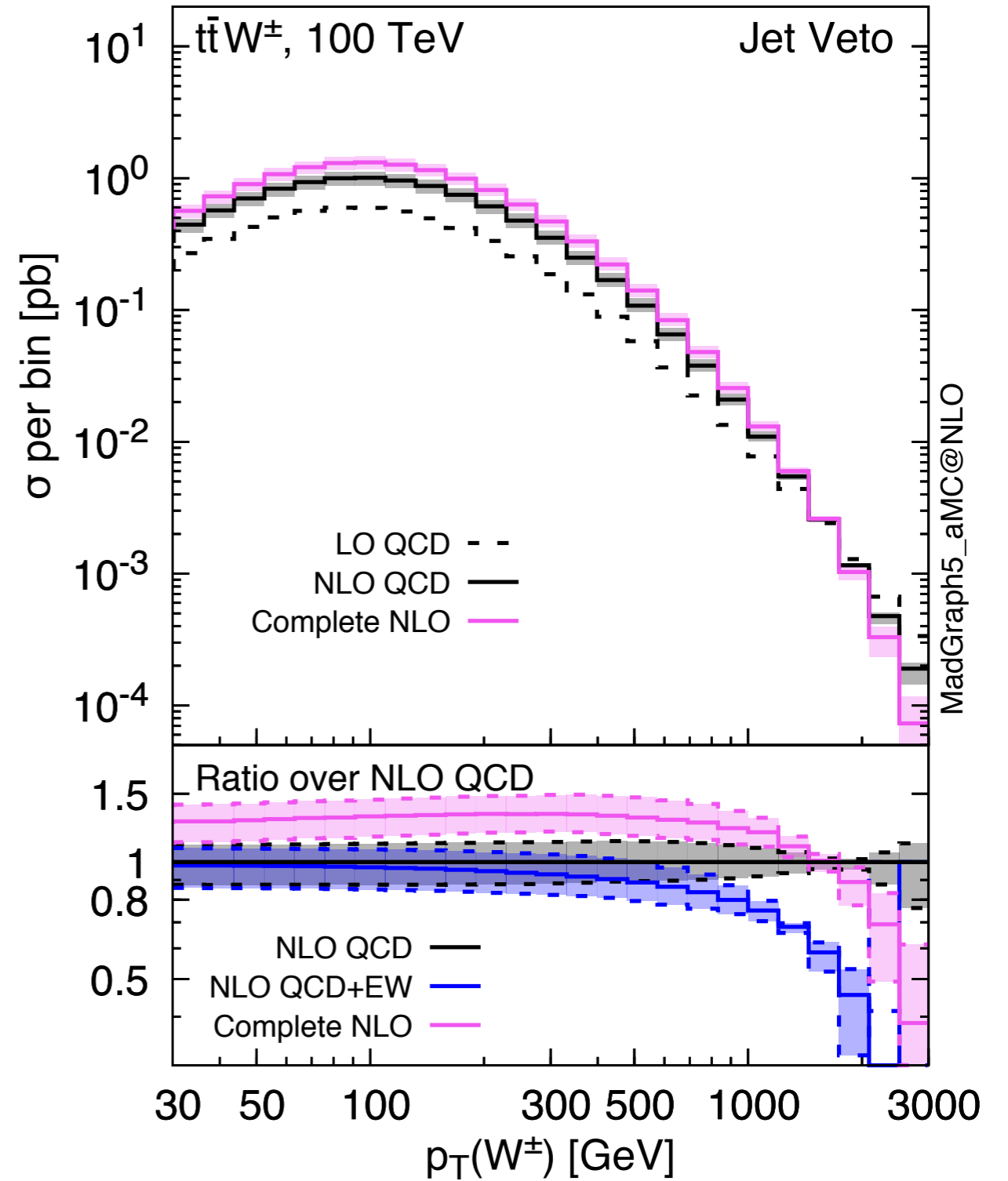
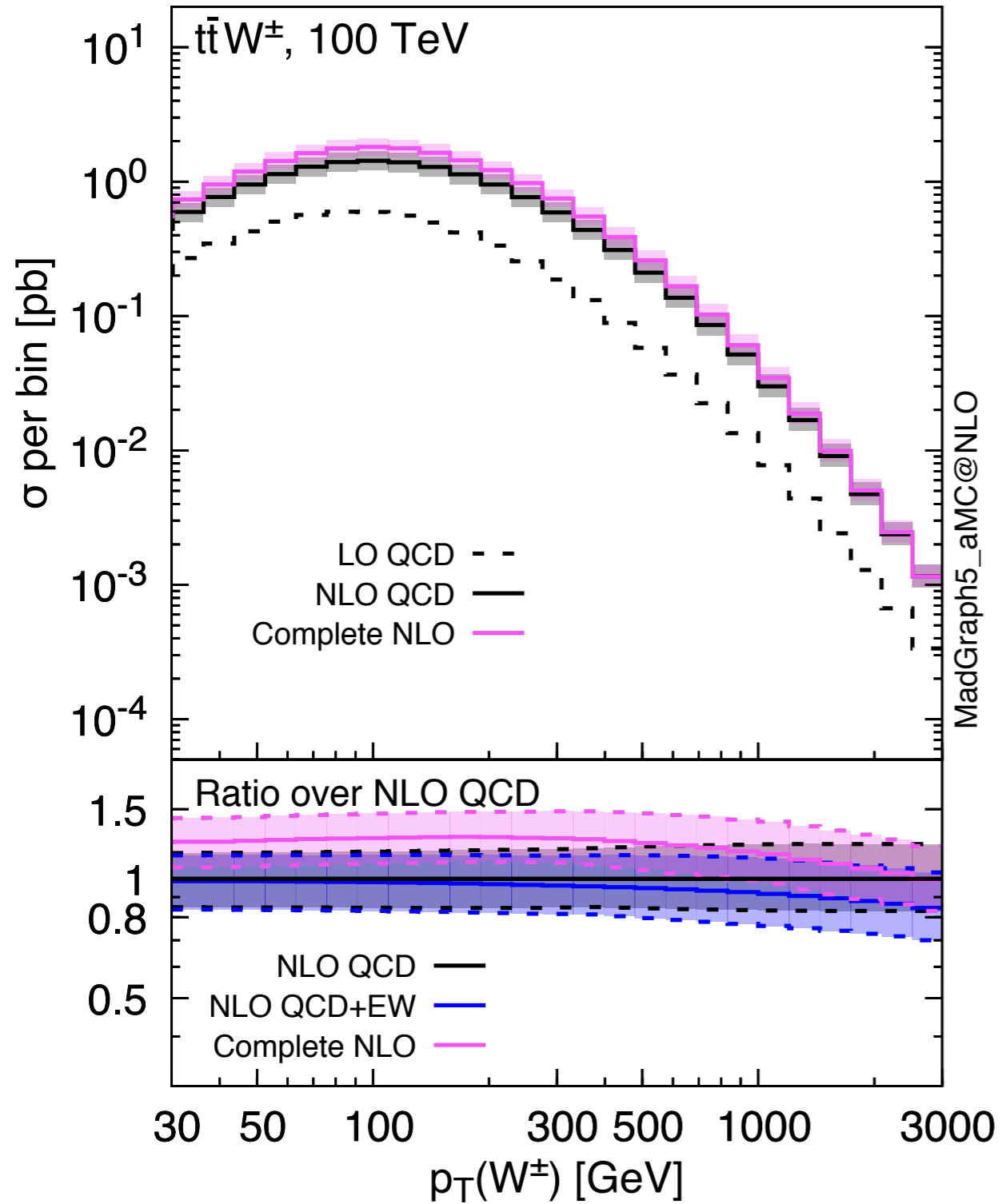
Distributions



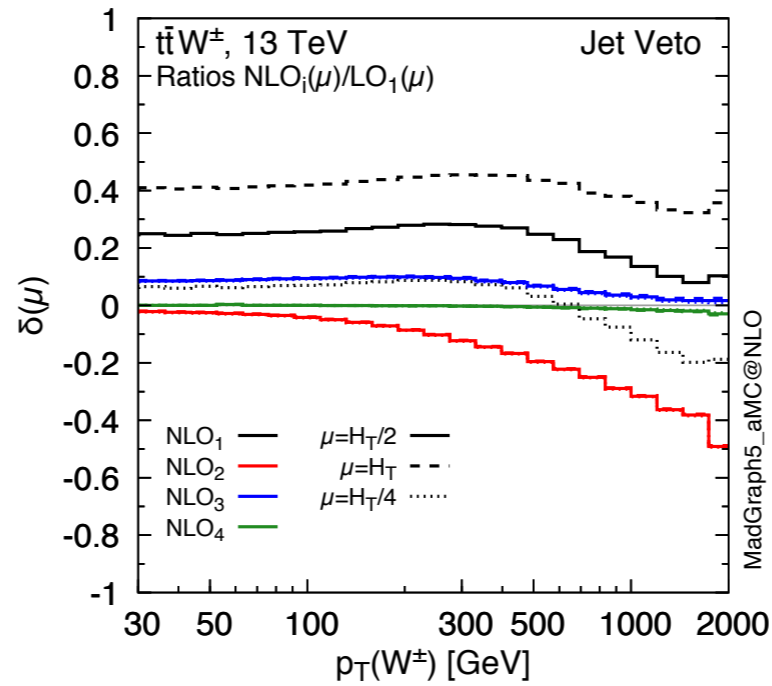
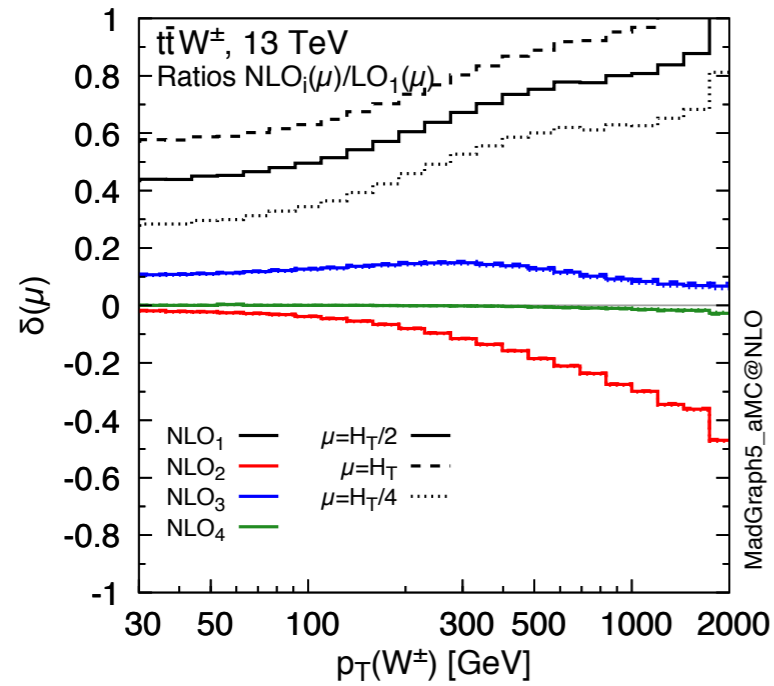
Zoom left plot

Distributions

100 TeV

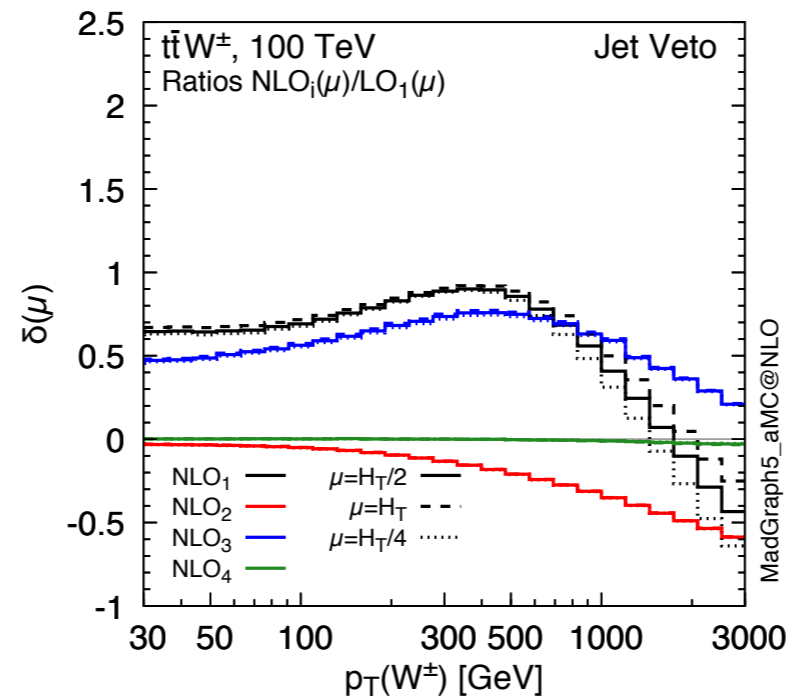
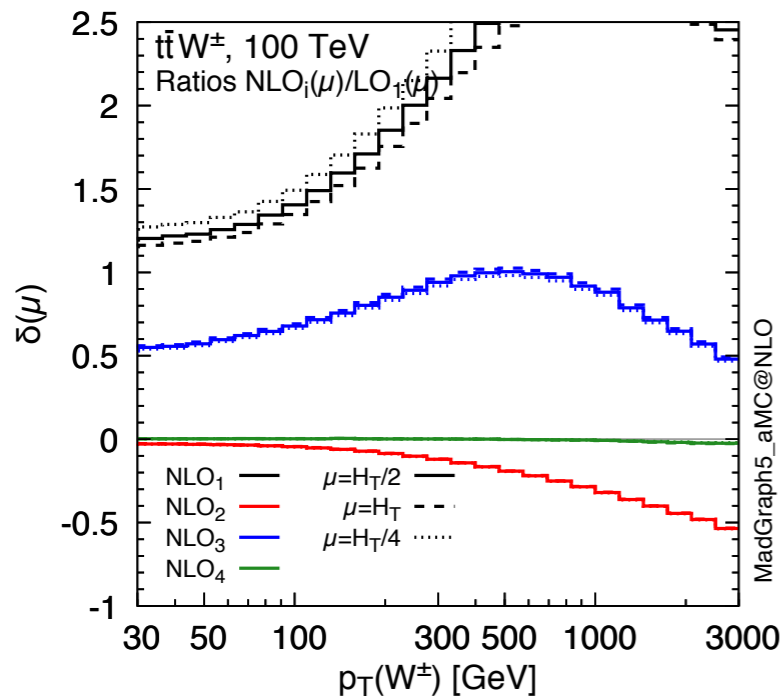


Distributions



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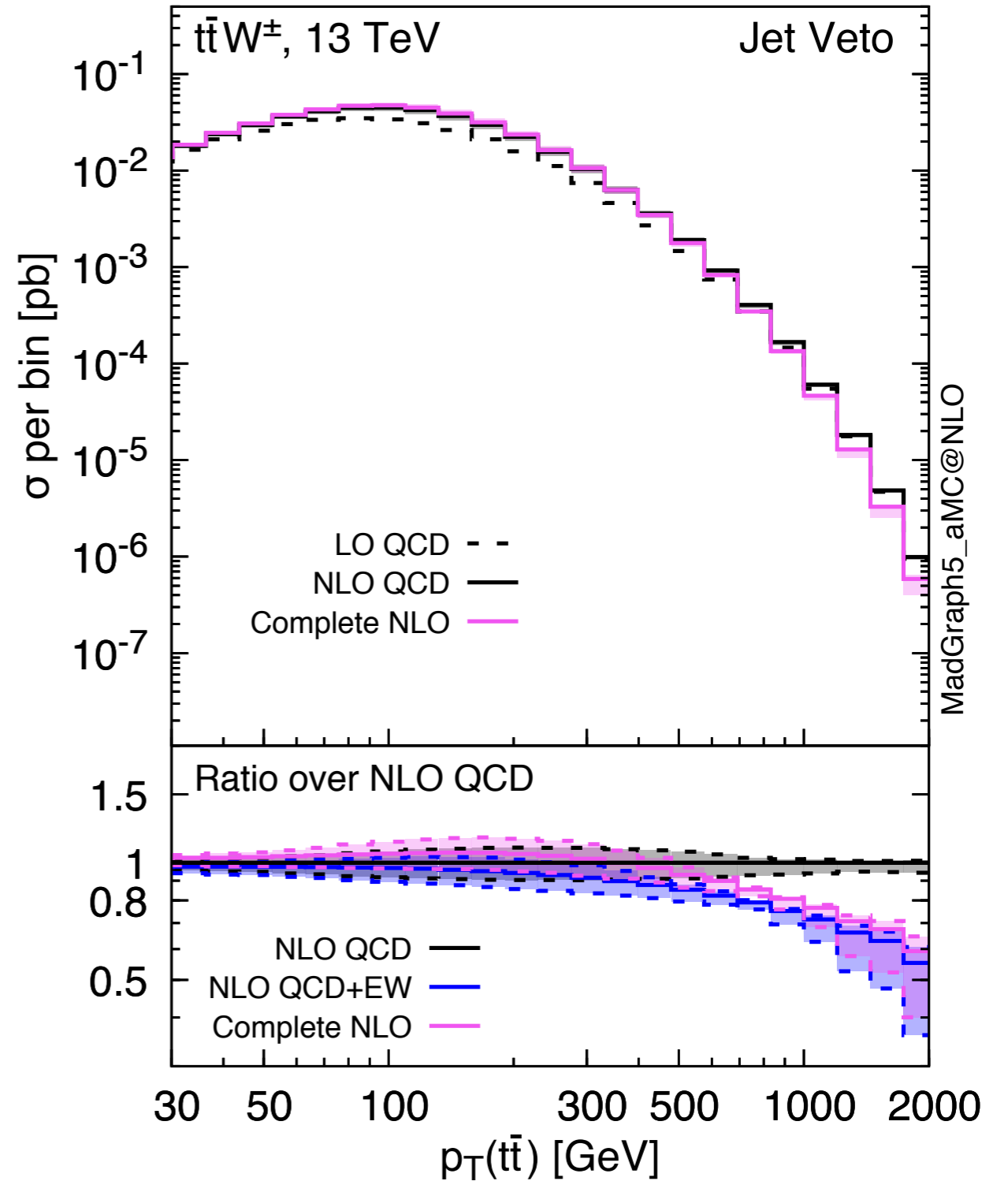
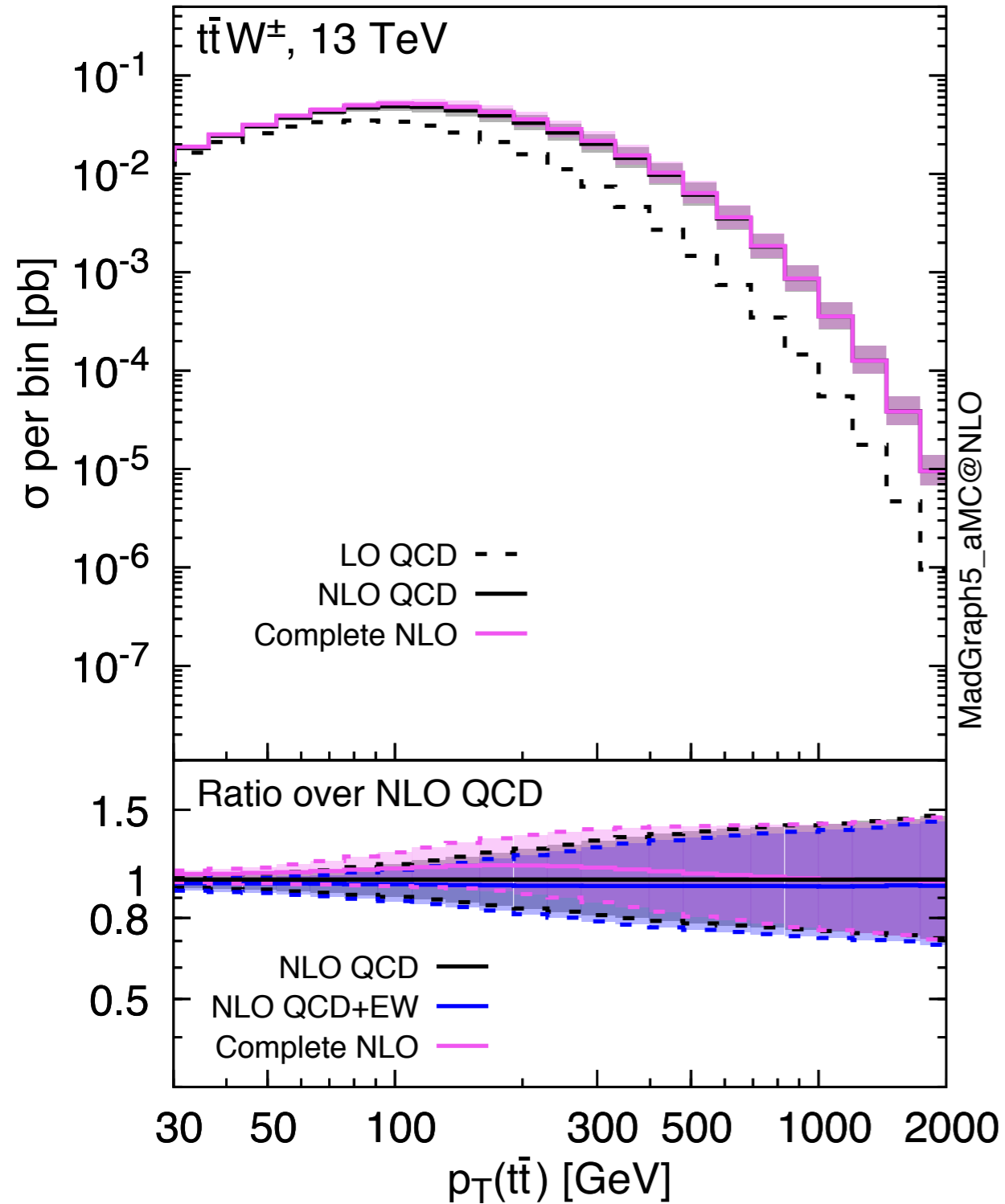
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100 TeV

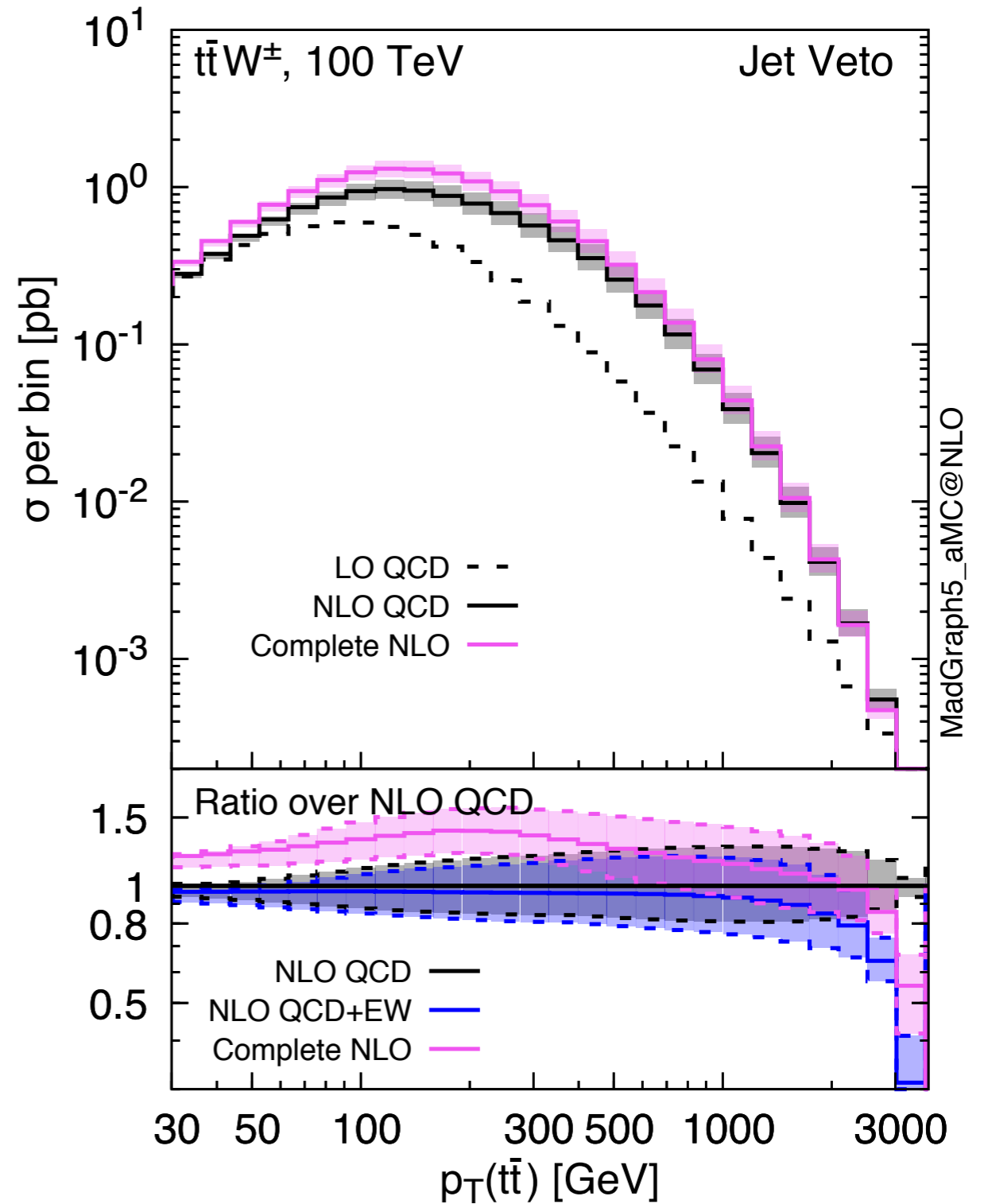
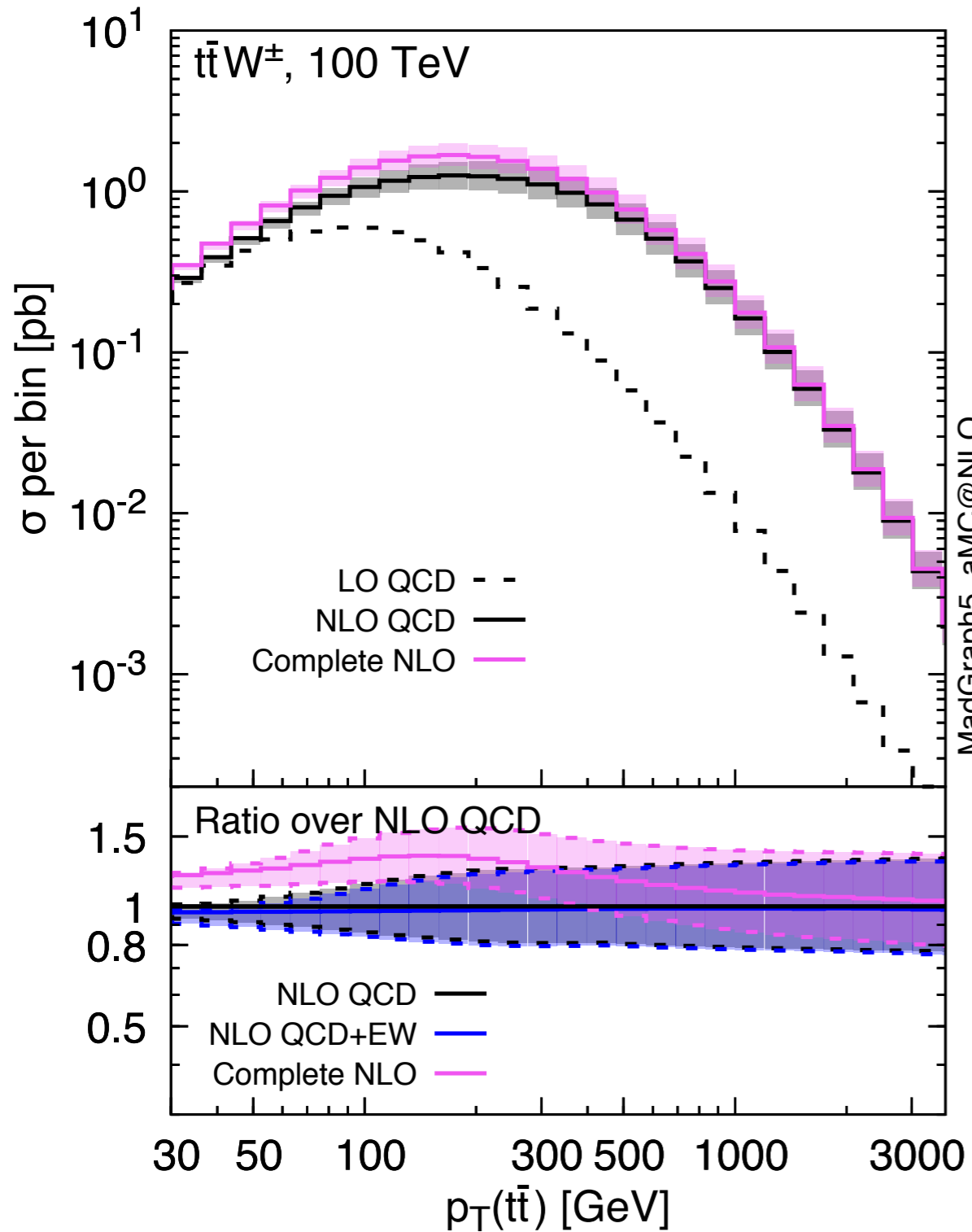
Distributions

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Distributions

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$\sigma[\text{fb}]$	LO_{QCD}	$\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}$	LO	LO + NLO	$\frac{\text{LO}(+\text{NLO})}{\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}(+\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}})}$
$\mu = H_T/4$	$6.83^{+70\%}_{-38\%}$	$11.12^{+19\%}_{-23\%}$	$7.59^{+64\%}_{-36\%}$	$11.97^{+18\%}_{-21\%}$	1.11 (1.08)

four-top

$\sigma[\text{pb}]$	LO_{QCD}	$\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}$	LO	LO + NLO	$\frac{\text{LO}(+\text{NLO})}{\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}(+\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}})}$
$\mu = H_T/4$	$2.37^{+49\%}_{-31\%}$	$3.98^{+18\%}_{-19\%}$	$2.63^{+44\%}_{-28\%}$	$4.18^{+17\%}_{-17\%}$	1.11 (1.05)

100 TeV

Cross sections

13 TeV

Naive estimate

100 TeV

$\delta[\%]$	$\mu = H_T/8$	$\mu = H_T/4$	$\mu = H_T/2$		$\delta[\%]$	$\mu = H_T/8$	$\mu = H_T/4$	$\mu = H_T/2$
LO ₂	-26.0	-28.3	-30.5	10	LO ₂	-18.7	-20.7	-22.8
LO ₃	32.6	39.0	45.9	1	LO ₃	26.3	31.8	37.8
LO ₄	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	LO ₄	0.05	0.07	0.09
LO ₅	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.01	LO ₅	0.03	0.05	0.08
NLO ₁	14.0	62.7	103.5	10	NLO ₁	33.9	68.2	98.0
NLO ₂	8.6	-3.3	-15.1	1	NLO ₂	-0.3	-5.7	-11.6
NLO ₃	-10.3	1.8	16.1	0.1	NLO ₃	-3.9	1.7	8.9
NLO ₄	2.3	2.8	3.6	0.01	NLO ₄	0.7	0.9	1.2
NLO ₅	0.12	0.16	0.19	0.001	NLO ₅	0.12	0.14	0.16
NLO ₆	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.0001	NLO ₆	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01
NLO ₂ + NLO ₃	-1.7	-1.6	0.9		NLO ₂ + NLO ₃	-4.2	-4.0	2.7

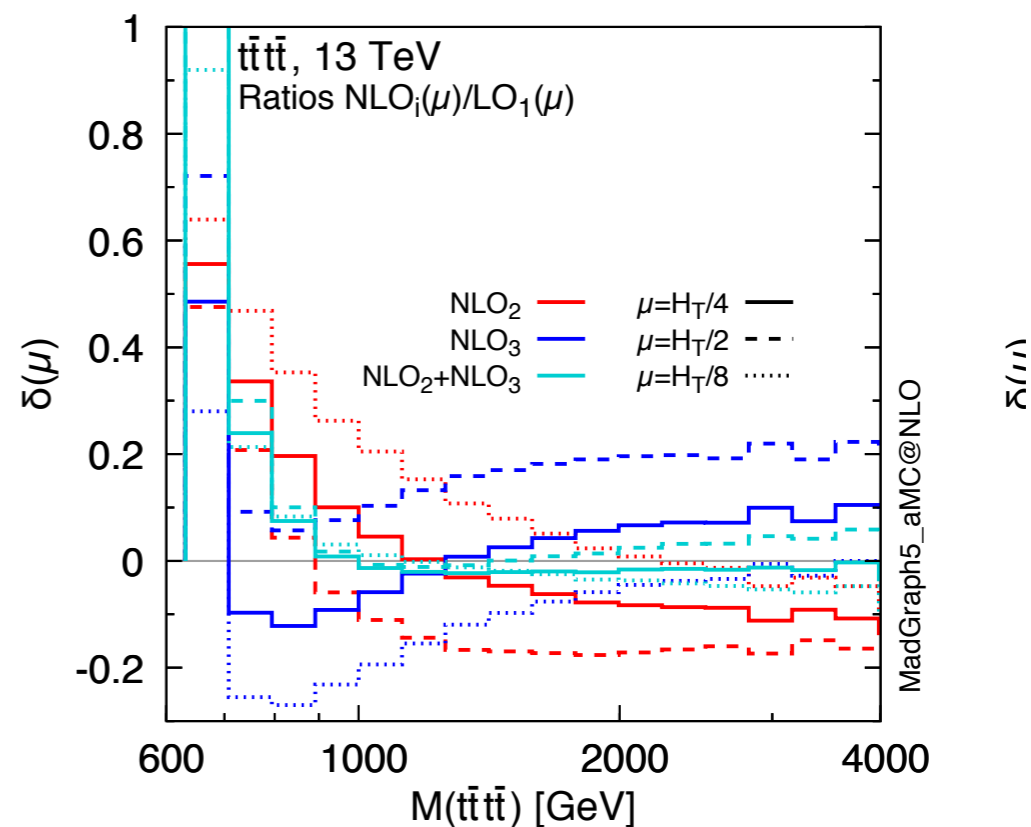
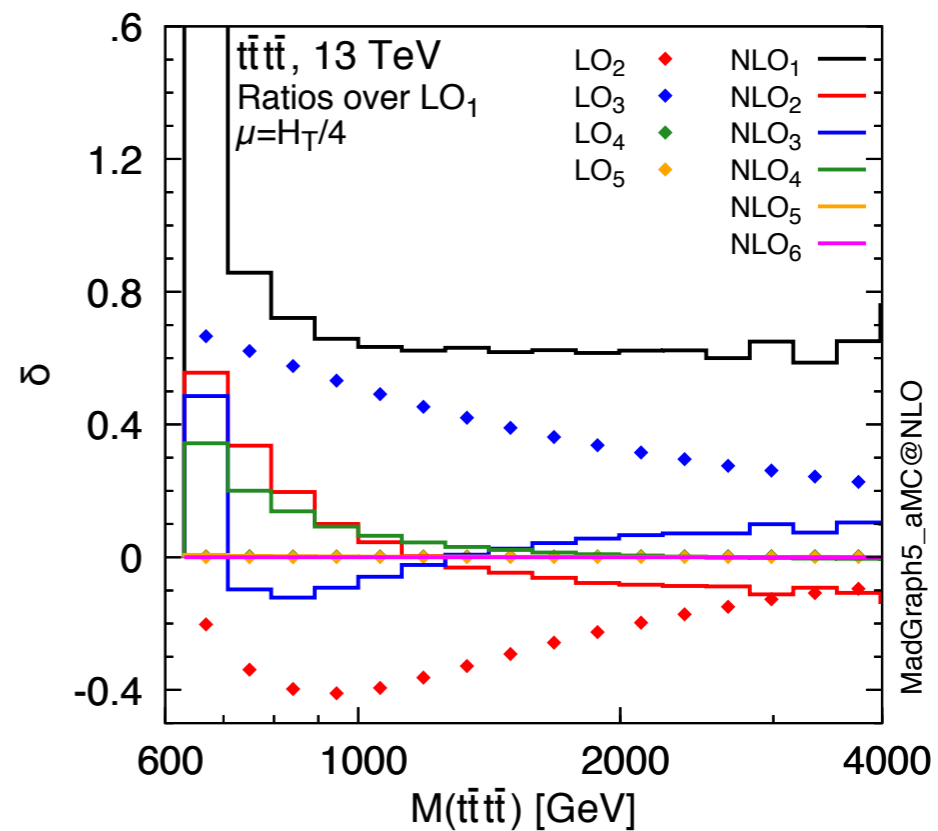
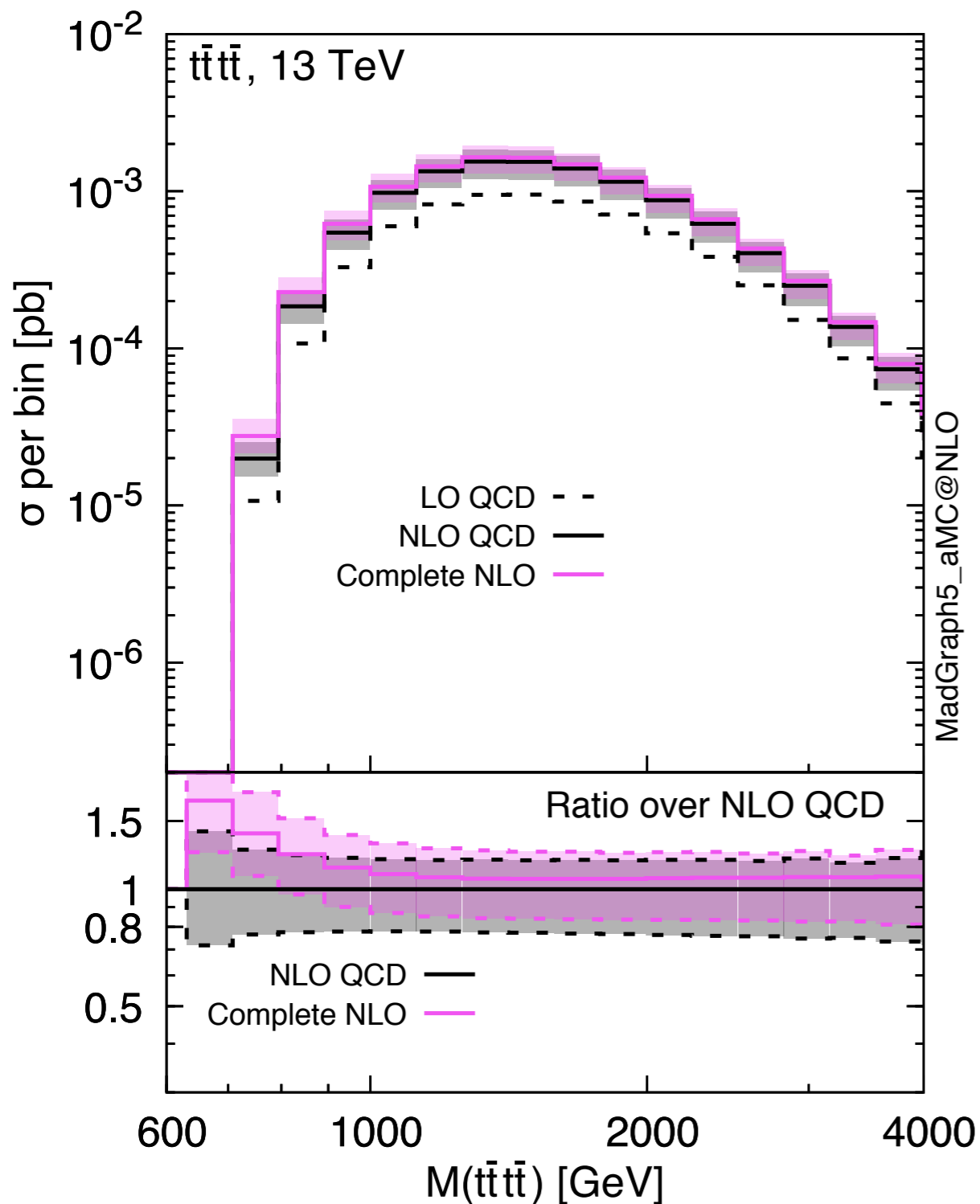
LO₂ and LO₃ are large and have also large cancellations.

NLO₂ and NLO₃ are mainly given by ‘QCD corrections’ on top of them, so they are large and strongly depend on the scale choice, at variance with standard EW corrections.

Accidentally, relatively to LO₁, NLO₂+NLO₃ scale dependence almost disappear.

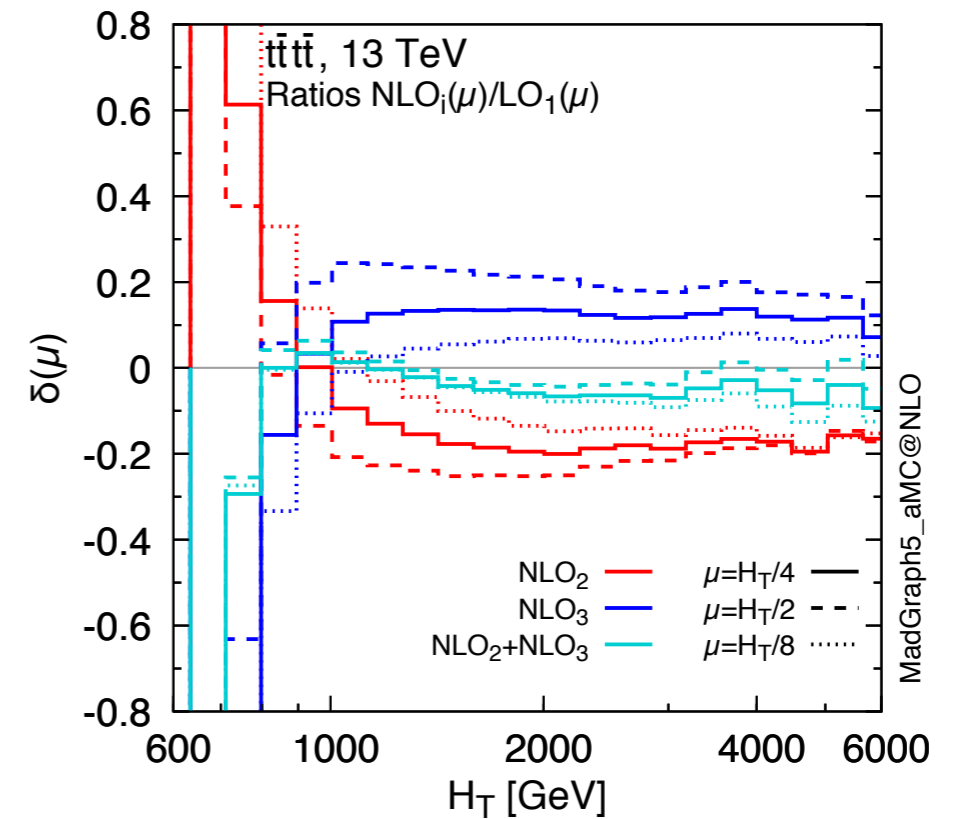
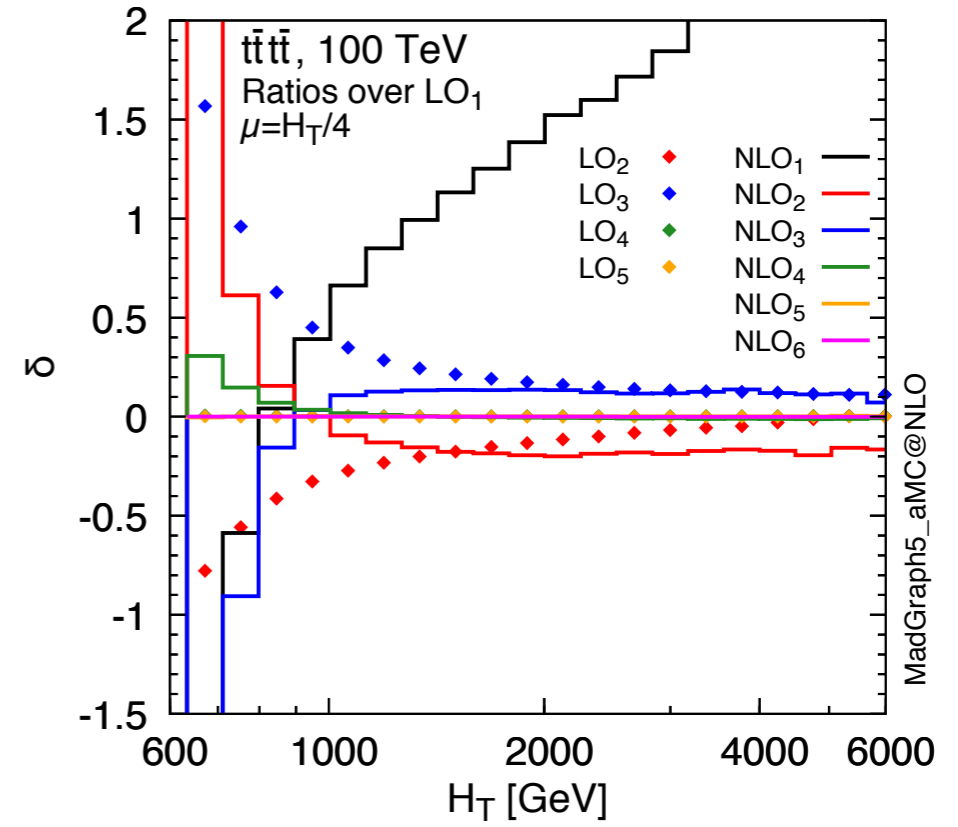
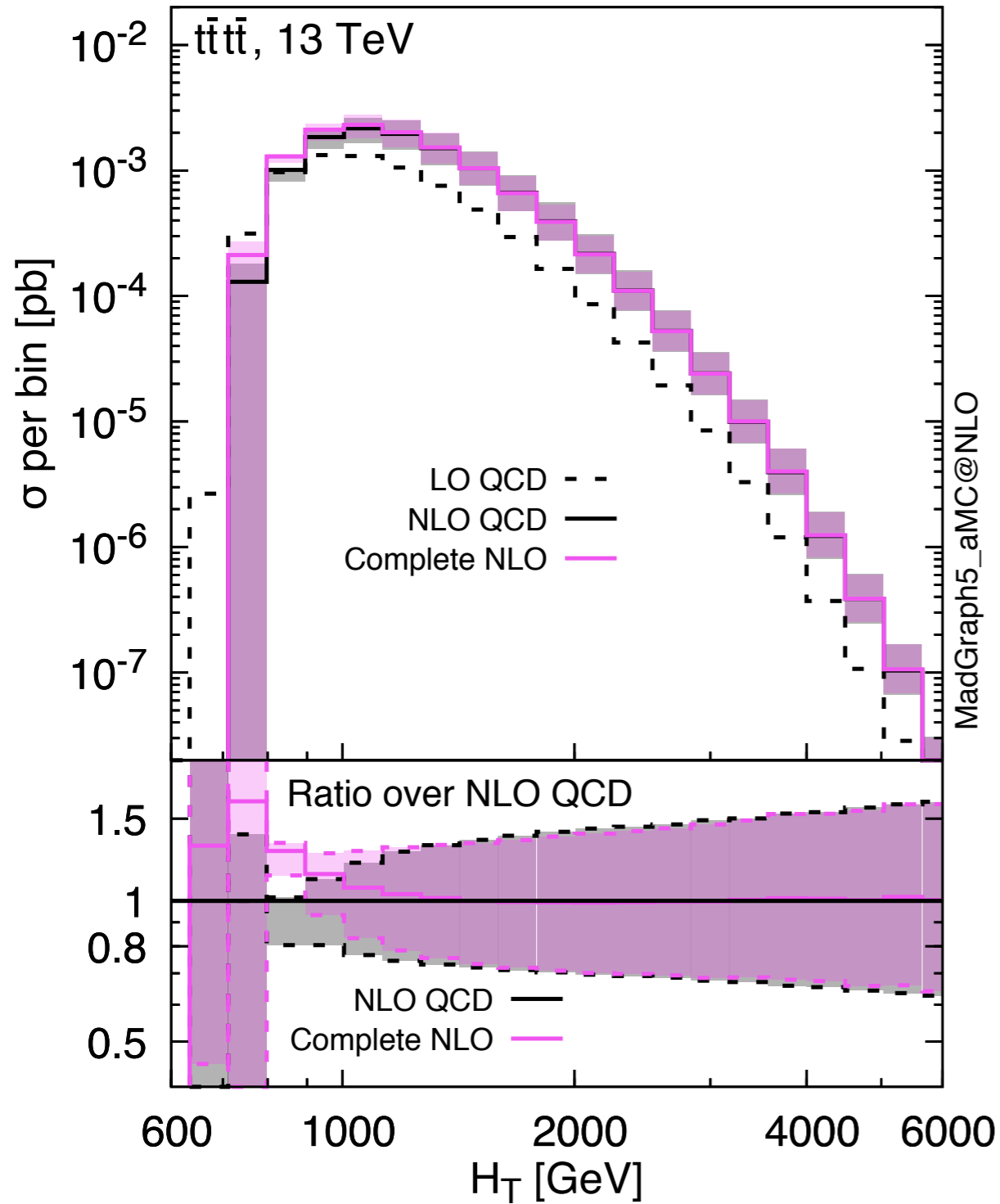
Distributions

13 TeV



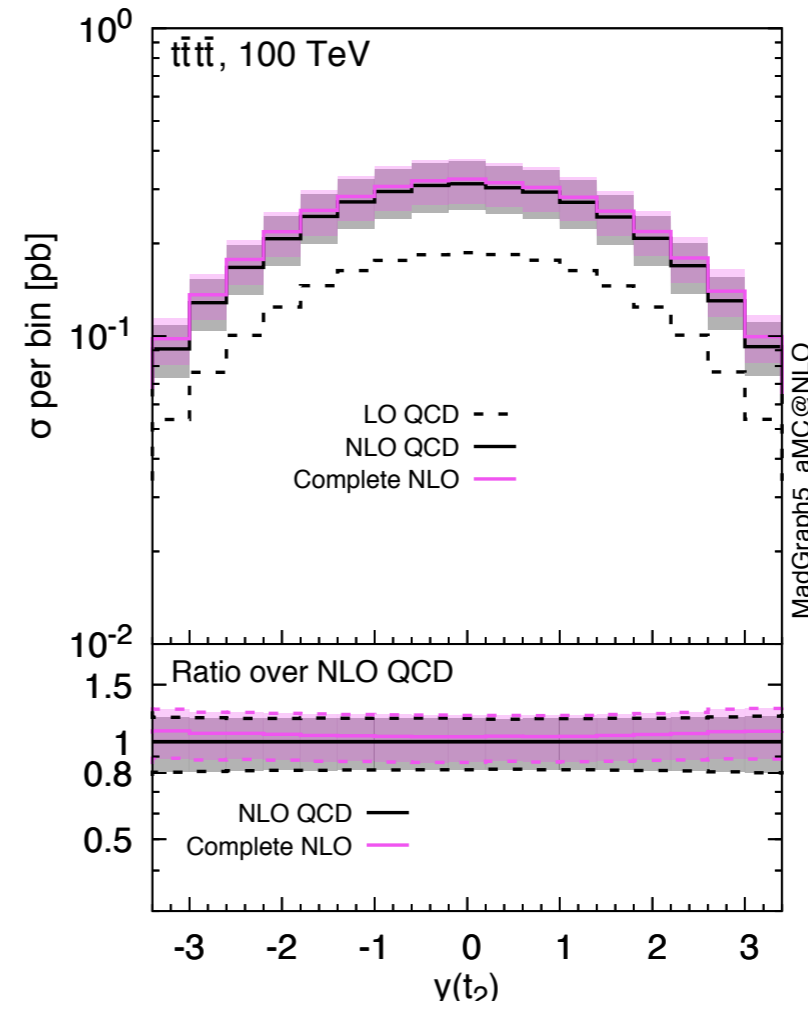
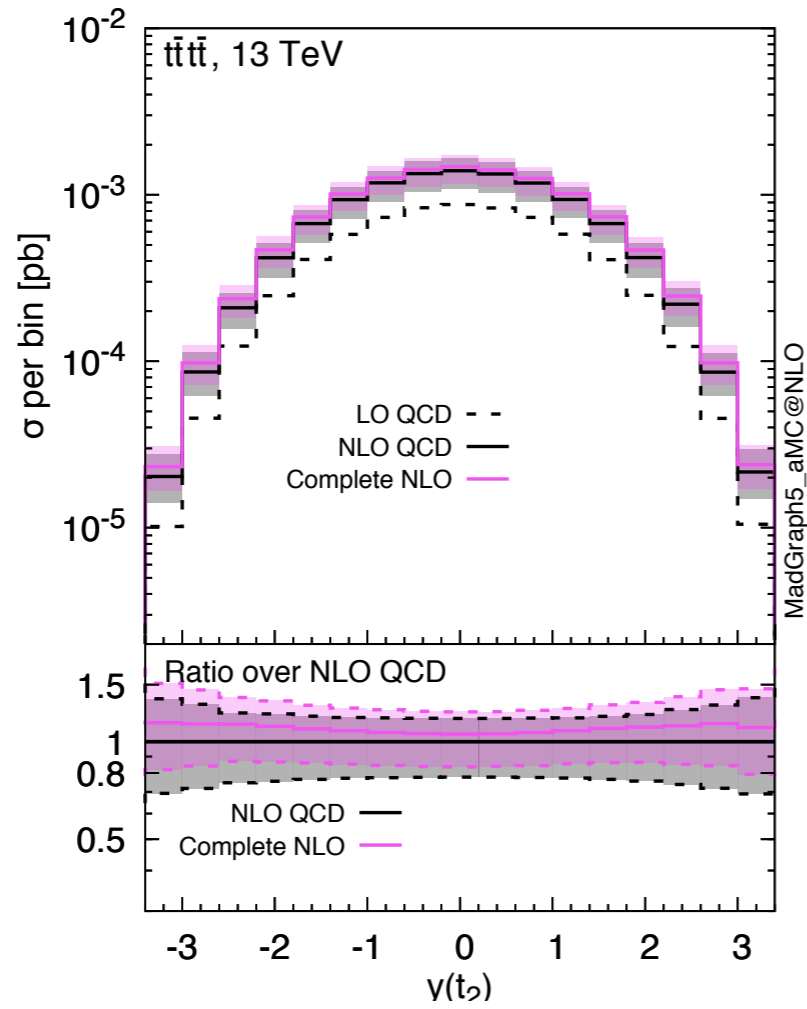
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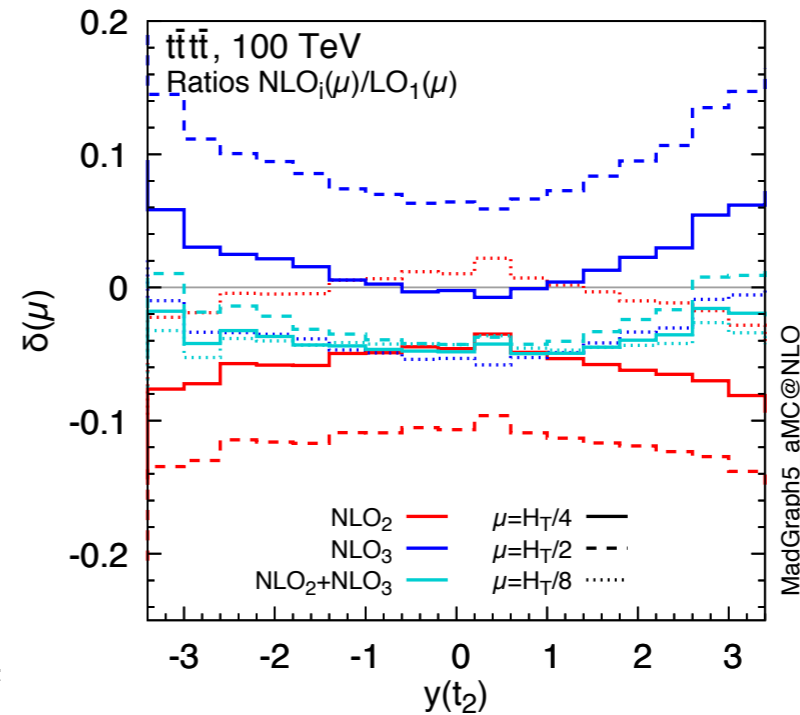
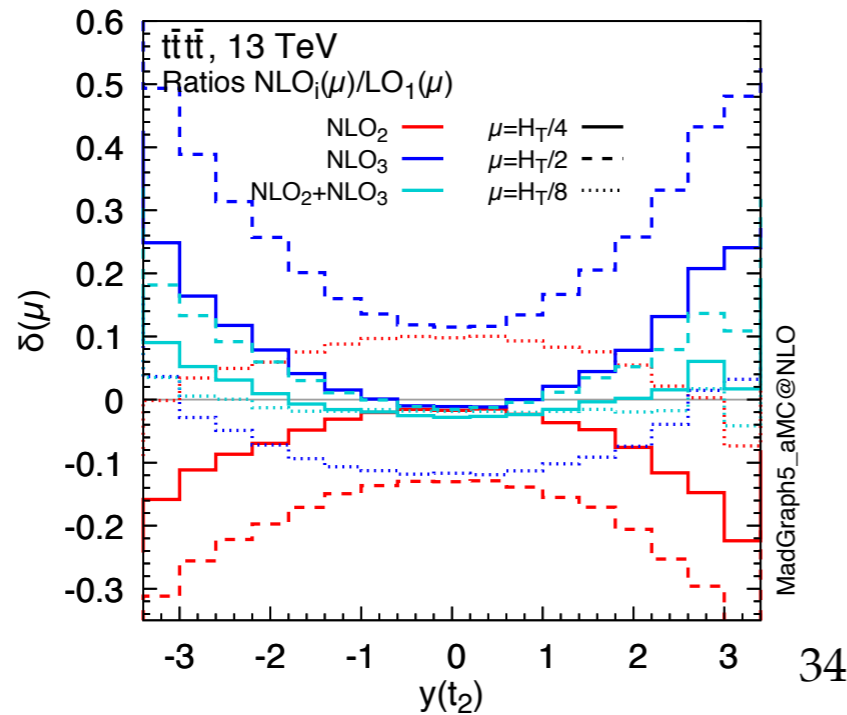


Distributions

13 TeV



100 TeV



Conclusion

NLO corrections are not only NLO QCD and NLO EW.

The complete-NLO includes further supposedly subleading terms that can actually be large.

ttW production is dominated at h.e. by $ttWj$ configurations, arising both in NLO QCD and NLO₃ corrections. A central-hard jet veto can kill NLO QCD corrections, while preserving NLO₃ ones, increasing the sensitivity to new physics.

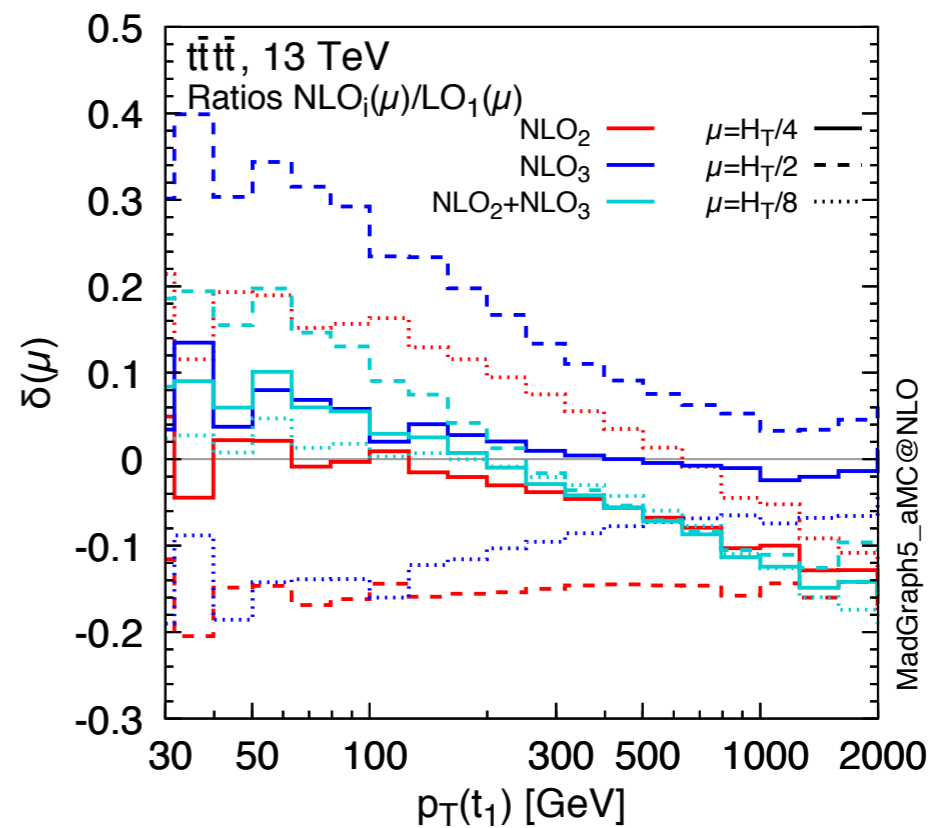
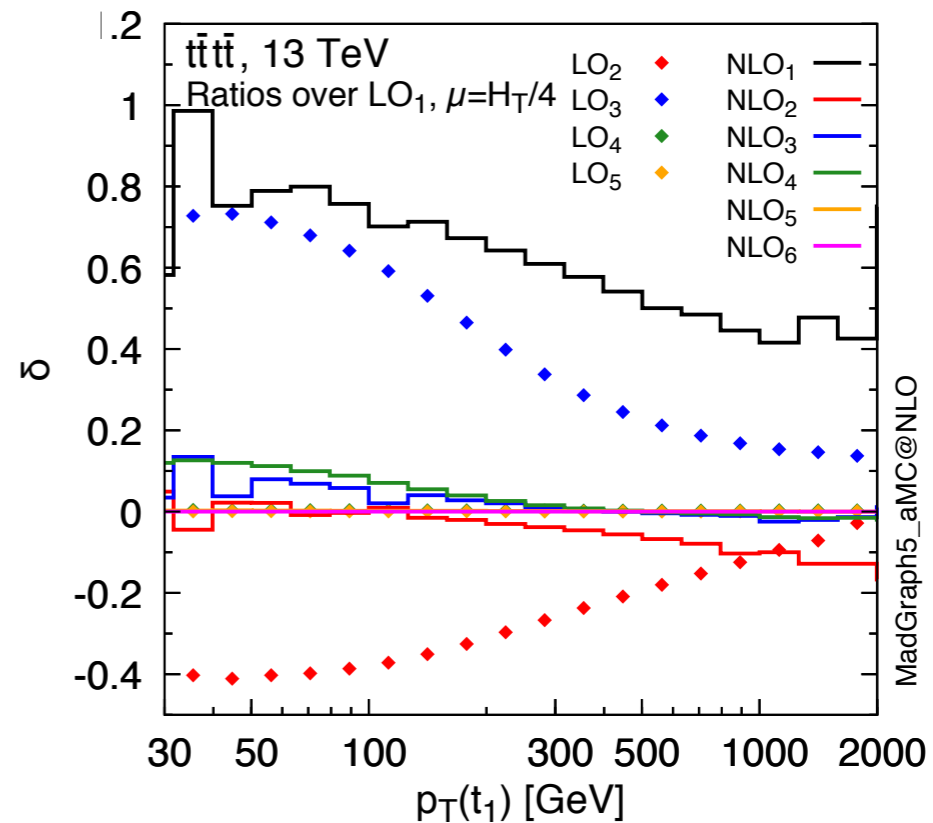
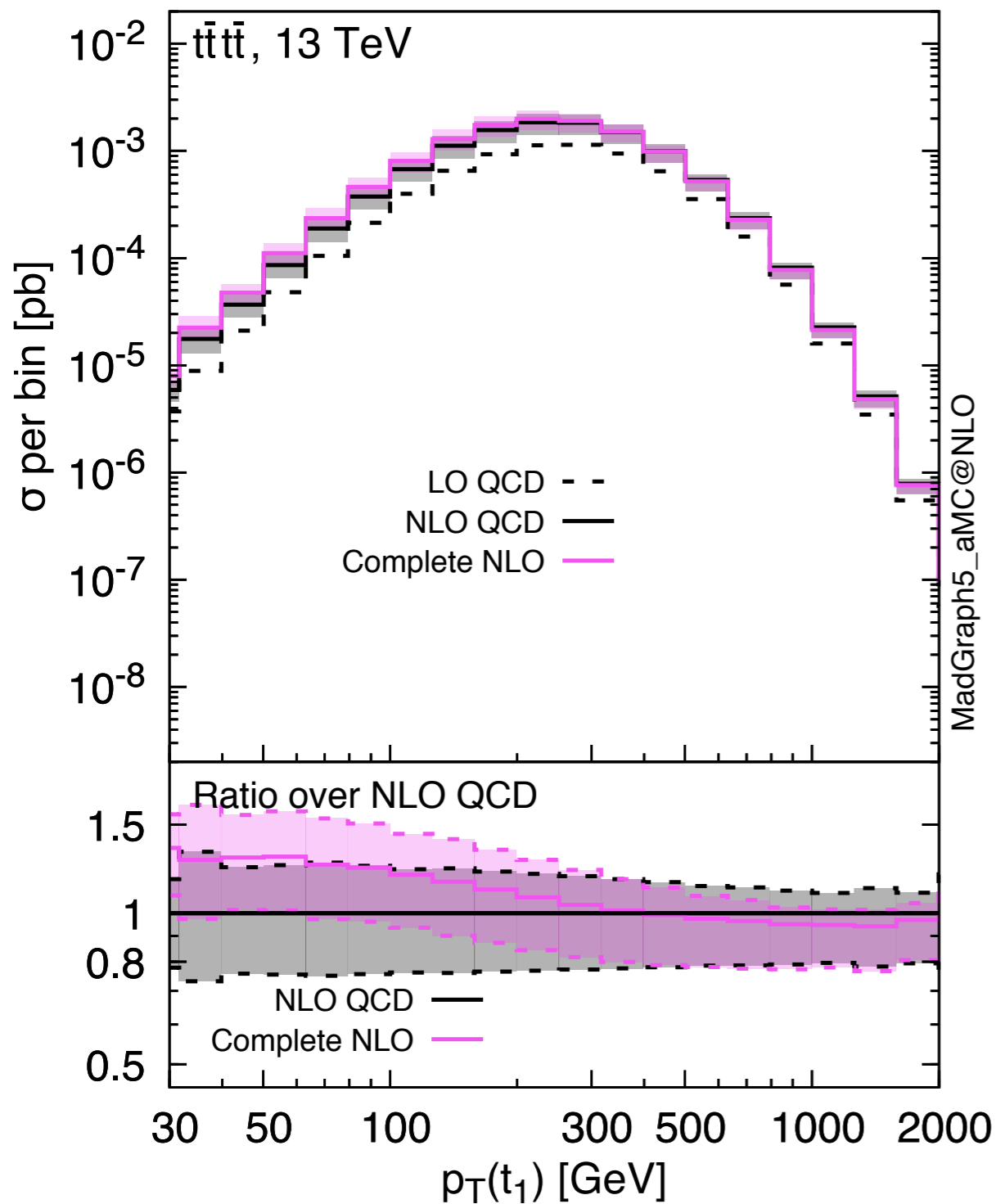
In four-top, complete-NLO \sim NLO QCD, but large cancellations are present within the complete-NLO. LO₂ and LO₃ are large and have also large cancellations. NLO₂ and NLO₃ are mainly given by ‘QCD corrections’ on top of them; they strongly depend on scale. Relevant for y_t determination.

At inclusive level NLO₂+NLO₃ is stable, at differential level cancellations disappear and even NLO₄ is large at the threshold.

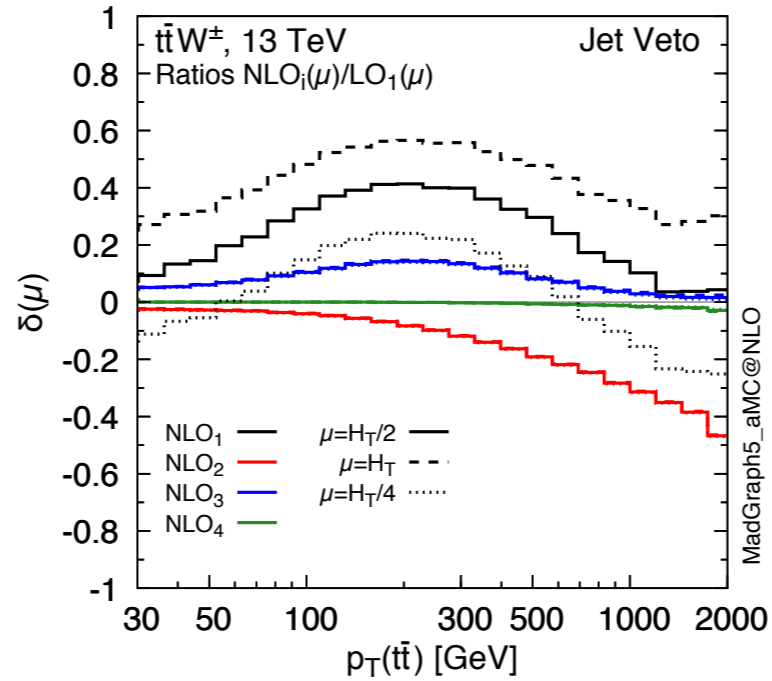
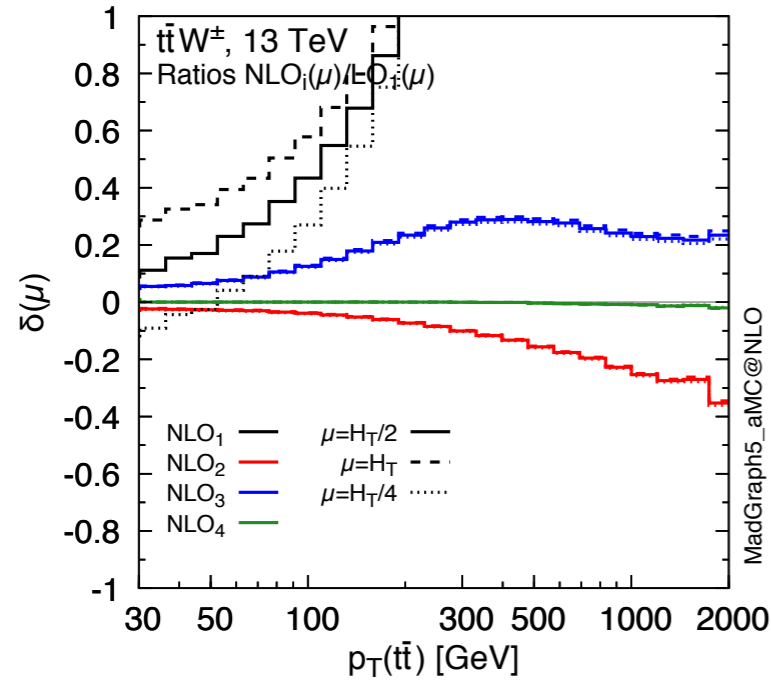
EXTRA SLIDES

Distributions

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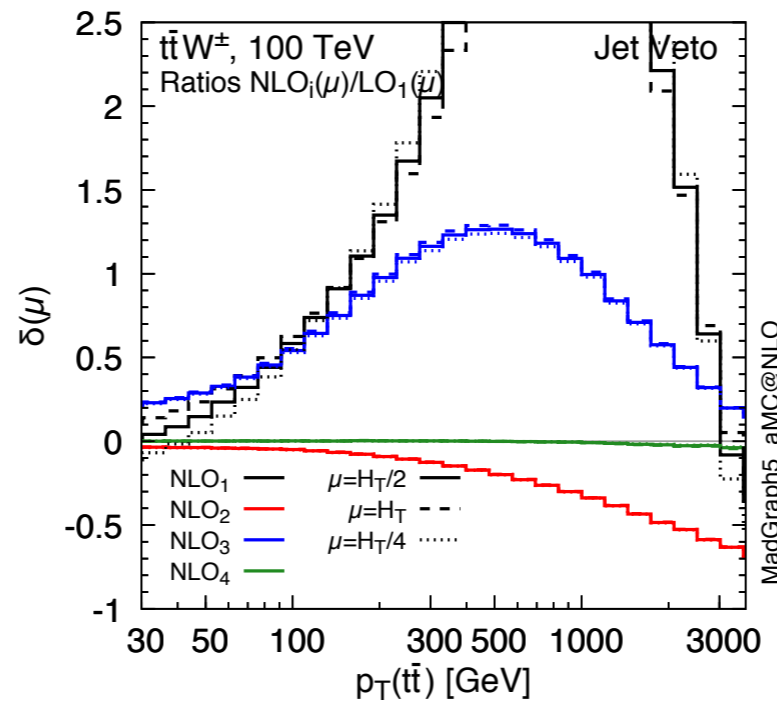
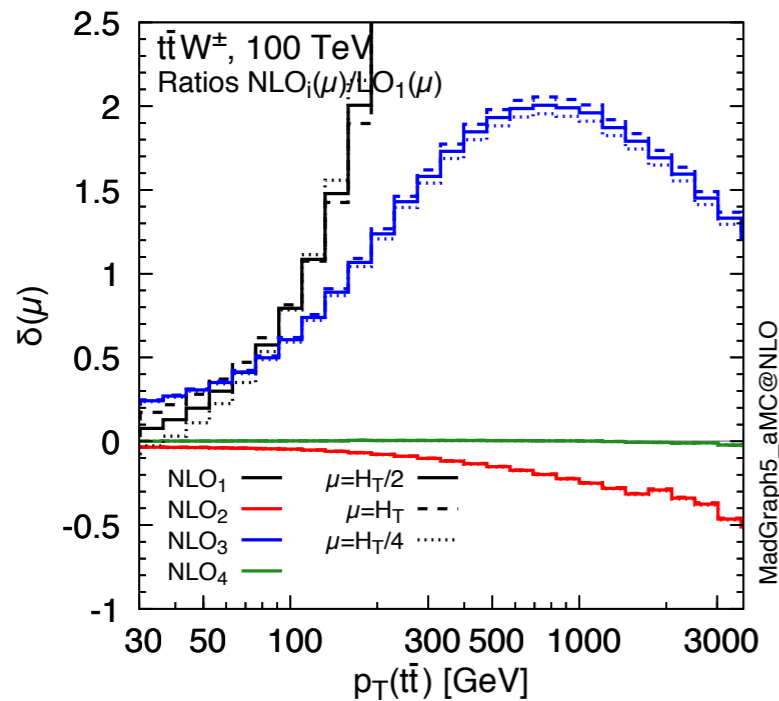


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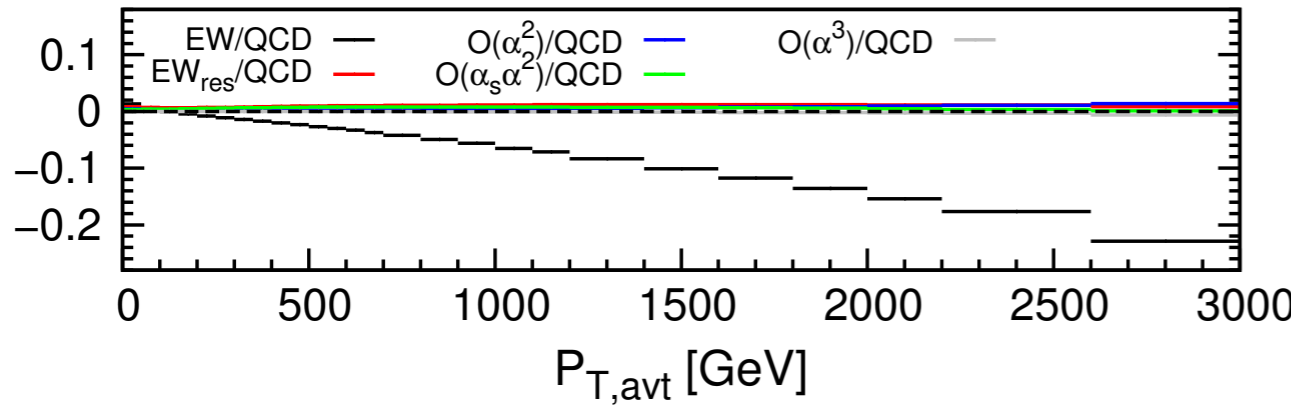
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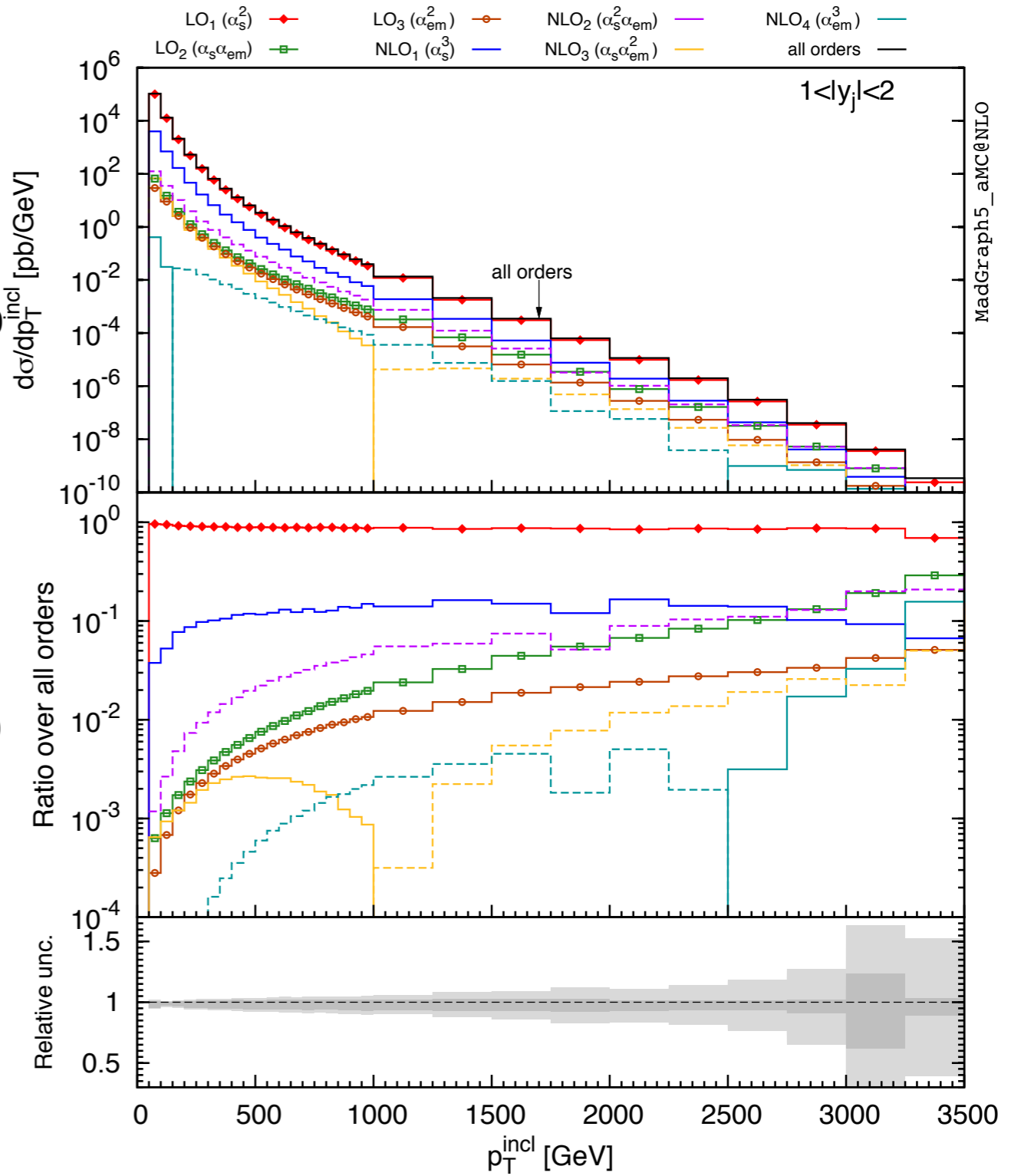
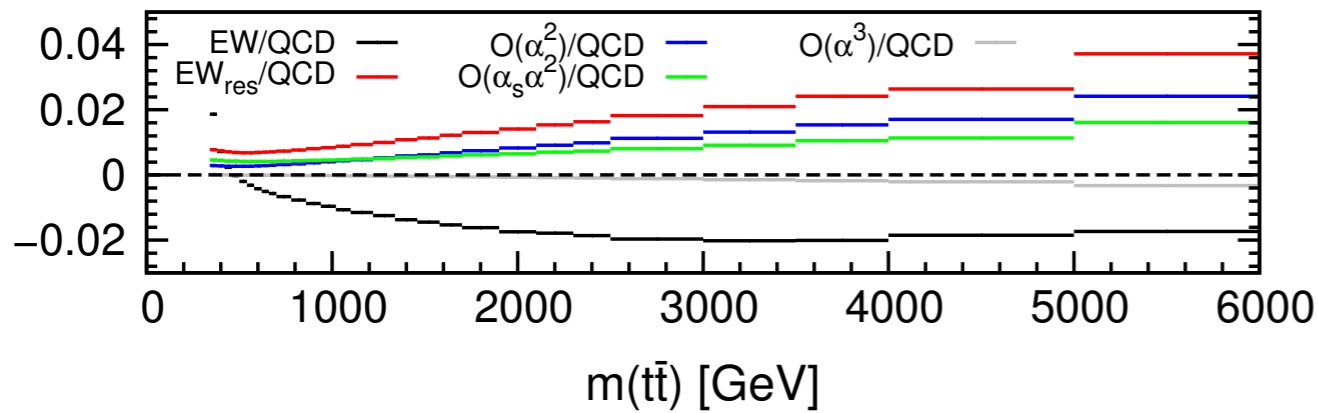
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dijet and ttbar production

$t\bar{t}$, LHC13, LUXQED

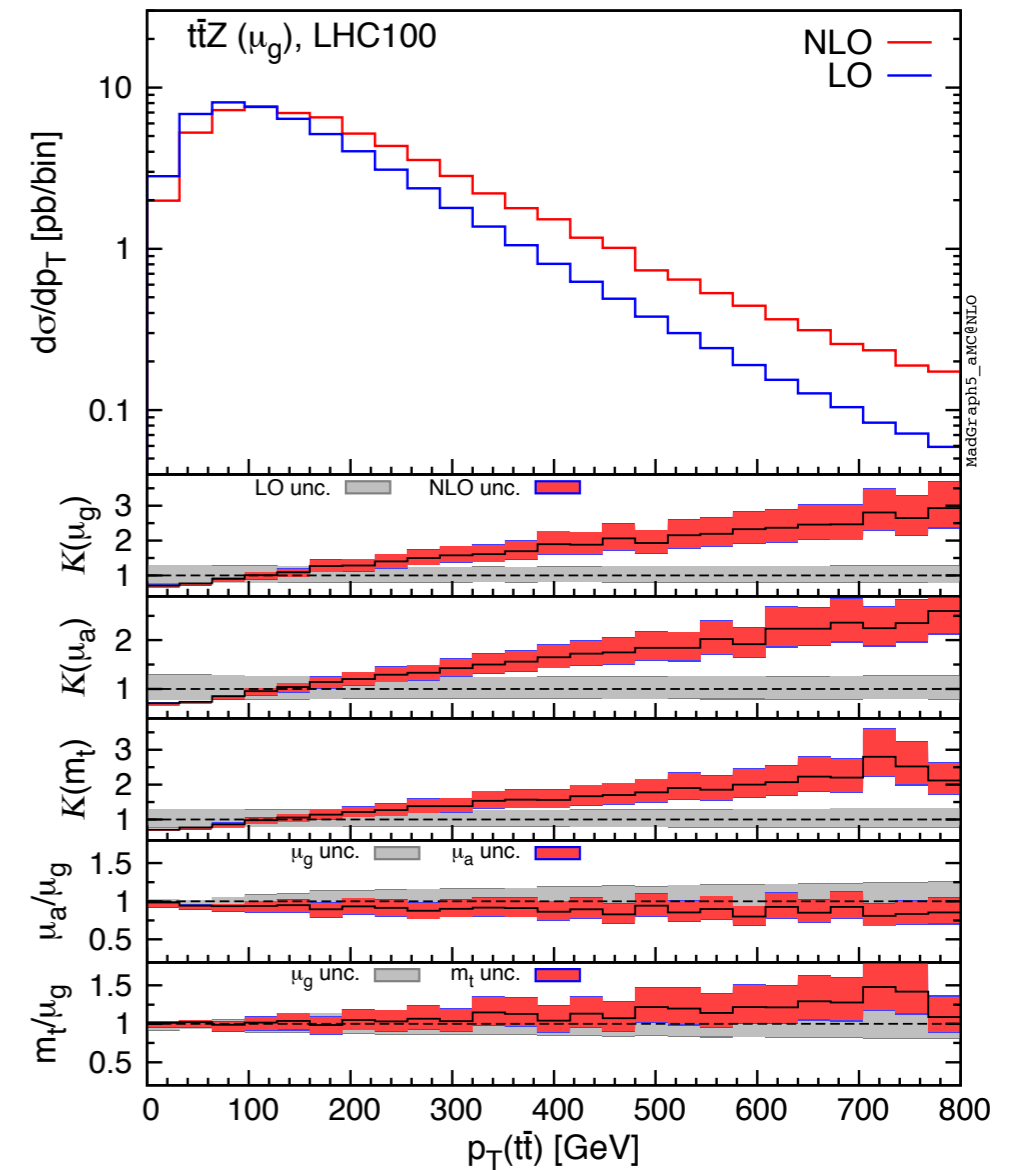
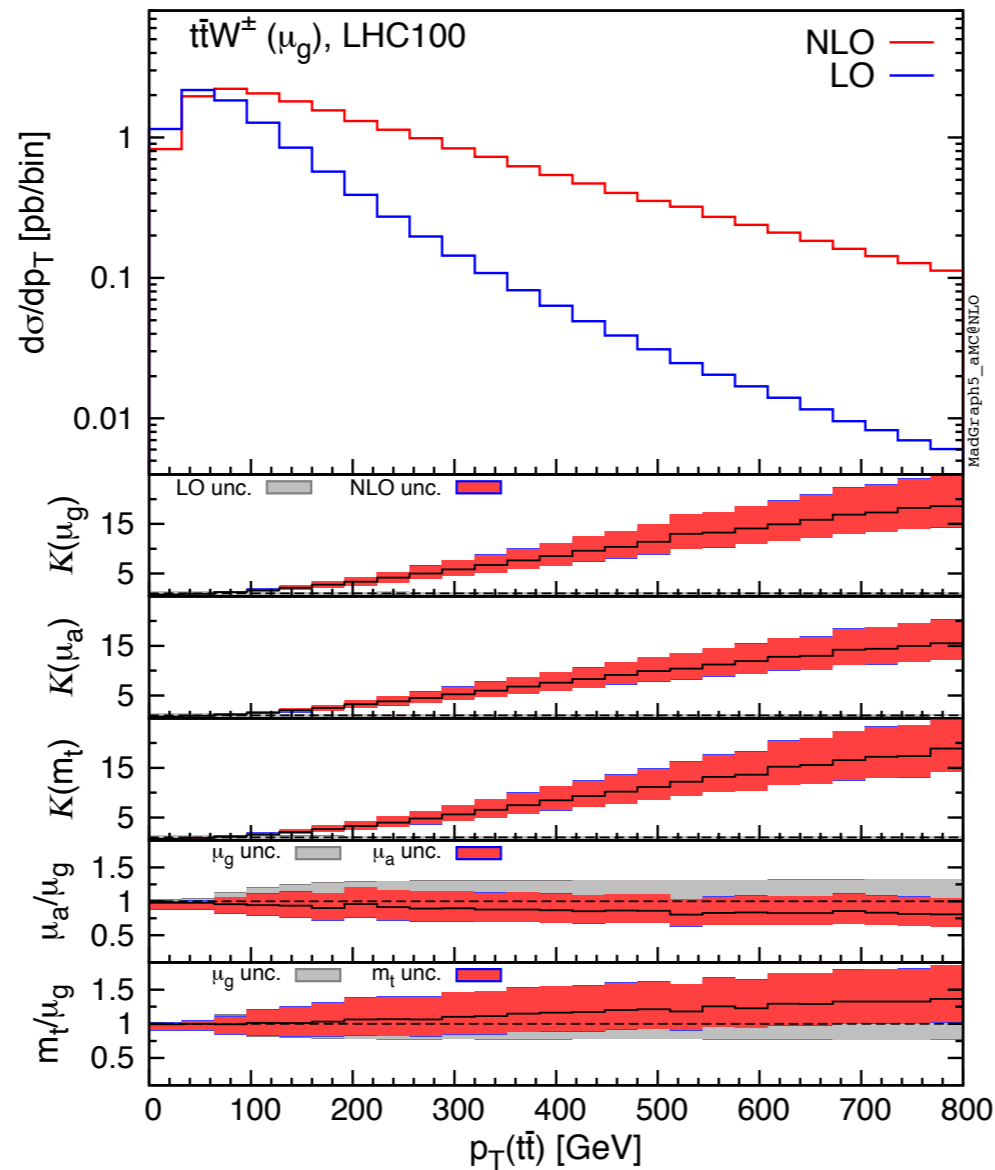
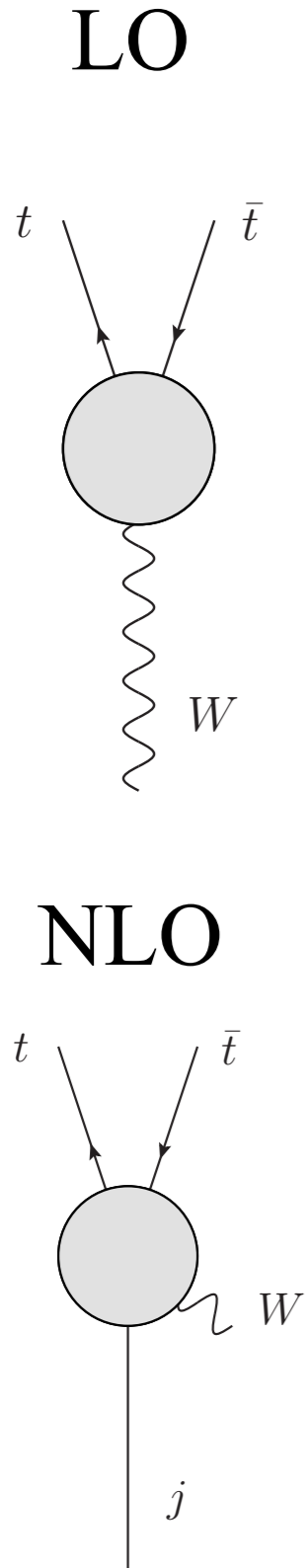


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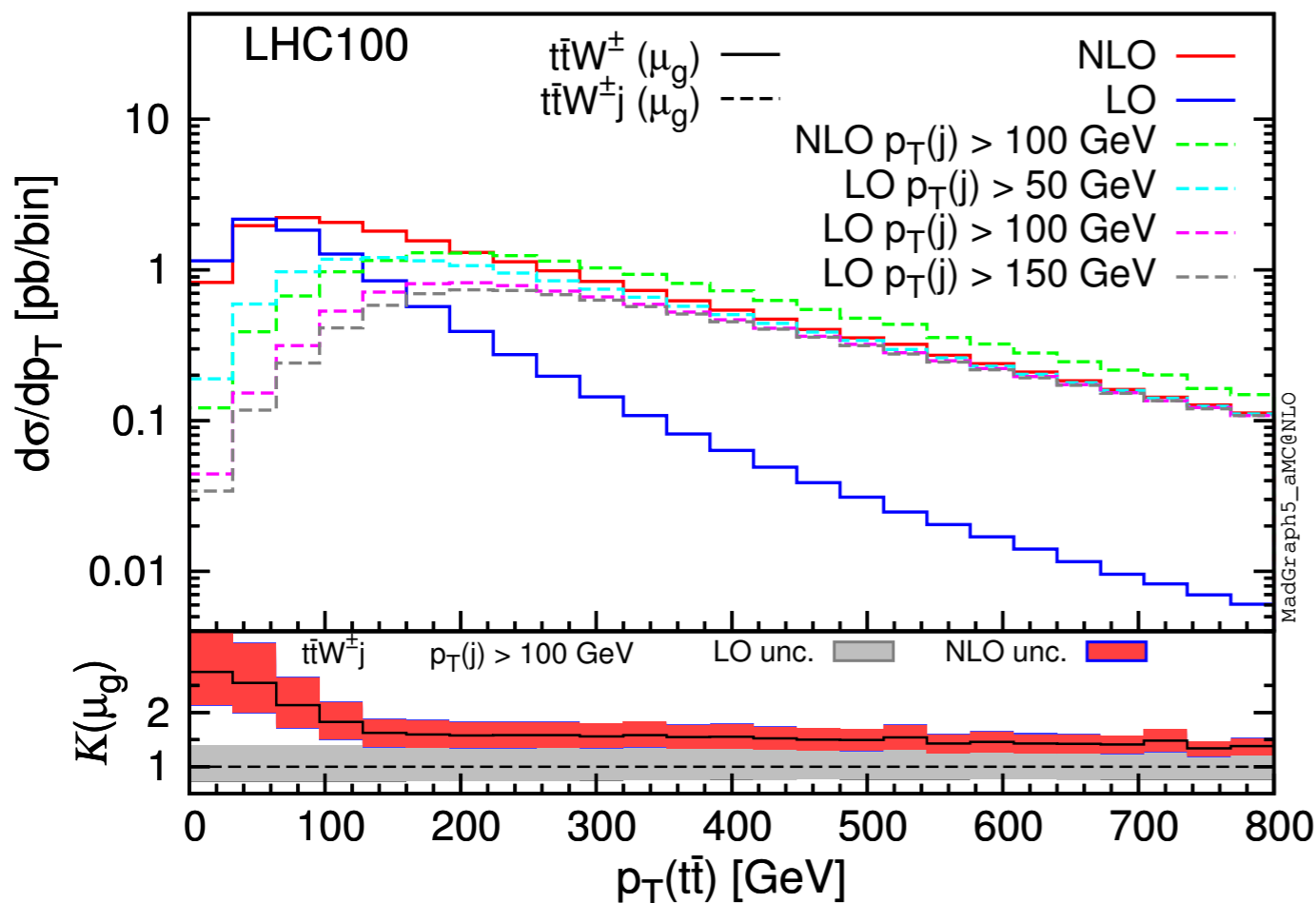
$p_T(tt)$ distribution in $tt\bar{V}$

based on Maltoni, DP, Tsinikos, arXiv:1507.05640



At LO top-quark pairs recoil always against V . At NLO, at large p_T , they mainly recoil against a jet, which can emit the V , leading to a correction of order $\alpha_s \log^2 [p_T(tt)/m_W]$. The effects are further enhanced in $tt\bar{W}^\pm$, where $qg \rightarrow tt\bar{W}^\pm q'$ has a gluon in the initial state, while the LO has not it. **1500 %₄₀ corrections at 800 GeV!**

$p_T(tt)$ distribution in $tt\bar{V}$



100 TeV σ [pb]	$ttHj$	$ttZj$	$ttW^{\pm}j$
NLO	$19.42^{+0.7\% +1.0\%}_{-4.9\% -1.2\%}$	$32.38^{+2.4\% +0.9\%}_{-7.4\% -1.1\%}$	$17.16^{+14.9\% +0.7\%}_{-13.7\% -0.6\%}$
LO	$27.02^{+39.3\% +1.1\%}_{-26.4\% -1.6\%}$	$39.81^{+39.8\% +1.1\%}_{-26.7\% -1.6\%}$	$15.67^{+37.7\% +0.5\%}_{-25.5\% -1.1\%}$
K -factor	0.72	0.81	1.10

Cross sections with $p_T(j) > 100$ GeV.

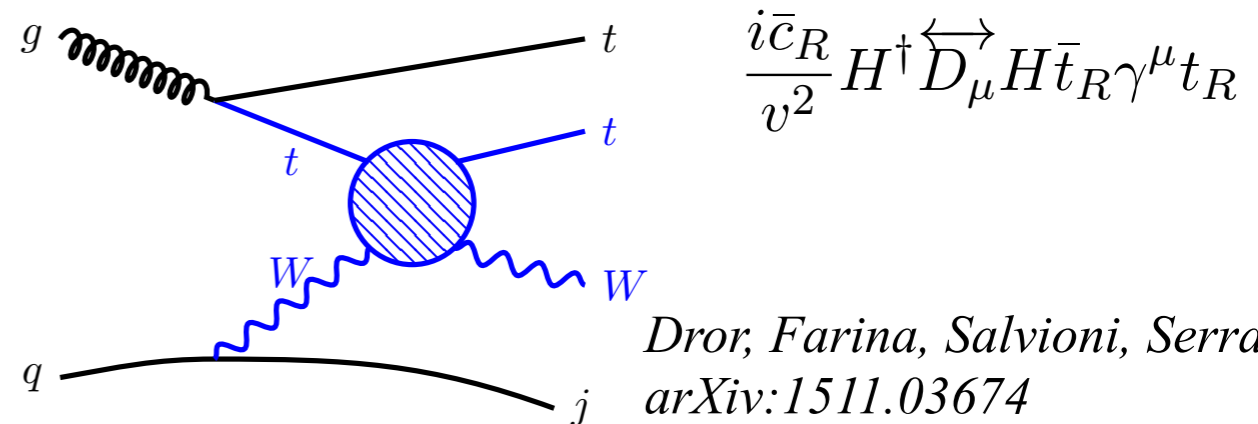
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arXiv:1507.05640

If NLO is 1500 % should we worry about NNLO or even h.o. corrections? **NO!**

In this regime we can limit the analysis to $tt\bar{W}^{\pm}j$, which does not exhibit this pathological behavior. The same applies for $tt\bar{H}j$ and $tt\bar{Z}j$.

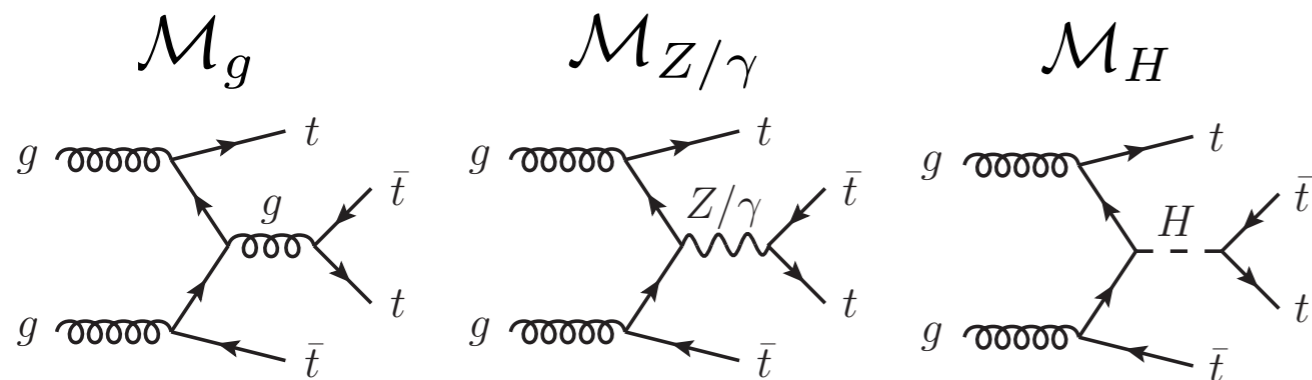
BSM

$tt\bar{W}^{\pm}j$ can be used for studying top and W scattering. Limits on \bar{c}_R are expected at the percent/permill level.



Dror, Farina, Salvioni, Serra
arXiv:1511.03674

y_t and Γ_H determination via $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$



$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^{\text{SM}}(t\bar{t}t\bar{t})_{g+Z/\gamma} &\propto |\mathcal{M}_g + \mathcal{M}_{Z/\gamma}|^2, \\ \sigma^{\text{SM}}(t\bar{t}t\bar{t})_H &\propto |\mathcal{M}_H|^2, \\ \sigma^{\text{SM}}(t\bar{t}t\bar{t})_{\text{int}} &\propto \mathcal{M}_{g+Z/\gamma}\mathcal{M}_H^\dagger + \mathcal{M}_{g+Z/\gamma}^\dagger\mathcal{M}_H\end{aligned}$$

The cross section depends on y_t to the fourth power.
It does not depend on Γ_H , since the Higgs is off-shell.

$$\sigma(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) = \sigma^{\text{SM}}(t\bar{t}t\bar{t})_{g+Z/\gamma} + \boxed{\kappa_t^2}\sigma_{\text{int}}^{\text{SM}} + \boxed{\kappa_t^4}\sigma^{\text{SM}}(t\bar{t}t\bar{t})_H$$

$$\kappa_t \equiv y_{Htt}/y_{Htt}^{\text{SM}}$$

In combination with the measurement of $t\bar{t}H$

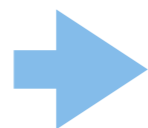
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H \rightarrow t\bar{t}xx) \rightarrow \mu_{t\bar{t}H}^{xx} \equiv \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^{\text{SM}}} = \frac{\kappa_t^2 \kappa_x^2}{R_\Gamma} \quad R_\Gamma \equiv \frac{\Gamma_H}{\Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}}$$

both y_t and Γ_H can be determined.

based on Cao, Chen, Liu
arXiv:1602.01934

100 TeV

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^{\text{SM}}(t\bar{t}t\bar{t})_{g+Z/\gamma} &: & 3276 \text{ fb} \\ \sigma^{\text{SM}}(t\bar{t}t\bar{t})_H &: & 271.3 \text{ fb} \\ \sigma^{\text{SM}}(t\bar{t}t\bar{t})_{\text{int}} &: & -356.9 \text{ fb}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}0.962 &\leq \kappa_t \leq 1.031 \\ 0.91 \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}} &\leq \Gamma_H \leq 1.08 \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}} \\ \text{for } \mathcal{L} &= 30 \text{ ab}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

