

# Transverse-momentum resummation for Drell-Yan lepton pair production at NNLL accuracy

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- 1 Drell-Yan  $q_T$  distribution and fixed order results
- 2 Transverse-momentum resummation
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# Motivations

The study of Drell-Yan lepton pair production is well motivated:

- Large production rates and clean experimental signatures:
  - Important for detector calibration.
  - Possible use as luminosity monitor.
- Transverse momentum distributions needed for:
  - Precise prediction for  $M_W$ .
  - Beyond the Standard Model analysis.
- Test of perturbative QCD predictions.
- Constrain for fits of PDFs.



## State of the art: fixed order calculations

Historically the Drell-Yan process [Drell,Yan('70)] was the first application of parton model ideas developed for deep inelastic scattering.

- QCD corrections:
  - Total cross section known up to NNLO ( $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ )  
[Hamberg,Van Neerven,Matsuura('91)], [Harlander,Kilgore('02)]
  - Rapidity distribution known up to NNLO  
[Anastasiou,Dixon,Melnikov,Petriello('03)]
  - Fully exclusive NNLO calculation completed  
[Melnikov,Petriello('06)], [Catani,Cieri,de Florian,G.F., Grazzini('09)]
  - Vector boson transverse-momentum distribution known up to NLO ( $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ )  
[Ellis et al.('83)], [Arnold,Reno('89)], [Gonsalves et al.('89)]
- Electroweak corrections are known at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$   
[Dittmaier et al.('02)], [Baur et al.('02)]



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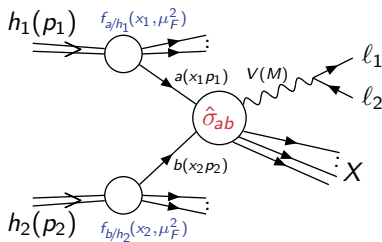
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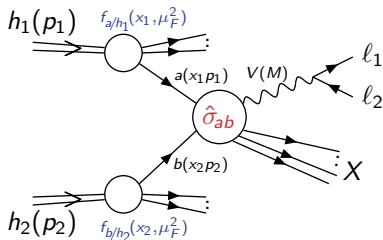
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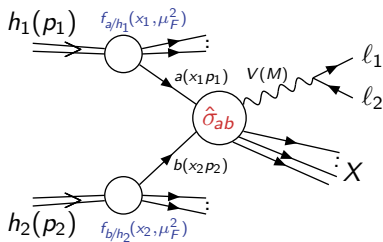
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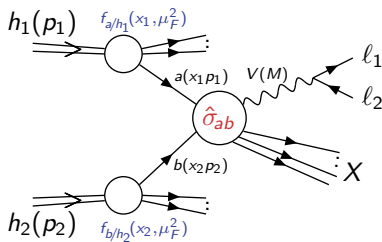
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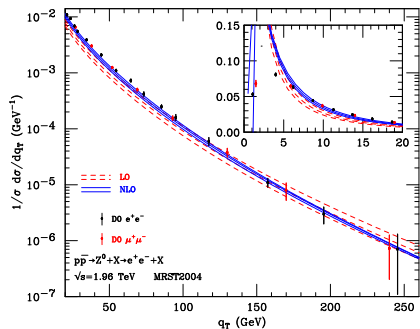
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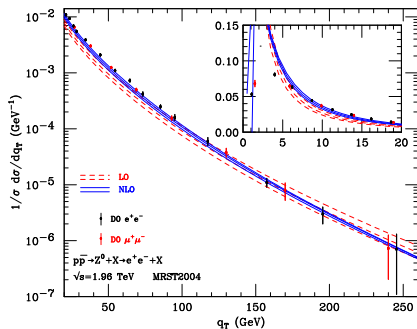


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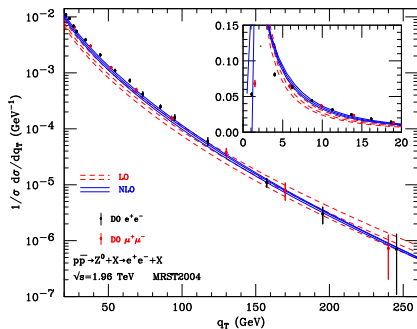
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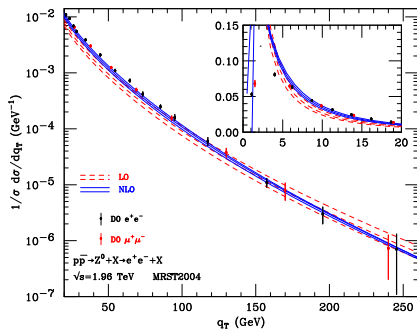


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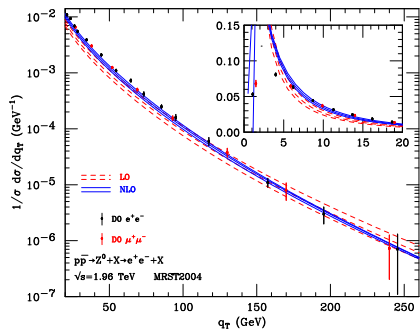
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[Parisi,Petronzio('79)], [Kodaira,Trentadue('82)], [Altarelli et al.('84)], [Collins,Soper,Sterman('85)], [Catani,de Florian,Grazzini('01)]
- Various phenomenological studies of the vector boson transverse momentum distribution exist  
[Balasz,Qiu,Yuan('95)], [Balasz,Yuan('97)], [Ellis et al.('97)], [Kulesza et al.('02)]
- Recently various results for transverse momentum resummation in the framework of Effective Theories appeared [Gao,Li,Liu('05), Idilbi, Ji, Yuan('05), Mantry,Petriello('10), Becher,Neubert('10)].
- In this study we apply for Drell-Yan transverse-momentum distribution the resummation formalism developed by [Catani,de Florian, Grazzini('01)] already applied for the case of Higgs boson production [Bozzi,Catani,de Florian, Grazzini('03,'06,'08)].



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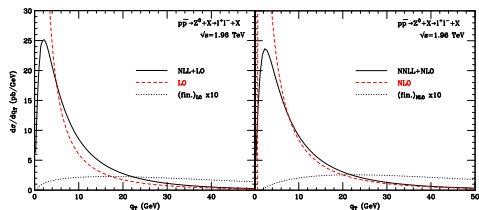
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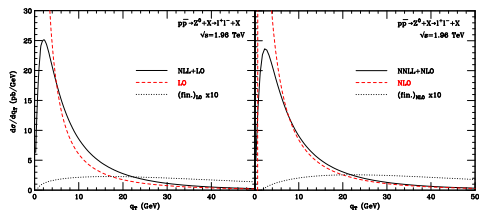
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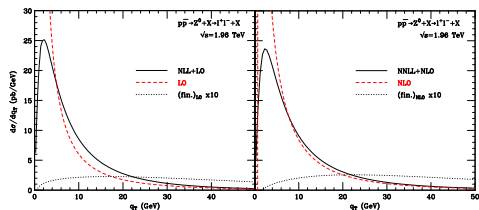


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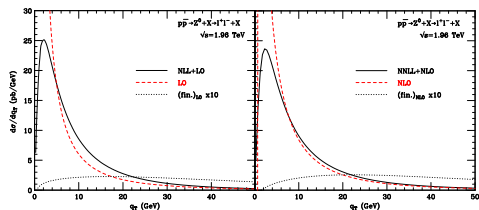
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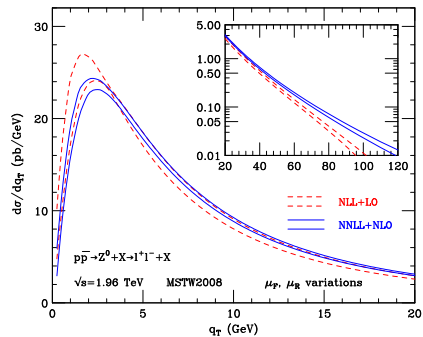
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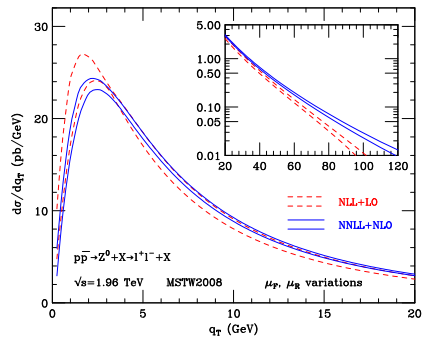
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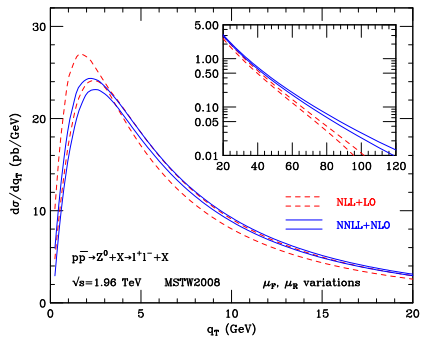
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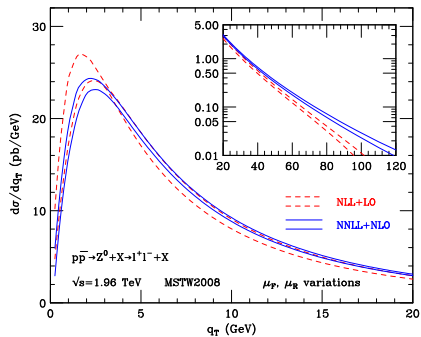
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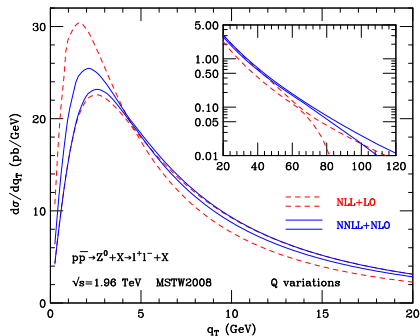
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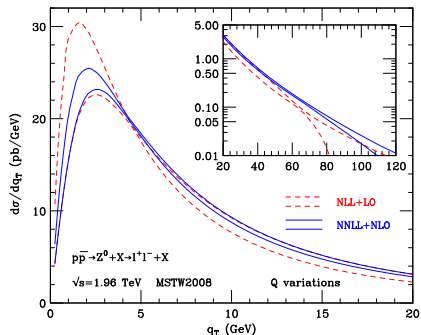
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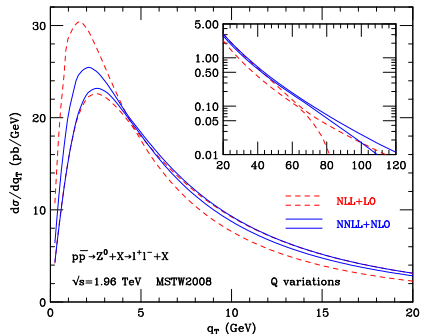


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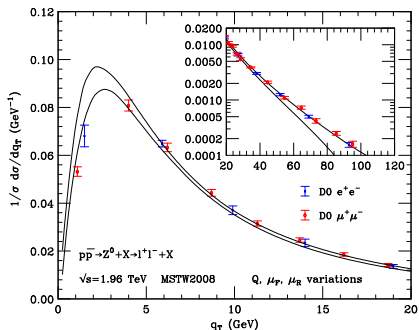
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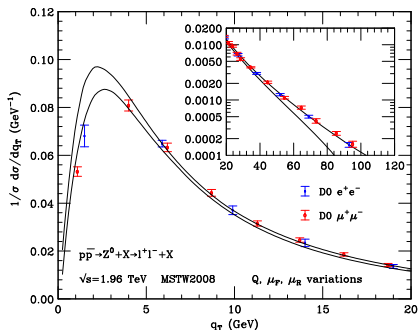
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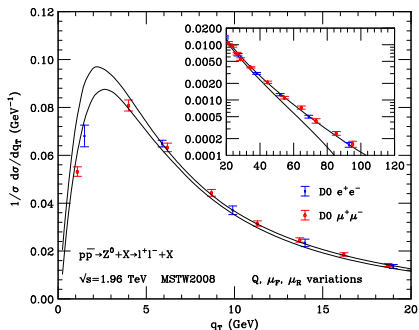
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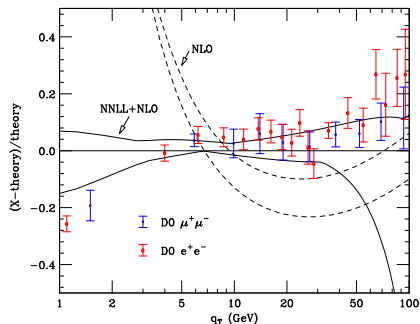
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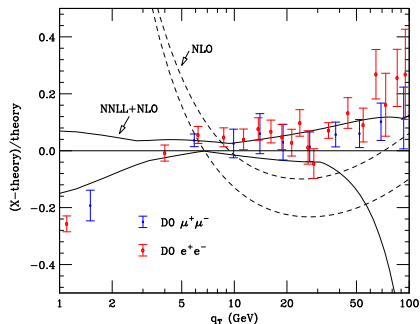
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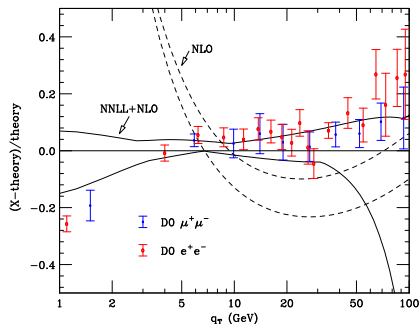
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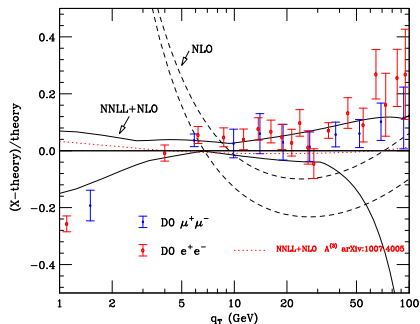
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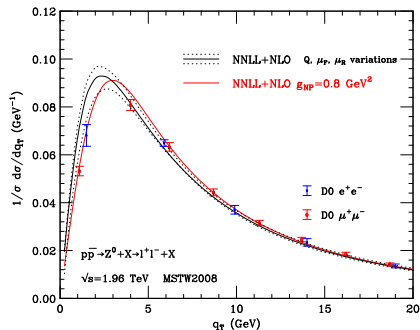


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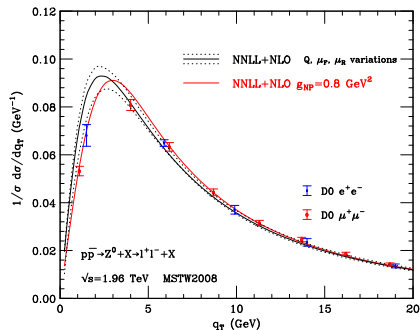
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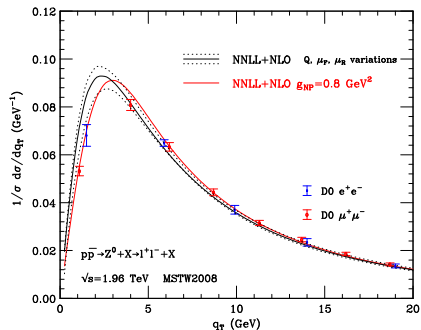
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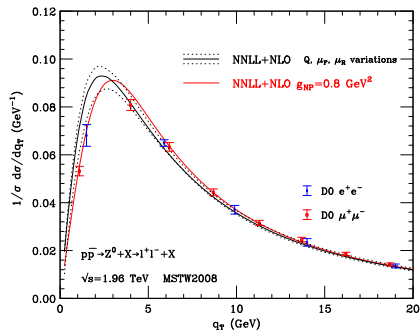
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