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Electroweak corrections
to LHC processes

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Features of and issues in EW precision calculations

Relevance and size of EW corrections

generic size $\mathcal{O}(\alpha) \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ suggests NLO EW \sim NNLO QCD
but systematic enhancements possible, e.g.

- **by photon emission**
↪ kinematical effects, mass-singular log's $\propto \alpha \ln(m_\mu/Q)$ for bare muons, etc.
- **at high energies**
↪ EW Sudakov log's $\propto (\alpha/s_W^2) \ln^2(M_W/Q)$ and subleading log's

Instability of W and Z bosons

- realistic observables have to be defined via decay products (leptons, γ 's, jets)
- off-shell effects $\sim \mathcal{O}(\Gamma/M) \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ are part of the NLO EW corrections

Instability of Higgs boson(s)

- small off-shell effects for small Higgs masses where $\Gamma_H \ll M_H$
- leads to complicated resonance processes if Γ_H/M_H not small

EW corrections to PDFs at hadron colliders

induced by factorization of collinear initial-state singularities

Electroweak effects in PDFs

Analogy to QCD-improved parton model:

Collinear splittings $q \rightarrow q\gamma$, $\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ lead to quark mass singularities

\hookrightarrow absorb $\alpha \ln m_q$ singularities via factorization into redefined PDFs

Before 2004: **no $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ -corrected PDFs available**

\hookrightarrow factorization of collinear singularities in $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme

but: neglect $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ effects in PDFs

Estimate of neglected $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ effects in PDFs:

$$\Delta(\text{PDF}) \lesssim 0.3\% (1\%) \quad \text{for } x < 0.1 (0.4), \quad \mu_{\text{fact}} \sim M_W$$

Spiesberger '95, '99; Roth, Weinzierl '04

Since 2004: **MRST2004QED set of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ -corrected PDFs**

Martin, Roberts, Stirling, Thorne '04

- additional real corrections from photons in initial state

\hookrightarrow typically $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$, but with large uncertainties

- uncertainty of γ PDF $\sim \mathcal{O}(20\%)$ or more

- **But:** MRST2004QED outdated

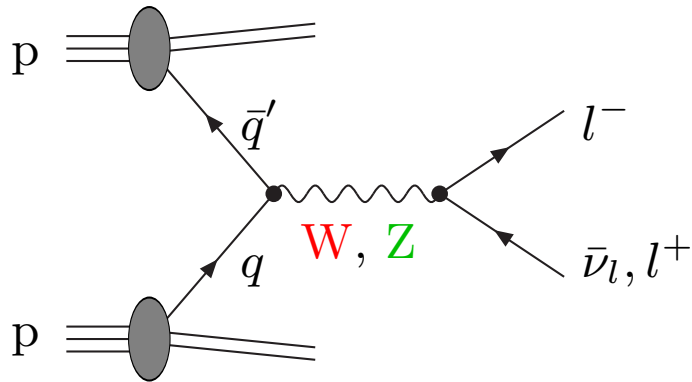
\hookrightarrow recipe: use only γ PDF from MRST2004QED, but other PDFs from state-of-the-art PDFs

Electroweak corrections

... Drell–Yan-like W/Z production



W- and Z-boson production at hadron colliders



Physics goals:

- M_Z → detector calibration by comparing with LEP1 result
- $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$ → comparison with results of LEP1 and SLC
- M_W → improvement to $\Delta M_W \sim 15 \text{ MeV}$, strengthen EW precision tests
(W/Z shape comparisons even sensitive to $\Delta M_W \sim 7 \text{ MeV}$ at LHC)
Besson et al. '08
- decay widths Γ_Z and Γ_W from M_{ll} or $M_{T,l\nu_l}$ tails
- search for Z' and W' at high M_{ll} or $M_{T,l\nu_l}$
- information on PDFs

NLO EW corrections to W/Z production:

- NLO EW correction to W production
- NLO EW correction to Z production
- multi-photon radiation via leading logs
- photon-induced processes
- POWHEG matching of QCD/EW corrections
- NLO SUSY corrections in the MSSM
- steps towards $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ corrections (virtual corrections)

S.D., Krämer '01; Zykunov '01;
Baur, Wackerroth '04; Arbuzov et al. '05
Carloni Calame et al. '06; S.D./Huber '09

Baur, Keller, Sakumoto '97; Baur, Wackerroth '99
Brein, Hollik, Schappacher '99; Zykunov '05;
Arbuzov et al. '06; Carloni Calame et al. '07; S.D., Huber '09

Baur, Stelzer '99; Carloni Calame et al. '03
Placzek, Jadach '04; Breusing et al. '07; S.D., Huber '09

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Bernaciak, Wackerroth '12; Barze et al. '13

Breusing et al. '07; S.D., Huber '09

Bonciani '11

Comparison of NLO EW corrections to W production:

pp $\rightarrow \nu_l l^+ (+\gamma)$ at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV

Les Houches SMH proceedings '06

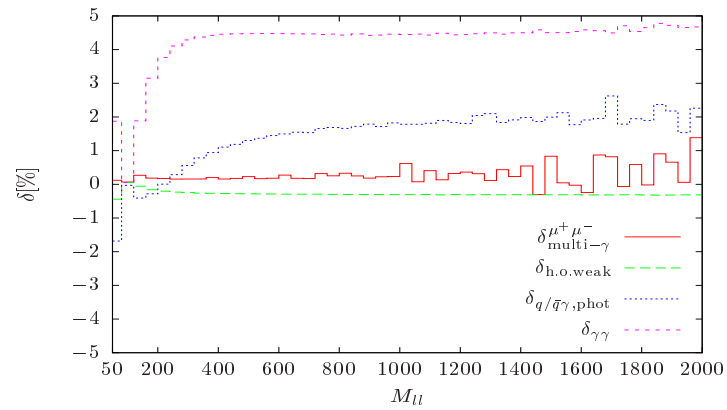
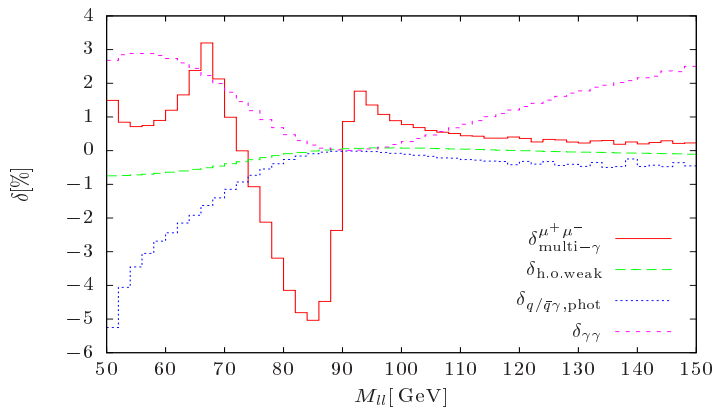
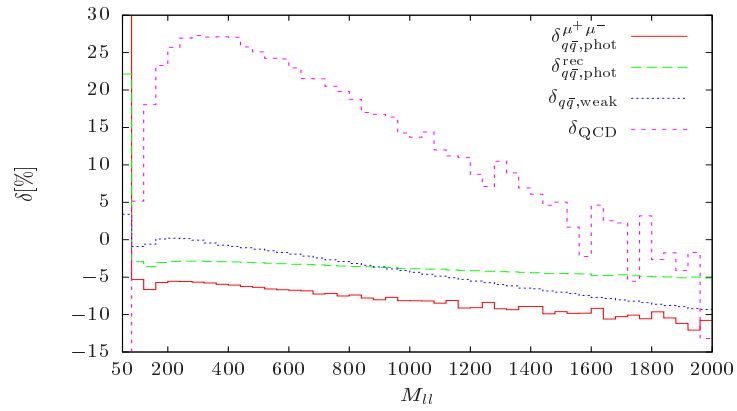
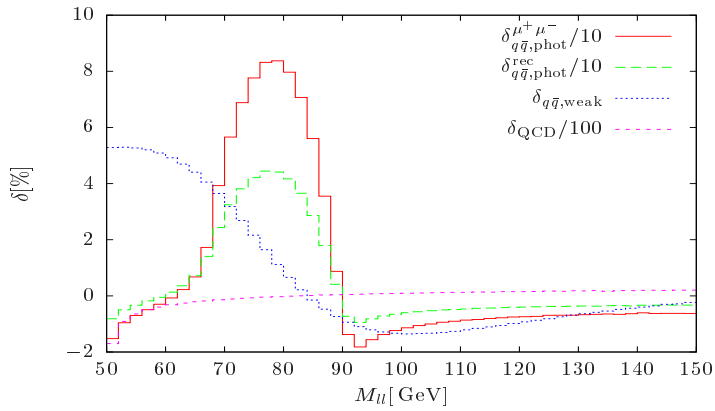
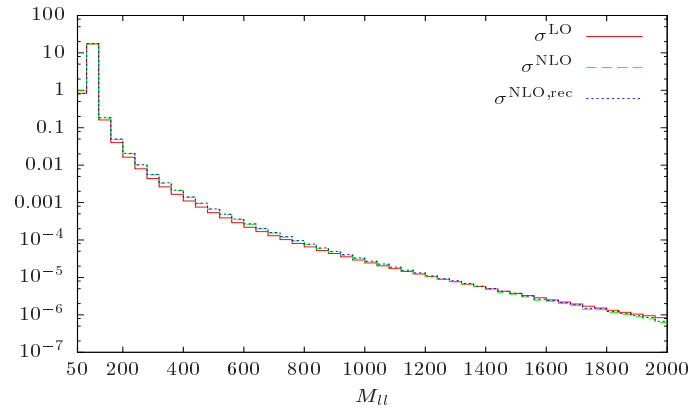
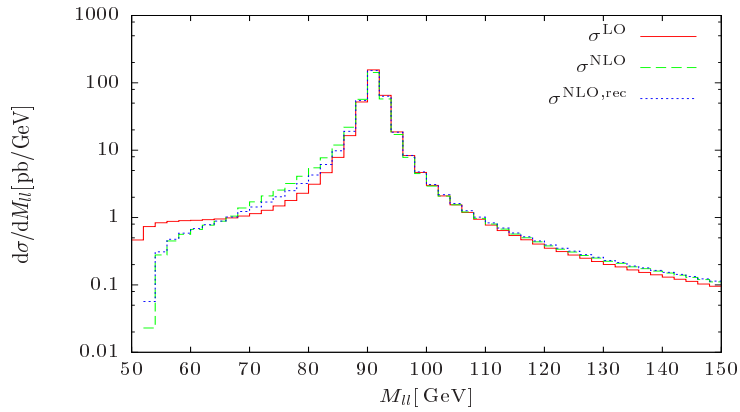
$M_{T,\nu_l l}/\text{GeV}$	50 $-\infty$	100 $-\infty$	200 $-\infty$	500 $-\infty$	1000 $-\infty$	2000 $-\infty$
σ_0/pb						
DK	2112.2(1)	13.152(2)	0.9452(1)	0.057730(5)	0.0054816(3)	0.00026212(1)
$\delta_{\mu+\nu_\mu}/\%$						
DK	-2.75(1)	-5.03(2)	-7.98(1)	-14.43(1)	-21.99(1)	-32.15(1)
HORACE	-2.77(1)	-5.08(1)	-8.01(1)	-14.44(1)	-21.99(1)	-32.16(1)
SANC	-2.76(2)	-5.06(2)	-7.96(2)	-14.41(2)	-21.94(2)	-32.12(2)
WGRAD	-2.69(1)	-4.84(1)	-7.96(1)	-14.48(1)	-22.03(1)	-32.3(1)

Comments:

- **Large corrections at transverse / invariant W/Z masses** (EW Sudakov logs, etc.)
- technical agreement between NLO EW results of different groups good ($\sim 0.1\%$)
 \hookrightarrow ongoing tuned comparison within LPCC “LHC EW Working Group”
- relevance of photon-induced processes for photon PDF ?!
- relevance of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ corrections for M_W determination ?!

Corrections to Z production – overview

S.D., Huber '09



$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-$ – a handle on the photon PDF ?

Impact of $\gamma\gamma$ and $q\gamma$ channels enhanced above Z pole !

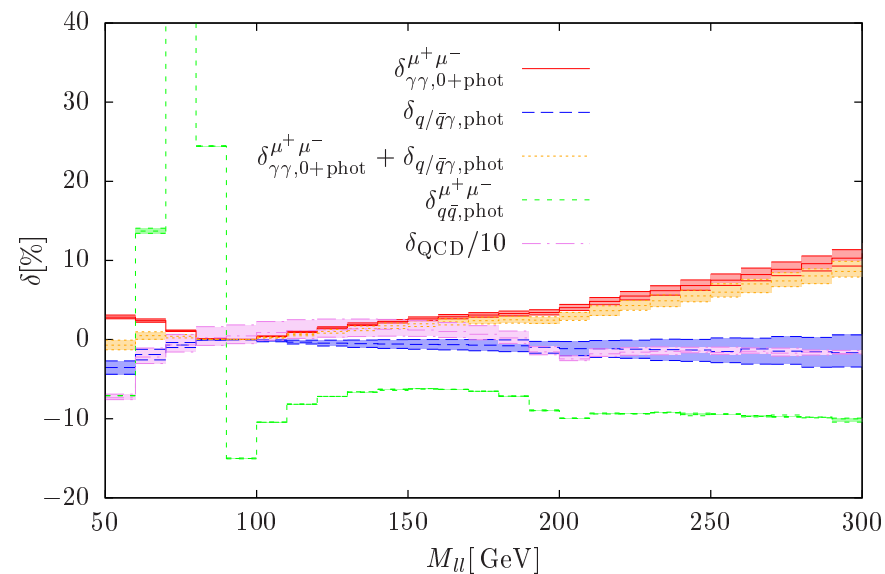
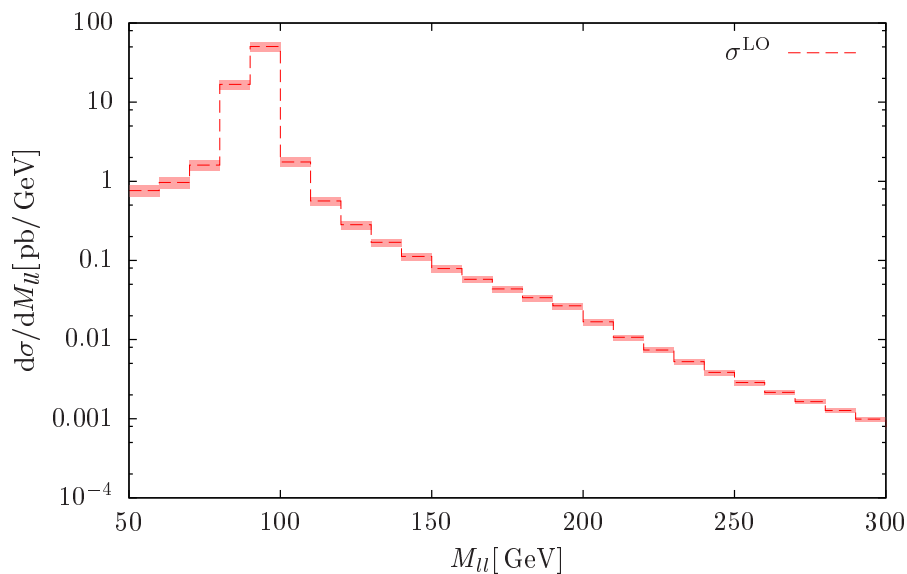
Note: $\gamma\gamma$ channel prefers scattering angles $\theta^* \rightarrow 0, \pi$!

LO kinematics: $M_{ll} = \sqrt{\hat{s}}$, $p_{T,l} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\hat{s}} \sin \theta^* = \frac{1}{2}M_{ll} \sin \theta^*$

\hookrightarrow Enhance $\gamma\gamma$ channel by cuts on $p_{T,l}$?!

Scenario (c): $p_{T,l\pm} < 100$ GeV

S.D., Huber '09



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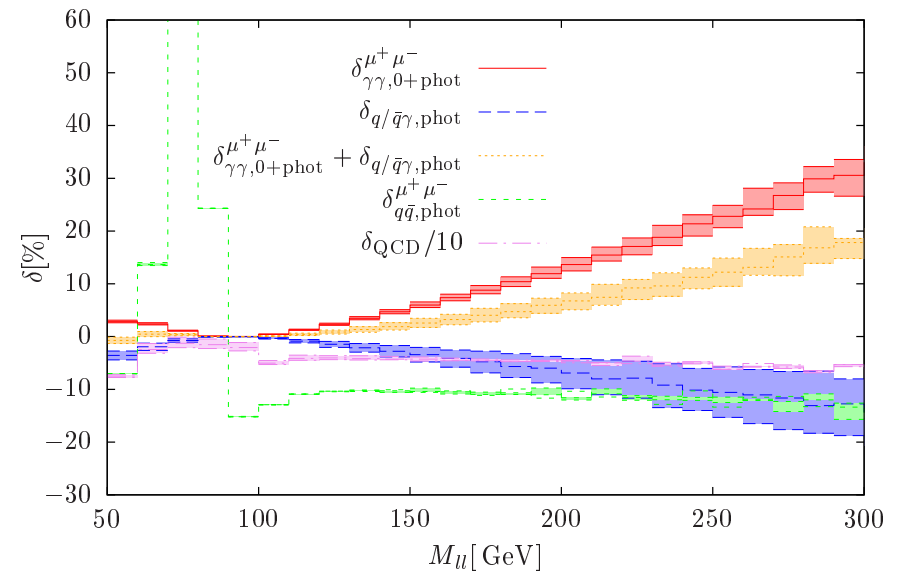
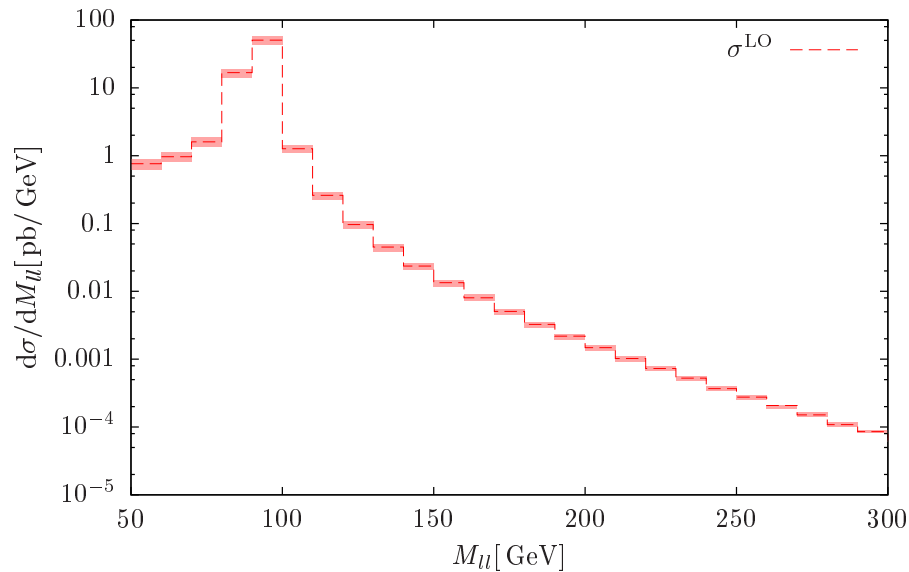
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Scenario (b): $p_{T,l\pm} < 50$ GeV

S.D., Huber '09



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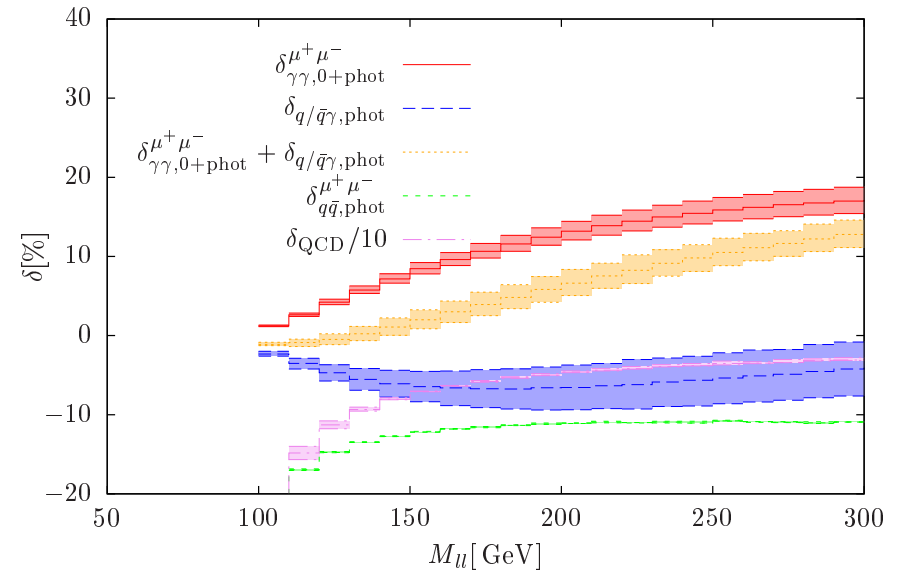
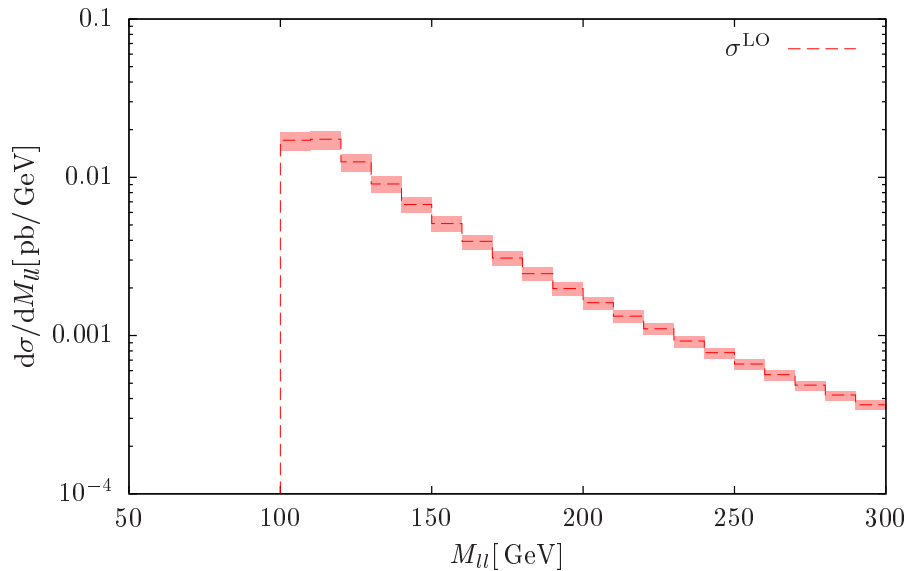
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Scenario (a): $p_{T,l\pm} < M_{ll}/4$ ($\sin \theta^* < \frac{1}{2}$ in LO)

S.D., Huber '09



Combination of NLO QCD and EW corrections

Issue unambiguously fixed only by calculating the 2-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ corrections, until then rely on approximations and estimate the uncertainties:

Comparison of two extreme alternatives:

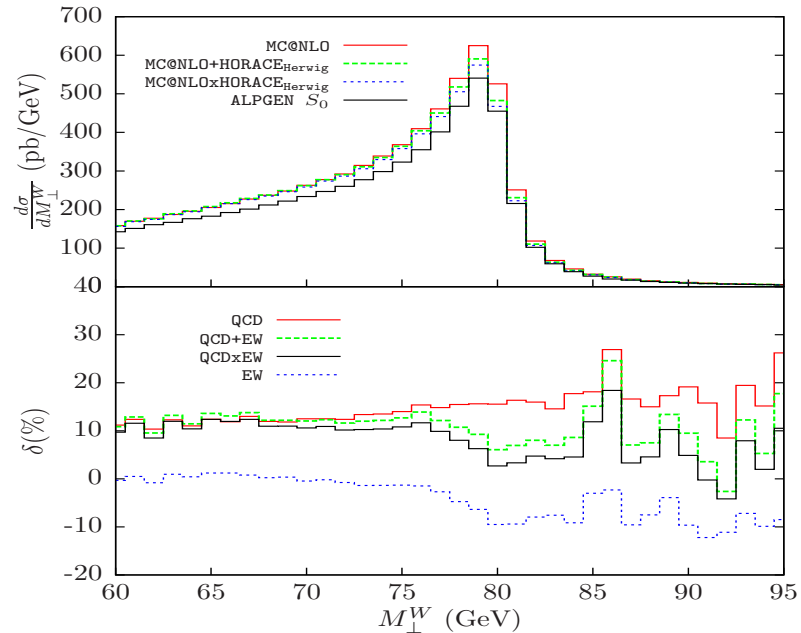
$$(1 + \delta_{\text{QCD}}^{\text{NLO}} + \delta_{\text{EW}}^{\text{NLO}})$$

versus

$$(1 + \delta_{\text{QCD}}^{\text{NLO}}) \times (1 + \delta_{\text{EW}}^{\text{NLO}})$$

↪ underlines significance of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ effects

Balossini et al. '09



NLO EW corrections to W/Z production with additional hard jets

NLO QCD + EW completely known

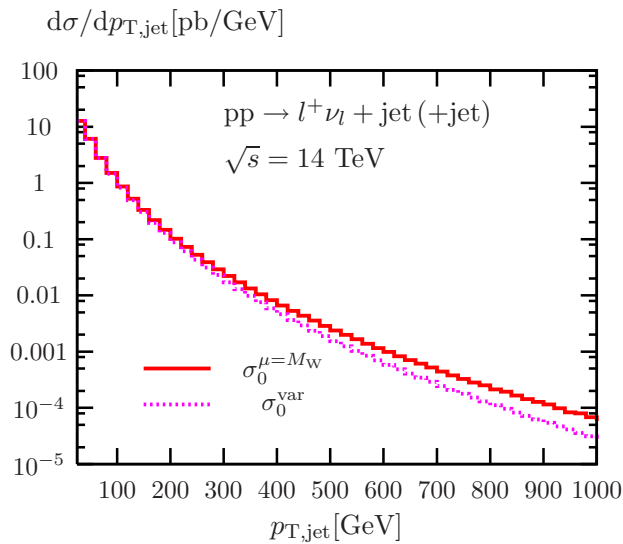
- for off-shell W/Z bosons including decays
- with photon-induced processes
- with proper γ /jet separation (photon fragmentation function)

In detail:

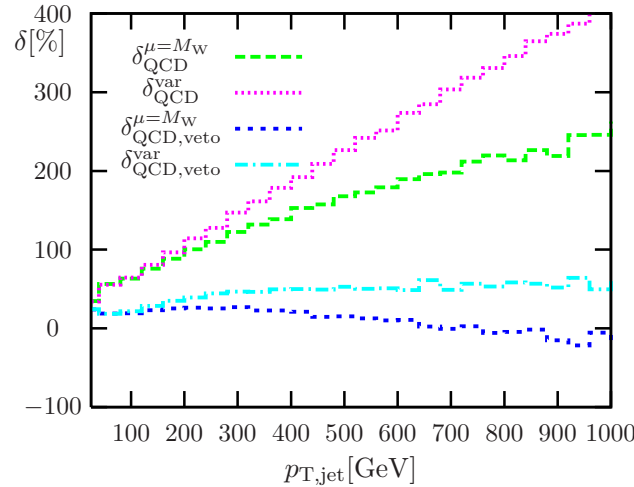
- **W bosons:**
 - ◇ W + 1 jet, stable W boson Kühn, Kulesza, Pozzorini, Schulze '07; Hollik, Kasprzik, Kniehl '07
 - ◇ W + 1 jet $\rightarrow l\nu_l + 1$ jet Denner, S.D., Kasprzik, Mück '09
 - ◇ no results yet on W + ≥ 2 jets
- **Z bosons:**
 - ◇ Z + 1 jet, stable Z boson Maina, Moretti, Ross '04; Kühn, Kulesza, Pozzorini, Schulze '04
 - ◇ $\gamma + 1$ jet Maina, Moretti, Ross '04; Kühn, Kulesza, Pozzorini, Schulze '05
 - ◇ Z/ γ^* + 1 jet $\rightarrow l^+l^- + 1$ jet Denner, S.D., Kasprzik, Mück '11
 - ◇ Z + 1 jet $\rightarrow \bar{\nu}_l\nu_l + 1$ jet Denner, S.D., Kasprzik, Mück '12
 - ◇ Z + 2 jets, stable Z boson Actis et al. '12
 - ◇ no results yet on Z + ≥ 3 jets

Transverse-momentum distribution of the hardest jet

QCD corrections:



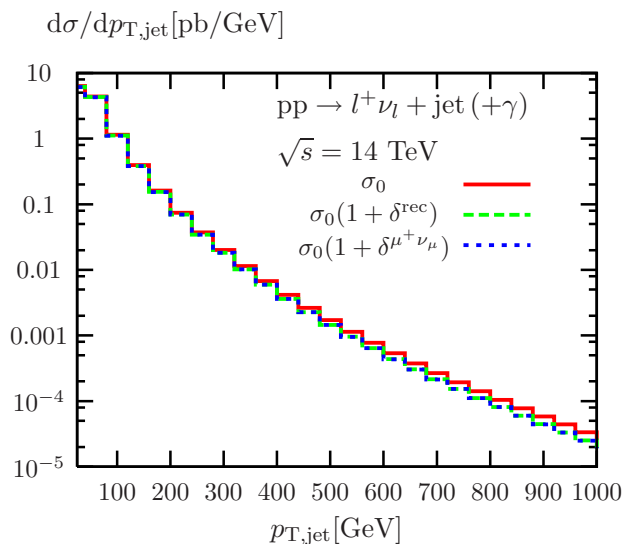
Denner et al. '09



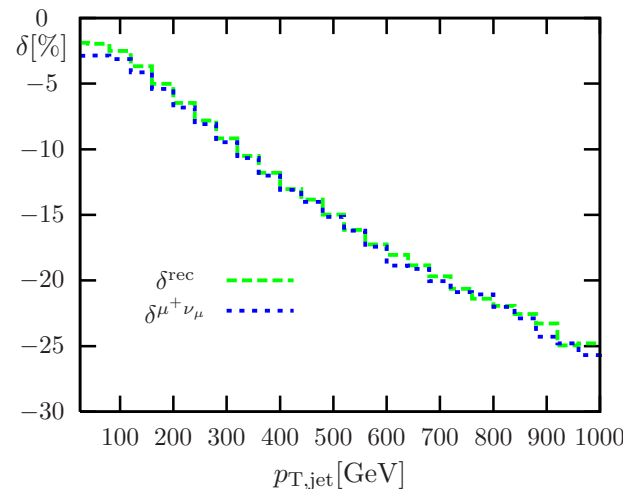
Large positive corrections from W+2jets (mainly back-to-back jets)

↪ significant reduction of corrections via jet veto

EW corrections:



Denner et al. '09



Large neg. corrections due to EW Sudakov logs

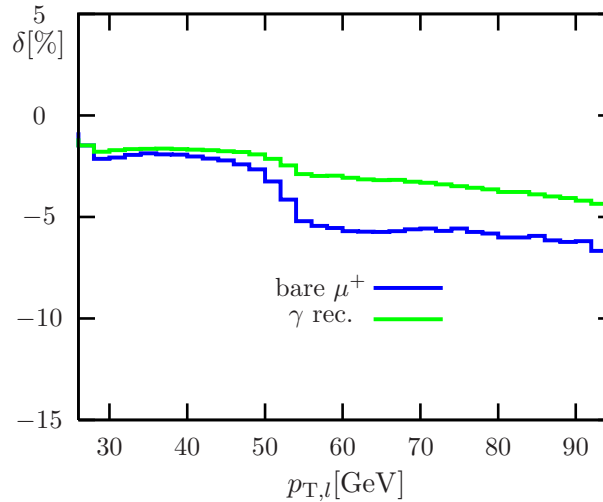
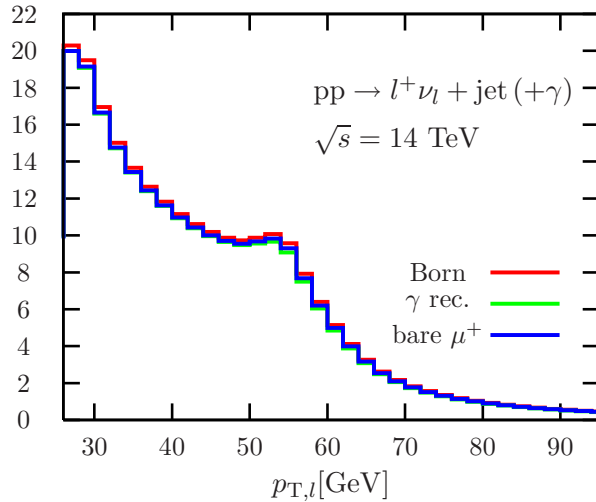
↪ qualitative agreement with previous results for on-shell Ws
 Kühn et al. '07
 Hollik et al. '07

Comparison of EW corrections to W+jet and single (jet-inclusive) W production

↪ interesting for W-mass determination via single-W production

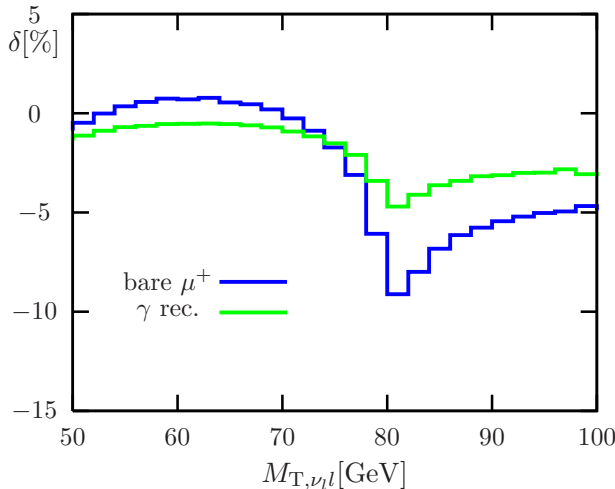
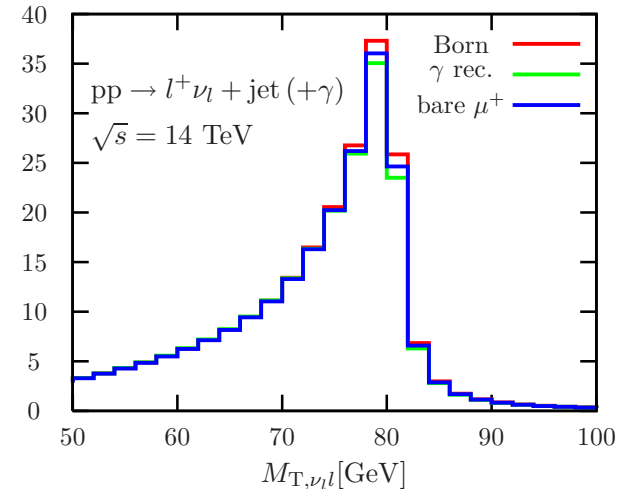
$d\sigma/dp_{T,l}[\text{pb/GeV}]$

Denner et al. '09



$d\sigma/dM_{T,\nu ll}[\text{pb/GeV}]$

Denner et al. '09

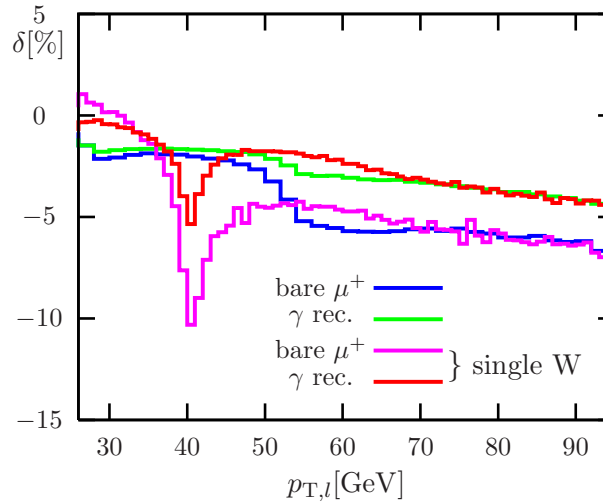
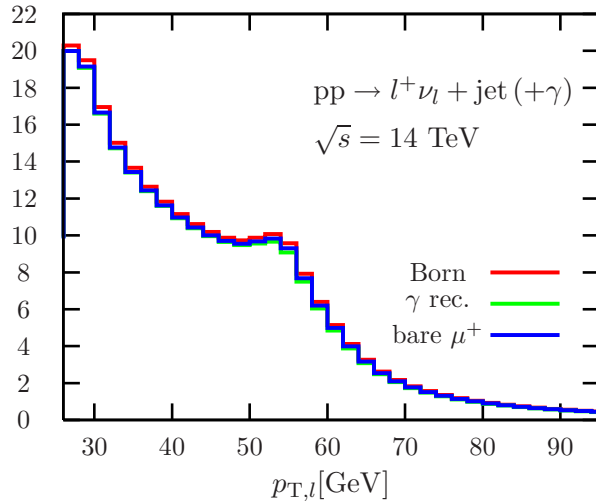


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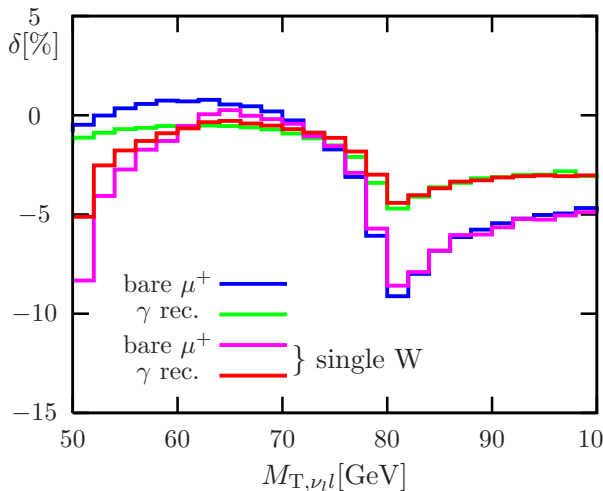
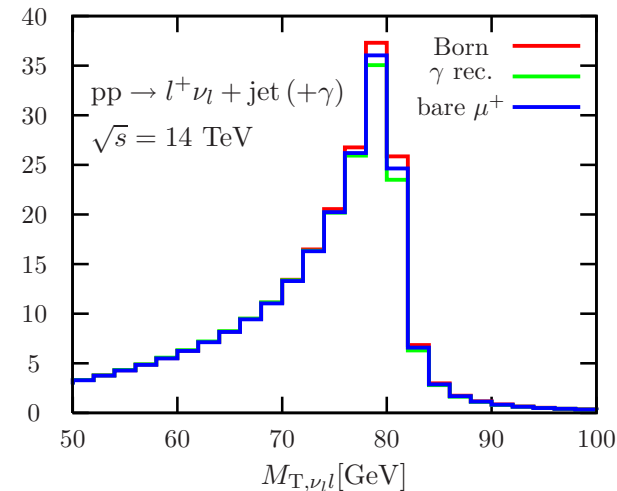
relative EW corrections
 completely different

For single-W in NLO EW, see

- Baur et al. '98/'04
- S.D./Krämer '01
- Arbuzov et al. '06
- Carloni Calame et al. '06

$d\sigma/dM_{T,\nu ll}[\text{pb/GeV}]$

Denner et al. '09



relative EW corrections
 practically identical
 near Jacobian peak

Electroweak corrections

... to di-boson production

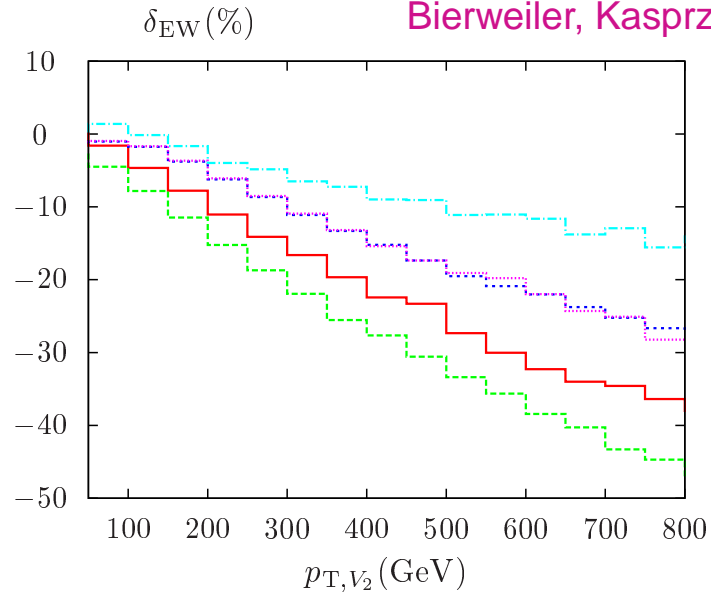
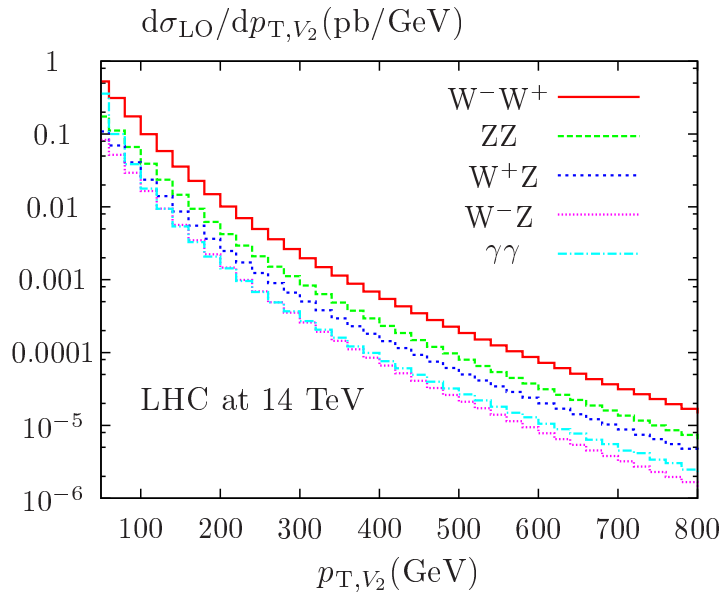


NLO EW corrections to EW di-boson production

- $W\gamma \rightarrow l\nu_l + \gamma$
 - ◇ high-energy approximation [Accomando, Denner, Pozzorini '01](#)
 - ◇ W decay in leading pole approximation [Accomando, Denner, Meier '05](#)
- $Z\gamma$
 - ◇ stable Z boson [Hollik, Meier '04](#)
 - ◇ $Z\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^- / \nu_l\bar{\nu}_l + \gamma$, Z decay in leading pole approximation
[Accomando, Denner, Meier '05](#)
- WW, WZ, ZZ
 - ◇ high-energy approximation, stable W/Z bosons [Accomando, Denner, Pozzorini '01](#)
[Accomando, Denner, Kaiser '04](#)
 - ◇ full NLO (with LO $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$), stable W/Z bosons [Bierweiler, Kasprzik, Kühn '12/'13](#)
 - ◇ no EW corrections with W/Z decays yet

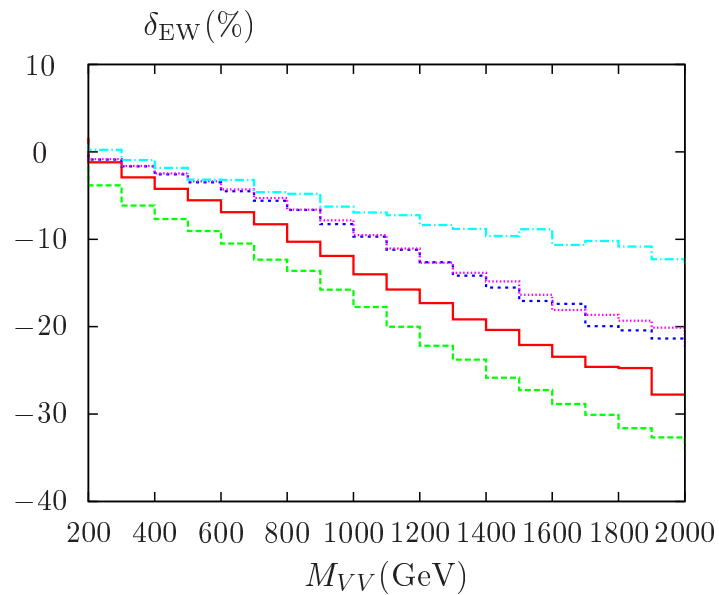
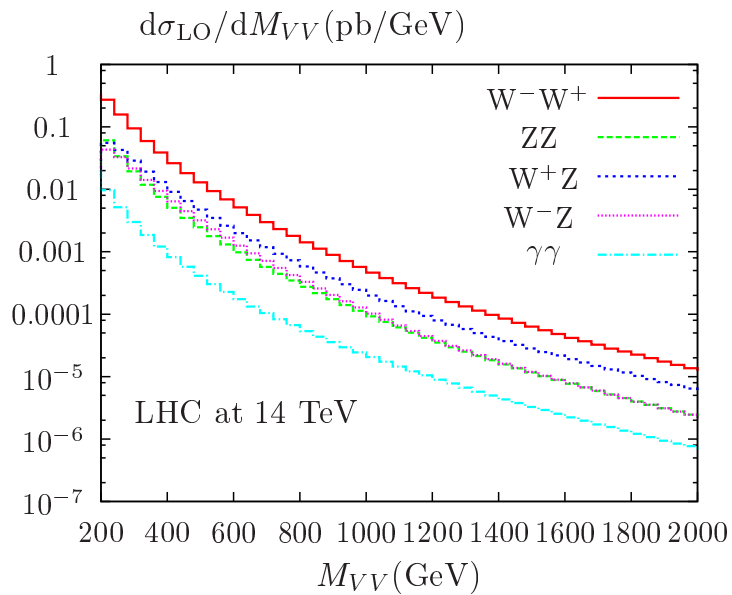
EW corrections to massive di-boson production

Bierweiler, Kasprzik, Kühn '13



EW corrections

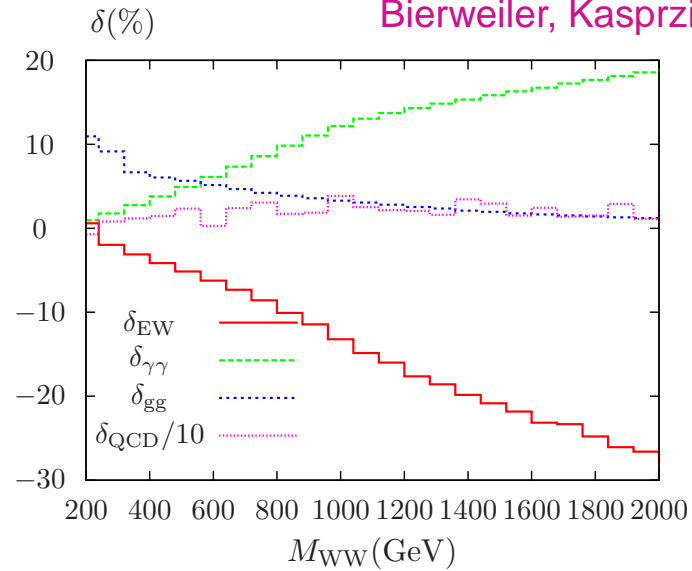
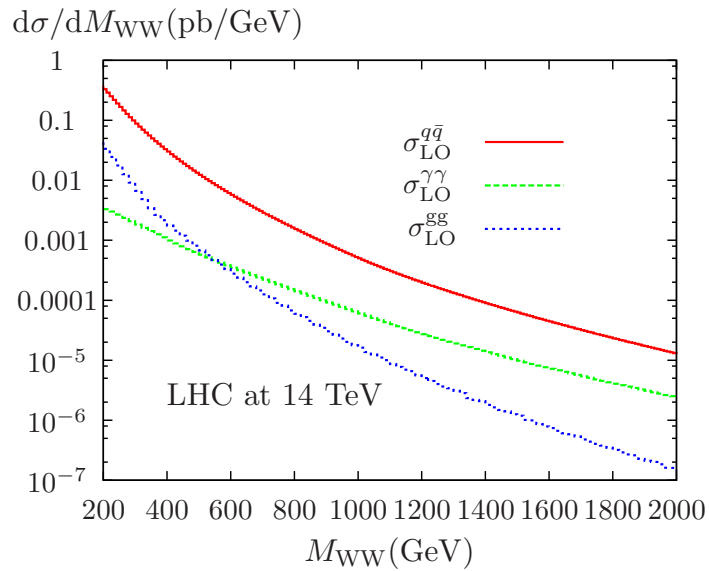
- small for integrated XS
- growing in distributions for larger scales



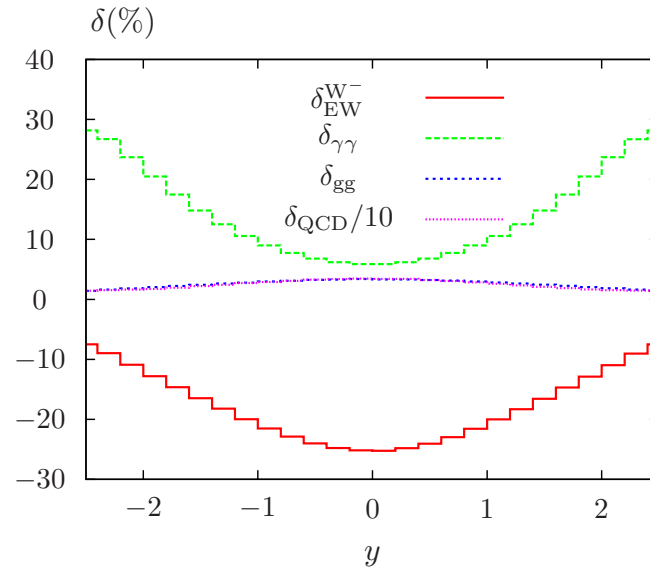
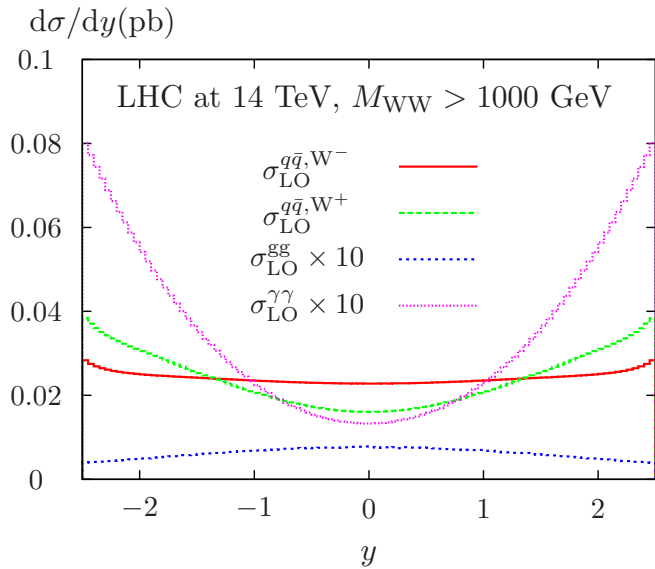
Distortion of distributions can mimick anomalous couplings !

Survey of corrections to WW production

Bierweiler, Kasprzik, Kühn '12



Note:
 large contribution by $\gamma\gamma$ channel for high invariant WW masses !



Electroweak corrections

... to jet and heavy-quark production



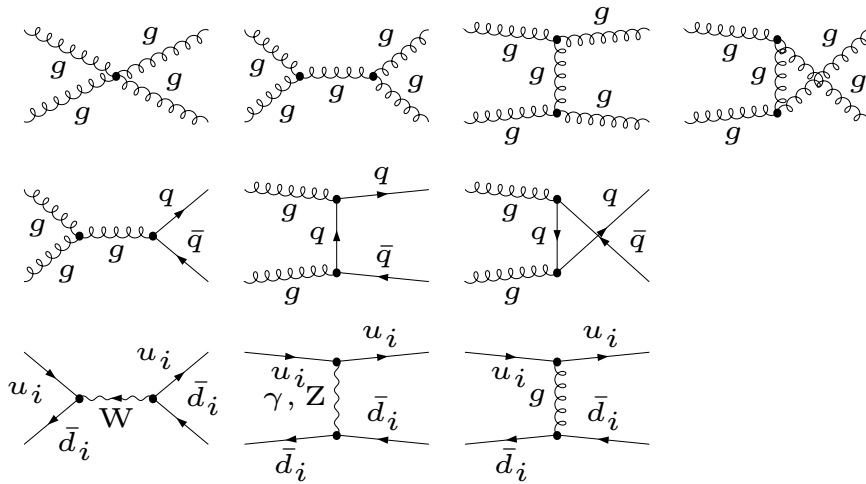
NLO EW corrections to jet and heavy-quark production

- $pp \rightarrow 2 \text{ jets}$ Moretti, Nolten, Ross '05,'06; Scharf (prelim.) '09; S.D., Huss, Speckner '12
no EW corrections available for $pp \rightarrow \geq 3 \text{ jets}$
- $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$
 - ◇ SM correction Beenakker et al. '94; Moretti, Nolten, Ross '06; Kühn, Scharf, Uwer '06,'13; Bernreuther, Fückler, Si '08; Hollik, Kollar '08
 - ◇ THDM and MSSM Hollik, Möhle, Wackerath '97
 - ◇ no EW corrections with top-quark decays yet
- $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ Maina, Moretti, Nolten, Ross '03; Kühn, Scharf, Uwer '09

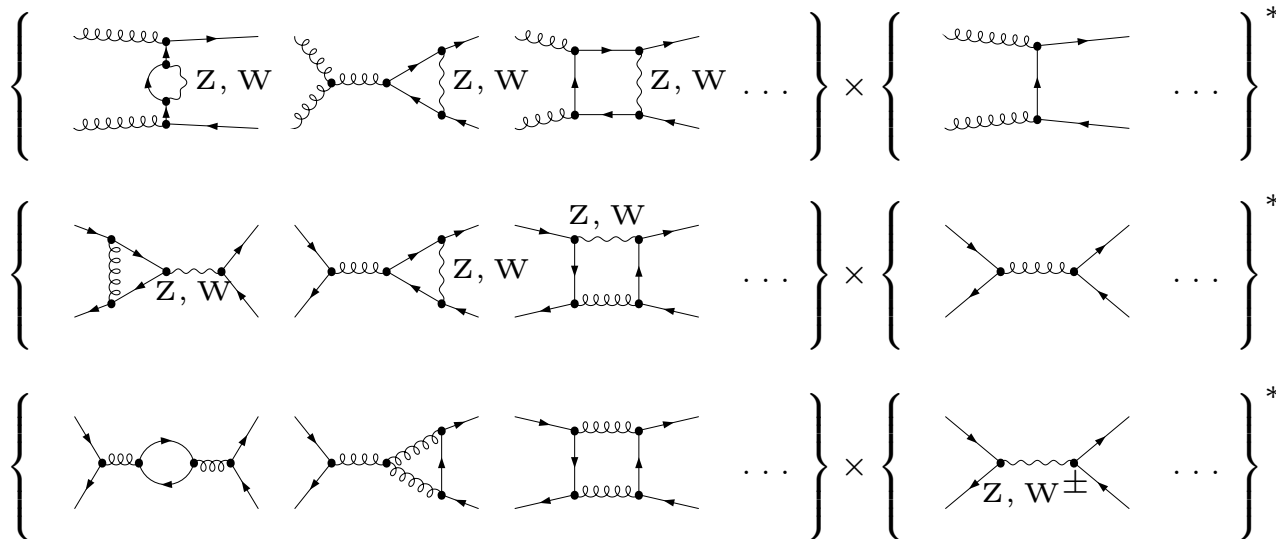


EW corrections to dijet production – typical contributions

Tree contributions: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s\alpha)$, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$

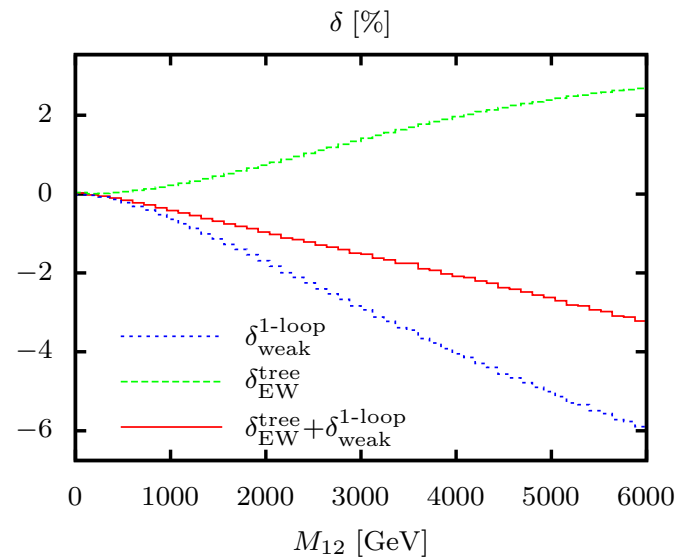
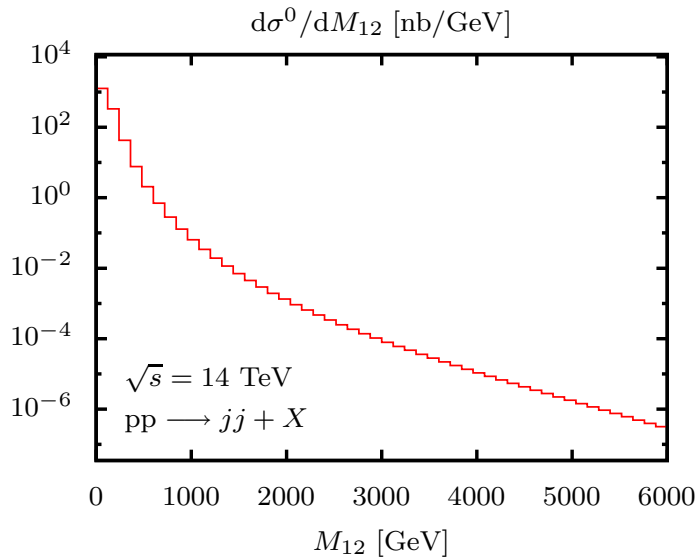


Loop contributions: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2\alpha)$



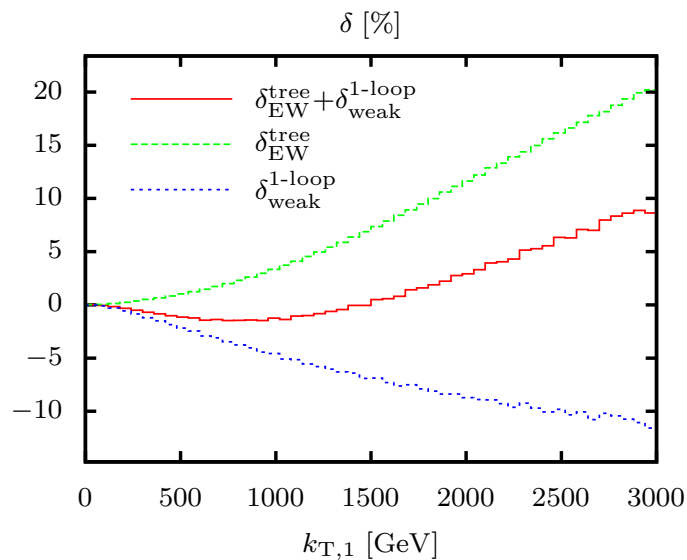
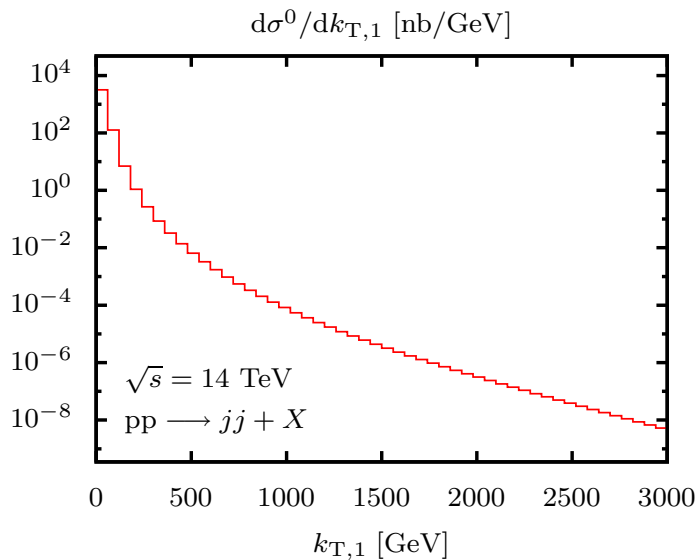
Weak corrections to dijet production – numerical results

S.D., Huss, Speckner '12



Weak corrections

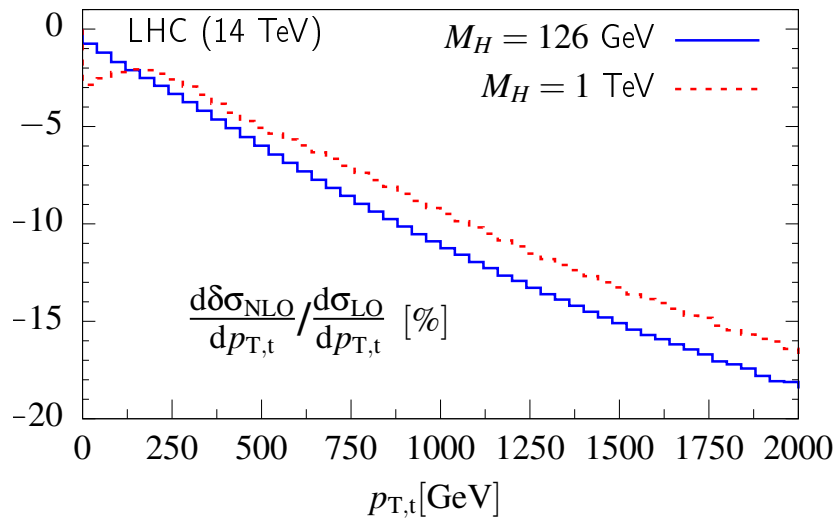
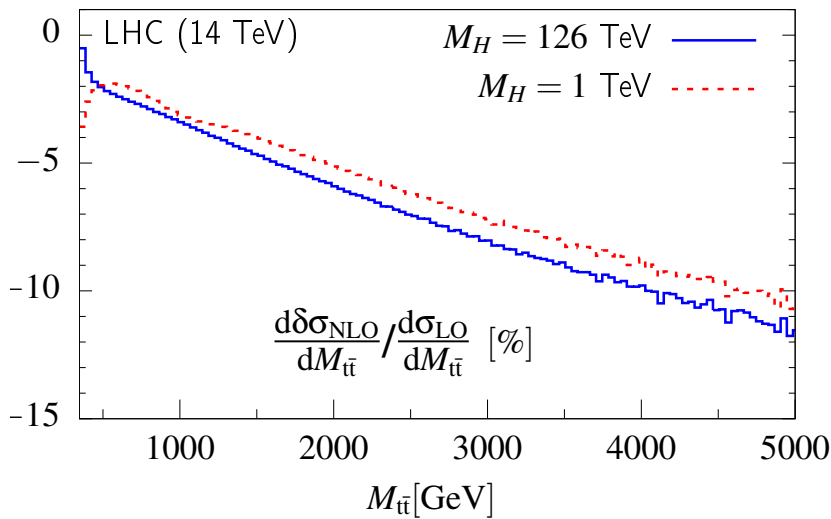
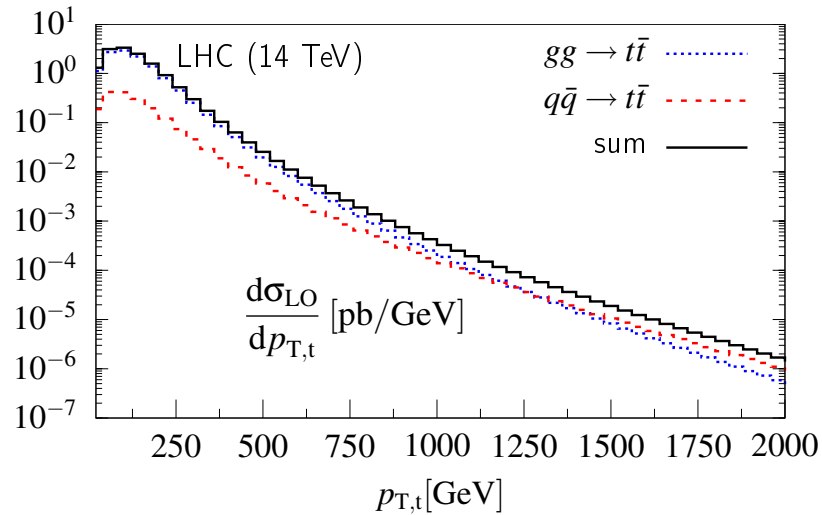
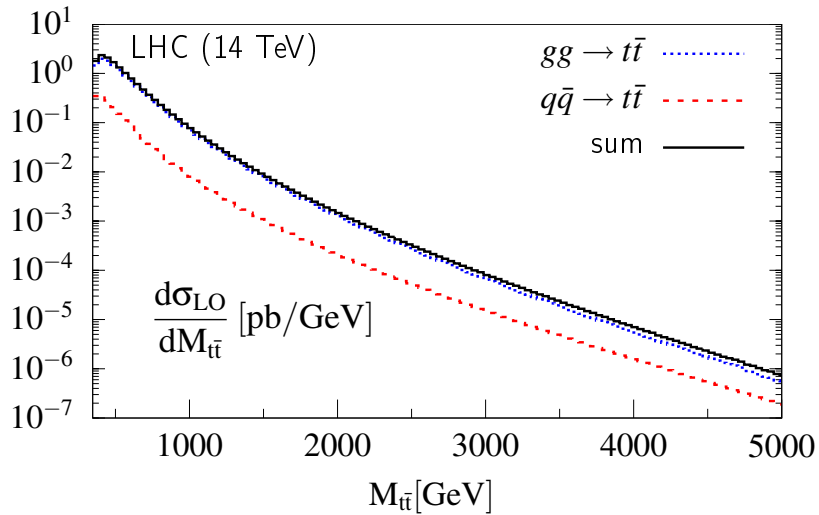
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Cancellations between tree and loop corrections (cut-sensitive!)

Weak corrections to $t\bar{t}$ production

Kühn, Scharf, Uwer '13



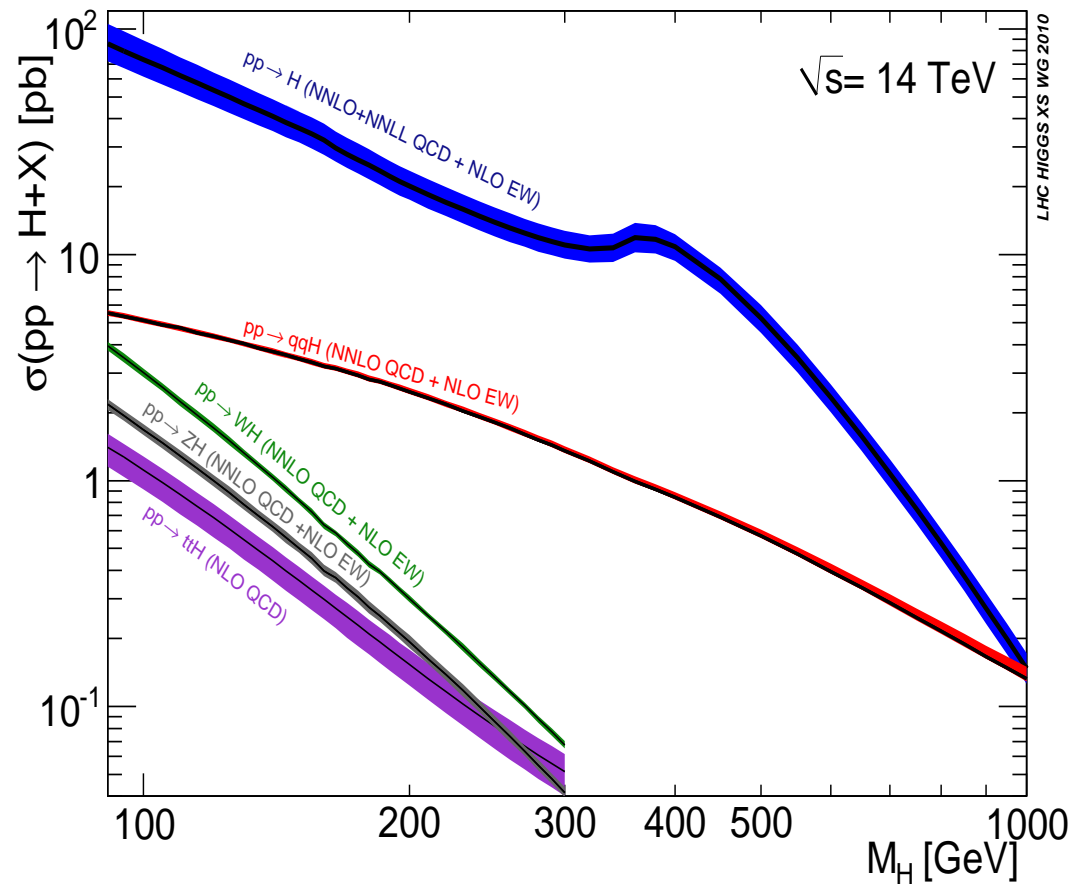
- Weak corrs:
- weak corrections small for integrated XS
 - growing in distributions for larger scales
 - interesting M_H dependence at threshold (“Yukawa singularity”)

Electroweak corrections

... Higgs-boson production



SM Higgs XS predictions
for the LHC at $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$
LHC Higgs XS WG 2010

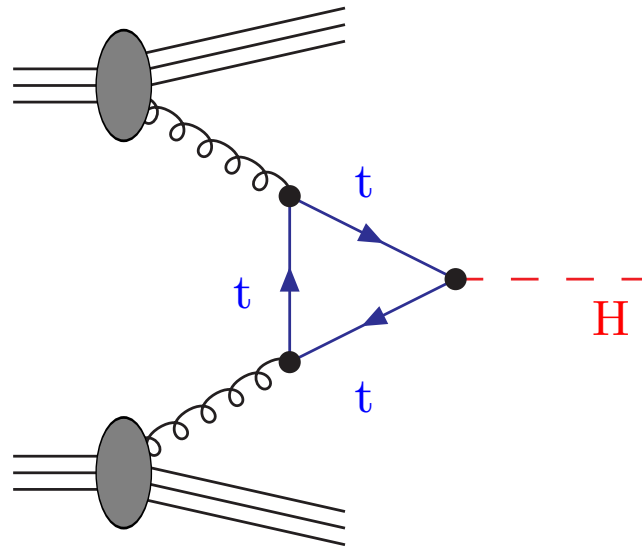


Rough numbers:

	M_H	Uncertainties		NLO/NNLO/NNLO+	
		scale	PDF4LHC	QCD	EW
ggF	< 500 GeV	6–14%	7%	>100%	5%
VBF	< 500 GeV	1%	3–4%	5%	5%
WH	< 200 GeV	1%	3–4%	30%	5–10%
ZH	< 200 GeV	2–4%	3–4%	45%	5%
ttH	< 200 GeV	10%	9%	15–20%	?

EW corrections
 $\sim \mathcal{O}(\text{uncertainties})$

Higgs production via gluon fusion



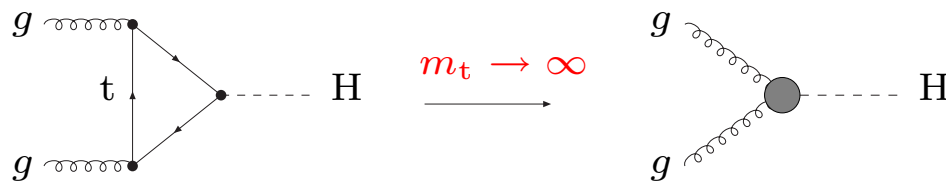
Corrections to Higgs-boson production via gluon fusion

- **QCD corrections:**

- ◇ complete NLO correction known
- ◇ NNLO correction known as expansion for $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ matched with $\hat{s} \rightarrow \infty$

$$K = \frac{\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}}{\sigma_{\text{LO}}} \sim 2.0$$

- ◇ resummations / virtual / soft terms to NNNLO in limit $m_t \rightarrow \infty$



Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas '93
Djouadi, Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas '95

Harlander, Kilgore '01,'02
Catani, de Florian, Grazzini '01
Anastasiou, Melnikov '02
Ravindran, Smith, v.Neerven '03,'04
Anastasiou, Melnikov, Petriello '04
Marzani et al. '08
Pak, Rogal, Steinhauser '09
Harlander, Ozeren '09

Catani et al. '03; Moch, Vogt '05
Laenen, Magnea '05; Idilbi, Ji, Ma, Yuan '05
Ravindran '05,'06; Ravindran, Smith, v.Neerven '06
Ahrens, Becher, Neubert, Yang '08,'11
Berger et al. '10; Stewart, Tackmann '11
Banfi, (Monni,) Salam, Zanderighi '12
Becher, Neubert '12

- **EW corrections**

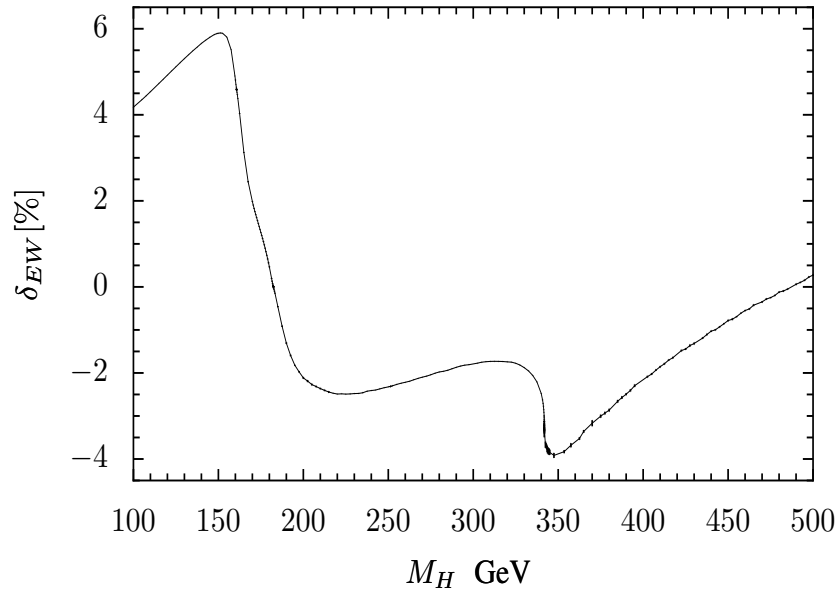
- ◇ complete NLO correction known $\sim \mathcal{O}(5\%)$
- ◇ mixed $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ corrections for small M_H

Aglietti, Bonciani, Degrassi, Vicini '04,'06
Degrassi, Maltoni '04
Actis, Passarino, Sturm, Uccirati '08

Anastasiou, Boughezal, Petriello '08

NLO EW corrections

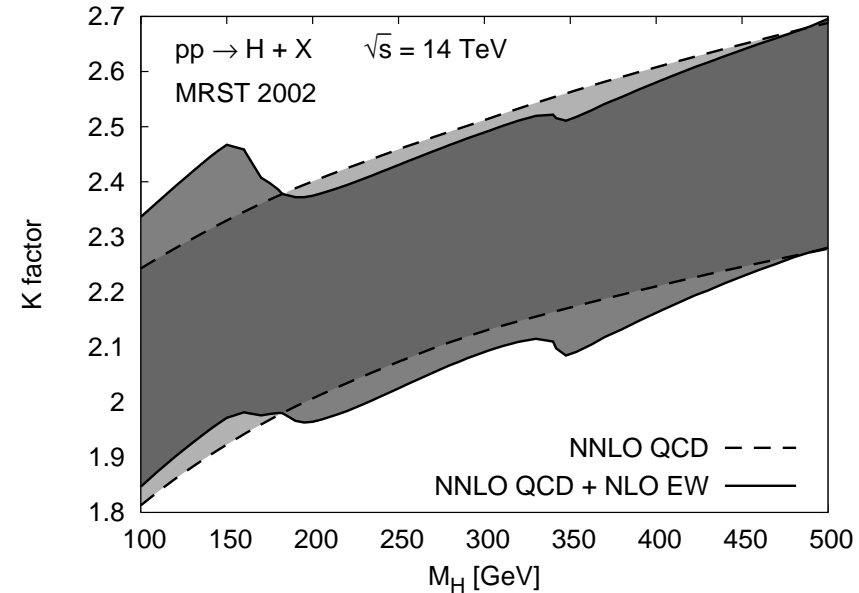
Correction to partonic cross section:



Actis, Passarino, Sturm, Uccirati '08

K factors for pp cross section:

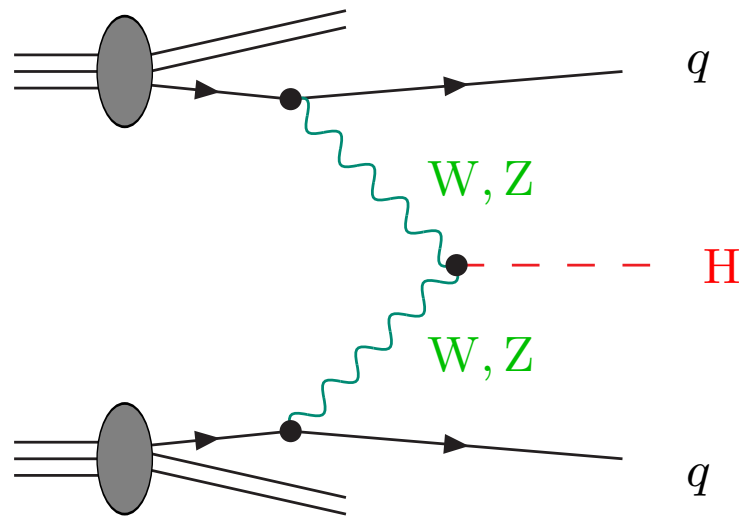
(band width: $M_H/2 < \mu_{R/F} < 2M_H$, $\mu_R/2 < \mu_F < 2\mu_R$)



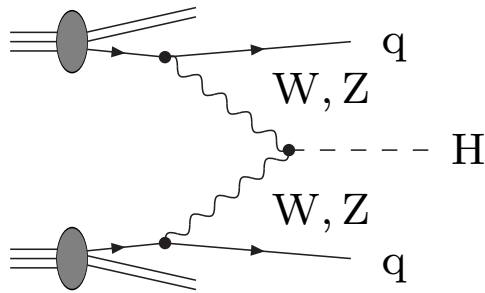
EW corrections ...

- matter at the **5% accuracy level**
- show non-trivial structures near WW , ZZ , $t\bar{t}$ thresholds
 \hookrightarrow properly described via complex-mass scheme (real masses lead to unphysical peaks)
- mixed $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ corrections for small M_H Anastasiou, Boughezal, Petriello '08
 suggest **factorization of QCD and EW corrections** within good accuracy

Higgs production via vector-boson fusion



A multi-leg example: Higgs production via weak vector-boson fusion (VBF)



colour exchange between quark lines suppressed

⇒ **small QCD corrections**

Han, Valencia, Willenbrock '92; Spira '98;
Djouadi, Spira '00; Figy, Oleari, Zeppenfeld '03

↔ *t*-channel approximation (vertex corrections)

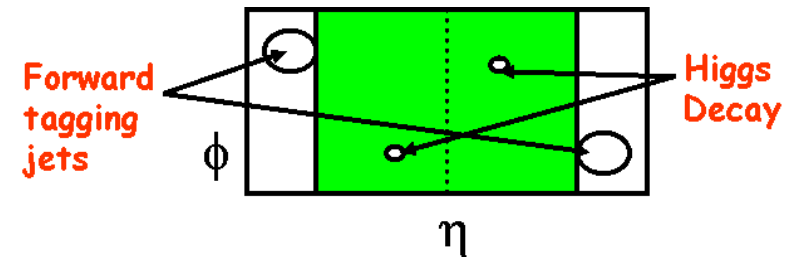
VBF cuts and background suppression:

- 2 hard “tagging” jets demanded:
 $p_{Tj} > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad |y_j| < 4.5$
- tagging jets forward–backward directed:
 $\Delta y_{jj} > 4, \quad y_{j1} \cdot y_{j2} < 0.$

↪ **Suppression of background**

- from other (non-Higgs) processes,
such as $t\bar{t}$ or WW production Zeppenfeld et al. '94-'99
- induced by Higgs production via gluon fusion,
such as $gg \rightarrow ggH$ Del Duca et al. '06; Campbell et al. '06

signature = Higgs + 2jets

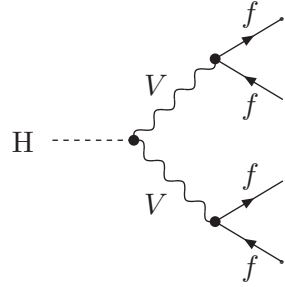


Work on radiative corrections to the production of Higgs+2jets

- NLO QCD corrections to VBF in DIS-like approximation
 - ◇ total cross section Han, Valencia, Willenbrock '92; Spira '98; Djouadi, Spira '00
 - ◇ distributions Figy, Oleari, Zeppenfeld '03; Berger, Campbell '04
 - ◇ matching with parton shower (POWHEG) Nason, Oleari '09
- (full) NLO QCD+EW corrections to VBF
 - ↔ NLO QCD \sim NLO EW \sim 5–10% Ciccolini, Denner, S.D. '07
Figy, Palmer, Weiglein '10 (DIS-like EW)
- NNLO QCD corrections to VBF in DIS-like approximation Bolzoni, Maltoni, Moch, Zaro '10
 - ↔ NNLO QCD \sim 1–2%
- NLO QCD corrections to $gg \rightarrow H_{gg}$, etc. Campbell, R.K.Ellis, Zanderighi '06
 - ↔ contribution to VBF \sim 5% Nikitenko, Vazquez '07 (NLO scale uncertainty \sim 35%)
- QCD loop-induced interferences between VBF and H_{gg} -initiated channels
 - ↔ impact $\lesssim 10^{-3}$ % (negligible!) Andersen, Binoth, Heinrich, Smillie '07
Bredenstein, Hagiwara, Jäger '08
- loop-induced VBF in gg scattering Harlander, Vollinga, Weber '08
 - ↔ impact \sim 0.1%
- SUSY QCD+EW corrections Hollik, Plehn, Rauch, Rzehak '08
 - ↔ $|\text{MSSM} - \text{SM}| \lesssim 1\%$ for SPS points (2–4% for low SUSY scales)

Survey of Feynman diagrams for NLO corrections

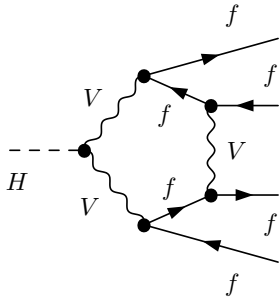
Lowest order:



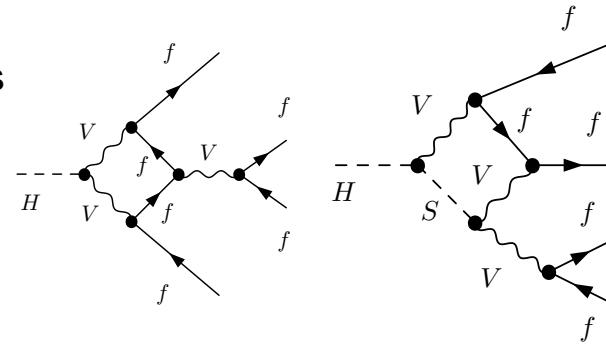
Typical one-loop diagrams:

diagrams = $\mathcal{O}(200-400)$

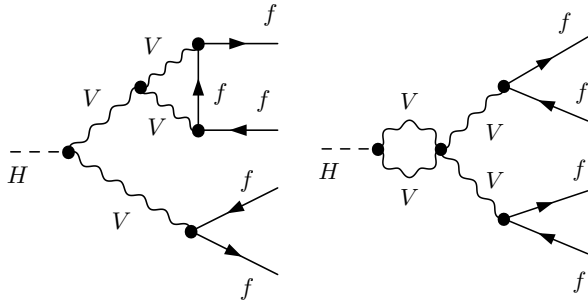
pentagons



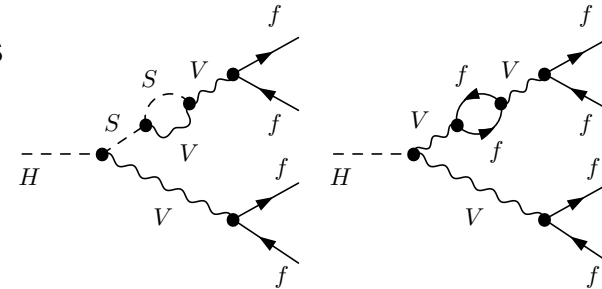
boxes



vertices



self-energies



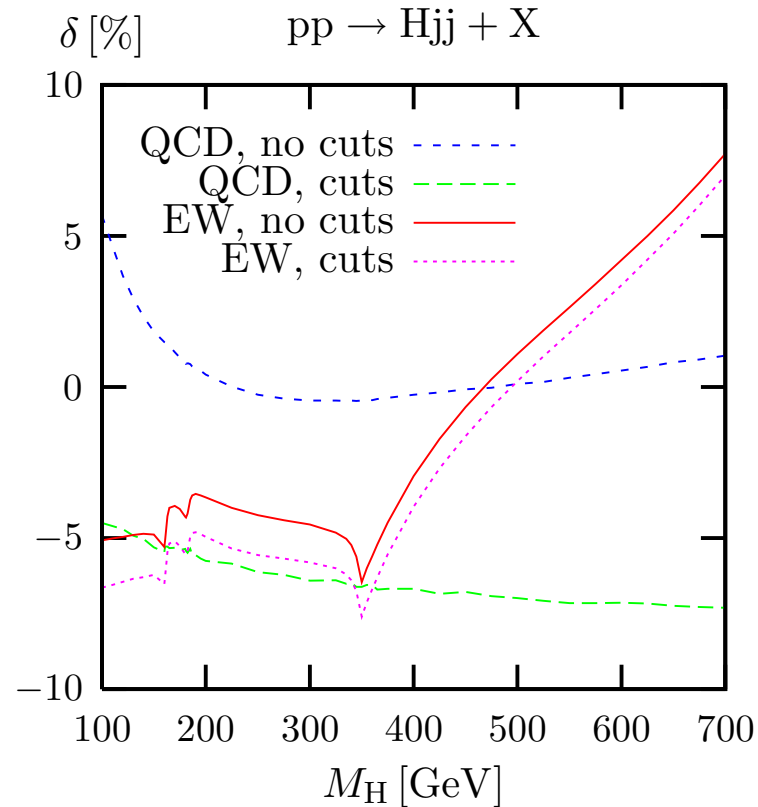
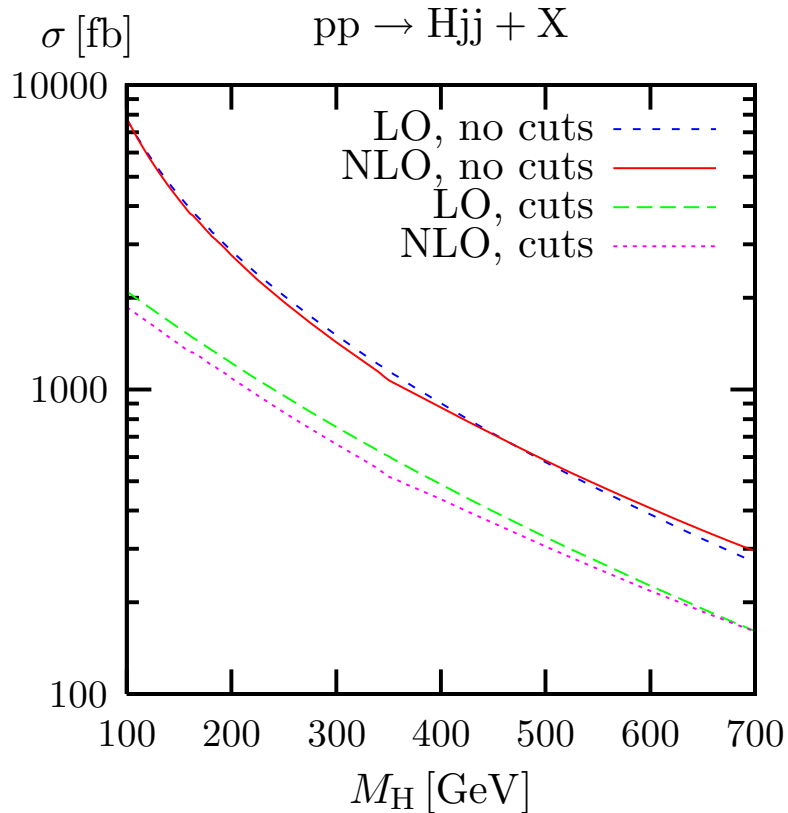
+ tree graphs with real gluon or photons

Note: amplitudes recycled from NLO corrections to $H \rightarrow WW/ZZ \rightarrow 4f$

Bredenstein, Denner,
S.D., Weber '06

Integrated VBF cross section at NLO QCD \oplus EW

Ciccolini, Denner,
S.D. '07



HAWK

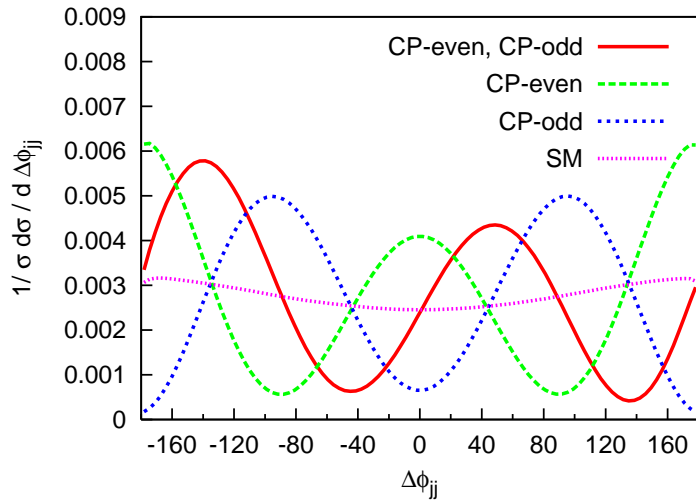
- **QCD** and **EW** corrections are of same generic size
- W/Z resonances in s -channels described via complex-mass scheme
- sensitivity to cuts: large for **QCD**, small for **EW** corrections

- heavy-Higgs corrections at $M_H \sim 700$ GeV: $\underbrace{G_\mu M_H^2}_{1\text{-loop}} \sim \underbrace{(G_\mu M_H^2)^2}_{2\text{-loop}} \sim 4\%$
 \hookrightarrow breakdown of perturbation theory

Distribution in the azimuthal angle difference $\Delta\phi_{jj}$ of the tagging jets

Sensitivity to non-standard effects:

Hankele, Klämke, Zeppenfeld, Figy '06



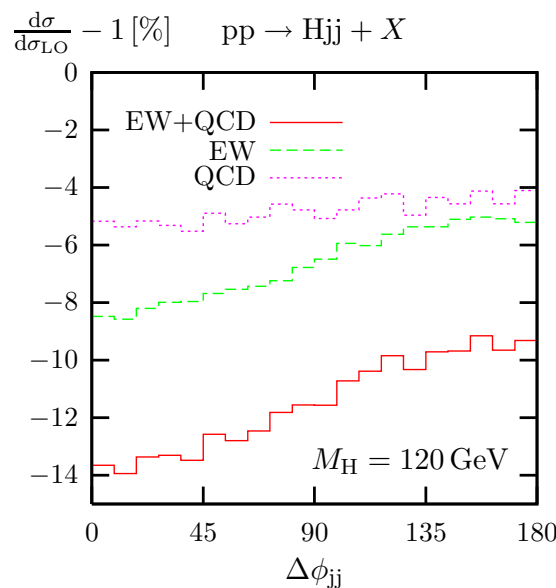
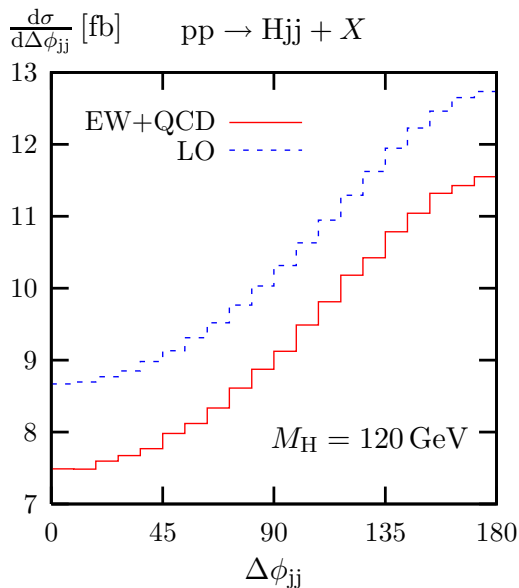
(Individual contributions without SM)

CP-even: $\mathcal{L} \propto HW_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-,\mu\nu}$

CP-odd: $\mathcal{L} \propto H\tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-,\mu\nu}$

Corrections to the $\Delta\phi_{jj}$ distribution:

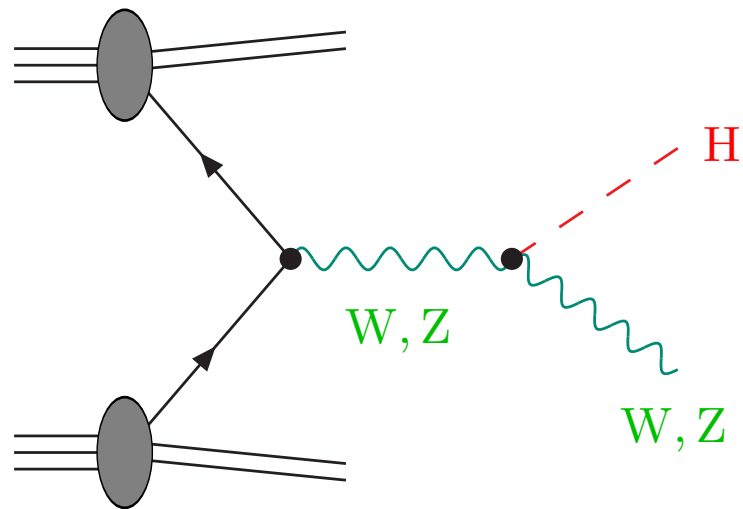
Ciccolini, Denner, S.D. '07



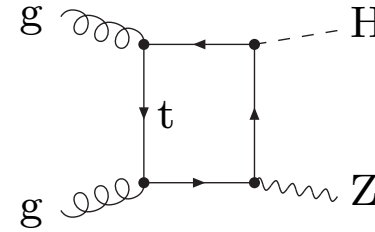
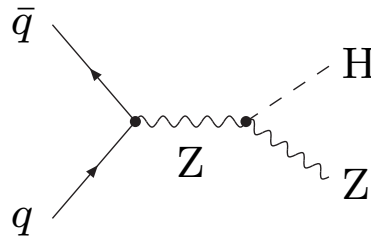
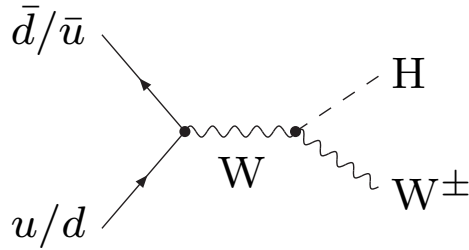
HAWK

Neglected corrections could be misinterpreted as non-standard couplings

Production via Higgs-strahlung



Current status of theoretical predictions



- **NLO QCD:** corrections entirely Drell–Yan like
Han, Willenbrock '91; Ohnemus, Stirling '93; Baer, Bailey, Owens '93
VV2H (Spira); MCFM (Campbell, R.K.Ellis)
- **NLO EW:** stable W/Z bosons, total XS
Ciccolini, S.D., Krämer '03
W/Z decays, differential XS via HAWK
Denner, S.D., Kallweit, Mück '11
- **NNLO QCD:** stable W/Z bosons, DY part for total XS, $gg \rightarrow ZH$
Brein, Djouadi, Harlander '03 (VH@NNLO)
WH with W decay, DY part for differential XS
Ferrera, Grazzini, Tramontano '11
non-DY parts, total XS
Brein, Harlander, Wiesemann, Zirke '11
- **NNNLO QCD:** $gg \rightarrow ZH$ @ NLO QCD, stable Z boson, total XS
Altenkamp, SD, Harlander, Rzehak, Zirke '12

Total cross section: NNLO QCD and NLO EW corrections

LHC Higgs XS report

CERN-2011-002, arXiv:1101.0593 [hep-ph]

$$\sigma_{\text{WH}} = \sigma_{\text{WH}}^{\text{VH@NNLO}} \times (1 + \delta_{\text{WH,EW}})$$

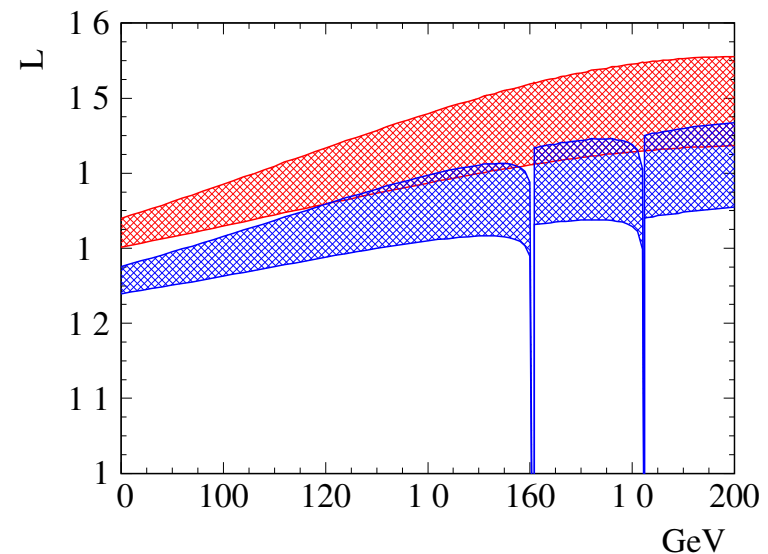
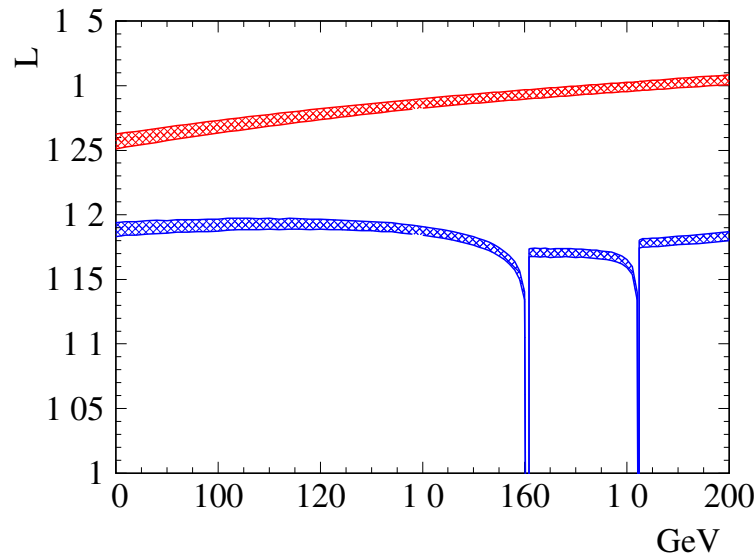
$$\sigma_{\text{ZH}} = \sigma_{\text{ZH}}^{\text{VH@NNLO}} \times (1 + \delta_{\text{ZH,EW}}) + \sigma_{\text{gg} \rightarrow \text{ZH}}$$

Note:

$\delta_{\text{VH,EW}}$ insensitive to PDFs !

K factors for $pp \rightarrow \text{VH} + X$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$:

Brein et al. & Ciccolini et al. '04



- typical size of corrections: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha) \sim 5-10\%$
- spikes at $M_{\text{H}} = 2M_{\text{W}}$ and $M_{\text{H}} = 2M_{\text{Z}}$
 = perturbative artifacts from WW/ZZ threshold
 \hookrightarrow require inclusion of W/Z decays (see below)

Differential cross section: (N)NLO QCD and NLO EW corrections

LHC Higgs XS report

CERN-2012-002, arXiv:1201.3084 [hep-ph]

$$d\sigma_{\text{WH}} = d\sigma_{\text{WH}}^{\text{VH@NNLO(DY)}} \times (1 + \delta_{\text{WH,EW}})$$

$$d\sigma_{\text{ZH}} = d\sigma_{\text{ZH}}^{\text{VH@NLO}} \times (1 + \delta_{\text{ZH,EW}})$$

Again:

$\delta_{\text{VH,EW}}$ insensitive to PDFs !

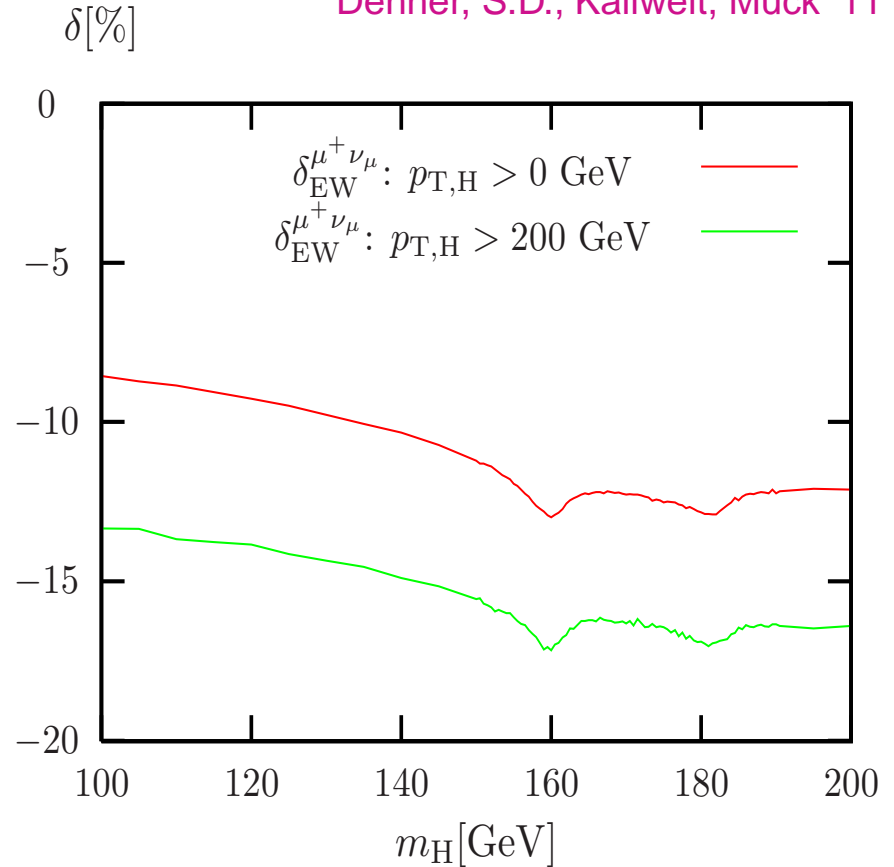
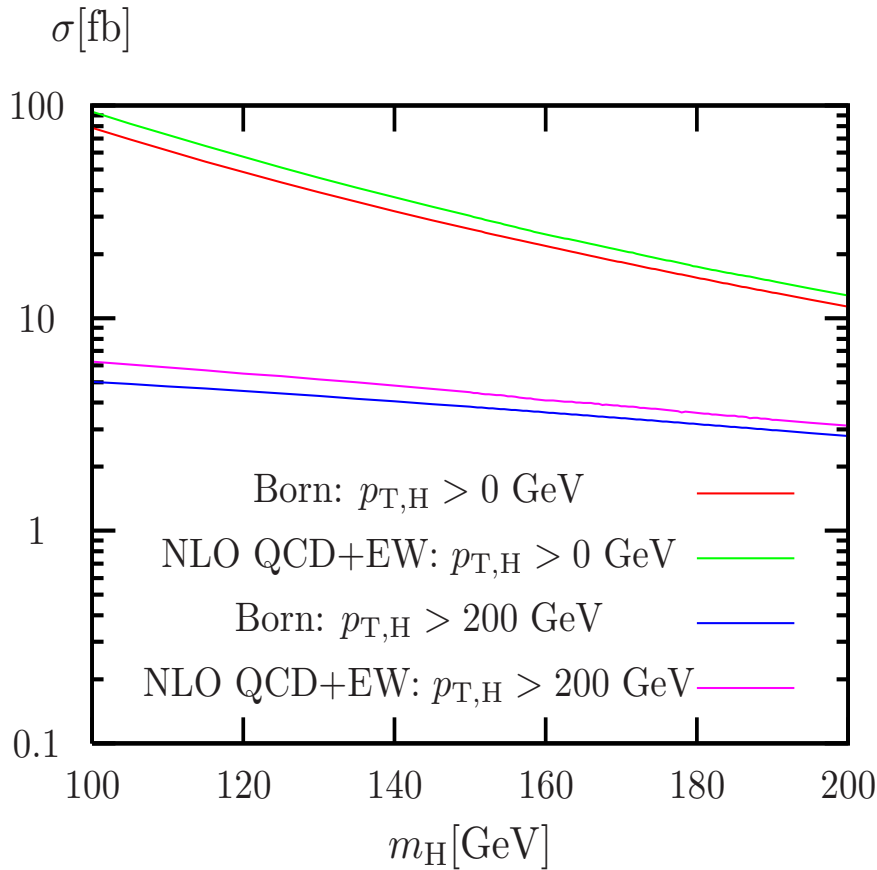
Features:

- **NNLO QCD** for WH in Drell–Yan-like approximation (ZH in progress)
Ferrera, Grazzini, Tramontano '11
- **NLO EW (+QCD)** calculated with HAWK
Denner, S.D., Kallweit, Mück '11
- size of corrections and TH uncertainties larger than for σ_{tot}

channel	$\text{Hl}^+ \nu_1$	$\text{Hl}^- \bar{\nu}_1$	$\text{Hl}^+ 1^-$	$\text{H} \nu_1 \bar{\nu}_1$
$\delta_{\text{EW}}^{\text{bare}} / \%$	-14	-14	-11	-7
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}} / \%$	± 5	± 5	± 5	± 5
$\Delta_{\text{scale}} / \%$	± 2	± 2	± 2	± 2
$\Delta_{\text{HO}} / \%$	± 1	± 1	± 7	± 7

NLO EW corrections to the integrated cross section of $pp \rightarrow H\ell^+\nu_\ell + X$

Denner, S.D., Kallweit, Mück '11

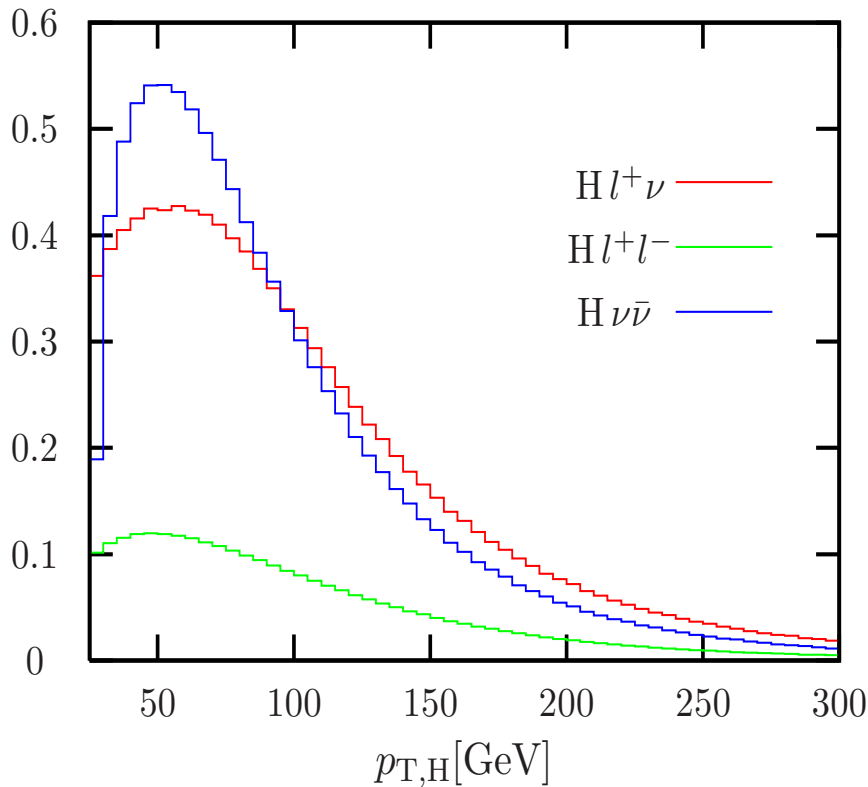


- sound behaviour of δ_{EW} near WW/ZZ thresholds
- **size of EW corrections increases for boosted-Higgs scenario wrt σ_{tot} !**

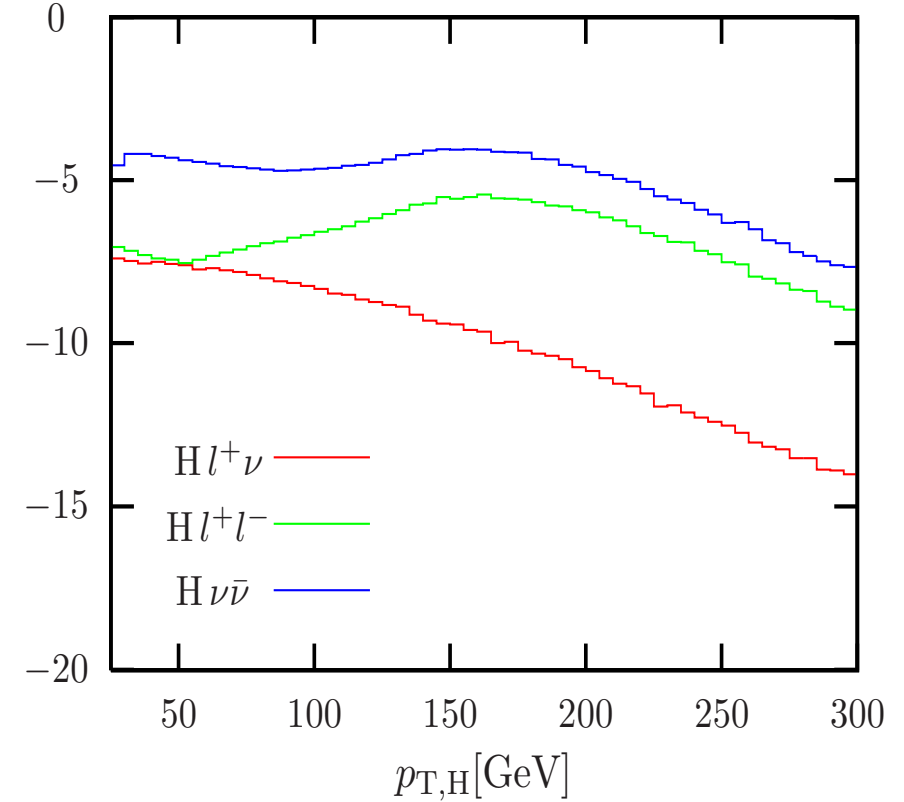
NLO EW corrections to the $p_{T,H}$ distributions

Denner, S.D., Kallweit, Mück '11

$d\sigma/dp_{T,H}[\text{GeV}][\text{fb}]$



$\delta[\%]$

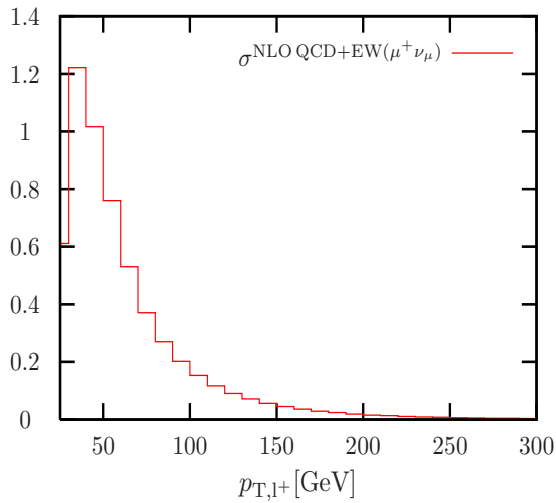


- δ_{EW} for $p_{T,H} \lesssim 100 \text{ GeV}$ roughly reflects corrections to total cross sections
- size of corrections increases with increasing $p_{T,H}$,
e.g. $H l^+ \nu$: $\delta_{\text{EW}} < -11\%$ for $p_{T,H} > 200 \text{ GeV}$

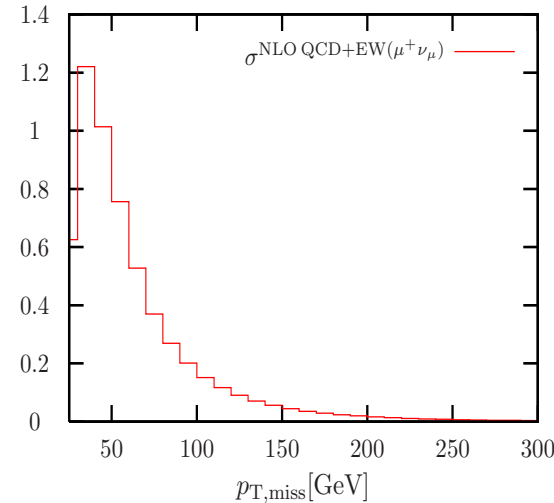
NLO EW corrections to $p_{T,\ell}$ and $p_{T,\text{miss}}$ distributions for $pp \rightarrow H\ell^+ \nu_\ell + X$

Denner, S.D., Kallweit, Mück '11

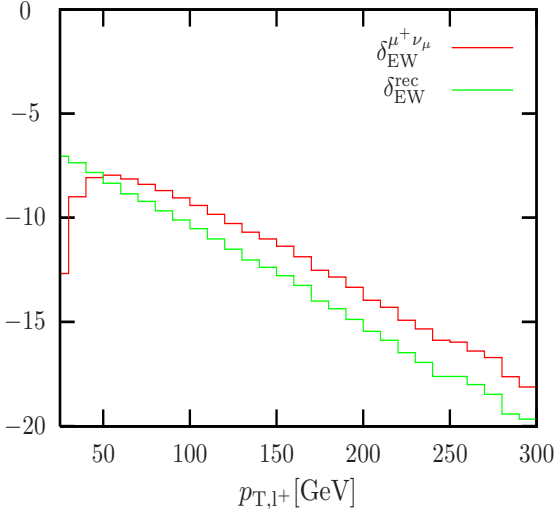
$d\sigma/dp_{T,\ell^+}[\text{GeV}][\text{fb}]$



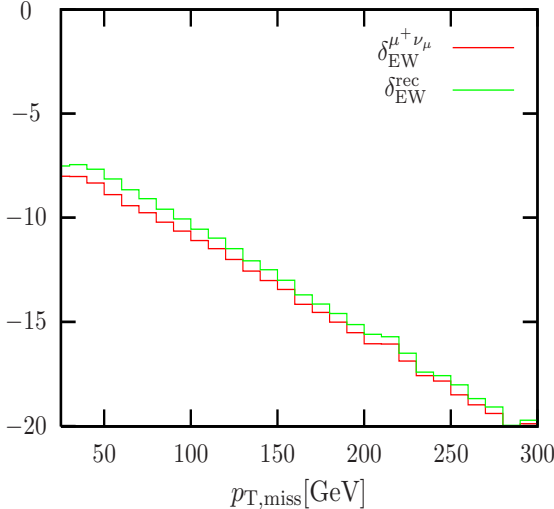
$d\sigma/dp_{T,\text{miss}}[\text{GeV}][\text{fb}]$



$\delta[\%]$



$\delta[\%]$



“bare muons”: no γ recombination

↪ collinear μ and γ assumed separable

↪ mass-singular corrections $\propto \alpha \ln m_\mu$

“rec”: recombination of collinear γ

↪ collinear $\mu\gamma = \widetilde{\mu\gamma}$ quasiparticle

↪ no mass-singular corrections

↪ EW corrections mostly of non-universal origin (not simply FSR!)

Electroweak corrections

... Higgs-boson decay



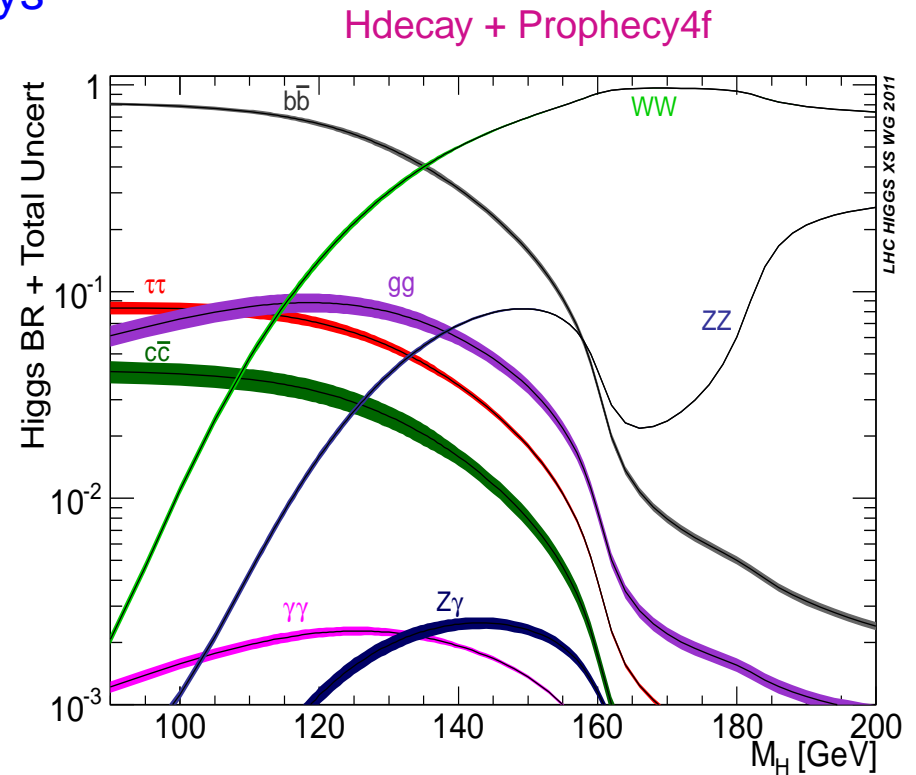
NLO EW corrections to Higgs-boson decays

- $H \rightarrow f\bar{f}$
Bardin, Vilenskii, Khristova '91
Dabelstein, Hollik '92; Kniehl '92
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
full 2-loop result known
(Actis,) Passarino, Sturm, Uccirati '07,'08
- $H \rightarrow gg$
full 2-loop result known
(same calculation as for $gg \rightarrow H$)
Actis, Passarino, Sturm, Uccirati '08
- $H \rightarrow WW/ZZ \rightarrow 4f$
 - ◇ for stable W/Z bosons Fleischer, Jegerlehner '81; Kniehl '91; Bardin, Vilenskii, Khristova '91
 - ◇ for off-shell/decaying W/Z bosons Bredenstein, Denner, S.D., Weber '06

↪ NLO EW corrections known for most important SM Higgs decays

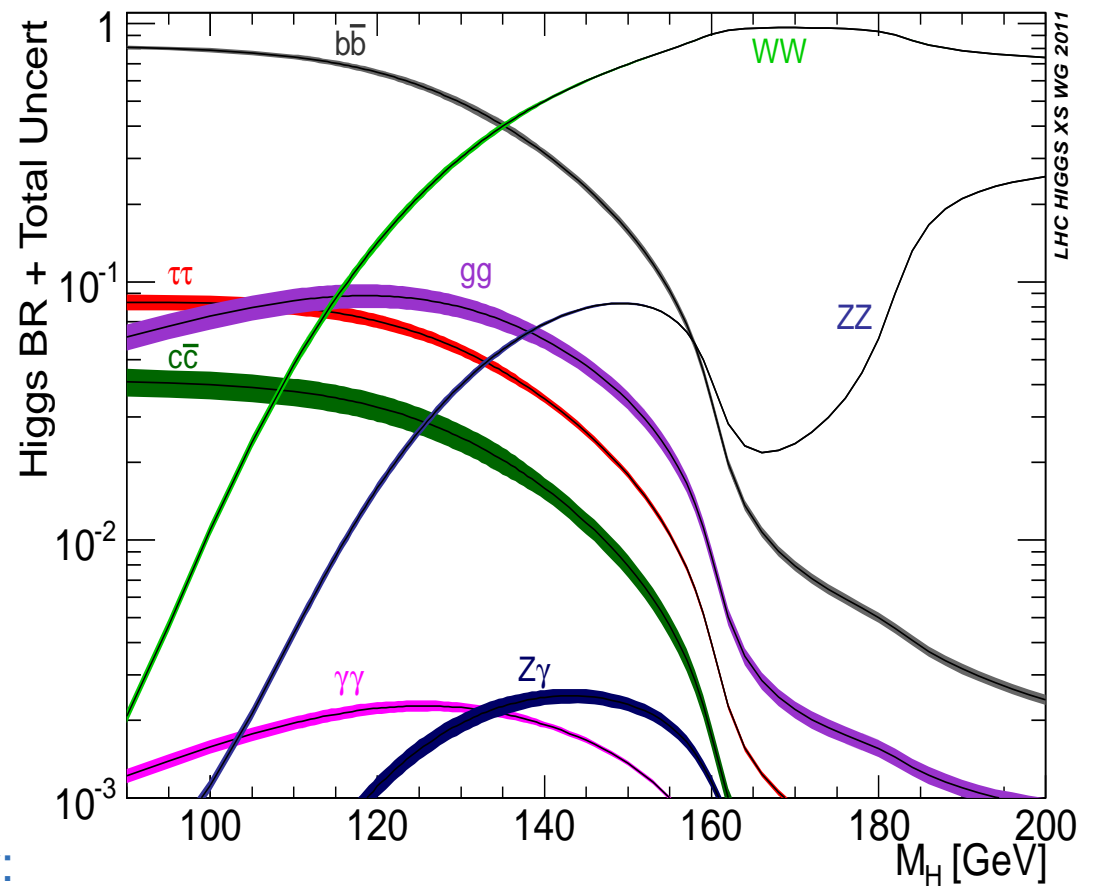
Tools

- **HDECAY:** all $1 \rightarrow 2$ decays (integrated) Djouadi, Kalinowski, Mühlleitner, Spira
- **PROPHECY4F:** $H \rightarrow 4f$ decays (integrated & differential) Bredenstein, Denner, S.D., Mück, Weber



BRs of the SM Higgs boson

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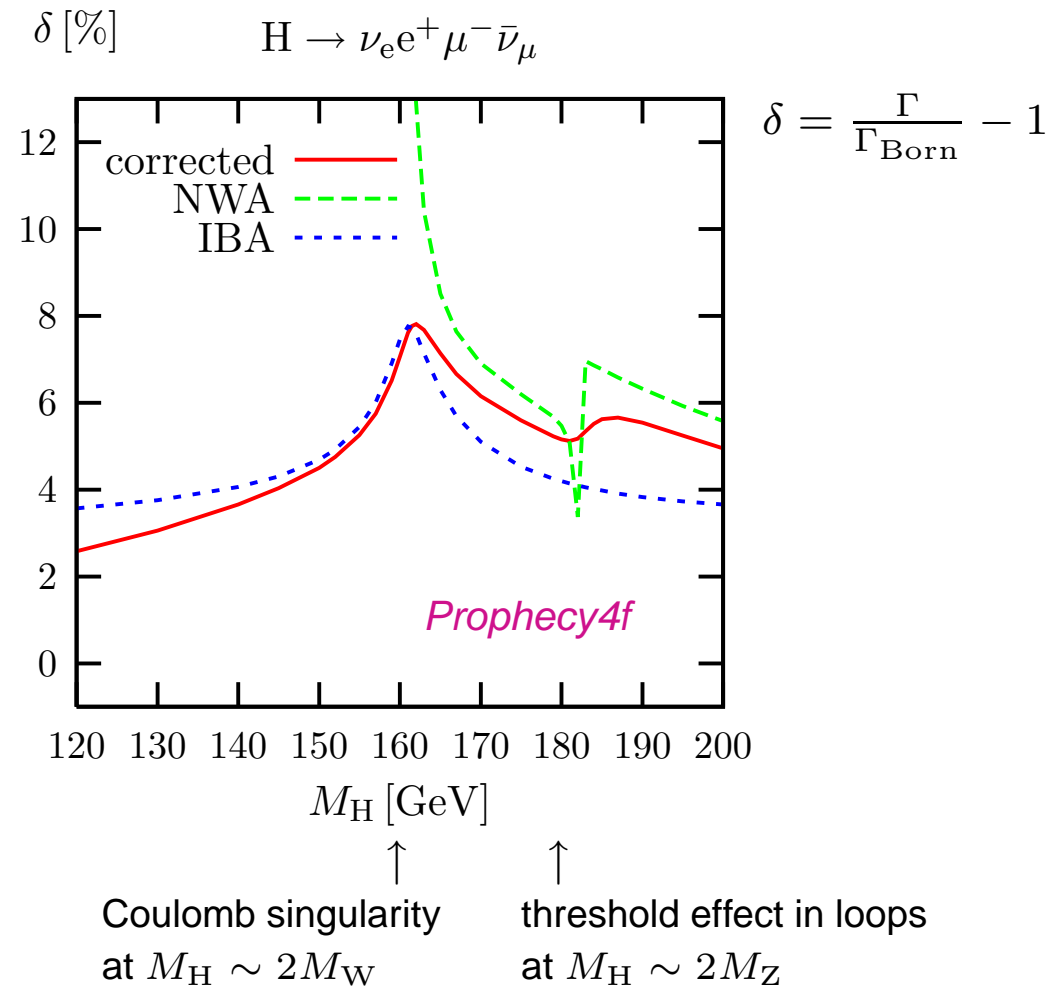
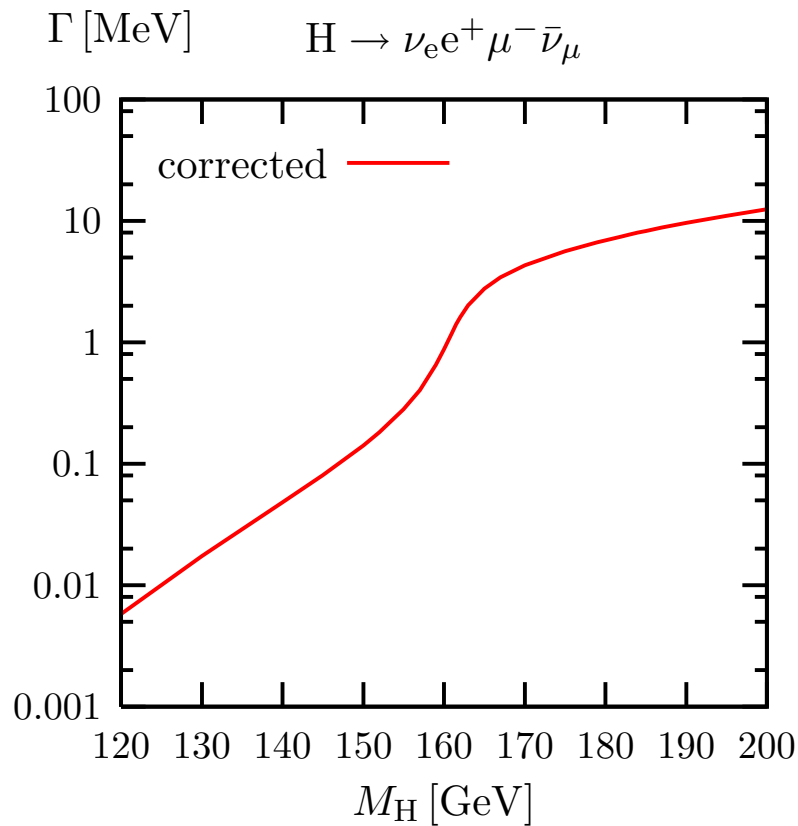
Parametric + theoretical uncertainty:

M_H [GeV]	$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$\tau^+\tau^-$	$c\bar{c}$	gg	$\gamma\gamma$	WW	ZZ	
120	3%	6%	12%	10%	5%	5%	5%	← driven by $\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}$
150	4%	3%	10%	8%	2%	1%	1%	
200	5%	3%	10%	8%	2%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	

EW corrections significant in predictions for $\Gamma_{H \rightarrow X}$ and $BR_{H \rightarrow X}$

Partial H width for $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \nu_e e^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$

Bredenstein, Denner,
S.D., Weber '06



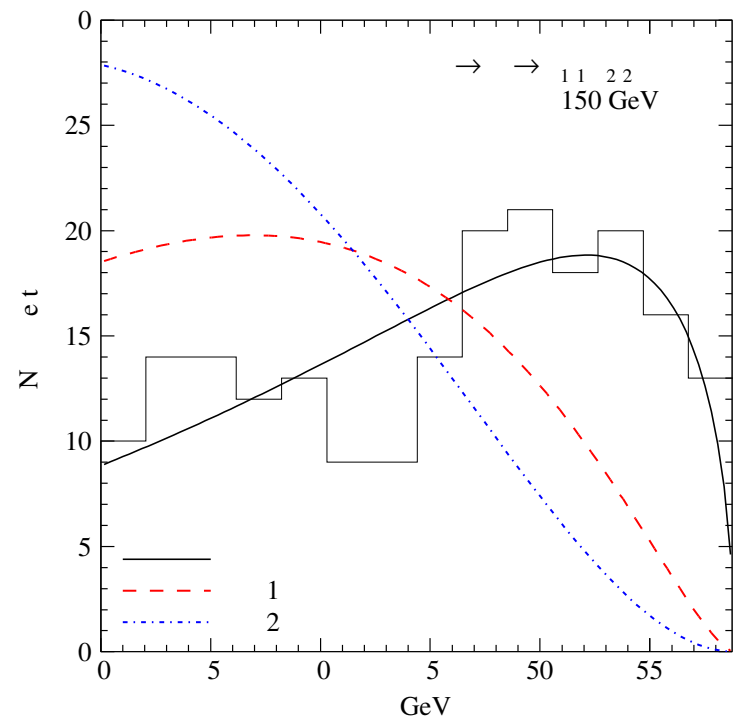
NWA = “narrow-width approximation” (on-shell W bosons)

IBA = “improved Born approximation” (universal corrections)

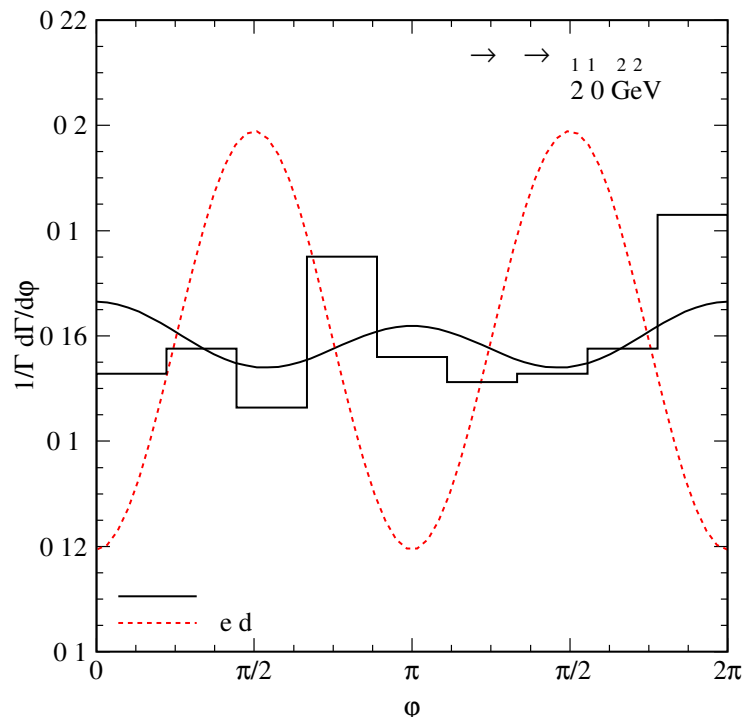
Corrections $\sim 4-8\%$, NWA not useful for $M_H \lesssim 165$ GeV

Important distributions in $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow f_1 \bar{f}_1 f_2 \bar{f}_2$

Invariant Z mass:



Angle between Z decay planes:

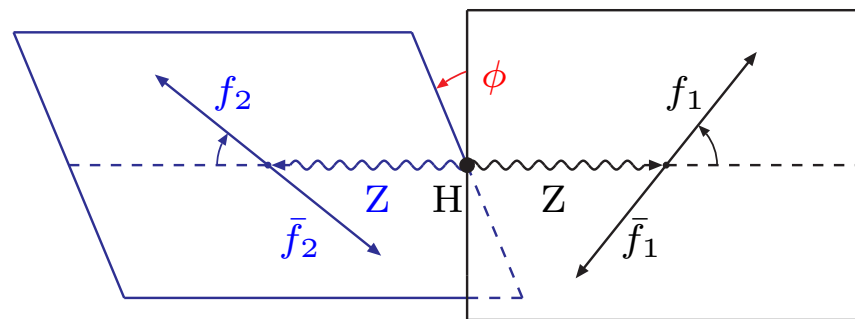


Choi, Miller,
Mühlleitner,
Zerwas '02

$$M_* = M_{f_1 \bar{f}_1}$$

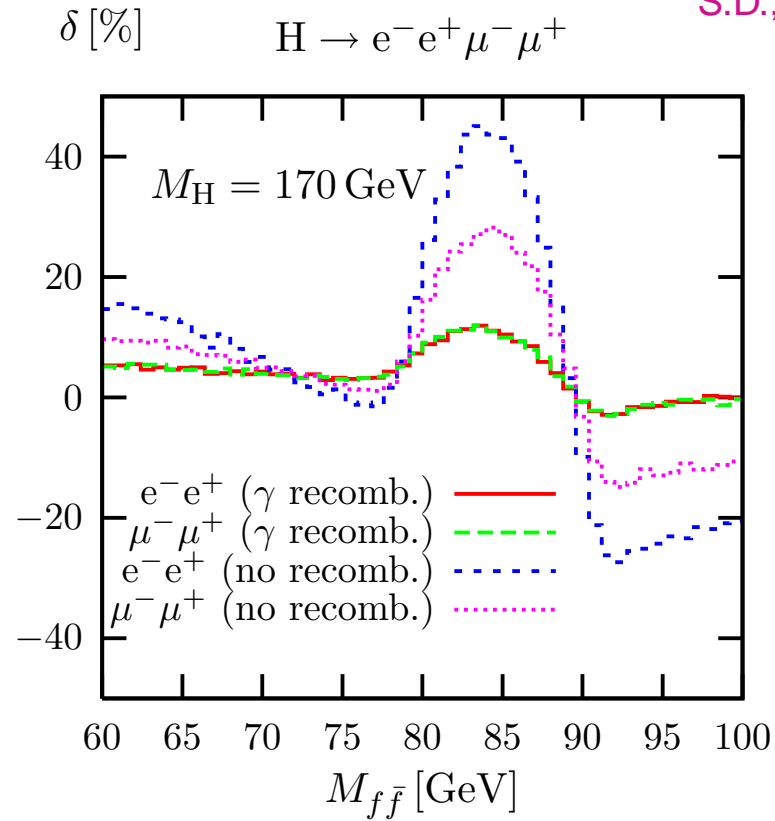
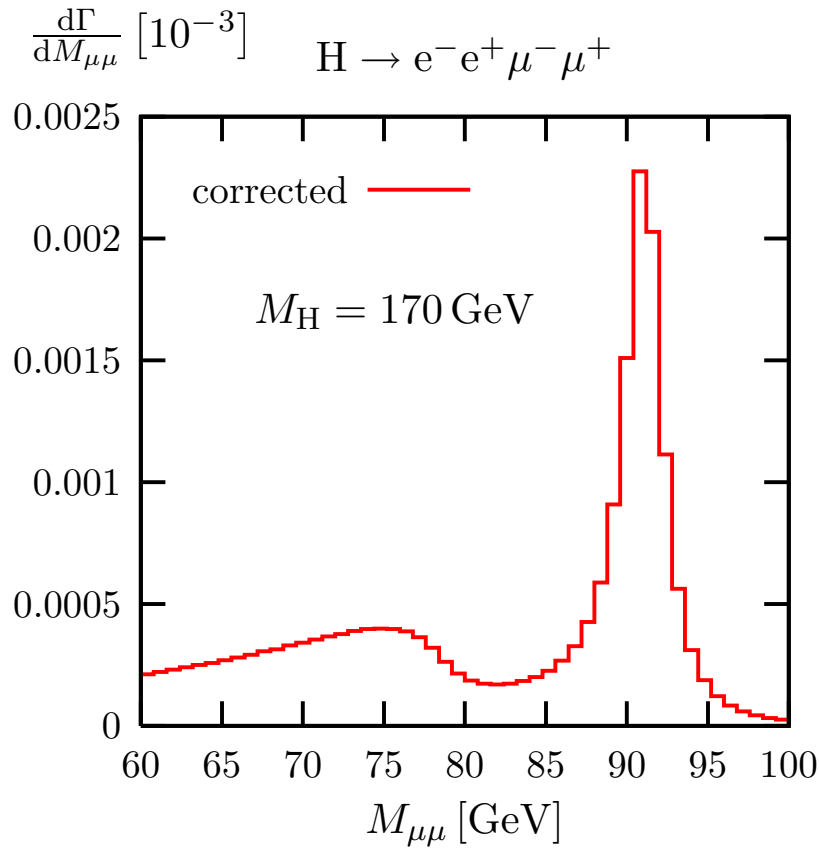
Histograms = SM simulation for $L = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

↪ distributions sensitive to spin and parity



Distribution of invariant Z mass in $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow e^-e^+\mu^-\mu^+$

Bredenstein, Denner,
S.D., Weber '06



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γ recombination if $M_{e\gamma/\mu\gamma} < 5 \text{ GeV}$

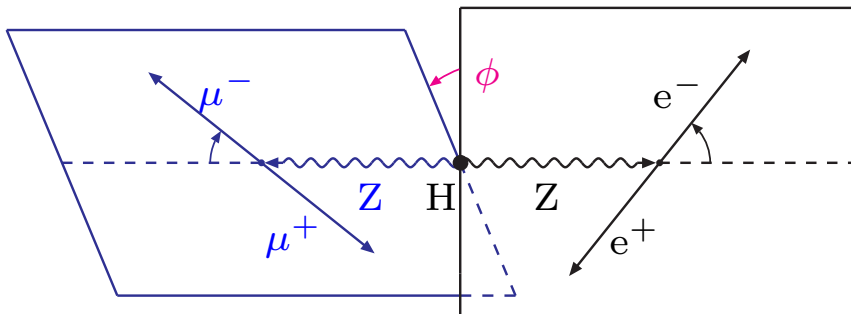
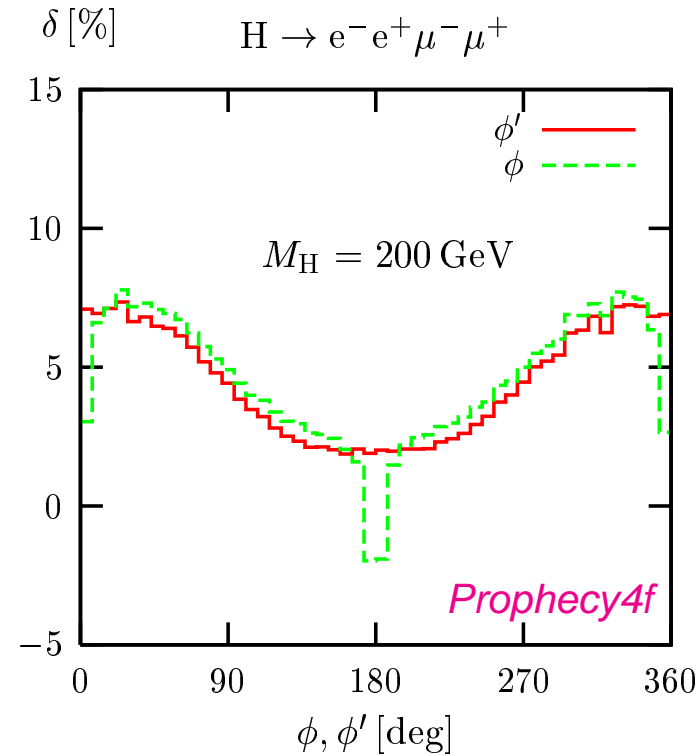
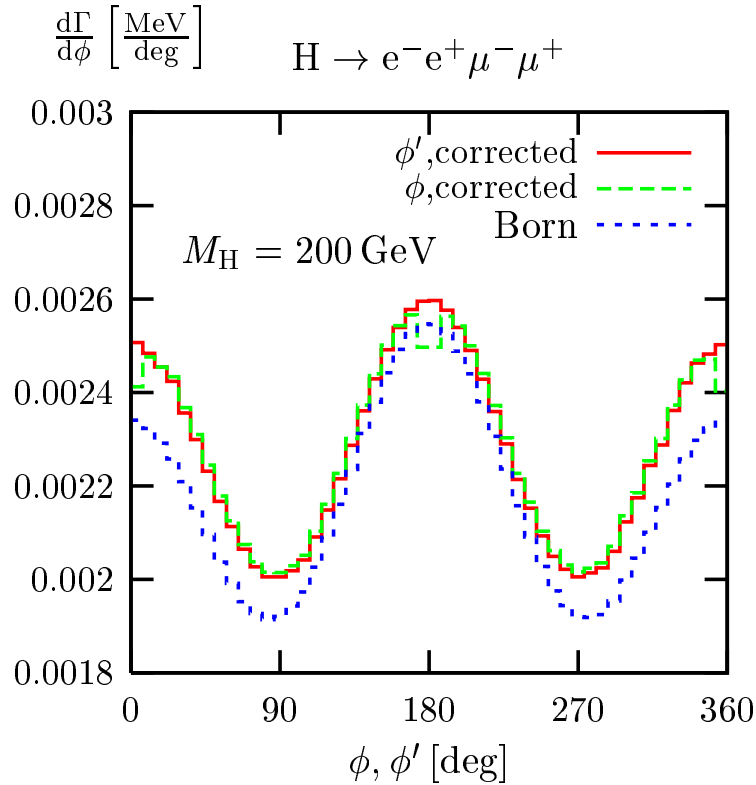
Large corrections due to photon emission in Z reconstruction

Corrections to distribution in angle between Z decay planes

Bredenstein, Denner,
S.D., Weber '06

↪ **5–10% effects** that in general distort shapes of distributions

An example:



$$\cos \phi = \frac{(\mathbf{p}_{e^-e^+} \times \mathbf{p}_{e^-}) \cdot (-\mathbf{p}_{\mu^-\mu^+} \times \mathbf{p}_{\mu^-})}{|\mathbf{p}_{e^-e^+} \times \mathbf{p}_{e^-}| \cdot |-\mathbf{p}_{\mu^-\mu^+} \times \mathbf{p}_{\mu^-}|}$$

$$\cos \phi' = \frac{(\mathbf{p}_{e^-e^+} \times \mathbf{p}_{e^-}) \cdot (\mathbf{p}_{e^-e^+} \times \mathbf{p}_{\mu^-})}{|\mathbf{p}_{e^-e^+} \times \mathbf{p}_{e^-}| \cdot |\mathbf{p}_{e^-e^+} \times \mathbf{p}_{\mu^-}|}$$

Summary & outlook



EW corrections ...

- ... are of generic size $\mathcal{O}(\alpha) \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$,
but show **systematic enhancements**
 - ◇ **at high energies** by Sudakov logs ($\sim 10\text{--}50\%$ in TeV range)
 - ◇ **by photon emission**, in particular off muons
(kinematic distortions, $\alpha \ln(m_\mu/Q)$ enhancement)
- ... involve complications due to
 - ◇ off-shell effects of W/Z bosons
 \hookrightarrow gauge-invariant treatment of off-shell effects and decays !
 - ◇ photon-induced channels
- ... require some extra ingredients such as
 - ◇ photon–jet separation for signatures with hard jets
(quark–photon fragmentation function or isolation à la Frixione)
 - ◇ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ -corrected PDFs



“Missing” NLO EW calculations

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ corrections to Drell–Yan processes
- $W + \geq 2$ jets, $Z + \geq 3$ jets
- di-boson production with full off-shell effects / decays
- triple gauge-boson production: $pp \rightarrow WWW$
- vector-boson scattering: $pp(WW \rightarrow WW) \rightarrow WW + 2$ jets, etc.
- ≥ 3 jet production
- off-shell $t\bar{t}$ production with top-quark decays
- $t\bar{t}H$ production
- more ?!

Possible EW projects at Les Houches

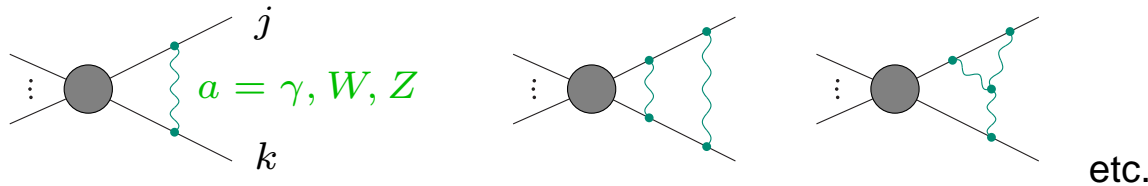
- press ahead with the tuned comparison of precision calculations for Drell-Yan processes carried out in the framework of the LPCC EW Group
- compare prescriptions for combining QCD and EW corrections
- implementation of corrections (in particular EW) in Monte Carlo programs via BLHA (e.g. in SHERPA)
- more ?!

Backup slides



Electroweak radiative corrections at high energies

Sudakov logarithms induced by soft gauge-boson exchange



+ sub-leading logarithms from collinear singularities

Typical impact on $2 \rightarrow 2$ reactions at $\sqrt{s} \sim 1$ TeV:

$$\delta_{LL}^{1\text{-loop}} \sim -\frac{\alpha}{\pi s_W^2} \ln^2\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq -26\%, \quad \delta_{NLL}^{1\text{-loop}} \sim +\frac{3\alpha}{\pi s_W^2} \ln\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq 16\%$$

$$\delta_{LL}^{2\text{-loop}} \sim +\frac{\alpha^2}{2\pi^2 s_W^4} \ln^4\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq 3.5\%, \quad \delta_{NLL}^{2\text{-loop}} \sim -\frac{3\alpha^2}{\pi^2 s_W^4} \ln^3\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq -4.2\%$$

⇒ Corrections still relevant at 2-loop level

Note: differences to QED / QCD where Sudakov log's cancel

- massive gauge bosons W, Z can be reconstructed
 ↪ no need to add “real W, Z radiation”
- non-Abelian charges of W, Z are “open” → Bloch–Nordsieck theorem not applicable

Extensive theoretical studies at fixed perturbative (1-/2-loop) order and suggested resummations via evolution equations

Beccaria et al.; Beenakker, Werthenbach;
 Ciafaloni, Comelli; Denner, Pozzorini; Fadin et al.;
 Hori et al.; Melles; Kühn et al., Denner et al. '00–'00

Photon–jet separation via photon fragmentation function $D_{q \rightarrow \gamma}$

Why?

- collinear quarks and photons have to be recombined \rightarrow quasiparticle
otherwise corrections $\propto \ln(m_q^2/Q^2) \rightarrow$ perturbative “IR instability”
 - quark and gluon jets cannot be distinguished event by event
 \hookrightarrow common recombination required for quarks/gluons with photons
- \Rightarrow $\underbrace{(\mathbf{g}_{\text{hard}} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{\text{soft}})}_{\text{EW corr. to } X+\text{jet}}$ and $\underbrace{(\mathbf{g}_{\text{soft}} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{\text{hard}})}_{\text{QCD corr. to } X+\boldsymbol{\gamma}}$ both appear as 1 jet

Solution:

- exclude events with photon energy fraction $z_\gamma = \frac{E_\gamma}{E_{\text{jet}} + E_\gamma} > z_0$
for (jet + γ) quasiparticles (chosen value $z_0 = 0.7$)

- subtract convolution of LO cross section with

$$D_{q \rightarrow \gamma}^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(z_\gamma, \mu_{\text{fact}}) \Big|_{\text{mass.reg.}} = \frac{\alpha Q_q^2}{2\pi} P_{q \rightarrow \gamma}(z_\gamma) \left[\ln \frac{m_q^2}{\mu_{\text{fact}}^2} + 2 \ln z_\gamma + 1 \right] \leftarrow \text{cancels coll. singularities}$$

$$+ D_{q \rightarrow \gamma}^{\text{ALEPH}}(z_\gamma, \mu_{\text{fact}}) \leftarrow \text{non-perturbative part fitted to ALEPH data}$$

where $P_{q \rightarrow \gamma}(z_\gamma) = \frac{1+(1-z_\gamma)^2}{z_\gamma} =$ quark-to-photon splitting function

The complex-mass scheme for unstable particles

Problem of unstable particles:

description of resonances requires **resummation of propagator corrections**

↪ mixing of perturbative orders **potentially violates gauge invariance**

Dyson series and propagator poles (scalar example)

$$\text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} = \text{---} \text{---} + \text{---} \bullet \text{---} + \text{---} \bullet \bullet \text{---} + \dots$$

$$G^{\phi\phi}(p) = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2} + \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2} i\Sigma(p^2) \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2} + \dots = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + \Sigma(p^2)}$$

$\Sigma(p^2)$ = renormalized self-energy, m = ren. mass

stable particle: $\text{Im}\{\Sigma(p^2)\} = 0$ at $p^2 \sim m^2$

↪ propagator pole for real value of p^2 ,

renormalization condition for physical mass m : $\Sigma(m^2) = 0$

unstable particle: $\text{Im}\{\Sigma(p^2)\} \neq 0$ at $p^2 \sim m^2$

↪ location μ^2 of propagator pole is complex,

possible definition of mass M and width Γ : $\mu^2 = M^2 - iM\Gamma$

The complex-mass scheme at NLO

Basic idea: $\text{mass}^2 = \text{location of propagator pole in complex } p^2 \text{ plane}$

↪ consistent use of complex masses everywhere !

Application to gauge-boson resonances:

• replace $M_W^2 \rightarrow \mu_W^2 = M_W^2 - iM_W\Gamma_W$, $M_Z^2 \rightarrow \mu_Z^2 = M_Z^2 - iM_Z\Gamma_Z$

and define (complex) weak mixing angle via $c_W^2 = 1 - s_W^2 = \frac{\mu_W^2}{\mu_Z^2}$

• **virtues:**

◇ gauge-invariant result (Slavnov–Taylor identities, gauge-parameter independence)

↪ unitarity cancellations respected !

◇ perturbative calculations as usual (loops and counterterms)

◇ no double counting of contributions (bare Lagrangian unchanged !)

• **drawbacks:**

◇ unitarity-violating spurious terms of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$ → but beyond NLO accuracy !
(from t -channel/off-shell propagators and complex mixing angle)

◇ complex gauge-boson masses also in loop integrals

Comparison to other proposals:

- **naive fixed-width schemes:**

$$\frac{1}{p^2 - M^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2 - M^2 + iM\Gamma} \quad \text{in all or at least in resonant propagators}$$

↪ breaks gauge invariance only mildly (?),
but partial inclusion of widths in loops screws up singularity structure

- **pole expansions** Stuart '91; Aeppli et al. '93, '94; etc.

↪ consistent, gauge invariant,
but not reliable at threshold or in off-shell tails of resonances

- **effective field theory approach** Beneke et al. '04; Hoang, Reisser '04

↪ gauge invariant, involves pole expansions,
but can be combined with threshold expansions

- **complex-mass scheme** Denner, S.D., Roth, Wackerroth '99; Denner, S.D., Roth, Wieders '05

↪ gauge invariant, valid everywhere in phase space

