

Electroweak corrections to hadronic production of gauge bosons at large transverse momentum

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Introduction

LHC:

- W/Z production: benchmark process
- Expected cross sections large

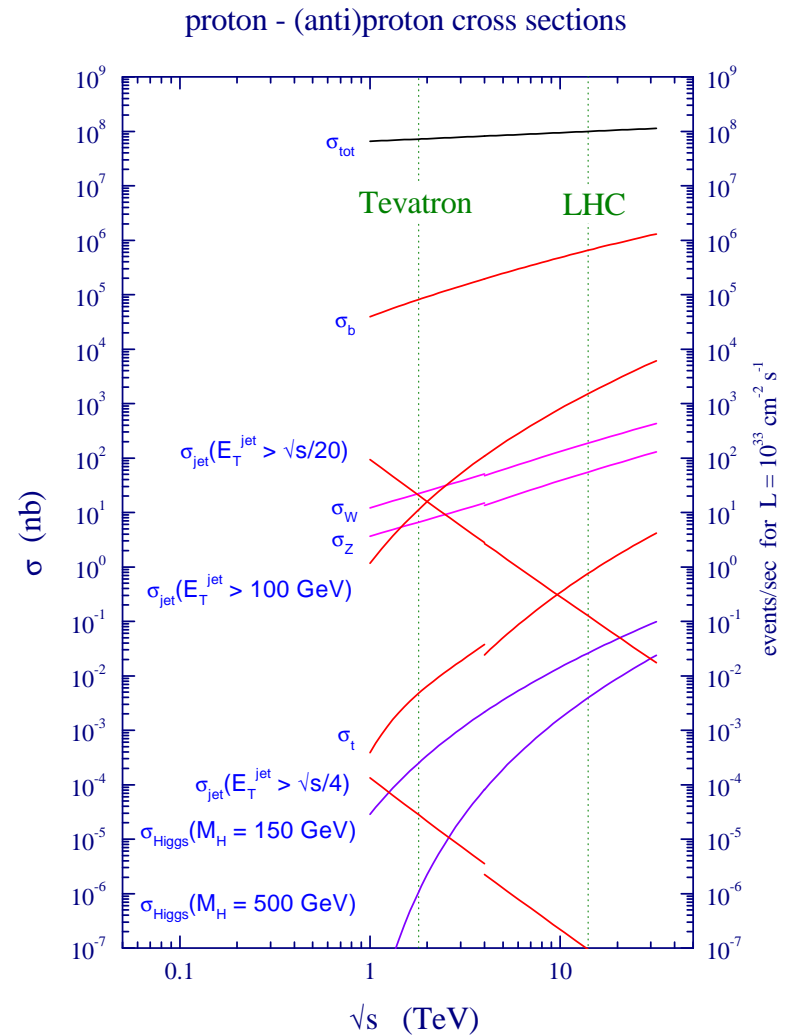
At low luminosity $10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
estimate

200 W bosons

50 Z bosons per second!

⇒ LHC will be a W/Z factory
(→ parton luminosity monitor)

[Dittmar, Pauss, Zürcher, '97]



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- Background to Higgs production

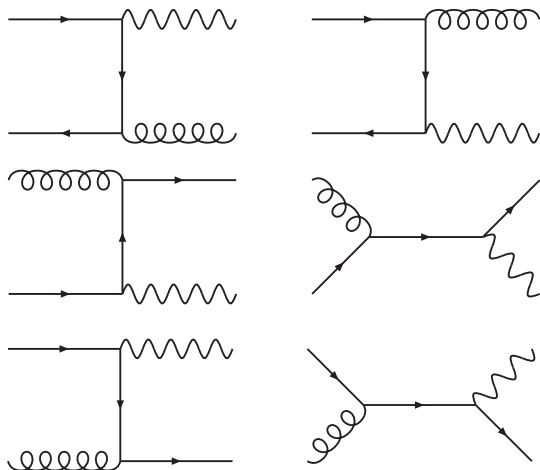
$(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu, H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu, \dots)$

and SUSY searches at the LHC

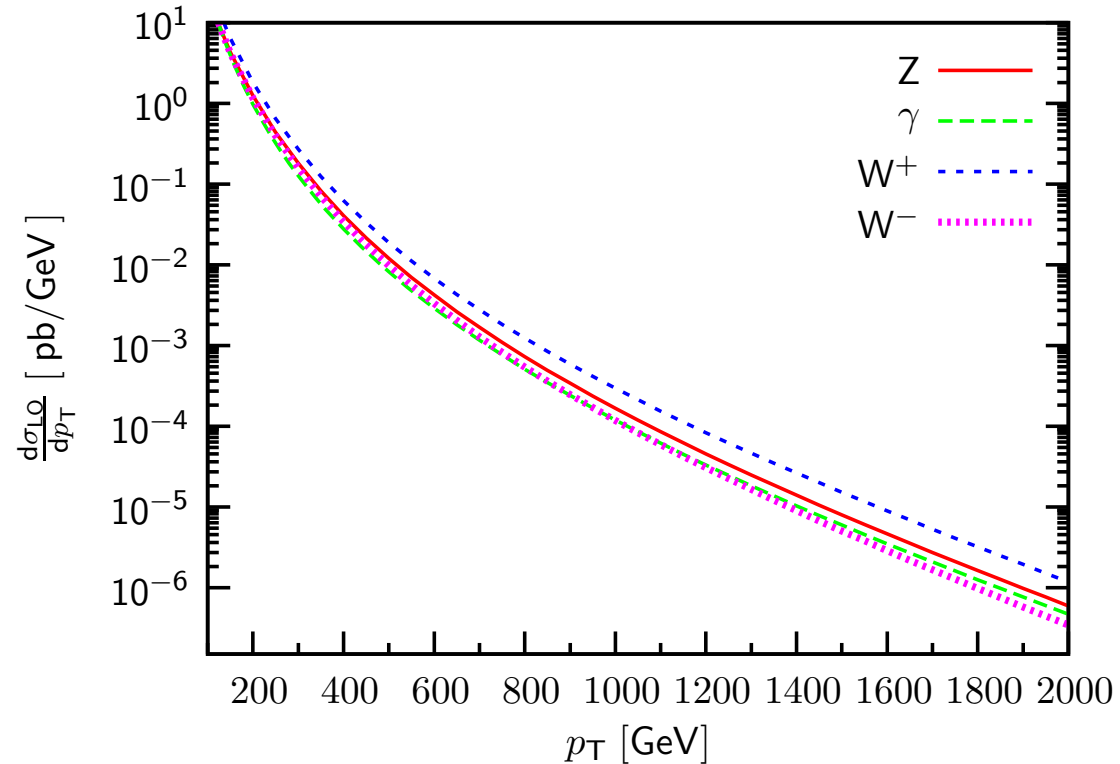
(typical signature $E_T^{\text{miss}} + \text{jet} [+ l]$)

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LO p_T distribution at the LHC



$|\mathcal{M}|^2$ related by crossing symmetries



- Large cross sections at LO \Rightarrow good statistics;
- Reducing theoretical error requires calculation of **radiative corrections**:
here EW

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- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ EW corrections to LO $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ process (no QCD corrections)
 - γ/Z production [Maina, Moretti, Ross'04]
 - $\gamma/Z/W^\pm$ production [Kühn, A.K., Pozzorini, Schulze'05-07] (**analytic results** and numerical predictions)
 - W^\pm production [Hollik, Kasprzik, Kniehl '07]

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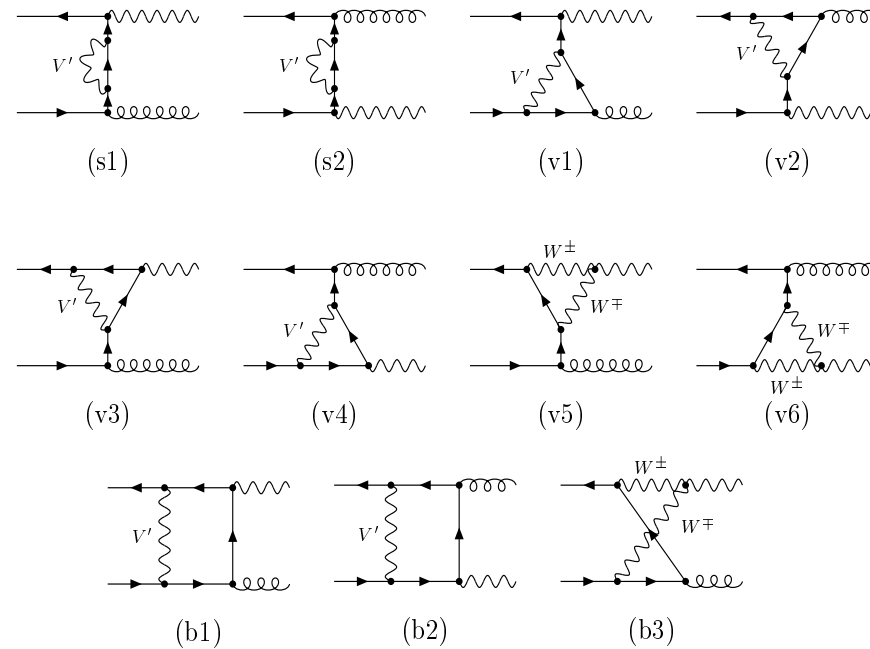
- Origin: soft/collinear emission of *virtual massive* gauge bosons (W , Z)
 - real radiation possible to observe \implies no compensation of virtual emission by real radiation
 - finite logarithmic corrections \implies different from massless gauge theories such as QCD or QED

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corrections to $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Vg$

Z/γ production

$V' = W^\pm, Z$

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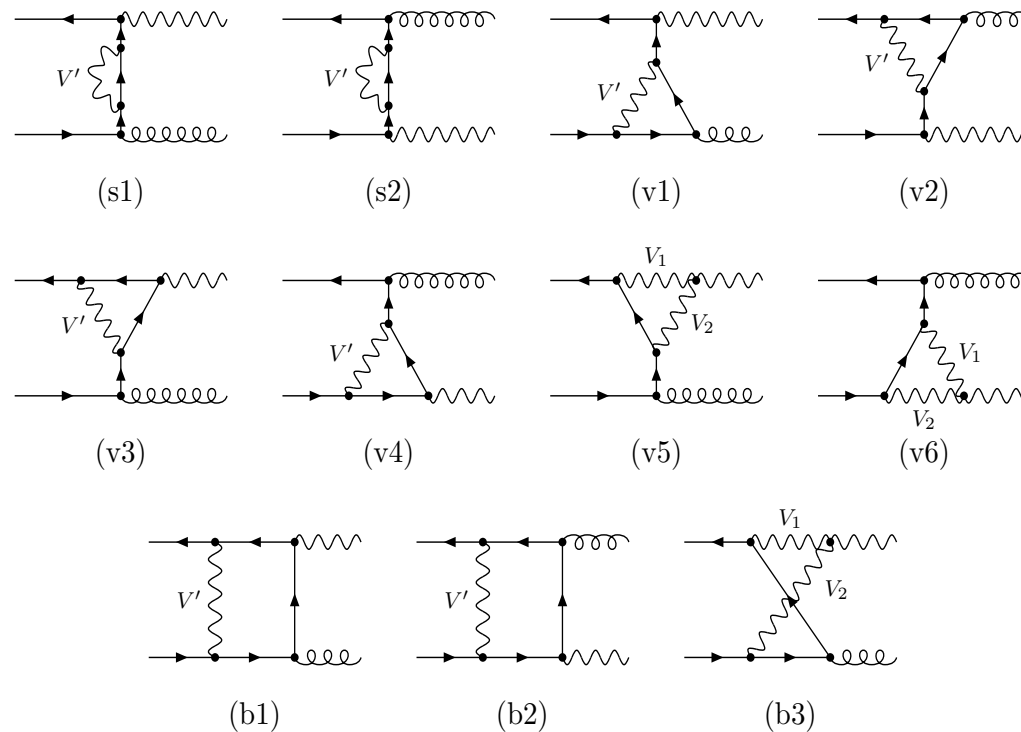
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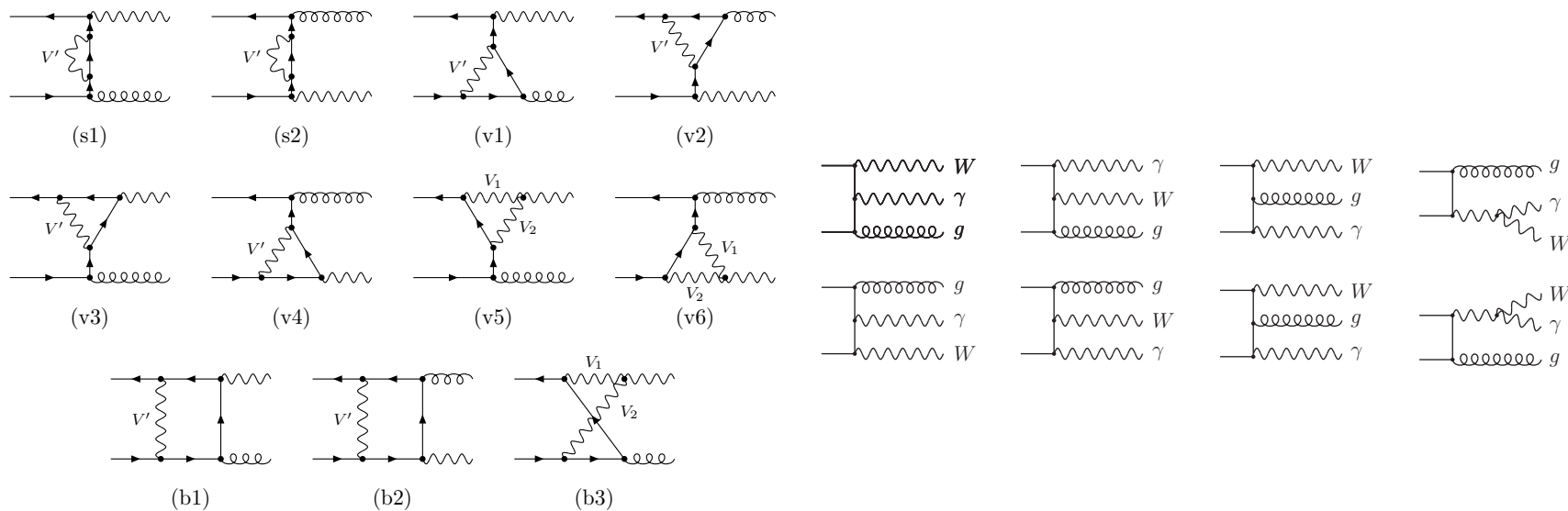
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Schematically

$$\overline{\sum} |\mathcal{M}_{1,v}^{q_i q_j \rightarrow Vg}|^2 \sim \sum_{i=1}^{N_V} \sum_{V'=A,Z,W^\pm} C_i^{V V'} H_V^i(M_{V'})$$

coupling factor

$$N_V = 2 \text{ for } V = A, Z, \quad N_V = 4 \text{ for } V = W^\pm$$

$$H_V^i(M_{V'}^2) = \text{Re} \left[\sum_{j=0} K_{V,j}^i(M_{V'}^2) J_j(M_{V'}^2) \right]$$

Basis of 14 scalar integrals

$$\begin{aligned} J_0(M_{V'}^2) &= 1 & J_2(M_{V'}^2) \dots J_6(M_{V'}^2) &= B_0(\dots) & J_{12}(M_{V'}^2) \dots J_{14}(M_{V'}^2) &= \\ J_1(M_{V'}^2) &= A_0(M_{V'}^2) & J_7(M_{V'}^2) \dots J_{11}(M_{V'}^2) &= C_0(\dots) & \text{comb. of } C_0(\dots) \text{ \& } D_0(\dots) \end{aligned}$$

- Compact expressions for coefficients $K_{V,j}^i$ (rational functions of kin. variables)

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- Results always obtained with two independent codes within the collaboration

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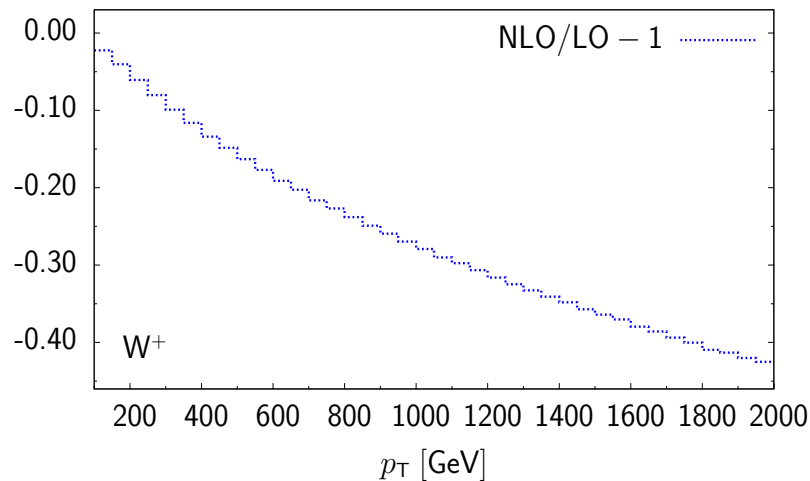
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- Initial state collinear singularities absorbed in the pdfs
 - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ effects in MRST2004QED (NLO QCD evolution)
 - This is a LO calculation in QCD \rightarrow MRST2001 LO pdfs
 - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ effects known to be small [Roth, Weinzierl '04]
 - Photon-induced contributions suppressed by α/α_s wrt $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2\alpha_s) \Rightarrow$ not included here; found to be non-negligible numerically [Hollik, Kasprzik, Kniehl '07]

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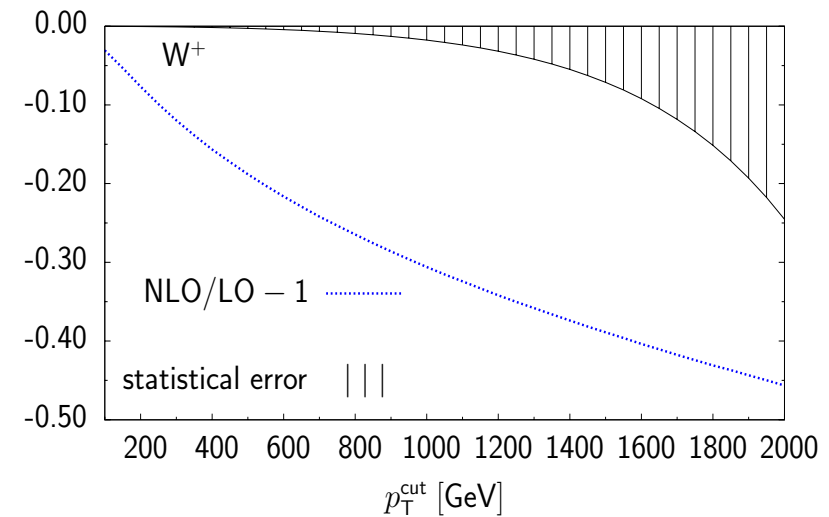
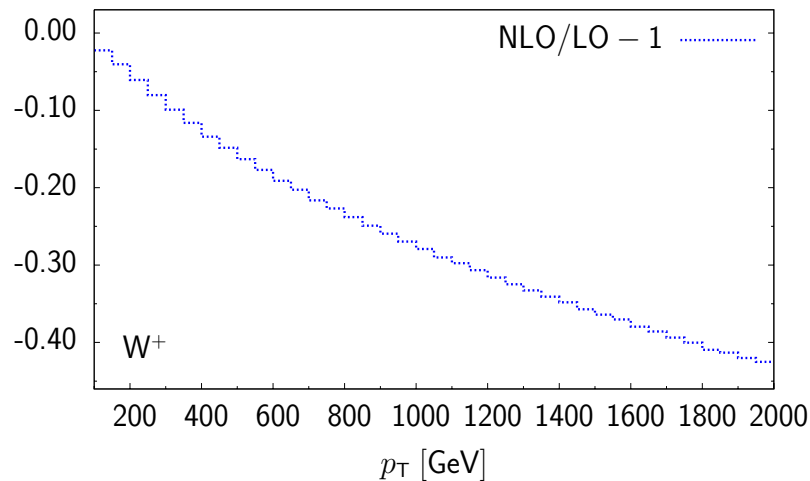
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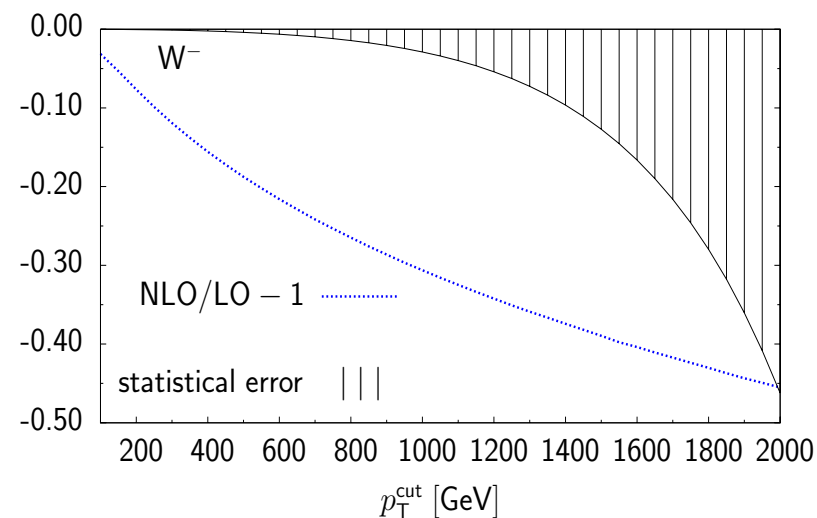
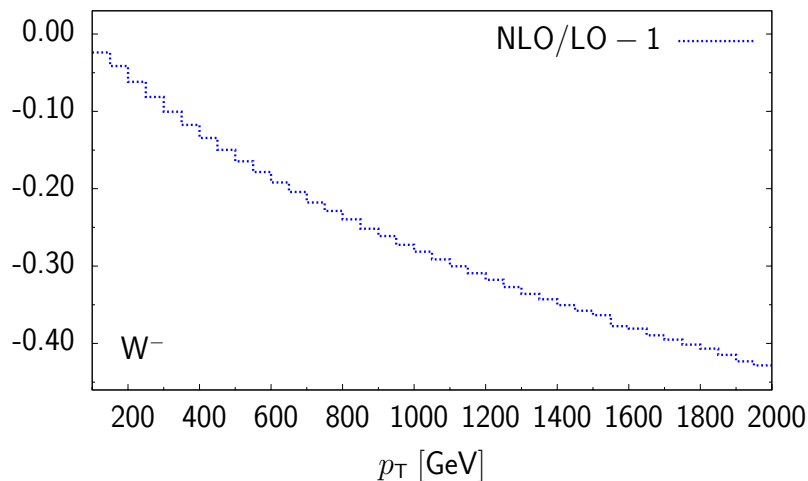
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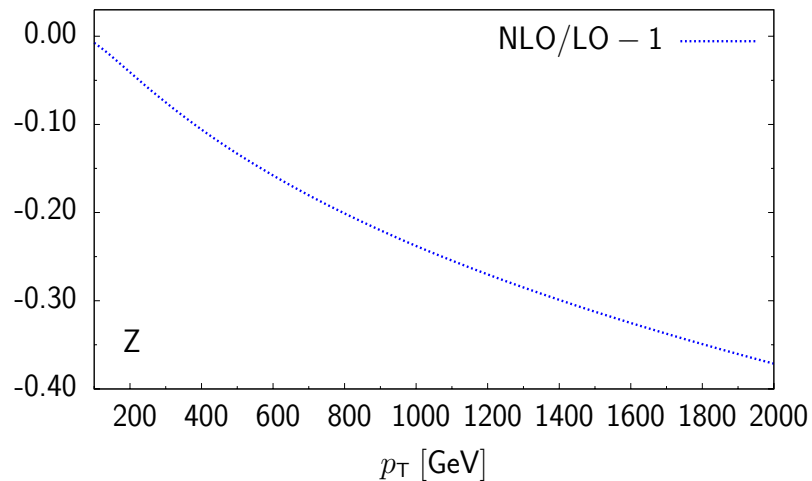
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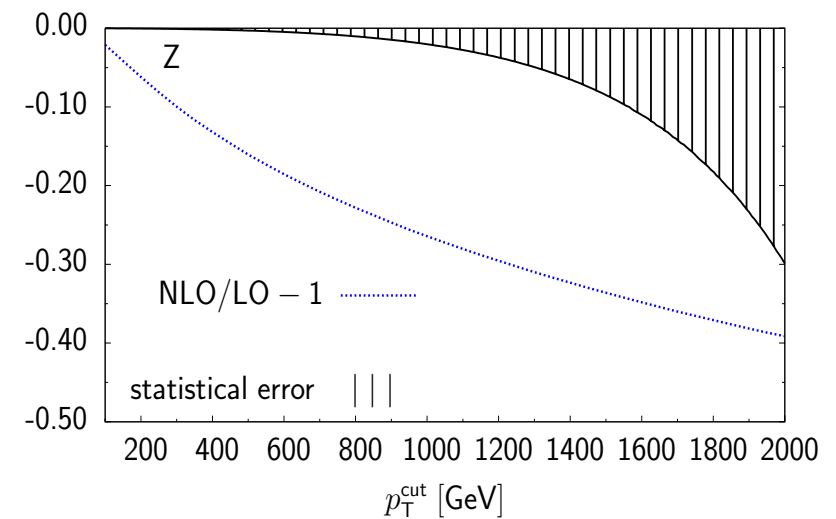
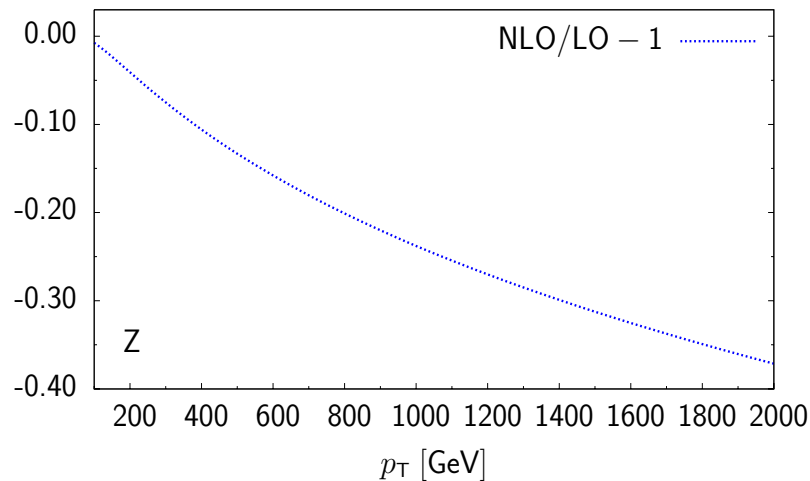
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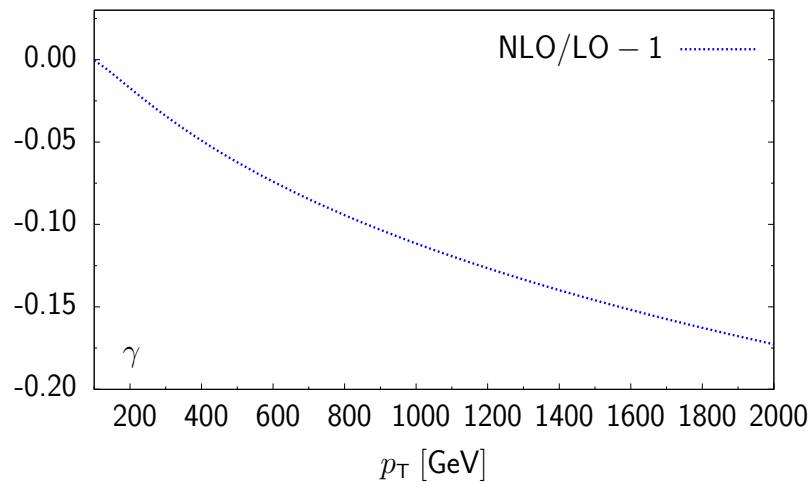
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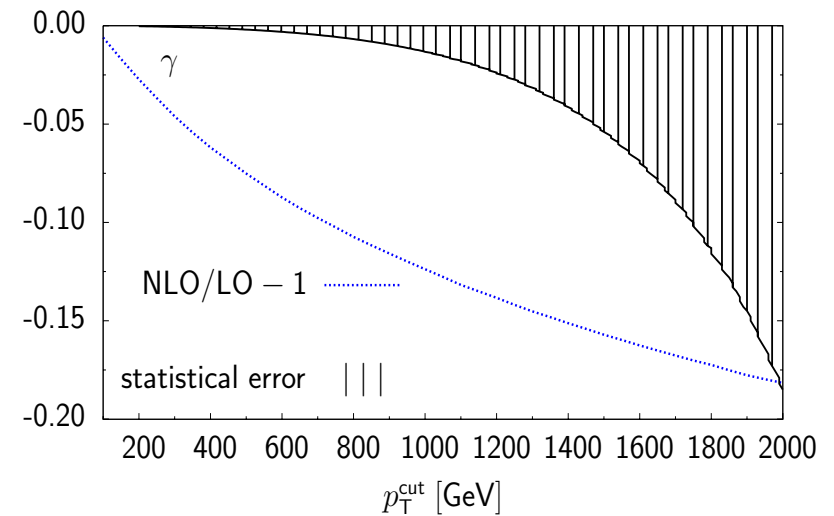
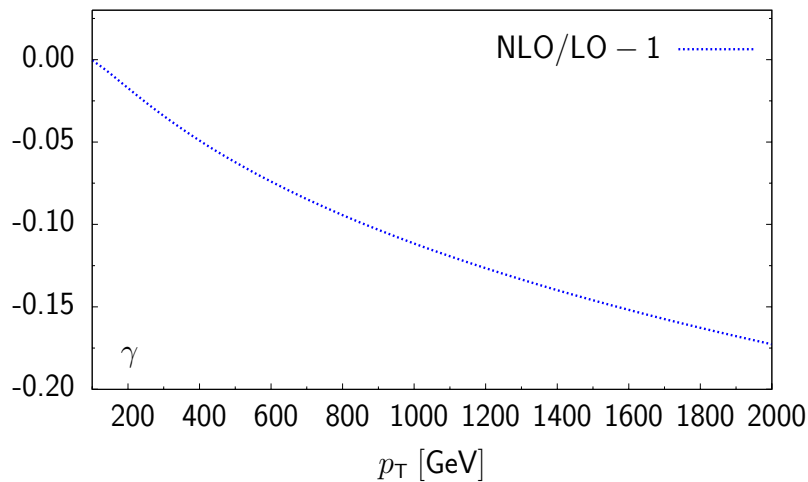


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High-energy approximation of the one-loop result

NNLL approximation: high energy limit of the NLO result for $\overline{\sum} |\mathcal{M}^{q_i q_j}|^2$

$M_W^2/\hat{s} \rightarrow 0$ ($\hat{t}/\hat{s}, \hat{u}/\hat{s}$ constant)

[Roth, Denner'96]

terms with $\alpha \ln^2\left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2}\right)$, $\alpha \ln\left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2}\right)$ and constants

($V = \gamma, Z$)

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$$H_1^{V,A/N}(M_{V'}^2) \stackrel{\text{NNLL}}{=} \text{Re} \left[g_0^{V,A/N}(M_{V'}^2) \frac{\hat{t}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}\hat{u}} + g_1^{V,A/N}(M_{V'}^2) \frac{\hat{t}^2 - \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}\hat{u}} + g_2^{V,A/N}(M_{V'}^2) \right]$$

$$g_0^{V,A}(M_{V'}^2) = -\log^2\left(\frac{-\hat{s}}{M_{V'}^2}\right) + 3\log\left(\frac{-\hat{s}}{M_{V'}^2}\right) + \frac{3}{2} \left[\log^2\left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}}\right) + \log^2\left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}}\right) + \log\left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}}\right) + \log\left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}}\right) \right] + \frac{7\pi^2}{3} - \frac{5}{2}$$

$$g_0^{V,N}(M_W^2) = 2 \left[2/(4-D) - \gamma_E + \log\left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{M_Z^2}\right) - \delta_{V\gamma} \log\left(\frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2}\right) \right] + \log^2\left(\frac{-\hat{s}}{M_W^2}\right) - \log^2\left(\frac{-\hat{t}}{M_W^2}\right) - \log^2\left(\frac{-\hat{u}}{M_W^2}\right) \\ + \log^2\left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{u}}\right) - \frac{3}{2} \left[\log^2\left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}}\right) + \log^2\left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}}\right) \right] - 2\pi^2 + 2\delta_{VZ} \left(-\frac{\pi^2}{9} - \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}} + 2 \right)$$

$$g_1^{V,N}(M_{V'}^2) = -g_1^{V,A}(M_{V'}^2) + \frac{3}{2} \left[\log\left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}}\right) - \log\left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}}\right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\log^2\left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}}\right) - \log^2\left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}}\right) \right]$$

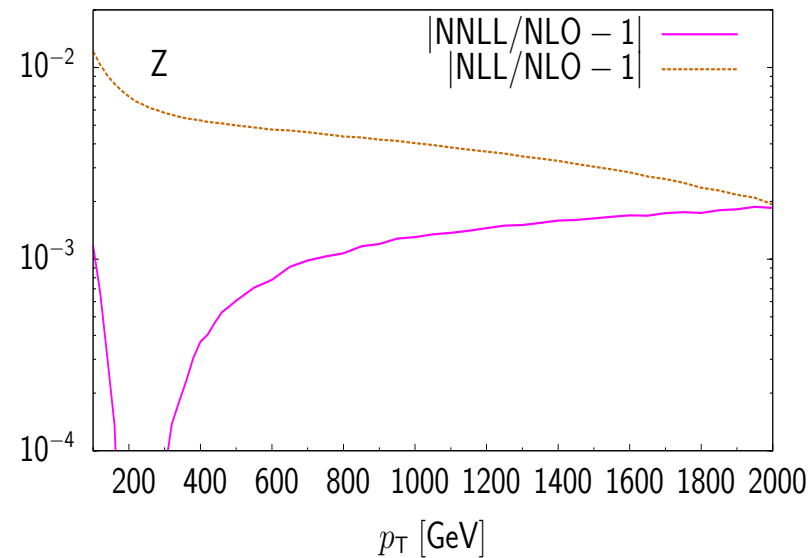
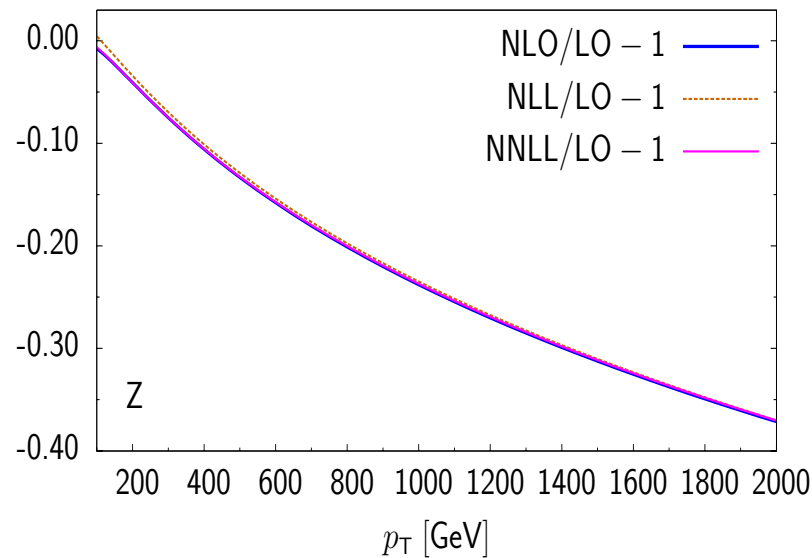
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$$g_i^{\gamma,A} = g_i^{Z,A} \text{ for } i = 0, 1, 2 \quad g_j^{\gamma,N} = g_j^{Z,N} \text{ for } j = 1, 2$$

→ **extremely compact analytic formulae** for NNLL approximation (also for W^\pm)

High-energy approximation of the one-loop result

Z production at the LHC



- NLL approximation: percent (or better) level
 - $\sim 1\%$ deviation from NLO at low p_T
 - $\sim 0.2\%$ deviation from NLO at $p_T = 2$ TeV
- NNLL approximation: permille level
- Similar behaviour for W^\pm and γ production

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→ Calculations based on results available in the literature:

1- loop

factorization and universality of 1-loop EW corrections at the LL and NLL level

$\alpha \log^2 \left(\frac{|\hat{r}|}{M_W^2} \right), \alpha \log \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \right)$ for arbitrary processes [Denner, Pozzorini'01]

2- loop

LL $\alpha^2 \log^4 \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \right)$ and NLL “angular” $\alpha^2 \log^3 \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \right) \left(\frac{|\hat{r}|}{M_W^2} \right)$ terms for arbitrary processes [Denner, Melles, Pozzorini'03] + remaining NLL terms with $\alpha^2 \log^3 \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \right)$ from general resummation formula [Melles'02,'03]

[Denner,Janzen, Pozzorini'06]

NLL approximation

W production

$$\overline{\sum} |\mathcal{M}_2^{\bar{q}q' \rightarrow W^\sigma g}|^2 \stackrel{NLL}{=} \overline{\sum} |\mathcal{M}_0^{\bar{q}q' \rightarrow W^\sigma g}|^2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \right) A^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \right)^2 A^{(2)} \right]$$

$$A^{(1)} = - \left[C_{qL}^{\text{ew}} (L_{\hat{s}}^2 - 3L_{\hat{s}}) + \frac{1}{s_W^2} (L_{\hat{t}}^2 + L_{\hat{u}}^2 - L_{\hat{s}}^2) \right]$$

$$L_{\hat{r}} = \log \left(\frac{|\hat{r}|}{M_W^2} \right), \quad \hat{r} = \hat{s}, \hat{t}, \hat{u}; \quad C_{qL}^{\text{ew}} = \frac{Y_{qL}^2}{4c_W^2} + \frac{3}{(4s_W^2)}$$

⇒ agreement with the NLL limit of the full one-loop result

NLL approximation

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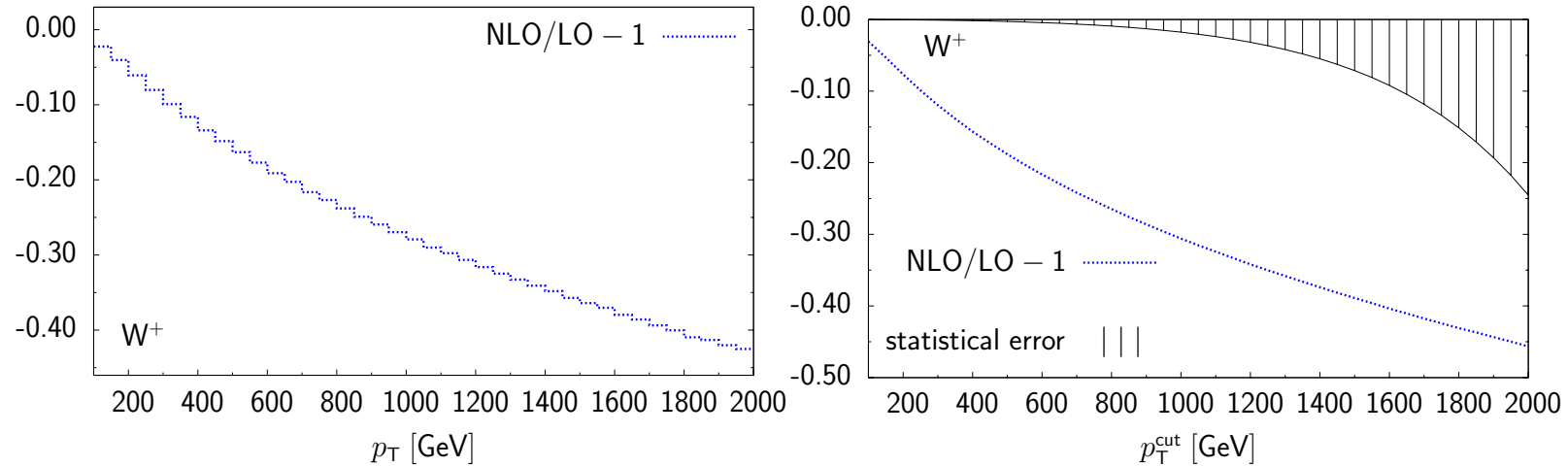
$$A^{(2)} = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(C_{qL}^{\text{ew}} + \frac{1}{s_W^2} \right) \left[(L_{\hat{s}}^4 - 6L_{\hat{s}}^3) + \frac{1}{s_W^2} (L_{\hat{t}}^4 + L_{\hat{u}}^4 - L_{\hat{s}}^4) \right] + \frac{1}{6} \left[\frac{b_1}{c_W^2} \left(\frac{Y_{qL}}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{7}{8} \frac{b_2}{s_W^2} \right] L_{\hat{s}}^3 \right\}$$

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→ similar analytic results for neutral gauge boson production

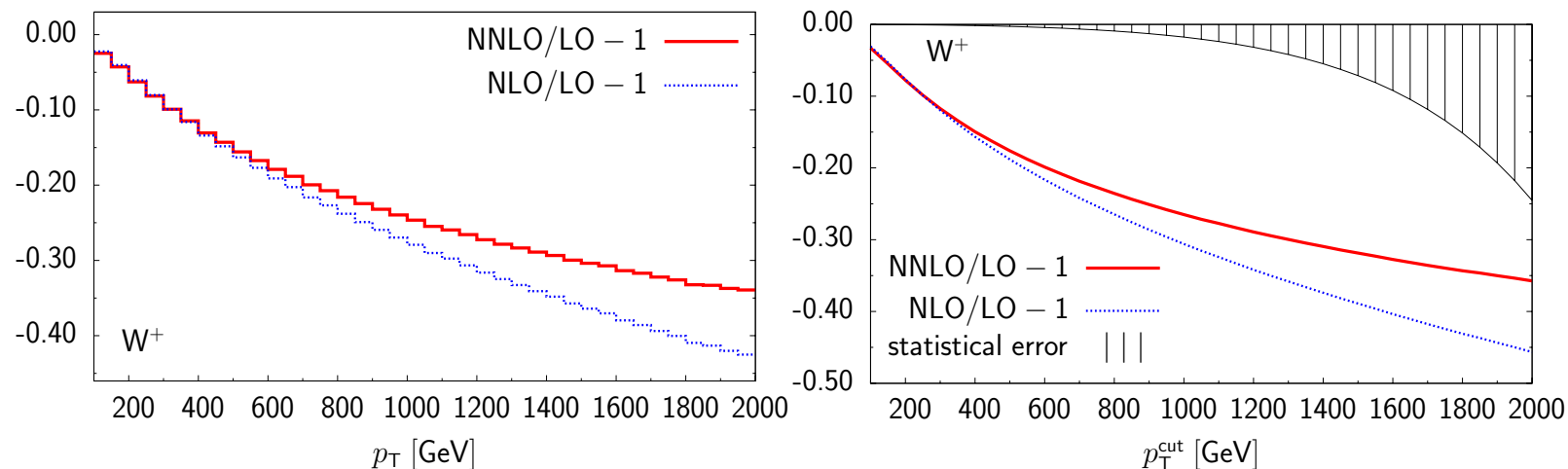
NLL approximation: 2-loop results

Large p_T W^+ -boson production at the LHC



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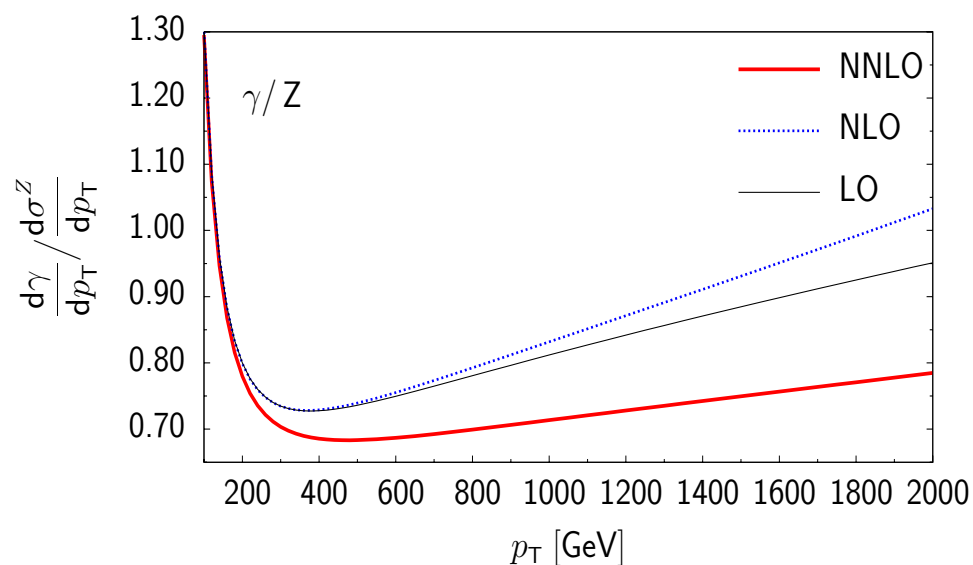
Large p_T W^+ -boson production at the LHC



- NLL 2-loop terms positive, up to 10% contribution (at 2 TeV)
- 1-loop + 2-loop NLL amount to up to -33% correction (at 2 TeV)
- For large range of p_T values 2-loop effects comparable with statistical error!
- very similar numbers for W^- , qualitatively similar behaviour for Z and γ

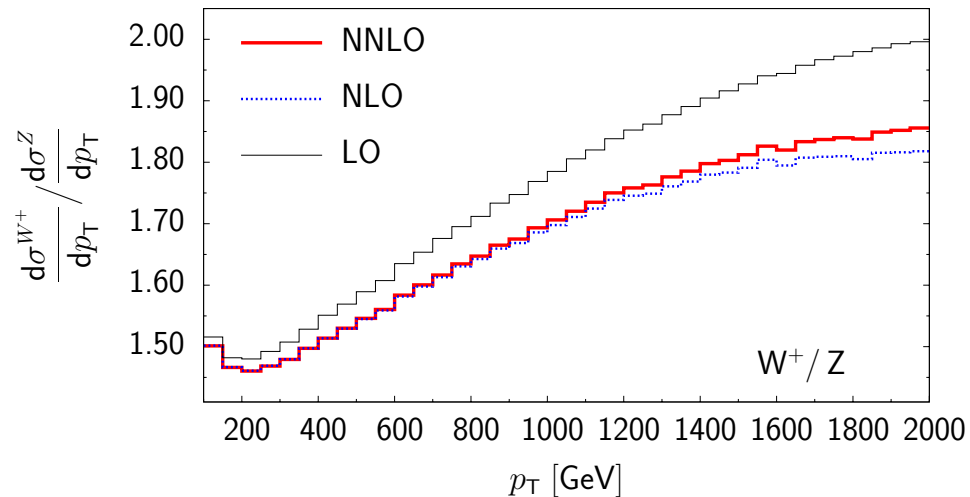
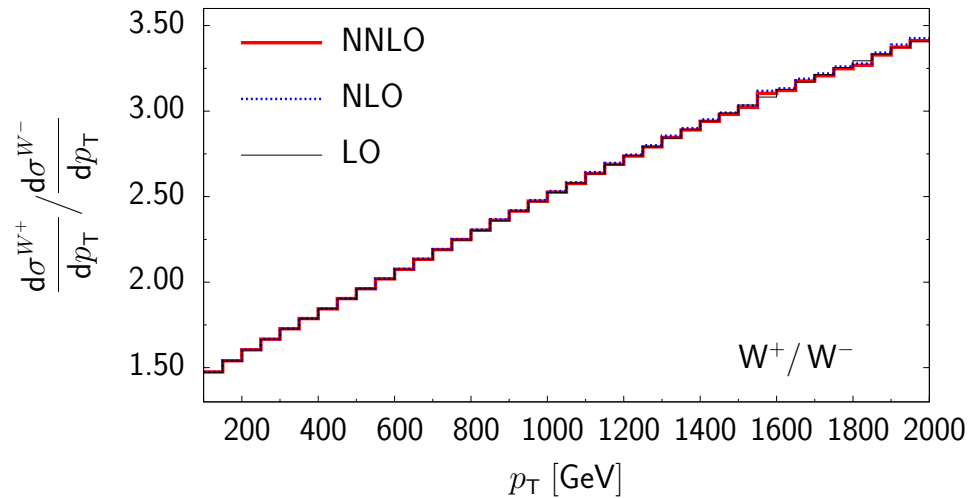
Ratio of the p_T distributions: γ to Z

- Cancellation of theoretical uncertainties (PDFs, α_S)
- Stability wrt. QCD corrections



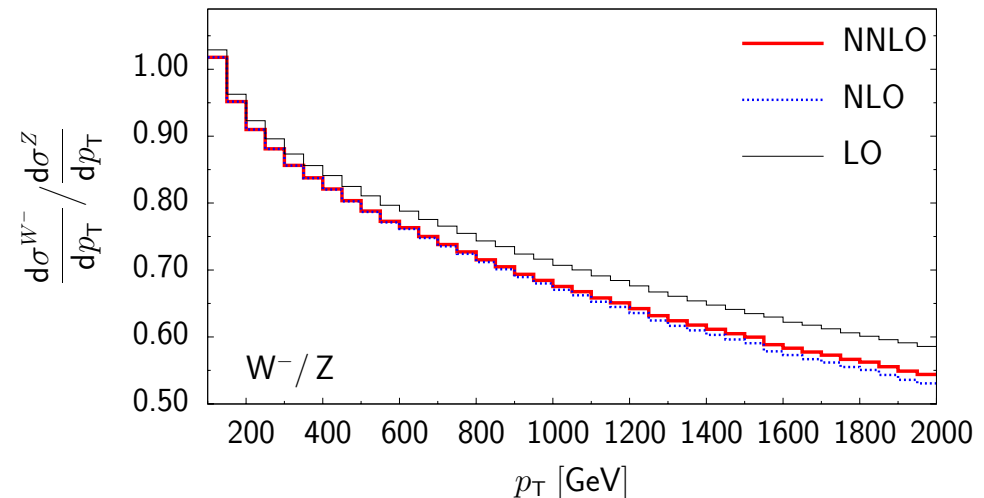
- Ratio of the LO distributions: $\frac{d\sigma^\gamma}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T} \sim 0.7 - 0.8$
- EW corrections modify the ratio; strongest effect at large p_T
NLO: $\frac{d\sigma^\gamma}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T} \sim 0.75 - 1$, NNLO: $\frac{d\sigma^\gamma}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T} \sim 0.75 - 0.95$

Ratio of the p_T distributions: W^+ to W^- , W^+ to Z

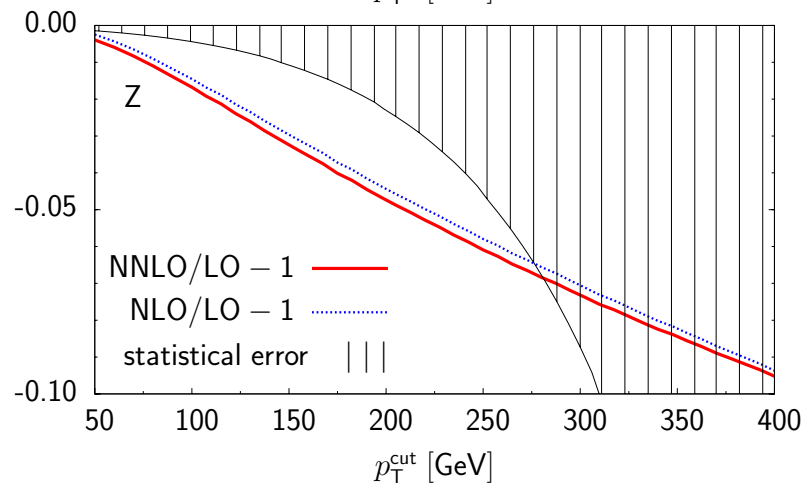
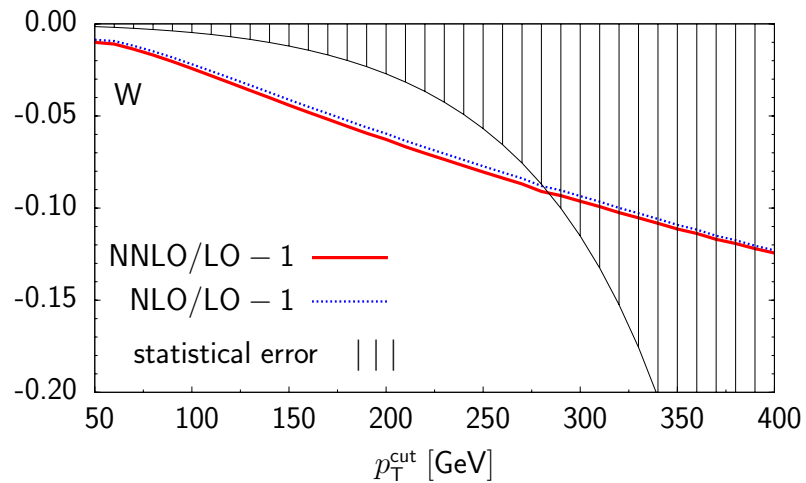


● $\frac{d\sigma^{W^+}}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^{W^-}}{dp_T}$ not affected by EW corrections

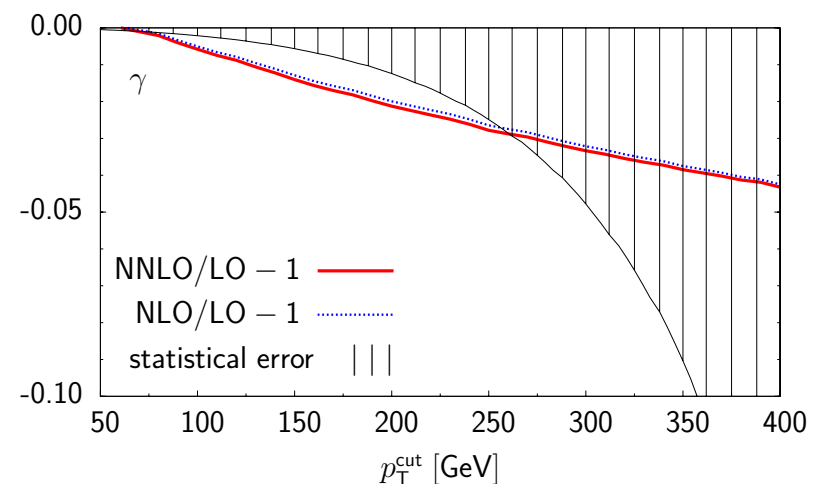
● Above 1 TeV, EW corrections to $\frac{d\sigma^{W^+ (W^-)}}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T}$ are of the 5 – 7% size



Gauge boson production at the Tevatron



- $\mathcal{L} = 11\text{fb}^{-1}$
- NLO corrections bigger than stat. error
- NLL 2-loop corrections small



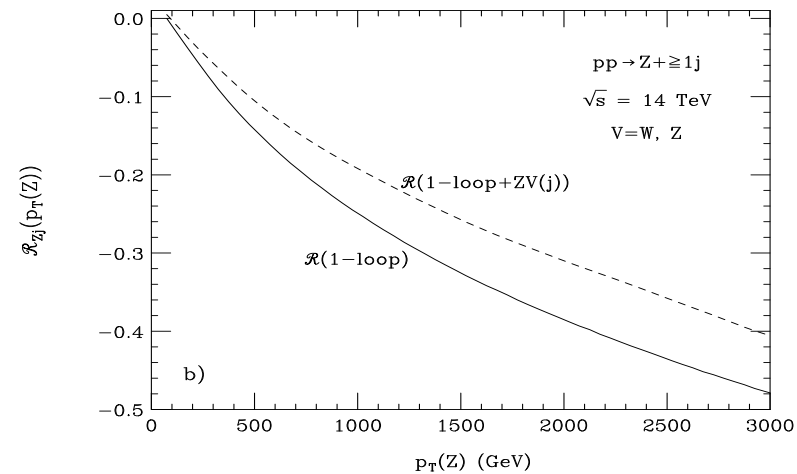
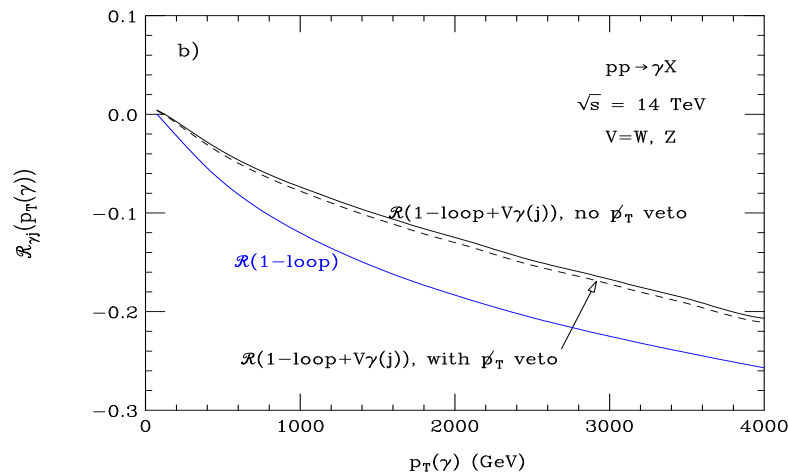
Effects of real emission

[Baur'06]

- No real corrections for exclusive processes
- Effects from *real* weak boson emission for inclusive processes
- Violation of Bloch-Nordsieck theorem for non-abelian gauge theories \implies logarithmic terms survive

[Catani, M.Ciafaloni, P. Ciafaloni, Comelli]

- Moderate effects at the LHC

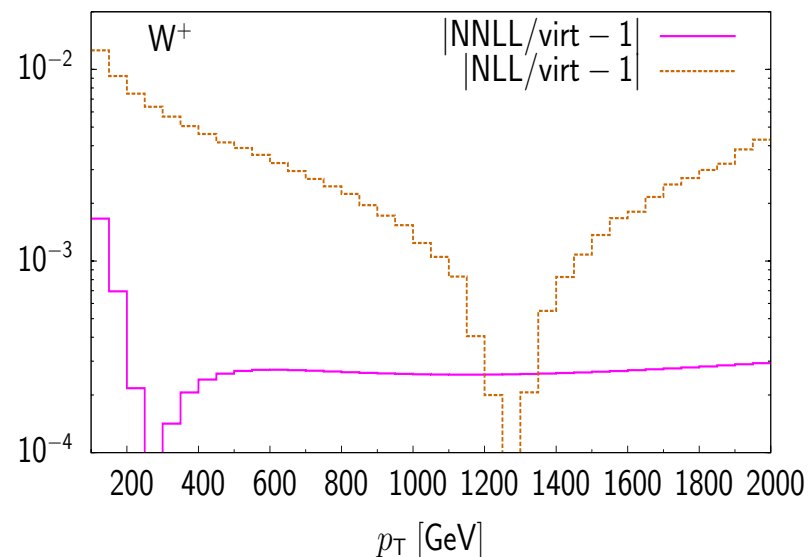
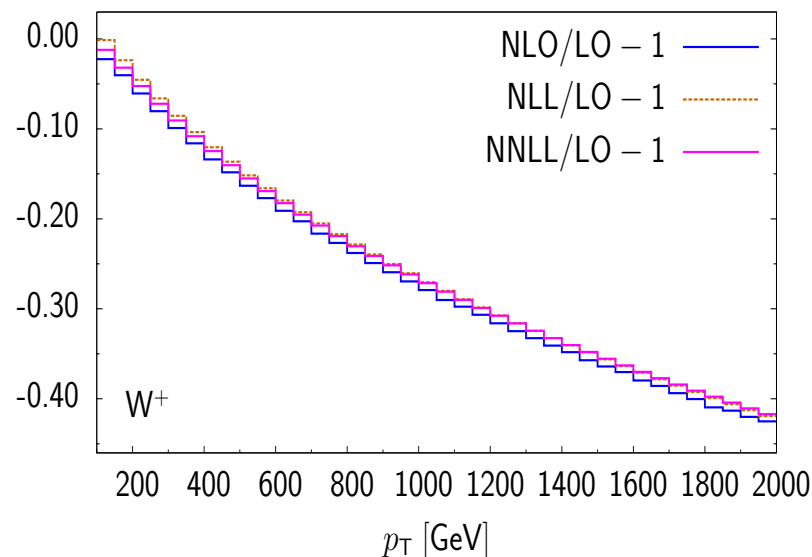


Summary

- Analytic results for the full $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ correction to the p_T distribution of W -bosons, Z -bosons and direct photons
- NNLL approximation of the NLO: compact expression, excellent approximation
- NLL approximation: 1-loop and 2-loop corrections
- Conclusion: EW corrections important for the precise knowledge of the production cross sections at large p_T (large logs at TeV scales!)
 - Negative 1-loop corrections of the order of tens of percent at high p_T at the LHC
 - Positive 2-loop NLL corrections of the order of several percent at high p_T at the LHC \Rightarrow relevant for the analysis!
 - Ratio $\frac{d\sigma^\gamma}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T}$ and $\frac{d\sigma^{W^\pm}}{dp_T} / \frac{d\sigma^Z}{dp_T}$: significant effects due to EW corrections at large p_T
 - Same study for the Tevatron: corrections less significant numerically

Backup: High-energy approximation of the one-loop

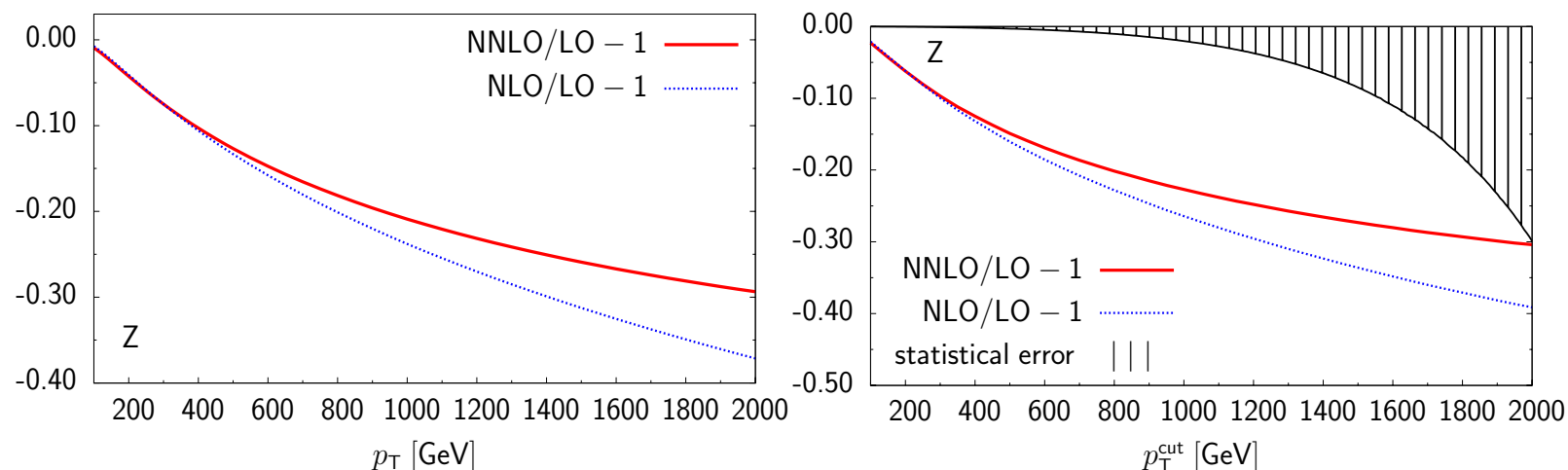
W^+ production at the LHC



- NLL approximation: percent (or better) level
 - $\sim 1\%$ deviation from NLO at low p_T
 - $\sim 0.2\%$ deviation from NLO at $p_T = 2$ TeV
- NNLL approximation: permille level
- Similar behaviour for W^- production

Backup: NLL approximation: 2-loop results

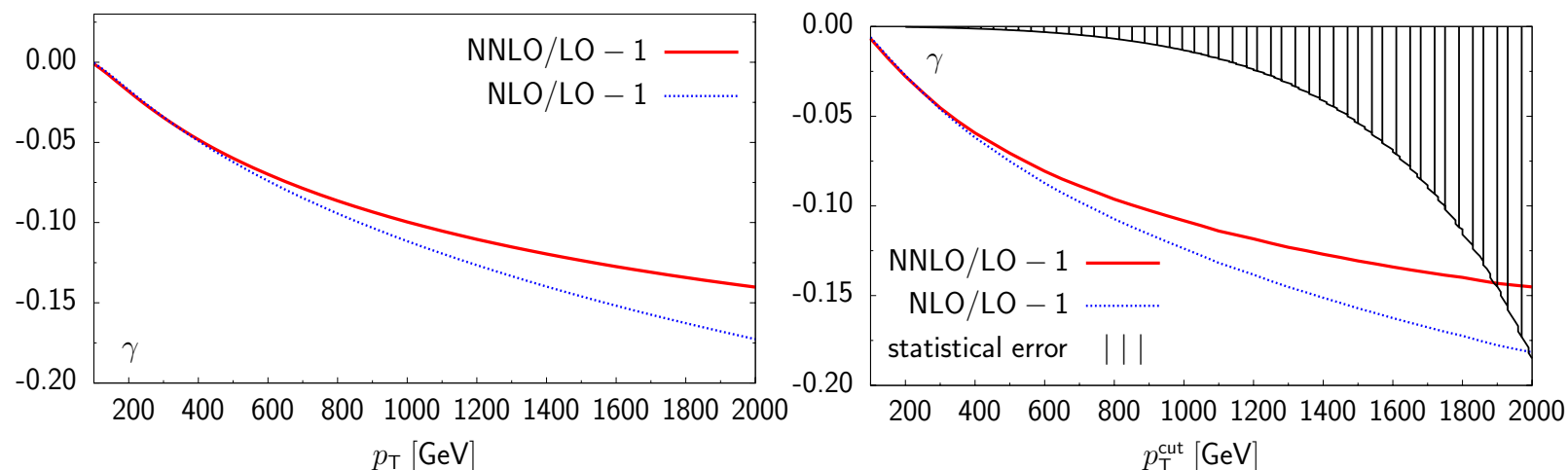
Large p_T Z -boson production at the LHC



- NLL 2-loop terms positive, up to 8% contribution (at 2 TeV)
- 1-loop + 2-loop NLL amount to up to -30% correction (at 2 TeV)
- For large range of p_T values 2-loop effects comparable with statistical error!

Backup: NLL approximation: 2-loop results

Large p_T photon production at the LHC



- NLL 2-loop terms positive, up to 3% contribution (at 2 TeV)
- 1-loop + 2-loop NLL amount to up to -14% correction (at 2 TeV)
- For large range of p_T values 2-loop effects comparable with statistical error!