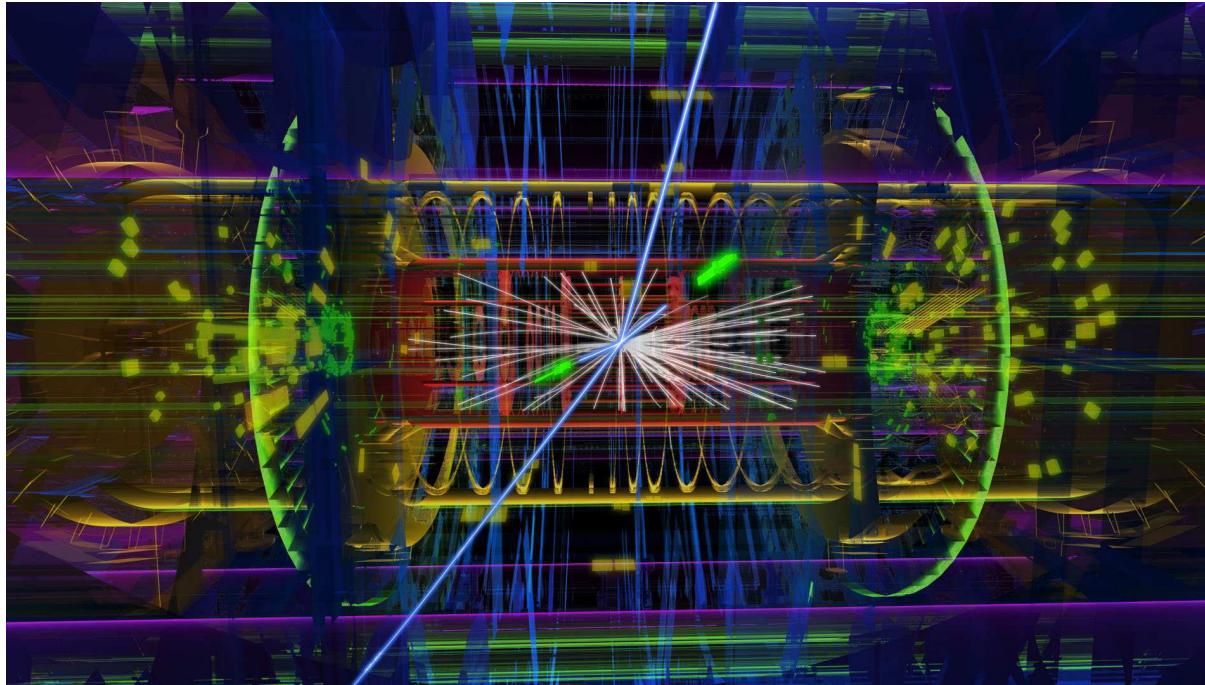


Electroweak Di-boson Production at the LHC



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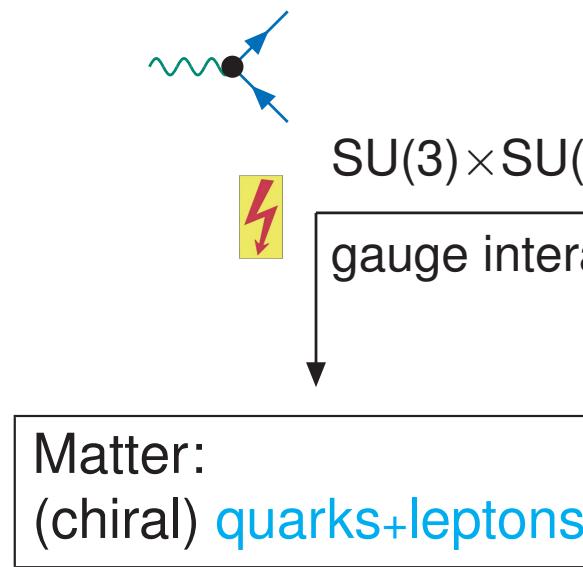


Introduction



Structure and elementary interactions of the Standard Model

Fermions

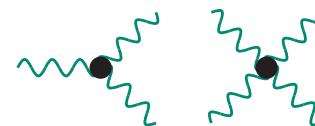


$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$
gauge interactions

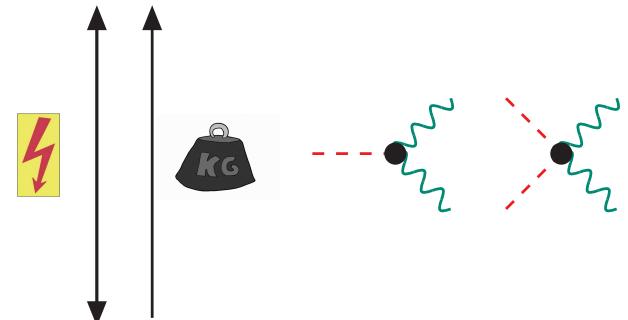
Matter:
(chiral) **quarks+leptons**

Yukawa interactions
CKM mixing, small CP

Bosons



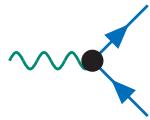
Gauge bosons:
 γ, Z, W^\pm, g



Higgs sector:
spontaneous symmetry breaking
via self-interactions

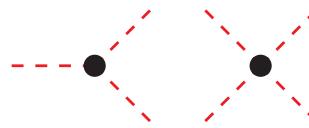
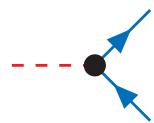
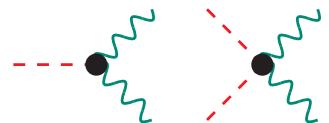
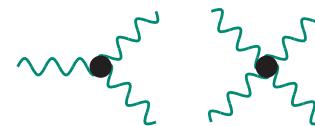


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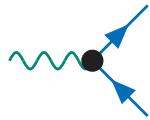


Test of the model

\Leftrightarrow Exp. reconstruction of the elementary couplings
Feynman rules



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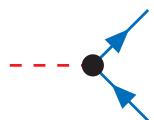
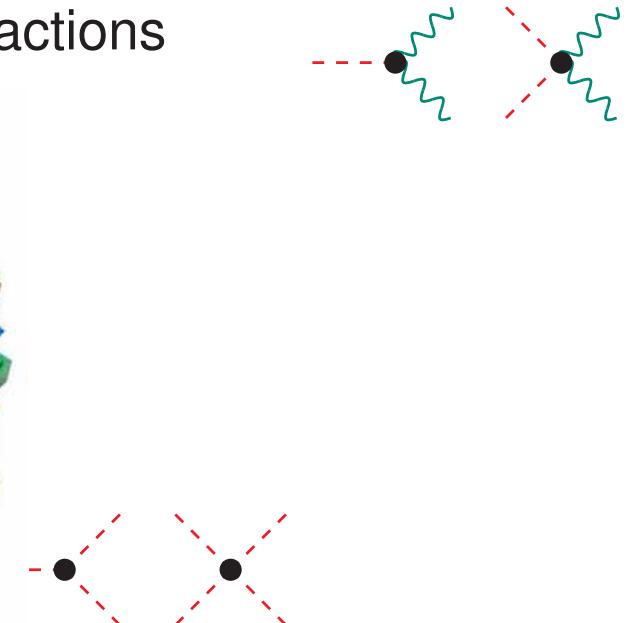


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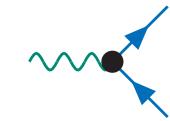
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Building blocks for particle reactions



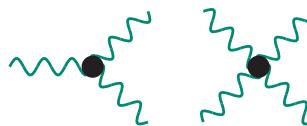
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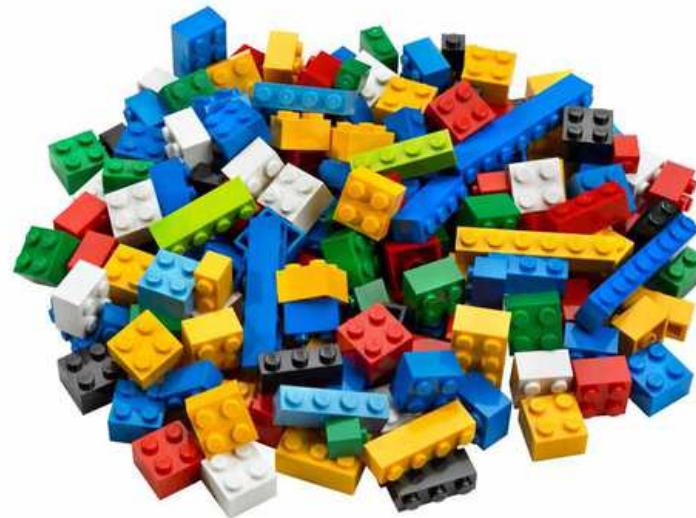
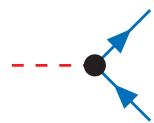
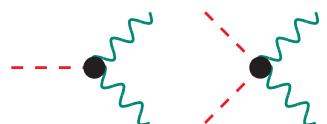
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Standard Model extensions

→ more fields, more particles, more interactions, ...



Feynman rules derived from SM Lagrangian:



↪ Recapitulate EW gauge interactions !



Gauge-boson self-interactions

↪ induced by gauge-invariant Yang–Mills Lagrangian

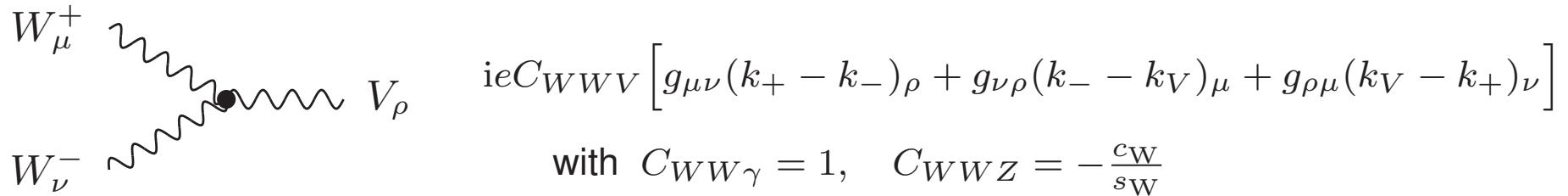
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{4}W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a,\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu},$$

with the field-strength tensors

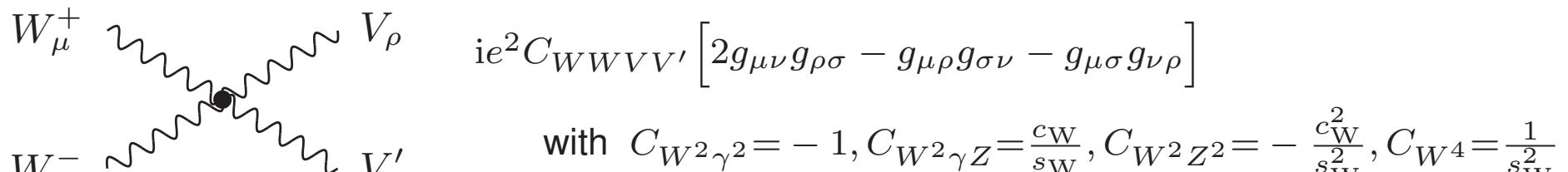
$$W_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a + g_2 \epsilon^{abc} W_\mu^b W_\nu^c, \quad B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$$

⇒ Feynman rules for gauge-boson self-interactions:

(fields and momenta incoming)



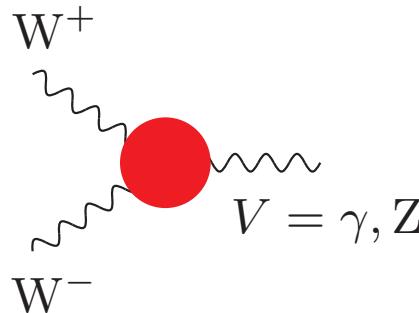
→ testable in di-boson production $\text{ee}/\text{pp} \rightarrow VV$



→ testable in tri-boson production $\text{ee}/\text{pp} \rightarrow VVV$
and vector-boson scattering $\text{pp}(VV \rightarrow VV) \rightarrow VV + 2\text{jets}$



General parametrization (C- and P-conserving):



$$\mathcal{L}_{VWW} = -ie g_{VWW} \left\{ g_1^V (W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-,\mu} V^\nu - W^{-,\mu\nu} W_\mu^+ V_\nu) + \kappa_V W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- V^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda_V}{M_W^2} W_{\rho\mu}^+ W_{\nu}^{-,\mu} V^{\nu\rho} \right\}$$

Meaning for static W^+ bosons:

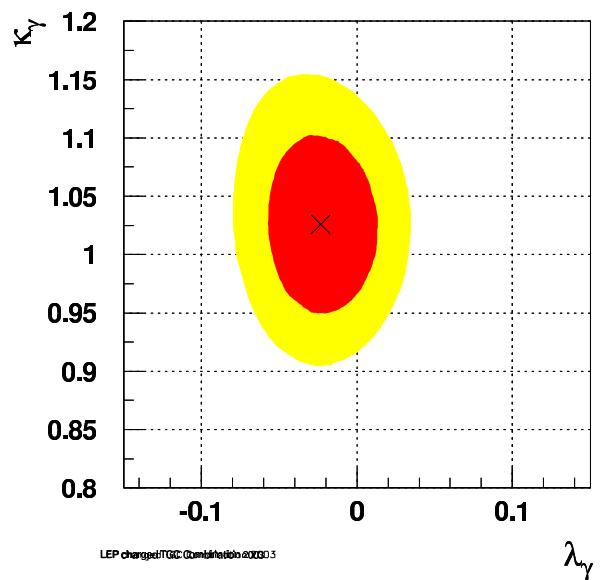
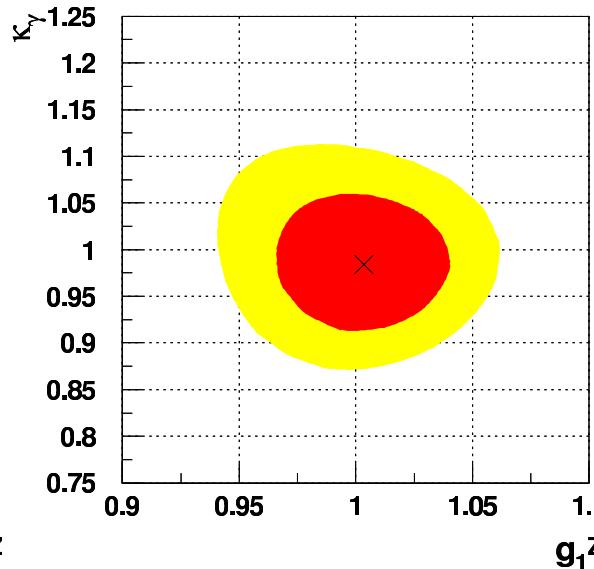
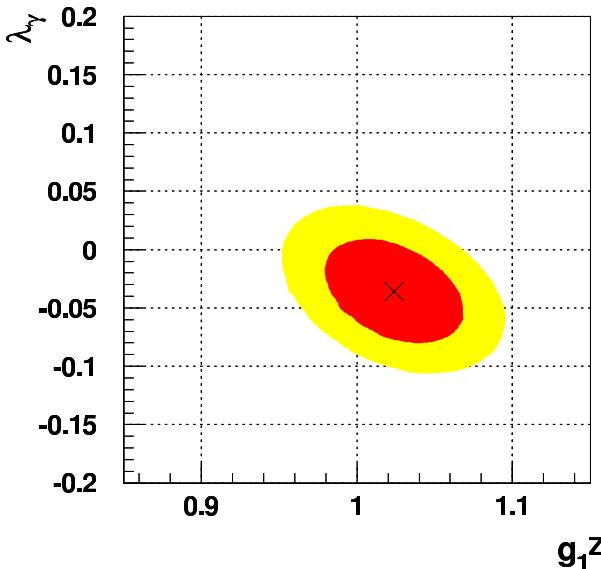
$$\begin{aligned} Q_W &= e g_1^\gamma &= \text{electric charge } (=e \text{ by charge conservation}) \\ \mu_W &= \frac{e}{2M_W} (g_1^\gamma + \kappa_\gamma + \lambda_\gamma) &= \text{magnetic dipole moment} \\ q_W &= -\frac{e}{M_W^2} (\kappa_\gamma - \lambda_\gamma) &= \text{electric quadrupole moment} \end{aligned}$$

Standard Model values:

$$g_1^V = \kappa_V = 1, \quad \lambda_V = 0$$

Restriction to $SU(2) \times U(1)$ -symmetric dim-6 operators:

$$\kappa_Z = g_1^Z - (\kappa_\gamma - 1) \tan^2 \theta_W, \quad \lambda_Z = \lambda_\gamma$$



LEP Preliminary

- 95% c.l.
- 68% c.l.
- ✗ 2d fit result

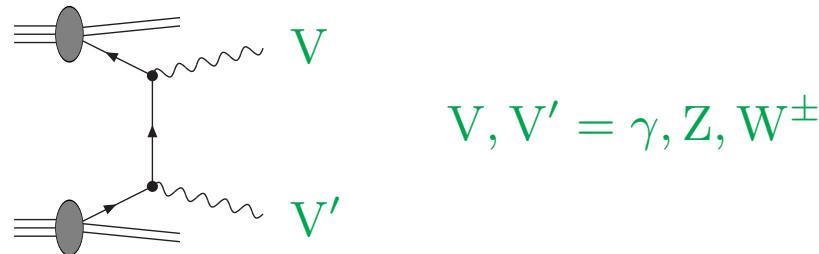
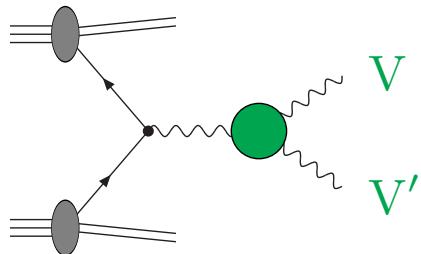
Standard Model values verified
at the level of 2–4%

Similar results from Tevatron and LHC Run 1

LHC will tighten limits further !



EW di-boson production at the LHC



Physics issues:

- triple-gauge-boson couplings, especially at **high momentum transfer**
 - ◊ **EW corrections** significant
 - ◊ anomalous TGC: “formfactor approach” to switch off unitarity violation
 - element of arbitrariness, avoid when possible
- important background processes
 - ◊ to Higgs production, $H \rightarrow WW^*/ZZ^* \rightarrow 4f$
 - invariant masses below VV thresholds,
proper description of off-shell $V^*V^* \rightarrow 4f$ production required !
 - ◊ to searches at **high invariant masses**
 - **EW corrections**



State-of-the-art predictions

$W\gamma/Z\gamma$ (with leptonic decays)

- NNLO QCD Grazzini, Kallweit, Rathlev '14,'15
- NLO EW Denner, S.D., Hecht, Pasold '14,'15

WW, WZ, ZZ

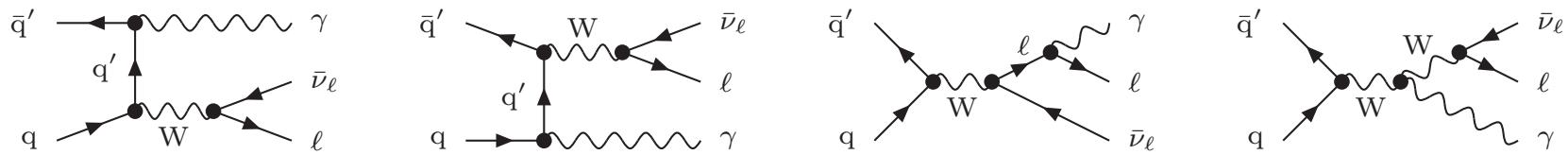
- NNLO QCD
 - ◊ ZZ (on-shell and off-shell) Cascioli et al. '14; Grazzini, Kallweit, Rathlev '15
 - ◊ WW (on-shell) Gehrman et al. '14
 - ◊ $gg \rightarrow VV \rightarrow 4 \text{ leptons}$ Binoth et al. '05,'06
 - + NLO corrections for on-shell V 's Caola et al. '15
- NLO EW
 - ◊ stable W/Z bosons Bierweiler, Kasprzik, Kühn '12/'13
Baglio, Le, Weber '13
 - ◊ $pp \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 4 \text{ leptons in DPA}$ Billoni, S.D., Jäger, Speckner '13
 - ◊ approximative inclusion in **HERWIG++** Gieseke, Kasprzik, Kühn '14
 - ◊ full off-shell calculations in progress ($pp \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- e^+ e^-$ completed)
Biedermann et al. '16



$W\gamma$ / $Z\gamma$ production

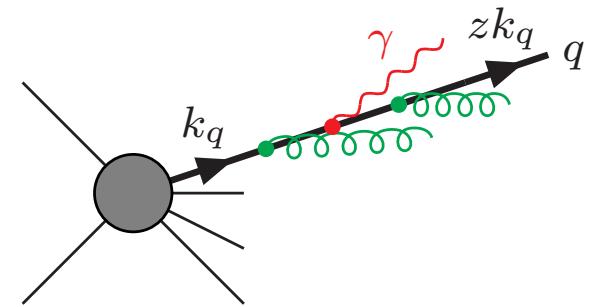


Example of $W\gamma$ production



Issues / physics goals:

- clean **photon-jet separation**
↪ quark-to-photon fragmentation function
Glover, Morgan '94
or Frixione isolation Frixione '98



- stronger bounds on **anomalous $WW\gamma$ coupling**:

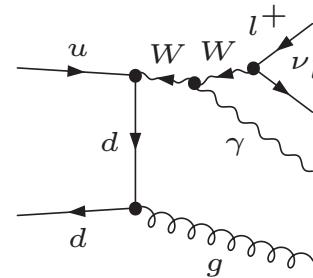
$$\begin{aligned}
 W_\mu^+(q) \gamma &= e \left\{ \bar{q}^\mu g^{\nu\rho} \left(\Delta\kappa^\gamma + \lambda^\gamma \frac{q^2}{M_W^2} \right) - q^\nu g^{\mu\rho} \left(\Delta\kappa^\gamma + \lambda^\gamma \frac{\bar{q}^2}{M_W^2} \right) \right. \\
 W_\nu^-(\bar{q}) &\quad \left. + (\bar{q}^\rho - q^\rho) \frac{\lambda^\gamma}{M_W^2} \left(p^\mu p^\nu - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} p^2 \right) \right\} \times \left(1 + \frac{M_{W\gamma}^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

ATLAS limits '12: $\Delta\kappa^\gamma = 0.41$, $\lambda^\gamma = 0.074$ for $\Lambda = 2$ TeV

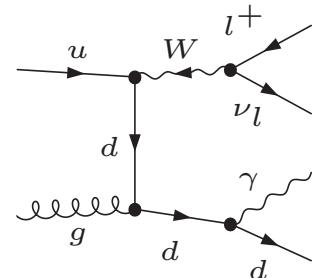
Photon-jet separation via photon fragmentation function $D_{q \rightarrow \gamma}$ Glover, Morgan '94

Why?

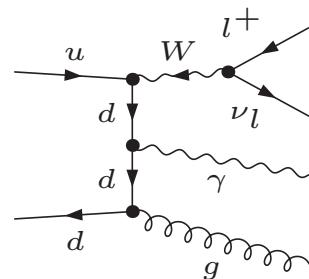
- QCD radiation cannot be suppressed by cuts
 - ↪ treat at least soft/collinear jets inclusively



- separation of collinear quarks and photons
leads to IR-unstable corrections $\propto \ln(m_q^2/Q^2)$
 - ↪ recombine collinear quarks and photons
 - quark and gluon jets cannot be distinguished event by event
 - ↪ common recombination required for quarks/gluons with photons
- $\Rightarrow \underbrace{(g_{\text{hard}} + \gamma_{\text{soft}})}_{\text{EW corr. to } X+\text{jet}} \text{ and } \underbrace{(g_{\text{soft}} + \gamma_{\text{hard}})}_{\text{QCD corr. to } X+\gamma} \text{ both appear as 1 jet}$



Problem: signatures of $X+\text{jet}$ and $X+\gamma$ overlap !



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Solution:

- idea: declare photon/jet systems as photon or jet according to energy share

- determine photon energy fraction $z_\gamma = \frac{E_\gamma}{E_{\text{jet}} + E_\gamma}$ of photon/jet system

→ event selection:

$z_\gamma > z_0$: photon

$z_\gamma < z_0$: jet (typical value $z_0 = 0.7$)

- but: cut on z_γ destroys inclusiveness needed for KLN theorem

→ collinear singularity $\propto \alpha \ln m_q$ remains (but are universal!)

- absorb universal collinear singularity in “fragmentation function” $D_{q \rightarrow \gamma}(z_\gamma)$

→ subtract convolution of LO cross section with

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

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

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



Idea: suppress jets inside collinear cone around photons:

$$p_{T,\text{jet}} < \varepsilon p_{T,\gamma} \left(\frac{1 - \cos R_{\gamma\text{jet}}}{1 - \cos R_0} \right) \quad (R_0 = \text{fixed cone size})$$

- photon and jet collinear ($R_{\gamma\text{jet}} \rightarrow 0$) → event discarded
- photon soft or collinear to beams ($p_{T,\gamma} \rightarrow 0$) → event discarded
- jet soft or collinear beams ($p_{T,\text{jet}} \rightarrow 0$) → event kept ⇒ IR safety

Comments:

- Frixione isolation simple to implement theoretically, but problematic experimentally
- cleaner isolation of non-perturbative effects by fragmentation function
- approximate relation between the two methods:

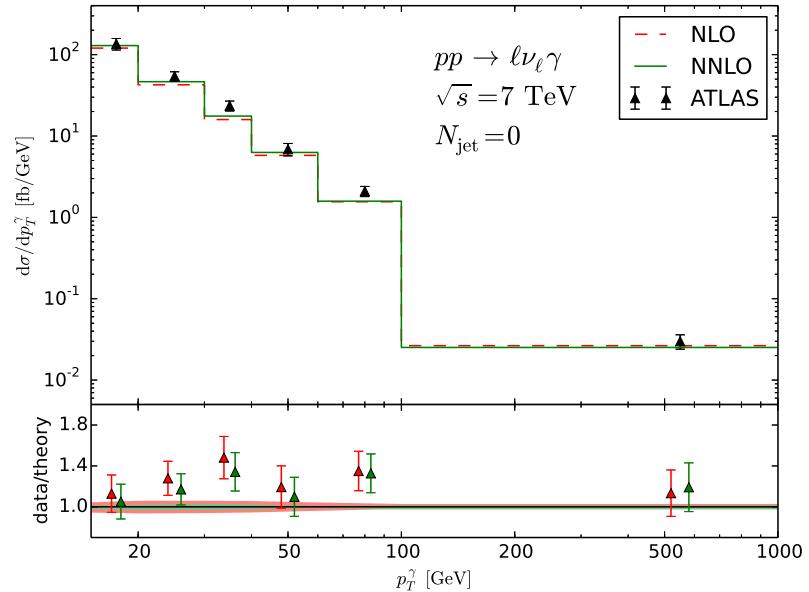
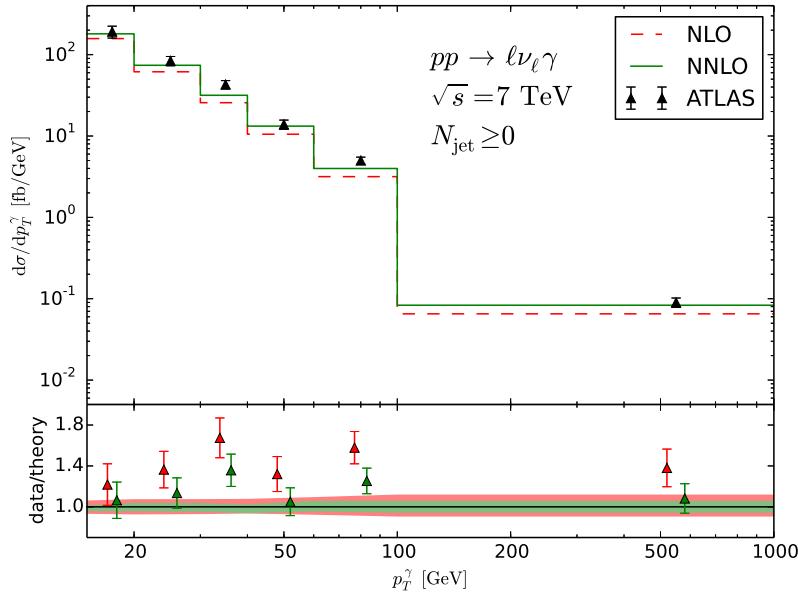
$$z_\gamma \sim \frac{p_{T,\gamma}}{p_{T,\gamma} + p_{T,\text{jet}}} > \frac{1}{1 + \varepsilon \frac{1 - \cos R_{\gamma\text{jet}}}{1 - \cos R_0}} \sim \frac{1}{1 + \varepsilon} \quad \text{for } R_{\gamma\text{jet}} \sim R_0$$

↪ methods yield quite similar results for $z_0 \sim \frac{1}{1 + \varepsilon}$



$W\gamma$ production – QCD theory versus experiment

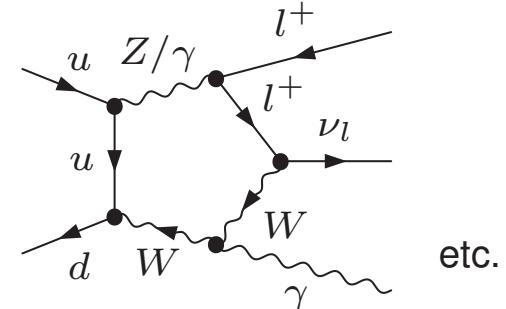
Grazzini, Kallweit, Rathlev '15



- good agreement of experimental results with NNLO QCD
(no EW corrections included)
- QCD uncertainties: (for small/moderate $p_{T,\gamma}$)
scale: 4–5%, PDF: 1–2% (increasing with $p_{T,\gamma}$)
- LHC run 2: higher energy reach & higher statistics
↪ EW corrections important



- NLO EW corrections calculated with full W off-shell/decay effects
(complex-mass scheme)
 - ↪ more + more complicated diagrams than in QCD

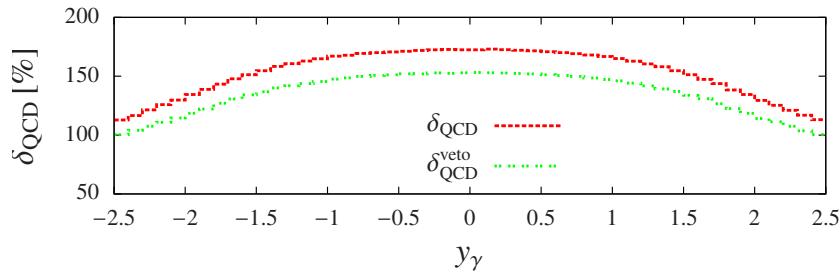
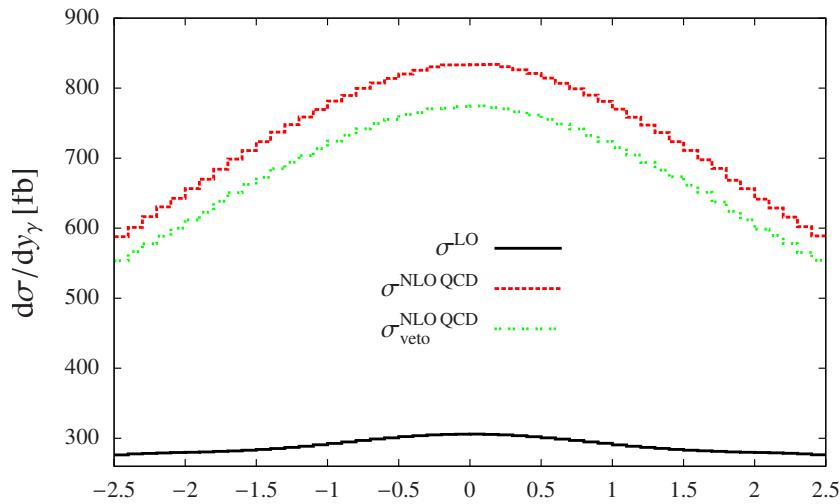


- particular focus on:
 - ◊ high energies (e.g. large p_T):
large EW corrections \leftrightarrow sensitivity to anomalous couplings
↪ missing corrections could fake anomalous couplings
 - ◊ photon-induced contributions

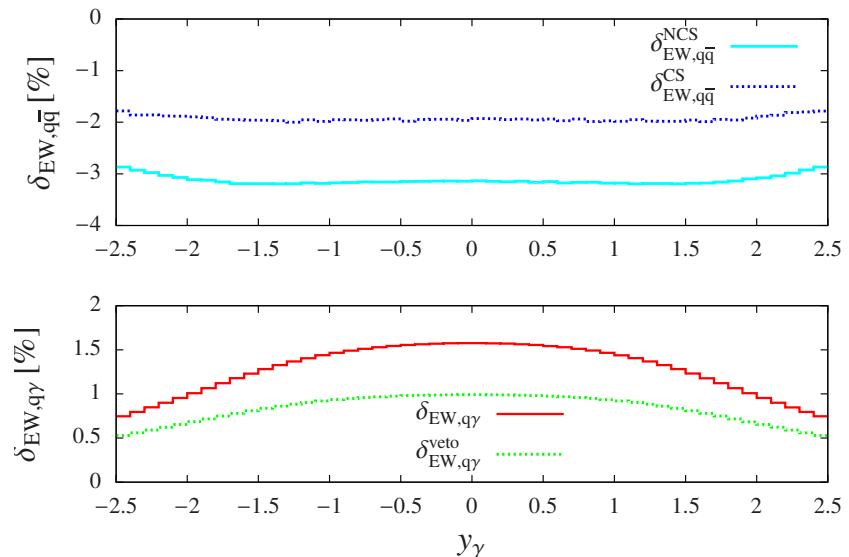
Rapidity distributions in $W\gamma$ production

Denner, S.D., Hecht, Pasold '14

$pp \rightarrow l^+ \nu_l \gamma$ (jet)



$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV



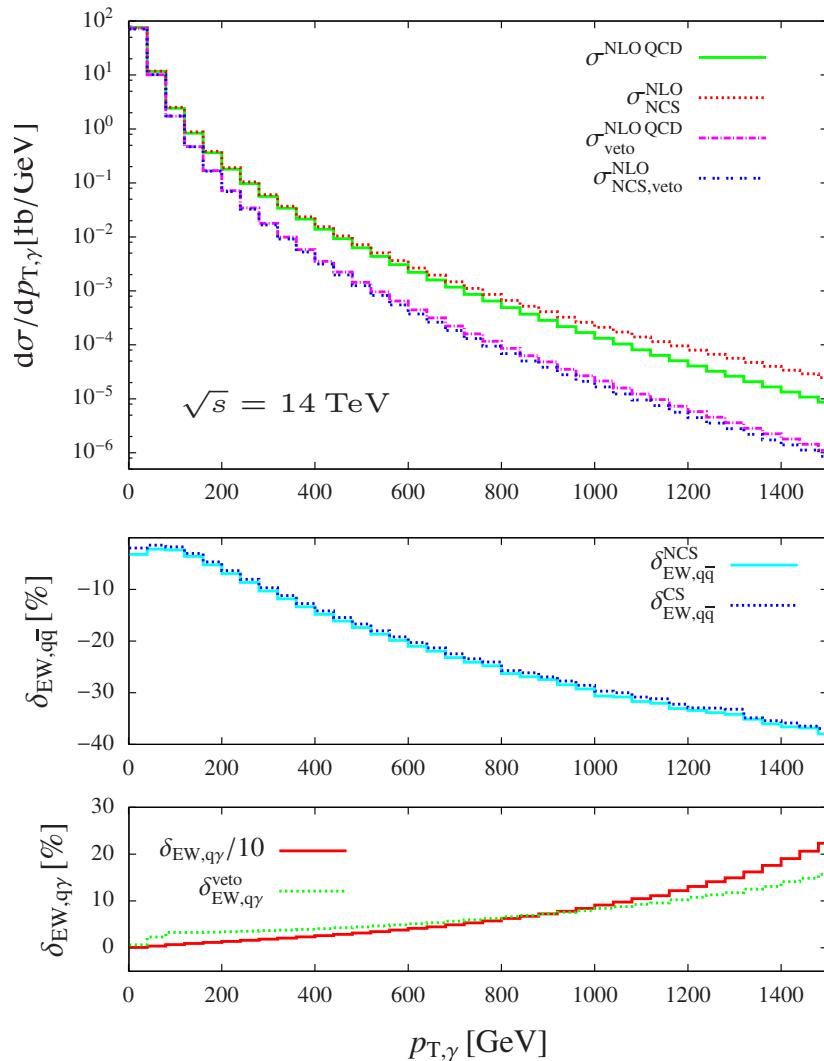
- huge QCD corrections ($\sim 100\%$), only mildly reduced by jet veto $p_{\text{T,jet}} < 100$ GeV
- EW corrections and $q\gamma$ channels (few %) small and flat (CS=collinear-safe, NCS=non-collinear-safe)
 - ↪ resemble corrections to integrated cross section



p_T distributions in $W\gamma$ production – EW corrections

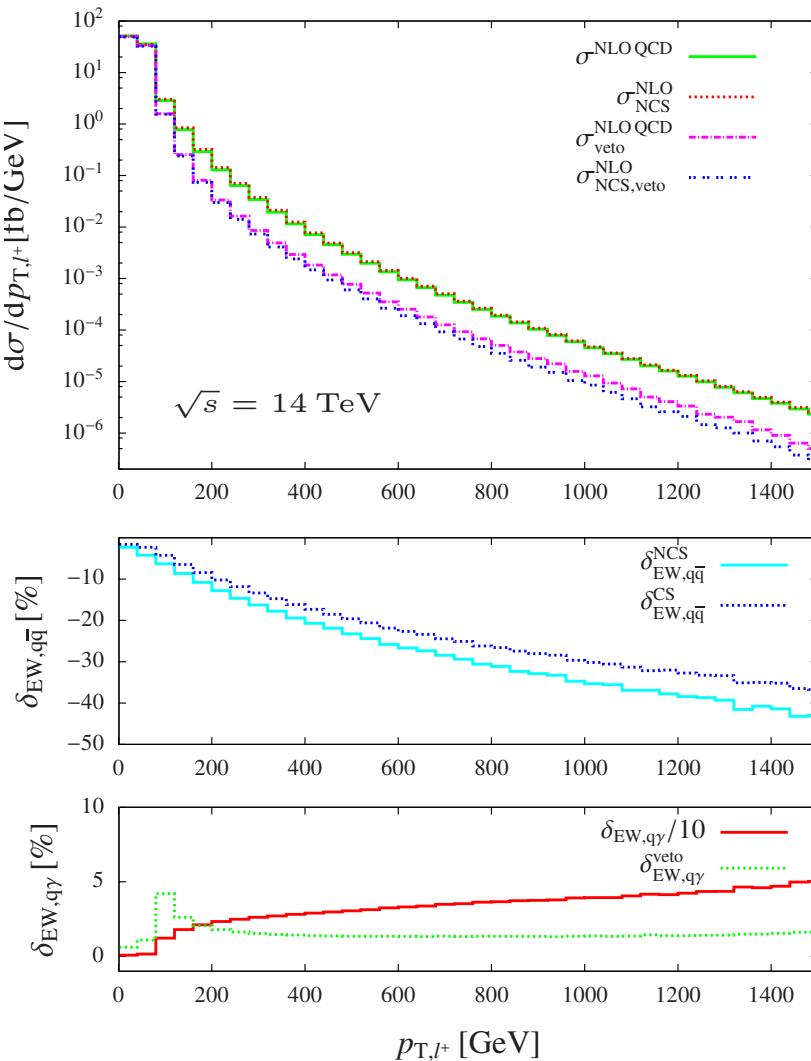
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$pp \rightarrow l^+ \nu_l \gamma (\gamma/\text{jet})$



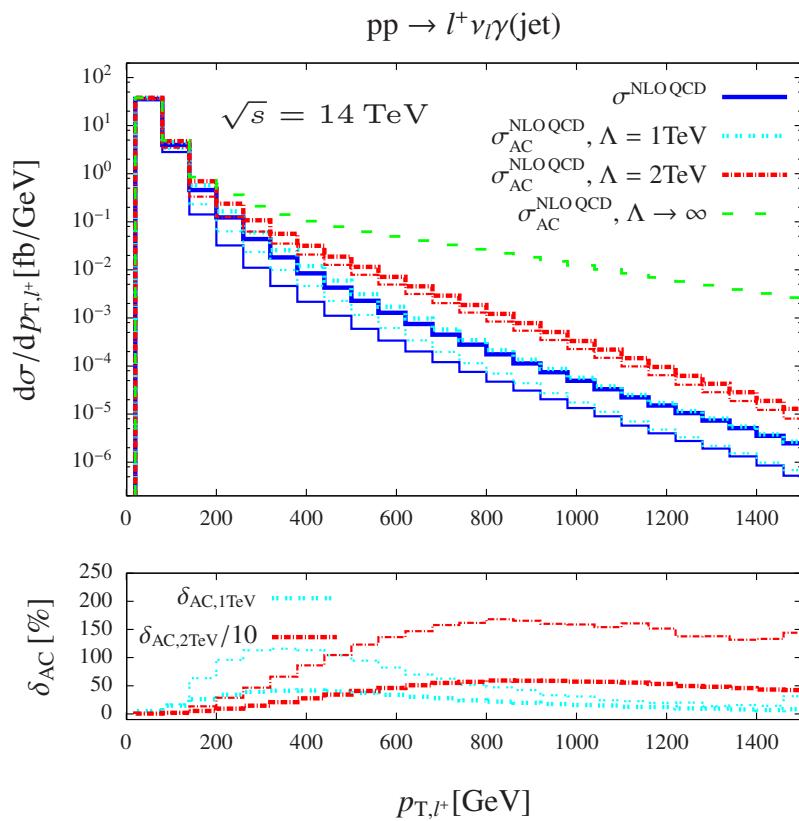
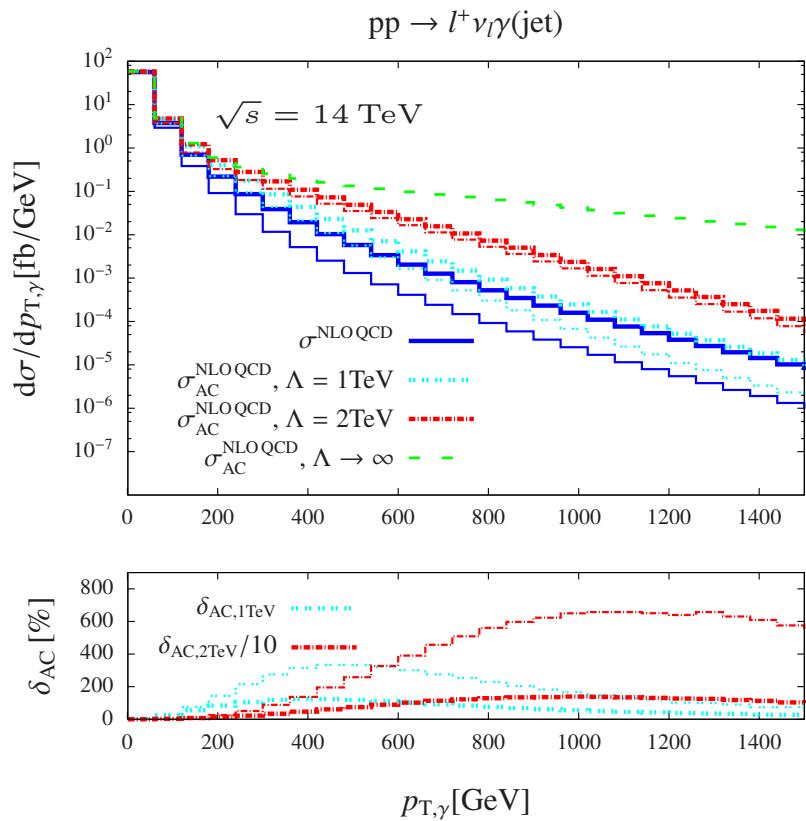
- EW corrections $\sim -30\%$ in TeV range
- γ -induced corrections non-negligible in TeV range (even with jet veto)
 \hookrightarrow reduction of γ PDF uncertainties mandatory !

(CS=collinear-safe, NCS=non-collinear-safe)



$W\gamma$ production – anomalous couplings

Denner, S.D., Hecht, Pasold '14



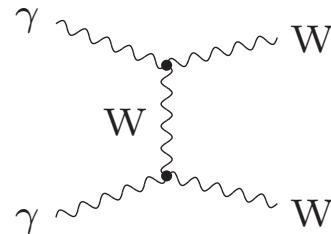
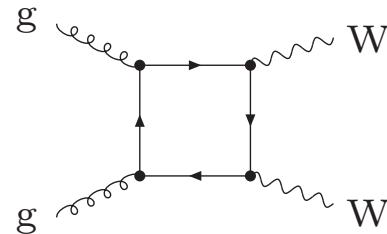
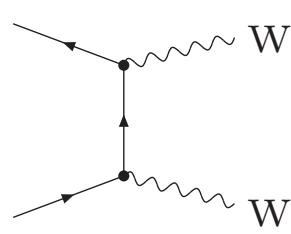
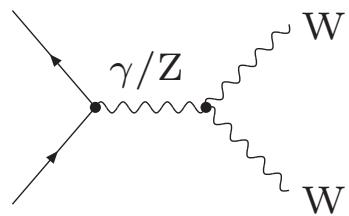
- results shown without and with jet veto on $p_{T,\text{jet}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$
- ATLAS values of 2012 used: $\Delta\kappa^\gamma = 0.41$, $\lambda^\gamma = 0.074$
 ↤ much tighter limits expected at LHC run 2

WW / WZ / ZZ production

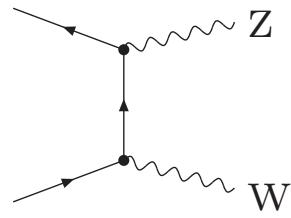
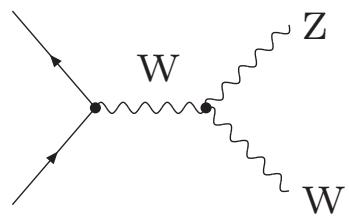


Complementarity in WW / WZ / ZZ production

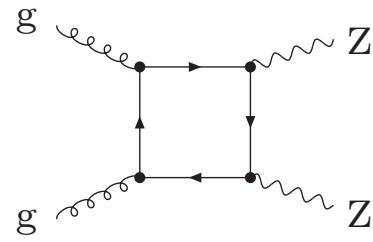
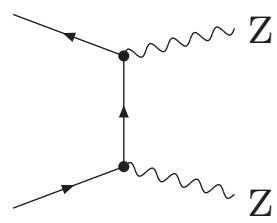
WW production:



WZ production:

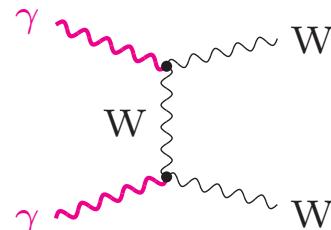
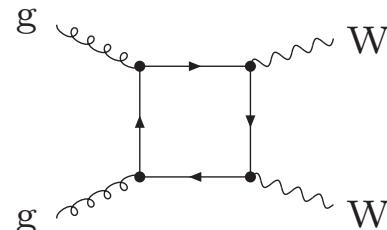
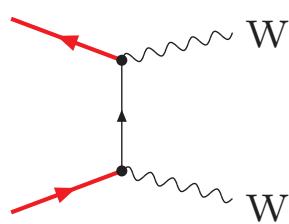
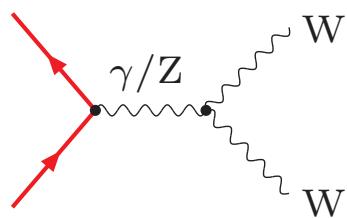


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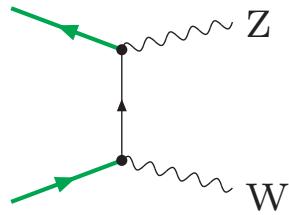
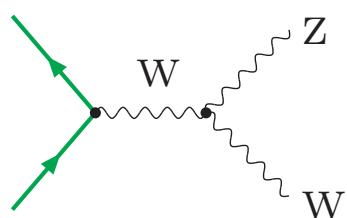


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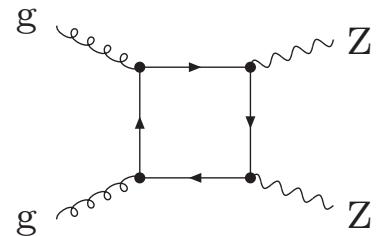
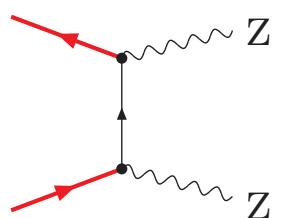
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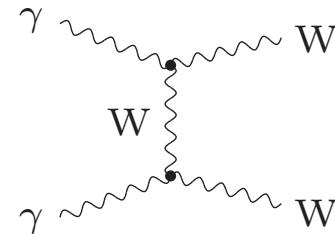
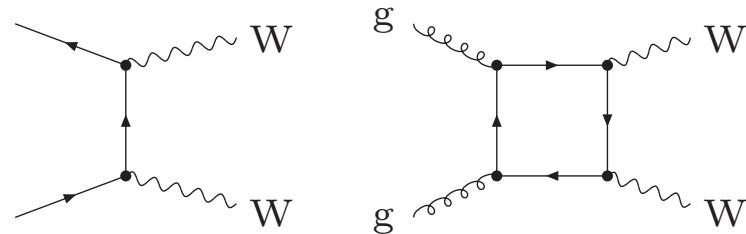
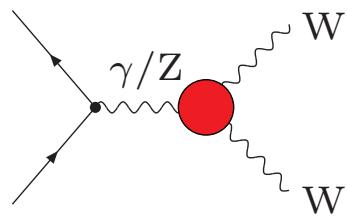
Sensitivity to different PDF combinations:

- $q\bar{q}$ in WW/ZZ
- $u\bar{d}/d\bar{u}$ in W^+Z/W^-Z
- $\gamma\gamma$ in WW

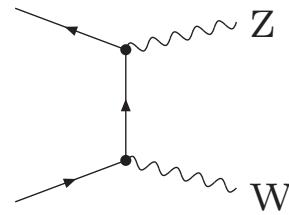
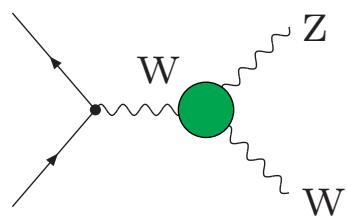


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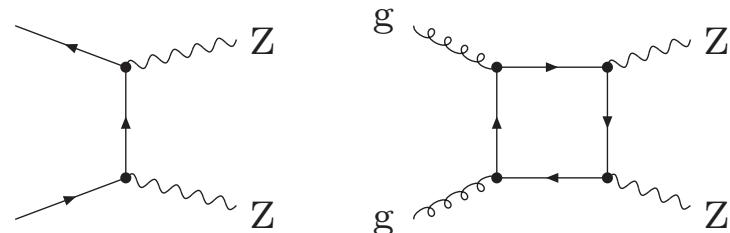
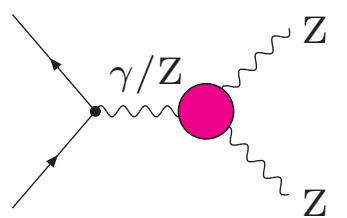
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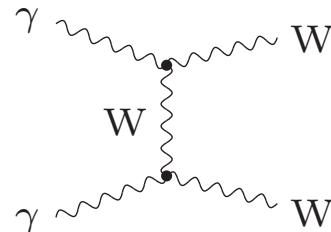
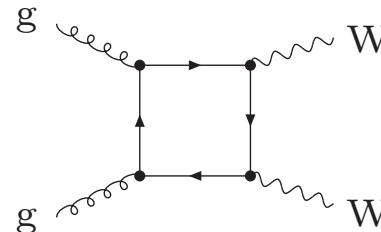
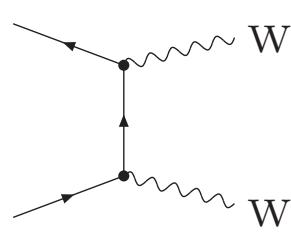
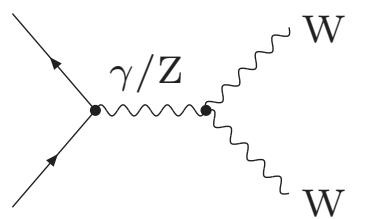
Sensitivity to different anomalous TGCs:

- overlay of $\gamma WW/ZWW$ in WW
- only ZWW in WZ
- $\gamma ZZ/ZZZ$ in ZZ

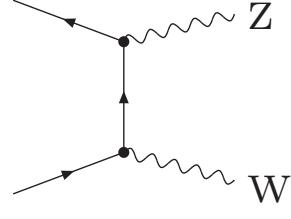
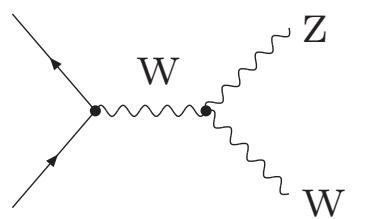


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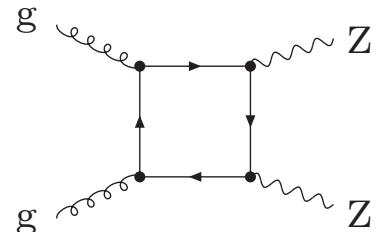
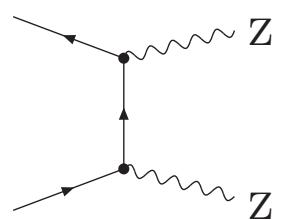
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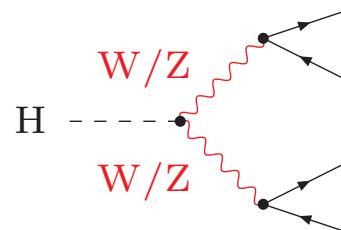


ZZ production:



Background to Higgs production
in channel $H \rightarrow WW^*/ZZ^* \rightarrow 4f$

↪ off-shell calculation
particularly important for WW/ZZ !

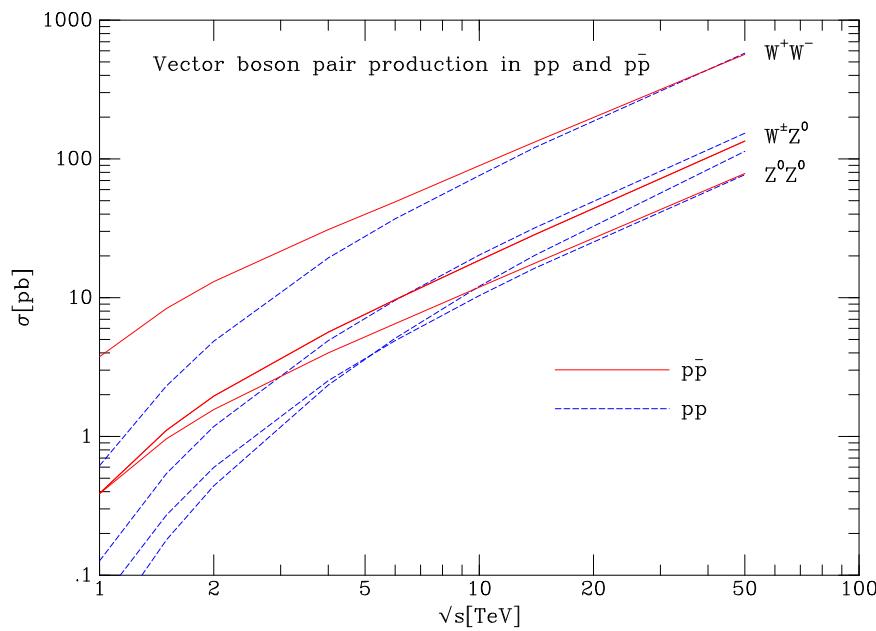


QCD corrections to WW, WZ, ZZ, W γ , Z γ production

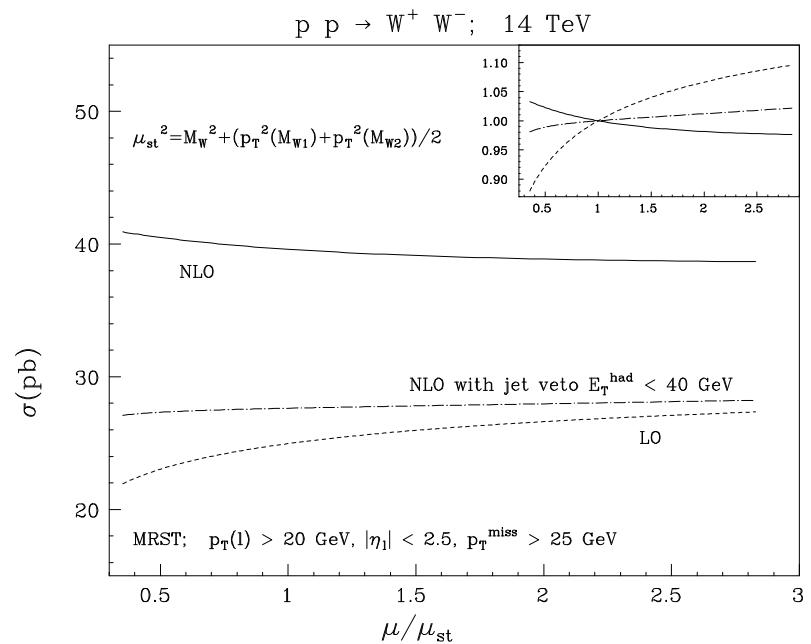
NLO QCD calculated (including leptonic W/Z decays)

Baur, Han, Ohnemus '93-'98
 Dixon, Kunszt, Signer '99
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 DeFlorian, Signer '00

Campbell, R.K.Ellis et al. '99



Haywood et al. '00

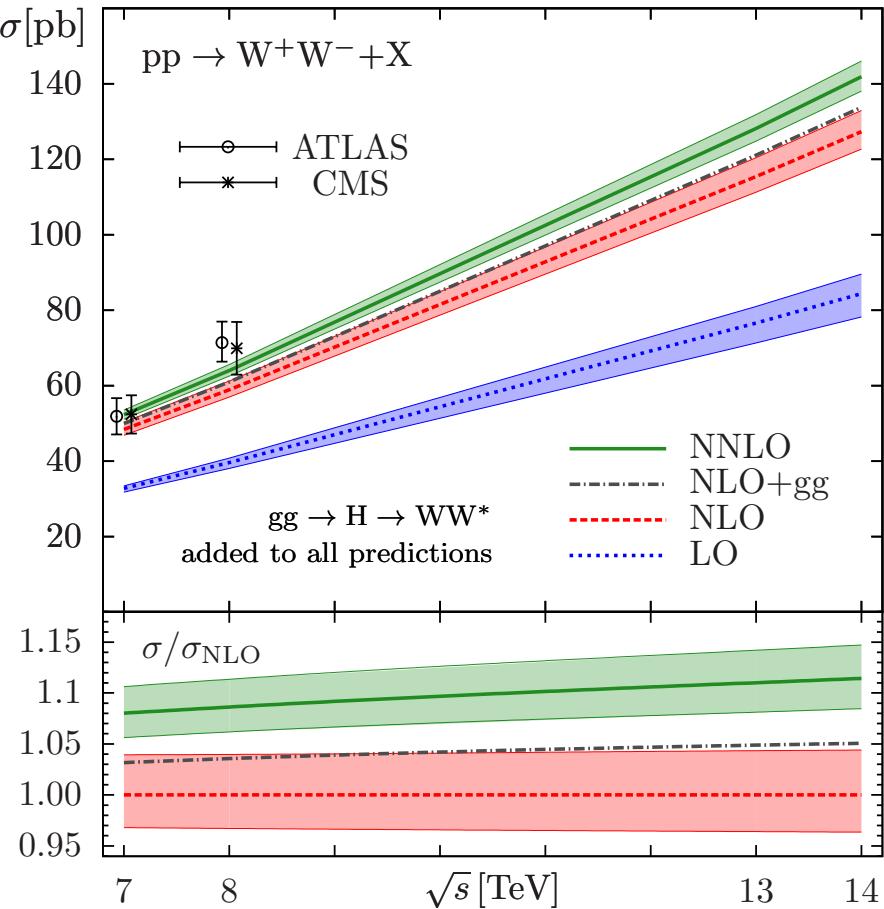


Large positive corrections due to jet radiation, i.e. $VV + \text{jet}$ production

- reduction of corrections and scale dependence by jet veto: $p_{T,\text{jet}} < \text{cut}$?
 ↳ include QCD resummation for veto
- NNLO QCD corrections important



WW production – NNLO QCD theory versus experiment Gehrmann et al. '14



Subtlety:

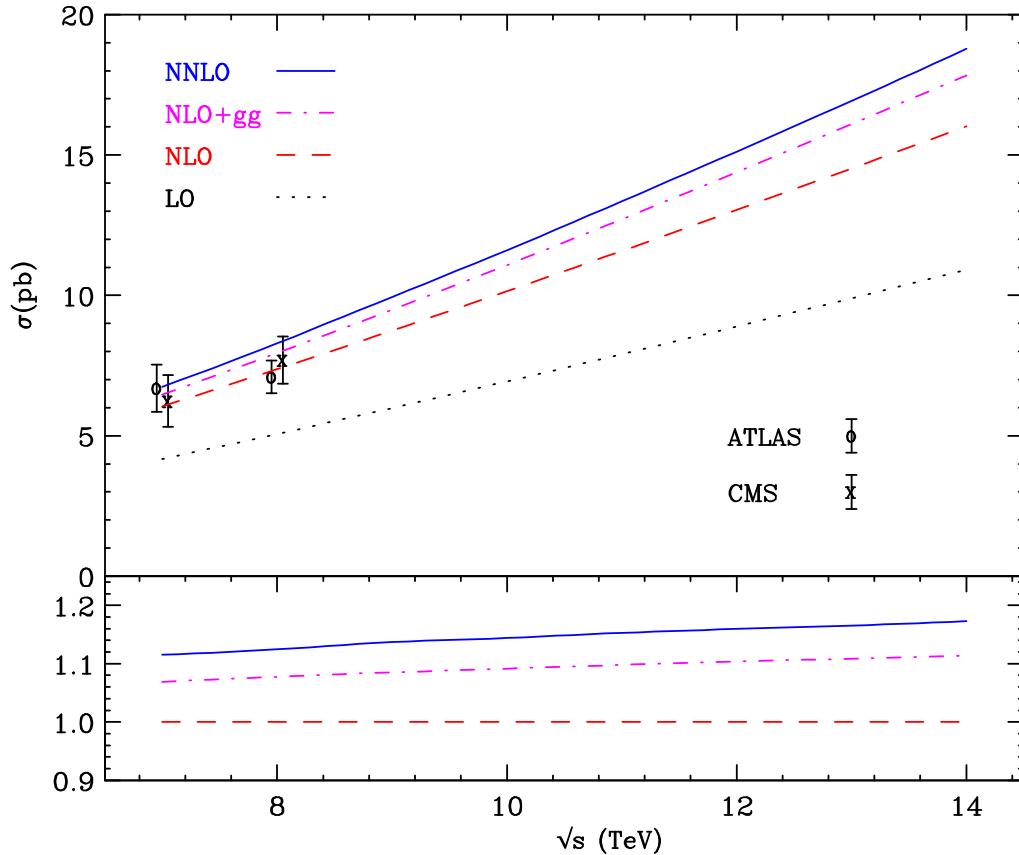
Separation of single-t and t \bar{t}
contributions @ NNLO QCD
 \hookrightarrow b-jet veto, etc.

- good agreement of experimental results with NNLO QCD
- NNLO QCD correction $\sim 7(12)\%$ @ 8(13) TeV, scale uncertainty $\lesssim 3\%$
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- LHC run 2: higher energy & higher statistics \rightarrow EW corrections important



ZZ production – NNLO QCD theory versus experiment

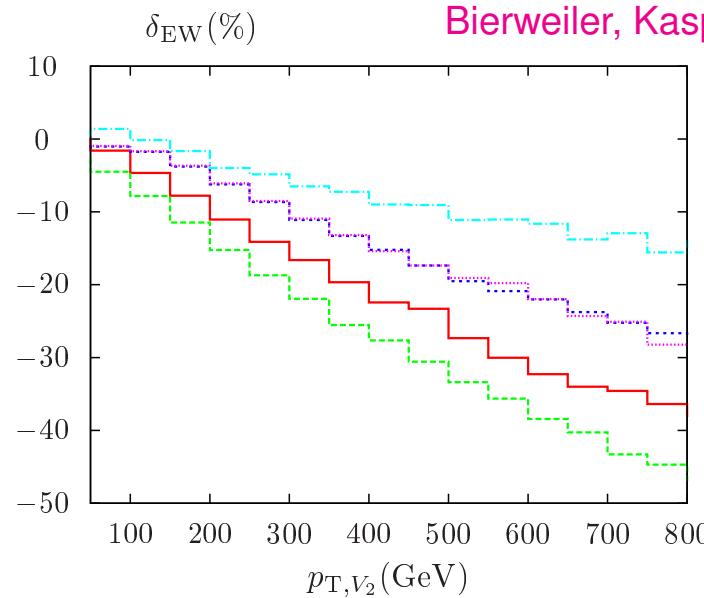
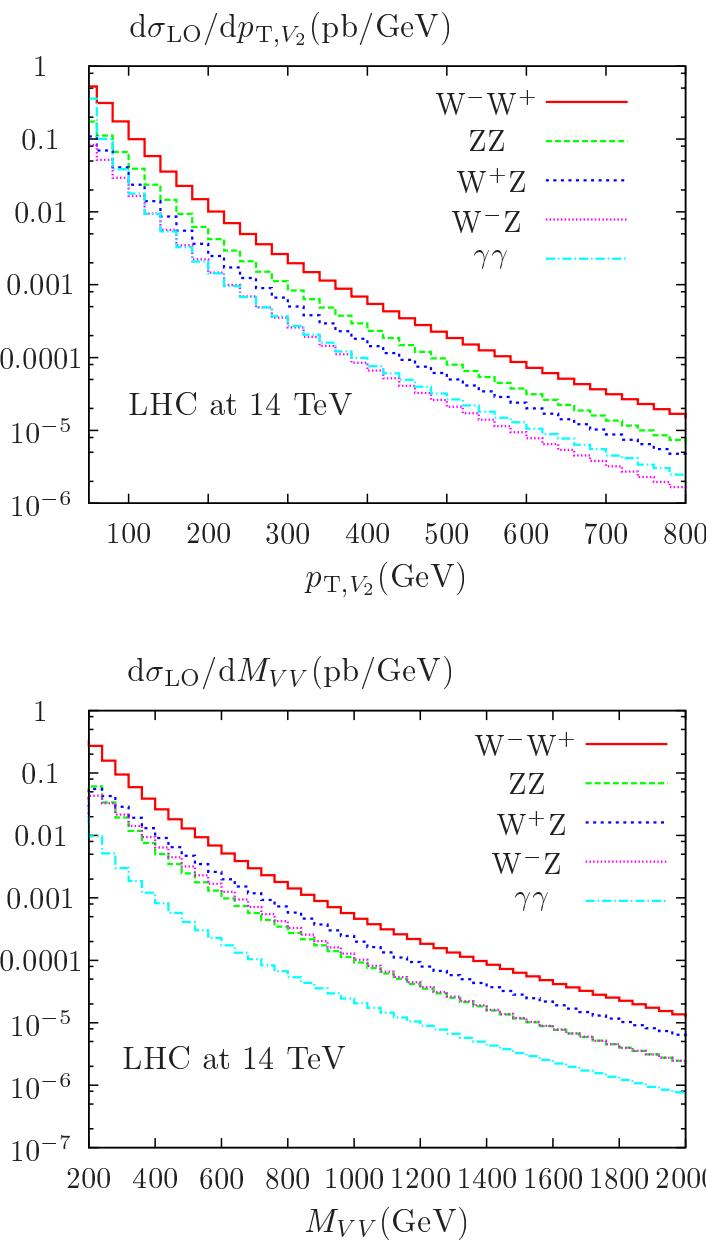
Cascioli et al. '14



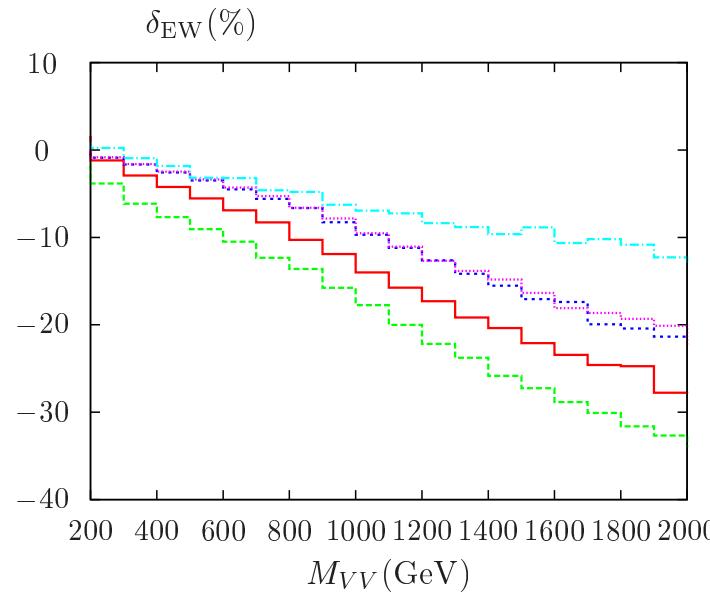
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EW corrections to massive di-boson production



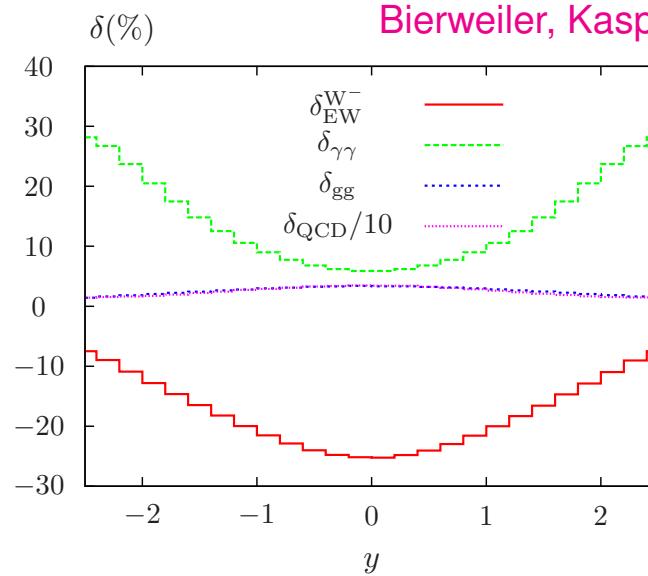
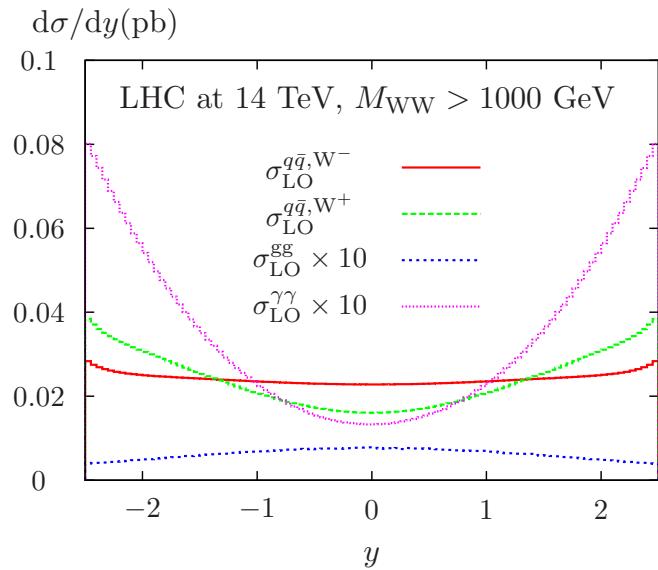
- EW corrections**
- small for integrated XS
 - growing in distributions for larger scales



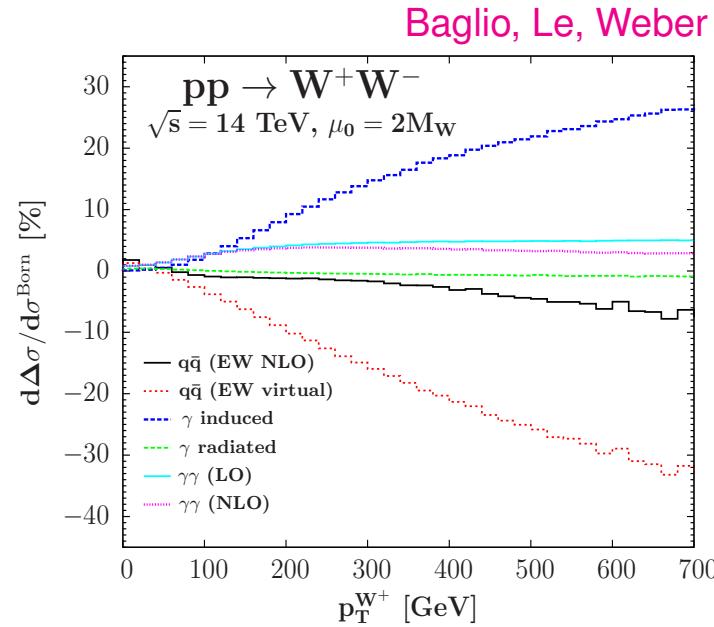
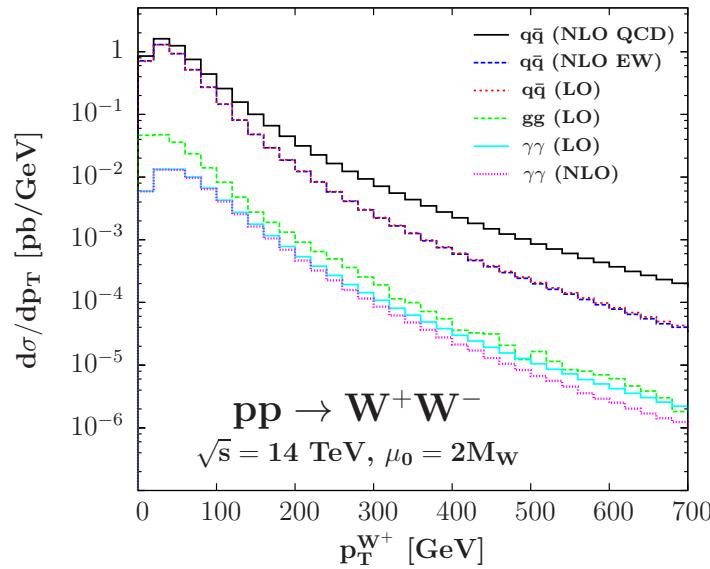
- Note:**
- M_{VV} not accessible for W final states
 - on-shell approximation not applicable for $M_{VV} < M_{V_1} + M_{V_2}$

Survey of corrections to WW production

(stable/on-shell W bosons)



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

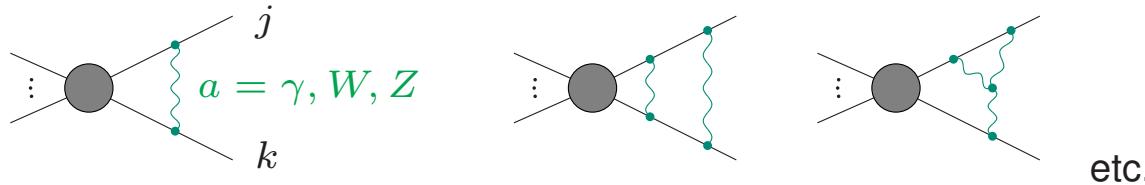


Large impact
 of $q\gamma$ collisions ?



Electroweak 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:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{\text{LL}}^{\text{1-loop}} &\sim -\frac{\alpha}{\pi s_W^2} \ln^2\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq -26\%, & \delta_{\text{NLL}}^{\text{1-loop}} &\sim +\frac{3\alpha}{\pi s_W^2} \ln\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq 16\% \\ \delta_{\text{LL}}^{\text{2-loop}} &\sim +\frac{\alpha^2}{2\pi^2 s_W^4} \ln^4\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq 3.5\%, & \delta_{\text{NLL}}^{\text{2-loop}} &\sim -\frac{3\alpha^2}{\pi^2 s_W^4} \ln^3\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq -4.2\%\end{aligned}$$

⇒ 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., Manohar et al. '00–

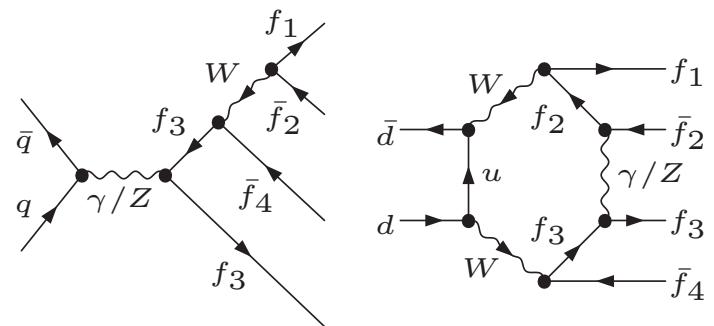
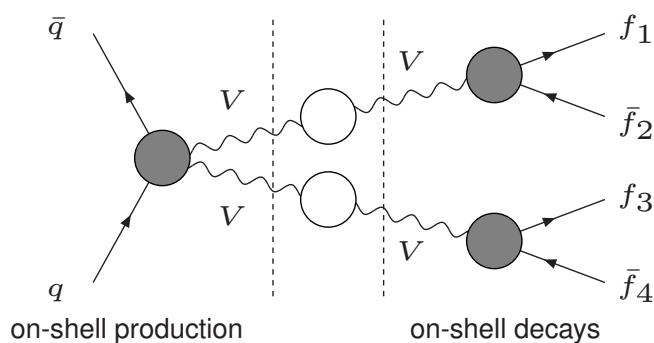


EW corrections with leptonic W/Z decays

Double-pole approximation (DPA)

vs.

Full off-shell $q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4f$ calculation



- expansion about resonance poles
↪ **factorizable** & **non-factorizable** corrs.
- not many diagrams ($2 \rightarrow 2$ production)
- + numerically fast
- validity only for $\sqrt{\hat{s}} > 2M_V + \mathcal{O}(\Gamma_V)$
- error estimate for $\sqrt{\hat{s}} \lesssim 0.5\text{--}1$ TeV:

$$\Delta \sim \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma_V}{M_V} \log(\dots) \sim 0.5\text{--}2\%$$

- off-shell calculation with **complex-mass scheme**
- many off-shell diagrams ($\sim 10^3/\text{channel}$)
- very CPU intensive
- + NLO accuracy everywhere
- global error estimate:

$$\Delta \sim \delta_{\text{NNLO EW}} \sim \delta_{\text{NLO EW}}^2$$

Approaches compared for $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 4f$

Denner, S.D., Roth, Wieders '05

New: $pp \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 4f$

Biedermann et al. (in preparation)



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A Complex One-Loop Library with Extended Regularizations

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Features of the library

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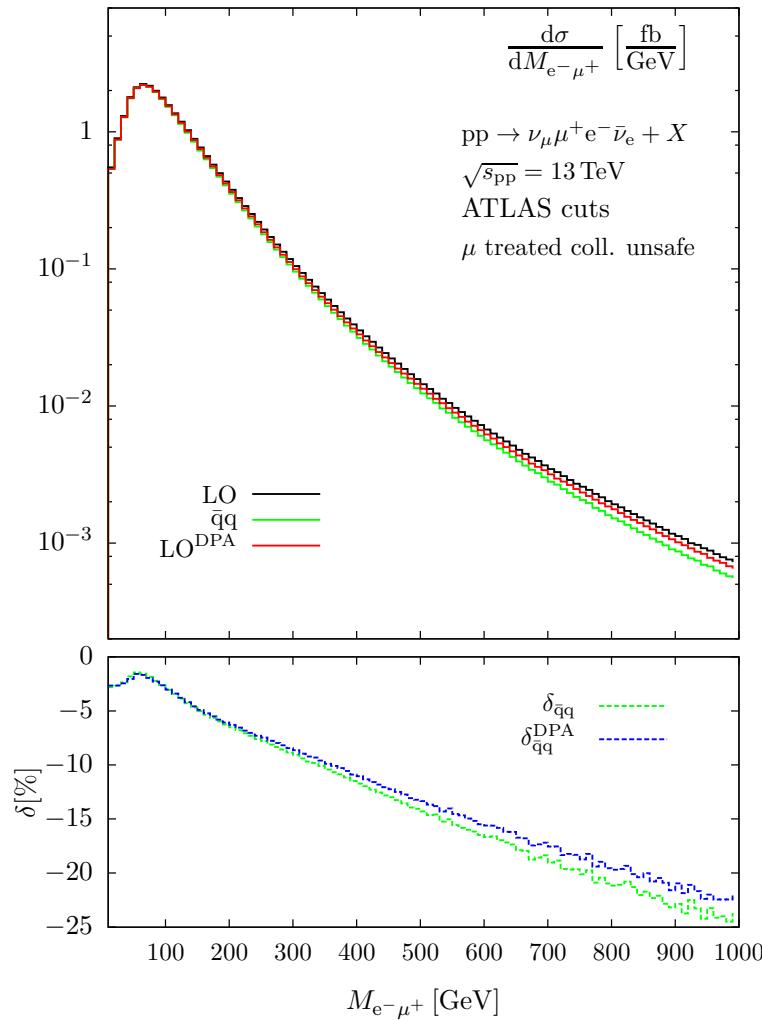
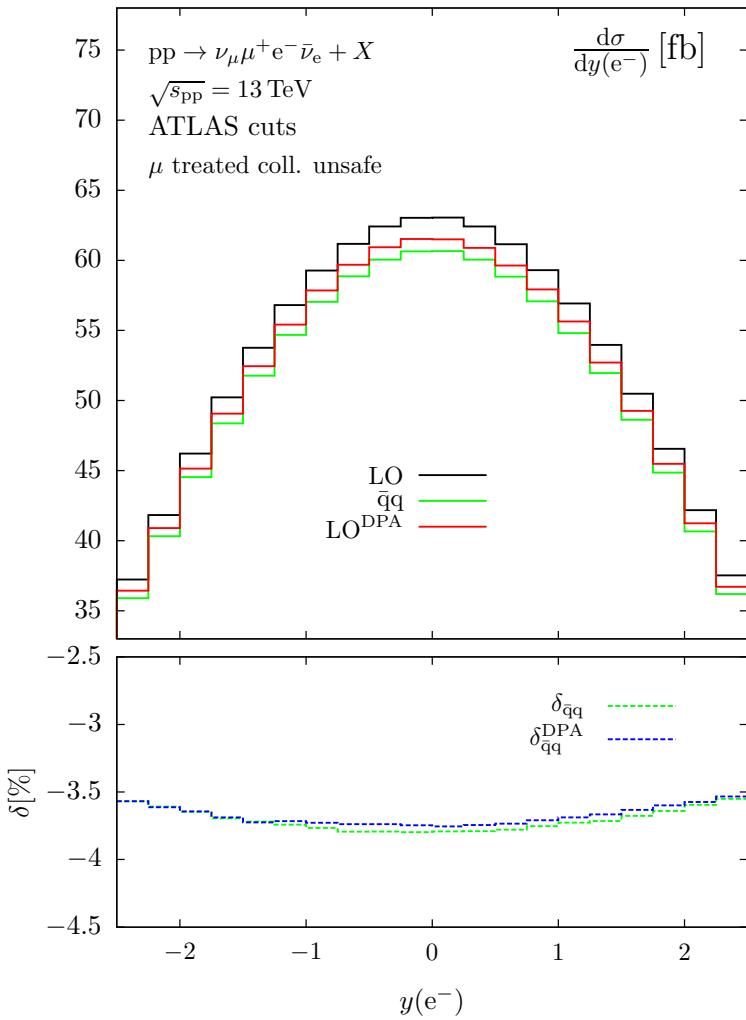
- ❖ scalar and tensor integrals for high particle multiplicities
- ❖ dimensional regularization for ultraviolet divergences
- ❖ dimensional regularization for soft infrared divergences
(mass regularization for abelian soft divergences is supported as well)
- ❖ dimensional regularization or mass regularization for collinear mass singularities
- ❖ complex internal masses (for unstable particles) fully supported
(external momenta and virtualities are expected to be real)
- ❖ numerically dangerous regions (small Gram or other kinematical determinants)
cured by dedicated expansions
- ❖ two independent implementations of all basic building blocks allow for internal cross-checks
- ❖ cache system to speed up calculations

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Rapidity and invariant-mass distributions

Preliminary!



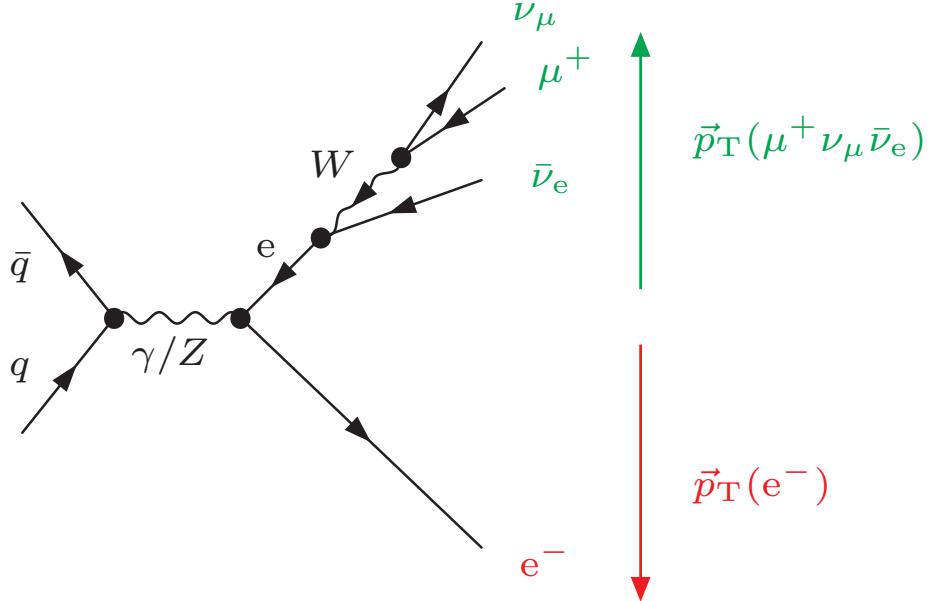
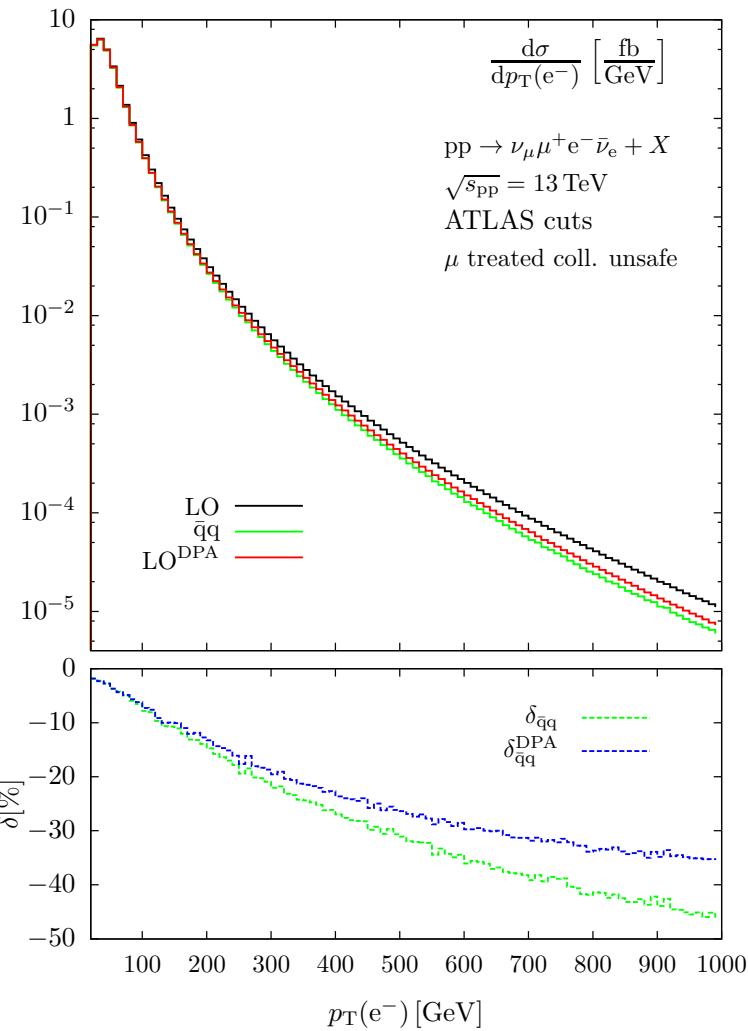
Level of agreement as expected

(dominance of doubly-resonant diagrams)



Transverse-momentum distribution of a single lepton

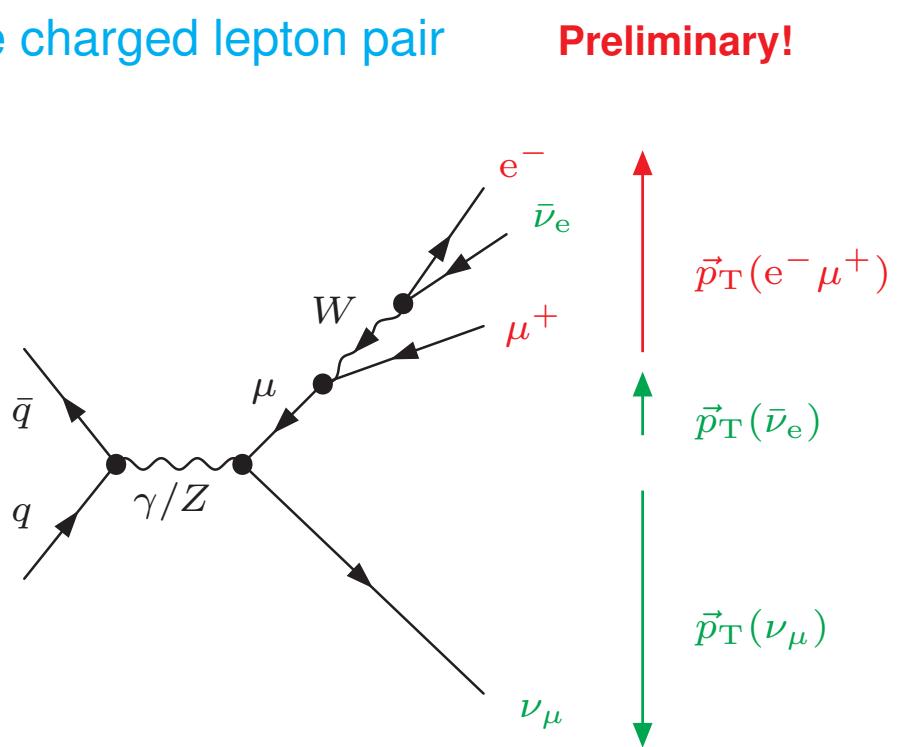
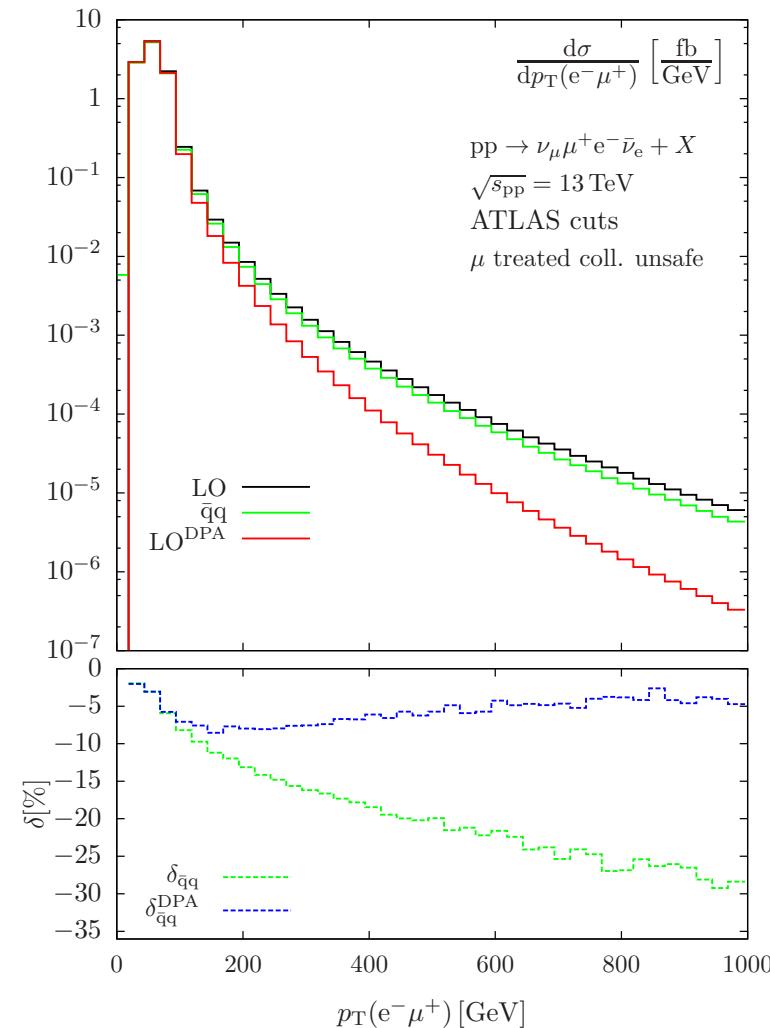
Preliminary!



Impact of singly-resonant diagrams
where e^- takes recoil from $(\mu^+ \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_e)$

Agreement degrades for $p_T \gtrsim 300 \text{ GeV}$, since off-shell diagrams get enhanced

Transverse-momentum distribution of the charged lepton pair Preliminary!



Dominance of singly-resonant diagrams
where $(e^- \mu^+)$ recoil against $(\nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_e)$

DPA fails for $p_T \gtrsim 200 \text{ GeV}$, since off-shell production dominates!

A Higgs background study for $\text{pp} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- e^+ e^- + X$ Biedermann et al. '16

Setup (inspired by ATLAS)

$$p_T(\ell_i) > 6 \text{ GeV}, \quad |y(\ell_i)| < 2.5, \quad \Delta R(\ell_i, \ell_j) = \sqrt{(y_i - y_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2} > 0.2$$

$$40 \text{ GeV} < M_{\ell_1^+ \ell_1^-} < 120 \text{ GeV}, \quad 12 \text{ GeV} < M_{\ell_2^+ \ell_2^-} < 120 \text{ GeV}$$

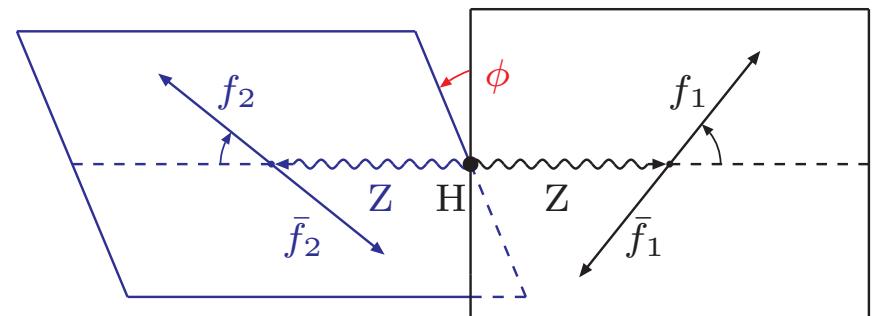
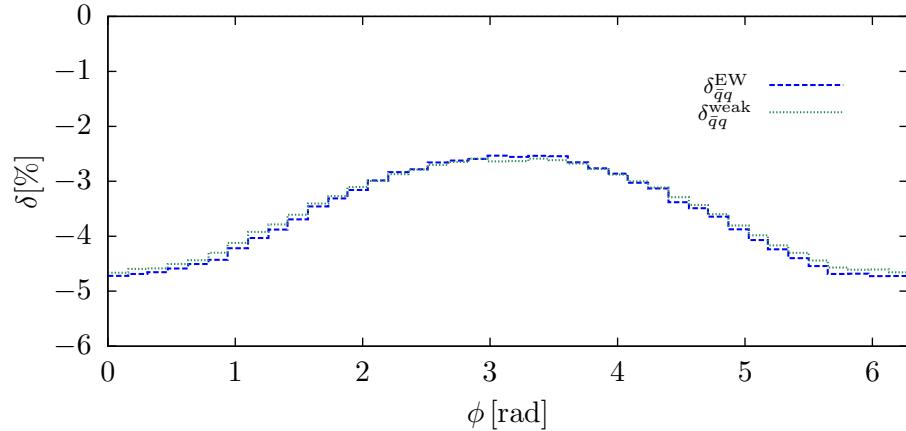
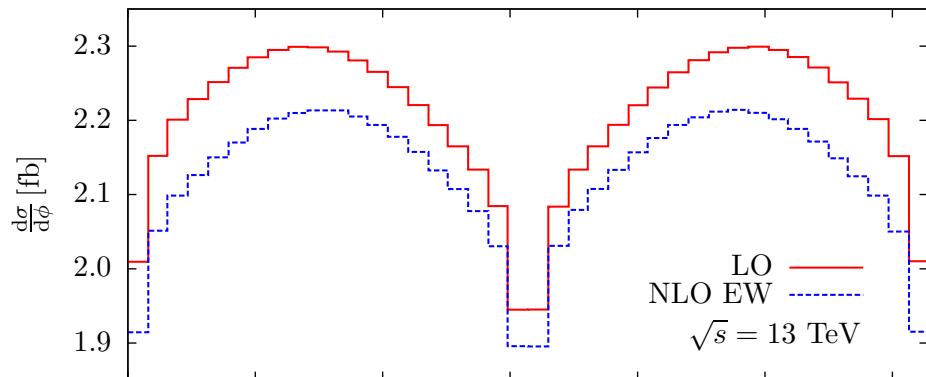
Integrated cross section

\sqrt{s} [TeV]	$\sigma_{\bar{q}q}^{\text{LO}}$ [fb]	$\delta_{\bar{q}q}^{\text{EW}}$ [%]	$\delta_{\bar{q}q}^{\text{weak}}$ [%]
7	7.3293(4)	-3.4	-3.3
8	8.4704(2)	-3.5	-3.4
13	13.8598(3)	-3.6	-3.6
14	14.8943(8)	-3.6	-3.6

- weak corrections moderate
- photonic corrections negligible
(due to inclusiveness of the event selection)
- deviation of δ from on-shell ZZ calculation $\sim 1\%$

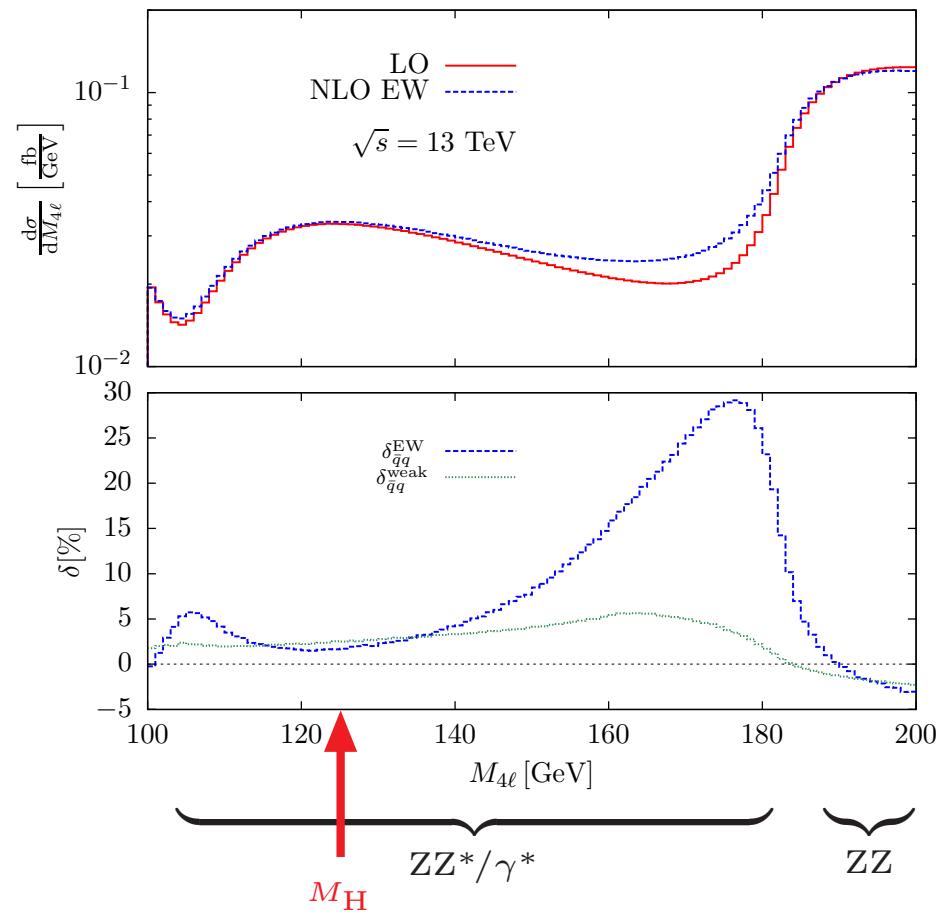


Distribution in the angle between decay planes



- observable dominated by resonant ZZ production
- corrections mostly resemble corrections to the integrated cross section
- photonic corrections extremely suppressed
(insensitivity of ϕ to collinear photon emission off leptons)

Distribution in the 4-lepton invariant mass



- large radiative tails in photonic corrections below thresholds (known effect ...)
- weak corrections $\sim \mathcal{O}(5\%)$
with sign change in transition from on-shell ZZ to off-shell ZZ*/γ* region

Conclusions



Di-boson production at the LHC

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*"In football as in watchmaking, talent and elegance mean nothing without rigour and precision."
particle theory [Lionel Messi]*

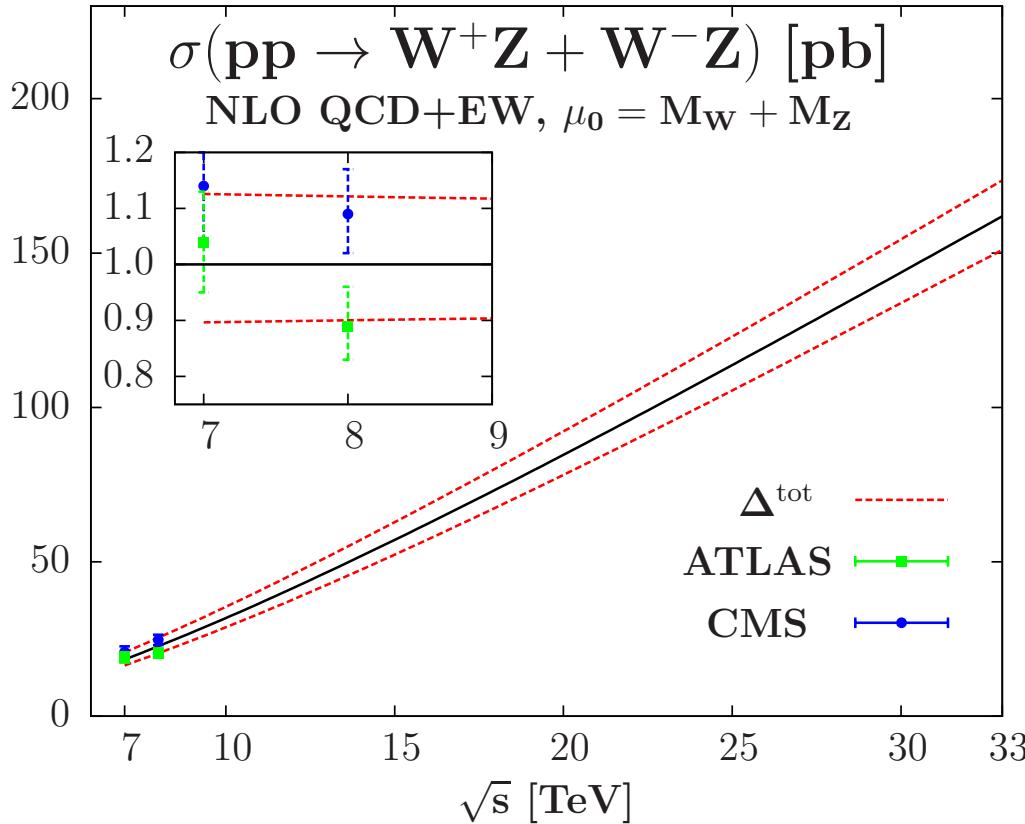


Backup slides



WZ production – NLO QCD theory versus experiment

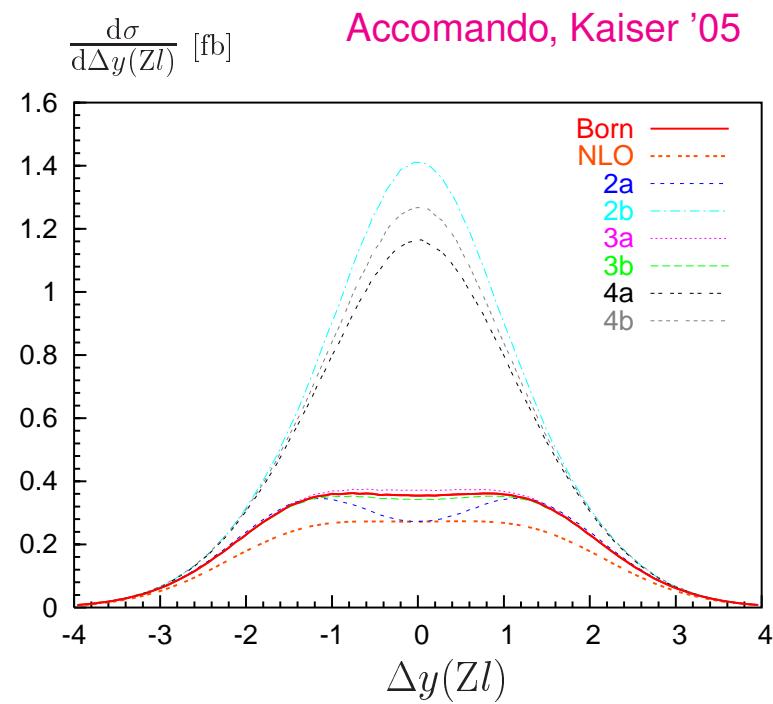
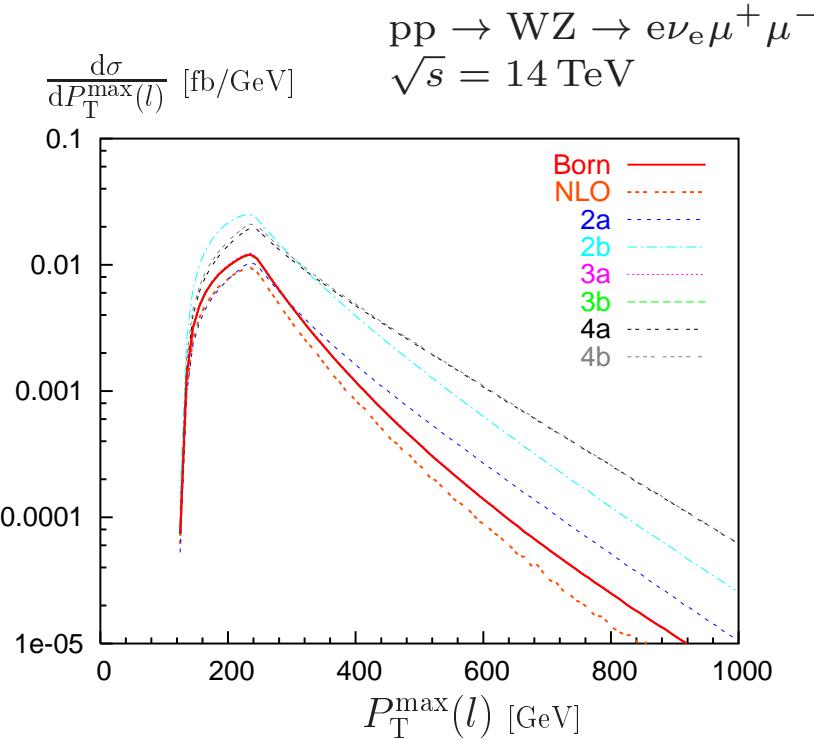
Baglio, Le, Weber et al. '13



- good agreement of experimental results with NLO QCD
- NLO QCD scale uncertainty $\sim 3\%$, $\Delta_{\text{PDF}+\alpha_s} \sim 4\%$
- LHC run 2: higher energy & higher statistics
→ NNLO QCD and NLO EW corrections important



EW corrections vs. anomalous TGCs in gauge-boson pair production



Scenario	Δg_1^Z	$\Delta \kappa_\gamma$	λ_γ
Born	0	0	0
2a/2b	± 0.02	0	0
3a/3b	0	± 0.04	0
4a/4b	0	0	± 0.02

$$\lambda_Z = \lambda_\gamma, \quad \Delta \kappa_Z = \Delta g_1^Z - \tan^2 \theta_W \Delta \kappa_\gamma$$

formfactor rescaling ($\Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}$):

$$\Delta Y \rightarrow \frac{\Delta Y}{(1 + \hat{s}/\Lambda^2)^2}, \quad \Delta Y = \Delta g_1^Z, \Delta \kappa_\gamma, \lambda_\gamma$$

- Note:**
- EW corrections and anomalous couplings distort distributions
 - neglect of EW corrections can mimick anomalous couplings



Gauge-invariance issues in EW multi-boson production



Gauge invariance implies...

- **Slavnov–Taylor or Ward identities**
 - = algebraic relations of or between Greens functions
 - guarantee cancellation of unitarity-violating terms,
crucial for proof of unitarity of S -matrix
- **Nielsen identities** (compensation of gauge-fixing artefacts)
 - gauge-parameter independence of S -matrix
 - although Greens function (e.g. self-energies) are gauge dependent

Both statements hold order by order in standard perturbation theory !

Implications:

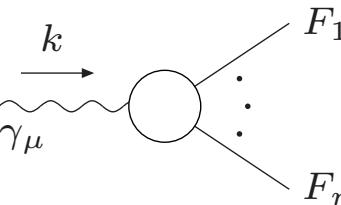
- **Resonances** require Dyson summation of resonant propagators
 - perturbative orders mixed → **gauge invariance jeopardized !**
- Gauge-invariance-violating terms $\propto \Gamma$ are formally of higher order,
but can be dramatically enhanced if unitarity cancellations disturbed
- **Anomalous couplings** potentially enhanced
if effective operator not gauge invariant



Important Ward identities for processes with EW gauge bosons:

Elmg. U(1) gauge invariance implies

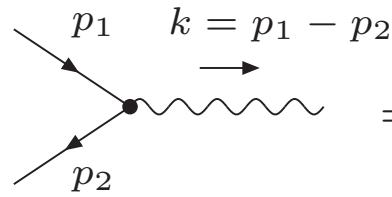
$$k^\mu \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\gamma_\mu} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \text{---} = 0 \quad \text{for any on-shell fields } F_l$$



↪ Identity becomes crucial for collinear light fermions:

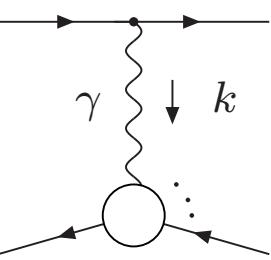
for fermion momenta $p_1 \sim c p_2$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} p_1 & \xrightarrow{k = p_1 - p_2} & \bar{u}_2(p_2)\gamma^\mu u_1(p_1) \propto k^\mu \\ \swarrow & \text{---} & \searrow \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \end{array}$$



A typical situation: quasi-real space-like photons

$$\begin{array}{ccc} e & \xrightarrow{\text{---}} & e \\ & \downarrow \gamma & \\ & k & \end{array} \sim \frac{1}{k^2} k^\mu T_\mu^\gamma \quad \text{for } k^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(m_e^2) \ll E^2$$



Identity $k^\mu T_\mu^\gamma = 0$ needed to cancel $1/k^2$,

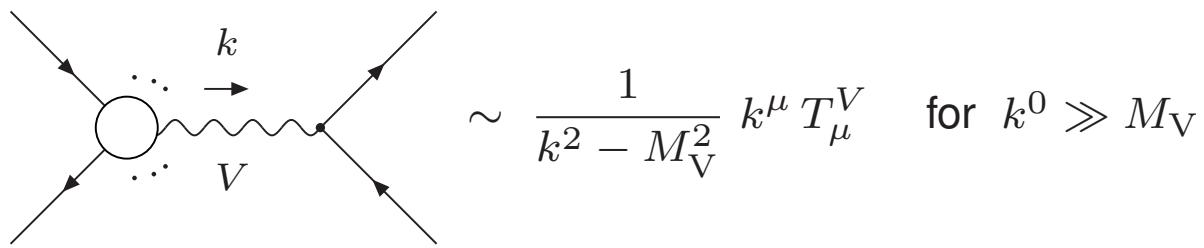
otherwise gauge-invariance-breaking terms enhanced by E^2/m_e^2 ($\sim 10^{10}$ for LEP2)

Electroweak SU(2) gauge invariance implies

$$\begin{array}{c}
k^\mu \quad \text{---} \quad Z_\mu \quad \text{---} \quad F_1 \quad \dots \quad F_n \\
\text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\
k^\mu \quad \text{---} \quad W_\mu^\pm \quad \text{---} \quad F_1 \quad \dots \quad F_n
\end{array}
= \begin{array}{c}
\text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad iM_Z \quad \text{---} \quad \chi \quad \text{---} \quad F_1 \quad \dots \quad F_n \\
\text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\
\text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \phi^\pm \quad \text{---} \quad F_1 \quad \dots \quad F_n
\end{array}
\begin{array}{c}
F_l = \text{on-shell fields} \\
\chi, \phi^\pm = \text{would-be Goldstone fields}
\end{array}$$

A typical situation: high-energetic quasi-real longitudinal vector bosons

↪ fermion current attached to $V(k)$ again $\propto k^\mu$

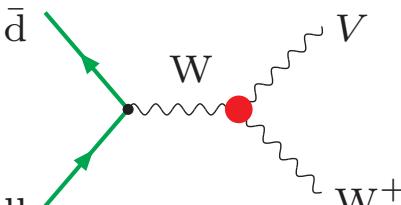


Identity $k^\mu T_\mu^V = c_V M_V T^S$ needed to cancel factor k^0 ,
 otherwise gauge-invariance/unitarity-breaking terms enhanced by k^0/M_V

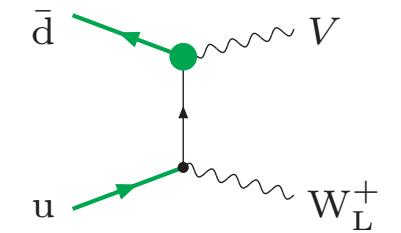
$$\text{For on-shell } V: \quad \varepsilon_{V_L}^\mu(k) = \frac{k^\mu}{M_V} + \mathcal{O}(M_V/k^0)$$

Illustration of unitarity cancellations for WV production ($V = Z/\gamma$)

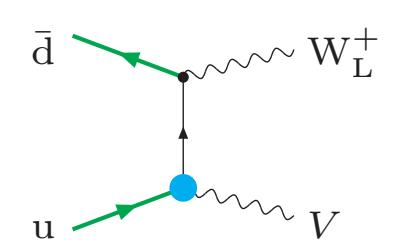
Leading behaviour of amplitudes with $\varepsilon_{W_L^+}^\mu(k) = \frac{k^\mu}{M_V} + \dots$ for $k^0 \gg M_W$:



$$\sim \frac{-ie^2 g_{VWW}}{2\sqrt{2}s_W M_W} [\bar{v}_{\bar{d}} \gamma_\mu \omega_- u_u] \left\{ g_1^V \left[\varepsilon_V^{*\mu} - k^\mu \frac{\varepsilon_V^* \cdot k}{s} \right] + \kappa_V \left[\varepsilon_V^{*\mu} + k^\mu \frac{\varepsilon_V^* \cdot k}{s} \right] \right\}$$



$$\sim \frac{ie^2 g_{Vdd}^-}{\sqrt{2}s_W M_W} [\bar{v}_{\bar{d}} \not{\epsilon}_V^* \omega_- u_u], \quad g_{Zdd}^- = -\frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_d - \frac{1}{2s_W c_W}, \quad g_{\gamma dd}^- = -Q_d$$



$$\sim \frac{-ie^2 g_{Vuu}^-}{\sqrt{2}s_W M_W} [\bar{v}_{\bar{d}} \not{\epsilon}_V^* \omega_- u_u], \quad g_{Zuu}^- = -\frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_u + \frac{1}{2s_W c_W}, \quad g_{\gamma uu}^- = -Q_u$$

Cancellation (unitarity!) of sum demands:

$$g_{Vdd}^- - g_{Vuu}^- - \frac{g_{VWW}}{2} (g_1^V + \kappa_V) \stackrel{!}{=} 0, \quad g_1^V \stackrel{!}{=} \kappa_V$$

→ SM provides unique solution: $g_1^Z = \kappa_Z = g_1^\gamma = \kappa_\gamma = 1$

Note: no constraint on coupling λ_V , since effective operator gauge invariant !

Width schemes for LO calculations and gauge invariance

Naive propagator substitutions in full tree-level amplitudes:

$$\frac{1}{k^2 - m^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2 + i m \Gamma(k^2)} \quad \text{in all propagators}$$

- constant width $\Gamma(k^2) = \text{const.}$ \rightarrow U(1) respected, SU(2) “mildly” violated
- running width $\Gamma(k^2) \neq \text{const.}$ \rightarrow U(1) and SU(2) violated
 \hookrightarrow results can be totally wrong !

Fudge factor approaches:

Multiply full amplitudes without widths with

factors $\frac{p^2 - m^2}{p^2 - m^2 + i m \Gamma}$ for each potentially resonant propagator

\hookrightarrow gauge invariant, but spurious factors of $\mathcal{O}(\Gamma/m)$

Complex-mass scheme: (see lecture 1)

Consistent use of complex masses everywhere (including couplings)

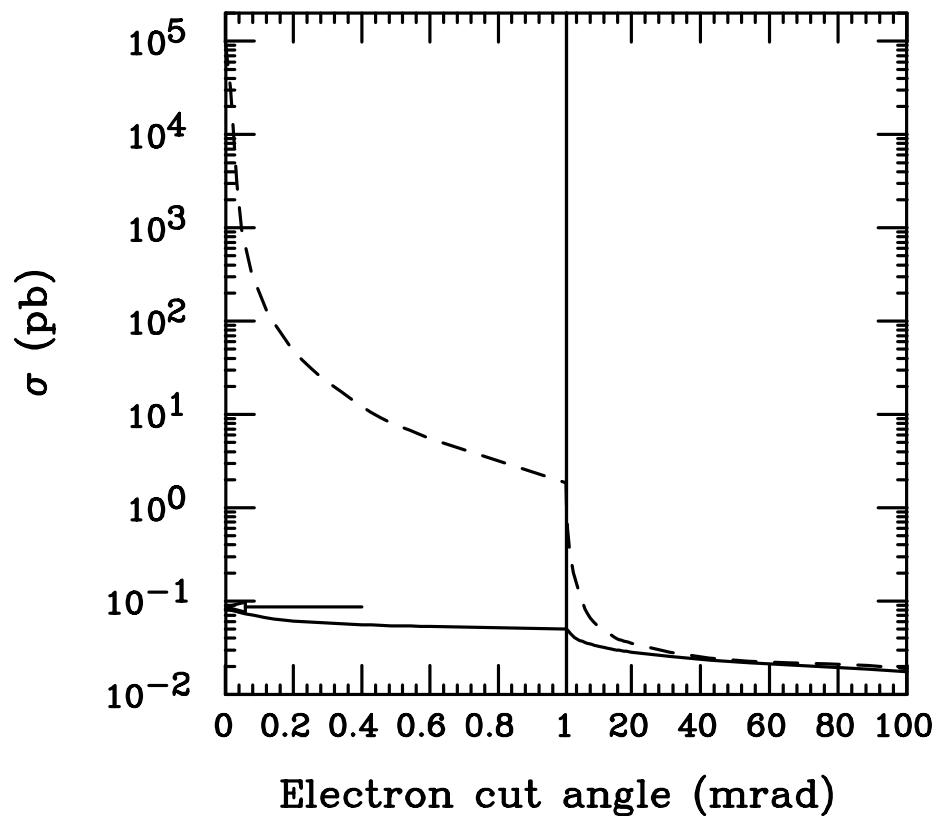
For W/Z bosons: $M_V^2 \rightarrow \mu_V^2 = M_V^2 - i M_V \Gamma_V, \quad V = W, Z$

complex weak mixing angle: $c_W^2 = 1 - s_W^2 = \frac{\mu_W^2}{\mu_Z^2}$

\hookrightarrow gauge invariance fully respected



An example: $e^-e^+ \rightarrow e^-\bar{\nu}_e u\bar{d}$ result of Kurihara, Perret-Gallix, Shimizu '95



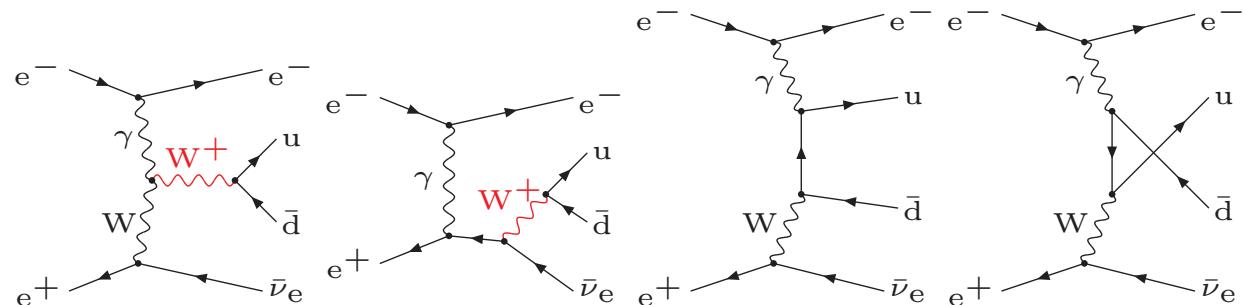
$$\sqrt{s} = 180 \text{ GeV}$$

solid: gauge-invariant
(fudge factor) scheme

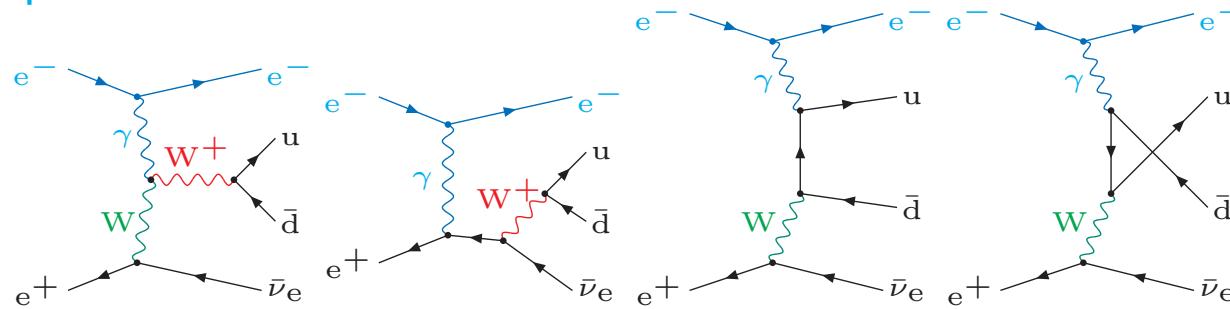
dashed: constant width
only in resonant propagator
→ crude U(1) gauge-invariance
violation

Dominant diagrams:

nearly real photon !



Example continued:



Partial amplitude from above “photon diagrams”:

$$\mathcal{M}_\gamma = Q_e e \bar{u}_e(k_e) \gamma^\mu u_e(p_e) \frac{1}{k_\gamma^2} T_\mu^\gamma$$

Elmg. Ward identity:

$$0 \stackrel{!}{=} k_\gamma^\mu T_\mu^\gamma \propto (p_+^2 - p_-^2) Q_W P_w(p_+^2) P_w(p_-^2) + Q_e P_w(p_+^2) - (Q_d - Q_u) P_w(p_-^2)$$

With $Q_W = Q_e = Q_d - Q_u$ and $P_w(p^2) = [p^2 - M_W^2 + iM_W\Gamma_W(p^2)]^{-1}$
 one obtains: $\Gamma_W(p_+^2) \stackrel{!}{=} \Gamma_W(p_-^2)$

↪ Elmg. gauge invariance demands
 common width on s - and t -channel propagators in “naive fixed width scheme”



Examples from e^+e^- physics: RACOONWW (Denner et al. '99-'01) and LUSIFER (S.D.,Roth '02)

- $\sigma[\text{fb}]$ for $e^+e^- \rightarrow u\bar{d}\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$

\sqrt{s}	189 GeV	500 GeV	2 TeV	10 TeV
constant width	703.5(3)	237.4(1)	13.99(2)	0.624(3)
running width	703.4(3)	238.9(1)	34.39(3)	498.8(1)
complex mass	703.1(3)	237.3(1)	13.98(2)	0.624(3)

- $\sigma[\text{fb}]$ for $e^+e^- \rightarrow u\bar{d}\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu + \gamma$ (separation cuts for “visible” γ : $E_\gamma, \theta_{\gamma f} > \text{cut}$)

$\sqrt{s} =$	189 GeV	500 GeV	2 TeV	10 TeV
constant width	224.0(4)	83.4(3)	6.98(5)	0.457(6)
running width	224.6(4)	84.2(3)	19.2(1)	368(6)
complex mass	223.9(4)	83.3(3)	6.98(5)	0.460(6)

- $\sigma[\text{fb}]$ for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu_e\bar{\nu}_e\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu u\bar{d}$ (phase-space cuts applied)

\sqrt{s}	500 GeV	800 GeV	2 TeV	10 TeV
constant width	1.633(1)	4.105(4)	11.74(2)	26.38(6)
running width	1.640(1)	4.132(4)	12.88(1)	12965(12)
complex mass	1.633(1)	4.104(3)	11.73(1)	26.39(6)



Gauge-invariant width schemes @ NLO

Problem much more complicated than at LO ! (would fill own lectures)

Complex-Mass Scheme (CMS) Denner, S.D., Roth, Wieders '05

- complex, but straightforward renormalization
- NLO everywhere in phase space
- loop integrals with complex masses

Pole Approximation (PA) (= leading term of pole expansion)

- corrections decomposed into two types
 - ◊ factorizable: corrections to on-shell production / decay
 - ◊ non-factorizable: soft photon/gluon exchange between production / decays
- NLO in neighbourhood of resonances
- PA involves less diagrams than CMS → higher multiplicities possible

Effective Field Theories Beneke et al. '03,'04; Hoang,Reisser '04

- involves pole expansions → NLO in neighbourhood of resonances
- formal elegance → e.g. combination with resummations

→ For details & examples see literature ...

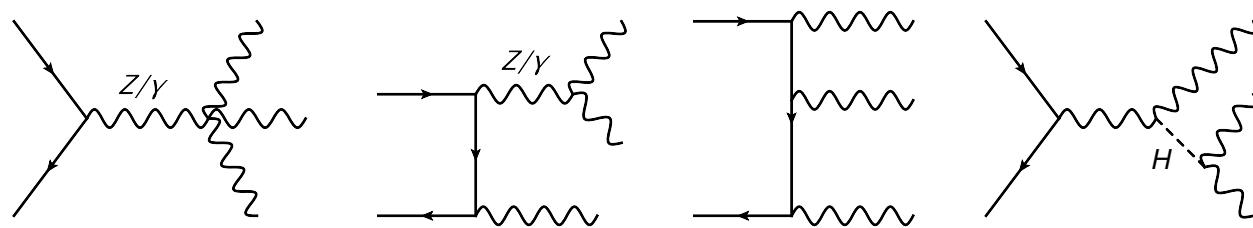


Outlook to electroweak tri-boson production



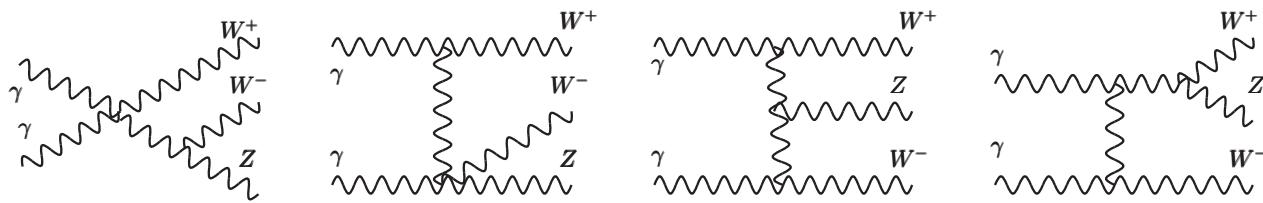
Electroweak tri-boson production – overview

Typical LO diagrams (example of WWZ production):

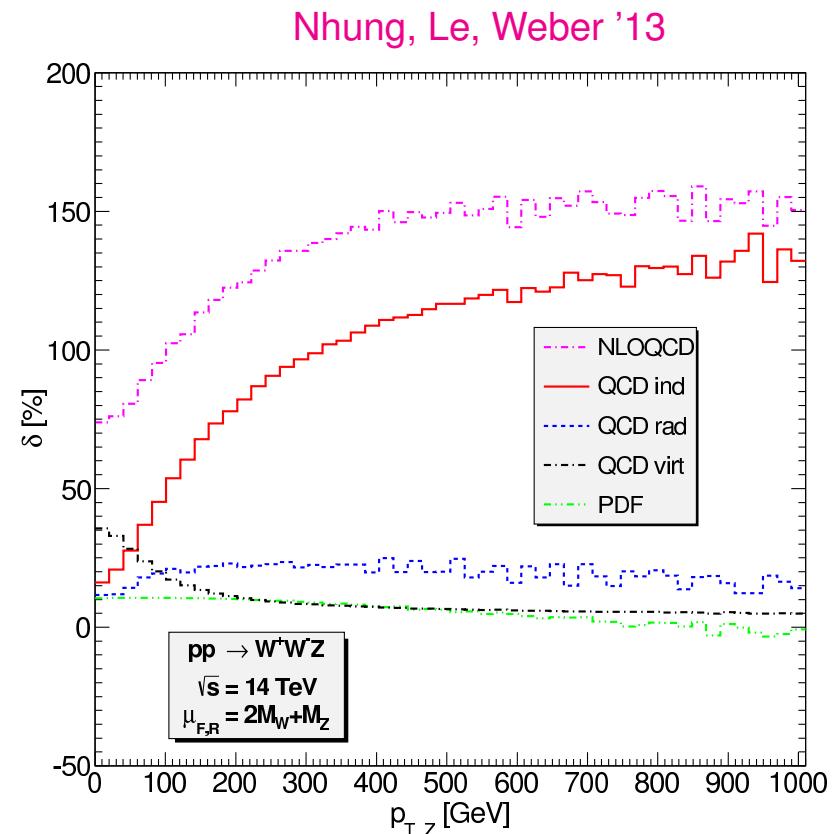
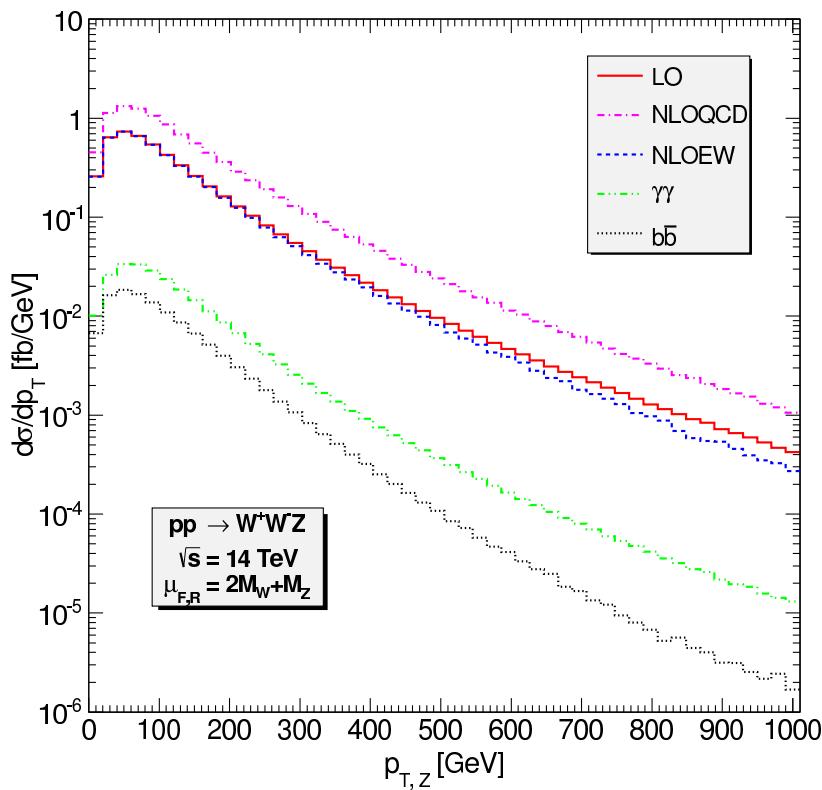


- similarity/complementarity to vector-boson scattering (crossed kinematics)
 - ◊ sensitivity to quartic gauge couplings
 - ◊ sensitivity to electroweak symmetry breaking
- background to WH/ZH production with $H \rightarrow VV^*$ (if accessible)

$\gamma\gamma$ channel for WWZ/ γ production:



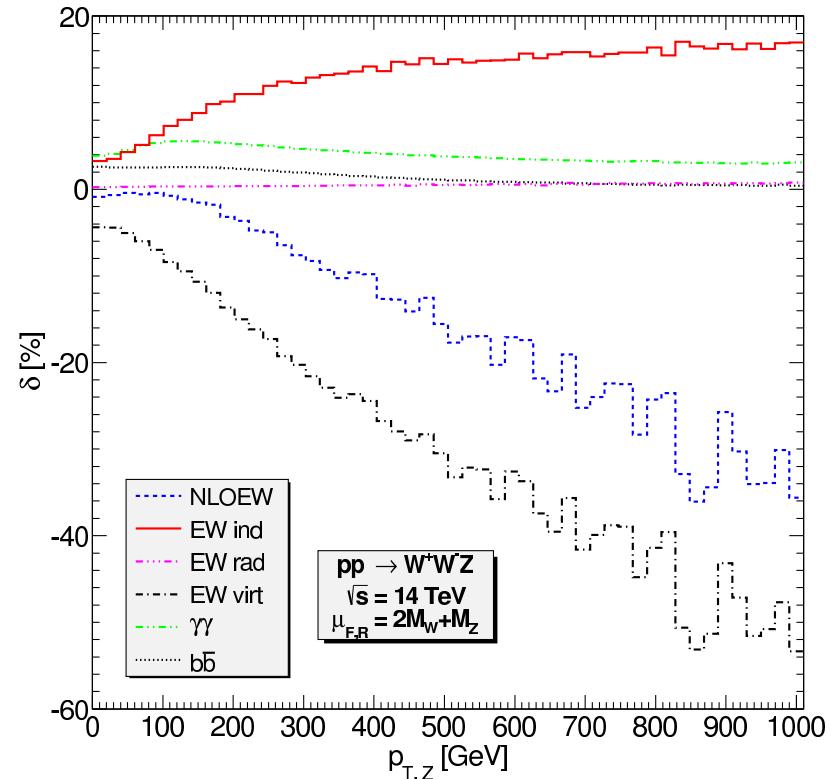
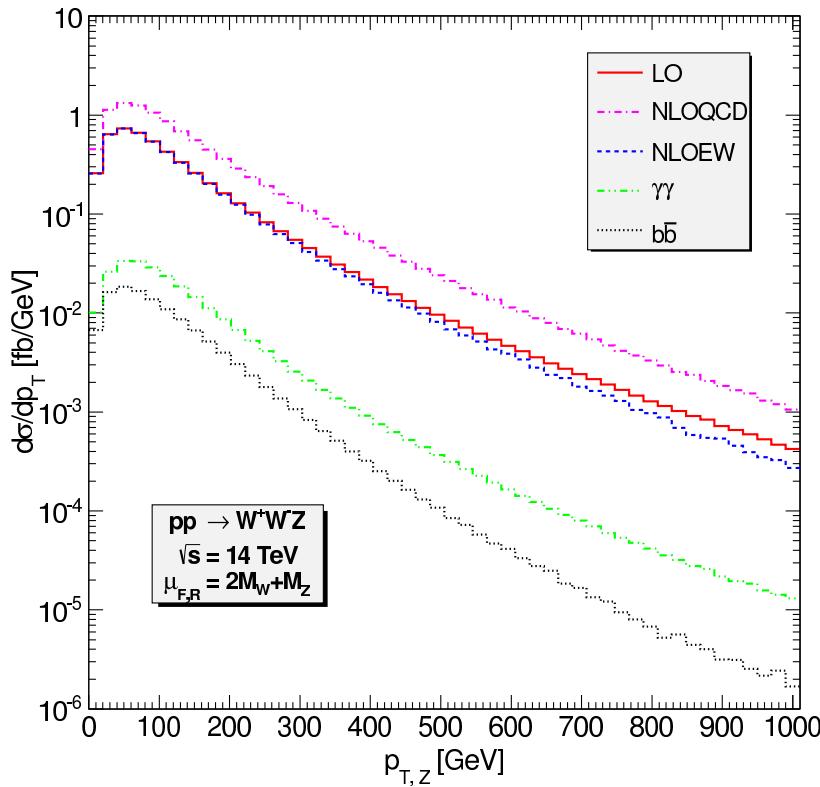
QCD corrections to WWZ production



- inclusive cross section $\sim 200 \text{ fb}$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$
- **QCD corrections $\sim 100\%$**
 - ◊ other final states WWW, WZZ, etc. known to NLO QCD as well
 Lazopoulos, et al. '07; Hankele/Zeppenfeld '07; Bineth et al. '08; Nhung et al. '13
 - ◊ analyze possible jet vetoes
 - ◊ W/Z decays partially included in NWA

EW corrections to WWZ production

Nhung, Le, Weber '13



- sizeable EW corrections in TeV range (as expected from di-boson case)
- EW corrections only known for on-shell (stable) WWZ production
 - homework for theorists to ...
 - ◊ consider the other cases WWW, WZZ, etc. as well
 - ◊ include W/Z decays
 - ◊ combine NLO QCD (known) and EW corrections

