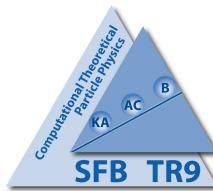


# NLO, HIGGS AND OTHER THEORY ISSUES: WORKSHOP CLOSING TALK



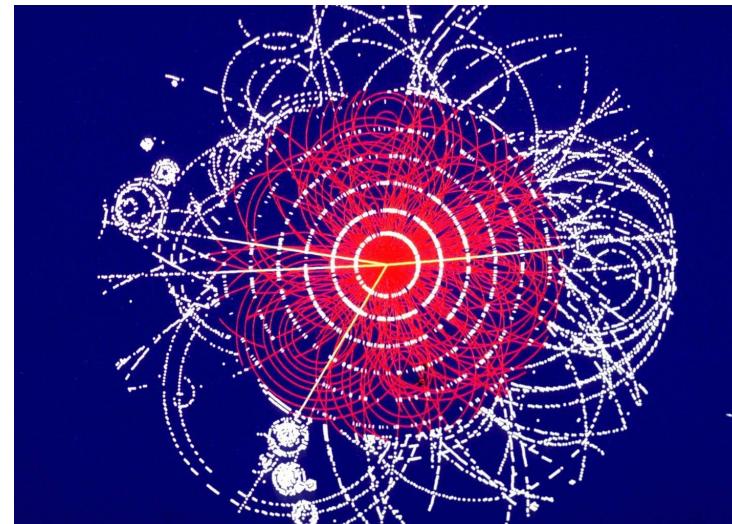
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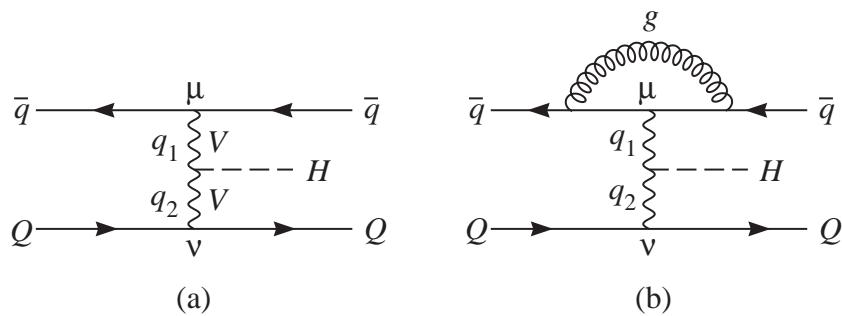
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- Higgs + 2 Jets
- NLO QCD
- VBFNLO
- Conclusions



## Tensor structure of the $HVV$ coupling

Most general  $HVV$  vertex  $T^{\mu\nu}(q_1, q_2)$



Physical interpretation of terms:

**SM Higgs**       $\mathcal{L}_I \sim HV_\mu V^\mu \longrightarrow a_1$

loop induced couplings for neutral scalar

**CP even**       $\mathcal{L}_{eff} \sim HV_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow a_2$

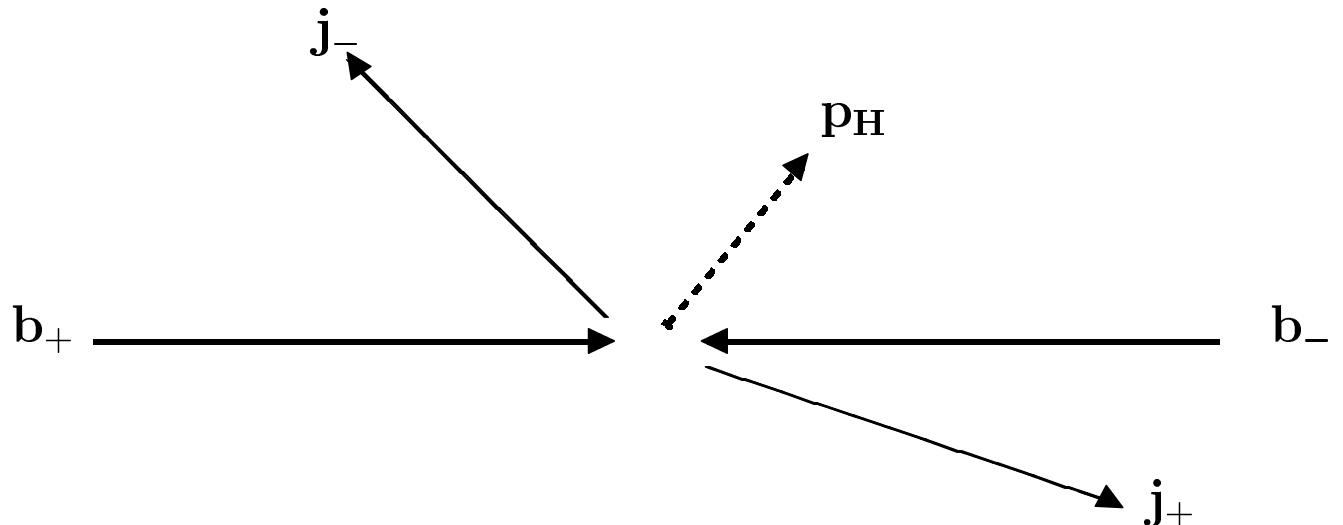
**CP odd**       $\mathcal{L}_{eff} \sim HV_{\mu\nu} \tilde{V}^{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow a_3$

Must distinguish  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  experimentally

The  $a_i = a_i(q_1, q_2)$  are scalar form factors

## Azimuthal angle distribution and Higgs CP properties

Kinematics of  $Hjj$  event:



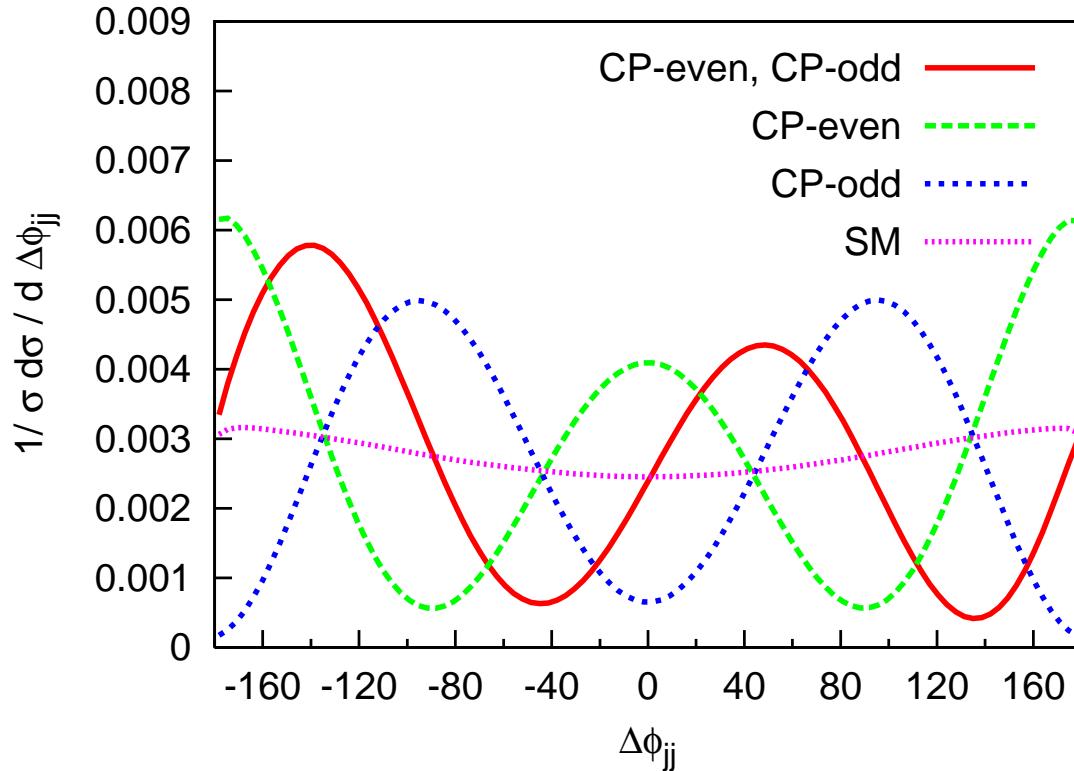
Define azimuthal angle between jet momenta  $j_+$  and  $j_-$  via

$$\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} b_+^\mu j_+^\nu b_-^\rho j_-^\sigma = 2p_{T,+}p_{T,-} \sin(\phi_+ - \phi_-) = 2 p_{T,+}p_{T,-} \sin \Delta\phi_{jj}$$

- $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  is a parity odd observable
- $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  is invariant under interchange of beam directions  $(b_+, j_+) \leftrightarrow (b_-, j_-)$

Work with Vera Hankele, Gunnar Klämke and Terrance Figy: [hep-ph/0609075](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0609075)

## Signals for CP violation in the Higgs Sector



**mixed CP case:**

$$a_2 = a_3, a_1 = 0$$

**pure CP-even case:**

$$a_2 \text{ only}$$

**pure CP odd case:**

$$a_3 \text{ only}$$

Position of **minimum of  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  distribution** measures relative size of CP-even and CP-odd couplings. For

$$a_1 = 0,$$

$$a_2 = d \sin \alpha,$$

$$a_3 = d \cos \alpha,$$

⇒ Minimum at  $-\alpha$  and  $\pi - \alpha$

## Gluon Fusion as a signal channel

Heavy quark loop induces effective  $Hgg$  vertex:

$$\text{CP - even : } i \frac{m_Q}{v} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi v} H G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu,a}$$

$$\text{CP - odd : } - \frac{m_Q}{v} \gamma_5 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi v} A G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu,a} = \frac{\alpha_s}{16\pi v} A G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\alpha\beta}^a \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$$

Azimuthal angle between tagging jets probes difference

- Use gluon fusion induced  $\Phi jj$  signal to probe structure of  $Hgg$  vertex
- Measure size of coupling (requires NLO corrections for precision)
- Find **cuts** to enhance gluon fusion over VBF and other backgrounds

⇒ Study by **Gunnar Klämke** in  $m_Q \rightarrow \infty$  limit (hep-ph/0703202, PhD thesis, and paper in preparation, with **Michael Rauch**)

## Gluon fusion signal and backgrounds

Signal channel (LO):

- $pp \rightarrow Hjj$  in gluon fusion with  $H \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow l^+l^-\nu\bar{\nu}$ , ( $l = e, \mu$ )
- $m_H = 160 \text{ GeV}$

dominant backgrounds:

- $W^+W^-$ -production via VBF (including Higgs-channel):  $pp \rightarrow W^+W^-jj$
- top-pair production:  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}, t\bar{t}j, t\bar{t}jj$  (*N. Kauer*)
- QCD induced  $W^+W^-$ -production:  $pp \rightarrow W^+W^-jj$

applied inclusive cuts (minimal cuts):

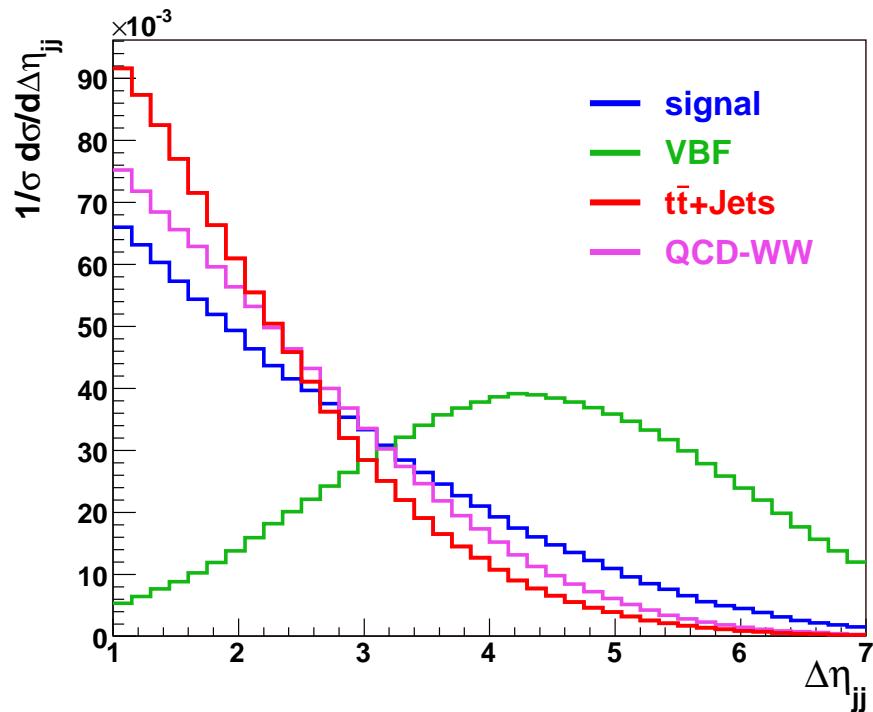
- 2 tagging-jets  
 $p_{Tj} > 30 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_j| < 4.5$
- 2 identified leptons  
 $p_{Tl} > 10 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_l| < 2.5$
- separation of jets and leptons  
 $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 1.0, \quad R_{jl} > 0.7$

| process                          | $\sigma [\text{fb}]$ |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| GF $pp \rightarrow H + jj$       | <b>115.2</b>         |
| VBF $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$ | <b>75.2</b>          |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$        | <b>6832</b>          |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + j$    | <b>9518</b>          |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + jj$   | <b>1676</b>          |
| QCD $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$ | <b>363</b>           |

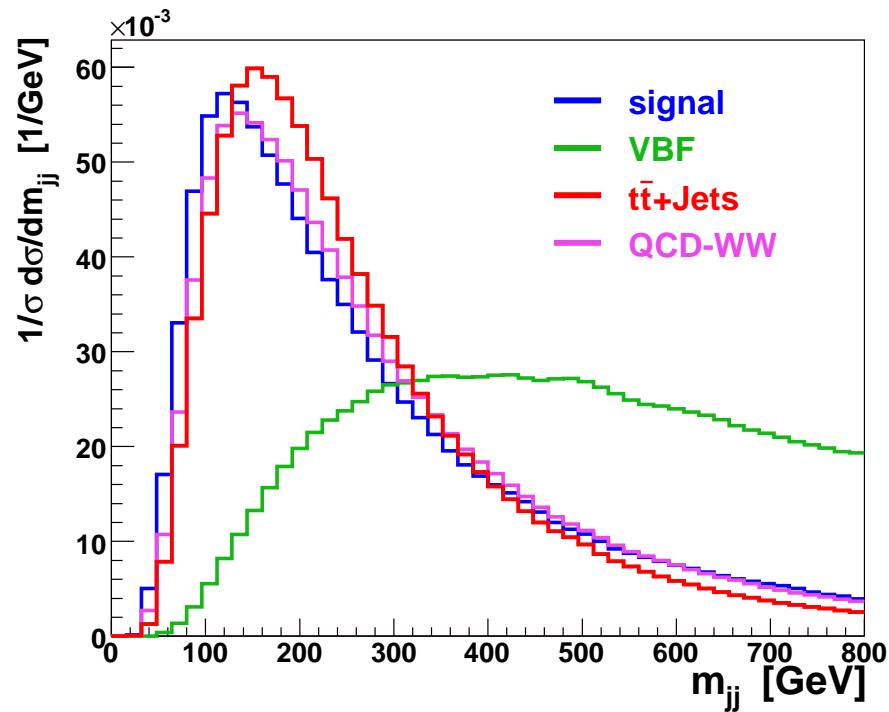
## Characteristic distributions

Separation of VBF  $Hjj$  signal from QCD background is much easier than separation of gluon fusion  $Hjj$  signal

tagging jet rapidity separation



dijet invariant mass



## Selection continued

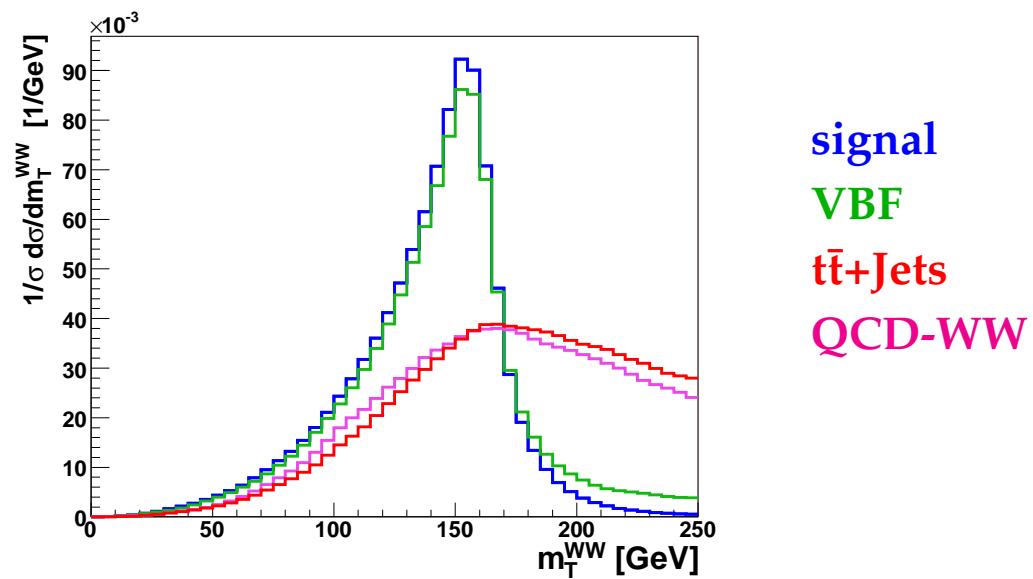
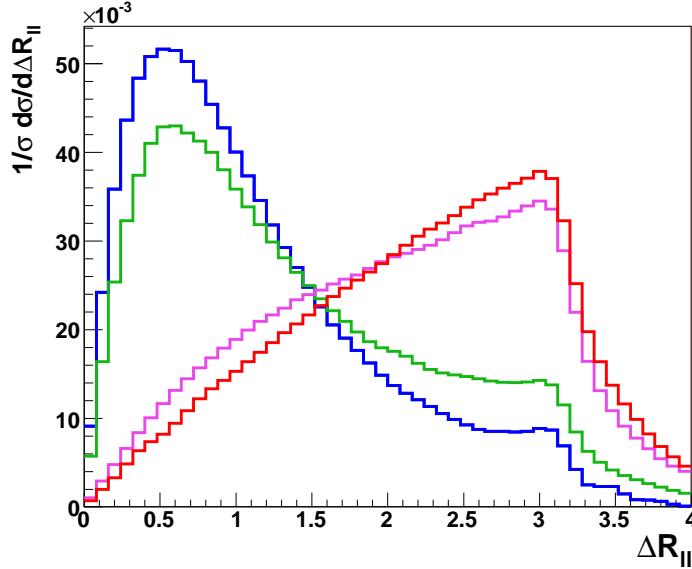
- **b-tagging** for reduction of top-backgrounds. *(CMS Note 06/014)*  
 –  $(\eta, p_T)$  - dependent tagging-efficiencies (60% - 75%) with 10% mistagging - probability

- selection cuts:

$$p_{Tl} > 30 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_{ll} < 75 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_{ll} < 0.44 \cdot M_T^{WW}, \quad R_{ll} < 1.1,$$

$$M_T^{WW} < 170 \text{ GeV}, \quad \not{p}_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_T^{WW} = \sqrt{(E_T + E_{T_{ll}})^2 - (\vec{p}_{T_{ll}} + \not{p}_T)^2}$$



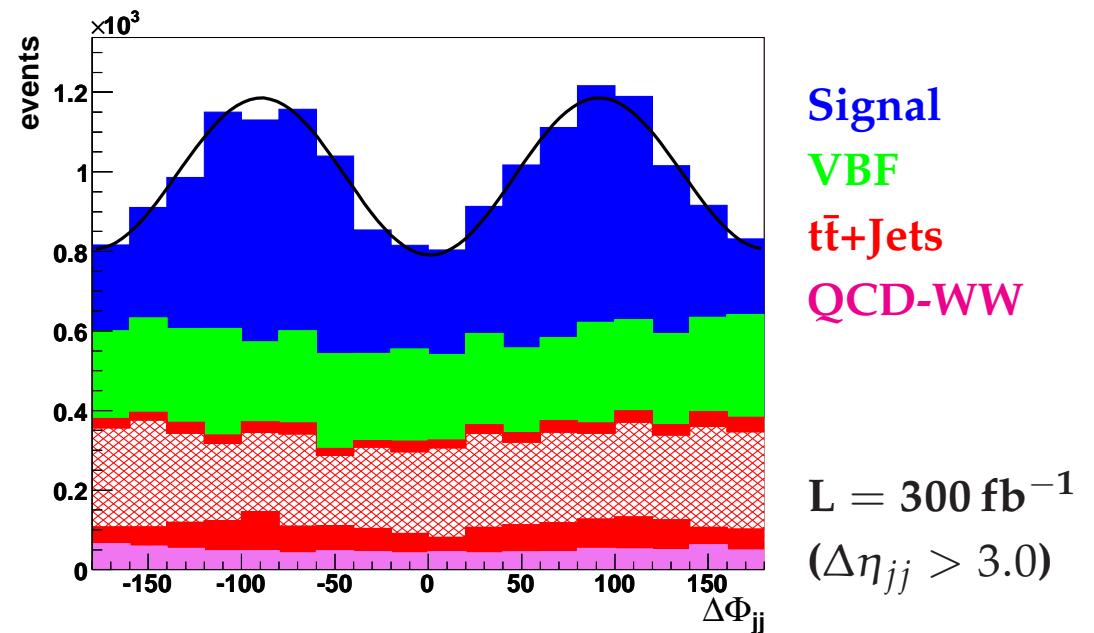
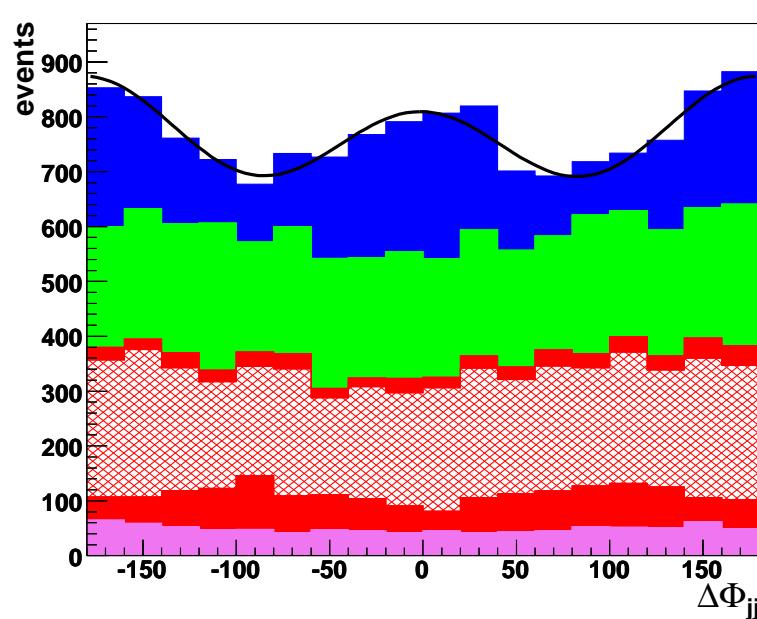
## Results

| process                          | $\sigma$ [fb] | events / $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| GF $pp \rightarrow H + jj$       | <b>31.5</b>   | <b>944</b>                    |
| VBF $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$ | <b>16.5</b>   | <b>495</b>                    |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$        | <b>23.3</b>   | <b>699</b>                    |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + j$    | <b>51.1</b>   | <b>1533</b>                   |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + jj$   | <b>11.2</b>   | <b>336</b>                    |
| QCD $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$ | <b>11.4</b>   | <b>342</b>                    |
| $\Sigma$ backgrounds             | <b>113.5</b>  | <b>3405</b>                   |

$\Rightarrow S/\sqrt{B} \approx 16.2$  for  $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

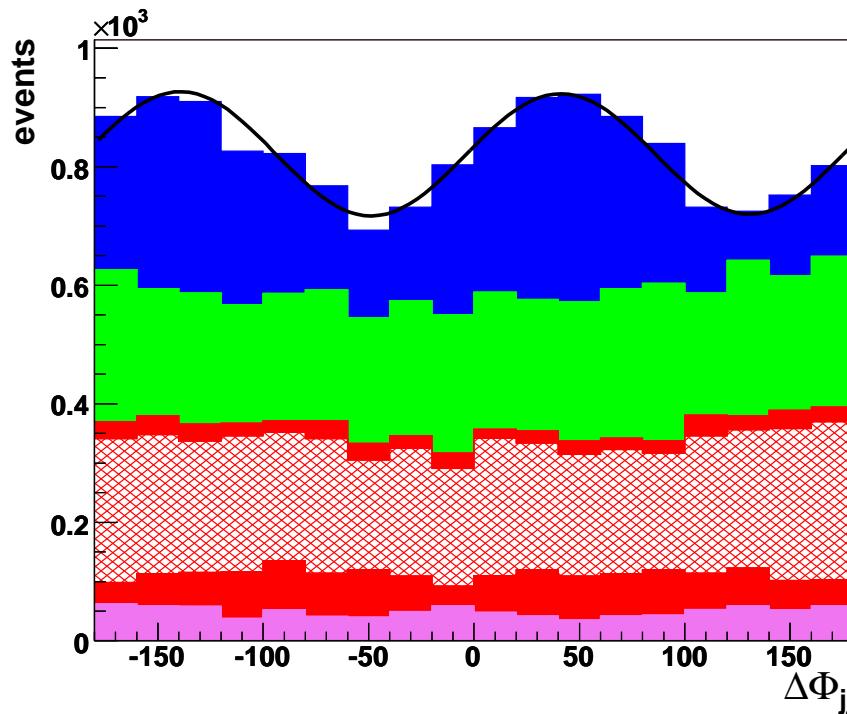
## $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$ -Distribution in gluon fusion: WW case

Fit to  $\Phi_{jj}$ -distribution with function  $f(\Delta\Phi) = N(1 + A \cos[2(\Delta\Phi - \Delta\Phi_{max})] - B \cos(\Delta\Phi))$



fit of the background only :  $A = 0.069 \pm 0.044$  and  $\Delta\Phi_{max} = 64 \pm 25$   
 ( mean values of 10 independent fits of data for  $L = 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  each)

## $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$ -Distribution: CP violating case



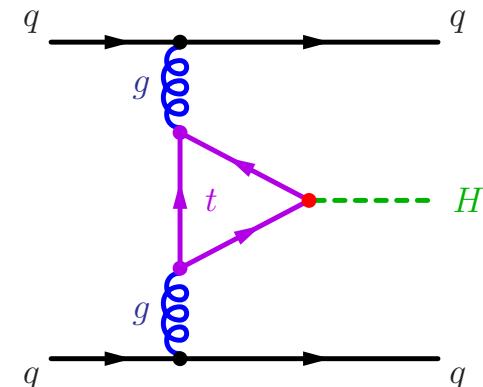
CP-mixture: equal CP-even and CP-odd contributions

$$A = 0.153 \pm 0.037$$

$$\Delta\Phi_{max} = 45.6 \pm 7.3$$

## Higgs + 2 Jets in Gluon Fusion, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-\nu\bar{\nu}$

- this channel has not been studied so far
- interesting for SM Higgs ( $\approx 120$  GeV) and SUSY scenario with large  $\tan \beta$  ( $m_H \approx m_A \gtrsim 150$  GeV)
- x-section times branching ratio of  $\approx 50$  fb looks promising (SM)
- has potential for study of Higgs CP-properties



Studied so far (by Gunnar Klämke):

- Study of signal and SM backgrounds for  $m_H = 120$  GeV case (simple cut based analysis)
- same for one MSSM scenario  $m_A = 200$  GeV,  $\tan \beta = 50$

### Questions:

- How many signal and background events are there after cuts (what's the statistical significance)
- What are the prospects of CP-measurements via jet-jet azimuthal angle correlation

## finite detector resolution

The detector has a finite resolution. The measured jet energy and missing transverse energy have large uncertainties. Parameterization (from CMS NOTE 2006/035, CMS NOTE 2006/036):

Jets :

$$\frac{\Delta E_j}{E_j} = \left( \frac{a}{E_{Tj}} \oplus \frac{b}{\sqrt{E_{Tj}}} \oplus c \right)$$

|                    | a   | b    | c     |
|--------------------|-----|------|-------|
| $\eta_j < 1.4$     | 5.6 | 1.25 | 0.033 |
| $1.4 < \eta_j < 3$ | 4.8 | 0.89 | 0.043 |
| $\eta_j > 3$       | 3.8 | 0    | 0.085 |

Leptons :

$$\frac{\Delta E_\ell}{E_\ell} = 2\%$$

Missing  $p_T$ :

$$\Delta p_x = 0.46 \cdot \sqrt{\sum E_{Tj}}$$

## SM Higgs with 120 GeV mass

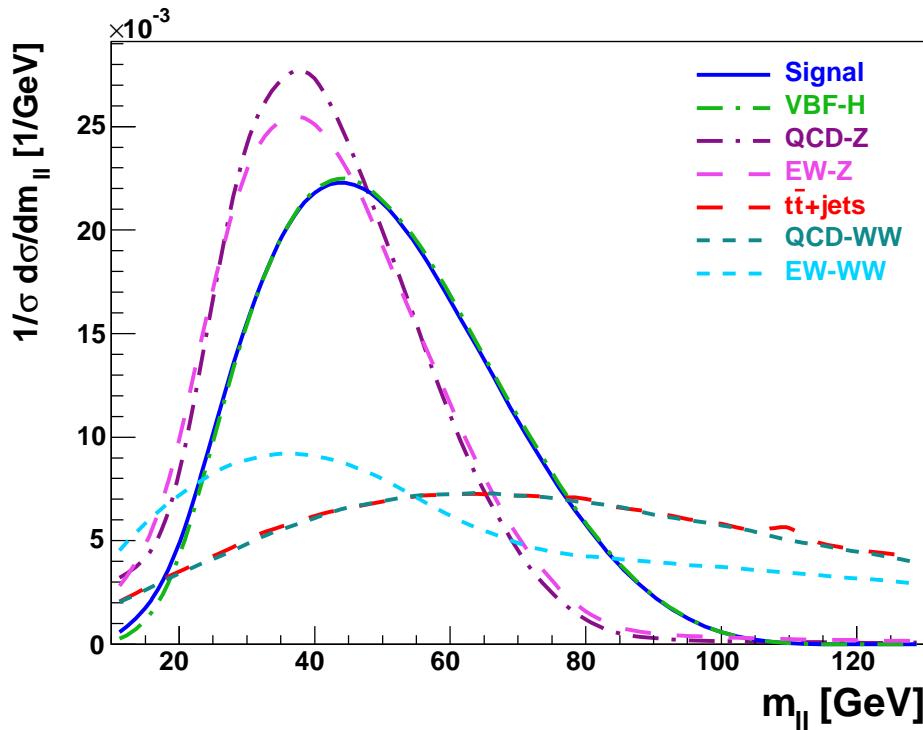
### inclusive cuts

$$p_{T,jets} > 30 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_{T,\ell} > 10 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_j| < 4.5, \quad |\eta_\ell| < 2.5, \quad \Delta\eta_{jj} > 1.0, \quad \Delta R_{j\ell} > 0.7,$$

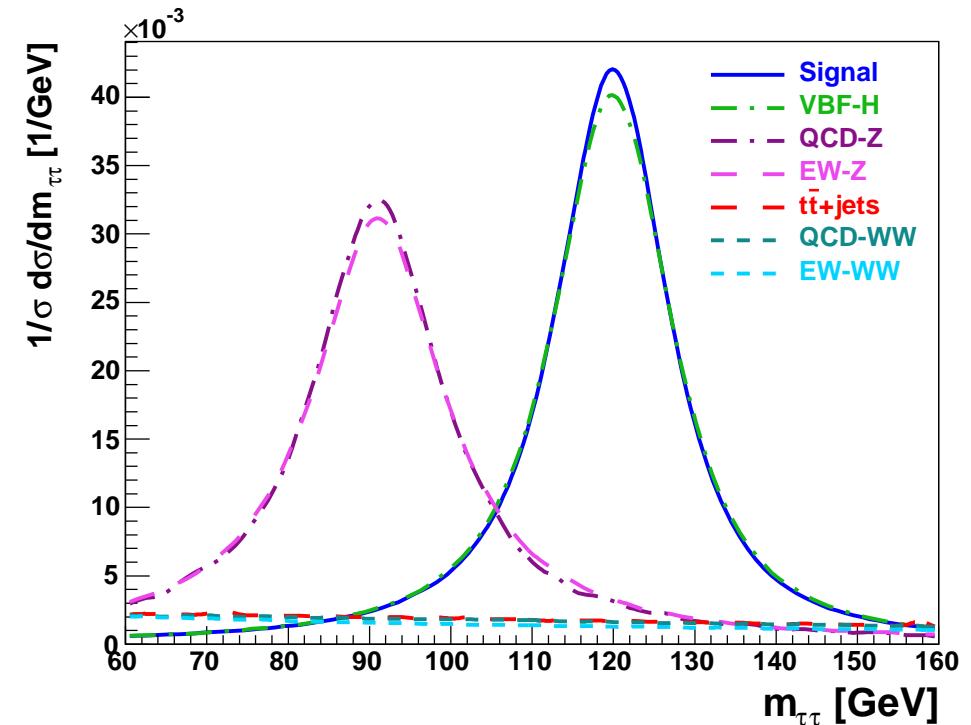
cross sections for inclusive cuts for signal and background

| process   | $\sigma$ [fb] | events / $600 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|
| GF $pp \rightarrow H + jj \rightarrow \tau\tau jj$  | <b>11.283</b> | <b>6770</b>                    |
| GF $pp \rightarrow A + jj \rightarrow \tau\tau jj$  | <b>25.00</b>  | <b>15002</b>                   |
| VBF $pp \rightarrow H + jj \rightarrow \tau\tau jj$ | <b>5.527</b>  | <b>3316</b>                    |
| QCD $pp \rightarrow Z + jj \rightarrow \tau\tau jj$ | <b>1652.8</b> | <b>991700</b>                  |
| VBF $pp \rightarrow Z + jj \rightarrow \tau\tau jj$ | <b>15.70</b>  | <b>9418</b>                    |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$                           | <b>6490</b>   | <b>3893900</b>                 |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + j$                       | <b>9268</b>   | <b>5560890</b>                 |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + jj$                      | <b>1629</b>   | <b>977263</b>                  |
| QCD $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$                    | <b>334.2</b>  | <b>200540</b>                  |
| VBF $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$                    | <b>24.78</b>  | <b>14871</b>                   |

## Distributions



dilepton invariant mass



reconstructed  $\tau\tau$  invariant mass

## selection cuts

a b-veto was applied to reduce the top backgrounds.

$$R_{\ell\ell} < 2.4, \quad p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{\ell\ell} < 80 \text{ GeV}, \quad 110 \text{ GeV} < m_{\tau\tau} < 135 \text{ GeV}, \quad 0 < x_i < 1$$

| process   | $\sigma [\text{fb}]$ | events / $600 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| GF $pp \rightarrow H + jj \rightarrow \tau\tau jj$  | <b>4.927</b>         | <b>2956</b>                    |
| GF $pp \rightarrow A + jj \rightarrow \tau\tau jj$  | <b>11.43</b>         | <b>6860</b>                    |
| VBF $pp \rightarrow H + jj \rightarrow \tau\tau jj$ | <b>2.523</b>         | <b>1514</b>                    |
| QCD $pp \rightarrow Z + jj \rightarrow \tau\tau jj$ | <b>27.62</b>         | <b>16573</b>                   |
| VBF $pp \rightarrow Z + jj \rightarrow \tau\tau jj$ | <b>0.475</b>         | <b>285</b>                     |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$                           | <b>3.86</b>          | <b>2316</b>                    |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + j$                       | <b>8.84</b>          | <b>5306</b>                    |
| $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + jj$                      | <b>3.8</b>           | <b>2283</b>                    |
| QCD $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$                    | <b>1.48</b>          | <b>887</b>                     |
| VBF $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$                    | <b>0.147</b>         | <b>88</b>                      |
| $\Sigma$ backgrounds                                | <b>48.84</b>         | <b>29300</b>                   |

for cp-even higgs:  $S/\sqrt{B} \approx 17$  (  $600 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  )

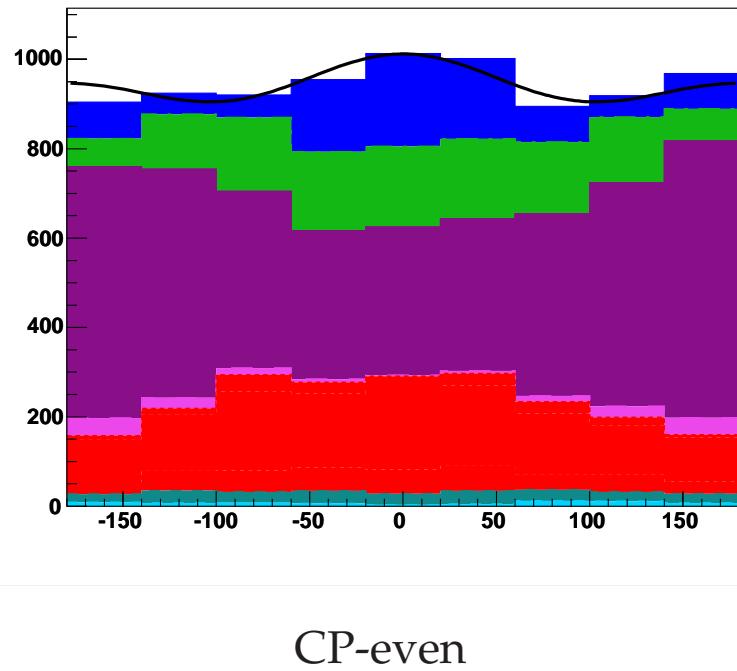
this corresponds to:  $S/\sqrt{B} \approx 5$  (  $50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  )

for cp-odd higgs:  $S/\sqrt{B} \approx 40$  (  $600 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  )

this corresponds to:  $S/\sqrt{B} \approx 5$  (  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  )

## $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ case: $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$ -distribution with backgrounds

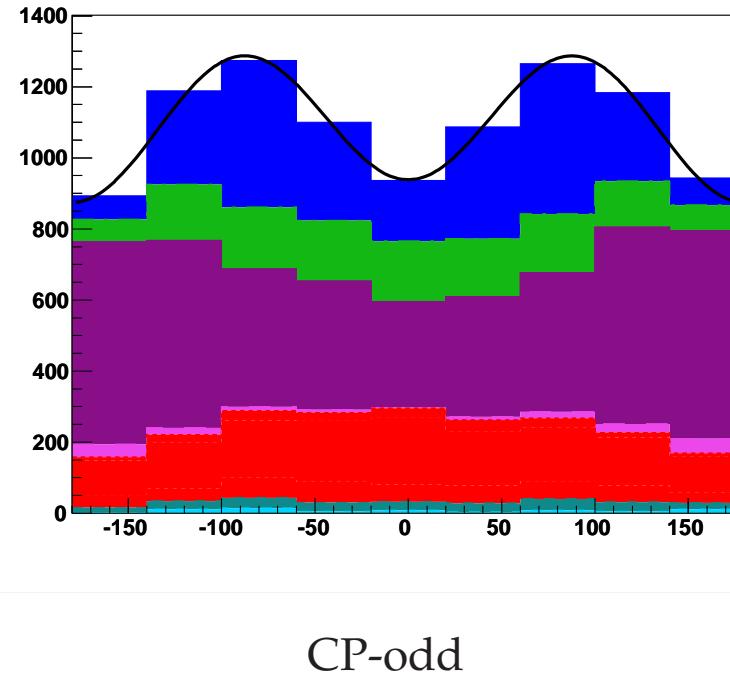
Fit to  $\Phi_{jj}$ -distribution with function  $f(\Delta\Phi) = N(1 + A \cos[2(\Delta\Phi)] - B \cos(\Delta\Phi))$



CP-even

$$A = 0.004 \pm 0.015$$

fit of the background only :  $-0.043 \pm 0.016$   
 $\Rightarrow$  significance for CP-even vs. CP-odd  $\approx 8$



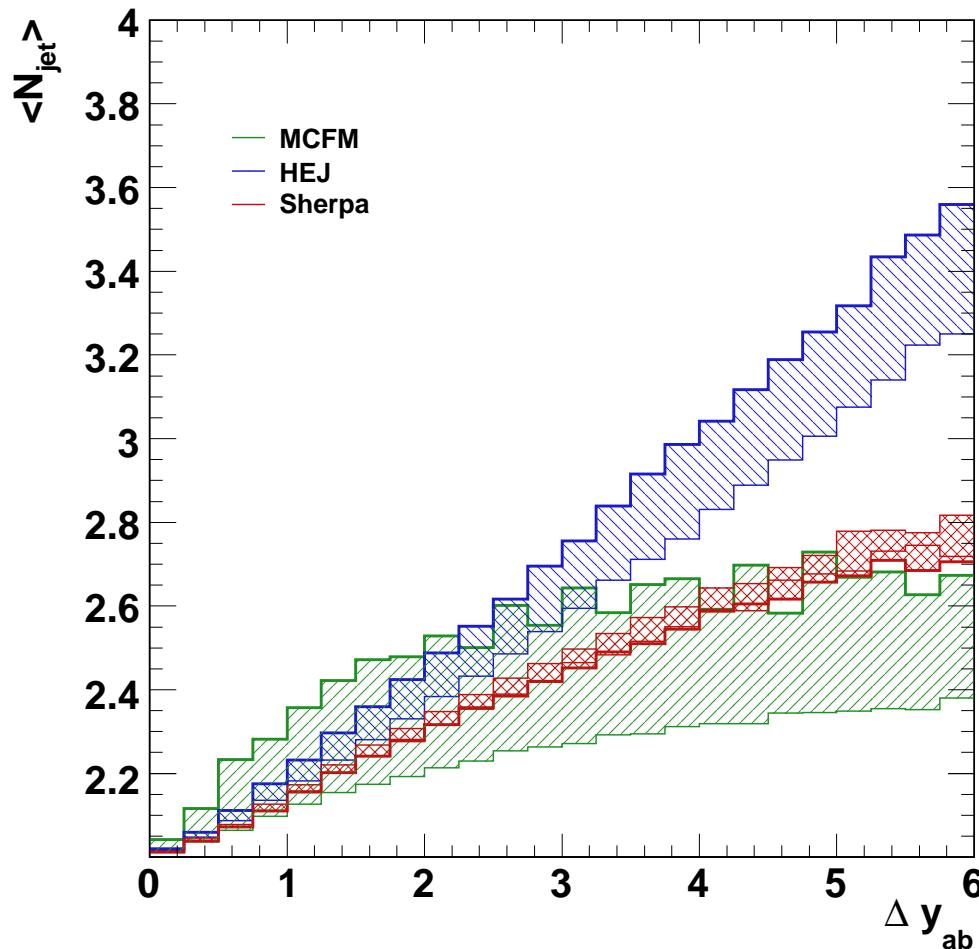
CP-odd

$$A = -0.161 \pm 0.014$$

Signal  
VBF-H  
QCD-Z  
EW-Z  
 $t\bar{t}+Jets$

$L = 600 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $(\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.0)$

## Improvements for multijet situation: Jeppe Andersen

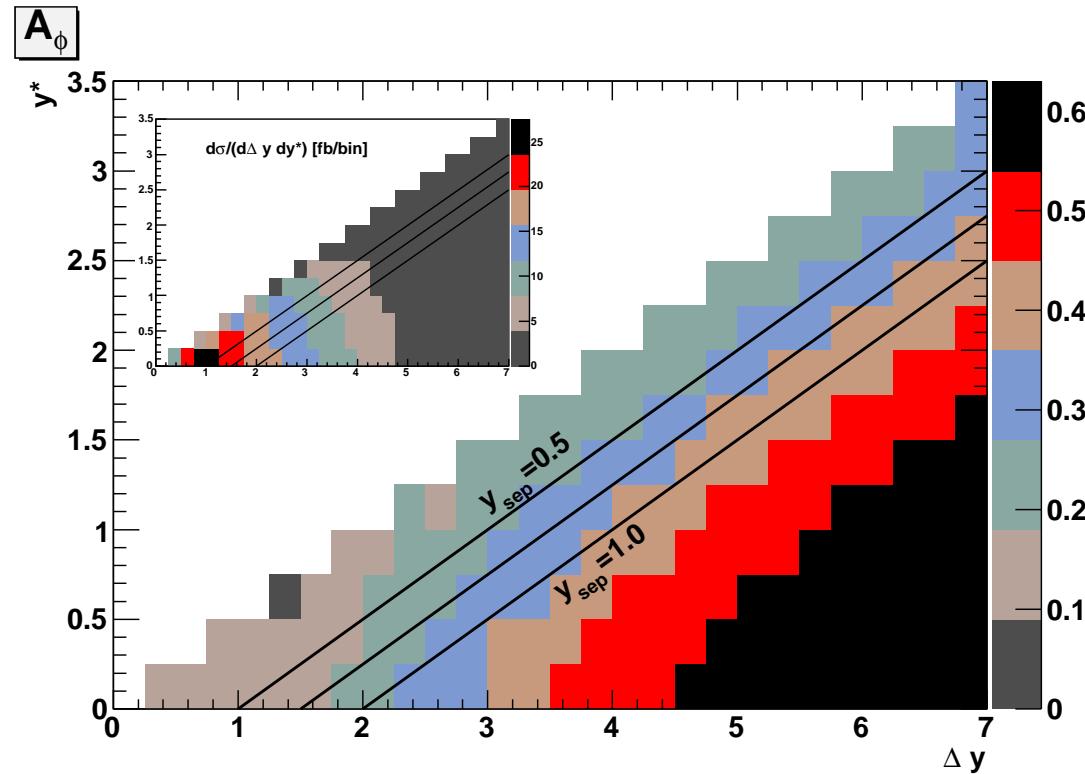


Large probability for additional jets between most forward and backward jets (of  $E_T > 40$  GeV)

Define  $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$  in terms of jet clusters on either side of Higgs

Quality of  $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$  correlation largely preserved in multijet situation

## Strong rapidity ordering



Alternative rapidity cuts on jets:

$$\min\{|y_j - y_H|\} > y_{sep}$$

instead of

$$\Delta y = |y_{j_1} - y_{j_2}| > 3$$

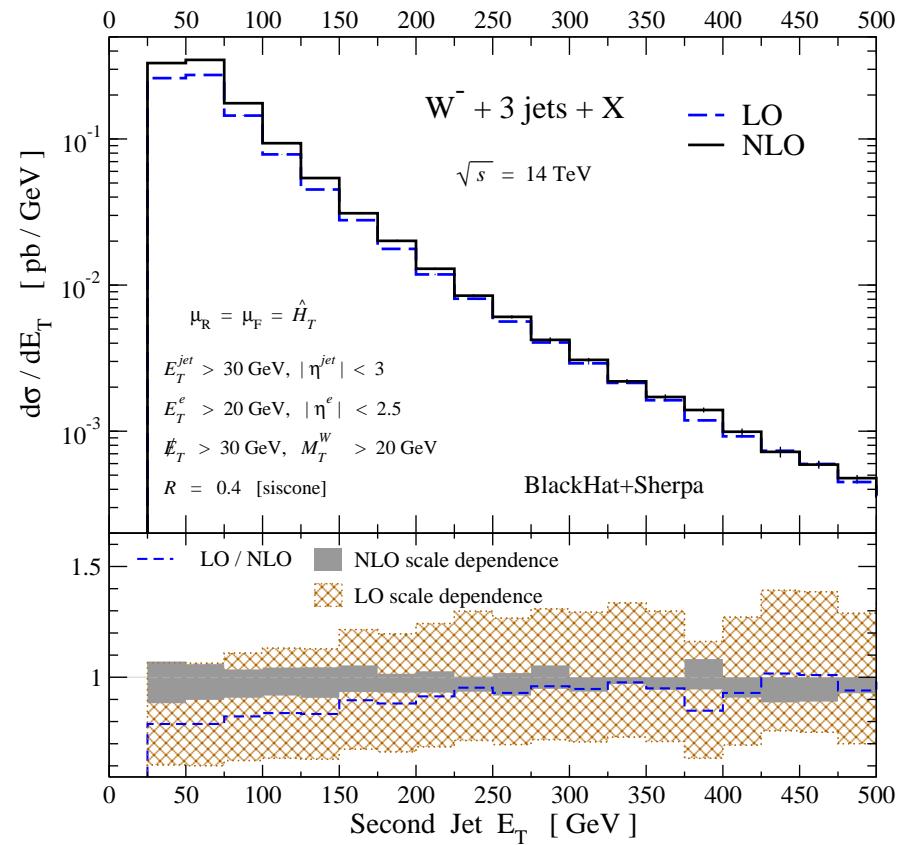
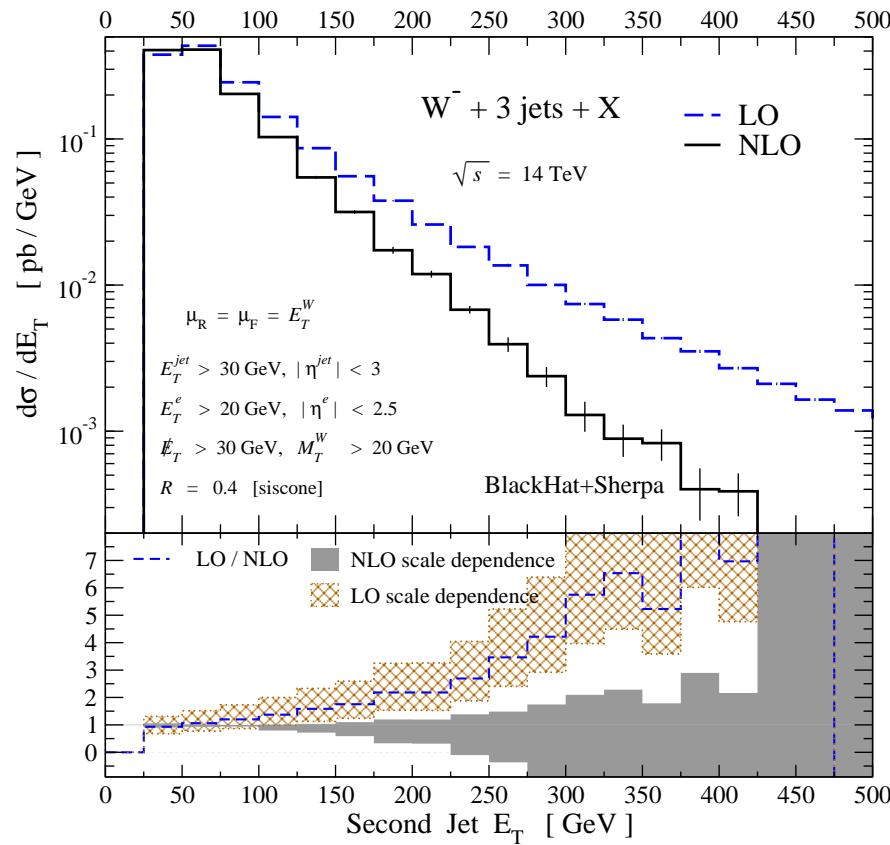
little effect on significance of azimuthal correlations once backgrounds are taken into account

## Progress on calculation tools

- Alexander Belyaev: tutorial on **Calchep**  
great tree level tool for studying SM processes and beyond
- Frank Krauss: progress on **Sherpa**
- Chris White:  $t\bar{t}$  vs  $Wt$  production
- Mark Rodgers: how to calculate multileg loops with **GOLEM**  
impressive tool for calculating pentagons and hexagons  
applications to  $ZZj$  production and neutralino pair production
- Darren Forde: automated loop calculations with **Blackhat**  
Application:  $W + 3$  jets and  $Z + 3$  jets
- Giulia Zanderighi:  $W + 3$  jets at NLO  
Phenomenological studies

## Scale choice in $W + 3$ Jet events at LHC: Blackhat...

Consider  $E_T$  distribution of second jet (Darren Forde)

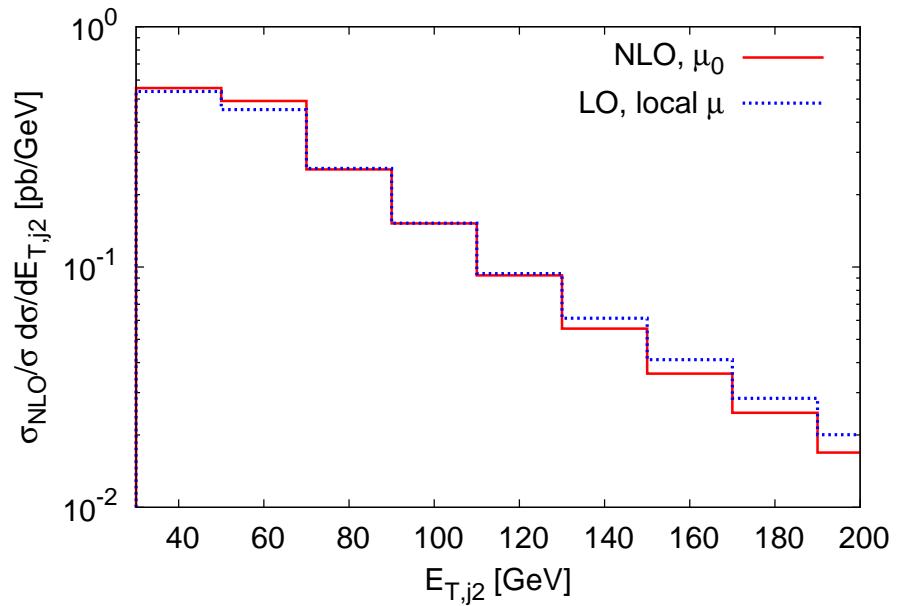
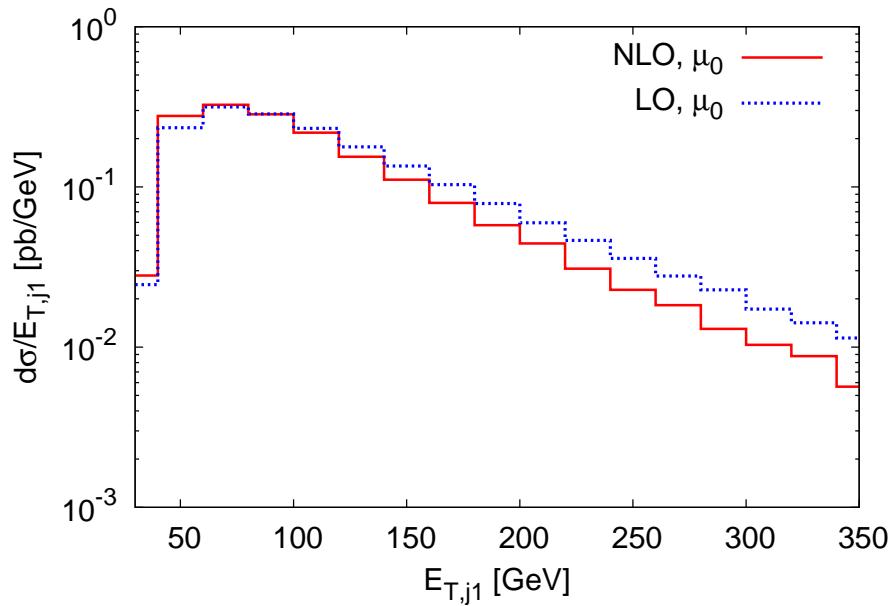


very large NLO scale dependence for  $\mu = x \cdot E_{TW}$

Caution: Small scale dependence with  $\mu_0 = H_T$  gives underestimate of NLO error

## ... and using Rocket science

Jet  $E_T$  distributions of two leading jets (**Giulia Zanderighi**)



Blackhat uses  $\mu_0 = E_{TW}$ : no sign for huge NLO corrections?

Avoid large K-factors in distributions by choosing local scale in LO results (inspired by  $k_T$  clustering)

## Progress on VBFNLO

Originally: NLO QCD predictions for vector boson fusion processes at the LHC:

$qq \rightarrow qqH$  Han, Valencia, Willenbrock (1992); Figy, Oleari, DZ (2003); Campbell, Ellis, Berger (2004)

- Higgs coupling measurements

$qq \rightarrow qqZ$  and  $qq \rightarrow qqW$  Oleari, DZ: hep-ph/0310156

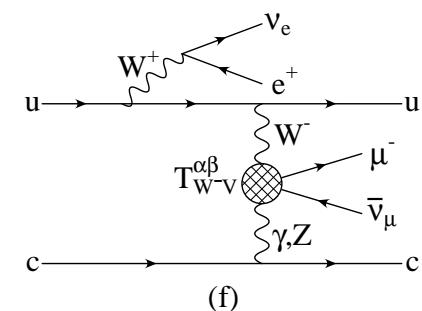
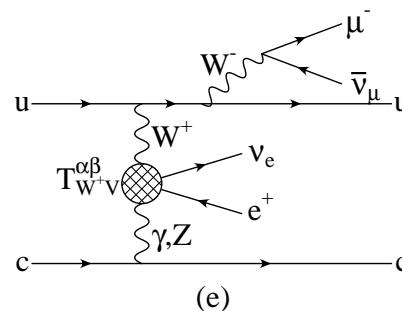
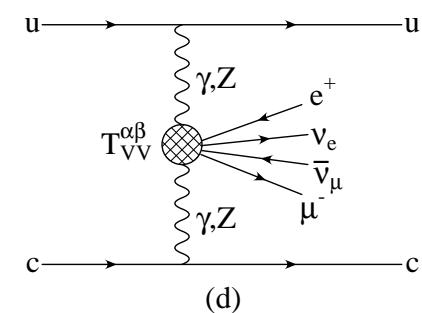
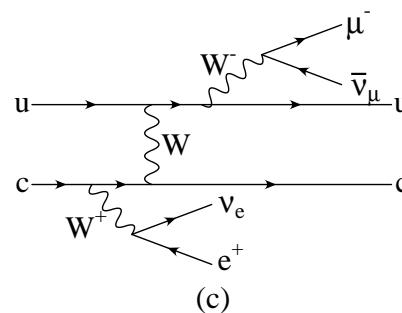
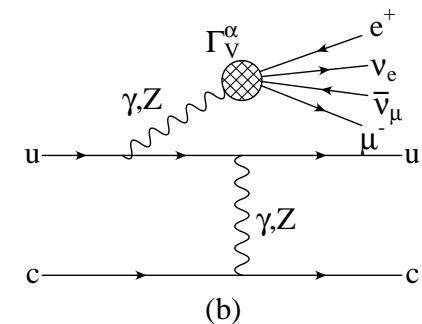
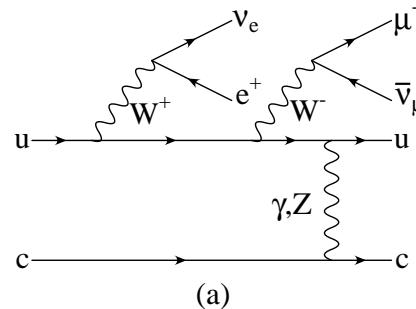
- $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  as background for  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- measure central jet veto acceptance at LHC

$qq \rightarrow qqWW$ ,  $qq \rightarrow qqZZ$ ,  $qq \rightarrow qqWZ$  Jäger, Oleari, Bozzi, DZ: hep-ph/0603177,  
hep-ph/0604200, hep-ph/0701105, arXiv:0907.0580

- $qqWW$  is background to  $H \rightarrow WW$  in VBF
- underlying process is weak boson scattering:  $WW \rightarrow WW$ ,  $WW \rightarrow ZZ$ ,  $WZ \rightarrow WZ$  etc.

## $qq \rightarrow qqVV$ : 3 weak bosons on a quark line

- NLO corrections to  $qq \rightarrow qqVV$  contain all loops with a virtual gluon attached to a quark line with one, two or three weak bosons
- Crossing and replacing one quark line by a lepton line yields  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow VVV$  production processes with leptonic decays of the weak bosons
- Recycle virtual contributions from NLO corrections to VBF
- Decompose calculation into modules which can be used in different NLO calculations



## Extending VBFNLO: $VVV$ and $VVj$ Production at NLO QCD

New processes implemented in 2008 release of VBFNLO:

- Triple weak boson production:  $VVV = W^\pm W^\mp W^\pm$ ,  $W^+ W^- Z$  and  $W^\pm ZZ$  with leptonic decay of the weak bosons and full  $H \rightarrow WW$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  contributions  
**Work in collaboration with V. Hankele, S. Prestel, C. Oleari and F. Campanario**

New processes already available for future releases:

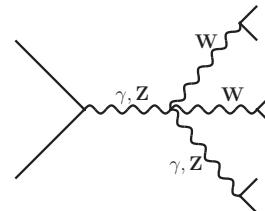
- $W^+ W^- \gamma$  and  $ZZ\gamma$  production with leptonic decay of weak bosons  
**Work in collaboration with G. Bozzi and F. Campanario**
- $W^\pm \gamma j$  production (with  $W$  leptonic decay and final state photon radiation)  
**Work in collaboration with C. Englert, F. Campanario and M. Spannowsky**

Code is available at <http://www-itp.particle.uni-karlsruhe.de/~vbfnloweb>

## VVV Production: Motivation

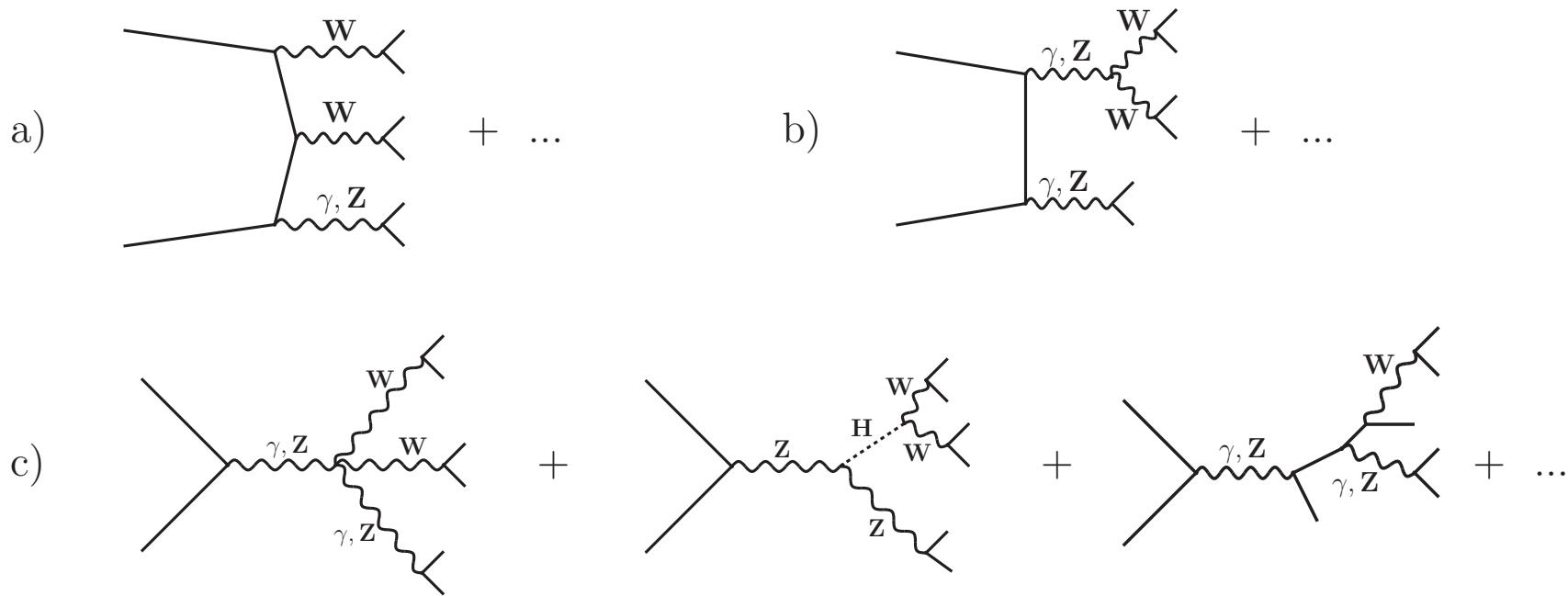
- Standard Model background for SUSY processes with multi-lepton +  $\not{p}_T$  signature
- Possibility to obtain information about quartic electroweak couplings.
- QCD corrections to  $pp \rightarrow VVV + X$  on experimentalist's wishlist:

[The QCD, EW, and Higgs Working Group: hep-ph/0604120]



| process<br>( $V \in \{Z, W, \gamma\}$ ) | relevant for   |
|---|--|
| 1. $pp \rightarrow VV$ jet              | $t\bar{t}H$ , new physics                                      |
| 2. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} b\bar{b}$   | $t\bar{t}H$  |
| 3. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + 2$ jets   | $t\bar{t}H$  |
| 4. $pp \rightarrow VV b\bar{b}$         | $VBF \rightarrow H \rightarrow VV$ , $t\bar{t}H$ , new physics |
| 5. $pp \rightarrow VV + 2$ jets         | $VBF \rightarrow H \rightarrow VV$                             |
| 6. $pp \rightarrow V + 3$ jets          | various new physics signatures                                 |
| 7. $pp \rightarrow VVV$                 | SUSY trilepton   |

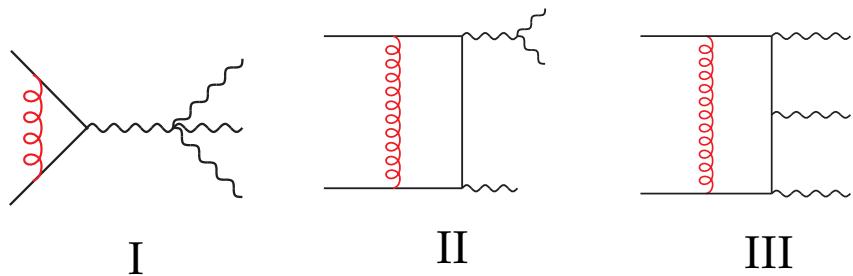
## Example: Contributions to WWZ production



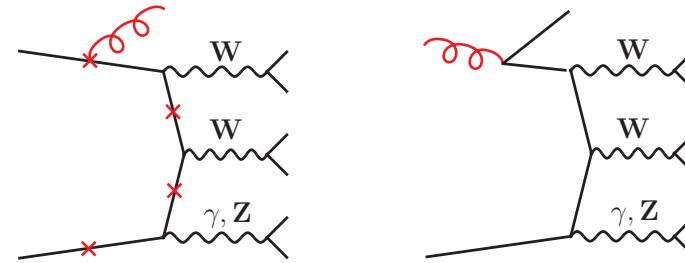
- All resonant and non-resonant matrix elements as well as spin correlations of final state leptons and Higgs contribution included.
- Interference terms due to identical particles in the final state have been neglected.
- All fermion mass effects neglected. ( $H\tau\tau$ -coupling = 0)

## 1-loop matrix elements and real emission matrix elements

Three different topologies:



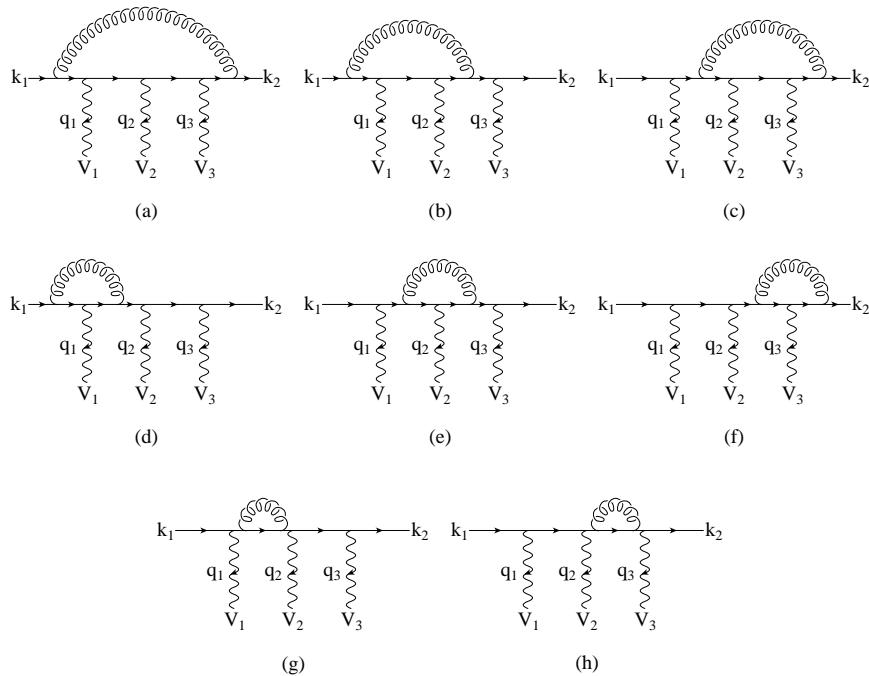
- I Vertex correction proportional to Born matrix element.
- II Maximally 4-point integrals appear.
- III Up to five external legs (Pentagons):
  - Two independent calculations.
  - Numerically stable results with Denner Dittmaier method.



- Two different classes: final state gluon and initial state gluon.
- Each of them consists of several hundred Feynman-Graphs.
- Soft and collinear singularities subtracted with Catani-Seymour prescription

## $qqV V V$ amplitude: pentline corrections

Virtual corrections involve up to pentagons



The external vector bosons correspond to  $V \rightarrow l_1 \bar{l}_2$  decay currents or quark currents

The sum of all QCD corrections to a single quark line is simple

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_V^{(i)} &= \mathcal{M}_B^{(i)} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{4\pi} C_F \left( \frac{4\pi\mu_R^2}{Q^2} \right)^\epsilon \Gamma(1+\epsilon) \\ &\quad \left[ -\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{3}{\epsilon} + c_{\text{virt}} \right] \\ &+ \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{V_1 V_2 V_3, \tau}^{(i)}(q_1, q_2, q_3) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

- Divergent terms sum to Born sub-amplitude
- Use amplitude techniques to calculate finite remainder of virtual amplitudes

Denner-Dittmaier reduction of pentagon tensors is stable: indication of numerical problems for less than 0.2% of phase space points

## Virtual corrections

Born sub-amplitude is multiplied by same factor as found for pure vertex corrections  
⇒ when summing all Feynman graphs the divergent terms multiply the complete  $\mathcal{M}_B$

Complete virtual corrections

$$\mathcal{M}_V = \mathcal{M}_B F(Q) \left[ -\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{3}{\epsilon} + \frac{4\pi^2}{3} - 8 \right] + \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_V$$

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_V$  is finite, and is calculated with amplitude techniques.

The interference contribution in the cross-section calculation is then given by

$$2 \operatorname{Re} [\mathcal{M}_V \mathcal{M}_B^*] = 2 |\mathcal{M}_B|^2 F(Q) \left[ -\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{3}{\epsilon} + \frac{4\pi^2}{3} - 8 \right] + 2 \operatorname{Re} [\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_V \mathcal{M}_B^*]$$

The divergent term, proportional to  $|\mathcal{M}_B|^2$ , cancels against the subtraction terms which have the same structure as for single W or Z production.

## Input variables for LHC phenomenology

- PDFs: CTEQ6L1 at LO and CTEQ6M,  $\alpha_S(m_Z) = 0.118$  at NLO.

- Cuts and Masses:

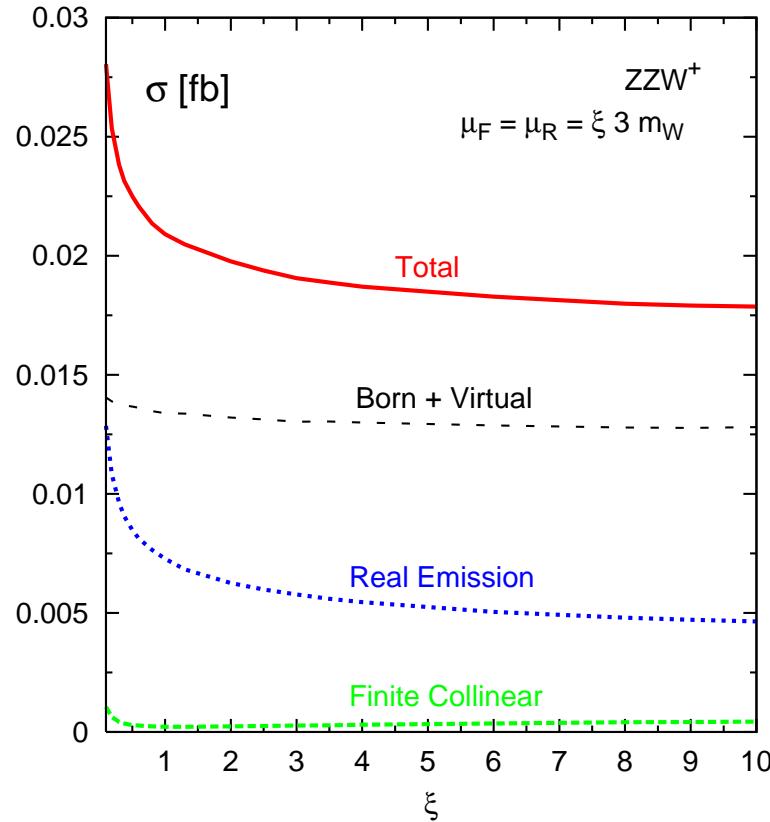
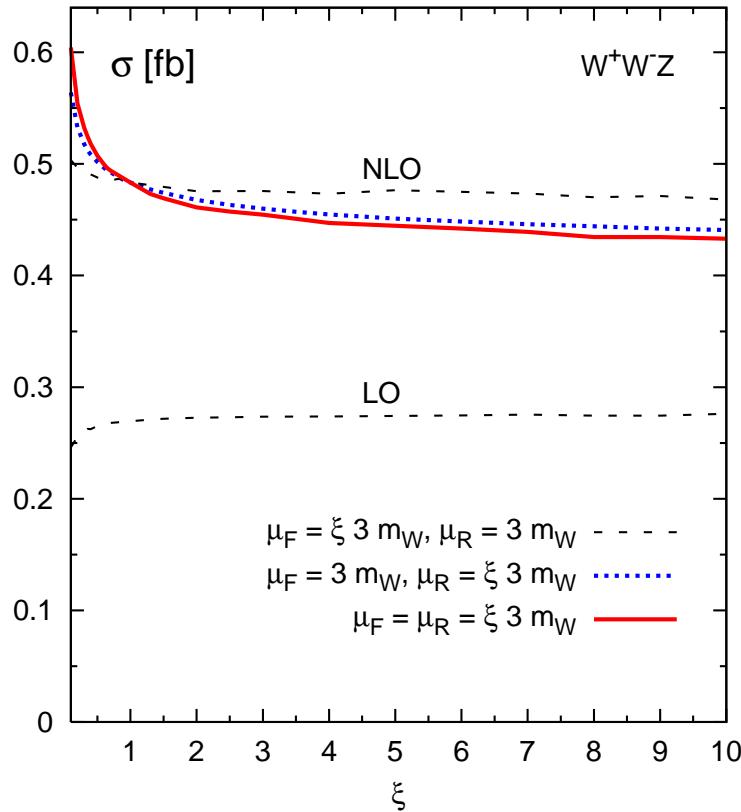
$$p_{T_\ell} > 10 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_\ell| < 2.5, \quad m_{\ell^+\ell^-} > 15 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}.$$

- Renormalization- and Factorization Scale:  $\mu_F = \mu_R = 3 m_W$ .

Following results are for electrons and/or muons in the final state:

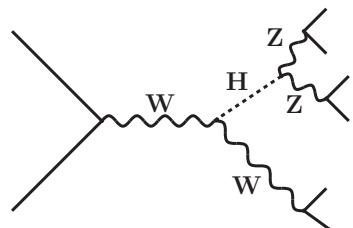
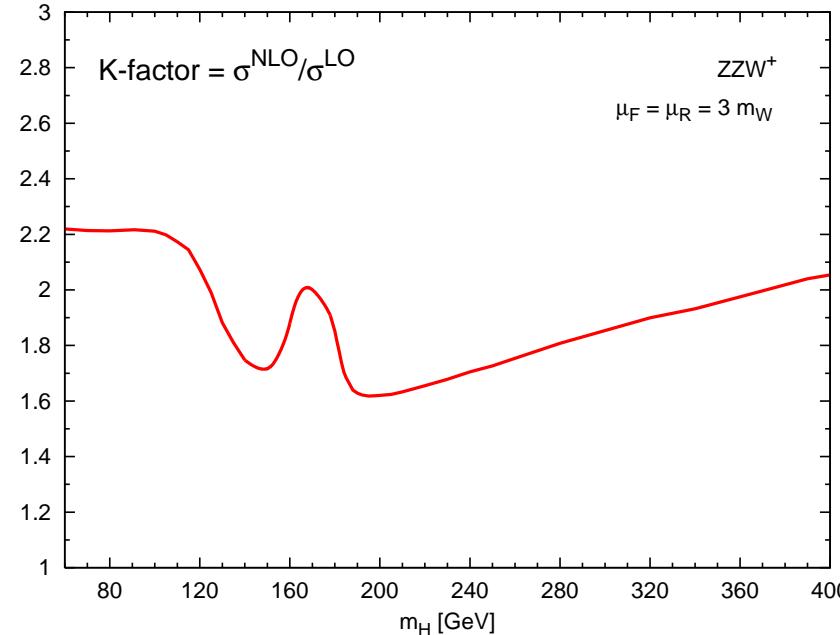
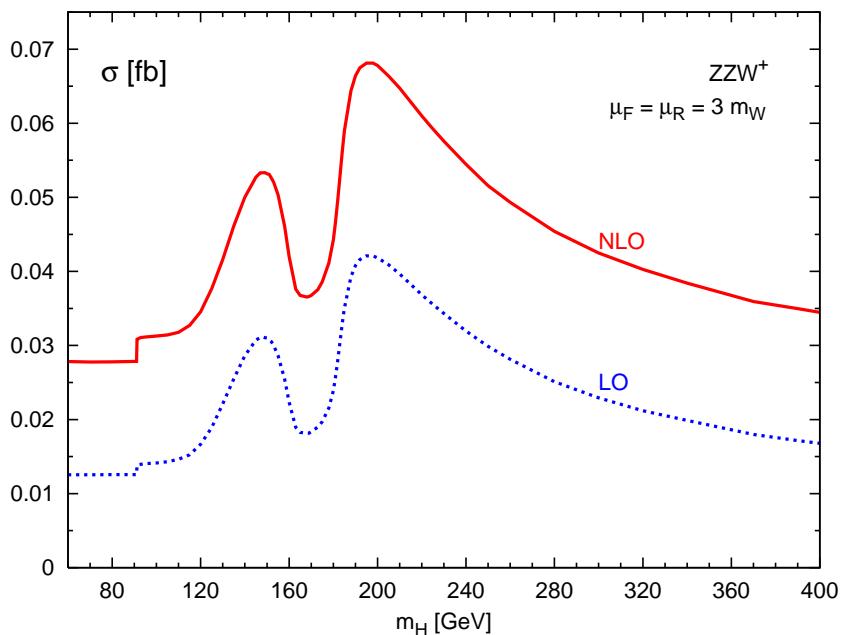
⇒ Combinatorial factor of 8/4 for the  $W^+W^-Z/ZZW^\pm$  production compared to three different lepton families in the final state.

## Scale Dependence



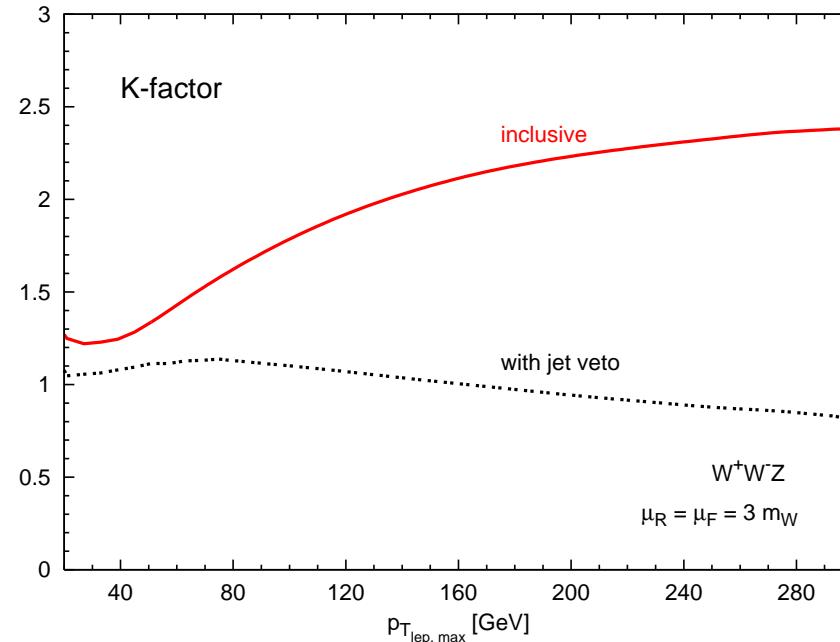
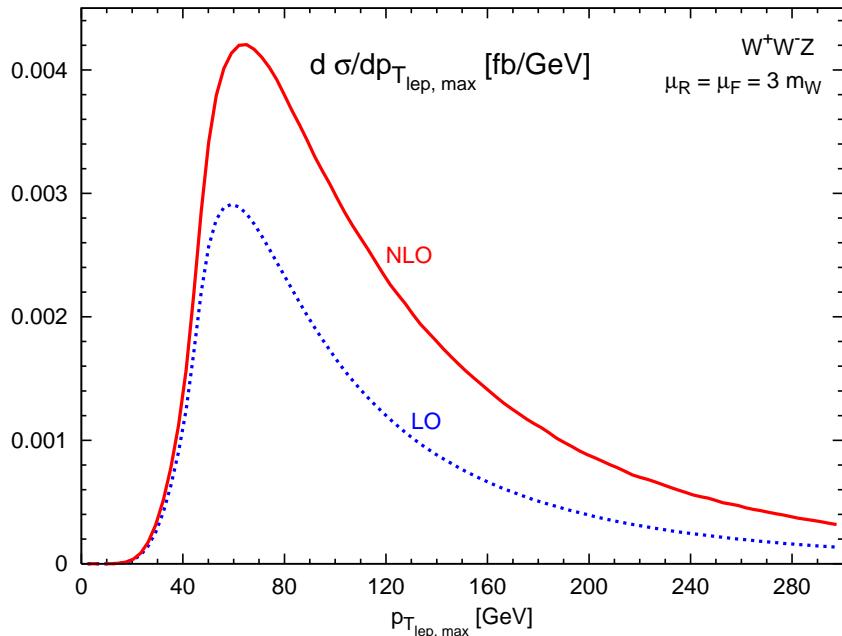
- At LO only small  $\mu_F$ -dependence, no  $\alpha_s(\mu_R)$ .
- At NLO scale dependence is dominated by  $\alpha_s(\mu_R)$ .
- Real emission contribution drives overall scale dependence at NLO.

## Higgs mass dependence



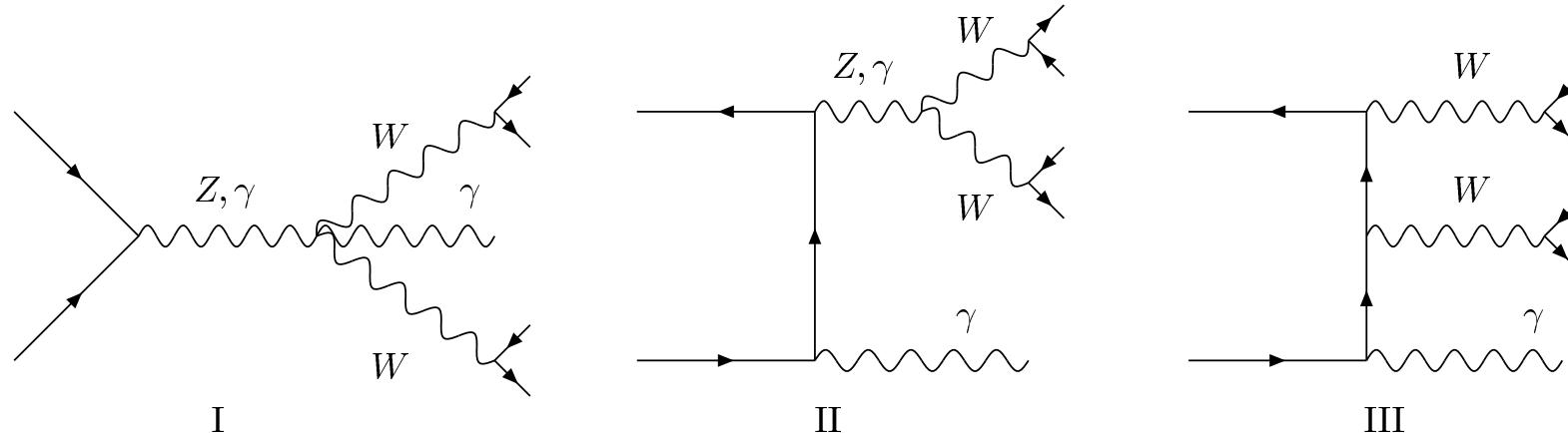
- Cross section reflects behavior of  $BR(H \rightarrow ZZ)$
- K-factor is reduced by Higgs contribution.  
K-factor for  $pp \rightarrow ZH$  production is about  $K = 1.3$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Different  $K$ -factor for resonance production (see also  $Wt$  case, talk by Chris White)

## Differential cross section and K-factor for the highest- $p_T$ -lepton



- K-factor increases with transverse momentum ( $p_T$ ) by almost a factor of 2.
- Strong phase space dependence due to events with high  $p_T$  jets recoiling against the leptons.
- Veto on jets with  $p_T > 50$  GeV leads to fairly flat K-factor.

## Extension to $W^+W^-\gamma$ and $ZZ\gamma$ Production



New elements of calculation:

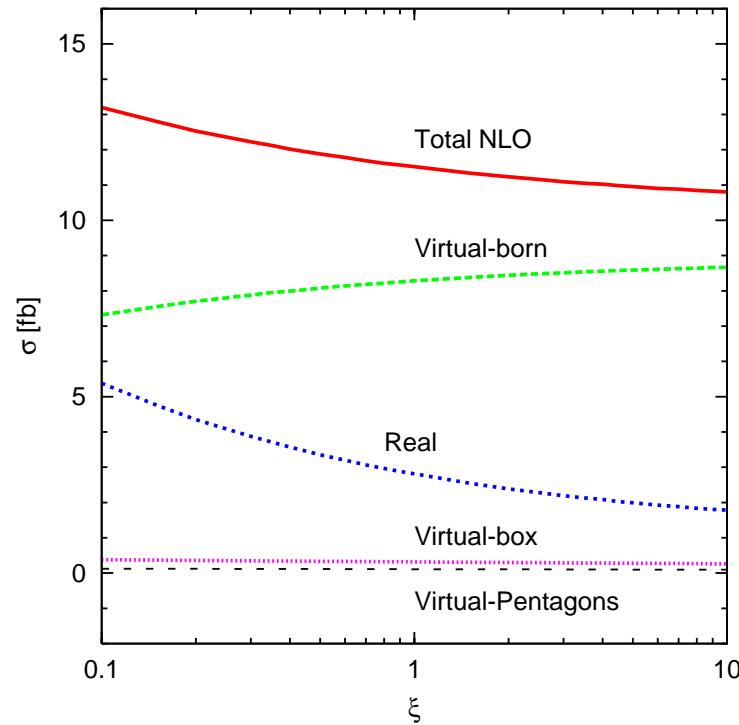
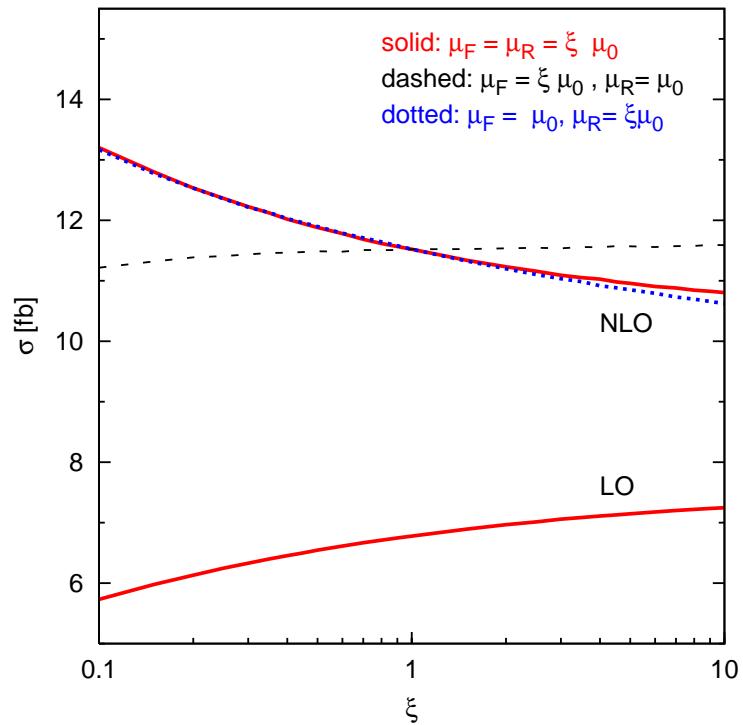
- Different infrared divergence structure of individual loop integrals but same final virtual expressions in terms of finite parts of  $C_{ij}$ ,  $D_{ij}$ , and  $E_{ij}$  functions
- Photon isolation from jets for real emission contributions: use Frixione isolation

$$\sum_i E_{T_i} \theta(\delta - R_{i\gamma}) \leq p_{T\gamma} \frac{1 - \cos \delta}{1 - \cos \delta_0} \quad (\text{for all } \delta \leq \delta_0)$$

- Final state photon radiation becomes important: adapt phase space to this

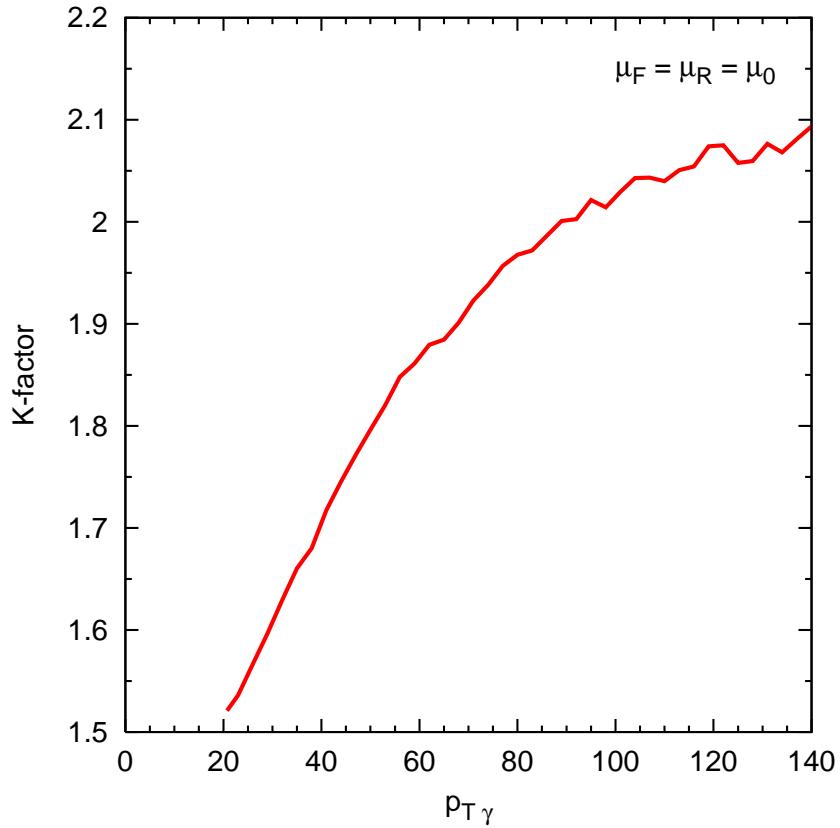
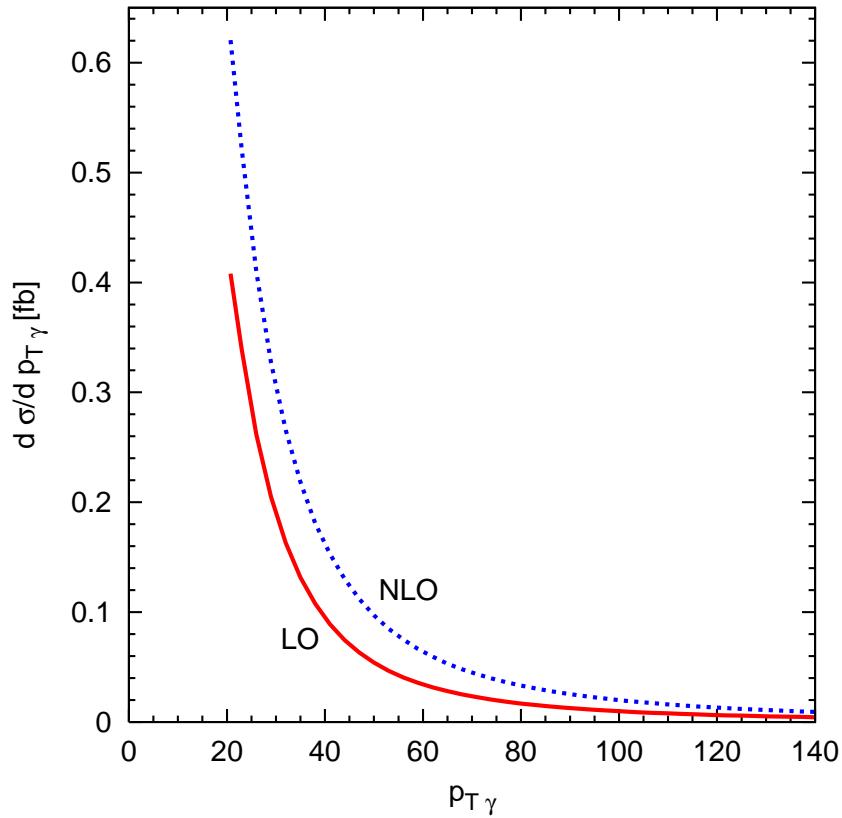
## Scale dependence of integrated cross sections

Variation of  $\mu_F, \mu_R$  about  $\mu_0 = m_{WW\gamma}$



- Behaviour similar to  $VVV$  production: LO scale variation much smaller than NLO correction
- NLO scale dependence largely due to real emission contributions  $\Rightarrow$  jet veto will reduce it
- Box and pentagon contributions ( $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_V$  terms) are quite small: 3% and < 1% of total

## NLO Corrections to Distributions: $p_T$ of photon



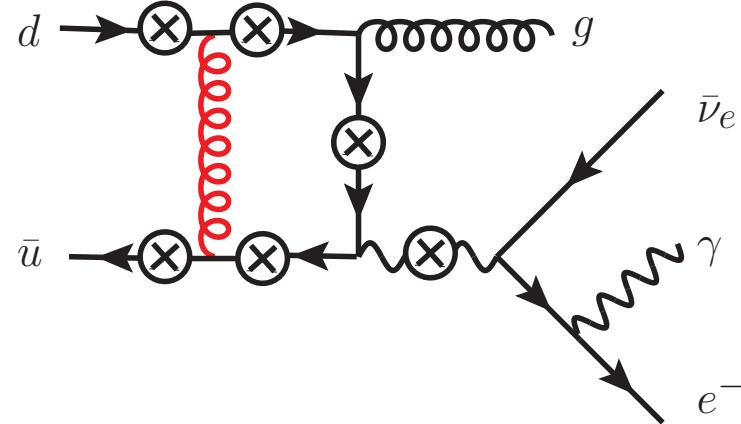
Strong phase space dependence of K-factors (depends on LO scale choice)

## NLO QCD Corrections to $W\gamma j$ Production

- Provide NLO QCD corrections including leptonic  $W$  decay, e.g.

$$pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \gamma j, \quad pp \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \gamma j$$

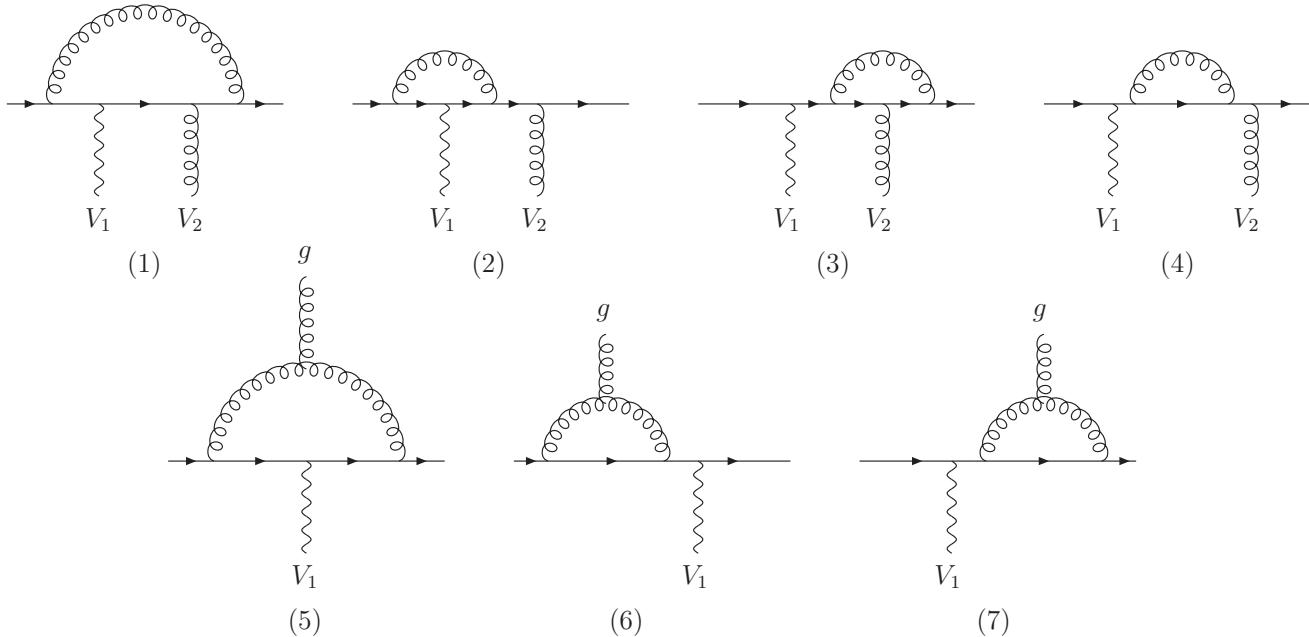
- Sizable cross section at LHC (1.2 pb) and Tevatron (15 fb) for  $p_{Tj}, p_{T\gamma} > 50$  GeV and separation cuts (later)
- Measurement of anomalous  $WW\gamma$  coupling: veto on jets in  $W\gamma$  events requires good knowledge of cross section and distributions: want NLO
- Photon isolation à la Frixione probed at NLO level



- Initial and final state photon radiation. Final radiation from lepton is important
- Virtual corrections up to pentagons
- External gluon already at tree level  $\Rightarrow$  *nonabelian* boxes with three gluon vertex
- Larger number of subtraction terms

## Virtual Corrections: nonabelian Contributions

Example: non-abelian extension of boxline graphs. Keep modular structure of calculation



$$\left( C_F - \frac{1}{2}C_A \right) \left( A_1(12) + A_3(12) \right)$$

$$+ C_F \quad \left( A_2(12) + A_4(12) \right)$$

$$C_A \left( A_5 + A_6 + A_7 \right)$$

Combine to two boxline amplitudes  $M_V(12)$  and  $M_V(21)$  and new nonabelian combination

$$M_V(12, \text{boxline}) = \left( C_F - \frac{1}{2}C_A \right) \sum_{i=1,4} A_i(12)$$

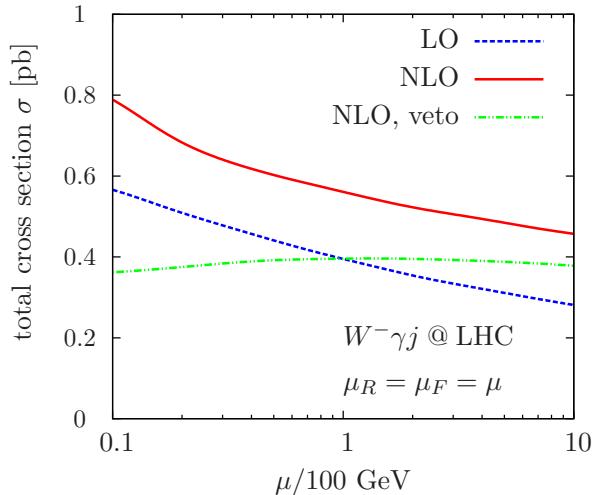
$$M_V(na) = \frac{1}{2}C_A \left( A_2(12) + A_4(12) + A_3(21) + A_4(21) \right) + C_A \left( A_5 + A_6 + A_7 \right)$$

## Scale dependence: LHC and Tevatron

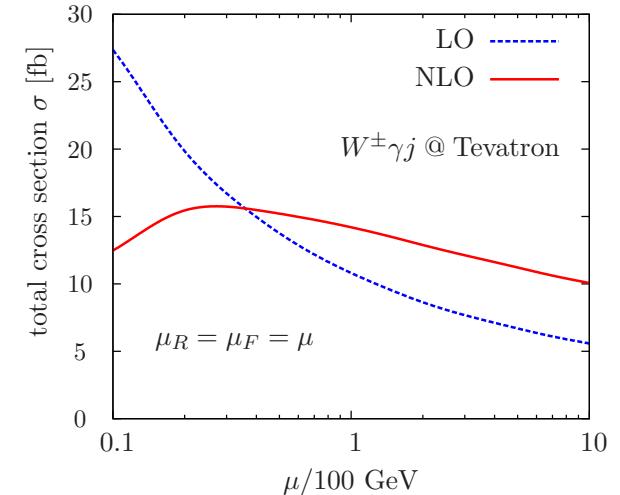
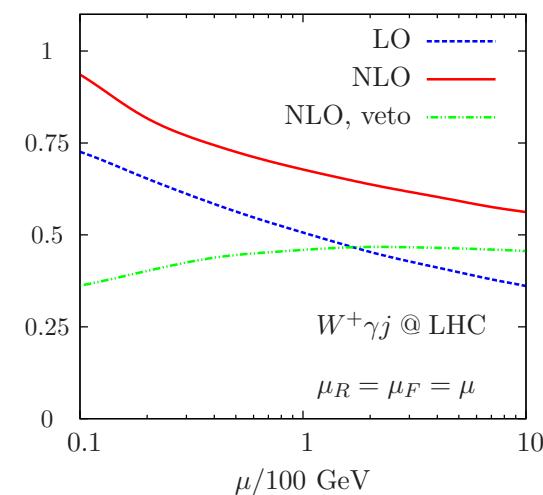
Identify lepton, photon and one or more jets with  $k_T$ -algorithm ( $D = 0.7$ )

$$p_{Tj,\gamma} \geq 50 \text{ GeV}, \quad |y_j| \leq 4.5, |\eta_\gamma| \leq 2.5, \quad p_{Tl} \geq 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_l| \leq 2.5 \quad R_{l,\gamma}, R_{l,j} > 0.2$$

Frixione isolation of photons with  $\delta_0 = 1$



Cross sections are for  $W \rightarrow e\nu_e$  only

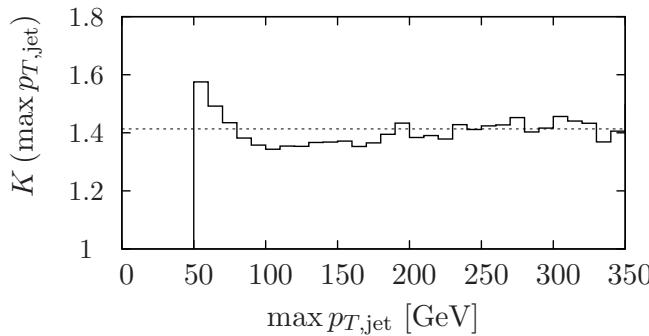
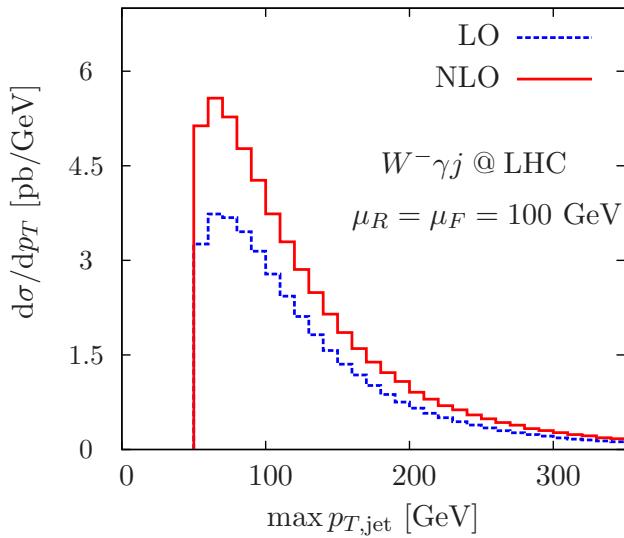


Scale variation at LHC for  $\mu_F = \mu_R = 2^{\pm 1} \cdot 100 \text{ GeV}$ :  $\pm 11\%$  at LO reduced to  $\pm 7\%$  at NLO

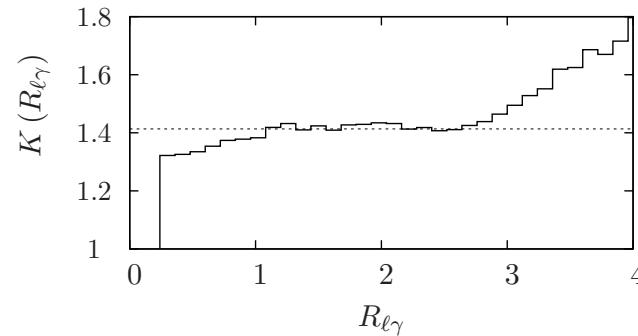
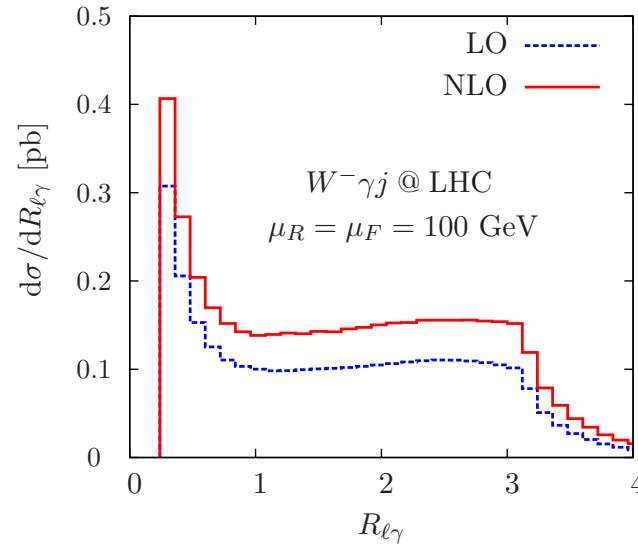
Almost flat behaviour for veto of additional jets of  $p_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$  should be taken as accidental and not as a measure of NLO uncertainties

## NLO corrections to distributions

$p_T$  of hardest jet



lepton photon separation



- Clear shape changes of distributions when going from LO to NLO
- Average K-factor of 1.4 at LHC is significantly larger than LO scale variation

## Conclusions

- Much progress on Higgs physics, Monte Carlo tools, NLO corrections in recent years
- We are all ready for LHC data

Thank you, Nikolas, for a great workshop