

# Electroweak corrections for the LHC

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## Introduction

Electroweak correction come in two variants: virtual corrections and real emission correction.

Virtual electroweak corrections often studied in the context of jet production at large transverse momentum (EW-Sudakov suppression). Usually negative and rising with  $p_{\perp}$ .

Real electroweak corrections usually constitute a separate process. However, largest BR of  $W/Z$  bosons is hadronic, thus (almost) indistinguishable in jet production. Nonetheless may constitute signal in itself.

When large scale differences occur resummation is needed in either case. Practically at LHC13/14 these scale differences are moderate.

# Outline

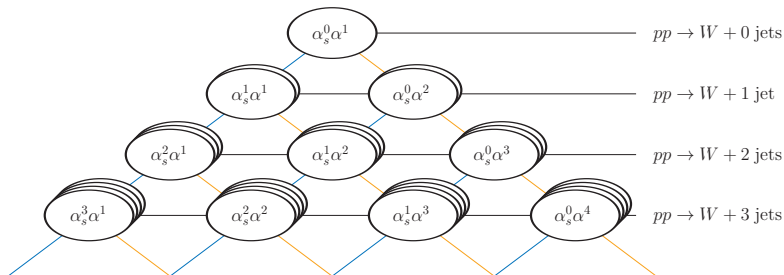
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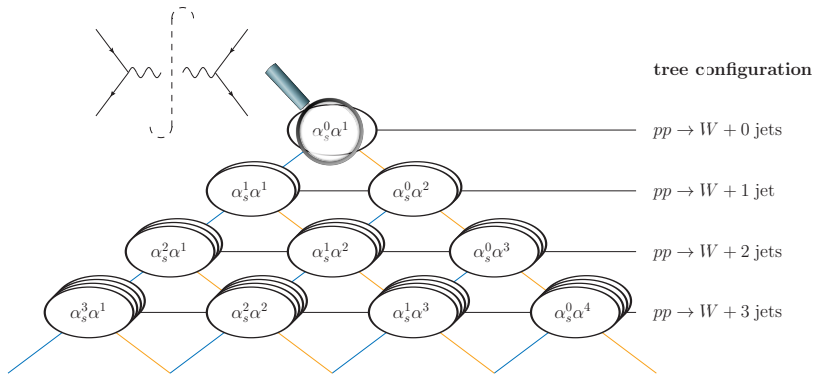
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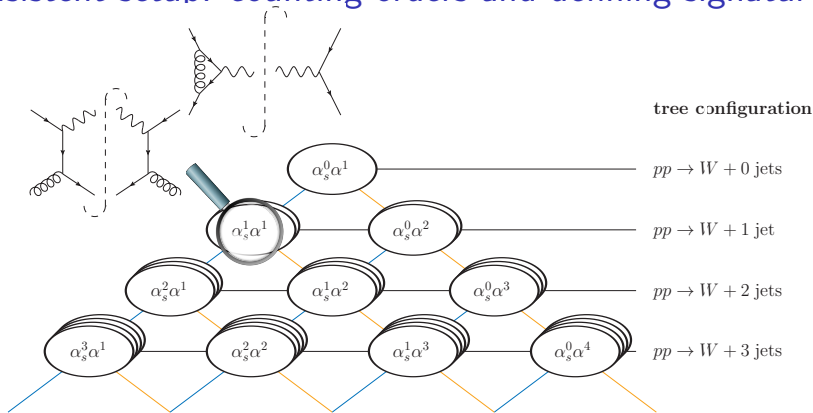
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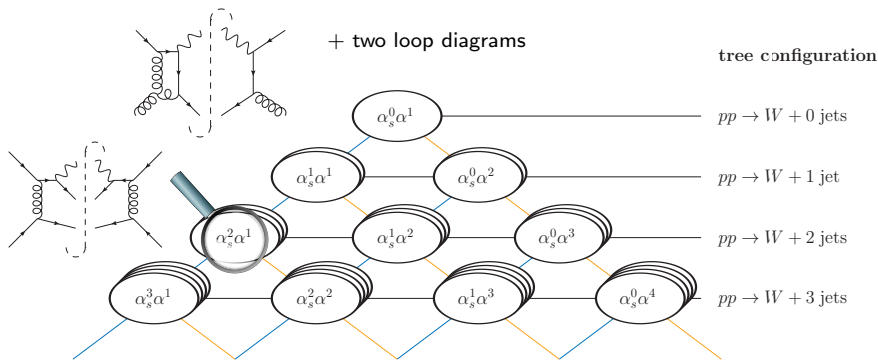
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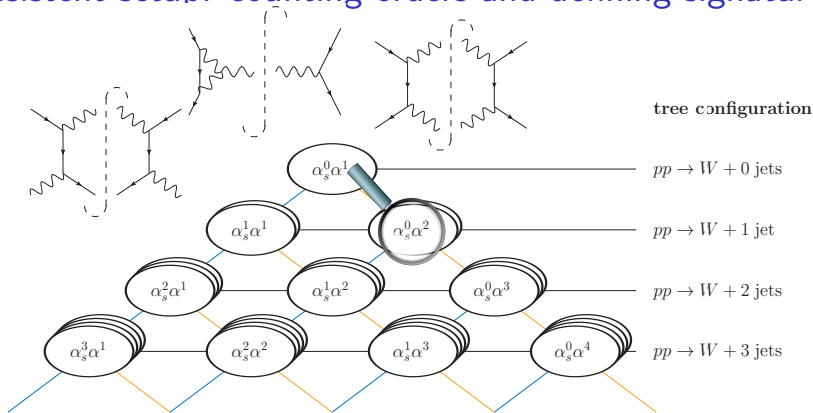
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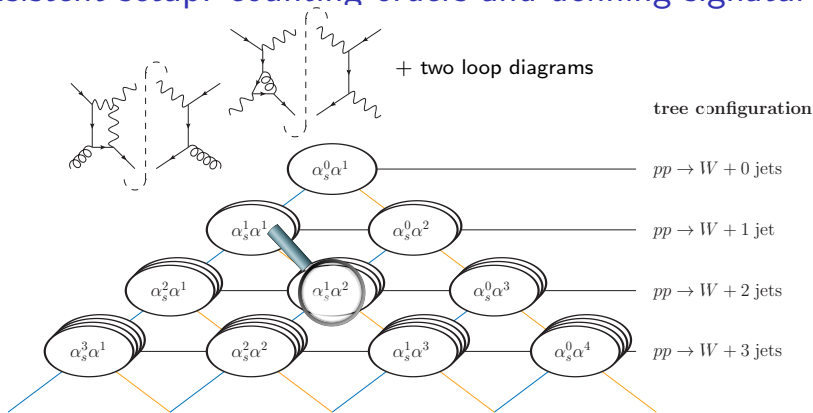


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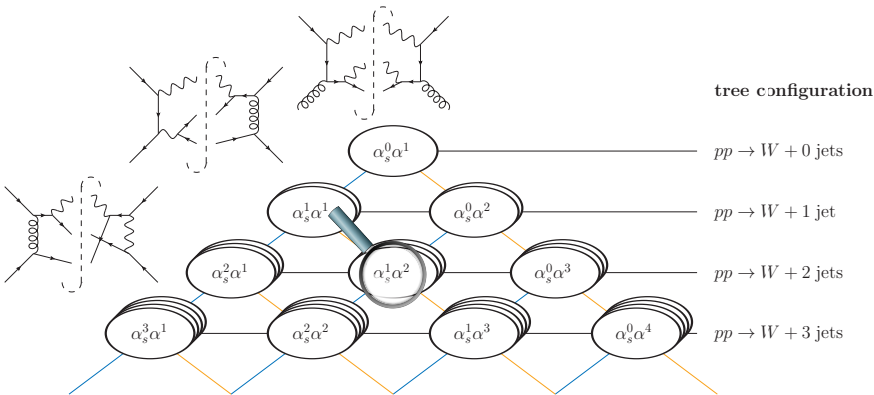
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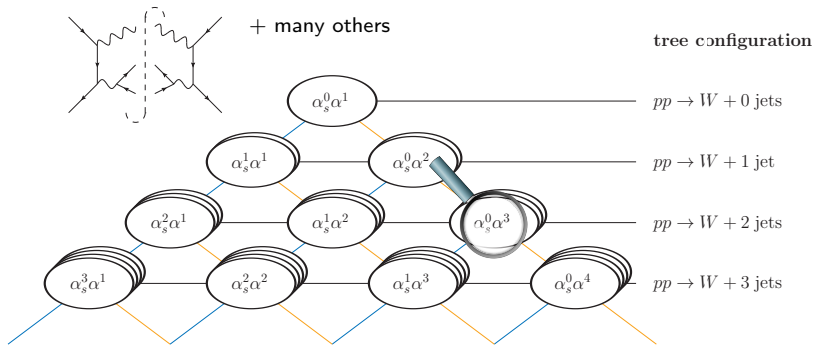
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# Tools and setup

Kallweit, Lindert, Maierhöfer, Pozzorini, MS JHEP04(2015)012, JHEP04(2016)021

- fixed-order next-to-leading order electroweak corrections to on-/off-shell  $pp \rightarrow V + 1, 2(, 3)$  jets production
- OPENLOOPS for virtual corrections using COLLIER for tensor integrals
- SHERPA for Born, real em., subtraction and phase space integration, MUNICH (MEs from OPENLOOPS) for subtraction and p. s. int.
- combine QCD and EW to leading  $pp \rightarrow V + 1, 2(, 3)$  process in two schemes

$$\text{QCD+EW: } \sigma_{\text{NLO QCD+EW}} = \sigma_{\text{LO}} (1 + \delta_{\text{QCD}} + \delta_{\text{EW}})$$

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- dress quarks and leptons in  $\Delta R = 0.1$ ,  
if  $\gamma$  in jet,  $E_\gamma < \frac{1}{2} E_{\text{jet}}$ , discard jet otherwise
- use NNPDF2.3QED with LO QED PDF  
ideally would need NLO QED PDF

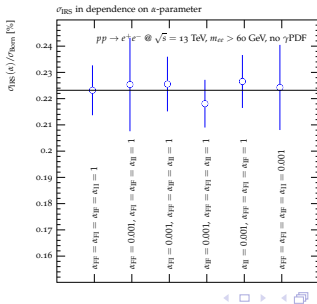
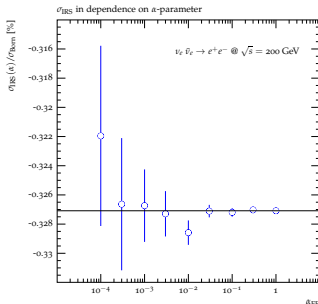


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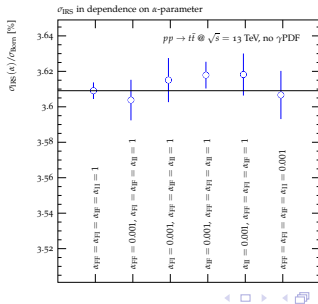
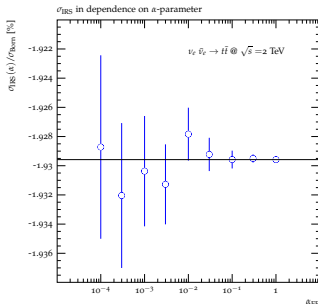


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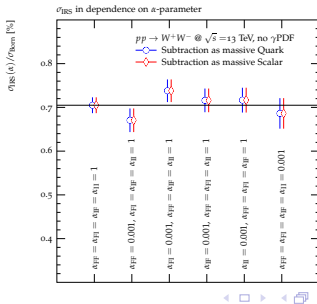
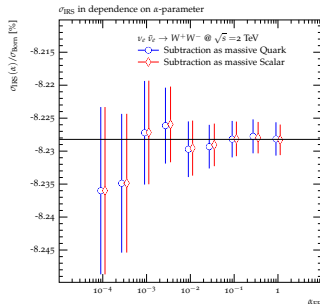
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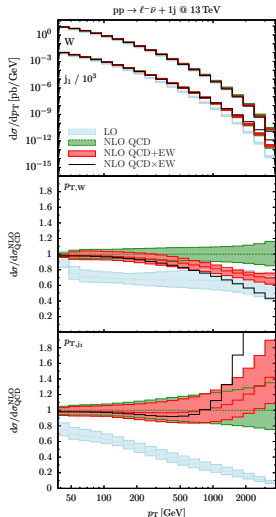
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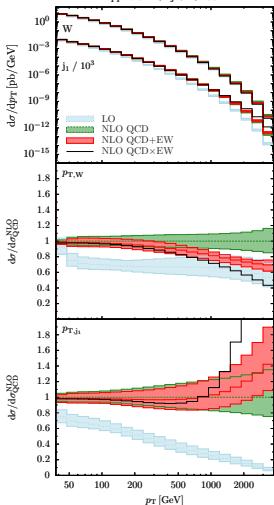


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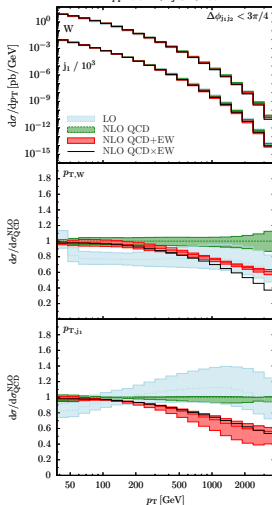
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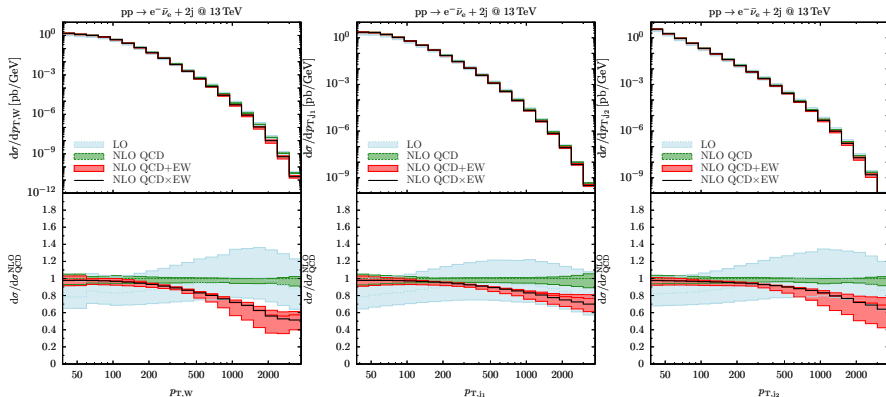
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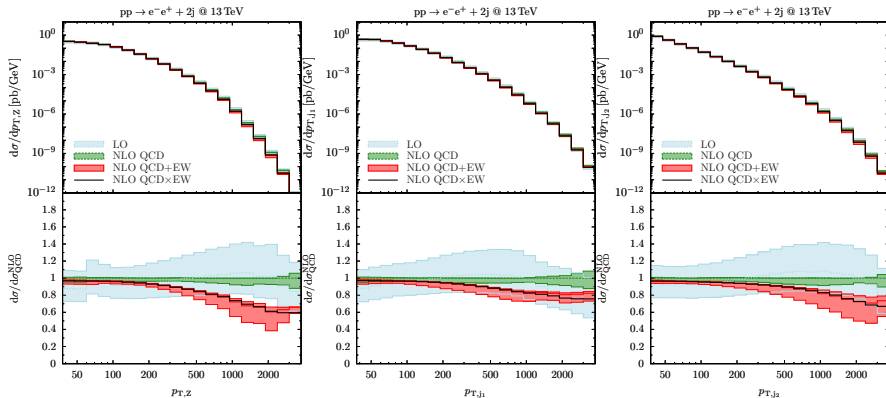
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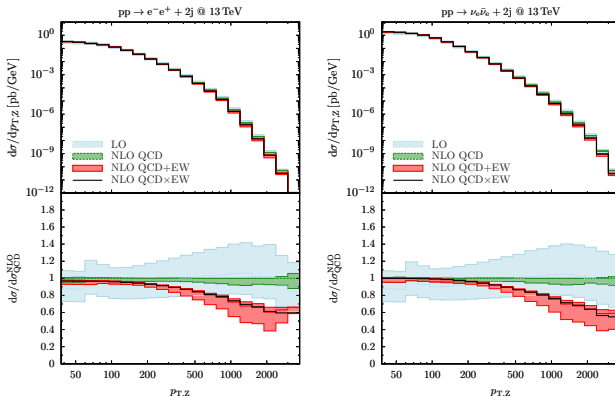
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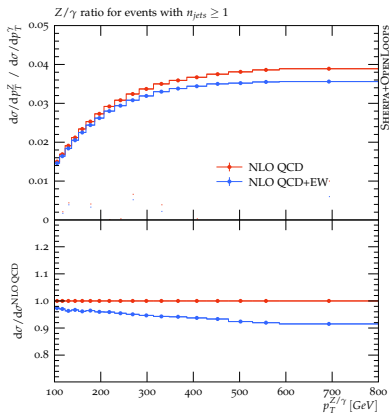
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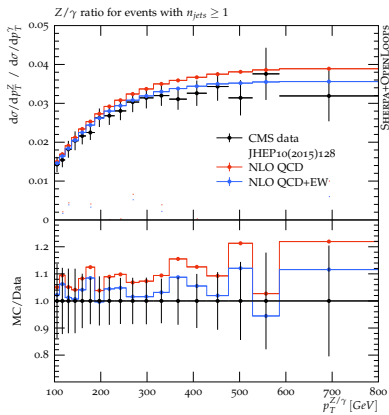
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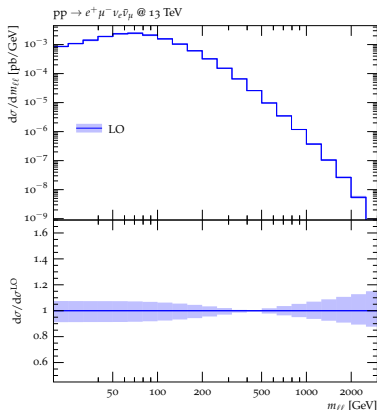


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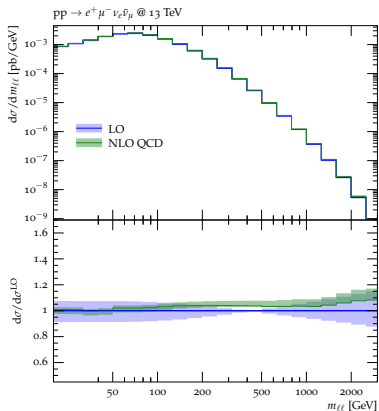
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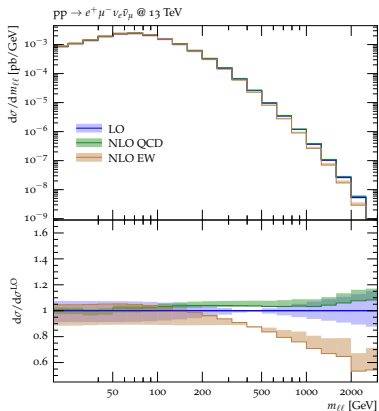
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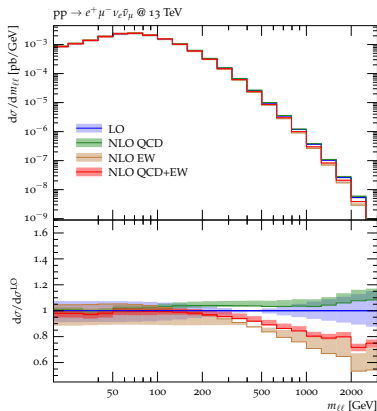
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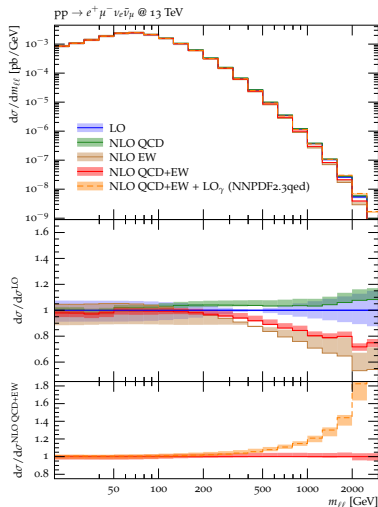
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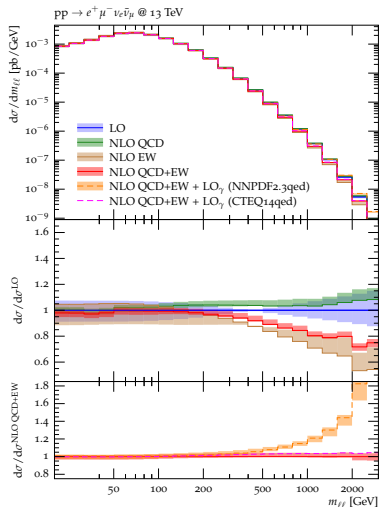
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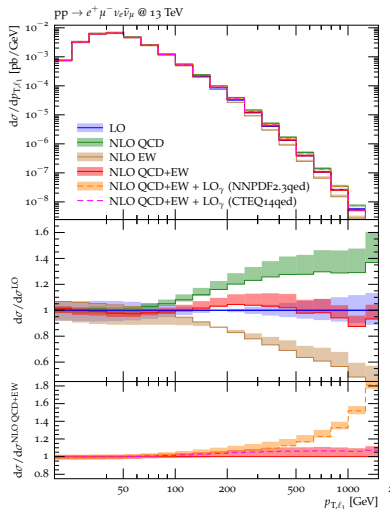
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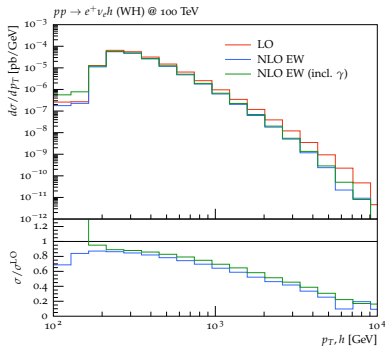
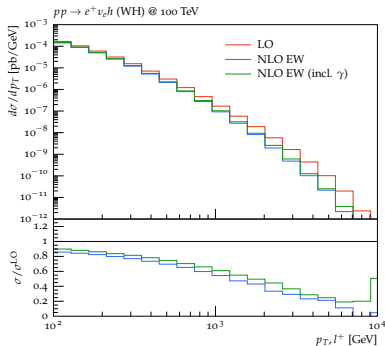
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Kallweit, Lindert, Pozzorini, MS for FCC report

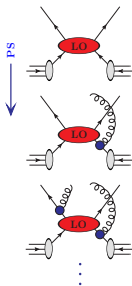


- moderate impact of photon induced channels, no shape change
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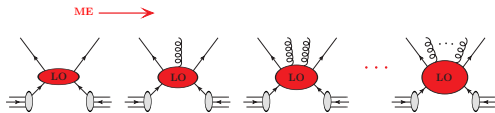


## Parton showers

resummation of (soft-)collinear limit  
→ intrajet evolution

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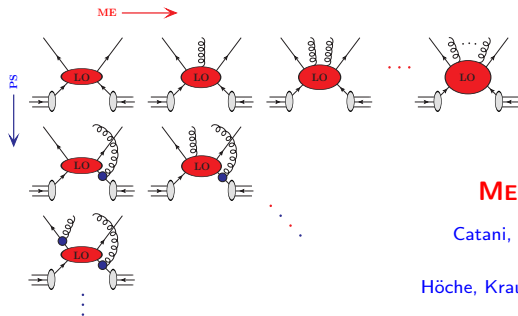
fixed-order in  $\alpha_s$

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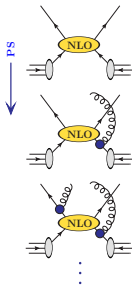
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**NLOs** (MC@NLO, POWHEG)

Frixione, Webber JHEP06(2002)029

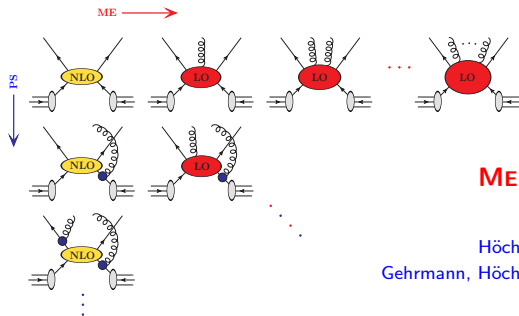
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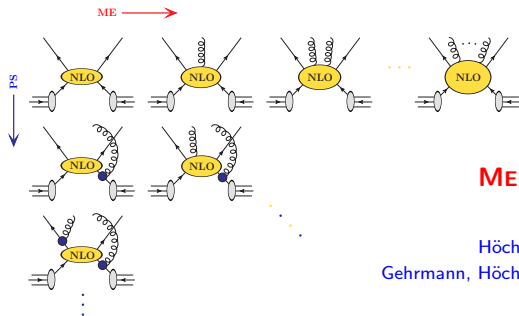
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**MEPS@NLO**

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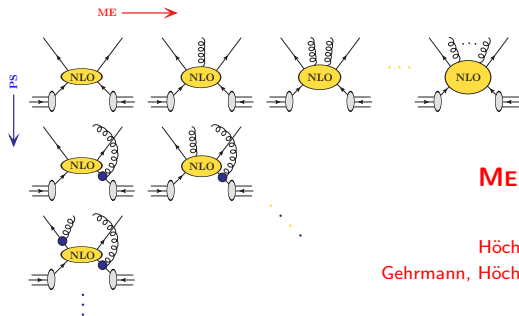
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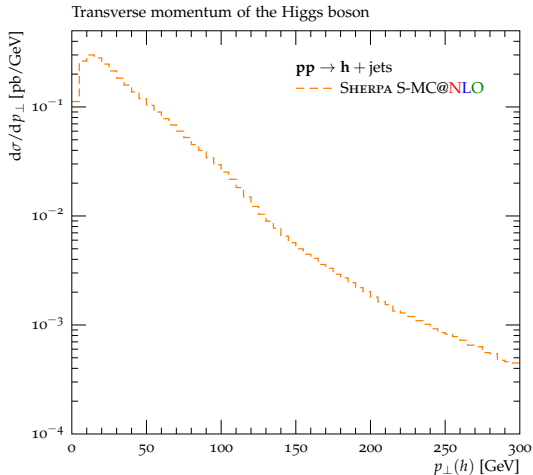
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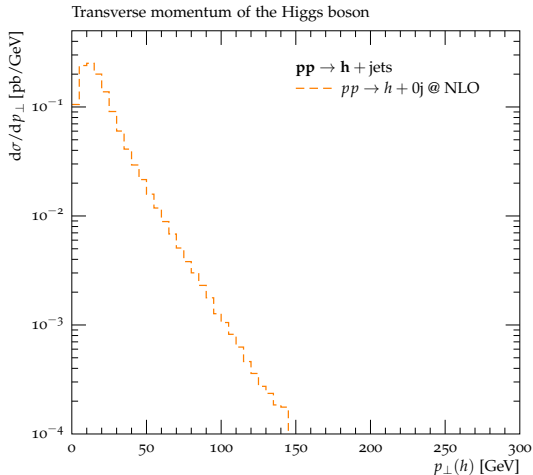
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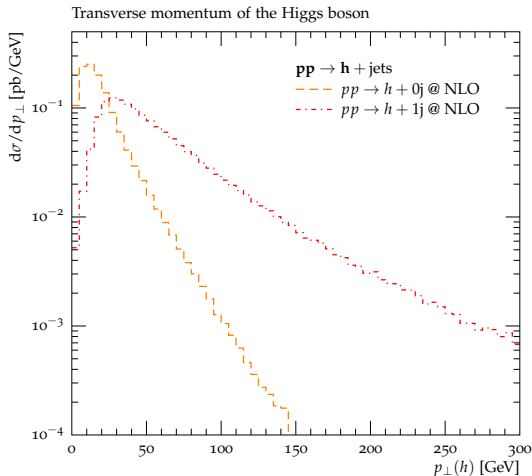
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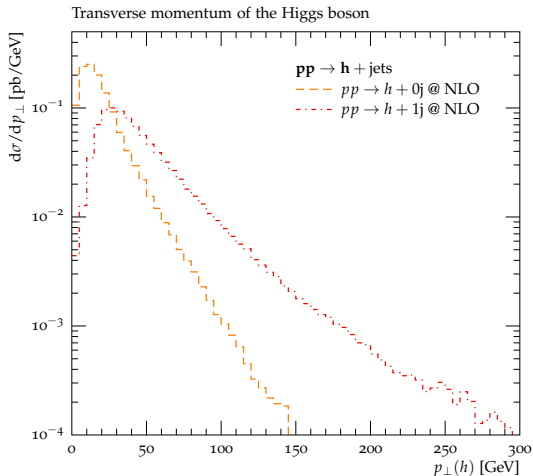
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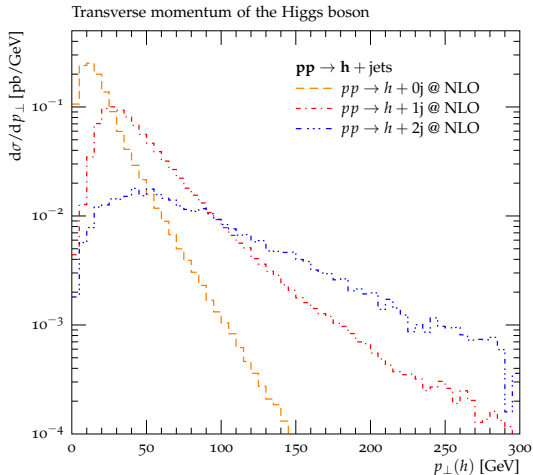
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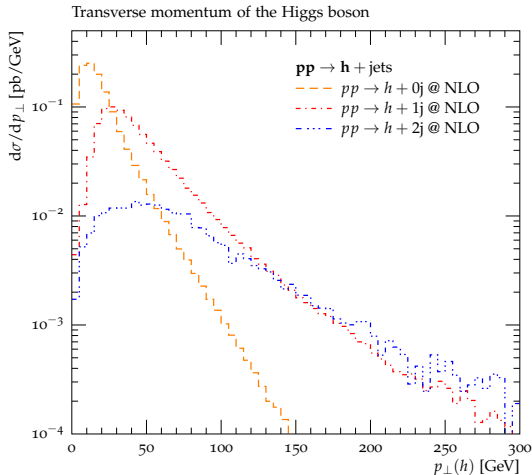
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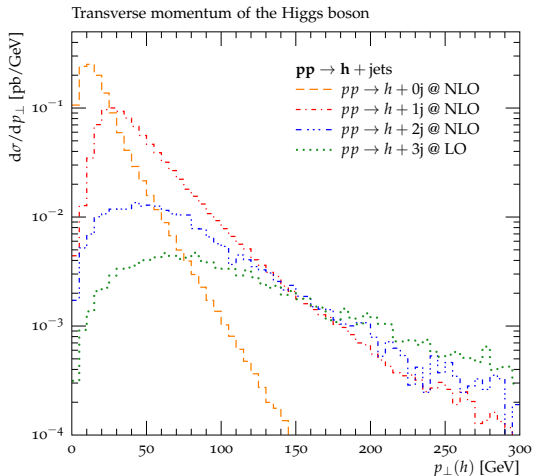
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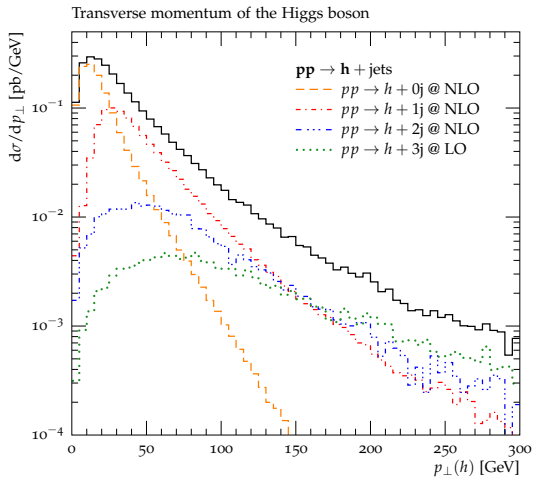
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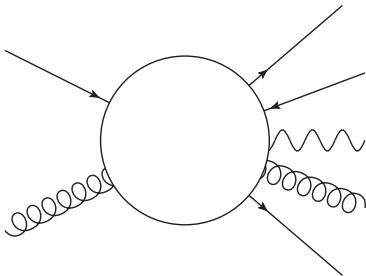
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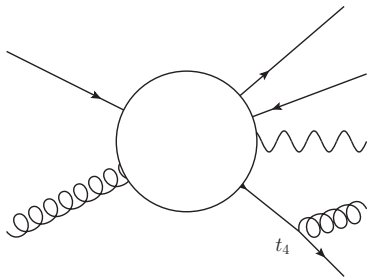


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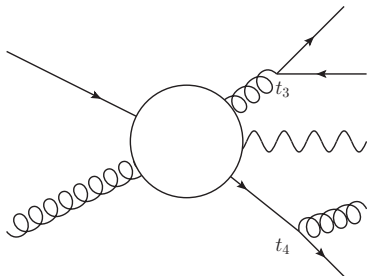


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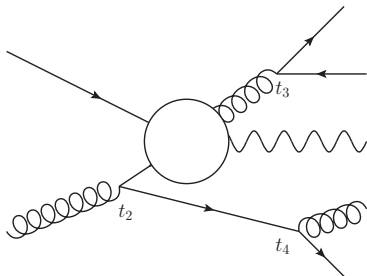


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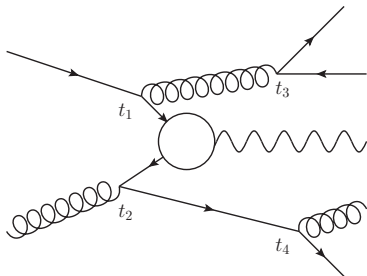


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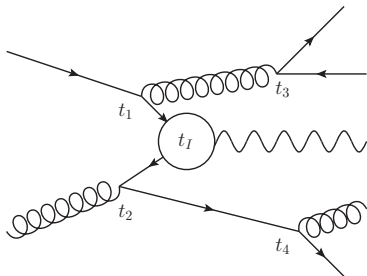


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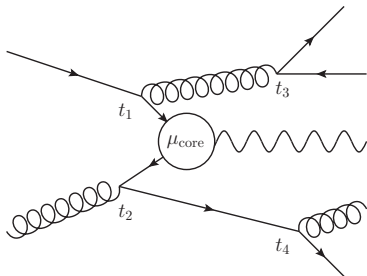


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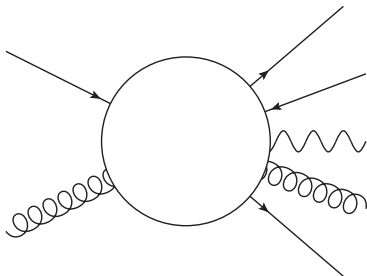
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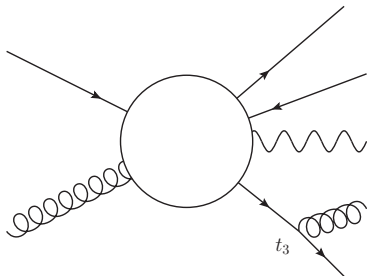


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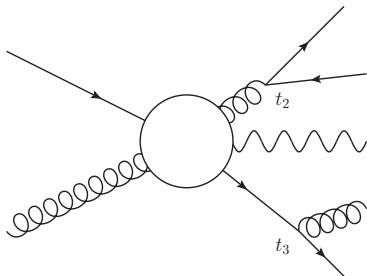


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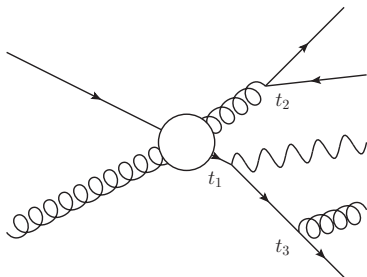


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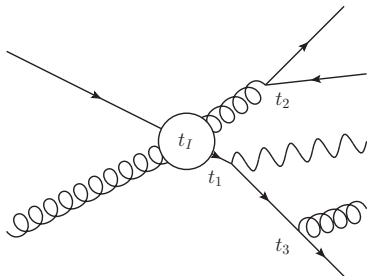


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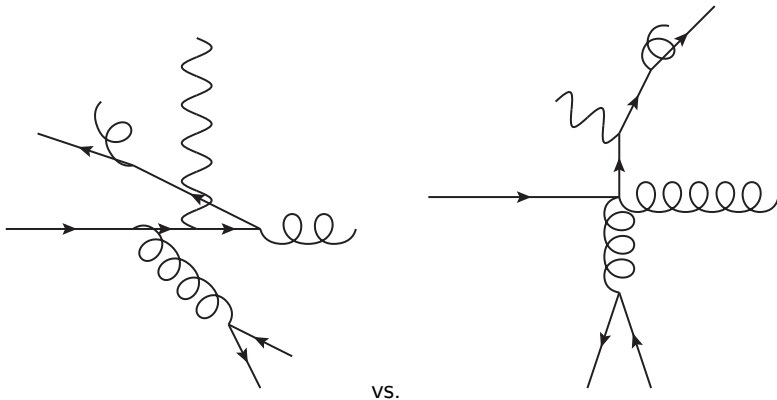
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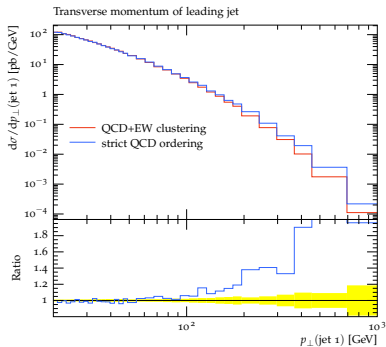
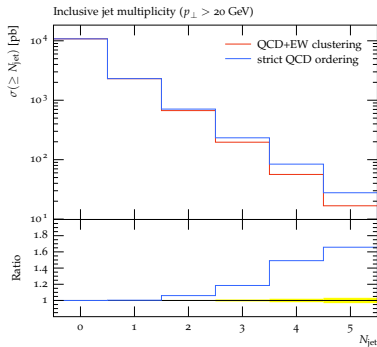


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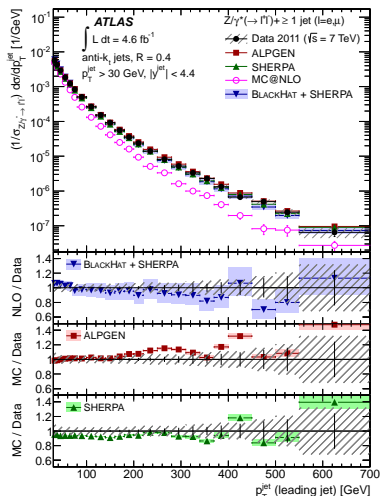
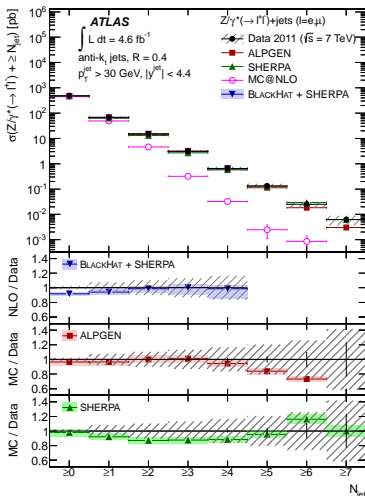
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## Inclusion of electroweak corrections

- incorporate approximate electroweak corrections in MEPS@NLO
- using electroweak Sudakov factors

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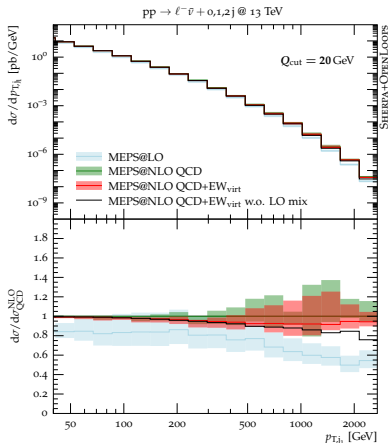
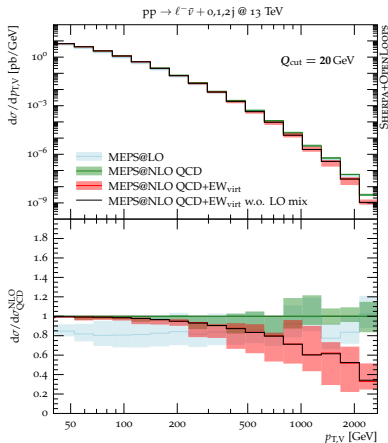
- using virtual corrections and approx. integrated real corrections

$$\tilde{B}_{n,\text{QCD}+\text{EW}_{\text{virt}}}(\Phi_n) = \tilde{B}_n(\Phi_n) + V_{n,\text{EW}}(\Phi_n) + I_{n,\text{EW}}(\Phi_n) + B_{n,\text{mix}}(\Phi_n)$$

- real QED radiation can be recovered through standard tools (parton shower, YFS resummation)
- simple stand-in for proper QCD+EW matching and merging  
→ validated at fixed order, found to be reliable,  
difference  $\lesssim 5\%$  for observables not driven by real radiation

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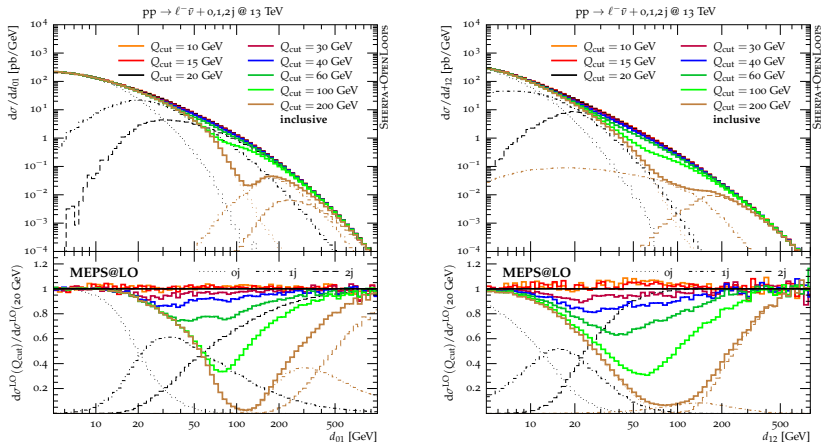
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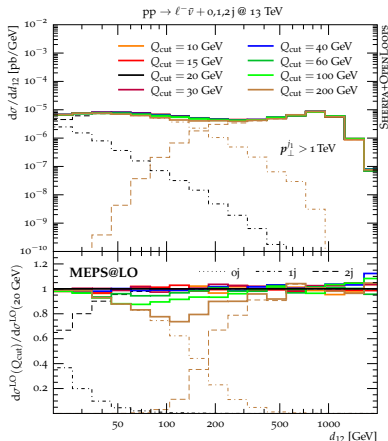
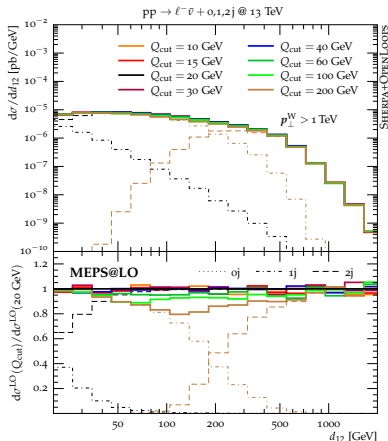
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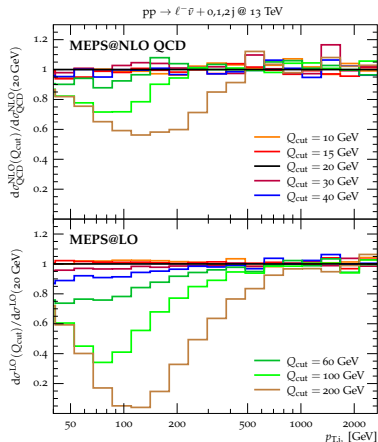
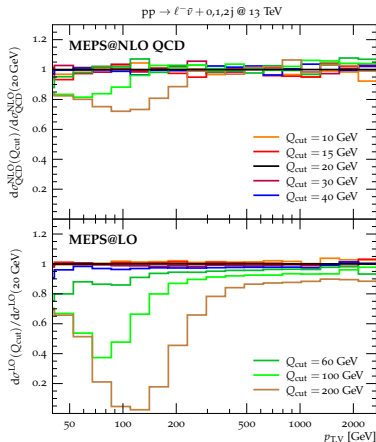
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$\Rightarrow$  TeV region stable ( $\lesssim 5\%$ ),  $Q_{\text{cut}} = 20 \text{ GeV}$  suitable for whole range

# Electroweak corrections for LHC physics

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## Collinear limit with $E \gg m$

- QED parton showers well known and available in every major shower
- approximation to collinear (vector) boson emission in limit  $E \gg m$ , in dipole language (splitter-spectator pairs):  $f(s) \rightarrow f^{(\prime)}V(s)$

$$d\sigma_{n+V} = d\sigma_n \sum_f \sum_s^{n_{\text{spec}}} dt dz \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \frac{1}{n_{\text{spec}}} J(t, z) \mathcal{K}_{f(s) \rightarrow f^{(\prime)}V(s)}(t, z)$$

- emitter fermion  $f$ , suitable spectator  $s$
- flavour change  $f \rightarrow f'$  in case of  $W$  emissions
- IS kernels contain ratio of PDFs (change in  $x, Q, \text{flavour}$ )
- similar ansatz with diff. kernels in [Christiansen, Sjöstrand JHEP04\(2014\)115](#)
- same ansatz as used for clustering in multijet merging

# Splitting kernels

Denner, Hebenstreit unpublished

- use Denner-Hebenstreit expressions modified into CDST form

$$\mathcal{K}_{f(s) \rightarrow f' W(s)}(t, z) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi t} \left[ f_W c_{\perp}^W \tilde{V}_{f(s) \rightarrow f' b(s)}^{\text{CDST}}(t, z) + f_h c_L^W \frac{1}{2} (1 - z) \right]$$

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- couplings  $ff^{(\prime)} V$  depend on spin of  $f$ , but standard parton showers are spin averaged (no spin information)
- process dependent average spin of fermion line  $s_{\text{eff}}$   
 $\Rightarrow pp \rightarrow jj: s_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2}, pp \rightarrow W: s_{\text{eff}} = 1$ , undefined in general
- factors  $f_W, f_Z, f_h$  modify couplings to test sensitivity

Krauss, Petrov, MS, Spannowsky [Phys.Rev.D89\(2014\)114006](#)

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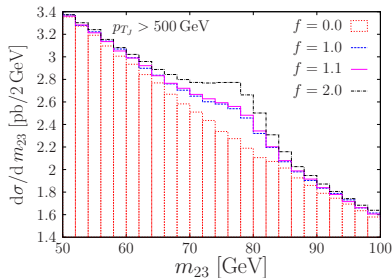
- need high- $p_{\perp}$  jets to produce real  $W$  bosons at sufficient rate
- need high- $p_{\perp}$  jets to satisfy assumption  $E \gg m$

### Boosted analysis:

- isolated leptons ( $p_{\perp} > 25$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$ , max. 10% in  $\Delta R = 0.2$ )
- find jets (anti- $k_{\perp}$ ,  $R = 1.5$ ,  $p_{\perp} > 200$  GeV) on remainder
- two cases: no isolated leptons  $\Rightarrow$  hadronic analysis  
one isolated lepton  $\Rightarrow$  leptonic analysis
- require further two jets with  $p_{\perp} > 500, 750, 1000$  GeV to drive  $W$  radiation into collinear region

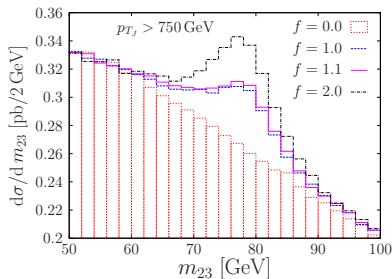
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- recluster fat jets into C/A ( $R = 0.3$ ,  $p_{\perp} > 20$  GeV) microjets
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  - use  $m_{23}$  as em. gluons tend to be softer than decay prod. of em.  $W$
  - accept candidate if  $m_{23} \in [70, 86]$  GeV
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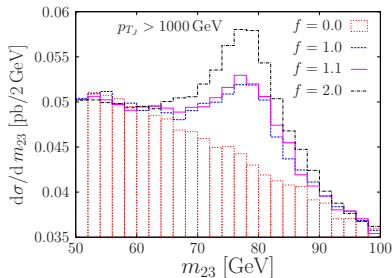
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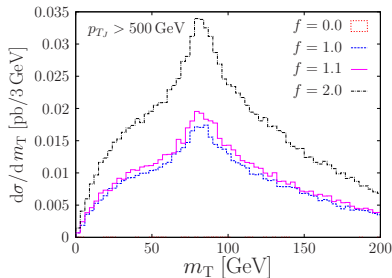
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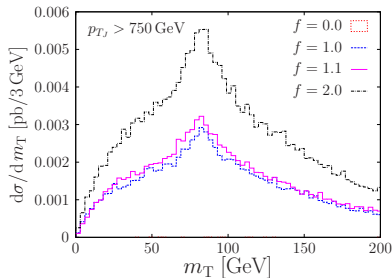
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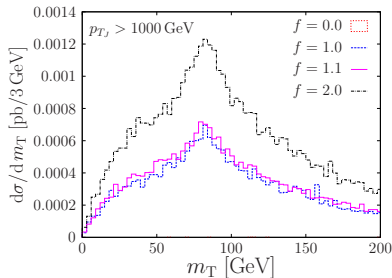
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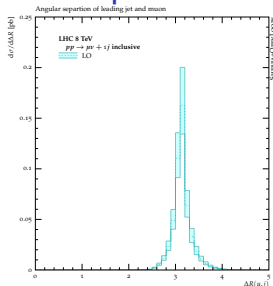
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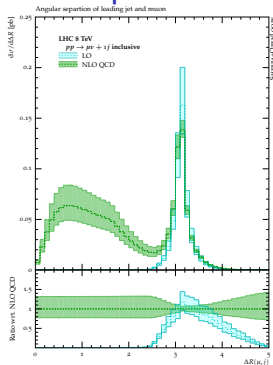
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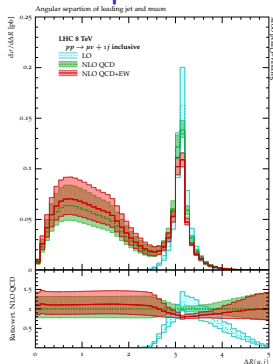
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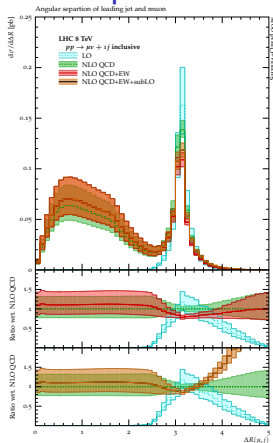
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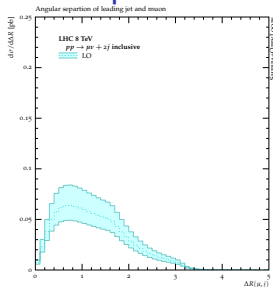
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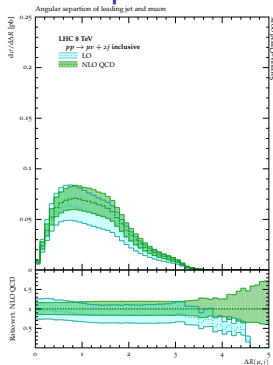
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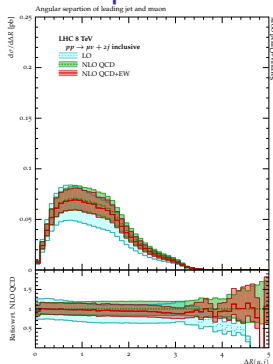
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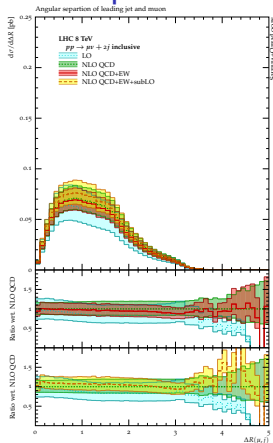
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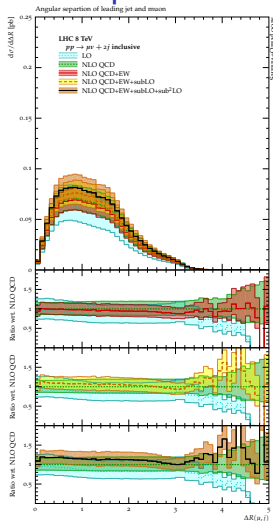
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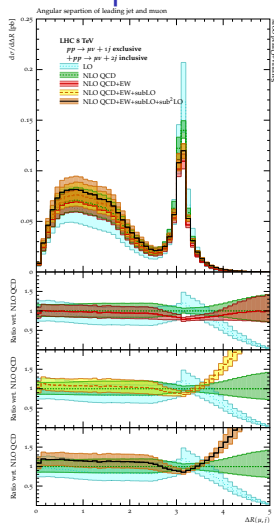
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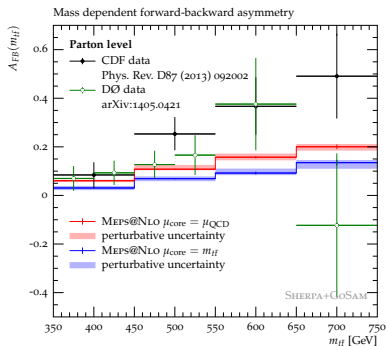
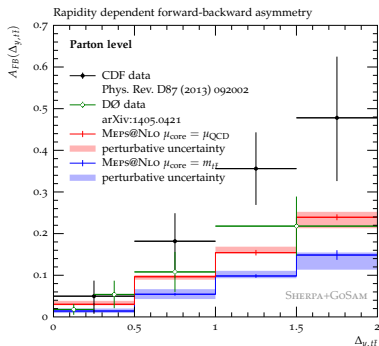
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- can be incorporated in multijet merging to improve description in those regions
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- automation of NLO EW follows on the heels of NLO QCD
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  - ⇒ included in next major SHERPA release
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Thank you for your attention!

# Backup

# Example: Forward-backward asymmetry @ Tevatron

Höche, Huang, Luisoni, MS, Winter Phys.Rev.D88(2013)1,014040

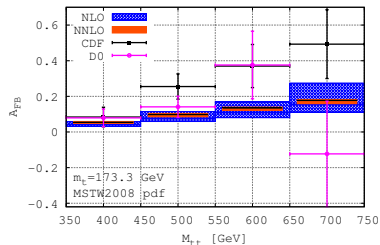
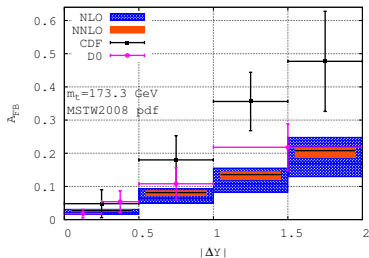


Chose two different  $\mu_{\text{core}}$  → largest impact

Electroweak histories not an issue, but merging works nicely

# Recent NNLO+NNLL results: Forward-backward asymmetry @ Tevatron

Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov arXiv:1411.3007



MEPS@NLO result very well reproduced by higher order calculation

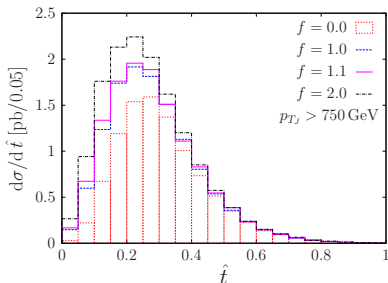
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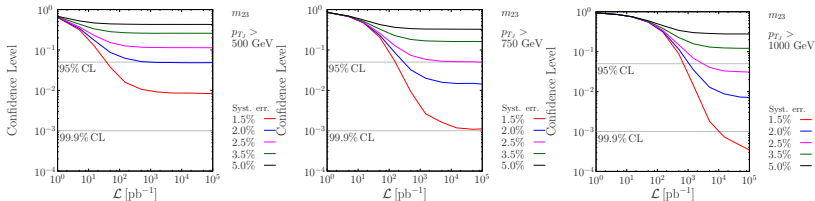
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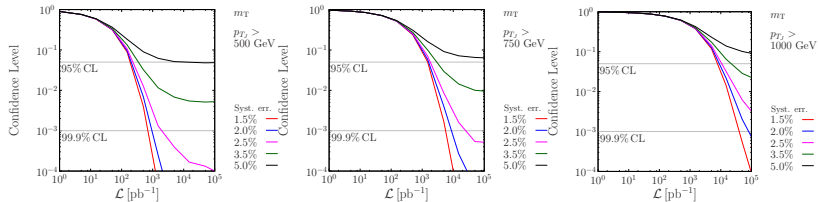
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