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Towards the evaluation of NNLO (QCD + QCD-EW + EW) corrections at HL-LHC and future colliders

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The inclusive production of a fermion pair is a standard candle process both

at LHC (Drell-Yan) $\sigma(pp \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- + X)$

and

at FCC-ee $\sigma(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- + X)$

the lowest order process, at partonic level, is in both cases $f\bar{f} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$: they share very similar computational challenges

The evaluation of NNLO-EW corrections is needed not only at FCC-ee, but **already at the LHC** or **high-intensity facilities** !

Motivations

Motivation: statistical precision from small to large fermion-pair invariant masses

Statistical errors

FCC-ee $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- + X)$

arXiv:2206.08326

sqrt(S) (GeV)	luminosity (ab ⁻¹)	σ (fb)	% error
91	150	$2.17595 \cdot 10^6$	0.0002
240	5	1870.84 ± 0.612	0.03
365	1,5	787.74 ± 0.725	0.09

LHC and HL-LHC $\sigma(pp \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- + X)$

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bin range (GeV)	% error 140 fb ⁻¹	% error 3 ab ⁻¹
91-92	0.03	$6 \cdot 10^{-3}$
120-400	0.1	0.02
400-600	0.6	0.13
600-900	1.4	0.30
900-1300	3.2	0.69

EW input parameters

large QED corrections

increasingly large EW corrections

Theoretical systematics

proton PDFs

increasingly large QCD, QCD-EW and EW corrections

Are we able to reach (at least) 0.1% precision throughout the whole invariant mass range?

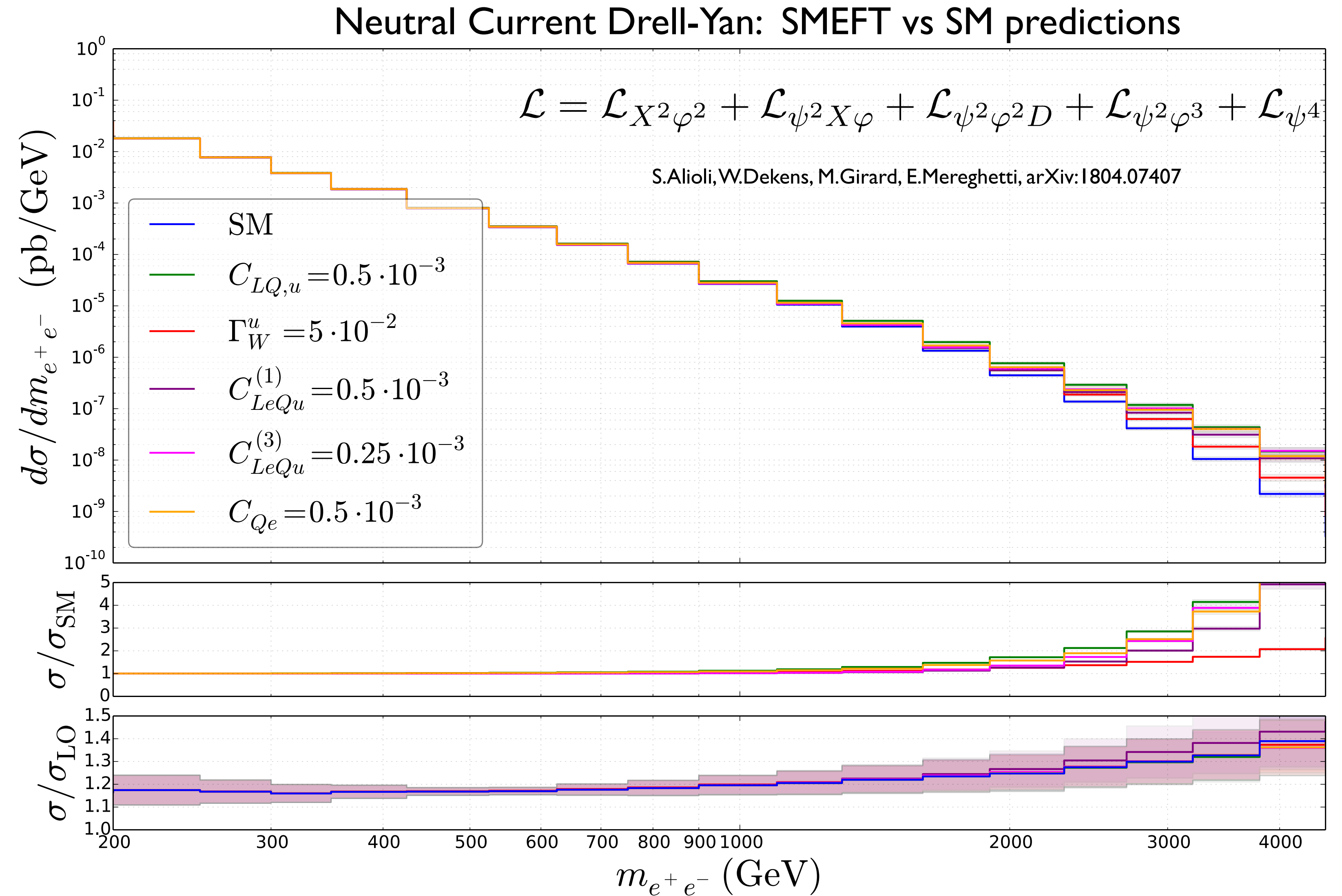
The Drell-Yan case poses the same challenges relevant for FCC-ee

Motivation: impact of higher dimension operators, as a function of the invariant mass

The parameterisation of BSM physics in the SMEFT language can be probed by studying the impact of higher dimension operators as a function of energy.

Deviations from the SM prediction require to answer the question “What is the SM?”

→ SM predictions have to be at the same precision level of the data i.e. (sub) per mille level



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The SM predicts the running of its parameters, like e.g. $\sin^2 \hat{\theta}(\mu_R^2)$, with non-trivial features and in turn complementary sensitivity to BSM physics

low-energy (sub-GeV) determinations (P2 in Mainz, Møller at JLab)

high-energy (TeV) determinations (CMS, ATLAS)

offer a stringent test of the SM

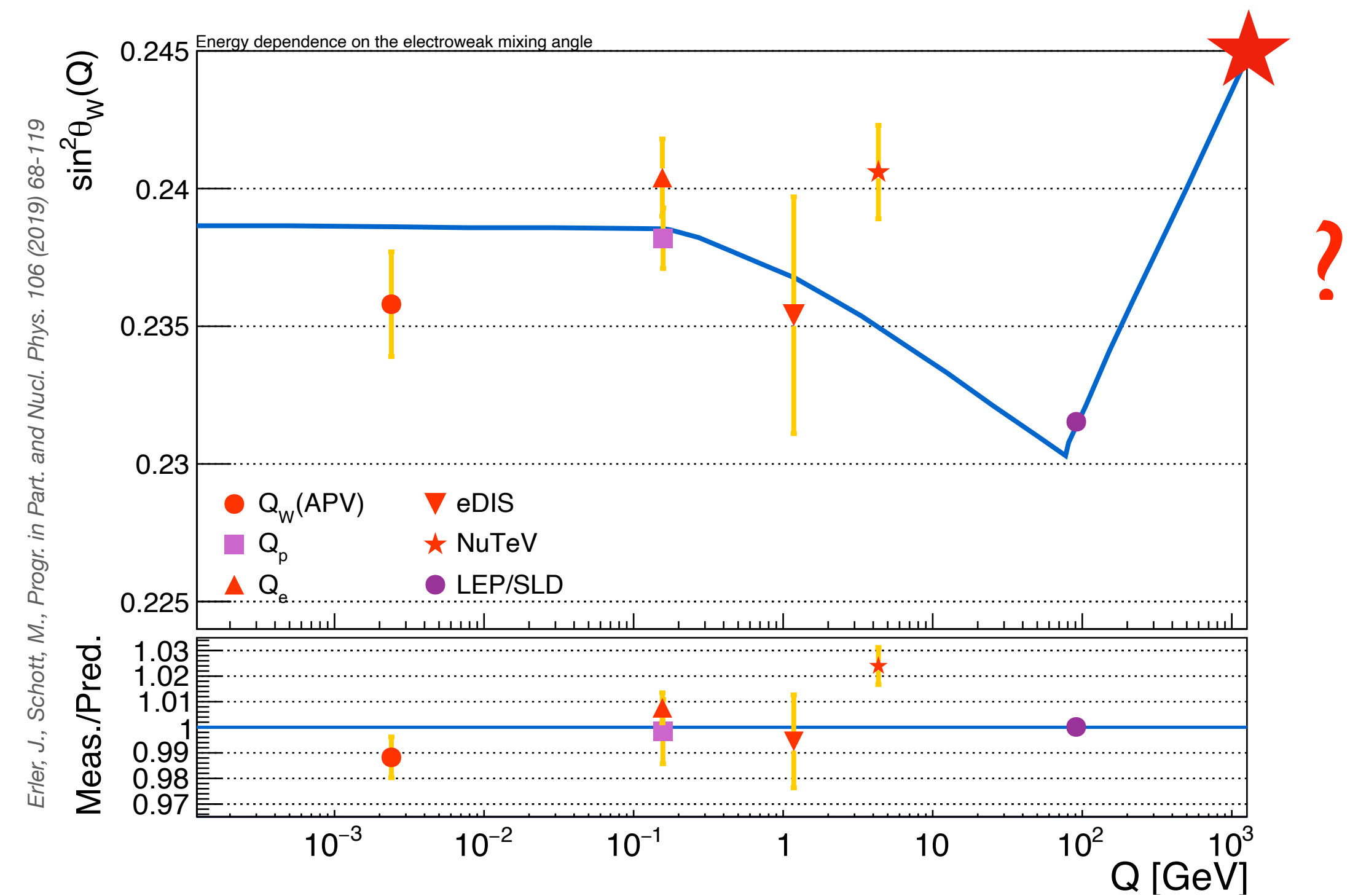
complementary to the results at the Z resonance

The running of an MSbar parameter is completely assigned

once boundary and matching conditions are specified

The absence of higher-order SM corrections

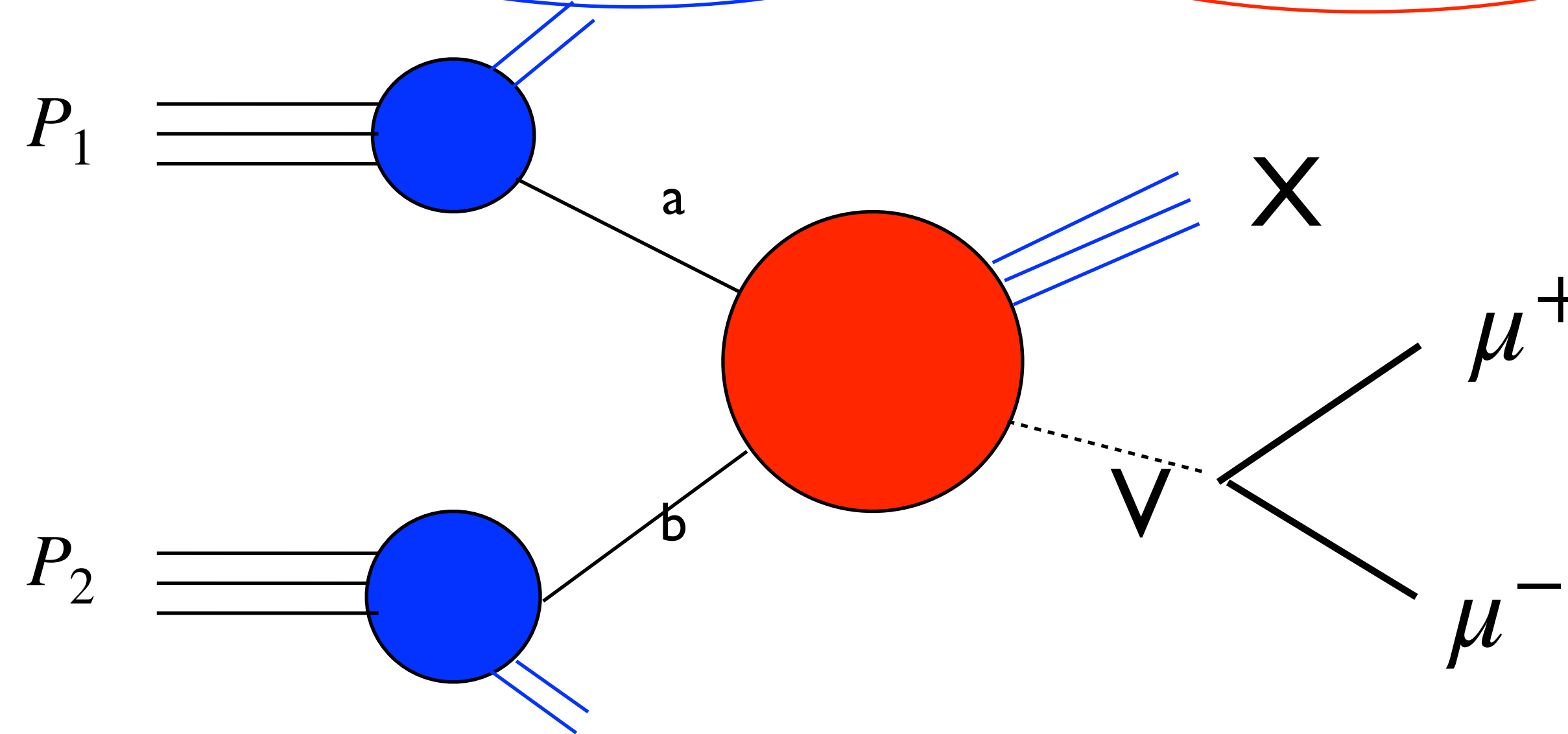
could fake a BSM signal



Computational framework

Factorisation theorems and the cross section in the partonic formalism

$$\sigma(P_1, P_2; m_V) = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 f_{h_1,a}(x_1, M_F) f_{h_2,b}(x_2, M_F) \hat{\sigma}_{ab}(x_1 P_1, x_2 P_2, \alpha_s(\mu), M_F)$$



Particles $P_{1,2}$ can be protons (\rightarrow Drell-Yan @ LHC) or leptons (\rightarrow FCC-ee, muon collider)

The partonic content of the scattering particles can be expressed in terms of **PDFs**

proton PDFs: ABM, CT18, MSHT, NNPDF, ... lepton PDFs: Frixione et al. arXiv:1911.12040

The **partonic scattering** can be computed in perturbation theory, in the full QCD+EW theory, exploiting the theoretical progress in QCD, in the understanding of its IR structure

Factorisation theorems guarantee the validity of the above picture up to power correction effects

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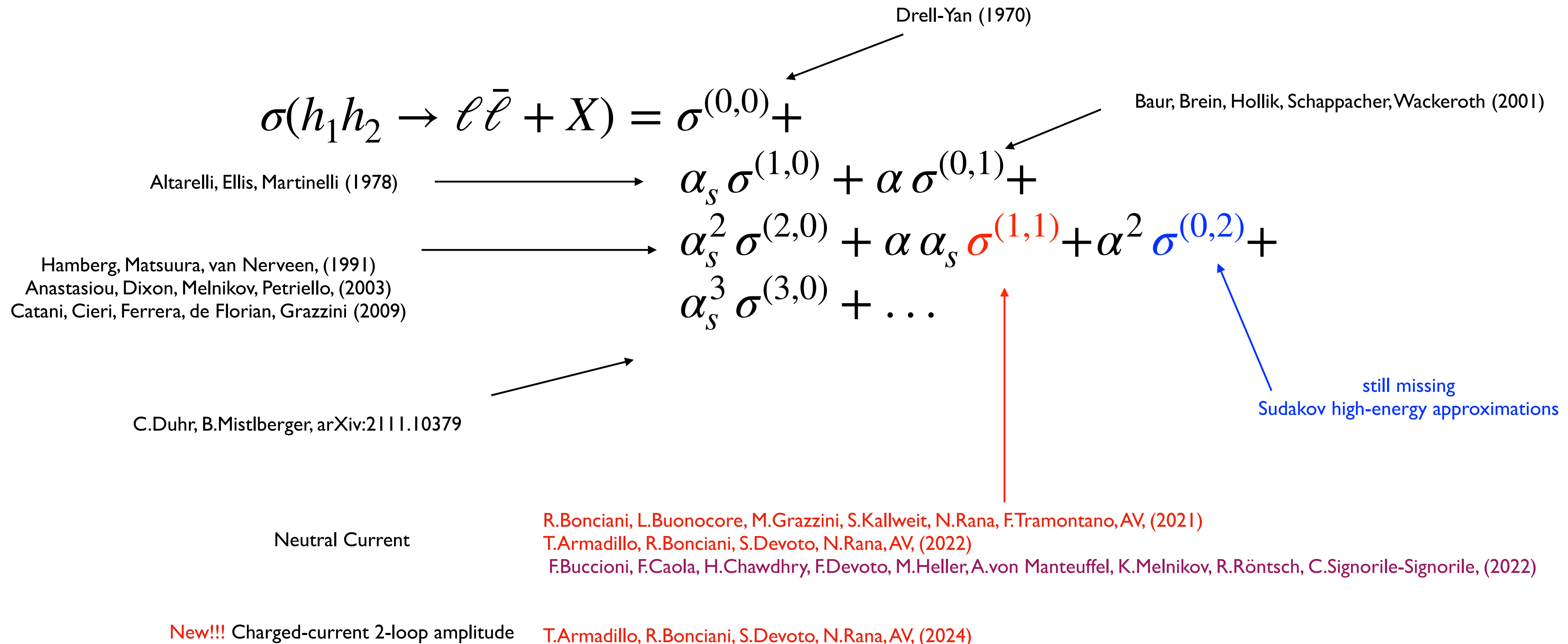
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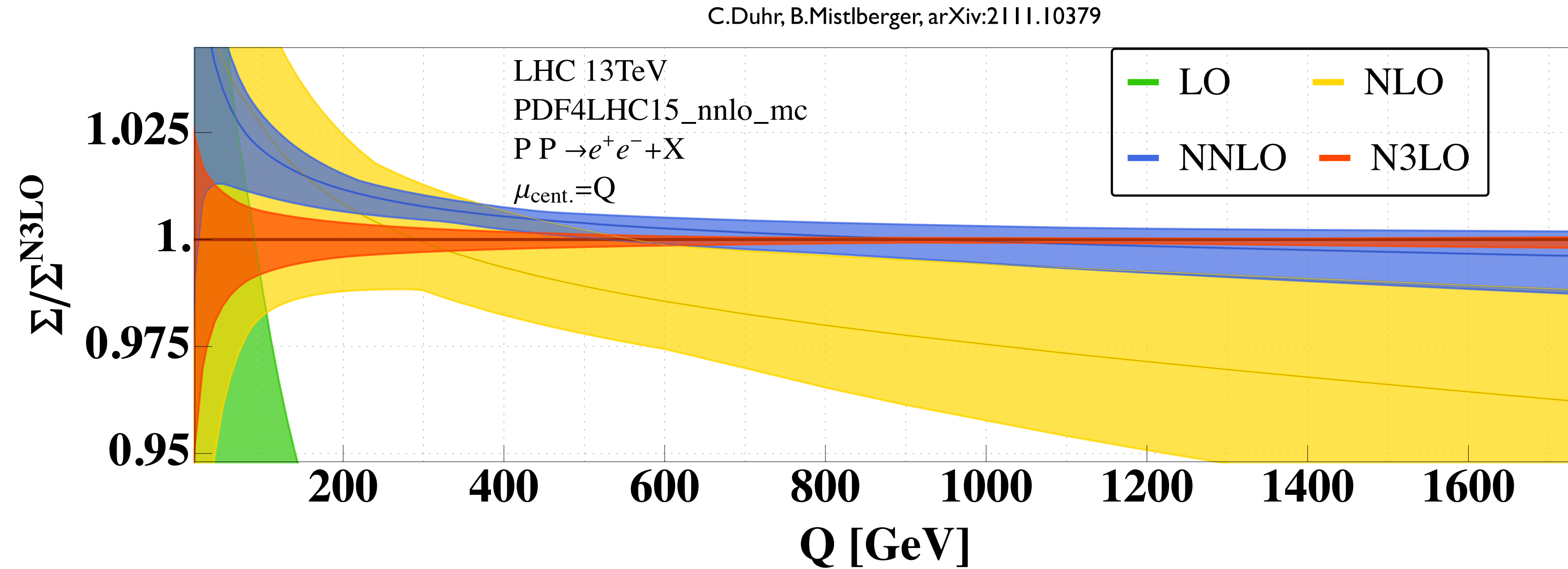
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QCD results: lepton-pair invariant mass



Thanks to the N3LO-QCD results for the Drell-Yan cross section, scale variation band at the few per mille level at any Q

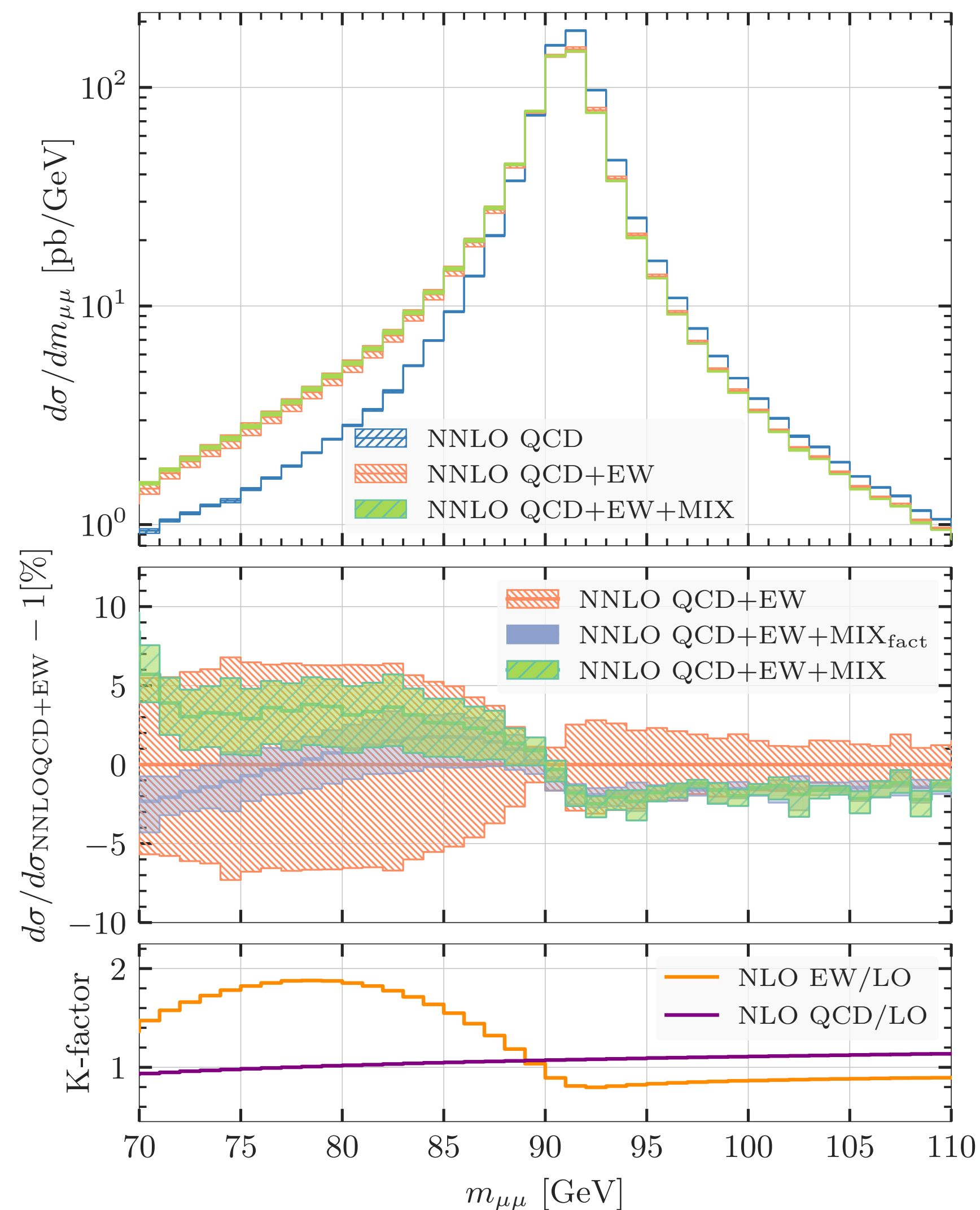
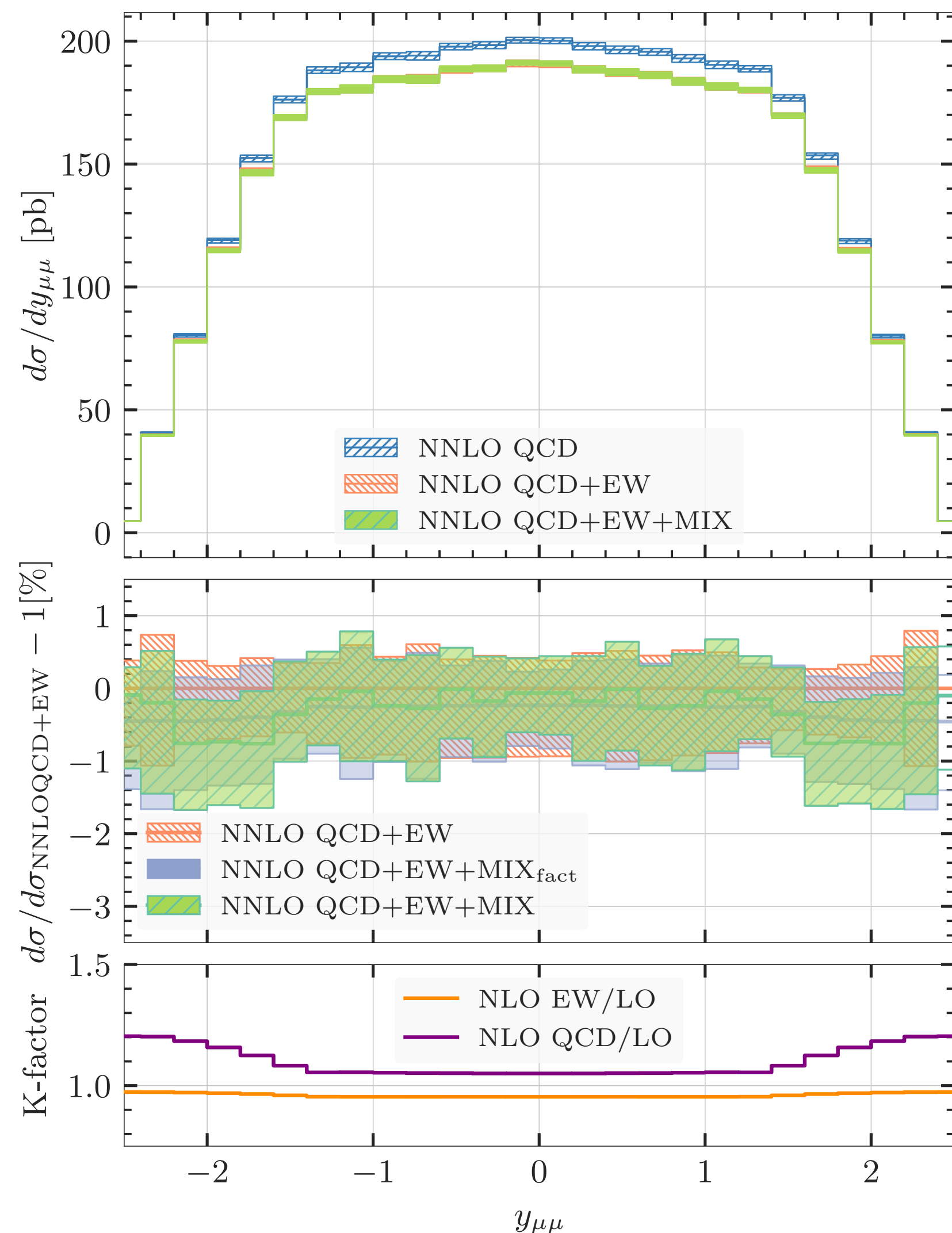
The PDFs are not yet at N3LO

This is promising, in view of the program of searches for deviation from the SM in the TeV range

What about NNLO QCD-EW and NNLO-EW corrections ?

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Non-trivial distortion of the rapidity distribution (absent in the naive factorised approximation)

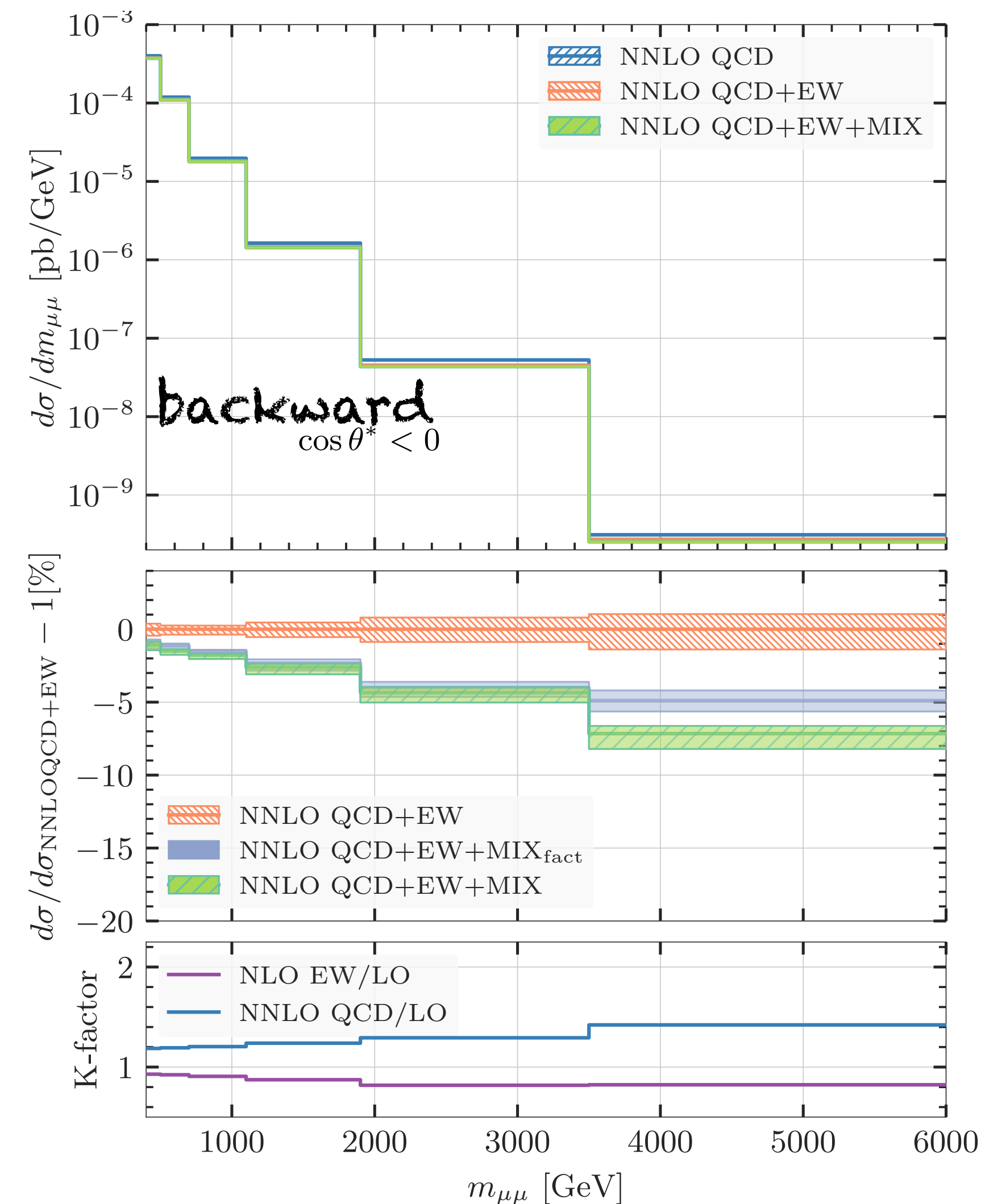
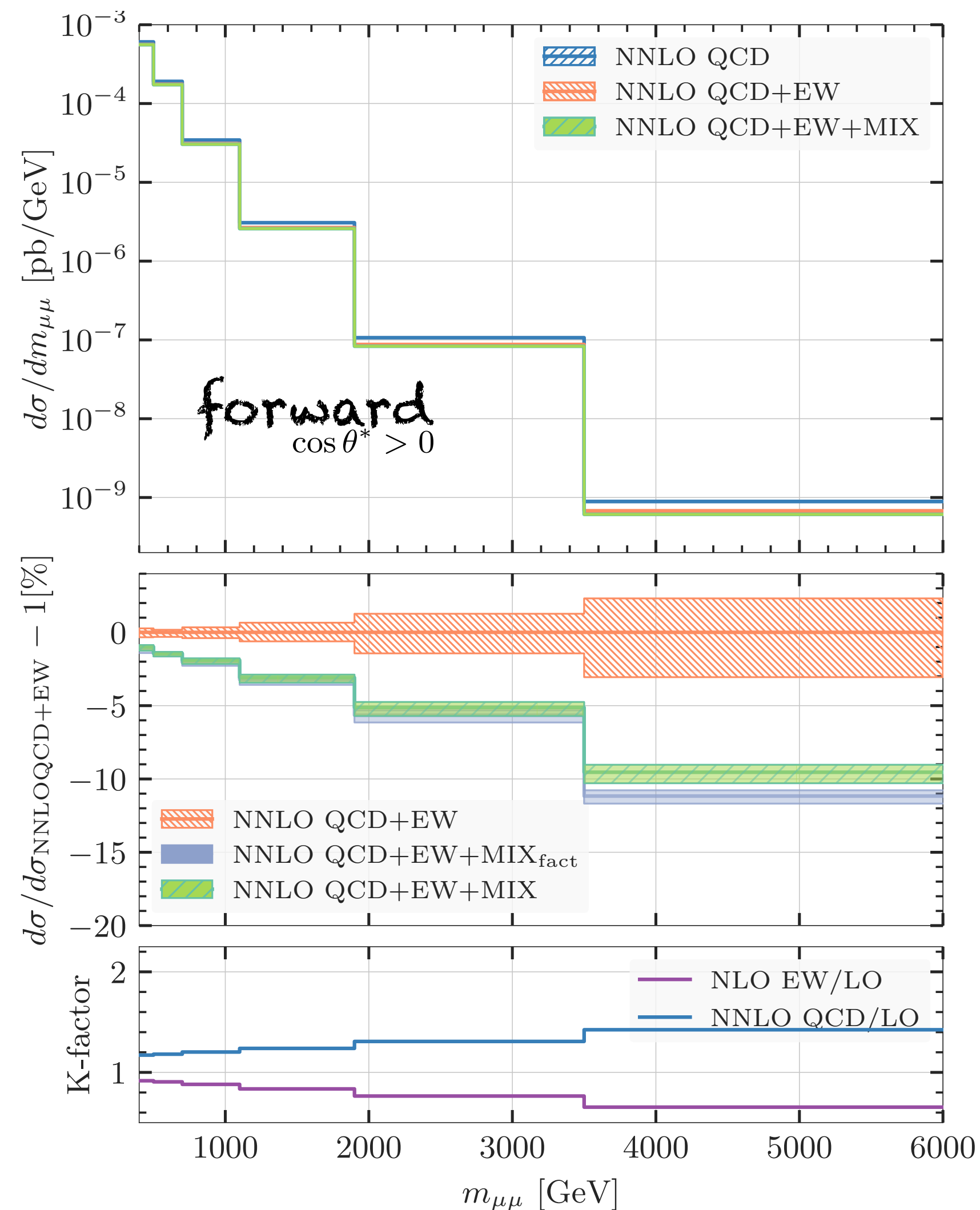
Large effects below the Z resonance (the factorised approximation fails) → impact on the $\sin^2 \theta_{eff}$ determination

O(-1.5%) effects above the resonance

→ ongoing precision studies in the CERN EW WG

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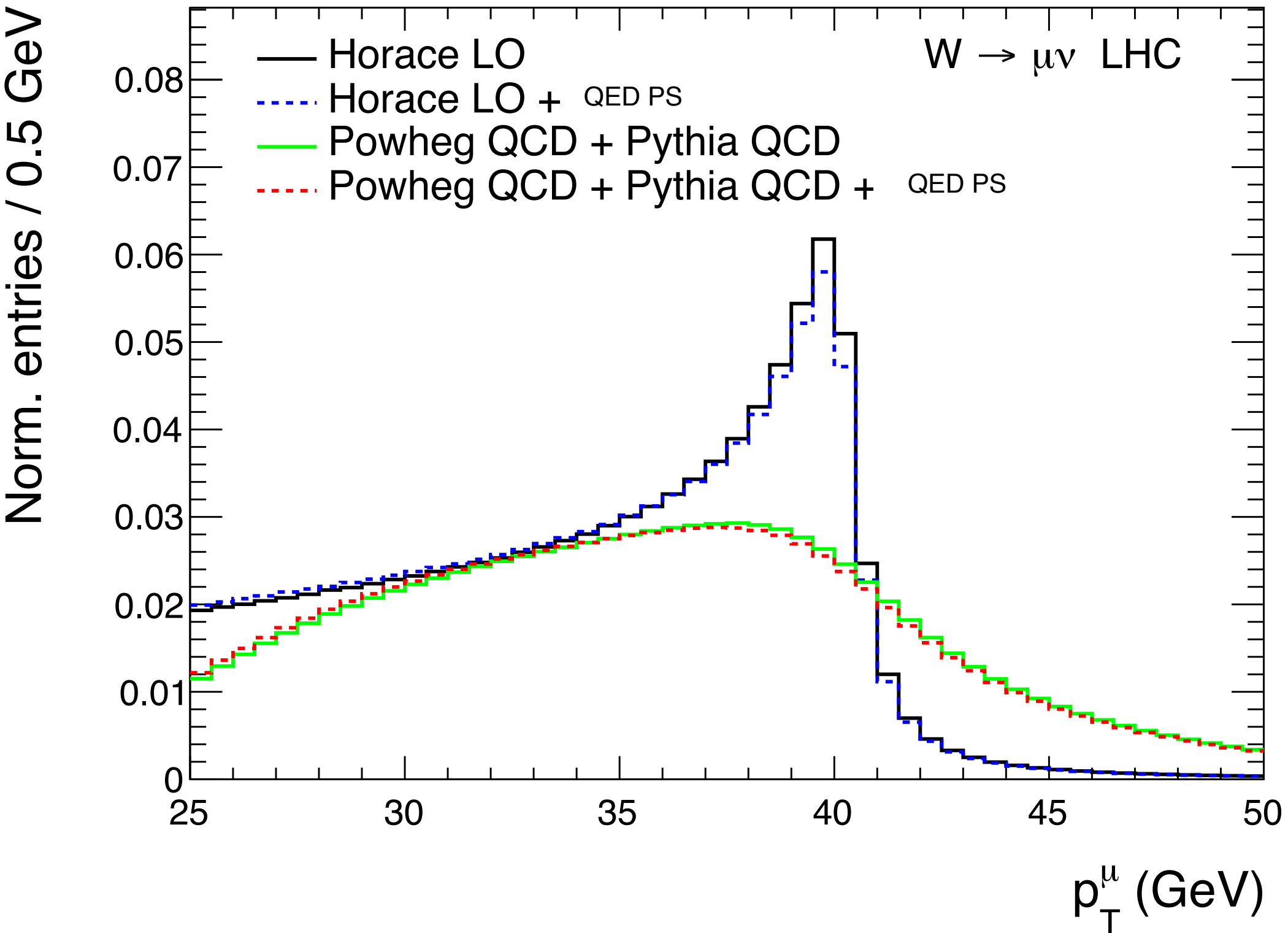
Negative mixed NNLO QCD-EW effects (-3% or more) at large invariant masses,
absent in any additive combination → impact on the searches for new physics

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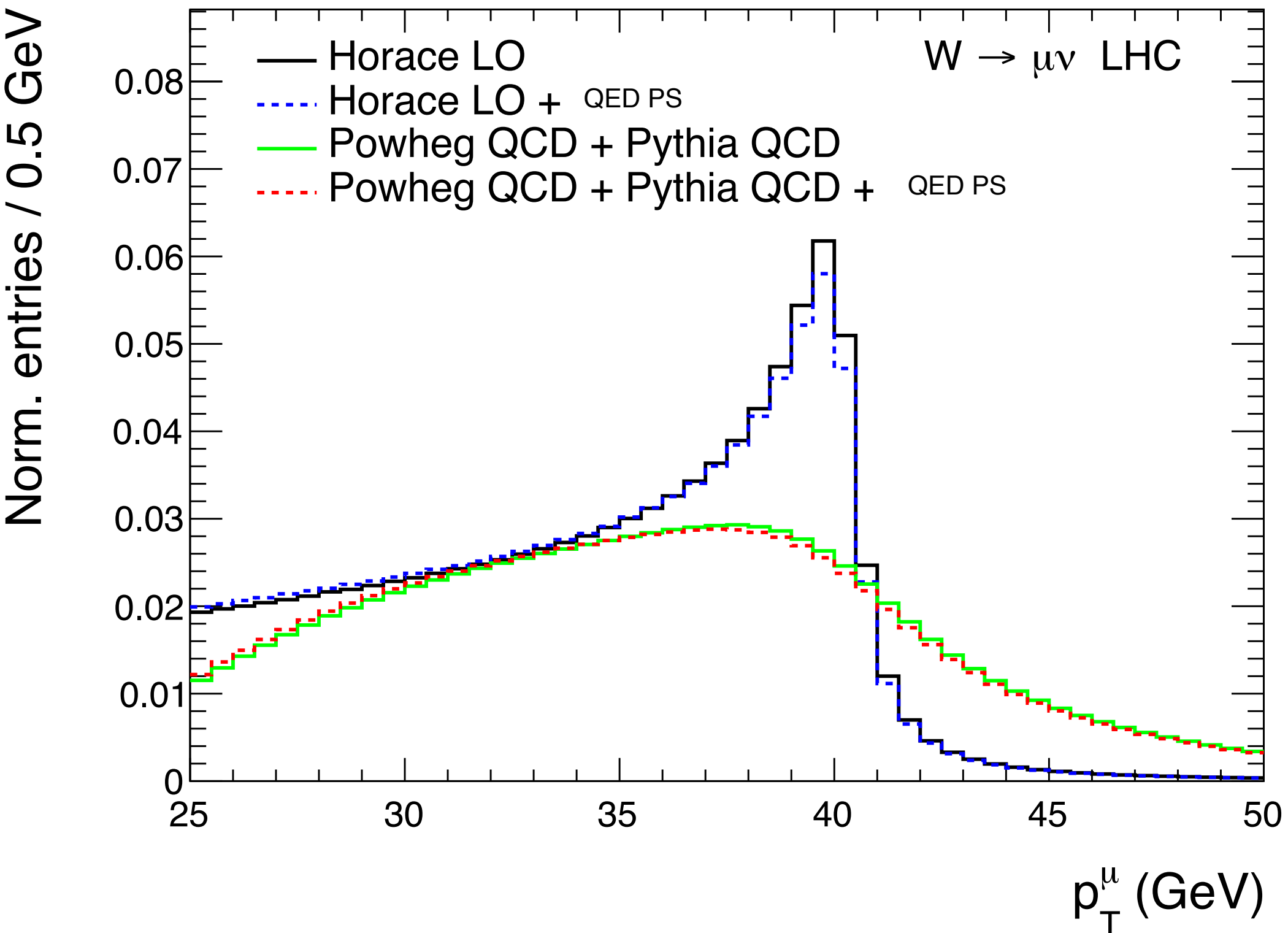
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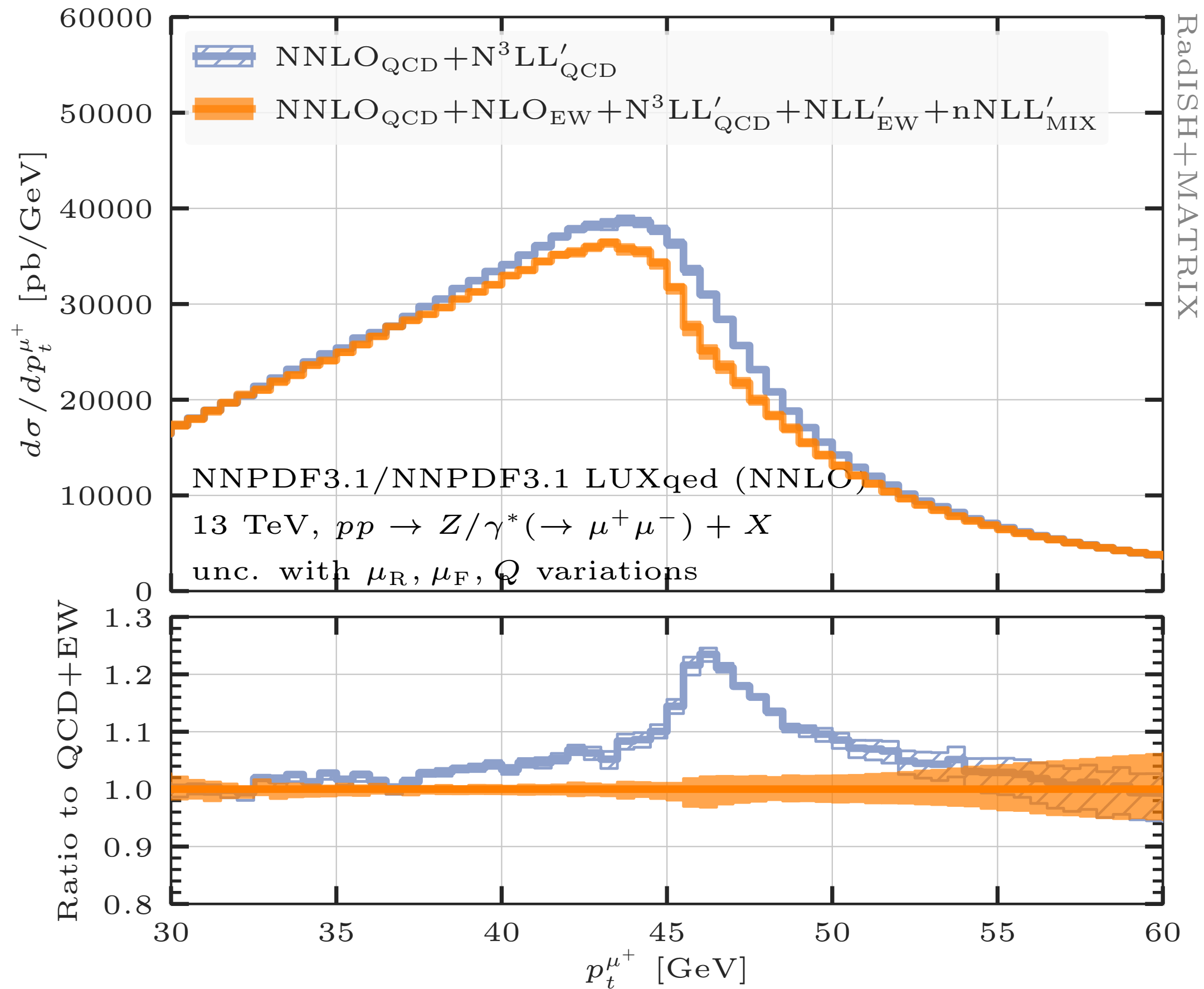
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with NNLO QCD-EW results we can fix the dominant source of ambiguity

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L.Buonocore, L.Rottoli, P.Torrielli, arXiv:2404.15112



Joined QCD-QED resummation in the Radish formulation at $\text{N}^3\text{LL}'\text{-QCD} + \text{NLL}'\text{-EW} + \text{nNLL}'\text{-mixed}$ accuracy including QED effects from all charged legs

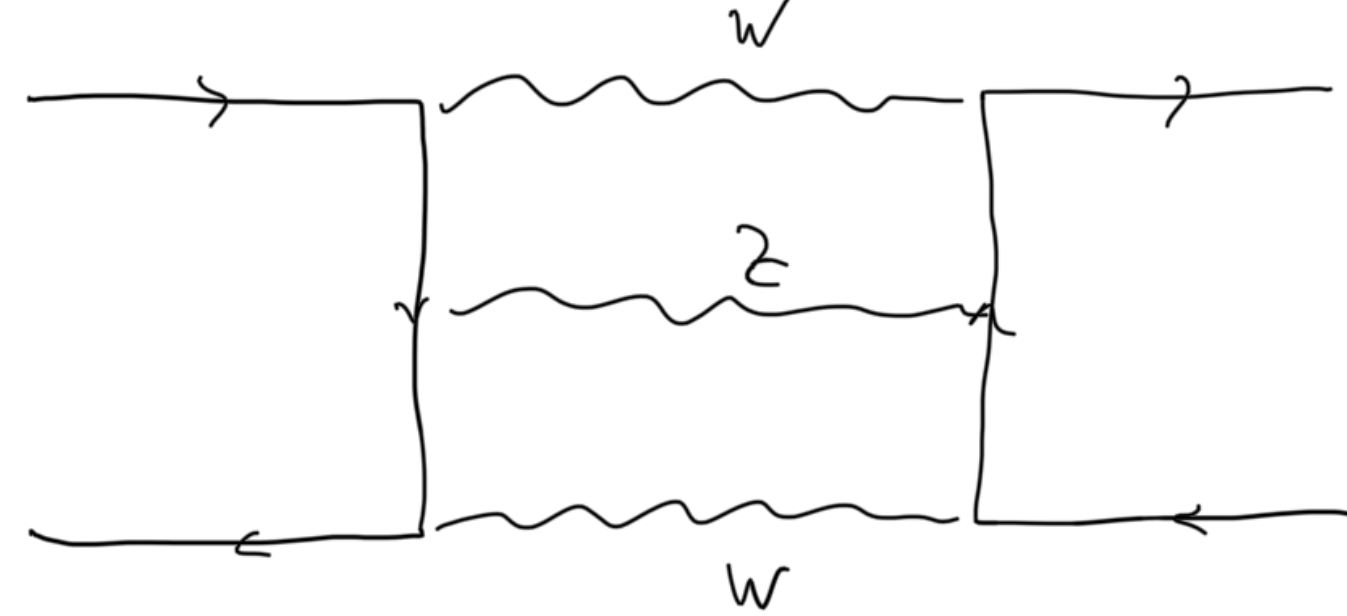
Non-trivial interplay of QCD and EW corrections

Missing final step : Matching with the exact $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ corrections needed to reach full NNLL-mixed

→ Reliable estimate of the reduced residual theoretical uncertainties

Need for a full NNLO-EW calculation to reduce the uncertainties to sub-percent level

The NNLO-EW corrections to scattering processes are still today one of the frontiers in QFT

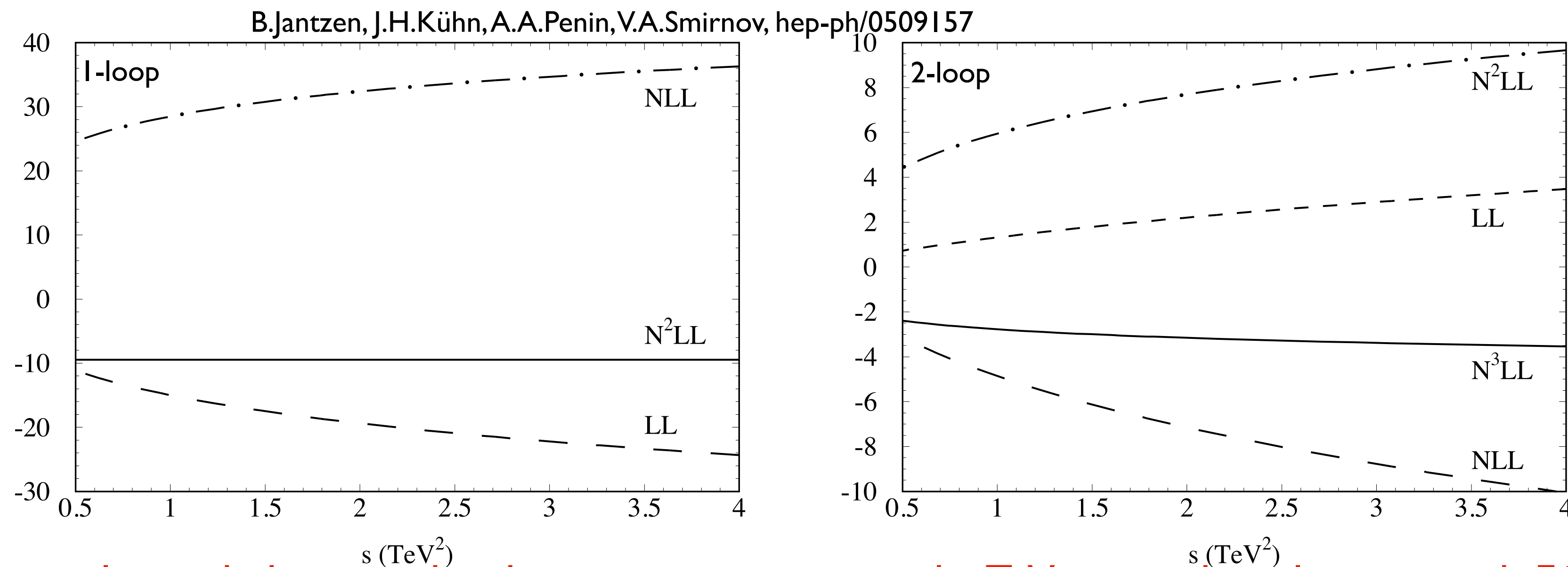


The NNLO-EW corrections could modify in a non-trivial way the large-mass/momentum tails of the distributions

Large logarithmic corrections (EW Sudakov logs) appear in the virtual corrections

At two-loop level, we have up to the fourth power of $\log(s/m_V^2)$

The size of the constant term is not trivial



corrections to $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
due to EW Sudakov logs

urgently needed to match sub-percent precision in the TeV region, but also to match FCC-ee precision

Evaluation of the exact
NNLO QCD-EW corrections
to NC and CC DY

The Neutral Current Drell-Yan cross section in the SM: perturbative expansion

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(h_1 h_2 \rightarrow \ell \bar{\ell} + X) = & \sigma^{(0,0)} + \\ & \alpha_s \sigma^{(1,0)} + \alpha \sigma^{(0,1)} + \\ & \alpha_s^2 \sigma^{(2,0)} + \alpha \alpha_s \sigma^{(1,1)} + \alpha^2 \sigma^{(0,2)} + \\ & \alpha_s^3 \sigma^{(3,0)} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma(h_1 h_2 \rightarrow l \bar{l} + X) = \sum_{i,j=q\bar{q},g,\gamma} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_i^{h_1}(x_1, \mu_F) f_j^{h_2}(x_2, \mu_F) \hat{\sigma}(ij \rightarrow l \bar{l} + X)$$

$\sigma^{(1,1)}$ requires the evaluation of the xsecs of the following processes, including photon-induced

0 additional partons $q\bar{q} \rightarrow l\bar{l}, \gamma\gamma \rightarrow l\bar{l}$ including virtual corrections of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s), \mathcal{O}(\alpha), \mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow l\bar{l}g, qg \rightarrow l\bar{l}q$ including virtual corrections of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$

1 additional parton

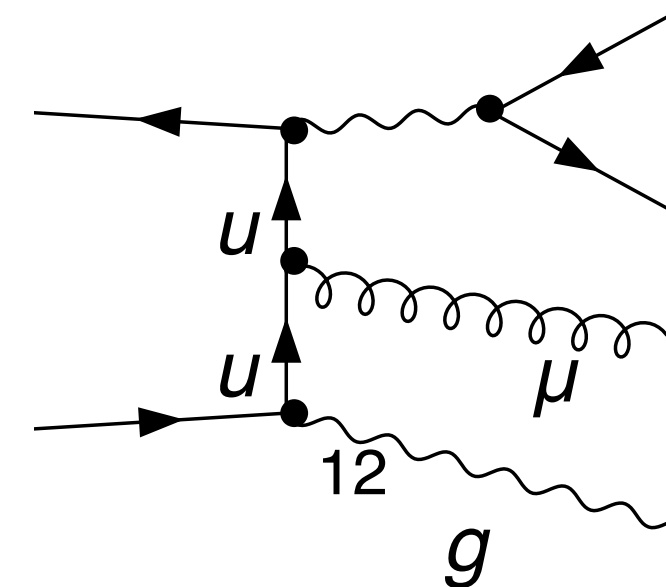
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow l\bar{l}\gamma, q\gamma \rightarrow l\bar{l}q$ including virtual corrections of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

2 additional partons

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow l\bar{l}g\gamma, qg \rightarrow l\bar{l}q\gamma, q\gamma \rightarrow l\bar{l}qg, g\gamma \rightarrow l\bar{l}q\bar{q}$

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow l\bar{l}q\bar{q}, q\bar{q} \rightarrow l\bar{l}q'\bar{q}', qq' \rightarrow l\bar{l}qq', q\bar{q}' \rightarrow l\bar{l}q\bar{q}', qq \rightarrow l\bar{l}qq$ at tree level

Different kinds of contributions at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ and corresponding problems

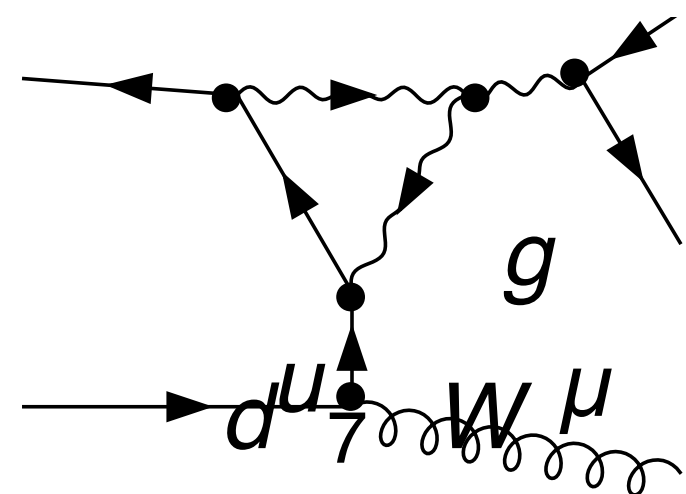


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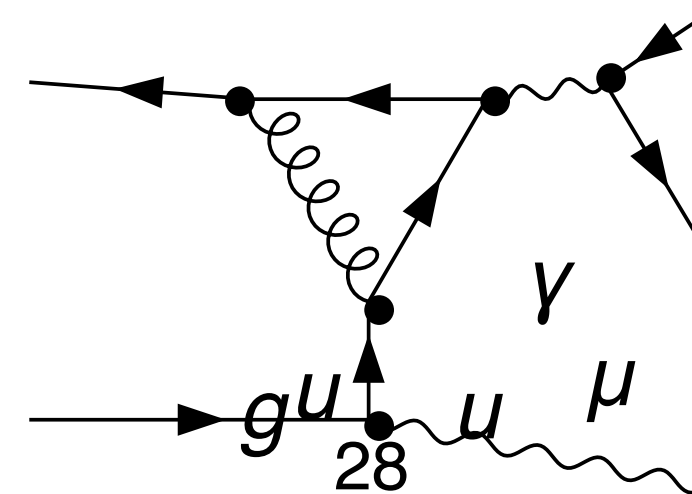


real-virtual contributions

amplitudes are easily generated with OpenLoops or Recola

1-loop UV renormalisation and IR subtraction

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double-virtual contributions

generation of the amplitudes

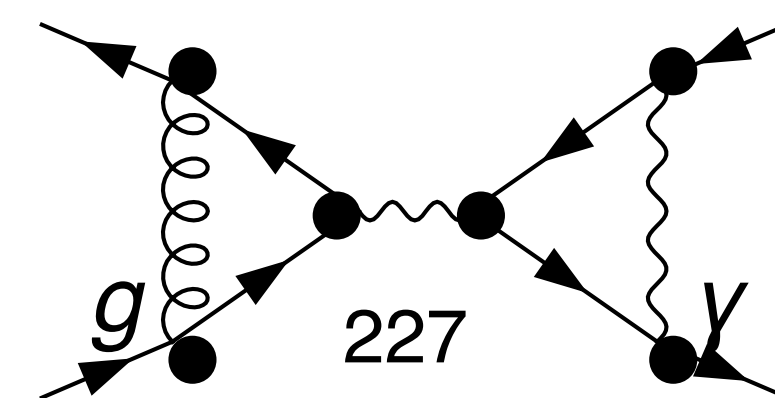
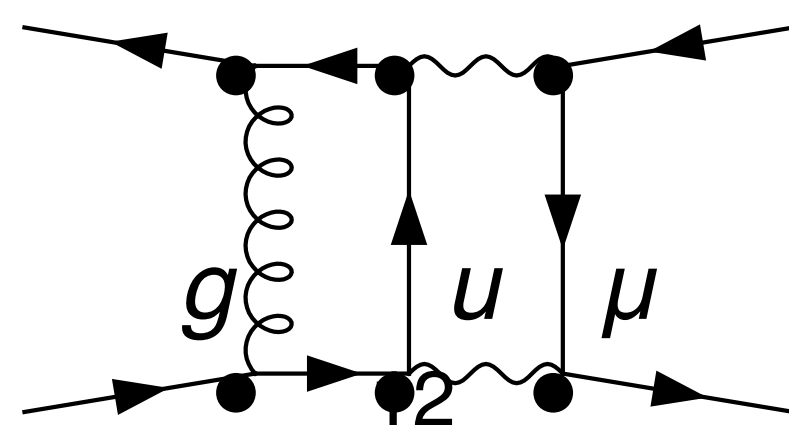
γ_5 treatment

2-loop UV renormalization

solution and evaluation of the Master Integrals

subtraction of the IR divergences

numerical evaluation of the squared matrix element



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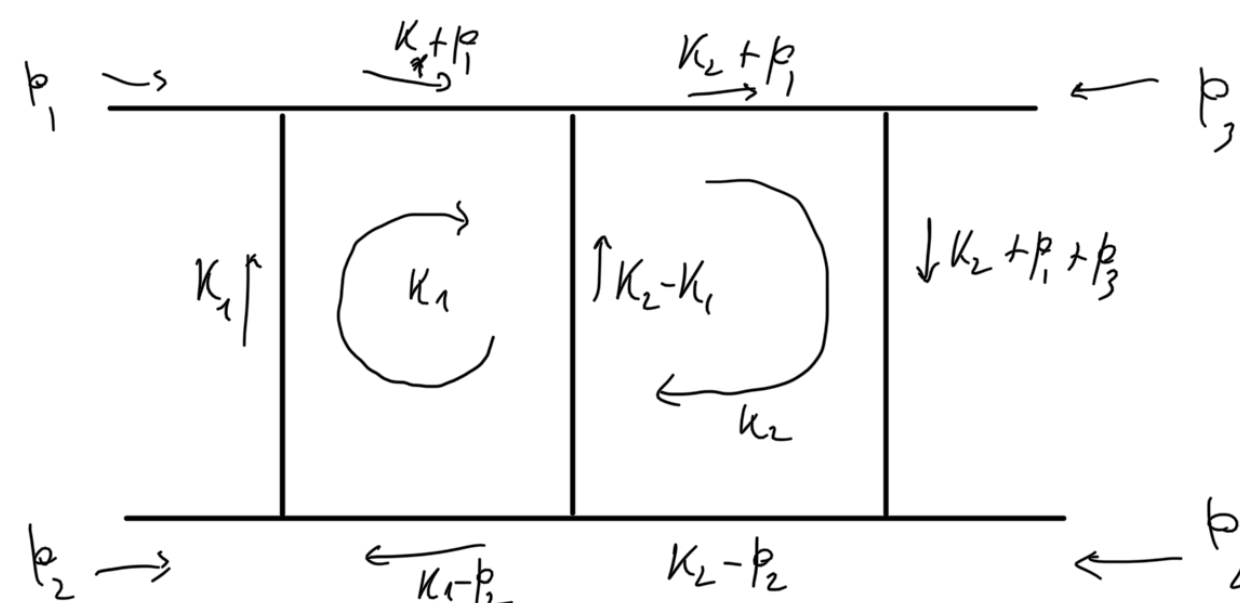
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The **Feynman Integrals** \mathcal{F}_i are one of the major challenges in the evaluation of the virtual corrections

$$\mathcal{F}(p_i \cdot p_j; \vec{m}) = \int \frac{d^n k_1}{(2\pi)^n} \int \frac{d^n k_2}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{1}{[k_1^2 - m_0^2]^{\alpha_0} [(k_1 + p_1)^2 - m_1^2]^{\alpha_1} \dots [(k_1 + k_2 + p_j)^2 - m_j^2]^{\alpha_j} \dots [(k_2 + p_l)^2 - m_l^2]^{\alpha_l}}$$



The complexity of the solution grows with the number of energy scales (masses and invariants) upon which it depends

The double virtual amplitude: the Master Integrals

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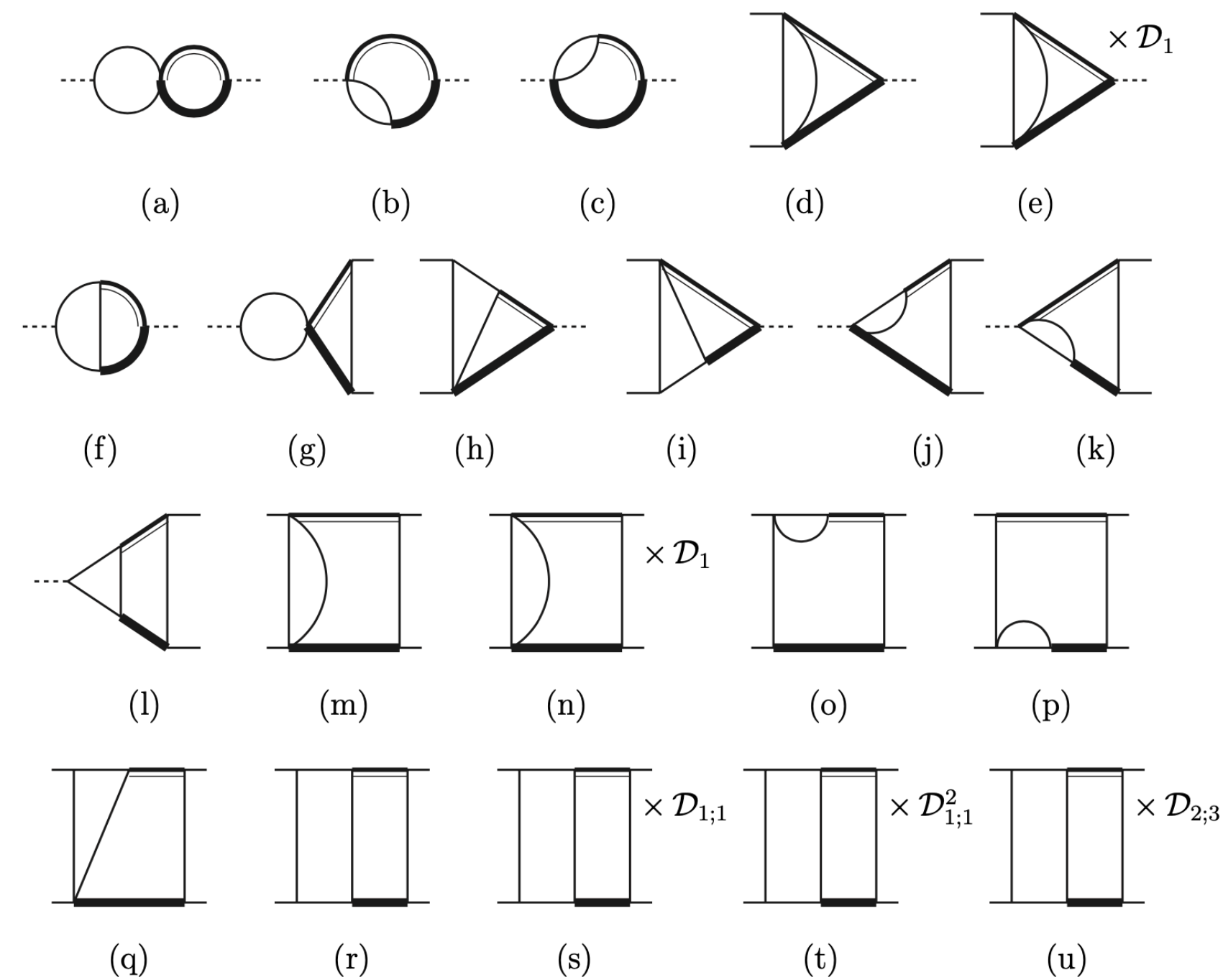
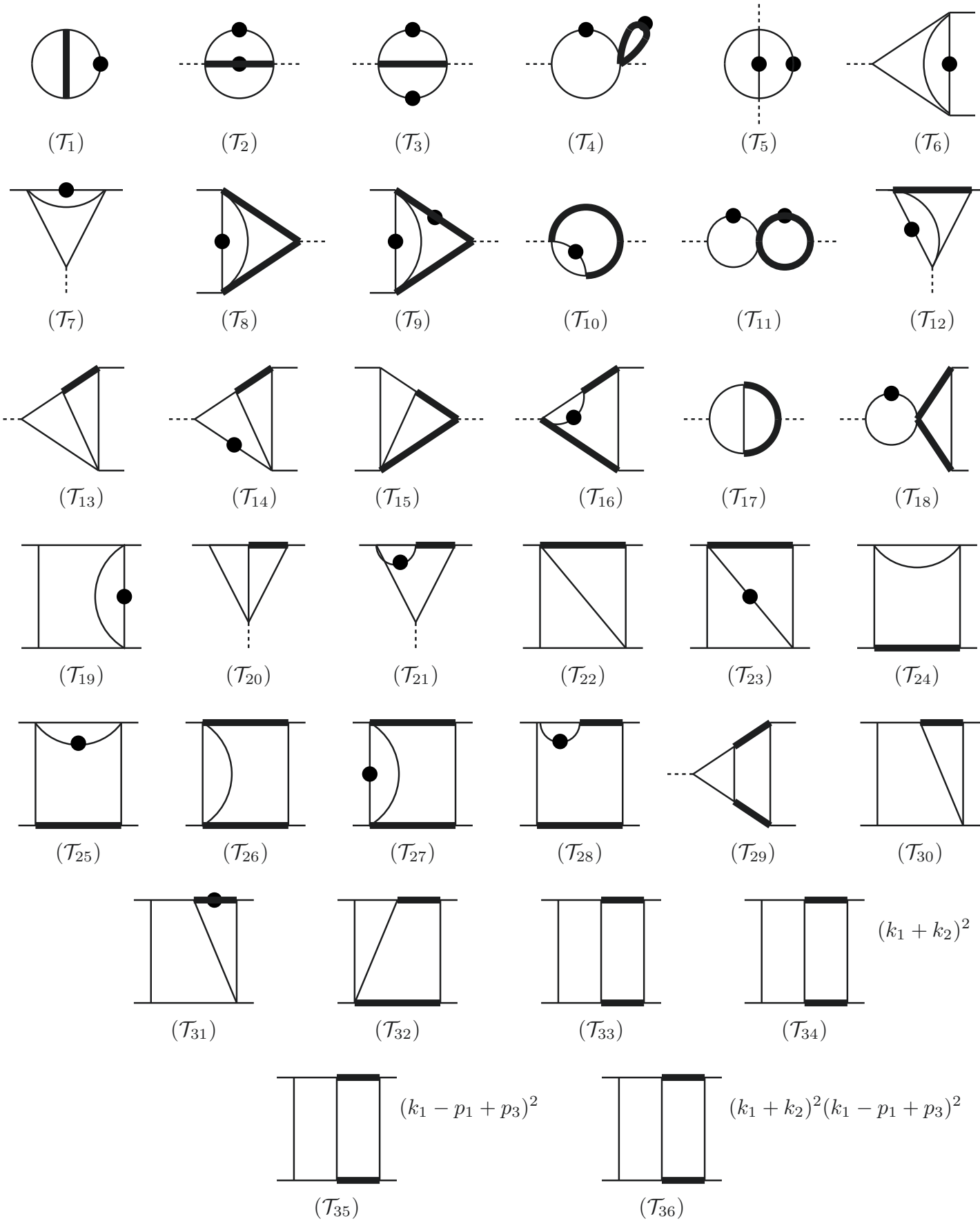
dependence on 2 kinematical invariants (s,t)

NNLO EW corrections to NC Drell-Yan feature up to 5 internal massive lines (2 distinct masses, external fermions massless)

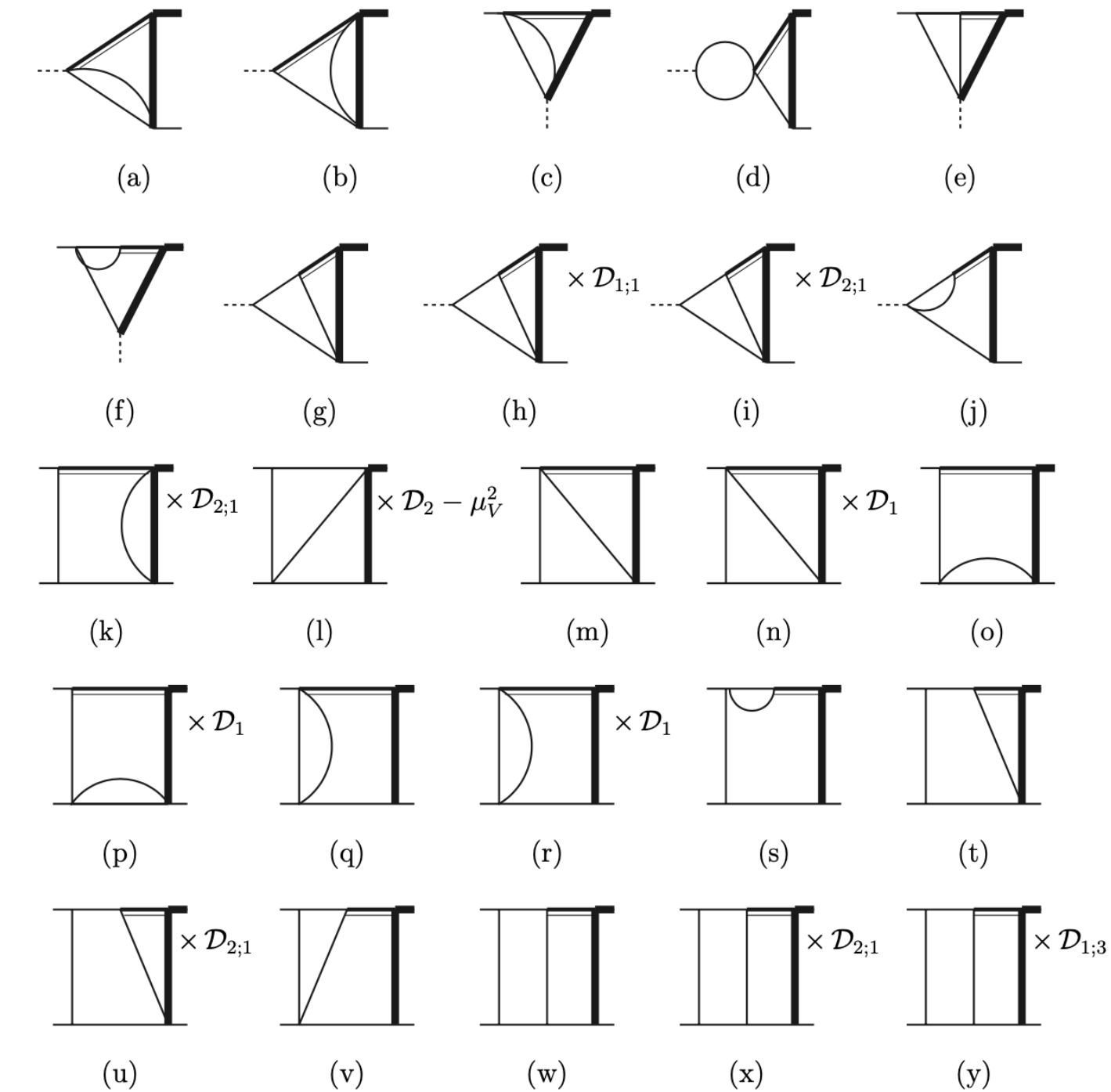
2-loop virtual QCD-EW corrections to NC and CC DY: Master Integrals with 2 massive lines

Neutral-Current DY

Charged-Current DY



Master Integrals with two different internal masses



Master Integrals with one W and one internal massive lepton lines

Master Integrals with two equal mass internal lines

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subset	# Master Integrals	# Integral families	#MIs in the largest integral family
NC DY @ NNLO QCD-EW	401	16	36
CC DY @ NNLO QCD-EW	274	11	53
NC DY @ NNLO EW	3245	56	148

the number of Master Integrals in one family sets the computational complexity (potentially coupled quantities)

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Solution of the MIs differential equations:

solution in closed form in terms of special functions

GINAC

GPLs, elliptic polylogs, elliptic functions

→ availability of the relevant power series

→ arbitrary precision

solution via power expansions

DiffExp

→ full analytical control but no functional relations

SeaSyde

AMFlow

MIs direct numerical integration:

sector decomposition allows to reorganise the integration

PySecDec

→ great flexibility but reduced numerical precision compared to the other approaches

→ sufficient for gauge cancellations?

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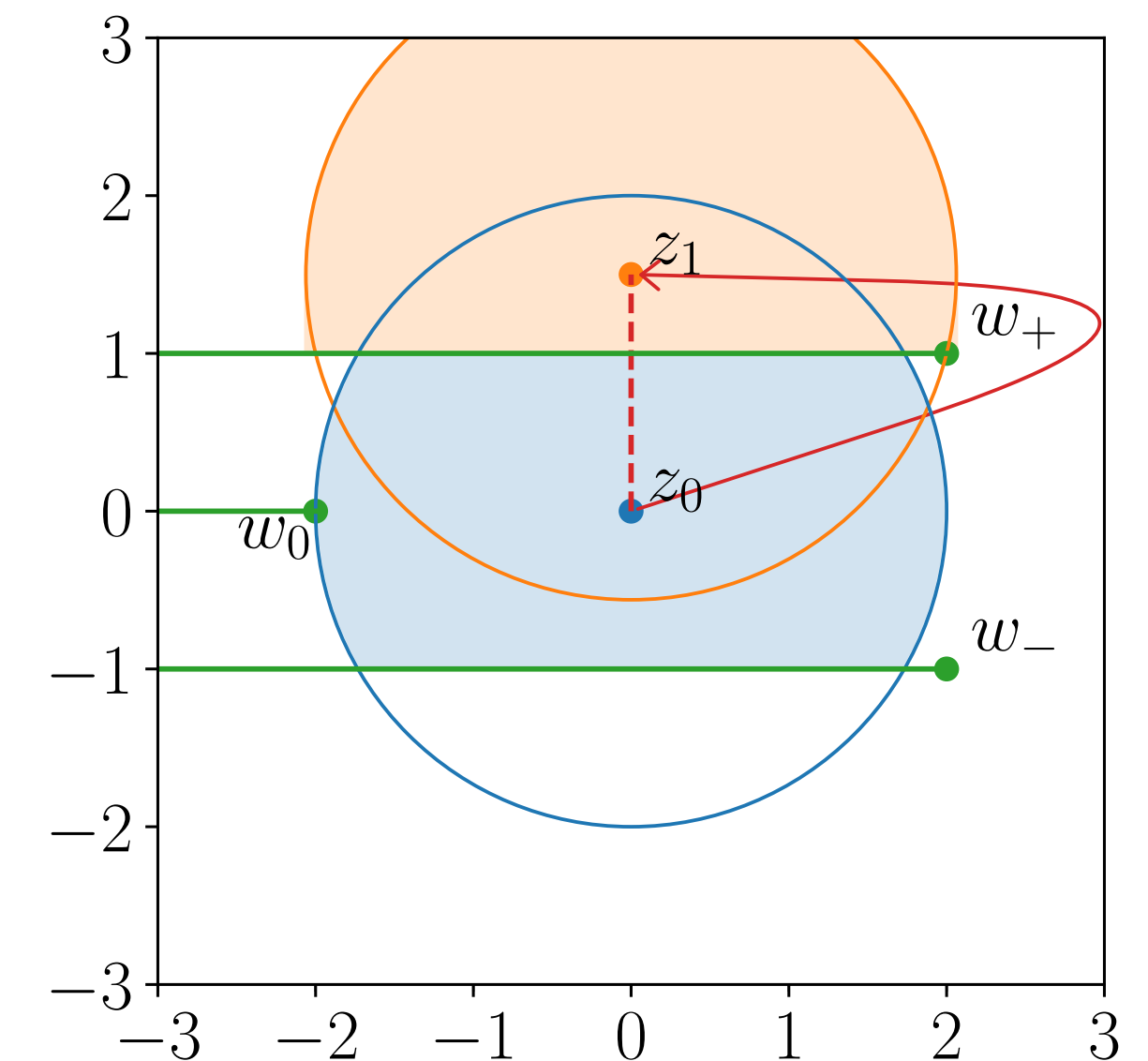
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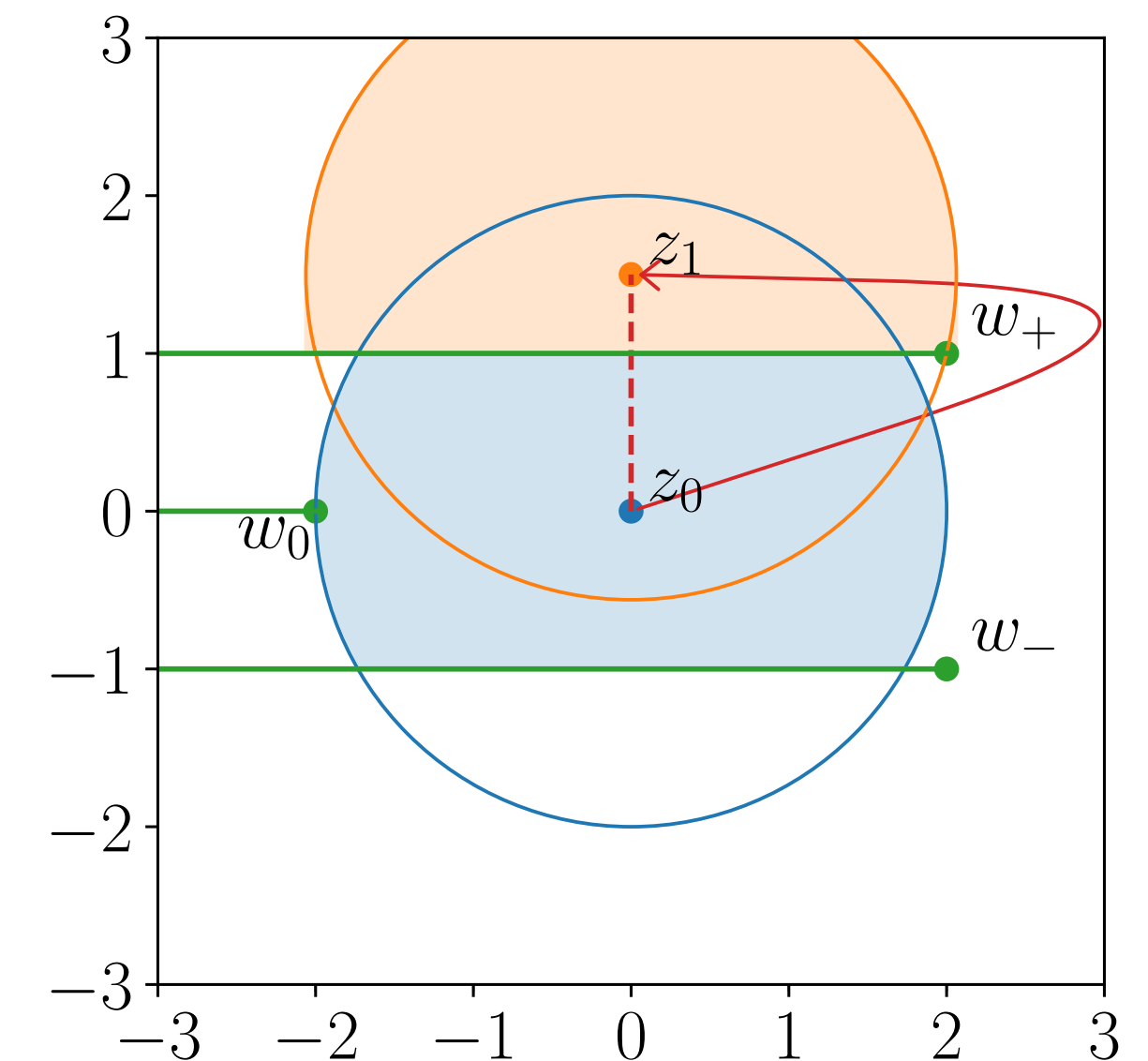
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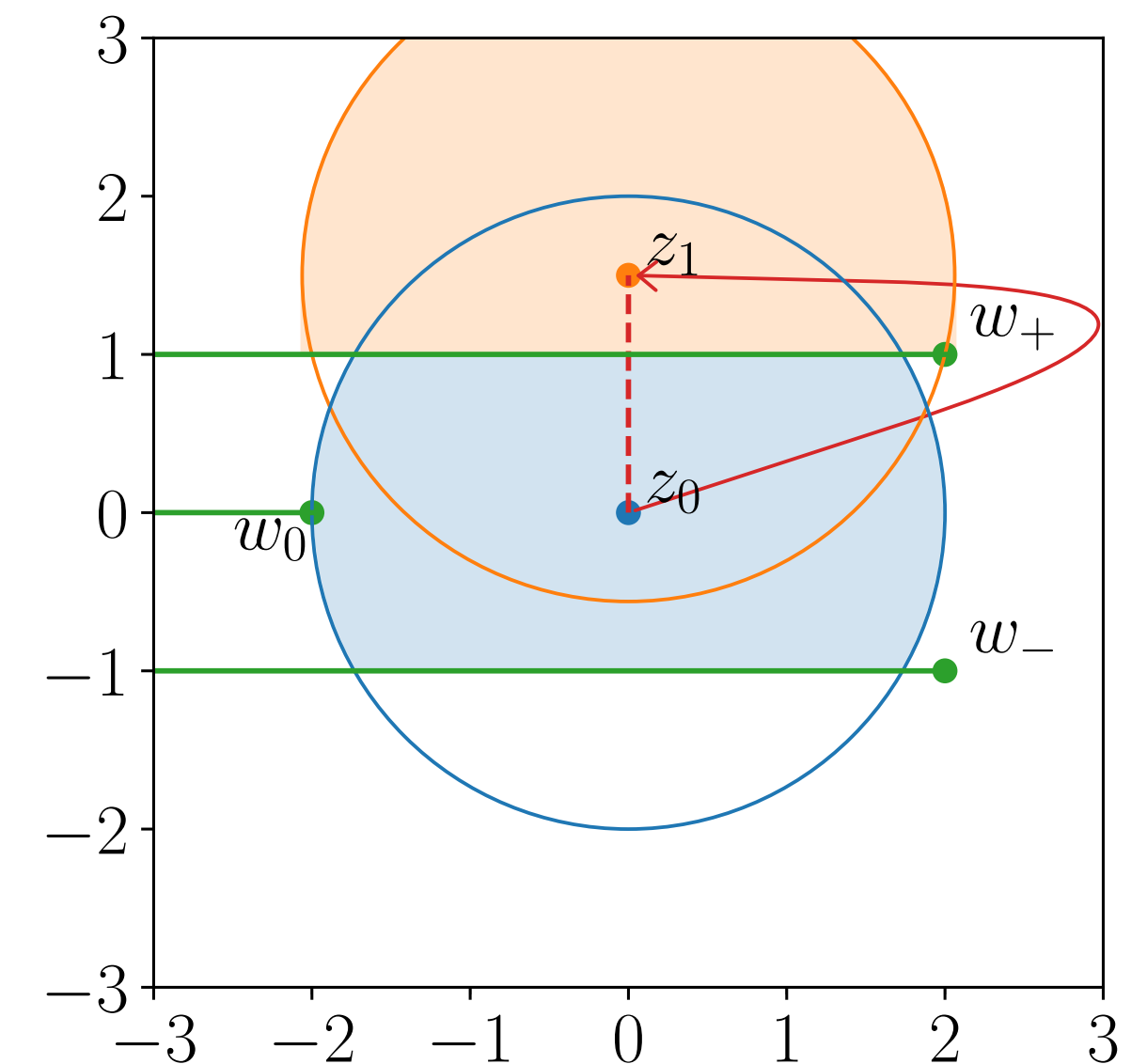
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Pros: fully general approach valid for an arbitrary loop integral

Issues with increasing number of MIs:

- writing the differential equations
- evaluation time (size of the system + length of each matrix element)

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NNLO QCD-EW corrections to NC and CC Drell-Yan feature 0, 1, or 2 internal massive lines

dependence on 2 kinematical invariants (s,t)

NNLO EW corrections to NC Drell-Yan feature up to 5 internal massive lines (2 distinct masses, external fermions massless)

The solution of the MIs can be obtained with different approaches (depending on the problem complexity)

Solution of the MIs differential equations:

solution in closed form in terms of special functions

GINAC

GPLs, elliptic polylogs, elliptic functions

→ availability of the relevant power series

→ arbitrary precision

solution via power expansions

DiffExp

→ full analytical control but no functional relations

SeaSyde

AMFlow

MIs direct numerical integration:

sector decomposition allows to reorganise the integration

PySecDec

→ great flexibility but reduced numerical precision compared to the other approaches

→ sufficient for gauge cancellations?

The evaluation time of the problem grows with the number of energy scales

the number of coupled MIs, each with increasing complexity, determines a longer evaluation time

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Precision phenomenology

In CC DY, one grid requires $O(3 \text{ weeks})$ to be prepared: too long! e.g. if we need $O(100)$ templates for MW studies

\rightarrow exploit analytical properties

Fast numerical evaluation with arbitrary W -mass values

Compute once, for a given value \bar{m}_W of the W boson mass, the numerical grid $\mathcal{M}^{(1,1)} = \mathcal{M}^{(1,1)}(\bar{m}_W)$

To determine $\mathcal{M}^{(1,1)} = \mathcal{M}^{(1,1)}(m_W)$

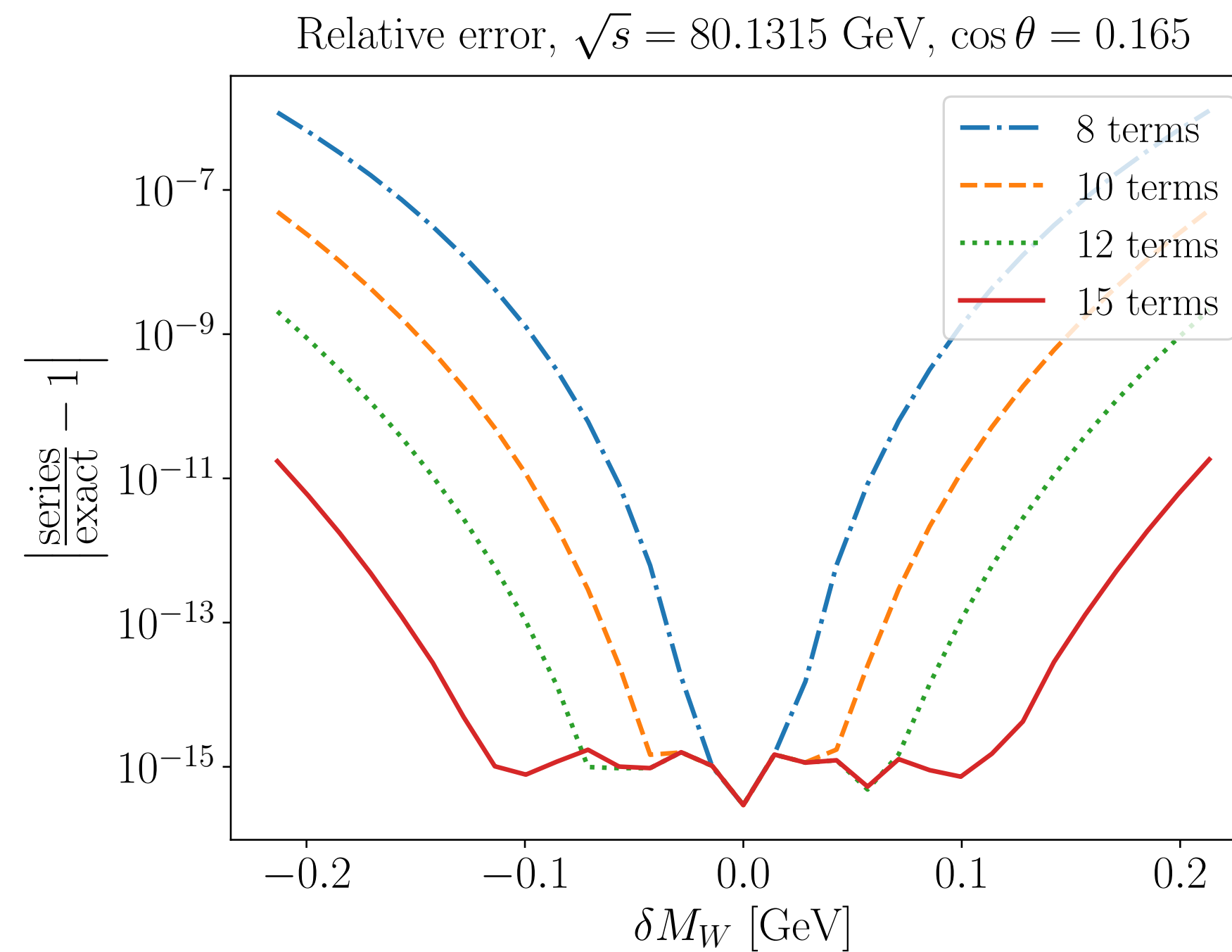
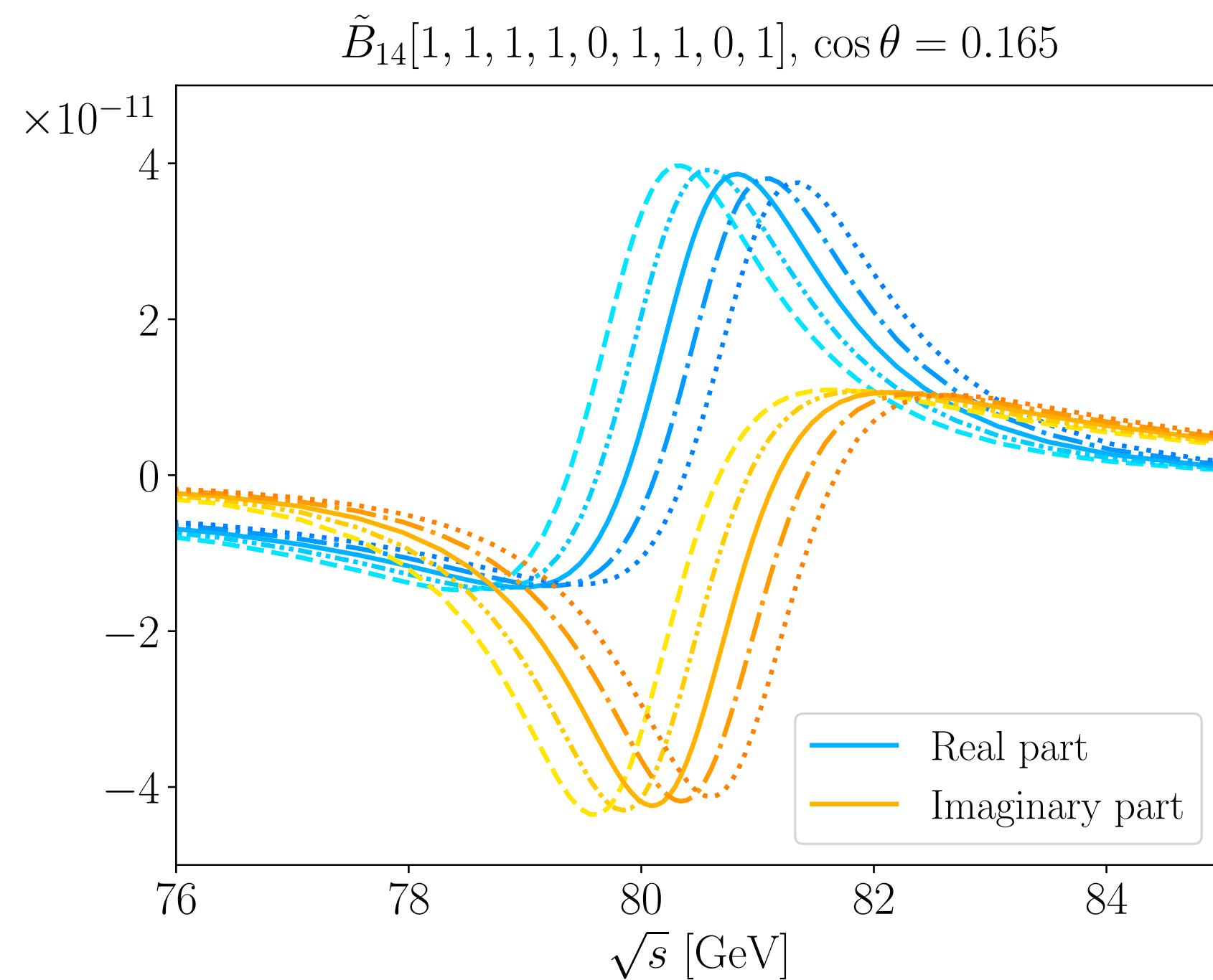
solving the differential equations w.r.t. m_W ,

the first grid $\mathcal{M}^{(1,1)} = \mathcal{M}^{(1,1)}(\bar{m}_W)$ is the boundary condition

The solution is cast as a “symbolic grid” with 3250 power series in $\delta m_W = m_W - \bar{m}_W$,

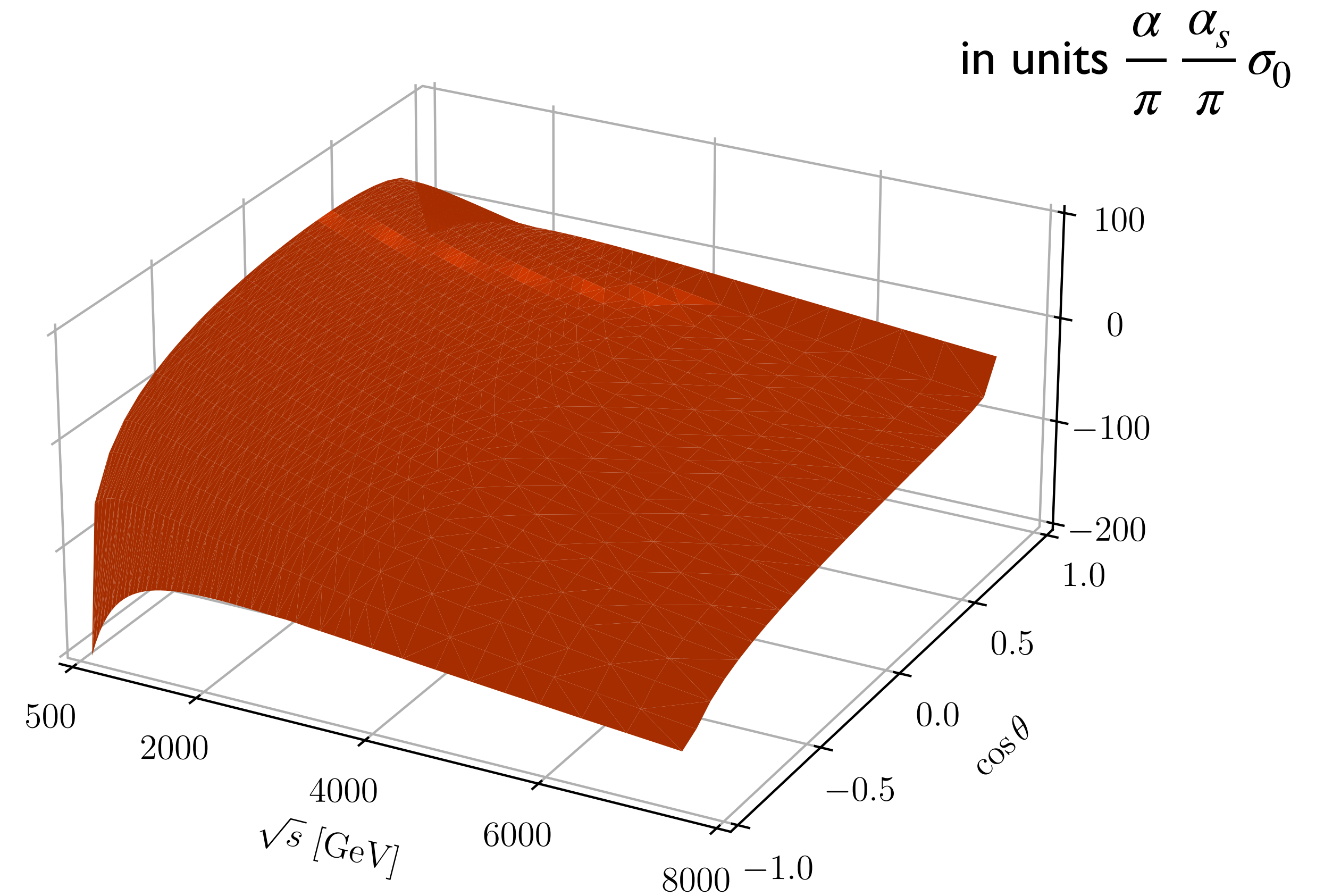
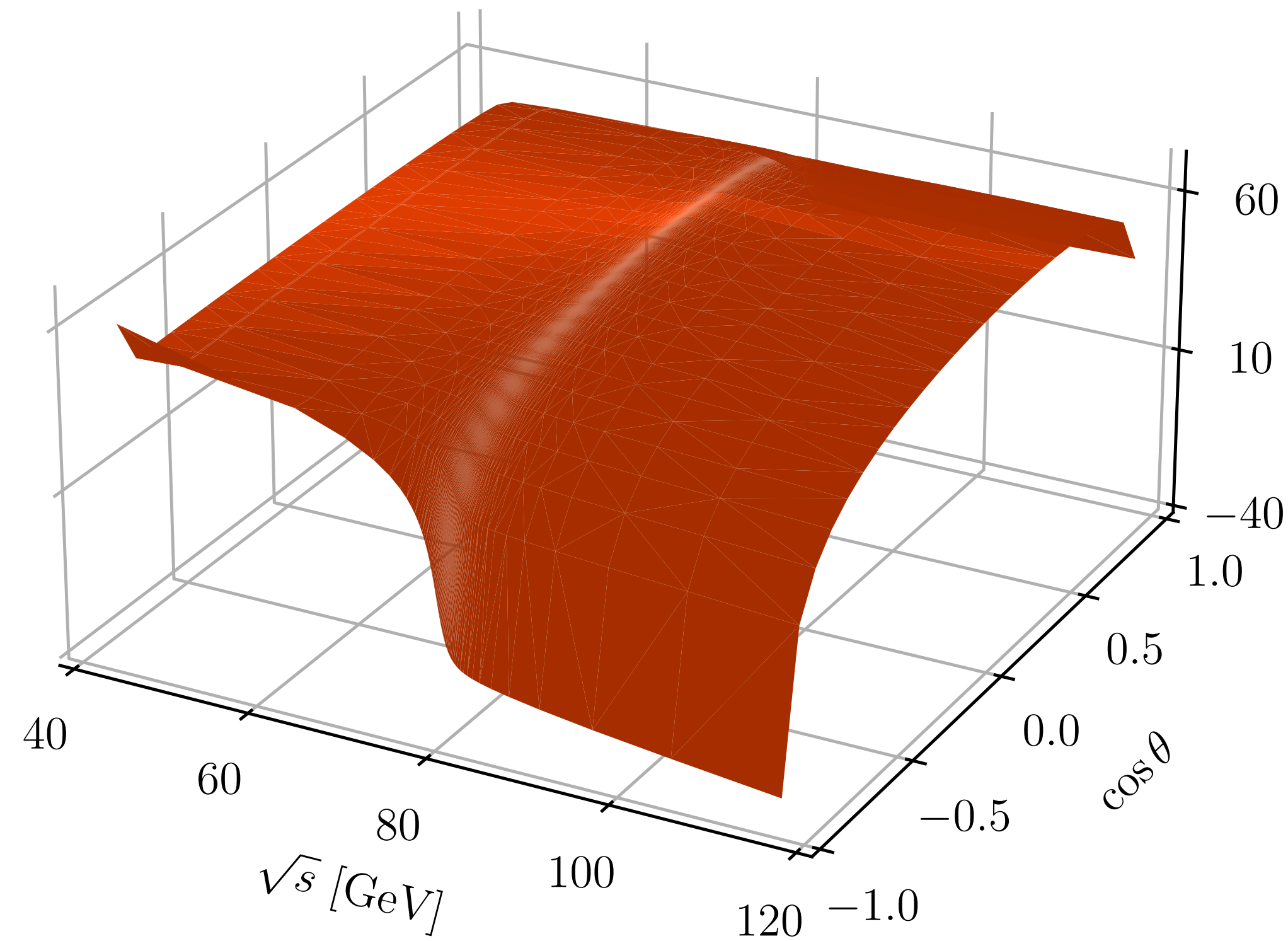
For a generic m_W choice,

the actual numerical grid is evaluated in negligible time and available for simulation



Finite 2-loop exact QCD-EW virtual corrections to Charged-Current Drell-Yan

T.Armadillo, R.Bonciani, S.Devoto, N.Rana, AV, arXiv:2405.00612



- Ready for MC simulation
- Expected large effects at large transverse masses, analogously to the NC DY case
- Improved theoretical stability in PDFs determination at (sub)percent level
- Relevance in the discussion of the W resonance region, when matching fixed-order and QCD-QED resummation $\rightarrow m_W$ fit

Conclusions

Precision

- The NNLO (QCD + QCDxEW + EW) corrections are needed to match the final HL-LHC precision

Steady progress is pushing the frontier of NNLO calculations from QCD-EW to full EW

These results will be the core of the calculations needed at the FCC-ee to describe fermion-pair production in the whole energy range

The Standard Model benchmark

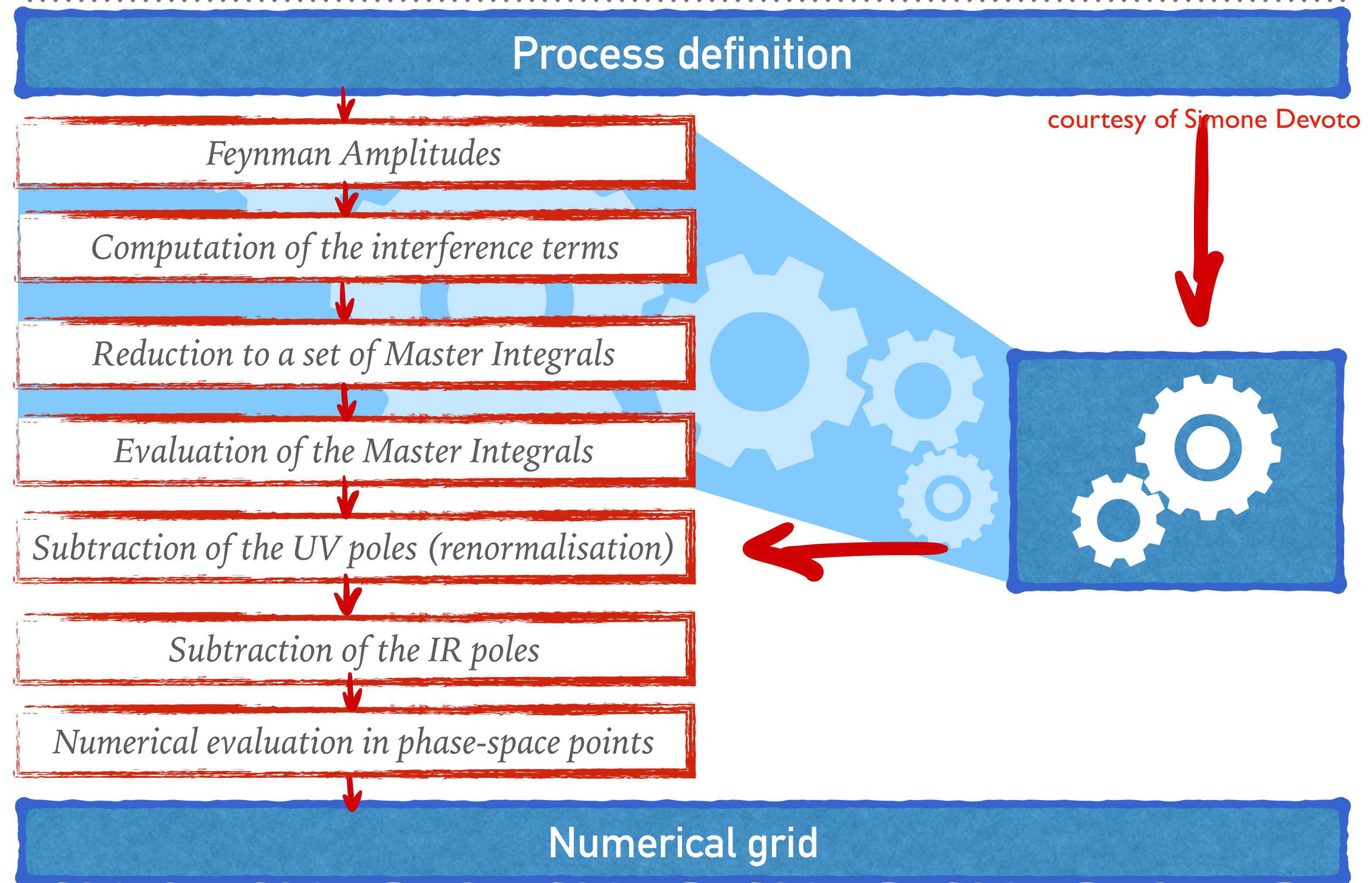
- The availability of these corrections will establish the SM benchmark with precision comparable to the data
→ increase the significance of an observed deviation, as a function of energy → relevant to SMEFT studies

The computational burden

- Precision phenomenology requires:
 - significant computational resources to achieve the necessary precision level
 - renewed mathematical effort to simplify the representation of the problem
 - efficient multidimensional interpolation techniques (is ML at this precision level?)

Thank you

STRUCTURE OF A LOOP COMPUTATION



courtesy of Simone Devoto

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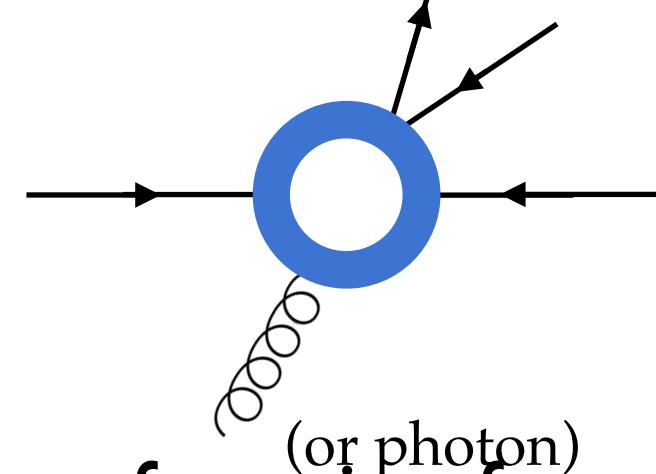
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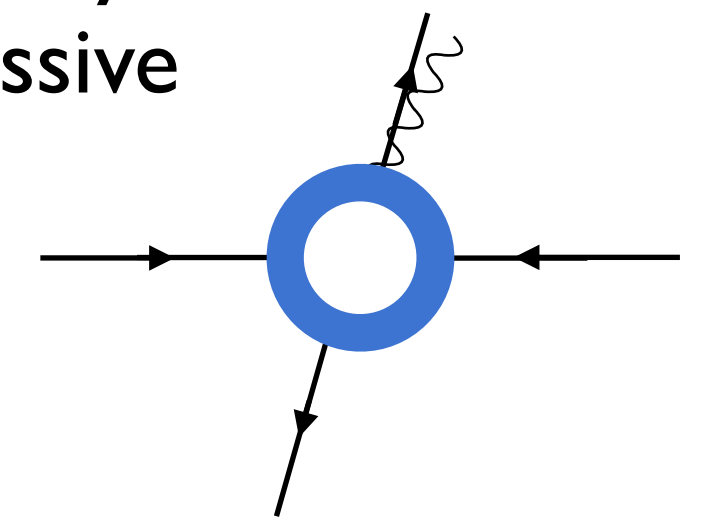
the gauge-boson phase space is split into $q_T = 0$ and $q_T > 0$ regions

$$r_{cut} = q_T^{cut} / Q$$

for ISR, if $q_T > 0$ the emitted parton is always resolved and the process under study receives only NLO corrections which can be handled with Catani-Seymour dipoles



in the FSR case, with $q_T > 0$, the emitted parton is always resolved only if the emitter is massive



the final state consists of a pair of **massive leptons** (treated as bare) to regulate the collinear (mass) singularities

The q_T -subtraction and the residual cut-off dependency

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Logarithmic sensitivity on r_{cut} in the double unresolved limit $\int d\sigma_R^{(1,1)} \sim \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i \ln^i r_{cut} + c_0 + \mathcal{O}(r_{cut}^m)$

The counterterm removes the IR sensitivity to the cutoff variable $\int \left(d\sigma_R^{(1,1)} - d\sigma_{CT}^{(1,1)} \right) \sim c_0 + \mathcal{O}(r_{cut}^m)$

→ we need small values of the cutoff

→ explicit numerical tests to quantify the bias induced by the cutoff choice

(cfr. Buonocore, Kallweit, Rottoli, Wiesemann, arXiv:2111.13661
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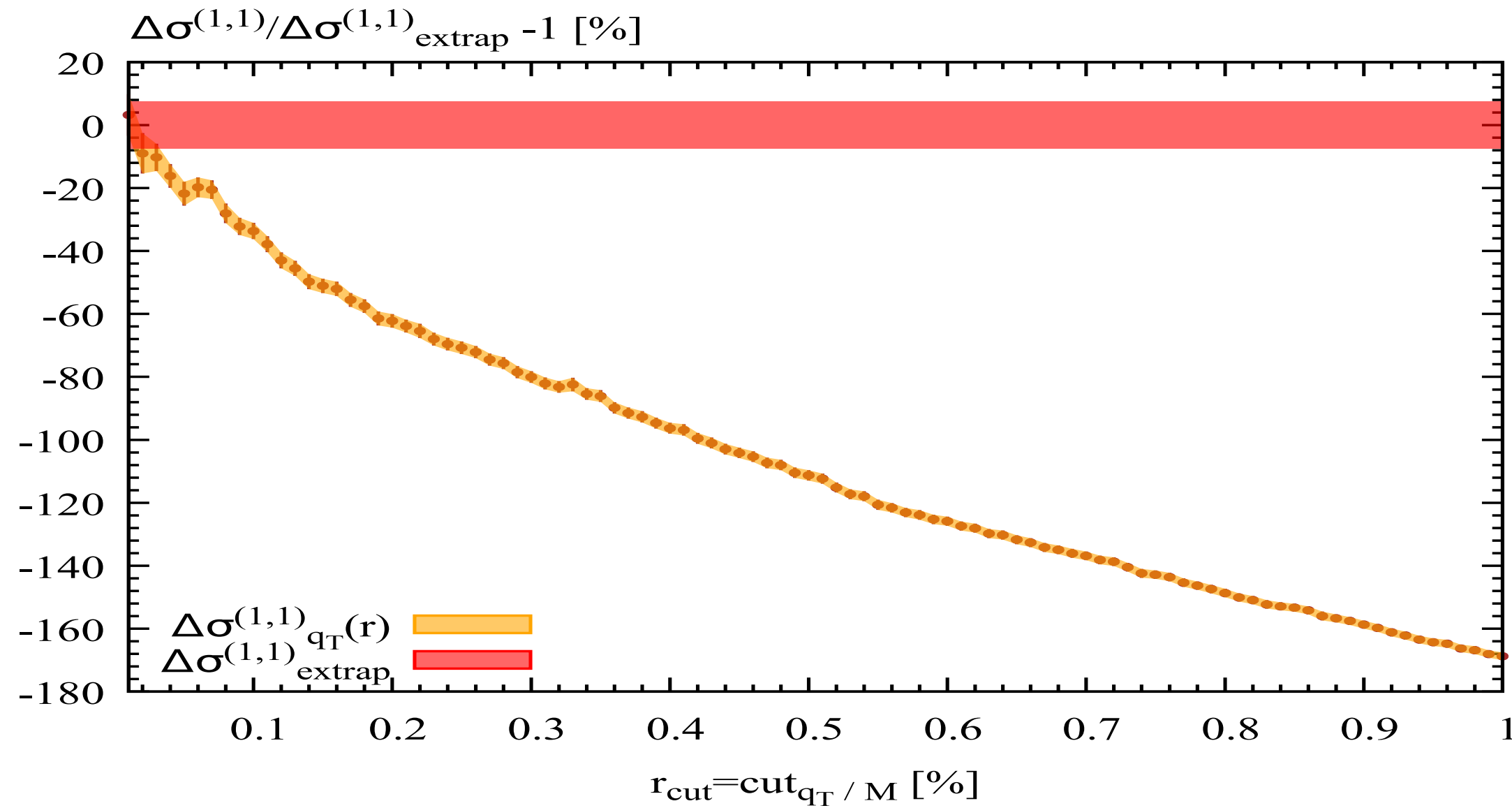
we can fit the r_{cut} dependence and extrapolate in the $r_{cut} \rightarrow 0$ limit

Dependence on r_{cut} of the NNLO QCD-EW corrections to NC DY

courtesy of S.Kallweit

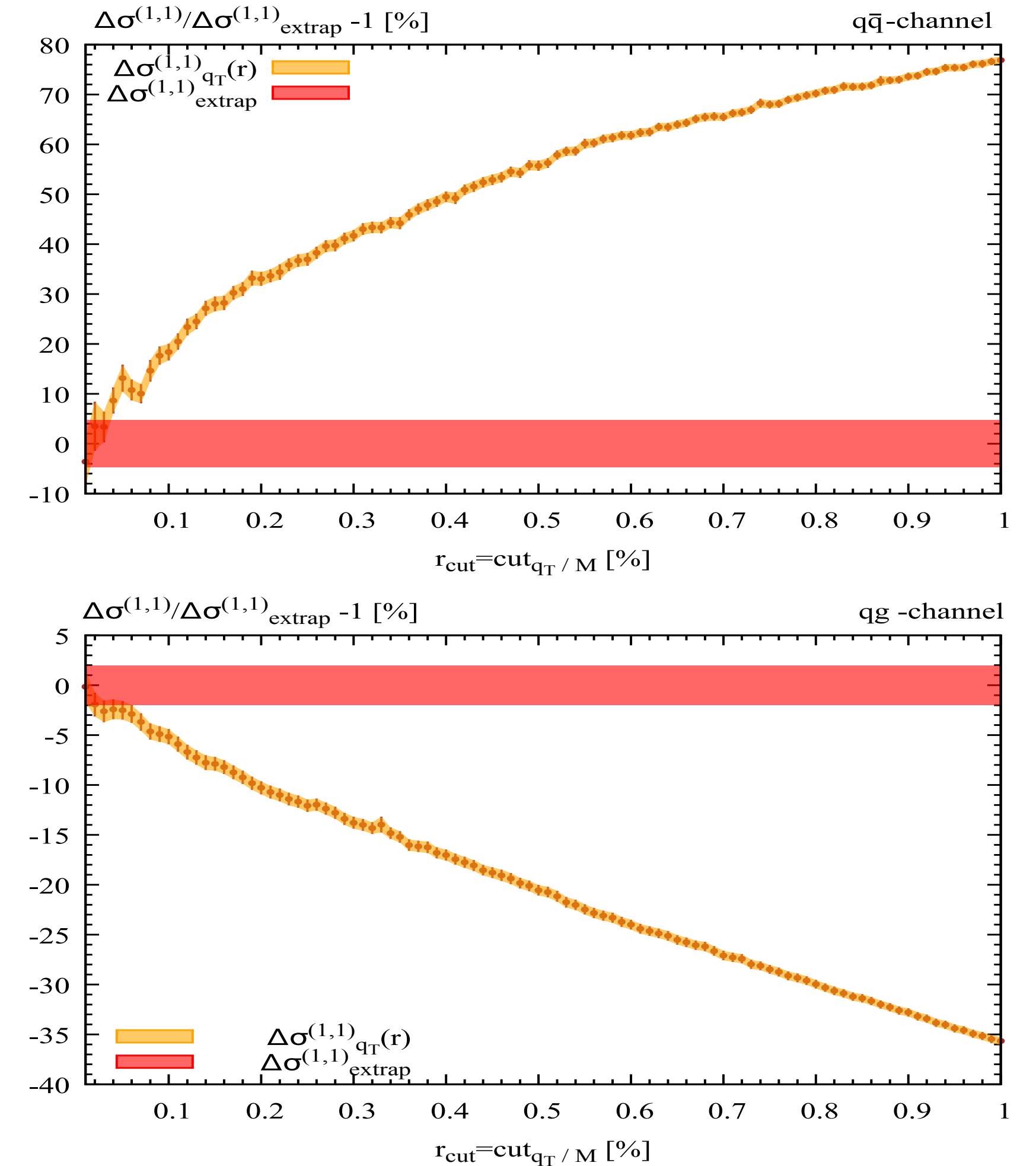
Symmetric-cut scenario

$$p_{T,\ell^\pm} > 25 \text{ GeV} \quad y_{\ell^\pm} < 2.5 \quad m_{\ell\ell} > 50 \text{ GeV}$$



- **large power corrections in r_{cut} for mixed corrections**
 - ➔ explained by overall small size of corrections, and in parts also by cancellation between partonic channels
- **by far less dramatic dependence at level of cross sections**
 - ➔ better than permille precision at inclusive level

Splitting into partonic channels



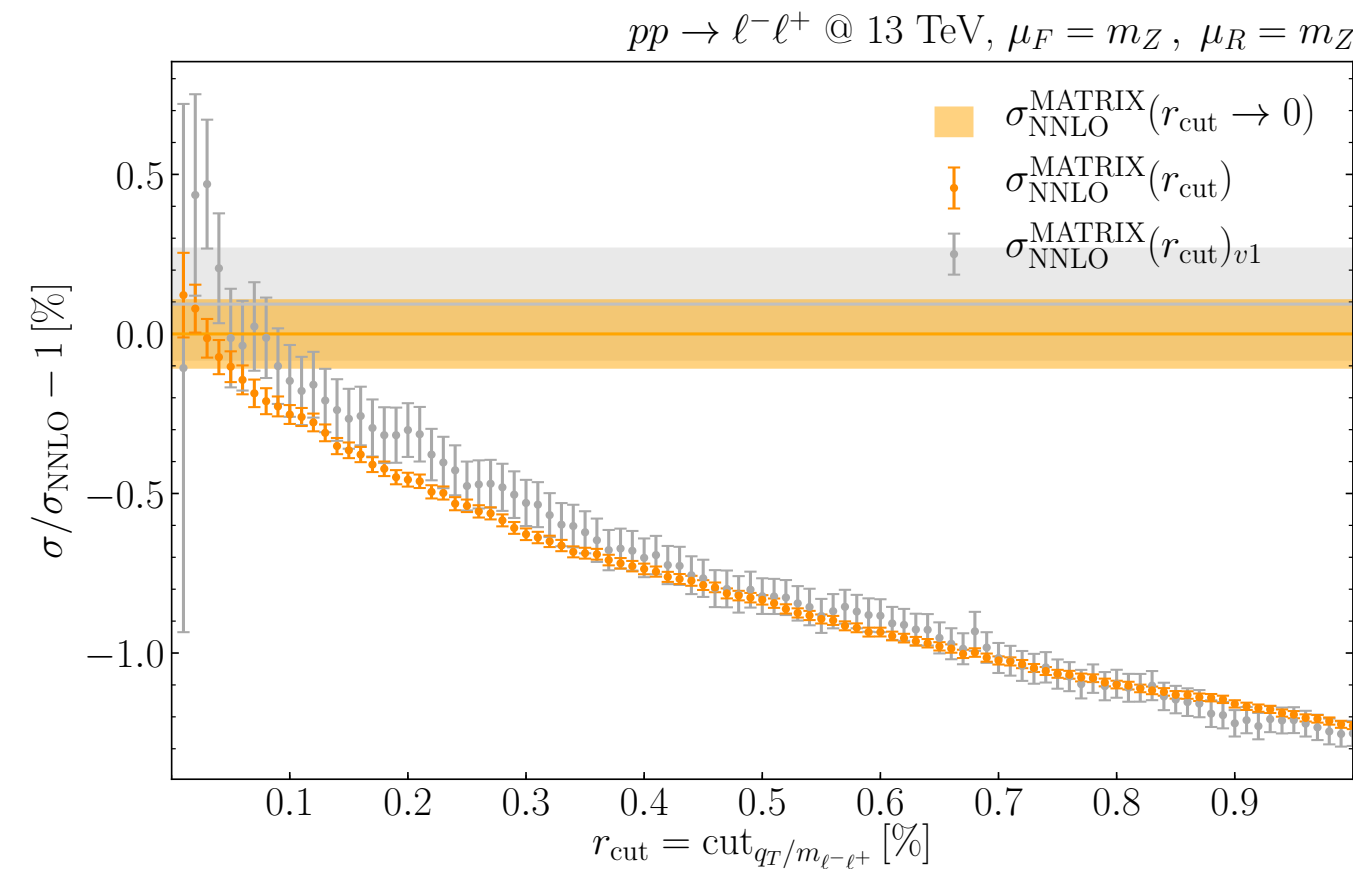
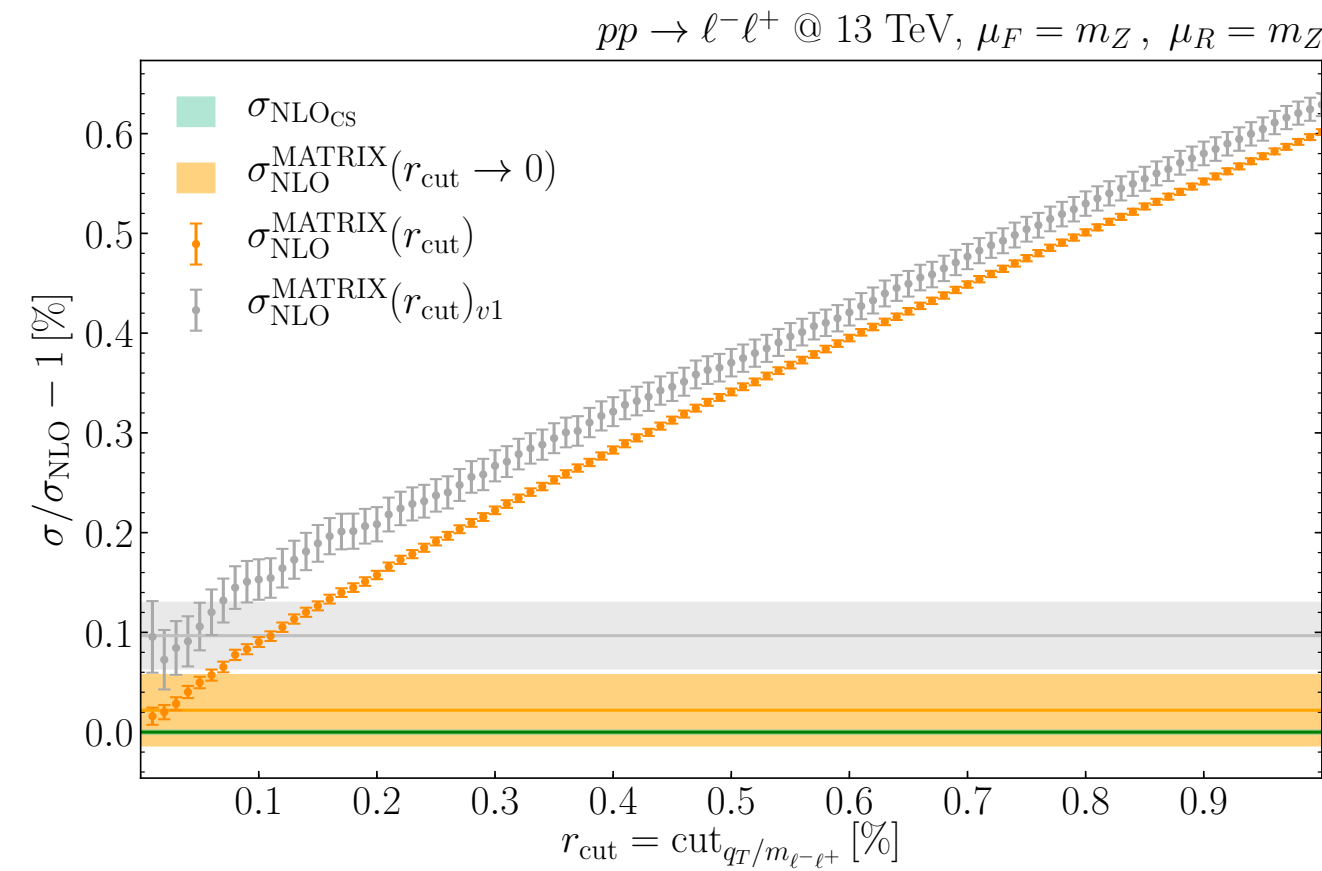
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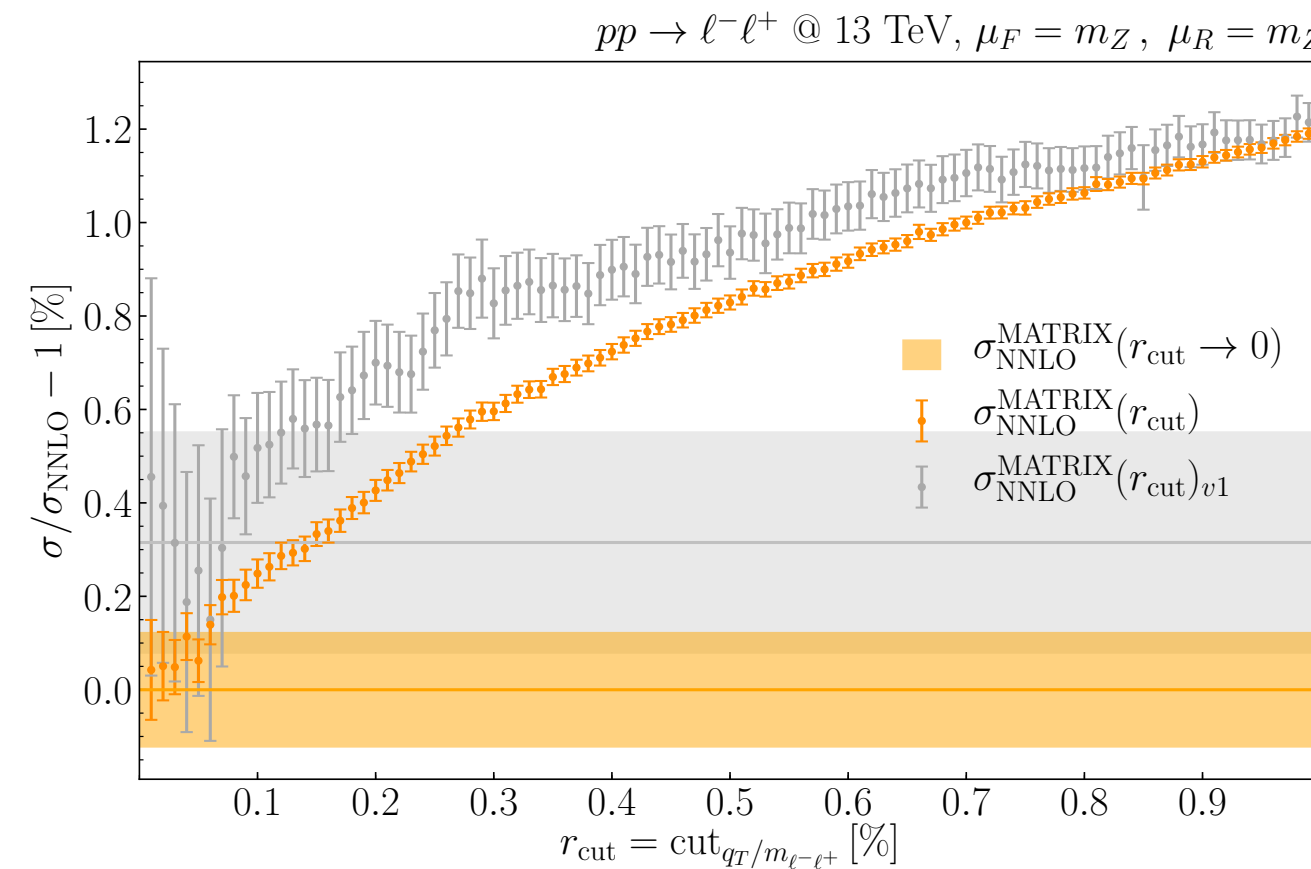
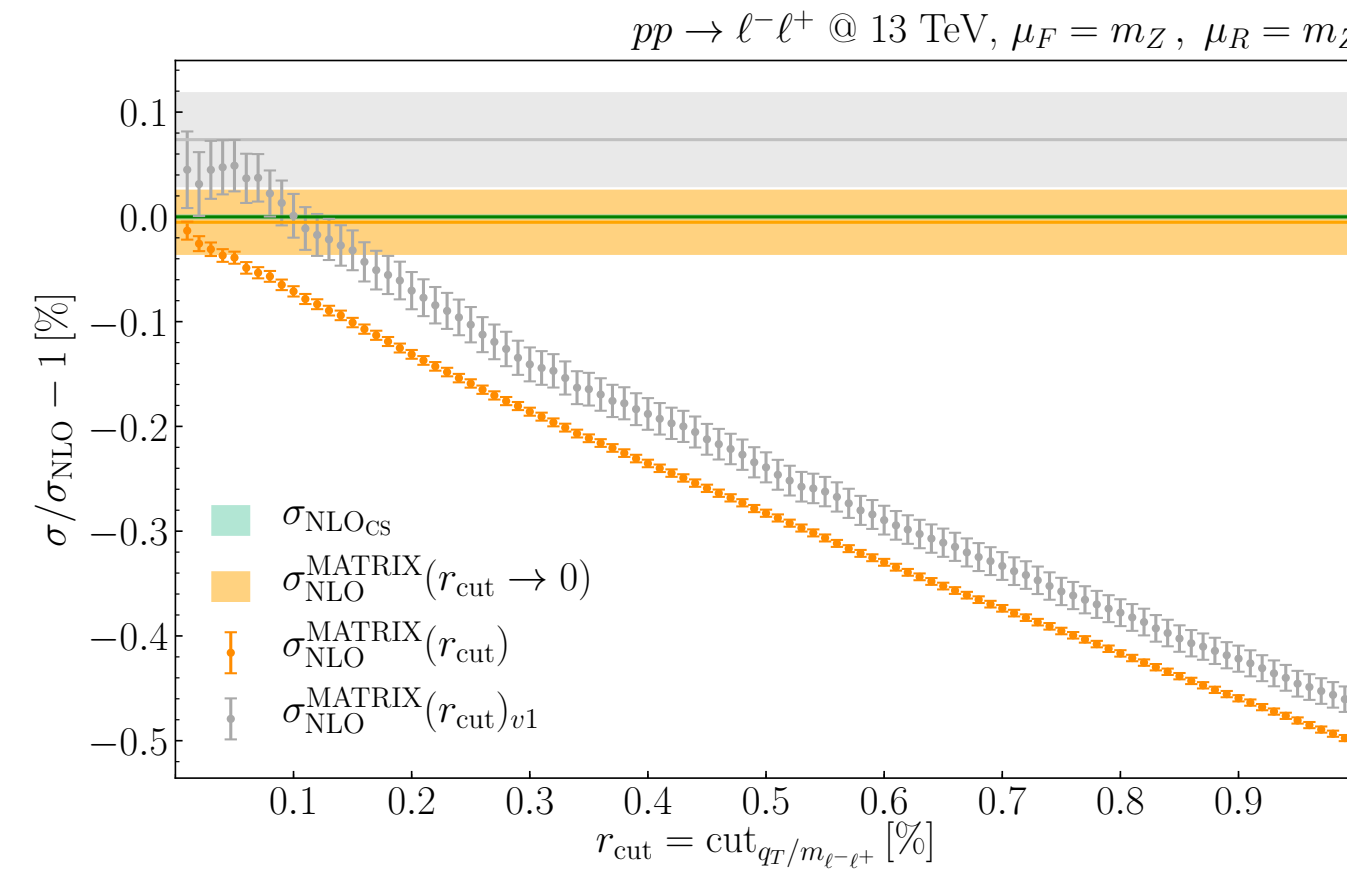
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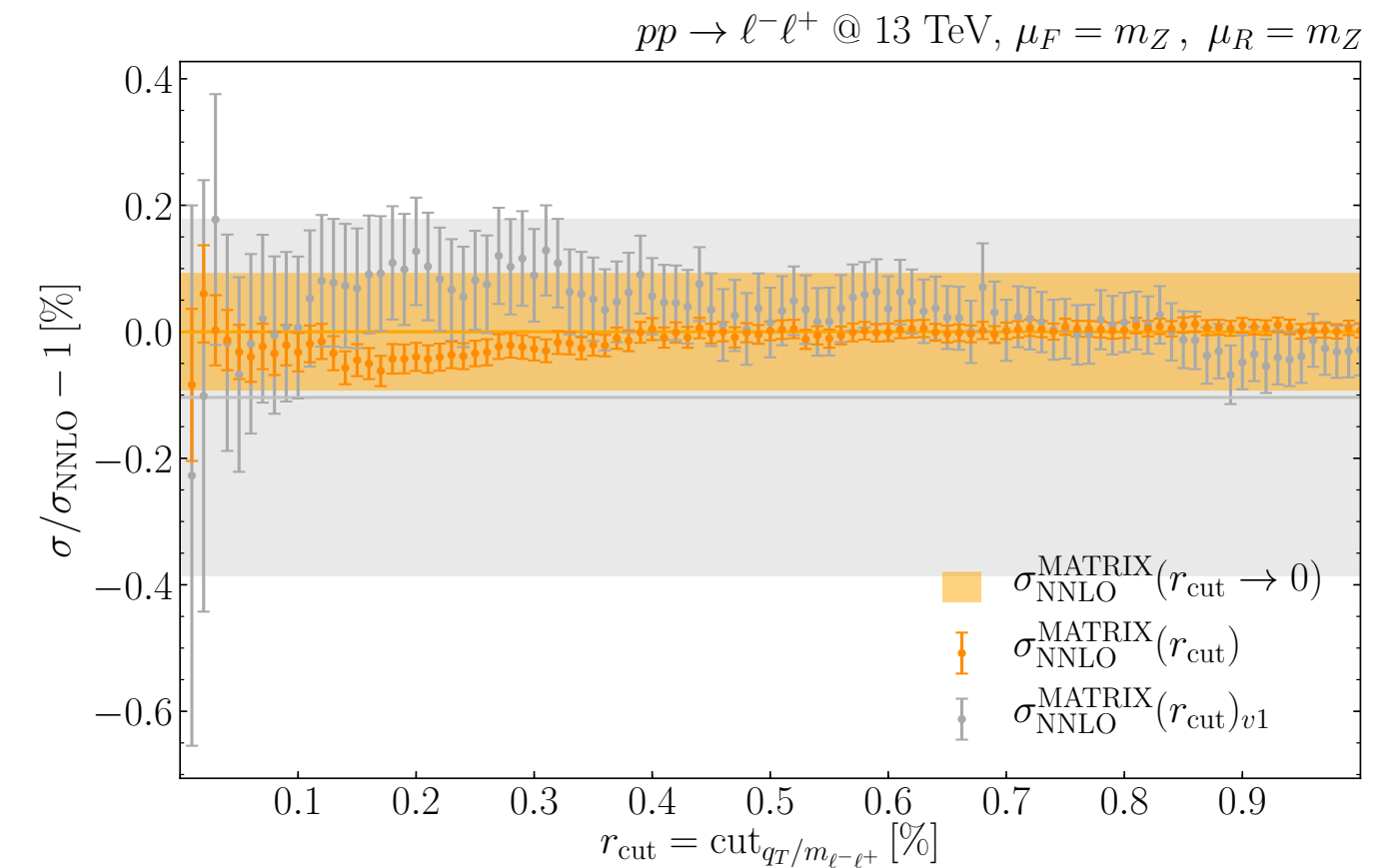
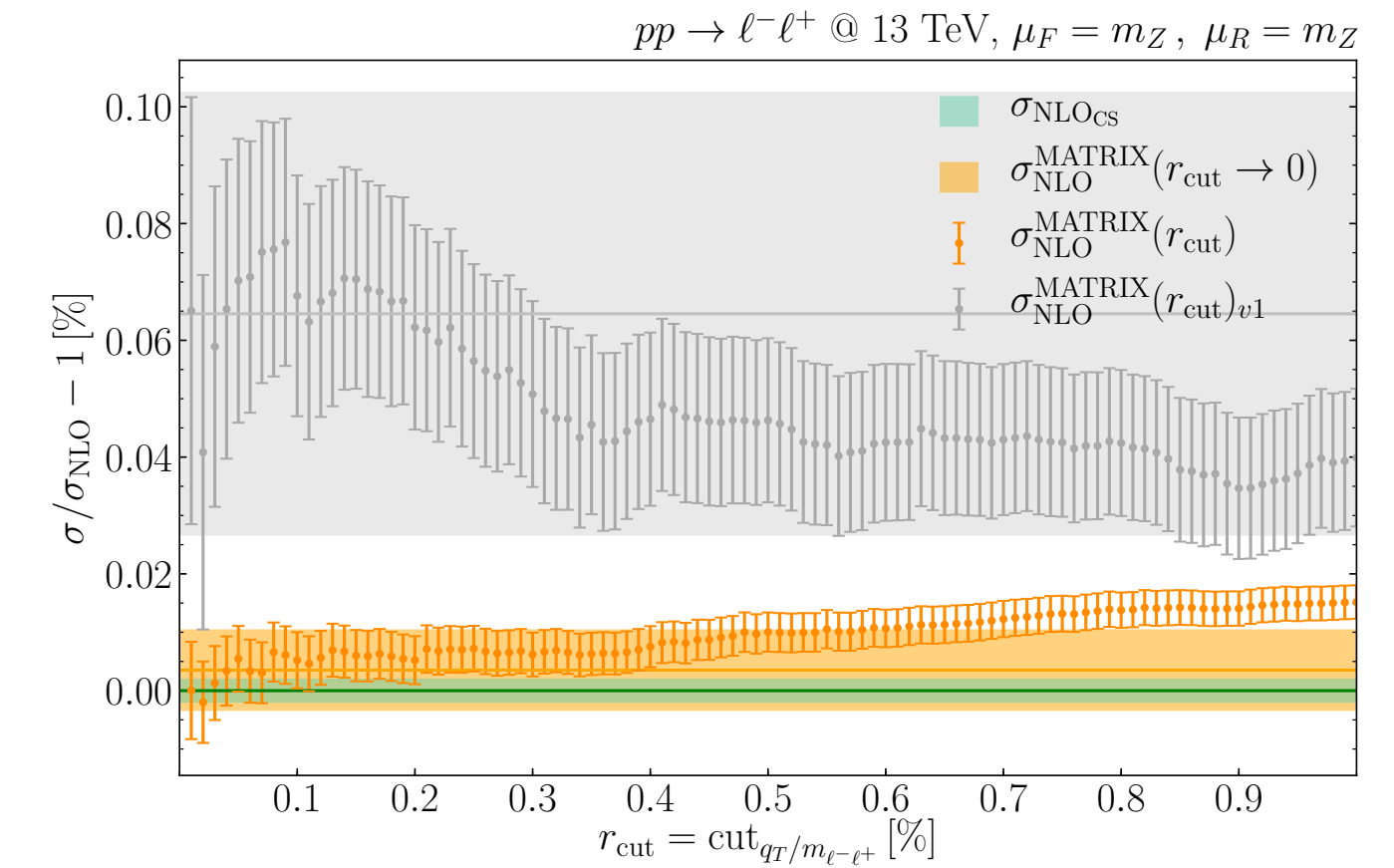
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Asymmetric cuts on ℓ^+ and ℓ^-

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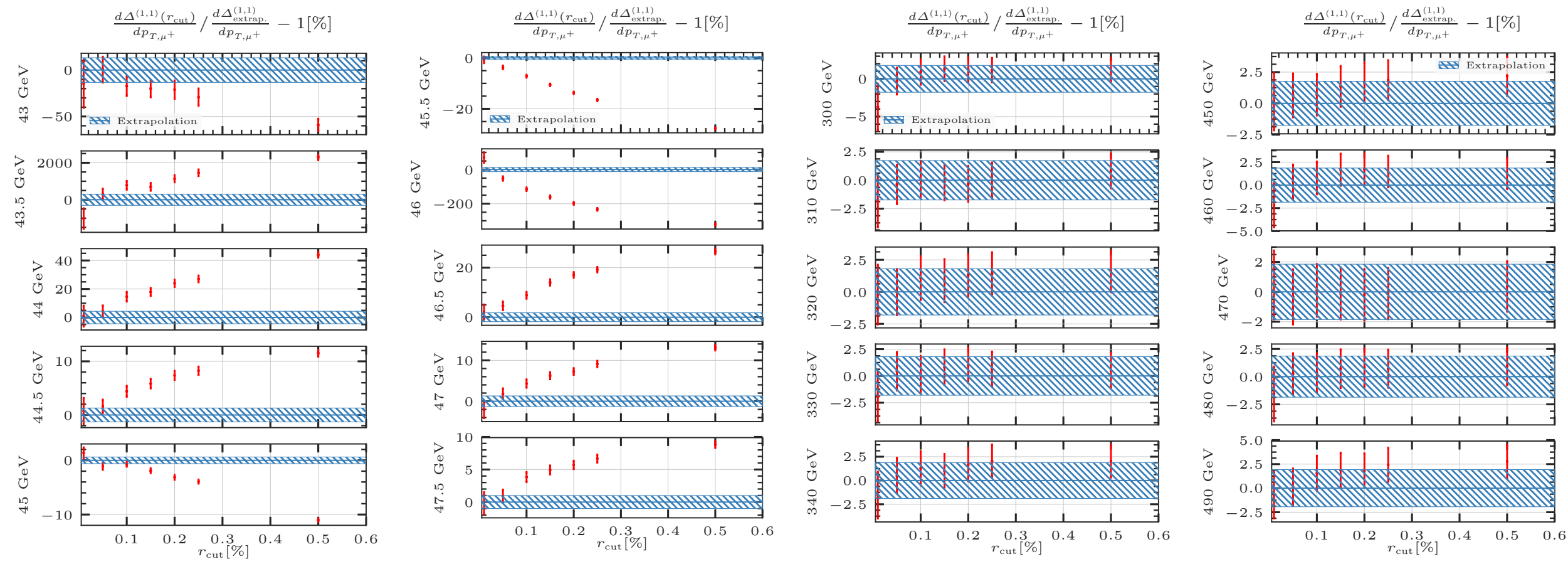


➔ no significant dependence on r_{cut}

Differential sensitivity to r_{cut}

Binwise r_{cut} dependence of the mixed NNLO QCD–EW corrections for NC Drell–Yan

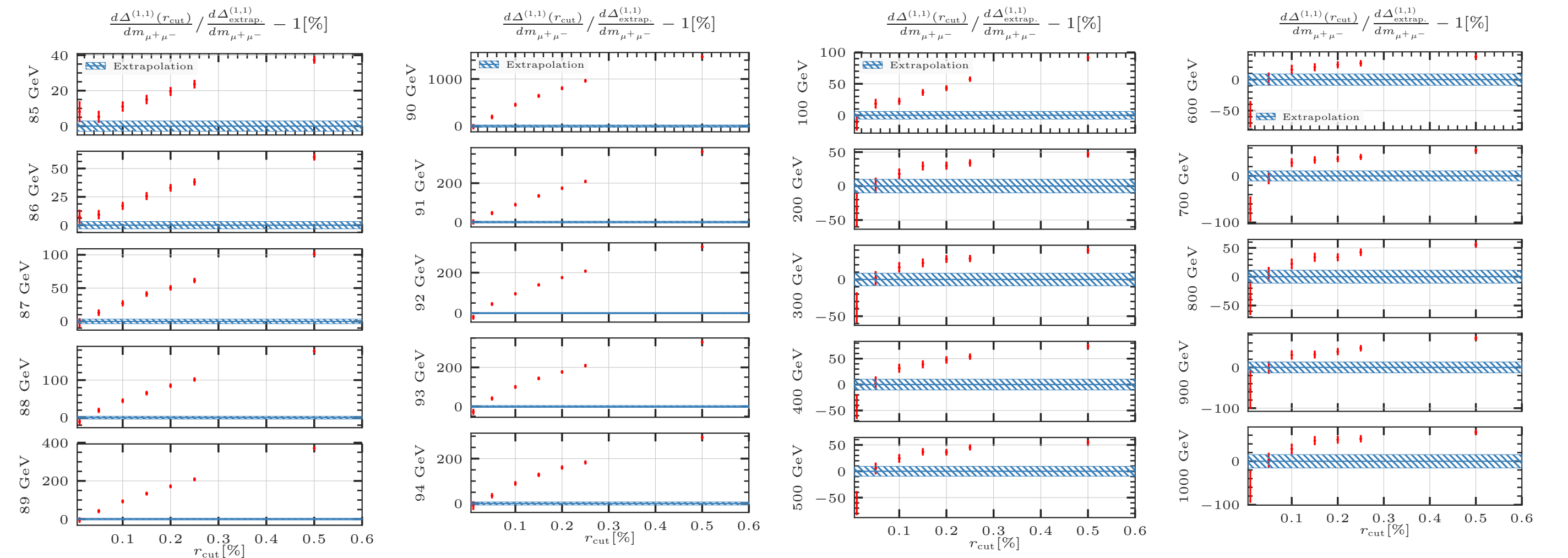
Differential distribution in p_{T,μ^+} : peak (left panels) and tail (right panels) regions



→ large r_{cut} dependence in particular around the peak of the distribution, and typically precision of $\lesssim 3\%$ on the relative mixed QCD–EW corrections (artificially large where corrections are basically zero)

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Differential distribution in $m_{\mu^+\mu^-}$: peak (left panels) and tail (right panels) regions



→ quite large r_{cut} dependence throughout, and lower numerical precision of $\gtrsim 10\%$ on the relative mixed QCD–EW corrections (but still permille-level precision at the level of cross sections)

Subtraction of the IR divergences from the 2-loop amplitude

we identify QCD-QED (poles up to $1/\epsilon^4$) and QCD-weak (poles up to $1/\epsilon^2$ with cumbersome coefficients) diagrams

$$|\mathcal{M}^{(1,0),fin}\rangle = |\mathcal{M}^{(1,0)}\rangle - \mathcal{I}^{(1,0)} |\mathcal{M}^{(0)}\rangle, \quad \text{standard NLO-QCD subtraction}$$

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$$\mathcal{I}^{(1,0)} = \left(\frac{s}{\mu^2}\right)^{-\epsilon} C_F \left(-\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon}(3 + 2i\pi) + \zeta_2\right),$$

$$\Gamma_l^{(0,1)} = -\frac{1}{4} \left[Q_l^2 (1 - i\pi) + Q_l^2 \log\left(\frac{m_l^2}{s}\right) + 2Q_u Q_l \log\left(\frac{(2p_1 \cdot p_4)}{s}\right) - 2Q_d Q_l \log\left(\frac{(2p_2 \cdot p_4)}{s}\right) \right]$$

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The analytical check of the cancellation of the IR poles in the QCD-weak sector is one very demanding test of the calculation.

In CC-DY for the first time we achieved a completely numerical check of the cancellation of all the IR poles

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$$2\text{Re}\langle \mathcal{M}^{(0,0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(1,1)} \rangle = \sum_{k=-4}^0 \varepsilon^k f_i(s, t, m) \quad \text{after UV renormalisation the poles are only of IR origin}$$

$$| \mathcal{M}_{fin} \rangle \equiv (1 - I) | \mathcal{M} \rangle \quad H \propto \langle \mathcal{M}_0 | \mathcal{M}_{fin} \rangle$$

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NLO-QCD NLO-EW NNLO QCD-EW

The double virtual amplitude: UV renormalization

G.Degrassi, AV, hep-ph/0307122, S.Dittmaier, T.Schmidt, J.Schwarz, arXiv:2009.02229 S.Dittmaier, arXiv:2101.05154

Complex mass scheme

$$\mu_{W0}^2 = \mu_W^2 + \delta\mu_W^2, \quad \mu_{Z0}^2 = \mu_Z^2 + \delta\mu_Z^2, \quad e_0 = e + \delta e$$

$$\frac{\delta s^2}{s^2} = \frac{c^2}{s^2} \left(\frac{\delta\mu_Z^2}{\mu_Z^2} - \frac{\delta\mu_W^2}{\mu_W^2} \right)$$

the mass counterterms are defined
at the complex pole of the propagator

the weak mixing angle is complex valued $c^2 \equiv \mu_W^2/\mu_Z^2$

BFG EW Ward identity \rightarrow cancellation of the UV divergences combining vertex and fermion WF corrections

The bare couplings of Z and photon to fermions
in the (G_μ, μ_W, μ_Z) input scheme
are given by

$$\frac{g_0}{c_0} = \sqrt{4\sqrt{2}G_\mu\mu_Z^2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2}\Delta r + \frac{1}{2} \left(2\frac{\delta e}{e} + \frac{s^2 - c^2}{c^2} \frac{\delta s^2}{s^2} \right) \right] \equiv \sqrt{4\sqrt{2}G_\mu\mu_Z^2} (1 + \delta g_Z^{G_\mu})$$

$$g_0 s_0 = \sqrt{4\sqrt{2}G_\mu\mu_W^2 s^2} \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} (-\Delta r + 2\frac{\delta e}{e}) \right] \equiv e_{ren}^{G_\mu} (1 + \delta g_A^{G_\mu})$$

Gauge boson renormalised propagators

$$\Sigma_{R,T}^{AA}(q^2) = \Sigma_T^{AA}(q^2) + 2q^2 \delta g_A$$

$$\Sigma_{R,T}^{ZZ}(q^2) = \Sigma_T^{ZZ}(q^2) - \delta\mu_Z^2 + 2(q^2 - \mu_Z^2) \delta g_Z$$

$$\Sigma_{R,T}^{AZ}(q^2) = \Sigma_T^{AZ}(q^2) - q^2 \frac{\delta s^2}{sc}$$

$$\Sigma_{R,T}^{ZA}(q^2) = \Sigma_T^{ZA}(q^2) - q^2 \frac{\delta s^2}{sc},$$

After the UV renormalisation, the singular structure is entirely due to IR soft and/or collinear singularities

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- 't Hooft-Veltman treat γ_5 (anti)commuting in (4) $n - 4$ dimensions preserving the cyclicity of the traces (one counterterm is needed)
- Kreimer treats γ_5 anticommuting in n dimensions, abandoning the cyclicity of the traces (\rightarrow need of a starting point)
- Heller, von Manteuffel, Schabinger verified that the IR-subtracted squared matrix element are identical in the two approaches

- we adopted the naive anticommuting prescription (Kreimer); we use $\gamma_5 = \frac{i}{4!} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma$ to compute traces with one γ_5
 - we computed the 2-loop amplitude and, independently, the IR subtraction term; both depend on the prescription chosen
 - the cancellation of all the lowest order poles is checked (and non trivial)
 - absence of fermionic triangles because of colour conservation

Differential equations and IBPs

- Not all the Feynman integrals in one amplitude are independent
 → exploit Integration-by-parts (IBP) and Lorentz identities to reduce to a basis of independent Master Integrals

$$\int \frac{d^n k_1}{(2\pi)^n} \int \frac{d^n k_2}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{\partial}{\partial k_1^\mu} \frac{(k_1^\mu, k_2^\mu, p_r^\mu)}{[k_1^2 - m_0^2]^{\alpha_0} [(k_1 + p_1)^2 - m_1^2]^{\alpha_1} \dots [(k_1 + k_2 + p_j)^2 - m_j^2]^{\alpha_j} \dots [(k_2 + p_l)^2 - m_l^2]^{\alpha_l}} = 0$$

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Differential equations and IBPs

- Not all the Feynman integrals in one amplitude are independent
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- The independent Master Integrals (MIs) satisfy a system of first-order linear differential equations with respect to each of the kinematical invariants / internal masses

When considering the complete set of MIs, the system can be cast in homogeneous form: $d\vec{I}(\vec{s}; \varepsilon) = \mathbf{A}(\vec{s}; \varepsilon) \cdot \vec{I}(\vec{s}; \varepsilon)$

$$\frac{d}{dk^2} \text{ (circle with wavy lines) } + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{(D-3)}{(k^2 + 4m^2)} \right] \text{ (circle with wavy lines) } = -\frac{(D-2)}{4m^2} \left[\frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{1}{(k^2 + 4m^2)} \right] \text{ (circle with wavy lines) }$$

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A Simple Example

$$\begin{cases} f'(x) + \frac{1}{x^2 - 4x + 5} f(x) = \frac{1}{x + 2} \\ f(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f_{hom}(x) = x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k$$

$$f'_{hom}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k + r) c_k x^{(k+r-1)}$$

$$\begin{cases} rc_0 = 0 \\ \frac{1}{5}c_0 + c_1(r + 1) = 0 \\ \frac{4}{25}c_0 + \frac{1}{5}c_1 + c_2(2 + r) = 0 \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

$$f_{hom}(x) = 5 - x - \frac{3}{10}x^2 + \frac{11}{150}x^3 + \dots$$

Expanded around $x' = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{part}(x) &= f_{hom}(x) \int_0^x dx' \frac{1}{(x' + 2)} f_{hom}^{-1}(x') \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{7}{40}x^2 + \frac{2}{75}x^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

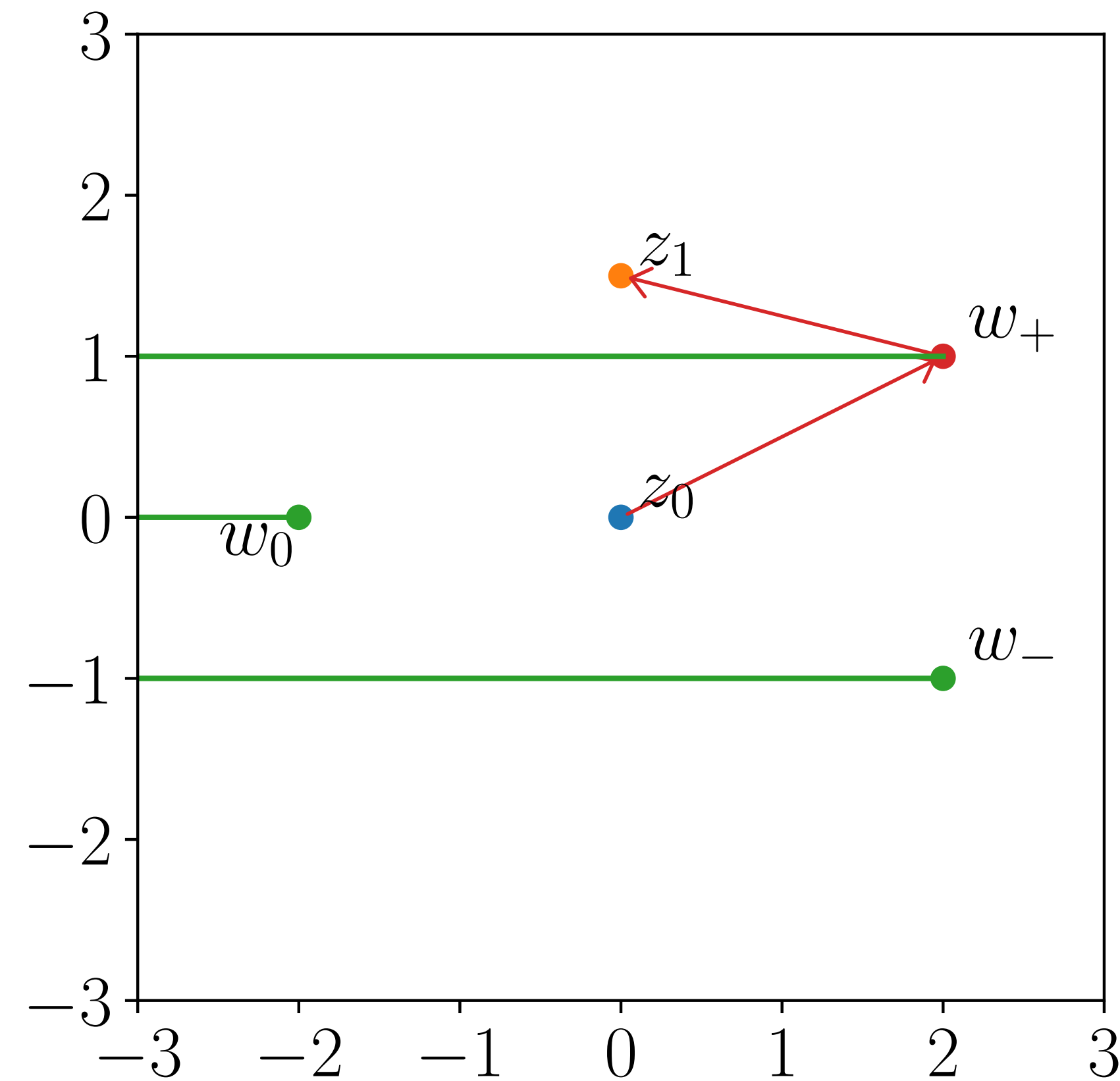
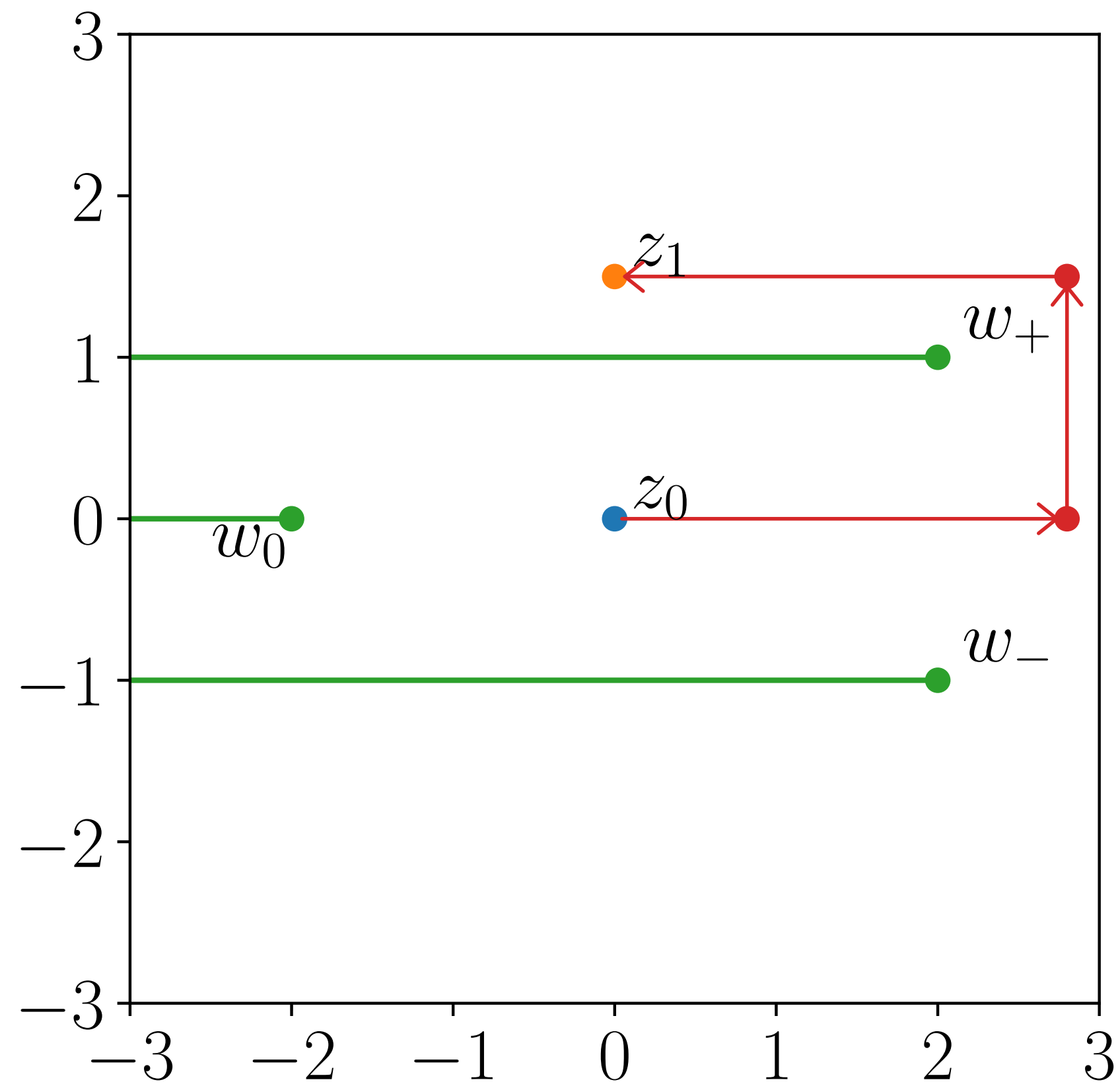
$$f(x) = f_{part}(x) + C f_{hom}(x)$$

$$f(0) = 1 \rightarrow C = \frac{1}{5}$$

Evaluation of the Master Integrals by series expansions

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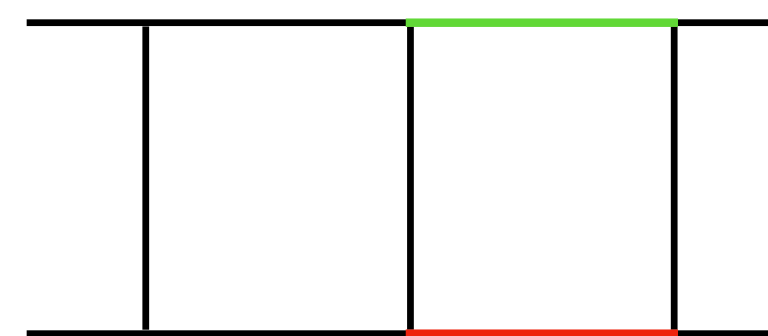
- **Taylor expansion:** avoids the singularities;
- **Logarithmic expansion:** uses the singularities as **expansion points**.
- Logarithmic expansion has larger convergence radius but requires longer evaluation time. **We use Taylor expansion as default.**



Exploiting the flexibility of the Differential Equations approach

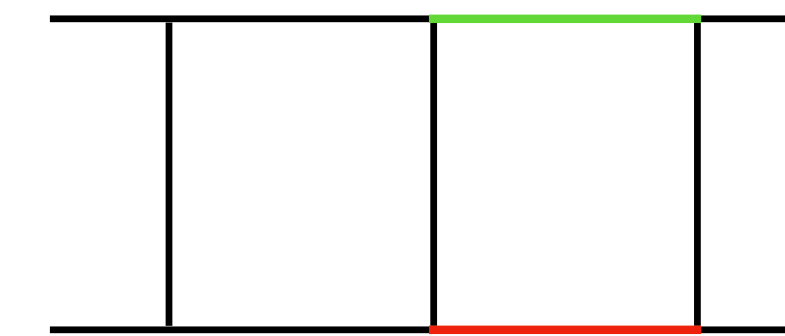
The CC-DY Master Integrals can be evaluated with two different approaches:

- compute the BCs with AMFlow and then solve the differential equations in the invariants s and t



$(s, t) = (s_0, t_0)$
BCs for \tilde{B}_{16}

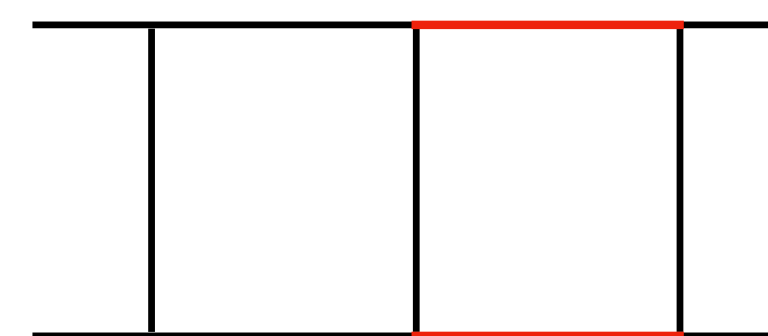
→ evolve (s, t)



grid for \tilde{B}_{16}

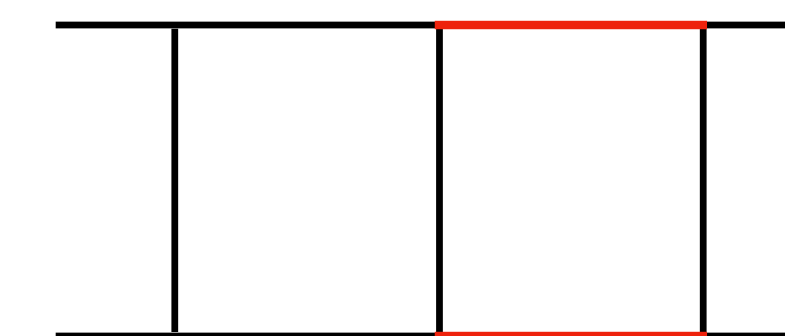
↑ evolve upper mass

- use the results of the NC DY process as BCs (two equal internal masses, arbitrary s and t) then solve the differential equation in the mass parameter from (m_Z, m_Z) to (m_W, m_Z)



$(s, t) = (s_0, t_0)$
BCs for B_{16}

→ evolve (s, t)



grid for B_{16}

Perfect agreement of the two approaches

Mixed QCD-EW corrections to the Drell-Yan processes

Strong boost of the activities in the theory community in the last 4 years! (references not covering the Monte Carlo developments)

→ mathematical and theoretical developments and computation of universal building blocks

- 2-loop virtual Master Integrals with internal masses

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- Altarelli-Parisi splitting functions including QCD-QED effects

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- pole approximation of the NNLO QCD-EW corrections

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- analytical total cross section including NNLO QCD-QED and NNLO QED corrections

D. de Florian, M.Der, I.Fabre, arXiv:1805.12214

- ptZ distribution including QCD-QED analytical transverse momentum resummation

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- fully differential on-shell Z production including exact NNLO QCD-QED corrections

M.Delto, M.Jaquier, K.Melnikov, R.Roentsch, arXiv:1909.08428

- total Z production cross section in fully analytical form including exact NNLO QCD-EW corrections

R. Bonciani, F. Buccioni, R.Mondini, AV, arXiv:1611.00645, R. Bonciani, F. Buccioni, N.Rana, I.Triscari, AV, arXiv:1911.06200, R. Bonciani, F. Buccioni, N.Rana, AV, arXiv:2007.06518, arXiv:2111.12694

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Mixed QCD-EW corrections to the Drell-Yan processes

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→ complete Drell-Yan

- neutrino-pair production including NNLO QCD-QED corrections

L. Cieri, D. de Florian, M. Der, J. Mazzitelli, arXiv:2005.01315

- 2-loop NC and CC amplitudes

M. Heller, A. von Manteuffel, R. Schabinger, arXiv:2012.05918, T. Armadillo, R. Bonciani, S. Devoto, N. Rana, AV, arXiv: 2201.01754, [2405.00612](#)

- NNLO QCD-EW corrections to charged-current DY (2-loop contributions in pole approximation).

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- NNLO QCD-EW corrections to neutral-current DY

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→ mixed QCD-QED resummation

- initial-state corrections

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- initial and final state corrections

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Charged Current Drell-Yan: NNLO QCD-EW results with approximated 2-loop virtual corrections

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Exact LO, NLO (QCD+EW), NNLO QCD corrections are combined with mixed QCD-EW corrections

Partonic subprocesses with 1 and 2 additional partons are evaluated exactly at NLO and LO respectively

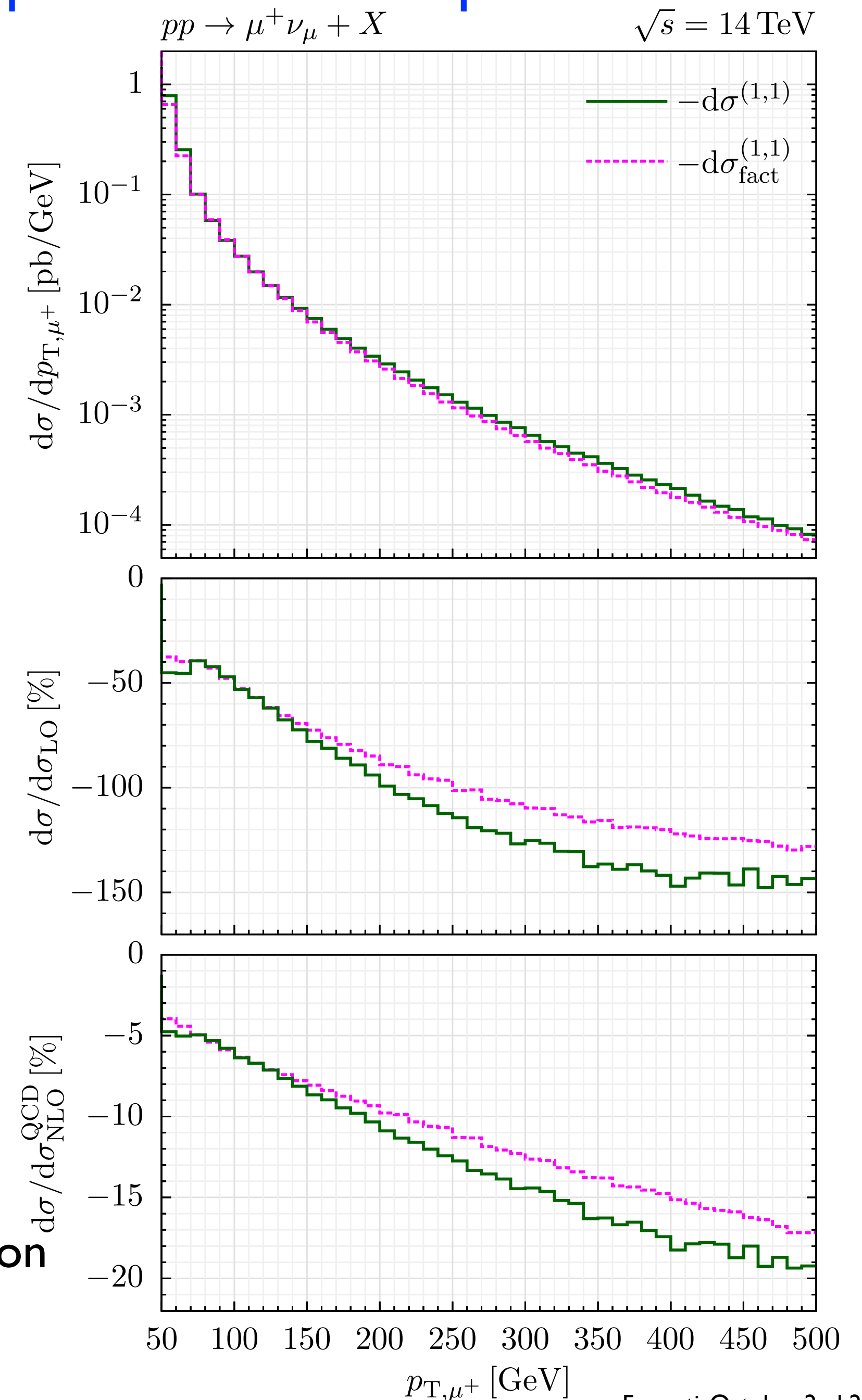
The 2-loop virtual corrections to $q\bar{q}' \rightarrow \ell\nu_\ell$ treated in pole approximation

Accurate description of the charged lepton p_\perp^ℓ spectrum, dominated by the (exact) real radiation effects resonant configurations

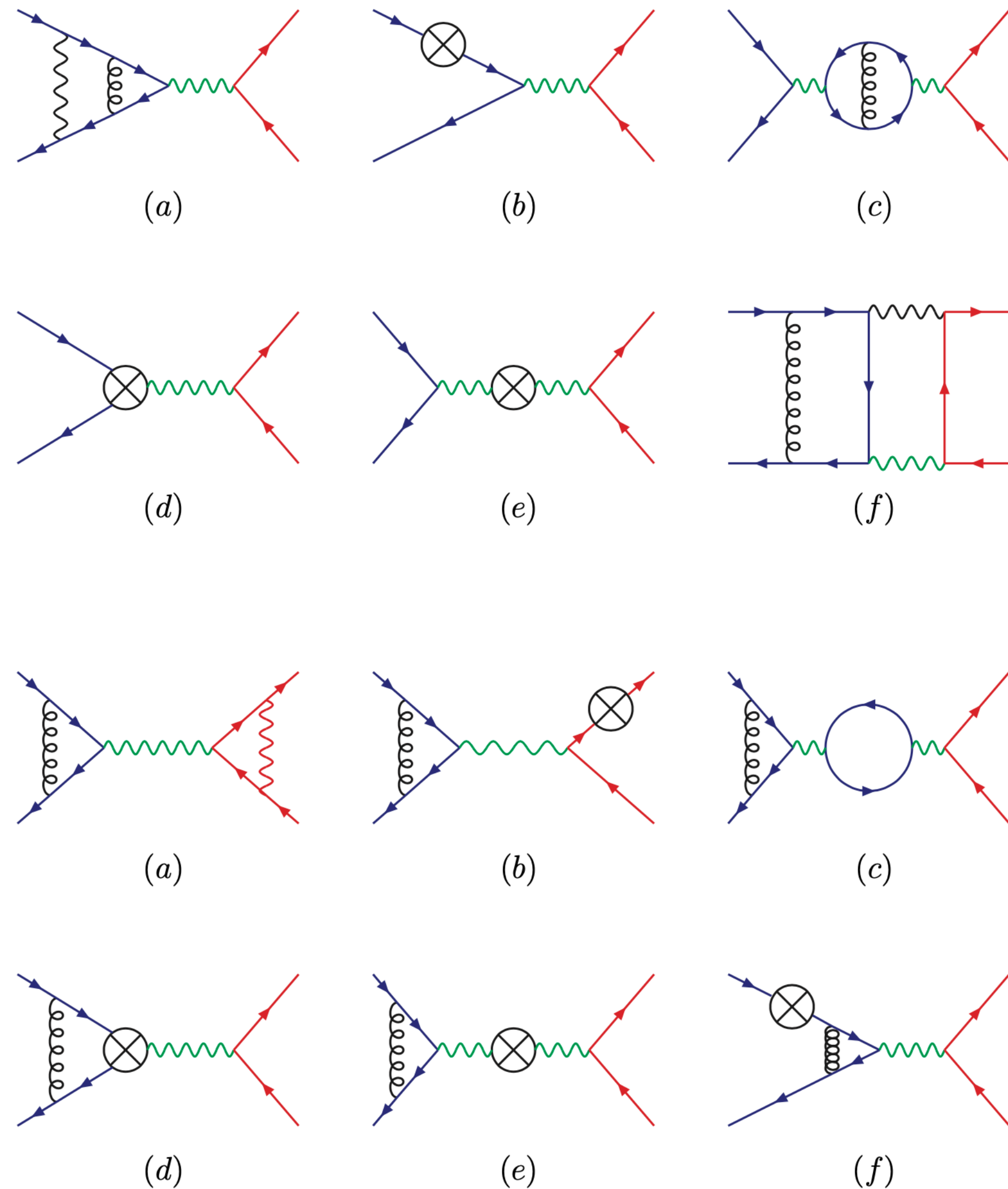
The factorisation of QCD and EW corrections is not accurate at large p_\perp^ℓ

The lepton-pair transverse mass might receive large non-negligible 2-loop virtual corrections at large mass, poorly described in pole approximation

→ new results !



2-loop virtual QCD-EW corrections to the Charged-Current Drell-Yan in the SM



The Charged-Current process is mediated by a W exchange

For a general lepton-pair invariant mass, there is no general gauge invariant separation of initial- and final-state photonic corrections, at variance with the NC DY case

We consider a massive final-state lepton, yielding mass logarithms instead of collinear poles in dim.reg.

The presence of two weak bosons with different masses (W and Z) is a new challenge for the solution of the Feynman integrals

Large number of terms \rightarrow increased automation level