

# Towards two-loop EW corrections in OpenLoops

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# Introduction

- LHC and future colliders (will) explore the multi TeV energy scale range
  - ♦ Search for New Physics (NP)
  - ♦ Study of Higgs properties: EWSB, Higgs self-couplings, ....
  - ♦ **EW** like **QCD** and **QED**, but BN/KLN not applicable

Ciafaloni *et al.*, [hep-ph/0001142](#)

- Higher order corrections are mandatory in theoretical predictions to match the experimental accuracy: **NLO** minimum, but not anymore sufficient
- At this collider energy **EW** radiative corrections exhibit a logarithmic enhancement, known as *Sudakov logarithms/mass-singularities*
- For generic **N<sup>n</sup>LO EW** correction, *Sudakov logs* are of the form

$$\alpha^n \log^k \frac{|r_{ij}|}{m^2}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq 2n$$

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$$m^2 \sim m_W^2$$

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$$L \equiv L(Q, m) := \log \frac{Q^2}{m^2}$$

$$l_{ij} \equiv l(r_{ij}, Q) := \log \frac{|r_{ij}|}{Q^2}$$

$$|r_{ij}| = |(p_i + p_j)^2|$$

## NLO EW

**LL:**  $\delta_{\text{LL}}^{1\text{-loop}} \propto -\alpha L^2 \stackrel{1 \text{ TeV}}{\sim} -20\%$

**NLL:**  $\delta_{\text{NLL}}^{1\text{-loop}} \propto \alpha (\underline{a} + \underline{l_{ij}}) L \stackrel{1 \text{ TeV}}{\sim}$

**a.d.** → 10%

**a.i.** → 5%

## NNLO EW

**LL:**  $\delta_{\text{LL}}^{2\text{-loop}} \propto \alpha^2 L^4 \stackrel{1 \text{ TeV}}{\sim} 2 - 3\%$

**NLL:**  $\delta_{\text{NLL}}^{2\text{-loop}} \propto \alpha^2 (\underline{b} + \underline{l_{ij}}) L^3 \stackrel{1 \text{ TeV}}{\sim}$

**a.d.** → -2%

**a.i.** → 1%

# EW Sudakov corrections: *all orders*

- Properties of **EW** logarithmic corrections investigated at *all orders* via IREE

- ◆ **LL + NLL** (arbitrary process)

Melles *et al.* [hep-ph/0004056](#), [hep-ph/0012157](#), [hep-ph/0102097](#), [hep-ph/0108221](#)

- ◆ **NNLL** (only NC massless 4-fermion processes)

Kühn *et al.* [hep-ph/9912503](#), [hep-ph/0106298](#)

**NB:** also via SCET, not discussed here

Chiu *et al.*, [0806.1240](#)

Fuhrer *et al.*, [1011.1505](#)

Denner & Rode, [2402.10503](#)

- IREE approach:

- ◆ Virtual corrections described by generalized RGE in logarithmic approximation (**LA**)

- ◆ Not mass-suppressed Born matrix elements  $\mathcal{M}_0^{\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_n}} \sim E^d \implies$  keep **LL + NLL**, neglect  $(\alpha E^d)$  and  $(\alpha m^n E^{d-n} \log^k)$

- ◆ On-shell external momenta  $p_i^2 = m_i^2$  and **all**  $r_{ij}$  much larger than  $W/Z$  masses

$$|r_{ij}| = |(p_i + p_j)^2| \approx 2|p_i p_j| \sim Q^2 \gg m_{W,Z,H,t}^2, \quad i \neq j$$

- ◆ **EW** splits in two regimes matched at  $\mu = M = m_W \implies$  Resummed **EW** corrections factorize in

- ◆  $Q \geq \mu \geq M$ : Symmetric EW part, computed in  $\mathbf{SU(2)_L} \otimes \mathbf{U(1)_Y}$ , with unique cut-off parameter  $M = m_{W,Z,\gamma}$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{RG}}^{\text{sew}} \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{\simeq} \exp \left[ \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \sum_i \sum_{j < i} C_{ij}^{\text{ew}} [-L^2 + (a + l_{ij})L] \right] \cdot \mathcal{M}_0,$$

- ◆  $\mu \leq M$ : EM part, computed in  $\mathbf{U(1)_{em}}$ , contain divergences from gap between physical photon mass and  $m_\gamma = M$ ; will cancel with real radiation

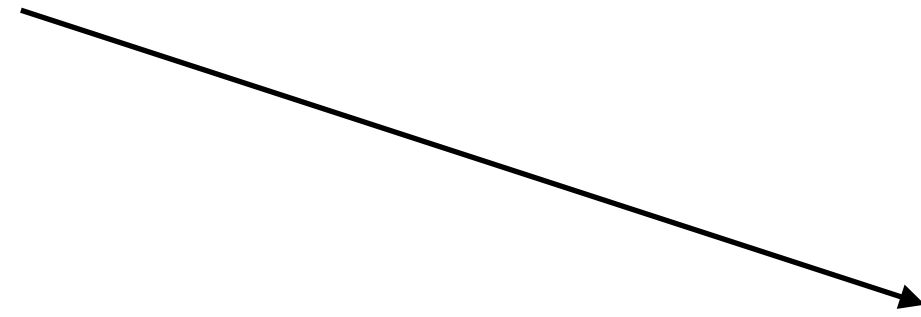
# EW Sudakov corrections: *fixed order*

- Properties of **EW** logarithmic corrections at *fixed order* investigated via explicit diagrammatic computations in **LA**

◆ **One-loop** (arbitrary process  $\Rightarrow$  DP algorithm)

Denner & Pozzorini: [hep-ph/0010201](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0010201), [hep-ph/0104127](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0104127)  
Pozzorini, [hep-ph/0201077](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0201077)

◆ **Two-loop**



**LL+NLL** (fermionic process)

Denner *et al.*, [hep-ph/0608326](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0608326) & [hep-ph/0809.0800](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0809.0800)

**LL+NLL a.d.** (arbitrary process)

Denner *et al.*, [hep-ph/0301241](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0301241)

Factorization wrt Born ME at one- and two-loop

$$\mathcal{M}^{(1)} \sim \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right) C_{\text{ew}} \left[-L^2 + (a + l_{ij})L\right] \mathcal{M}_0$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{(2)} \sim \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right)^2 C_{\text{ew}}^2 \left[\frac{L^4}{2} + (b + l_{ij})L^3\right] \mathcal{M}_0$$

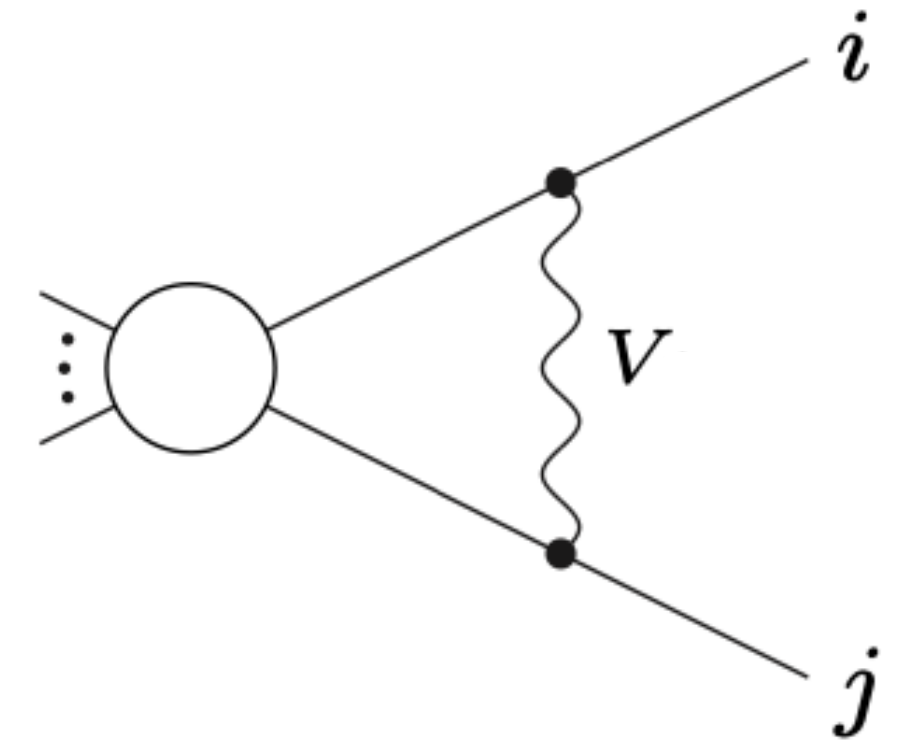
in agreement with IREE and its expansion at FO

- **EW** Sudakov logarithms at *one-loop* implemented in

- ◆ ALPGEN (specific process): Chiesa *et al.*, [1305.6837](https://arxiv.org/abs/1305.6837); 2013
- ◆ Sherpa (general process): Bothmann, Napoletano [2006.14635](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.14635); 2020
- ◆ MadGraph (general process): Pagani, Zaro [2110.03714](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.03714); 2021
- ◆ **OpenLoops** (general process + resonances): Lindert, L.M., [2312.07927](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.07927); 2023

# One-loop mass singularities

- One-loop mass singularities originate from diagrams where a vector boson  $V$  couples to two different external legs
- Total contribution



$$\mathcal{M}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \sum_{V=A,Z,W^\pm} \left[ \text{Diagram} \right]_{q^\mu \rightarrow xp_i^\mu, xp_j^\mu}$$

- Diagrams are evaluated in the approximation of  $V$  being:

◆ *Soft and collinear* to  $i$  or  $j$  → **DL:**  $\log^2 \frac{|r_{ij}|}{m_V^2} = \boxed{L^2} + \boxed{2l_{ij}L} + \boxed{l_{ij}^2}$

$q^\mu \rightarrow xp_i^\mu, xp_j^\mu, \quad x \rightarrow 0$

**LL**      **NLL a.d.**      **NNLL a.d.**

◆ *Collinear* to  $i$  or  $j$  → **SL:**

$q^\mu \rightarrow xp_i^\mu, xp_j^\mu, \quad x \neq 0$

$$\boxed{\log \frac{s}{m_V^2} = L} \longrightarrow \text{NLL a.i.}$$

**LA:**  $|r_{ij}| = |(p_i + p_j)^2| \approx 2|p_i p_j| \sim Q^2 \gg m_{W,Z,H,t}^2, \quad i \neq j$

$l_{ij}^2$ : a.d. NNLL term formally not part of LA, but needed for reliable estimates (Pagani, Zaro 2110.03714; 2021).

In our implementation it can be either excluded (NLL) or included (NLL') as a tool to estimate uncertainties beyond LA

# Implementation in OpenLoops

- Automated tools for full NLO EW corrections:

**OpenLoops (OL),**

Recola,

MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO,

Sherpa,

MoCaNLO, ...

Buccioni *et al*, [1907.13071](#); 2019

Actis *et al*, [1211.6316](#); 2012  
Actis *et al*, [1605.01090](#); 2016

Alwall *et al*, [1405.0301](#); 2014

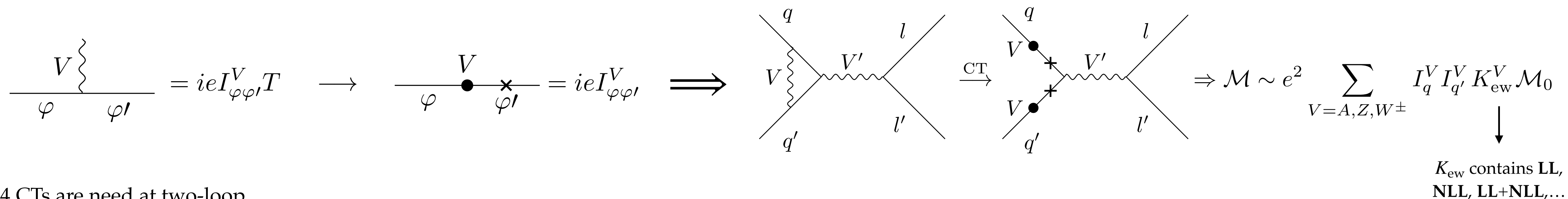
Bothmann *et al*, [1905.09127](#); 2019  
Bothmann *et al*, [2410.22148](#); 2024

Denner *et al*, [2602.19842](#); 2026

- Why implementing Sudakov logarithms:

- Even if automated, full NLO EW corrections can be non-trivial in high multiplicity processes
- EW Sudakov logs have nice properties: **factorization** w.r.t. Born amplitudes, leading contribution of radiative corrections
- Full NNLO/two-loop automation still out of reach. Sudakov approximation might help to access missing higher order terms and reduce theoretical uncertainty from missing higher order terms, but still not automated... up to now!

- In OL: define helicity-dependent two-point vertex rules / pseudo-CT  $\implies$  any **soft-collinear** NLO topology “converted” into Born one via double pseudo-CT\*

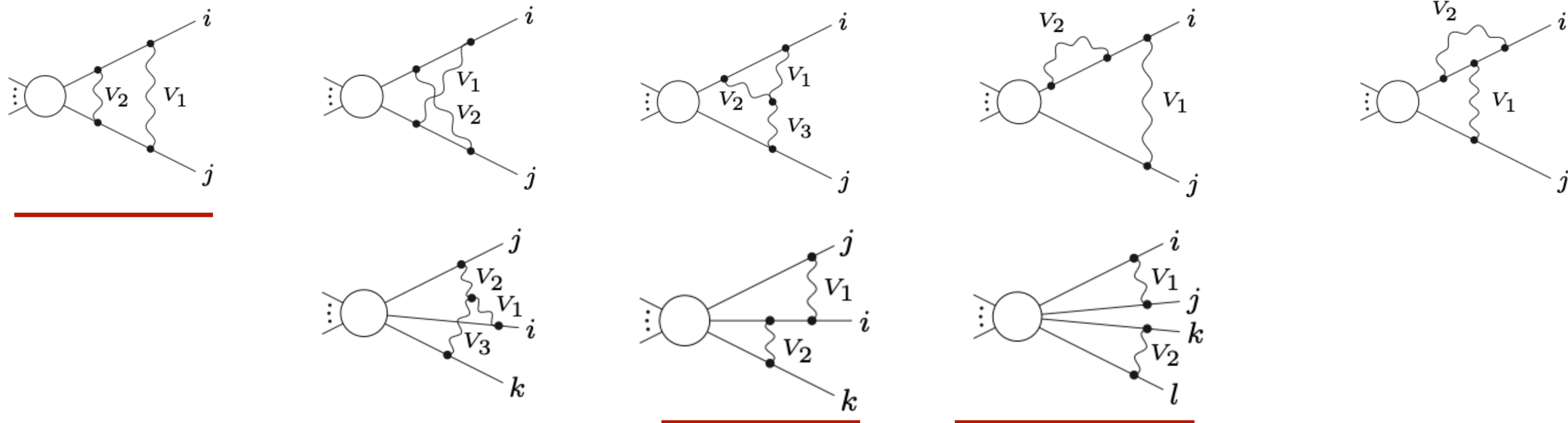


\*up to 4 CTs are need at two-loop

# Two-loop mass singularities

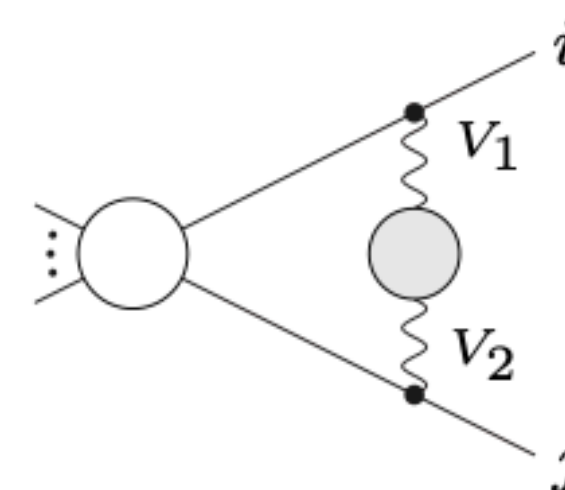
- LL+NLL mass singularities @ two-loop are obtained from one-loop diagrams yielding LL from *soft and collinear* regions of  $V_1$ , by inserting:

- ◆ A second *soft and/or collinear* gauge boson, coupled to either an external leg or to



NB: **EW** Ward Identities induce cancellations  $\Rightarrow$  only *three* (out of eight) classes of topologies are required

- ◆ A self-energy sub diagram in the propagator of  $V_1$ , yielding an additional **NLL**



# Mass singularities of UV origin

Additional (*angular-independent!*) **NLL** contributions from UV renormalisation

- At one-loop:

- ◆ **PR**: UV renormalisation of **EW** *dimensionless* parameters  $\mathcal{M}_1^{\text{PR}} \sim \delta Z_{g_i}^{(1)} \mathcal{M}_0, \quad \delta Z_{g_i}^{(1)} \stackrel{\text{LA}}{\sim} \alpha L$

- ◆ **WF**: yields to the *factorized* correction  $\mathcal{M}_1^{\text{WF}} \sim \delta Z_i^{(1)} \mathcal{M}_0, \quad \delta Z_i^{(1)} \stackrel{\text{LA}}{\sim} \alpha L$

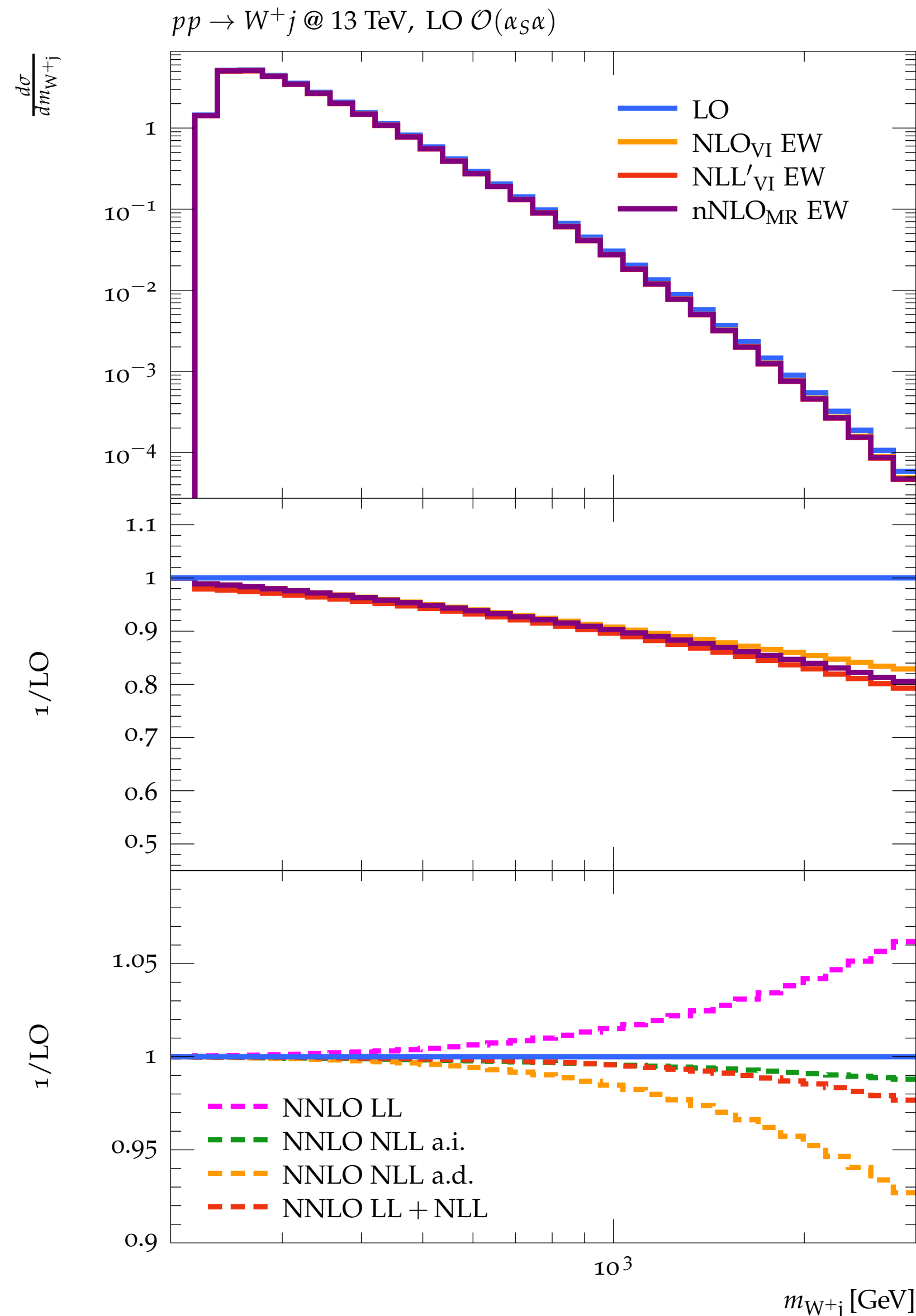
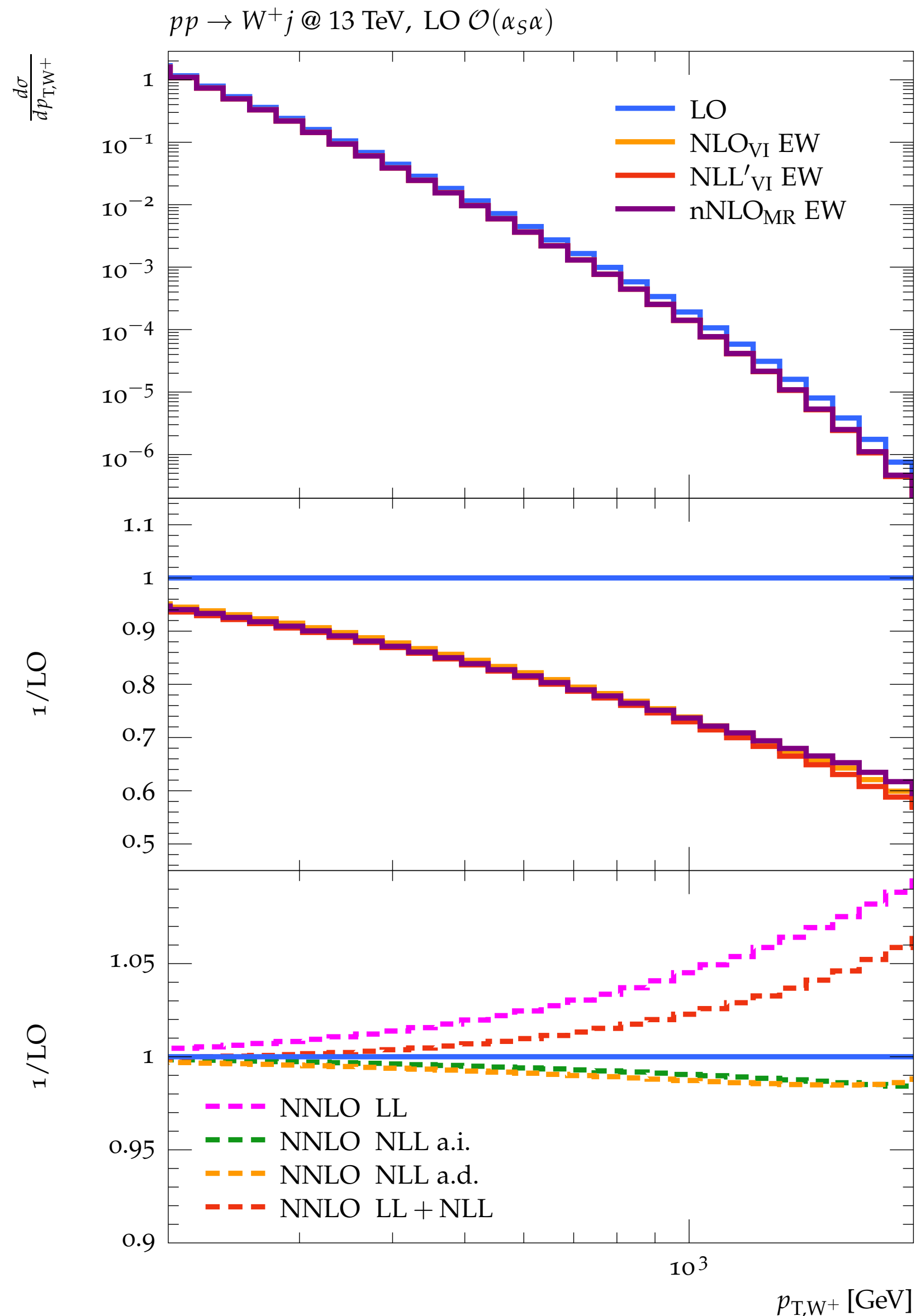
- At two-loop: combination of one-loop **LL** with

- ◆ One-loop (*dimensionless*) **PR**:  $\mathcal{M}_2^{\text{PR}} \sim \alpha L^2 \times \mathcal{M}_1^{\text{PR}}$

- ◆ One-loop **WF**:  $\mathcal{M}_2^{\text{WF}} \sim \alpha L^2 \times \mathcal{M}_1^{\text{WF}}$

- Two-loop UV renormalisation, i.e.  $\delta Z_{ii'}^{(2)}, \delta Z_{g_i}^{(2)}$  is at **NNLL** accuracy  $\sim \alpha^2 \log^2(s/m_W^2) \Rightarrow$  neglected

# Two-loop results: hadron level



**NLO<sub>VI</sub>**:  
exact one-loop **EW**

**NLL'<sub>VI</sub>**:  
one-loop **EW** in LA+  
**NNLL a.d.**

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exact one-loop **EW** + **NNLO LL + NLL**

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two-loop **EW** @ NLL accuracy

In  $p_{T,W}$  clear Sudakov behavior, i.e.  $r_{ij} \sim Q^2 \forall \{ij\}$ :

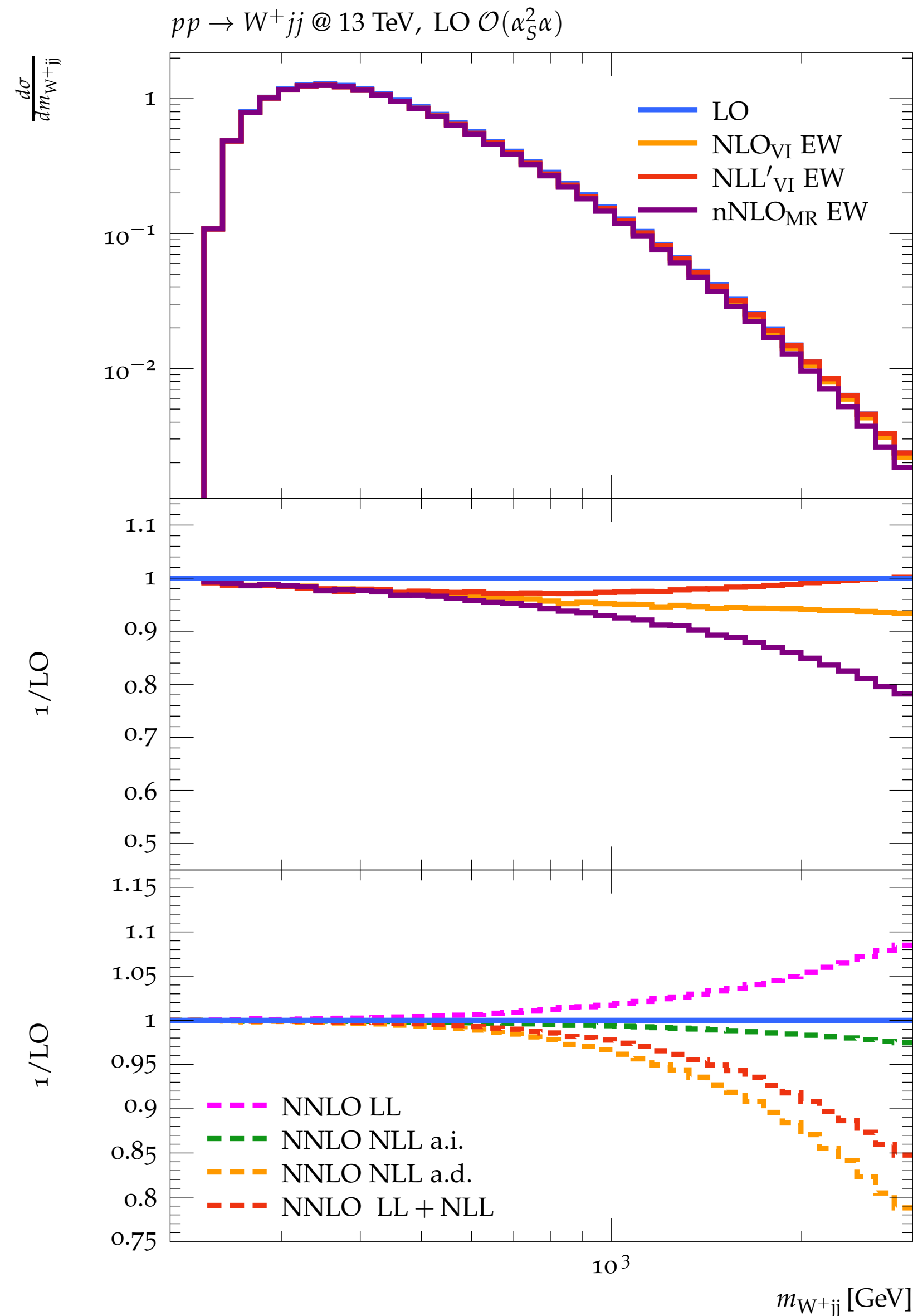
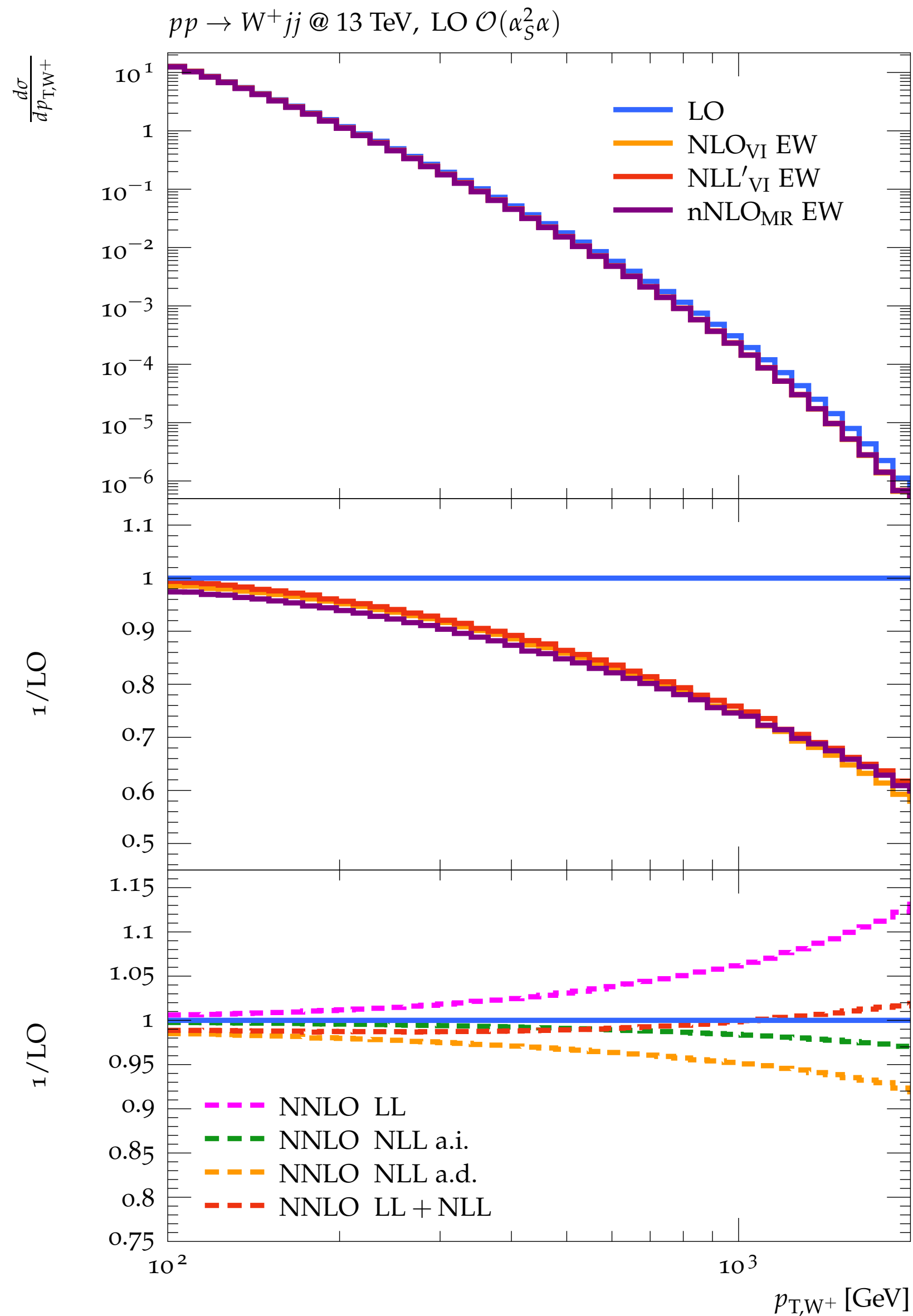
- **NLL'<sub>VI</sub>** in % level agreement with **NLO<sub>VI</sub>**
- **LL > NLL**: LL drives NNLO (*positive*)

Results consistent with  $V+j$  predictions first presented in Lindert *et al.* [1705.04664](#)

In  $m_{Wj}$  LA is partially spoilt due to forward configs  
 $\Rightarrow$  large ratios of invariants  $Q^2 \sim r_{ij} \gg r_{kg}$ :

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Additional cuts:  $|\eta_W| < 3$  &  $|y_j| < 4.4$

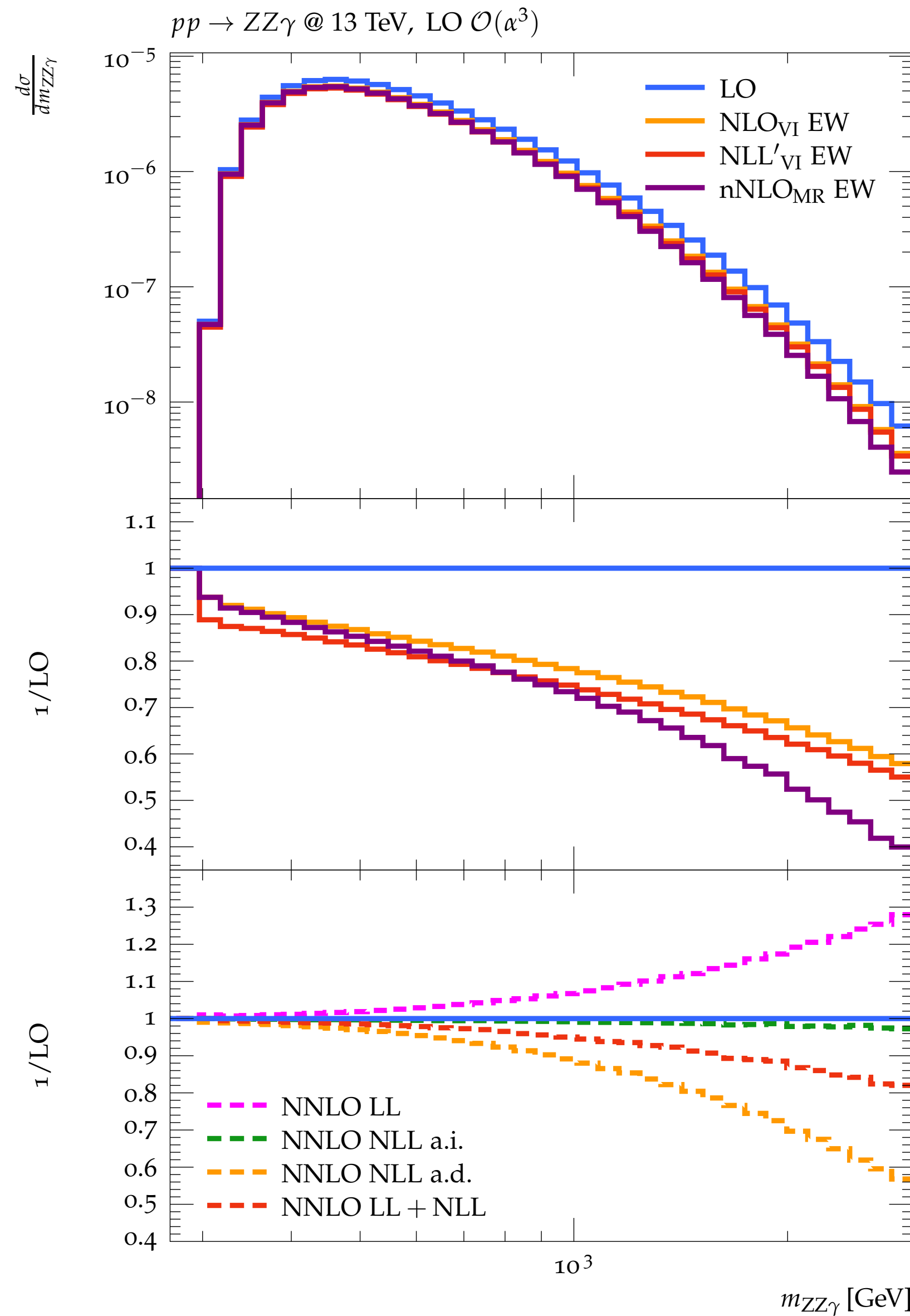
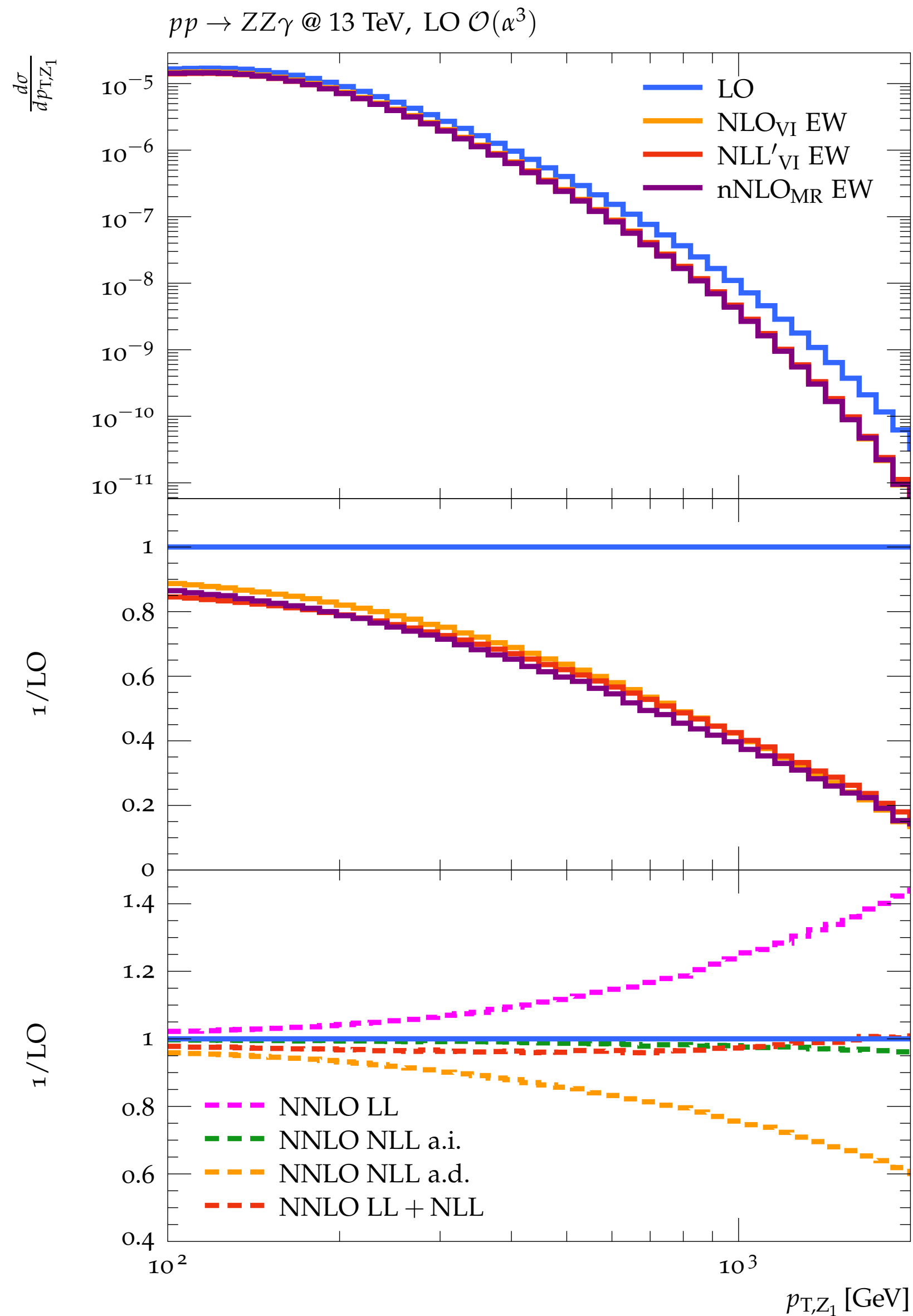
In  $p_{T,W}$  still Sudakov behavior  $r_{ij} \sim Q^2 \forall \{ij\}$ :

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In  $p_{T,Z_1}$  **LA** is partially spoilt due to configs with two hard  $V$  and one soft; **NNLO** *positive*,  $\sim 2\%$  in tail

In  $m_{ZZ\gamma}$  **LA** spoilt despite cut  $|\eta_V| < 3$  for all  $V$

For more on triboson processes see also

- TH: [Stefan's](#), [Giovanni's](#) & [Paolo's](#) talks
- EXP: [Trisha's](#) & [Anke's](#) talks

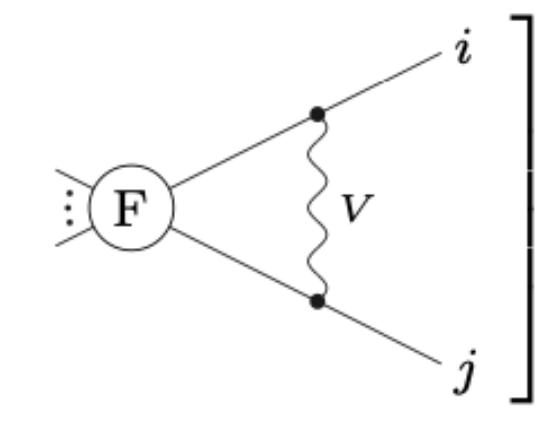
# Conclusion and outlook

- **EW** corrections at high energies dominated by Sudakov logarithms: enhancement in tail of distributions by  $\mathcal{O}(20 - 50\%)$  at one-loop and still  $\mathcal{O}(5 - 10\%)$  at two-loop
- Factorization of Sudakov logs allows for implementation via effective CT vertices in **OL**  $\Rightarrow$  loop corrections reduced to Born complexity, with % level agreement with exact **NLO**
- Additional aspects of the implementation @ one-loop:
  - ◆ Direct employment in Parton Shower Event Generators with **OL** interface
  - ◆ Can be used together with differential QED radiation at **NLO** (both MR and DR are available)
  - ◆ Support **EW** corrections for resonant processes
- Extension of our algorithm @ two-loop will allow for the *first time* a simple and automated access to **EW** corrections beyond **NLO**, enabling a systematic reduction of theory uncertainties
- Outlook:
  - ◆ Complete **two-loop EW** extension for a generic SM process (massive fermions, scalars)
  - ◆ Extend implementation to **mixed QCD-EW** corrections (see [Federico's](#) talk)

Backup

# Alternative approach to one-loop mass singularities

- Employ Eikonal approximation<sup>1</sup> for Factorizable diagrams, i.e.

$$\mathcal{M}_1^F = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \sum_{V=A,Z,W^\pm} \left[ \text{Diagram} \right]_{q^\mu \rightarrow xp_i^\mu, xp_j^\mu, \quad x \rightarrow 0}$$


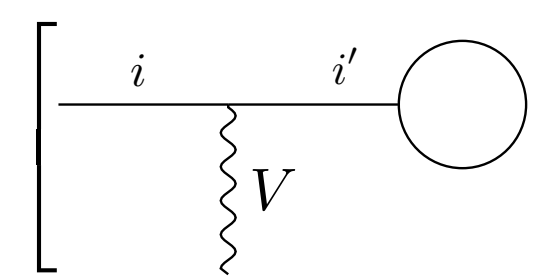
<sup>1</sup>NB: Eikonal approximation implies the substitution  $N(q) \rightarrow N(0)$  in the numerator of loop integral and the removal of any mass term in it. For external longitudinal gauge bosons the **GBET** must be applied first

- Factorizable diagrams will therefore contain **only soft-collinear** singularities
- Generic **EW** Feynman rules as in Denner [0709.1075](#); 2007

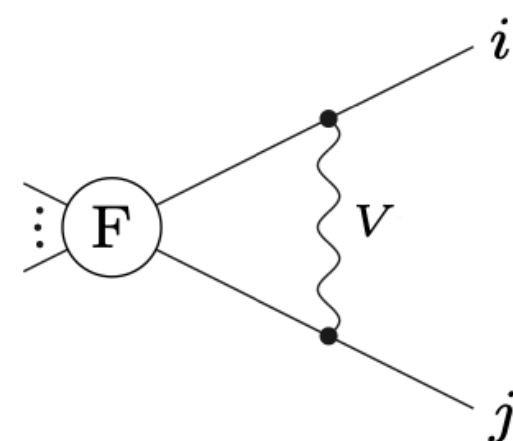
$$\frac{V}{i \quad i'} = ieI_{ii'}^V T$$

$T$  contains the Lorentz structure of the vertex (e.g. in  $Af\bar{f}: I_{ii'}^A = -Q_f, \quad T = \gamma^\mu$ )

- When contracted with external w.f.s. in computing one-loop amplitudes, it follows

$$\left[ \text{Diagram} \right]_{\text{Eik.}} \propto 2ieI_{ii'}^V p_i^\mu \mathcal{M}_0^{\dots i' \dots}$$


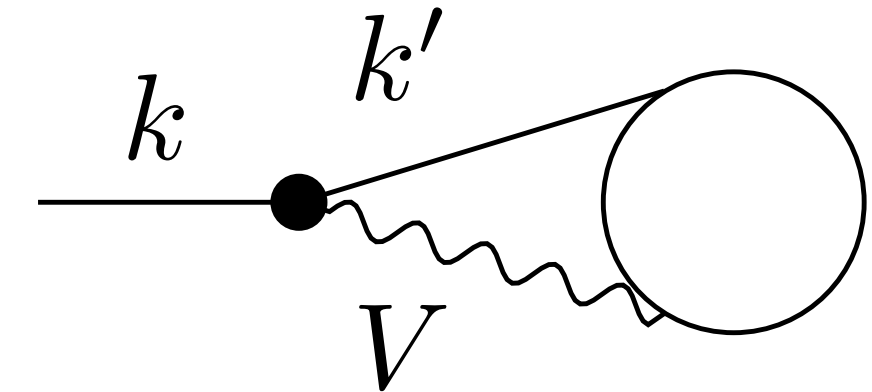
so that



$$\sim \sum_V \sum_{i',j'} \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} I_{ii'}^V I_{jj'}^{\bar{V}} r_{ij} C_0|_{\text{Eik.}} \mathcal{M}_0^{\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i'} \dots \varphi_{i'_j} \dots \varphi_{i_n}}, \quad C_0|_{\text{Eik.}} \propto \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \left[ \log^2 \frac{r_{ij}}{m_V^2} \right]$$

# Coll sketch

- Pure *collinear* singularities are extracted from type (iii) diagrams
- Original integral



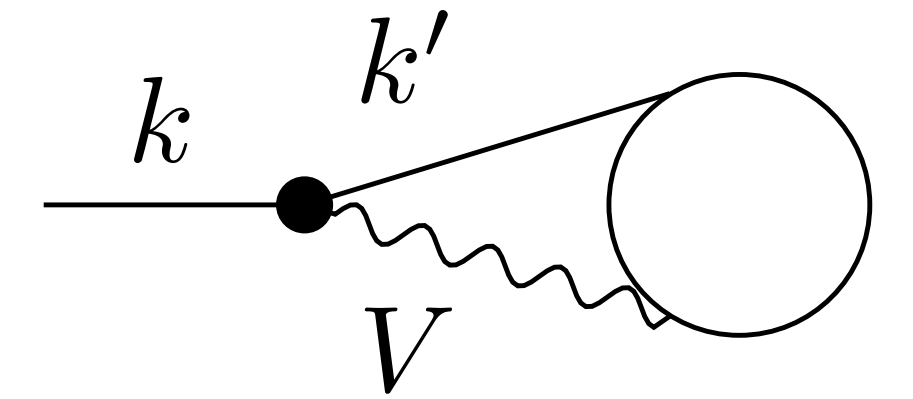
$$\sim \mu^{4-D} \int \frac{d^D q}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{N(q)}{(q^2 - m_V^2 + i0)[(p_k - q)^2 - m_k^2 + i0]}$$

- In Sudakov parametrisation  $q^\mu = xp_k^\mu + yl^\mu + q_\Gamma^\mu$ , after  $y$  integration the integral reduces to

$$\sim \mu^{4-D} \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^{D-2} q_\Gamma}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} \frac{N(x, y_i, q_\Gamma)}{|\vec{q}_\Gamma|^2 + \Delta(x)}$$

with  $\Delta(x) = (1-x)m_V^2 + xm_{k'}^2 - x(1-x)p_k^2$  regulating the logarithmic singularity

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- In Sudakov parametrisation

$$\sim \mu^{4-D} \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^{D-2} q_T}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} \frac{N(x, y_i, q_T)}{|\vec{q}_T|^2 + \Delta(x)}$$

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- Since we restrict to logarithmic mass-singular contributions, all terms of order

$$|\vec{q}_T|^2, p_k^2, m_V, m_k, y_i (\propto |\vec{q}_T|^2/p_k l)$$

can be neglected in  $N(q)$

- Collinear approximation

▲ Substitute  $N(x, y, q_T) \rightarrow N(x, 0, 0)$ , i.e.  $q^\mu \rightarrow xp_k^\mu$

▲ Neglect all mass terms in  $N(x, 0, 0)$

- Final result:  $\stackrel{\text{LA}}{\sim} \log \frac{\mu_D^2}{M^2} \int_0^1 dx N(x, 0, 0), \quad M^2 = \max(p_k^2, M_{\varphi_c}^2, m_{k'}^2) \Rightarrow$

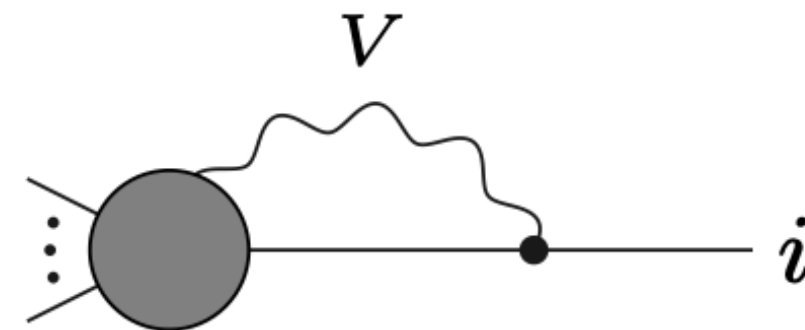
$$\delta^{\text{coll}} \mathcal{M}^{\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_n}} \stackrel{\text{LA}}{=} \sum_k \sum_{k'} \sum_V \delta_{kk'}^{\text{coll}, V} \mathcal{M}_0^{\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i'_k} \dots \varphi_{i_n}}$$

$$\delta_{kk'}^{\text{coll}, V} \sim \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} I^V I^{\bar{V}} \log \left( \frac{s}{m_V^2} \right)$$

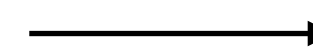
Note: the scale  $\mu_D$  of DR is always set to  $s$

# One-loop mass singularities

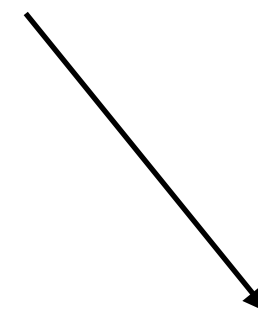
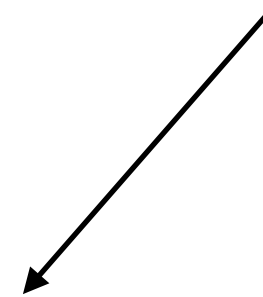
- One-loop mass singularities originate from diagrams where a vector boson  $V$  couples to one external line and to any other line of the diagrams, i.e.



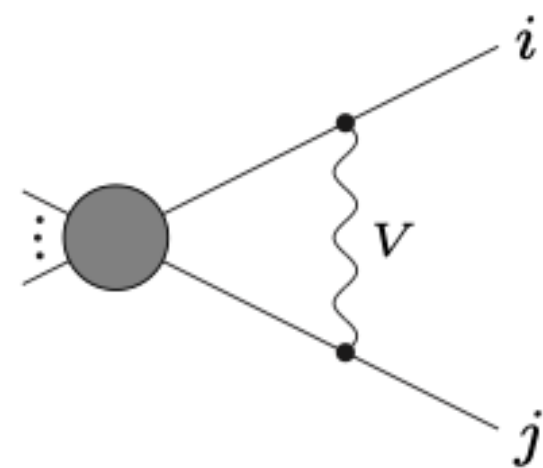
- These diagrams can be classified into three groups



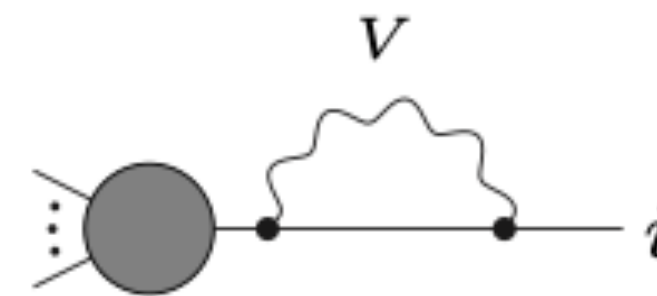
Type (iii) :  $V$  coupled to one internal and one external line



Type (i):  $V$  coupled to two different external lines



Type (ii): external leg self-energy

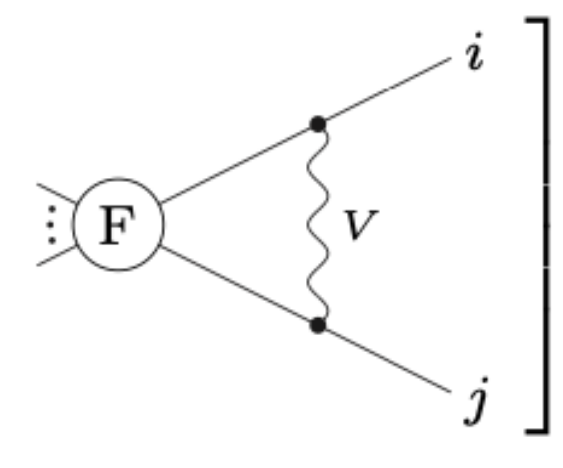


Omitted, as we express  $S$ -matrix elements in term of truncated Green functions and on-shell renormalized fields

Give rise to *mass singularities* from region of integration where  $V$  is soft and /or collinear to one of the external legs

# One-loop mass singularities: $F$ vs $NF$

- From type (i) diagrams is possible to extract mass-singularities which factorize w.r.t. corresponding Born subdiagram. These are known as ***Factorizable (F)*** contributions

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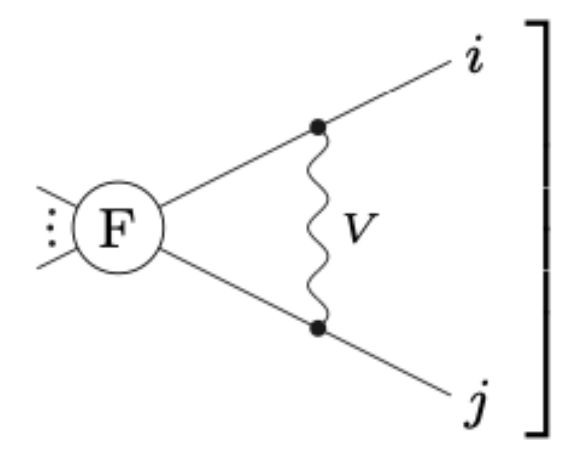
$l_{ij}^2$ : a.d. NNLL term formally not part of LA.

Needed for reliable estimates as first pointed out in Pagani, Zaro [2110.03714](#); 2021.

In our implementation it can be either excluded (NLL) or included (NLL') as a tool to estimate uncertainties beyond LA

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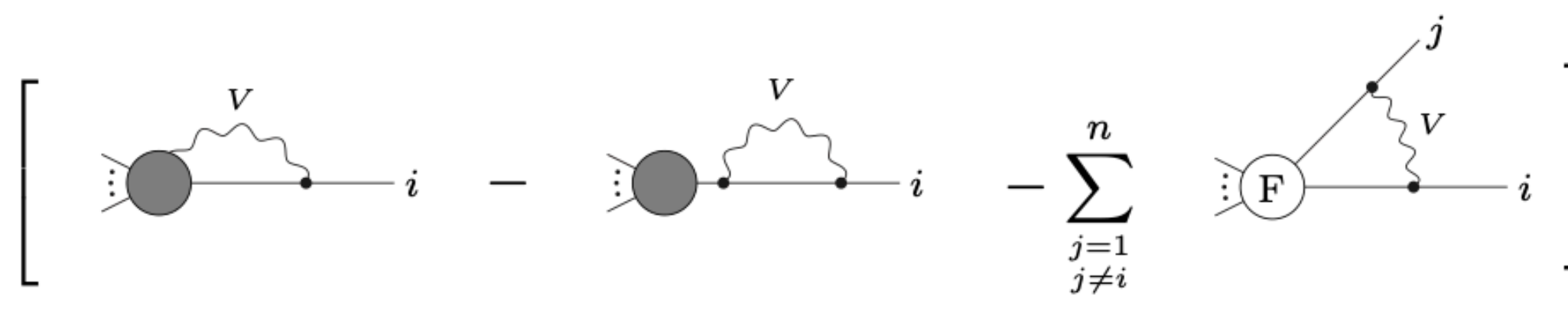
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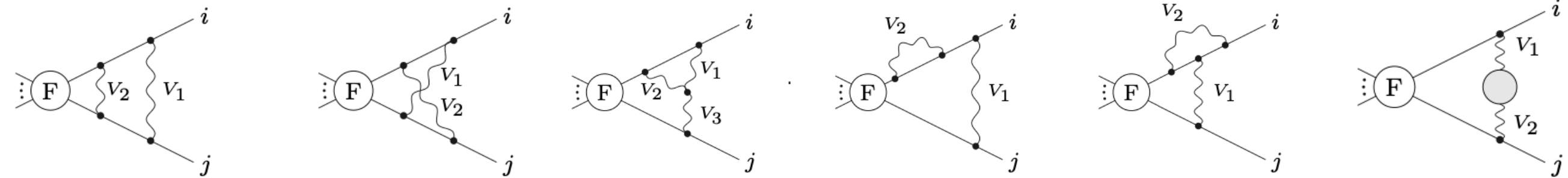
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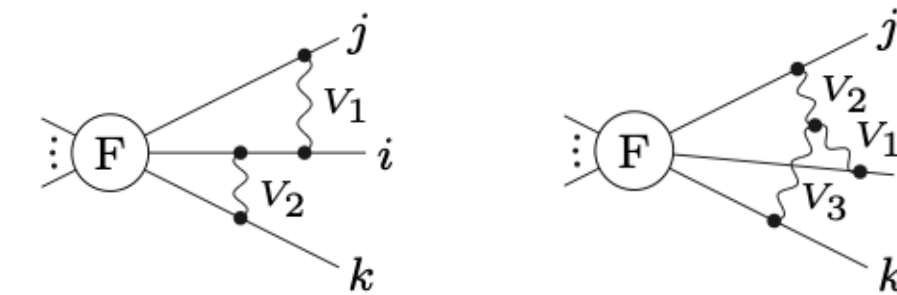
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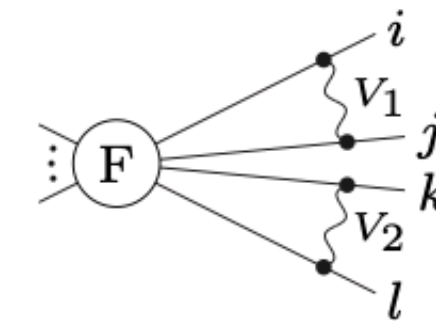
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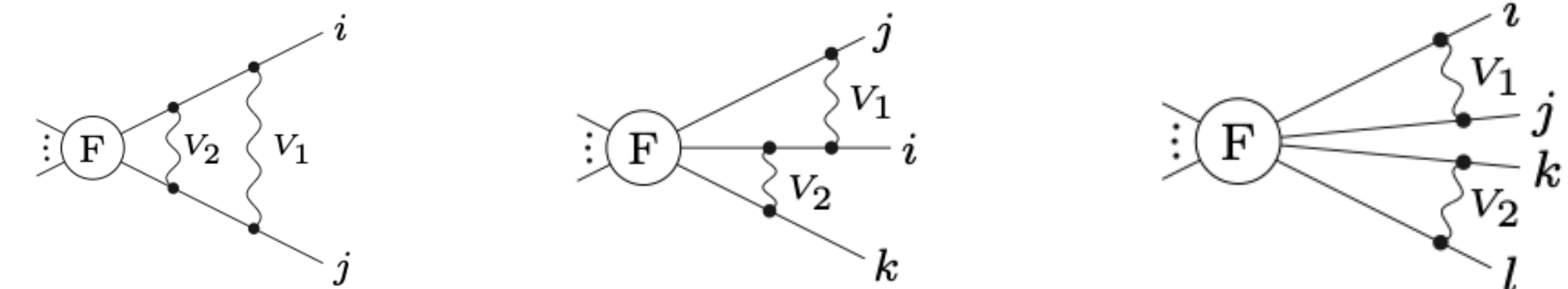
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- EW Ward Identities induce cancellations  $\Rightarrow$  only three classes of topologies are required



- Two-loop NF vanish due to collinear Ward Identities: F contain all two-loop **NLL** mass singularities

# Two-loop mass singularities: final factorization

- Combining one- and two-loop corrections at **NLL** accuracy

$$\mathcal{M} \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} F^{\text{sew}} F^Z F^{\text{em}} \mathcal{M}_0$$

$$F^{\text{sew}} \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} 1 + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} F_1^{\text{sew}} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right)^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} (F_1^{\text{sew}})^2 + G_2^{\text{sew}} \right] \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} \exp \left[ \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} F_1^{\text{sew}} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right)^2 G_2^{\text{sew}} \right]$$

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with

$$F_1^{\text{sew}} \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n I_i^{\bar{V}} I_j^V I(\epsilon, m_W; -r_{ij}), \quad I(\epsilon, m_W; -r_{ij}) \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{\supset} -L^2 + (3 - 2l_{ij})L$$

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$$\Delta G_2^{\text{em}} \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i^2 \left[ b_e^{(1)} (\Delta J(\epsilon, 0; \mu_R^2) - \Delta J(\epsilon, 0; m_W^2)) + b_{\text{QED}}^{(1)} \Delta J(\epsilon, 0; m_W^2) \right],$$

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**NB:**

$$L = \log\left(\frac{Q^2}{m_W^2}\right), \quad l_{ij} = \log\left(\frac{|r_{ij}|}{Q^2}\right)$$

- Symmetric **EW** part, where all gauge bosons masses are set to  $m_W$
- EM** part, resulting from the mass gap between photon and W boson masses. As such, it contains divergences and depends on the scheme used to regularize them
- $m_Z$  dependent part, due to difference between  $m_Z$  and  $m_W$ . Absent in *IREE* predictions

- Divergences in **EM** part cancel when combining virtual and real corrections. The symmetric **EW** part has large but finite logs which do not vanish when real Z and W are included as a consequence of BN/KLN violation in **EW** theory

# Implementation in OpenLoops: resonances

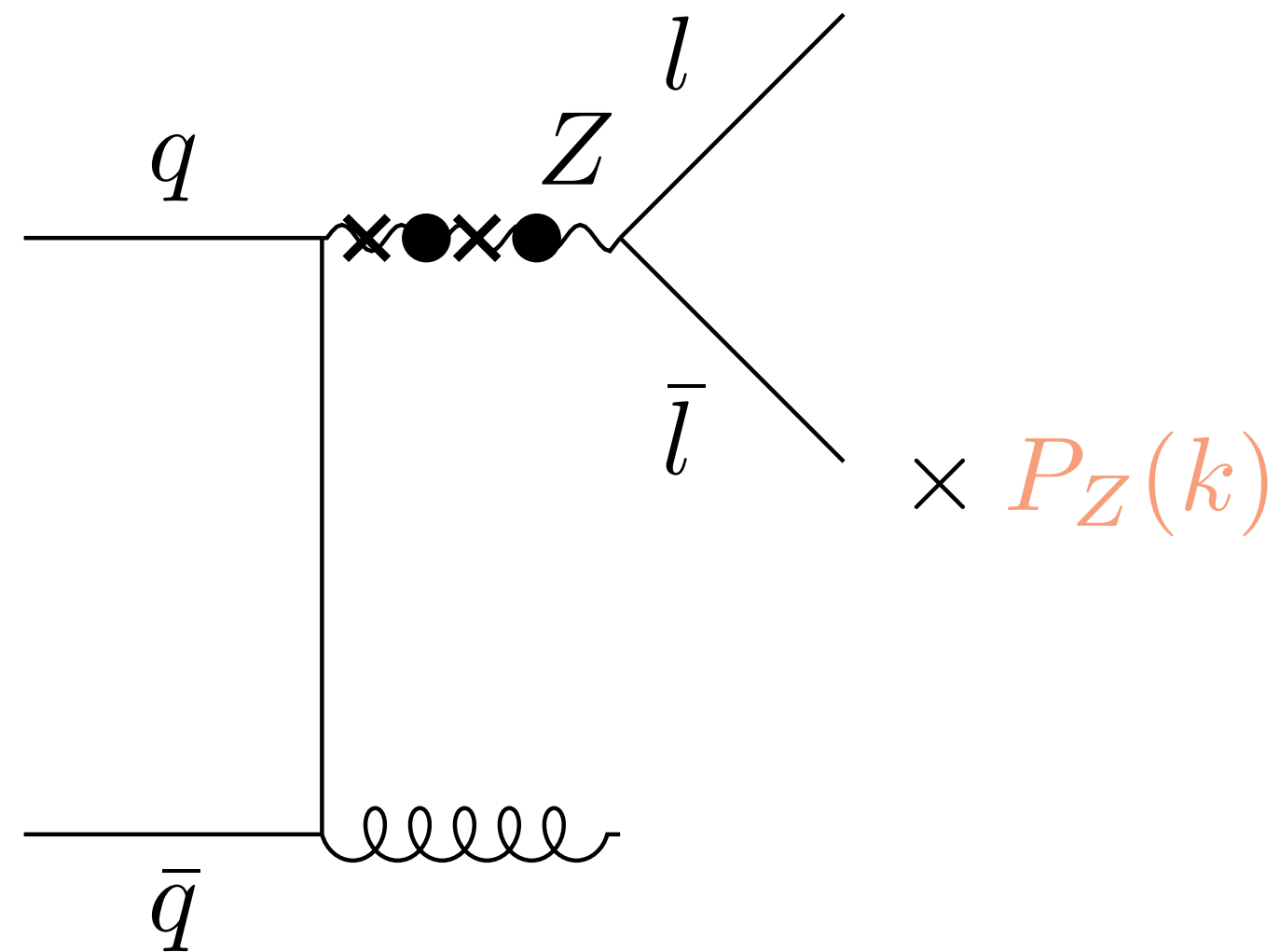
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  - ♦ LO off-shell effects and spin correlations can be retained via subsequent Breit-Wigner smearing

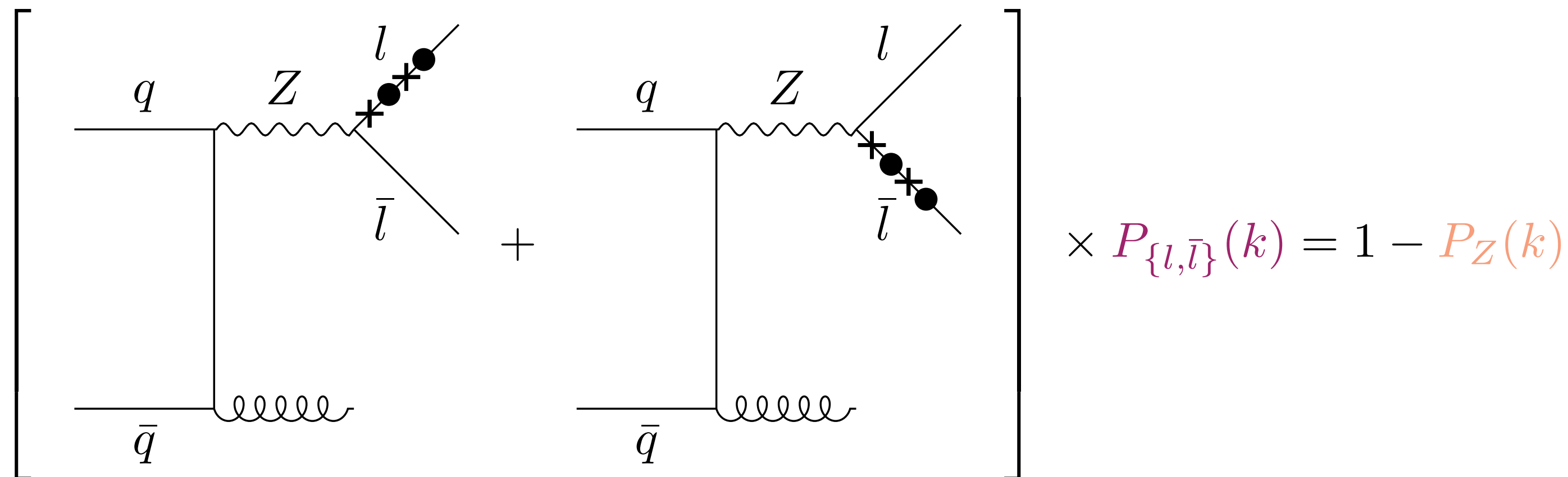
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- Our approach: evaluation of Sudakov logarithms associated to both  $X$  and  $\{i, j\}$  with different weights  $P_i(k_i)$



NB: also the internal effective two-point counterterm vertices are helicity-dependent and project on the helicity of the combined  $\{i, j\}$  current of the external states

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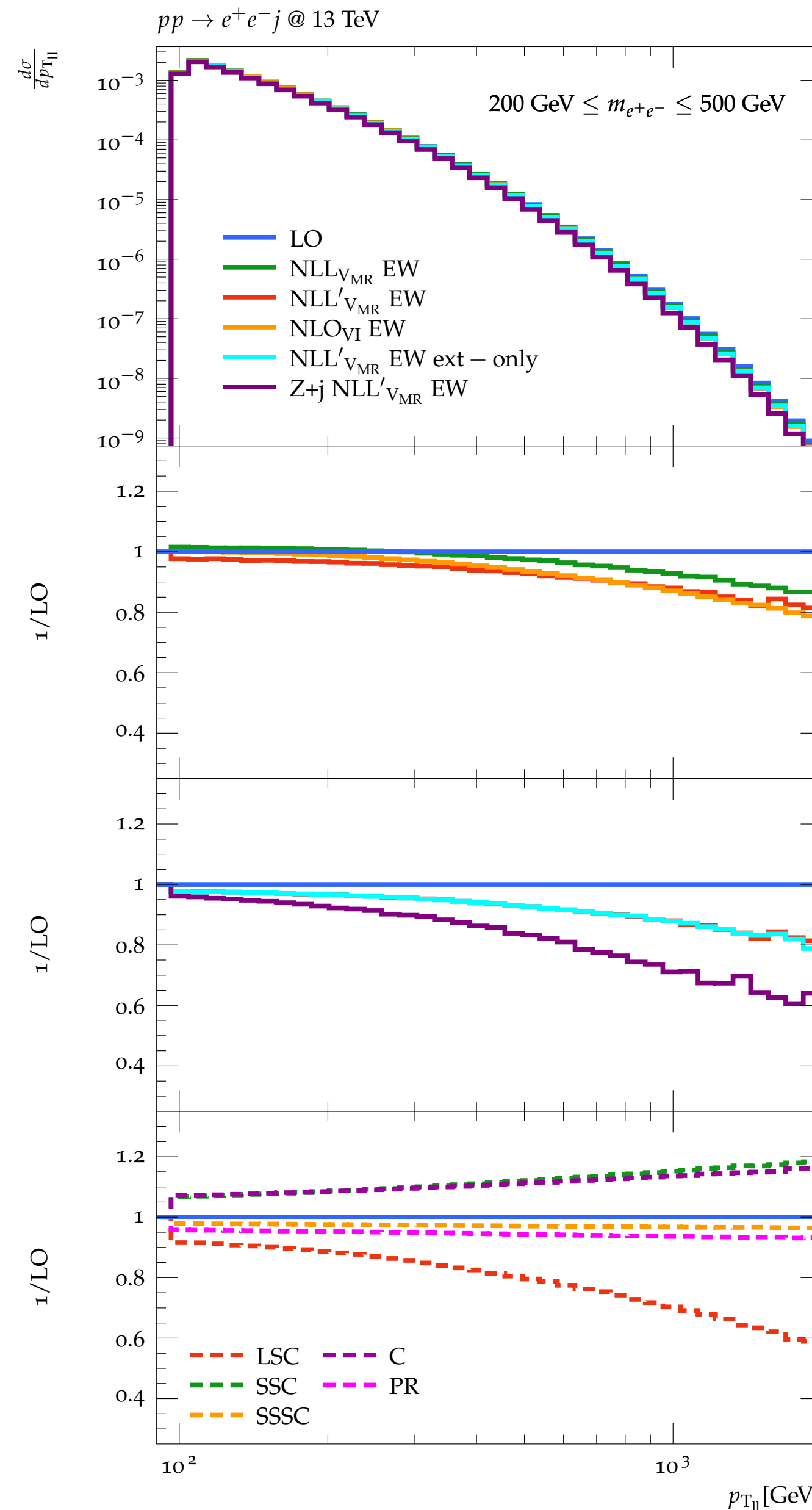
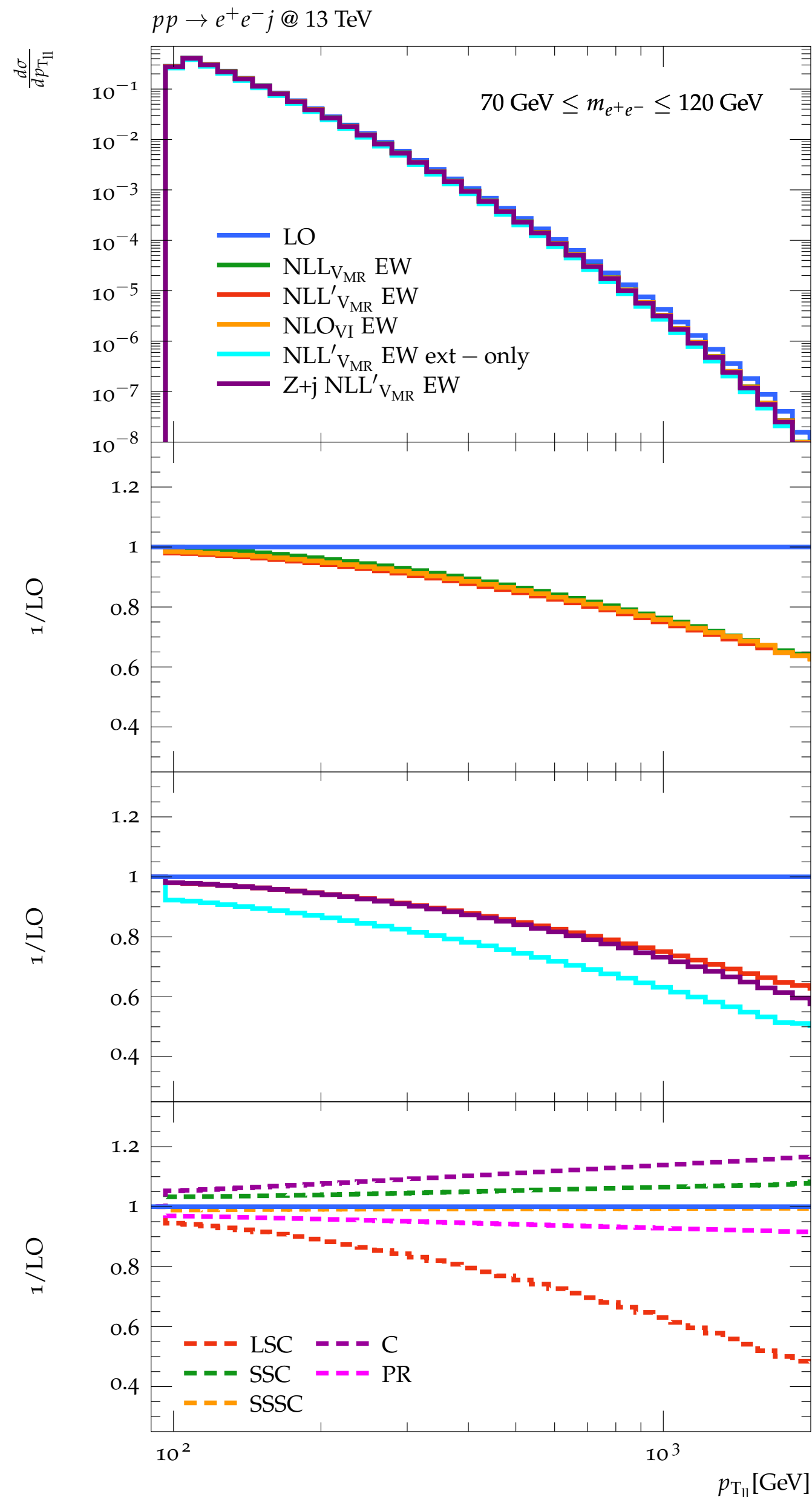
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- The direct employment of projectors would violate unitarity but this can be prevented as follows:
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  - ▶ Generation of random number  $0 \leq a \leq 1$
  - ▶ Choice  $P_{X_i} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P_{X_i} \geq a \\ 0 & \text{if } P_{X_i} < a \end{cases}$

# Results: $pp \rightarrow e^+e^-j$

NLO EW: Denner *et al*, [1011.6674](#)

NLO QCD+EW: Kallweit *et al*, [1511.08692](#)



The standard implementation based on external insertions fails in reproducing the full NLO prediction for the  $m_{e^+e^-}$  range capturing the resonance

Issue naturally solved with internal insertions controlled by projectors

Automatic recover of standard algorithm when far from the resonance

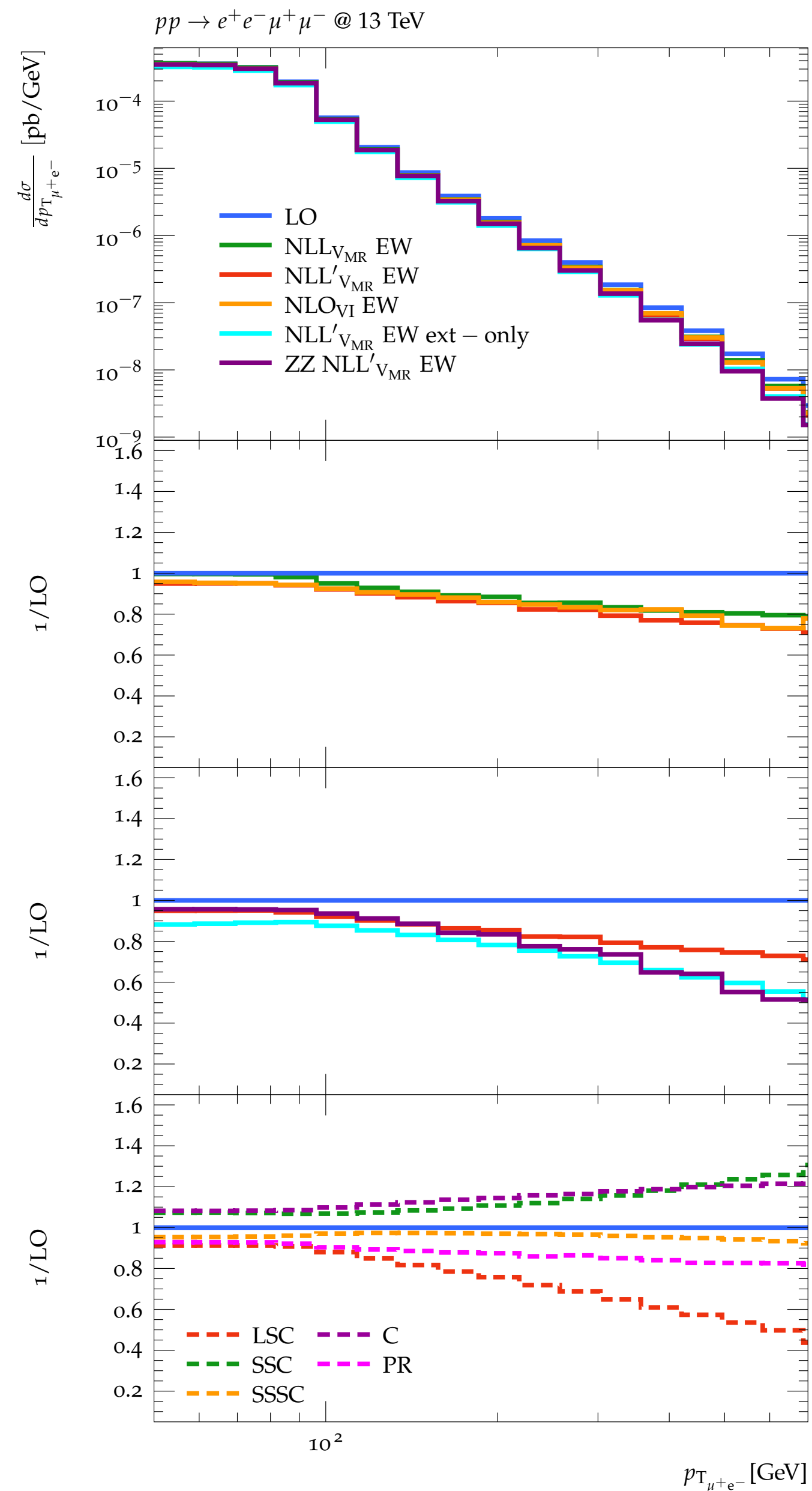
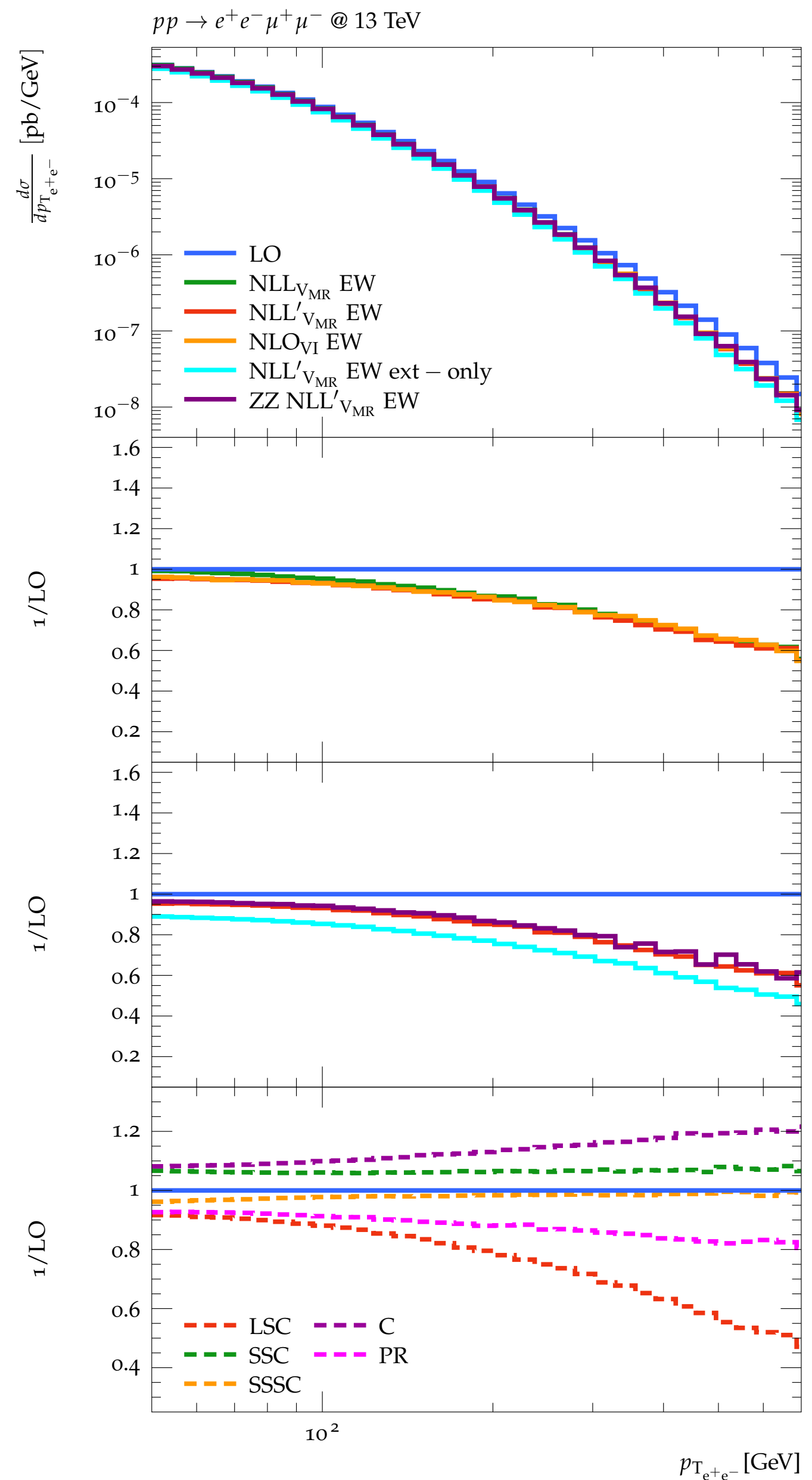
NB: all NLL' and NLL predictions are evaluated in MR with  $\lambda = m_W$  for QED contributions.

However, consistency of  $\boxed{\text{NLL}'_{\text{V}_{\text{MR}}}}$  with:

- $\boxed{Z + j \text{NLL}'_{\text{V}_{\text{MR}}}}$  in their respective on-shell phase spaces

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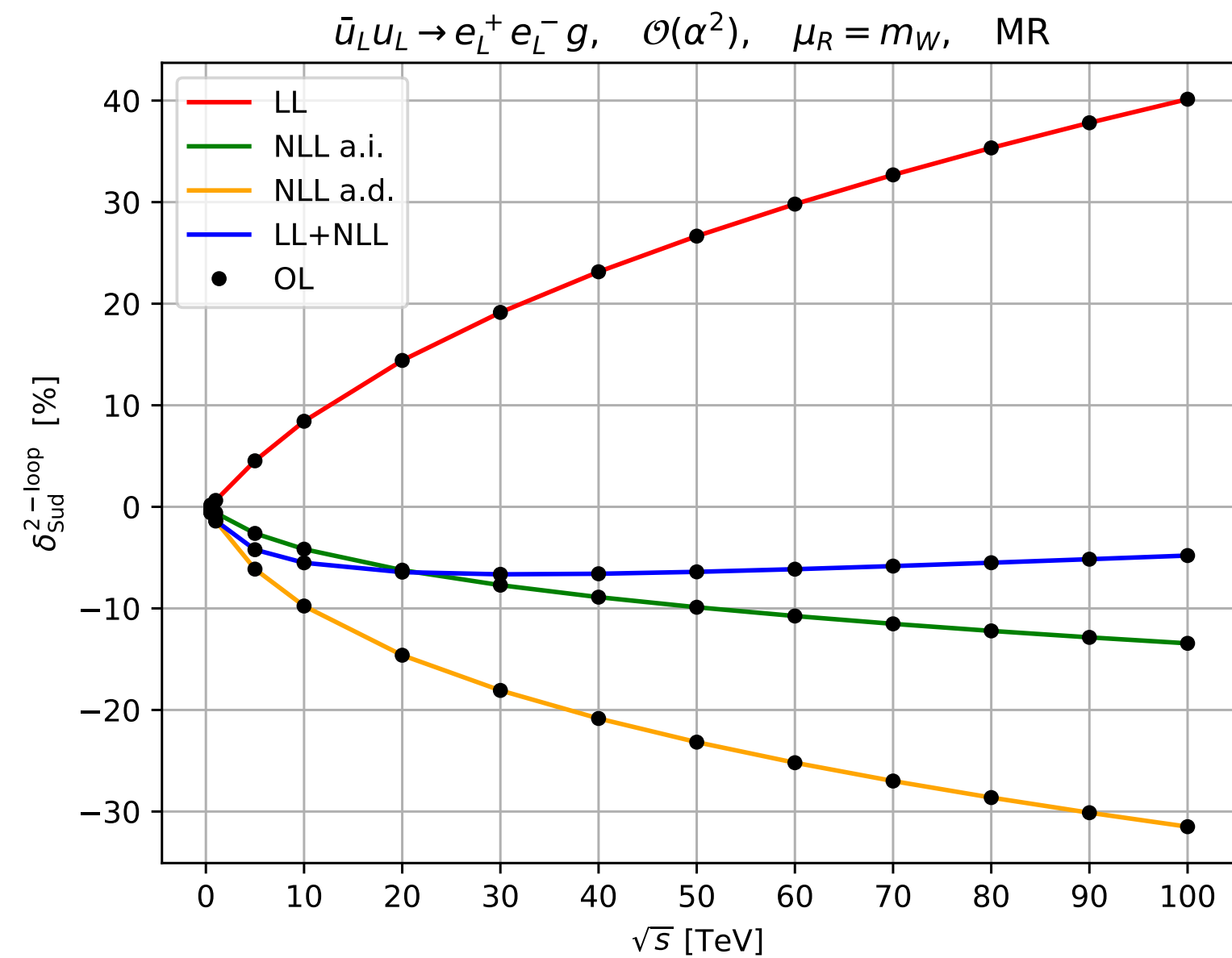


Internal insertions work accurately also for processes with more unstable particles:

- Resonant configuration correctly captured in  $p_{T_{e^+e^-}}$
- Overlapping on-shell and off-shell effects properly interpolated in  $p_{T_{\mu^+e^-}}$

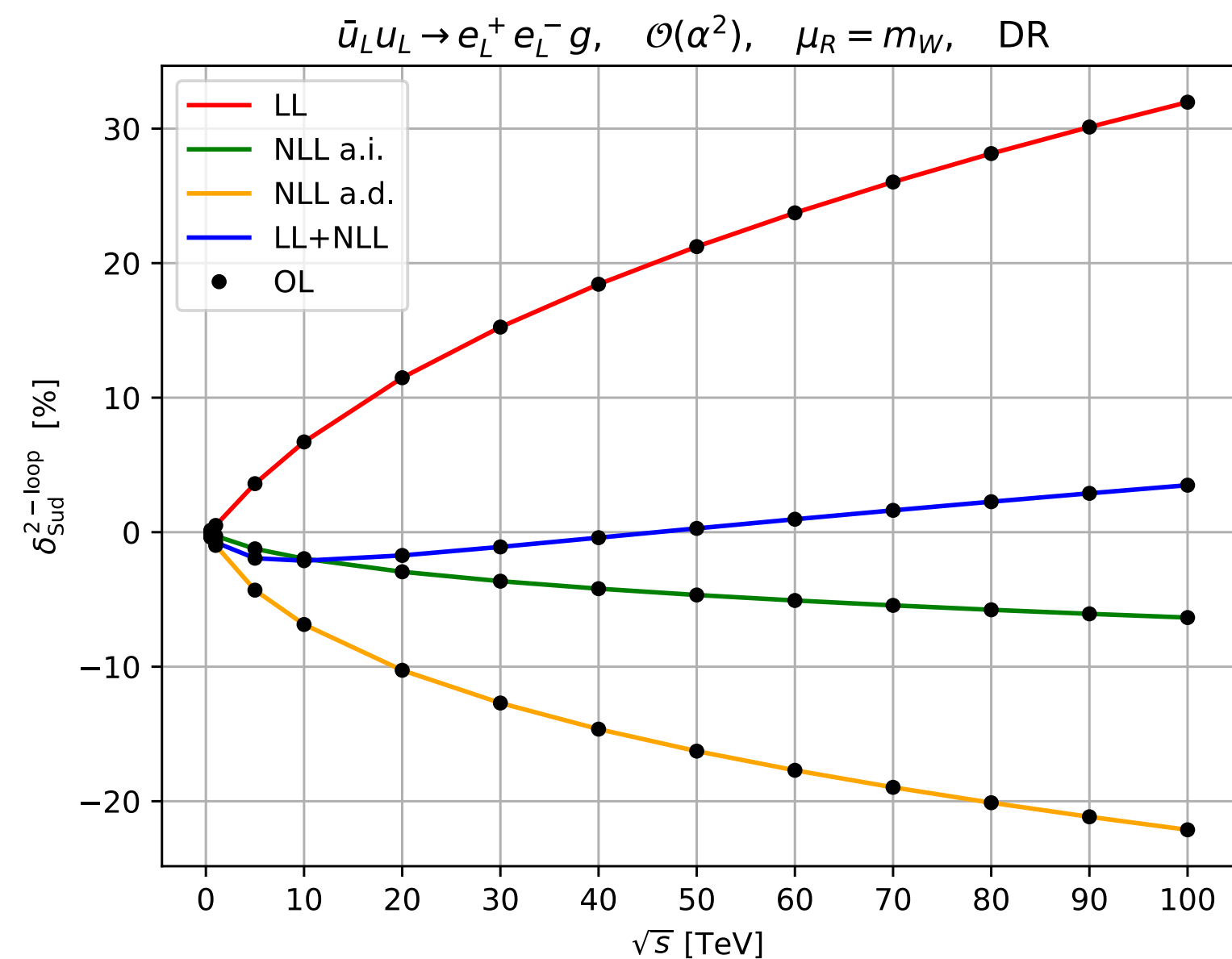
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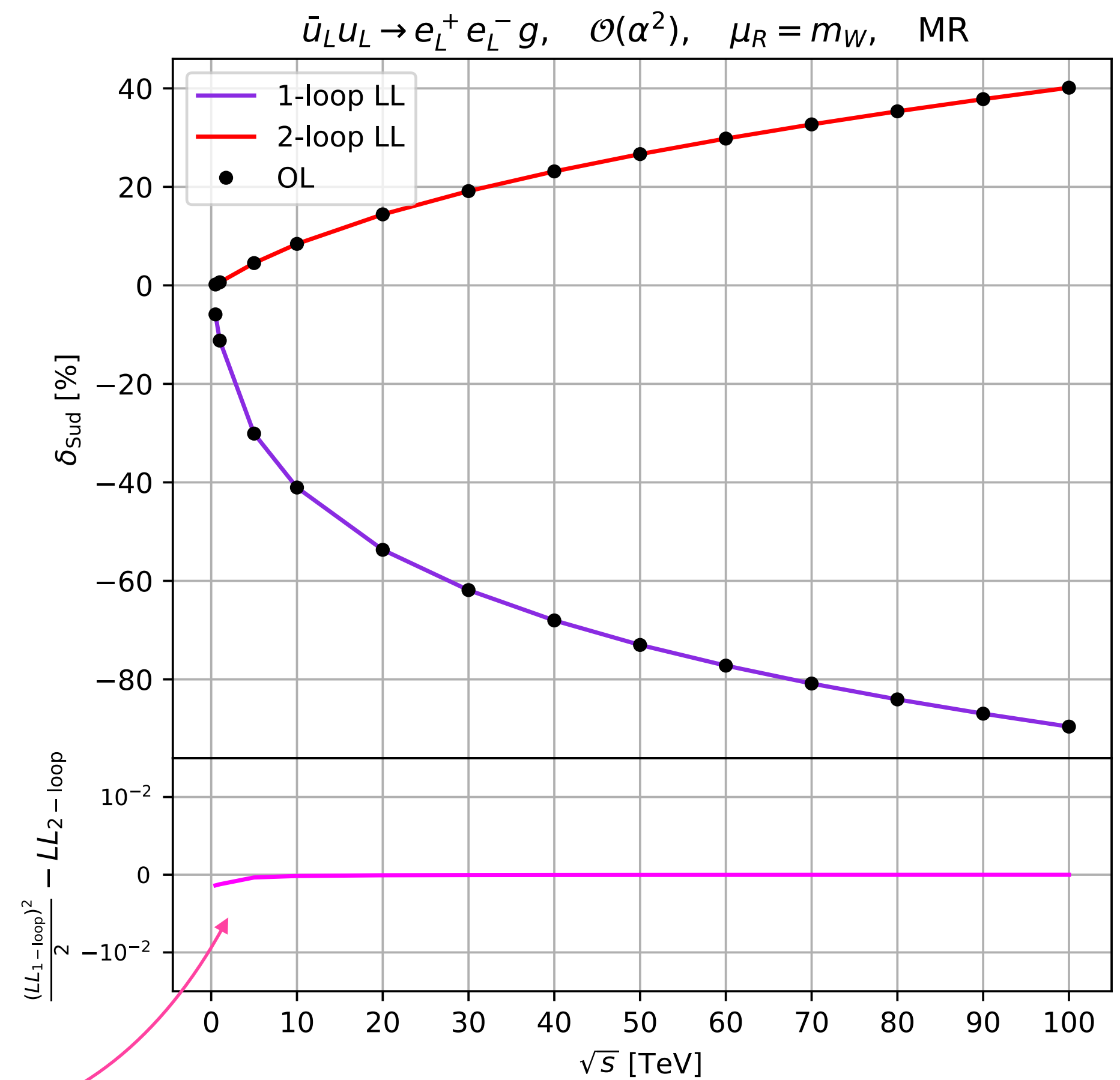


Analytic results firstly presented in Denner *et al.* [hep-ph/0608326](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0608326)

At multi TeV colliders two-loop EW corrections still important!

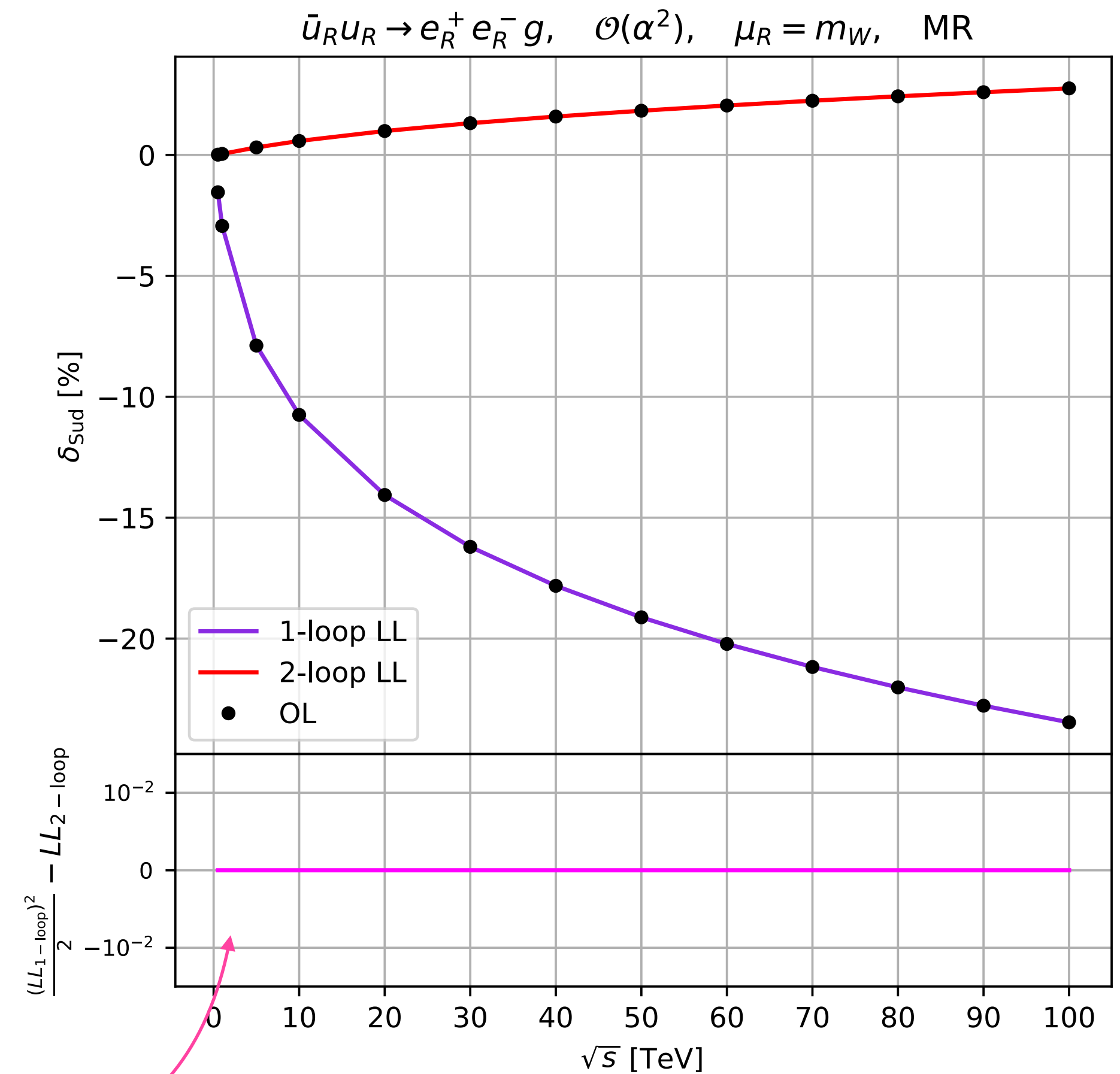
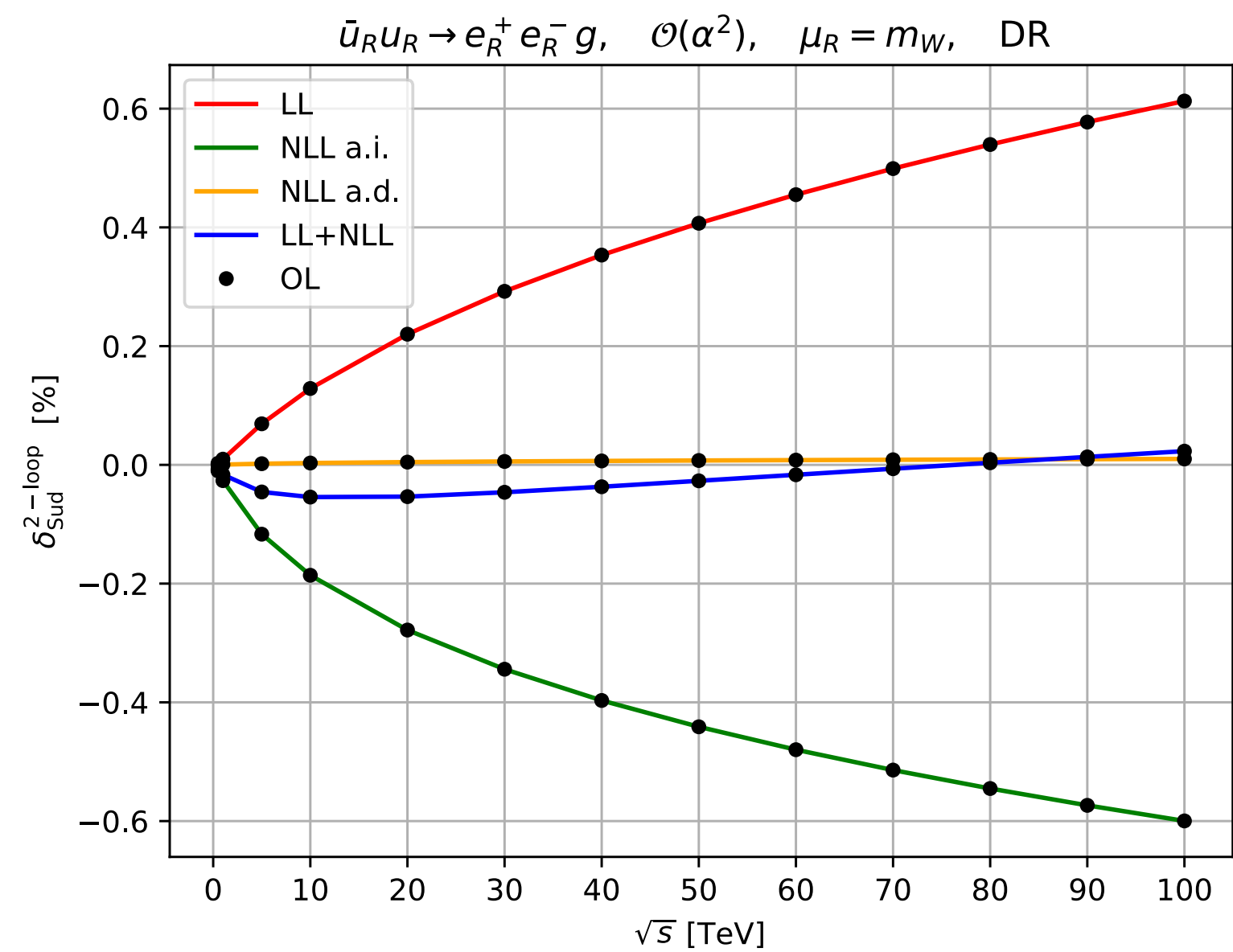
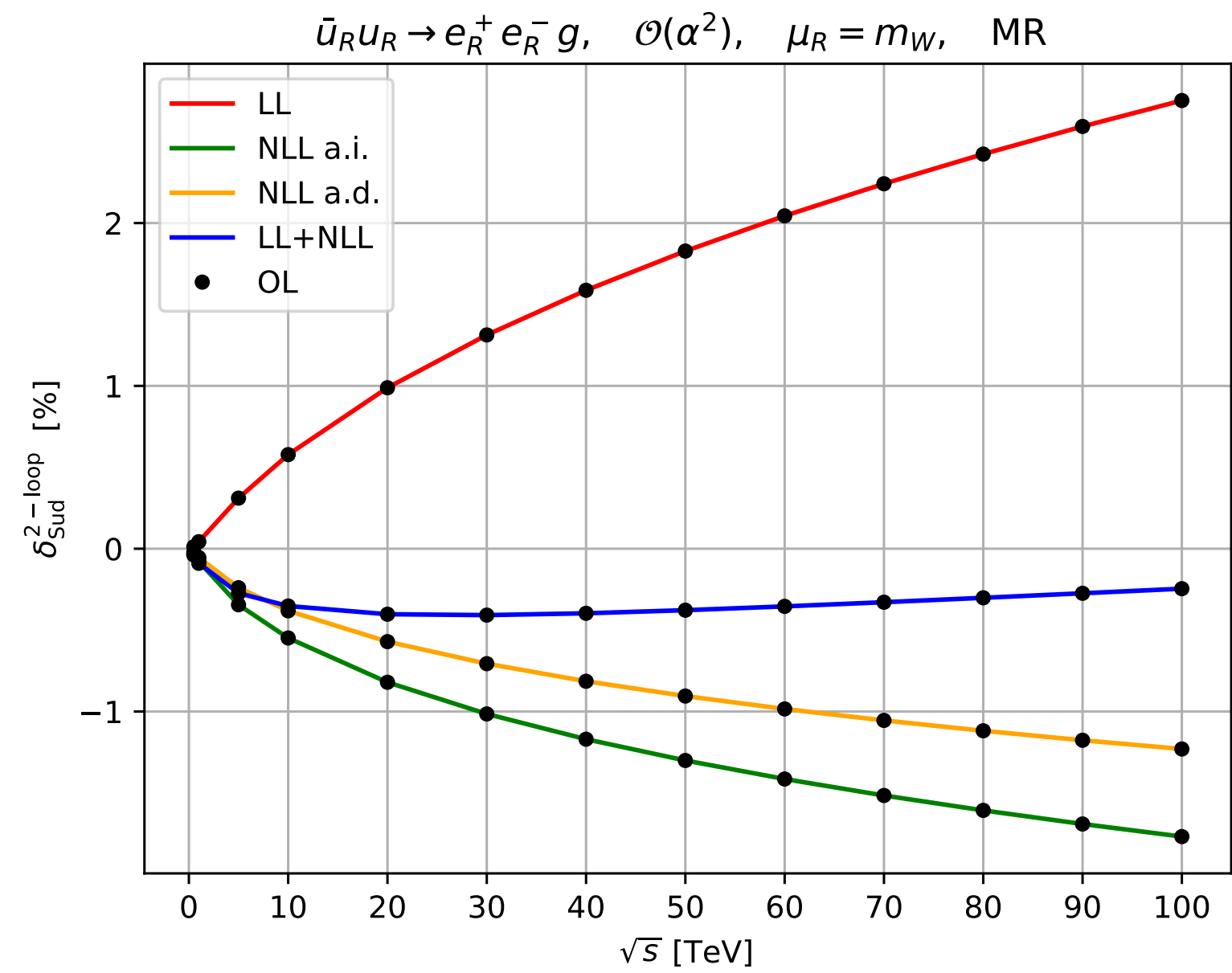


Little deviation at  $\sqrt{s} \sim 1 - 2$  TeV due to difference in  $W$  and  $Z$  boson's masses in propagator of Born subdiagram



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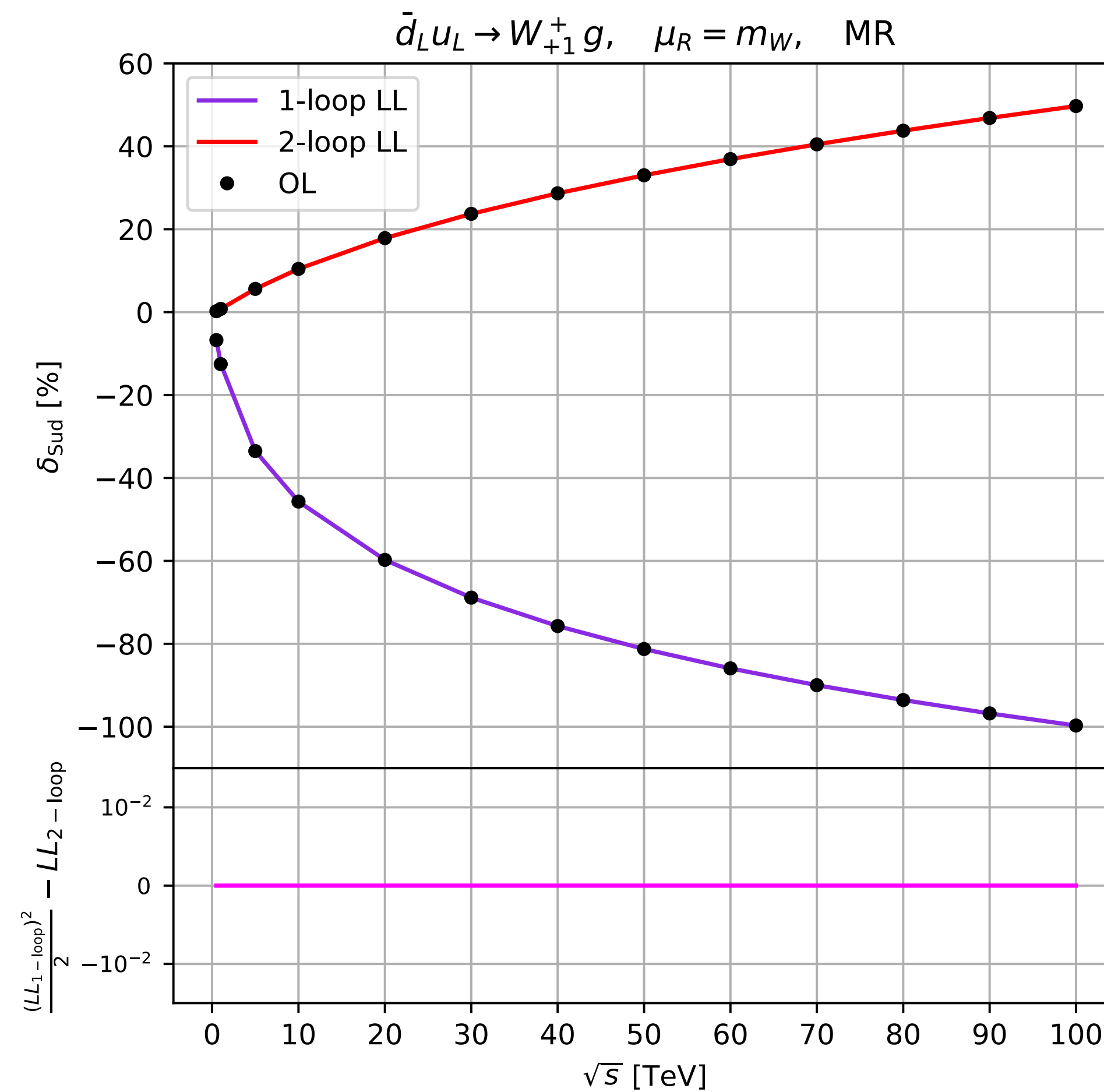
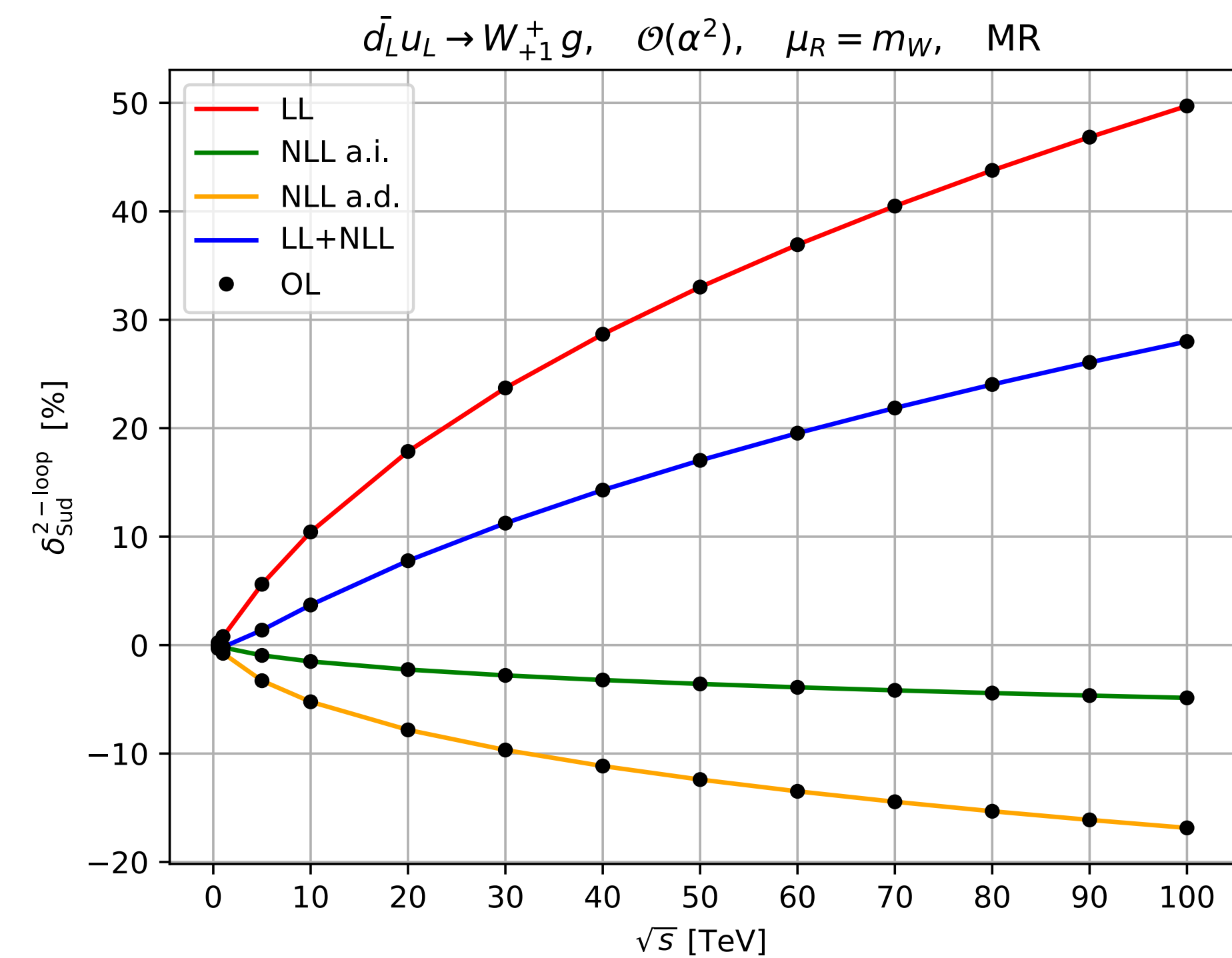
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No deviation: with all right-handed fields there is no  $W$  in Born subdiagram

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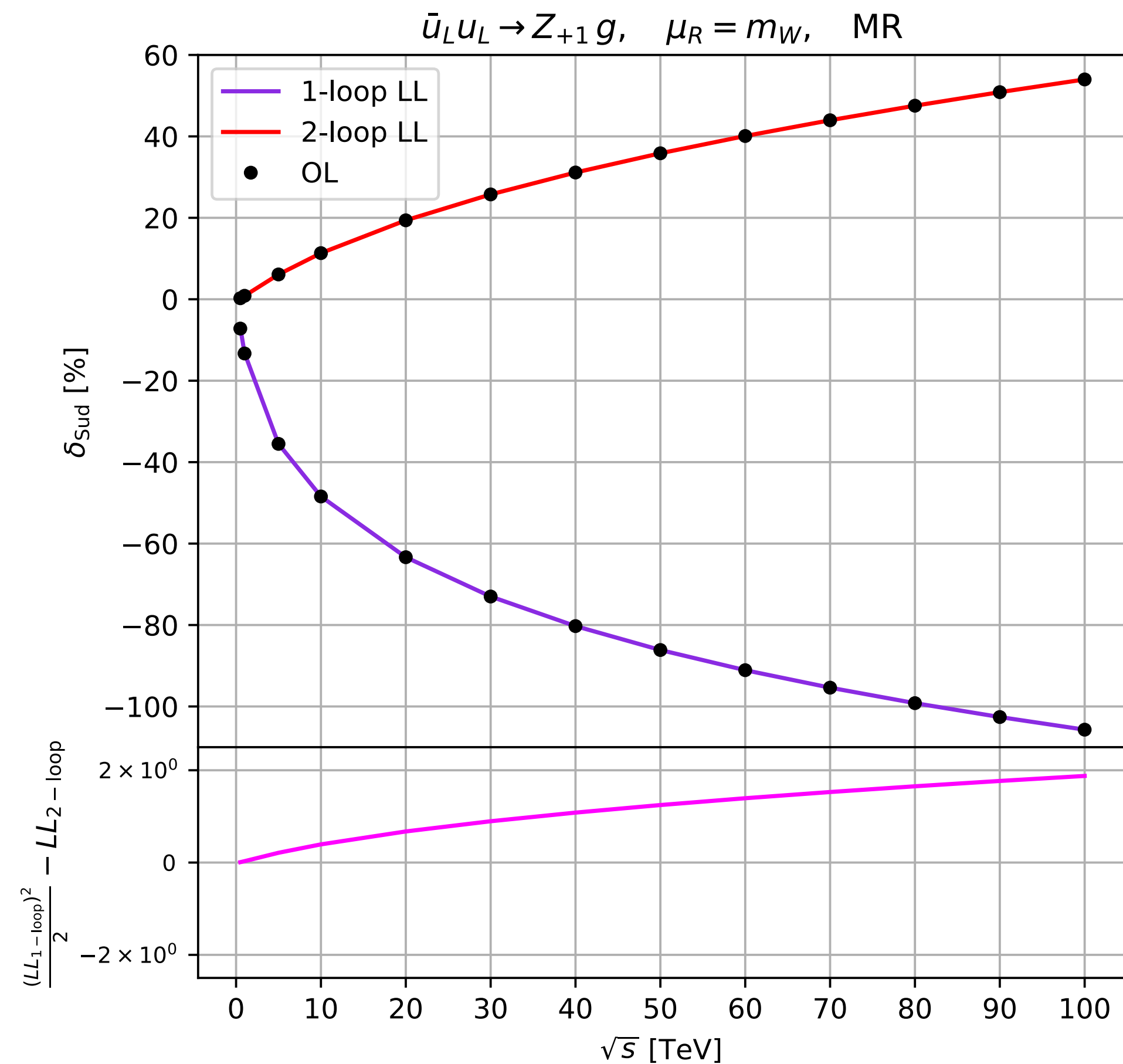
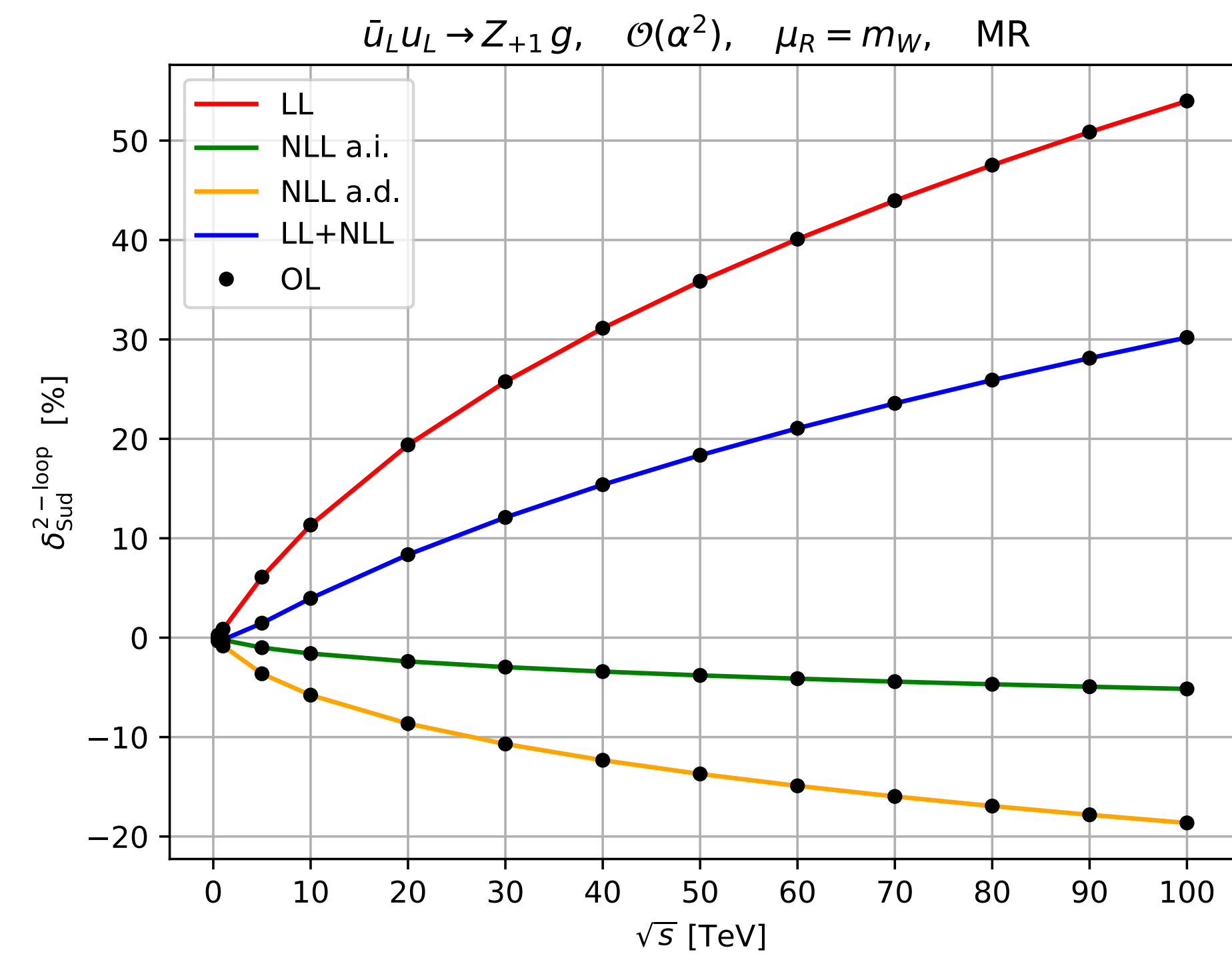
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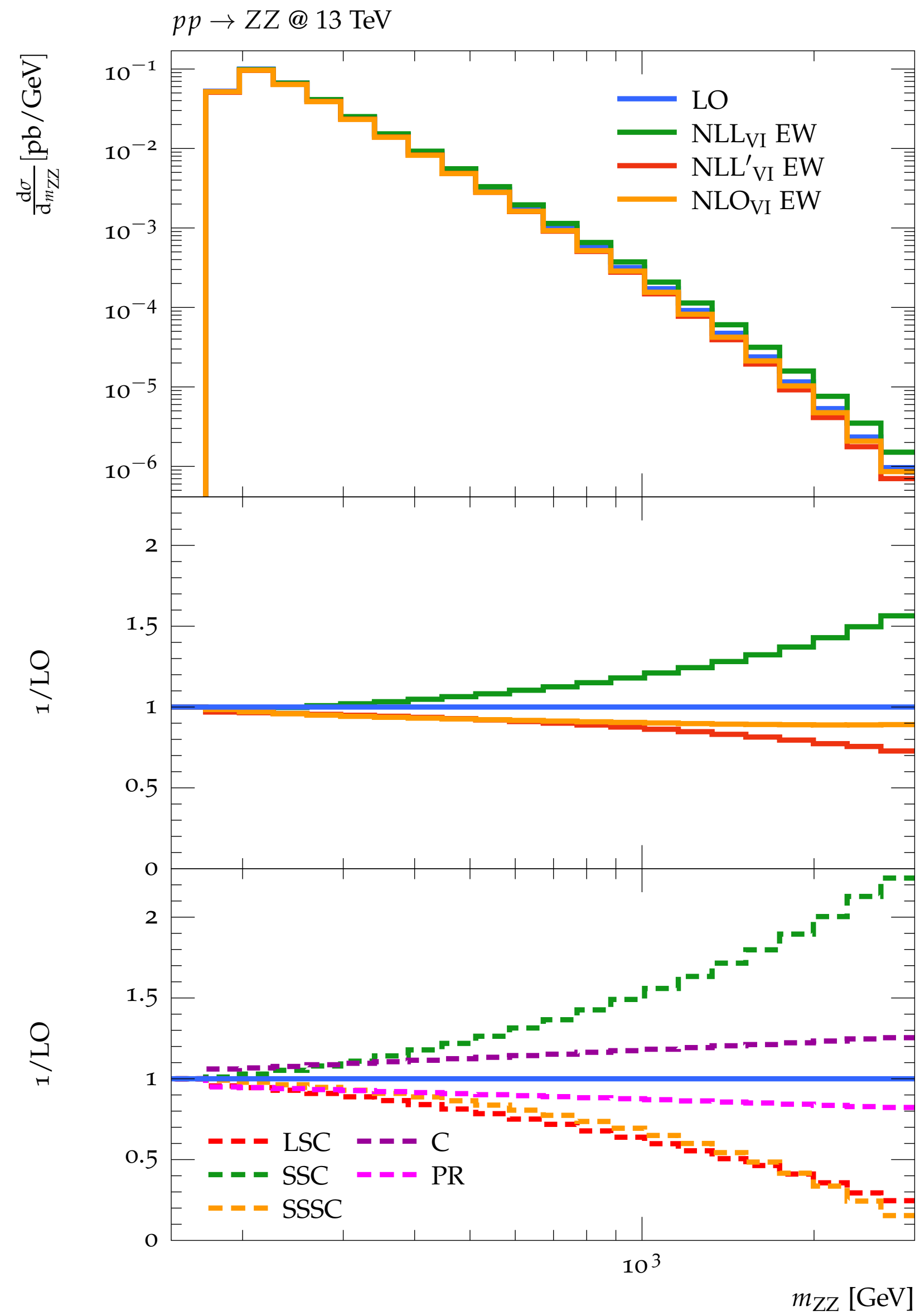
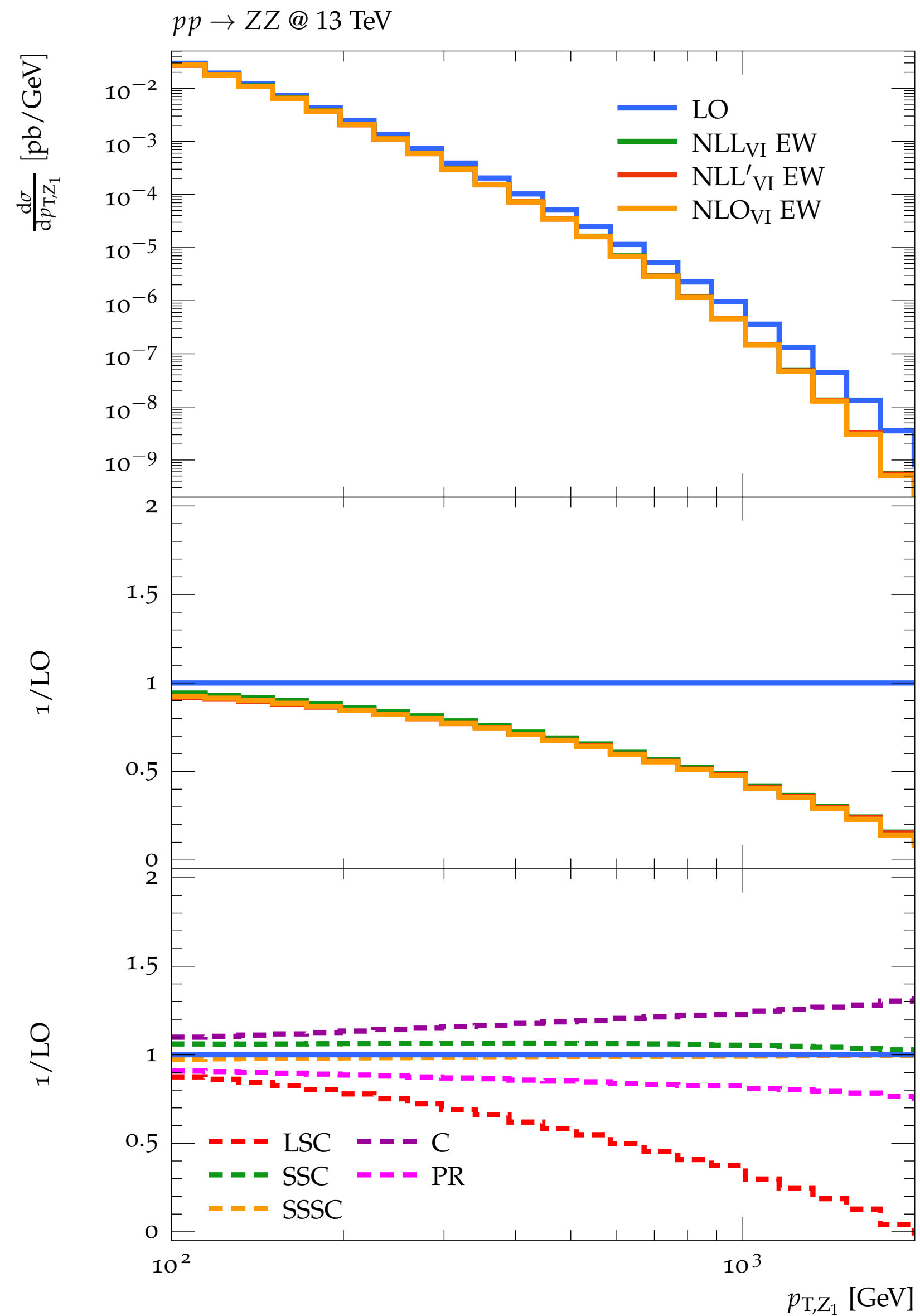
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Full NLO EW: Bierweiler *et al*, [1305.5402](#)

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NNLO QCD+NLO EW: Grazzini *et al*, [1912.00068](#)

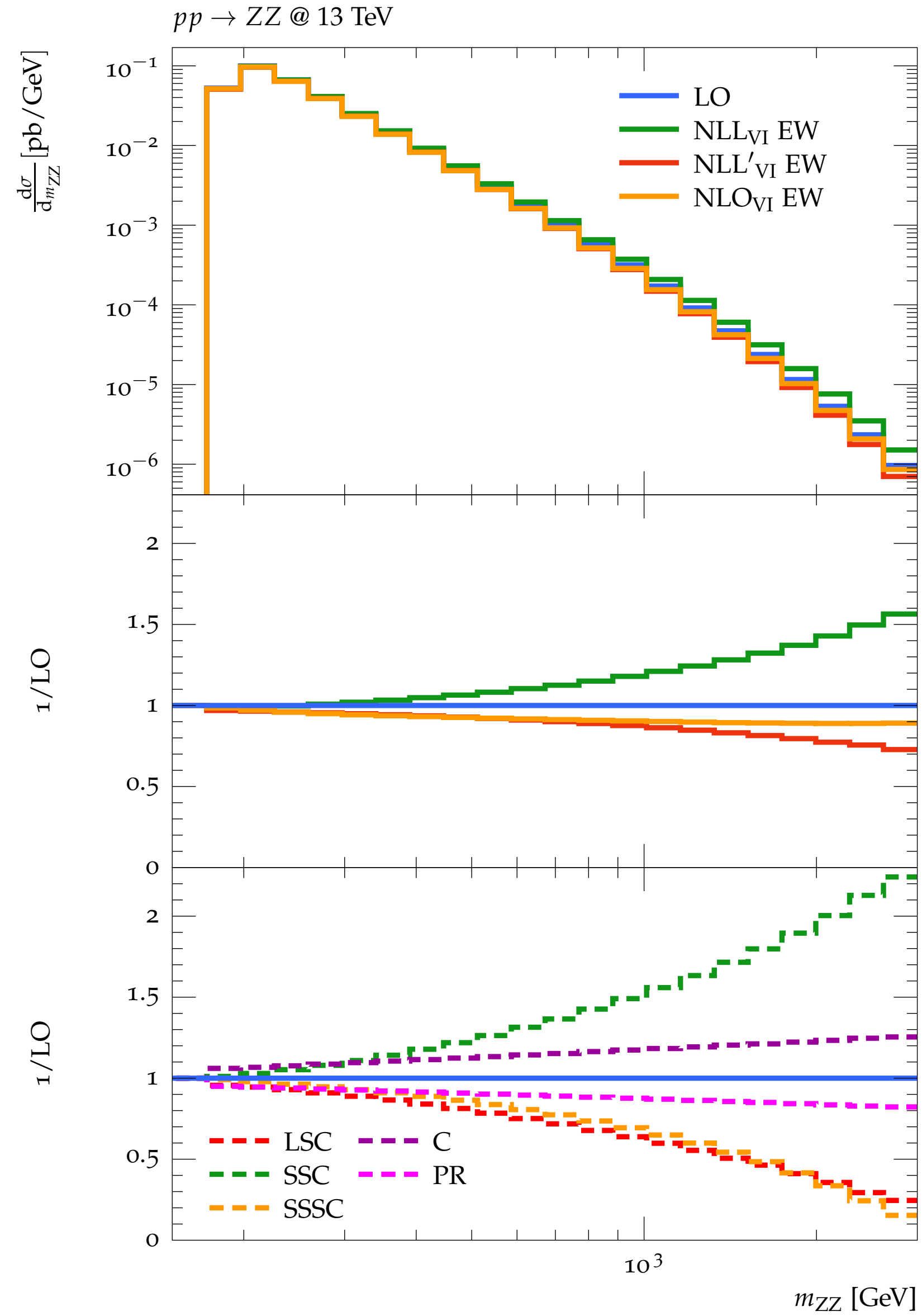
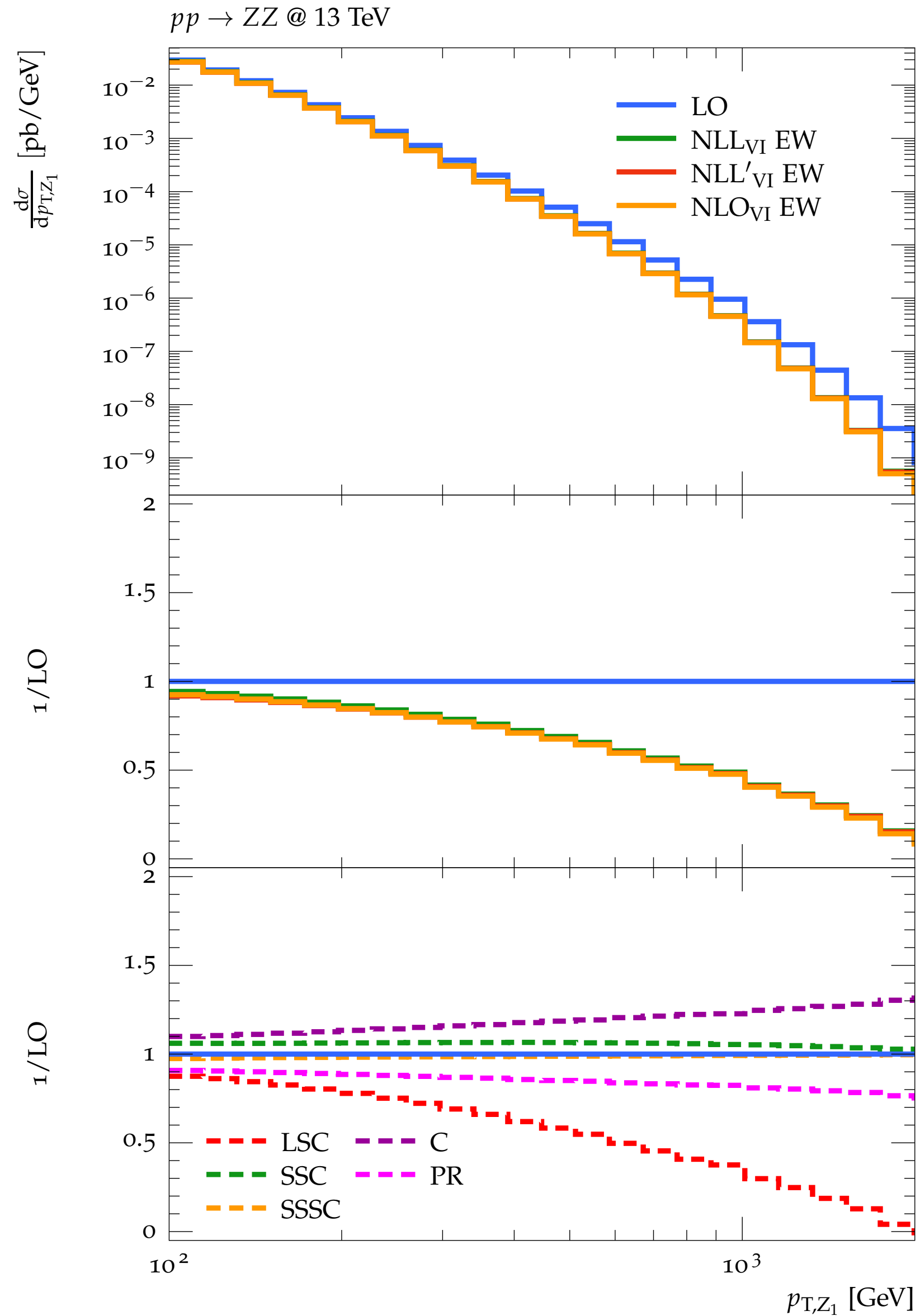
NLO EW vs NLL EW: Bothmann *et al*, [2111.13453](#)



$$\text{NLL}_{\text{VI}} \text{ EW} = (1 + \text{LSC} + \text{SSC} + \text{C} + \text{PR} + \mathbf{I})\text{LO}$$

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**SSC** and **SSSC** become very sizeable for PS regions where

LA condition

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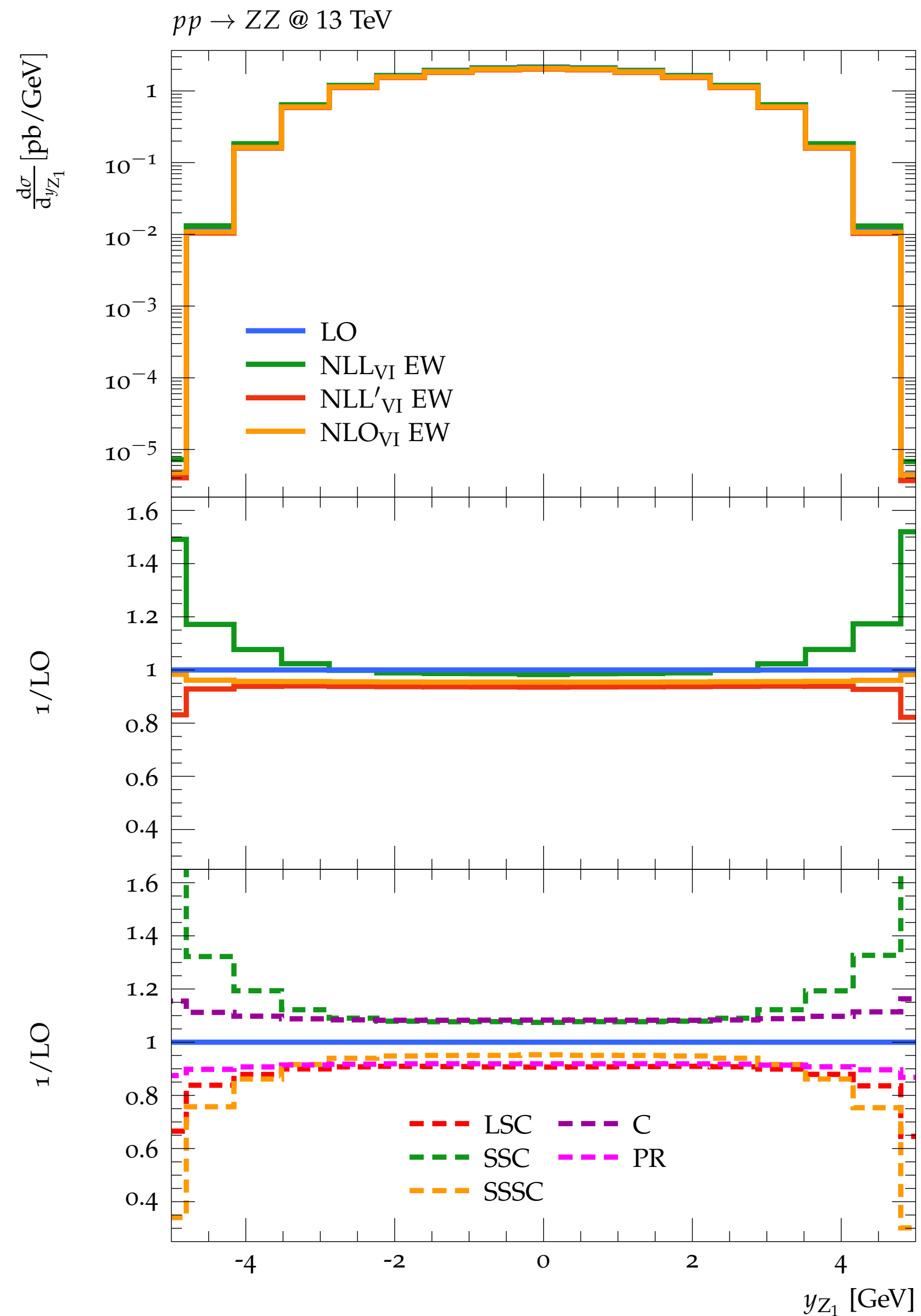
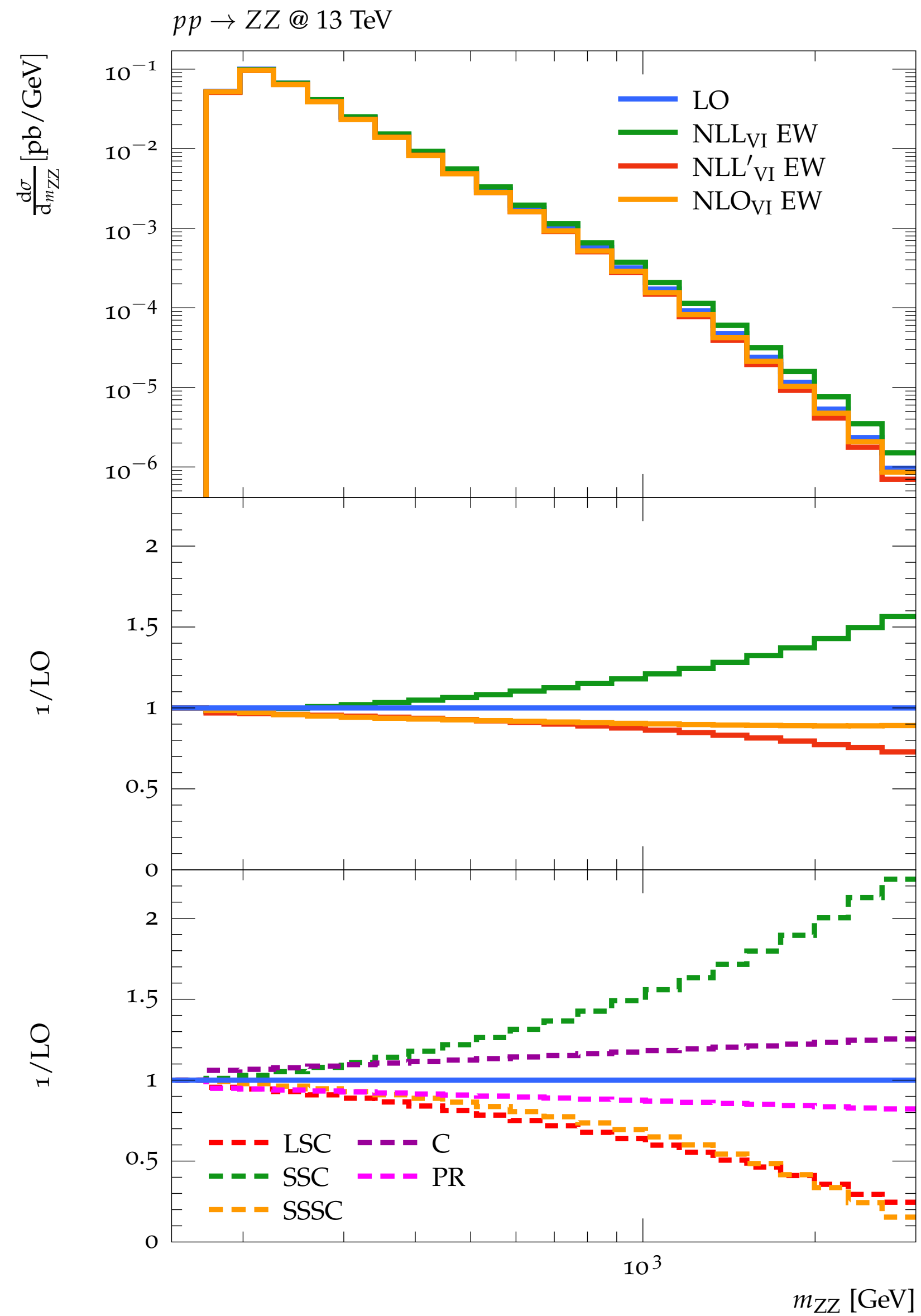
is violated, with hierarchy among invariants

$$s \sim r_{kl} \equiv (p_k + p_l)^2 \gg r_{k'l'} \equiv (p_{k'} + p_{l'})^2 \gg m_{Z,W}^2$$

$$\delta_{kk' ll'}^{\text{SSC}, V} \sim \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} I^V I^{\bar{V}} \log\left(\frac{s}{m_V^2}\right) \log\left(\frac{|r_{kl}|}{s}\right)$$

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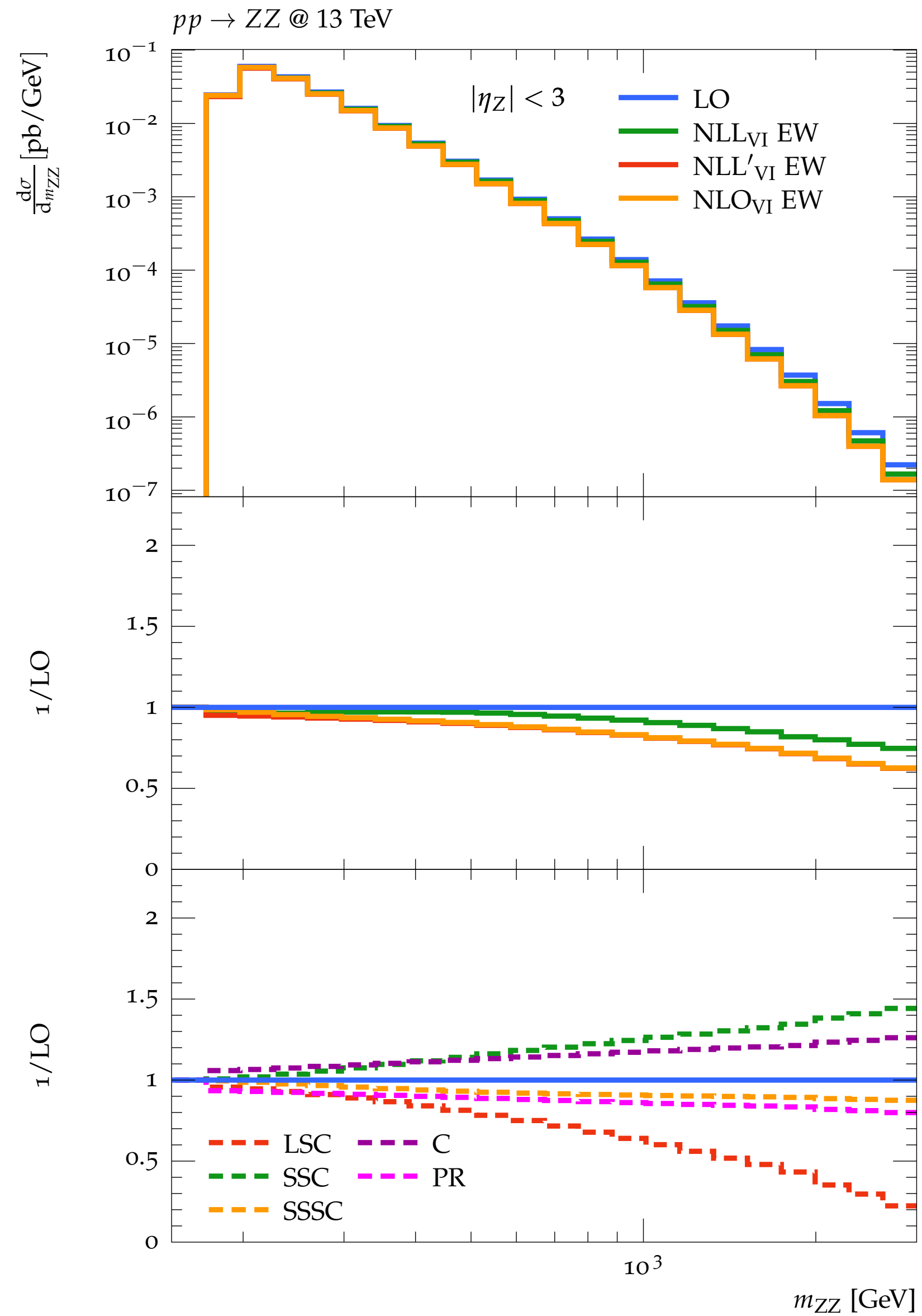
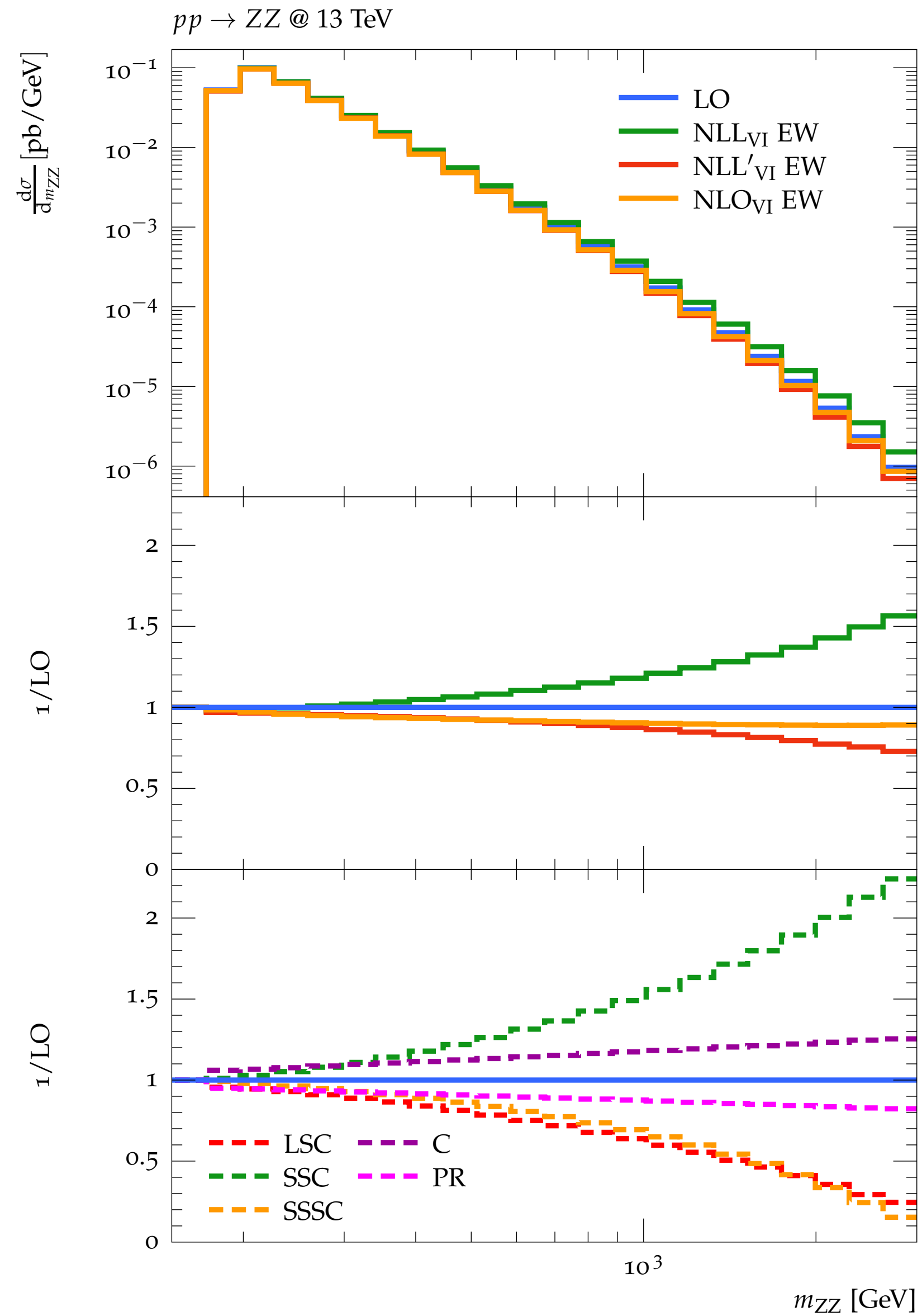
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Two considerations from the rapidity distribution:

- The inclusion of **SSSC** allows for a better *Sudakov* approximation, in particular for  $|y_Z| < 3$
- For very forward configurations, i.e. outside the central region  $|y_Z| < 3$ , **SSC** and **SSSC** rapidly grow

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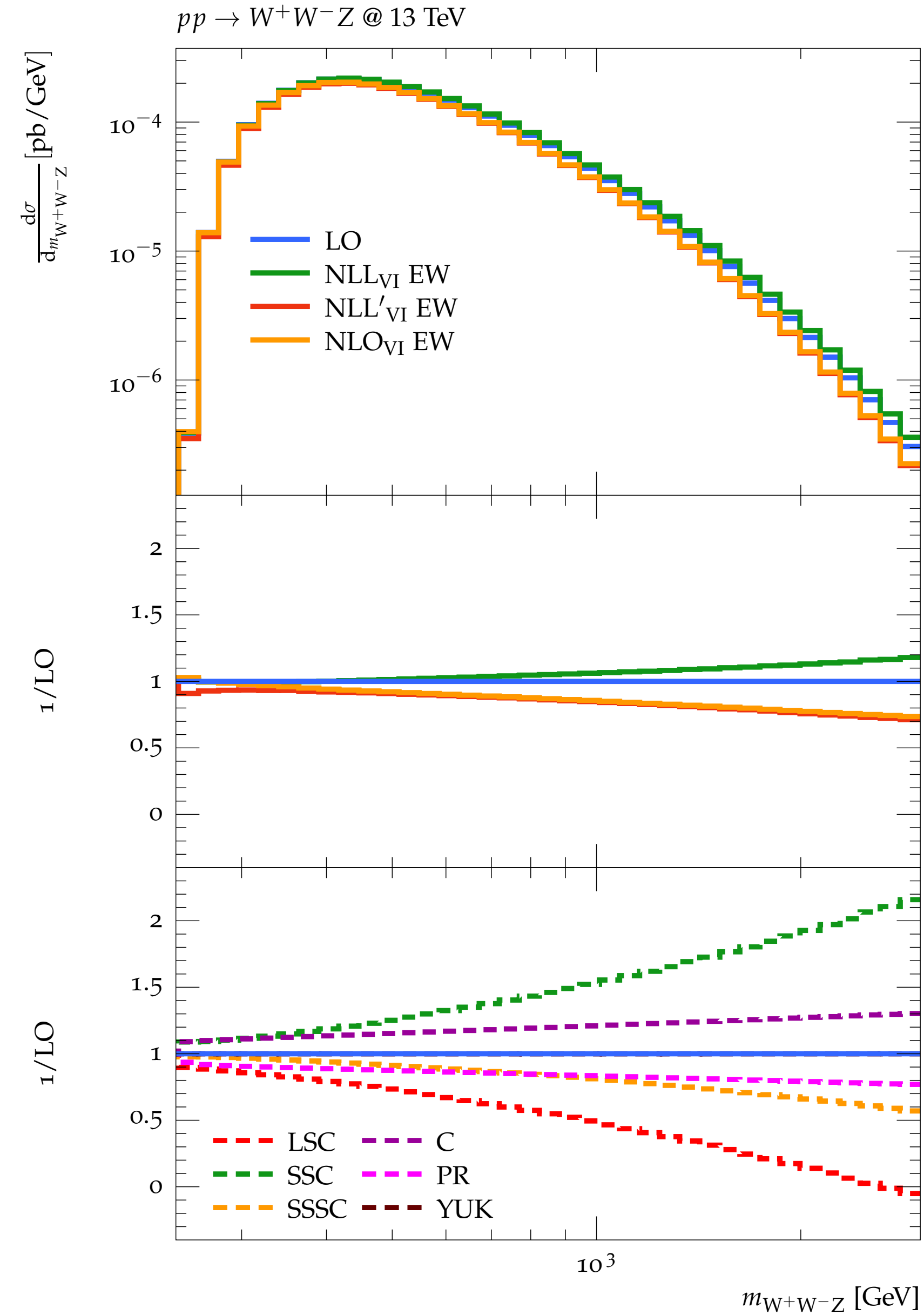
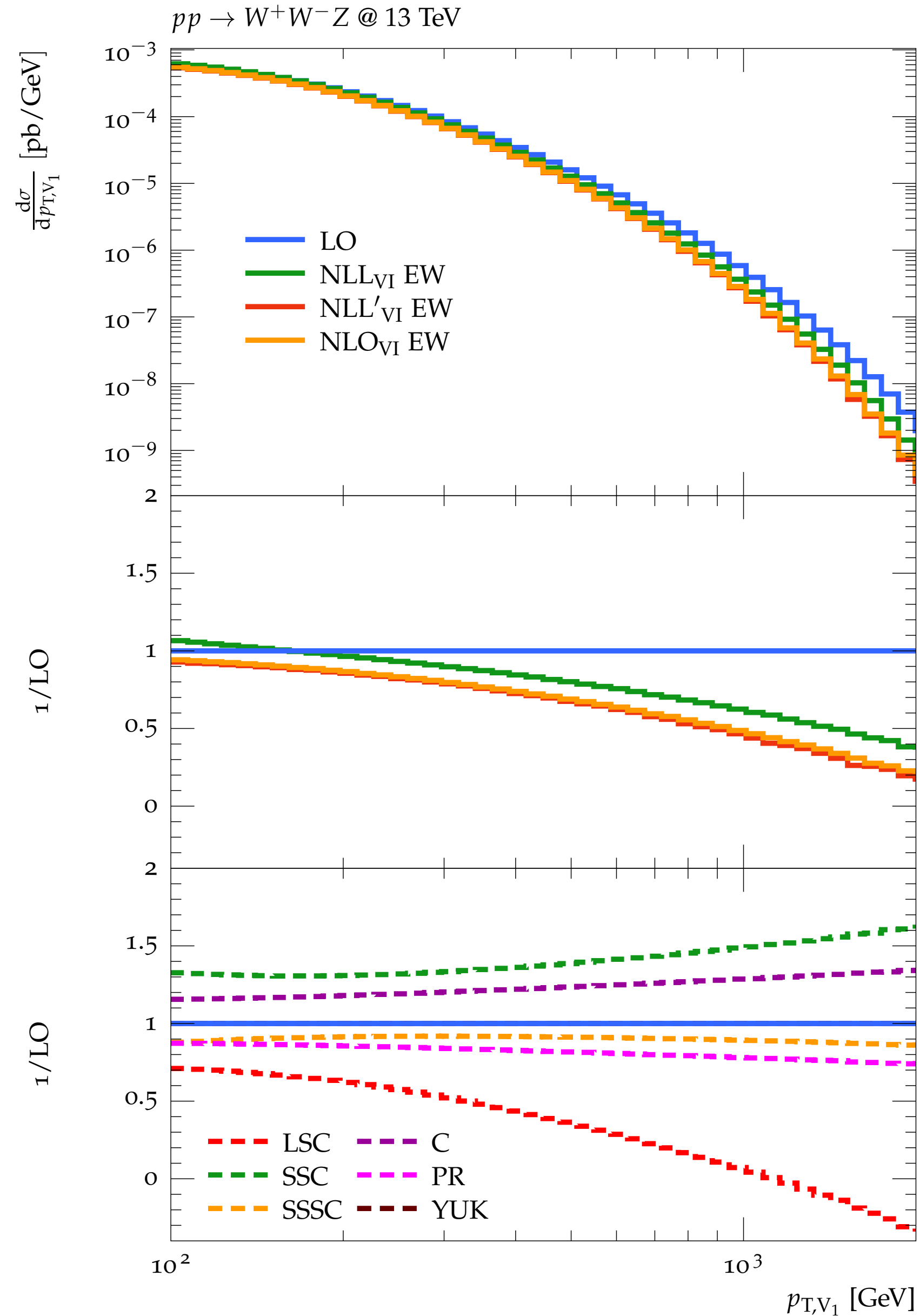


Pseudo-rapidity cut  $|\eta_Z| < 3$   
 avoids pathological forward configurations  
 which violate LA

Inclusion of **SSSC** leads to more accurate predictions, but there is no full control on it. *Non-universal* **SSSC**-like terms arising from high-energy expansion of 4-point functions. These angular contributions *cannot* be reliably controlled in LA

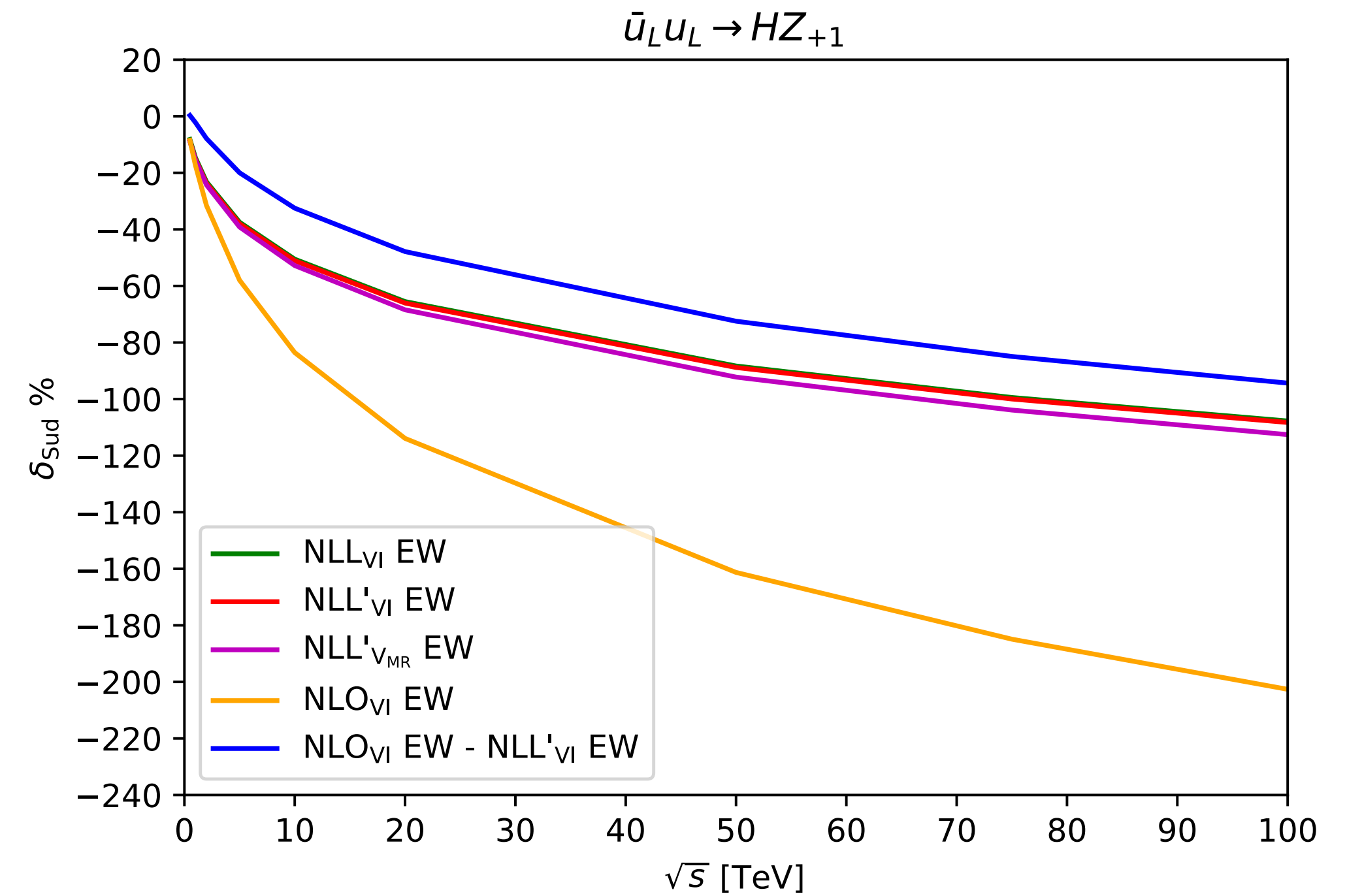
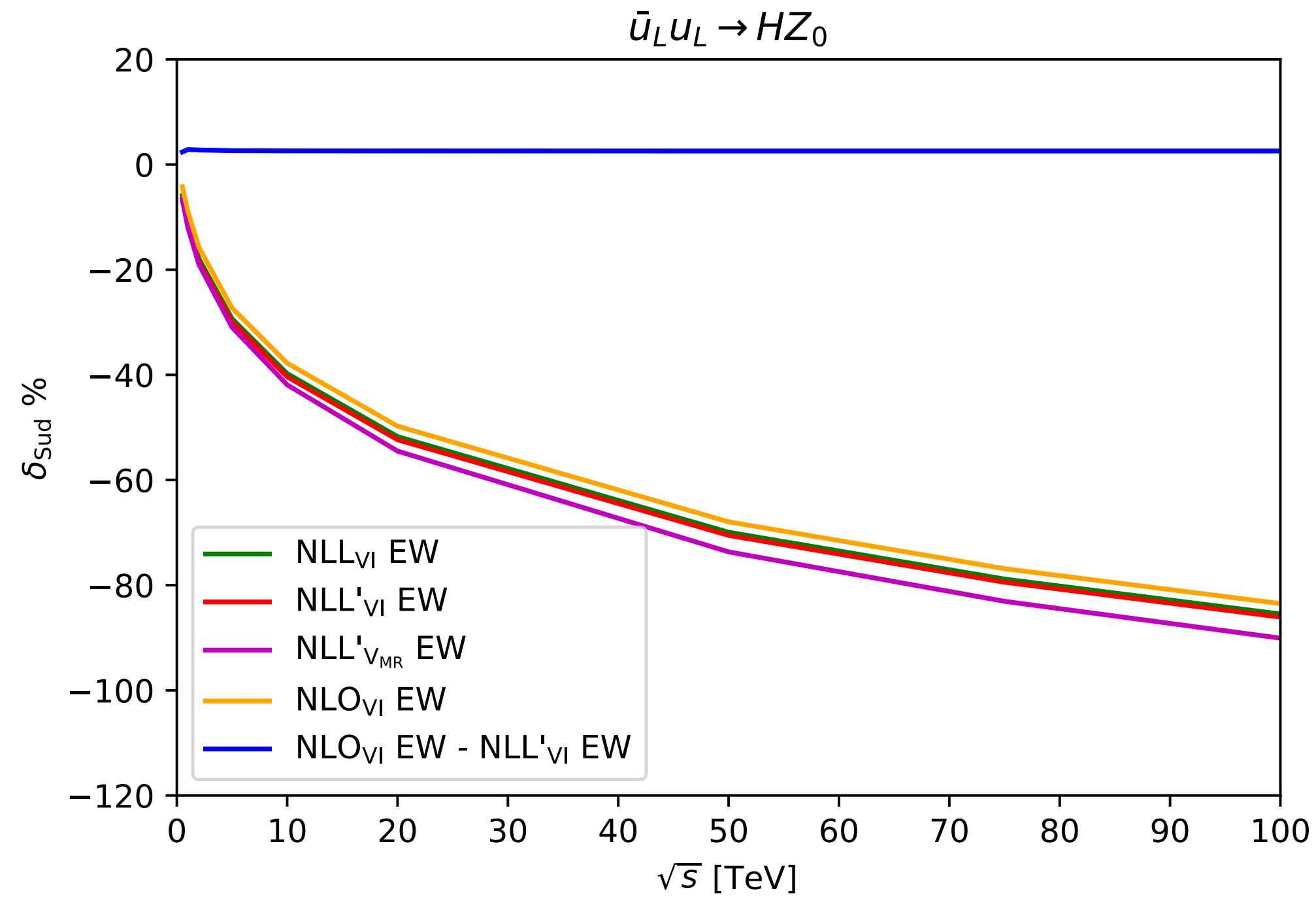
- Looking at differences between NLL' and NLL opens two scenarios:
- $NLL' - NLL > NLL' - NLO \Rightarrow$  **SSSC** is a reliable estimate of sub-sub-leading angular terms beyond LA
  - If NLO is unknown: **SSSC** might be interpreted as a conservative estimate of uncertainties of LA

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 (Non-universal) **SSSC**-like terms arise also from LA of 4-point functions

# Amplitude-level validation: $\sqrt{s}$ scan



- In *Sudakov* approximation: keep only double and singular logarithmic corrections

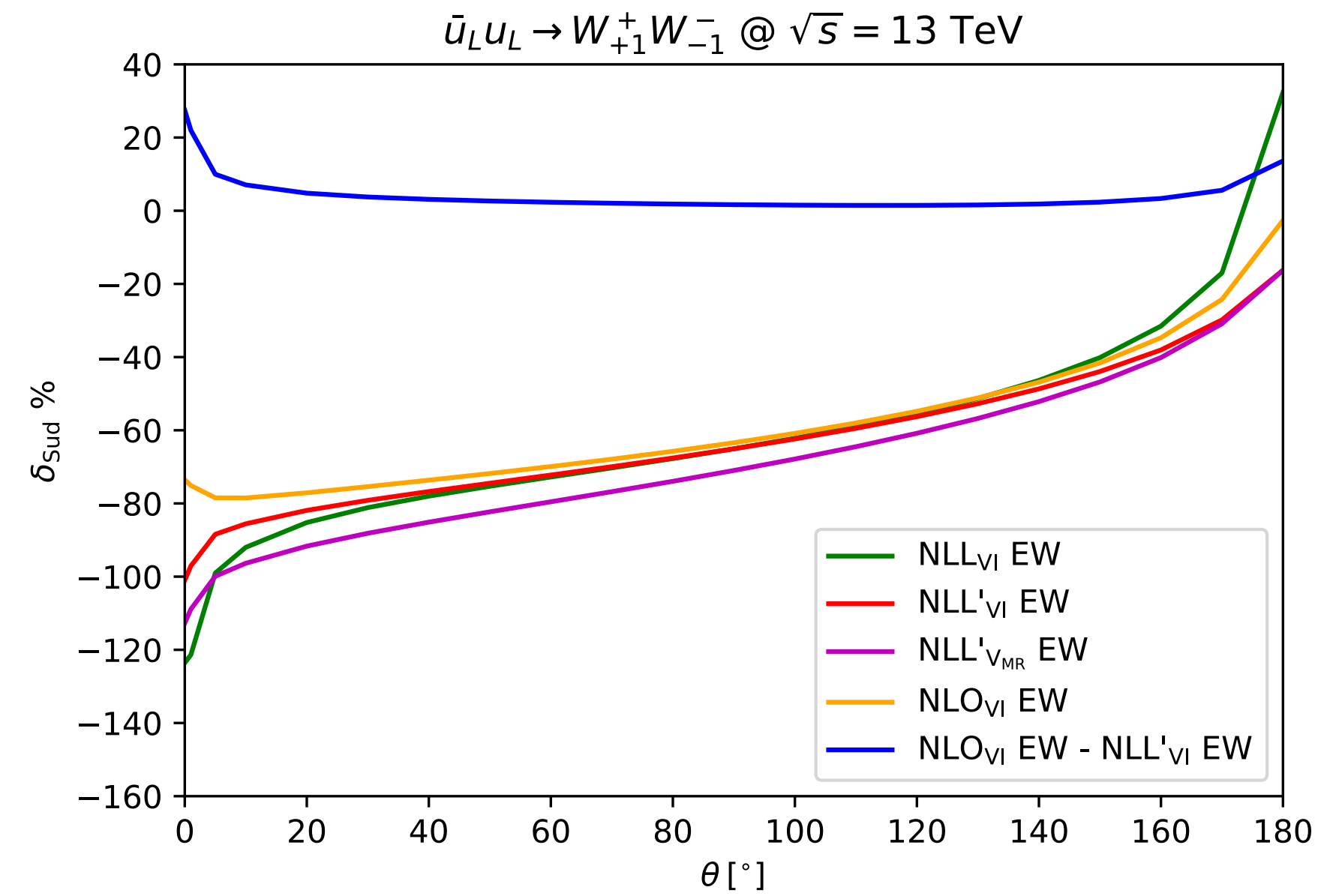
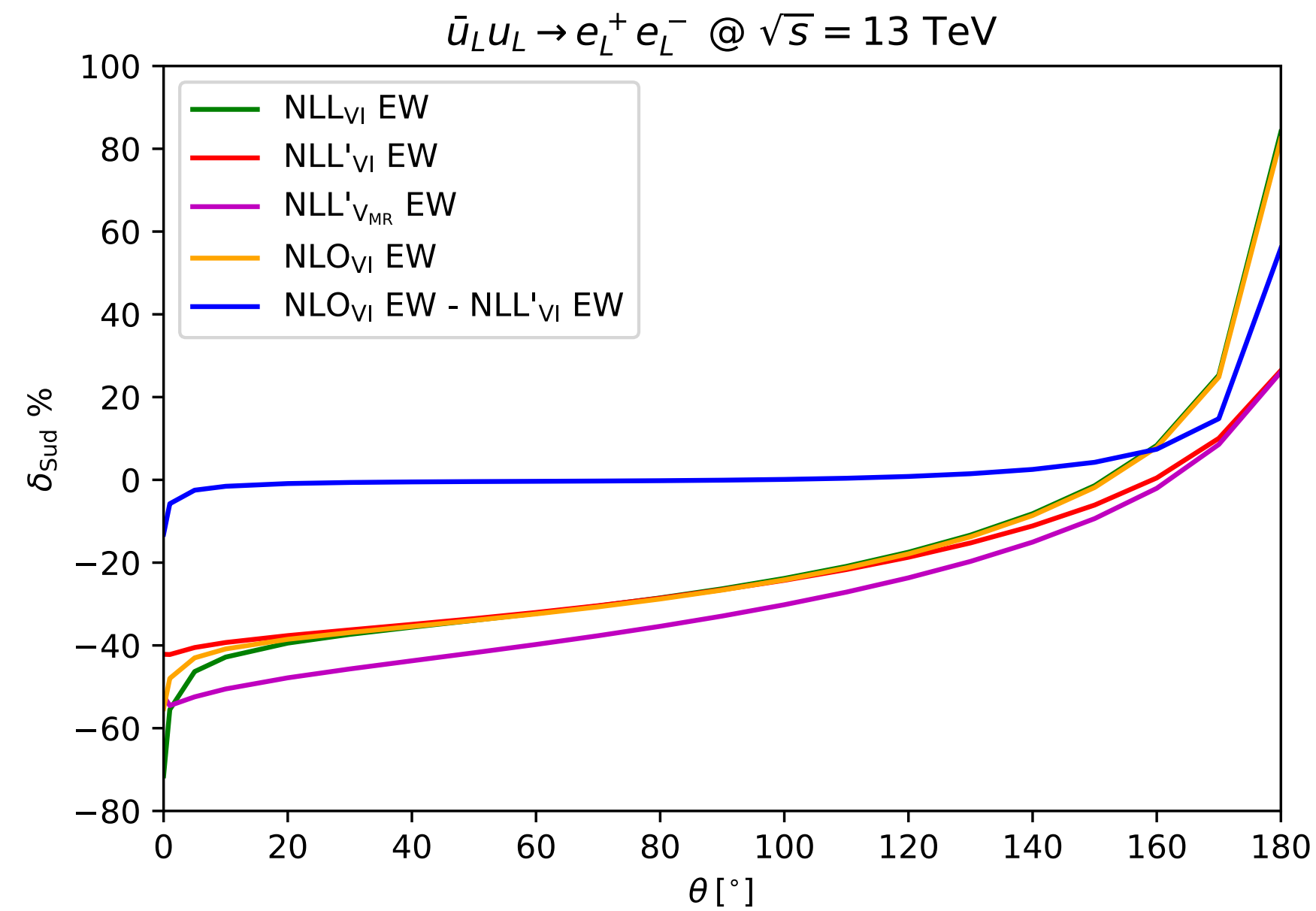
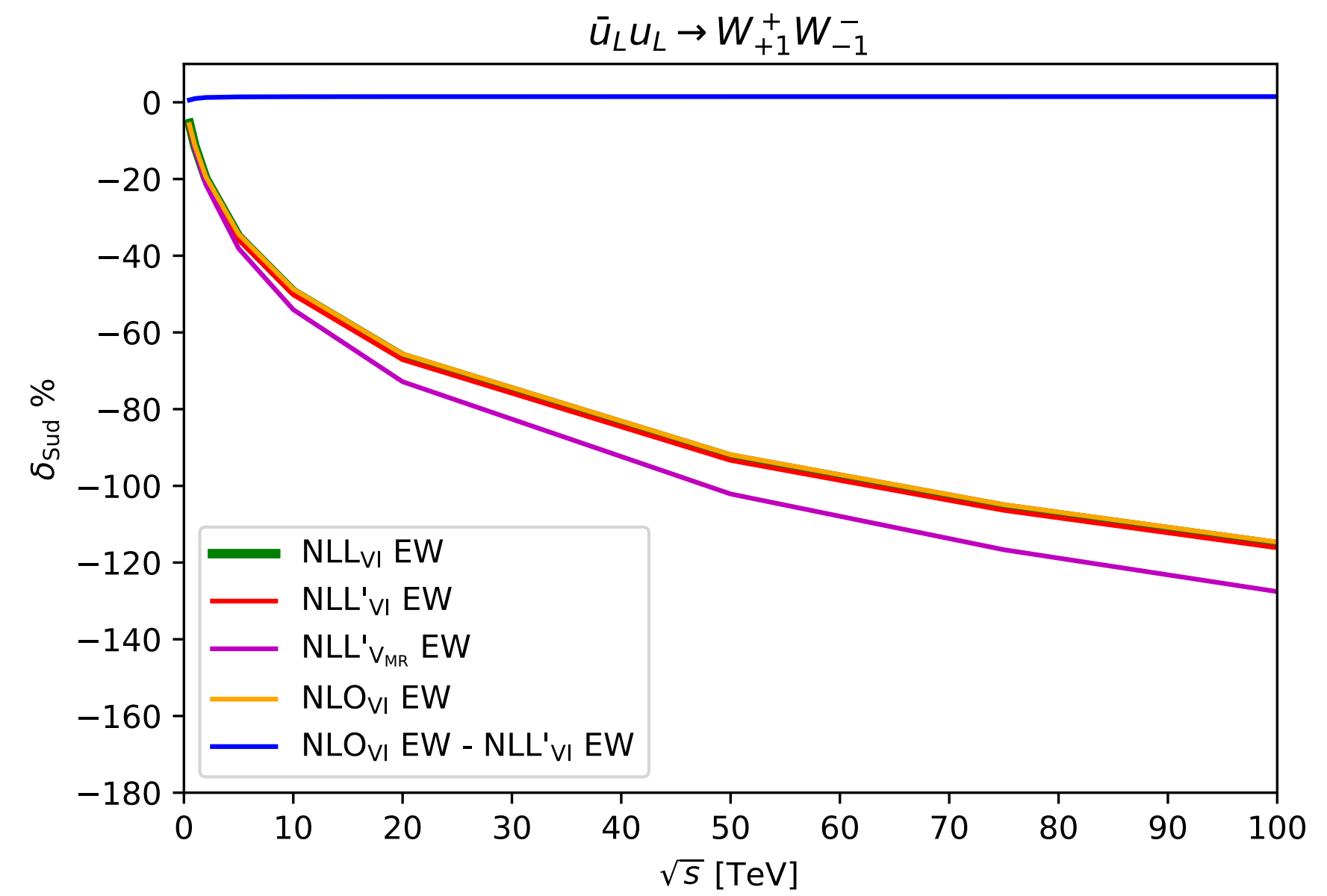
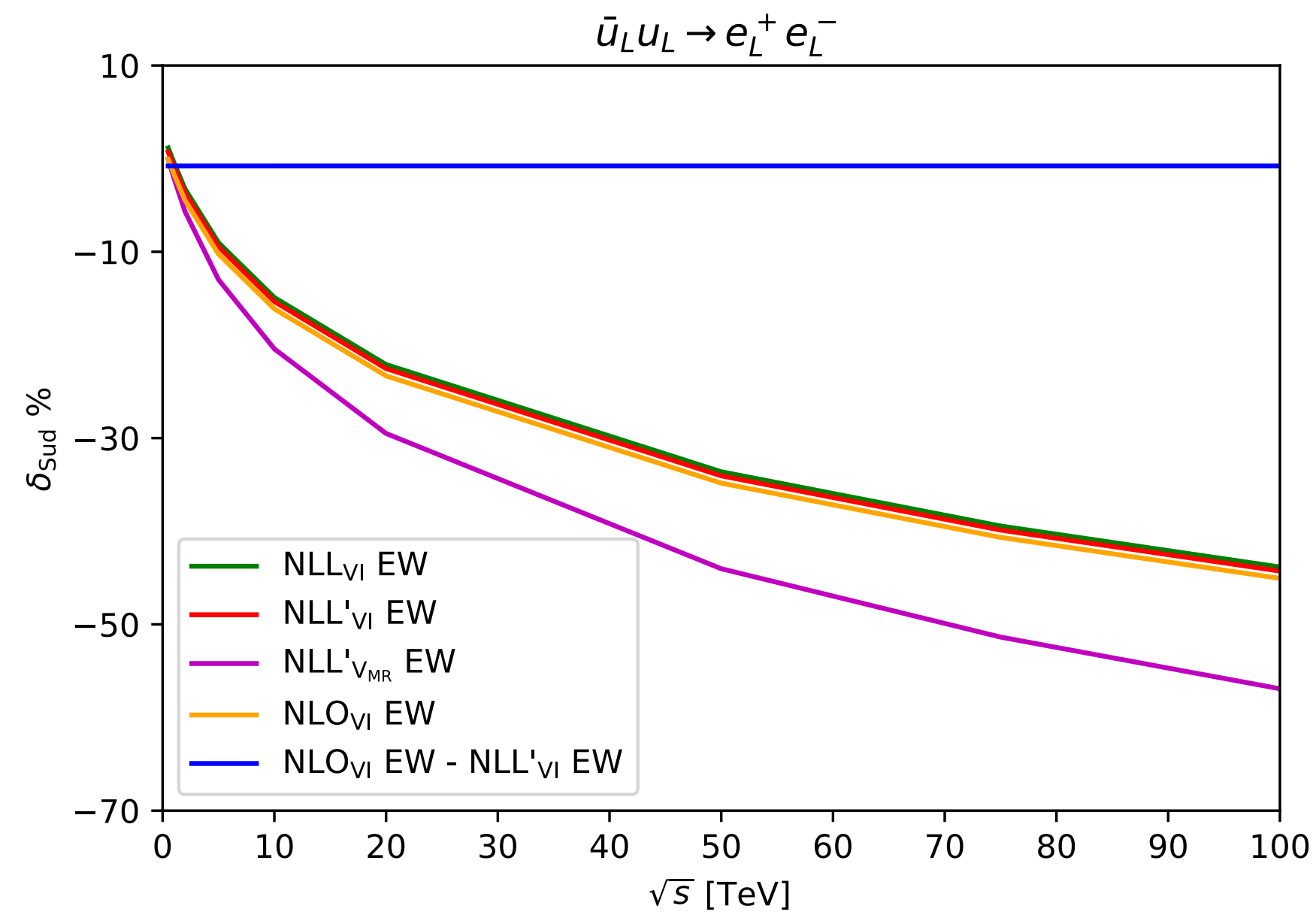
$$\delta^{\text{DL}} \mathcal{M}^{\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_n}} \sim E^d L \quad \delta^{\text{SL}} \mathcal{M}^{\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_n}} \sim E^d l$$

neglecting constant ( $\sim \alpha E^d$ ) and mass suppressed ( $\sim M^n E^{d-n} L$ ) terms

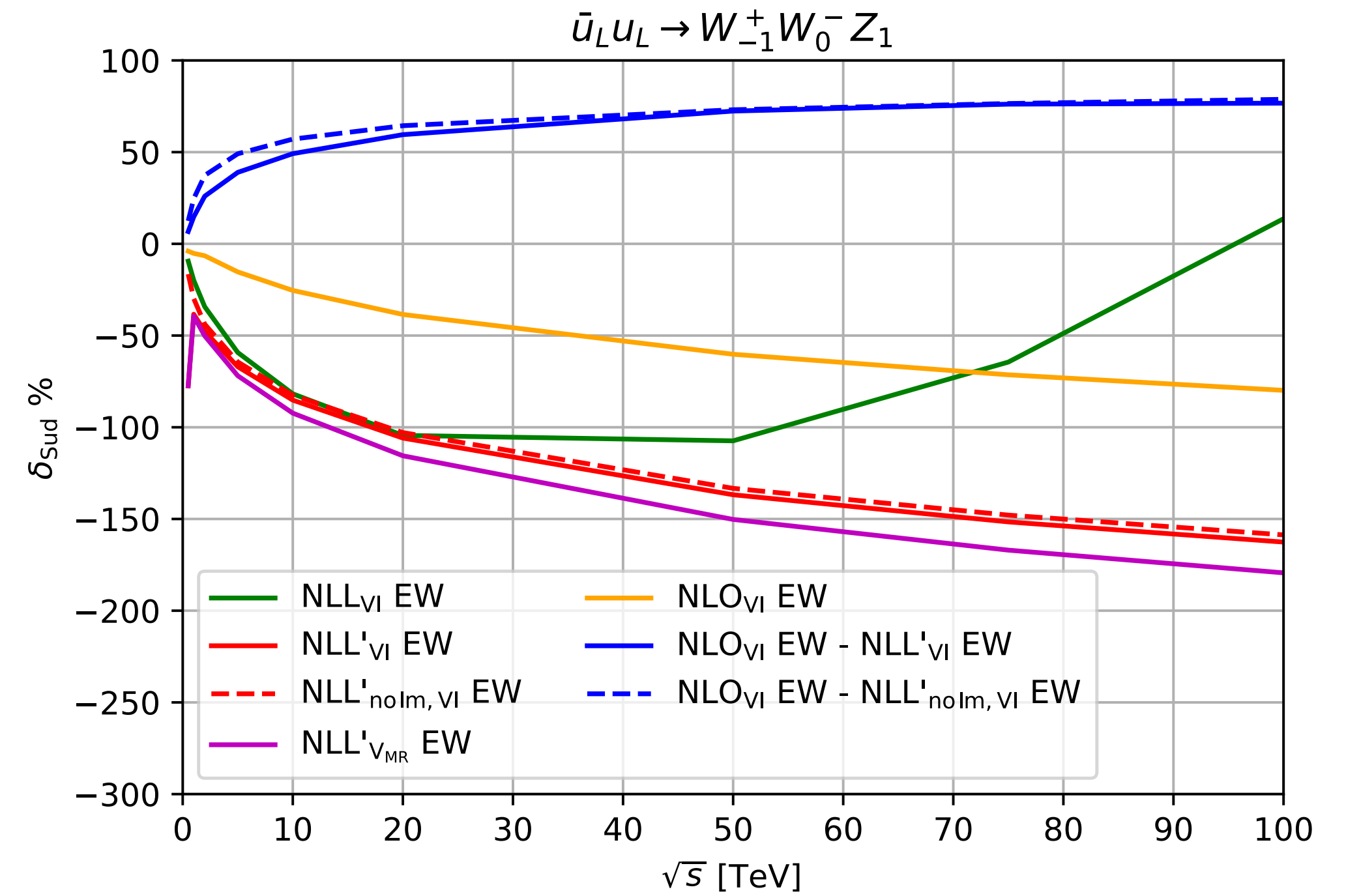
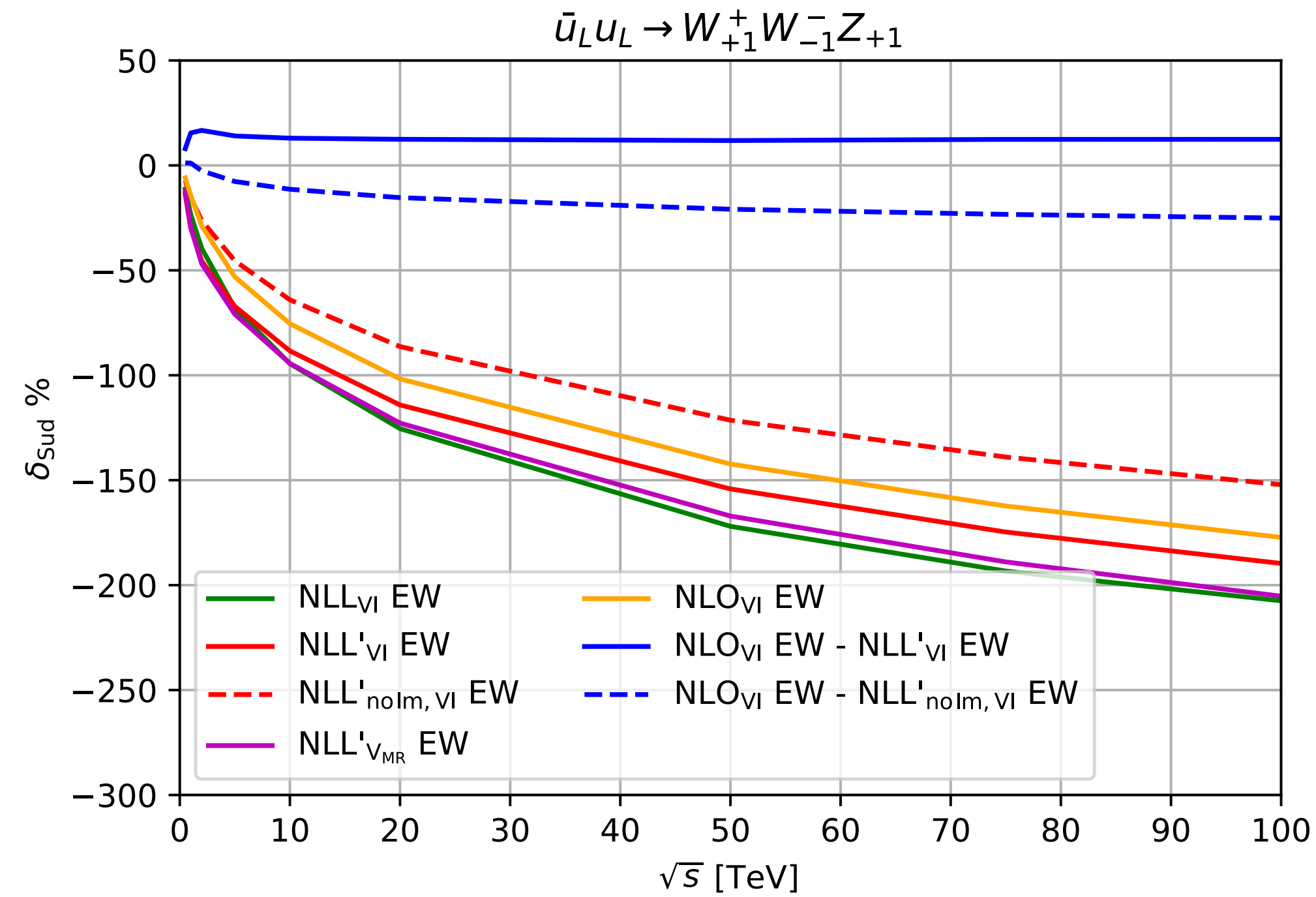
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<sup>2</sup>NB: non mass-suppressed configurations scale like  $\sim \sqrt{s}^{4-n}$

# Amplitude-level validation: $\sqrt{s}$ and $\theta$ scans



# Amplitude-level validation: $\sqrt{s}$ scan



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- Inclusion of the phase in DL from the LA of  $C_0$ , i.e.

$$C_0|_{\text{LA}} \propto \left[ \log^2 \frac{|r_{kl}|}{M_V^2} - 2i\pi \Theta(r_{kl}) \log \frac{|r_{kl}|}{M_V^2} \right]$$

is crucial in  $2 \rightarrow n$  processes with  $n \geq 3$ : without phase  $\text{NLO}_{\text{VI}} \text{ EW} - \text{NLL}'_{\text{VI}} \text{ EW}$  shows a logarithmic dependence. This has been firstly noticed in [Pagani, Zaro [2110.03714](#); 2021]