

Electroweak Sudakov logarithms

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- (1) **Gauge-bosons pair production** with high p_T at the LHC
 - 1-loop effects [[Accomando, Denner, Hollik, Meier, Kaiser](#)]
- (2) **Single gauge-boson production** with high p_T at the LHC
 - 1- and 2-loop effects [[Kühn, Kulesza, P., Schulze](#)]
- (3) **4-fermion neutral current processes**
 - complete 2-loop logarithmic corrections (N^3LL) [[Jantzen, Kühn, Penin, Smirnov](#)]
- (4) **Progress towards 2-loop predictions for general processes**
 - in NLL approximation [[Denner, Jantzen, P.](#)]

Introduction

High-energy colliders (ILC, LHC) will explore the TeV energy scale

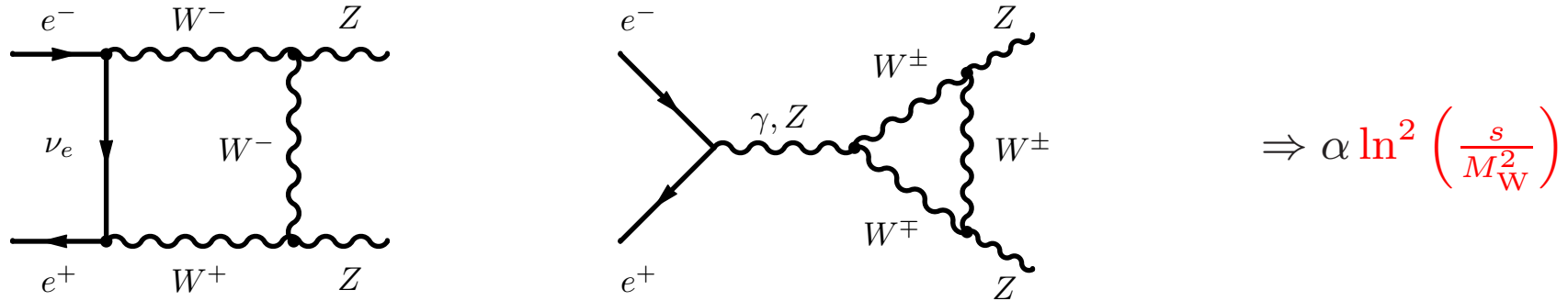
- investigate the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking
- search for new physics

Important implications for loop corrections within the Standard Model

- collider energy \gg characteristic scale of EW corrections ($s \gg M_W^2$)
- enhancement of **EW corrections** due to large **Sudakov logarithms**

$$\ln^2 \left(\frac{s}{M_W^2} \right) \sim 25 \quad \text{at} \quad \sqrt{s} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

Originate from vertex and box diagrams involving **virtual weak bosons**



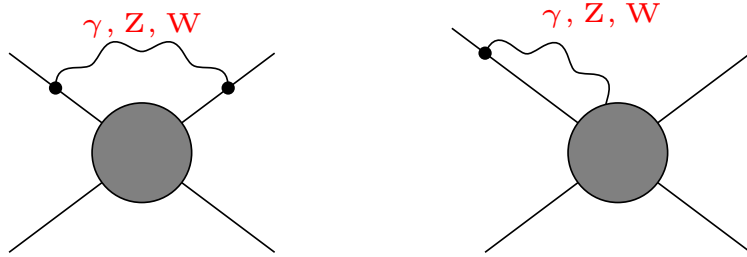
General form of 1 loop EW corrections for $s \gg M_W^2$

$$\alpha \left[\underbrace{C_2 \ln^2 \left(\frac{s}{M_W^2} \right)}_{\text{LL}} + \underbrace{C_1 \ln^1 \left(\frac{s}{M_W^2} \right)}_{\text{NLL}} + C_0 \right] + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{M_W^2}{s} \right)$$

Typical size of logs for $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes at $\sqrt{s} \simeq 1 \text{ TeV}$: effects of $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$

$$\left(\frac{\delta\sigma_1}{\sigma_0} \right)_{\text{LL}} \simeq -\frac{\alpha}{\pi s_W^2} \log^2 \frac{s}{M_W^2} \simeq -26\% \quad \left(\frac{\delta\sigma_1}{\sigma_0} \right)_{\text{NLL}} \simeq +\frac{3\alpha}{\pi s_W^2} \log \frac{s}{M_W^2} \simeq +16\%$$

The $\log(s/M^2)$ terms represent **mass singularities** and originate from



- diagrams with virtual gauge bosons (γ, Z, W^\pm) coupling to **on-shell external legs**
- **soft** and **collinear** regions

Factorization and universality at one loop

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = \left(1 + \underbrace{\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \sum_{\text{legs } k} \delta_{\text{EW}}^1(k)}_{\text{soft, coll.}} \right) \mathcal{M}_0$$

- Born \times **external-leg factors** (universal)
- **LL** and **NLL** for **arbitrary processes** ($e, \nu, u, d, t, b, \gamma, Z, W^\pm, H, g$)

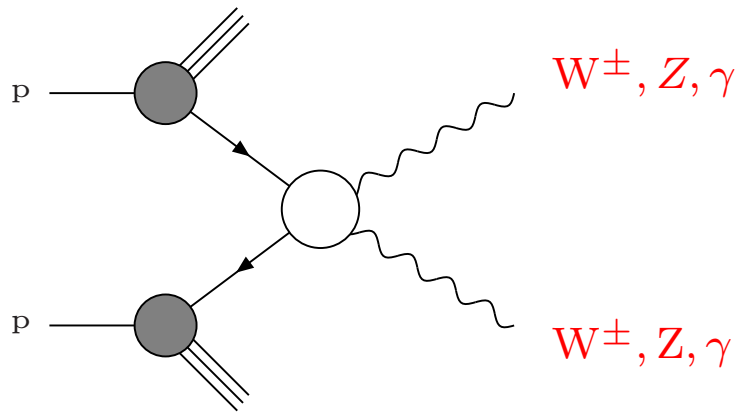
External-leg factors depend only on external-leg quantum numbers

$$\delta_{\text{EW}}^1(k) = -\frac{1}{2} C^{\text{ew}}(k) \log^2 \frac{s}{M^2} + \sum_{l \neq k} \sum_{a=\gamma, Z, W^\pm} I^a(k) I^{\bar{a}}(l) \log \frac{r_{kl}}{s} \log \frac{s}{M^2} + \gamma^{\text{ew}}(k) \log \frac{s}{M^2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} Q^2(k) \left[2 \log \frac{s}{m_k^2} \log \frac{M^2}{\lambda^2} - \log^2 \frac{M^2}{m_k^2} - 2 \log \frac{M^2}{\lambda^2} - \log \frac{M^2}{m_k^2} \right] + \sum_{l \neq k} Q(k) Q(l) \log \frac{r_{kl}}{s} \log \frac{M^2}{\lambda^2}$$

1. One-loop EW corrections in gauge-boson pair production at the LHC

Motivation



- test **YM interactions** of gauge bosons, search for **anomalous gauge couplings**
- study region of **high invariant mass** $\hat{s} = (p_{V_1} + p_{V_2})^2$ and **large scattering angles** \Rightarrow **high $P_T(V)$**
- **large EW logarithmic corrections** in this region

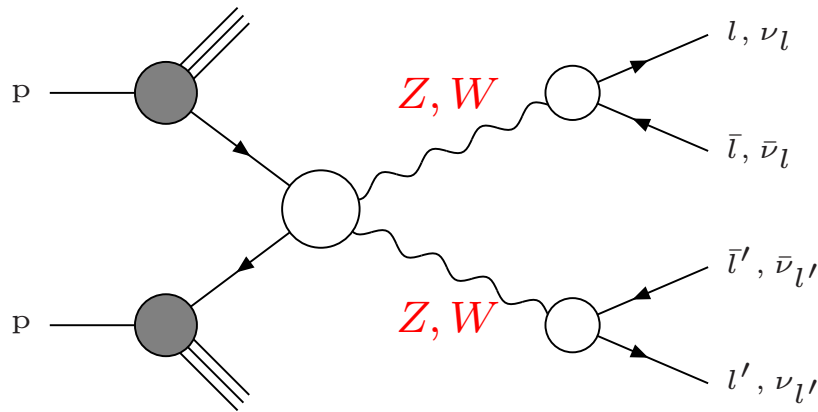
Existing calculations for $pp \rightarrow V_1 V_2$

- all processes apart from $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ computed

process	decay	corrections	
$WZ, W\gamma$	no	NLL	Accomando, Denner, P. (2002)
$Z\gamma$	no	exact	Hollik, Meier (2004)
WW, WZ, ZZ	yes	NLL	Accomando, Denner, Kaiser (2005)
$Z\gamma, W\gamma$	yes	exact+NLL	Accomando, Denner, Meier (2005)

- exact $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ results and/or NLL approximation depending on the process
- most recent calculations include **decay of weak bosons**

pp \rightarrow WW, WZ, ZZ at the LHC



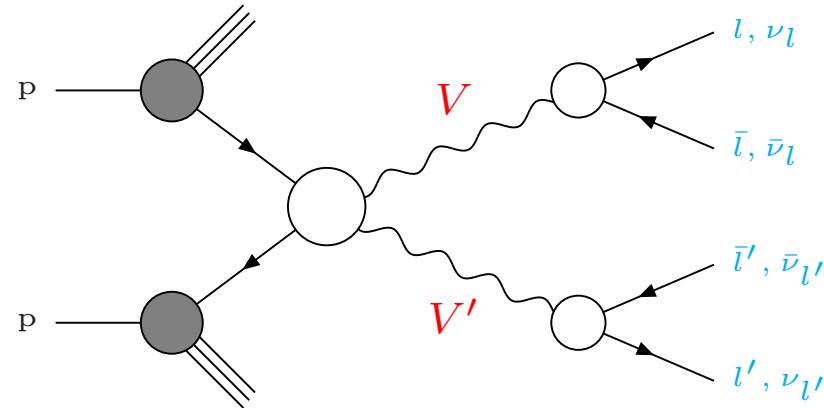
Detailed description of final state

- leptonic decays $l, l' = e, \mu$
- hard photon bremsstrahlung

Electroweak corrections

- double-pole approximation (DPA)
- high-energy region $\hat{s}, |\hat{t}|, |\hat{u}| \gg M_W^2$
NLL approximation

Accomando, Denner, Kaiser (2005)



Double-pole approximation

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{fact}}^{qq' \rightarrow VV' \rightarrow l\nu_l l' \bar{l}'} = \frac{-\sum_{\lambda, \lambda'} \mathcal{M}^{qq' \rightarrow V_\lambda V'_{\lambda'}} \mathcal{M}^{V_\lambda \rightarrow l\nu_l} \mathcal{M}^{V'_{\lambda'} \rightarrow l' \bar{l}'}}{(p_V^2 - M_V^2 + iM_V \Gamma_V) (p_{V'}^2 - M_{V'}^2 + iM_{V'} \Gamma_{V'})}$$

gauge-invariant factorization and separation of scales

on-shell production

$$\hat{s} \gg M^2 \Rightarrow \log\left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M^2}\right)$$

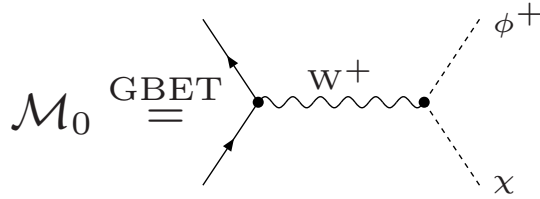
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on-shell decay

$$M^2 \gg m_l^2 \gg \lambda^2 \Rightarrow \log\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{M^2}\right), \log\left(\frac{m_l^2}{M^2}\right)$$

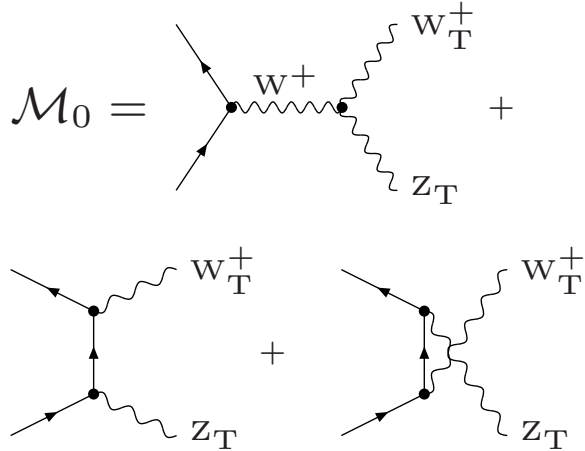
Example: electroweak **NLL corrections** to $q\bar{q}' \rightarrow WZ$

Longitudinal polarization



$$\frac{\delta\mathcal{M}_1}{\mathcal{M}_0} = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ -\log^2 \frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} [C_{qL}^{ew} + C_{\Phi}^{ew}] + \log \frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \left[-\frac{2}{s_W^2} \left(\log \frac{|\hat{u}|}{\hat{s}} + \log \frac{|\hat{t}|}{\hat{s}} - \frac{s_W^2}{c_W^2} Y_{qL} \log \frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{u}} \right) 3C_{qL}^{ew} + 4C_{\Phi}^{ew} - \frac{3}{2s_W^2} \frac{m_t^2}{M_W^2} - b_2^{(1)} \right] \right\}$$

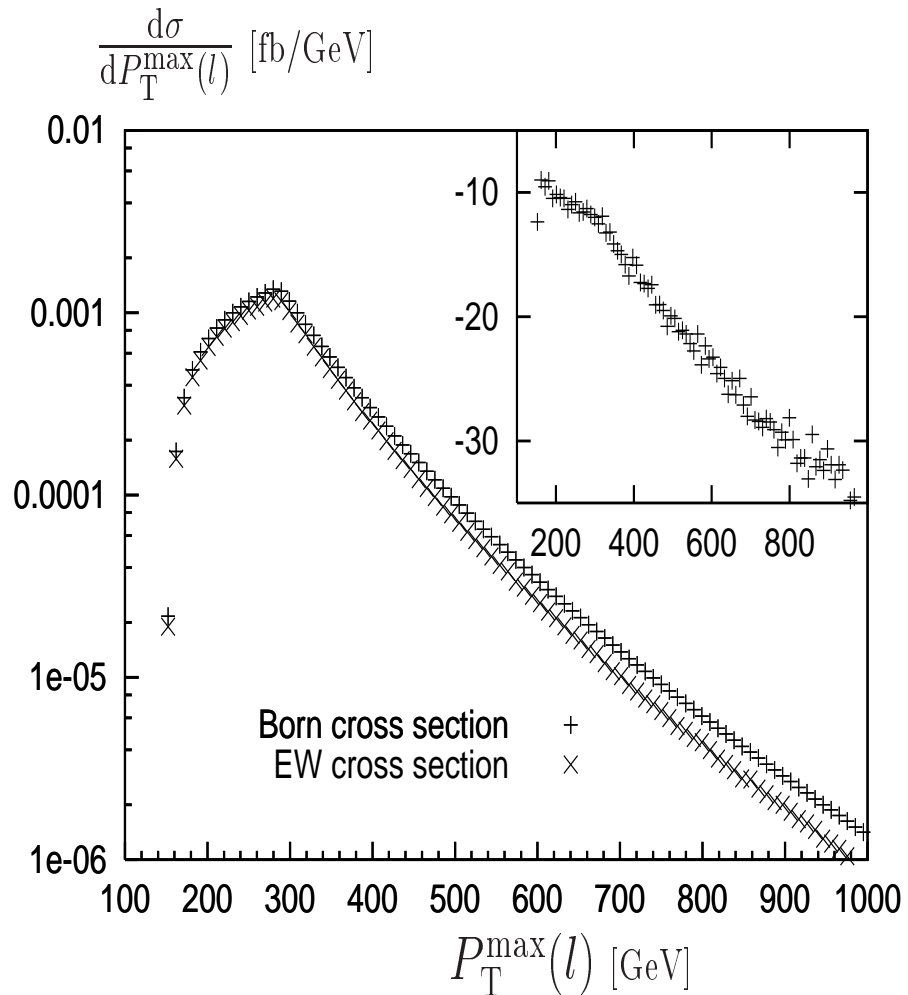
Transverse polarization



$$\frac{\delta\mathcal{M}_1}{\mathcal{M}_0} = -\frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \log^2 \frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \left\{ 2C_{qL}^{ew} + C_W^{ew} \left[1 + \frac{c_W^2 \cos \hat{\theta}}{c_W^2 \cos \hat{\theta} - s_W^2 Y_{qL}} \right] \right\} + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \log \frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{s_W^2} \left[\log \frac{|\hat{t}|}{\hat{s}} + \log \frac{|\hat{u}|}{\hat{s}} + \frac{c_W^2}{c_W^2 \cos \hat{\theta} - s_W^2 Y_{qL}} \log \frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{u}} \right] + 3C_{qL}^{ew} \right\}$$

derived from Denner and P. (2001)

$p_T^{\max}(l)$ distribution for $pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow e\nu_e\mu^+\mu^-$ at the LHC



Cuts for LHC detectors

- $p_T(l), p_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}, |\eta_l| < 3$
- recombination of soft and collinear photons ($E_\gamma < 2 \text{ GeV}, \Delta R_{l\gamma} < 0.1$)

Cuts to select gauge-bosons resonances

- $|M(l'\bar{l}') - M_Z| < 20 \text{ GeV}$
- $M_T(l\nu_l) - M_W < 20 \text{ GeV}$

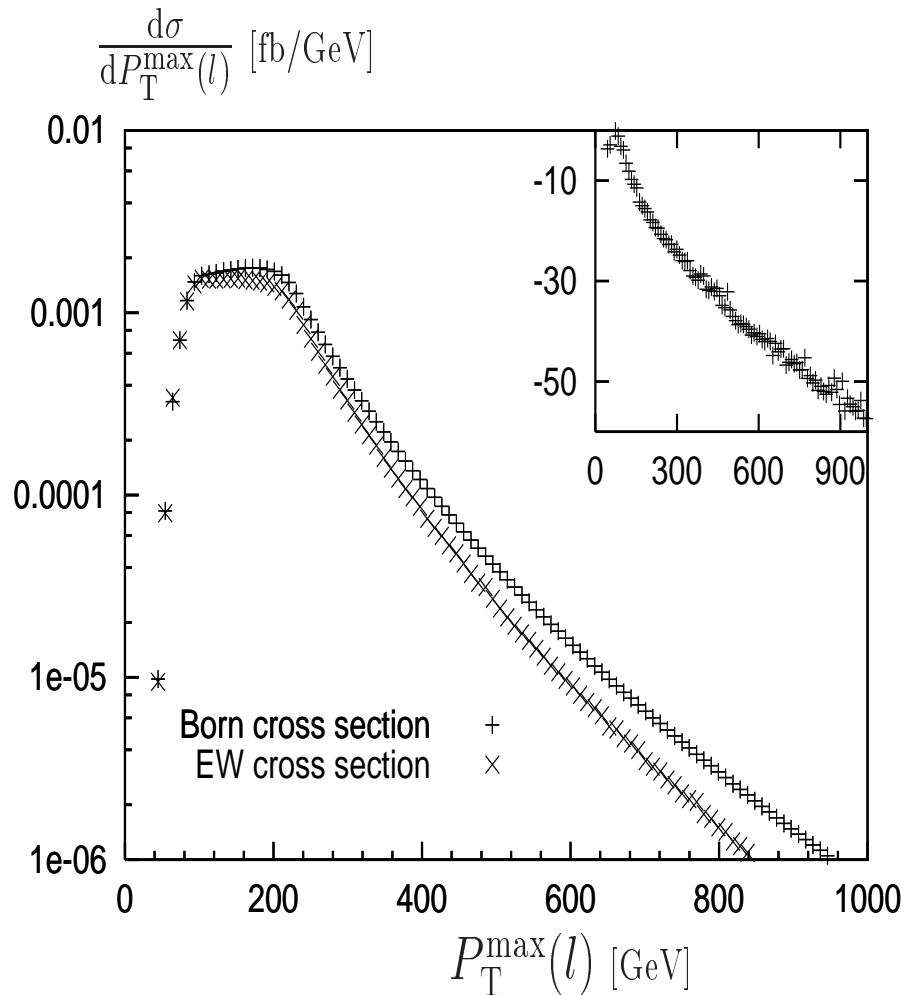
Cuts to select high-energy region

- $p_T(Z) > 300 \text{ GeV}$

Large negative corrections

- increase with p_T
- -30% at $p_T^{\max}(l) \sim 800 \text{ GeV}$!

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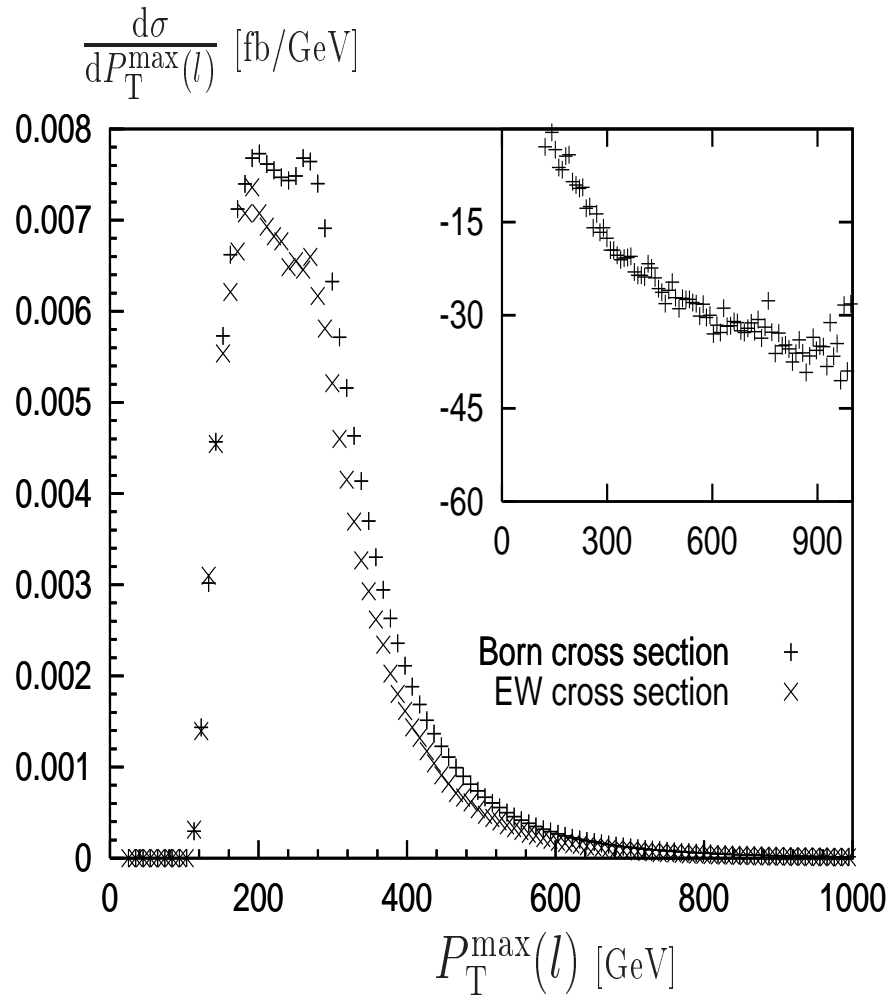
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- $M_{\text{inv}}(l\bar{l}'\bar{l}') > 500 \text{ GeV}, |\Delta y(ZZ)| < 3$

Large negative corrections

- p_T dependence similar as for WZ
- size larger than for WZ
- -50% at $p_T^{\max}(l) \sim 800 \text{ GeV}$!

$p_T^{\max}(l)$ distribution for $pp \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$ at the LHC



Cuts for LHC detectors

- $p_T(l) > 20 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 25 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 3$
- recombination of soft and collinear photons ($E_\gamma < 2 \text{ GeV}$, $\Delta R_{l\gamma} < 0.1$)

Cuts to select gauge-bosons resonances

- W reconstruction not possible

Cuts to select high-energy region

- $M_{\text{inv}}(l\bar{l}') > 500 \text{ GeV}$, $|\Delta y(l\bar{l}')| < 3$

Large negative corrections

- behaviour and size similar as for WZ
- -35% at $p_T^{\max}(l) \sim 800 \text{ GeV}$!

Electroweak corrections (Δ_{EW}) vs statistical error ($\Delta_{\text{stat}} = 1/\sqrt{2L\sigma_0}$)

	pp $\rightarrow WZ \rightarrow l\nu_l l' \bar{l}'$		pp $\rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow l\bar{l} l' \bar{l}'$		pp $\rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\bar{\nu}_l \nu_{l'} \bar{l}'$	
$M_{\text{inv}}^{\text{cut}}$ (leptons)[GeV]	Δ_{EW} [%]	Δ_{stat} [%]	Δ_{EW} [%]	Δ_{stat} [%]	Δ_{EW} [%]	Δ_{stat} [%]
500	-7.4	5.4	-15.0	8.5	-13.8	2.6
600	-9.5	7.5	-18.3	11.9	-15.9	3.7
700	-10.9	9.9	-21.0	15.7	-18.1	4.9
800	-13.3	12.8	-23.8	20.1	-20.2	6.5
900	-15.1	16.2	-26.1	25.3	-22.0	8.3
1000	-16.7	20.2	-28.1	31.2	-23.4	10.4

estimate based on $L = 100\text{fb}^{-1}$ and final states with $l, l' = e$ or μ

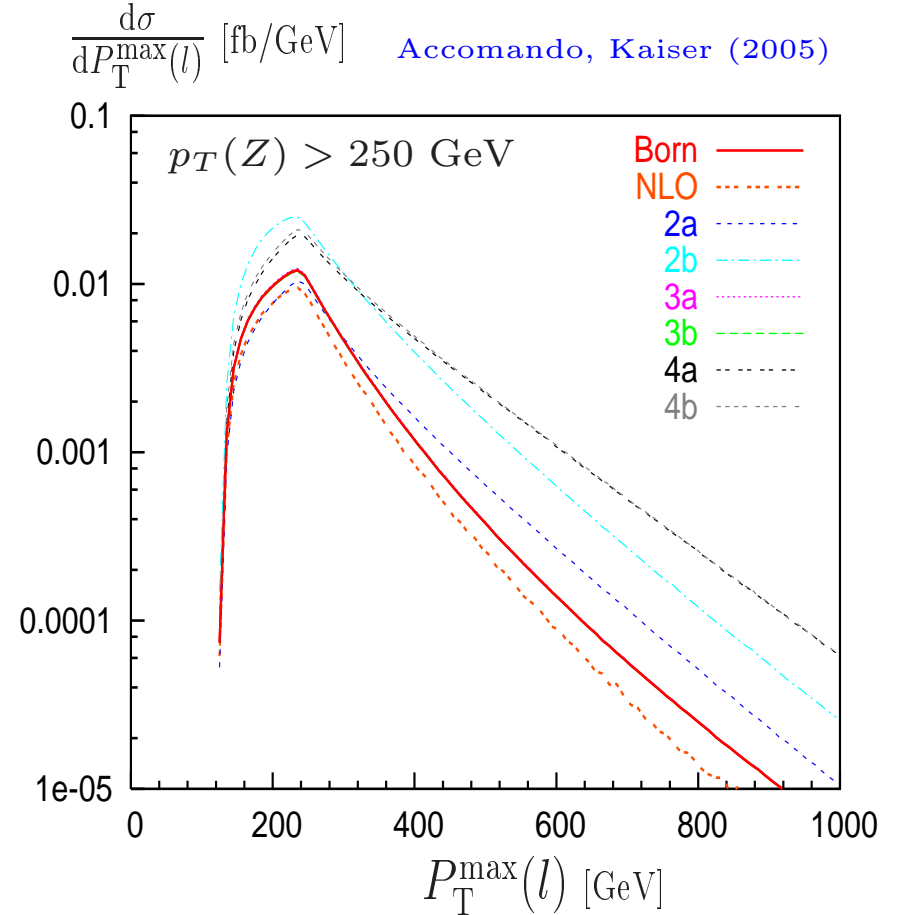
- Δ_{EW} and Δ_{stat} grow with M_{inv} (leptons)
- $\Delta_{\text{EW}} \geq \Delta_{\text{stat}}$ up to $M_{\text{inv}} \sim 1$ TeV

Electroweak corrections vs **anomalous couplings**

$$\mathcal{L} = g_{\text{WWV}} \left[g_1^V (W_{\mu\nu}^\dagger W^\mu V^\nu - W_\mu^\dagger V_\nu W^{\mu\nu}) \right. \\ \left. + \kappa^V W_\mu^\dagger W_\nu V^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda}{M_W^2} W_{\rho\mu}^\dagger W_\nu^\mu V^{\nu\rho} \right]$$

Limits from LEP2 and Tevatron: $-0.054 \leq \Delta g_1^Z \leq 0.028$, $-0.117 \leq \Delta \kappa_\gamma \leq 0.061$, $-0.07 \leq \Delta \lambda \leq 0.012$

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



$pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow e\nu_e\mu^+\mu^-$: large effects at high p_T

\Rightarrow anomalous couplings spoil gauge cancellations and (in general) enhance σ

\Rightarrow electroweak corrections reduce σ and increase the sensitivity to anomalous couplings

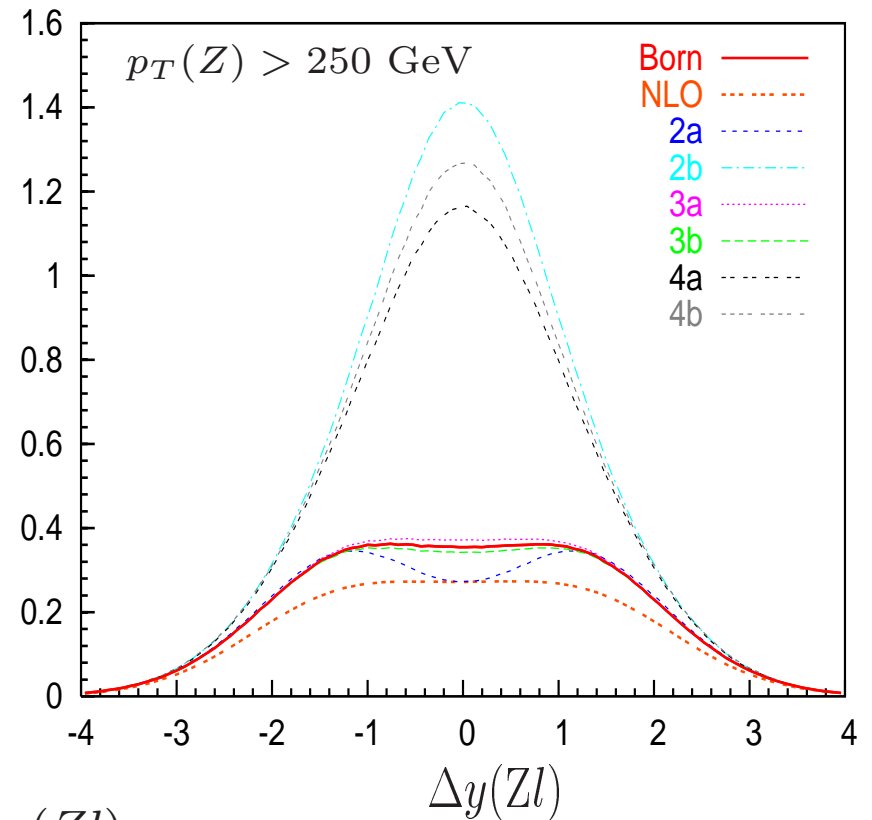
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$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta y(Zl)}$ [fb] Accomando, Kaiser (2005)



$pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow l\nu_l l'\bar{l}'$: large effects at small $\Delta y(Zl)$

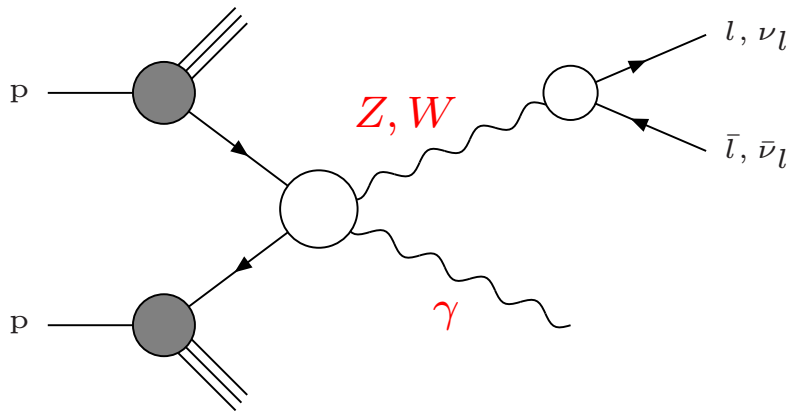
\Rightarrow (in general) dip from radiation zero filled by anomalous couplings

\Rightarrow dip enhanced by electroweak logarithmic corrections

One-loop predictions for $pp \rightarrow WW, ZZ, WZ$
based on NLL approximation

how precise is the NLL approximation?

$pp \rightarrow W\gamma, Z\gamma$ at the LHC



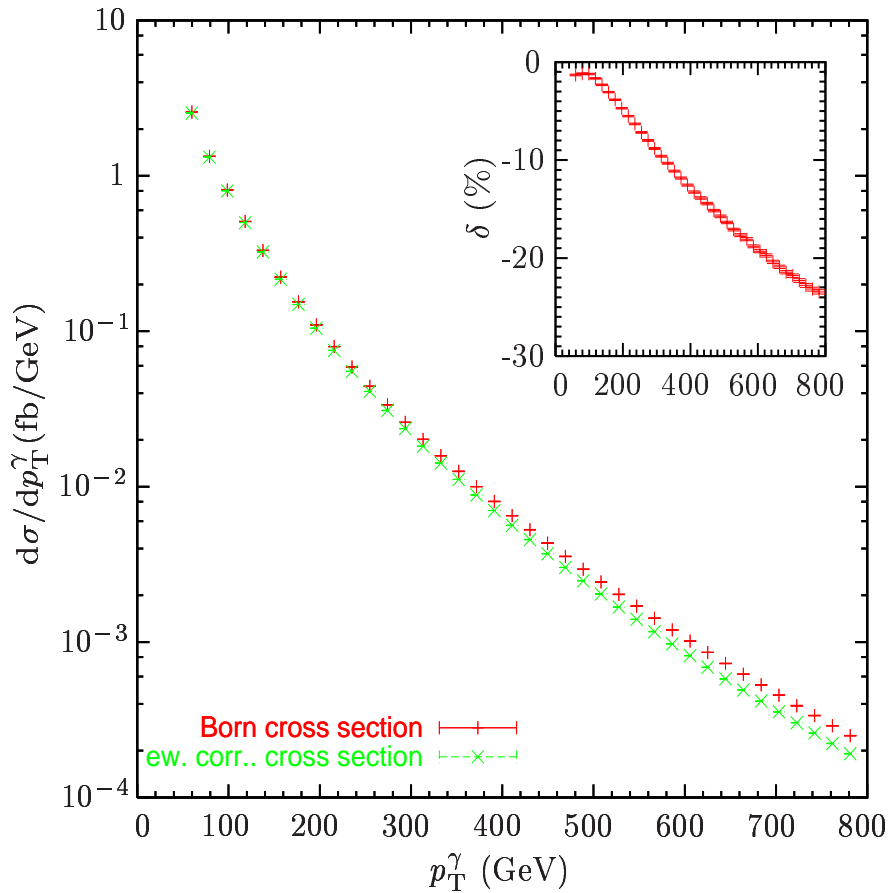
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Electroweak corrections

- leading-pole approximation (LPA)
- exact $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ calculation
- high-energy region $\hat{s}, |\hat{t}|, |\hat{u}| \gg M_W^2$
NLL approximation

$p_T(\gamma)$ distribution for $pp \rightarrow W\gamma \rightarrow l\nu_l\gamma$ at the LHC



Cuts for LHC detectors

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- recombination of soft and collinear photons ($E_\gamma < 2 \text{ GeV}$, $\Delta R_{l\gamma} < 0.1$)

Cut to select W resonance

- $M_T(l\nu_l) - M_W < 20 \text{ GeV}$

Large negative corrections

- increase with p_T
- $\Delta_{\text{EW}} \geq \Delta_{\text{stat}}$ up to $p_T(\gamma) \sim 700 \text{ GeV}$
- -23% at $p_T(\gamma) \sim 700 \text{ GeV}$
- 1%-level agreement with virtual NLL approximation [[Accomando, Denner, P. \(2002\)](#)]

Virtual corrections to $pp \rightarrow W\gamma$: exact corrections vs NLL approximation

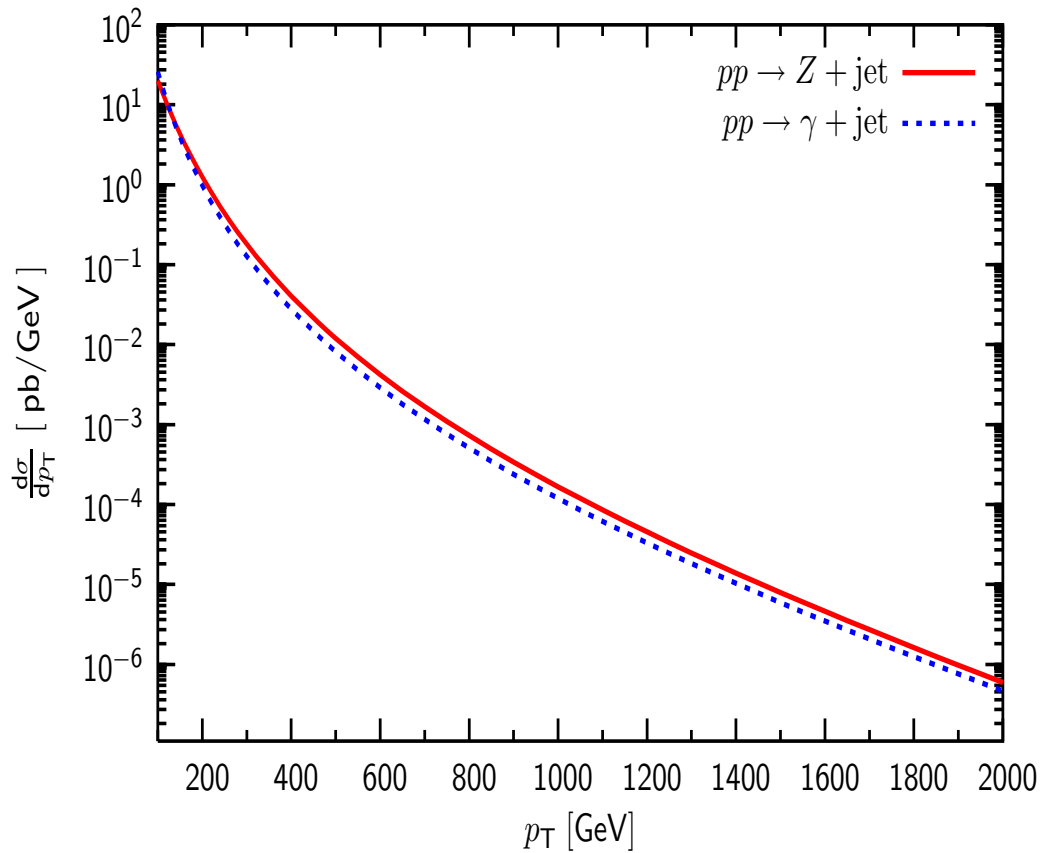
$p_T^{\gamma,c}$ (GeV)	NLL	const	$\ln(\hat{t}/\hat{s})$	$\ln^2(\hat{t}/\hat{s})$
250	-6.05%	-0.26%	-1.78%	-3.95%
450	-14.4%	-0.58%	-1.97%	-3.50%
700	-22.6%	-0.74%	-1.91%	-3.05%
1000	-30.1%	-0.87%	-1.79%	-2.62%

Complete high-energy approximation

$$\underbrace{C_2 \ln^2\left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2}\right) + C_1 \ln\left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2}\right)}_{\text{NLL: correct description of large effects at high energy}} + \underbrace{B_0 + B_1 \ln\left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}}\right) + B_2 \ln^2\left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}}\right)}_{\text{non-enhanced terms: several percent effect (-5.5%!)} } + \underbrace{\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M_W^2}{\hat{s}}\right)}_{\text{suppressed } (\leq 0.5\%)}$$

Percent-level precision requires exact $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corrections or at least complete high-energy approximation

2. $pp \rightarrow Z + \text{jet}$ and $pp \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jet}$ at the LHC



Precision measurement

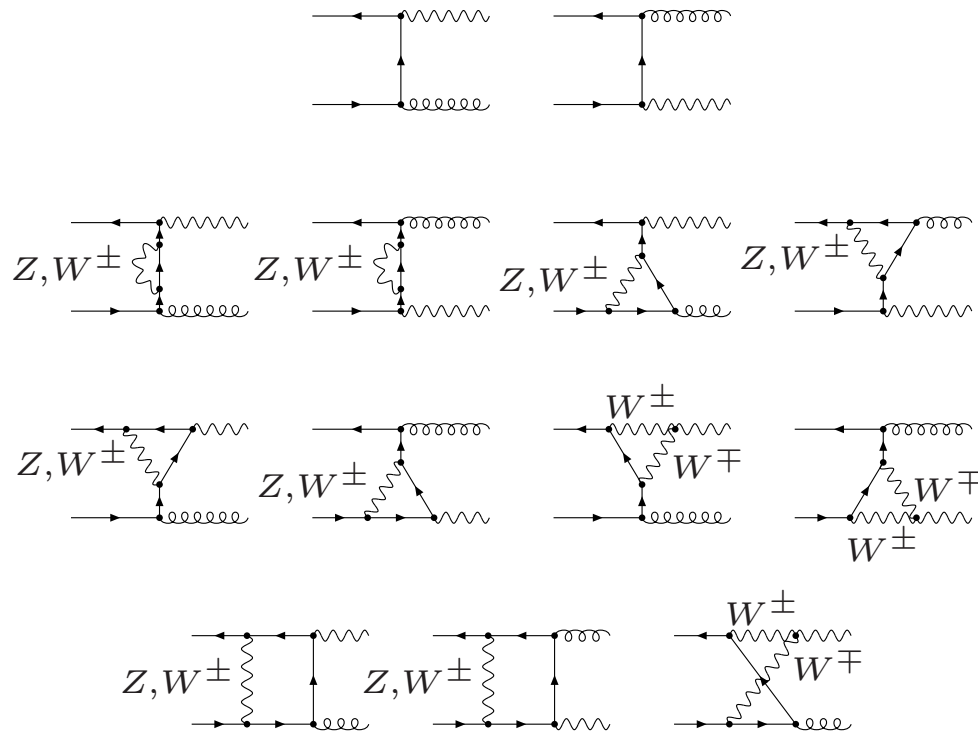
- $\sigma(gq \rightarrow Zq) = \mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_S)$: large!
 - clean signature ($Z \rightarrow \text{leptons}$)
- $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} \times \text{gluon-PDF}$ at 1%

Explore TeV energy scale

- $\sigma(p_T > 1\text{TeV}) \sim 25 \text{ fb}$
- $\Rightarrow 2500 \text{ events/year}$

requires theoretical precision at percent level!

$pp \rightarrow Z + \text{jet}$ ($pp \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jet}$ similar)



Partonic reactions

- $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Zg$, $gq \rightarrow Zq$, $g\bar{q} \rightarrow Z\bar{q}$
- crossing symmetry
- dominant contribution from initial-state gluons

Weak corrections (virtual Z,W)

- exact 1-loop calculation for finite p_T
- compact 1-loop approximation for large p_T
- dominant 2-loop effects at large p_T

Analytic 1-loop results for $\bar{q}q \rightarrow Zg$ (compact expressions in terms of scalar integrals)

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{|\mathcal{M}_1|^2} = & 8\pi^2 \alpha \alpha_S (N_c^2 - 1) \sum_{\lambda=R,L} \left\{ \left(I_{q\lambda}^Z \right)^2 \left[H_0 \left(1 + 2\delta C_{q\lambda}^A \right) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \sum_{V=Z,W^\pm} \left(I^V I^{\bar{V}} \right)_{q\lambda} H_1^A(M_V^2) \right] + \frac{c_W}{s_W^3} T_{q\lambda}^3 I_{q\lambda}^Z \left[2H_0 \delta C_{q\lambda}^N + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{1}{s_W^2} H_1^N(M_W^2) \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Asymptotic expansion: $|\hat{s}|, |\hat{t}|, |\hat{u}| \gg M_W^2$

$$\begin{aligned} H_1^{A/N}(M_V^2) &= \text{Re} \left[g_0^{A/N}(M_V^2) \frac{\hat{t}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}\hat{u}} + g_1^{A/N}(M_V^2) \frac{\hat{t}^2 - \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}\hat{u}} + g_2^{A/N}(M_V^2) \right] \\ g_0^N(M_W^2) &= 2 \left[\frac{2}{4-D} - \gamma_E + \log \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{M_Z^2} \right) \right] + \log^2 \left(\frac{-\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \right) - \log^2 \left(\frac{-\hat{t}}{M_W^2} \right) - \log^2 \left(\frac{-\hat{u}}{M_W^2} \right) \\ &\quad \log^2 \left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{u}} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \left[\log^2 \left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}} \right) + \log^2 \left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}} \right) \right] - \frac{20\pi^2}{9} - \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}} + 2 \\ g_0^A(M_V^2) &= -\log^2 \left(\frac{-\hat{s}}{M_V^2} \right) + 3\log \left(\frac{-\hat{s}}{M_V^2} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \left[\log^2 \left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}} \right) + \log^2 \left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}} \right) + \log \left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}} \right) + \log \left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}} \right) \right] + \frac{7\pi^2}{3} - \frac{5}{2}, \\ g_1^N(M_V^2) &= -g_1^A(M_V^2) + \frac{3}{2} \left[\log \left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}} \right) - \log \left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\log^2 \left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}} \right) - \log^2 \left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}} \right) \right] \\ g_2^N(M_V^2) &= -g_2^A(M_V^2) = -2 \left[\log^2 \left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}} \right) + \log^2 \left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}} \right) + \log \left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}} \right) + \log \left(\frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}} \right) \right] - 4\pi^2 \end{aligned}$$

Very compact expressions

- **NLL**: predicted by process-independent formula [Denner and P. (2001)]
- **NNLL**: contains also $\pi^2, \log(\hat{t}/\hat{u}), \dots$ not growing with energy

Dominant two-loop contributions for $\bar{q}q \rightarrow Zg$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\sum} |\mathcal{M}_2|^2 &= \overline{\sum} |\mathcal{M}_1|^2 + 2\alpha^3 \alpha_S (N_c^2 - 1) \frac{\hat{t}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}\hat{u}} \sum_{\lambda=L,R} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(I_{q\lambda}^Z C_{q\lambda}^{\text{ew}} + \frac{c_W}{s_W^3} T_{q\lambda}^3 \right) \right. \\ &\times \left[I_{q\lambda}^Z C_{q\lambda}^{\text{ew}} \mathbf{X}_1 + \frac{c_W}{s_W^3} T_{q\lambda}^3 \mathbf{X}_2 \right] - \frac{T_{q\lambda}^3 Y_{q\lambda}}{8s_W^4} \mathbf{X}_2 + \frac{1}{6} I_{q\lambda}^V \left[I_{q\lambda}^Z \left(\frac{b_1}{c_W^2} \left(\frac{Y_{q\lambda}}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{b_2}{s_W^2} C_{q\lambda} \right) + \frac{c_W}{s_W^3} T_{q\lambda}^3 b_2 \right] \mathbf{X}_3 \left. \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Kühn, Kulesza, P., Schulze (2005)

includes **LL** and **NLL** terms

$$\mathbf{X}_1 = \ln^4 \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \right) - 6 \ln^3 \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \right)$$

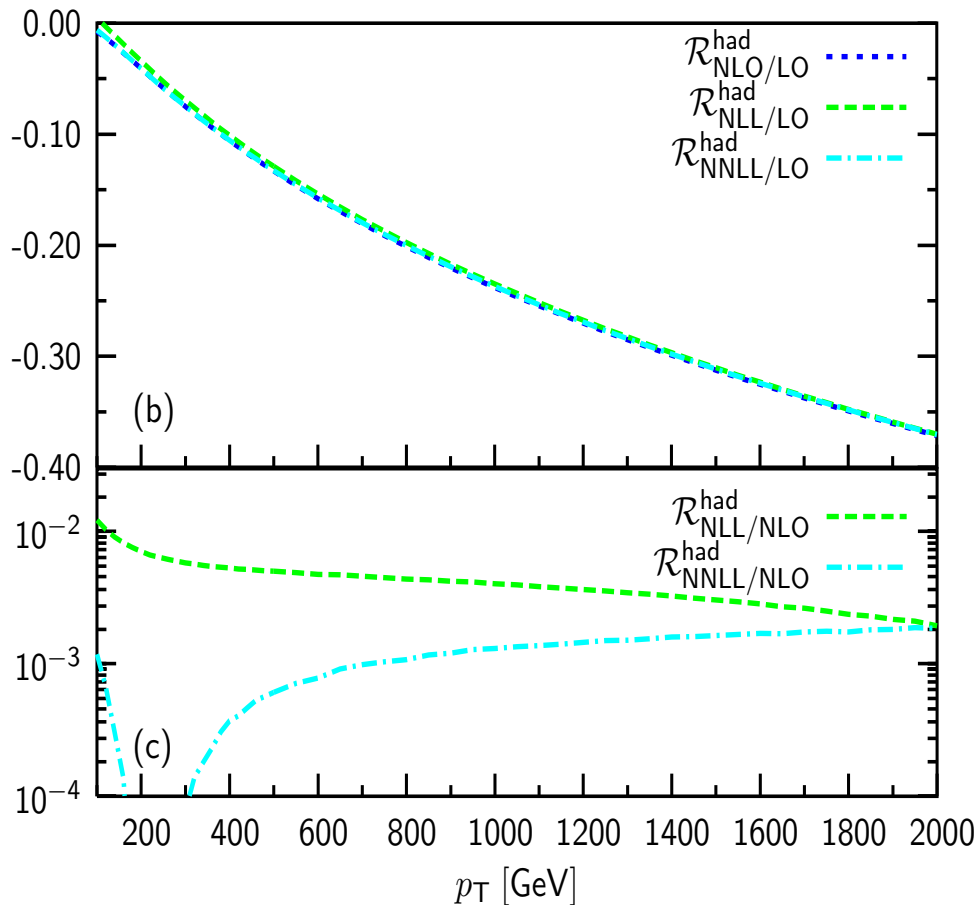
$$\mathbf{X}_2 = \ln^4 \left(\frac{\hat{t}}{M_W^2} \right) + \ln^4 \left(\frac{\hat{u}}{M_W^2} \right) - \ln^4 \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_3 = \ln^3 \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} \right)$$

derived from process-independent results for two-loop Sudakov corrections

Melles (2001); Denner, Melles, P. (2003)

One-loop corrections to $d\sigma/dp_T$ for $pp \rightarrow Z + \text{jet}$



Large negative corrections

- increase with p_T
- -25% at $p_T \sim 1$ TeV
- agreement with [Maina, Moretti, Ross \(2004\)](#)

Quality of high-energy approx.

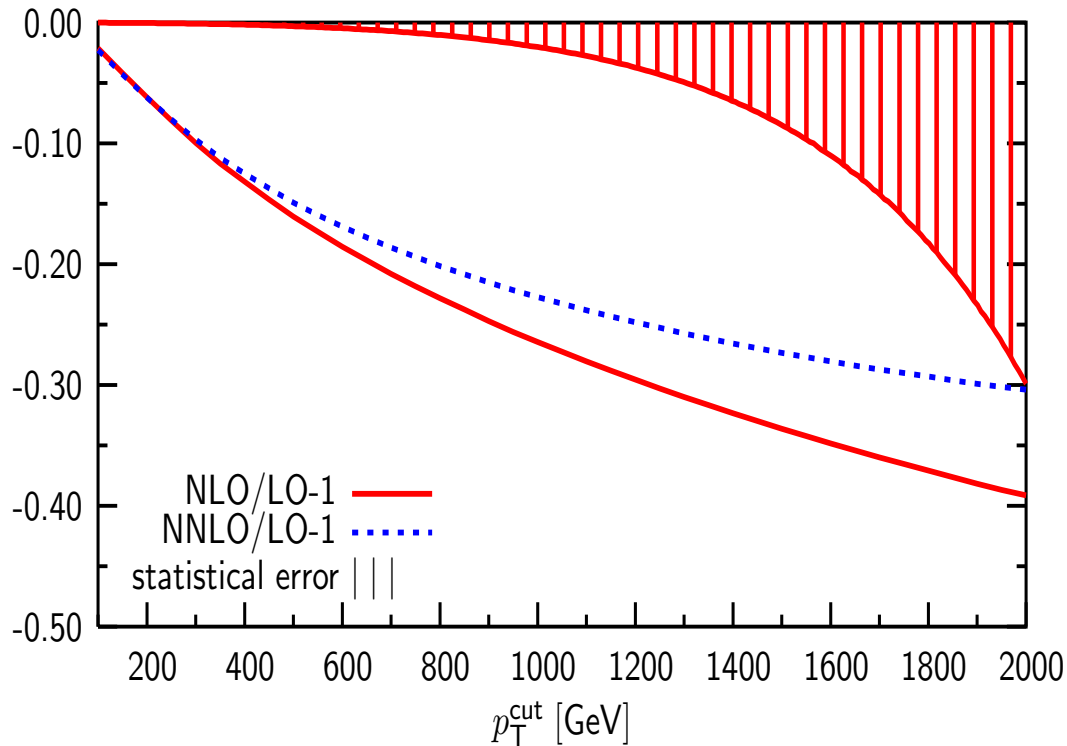
- **NLO**, **NLL**, **NNLL** overlap!
- $1 \times 10^{-2} \geq \frac{\text{NLL-NLO}}{\text{NLO}} \geq 2 \times 10^{-3}$
- $2 \times 10^{-3} \geq \frac{\text{NNLL-NLO}}{\text{NLO}}$

\Rightarrow **very precise** (much better than for $W\gamma$)

$\overline{\text{MS}}$ input: $\alpha_S(M_Z^2) = 0.13$, $\alpha = 1/128.1$, $s_w^2 = 0.2314$

PDFs: LO MRST2001, $\mu_F = \mu_R = p_T$

1- and 2-loop corrections to $\sigma(p_T > p_T^{\text{cut}})$ for $pp \rightarrow Z+\text{jet}$



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Size of corrections at $p_T \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$

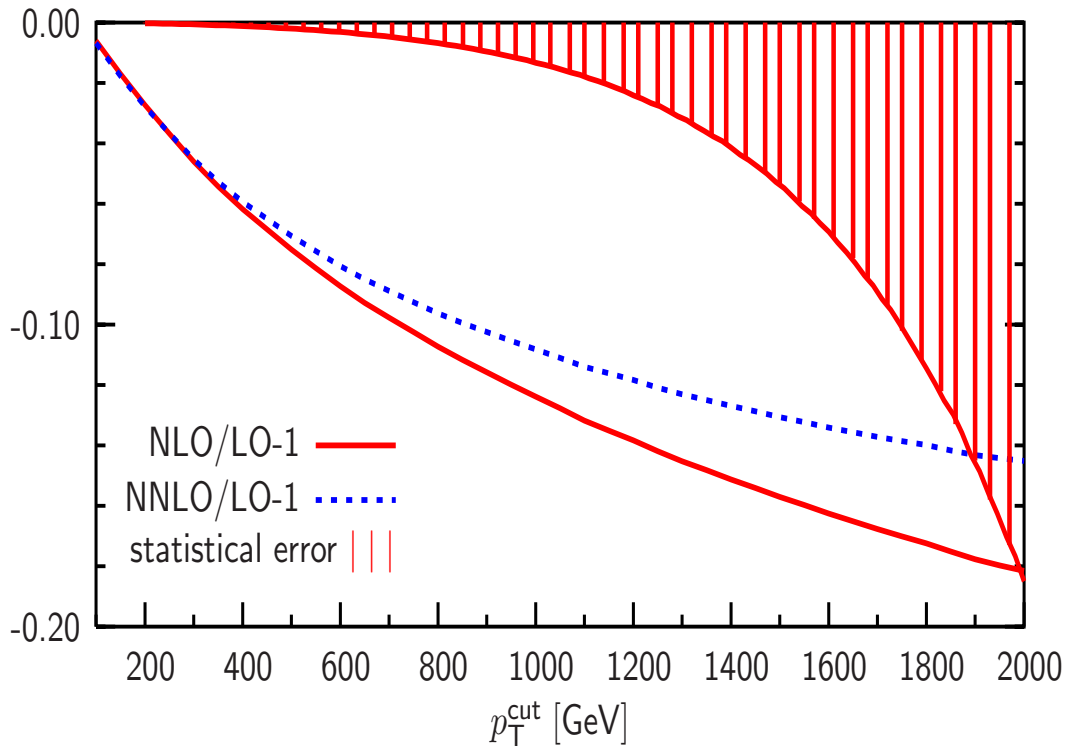
- 1-loop: -26%
- 1+2-loop: -26% + 4% = -22%

Comparison with statistical error

- $\mathcal{L} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, $Z \rightarrow \text{leptons}$
- $(\Delta\sigma/\sigma)_{\text{stat}} \sim 2\%$ at 1 TeV

\Rightarrow 2-loop effects not negligible!

1- and 2-loop corrections to $\sigma(p_T > p_T^{\text{cut}})$ for $pp \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jet}$



input: $\alpha_S(M_Z^2) = 0.13$, $\alpha = 1/137$, $s_w^2 = 1 - M_W^2/M_Z^2$
PDFs: LO MRST2001, $\mu_F = \mu_R = p_T$

Size of corrections at $p_T \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$

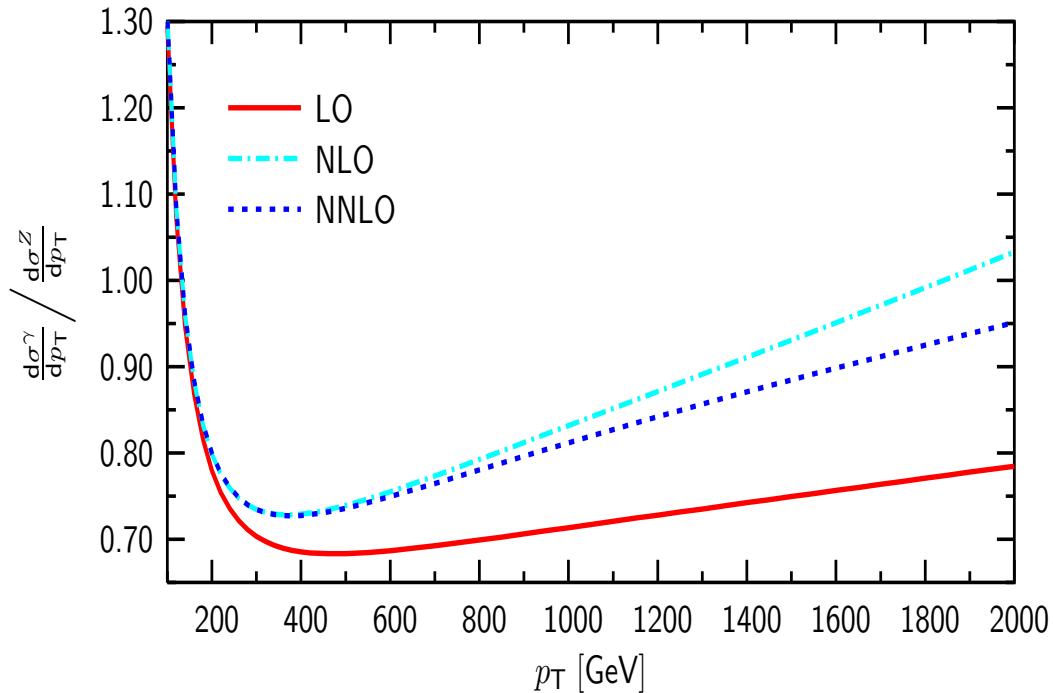
- 1-loop: -12.4%
- 1+2-loop: -12.4% + 1.6% = -10.8%

Comparison with statistical error

- $\mathcal{L} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- $(\Delta\sigma/\sigma)_{\text{stat}} \sim 1.3\%$ at 1 TeV

\Rightarrow 2-loop effects \simeq stat. error!

Ratio of the p_T distributions for $pp \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jet}$ and $pp \rightarrow Z + \text{jet}$



$p_T \sim M_Z$: **strong p_T dependence**

- due to M_Z

$p_T \gg M_Z$: **weak p_T dependence**

- ratio determined by γ/Z couplings and up/down PDFs
- PDF-uncertainties cancel
- QCD corrections cancel

1-loop and 2-loop EW corrections

- $p_T = 1\text{TeV}$: $0.71 + 0.12 - 0.02 = 0.81$
- $p_T = 2\text{TeV}$: $0.78 + 0.22 - 0.05 = 0.95$

Electroweak Sudakov logarithms beyond one loop

Typical size of LL and NLL corrections for $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes at $\sqrt{s} \simeq 1$ TeV

1-loop effects

$$\left(\frac{\delta\sigma_1}{\sigma_0}\right)_{\text{LL}} \simeq -\frac{\alpha}{\pi s_W^2} \log^2 \frac{s}{M_W^2} \simeq -26\%$$

$$\left(\frac{\delta\sigma_1}{\sigma_0}\right)_{\text{NLL}} \simeq +\frac{3\alpha}{\pi s_W^2} \log \frac{s}{M_W^2} \simeq +16\%$$

2-loop effects (back-of-the-envelope estimate)

$$\left(\frac{\delta\sigma_2}{\sigma_0}\right)_{\text{LL}} \simeq +\frac{\alpha^2}{2\pi^2 s_W^4} \log^4 \frac{s}{M_W^2} \simeq 3.5\%$$

$$\left(\frac{\delta\sigma_2}{\sigma_0}\right)_{\text{NLL}} \simeq -\frac{3\alpha^2}{\pi^2 s_W^4} \log^3 \frac{s}{M_W^2} \simeq -4.1\%$$

How to compute higher-order logarithmic corrections?

- first approach based on resummation techniques for mass singularities in QED, QCD extended to EW theory
- non-trivial due to mass gap in the gauge sector $M_A = 0 \ll M_Z \sim M_W$
- how to separate soft-collinear singularities due to massless photons?

InfraRed Evolution Equation (IREE)

Dependence of matrix elements on **transverse-momentum cut-off** μ_T

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial \log(\mu_T)} = K(\mu_T) \mathcal{M}$$

- factorization of mass sing. (QCD)
- kernel known for SU(N)

2 regimes with **exact gauge symmetry**

- $\mu_T \geq M_W$: kernel insensitive to mass gap as in symmetric $SU(2) \times U(1)$ theory with $M_A = M_Z = M_W$
- $\mu_T \leq M_W$: weak bosons frozen and kernel as in **QED**

Integration of IREE yields double factorization and exponentiation

$$\mathcal{M}(\mu_0) = \exp \left\{ \int_{\mu_0}^{M_W} \frac{d\mu_T}{\mu_T} K_2(\mu_T) \right\} \exp \left\{ \int_{M_W}^{\sqrt{s}} \frac{d\mu_T}{\mu_T} K_1(\mu_T) \right\} \mathcal{M}_{\text{Born}}$$

Fadin, Lipatov, Martin, Melles (2000)

2 loop EW corrections for $s \gg M_W^2$

General form

$$\alpha^2 \left[C_4 \underbrace{\ln^4 \left(\frac{s}{M_W^2} \right)}_{\text{LL}} + C_3 \underbrace{\ln^3 \left(\frac{s}{M_W^2} \right)}_{\text{NLL}} + C_2 \underbrace{\ln^2 \left(\frac{s}{M_W^2} \right)}_{\text{NNLL}} + C_1 \underbrace{\ln^1 \left(\frac{s}{M_W^2} \right)}_{\text{N}^3\text{LL}} + C_0 \right]$$

Results based on the IREE approach

- **LL** for **arbitrary processes** [Fadin, Lipatov, Martin, Melles (2000)]
- **NLL** for **arbitrary processes** [Melles (2001,2002,2003,2004)]
- **NNLL** for **massless $f\bar{f} \rightarrow f'\bar{f}'$** [Kühn, Moch, Penin, Smirnov (2000,2001,2003)]
- **N³LL** for **massless $f\bar{f} \rightarrow f'\bar{f}'$** [Jantzen, Kühn, Penin, Smirnov (2004,2005)]

3. N³LL for massless $f\bar{f} \rightarrow f'\bar{f}'$ Jantzen, Kühn, Penin, Smirnov (2004,2005)

Step A: logarithmic corrections within **SU(2) Higgs model** with $M_{W^\pm} = M_Z = M$ using QCD resummation techniques

- decomposition of 4-fermion amplitude

$$\mathcal{A} = \text{[4-fermion vertex diagram]} = \frac{ig^2}{s} \mathcal{F}^2 \times \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$$

- evolution equation** for logarithmic corrections to the **form factor \mathcal{F}** [Mueller(1979), Collins(1980), Sen (1981)]

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{[form factor diagram]} \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial \ln s} = \left[\int_{M_W^2}^s \frac{dx}{x} \gamma(\alpha(x)) + \zeta(\alpha(s)) + \xi(\alpha(M_W^2)) \right] \mathcal{F}$$

input for SU(2) Higgs model from **explicit 2-loop N³LL calculation** using expansion by regions [Jantzen, Smirnov (2006)]

- evolution equation** for **reduced amplitude $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$** [Sen(1983), Botts, Sterman (1987,1989)]

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \text{[reduced amplitude diagram]} \quad \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathcal{A}}}{\partial \ln s} = \chi(\alpha(s)) \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$$

input for matrix of soft anomalous dimension χ derived from existing 2-loop QCD results (Higgs mechanism irrelevant)

Step B: IREE approach for **extension to EW theory** including **photons**

- (i) SU(2) results translated to SU(2)×U(1) group with $M_\gamma = M$
- (ii) photonic singularities for $M_\gamma = 0$ assumed to factorize according to IREE prescription

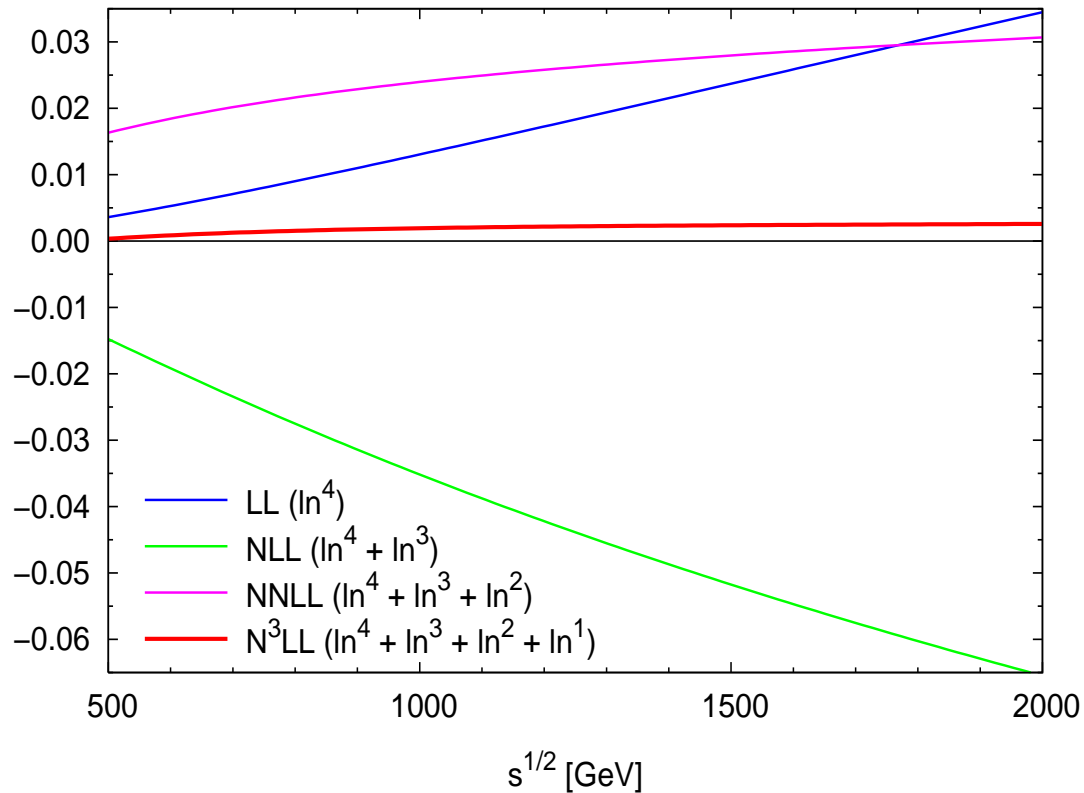
$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{SU}(2)} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)} \Big|_{M_\gamma = M} \rightarrow \left(\frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{QED}} \Big|_{M_\gamma = 0}}{\mathcal{A}_{\text{QED}} \Big|_{M_\gamma = M}} \right) \times \mathcal{A}_{\text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)} \Big|_{M_\gamma = M}$$

confirmed by 2-loop form factor calculation for SU(2)×U(1) with $M_\gamma = 0$ and $\sin^2(\theta_W) = 0$

- mixing corrections due to nonabelian γ –W interaction expected
- but only for coefficient of \ln^1 term and suppressed by $\sin^2(\theta_W) \sim 0.2$

Relative 2-loop logarithmic corrections to $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow d\bar{d})$

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi \sin^2 \theta_w}\right)^2 \left[2.79 \ln^4\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) - 51.98 \ln^3\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) + 321.34 \ln^2\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) - 606.43 \ln\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \right]$$



Subleading logarithms

- increasingly large coefficients
- alternating signs

Logarithmic approximation

- total 2-loop correction very small
- + residual theoretical error $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$
- oscillating, bad convergence
- + better convergence expected for other processes

Open question: **2-loop EW logs for production of heavy particles** (Z,W,b,t,H)?

- in contrast to massless fermions heavy particles couple directly to Higgs and Yukawa sectors and the role of symmetry breaking becomes crucial

NLL resummation prescriptions [[Melles \(2001,2002,2003,2004\)](#)] based on **IREE**

- splitting of EW theory in symmetric $SU(2) \times U(1)$ and QED regime
- effect of symmetry breaking assumed to be negligible (not proven)

Confirmed by **diagrammatic two loop calculations** based on **EW Feynman rules**

- **LL** for **arbitrary processes** [[Beenakker, Werthenbach \(200,2002\)](#); [Denner, Melles, P. \(2003\)](#)]
- **NLL** for **gluon-fermion form factor** [[P. \(2004\)](#)]

NLL for **general processes**: [work in progress](#) ...

4. Two-loop electroweak NLLs for arbitrary processes: preliminary results

Goal

- derive 2-loop NLLs for arbitrary electroweak processes (light- and heavy fermions, gauge bosons, Higgs)
- diagrammatic 2-loop calculation based on electroweak Feynman rules

Tools for process-independent analysis already developed

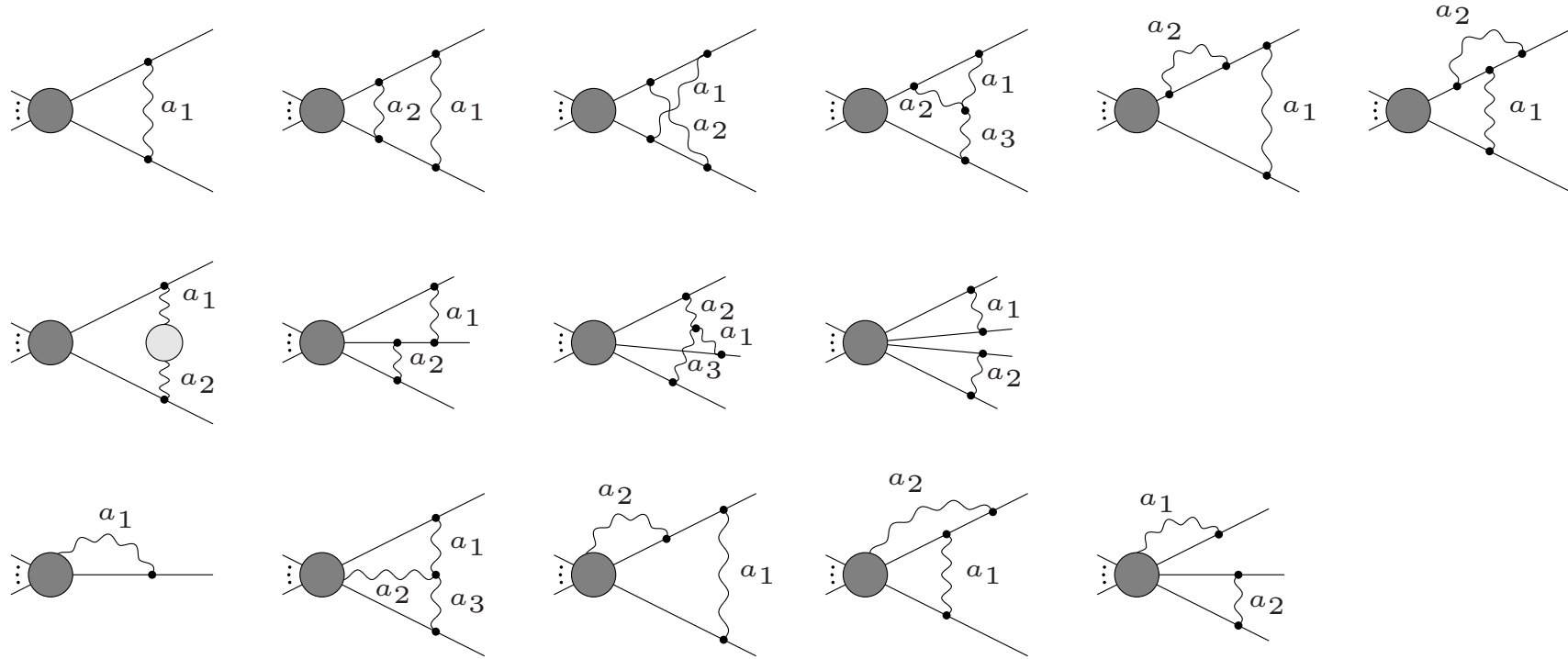
- electroweak **collinear Ward identities** to isolate and **factorize mass singularities** within $\xi = 1$ gauge
- automatic algorithm for multi-scale **2-loop diagrams in NLL approximation**

First results for general fermionic processes $f_1 f_2 \rightarrow f_3 \dots f_n$

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{array}{c} f_1 \\ \diagdown \\ \bullet \\ \diagup \\ f_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} f_3 \\ \diagup \\ \vdots \\ \diagdown \\ f_n \end{array}$$

in the limit $|(p_i + p_j)^2| \gg M_W^2$

A) 1- and 2-loop diagrams that give rise to NLL mass singularities ($\xi = 1$):
 virtual gauge bosons ($a_i = W^\pm, Z, \gamma$) coupling to external fermions

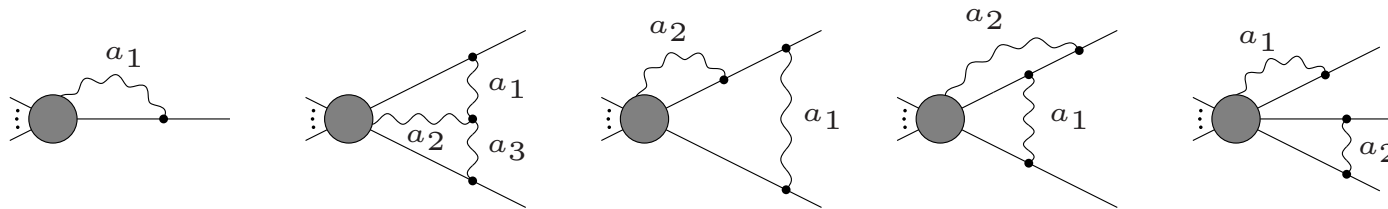


B) Soft and collinear approximations for fermion-boson vertices

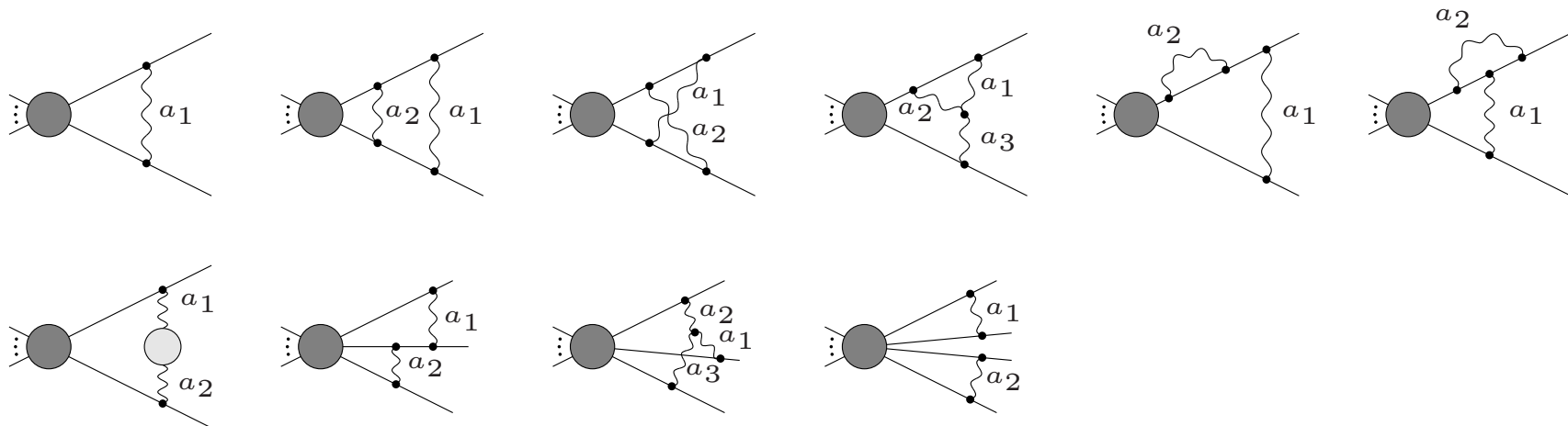
$$\lim_{q^\mu \rightarrow xp^\mu} \left[\begin{array}{c} p \quad p' \\ \longrightarrow \quad \longrightarrow \\ \bullet \\ \downarrow \\ V_\mu(q) \end{array} \right] = -2ep'_\mu I^V \quad (\text{Dirac structure disappears})$$

C) Reduction to factorizable contributions

diagrams with **collinear gauge bosons** that couple to external and **internal lines**



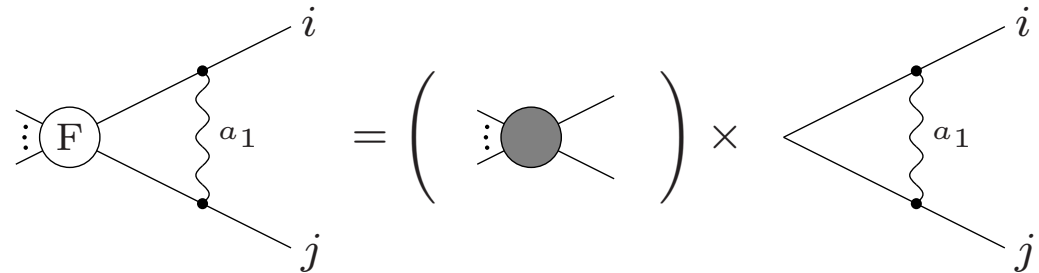
cancel against non-factorizable contributions from diagrams with gauge bosons coupling only to external lines



Reduction to factorizable contributions at one-loop level

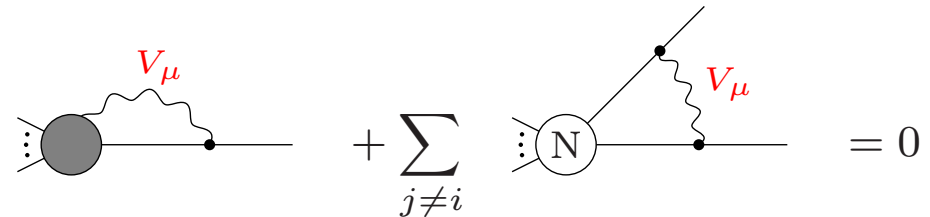
Factorizable (F):

- external-leg exchange of soft/collinear gauge bosons
- neglect collinear momenta in hard matrix element



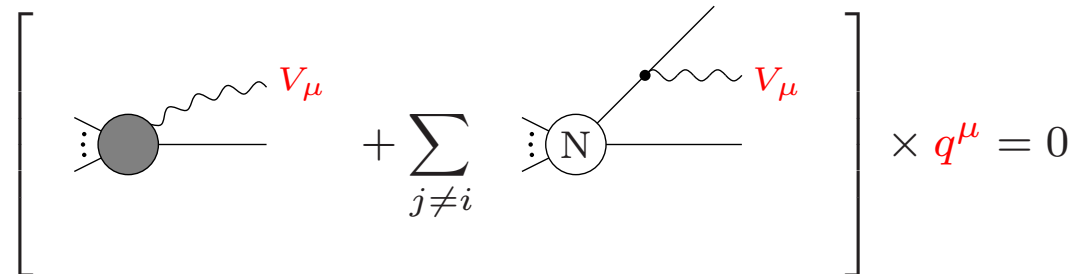
Non-factorizable (N):

- cancelled by diagrams with collinear gauge bosons coupling to internal lines



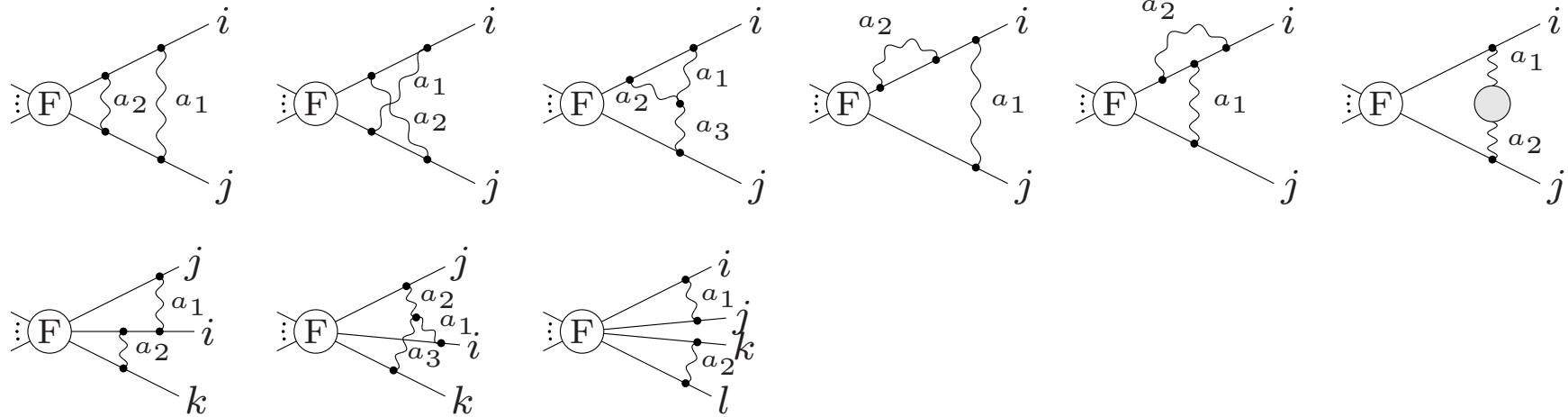
Cancellation mechanism

- collinear vertex prop. to q^μ
- collinear Ward identities for spontaneously broken non-abelian theories



Analogous collinear Ward identities derived at the two-loop level [Denner, Jantzen, P. (2006)]

⇒ only factorizable contributions remain

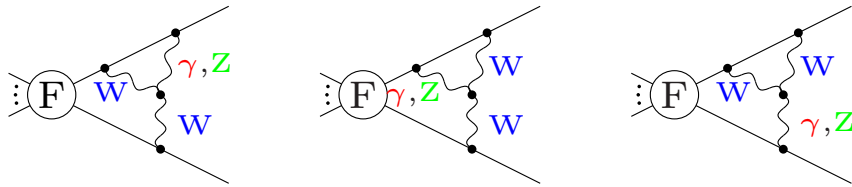


Structure of single factorizable contribution

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram: } \mathcal{F} \text{ with external lines } i, j \text{ and internal lines } a_1, a_2, a_3 \\
 & = \mathcal{M}_0 \times \underbrace{\left(ie^3 g_2 \epsilon^{a_1 a_2 a_3} I_i^{\bar{a}_2} I_i^{\bar{a}_1} I_j^{\bar{a}_3} \right)}_{\text{gauge couplings: SU(2) matrix}} \times \underbrace{D(M_{a_1}, M_{a_2}, M_{a_3}; r_{ij})}_{\text{2-loop integral}}
 \end{aligned}$$

D) Evaluation of 2-loop integrals

For every topology various configurations



different scales

- 3 Mandelstam invariants: $r_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2$
- heavy particles: M_W, M_Z, M_H, m_t
- massless particles: $\gamma, \text{light fermions}$

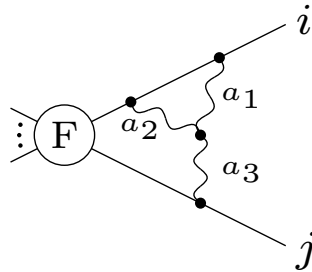
Loop integrals in the high-energy limit $L = \log\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \gg 1$ and $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{m,n} C_{mn} \epsilon^{-m} L^n \quad C_{mn} = C_{mn} \left(\frac{M_Z}{M_W}, \frac{M_H}{M_W}, \frac{m_t}{M_W}, \frac{r_{ij}}{s} \right)$$

NLL approximation with same counting for L and ϵ^{-1} poles

$$2\text{-loop} \Rightarrow \text{LLs} = \epsilon^{-4}, \epsilon^{-3} L^1, \epsilon^{-2} L^2, \epsilon^{-1} L^3, L^4 \quad \text{NLLs} = \epsilon^{-3}, \epsilon^{-2} L^1, \epsilon^{-1} L^2, L^3$$

Example of 2-loop diagram in NLL approximation



$$= \mathcal{M}_0 i e^3 g_2 \epsilon^{a_1 a_2 a_3} I_i^{\bar{a}_2} I_i^{\bar{a}_1} I_j^{\bar{a}_3} \left(\frac{s}{r_{ij}} \right)^{2\epsilon} D(M_{a_1}, M_{a_2}, M_{a_3}; r_{ij})$$

$$D(M_W, M_W, M_W; r_{ij}) \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} \frac{1}{6} L^4 + \frac{3}{2} \log\left(\frac{r_{ij}}{s}\right) L^3 - 3L^2 \epsilon^{-1} - 5L^3$$

$$\Delta D(M_W, M_W, M_Z; r_{ij}) \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} -\frac{1}{3} \log\left(\frac{M_Z^2}{M_W^2}\right) L^3$$

$$\Delta D(0, M_W, M_W; r_{ij}) \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} -\frac{1}{3} L^3 \epsilon^{-1} - \log\left(\frac{r_{ij}}{s}\right) L^2 \epsilon^{-1} - \frac{7}{12} L^4 - \frac{7}{3} \log\left(\frac{r_{ij}}{s}\right) L^3 + 2L^2 \epsilon^{-1} + \frac{10}{3} L^3$$

$$\Delta D(M_W, M_W, 0; r_{ij}) \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} -\frac{1}{3} L^3 \epsilon^{-1} - \log\left(\frac{r_{ij}}{s}\right) L^2 \epsilon^{-1} - \frac{7}{12} L^4 - \frac{7}{3} \log\left(\frac{r_{ij}}{s}\right) L^3 - 6\epsilon^{-3} - 6L\epsilon^{-2} \\ + L^2 \epsilon^{-1} + \frac{17}{3} L^3$$

All loop integrals evaluated and cross checked with 2 independent methods

- automatic algorithm based on **sector decomposition** [Denner, P. (2004)]
- **expansion by regions** + Mellin barnes representation [Smirnov, Jantzen (2006)]

E) Complete 2-loop amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta\mathcal{M}_2 = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{a_1, a_2, a_3} \left[\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} \right. \\
 & + \text{Diagram 5} + \text{Diagram 6} \left. \right] + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \sum_{a_1, a_2, a_3} \left[\text{Diagram 7} + \text{Diagram 8} \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k \neq l} \sum_{a_1, a_2} \text{Diagram 9}
 \end{aligned}$$

Summations over **topologies**, combinations of **gauge bosons** (W^\pm, Z, γ) and **external legs** ($i, j, k, l = 1, \dots, n$) using global gauge invariance and group-theoretical identities

Result for fermionic processes $f_1 f_2 \rightarrow f_3 \dots f_n$

2-loop NLL corrections

$$\mathcal{M}_{(2)} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} (\Delta F_{\text{em}})^2 + \Delta F_{\text{em}} F_{\text{sew}} + \frac{1}{2} (F_{\text{sew}})^2 + G_{\text{sew}} \right] \mathcal{M}_{(0)}$$

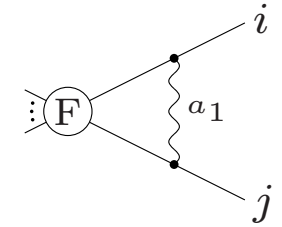
can be expressed in terms of 1-loop NLL corrections, $L = \log(s/M_W^2)$

$$\Delta F_{\text{em}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \neq i} I_i^A I_j^A \left[-2\epsilon^{-2} - 3\epsilon^{-1} + 2\epsilon^{-1} \log \left(\frac{r_{ij}}{s} \right) - K(\epsilon, M_W; r_{ij}) \right]$$

$$F_{\text{sew}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{a=A, Z, \pm} I_i^{\bar{a}} I_j^a \times$$

$$\left\{ -L^2 - \frac{2}{3} L^3 \epsilon - \frac{1}{4} L^4 \epsilon^2 + \left[\frac{3}{2} - \log \left(\frac{r_{ij}}{s} \right) \right] \left(2L + L^2 \epsilon + \frac{1}{3} L^3 \epsilon^2 \right) \right\}$$

$$K(\epsilon, M_W; r_{ij})$$



and 1-loop β -function coeff. \times 1-loop functions

$$G_{\text{sew}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[b_1^{(1)} g_1^2 \left(\frac{Y_i}{2} \right)^2 + b_2^{(1)} g_2^2 C_{F,i} \right] \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[K(2\epsilon, M_W, s) - \left(\frac{-s}{\mu^2} \right)^\epsilon K(\epsilon, M_W, s) \right]$$

Result for fermionic processes $f_1 f_2 \rightarrow f_3 \dots f_n$

Two-loop results consistent with double factorization and exponentiation

$$\mathcal{M}_{(0)} + \mathcal{M}_{(1)} + \mathcal{M}_{(2)} \equiv \exp \left[\left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right) \Delta F_{\text{em}} \right] \exp \left[\left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right) F_{\text{sew}} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right)^2 G_{\text{sew}} \right] \mathcal{M}_{(0)}$$

- **electromagnetic singularities** factorize and exponentiate separately
- remaining part as within a symmetric $SU(2) \times U(1)$ theory with $M_\gamma = M_W = M_Z$
- in agreement with IREE prescription [Kühn et. al. (2000), Melles (2003)]

Summary

Large EW logs for gauge boson production with high p_T at LHC

(1) $WW, WZ, ZZ, W\gamma, Z\gamma$ ($p_T \sim 500$ GeV)

- 1-loop logs: -15% to -30%
- non-log terms sizable for $W\gamma, Z\gamma$ (-6%) unknown for WW, WZ, ZZ

(2) $Z + \text{jet}$ and $\gamma + \text{jet}$ ($p_T \sim 1$ TeV)

- 1-loop logs: -26% (Z) and -12.5% (γ)
- non-log terms small (1%)
- 2-loop NLLs significant: $+4\%$ (Z) and $+1.5\%$ (γ)

Recent progress at 2-loop level

(3) $f\bar{f} \rightarrow f'\bar{f}'$

- all 2-loop logs from \ln^4 to \ln^1 included
- large cancellations between leading and subleading terms
- complete two-loop smaller than 1%

(4) towards **NLLs for arbitrary processes**

- diagrammatic with EW Feynman rules
- all aspects of symmetry breaking
- collinear Ward identities, automatic algorithm for loop calculations
- first results for fermionic processes