

# NLO Electroweak Corrections to Lepton Collider Processes

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What do we do?

- Apply universal principles of NLO EW corrections in the Monte-Carlo generator **WHIZARD** [EPJ C71 (2011) 1742]

# Overview

Parts:

- I) Automation of NLO EW corrections in WHIZARD
- II) Application of fixed  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections to muon-collider processes
- III) Status: NLL electron PDFs for lepton-collider processes at NLO EW

I) Automation of NLO EW corrections in WHIZARD

# I) NLO framework in WHIZARD

## What is WHIZARD?

Multi-purpose event generator for cross sections and differential distributions of **arbitrary processes** at HEP experiments (LHC, Belle II, ILC/CLIC/FCC/CEPC, MuCol, ...)



recent version: v3.1.2

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## Essential elements of WHIZARD at NLO

- physics models: SM (internal BSM and UFO models)
- phase-space integrator: **VAMP** (VEGAS AMPlified) [CPC 120 (1999) 13],  
**VAMP2**[EPJ C79 (2019) 4 344] incl. MPI parallelization
- matrix elements: tree-level ME generator **O'Mega** [LC-TOOL (2001) 040], interface to OLPs  
**OpenLoops**[1907.13071], **RECOLA**[1711.07388] and **GoSam**[1404.7096]
- infrared subtraction: FKS-scheme (POWHEG matching + PYTHIA-interface)

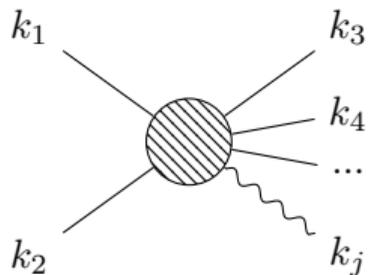
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$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}} = \underbrace{\int d\Phi_n \mathcal{B}}_{\text{Born}} + \underbrace{\int d\Phi_{n+1} \mathcal{R}}_{\text{div. real}} + \underbrace{\int d\Phi_n \mathcal{V}}_{\text{div. virtual}} = \text{finite}$$

Need observables **exclusive** in kinematic properties!

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}} = \int d\Phi_n \mathcal{B} + \underbrace{\int d\Phi_{n+1} [\mathcal{R} - d\sigma_S]}_{\text{finite by construction}} + \underbrace{\int d\Phi_n \mathcal{V} + \int d\Phi_n d\sigma_{S,\text{int}}}_{\text{IR poles cancelled analyt.}}$$



‘ $j$ ’ radiated with several different emitters

⇒ Subtract singularities related to IR splittings systematically!

## Frixione-Kunszt-Signer (FKS) subtraction

Divide phase space into disjoint regions with **at most one** soft and/or collinear singularity.

⇒ kinematical weight factors related to pairs  $(i, j)$

# I) NLO framework in WHIZARD: NLO QCD

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For  $pp$  and  $e^+e^-$  colliders

- Automation of fNLO simulation of cross sections and distributions
  - Validated for about 50 processes with `MG5_aMC@NLO`<sub>[1405.0301]</sub> and `SHERPA`<sub>[1905.09127]</sub>
- Automation of POWHEG-matched event generation for NLO QCD corrections

(thanks to Pascal Stienemeier)

→ Validated for  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^-$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}j$  with `POWHEG-BOX`<sub>[1002.2581]</sub>

# I) NLO framework in WHIZARD: NLO EW

## Extension to electroweak corrections – Basics

- QED FKS subtraction terms:

$$d\sigma_{S,\text{coll}} \sim \alpha \underbrace{\hat{P}_{E \rightarrow (i,j), \text{QED}}^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu}^{(E)}}_{\text{pol. AP kernel} \times \text{spin-corr.}}, \quad d\sigma_{S,\text{soft}} \sim \alpha \sum_{k,l=1}^n \underbrace{\frac{\bar{k}_k \cdot \bar{k}_l}{(\bar{k}_k \cdot \hat{k}_j)(\bar{k}_l \cdot \hat{k}_j)} \mathcal{B}_{kl}}_{\text{eikonal} \times \text{charge-corr.}}$$

- EW loop contributions (interface to **OpenLoops**, **RECOLA**, **GoSam**)
- EW renorm. schemes & photons entering at Born level

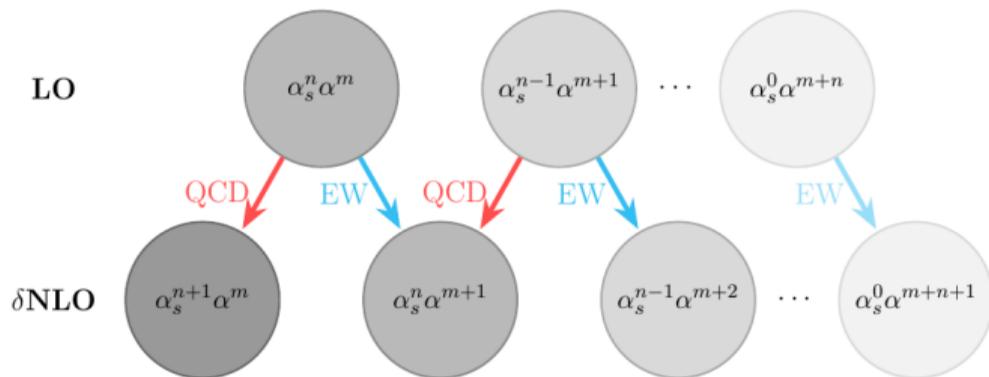
$Q_\gamma^2 \rightarrow 0$	$Q_\gamma^2 \sim \text{EW scale}$
<i>on-shell</i> photons	<i>off-shell</i> photons
no $\gamma$ splittings	$\gamma^* \rightarrow f\bar{f}$
$\alpha(0)$	$\alpha _{G_\mu}, \alpha(M_Z)$
$\left[ \frac{\delta\alpha(0)}{\alpha(0)} + \delta Z_{AA} \right]_{\text{light}} = 0$	$\left[ \frac{\delta\alpha(M_Z)}{\alpha(M_Z)} + \delta Z_{AA} \right]_{\text{light}} + \delta Z_{\gamma, \text{PDF}}$ $\rightarrow$ finite overall photon factor $\neq 0$

with photon virtuality  $Q_\gamma^2$

$\rightarrow$   $\alpha$  coupling constant, renormalization factors

# I) NLO framework in WHIZARD: NLO EW and mixed

Interfering correction types (NLO QCD×EW): for processes with  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n)$  contributions with  $n \geq 1$ :



Example:  $pp \rightarrow Zj$  at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ :

Contributions from  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Zg\gamma$  at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2\alpha_s)$

$\Rightarrow$  Need cancellations from  $[\mathcal{B}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow Zg)$  at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)] \times [\text{QED splitting}]$

and  $[\mathcal{B}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z\gamma)$  at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)] \times [\text{QCD splitting}]$

**For lepton collider processes relevant in case of at least 3 colored final states**

## I) NLO framework in WHIZARD: Lepton collisions at NLO EW

Fixed-order massive approximation for NLO cross sections and distributions:

- IS leptons considered as massive  $\Rightarrow$  no collinear counterterms needed
- lepton mass dependencies kept explicit in matrix elements
- naive NLO phase-space construction with on-shell projection:
  - ▶ radiated momentum according to FKS parametrisation
  - ▶ keep IS momenta fixed
  - ▶ boost of Born FS into recoiling system of radiated photon

# I) NLO framework in WHIZARD: NLO EW

$pp$  processes: Validation for

- $pp \rightarrow VV(H), VH(H), t\bar{t}(V/H)$  for  $V \in \{W^\pm, Z\}$  with MATRIX/MUNICH orig. ref. [1412.5157]
- $pp \rightarrow e^+\nu_e(H/j/\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu), e^+e^-(H/j/\mu^+\mu^-), Hjj, tj$  with MG5\_aMC@NLO [1804.10017]

Lepton-collider processes: Checks with MCSANcEe, e. g.

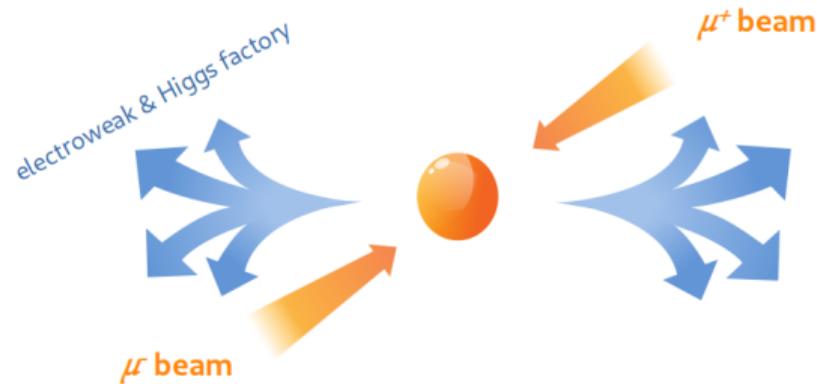
$e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ$ $\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	MCSANcEe[Sadykov,2020]		WHIZARD+RECOLA			$\sigma^{\text{sig}}$
	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\delta_{\text{EW}}$ [%]	LO/NLO
250	225.59(1)	206.77(1)	225.60(1)	207.0(1)	-8.25	0.4/2.1
500	53.74(1)	62.42(1)	53.74(3)	62.41(2)	+16.14	0.2/0.3
1000	12.05(1)	14.56(1)	12.0549(6)	14.57(1)	+20.84	0.5/0.5

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ $\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	MCSANcEe[2206.09469]		WHIZARD+RECOLA			$\sigma^{\text{sig}}$
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5	2978.6(1)	3434.2(1)	2978.7(1)	3433.5(3)	+15.27	0.3/2.2
7	1519.6(1)	1773.8(1)	1519.605(4)	1773.1(2)	+16.68	0.05/3.0

II) Application of fixed  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections to muon-collider processes

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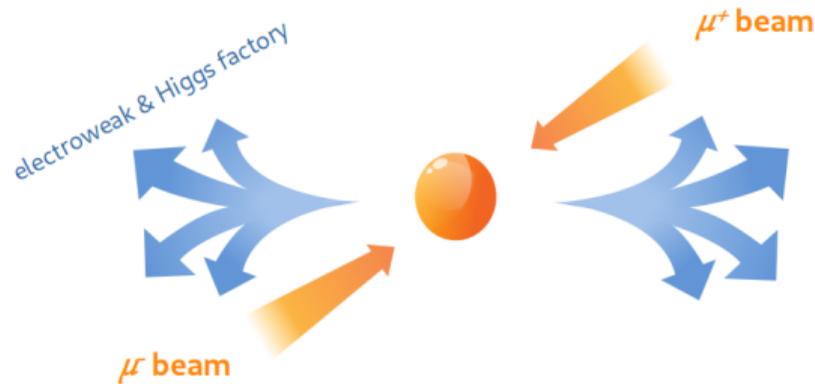


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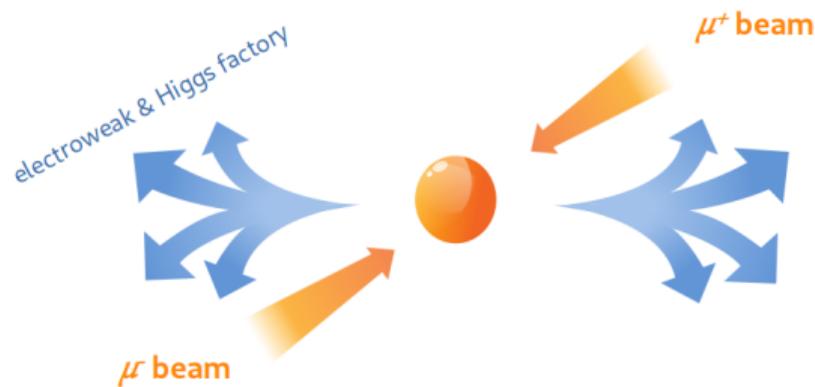


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⇒ Fixed-order massive approximation for  $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow V^n H^m$  with  $V \in \{W^\pm Z\}$  and  $n + m \leq 4$  at NLO EW

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$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow X, \sqrt{s} = 3$ TeV	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{incl}}$ [fb]	$\delta_{\text{EW}}$ [%]	$\delta_{\text{ISR}}$ [%]
$W^+W^-$	$4.6591(2) \cdot 10^2$	+4.0(2)	+13.82(4)
$ZZ$	$2.5988(1) \cdot 10^1$	+2.19(6)	+15.71(4)
$HZ$	$1.3719(1) \cdot 10^0$	-1.51(4)	+30.24(3)
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$$\text{LL PDF } \Gamma_{\mu/\mu}^{\text{LL}(1)} \sim \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \log \frac{s}{m_\mu^2} \Rightarrow \text{real } \mathcal{R}$$

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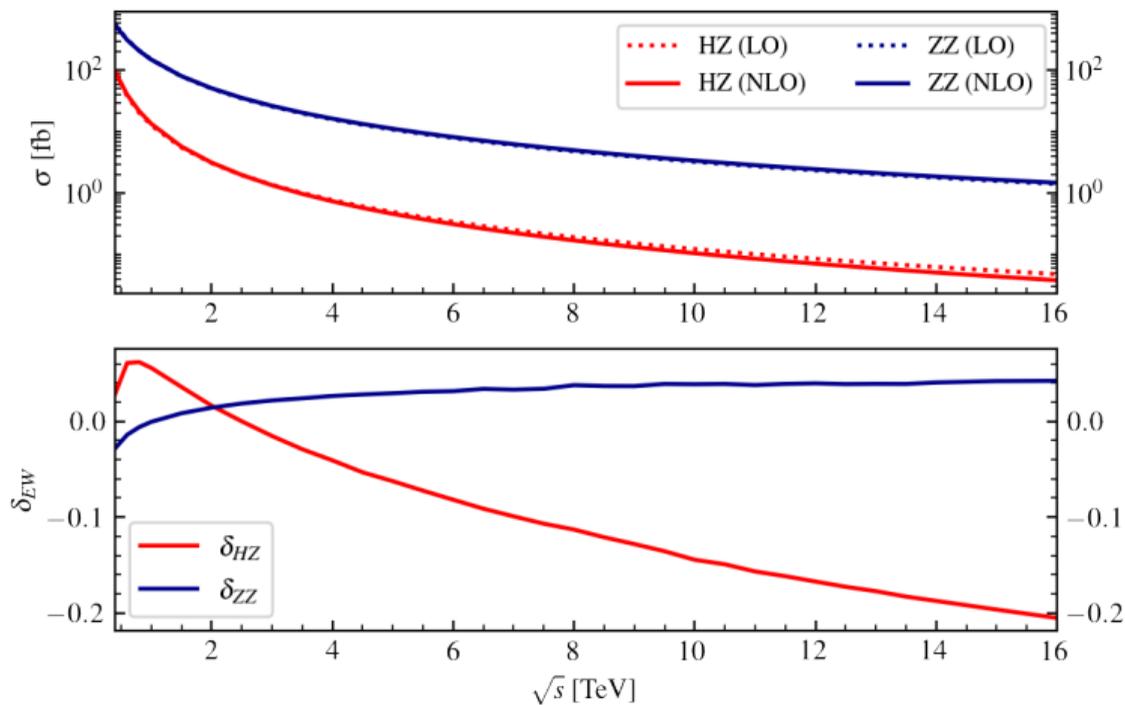
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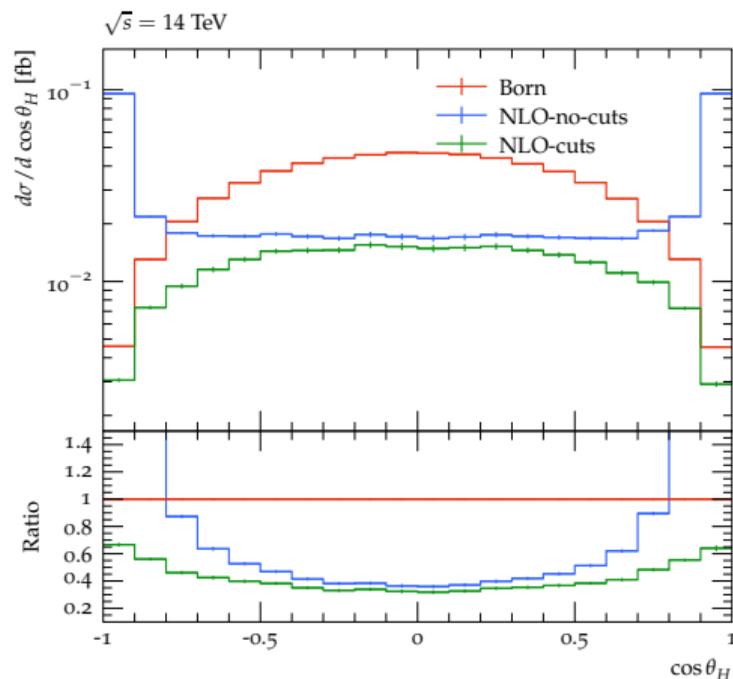
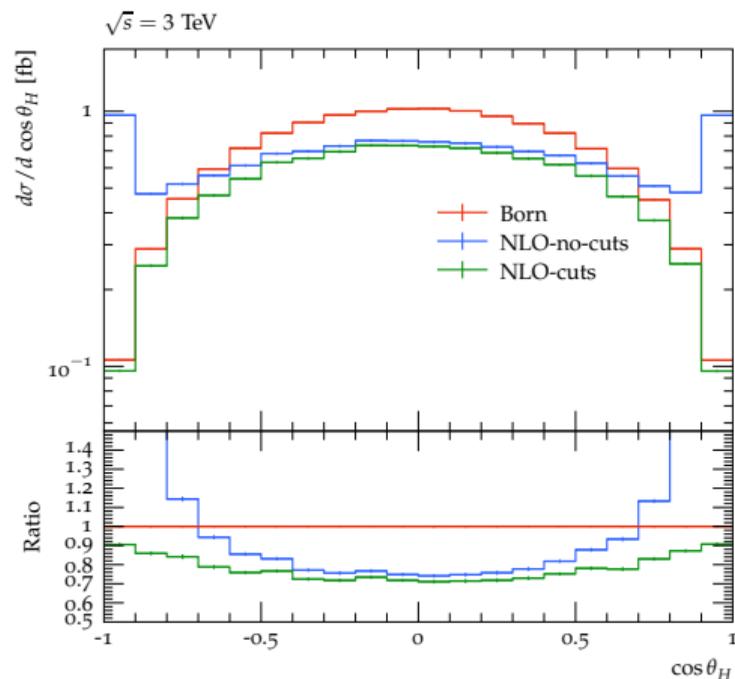


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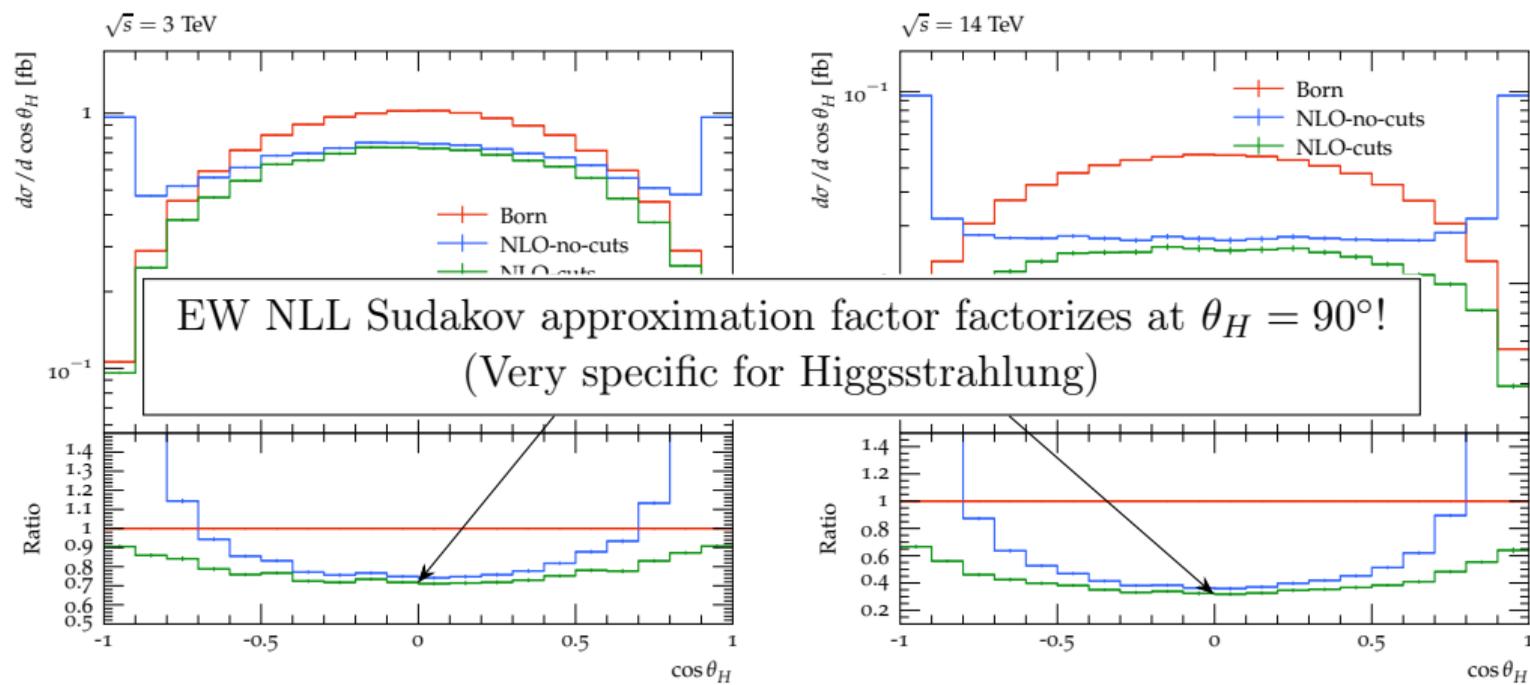


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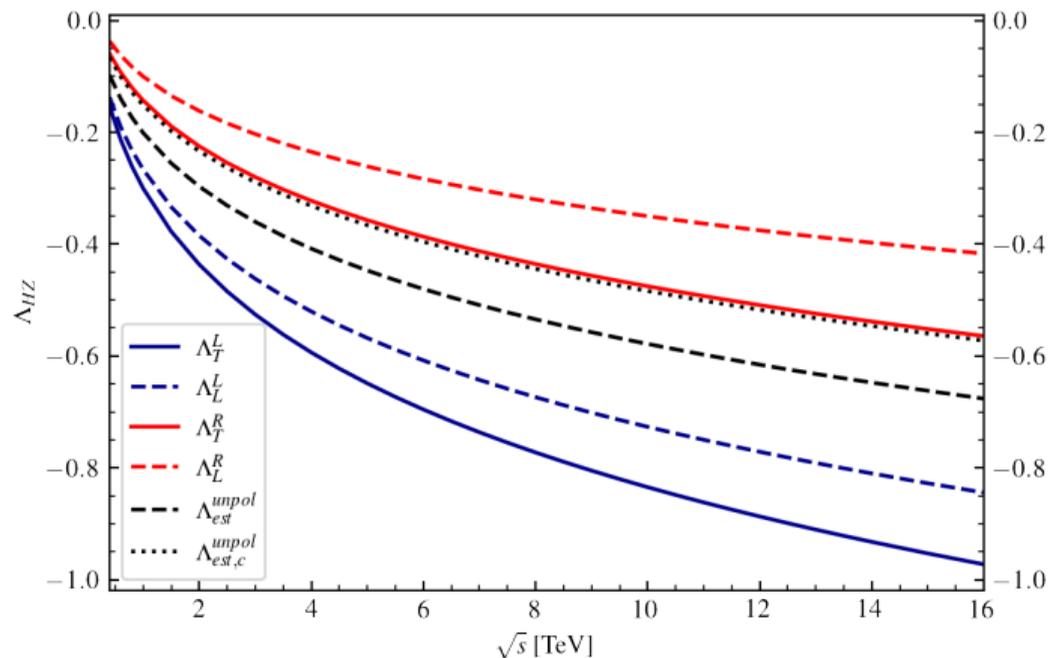


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NLL EW  $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow HZ$  Sudakov factor:  $\rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{est}}^{\text{unpol}}(\theta_H = 90^\circ)$  (black dashed line)



- $\Lambda_{\lambda}^{\kappa}$ : Sudakov factors for muon chiralities  $\kappa = L, R$  and  $Z$  polarisations  $\lambda = T, L$
- $\Lambda_{\text{est}}^{\text{unpol}}$ : estimated unpolarised correction factor at  $\theta_H = 90^\circ$
- $\Lambda_{\text{est},c}^{\text{unpol}}$ :  $\Lambda_{\text{est}}^{\text{unpol}}$  without angular dependent terms

III) Status:

NLL electron PDFs for lepton-collider processes at NLO EW

### III) Precision of lepton-collider observables

Soft photon radiation:  $\sim (\alpha/\pi)^k \log^k \left( \frac{s}{E_\gamma^2} \right)$  ( $\rightarrow$  YFS resummation)

Collinear ISR:

$$\sim \underbrace{(\alpha/\pi)^k \log^k \left( \frac{s}{m^2} \right)}_{\text{LL}} + (\alpha/\pi)^k \log^{k-1} \left( \frac{s}{m^2} \right) + \dots$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\text{NLL}}$

$\Rightarrow$  Observables unreliable for  $s \gg m^2$  unless resumming these logs!

### III) Collinear factorisation

$$d\bar{\sigma}_{e^+e^-}(p_{e^+}, p_{e^-}, m^2) = \sum_{ij=e^\pm, \gamma} \int dz_+ dz_- \Gamma_{i/e^+}(z_+, \mu^2, m^2) \Gamma_{j/e^-}(z_-, \mu^2, m^2) \\ \times d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}(z_+ p_{e^+}, z_- p_{e^-}, \mu^2)$$

- Absorb all resummed collinear logarithms (mass dependencies!) into  $\Gamma_{i/e}$

- ▶  $d\bar{\sigma}_{e^+e^-}$  at LO+LL accuracy:

$$d\bar{\sigma}_{e^+e^-}^{\text{LO+LL}} = \Gamma_{e^+/e^+}^{\text{LO+LL}} \star \Gamma_{e^-/e^-}^{\text{LO+LL}} \star d\hat{\sigma}_{e^+e^-}^{\text{LO}}$$

with  $\Gamma_{e/e}^{\text{LO+LL}}$  from [Cacciari, Deandrea, Montagna, Nicosini, 1992; Skrypek, Jadach, 1991]

- ▶  $d\bar{\sigma}_{e^+e^-}$  at NLO+NLL accuracy:

$$d\bar{\sigma}_{e^+e^-}^{\text{NLO+NLL}} = \sum_{ij=e^\pm, \gamma} \Gamma_{i/e^+}^{\text{NLO+NLL}} \star \Gamma_{j/e^-}^{\text{NLO+NLL}} \star d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}^{\text{NLO}}$$

with  $\Gamma_{j/e^-}^{\text{NLO+NLL}}$  from [Frixione, 1909.03886; Bertone, Cacciari, Frixione, Stagnitto, 1911.12040]

### III) NLL electron PDFs for lepton-collider processes at NLO EW

$$d\bar{\sigma}_{e^+e^-}^{\text{NLO+NLL}} = \Gamma_{i/e^+}^{\text{NLO+NLL}} \star \Gamma_{j/e^-}^{\text{NLO+NLL}} \star d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}^{\text{NLO}}$$

- accurate enough for any IS lepton mass and any collider energy
- electron PDFs have **singular** behavior at  $z \simeq 1$

⇒ requires appropriate MC integration methods to ensure numerical stability in  $z \rightarrow 1$  regions

#### In WHIZARD:

- $d\bar{\sigma}_{e^+e^-}^{\text{LO+LL}}$  with  $\Gamma_{i/e}^{\text{LO+LL}}$  in the form of (well-known) 'ISR structure functions'
- $d\bar{\sigma}_{e^+e^-}^{\text{NLO+NLL}}$  work-in-progress with  $\Gamma_{i/e}^{\text{NLO+NLL}}$  implemented  
(bottle-neck: adequate mapping of random numbers to beam-energy fractions at NLO)

# Summary

- I) Automated computation of NLO EW corrections in WHIZARD
  - well-tested for  $pp$  processes
  - fixed-order EW corrections to lepton collider processes
- II) Application of fixed  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections to muon-collider processes
  - EW corrections highly significant for multi-TeV scales and high boson multiplicities at a future muon collider
- III) NLL electron PDFs for lepton-collider processes at NLO EW
  - motivated for a fully generic usage of EW corrections for any lepton-collider setup
  - work to be done in WHIZARD w.r.t. a decent treatment of the numerics

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## Back-Up: FKS subtraction scheme

### FKS parametrisation:

For  $2 \rightarrow n$  processes: integrands parametrised by

$\Phi_n$  for  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{V}, d\sigma_{S,\text{int}}$  and  $\Phi_{n+1} = (\Phi_n, \Phi_{\text{rad}})$  for  $\mathcal{R}, d\sigma_S$

FKS variables:  $\Phi_{\text{rad}} \rightarrow \{\xi, y, \phi\}$

$$d\Phi_{n+1} = d\Phi_{\text{rad}}d\Phi_n = \underbrace{\mathcal{J}(\xi, y, \phi)}_{\text{Jacobian}} d\xi dy d\phi d\Phi_n$$

with  $\xi \equiv 2E_{\text{rad}}/\sqrt{s}$ ,  $y \equiv \cos \theta_{ij}$  and  $\phi$ : angle difference in transversal plane

collinear limit:  $y \rightarrow 1$

soft limit:  $\xi \rightarrow 0$

## Back-Up: FKS subtraction scheme

### IR cancellation:

- Define:

$$\mathcal{R}_{(i,j)} = \mathcal{S}_{(i,j)} \mathcal{R}$$

with  $\mathcal{S}_{(i,j)}$  depending on the kinematics of  $(i,j)$ ,  $\sum_{i,j} \mathcal{S}_{(i,j)} = 1$  and  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \mathcal{S}_{(i,j)} = 1$ ,

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{S}_{(i,j)} = \mathcal{S}_{(i,j)}^{\text{soft}}$$

Subtraction:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{R}}(\xi, y) \equiv (1-y)\xi^2 \mathcal{R}(\xi, y)$$

$$\frac{\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{(i,j)}(\xi, y)}{\xi^2(1-y)} = \frac{1}{\xi^2(1-y)} \left( \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{(i,j)}(\xi, y) - \underbrace{\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{(i,j)}(0, y)}_{\text{soft}} - \underbrace{\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{(i,j)}(\xi, 1)}_{\text{collinear}} + \underbrace{\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{(i,j)}(0, 1)}_{\text{soft-collinear}} \right)$$

- Subtraction "events" get Born phase-space configuration  
 $\Rightarrow$  Mind IR-safe observables for event generation!

$$\lim_{p_i \parallel p_j} O_{n+1}(p_1, \dots, p_i, \dots, p_j, \dots, p_{n+1}) = O_n(p_1, \dots, p_{ij}, \dots, p_n)$$

$$\lim_{p_i \rightarrow 0} O_{n+1}(p_1, \dots, p_j, \dots, p_{n+1}) = O_n(p_1, \dots, p_{j-1}, p_{j+1}, \dots, p_n)$$

## Back-Up: FKS subtraction scheme

Subtraction terms: For split. partons  $\bar{\mathcal{I}}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_i \mathcal{I}_j$  and  $k_i^2 = 0$  for emitting parton  $\mathcal{I}_i$  after splitting

- collinear limit: unreg. polarised splitting functions  $\times$  spin-correlated ME<sup>2</sup>

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{(i,j)}(\xi, y) \simeq \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{(i,j)}(\xi, 1) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{8\pi\alpha_s(1-y)\xi^2}{\bar{k}_i^2} \hat{P}_{\bar{\mathcal{I}}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_i \mathcal{I}_j, \text{QCD}}^{\mu\nu}(z, k_\perp) \mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu}^{(i)}$$

$$\text{For } \bar{\mathcal{I}}_i = g, \quad \mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu}^{(i)} = N_B \sum_{\{m\}, s_i, s'_i} \mathcal{M}_n(\{m\}, s_i) \mathcal{M}_n^\dagger(\{m\}, s'_i) (\epsilon_{s_i})_\mu^* (\epsilon_{s'_i})_\nu$$

with  $\{m\}$  colour, spins of Born conf. and  $s_i$  the spin of emitting **gluon**

- soft limit: eikonal  $\times$  color- or charge-correlated Born ME<sup>2</sup>

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{(i,j)}(\xi, y) \simeq \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{(i,j)}(0, y) = 4\pi\alpha_s(1-y) \sum_{k,l=1}^n \frac{\bar{k}_k \cdot \bar{k}_l}{(\bar{k}_k \cdot \hat{k}_j)(\bar{k}_l \cdot \hat{k}_j)} \mathcal{B}_{kl}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{kl} = -|\mathcal{M}_{kl}^n|^2 = \langle \mathcal{M}^n | \mathbf{T}_k \cdot \mathbf{T}_l | \mathcal{M}^n \rangle$$

with  $\mathcal{I}_j = g$  the radiated parton and  $\mathbf{T}_k$  the **colour** charge operator

$$\text{QCD} \rightarrow \text{QED}: \{g, \alpha_s, \hat{P}_{\bar{\mathcal{I}}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_i \mathcal{I}_j, \text{QCD}}^{\mu\nu}, \mathbf{T}_k\} \longrightarrow \{\gamma, \alpha, \hat{P}_{\bar{\mathcal{I}}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_i \mathcal{I}_j, \text{QED}}^{\mu\nu}, \mathbf{Q}_k\}$$

# Back-Up: FKS subtraction scheme

Regularisation by integrated subtraction terms:

From dimensional regularisation with  $d = 4 - 2\varepsilon$  and expansions in  $\varepsilon$

$$\xi^{-1-2\varepsilon} = -\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}\delta(\xi) + \left(\frac{1}{\xi}\right)_+ - 2\varepsilon\left(\frac{\log\xi}{\xi}\right)_+ = -\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}\delta(\xi) + \mathcal{P}_+(\xi) \text{ and}$$

$$(1-y)^{-1-\varepsilon} = -\frac{2^{-\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon}\delta(1-y) + \left(\frac{1}{1-y}\right)_+ - \varepsilon\left(\frac{\log(1-y)}{1-y}\right)_+ \text{ we get}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\Phi_{\text{rad}}\mathcal{R} &= \int d\Phi_{\text{rad}}(\xi, y) \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{R}}(\xi, y)}{\xi^2(1-y)} \\ &= \frac{s^{1-\varepsilon}}{(4\pi)^{3-2\varepsilon}} \int d\Omega^{(2-2\varepsilon)} \int_{-1}^1 dy (1-y)^{-1-\varepsilon} \int_0^{\xi_{\text{max}}} d\xi \xi^{-1-2\varepsilon} \tilde{\mathcal{R}}(\xi, y) \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{I_{\text{soft-coll}}^{(2)}}{\varepsilon^2} + \frac{I_{\text{soft}}^{(1)}}{\varepsilon} + I_{\text{soft}}^{(0)}}_{\textcircled{1}} + \underbrace{\frac{I_{\text{coll}}^{(1)}}{\varepsilon} + I_{\text{coll}}^{(0)}}_{\textcircled{2}} + \int \underbrace{d\Phi_{\text{rad}}\hat{\mathcal{R}}}_{\textcircled{3}}}_{\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)} \end{aligned}$$

with plus-distributions  $\int_{-1}^1 dy \left(\frac{g(y)}{1-y}\right)_+ f(y) = \int_{-1}^1 dy g(y) \frac{f(y)-f(1)}{1-y}$

- ① soft (and soft-collinear) limit:  $\sim -\frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int dy (1-y)^{-1-\varepsilon} \int d\xi \delta(\xi) \tilde{\mathcal{R}}(\xi, y)$
- ② collinear limit:  $\sim -\frac{2^{-\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon} \int d\xi \mathcal{P}_+(\xi) \int dy \delta(1-y) \tilde{\mathcal{R}}(\xi, y)$
- ③ subtracted Real:  $d\phi dy d\xi \frac{\mathcal{J}(\xi, y, \phi)}{\xi} \left(\frac{1}{\xi}\right)_+ \left(\frac{1}{1-y}\right)_+ \tilde{\mathcal{R}}(\xi, y)$

# Backup: FKS & POWHEG matching

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FKS subtraction per  $\alpha_r$  region

$$\mathcal{R} = \sum_{\alpha_r} \mathcal{R}_{\alpha_r} = \sum_{\alpha_r} \mathcal{S}_{\alpha_r} \mathcal{R} \quad \text{for } \mathcal{I}_{\alpha_r} = (i, j) \in P_{\text{FKS}}(f_r)$$

works in conjunction with POWHEG matching scheme

$$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}} = \bar{\mathcal{B}}(\Phi_n) \left( \Delta(p_{T,\text{min}}) + \Delta(k_T(\Phi_{n+1})) \frac{\mathcal{R}(\Phi_{n+1})}{\mathcal{B}(\Phi_n)} d\Phi_{\text{rad}} \right) d\Phi_n$$

using a *modified* Sudakov form factor

$$\Delta(\Phi_n, p_T) = \exp \left[ - \int \frac{\mathcal{R}(\Phi_{n+1})}{\mathcal{B}(\Phi_n)} \theta(k_T(\Phi_{n+1}) - p_T) d\Phi_{\text{rad}} \right]$$

$$\Delta^{f_{\mathcal{B}}}(\Phi_n, p_T) = \prod_{\alpha_r \in \{\alpha_r | f_{\mathcal{B}}\}} \Delta_{\alpha_r}^{f_{\mathcal{B}}}(\Phi_n, p_T)$$

# Validations: NLO EW

Cross-validation of WHIZARD and MUNICH/MATRIX orig. ref. [Kallweit *et. al.*, 1412.5157]

process $pp \rightarrow$	MUNICH <sub>(CS)</sub> +OpenLoops $\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	WHIZARD +OpenLoops $\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\delta$ [%]	dev [%]	$\sigma^{\text{sig}}$
$ZZ$	$1.05729(1) \cdot 10^4$	$1.05729(11) \cdot 10^4$	-4.20	0.0001	0.01
$W^+Z$	$1.71505(2) \cdot 10^4$	$1.71507(2) \cdot 10^4$	-0.15	0.001	0.88
$W^-Z$	$1.08576(1) \cdot 10^4$	$1.08574(1) \cdot 10^4$	+0.07	0.001	0.90
$W^+W^-$	$7.93106(7) \cdot 10^4$	$7.93087(21) \cdot 10^4$	+4.55	0.002	0.89
$ZH$	$6.18523(6) \cdot 10^2$	$6.18533(6) \cdot 10^2$	-5.29	0.002	1.17
$W^+H$	$7.18070(7) \cdot 10^2$	$7.18072(9) \cdot 10^2$	-2.31	0.0003	0.18
$W^-H$	$4.59289(4) \cdot 10^2$	$4.59299(5) \cdot 10^2$	-2.15	0.002	1.62
$ZZZ$	$9.7429(2) \cdot 10^0$	$9.7417(11) \cdot 10^0$	-9.47	0.012	1.01
$W^+W^-Z$	$1.08288(2) \cdot 10^2$	$1.08293(10) \cdot 10^2$	+7.67	0.004	0.45
$W^+ZZ$	$2.0188(4) \cdot 10^1$	$2.0188(23) \cdot 10^1$	+1.58	0.0001	0.01
$W^-ZZ$	$1.09844(2) \cdot 10^1$	$1.09838(12) \cdot 10^1$	+3.09	0.006	0.51
$W^+W^-W^+$	$8.7979(2) \cdot 10^1$	$8.7991(15) \cdot 10^1$	+6.18	0.014	0.79
$W^+W^-W^-$	$4.9447(1) \cdot 10^1$	$4.9441(2) \cdot 10^1$	+7.13	0.013	2.52
$ZZH$	$1.91607(2) \cdot 10^0$	$1.91614(18) \cdot 10^0$	-8.78	0.004	0.39
$W^+ZH$	$2.48068(2) \cdot 10^0$	$2.48095(28) \cdot 10^0$	+1.64	0.011	0.96
$W^-ZH$	$1.34001(1) \cdot 10^0$	$1.34016(15) \cdot 10^0$	+2.51	0.011	1.02
$W^+W^-H$	$9.7012(2) \cdot 10^0$	$9.700(2) \cdot 10^0$	+9.83	0.014	0.75
$ZHH$	$2.39350(2) \cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.39337(32) \cdot 10^{-1}$	-11.06	0.005	0.41
$W^+HH$	$2.44794(2) \cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.44776(24) \cdot 10^{-1}$	-12.04	0.007	0.74
$W^-HH$	$1.33525(1) \cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.33471(19) \cdot 10^{-1}$	-11.53	0.041	2.80

LHC setup (Run II),

$$\delta \equiv (\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}} - \sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}}) / \sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}},$$

$$\text{dev} \equiv |\sigma_{\text{WHIZARD}}^{\text{tot}} - \sigma_{\text{MUNICH}}^{\text{tot}}| / \sigma_{\text{WHIZARD}}^{\text{tot}}$$

# Validations: NLO EW

Pure electroweak  $pp$  processes with off-shell vector bosons

process $pp \rightarrow$	$\alpha^m$	MG5_aMC@NLO <sup>[1804.10017]</sup>	WHIZARD+OpenLoops		$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{sig}}$
		$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [pb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [pb]	$\delta$ [%]	
$e^+\nu_e$	$\alpha^2$	$5.2005(8) \cdot 10^3$	$5.1994(4) \cdot 10^3$	-0.73	1.24
$e^+e^-$	$\alpha^2$	$7.498(1) \cdot 10^2$	$7.498(1) \cdot 10^2$	-0.50	0.004
$e^+\nu_e\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\alpha^4$	$5.2794(9) \cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.2816(9) \cdot 10^{-1}$	+3.69	1.69
$e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$	$\alpha^4$	$1.2083(3) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.2078(3) \cdot 10^{-2}$	-5.25	1.26
$He^+\nu_e$	$\alpha^3$	$6.4740(17) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$6.4763(6) \cdot 10^{-2}$	-4.04	1.24
$He^+e^-$	$\alpha^3$	$1.3699(2) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.3699(1) \cdot 10^{-2}$	-5.86	0.32
$Hjj$	$\alpha^3$	$2.7058(4) \cdot 10^0$	$2.7056(6) \cdot 10^0$	-4.23	0.27
$tj$	$\alpha^2$	$1.0540(1) \cdot 10^2$	$1.0538(1) \cdot 10^2$	-0.72	0.74

LHC setup (Run II):  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV  $\mu_R = \mu_F = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sqrt{p_{T,i}^2 + m_i^2}$  EW scheme:  $G_\mu$  CMS

PDF set: LUXqed\_plus\_PDF4LHC15\_nnlo\_100 cuts from ref. [1804.10017]

## Validations: NLO EW and mixed

Cross-validation with MUNICH/MATRIX using OpenLoops for  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  and  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + W^\pm/Z/H$  with complete NLO SM corrections, e. g.

$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}W^+$	$\alpha_s^n \alpha^m$	$\sigma^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]		$\sigma^{\text{sig}} / \text{dev}$
		MUNICH <sub>(CS)</sub>	WHIZARD	MUNICH <sub>(CS)</sub> -WHIZARD
LO <sub>21</sub>	$\alpha_s^2 \alpha$	$2.411403(1) \cdot 10^2$	$2.4114(1) \cdot 10^2$	0.72 / 0.003%
LO <sub>12</sub>	$\alpha_s \alpha^2$	0.000	0.000	0.00 / 0.000%
LO <sub>03</sub>	$\alpha^3$	$2.31909(1) \cdot 10^0$	$2.3193(1) \cdot 10^0$	1.76 / 0.009%
$\delta\text{NLO}_{31}$	$\alpha_s^3 \alpha$	$1.18993(2) \cdot 10^2$	$1.1905(5) \cdot 10^2$	1.06 / 0.048%
$\delta\text{NLO}_{22}$	$\alpha_s^2 \alpha^2$	$-1.09511(9) \cdot 10^1$	$-1.0947(3) \cdot 10^1$	1.13 / 0.035%
$\delta\text{NLO}_{13}$	$\alpha_s \alpha^3$	$2.93251(3) \cdot 10^1$	$2.9334(8) \cdot 10^1$	1.14 / 0.030%
$\delta\text{NLO}_{04}$	$\alpha^4$	$5.759(3) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.756(4) \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.58 / 0.049%

Non-negligible and even enhanced EW effects for  $\alpha_s$  subleading contributions at NLO!

( $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}X$  in validation progress)

# Validations: NLO EW and mixed

Comparison with MG5\_aMC@NLO for  $pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e j$  and  $pp \rightarrow e^+ e^- j$  at NLO EW

process $pp \rightarrow Xj$	$\alpha_s^n \alpha^m$	MG5_aMC@NLO		WHIZARD+OpenLoops			$\sigma^{\text{sig}}$ LO/NLO
		$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [pb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [pb]	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [pb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [pb]	$\delta$ [%]	
$e^+ \nu_e j$	$\alpha_s \alpha^2$	914.81(6)	904.75(8)	914.74(7)	904.59(7)	-1.11	0.8/1.5
$e^+ e^- j$	$\alpha_s \alpha^2$	150.59(1)	149.09(2)	150.59(1)	149.08(2)	-1.00	0.05/0.4

LHC-setup (Run II), cuts with photon recombination **and** jet clustering

# Back-Up: Electron/photon PDFs for lepton collisions

- **LL resummation**[Cacciari, Deandrea, Montagna, Nicosini, 1992; Skrypek, Jadach, 1991]:  
Non-singlet evolution equation

$$\Gamma_e(x, \mu^2) = \delta(1-x) + \int_{m^2}^{\mu^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \frac{\alpha(q^2)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 dz P_{ee}(z) \Gamma_e\left(\frac{x}{z}, q^2\right)$$

One-loop accurate regularised (unpolarised) Altarelli-Parisi kernels

$$P_{ee}(z) = \langle \hat{P}_{ee} \rangle(z) - \delta(1-z) \int_0^1 dt \langle \hat{P}_{ee} \rangle(t), \quad \langle \hat{P}_{ee} \rangle(z) = \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$$

Recursive approach via auxiliary function  $G(x, \mu^2)$

$$G(x, \mu^2) = \int_x^1 dt \Gamma_e(t, \mu^2) \quad \Gamma_e(x, \mu^2) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} G(x, \mu^2)$$

Solution in asymptotic  $x \simeq 1$  limit

$$\Gamma_e(x, \mu^2) = \frac{e^{\eta(\frac{3}{4} - \gamma_E)}}{\Gamma(1+\eta)} \eta (1-x)^{\eta-1} \quad \eta = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \log \frac{\mu^2}{m^2}$$

# Back-Up: Electron/photon PDFs for lepton collisions

Alternative approach: Identically, transforming the integro-differential evolution equations into Mellin space by

$$M[f] \equiv f_N = \int_0^1 dz z^{N-1} f(z) \qquad M[g \star h] = M[g]M[h] \quad .$$

⇒ using the asymptotic limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  analogously to  $z \rightarrow 1$  in  $z$ -space

⇒ analytical Mellin inversion of the resulting solution

'All  $x$ ' solution:

$G(x, \mu^2)$  and  $\Gamma_e(x, \mu^2)$  can be written as a perturbative series expressed as

$$G(x, \mu^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\eta^n}{2^n n!} I_n(x), \qquad \Gamma_e(x, \mu^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\eta^n}{2^n n!} \frac{\partial I_n(x)}{\partial x}$$

Find recurrence relation

$$I_n(x) = \int_x^1 dz P(z) I_{n-1} \left( \frac{x}{z} \right)$$

Boundary conditions  $G^{(0)}(x, \mu^2) = G(x, m^2) = 1$  implicating  $I_0(x) = 1$  and  $I_1(x) = \int_x^1 dz P(z)$

⇒ 'all  $x$ ' solution for  $G$  and  $\Gamma_e$  up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$  by iterations up to  $I_3$

## Back-Up: Electron/photon PDFs for lepton collisions

- NLO initial conditions of electron and photon PDFs [Frixione, 1909.03886]:  
Approach:

$$d\bar{\sigma}_{e^+e^-}(p_{e^+}, p_{e^-}, m^2) = \sum_{ij=e^\pm, \gamma} \int dz_+ dz_- \Gamma_{i/e^+}(z_+, \mu^2, m^2) \Gamma_{i/e^-}(z_-, \mu^2, m^2) \times d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}(z_+ p_{e^+}, z_- p_{e^-}, \mu^2) \quad (1)$$

- ▶ explicit short-distance cross section computation for specific but arbitrary process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow u\bar{u}(\gamma)$
- ▶ parton-level cross section  $d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$  computed with massless electrons
- ▶ particle-level cross section  $d\bar{\sigma}_{kl} = d\sigma_{kl} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{m^2}{s}\right)^p\right)$ ,  $p \geq 1$
- (7) solved for PDFs  $\Gamma_{i/e^-}, \Gamma_{i/e^+}$
- NLL resummation [Bertone, Cacciari, Frixione, Stagnitto, 1911.12040]:  
Recursive solutions valid for all  $z$  values computed up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$  matched to the asymptotic large  $z$  solution (valid for  $z \simeq 1$ ) retaining all orders in  $\alpha$

## Back-Up: Complex-mass scheme at NLO

Renormalised self-energy:

$$\hat{\Sigma}^i(p^2) = \Sigma^i(p^2) - \delta M_i^2$$

Complex location of the pole  $p^2 = \mu_i^2$  of propagator:  $\mu_i^2 - M_{0,i}^2 + \Sigma(\mu_i^2) = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\Sigma}^i(\mu_i^2)$  vanishes

$\Rightarrow$  renormalised masses  $M_i^2 = M_{0,i}^2 - \delta M_i^2$  fixed at this pole due to OS condition

$$\delta M_i^2 = \Sigma(p^2)|_{p^2=\mu_i^2}$$

Complex-mass scheme requires calculating self-energies for complex squared momenta!

Solutions:

- analytic continuation of the self-energies in the complex momentum variable to the unphysical Riemann sheet (**MadLoop**) [Frederix *et. al.*, 1804.10017]
- expansion of self-energies around real arguments such that one-loop accuracy is retained (**OpenLoops**, **Recola**) [Denner *et. al.*, 0505042]
  - ▶ 2-point integrals with  $p^2 = \mu_i^2 = M_i^2 - i\Gamma_i M_i$  can be obtained through first-order expansion in  $\Gamma_i/M_i$  around  $p^2 = M_i^2$

## Back-Up: NLL EW $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow HZ$ Sudakov factor

Using the abbreviations for double and single logarithmic factors

$$L(s, M_W^2) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \log^2 \frac{s}{M_W^2} \qquad l(s, M_W^2) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \log \frac{s}{M_W^2}$$

For  $s \gg M_W$ , leading logarithmic, angular-independent, terms (from exchange of soft-collinear gauge bosons between pairs of external legs)

$$\Lambda_{l,\lambda}^\kappa = A_\lambda^\kappa L(s, M_W^2) + B_\lambda^\kappa \log \frac{M_Z^2}{M_W^2} l(s, M_W^2) + C_\lambda$$

with  $\lambda = T, L$  the transverse and longitudinal polarisation of the  $Z$  boson, and  $\kappa = L, R$  the muon initial state chirality

$$\begin{aligned} A_T^\kappa &= -\frac{1}{2} [2C_{\mu^\kappa}^{\text{EW}} + C_\Phi^{\text{EW}} + C_{ZZ}^{\text{EW}}] & A_L^\kappa &= -[C_{\mu^\kappa}^{\text{EW}} + C_\Phi^{\text{EW}}] \\ B_T^\kappa &= 2(I_{\mu^\kappa}^Z)^2 + (I_H^Z)^2 & B_L^\kappa &= 2[(I_{\mu^\kappa}^Z)^2 + (I_H^Z)^2] \\ C_T &= \delta_H^{LSC,h} & C_L &= \delta_H^{LSC,h} + \delta_\chi^{LSC,h} \end{aligned}$$

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Subleading, angular-dependent, terms due to  $W^\pm$  boson exchange between initial- and final-state legs

$$\Lambda_{\theta,\lambda}^\kappa = -\delta_{\kappa L} \frac{D_\lambda}{I_{\mu\kappa}^Z} l(s, M_W^2) \left[ \log \frac{|t|}{s} + \log \frac{|u|}{s} \right]$$

Mandelstam variables  $t$  and  $u$  approximated in the high-energy limit

$$t = (p_{\mu^+} - p_H)^2 \sim -\frac{s}{2}(1 - \cos\theta_H) \quad u = (p_{\mu^+} - p_Z)^2 \sim -\frac{s}{2}(1 + \cos\theta_H)$$

## Back-Up: NLL EW $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow HZ$ Sudakov factor

Estimation for the unpolarised approximation factor:

- Born amplitudes for transverse polarized  $Z$  bosons are suppressed by  $M_Z^2/s$

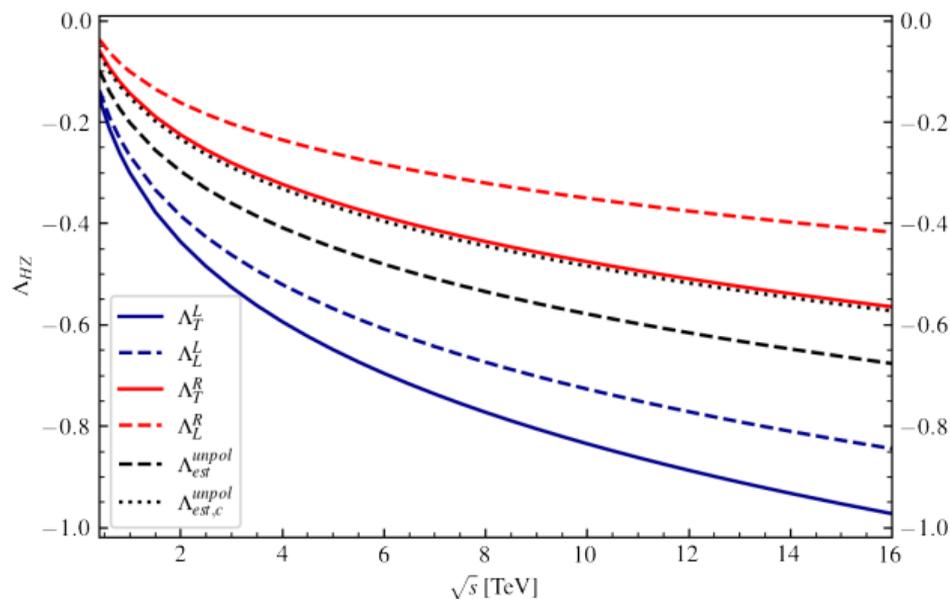
$$\Lambda_\lambda^\kappa \mathcal{M}_0^{\mu_\kappa^+ \mu_\kappa^- \rightarrow HZ_\lambda} \xrightarrow{s \gg M_W^2} \delta_{\lambda L} \Lambda_\lambda^\kappa \mathcal{M}_0^{\mu_\kappa^+ \mu_\kappa^- \rightarrow HZ_\lambda} \quad (2)$$

- Chirality and helicity of the muon coincide in the ultrarelativistic limit (two helicity configurations  $(+, -)$  and  $(-, +)$  remaining, equivalent to chiralities  $\kappa = L, R$ ).

Spin-averaging yields

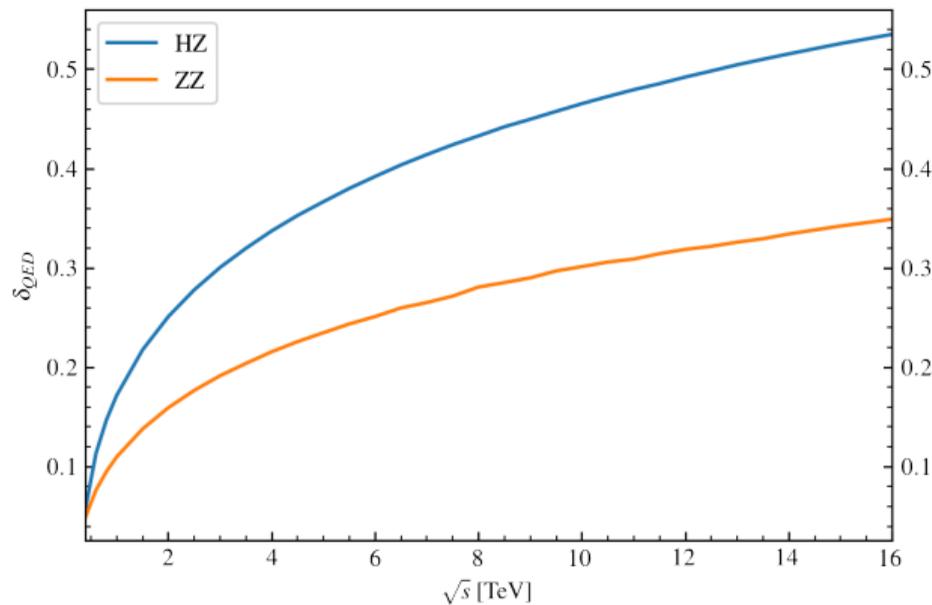
$$\Lambda_{\text{est}}^{\text{unpol}} = \frac{\sum_\kappa \Lambda_L^\kappa |\mathcal{M}_0^{\mu_\kappa^+ \mu_\kappa^- \rightarrow HZ_L}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_0^{\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow HZ_L}|^2} \quad (3)$$

## Back-Up: NLL EW $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow HZ$ Sudakov factor



- $\Lambda_{\lambda}^{\kappa}$ : Sudakov factors for muon chiralities  $\kappa = L, R$  and  $Z$  polarisations  $\lambda = T, L$
- $\Lambda_{est}^{unpol}$ : estimated unpolarised correction factor at  $\theta_H = 90^\circ$
- $\Lambda_{est,c}^{unpol}$ :  $\Lambda_{est}^{unpol}$  without angular dependent terms

## Back-Up: NLO QED corrections to $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow HZ/ZZ$



Relative QED corrections  $\delta_{QED} = \sigma_{\text{NLO,QED}}^{\text{incl}} / \sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{incl}} - 1$  to  $HZ$  and  $ZZ$  production at the muon collider as a function of the collider energy,  $\sqrt{s}$

## Back-Up: WHIZARD features

WHIZARD provides

- phase space evaluation with VAMP2 [Braß *et. al.*: 1811.09711]:
  - ▶ twofold self-adaptive multi-channel parametrization
  - ▶ OpenMP and MPI for parallelization  $\Rightarrow$  speedup of factor  $\mathcal{O}(100)$
- matching to parton showers: POWHEG scheme
- showering and hadronization: PYTHIA6 shipped with WHIZARD, interface between WHIZARD and PYTHIA8
- event formats: LHE, HepMC2/3, Stdhep, LCIO, ...

- special support for lepton collider processes:

beamstrahlung	CIRCE1/CIRCE2 [CPC 101 (1997) 269]
bremsstrahlung	LL resummation via ISR and EPA functions
beam polarization	inclusion for a user-defineable setup