

Drell–Yan production in QCD: q_T resummation at N^3LL accuracy and fiducial cross sections at N^3LO

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Outline

- Fixed-order calculations within the q_T subtraction formalism
- Transverse-momentum resummation
- Drell–Yan production at $N^3LL + N^3LO$
- Fiducial power corrections within the q_T subtraction formalism

Precise QCD predictions and the LHC

The success of the LHC will be crucial for High Energy Physics.

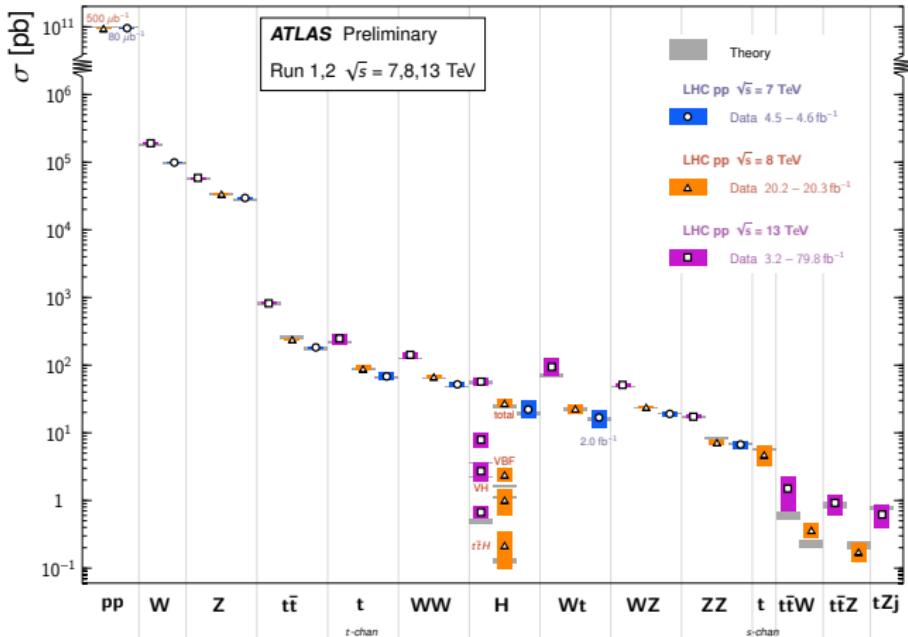
How to increase the discovery power of the LHC?

The LHC is a (large) hadron collider machine: all the interesting high- p_T reactions initiate by QCD hard scattering of partons.

To fully exploit the information contained in the LHC experimental data (and eventually claiming for new-physics signals) precise theoretical predictions of QCD dynamics is necessary.

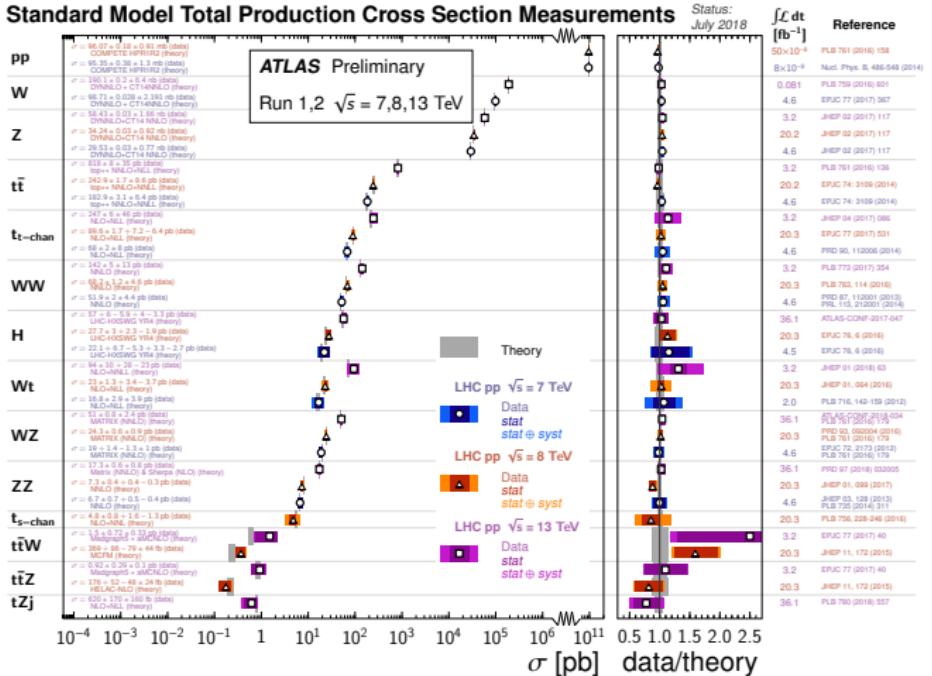
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Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements Status: July 2018



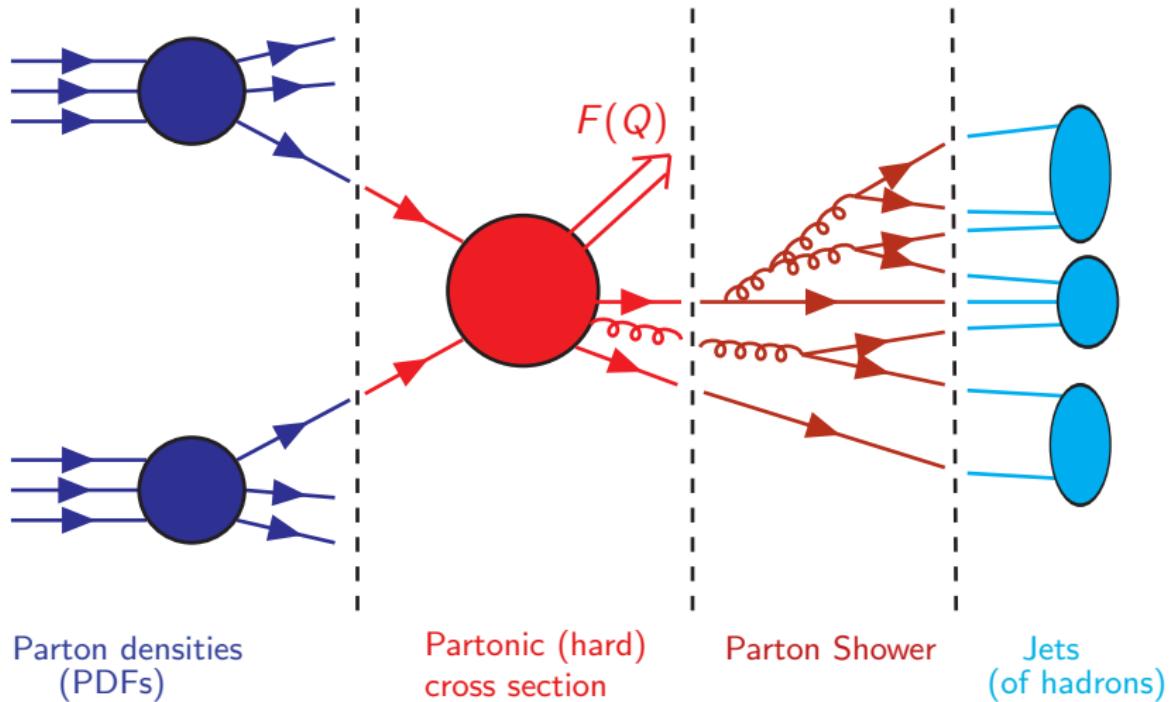
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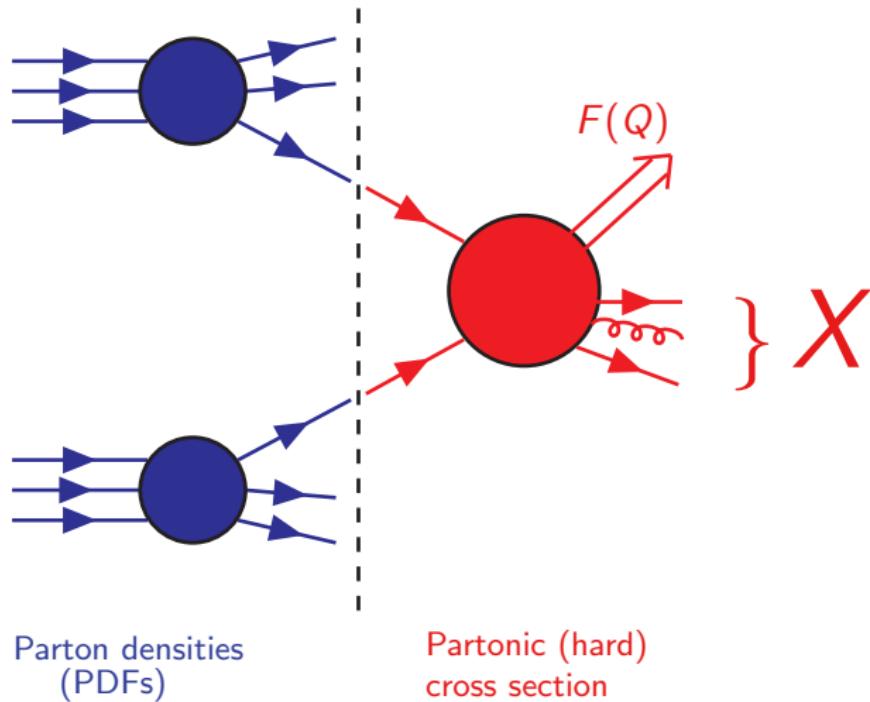
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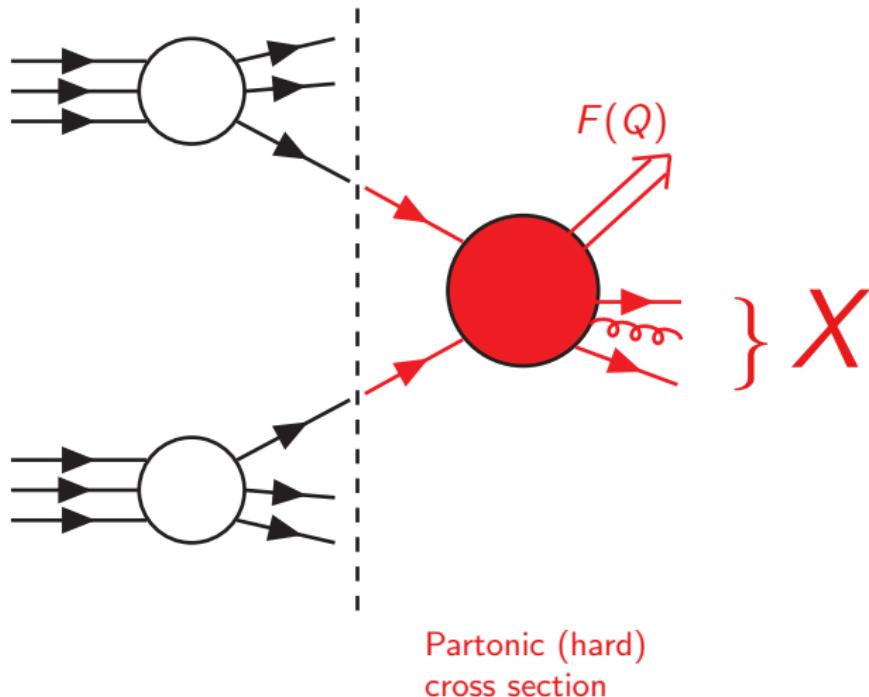
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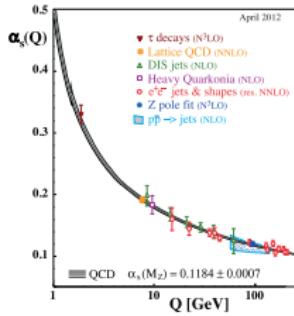
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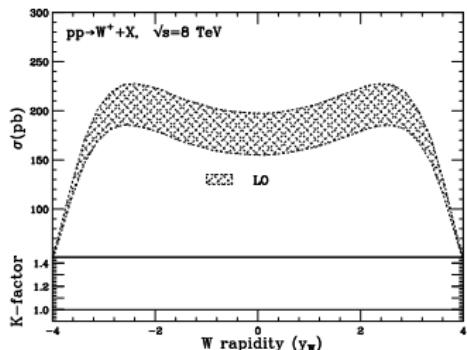
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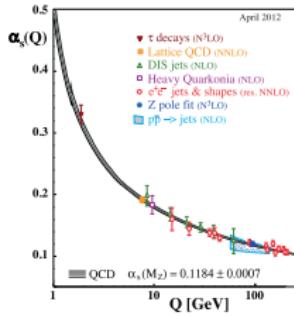
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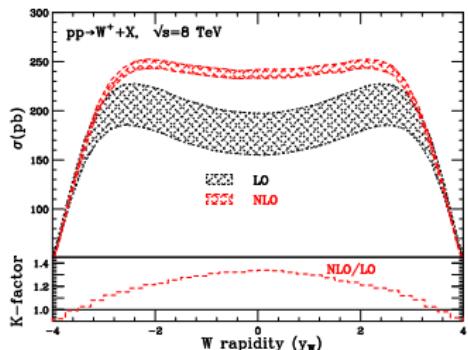
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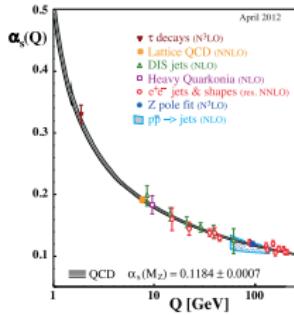
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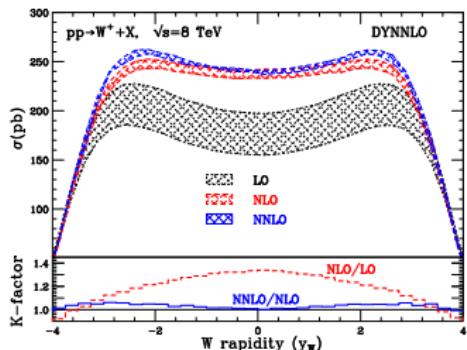
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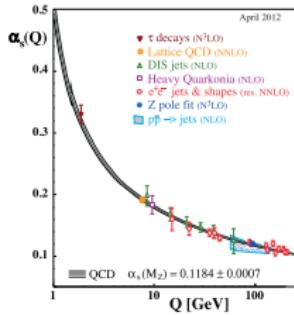
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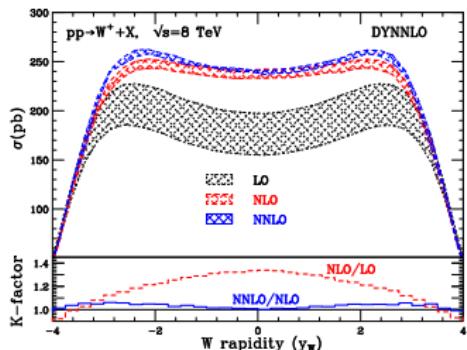
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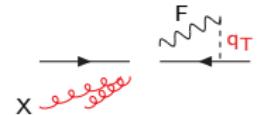
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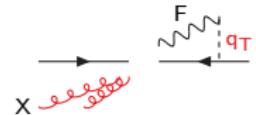
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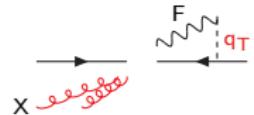
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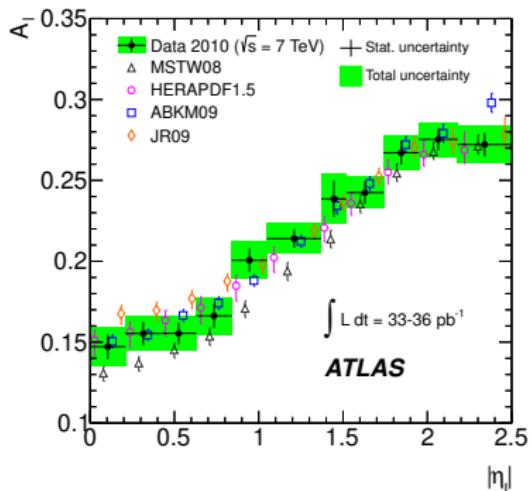
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NNLO QCD predictions compared with LHC data



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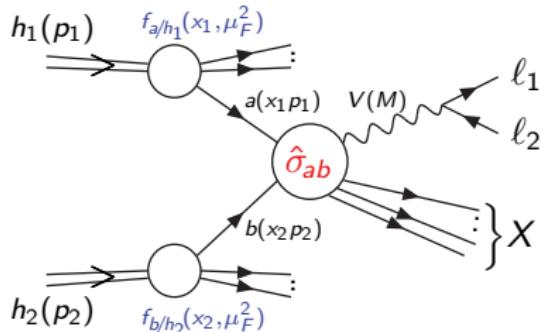
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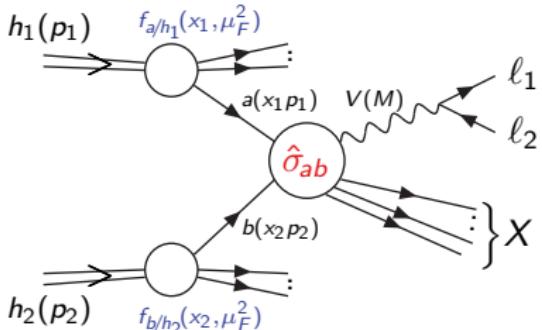
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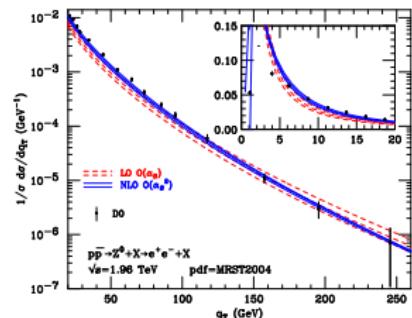
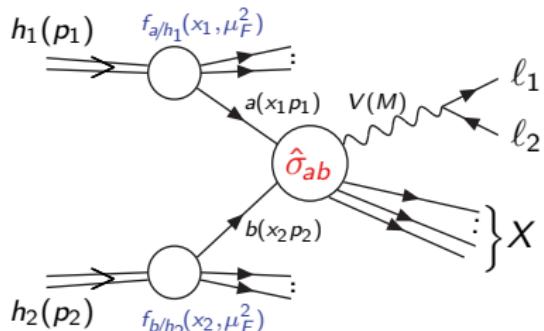
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Sudakov resummation feasible when:
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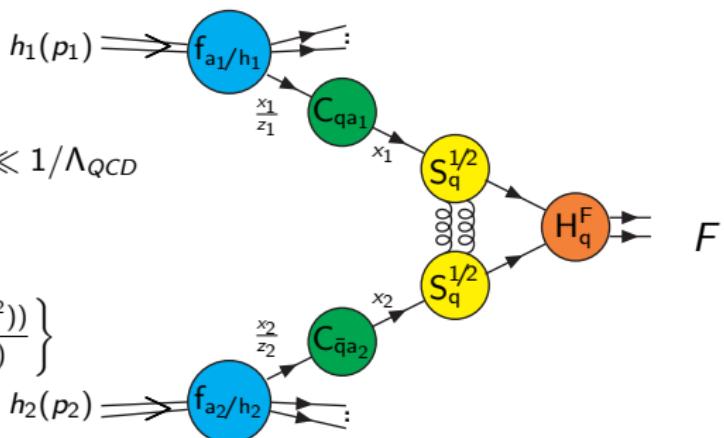
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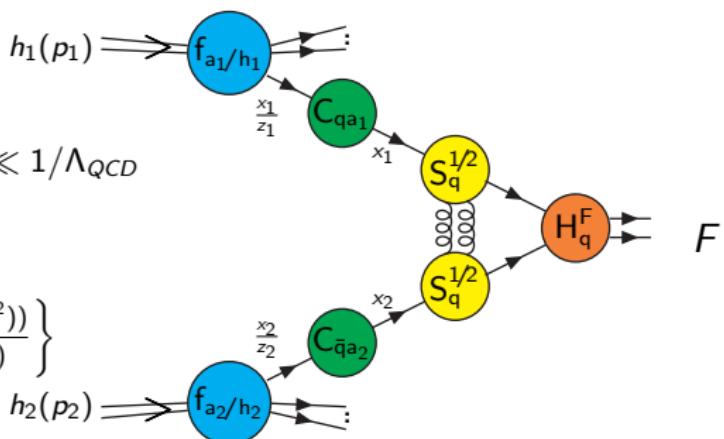
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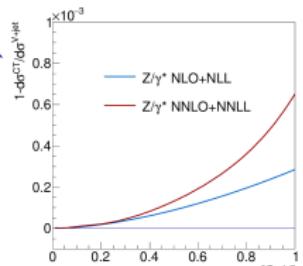
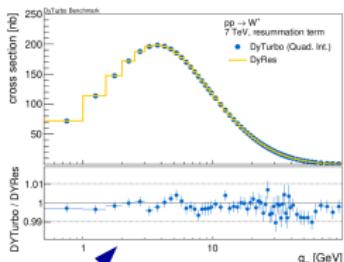
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$$\lim_{q_T \rightarrow 0} 1 - \frac{d\sigma^{\text{CT(res)}}}{d\sigma^{V+\text{jet}}} = 0$$

→ tested at 10^{-5}

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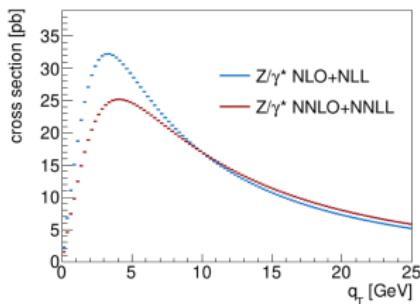
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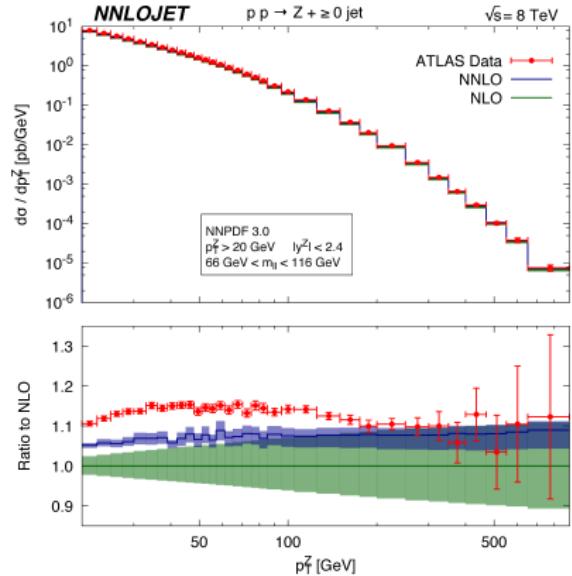


- Example calculation for $Z p_T$ spectrum at 13 TeV
 - No cuts on the leptons
 - Full rapidity range
 - 100 p_T bins
 - 20 parallel threads

Time required	RES	CT	V+jet
NLO+NLL	6 s	0.2 s	4 min
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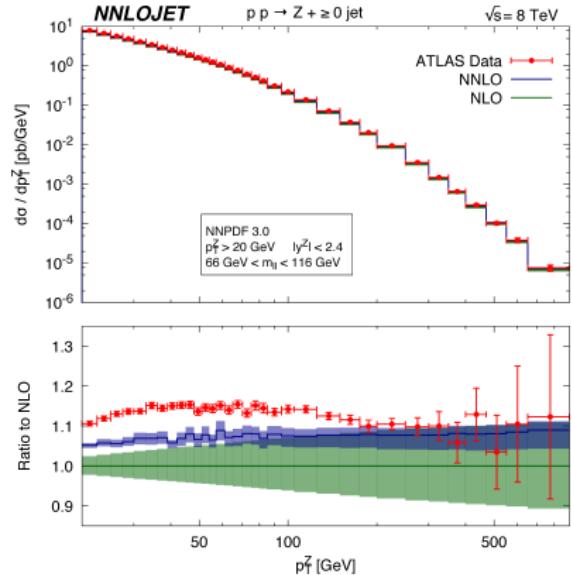
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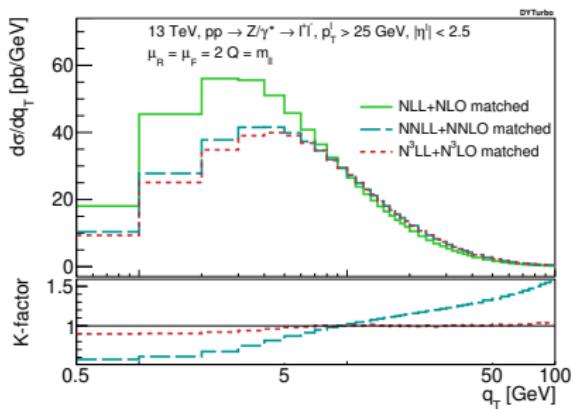
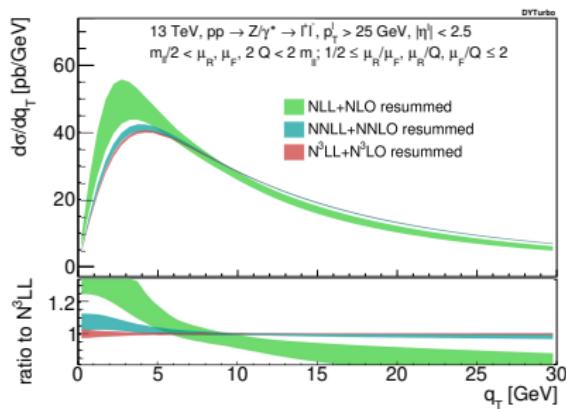
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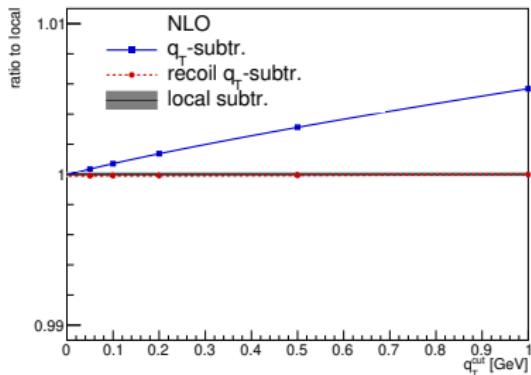
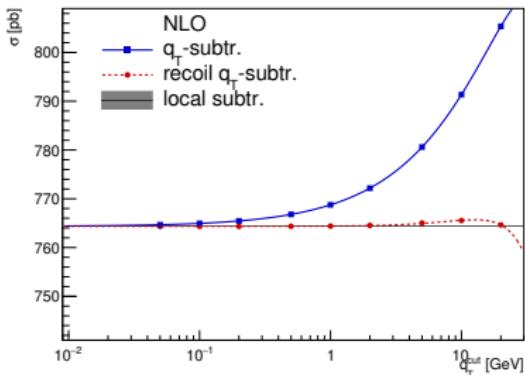
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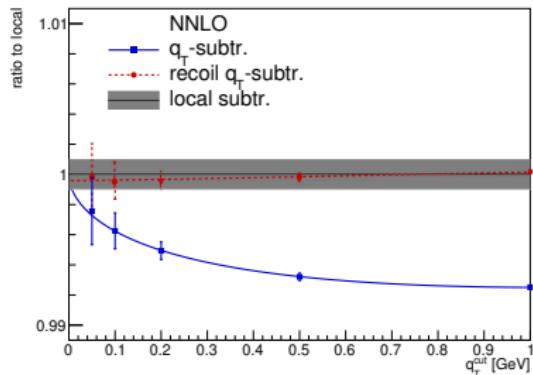
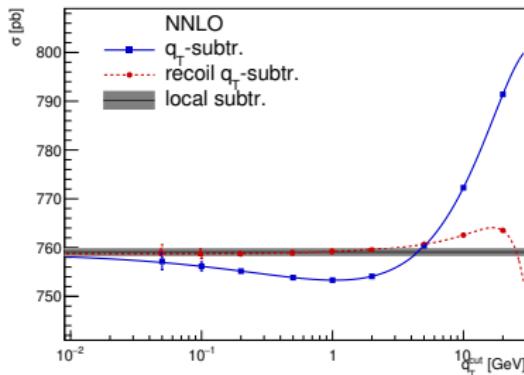


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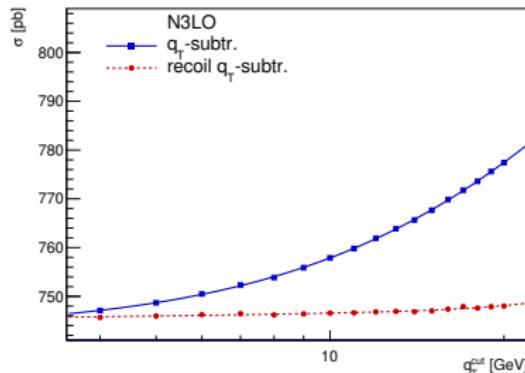
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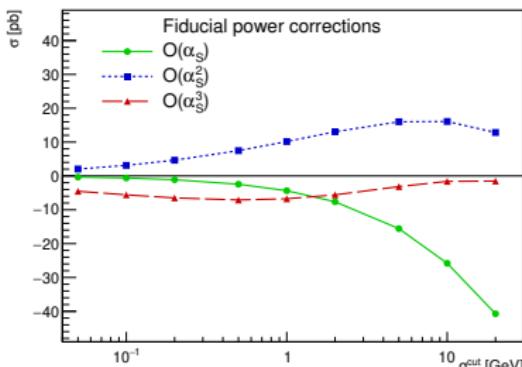
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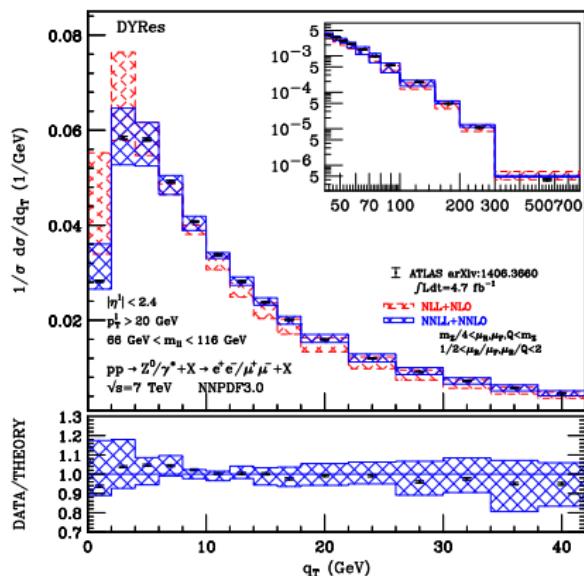
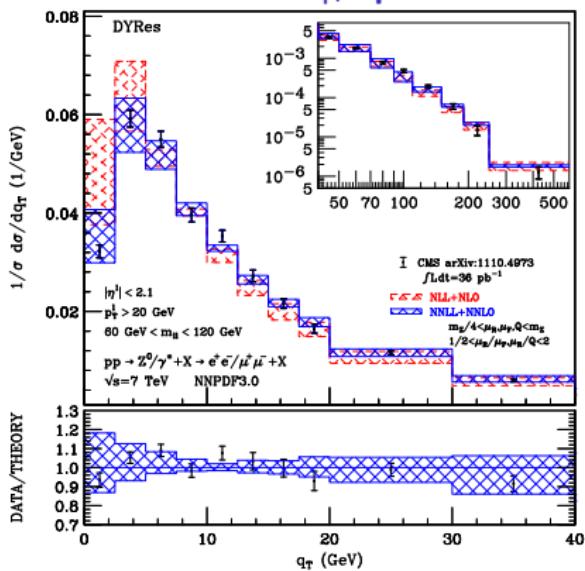
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Back up slides

DYRes results: q_T spectrum of Z boson at the LHC



NLL+NLO and NNLL+NNLO bands for Z/γ^* q_T spectrum compared with CMS (left) and ATLAS (right) data.

Lower panel: ratio with respect to the NNLL+NNLO central value.

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