

# Mixed QCD-EW corrections to $Z$ and $W$ boson production and their impact on the $W$ mass measurements at the LHC

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# Precision tests of the Standard Model

- Standard Model is a renormalisable QFT
- A finite number of parameters have to be fixed from experiments, e.g.,

$$m_Z, G_F, \alpha_s(M_Z), \alpha_{\text{em}}(m_Z), m_H, m_t, m_b, \dots, V_{\text{CKM}}$$

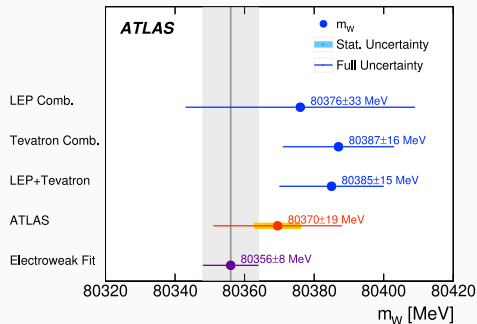
- Every measurement beyond that can be used to cross-check its consistency
- With the choice of input parameters above, we can predict the mass of the  $W$  boson

$$m_W^2 = m_Z^2 \left( 1 - \frac{\pi \alpha (1 + \Delta r(m_t, m_H, m_Z, \alpha, \dots))}{\sqrt{2} G_F m_Z^2} \right)$$

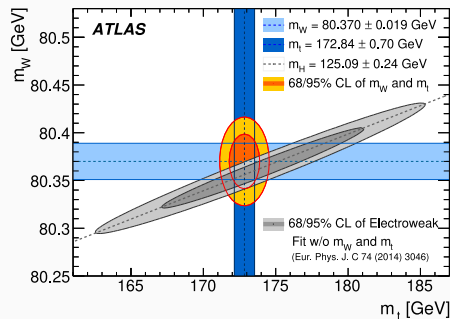
Parameter	Input value	Free in fit	Fit Result
$M_H$ [GeV]	$125.1 \pm 0.2$	yes	$125.1 \pm 0.2$
$M_W$ [GeV]	$80.379 \pm 0.013$	–	$80.359 \pm 0.006$
$\Gamma_W$ [GeV]	$2.085 \pm 0.042$	–	$2.091 \pm 0.001$
$M_Z$ [GeV]	$91.1875 \pm 0.0021$	yes	$91.1882 \pm 0.0020$
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	$2.4952 \pm 0.0023$	–	$2.4947 \pm 0.0014$
$\sigma_{\text{had}}^0$ [nb]	$41.540 \pm 0.037$	–	$41.484 \pm 0.015$
$R_\ell^0$	$20.767 \pm 0.025$	–	$20.742 \pm 0.017$
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,\ell}$	$0.0171 \pm 0.0010$	–	$0.01620 \pm 0.0001$
$A_\ell^{(*)}$	$0.1499 \pm 0.0018$	–	$0.1470 \pm 0.0005$
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell(Q_{\text{FB}})$	$0.2324 \pm 0.0012$	–	$0.23153 \pm 0.00006$
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell(\text{TeV.})$	$0.23148 \pm 0.00033$	–	$0.23153 \pm 0.00006$
$A_c$	$0.670 \pm 0.027$	–	$0.6679 \pm 0.00021$
$A_b$	$0.923 \pm 0.020$	–	$0.93475 \pm 0.00004$
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$	$0.0707 \pm 0.0035$	–	$0.0736 \pm 0.0003$
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$	$0.0992 \pm 0.0016$	–	$0.1030 \pm 0.0003$
$R_{\text{FB}}^0$	$0.1721 \pm 0.0030$	–	$0.17224 \pm 0.00008$
$R_b^0$	$0.21629 \pm 0.00066$	–	$0.21582 \pm 0.00011$
$\bar{m}_c$ [GeV]	$1.27^{+0.07}_{-0.11}$	yes	$1.27^{+0.07}_{-0.11}$
$\bar{m}_b$ [GeV]	$4.20^{+0.17}_{-0.07}$	yes	$4.20^{+0.17}_{-0.07}$
$m_t$ [GeV] $^{(\nabla)}$	$172.47 \pm 0.68$	yes	$172.83 \pm 0.65$
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)^{(\dagger\Delta)}$	$2760 \pm 9$	yes	$2758 \pm 9$
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	–	yes	$0.1194 \pm 0.0029$

[Gfitter '18]

# Precision $W$ mass measurements



[ATLAS '17]



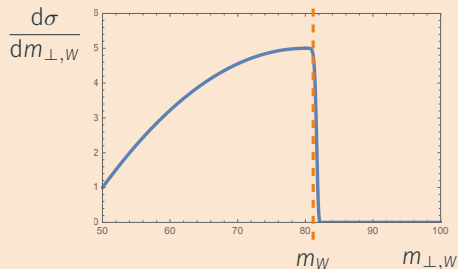
[ATLAS '17]

- Measurements of  $m_W$  have come a long way
- ATLAS has measured  $m_W = (80\,370 \pm 19)$  MeV [ATLAS '17]
- ATLAS and CMS collaborations aim to reduce uncertainty to  $\mathcal{O}(10\text{ MeV})$ 
  - would rival precision from global electroweak fits
  - would mean  $\mathcal{O}(0.01\%)$  uncertainty

# How to measure $m_W$ at hadron colliders

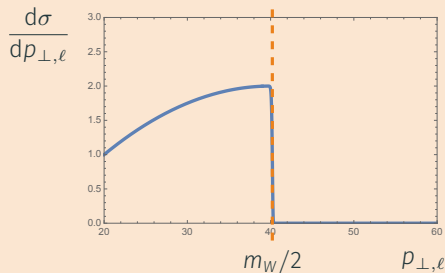
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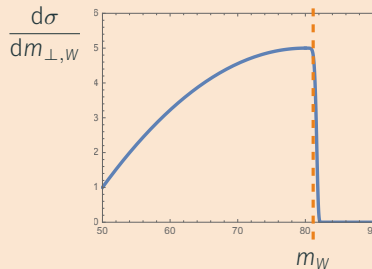


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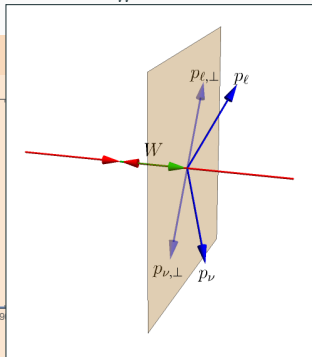
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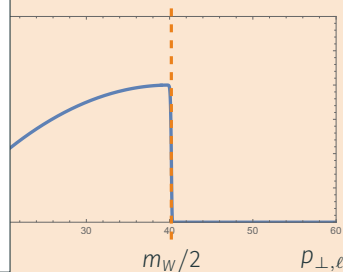
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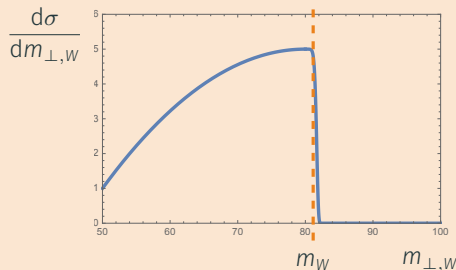


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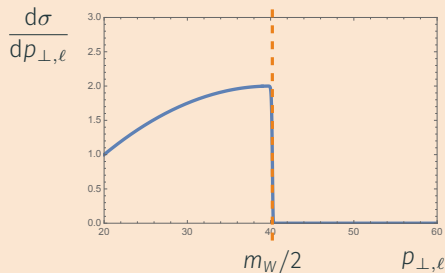
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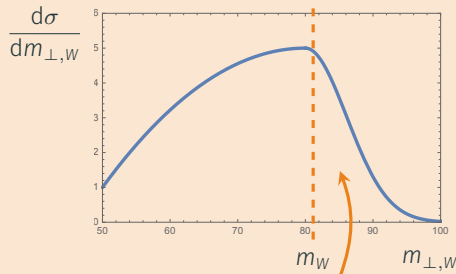


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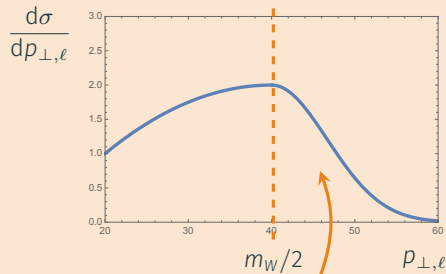
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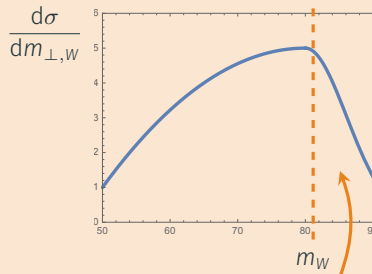
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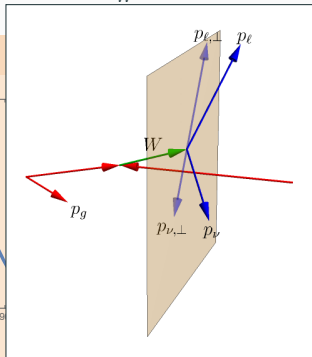
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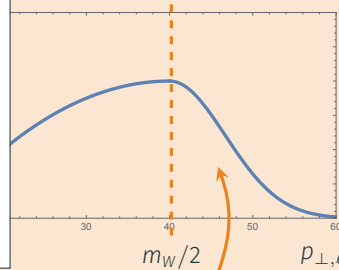
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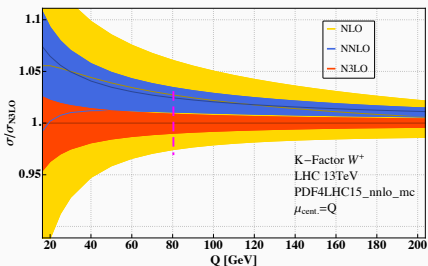
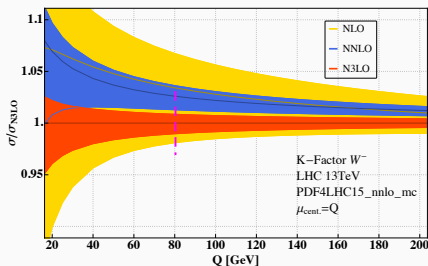
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- Need very precise predictions for differential distributions for  $W$  and  $Z$  production
- Standard tools: Collinear factorisation and perturbation theory

$$d\sigma = \sum_{ij} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) d\sigma_{ij}(x_1, x_2)$$

$$d\sigma_{ij} = \sum_{n,m} \alpha_s^n \alpha^m d\sigma_{ij}^{(n,m)}$$

- Typically reaches  $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$  or worst uncertainties for inclusive observables



[Duhr, Dulat, Mistlberger '20]

# Theory predictions for $m_W$ measurements at hadron colliders (cont.)

To measure  $m_W$  to a precision of  $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ MeV})$  we have to control theory uncertainties to a level of about  $\mathcal{O}(0.01\%)$ .

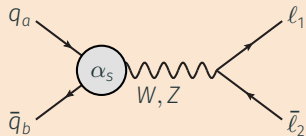
→ Straightforward application of standard tools falls short of required precision.

Consequences:

1. We cannot hope to predict distributions to this precision from first principles.  
Instead:
  - Measure  $Z$  distributions
  - Parametrise them in QCD-motivated way
  - Transfer them to  $W$  distributions (bulk of QCD does not distinguish between  $W$  and  $Z$ )
2. Small effects that distinguish between  $Z$  and  $W$  bosons may matter.  
→ Electroweak corrections are obvious examples of such effects.

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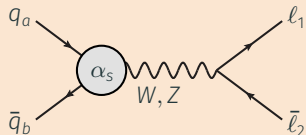
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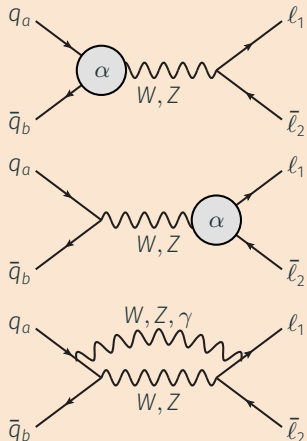
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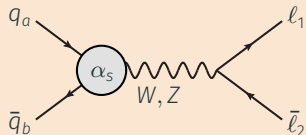
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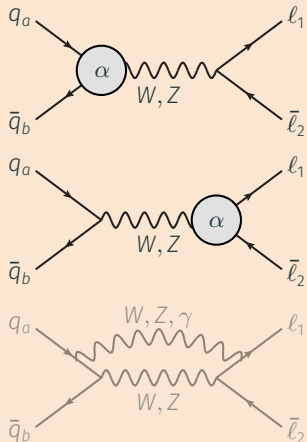
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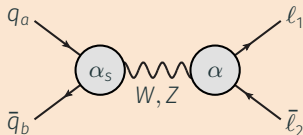
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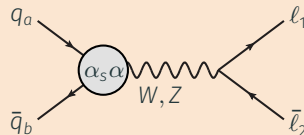
## Mixed QCD-EW: Initial-Final



- Correction of  $\text{NLO} \otimes \text{NLO}$  type
- Previously investigated  
[Dittmaier, Huss, Schwinn '15] [Carloni Calame et al. '16]
- Estimated impact on  $m_W$  measurement:

$$\delta m_W \sim \mathcal{O}(15 \text{ MeV})$$

## Mixed QCD-EW: Initial-Initial



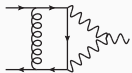
- Correction of NNLO type
- Generated lots of recent activity  
[De Florian, Der, Fabre '18] [Cieri, de Florian, Der, Mazzitelli '20]  
[Bonciani, Buccioni, Rana, Triscari, Vicini '19]  
[Bonciani, Buccioni, Rana, Vicini '20] [Dittmaier, Schmidt, Schwarz '20]  
[Buonocore, Grazzini, Kallweit, Savioni, Tramontano '21]
- **Subject of this talk**  
[Delto, Jaquier, Melnikov, Rönsch '19]  
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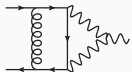
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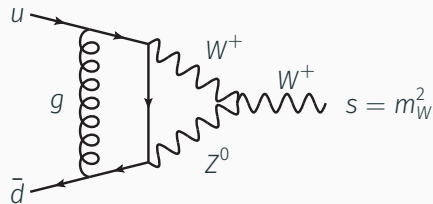
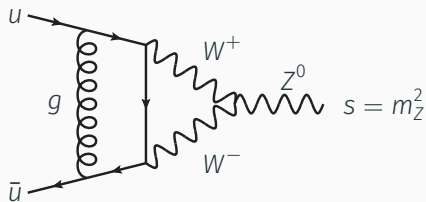
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## Two-loop amplitudes

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# Form factors for on-shell $W$ and $Z$ bosons



What needs to be calculated? → Only on-shell form factors  
(Narrow-width approximation simplifies the problem)

- $Z$ : Mixed QCD-EW corrections are known [Kotikov, Kühn, Veretin '07]
- $W$ : Mixed QCD-EW corrections were not yet publicly available  
→ We calculated the missing integrals and completed the form factor

# Calculation of the $W$ form factor

44 Feynman diagrams



This is a non-trivial,  
but tractable calculation.

Feynman rules,  $\gamma$  algebra, IBP reductions, ...

35 master integrals

$$I \sim \int \frac{[d^d k_1][d^d k_2]}{[k_2^2 - m_W^2] \dots [(k_2 - p_{12})^2 - m_Z^2]}$$

10 MI with internal  $W$  and  $Z$

Calculated using differential equations

$$\partial_z I(z, \varepsilon) = A(z, \varepsilon) I(z, \varepsilon) \quad \text{with} \quad z = \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2}$$

25 MI known in the literature

[Aglietti, Bonciani '03] [Aglietti, Bonciani '04]  
[Bonciani, Di Vita, Mastroli, Schubert '16]

with the equal mass case ( $z = 1$ ) as  
boundary conditions

Results can be expressed in terms of well-understood iterated integrals (GPLs)

$$G_{a,\bar{b}}(y) = \int_0^y \frac{G_{\bar{b}}(t)}{t-a} dt, \quad G_a(y) = \int_0^y \frac{1}{t-a} dt, \quad G_0(y) = \ln(y), \quad z = \frac{y}{(1+y)^2}$$

## Mixed QCD-EW corrections to the $W$ form factor

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Building blocks:

$$\begin{aligned} l_{12,\text{QCD}} &= \left[ \frac{e^{\varepsilon\gamma_E}}{\Gamma(1-\varepsilon)} \right] \left( \frac{\mu^2}{M_W^2} \right)^\varepsilon \left[ -2C_F \cos(\pi\varepsilon) \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} + \frac{3}{2\varepsilon} \right) \right] \\ l_{12,\text{EW}} &= \left[ \frac{e^{\varepsilon\gamma_E}}{\Gamma(1-\varepsilon)} \right] \left( \frac{\mu^2}{M_W^2} \right)^\varepsilon \left[ -Q_u Q_d \cos(\pi\varepsilon) \left( \frac{2}{\varepsilon^2} + \frac{3}{\varepsilon} \right) + (Q_d - Q_u) Q_W \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} + \frac{5}{2\varepsilon} \right) \right] \\ H_{\text{QCD}\otimes\text{EW}}^W &= C_F \left[ Q_u^2 + Q_d^2 \right] \left( \frac{\pi^2}{2} - 6\zeta_3 - \frac{3}{8} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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- Pole structure *almost* factorises into NLO QCD  $\times$  NLO EW
- Finite remainder  $\left\langle F_{LVV+LV^2}^{\text{fin},\text{QCD}\otimes\text{EW}} \right\rangle$  also consists of a factorising (NLO QCD  $\times$  NLO EW) and a non-factorising part

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$\Re \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{mix}} =$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (Q_s^2 + Q_b^2) C_F \left[ \frac{1}{z} \left( -\frac{3}{16} + \frac{1}{4} \pi^2 - 3\zeta_3 \right) + \left( \frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 + 6\zeta_3 \right) \ln \left( \frac{M_{W,b}^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(27z + 13)(1-z)^2}{z^3} H_1(z) \right. \\
 & + \frac{(1-z)^2(1+z)}{z^3} \left( \frac{3}{4} H_1(z) \pi^2 - \frac{9}{2} H_{1,0,0}(z) - \frac{9}{2} H_{1,0,1}(z) \right) - \frac{1}{4} \frac{(5z+3)(1+z)}{z^3} H_{-1,0}(z) \\
 & + \frac{(1-z)(1+z)^2}{z^3} \left( -\frac{3}{2} H_{-1,-1,0}(z) + \frac{3}{2} H_{-1,0,0}(z) + 3H_{-1,0,1}(z) + 2H_{-1,-1,-1,0}(z) - 2H_{-1,-1,0,0}(z) \right. \\
 & - 6H_{-1,-1,0,1}(z) - 2H_{-1,0,-1,0}(z) + H_{-1,0,0,1}(z) + 4H_{0,-1,0,1}(z) + \left. \left( -\frac{1}{4} H_{-1,-1}(z) + \frac{1}{6} H_{-1,-1}(z) \right) \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{1}{6} H_{0,-1}(z) \right) \pi^2 - 3H_{-1}(z) \zeta_3 \Big] + \frac{1}{32} \frac{7z^2 - 72z + 64}{z^2} + \frac{1}{24} \frac{50z^2 - 5z - 16}{z^2} \pi^2 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{8z^2 - z - 2}{z^2} \zeta_3 - \frac{11}{180} \pi^4 \\
 & + \frac{(1-z)}{z^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} (9z + 11) H_{0,1}(z) - \frac{1}{2} (3z + 4) H_{0,0,1}(z) + \frac{1}{4} (23z + 16) H_{0,0}(z) + (3z + 2) \left( \frac{1}{2} H_{0,-1,0}(z) \right. \right. \\
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 & \left. \left. + 4H_0(z) \zeta_3 \right) + \frac{1}{8} \frac{(5z-2)(2z^2+12z+11)}{(1-z)z^2} H_{0,1}(z) + \frac{1}{8} \frac{43z^2+7z-16}{(1-z)z^2} H_{0,0}(z) - \frac{1}{48} \frac{10z^3+5z^2+20z-16}{(1-z)z^2} \pi^2 \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{1}{16} \frac{8z^3+142z^2+23z-34}{(1-z)z^2} H_0(z) + \frac{1}{120} \frac{5z-36}{1-z} \pi^4 - \frac{1}{8} \frac{4z^2-17z+8}{(1-z)z^2} + \frac{2z^2-2z+1}{(1-z)z^2} \left( \frac{1}{4} (3z+4) H_{0,0,1}(z) \right. \right. \\
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 & \left. - \frac{1}{(1-z)z} \left( \frac{1}{8} H_{0,0,0}(z) + \frac{1}{2} (9z^2-8z-2) \zeta_3 + \frac{5}{48} H_0(z) \pi^2 \right) + \frac{(2z^2-2z+1)(1+z)^2}{(1-z)z^3} \left( \frac{3}{4} H_{-1,-1,0}(z) \right. \right. \\
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 & \left. \left. - 3i\pi H_{r,r}(z^{-1}) + i\pi^2 H_r(z^{-1}) - i\pi^3 \frac{\pi}{6} \right) + \frac{z+2}{1-z} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} H_0(z) + i\pi^2 H_{0,r}(z^{-1}) - 3i\pi H_{0,r,0}(z^{-1}) - 3H_{0,r,0,1}(z^{-1}) \right. \right. \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

The analytic result is now available and even reasonably compact.

Non-factorising part of finite remainder becomes this simple when expressed in terms of iterated integrals over  $z = \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2}$

$$H_{a,\bar{b}}(z) = \int_0^z f_a(t) H_{\bar{b}}(t) dt$$

with HPL- and square root letters

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_1(t) &= \frac{1}{1-t}, & f_0(t) &= \frac{1}{t}, \\
 f_{-1}(t) &= \frac{1}{1+t}, & f_r(t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{t(4-t)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Subtraction

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# Infrared singularities

Cross-sections develop IR singularities in soft and collinear limits of massless particles  
→ cancel between real and virtual corrections

- Use a subtraction scheme to make poles from real radiation explicit

$$\text{“} \int \text{diagram} d\Phi_g = \underbrace{\int \left[ \text{diagram} - \text{diagram} \right] d\Phi_g}_{\rightarrow \text{finite}} + \underbrace{\int \text{diagram} d\Phi_g}_{\propto 1/\epsilon} \text{”}$$

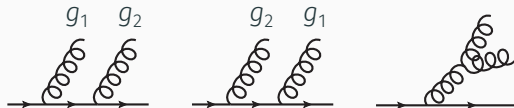
- Build on progress with NNLO QCD subtraction schemes to tackle mixed QCD-EW corrections (here: nested soft-collinear subtraction scheme)
  - Z: Abelianisation of NNLO QCD subtraction is sufficient
  - W: New contributions from radiating W bosons

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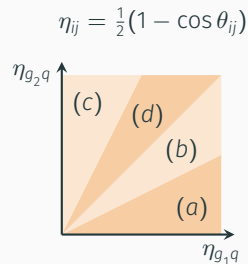
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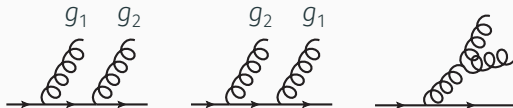


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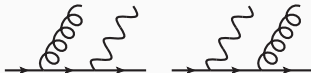
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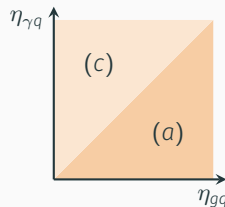
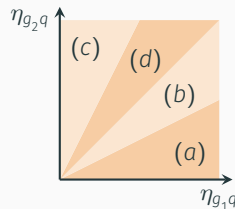
- Mixed QCD-EW: Collinear limit of photon and gluon is not singular



→ 2 sectors can be dropped in  $q\bar{q}$  channel

Overall: No new collinear limits arise compared to NNLO QCD

$$\eta_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \theta_{ij})$$



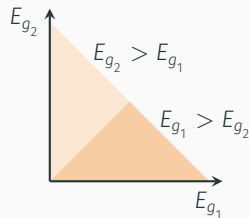
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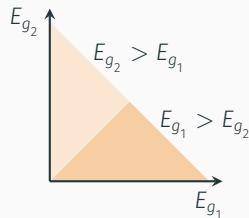
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- Mixed QCD-EW: Soft gluons and photons are not entangled
  - Double-soft limit factorises into NLO QCD  $\times$  NLO QED

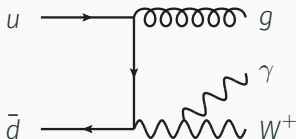
$$\lim_{E_g, E_\gamma \rightarrow 0} |\mathcal{M}_{Wg\gamma}|^2 = g_s^2 \text{Eik}_g(p_u, p_{\bar{d}}; p_g) e^2 \text{Eik}_\gamma(p_u, p_{\bar{d}}, p_W; p_\gamma) |\mathcal{M}_W|^2$$

$$\text{Eik}_g(p_u, p_{\bar{d}}; p_g) = 2C_F \frac{(p_u \cdot p_{\bar{d}})}{(p_u \cdot p_g)(p_g \cdot p_{\bar{d}})}$$

- No need to distinguish  $E_g > E_\gamma$  vs.  $E_\gamma > E_g$



# Subtraction for mixed QCD-EW corrections: radiating $W$ bosons



New contribution compared to NNLO QCD:  $W$  bosons can radiate photons

- Mass of  $W$  boson prevents collinear singularities
- Soft limit of photon is still singular
  - Requires soft eikonal function for massive emitter
  - QCD and QED factorise in soft limit  $\rightarrow$  only NLO eikonal functions necessary

$$\text{Eik}_\gamma(p_u, p_{\bar{d}}, p_W; p_\gamma) = \left\{ Q_u Q_d \frac{2(p_u \cdot p_{\bar{d}})}{(p_u \cdot p_\gamma)(p_{\bar{d}} \cdot p_\gamma)} - Q_W^2 \frac{p_W^2}{(p_W \cdot p_\gamma)^2} \right. \\ \left. + Q_W \left( Q_u \frac{2(p_W \cdot p_u)}{(p_W \cdot p_\gamma)(p_u \cdot p_\gamma)} - Q_d \frac{2(p_W \cdot p_{\bar{d}})}{(p_W \cdot p_\gamma)(p_{\bar{d}} \cdot p_\gamma)} \right) \right\}$$

Estimates for impact on  $W$  mass

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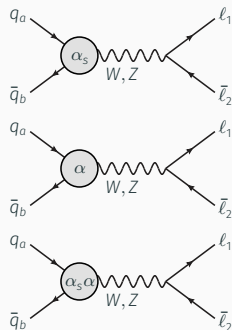
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Results for: 13 TeV LHC,  $G_\mu$  scheme,  
 $\mu_R = \mu_F = \mu \in \{m_W, m_W/2, m_W/4\}$ ,  
NNPDF3.1luxQED

Selection criteria:  $p_{T,e} > 15 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_{T,\text{miss}} > 15 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $-2.4 < y_e < 2.4$ .

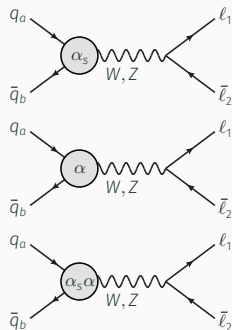


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- NLO EW corrections are tiny  $O(0.02\%)$   
(mostly due to  $G_\mu$  scheme)

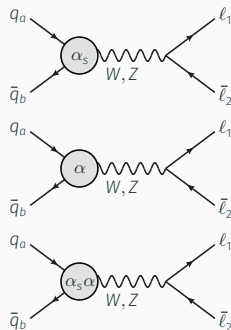


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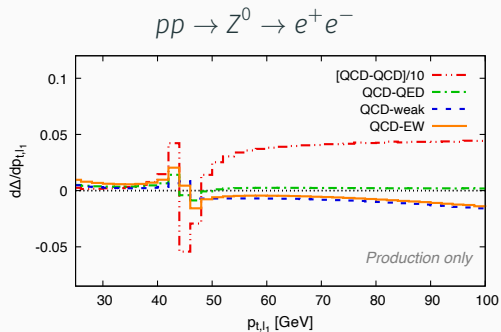
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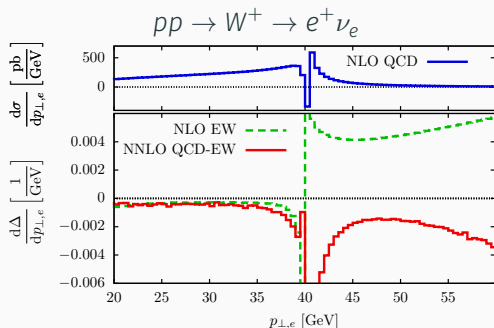
- Mixed QCD-EW corrections are very small, about  $\mathcal{O}(0.05\%)$ , but not obviously irrelevant for  $m_W$  measurements at the LHC



# Differential distributions



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- Our implementation allows to calculate differential distributions including mixed QCD-EW corrections
- Impact on  $W$ -mass measurement is not immediately obvious

# Estimate $W$ mass shifts from mixed QCD-EW corrections

Objective: Estimate impact of new corrections on  $W$  boson mass

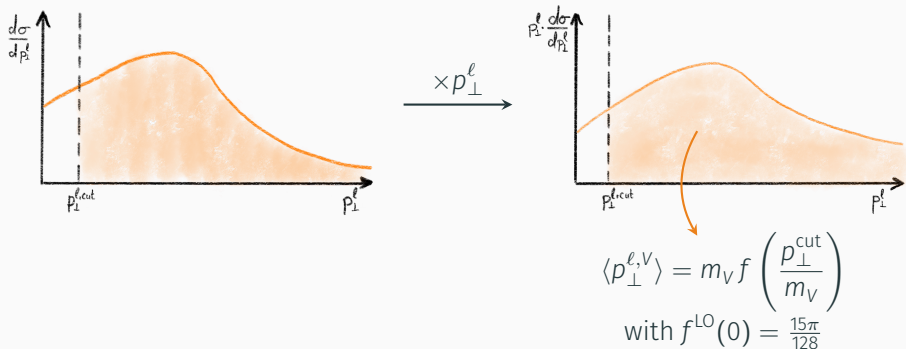
Considerations:

- Should combine  $W$  and  $Z$  measurements
  - model what is done in experiments
  - make use of available precision for  $Z$  mass
- Should be physically and conceptually simple and transparent
- Should be accessible with our calculations

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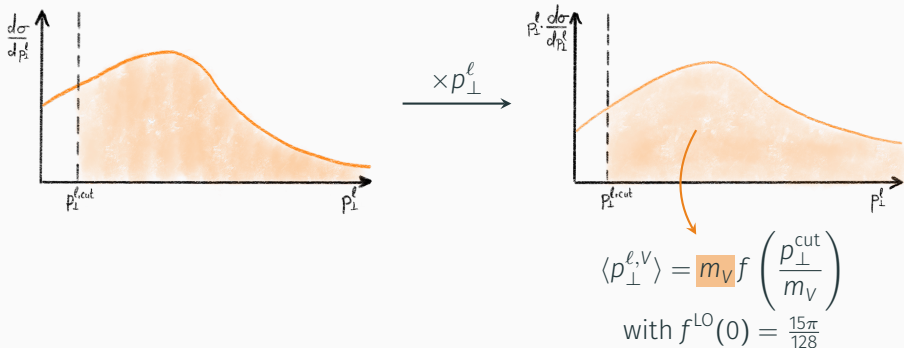
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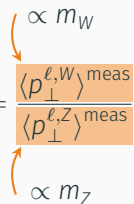
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Adding a new correction to the theory

→ changes  $C_{\text{th}}$

→ changes extracted mass  $m_W^{\text{meas}}$

$$\frac{\delta m_W^{\text{meas}}}{m_W^{\text{meas}}} = \frac{\delta C_{\text{th}}}{C_{\text{th}}} = \frac{\delta \langle p_{\perp}^{\ell,Z} \rangle}{\langle p_{\perp}^{\ell,Z} \rangle} - \frac{\delta \langle p_{\perp}^{\ell,W} \rangle}{\langle p_{\perp}^{\ell,W} \rangle}$$

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Minor influence of PDFs:

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- Mixed QCD-EW corrections: About  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  MeV changes

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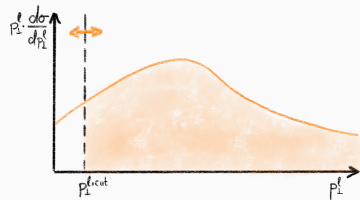
Key reason:

- Relevant transverse momenta:  $p_{\perp}^{e^+}/M_V$
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- Leads to small decorrelation of corrections to W and Z bosons

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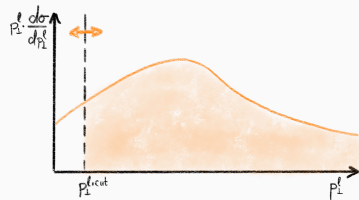
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→ Strong cut dependence of  $\delta m_W$   
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- We calculate mixed QCD-EW corrections to fully-differential on-shell  $W$  and  $Z$  production at the LHC.
  - Possible thanks to progress on amplitude calculations and subtraction schemes.
- Size of mixed QCD-EW corrections to the production part is  $\mathcal{O}(0.5)\%$ .
  - Corrections are small but in line with expectations.
- Experimental measurements of  $m_W$  rely on similarity between  $W$  and  $Z$  distributions. Based on this, we build a transparent and simple model to estimate shifts on  $m_W$  via

$$\delta m_W = \left( \frac{\delta \langle p_{\perp}^{\ell,Z} \rangle}{\langle p_{\perp}^{\ell,Z} \rangle} - \frac{\delta \langle p_{\perp}^{\ell,W} \rangle}{\langle p_{\perp}^{\ell,W} \rangle} \right) m_W.$$

- We find that mixed QCD-EW corrections induce shifts on  $m_W$  that are comparable or larger than the target precision of  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  MeV.
- Further investigations on the impact of mixed QCD-EW corrections on  $m_W$  are clearly warranted. They should reflect all relevant details of experimental analyses.

## Backup

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# Input parameters

Input parameters used:

$$G_F = 1.166\,39 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$m_Z = 91.1876 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_W = 80.398 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_t = 173.2 \text{ GeV}$$

- We use the  $G_\mu$  input parameter scheme.
- PDFs: NNLO set **NNPDF3.1luxQED** with  $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.118$
- Simulations for 13 TeV LHC
- Central scale:  $\mu_R = \mu_F = m_V/2$

# Detailed results for cross-sections and moments

Results for the cross-sections and average transverse momentum of the charged lepton for the inclusive setup of  $pp \rightarrow Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$  and  $pp \rightarrow W^+ \rightarrow e^+\nu_e$  (corrections only to the production part)

$$d\sigma_{Z,W} = \sum_{i,j=0} \alpha_s^i \alpha_W^i d\sigma_{Z,W}^{i,j}$$

$$F_{Z,W}(i,j,\mathcal{O}) = \alpha_s^i \alpha_W^i \int d\sigma_{Z,W}^{i,j} \times \mathcal{O}$$

	$V = Z$			$V = W^+$		
	$\mu = m_Z/4$	$\mu = m_Z/2$	$\mu = m_Z$	$\mu = m_W/4$	$\mu = m_W/2$	$\mu = m_W$
$F_V(0, 0; 1)$ , [pb]	1273	1495	1700	7434	8810	10083
$F_V(1, 0; 1)$ , [pb]	570.2	405.4	246.9	3502	2533	1580
$F_V(0, 1; 1)$ , [pb]	$-5810 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-6146 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-6073 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-1908 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3297 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$10971 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$F_V(1, 1; 1)$ , [pb]	$-2985 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-2033 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-1236 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-8873 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-7607 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-7556 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$F_V(0, 0; p_{\perp}^e)$ [GeV pb]	42741	50191	57073	220031	260772	298437
$F_V(1, 0; p_{\perp}^e)$ [GeV pb]	23418	17733	12221	124487	95132	66090
$F_V(0, 1; p_{\perp}^e)$ [GeV pb]	-182.85	-192.77	-189.11	74.53	243.54	484.82
$F_V(1, 1; p_{\perp}^e)$ [GeV pb]	-163.87	-125.22	-92.05	-553.87	-482.0	-448.0

## Detailed results for $W$ mass shifts

Detailed results for the shifts  $\delta m_W$  for different setups, orders and scales

$\delta m_W$ [MeV]		$\mu = m_V/4$	$\mu = m_V/2$	$\mu = m_V$
Inclusive	NLO EW	−0.1	0.3	0.2
	QCD-EW	−5.1	−7.5	−9.3
Fiducial	NLO EW	0.2	2.3	4.2
	QCD-EW	−16	−17	−19
Tuned fiducial	NLO EW	−4.4	−2.5	−0.8
	QCD-EW	3.9	−1.0	−5.7