

Electroweak Radiation in the Vincia Parton Shower

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Overview

1. Monte Carlo's for future colliders
2. Electroweak Showers in Vincia

Monte Carlo Challenges at Future Colliders

Monte Carlo Challenges

Computational Challenges

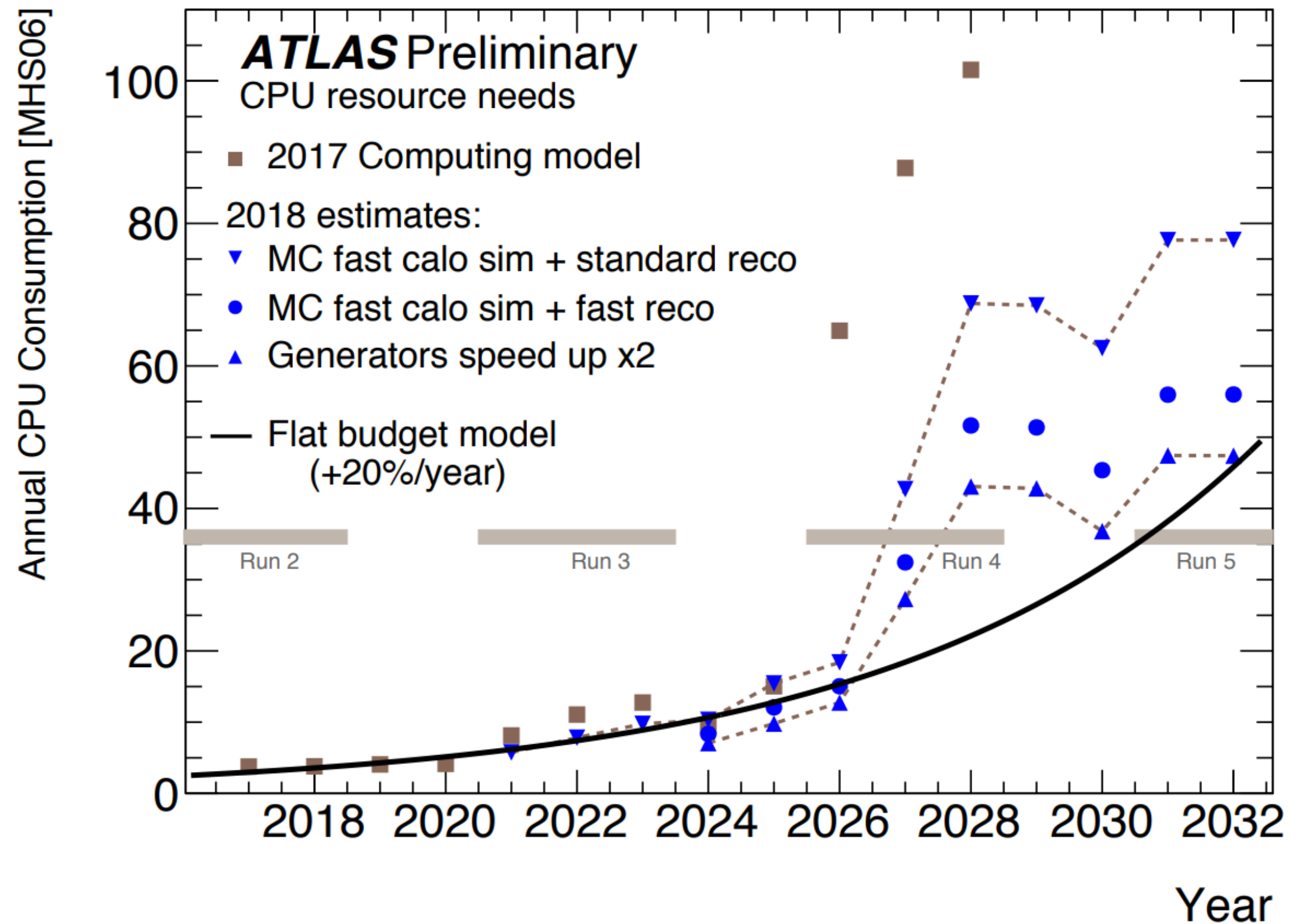
State of the art is now NLO/LO multileg merging

→ Event generation has become expensive

Improvements are required in multiple areas

Physics Challenges

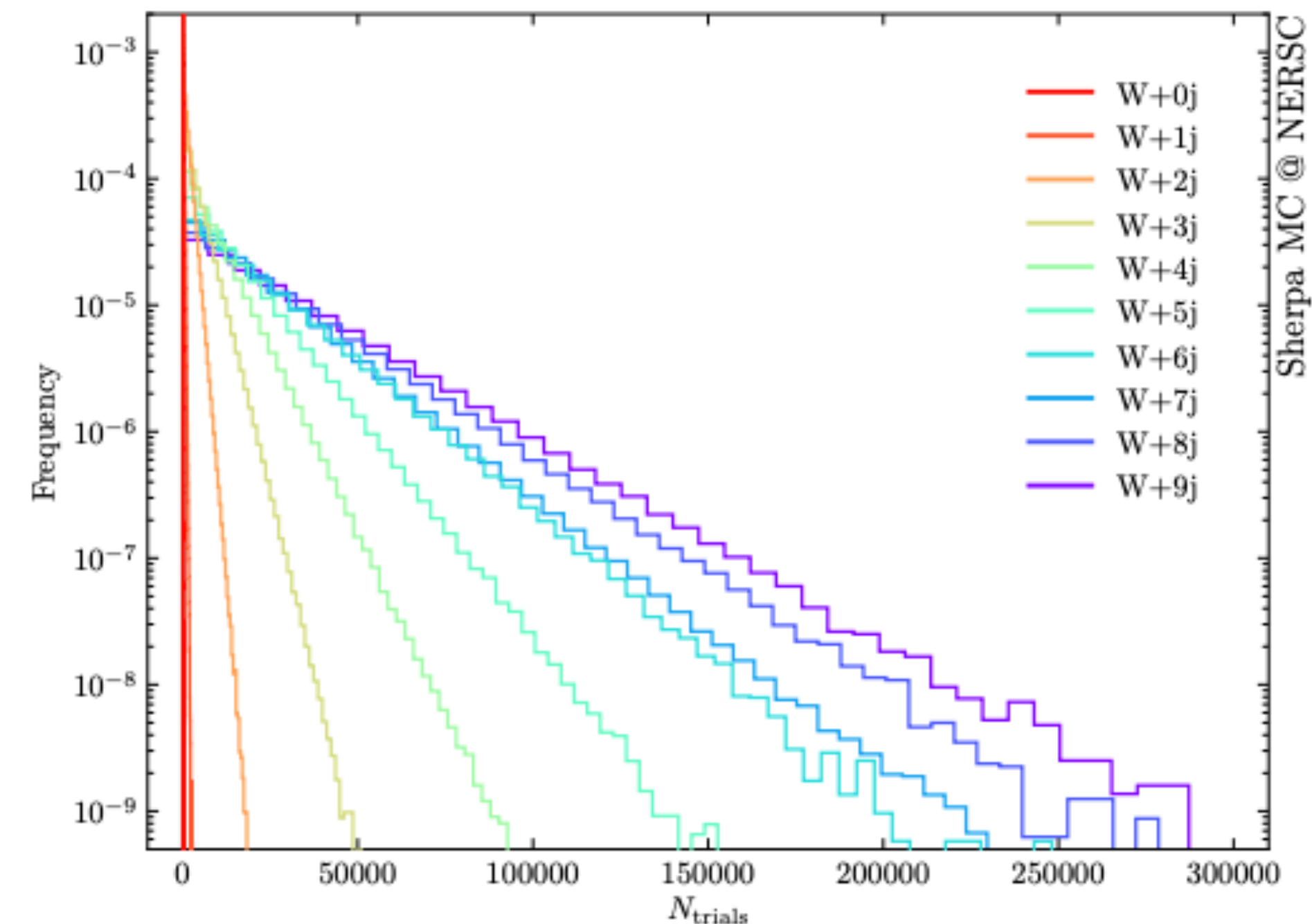
- NNLO fixed order increasingly available
 - Matching algorithms exist, but not part of standard codes yet
 - Work needed before computationally feasible
- Accuracy + subleading effects in parton showers
- Improvements & better understanding of nonperturbative effects



Matrix Element Sampling

Often still reliant on VEGAS + multi channeling

→ Many case-specific algorithms exist (FOAM, HAAG)



Gao, Isaacson, Krause 2001.05486

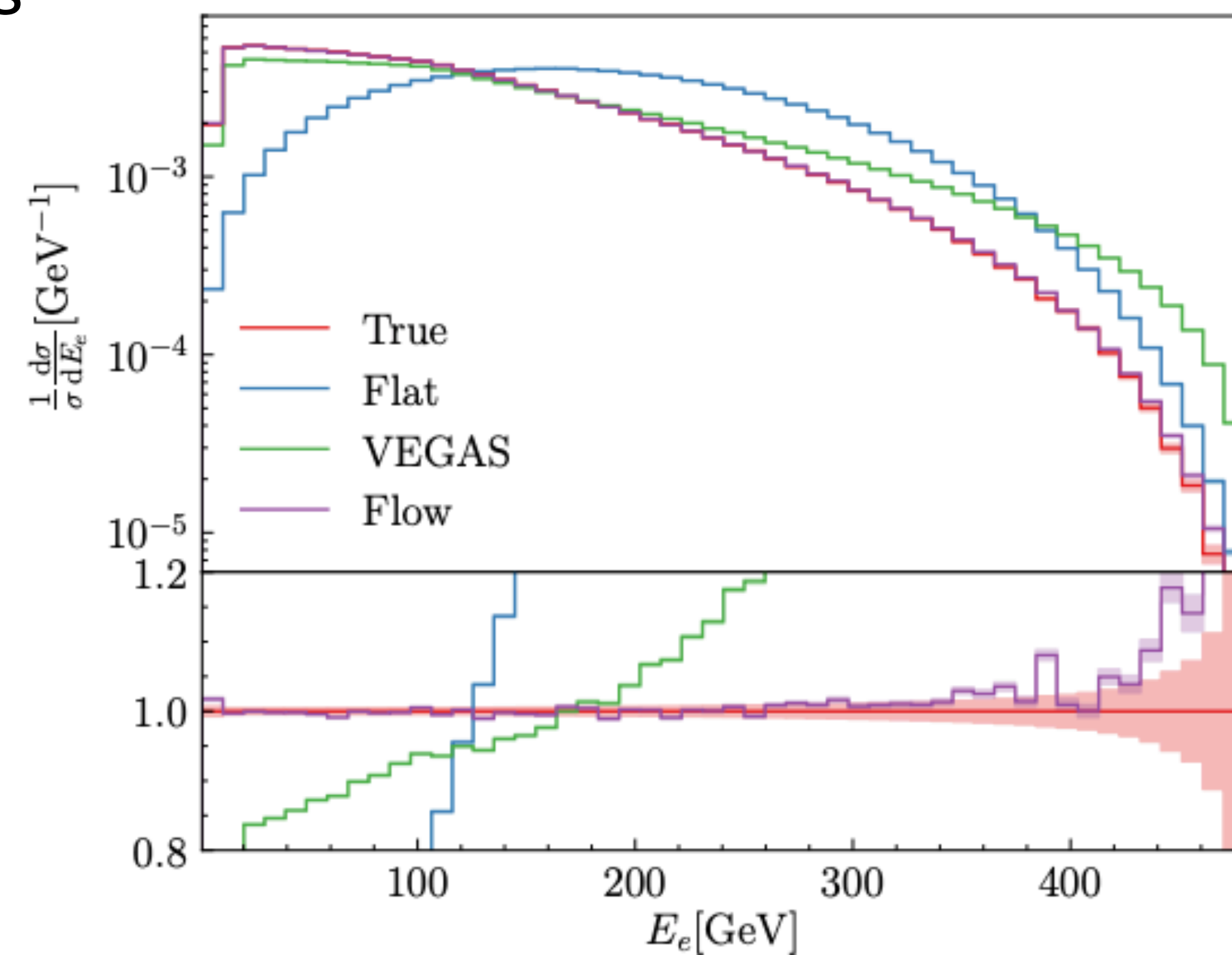
Gao, Hoche, Isaacson, Krause, Schulz 2001.10028

Bothmann, Janssen, Knobbe, Schmale, Schumann 2001.05478

Stienen, RV 2011:13445

Recent developments from generative machine learning models

unweighting efficiency $\langle w \rangle / w_{\max}$		LO QCD					NLO QCD (RS)	
		$n=0$	$n=1$	$n=2$	$n=3$	$n=4$	$n=0$	$n=1$
$W^+ + n$ jets	Sherpa	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$3.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$9.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$
	NN+NF	$6.1 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$4.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$
	Gain	2.2	3.3	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.6	0.91
$W^- + n$ jets	Sherpa	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$7.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$9.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$
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	Gain	2.4	3.3	1.4	1.1	0.82	1.5	0.91
$Z + n$ jets	Sherpa	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$		$1.2 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$
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	Gain	1.2	2.9	0.91	0.51		1.5	1.1



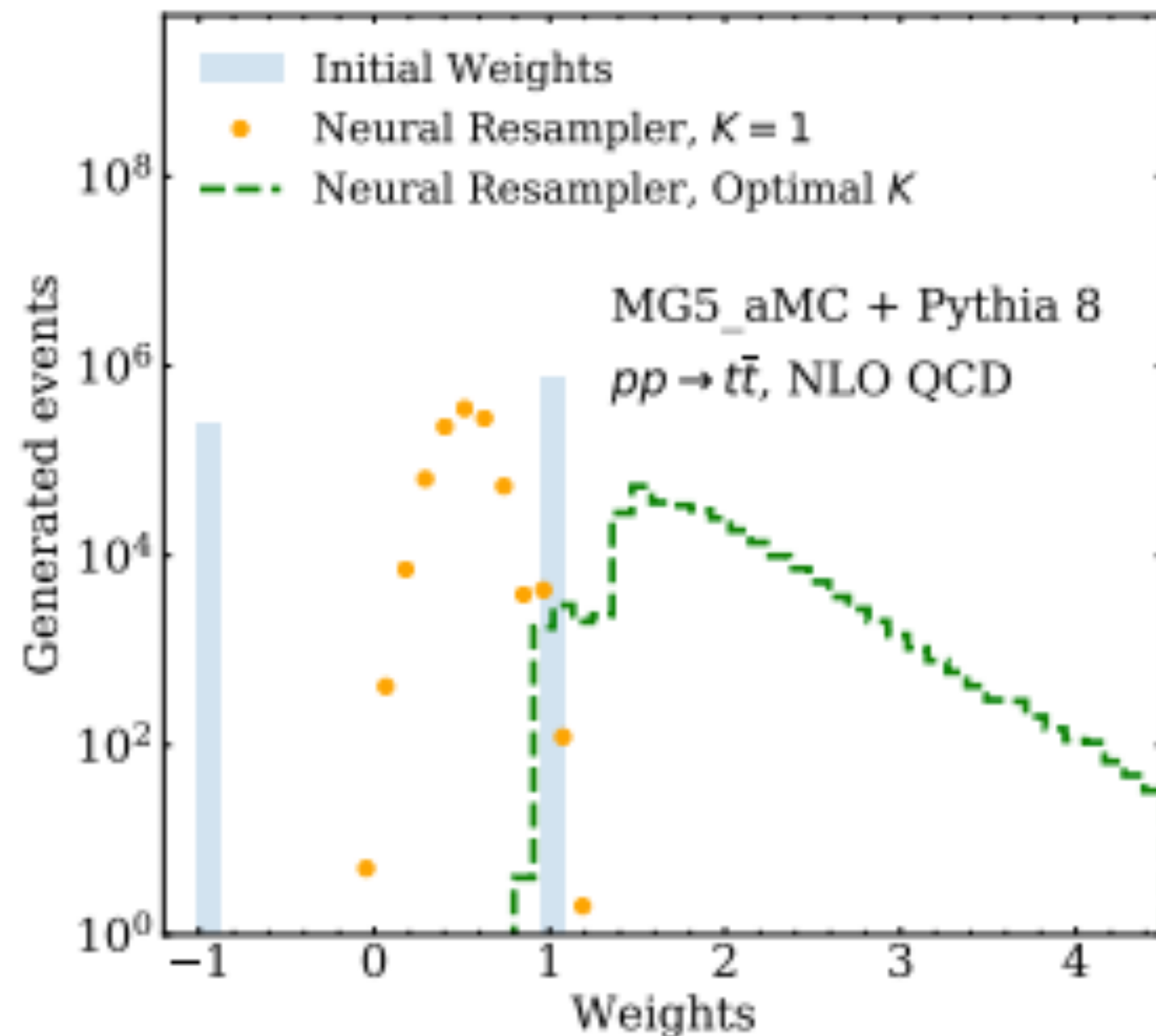
Negative Weights

NLO corrections often lead to negative weights

→ Requires a factor of $1/(1 - f_{\text{neg}})^2$ more events

Several improvements being explored

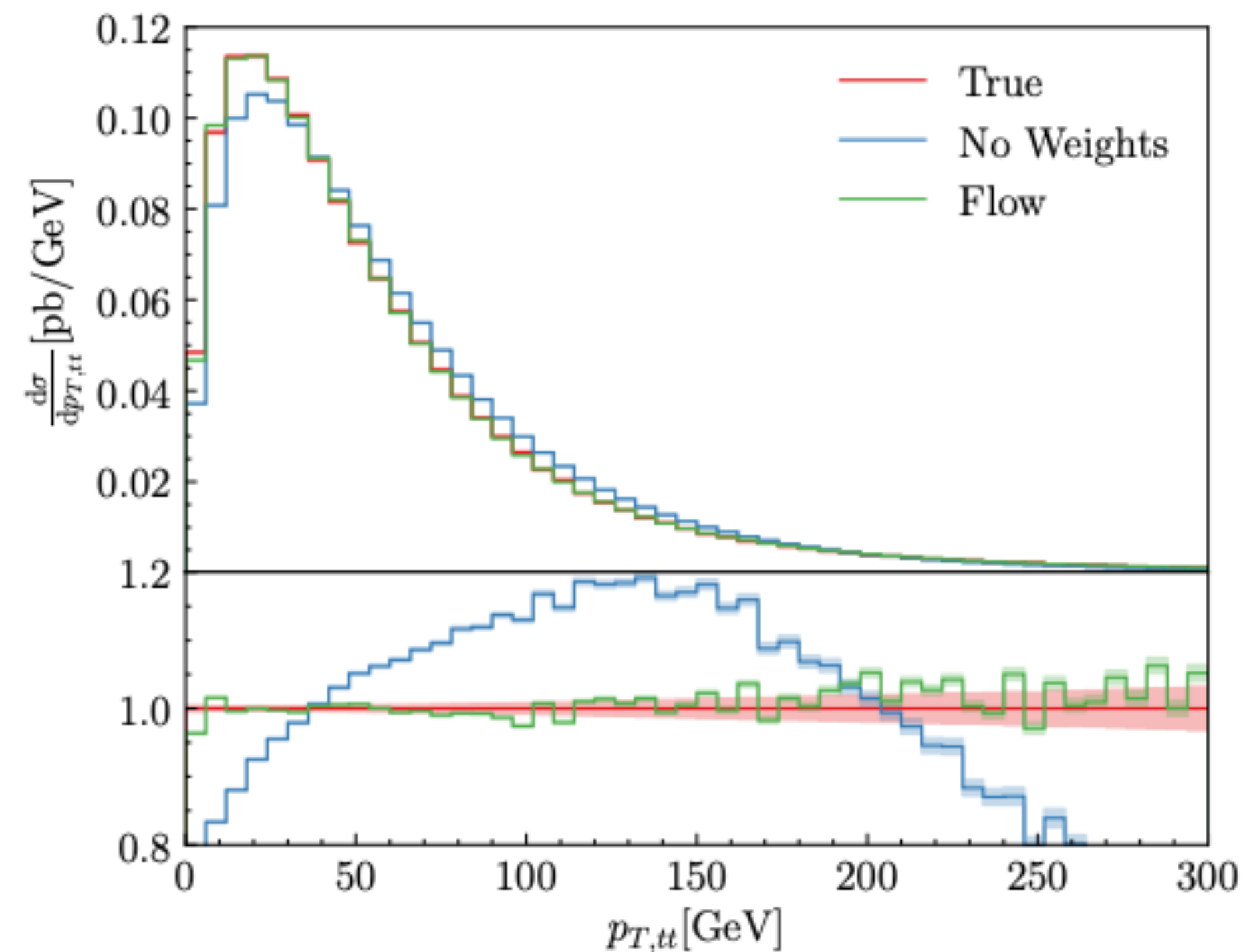
- Resampling [Andersen, Gutschow, Maier, Prestel 2005.09375](#)
[Nachman, Thaler 2007.11586](#)



- Improving MC@NLO [Frederix, Frixione, Prestel, Torrielli 2002:12716](#)

	MC@NLO			MC@NLO- Δ		
	111	221	441	Δ -111	Δ -221	Δ -441
$pp \rightarrow e^+e^-$	6.9% (1.3)	3.5% (1.2)	3.2% (1.1)	5.7% (1.3)	2.4% (1.1)	2.0% (1.1)
$pp \rightarrow e^+\nu_e$	7.2% (1.4)	3.8% (1.2)	3.4% (1.2)	5.9% (1.3)	2.5% (1.1)	2.3% (1.1)
$pp \rightarrow H$	10.4% (1.6)	4.9% (1.2)	3.4% (1.2)	7.5% (1.4)	2.0% (1.1)	0.5% (1.0)
$pp \rightarrow Hb\bar{b}$	40.3% (27)	38.4% (19)	38.0% (17)	36.6% (14)	32.6% (8.2)	31.3% (7.2)
$pp \rightarrow W^+j$	21.7% (3.1)	16.5% (2.2)	15.7% (2.1)	14.2% (2.0)	7.9% (1.4)	7.4% (1.4)
$pp \rightarrow W^+t\bar{t}$	16.2% (2.2)	15.2% (2.1)	15.1% (2.1)	13.2% (1.8)	11.9% (1.7)	11.5% (1.7)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	23.0% (3.4)	20.2% (2.8)	19.6% (2.7)	13.6% (1.9)	9.3% (1.5)	7.7% (1.4)

- Generative Models [Stienen, RV 2011:13445](#)
[Butter, Plehm, Winterhalder 1912.08824](#)

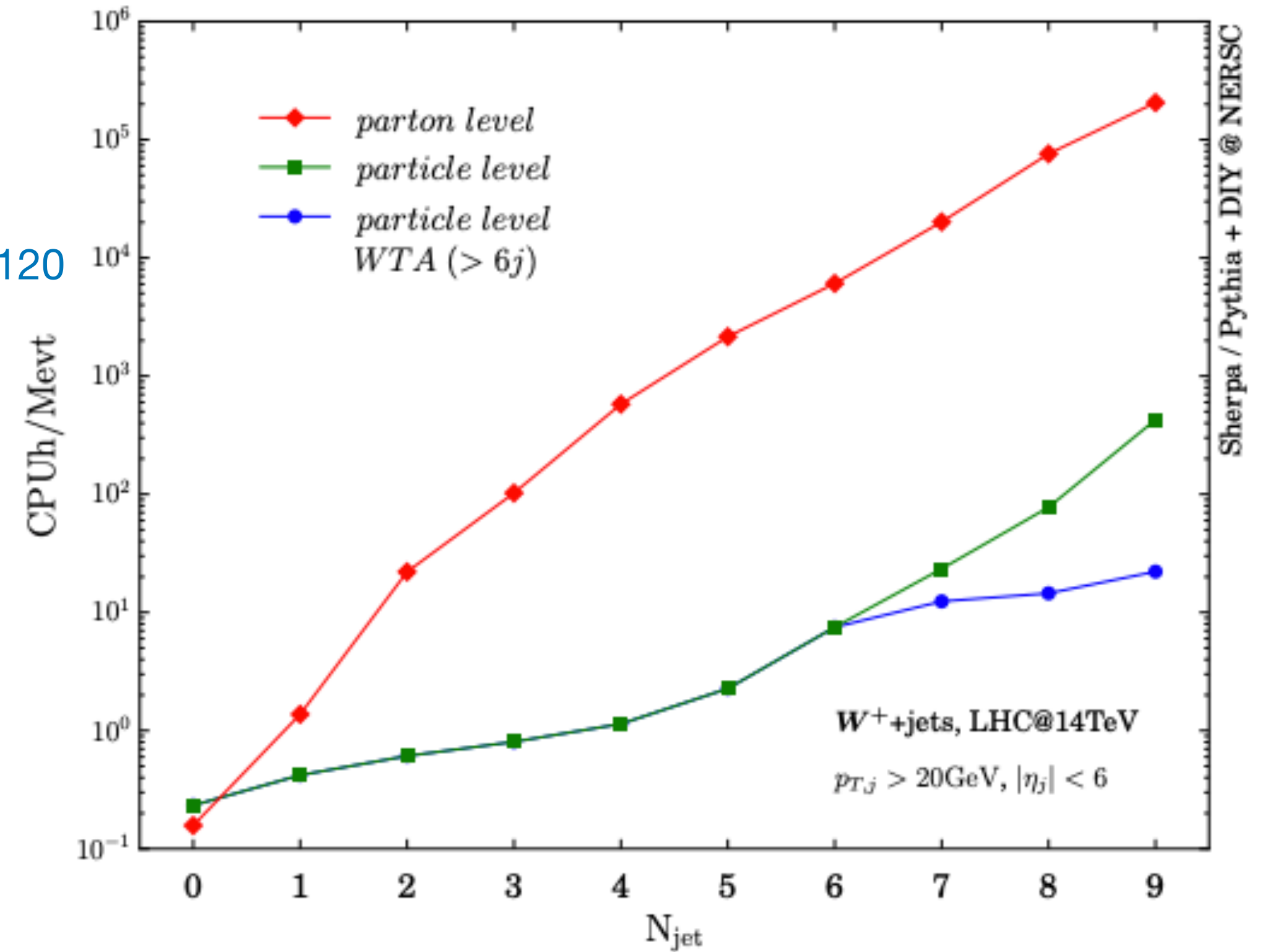
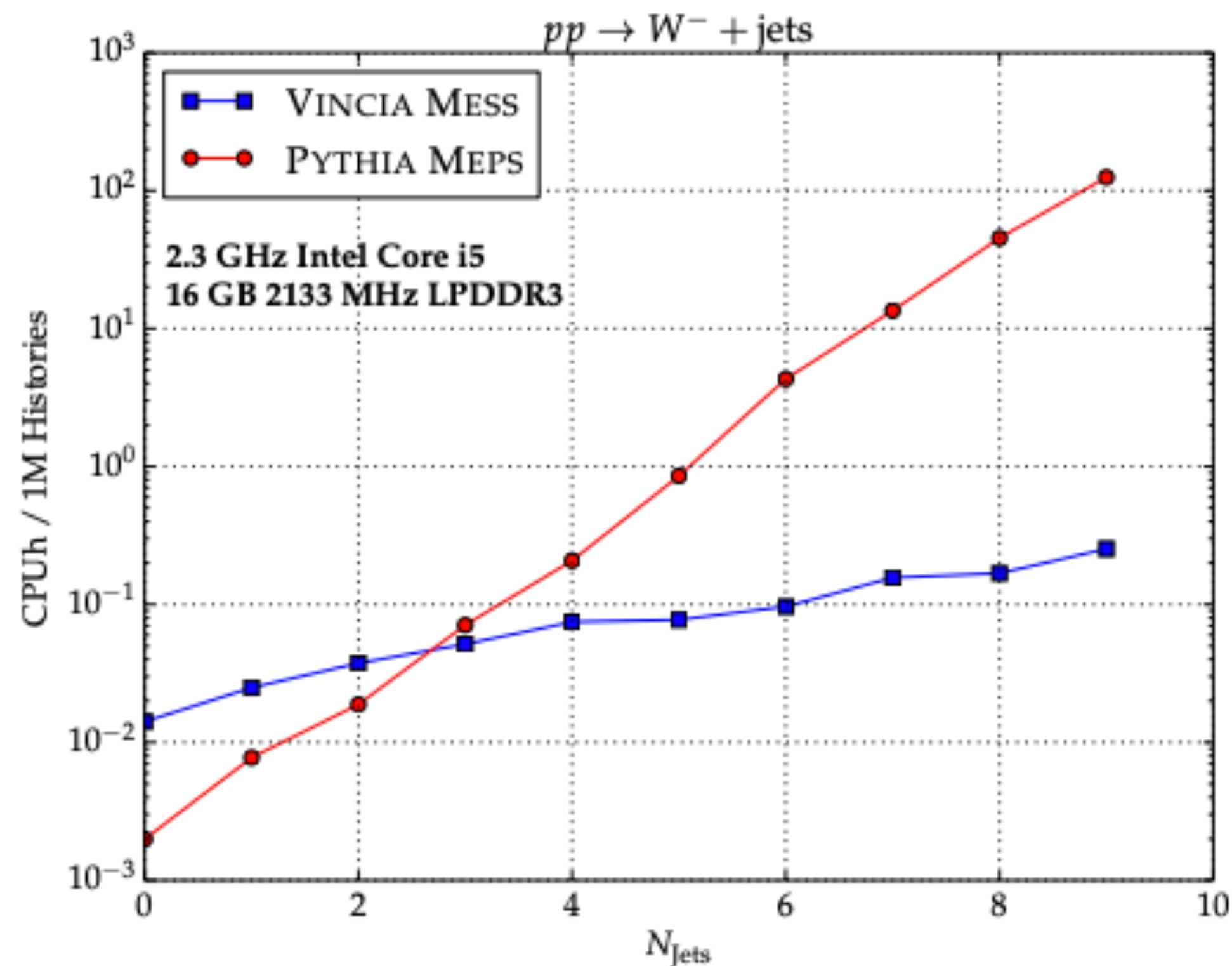


Efficient Multileg Merging

Hoche, Prestel, Schulz 1905.05120

Multileg merging is expensive for two reasons

- Sampling high-multiplicity MEs
- Reconstructing shower histories



The Vincia parton shower: sector showering
Unique shower history \rightarrow fast clustering

Brooks, Preuss 2008.09468

Parton Shower Accuracy

ATLAS 2004.03540

Currently large differences between models

Recent significant progress:

- Formal NLL accuracy

Dasgupta, Dreyer, Hamilton, Monni, Salam, Soyez 2002.11114

Nagy, Soper 2011.04773

Forshaw, Holguin, Platzer 2003.06400

- Inclusion of higher-order branching kernels

→ Requirement for NNLL

Hoche, Krauss, Prestel 1705.00982

Li, Skands 1611.00013

- Subleading colour effects $1/N_c^2 \sim 10\%$

Hamilton, Medves, Salam, Scyboz, Soyez 2011.10054

Nagy, Soper 1501.00778

Platzer, Sjo Dahl, Thoren 1808.00332

Forshaw, Holguin, Platzer 1905.08686

Isaacson, Prestel 1806.10102

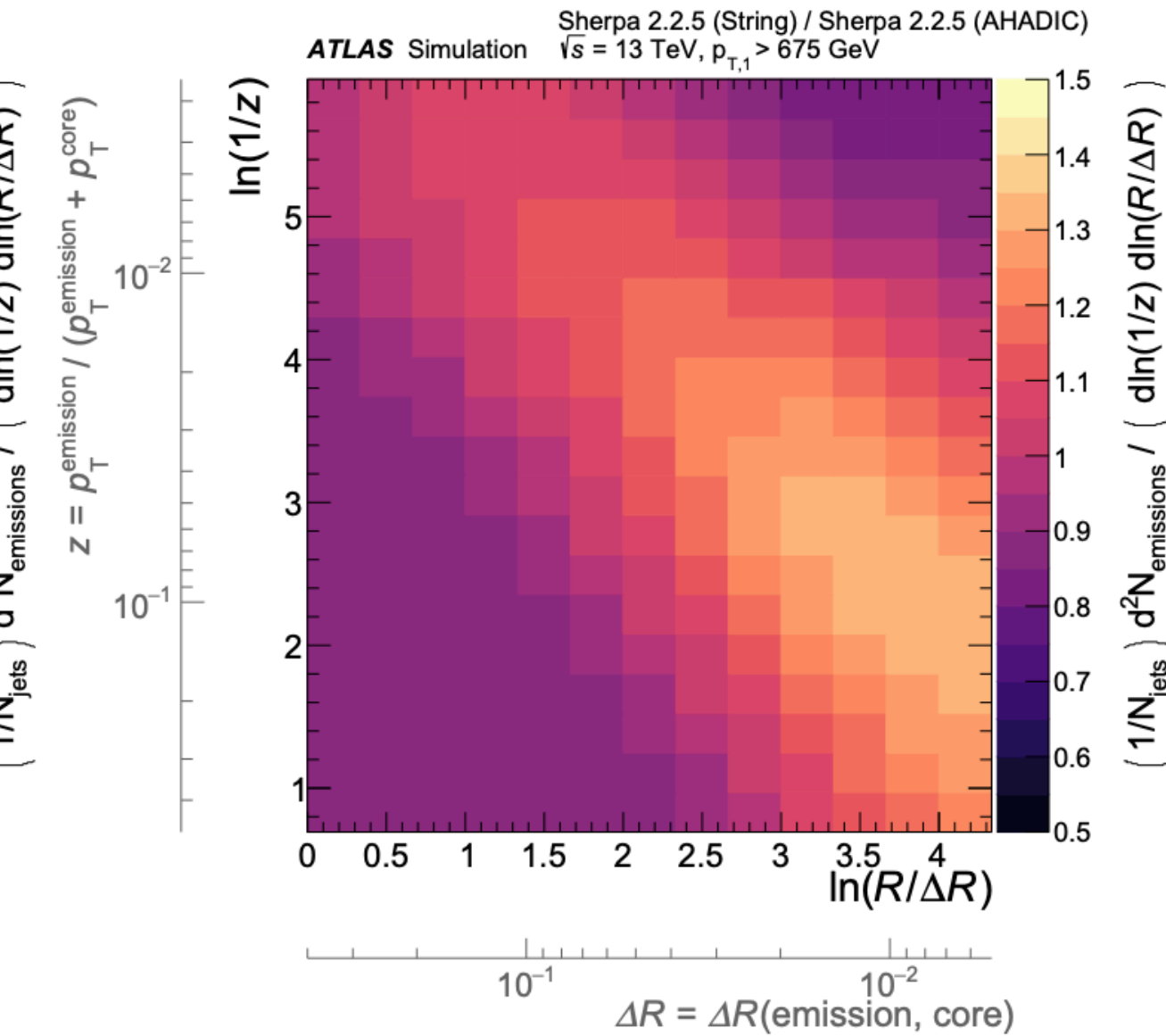
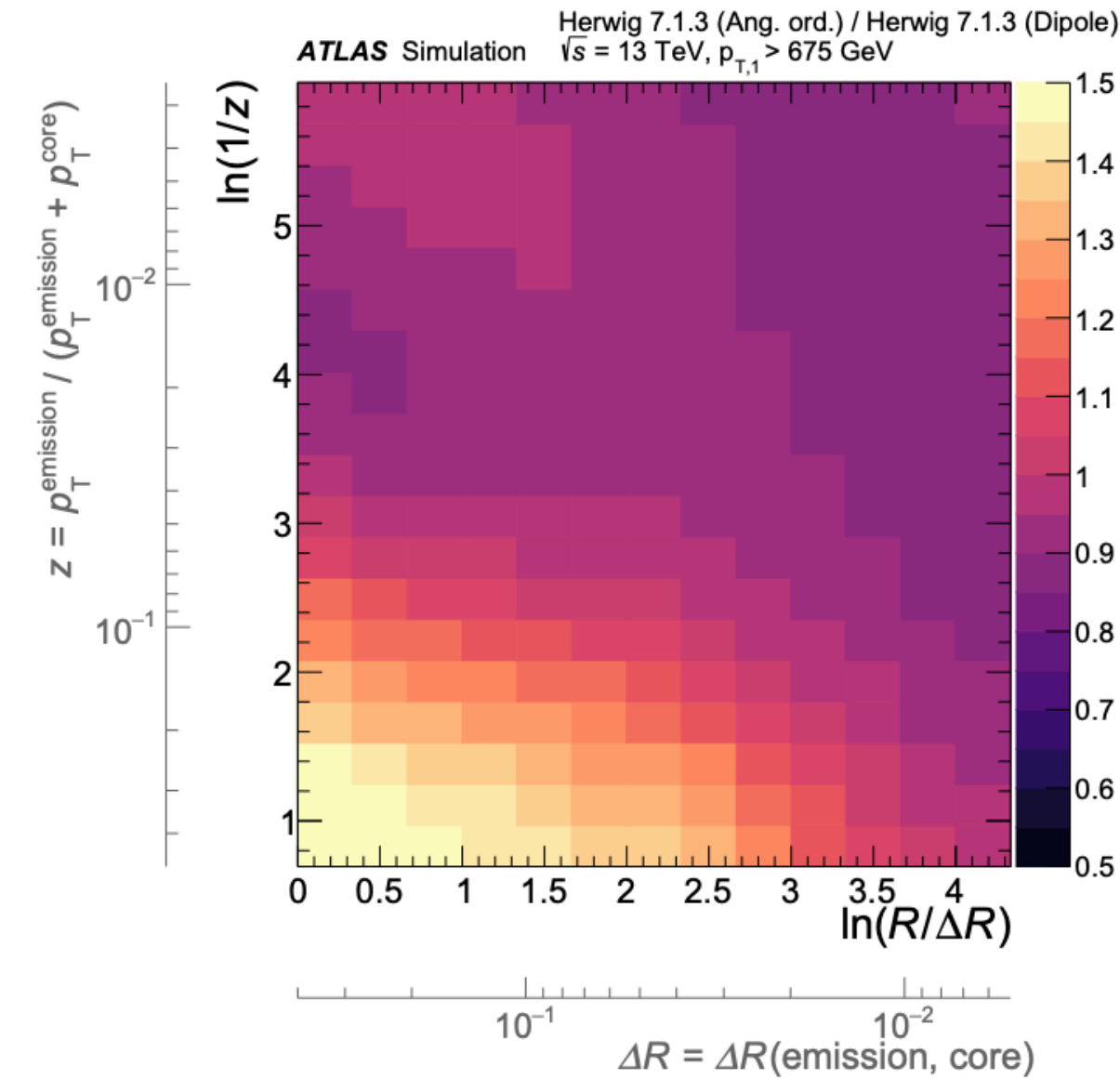
- Electroweak corrections $\alpha/\alpha_s \sim 10\%$

Christiansen, Sjostrand arXiv:1401.5238

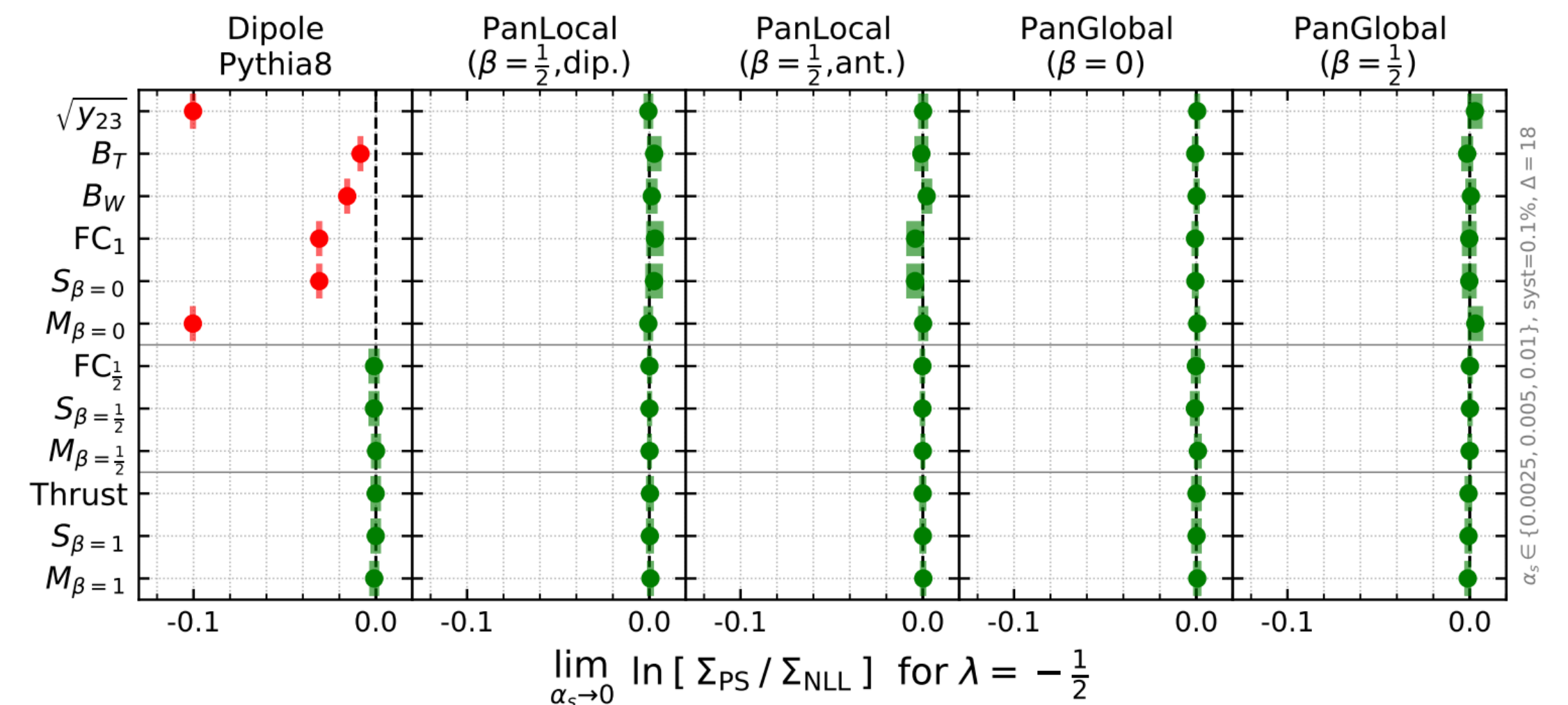
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Chen, Han, Tweedie arXiv:1611.00788

Kleiss, RV 2002.09248



NLL accuracy tests — segment method



Electroweak Showers in Vincia



One-Slide Parton Shower Summary

Process-independent, fully differential resummation framework

$$p_{\perp} \approx Q_{\text{fac}}$$

Incorporates logarithms associated with soft and collinear branchings

Repeatedly sample emissions from:

Branching kernel (real corrections)



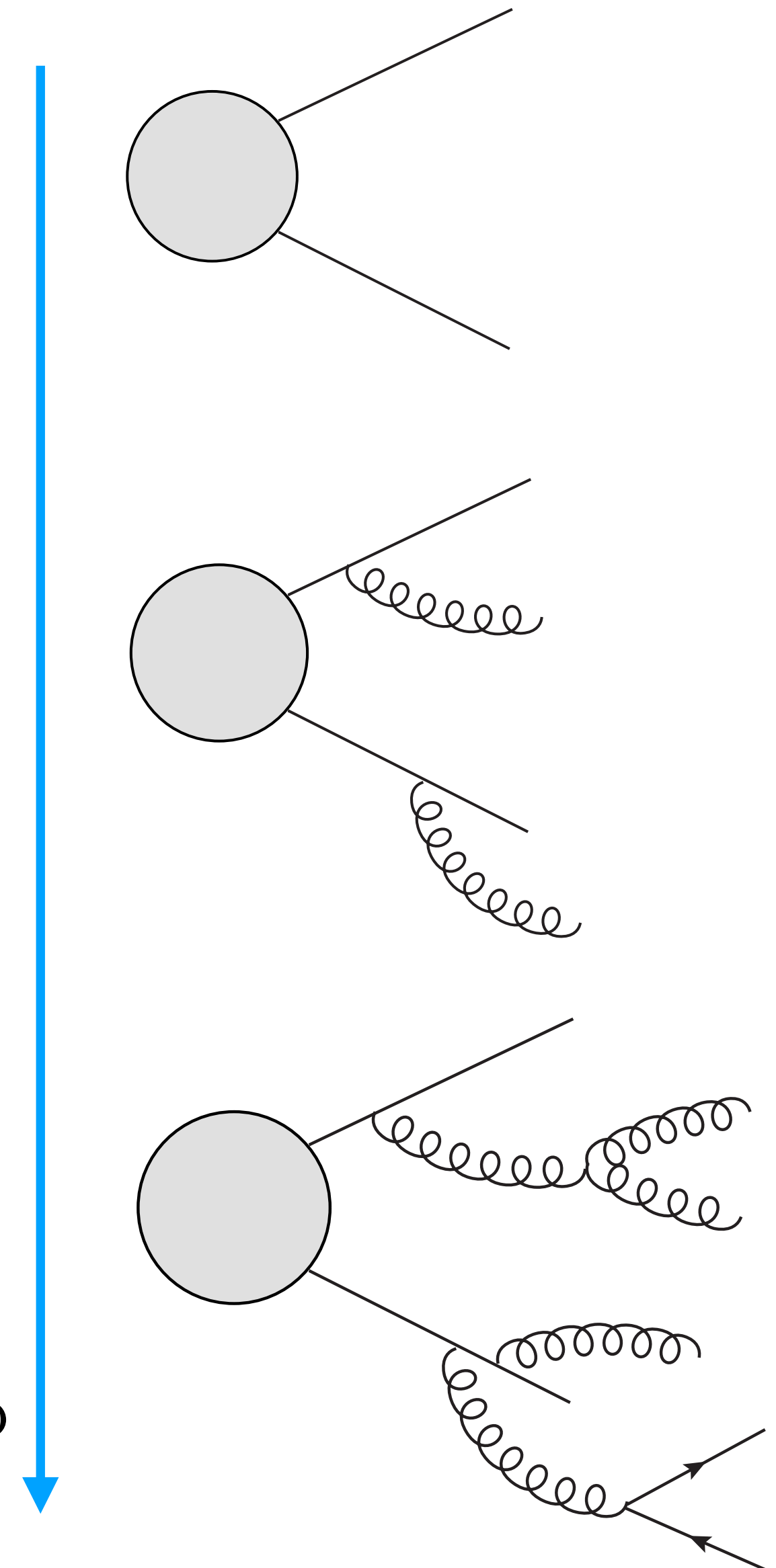
$$P_i(p_{\perp,i}^2) = B(p_{\perp,i}^2) \times \Theta(p_{\perp,i-1}^2 - p_{\perp,i}^2) \times \Delta(p_{\perp,i-1}, p_{\perp,i})$$



Sudakov factor (virtual corrections)

$$\Delta(Q_{\text{fac}}, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \propto \exp\left(-\alpha_s \log^2 \frac{Q_{\text{fac}}}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} + \dots\right)$$

$$p_{\perp} \approx \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$



Why EW Showers?

- EW gauge bosons, tops, Higgs part of jets

- Universal incorporation of EW virtual

corrections $\propto \log \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{Q_{EW}^2} \right)$

Just starting to become relevant

- (HL)-LHC

[ATLAS 1609.07045](#)

- Future colliders

Existing implementations

- Only vector boson emissions

[Christiansen, Sjostrand](#)

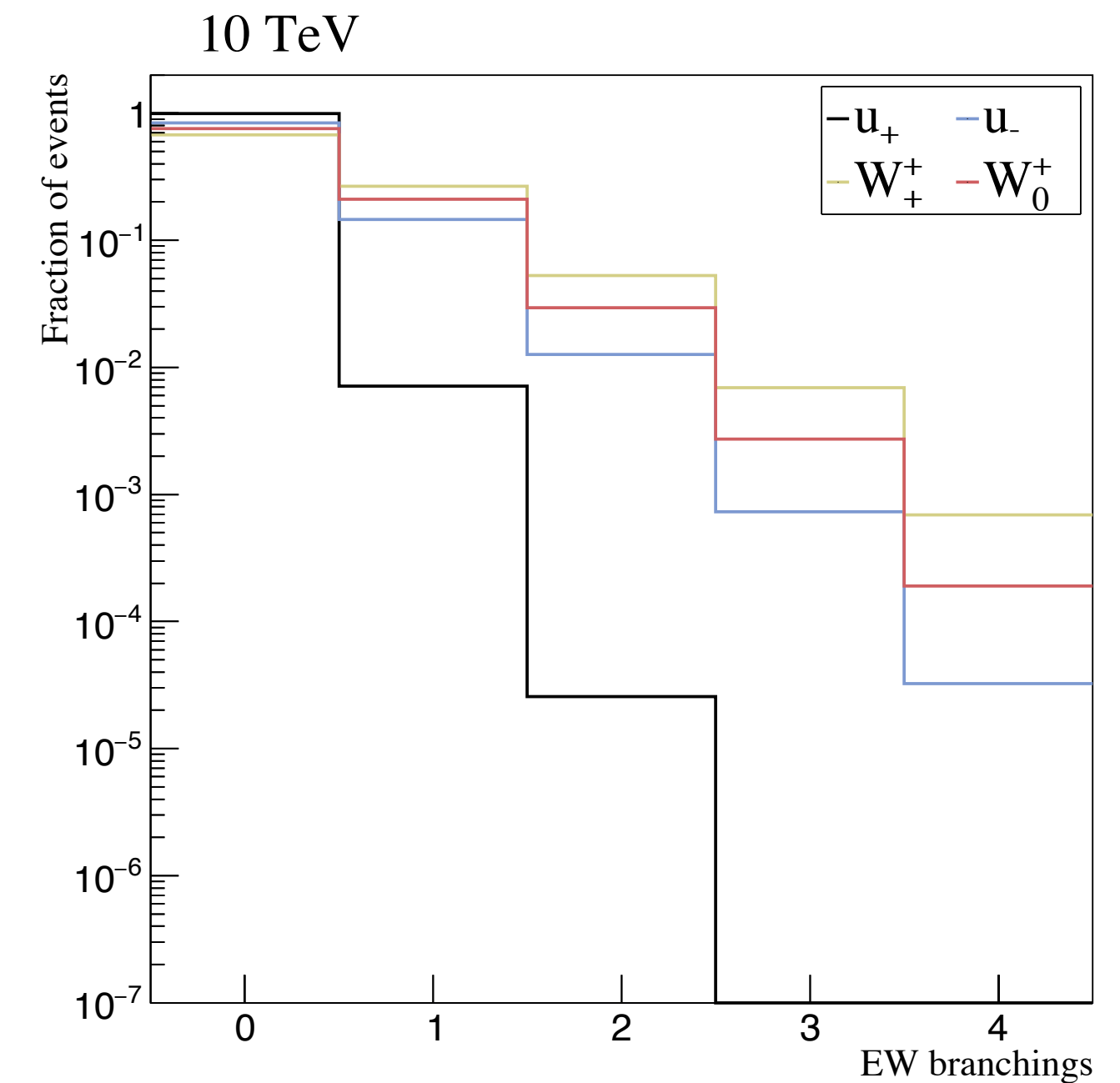
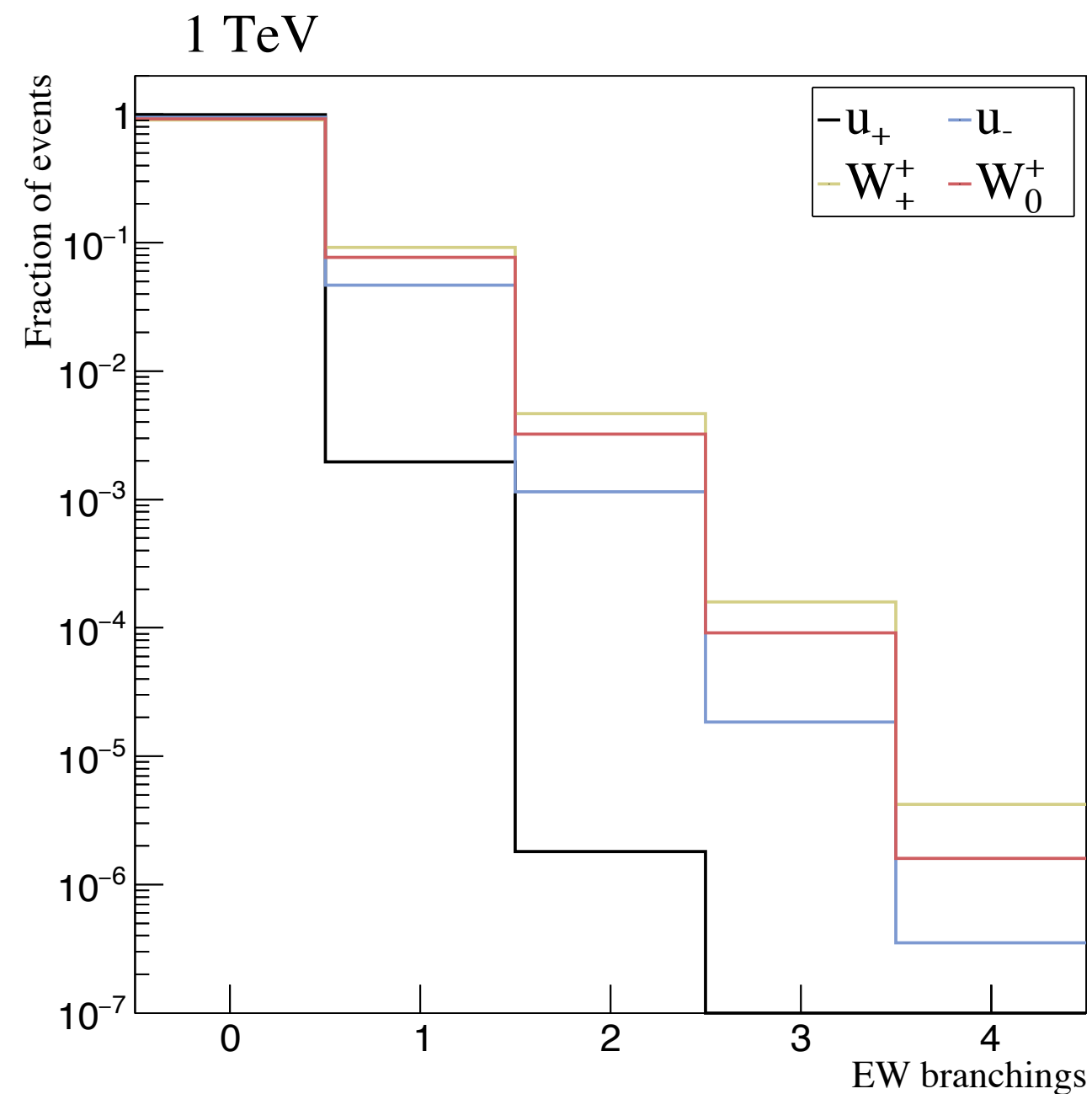
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[Krauss, Petrov, Schoenherr, Spannowsky](#) [arXiv:1403.4788](#)

- Full-fledged EW shower

[Chen, Han, Tweedie](#)

[arXiv:1611.00788](#)



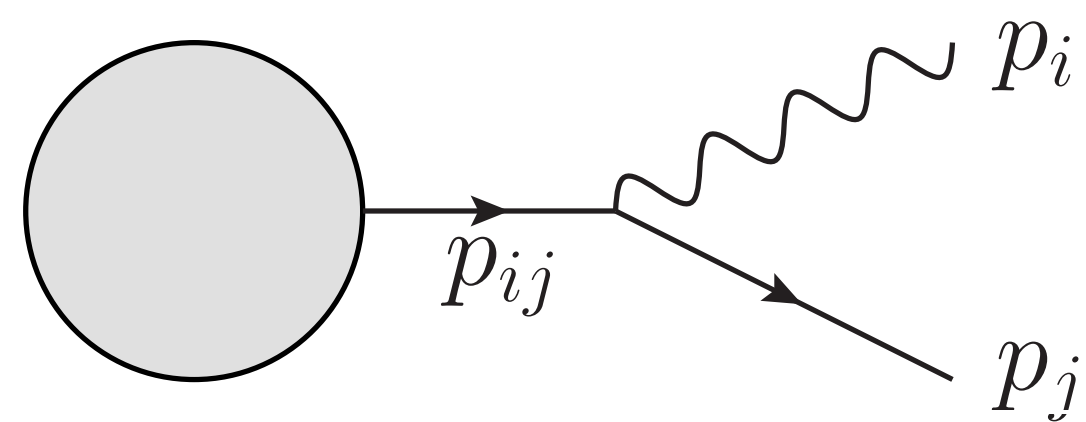
Electroweak Branching Kernels

Use spinor-helicity formalism

$$M_{\lambda_{ij}, \lambda_i, \lambda_j}(p_i, p_j) = \begin{array}{c} p_i, \lambda_i \\ \diagup \\ p_{ij}, \lambda_{ij} \\ \diagdown \\ p_j, \lambda_j \end{array}$$

Transform to Vincia phase space

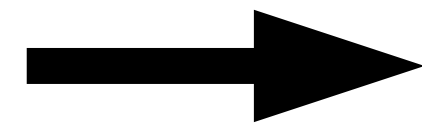
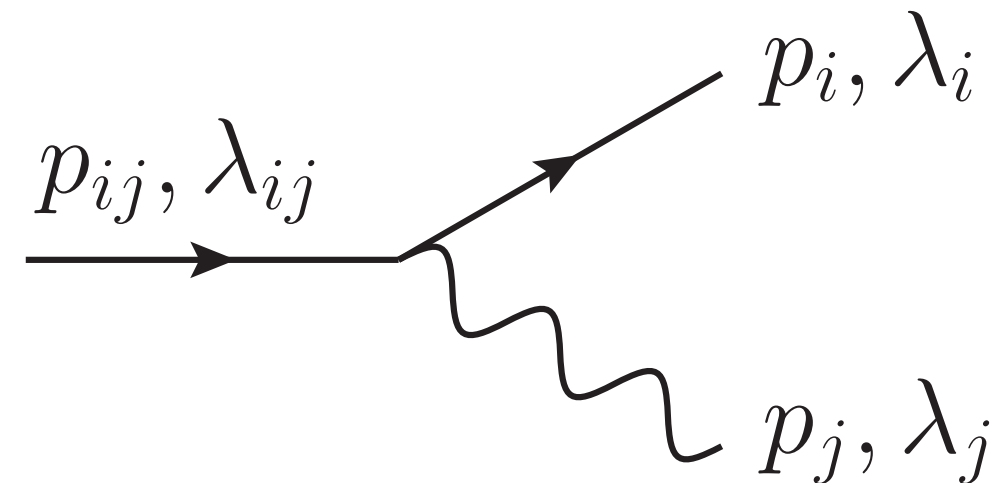
$$a_{\lambda_{ij}, \lambda_i, \lambda_j}(s_{ij}, s_{jk}) = \left[\left| \frac{1}{Q^2} M_{\lambda_{ij}, \lambda_i, \lambda_j}(p_i, p_j) \right|^2 \right]_{(1-z) \rightarrow x_j}^{z \rightarrow x_i}$$



$$x_i = \frac{s_{ij} + s_{ik} + m_i^2}{m_{IK}^2} \quad x_j = \frac{s_{ij} + s_{jk} + m_j^2}{m_{IK}^2}$$

$$Q^2 = s_{ij} + m_i^2 + m_j^2 - m_{ij}^2$$

Longitudinal Polarisation

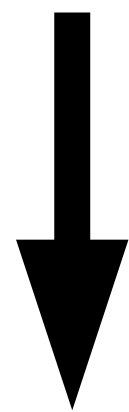
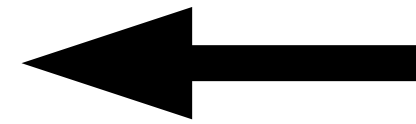


$$M_{\lambda_{ij}, \lambda_i, \lambda_j}(p_i, p_j) = \bar{u}_{\lambda_i}(p_i)(v + a\gamma^5)\not{\epsilon}_{\lambda_j}(p_j)u_{\lambda_{ij}}(p_{ij})$$

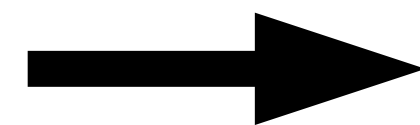


1. Insert spinor representations
2. Consider longitudinal polarisation
3. Do some Dirac algebra

$$M_{+,+,0}(p_i, p_j) \propto \frac{1}{m_j} \left((Q^2 + m_{ij}^2)\not{p}_{ij} - m_i^2\not{p}_{ij} \right)$$



Q^2 drops out

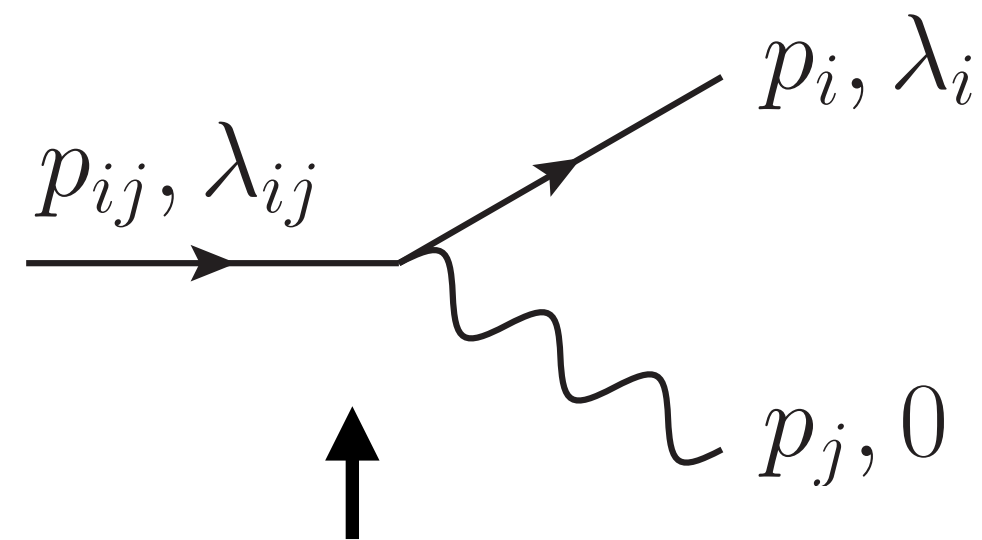


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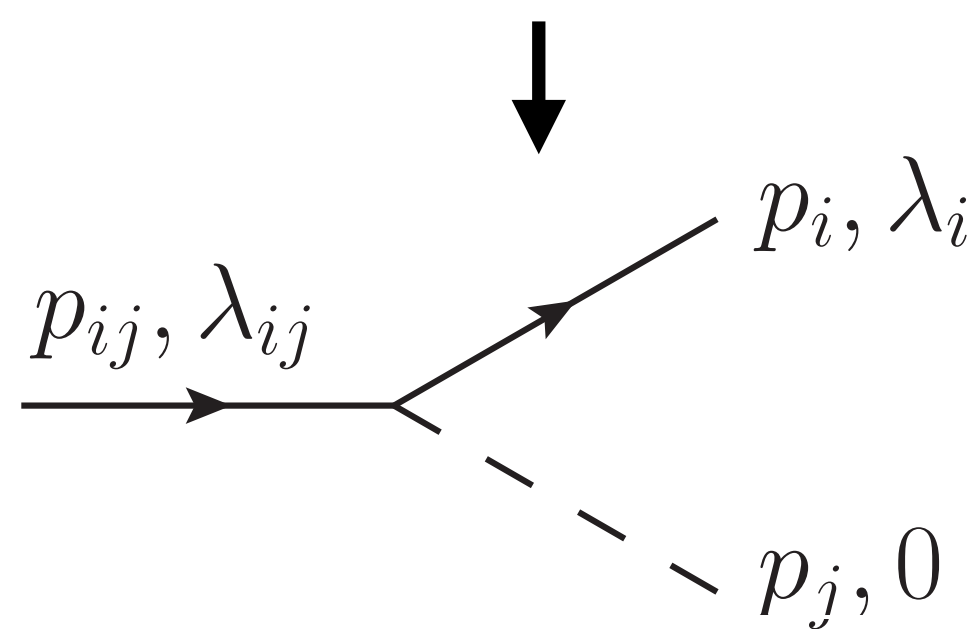


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Goldstone Bosons



$$\epsilon_0^\mu(p) = \frac{1}{m} \left(p^\mu - \frac{m^2}{p \cdot k} k^\mu \right)$$



Goldstone piece actually couples to Yukawa

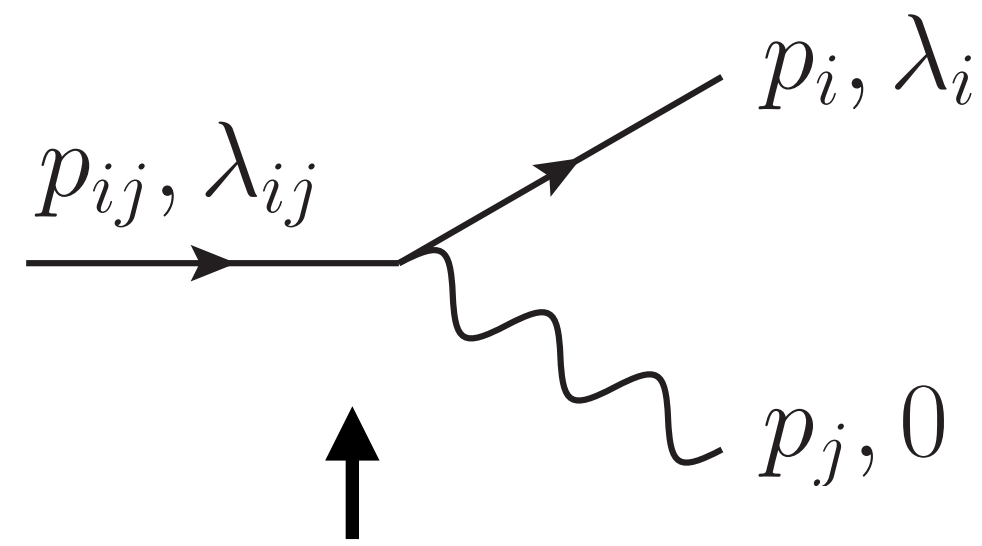
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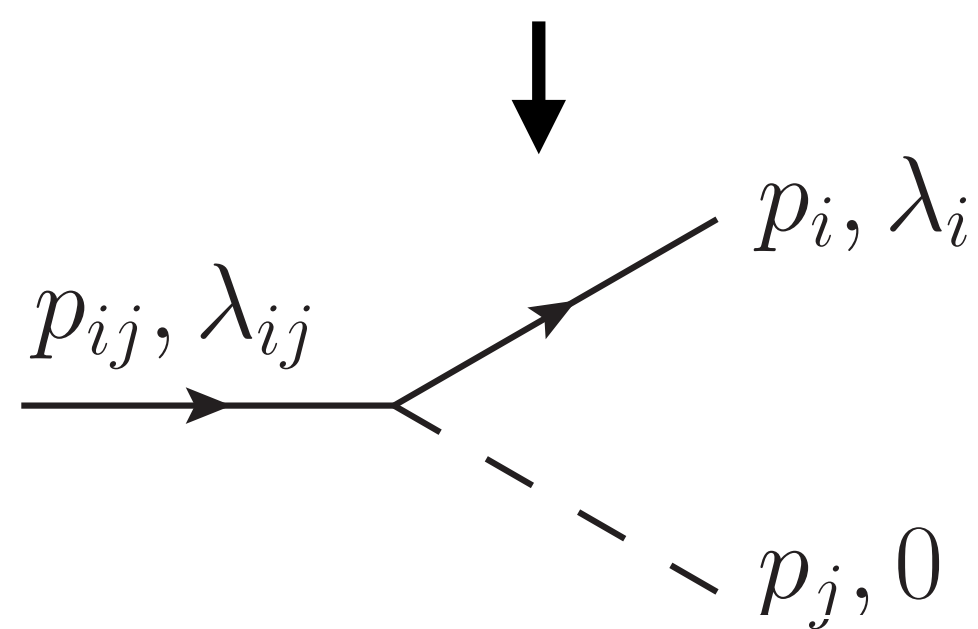
$$\frac{1}{m_j} \left((Q^2 + m_{ij}^2) \not{p}_i - m_i^2 \not{p}_{ij} \right)$$

Yukawa couplings
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 Off-shellness

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↓
Off-shellness

Collinear Limits

λ_I	λ_i	λ_j	$V \rightarrow f\bar{f}'$
λ	λ	$-\lambda$	$\sqrt{2}\lambda(v - \lambda a)\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}z$
λ	$-\lambda$	λ	$\sqrt{2}\lambda(v + \lambda a)\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}(1 - z)$
λ	λ	λ	$\sqrt{2}\lambda\left[m_i(v + \lambda a)\sqrt{\frac{1-z}{z}} + m_j(v - \lambda a)\sqrt{\frac{z}{1-z}}\right]$
λ	$-\lambda$	$-\lambda$	0
0	λ	λ	$\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\left[\frac{m_i}{m_{ij}}(v + \lambda a) + \frac{m_j}{m_{ij}}(v - \lambda a)\right]$
0	λ	$-\lambda$	$(v - \lambda a)\left[2m_{ij}\sqrt{z(1-z)} - \frac{m_i^2}{m_{ij}}\sqrt{\frac{1-z}{z}} - \frac{m_j^2}{m_{ij}}\sqrt{\frac{z}{1-z}}\right] + (v + \lambda a)\frac{m_i m_j}{m_{ij}}\frac{1}{\sqrt{z(1-z)}}$

λ_{ij}	λ_i	λ_j	$f \rightarrow f'V$ and $\bar{f} \rightarrow \bar{f}'V$
λ	λ	λ	$\sqrt{2}\lambda(v - \lambda a)\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-z}}$
λ	λ	$-\lambda$	$\sqrt{2}\lambda(v - \lambda a)\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\frac{z}{\sqrt{1-z}}$
λ	$-\lambda$	λ	$\sqrt{2}\lambda\left[m_{ij}(v - \lambda a)\sqrt{z} - m_i(v + \lambda a)\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right]$
λ	$-\lambda$	$-\lambda$	0
λ	λ	0	$(v - \lambda a)\left[\frac{m_{ij}^2}{m_j}\sqrt{z} - \frac{m_i^2}{m_j}\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} - 2m_j\frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z}\right] + (v + \lambda a)\frac{m_i m_{ij}}{m_j}\frac{1-z}{\sqrt{z}}$
λ	$-\lambda$	0	$\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\sqrt{1-z}\left[\frac{m_i}{m_j}(v - \lambda a) - \frac{m_{ij}}{m_j}(v + \lambda a)\right]$

λ_I	λ_i	$(f \rightarrow fh$ and $\bar{f} \rightarrow \bar{f}h) \times \frac{e}{2s_w} \frac{m_f}{m_w}$
λ	λ	$m_f\left[\sqrt{z} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right]$
λ	$-\lambda$	$\sqrt{1-z}\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}$

λ_I	λ_i	$V \rightarrow Vh \times g_h$
λ	λ	-1
λ	$-\lambda$	0
0	λ	$\frac{1}{m_{ij}}\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\sqrt{z(1-z)}$
λ	0	$\frac{1}{m_i}\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\sqrt{\frac{1-z}{z}}$
0	0	$\frac{1}{2}\frac{m_j^2}{m_i^2} + \frac{1-z}{z} + z$

λ_i	λ_i	$h \rightarrow VV \times g_V$
λ	λ	0
λ	$-\lambda$	-1
0	λ	$\frac{1}{m_i}\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\sqrt{\frac{1-z}{z}}$
λ	0	$\frac{1}{m_j}\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\sqrt{\frac{z}{1-z}}$
0	0	$\frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{ij}^2}{m_i^2} - 1 - \frac{1-z}{z} - \frac{z}{1-z}$

λ_i	λ_j	$h \rightarrow f\bar{f} \times \frac{e}{2s_w} \frac{m_f}{m_w}$
λ	λ	$\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}$
λ	$-\lambda$	$m_f\left[\sqrt{\frac{1-z}{z}} - \sqrt{\frac{z}{1-z}}\right]$

λ_I	λ_i	λ_j	$V \rightarrow V'V'' \times g_V$
λ	λ	λ	$\sqrt{2}\lambda\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{z(1-z)}}$
λ	λ	$-\lambda$	$\sqrt{2}\lambda\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}z\sqrt{\frac{z}{1-z}}$
λ	$-\lambda$	λ	$\sqrt{2}\lambda\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}(1-z)\sqrt{\frac{1-z}{z}}$
λ	$-\lambda$	$-\lambda$	0
0	λ	λ	0
0	λ	$-\lambda$	$m_{ij}(2z - 1) + \frac{m_j^2}{m_{ij}} - \frac{m_i^2}{m_{ij}}$
λ	0	λ	$m_i\left(1 + 2\frac{1-z}{z}\right) + \frac{m_j^2}{m_i} - \frac{m_{ij}^2}{m_i}$
λ	0	$-\lambda$	0
λ	λ	0	$m_j\left(1 + 2\frac{z}{1-z}\right) + \frac{m_i^2}{m_j} - \frac{m_{ij}^2}{m_j}$
λ	$-\lambda$	0	0
λ	0	0	$\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}\frac{m_i^2 + m_j^2 - m_{ij}^2}{m_i m_j}\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\sqrt{z(1-z)}$
0	λ	0	$\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}\frac{m_{ij}^2 + m_j^2 - m_i^2}{m_{ij} m_j}\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\sqrt{\frac{1-z}{z}}$
0	0	λ	$\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}\frac{m_{ij}^2 + m_i^2 - m_j^2}{m_{ij} m_i}\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2}\sqrt{\frac{z}{1-z}}$
0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{ij}^3}{m_i m_j}(2z - 1) - \frac{m_i^3}{m_{ij} m_j}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-z}{z}\right) + \frac{m_j^3}{m_{ij} m_i}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{z}{1-z}\right) + \frac{m_i m_j}{m_{ij}}\left(\frac{1-z}{z} - \frac{z}{1-z}\right) + \frac{m_{ij} m_i}{m_j}(1-z)\left(2 + \frac{1-z}{z}\right) - \frac{m_{ij} m_j}{m_i}z\left(2 + \frac{z}{1-z}\right)$

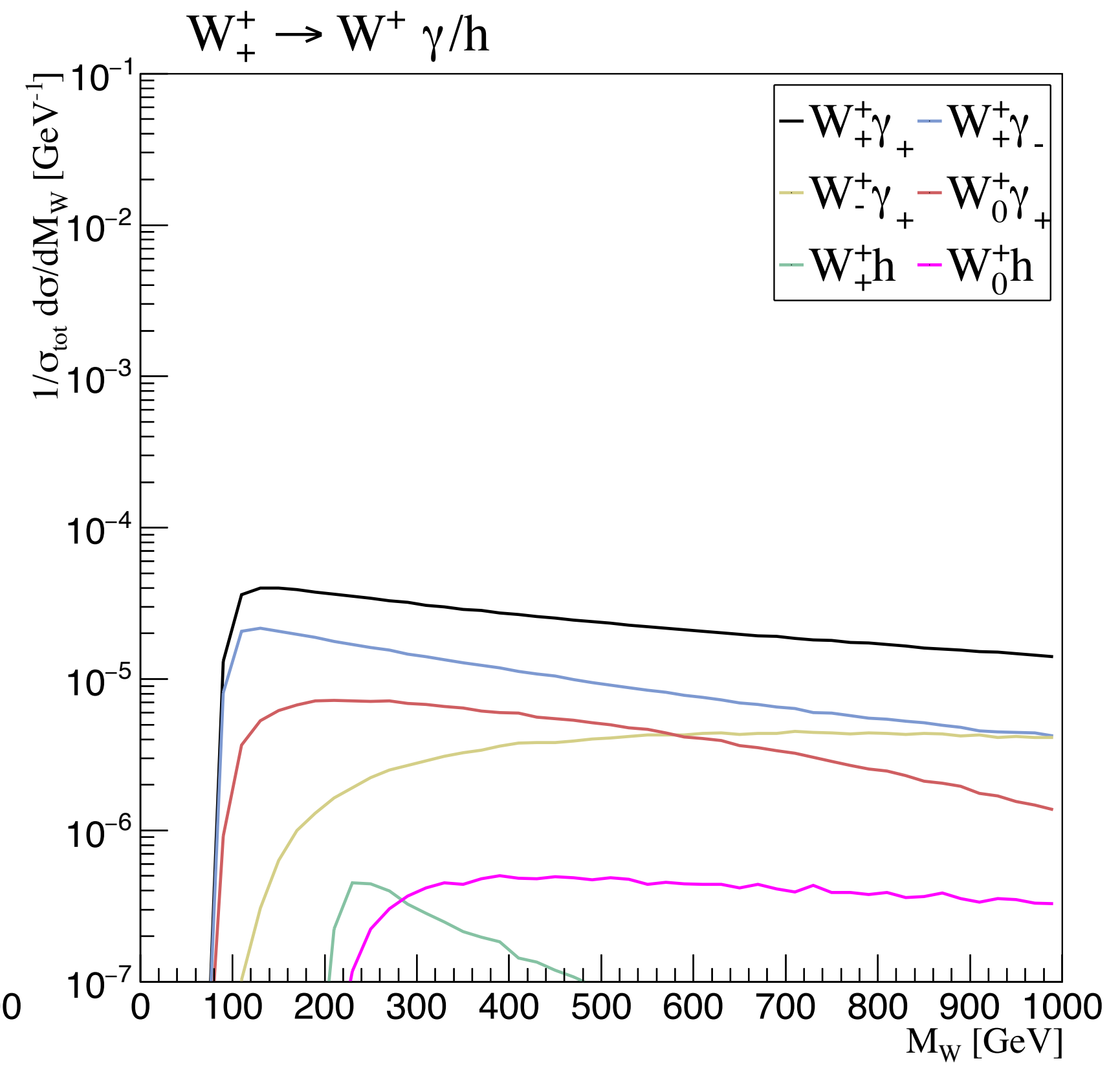
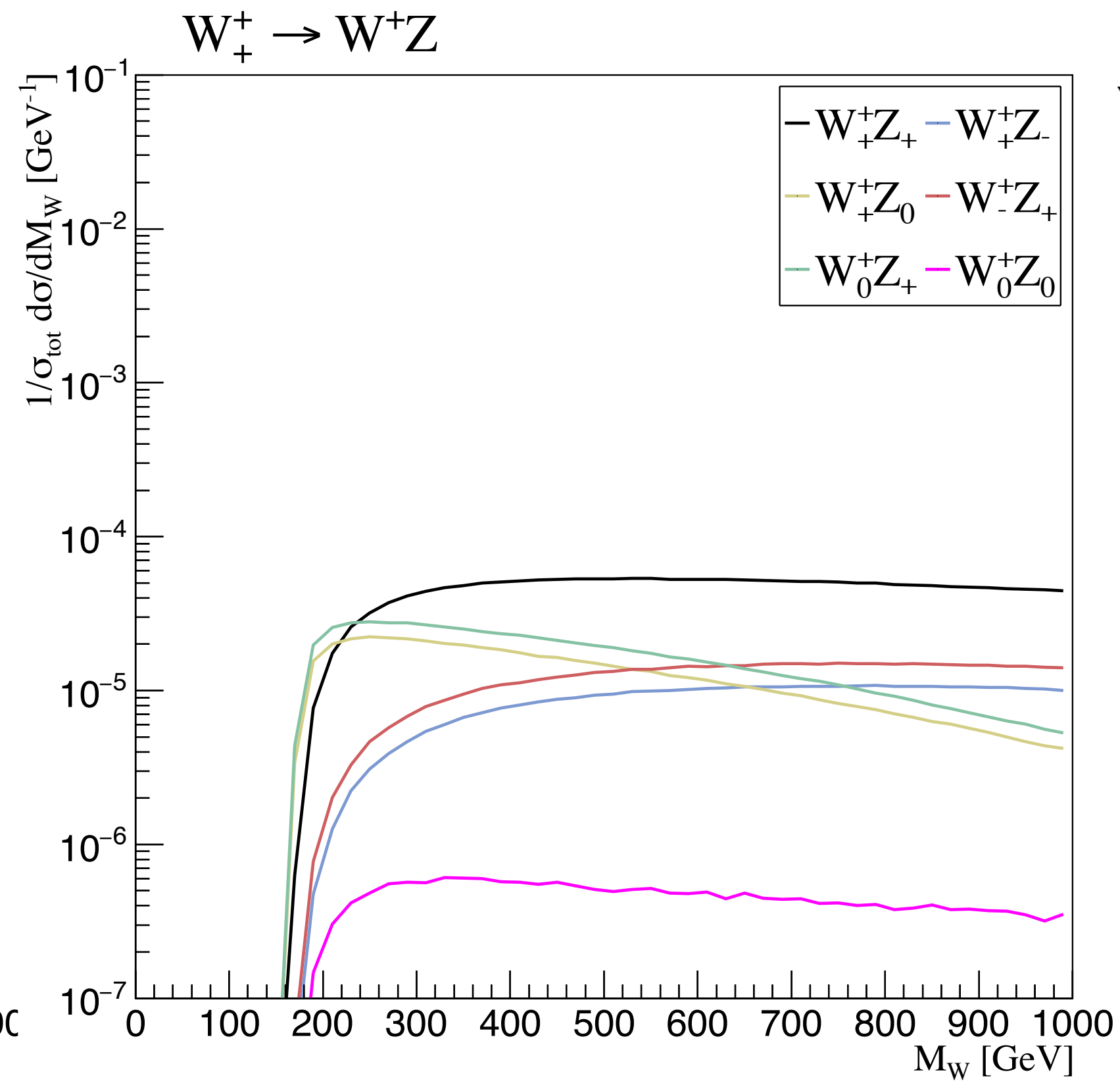
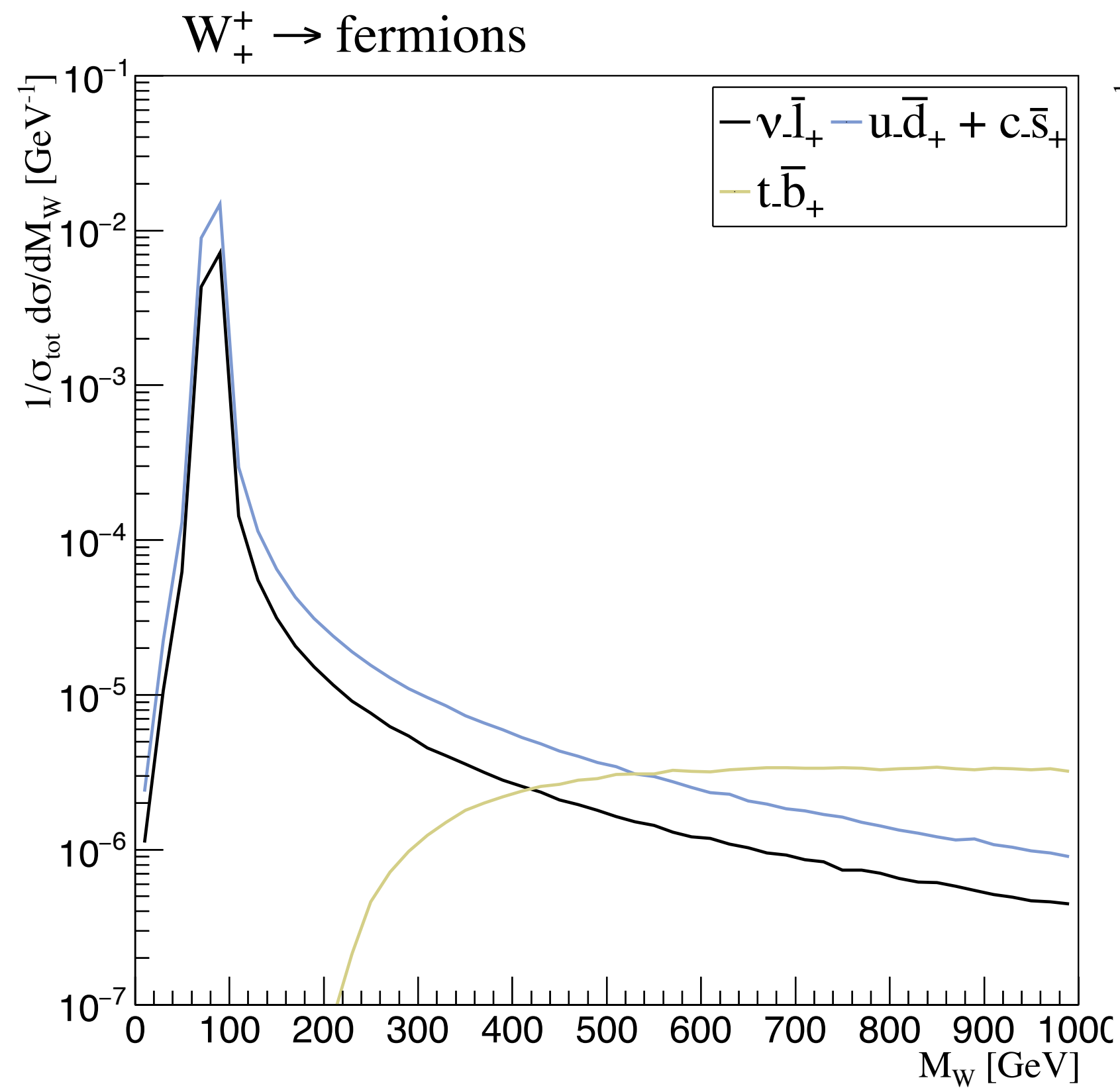
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λ	λ	λ	$\sqrt{2}\lambda(v - \lambda a)\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-z}}$	$P(z) \propto \frac{\tilde{Q}^2}{Q^4} \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$
λ	λ	$-\lambda$	$\sqrt{2}\lambda(v - \lambda a)\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2} \frac{z}{\sqrt{1-z}}$	
λ	$-\lambda$	λ	$\sqrt{2}\lambda \left[m_{ij}(v - \lambda a)\sqrt{z} - m_i(v + \lambda a)\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right]$	$P(z) \propto \frac{m^2}{Q^4}$
λ	$-\lambda$	$-\lambda$	0	
λ	λ	0	$(v - \lambda a) \left[\frac{m_{ij}^2}{m_j} \sqrt{z} - \frac{m_i^2}{m_j} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} - 2m_j \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z} \right]$ $+ (v + \lambda a) \frac{m_i m_{ij}}{m_j} \frac{1-z}{\sqrt{z}}$	
λ	$-\lambda$	0	$\sqrt{\tilde{Q}^2} \sqrt{1-z} \left[\frac{m_i}{m_j} (v - \lambda a) - \frac{m_{ij}}{m_j} (v + \lambda a) \right]$	$P(z) \propto \frac{\tilde{Q}^2}{Q^4} (1-z)$

$$\tilde{Q}^2 = Q^2 + m_{ij}^2 - \frac{m_i^2}{z} - \frac{m_j^2}{1-z}$$

The Electroweak Shower

- As similar as possible to the QCD shower
- $\mathcal{O}(1000)$ branchings (all FSR + ffV ISR)
- Ordering scale $p_{\perp}^2 = \frac{(s_{ij} + m_i^2 + m_j^2 - m_I^2)(s_{jk} + m_j^2)}{s_{IK}}$



Novel features in the Electroweak Sector

Resonance Matching

Branchings like $t \rightarrow bW$, $Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ etc.

- Large scales:
EW shower offers best description
- Small scales:
Breit-Wigner distribution

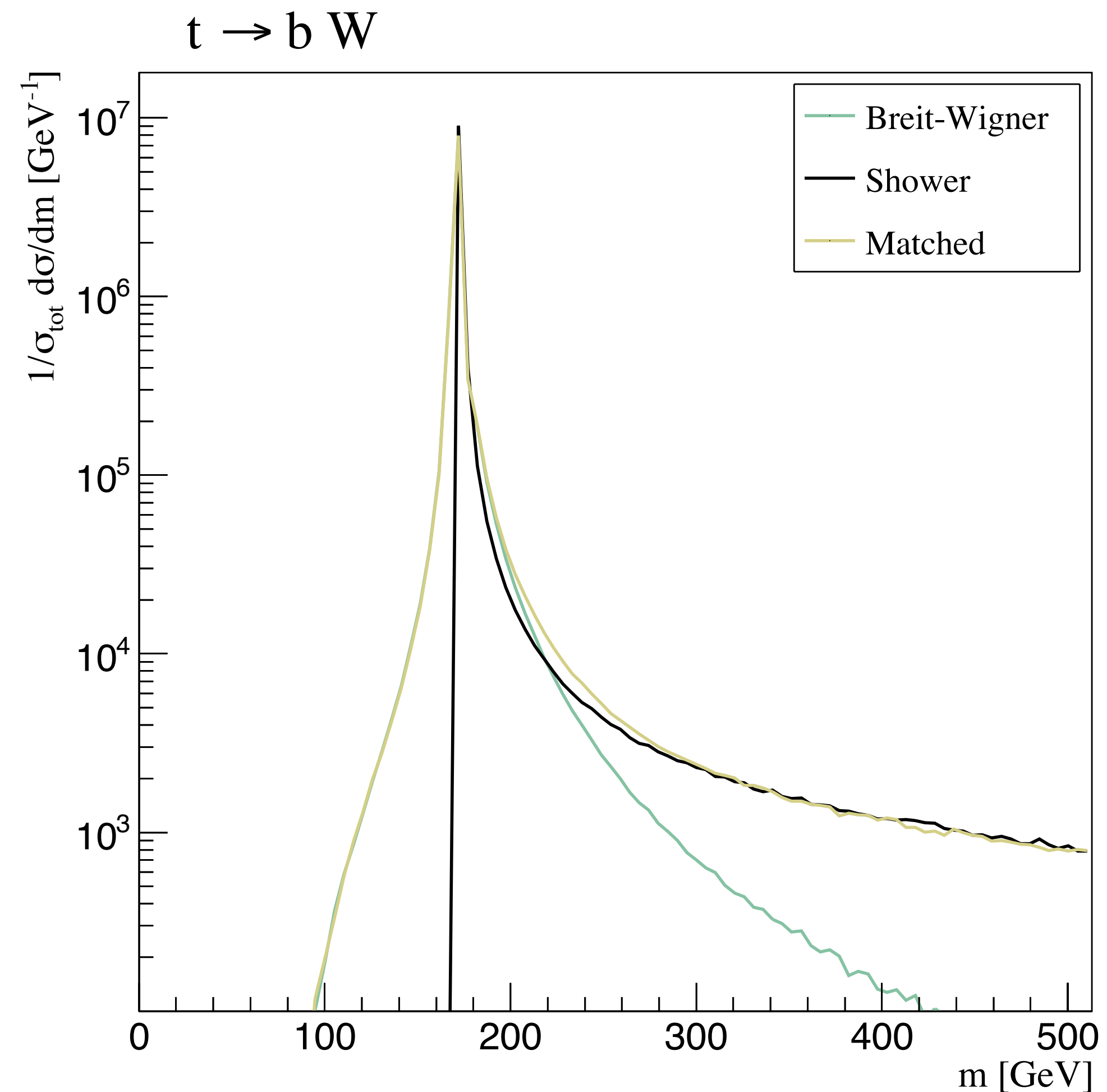
$$\text{BW}(Q^2) \propto \frac{m_0 \Gamma(m)}{Q^4 + m_0^2 \Gamma(m)^2}$$

Matching:

- Sample mass from Breit-Wigner upon production
- Suppress shower by factor

$$\frac{Q^4}{(Q^2 + Q_{\text{EW}}^2)^2}$$

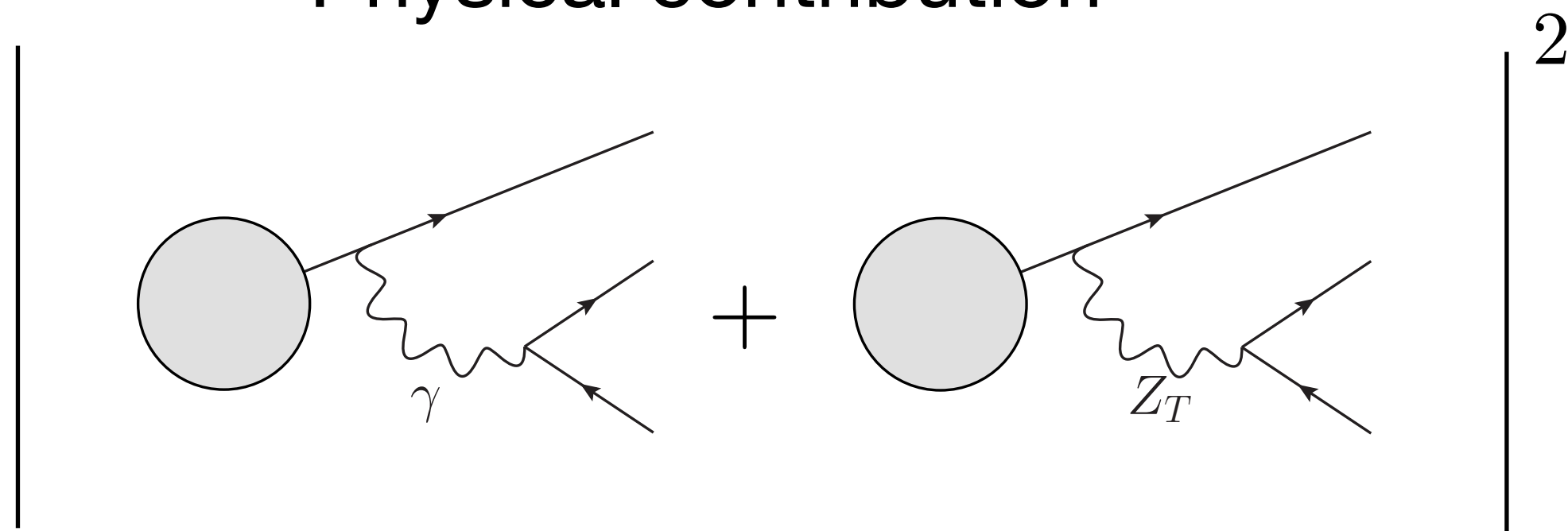
- Decay when shower hits off-shellness scale



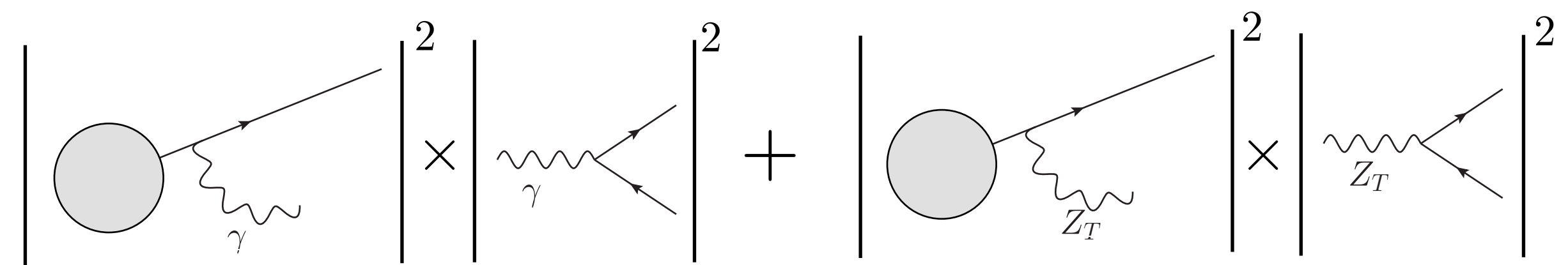
Neutral Boson Interference

Interference between γ, Z_T and h, Z_L

Physical contribution



Shower approximation

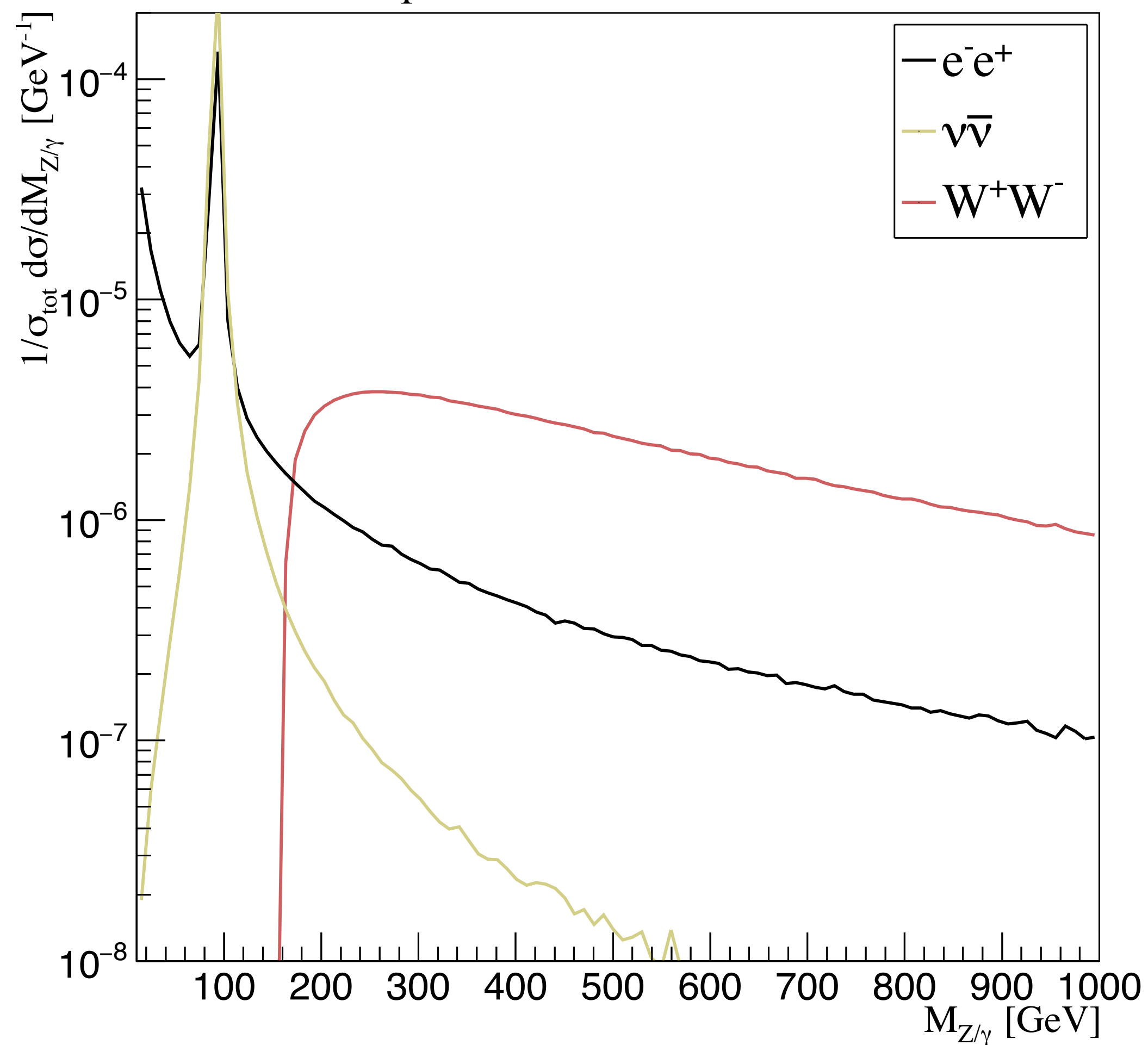


- Complicated solution: Evolve density matrices
 → Very computationally expensive
- Simple solution: Apply event weight
 → Does not get Sudakov right

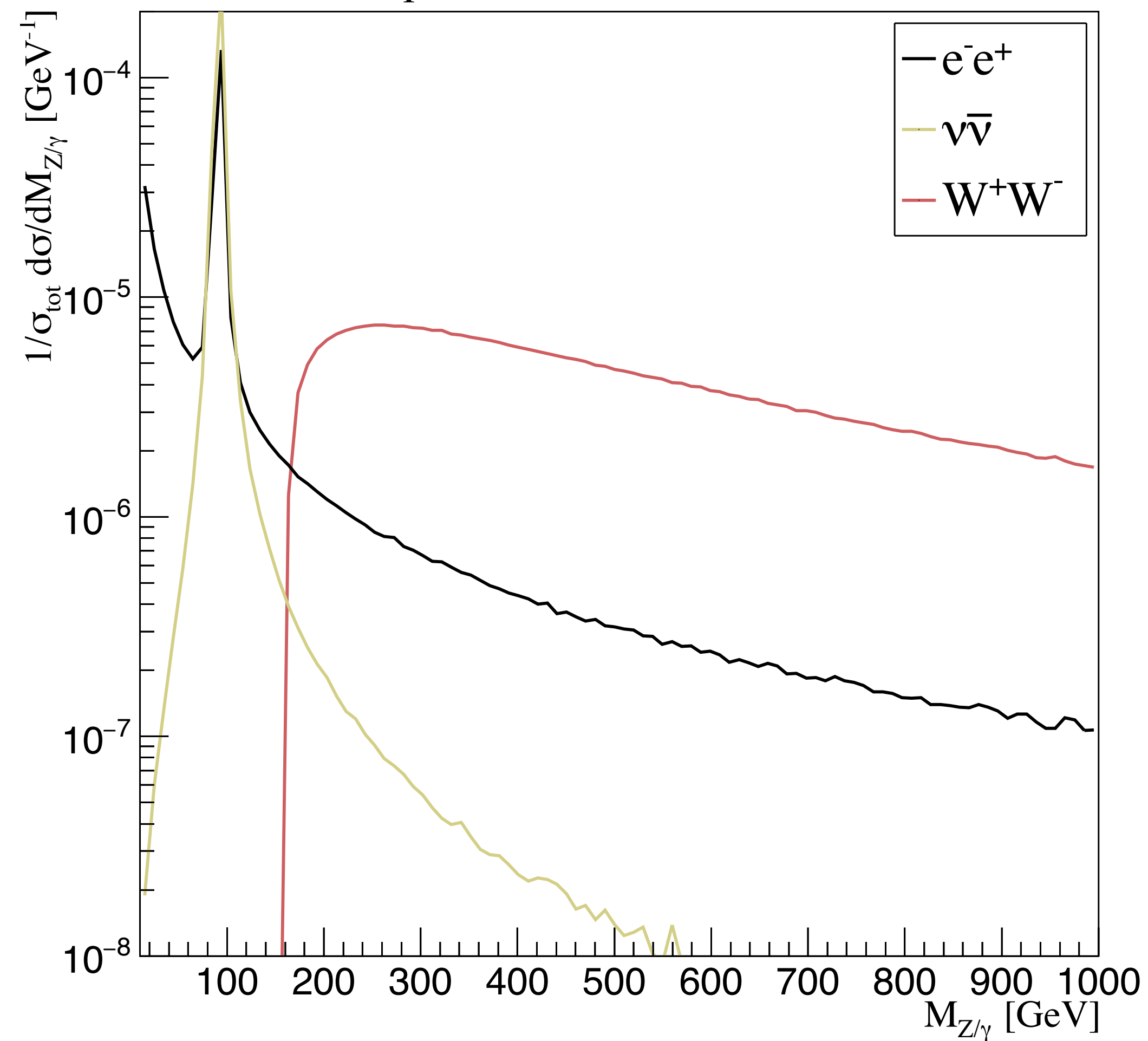
$$w = \frac{\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{grey circle} \\ \gamma \end{array} \right| \times \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{split} \\ \gamma \end{array} \right| + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{grey circle} \\ Z_T \end{array} \right| \times \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{split} \\ Z_T \end{array} \right|}{\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{grey circle} \\ \gamma \end{array} \right|^2 \times \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{split} \\ \gamma \end{array} \right|^2 + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{grey circle} \\ Z_T \end{array} \right|^2 \times \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{split} \\ Z_T \end{array} \right|^2}$$

Bosonic Interference

$e^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma / Z_T \rightarrow e^- X$ (No interference)

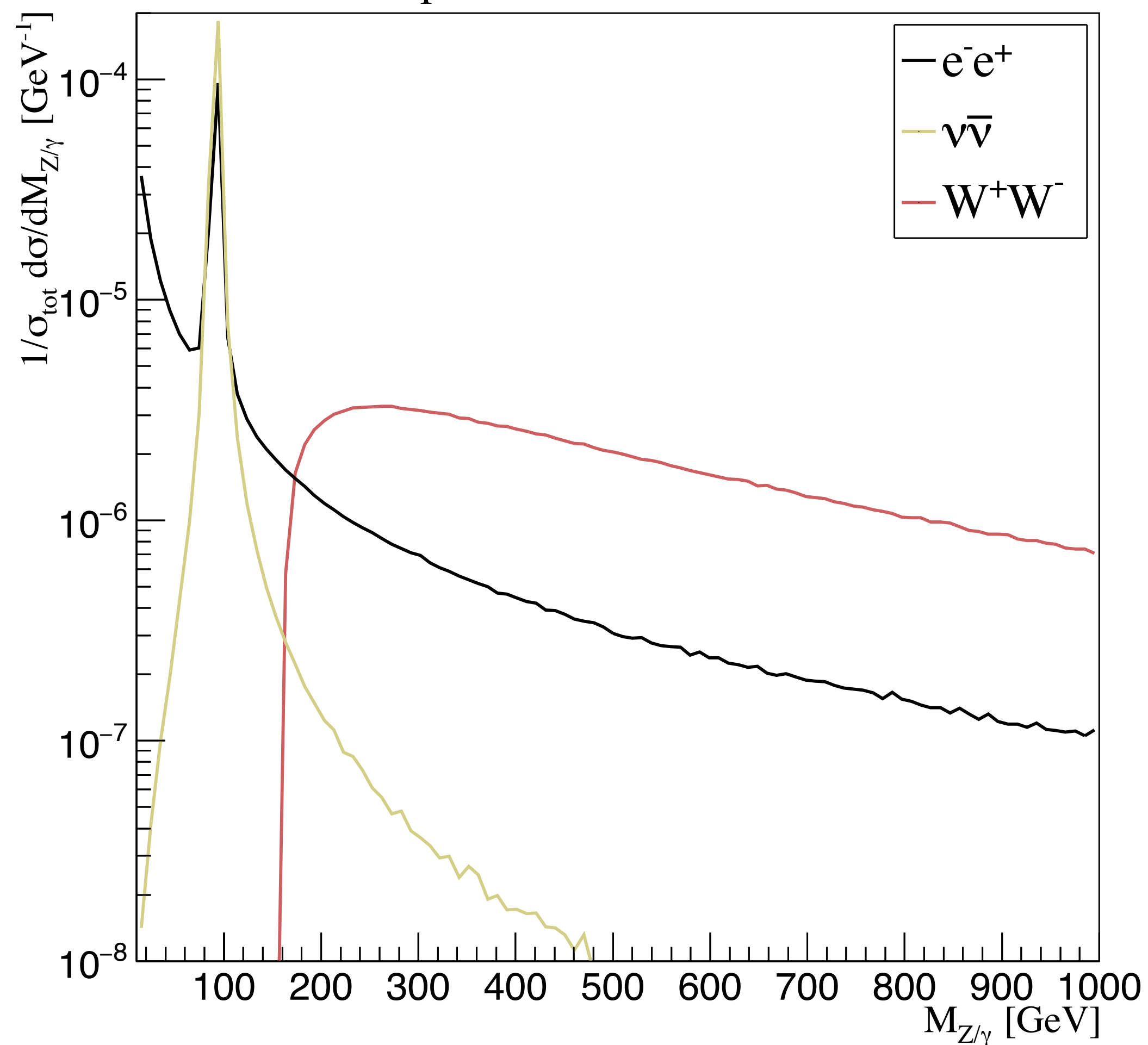


$e^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma / Z_T \rightarrow e^- X$ (Interference)

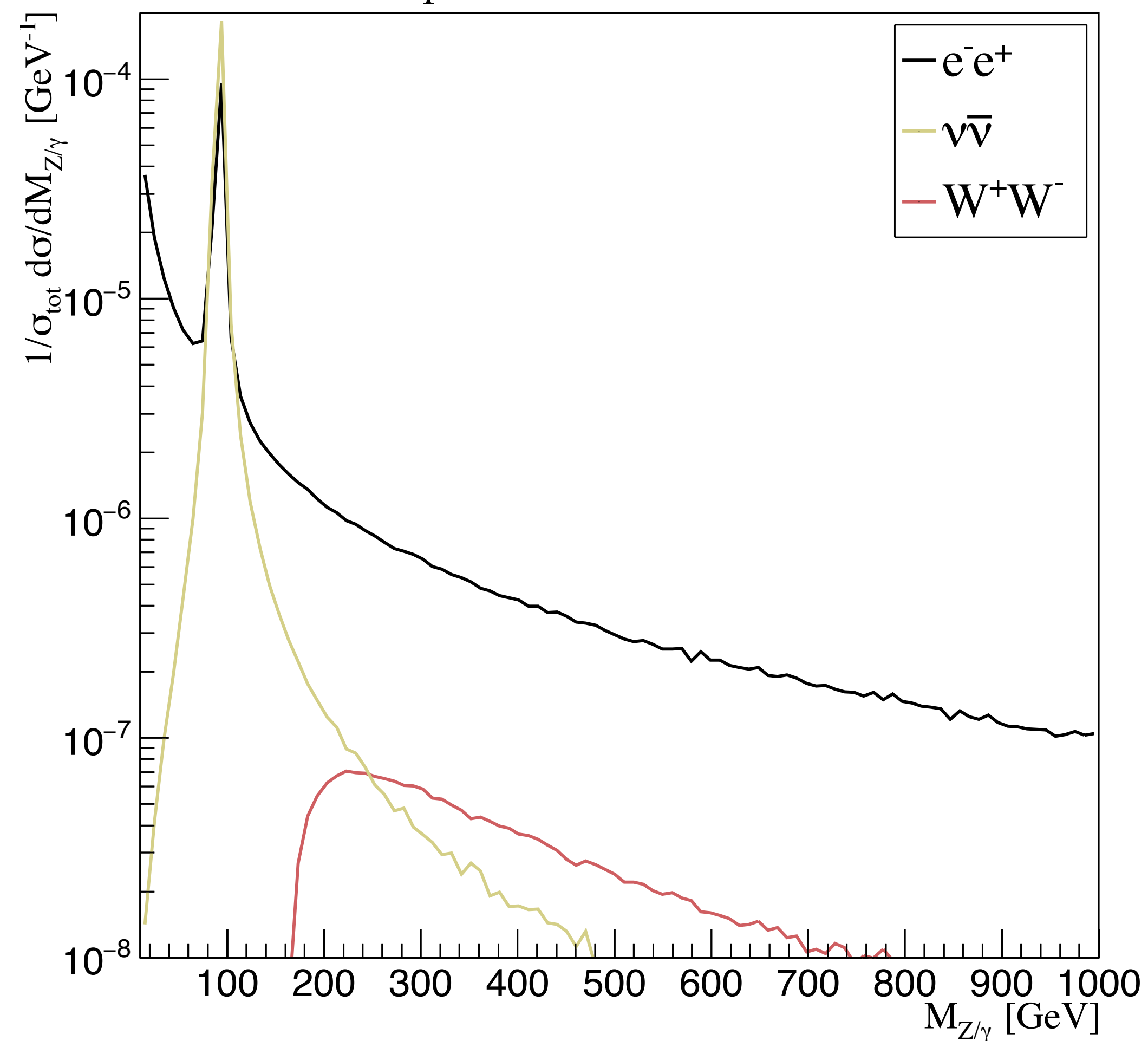


Bosonic Interference

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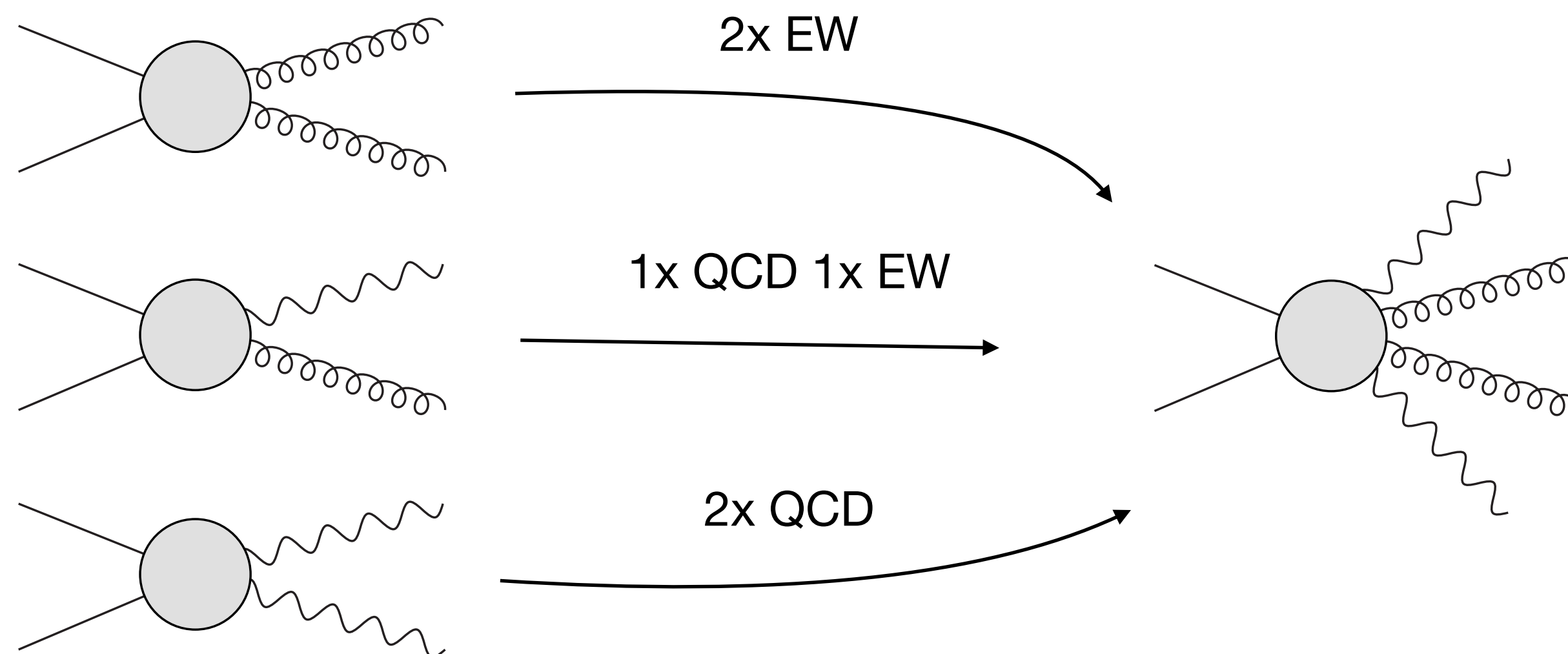


$e_+ \rightarrow e_+ \gamma / Z_T \rightarrow e_+ X$ (Interference)

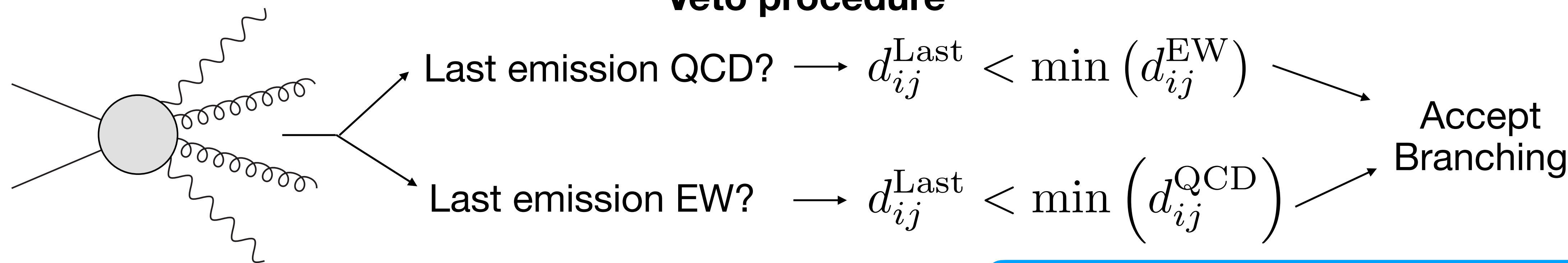


Overlap Veto

Double counting problem

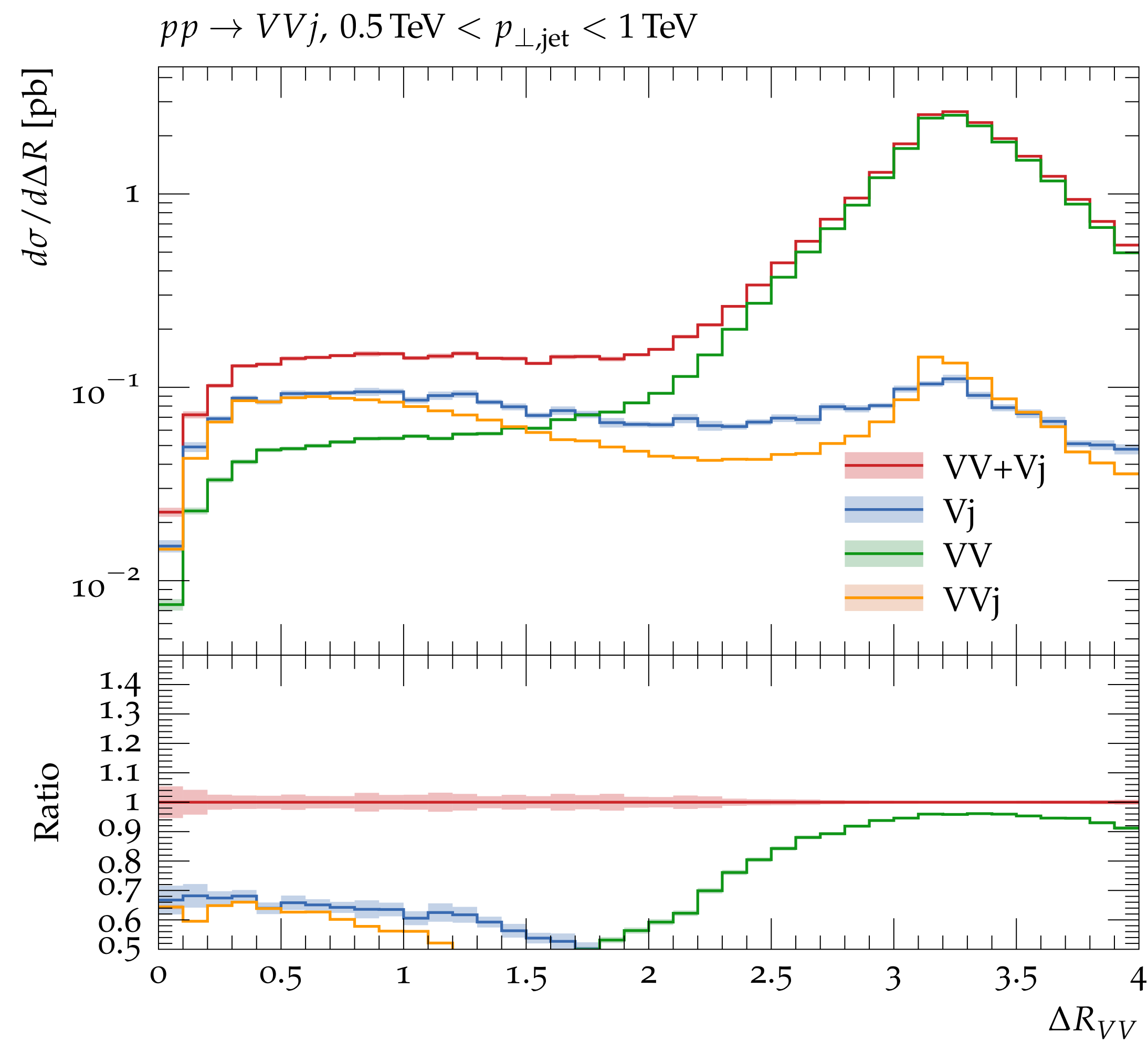
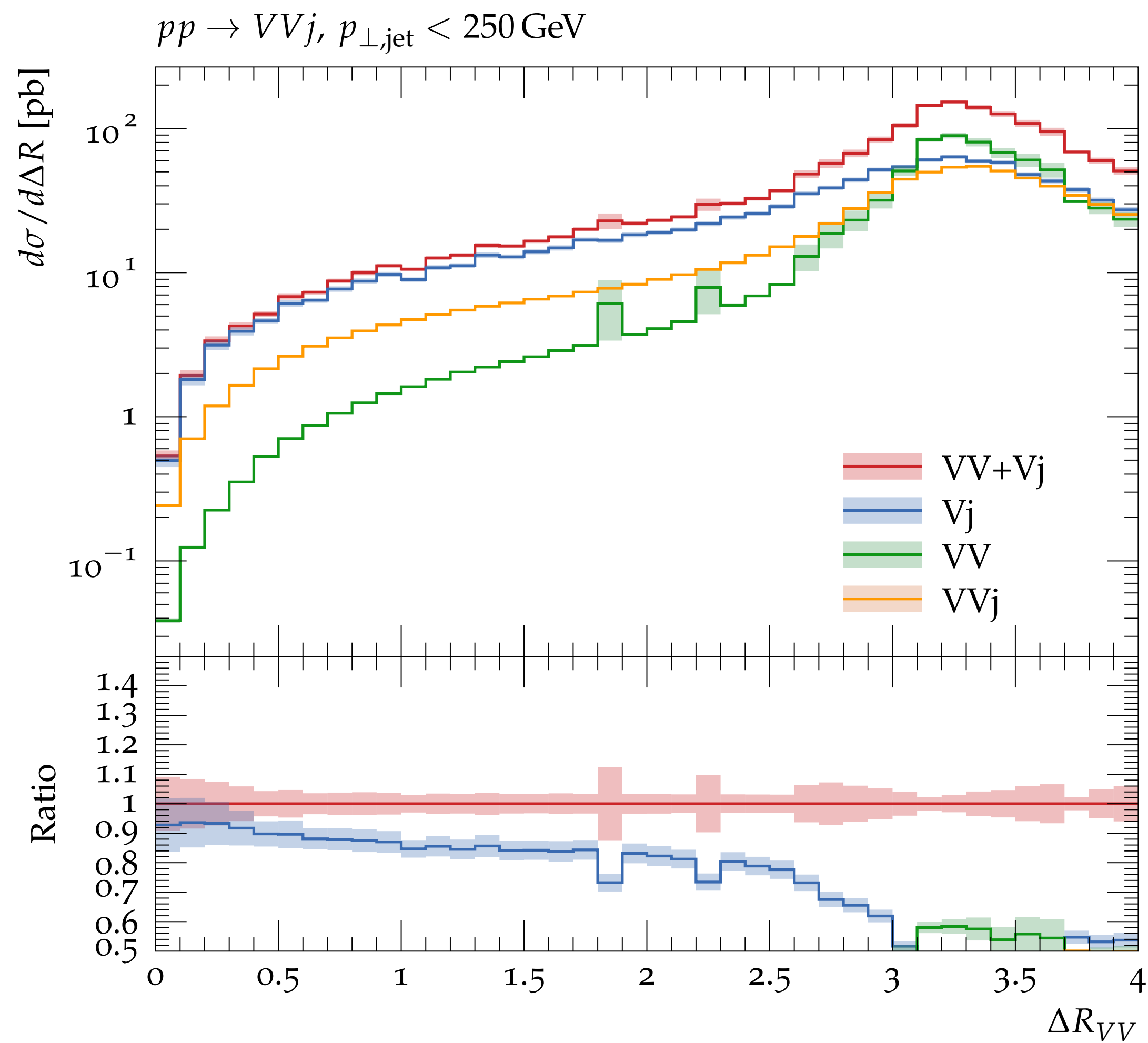


Veto procedure

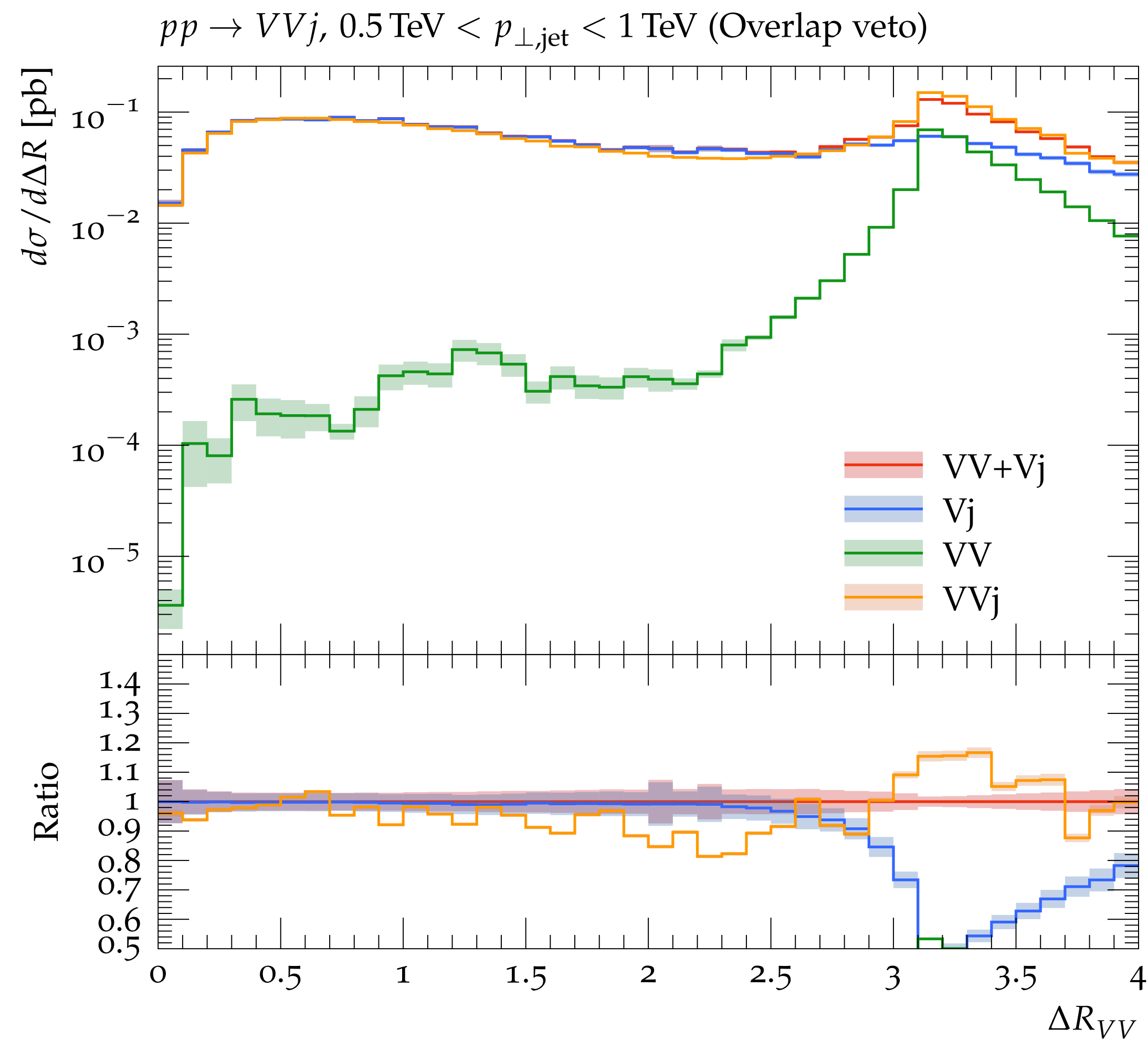
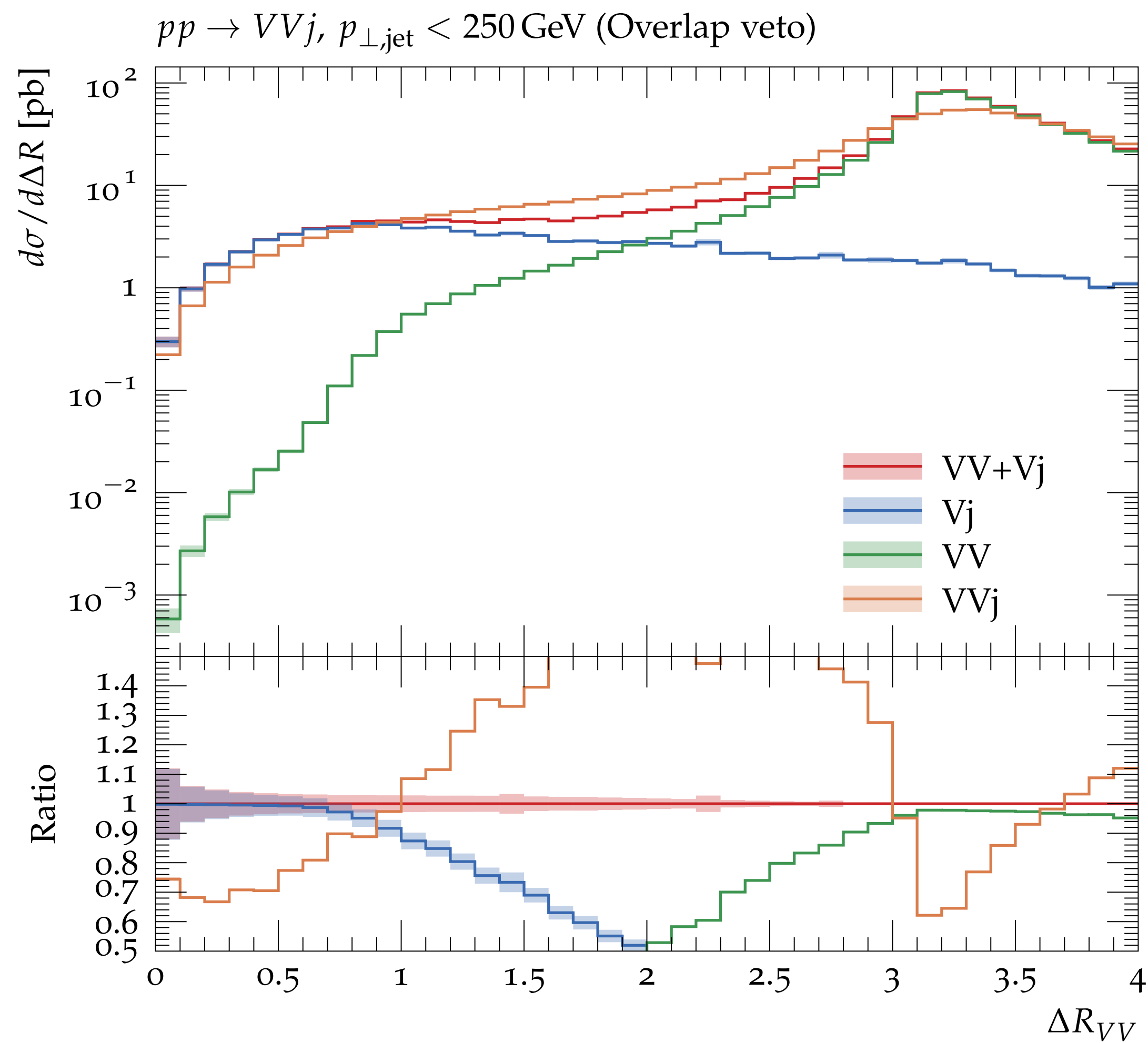


$$d_{ij} = \min(k_{T,i}^2, k_{T,j}^2) \frac{\Delta_{ij}}{R} + m_i^2 + m_j^2 - m^2$$

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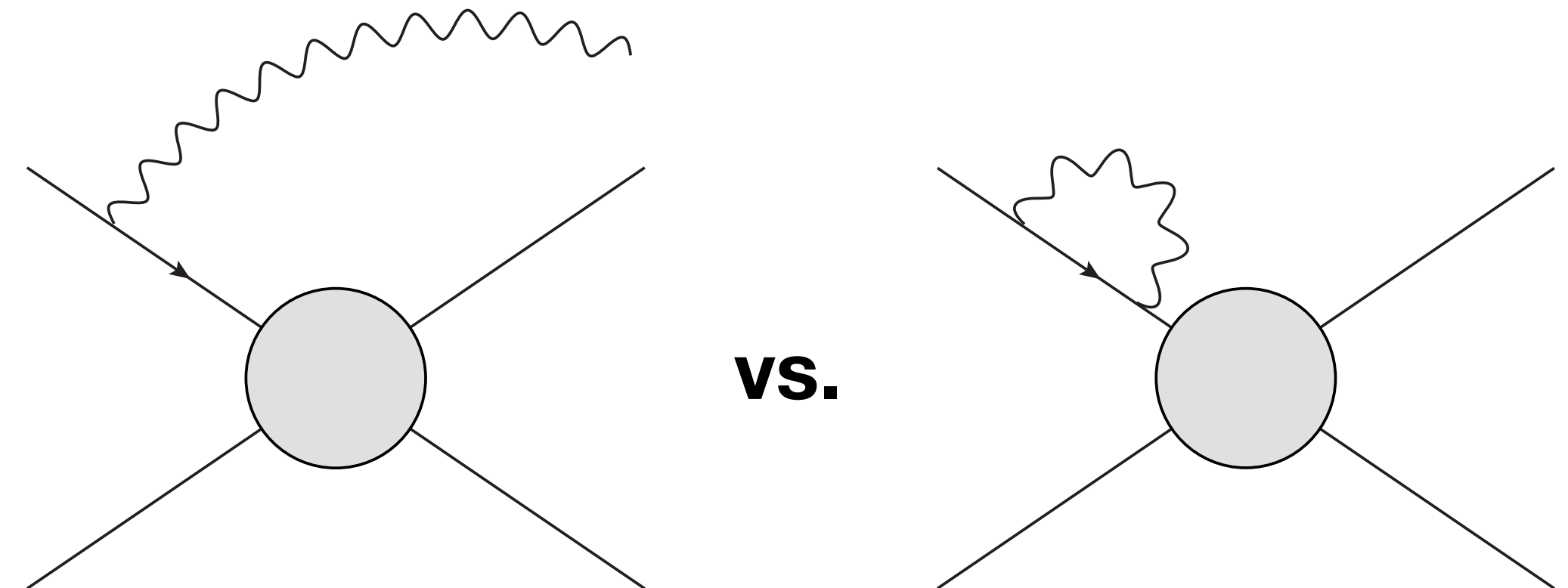


Bloch-Nordsieck Violations

BN / KLN Theorems: Real and virtual singularities cancel

Requirement: Summing over gauge indices

W radiation in the initial state:
PDFs are not isospin symmetric
→ Incomplete cancellation



Effects not large at LHC, but will be significant at higher energies

No straightforward solution in shower language

Conclusions

- Universal EW radiative corrections relevant at (HL)-LHC and future colliders
- EW sector offers rich physics, with lots of different collinear branchings
- Many features unique to the EW sector
 - Matching to resonance decays ✓
 - Neutral boson interference ✓
 - Overlap between hard scatterings ✓
 - Bloch-Nordsieck violations ✗
- EW shower will be publicly available as part of the Vincia shower
Will be included in Pythia 8.3 out of the box

Backup

Spinor-Helicity formalism

Fermion

$$u_{\pm}(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2p \cdot k}} (\not{p} + m) u_{\mp}(k)$$

$$v_{\pm}(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2p \cdot k}} (\not{p} - m) u_{\mp}(k)$$

$k \rightarrow$ helicity for massive fermions

Spin points in direction of motion

Gauge boson

$$\epsilon_{\pm}^{\mu}(p) = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{2p \cdot k} \bar{u}_{\mp}(k) \not{p} \gamma^{\mu} u_{\pm}(k)$$

$$\epsilon_0^{\mu}(p) = \frac{1}{m} \left(p^{\mu} - \frac{m^2}{p \cdot k} k^{\mu} \right)$$

$k \rightarrow$ gauge choice

Purely transverse & longitudinal

$$k = (1, -\vec{e}_p)$$

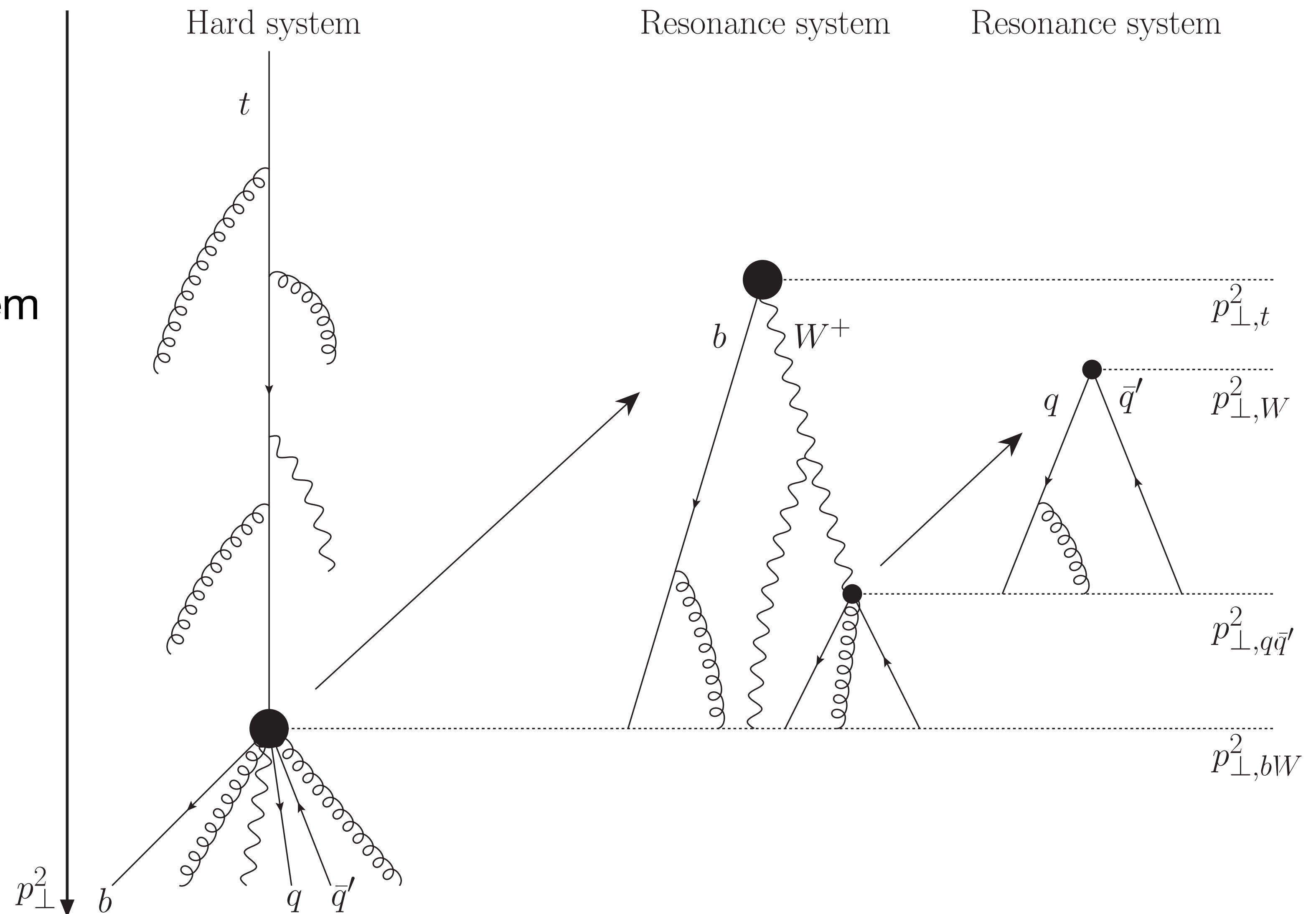
Resonance Matching

Pythia

- Narrow width approximation
- Decay showers after hard system

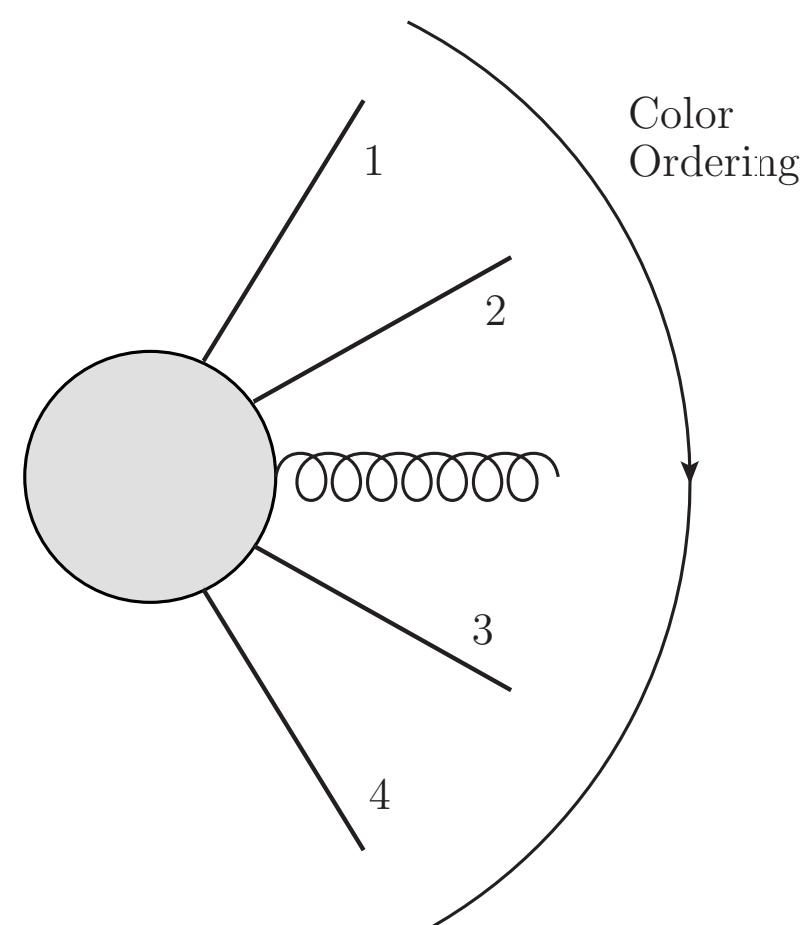
Vincia

- Decays part of hard system
- Natural treatment of finite width effects



Recoiler Selection

In QCD recoiler determined by colour structure



Gluon splitting: recoiler ambiguous

In EW no such guidance exists

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \text{Vertex} \right|^2 &= \frac{\left| \text{Diagram 1} \right|^2}{\left| \text{Diagram 1} \right|^2 + \left| \text{Diagram 2} \right|^2} \left| \text{Recoiler} \right|^2 \\
 &+ \frac{\left| \text{Diagram 3} \right|^2}{\left| \text{Diagram 3} \right|^2 + \left| \text{Diagram 4} \right|^2} \left| \text{Recoiler} \right|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Probabilistic choice to avoid back reaction effects