

Electroweak Gauge Boson Production

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Electroweak interactions in the Standard Model (SM)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} &= -\frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu,a} + \sum_{j=1}^f \bar{q}^j(x) i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + ig_s G_\mu^a(x) \frac{\lambda^a}{2}) q^j(x) \\
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{EW}} &= \sum_f (\bar{\Psi}_f (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m_f) \Psi_f - e Q_f \bar{\Psi}_f \gamma^\mu \Psi_f A_\mu) + \\
 &+ \frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_i (\bar{a}_L^i \gamma^\mu b_L^i W_\mu^+ + \bar{b}_L^i \gamma^\mu a_L^i W_\mu^-) + \frac{g}{2c_w} \sum_f \bar{\Psi}_f \gamma^\mu (I_f^3 - 2s_w^2 Q_f - I_f^3 \gamma_5) \Psi_f Z_\mu + \\
 &- \frac{1}{4} |\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - ie(W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ - W_\mu^+ W_\nu^-)|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |\partial_\mu W_\nu^+ - \partial_\nu W_\mu^+ \\
 &\quad - ie(W_\mu^+ A_\nu - W_\nu^+ A_\mu) + igc_w (W_\mu^+ Z_\nu - W_\nu^+ Z_\mu)|^2 + \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{4} |\partial_\mu Z_\nu - \partial_\nu Z_\mu + igc_w (W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ - W_\mu^+ W_\nu^-)|^2 + \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} M_H^2 H^2 - \frac{gM_H^2}{8M_W} H^3 - \frac{g^2 M_H^2}{32M_W^2} H^4 + |M_W W_\mu^+ + \frac{g}{2} H W_\mu^+|^2 + \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} |\partial_\mu H + iM_Z Z_\mu + \frac{ig}{2c_w} H Z_\mu|^2 - \sum_f \frac{g}{2} \frac{m_f}{M_W} \bar{\Psi}_f \Psi_f H
 \end{aligned}$$

Glashow (1961); Higgs (1964,1966); Brout and Englert (1964); Guralnik, Hagen and Kibble (1964); Kibble (1967), Weinberg (1967); Salam (1968); 't Hooft, Veltman (1971)

$g = e/s_w$, $s_w \equiv \sin \theta_w$, $c_w \equiv \cos \theta_w = M_W/M_Z$, $e = \sqrt{4\pi\alpha}$; $\Psi_{L,f} = \frac{1-\gamma_5}{2} \Psi_f = (a_{L,f}, b_{L,f}) = (\nu_{e,L}, e_L^-), \dots : SU(2)_L$ doublet for left-handed fermions

Organization of perturbative predictions for $2 \rightarrow n$ particle processes

Lagrangian + mathematical framework of perturbative QFT + a renormalization procedure \rightarrow predictions for (parton-level) cross sections in terms of (measured) SM input parameters:

- Fixed order (LO, NLO, ...) ($g_s^2 = 4\pi\alpha_s$, $e^2 = 4\pi\alpha$):

$$d\sigma_{LO,NLO,\dots} \propto \alpha^i \alpha_s^j |\mathcal{A}^0(e^i g_s^j)|^2 +$$

one order higher in EW (NLO EW):

$$\alpha^{i+1} \alpha_s^j [|\mathcal{A}^1(e^{i+1} g_s^j)|^2 + 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{A}^2(e^{i+2} g_s^j) \mathcal{A}^{0*}) + \mathcal{A}^1(e^{i+2} g_s^{j-1} \mathcal{A}^{1*}(e^i g_s^{j+1}))] +$$

one order higher in QCD (NLO QCD):

$$\alpha^i \alpha_s^{j+1} [|\mathcal{A}^1(e^i g_s^{j+1})|^2 + 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{A}^2(e^i g_s^{j+2}) \mathcal{A}^{0*}) + \mathcal{A}^1(e^{i+1} g_s^j) \mathcal{A}^{1*}(e^{i-1} g_s^{j+2})] + \dots$$

- Resummation (LL, NLL, ...): all-order summation of classes of potentially large terms in the perturbation series, e.g., *See lectures by George Sterman.*

$$d\sigma \propto 1 + \alpha(L^2 + L + 1) + \alpha^2(L^4 + L^3 + L^2 + L + 1) + \dots \quad L = \ln(A)$$

reads after resummation

$$d\sigma_{res} \propto C(\alpha) \exp[Lg_1(\alpha L) + g_2(\alpha L) + \alpha g_3(\alpha L) + \dots] + R(\alpha)$$

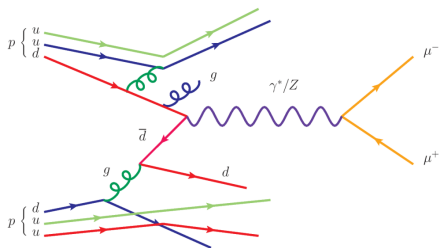
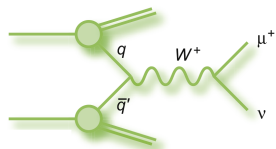
g_1 : leading logarithmic (LL) approximation

g_2 : next-to-leading logarithmic (NLL) approximation

Note that an increase in the logarithmic accuracy must go along with the inclusion, without double counting, of more terms in the $C(\alpha)$ series, a procedure known as matching.

Precise predictions for differential distributions over a wide kinematic range often require the combination of fixed-order and resummed predictions.

Precision physics with W and Z bosons in Drell-Yan-like processes



W and Z production processes are one of the theoretically best understood, most precise experimental probes of the Standard Model: See lectures by Mayda Velasco.

- Detector calibration (M_Z); tuning of multi-purpose Monte Carlo event generators.
- Search for BSM particles appearing as heavy resonances in W and Z distributions at high energies.
- Sensitive probe of proton structure, e.g., asymmetries in W^+ , W^- rapidity distribution probe the $d(x, Q^2)/u(x, Q^2)$ PDF ratio.
- Precision measurement of W boson mass (M_W) and the effective leptonic weak mixing angle ($\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^l$): increased sensitivity to indirect signals of Beyond-the-SM (BSM) physics in EW precision observables (EWPO).

- Pseudo-observables are extracted from “real” observables (cross sections, asymmetries) by de-convoluting them of QED and QCD radiation and by neglecting terms ($\mathcal{O}(\alpha\Gamma_Z/M_Z)$) that would spoil factorization (γ, Z interference, t -dependent radiative corrections).
- The $Zf\bar{f}$ vertex is parametrized as $\gamma_\mu(G_V^f + G_A^f\gamma_5)$ with formfactors $G_{V,A}^f$, so that the partial Z width reads:

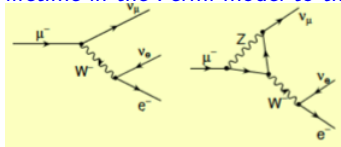
$$\Gamma_f = 4N_c^f\Gamma_0(|G_V^f|^2R_V^f + |G_A^f|^2R_A^f) + \Delta_{EW/QCD}$$

$R_{V,A}^f$ describe QED, QCD radiation and Δ non-factorizable radiative corrections. Pseudo-observables are then defined as ($g_{V,A}^f = \text{Re}G_{V,A}^f$) D.Bardin et al., hep-ph/9902452

- $\sigma_h^0 = 12\pi \frac{\Gamma_e\Gamma_h}{M_Z^2\Gamma_Z^2}$, $R_{q,l} = \Gamma_{q,h}/\Gamma_{h,l}$
- $A_{FB}^f = \frac{\sigma_F - \sigma_B}{\sigma_F + \sigma_B} \rightarrow A_{FB}^{f,0} = \frac{3}{4}A_eA_f$, $A_f = 2\frac{g_V^fg_A^f}{(g_V^f)^2 + (g_A^f)^2}$
- $A_{LR}(SLD) = \frac{N_L - N_R}{N_L + N_R} \frac{1}{\langle P_e \rangle} \rightarrow A_{LR}^0(SLD) = A_e$
- $\sin^2\theta_{eff}^l$ is extracted from A_{FB} and A_{LR} : $4|Q_f|\sin^2\theta_{eff}^f = 1 - \frac{g_V^f}{g_A^f}$ with $g_{V,A}^f$ being effective couplings including radiative corrections.
 Note: At leading order, $\sin^2\theta_{eff}^f \equiv \sin^2\theta_w = 1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2}$.

Prediction for M_W

The W boson mass can be calculated from an implicit equation relating the muon lifetime in the Fermi model to the one calculated in the SM:



$$\frac{G_\mu}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\pi\alpha(0)M_Z^2}{2(M_Z^2 - M_W^2)M_W^2} [1 + \Delta r(\alpha, M_W, M_Z, m_t, M_H, \dots)]$$

Δr describes the loop corrections to muon decay ($c_W = M_W/M_Z$):

$$\Delta r = \Delta\alpha - \frac{c_W^2}{s_W^2} \Delta\rho(0) + 2\Delta_1 + \frac{s_W^2 - c_W^2}{s_W^2} \Delta_2 + \text{boxes, vertices, higher orders}$$

$\Delta\rho(0)$ at 1-loop is given in terms of 1-PI EW gauge boson self energies, $\Pi_{V_1 V_2}^T$:

$$\Delta\rho(0) = \frac{\Pi_{WW}^T(0)}{M_W^2} - \frac{\Pi_{ZZ}^T(0)}{M_Z^2} - 2\frac{s_W}{c_W} \frac{\Pi_{Z\gamma}^T(0)}{M_Z^2}$$

$\Delta\alpha$ describes contributions to the running of α : $\Delta\alpha = \Delta\alpha_{lep} + \Delta\alpha_{top} + \Delta\alpha_{had}^{(5)} + \dots$

For a review of the role of radiative corrections in EW precision physics see, e. g., [A.Ferroglia, A.Sirlin \(2013\)](#).

- To match or better exceed the experimental accuracy, some EWPOs had to be calculated even up to leading 4-loop corrections!
- Some of the most important EWPOs and their present-day and future estimated theory errors: [see discussion by A.Freitas in EW WG Snowmass report, arXiv:1310.6708](#)

Quantity	Current theory error	Leading missing terms	Est. future theory error
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^l$	4.5×10^{-5}	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 \alpha_s), \mathcal{O}(N_f^{\geq 2} \alpha^3)$	$1 \dots 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$
R_b	$\sim 2 \times 10^{-4}$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2), \mathcal{O}(N_f^{\geq 2} \alpha^3)$	$\sim 1 \times 10^{-4}$
Γ_Z	few MeV	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2), \mathcal{O}(N_f^{\geq 2} \alpha^3)$	< 1 MeV
M_W	4 MeV	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 \alpha_s), \mathcal{O}(N_f^{\geq 2} \alpha^3)$	$< \sim 1$ MeV

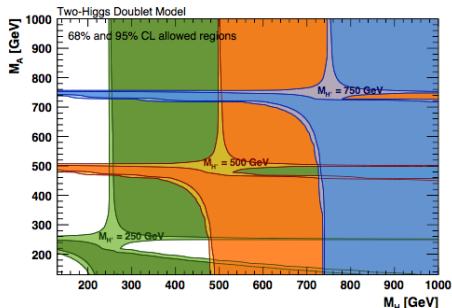
Since then fermionic 2-loop corrections have been completed [A.Freitas, 1401.2477 \[hep-ph\]](#)

New: Bosonic 2-loop correction have recently been calculated, which completes the EW 2-loop calculation: $\Delta \Gamma_Z \sim 0.5 \text{ MeV}$ [I. Dubovyk et al, 1804.10236\[hep-ph\]](#)

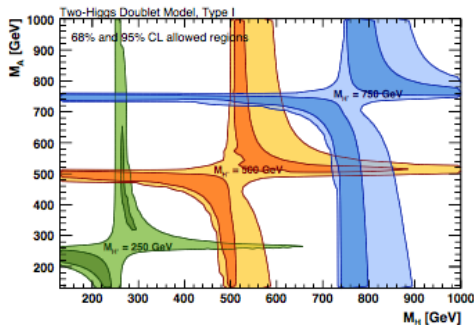
- Consider a specific BSM model, which is predictive beyond tree-level, and calculate complete BSM loop contributions to EWPOs (Z pole observables, M_W , $\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^l$, ...). Example: 2HDM, MSSM
- In many new physics models, the leading BSM contributions to EWPOs are due to modifications of the gauge-boson self-energies which can be described by the *oblique* parameters S , T , U [Peskin, Takeuchi \(1991\)](#):

$$\Delta r \approx \Delta r^{\text{SM}} + \frac{\alpha}{2s_W^2} \Delta S - \frac{\alpha c_W^2}{s_W^2} \Delta T + \frac{s_W^2 - c_W^2}{4s_W^4} \Delta U$$
$$\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^l \approx (\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^l)^{\text{SM}} + \frac{\alpha}{4(c_W^2 - s_W^2)} \Delta S - \frac{\alpha s_W^2 c_W^2}{c_W^2 - s_W^2} \Delta T$$

Constraints on a 2HDM model only from EWPO from Gfitter: [arXiv:1803.01853](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.01853)



Constraints on a 2HDM model from EWPO, flavor physics, and muon anomalous moment from Gfitter: [arXiv:1803.01853](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.01853)



See also BSM constraints provided by the HEPfit collaboration:

hepfit.roma1.infn.it

M_W is extracted from the transverse mass $M_T(l\nu)$ and transverse momentum $p_T(l)$ distributions in W boson production:

- At LO in the W restframe ($p_T(W) = 0$ and assuming no intrinsic k_T):

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2(l)} = \frac{3}{M_W^2} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{4p_T(l)^2}{M_W^2}\right)^{1/2}} \left(1 - \frac{2p_T(l)^2}{M_W^2}\right)$$

\Rightarrow peaks at $p_T(l) = M_W/2$ (Jacobean peak)

- Accordingly, the distribution in the transverse mass

$$M_T(l\nu_l) = \sqrt{p_T(l)p_T(\nu)(1 - \cos(\Phi(l) - \Phi(\nu)))}$$

$\Delta\Phi = \pi$ and $p_T(l) = p_T(\nu) \Rightarrow M_T(l\nu) = 2p_T(l)$ has a peak at M_W . (see, e.g., *QCD and Collider Physics* by Ellis, Stirling, Webber)

The Jacobean peak is smeared out by the finite width and non-zero transverse momentum of the W boson ($p_T(W) \neq 0$ due to parton or photon radiation).

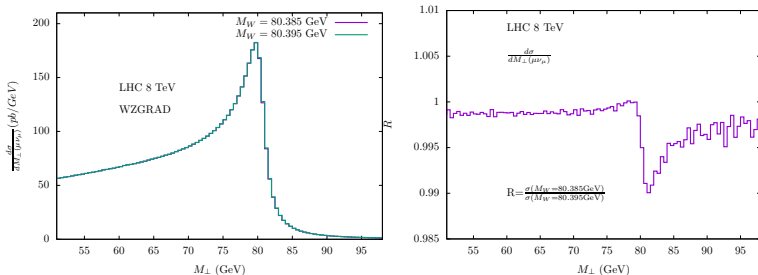
- Due to the missing energy in $W \rightarrow l\nu_l$ events, the measurement of M_T also requires precise knowledge of $p_T(Z)$:

$\vec{p}_T(\nu) = -\vec{p}_T(l) - \vec{u}_T$, where $\vec{u}_T = -\vec{p}_T(W)$ is the transverse momentum of hadronic recoil particles which balances $p_T(W)$.

$p_T(W)$ can be deduced from the measured $p_T(Z)$ using predictions for the $p_T(W)/p_T(Z)$ ratio.

Sensitivity of $M_T(l\nu_l)$ to M_W

- The W mass is determined by performing template fits to the measured $M_T(l\nu_l)$ and $p_T(l)$ distributions.
- LO $M_T(\mu\nu_\mu)$ distribution in $pp \rightarrow W^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$ at the 8 TeV LHC for two different values of M_W which differ by 10 MeV:

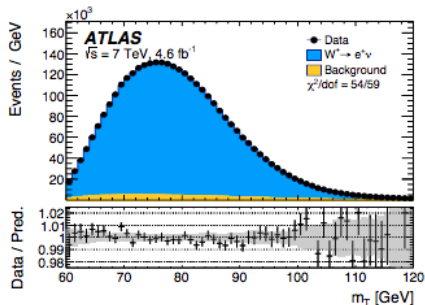
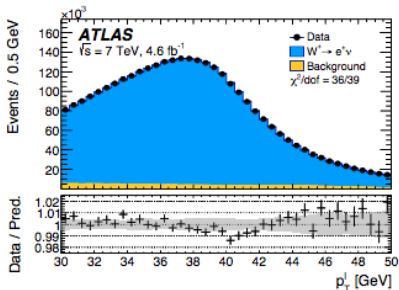


→ Predictions have to be under control at the permille level!

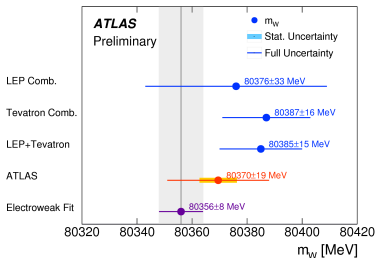
▶ Repository of Drell-Yan MCs

M_W measurement in $pp \rightarrow W^\pm \rightarrow (e^\pm\nu, \mu^\pm\nu) + X$

First W boson mass measurement at the LHC:  The ATLAS Collaboration, arXiv:1701.07240



New world average (PDG 2017):
 $80.379 \pm 0.012 \text{ GeV}$




- $\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^l$ is extracted from the forward-backward asymmetry $A_{FB}(M_{ll}, y_{ll})$ in Z boson production with $\cos \theta$ defined in the Collins-Soper frame:

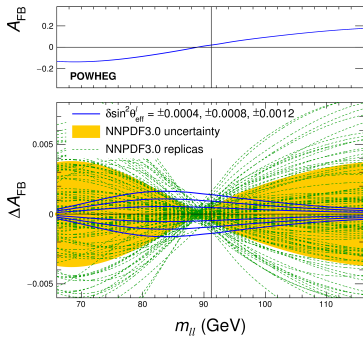
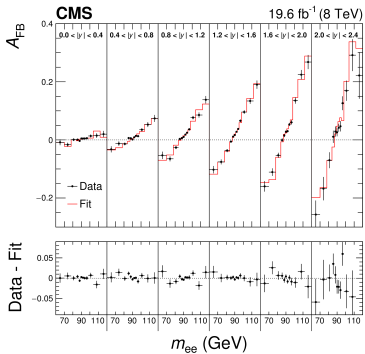
$$\cos \theta^* = \frac{|p_z(\mu^+ \mu^-)|}{p_z(\mu^+ \mu^-)} \frac{2[p^+(\mu^-)p^-(\mu^+) - p^-(\mu^-)p^+(\mu^+)]}{m(\mu^+ \mu^-) \sqrt{m^2(\mu^+ \mu^-) + p_T^2(\mu^+ \mu^-)}}$$

$$(p^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (E \pm p_z))$$

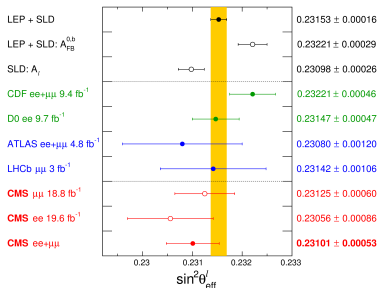
- This requires a “new” parametrization of A_{FB} in terms of $\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^l$ around the Z resonance in the presence of higher-order corrections and quark-couplings to the Z boson.

A renewed effort has just started to tackle challenges from theory (and experiment) to achieve the highest possible accuracy on M_W and $\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^l$ at the LHC, and it is a good time to get involved:  LHC Physics Center at CERN (LPCC) EW WG

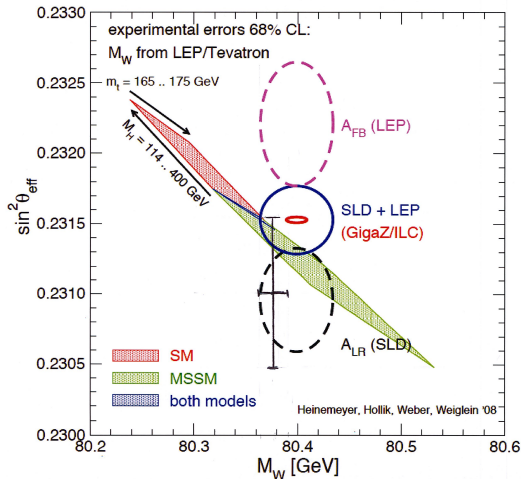
$\sin^2\theta_{eff}^l$ measurement in $pp \rightarrow \gamma, Z \rightarrow (e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-) + X$



▶ The CMS collaboration, arXiv:1806.00863




$\sin^2\theta_{eff}^l$ measurement at LEP/SLD, LHC vs SM and MSSM predictions

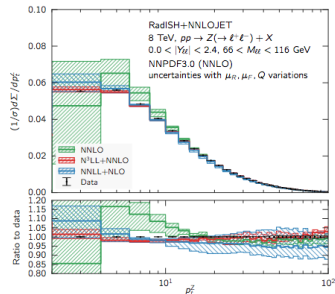


$M_W = 80.377 \pm 0.012$ GeV
 $\sin^2\theta_{eff}^l(CR13) = 0.23101 \pm 0.00053$

QCD prediction vs measurement: $p_T(Z)$ in $pp \rightarrow \gamma, Z \rightarrow l^+l^- + X$

NNLO + N^3LL prediction for p_T^Z :  W.Bizon et al., arXiv:1805.05916

Transverse momentum $p_T(Z)$:



$Z(l\bar{l}) + 1j$ production at LO ($O(\alpha^2\alpha_s)$) which is part of the NLO QCD correction to $Z(l\bar{l}) + X$ production:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dq_T^2} \propto \frac{1}{q_T^2} \alpha_s A_1 \log\left(\frac{M_Z^2}{q_T^2}\right) + \text{non-log. terms}$$


For $q_T(Z)^2 \ll M_Z^2$ and multiple soft gluon radiation in leading approximation:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dq_T^2} \propto \frac{1}{q_T^2} \sum_{n=1} A_n \alpha_s^n \log^{2n-1}\left(\frac{M_Z^2}{q_T^2}\right)$$


Resummation: Collins, Soper, Sterman (1985) (in b -parameter space); see also Becher, Neubert, 1007.4005 (SCET)

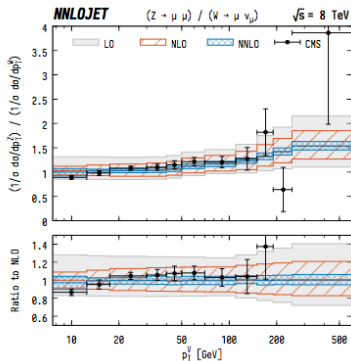
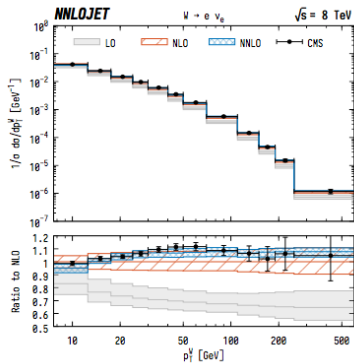
Table 11: Predictions for the Higgs cross sections in 13 TeV pp collisions before and after inclusion of the p_T^Z data in the global fits. The indicated errors are the PDF errors computed according to the NNPDF prescription.

	Before p_T^Z data	After p_T^Z data
$\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H}$ [pb]	48.22 ± 0.89 (1.8%)	48.61 ± 0.61 (1.3%)
σ_{VBF} [pb]	3.92 ± 0.06 (1.5%)	3.96 ± 0.04 (1.0%)

 R. Boughezal et al., arXiv:1705.00343

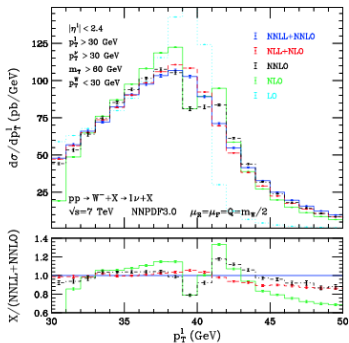
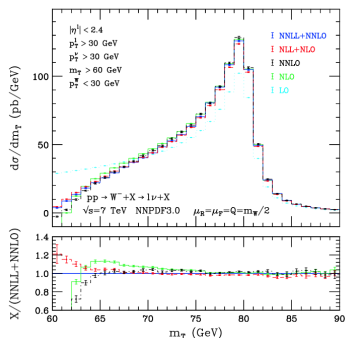
QCD prediction vs measurement: $p_T(W)$ in $pp \rightarrow W^\pm \rightarrow (e^\pm \nu, \mu^\pm \nu) + X$

NNLO prediction for p_T^W and p_T^Z/p_T^W :  Gehrman-de Ritter *et al.*, arXiv:1712.07543



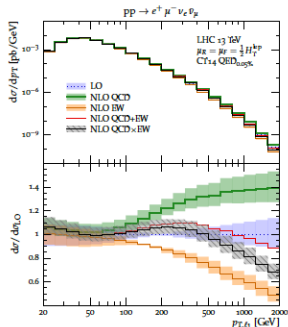
QCD prediction vs measurement: $p_T(l)$ and $M_T(l\nu)$ in $pp \rightarrow W^\pm \rightarrow (e^\pm\nu, \mu^\pm\nu) + X$






Resummation of $\alpha_s^n(m_W^2/q_T^2) \ln^m(m_W^2/q_T^2)$ at NNLL accuracy at small q_T combined with fixed order NNLO at large q_T [Catani, de Florian, Ferrera, Grazzini, arXiv:1507.06937](#):



- EW corrections are relevant for modeling signal and background processes for searches of signals of new physics, either due to direct production, higher-dimensional operators, or the virtual presence of new particles in SM observables.
- EW corrections continue to play an especially important role in EW gauge boson production processes: V, VV, VVV (+jets) with $V = \gamma, Z, W^\pm$ at the LHC.
- NLO EW corrections can be numerically at least as important as NNLO QCD corrections, and for certain processes and in certain kinematic regions they may even be the dominant corrections.

$pp \rightarrow e^+ \mu^- \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu$: S.Kallweit, J.Lindert, S. Pozzorini, M.Schönherr, arXiv:1705.00598;



- Status of automation for the calculation of EW 1-loop corrections :  arXiv:1605.04692
- Precision studies of observables in $pp \rightarrow W \rightarrow l_l$ and $pp \rightarrow \gamma, Z \rightarrow l^+l$ processes at the LHC:  arXiv:1606.02330
and
Precision Measurement of M_W : Theoretical Contributions and Uncertainties C. M. Carloni Calame, M. Chiesa, H. Martinez, G. Montagna, O. Nicosini, F. Piccinini, A. Vicini
 arXiv:1612.02841
- Precise predictions for V +jets dark matter backgrounds J. M. Lindert, S. Pozzorini, R. Boughezal, J. M. Campbell, A. Denner, S. Dittmaier, A. Gehrmann-De Ridder, T. Gehrmann, N. Glover, A. Huss, S. Kallweit, P. Maierhöfer, M. L. Mangano, T.A. Morgan, A. Mück, F. Petriello, G.P. Salam, M. Schönherr, C. Williams
 arXiv:1705.04664
- Dictionary of electroweak (EW) corrections:  S. Dittmaier in arXiv:1405.1067
 - EW Sudakov logs and mass-singular logs
 - QED corrections in PDFs and photon-induced processes
 - combination of QCD and EW corrections
 - gauge-invariant treatment of unstable W, Z bosons
 - EW input schemes
 - photon-jet separation

Characteristics of EW corrections

Naive estimate of relative size of EW and QCD corrections:

$$\frac{\alpha(M_Z)}{\pi} \approx 0.0025 \text{ vs. } \frac{\alpha_s(M_Z)}{\pi} \approx 0.037 \text{ and } \left(\frac{\alpha_s(M_Z)}{\pi}\right)^2 \approx 0.0014$$

Possible enhancements:

- **QED corrections:**

$$\frac{\alpha(0)}{\pi} \log\left(\frac{m_f^2}{Q^2}\right) \approx -0.024 \text{ for } Q = M_W, f = \mu$$

Origin: Soft/collinear FS photon radiation

In sufficiently inclusive observables these mass singularities completely cancel. [Kinoshita, Lee, Nauenberg \(1962,1964\)](#)

Depending on the experimental lepton identification cuts they can significantly affect the shape of distributions.

IS mass singularities are factorized into PDFs which introduces a QED factorization scheme; PDFs with QED corrections and photon PDF [A.Manohar, 1607.04266 \(LUXqed\)](#), CT14qed, NNPDFqed, MMHT

- **Weak Sudakov corrections:**

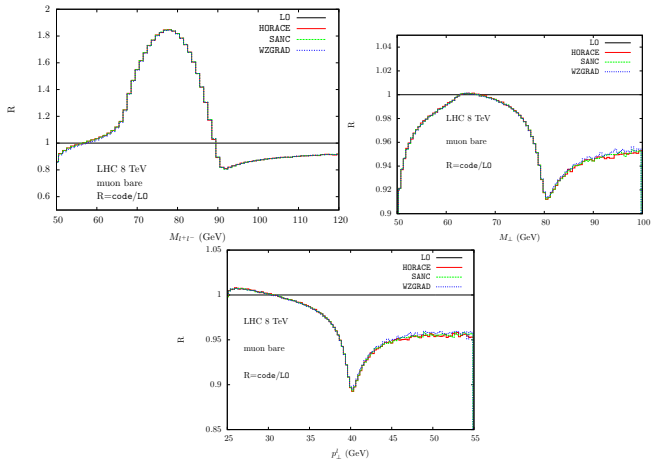
$$\text{LL: } -\frac{\alpha}{\pi s_w^2} \log^2\left(\frac{M_V^2}{Q^2}\right) \approx -0.052 \text{ for } Q=2 \text{ TeV}$$

Origin: Remnants of UV singularities after renormalization and soft/collinear IS and FS emission of virtual and real W and Z bosons.


Since observables are not fully inclusive in the weak isospin states these corrections do not completely cancel. [M.Ciafaloni, P.Ciafaloni, D.Comelli \(2000,2001\)](#) see, e.g., [K.Mishra et al, 1308.1430](#); [J.H.Kühn, Acta Phys.Polon.B39 \(2008\)](#) for examples and a brief review

W and Z production at NLO EW at the LHC

Impact on observables usually shown as relative correction: $\delta(\%) = \frac{d\sigma_{NLO}}{d\sigma_{LO}}$



Precision studies of observables in $pp \rightarrow W \rightarrow l_l$ and $pp \rightarrow \gamma, Z \rightarrow l^+l$ processes at the LHC

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Mass-singular logarithms of QED origin: beyond NLO

Multiple FS photon radiation and exponentiation at LL, $L = \log(\frac{Q^2}{m_f^2})$:

- Exponentiation of YFS form factor [Yennie, Frautschi, Suura \(1961\)](#):

$$Y(m \ll Q) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left\{ 2(L-1) \ln\left(\frac{2\Delta E_\gamma}{Q}\right) + \frac{1}{2}L - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right\}$$

Implemented in WINHAC for W production [Placzek et al \(2003\)](#), matched to NLO EW of SANC [Bardin et al \(2008\)](#); and in Sherpa [M. Schönherr, F. Krauss \(2008\)](#).

- QED parton shower: emission of n photons ($I_+ = \int_0^{1-\epsilon} dz P(z)$)

$$d\sigma = \exp\left[-\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} I_+ L\right] \sum_n^\infty |M_n^{LL}|^2 d\Phi_n$$

Implemented in HORACE [Carloni-Calame et al \(2003,2004,2006\)](#), matched to full NLO EW.

- QED structure function [Kuraev, Fadin \(1985\)](#):

$$d\sigma = d\sigma_{LO} \int dz \Gamma(z) \theta_{cut}(z p_I); \beta_I = \frac{2\alpha(0)}{\pi} (L-1)$$

$$\Gamma(z, Q^2) = \frac{\exp[-\beta_I/2\gamma_E + \frac{3}{8}\beta_I]}{\Gamma(1 + \beta_I/2)} \frac{\beta_I}{2} (1-z)^{\beta_I/2-1} + \dots + \mathcal{O}(\beta_I^4)$$

Implemented in W production [Breusing, Dittmaier, Krämer, Mück \(2008\)](#) and Z production [Dittmaier, Huber \(2009\)](#), matched to full NLO EW.

- POWHEG(NLO QCD+EW) \otimes (QCD+QED) PS; QED PS with PHOTOS ([Golonka, Was \(2005,2006\)](#)) or with PYTHIA 8 for W production [Carloni Calame et al, 1612.02841](#).

Initial-state photon radiation (ISR)

Mass singularities due to collinear radiation survive but are absorbed by universal collinear counterterms to the parton distribution functions; mass factorization done in complete analogy to QCD:

- introduces dependence on QED factorization scheme (in analogy to QCD there is a *DIS* and \overline{MS} scheme) see, e.g. Baur, Keller, D.W., Phys. Rev. **D59**, 013002 (1999)

$$q_i(x, Q^2) = q_i(x) \left[1 + \frac{\alpha}{\pi} Q_i^2 \left\{ 1 - \ln \delta_s - \ln^2 \delta_s + \left(\ln \delta_s + \frac{3}{4} \right) \ln \left(\frac{Q^2}{m_i^2} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \lambda_{FC} f_{V+S} \right\} \right]$$

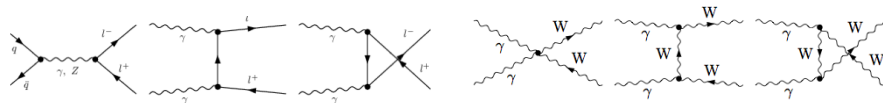
$$+ \int_x^{1-\delta_s} \frac{dz}{z} q_i \left(\frac{x}{z} \right) \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} Q_i^2 \left\{ \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \ln \left(\frac{Q^2}{m_i^2} \frac{1}{(1-z)^2} \right) - \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} + \lambda_{FC} f_c \right\}$$

$$f_{V+S} = 9 + \frac{2\pi^2}{3} + 3 \ln \delta_s - 2 \ln^2 \delta_s$$

$$f_c = \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \ln \left(\frac{1-z}{z} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{1-z} + 2z + 3$$

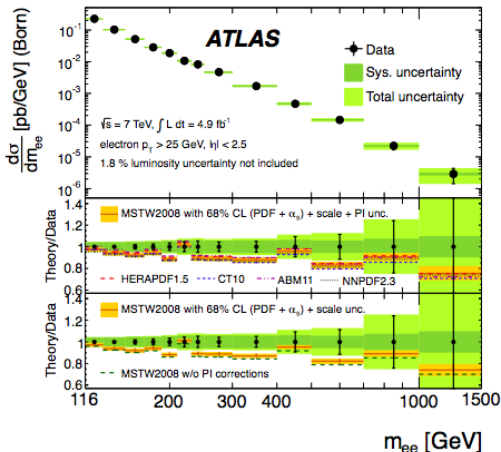
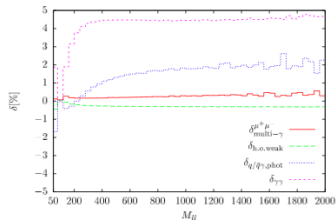
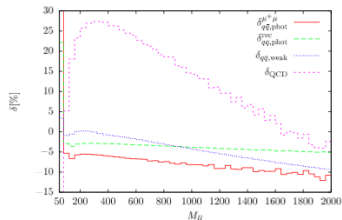
- PDFs including QED in their evolution have been made available, providing a photon PDF which allow for inclusion of photon-induced processes. See, e.g., combined LO QED \times NNLO QCD DGLAP evolution with APFEL, apfel.mi.infn.it

Examples of photon-induced processes:



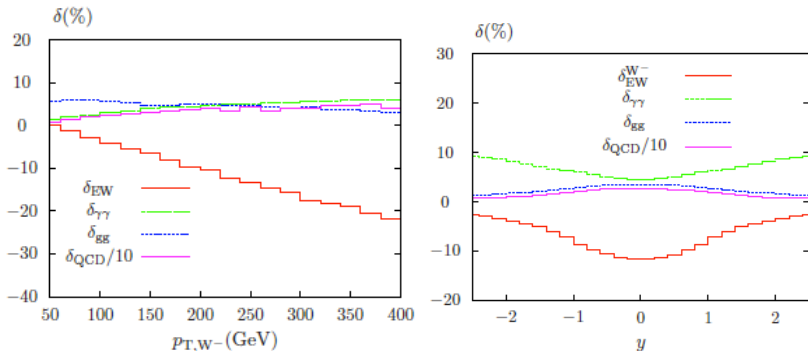
M_{ll} in $pp \rightarrow l^+l^- + X$ at the LHC

Impact of photon-induced processes in di-lepton production at the 14 TeV LHC:
 The ATLAS collaboration, arXiv:1305.4192 (Theory: FEWZ NNLO+EW+W/Z rad.)
 S.Dittmaier, M.Huber, arXiv:0911.2329



WW production at NLO EW at the 8 TeV LHC

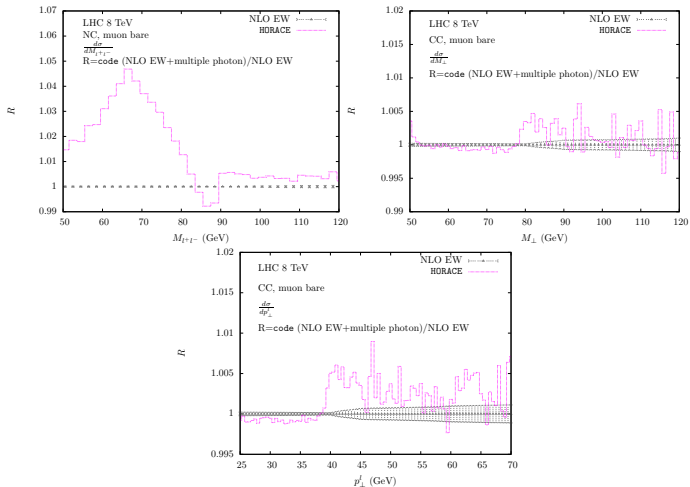
p_T and y_w (with $M_{WW} > 500$ GeV) distributions of W^- at NLO EW at the 8 TeV LHC:




Bierweiler et al, arXiv:1208.3147

Interesting feature not seen in single- W production: photon-induced processes contribute considerably.

Multiple-photon radiation in Drell-Yan with HORACE

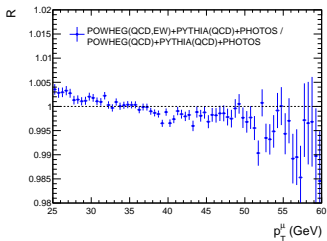
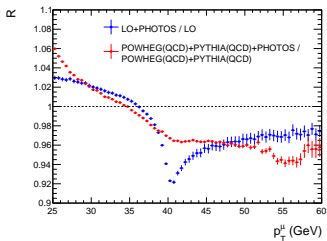


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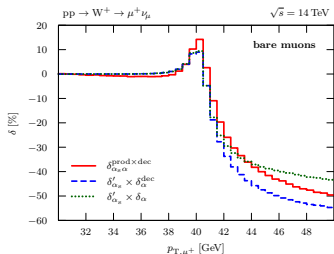
Shifts in M_W : $\delta M_W(\text{QED FSR}) \approx \mathcal{O}(100)$ MeV


$\delta M_W(mFS) \approx 2, 10$ MeV for e, μ [Carloni-Calame et al \(2003\)](#)

Implementation of NLO EW calculation in POWHEG (NLO QCD \times parton shower): Barze *et al.* (2012); see also Bernaciak, D.W. (2012)



Comparison of initial-final factorizable $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ correction in pole approximation and a naive factorization defined as $\sigma^{LO}(1 + \delta_{\alpha_s})(1 + \delta_\alpha)$: S.Dittmaier, A.Huss, C.Schwinn, arXiv:1405.6897; 1403.3216



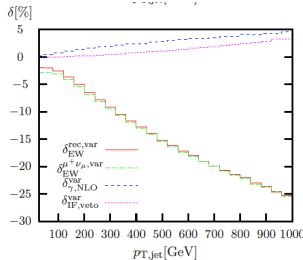
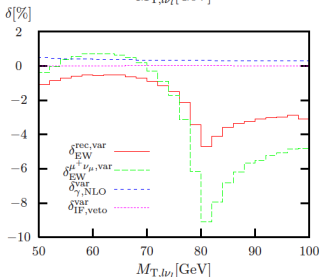
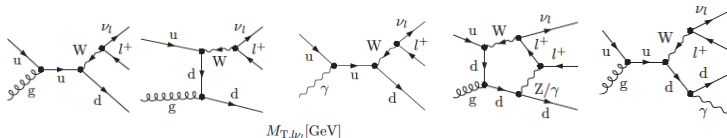
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NLO Electroweak corrections to $W + j$ production

Fixed-order prediction for $pp \rightarrow W(l\nu) + 1\text{jet} + X$ up to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s\alpha^3)$: A.Denner, S.Dittmaier,

T.Kasprzik, A. Mück, arXiv:0906.1656

$$d\sigma_{NLO} = d\sigma_{LO}(\alpha_s\alpha^2) + d\sigma_{LO,\gamma}(\alpha^3) + (d\sigma_{virtual} + d\sigma_{real})_{EW}(\alpha_s\alpha^3) + d\sigma_{NLOQCD,\gamma}(\alpha_s\alpha^3)$$



“Amplitude calculators”:

- **Recola** S.Actis *et al*, 1605.01090 + **Collier** A.Denner *et al* 1604.06792
- **OpenLoops** F.Cascioli *et al*, 1111.5206
- **Gosam** M.Chiesa *et al*, 1507.08579 + **MadDipole** T.Gehrmann *et al*, 1011.0321
- **Madgraph5_aMC@NLO** J.Alwall *et al*, 1405.0301
- **NLOX** (in preparation); Example: $pp \rightarrow Zb$ 1805.01353

Some recent results for multi-particle processes which consistently include higher-order QCD and EW corrections implemented in parton-shower MCs:

- **Recola+Sherpa** B.Biedermann *et al*, 1704.05783
Examples: $pp \rightarrow V + \text{jets}$, $pp \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4 \text{ leptons}$, $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$, off-shell WWW production, 1806.00307
- **OpenLoops+Munich/Sherpa**
Examples: $pp \rightarrow W + 1, 2, 3 \text{ jets}$, S.Kallweit *et al*, 1412.5157, and $V + 1, 2 \text{ jets with } V \rightarrow l'l'$ and MEPS@NLO jet merging, S.Kallweit *et al*, 1511.08692; $pp \rightarrow 2\nu 2l$, S.Kallweit *et al*, 1705.00598
- **GOSAM+Sherpa** M.Chiesa *et al*, 1706.09022
Examples: $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + 0, 1, 2 \text{ jets}$
- **Madgraph5_aMC@NLO**
Examples: $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + (H, Z, W)$, S.Frixione *et al*, 1504.03446; $pp \rightarrow jj$, Frederix *et al*, 1612.06548

Appendix with more resources . . .

EW predictions for $pp \rightarrow W \rightarrow \nu l, pp \rightarrow Z, \gamma \rightarrow ll$

- Complete EW $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corrections: HORACE, RADY, SANC, W/ZGRAD2
U.Baur *et al*, PRD65 (2002); C.M.Carloni Calame *et al*, JHEP05 (2005)
U.Baur, D.W., PRD70 (2004); S.Dittmaier, M.Krämer, PRD65 (2002); A.Andonov *et al*, EPJC46 (2006); Arbuzov *et al*, EPJC54 (2008); S.Dittmaier, M.Huber, JHEP60 (2010).
- Multiple final-state photon radiation: HORACE, RADY, WINHAC, PHOTOS
W.Placzek *et al*, EPJC29 (2003); C.M.Carloni Calame *et al*, PRD69 (2004); S.Brensing *et al*, PRD77 (2008)
- EW Sudakov logarithms up to N^3LL Jantzen, Kühn, Penin, Smirnov (2005); brief review: J.H.Kühn, Acta Phys.Polon.B39 (2008)
- NLO EW corrections to W production implemented in POWHEG Bernaciak, W. (2012); Barze *et al.* (2012) \Rightarrow Study of mixed QED-QCD effects
- NLO EW corrections to Z production implemented in POWHEG Barze *et al.* (2013) \Rightarrow Study of mixed QED-QCD effects
- NLO EW corrections to Z production implemented in FEWZ (NNLO QCD) Li, Petriello (2012)
- $W + 1j, Z + 1j, Z + 2j$ (stable Z) at NLO EW, now with leptonic W, Z decays W.Hollik *et al* (2008); S.Dittmaier *et al* (2009); J.H.Kühn *et al* (2008); A.Denner *et al.* (2010); Actis *et al* (2012); weak Sudakov corr. to $Z + \leq 3$ jets in Alpgen Chiesa *et al* (2013)
- Toward W and Z production at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ Kotikov *et al* (2008); Bonciani (2011); Kilgore, Sturm (2011); S.Dittmaier, A.Huss, C.Schwinn (2014)

- NLO and NNLO QCD (up to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$): total cross sections ($\sigma_{W,Z}$) and fully differential distributions (DYNNLO, FEWZ):
[R.Hamberg et al., NPB359 \(1991\)](#); [W.L.van Neerven et al, NBP382 \(1992\)](#); [W.T.Giele et al, NPB403 \(1993\)](#)
[L.Dixon et al., hep-ph/031226](#); [K.Melnikov, F.Petriello, PRL96, PRD74 \(2006\)](#); [S.Catani et al., PRL103 \(2009\), JHEP1005 \(2010\)](#); [R.Gavin et al, 1011.3540](#)
- NLO QCD corrections matched to an all-order resummation of large logarithms $\ln^n(q_T/Q)$ (at NLL and NNLL accuracy) (Q : W/Z virtuality, q_T : W/Z transverse momentum).
[C.Balazs, C.-P.Yuan, PRD56 \(1997\) \(ResBos\)](#); [G.Bozzi et al, NPB815 \(2009\), arXiv:1007.2351](#); [S.Catani et al, 1209.0158](#)
- NLO QCD corrections matched to a parton shower (HERWIG, PYTHIA): MC@NLO, POWEG.
[S.Frixione, B.R.Webber, hep-ph/0612272](#); [S.Alioli et al, JHEP0807 \(2008\)](#)
- NNLO QCD corrections matched to a parton shower: Sherpa+BlackHat [Hoeche, Li, Prestel, 1405.3607](#); POWHEG+MiNLO+DYNNLO [Karlberg, Re, Zanderighi, 1407.2940](#)
- $W + n$ -jets ($n \leq 5$) and $Z + n$ -jets ($n \leq 4$) at NLO QCD (and matched to PS).
[C.F.Berger et al. \(2010,2009\)](#); [Z.Bern et al. \(2013\)](#); [H.Ita et al. \(2011\)](#); [K.Ellis et al. \(2009\)](#); [J.Campbell et al \(2002, 2013 \(POWHEG\)\)](#); [B.Jaeger et al \(2012\) \(POWHEG\)](#); [S.Hoeche et al \(2012\)](#)