



Release: VBFNLO 3.0

A Parton Level Monte Carlo for Processes with Electroweak Bosons

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Jornadas científicas IFIC: Origin of mass. L1 Higgs Force.

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VBFNLO overview

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VBFNLO Overview

- **Monte Carlo integration**
 - Partonic collisions
 - Next-to-leading order in QCD
- **Stablished software**
- **Fast**
 - Phase-space optimization
 - Leptonic tensors

VBFNLO Overview

$$\sigma = \sigma^{LO} + \sigma^{NLO} = \int_m d\sigma^B + \int_{m+1} d\sigma^R + \int_m d\sigma^V$$

- **Implementation details**

- Helicity amplitudes

[K. Hagiwara, D. Zeppenfeld]

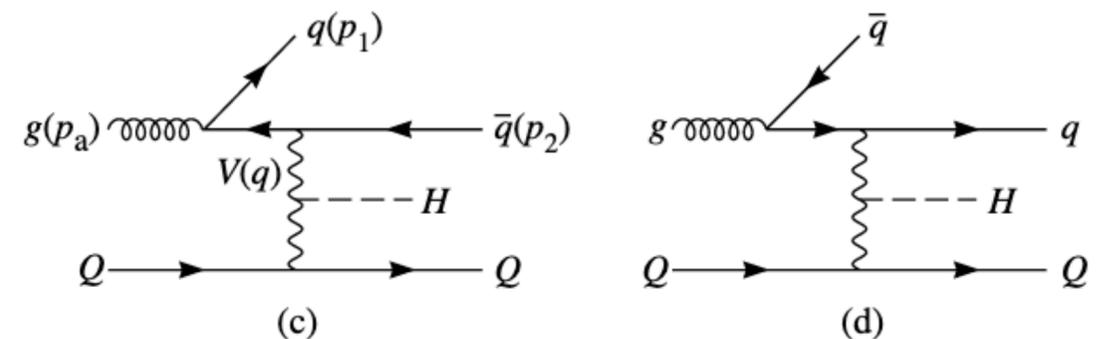
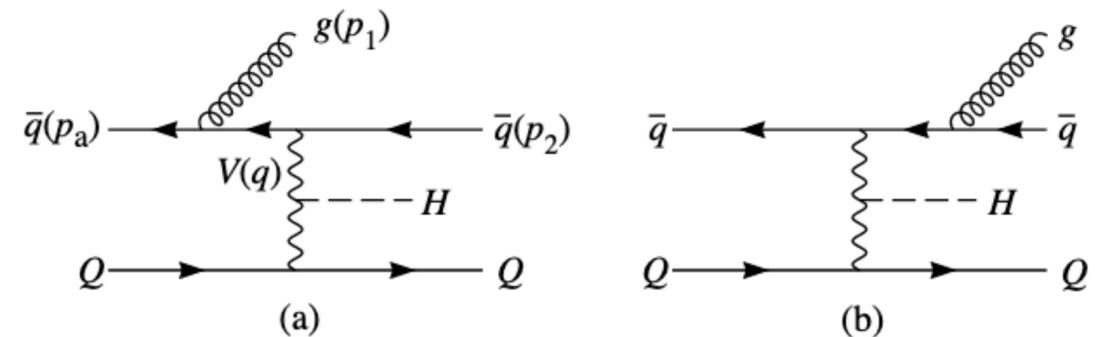
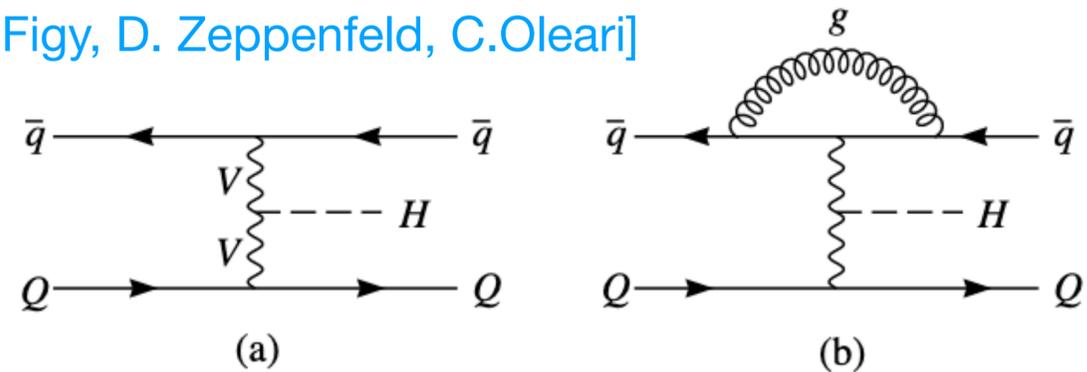
- Infrared divergence subtraction

- Catani-Seymour

[S. Catani, MH. Seymour]

$$\sigma^{NLO} = \int_{m+1} [d\sigma^R - d\sigma^A] + \int_{m+1} d\sigma^A + \int_m d\sigma^V$$

[T. Figy, D. Zeppenfeld, C. Oleari]



VBFNLO Overview

- **Implementation details**

- Virtual contributions

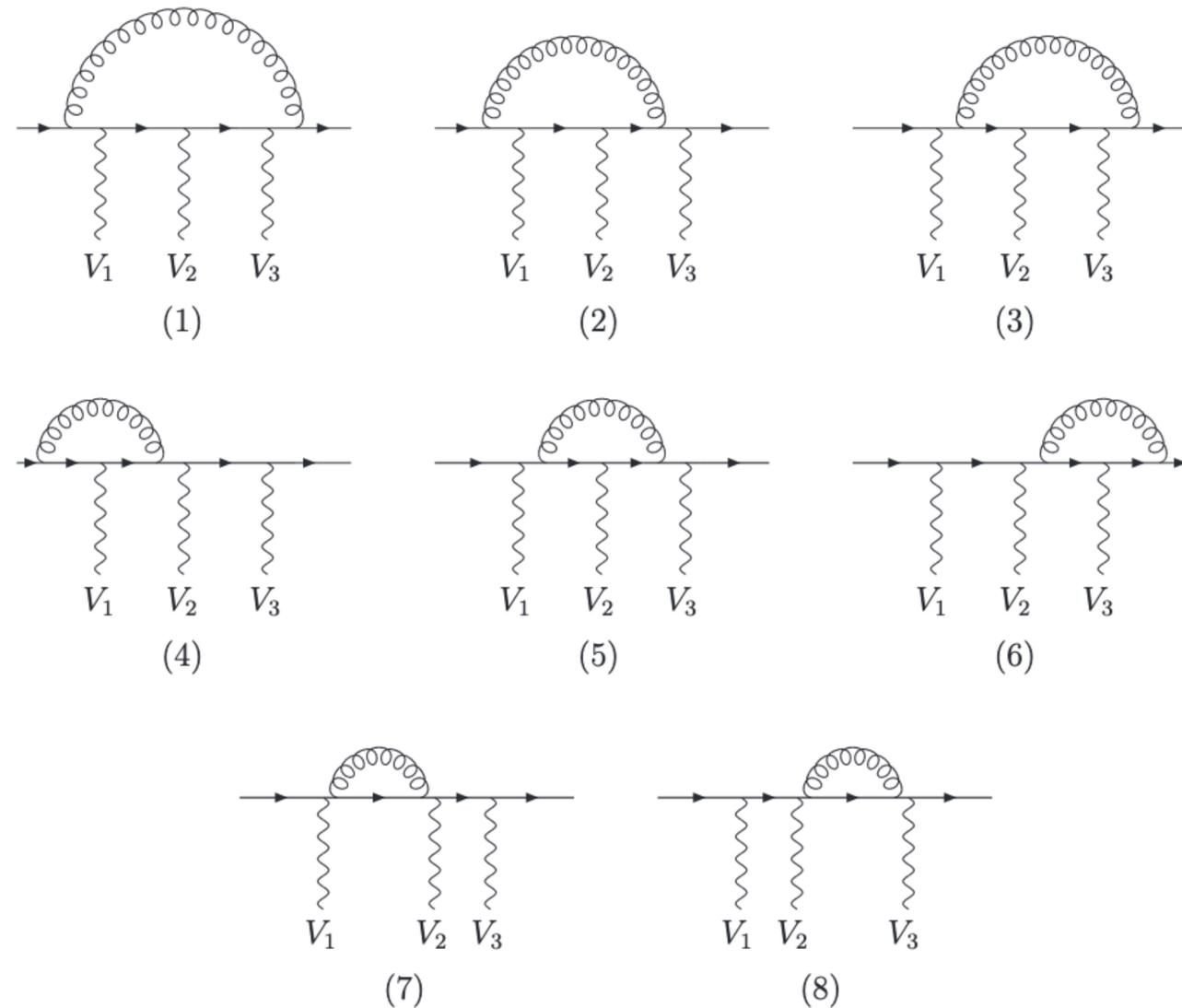
- Passarino-Veltman up to boxes

[G. Passarino, M. Veltman]

- Denner-Dittmaier for pentagons and hexagons

[A. Denner, S. Dittmaier]

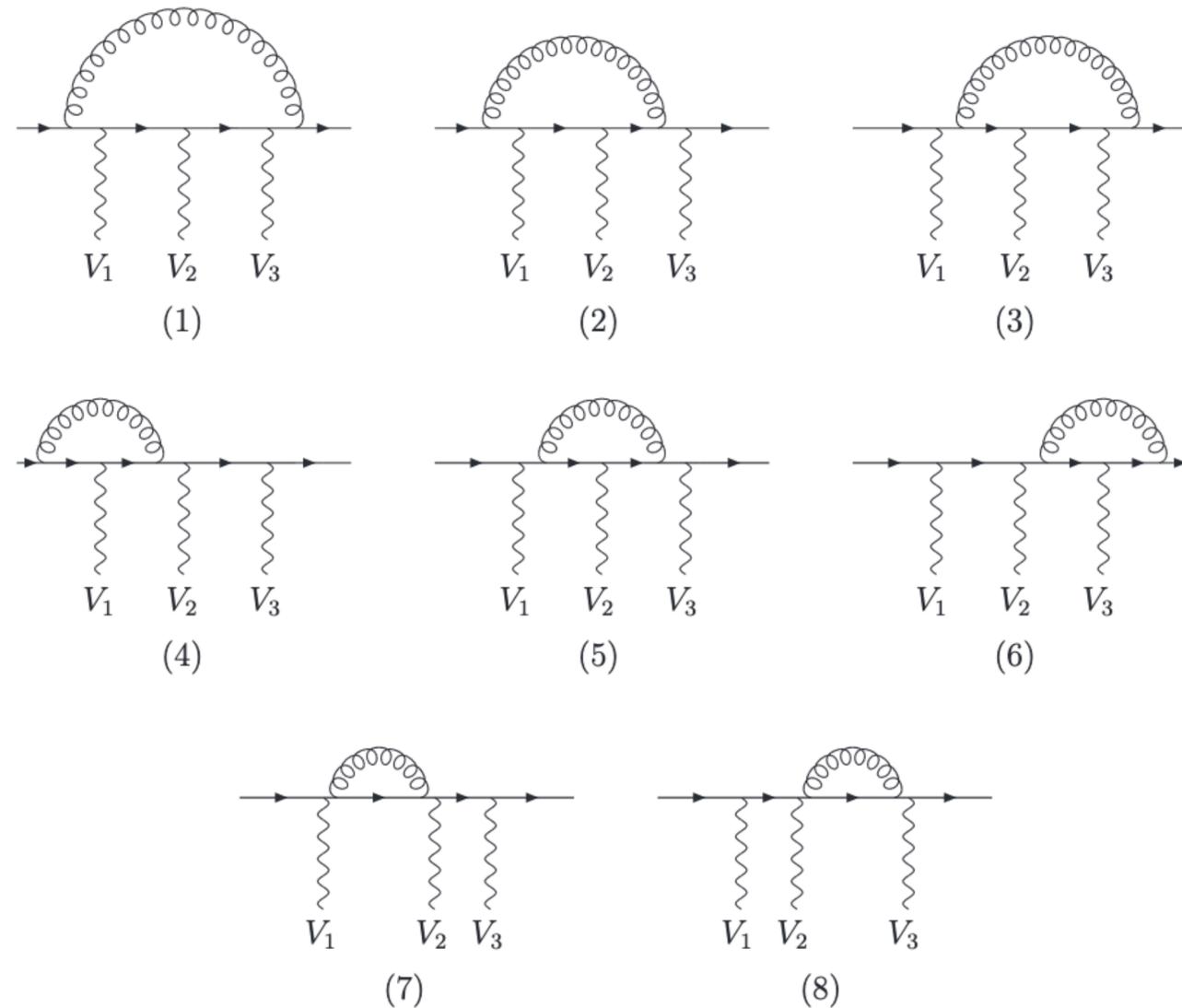
[F.Campanario]



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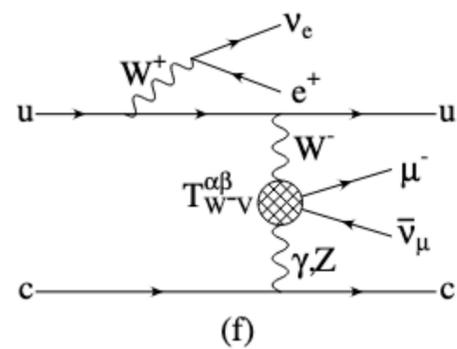
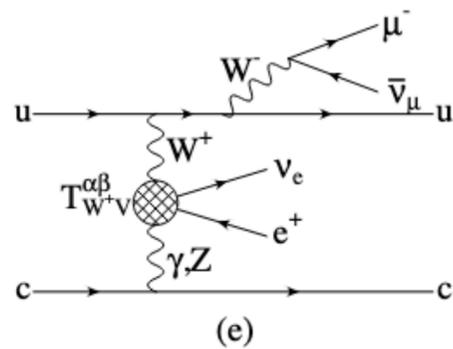
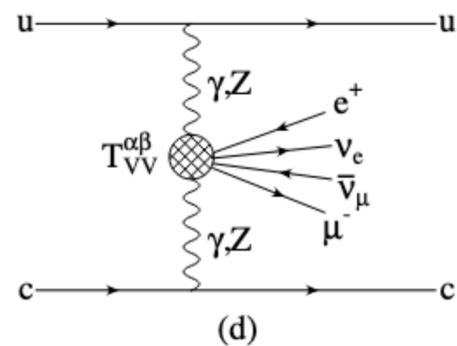
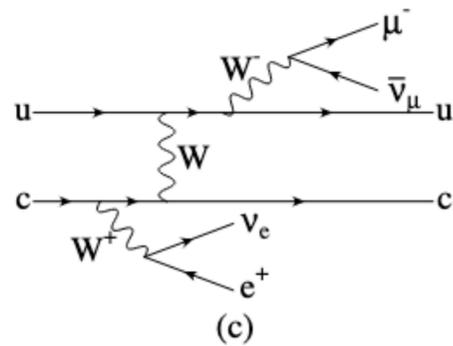
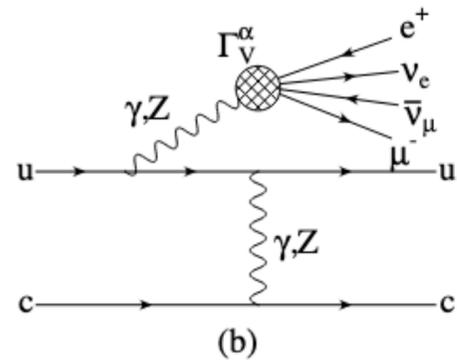
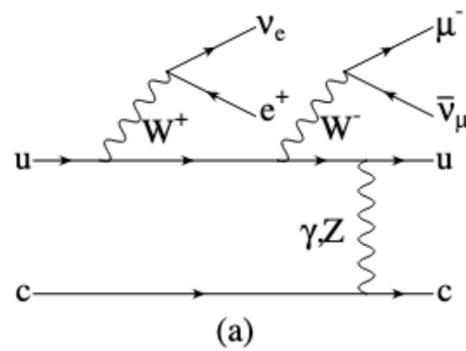
- **Unstable points (due to small Gram or Cailey determinants)**
- Sets of Gauge invariant sub-amplitudes
- Ward-Takahashi identities
- Rescue system in quadruple precision [\[F.Campanario\]](#)

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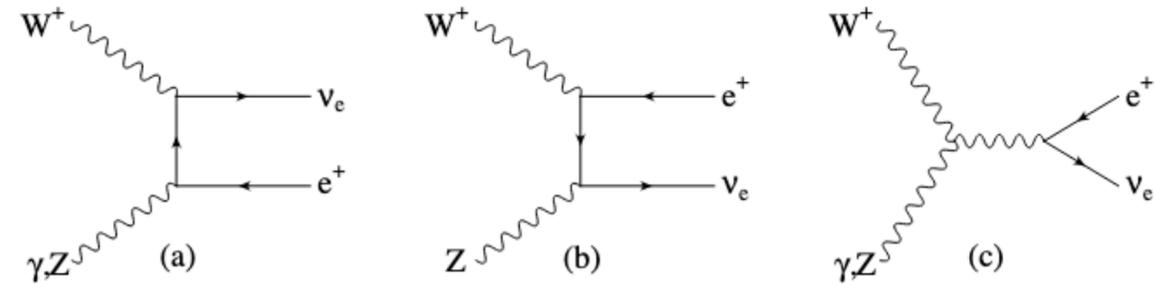


VBFNLO Overview

[B. Jäger, C. Oleari, D. Zeppenfeld]



- $T_{W^+V}^{\alpha\beta}$



- **Optimisations**

- Leptonic tensors

- Only computed once

- Dedicated phase-space for different topologies

VBFNLO Overview

- **Processes:**
 - Vector Boson Scattering (Hjj , Vjj , $VVjj$) (VBS)
 - Higgs production via VBS (NLO QCD+EW)
 - $VV(j)$ and $VVV(j)$
 - HW and HWj
 - QCD-induced Vjj , $VVjj$
 - Gluon fusion Hjj , $Hjjj$
- **A complete list of processes can be found in the Manual**

VBFNLO Overview

- **Effective Field Theory**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

$$\widehat{W}_{\mu\nu} = igT^a W_{\mu\nu}^a$$

$$\widehat{B}_{\mu\nu} = ig'Y B_{\mu\nu}$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + igT^a W_\mu^a + ig'Y B_\mu,$$

- **Unitarization**

- Form factors (all)

- K -matrix (VBS,

$$\mathcal{O}_{S,1}, \mathcal{O}_{S,0} \equiv \mathcal{O}_{S,2}$$

- T_u -matrix (VBS, dim-8)

- **Example of operators in VBFNLO**

[Banglio et al]

1. Operators using $D_\mu \Phi$:

$$\mathcal{O}_{S,0} = [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi] \times [(D^\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{S,1} = [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi] \times [(D_\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{S,2} = [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi] \times [(D^\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi] \quad (36)$$

2. Operators using $D_\mu \Phi$, $\widehat{W}_{\mu\nu}$ and $\widehat{B}_{\mu\nu}$:

$$\mathcal{O}_{M,0} = \text{Tr} [\widehat{W}_{\mu\nu} \widehat{W}^{\mu\nu}] \times [(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\beta \Phi]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M,1} = \text{Tr} [\widehat{W}_{\mu\nu} \widehat{W}^{\nu\beta}] \times [(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M,2} = [\widehat{B}_{\mu\nu} \widehat{B}^{\mu\nu}] \times [(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\beta \Phi]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M,3} = [\widehat{B}_{\mu\nu} \widehat{B}^{\nu\beta}] \times [(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M,4} = [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \widehat{W}_{\beta\nu} D^\mu \Phi] \times \widehat{B}^{\beta\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M,5} = [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \widehat{W}_{\beta\nu} D^\nu \Phi] \times \widehat{B}^{\beta\mu}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M,5hc} = [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \widehat{W}_{\beta\mu} D^\nu \Phi] \times \widehat{B}^{\beta\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M,6} = [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \widehat{W}_{\beta\nu} \widehat{W}^{\beta\nu} D^\mu \Phi]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M,7} = [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \widehat{W}_{\beta\nu} \widehat{W}^{\beta\mu} D^\nu \Phi] \quad (37)$$

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VBFNLO Overview

- **Higgs boson production via VBF in the MSSM (NLO QCD + EW)**
- **Two Higgsless extra dimension models**
 - Warped Higgsless scenario
 - Three-Site Higgsless model
- **$VVjj$ via VBF**
 - Spin-2 model
 - two-Higgs doublet model
- **CP-even and CP-odd Higgs in gluon fusion up to $3j$ in gluon fusion**

Availability

- **New webpage**

- <https://ific.uv.es/vbfnlo/>

- **Repository**

- <https://igit.ific.uv.es/vbfnlo/vbfnlo>
- <https://github.com/vbfnlo/vbfnlo>

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Availability

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Downloads

Here you can find the latest releases, manuals, and tools for VBFNLO.

VBFNLO

Release version of VBFNLO.

Manual

The VBFNLO user manual.

Form factor tool for aGC

Tool to compute form factors for anomalous gauge coupling calculations.

Parallel

Tool to combine multiple independent runs in VBFNLO.

Archive

Previous versions of VBFNLO and its manual.

Availability

<https://ific.uv.es/vbfnlo/>

Documentation

Find all the necessary documentation for VBFNLO here.

01 Installation

Complete guide to installing VBFNLO on your system, including prerequisites and configuration options.

02 Running VBFNLO

Intructions to run VBFNLO

03 Processes

Processes currently implemented in VBFNLO

VBFNLO 3.0 updates

- **New processes**
- **OpenMPI**
- **T_u -matrix unitarization**
- **BLHA Interface:**
 - All VBF
 - VV and VVV with fully leptonic decays
- **LHAPDF v6**
- **Other minor updates and enhancements**

New processes

- **QCD and VBS**
 - QCD-induced: $ZZjj$, $Z\gamma jj$, $\gamma\gamma jj$
 - VBS: $Z\gamma jj$, $\gamma\gamma jj$
- VVj
 - W^+W^-j
 - ZZj
- **Gluon fusion at LO**
 - WWj
 - ZZj
 - Φjjj
- **Decays for HHjj in VBS**
 - $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$
 - $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$

Code Parallelization

- **Code parallelization using OpenMPI**

- Widely used in HPC
- Grid integration
- Histogram generation

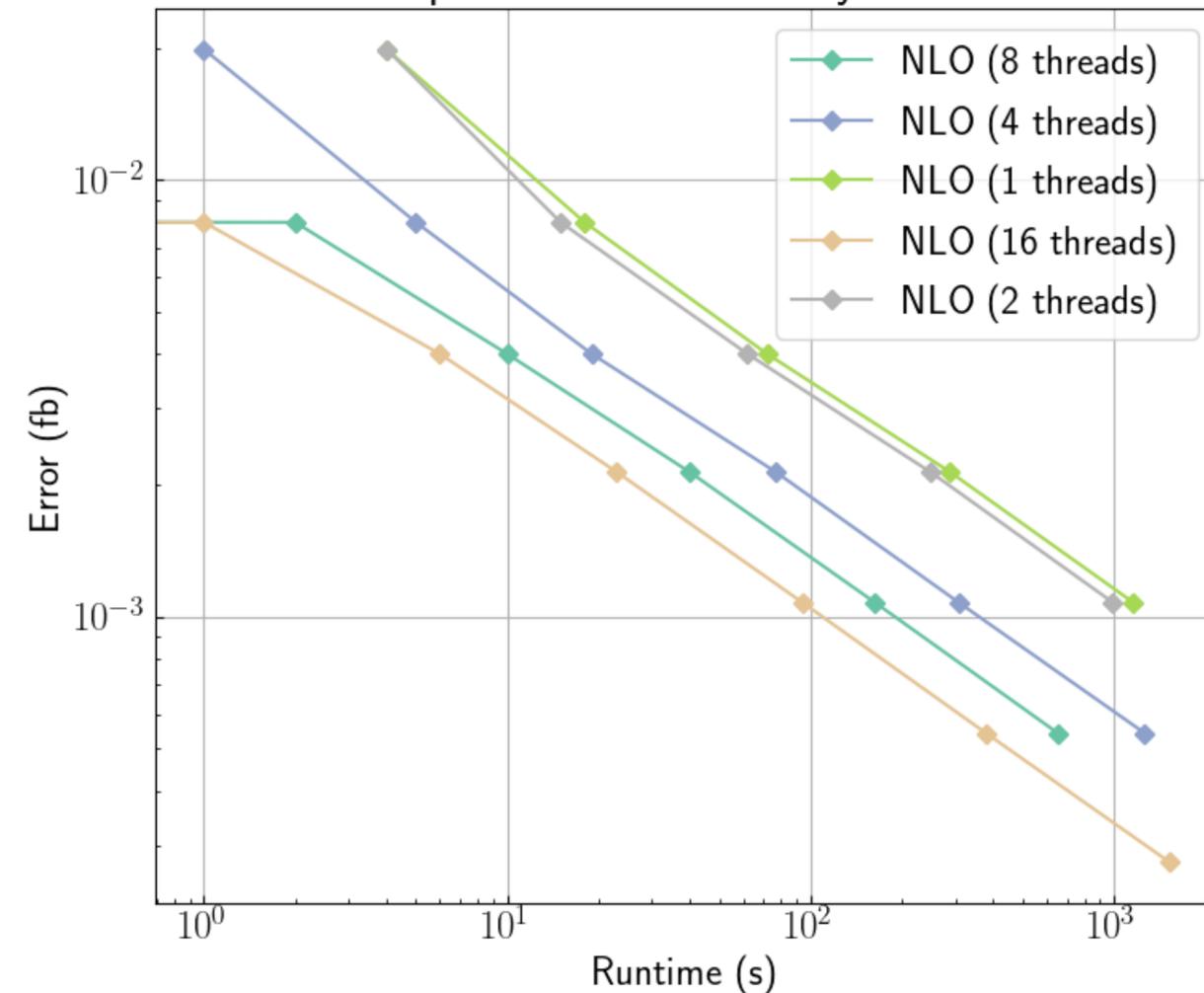
- **Easy to use:**

- Configure with:
 - `--enable-MPI`
 - `FC=mpifort`

- `mpirun -np 16 ./vbfnl0`

VBS cuts | $pp \rightarrow HHjj$ (VBS)

Error Components vs Runtime by Thread Count



AMD Ryzen Threadripper 1950X 16-Core Processor

This example is only for demonstration purposes.

T_u unitarization

- **Motivation for unitarization**

[G. Perez, M. Sekulla, D. Zeppenfeld]

Measurement Normalization	CMS, 13 TeV[6] Éboli	CMS, 13 TeV VBFNLO	ATLAS, 8 TeV[8] VBFNLO (T-matrix)	CMS, 8 TeV[7] Éboli
f_{S_0}/Λ^4	[-7.7,7.7]	[-7.7,7.7]		[-38,40]
f_{S_1}/Λ^4	[-21.6,21.8]	[-21.6,21.8]	[-960,960]	[-118,120]
f_{M_0}/Λ^4	[-6.0,5.9]	[-14,15]		[-33,32]
f_{M_1}/Λ^4	[-8.7,9.1]	[-22,21]		[-44,47]
f_{M_6}/Λ^4	[-11.9,11.8]	[-28.7,28.9]		[-65,63]
f_{M_7}/Λ^4	[-13.3,12.9]	[-31.4,32.3]		[-70,66]
f_{T_0}/Λ^4	[-0.62,0.65]	[-3.7,3.8]		[-4.2,4.6]
f_{T_1}/Λ^4	[-0.28,0.31]	[-1.7,1.8]		[-1.9,2.2]
f_{T_2}/Λ^4	[-0.89,1.02]	[-5.3,6.0]		[-5.2,6.4]

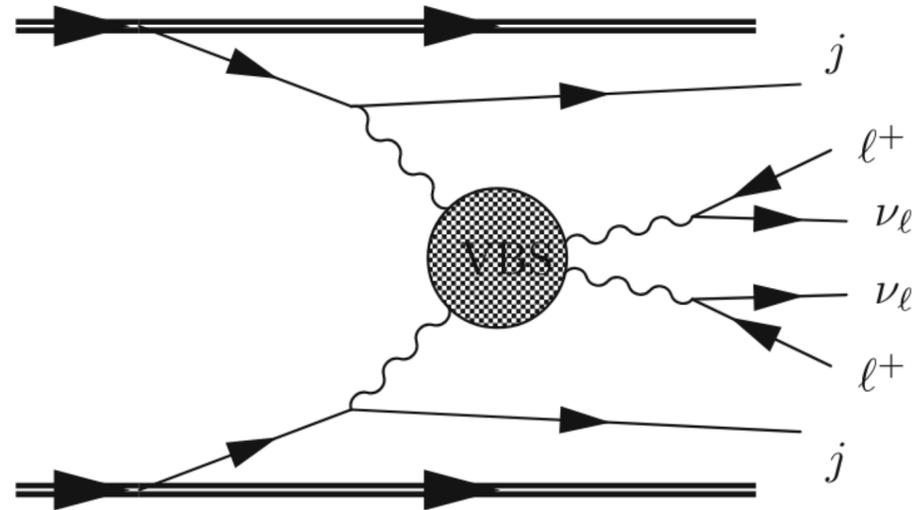
- **Large discrepancy between ATLAS and CMS**

T_u unitarization

- The $V_L V_L \rightarrow V_L V_L$ amplitude grows with energy

- SM Higgs unitarizes it

- EFTs spoil it

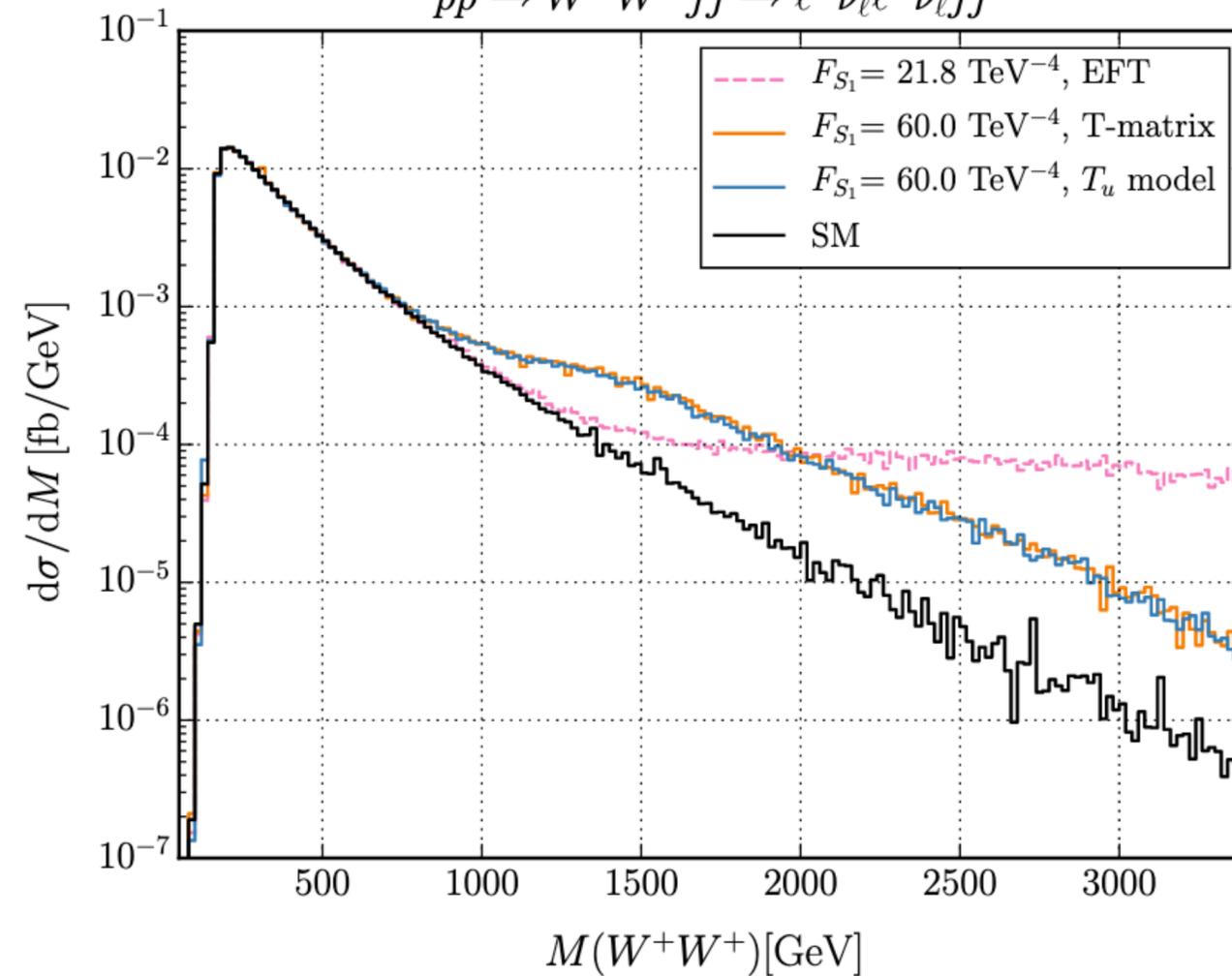


[G. Perez, M. Sekulla, D. Zeppenfeld]

$$\mathcal{S}_1 = \frac{f_{S_1}}{\Lambda^4} \left[(D_\mu \phi)^\dagger D^\mu \phi \right] \left[(D_\nu \phi)^\dagger D^\nu \phi \right]$$

[G. Perez, M. Sekulla, D. Zeppenfeld]

$pp \rightarrow W^+ W^+ jj \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \ell^+ \nu_\ell jj$



T_u unitarization

- VBS $WWjj$

[G. Perez, M. Sekulla, D. Zeppenfeld]

- Rest of VBS

[H. Schäfer-Siebert, M. Sekulla, D. Zeppenfeld]

[G. Perez, M. Sekulla, D. Zeppenfeld]

Measurement Normalization	CMS, 13 TeV Éboli	Corresponding T_u Éboli	CMS, 13 TeV VBFNLO	Corresponding T_u VBFNLO
f_{S_0}/Λ^4	[-7.7,7.7]	[-22,22]	[-7.7,7.7]	[-22,22]
f_{S_1}/Λ^4	[-21.6,21.8]	[-50,60]	[-21.6,21.8]	[-50,60]
f_{M_0}/Λ^4	[-6.0,5.9]	[-20.0,14.5]	[-14,15]	[-35,49]
f_{M_1}/Λ^4	[-8.7,9.1]	[-29,23]	[-22,21]	[-56,71]
f_{M_6}/Λ^4	[-11.9,11.8]	[-39,30]	[-29,29]	[-72,94]
f_{M_7}/Λ^4	[-13.3,12.9]	[-44,33]	[-31,32]	[-79,107]
f_{T_0}/Λ^4	[-0.62,0.65]	[-1.35,1.60]	[-3.7,3.8]	[-8.0, 9.5]
f_{T_1}/Λ^4	[-0.28,0.31]	[-0.61,0.85]	[-1.7,1.8]	[-3.6, 5.0]
f_{T_2}/Λ^4	[-0.89,1.02]	[-2.1, 2.6]	[-5.3,6.0]	[-12, 15]

BLHA interface

What is BLHA

Motivation

Validation

Examples

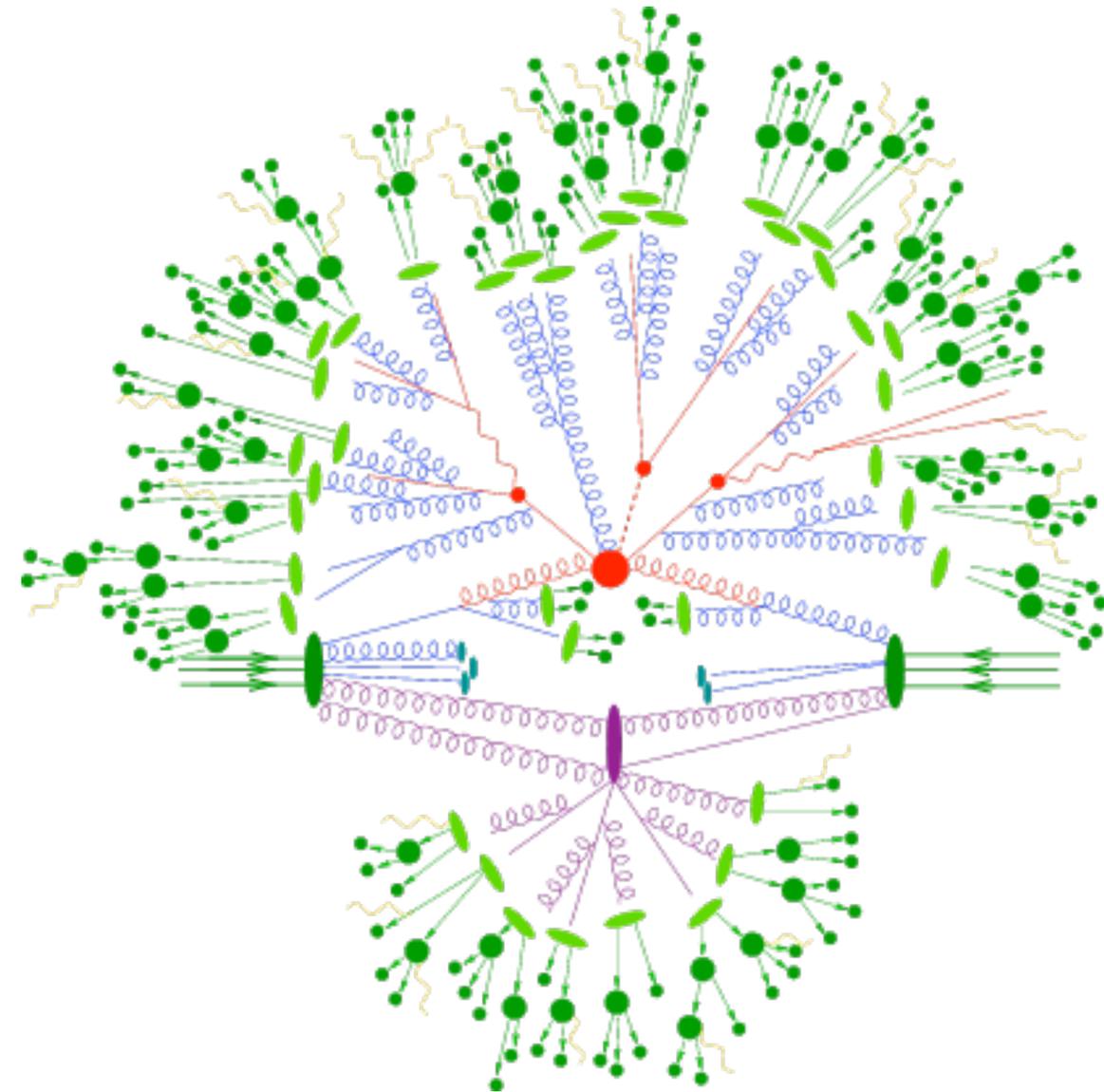
BLHA interface

- **Stands for Binoth Les Houches Accord (BLHA)**
- **Convention:**
 - **How** HEP software must communicate

BLHA interface

- **Protons (PDFs)** One-loop providers
- **Hard collision (Perturbatively)**
- **Parton Shower**
- **Hadronization**

Event generators



[sherpa-team.gitlab.io]

BLHA interface

- **Protons (PDFs)**

- **Hard collision (Perturbatively)**

One-loop providers

- **Parton Shower**

- **Hadronization**

Event generators

Event Generator

OLP

LO/RE

Virtual

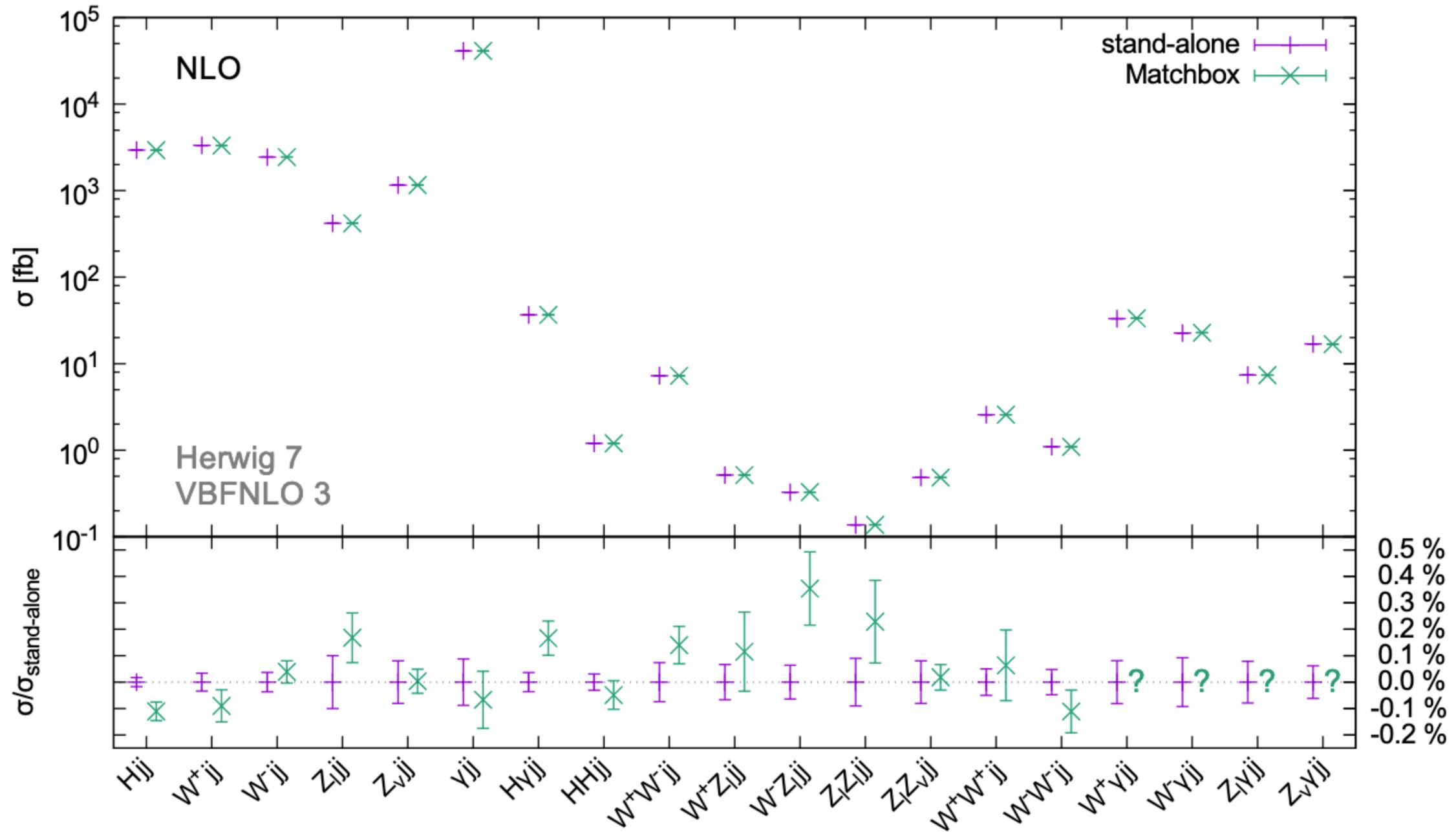
Poles

BLHA interface

- **Implementation process specific**
- **Processes**
 - VBS
[M. Rauch, S. Plätzer]
 - VV and VVV with fully leptonic decays
 - Semi-leptonic decays and other processes in the future
- **Extended interface**
 - VBFNLO phasespace
 - Custom BLHA for Herwig
 - Multiple OLPs in the same run

BLHA interface

[M. Rauch]



BLHA interface

- Diboson

Process	Component	Herwig + VBFNLO		Herwig + MadGraph		RD [%]
		σ [pb]	ϵ/σ [%]	σ [pb]	ϵ/σ [%]	
$pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$	Born	0.3055(4)	0.14	0.3048(4)	0.13	0.25
	Reals	0.05564(15)	0.28	0.0554(3)	0.45	0.47
	Virtual	0.08933(17)	0.2	0.08934(16)	0.18	0.016
$pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \mu^+$	Born	0.01873(4)	0.2	0.01866(3)	0.16	0.36
	Reals	0.00803(4)	0.53	0.008010(16)	0.19	0.26
	Virtual	0.006332(18)	0.28	0.006336(12)	0.19	0.066
$pp \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \mu^- \mu^+$	Born	0.01136(2)	0.18	0.011335(16)	0.14	0.19
	Reals	0.005833(6)	0.11	0.005840(8)	0.14	0.12
	Virtual	0.003663(10)	0.28	0.003667(7)	0.20	0.11
$pp \rightarrow e^- e^+ \mu^- \mu^+$	Born	0.006915(12)	0.18	0.006937(9)	0.12	0.31
	Reals	0.000592(2)	0.38	0.000589(2)	0.39	0.44
	Virtual	0.001846(4)	0.23	0.001840(3)	0.16	0.33
$pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \gamma$	Born	1.739(8)	0.44	1.742(6)	0.37	0.20
	Reals	1.893(9)	0.50	1.883(2)	0.12	0.48
	Virtual	0.2730(12)	0.45	0.2736(6)	0.21	0.23
$pp \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \gamma$	Born	1.316(5)	0.41	1.32(5)	0.36	0.49
	Reals	1.585(7)	0.46	1.5858(19)	0.12	0.074
	Virtual	0.195776(8)	0.43	0.1951(4)	0.22	0.35
$pp \rightarrow e^- e^+ \gamma$	Born	1.227(4)	0.34	1.225(3)	0.26	0.10
	Reals	0.380(3)	0.16	0.3843(6)	0.9	1.0
	Virtual	0.1436(6)	0.38	0.1443(4)	0.29	0.51
$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	Born	35.04(3)	0.092	35.00(3)	0.092	0.11
	Reals	17.81(3)	0.19	17.78(3)	0.19	0.17
	Virtual	-0.054(11)	20.75	-0.049(11)	22.52	11.12

- Triboson

Process	Herwig + VBFNLO		VBFNLO standalone		RD [%]
	σ [pb]	ϵ/σ [%]	σ [pb]	ϵ/σ [%]	
$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$	60.07(4)	0.06	60.03(3)	0.05	0.07
$pp \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}_e \gamma\gamma$	7.98(3)	0.39	7.9809(7)	0.009	0.04
$pp \rightarrow e^- \nu_e \gamma\gamma$	6.79(2)	0.35	6.8080(7)	0.010	0.28
$pp \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \mu^+ \nu_\mu \gamma$	2.902(10)	0.35	2.9139(3)	0.010	0.42
$pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \tau^+ \nu_\tau$	0.2623(6)	0.23	0.2621(2)	0.08	0.05
$pp \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \mu^+ \nu_\mu \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$	0.1626(3)	0.16	0.16261(16)	0.10	0.010
$pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \tau^- \tau^+$	0.04174(8)	0.20	0.041750(10)	0.02	0.03
$pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$	0.3142(15)	0.47	0.31283(4)	0.012	0.44
$pp \rightarrow e^- e^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \tau^+ \nu_\tau$	0.003549(10)	0.28	0.0035499(9)	0.03	0.04
$pp \rightarrow e^- e^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$	0.002135(4)	0.18	0.0021311(6)	0.03	0.16
$pp \rightarrow e^- e^+ \gamma\gamma$	4.764(16)	0.33	4.7708(6)	0.012	0.14
$pp \rightarrow \nu_e \bar{\nu}_e \gamma\gamma$	4.498(10)	0.23	4.4939(6)	0.013	0.09
$pp \rightarrow e^- e^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \gamma$	0.1133(4)	0.36	0.11349(2)	0.02	0.19
$pp \rightarrow e^- e^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \tau^- \tau^+$	0.001214(6)	0.46	0.001219(3)	0.24	0.42

BLHA interface

- **Matching with Herwig Matchbox module**
 - MC@NLO
[S. Frixione, B. R. Webber]
 - POWHEG
[S. Frixione, P. Nason, C. Oleari]
- **(N)LO multi-jet merging**
- **Showers in Herwig**
 - Angular ordered shower
 - Dipole shower

BLHA interface

- **Applications:**

- Study of Parton Shower uncertainties in VBS

[M. Rauch, S. Plätzer]

- Anomalous Higgs boson couplings in VBS

[T. Chen Ph.D. thesis]

- NLO multijet merging for Higgs production

[T. Chen, T.M. Figy, S. Plätzer]

- Soft QCD effects in VBS/VBF topologies

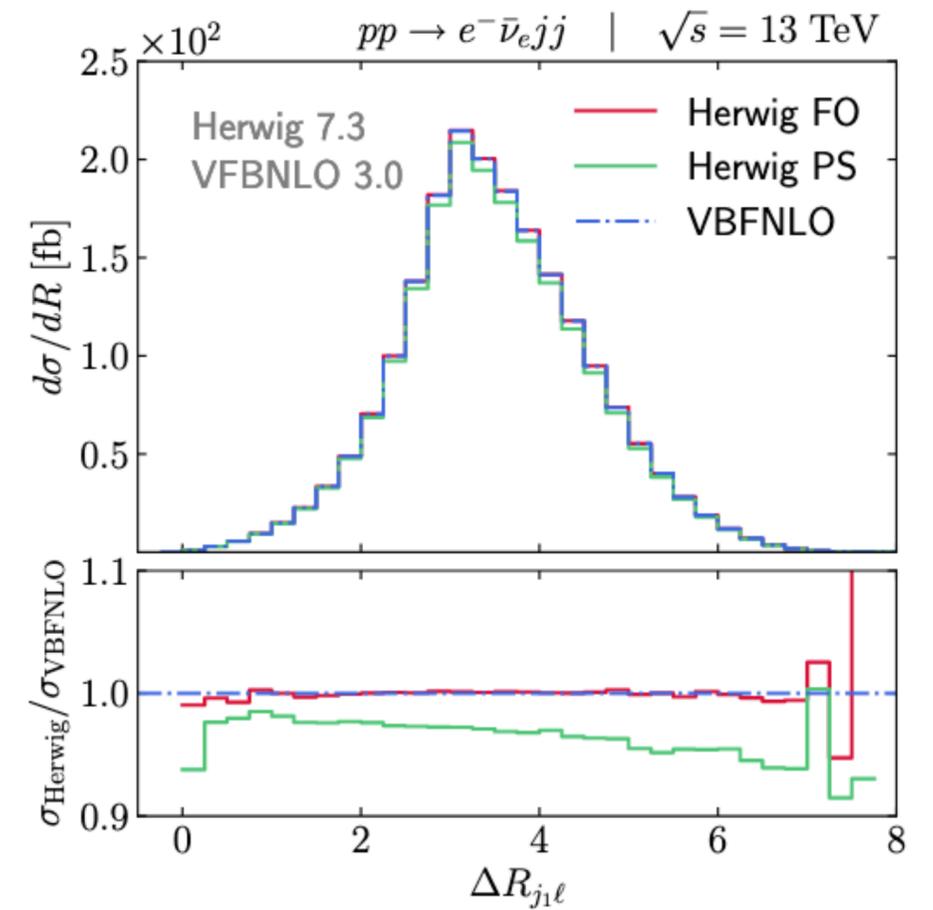
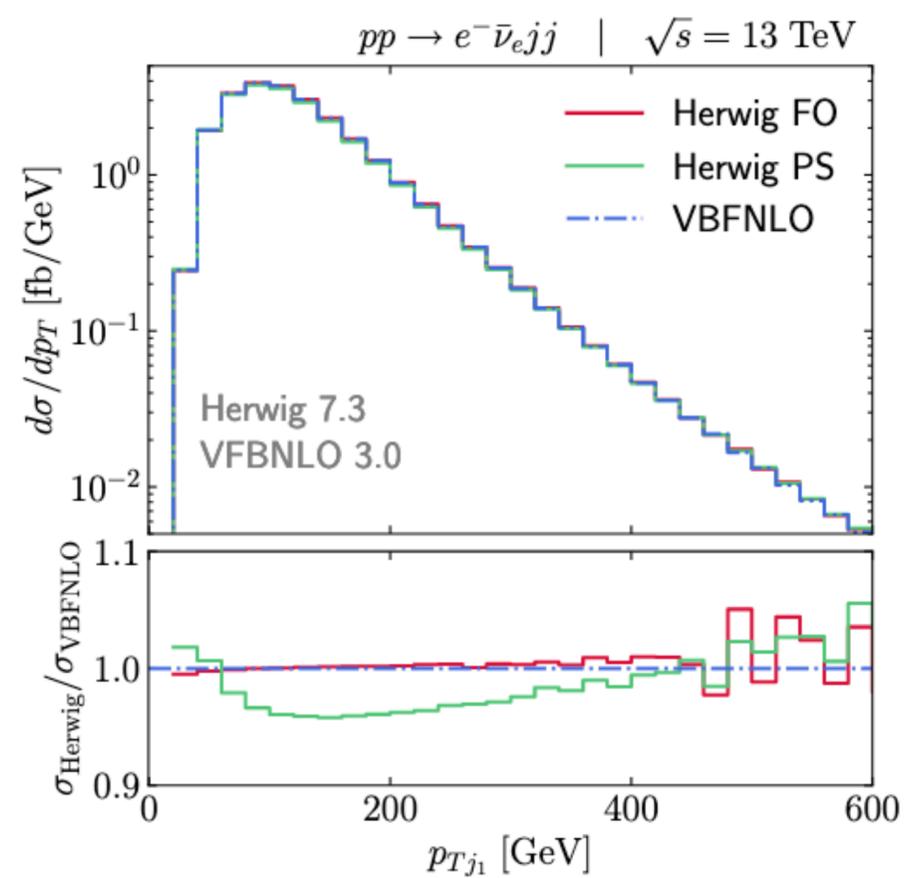
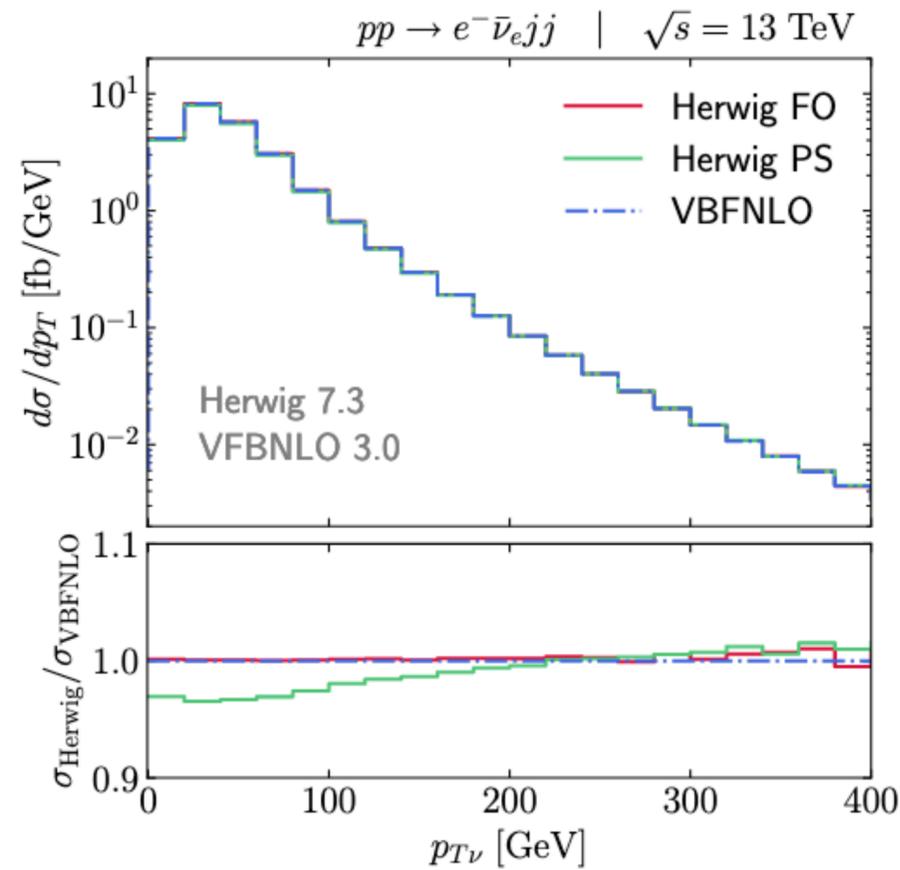
[C. Bittrich, P. Kirchgaerber, A. Papaefstathiou, S. Plätzer, S. Todt]

- Study of Parton Shower uncertainties in tri-boson

To be published: [I. Rosario, F. Campanario, S. Plätzer]

BLHA interface

- Results using the BLHA interface:



Summary and Outlook

- **VBFNLO 3.0 is out with some interesting enhancements**
 - New processes
 - Parallelization through OpenMPI
 - T_u unitarization
 - BLHA interface
- **New website: ific.uv.es/vbfnlo**
- **Public repository: <https://github.com/vbfnlo/vbfnlo>**
- **Bugs, suggestions or comments:**
 - Email: vbfnlo@ific.uv.es
 - Issues or pull requests on GitHub

Thank you very much!