Monte Carlo comparisons
VBSCAN Cost Action

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Abstract

Part I

Introduction

Part II

$\mathbf{pp} \rightarrow \mu^+\nu_\mu\mathbf{e}^+\nu_\mathbf{e}\mathbf{jj}$

0.1 Input parameters

- Centre-of-mass energy of 13 TeV at the LHC.
- Parton distribution function (PDF): NNPDF-3.0 at NLO with $\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}(M_{\mathrm{Z}}) = 0.118$ (we use it at both LO and NLO). The LHAPDF ID for this set is 260000.
- Flavour scheme: fixed $N_{\mathrm{F}} = 5$ flavour scheme (no bottom quark appear in the final or initial state). This means that the bottom quark is considered massless.
- Photon induced are neglected (for now).
- Renormalisation scheme: complex-mass scheme if possible. If other schemes are used, we have to estimate the possible differences. - Factorisation scheme: $\overline{\mathrm{MS}}$ as for NNPDF.
- Scales: factorisation and renormalisation scale, $\mu_R = \mu_F = M_{\mathrm{W}}$.
- α: G_μ scheme with:

$$\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} G_\mu M_{\mathrm{W}}^2 \left(1 - \frac{M_{\mathrm{W}}^2}{M_{\mathrm{Z}}^2}\right) \qquad \text{with} \qquad G_\mu = 1.16637 \times 10^{-5}\,\mathrm{GeV}. \tag{1}$$

The numerical value is: $\alpha = 7.555310522369 \times 10^{-3}$.
- Mass and width of the massive particles:

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\mathrm{t}} &= 173.21\,\mathrm{GeV}, & \Gamma_{\mathrm{t}} &= 0\,\mathrm{GeV}, \\ M_{\mathrm{Z}}^{\mathrm{OS}} &= 91.1876\,\mathrm{GeV}, & \Gamma_{\mathrm{Z}}^{\mathrm{OS}} &= 2.4952\,\mathrm{GeV}, \\ M_{\mathrm{W}}^{\mathrm{OS}} &= 80.385\,\mathrm{GeV}, & \Gamma_{\mathrm{W}}^{\mathrm{OS}} &= 2.085\,\mathrm{GeV}, \\ M_{\mathrm{H}} &= 125.0\,\mathrm{GeV}, & \Gamma_{\mathrm{H}} &= 4.07 \times 10^{-3}\,\mathrm{GeV}. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The pole masses and widths entering the calculation are expressed in terms of the measured on-shell (OS) values for the W and Z bosons according to

$$M_V = M_V^{\mathrm{OS}} / \sqrt{1 + (\Gamma_V^{\mathrm{OS}}/M_V^{\mathrm{OS}})^2}\,, \qquad \Gamma_V = \Gamma_V^{\mathrm{OS}} / \sqrt{1 + (\Gamma_V^{\mathrm{OS}}/M_V^{\mathrm{OS}})^2}. \tag{3}$$

Hence the numerical values are

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\mathrm{Z}} &= 91.1534806191827\,\mathrm{GeV}, & \Gamma_{\mathrm{Z}} &= 2.494266378772824\,\mathrm{GeV}, \\ M_{\mathrm{W}} &= 80.3579736098775\,\mathrm{GeV}, & \Gamma_{\mathrm{W}} &= 2.084298998278219\,\mathrm{GeV}. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

- Experimental signature: two equally charged leptons, missing transverse energy and at least two jets.
- Clustering: QCD partons are clustered into jets using the anti-k_{T} algorithm with jet-resolution parameter $R = 0.4$. Photons from real radiation are recombined with the final-state quarks into jets or with the charged leptons into dressed leptons, in both cases via the anti-k_{T} algorithm and a resolution parameter $R = 0.1$ (this applies only when computing the EW corrections).
- Rapidity definition: $y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E+p_z}{E-p_z}$ where E is the energy of the parton and p_z the component of its momentum along the beam axis.
- Distance definition:

$$\Delta R_{ij} = \sqrt{(\Delta\phi_{ij})^2 + (\Delta y_{ij})^2}, \tag{5}$$

with

$$\Delta\phi_{ij} = \begin{cases} |\phi_i - \phi_j| & \text{if } |\phi_i - \phi_j| < \pi \\ 2\pi - |\phi_i - \phi_j| & \text{else} \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

Contact person	Code	$\mathcal{O}(g_W^6)$ $s/t/u$	$\mathcal{O}(g_W^6)$ interf.	Off-shell	NF QCD	EW corr. to $\mathcal{O}(g_W^4 g_s^2)$
A. Karlberg	POWHEG	t/u	No	Yes	No	No
M. Pellen	Recola	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
M. Rauch	VBFNLO	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
C. Schwan	BONSAY	t/u	No	Yes, virt. No	No	No
M. Zaro	MG5_aMC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Table 1: Summary of the different properties of the codes employed in the comparison.

being the positive azimuthal-angle difference and $\Delta y_{ij} = |y_i - y_j|$ being the positive rapidity difference.
- Definition of the missing transverse energy: transverse momentum of the sum of the two neutrinos momenta.
- Cuts on the leptons:

$$p_{\mathrm{T},\ell} > 20\,\mathrm{GeV}, \qquad |y_\ell| < 2.5, \qquad \Delta R_{\ell\ell} > 0.3. \tag{7}$$

- Missing energy cut:

$$E_{\mathrm{T,miss}} = p_{\mathrm{T,miss}} > 40\,\mathrm{GeV} \tag{8}$$

- Jet definition:

$$p_{\mathrm{T,j}} > 30\,\mathrm{GeV}, \qquad |y_{\mathrm{j}}| < 4.5. \tag{9}$$

- Out of these 2/3 jets, the two hardest in pT (tagged jets)are required to have:

$$m_{\mathrm{jj}} > 500\,\mathrm{GeV}, \qquad |\Delta y_{\mathrm{jj}}| > 2.5. \tag{10}$$

- All jets in the event are required to satisfy

$$\Delta R_{\mathrm{j}\ell} > 0.3. \tag{11}$$

0.2 Codes

0.2.1 POWHEG: Alexander Karlberg

VBF approximation?

0.2.2 VBFNLO: Michael Rauch

VBF approximation

0.2.3 WHIZARD: Jürgen Reuter

Full matrix element

0.2.4 Recola: Mathieu Pellen

Full matrix element

0.2.5 MadGraph5_aMC@NLO: Marco Zaro

To be checked what is possible

0.3 Observables

- Cross section within cuts.
- Distribution in the number of jets.
- Invariant mass of the two hardest jets (two tagged jets).
[0; 4 TeV] with bins of size 100 GeV (40 bins).
- $p_{\mathrm{T,j_1,j_2}}$ and $y_{\mathrm{j_1,j_2}}$ of the two tagged jets (not their sum)
$p_{\mathrm{T,j_1,j_2}}$: [0; 1 TeV] with bins of size 25 GeV (40 bins).
$y_{\mathrm{j_1,j_2}}$: [−5; 5] with bins of size 0.5 (20 bins).
- Invariant mass of the two charged leptons.
[0; 4 TeV] with bins of size 100 GeV (40 bins).
- Zeppenfeld variable for μ^+ and e^+:
$z^*_\ell = |y_\ell - \left(y_{\mathrm{j}_1} + y_{\mathrm{j}_2}\right)/2|/|\Delta y_{\mathrm{jj}}|$
[0; 1.5] with bins of size 0.05 (30 bins).

0.4 Numerical results

0.4.1 LO $\mathcal{O}\left(\alpha^6\right)$

Code	σ[fb]
POWHEG	1.5573 ± 0.0003
Recola	1.5503 ± 0.0003
VBFNLO	1.5538 ± 0.0002
BONSAY	1.5524 ± 0.0002
MG5_aMC	1.542 ± 0.002

Table 2: LO rates within VBS cuts from the different codes.

0.4.2 NLO $\mathcal{O}\left(\alpha^6\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}\right)$

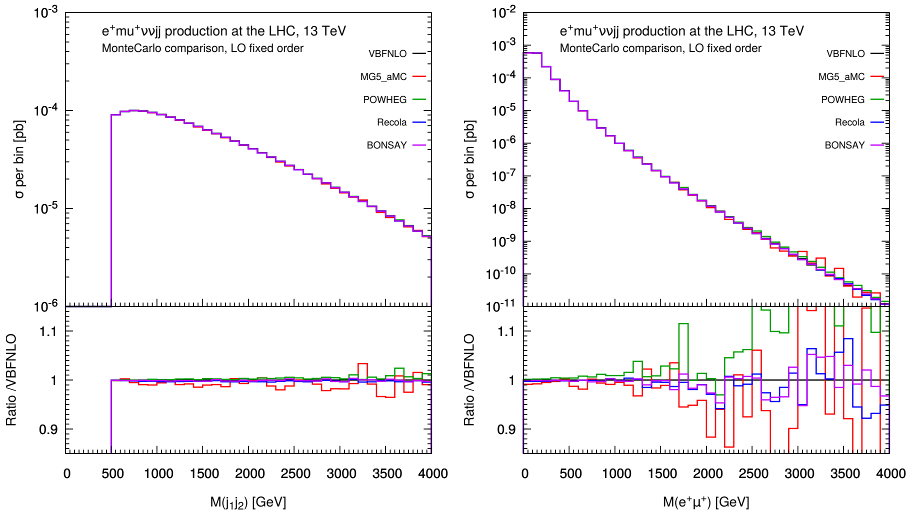

Figure 1: Invariant-mass of the two tagging jets (left) and of the two leptons (right), at LO.

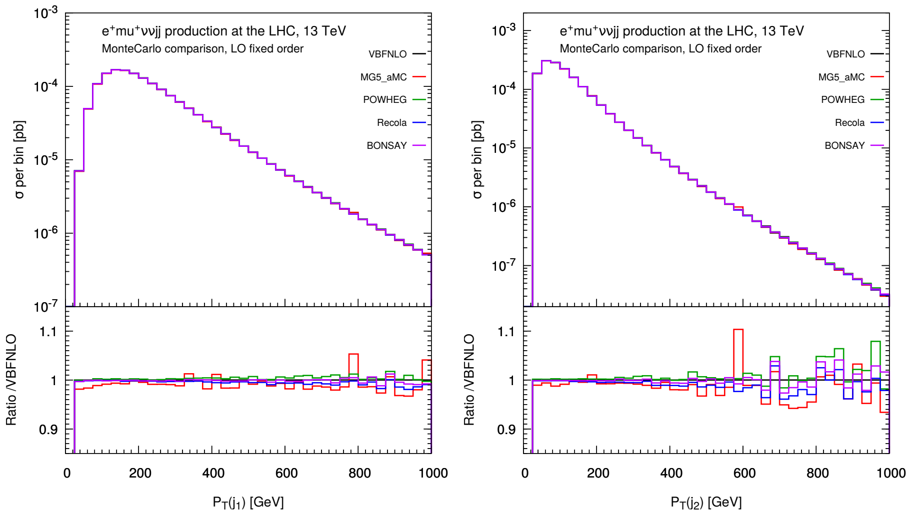

Figure 2: Transverse momentum of the first (left) and second (right) tagging jet, at LO.

Code	σ[fb]	$\sigma(n_j = 2)$[fb]	$\sigma(n_j = 3)$[fb]
POWHEG			
RECOLA			
VBFNLO	1.3531 ± 0.0003	0.8264 ± 0.0003	0.5267 ± 0.0001
BONSAY	1.3366 ± 0.0009	0.8199 ± 0.0008	0.51663 ± 0.00007
MG5_AMC	1.315 ± 0.003	0.784 ± 0.003	0.5313 ± 0.0009

Table 3: NLO rates within VBS cuts from the different codes.

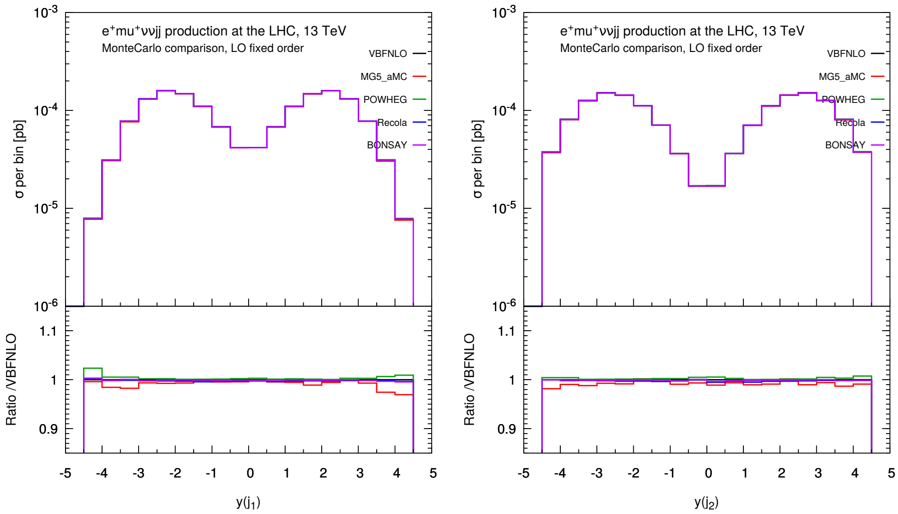

Figure 3: Rapidity of the first (left) and second (right) tagging jet, at LO.

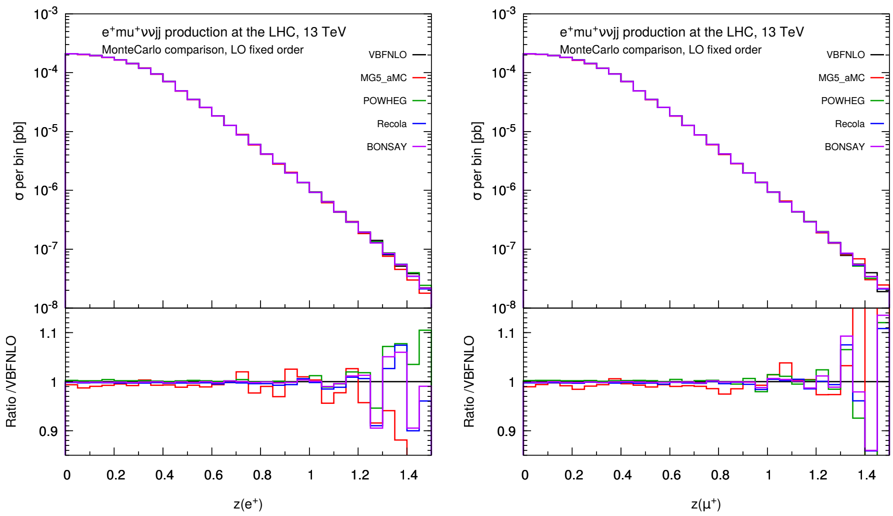

Figure 4: Zeppenfeld variable of the positron (left) and of the muon (right), at LO.

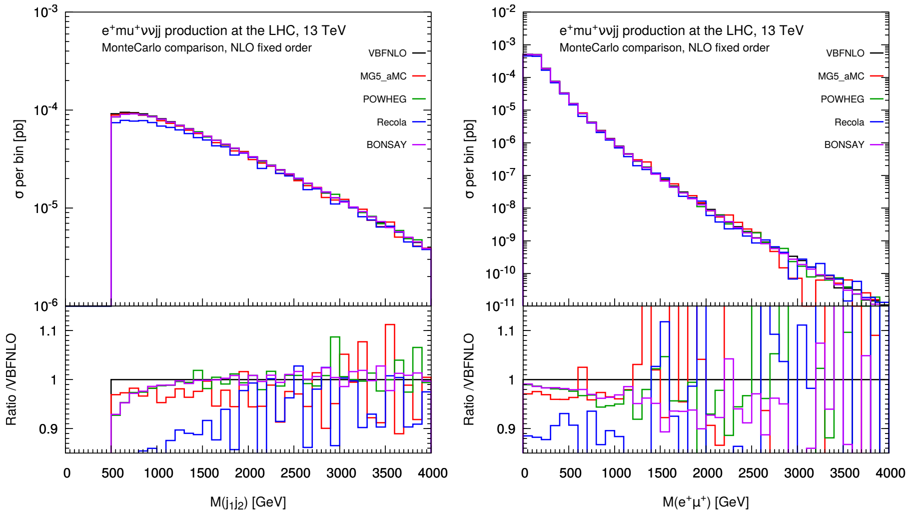

Figure 5: Invariant-mass of the two tagging jets (left) and of the two leptons (right), at NLO.

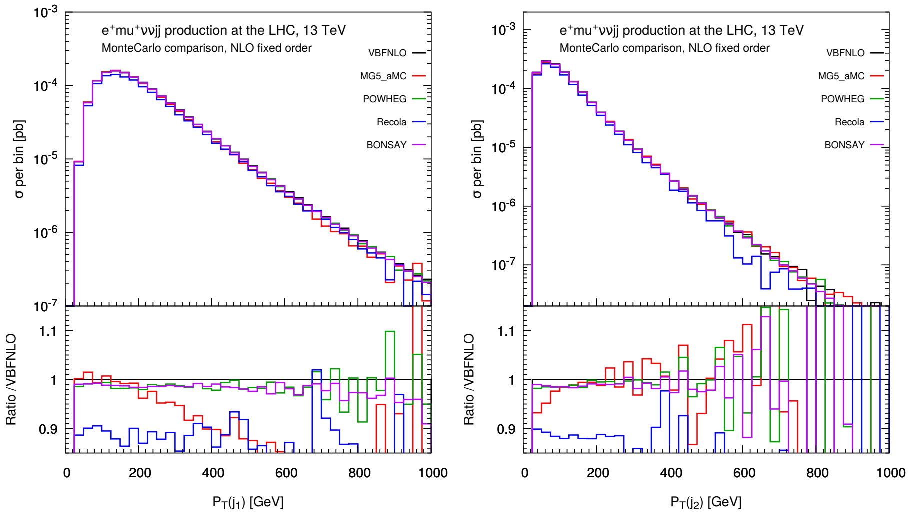

Figure 6: Transverse momentum of the first (left) and second (right) tagging jet, at NLO.

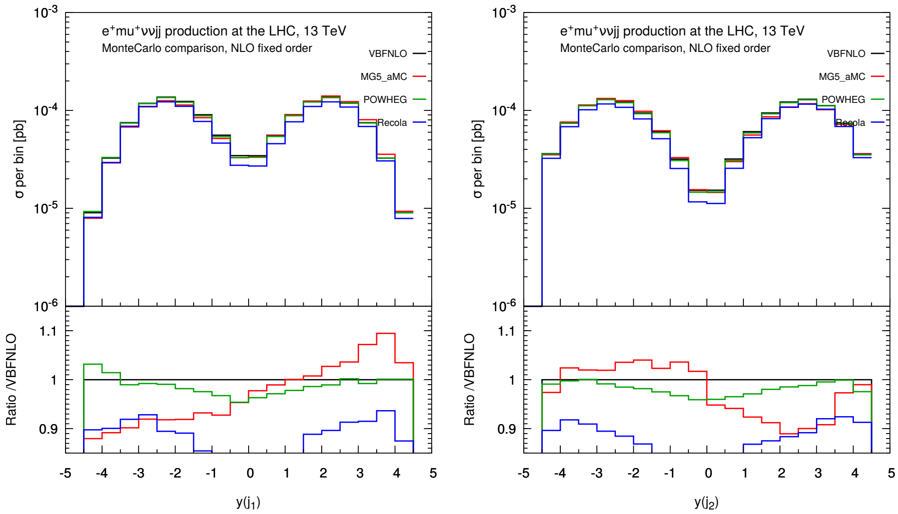

Figure 7: Rapidity of the first (left) and second (right) tagging jet, at NLO.

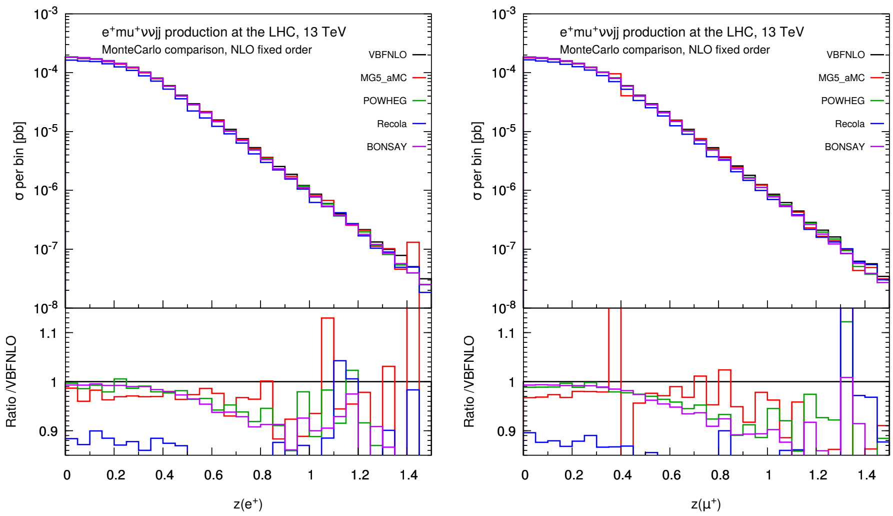

Figure 8: Zeppenfeld variable of the positron (left) and of the muon (right), at NLO.

Part III

Conclusion

Part IV

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