

PRECISION PREDICTIONS FOR HIGGS-BOSON DIFFERENTIAL CROSS SECTIONS AT THE LHC MATTER TO THE DEEPEST 2019

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OUTLINE

Precision measurements and predictions of the Higgs boson

- Current status from both theory and experiment (cherry pick)
- Projection of HL-LHC, is it precise enough?
- Higgs production and decay processes in NNLOJET
- Higgs transverse momentum distribution in full spectrum
 Small, medium and boosted regions

Higgs rapidity distribution at N3LO (ggF channel)

► Summary

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SUCCESS OF LHC HIGGS EXPERIMENTS

ATLAS

Run 1 $H \rightarrow 4l$

Run 1 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

Run 2 $H \rightarrow 4l$

Run 2 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

Run 1+2 H→4l

Run 1+2 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

Run 1 Combined

Run 2 Combined

123

20

15

10

5

0

σ_{VBF} [pb]

Run 1+2 Combined

ATLAS + CMS Run 1

124

125

ATLAS Preliminary

 \sqrt{s} = 13 TeV, 36.1 - 79.8 fb⁻¹

m_H = 125.09 GeV, |y_.| < 2.5

-68% CL

126

--- 95% CL

50

Run 1: 1/s = 7-8 TeV, 25 fb⁻¹, Run 2: 1/s = 13 TeV, 36.1 fb⁻¹

Higgs boson properties in agreement with SM

- Bosonic (Run I) and 3rd generation fermionic couplings (Run II) observed with current precision on coupling ±10-20% (EPS2019)
- Higgs mass uncertainty at $\pm 0.2\%$ level (Run I + II)
- Fiducial total cross section measured with \pm 9% accuracy (Run I + II)
- 2nd generation fermion couplings still to be established
- HH signal with 10 times SM exclusion limit
- Goal for the future: improve precision
 - Differential in production and decay channels
 - Projection to HL-LHC (estimate challenge)
 - Accelerate searches of new physics

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HITOTAL Stat. only

124.51 ± 0.52 (± 0.52) GeV

126.02 ± 0.51 (± 0.43) GeV

Total

127

(Stat. only)



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Typical differential observables for Higgs (+jet) are:

 $d\sigma$ $d\sigma$ $d\sigma$ $d\sigma$ $dp_T^H \quad d|y^H|$ dp_T^{j1} dN_{jets}

Inclusive decay observables are reconstructed from individual decay channel

Combined results with $\pm 20-40\%$ uncertainties (EPS2019) (ATLAS 1805.10197, CMS 1812.06504, EPS2019)

Breakdown in production channels through Simplified Template Cross Section (STXS)

All Higgs production and decay channels contribute

Complexity increase from Stage $\rightarrow 1.1 \rightarrow \cdots$

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SUCCESS OF HIGGS THEORY (GLUON FUSION)

$\sigma_{PP \to H+X}$	=	16.00 pb	(+32.87%)	LO, rEFT
	+	20.84 pb	(+42.82%)	NLO, rEFT
A	+	9.56 pb	(+19.64%)	NNLO, rEFT
	+	1.62 pb	(+3.32%)	$N^{3}LO, rEFT$
	-	2.07 pb	(-4.25%)	(t,b,c) corr. to exact NLO
	+	0.34 pb	(+0.70%)	$1/m_t$ corr. to NNLO
	+	2.37 pb	(+4.87%)	EWK corr.
	=	48.67 pb.		
	-	Service States	9.	

δ (theory)	=	$+0.13pb \\ -1.20pb$	$\binom{+0.28\%}{-2.50\%}$	$\delta(\text{scale})$	
	+	$\pm 0.56 pb$	$(\pm 1.16\%)$	$\delta(\text{PDF-TH})$	
	+	$\pm 0.49 pb$	$(\pm 1.00\%)$	$\delta(\text{EWK})$	
	+	$\pm 0.41 pb$	$(\pm 0.85\%)$	$\delta({ m t,b,c})$	
1	+	$\pm 0.49 pb$	$(\pm 1.00\%)$	$\delta(1/m_t)$	
	=	$+2.08pb \\ -3.16pb$	$\begin{pmatrix} +4.28\% \\ -6.5\% \end{pmatrix}$,		
$\delta(\text{PDF})$	=	$\pm 0.89 \text{pb}$	$(\pm 1.85\%),$		
$\delta(\alpha_S)$	=	+1.25pb -1.26pb	$\binom{+2.59\%}{-2.62\%}$.		

Need to attack on many fronts to further improve '

- ► Towards N3LO PDFs (Britzger et al. 1906.05303) 30
- Top quark mass dependence
 (Davies, Gröber, Maier et al. 1906.00982)
- Bottom quark fusion at N3LO (Duhr, Dulat, Mistlberger 1904.09990)

EWK corrections (1801.10403, 1811.11211) ...
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- Total cross section with N3LO QCD corrections in heavy top limit (HTL) (B. Mistlberger 1802.00833)
- QCD scale variation reduced significantly
- Public in iHixs2 code (Dulat et al. 1802.00827)
- Uncertainty dominant by QCD (± 4%)
 (C. Anastasiou et al. 1602.00695)
- ► Three short boards: QCD scale, PDF, α_s



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SUCCESS OF HIGGS THEORY (GLUON FUSION)

Differential predictions advance to new revolution

- ► HpT (HTL) at NNLO+N3LL accuracy (details later)
 - Robust NNLO calculation at small pT
 - Resummation in two factorisation schemes
- ➤ yH (HTL) at N3LO accuracy (details later)
 - Two methods with approximation in good agreement
 - New revolution to differential N3LO accuracy
- H+J (full SM) at NLO accuracy (boosted pT region)
- Still many aspects to improve:
 - Very time consuming at small pT (~ 7M CPU h)
 - Application with decay fiducial cuts
 - Join with parton shower beyond LO



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- Differential NNLO corrections to VBF-2J production and NLO corrections to VBF-3J production using structure function approach (Cruz-Martinez et al. 1802.02445)
- Uncovered error in earlier NNLO calculation stemming from VBF-3J piece (now fixed) (Cacciari, Dreyer et al. 1506.02660) (Jager, Schissler et al. 1405.6950)

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- NNLO cross section is 4% smaller than NLO (VBF cuts)
- Scale variation now reduced to ± 3%
- Contribute significantly at boosted Higgs pT ~20%
 - Large overlap in fiducial volume with gluon fusion H+2J
- Inclusive cross section at N3LO (Dreyer et al. 1606.00840)

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SUCCESS OF HIGGS THEORY (VH)

- Current precision with NNLO QCD corrections in both production and decay to process $pp \rightarrow W(l\nu) + H(b\bar{b})$ with narrow width approximation and massless b quark (Ferrera et al. 1705.10304), (Caola et al. 1712.06954), (Gauld, Majer et al. 1907.05836)
 - ▶ NNLO corrects NLO $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay in both below and above Higgs mass threshold regions
 - ► New interference at NNLO from $H \rightarrow gg$
 - N3LO H → bb̄ decay now available
 (Mondini, Schiavi, Williams 1904.08960)

► Future work with b mass and EXP flavour kT jet





- > NNLOPS accurate $pp \rightarrow Z(l^+l^-) + H(b\bar{b})$ (Astill, Bizoń et al. 1804.08141)
- ► Sizeable impact of loop induced $gg \rightarrow Z(l^+l^-) + H(b\bar{b})$ above top mass threshold
- > NLO corrections includes interference with qg and $q\bar{q}$ channels (need two-loop massive top for through study)

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CHALLENGE FROM HL-LHC PROJECTION (20 YEARS)

Is it precise enough? Not yet according to HL-LHC Projections!



> HL-LHC expects $\pm 1.6\%$ in two decades

Current N3LO has ± 4% for QCD alone! WG2 report on HL-LHC 1902.00134

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Differential observables (S2) HL-LHC projections: > $yH \pm 3\%$ HpT $\pm 5\%$ (more details in this talk)

Theory need consistent upgrade to reduce PDF and > $\alpha_{\rm s}$ uncertainties



NNLOJET: A multiprocess parton level event generator at O(alpha_s^3)* X. Chen, J. Cruz-Martinez, J. Currie, R. Gauld, A. Gehrmann-De Ridder, T. Gehrmann, E.W.N. Glover, M. Höfer, A. Huss, I. Majer, J. Mo, T. Morgan, J. Niehues, J. Pires, R. Schürmann, D. Walker, J. Whitehead Higgs Decay channels LHC Higgs Production channels bb **NNLO** b-tagging 1408.5325, 1607,08817, H + J (ggF) NNLO HTL \otimes LO SM $WW^* \rightarrow 2l2\nu$ LO 1805.00736, 1805.05916 Lepton isolation H(ggF) $\tau^+\tau^-$ N3LO HTL (approx.) LO Massive final states 1807.11501 $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ LO Lepton isolation H + JJ (VBF) **NNLO** 1802.02445 YY Photon isolation LO H + V (VH)NNLO 1907.05836 $Z(\rightarrow 2l)\gamma$ LO Photon + lepton iso.

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HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM DISTRIBUTION IN FULL SPECTRUM

HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM SPECTRUM

- Higgs pT spectrum tests SM in various aspects
- ► Small pT region (< 20 GeV):
 - Singular log terms spoil any reliable fixed order predictions ln^k(m_H²/p_T²)/p_T²
 - ► Resummation of log terms and match to fixed order: $d\sigma^{FO} \ominus d\sigma^S \oplus d\sigma^R$
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Higgs p_T Spectrum from Gluon Fusion at the LHC



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Will separately discuss each HpT region for the rest of this talk

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HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM AT MEDIUM PT

- H+J Computed at NNLO QCD (HTL) by 4 groups using 3 methods
 - Antenna subtraction (NNLOJET) XC, Gehrmann, Glover et al. (1408.5325, 1607.08817)
 - Sector improved subtraction (STRIPPER) Boughezal, Caola et al. (1302.6216, 1504.07922)
 - N-Jettiness (BFGLP and MCFM) Boughezal, Focke et al. (1505.03893) Campbell et al. (1906.01020)
 - It was the battle ground for the first LHC process with single jet + colourless @ NNLO
 - Long-standing discrepancy between N-Jettiness and other methods



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HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM AT MEDIUM PT

- ► Fiducial cross section for H+J now known at NNLO QCD for:
 - ► $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ Caola, Melnikov, Schulze (1508.02684), XC, Gehrmann, Glover et al. (1607.08817)
 - $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 2l2\nu$ Caola, Melnikov, Schulze (1508.02684)
 - $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l XC$, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss (1905.13738)



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XC, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss (1905.13738)

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HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM AT SMALL PT

- ► FO break down, where is the problem come from?
 - ► Take $d\sigma_{NLO}^H$ as example:

 p_T^H

 $A^{0}_{2gH}(\hat{g},\hat{g},H) + A^{0}_{3gH}(\hat{g},\hat{g},g,H) - F^{0}_{3}(\hat{g},g,\hat{g})A^{0}_{2gH}(\tilde{\hat{g}},\tilde{\hat{g}},\tilde{H}) + A^{1}_{2gH}(\hat{g},\hat{g},H) + \mathcal{F}^{0}_{3}(\hat{g},\hat{g})A^{0}_{2gH}(\tilde{\hat{g}},\tilde{\hat{g}},\tilde{H})$

► Finite p_T^H region has no IR regulator \rightarrow fixed order predictions break down

 $\delta(p_T^H)$

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- > How to make reliable predictions of $d\sigma/dp_T^H$ at 1 GeV?
 - Use QCD factorisation to distinguish radiations from Born kinematics.

$d\sigma = \sigma_{LO} \otimes H \otimes B \otimes B \otimes S \otimes J$

Replace IR subtraction by IR renormalisation (IR poles removed).

► Find and solve RGE of factorised functions to include all order effects.

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HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM SPECTRUM (SMALL+MEDIUM)

► NNLO + N3LL Resummation with SCET and RadISH

- ► RadISH + NNLOJET at N3LL + NNLO
- ➤ Multiplicative matching to NNLO total X.S.
- Substantial regulation from NNLO+N3LL at the peak of spectrum
- Scale variation reduced by 60% from NLO+NNLL to NNLO+N3LL





- Additive matching using profile functions
- Conservative uncertainty estimation involving 11 scale variation choices times 6 profile functions
- Noticeable deviation between NNLO and NNLO+N3LL starting from 30 GeV
- > Future extension to include m_t and m_b effect

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HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM SPECTRUM (SMALL+MEDIUM)

Comparison with LHC data and HL-LHC projection



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HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM AT BOOSTED REGION

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LHC 13 TeV

200

400

Jones, Kerner, Luisoni (1802.00349)

 $p_{t, H}$ [GeV]

600

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800

 $\mu = \frac{H_T}{2}$

PDF4LHC15 NLO

 10^{0}

 $^{\text{H},10^{-3}}_{\text{dp}/_{\text{op}}}$

 10^{-5}

 10^{-6}

 10^{-7}

2.5

2.0

1.5

1.0

0

NLO/LO

200 Expect HTL approximation fail for pT > 200 GeV

Two approaches to include top mass effects

Expansion valid for $m_H^2, m_t^2 \ll |s| \sim |t| \sim |u|$ Lindert, Kudashkin, et al (1703.03886); Neumann (1802.02981) Exact results (numerical in SecDec) Jones, Kerner, Luisoni (1802.00349) ► Joint effort in HH: exact numerical+expansion $\begin{bmatrix} 10^{0} \\ \text{bb}/\text{qe}\\ 10^{-1} \\ 10^{-2} \end{bmatrix}$ Davies, Heinrich, Jones, et al. (1907.06408)

► Large NLO/LO K-factor ~ 2

K-factor very similar to HTL

- K-factor nearly flat at large pT
- Several open questions.....
 - Combination with NNLO HTL
 - Top-quark mass scheme uncertainty OS/MSbar
 - Numerical stability of P.S. at large pT

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1000

LO Full

NLO Full

NLO FT_{approx}

HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM AT BOOSTED REGION

Extension to NNLO HTL/NLO SM combined distributions in boosted region: $d\sigma^{\rm QCD, NLO}$ $d\sigma^{\rm EFT, NNLO}$ Rescale NLO by $K_{NNLO} = NNLO_{HTL}/NLO_{HTL}$ $d\sigma^{\text{EFT-improved (1), NNLO}}$ dp_{\perp} $d\sigma^{\rm EFT, NLO}$ Assumes SM/HTL K-factors similar dp_{\perp} dp_{\perp}



- Considerable contribution from VH, VBF and ttH.
- State-of-the-art precision at NNLO except ttH (NLO).
- Sensitive to BSM models like new generation of quark

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0.2

450

500

550

600

pt^H [GeV]

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650

17

800

HIGGS RAPIDITY DISTRIBUTION AT N3LO

HIGGS PRODUCTION AT N3LO (APPROXIMATED)

Extend qT-subtraction method to N3LO (Cieri, XC et al. 1807.11501). In qT (CSS) factorisation to Higgs production at N3LO:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2 dy} = \frac{m_H^2}{s} \sigma_{LO}^H \int_0^{+\infty} db \frac{b}{2} J_0(bp_T) S_g(m_H, b) \sum_{a_1, a_2} \int_{x_1}^1 \frac{dz_1}{z_1} \int_{x_2}^1 \frac{dz_2}{z_2} \left[HC_1 C_2 \right]_{gg:a_1 a_2} \prod_{i=1,2} f_{a_i/h_i}(x_i/z_i, b_0^2/b^2) \\ S_c(M, b) = \exp\left[-\int_{b_0^2/b^2}^{M^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \left(A_c\left(\alpha_s(q^2)\right) \ln \frac{M^2}{q^2} + B_c\left(\alpha_s(q^2)\right) \right) \right]$$

- > Apply q_T^{cut} to factorise full N3LO into two parts.
- ➤ Above q_T^{cut}, recycle H+jet at NNLO from NNLOJET with qT counter terms (CT) to regulate IR divergence.
- > Below Q_T^{cut} , factorise real radiations from hard coefficient functions at $\delta(p_T)$ in HN3LO package.
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- ► We use a constant $C_{N3}\delta_{ga}\delta_{gb}(1-z)$ to approximate the unknown pieces.
- > Numerically abstract the C_{N3} coefficient using exact N3LO total cross section (1802.00833, 1802.00827).Xuan Chen (UZH)Precision predictions for Higgs-boson differential cross sections at the LHCSeptember 3, 201918

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- > Numerically abstract the C_{N3} coefficient using exact N3LO total cross section (1802.00833, 1802.00827). Xuan Chen (UZH) Precision predictions for Higgs-boson differential cross sections at the LHC September 3, 2019 18



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- **Remarkably flat K-factor (as expected)**
- QCD scale uncertainty reduced to $\frac{+1\%}{-3\%}$
- Comparable to (S2) HL-LHC projections $\pm 3\%$
- Future upgrade to reduce PDF and α_s uncertainties



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Total time (int. dimension Of the tree level)	LO	NLO	NNLO
Н	1 min (3)	30 min (6)	300h (9)
H—>di-photon	1 min (3)	40 min (6)	400h (9)
H—>4l (2e2mu, 4e, 4mu require at least two separate runs)	2~3 min (9)	2h (12)	1000h (15)
H+j	3 min (6)	1.5h (9)	70000h (12)
H—>di-photon + jet	4 min (6)	2h (9)	90000h (12)
H—>4l (2e2mu, 4e, 4mu require at least two separate runs)+jet	20 min (12)	10h (15)	600000h (18)
H_qT	20 min (6)	5h (9)	7000000h (12)



ACCEPTANCE STUDY $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

➤ CMS (1706.09936) and ATLAS (1708.02810) use different lepton isolation algorithm in $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

Fiducial Cuts	CMS	ATLAS					
Lepton Isolation							
Cone size R^l	0.3	_					
$\sum p_T^i / p_T^l \ (i \in \mathbb{R}^l)$	< 35%	Market -					
$\Delta R^{SF(DF)}(l_i, l_j)$	> 0.02	> 0.1(0.2)					
Jet Definition (anti-kT with R=0.4)							
p_T^{jets} (GeV)	> 30	> 30					
y ^{jets}	< 2.5	< 4.4					
$\Delta R(jet, e(\mu))$		> 0.2(0.1)					

Fixed order study of acceptance reveals detailed structures

$$A_{FO}(\mathcal{O}) = \frac{d\sigma_{FO}^{H(\to ZZ^* \to 4l) + jet}/d\mathcal{O}}{d\sigma_{FO}^{H + jet}/d\mathcal{O} \times (BR_{2e2\mu} + BR_{4\mu} + BR_{4e})}$$

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