

The q_T spectrum beyond leading power

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with $L = \log[q_T^2/m^2]$ and coefficients $c_i^{(m,n)}$.

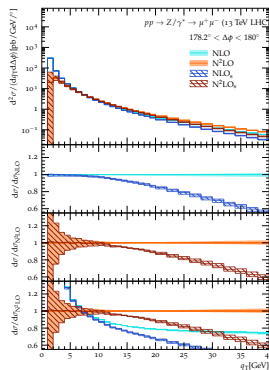
Although a few NLP results are known, the main focus of research has been on LP which dominates the $q_T \rightarrow 0$ behaviour.

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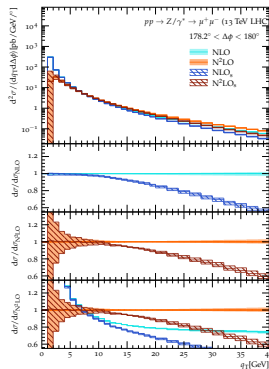
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Consider the process the q_T spectrum of the process $pp \rightarrow B + X$, where B is any massive colour neutral final state.

We restrict ourselves to an analysis at NLO, ie. X is made up of one single parton.

Momentum labels

$$i + j \rightarrow B + k$$

Use light-cone decomposition

$$k^\mu \equiv [k_+, k_-, k_\perp] \quad \text{and} \quad q_T^2 = k_T^2 = k_+ k_-$$

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$\tilde{\mathcal{I}}$ contains a number of different scales, assuming $e^{\pm Y} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$

- ultrasoft $k_+^{\min} \sim \mathcal{O}(q_T^2/m)$
- soft $k_{\pm} \sim \mathcal{O}(q_T)$
- hard $k_+^{\max} \sim \mathcal{O}(m)$

Expand by regions

$$n\text{-collinear mode : } \nu_n < k_+ \leq \tilde{k}_+^{\max} \quad k^\mu \sim \mathcal{O}(m, q_T^2/m, q_T)$$

$$\text{transitional range : } \frac{q_T^2}{\nu_{\bar{n}}} < k_+ \leq \nu_n \quad \text{mult. modes for } \nu_n \lesssim m e^{-Y}$$

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Scales $\{\nu_n, \nu_{\bar{n}}\}$ separate n - and \bar{n} -collinear regions.

Interior domain – n -, \bar{n} -collinear region

In n -collinear region, $k_+ \sim \mathcal{O}(m)$, $k_- \sim \mathcal{O}(q_T^2/m)$, expand

$$\left. \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{[\kappa],\{\alpha,\beta\}}^{\rho,\sigma} \right|_c + \left. \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{[\kappa],\{\alpha,\beta\}}^{\rho,\sigma} \right|_{\bar{c}} = \sum_{\omega=\rho}^{\infty} (q_T^2)^\omega \left[\left. \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{[\kappa],\{\alpha,\beta\}}^{\rho,\sigma,(\omega)}(\nu_n) \right|_c + \left. \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{[\kappa],\{\alpha,\beta\}}^{\rho,\sigma,(\omega)}(\nu_{\bar{n}}) \right|_{\bar{c}} \right]$$

q_T^2 dependence extracted, $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{[\kappa],\{\alpha,\beta\}}^{\rho,\sigma,(\omega)}$ collects all hard scales, is $\mathcal{O}(1)$.

Interior domain – transitional region

Expand F around $me^{\pm Y}$

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Defined n - and \bar{n} -collinear-soft sectors based on $\nu_n, \nu_{\bar{n}}$ dependence.
Besides hard scale k_\pm now also $\log[\nu_n/q_T]$ and $\log[\nu_{\bar{n}}/q_T]$.

Interior domain

Combine all regions

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(fitted with Chebyshev polynomials),
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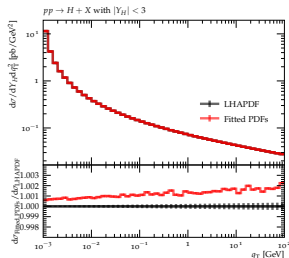
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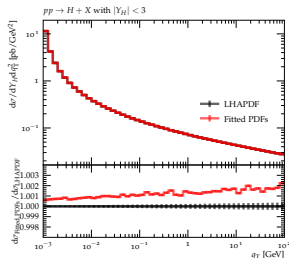
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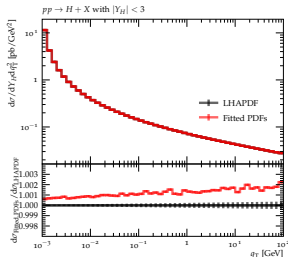
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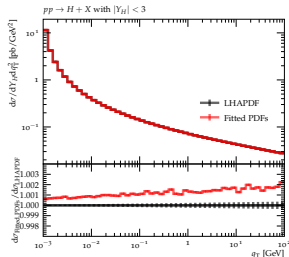
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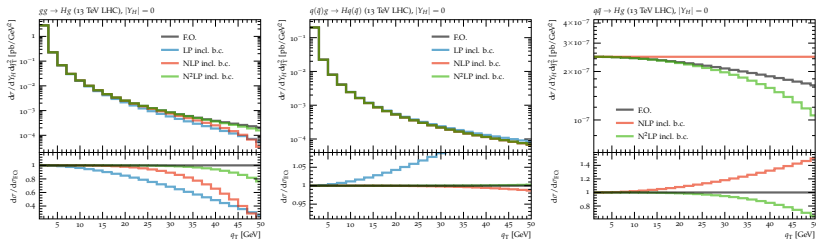


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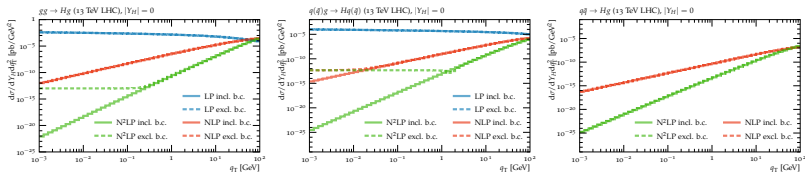
Ratio to exact spectra



- LP reproduces leading singularity
- NLP & N²LP improve finite- q_T behaviour
eg. $< 1\%$ deviation at $q_T = 30$ GeV in $gg \rightarrow Hg$ and $gq \rightarrow Hq$
 \Rightarrow important for matching systematics
- no LP in $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Hg$, NLP const., N²LP first non-trivial

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Difference to exact spectra

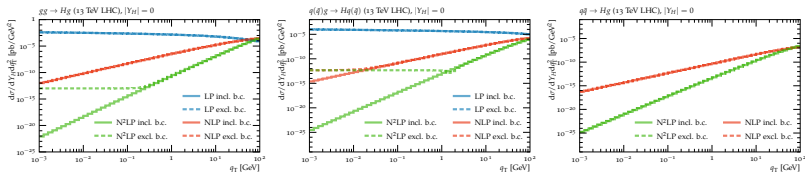


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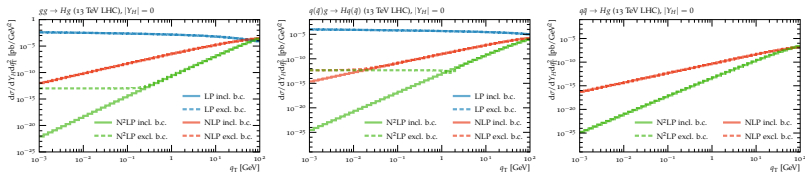


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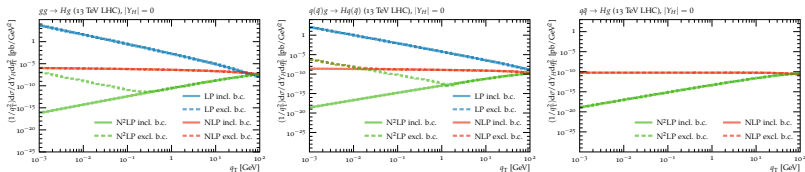


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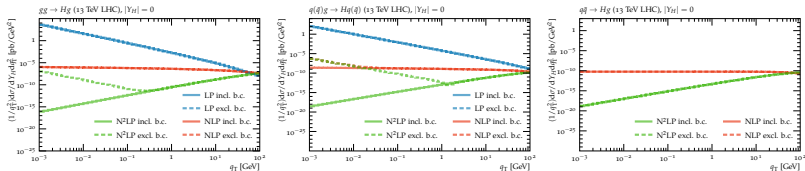


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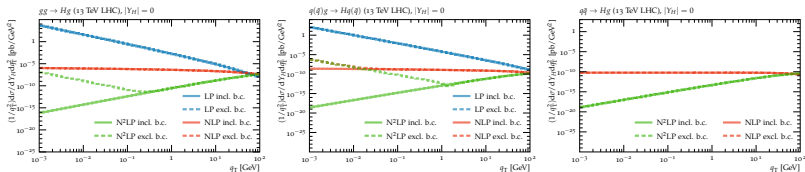


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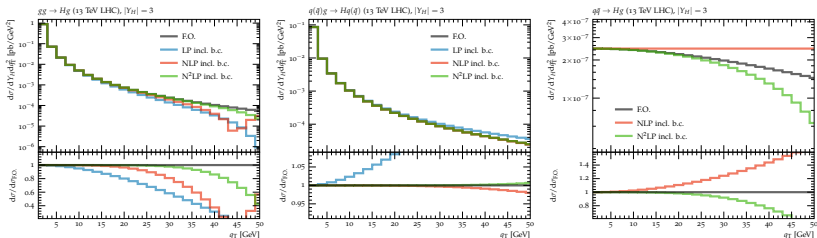


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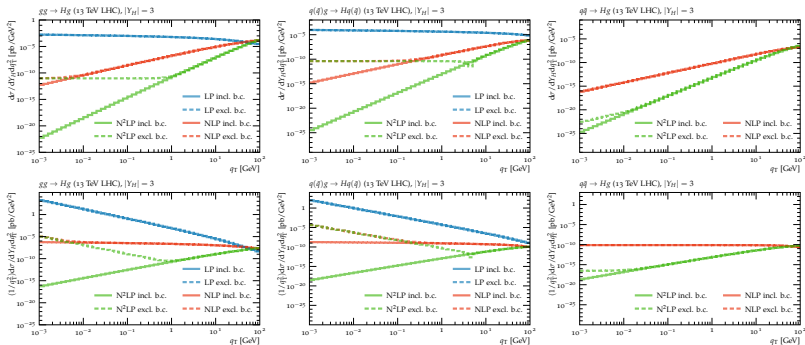
Ratio to exact spectra



- $e^{\pm Y_H}$ now $\mathcal{O}(10)$, impacts scaling of k_{\pm} , k_{\pm}^{\max} , and x_n , $x_{\bar{n}}$
→ impacts assumptions of scaling in the individual dynamic regions
- increased sensitivity to subleading power corrections

Results – Higgs q_T spectrum at NLO – $Y_H = 0$

Difference to exact (weighted) spectra



- increased sensitivity to boundary corrections, driven by asymmetry of x_n and $x_{\bar{n}}$

Conclusions

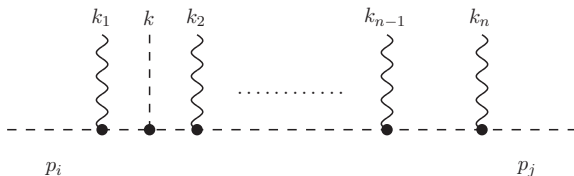
- presented a systematic framework to construct the small- q_T expansion at NLO up to arbitrary power accuracy
 - applicable to all conservative rapidity regulators
 - included contributions from integration boundaries, which were found to be dominating subleading power corrections for $q_T \rightarrow 0$
- applied to $pp \rightarrow H + X$ up to N²LP as an example
→ exactly reproduce the exact result at a given power accuracy
- equally applicable to any process with similar propagator structure, eg. Drell-Yan

Thank you!

Backup

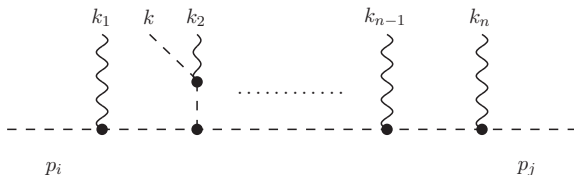
Multi-boson production

A) no bosons attached to coloured final state



⇒ **straight forward**

B) at least one boson attached to coloured final state



⇒ **needs more care to derive factorised form**