VH cross section working group status and plans

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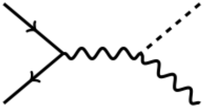

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Status of Theoretical Predictions

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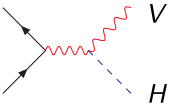

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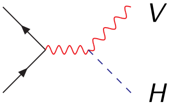

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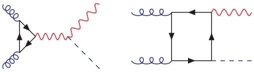

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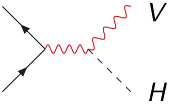

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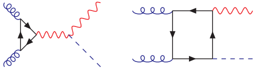

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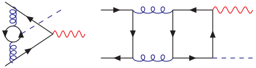

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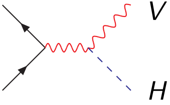

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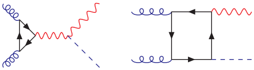

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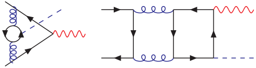

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Combination of NNLO QCD and NLO EW corrections for $\sigma_{\rm tot}$

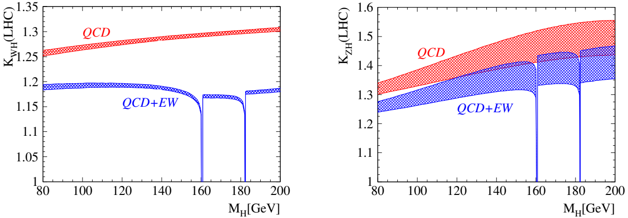
Brein et al. & Ciccolini et al. '04

$$\sigma_{\rm WH} = \sigma_{\rm WH}^{\rm VH@NNLO} \times (1 + \delta_{\rm WH,EW})$$

$$\sigma_{\rm ZH} = \sigma_{\rm ZH}^{\rm VH@NNLO} \times (1 + \delta_{\rm ZH,EW}) + \sigma_{\rm gg\to ZH}$$

Note:
$\delta_{\rm VH,EW}$ insensitive to PDFs !

K factors for $\rm pp \to VH + X$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 14\,\rm TeV$:



- typical size of corrections: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha) \sim 5\text{--}10\%$
- spikes at $M_{\rm H} = 2M_{\rm W}$ and $M_{\rm H} = 2M_{\rm Z}$
  = perturbative artifacts from WW/ZZ threshold
  $\hookrightarrow$ require inclusion of W/Z decays

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Recent update for $\sigma_{\rm tot}$ @ LHC (7 and $14\,\rm TeV$) in LHC Higgs XS report

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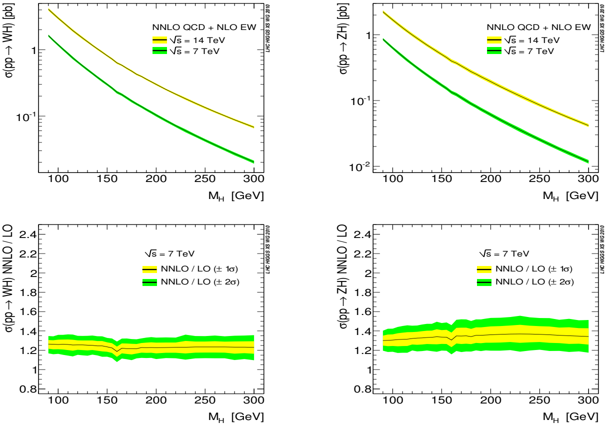
arXiv:1101.0593 [hep-ph]



Uncertainties @ $7\,\rm TeV$:

WH: PDF $\sim\ 3{-}4\%$, scale $\sim\ 1\%$

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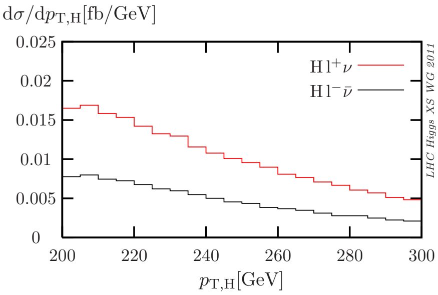

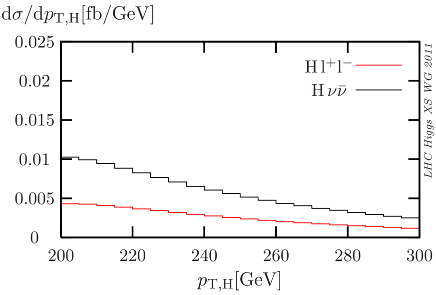

Yellow Report II:arXiv:1201.3084

Distributions in $p_{T,H}$ for $pp \to WH \to l\nu H$ (NNLO QCD + NLO EW) and for $pp \to ZH \to ll/\nu\nu H$ (NLO QCD + NLO EW).
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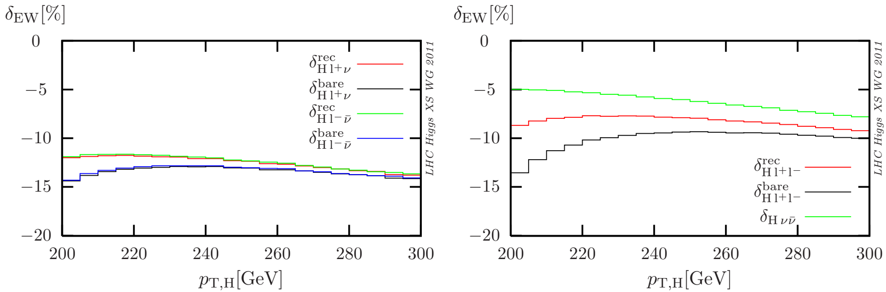

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Theoretical Uncertainties on Experimental Analysis

Present theory uncertainties in the ATLAS VH → bb analyses

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Bkg Norm	3.6%	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	2.7%	1.8%	1.8%	4.5%	3.2%	3.2%	2.9%
JES/MET	2.1%	1.2%	2.7%	5.1%	1.5%	1.4%	2.1%	9.5%	8.0%	9.2%	11.8%
Leptons	0.2%	0.3%	1.1%	3.4%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Luminosity	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%	0.7%
Pileup	0.9%	1.6%	0.5%	1.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.8%	0.5%	1.9%	3.2%	2.8%
Theory	5.2%	1.3%	4.7%	14.9%	2.3%	0.4%	1.6%	14.8%	3.9%	4.4%	7.8%
Total Bkg	6.9%	4.3%	6.6%	17.3%	3.9%	2.7%	3.4%	19.6%	10.7%	12.2%	15.6%
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Total Signal	10.1%	9.1%	9.6%	16.5%	11.4%	10.8%	11.0%	16.0%	11.8%	11.4%	13.4%

- VH/ZH theory signal uncertainty:
  - 30-50% of total uncertainty
- Background theory uncertainty (mainly Vbb):
  - Leading uncertainty, in particular in the high pT bins with the best sensitivity.

from G. Piacquadio
ATLAS

Signal uncertainties considered (II)

- Presently we only finally consider the difference between Pythia and Powheg+Herwig.

[Michiel Sandiers]

	p_T(V)	WH	ZH ($Z \to \ell\ell$)
NLO QCD	[0, 50]	−4.5%	−4.9%
	[50, 100]	−4.9%	−2.3%
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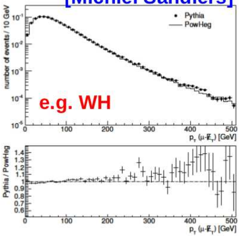
	[200, ∞]	−5.9%	−4.5%



- This is added to the uncertainty due to the NLO EW correction:

	p_T(V)	WH	ZH ($Z \to \ell\ell$)
Uncertainty	[0, 50]	4.5%	4.9%
	[50, 100]	5.0%	2.8%
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	[200, ∞]	10.4%	6.2%

- These „acceptance“ or „differential“ uncertainties dominate over the inclusive parton level uncertainties.
- We need more effort to disentangle the differences we see, in order to finally reduce the systematic uncertainty.

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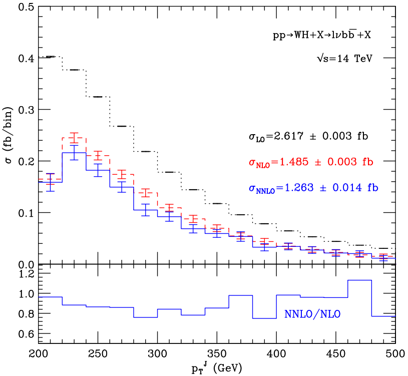
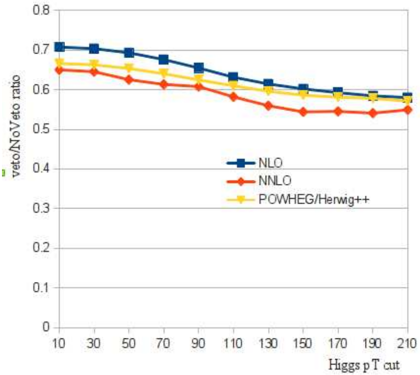


p_T spectra of the fat jet at the LHC for $m_H = 120\,GeV$ at LO (dots), NLO (dashes) and NNLO (solid) [G.F.,Grazzini,Tramontano('11)].

- Selection strategy of [Butterworth et al.('08)]: search a large-p_T Higgs boson thorough a collimated $b\bar{b}$ pair decay.
  Cuts:
  Leptons: $p_T^l > 30\,GeV$, $|\eta^l| < 2.5$,
  $p_T^{miss} > 30\,GeV$, $p_T^W > 200\,GeV$.
  Jets: Cambridge/Aachen algorithm with R=1.2.
  Fat jet (contain the $b\bar{b}$) $p_T^J > 200\,GeV$, $|\eta^J| < 2.5$
  Jet veto: No other jets with $p_T > 20\,GeV$ and $|\eta| < 5$.
- Large negative higher-order corrections: NLO (NNLO) effects -52%/-36% (-6%/-19%), depending on the scale choice ($\mu_F = \mu_R = m_W + m_H$).
- Jet veto strongly affect the higher order corrections ⇒ stability of fixed order calculation challenged.

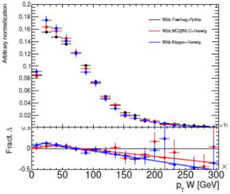


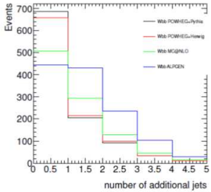
from A. Rizzi CMS

Jet veto efficiency predicted by NNLO QCD and NLO+PS function Higgs pT-cut. In the high p_T cut region, NNLO corrections are relevant.

W+bb background comparison (II)

- The overall normalization is derived from data (m(bb) sidebands).
- From the difference between generators, a systematic uncertainty on m(bb) and pT(W) is derived (presently dominated by statistical uncertainties).
- Difference in number of jets presently overcome by normalizing W+bb+0 jets and W+bb+1 jets separately in data.
- Presently one of the leading uncertainties of the analysis.
- Additional 2012 statistics will not improve analysis if we don't solve this!





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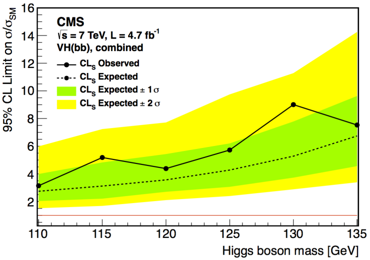
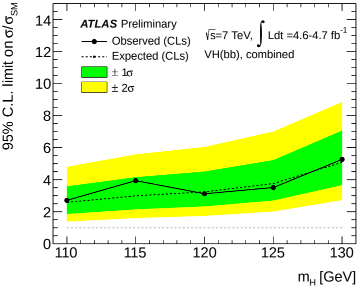
Other issues

- Understand differences in TH predictions for $W/Z + b\bar{b}$ background.
- NNLO vs NLO+PS: calculate differential K-factor p_{TV} and p_{Tj}.
- Estimate of TH uncertainties after inclusion of all effects (NNLO QCD+NLO EW, parton shower and hadronization).
- Important to improve in such aspects to get closer to the SM $H \to b\bar{b}$ sensitivity with the LHC 2012 data!

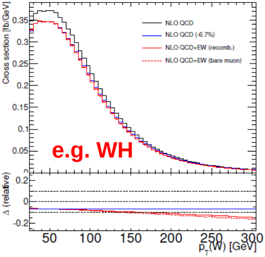




Back up slides

NLO EW differential corrections

- Obtained by **Alexander Mueck** from the HAWK team (~YR II) and expressed as a function of pT(W) for WH and pT(Z) for ZH.
- Correction derived with respect to inclusive correction and applied to reweight events as a function of pT(W) or pT(Z).



$WH \to \ell\nu bb$	[0, 50]	[50, 100]	[100 – 200]	[200 – ∞]
Δ_{EW}	−6.8%	−7.5%	−9.8%	−14.7%
δ_{EW}	−0.1%	−0.8%	−3.3%	−8.6%
$ZH \to \ell\ell bb$	[0, 50]	[50, 100]	[100 – 200]	[200 – ∞]
Δ_{EW}	−5.7%	−6.6%	−6.7%	−9.2%
δ_{EW}	−0.7%	−1.6%	−1.7%	−4.3%
$ZH \to \nu\nu bb$	[0, 50]	[50, 100]	[100 – 200]	[200 – ∞]
Δ_{EW}	−3.9%	−4.3%	−4.2%	−6.4%
δ_{EW}	+1.3%	+0.8%	+1.0%	−1.4%
$ZH \to \nu\nu b\bar{b}$	–	[120 – 160]	160 – 200	[200 – ∞]
Δ_{EW}	–	−4.0%	−4.1%	−6.4%
δ_{EW}	–	+1.1%	+1.1%	−1.4%
$WH \to \ell\nu bb$	–	[120 – 160]	160 – 200	[200 – ∞]
Δ_{EW}	–	−9.1%	−10.3%	−13.3%
δ_{EW}	–	−2.5%	−3.9%	−7.0%

- Applied in ATLAS. Significantly reduces signal cross section at high pT!

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