

Precision Higgs Phenomenology at N^3LO

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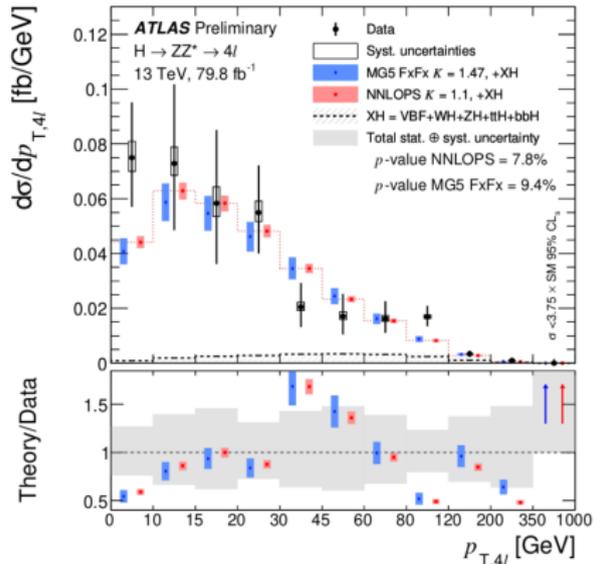
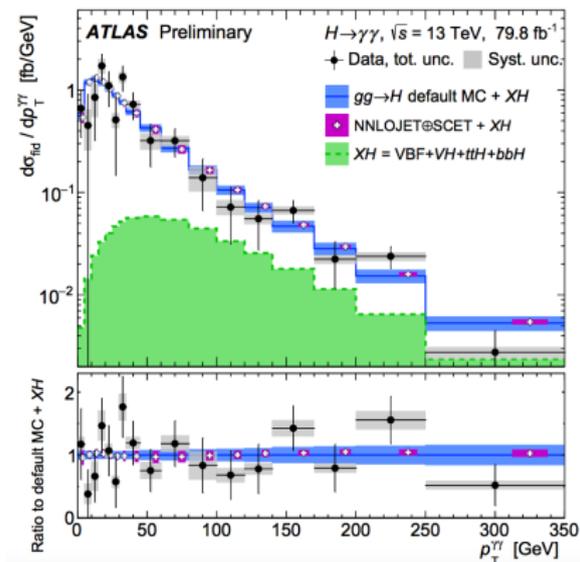
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MC@NNLO

Differential Higgs phenomenology at 80 fb^{-1}

- Precision Higgs measurements is progressing rapidly in the differential sector.

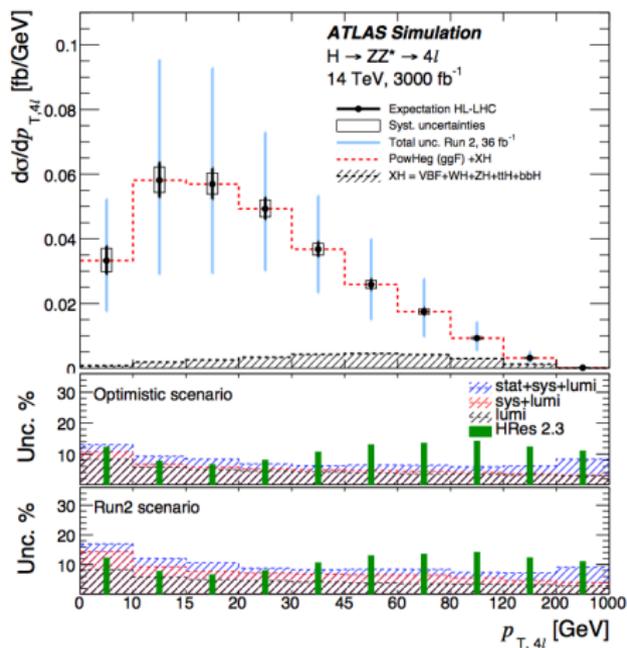


- New discoveries for Higgs production and decay \rightarrow more differential results.
- Combined measurements at 40 fb^{-1} improve statistics (about $\pm 40\%$ error).

Projection to the future

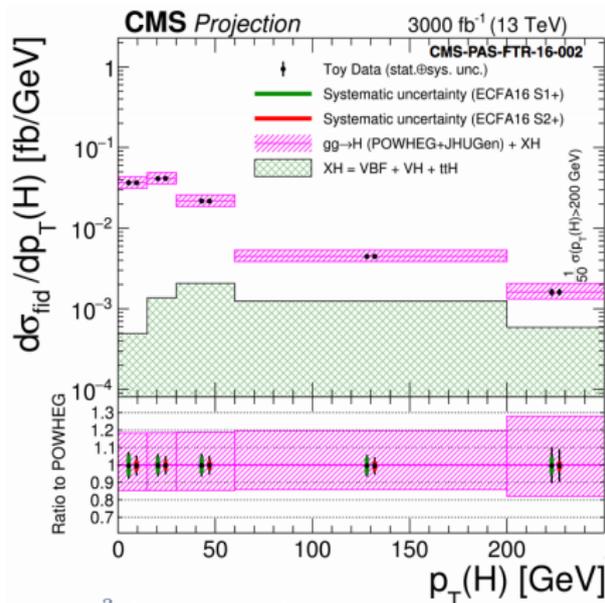
- LHC run II $\geq 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- p_T^H error within $\pm 15\%$
- Resolving the difference from NLO+NNLL to NNLO+N³LL.



- HL-LHC $\geq 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- p_T^H error within $\pm 8\%$
 (dominant by sys. & lumi. error)
- Resolving the theoretical uncertainty at NNLO+N³LL.



Recent progress of precision SM Higgs phenomenology

- Higgs production from gluon fusion in heavy top EFT
 - Exact total cross section at $N^3\text{LO}$. B. Mistlberger [1802.00833]
 - Towards fully differential $N^3\text{LO}$ (Falko's talk tomorrow) F. Dulat et. al. [1802.00827]
 - Higgs p_T distribution at **NNLO+N³LL**. XC et. al. [1805.00736]; W. Bizoń et. al. [1805.05916]
- Higgs production from gluon fusion with top mass effect
 - NLO H+J with m_t expansion at large Higgs p_T from MCFM. T. Neumann [1802.02981]
 - NLO H+J with full SM m_t dependence (next talk by Stephen). S. P. Jones et. al. [1802.00349]
 - NLO+NNLL Higgs p_T distribution with m_t expansion and top-bottom interference. F. Caola, J. M. Lindert, K. Melnikov, P. F. Monni, L. Tancredi and C. Wever [1804.07632]
- Higgs pair production from gluon fusion
 - Impressive progress (talks before the coffee break)
 - NNLO HH EFT combined with NLO HH SM. M. Grazzini, G. Heinrich et. al. [1803.02463]
- Other Higgs production channels
 - VBF to H + JJ at NNLO (cross check). J. Cruz-Martinez et. al. [1802.02445]
 - Associated WH production with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ at NNLO (cross check). F. Caola et. al. [1712.06954]
- Many other important progress but not enough space to list.
- This talk focuss on the **EFT gg fusion** and **inclusive Higgs decay**.

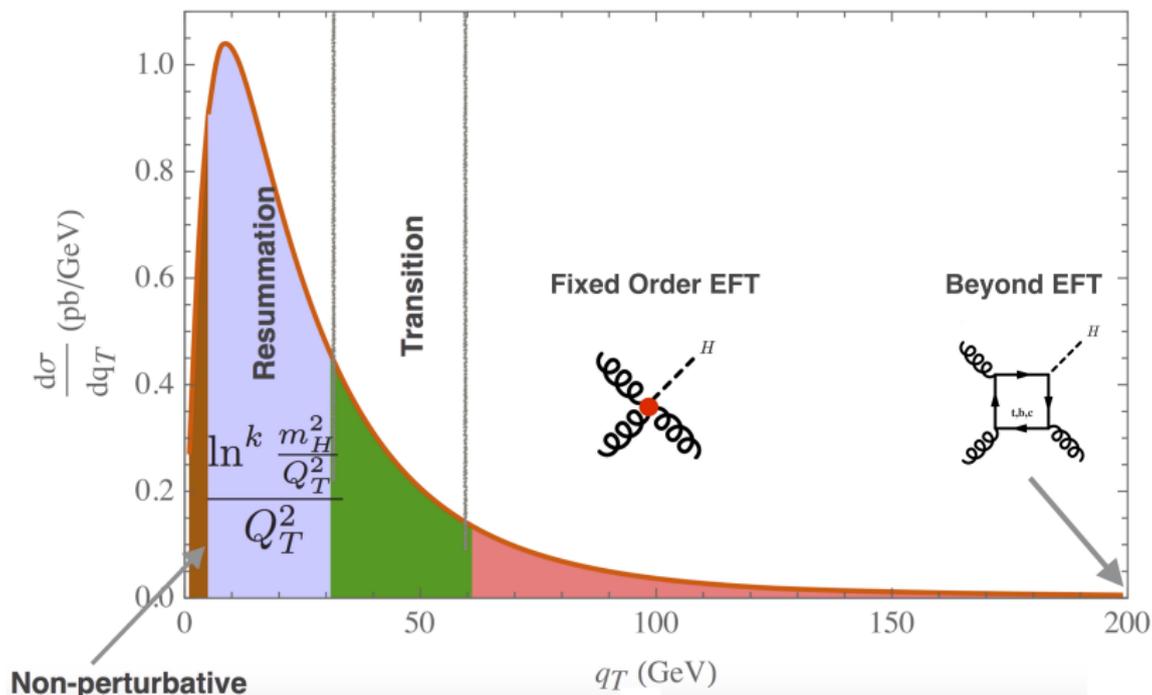
Higgs p_T distributions predictions

- For measured Higgs p_T regions ($[0, 350]$ GeV), both **FO pQCD** (EFT or SM) and **resummation** are involved (GeV):

small $p_T \sim [0, 40]$

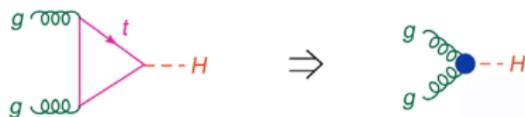
medium $p_T \sim [40, 200]$

large $p_T > 200$



Higgs p_T distributions at medium p_T

- Use **effective interaction** for ggH vertex in **large top mass limit** (Higgs production @ LO \rightarrow only $\delta(p_T)$ contribution):



- The state-of-the-art FO predictions for medium Higgs p_T region are @ NNLOEFT (same framework of H+J @ NNLOEFT **no jet algorithm but with small Higgs p_T^{cut}**)



- One of the first NNLO processes done with three different subtraction schemes
 - $pp \rightarrow H + J$ Antenna subtraction. [XC, Gehrmann, Glover and Jaquier \[1408.5325\], \[1604.04085\], \[1607.08817\]](#)
 - $pp \rightarrow H + J$ Sector Improved Decomposition subtraction. [Boughezal, Caola, Melnikov, Petriello, Schulze \[1302.6216\], \[1504.07922\], \[1508.02684\]](#)
 - $pp \rightarrow H + J$ N-jettiness subtraction. [Boughezal, Focke, Giele, Liu, Petriello \[1505.03893\]](#)

Higgs + Jet at (N)(N)LO

- Structure of parton level $pp \rightarrow H + J$ up to NNLO (subtraction approach):

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- Subtraction terms mimic the divergent behaviour of matrix elements
- Each bracket is IR divergent until apply **Jet algorithm** $H + R \rightarrow H + J$
- The construction of red terms depends on different **subtraction schemes**

Higgs + Jet framework in NNLOJET



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* NNLOJET: A multiprocess parton level event generator at O(alpha_s^3)*  
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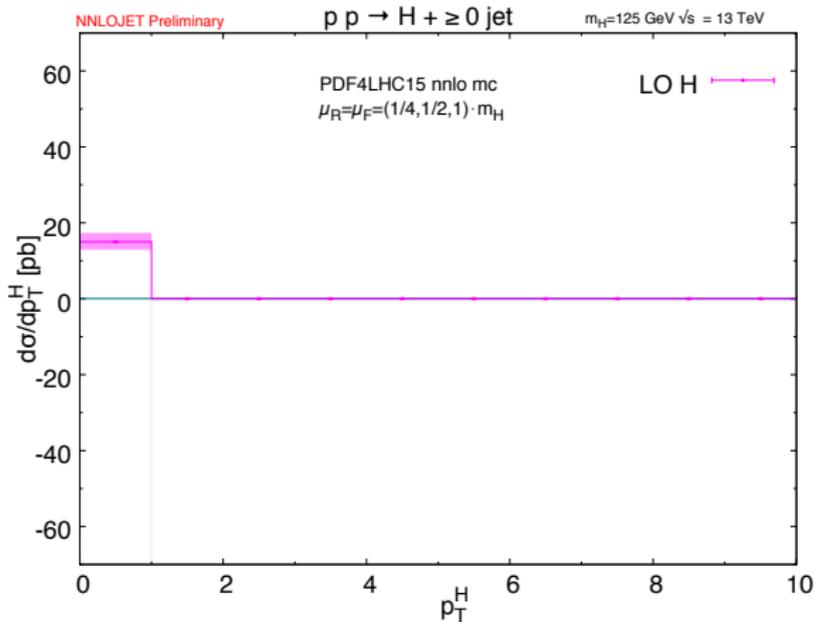
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- Based on antenna subtraction method at NNLO
- Analytical subtraction terms for process with initial and final colour particles
- Remove Jet algorithm for H + J production at NNLO and apply $p_T^{cut} > 0$ for H
 - P.S. integration is divergent as $p_T^{cut} \rightarrow 0$
 - Fully inclusive for Higgs production at $p_T > p_T^{cut}$
 - Challenges due to large dynamic region of scales (large numerical cancellations)

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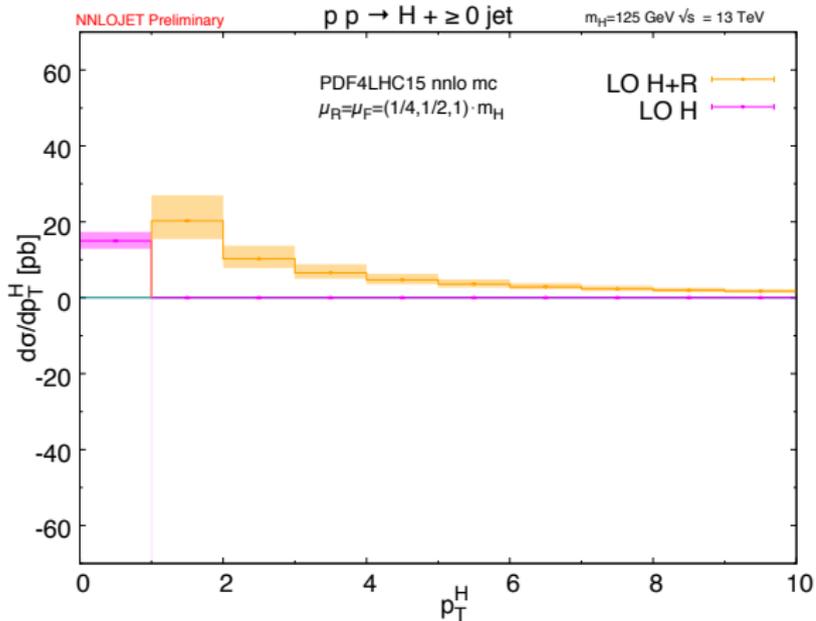
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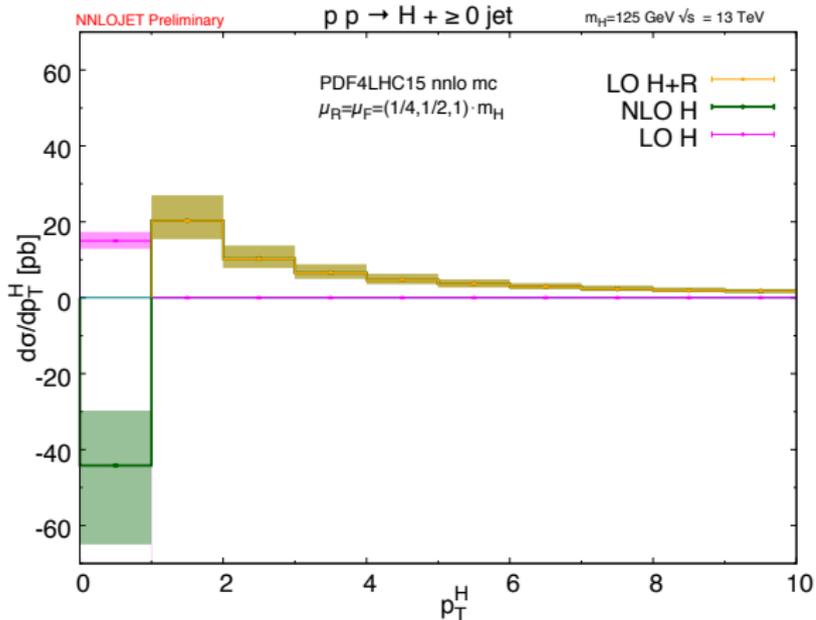
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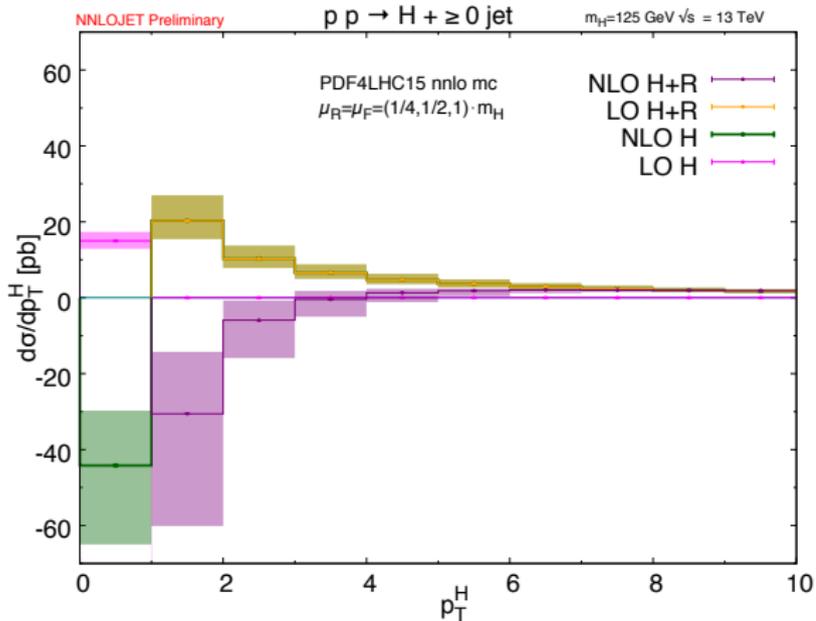
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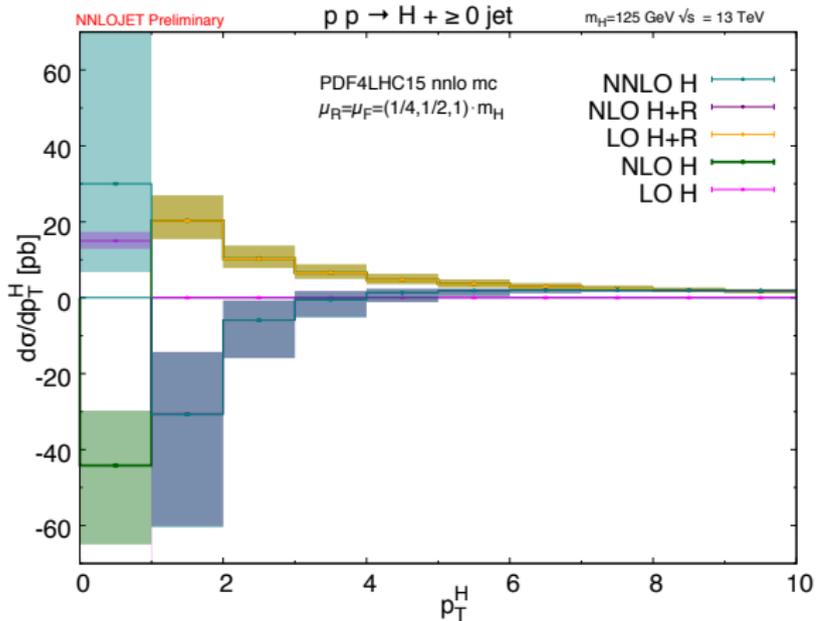
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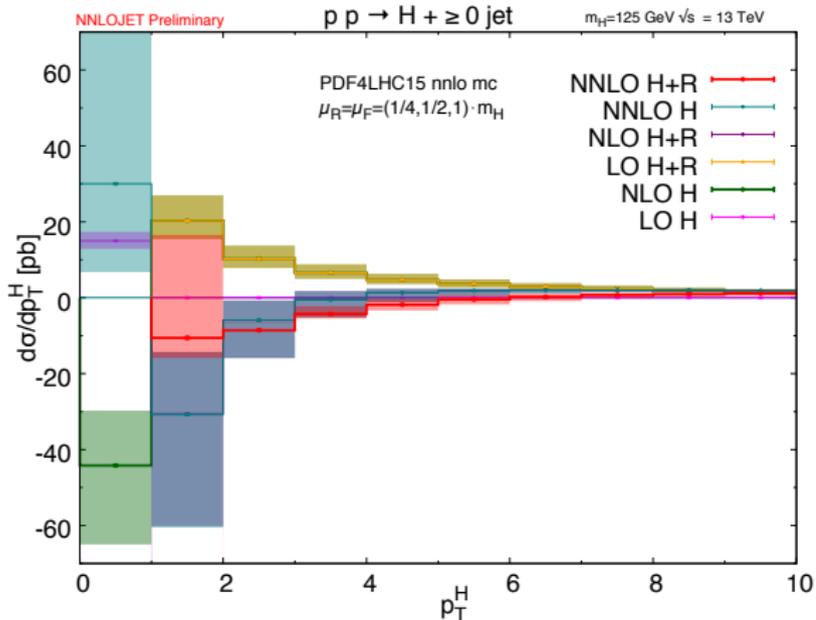
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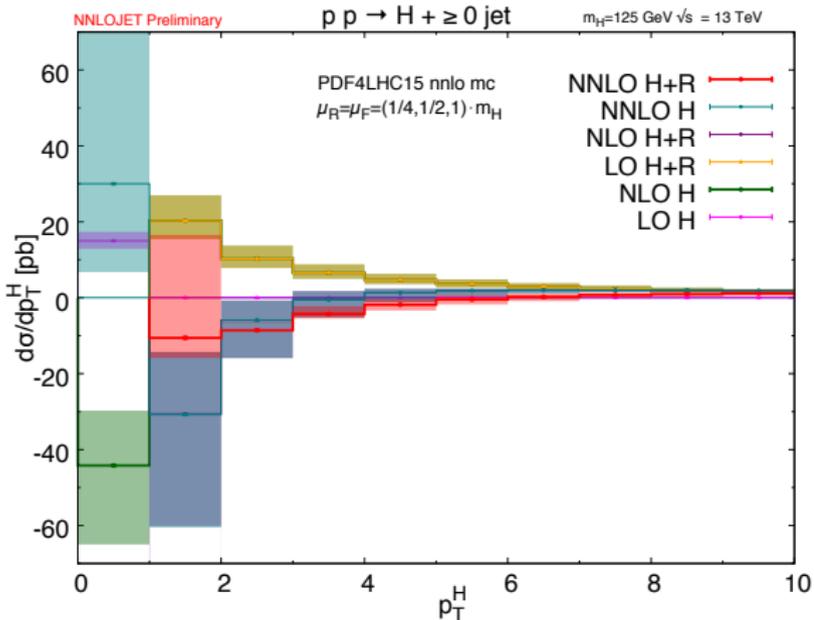
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- Small p_T^H scale variation explodes
- Compensation at $\delta(p_T^H)$ for finite total X.S.

Higgs p_T distributions at small p_T

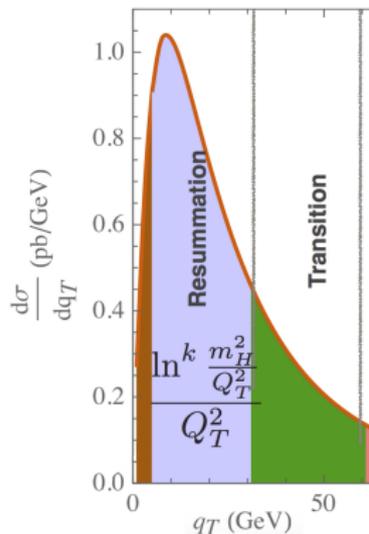
- Higgs production scale is $\mathcal{O}(M_H)$ but the scale at 1 GeV p_T is 10^{-2} different
- **Large log terms** $\ln^k(M_H^2/p_T^2)/p_T^2$ **dominant** at small p_T (singular terms $d\sigma^s$)
- Non-singular contribution $d\sigma^n = d\sigma^f \ominus d\sigma^s$ is unphysical
- Resum log divergence in $d\sigma^r$ at small p_T
- Match non-singular and resummed contribution for physical p_T distributions:

$$d\sigma^f \ominus d\sigma^s \oplus d\sigma^r$$

- $d\sigma^s$ and $d\sigma^r$ depends on **resummation scheme**
- Many choices for \ominus , \oplus and **transition region**
- First focus on $d\sigma^n$, theoretically one would expect

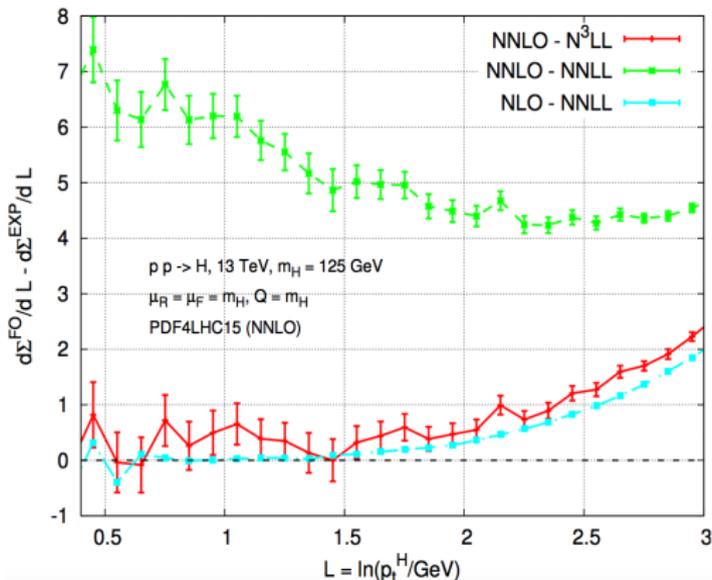
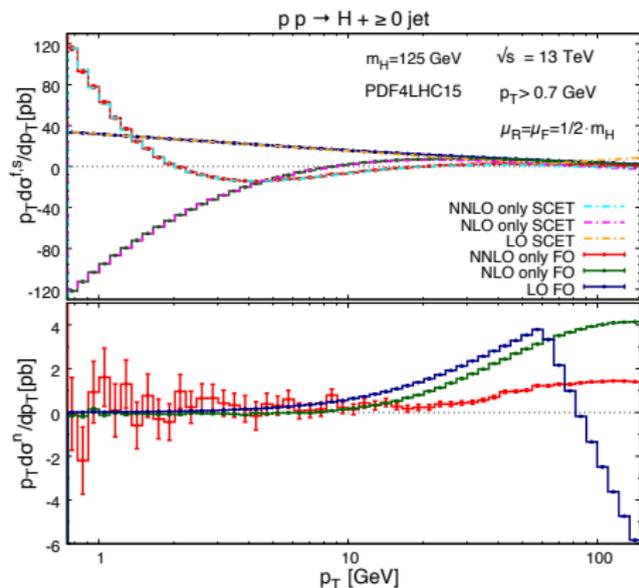
$$d\sigma^f - d\sigma^s \xrightarrow{p_T \rightarrow 0} 0$$

- P.S. integration of $d\sigma^f$ at small p_T has large **numerical cancellations** from asymptotic tri-soft, quard-collinear etc.
- Reality needs high **numerical stability** and careful validation



Small p_T singular behaviour validation

- Compare asymptotic divergent behaviour from log terms between $d\sigma^f$ and $d\sigma^s$



$d\sigma^s$ from SCET

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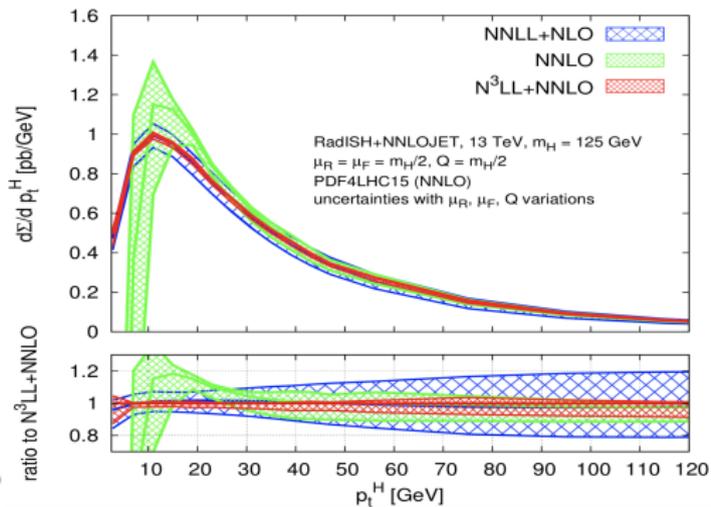
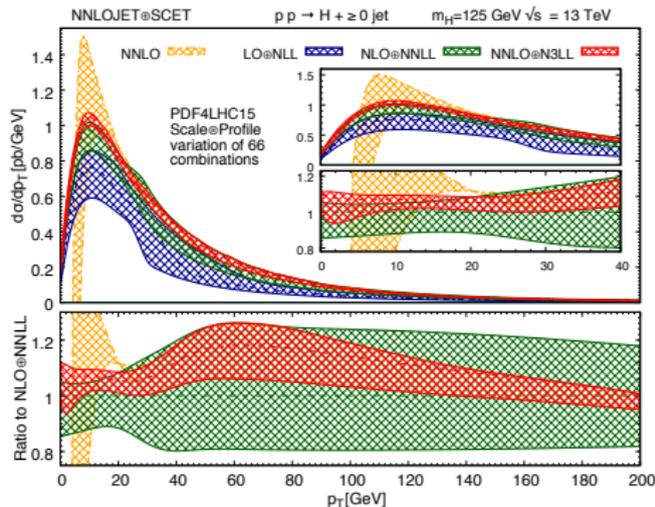
- Calculate $d\sigma^n$ for $p_T \geq 0.7 \text{ GeV}$ with or without p_T reweighting
- Excellent agreement between $d\sigma^f$ and $d\sigma^s$ within numerical error ($\sim 1\%$)

$d\sigma^s$ from RadISH

W. Bizoń, XC, A. Gehrmann-De Ridder, T. Gehrmann, N. Glover, A. Huss, P. Monni, E. Re, L. Rottoli, P. Torrielli [1805.05916]

Higgs p_T distributions at small and medium p_T

- Matched Higgs p_T spectrum: $d\sigma_{NNLO}^f \ominus d\sigma_{NNLO}^s \oplus d\sigma_{N^3LL}^r$



Additive matching with SCET

XC, T. Gehrmann, N. Glover, A. Huss, Y. Li, D. Neill, M. Schulze, I. Stewart, H.X. Zhu [1805.00736]

- Smooth transition for $NNLO \oplus N^3LL$ and $NNLO \otimes N^3LL$
- Scale variation reduced to $\sim \pm 10\%$ at $NNLO \oplus N^3LL$
- More details for $NNLO \otimes N^3LL$ in Emanuele's talk tomorrow

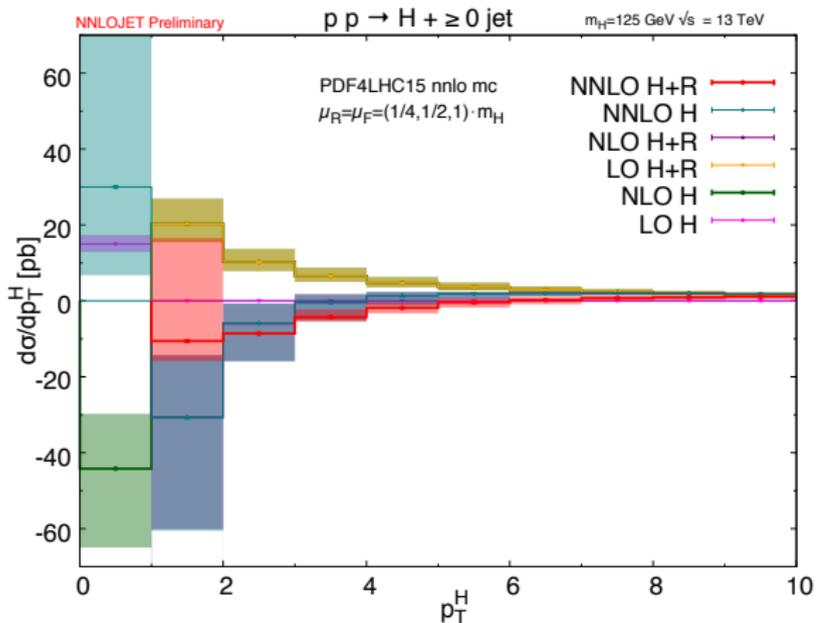
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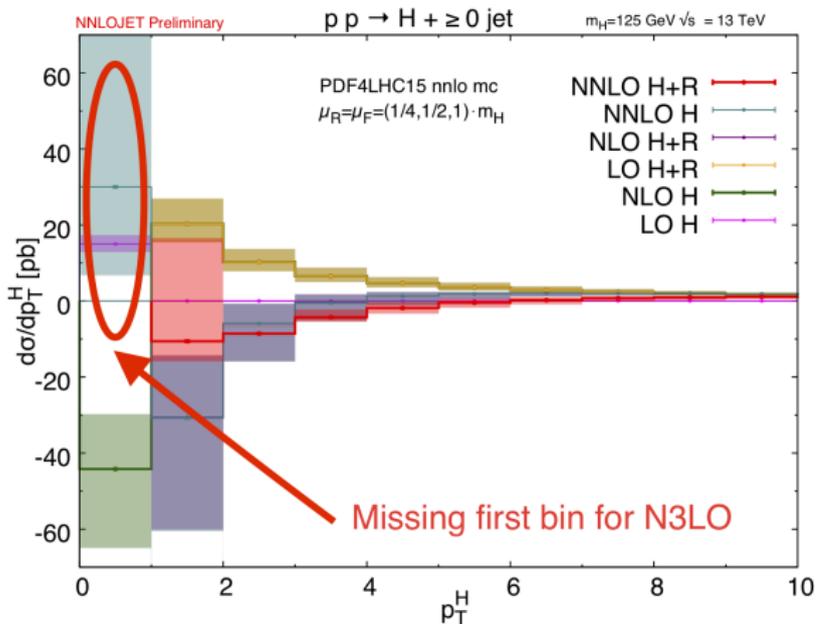


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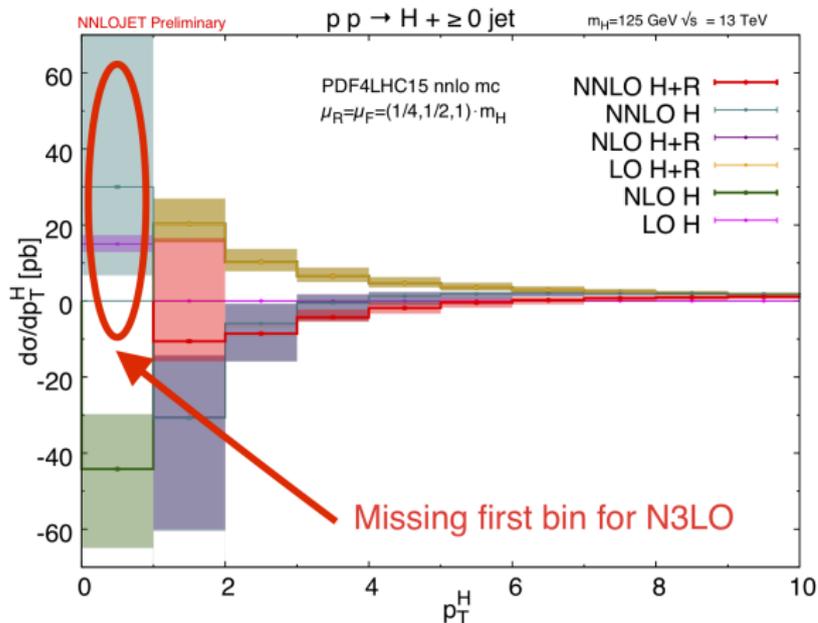


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- Transverse momentum subtraction formalism (q_T subtraction) is the ideal tool!
- First established in 2007 for colour singlet production at hadron colliders
- Automation in MATRIX and matching to PS (Marius' talk yesterday)
- Extension to $t\bar{t}$ resummation (Massimiliano's talk yesterday)

q_T subtraction at N³LO

XC, L. Cieri, T. Ghermann, N. Glover, A. Huss (in progress)

- q_T subtraction for Higgs production at general F.O. has the following structure:

$$d\sigma_{N^n LO}^H = \mathcal{H}_{N^n LO}^H \otimes d\sigma_{LO}^H \Big|_{\delta(p_T)} + \left[d\sigma_{N^{n-1} LO}^{H+R} - d\sigma_{N^n LO}^{H;s} \right]_{p_T > p_T^{cut}}$$

- In principle, $\delta(p_T)$ contains form factor of Higgs and integrated $d\sigma_{N^n LO}^{H;s}$
- Design $d\sigma_{N^n LO}^{H;s} \rightarrow \Sigma_{N^n LO}^H \otimes d\sigma_{LO}^H$ that $\delta(p_T)$ has the resummation form:

G. Bozzi, S. Catani et. al. [hep-ph/0508068]; S. Catani and M. Grazzini [hep-ph/0703012]; S. Catani, L. Cieri et. al. [1311.1654]

$$\left(\Sigma_{gg \leftarrow a_1 a_2}^H \left(\frac{p_T^2}{M_H^2}; \frac{M_H^2}{\hat{s}}; \alpha_s \right) + \mathcal{H}_{gg \leftarrow a_1 a_2}^H \left(\frac{M_H^2}{\hat{s}}; \alpha_s \right) \right) \otimes d\sigma_{LO}^H = \frac{M_H^2}{s} \int \frac{b}{2} db$$

$$\times J_0(bp_T) S_c(M_H, b) \prod_{i=1,2} \int_{x_i}^1 \frac{dz_i}{z_i} f_{a_i/h_i}(z_i, b) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}_{gg}^{H;(0)} \otimes [H^H C_1 C_2]_{gg \leftarrow a_1 a_2}$$

$$S_c(M_H, b) = \exp \left\{ - \int_{b_0^2/b^2}^{M_H^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \left[A_g(\alpha_s(q^2)) \ln \frac{M_H^2}{q^2} + B_g(\alpha_s(q^2)) \right] \right\}$$

$$[H^H C_1 C_2]_{gg \leftarrow ab} = H_g^H(\alpha_s) [C_{ga}(z_1; \alpha_s) C_{gb}(z_2; \alpha_s) + G_{ga}(z_1; \alpha_s) G_{gb}(z_2; \alpha_s)]$$

q_T subtraction at N³LO

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- The factorisation of $\mathcal{H}_{N^n LO}^H \otimes d\sigma_{LO}^H$ depends on **resummation scheme choice**
- Above formulae is **invariant** under the following scheme transformation:

$$H_g^H(\alpha_s) \rightarrow H_g^H(\alpha_s)[h(\alpha_s)]^{-1}$$

$$A_g(\alpha_s) \rightarrow A_g(\alpha_s)$$

$$B_g(\alpha_s) \rightarrow B_g(\alpha_s) - \beta(\alpha_s) \frac{d \ln h(\alpha_s)}{d \ln \alpha_s}$$

$$C(G)_{ga}(z; \alpha_s) \rightarrow C(G)_{ga}(z; \alpha_s)[h(\alpha_s)]^{1/2}$$

- Above ingredients can be expressed in series expansion of α_s
- Exact formulae from SCET, CSS or hard resummation schemes are **transferable**
- Collect results from different schemes and transform into **hard scheme**

- All analytical formulae known for NNLO Higgs production

- For N³LO Higgs production, we only know some of the ingredients

$$A_g^{(3)} \rightarrow (\text{SCET}) \text{ T. Becher, M. Neubert [1405.4827]}$$

$$B_g^{(3)} \rightarrow (\text{SCET, CSS}) \text{ Y. Li, H.X. Zhu [1604.01404]; A.A. Vladimirov [1610.05791]}$$

$$\tilde{H}_g^{H;(3)} = H_g^{H;(3)} - [H_g^{H;(3)}]_{\delta^{p_T}} \rightarrow (\text{CSS}) \text{ S. Catani, L. Cieri et. al. [1311.1654]}$$

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- The currently unknown pieces are inside $\mathcal{H}_{gg\leftarrow ab}^H(z; \alpha_s)$ with following structure:

$$\delta_{ga}\delta_{gb}\delta(1-z)[H_g^{H;(3)}]_{\delta_{(2)}^{pT}} + \delta_{ga}C_{gb}^{(3)}(z) + \delta_{gb}C_{ga}^{(3)}(z) \\ + \left(G_{ga}^{(1)} \otimes G_{gb}^{(2)}\right)(z) + \left(G_{ga}^{(2)} \otimes G_{gb}^{(1)}\right)(z) \rightarrow C_{N3}\delta_{ga}\delta_{gb}\delta(1-z)$$

- Use C_{N3} to **approximate** the unknown pieces
 - C_{N3} is process dependent but **independent** of scale choices
 - C_{N3} contains **exact** unknown pieces proportional to $\delta(1-z)$

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$$\delta_{ga}\delta_{gb}\delta(1-z)[H_g^{H;(3)}]_{\delta_{(2)}^{p_T}} + \delta_{ga}C_{gb}^{(3)}(z) + \delta_{gb}C_{ga}^{(3)}(z) \\ + \left(G_{ga}^{(1)} \otimes G_{gb}^{(2)}\right)(z) + \left(G_{ga}^{(2)} \otimes G_{gb}^{(1)}\right)(z) \rightarrow C_{N^3}\delta_{ga}\delta_{gb}\delta(1-z)$$

- Use C_{N^3} to **approximate** the unknown pieces
 - C_{N^3} is process dependent but **independent** of scale choices
 - C_{N^3} contains **exact** unknown pieces proportional to $\delta(1-z)$
- C_{N^3} can be numerically determined using following strategy (N^3LO exclusive):

$$C_{N^3} \otimes \sigma_{LO}^H = \sigma_{N^3LO}^H - \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{N^3LO}^H \otimes \sigma_{LO}^H \Big|_{\delta(p_T)} - \left[d\sigma_{NNLO}^{H+R} - d\sigma_{N^3LO}^{H;s} \right]_{p_T > p_T^{cut}}$$

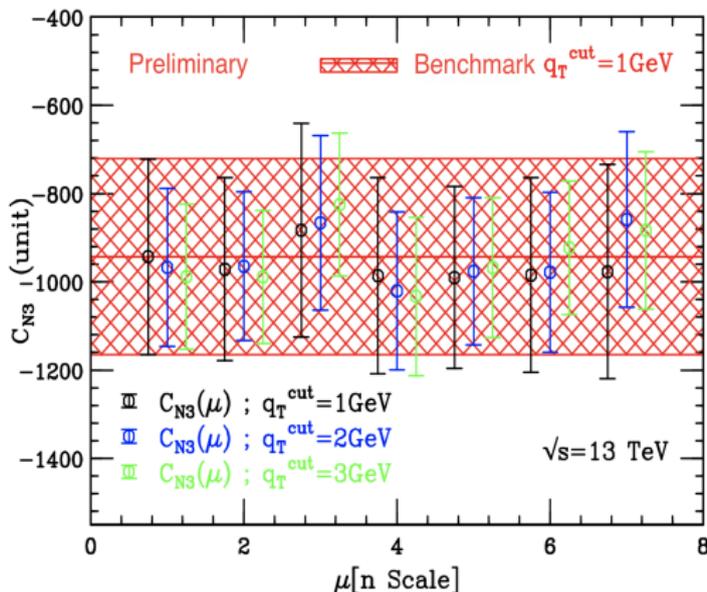
- Terms in black are available from previous discussions
- $\sigma_{N^3LO}^H$ is taken from Higgs total cross section at N^3LO using **ihixs 2**

B. Mistlberger [1802.00833]; F. Dulat, A. Lazopoulos and B. Mistlberger [1802.00827]

Extraction of C_{N3}

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- Numerical abstraction of C_{N3} using newly developed package **HN3LO**:
 - $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{TeV}$, $M_H = 125\text{ GeV}$
 - $\text{PDF4LHC15}, \alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.118$
 - Central scale $\mu_R = \mu_F = M_H/2$
 - With 7-point scale variations
 - $p_T^{\text{cut}} = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \dots \text{ GeV}$
- C_{N3} independent of scale choices
- C_{N3} independent of p_T^{cut} at 1, 2, 3 GeV
- Benchmark value of C_{N3} is recommended at central scale

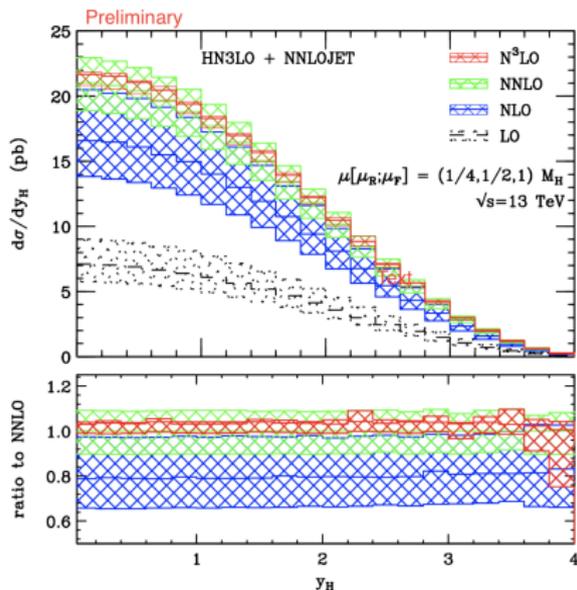
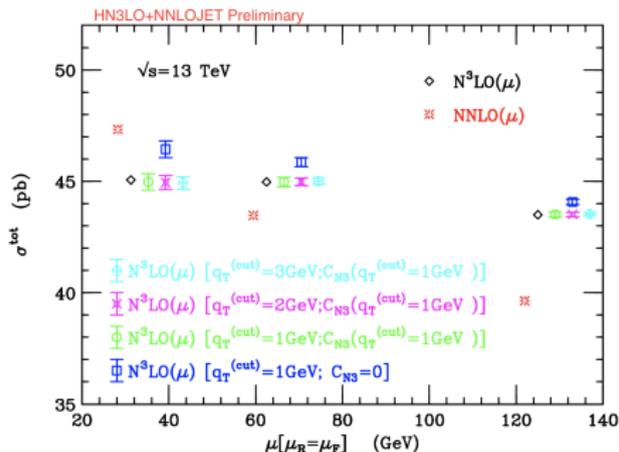


$$C_{N3} = -942 \pm 222$$

N³LO Higgs total cross section and rapidity distribution

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- With C_{N3} approximation, the $\sigma_{N^3LO}^H$ and $d\sigma_{N^3LO}^H/dy^H$ distributions are:



- Total XS agree with exact results at level of **0.02%**
- y^H distribution take **uncertainties from p_T^{cut}** , 7-scales and C_{N3} uncertainty
- Uncertainty reduction **> 50%**, flat k factor (~ 1.04 central) same as total XS
- High rapidity region uncertainty mainly due to **limited numerical statistics**

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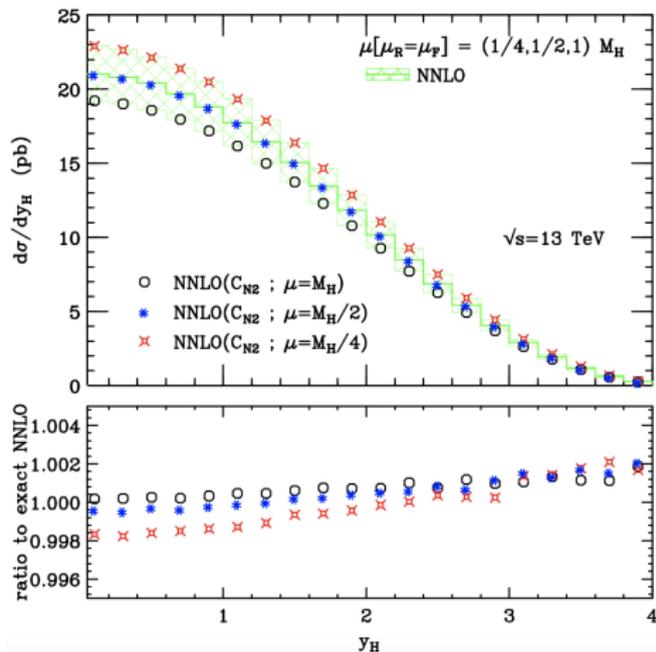
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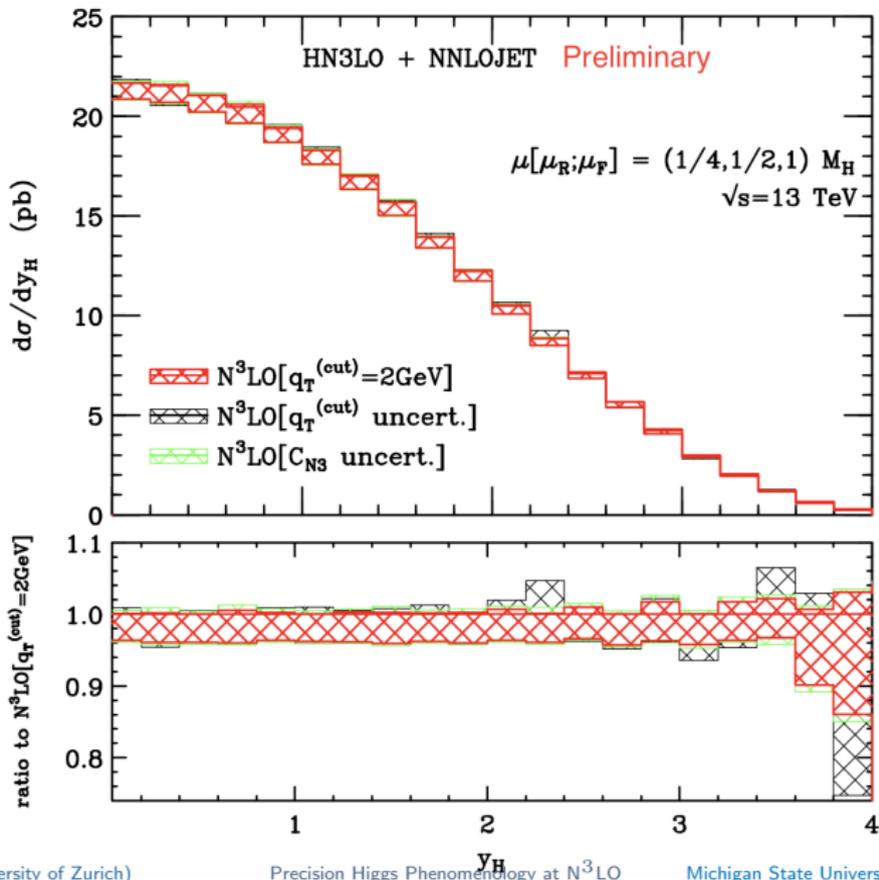
Validation of y_H with C_{n2}

- Without available fully differential N³LO calculations, one could refer to one order lower and test the C_{N2} approximation against exact NNLO results
 - Three scale results devided by exact NNLO distributions
 - Approximation with C_{N2} deviate from exact NNLO by maximum $\sim 0.2\%$ through out $y_H \subset [0, 4]$ for all three scales



$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{N2} \delta_{ga} \delta_{gb} \delta(1-z) &\leftarrow \delta_{ga} \delta_{gb} \delta(1-z) [H_g^{H;(2)}]_{\delta_{(1)}^{PT}} \\
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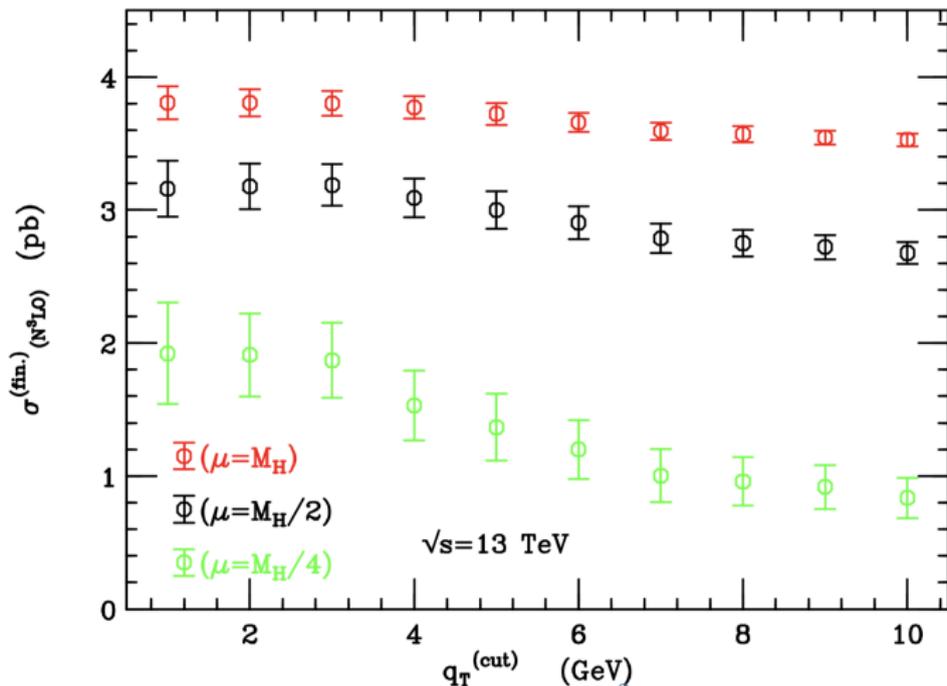
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Higgs p_T Distributions at Small p_T

- Accumulated finite (non-singular) contribution above p_T^{cut} ($=1,2,3$ GeV)

$$\int_{p_T > p_T^{cut}} \left[d\sigma_{NNLO}^{H+R} - d\sigma_{N^3LO}^{H;s} \right]$$



Higgs p_T anatomy at NNLO

- Contribution from fixed order, singular and non-singular contributions to Higgs p_T in ggH EFT

