



# PRECISE PREDICTIONS FOR BOOSTED HIGGS PRODUCTION

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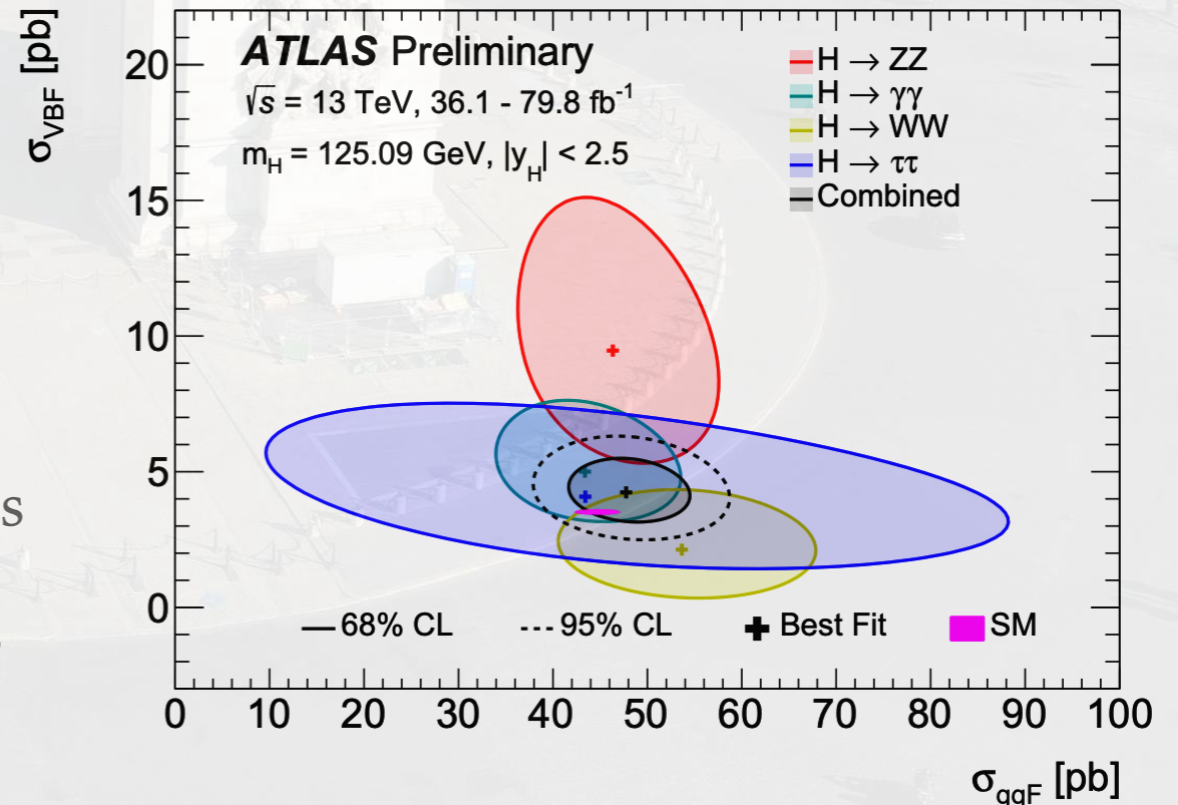
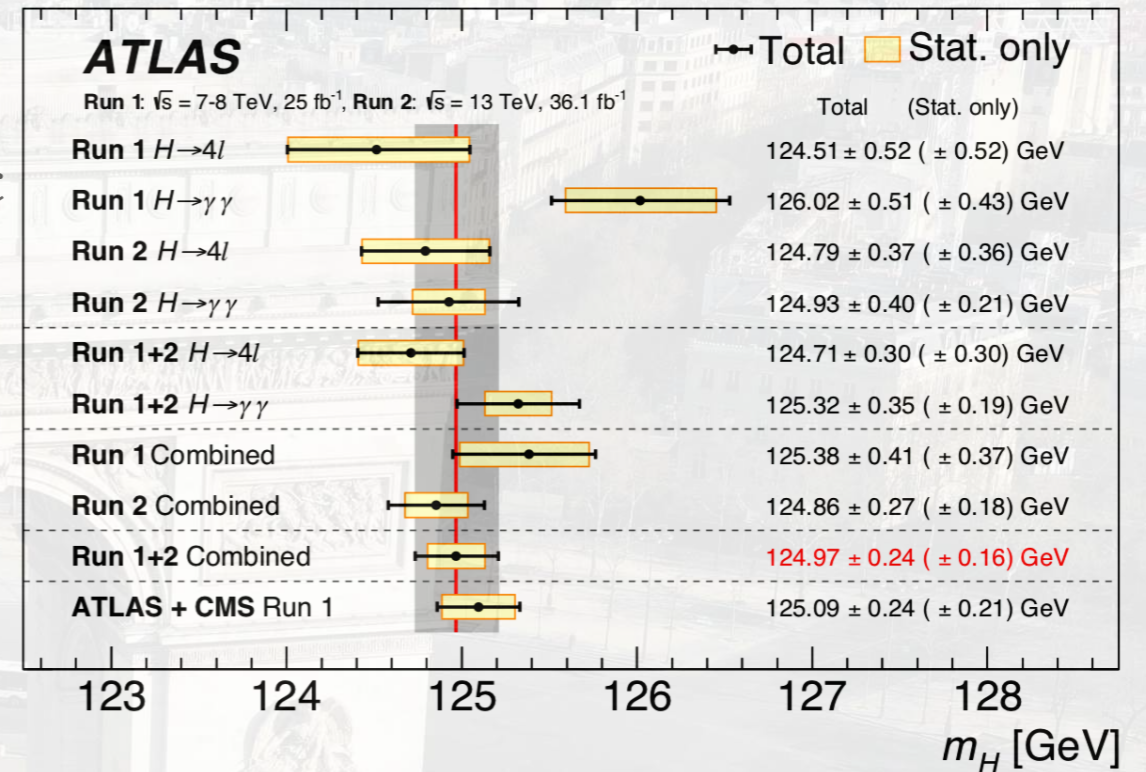
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# SUCCESS OF LHC HIGGS EXPERIMENTS

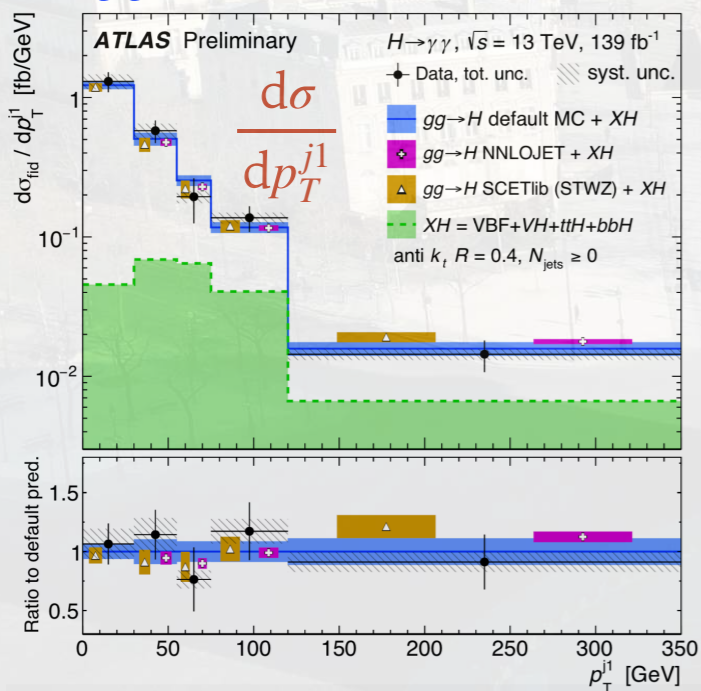
- Higgs boson properties in agreement with SM
  - Bosonic (Run I) and 3rd generation fermionic couplings (Run II) observed with current precision on coupling  $\pm 10\text{-}20\%$  (EPS2019)
  - Higgs mass uncertainty at  $\pm 0.2\%$  level
  - Fiducial total cross section measured with  $\pm 9\%$  accuracy (Run I + II)
  - 2nd generation fermion couplings still to be established
  - HH signal with 10 times SM exclusion limit
- Adventure to explore full potential of the LHC
  - Differential in production and decay channels
  - New targets of precision and fiducial regions
  - Accelerate searches of new physics



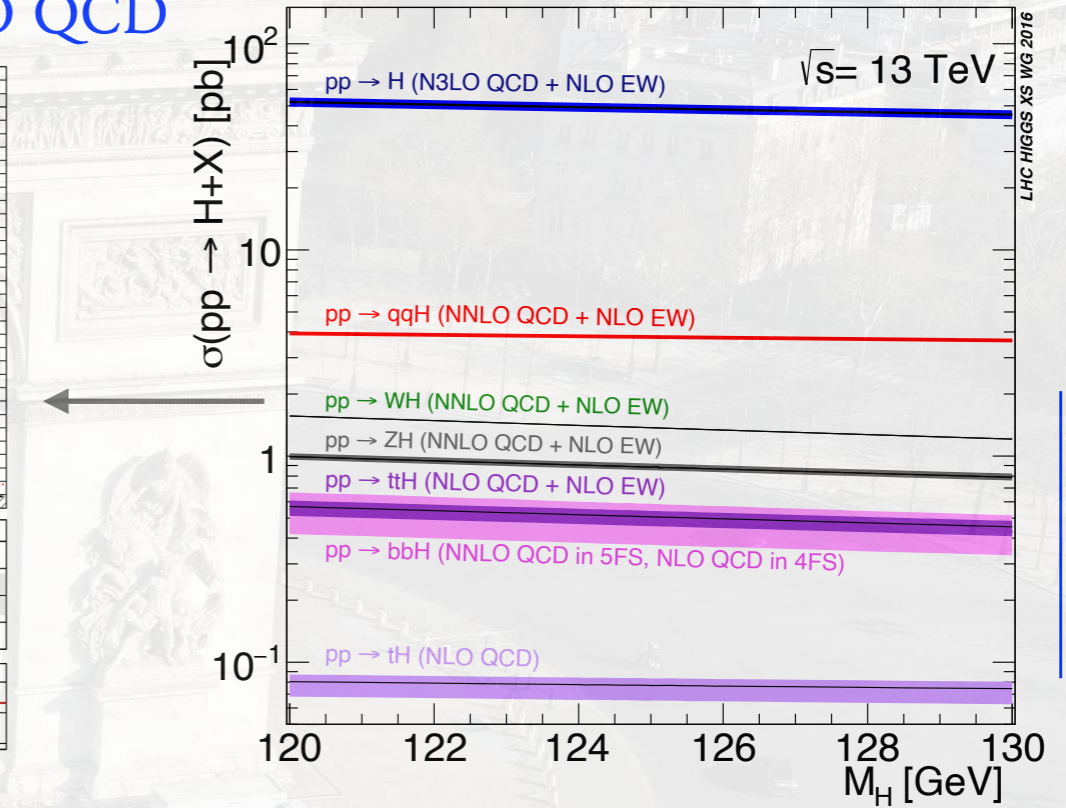
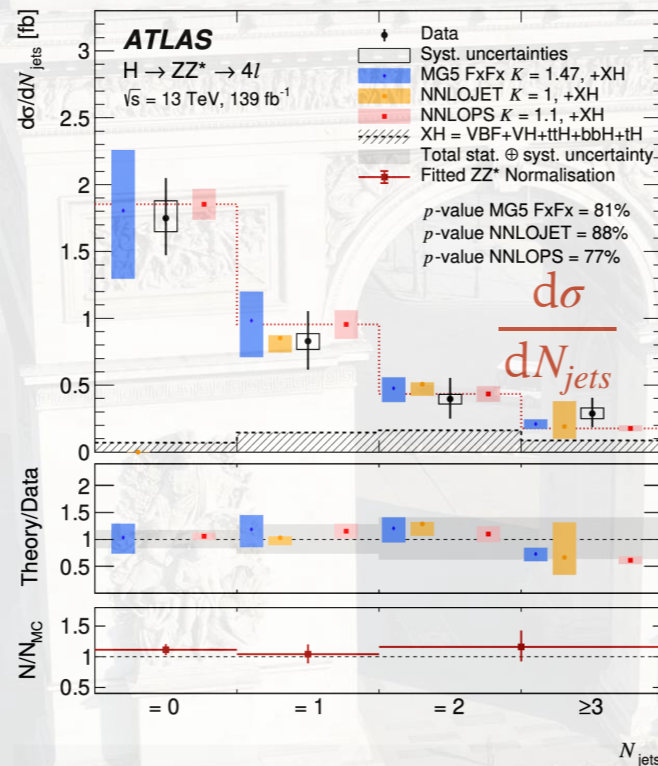


# INGREDIENTS OF HIGGS PRODUCTION AT LHC

- Higgs Boson produced at the LHC with four main production channels
- Total cross section accuracy is currently at NLO QCD + EW and above with: **ggF@N3LO QCD, VBF@N3LO QCD, VH@NNLO QCD**

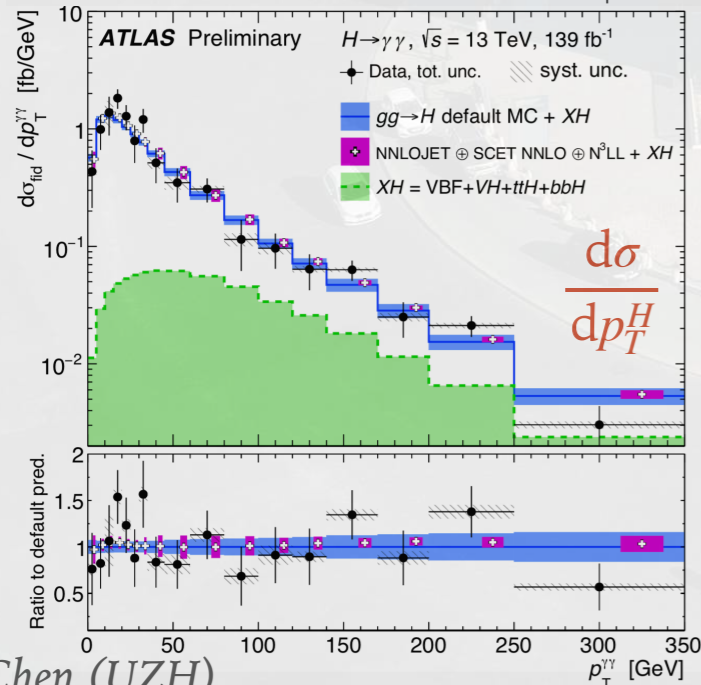


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- Differential cross section reveal more details of Higgs properties

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

- Uncertainties at differential level: EXP ~ 20% and TH ~ 10%
- Bulk of distributions is dominated by ggF channel, good agreement between LHC data and TH predictions

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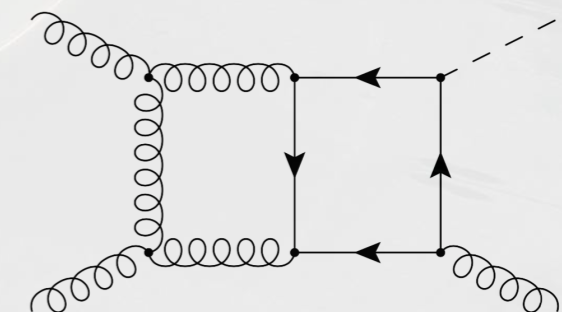
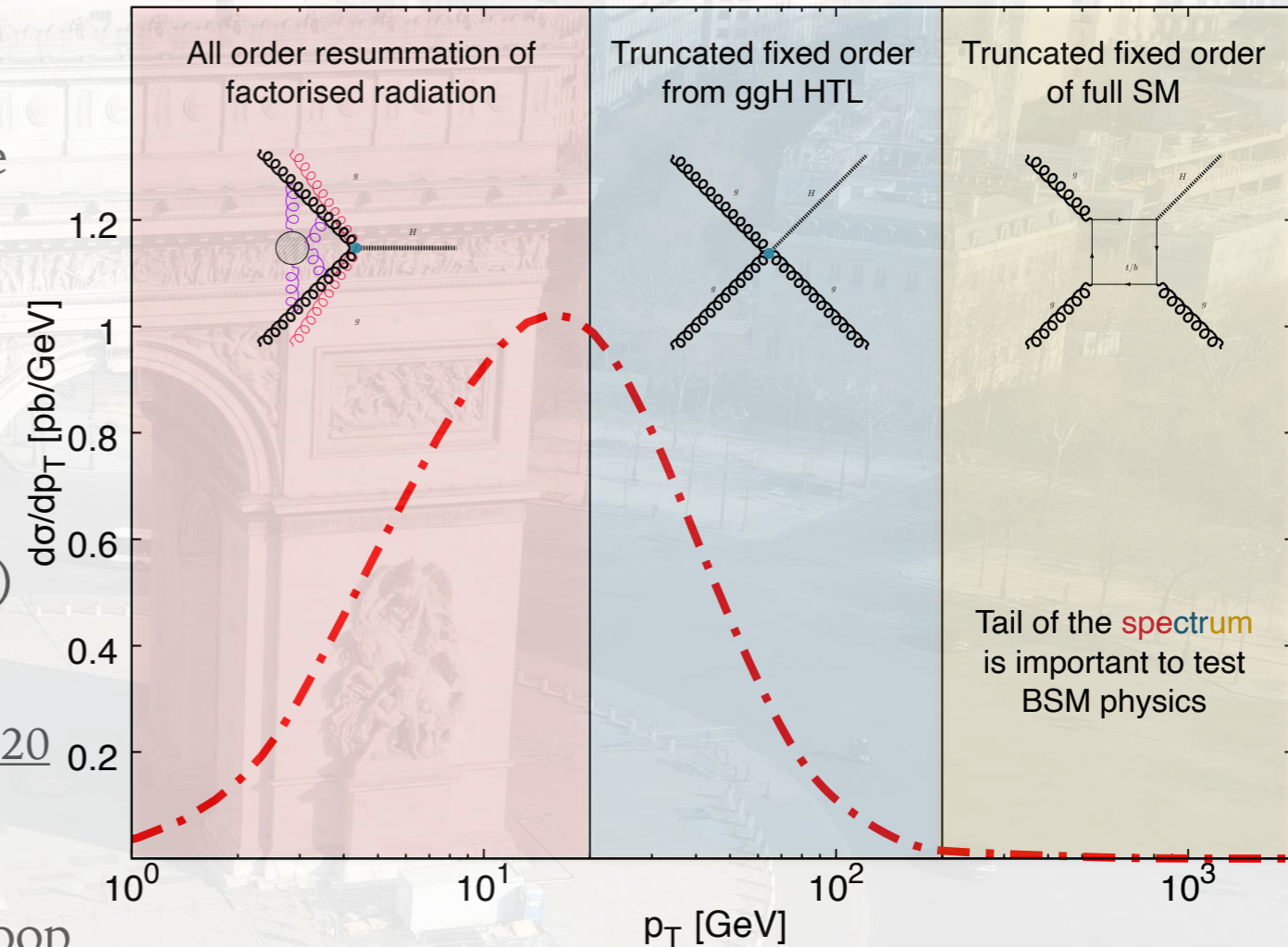
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# HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM SPECTRUM

- Higgs  $p_T$  **spectrum** tests SM in various aspects
- **Small  $p_T$**  ( $< 20$  GeV ggF dominant):
  - Singular log divergence  $\ln^k(m_H^2/p_T^2)/p_T^2$  require resummation and matching to fixed order
  - Current precision is N3LL+NNLO  
1705.09127, 1805.00736, 1805.05916
- **Medium  $p_T$**  (20 ~ 200 GeV ggF dominant):
  - Reliable with heavy top limit (HTL or EFT)
  - Current precision is H+J NNLO HTL  
1504.07922, 1607.08817, 1505.03893, 1906.01020
- **Boosted  $p_T$**  ( $> 200$  GeV)
  - Energy scale resolve mass effect of quark loop
  - Best ggF precision is H+J at NLO SM (1802.00349)
    - Sharply failing statistics in wide kinematic fiducial regions
    - Challenge for both EXP and TH for systematic error estimation
    - Sensitive to BSM like extra generation of quarks, off-shell effects and etc.

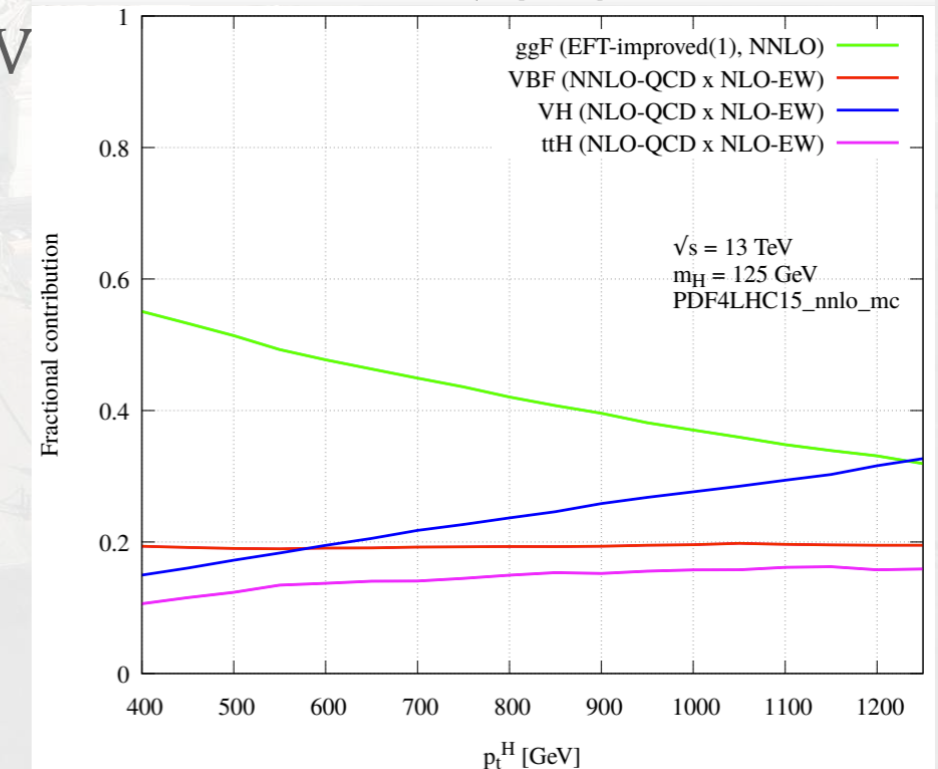
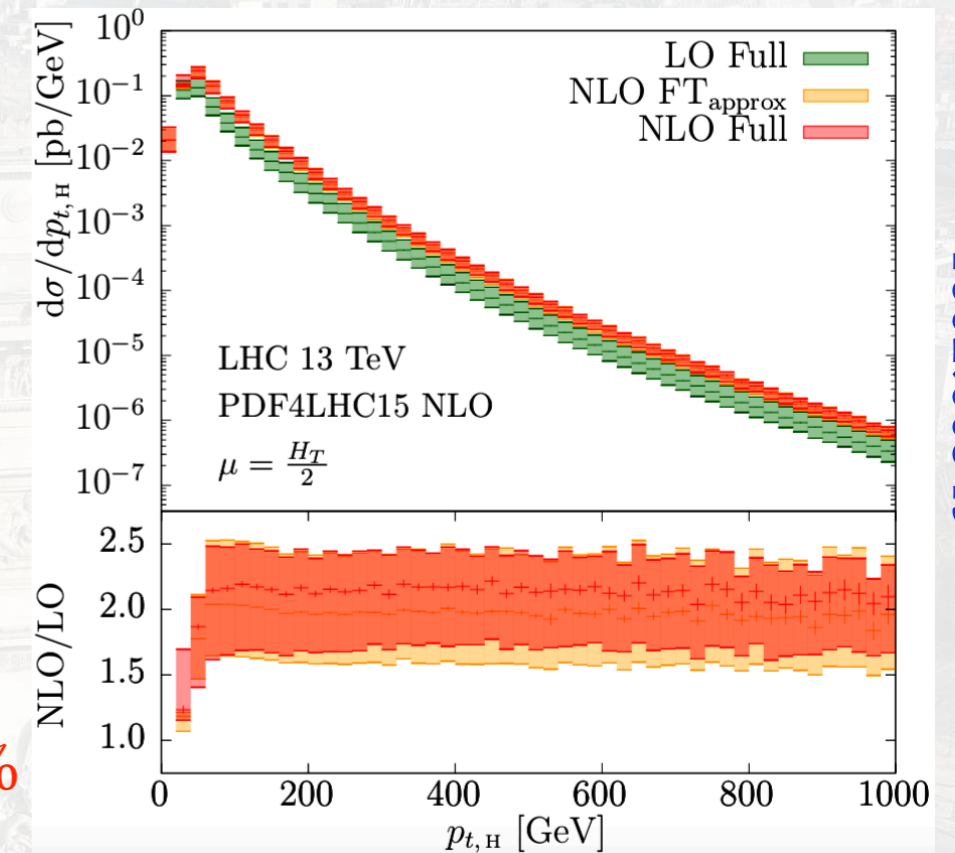
Higgs  $p_T$  Spectrum from Gluon Fusion at the LHC





# HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM AT BOOSTED REGION

- Two approaches to include top mass effects
  - Expansion valid for  $m_H^2, m_t^2 \ll |s| \sim |t| \sim |u|$   
1703.03886, 1802.02981
  - Exact results at NLO SM (numerical in SecDec)  
1802.00349
  - Joint effort in HH: exact numerical+expansion  
1907.06408
- Precision challenge from EXP and TH
  - ggF channel NLO SM scale uncertainties  $\sim 20\%$
  - Run II statistics has  $> 50\%$  error above 350 GeV
- ggF channel is not the full picture
  - Boosted Higgs enhanced by quark PDFs
  - VH dominants over ggF at 1.2 TeV ( $\sim 1/3$ )
  - ttH and VBF channels contribute about 1/3.
  - Joint effort is needed to include all channels



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# HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM AT BOOSTED REGION (GGF)

- Joint efforts in ggF channel, EFT and SM:

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- $m_H=125$  GeV,  $m_t=173.2$  GeV,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV
  - 5F scheme with PDF4LHC15\_nnlo\_mc
  - Seven scales centred at  $M_{T,H} = \sqrt{m_H^2 + p_T^2}$
  - On-shell top mass scheme

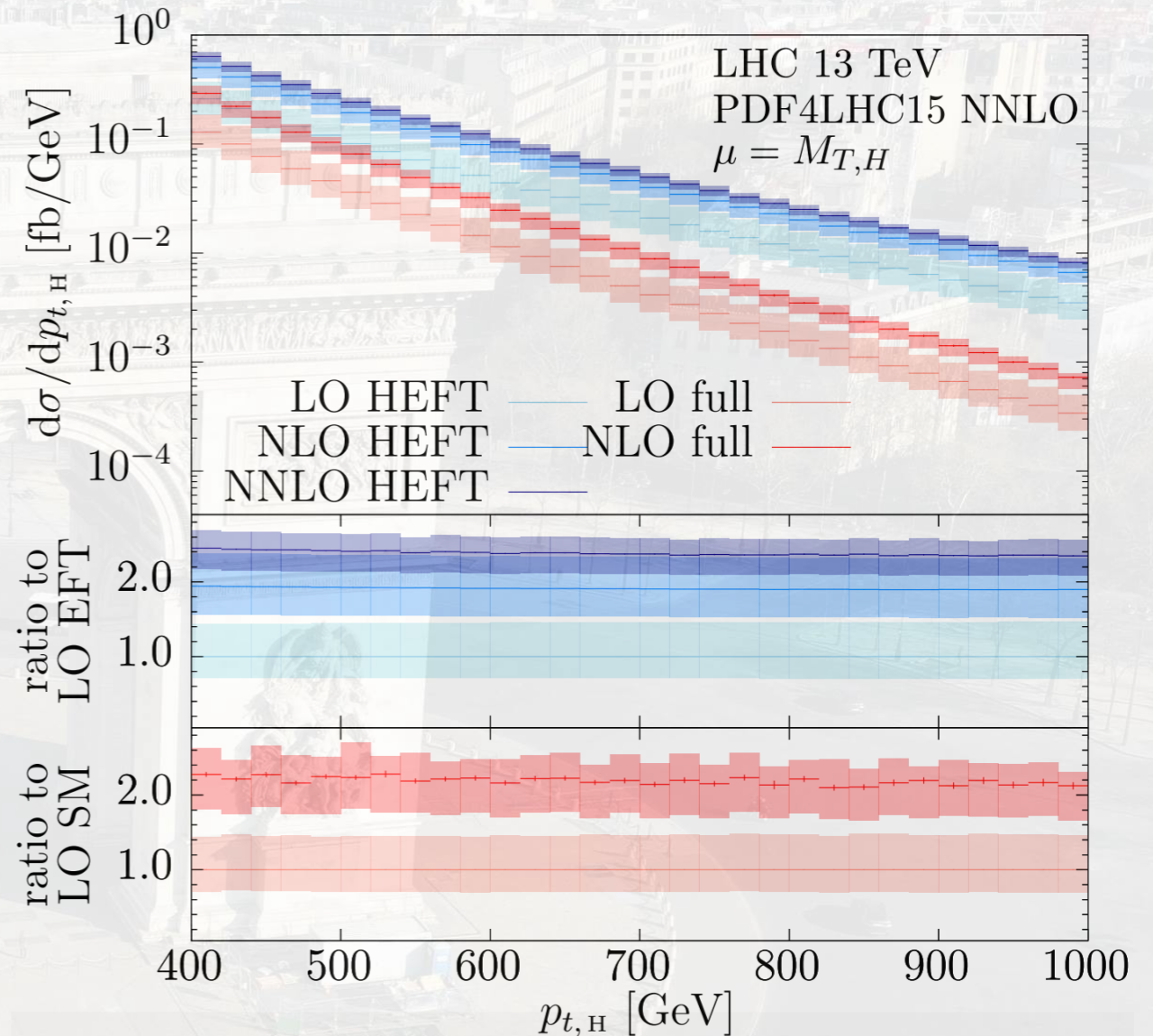
- Remarkable K-factors:

- SM (NLO/LO)  $\approx$  EFT(NNLO/LO)
  - Nearly flat** at large pT

- Combine EFT and SM:

- Ideally, we need NLO SM **accuracy** and NNLO EFT **precision**
  - With assumption that NNLO SM also has flat K-factors at large pT, we rescale:

$$\Sigma^{\text{EFT-improved (1), NNLO}}(p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}}) \equiv \frac{\Sigma^{\text{SM, NLO}}(p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}})}{\Sigma^{\text{EFT, NLO}}(p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}})} \Sigma^{\text{EFT, NNLO}}(p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}})$$





# HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM AT BOOSTED REGION (GGF)

➤ **Error estimation** of EFT-improved NNLO predictions:

➤ **From scale variation** of  $\Sigma^{\text{SM, NLO}} / \Sigma^{\text{EFT, NLO}}$  and  $\Sigma^{\text{EFT, NNLO}}$

➤ Independent 7-point scale variation then combine quadrature or linearly

➤ **From top mass correction** to NNLO EFT :

$$\delta_{\text{NNLO}, m_t} \equiv \frac{\delta\Sigma^{\text{SM, NLO}} - \delta\Sigma^{\text{improved(0), NLO}}}{\delta\Sigma^{\text{EFT, NLO}}} \times \delta\Sigma^{\text{EFT, NNLO}}$$

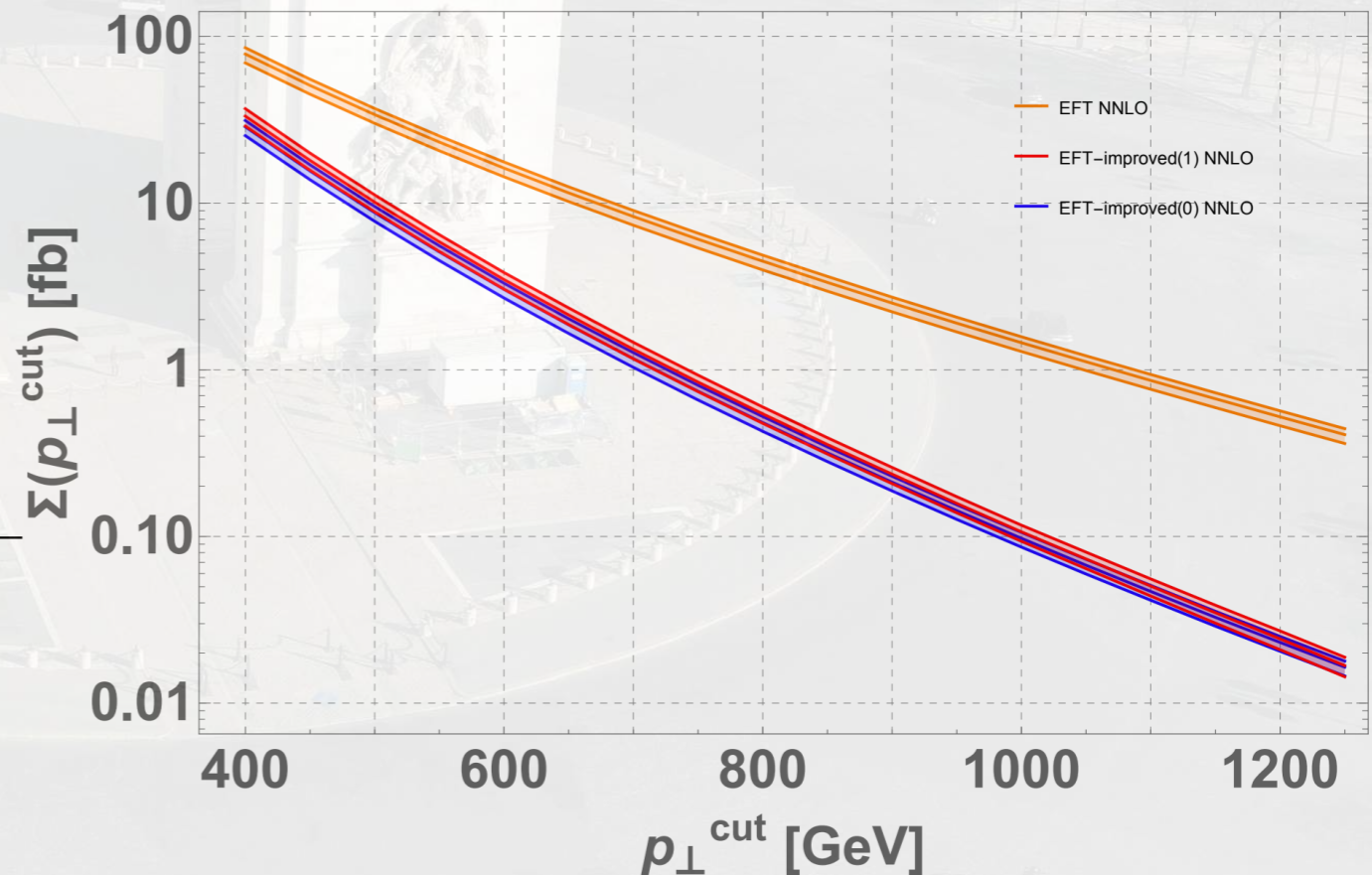
➤ **Current best prediction:**

➤ “EFT-improved (1) NNLO”

➤ TH error combined in quadrature

➤ Under control at **10%** level

$p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}}$	NNLO <sub>approximate quad.unc.</sub> [fb]	NNLO <sub>approximate lin.unc.</sub> [fb]
400 GeV	$33.3^{+10.9\%}_{-12.9\%}$	$33.3^{+15.1\%}_{-17.4\%}$
430 GeV	$23.0^{+10.8\%}_{-12.8\%}$	$23.0^{+14.9\%}_{-17.2\%}$
450 GeV	$18.1^{+10.8\%}_{-12.8\%}$	$18.1^{+14.9\%}_{-17.2\%}$



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# HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM AT BOOSTED REGION (GGF)

- **Comparison** among public event generators in HXSWG [2005.07762](#):

Fixed order level	Total	$p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}} > 400 \text{ GeV}$	$p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}} > 450 \text{ GeV}$	$p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}} > 500 \text{ GeV}$
$\text{ggh}_{m_t=\infty}^{\text{hfact}=104}$	$30.3^{+6.1}_{-4.7}$	$0.0829^{+0.0451}_{-0.0266}$	$0.0577^{+0.0325}_{-0.019}$	$0.0408^{+0.0236}_{-0.0137}$
HJ $m_t = \infty$ , 5 GeV gen. cut	—	$0.0651^{+0.0156}_{-0.0131}$	$0.0417^{+0.01}_{-0.0084}$	$0.0279^{+0.0067}_{-0.0057}$
HJ $m_t = \infty$ , 50 GeV gen. cut	—	$0.0651^{+0.0156}_{-0.0131}$	$0.0418^{+0.01}_{-0.0085}$	$0.0278^{+0.0066}_{-0.0056}$
HJ-MiNLO $m_t = \infty$	$32.1^{+11}_{-4.9}$	$0.0803^{+0.9087}_{-0.0164}$	$0.0524^{+0.0118}_{-0.0107}$	$0.0353^{+0.0078}_{-0.0072}$
HJ-MiNLO $m_t = 171.3 \text{ GeV}$	$33.8^{+11.4}_{-5.2}$	$0.029^{+0.007}_{-0.006}$	$0.0161^{+0.0036}_{-0.0033}$	$0.0091^{+0.0021}_{-0.0018}$

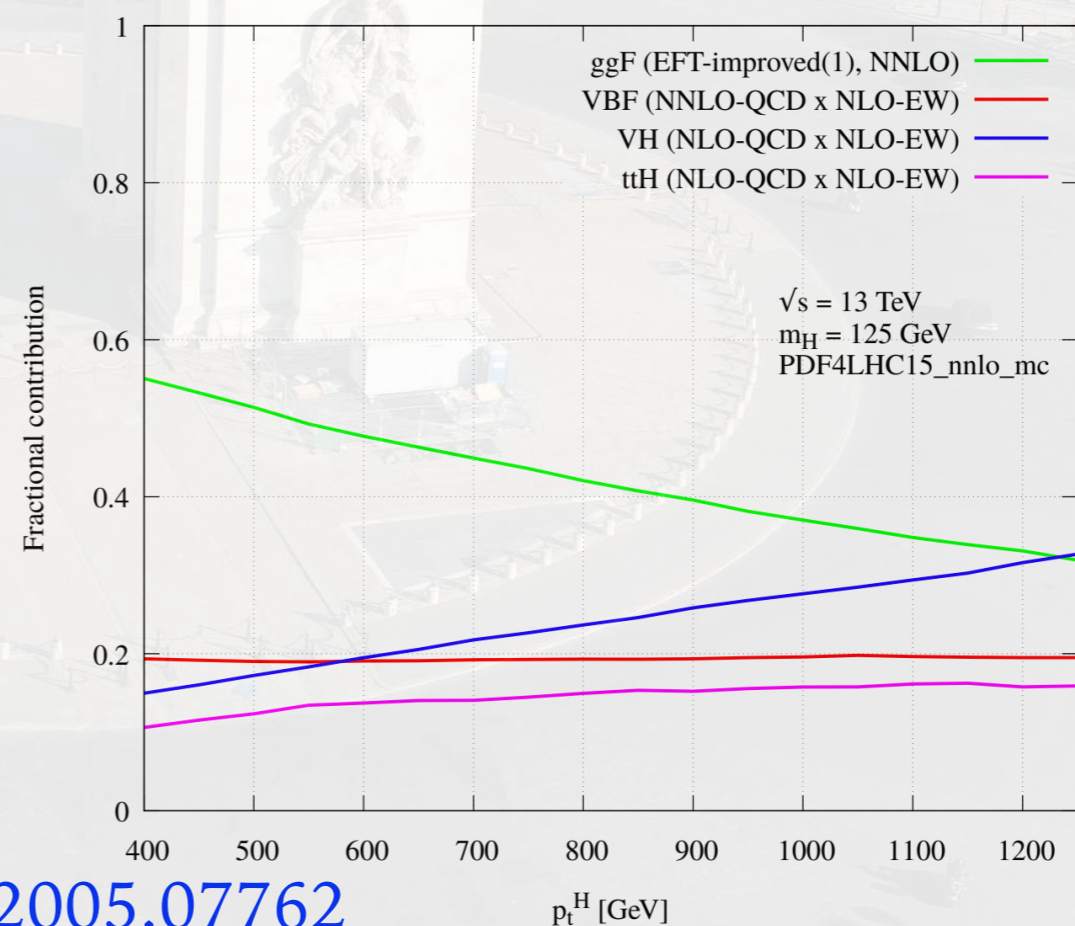
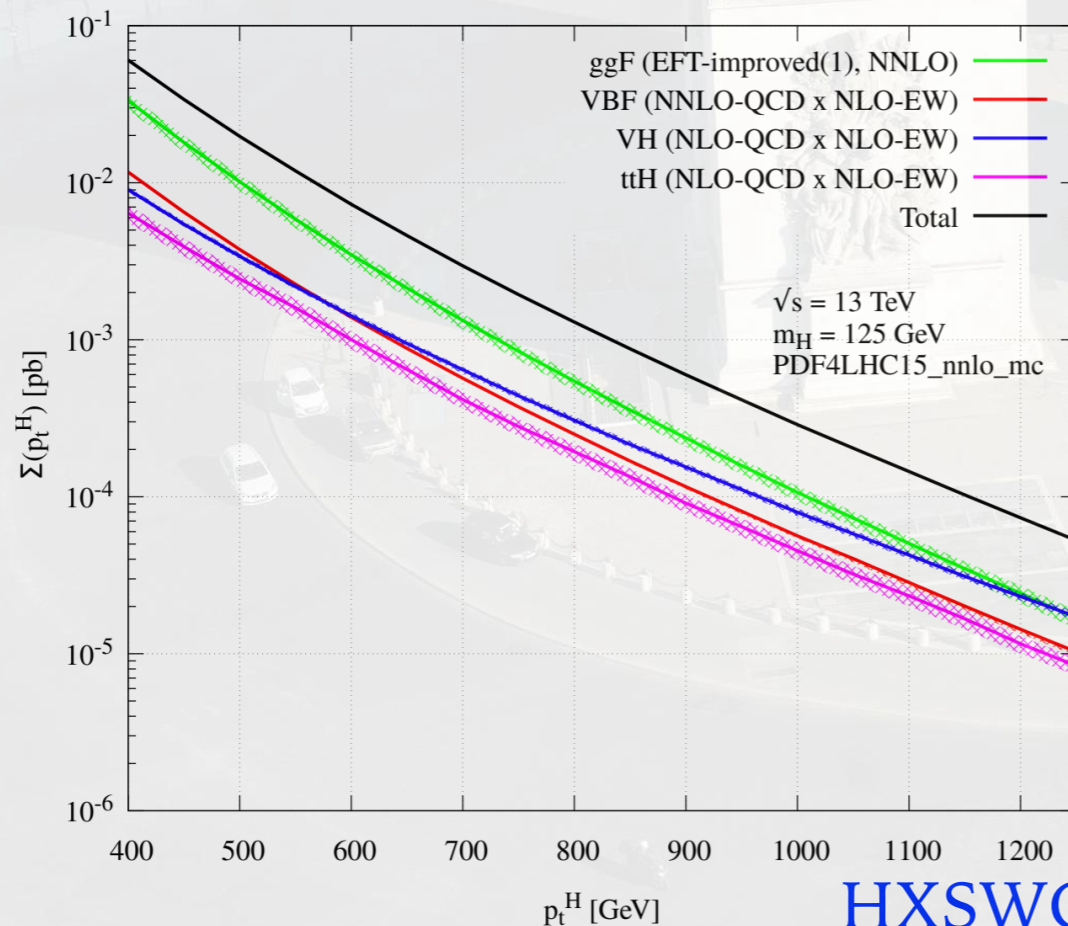
- **POWHEG** `gg_h`: NLO EFT accuracy for total cross section, LO EFT accuracy for pT  
[0812.0578](#)
- **POWHEG** `HJ`: NLO EFT accuracy for pT  
[1202.5475](#)
- **HJ-MiNLO**: NLO EFT accuracy for pT with “EFT-improved (0) NLO” rescale feature  
[1212.4504](#)
- **MG5\_MC@NLO**: (N)LO SM accuracy for pT with EFT virtual rescaled by LO SM  
[1604.03017](#), [1405.0301](#)
- POWHEG and HJ-MiNLO are **matched** to **Pythia 6 parton shower**. [hep-ph/0603175](#)
- **Comparison** with the current best:

	$p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}}$	NNLO <sub>approximate quad.unc.</sub> [fb]	HJ-MiNLO [fb]	MG5_MC@NLO [fb]
➤ General good agreement	400 GeV	$33.3^{+10.9\%}_{-12.9\%}$	$29^{+24\%}_{-21\%}$	$31.5^{+31\%}_{-25\%}$
➤ +20% correction to NLO SM	430 GeV	$23.0^{+10.8\%}_{-12.8\%}$	-	$21.8^{+31\%}_{-25\%}$
➤ Uncertainty reduced by 70~100%	450 GeV	$18.1^{+10.8\%}_{-12.8\%}$	$16.1^{+22\%}_{-21\%}$	$17.1^{+31\%}_{-25\%}$



# HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM FROM VH, VBF AND TTH

- Transverse momentum contributions from VH, VBF and ttH channels:
  - **ZH,  $W^\pm H$** : NLO accuracy from POWHEG-BOX-V2 with 3-point scale variation  
1306.2542, 1002.2581
  - **VBF**: NNLO accuracy with structure function approach with 3-point scale variation  
1506.02660
  - **$t\bar{t}H$** : NLO accuracy from Sherpa+OpenLoops with 7-point scale variation  
0811.4622, 1111.5206
  - **EW correction**: NLO photonics corrections from Sherpa+OpenLoops  
0811.4622, 1111.5206, 1412.5157, 1712.07975, 1907.13071



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# HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM AT BOOSTED REGION (ALL)

- Channel breakdown of Higgs transverse momentum at boosted region
  - Dominant uncertainties from ggF and ttH channel at 10%
  - NLO VH uncertainties at 5% and the state-of-the-art NNLO correction further reduce to 2%
  - ggF, VH and ttH uncertainties stays flat while VBF uncertainties increase at large pT
  - EW corrections are substantial at large pT but is currently unknown for ggF channel
  - New physics effects could affect various channels differently, recommendation for STXS

$p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}}$ [GeV]	$\Sigma_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{NNLO}} (p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}})$ [fb]	$\Sigma_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{NNLO}} (p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}})$ [fb]	$\Sigma_{\text{VH}}^{\text{NLO}} (p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}})$ [fb]	$\Sigma_{\text{ttH}}^{\text{NLO}} (p_{\perp}^{\text{cut}})$ [fb]	VBF	VH	ttH
400	33.30 <sup>+10.89%</sup> <sub>-12.91%</sub>	14.23 <sup>+0.15%</sup> <sub>-0.19%</sub>	11.16 <sup>+4.12%</sup> <sub>-3.68%</sub>	6.89 <sup>+12.62%</sup> <sub>-12.97%</sub>	-17.80%	-19.05%	-6.95%
450	18.08 <sup>+10.78%</sup> <sub>-12.79%</sub>	8.06 <sup>+0.24%</sup> <sub>-0.23%</sub>	6.87 <sup>+4.6%</sup> <sub>-3.49%</sub>	4.24 <sup>+12.84%</sup> <sub>-13.15%</sub>	-19.43%	-20.83%	-7.75%
500	10.17 <sup>+10.67%</sup> <sub>-12.74%</sub>	4.75 <sup>+0.33%</sup> <sub>-0.29%</sub>	4.39 <sup>+4.43%</sup> <sub>-4.04%</sub>	2.66 <sup>+12.85%</sup> <sub>-13.22%</sub>	-21.05%	-22.50%	-8.49%
550	5.87 <sup>+10.54%</sup> <sub>-12.60%</sub>	2.90 <sup>+0.34%</sup> <sub>-0.36%</sub>	2.87 <sup>+4.44%</sup> <sub>-3.74%</sub>	1.76 <sup>+14.23%</sup> <sub>-13.93%</sub>	-22.34%	-24.07%	-9.11%
600	3.48 <sup>+10.35%</sup> <sub>-12.49%</sub>	1.82 <sup>+0.41%</sup> <sub>-0.39%</sub>	1.91 <sup>+5.22%</sup> <sub>-4.71%</sub>	1.11 <sup>+12.99%</sup> <sub>-13.4%</sub>	-23.73%	-25.56%	-9.91%
650	2.13 <sup>+10.23%</sup> <sub>-12.45%</sub>	1.17 <sup>+0.49%</sup> <sub>-0.39%</sub>	1.30 <sup>+4.67%</sup> <sub>-4.28%</sub>	0.72 <sup>+12.6%</sup> <sub>-13.26%</sub>	-25.03%	-26.98%	-10.67%
700	1.32 <sup>+10.03%</sup> <sub>-12.32%</sub>	0.77 <sup>+0.57%</sup> <sub>-0.45%</sub>	0.90 <sup>+4.15%</sup> <sub>-5.4%</sub>	0.47 <sup>+11.42%</sup> <sub>-12.74%</sub>	-26.29%	-28.30%	-11.37%
750	0.84 <sup>+10.05%</sup> <sub>-12.31%</sub>	0.51 <sup>+0.69%</sup> <sub>-0.56%</sub>	0.62 <sup>+5.15%</sup> <sub>-4.66%</sub>	0.32 <sup>+11.53%</sup> <sub>-12.84%</sub>	-27.35%	-29.60%	-11.94%
800	0.51 <sup>+9.91%</sup> <sub>-12.24%</sub>	0.35 <sup>+0.71%</sup> <sub>-0.6%</sub>	0.44 <sup>+5.64%</sup> <sub>-4.13%</sub>	0.22 <sup>+11.42%</sup> <sub>-13.3%</sub>	-28.42%	-30.83%	-12.51%

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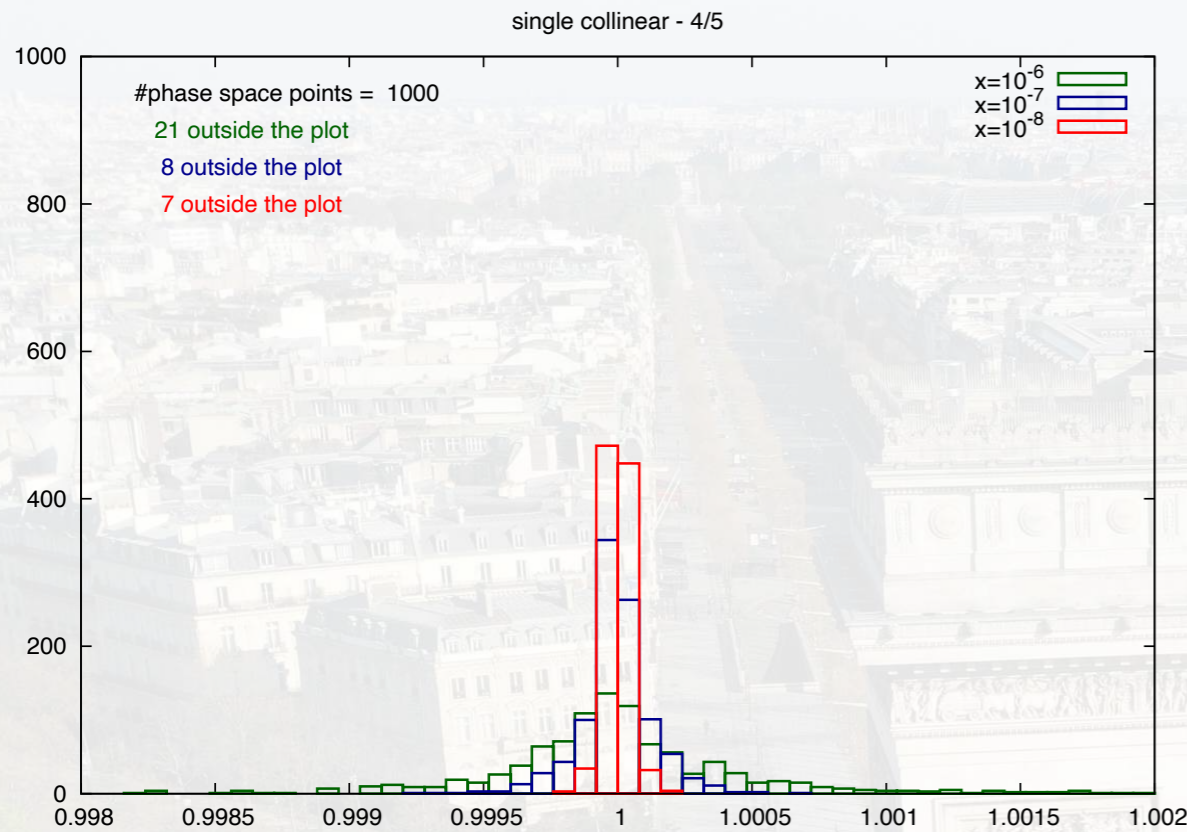
# FUTURE WORK AND CONCLUSION

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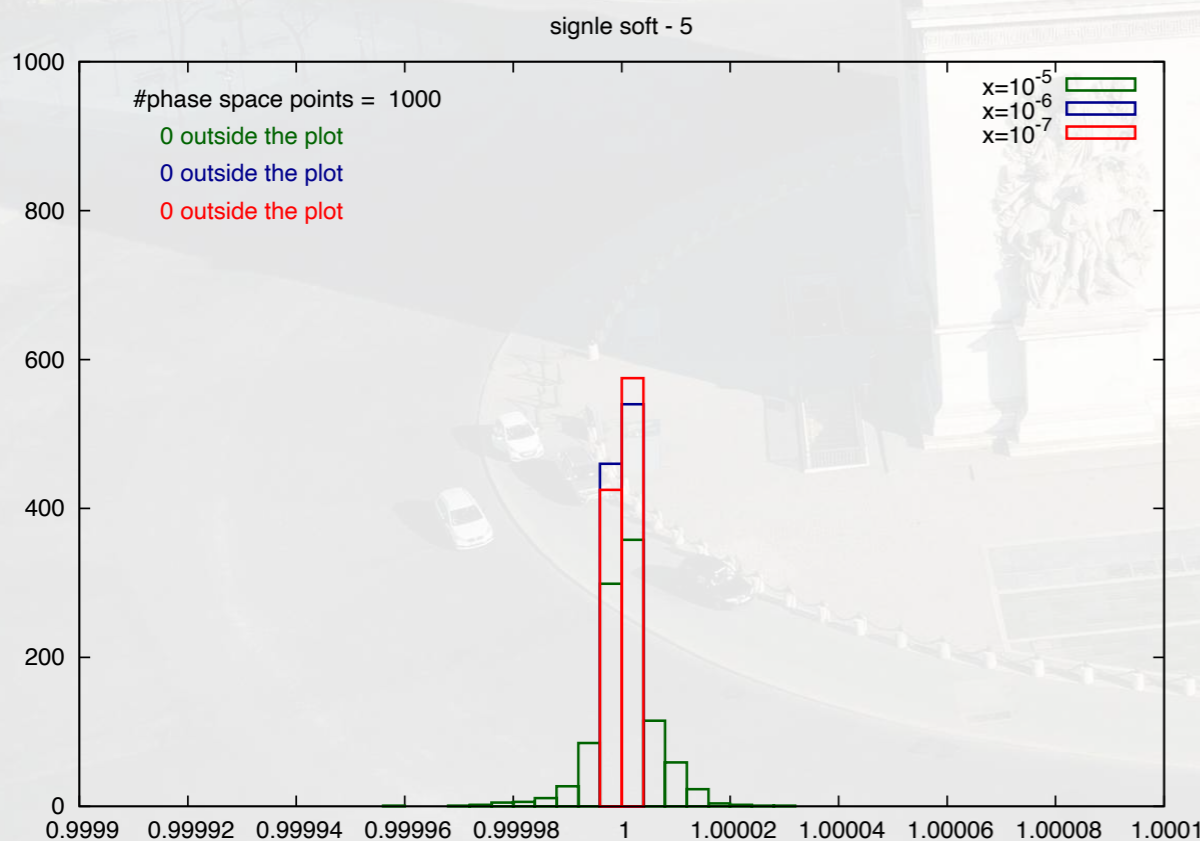
- ▶ Higgs boson precision **measurements focus** on differential observables and distinguishing production and decay channels
- ▶ Higgs boson precision **predictions focus** on reducing uncertainties from all sources. FO QCD corrections, EW at large scale, Parton Shower effects etc.
- ▶ Boosted Higgs is becoming the focus to improve EXP and TH precision to **accelerate searches for new physics**
- ▶ Higgs properties are different in boosted than in the bulk of the fiducial regions. Theory uncertainty is at **10-15%** level for  $p_T > 400$  GeV.
- ▶ **New source** of theory uncertainties to be studied in the future
  - ▶ Top mass schemes (Substantial @ LO, reduced considerably @ NLO)
  - ▶ PDF and couplings uncertainties (Systematically improvable)
  - ▶ More reliable rescaling for quark mass effect (Event by event rescaling)
  - ▶ Upgrade VH and VBF predictions at NNLO and N3LO.



# TEST NUMERICAL STABILITY OF MATRIX ELEMENTS



Single collinear limit 4//5 with  $x \sim 10^{-8}$



Single soft limit 5  $\rightarrow$  0 with  $x \sim 10^{-7}$

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- Construct antenna subtraction terms (ATS) to mimic unresolved limits of matrix elements (ME)

- Test function (tree level):  $R = \frac{ME^0}{AST^0}$

- $R \sim$  the horizontal axis (centre at one near the unresolved region)

- Number of P.S. points in each bin  $\sim$  the vertical axis

- Controlling singular region correctly will achieve spike plots

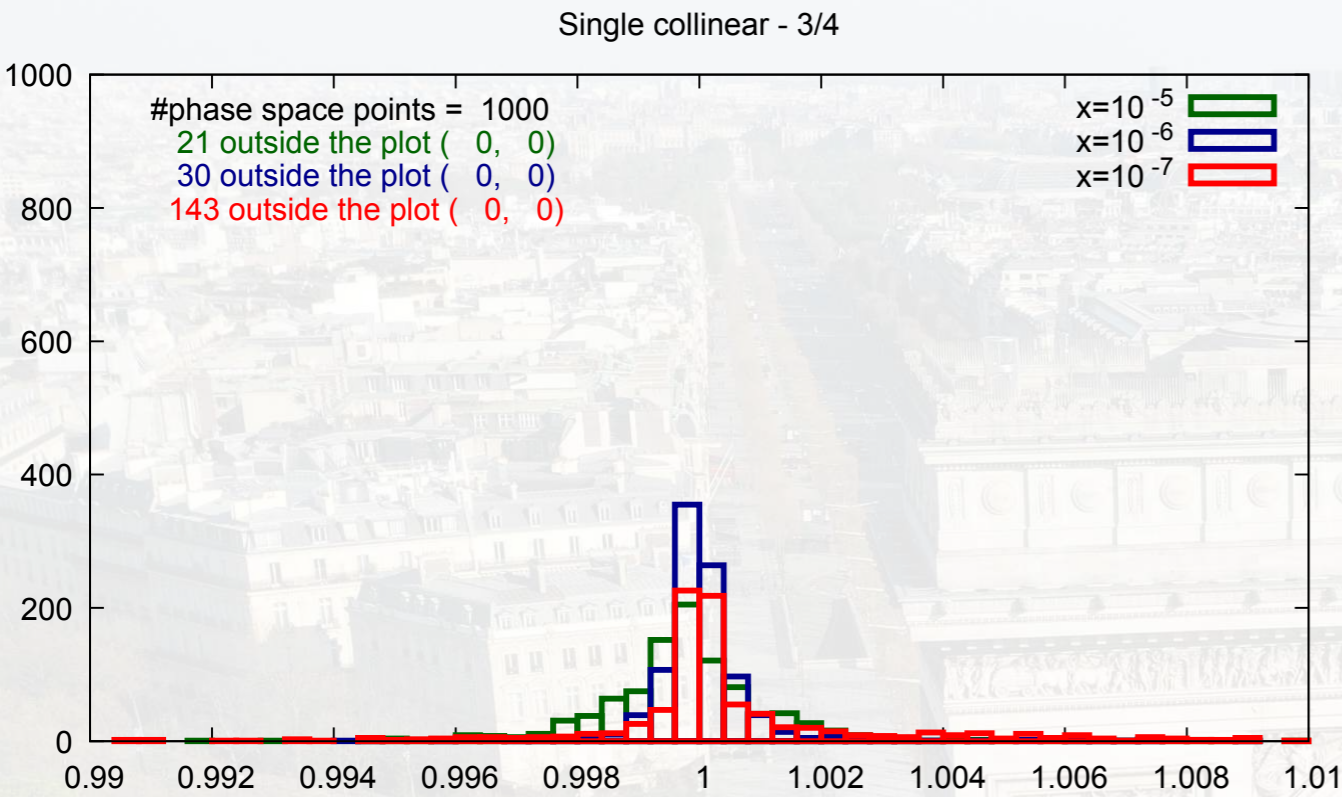
- For example:  $p_1 + p_2 \rightarrow p_3 + p_4 + p_5$

Single collinear limit:  $x = \frac{s_{45}}{s}, \quad x \sim 10^{-8}$

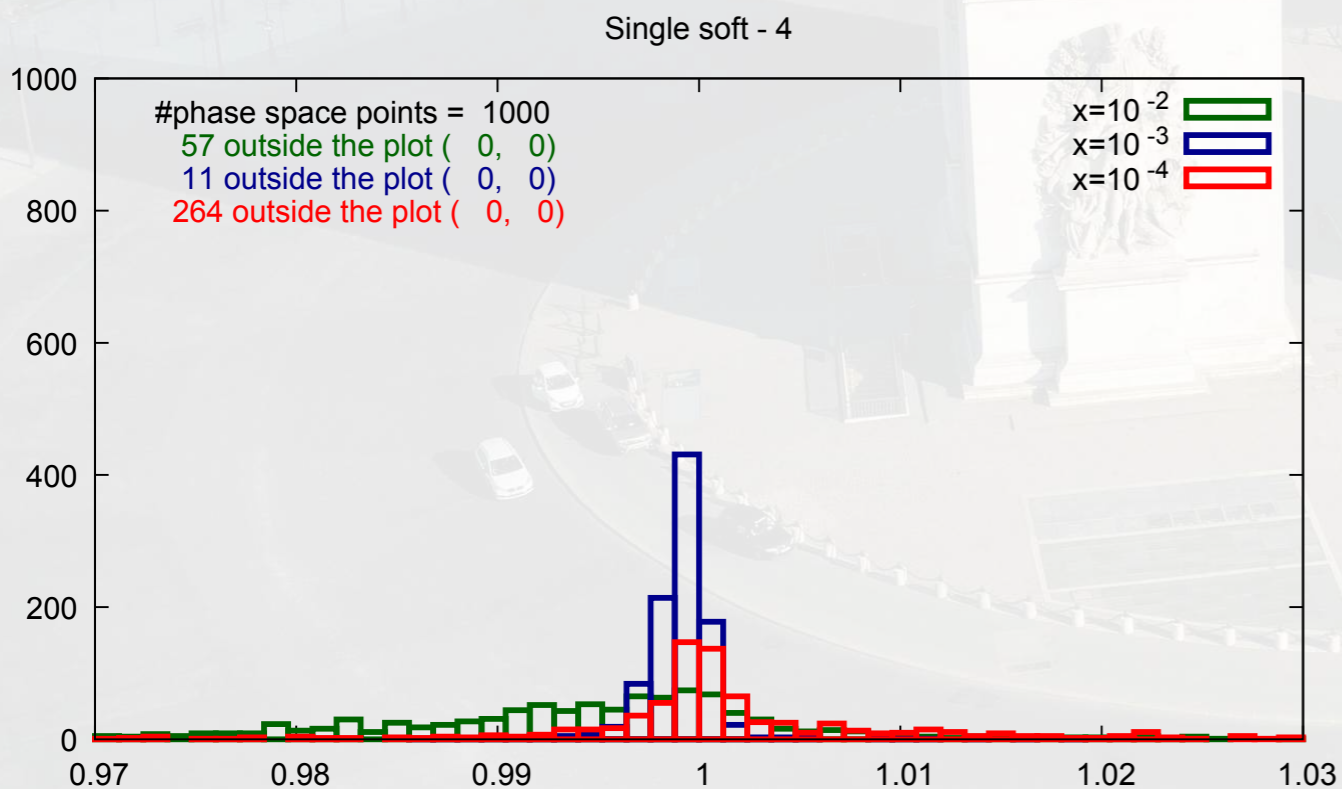
Single soft limit:  $xs = s_{35} + s_{45}, \quad x \sim 10^{-7}$



# TEST NUMERICAL STABILITY OF MATRIX ELEMENTS



Single collinear limit 3//4 with  $x \sim 10^{-6}$



Single soft limit 4  $\rightarrow$  0 with  $x \sim 10^{-3}$

- Ideally we would like to use ME from automated tools
- However, not many of them are numerical stable in IR singular regions
- OpenLoops2 is one of the best auto-tools optimised in IR singular regions
- However for a loop-induced process:

$$g_1 + g_2 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma + g_3 + g_4$$

- Test function (loop induced):

$$R = \frac{ME^1}{AST^1}$$

- We observe spikes break down at  
 single collinear limit:  $x \sim 10^{-7}$   
 single soft limit:  $x \sim 10^{-4}$