

Precision Computations for Higgs Production

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- Measure fiducial & differential Higgs cross sections at the LHC
 - ▶ Most model-independent way we have to search for BSM in the Higgs sector
- Total fiducial cross section measures deviations from SM gluon-fusion rate

$$\begin{array}{c} g \\ \text{wavy line} \\ \text{loop} \\ \text{t} \\ \text{loop} \\ \text{wavy line} \\ g \end{array} \text{---} H + \begin{array}{c} g \\ \text{wavy line} \\ \text{red hatched circle} \\ \text{wavy line} \\ g \end{array} \text{---} H = \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi v} C_t + \frac{v}{\Lambda^2} C_{HG} \right) H G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu}$$

- p_T^H spectrum is the most important differential quantity
- High $p_T^H \sim \sqrt{\hat{s}} \gg m_H$ increases sensitivity to new operators
 [... for SM precision theory, see next talk by R. Röntsch]
- Focus of this talk: $p_T^H \lesssim m_H \sim \sqrt{\hat{s}} \ll 2m_t$ (or p_T^H integrated over)
 - ▶ Measure or put bounds on anomalous b , c , and light quark Yukawa couplings
 [Bishara, Haisch, Monni, Re '16; Soreq, Zhu, Zupan '16; see e.g. ATLAS-CONF-2019-029]

- Uncertainty $\Delta\sigma$ on SM prediction translates into discovery reach:

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} \sim \frac{v^2}{\Lambda_{\text{BSM}}^2} \Leftrightarrow \Lambda_{\text{BSM}} \sim v \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\Delta\sigma}}$$

Challenges for theory

- QCD corrections to $gg \rightarrow H$ are large: $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{LO}} \approx 3$
 - ▶ Calculation of inclusive cross section has been pushed to N³LO
[Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Furlan, Gehrmann, Herzog, Lazopoulos, Mistlberger '15-'18]
- But LHC experiments apply kinematic selection cuts on Higgs decay products
 - ▶ Need complete interplay of QCD corrections and $\mathcal{O}(1)$ fiducial acceptance

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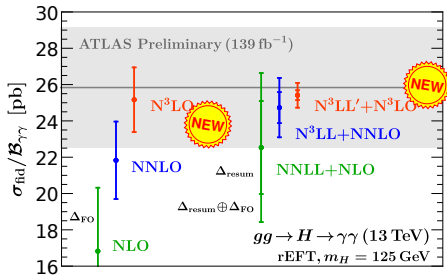
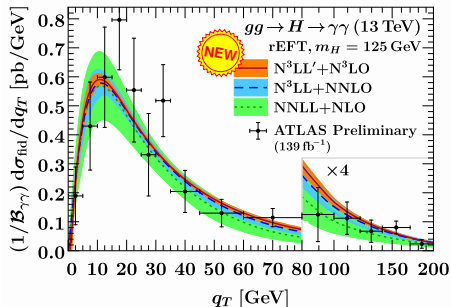
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- Previous state of the art was $N^3\text{LL}(+\text{NNLO}_1)$ and NNLO, respectively

[Chen et al. '18; Bizoń et al. '18; Gutierrez-Reyes et al. '19; Becher, Neumann '20]

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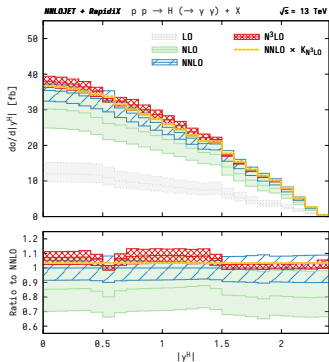
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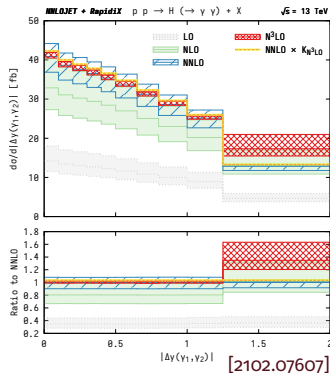
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Method

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dq_T} &= \frac{d\sigma^{(0)}}{dq_T} + \frac{d\sigma^{(1)}}{dq_T} + \frac{d\sigma^{(2)}}{dq_T} + \dots \\ &\sim \frac{1}{q_T} \left[\mathcal{O}(1) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q_T}{m_H}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q_T^2}{m_H^2}\right) + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{(0)}}{dq_T} = \sigma_{\text{LO}} \delta(q_T) + \sum_n \alpha_s^n \left\{ \sigma_n^V \delta(q_T) + \sum_m \sigma_{n,m}^{(0)} \left[\frac{\ln^m(q_T/m_H)}{q_T} \right]_+ \right\}$$

- Contains LO contribution, virtual corrections, and log-enhanced singular terms
- Predicted by factorization $\Rightarrow q_T$ subtractions [Catani, Grazzini '07]

$$\frac{d\sigma^{(1)}}{dq_T} = \sum_n \alpha_s^n \sum_m \sigma_{n,m}^{(1)} \frac{1}{m_H} \ln^m(q_T/m_H)$$

- Still logarithmically divergent, only present if decay products are resolved
- Also predicted by factorization [Ebert, JM, Stewart, Tackmann '20]

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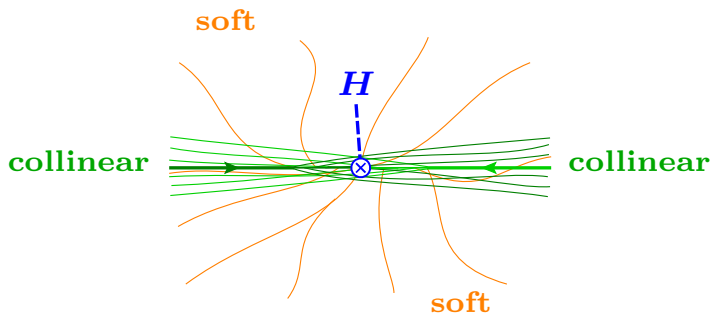
- Finite as $q_T \rightarrow 0$, extract from $H + 1j$ calculation

Set up some notation, use that production and [decay \(acceptance\)](#) factorize:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dq_T} = \int dY A(q_T, Y; \Theta) W(q_T, Y), \quad A_{\text{incl}} = 1, \quad W(q_T, Y) = \frac{d\sigma_{\text{incl}}}{dq_T dY}$$

At leading power in $q_T \ll m_H$, the hadronic dynamics factorize as:

$$W^{(0)}(q_T, Y) = H(m_H^2, \mu) \int d^2\vec{k}_a d^2\vec{k}_b d^2\vec{k}_s \delta(q_T - |\vec{k}_a + \vec{k}_b + \vec{k}_s|) \\ \times B_g^{\mu\nu}(x_a, \vec{k}_a, \mu, \nu) B_{g\mu\nu}(x_b, \vec{k}_b, \mu, \nu) S(\vec{k}_s, \mu, \nu)$$



- ▶ Predicts singular structure of $\frac{d\sigma}{dq_T}$ as $q_T \rightarrow 0$
- ▶ Enables all-order resummation \Rightarrow Sudakov peak

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To reach N^3LL' for $W^{(0)}$, implemented in SCETlib:

- Three-loop **soft** and **hard** function ... includes in particular the three-loop virtual form factor [Li, Zhu, '16] [Baikov et al. '09; Lee et al. '10; Gehrmann et al. '10]
- Three-loop **unpolarized** and two-loop **polarized beam** functions [Ebert, Mistlberger, Vita '20; Luo, Yang, Zhu, Zhu '20] [Luo, Yang, Zhu, Zhu '19; Gutierrez-Reyes, Leal-Gomez, Scimemi, Vladimirov '19]
- Four-loop cusp, three-loop noncusp anomalous dimensions [Brüser, Grozin, Henn, Stahlhofen '19; Henn, Korchemsky, Mistlberger '20; v. Manteuffel, Panzer, Schabinger '20] [Li, Zhu, '16; Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt '05; Idilbi, Ma, Yuan '06; Vladimirov '16]
- N^3LL solutions to virtuality/rapidity RGEs in b_T space
- Hybrid profile scales for fixed-order matching [Lustermans, JM, Tackmann, Waalewijn '19]

... are the power corrections coming from the q_T -dependent acceptance:

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{fpc}}}{dq_T} \equiv \int dY \left[A(q_T, Y; \Theta) - A^{(0)}(Y; \Theta) \right] W^{(0)}(q_T, Y)$$

- Uniquely predict all linear power corrections $d\sigma^{(1)}$ because

$$W(q_T, Y) = W^{(0)}(q_T, Y) \left[1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q_T^2}{m_H^2}\right) \right]$$

$$A(q_T, Y; \Theta) = A^{(0)}(Y; \Theta) \left[1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q_T}{m_H}\right) \right]$$

- Resummed to the same $N^3\text{LL}'$ accuracy as leading-power terms by resumming $W^{(0)}$ and keeping exact $A(q_T, Y; \Theta)$

[Presence of linear terms pointed out in Ebert, Tackmann '20]

[Factorization demonstrated in Ebert, JM, Stewart, Tackmann '20]

Key point

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Compare fixed-order series, isolating the effect of $\int dq_T \frac{d\sigma^{\text{fpc}}}{dq_T}$:

$$\sigma_{\text{incl}}^{\text{FO}} = 13.80 [1 + 1.291 + 0.783 + 0.299] \text{ pb}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{FO}} &= 6.928 [1 + 1.429 + 0.723 + 0.481] \text{ pb} \\ &= 6.928 [1 + (1.300 + 0.129_{\text{fpc}}) + (0.784 - 0.061_{\text{fpc}}) + (0.331 + 0.150_{\text{fpc}})] \text{ pb} \end{aligned}$$

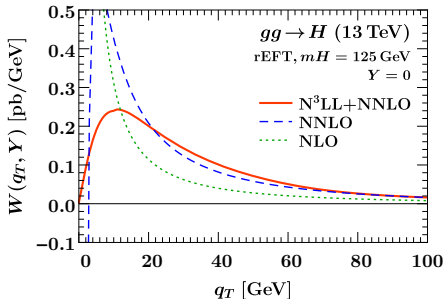
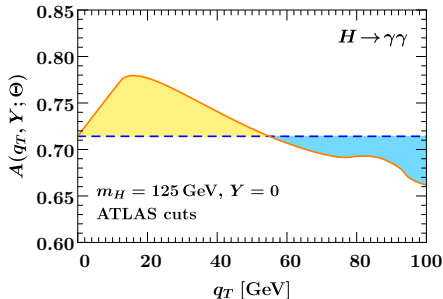
- Fiducial power corrections show no convergence, remainder is similar to inclusive

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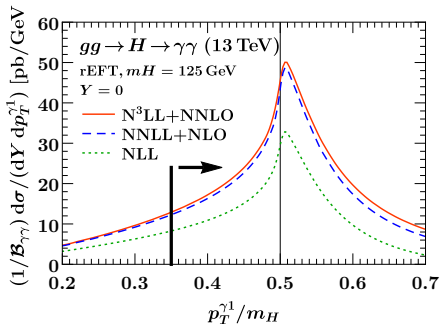
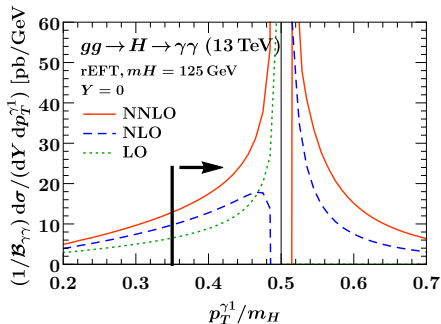
$$\sigma_{\text{incl}} = \int dq_T \mathbf{W}(q_T) \quad \sigma_{\text{fid}} = \int dq_T \mathbf{A}(q_T) \mathbf{W}(q_T)$$

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2. We're cutting on the resummation-sensitive photon p_T



Differential q_T subtractions

$$\sigma = \int_0^{q_T^{\text{off}}} dq_T \frac{d\sigma^{\text{sing}}}{dq_T} + \int_0^{q_T^{\text{off}}} dq_T \frac{d\sigma_{\text{FO}}^{\text{nons}}}{dq_T} + \int_{q_T^{\text{off}}} dq_T \frac{d\sigma_{\text{FO}1}}{dq_T}$$

Include $d\sigma^{\text{fpc}}$ in differential subtraction:

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Remaining (nonsingular) terms:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{FO}}^{\text{nons}}}{dq_T} = \int dY A(q_T, Y; \Theta) \left[W_{\text{FO}}^{(2)}(q_T, Y) + \dots \right] = \left[\frac{d\sigma_{\text{FO}1}}{dq_T} - \frac{d\sigma_{\text{FO}}^{\text{sing}}}{dq_T} \right]_{q_T > 0}$$

Challenges:

- Obtaining stable $H + 1j$ results for $q_T \rightarrow 0$ is *hard* ...in particular at NNLO₁
- Dropping the nonsingular below $q_T \leq q_T^{\text{cut}}$ is not viable, either ...as we'll see shortly
 - Crucial to use differential subtraction, not slicing

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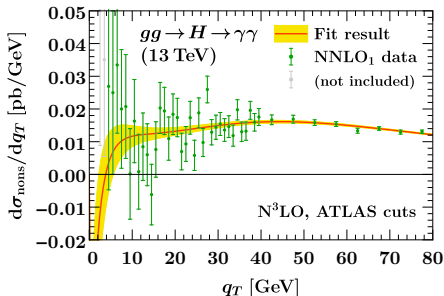
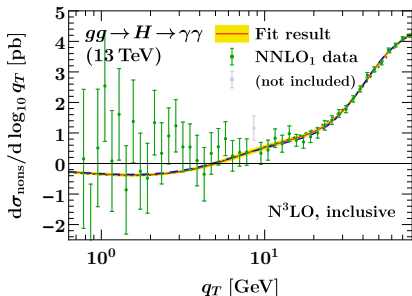
Key idea

Fit nonsingular data to known form at subleading power and integrate *analytically*:

$$q_T \frac{d\sigma_{\text{FO}}^{\text{nons}}}{dq_T} \Big|_{\alpha_s^n} = \frac{q_T^2}{m_H^2} \sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} \left(a_k + b_k \frac{q_T}{m_H} + c_k \frac{q_T^2}{m_H^2} + \dots \right) \ln^k \frac{q_T^2}{m_H^2}$$

- Include higher-power b_k, c_k to get unbiased a_k
- ▶ Allows us to use more precise data at higher q_T as lever arm in the fit

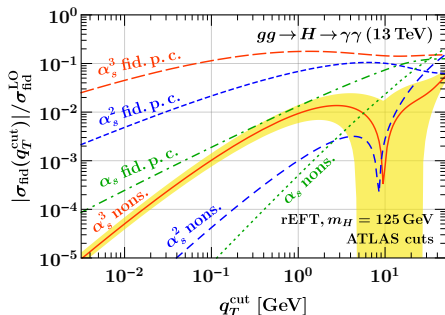
Fit results at N³LO



Setup:

- Combined fit to existing binned inclusive and fiducial NNLO₁ data from NNLOjet [Chen, Cruz-Martinez, Gehrmann, Glover, Jaquier '15-16; as used in Chen et al. '18; Bizoń et al. '18]
- Empirically find $0.4 \leq a_k^{\text{fid}}/a_k^{\text{incl}} \leq 0.55$ at (N)NLO \Rightarrow use as weak 1 σ constraint
- Add $\sigma_{\text{incl}}(q_T \leq q_T^{\text{cut}}) = \sigma_{\text{incl}}^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}} - \sigma_{\text{incl}}(q_T > q_T^{\text{cut}})$ as additional incl. data point [Mistlberger '18]

Comparison to other methods: q_T slicing



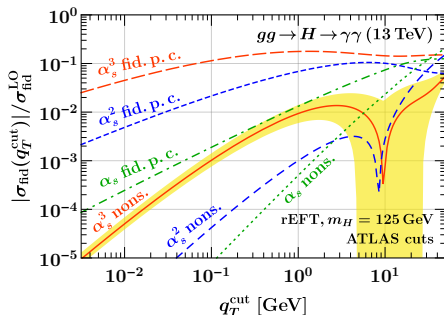
Slicing approach to q_T subtractions:

[used e.g. in Cieri, Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, 1807.11501; Camarda, Cieri, Ferrera, 2103.04974]

$$\sigma = \sigma^{(0)}(q_T^{\text{cut}}) + \sigma^{\text{fpc}}(q_T^{\text{cut}}) + \sigma^{\text{nons}}(q_T^{\text{cut}}) + \int_{q_T^{\text{cut}}} dq_T \frac{d\sigma_{\text{FO1}}}{dq_T}$$

- Slicing uses finite $q_T^{\text{cut}} \sim 2 \text{ GeV}$ and neglects *both* $\sigma^{\text{fpc}}(q_T^{\text{cut}})$, $\sigma^{\text{nons}}(q_T^{\text{cut}}) \approx 0$
- This is a catastrophic approximation even at α_s^2 , and definitely at α_s^3
- Even without σ^{fpc} (incl. cross section), this is a bad approximation at α_s^3
 - q_T^{cut} variations only scan local maximum around 2 GeV ...

Comparison to other methods: Projection to Born



Projection-to-Born method:

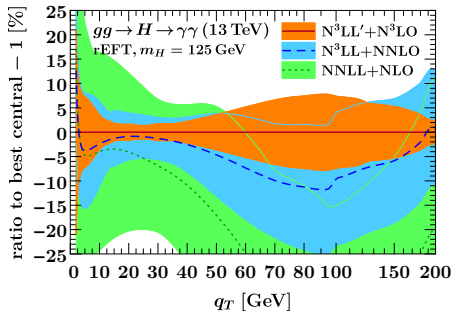
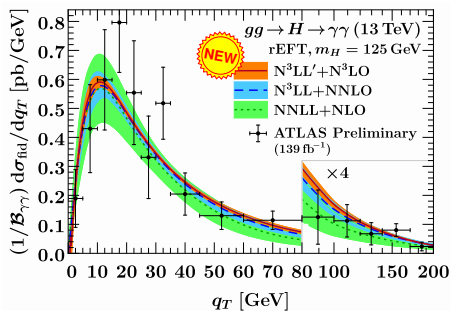
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- First term from analytic (threshold expansion of) inclusive rapidity spectrum
- Second term numerically from $H + 1j$ MC, dominated by σ^{fpc} at small q_T
- Need to integrate down to $q_T^{\text{cut}} \ll 0.1\text{GeV}$!

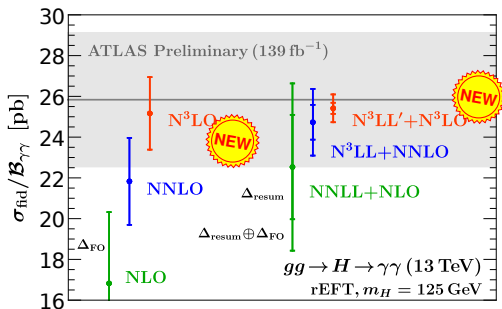
Results and future directions

The fiducial q_T spectrum at $N^3LL'+N^3LO$



- Total uncertainty is $\Delta_{\text{tot}} = \Delta_{q_T} \oplus \Delta_{\varphi} \oplus \Delta_{\text{match}} \oplus \Delta_{\text{FO}} \oplus \Delta_{\text{nons}}$
[See also Ebert, JM, Stewart, Tackmann, 2006.11382 for details]
- Observe excellent perturbative convergence & uncertainty coverage
 - Crucial to consider *every* variation to probe all parts of the prediction
- Divide $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ branching ratio $\mathcal{B}_{\gamma\gamma}$ out of data [LHC Higgs Cross Section WG, 1610.07922]
- Data are corrected for other production channels, photon isolation efficiency [ATLAS, 1802.04146]

The total fiducial cross section at $N^3\text{LO}$ and $N^3\text{LL}'+N^3\text{LO}$



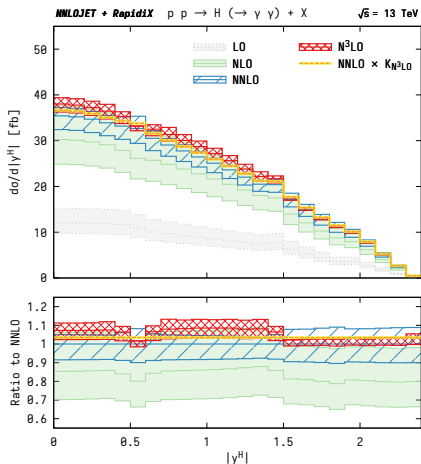
- Large $N^3\text{LO}$ correction to fiducial cross section (worse than inclusive)
 - Caused by fiducial power corrections, *not* captured by rescaling inclusive $N^3\text{LO}$ result
- Resummation restores convergence
- ▶ Allows for the first direct comparison to experimentally measured total Higgs cross section at genuine three-loop order

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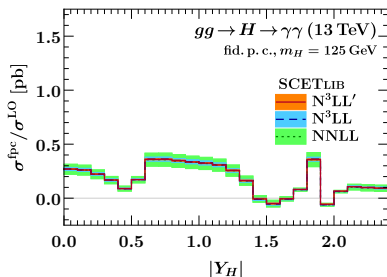
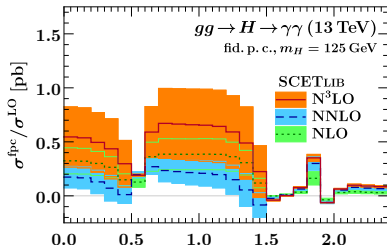
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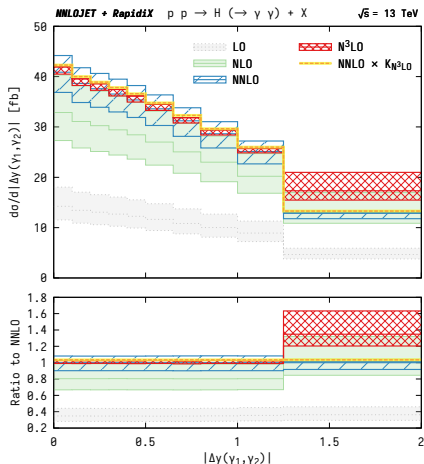
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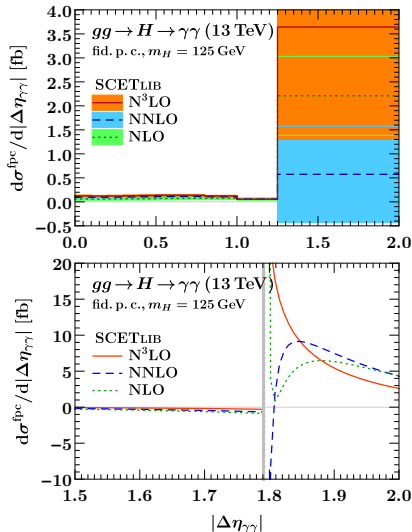
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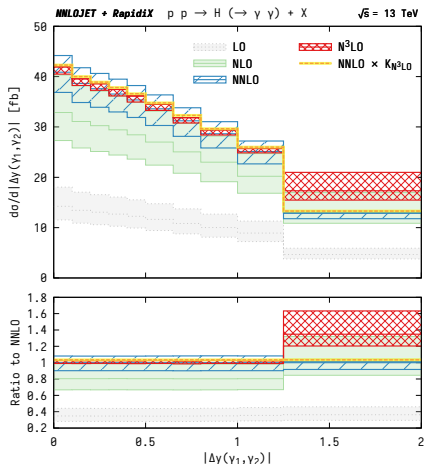
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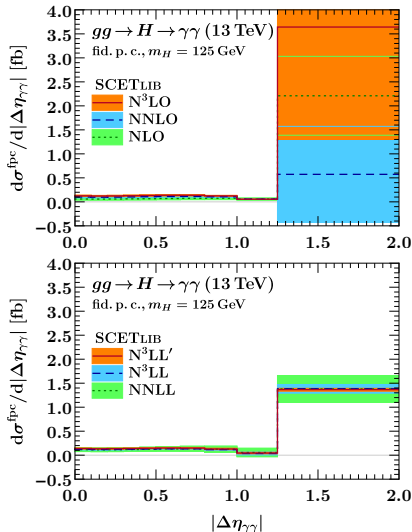
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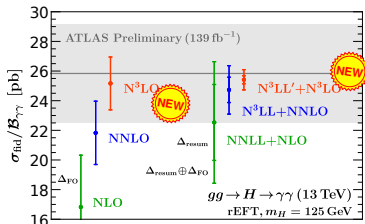


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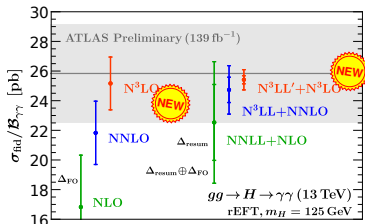
Summary & Outlook

- Presented $N^3LL'+N^3LO$ and N^3LO predictions for fiducial p_T^H spectrum and total fiducial cross section for $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at the LHC



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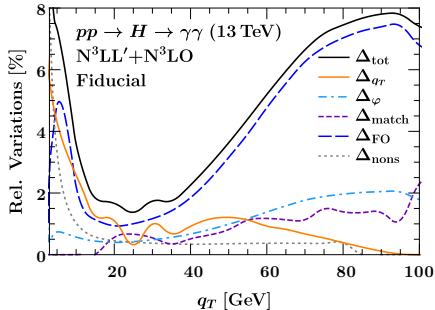
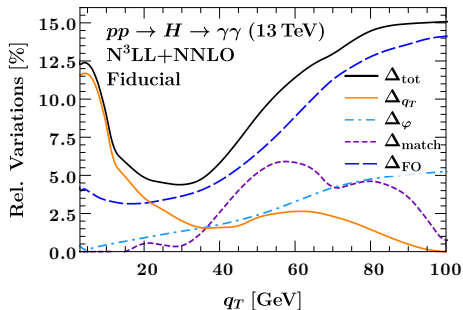


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Thank you for your attention!

Backup

Uncertainty breakdown



$$N^3LO: \quad \sigma_{fid}/\mathcal{B}_{\gamma\gamma} = (25.16 \pm 1.78_{FO} \pm 0.12_{nons}) \text{ pb}$$

$$N^3LL'+N^3LO: \quad \sigma_{fid}/\mathcal{B}_{\gamma\gamma} = (25.41 \pm 0.59_{FO} \pm 0.21_{q_T} \pm 0.17_{\varphi} \pm 0.06_{match} \pm 0.20_{nons}) \text{ pb}$$

Δ_{q_T} 36 independent scale variations in $W^{(0)}$ factorization

Δ_{φ} Vary phase of hard scale over $\arg \mu_H \in \{\pi/4, 3\pi/4\}$

Δ_{match} Vary transition points governing resummation turn-off

Δ_{FO} Vary $\mu_R/m_H \in \{1/2, 2\}$ (dominates over μ_F due to overall α_s^2)

Δ_{nons} Uncertainty on nonsingular extraction

Leading-power factorization & resummation to N^3LL'

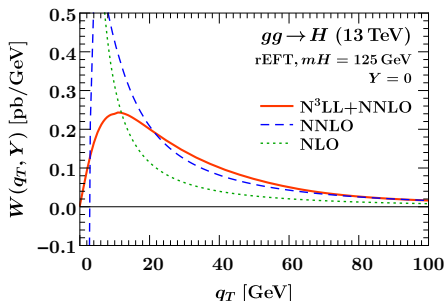
At leading power in $q_T \ll m_H$, the hadronic dynamics factorize as:

$$W^{(0)}(q_T, Y) = H(m_H^2, \mu) \int d^2\vec{k}_a d^2\vec{k}_b d^2\vec{k}_s \delta(q_T - |\vec{k}_a + \vec{k}_b + \vec{k}_s|) \\ \times B_g^{\mu\nu}(x_a, \vec{k}_a, \mu, \nu) B_{g\mu\nu}(x_b, \vec{k}_b, \mu, \nu) S(\vec{k}_s, \mu, \nu)$$

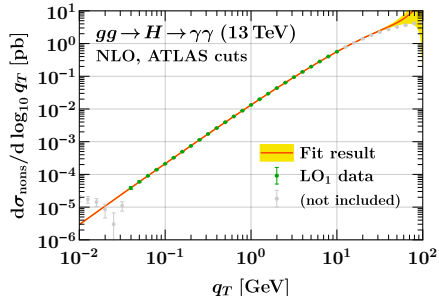
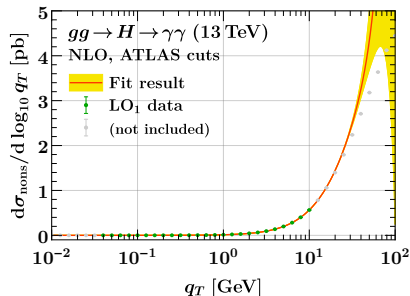
Ingredients satisfy 2D renormalization group equations, e.g. soft function:

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \ln \tilde{S}(\vec{b}_T, \mu, \nu) = \tilde{\gamma}_S^g(\mu, \nu) \quad \nu \frac{d}{d\nu} \ln \tilde{S}(\vec{b}_T, \mu, \nu) = \tilde{\gamma}_\nu^g(b_T, \mu)$$

- Solve recursively at fixed order
 - ▶ Complete log structure of $d\sigma^{(0)}$
- Closed-form all-order solution
 - ▶ Resummed Sudakov peak
- Resummation order specified by perturbative order of anom. dims. and boundary conditions



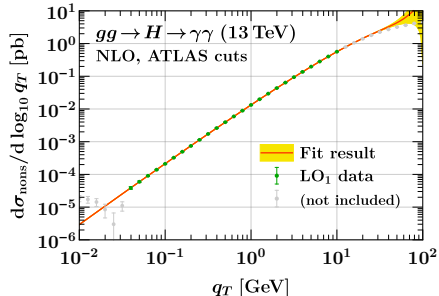
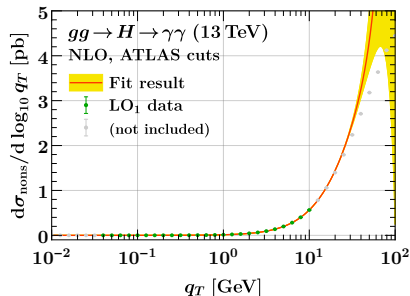
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Fixed-order inputs:

- NLO contribution to $W(q_T, Y)$ at $q_T > 0$ is easy
- At NNLO, renormalize & implement bare analytic results for $W(q_T, Y)$
[Dulat, Lionetti, Mistlberger, Pelloni, Specchia '17]

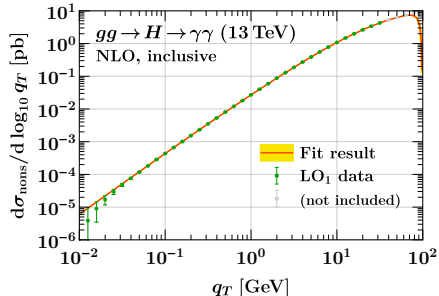
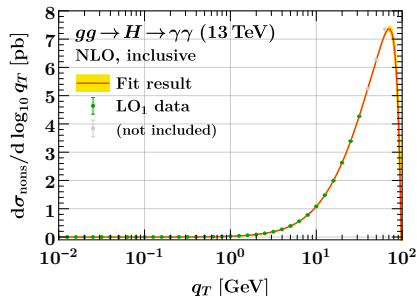
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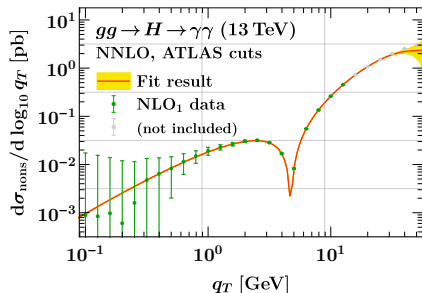
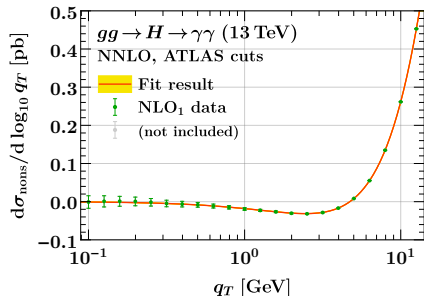
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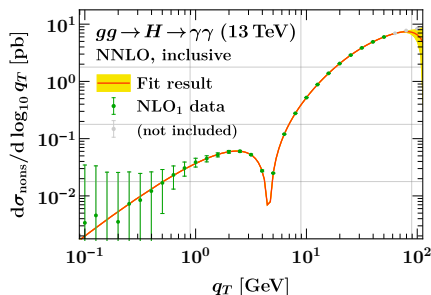
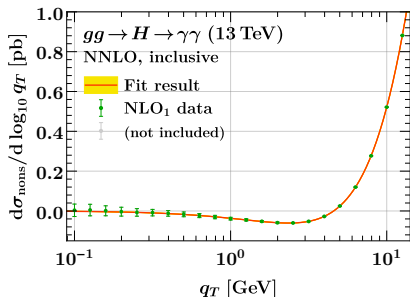
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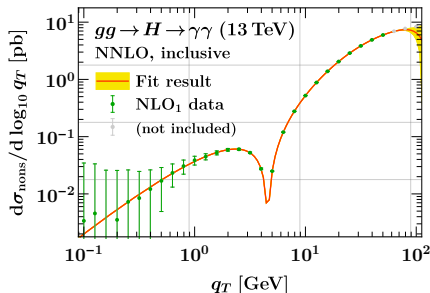
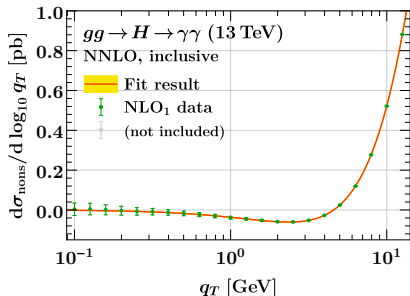
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- Check the purely hadronic a_k^{fid} by directly fitting them to

$$q_T \int dY A^{(0)}(Y; \Theta) [W - W^{(0)}] = \frac{q_T^2}{m_H^2} \sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} \left(a_k^{\text{fid}} + c'_k \frac{q_T^2}{m_H^2} + \dots \right) \ln^k \frac{q_T^2}{m_H^2} \quad \checkmark$$

- Recover analytic (N)NLO coefficient of σ_{incl} at 10^{-5} (10^{-4}) \checkmark
- Analytic implementation gives us awesome precision on *all* NLP coefficients (all logs at NLO *and* NNLO, also differential in Y , broken down by color structure, ...)
- ▶ Can serve as benchmark for q_T resummation at subleading power