HIGGS PRECISION PHYSICS AT THE LHC

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Details of SSB mechanism? Higgs potential? Vacuum stability?

Origin of **masses** and **hierarchy** (why *up quark* lighter than *down quark*?...)

INTRODUCTION: WHY THE LHC?

The LHC is the first machine able to probe this energy scale!

First direct observation of H coupling to quarks, ttbH @ LHC



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INTRODUCTION: WHY PRECISION?

Without precision, new physics would be everywhere



[ATLAS Phys. Lett. B 762 (2016) 1]

Higher order corrections are essential to describe properly the data!

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Precise determination of **parton content of proton**

PDFs Currently known at level ~ few % for LHC

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HIGGS PRODUCTION AND DECAYS







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Higgs known to suffer of **poor convergence of the perturbative series**. Following pattern of pure QCD corrections, **this 5% could change of up to 100%** @ **NLO**

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Theoretical uncertainties				
$\delta_{\sf scale}$	δ_{PDF-TH}	$\delta_{\sf QCD-EW}$	$\delta_{t,\ b,\ c}$	δ_{1/m_t}
$\sim 2\%$	1.16%	1%	0.83%	1%



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To really claim theory uncertainty at the 1% requires going one order higher (NLO)



Virtual: 3 loops with masses



Real: 2 loops with masses

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$$\mathcal{F}(s, m_W, m_Z) = -i \frac{\alpha^2 \alpha_S(\mu) v}{64\pi \sin^4 \theta_W} \sum_{V=W, Z} C_V A(m_V^2/s, \mu^2/s) \qquad \begin{array}{l} C_W = 4 \\ C_Z = \frac{2}{\cos^4 \theta_W} \left(\frac{5}{4} - \frac{7}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W + \frac{22}{9} \sin^4 \theta_W \right) \end{array}$$

$$A(m^2/s,\mu^2/s) = A_{2L}(m^2/s) + \frac{\alpha_S(\mu)}{2\pi}A_{3L}(m^2/s,\mu^2/s) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$$

[Drawings by M. Bonetti]

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Fulfil a system of differential equations in canonical form [Henn '13]

$$d\mathbf{F}(y,\epsilon) = \epsilon \left[\begin{array}{c} B_+ \ \mathrm{d}\log(1-y) + B_r \ \mathrm{d}\log(y^2-y+1) + \\ + B_- \ \mathrm{d}\log(y+1) + B_0 \ \mathrm{d}\log y \end{array} \right] \mathbf{F}(y,\epsilon)$$



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 $s = \mu = m_H = 125.09 \text{ GeV}, \ m_W = 80.385 \text{ GeV}, \ m_Z = 91.1876 \text{ GeV}, \ N_C = 3, \ N_f = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{2L}(m_Z^2/m_H^2, 1) &= -6.880846 -i 0.5784119 \\ A_{2L}(m_W^2/m_H^2, 1) &= -10.71693 -i 2.302953 \\ A_{3L}^{fin}(m_Z^2/m_H^2, 1) &= -2.975801 -i 41.19509 \\ A_{3L}^{fin}(m_W^2/m_H^2, 1) &= -11.31557 -i 54.02989 \end{aligned}$$



UV renormalized + Catani subtracted

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Eikonal approximation

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GOING DIFFERENTIAL

WHY GOING DIFFERENTIAL? (THE DEVIL IS IN THE DISTRIBUTIONS)



Distributions contain much more information (**shape distortion often very non-trivial**) **Theory errors more often underestimated**, <u>exp. error catching up and already competitive</u>.

THE HIGGS TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM

Higgs transverse momentum distribution as a **new physics probe**



High precision theory determination of Higgs pT, allows to put constraints on **Higgs couplings to light quarks**

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What about b-quarks? Amplitude suppressed by two powers of mb! Still, interference top-bottom contributes O(5%) to the pT distribution at LO

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NNLO QCD in HEFT theory known since a couple of years

[Boughezal et al '15, Chen et al '16]

$$\sigma_{pp \to H+j} = 10.2^{+4.0}_{-2.6} \text{ pb}, \ 14.7^{+3.0}_{-2.5} \text{ pb}, \ 17.5^{+1.1}_{-1.4} \text{ pb}$$







QCD radiative corrections depend on the kinematics. Indeed, the NNLO to NLO cross-sections ratio changes from 1.25 at $p_{\perp} = 30$ GeV to ~ 1 at $p_{\perp} \sim 150$ GeV.

TOP-QUARK CONTRIBUTION

Exact dependence on the top-mass [Jones, Kerner, Luisoni '18]



- ► Top-mass effects increase NLO of ~9%.
- ► Different scaling HEFT vs Full Theory

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_{\perp}^2} \sim p_{\perp}^{-2} \quad \text{HEFT}$$
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_{\perp}^2} \sim p_{\perp}^{-4} \quad \text{full theory}$$

► Nearly constant K factor @ NLO in full theory

Virtual amplitudes can be computed numerically using **Sector Decomposition**. Using *Finite basis of master integrals* [von Manteuffel, Panzer, Schabinger '14]



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[Lindert, Melnikov, Tancredi, Wever '17]

Amplitudes can be evaluated by *expanding in the small bottom mass*! [Melnikov, Tancredi, Wever '16]

At LO, bottom quark affects Higgs pT by -8% at $p_{\perp} \sim 20 \text{ GeV}$ and +2% at $p_{\perp} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{int}}\left[\mathcal{O}\right] = \frac{\int \mathrm{d}\sigma_{tb} \,\,\delta(\mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}(\vec{x}))}{\int \mathrm{d}\sigma_{tt} \,\,\delta(\mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}(\vec{x}))}$$

NLO gives sizable corrections on interference proper O(40 - 50%)

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THE HIGGS AT MEDIUM TRANSVERSE MOMENTA

Full control on the region of low/medium pT requires also resummation, at least of those logs that we can resum!



[Caola, Lindert, Melnikov, Monni, Tancredi, Wever '18]

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER LOGS?

Conceptually these new logarithms are troublesome!



Means that, effectively, the expansion parameter becomes $\alpha_s \ln^2(m_H^2/m_b^2) \sim 40 \alpha_s$

Requires LL resummation beyond leading power in QCDDouble logs induced by soft quark exchange![Penin, '14; Liu, Penin '17, '18]

Used to estimate contribution from bottom quarks at NNLO -> 3 loops ~ -0.6 %! [Liu, Penin '18]

CONCLUSIONS

► The Higgs is NEW PHYSICS!

- ► We have the chance to study the Higgs at the LHC with % precision, both inclusively and exclusively.
- This requires many contributions: top quarks, bottom quarks, QCD-EW corrections etc..
- Their calculation is very involved and requires going beyond the current machinery for higher order calculations
- Lately a lot of progress, not only in QCD! Still a lot to do from the more formal side.
- Theoretical description of Higgs physics under good control soon!

THANK YOU!

BACK UP SLIDES

Can we describe **Higgs** with % **precision in the Standard Model, consistently with experiments**?

Inclusive Higgs Production

