

# Finite mass effects in Higgs boson plus jets production

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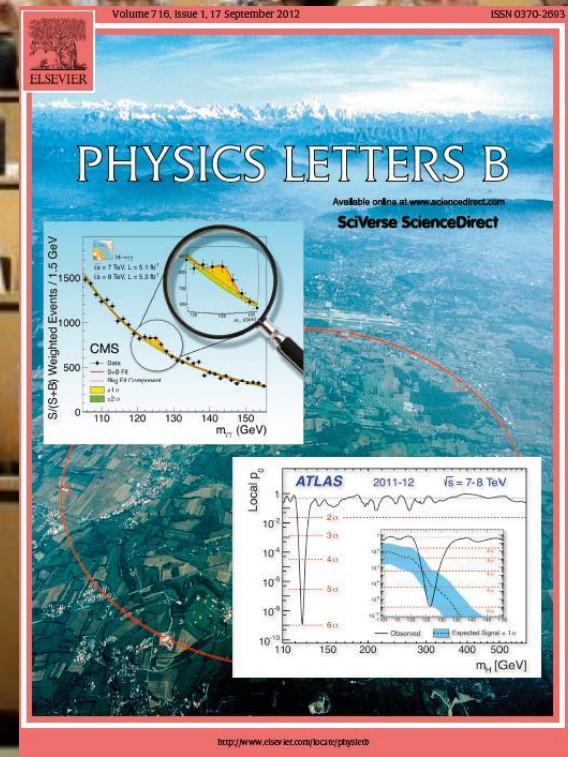
Based on: [arXiv: 1802.00349](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.00349) ; [arXiv: 1608.01195](https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.01195)

# Outline

- **Introduction and motivation**
- **H+1 jets at NLO with full top-quark mass dependence:**
  - Process details
  - Numerical computation of 2-loop diagrams
- **Phenomenological results:**
  - Total cross section
  - Differential distributions
- **Conclusions and outlook**

**Credits: Many thanks to **Mattias Kerner** and **Stephen Jones** for sharing material and for clarifications about the technical aspects of the 2-loop computation**

# The Higgs and the LHC: a success story!!



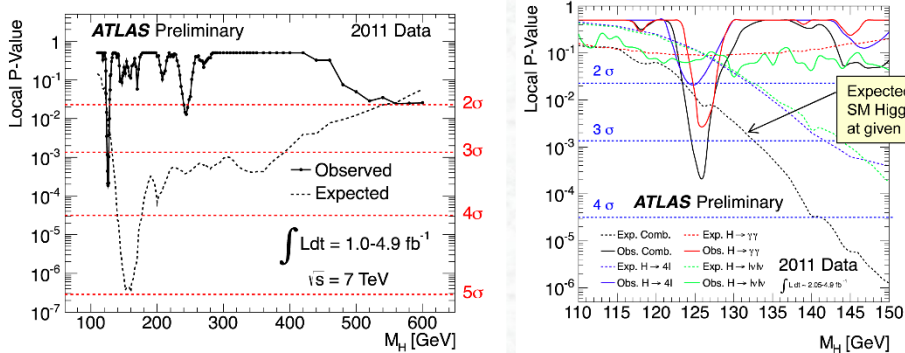


# It was 6 years ago...

... that we were looking at exclusion plots seeing some hints



## Consistency of the data with the background-only expectation

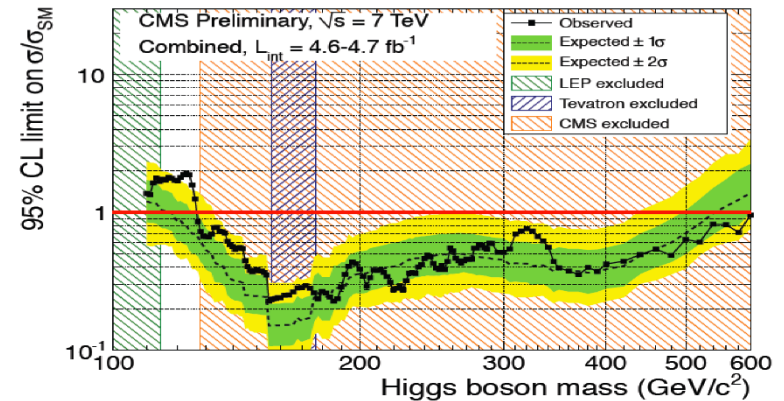


- Lowest probability ( $p_0 = 1.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$ ) for background-only expectation observed for  $m_H \sim 126 \text{ GeV}$
- Local significance of excess:  $3.6\sigma$  ( $2.8\sigma H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $2.1\sigma H \rightarrow 4l$ ,  $1.4\sigma H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ )
- Global significances:  $2.5\sigma$  ( $p = 0.6\%$ ) Look-elsewhere-effect over 110 – 146 GeV  
 $2.2\sigma$  ( $p = 1.4\%$ ) Look-elsewhere-effect over 110 – 600 GeV

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K. Jakobs – Zurich Phenomenology Workshop 2012

## CMS SM Higgs Combination

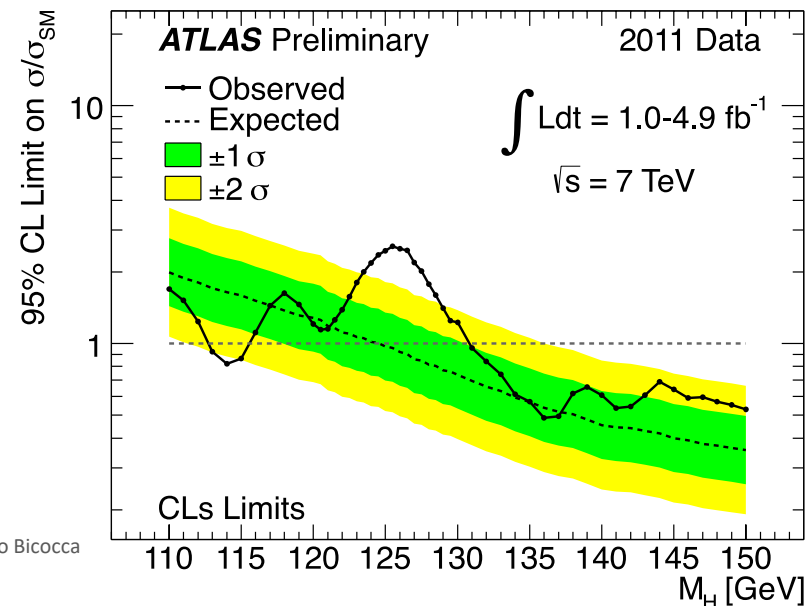


### Observations

- exclude (95%): 127-600 GeV (exp. 117-583 GeV)
- exclude (99%): 129-525 GeV (exp. 128-500 GeV)

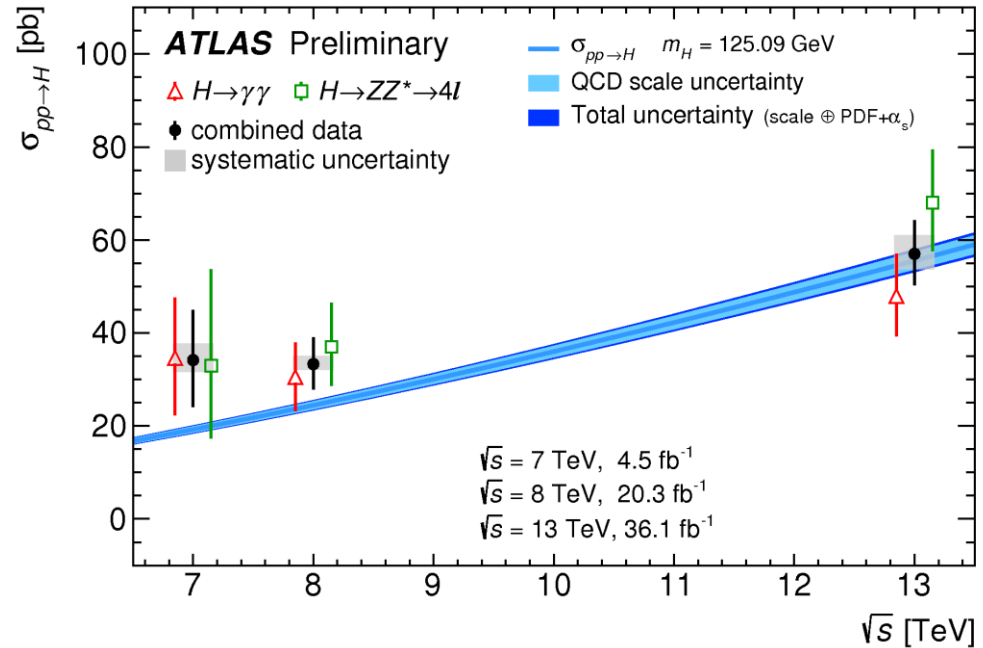
C.Paus, MIT: Recent CMS Higgs Results

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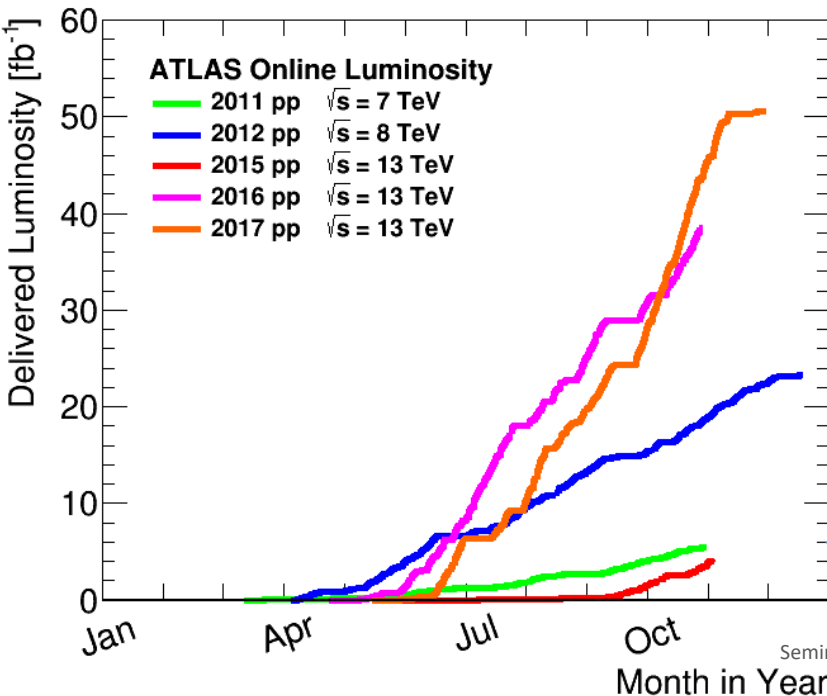
# ... in the meanwhile

... many results and steeply increasing statistics



Data collected in 2017

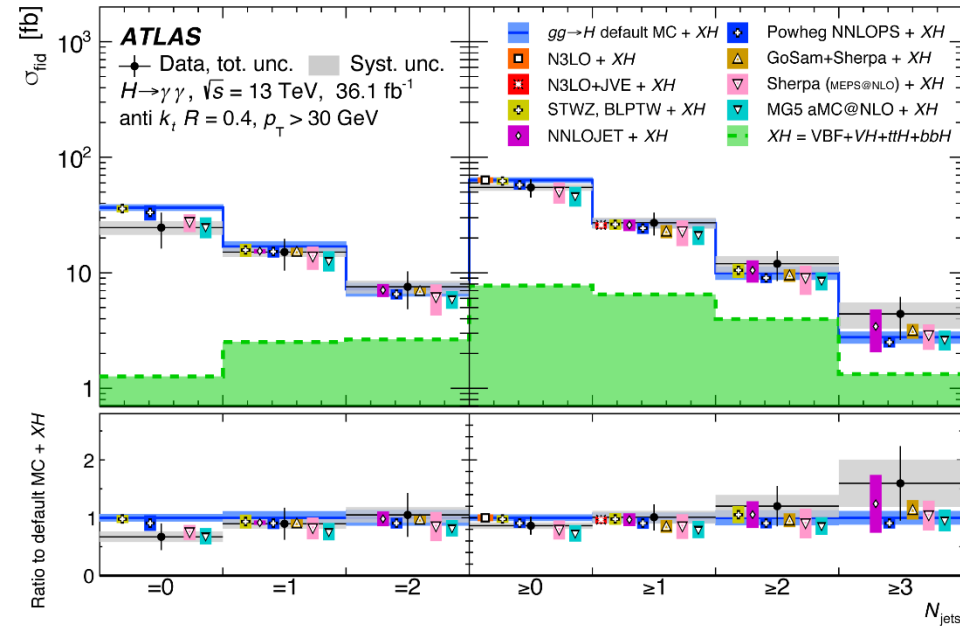
Data collected in 2011 (used for the plots in the previous slide)



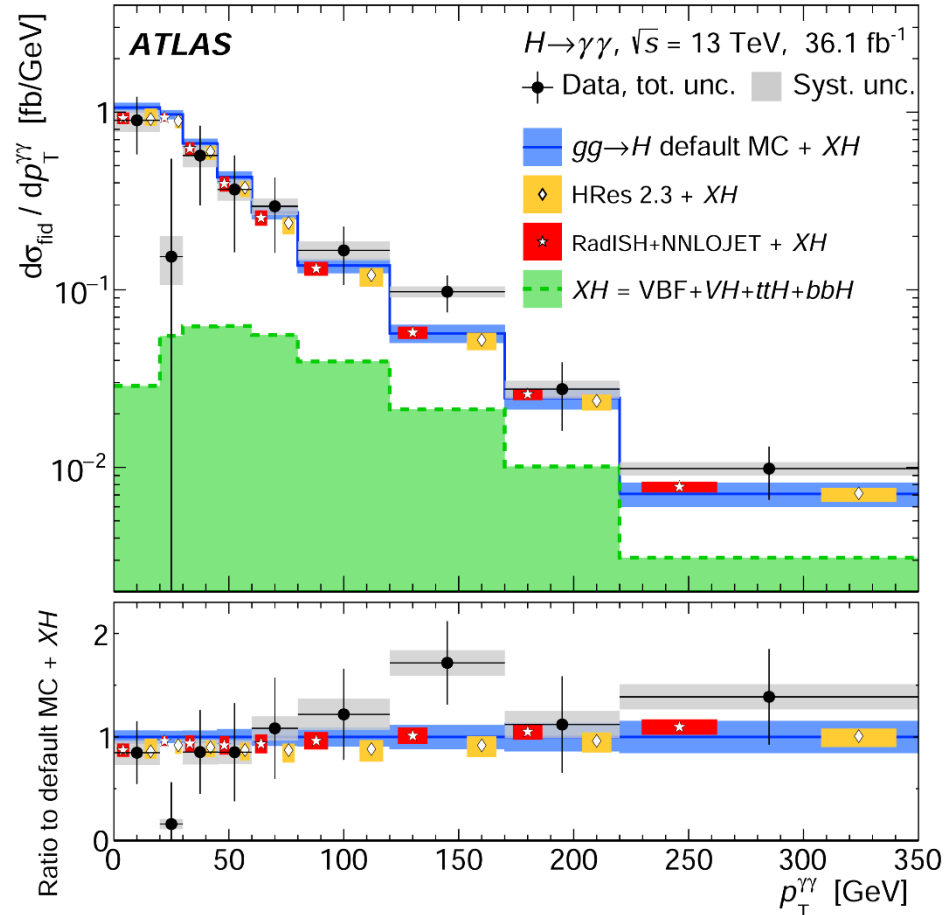
# New differential results at 13 TeV

- Very recent results by ATLAS:

[ATLAS, 1802.04146]



Data become more and more precise, not only for inclusive quantities, but also for more exclusive and differential observables.

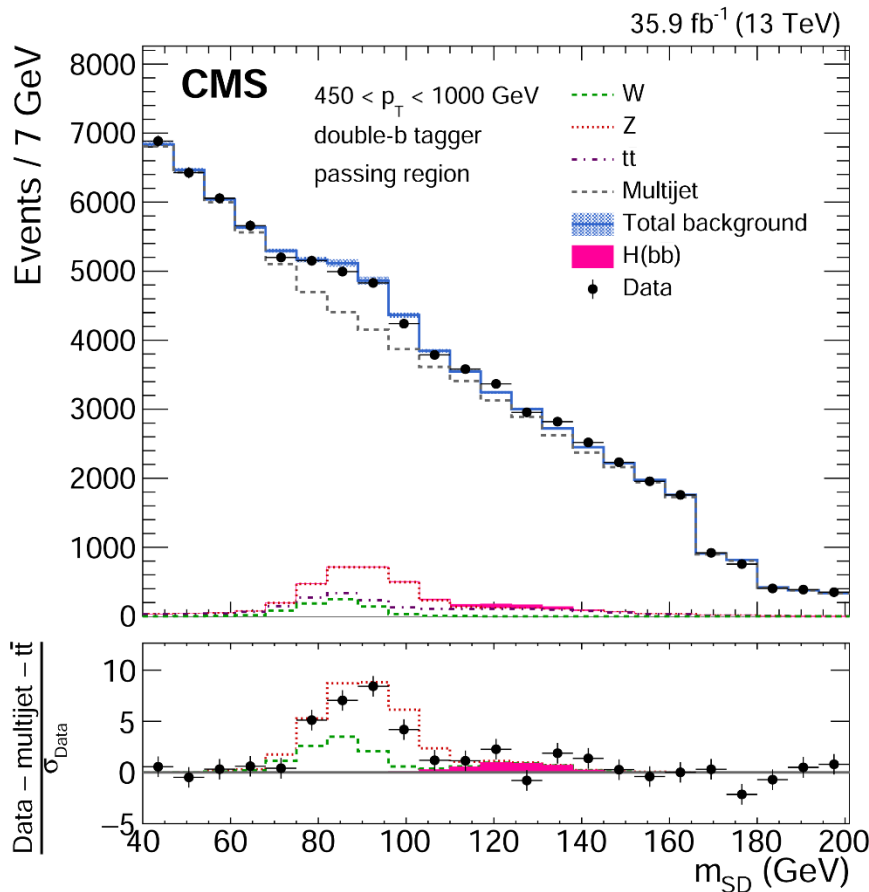


# New differential results at 13 TeV

- First results on boosted Higgs by CMS:

[CMS, 1709.05543, PRL 120 (2018) 071802]

“Inclusive search for a highly boosted Higgs boson decaying to a bottom quark-antiquark pair”



Search for  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  with:

$$p_T > 450 \text{ GeV}$$

$$-2.5 < \eta < 2.5$$

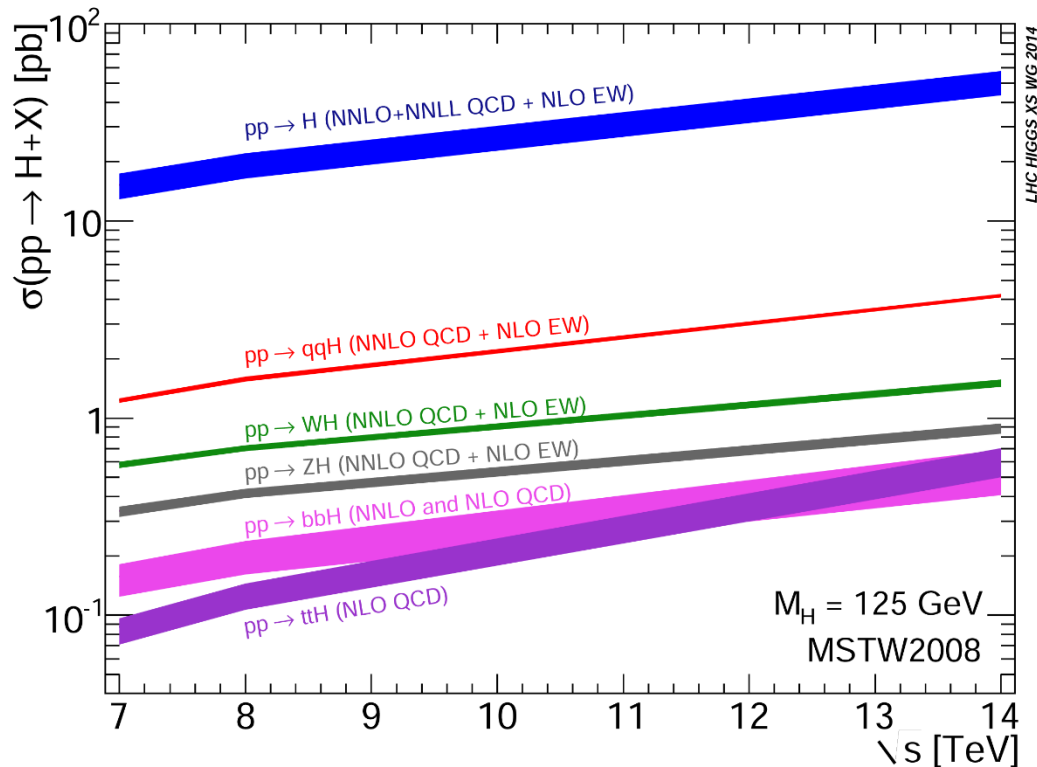
$$\text{anti-}k_T \text{ R} = 0.8$$

Look for fat jet:

- Select leading  $p_T$  jet
- Apply soft-drop algorithm to groom the jet
- Reconstruct both Z and H

	H	Z
Observed signal strength	$2.3^{+1.8}_{-1.6}$	$0.78^{+0.23}_{-0.19}$
Expected UL signal strength	$< 3.3$	—
Observed UL signal strength	$< 5.8$	—
Expected significance	$0.7\sigma$	$5.8\sigma$
Observed significance	$1.5\sigma$	$5.1\sigma$

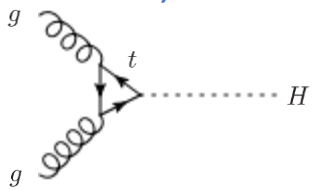
# Higgs boson production channels



[Percentage for 13 TeV]

## Gluon-Gluon Fusion

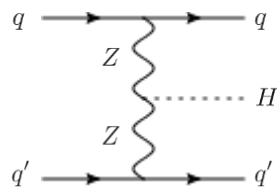
87,73%



- Largest production mechanism
- Huge background

## Vector Boson Fusion

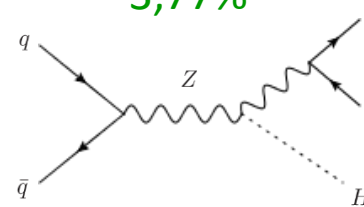
7,49%



- Characteristic signature
- Coupling to VBs

## Higgs Strahlung

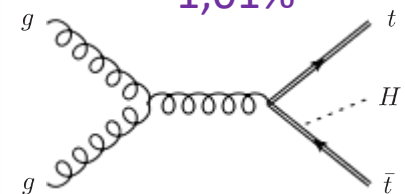
3,77%



- Clean final state
- Measure  $H \rightarrow bb$

## ttH

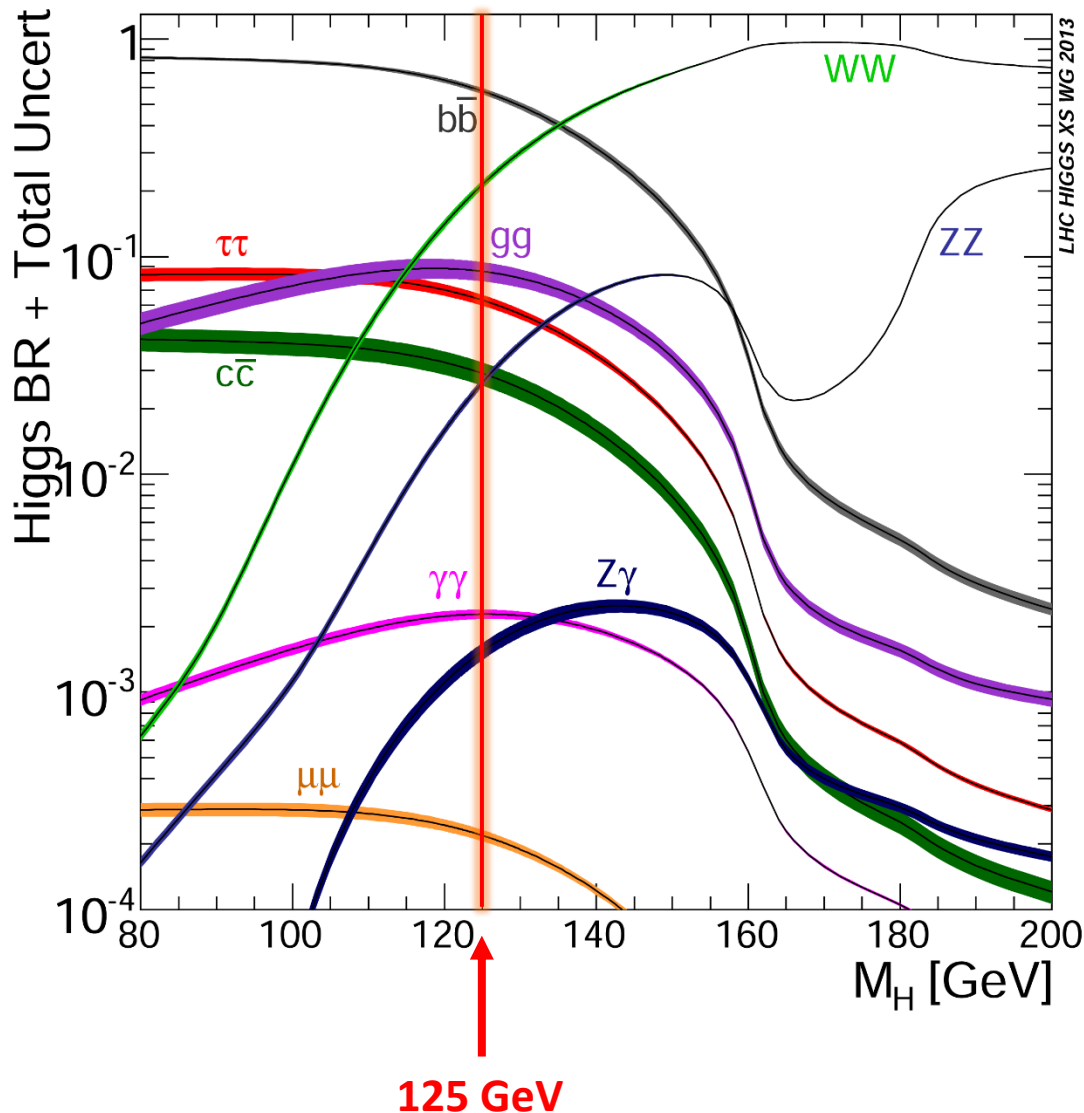
1,01%



- Small signal
- Top-Yukawa coupling



# Higgs boson decay rates in the SM

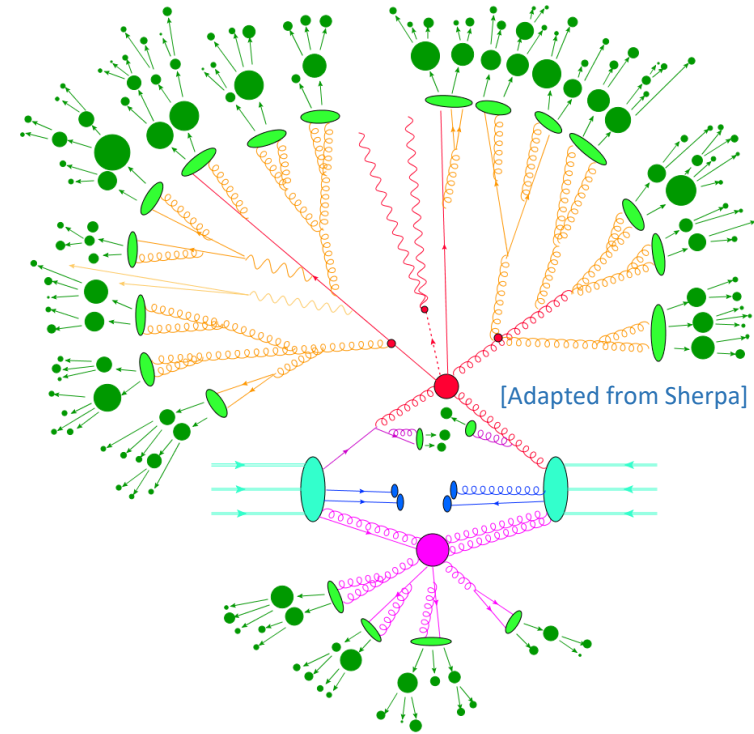


- Several different decay channels:
  - Experimental analyses tuned to the **different decay channels** in order to optimize the signal to background ratio
  - The **number of accompanying jets** also plays an important role

Refined analyses and a very high theoretical accuracy to make the most out of the LHC data!

# LHC is a tough environment for precision..

- QCD is omnipresent at LHC:
  - PDF
  - Hard scattering and loop corrections
  - Parton Shower
  - Hadronization
  - Further non perturbative effects



- Master formula:

$$\sigma_{h_1 h_2 \rightarrow X} = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 \underbrace{f_{h_1/a}(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_{h_2/b}(x_2, \mu_F^2)}_{\text{PDFs}} \times \underbrace{\hat{\sigma}_{a,b \rightarrow X} \left( x_1, x_2, \alpha_s(\mu_R^2), \frac{Q^2}{\mu_F^2}, \frac{Q^2}{\mu_R^2} \right)}_{\text{partonic cross section}} \left[ +\mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{Q^2} \right) \right]_{\text{power corrections}}$$

- All components need to be determined with high accuracy!

# Fixed order calculations for H + n Jets

- Partonic cross section:

For Higgs+jets in gluon-fusion

$$\hat{\sigma}_{pp \rightarrow H+nJ} = \alpha_s^{2+n} \left[ \sigma_0 + \alpha_s \sigma_1 + \alpha_s^2 \sigma_2 + \alpha_s^3 \sigma_3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4) \right]$$

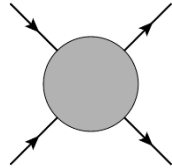
LO

NLO

NNLO

N<sup>3</sup>LO

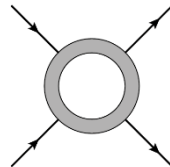
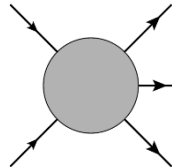
- LO:



Predicts only the order of magnitude:

- Scale only rough estimate
- 1 parton ↔ 1 jet

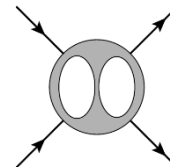
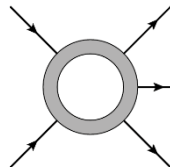
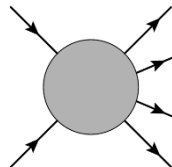
- NLO:



First reliable predictions:

- scale choices can be made
- first description of jet substructure

- NNLO:



Possible to quantify uncertainties:

- convergence can be checked
- richer jet substructure

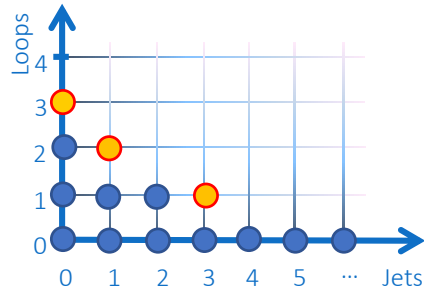
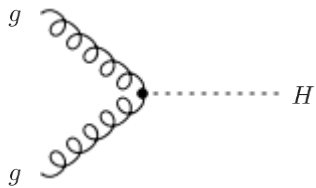
# State of the art of the theoretical predictions

● ME level

● Shower/Hadron level

○ New result (2015-2017)

## • Gluon-gluon fusion



### Latest results:

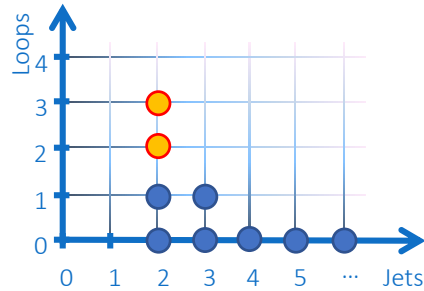
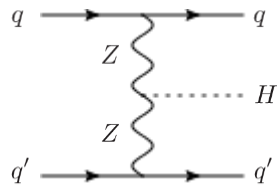
[H: 1503.06056, 1602.00695,  
1610.05497]

[H+1j: 1504.07922, 1505.03893,  
1508.02684, 1607.08817]

[H+3j: 1307.4737, 1506.01016]

[... and more (see later slide)]

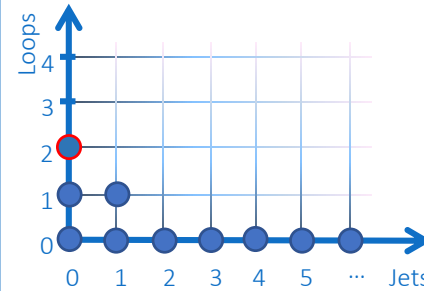
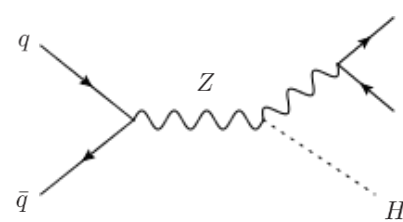
## • Weak boson fusion



### Latest results:

[H+2j: 1506.02660, 1606.00840]

## • Higgs Strahlung



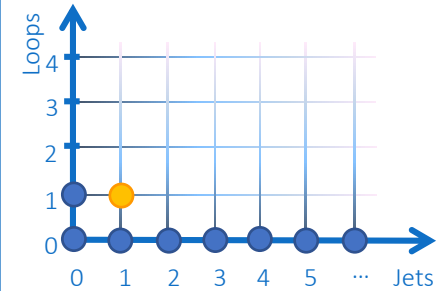
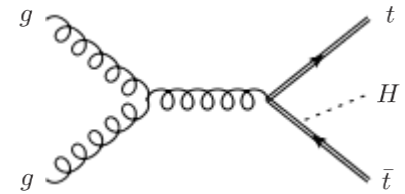
### Latest results:

[HW NNLO+PS: 1603.01620]

[HW NNLO prod+bb-dec: 1705.10304]

[HW NNLO prod+bb-dec: 1712.06954]

## • ttH



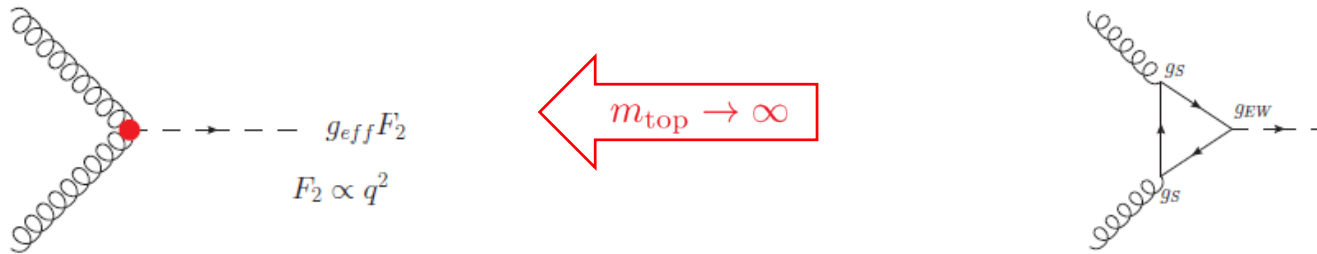
### Latest results:

● Full off-shell effects at 1 loop

[Off-shell: 1506.07448, 1612.07138]

# Gluon fusion

- Theoretically gluon fusion has **two** important key aspects



- It's loop induced (Born is a 1-loop process): **huge** increase in complexity

However:

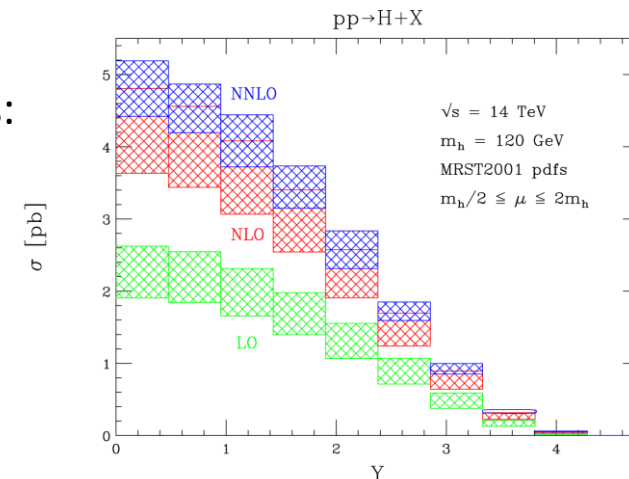
- Since  $m_{\text{top}} > m_H$  we can integrate out top quark and compute in an effective theory where the Born is a tree-level amplitude

- It suffers from **very large** perturbative corrections:

- Huge NLO [**O(100%)**] and NNLO [**O(20%)**] effects!
- Now known at N<sup>3</sup>LO:

[Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Furlan, Gehrmann, Herzog, Lazopoulos, Mistlberger, '15-'16]

LO	$15.05 \pm 14.8\%$
NLO	$38.2 \pm 16.6\%$
NNLO	$45.1 \pm 8.8\%$
N3LO	$45.2 \pm 1.9\%$



[Anastasiou, Melnikov, Petriello, '05]



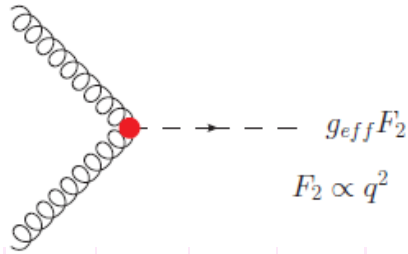
# Gluon fusion

- LHC Higgs results allowed to **exclude** a 4<sup>th</sup> SM-like generation
- New physics in the Higgs sector could however still hide in the **transverse momentum tail**. How to nail this down?
- Facts to consider:
  - Higher order corrections are particularly **sizable** in Higgs boson production in gluon-gluon fusion (also in association with jets)
  - For a precise determination of the most important observables ( e.g. the Higgs transverse momentum spectrum) a **good control over higher multiplicities** is relevant
  - LHC Run II is collecting data very fast. This will soon allow for **precise Higgs boson studies** at 13 TeV
  - What are the **dominant effects**: higher order corrections or mass effects?
  - How **reliable** are effective field theory results, when do they **break down** and how are the different observables affected by mass corrections?

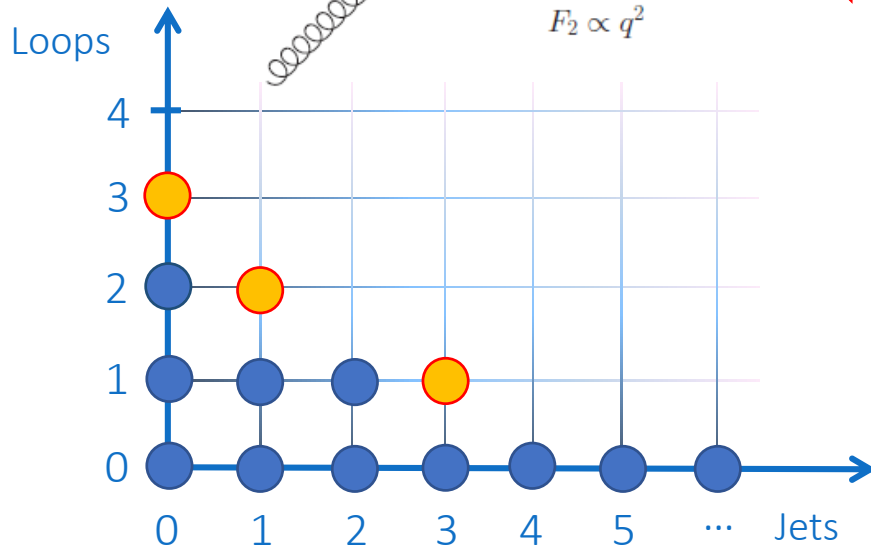
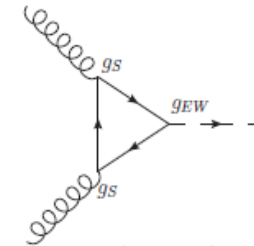
# State of the art of the theoretical predictions

- Gluon fusion calculations in effective and full theory:

● ME level    
 ● Shower/Hadron level    
 ● Approximate    
 ○ New result (2015-2017)

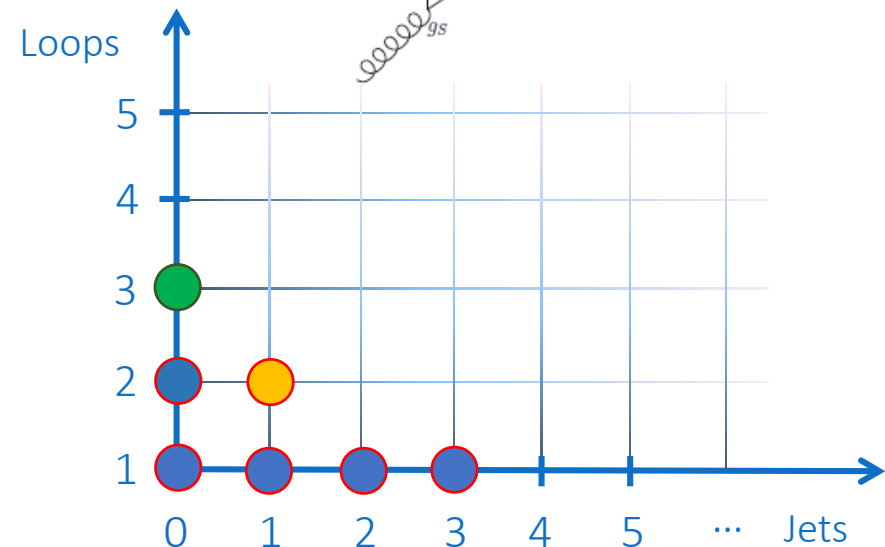


$m_{top} \rightarrow \infty$



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**Latest results:**

[H+0,1,2j NLO merged + PS: 1410.5806]  
 [H+0,1,2j approx. NLO merged + PS: 1604.03017]  
 [H+1,2,3j LO: 1608.01195]  
 [H+1j approx. NLO: 1609.00367]  
 [H+1j approx. NNLO for  $p_T$ : 1607.08817]  
 [planar 2-loop MI: 1609.06685]  
 [pp->Hj for nearly massless quarks: 1610.03747, 1702.00426]  
 [pp->Hj at large  $p_T$ : 1712.06549, 1801.08226; 1802.02981]  
 [pp->Hj with full top mass: 1802.00349]

[I tried not to miss any contribution, my apologies for any omission]

... H+1j at NLO with full top-quark mass effects

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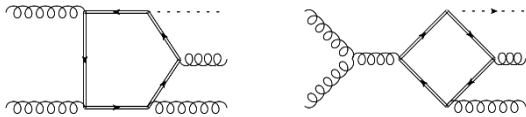
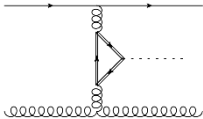
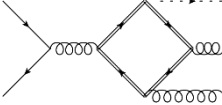
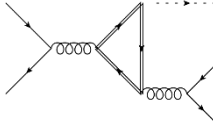
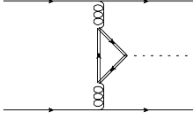
- Leading order contributions (1-loop) to  $pp \rightarrow H + 1 \text{ jet}$ :

Channel	Diagrams	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}(p_{t,j} > 30 \text{ GeV})$	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}(p_{t,j} > 500 \text{ GeV})$
$gg \rightarrow Hg$		6.32 pb (74%)	$1.92 \times 10^{-3}$ pb (52%)
$qg \rightarrow Hq, \bar{q}g \rightarrow H\bar{q}$		2.21 pb (26%)	$1.72 \times 10^{-3}$ pb (47%)
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow Hg$		0.04 pb (< 1%)	$0.04 \times 10^{-3}$ pb (1%)
Tot:		8.56 pb	$3.68 \times 10^{-3}$ pb

- Computed using analytical implementation of the amplitudes [\[Baur, Glover 89\]](#)

# Process details

- Real radiation corrections (1-loop):

	Diagrams	# Diagrams
$gg \rightarrow Hgg$		98
$qg \rightarrow Hqg, \bar{q}g \rightarrow H\bar{q}g$		4
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow Hgg$		20
$qq \rightarrow Hq'q'$		2
$qq \rightarrow Hqq$		4

- Generated using GoSam

- Upgraded **GoSam** generates quadruple precision copy of the code to rescue on-the-fly unstable point with **Ninja**

[Cullen, v. Deurzen, Greiner, Heinrich, Mastroia, Mirabella, Ossola, Peraro, Schlenk, v. Soden-Fraunhofer, Tramontano, GL, '14]

[Mastroia, Mirabella, Peraro '12] [Peraro '15]

[v. Deurzen, Mastroia, Mirabella, Ossola, Peraro, GL, '14]



# Process details

- Virtual corrections (2-loops):

		# Diagrams
$gg \rightarrow Hg$	planar	354
	non-planar	
	(1-loop) <sup>2</sup>	
$qg \rightarrow Hq, \bar{q}g \rightarrow H\bar{q}$		57
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow Hg$		

- Computed using **2-loop extension** of GoSam, **REDUZE** and **SecDec**

[Greiner, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, Kerner, Zirke][von Manteuffel, Studerus '12]

[Binoth, Borowka, Carter, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Zirke]

- Analogous method used to compute **HH** production at NLO

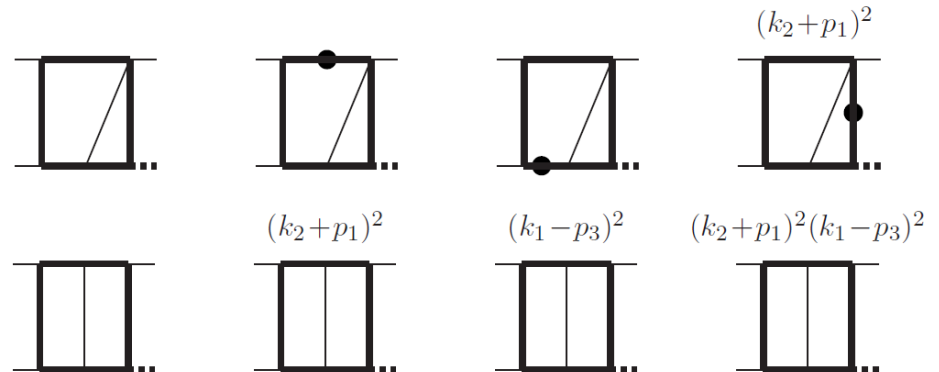
[Borowka, Greiner, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Schubert, Zirke]

# Analytic results of 2-loop diagrams

- For planar integrals an analytic result exists

[Bonciani, Del Duca, Frellesvig,  
Henn, Moriello, Smirnov '16]

- Reduced to **125** Master Integrals
- Alphabet with 3 variables, 49 letters which contain 13 square roots
- Non elliptic master integrals in terms of **Log** and **Li<sub>2</sub>** up to weight 2
- Weight 3 and 4 expressed in form of 1-fold integrals
- 2 sectors contain **elliptic functions** computed as iterated integrals over elliptic kernel



- First analytic computation of Feynman integrals for 4-point multiscale amplitudes involving elliptic functions

# Numerical computation of 2-loop diagrams

- Decompose amplitude into **form factors**:

- Gluon channel**

$$\mathcal{M} = \epsilon_\mu(p_1)\epsilon_\nu(p_2)\epsilon_\rho(p_3)\mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu\rho}$$

[Glover, Frellesvig '17]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where: } \mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu\rho} = & F_{212}(s g^{\mu\nu} - 2p_2^\mu p_1^\nu)(u p_1^\rho - t p_2^\rho)/(2t) \\ & + F_{332}(u g^{\nu\rho} - 2p_3^\nu p_2^\rho)(t p_2^\mu - s p_3^\mu)/(2s) \\ & + F_{311}(t g^{\rho\mu} - 2p_1^\rho p_3^\mu)(s p_3^\nu - u p_1^\nu)/(2u) \\ & + F_{312}(g^{\mu\nu}(u p_1^\rho - t p_2^\rho) + g^{\nu\rho}(t p_2^\mu - s p_3^\mu) + g^{\rho\mu}(s p_3^\nu - u p_1^\nu)) \end{aligned}$$

- Quark channel**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} = & F_q \left( \bar{u}(p_{\bar{q}})\not{p}_g v(p_q)p_q \cdot \epsilon - \bar{u}(p_{\bar{q}})\not{\epsilon} v(p_q)p_q \cdot p_g \right) \\ & + F_{\bar{q}} \left( \bar{u}(p_{\bar{q}})\not{p}_g v(p_q)p_{\bar{q}} \cdot \epsilon - \bar{u}(p_{\bar{q}})\not{\epsilon} v(p_q)p_{\bar{q}} \cdot p_g \right) \end{aligned}$$

[Gehrmann, Glover, Jaquier, Koukoutsakis '11]

- Full integration-by-part reduction obtained using **REDUZE**

- In-house modifications:

- Changed order of solving differential equations (sort by number of unreduced integrals)
    - Allow to specify list of required integrals (consider only equations containing these integrals)

[Chetyrkin, Tkachov '81; Laporta '01]  
[von Manteuffel, Studerus '12]

# Numerical computation of 2-loop diagrams

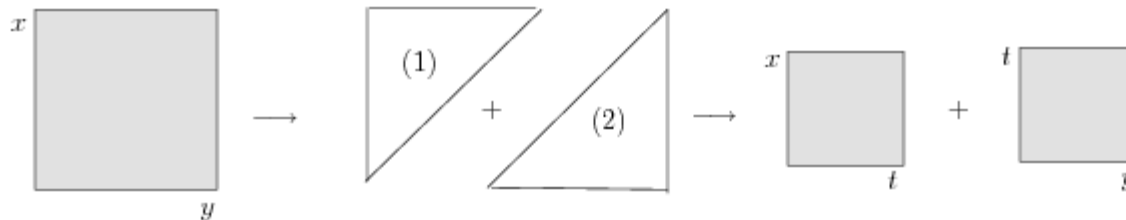
- Unreduced amplitude: 3767 integrals
  - up to 3 inverse propagators for 7-propagator integrals
  - up to 4 inverse propagators for factorizing 6-propagator integrals
- Reduced amplitude: 458 integrals
  - up to 6 master integrals per sector
- Choose quasi-finite basis of MI [von Manteuffel, Panzer, Schabinger '14]
  - requires integrals in shifted dimension [Tarasov '96; Lee '10]
  - requires reduction of integrals with 2 inverse propagators and 2 dots
- Reduction performed keeping **fixed mass ratio**:  $\frac{m_H^2}{m_T^2} = \frac{12}{23} \Leftrightarrow \begin{matrix} m_H = 125 \text{ GeV} \\ m_T = 173.055 \text{ GeV} \end{matrix}$ 
  - Total size of REDUZE reduction directory: ..... 250 GB
  - Size of reduced amplitude (symbolic d-dependent coeff.): ..... 780 MB
  - Size of C++ code (for coefficients after expansion in  $\epsilon$ ): ..... 340 MB
  - Does **NOT** allow inclusion of **massive bottom** quark and **Higgs width**

# Numerical computation of 2-loop diagrams

- Loop integrals evaluated numerically using **sector decomposition** and the program **SecDec-3.0**

[Hepp '66; Denner, Roth '96, Binoth, Heinrich '00]  
[Borowka, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Zirke]

- Method to factorize overlapping singularities:



- Factorization of poles in dim-regulator  $\epsilon$  and expansion in Laurent series
- Contour deformation (analytic continuation from Euclidian to physical region)

[Soper '00; Binoth et al. '05; Nagy, Soper '06; Borowka et al. '12]

## Output:

- **finite** integrals at each order in  $\epsilon$
- can be integrated **numerically**

H+1j 2-loop amplitude written in terms of  
**22675** finite integrals

- Python version now also available: **pySecDec**

[Borowka, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, Kerner,  
Schlenk, Zirke '17]

- on Github / uses python and FORM
- creates library of the integrand functions which can be linked to external code



# Numerical computation of 2-loop diagrams

- Loop integrals with  $r$  propagators and  $s$  inverse propagators can be written as:

$$I_{r,s}(s, t, m_H^2, m_T^2) = (M^2)^{-L\epsilon} (M^2)^{2L-r+s} I_{r,s} \left( \frac{s}{M^2}, \frac{t}{M^2}, \frac{m_H^2}{M^2}, \frac{m_T^2}{M^2} \right)$$

and renormalized form factors as

$$F^{\text{virt}} = a^{3/2} \left( F^{(1)} + a \left( \frac{n_g}{2} \delta Z_A + \frac{3}{2} \delta Z_a \right) F^{(1)} + a \delta m_T^2 \mathcal{F}^{ct,(1)} + a F^{(2)} + \mathcal{O}(a^2) \right)$$

$$F^{(1)} = \left( \frac{\mu_R^2}{M^2} \right)^\epsilon \left[ b_0^{(1)} + b_1^{(1)} \epsilon + b_2^{(1)} \epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \right]$$

$$F^{ct,(1)} = \left( \frac{\mu_R^2}{M^2} \right)^\epsilon \left[ c_0^{(1)} + c_1^{(1)} \epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right]$$

$$F^{(2)} = \left( \frac{\mu_R^2}{M^2} \right)^{2\epsilon} \left[ \frac{b_{-2}^{(2)}}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{b_{-1}^{(2)}}{\epsilon} + b_0^{(2)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right]$$

- Coefficients  $b_i^{(n)}$ ,  $c_i^{(n)}$  do not need to be recomputed for scale variation
- Compute each  $b_i^{(n)}$  coefficient optimizing the accuracy needed from each integral

# Numerical computation of 2-loop diagrams

- Finite integrals evaluated using **Quasi-Monte-Carlo** integration
  - After sector decomposition and expansion in  $\varepsilon$  amplitude is written in terms of **22'675 finite integrals**

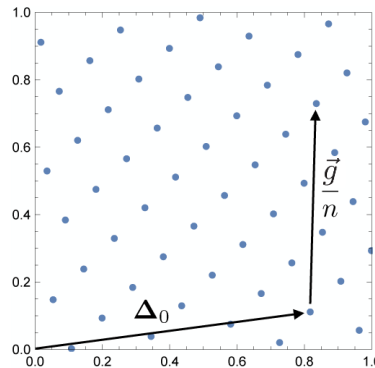
- QMC rank-1 lattice rule:

$$I = \int d\vec{x} f(\vec{x}) \approx I_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(\vec{x}_{i,k})$$

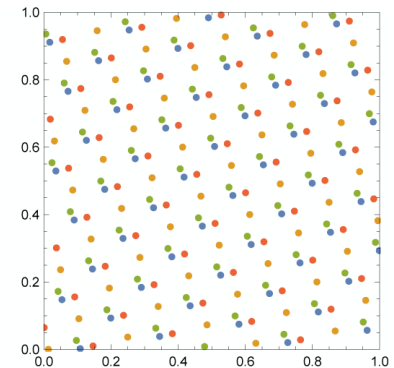
$$\vec{x}_{i,k} = \left\{ \frac{i \cdot \vec{g}}{n} + \vec{\Delta}_k \right\}$$

$\{\dots\}$  = fractional part  
 $\vec{g}$  = generating vector

$\vec{\Delta}_k$  = randomized shift



[See Dick, Kuo and Sloan for a review]



[Pictures by S.Jones, 1608.03846]

- Compute  $m$  different estimates  $I_1 \dots I_m$  to estimate the error
- Error scales as  $\mathcal{O}(n^{-1})$
- Generating vector constructed component-by-component [Nuyens '07]

- Dynamically set  $n$  for each integral, minimizing

$$T = \sum_{\text{integral } i} t_i + \lambda \left( \sigma^2 - \sum_i \sigma_i^2 \right) \quad \sigma_i = c_i \cdot t_i^{-e}$$

$\sigma_i$  = error estimate (including coefficients in amplitude)  
 $\lambda$  = Lagrange multiplier       $\sigma$  = precision goal

→ Computed on GPU  
 [Li, Wang, Yan, Zhao '15]

# Numerical computation of 2-loop diagrams

- Comparison between **H+1j** and **HH** virtual 2-loop amplitudes

	<b>HJ production</b>	<b>HH production</b>
<b>#Form factors</b>	4+2	2
<b>Full reduction</b>	✓	only planar
<b>(quasi-) finite basis</b>	✓	only planar
<b>#Master integrals</b> including crossings	458	327
<b>#Master integrals</b> neglecting crossings	120	215
<b>#Integrals</b> after sector decomposition and expansion in $\epsilon$	22675	11244
<b>Code size</b> coefficients	~340 MB	~80 MB
<b>Code size</b> integrals	~330 MB	~580 MB
<b>Compile time</b> coefficients	~ 2 weeks	few days
<b>Compile time</b> integrals	~4 hours	~1-2 days
<b>Time</b> for linking the program	~3-4 days	few hours

[M.Kerner, RADCOR2017]

# NLO calculation

- Separate integration over **phase space** for **B+I+RS** and **V**:
  - **B+I+RS**:
    - 1-loop Born and real radiation matrix elements implemented in the POWHEG-BOX-V2 [Alioli, Nason, Oleari, Re '10]
    - easy to interface
    - easy to be made public
    - straightforward matching to parton-shower [Frixione, Nason, Oleari '07]
    - further phenomenological developments (MiNLO, NNLOPS, ...) [Hamilton, Nason, Oleari, Zanderighi '12; Hamilton, Nason, Re, Zanderighi '13]
  - **V**:
    - generated unweighted events based on differential LO cross section
    - included additional  $p_T$ -dependent reweighting factor to sample sufficiently also at large transverse momenta
- Contributions combined at the level of the differential histograms

# Phenomenological results



# Results

- Consider the following setup:

LHC @ 13 TeV:

scale:  $\frac{H_T}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{m_H^2 + p_{t,H}^2} + \sum_i |p_{t,i}| \right)$ , uncertainty with 7-pt variation

jets: anti-kt with  $R = 0.4$ ,  $p_{t,j} > 30$  GeV

PDFs: PDF4LHC15\_nlo\_30\_pdfas

- We compare three different computations

- Higgs Effective Field Theory (HEFT):

$$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{HEFT}} = \int dPS_2 (d\sigma_{\text{B}}^{\text{HEFT}} + d\sigma_{\text{V}}^{\text{HEFT}}) + \int dPS_3 d\sigma_{\text{R}}^{\text{HEFT}}$$

- Full Theory approximated (FT<sub>approx</sub>):

$$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{FT}_{\text{approx}}} = \int dPS_2 \left( d\sigma_{\text{B}}^{\text{Full}} + \frac{d\sigma_{\text{B}}^{\text{Full}}}{d\sigma_{\text{B}}^{\text{HEFT}}} d\sigma_{\text{V}}^{\text{HEFT}} \right) + \int dPS_3 d\sigma_{\text{R}}^{\text{Full}}$$

- Full theory (Full)

$$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{Full}} = \int dPS_2 (d\sigma_{\text{B}}^{\text{Full}} + d\sigma_{\text{V}}^{\text{Full}}) + \int dPS_3 d\sigma_{\text{R}}^{\text{Full}}$$

# Results: total cross section

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FT <sub>approx</sub> :	$\sigma_{\text{LO}} = 8.57_{-2.24}^{+3.31}$	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}} = 15.07_{-2.54}^{+2.89}$
Full:	$\sigma_{\text{LO}} = 8.57_{-2.24}^{+3.31}$	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}} = 16.01_{-3.73}^{+1.59}$

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- However for inclusive cross section non-negligible **top-bottom** interference for H+1 jet production:

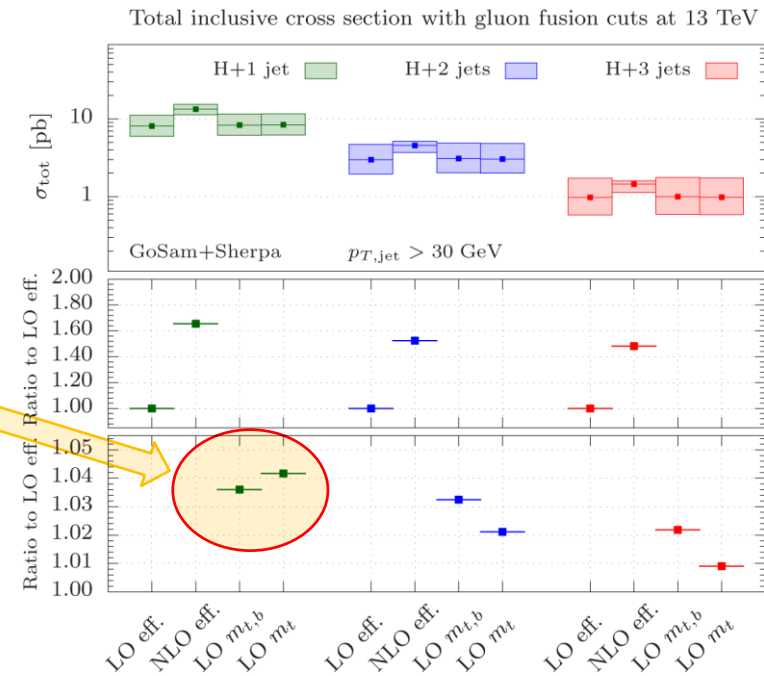
At LO:

- $\sigma_{\text{LO}, m_{t,b}}$  : top- and bottom-quark loops
- $\sigma_{\text{LO}, m_t}$  : top-quark loops only

$$\sigma_{\text{LO}, m_{t,b}} = |M_t|^2 + |M_b|^2 + 2\Re(M_t M_b)$$

positive definite

potentially negative



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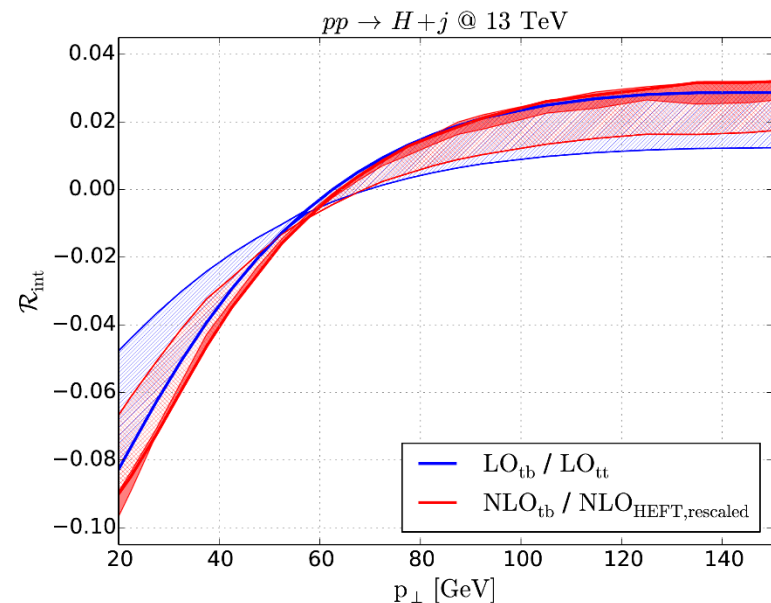
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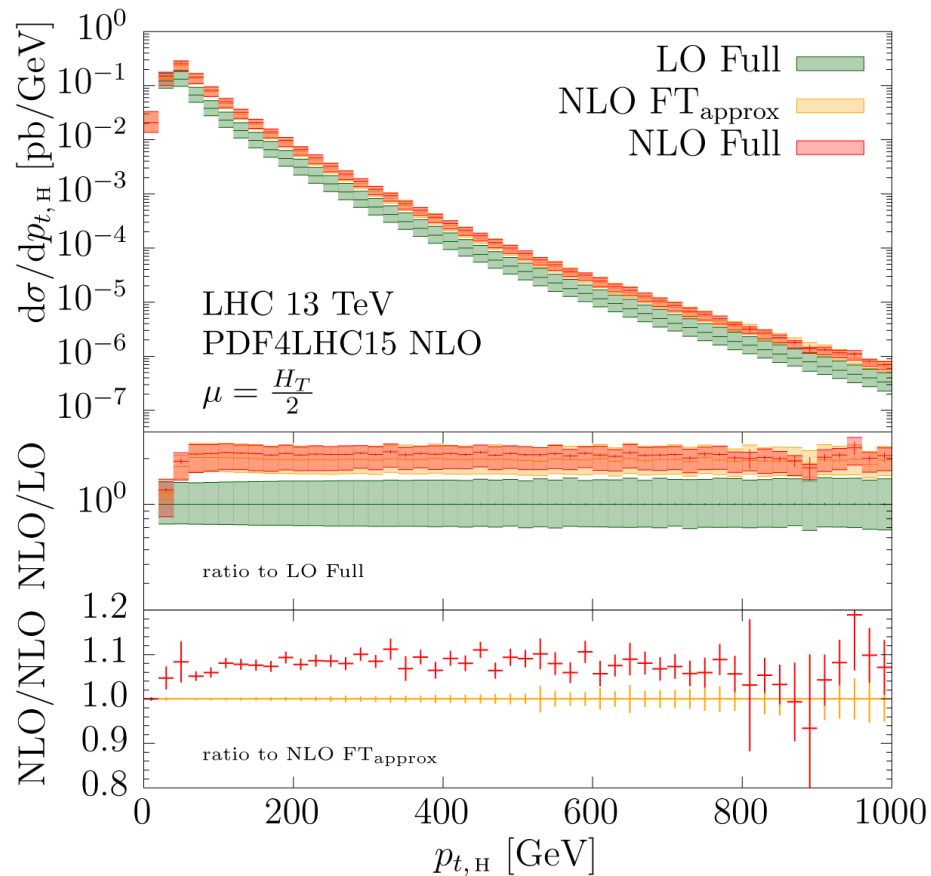
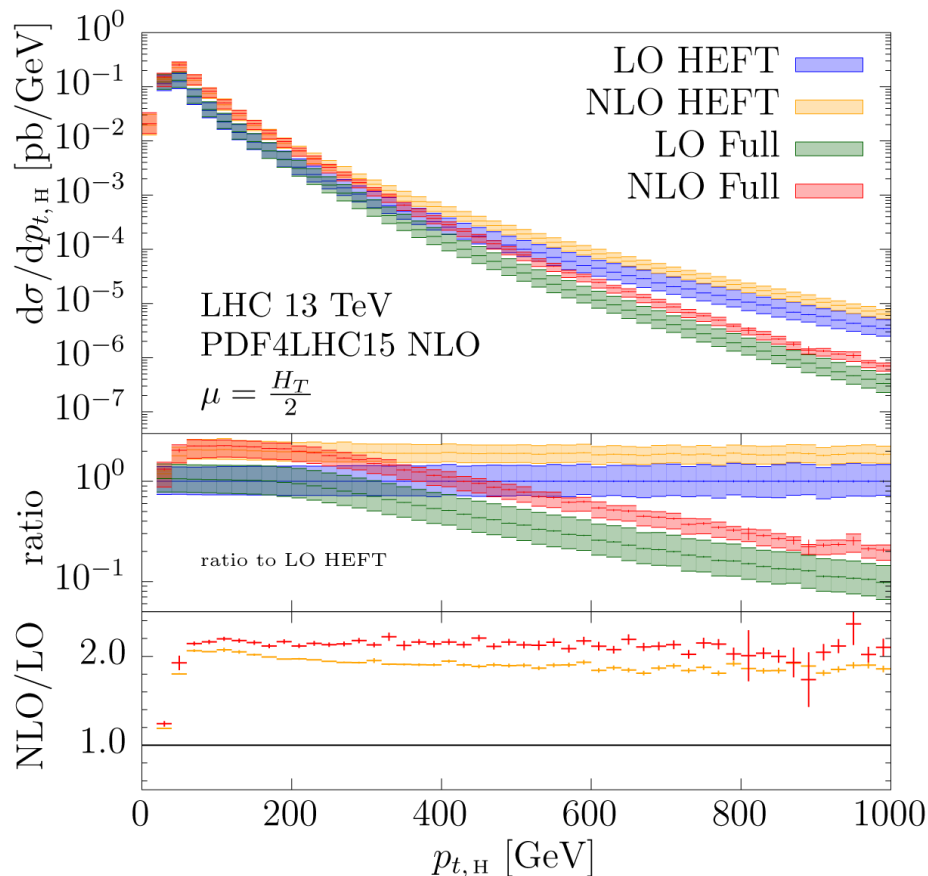
At NLO:

[Lindert, Melnikov, Tancredi, Wever '17]

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



# Results: Higgs $p_T$ spectrum

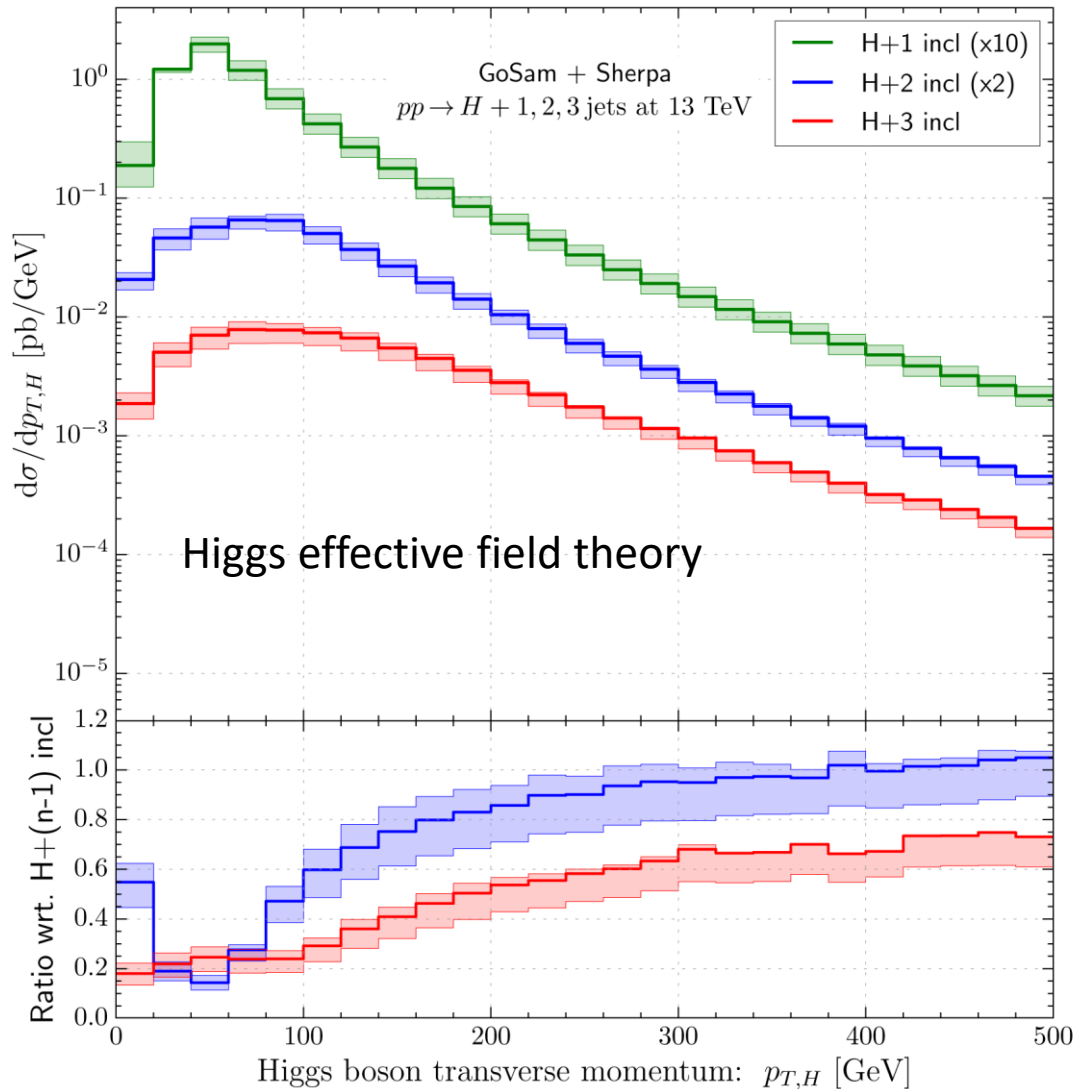


- Full theory and HEFT start **deviating** substantially for  $p_T > 200$  GeV
- Above 150 GeV **stable** K-factor (peculiar to this scale choice?)
- Scale uncertainty slightly **reduced** compared to FT<sub>approx</sub>
- Full virtual gives **+8%** correction w.r.t. HEFT virtual

[Broad agreement with observations of Lindert, Kudashkin, Melnikov, Wever '18]

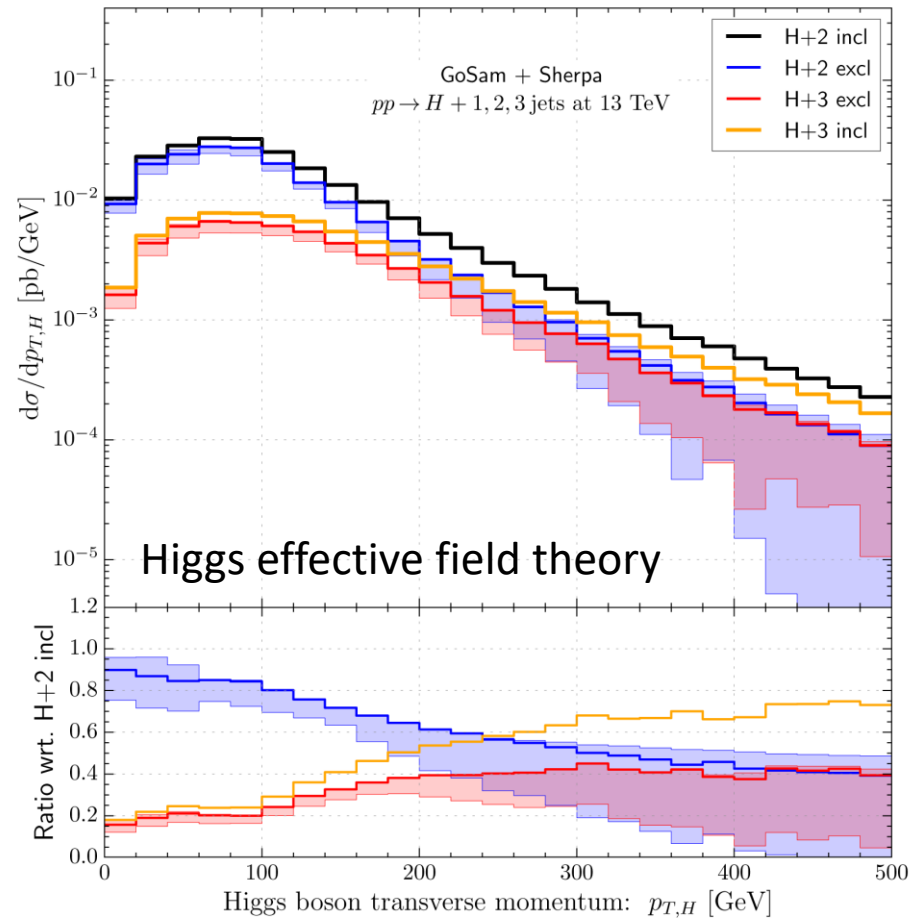
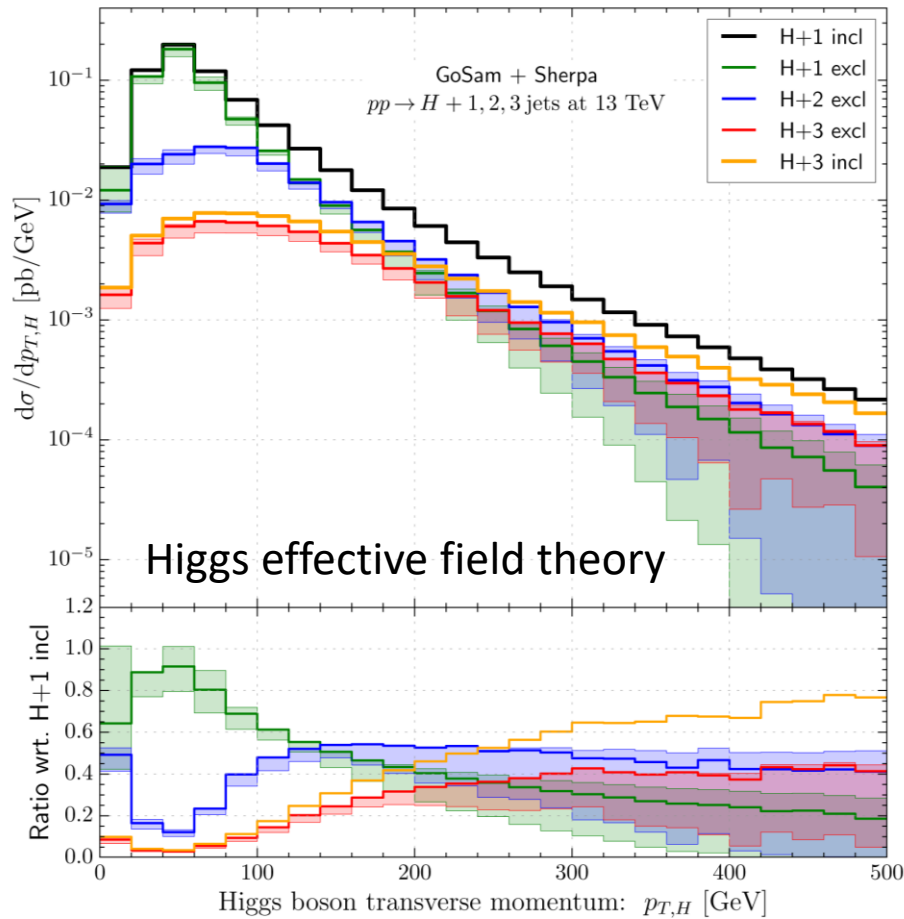
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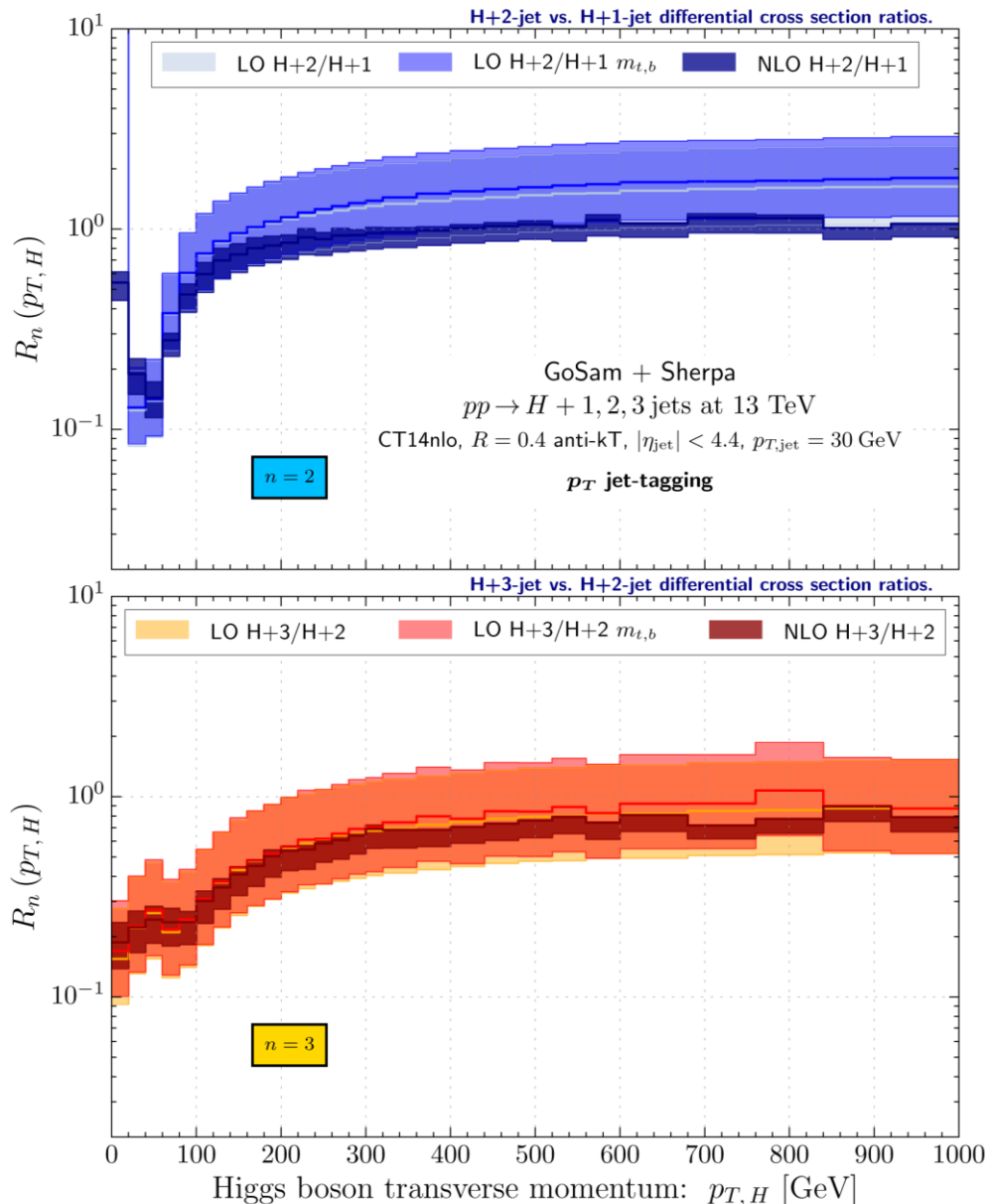
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- Ratios of successive differential cross sections:

$$R_n(O) = \frac{\frac{d\sigma}{dO}(\text{H}+n \text{ jets})}{\frac{d\sigma}{dO}(\text{H}+(n-1) \text{ jets})}$$

- suggests that the different **transverse momentum scaling** of effective and full theory also **holds for higher multiplicities**

- **relative importance** of higher multiplicities remains **stable under mass corrections**





• • • Transverse momentum scaling for  
large  $p_T$

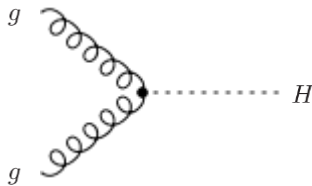
# Interludio: Effective vs. Full theory scaling

- Breakdown of effective theory can be understood comparing the high energy limit of a pointlike ggH interaction with that of a loop-mediated one:

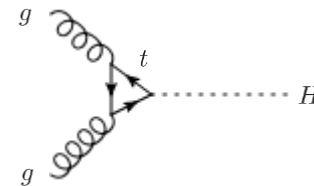
- Consider the **transverse momentum** behaviour of the  $g^*g^* \rightarrow H$  amplitude (i.e. when gluons are **off shell**)

[Catani, Ciafaloni, Hautmann, '91] [Hautmann, '02] [Pasechnik, Teryaev, Szczurek, '06]

[Marzani, Ball, Del Duca, Forte, Vicini, '08]



Transverse momenta can reach kinematic limit given by CM energy



Contribution from large transverse momenta suppressed by massive quark loop

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{s} \rightarrow \infty} \sim \begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_s^k \ln^{2k-1} \left( \frac{\hat{s}}{m_H^2} \right) & \text{pointlike: } m_t \rightarrow \infty \\ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_s^k \ln^{k-1} \left( \frac{\hat{s}}{m_H^2} \right) & \text{resolved: finite } m_t \end{cases}$$

Corresponding scaling in Higgs  $p_T$  computed recently:

[Forte Muselli, '15]

- as  $p_{T,H} \rightarrow \infty$  differential cross section (in  $p_T^2$ ):

[Caola, Forte, Marzani, Muselli, Vita, '16]

drops like  $(p_{T,H}^2)^{-1}$

drops like  $(p_{T,H}^2)^{-2}$

# Previous LO analysis:

- Effective theory starts to break down at about  $p_{T,H} \approx 200$  GeV and NLO corrections start to become subdominant compared to mass effects.

- Define  $R_{m_{t,b}}(O) \equiv \frac{\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dO} \right|_{m_{t,b}}}{\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dO} \right|_{\text{eff.}}}$

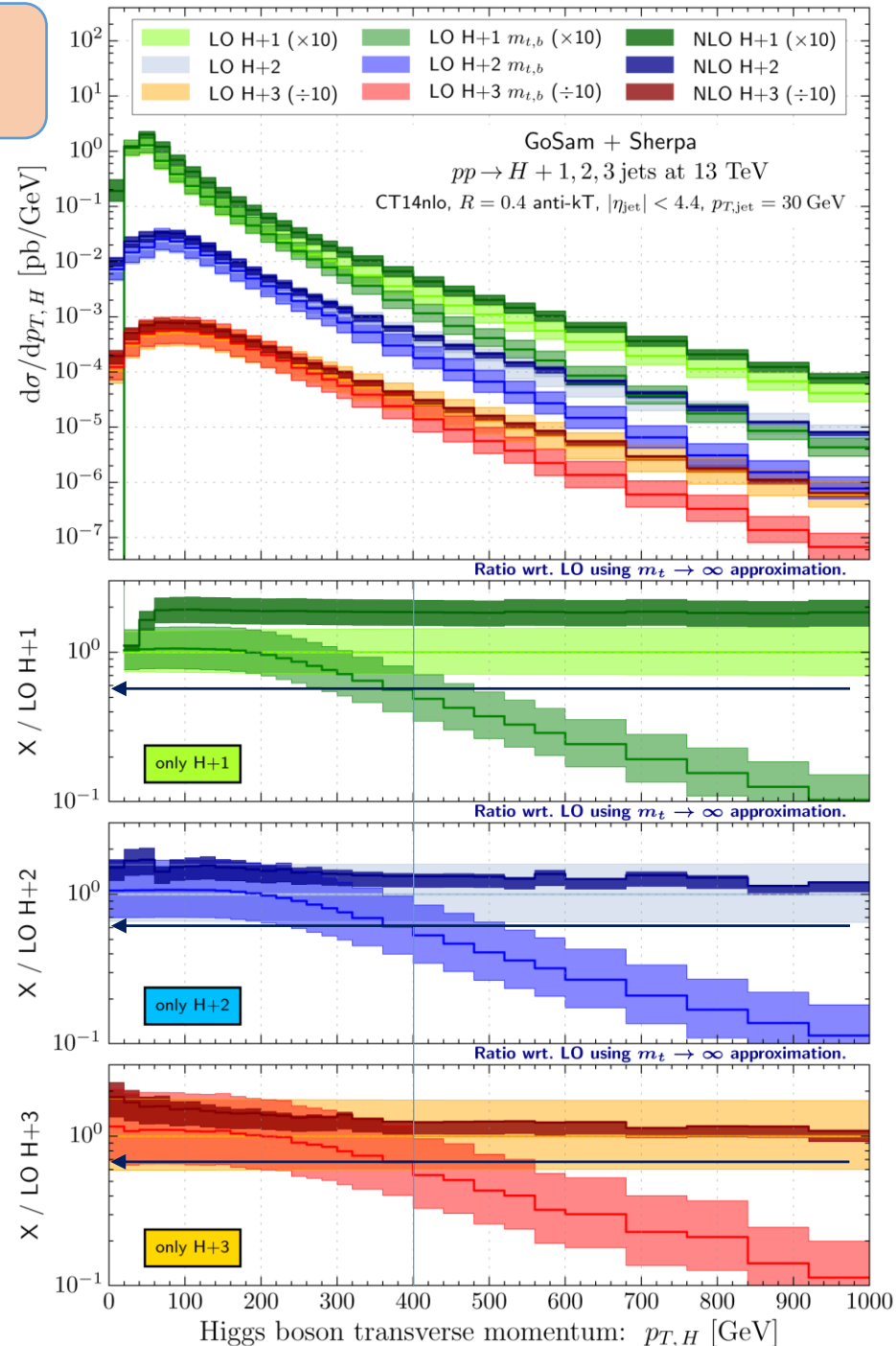
then the rough scaling behavior from plots is given by

$$\frac{R_{m_{t,b}}(p_{T,H} = 1.0 \text{ TeV})}{R_{m_{t,b}}(p_{T,H} = 0.4 \text{ TeV})} \approx \frac{10\%}{60\%} = \frac{1}{6} = 0.167$$

while the high energy limit prediction is

$$\left( \frac{400 \text{ GeV}}{1000 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 = \frac{4}{25} = 0.16$$

- Very **similar** behavior for the three different multiplicities



# New update at NLO:

- Check on double logarithmic scale:

- Consider points at 100 GeV and 1 TeV:

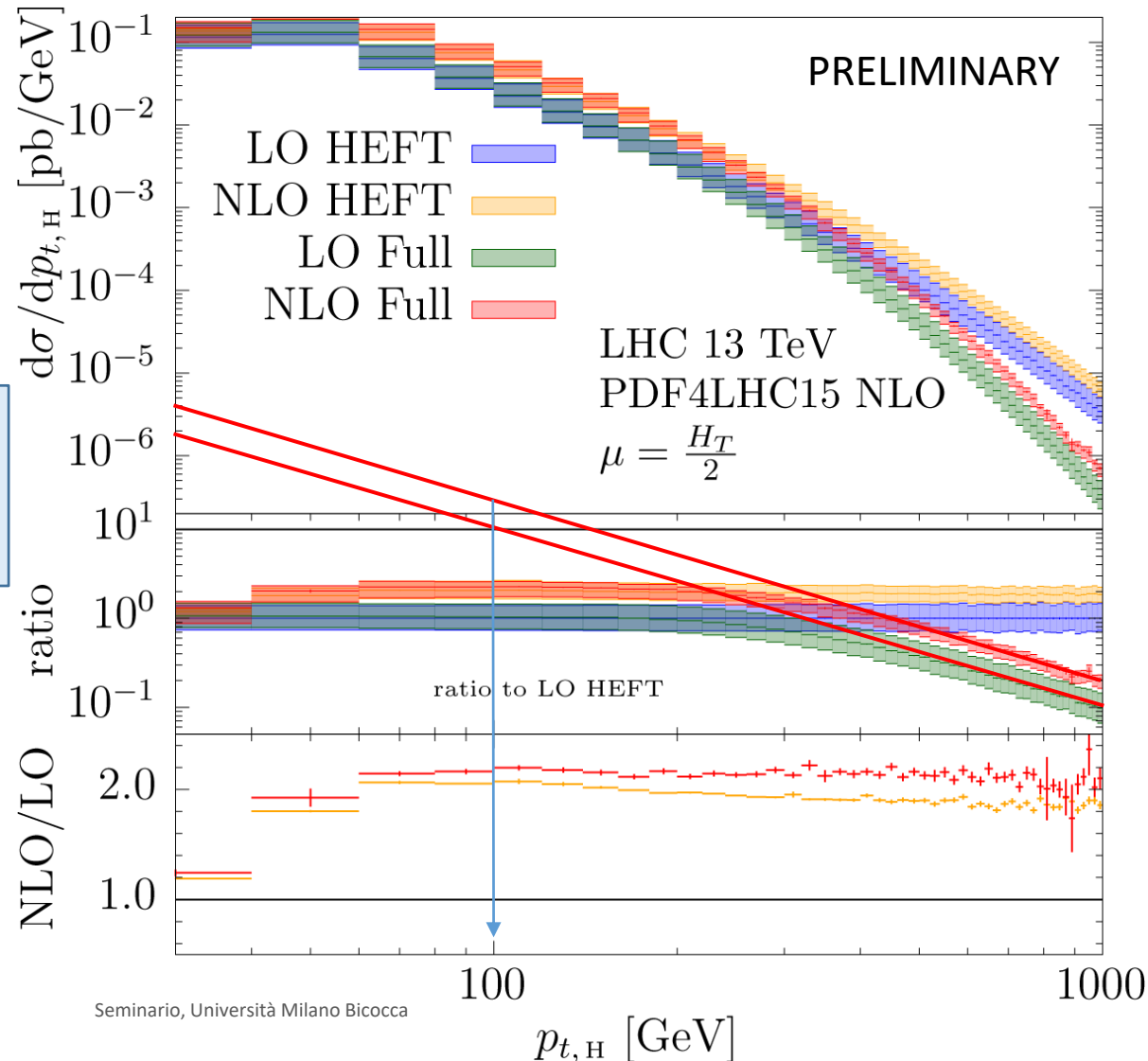
$$\left(\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{1000 \text{ GeV}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\frac{R_{m_t}(p_{T,H} = 1.0 \text{ TeV})}{R_{m_t}(p_{T,H} = 0.1 \text{ TeV})} \approx \frac{10\%}{x\%} \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1000$$

So at 100 GeV Full should be a factor of 10 larger, as confirmed from the plot

At NLO **same scaling!**



# Conclusions and Outlook

- Presented new NLO QCD results on **top-quark mass** effects in H+1 jet production
  - NLO cross section is **enhanced** compared to HEFT (beware of bottom-quark effects)
  - **Stable K-factor** for transverse momentum distribution
  - **Slight increase** compared to NLO in  $FT_{\text{approx}}$
- This opens the possibility for many further computations:
  - H+1 jet with full **top-** and **bottom-quark** mass effects
  - Matching to **parton shower** / MiNLO / NNLOPS (POWHEG BOX, Geneva, ... )
  - Matching to analytical **resummation**
  - Inclusive Higgs production with full mass dependence at **NNLO** in QCD