(Aspects of) Standard Model Theory at the LHC

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Most famous result of LHC Run 1: Higgs boson discovery



arXiv:1407.0558

arXiv:1408.5191

Higgs mass measurement: $m_H = 125.09 \pm 0.21 (\text{stat},) \pm 0.11 \text{syst.}$ GeV



ATLAS and CMS, arXiv:1503.07589



CMS, arXiv:1412.8662

https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CombinedSummaryPlots/HIGGS/

Higgs boson properties



J. Ellis and T. You, arXiv:1303.3879

SM recovered with $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ & $M \rightarrow 246~{\rm GeV}$

Most impressive results of LHC Run 1

measured cross sections in agreement with SM predictions over 9 orders of magnitude



What is behind all this? The SM Lagrangian

 $\mathcal{L}_{matter} + \mathcal{L}_{gauge} + \mathcal{L}_{Higgs} + \mathcal{L}_{gauge-int.} + \mathcal{L}_{Yukawa-inter.} + \mathcal{L}_{Higgs self-int.}$



From SM Lagrangian to collider phenomenology

$$\sigma^{\text{exp}} \equiv \frac{1}{\int \mathcal{L} dt} \frac{N^{obs}}{A \epsilon} = \sigma^{\text{theory}}$$

$$\sigma^{\text{theory}} \equiv \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 f_{a,H_1}(x_1, \mu_F^2, \mu_R^2) f_{b,H_2}(x_2, \mu_F^2, \mu_R^2) \times$$

$$\times \int_{\Phi} d\hat{\sigma}_{a,b}(x_1, x_2, Q^2/\mu_F^2, Q^2/\mu_R^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^n}{Q^n}\right)$$



Campbell, Huston, Stirling, hep-ph/0611148

- PDF's fitted from data
- *^ˆ* calculated
 perturbatively

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 (1 + \alpha_s \delta_1^{\text{QCD}} + \alpha_s^2 \delta_2^{\text{QCD}} + \alpha \delta_1^{\text{EWK}} + \ldots)$$

Four main classes of computer programs

- fixed order parton-level Monte Carlo programs, where the hard scattering is calculated with the highest feasible perturbative accuracy (NLO, NNLO, N3LO)
 - inclusive w.r.t. additional QCD/QED radiation, without transition from partons to hadrons
 - NO event generation
- programs which give predictions with resummation of potentially large logarithms, limited to specific observables
- general purpose Monte Carlo (parton shower) event generators, which can simulate in a completely exclusive way (even if with some approximations) the complete evolution of a hadron-hadron collision
- matched fixed-order with parton shower event generators , which merge positive features of both approaches

NLO (QCD and/or EW) corrections



- for EW corr., W, Z, H, γ in the loops and γ in the real contribution R
- γ can come also from initial state \implies PDF should provide also the photon content of the proton (at present only NNPDF2.3 with large uncertainties)

The NLO "revolution"

- MCFM has been (and still is) the reference code for NLO numerical calculations (cross sections and distributions)
- Several breakthrough in the computational techniques of virtual amplitutes during last ten years

Britto, Cachazo, Feng, 2004

Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau, 2007

Ellis, Giele, Kunszt, 2007

- $\blacksquare \implies development of automatic codes for NLO calculations. E.g.:$
 - Blackhat+Sherpa
 - GoSam+Sherpa
 - Helac-NLO
 - MadGraph5_aMC@NLO
 - NLOjet++
 - Njet
 - OpenLoops+Sherpa
 - Recola

Recent developments allowed to build up fully differential QCD NNLO codes for several processes

- Higgs production in gluon fusion (N3LO for inclusive cross section)
- neutral and charged Drell-Yan
- Higgs +jet
- W/Z+jet
- diboson production
 - $\gamma\gamma$
 - $W\gamma$, $Z\gamma$, with lepton decays and off-shell effects
 - \blacksquare ZZ including lepton decays and off-shell effects
 - WW
 - WZ
 - HH

N3LO predictions for inclusive Higgs cross section

C. Anastasiou et al., arXiv:1503.06056



- reduced scale dependence
- \blacksquare N3LO correction $\sim 2\%$ w.r.t NNLO

fully differential NNLO QCD corrections to DY





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■ fixed order NNLO+NNLL resummation (Top++)

M. Czakon, P. Fiedler and A. Mitov, arXiv:1303.6254



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$t\bar{t}$ differential distributions @NNLO



D. Heymes, talk at TOP2015, Ischia, September 2015

When NLO not reliable, e.g. W/Z transverse momentum



- NLO calculation totally unpredictive in the region of small p_{\perp}^V
- actually the tree-level prediction is zero \Longrightarrow
 - in the large p_{\perp} region predictions are LO
 - extremely sensitive to extra radiation, in particular to multigluon radiation

Resummation: basic idea

perturbative calculation

for $Q_{\perp} \to 0$ $\alpha_s^m \log^n \gg 1$

$$\int_{0}^{Q_{\perp}^{2}} dq_{\perp}^{2} \frac{d\sigma}{dq_{\perp}^{2}} \sim 1 + \alpha_{s} \left[c_{12} \log^{2} \frac{M^{2}}{Q_{\perp}^{2}} + c_{11} \log \frac{M^{2}}{Q_{\perp}^{2}} + c_{10} \right] \\ + \alpha_{s}^{2} \left[c_{24} \log^{4} \frac{M^{2}}{Q_{\perp}^{2}} + \ldots + c_{21} \log \frac{M^{2}}{Q_{\perp}^{2}} + c_{20} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{s}^{3})$$

G. Ferrera, talk at \boldsymbol{M}_W meeting, GGI Florence, 20 October 2014

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$\alpha_s L^2$	asL			 $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{S})$
$\alpha_s^2 L^4$	$\alpha_s^2 L^3$	$\alpha_s^2 L^2$	$\alpha_s^2 L$	 $O(\alpha_5^2)$
$\alpha_{S}^{n}L^{2n}$	$\alpha_{S}^{n}L^{2n-1}$	$\alpha_{S}^{n}L^{2n-2}$		 $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{S}^{n})$
dominant logs	next-to-dominant logs			

- same problem for every process, when large differences between energy scales appear
- solution: resummation, $\alpha_s^n \log^{2n}$ (LL), $\alpha_s^n \log^{2n-1}$ (NLL), ...

DYRES, comparison with LHC data

NNLL resummation with NNLO normalization



Catani, De Florian, Ferrera, Grazzini, arXiv:1507.06937

another way to resummation: parton shower

material from P. Nason, in arXiv:0902.0293; P.Nason and B. Webber, arXiv:1202.1251

 ${\scriptstyle \blacksquare}$ basic example: $\gamma^* \rightarrow q \bar{q} g$ in the soft limit

$$\begin{split} |\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}g}|^2 &= |\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}}|^2 4\pi \alpha_s C_F \frac{2q_1 \cdot q_2}{(q_1 \cdot k)(q_2 \cdot k)} \\ |\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}g}|^2 d\Phi_{q\bar{q}g} &\simeq |\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}}|^2 d\Phi_{q\bar{q}} d\mathcal{S} \\ d\mathcal{S} &= \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dE_g}{E_g} \frac{d\vartheta}{\sin\vartheta} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \end{split}$$

in general



how the $q\bar{q}$ final state appears after showering

After application of the algorithm, for the case of $\gamma^* \rightarrow q \bar{q}$, the final states appears as a shower of partons

P. Nason, arXiv:0902.0293[hep-ph]

 for all generated partons the kinematics is known, i.e. we have full exclusive information on the final state partons

positive features

- complementarity with fixed order calculations
- soft/collinear regions are automatically treated with Leading Log resummation
- they include a model for the description of the underlying event and the hadronization
- completely exclusive event generation, very useful for interface to detector simulation software

problems

- the cross section prediction is pure LO (due to the unitarity of the algorithm)
- improvement: matching between fixed order NLO calculation and parton shower event generators

requirements to the matching

- avoid double counting
 - showering the Born events generate events with one additional parton from the shower. Such events are already accounted for in the NLO real radiation contribution
- ensure smooth distributions in the phase space
- since a decade two working algorithm have been developed:
 - 1 MC@NLO (S. Frixione and B. Webber (2002))
 - 2 POWHEG (P. Nason (2004))
- comparison MC@NLO POWHEG
 - both ensure total cross section at NLO accuracy
 - MC@NLO exponentiates only the singular part of the real radiation amplitude
 - POWHEG modifies the Sudakov form factor by exponentiating the complete real radiation amplitude
 - differences between the two codes are beyond NLO accuracy
 this can be used as an handle to guess the theoretical uncertainty due to missing higher orders

examples and the path to automation



S. Frixione and B. Webber, hep-ph/0204244

P. Nason and G. Ridolfi, hep-ph/0606275

- the recent automation on NLO multileg calculations triggered also the development of interfaces between automatic NLO matrix elements and parton showers, according to the MC@NLO or POWHEG methods. E.g.:
 - MadGraph5_aMC@NLO
 - Sherpa + OpenLoops
 - Herwig++Matchbox + OpenLoops/Gosam
 - Madgraph4 + POWHEG

matching Parton Shower with higher orders

recent developments on Higgs production and Drell-Yan up to NNLO accuracy

Hamilton, Nason, Oleari, Zanderighi, arXiv:1212.4504, Hamilton, Nason, Re. Zanderighi, arXiv:1309.0017

Hamilton, Nason, Zanderighi, arXiv:1501.4637, Karlberg, Re, Zanderighi, arXiv:1407.2940

Höche, Li, Prestel, arXiv:1407.3773, Höche, Li, Prestel, arXiv:1405.3607



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directions in $t\bar{t}$

- untile recently the top quark has been treated as stable in NLOPS generators
- in view of the precise measurement of the top quark mass, the NLO QCD corrections to top decay have been aloready included in the narrow width approximation, retaining all spin correlations

Frixione, Laenen, Motylinksi, Webber

 Also in POWHEG the NLO corrections to the decay have been included

Campbell, Ellis, Nason, Re, 2014

• ongoing activity to include also finitie width effects and interferences, i.e. to calculate $W^+ W^- b\bar{b}$ at NLOPS accuracy

talk given by E. Re at TOP2015, 15 September 2015, Ischia

Electroweak corrections

• $\alpha_s^2 \simeq \alpha \implies$ electroweak corrections are important as well • two regimes where they become particularly relevant:

- precision measurements involving leptons in the final state
- particularly relevant for M_W direct determination and angular variables measurements in $H\to 4$ leptons
- \blacksquare regions of the phase space where the energy scales $\gg M_W$

(Sudakov region, where terms $\sim \alpha \log^2 \left(\frac{Q^2}{M_{uv}^2} \right)$ become large)

example of charged Drell-Yan



Carloni Calame, Montagna, Nicrosini, Vicini, hep-ph/0609170

fixed order EW and matching with QEDPS

- During last decade, in particular within the context of precision W mass measurement at Tevatron, several fixed order Monte Carlo codes have been developed, including LO QCD and NLO EW corrections
 - HORACE
 - W/ZGRAD
 - WINHAC
 - SANC
- two event generators match consistently the NLO EW corrections with the QEDPS
 - HORACE, for charged and neutral Drell-Yan (LO in QCD)

Carloni Calame, Montagna, Nicrosini, Vicini, hep-ph/0609170; arXiv:0710.1722

Hto4l, for Higgs decay to 4 leptons

Boselli, Carloni Calame, Montagna, Nicrosini, F.P., arXiv:1503.07394

QCD and electroweak NLOPS for Drell-Yan

 within POWHEG, for DY, a fully consistent merging of NLO QCD and EW corrections and matching with QCD parton shower and QED higher orders (with PHOTOS or with the shower itself)

Barzè, Montagna, Nason, Nicrosini, F.P., Vicini, arXiv:1302.4606

- in this approach, also the bulk of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s)$ corrections should be accounted for
- Perturbatively the QCD EW interference is a two-loop effect

$$d\sigma = d\sigma_0 + d\sigma_{\alpha_s} + d\sigma_{\alpha} + d\sigma_{\alpha_s^2} + d\sigma_{\alpha\alpha_s} + d\sigma_{\alpha^2} + \dots$$

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \alpha)$ corrections around M_W

 \blacksquare The two loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ calculation involves

Dittmaier, Huss, Schwinn, arXiv:1403.3216; 1405.6897

- virtual corrections at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s)$
- EW corrections to $l\bar{l}^{(')}$ + jet
- QCD corrections to $l\bar{l}^{(\prime)} + \gamma$
- \blacksquare PDF's with NNLO accuracy at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$
- However the bulk of the effects are in the soft/collinear regions where factorization holds
 - in the factorized limit, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s)$ terms given by $\mathcal{O}(\alpha) \otimes \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$
 - moreover for the specific case of DY at the V(= W, Z) peak the largest part of EW corrections comes from photon emission from external lepton leg(s)
- Work in progress to
 - crosscheck the results
 - $\hfill quantitative estimate on the <math display="inline">W$ mass determination at LHC
- Up to now initial state photon induced processes not yet included (see the large uncertainties on the following slide)

Large uncertainties due to photon PDF's



D. Pagani, talk at MBI2015, DESY Hamburg, 3 September 2015

- ongoing work to reach the complete automation of the EW corrections, as for QCD
- at present MadGraph5_aMC@NLO includes them for massive final states

When EW forces becomes strong: the Sudakov zone

In the Sudakov limit, i.e.

 $\forall \quad l, k \quad 2p_k p_l \simeq r \gg M_W^2$

for virtual one-loop amplitudes, Denner and Pozzorini ¹ proved that

 $M^{\text{Virt }O(\alpha)} = \text{Double log. part} + \text{Single log. part} + \delta (\text{parameter renorm.}) M^{\text{Born}}$

- the corrections depend only on the the kinematics and on the flavour of each external leg (and pairs of external legs)
- the expression for δ^{DL} and δ^{SL} in known (universality)
- factorize on the Born (and SU2-correlated) matrix element

The algorithm is suited for a numerical implementation in ALPGEN

Chiesa et al., arXiv:1305.6837

Eur.Phys.J. C21 (2001) 63-79

¹A. Denner and S. Pozzorini Eur.Phys.J. C18 (2001) 461-480,

Event selections at ATLAS and CMS

- observable: $m_{
 m eff} = \sum_{jet_i} |p_{Tjet_i}| + E_T$ atlas: Phys.Rev. D87 012008 (2013)
- channels: 2, 3, 4 jets plus missing E_T
- basic experimental cuts:

• observables: $\vec{H}_T = -\sum_i \vec{p}_{t_i}$ $H_T = \sum_i p_{T_i}$ CMS: Phys.Rev.Lett. **109** 171803 (2012)

- channels: at least 3 jets plus missing E_T
- basic experimental cuts:

$$\begin{split} H_T &> 500 \text{ GeV} \qquad |\vec{H}_T| > 200 \text{ GeV} \\ p_T^j &> 50 \text{ GeV} \qquad |\eta_j| < 2.5 \quad \Delta R_{(j_i,j_k)} > 0.5 \\ \Delta \phi(\vec{p}_T^{j_1,j_2}, \vec{H}_T) > 0.5 \qquad \Delta \phi(\vec{p}_T^{j_3}, \vec{H}_T) > 0.3 \end{split}$$

- large amount of missing E_T plus hard jets
- Z(vv)+jets irreducible SM background (the most relevant for 2 and 3 jets)
- Denner-Pozzorini algorithm provides a good estimate of the O(α) corrections to the background processes Z(νν̄) + 2/3jets

Results for Z + 2 jets at the LHC, ATLAS setup



Results for Z + 3 jets at the LHC, CMS setup



expected data MC

$$\frac{d\sigma(Z(\to\nu\bar{\nu}) + n\,\text{jets})}{dX} = \frac{d\sigma(\gamma + n\,\text{jets})}{dX} \times R^n$$

$$R^{n} = \left[\frac{d\sigma(Z(\to\nu\bar{\nu}) + n\,\text{jets})}{dX}\right] / \left[\frac{d\sigma(\gamma + n\,\text{jets})}{dX}\right]$$

In the \mathbb{R}^n ratio

PDFs and scale choices dependence

- higher order pQCD corrections
- shower and hadronization effects

largely cancel

S. Ask et al. JHEP **1110** (2011); Z. Bern et al. Phys.Rev. **D84** (2011); Z. Bern et al. Phys.Rev. **D87** (2013)

EW corrections to R^n (n = 2, 3 jets) at 14 TeV



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Feature of NLO QCD corr's to proc's with isolated γ 2



 QED singularities from the integration of real QCD corrections

no virtual counterpart

²Neglecting the secondary photons coming from hadronic decays

Theoretical options

smooth-cone isolation

S. Frixione, Phys. Lett. B 429 (1998) 369

NLO, Real

fragmentation function

S. Catani et al., JHEP 0205 (2002) 028



NLO. Real

 $\forall_{R < R_0}$ $\sum_{n=1}^{N < R_0} E_{T,j} < \epsilon_h p_T^{\gamma} \left(\frac{1 - \cos R}{1 - \cos R_0} \right) = \text{collinear approximation}$ $R_{i \gamma} < R$

not directly comparable

to data

- no exclusive parton generation

$$\tau(p_{\gamma}) = \sigma_{\gamma}^{D}(p_{\gamma}, M_{F}) + \sum_{a} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{dz}{z} D_{a \to \gamma}(z, M_{F}) \sigma^{a}(\frac{p_{\gamma}}{z}, M_{F})$$

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$W\gamma$ production in POWHEG

L. Barzè, M. Chiesa, G. Montagna, P. Nason, O. Nicrosini and V. Prosperi, arXiv:1408.5766

Target:

• predictions for $pp \rightarrow W(l\nu)\gamma$ at QCD NLO+PS accuracy

• fully exclusive generation of radiated particles $(q/g/\gamma)$ in the POWHEG framework without relying on fragmentation functions

three categories of generated events in C-scheme

features of the C-samples, which are natural in the POWHEG framework

- $W\gamma + parton$, with γ harder than parton
- $Wj + \gamma$, with γ softer than one parton
- $Wjj + \gamma$, with γ generated by the QED parton shower and softer than at least two partons
- it is mandatory a shower with interleaved QCD and QED emissions

Difference between C-LO and C-NLO: accuracy of the $\mathit{Wj}\gamma$ sample

- LO in C-LO
- NLO in C-NLO

Comparison with ATLAS data @7 TeV³

$$\begin{split} p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\gamma} &> 15 \text{ GeV}, \, |\eta_{\gamma}| < 2.37, \, \Delta R_{\ell\gamma} > 0.7, \\ R_0 &= 0.4, \, \epsilon_h = 0.5, \, \sum_{R_{j,\gamma} < R_0} \, E_{T,j} < \epsilon_h \, p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\gamma} \\ p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell} &> 25 \text{ GeV}, \, |\eta_{\ell}| < 2.47, \, p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss.}} > 35 \text{ GeV} \end{split}$$

 $E_T^{\text{jet}} > 30 \text{ GeV}, |\eta_{\text{jet}}| < 4.4, \Delta R(e/\mu/\gamma, \text{jet}) > 0.3$

[Pb]	$N_{\rm jet} = 0$	$N_{\rm jet} \ge 0$
Exp.	$1.77^{\pm 0.04 \text{stat}}_{\pm 0.08 \text{lumi}} \pm 0.24 \text{syst}$	$2.74^{\pm 0.05 \text{stat}}_{\pm 0.14 \text{lumi}} \pm 0.32 \text{syst}$
MCFM	1.39 ± 0.17	1.96 ± 0.17
C-LO	$1.42_{-0.15}^{+0.15}$	$2.25^{+0.24}_{-0.24}$
C-NLO	$1.69^{+0.11}_{-0.22}$	$2.95^{+0.20}_{-0.38}$
NNLO*	$1.493^{+0.02}_{-0.04}$	$2.453_{-0.10}^{+0.10}$

* M. Grazzini, S. Kallweit, D. Rathlev, arXiv:1504.01330; PLB731 (2014), arXiv:1202.0465

³Phys. Rev. **D87** (2013)

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Comparison with ATLAS data: distributions (1)

$$p_T^{\gamma}$$
, $N_{\rm jet}=0$



Comparison with ATLAS data: distributions (2)

 p_T^{γ} , $N_{
m jet} \geq 0$



$Z\gamma$, in progress (mainly by V. Prosperi)

- both channels $Z \rightarrow l^+ l^-$ and $Z \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu}$ implemented
- $gg \rightarrow Z\gamma$ included as finite remainder
- preliminary comparisons with ATLAS data



smaller difference between C-LO and C-NLO w.r.t. $W\gamma$, reflecting the smaller NNLO QCD corrections

M. Grazzini, S. Kallweit, D. Rathlev, arXiv:1504.01330