

Precision Physics & Proton Structure at the LHC

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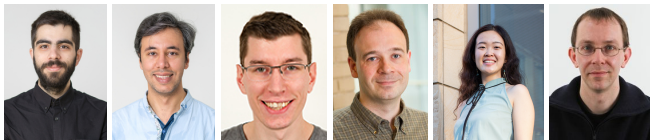
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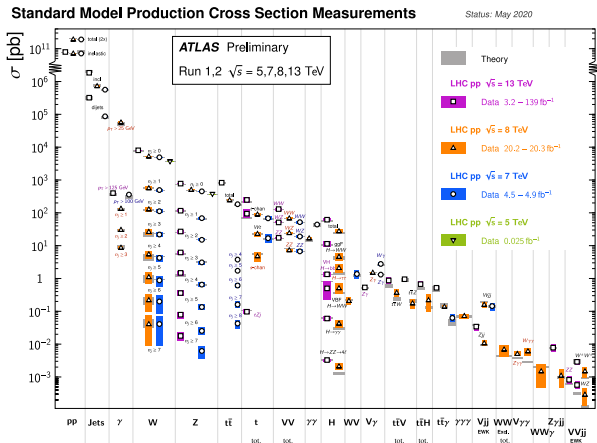
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A path forward

- Precision measurements probe BSM beyond direct energy reach $Q \lesssim 0.1 E_{\text{cm}}$:

$$\frac{\Delta\mathcal{O}}{\mathcal{O}} \sim \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda_{\text{BSM}}^2} \Leftrightarrow \Lambda_{\text{BSM}} \sim Q \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{O}}{\Delta\mathcal{O}}}$$

- ▶ To control theory uncertainties in $\Delta\mathcal{O}$, need to understand, **at the percent level**, the QCD radiation patterns that accompany the process of interest at the LHC

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$$+ \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi v} C_t + \frac{v}{\Lambda_{\text{BSM}}^2} C_{HG} \right) H G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu}$$

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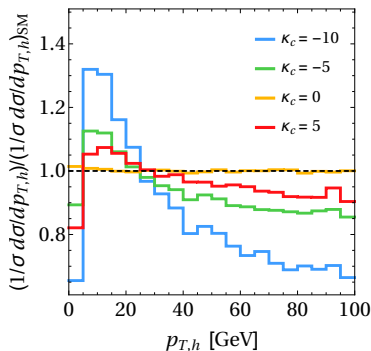
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C_{Hq}	0.00	[-0.017, +0.012]	8.3	-0.05	[-0.11, +0.012]	4.1
$C_{Hq}^{(1)}$	0.02	[-0.1, +0.14]	2.9	-0.04	[-0.27, +0.18]	2.1
C_{Hd}	-0.03	[-0.13, +0.071]	3.1	-0.39	[-0.91, +0.13]	1.4
C_{Hu}	0.00	[-0.075, +0.073]	3.7	-0.19	[-0.63, +0.25]	1.5
$C_{H\Box}$	-0.27	[-1, +0.47]	1.2	-0.9	[-3, +1.2]	0.69
C_{HG}	0.00	[-0.0034, +0.0032]	17.0	0.00	[-0.014, +0.0086]	9.4
C_{HW}	0.00	[-0.012, +0.006]	11.0	0.12	[-0.38, +0.62]	1.4
C_{HB}	0.00	[-0.0034, +0.002]	19.0	0.07	[-0.09, +0.22]	2.5

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- Next-to-most basic thing: measure the Higgs transverse momentum
- High $p_T^H \sim \sqrt{\hat{s}} \gg m_H$ increases sensitivity to new operators, but low statistics
- Focus of this talk: $p_T^H \lesssim m_H \sim \sqrt{\hat{s}} \ll 2m_t$ (or p_T^H integrated over)
- ▶ Measure/put bounds on anomalous b , c , and light quark Yukawa couplings
[Bishara, Haisch, Monni, Re, 1606.09253; Soreq, Zhu, Zupan, 1606.09621]



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

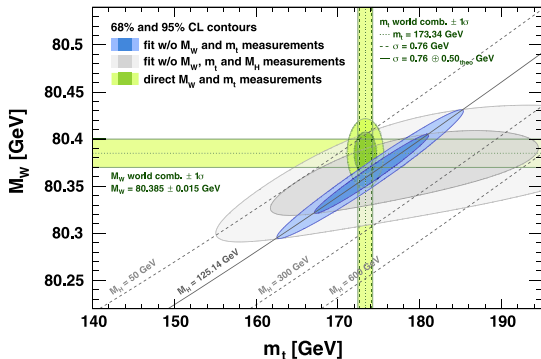
$$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} \sim \frac{m_H^2}{\Lambda_{\text{BSM}}^2} \Leftrightarrow \Lambda_{\text{BSM}} \sim m_H \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\Delta\sigma}}$$

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
 - ▶ Leads to an interesting connection to the physics of **T**ransverse **M**omentum **D**ependent **P**arton **D**istribution **F**unctions!

Motivation: Measuring m_W at the LHC

Measuring the W mass as a precision test of the SM:

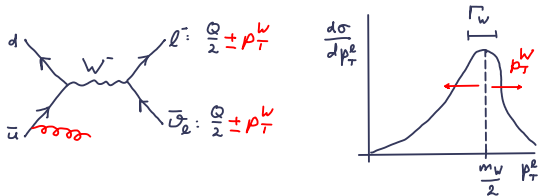


[Baak et al., *g*fitter collaboration, '14]

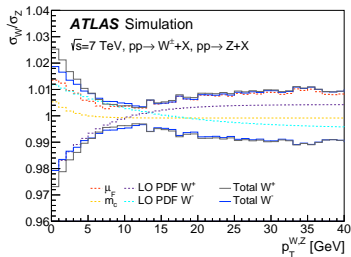
- **Blue:** Global fit to LEP EW precision observables, use $\frac{m_W}{m_Z} = \cos \theta_W$
(+ higher-order corrections ...)
- **Green:** Measure m_W directly
- ▶ Compare!

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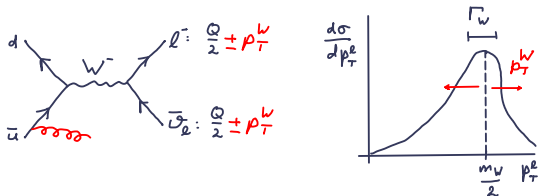


$$\begin{aligned}
 m_W &= 80370 \pm 7_{\text{stat.}} \\
 &\pm 11_{\text{exp. syst.}} \\
 &\pm 14_{\text{modelling syst.}} \text{ MeV} \\
 &= 80370 \pm 19 \text{ MeV}
 \end{aligned}$$

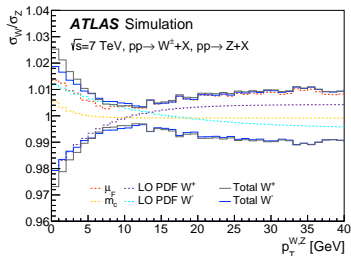
[ATLAS, 1701.07240]

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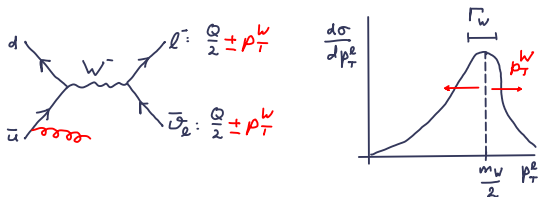


$$\begin{aligned}
 m_W^{\text{LHCb}} &= 80354 \pm 23_{\text{stat.}} \\
 &\pm 10_{\text{exp. syst.}} \\
 &\pm 17_{\text{theory}} \\
 &\pm 9_{\text{PDF MeV}} \\
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[LHCb, 2109.01113]

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Challenges Opportunities for theory

- Need sub-percent precision on $d\sigma/dp_T^Z$ and $d\sigma/dp_T^W$
 - ▶ Leave no stone unturned: QCD three-loop corrections, QED radiative corrections, quark mass effects, nonperturbative transverse structure of the proton
- ... and of course, this effort involves:
Transverse Momentum Dependent Parton Distribution Functions!

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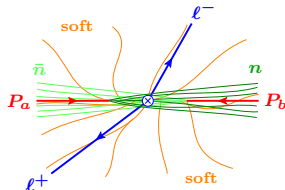
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- **Hard function** $H_{ab} = \sigma_{ab \rightarrow Z}^{\text{LO}} \times \overline{\text{MS}}$ -renormalized quark (form factor)²
- **Beam** and **soft** functions individually feature so-called rapidity divergences
- Regularize and renormalize \Rightarrow 2D renormalization group in (μ, ν)

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- Fourier transform to turn convolution into a product in \vec{b}_T space
- Often: Combine **beam** and $\sqrt{\text{soft}}$ function into a **TMD** PDF that runs as a function of (μ, ζ)
- Collins-Soper scales $\zeta_{a,b} = \text{energies}^2$ of the scattering partons, e.g. $= Q^2$ in Z rest frame
 - ▶ Evolution with respect to ζ governed by Collins-Soper kernel $\gamma_\zeta^q(b_T, \mu)$

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- For $b_T \ll 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$, TMD PDFs can be calculated in terms of collinear PDFs:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_i^{\text{TMD}}(x, b_T, \mu, \zeta) &= \sum_j \int \frac{dz}{z} C_{ij}(z, b_T, \mu, \zeta) f_j\left(\frac{x}{z}, \mu\right) F_i^{\text{NP}}(x, b_T, \zeta) \\ F_i^{\text{NP}}(x, b_T, \zeta) &= 1 + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 b_T^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{sing}}}{p_T} = H(Q, \mu) \times B(p_T, \mu, \nu/Q)^2 \otimes S(p_T, \mu, \nu/p_T)$$

$$\ln^2 \frac{p_T}{Q} = 2 \ln^2 \frac{Q}{\mu} + 2 \ln \frac{p_T}{\mu} \ln \frac{\nu}{Q} + \ln \frac{p_T}{\mu} \ln \frac{\mu p_T}{\nu^2}$$

- For generic μ, ν , each function contains (potentially large) logs
- Resummation follows from solving RGEs, and evolving each function from starting scales μ_i, ν_i to common arbitrary μ, ν

$$H(\mu) = H(\mu_H) \times U_H(\mu_H, \mu)$$

$$B(\mu, \nu) = B(\mu_B, \nu_B) \otimes U_B(\mu_B, \nu_B; \mu, \nu)$$

$$S(\mu, \nu) = S(\mu_S, \nu_S) \otimes U_S(\mu_S, \nu_S; \mu, \nu)$$

- In b_T space: $\mu_B, \mu_S \sim 1/b_T$, evolution is multiplicative

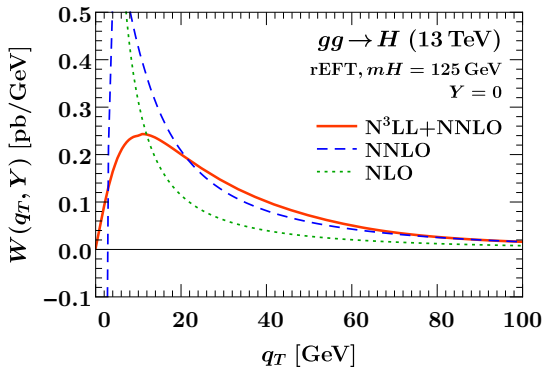
⇒

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{sing}}^{\text{res}}}{p_T} = \frac{1}{p_T} \exp\left(-\alpha_s \ln \frac{\mu_H}{\mu_S}\right) \left[1 + \alpha_s \ln \frac{p_T}{\mu_S}\right] \left[1 + \alpha_s \ln \frac{\mu_H}{Q}\right]$$

[Very schematic!]

Resummation basics: Breaking up large logs and solving evolution equations

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma_{\text{sing}}^{\text{res}}}{p_T} = \frac{1}{p_T} \exp\left(-\alpha_s \ln \frac{\mu_H}{\mu_S}\right) \left[1 + \alpha_s \ln \frac{p_T}{\mu_S}\right] \left[1 + \alpha_s \ln \frac{\mu_H}{Q}\right] \quad \text{[Very schematic!]}$$



Order	Boundary cond. (FO singular)	Anomalous dimensions γ_i (noncusp)	$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}, \beta$	FO matching (nonsingular)
LL	1	-	1-loop	-
NLL	1	1-loop	2-loop	-
NLL' (+NLO ₀)	α_s	1-loop	2-loop	α_s
NNLL (+NLO ₀)	α_s	2-loop	3-loop	α_s
NNLL' (+NNLO ₀)	α_s^2	2-loop	3-loop	α_s^2
N ³ LL (+NNLO ₀)	α_s^2	3-loop	4-loop	α_s^2
N ³ LL' (+N ³ LO ₀)	α_s^3	3-loop	4-loop	α_s^3
N ⁴ LL (+N ³ LO ₀)	α_s^3	4-loop	5-loop	α_s^3

- Resummation order is uniquely specified by perturbative order of boundary coefficients and anomalous dimensions (each is convergent on its own)
- Can show that with these ingredients, all (next-to)ⁿ leading logarithmic terms $\alpha_s^k L^{k+1+n}$ in $\ln(d\sigma/dq_T)$ are captured for all $k \geq 1$
- At “primed” orders, boundary conditions are included to α_s^n higher in addition
 - ▶ Improves residual dependence on boundary scales
 - ▶ Ensures integral of (reexpanded) matched spectrum is NⁿLO cross section

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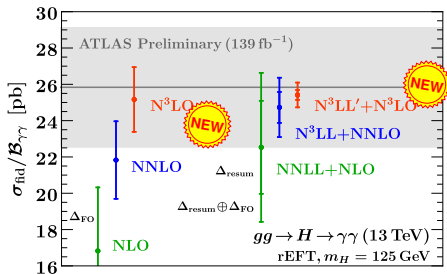
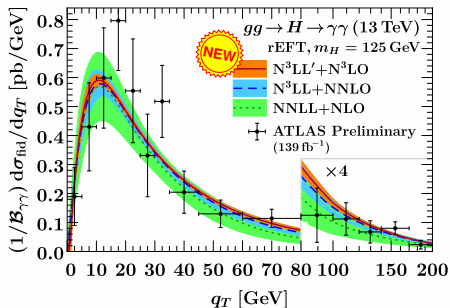
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- Previous state of the art was $N^3\text{LL}(+NNLO_1)$ and NNLO, respectively

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

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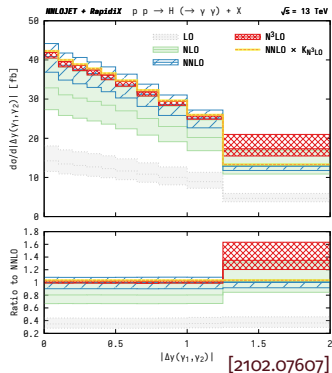
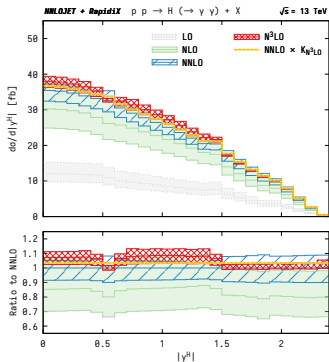
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$$p_T^{\gamma\gamma}$$

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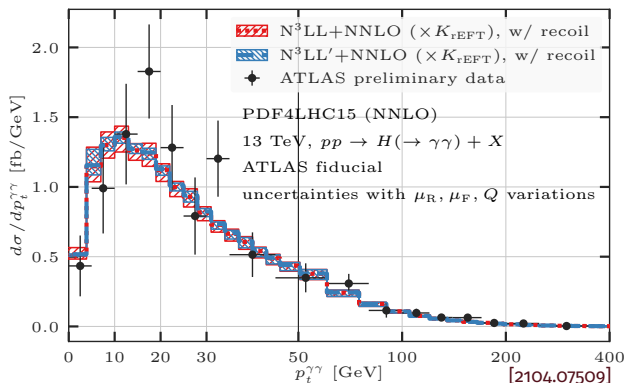
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$$p_T^{\gamma 1} \geq \epsilon$$

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- Previous [Chen et al.]



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Set up some notation, use that production and **decay (acceptance)** factorize:

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

Fiducial power corrections are those power corrections to TMD factorization coming from the q_T -dependent acceptance:

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

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

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

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

[Presence of linear terms pointed out in Ebert, Tackmann, 1911.08486]

[Factorization/resummation & use in subtractions: Ebert, JM, Stewart, Tackmann, 2006.11382]

[Analytic results in double-logarithmic approximation: Salam, Slade, 2106.08329]

[See also Alekhin et al., 2104.02400; Buonocore et al., 2111.13661; Camarda et al., 2111.14509]

Challenge

Fiducial power corrections upset fixed-order perturbative convergence of *total* σ_{fid}

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

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

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

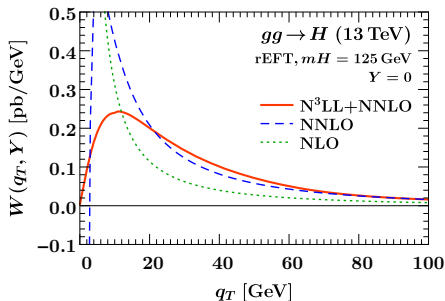
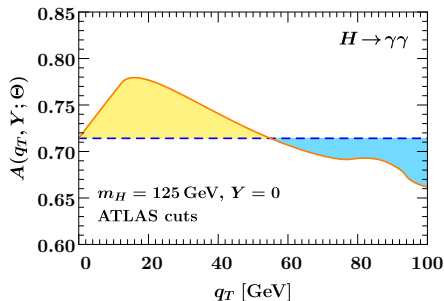
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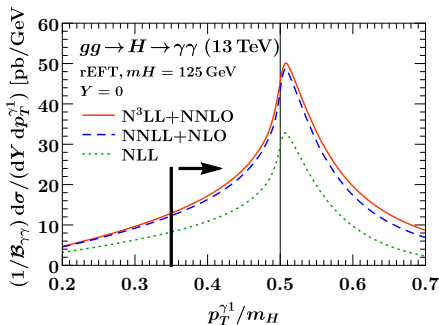
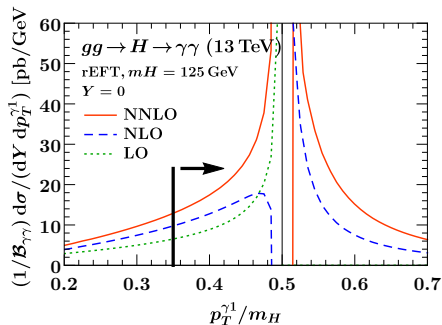
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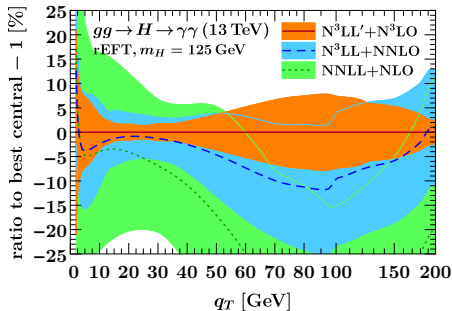
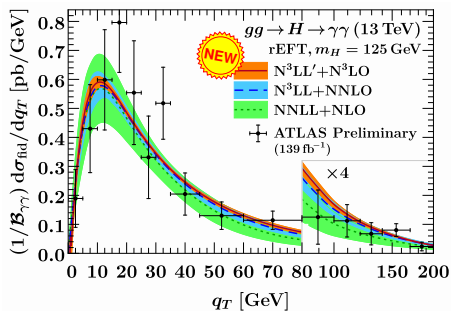
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Resum fiducial power corrections to the same $N^3\text{LL}'$ accuracy as leading power by resumming $\mathbf{W}^{(0)} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{S}$ and keeping $A(q_T, Y; \Theta)$ exact:

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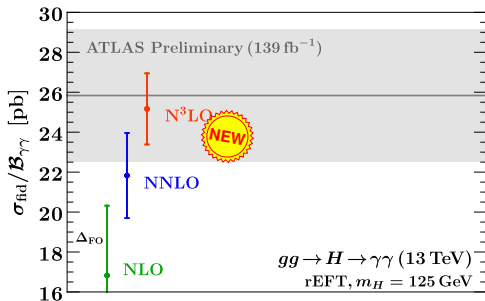
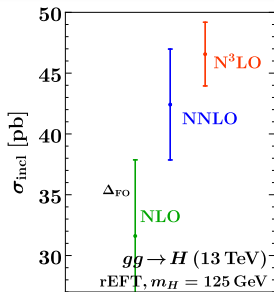
- Effect is **fully predicted** by TMD factorization & resummed perturbation theory

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



- Good agreement with (at the time) preliminary ATLAS Run 2 data
 - 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]
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- Perturbative uncertainties estimate by varying RG boundary scales

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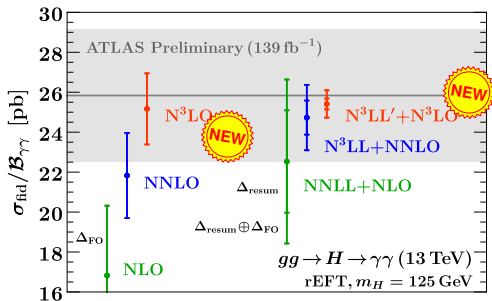
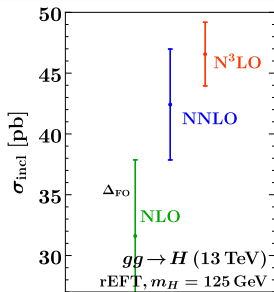


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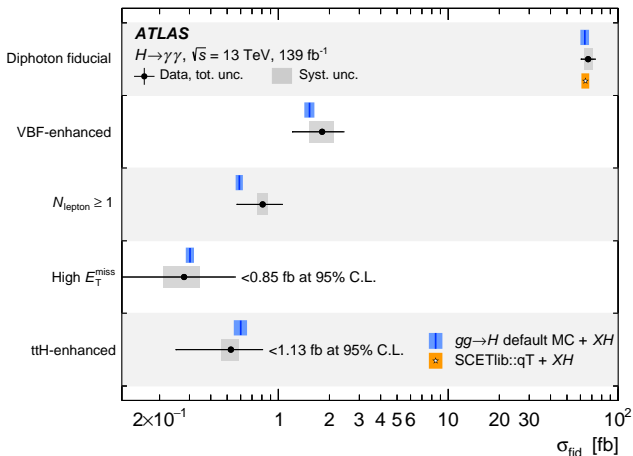


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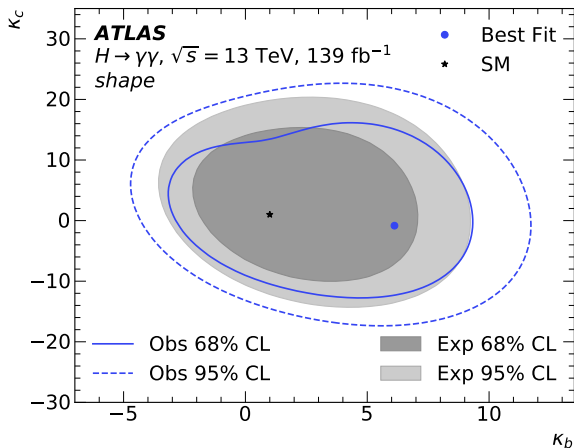
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[ATLAS, 2202.00487]

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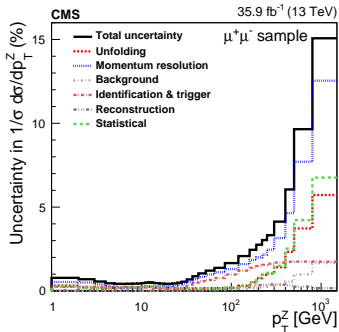
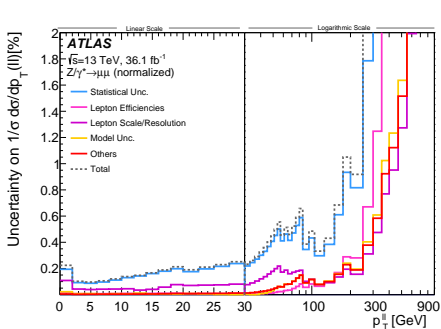
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What we're aiming for

LHC data for fiducial Drell-Yan production are *exquisite*:



Goal

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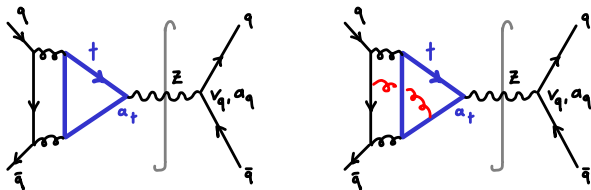
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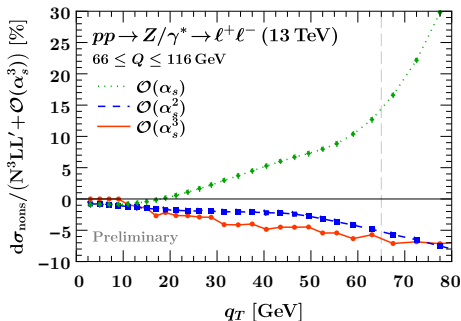
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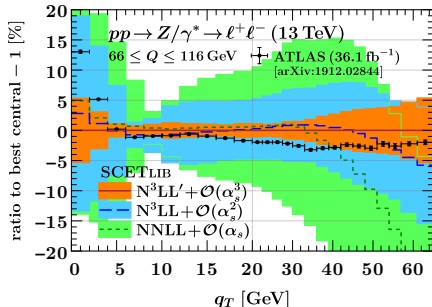
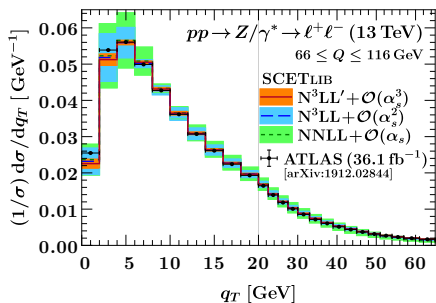
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- In-house analytic implementation of all helicity structure functions at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$
- Fiducial Z +jet MC data at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ from MCFM
[Campbell, Ellis, et al. '99, '15]
- Very recently: Precise fiducial Z +jet MC data at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ from NNLOjet
[Chen et al., 2203.01565 – many thanks to the NNLOjet collaboration for providing the raw data.]
- Use that $\left| \int_0^{8 \text{ GeV}} dq_T \frac{d\sigma_{\text{nons}}^{(3)}}{dq_T} \right| \leq 1 \text{ pb}$ to drop $d\sigma_{\text{nons}}^{(3)}$ below 8 GeV

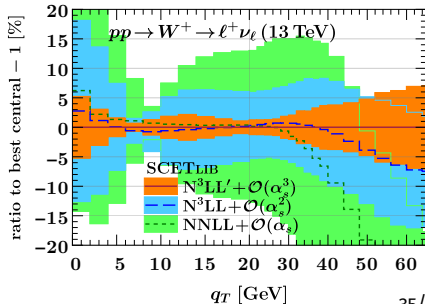
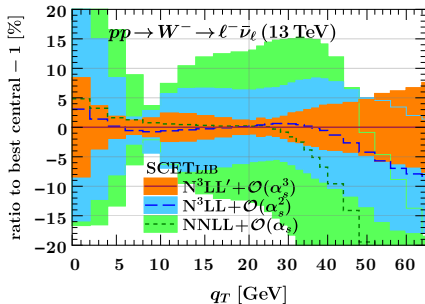
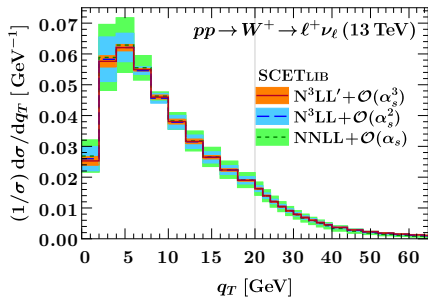
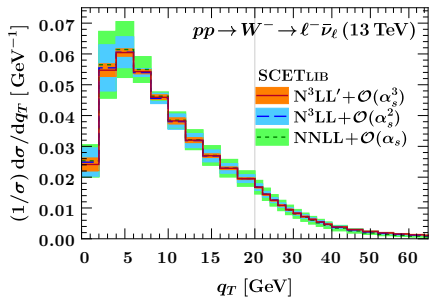
Results: Central prediction and perturbative convergence for $Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$

- Central results use MSHT20nn10 with $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.118, n_f = 5$
- NNLO (= three-loop!) PDF evolution formally sufficient at N³LL':
 - DGLAP kernels are a noncusp anomalous dimension
 - Scale dependence cancels within three-loop beam function
 - Separate question whether PDFs should have been extracted using three-loop $\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$



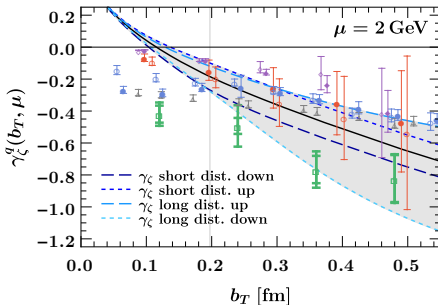
- Excellent perturbative convergence towards three-loop result
- Higher orders are covered by uncertainty estimate at lower orders
 ...see backup slides for how they are estimated

Results: Predictions for $W^\pm \rightarrow \ell\nu$



Nonperturbative model for the Collins-Soper kernel

$$\frac{1}{2}\gamma_{\nu, \text{NP}}^q(b_T) = \gamma_{\zeta, \text{NP}}^q(b_T) = c_{\zeta}^i \tanh\left(\frac{\omega_{\zeta, i}^2}{|c_{\zeta}|} b_T^2\right) = \text{sgn}(c_{\nu}^i) \omega_{\zeta, i}^2 b_T^2 + \mathcal{O}(b_T^4)$$



- Vary either ω_{ζ} (“short distance”) or c_{ζ} (“long distance”) to cover lattice results
[Collection of lattice data reproduced from Shanahan, Wagman, Zhao, 2107.11930]
- Pick central value of $\text{sgn}(c_{\nu}^i) \omega_{\zeta, i}^2 (1 \pm 2)$ to serve as bias correction for known leading (NNLL) bottom quark mass effect in γ_{ζ}^q :



$$\Delta\gamma_{\zeta}^q(b_T, m_b, \mu) = \frac{\alpha_s^2}{\pi^2} C_F T_F (m_b b_T)^2 \left(\ln \frac{b_T^2 m_b^2}{4e^{-2\gamma_E}} - 1 \right) \approx -(0.25 \text{ GeV})^2 b_T^2$$

- Most general structure of leading NP correction $b_T^2 \Lambda_i^{(2)}(\mathbf{x})$ is complicated
- However, can show that for a given process and fiducial volume, only a *single average coefficient* $\bar{\Lambda}$ remains after the integral over hard phase space Φ_B :

[Ebert, JKLM, Stewart, Sun '22]

$$\tilde{\sigma}(b_T) = \tilde{\sigma}^{(0)}(b_T) \left\{ 1 + b_T^2 \left(2\bar{\Lambda}^{(2)} + \gamma_{\zeta, q}^{(2)} L_{Q^2} \right) \right\} + \mathcal{O}[(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} b_T)^4]$$

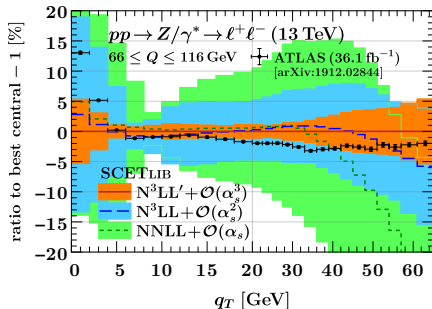
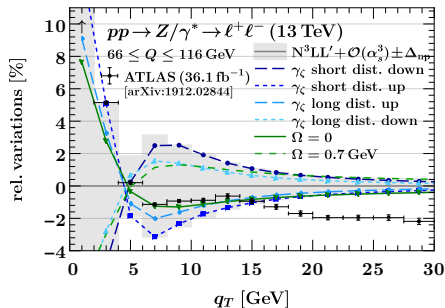
$$\bar{\Lambda}^{(2)} = \frac{\int d\Phi_B A(\Phi_B) \sum_{i,j} \sigma_{ij}^B(Q) f_i^{(0)}(x_a, \mu_0) f_j^{(0)}(x_b, \mu_0) [\Lambda_i^{(2)}(x_a) + \Lambda_j^{(2)}(x_b)]}{2 \int d\Phi_B A(\Phi_B) \sum_{i,j} \sigma_{ij}^B(Q) f_i^{(0)}(x_a, \mu_0) f_j^{(0)}(x_b, \mu_0)}$$

- ▶ Idea: Promote $\bar{\Lambda}^{(2)}$ to a single-parameter Gaussian model

$$f_i^{\text{NP}}(x, b_T) = \exp(-\Omega^2 b_T^2) \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{\Lambda}^{(2)} = -\Omega^2$$

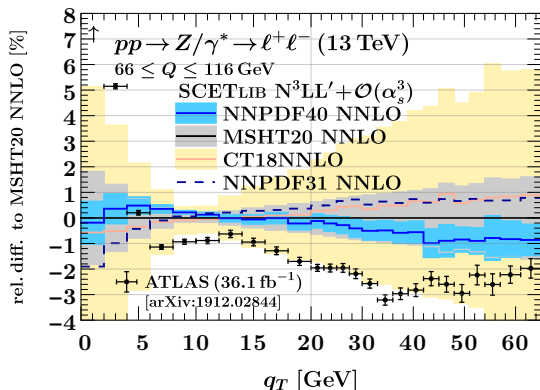
- Take central $\Omega = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$ and vary it as $\Omega = \{0, 0.7\} \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ For $q_T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$, this captures the most general form of the leading NP correction to the rapidity-integrated q_T spectrum

Results: Nonperturbative contributions



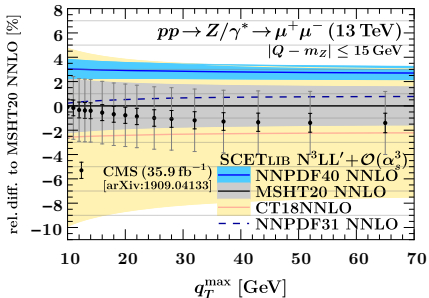
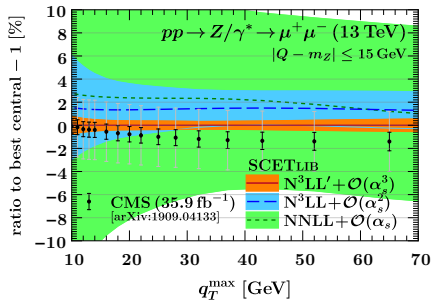
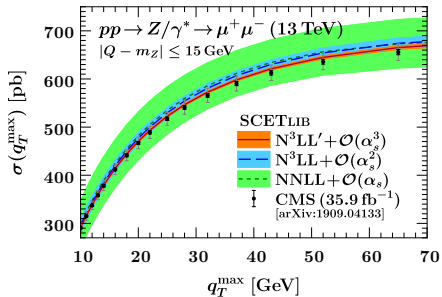
- Taken at face value, the lowest bins seem to prefer *weaker* NP effects
- N^3LL closer to data for $q_T \leq 15$ GeV with our default NP parameters, suggesting that three-loop and NP corrections can be traded off for one another
- Overshoot data at $q_T = 20 - 30$ GeV, way outside NP effect strength

Results: Impact of PDFs on normalized Z spectrum



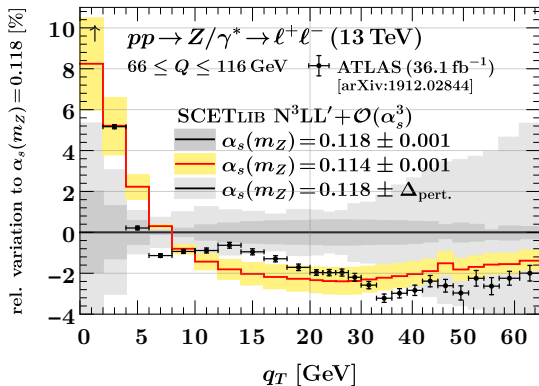
- PDF uncertainty largely cancels in normalized spectrum
- Cannot explain overshoot at $q_T = 20 - 30$ GeV

Cumulative unnormalized cross sections for N³LO PDF fits



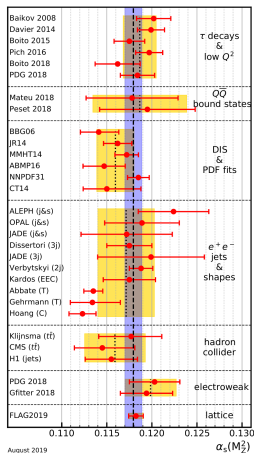
- Cumulative cross section distinguishes recent PDF sets
- $\mathcal{O}(b_T^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)$ effects $\leq 0.1\%$ past $q_T^{\max} \sim 20$ GeV
- Hold small $\alpha_s^{2,3}$ nonsingular fixed
 - ▶ Whole figure at few 100 CPUh
 - ▶ Promising target for N³LO PDF fits

Results: Impact of α_s on normalized Z spectrum



- Parametric uncertainty due to $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ on par with perturbative uncertainty
- Overshoot at $q_T = 20 - 30$ GeV is naturally explained by lower $\alpha_s(m_Z)$

This is not unprecedented ...



- Lower values of $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ have previously been reported in fits to e^+e^- event shapes (thrust and C parameter)

DISCLAIMER: This was *not* an actual fit to $\{\alpha_s(m_Z), \Omega, \omega_\zeta^{(2)}\}$.

- Like $p_T^{Z/W}$, these are driven by all-order resummation ...

T. Rex Might Have Had Close Cousins

New York Times, March 1, 2022

“That’s not the kind of thing you should be doing based on femur robusticity and the presence or absence of a tooth,” Dr. Hone added. “If you’re going to shoot for the king, don’t miss.”



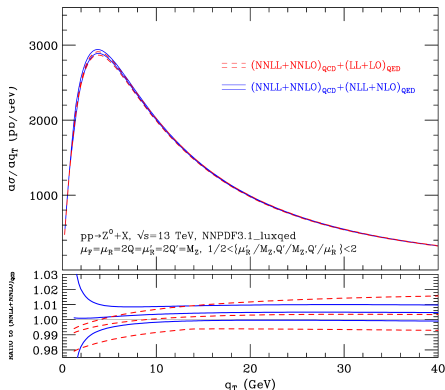
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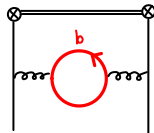
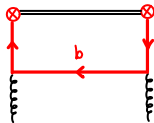
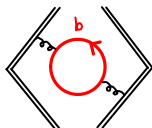


[Cieri, Ferrera, Sborlini 1805.11948]

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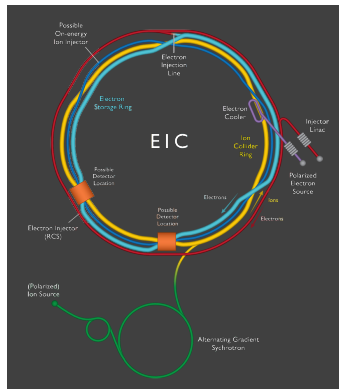
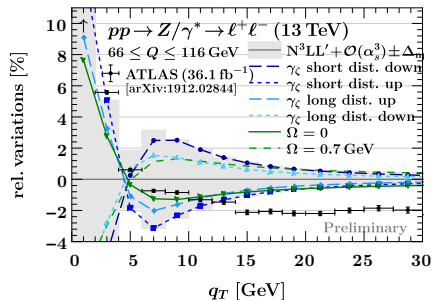
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- Subleading power TMD factorization of *nonsingular* cross section
[Progress towards doing this at least for $\mathcal{O}(q_T/Q)$ azimuthal correlations!]
[Moos, Scimemi, Vladimirov '21-'22; Ebert, Gao, Stewart '21]
- Probably most important: Full treatment of mass effects/flavor thresholds
 - Expect impact on spectrum (and cumulative cross section) to be suppressed by $\# m_b^2/q_T^2$?



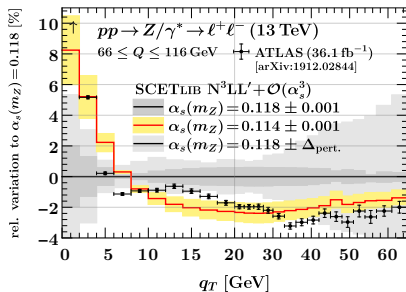
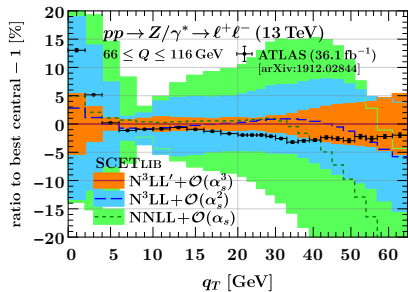
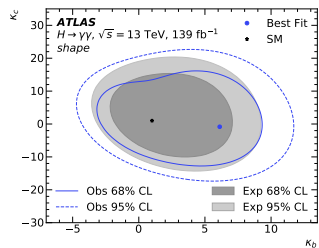
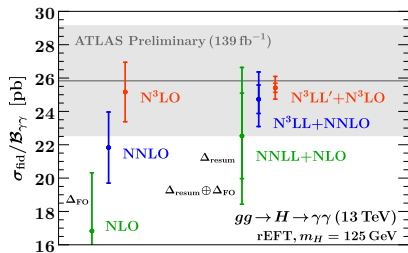
The future is bright

Important challenge: How to connect TMD NP parameter Ω between Z and W^\pm ?

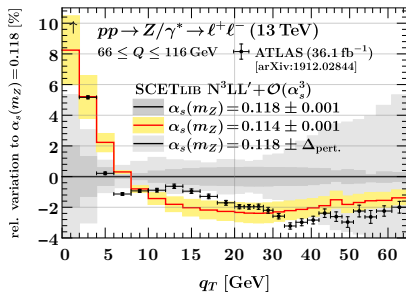
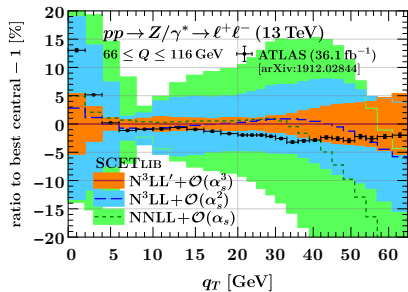
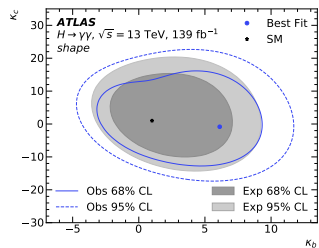
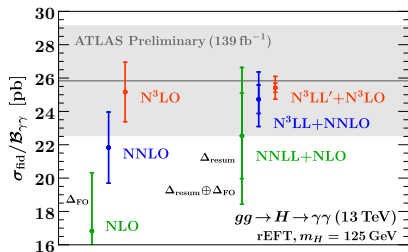
- ▶ How similar are the transverse distributions of u vs. d , \bar{u} vs. \bar{d} really?
- Essentially unconstrained in current global TMD PDF fits
- Flavor structure can have ± 10 MeV impact on p_T^ℓ -based m_W measurement [Bacchetta, Bozzi, Radici, Ritzmann, Signori '18]
- ▶ EIC to the rescue!



Summary (in pictures)



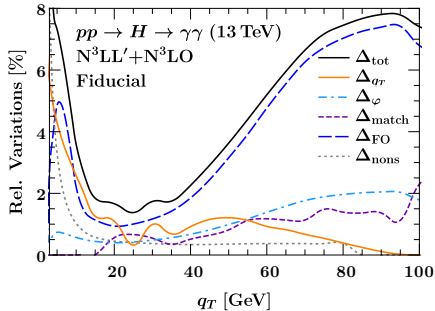
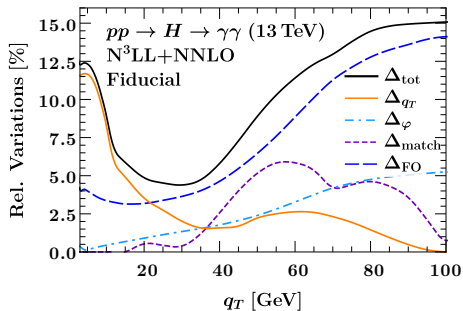
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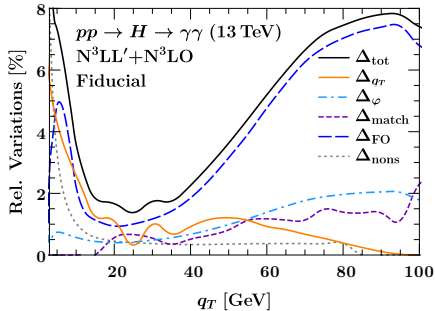
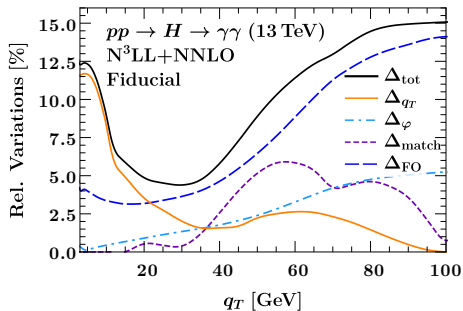
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$$\Delta_{tot} = \Delta_{q_T} \oplus \Delta_{\varphi} \oplus \Delta_{match} \oplus \Delta_{FO} \oplus \Delta_{nons}$$

- Probes higher-order **resummed** terms $\sim \ln q_T/m_H$
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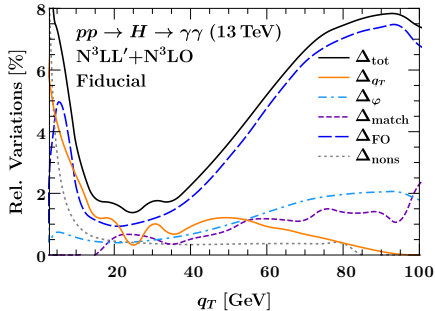
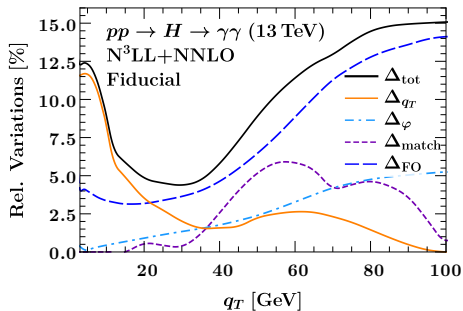
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- Probes higher-order terms $\sim \ln \frac{-m_H^2 - i0}{\mu_H^2} = -i\pi$ in **timelike gluon form factor**
- Estimated by varying phase of complex hard scale over $\arg \mu_H \in \{\pi/4, 3\pi/4\}$

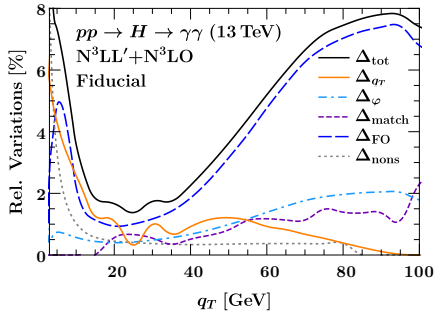
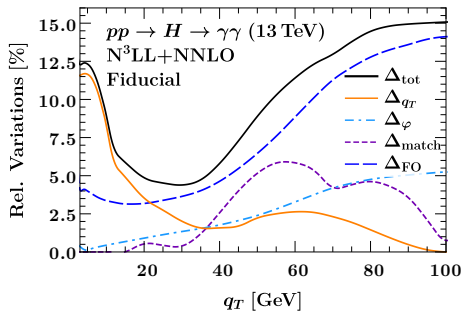
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- Uncertainty from **matching scheme** between resummed peak and fixed-order tail
- Estimated by varying the transition points governing resummation turn-off
- Turn-off implemented by *profile scales* $\mu_{B,S} \rightarrow \mu_{\text{FO}}$
 - Ambiguity manifestly reduces at each order

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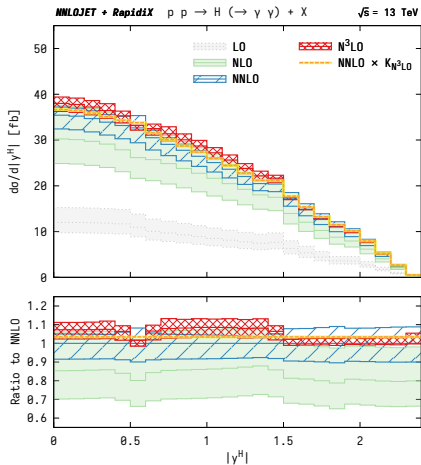
- Fixed-order uncertainty
- Estimated by standard variations of overall $\mu_{FO} = \mu_R$ (dominates over μ_F)
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 ...see separate backup slide

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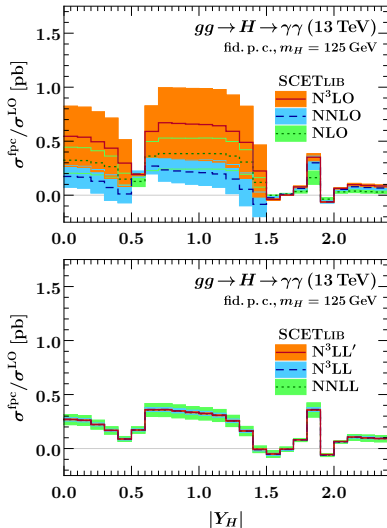
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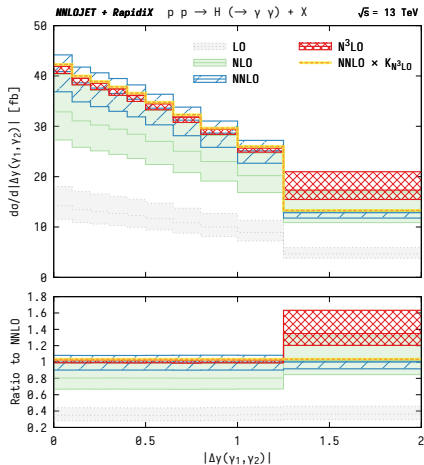


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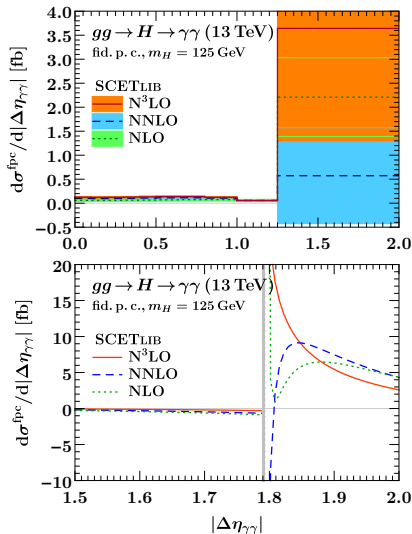
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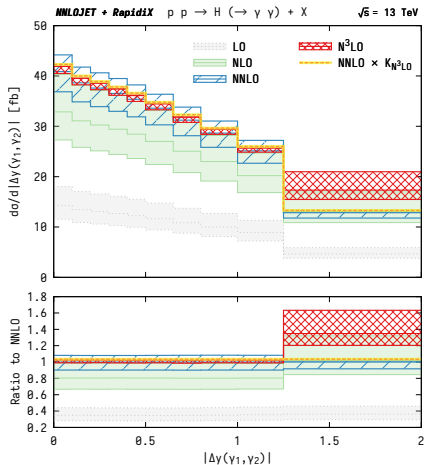


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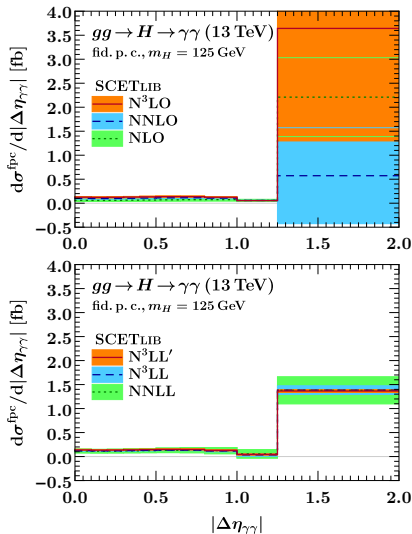
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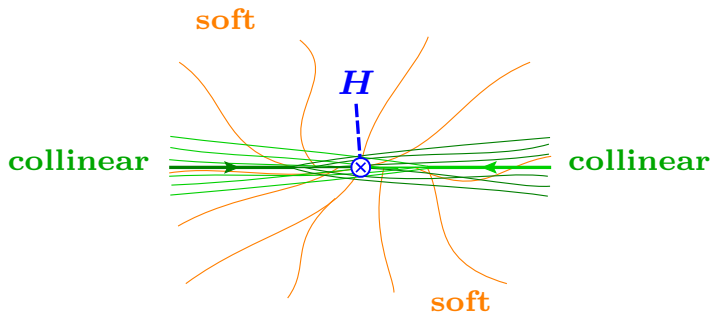


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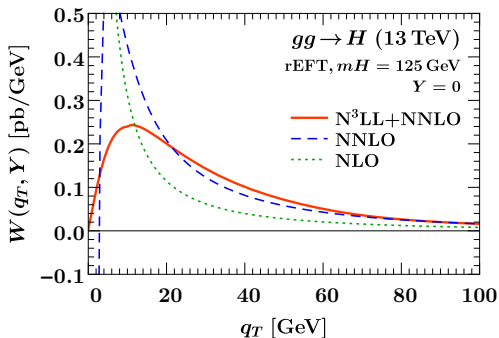
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Leading-power factorization & resummation to N^3LL'

- Renormalization group evolution between (e.g.) $\mu_S \sim q_T$ and $\mu_H \sim m_H$ resums large $\frac{\alpha_s^n}{q_T} \ln^{2n} \frac{q_T}{m_H}$ to all orders \Rightarrow Sudakov peak $\sim \frac{1}{q_T} e^{-\alpha_s \ln^2 q_T/m_H}$



- N^3LL' \Leftrightarrow complete three-loop anomalous dimensions and boundary conditions
[See backup for a complete list of ingredients and references]
- Apart from high order, this is completely standard for inclusive q_T spectrum

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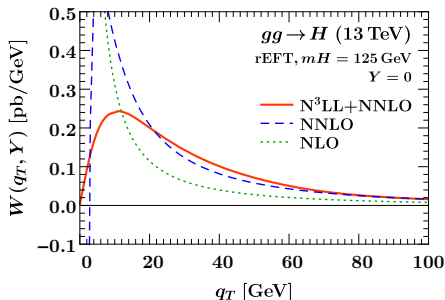
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Ingredients satisfy 2D renormalization group equations, e.g. soft function:

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

- 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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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]

Differential q_T subtractions

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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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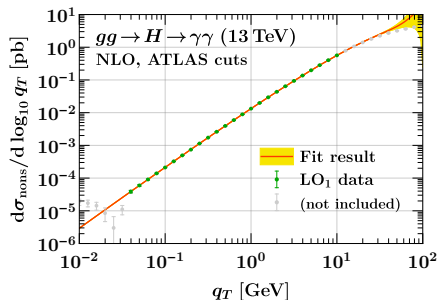
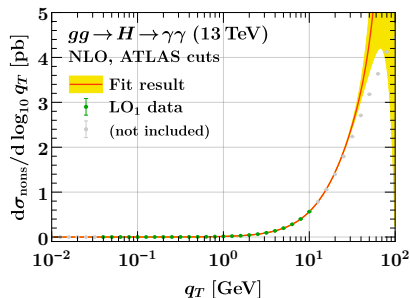
Key idea

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

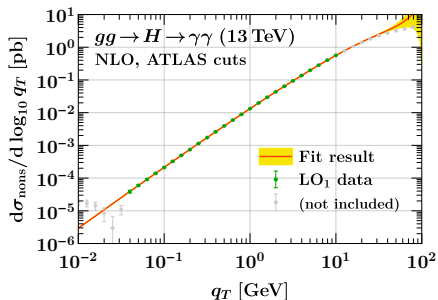
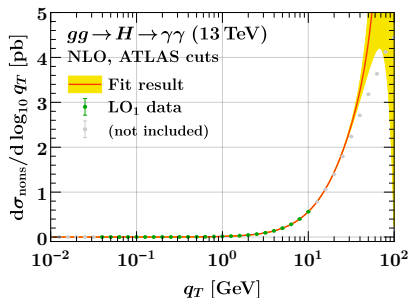
Fit results at (N)NLO



Fixed-order inputs:

- NLO contribution to $W(q_T, Y)$ at $q_T > 0$ (LO₁) is easy
- At NNLO (NLO₁), renormalize & implement bare analytic results for $W(q_T, Y)$
[Dulat, Lionetti, Mistlberger, Pelloni, Specchia '17]

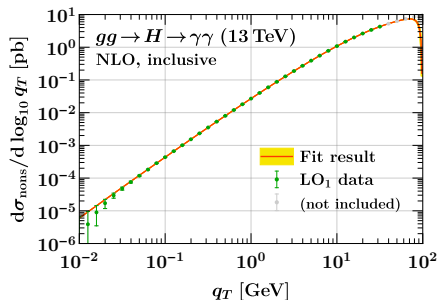
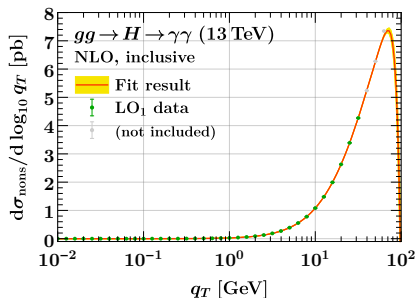
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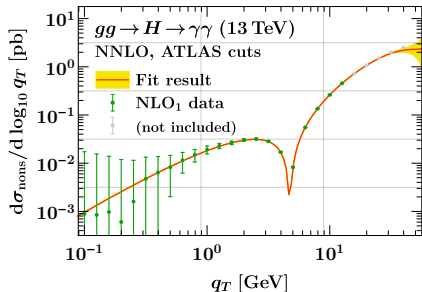
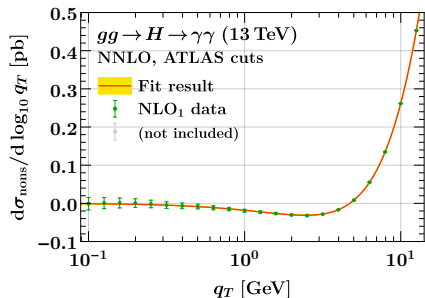
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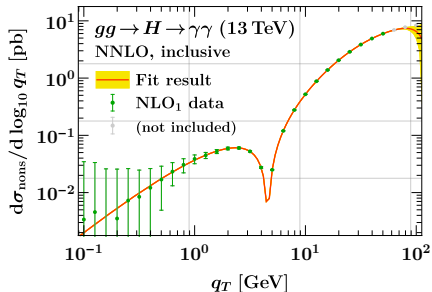
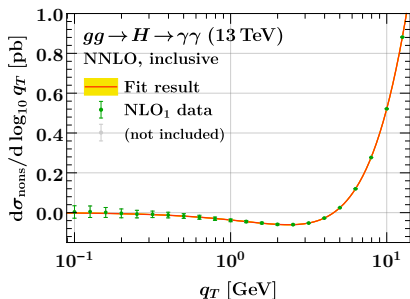
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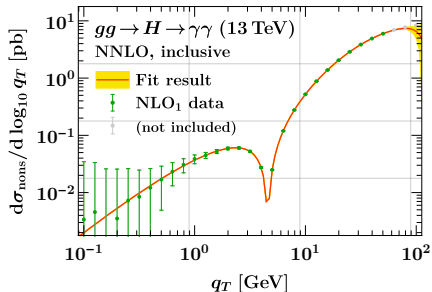
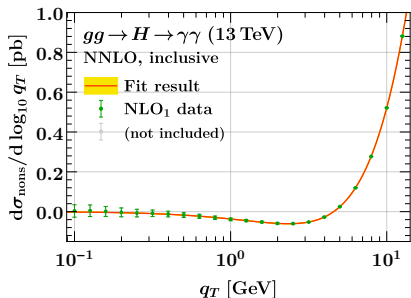
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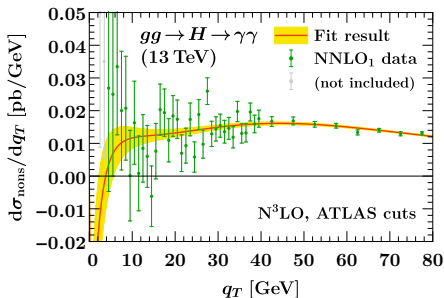
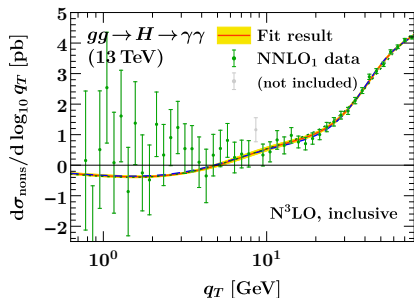


- Check the purely hadronic a_k^{fid} by directly fitting them to

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

- 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

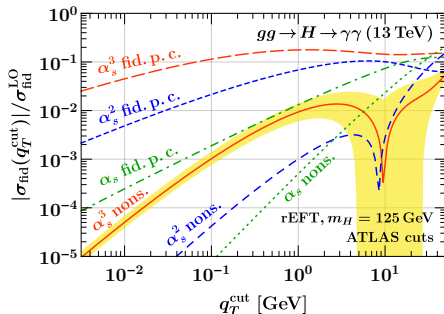
Fit results at N³LO



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



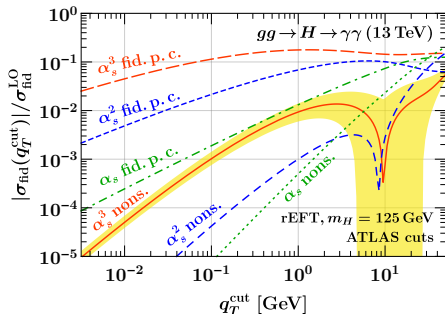
Slicing approach to q_T subtractions:

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

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

- Slicing uses finite $q_T^{\text{cut}} \sim 2$ 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} (e.g., without cuts), 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:

[used e.g. in Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Mistlberger, Pelloni, 2102.07607]

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dY} = A(0, Y) \frac{d\sigma_{\text{incl}}}{dY} + \int_{\approx q_T^{\text{cut}}} dq_T [A(q_T, Y) - A(0, Y)] W(q_T, Y)$$

- 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 $q_T^{\text{cut}} \ll 0.1 \text{ GeV}$ to get error below 10% of $\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{fid}}$!
- [See also Salam, Slade, 2106.08329 for an explicit/analytic estimate at double-logarithmic level]

Backup (Drell-Yan)

- Use exact analytic solutions of virtuality and rapidity RG equation, combined with fast numerically exact solution of β function [Ebert '21]

...will come back to this

- Choose RG boundary scales as *hybrid profile scales* $\mu_X(b_T, q_T, Q)$:
[Lustermans, JKLM, Tackmann, Waalewijn '19]

$$\mu_X(b_T, q_T \ll Q) = \frac{b_0}{b_T} \quad \text{but} \quad \mu_X(b_T, q_T \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow \mu_{\text{FO}} = Q$$

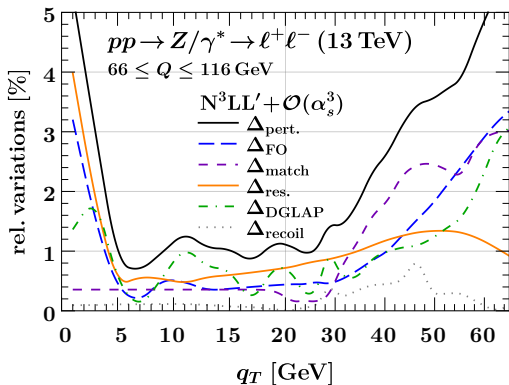
- Apply “local” b^* prescription starting at $\mathcal{O}(b_T^4)$ to virtuality scales *only*:

$$\mu_X \rightarrow \mu_X^* = \left[(\mu_X^{\min})^4 + \left(\frac{b_0}{b_T} \right)^4 \right]^{1/4} = \frac{b_0}{b_T} \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{O} \left[(\mu_i^{\min} b_T)^4 \right] \right\}$$

- ▶ Avoids contaminating nonperturbative corrections at quadratic order
[Conflict with b_T -space renormalon structure: Scimemi, Vladimirov '18]
[Translation back to momentum space: Ebert, JKLM, Stewart, Sun '22]

- For PDFs inside beam functions, use $\mu_f^{\min} = \min\{Q_0, m_c\}$

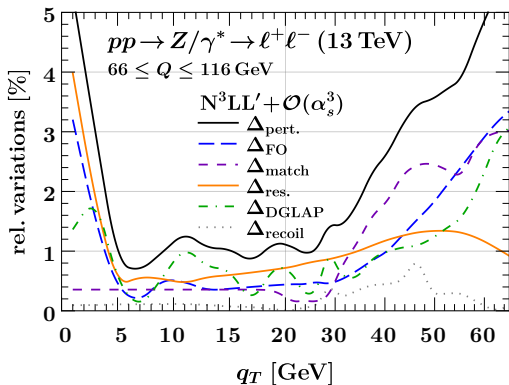
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- Fixed-order uncertainty, keeps resummed logarithms unchanged
- Estimated by standard variations of overall $\mu_R = \mu_{\text{FO}}$
- All scales (except μ_f) are chosen $\propto \mu_{\text{FO}}$, so e.g. μ_H/μ_S unchanged
- Frozen out at $b_T \lesssim 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ by μ_X^* prescription \Rightarrow disentangled from NP

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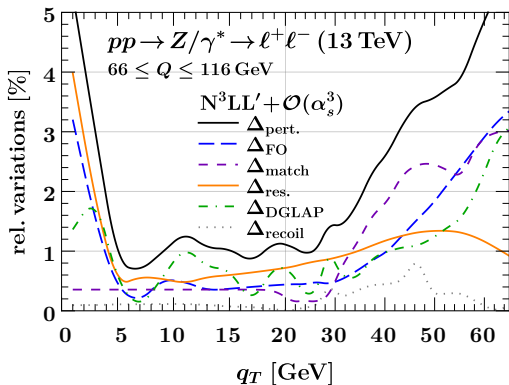
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- Uncertainty from **matching scheme** between resummed peak and fixed-order tail
- Estimated by varying the $x = q_T/Q$ transition points in hybrid profile as

$$\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} = \{0.3, 0.6, 0.9\} \pm \{0.1, 0.15, 0.2\}$$

- Checked that *inclusive* integrated cross section is recovered within Δ_{match}

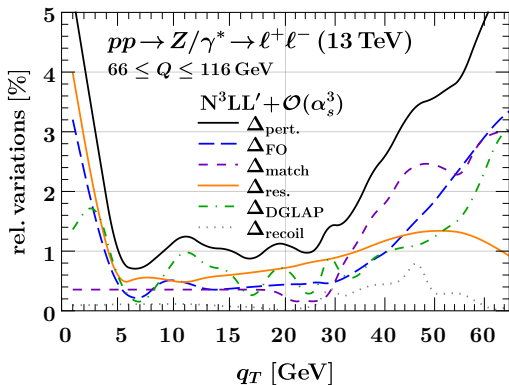
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- Probes higher-order **resummed** logarithms
- Estimated by envelope of 36 different combinations of independently varying $\{\mu_B, \mu_S, \nu_B, \dots\}$ in $\sigma^{(0)} = H B \otimes B \otimes S$
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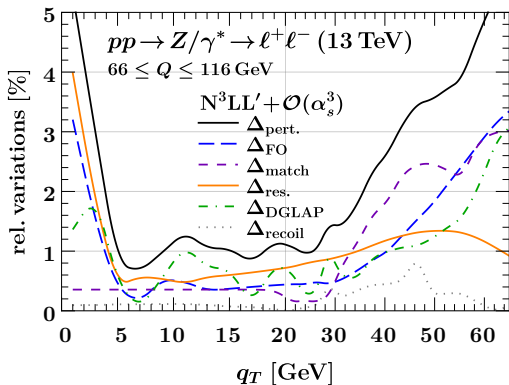
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- Estimate of missing higher orders (four loops) in **DGLAP** running
- Estimated both in peak and tail by joint variations of $\mu_f(b_T, q_T, Q)$ and $\mu_F(Q)$
- Oscillatory due to b_T -space features at uncanceled m_b threshold

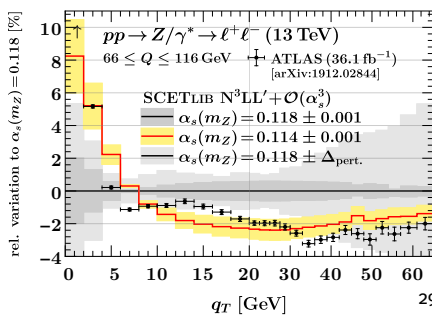
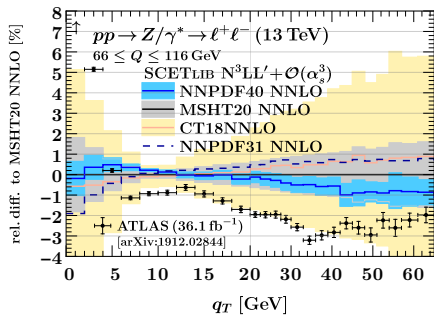
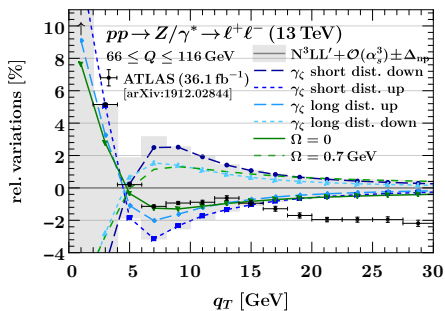
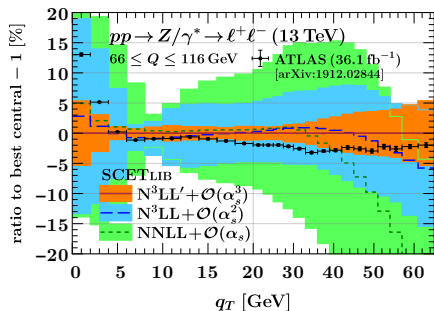
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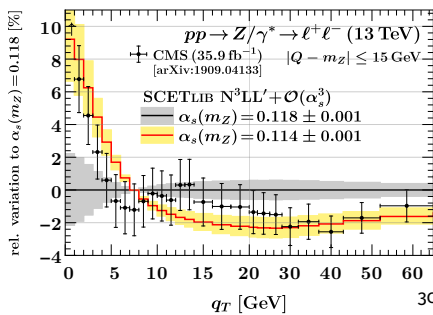
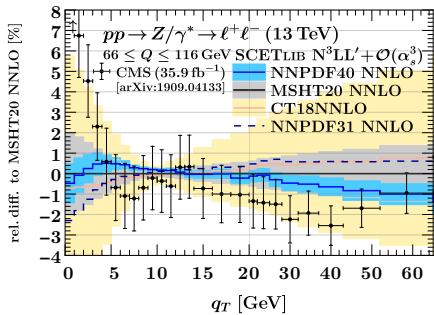
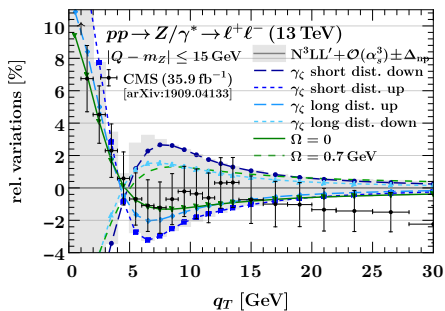
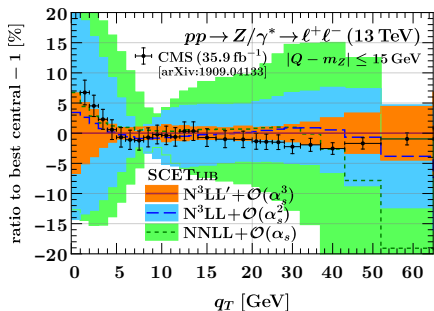
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- RPI-I transformation of n_a^μ, n_b^μ in $W_{\text{LP}}^{\mu\nu} \sim g_\perp^{\mu\nu}(n_a, n_b)$
- Induces $\mathcal{O}(q_T^2/Q^2)$ change in spectrum due to fiducial cuts on $L_{\mu\nu}$
[Ebert, JKLM, Stewart, Tackmann '20]
- Equivalent to changing “recoil prescription”/choice of Z rest frame by $\mathcal{O}(q_T/Q)$

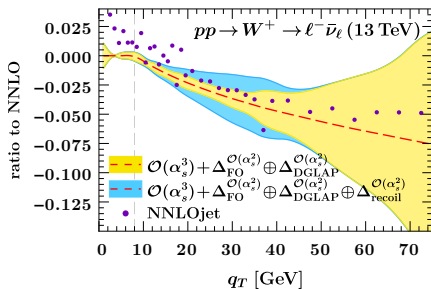
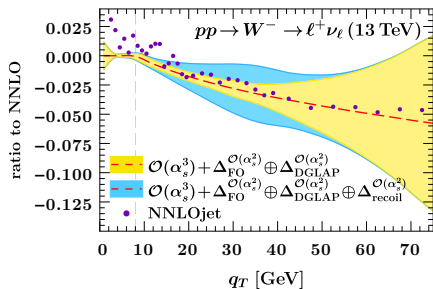
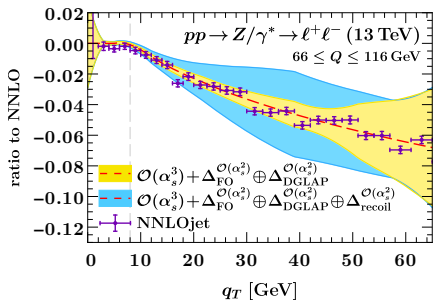
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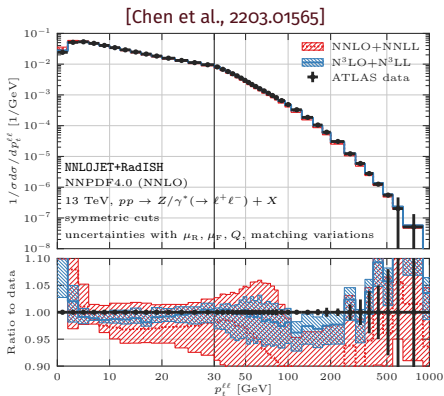
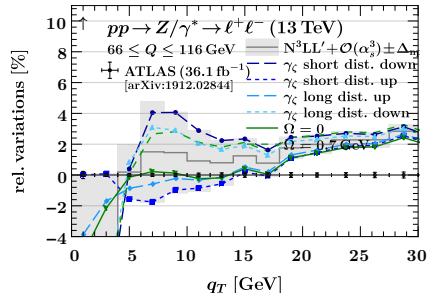
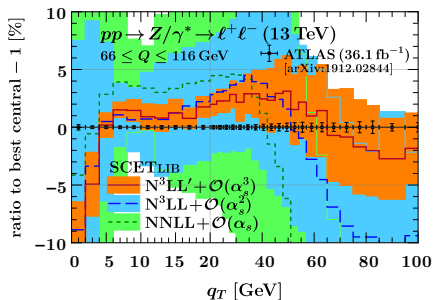
CMS normalized spectrum (dressed leptons)



$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ nonsingular interpolations



Comparison with RadISH (using identical NNLOjet fixed-order matching)



- Can recover the data for $q_T \leq 4$ GeV with NP model \approx off
- To recover the RadISH result at ≤ 4 GeV, would need large positive $\gamma_c^{(2)}$ or $\bar{\Lambda}^{(2)}$
- In either case, cannot recover ≥ 20 GeV due to Λ_{QCD}^2/q_T^2 scaling imposed by TMD factorization & OPE

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e.g.:
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- Implementation of Sudakov kernels in SCETlib is exactly equal to numerical solution of β function + numerical μ' integral
 - ▶ $\beta(\alpha_s)$ and $\Gamma(\alpha_s)$ truncated after α_s^4 ,
no additional approximations or assumptions
 - ▶ Exact RGE closure $U(\mu_0, \mu) U(\mu, \mu_0) = 1$
 - ▶ Exact path independence in (μ, ν) or (μ, ζ) plane
- ...but much faster, thanks to closed-form results in [Ebert, 2110.11360] in terms of a single polynomial root-finding problem

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- Common to expand $K_\Gamma(\mu_0, \mu)$ in terms of $\alpha_s(\mu_0)$ throughout instead
 \Rightarrow simpler analytic solution with $g^{(1)}$ a function of an $\mathcal{O}(1)$ argument:

$$K_\Gamma^{\text{exp.}}(\mu_0, \mu) = Lg^{(1)}(\alpha_s(\mu_0)L) + \text{NLL}, \quad L = \ln \frac{\mu_0}{\mu}$$

- However, reexpanding in terms of $\alpha_s(\mu_R)$, $\mu_R \neq \mu_0$ (read: $\mu_0 =$ resummation scale) leads to large truncation errors [Billis, Tackmann, Talbert, 1907.02971]

