Precision Monte Carlo event generators for Higgs boson production in gluon fusion

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Higgs-boson production in gluon fusion

- ► Gluon fusion dominant Higgs production mode at LHC
- ▶ In large m_t limit described by effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm eff} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm QCD} - \frac{C}{4} H \, G^a_{\mu\nu} \, G^{\mu\nu}_a$$

- C known to N⁴LO [Chetyrkin,Kniehl,Steinhauser 1998], [Schröder,Steinhauser 2006], [Chetyrkin,Kühn,Sturm 2006]
- Inclusive and fully differential NNLO known [Anastasiou,Melnikov 2002], [Harlander,Kilgore 2002], [Anastasiou,Melnikov,Petriello 2005], [Catani,Grazzini 2007]
- Mixed QCD+EW corrections known [Anastasiou,Boughezal,Petriello 2009], [Actis,Passarino,Sturm,Uccirati 2008]
- Total cross section known to N³LO [Anastasiou,Duhr,Dulat,Herzog,Mistlberger 2015]
- Fully differential H+jet known to NNLO [Boughezal,Caola,Melnikov,Petriello,Schulze 2013]
 [Chen,Gehrmann,Glover,Jacquier 2014]
 [Boughezal,Focke,Giele,Liu,Petriello 2015]
- ► NNLO scale uncertainty still O(10%) Comparable to exp uncertainty Run I



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MC Toolkit

Fully differential NNLO

- ► FEHiP [Anastasiou,Melnikov,Petriello] hep-ph/0501130 / FEHiPro / eHiXS
- ► HNNLO [Catani,Grazzini,Sargsyan] arXiv:0801.3232, arXiv:0802.1410, arXiv:1306.4581
- Sherpa [Li,Prestel,SH] arXiv:1407.3773

Resummation

- ► HqT [de Florian, Ferrera, Grazzini, Tommasini] hep-ph/0512025, arXiv:1109.2109
- HRes [de Florian, Ferrera, Grazzini, Tommasini] arXiv:1203.6321

NLO matched to parton showers

- ► POWHEG Box [Alioli,Nason,Oleari,Re] arXiv:0812.0578
- ► HERWIG [Hamilton,Richardson,Tully] arXiv:0903.4345
- Sherpa [Krauss,Schönherr,Siegert,SH] arXiv:1008.5399

Merging of NLO matched calculations

- Sherpa [Gehrmann,Krauss,Schönherr,Siegert,SH] arXiv:1207.5031, arXiv:1207.5030
- Pythia [Lönnblad,Prestel] arXiv:1211.7278
- MG5_aMC@NLO [Frederix, Frixione] arXiv:1209.6215

NNLO matched to parton showers

- ► POWHEG/MINLO [Hamilton,Nason,Zanderighi] arXiv:1309.0017, arXiv:1501.04637
- ► Sherpa [Li,Prestel,SH] arXiv:1407.3773

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[Anastasiou,Melnikov,Petriello] hep-ph/0409088, hep-ph/0501130 [Anastasiou,Lazopoulos,Stöckli] FEHiPro, [Herzog] eHiXS

- Inclusive result from [Harlander,Kilgore] hep-ph/0201206, [Anastasiou,Melnikov] hep-ph/0207004, [Ravindran,Smith,vanNeerven] hep-ph/0302135
- Double real from ()₊ expansion [Anastasiou,Melnikov,Petriello] hep-ph/0311311 combined with sector decomposition [Binoth,Heinrich] hep-ph/0004013
- Allowed for the first time to apply cuts on final state



[Catani,Grazzini] arXiv:0801.3232, arXiv:0802.1410

- ▶ Real/real-virtual corrections from q_T subtraction [Catani,Grazzini] hep-ph/0703012
- ► Includes heavy quark mass effects [Grazzini,Sargsyan] arXiv:1306.4581



Fixed-order NNLO – Sherpa



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- Real/real-virtual correction from q_T cutoff method [Gao,Li,Zhu] arXiv:1210.2808 using [Becher,Neubert] arXiv:1007.4005 [Gehrmann,Lübbert,Yang] arXiv:1209.0682, arXiv:1403.6451
- Tree-level like terms from automated generators Amegic or Comix [Krauss,Kuhn,Soff] hep-ph/0109036, [Gleisberg,Krauss] arXiv:0709.2881; [Gleisberg,SH] arXiv:0808.3674
- ► Virtual corrections from [Ravindran,Smith,vanNeerven] hep-ph/0201114



\mathbf{q}_{T} Resummation

[Grazzini] hep-ph/0512025 [de Florian,Ferrera,Grazzini,Tommasini] arXiv:1109.2109

- NNLL matched to NLO $(m_t \rightarrow \infty)$
- All perturbative coefficients up to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$



[Frixione,Webber] hep-ph/0204244

Separate NLO calculation into standard and hard events

$$\begin{split} & \Im \ \to \ \bar{\mathrm{B}}^{(\mathrm{K})}(\Phi_B) = \mathrm{B}(\Phi_B) + \tilde{\mathrm{V}}(\Phi_B) + \mathrm{B}(\Phi_B) \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_1 \mathrm{K}(\Phi_1) \\ & \\ & \mathbb{H} \ \to \ \mathrm{H}^{(\mathrm{K})} = \mathrm{R}(\Phi_R) - \mathrm{B}(\Phi_B) \mathrm{K}(\Phi_1) \end{split}$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Phase space: } \mathrm{d}\Phi_1 = \mathrm{d}t\,\mathrm{d}z\,\mathrm{d}\phi\,J(t,z,\phi) \\ \mbox{Splitting functions: } \mathrm{K}(t,z) \to \alpha_s/(2\pi t)\,\sum\mathrm{P}(z)\,\Theta(\mu_Q^2-t) \\ \mbox{Sudakov factors: } \Delta^{(\mathrm{K})}(t) = \exp\left\{-\int_t\mathrm{d}\Phi_1\mathrm{K}(\Phi_1)\right\} \end{array}$

• MC counterterms cancel against Sudakov expanded to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

$$\begin{split} \langle O \rangle &= \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_B \,\bar{\mathrm{B}}^{(\mathrm{K})}(\Phi_B) \,\mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{MC}}^{(0)}(\mu_Q^2, O) + \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_R \,\mathrm{H}^{(\mathrm{K})}(\Phi_R) \,\mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{MC}}^{(1)}(t(\Phi_R), O) \\ \text{where } \mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{MC}}^{(n)} \text{ - generating functional of PS off } n \text{ partons, observable } O \\ \mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{MC}}^{(n)}(t, O) &= \Delta^{(\mathrm{K})}(t_c) \,O_n + \int_{t_c} \mathrm{d}\Phi_1 \,\mathrm{K}(\Phi_1) \,\mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{MC}}^{(n+1)}(t(\Phi_1), O) \end{split}$$

[Frixione,Nason,Oleari] arXiv:0709.2092

► Separate NLO correction into IR singular and IR finite events

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{S} &\to \bar{\mathrm{B}}(\Phi_B) = \mathrm{B}(\Phi_B) + \tilde{\mathrm{V}}(\Phi_B) + \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_1 \mathrm{R}^{(\mathrm{s})}(\Phi_R) \\ \mathbb{H} &\to \mathrm{H} = \mathrm{R}(\Phi_R) - \mathrm{R}^{(s)}(\Phi_R) \end{split}$$

- Phase space: $d\Phi_1 = dt dz d\phi J(t, z, \phi)$ Singular/finite separation: $R^{(s)}(\Phi_R) = R(\Phi_R) F(\Phi_R)$, e.g. $F = h^2/(p_T^2 + h^2)$ Sudakov factors: $\Delta^{(R)}(t, \Phi_B) = \exp\left\{-\int_t d\Phi_1 R^{(s)}(\Phi_R)\right\}$
- ► Cancel MC counterterms at NLO against expanded Sudakov form factor

$$\langle O \rangle = \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_B \,\bar{\mathrm{B}}(\Phi_B) \,\bar{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathrm{MC}}(\mu_Q^2, O) + \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_R \,\mathrm{H}(\Phi_R) \,\mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{MC}}^{(1)}(t(\Phi_R), O)$$

where $\bar{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathrm{MC}}^{\,(n)}(t,O)$ - generating functional of POWHEG

$$\bar{\mathcal{F}}_{\rm MC}(t,O) = \Delta^{\rm (R)}(t_c) O_0 + \int_{t_c} \mathrm{d}\Phi_1 \, \frac{\mathrm{R}^{(s)}(\Phi_R)}{\mathrm{B}(\Phi_B)} \, \mathcal{F}_{\rm MC}^{(1)}(t(\Phi_1),O)$$

Matching at NLO – MC@NLO vs POWHEG

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[Webber, Nason] arXiv:1202.1251

Color coherence and the dipole picture

- ► Gluons with large wavelength cannot resolve charges within emitting color dipole → angular ordering [Marchesini,Webber] NPB310(1988)461 (also known as soft double counting, collinear anomaly, ...)
- Soft radiation pattern correct if evolution reformulated in terms of color dipoles [Gustafsson,Pettersson] NPB306(1988)746, [Kharraziha,Lönnblad] hep-ph/9709424
- Dipole subtraction preserves parton picture by partial fractioning soft enhanced splitting function [Catani,Seymour] hep-ph/9605323

 $\frac{p_i p_k}{(p_i p_j)(p_j p_k)} \to \underbrace{\frac{1}{p_i p_j} \frac{p_i p_k}{(p_i + p_k) p_j}}_{(i,k) \to (ij,k)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{p_k p_j} \frac{p_i p_k}{(p_i + p_k) p_j}}_{(k,i) \to (kj,i)}$

 "Spectator"-dependent kernels, singular in soft-collinear region only → capture dominant coherence effects (3-parton correlations)

$$\frac{1}{1-z} \to \frac{1-z}{(1-z)^2 + \kappa^2} \qquad \kappa^2 = \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{Q^2}$$

► For correct soft evolution, ordering variable must be identical in both "dipole ends" (→ recombine eikonal factor at integrand level)

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[Prestel,SH] arXiv:1506.05057

► Choose parametrization such that soft term identical in all dipole types



z_j - light-cone momentum fraction of gluon (maps to collinear limit)
 → Full splitting function from adding collinear bits & enforcing sum rules

$$\begin{aligned} P_{qq}(z,\kappa^2) &= 2 C_F \left[\left(\frac{1-z}{(1-z)^2 + \kappa^2} \right)_+ - \frac{1+z}{2} \right] + \gamma_q \,\delta(1-z) \\ P_{gg}(z,\kappa^2) &= 2 C_A \left[\left(\frac{1-z}{(1-z)^2 + \kappa^2} \right)_+ + \frac{z}{z^2 + \kappa^2} - 2 + z(1-z) \right] + \gamma_g \,\delta(1-z) \\ P_{qg}(z,\kappa^2) &= 2 C_F \left[\frac{z}{z^2 + \kappa^2} - \frac{2-z}{2} \right] \\ P_{gq}(z,\kappa^2) &= T_R \left[z^2 + (1-z)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

The midpoint between dipole and parton showers



Extension to a subtraction method and MC@NLO

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- ► Can view new shower model as modification of CS subtraction
- ▶ IR-finite counterterms computed and implemented in Sherpa (improved cancellation in $pp \rightarrow h + j$ due to regulated 1/z terms)
- Sherpa MC@NLO based on exponentiation of CS dipole subtraction terms

[Krauss,Siegert,Schönherr,SH] arXiv:1111.1220, arXiv:1208.2815

- Dire modified CS subtraction automatically available for MC@NLO matching
- Interesting differences due to evolution variables and kernels



Towards higher logarithmic accuracy

[Krauss,Li,Prestel,Schönherr,SH] TBP!

- ► Big drawback of parton showers is lack of higher-order kernels
- Start improving with spacelike NLO splitting functions [Curci,Furmanski,Petronzio] NPB175(1980)27, PLB97(1980)437
- 2-loop cusp term subtracted & combined with LO soft contribution (similar to CMW rescaling [Catani,Marchesini,Webber] NPB349(1991)635)
- ► Implemented using weighting algorithms [Schumann, Siegert, SH] arXiv:0912.3501



[Lavesson,Lönnblad] arXiv:0811.2912, [Lönnblad,Prestel] arXiv:1211.7278 [Gehrmann et al.] arXiv:1207.5031, [Krauss et al.] arXiv:1207.5030 [Frederix,Frixione] arXiv:1209.6215

NL³SP / UNLOPS (Pythia)

- CKKW-L simulation upgraded to NLO by substituting individual ME's
- \blacktriangleright NLO matched events reweighted to CKKW scales $\mu_{R/F}\text{, }\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ subtracted
- Exact NLO cross sections recovered by unitarization (UNLOPS)

MEPS@NLO (Sherpa)

- CKKW-L simulation with NLO matched input events
- ▶ Events evaluated at CKKW μ_R , reweighted to μ_F , $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ subtracted
- Sudakov factor also multiplies NLO corrections

FxFx (MG5_aMC@NLO)

- Extension of MLM method to NLO
- Logarithmic accuracy not quantified

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NLO merging – UNLOPS

[Lönnblad, Prestel] arXiv:1211.7278

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▶ NL³ vs. UNLOPS merging – both parametrically $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ correct

NLO merging – MEPS@NLO

[Krauss,Schönherr,SH] arXiv:1401.7971

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► Residual fixed-order/resummation uncertainties in inclusive events

NLO merging – FxFx



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[Hamilton,Nason,Zanderighi] arXiv:1206.3572

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- ► Interpret NLO event in terms of QCD branchings, like in a parton-shower Assign transverse momentum scales q to splittings
- ► Evaluate α_s at nodal scales, multiply by Sudakov factors Maintain NLO accuracy by subtracting $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ expansion $(L = \log Q^2/p_T^2)$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{\mathrm{MINLO}}}{\mathrm{d}p_T^2\mathrm{d}y} = \Delta^2(Q, p_T) \frac{\alpha_s(p_T)}{\alpha_s(Q)} \left[\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}p_T^2\mathrm{d}y} + \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}p_T^2\mathrm{d}y} \Big|_{\mathrm{LO}} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left(A_1 L^2 + B_1 L - \beta_0 L \right) \right]$$

► *h*+jet MINLO NLO accurate for *h*+jet and *h* inclusive [Hamilton,Nason,Oleari,Zanderighi] arXiv:1212.4504



[Hamilton, Nason, Re, Zanderighi] arXiv:1309.0017

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• Reweighting of MINLO h+jet result with differential K-factor

 $d\sigma_{\rm NNLOPS} = d\sigma_{\rm MINLO} K(y_h) \qquad K(y_h) = \frac{d\sigma_{\rm NNLO}/dy_h}{d\sigma_{\rm MINLO}/dy_h}$

- ► NLO accuracy of $d\sigma_{\text{MINLO}}/dy_h$ implies $K(y_h) = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ \rightarrow preserves NLO accuracy of MINLO prediction
- ▶ Improve agreement with NNLO by damping $F = (\beta m_h)^{\gamma} / ((\beta m_h)^{\gamma} + p_T^{\gamma})$



Unitary Matrix-Element Parton-Shower merging

[Lönnblad, Prestel] arXiv:1211.4827

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PS expression for infrared safe observable, O

$$\langle O \rangle = \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_0 \,\mathrm{B}_0 \,\mathcal{F}_0(\mu_Q^2, O)$$
$$\mathcal{F}_n(t, O) = \Pi_n(t_c, t) \,O(\Phi_n) + \int_t^t \mathrm{d}\hat{\Phi}_1 \,\mathrm{K}_n \,\Pi_n(\hat{t}, t) \,\mathcal{F}_{n+1}(\hat{t}, O)$$

- ► Add ME correction to first emission $(B_0K_0 \rightarrow B_1)$ & unitarize + $\int_{t_c} d\Phi_1 \Pi_0(t_1, \mu_Q^2) B_1 \mathcal{F}_1(t_1, O) - \int_{t_c} d\Phi_1 \Pi_0(t_1, \mu_Q^2) B_1 O(\Phi_0)$
- \blacktriangleright ME evaluated at fixed scales $\mu_{R/F} \rightarrow$ need to adjust to PS

$$w_1 = \frac{\alpha_s(b\,t_1)}{\alpha_s(\mu_R^2)} \, \frac{f_a(x_a, t_1)}{f_a(x_a, \mu_F^2)} \frac{f_{a'}(x_{a'}, \mu_F^2)}{f_{a'}(x_{a'}, t_1)}$$

• Replace B_0 by vetoed xs $\bar{B}_0^{t_c} = B_0 - \int_{t_c} d\Phi_1 B_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle O \rangle = & \left\{ \int d\Phi_0 \, \bar{B}_0^{t_c} + \int_{t_c} d\Phi_1 \left[1 - \Pi_0(t_1, \mu_Q^2) \, w_1 \right] B_1 \right\} O(\Phi_0) \\ & + \int_{t_c} d\Phi_1 \, \Pi_0(t_1, \mu_Q^2) \, w_1 \, B_1 \, \mathcal{F}_1(t_1, O) \end{aligned}$$

Extension to NNLO – UN²LOPS



[Lönnblad,Prestel] arXiv:1211.7278 [Li,Prestel,SH] arXiv:1405.3607

- Promote vetoed cross section to NNLO
- Add NLO corrections to B_1 using S-MC@NLO
- Subtract $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ term of w_1 and Π_0

$$\begin{split} \langle O \rangle &= \int \mathrm{d}\Phi_0 \ \bar{\mathbb{B}}_0^{t_c} O(\Phi_0) \\ &+ \int_{t_c} \mathrm{d}\Phi_1 \left[1 - \Pi_0(t_1, \mu_Q^2) \, w_1 \left(1 + w_1^{(1)} + \Pi_0^{(1)}(t_1, \mu_Q^2) \right) \right] \mathbb{B}_1 \, O(\Phi_0) \\ &+ \int_{t_c} \mathrm{d}\Phi_1 \, \Pi_0(t_1, \mu_Q^2) \, w_1 \left(1 + w_1^{(1)} + \Pi_0^{(1)}(t_1, \mu_Q^2) \right) \mathbb{B}_1 \, \bar{\mathcal{F}}_1(t_1, O) \\ &+ \int_{t_c} \mathrm{d}\Phi_1 \left[1 - \Pi_0(t_1, \mu_Q^2) \, w_1 \right] \tilde{\mathbb{B}}_1^{\mathrm{R}} \, O(\Phi_0) + \int_{t_c} \mathrm{d}\Phi_1 \Pi_0(t_1, \mu_Q^2) \, w_1 \, \tilde{\mathbb{B}}_1^{\mathrm{R}} \, \bar{\mathcal{F}}_1(t_1, O) \\ &+ \int_{t_c} \mathrm{d}\Phi_2 \left[1 - \Pi_0(t_1, \mu_Q^2) \, w_1 \right] \mathbb{H}_1^{\mathrm{R}} \, O(\Phi_0) + \int_{t_c} \mathrm{d}\Phi_2 \, \Pi_0(t_1, \mu_Q^2) \, w_1 \, \mathbb{H}_1^{\mathrm{R}} \, \mathcal{F}_2(t_2, O) \\ &+ \int_{t_c} \mathrm{d}\Phi_2 \, \mathbb{H}_1^{\mathrm{E}} \, \mathcal{F}_2(t_2, O) \end{split}$$

$$\rm H_1^R~(H_1^E) \rightarrow$$
 regular (exceptional) double real configurations

UN²LOPS for Drell-Yan and Higgs production

[Li,Prestel,SH] arXiv:1405.3607



Higgs+3 jets at NLO and VBF backgrounds

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[Greiner,Luisoni,Schönherr,Winter,Yundin,SH] arXiv:1506.01016



- ► H + 2jets through gluon fusion is irreducible background to VBF → get handle on jet veto efficiency through H + 3jets at NLO
- Test jet scaling in process with topology similar to Drell-Yan lepton pair production

[Buschmann,Goncalves,Kuttimalai,Schönherr,Krauss,Plehn] arXiv:1410.5806

- $\blacktriangleright\,$ HQ mass effects change distributions, like Higgs q_T and reconstructed mass
- Simulated by reweighting with SM loop² result over HEFT result \rightarrow effects factorize for each number of jets in $pp \rightarrow h+jets$
- ► QCD radiative corrections from HEFT added in factorized form



Heavy quark mass effects

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[Buschmann, Goncalves, Kuttimalai, Schönherr, Krauss, Plehn] arXiv:1410.5806

• Impact on search for anomalous Higgs couplings $(\mathcal{M} = \kappa_t \mathcal{M}_t + \kappa_g \mathcal{M}_g)$



- ▶ Monte Carlo programs indispensable for pheno & analyses
- ▶ NNLO fixed-order standard for $pp \rightarrow h$ Now being incorporated into general-purpose MCs
- ▶ NLO (matched & merged) predictions up to h + 3 jets available Heavy quark effects included by reweighting
- Resummation uncertainties small in analytic approaches
 First attempts on uncertainty reduction in parton showers