Higgs Production at N3LO

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LHC Higgs Production in the Standard Model



LHC Higgs Data [Guenter Quast]



 $\mu = 1.09^{+0.11}_{-0.10} = 1.09^{+0.07}_{-0.07} \text{ (stat)} {}^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \text{ (expt)} {}^{+0.03}_{-0.03} \text{ (thbgd)} {}^{+0.07}_{-0.06} \text{ (thsig)}$

most precise measurement, theoretical error as large as the statistical one !

Total Higgs Cross section as of 2014



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 TOTAL NNLO: QCD vs EW

 QCD corrections 95%

 TOTAL NNLO:

 LO matrix elements 34%

 NLO matrix elements 44%

 NNLO ME 22%

[graphics by A.Lazopoulos]

- NLO QCD corrections known exactly (with top-bottom interference) [Graudenz et al 93, Spira et al 95,Harlander et al 05,Anastasiou 06, Aglietti 06]
- NNLO QCD in HQET [Harlander et al 02, Anastasiou et al 02, Ravindran et al 03]
- Subleading terms in the heavy top expansion [Pak et al 09, Harlander et al 09]
- EW corrections [Actis et al 08+09,Aglietti et al 04,Degrassi et al 04]
- mixed QCD EW corrections [Anastasiou et al 09]
- Soft gluon NNLL [Catani et al 03] SCET NNLL [Ahrens et al 08]
- Approximate N3LO [Moch et al 05, Ball et al 13]
- N3LL resummation of threshold logs [Bonvini et al 14, Catani et al 14]
- Soft Virtual and next to soft Approximation for N3LO [Anastasiou et al 14]

$\% \delta_{PDF}$	$\%\delta_{\mu}$
+7.79	+8.37
-7.53	-9.26

Meaningful Interpretation of future LHC Higgs data demand N3LO QCD Corrections!



Real-Virtual Squared

+UV and IR counter terms



Double Virtual- Real



Triple Virtual

N3LO



Double Real - Virtual



Triple Real

Towards analytic evaluation at N3LO

The Higgs Cross section depends only on a single dimensionless variable:

$$z = \frac{m_H^2}{\hat{s}}$$

Analytic evaluation likely in terms of multiple polylogarithms.

However..

- Number of cut-diagrams to be evaluated is around 100.000
- Infra-red divergences up to

$$\mathcal{O}\left(rac{1}{\epsilon^6}
ight)$$

Phase Space Integrals "were" completely unknown from other processes

Reverse Unitarity, IBPs and Differential Equations

Write cut-propagators as difference of Feynman Propagators

$$2\pi i\delta^+(p^2) \to \left(\frac{1}{p^2}\right)_c = \frac{i}{p^2 + i0} - \frac{i}{p^2 - i0}$$

Cut Propagators can be differentiated just like normal propagators

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p^{\mu}} \left(\frac{1}{p^2}\right)_c = -2p_{\mu} \left(\frac{1}{p^2}\right)_c^2$$

This allows to derive IBP identities and reduce integrals to a smaller set of independent master integrals, which satisfy a linear system of differential equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\mathcal{M}_i(z,\epsilon) = \sum_j C_{ij}(z,\epsilon)\mathcal{M}_j(z,\epsilon)$$

If the system can be decoupled (or brought into canonical form) a solution can be found given a suitable boundary condition.

Integral Statistics

	NNLO	N3LO
# diagrams	~1.000	~100.000
# integrals	~50.000	517.531.178
# masters	27	1.028

- Even after IBP reduction the number of integrals to be computed is large!
- Some of the systems of differential equation are very large and decoupling them is very non-trivial.

Status of Analytic Evaluation



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qq` channel known [Chihaya Anzai, Alexander Hasselhuhn, Maik Höschele, Jens Hoff, William Kilgore, Matthias Steinhauser, Takahiro Ueda]

Alternative Approach: Series Expansion around Threshold

$$\sigma_{PP \to HX}(\tau) \sim \int_{\tau}^{1} \frac{dz}{z} \mathcal{L}_{gg}(z) \,\sigma_{gg \to HX}(z)$$



Gluon Luminosity enhances the Threshold contribution at z = 1.

Threshold Expansion for Phase Space Integrals



Given the scalings of all momenta, Cut-diagrams can be Taylor-expanded around Threshold in momentum space.

Diagrammatically this can be written as

$$\Phi_3(\bar{z};\epsilon) = \bar{z}^{3-4\epsilon} \left[\begin{array}{c} & & \\$$

Since the soft expansion just raises or lowers powers of denominators, soft IBPS can be used to reduce to write everything back in terms of the first term in the expansion:



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#soft masters	5	78

- The number of soft masters is much smaller than the number of full masters.
- Soft Master Integrals can be used to express the Higgs Cross section and/or the full kinematic Master Integrals to all orders in the soft expansion by direct Integrand expansion.
- Soft Master Integrals can be used as a boundary condition to solve the differential equations.
- Soft Master Integrals can be used to construct an Ansatz for the full Master Integrals, which can be fixed by the differential equations.

Truncated Series Solution via Differential Equation

Ansatz:
$$\mathcal{M}_{i}(z,\epsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{6} \bar{z}^{-k\epsilon} \sum_{l=l_{0}}^{n} \mathcal{M}_{i}^{(k,l)} \bar{z}^{l} + \mathcal{O}(\bar{z}^{n+1})$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{M}_{i}(z,\epsilon) = \sum_{j} C_{ij}(z,\epsilon) \mathcal{M}_{j}(z,\epsilon)$$

- Substituting the Ansatz into the differential equations yields a linear system which can be solved order by order in zbar.
- Solved for the first 38 coefficients of the full Masters in terms of Soft Masters from knowledge of boundary.
- First few terms checked by explicit computation via Integrand Expansion.

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Results





 μ/m_h





Conclusions

- A new Era of N3LO QCD Precision Physics has begun at the LHC!
- The theory uncertainties in Higgs Production have decreased dramatically.
- It is now time to re-investigate other effects in Higgs Production:
 - PDF + α_s Uncertainties
 - Electroweak corrections
 - Top, bottom mass corrections
 - Differential Cross sections

e ...





Convergence of N3LO mu=mh



Example: Soft Expansion of the Double Real Phase Space Volume

$$\Phi_3(z;\epsilon) = \int d^D p_3 \delta^+(p_3^2) \ d^D p_4 \delta^+(p_4^2) \ d^D p_H \delta^+(p_H^2 - m_H^2) \ \delta^D(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4 - p_H)$$

has the following cut propagator representation

$$= \int d^D p_3 d^D p_4 \left(\frac{1}{p_3^2}\right)_c \left(\frac{1}{p_4^2}\right)_c \left(\frac{1}{s_{12}\bar{z} - 2p_{12}.p_{34} + 2p_3.p_4}\right)_c \\ \sim \bar{z} \qquad \sim \bar{z}^2$$

Expanding the Cut propagators around Threshold we obtain

$$=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\int d^{D}p_{3}d^{D}p_{4}\left(\frac{1}{p_{3}^{2}}\right)_{c}\left(\frac{1}{p_{4}^{2}}\right)_{c}\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}s_{12}-2p_{12}.p_{34}}\right)_{c}^{1+n}(-2p_{3}.p_{4})^{n}$$

Soft Expansion for combined Loop and Phase Space Integrals



- Several soft scalings or regions are possible for Loop Momenta.
- We find that these regions can be classified according to:
 - Hard $k \sim 1$
 - Soft $k \sim \bar{z}$
 - Collinear $(\alpha, k^{\perp}) \sim \bar{z}$ or $(\beta, k^{\perp}) \sim \bar{z}$
- Although more complicated for the collinear regions we have managed to find soft Master Integrals for all regions in the double real virtual.