

Precise predictions for double-Higgs production via vector-boson fusion

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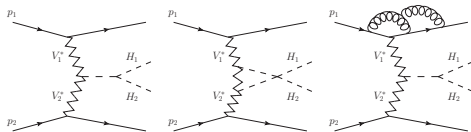
LHC: Great tool to probe fundamental interactions at high energies
→ Great to measure Higgs bosons

THE HIGGS BOSON

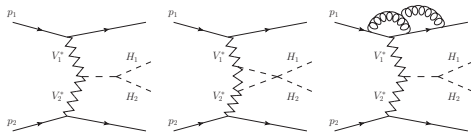


- Main discovery of the LHC!
 - no more **hunting**
 - focus on the measurements of its properties
 - **High-luminosity LHC**

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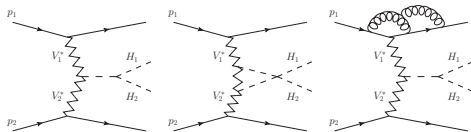
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Already available:

- NLO QCD in VBF approximation [Figy; 0806.2200], [Baglio et al.; 1212.5581]
- NLO QCD + PS [Frederix et al.; 1401.7340]
- N³LO QCD (inclusive) [Dreyer, Karlberg; 1811.07906]

Double Higgs production via VBF at the LHC

$$pp \rightarrow HHjj$$

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In addition to VBF contributions: $pp \rightarrow VHH \rightarrow HHjj$
(Higgs-Strahlung contributions)

→ $pp \rightarrow HHjj = \text{VBF} + VHH$

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- NLO EW at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$
 - all real photon corrections and virtual diagrams included
 - photon-induced contributions neglected

$$\sigma_{\text{NNLO QCD} \times \text{NLO EW}} = \sigma_{\text{NNLO QCD}} \left(1 + \frac{\delta_{\text{NLO EW}}^{\text{full}}}{\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{full}}} \right)$$

→ as in the Higgs cross-section working-group report for VBF

Input:

- LHC at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV
- PDF: NNPDF31_nnlo_as_0118_luxqed [NNPDF; 1712.07053]
- $\mu = \sqrt{\frac{M_H}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{M_H}{2}\right)^2 + p_{T,HH}^2}}$

Event selection:

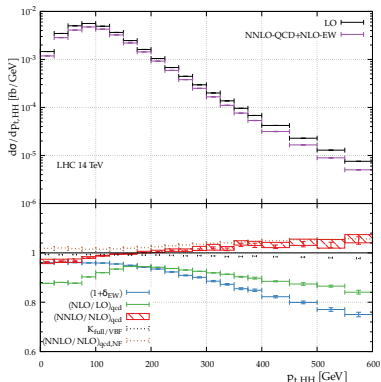
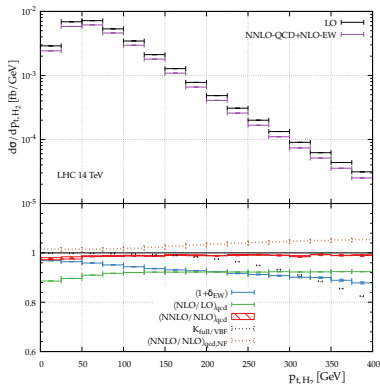
- $p_{T,j} > 25$ GeV and $|y_j| < 4.5$
- $m_{j_1 j_2} > 600$ GeV and $|y_{j_1} - y_{j_2}| > 4.5$
- No cuts on the Higgs bosons

→ Exclusive cuts to ensure reliable VBF approximation

$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{full}}$	$\delta_{\text{NLO QCD}}^{\text{full}}$	$\delta_{\text{NNLO QCD}}^{\text{VBF}}$	$\delta_{\text{NLO EW}}^{\text{full}}$	$\sigma_{\text{NNLO QCD} \times \text{NLO EW}} [\text{fb}]$
$0.78444(9)^{+0.0825}_{-0.0694}$	$-0.07110(13)$	$-0.0115(5)$	$-0.0476(2)$	$0.6684(5)^{+0.002}_{-0.0004}$
$+10.5\%$ -8.8%	-9.1%	-1.5%	-6.1%	-14.8% $+0.3\%$ -0.06%

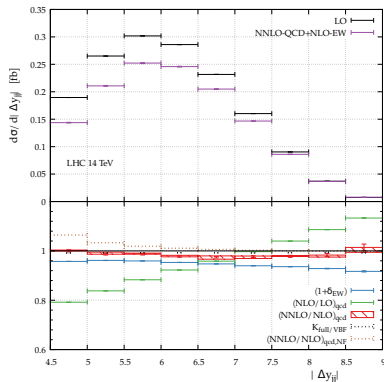
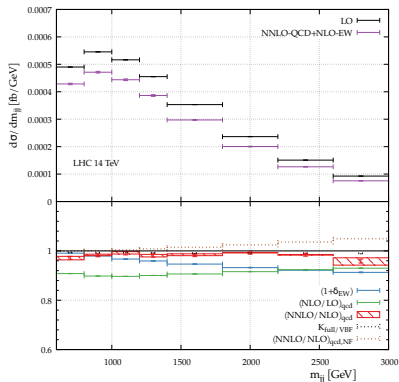
- Non-factorisable corrections: $0.01237(2)$ *i.e.* $+1.7\%$
- NLO EW corrections of the order of NLO QCD and larger than NNLO QCD
 - Typical size of EW corrections
(-5% for VBF [Ciccolini, Denner, Dittmaier; 0710.4749])
 - As opposed to intrinsic large EW corrections in VBS
[Biedermann, Denner, MP; 1611.02951]
- Measurable at the High-luminosity LHC

Differential distributions (1)



- Effect of VBF approximation up to 20%
- EW Sudakov logarithms in tails of distributions: -25%

Differential distributions (2)



- Important distributions for VBF: m_{jj} and $|\Delta y_{jj}|$
- Corrections at the level of 10/20%
- More distributions in [Dreyer, Karlberg, Lang, MP; 2005.13341]

NNLO QCD + NLO EW for VBF HH

[Dreyer, Karlberg, Lang, MP; 2005.13341]

- State of the art predictions at fixed order
- Quantifies VBF approximation
- NLO EW corrections of the order of the QCD ones

Thank you