

# Towards Efficient N3LO Predictions for Color Singlet Processes

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Based on:

**“N3LO Power Corrections for 0-jettiness Subtractions With Fiducial Cuts”**

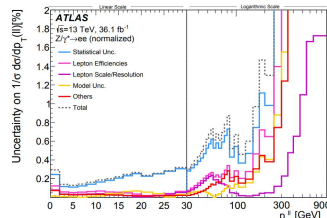
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# Outline

## ● Introduction

- Why do we need higher order predictions?

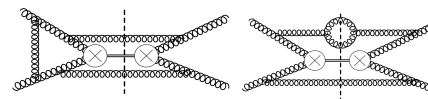


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## ● Enabling N3LO predictions

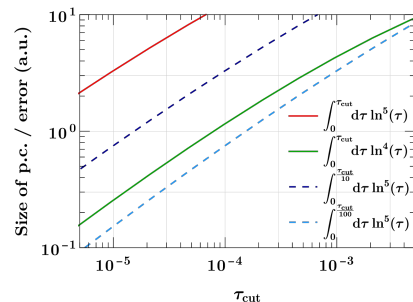
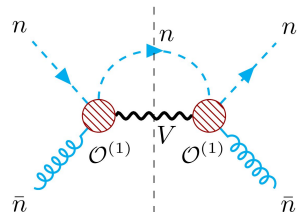
- Beam Functions for non-local subtractions at N3LO

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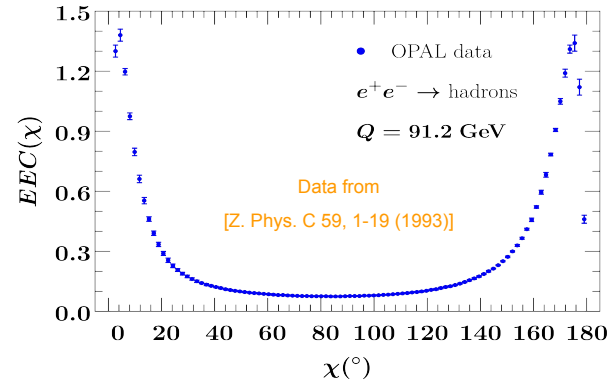
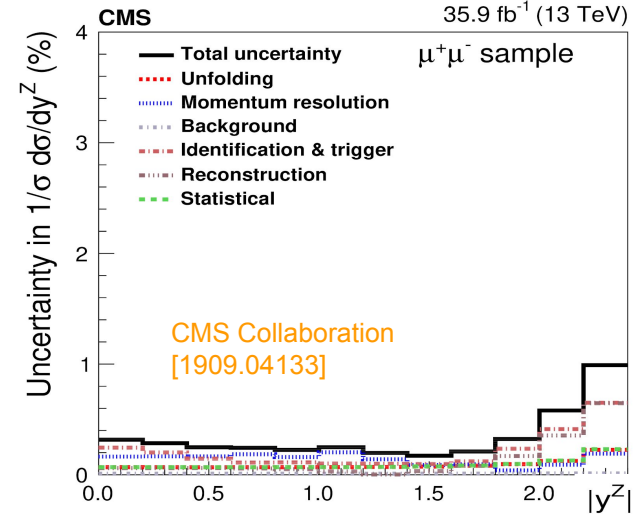
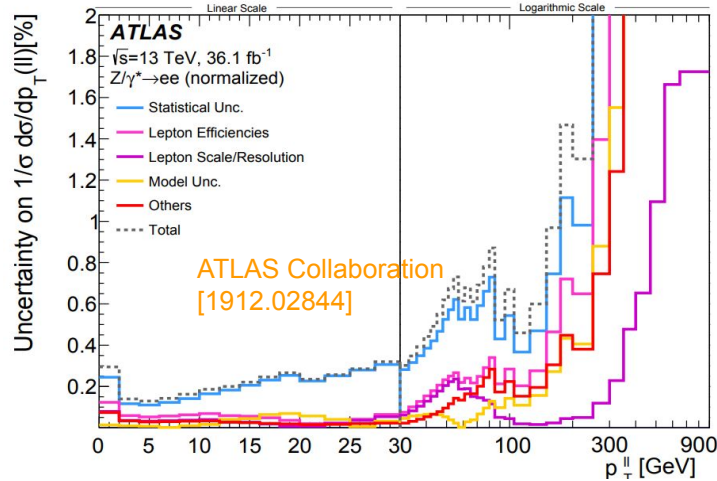
## ● Making N3LO predictions efficient

- N3LO Power corrections for 0-jettiness subtraction



# Testing the Standard Model at Colliders

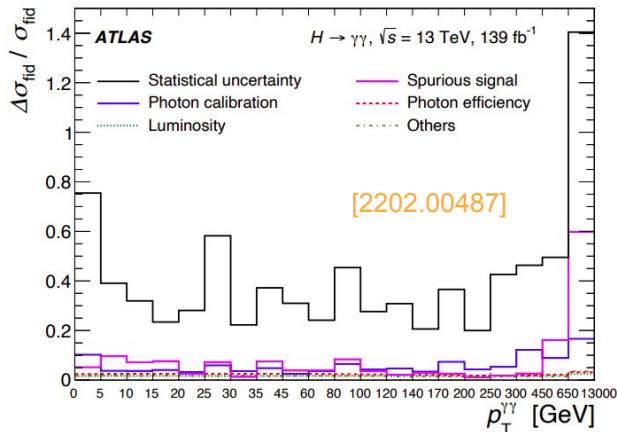
- **Percent** level accurate measurements of several processes key to some of the most pressing questions of contemporary particle physics



**Ability to test the SM at (sub)-percent accuracy!**

# Testing the Higgs at Colliders

- Measurements of Higgs differential distributions at the moment are **limited by statistics...**

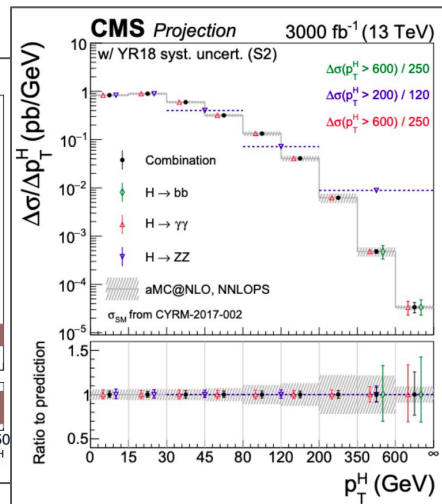
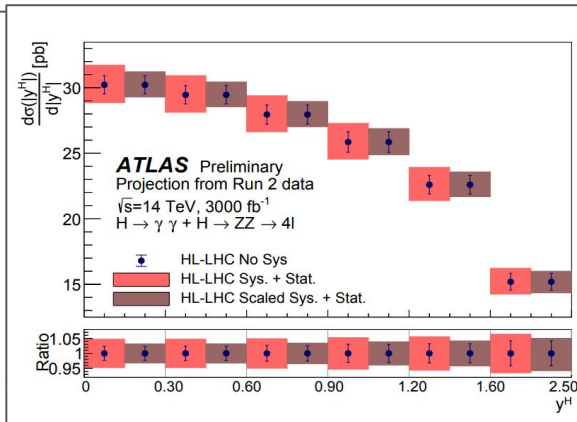
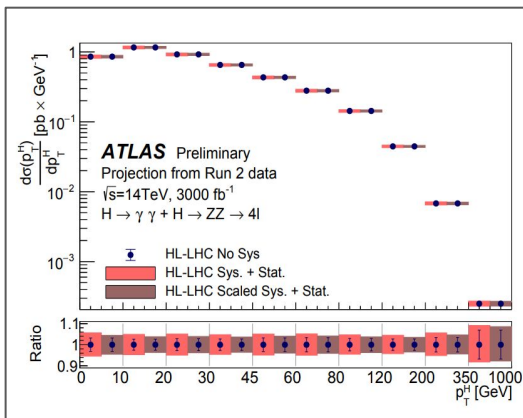


Note:

**Inclusive cross section:** total number of Higgs produced

**Differential distributions:** more fine grained questions about the dynamics of Higgs production and decay

...but situation will improve dramatically with HL-LHC



# Standard Model Phenomenology at percent level

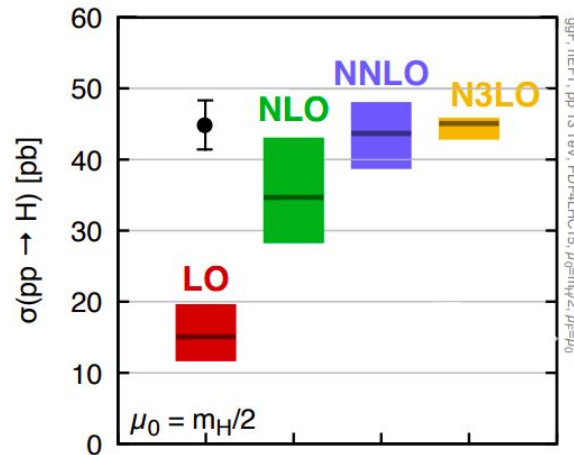
To answer these fundamental questions we need comparable precision from the theory side!

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**QCD Perturbation Theory**

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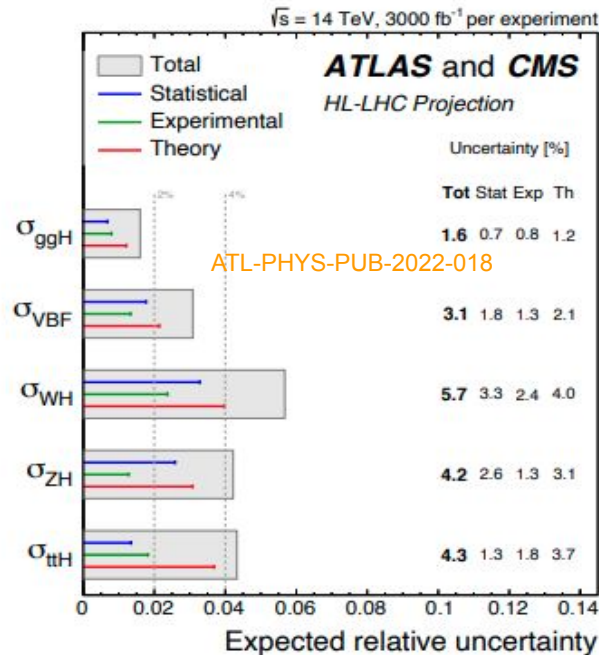
**Perturbative QCD at work!**

Without higher order predictions for the fundamental mechanism for Higgs boson production at the LHC (gluon fusion) we wouldn't be able to correctly describe collider experiments

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Theory errors are projected to be a **major limiting factor** for Higgs precision program...



...and the **projected theory error reduction** used in the HL-LHC analysis (a factor of 2 reduction compared to current results) will require **tremendous effort** from the theory community

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**Note:**  
N3LO corrections are sizable **not only** for Higgs!  
They are necessary ingredients for the precision program at LHC and future colliders.

N3loxs [Baglio, Duhr, Mistlberger, Szafron '22]

*“The Path Forward to N3LO”*  
Snowmass Whitepaper  
[Caola, Chen, Duhr, Liu, Mistlberger, Petriello, GV, Weinzierl]



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Main complication for N3LO differential distributions for Higgs, Drell-Yan

# Non-local subtractions

- One way to deal with IR singularities for cross sections are EFT-based subtractions:

**$q_T$  Subtraction:** [Catani, Grazzini '07]

**N-Jettiness Subtraction:** [Boughezal, Focke, Liu, Petriello '15]  
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**Residual:**

Non singular terms from below the cut (*power correction*).  
Minimized by going to very small values of cut parameter

- Extremely successful program for many color singlet (and top) processes at **NNLO**
- With **N-Jettiness** ability to tackle also processes with **jets in the final state**

[Matrix collaboration]

# Singular Region of LHC Observables

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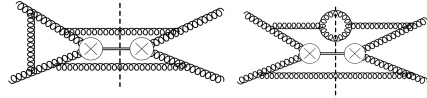
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- For **N3LO slicing** we need Hard, Beam and Soft functions at N3LO
- For **H** and **S**, necessary ingredients are **constants**: known at N3LO since **2010 (H)** and **2016 (S)**  
[Gehrmann, Glover, Huber, Kizilerli, Studerus '10] [Li, Zhu '16]
- For **Beam function** they are **full functions** (of the collinear splitting variable)

N3LO  $q_T$ -Beam Function were the last missing ingredient to extend these methods to N3LO

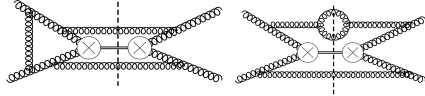
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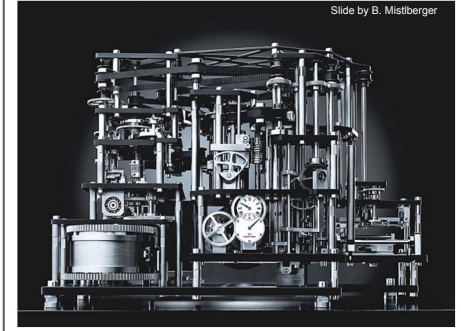


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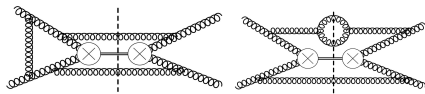


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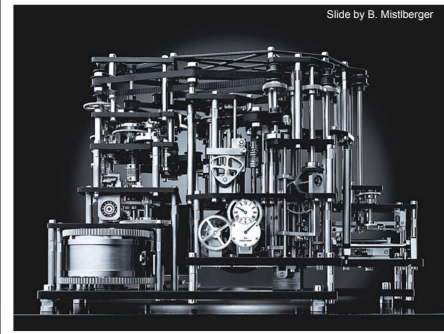
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Side by B. Mistlberger



Collinear expansion of the partonic cross section for  
Drell Yan and Higgs at N3LO differential in  $(Q_T, \tau, z)$

$$B_a(t_a, x_1^B, \mu)$$

project to  $\tau$

project to  $q_T$

$$\tilde{B}_i\left(x_1^B, b_T, \mu, \frac{\nu}{\omega_a}\right)$$

“N-Jettiness Beam Functions at N3LO”

M.Ebert, B.Mistlberger, **GV** [2006.03056]

“Transverse Momentum Dependent PDFs at N3LO”

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○ Quark  $\tau$  Beam Functions (i.e. Quark N-Jettiness BF)

○ Quark **TMDPDF** (Quark  $q_T$  Beam Function)

○ Gluon  $\tau$  Beam Functions (i.e. Gluon N-Jettiness BF)

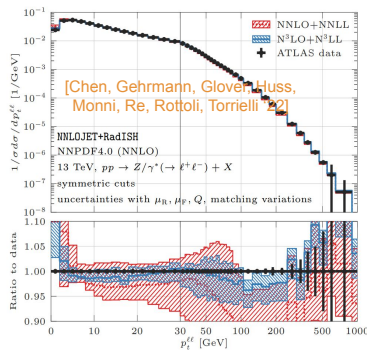
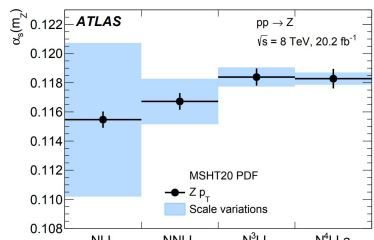
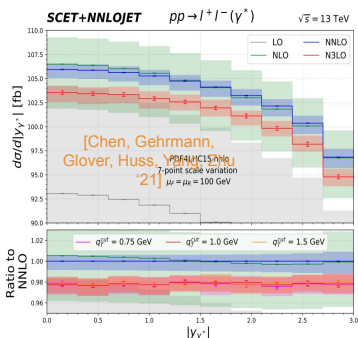
○ Unpolarized Gluon **TMDPDF** (Gluon  $q_T$  Beam Function)



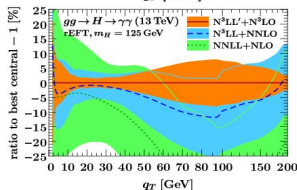
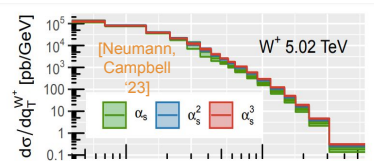
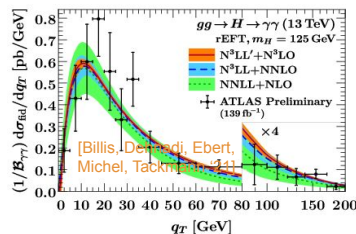
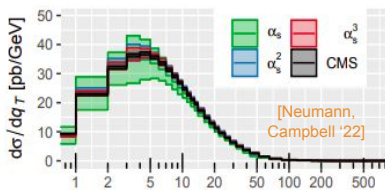
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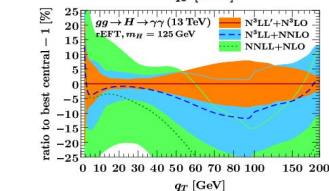
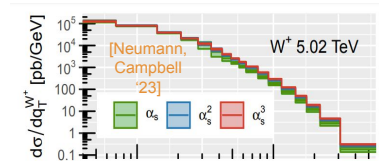
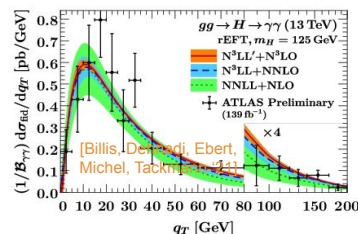
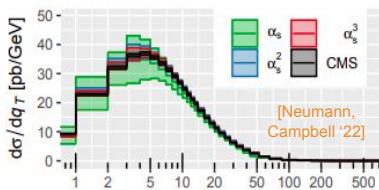
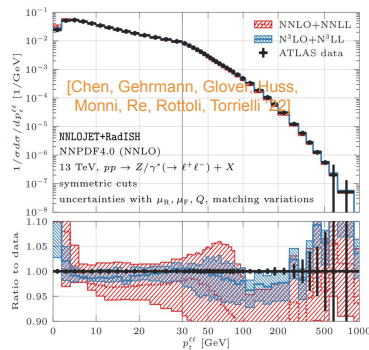
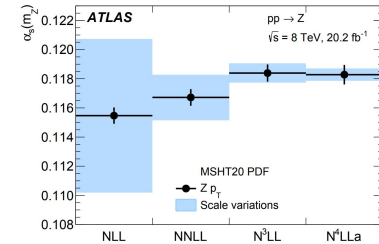
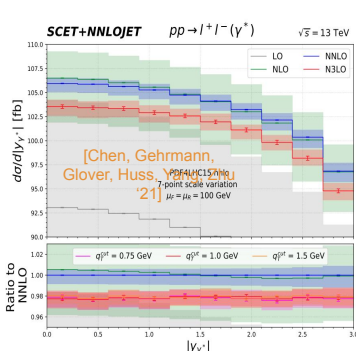


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## However...

- Numerical (slicing) error of these methods very difficult to control at this order
- Extreme push of NNLO+j predictions well into the IR needed (NNLOjet pushed to  $q_T = 0.5$  GeV)
- Calculations take **O(10 million) CPU hours**
- Almost any change will require to run everything from scratch
- Other results use O(100k) CPU hours and stop at 5 GeV... this requires very delicate extrapolation to 0 to obtain finite results.
- Going forward, these facts pose issues for the practical usability of these predictions



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In short, starting to think about how to move from

making N3LO predictions **possible**,

to

making N3LO predictions (more) **efficient, stable, and usable**

(at least for some color singlet processes...which may also turn out to be a necessary stepping

stone to make other processes possible at N3LO)

# A deeper look into non-local subtractions

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \int_0^{\tau_{\text{cut}}} d\tau \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} + \int_{\tau_{\text{cut}}}^{\tau_{\text{max}}} d\tau \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} \\ &= \int_0^{\tau_{\text{cut}}} d\tau \left[ \frac{d\sigma^{(0)}}{d\tau} + \sum_{i>0} \frac{d\sigma^{(i)}}{d\tau} \right] + \int_{\tau_{\text{cut}}}^{\tau_{\text{max}}} d\tau \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} \\ &= \sigma_{\text{sub}}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) + \Delta\sigma(\tau_{\text{cut}}) + \int_{\tau_{\text{cut}}}^{\tau_{\text{max}}} d\tau \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau}.\end{aligned}$$

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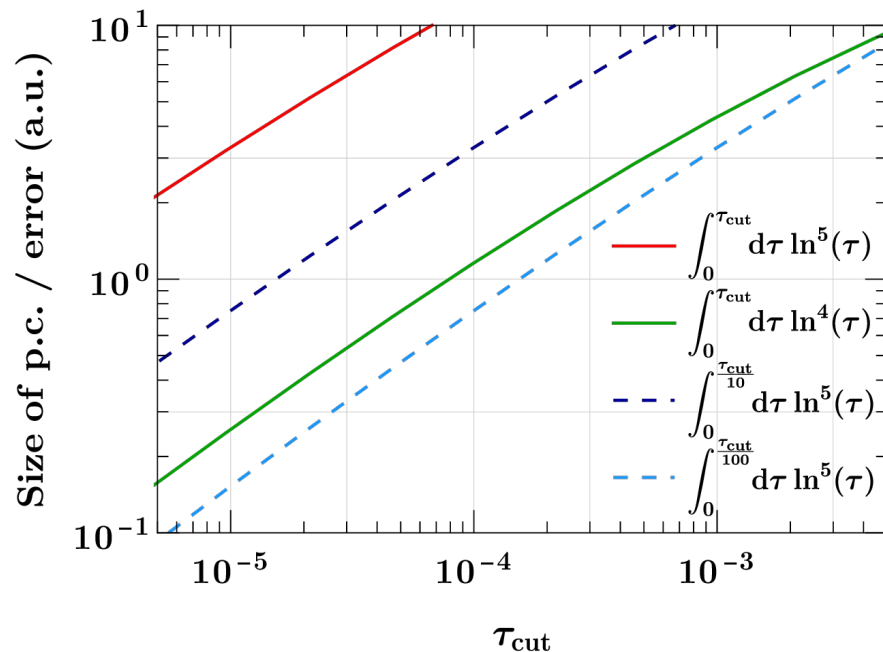
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# Improving non-local subtraction methods: Power corrections

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- At N3LO power corrections start with **5th power of log**
- Taking  $\tau_{\text{cut}}$  small reduces single power, but increases size of log  $\Rightarrow$  very slow convergence
- Each order in the log equivalent to  $\sim$  a 50 fold reduction in  $\tau_{\text{cut}}$

$$\Delta\sigma^{N3LO}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) \sim \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^3 \int_0^{\tau_{\text{cut}}} d\tau \left( c_{3,5}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^5 \tau + c_{3,4}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^4 \tau + c_{3,3}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^3 \tau + \dots \right)$$

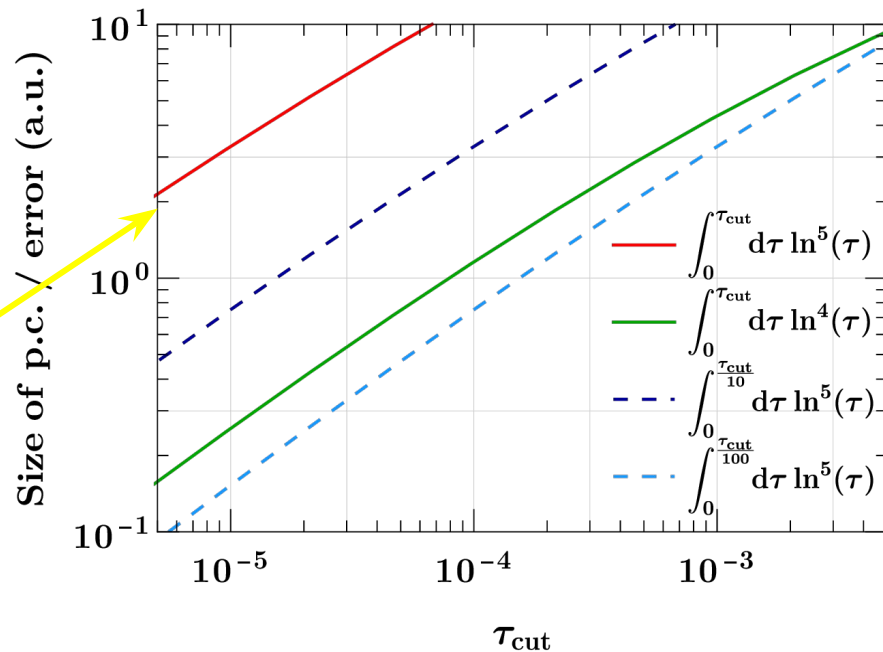


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- At N<sup>3</sup>LO, the size of the non-local subtraction error is a 50 fold reduction
- Taking into account the power corrections in the subtraction method
- Each power correction term reduces the error by a factor of 10

Very straightforward way of improving slicing:  
 Obtain the leading logarithmic term at NLP analytically



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- For 0-jettiness, use consistency relations to relate full LL to RVV correction in collinear limit.

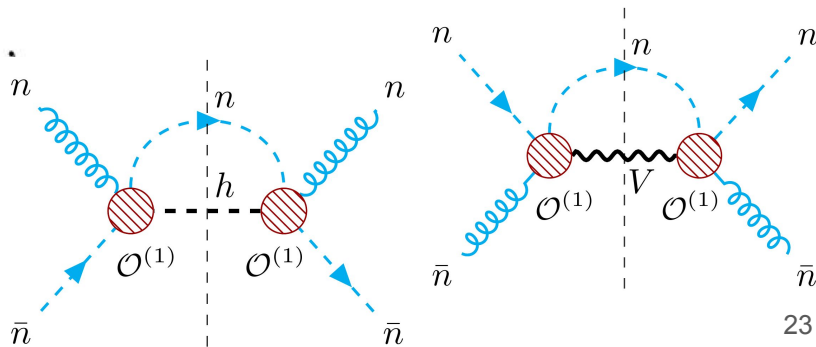
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- Focus on Drell-Yan and Higgs production. Single collinear emission fully differential in rapidity:

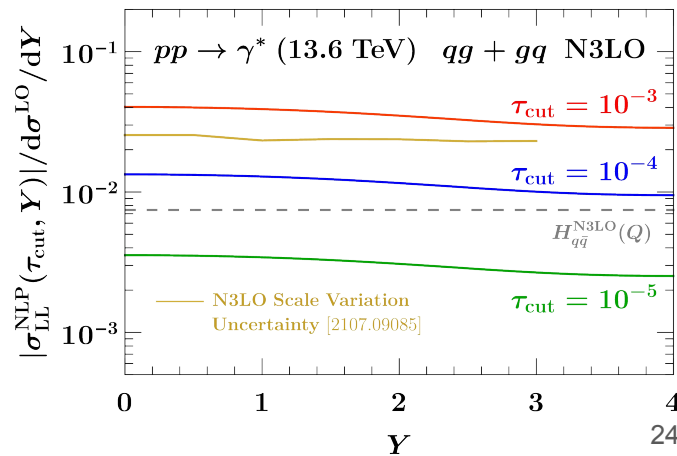
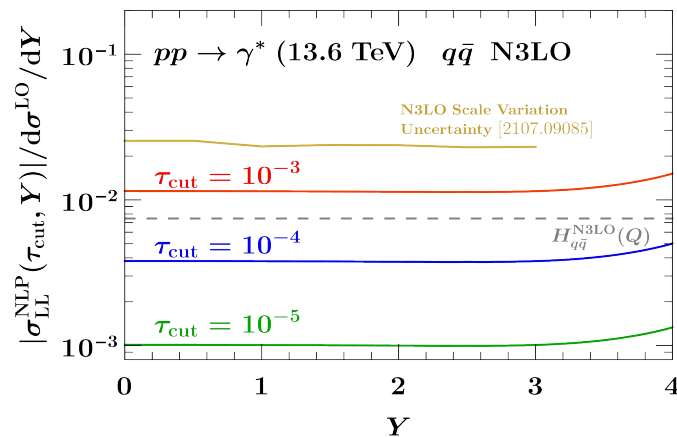
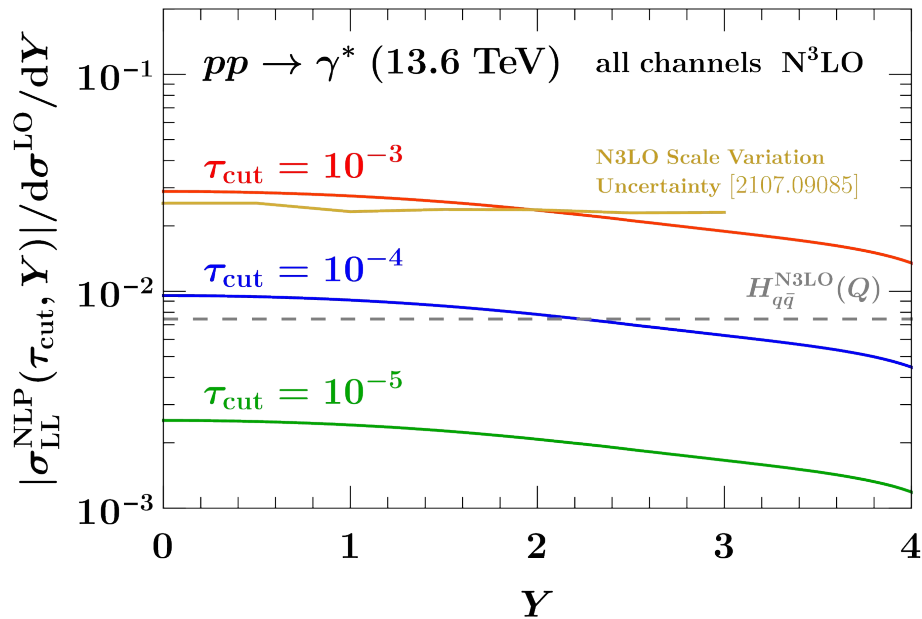
$$\frac{d\sigma_n^{\text{NLP}}}{dQ^2 dY d\mathcal{T}} \sim \int_{x_a}^1 \frac{dz_a}{z_a} \frac{(Q^2 \tau)^{-\epsilon}}{(1-z_a)^\epsilon} \left\{ \underbrace{\tau A^{(0)}(\tau, z_a, \epsilon)}_{\text{LP Matrix Element}} \left[ \underbrace{-f_a\left(\frac{x_a}{z_a}\right) f_b(x_b) + f_a\left(\frac{x_a}{z_a}\right) x_b f_b'(x_b)}_{\text{NLP Phase Space}} \right] \right. \\ \left. + \underbrace{f_a\left(\frac{x_a}{z_a}\right) f_b(x_b)}_{\text{LP Phase Space}} \underbrace{A^{(2)}(\tau, z_a, \epsilon)}_{\text{NLP Matrix Element}} \right\}.$$

[Ebert, Moult, Stewart, Tackmann, GV, Zhu '18]

- LL contributions also from off-diagonal  $qg + gq$  channels via subleading power hard scattering operators and Lagrangian insertions



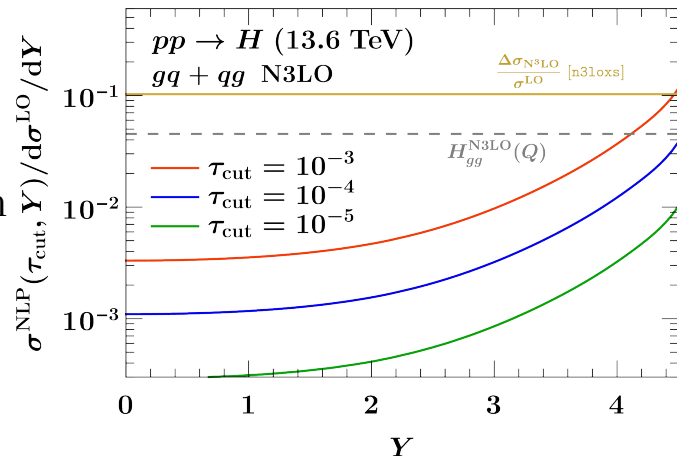
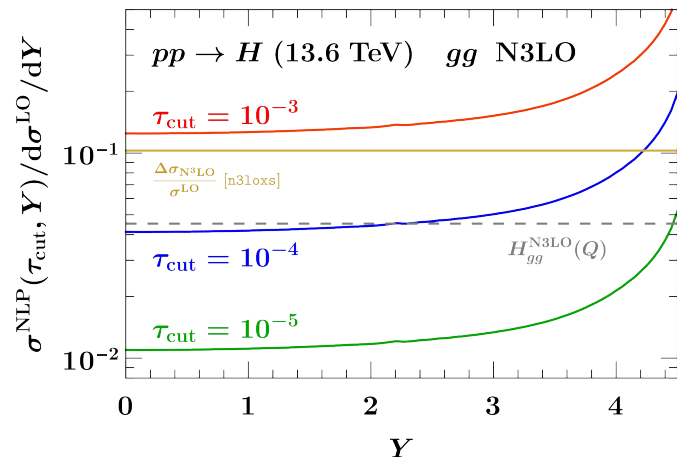
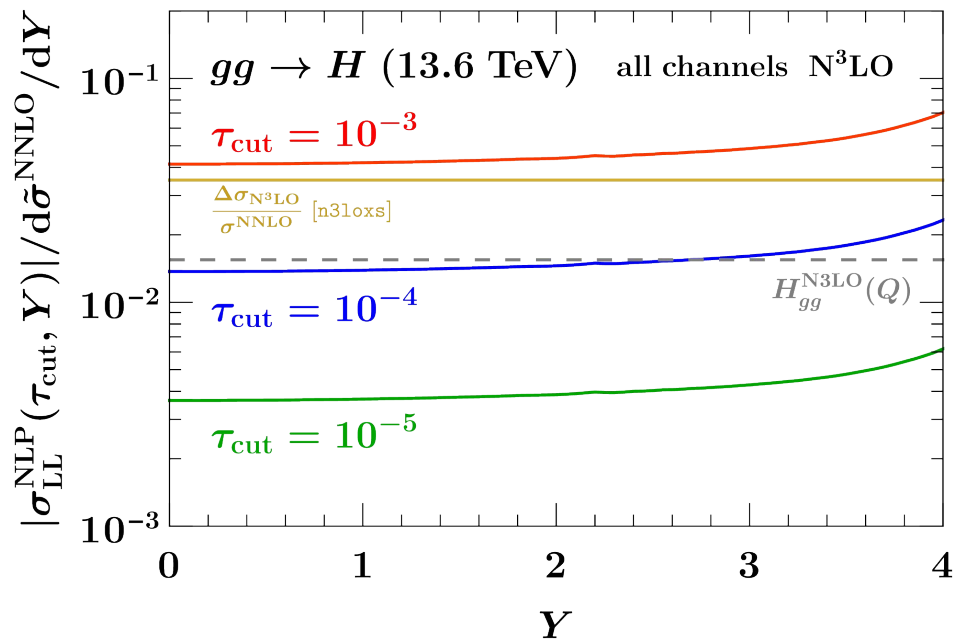
# 0-Jettiness Power Corrections at N3LO: Results for DY



- By the size of LL NLP: 0-jettiness with standard setup (only LP in subtraction term) would require  $\tau_{\text{cut}} \sim 10^{-5}$  or even smaller.
- Off-diagonal channel has large power corrections (in line with empirical observation in  $q_T$  slicing at N3LO)



# 0-Jettiness Power Corrections at N3LO: Results for Higgs



- Similar story for the case of Higgs production in gluon fusion
- Here the off-diagonal channel is negligible, as it is often the case with the Higgs

Ok, but what about fiducial power corrections?

# Fiducial vs Dynamical Power Corrections

- Power corrections can have different sources. We have already seen an example: phase space vs amplitude expansion. But so far we have just looked at the *production* of a color singlet...
- Particular source of p.c. are **fiducial and isolation cuts** on the color singlet decay products.
- Reference on the topic is **(Ebert, Tackmann) [1911.08486]** (extended substantially in **(Ebert, Michel, Stewart, Tackmann) [2006.11382]** in the case of  $q_T$  with also resummation)
- In my paper I refer to these p.c. as **“fiducial”** (irrespectively if we are talking about things induced by  $p_T$  lepton cuts or photon isolation cuts), and call the other ones **“dynamical”** as they are mainly related to the subleading power dynamics (the latter is not entirely true so suggestions on the naming are welcome).

# Fiducial Power Corrections

- These are **purely kinematic effects**, but have very **large impact** on non-local subtractions due to non canonical scaling in the cut parameter.

- In short:
 
$$\frac{d\sigma^{(\text{cuts})}(X)}{dQ^2 dY dq_T^2} \sim \frac{1}{q_T^2} \frac{q_T}{Q}, \quad \frac{d\sigma^{(\text{cuts})}(X)}{dQ^2 dY d\mathcal{T}_0} \sim \frac{1}{\mathcal{T}_0} \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{T}_0}{Q}}.$$

- **Cuts on leptons** induce *linear* terms

For  $q_T$  subtraction they can be captured analytically by a boost, but not for 0-jettiness.

- **Photon Isolations** induce p.c. with wild and complicated scaling  $\frac{d\sigma^{(\text{smooth})}(X)}{dQ^2 dY dq_T^2} \sim \frac{R^2}{q_T^2} \left(\frac{q_T}{Q}\right)^{1/n} \left(\frac{Q}{E_T^{\text{iso}}}\right)^{1/n}$

No simple boost trick to account for them.

$$\frac{d\sigma^{(\text{smooth})}(X)}{dQ^2 dY d\mathcal{T}_0} \sim \begin{cases} \frac{R^2}{\mathcal{T}_0} \left(\frac{\mathcal{T}_0}{Q}\right)^{1+1/(2n)} \left(\frac{Q}{E_T^{\text{iso}}}\right)^{1/n} \\ \frac{R^2}{\mathcal{T}_0} \left(\frac{\mathcal{T}_0}{Q}\right)^{1/n} \left(\frac{Q}{E_T^{\text{iso}}}\right)^{1/n} \end{cases}$$

- So, although fiducial power corrections are more trivial conceptually, account for them comes first numerically compared to dynamical power corrections.

# Projection to Born Improved Slicing

[Cacciari et al. '15]  
[Ebert, Tackmann '19]  
[GV '24]

In more general cases, cut-induced power corrections can be numerically accounted for by using  
**“Projection-to-Born Improved Slicing”**

$$\sigma_{h, \text{N}^3\text{LO}}(\mathcal{O}) = \sigma_{h, \text{N}^3\text{LO}}(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}) + \sigma_{h+j, \text{NNLO}}(\mathcal{O} - \tilde{\mathcal{O}}) \quad \text{P2B correction factor}$$

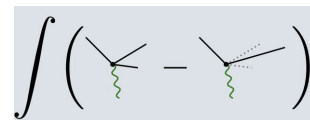
Slicing calculation for  
 Born projected  
 observable

$$= \int_0^{\tau_{\text{cut}}} d\tau \frac{d\sigma_{h, \text{N}^3\text{LO}}^{\text{sub}}}{d\tau}(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}) + \int_{\tau > \tau_{\text{cut}}} d\sigma_{h+j, \text{NNLO}}^{\text{full}}(\tilde{\mathcal{O}})$$

Below the cut term Above the cut term

$$+ \int_0^{\tau_{\text{cut}}} d\tau \left[ \frac{d\sigma_{h, \text{N}^3\text{LO}}^{\text{full}}}{d\tau} - \frac{d\sigma_{h, \text{N}^3\text{LO}}^{\text{sub}}}{d\tau} \right](\tilde{\mathcal{O}}) \quad \text{Residual Error}$$

$$+ \int d\sigma_{h+j, \text{NNLO}}^{\text{full}}(\mathcal{O} - \tilde{\mathcal{O}}) \quad \text{P2B correction factor}$$



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This enable us to

- Focus on *analytic* calculation of *dynamical* power corrections
- *Numerically* treat *fiducial* power corrections efficiently with P2B method

Slicing calculation  
Born projection  
observable

correction factor

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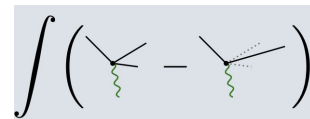
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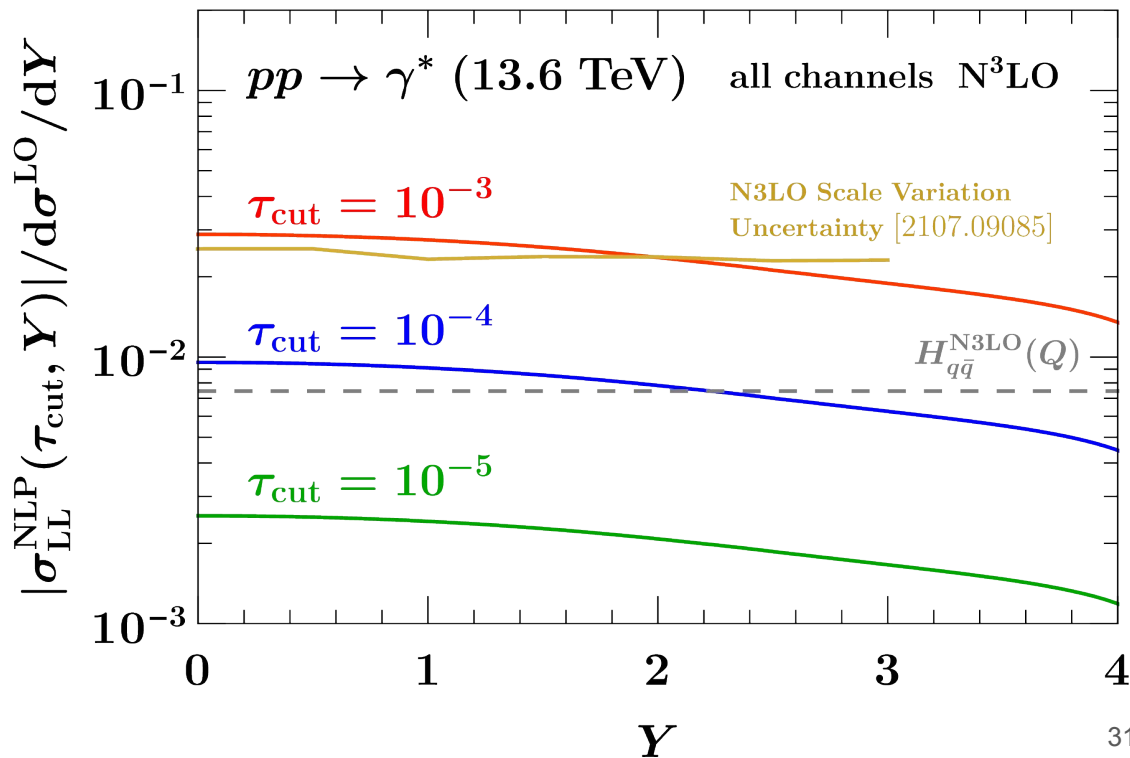
P2B correction factor



# 0-Jettiness P.C. at N3LO: Improving DY

$$\Delta\sigma^{N3LO}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) \sim \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^3 \int_0^{\tau_{\text{cut}}} d\tau (c_{3,5}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^5 \tau + c_{3,4}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^4 \tau + c_{3,3}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^3 \tau + \dots)$$

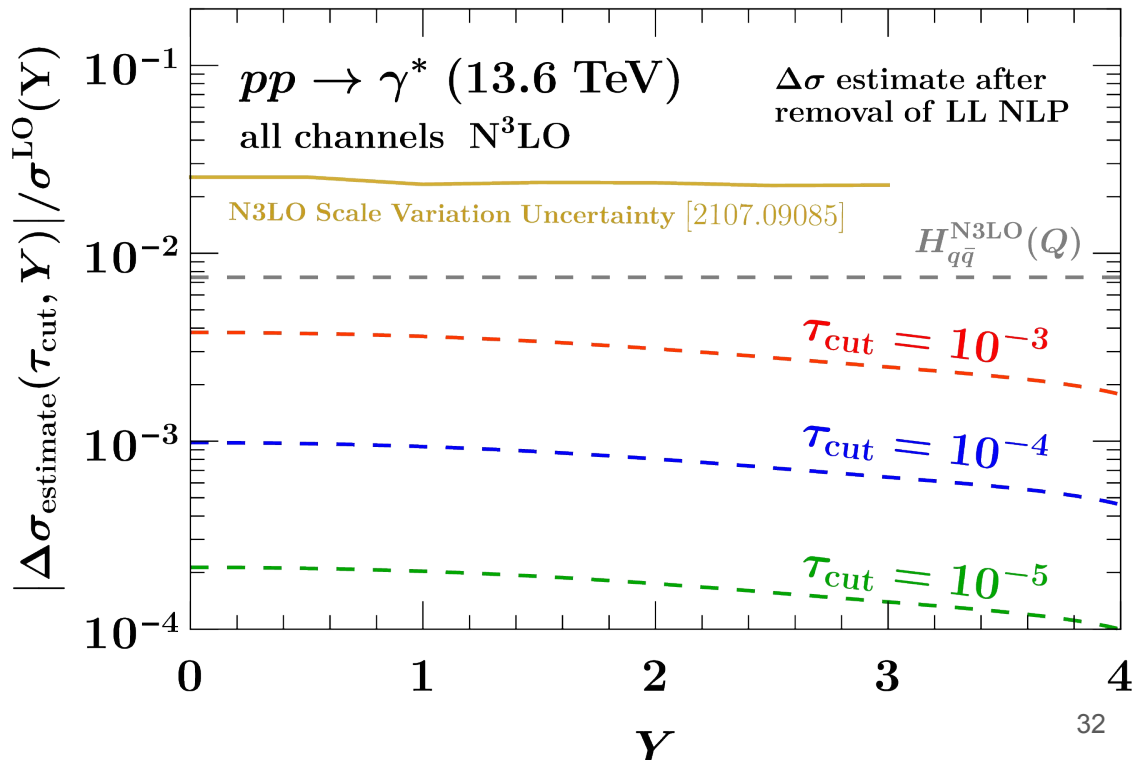
- So now we are back at considering dynamical power corrections
- We have them analytically
- Hence include them in subtraction term below the cut



# 0-Jettiness P.C. at N3LO: Estimate of residual error for DY

$$\Delta\sigma^{N3LO}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) \sim \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^3 \int_0^{\tau_{\text{cut}}} d\tau \left( c_{3,5}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^5 \tau + c_{3,4}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^4 \tau + c_{3,3}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^3 \tau + \dots \right)$$

- Estimate residual slicing error removing LL NLP
- Assume same size as LL coefficient (in line with what seen at previous orders) for subleading logs and powers
- Slicing error significantly reduced. O(x50) larger cut allowed.
- May save millions of CPU hours and allow for better convergence studies

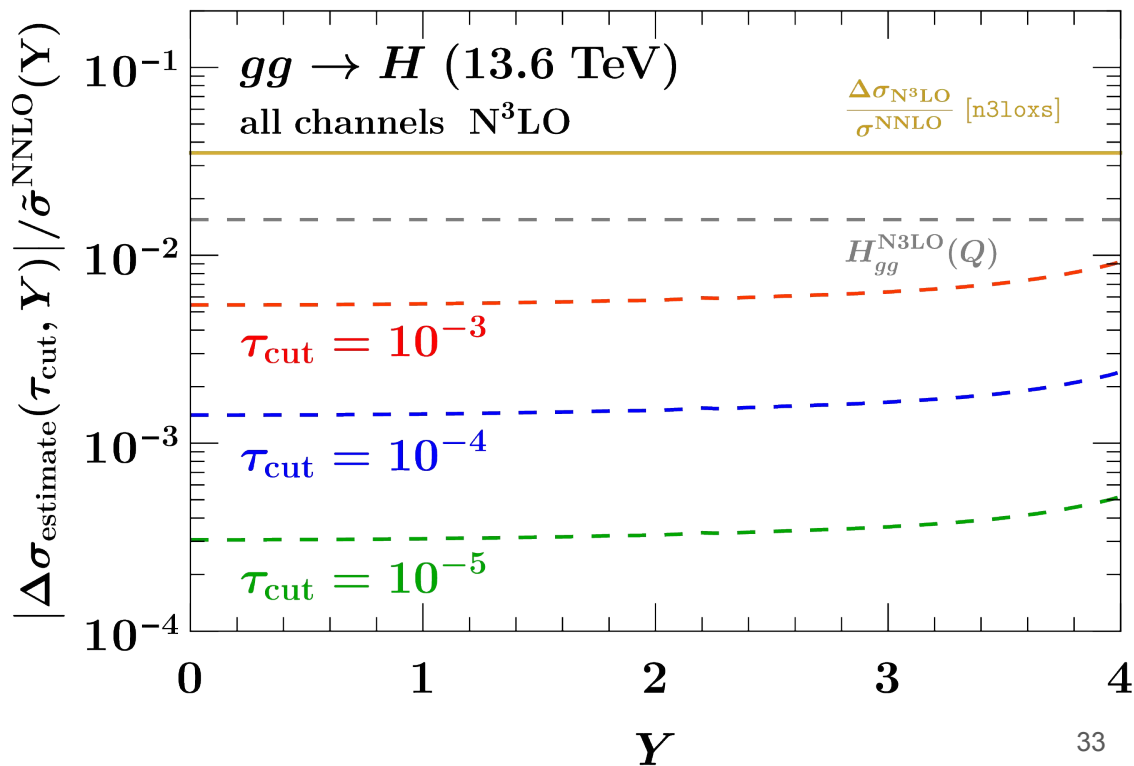




# 0-Jettiness P.C. at N3LO: Estimate of residual error for Higgs

$$\Delta\sigma^{N3LO}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) \sim \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^3 \int_0^{\tau_{\text{cut}}} d\tau \left( c_{3,5}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^5 \tau + c_{3,4}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^4 \tau + c_{3,3}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^3 \tau + \dots \right)$$

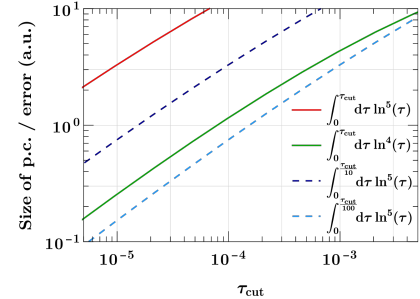
- Play the same game for estimating residual slicing error after the inclusion of LL NLP in the subtraction term:
- Assume same size as LL coefficient (in line with what seen at previous orders) for subleading logs and powers
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# Conclusion

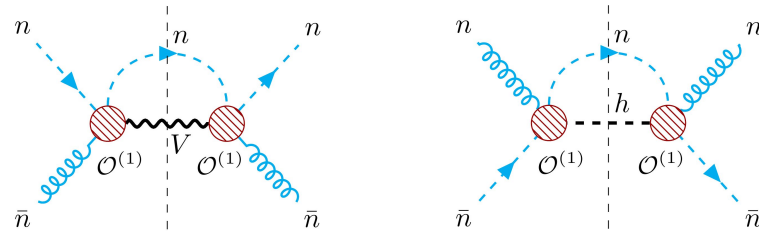
- Discussed challenges of N3LO calculations and slicing methods

$$\sigma(X) = \underbrace{\int_0^{q_{T\text{cut}}} dq_T \frac{d\sigma^{\text{sing}}(X)}{dq_T}}_{\text{Below the cut region}} + \underbrace{\int_{q_{T\text{cut}}} dq_T \frac{d\sigma(X)}{dq_T}}_{\text{Above the cut region}} + \underbrace{\Delta\sigma(X, q_{T\text{cut}})}_{\text{Residual}}$$

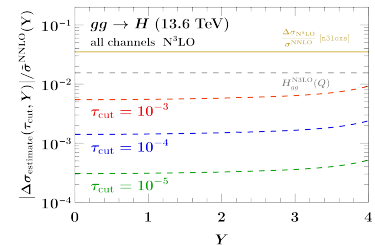
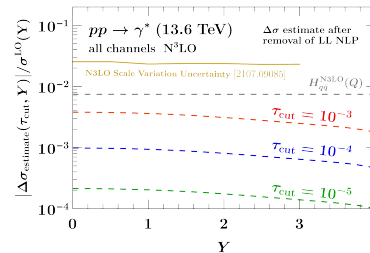


- Used P2B improved slicing to account for fiducial power corrections

- Presented the calculation of the LL NLP at N3LO for 0-jettiness

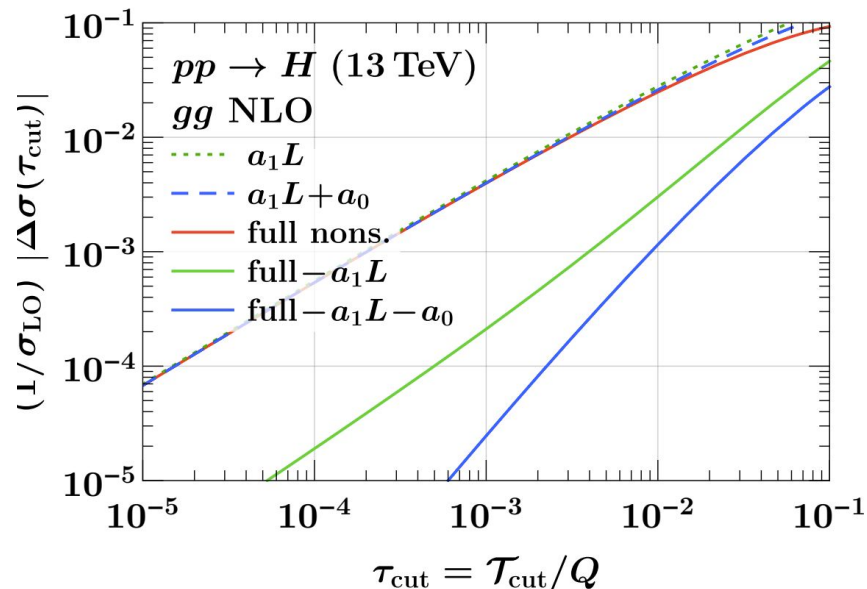
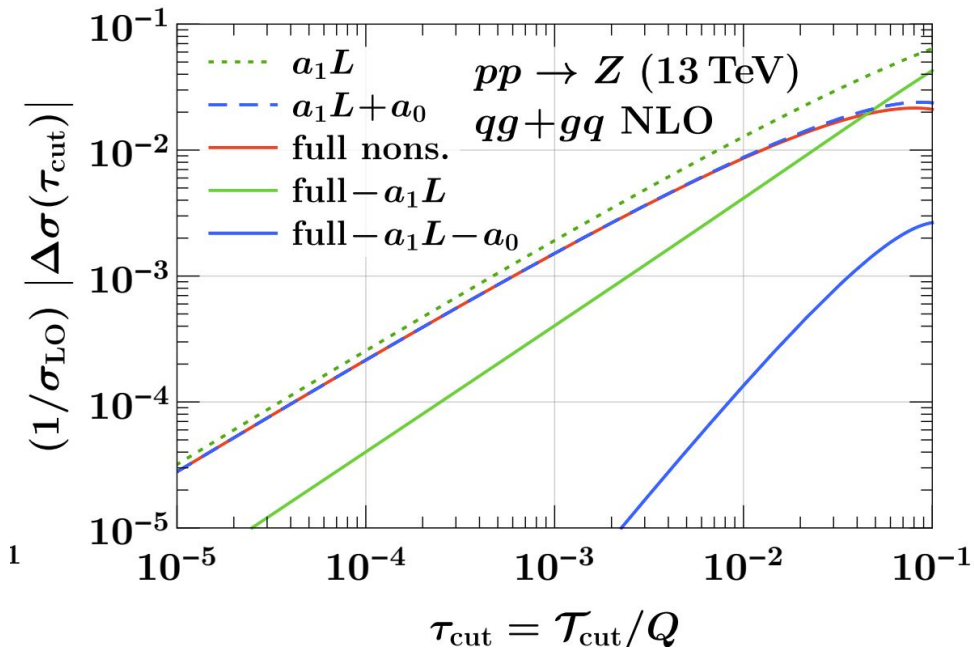


- Illustrated impact on slicing error for Drell-Yan and Higgs production



**Backup**

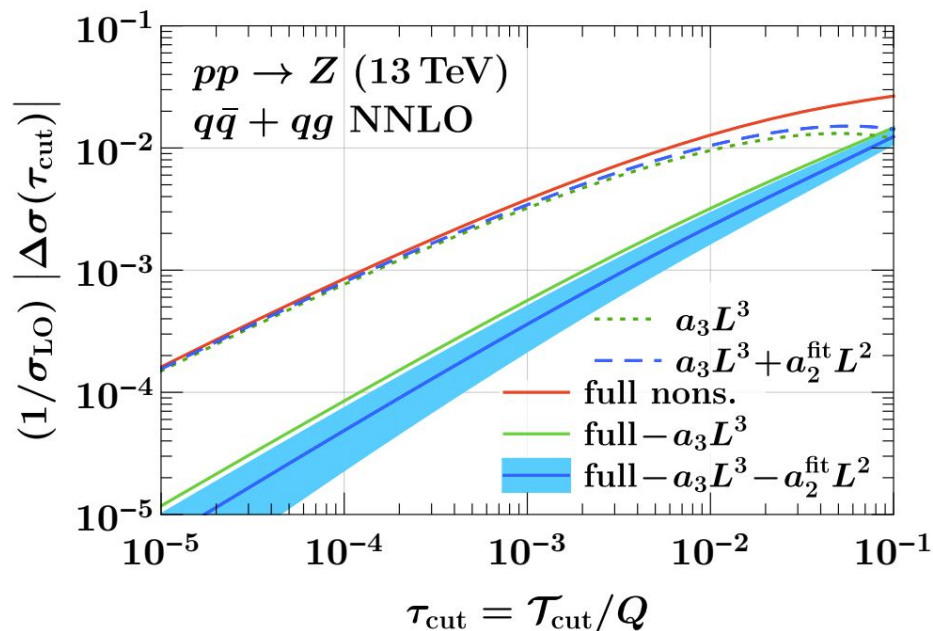
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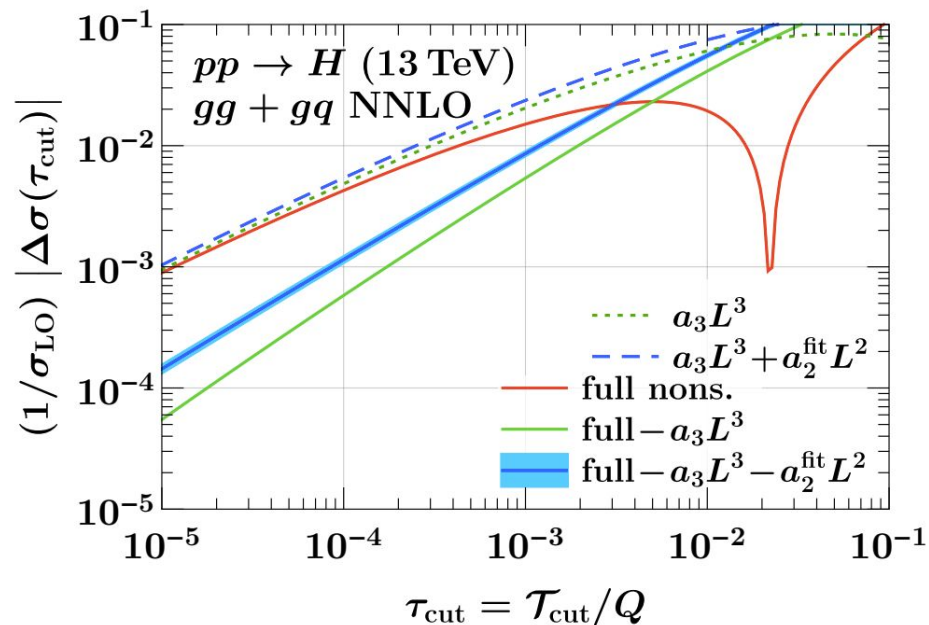
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# Log behaviour at NLP NNLO

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# A word on linear vs quadratic power corrections

$$0\text{-jettiness: } \Delta\sigma^{N3LO}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) \sim \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^3 \int_0^{\tau_{\text{cut}}} d\tau (c_{3,5}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^5 \tau + c_{3,4}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^4 \tau + c_{3,3}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^3 \tau + \dots)$$

$$q_T: \Delta\sigma^{N3LO}(q_{T\text{cut}}) \sim \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^3 \int_0^{q_{T\text{cut}}^2/Q^2} dr (d_{3,5}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^5 r + d_{3,4}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^4 r + d_{3,3}^{\text{NLP}} \ln^3 r + \dots)$$

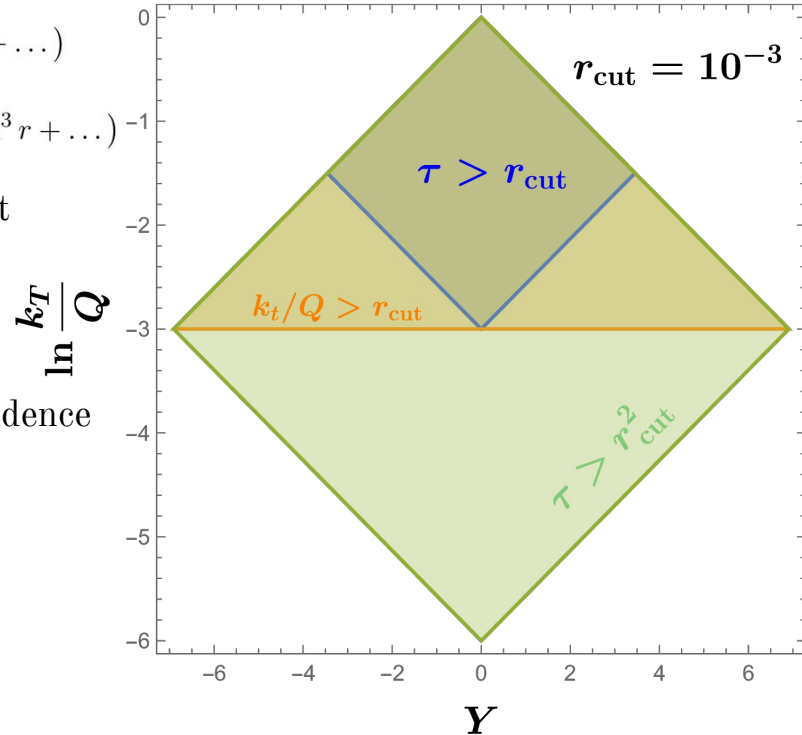
- Scaling in  $q_T$  of the slicing param. may lead to the impression that  $q_T$  subtraction has *quadratic* power corrections, while jettiness has *linear* power corrections.

- But it all comes down to how one decides to treat the angle dependence

$$\tau = \frac{q_T}{Q} e^{-|Y|} \sim \begin{cases} \frac{q_T}{Q} & \text{soft emissions} \\ \frac{q_T^2}{Q^2} & \text{collinear emissions} \end{cases}$$

- In practice, key point is what is more challenging numerically for the above the cut code:

- 0-jettiness: better suppression of collinear emissions
- $q_T$ : better suppression of wide angle soft emissions



Note: fiducial p.c. generating *linear* terms in  $q_T$ , go as  $\sqrt{\tau_{\text{cut}}}$  in the case of 0-jettiness

# Differential color singlet production at N3LO

- Two methods for differential N3LO predictions for color singlet:

## Projection to Born

[Cacciari, Dreyer, Karlberg, Salam, Zanderighi '15]

$$\frac{d\sigma_F^{N^k\text{LO}}}{d\mathcal{O}} = \left( \frac{d\sigma_{F+\text{jet}}^{N^{(k-1)}\text{LO}}}{d\mathcal{O}} - \frac{d\sigma_{F+\text{jet}}^{N^{(k-1)}\text{LO}}}{d\tilde{\mathcal{O}}} \right) + \frac{d\sigma_F^{N^k\text{LO}}}{d\tilde{\mathcal{O}}}$$

Locally subtracted real emissions
Integrated counterterm

- PRO:** Local counterterm is the full Matrix Element => Great numerical efficiency
- Cons:** Integrated counterterm is very hard to obtain (analytic differential distribution at N3LO in full kinematics)

## $q_T$ or 0-jettiness subtraction

$q_T$  Subtraction: [Catani, Grazzini '07]      N-Jettiness: [Boughezal, Focke, Liu, Petriello '15]  
 [Gaunt, Stahlhofen, Tackmann, Walsh '15]

$$\sigma(X) = \int_0^{q_{T\text{cut}}} dq_T \frac{d\sigma^{\text{sing}}(X)}{dq_T} + \int_{q_{T\text{cut}}} dq_T \frac{d\sigma(X)}{dq_T} + \Delta\sigma(X, q_{T\text{cut}})$$

Below the cut region
Above the cut region
Residual

- PRO:** Analytic control of IR divergences from EFT factorization thm. at Leading Power
- Cons:** numerically challenging

# Beam Functions calculation at N<sup>3</sup>LO

(Ebert, Mistlberger, GV)

[2006.05329], [2006.03056]

- Calculation of the **collinear expansion of the partonic cross section** for DY and Higgs @N<sup>3</sup>LO **differential** in  $(Q_T, \tau, z)$

- $\sim 100k$  Feynman diagrams
- Reverse unitarity for phase space integrals
- Collinear Expansion at the XS level

“Collinear expansion for color singlet cross sections” [Ebert, Mistlberger, GV]

$$\begin{array}{c} p_2 \\ \diagdown \\ p_3 \\ \diagup \\ p_1 \end{array} \rightarrow \lambda^{2-4\epsilon} \left[ \begin{array}{c} p_2 \\ \diagdown \\ p_4 \\ \diagup \\ p_1 \end{array} - \lambda^2 \begin{array}{c} p_2 \\ \diagdown \\ p_3 \\ \diagup \\ p_1 \end{array} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3) \right]$$

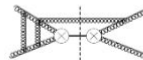
- Reduction to basis of **Master Integrals** via Integration By Parts (IBPs) using Water

Expanded diagrams admit (simplified) IBPs identities

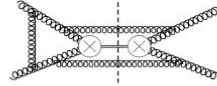
$$\begin{array}{c} p_2 \\ \diagdown \\ p_3 \\ \diagup \\ p_1 \end{array} = -\frac{1-2\epsilon}{\epsilon(p_2^+ k^-)^2} \times \begin{array}{c} p_1 \\ \diagdown \\ p_4 \\ \diagup \\ p_1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} p_2 \\ \diagdown \\ p_3 \\ \diagup \\ p_1 \end{array} = -\frac{k^+ x}{p_2^+} \frac{1-2\epsilon}{\epsilon(p_2^+ k^-)^2} \times \begin{array}{c} p_1 \\ \diagdown \\ p_4 \\ \diagup \\ p_1 \end{array}$$

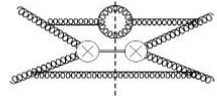
- **RVV**: known in full kinematics [Duhr, Gehrmann] [Duhr, Gehrmann, Jaquier] [Dulat, Mistlberger]



- **RRV**: 170 Collinear Master Integrals



- **RRR**: 320 Collinear Master Integrals



- Derived system of Differential Equations for the Master Integrals
- System has 2 non trivial scales with algebraic dependence on the variables (not something solvable algorithmically)
- Algebraic sectors: constructed dlog integrand basis via calculation of **leading singularities** of candidate integrals on maximal cut surface

- Boundaries from soft integrals [Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Mistlberger] and constraints on singular behavior