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Standard Model Precision Measurements and Theory Limitations Matthias Schott



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Where do we stand

Where do we stand?

- Disclaimer: I will focus on ATLAS measurements and will only talk about (ATLAS) SM physics (due to by personal bias).
 - General conclusions hold also for the Higgs-sector as well as CMS
 - Nearly all LHC Run-1 measurements are published and first Run-2 precision measurements become available.



 Many differential/inclusive cross-section measurements are known at sub-percent precision, i.e. are better than the theory predictions

Theory limitations on measurements

- We measure cross-sections in fiducial volumes, defined on MC truth level close to the detector level selection
 - E.g.: W boson selection: 1 isolated lepton (p_T>20 GeV, eta<2.5), E_T^{Miss}>25 GeV, m_T>40 GeV
- Cross-Section typically evaluated by a counting experiment
- If the bin width is sufficiently small, then the C-factor is nearly independent from the underlying MC prediction
 - Most SM cross-section measurements are therefore not limited by theory



Where are we limited?

- Theory limitations play a role in precision measurements of SM parameters:
 - m_{Top}, m_W, Sin²theta
- We are limited when interpreting our measurements in terms of new physics
 - EFTs: We assume SM (i.e. the predictions) and the derive limits on EFTs by comparing prediction with data
 - If the predictions are wrong, our limits are wrong

- We are limited when interpreting our measurements in terms of SM (e.g. PDF Fits)
 - Examples: Interpretation of Jet cross-sections, PDF-Fits of high precision measurements
- Myth: we need high precision predictions of SM processes since they are backgrounds for searches
 - In general this is not the case, since we always use control- and validation regions for nearly all backgrounds which might have problems in the modelling

What will I discuss today?

- Results on the jets and photons and their problems when comparing to theory predictions
- Some thoughts on scale choices
- The latest results of multi-boson measurements and discrepancies between predictions (and measurements)
- Limitations of electroweak precision measurements





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Vector Bosons, Photons and Jets

Detector Jets

- Jets formed from calorimeter energy deposits using anti-kt algorithm
- Jet energy scale and resolution calibrated with MCbased methods and in situ data-to-MC corrections
- JES/JER are dominant experimental uncertainties
- Unfold data to hadron-level, correcting for detector effects
- Pythia-based transfer matrix



Theory predictions

- Theoretical prediction of Matrix Element from NLOJET++ interfaced with various PDFs
 - Non-perturbative corrections
 - (hadronization, underlying event)
 - from Pythia & Herwig tunes
 - Large spread between Pythia8 & Herwig++ taken as uncertainty

Uncertainties

- PDF Propagated using variations for each PDF set
- αs Tunable parameter in PDFs varied according to PDF4LHC recommendations
- Factorization / renormalization scales 0.5
 < µ_{R,F} < 2.0:
 - Dominant theory uncertainty!



Inclusive & Dijet Cross-Section

- 8 TeV Inclusive: JHEP
 09 (2017) 020
 - CT14, HERAPDF20, NNPDF30, MMHT14
 - Significant slopes at low-medium and medium-high pT
 - Good fit agreement within |y| bins, but poor inclusively (Pobs «10⁻³)

	Pobs						
Rapidity ranges	CT14	MMHT2014	NNPDF3.0	HERAPDF2.0			
Anti- \mathbf{k}_t jets $R = 0.4$							
y < 0.5	44%	28%	25%	16%			
$0.5 \le y < 1.0$	43%	29%	18%	18%			
$1.0 \le y < 1.5$	44%	47%	46%	69%			
$1.5 \le y < 2.0$	3.7%	4.6%	7.7%	7.0%			
$2.0 \le y < 2.5$	92%	89%	89%	35%			
$2.5 \le y < 3.0$	4.5%	6.2%	16%	9.6%			



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Inclusive & Dijet Cross-Section

CT14

67%

5.8%

MMHT 2014

65%

6.3%

 $P_{\rm obs}$

62%

6.0%

NNPDF 3.0

- 13 TeV Inclusive &
 Dijet: JHEP 05 (2018)
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 - CT14, MMHT2014, NNPDF3.0
 - 100 GeV to 3.5 TeV
 - Conclusions unchanged from 8 TeV



Rapidity ranges

 $p_{\rm T}^{\rm max}$

|y| < 0.5

 $0.5 \le |y| < 1.0$

Alternative correlation schemes

- Data-theory tension in inclusive measurements at 8 & 13 TeV
 - Not localized in |y|, no central-forward tension

	χ^2/dof all $ y $ bins	CT14	MMHT 2014	NNPDF 3.0	HERAPDF 2.0	ABMP16
	$p_{\rm T}^{\rm max}$	419/177	431/177	404/177	432/177	475/177
i K, F <	$\sim p_{\rm T}^{\rm jet}$	399/177	405/177	384/177	428/177	455/177

- Potential culprit: 2-point systematics have unknown correlations
 - Comparison of 2 MC generators (non-perturbative corrections) or variations for uncertainties (theory scale uncertainty) - several for JES
- Explored 18 alternative correlation scenarios to split 2-point systematics
 smoothly by pT and |y|
 - Can improve χ^2 substantially 58 units for 13 TeV CT14 result
 - But all justifiable de-correlation scenarios still give small p-values
 - Potential breakdown in 2-point systematic assumptions (phase-space dependence) or incomplete theoretical descriptions

DiJet Cross-Section Measurements

- 2-jet system as a function of mjj and y* (centrality)
- 300 GeV to 9 TeV
- Good data-theory agreement for most PDFs

			$P_{\rm obs}$		
y^* ranges	CT14	$\rm MMHT\ 2014$	NNPDF 3.0	HERAPDF 2.0	ABMP16
$y^* < 0.5$	79%	59%	50%	71%	71%
$0.5 \le y^* < 1.0$	27%	23%	19%	32%	31%
$1.0 \le y^* < 1.5$	66%	55%	48%	66%	69%
$1.5 \leq y^* < 2.0$	26%	26%	28%	9.9%	25%
$2.0 \leq y^* < 2.5$	43%	35%	31%	4.2%	21%
$2.5 \leq y^* < 3.0$	45%	46%	40%	25%	38%
all y^* bins	8.1%	5.5%	9.8%	0.1%	4.4%



Some personal remarks

- The CMS Jet data does not show this tension, however, CMS adjusted the correlation scenario so that a good compatibility with the predictions are achieved.
- The scale choice in an inclusive jet measurement is not well defined (since also N-jet final states are considered)
 - Once there is a good scale-choice available (e.g. di-jet events), the tension to theory disappears
 - Maybe inclusive jet observables are not the ideal choice and some theory input on what to measure might be useful

Photon Measurements (1/2)

- Only one example (arXiv:1712.07291) since we are missing here predictions: $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma + X$
 - Rare process: At LO contribution is order α^3_{EM} .
 - Complementary phase space to inclusive and di-photon production.



- Study topology and kinematics of individual photons, pairs of photons and three-photon system (13 kinematic variables).
 - Main background: electron and jet mis-identification.
 - Electron mis-identified as a photon
 - Estimated from eeγ, eeγγ, evγγ MC events (LO Sherpa).
 - Mis-ID rate corrected to match measurement in $Z \rightarrow ee$ data.
 - Jet mis-identified as a photon
 - 2D sideband applied to account for all combinations of photons meeting or failing to meet the tight identification or isolation criteria.

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Photon Measurements (2/2)

- NLO predictions underestimate measured cross- section by ~ x1.5-2.
 - NLO fails to describe regions of low ET.
 - Addition of PS to NLO improves agreement.



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 $\sigma_{\text{meas}} = 72.6 \pm 6.5 \,(\text{stat.}) \pm 9.2 \,(\text{syst.}) \,\,\text{fb}$

 $\sigma_{\rm NLO} = 31.5 {}^{+3.2}_{-2.5} \text{ fb} (\text{MCFM})$

 $\sigma_{\text{NLO+PS}} = 46.6^{+5.7}_{-3.6} \text{ fb} (\text{MadGraph5}_{a}\text{MC} @ \text{NLO})$



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Some thoughts on Scale Choices

NLO vs. NNLO for photons and jets



- We observe a quite good agreement to NLO predictions for the inclusive jet/photon cross-sections
 - Moreover, the NNLO predictions seems to be within the scale-variated NLO predictions

Electroweak processes



VBF, VBS, and Triboson Cross Section Measurements Status: July 2018



- Depending on the processes, we observe significant tensions between the prediction and theory
 - sometime presumably due to missing higher order
- We observe large changes when going from NLO to NNLO

Some general thoughts and questions

- We see (sometimes) very large differences between NLO and NNLO predictions, which are not covered by the usual scale variations (also for cases we no new channels open up)
 - To which extend can we trust NLO/NNLO predictions in the first place
 - Do we need a new paradigm how to evaluate missing higher order corrections,
 - E.g.: taking the full difference between (n-1)NLO to nNLO to estimate the uncertainty for missing (n+1)NLO
 - Similar to electroweak corrections?
 - The answer might be processes related, so a "handbook" of missing higher order corrections would be noce



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Testing the Electroweak Sector

Example of a typical DiBoson Measurement: WZ

- W±Z cross section and gauge boson polarisation (ATLAS-CONF-2018-034)
 - Probe gauge structure of SM
 - Sensitive to aTGCs / EFTs
 - Precise measurements of differential and total cross sections
 - Polarisation of W and Z bosons









Signal Selection and Modelling (WZ)

- Trilepton fiducial region
 - Select Z leptonic decay
 - p_T>15, 80<mll<100
 - Select W leptonic decay
 - p_T>15, mT>30
- Signal modelling
 - Model W[±]Z with PowhegBox at NLO in QCD
 - Shower with Pythia 8.210 and CTEQ6L1PDF
 - Shower with Herwig to estimate uncertainty

Theory predictions

 NNLO QCD W[±]Z cross sections with MATRIX Apply particle-to-parton level corrections



Results (WZ)

- Measured inclusive cross-section
 - σ_{WZ}=63.7±1.0(stat)±2.3(stat) ±0.3(mod)±1.5(lumi)
 - In good agreement with prediction (Matrix): σ_{WZ}=61.5±1.4fb
 - Precision on Ratio measurement similar to theory prediction
- Unfolded single differential cross sections for p_T(Z), M_{WZ}, N_{iets}
 - Can be used to constain aTGCs and EFTs (also by people outside of ATLAS)
 - Crucial to get differential predictions correct in order to derive correct limits!



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Polarization (WZ)

- Measure W /Z polarisation using lepton angular distributions
 - f₀, f_L and f_R define the longitudinal, transverse-left handed and transverse-right handed helicity fractions at Born
 - Template fit of q_I·cos θ_{I,W} and of cosθ_{I,Z} distributions
 - m_w constraint to solve for missing p_z(v)
- Same story: Crucial to get all differential distributions (includir polarizations) correct
 - Soon we will have much more differential distributions available with high statistics

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Electroweak Poduction of WZ (1/3)

VV → VV provides insight into EWSB mechanism, access to quartic couplings:



Experimental Signature of VBS processes



 Side remark: QCD background processes (e.g. Z+jets) for VBS/VBF typically do not describe data

Electroweak Poduction of WZ (2/3)

- Signal Selection
 - 3 isolated leptons (e or µ), MET (via mT) as WZ incl.
 - VBS signal region (SR): ≥ 2 jets, $p_T > 40$ GeV , $m_{ii} > 500$ GeV, b-jet veto
 - BDT discriminant based on 15 variables reflecting VBS kinematics
 - Cross-Section extracted as "signalstrength" parameter in a combined fit of signal and background processes
- Post-fit background normalisations
 - $\mu_{WZ-QCD} = 0.60 \pm 0.25$
 - $\mu_{ttV} = 1.18 \pm 0.19$
 - $\mu_{ZZ} = 1.34 \pm 0.29$
 - $\mu_{EW} = 1.77 \pm 0.45$
 - Observed sign.: 5.6σ (3.3σ expected)



Electroweak Poduction of WZ (3/3)

- Extracted Fiducial cross section
 - $\sigma_{meas.}^{\text{fid., EW}} = 0.57 \stackrel{+0.15}{_{-0.14}} \text{fb} \\ = 0.57 \stackrel{+0.14}{_{-0.13}} (\text{stat.}) \stackrel{+0.05}{_{-0.04}} (\text{syst.}) \stackrel{+0.04}{_{-0.03}} (\text{th.}) \text{ fb} .$
- Compared to two theory predictions (LO)

 $\sigma_{\text{Sherpa}}^{\text{fid., EW th.}} = 0.321 \pm 0.002 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.005 \text{ (PDF)}_{-0.023}^{+0.027} \text{ (scale) fb} \quad \sigma_{\text{MadGraph}}^{\text{fid., EW th.}} = 0.366 \pm 0.004 \text{ (stat.) fb}$

- Significant discrepancies + HO missing
- Differential cross-sections extracted in SR (mjj > 500 GeV), i.e. include QCD induced production
 - Compared to normalized Sherpa predictions for WZjj (QCD + EW)





Electroweak Poduction of same sign WW (1/2)

Experimental selection

- Isolated well reconstructed same-sign dilepton events (e or µ)
- Veto third lepton to suppress
 WZ and veto b-jets to suppress tf
- Require Emiss > 30 GeV and VBS jet selections

- Backgrounds and exp. uncertainty:
 - WZ background is normalised from trilepton control region with 8% uncertainty
 - Fake lepton background measured from control regions with 50-90% uncertainty
 - Dominant experimental uncertainty
 - Other irreducible backgrounds are from Monte-Carlo simulation

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	e^+e^+	e^-e^-	$e^+\mu^+$	$e^-\mu^-$	$\mu^+\mu^+$	$\mu^-\mu^-$	combined
WZ	$1.7~\pm~0.6$	$1.2~\pm~0.4$	13 ± 4	$8.1~\pm~2.5$	$5.0~\pm~1.6$	$3.3~\pm~1.1$	32 ± 9
Non-prompt	$4.1~\pm~2.4$	$2.3~\pm~1.8$	9 ± 6	6 ± 4	$0.57\pm~0.16$	0.67 ± 0.26	23 ± 12
e/γ conversions	$1.74\pm~0.31$	$1.8~\pm~0.4$	$6.1~\pm~2.4$	$3.7~\pm~1.0$	-	-	$13.4~\pm~3.5$
Other prompt	0.17 ± 0.06	0.14 ± 0.05	$0.90\pm~0.24$	0.60 ± 0.25	$0.36\pm~0.12$	$0.19\pm~0.07$	$2.4~\pm~0.5$
$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$ jj strong	0.38 ± 0.13	$0.16\pm~0.06$	$3.0~\pm~1.0$	$1.2~\pm~0.4$	$1.8~\pm~0.6$	$0.76\pm~0.26$	$7.3~\pm~2.5$
Expected background	$8.1~\pm~2.4$	$5.6~\pm~1.9$	32 ± 7	20 ± 5	$7.7~\pm~1.7$	$4.9~\pm~1.1$	78 ± 15
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ electroweak	3.80 ± 0.30	1.49 ± 0.13	$16.5~\pm~1.2$	$6.5~\pm~0.5$	$9.1~\pm~0.7$	3.50 ± 0.29	$40.9~\pm~2.9$
Data	10	4	44	28	25	11	122

Electroweak Poduction of same sign WW (2/2)

- Observed (expected with Sherpa) significance is 6.9σ (4.6σ)
 - Measured fiducial cross section
 - σ_{fid} = 2.95 ± 0.49 (stat.) ± 0.23 (sys.)fb
 - σ_{fid} includes W[±]W[±]jj electroweak plus interference with W[±]W[±]jj strong
 - W[±]W[±]jj strong production with exactly four EW vertices subtracted as background
- Predicted fiducial cross sections:
 - PowhegBox: $\sigma fid = 3.08 \pm 0.45$
 - Sherpa: ofid = 2.01±0.28
 - Large difference due to scale choice? Under investigation
 - NLO electroweak corrections (-16% for Sherpa) and interference (+6%) are not include

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General thoughts on Electroweak Production

- Is there a way to test, if we are really seeing quadratic gauge couplings of the SM
 - The impact of a few diagrams (e.g. Higgs) can be estimated in a gauge invariant way
 - Clearly we cannot separate some the diagrams due to gauge invariance
 - Any ideas for a way forward (to get a plot similar to the famous LEP plots)?
- Electroweak corrections become sizeable for many VBS, VBF and triboson processes
 - But we are missing an estimation for many processes





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Electroweak Precision Measurements

Measurement of the W Boson Mass (1/4)

- Last round of measurements of m_w already published in 2012
 - CDF+D0: Δm_w=15 MeV
 - Latest update by ATLAS in 2016: Δm_w=19 MeV
- Basic measurement approach: Template fit method
- Requires perfect modelling of detector response and physics modelling
 - p_T(W)
 - Angular coefficients
 - EWK corrections
 - PDFs





Measurement of the W Boson Mass (2/4)



Experiment	DZ	lero	CDF		ATLAS	
Observable	p_T^{lep} [MeV]	m_T [MeV]	p_T^{lep} [MeV]	m_T [MeV]	p_T^{lep} [MeV]	m_T [MeV]
m_W	80367		80390	80366	80376	80370
Stat. Unc.	13	14	12	14	10	7
Sys. Unc.	18	20	12	11	20	11
Model Unc.	13	14	11	13	14	13
Total Unc.	26	28	20	22	25	19
Lepton Calib. Unc.	17	18	7	7	10	9
Had. Calib. Unc.	5	6	9	8	15	3
Other Exp. Unc.	1	2	3	3	8	5
PDF	11	11	10	9	10	8
QED Effects	7	7	4	4	3	6
$p_T(W)$ modelling	2	5	3	9	10	9
Reference	[41]		[40]		[42]	
Final Result of Collaboration	80375 ± 23		80387 ± 19		80370 ± 19	
(Stat., Exp. Sys., Model Unc.)	80375 ± 12	$1\pm15\pm13$	80387 ± 12	$2\pm10\pm12$	$80370 \pm 7 \pm 11 \pm 14$	

- Most sensitive measurement from the m_T distributions at Tevatron, but from the p_T distribution at ATLAS (pile-up!)
 - Much larger dependence on p_T(W) modelling for ATLAS
- Largest uncertainties due to PDFs but different origin
 - acceptance effects for Tevatron, but polarization effects at LHC

Measurement of the W Boson Mass $(3/4) - p_T(W)$

- Uncertainties from exp. p_T(Z) unc. and theory unc. on the W/Z p_T ratio
- Heavy-flavour-initiated (HFI) production introduce decorrelation
 - bb/cc→Z accounts for 3-6%
 - cs→W is ~20% of W production
 - HFI addressed with
 - charm mass variations
 - decorrelating the PS between light and HFI processes
- Central prediction and uncertainty validated with the recoil distribution
 - end up with compatible central value and similar uncertainties compared to "model approach"

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Measurement of the W Boson Mass $(4/4) - p_T(W)$

- Theoretically more advanced calculations were also attempted
 - DYRES (and other resummation codes : ResBos, CuTe)
 - Powheg MiNLO + Pythia8
- All predict a harder p_T(W) spectrum for given p_T(Z) distribution
 - Behaviour is disfavoured by data (comparison of u_{II} distribution)



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Measurement of $\sin^2\theta_W(1/2)$

 Latest ATLAS result based on the measurement of the A4 angular coefficient

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}p_{\mathrm{T}}^{Z}\,\mathrm{d}y^{Z}\,\mathrm{d}m^{Z}\,\mathrm{d}\cos\theta\,\mathrm{d}\phi} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma^{U+L}}{\mathrm{d}p_{\mathrm{T}}^{Z}\,\mathrm{d}y^{Z}\,\mathrm{d}m^{Z}} \left\{ (1+\cos^{2}\theta) + \sum_{i=0}^{7} \mathbf{A}_{i}(\mathbf{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{Z},\mathbf{y}^{Z},\mathbf{m}^{Z}) \cdot \mathbf{P}_{i}(\cos\theta,\varphi) \right\}$$

- Using three analysis channels
 - Muons ($y_Z < 2.4$)
 - Central electrons (y_Z<2.4)
 - 1-forward, 1-central electron (y_Z<3.6)
- Profiling PDFs during fit of sin2theta



Measurement of $\sin^2\theta_W(2/2)$

- Contributions of the different channels to the measurement of $sin^2\theta_{eff}$

Channel	eecc	$\mu\mu_{CC}$	eecF	$ee_{CC} + \mu\mu_{CC}$	$ee_{CC} + \mu\mu_{CC} + ee_{CF}$		
Central value	0.23148	0.23123	0.23166	0.23119	0.23140		
			-	Uncertainties			
Total	68	59	(43)	49	36	_	
Stat.	48	40	29	31	21 🗙	10-5	
Syst.	48	44	32	38	29	10	
	Uncertainties in measurements						
PDF (meas.)	8	9	7	6	4	_	
$p_{\rm T}^Z$ modelling	0	0	7	0	5		
Lepton scale	4	4	4	4	3		
Lepton resolution	6	1	2	2	1		
Lepton efficiency	11	3	3	2	4		
Electron charge misidentification	2	0	1	1	< 1		
Muon sagitta bias	0	5	0	1	2		
Background	1	2	1	1	2		
MC. stat.	25	22	18	16	12		
	Uncertainties in predictions						
MMUT) PDF (predictions)	37	35	22	33	24	_	
QCD scales	6	8	9	5	6		
EW corrections	3	3	3	3	3		

- eeCF is most precise though it has only 1.5M events
 - compared to 13.5M eeCC + µµCC
- Measurement uncertainty 36 x 10-5
- data stat and PDF uncertainty roughly equal. MC stats next largest uncertainty

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 Competitive measurement from a hadron collider



- adds consistency to the landscape!
- Still expect significant improvements for the final results, since we can add the A_{FB} based measurement

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Some remarks on PDFs profilling and fitting



- When fitting / profiling PDFs, we use fiducial cross-section measurements and NNLO prediction
 - NNLO predictions do not describe the resummation/PS part of the vector boson spectra, i.e. this leads to a bias towards the lepton pT and thus the fiducial definition
 - Would need to have a resummed / NNLO+PS PDF Fit

Top Pole-Mass Measurements

- Absolute and normalised differential cross-section measurements, in the di-leptonic eµ pair channel with one or two b-tagged jets at 8 TeV
 - Constrain gluon PDFs
 - normalised lepton p_{l} and dilepton p_{eu} , $m_{eu},\,p_e{+}p_{_{\rm I\! I}}$ and $E_e{+}E_{_{\rm I\! I}}$ distributions are sensitive to pole-mass of the top-quark
- Compare with fixed order prediction at NLO (MCFM) and extract
 - $m_{top} = 173.2 \pm 0.9 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.8 \text{ (sys)} \pm$ 1.2 (model) GeV
 - much higher statistics for full run-2 and comparison to NNLO predictions might lead to uncertainty below 1 GeV





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Dilepton p^{eµ} [GeV]



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Some Further Thoughts

Some Further Thoughts on SM measurements with Theory Limitations

- Also thanks to Dr. Ulla Blumenschein (Queen Mary, London)
- Missing higher orders are limiting the alpha_s measurement via jet measurements
 - https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.02562
 - Totally dominated by scale variations
- Vector boson fusion W/Z production is limited by modelling the QCD Z+2jets production even after exploiting a control region
 - see page 14 in <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/1709.10264.pdf</u>
- Several examples in the Higgs-production: e.g. VH(->bb)
 - SM backgrounds are co-dominating with b-tagging efficiencies, see Table8:
 - https://cds.cern.ch/record/2630338/files/ATLAS-CONF-2018-036.pdf
 - Also ttH has a dominating component from tt+HF:
 - https://arxiv.org/pdf/1806.00425.pdf





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Summary

- While most SM measurements are not limited by missing higher orders, we need higher order corrections to interpret our data in the context of BSM
- Measurement of precision observables (mW, mTop) require indeed a better theoretical understanding of differential distributions
- A guidelines on scale-choices, adequat observables and uncertainties due to missing higher orders is highly welcome

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