# Recent theory issues in SM Higgs results Frank Petriello

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### **Outline**

- A survey of Higgs measurements at the LHC
- •The role of theory in unraveling the origin of EWSB
- •Two issues for the future LHC program: theory predictions for exclusive jet bins and second-generation couplings
	- •Theory for jet vetoes in the WW channel
	- •Higgs+jet @NNLO
	- •Measuring the Hccbar coupling at a luminosity-upgraded LHC

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#### Mass measurement



•Consistent with the global EW fit without the LHC measurement to better than 2σ •Measurement errors are sub-GeV, and are becoming systematic-dominated



#### Spin-parity analysis





•Kinematic distributions in γγ, ZZ, and WW final states prefer a  $0<sup>+</sup>$  state

•ATLAS example: 0<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>+</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, and 2<sup>+</sup> excluded at or above 97.8% C.L.

#### Coupling measurement



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#### The documentation frontier (C. Brock)



#### Uncertainties in inclusive cross-sections

Dittmaier and Schumacher (2012)



#### **And yet...**

### Sharpening our image



•Systematic errors already approaching statistical ones; will overtake with 14 TeV data

•Systematic error shown is the combination of experimental and theoretical systematics; theory is already the dominant systematic error

•A particular issue is the division into bins of exclusive jet multiplicity



### The lost generation



- •Extremely difficult to access second-generation couplings at the LHC
- •Only possible with high luminosity; only muon final-state considered by ATLAS/CMS so far
- · Is an e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> Higgs factory needed to access 2nd-generation quark couplings?

### Exclusive jet bins



•Required experimentally in the WW channel due to the background composition

•Continuum WW production in the 0-jet bins; both WW and ttbar in the 1 jet bin; ttbar in the 2-jet bin

•Need different cuts as a function of jet multiplicity

- Typical jet- $p_T$  choices: 25-30 GeV
- •Similar divisions used in some ττ analyses

## Why are jet vetoes dangerous?

•Imposing a jet veto leads to an interesting two-scale problem in QFT. Illustrate with simple example of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow$  jets

•Infrared safety: must sum both virtual and real corrections



Virtual corrections:  $-I/EIR<sup>2</sup>$ 



Real corrections:  $1/\epsilon_{IR}^2$ -a×ln<sup>2</sup>(Q/p<sub>T,veto</sub>)

•Incomplete cancellation of IR divergences in presence of final state restrictions gives logarithms of the restricted kinematic variable •Relevant term for gluon-fusion Higgs searches:

 $2C_A(\alpha_s/\pi) \ln^2(M_H/p_{T, veto}) \sim 1/2 \Rightarrow$  potentially a large correction • α<sub>s</sub><sup>n</sup>ln<sup>2n</sup>(M<sub>H</sub>/p<sub>T,veto</sub>) appears at each order *n* in perturbation theory

### The structure of the Higgs cross section



•Can identify three kinematic regions for a QCD prediction when a (dimensionless) variable τ is restricted •Peak region:  $\alpha_s \ln^2(T_{\text{cut}}) \gg 1$ ; perturbative expansion dominated by

logarithms, predict using resummation

- •Tail region:  $\alpha_s \ln^2(T_{\text{cut}}) \ll 1$ ; logarithms not large, predict using standard fixedorder perturbation theory
- •Transition region:  $\alpha_s \ln^2(T_{\text{cut}}) \leq 1$ ; need progress on both resummation and fixed-order

•Higgs production at the LHC is in the most-difficult transition region; must consider both resummation and fixed-order results to describe this process •Nature (or at least experimentalists) is unkind...

#### Zero-jet resummation

- Begin in the zero-jet bin. Current status with anti- $k<sub>T</sub>$  algorithm:
	- ✦ Banfi, Monni, Salam, Zanderighi: NNLL+NNLO 1203.5573, 1206.4998
	- ✦ Becher, Neubert NNLL+NNLO 1205.3806, partial N3LL+NNLO 1307.0025
	- ✦ Stewart, Tackmann, Walsh, Zuberi NNLL'+NNLO 1307.1808



#### NNLL'+NNLO resummation

•Uses soft-collinear effective theory

green:  $NLL_{p_T}$ blue:  $NLL'_{pT} + NLO$ orange:  $NNL'_{\text{pT}} + NNLO$ 

•Significant improvement in prediction from including higher-order resummation and fixed-order •Has not yet propagated into experimental studies

Including resummation and fixed-order uncertainties



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#### NNLL+NNLO resummation

Central value: scheme (a) with  $\circ$ 

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\mu_R=\mu_F=Q=M/2
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 $\mathcal{Q}$   $\mu$ <sub>R</sub> and  $\mu$ <sub>F</sub> variations

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\frac{M}{4} \leq \mu_R, \mu_F \leq M \qquad \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{\mu_R}{\mu_F} \leq 2
$$

Resummation scale  $(Q)$  variation Q i.e.

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\frac{\ln \frac{M}{p_{t, veto}} \to \ln \frac{Q}{p_{t, veto}}}{4} \le Q \le M \qquad \mu_{R, F} = M/2
$$

Scheme (b) and (c) with  $\mathcal Q$ 

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\mu_R = \mu_F = Q = M/2
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Total uncertainty  $\longleftrightarrow$  envelope 9



Banfi, Monni, Salam, Zanderighi 1206.4998

•Very different theoretical approach, but similar results for uncertainty; reduced error estimates coming from the resummation program are robust

#### One-jet resummation

•Two relevant regions of jet p<sub>T</sub>: p<sub>T</sub>~m<sub>H</sub>>>p<sub>T,veto</sub>, m<sub>H</sub>>>p<sub>T</sub>~p<sub>T,veto</sub> •Currently can resum the first region at NLL'+NLO x. Liu, FP 1210.1906, 1303.4405



•Comprises roughly 30% of the event rate at the LHC, but roughly 50% of the error

•An improved treatment of this region can significantly reduce relevant errors in LHC analyses

#### Numerical results for the one-jet bin

 $\bullet$ Integrate over entire  $p_T$  range used in the ATLAS measurement





•Large uncertainty from the high- $p_T$  region makes this resummation very effective in reducing errors in the one-jet bin

•Very conservatively (turn off resummation at  $p_{T,J}=m_H/2$ ), error on 1-jet bin result is decreased by 25% relative to fixed-order

•Has not yet propagated into the experimental studies

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## Higgs plus one-jet @NNLO

•Higgs plus zero-jets known in fixed-order through NNLO •Until recently, Higgs plus one-jet known only through NLO •The following ingredients are needed for  $H+1$ -jet  $@NNLO$ :



• All ingredients were available, some even for a while; what prevented us from having this calculation done before now?

• IR singularities cancel in the sum of real and virtual corrections and mass factorization counterterms but only after phase space integration for real radiation

•A generic procedure to extract IR singularities from RR and RV before phase-space integration was unknown until very recently

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### Singularity structure of H+jet

• Complicated singularity structure, in particular three collinear directions:



170 different subtraction terms had to be implemented for  $gg \rightarrow H g!$ 

### Building blocks

- tree-level H+3j
- tree-level  $H+2j$  up to  $O(\epsilon^2)$
- tree-level H+1j up to  $O(ε)$
- one-loop H+2j (Badger et al (2011))
- one-loop  $H+1$ j up to  $O(\epsilon^2)$
- two-loop  $H+1j$  (Gehrmann et al. (2011))
- renormalization, collinear subtraction

Since the amplitudes have to be evaluated near singular configurations, numerical stability of all the above amplitudes is very important

### Numerical results (gg only)



- Partonic cross section for  $gg \rightarrow Hj$  @ LO, NLO, NNLO
- Realistic jet algorithm,  $k_T$  with  $R=0.5$ ,  $p_T > 30$  GeV
- Hadronic cross-section  $pp \rightarrow Hj$  using latest NNPDF sets
- Scale variation in the range  $m_H/2 < \mu < 2$  m<sub>H</sub>,  $m_H = 125$  GeV

### Numerical results (gg only)



Significantly reduced scale dependence O(4%)  $\sigma_{\text{NLO}}/\sigma_{\text{LO}} = 1.6$  $\sigma_{NNLO}/\sigma_{NLO} = 1.3$ Large K-factor

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• gg-channel is the dominant one for phenomenological studies: at NLO gg (70%), qg(30%) • quark channels necessary for achieving the relevant precision: ongoing work

### Measuring the Hcc coupling

•Can we measure second-generation quark couplings at the LHC? • Recent result: it may be possible to measure the hcc coupling at a highluminosity LHC, using h→J/Ψ+γ Bodwin, FP, Stoynev, Velasco 1306.5770

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previously considered *direct* production, which is sensitive to Hcc coupling, is small

•Expect  $\sim$  50 events after reconstruction with 3 ab<sup>-1</sup>; very small theory errors

- •±20-30% coupling measurement in SM possible
- •Very sensitive to BSM deviations!

•Also have  $h \rightarrow Y(1S)+Y$  decay mode; sensitive to sign of hbb coupling, unlike other hbb measurements





### Conclusions

•Theory errors are beginning to limit our understanding of the underlying theory describing the Higgs. This will become more urgent with the increased data from a 14 TeV run.

•Progress needed on two fronts to understand Higgs+jets

- •New resummations at NNLL'+NNLO (H+0-jets) and NLL'+NLO (H+1-jet) will improve predictions in the WW channel
- •Initial results available for H+1-jet @NNLO
- •Notoriously difficult to measure 2nd-generation couplings at the LHC. New results indicate H→J/Ψ+γ might provide access to the Hccbar coupling.
- •Looking forward to the 14 TeV data!