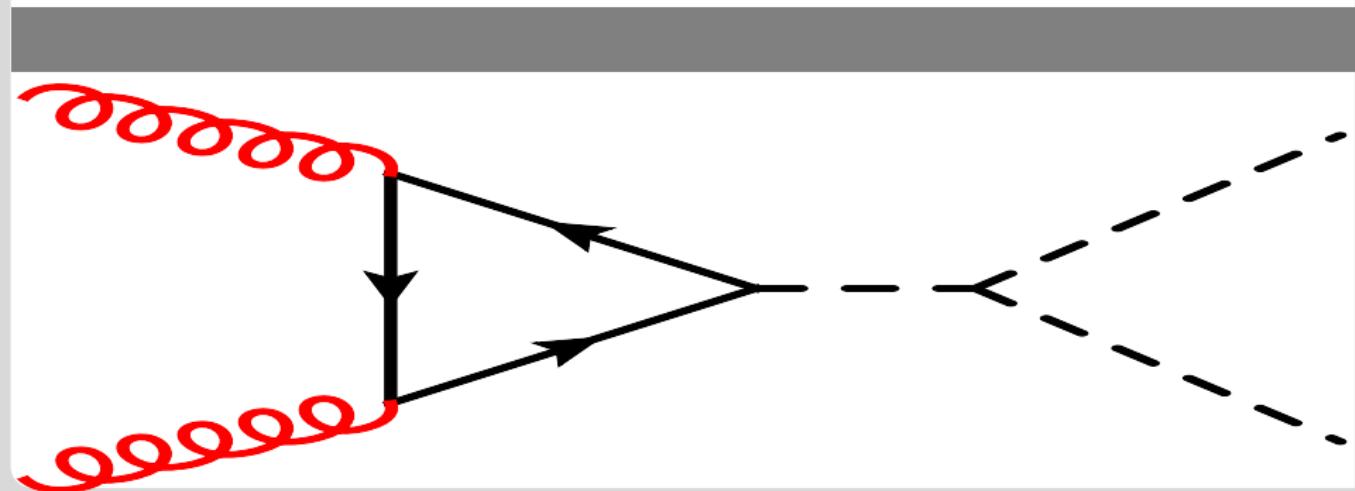


# Higgs Boson Pair Production at the LHC

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# SM couplings

gauge couplings

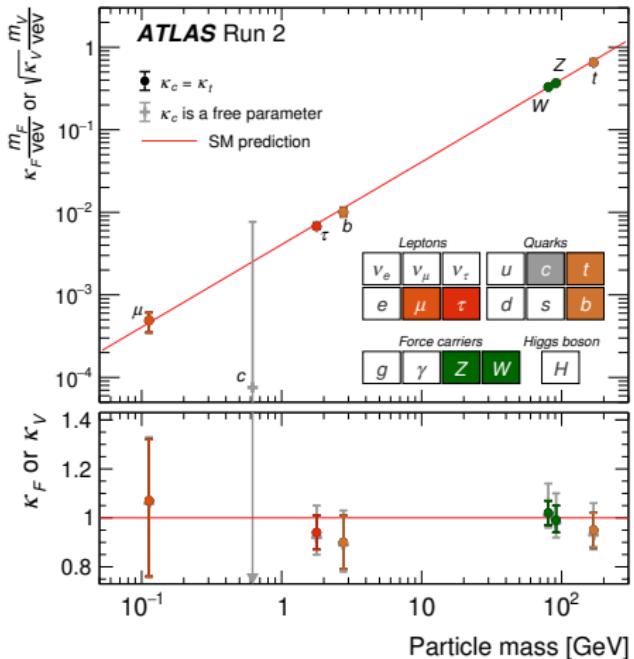
$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_s$$

Yukawa couplings

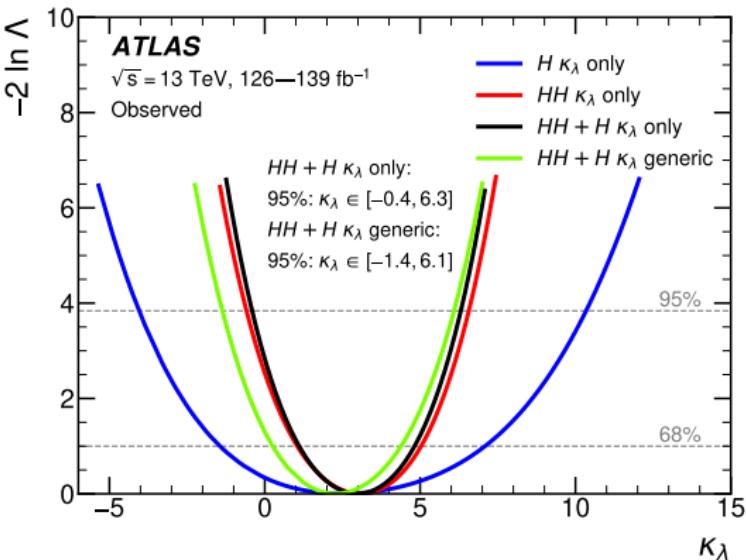
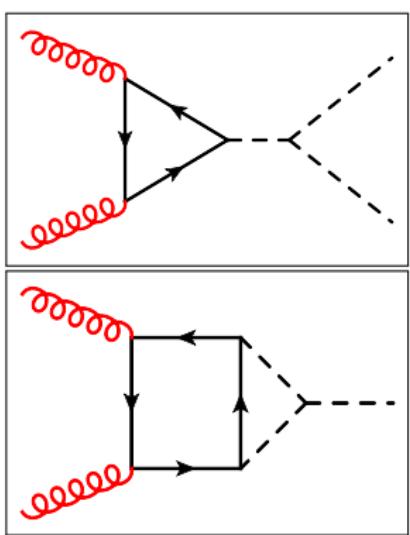
$$y_t, y_b, \dots$$

Self coupling

$$\lambda = \frac{m_H^2}{2v^2} \approx 0.125$$



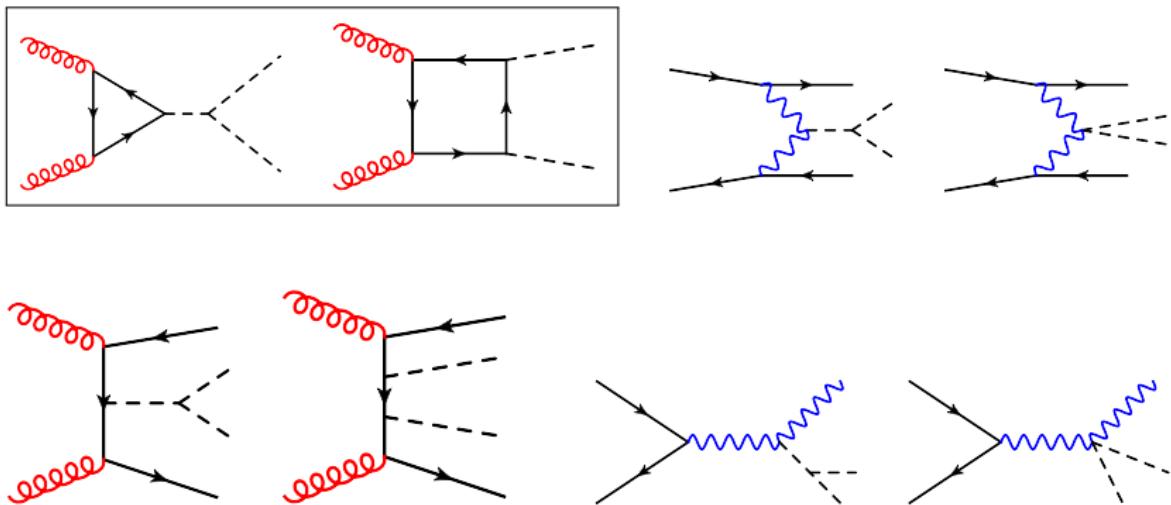
# $\lambda$ from $H$ and $HH$ production



HL-LHC:  $\mathcal{O}(50\%)$   
FCC-hh:  $\mathcal{O}(5\%)$

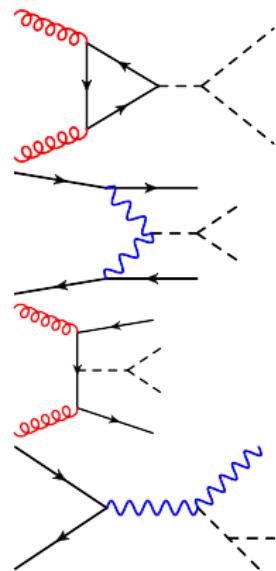
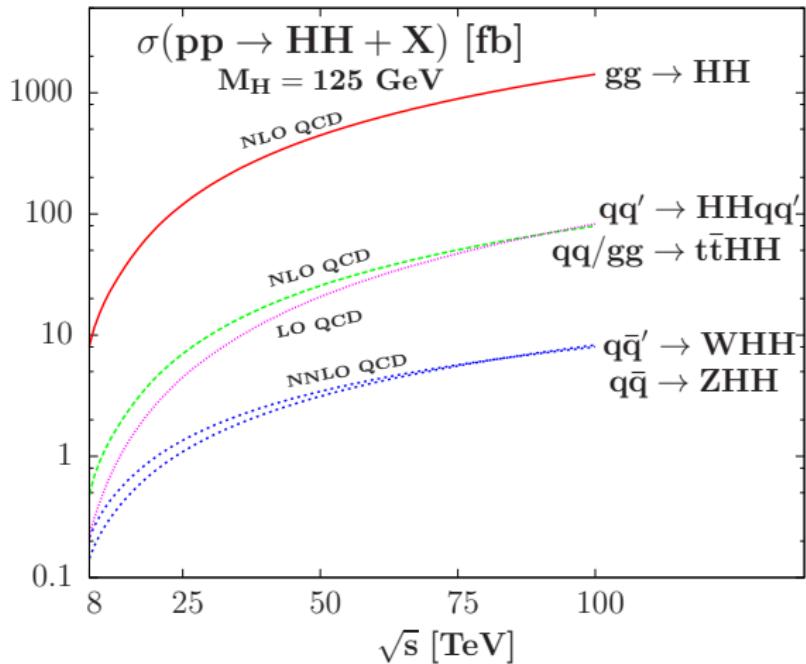
$$\kappa_\lambda = \frac{\lambda_{\text{HHH}}}{\lambda_{\text{HHH}}^{\text{SM}}}$$

# Double Higgs production in SM



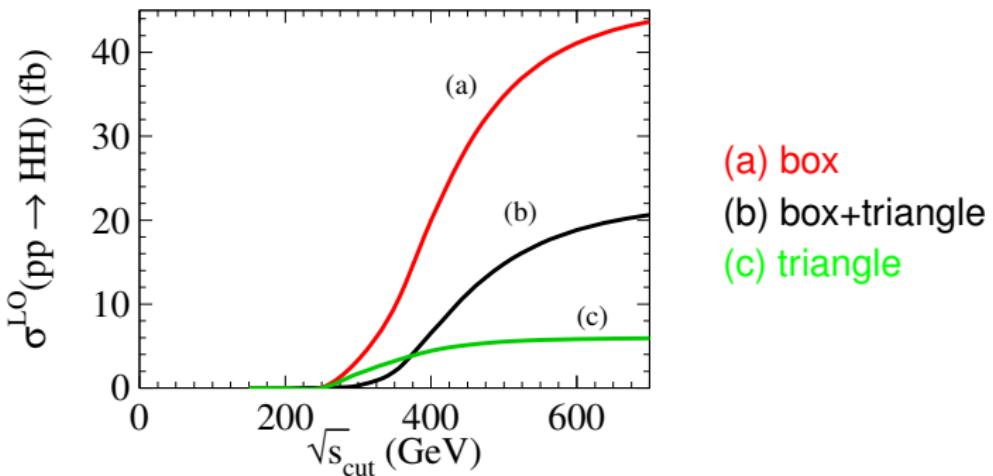
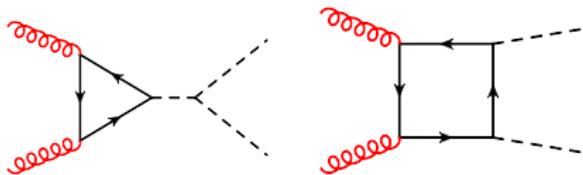
# Double Higgs production in SM (2)

[Baglio,Djouadi,Gröber,Mühlleitner,Quevillon,Spira'12]

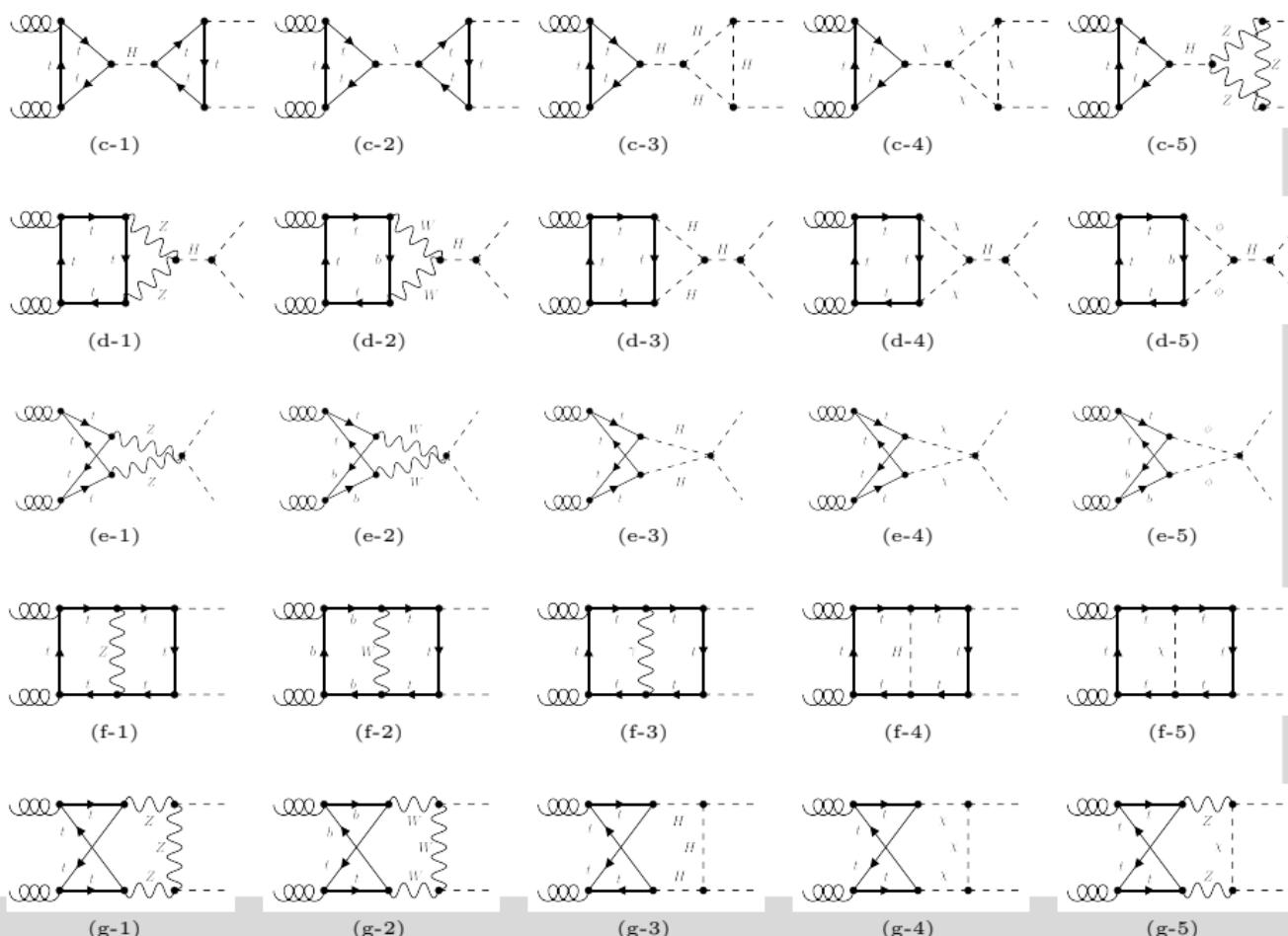


$$K^{\text{NLO}} \approx 1.9$$
$$K^{\text{NNLO}} \approx 1.2$$

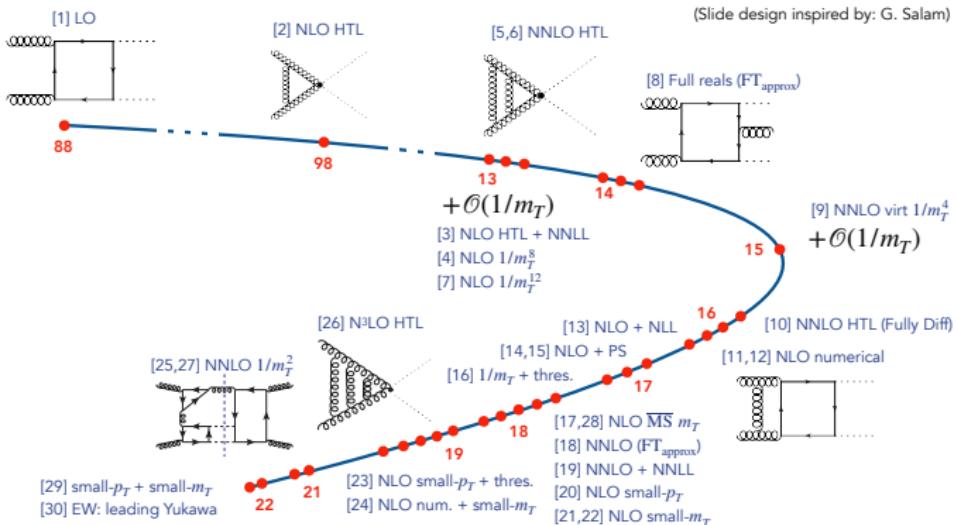
# Double Higgs production in SM at LO



$$\mathcal{A} \sim \left[ -\frac{4}{3} + \frac{4m_H^2}{s-m_H^2} \right]$$



# HH: Theory History



- [1] Glover, van der Bij 88; [2] Dawson, Dittmaier, Spira 98; [3] Shao, Li, Li, Wang 13; [4] Grigo, Hoff, Melnikov, Steinhauser 13; [5] de Florian, Mazzitelli 13; [6] Grigo, Melnikov, Steinhauser 14; [7] Grigo, Hoff 14; [8] Maltoni, Vryonidou, Zaro 14; [9] Grigo, Hoff, Steinhauser 15; [10] de Florian, Grazzini, Hanga, Kallweit, Lindert, Maierhöfer, Mazzitelli, Rathlev 16; [11] Borowka, Greiner, Heinrich, SPJ, Kerner, Schlenk, Schubert, Zirke 16; [12] Borowka, Greiner, Heinrich, SPJ, Kerner, Schlenk, Zirke 16; [13] Ferrara, Pires 16; [14] Heinrich, SPJ, Kerner, Luisoni, Vryonidou 17; [15] SPJ, Kuttimalai 17; [16] Gröber, Maier, Rauh 17; [17] Baglio, Campanario, Glaus, Mühlleitner, Spira, Streicher 18; [18] Grazzini, Heinrich, SPJ, Kallweit, Kerner, Lindert, Mazzitelli 18; [19] de Florian, Mazzitelli 18; [20] Bonciani, Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber 18; [21] Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser, Wellmann 18, 18; [22] Mishima 18; [23] Gröber, Maier, Rauh 19; [24] Davies, Heinrich, SPJ, Kerner, Mishima, Steinhauser, David Wellmann 19; [25] Davies, Steinhauser 19; [26] Chen, Li, Shao, Wang 19, 19; [27] Davies, Herren, Mishima, Steinhauser 19, 21; [28] Baglio, Campanario, Glaus, Mühlleitner, Ronca, Spira 21; [29] Bellafonte, Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber, Vitti 22; [30] Davies, Mishima, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang 22;

[slide from Stephen Jones]

# Glossary

- **Integration-by-parts (IBP)** reduction to master integrals (MIs):
  - Feynman amplitude  $\Leftrightarrow$  many  $[\mathcal{O}(10^4 \dots 10^5 \dots)]$  integrals
  - They are not independent.
  - IBP: Establish linear relations between the integrals.
  - MIs: List of independent elements in linear system.
- **Differential equations (DEs)** for master integrals:
  - If the MIs depend of 2 dimensionful quantities, e.g.  $q^2$  and  $m^2$  one can establish a system of differential equations for the MIs by taking derivatives w.r.t.  $x \equiv q^2/m^2$ .
- **Form factors** for  $gg \rightarrow HH \Leftrightarrow$  virtual corrections
$$\mathcal{M} = \varepsilon_{1,\mu} \varepsilon_{2,\nu} (\mathcal{M}_1 A_1^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{M}_2 A_2^{\mu\nu})$$
$$\mathcal{M}_1 \sim \frac{3m_H^2}{s-m_H^2} F_{\text{tri}} + F_{\text{box1}} \quad \mathcal{M}_2 \sim F_{\text{box2}}$$
- **2  $\rightarrow$  2 kinematics**

Mandelstam variables:  $s, t, u$        $s + t + u = 2m_H^2$

transverse momentum of the Higgs bosons:  $p_T^2 = \frac{ut - m_H^4}{s}$

# Analytic expansions

- Numeric calculations [pySecDec, Heinrich,...]
- Analytic calculations [Duhr,..., Tancredi,...]
- Analytic expansions:

- large-mass expansion:  $m_t^2 \gg s, t, \dots$

$\exp$  [Harlander, Seidensticker, Steinhauser'98]

“simple”: vacuum integrals and massless integrals

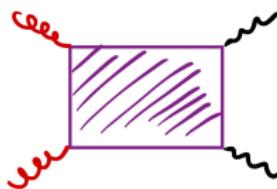
- high energy:  $m_t^2 \ll s, t, \dots$

involved asymptotic expansion

complicated MIs

- $t \rightarrow 0$

(often) Taylor expansion



$$(s, t, m_t, m_Z, m_H)$$

# High energy expansion

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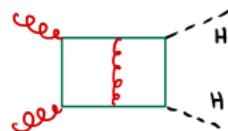
[Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser, Wellmann '18, ..., Davies, Mishima, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang '22]

- Taylor expansion in  $m_H$
- IBP reduction ( $s, t, m_t$ )
- differential equations in  $m_t^2/s$

- Ansatz for  $m_t^2 \ll s, t$

$$I_n = \sum_{i,j,k} c_{ijk}^{(n)} \epsilon^i (m_t/\sqrt{s})^j \log^k(m_t^2/s)$$

- system of linear equations for  $c_{ijk}^{(n)}$
- BCs depend on  $t/s$ 
  - ⇒ complicated box integrals; needed in the limit  $m_t \rightarrow 0$
  - involved asymptotic expansion
  - (expansion-by-regions, Mellin-Barnes integrals, PSLQ, ...)
- deep expansion:  $(m_t^2/s)^{16} \dots (m_t^2/s)^{50} \dots$



# Padé improvement

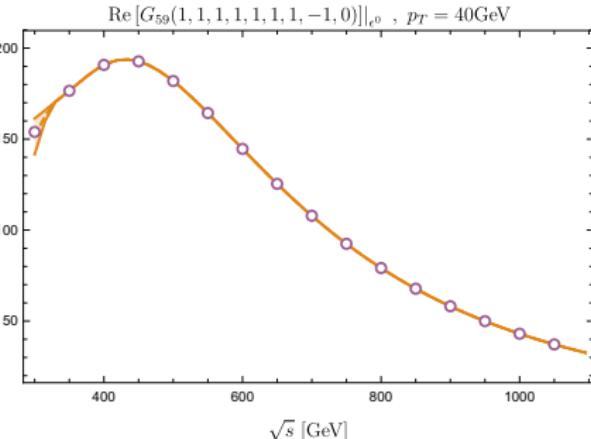
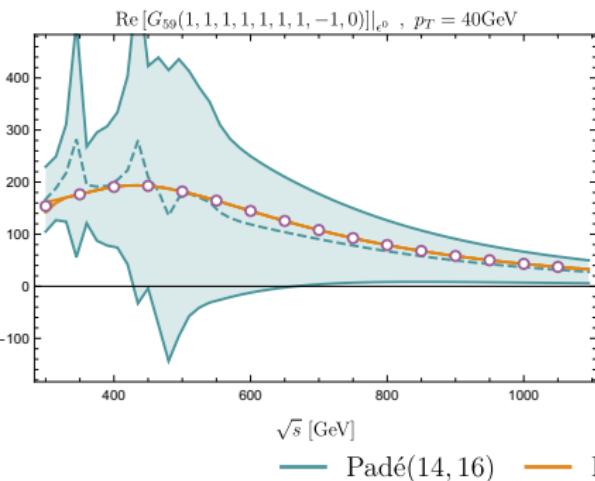
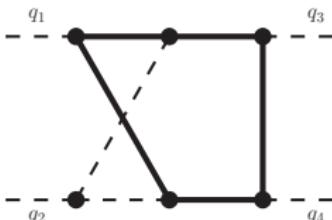
$$\sum_{k=0}^N c_k m_t^k \rightarrow \frac{a_0 + \cdots + a_r m_t^r}{1 + b_1 + \cdots + b_s m_t^s} \quad r + s = N$$

- For each phase-space point  $(\sqrt{s}, p_T)$ :  
prediction of central value and corresponding uncertainty

$$p_T^2 = (tu - m_H^4)/s, s + t + u = 2m_H^2$$

# High energy expansion $\oplus$ PA

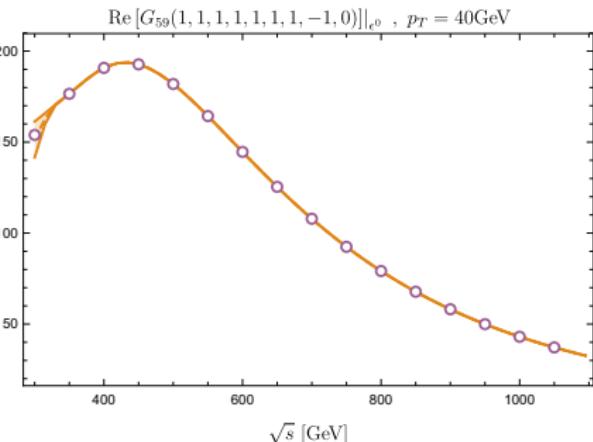
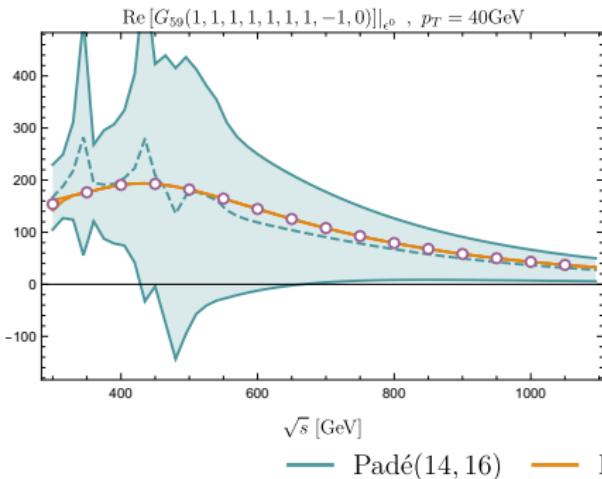
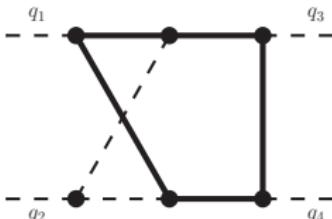
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(for each phase-space point)



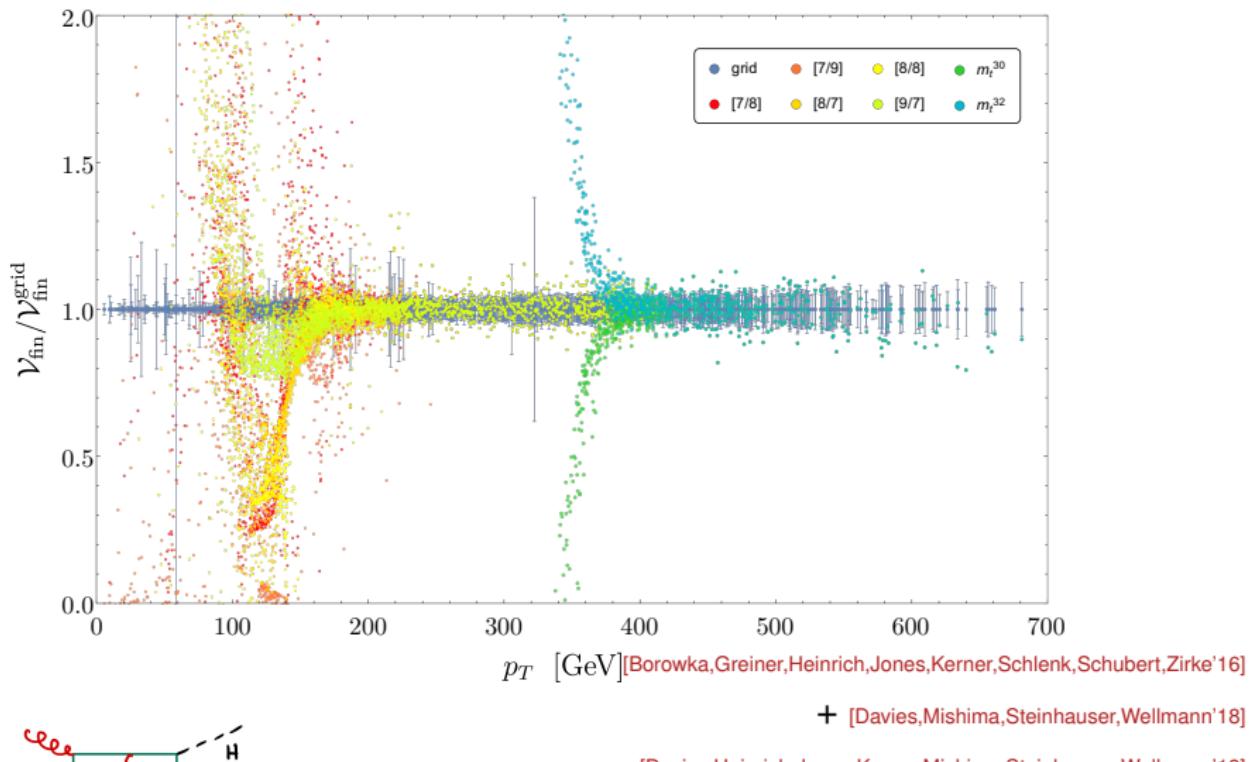
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PA is a precision tool

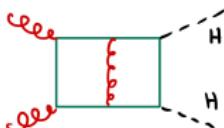


# $\mathcal{V}_{\text{fin}}$ : virtual NLO corrections to $gg \rightarrow HH$



Forward expansion  $t \rightarrow 0$

# $t \rightarrow 0$ expansion



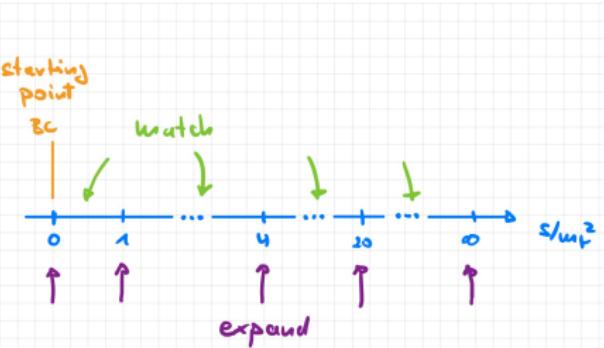
[Bonciani,Degrassi,Giardino,Gröber'18]  
[Bellafronte,Degrassi,Giardino,Gröber,Vitti'22; ...]  
[Davies,Mishima,Schönwald,Steinhauser'23]

- forward scattering kinematics
- Taylor expansion
- same differential equations as for high-energy expansion  $\{m_t^2/s, t/s\}$
- construct for each MI expansion in  $t$
- BC at  $t = 0$ :  $f(s/m_t^2)$
- compute  $f(s/m_t^2)$  with “expand and match” [Fael,Lange,Schönwald,Steinhauser'21'22]

# “Expand and match”

[Fael,Lange,Schönwald,Steinhauser’21’22]

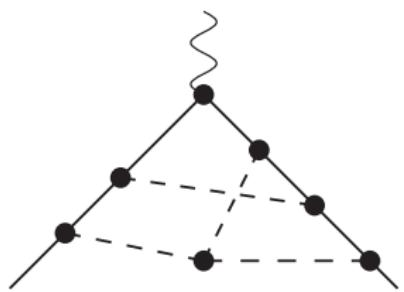
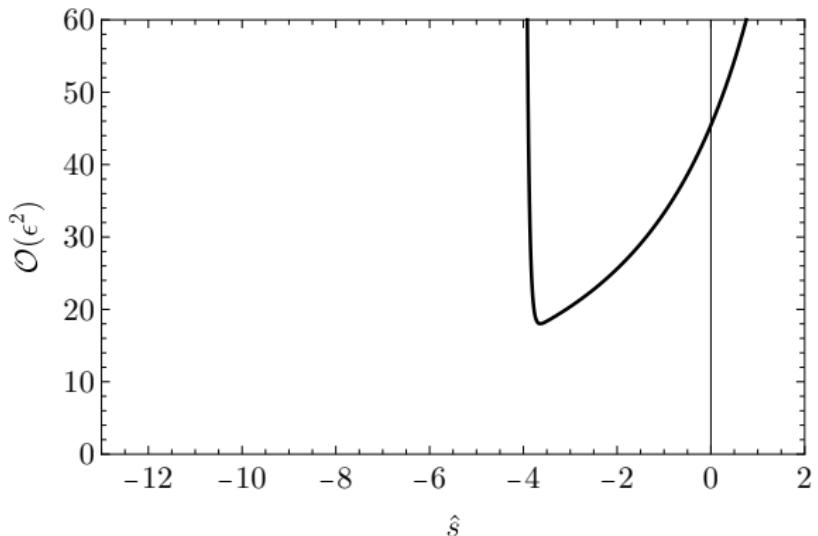
- semi-analytic results for  $f(s/m_t^2)$
- differential equation for MIs in  $s/m_t^2$
- (Power-log) **ansatz** for MIs
  - ⇒ insert in differential equation
  - ⇒ **linear equations**
- BCs for  $s/m_t^2 \rightarrow 0$  (“simple”)
- move step-by-step to  $s/m_t^2 \rightarrow \infty$
- thresholds are properly taken into account by the ansatz



Expansion of (unknown) function  $f(s/m_t^2)$  around  
properly chosen  $s/m_t^2$  values with precise numerical coefficients

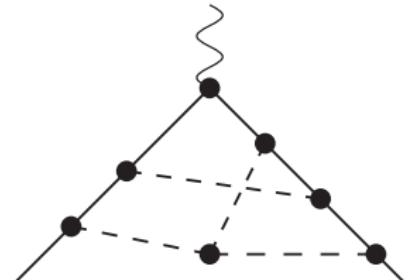
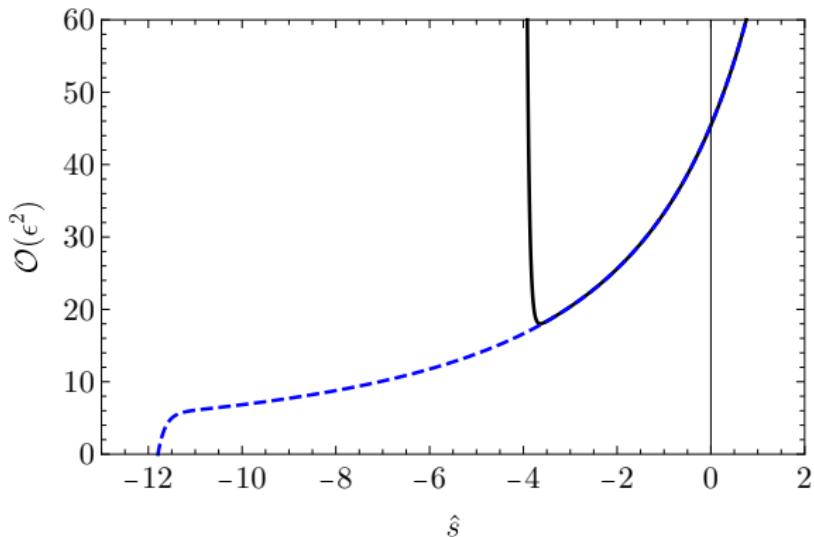
Similar approaches: [Blümlein,Czakon,Hidding,Laporta,Lee,Liu,Smirnov,...]

# Sample MI



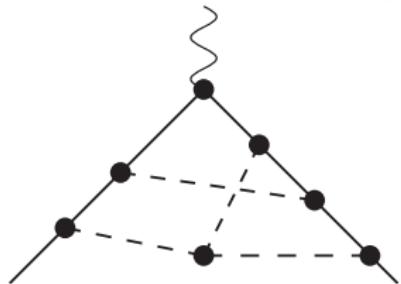
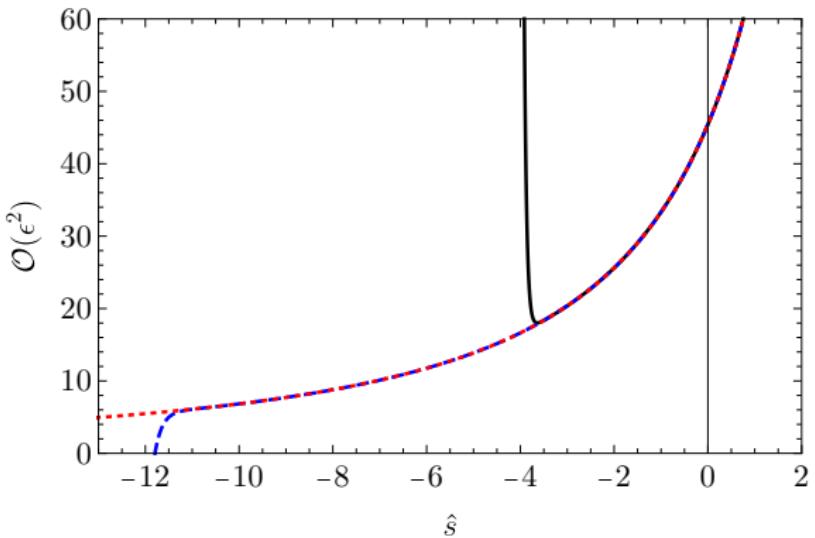
- Expansion around  
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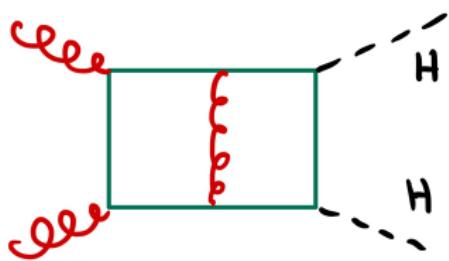
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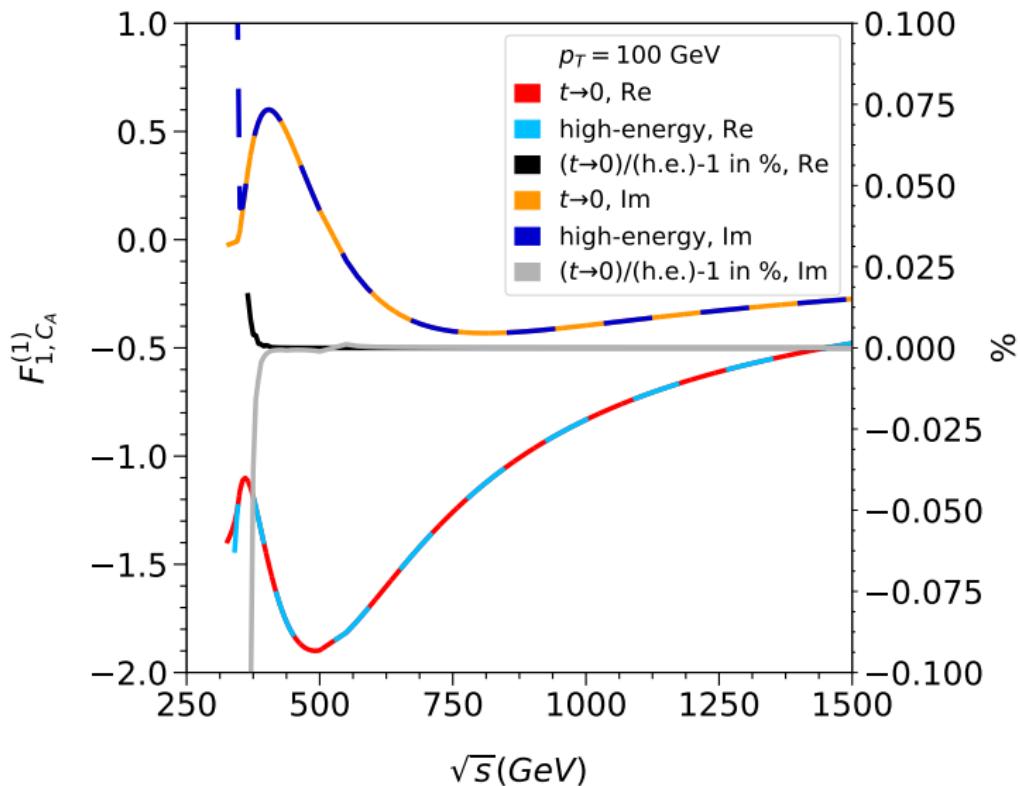
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# Back to $gg \rightarrow hh$ @ NLO



$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{high-energy expansion} \\ t \rightarrow 0 \text{ expansion} \end{array} \right.$

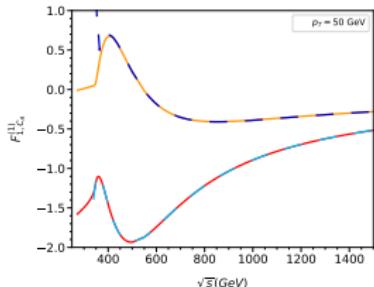
# Combine: $t \rightarrow 0$ and h.e. at 2 loops



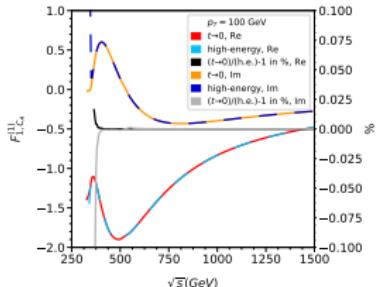
[Davies, Mishima, Schönwald, Steinhauser'23]

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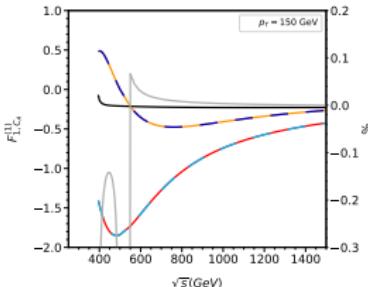
$p_T = 50 \text{ GeV}$



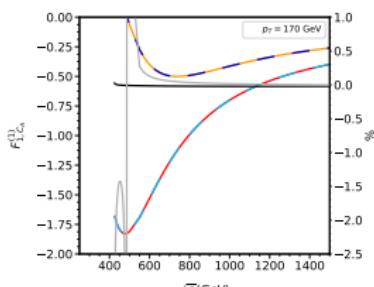
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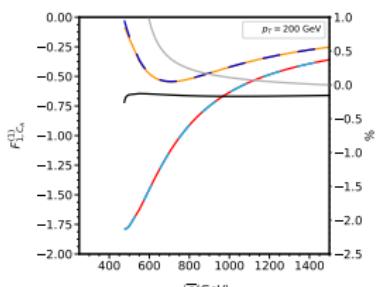
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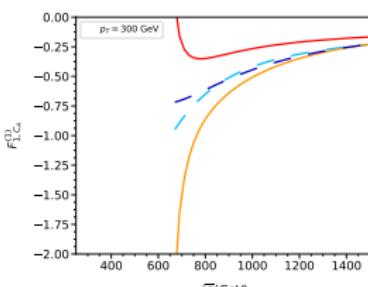
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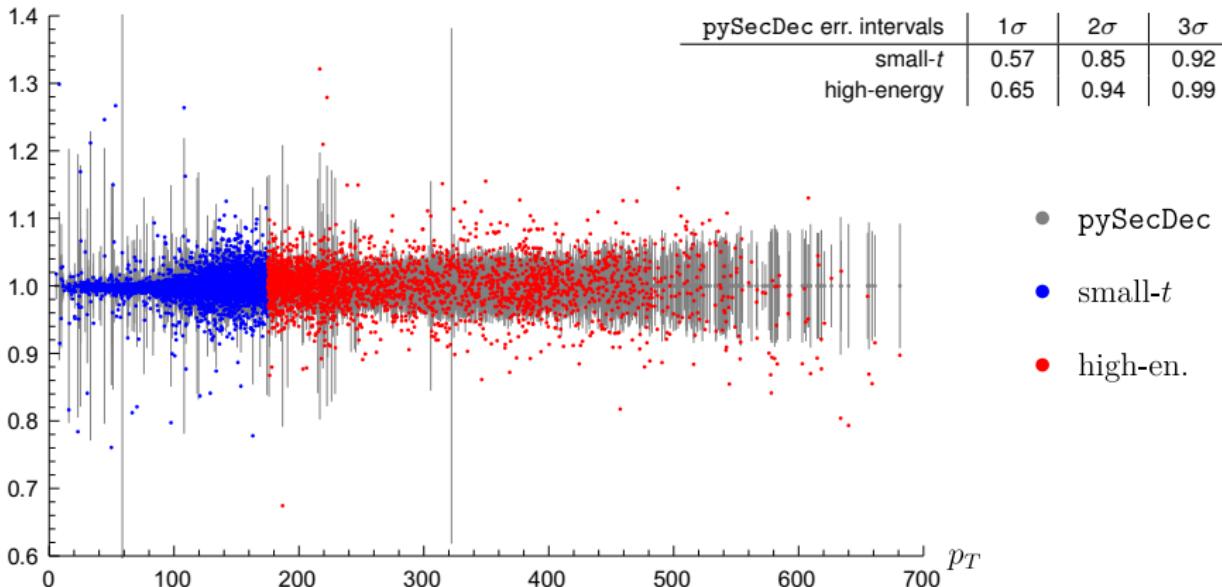
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[Davies,Mishima,Schönwald,Steinhauser'23]

# $\mathcal{V}_{\text{fin}}$ : virtual NLO QCD corrections

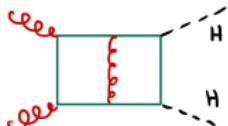
Comparison to “pySecDec”



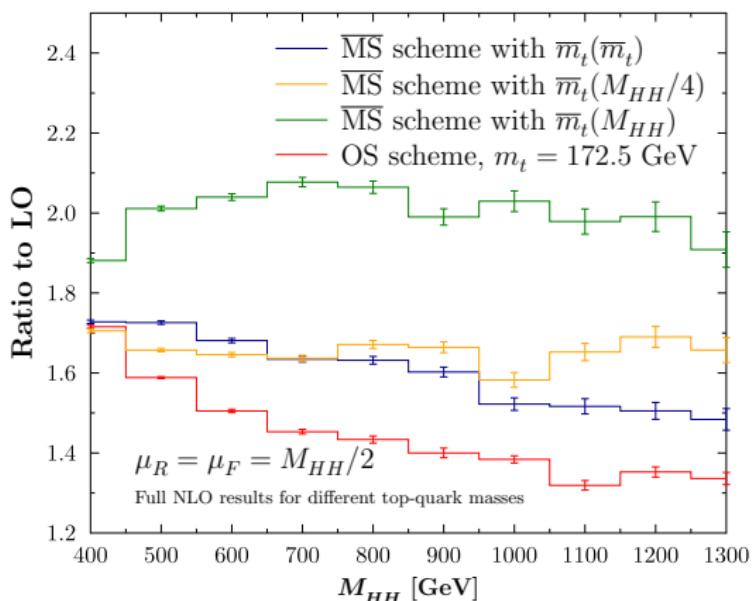
<https://github.com/mppmu/hhgrid>

[Borowka, Greiner, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Schubert, Zirke '16]

# $gg \rightarrow HH$ at NLO



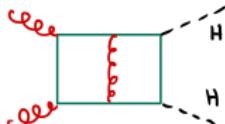
$gg \rightarrow HH$  at NLO QCD |  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV | PDF4LHC15



[Baglio,Campanario,Glaus,Mühlleitner,Ronca,Spira'20]

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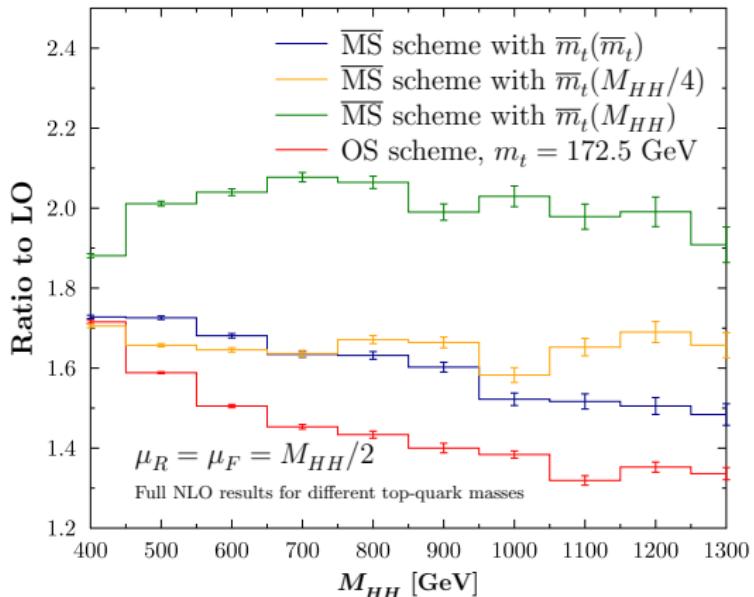
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➡ Need for NNLO

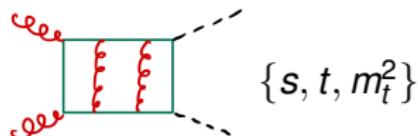
# Can we go to 3 loops?

large-mass expansion: DONE [Davies, Steinhauser'19]

high-energy: NO

$t \rightarrow 0$ : YES, if we can do the reduction for

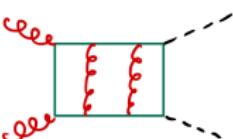
⇒ currently not possible



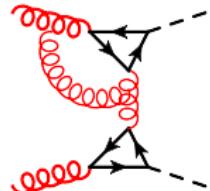
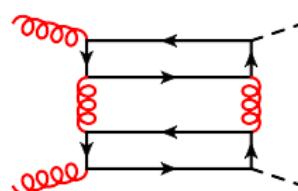
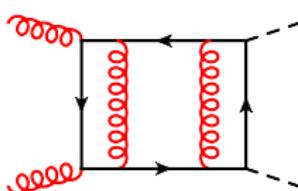
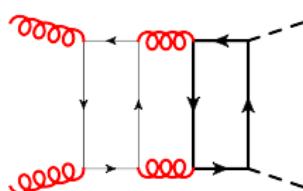
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But: invert order:

1. expand in  $t \Rightarrow$  no  $t$  dependence

2. reduce:   $\{s, m_t^2\}$  (still challenging)

# 3-loop classification



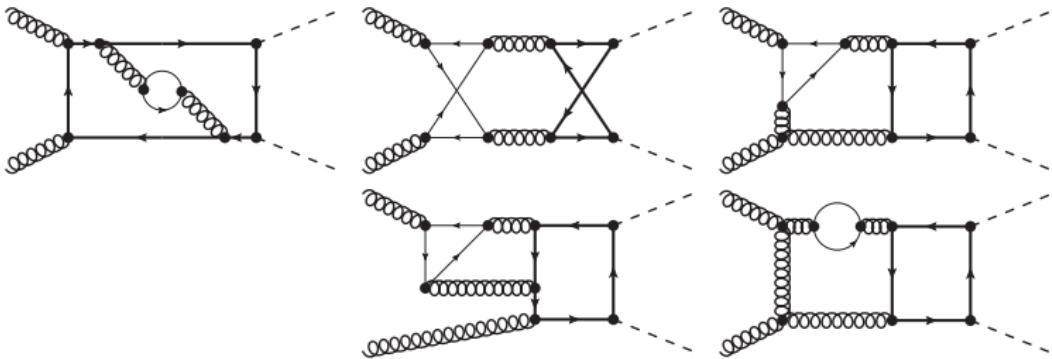
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in progress

TODO

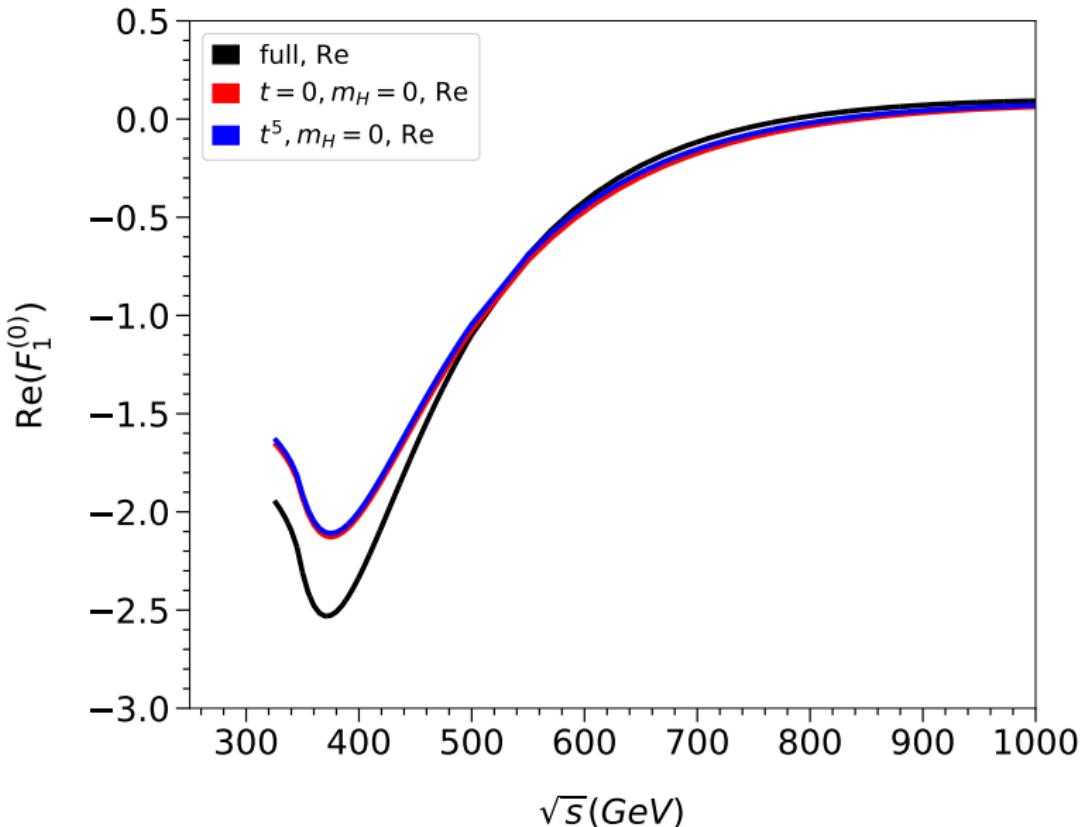
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# Fermionic corrections

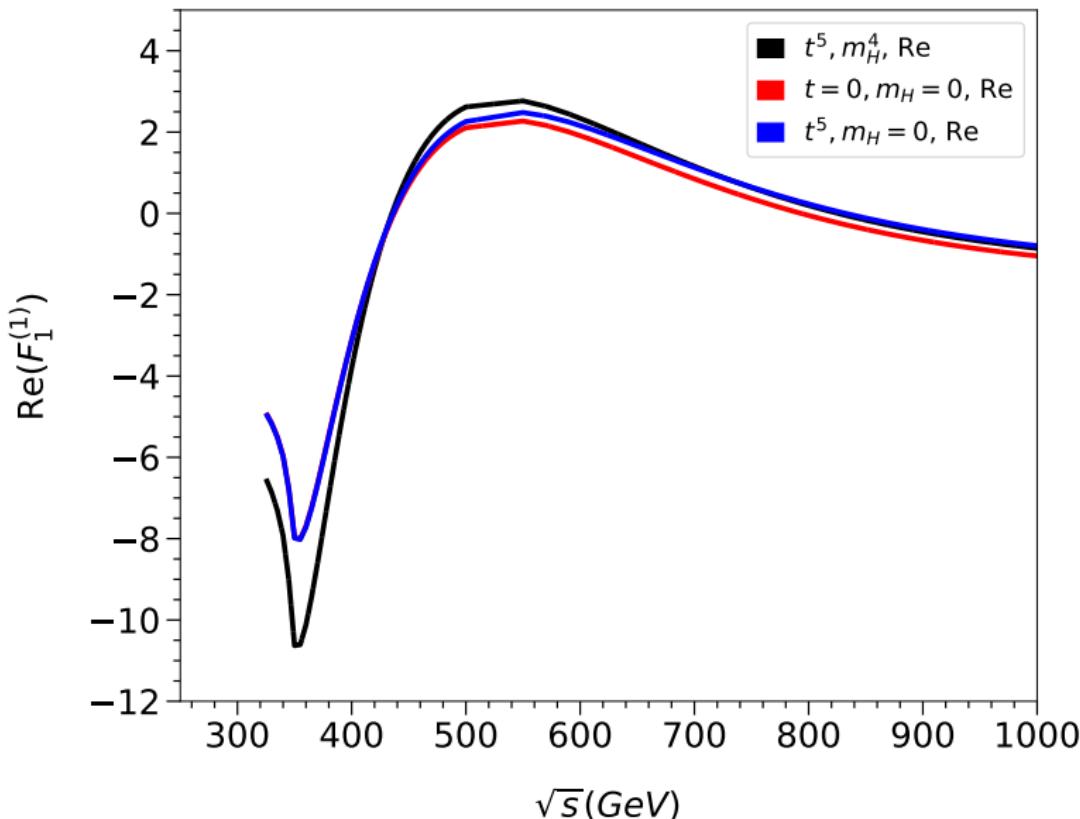


- $t = 0, m_H = 0$
- 31 integral families tapir: [Gerlach,Herren,Lang'23]
- 176 MIs Kira: [Klappert,Lange,Maierhöfer,Usovitsch'20]
- useful: LiteRed [\[Lee\]](#), LIMIT [\[Herren\]](#), Feynson [\[Magerya\]](#)
- reduction: about 1 week for most complicated family

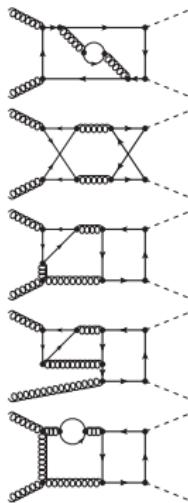
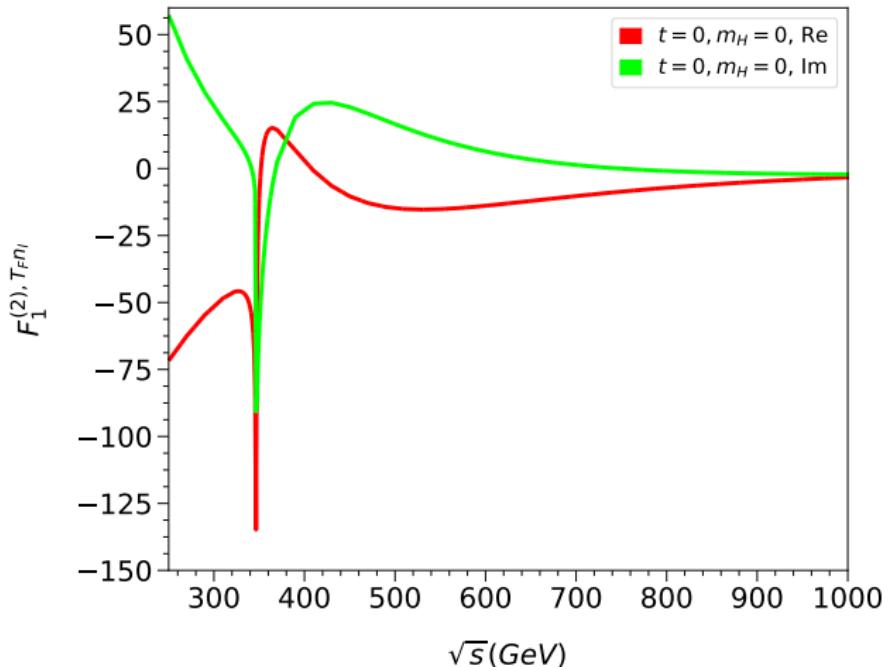
# 1-loop result, $p_T = 100 \text{ GeV}$



# 2-loop result, $p_T = 100 \text{ GeV}$



# 3-loop $n_l$ for $t = 0, m_H = 0$



At threshold:

$$v = \sqrt{1 - 4m_t^2/s}$$

NLO:  $v \log v, v^2 \log v, v^3 \log^2 v, \dots$

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# Challenges beyond the fermionic corrections

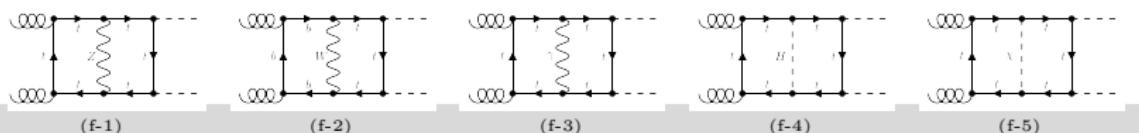
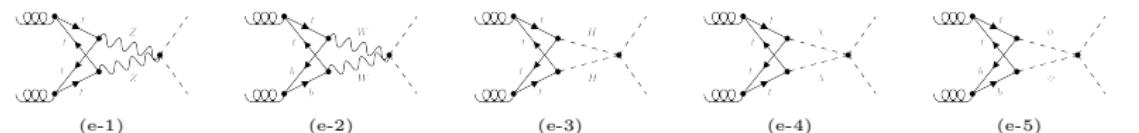
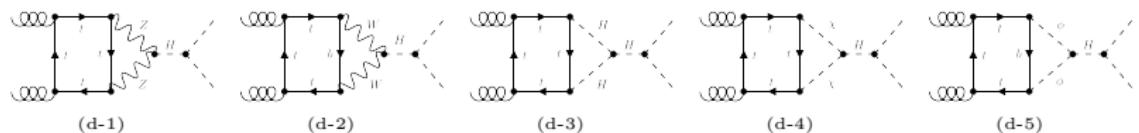
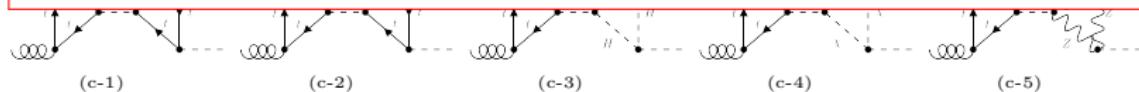
- 203 integral families
- IBP reduction
  - hardest job: 41 days, > 2 TB RAM; took several attempts
  - 33.000 MIs accross all families
- Minimization of MIs
  - cannot be done with Kira
  - Apply FIRE's FindRule to all 2.600.000 input integrals
    - + additional test reductions with FIRE
  - ⇒ 1561 MIs
- Solve differential equation system  
BC: large- $m_t$  limit: DONE

# Electroweak corrections

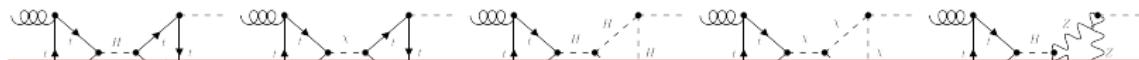
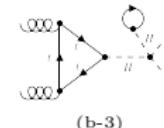
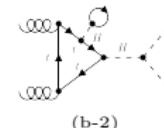
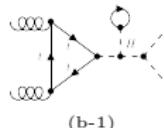
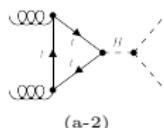
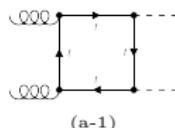
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- Known results:

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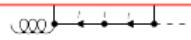
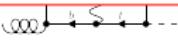
- Leading top quark mass corrections [Mühlleitner,Schlenk,Spira'22]

- Full electroweak corrections to  $gg \rightarrow HH$  in large- $m_t$  limit

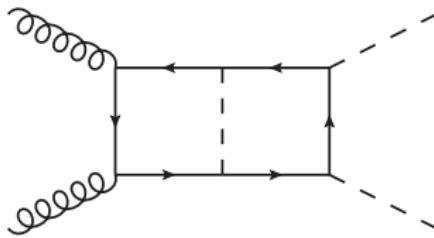
- [Davies,Mishima,Schönwald,Steinhauser,Zhang'23]

- full numerical calculation [Bi,Huang,Huang,Ma,Yu'23]

- $d\sigma/dM_{HH} : +15\% \dots -10\%$



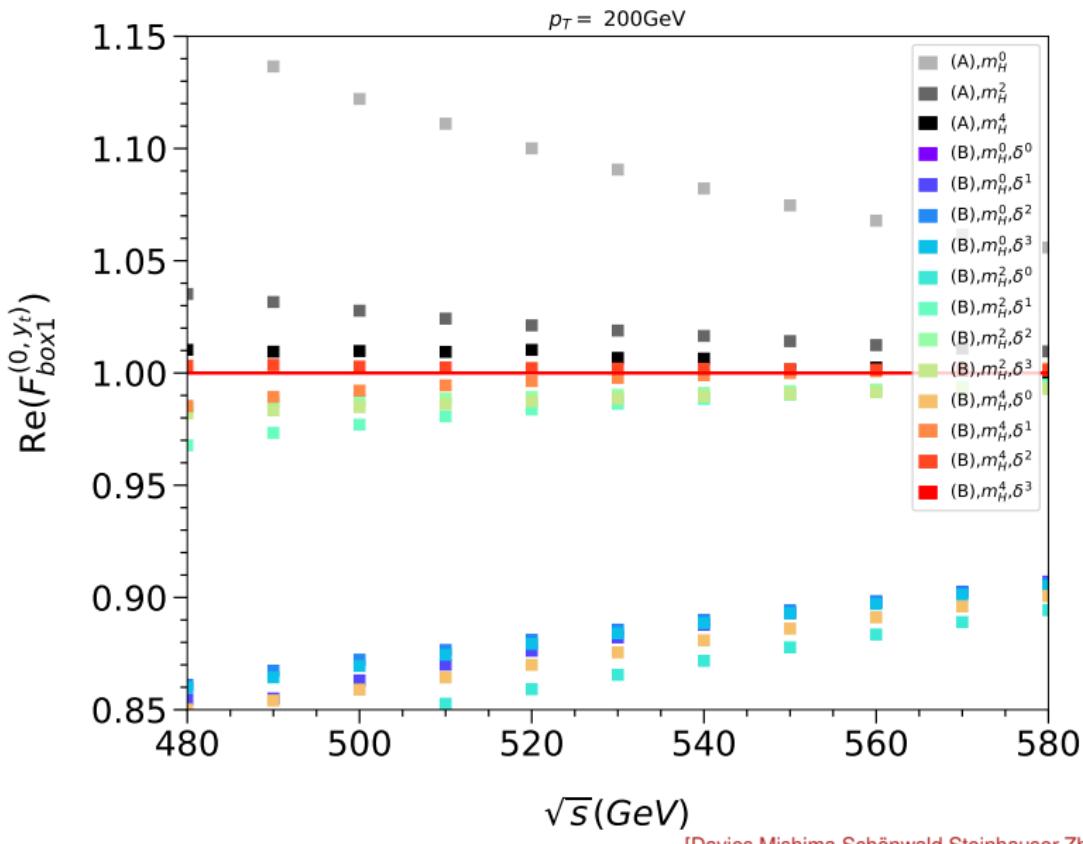
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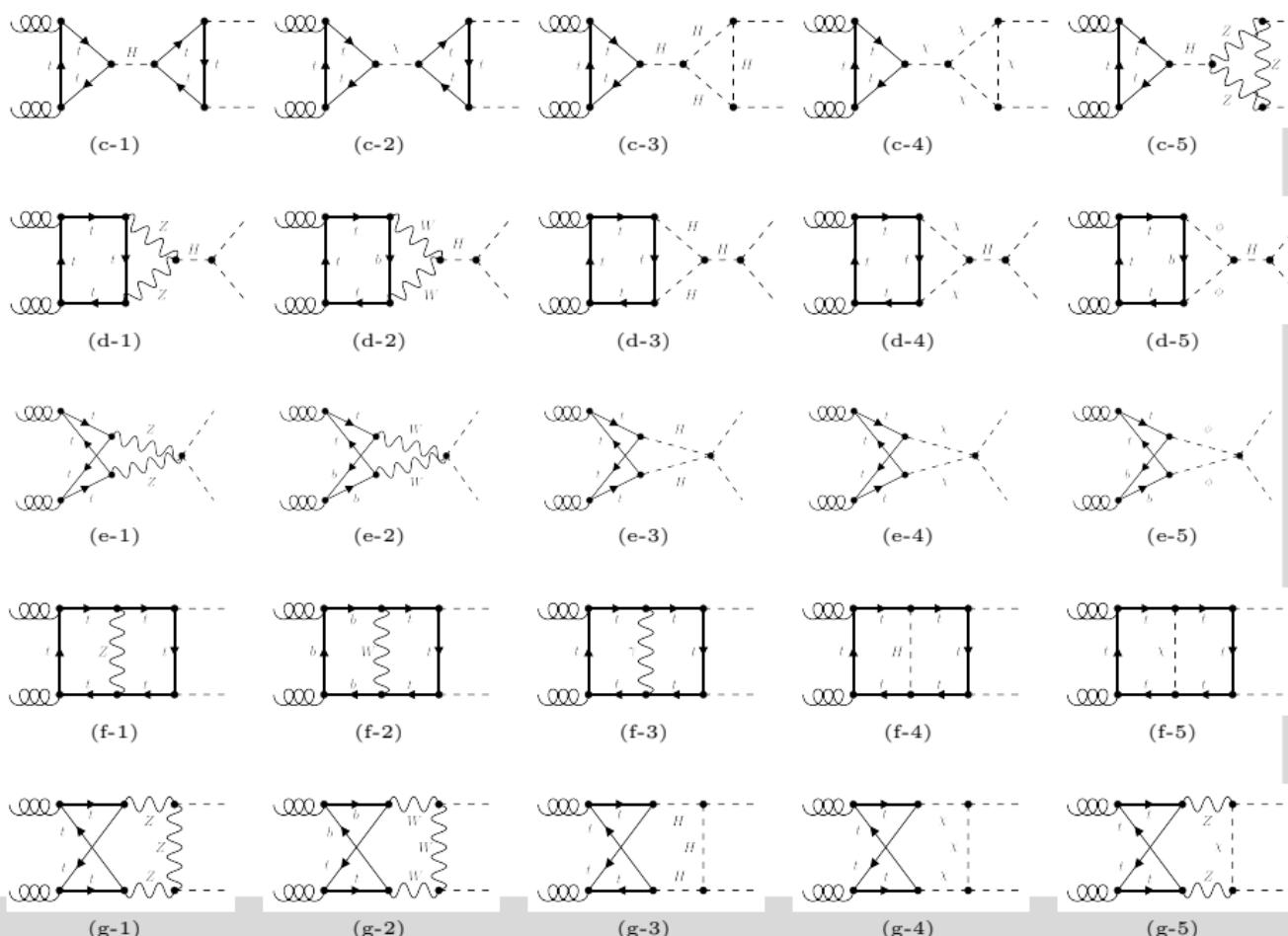


## 2 strategies

- A:  $s, t \gg m_t^2 \gg (m_H^{\text{int}})^2, (m_H^{\text{ext}})^2$
- B:  $s, t \gg m_t^2 \approx (m_H^{\text{int}})^2 \gg (m_H^{\text{ext}})^2$

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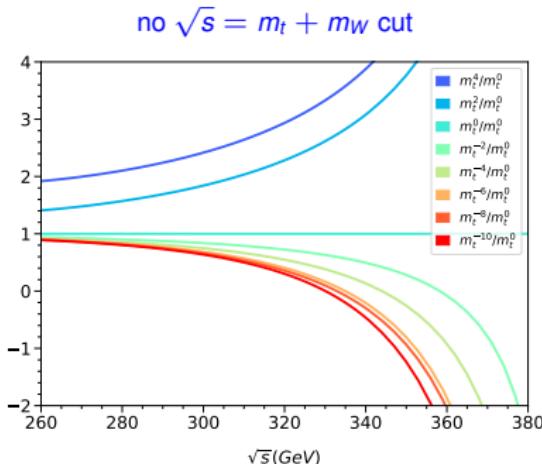
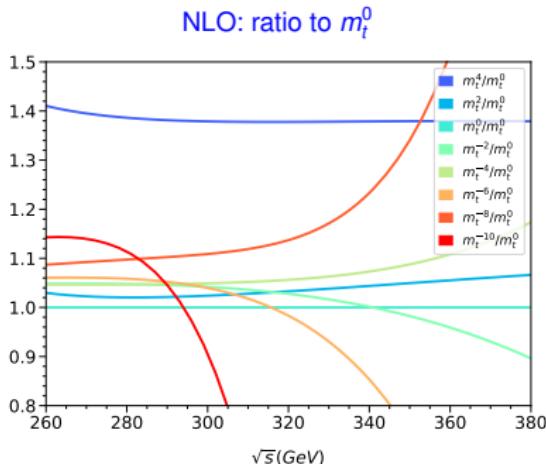




# Full electroweak corrections to $gg \rightarrow HH$ in large- $m_t$ limit

- $m_t \gg m_H, m_Z, m_W$ , check that  $\xi_Z, \xi_W$  drop out
- expansion up to  $1/m_t^{10}$
- on-shell renormalization (exact in  $m_t, m_H, m_Z, m_W$ )

[Davies,Mishima,Schönwald,Steinhauser,Zhang'23]



# Electroweak corrections for $H$ +jet production

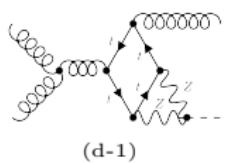
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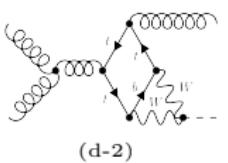
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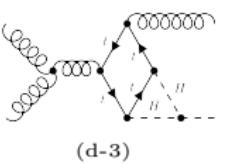
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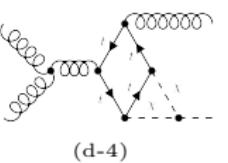
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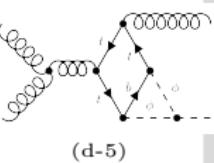
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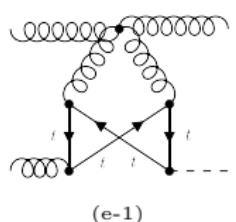
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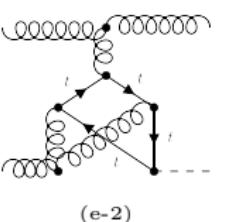
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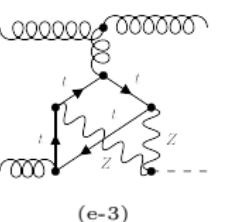
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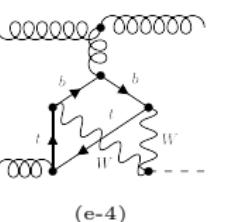
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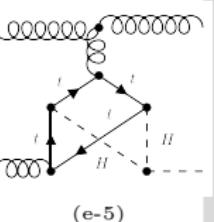
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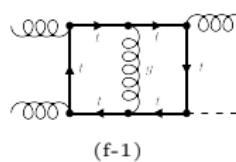
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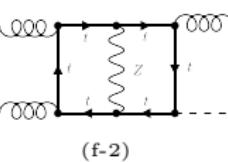
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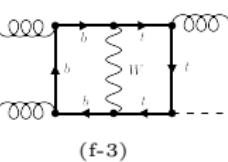
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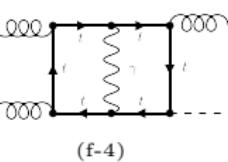
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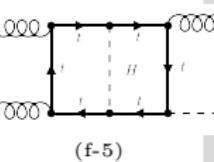
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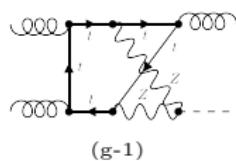
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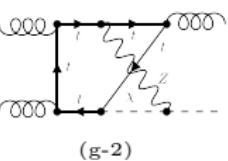
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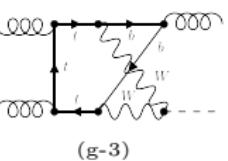
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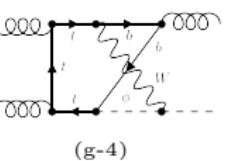
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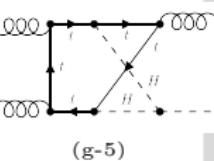
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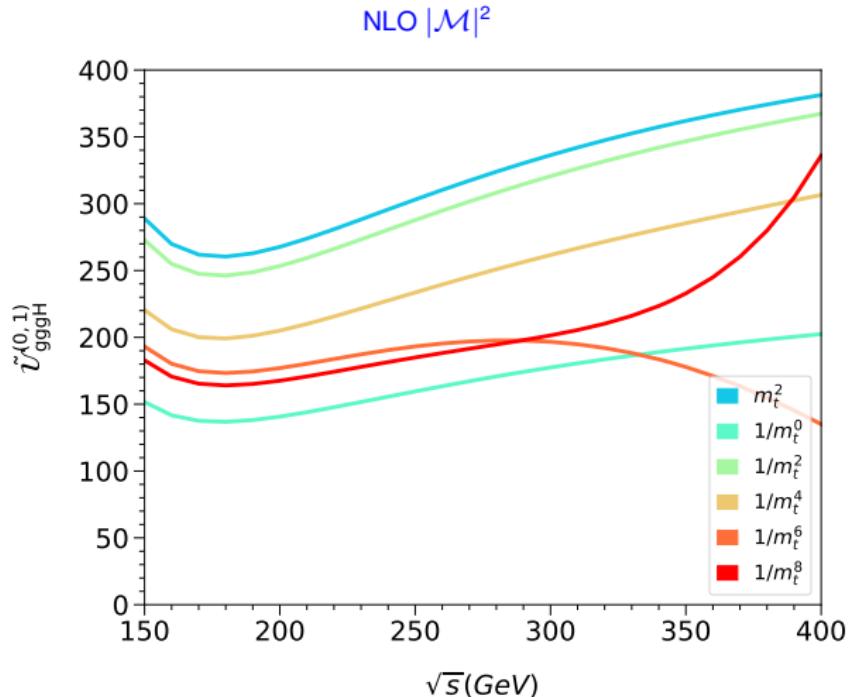
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# Full electroweak corrections to $gg \rightarrow Hg$ in large- $m_t$ limit

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# Conclusions

- Higgs boson pair production:  
experimentally challenging  
theoretically complicated
- Analytic expansion:  
Combine large- $m_t$ , high-energy,  $t \rightarrow 0$  expansions  
Analytic and semi-analytic expressions  $\Leftrightarrow$  fast and flexible
- “Expand and match”
- QCD: towards 3-loop  $gg \rightarrow HH$
- Electroweak corrections:  
expand (in addition) in mass differences, e.g.  $(m_t - m_H)/m_t$
- Apply techniques to  $gg \rightarrow ZH$ ,  $gg \rightarrow ZZ$ ,  $gg \rightarrow Hg$ , ...  
(with massive  $m_t$ ,  $m_H$ ,  $m_Z$ )