

Quark Mass Effects in Higgs Production

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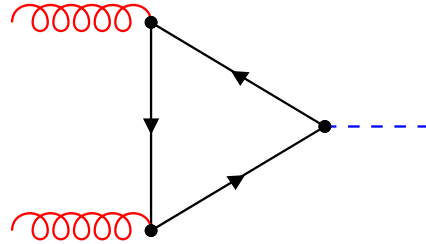
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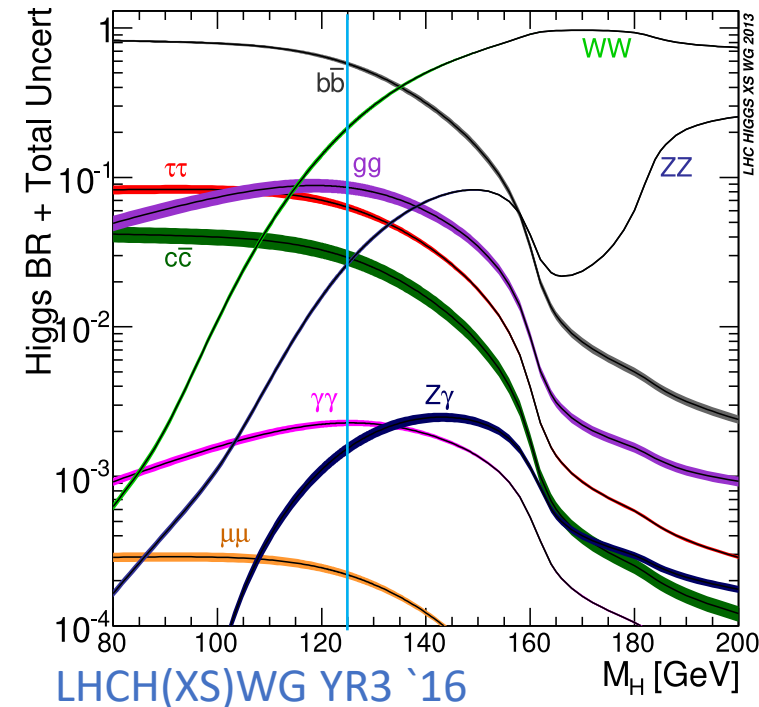
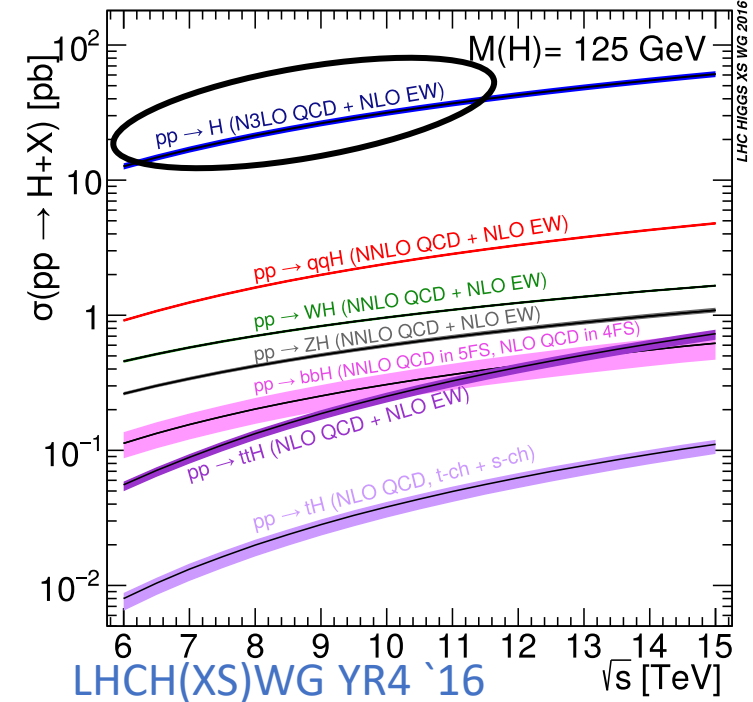
Gluon fusion

- Gluon fusion is the predominant Higgs boson production mode at the LHC
 - loop induced process



- Higgs boson plays unique role in the SM:
 - Only scalar particle
 - Only particle with Yukawa interactions to fermions
- Predictions for gluon fusion cross section directly impact extraction of Higgs couplings from experimental measurements
- Reducing theory uncertainty is crucial for facilitating high precision measurements of Higgs couplings at the LHC
- High luminosity LHC projections anticipate uncertainty $\mathcal{O}(2\%)$ and theory uncertainty to be halved

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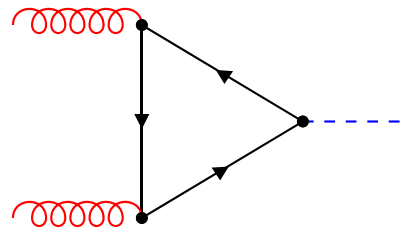
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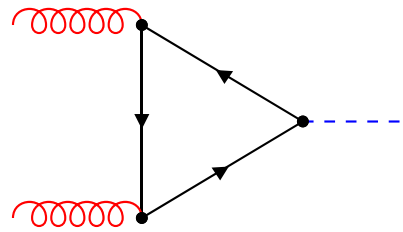


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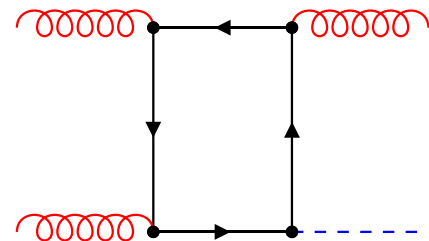
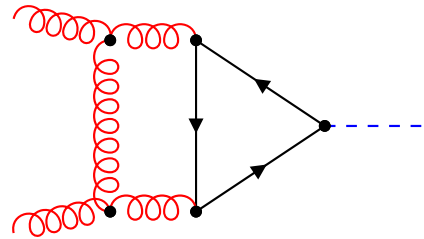
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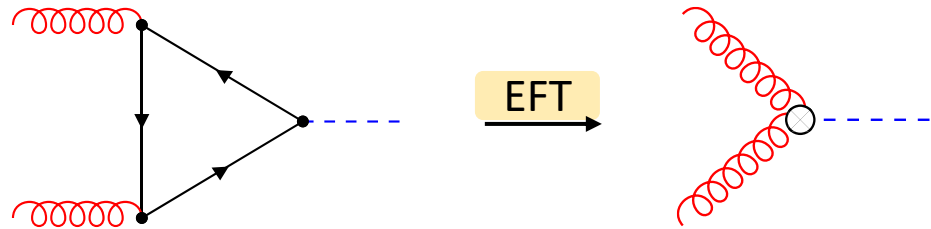
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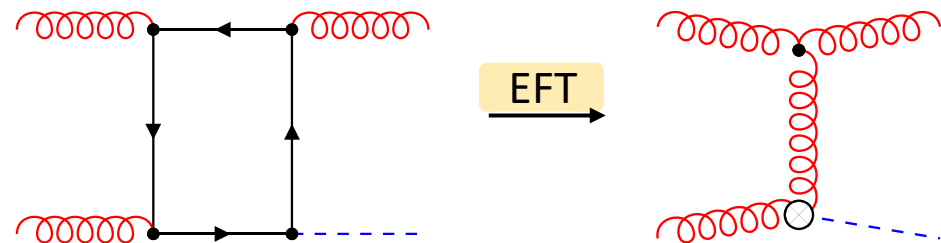
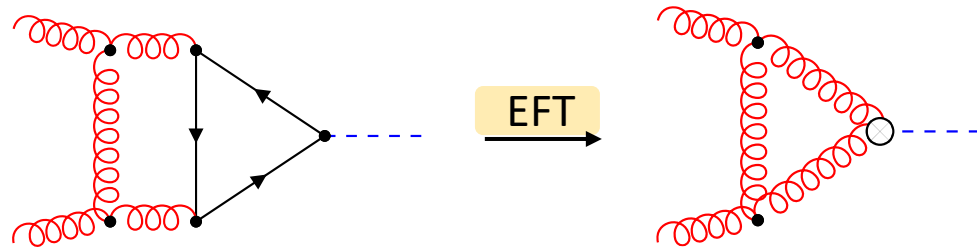
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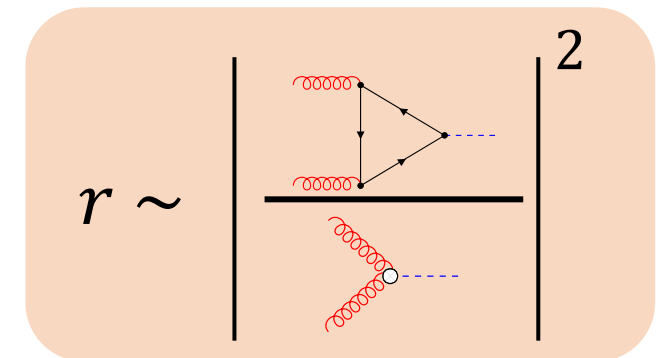
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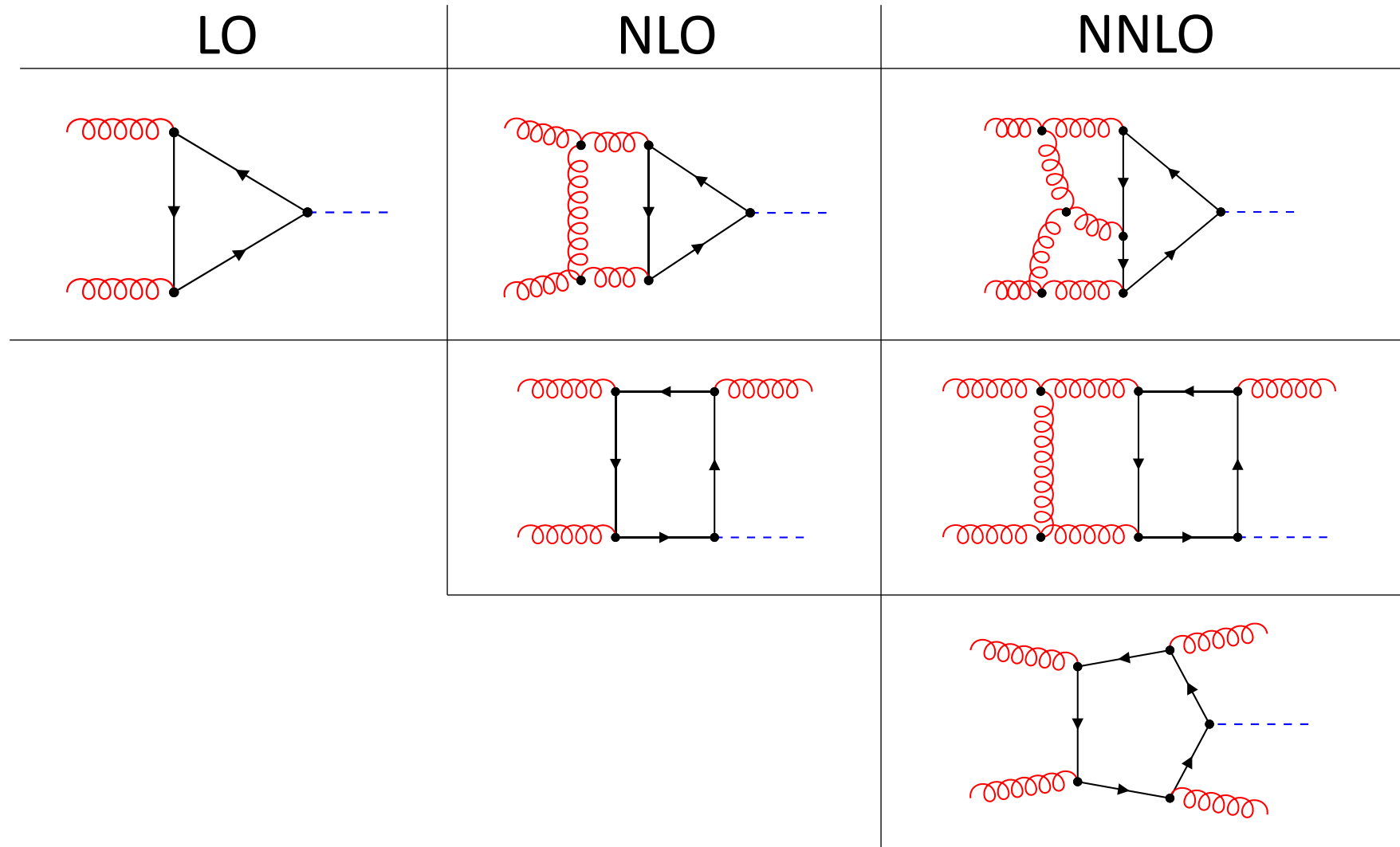
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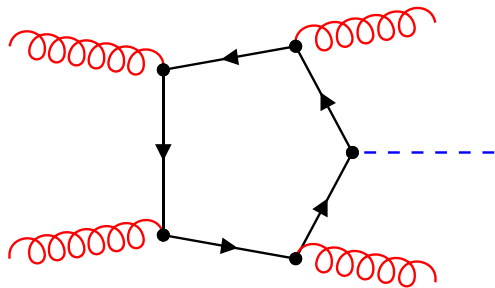


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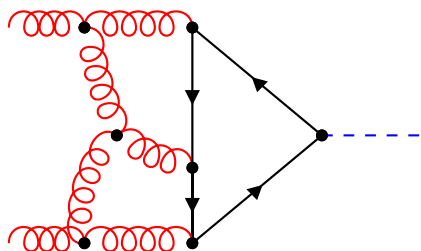
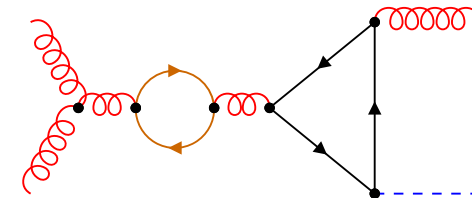
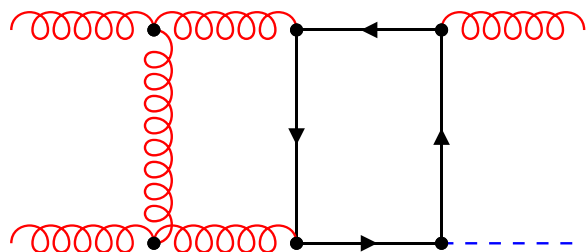
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- all contributions factorize into products of one-loop integrals

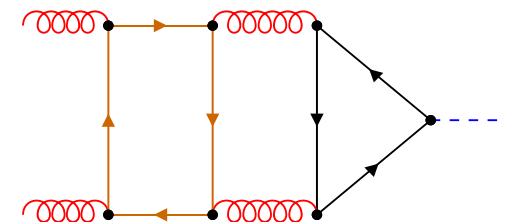


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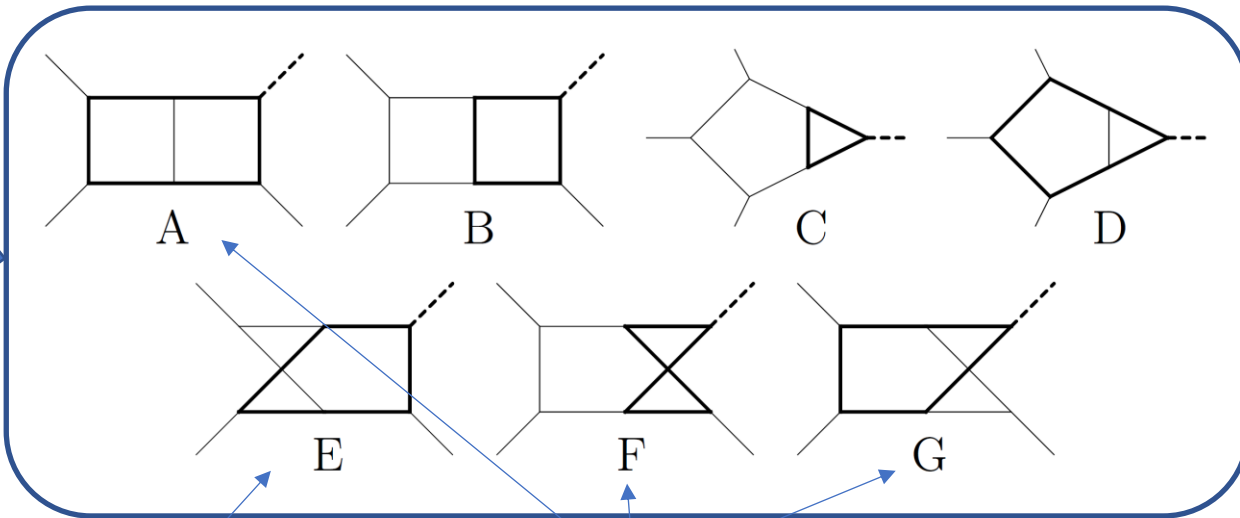
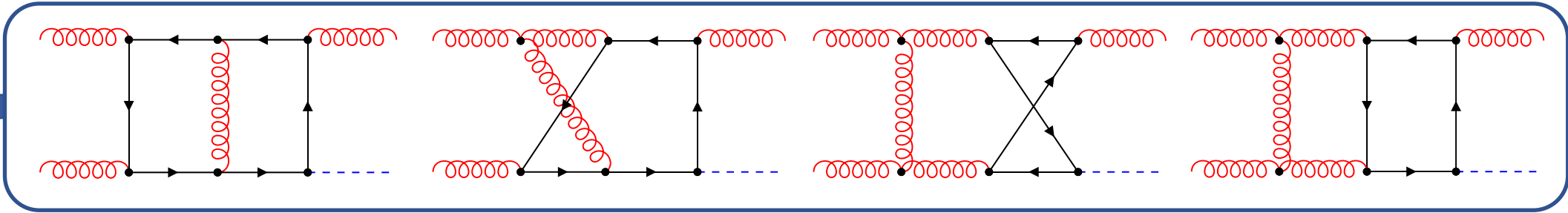
- asymptotic expansions in kinematic limits
- numerical samples in full parameter space

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- deep large/small mass expansions
- numerical sampling with **AMFlow**: [Liu, Ma '22](#)



Real-virtual corrections



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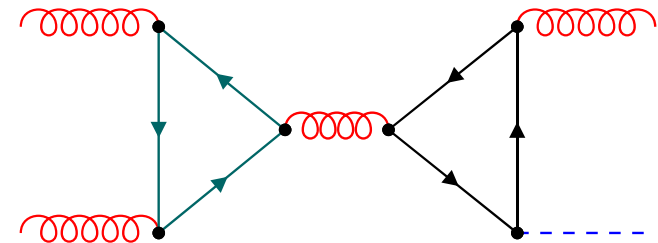
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A,B,C,D: [Bonciani, Del Duca, Frellesvig, et al. '16](#)

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Contributions with two closed fermion chains are always factorizable:

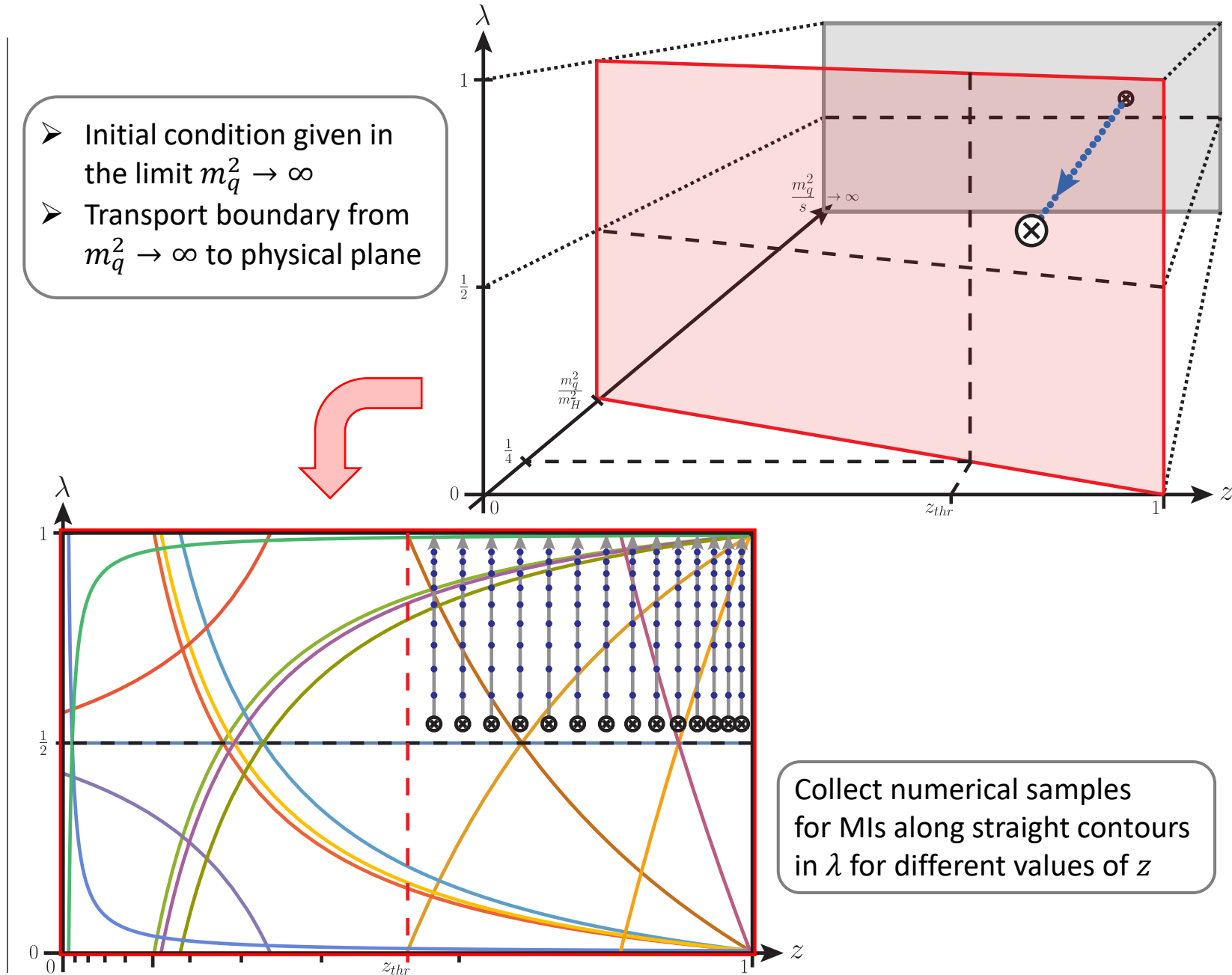
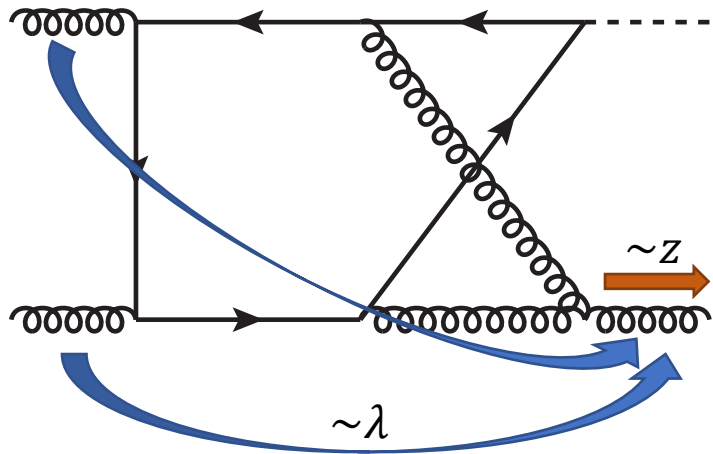


Also see H+jet calculation: [Bonciani, Del Duca, Frellesvig, et al. '22](#)

Real-virtual corrections

- Variables: $\hat{s}, \hat{t}, \hat{u}, m_H^2, m_q^2$
- Introduce dimensionless variables and fix ratio m_q^2/m_H^2
 - z parametrizes **soft** limit
 - λ parametrizes **collinear** limit

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{t}/\hat{s} &= z \lambda \\ \hat{u}/\hat{s} &= z (1-\lambda) \end{aligned} \iff \begin{aligned} z &= 1 - m_H^2/\hat{s} \\ \lambda &= \hat{t}/(\hat{t} + \hat{u}) \end{aligned}$$



Regulated amplitudes for real-virtual corrections

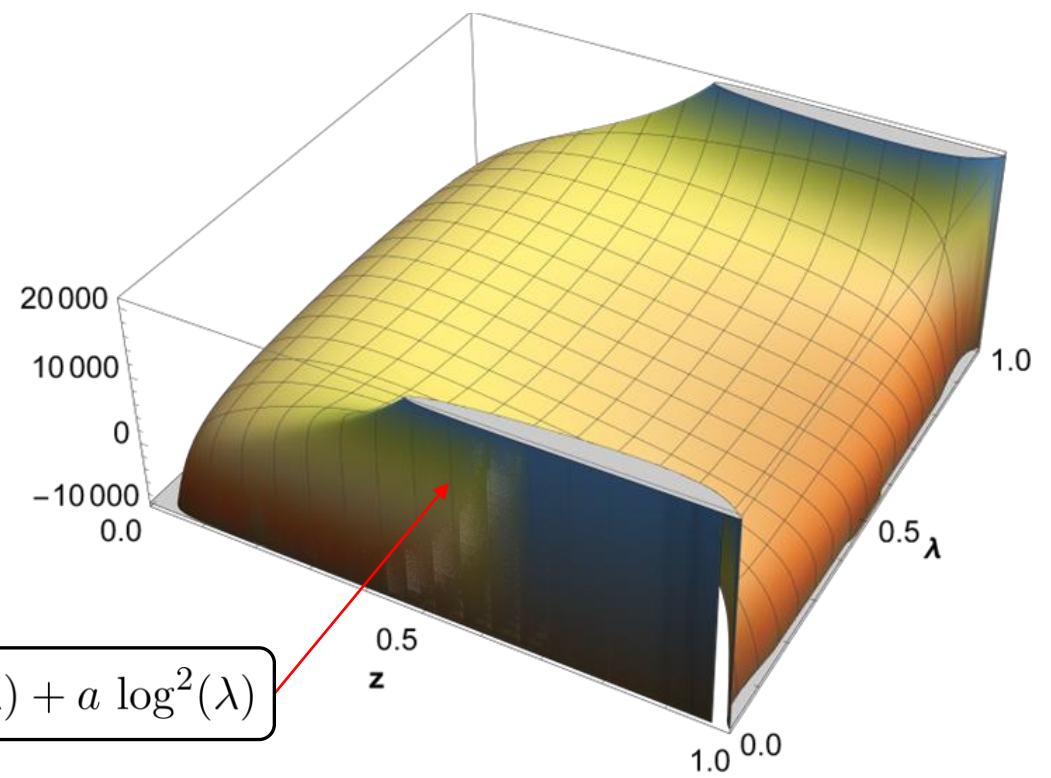
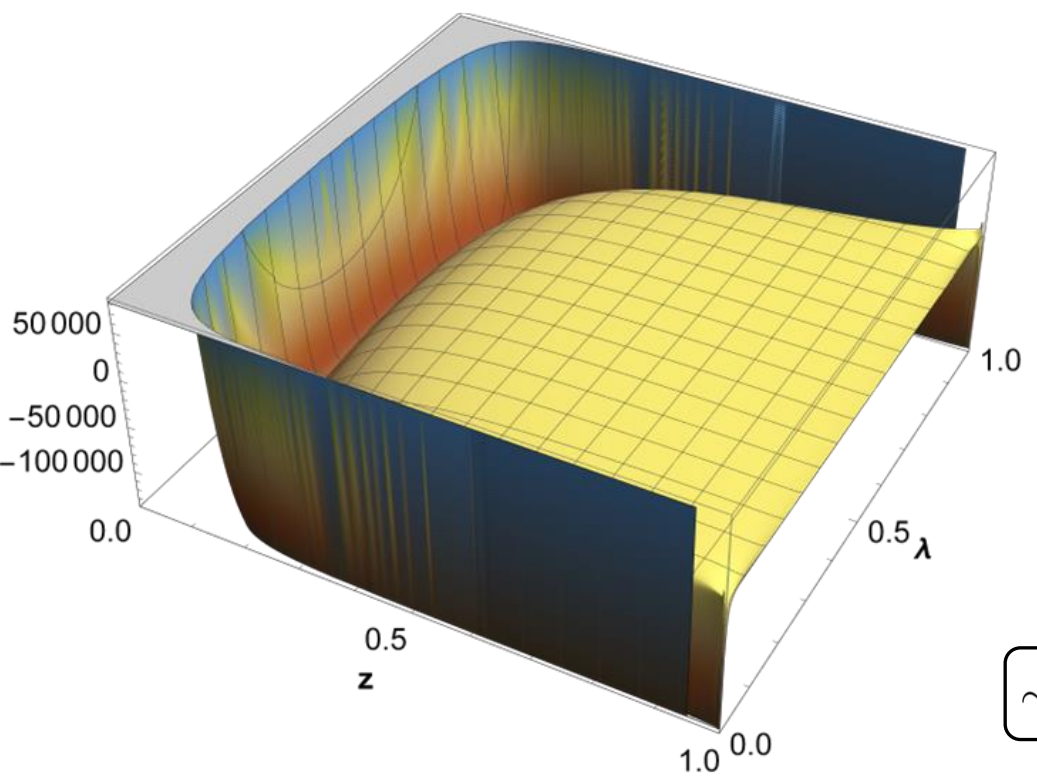
Regulate IR divergences of exact amplitudes:

$$\langle M_{\text{exact}}^{(1)} | M_{\text{exact}}^{(2)} \rangle_{\text{regulated}} \equiv \langle M_{\text{exact}}^{(1)} | M_{\text{exact}}^{(2)} \rangle - \left[\langle M_{\text{HEFT}}^{(1)} | M_{\text{HEFT}}^{(2)} \rangle + \frac{8\pi\alpha_s}{\hat{t}} \left\langle P_{gg}^{(0)} \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{\hat{s} + \hat{u}} \right) \right\rangle \langle F^{(1)} | (F_{\text{exact}}^{(2)} - F_{\text{HEFT}}^{(2)}) \rangle \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= 1 - m_H^2 / \hat{s} \\ \lambda &= \hat{t} / (\hat{t} + \hat{u}) \\ m_q^2 / m_H^2 &= \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{O}(10^6)$ numerical samples on regular grids
- regulated amplitudes suitable for interpolation

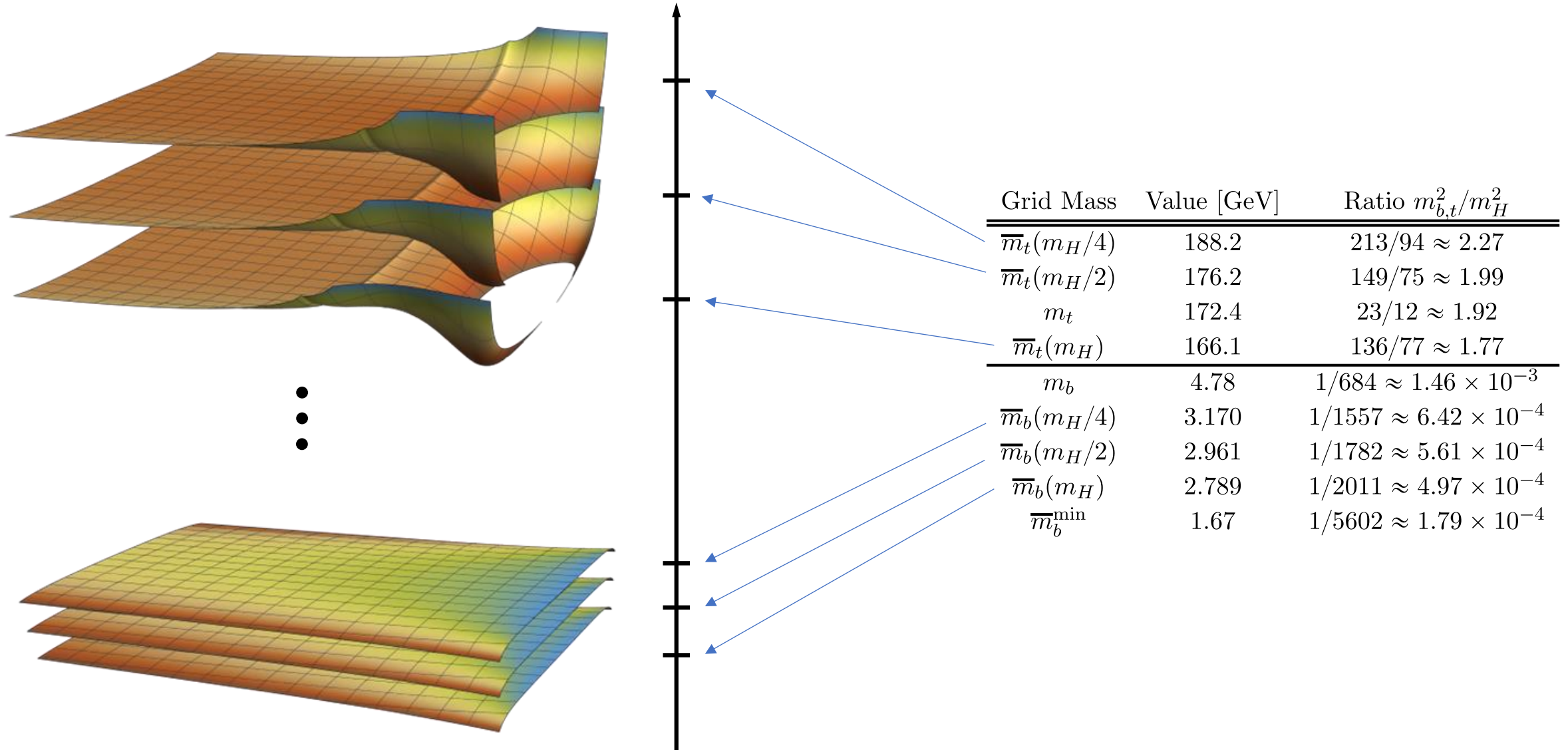
$$\begin{aligned} r &\approx 1.065 \text{ (top quarks)} \\ r &\approx -0.129 \text{ (t}\times\text{b interference)} \end{aligned}$$



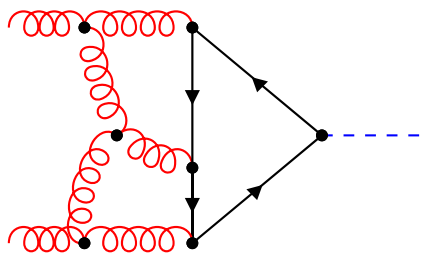
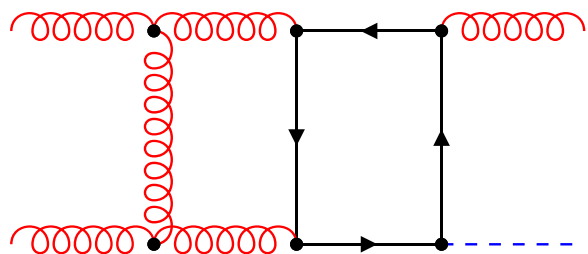
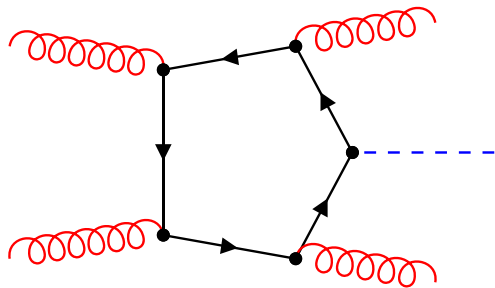
$$\sim c + b \log(\lambda) + a \log^2(\lambda)$$

Interpolation to arbitrary quark masses

Repeat calculation of amplitudes for different fixed mass ratios:



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**Phase-space integration
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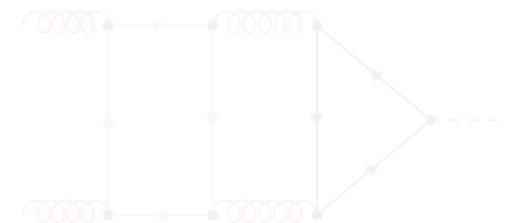
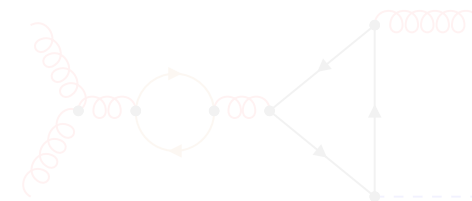
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For one massive flavor: Czakon, MN '20

- asymptotic expansions in kinematic limits
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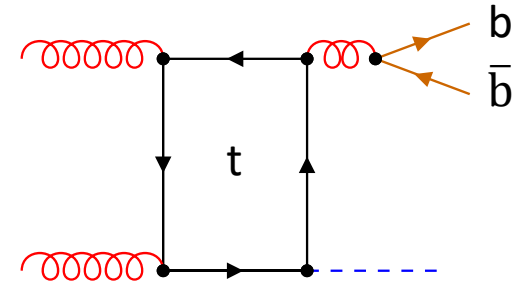
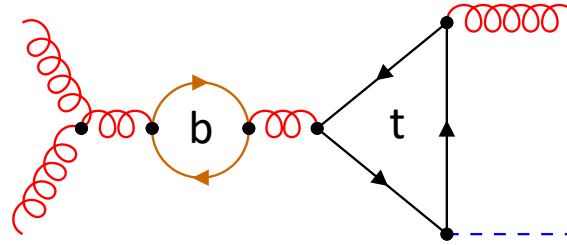
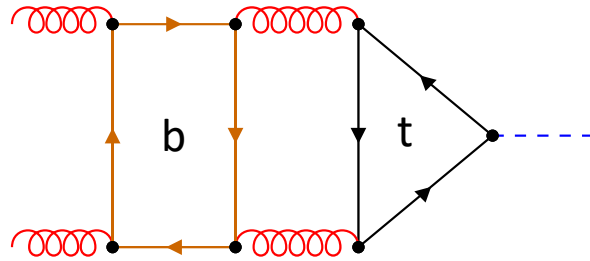
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- deep large/small mass expansions
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4-flavor scheme \leftrightarrow 5-flavor scheme

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Obtain double-real amplitudes with
Recola: [Actis, Denner, Hofer, et al. '16](#)

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- Exclude b-quark from initial state
- Include massive b-quark splittings in final state

5-flavor scheme

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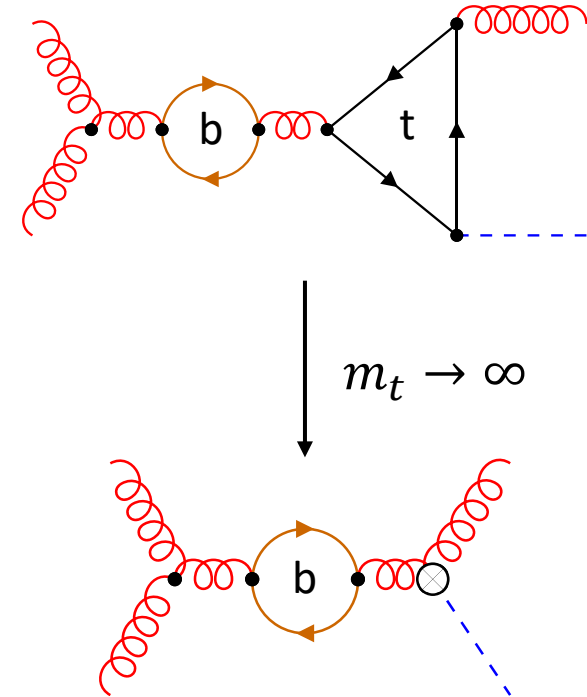
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$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$	+9.72	+0.147(1)	+0.434(8)	+0.019(5)	+0.02
NNLO	$47.16_{-4.77}^{+4.21}$	$-0.156(1)_{-0.03}^{+0.13}$	$-1.99(1)_{-0.15}^{+0.30}$	$-1.83(1)_{-0.03}^{+0.08}$	$-1.74(2)_{-0.03}^{+0.13}$

- Interference effects much larger than pure top mass effect
- Interference effect at NNLO cancels against NLO
- Interference effect at NNLO larger than NLO scale variation (similar in HEFT but less severe)
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- Similar effects for different top quark mass ($m_t \approx 170.979$ GeV)
- Improved convergence in mixed renormalization scheme compared to OS-scheme
- Similar pattern of corrections for m_b in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -scheme

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Order	$\sigma_{\text{HEFT}} [\text{pb}]$				
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	5FS	4FS	4FS	4FS	4FS
		$m_b = 0.01 \text{ GeV}$	$m_b = 0.1 \text{ GeV}$	$m_b = 4.78 \text{ GeV}$	$\bar{m}_b(\bar{m}_b) = 4.18 \text{ GeV}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$	+16.30	+16.27	+16.27	+16.27	16.27
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$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	+21.14	+20.08(3)	+20.08(3)	+20.08(3)	+20.08(3)
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NNLO	$47.16^{+4.21}_{-4.77}$	$47.2(4)^{+5.4}_{-5.4}$	$47.5(4)^{+5.4}_{-5.5}$	$45.9(2)^{+4.3}_{-4.9}$	$46.0(2)^{+4.4}_{-5.0}$

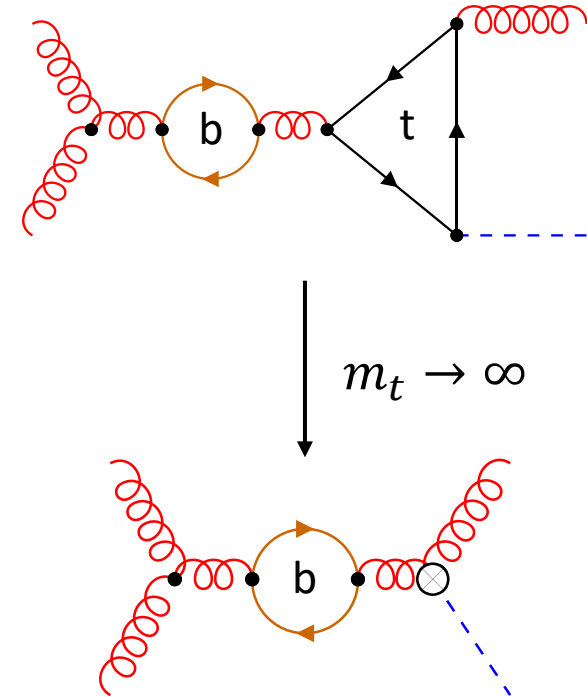


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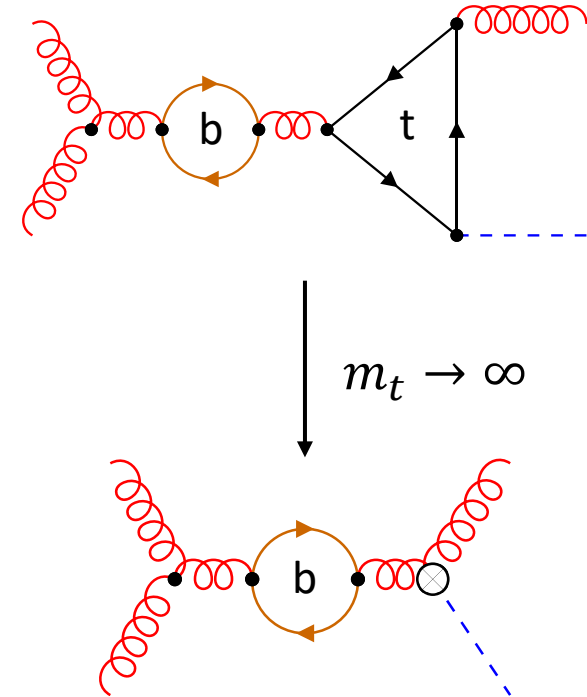
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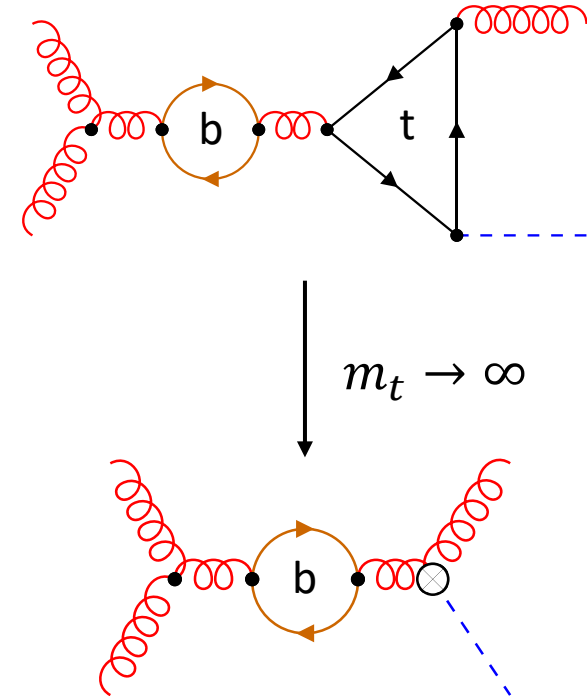


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What about top quark mass effects?

- Finite top quark mass effects beyond HEFT: 5FS ↔ 4FS

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	5FS	4FS
	$m_t = 173.06$ GeV	
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LO	-	-
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	-0.30	-0.27
NLO	$-0.30^{+0.10}_{-0.17}$	$-0.27^{+0.09}_{-0.16}$
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Order	$(\sigma_t^{\overline{\text{MS}}} - \sigma_t^{\text{OS}})$ [pb]
	$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$	-0.04
LO	$-0.04^{+0.12}_{-0.17}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	+0.02
NLO	$-0.02^{+0.14}_{-0.30}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$	+0.01
NNLO	$-0.01^{+0.12}_{-0.24}$

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NNLO	$-1.74(2)_{-0.03}^{+0.13}$	$-1.99(2)_{-0.15}^{+0.29}$	$-1.78(1)_{-0.03}^{+0.15}$	$-1.83(2)_{-0.03}^{+0.14}$

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Overview: top-bottom interference effects

- Top-bottom interference contribution in different setups
- PDF set: **NNPDF31_nnlo_as_0118**
- previous estimate: $-2.18_{-0.20}^{+0.20}$ pb [Anastasiou, Penin '20](#)

Order	$\sigma_{t \times b}$ [pb]			
	$\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV			
	5FS	5FS	5FS	4FS
	$m_t = 173.06$ GeV	$m_t = 173.06$ GeV	$m_t(m_t) = 162.7$ GeV	$m_t = 173.06$ GeV
	$\overline{m}_b(\overline{m}_b) = 4.18$ GeV	$m_b = 4.78$ GeV	$\overline{m}_b(\overline{m}_b) = 4.18$ GeV	$\overline{m}_b(\overline{m}_b) = 4.18$ GeV
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$	-1.11	-1.98	-1.12	-1.15
LO	$-1.11_{-0.43}^{+0.28}$	$-1.98_{-0.53}^{+0.38}$	$-1.12_{-0.42}^{+0.28}$	$-1.15_{-0.45}^{+0.29}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	-0.65	-0.44	-0.64	-0.66
NLO	$-1.76_{-0.28}^{+0.27}$	$-2.42_{-0.12}^{+0.19}$	$-1.76_{-0.28}^{+0.27}$	$-1.81_{-0.30}^{+0.28}$
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Summary

- A thorough analysis of the impact of finite top- and bottom-quark masses on the total Higgs production cross section has been performed
 - different flavor schemes
 - different mass renormalization schemes
- Top-quark and interference contribution not sensitive to small variations of the top-quark mass
- 5FS and 4FS agree within scale uncertainties
- Renormalization scheme dependence
 - no scheme dependence for the top-quark mass
 - interference shows signs of poor perturbative convergence
 - better convergence in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -scheme for the bottom-quark mass or Yukawa coupling only
- Cross checks at the differential level:
 - Jones, Kerner, Luisoni `18
 - Caola, Lindert, Melnikov, et al. `18
 - Bonciani, Del Duca, Frellesvig, et al. `22