

# Two-loop amplitudes for $W\gamma\gamma$ production at the LHC

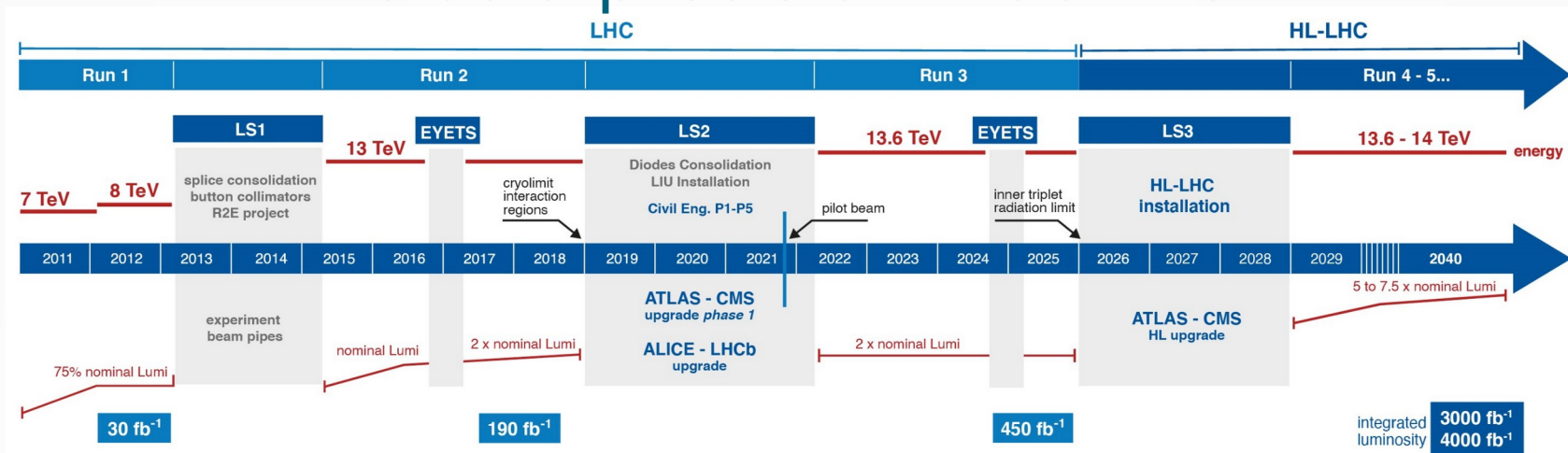
based on work with Simon Badger, Zihao Wu, Yang Zhang and Simone Zoia  
(arXiv:2409.XXXXX)

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# LHC as a precision machine



!!! High-precision theoretical predictions are mandatory !!!

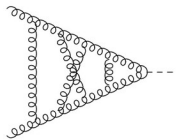
$$d\hat{\sigma} = \underbrace{d\hat{\sigma}^{(0)}}_{\text{LO}} + \underbrace{\alpha d\hat{\sigma}^{(1)}}_{\delta\text{NLO}} + \underbrace{\alpha^2 d\hat{\sigma}^{(2)}}_{\delta\text{NNLO}} + \dots$$

**Th. uncertainties on :**

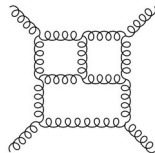
- LO > 50%
- NLO QCD ~20-30%
- NNLO QCD ~1-10%

## Loop Frontiers

N4LO 2→1

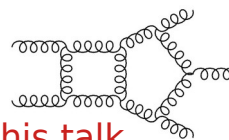


N3LO 2→2



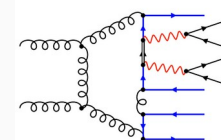
## Multiplicity Frontiers

NNLO 2→3

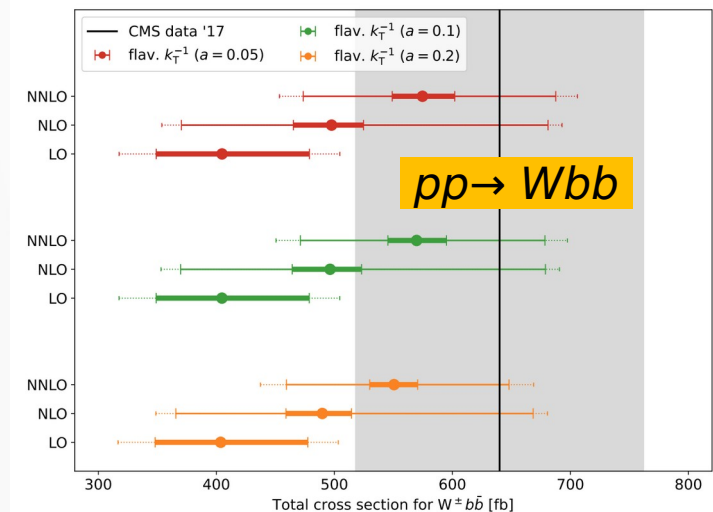
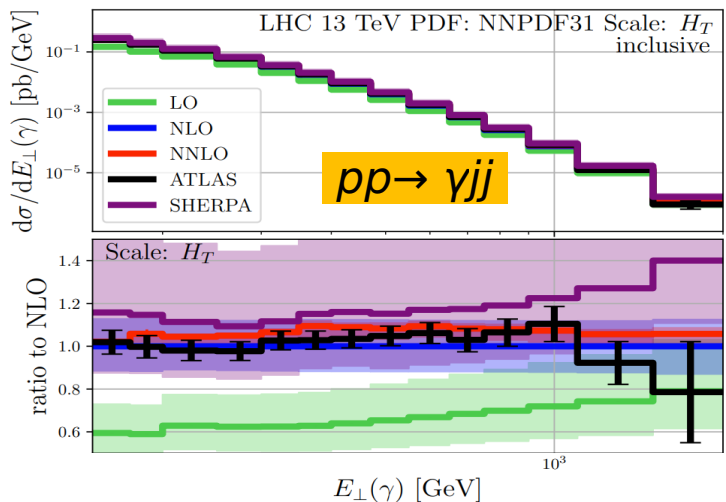


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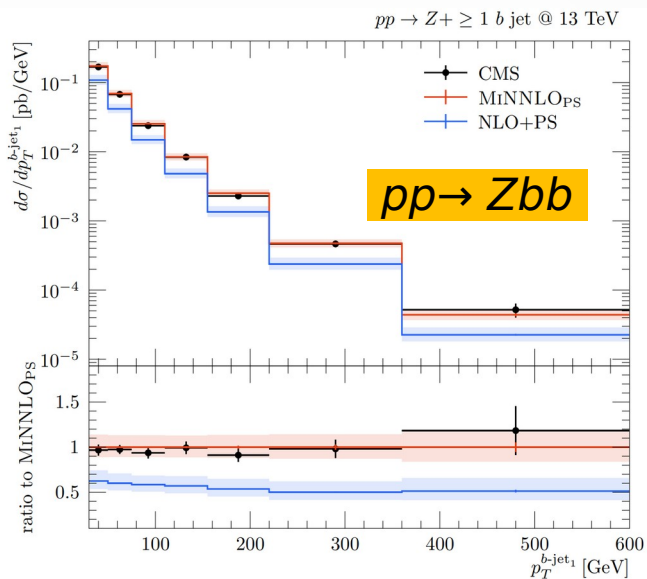
NLO 2→6



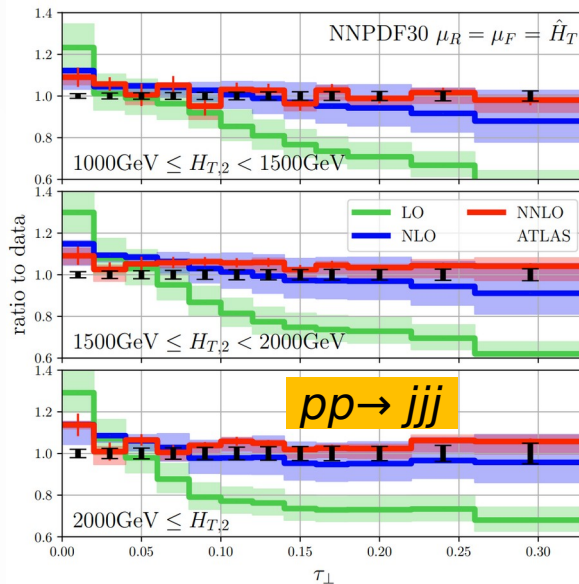
# NNLO QCD calculation for 2→3 scattering processes



[**HBH**,Poncelet,Popescu,Zoia(2022)]



[Mazzitelli,Sotnikov,Wiesemann(2024)]



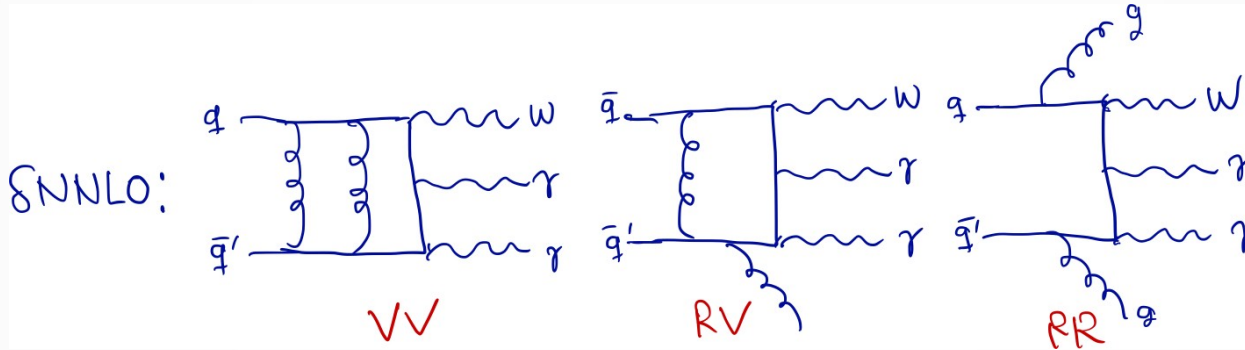
[Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2021)][Chen,Gehrmann,Glover,Huss,Marcoli(2022)]Alvarez,Cantero,Czakon,Llorente,Mitov,Poncelet(2023)]

Talk by V.Sotnikov, P.Garbarino, C.Savoini

also:  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$ ,  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma j$ ,  $pp \rightarrow Wbb$ ,  $pp \rightarrow ttW$ ,  $pp \rightarrow ttH$

[Chawdhry,Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2019)][Kallweit,Sotnikov,Wiesemann(2020)]  
 [Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2020)][Buonocore,Devoto,Kallweit,Mazzitelli,Rottoli,Savoini(2022)]  
 [Buonocore,Devoto,Grazzini,Kallweit,Mazzitelli,Rottoli,Savoini(2022)]  
 [Catani,Devoto,Grazzini,Kallweit,Mazzitelli,Savoini(2020)]

# NNLO QCD calculation: ingredients



NNLO subtraction schemes to cancel IR singularities (applied to 2→3 process):

STRIPPER [Czakon(2010)], Antenna Subtraction [Gehrmann, Gehrmann-de Ridder, Glover(2005)],

$q_T$ -subtraction [Catani, Grazzini(2007)]

Talks by G. Bertolotti, M. Marcolli, A. Kardos, E. Fox, L. Bonino, M. Lochner, F. Tramontano, C. Signorile-Signorile

Remaining bottleneck: two-loop five-point amplitudes

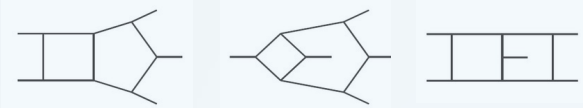
loop amplitude =  $\sum$  (rational coefficients)  $\times$  (integral/special functions)

highly non-trivial for multi-scale process!!

Talks by K. Schonwald, R. Grober, A.H. Ajath, T. Armadillo, B. Agarwal, H. Zhang, F. Buccioni, J. Lim, D. Kermanschach, G. Wang, A. Olson

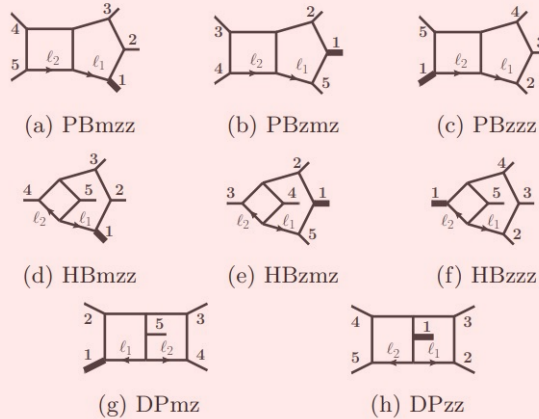
# 2-loop 5-point master integrals

massless



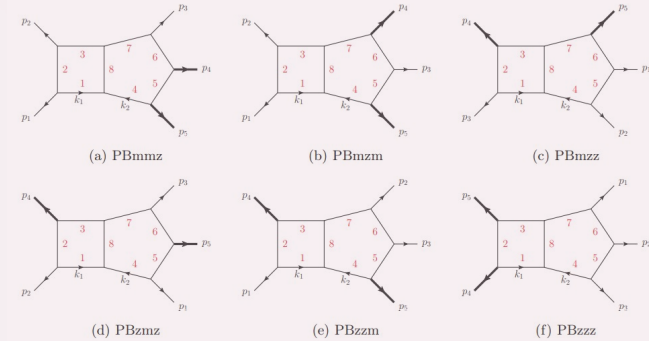
[Abreu,Chicherin,Dixon,Gehrmann,Henn, Herrmann,LoPresti,Papadopoulos,Page, Sotnikov,Tomassini,Wasser,Wever,Zeng, Zhang,Zoia(2015-2020)]

one external mass



[Abreu,Canko,Chicherin,Ita,Kardos,Moriello, Page,Papadopoulos,Smirnov,Sotnikov,Syrrakos, Tomassini,Tschernow,Wever,Zeng,Zoia (2015-2023)]

two external masses (planar)



[Jiang,Liu,Xu,Yang(2024)]  
[Abreu,Chicherin,Sotnikov,Zoia(2024)]

pentagon functions for massless and one external mass

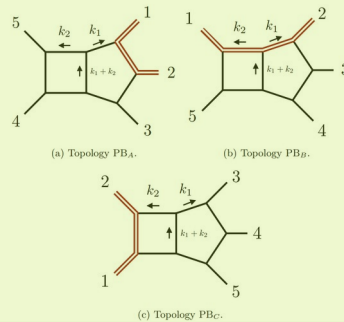
[Chicherin,Sotnikov(2020)][Chicherin, Sotnikov,Zoia(2021)][Abreu,Chicherin,Ita, Page,Sotnikov,Tschernow,Zoia(2023)]

$pp \rightarrow ttj$ : leading colour

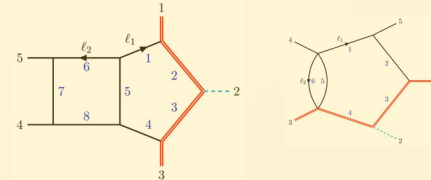
[Badger,Becchetti,Chaubey, Marzucca(2022)]

[Badger,Becchetti,Giraud, Zoia(2024)]

$PB_B \rightarrow$  elliptic



$pp \rightarrow ttH$ : leading colour,  $N_f$  part



[Febres Cordero,Figueiredo,Kraus,Page,Reina(2023)]

# 2-loop 5-point amplitudes

massless

- $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$  [Abreu,Page,Pascual,Sotnikov(2020)][Chawdhry,Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2021)]  
[Abreu,De Laurentis,Ita,Klinkert,Page,Sotnikov(2023)]
- $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma j$  [Agarwal,Buccioni,von Manteuffel,Tancredi(2021)][Chawdhry,Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2021)]  
[Badger,Brønnum-Hansen,Chicherin,Gehrmann,**HBH**,Henn,Marcoli,Moodie,Peraro,Zoia(2021)]
- $pp \rightarrow \gamma jj$  [Badger,Czakon,**HBH**,Moodie,Peraro,Poncelet,Zoia(2023)]
- $pp \rightarrow jjj$  [Abreu,Febres Cordero,Ita,Page,Sotnikov(2021)][De Laurentis,Ita,Klinkert,Sotnikov(2023)]  
[Agarwal,Buccioni,Devoto,Gambutì,von Manteuffel,Tancredi(2023)][De Laurentis,Ita,Sotnikov(2023)]

Talk by F. Buccioni

1 external mass

- $pp \rightarrow Wbb$  (planar, massless  $b$ ) [Badger,**HBH**,Zoia(2021)][**HBH**,Poncelet,Popescu,Zoia(2022)]
- $pp \rightarrow Wjj$  (planar) [Abreu,Febres Cordero,Ita,Klinkert,Page,Sotnikov(2022)]
- $pp \rightarrow Hbb$  (planar, massless  $b$ ) [Badger,**HBH**,Krys,Zoia(2021)]
- $pp \rightarrow W\gamma j$  (planar) [Badger,**HBH**,Krys,Zoia(2022)]
- $pp \rightarrow W/Z + bb$  (planar, massive  $b$ ) [Buonocore,Devoto,KallweitMazzitelli,Rottoli,Savoini(2022)]  
[Mazzitelli,Sotnikov,Wiesemann(2024)]

Talk by V. Sotnikov

full colour result still missing!!

$$\mathcal{M}_2^m = \mathcal{M}_2^{m=0} + Z_{[q]}^1 \mathcal{M}_1^{m=0} + Z_{[q]}^2 \mathcal{M}_0^{m=0} \quad Z_{[q]}^l = f(\epsilon, \log m_b^2/Q^2)$$

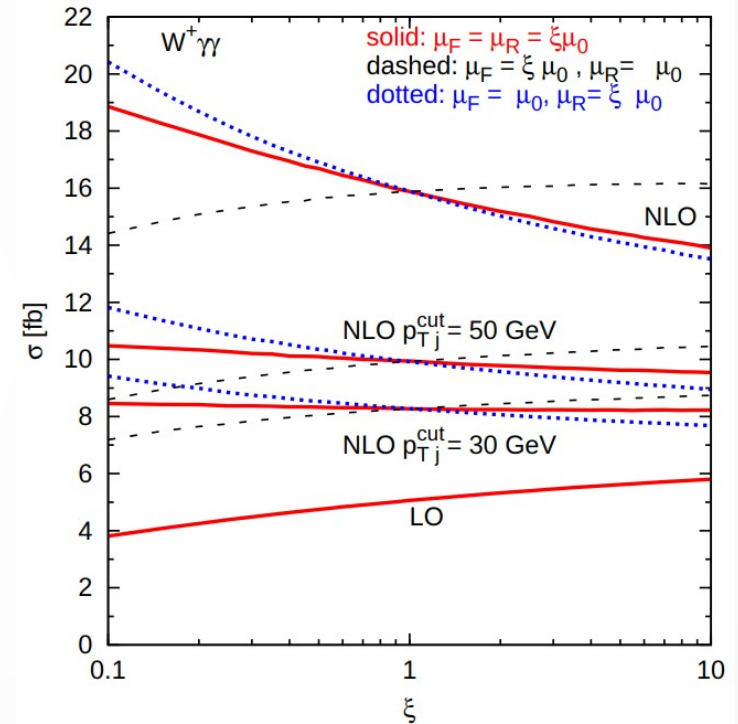
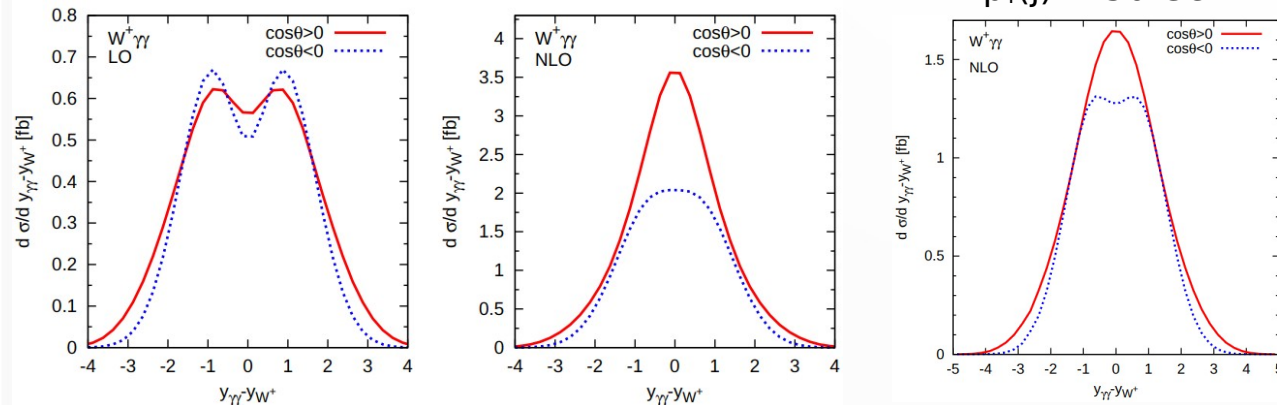
# $W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma\gamma$ production at the LHC

Large NLO K-factor and NLO scale dependence (only qq in the initial state at LO)

LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV)	LO [fb]	NLO [fb]	K-factor
$\sigma("W^+\gamma\gamma" \rightarrow e^+\nu_e\gamma\gamma)$ $p_{T\gamma(\ell)} > 20(20)$ GeV $p_{T\gamma(\ell)} > 30(20)$ GeV	2.529 0.979	7.940 3.172	3.14 3.24
$\sigma("W^-\gamma\gamma" \rightarrow e^-\bar{\nu}_e\gamma\gamma)$ $p_{T\gamma(\ell)} > 20(20)$ GeV $p_{T\gamma(\ell)} > 30(20)$ GeV	1.946 0.686	6.759 2.583	3.47 3.77

## Radiation amplitude zero

[Baur,Han,Kauer,Sobey,Zeppenfeld(1997)][Bell(2009)]

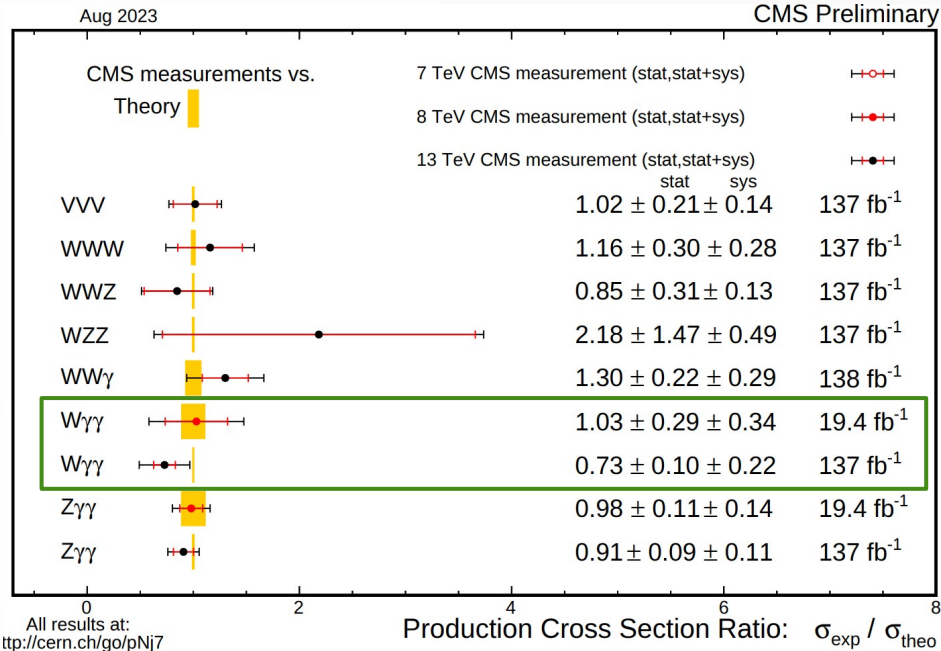
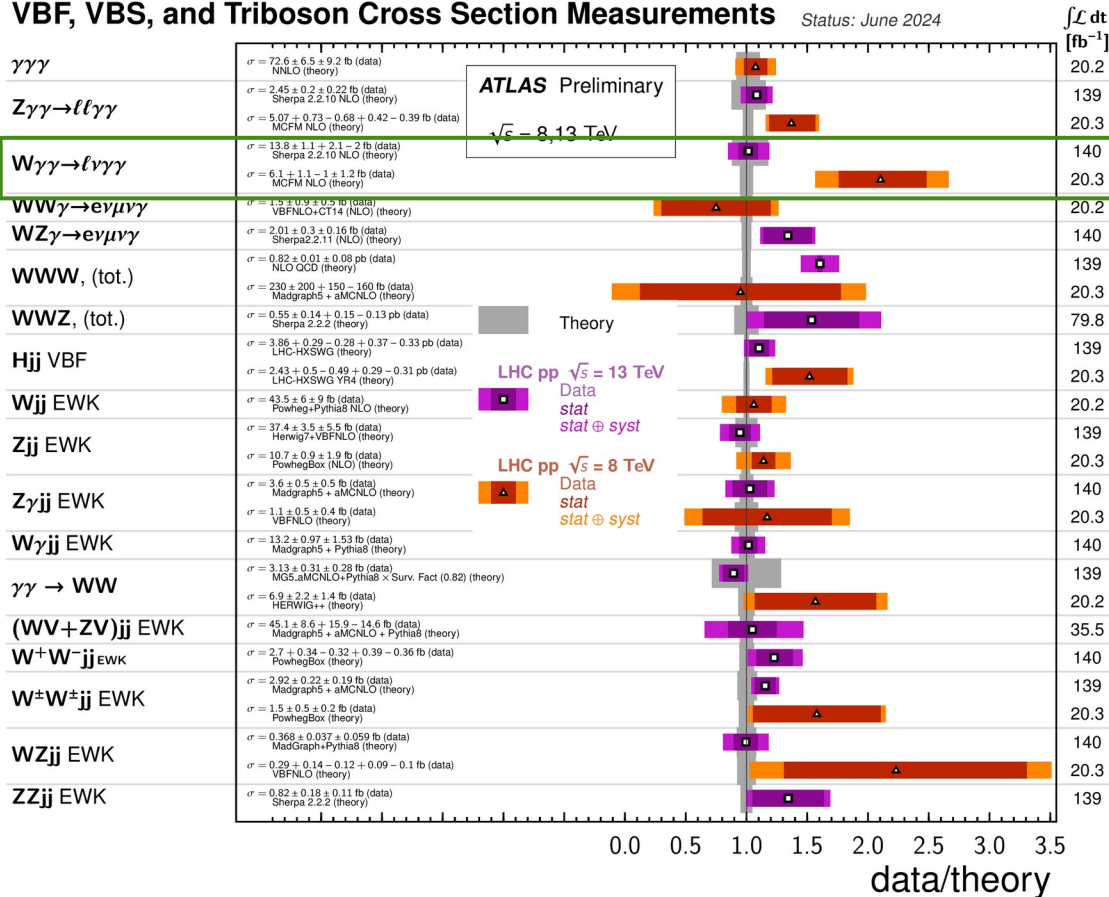


[Bozzi,Campanario,Rauch,Zeppenfeld(2011)]

# $W(\rightarrow lv)\gamma\gamma$ measurements at the LHC

## VBF, VBS, and Triboson Cross Section Measurements

Status: June 2024



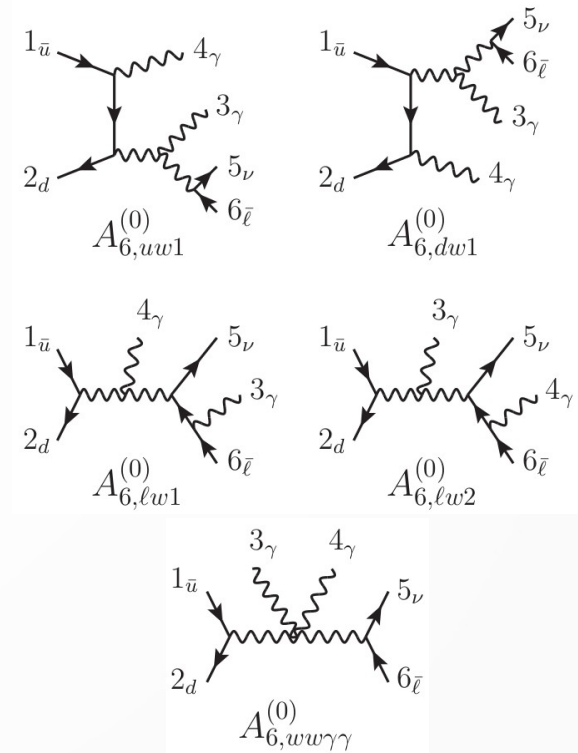
NNLO QCD predictions?



# W( $\rightarrow l\nu$ ) $\gamma\gamma$ production at the LHC

Rich structure:  $\gamma$  can be emitted from initial quark line, W-boson and charged lepton sensitive to triple- and quartic-gauge couplings

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_6^{(L)} = & \left[ Q_u^2 A_{6,uu}^{(L)} + Q_u Q_d A_{6,ud}^{(L)} + Q_d^2 A_{6,dd}^{(L)} + \left( \sum_{q=1}^{n_f} Q_q^2 \right) A_{6,q}^{(L)} \right] P(s_{56}) \\
 & + \left[ Q_u Q_\ell A_{6,u\ell 1}^{(L)} + Q_d Q_\ell A_{6,d\ell 1}^{(L)} \right] P(s_{356}) + \left[ Q_u Q_\ell A_{6,u\ell 2}^{(L)} + Q_d Q_\ell A_{6,d\ell 2}^{(L)} \right] P(s_{456}) \\
 & + \left[ Q_u Q_w A_{6,ww1}^{(L)} + Q_d Q_w A_{6,dw1}^{(L)} \right] P(s_{356}) P(s_{56}) \\
 & + \left[ Q_u Q_w A_{6,ww2}^{(L)} + Q_d Q_w A_{6,dw2}^{(L)} \right] P(s_{456}) P(s_{56}) \\
 & + Q_\ell Q_w A_{6,\ell w1}^{(L)} P(s_{356}) P(s_{3456}) + Q_\ell Q_w A_{6,\ell w2}^{(L)} P(s_{456}) P(s_{3456}) \\
 & + Q_w^2 A_{6,ww1}^{(L)} P(s_{56}) P(s_{356}) P(s_{3456}) + Q_w^2 A_{6,ww2}^{(L)} P(s_{56}) P(s_{456}) P(s_{3456}) \\
 & + Q_\ell^2 A_{6,\ell\ell}^{(L)} P(s_{3456}) + A_{6,ww\gamma\gamma}^{(L)} P(s_{56}) P(s_{3456}),
 \end{aligned}$$



Sub-amplitudes are not separately gauge invariant

Off-shell W boson  $\rightarrow$  use complex mass scheme to ensure gauge invariance

# Two-loop amplitudes for $W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma\gamma$ production

[Badger, **HBH**, Krysl, Wu, Zhang, Zoia (to appear)]

remove the decays, compute 5-, 4- and 3-particle currents

5pt

$$A_{6,i}^{(L)}(1_{\bar{u}}, 2_d, 3_\gamma, 4_\gamma, 5_\nu, 6_{\bar{\ell}}) = A_{5,i}^{(L)\mu}(1_{\bar{u}}, 2_d, 3_\gamma, 4_\gamma, p_{56}) L_\mu(5_\nu, 6_{\bar{\ell}})$$

4pt

$$A_{6,i}^{(L)}(1_{\bar{u}}, 2_d, 3_\gamma, 4_\gamma, 5_\nu, 6_{\bar{\ell}}) = A_{4,u/d}^{(L)\mu}(1_{\bar{u}}, 2_d, 3_\gamma, p_{456}) L_\mu^i(4_\gamma, 5_\nu, 6_{\bar{\ell}})$$

$$A_{6,i}^{(L)}(1_{\bar{u}}, 2_d, 3_\gamma, 4_\gamma, 5_\nu, 6_{\bar{\ell}}) = A_{4,u/d}^{(L)\mu}(1_{\bar{u}}, 2_d, 4_\gamma, p_{356}) L_\mu^i(3_\gamma, 5_\nu, 6_{\bar{\ell}})$$

3pt

$$A_{6,i}^{(L)}(1_{\bar{u}}, 2_d, 3_\gamma, 4_\gamma, 5_\nu, 6_{\bar{\ell}}) = A_3^{(L)\mu}(1_{\bar{u}}, 2_d, p_{3456}) L_\mu^i(3_\gamma, 4_\gamma, 5_\nu, 6_{\bar{\ell}})$$

$$A_{5,uu/ud}^{(L)\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^4 \Omega_{uu/ud;i}^{(L)} u_i^\mu, \quad \Omega_{uu/ud;i}^{(L)} = \sum_j (\Delta_5^{-1})_{ij} \tilde{A}_{5,uu/ud;j}^{(L)}$$

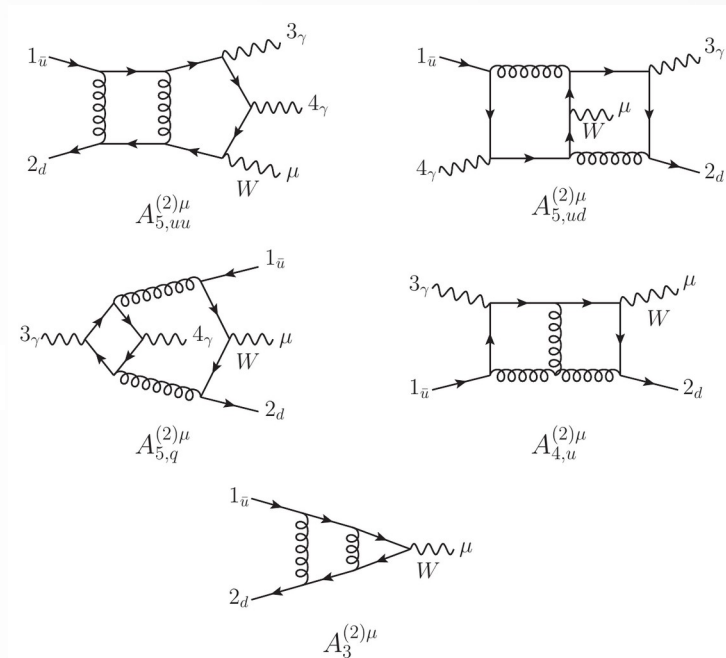
$$\tilde{A}_{5,uu/ud;i}^{(L)} = u_{i\mu} A_{5,uu/ud;i}^{(L)\mu}$$

$$A_{4,u}^{(L)\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^4 \Omega_{u;i}^{(L)} v_i^\mu, \quad \Omega_{u;i}^{(L)} = \sum_j (\Delta_4^{-1})_{ij} \tilde{A}_{4,u;j}^{(L)}$$

$$\tilde{A}_{4,u;i}^{(L)} = v_{i\mu} A_{4,u;i}^{(L)\mu}$$

$$A_3^{(L)\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^4 \Omega_{3;i}^{(L)} w_i^\mu, \quad \Omega_{3;i}^{(L)} = \sum_j (\Delta_3^{-1})_{ij} \tilde{A}_{3;j}^{(L)}$$

$$\tilde{A}_{3;i}^{(L)} = w_{i\mu} A_{3;i}^{(L)\mu}$$



$(N_c, n_f)$  decomposition

$$A_{6,i}^{(2)} = N_c^2 A_{6,i}^{(2),N_c^2} - \left( A_{6,i}^{(2),N_c^2} + A_{6,i}^{(2),1/N_c^2} \right) + \frac{1}{N_c^2} A_{6,i}^{(2),1/N_c^2} + \left( N_c - \frac{1}{N_c} \right) n_f A_{6,i}^{(2),N_c n_f}$$

$$A_{6,q}^{(2)} = \left( N_c - \frac{1}{N_c} \right) A_{6,q}^{(2),N_c}$$

Leading colour limit

$$A_{6,i}^{(2),lc} = N_c^2 A_{6,i}^{(2),N_c^2} + N_c n_f A_{6,i}^{(2),N_c n_f}$$

$$A_{6,q}^{(2),lc} = N_c A_{6,q}^{(2),N_c}$$

# Amplitude computation

$$A^{(2)}(\{p\}, \epsilon) = \sum_i (\text{Feynman diagram})_i$$

↓ map loop numerators to  $\mathcal{I}$

$$A^{(2),h}(\{p\}, \epsilon) = \sum_i c_i^h(\{p\}, \epsilon) \mathcal{I}_i(\{p\}, \epsilon)$$

↓ IBP reduction

$$A^{(2),h}(\{p\}, \epsilon) = \sum_i d_i^h(\{p\}, \epsilon) \text{MI}_i(\{p\}, \epsilon)$$

↓ map to pentagon functions

↓ subtract UV/IR poles

↓  $\epsilon$  expansion

$$F^{(2),h}(\{p\}) = \sum e_i^h(\{p\}) \text{mon}_i(f) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

- Compute  $e_i^h(\{p\})$  numerically over finite fields
- Use momentum twistor parametrisation
- Analytic reconstruction from numerical samples

Reconstructed in  $\frac{\# \text{ points} \times \text{eval. time}}{\# \text{ cores}}$



guess denominators, linear relations among coeffs,  
univariate partial fraction decomposition

- Optimised IBP relations from NeatIBP [Wu,etal(2023)]  
→ solved numerically over finite fields
- for LC amplitude: ~8x speed up and  
~3x RAM improvement compared to Laporta IBPs
- One-mass pentagon functions  
[Abreu,Chicherin,Ita,Page,Sotnikov,Tschernow,Zoia(2023)]

QGRAF[Nogueira], FORM[Vermaseren,etal], FiniteFlow[Peraro(2019)]

Spinney[Cullen,etal], LiteRed[Lee], NeatIBP[Wu,etal(2023)] Talk by Zihao Wu

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	original	stage 1	stage 2	stage 3	stage 4	# points (# primes)	analytic expression
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;1}^{(2),N_c^2}$	159/155	159/155	159/0	33/31	33/0	27728 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;2}^{(2),N_c^2}$	147/143	147/143	147/0	33/31	33/0	37132 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;3}^{(2),N_c^2}$	157/153	157/153	157/0	31/29	31/0	31610 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;4}^{(2),N_c^2}$	143/139	143/139	143/0	35/33	35/0	38710 (2)	✓
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;1}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	223/219	223/219	223/0	50/48	50/0	134551 (?)	✗
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;2}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	208/204	208/204	208/0	41/42	41/0	81973 (?)	✗
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;3}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	219/215	219/215	219/0	49/46	49/0	130146 (?)	✗
$\tilde{A}_{5,uu;4}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	202/199	202/199	202/0	48/49	48/0	143320 (?)	✗

derived analytic form of the finite remainders, except for 5-pt sub-leading colour (SLC) amplitude

## 5-pt SLC vs LC

evaluation time → 10x slower  
RAM usage → 3x larger

How important are SLC contributions? [Talk by P. Garbarino](#)  
→ other processes: 2-10% of  $\sigma$   
→ resort to numerical evaluation

multivariate partial fraction decomposition of the analytic results are using Pfd-Parallel  
→ a factor of ~2 compression

# Numerical evaluation of 5-pt SLC amplitudes

Use finite-field based framework: rationalised 5-pt Mandelstam invariants ( $s_{ij}$ )  
(some of the mom. twistor variables are complex for physical PS point)

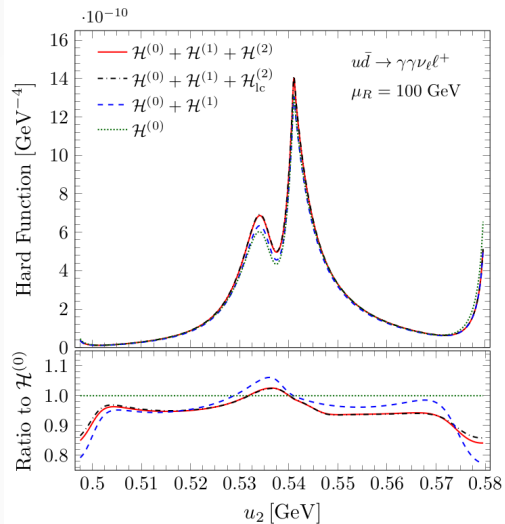
Employ 4-dim tensor decomposition and numerically evaluate contracted amplitudes over FF  
[Peraro, Tancredi(2019,2020)]

$$\tilde{A}_{5,uu/ud,i}^{(L)} = \sum_{j=1}^8 \chi_{uu/ud,i;j}^{(L)} T_j,$$

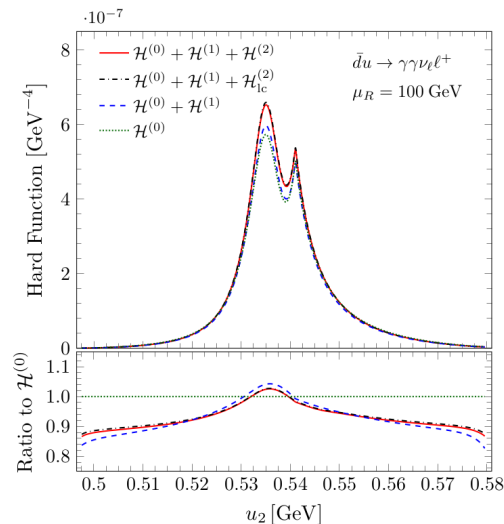
$$\chi_{uu/ud,k;i}^{(L)} = \sum_j (\Theta^{-1})_{ij} T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,uu/ud,k}^{(L)},$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= \bar{u}(p_1) \not{p}_3 v(p_2) p_1 \cdot \varepsilon(p_3, q_3) p_1 \cdot \varepsilon(p_4, q_4), \\ T_2 &= \bar{u}(p_1) \not{p}_3 v(p_2) p_1 \cdot \varepsilon(p_3, q_3) p_2 \cdot \varepsilon(p_4, q_4), \\ T_3 &= \bar{u}(p_1) \not{p}_3 v(p_2) p_2 \cdot \varepsilon(p_3, q_3) p_1 \cdot \varepsilon(p_4, q_4), \\ T_4 &= \bar{u}(p_1) \not{p}_3 v(p_2) p_2 \cdot \varepsilon(p_3, q_3) p_2 \cdot \varepsilon(p_4, q_4), \\ T_5 &= \bar{u}(p_1) \not{p}_4 v(p_2) p_1 \cdot \varepsilon(p_3, q_3) p_1 \cdot \varepsilon(p_4, q_4), \\ T_6 &= \bar{u}(p_1) \not{p}_4 v(p_2) p_1 \cdot \varepsilon(p_3, q_3) p_2 \cdot \varepsilon(p_4, q_4), \\ T_7 &= \bar{u}(p_1) \not{p}_4 v(p_2) p_2 \cdot \varepsilon(p_3, q_3) p_1 \cdot \varepsilon(p_4, q_4), \\ T_8 &= \bar{u}(p_1) \not{p}_4 v(p_2) p_2 \cdot \varepsilon(p_3, q_3) p_2 \cdot \varepsilon(p_4, q_4), \end{aligned}$$

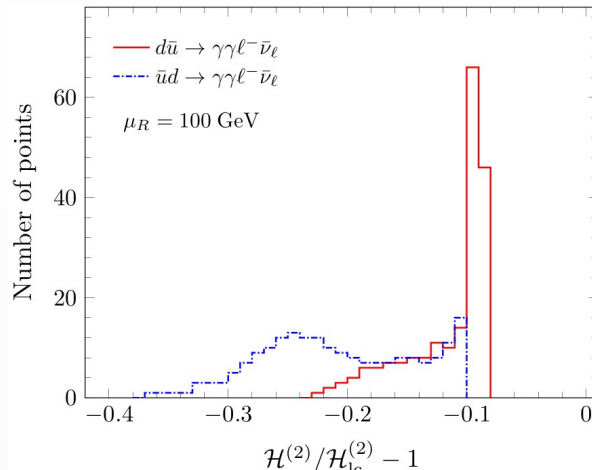
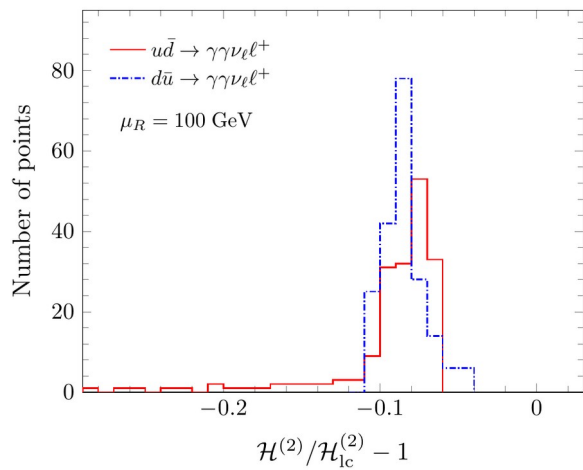
	original	stage 1	stage 2
$T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,uu,1}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	100/97	100/97	100/0
$T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,uu,2}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	99/96	99/96	99/0
$T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,uu,3}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	101/97	101/97	101/0
$T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,uu,4}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	101/97	101/97	101/0
$T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,ud,1}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	97/93	96/92	96/0
$T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,ud,2}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	97/93	97/93	97/0
$T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,ud,3}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	97/93	96/92	96/0
$T_j^\dagger \cdot \tilde{A}_{5,ud,4}^{(2),1/N_c^2}$	97/93	96/92	96/0



(a)  $u\bar{d} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\nu_\ell\ell^+$



(b)  $\bar{d}u \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\nu_\ell\ell^+$



generate a univariate slice of 199 physical points:

$O(30)$  prime fields needed (depending on rationalisation)

much more expensive compared to evaluation of analytic expressions

include SLC contributions to the cross section via reweighting

SLC corrections peaked around 10%  
 $\rightarrow$  more complete picture with actual PS points from cross section run

# Analytic structure of 5-pt SLC amplitudes

taken from V. Sotnikov's talk at QCD meets Gravity 2023

## Planar scattering

Only **linear or quadratic** letters vanish in  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{phys}}$ , poles always canceled, i.e.  $h^{(0)} = 0$

### New feature of nonplanar scattering

**Square roots of quartic polynomials**  $\sqrt{\Sigma_5}$  can vanish in  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{phys}} \implies$  new types of **divergences**

1. Integrable square root: 
$$d \log \frac{a + \sqrt{\Sigma_5}}{a - \sqrt{\Sigma_5}} \xrightarrow{\Sigma_5 \rightarrow 0} \frac{d\Sigma_5}{a\sqrt{\Sigma_5}} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow t^*} \frac{C}{\sqrt{t-t^*}} + \dots$$

2. Uncompensated poles: 
$$d \log \sqrt{\Sigma_5} \xrightarrow{\Sigma_5 \rightarrow 0} \frac{d\Sigma_5}{2\Sigma_5} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow t^*} \frac{C}{t-t^*} + \dots \implies \text{log divergence!}$$

- Choose basis functions to localize non-analytic behavior
- Functions with type 2 divergence cancel out in physical results?
- Numerical evaluation more challenging

**YES!!**

(at the level of bare amplitude)  
!!! need to check for other processes !!!

# Summary

- ✓ Two-loop amplitudes for  $W\gamma\gamma$  production at the LHC
- ✓ Analytic reconstruction from numerical evaluations over finite field
- ✓ Crucial ingredient: optimised IBP systems from NeatIBP
- ✓ Analytic results are obtained except for 2-loop 5-pt subleading colour amplitude
- ✓ Numerical approach for 2-loop 5-pt subleading colour amplitude
  
- x Deployment for cross section: check  $VV$  contribution to NNLO cross section  
→ expected size of 2-loop subleading colour contributions?
- x Improved analytic reconstruction strategies  
[De Laurentis,Ita,Klinkert,Sotnikov(2023)][Chawdhry(2023)][De Laurentis,Maitre,(2020)]
- x Construct  $Z\gamma\gamma$  amplitudes from  $W\gamma\gamma$   
→ amplitude with  $Z$  coupled to closed quark loop is needed