

Talk @INFN Welcome day

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Iniziativa Specifica: Amplitudes

analytic structure, loop methods
and perturbative gravity

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“**Modern amplitude methods** have made a huge impact on our **understanding of quantum field theory** and our ability to make precise predictions for physical observables. Their remarkable **mathematical structure** has led to new results in an enormous range of subjects from gravitational waves, condensed matter systems and collider experiments.

Our team members have contributed to cutting-edge computations of amplitudes, and our aim is to keep INFN to the forefront of amplitude evaluations both for **collider** and for **gravitational-wave observables.**”

Amplitudes in Torino



Simon Badger



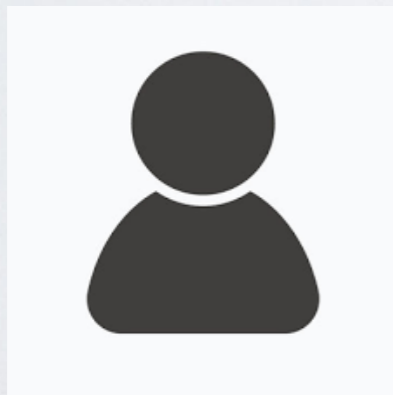
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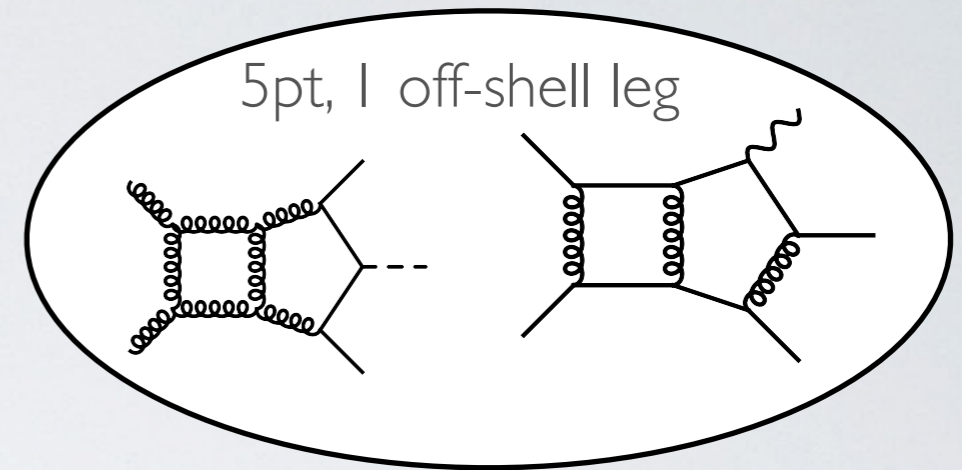
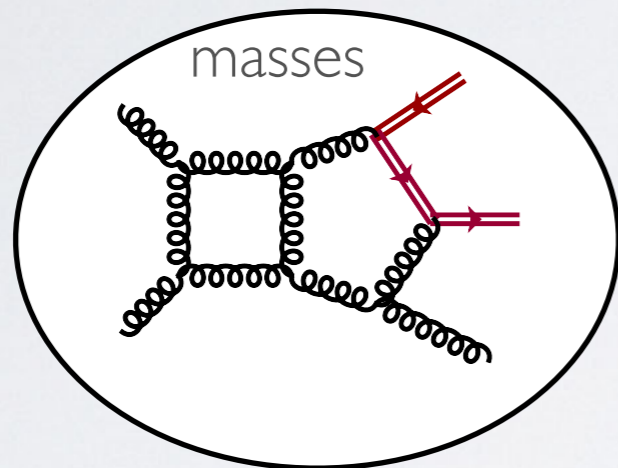


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Recent projects



first **full colour** amplitudes

$pp \rightarrow W\gamma\gamma$ arXiv:2409.08146

$pp \rightarrow Hbb$ arXiv:24xx.xxxxx

$pp \rightarrow ttj$ leading colour integral basis

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$pp \rightarrow ttj$ leading colour amplitudes

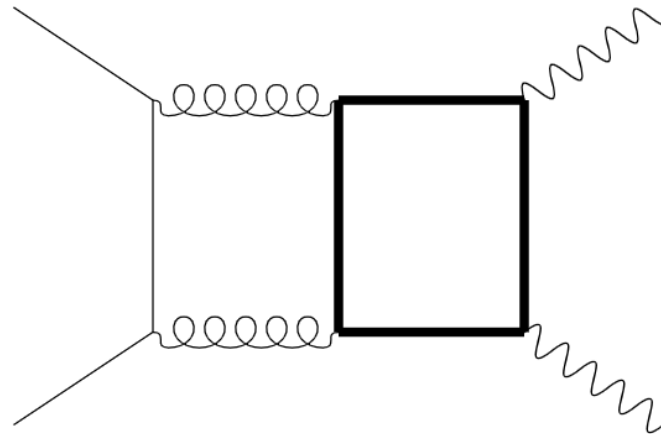
first numerical evaluations coming soon:

(see Brancaccio talk at TOP24)

Project of my PhD: top quark contribution to diphoton @NNLO

Phys. Lett. B 848 (2024) 138362 and J. High Energ. Phys. 2023, 105 (2023)

In collaboration with: M. Becchetti, R. Bonciani, L. Cieri
and F. Coro



Outline

- ✦ Motivation for diphoton and state of the art
- ✦ Two-loop Amplitude with a top-quark loop
- ✦ Phenomenology

Motivation



Diphoton production, $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma+X$ is a probe for the SM, and check of the validity of pQCD



It is an important channel for studies of the Higgs boson. In diphoton channel the signal is $O(0.2\%)$ of the background, which requires accurate theoretical prediction.



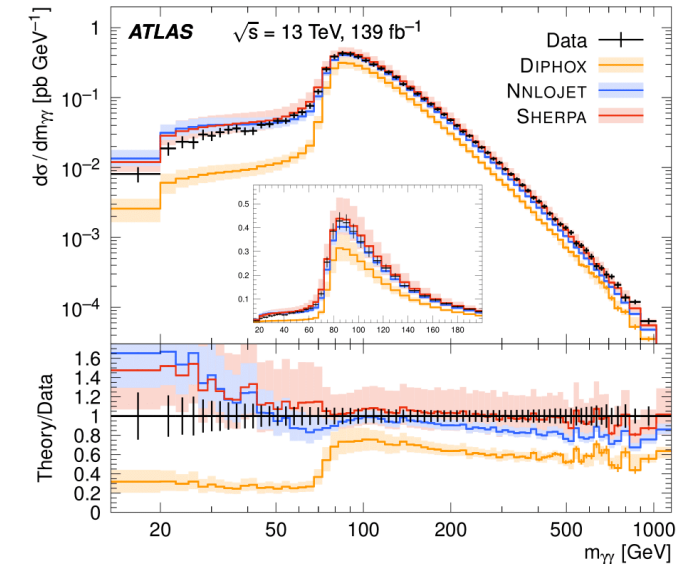
Searches for New Physics (pair-produced Higgsinos that decay to LLPs, axion-like particles with masses between 10 and 70 GeV, supersymmetry, spin-0 and spin-2 resonances with masses between 0.5 and 4.5 TeV)



Possible alternative channel for measuring top quark mass



Interesting framework to evaluate massive corrections at NNLO



[ATLAS (2017) arXiv:2107.09330]

[Kawabat, Yokoya '17; Dugad, Jain, Mitra, Sanyal, Verma '18]

State of the art



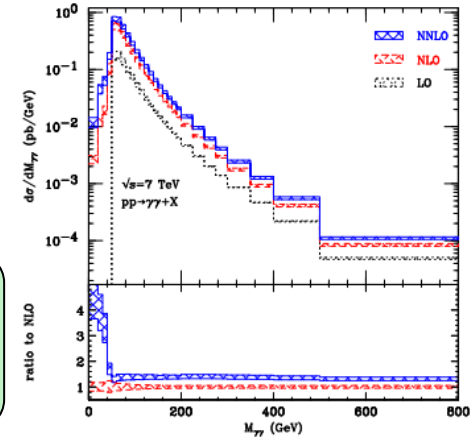
NNLO QCD corrections with five light quark flavours

[Catani, Cieri, de Florian, Ferrera, Grazzini '12 '18]

[Campbell, Ellis, Li, Williams '16]

[Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Höfer, Huss, Schürmann '22]

Enhance the NLO prediction of 40% for $M_{\gamma\gamma} > 50$ GeV



[Catani, Cieri, de Florian, Ferrera, Grazzini '18]



Necessary scattering amplitude elements for N3LO analysis (massless case)

Two-Loop Amplitudes for Gluon Fusion into Two Photons

[Bern, De Freitas, Dixon '01]

Three-loop helicity amplitudes for quark-gluon scattering in QCD

[Caola, Chakraborty, Gambuti, von Manteuffel, Tancredi '22]

Two-Loop Helicity Amplitudes for Diphoton Plus Jet Production in Full Color

[Agarwal, Buccioni, von Manteuffel, Tancredi '21]

NNLO QCD corrections to diphoton production with an additional jet at the LHC

[Chawdhry, Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet '21]

Next-to-leading order QCD corrections to diphoton-plus-jet production through gluon fusion at the LHC

[Badger, Gehrmann, Marcoli, Moodie '22]

State of the art

✦ First-order Electroweak\QED corrections

✦ Next-to-leading order electroweak corrections to the production of a photon pair in association with zero, one and two jets at the LHC

[Chiesa, Greiner, Schonherr, Tramontano '17]

✦ NLO QED Effects to Diphoton Production at Hadron Colliders

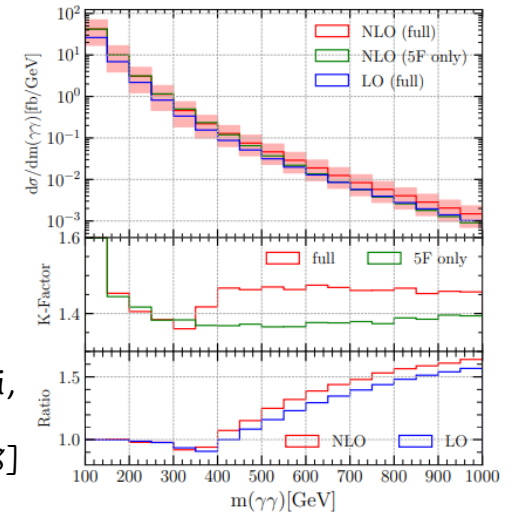
[Cieri, Sborlini '21]

✦ Transverse-momentum resummation

✦ NNLL+NLO accuracy [Cieri, Coradeschi, de Florian '15]

✦ N3LL+NNLO accuracy [Becher, Neumann '20]

Effective NLO top-quark correction to gluon fusion channel enhances the NLO massless prediction of 7% for $M_{\gamma\gamma} > 400$ GeV



[Maltoni, Mandal, Zhao '18]

✦ Massive QCD contributions

✦ One-loop $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ scattering amplitude with the top quark mass dependence (formally NNLO)

[Campbell, Ellis, Li, Williams '16]

✦ Top-quark effects in diphoton production through gluon fusion at NLO in QCD. They are formally part of N3LO, but of the order of NNLO because of the luminosity of the gluon.

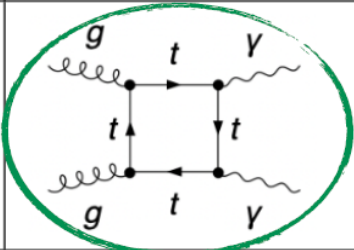

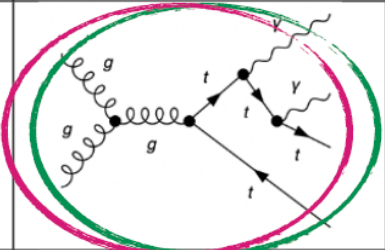
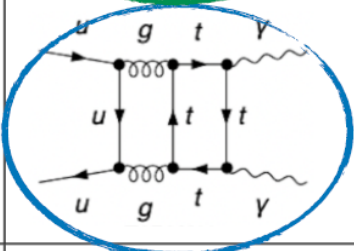
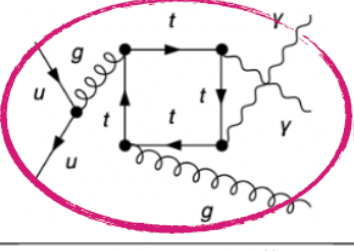
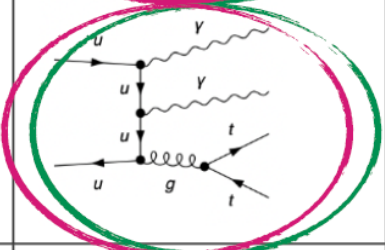

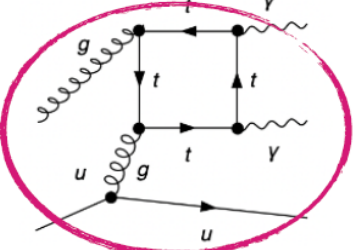

[Maltoni, Mandal, Zhao '18]
[Chen, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Yokoya '20]

✦ Full top-quark mass dependence in diphoton production at NNLO in QCD

[Becchetti, Bonciani, Cieri, Coro, Ripani '23]

Massive contributions @ NNLO

Massive corrections $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$

Channels	$\gamma\gamma$	$\gamma\gamma j$	$\gamma\gamma jj$
gg			
$q\bar{q}$			
qg			



Two-loop contribution



One-loop box contribution



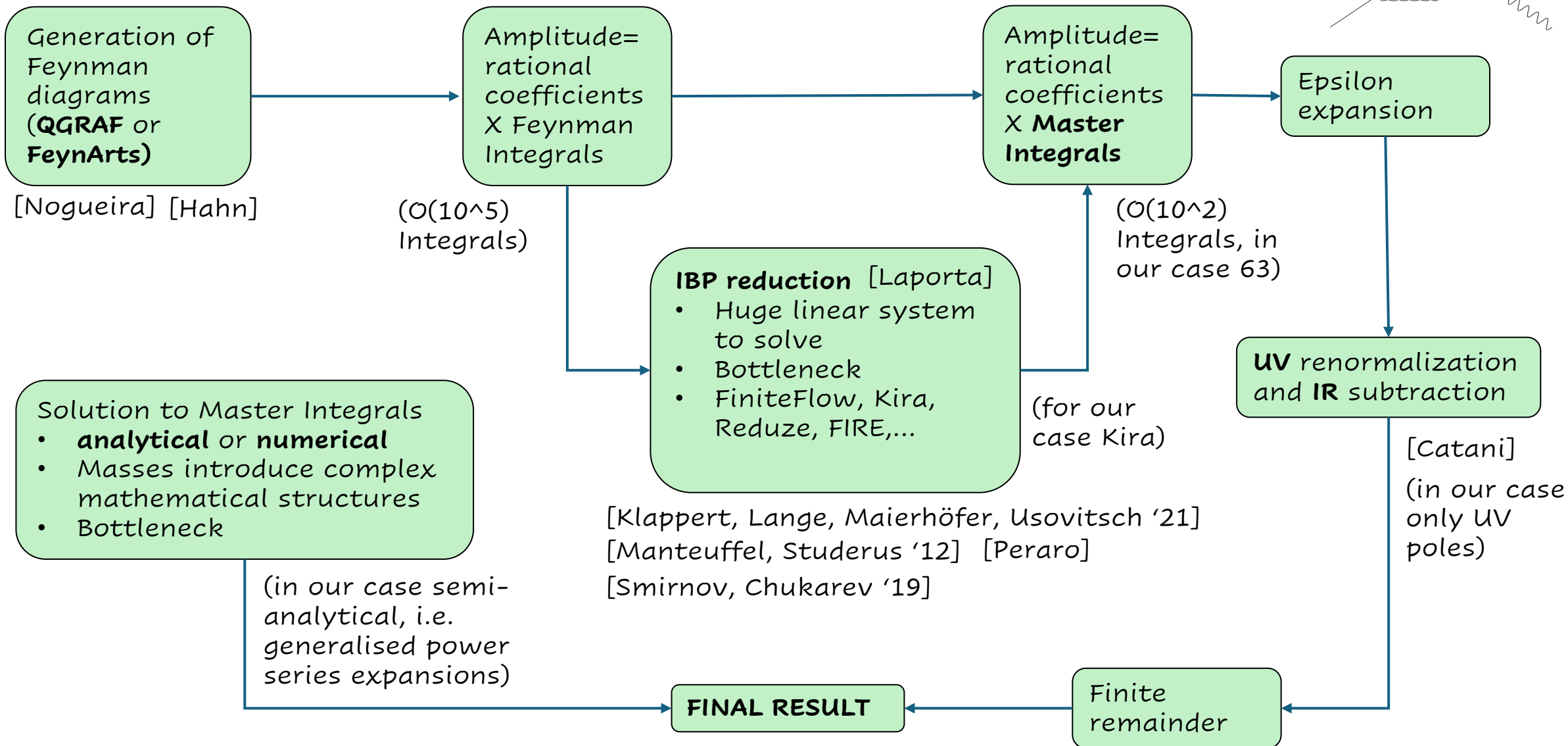
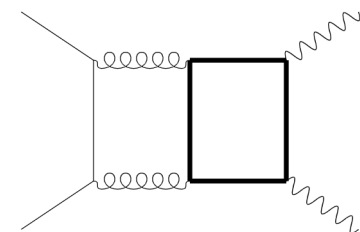
Real-Virtual contribution



Double-Real contribution

Two-loop Amplitude
with a top-quark loop

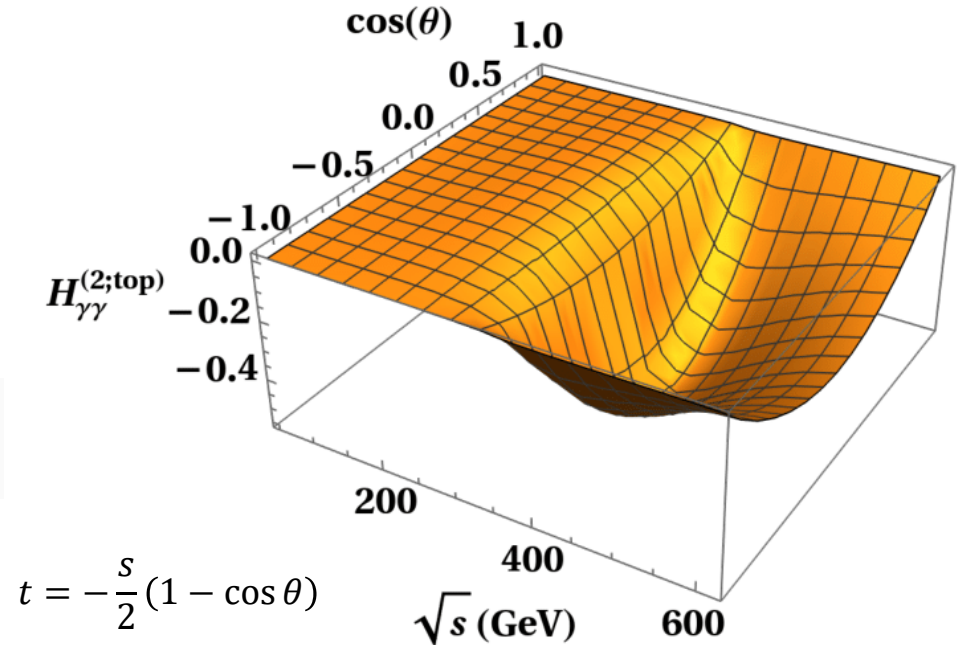
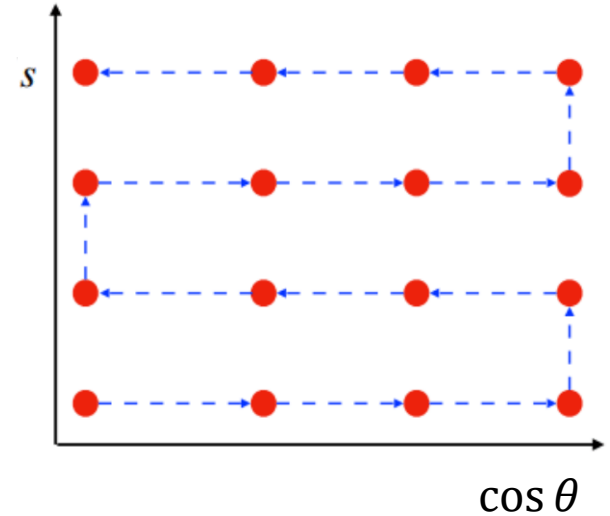
Computation of the Amplitude



Hard function and Numerical Evaluation

- ✦ We built a grid which covers the space defined by the centre-of-mass energy and the scattering angle
- ✦ The entire grid is evaluated in $\mathcal{O}(13\text{h})$ on a single core laptop (13752 points from 8 GeV to 2.2 TeV)
- ✦ The grid is interpolated with cubic splines which allow fast numerical evaluations
- ✦ The interpolation introduces an error of $\mathcal{O}(0.3\%)$

$$|\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q},\gamma\gamma}^{(\text{fin})}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q},\gamma\gamma}^{(0)}|^2 \left(1 + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right) \mathcal{H}_{\gamma\gamma}^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \left(\mathcal{H}_{\gamma\gamma}^{(2;\text{top})} + \mathcal{H}_{\gamma\gamma}^{(2;5\text{f})} \right) + \dots \right)$$



Phenomenology

Setup

★ Massive corrections encoded in new version of 2 γ NNLO [Catani, Cieri, de Florian, Ferrera, Grazzini '16]

★ NNLO cross section in qT subtraction scheme: $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\gamma\gamma} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{NNLO}}^{\gamma\gamma} \otimes d\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\gamma\gamma} + \left[d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\gamma\gamma+\text{jets}} - d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{CT}} \right]$
 [Catani, Grazzini '07]

Kinematical parameters

- ★ $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
- ★ Photon transverse momentum:
 $p_{T_\gamma}^{\text{hard}} \geq 40 \text{ GeV}$ $p_{T_\gamma}^{\text{soft}} \geq 30 \text{ GeV}$
- ★ Photon rapidity:
 $|y_\gamma| < 2.37$ excluding $1.37 < |y_\gamma| < 1.52$

Smooth isolation cone parameters

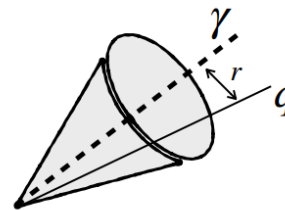
$$E_T^{\text{had}}(r) \leq \epsilon p_{T_\gamma} \chi(r; R)$$

$$\chi(r; R) = \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^{2n}$$

$$R = 0.4$$

$$\epsilon = 0.09$$

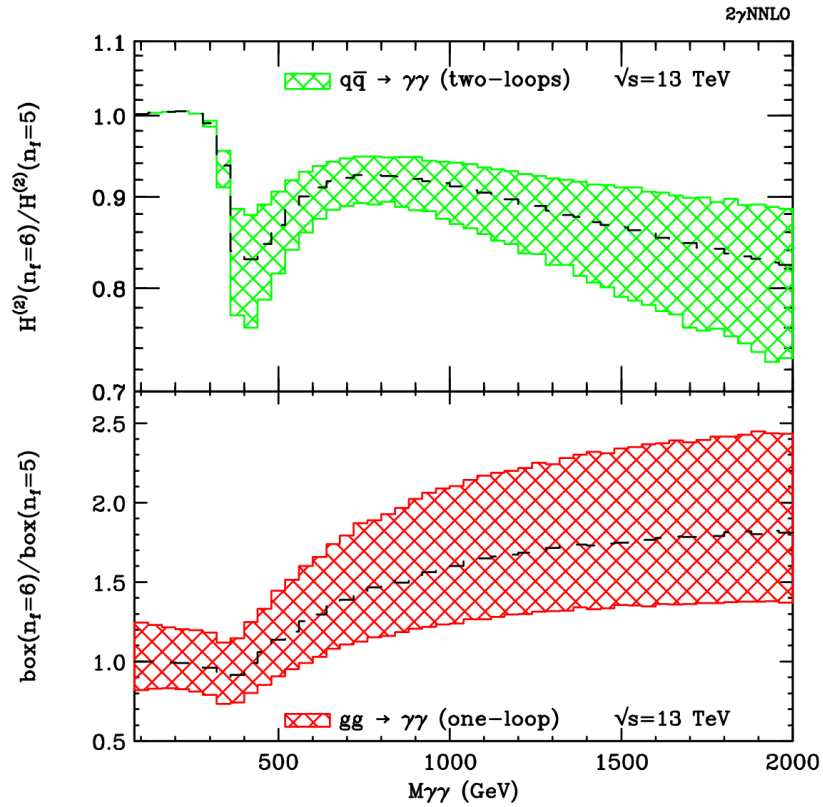
$$n = 1$$



Scale choice

- ★ Central value:
 $\mu_F = \mu_R = M_{\gamma\gamma}$
- ★ Theoretical uncertainty:
 seven-point variation scale by factors {1/2, 2}

Double-Virtual contributions



Upper Panel: ratio between fully massive and massless two-loop correction. Smaller than massless 5 flavour two-loop correction in the whole invariant mass range



Lower Panel: ratio between fully massive and massless one-loop box. The asymptotic behaviour as a 6 light quark contribution is manifest:

$$\left(\sum_{n_f=6} e_q^2\right)^2 / \left(\sum_{n_f=5} e_q^2\right)^2 = 225/121 = 1.8595 \dots$$

The mass inhibits the effect of a 6th massless flavour below the top-quark threshold

Two top produced on-shell enhance the cross-section

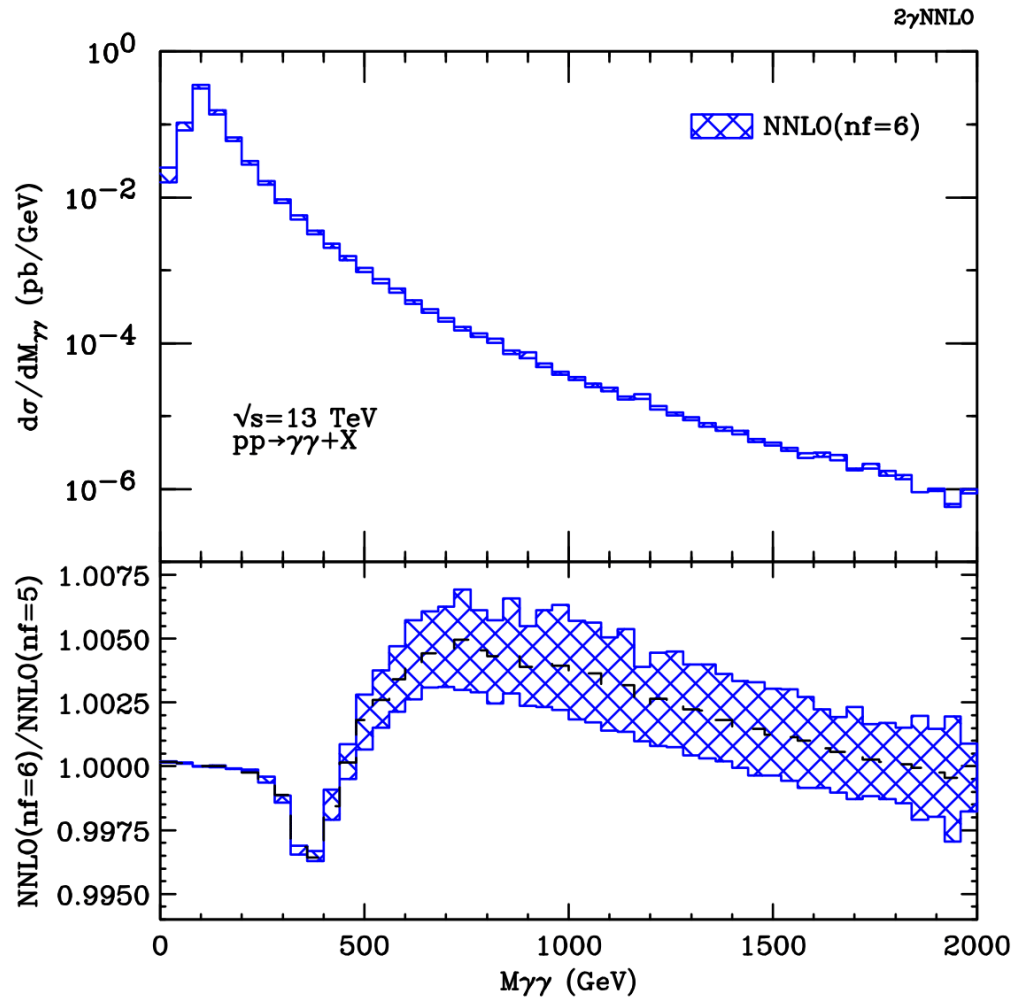


Destructive interference between massive and massless



Both have a negative peak of size -15% around the top-quark threshold

NNLO invariant mass distribution



Lower Panel: ratio between fully massive and massless 5 flavour NNLO invariant mass distribution



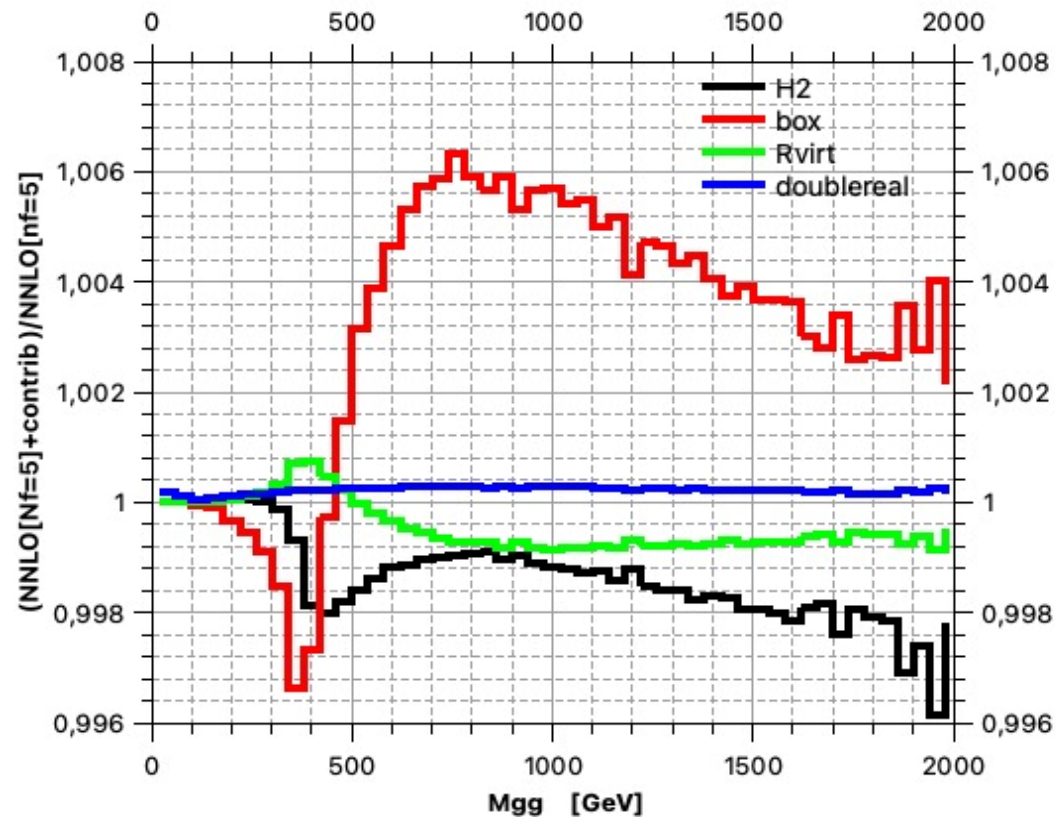
There is a negative peak around twice the top-quark mass



Effect of massive corrections: deviation from 5 flavour massless prediction in the range [-0.4%, 0.8%]

Summary of massive contributions

Ratios of each massive contribution with respect to massless NNLO invariant mass distribution



Double-Virtual dominant massive contributions:

The box determines a positive contribution with a maximum around 2.3 times top-quark threshold

At high invariant mass there is a tension between positive one-loop box and negative two-loop quark annihilation channel

Real-Virtual contribution subdominant

Double-Real contribution not relevant for phenomenology

Conclusions

✦ Relevance of Amplitudes:

- ✦ Fundamental ingredients to make precise predictions for physical observables
- ✦ Are a portal to study the mathematical structure of the microscopic world

✦ Diphoton:

- ✦ We computed the two-loop amplitude with a loop of top quark
- ✦ We used the result to compute the cross section for diphoton production retaining the full top-quark mass dependence at NNLO in QCD

✦ Some future projects:

- ✦ 5 pt, 1 off-shell leg amplitudes ($e^+e^- \rightarrow 4j$, $pp \rightarrow Hj, \dots$)
- ✦ $pp \rightarrow ttj$ leading colour amplitudes (analytical reconstruction)
- ✦ Mixed QCD-Electroweak corrections to $pp \rightarrow Hj$ and $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Thank you for your attention!