

# ***Light Quark Mediated Higgs Boson Threshold Production in NLL***

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# Topics discussed

- Motivation
- Anatomy of mass suppressed logarithms
- Bottom quark mediated Higgs production at the LHC

# Based on

*C. Anastasiou, A.A. Penin, JHEP 2007 195 (2020)*

*T. Liu, A.A. Penin, Phys.Rev.Lett. 119 262001 (2017)*

# Higgs production at the LHC

- Total cross section at 13 GeV  $\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H+X} = 48.68 \text{ pb}$
- $N^3LO$  with  $m_t = \infty$  and  $m_b = 0$   
Anastasiou et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **114**, 212001 (2015)
- $NLO$  with finite  $m_{t,b}$   
Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas, Phys. Rev. Lett. **70**, 1372 (1993)
- Dominant theory uncertainties  
Anastasiou et al. JHEP **1605**, 058 (2016)
  - scale choice  $\begin{array}{c} +0.10 \\ -1.15 \end{array} \text{ pb}$
  - PDF  $N^3LO$   $\pm 0.56 \text{ pb}$
  - $m_t < \infty$   $NNLO$   $\pm 0.49 \text{ pb}$  removed Czakon et al. arXiv:2105.04436
  - $m_b > 0$   $NNLO+$   $\pm 0.40 \text{ pb}$

# Bottom quark mass effect

- Fixed order NNLO (partial)

- *Higgs plus jet cross section (small-mass expansion)*

Lindert, Melnikov, Tancredi, Wever, Phys. Rev. Lett. **118**, 252002 (2017)

- *Higgs plus jet master integrals (full mass dependence)*

Frellesvig, Hidding, Maestri, Moriello, Salvatori, JHEP **06**, 093 (2020)

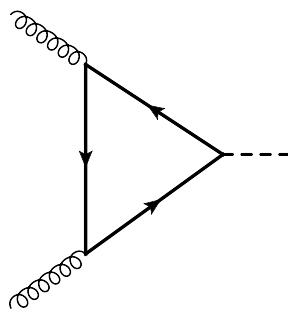
- *3-loop  $gg \rightarrow H$  amplitude (full mass dependence)*

Czakon, Niggetiedt, JHEP **2005**, 149 (2020); Niggetiedt, JHEP **2104**, 196 (2021)

- *The problem is beyond fixed order calculation!*

# Bottom quark mass effect

- Leading contribution



$$\propto \alpha_s \ln^2(m_H^2/m_b^2) \frac{m_b^2}{m_H^2}$$

- *effective expansion parameter*  $\alpha_s \ln^2(m_H^2/m_b^2) \sim 40\alpha_s$
- *resummation is mandatory*

- Large logs at subleading power

- *one of a few big challenges for EFT RG approach*

# Large logs beyond the leading power

- $e^- \mu^-$  backward scattering

Gorshkov, Gribov, Lipatov, Frolov, Yad. Fiz. **6**, 129 (1967)

- QED form factors

Penin, Phys. Lett. B **745**, 69 (2015)

- soft radiation

Bonocore, Laenen, Magnea, Vernazza, White, JHEP **1612**, 121 (2016)

- jettiness

Boughezal, Liu, Petriello, JHEP **1703**, 160 (2017)

- event shapes

Moult, Stewart, Vita, Zhu, JHEP **1808**, 013 (2018)

- threshold production

Beneke, Garny, Jaskiewicz, Szafron, Vernazza, Wang, JHEP **2001**, 094 (2020)

- *many other recent studies ...*

# Higgs boson production and decays



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

**LL and NLL**  $\ln(m_H/m_b)$

Kotsky, Yakovlev, Phys. Lett. B **418**, 335 (1998)

Liu, Mecaj, Neubert, Wang, JHEP **2101**, 077 (2021)



$gg \rightarrow Hg$

**abelian LL**  $\ln(m_H/m_b), \ln(p_\perp/m_b)$

Melnikov, Penin, JHEP **1605**, 172 (2016)



$gg \rightarrow H$

**full LL**  $\ln(m_H/m_b)$

Liu, Penin, Phys. Rev. Lett. **119**, 262001 (2017); JHEP **1811**, 158 (2018)

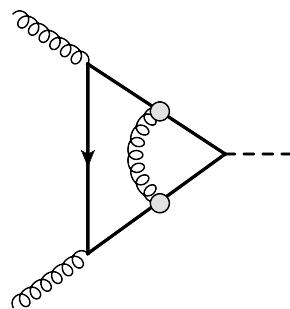
→ *problem of scale dependence and convergence* ↗ *NLL analysis*

# *Leading “Double” Logarithms*

# $gg \rightarrow H$ amplitude

- Non-Sudakov logs

T. Liu, A.A. Penin, Phys.Rev.Lett. **119** (2017) 262001



- Factorization formula

$$\mathcal{M}_{gg \rightarrow H}^b = Z_g^{2LL} g(x) \mathcal{M}_{gg \rightarrow H}^{b(0)}$$

- gluon Sudakov factor  $Z_g^{2LL} = \exp \left[ -\frac{C_A}{\varepsilon^2} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{\mu^{2\varepsilon}}{Q^{2\varepsilon}} \right]$
- Non-Sudakov double logarithms  $g(x) = {}_2F_2(1, 1; 3/2, 2; x/2)$
- Double-log variable  $x = (C_A - C_F) \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} L^2, L = \ln(Q^2/m_q^2)$
- eikonal color nonconservation, exponential enhancement

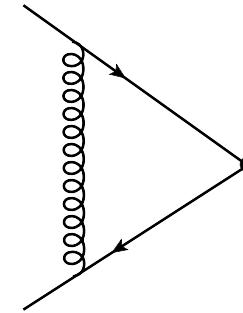
# *Next-to-Leading Logarithms*

# Sudakov form factor

- Origin of next-to-leading logs  $\alpha_s^n \ln^{2n-1}(Q^2)$

- RG logs*

- collinear logs*



- NLL form factor ( $m_q^2 \ll |p_i^2| \ll Q^2$ )

$$F_1^{NLL} = \exp \left\{ -\frac{C_F \alpha_s}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{Q^2}{-p_1^2} \right) \ln \left( \frac{Q^2}{-p_2^2} \right) \left[ 1 - \beta_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \left( \ln \left( \frac{-p_1^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{-p_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right) \right] \right.$$

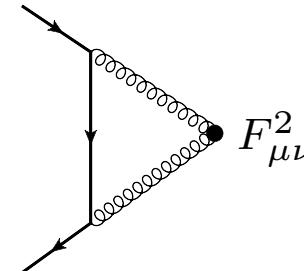
$$\left. + \gamma_q^{(1)} \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{Q^2}{-p_1^2} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{Q^2}{-p_2^2} \right) \right] \right\},$$

*collinear anomalous dimension*  $\gamma_q^{(1)} = 3C_F/2$

# Mass-suppressed amplitude

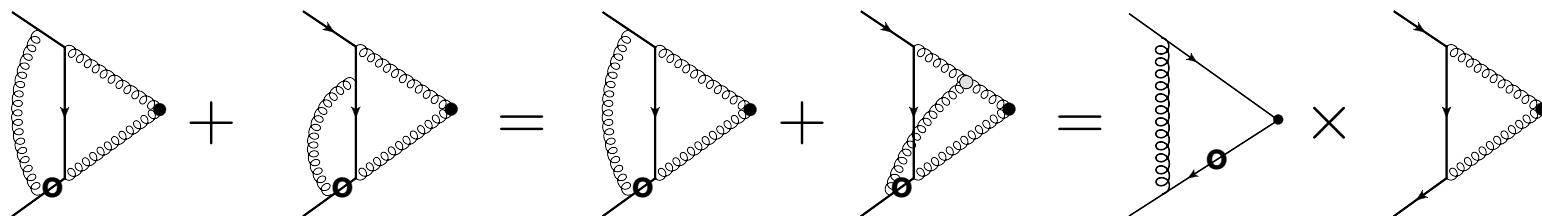
- Quark scattering in QED

- *no one-loop single logs*



- Two loops

- *p\_i collinear factorization*



→ *no subtraction necessary*

# Mass-suppressed amplitude

## ● New variables

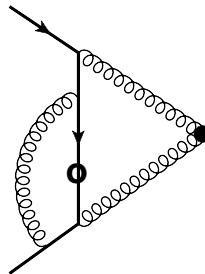
- Sudakov parameters  $l = up_1 + vp_2 + l_\perp$
- hypercube coordinates  
 $\eta = \ln v / \ln(m_q^2/Q^2)$ ,  $\xi = \ln u / \ln(m_q^2/Q^2)$ ,  $0 < \eta, \xi < 1$
- strict ordering  $\eta_i < \eta_j$ , ..., onshell condition  $\eta_i + \xi_i < 1$

# Mass-suppressed amplitude

- Two loops

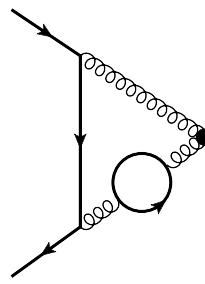
- *nonfactorizable collinear log*

→  $e^{\gamma_q^{(1)} \frac{\alpha_q L}{4\pi} (2-\eta-\xi)}$



- *RG running of LO coupling*

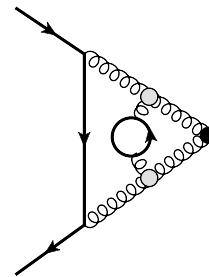
→  $\frac{1}{\left[1+\beta_0 \frac{\alpha_q L}{4\pi} (1-\eta)\right] \left[1+\beta_0 \frac{\alpha_q L}{4\pi} (1-\xi)\right]}$



# Mass-suppressed amplitude

- Three loops

- *RG running of LL terms*



→  $e^{2x\eta\xi\beta_0 \frac{\alpha_q L}{4\pi} \left( \frac{L\mu}{L} - \frac{\eta+\xi}{2} \right)}, \quad L_\mu = \ln(Q^2/\mu^2)$

- Final NLL result

$$\mathcal{G}^{NLL} = 2 \int_0^1 d\xi \int_0^{1-\xi} d\eta \frac{e^{\left\{ -2x\eta\xi \left[ 1 - \beta_0 \frac{\alpha_q L}{4\pi} \left( \frac{L\mu}{L} - \frac{\eta+\xi}{2} \right) \right] + \gamma_q^{(1)} \frac{\alpha_q L}{4\pi} (2 - \eta - \xi) \right\}}}{\left[ 1 + \beta_0 \frac{\alpha_q L}{4\pi} (1 - \eta) \right] \left[ 1 + \beta_0 \frac{\alpha_q L}{4\pi} (1 - \xi) \right]} Z_q^{2NLL} \mathcal{G}^{(0)}$$

# Mass-suppressed amplitude

$$\mathcal{G}^{NLL} = C Z_q^{2NLL} \mathcal{G}^{(0)}$$

*expanding in  $\alpha_q L$*

$$C = \left[ g(-x) + \frac{\alpha_s L}{4\pi} (2 \left( \gamma_q^{(1)} - \beta_0 \right) (g(-x) - g_\gamma(-x)) - \beta_0 g_\beta(-x)) \right]$$

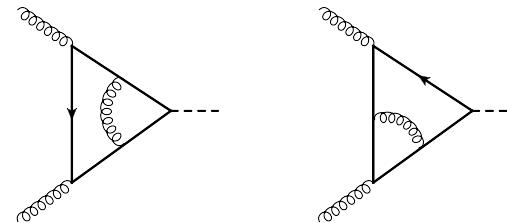
$$g_\gamma(x) = \frac{1}{x} \left[ \left( \frac{\pi e^x}{2x} \right)^{1/2} \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{x/2}) - 1 \right]$$

$$g_\beta(x) = \left[ \left( \frac{\pi e^x}{2x} \right)^{1/2} \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{x/2}) - g(x) \right] \frac{L_\mu}{L} + \frac{3}{2x} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{x}{3} \right) \left( \frac{\pi e^x}{2x} \right)^{1/2} \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{x/2}) - 1 \right]$$

# $gg \rightarrow H$ amplitude

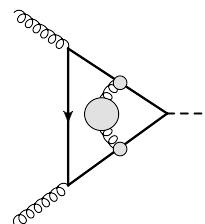
- Two loops

- *nonfactorizable collinear log*
- *RG running of Yukawa coupling*



- Three loops

- *RG running of LL terms*



*now*  $x = (C_A - C_F) \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{4\pi} L^2, \quad L = \ln(m_H^2/m_b^2), \quad L_\mu = \ln(m_H^2/\mu^2)$

# $gg \rightarrow H$ amplitude

$$\mathcal{M}_{gg \rightarrow H}^{bNLL} = C_b \left( \frac{\alpha_s(m_H)}{\alpha_s(m_b)} \right)^{\gamma_m^{(1)}/\beta_0} Z_g^{2NLL} \left[ -\frac{3}{2} \frac{m_b^2}{m_H^2} L^2 \mathcal{M}_{gg \rightarrow H}^{t(0)} \right]$$

*Yukawa RG factor*      *gluon Sudakov form factor*      *LO amplitude*

The diagram illustrates the components of the  $bNLL$  amplitude. It consists of three main parts: a red box labeled  $C_b$ , a light blue box labeled  $\left( \frac{\alpha_s(m_H)}{\alpha_s(m_b)} \right)^{\gamma_m^{(1)}/\beta_0}$ , and a light blue box containing a mathematical expression. Below these boxes are three labels: "Yukawa RG factor" pointing to the first box, "gluon Sudakov form factor" pointing to the second box, and "LO amplitude" pointing to the third box.

$C_b$  incorporates all the bottom mass logs

Abelian part agrees with  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  NLL result

Liu, Mecaj, Neubert, Wang,

JHEP 2101, 077 (2021)

# $gg \rightarrow H$ amplitude

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Yukawa RG factor      gluon Sudakov form factor      LO amplitude

$$C_b = \left[ g(x) + \frac{\alpha_s L}{4\pi} (2\gamma_q^{(1)} g_\gamma(x) - \beta_0 g_\beta(x)) \right] = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= \frac{x}{6} + C_F \frac{\alpha_s L}{4\pi}, \quad c_2 = \frac{x^2}{45} + \frac{x}{5} \frac{\alpha_s L}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{3}{2} C_F - \beta_0 \left( \frac{5}{6} \frac{L_\mu}{L} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \right], \\ c_3 &= \frac{x^3}{420} + \frac{x^2}{5} \frac{\alpha_s L}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{5}{21} C_F - \beta_0 \left( \frac{2}{9} \frac{L_\mu}{L} - \frac{2}{21} \right) \right], \quad \dots \end{aligned}$$

3-loop coefficient  $c_2$  agrees with

Harlander, Prausa, Usovitsch, JHEP **1910**, 148 (2019)

(analytic  $n_l$  part)

Czakon, Niggetiedt, JHEP **2005**, 149 (2020)

(numerical, all ten digits)

Niggetiedt, JHEP **2104**, 196 (2021)

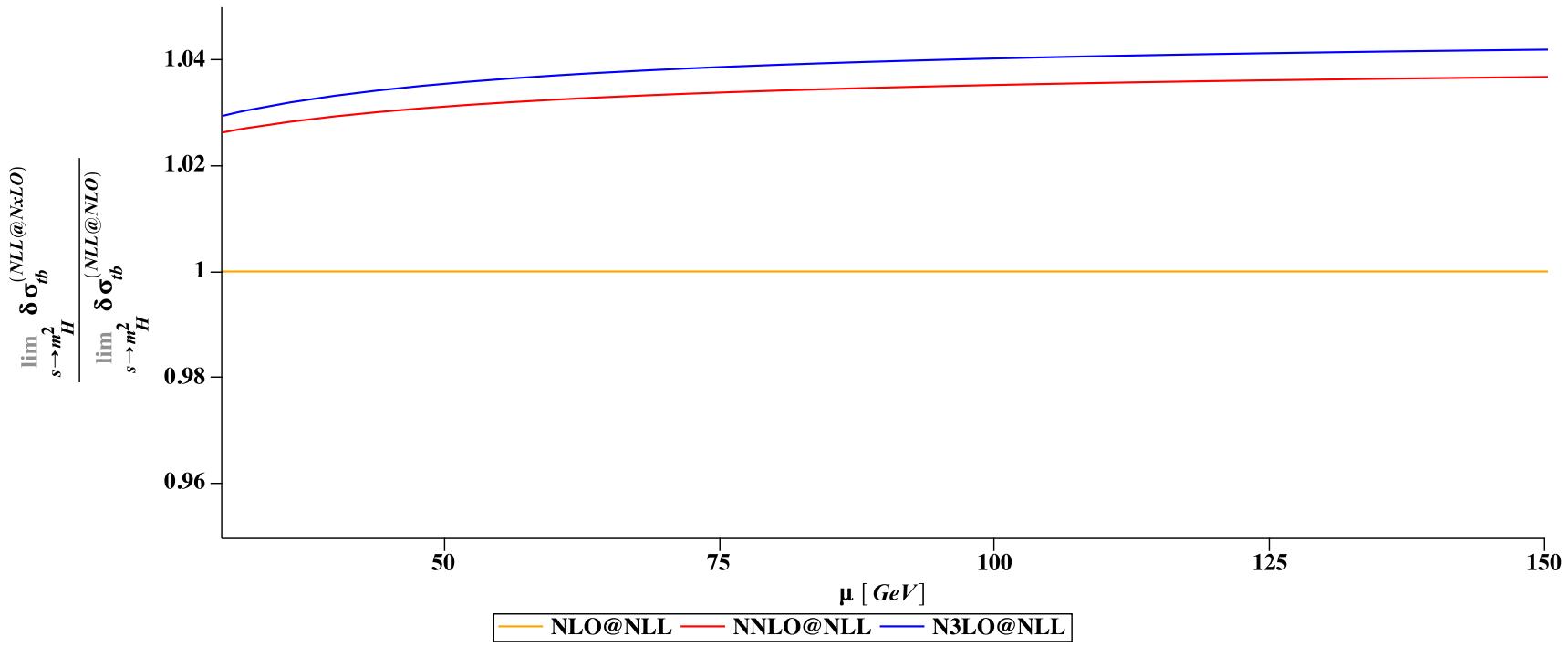
# Top-bottom interference at the threshold

- $Z_g^2 \mathcal{M}^{t(0)}$  IR logs identical to heavy top EFT amplitude
  - soft radiation identical to heavy top EFT
- *partonic threshold cross section (top-bottom interference)*

$$\delta\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H+X}(s) = C_b \left( \frac{\alpha_s(m_H)}{\alpha_s(m_b)} \right)^{\gamma_m^{(1)}/\beta_0} \left[ -\frac{3}{2} \frac{m_b^2}{m_H^2} L^2 \right] C_t \sigma_{gg \rightarrow H+X}^{\text{eff}}$$

bottom mediated amplitude      heavy top EFT cross section  
heavy top EFT Wilson coefficient

# NLL K-factors through N<sup>3</sup>LO



*computed with respect to NLO NLL result*

# Top-bottom interference in threshold cross section

	LO	NLO	NNLO	N <sup>3</sup> LO
$\delta\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H+X}^{\text{LL}}$	-1.420	-1.640	-1.667	-1.670
$\delta\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H+X}^{\text{NLL}}$	-1.420	-2.048	-2.183	-2.204
$\delta\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H+X}$	-1.023	-2.000		

- NLL K-factors with full threshold  $\delta\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H+X}^{NLO}$

$$\delta\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H+X}^{\text{NNLO}} \approx -0.13 \text{ pb}$$

$$\delta\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H+X}^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}} \approx -0.02 \text{ pb}$$

# Bottom contribution to $\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H+X}$ beyond NLO

## Uncertainty

• Threshold (from $N^3LO$ top mediated result)	$\pm 50\%$
• Higher orders in $\alpha_s$ (from $N^3LO$ NLL result)	$\pm 20\%$
• Subleading logs	$\pm 100\%$
• LO result	$-43\%$
• NLO result	$-3\%$
• NNLO three-loop virtual (Czakon, Niggetiedt, 2020)	$-40\%$
• NNLO electroweak logs (Kuhn, Moch, Penin, Smirnov, 2002)	$+100\%$
<i>Total</i>	$\pm 170\%$

• Final estimate −0.34 to 0.08 pb (factor two interval reduction)

# Summary

- The first NLL subleading power result in QCD
- Bottom quark effect on  $\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H+X}$ 
  - *PT series converges despite large logs*
  - *beyond NLO contribution*  $-0.34$  *to*  $0.08$  *pb*