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ZH production in gluon fusion: NLO virtual corrections with full top quark mass dependence

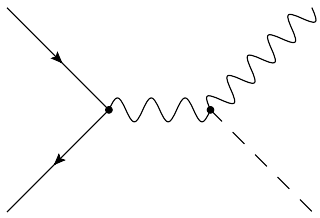
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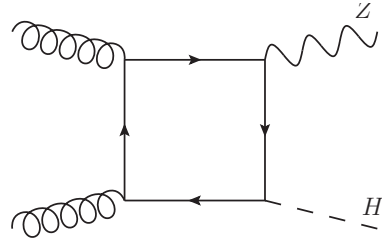
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Introduction – ZH Production Modes

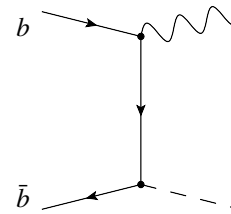
ZH production modes



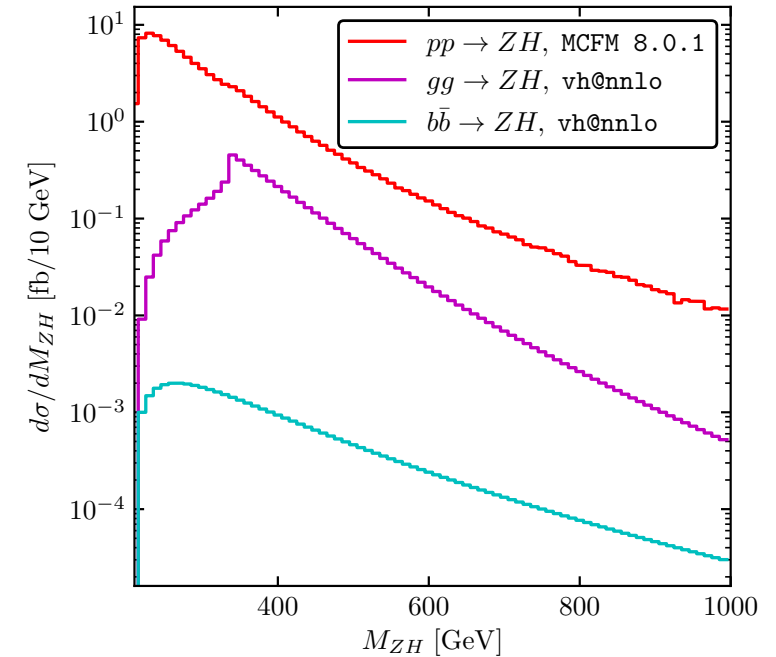
NNLO:
Brein, Djouadi, Harlander 03



NNLO
Ahmed, Ajjath, Chen, Dhani,
Mukherjee, Ravindran 19



[Harlander, Klappert, Liebler, Simon 18]



Gluon-induced production:

- Contribution to total cross section ~10%
- Large scale uncertainties

quark-initiated production
known with high accuracy:

NNLO: Brein, Harlander, Wiesemann, Zirke; Ferrera, Grazzini, Somogyi,
Tramontano; Campbell, Ellis, Williams; Gauld, Gehrmann-De Rideer,
Glover, Huss, Majer

NLO EW(+QCD): Ciccolini, Denner, Dittmaier, Kallweit, Krämer,
Mück; Granata, Lindert, Oleari, Pozzorini; Obul, Dulat, Hou, Tursun,
Yulkun

+ parton shower, resummation, ...

Uncertainties in ZH, WH measurements

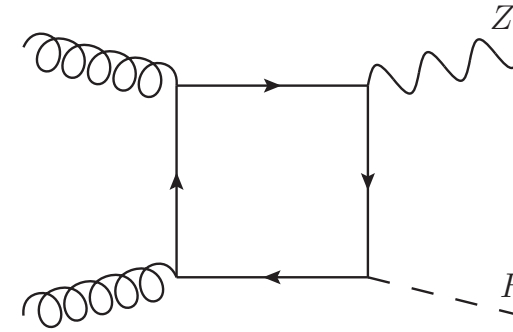
ATLAS 2007.02873

	Signal
Cross-section (scale)	0.7% (<i>qq</i>), 25% (<i>gg</i>)
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ branching fraction	1.7%
Scale variations in STXS bins	3.0%–3.9% (<i>qq</i> → <i>WH</i>), 6.7%–12% (<i>qq</i> → <i>ZH</i>), 37%–100% (<i>gg</i> → <i>ZH</i>)
PS/UE variations in STXS bins	1%–5% for <i>qq</i> → <i>VH</i> , 5%–20% for <i>gg</i> → <i>ZH</i>
PDF+ α_S variations in STXS bins	1.8%–2.2% (<i>qq</i> → <i>WH</i>), 1.4%–1.7% (<i>qq</i> → <i>ZH</i>), 2.9%–3.3% (<i>gg</i> → <i>ZH</i>)
m_{bb} from scale variations	M+S (<i>qq</i> → <i>VH</i> , <i>gg</i> → <i>ZH</i>)
m_{bb} from PS/UE variations	M+S
m_{bb} from PDF+ α_S variations	M+S
p_T^V from NLO EW correction	M+S

Introduction – $gg \rightarrow ZH$: LO and approximated NLO

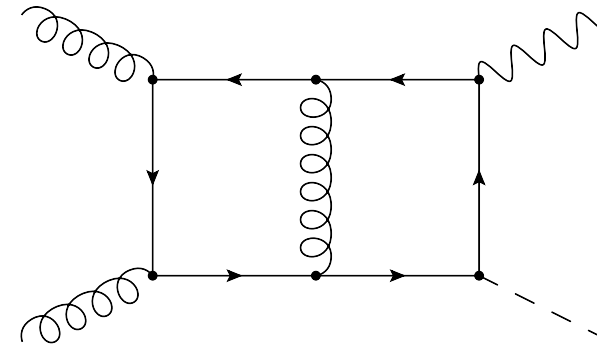
Leading Order

[Dicus, Kao 88; Kniehl 90]



NLO in $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ limit

[Altenkamp, Dittmaier, Harlander, H. Rzehak, Zirke 12]



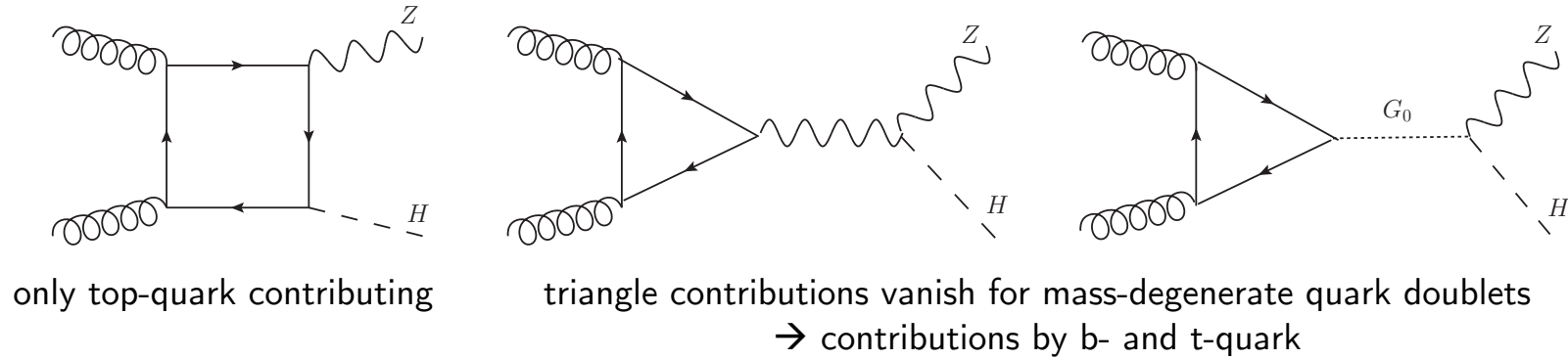
Improved virtual corrections via expansions:

- in large m_t , up to $1/m_t^8$, improved by Padé approx.
[Hasselhuhn, Luthe, Steinhauser 17]
- in small and large m_t , up to $1/m_t^{10}, m_t^{32}$ + Padé approx.
[Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20]
- in small p_T up to p_T^4
[Alasfar, Degrossi, Giardino, Gröber, Vitti 21]

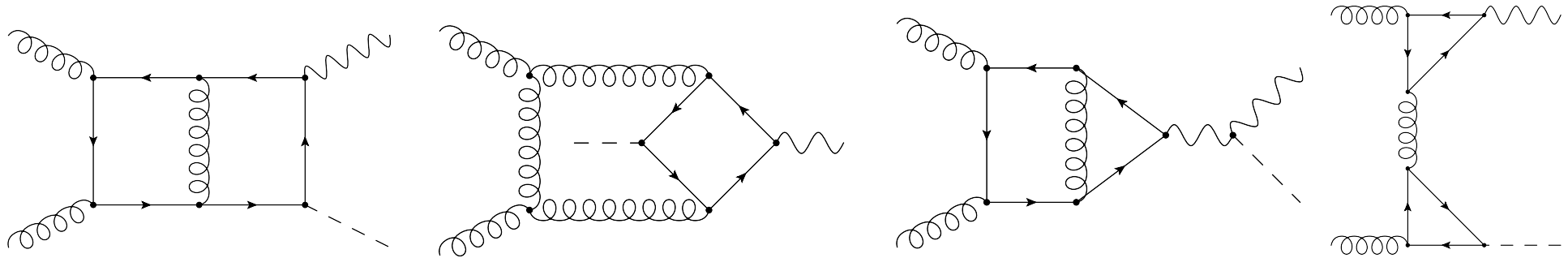
→ Talk by Go Mishima

Introduction – ZH in Gluon Fusion

LO



NLO virtual



We calculated the full 2-loop amplitude

- using numerical evaluation of loop integrals
- treating bottom quark as massless
- with full dependence on m_t
- using Larin's prescription of γ_5

Computation Strategy

Virtual Amplitude

1. Apply Feynman rules, using linear polarizations, map loop integrals to integral families
2. Reduce 2-loop integrals to minimal set of masters
3. Integrate master integrals numerically

Tools used:

QGraf [Nogueira], Reduze [von Manteuffel, Studerus]
GoSam-XLoop [Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, MK, Schlenk et.al.]

Kira [Klappert, Lange, Maierhöfer, Usovitsch]
Firefly [Klappert, Lange]

pySecDec, qmc
[Borowka, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, MK, Schlenk]

Full NLO results

(work in progress)

- Phase-space sampling of virtual amplitude based on unweighted events (LO)
- Use high-energy expansion for large p_T [Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 19]
- Add real radiation using matrix elements generated by GoSam [Cullen et.al.]

Polarized Amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A} = \varepsilon_{\lambda_1}^{\mu_1}(p_1) \varepsilon_{\lambda_2}^{\mu_2}(p_2) (\varepsilon_{\lambda_3}^{\mu_3}(p_3))^* \mathcal{A}_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3}$$

Polarization vectors can be constructed from external momenta [L. Chen 19]

choose

$$\varepsilon_x^\mu = \mathcal{N}_x (-s_{23} p_1^\mu - s_{13} p_2^\mu + s_{12} p_3^\mu),$$

$$\varepsilon_y^\mu = \mathcal{N}_y (\epsilon_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3}^\mu p_1^{\mu_1} p_2^{\mu_2} p_3^{\mu_3}),$$

$$\varepsilon_T^\mu = \mathcal{N}_T \left((-s_{23}(s_{13} + s_{23}) + 2m_Z^2 s_{12}) p_1^\mu + (s_{13}(s_{13} + s_{23}) - 2m_Z^2 s_{12}) p_2^\mu + s_{12}(-s_{13} + s_{23}) p_3^\mu \right),$$

$$\varepsilon_l^\mu = \mathcal{N}_l \left(-2m_Z^2 (p_1^\mu + p_2^\mu) + (s_{13} + s_{23}) p_3^\mu \right),$$

such that

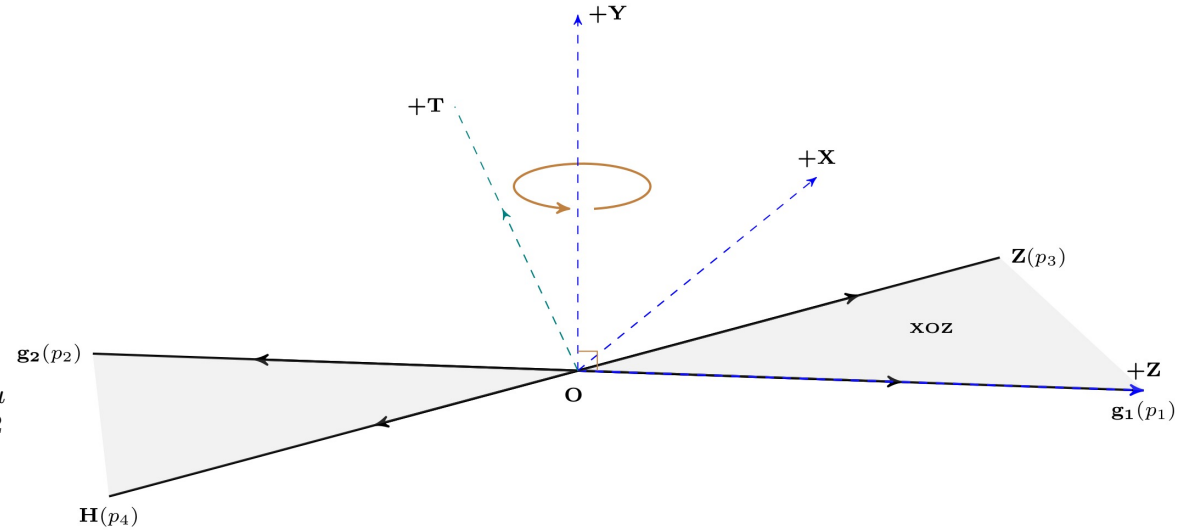
$$\{\varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y\} \cdot \{p_1, p_2\} = 0, \quad \{\varepsilon_y, \varepsilon_T, \varepsilon_l\} \cdot p_3 = 0, \quad \varepsilon_i^2 = -1$$

Can be used as polarization vectors of gluons and Z, respectively

circular polarizations:

$$\varepsilon_{\pm}^{\mu_1}(p_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\varepsilon_x^{\mu_1} \pm i\varepsilon_y^{\mu_1}) \quad \varepsilon_{\pm}^{\mu_2}(p_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\varepsilon_x^{\mu_2} \mp i\varepsilon_y^{\mu_2}) \quad \varepsilon_{\pm}^{\mu_3}(p_3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\varepsilon_T^{\mu_3} \pm i\varepsilon_l^{\mu_3})$$

$$g(p_1) + g(p_2) \rightarrow Z(p_3) + H(p_4)$$



6 polarization configurations:

$$\mathcal{P}_1^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3} = \varepsilon_x^{\mu_1} \varepsilon_x^{\mu_2} \varepsilon_y^{\mu_3}, \quad \mathcal{P}_2^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3} = \varepsilon_x^{\mu_1} \varepsilon_y^{\mu_2} \varepsilon_T^{\mu_3}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_3^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3} = \varepsilon_x^{\mu_1} \varepsilon_y^{\mu_2} \varepsilon_l^{\mu_3}, \quad \mathcal{P}_4^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3} = \varepsilon_y^{\mu_1} \varepsilon_x^{\mu_2} \varepsilon_T^{\mu_3}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_5^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3} = \varepsilon_y^{\mu_1} \varepsilon_x^{\mu_2} \varepsilon_l^{\mu_3}, \quad \mathcal{P}_6^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3} = \varepsilon_y^{\mu_1} \varepsilon_y^{\mu_2} \varepsilon_y^{\mu_3}$$

Integral Reduction

Use Integration-by-Parts Identities [Chetyrkin, Tkachov; Laporta] to express appearing 2-loop integrals in terms of master integrals.

$$\int d^d p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i^\mu} [q^\mu \mathbf{I}'(p_1, \dots, p_l; k_1, \dots, k_m)] = 0$$

~13.000 unreduced integrals \rightarrow 452 masters

Reduction is quite challenging, can be simplified by fixing mass ratios

$$\frac{m_Z^2}{m_t^2} = \frac{23}{83}, \quad \frac{m_H^2}{m_t^2} = \frac{12}{23}$$

\rightarrow Eliminates 2 of the 5 mass scales s, t, m_t, m_Z, m_H

Obtained using the programs:

– Kira [Klappert, Lange, Maierhöfer, Usovitsch]

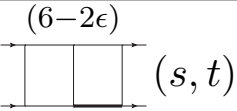
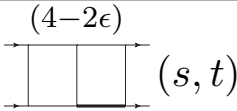
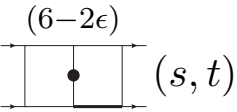
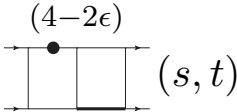
\rightarrow Talk by Johann Usovitsch

– Firefly [Klappert, Klein, Lange]

\rightarrow uses finite-field methods to avoid large intermediate expressions

Choice of Master Integrals

- Use a (quasi-)finite basis of master integrals [von Manteuffel, Panzer, Schabinger 14]
 - Simplifies numerical evaluation of integrals
 - Poles in ϵ only in coefficients
 - Requires integrals in shifted dimensions [Bern, Dixon, Kosower 92; Tarasov 96; Lee 10]

				run time	rel. error	
finite integrals		280 s	1.00×10^{-3}		214135 s	8.29×10^{-3}
		294 s	1.21×10^{-3}		3484378 s	30.9

[von Manteuffel, Schabinger 17]

Choice of Master Integrals

- Use a (quasi-)finite basis of master integrals [von Manteuffel, Panzer, Schabinger 14]
- Further improvements of integral basis to achieve:
(by trying different basis choices for each sector)
 - d -dependence factorizes from kinematic dependence
in denominators of reduction coefficients
[Smirnov, Smirnov `20; Usovitsch `20]
 - simple denominator factors D_1, D_2
 - avoid poles in coefficients of integrals in top-level sectors as far as possible
 - small file-size of reductions

$$\frac{N(s, t, d)}{D_1(d)D_2(s, t)}$$

- Some spurious poles & cancellations between integrals can be avoided
- Reduced File sizes of expressions
 - Amplitude: factor of 5 improvement
 - Largest coefficient (double-tadpole): 150 MB → 5 MB

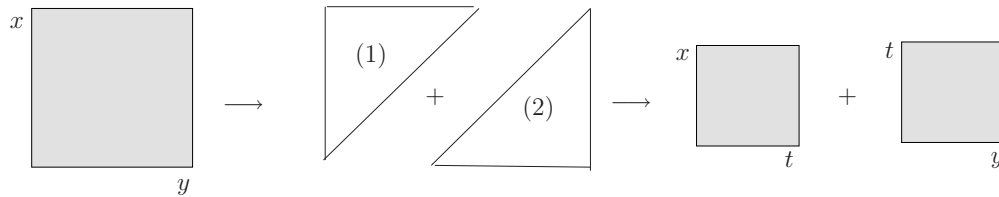
Loop Integrals – Sector Decomposition

Numerical evaluation of loop integrals with pySecDec

[Borowka, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, MK, Langer, Magerya, Pöldaru, Schlenk, Villa]

Available at
github.com/gudrunhe/secdec

- Sector decomposition [Binoth, Heinrich 00] factorizes overlapping singularities



- Subtraction of poles & expansion in ϵ
 - Contour deformation [Soper 00; Binoth et.al. 05, Nagy, Soper 06; Borowka et al. 12]
- Finite integrals at each order in ϵ
- Numerical integration possible

New release (coming soon...)

→ Talk by Emilio Villa

- expansion by regions
- evaluation of linear combinations of integrals, with automated optimization of sampling points per sector
- automated reduction of contour-def. parameter
- automatically adjusts FORM settings

pySecDec integral libraries can be directly linked to amplitude code

Numerical Integration I

Quasi-Monte Carlo integration using rank-1 shifted lattice rule

$$I[f] \approx I_k = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N f(\mathbf{x}_{i,k}), \quad \mathbf{x}_{i,k} = \left\{ \frac{i \cdot \mathbf{z}}{N} + \Delta_k \right\}$$

$\{\dots\}$ = fractional part ($\rightarrow x \in [0; 1[$)

Δ_k = randomized shifts
 $\rightarrow m$ different estimates of Integral: I_1, \dots, I_m
 \rightarrow error estimate of result

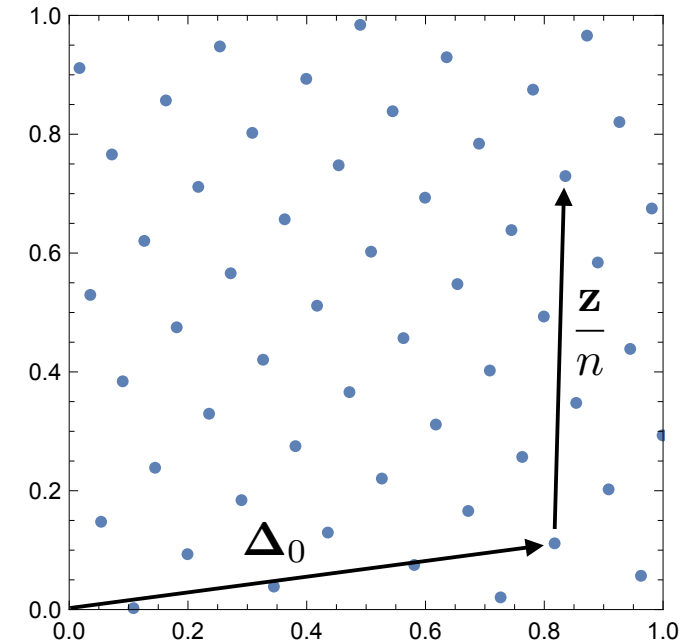
\mathbf{z} = generating vector
constructed component-by-component [Nuyens 07]
minimizing worst-case error ϵ_γ

Implementation with support for CPUs and GPUs:

github.com/mppmu/qmc

[Borowka, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, MK, Schlenk]

Review: Dick, Kuo, Sloan 13
First application to loop integrals:
Li, Wang, Yan, Zhao 15



Numerical Integration II

For integrands belonging to a weighted Korobov space of smoothness α :

$$\|f\|_{\gamma}^2 = \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{\prod_{j \in \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{h})} |h_j|^{2\alpha}}{\gamma_{\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{h})}} |\hat{f}(\mathbf{h})|^2$$

Fourier Coefficients

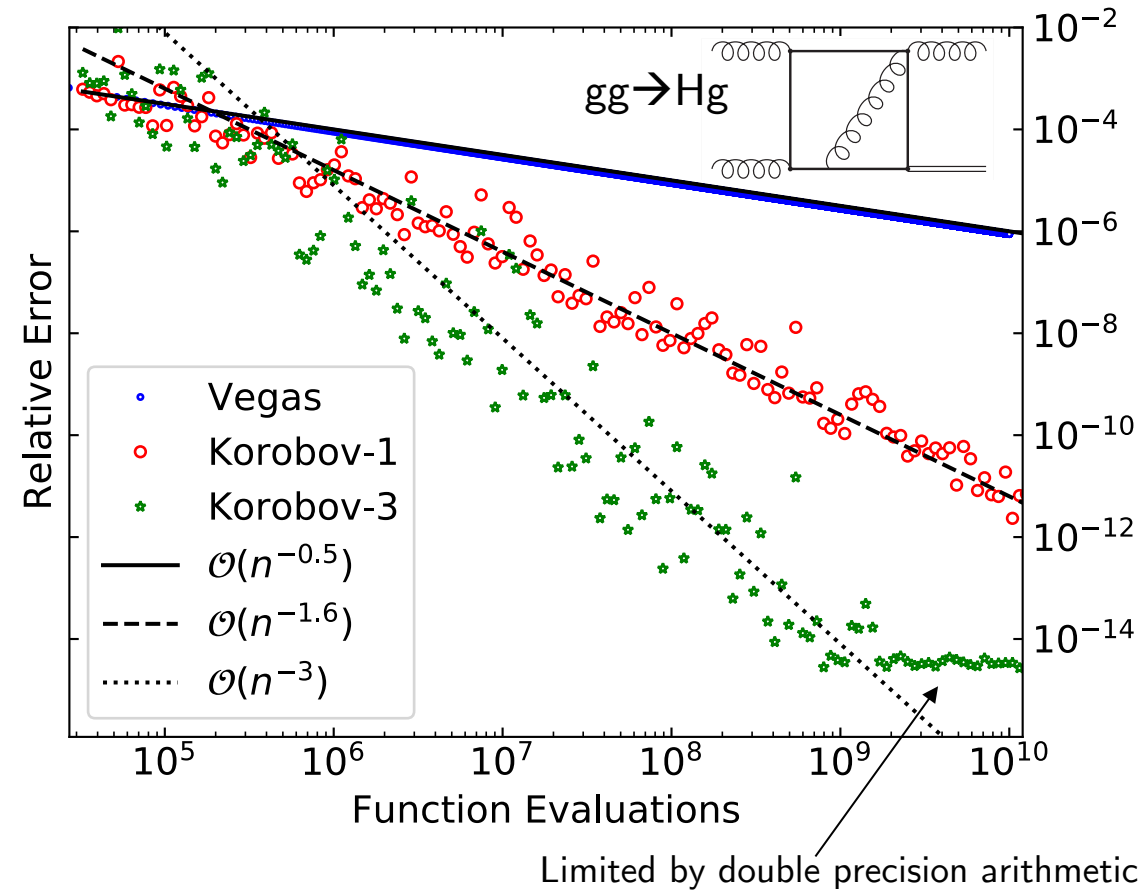
→ worst-case error:
$$\epsilon_{\gamma}^2 \leq \left(\frac{1}{\psi(N)} \sum_{\emptyset \neq \mathbf{u} \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}} \gamma_{\mathbf{u}}^{\lambda} (2\zeta(2\alpha\lambda))^{|u|} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}$$

→ $\epsilon_{\gamma} = \mathcal{O}(N^{-\alpha})$

Can be achieved by periodization of smooth functions, e.g. using Korobov transform

$$I[f] \equiv \int_{[0,1]^d} d\mathbf{x} f(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{[0,1]^d} d\mathbf{u} \omega_d(\mathbf{u}) f(\phi(\mathbf{u})) \quad \omega(u) = \phi'(u)$$

$$\omega(u) = \frac{u^{\alpha}(1-u)^{\alpha}}{\int_0^1 u^{\alpha}(1-u)^{\alpha}}$$



Evaluation of Amplitude

After sector decomposition and expansion in $\varepsilon \rightarrow$ amplitude written in terms of 19.530 finite integrals

Optimizations to reduce run time:

- dynamically set n for each integral, minimizing

$$T = \sum_{\text{integral } i} t_i + \lambda \left(\sigma^2 - \sum_i \sigma_i^2 \right) \quad \sigma_i = c_i \cdot t_i^{-e}$$

$\sigma_i =$ error estimate (including coefficients in amplitude)
 $\lambda =$ Lagrange multiplier $\sigma =$ precision goal

- avoid reevaluation of integrals for different orders in ε and form factors

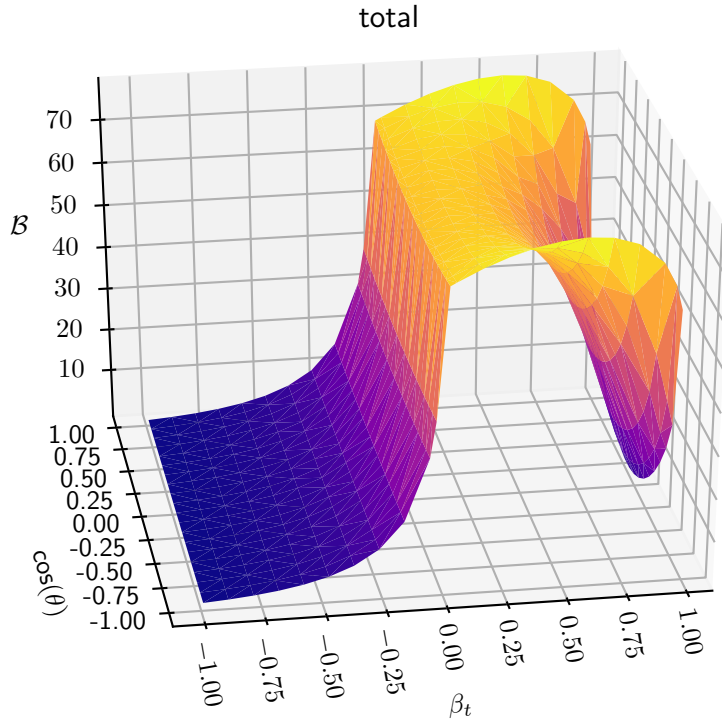
$$F^a = \sum_i \left[\left(\sum_j C_{i,j}^a \varepsilon^j \right) \cdot \left(\sum_k I_{i,k} \varepsilon^k \right) \right] = \frac{C_{1,-2}^a I_{1,0} + C_{1,-1}^a I_{1,-1} + \dots}{\varepsilon^2} + \frac{C_{1,-1}^a I_{1,0} + \dots}{\varepsilon^1} + \dots$$

compute once

- parallelization on GPUs
 typical run-time to obtain virtual amplitude with 0.3% precision:
 2h using 2x Nvidia Tesla V100 GPUs

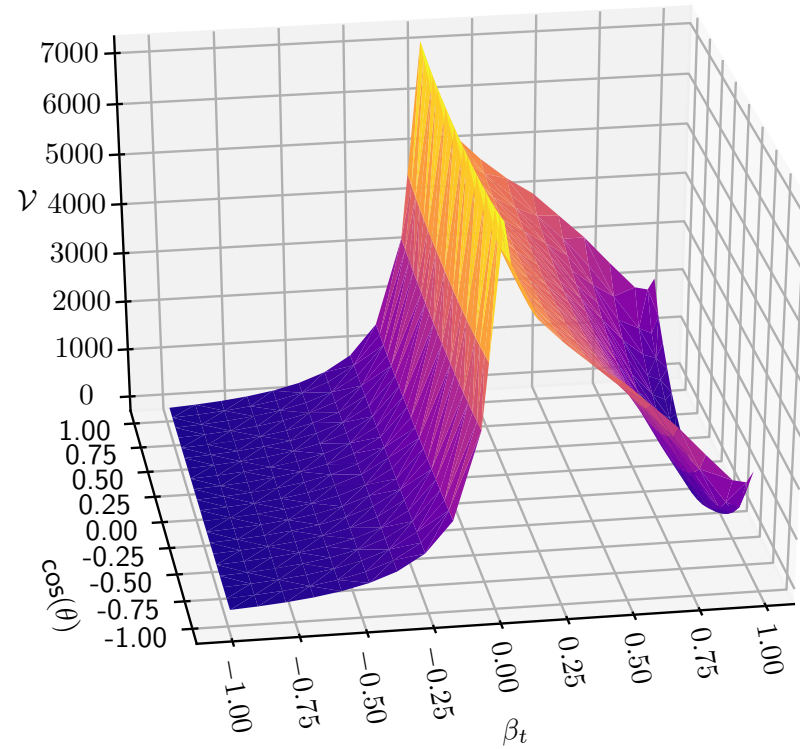
Results – Unpolarized Amplitudes

Born squared amplitude

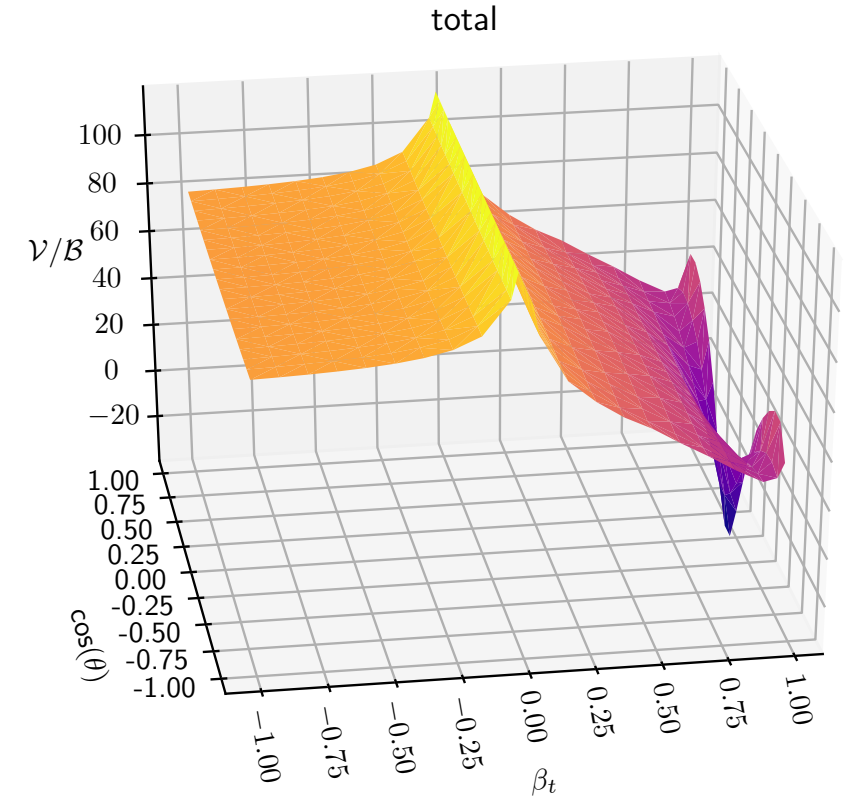


Virtual amplitude

$$\mathcal{V} = 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{1L}^* \mathcal{A}_{2L}^{\text{ren.,fn.}})$$



Virtual/Born

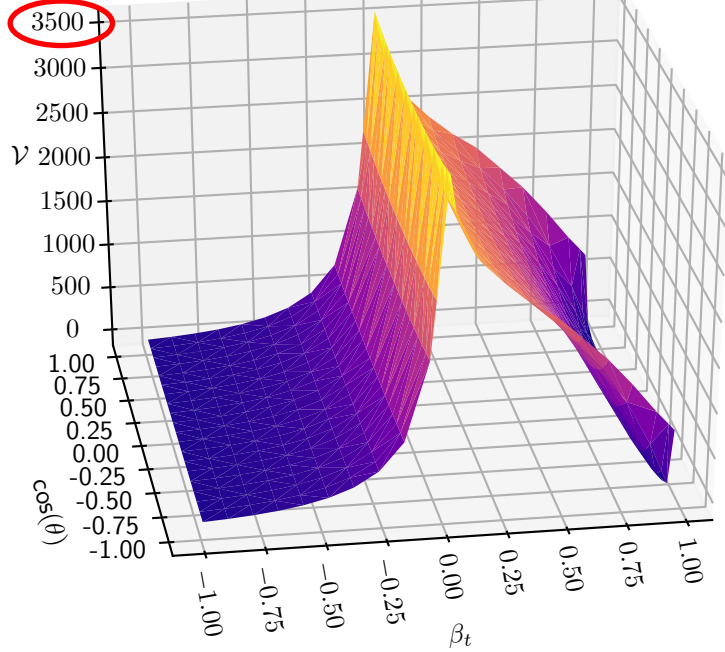


$$\beta_t = \frac{s - 4m_t^2}{s + 4m_t^2 - 2(m_Z + m_H)^2} \quad \sqrt{s} = \begin{cases} m_Z + m_H \\ 2m_t \\ \infty \end{cases} \rightarrow \beta_t = \begin{cases} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{cases}$$

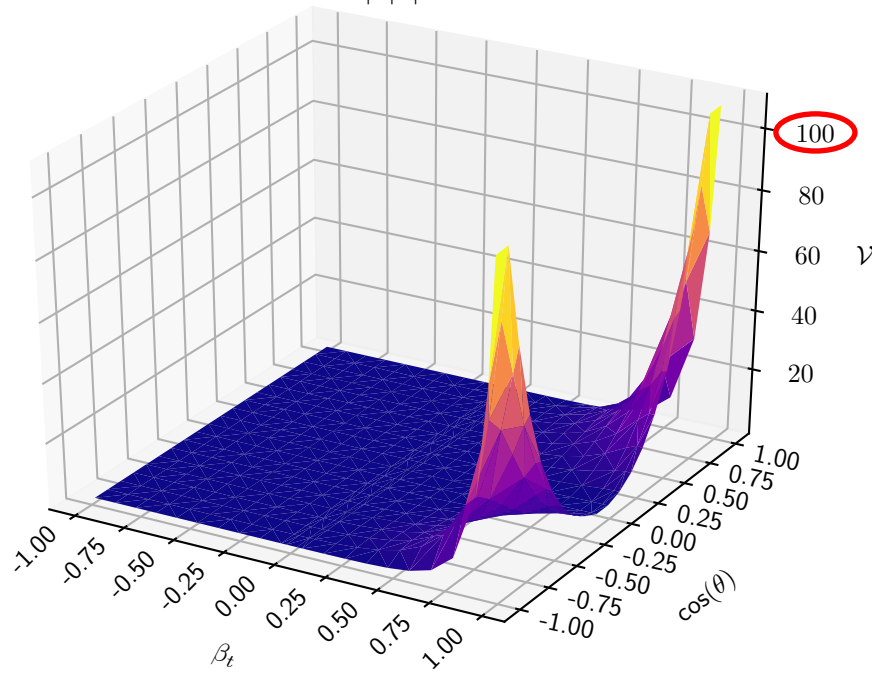
- top-quark threshold clearly visible
- strong dependence on \sqrt{s}
- $\cos \theta$ dependence important for large \sqrt{s}

Results – Polarized Virtual Amplitudes

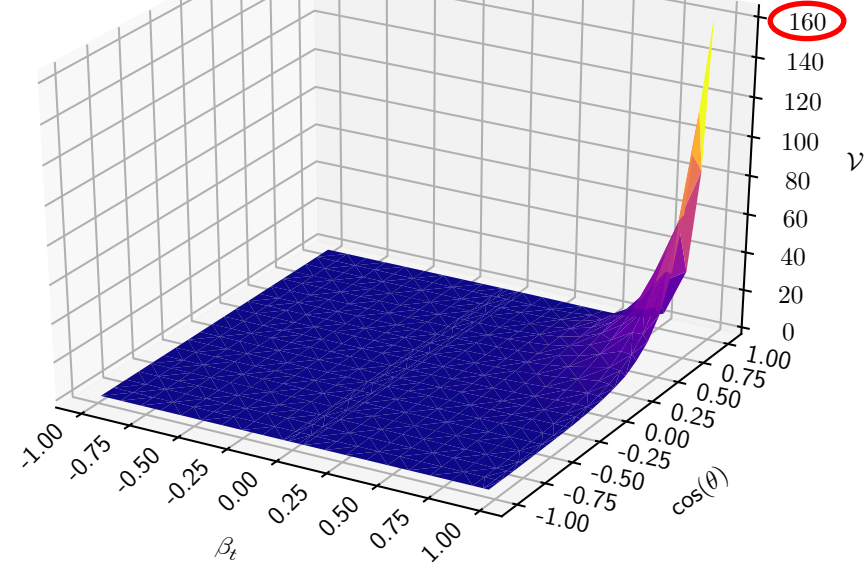
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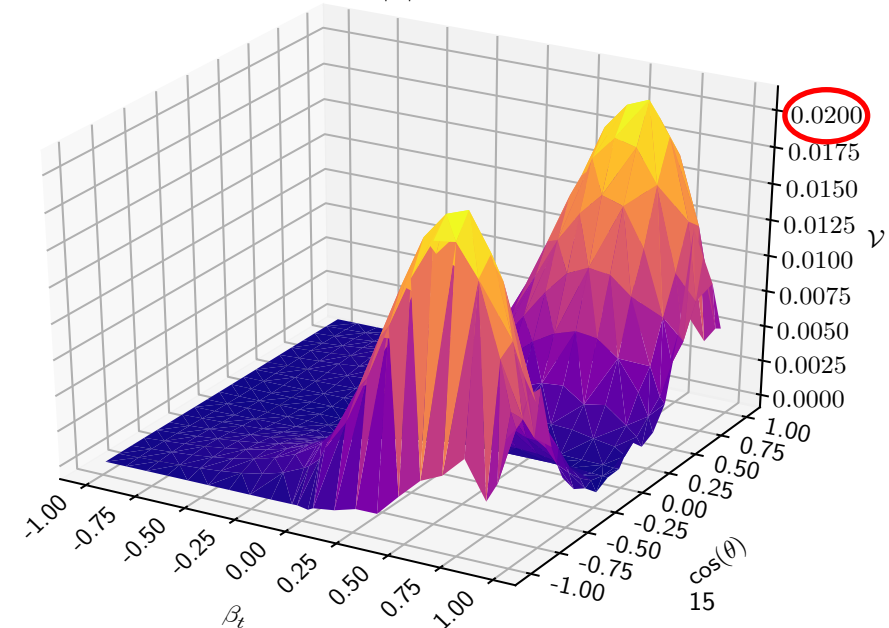
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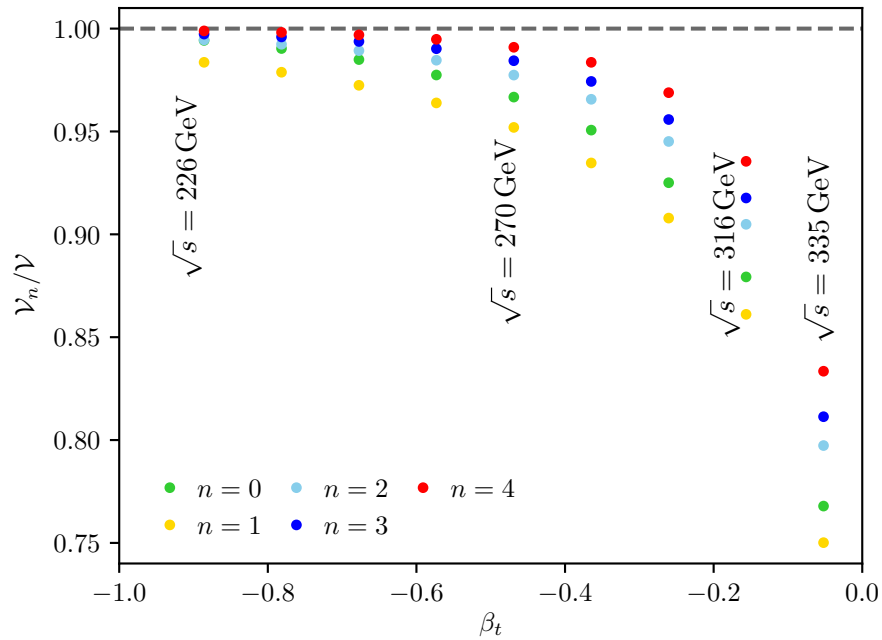
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Longitudinal Z polarization is dominating

Comparison to Expansions

large mass expansion

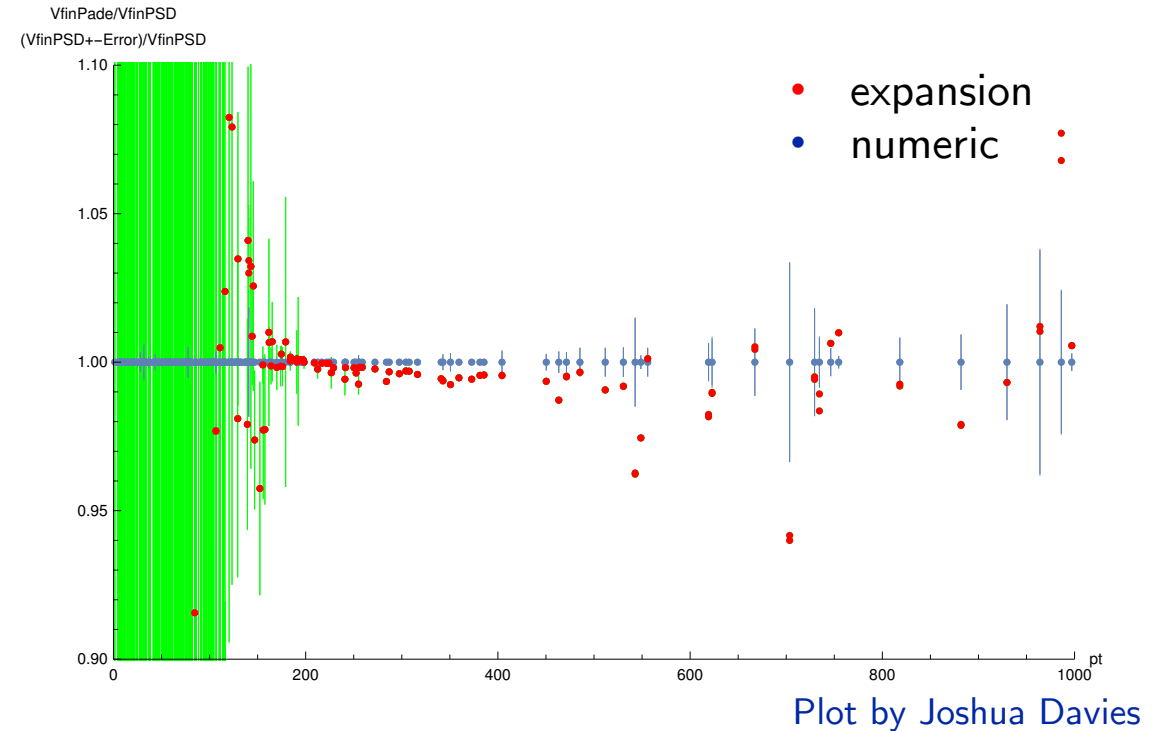


$$\mathcal{V}_n = \frac{\mathcal{B}}{\mathcal{B}_n} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_n + \mathcal{V}^{\text{red}}$$

$\mathcal{B}_n, \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_n$: expansions up to $1/m_t^{2n}$
[Hasselhuhn, Luthe, Steinhauser 16]

→ agreement at $\sqrt{s} = 226 \text{ GeV}$: $\sim 0.1\%$

high-energy expansion → talk by Go Mishima
[Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20]



for $p_T > 200 \text{ GeV}$:

Agreement typically at 1-2%-level

Conclusion

NLO virtual corrections to ZH production in gluon-fusion

- using numerical integration of loop integrals
- retaining full top-quark mass dependence
- polarized amplitudes obtained without form-factor decomposition
- good agreement with expansions (where expected)

Work in progress: Full NLO results for ZH production in gluon-fusion

- phase-space integration using unweighted LO events
- use m_t expansion in high-energy region
- real-radiation amplitudes generated with GoSam

Thank you for your attention!