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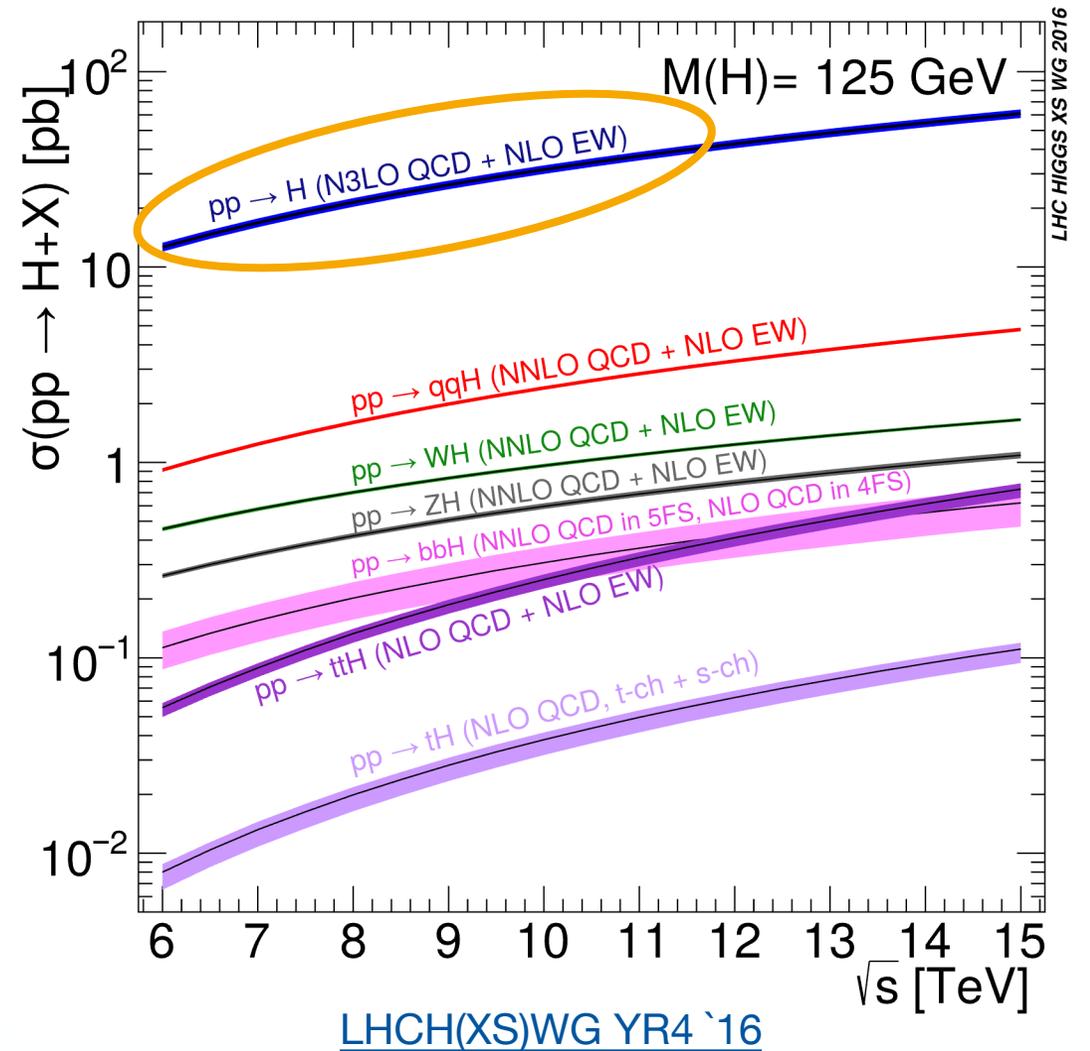
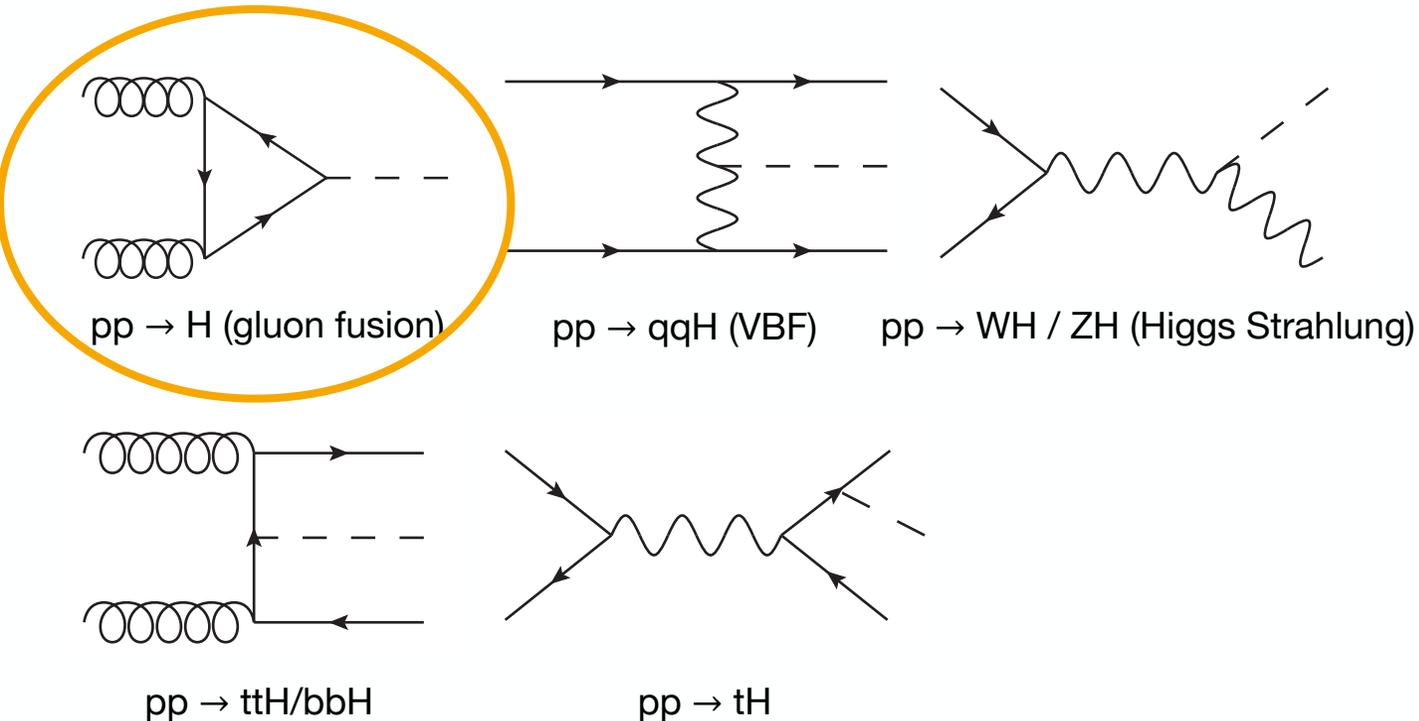
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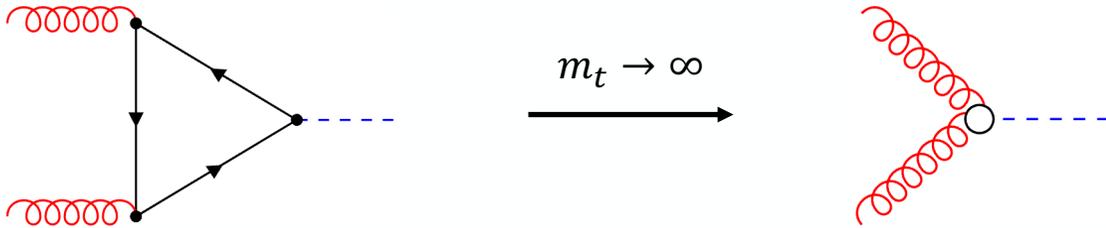
- Higgs production cross section central observable in Higgs physics
- HL-LHC anticipates $\mathcal{O}(2\%)$ uncertainty



→ Crucial to reduce theory uncertainty on gluon-fusion cross section as much as possible

Gluon fusion

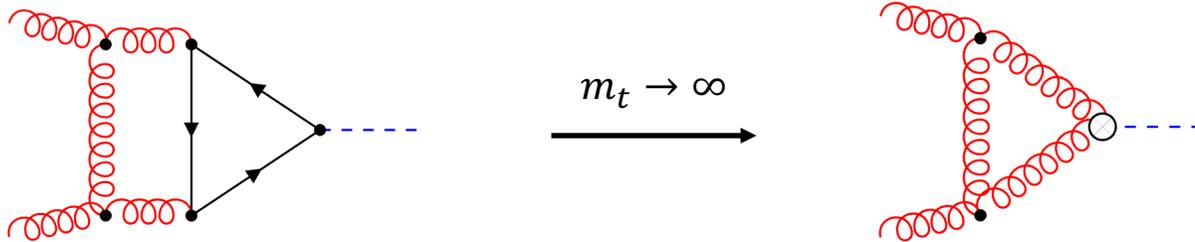
- Loop induced process, LO known for almost 50 years



[Georgi, Glashow, Machacek, Nanopoulos `78](#)

Heavy-top limit (HTL): one fewer loop, one fewer scale
 → Effective field theory (EFT)

- NLO:



[Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas `93](#)

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Better agreement with **rescaling**: $\sigma_{\text{HEFT}} = r \sigma_{\text{HTL}}$

$$r = \left| \frac{\text{[Two-loop diagram]}}{\text{[HTL diagram]}} \right|^2 \approx 1.065$$

$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$
 $m_t = 173.055 \text{ GeV}$

→ rEFT, HEFT (Higgs effective field theory)

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48.58 pb =	16.00 pb	(+32.9%)	(LO, rEFT)	Georgi, Glashow, Machacek, Nanopoulos `78
	+ 20.84 pb	(+42.9%)	(NLO, rEFT)	Dawson `91; Djouadi, Spira, Zerwas `91
	- 2.05 pb	(-4.2%)	((t, b, c), exact NLO)	Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas `93
	+ 9.56 pb	(+19.7%)	(NNLO, rEFT)	Ravindran, Smith, Van Neerven, `02; Harlander, Kilgore `02; Anastasiou, Melnikov `02
	+ 0.34 pb	(+0.7%)	(NNLO, $1/m_t$)	Harlander, Ozeren, `09; Pak, Rogal, Steinhauser `10; Harlander, Mantler, Marzani, Ozeren, `10
	+ 2.40 pb	(+4.9%)	(EW, QCD-EW)	Aglietti, Bonciani, Degrandi, Vicini, `04; Actis, Passarino, Sturm, Uccirati, `08; Anastasiou, Boughezal, Petriello, `09
	+ 1.49 pb	(+3.1%)	(N ³ LO, rEFT)	Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Herzog, Mistlberger `15

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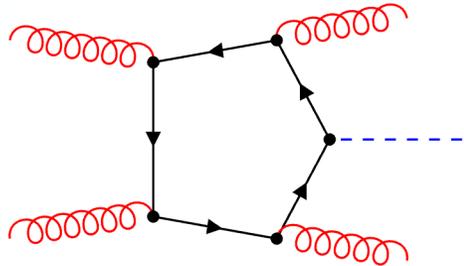
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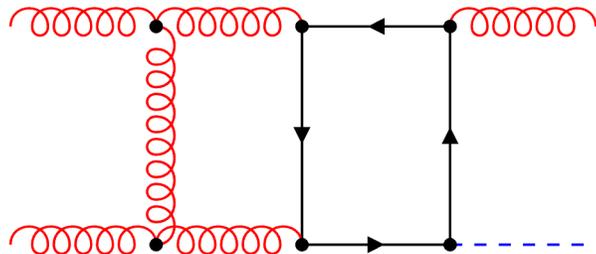
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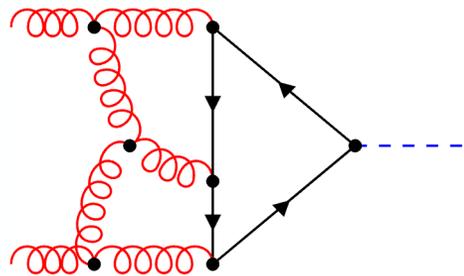
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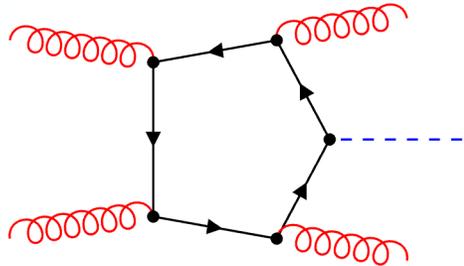


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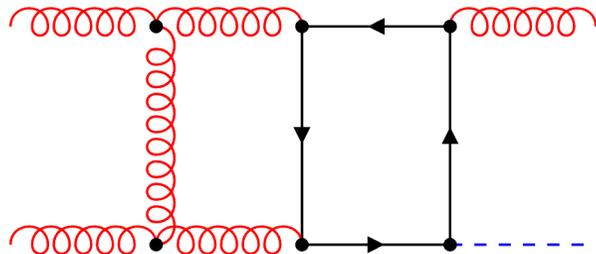
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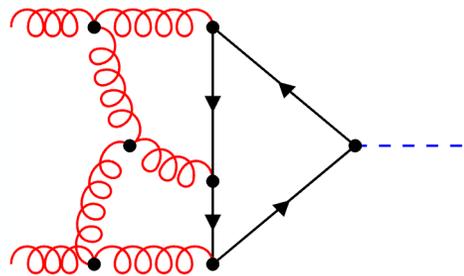
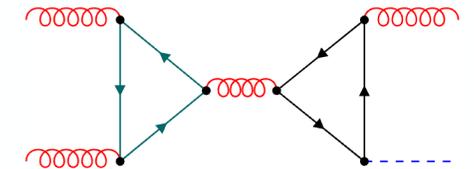
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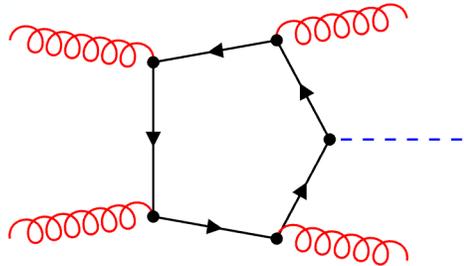
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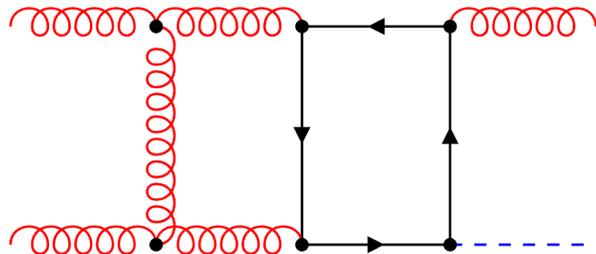
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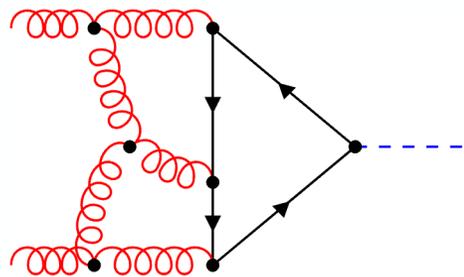
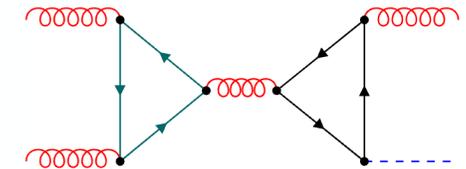
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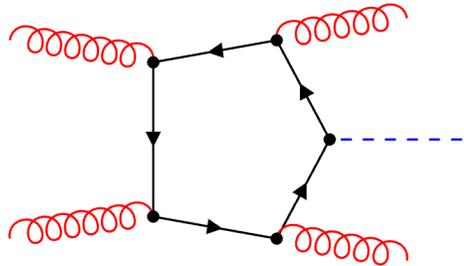


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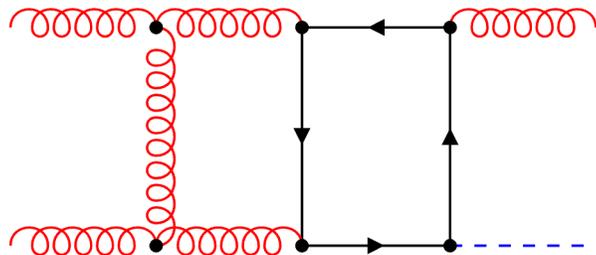
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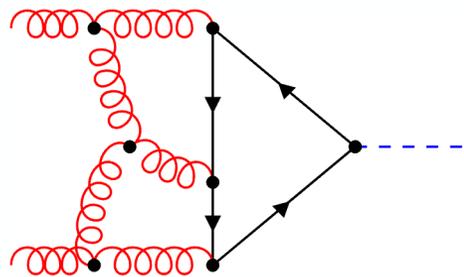
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Results: Part I

- Effects of interference of top- and bottom-quark amplitudes on Higgs production in gluon fusion at the LHC
 - PDF set: **NNPDF31_nnlo_as_0118** [NNPDF Collaboration `17](#)
 - $\mu_R = \mu_F = m_H/2$ (central scale), uncertainties with seven-point variation
 - $m_H = 125$ GeV $\Rightarrow m_t \approx 173.055$ GeV and $m_b \approx 4.779$ GeV (both in OS-scheme)
 - HEFT values obtained with SusHi [Harlander, Liebler, Mantler `16](#)

Order	σ_{HEFT} [pb]	$(\sigma_t - \sigma_{\text{HEFT}})$ [pb]	$\sigma_{t \times b}$ [pb]	$\sigma_{t \times b} / \sigma_{\text{HEFT}}$ [%]
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$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$	+16.30	–	–1.975	
LO	$16.30^{+4.36}_{-3.10}$	–	$-1.98^{+0.38}_{-0.53}$	–12
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	+21.14	–0.303	–0.446(1)	
NLO	$37.44^{+8.42}_{-6.29}$	$-0.303^{+0.10}_{-0.17}$	$-2.42^{+0.19}_{-0.12}$	$-6.5^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$	+9.72	+0.147(1)	+0.434(8)	
NNLO	$47.16^{+4.21}_{-4.77}$	$-0.156(1)^{+0.13}_{-0.03}$	$-1.99(1)^{+0.30}_{-0.15}$	$-4.2^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$

[Czakon, FE, Niggetiedt, Poncelet, Schellenberger `23](#)

- 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)
- Interference NNLO scale variation increases compared to NLO
- Similar effects for different top quark mass ($m_t \approx 170.979$ GeV)

Mass renormalization

On-shell to $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass renormalization

$$Z_m^{\overline{\text{MS}}} \overline{m} = Z_m^{\text{OS}} m^{\text{OS}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad m^{\text{OS}} = \overline{m} \left(1 + c_1 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} + c_2 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^3) \right)$$

[Gray, Broadhurst, Grafe, Schilcher '90](#)

$$\mathcal{M}^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = \mathcal{M}^{\text{OS}} + \delta\mathcal{M}$$

$$\delta\mathcal{M}^{(1)} = \overline{m} c_1 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left. \frac{d\mathcal{M}^{\text{OS},(0)}}{dm} \right|_{m=\overline{m}}$$

$$\delta\mathcal{M}^{(2)} = \overline{m} \left[c_1 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left. \frac{d\mathcal{M}^{\text{OS},(1)}}{dm} \right|_{m=\overline{m}} + c_2 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 \left. \frac{d\mathcal{M}^{\text{OS},(0)}}{dm} \right|_{m=\overline{m}} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left(\overline{m} c_1 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 \left. \frac{d^2\mathcal{M}^{\text{OS},(0)}}{dm^2} \right|_{m=\overline{m}}$$

Two possibilities:

1. Only Yukawa coupling in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ \rightarrow Derivatives trivial since amplitude linear
2. Bottom mass always in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ \rightarrow Requires some work (derivatives, different mass value in integrals)

Results: Part II

$$\bar{m}_b(\bar{m}_b) = 4.18 \text{ GeV}$$

Order	σ_{HEFT} [pb]	$(\sigma_t - \sigma_{\text{HEFT}})$ [pb]	$\sigma_{t \times b}$ [pb]	$\sigma_{t \times b}(Y_{b, \overline{\text{MS}}})$ [pb]	$\sigma_{t \times b}(\bar{m}_b)$ [pb]
$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$					
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$	+16.30	–	–1.975	–1.223	–1.118
LO	$16.30^{+4.36}_{-3.10}$	–	$-1.98^{+0.38}_{-0.53}$	$-1.22^{+0.29}_{-0.44}$	$-1.118^{+0.28}_{-0.43}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	+21.14	–0.303	–0.446(1)	–0.623(1)	–0.647
NLO	$37.44^{+8.42}_{-6.29}$	$-0.303^{+0.10}_{-0.17}$	$-2.42^{+0.19}_{-0.12}$	$-1.85^{+0.26}_{-0.26}$	$-1.76^{+0.27}_{-0.28}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$	+9.72	+0.147(1)	+0.434(8)	+0.019(5)	+0.02(1)
NNLO	$47.16^{+4.21}_{-4.77}$	$-0.156(1)^{+0.13}_{-0.03}$	$-1.99(1)^{+0.30}_{-0.15}$	$-1.83(1)^{+0.08}_{-0.03}$	$-1.74(2)^{+0.13}_{-0.01}$

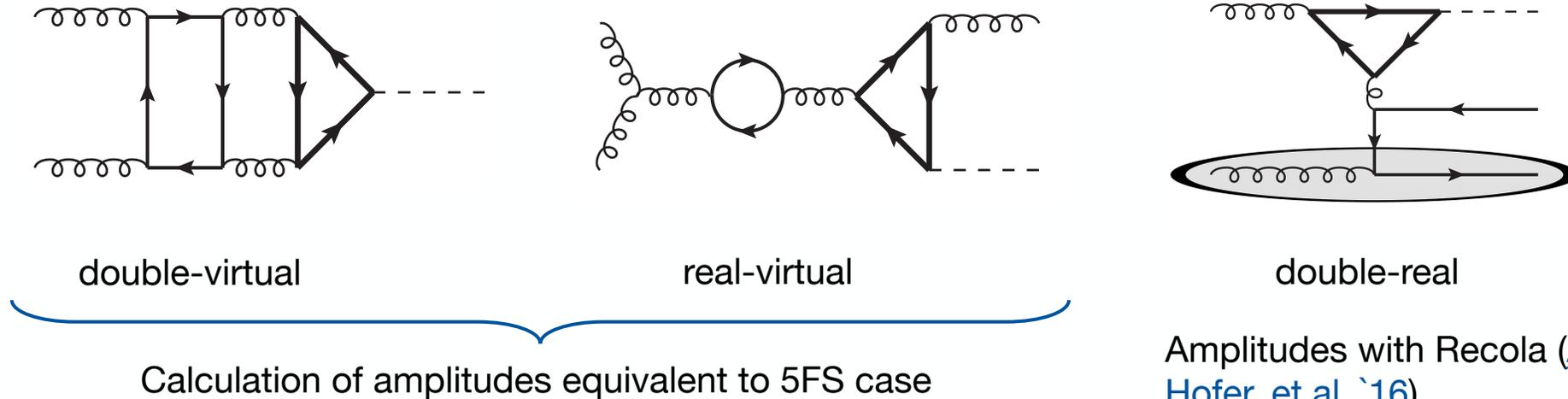
Czakon, FE, Niggetiedt, Poncelet, Schellenberger `23, `24

- Much better convergence behavior in $\overline{\text{MS}}$
- Using $\overline{\text{MS}}$ only for coupling vs. everywhere leads to similar results
- At NNLO, values for the first time compatible between $\overline{\text{MS}}$ and OS

Flavor scheme

5-flavor scheme vs. 4-flavor scheme

- So far: b-quarks not coupled to the Higgs assumed as massless (5FS)
- While gauge-invariant, testing the effect of the neglected mass desirable \rightarrow 4FS



Amplitudes with RecoLa ([Actis, Denner, Hofer, et al. '16](#))
Phase-space integration as separate calculation of LO Hbb production

- Exclude b-quark from initial state
- Infrared singularities regulated by finite m_b , only sum of contributions free of $\log(m_b)$ divergences

HEFT in the 4-flavor scheme

- Effects of 4FS concern b-quark *not* coupled to Higgs → also studiable within HEFT
- More stable calculation → can numerically test pole cancellation for small m_b

Order	σ_{HEFT} [pb]			
	$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$			
	5FS	4FS ($m_b = 0.01 \text{ GeV}$)	4FS ($m_b = 0.1 \text{ GeV}$)	4FS ($m_b = 4.78 \text{ GeV}$)
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$	+16.30	+16.27	+16.27	+16.27
LO	$16.30^{+4.36}_{-3.10}$	$+16.27^{+4.63}_{-3.22}$	$+16.27^{+4.63}_{-3.22}$	$+16.27^{+4.63}_{-3.22}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	+21.14	+20.08(3)	+20.08(3)	+20.08(3)
NLO	$37.44^{+8.42}_{-6.29}$	$+36.35(3)^{+8.57}_{-6.32}$	$+36.35(3)^{+8.57}_{-6.32}$	$+36.35(3)^{+8.57}_{-6.32}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$	+9.72	+10.8(4)	+11.2(4)	+9.5(2)
NNLO	$47.16^{+4.21}_{-4.77}$	$47.2(4)^{+5.4}_{-5.4}$	$+47.5(4)^{+5.4}_{-5.5}$	$+45.9(2)^{+4.3}_{-4.9}$

Czakon, FE, Niggetiedt, Poncelet, Schellenberger `24

4FS PDF set: NNPDF31_nnlo_as_0118_nf_4

- Convergence for small m_b , seems like numbers approach 5FS value
- Effect of finite m_b is $\sim 3\%$, order of magnitude as estimated in [Pietrullewicz, Stahlhofen `23](#)

Results: Part III

- Top-bottom interference in the 5FS vs. 4FS

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
	$\bar{m}_b(\bar{m}_b) = 4.18$ GeV	$m_b = 4.78$ GeV	$\bar{m}_b(\bar{m}_b) = 4.18$ GeV	$\bar{m}_b(\bar{m}_b) = 4.18$ GeV
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$	-1.11	-1.98	-1.12	-1.15
LO	$-1.11^{+0.28}_{-0.43}$	$-1.98^{+0.38}_{-0.53}$	$-1.12^{+0.28}_{-0.42}$	$-1.15^{+0.29}_{-0.45}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	-0.65	-0.44	-0.64	-0.66
NLO	$-1.76^{+0.27}_{-0.28}$	$-2.42^{+0.19}_{-0.12}$	$-1.76^{+0.27}_{-0.28}$	$-1.81^{+0.28}_{-0.30}$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$	+0.02	+0.43	-0.02	-0.02
NNLO	$-1.74(2)^{+0.13}_{-0.03}$	$-1.99(2)^{+0.29}_{-0.15}$	$-1.78(1)^{+0.15}_{-0.03}$	$-1.83(2)^{+0.14}_{-0.03}$

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- Difference between schemes below scale uncertainties
- Small effect on already small contribution \rightarrow Use of (simpler) 5FS justified

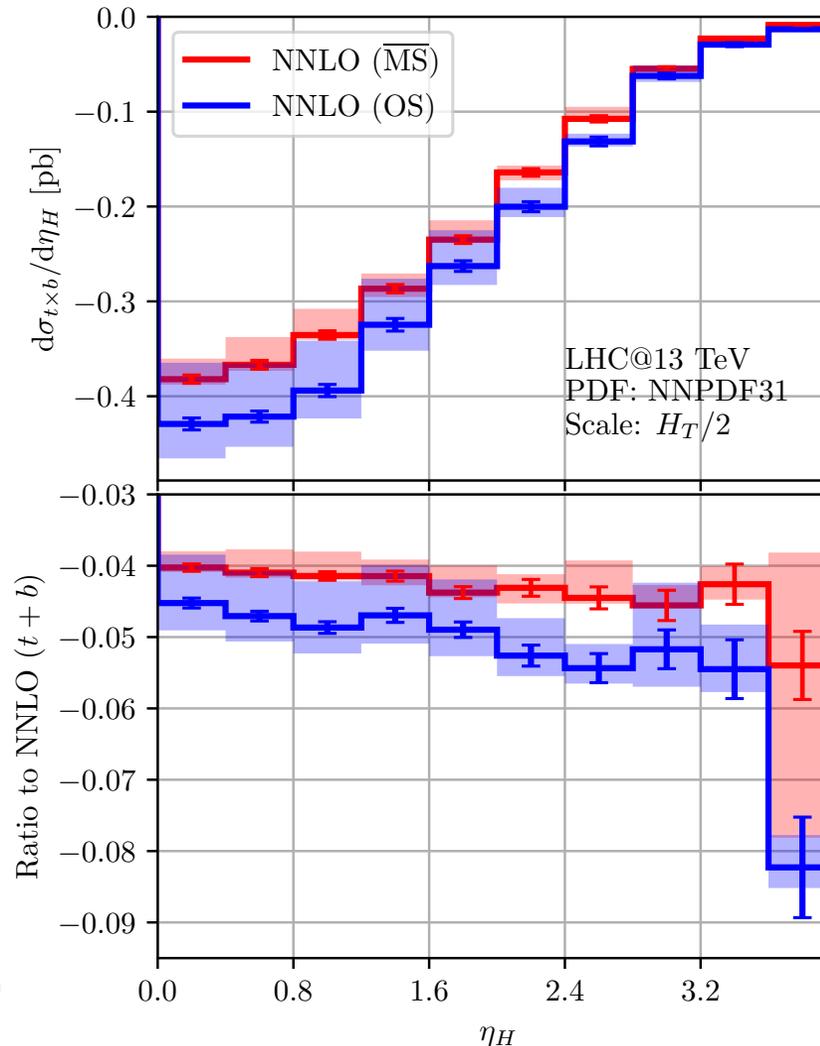
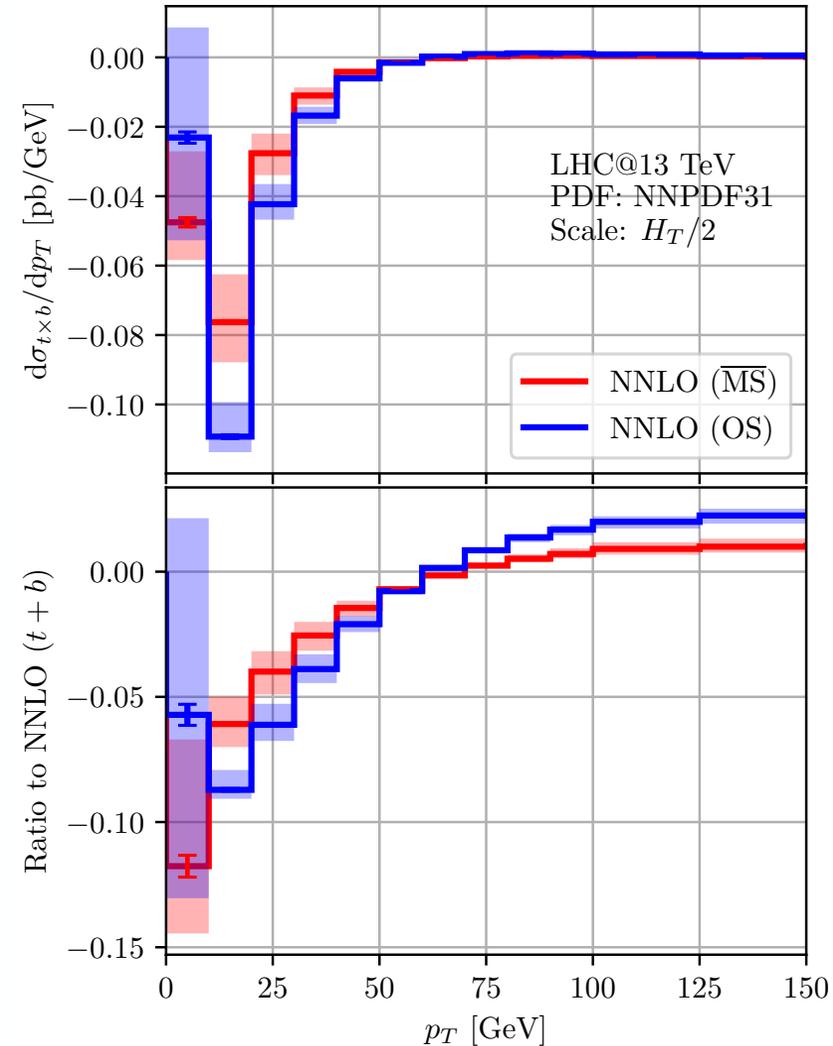
Results Part IV: Distributions

Top-Bottom Interference Effects

Czakon, FE, Niggetiedt, Poncelet, Schellenberger `24

$\mu_R = \mu_F = H_T/2 = (\sqrt{m_H^2 + p_T^2} + \sum_i |p_{i,T}|)/2$ (central scale), seven-point variation

$m_H = 125$ GeV, $m_t^{OS} \approx 173.055$ GeV, and $m_b(m_b) = 4.18$ GeV



- **p_T distribution:** Except for first bin (only there three-loop is needed), known from previous calculations of quark-mass effects on Higgs+jet at NLO
[Lindert, Melnikov, Tancredi, Wever `17](#)
[Caola, Lindert, Melnikov, et al. `18](#)
[Bonciani, Del Duca, Frellesvig, et al. `22](#)
- Find agreement with known results
- **Rapidity:** New result, all bins contain genuine three-loop corrections
- Mass-effects barely affect shape of distribution, but shift it downwards

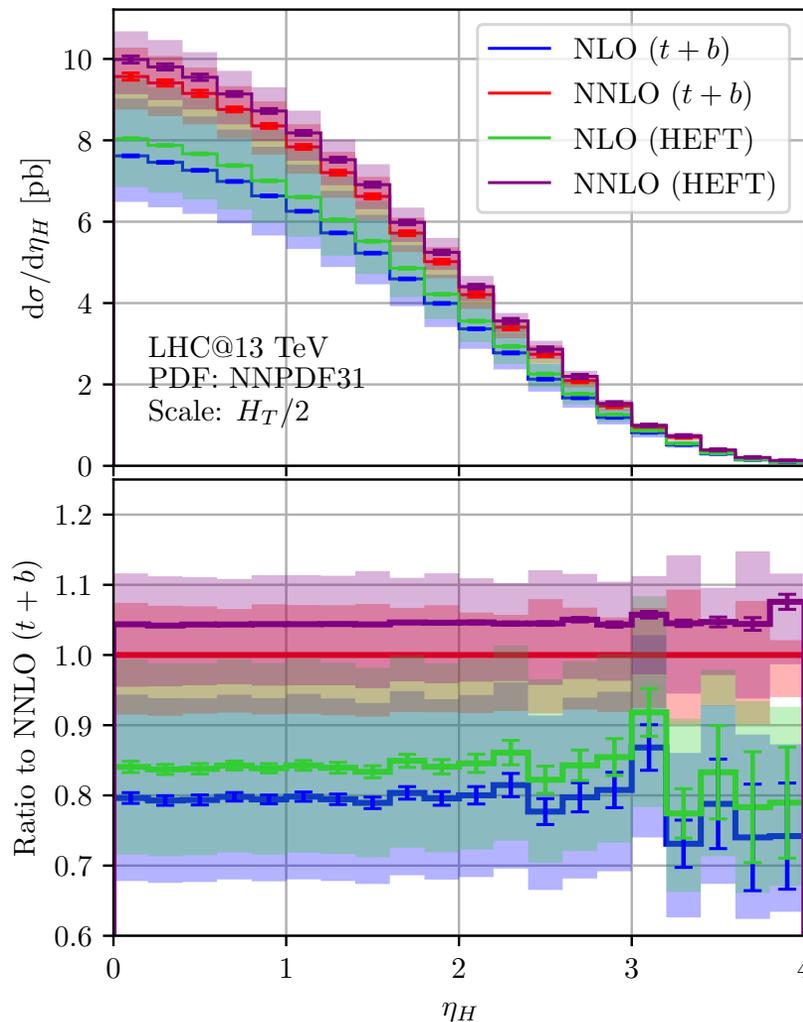
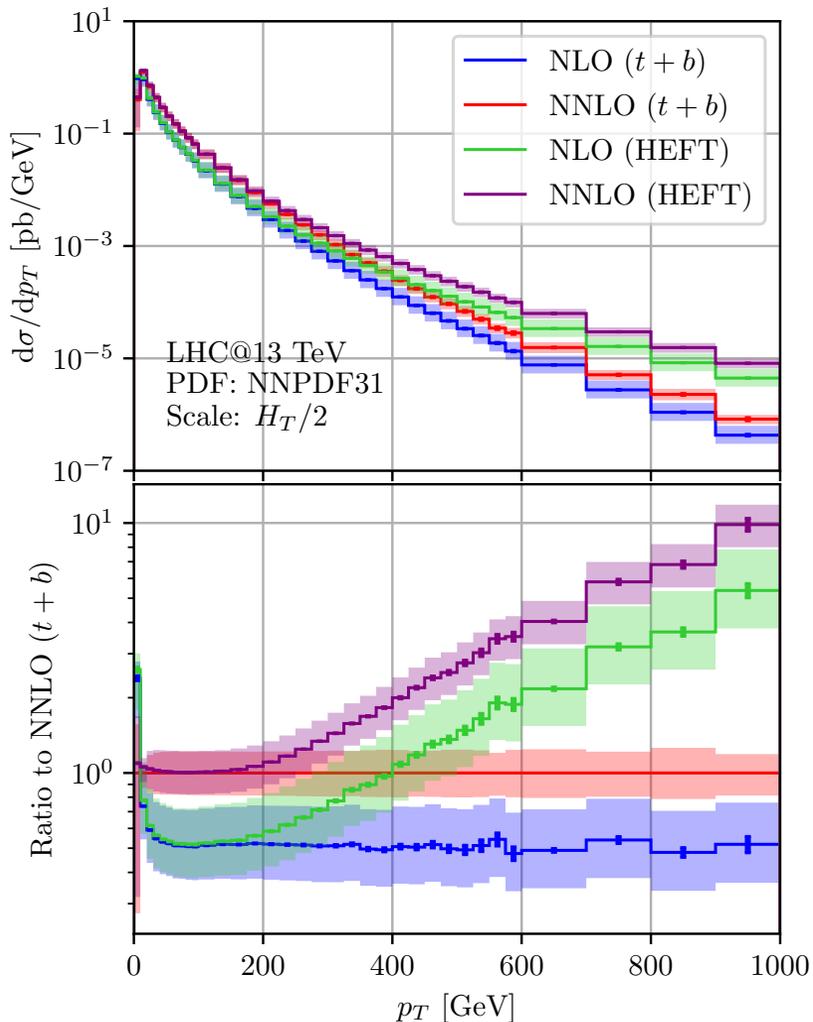
Distributions: HEFT vs. Full Theory

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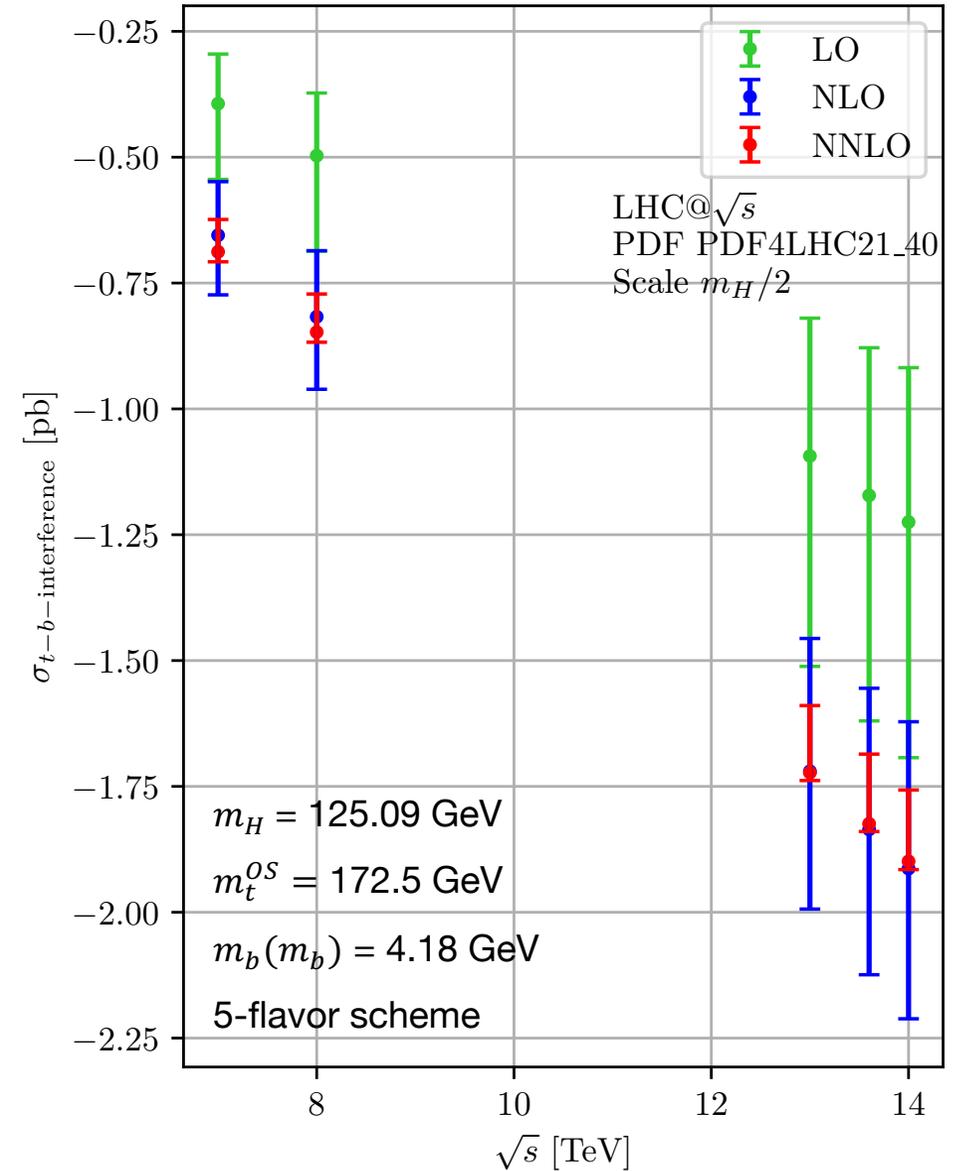
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- Full theory: At very high p_T , only scale is $p_T \rightarrow d\sigma/dp_T^2 \sim 1/p_T^4$
- Effective theory: dimensionful coupling $\rightarrow d\sigma/dp_T^2 \sim 1/(v^2 p_T^2)$



Conclusions

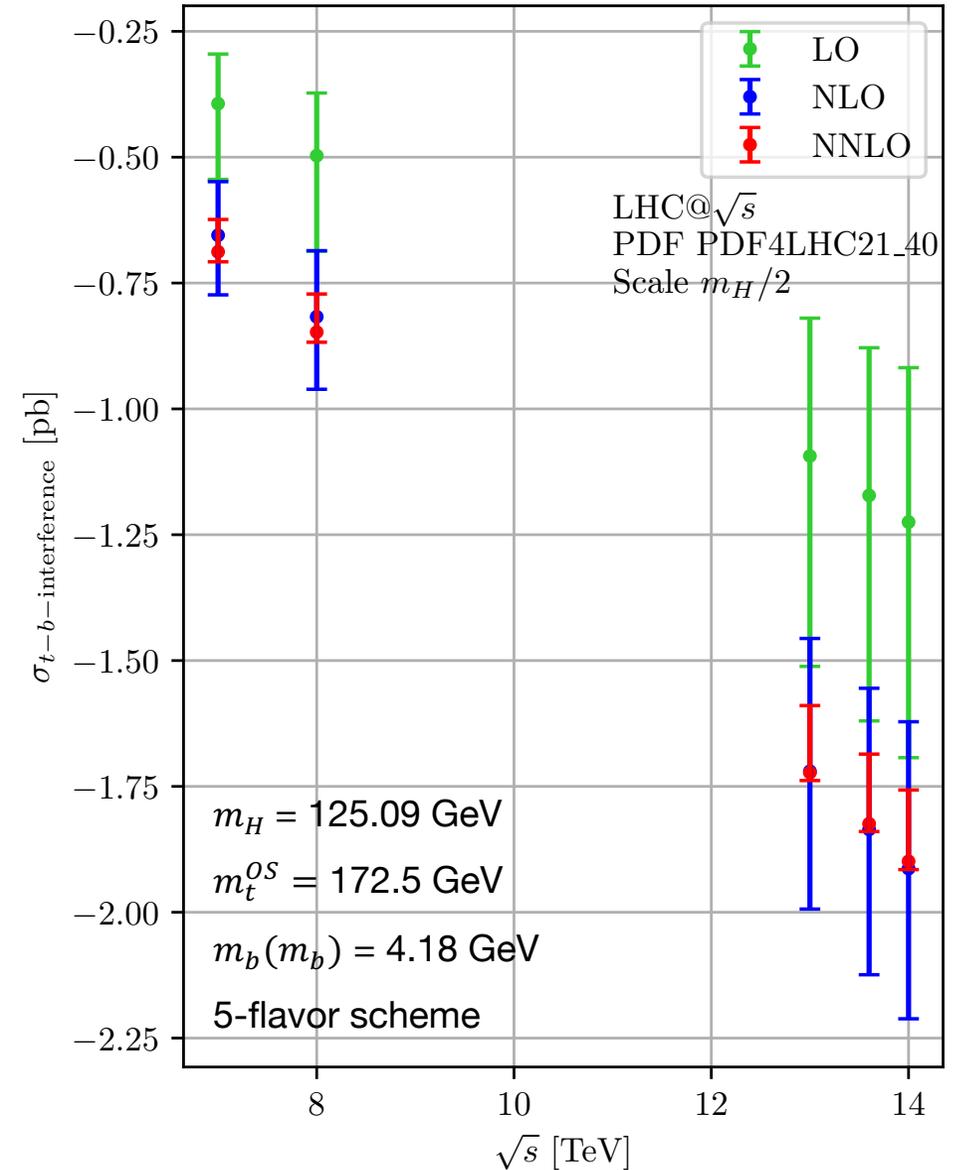
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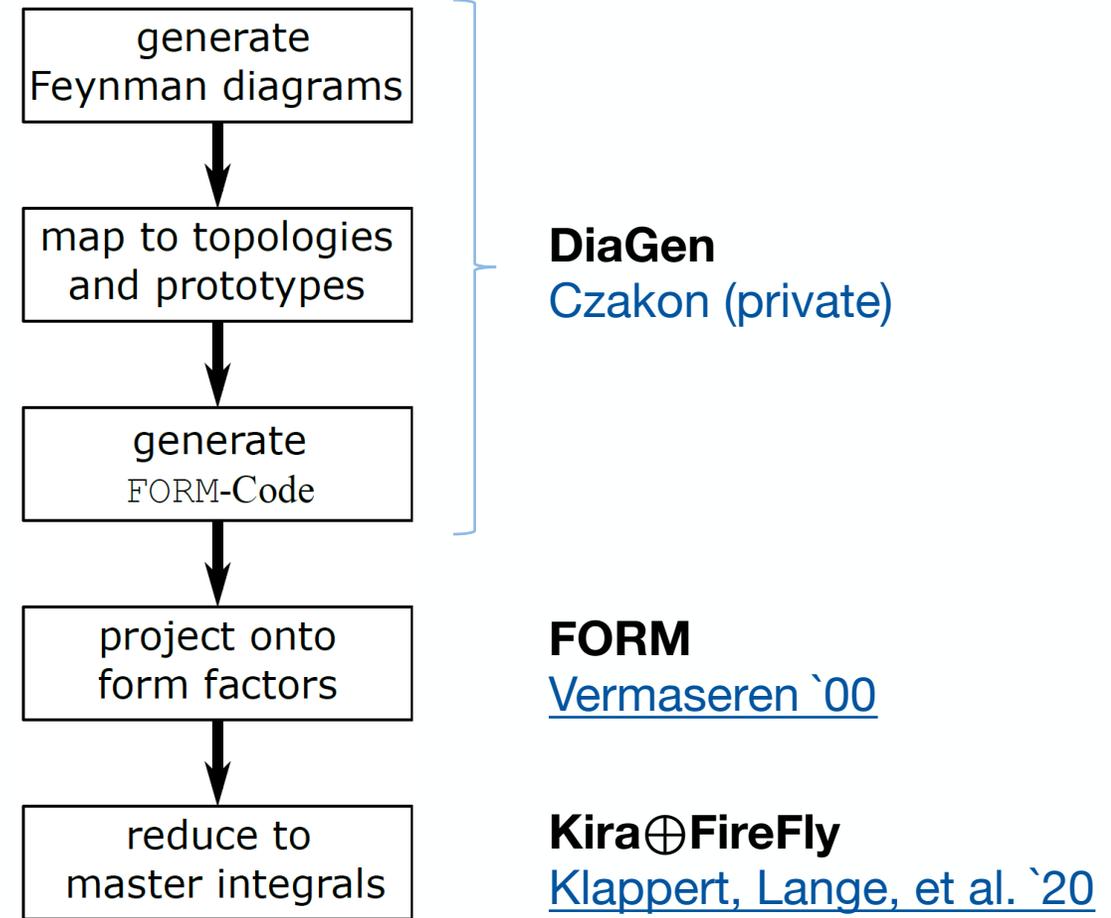
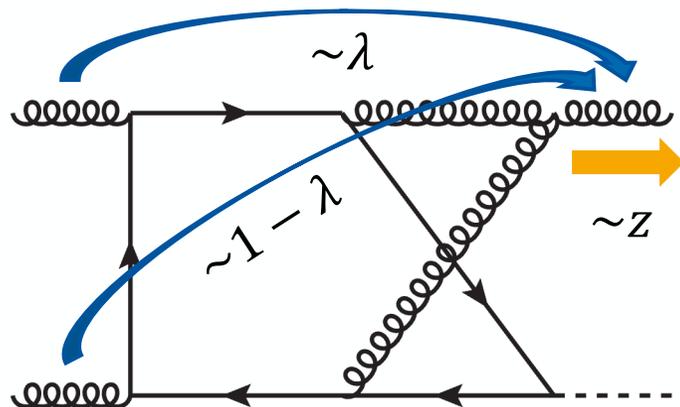


Backup

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

$$\begin{array}{l} \hat{t}/\hat{s} = z \lambda \\ \hat{u}/\hat{s} = z (1-\lambda) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} z = 1 - m_H^2/\hat{s} \\ \lambda = \hat{t}/(\hat{t} + \hat{u}) \end{array}$$



→ Solve master integrals with differential equations in $m_q^2/m_H^2, z,$ and λ

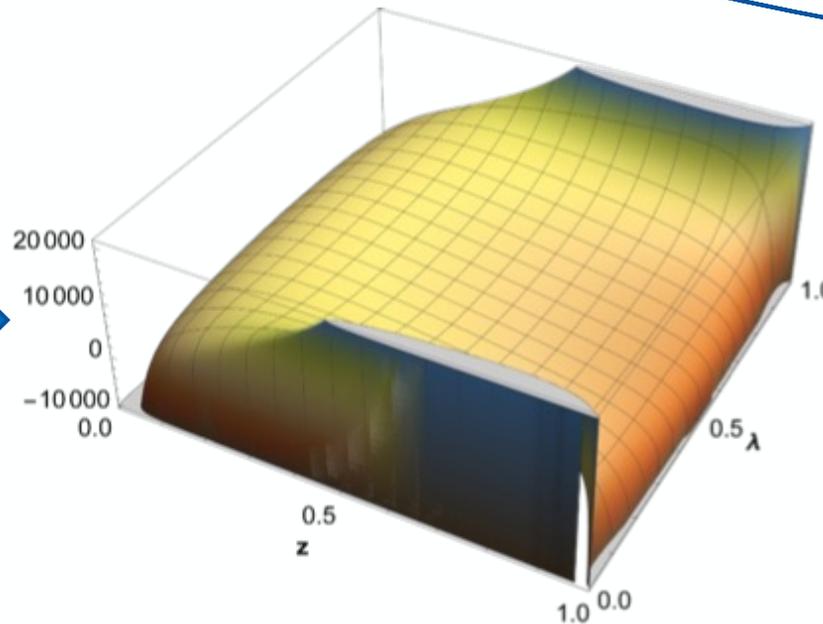
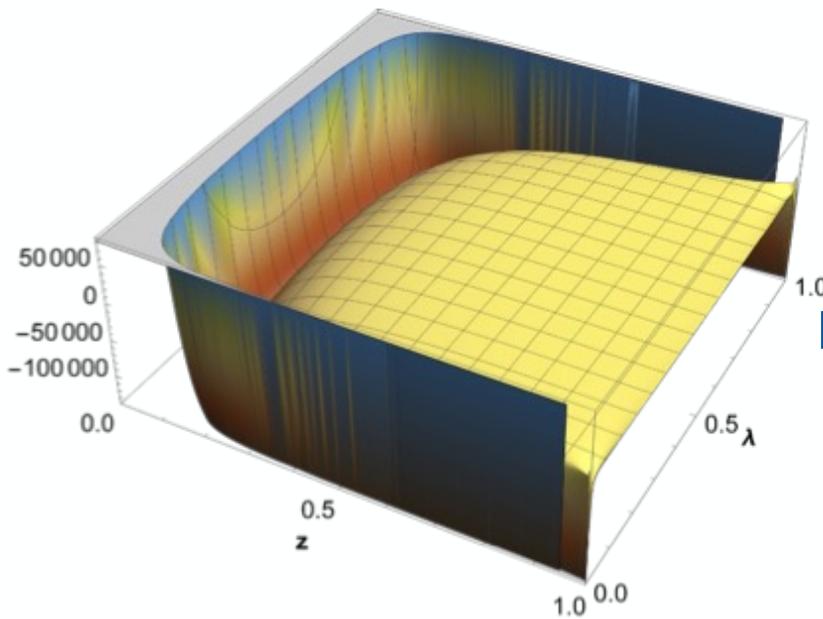
→ Boundary conditions: $\frac{m_q^2}{m_H^2} \rightarrow \infty$ with large-mass expansion

Real-virtual corrections

- Create grid with numerical values of squared amplitude
- Subtract IR singularities:

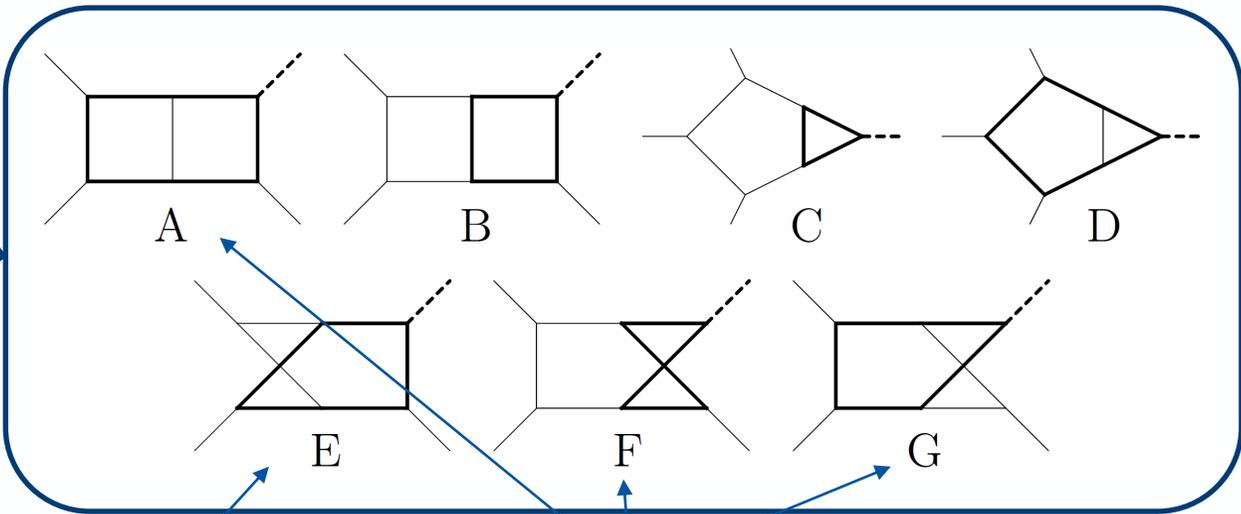
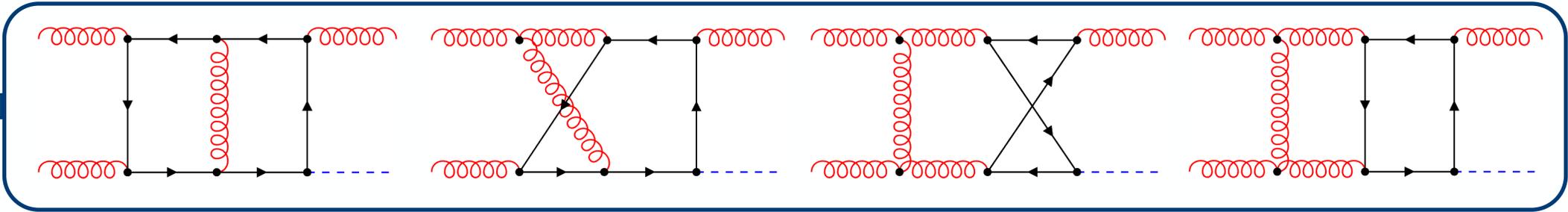
$$\langle M_{\text{exact}}^{(1)} | M_{\text{exact}}^{(2)} \rangle_{\text{regulated}} \equiv \langle M_{\text{exact}}^{(1)} | M_{\text{exact}}^{(2)} \rangle - \left[\langle M_{\text{HEFT}}^{(1)} | M_{\text{HEFT}}^{(2)} \rangle + \frac{8\pi\alpha_s}{\hat{t}} \left\langle P_{gg}^{(0)} \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{\hat{s}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

$$r = \frac{\sigma_{t \times b}^{\text{LO}}}{\sigma_{\text{HTL}}^{\text{LO}}} \approx -0.129$$



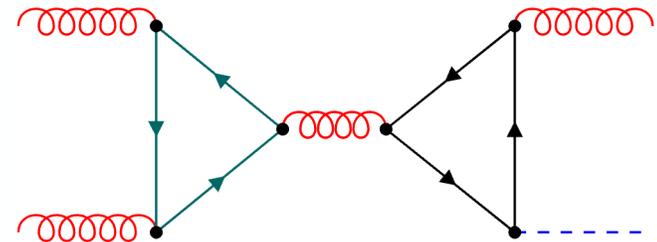
- Interpolate to any phase-space point with cubic splines
- Add back subtracted terms using analytical expression

Real-virtual corrections



A,B,C,D: [Bonciani, Del Duca, Frellesvig, et al. `16](#)
 F: [Bonciani, Del Duca, Frellesvig, et al. `19](#)
 G: [Frellesvig, Hidding, Maestri, et al. `19](#)

Contributions with two closed fermion chains are always factorizable:



vanishing color factor

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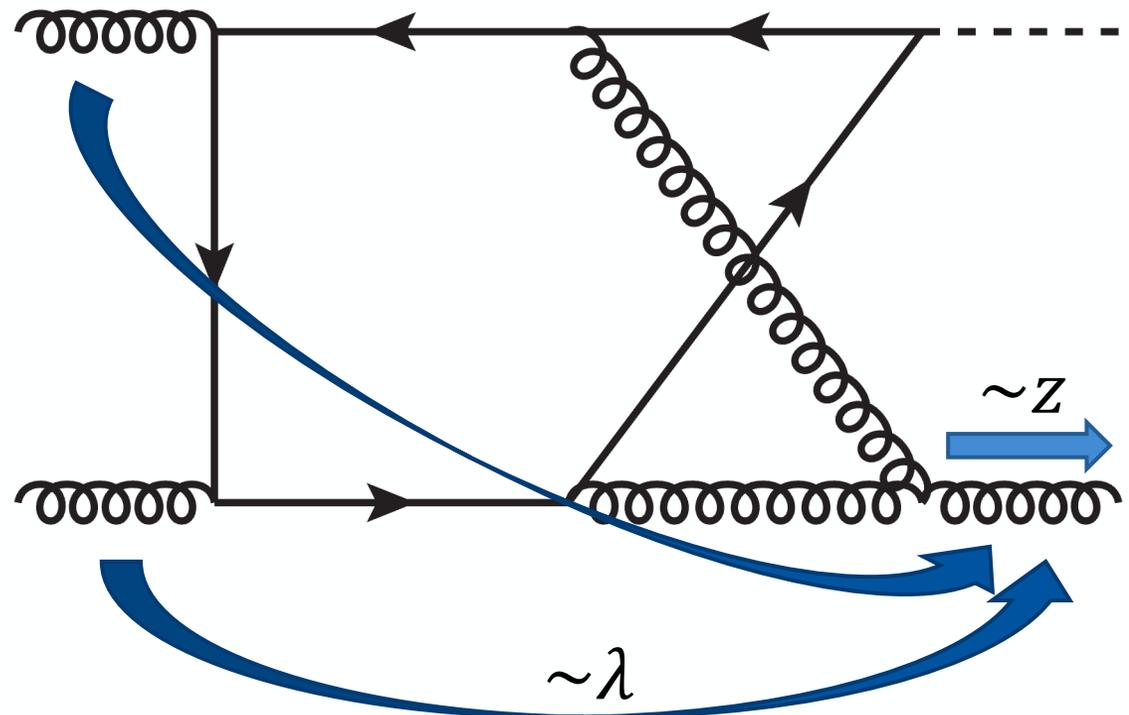
- $\lambda \in (0,1)$
- $z \in (0,1)$

$$\hat{t}/\hat{s} = z \lambda$$

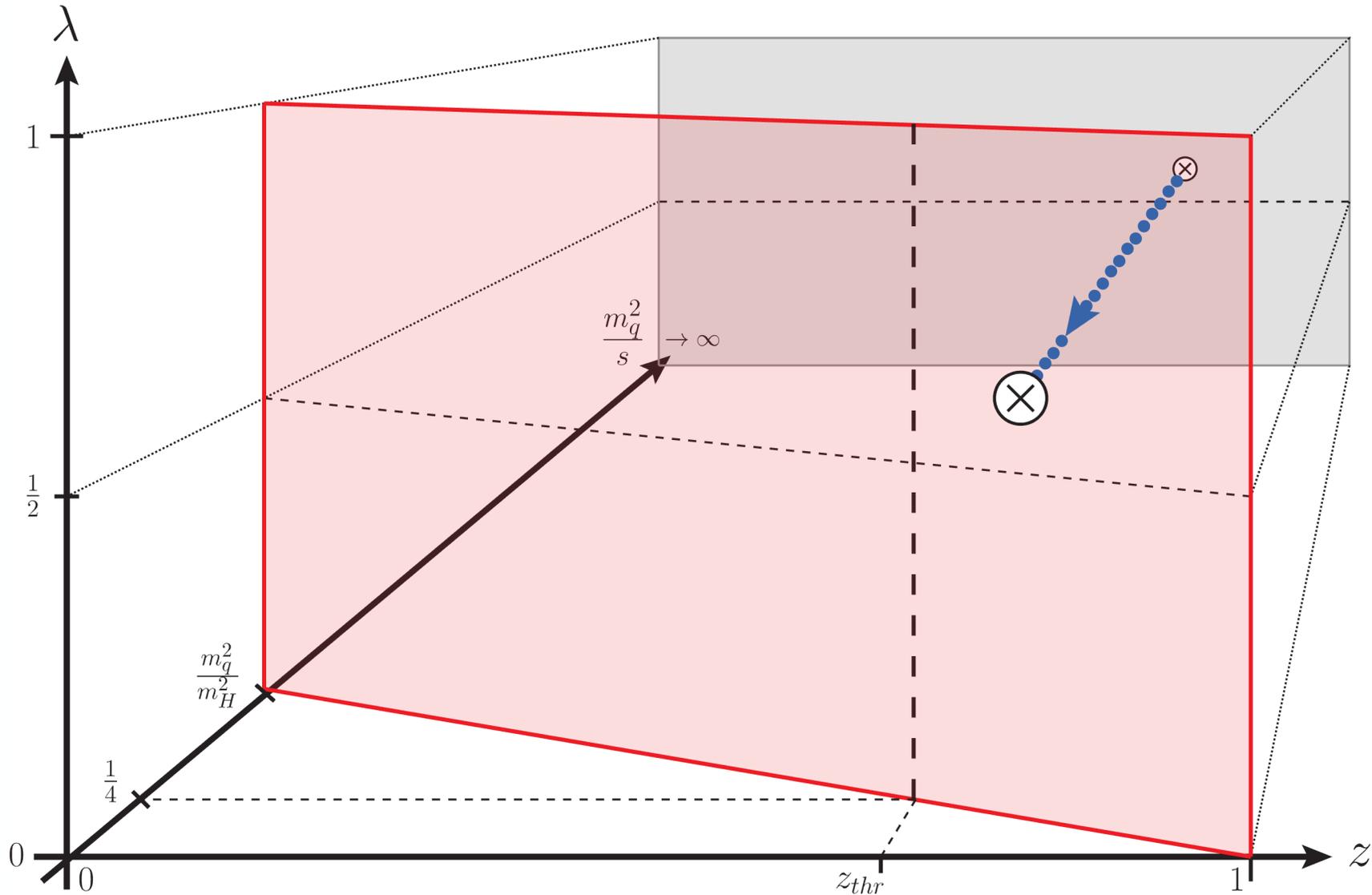
$$\hat{u}/\hat{s} = z (1-\lambda)$$

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Evolution of differential equations



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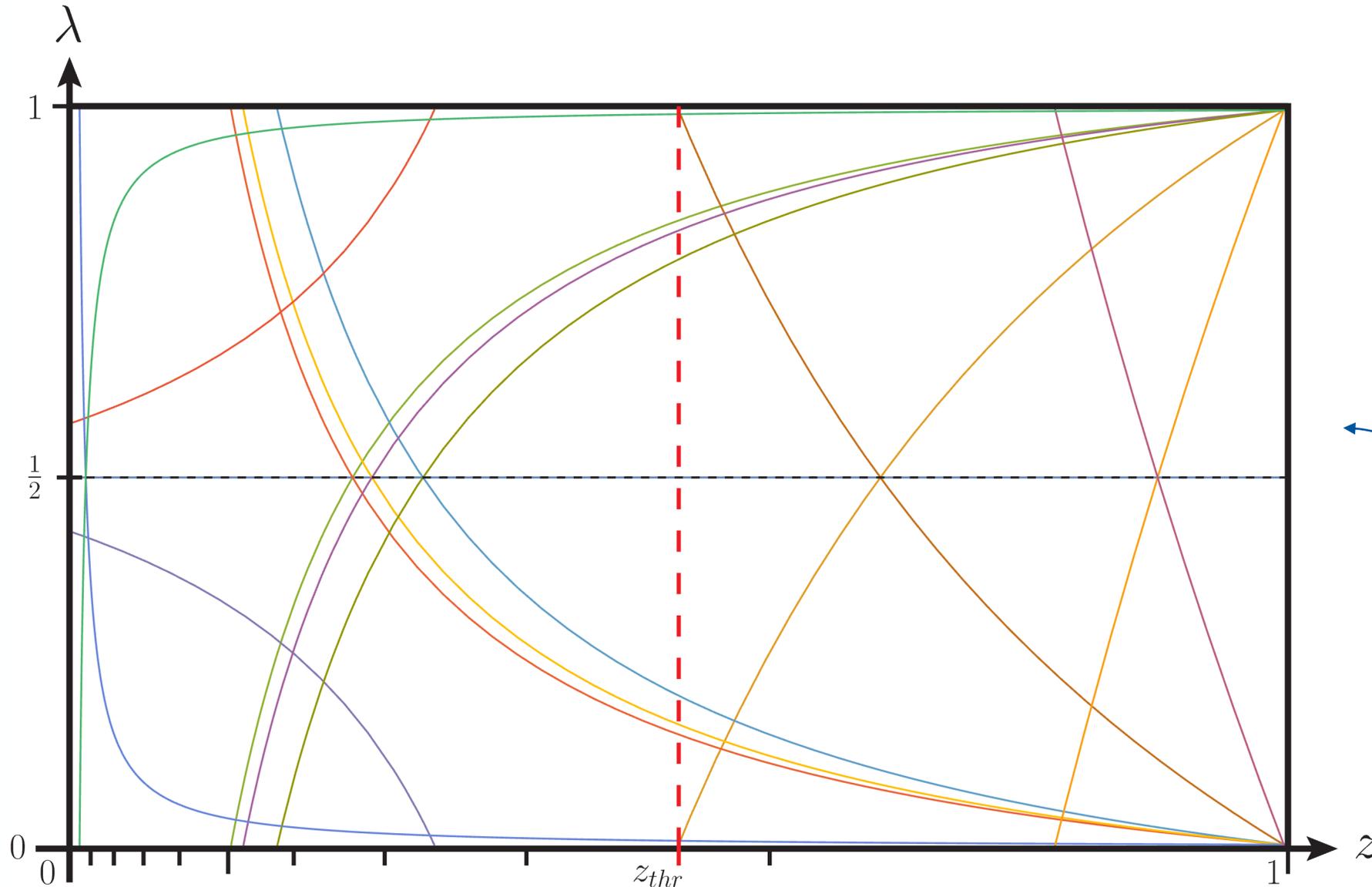
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$$z_{thr} = 1 - \frac{m_H^2}{4m_q^2}$$

For $m_t^2 / m_H^2 = 23/12$:
 $z_{thr} = 20/23 \approx 0.87$

Evolution in the (z, λ) -plane



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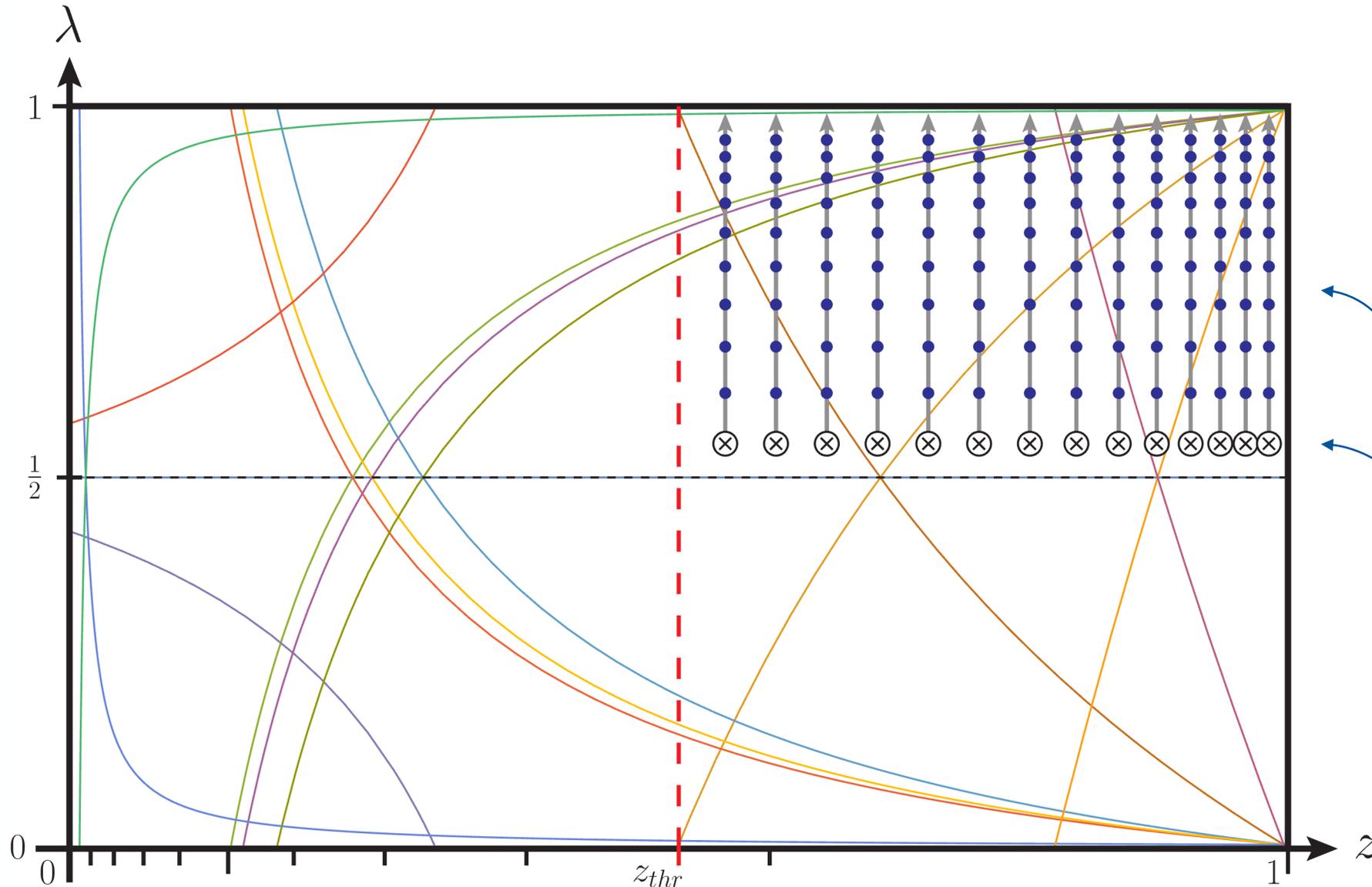
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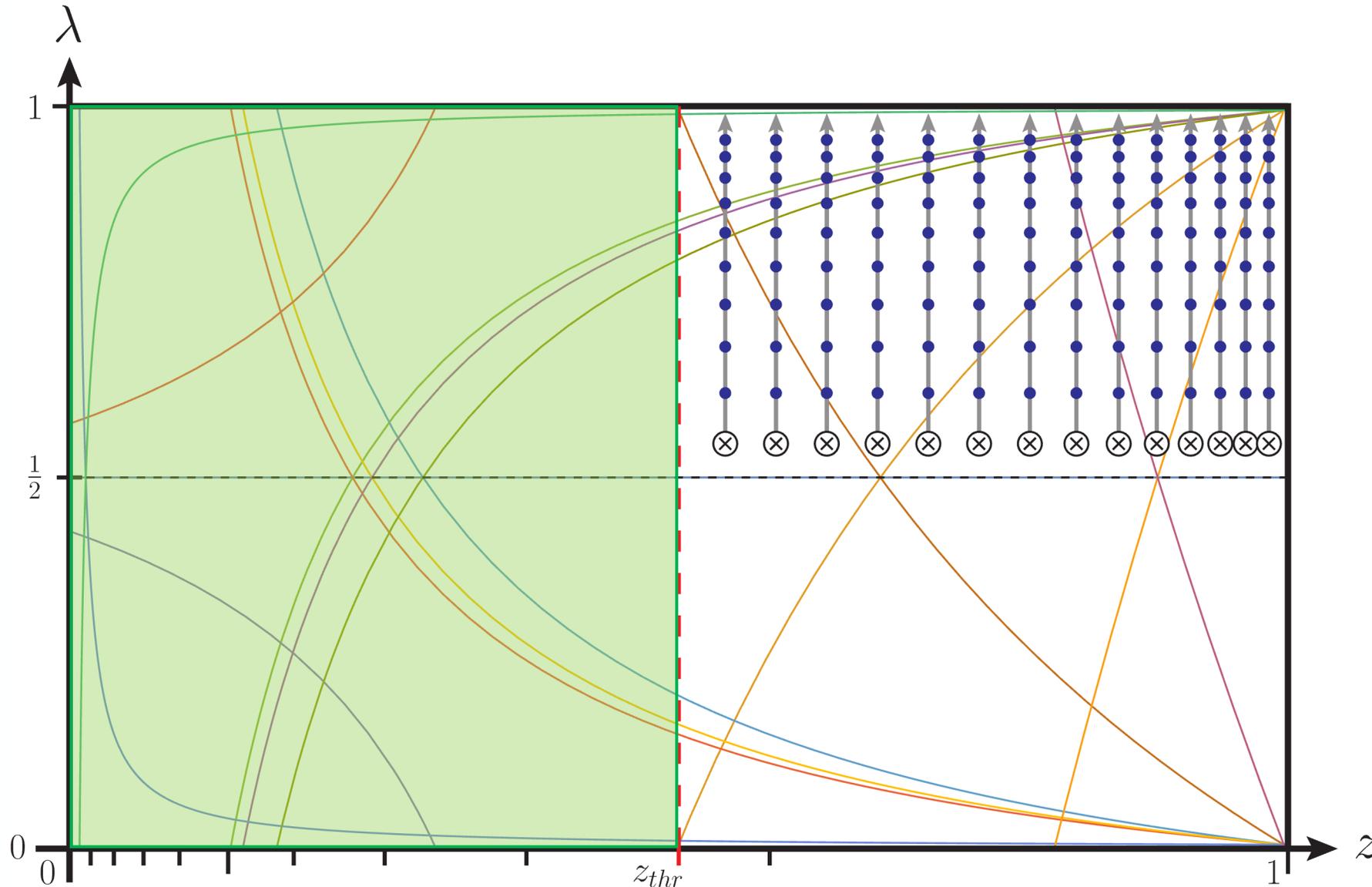
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Collect numerical samples for MI along straight integration contours

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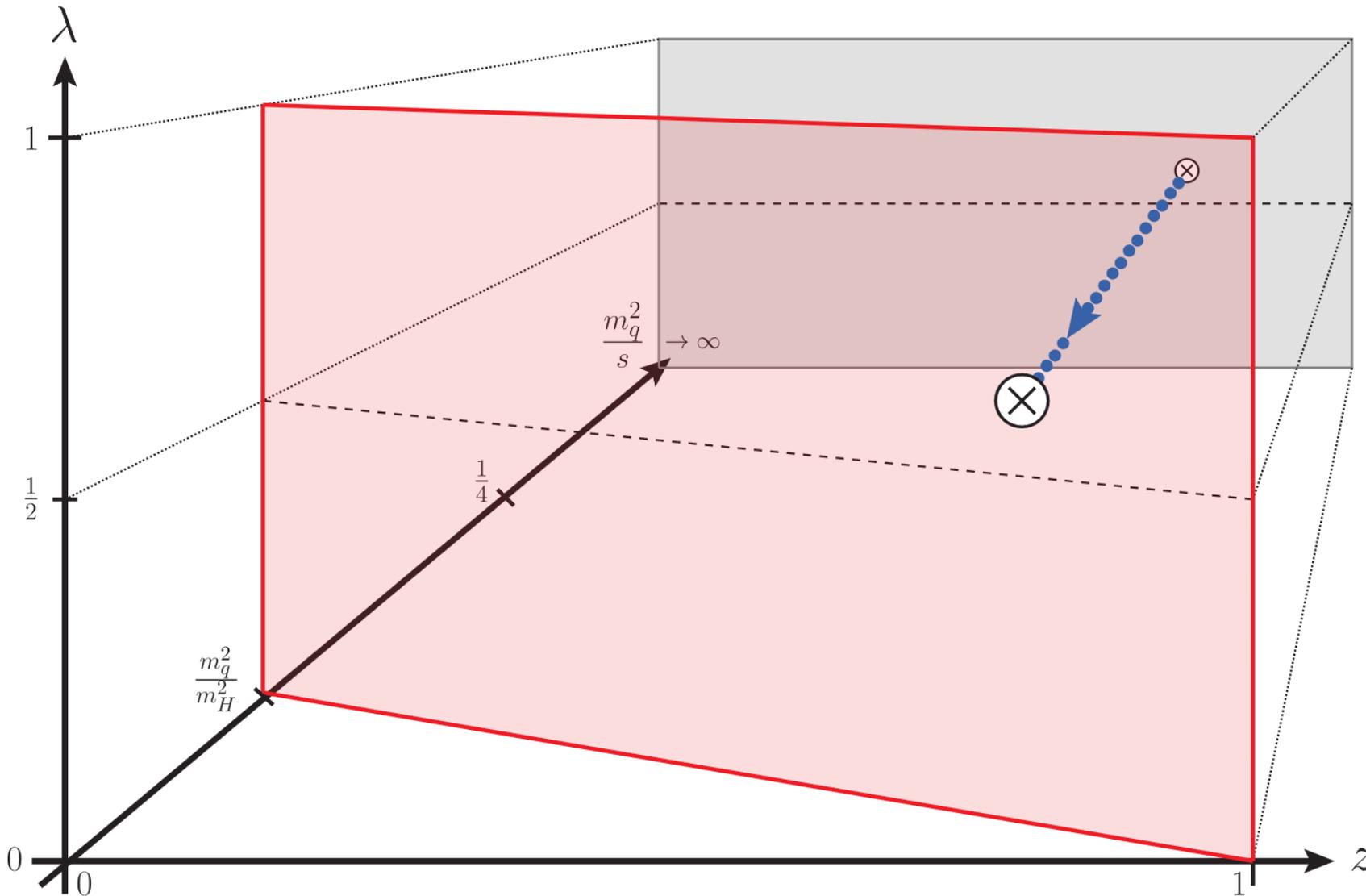
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Region below
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LME
 $\mathcal{O}((1/m_q^2)^{40})$

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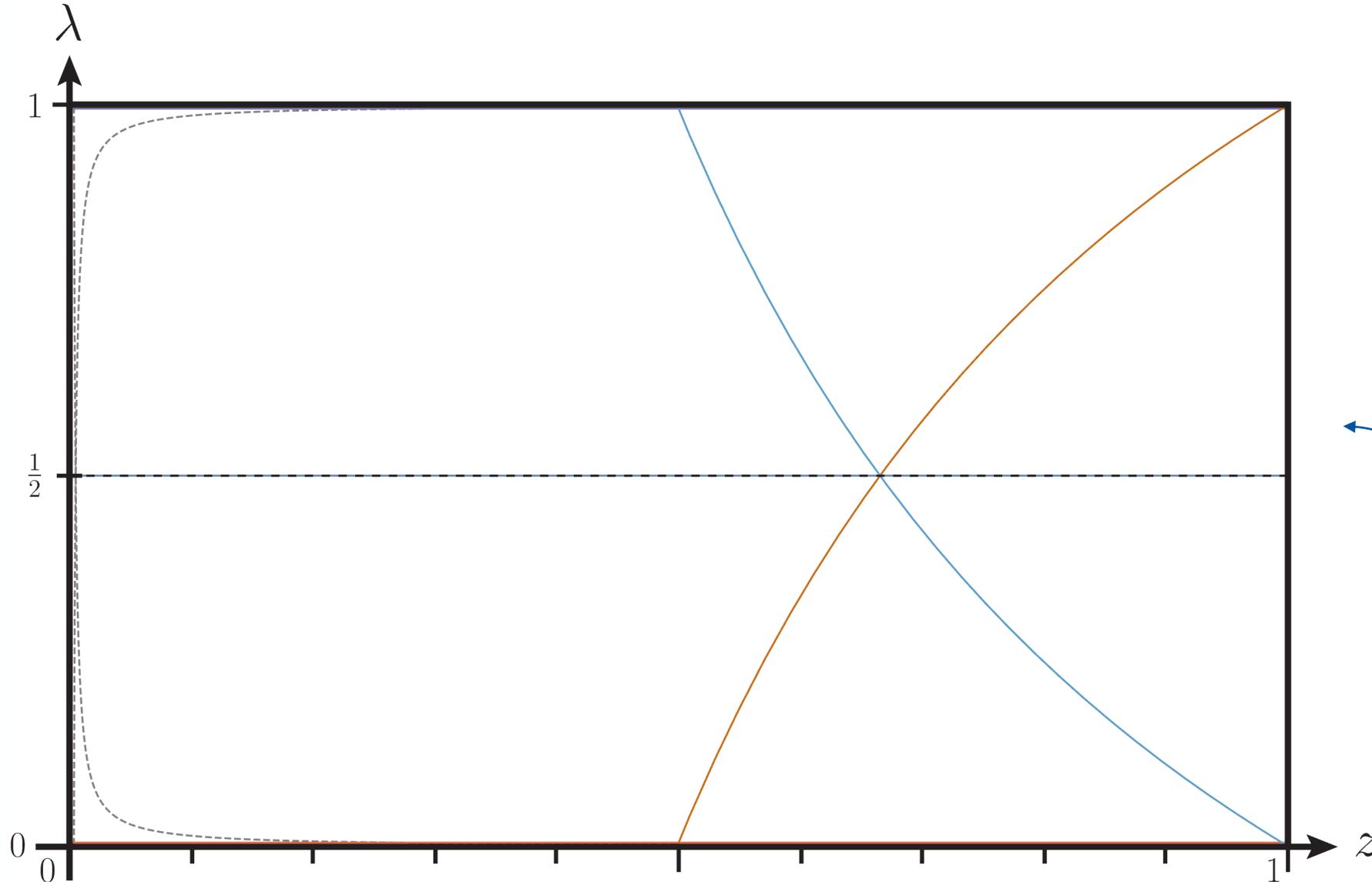
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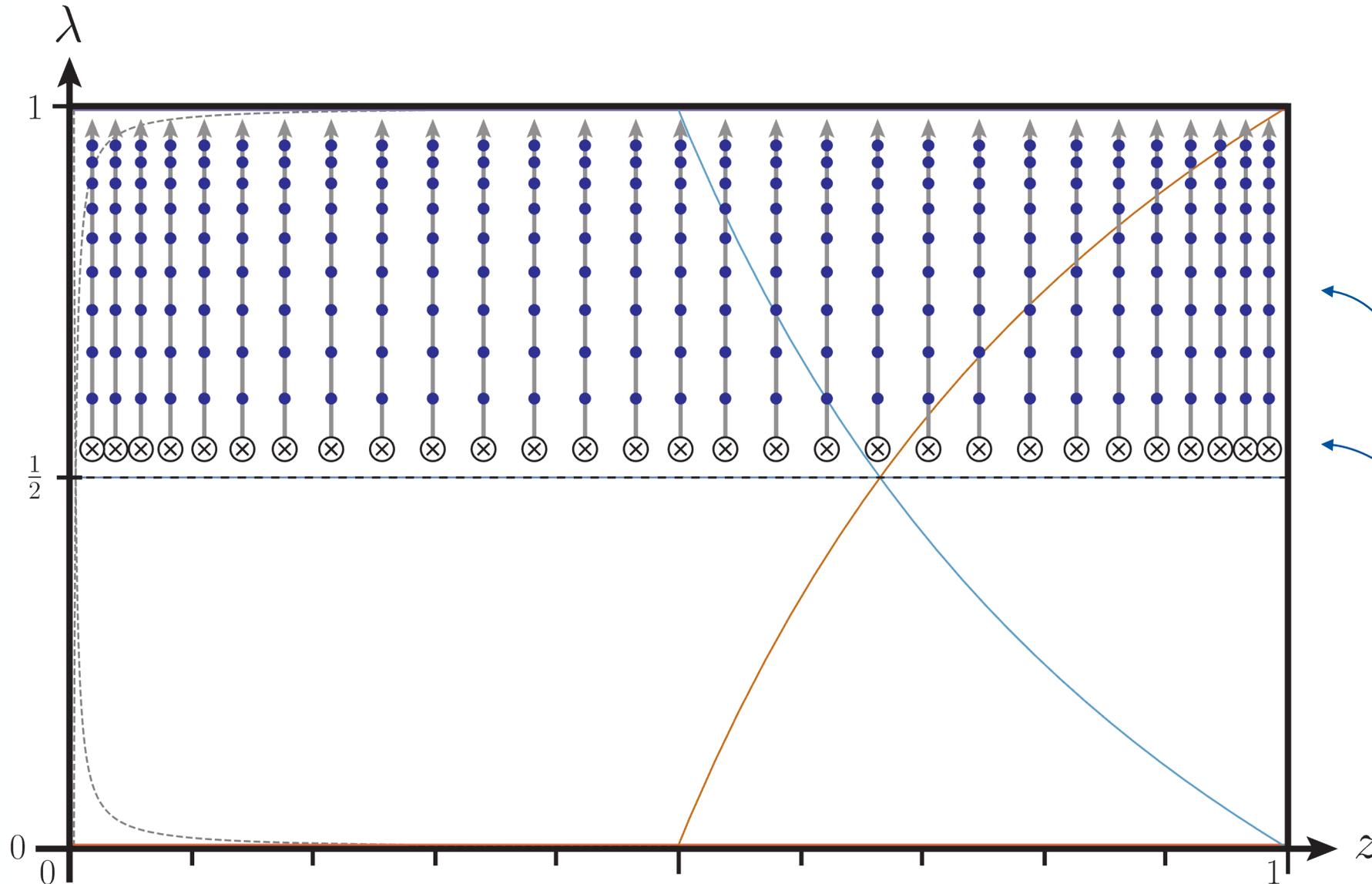
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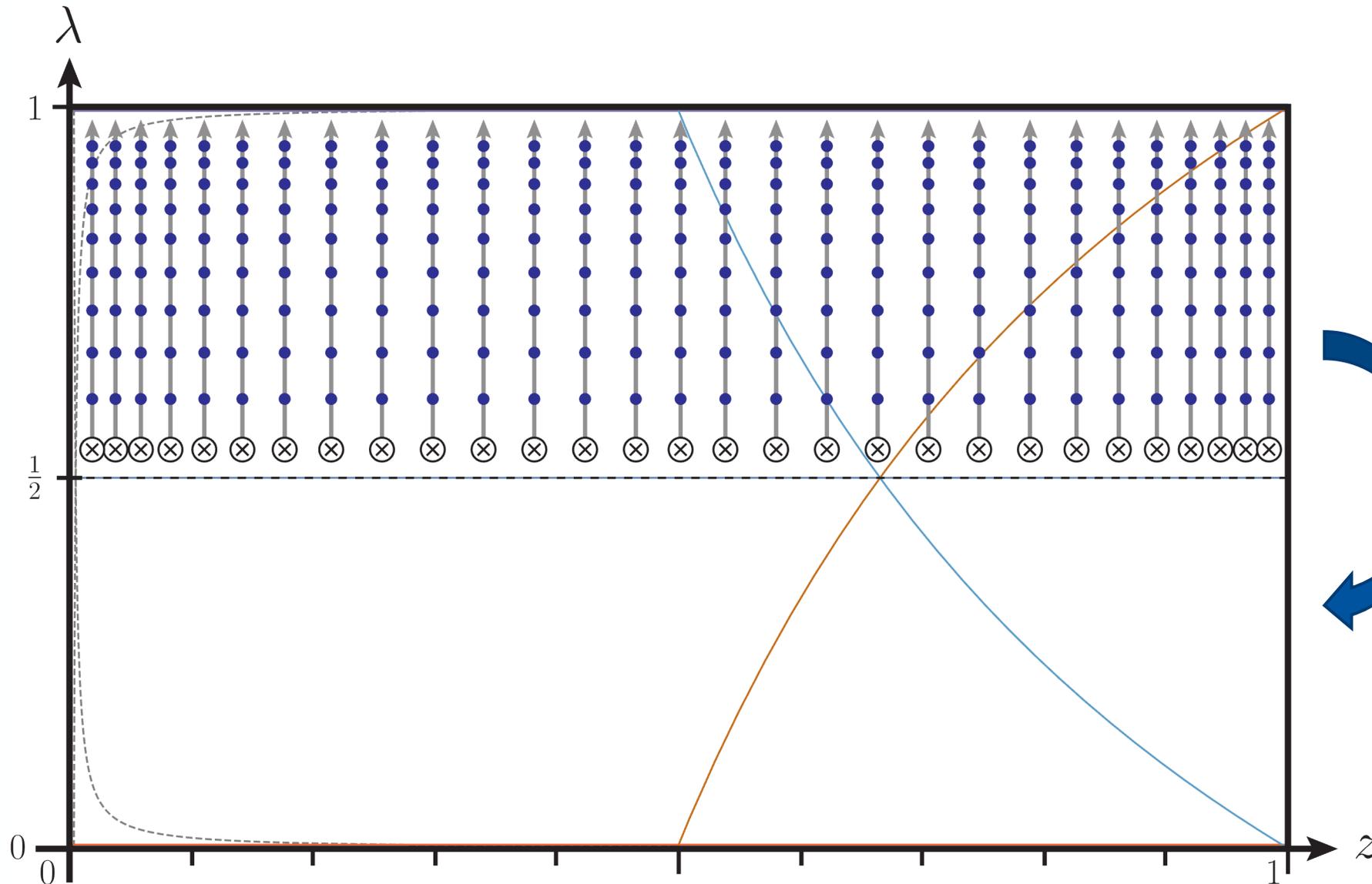
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Exploit
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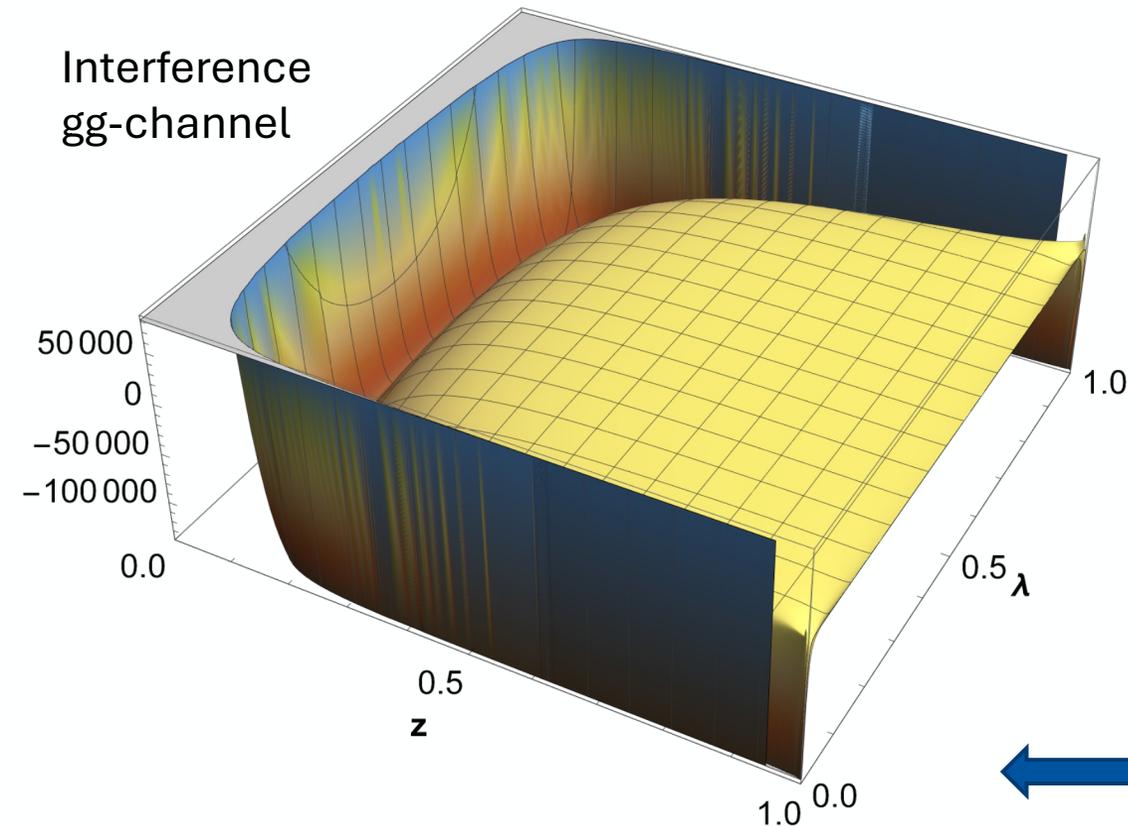
Construction of amplitudes

- Collected 2×10^6 numerical samples for MIs at m_t^2/m_H^2 by evaluation of the LME and numerical evolution above threshold
- Collected 1×10^6 numerical samples for MIs at m_b^2/m_H^2 via numerical evolution in the entire phase space

Insert into form factors and construct helicity amplitudes



Interference
gg-channel



$$\mathcal{M}_{+++} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{s_{12}s_{23}}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 31 \rangle} \left(F_1 + \frac{s_{13}}{s_{23}} F_2 + \frac{s_{13}}{s_{12}} F_3 + \frac{s_{13}}{2} F_4 \right)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{---} = \mathcal{M}_{+++} \Big|_{\langle ij \rangle \leftrightarrow [ji]} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{s_{12}s_{23}}{[12][23][31]} \left(F_1 + \frac{s_{13}}{s_{23}} F_2 + \frac{s_{13}}{s_{12}} F_3 + \frac{s_{13}}{2} F_4 \right)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{++-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{[12]^3}{[13][23]} \frac{s_{23}}{s_{12}} \left(F_1 + \frac{s_{13}}{2} F_4 \right) \quad \mathcal{M}_{--+} = \mathcal{M}_{++-} \Big|_{\langle ij \rangle \leftrightarrow [ji]}$$

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$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \sum_{h \in Hel.} |\mathcal{M}_h|^2$$