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Electroweak corrections to double Higgs production at the LHC

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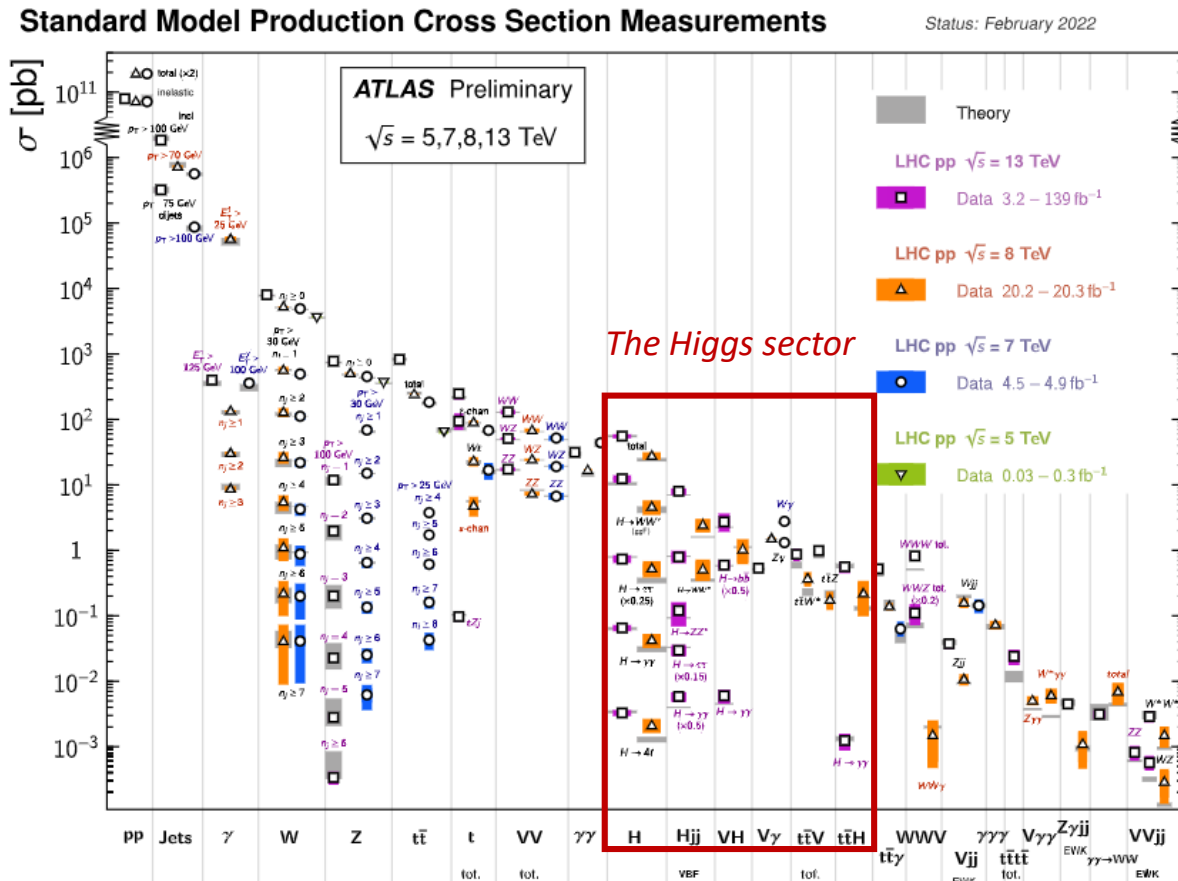
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Introduction to Higgs



- Discovery of Higgs boson(2012,LHC): the last found elementary particle in SM
- Experiments at the ATLAS and CMS: consistent with the results predicted by SM

Azzurri: *Int.J.Mod.Phys.A* 38 (2023) 09n10, 23300077

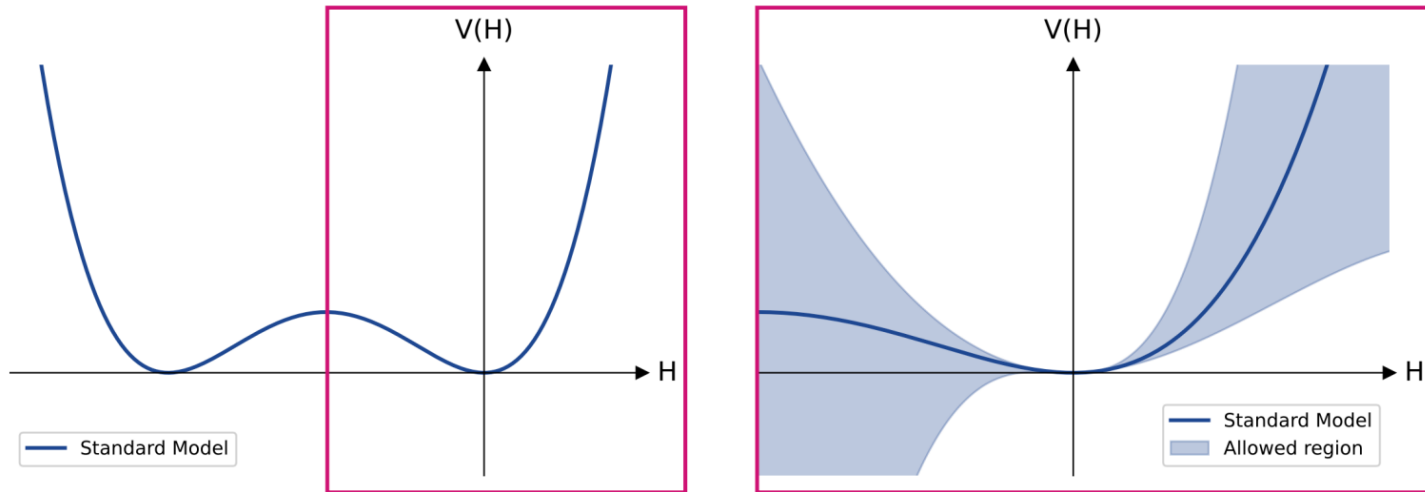


Higgs Potential



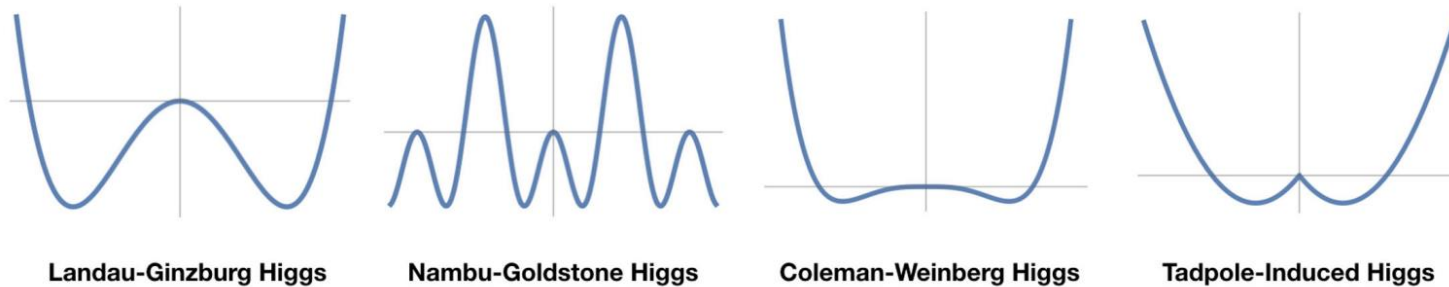
- **Problems not clear:** shape of Higgs potential, new physics beyond SM...

Plot taken from Moser: [Higgs 2023](#)



[using current ATLAS limits @ 95% CL]

[Agrawal et al: 1907.02078](#)



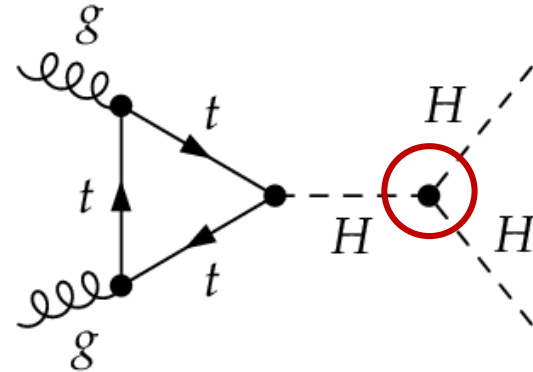
Higgs potential predicted by other BSM theories.

Higgs trilinear coupling



- Higgs potential is probed through determining the strength of Higgs boson self-interactions in searches for HH production. ($\lambda^{SM} \approx 1/8$)

$$V(h) = \frac{m_h^2}{2} h^2 + \lambda^{SM} v h^3 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda^{SM} h^4$$



- Experiment constraints on Higgs boson self-interactions:

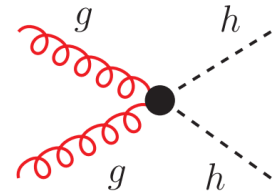
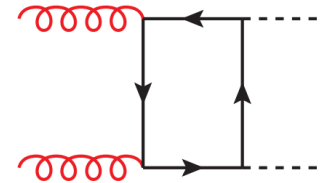
ATLAS: 2007.02873

CMS: 2202.09617

Jones: LHEP 2023 (2023) 442

- Current: $-1.5 < \lambda_{hhh}^{EX}/\lambda^{SM} < 6.7$ for ATLAS, $-2.3 < \lambda_{hhh}^{EX}/\lambda^{SM} < 9.4$ for CMS.
- Future: a limit of $-0.5 < \lambda_{hhh}^{EX}/\lambda^{SM} < 1.5$ will be achieved.

QCD corrections status



Ajjath et al:2209.03914

- corrections **with full top quark mass dependence**
 - NLO corrections keeping top quark mass, [Borowka et al:1604.06447](#)
 - NLO corrections matched to parton shower, [Heinrich et al:1703.09252](#)
 - NLO corrections with soft-gluon resummation, [Ferrera et al: 1609.01691](#)
- corrections **in heavy top limit (HTL) approximation**
 - N²LO in HTL, [Florian et al:1305.5206](#)
 - N³LO in HTL, [Chen et al:1909.06808](#)
 - N²LO in HTL+ NLO with full top-quark mass dependence, [Florian et al:2106.14050](#)
 - N³LO in HTL include the top-quark mass effects, [Chen et al:1912.13001](#)
 - N²LO in HTL matched to parton shower, [Alioli et al: 2212.10489](#)
 - N³LO in HTL+ NLO with full top-quark mass dependence + soft-gluon resummation,
- Current QCD corrections uncertainties: $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$ [Jones: LHEP 2023 \(2023\) 442](#)

Process	QCD	$\sigma_{th}[pb]$	$\delta_{th}[\%]$
HH production via gg fusion	N ³ LO _{HTL} NLO _{QCD}	0.03105	+2.2 -5.0

Why EW corrections

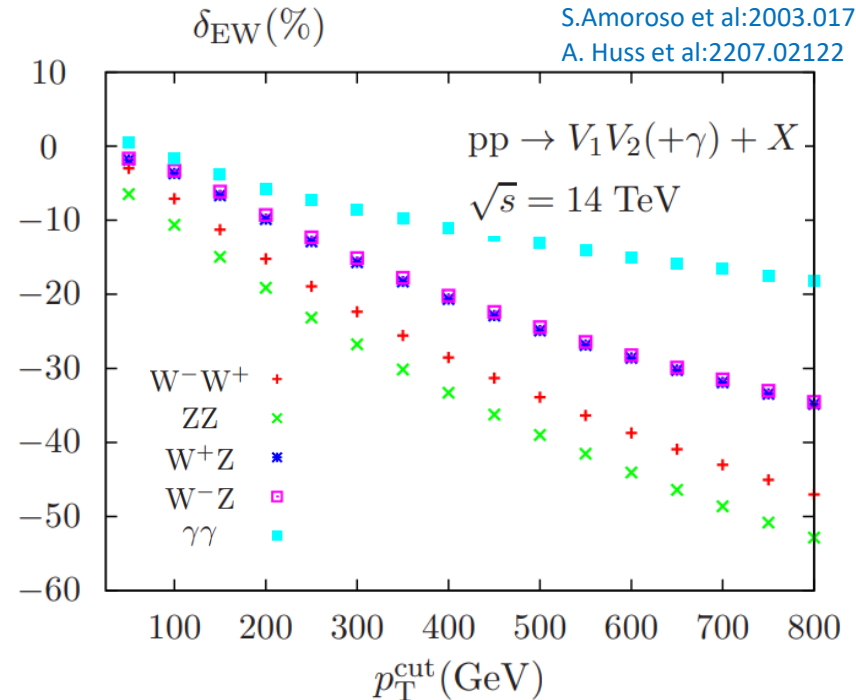
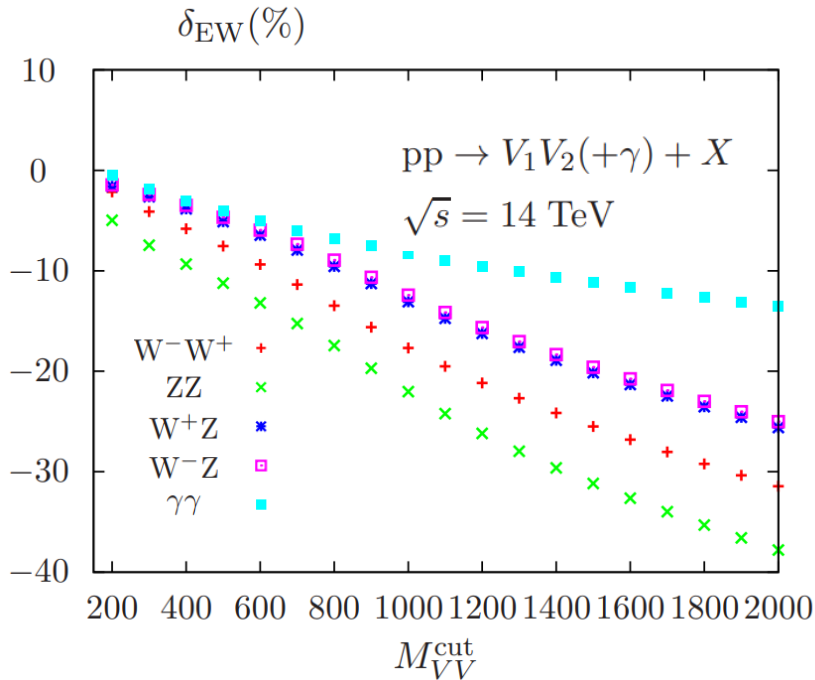


- EW corrections

- $\alpha \sim \mathcal{O}(1\%)$, the biggest uncertainty from theoretical side!
- Sudakov enhancement, $\mathcal{O}(10\% \sim 30\%)$ corrections in high energy region. [A Bierweiler et al:1305.5402](#)
- NLO EW corrections are crucial**, a focal point in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021 Les Houches

precision wish lists

[J.R. Anderson et al:1605.04692](#)
[Les Houches 2017:1803.07977](#)
[S.Amoroso et al:2003.01700](#)
[A. Huss et al:2207.02122](#)



EW corrections status



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- Partial results
 - Higgs self-coupling corrections, [Borowka et al: 1811.12366](#)
 - two-loop box diagrams, [Davies et al:2207.02587](#)
 - top-quark Yukawa corrections, [Muhlleitner et al:2207.02524](#)

<https://indico.ihep.ac.cn/event/18025/>

- Recent developments on this topic: [Higgs 2023, Nov 27- Dec 2, Beijing](#)



- Full NLO EW corrections in large- m_t limit
[See talk by KIT group](#)
- Higgs-Higgs and Higgs-Yukawa parts corrections
[See talk by Shandong University group](#)
- Yukawa and Self-Coupling Corrections
[See talk by Durham University group](#)

Production Rate

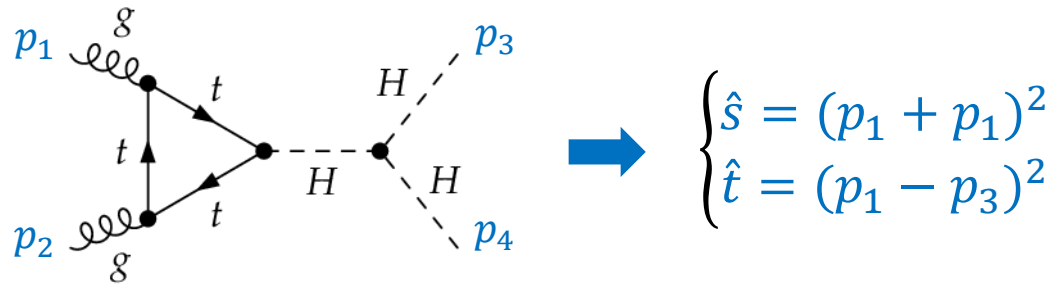


- Di-Higgs production cross section:

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow HH) = \int dx_1 dx_2 f_g(x_1) f_g(x_2) \hat{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow HH}(\hat{s}, m^2)$$

gluon PDF

- Kinematics invariants and mass scales include $m_h, m_t, m_W, m_Z, \hat{s}, \hat{t}$,



- Multiple mass scales, analytic result for $\hat{\sigma}$ is challenging. ❌
- Monte Carlo integration method can be adopted. ✅

$$\int dx_1 dx_2 f_g(x_1) f_g(x_2) d\hat{t} \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d\hat{t}}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}) = \sum_{i,j} \Delta_{i,j} \times \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d\hat{t}}(\hat{s}_i, \hat{t}_j)$$

- Lots of numerical results for $d\hat{\sigma}/d\hat{t}$ at different phase space points are required.

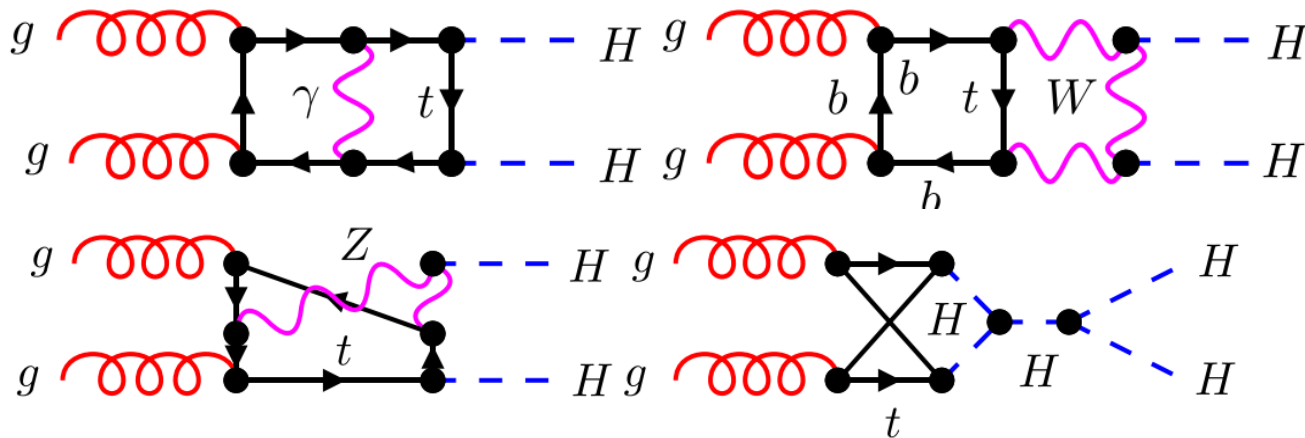
Calculation procedure



T. Hahn:0012260

- Numerical results for $d\hat{\sigma}/d\hat{t}$ at a phase space point (\hat{s}_i, \hat{t}_j) can be evaluated using following steps:

- Generate Feynman amplitudes: 8 LO diagrams, 2020 NLO virtual correction diagrams.
NLO **real corrections** are **forbidden** due to Furry theorem.



- Manipulate amplitudes to obtain scalar integrals.
- Reduce scalar integrals to master integrals.
- Calculate master integrals.
- Remove divergence via renormalization



Manipulate amplitudes



- Amplitudes for $g(p_1)g(p_2) \rightarrow H(p_3)H(p_4)$:

$$M_{ab} = \delta_{ab} \epsilon_1^\mu \epsilon_2^\nu M_{\mu\nu}$$

- Decomposition to form factor

$$M_{\mu\nu} = F_1(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, m^2) T_1^{\mu\nu} + F_2(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, m^2) T_2^{\mu\nu}$$

- Decomposition to scalar integrals

$$F_i(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, m^2) = \sum_j C_{i,j}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, m^2) \times \boxed{I_{i,j}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, m^2)}$$

To be reduced

- Reduction to master integrals with Blade program package <https://gitlab.com/multiloop-pku>

$$I_{i,j,k}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, m^2) = \sum_k P_{i,j,k}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, m^2) \times \boxed{M_{i,j,k}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, m^2)}$$

To be calculated, results for $\mathcal{O}(10^4)$ (\hat{s}_i, \hat{t}_i) are required

Calculate integrals



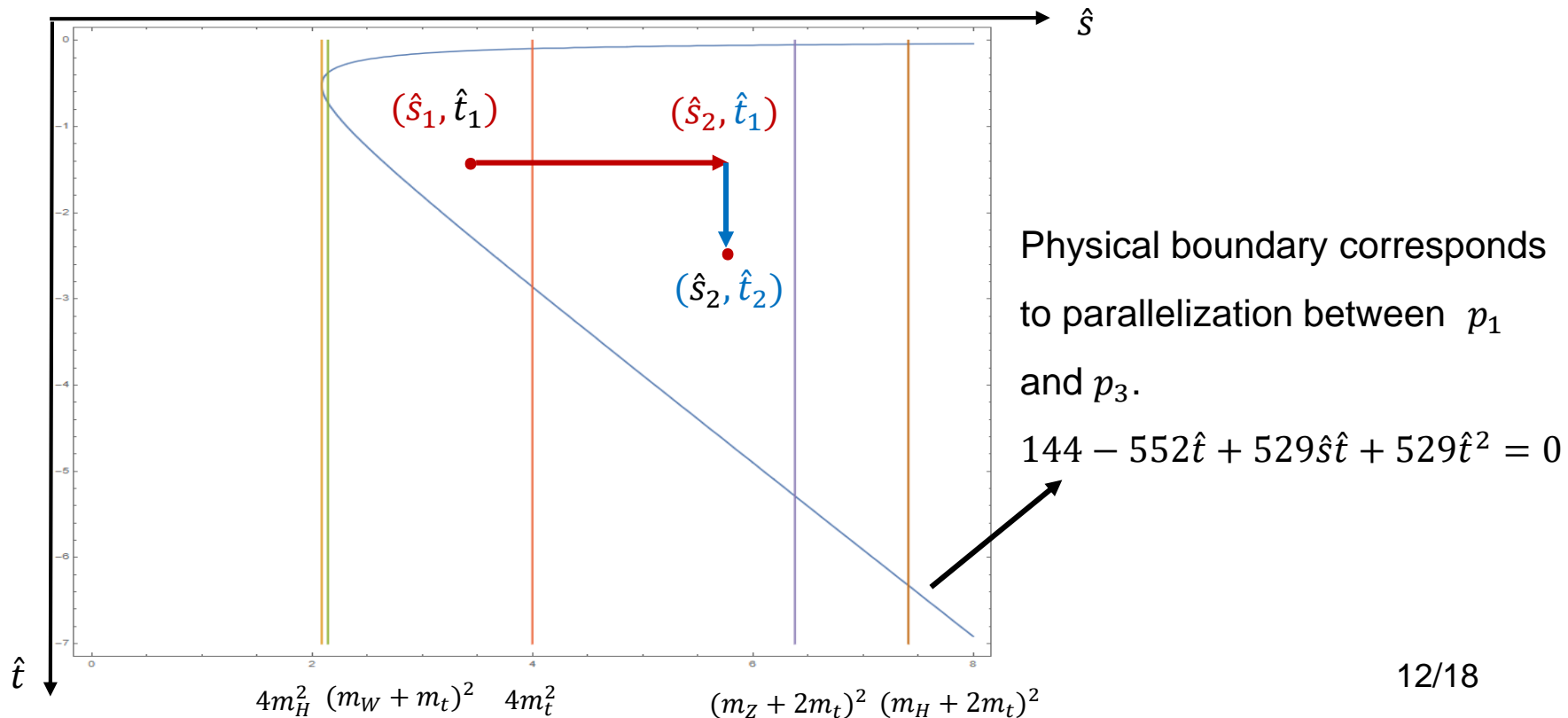
- Calculate integrals for a phase space point
 - Only two dimensional regulator ϵ points ($\epsilon = \pm \frac{1}{1000}$) are required
 - 3000 cpu.h run time using AMFlow program package <https://gitlab.com/multiloop-pku>
- Calculate integrals for 30000 phase space points
 - $\mathcal{O}(10^8)$ cpu.h run time with all points calculated by AMFlow
 - Differential equation running method, $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$ cpu.h run time
- Solution of differential equation
 - Differential equations provided by Blade, $\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{s}} \vec{I} = A_{\hat{s}} \vec{I}$, $\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{t}} \vec{I} = A_{\hat{t}} \vec{I}$
 - Numerical boundary provided by AMFlow, $\vec{I}(\hat{s}_0, \hat{t}_0)$
 - General solution for DE of single variable:

$$I_i = \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}} (x - x_0)^\mu \sum_{k=0}^{k_\mu} \log(x - x_0)^k \sum_{n=0}^m c_{i,\mu,k,n} (x - x_0)^n$$

DE running



- Only physical singularities in \hat{s} direction when intermediate particles go on-shell
- Continuation direction for \hat{s} is $+i0^-$
- Asymptotic expansion at singularities is required when crossing them for DE running in the \hat{s} direction
- Taylor expansion for DE running in the \hat{t} direction



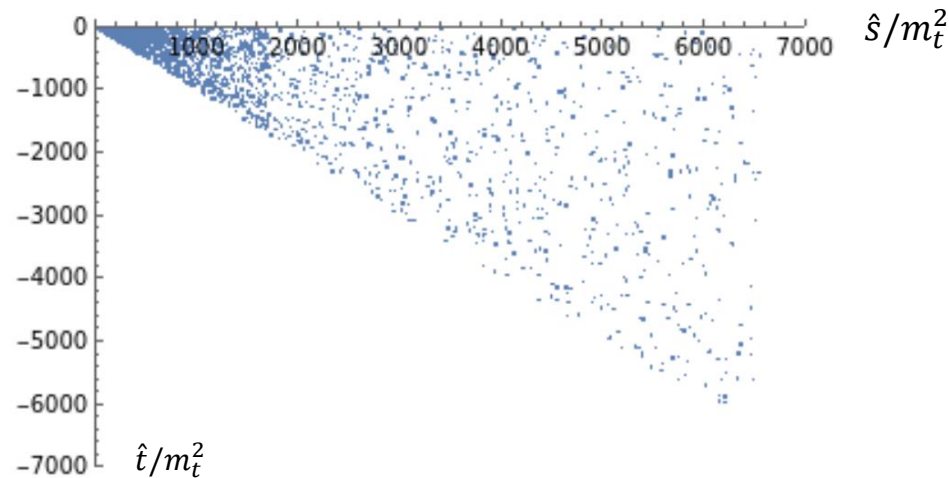
MC samples



- LO production cross section:

$$\sigma_{\text{LO}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\text{flux}_i} f_g(x_1^i, \mu) f_g(x_2^i, \mu) |\overline{M}_{\text{LO}}^i(\hat{s}, \hat{t})|^2 \Delta x_1^i \Delta x_2^i \Delta \Phi_2^i$$

- μ is factorization scale and $\Delta \Phi_2$ corresponds to the element of phase space integral,
 $\Delta \Phi_2 \sim \Delta \hat{t}$
- Importance sampling based on LO cross section



- Samples are sparse at high energy region due to the **suppression of gluon PDFs**

Total cross sections



- Input parameters

- $\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} G_\mu m_W^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2}\right) \quad m_t = 172.69 \text{ GeV} \quad \alpha = 1/133.12$

- $G_\mu = 1.166378 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

- NNPDF3.1 PDF set

- Renormalization

- On-shell renormalization for masses and fields
- G_μ -scheme renormalization for electromagnetic coupling

- Results: 1.8×10^4 events

- K factor is **stable**. Its statistical error is smaller than cross sections
- 4%** NLO EW corrections

μ	$M_{HH}/2$	$\sqrt{p_T^2 + m_H^2}$	m_H
LO	19.96(6)	21.11(7)	25.09(8)
NLO	19.12(6)	20.21(6)	23.94(8)
\mathcal{K} -factor	0.958(1)	0.957(1)	0.954(1)

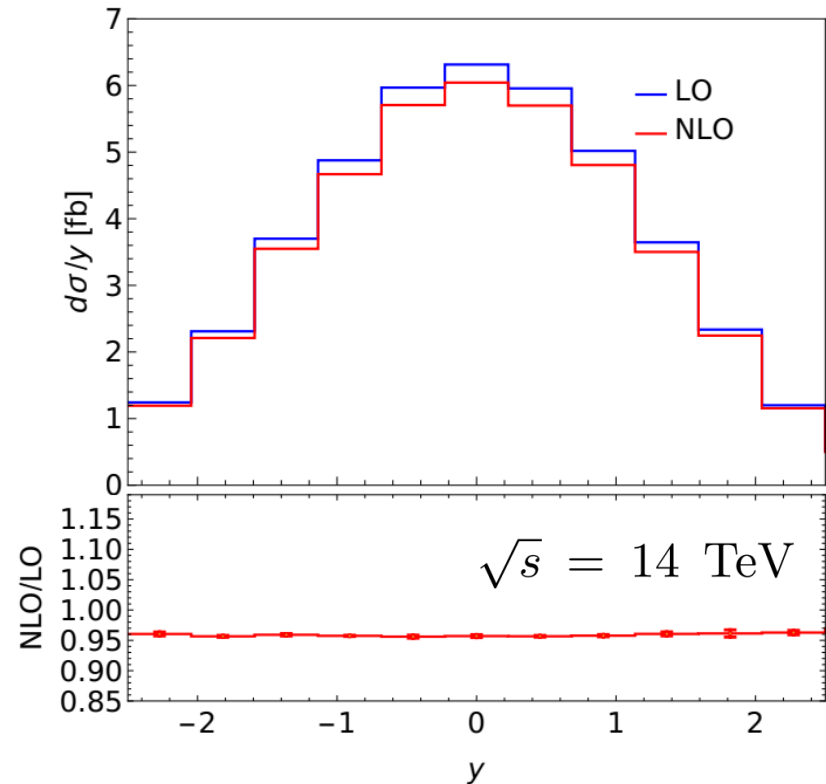
y differential distribution



- The differential K factor can get a controllable error with far fewer events

$$\Delta\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \Delta K \times \Delta\sigma^{\text{LO}}$$

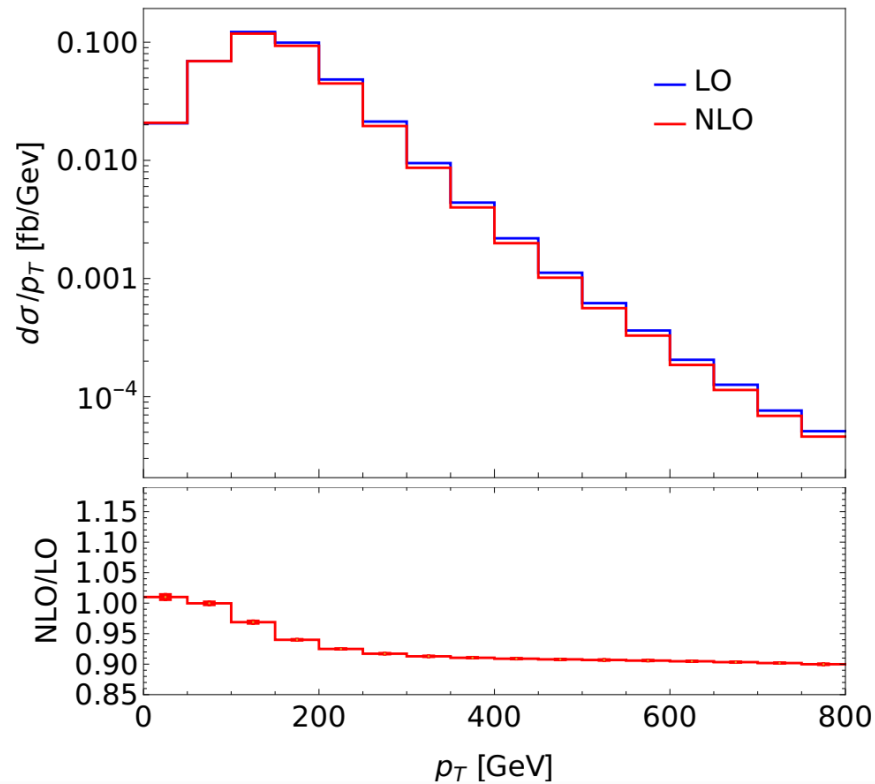
- ΔK uses 1.8×10^4 events for σ and additional 400 events for each bin
- $\Delta\sigma^{\text{LO}}$ uses 3×10^5 events
- Up to NLO, $K \approx 0.96$



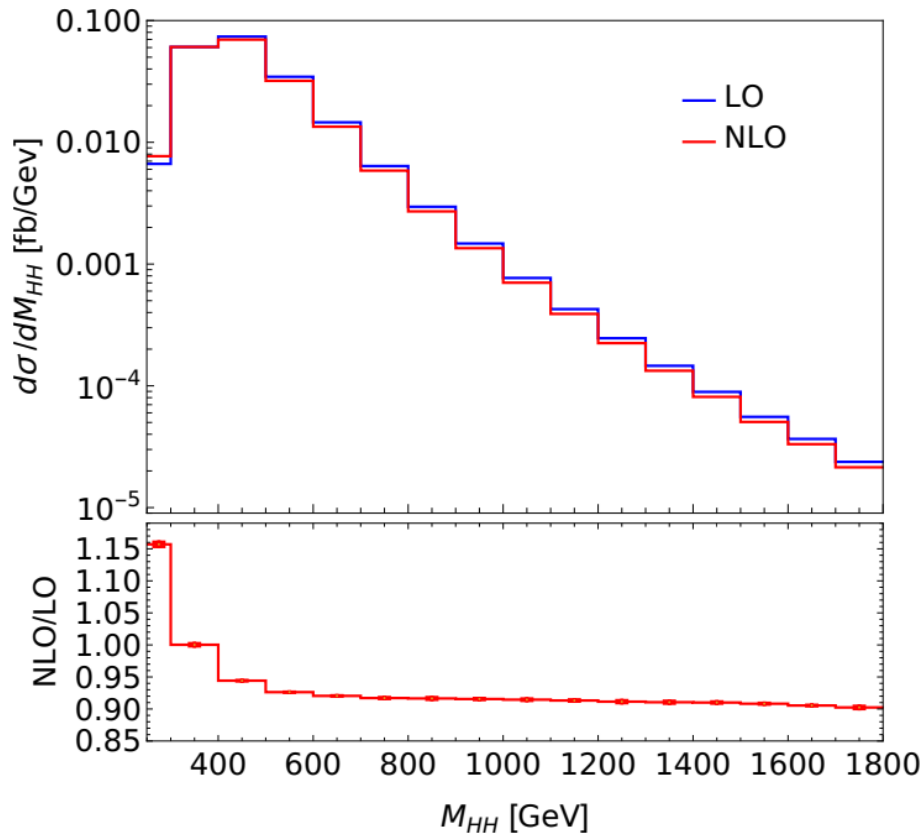
p_T differential distribution



- -10% NLO corrections at the tail



M_{HH} differential distribution



- +15% NLO corrections at the beginning of spectrum
- Substantial increase near threshold arises, considering heavy top-quark mass expansion, due to the leading term in the expansion at NLO is larger than that at LO by m_t^4
- -10% corrections in the tail, similar to p_T differential distribution
- Sudakov enhancement

Summary



- Higgs trilinear coupling is important
- NLO EW corrections to total cross sections is about -4%
- -4% NLO EW corrections to rapidity distribution
- $+15\%$ NLO corrections at the beginning of spectrum for the M_{HH} , Sudakov effect was observed for both p_T and M_{HH} distribution
- Sufficient precision from current QCD corrections and NLO EW corrections for measurements at the HL-LHC

Thanks for your attention!