

# Automated Virtual MEs for HH Production



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# Overview

## 1. Introduction

Motivation for Studying Double Higgs Production

Overview of Production Channels

Gluon Fusion  $gg \rightarrow HH$

## 2. Project - NLO Virtual MEs for Gluon Fusion

Form Factor Decomposition

Integral Reduction

Master Integrals: Analytic + Numerical Integration

## 3. Conclusion

# Motivation

Multi-Higgs production probes the self-coupling

(n-1) Higgs production probes  $H^n$  terms

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{m_H^2}{2} H^2 - \frac{m_H^2}{2v} H^3 - \frac{m_H^2}{8v^2} H^4$$

Consistent with  
observed excess  
(LHC)

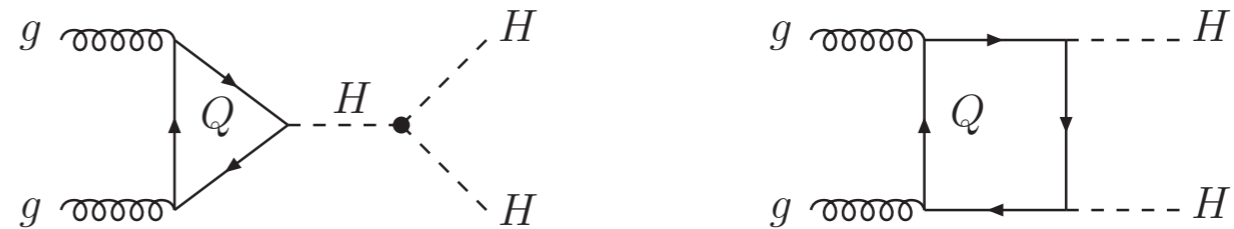
Tiny cross-section  
(probably not x/LHC)

Our focus (x/LHC)

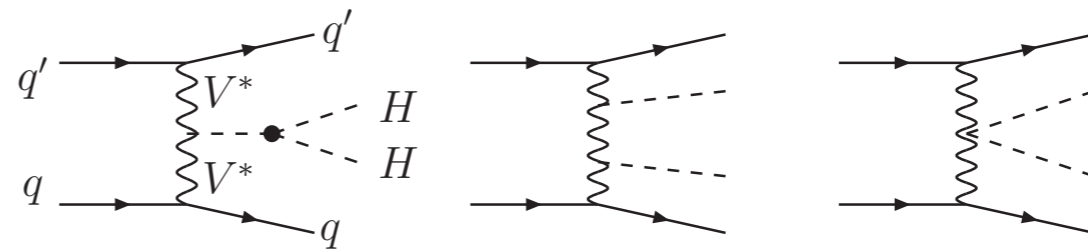
# Production Channels

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow HH + X) @ 13\text{TeV}$$

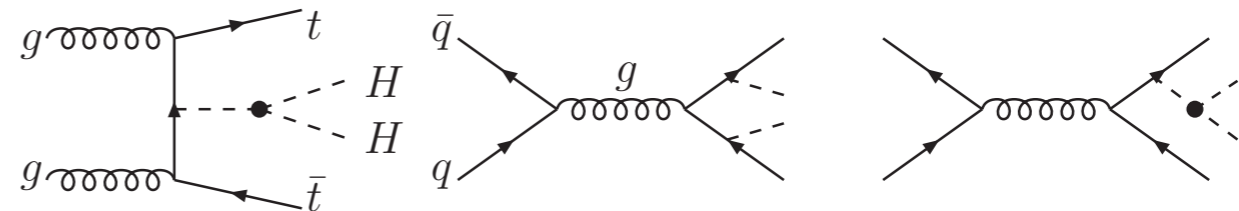
Gluon Fusion



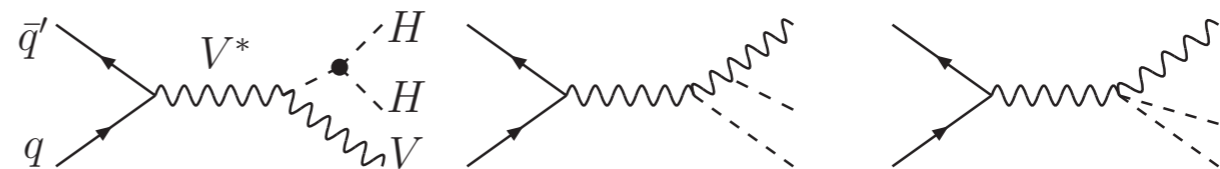
Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)



Associated top pair



Double Higgs-strahlung

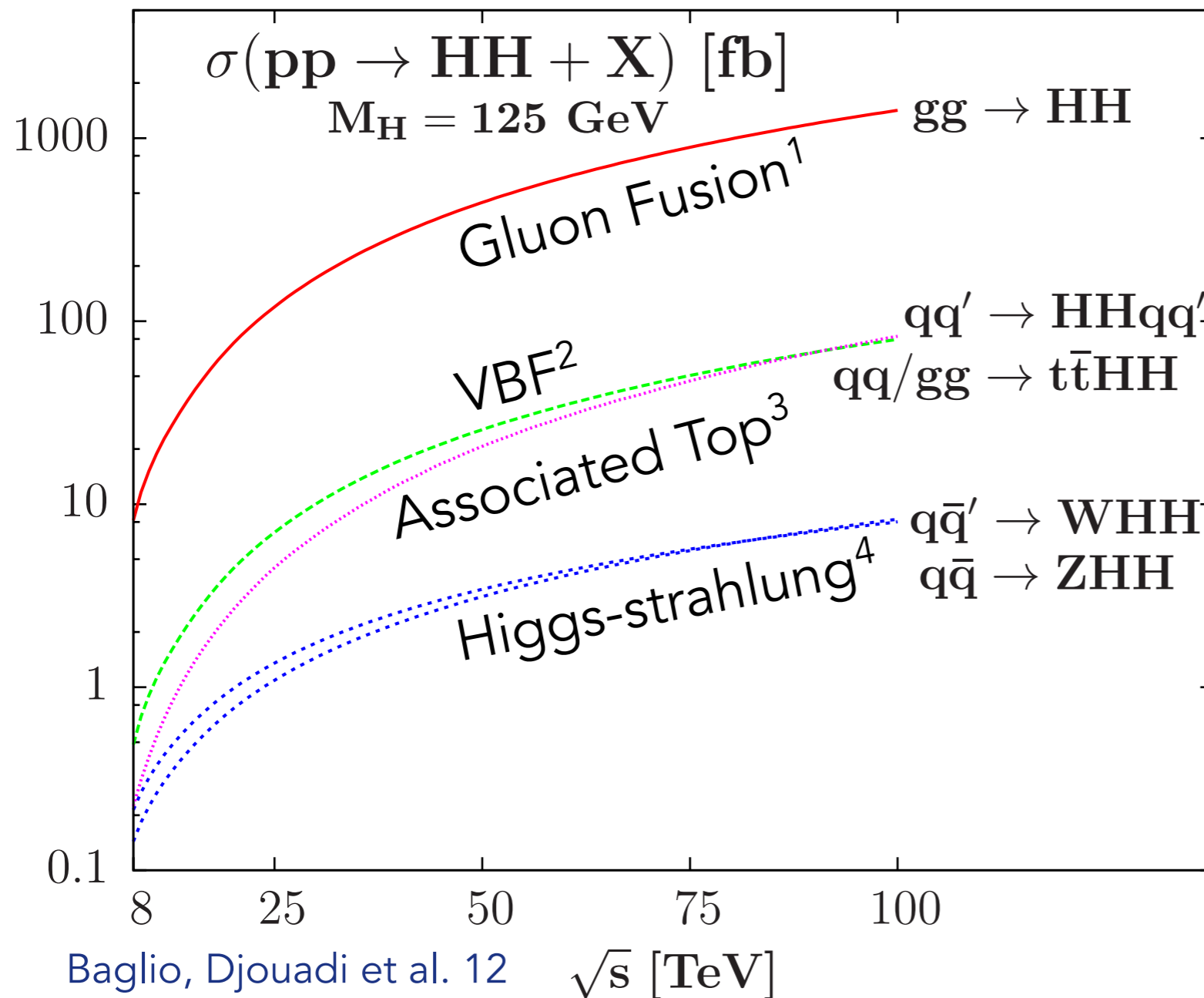


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Baglio, Djouadi et al. 12

# Production Channels

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow HH + X) \sim \frac{1}{1000} \sigma(pp \rightarrow H + X)$$



<sup>1</sup> NLO QCD HEFT, HPAIR

Plehn, Spira, Zerwas 96, 98;  
 Dawson et al. 98

<sup>2</sup> NLO QCD, VBFNLO

Baglio, Djouadi et al. 12

<sup>3</sup> LO QCD (NLO, aMC@NLO)

Frederix, Frixione et al. 14

<sup>4</sup> NNLO QCD

Baglio, Djouadi et al. 12

# Gluon Fusion

1. LO (1-loop), Dominated by  $Q = t, b$  ( $b$  contributes 1%)

Glover, van der Bij 88

2. Born Improved NLO H(iggs)EFT  $K \approx 2$

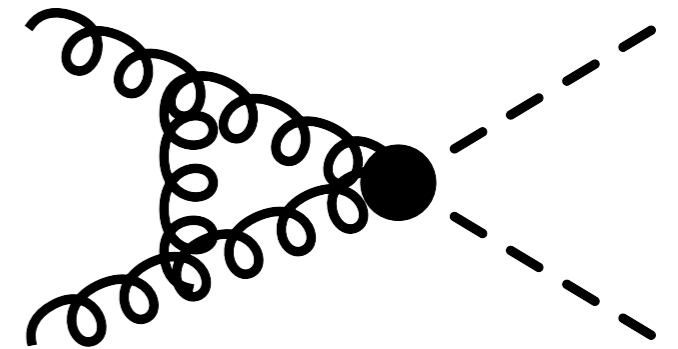
Plehn, Spira, Zerwas 96, 98; Dawson, Dittmaier, Spira 98

- A. Including  $m_T$  in Real radiation

Maltoni, Vryonidou, Zaro 14

- B. Including  $\mathcal{O}(1/m_T^{12})$  terms in Virtual MEs

Grigo, Hoff, Melnikov, Steinhauser 13; Grigo, Hoff 14



3. Born Improved NNLO HEFT +20%

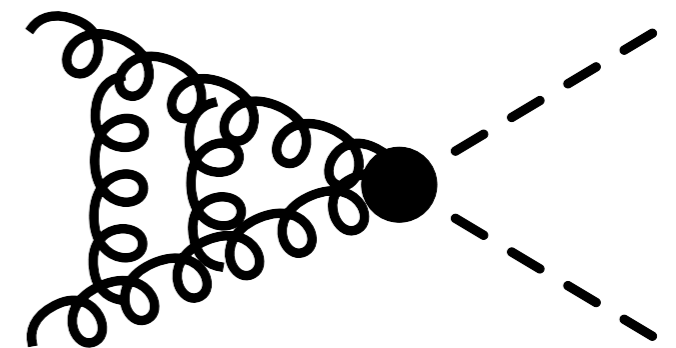
De Florian, Mazzitelli 13

Including matching coefficients

Grigo, Melnikov, Steinhauser 14

NNLL Soft Gluon Resummation +30%

Shao, Li, Li, Wang 13



# Gluon Fusion (NLO HEFT)

Tension between corrections to HEFT!

Born Improved NLO QCD HEFT

$$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^V(m_T) \approx d\bar{\sigma}_{\text{NLO}}^V(m_T) = \frac{\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^V(m_T \rightarrow \infty)}{\sigma_{\text{LO}}^V(m_T \rightarrow \infty)} \sigma_{\text{LO}}^V(m_T)$$

$$d\sigma^R(m_T \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$K \approx 2$$

A.

Maltoni et al.14

$$d\bar{\sigma}^V(m_T)$$

$$d\sigma^R(m_T)$$

-10%

B.

Grigo, Hoff 14

$$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^V(m_T) \approx d\bar{\sigma}_0^V + d\bar{\sigma}_0^V \frac{\lambda^2}{m_T^2} + \dots + d\bar{\sigma}_6^V \frac{\lambda^{12}}{m_T^{12}}$$

$$d\sigma^R(M_t \rightarrow \infty)$$

+10%

Real-virtual Cancellations Spoilt?

Stable?

# Gluon Fusion NLO

**Goal:** Compute  $pp \rightarrow HH + X$  via Gluon Fusion  $gg \rightarrow HH$

NLO (2-loop) with full top mass dependence

Neglect  $b$  contribution

**Tools:** GoSam (uses QGRAF and FORM) + SecDec

Cullen et al. 14

Nogueira 93

Vermaseren et al. 12

Borowka et al. 15

GoSam (<https://gosam.hepforge.org>)

Automated calculation of 1-loop amplitudes

SM/BSM

Interface to BLHA1/BLHA2 for real radiation



# Shopping List

## Virtual MEs (HH):

Channels:

$$gg \rightarrow HH$$

~~$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow HH$$~~



**Contributes at NNLO**

	Diagrams
Tree	0
1-loop	8
2-loop	122

## Real Radiation (HH + j...):

1-j Channels:

$$gg \rightarrow HH + g$$

$$gq \rightarrow HH + q$$

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow HH + g$$

$$g\bar{q} \rightarrow HH + \bar{q}$$

**Huge simplification!**

	Diagrams
Tree $\otimes$ Double	0
1-loop $\otimes$ Single	54+8+8+8

GoSam for MEs + Catani-Seymour Dipole Subtraction

Catani, Seymour 96

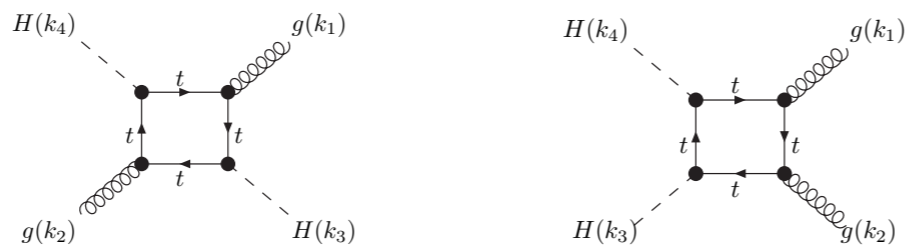
# Virtual MEs

## Boxes & Triangles

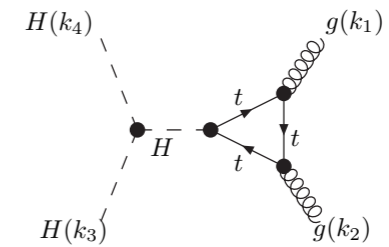
Yukawa only ( $\leq 4$ -point)

Self-coupling (3-point)

LO

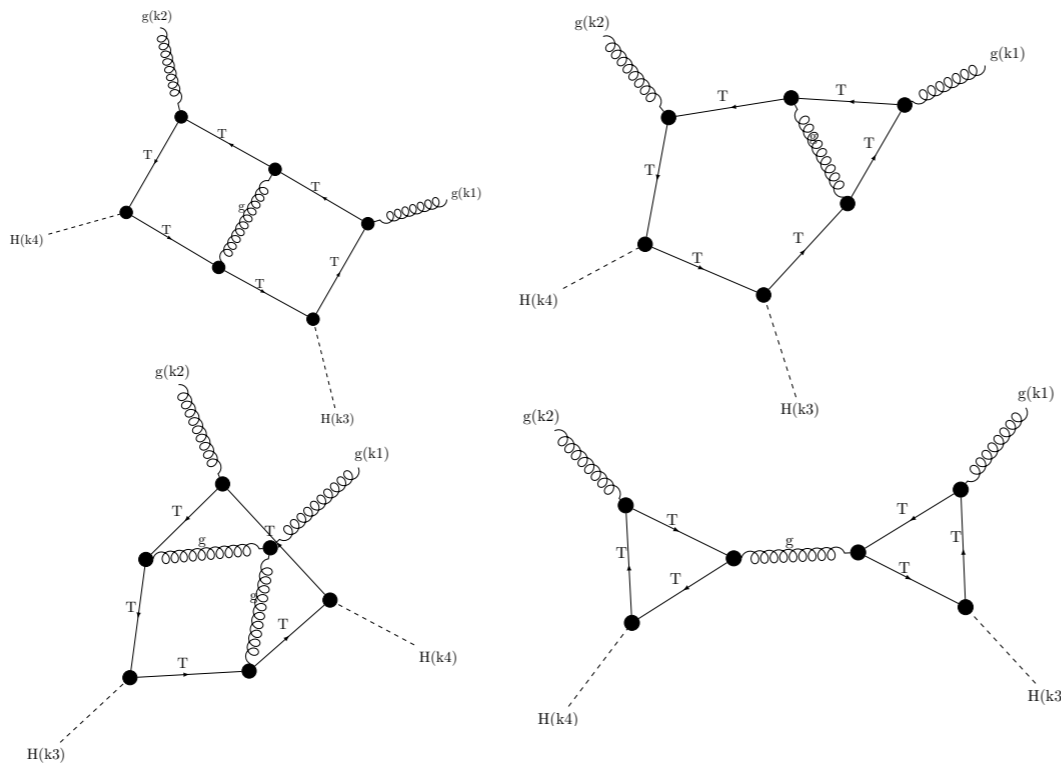


6 Diagrams

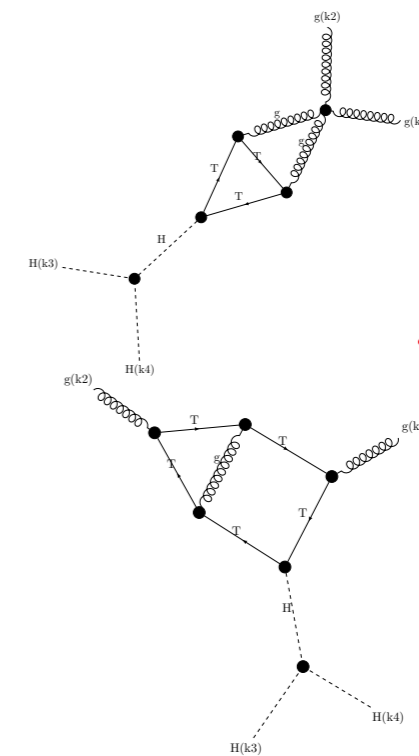


2 Diagrams

NLO



101 Diagrams

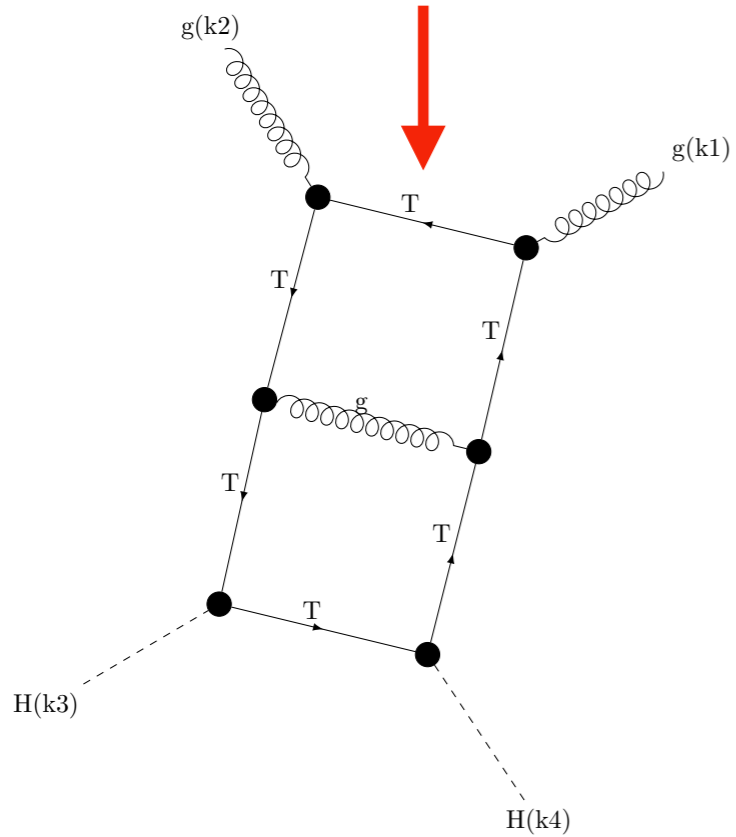


**Known**  
 $gg \rightarrow H$

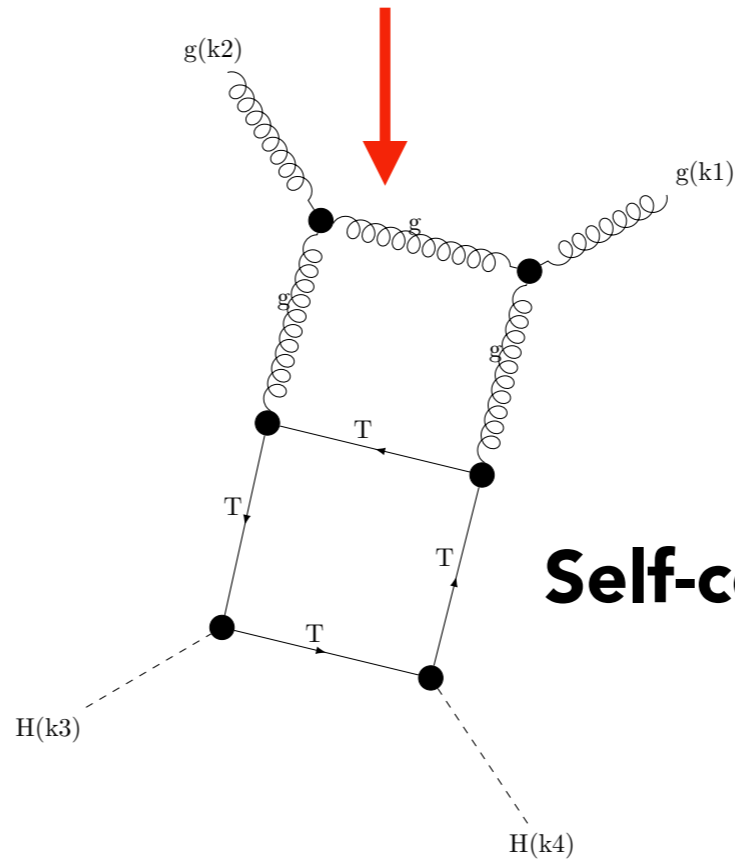
21 Diagrams

# Diagrams

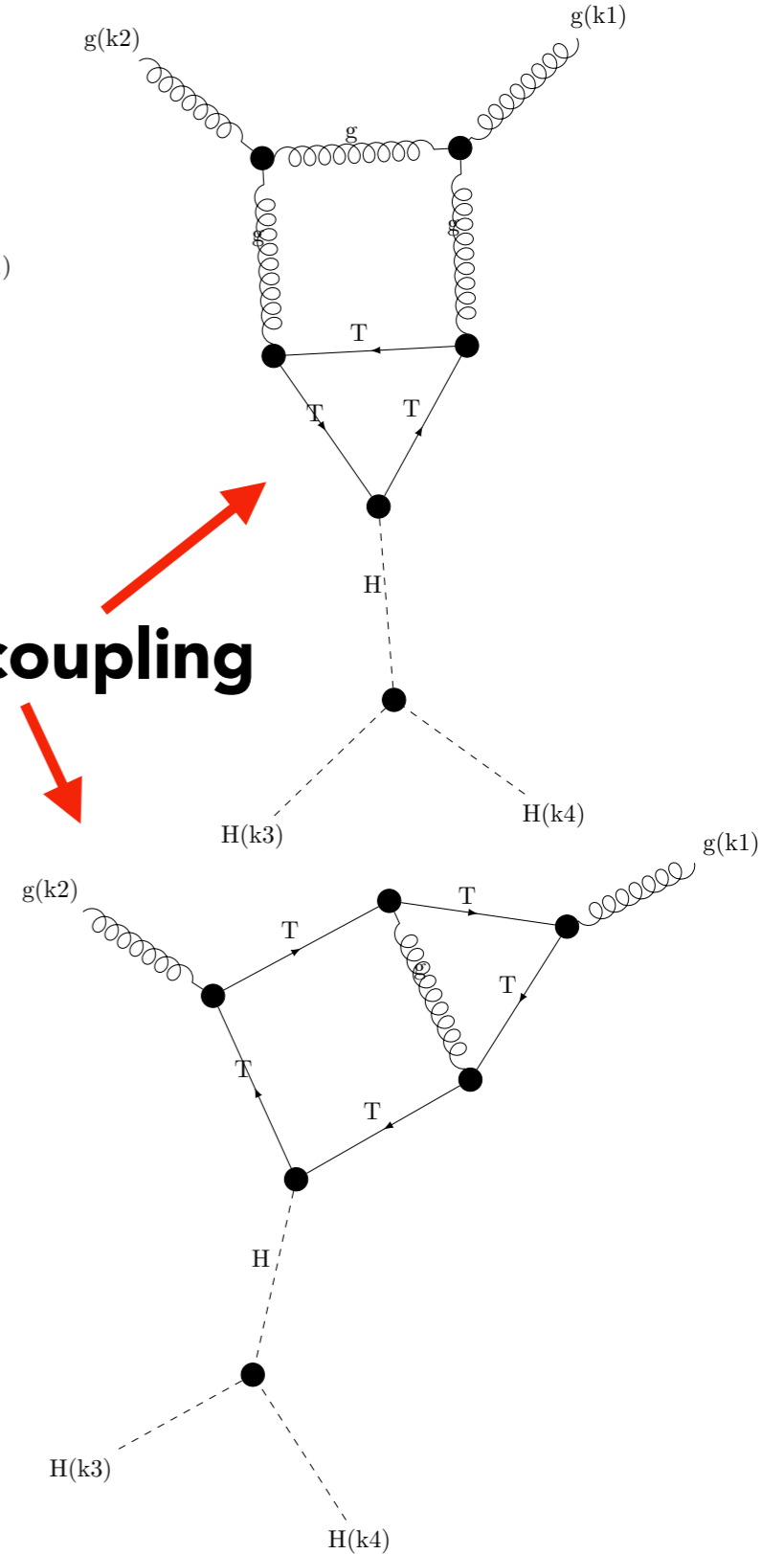
**Massive Double Box**



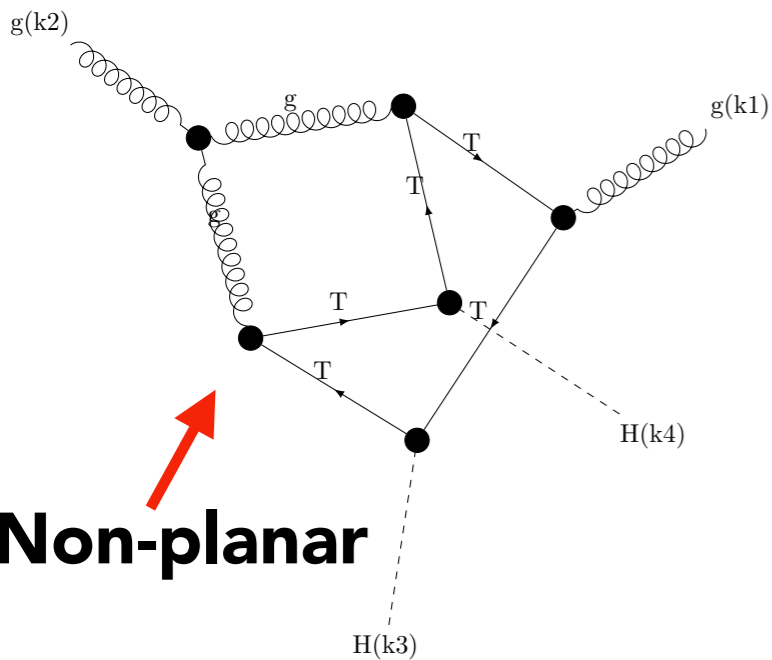
**Massless/Massive Box**



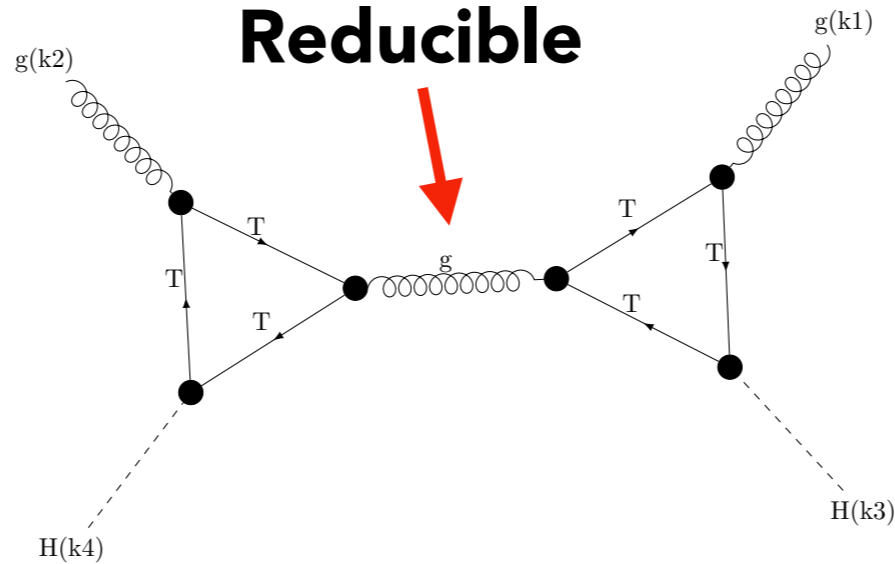
**Self-coupling**



**Non-planar**



**Reducible**



# Form Factor Decomposition

Expose tensor structure:  $\mathcal{M} = \epsilon_\mu^1 \epsilon_\nu^2 \mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu}$

Decomposition:

**Form Factors (Contain integrals)**

$$\mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu} \propto A_1(s, t, m_H^2, m_T^2, d) T_1^{\mu\nu} + A_2(s, t, m_H^2, m_T^2, d) T_2^{\mu\nu}$$

**(Tensor) Basis**

Choose:  $\mathcal{M}^{++} = \mathcal{M}^{--} = -A_1$

$\mathcal{M}^{+-} = \mathcal{M}^{-+} = -A_2$

$$T_1^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_2^\mu p_1^\nu}{p_1 \cdot p_2} \qquad p_T^2 = \frac{ut - m_H^4}{s}$$

$$T_2^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{m_H^2 p_2^\mu p_1^\nu}{p_T^2 p_1 \cdot p_2} - \frac{2p_1 \cdot p_3 p_2^\mu p_3^\nu}{p_T^2 p_1 \cdot p_2} - \frac{2p_2 \cdot p_3 p_3^\mu p_1^\nu}{p_T^2 p_1 \cdot p_2} + \frac{2p_3^\mu p_3^\nu}{p_T^2}$$

# Form Factor Decomposition

Construct Projectors:

$$P_j^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{i=1}^2 B_{ji}(s, t, m_H^2, d) T_i^{\mu\nu}$$

**No Integrals**

Such that:

$$P_{1\mu\nu} \mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu} = A_1$$

$$P_{2\mu\nu} \mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu} = A_2$$

**Same Basis as amplitude**

Explicitly; separately calculate the contraction of each projector with  $\mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu}$

Recall:

$$\mathcal{M}^{++} = \mathcal{M}^{--} = -A_1$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{+-} = \mathcal{M}^{-+} = -A_2$$

- Self-coupling diagrams are 1PR by cutting a scalar propagator
  - By angular momentum conservation they contribute only to  $A_1$
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**Current Status:** Projectors constructed/ input by hand

# Integral Reduction

Integral Reduction (dramatically) reduces the number of integrals!

Integrals	1-loop	2-loop
<b>Direct</b>	63	9865
<b>+ Symmetries</b>	21	1601
<b>+ IBPs</b>	8	~300-400



**3 Finite Boxes, 4 Finite Triangles + (d-4) x Bubble!**

**Current Status:** Writing GoSam interface to existing

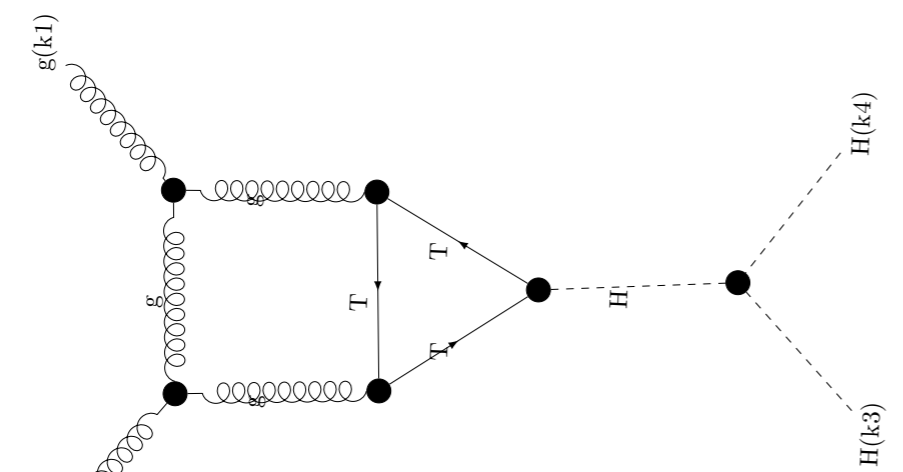
Integral Reduction tools: **Reduze**, **LiteRed**, **FIRE**

Manteuffel, Studerus 12; Lee 13; Smirnov, Smirnov 13

# Master Integrals

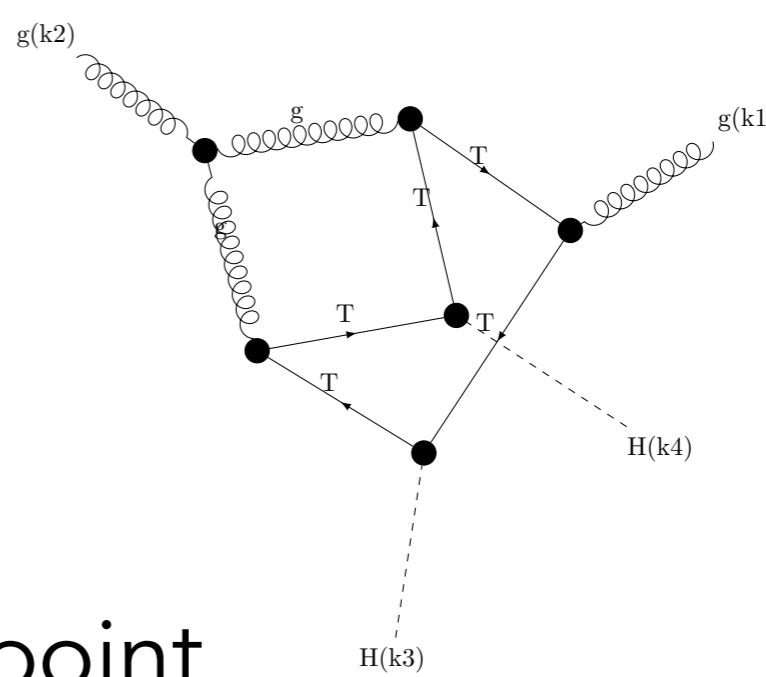
Double Higgs Production Master Integrals are tough!

- Massive propagators
- Off-shell legs



Spira, Djouadi et al. 93, 95;  
Bonciani, P. Mastrolia 03,04;  
Anastasiou, Beerli et al. 06;

3-point  
2 scales  $s, m_T^2$   
Known analytically

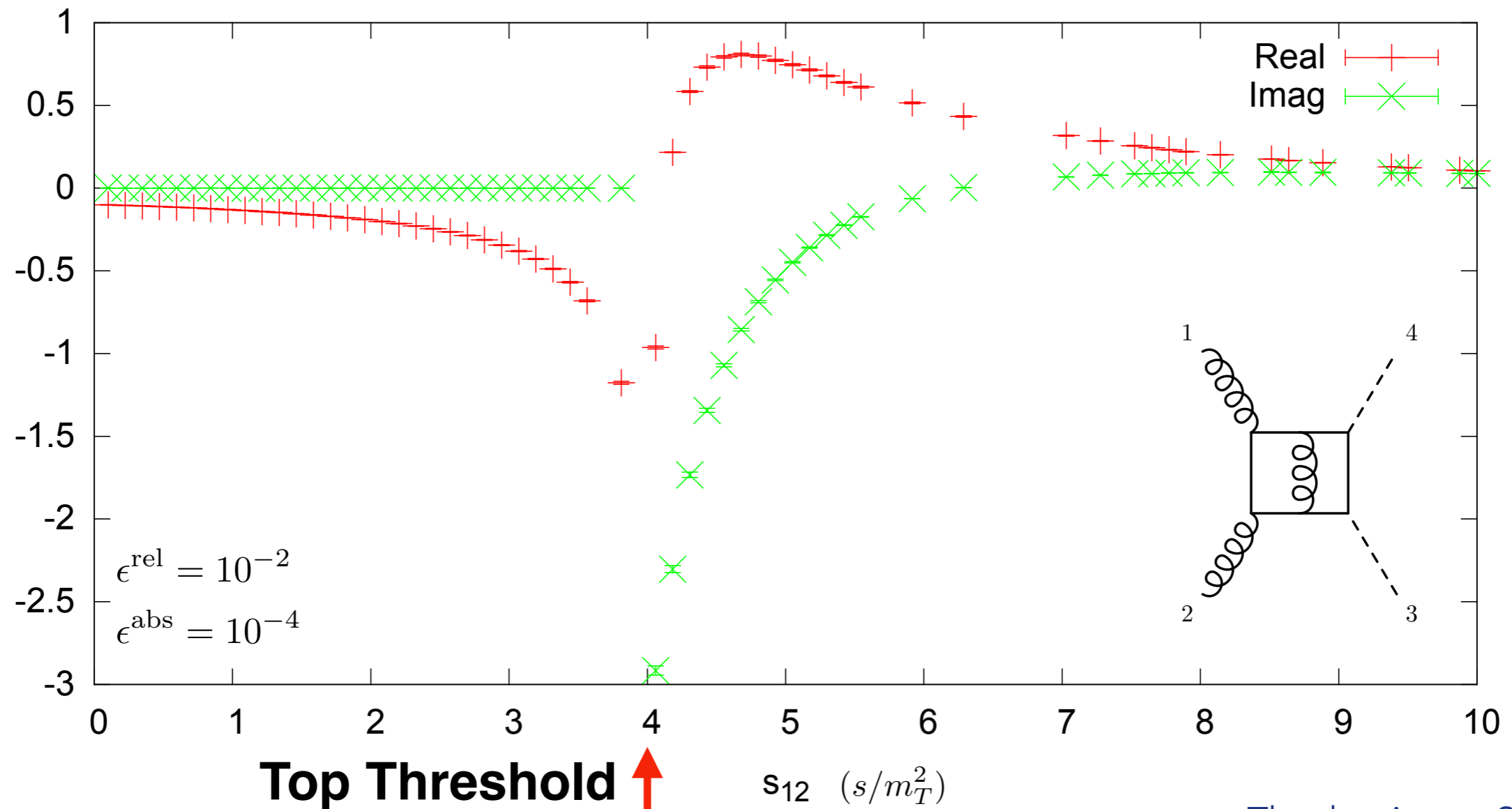


4-point  
4 scales  $s, t, m_T^2, m_H^2$   
Numerical (SecDec)

# Master Integrals (Numerical)

SecDec (<https://secdec.hepforge.org>)

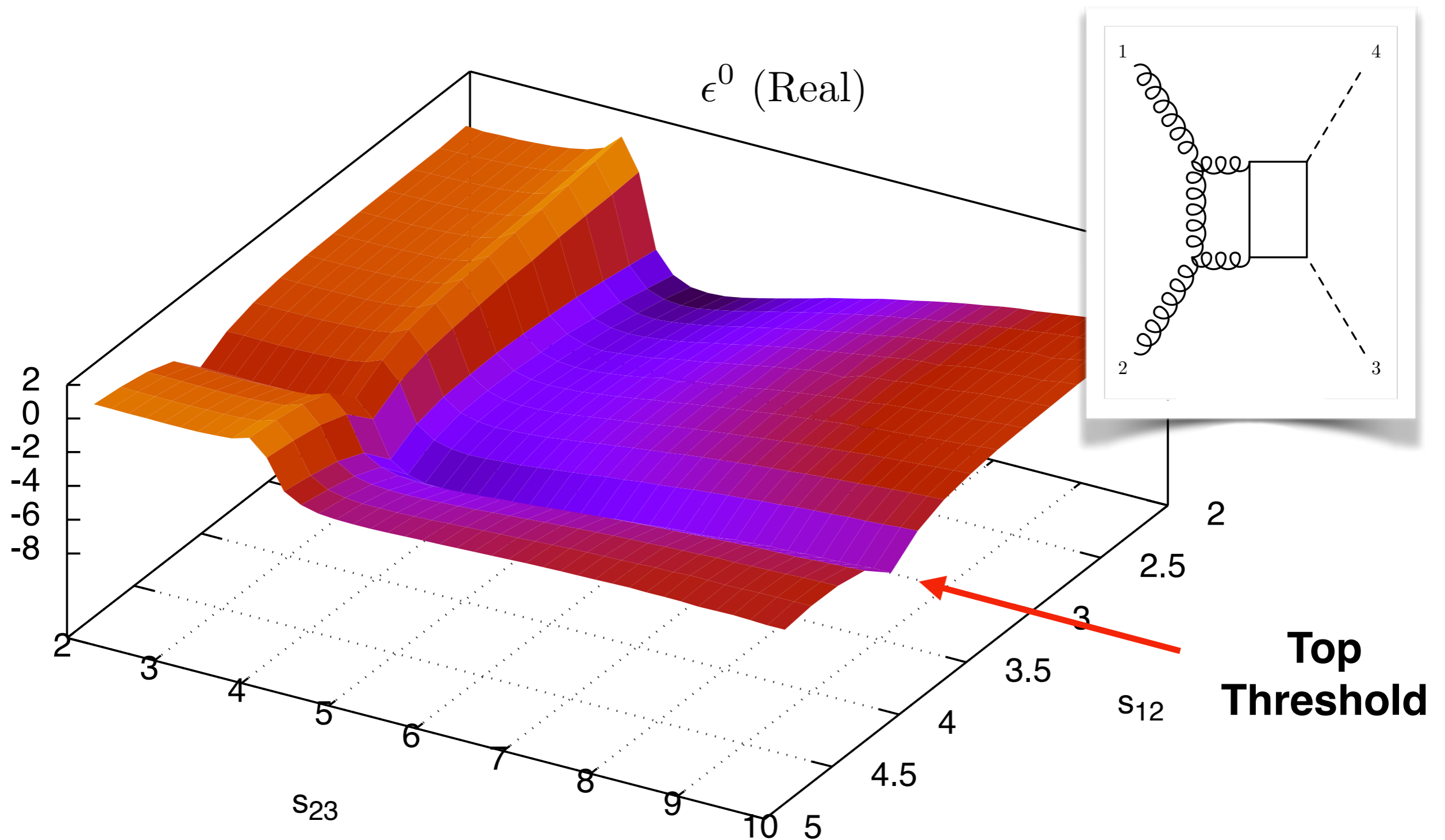
Evaluate Dimensionally regulated parameter integrals numerically



Thanks: Anton Stoyanov



# Master Integrals (Numerical)



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# Conclusion

## HH Production

- Key measurement for probing the self coupling (HL-LHC era)
- HEFT implies that the NLO K factor for gluon fusion is large
  - Tension between corrections to HEFT
  - Full NLO corrections important

## Ongoing/Future

- Extend available tools to allow computation of (some) 2-loop virtual MEs
- Fully exploit analytically known master integrals: Loopedia (?)
- Implement interface to numerical tools for unknown master integrals

**Please stay tuned!**

Backup

# Gluon Fusion NLO

**Strategy:** Extend GoSam to handle 2-loop virtual MEs

Now: Just  $gg \rightarrow HH$

Future: Other 2-loop processes

- At 1-loop GoSam utilises existing efficient numerical implementations for:

Tensor/Integrand Reduction, **GoLem95/ Ninja/ Samurai**  
Guillet et al. 13; Peraro et al. 14; Mastrolia et al. 10

Master integrals, **OneLoop/ QCDLoop/ LoopTools**  
van Hameren 10; Ellis, Zanderighi 07; Hahn, Perez-Victoria 98

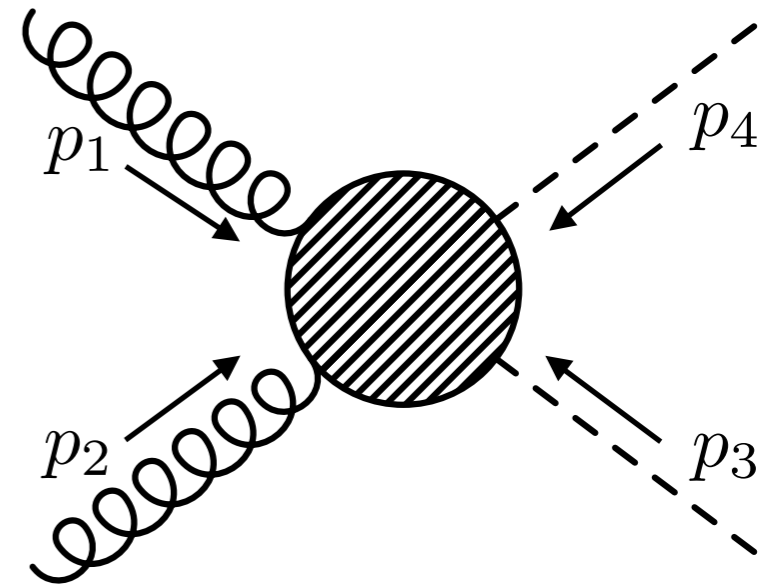
- Not available beyond 1-loop, need to make significant changes to GoSam

# Form Factor Decomposition

$$g(p_1)g(p_2) \rightarrow H(-p_3)H(-p_4) \quad \sum_{i=1}^4 p_i = 0$$

CDR (Dim =  $d$ )

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$a_{ij}$  functions of Mandelstams +  $d$

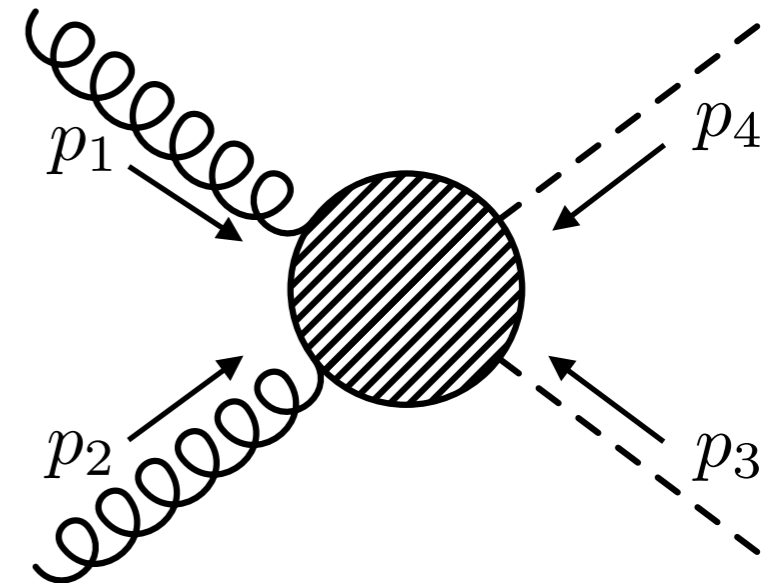
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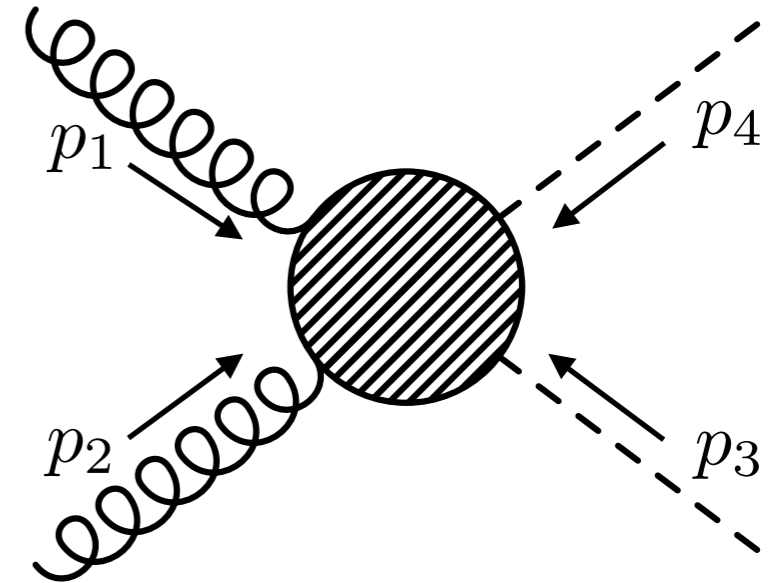
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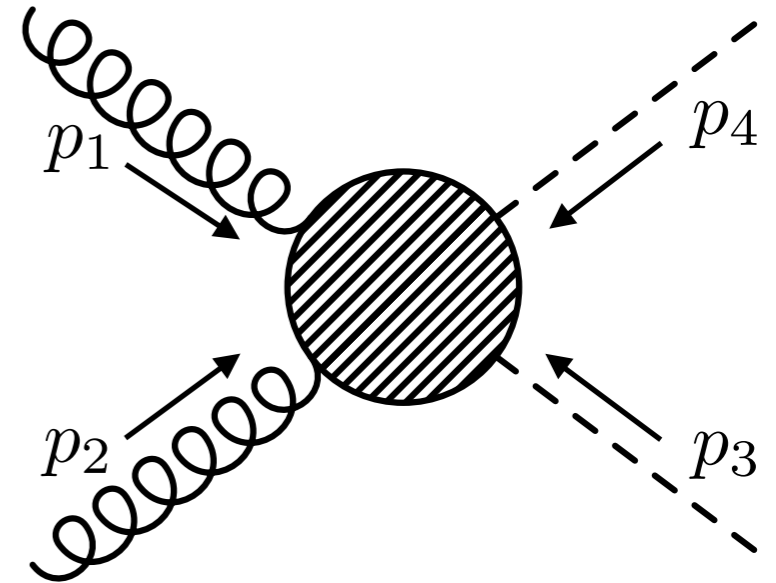
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Ward/Gauge:  $p_{1\mu} \mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu} = 0, p_{2\nu} \mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu} = 0$  Gives further identities



# Integrals

$k_i$  Loop momenta,  $p_i$  L.I. External momenta,

$$N_i = (q_i^2 - a) \text{ Propagator}^{-1}, \quad q_i = \sum_{i=1}^j b_i k_i + \sum_{i=1}^m c_i p_i$$

After Dirac algebra (Traces):

$$A_j \supset \int d^d k_1 \int d^d k_2 \frac{f(k_1 \cdot k_1, k_1 \cdot k_2, \dots, k_2 \cdot p_3)}{N_1 \cdots N_7}$$

Number of Scalar products:

$$S = \frac{l(l+1)}{2} + lm$$

$$l = 2 \quad \# \text{ Loops}$$

$$m = 3 \quad \# \text{ L.I External momenta}$$

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**(Max) 7 Propagators in Diagram**

$S > \#$ Propagators: Irreducible Numerators

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↓

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# Integral Reduction

**Integral family:** Add propagators s.t. all scalar products can be expressed in terms of (inverse) propagators

$$A_j \supset \int d^d k_1 \int d^d k_2 \frac{1}{N_1^{\alpha_1} \dots N_9^{\alpha_9}} \equiv I(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_9)$$


**Encode all integrals by their propagator powers**

**Current Status:** Integral families input by hand

Symmetries:  $I(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_9) = I(\sigma(\alpha_1), \dots, \sigma(\alpha_9))$  ← **For some**  $\alpha_i > 0$

Integration-by-parts (IBP) /Lorentz Invariance (LI) Identities

Tkachov 81; Chetyrkin, Tkachov 81

Gehrmann, Remiddi 99

Laporta/ S-Bases algorithms to automate application of

Laporta 01; Smirnov, Smirnov 06

these identities

# Uncertainties

## Total Cross Section:

Born Improved NLO HEFT

Scale  $\mu_0 = \mu_R = \mu_F = M_{HH}$ , Variation:  $[\frac{\mu_0}{2}, 2\mu_0]$

Some arguments for switching to  $\mu_0 = M_{HH}/2$  (account for NNLL?)

<b>Scale</b>	15-20%
<b>PDF + <math>\alpha_s</math></b>	6-7%
<b>EFT (NLO)</b>	~10%
<b>Total</b>	30-40%

See: Eg... Baglio, Djouadi et al. 12

# Self-Coupling Sensitivity

