

NLO QCD corrections to Heavy Higgs boson production and decay into $t\bar{t}$ within the 2HDM

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- general idea:
investigate impact of additional heavy Higgs bosons on $t\bar{t}$ production
- choose specific model featuring heavy Higgs bosons: 2HDM
- study different observables and compare their sensitivity to heavy Higgs bosons
- take NLO QCD corrections into account

studied 3 parameter scenarios
in this talk: show as an example CP-conserving scenario 1

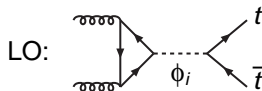
- h, ϕ_1 SM-like (by construction, so-called “alignment limit”)
- H,A-Yukawa coupling to t quark
 $a_t, b_t = \cot\beta = 1.43 \Rightarrow$ enhanced
- H,A-Yukawa coupling to b quark
 $a_b, b_b = \tan\beta \Rightarrow$ suppressed \rightarrow save to neglect
- f_{VV} : coupling to vector bosons
- m : free parameter; Γ fixed by mass and couplings

Parameters for Scenario 1

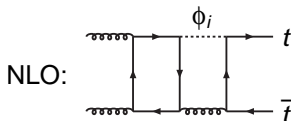
choose: $\tan\beta = 0.7, \quad \alpha = \beta - \frac{\pi}{2}$

	h	H	A
a_t	1	1.43	0
b_t	0	0	1.43
f_{VV}	1	0	0
m [GeV]	125	550	510
Γ [GeV]	0.004	34.56	49.28

Next-to-Leading Order: Approximations



LO is already a 1-loop calculation \Rightarrow NLO requires a 2-loop calculation, e.g.



\rightarrow simplify calculation by applying two approximations:



2 restrict NLO calculation to the resonant region (dominant contribution)

NLO Results: Inclusive $t\bar{t}$ Cross Section

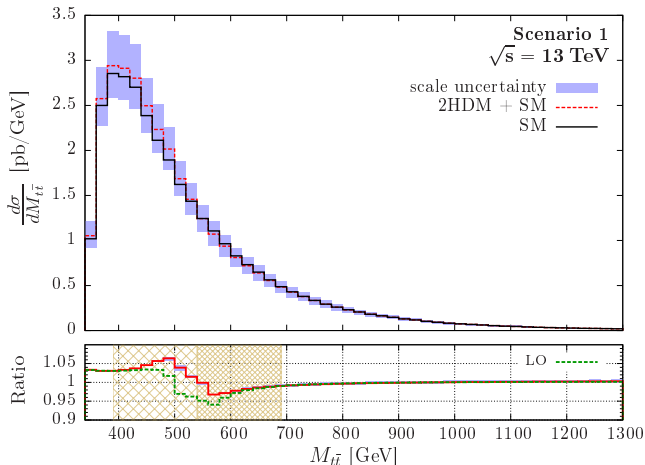
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
μ_0 [GeV]	265	312.5	325
σ_{QCDW} [pb]	$643.22^{+81.23}_{-77.71}$	$624.25^{+80.98}_{-76.19}$	$619.56^{+81.05}_{-75.72}$
σ_{2HDM} [pb]	$13.59^{+1.85}_{-1.64}$	$7.4^{+0.77}_{-0.78}$	$7.21^{+0.81}_{-0.77}$
$\sigma_{\text{2HDM}}/\sigma_{\text{QCDW}}$ [%]	2.1	1.2	1.2

$$\mu_0 = \mu_R = \mu_F = \frac{m_2 + m_3}{4}, \quad \mu \text{ variation: } \mu = \frac{\mu_0}{2}, \mu_0, 2\mu_0$$

inclusive cross section shows only **little sensitivity** to heavy Higgs contribution
(not yet constrained by measurement: $\delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{exp}} \sim 5\%$)

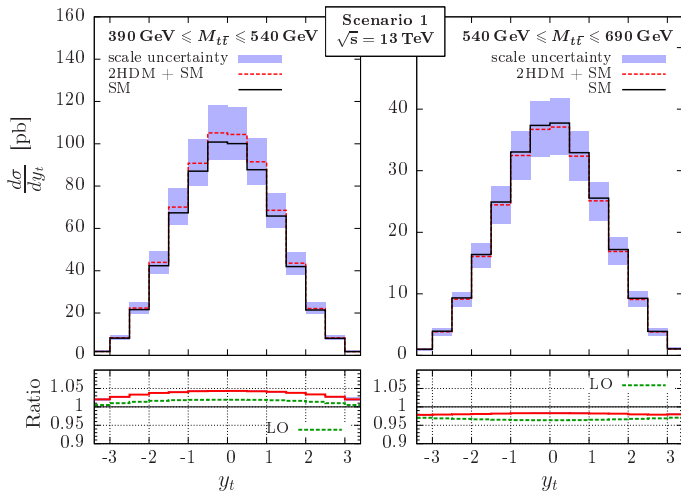
⇒ study more sensitive observables

$t\bar{t}$ Invariant Mass Distribution $M_{t\bar{t}}$



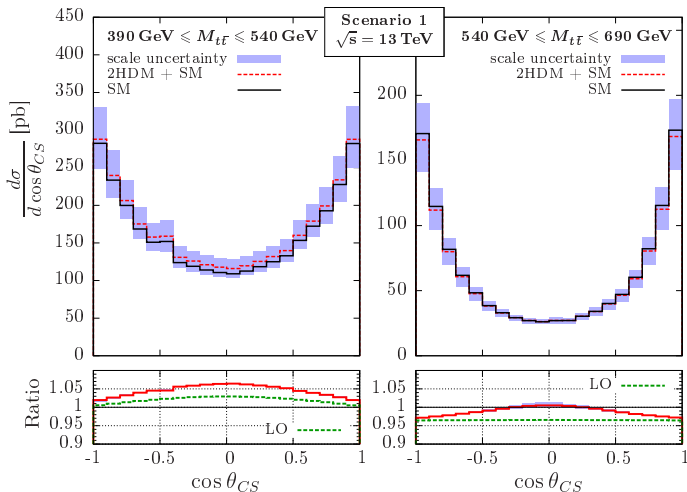
- effects of heavy Higgs bosons stronger in $M_{t\bar{t}}$ distribution (S/B > 6%)
- peak-dip cancellation for observables inclusive in $M_{t\bar{t}}$
- avoid peak-dip cancellation in other observables, e.g. y_t , $\cos\theta_{CS}$ by applying cuts below and above the resonance to estimate maximal effect

Results: Top-Quark Rapidity Distribution y_t



- NLO slightly increases effect above the resonance in the central region
 \Rightarrow **highest sensitivity in central region**
- NLO decreases effect below the resonance

Results: Cosine of Collins-Soper Angle $\cos\theta_{CS}$



- θ_{CS} defined in $t\bar{t}$ ZMF (@LO same as scattering angle)
- largest effects in central region: $\sim 7\%$ in lower $M_{t\bar{t}}$ bin

Results: Spin Dependent Observables

Try to increase signal/background ratio by analysing spin dependent observables, e.g. **spin correlations**

$$C_{aa} = -4 \langle (\mathbf{S}_t \cdot \hat{\mathbf{a}}) (\mathbf{S}_{\bar{t}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{a}}) \rangle$$

\mathbf{S}_t and $\mathbf{S}_{\bar{t}}$ are the spin operators of t and \bar{t} , respectively

choosing three different axes

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \{\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}\}$$

$\hat{\mathbf{k}}$: direction of top quark in $t\bar{t}$ ZMF, $\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}$ directions perpendicular to $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$

correlations have direct interpretation as **expectation values of angular distributions**, e.g. in the dileptonic decay of $t\bar{t}$

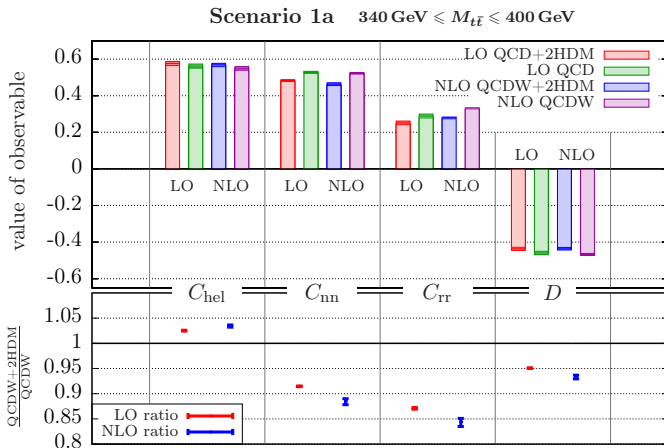
$$C_{kk} \sim \langle \cos \theta_+ \cos \theta_- \rangle$$

θ_{\pm} : angle between ℓ^{\pm} and t (\bar{t}) in the t (\bar{t}) rest frame

From C_{aa} construct **opening angle correlation**:

$$D = \langle \mathbf{S}_t \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\bar{t}} \rangle = -\frac{1}{3} (C_{kk} + C_{nn} + C_{rr})$$

Results: Spin Correlations @NLO



- model: scalar heavy Higgs boson, $m_H = 400 \text{ GeV}$, SM Yukawa couplings
- chosen $M_{\tilde{t}\tilde{t}}$ cut to enhance signal/background ratio
- C_{rr} shows strongest effect: Sig./Bkg. ratio $\sim 15\%$
- compare with Sig./Bkg. ratio of **cross section** in the same $M_{\tilde{t}\tilde{t}}$ bin: $\sim 4\%$

Heavy Higgs bosons (2HDM) can be constrained in the $t\bar{t}$ channel

(depends on Yukawa coupling / $\tan\beta$)

- use $M_{t\bar{t}}$ cuts to enhance signal from heavy Higgs bosons
- $t\bar{t}$ spin correlations show great potential to increase sensitivity significantly
- S/B ratio of spin correlations seem to be less sensitive to NLO QCD corrections

Outlook

Up to now: Only rough estimate ($\approx 10\%$) of uncertainties due to applied approximations \rightarrow investigate these uncertainties further

Thank you for your attention!

Additional Material

2-Higgs-Doublet Model (2HDM) in a Nutshell

$$\bullet \quad \Phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_1 + \phi_1 + i\chi_1) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_2^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_2 + \phi_2 + i\chi_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

CP conserving case

$$h = -\phi_1 \sin \alpha + \phi_2 \cos \alpha$$

$$H = \phi_1 \cos \alpha + \phi_2 \sin \alpha$$

$$A = -\chi_1 \sin \beta + \chi_2 \cos \beta$$

CP violating case

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \end{pmatrix} = R(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ A \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H^+ = -\xi_1^+ \sin \beta + \xi_2^+ \cos \beta$$

$$\bullet \quad \tan \beta = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$$

$$\bullet \quad \text{top-Yukawa coupling: } \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk},t} = -\frac{m_t}{v} \sum_j \bar{t}(a_{jt} - ib_{jt}\gamma_5)t\phi_j$$

• reduced Yukawa couplings a_t , b_t depend on α or α_1 , α_2 , α_3 and β

• use flavour conserving **type-II 2HDM** (d_R, ℓ_R couple to Φ_1 , u_R couple to Φ_2)
because of strong exp. constraints on FCNC

for details see, e.g.: [Branco, Ferreira, Lavoura, Rebelo, Sher, Silva, arXiv:1106.0034]

2-Higgs-Doublet Model (2HDM) – Yukawa Couplings

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Phi, \text{Yuk}} \supset -\bar{Q}_L [(\lambda_1^d \Phi_1 + \lambda_2^d \Phi_2) d_R + (\lambda_1^u \tilde{\Phi}_1 + \lambda_2^u \tilde{\Phi}_2) u_R] + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\tilde{\Phi}_i = i\tau_2 \Phi_i^*$$

Flavour conserving 2HDMs:

Type	u_R	d_R	ℓ_R
I	Φ_2	Φ_2	Φ_2
II	Φ_2	Φ_1	Φ_1
Lepton-specific (X)	Φ_2	Φ_2	Φ_1
Flipped (Y)	Φ_2	Φ_1	Φ_2

\mathcal{L}_{Yuk} in terms of Higgs mass eigenstates ϕ_j :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} \supset -\sum_j \left[\frac{m_u}{v} \bar{u} (a_{ju} - ib_{ju} \gamma_5) u + \frac{m_d}{v} \bar{d} (a_{jd} - ib_{jd} \gamma_5) d \right] \phi_j$$

$$a_{ju} = \frac{R_{j2}}{\sin \beta}, \quad b_{ju} = R_{j3} \cot \beta, \quad a_{jd} = \frac{R_{j1}}{\cos \beta}, \quad b_{jd} = R_{j3} \tan \beta, \quad v = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$$

2-Higgs-Doublet Model (2HDM) – Gauge Couplings

Higgs-Gauge couplings are derived from $\mathcal{L}_{\Phi,\text{kin}}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\Phi,\text{kin}} &= (D_\mu \Phi_1)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi_1) + (D_\mu \Phi_2)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi_2) \\ &= \mathcal{L}_{VV\Phi} + \mathcal{L}_{VV\Phi\Phi} + \mathcal{L}_{WZ\Phi\Phi} + \mathcal{L}_{W\gamma\Phi\Phi} + \mathcal{L}_{Z\Phi\Phi} + \mathcal{L}_{W\Phi\Phi} + \mathcal{L}_{\gamma\Phi\Phi}\end{aligned}$$

relevant terms for decay width

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{VV\Phi} &= f_{VV\phi_i} \left(\frac{2m_W^2}{v} W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} + \frac{m_Z^2}{v} Z_\mu Z^\mu \right) \phi_i \\ \mathcal{L}_{Z\Phi\Phi} &= \frac{m_Z}{v} f_{Z\phi_j\phi_k} (\phi_j \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \phi_k) Z^\mu\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}f_{VV\phi_i} &= R_{i1} \cos \beta + R_{i2} \sin \beta \\ f_{Z\phi_j\phi_k} &= (R_{i2} R_{j3} - R_{i3} R_{j2}) \cos \beta + (R_{i3} R_{j1} - R_{i1} R_{j3}) \sin \beta\end{aligned}$$

2HDM Type-II Scenarios

CP-conserving scenario I and II

study: $\tan\beta = 0.7$, $\alpha = \beta - \frac{\pi}{2}$

	h	H	A
a_t	1	1.43	0
b_t	0	0	1.43
f_{VV}	1	0	0
$m(\text{I})$ [GeV]	125	550	510
$\Gamma(\text{I})$ [GeV]	0.004	34.56	49.28
$m(\text{II})$ [GeV]	125	550	700
$\Gamma(\text{II})$ [GeV]	0.004	34.49	75.28

CP-violating scenario III

study: $\tan\beta = 0.7$, $\alpha_1 = \beta$,

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{\pi}{15}, \alpha_3 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

	ϕ_1	ϕ_2	ϕ_3
a_t	0.98	0.86	-1.16
b_t	0.30	0.99	0.99
f_{VV}	0.98	-0.15	-0.15
$m(\text{III})$ [GeV]	125	500	800
$\Gamma(\text{III})$ [GeV]	0.004	36.55	128.16

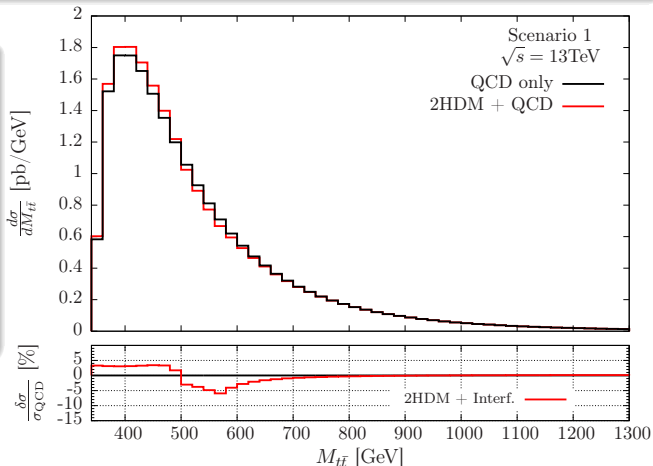
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- f_{VV} : coupling to vector bosons
- m : **free** parameter; Γ **fixed** by mass and couplings
- CPC-case I: mass degenerate; CPC-case II: mass non-degenerate

QCD contribution

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{QCD}} = \text{[tree-level gluon exchange]} + \text{[one-loop gluon corrections]} + \text{[one-loop gluon corrections]} + \text{[one-loop gluon corrections]}$$

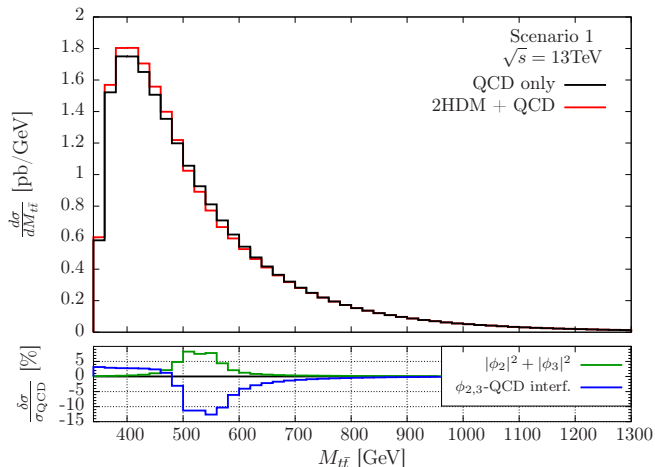
(pseudo-)scalar contribution

$$\mathcal{A}_{\phi_j} = \text{[one-loop diagram with scalar/pseudo-scalar exchange]}$$



Interference Effects

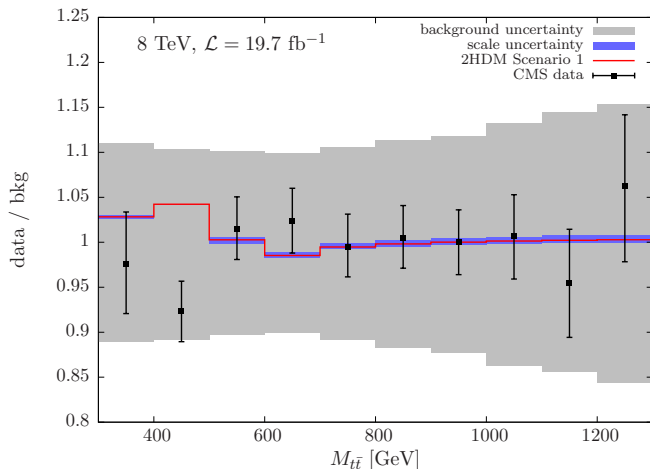
- effect of 2HDM most prominent in the **resonant region**
- **interference with QCD** very important (peak-dip instead of bump)



Leading Order Matrix Elements

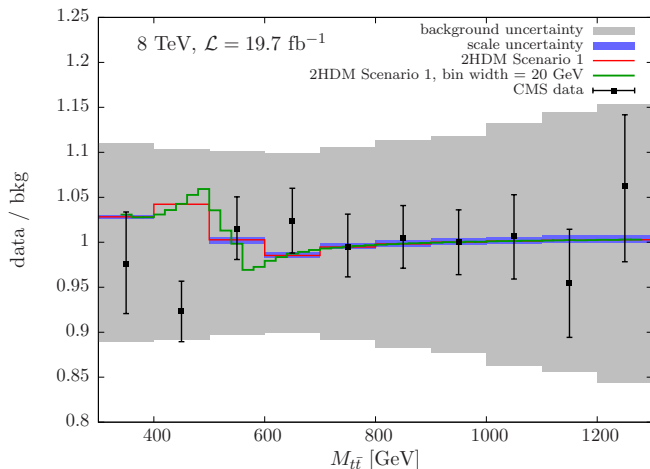
$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{\mathcal{M}}_\phi|^2 &= \frac{s^3 m_t^3}{2C_{FV}^2} \left\{ (|\tilde{f}_{S_2}|^2 + 4|\tilde{f}_{P_2}|^2)(a_{2t}^2 \beta_t^2 + b_{2t}^2) + (|\tilde{f}_{S_3}|^2 + 4|\tilde{f}_{P_3}|^2)(a_{3t}^2 \beta_t^2 + b_{3t}^2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2(\operatorname{Re}[\tilde{f}_{S_2} \tilde{f}_{S_3}^*] + \operatorname{Re}[\tilde{f}_{P_2} \tilde{f}_{P_3}^*])(a_{2t} a_{3t} \beta_t^2 + b_{2t} b_{3t}) \right\} \\ 2\overline{\operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{A}_\phi \mathcal{A}_{\text{QCD}}^*]} &= -\frac{4\pi\alpha_s m_t^2 s}{C_A C_{FV}(1 - \beta^2 z^2)} \left\{ (a_{2t} \beta_t^2 \operatorname{Re}[\tilde{f}_{S_2}] - 2b_{2t} \operatorname{Re}[\tilde{f}_{P_2}]) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (a_{3t} \beta_t^2 \operatorname{Re}[\tilde{f}_{S_3}] - 2b_{3t} \operatorname{Re}[\tilde{f}_{P_3}]) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Comparison with CMS [arXiv:1309.2030]



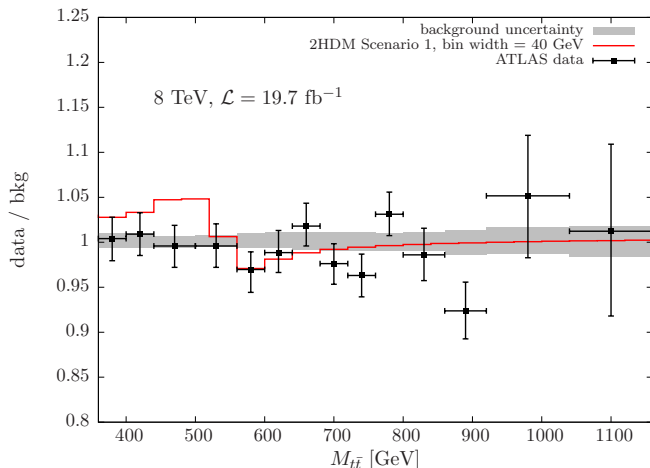
background uncertainty too large to exclude scenario 1

Comparison with CMS [arXiv:1309.2030]



peak-dip cancellation due to large bin width

Comparison with ATLAS [ATLAS-CONF-2016-073]



ATLAS-CONF-2016-073
Fig. 7a

μ +jets, b-tag category 1

- strong reduction of background uncertainty
 - small bin width
 - interference effects taken into account
- exclude scenario 1 at $> 95\%$ CL

for details about
[ATLAS-CONF-2016-073](#)
see
Katharina's talk

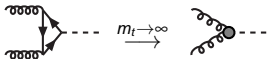
Next-to-Leading Order – Heavy Top Quark Limit

LO is already a 1-loop calculation

⇒ NLO is a 2-loop calculation

Use effective $gg\phi$ vertex:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = (f_S G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} + f_P \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} G_a^{\mu\nu} G_a^{\rho\sigma}) \phi$$



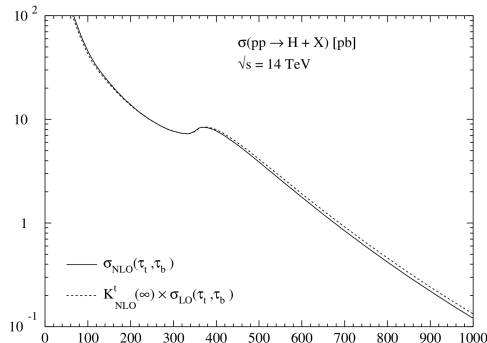
Effective theory : leading order in the $1/m_t$ expansion of the $gg\phi$ vertex

→ take higher orders of $1/m_t$ into account by using K-factor

[Krämer, Laenen, Spira 1996]

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{approx}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{eff}}}{\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{eff}}} \sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{full}}$$

Good approximation for Higgs production:

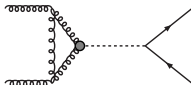


- major part of NLO QCD corrections originates from soft/collinear gluons which do not resolve the effective coupling
- here we assume that this is true for the process $pp \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ as well

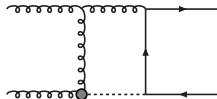
Next-to-Leading Order – Soft Gluon Approximation

- Seen in LO: significant contributions from the extended Higgs sector to $t\bar{t}$ production only in resonance region
- at NLO: restrict the calculation to the resonance region

a) factorizing contributions, e.g.



b) non-factorizing contributions, e.g.



- extract pole contribution by soft gluon approximation

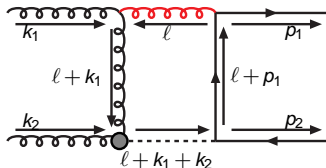
$$\xrightarrow{l \rightarrow 0} \sim \frac{1}{s - m_\phi^2 + i\Gamma_\phi m_\phi}$$

⇒ non-factorizing contributions from real and virtual corrections cancel

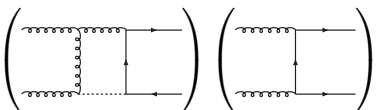
$$\left(\text{Diagram 1} \right) \left(\text{Diagram 2} \right)^* + \left(\text{Diagram 3} \right) \left(\text{Diagram 4} \right)^* \Big|_{\text{soft-gluon approx.}} = 0$$

Soft-Gluon Approximation

Example: Box Diagram



$$\xrightarrow{l \rightarrow 0} \sim \frac{1}{\hat{s} - m_\phi^2 + i\Gamma_\phi m_\phi} + \text{non-resonant terms}$$

Example for Virtual Correction:  *

neglect loop momenta in the numerator \rightarrow scalar integral:

$$\int \frac{d^4 \ell}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(\ell^2 + i\epsilon)((\ell + k_1)^2 + i\epsilon)((\ell + k_1 + k_2)^2 - m_\phi^2 + i\Gamma_\phi m_\phi)((\ell + p_1)^2 - m_t^2 + i\epsilon)}$$

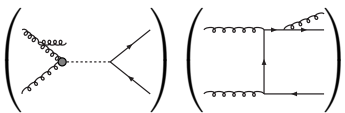
neglect ℓ^2 terms in the denominator where possible

$$\int \frac{d^4 \ell}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(\ell^2 + i\epsilon)(2\ell k_1 + i\epsilon)(2\ell(k_1 + k_2) + \hat{s} - m_\phi^2 + i\Gamma_\phi m_\phi)(2\ell p_1 + i\epsilon)}$$

perform contour integration

$$\begin{aligned} & -i \int \frac{d^3 \ell}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2|\vec{\ell}| \left[-2|\vec{\ell}|k_1^0 + 2\vec{\ell}\vec{k}_1 + i\epsilon \right] \left[-2|\vec{\ell}|(k_1^0 + k_2^0) + 2\vec{\ell}(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2) + \hat{s} - m_\phi^2 + i\Gamma_\phi m_\phi \right] \left[-2|\vec{\ell}|p_1^0 + 2\vec{\ell}\vec{p}_1 + i\epsilon \right]} \\ & = +i \int \frac{d^3 \ell}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2\ell^0 \left[-2\ell k_1 + i\epsilon \right] \left[-2\ell(k_1 + k_2) + \hat{s} - m_\phi^2 + i\Gamma_\phi m_\phi \right] \left[2\ell p_1 - i\epsilon \right]}; \quad \ell^0 = |\vec{\ell}| \end{aligned}$$

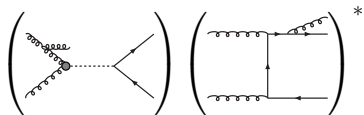
Soft-Gluon Approximation

Example Real Correction: 

$$\rightarrow -i \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3 2q^0} \frac{1}{[-2qk_1 + i\epsilon] [-2q(k_1 + k_2) + \hat{s} - m_\phi^2 + i\Gamma_\phi m_\phi] [2qp_1 - i\epsilon]}$$

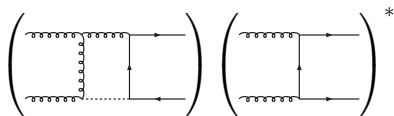
$$q^0 = |\vec{q}|$$

Soft-Gluon Approximation



$$\rightarrow -i \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3 2q^0} \frac{1}{[-2qk_1 + i\epsilon] [-2q(k_1 + k_2) + \hat{s} - m_\phi^2 + i\Gamma_\phi m_\phi] [2qp_1 - i\epsilon]}$$

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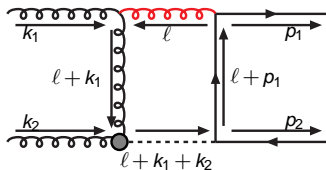


$$\rightarrow +i \int \frac{d^3 \ell}{(2\pi)^3 2\ell^0} \frac{1}{[-2\ell k_1 + i\epsilon] [-2\ell(k_1 + k_2) + \hat{s} - m_\phi^2 + i\Gamma_\phi m_\phi] [2\ell p_1 - i\epsilon]}$$

$$\ell^0 = |\vec{\ell}|$$

Soft-Gluon Approximation

Example: Box Diagram



$$\xrightarrow{\ell \rightarrow 0} \sim \frac{1}{\hat{s} - m_\phi^2 + i\Gamma_\phi m_\phi} + \text{non-resonant terms}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram 1]} \\ \text{[Diagram 2]} \end{array} \right) + \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram 3]} \\ \text{[Diagram 4]} \end{array} \right) \Bigg|_{\text{soft-gluon approx.}} = 0$$

non-factorizing virtual corrections cancel with real corrections from initial and final state radiation in the soft-gluon approximation

(known effect from: [Beenakker, Chapovsky, Berends '97])

- only valid if observable is inclusive enough

Heavy Higgs Widths

	Scenario 1		Scenario 2		Scenario 3	
	Γ_2 [GeV]	Γ_3 [GeV]	Γ_2 [GeV]	Γ_3 [GeV]	Γ_2 [GeV]	Γ_3 [GeV]
$\phi_j \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	34.48	49.15	34.41	71.97	32.31	85.05
$\phi_j \rightarrow VV$	0	0	0	0	1.12	5.11
$\phi_j \rightarrow \phi_1 Z$	0	0	0	0	0.65	3.24
$\phi_j \rightarrow \phi_2 Z$	0	0	0	3.14	0	31.28
$\phi_j \rightarrow \phi_1 \phi_1$	0	0	0	0	2.38	3.00
$\phi_j \rightarrow \phi_1 \phi_2$	0	0	0	0	0	0.31
$\phi_j \rightarrow gg$	0.08	0.13	0.08	0.17	0.08	0.17
Total	34.56	49.28	34.49	75.28	36.55	128.16

Mass [GeV]	550	510	550	700	500	800
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