# Towards $p p \rightarrow W W$ at NNLO

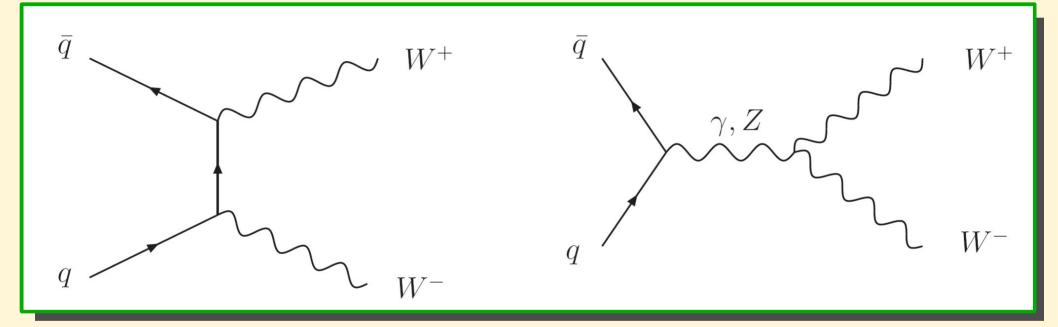
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## The process

W Pair Production in the quark-anti-quark annihilation channel – Tree level diagrams



It is a  $2 \rightarrow 2$  process with **massive** particles Goal: Calculate this process at NNLO (two-loop) in QCD

## One is bound to ask:

## Do we really need to go up to NNLO?

- NNLO is needed when
- NLO corrections are large
- For benchmark measurements
- Theoretical uncertainty smaller or matching

*the experimental errors* State of the art (for LHC):



# Outline

- Focus on hadronic W pair production: Virtual two-loop and one-loop squared amplitudes
- Motivation for studying  $q q \rightarrow W W$  accurately
- **Results:** NNLO Virtual Corrections in the High Energy Limit, Power Corrections (11 terms)
- Conclusions Outlook

## Full mass dependence

## Motivation I

W pair production important as a **signal** in searches for **New Physics.** Testing ground for non-abelian structure of SM, triple gauge couplings,  $\gamma$ WW, ZWW

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow W^+W^-) =$$

 $14.6^{+5.8}_{-5.1}$ (stat) $^{+1.8}_{-3.0}$ (syst)  $\pm 0.9$ (lum) pb

$$13.8^{+4.3}_{-3.8}$$
(stat)  $^{+1.2}_{-0.9}$ (syst)  $\pm 0.9$ (lum) pb

$\sqrt{s} = 2 \text{ TeV}$	$W^+W^-$			$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$	$W^+W^-$	
$(p\bar{p})$	MRS98	CTEQ5		(pp)	MRS98	CTEQ5
Born [pb]	10.0	10.3		Born [pb]	81.8	86.7
Full [pb]	13.0	13.5		Full [pb]	120.6	127.8

Tevatron

Campbell, Ellis ('99)

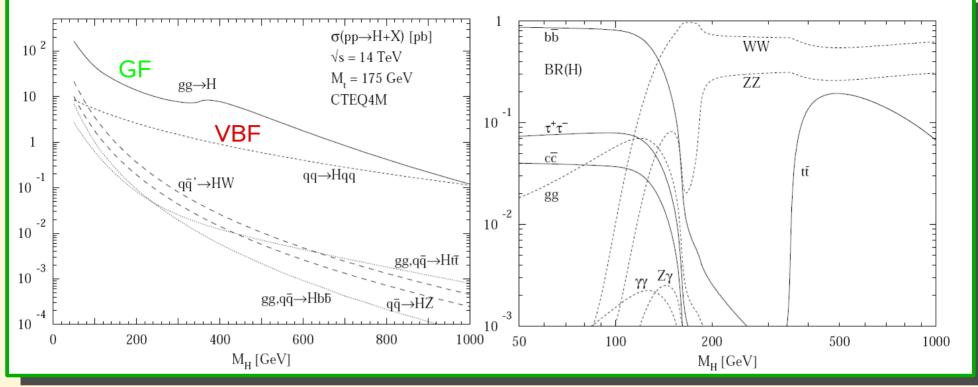
Motivation II

## The 'elusive' Higgs boson Higgs:

- Only constituent of the SM not experimentally observed yet.
- Electroweak symmetry breaking
- Description of particle masses

Discovery by itself is not enough! Properties of the Higgs needed to exclude or verify alternative models

## Motivation II

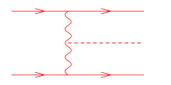


## LHC Higgs production ...

Gluon Fusion channel is the dominant production mechanism up to  $\rm M_{_H}$  ~ 1 TeV :  $g~g \rightarrow H$ 

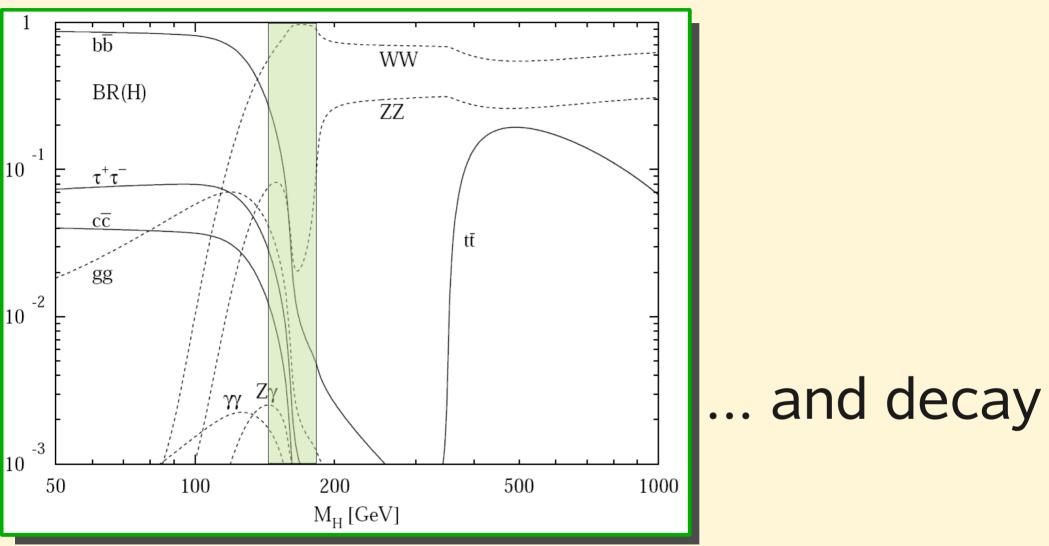
Sub-dominant production process is Vector Boson Fusion:  $q\;q \rightarrow V\;V\; \rightarrow q\;q\;H$ 

Spira '97 Spira '97 Gluon fusion (GF)



vector boson fusion (VBF)

**Motivation II** 



Once the Higgs is produced it will eventually decay into different particles depending on its mass. In the Higgs mass range 140 - 180 GeV the main decay mode is into W pairs

Motivation II

Going after the Higgs: Main discovery Channels

 $M_{H}: 114 - 140 \text{ GeV}$  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ 

 $M_{\rm H} : 180 - 600 \text{ GeV}$  $H \to Z Z \to 4 l$ 

 $M_{H}: 140 - 180 \text{ GeV}$  $H \rightarrow W W \rightarrow 2 l + \text{missing Energy } E_{T}$ 

Pick up the signal process
Avoid or suppress the usually large <u>background</u>
Accurate theoretical predictions for both signal and background

Main background (irreducible): W pair production

# Mini Summary

# W Pair Production is important at the LHC:

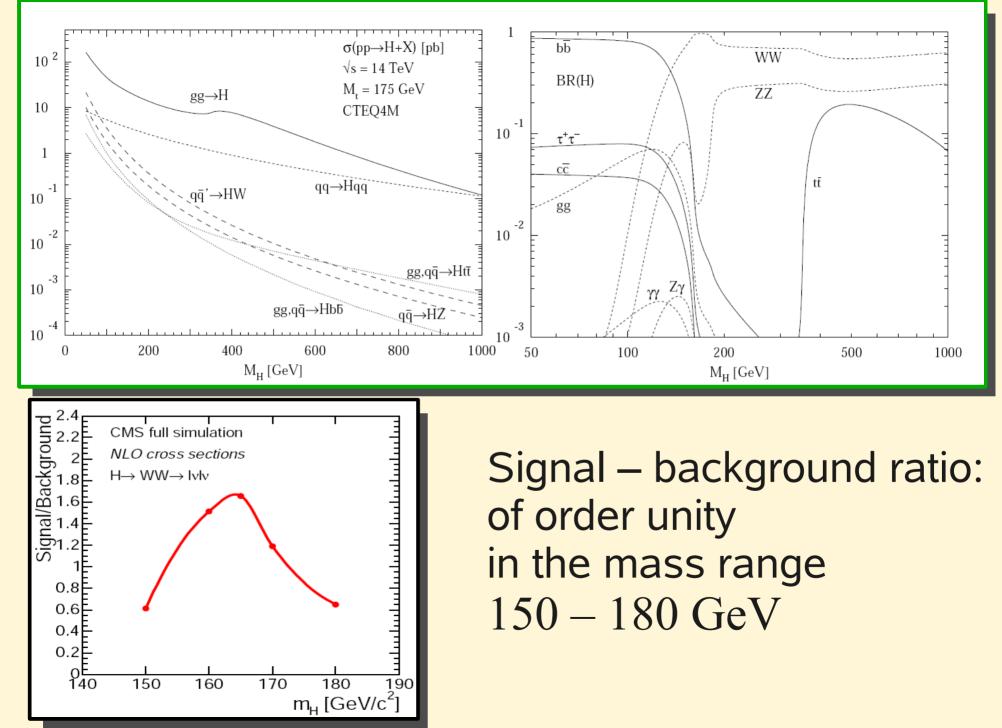
## Searches for New Physics

 Irreducible background to Higgs production W Pair Production All these are nice but still ...

# ... do we really need to go up to NNLO?

The answer is YES!

## W Pair Production Signal/background



## Signal known to NNLO

## **QCD corrections to :**

 $g g \rightarrow H$ NLO: Contribute ~ 70% Dawson ('91); Djouadi, Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas ('95) NNLO: Contribute an additional 20% for LHC Harlander, Kilgore ('02); Anastasiou, Melnikov ('02) Ravindran, Smith, van Neerven ('03) With a Jet veto at NNLO: corrections ~ 85% Catani, de Florian, Grazzini ('02) Davatz, Dissertori, Dittmar, Grazzini, Pauss ('04) Anastasiou, Melnikov, Petrielo ('04)  $H \rightarrow W W \rightarrow l v l v$ **NNLO** Anastasiou, Dissertori, Stöckli, Webber ('08) Grazinni ('08)

## Background

• <u>qq</u>→WW

70% enhancement at NLO. With a jet veto the enhancements fall to 20-30%

Dixon, Kunszt, Signer ('98, '99)

• <u>loop induced gg</u> $\rightarrow$ WW Contributes to the quark annihilation channel at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ . Enhanced by the **large gluon flux.** After Higgs search cuts it increases the background by 30%, with no cuts by 5%

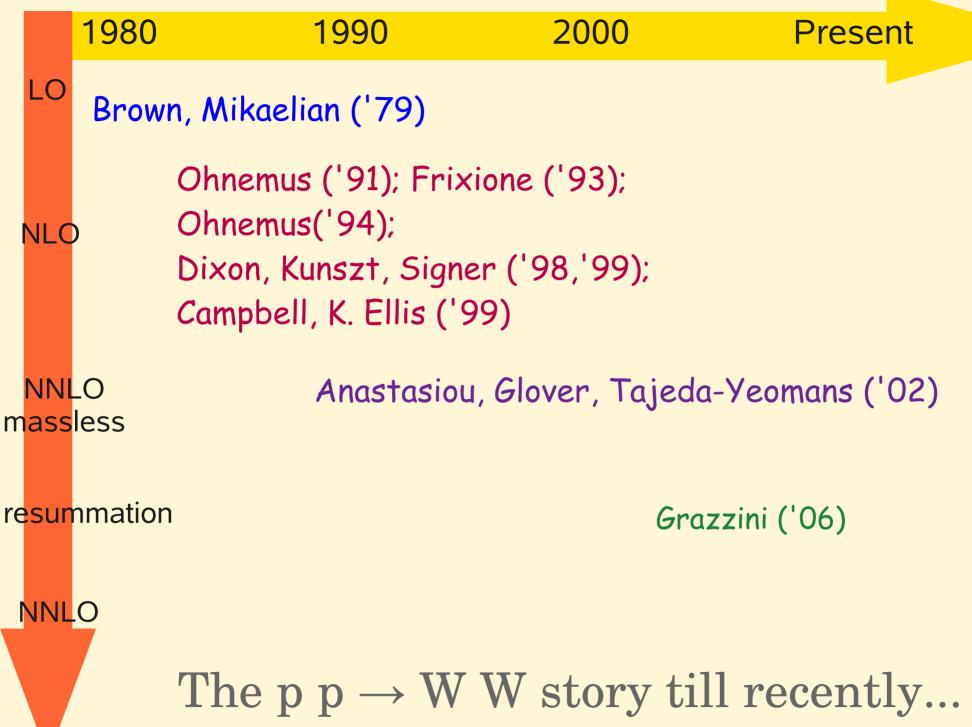
> Glover, van der Bij ('89); Kao, Dicus ('91) Binoth, Ciccolini, Kauer, Krämer ('05)

Duhrssen, Jackobs, v. d. Bij, Marquard ('05)

• EW corrections

Accomando, Denner, Kaiser('05)

Necessity of NNLO calculation for a few % level accuracy



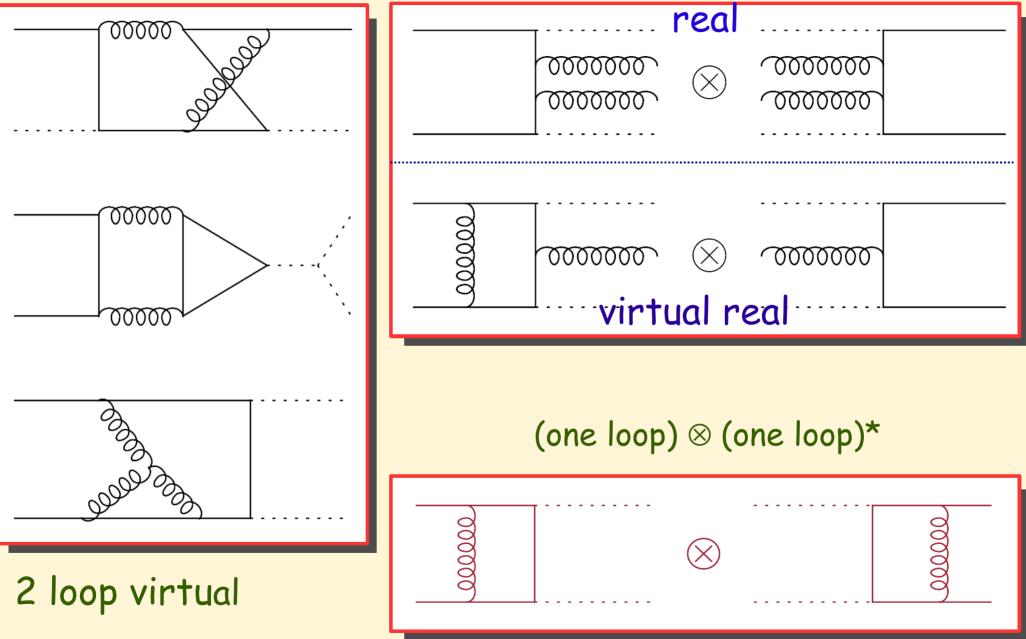
## We would now like to have...

... Cross sections for W Pair production at NNLO

with full mass dependence...

- ... Then start with the amplitudes...
- ... The difficult part on the amplitude level is the virtual corrections, in particular the two-loop diagrams contracted with the Born ones

## W Pair Production Well, that means... many diagrams



# So what is at stake?

• A NNLO (4 legs, 2 loops) calculation of a process with massive particles (similarities to "heavy quark production")

Czakon, Mitov, Moch('07), Czakon ('08)

- Color and spin averaged amplitudes
- Kinematical region: all kinematical invariants large compared to the W mass:  $M_w^2 \ll s, t, u$
- We expand with respect to  $m_s = M_w^2/s$
- Exact analytic result in the high energy limit (up to terms suppressed by powers of  $m_s$ )
- Reconstruct (numerically) **full mass dependence** for the whole phase space

# The main difficulty

For the 2-loop amplitude the difficult part here is to compute the Feynman Integrals

We choose to do that using the Mellin-Barnes representations technique

### W Pair Production Mellin-Barnes: a simple example

$$\frac{1}{(A+B)^n} = \frac{1}{2\pi i\Gamma(n)} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} dz \frac{A^z}{B^{n+z}} \Gamma(-z)\Gamma(n+z)$$

• Example

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} e^{\epsilon \gamma} \Gamma(2+\epsilon) \int dx_1 \dots dx_4 \delta(1-x_1-\dots-x_4) \frac{1}{(-sx_2x_3-tx_1x_4)^{2+\epsilon}} \right\}$$

$$\frac{e^{\epsilon\gamma}}{2\pi i} \frac{1}{(-s)^{2+\epsilon}} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} dz \ \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^z \frac{\Gamma^2(-1-\epsilon-z)\Gamma(-z)\Gamma^2(1+z)\Gamma(2+\epsilon+z)\Gamma$$

 $\operatorname{Re} \epsilon = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad \operatorname{Re} z = -\frac{3}{4}$ 

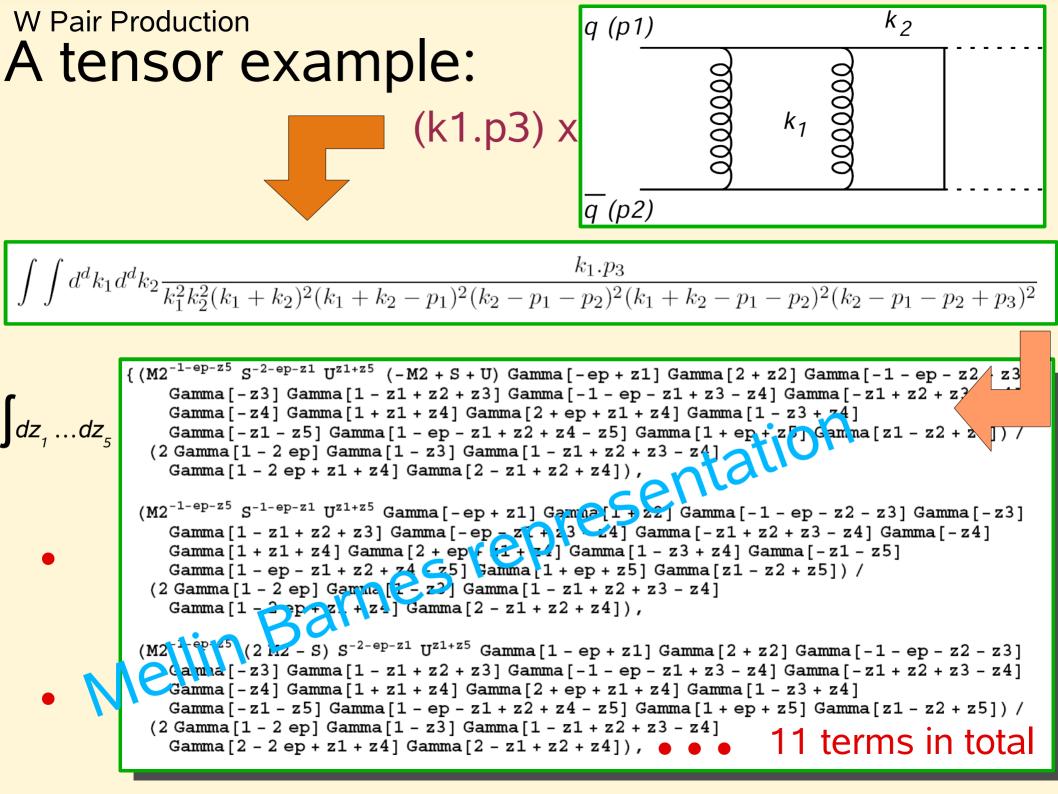
# Mellin-Barnes

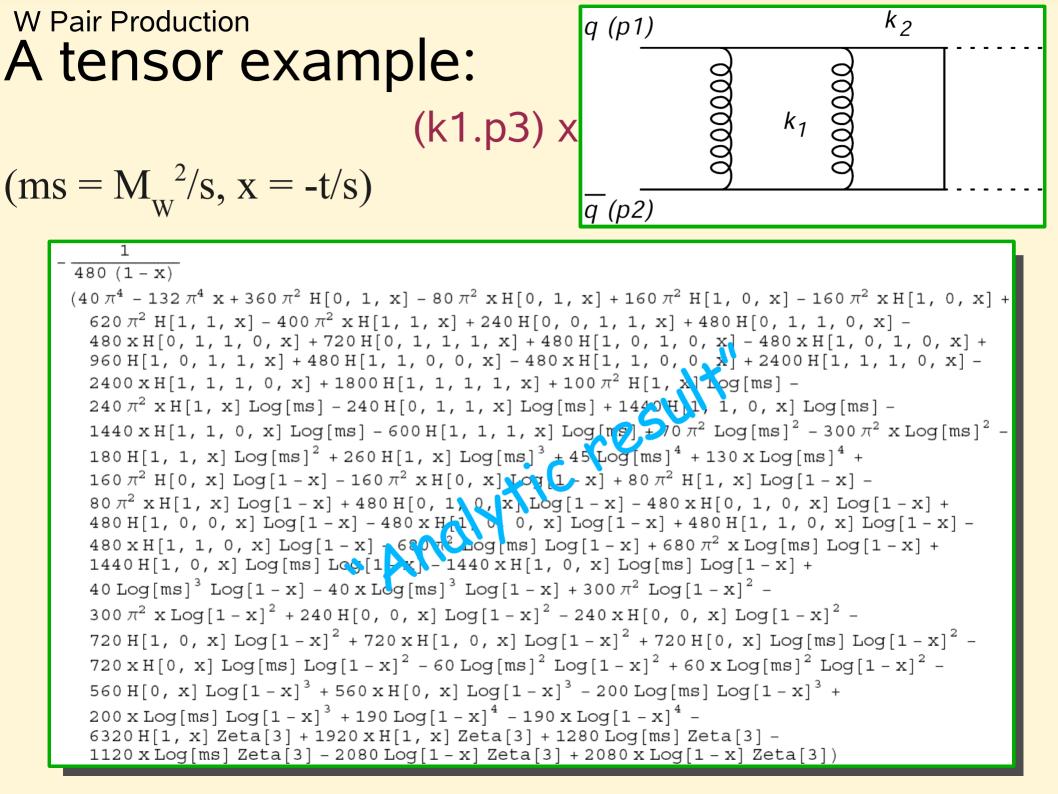
Do a reduction a la Laporta into Masters, then starting from the Feynman parameters representation of a master, "walk" the following <u>Steps</u>:

- produce representations (MBrepresentations.m)
- analytically continue in ε to the vicinity of 0 and expand in mass (MB.m)
- perform as many as possible integrations using Barnes lemmas (BarnesRoutines.m, Kosower)
- resum the remaining integrals by transforming into harmonic series (**Xsummer**)
- resum remaining constants by high-precision numerical evaluation (quadprec.m) and fit them to a transcendental basis (PSLQ)

## Software

(GC, Czakon) **MBrepresentations.m** Produces representations for any multi-loop, planar or non-planar, scalar or tensor integral of any rank! (Czakon) MB.m Determination of contours, analytic continuation, expansion in a chosen parameter, numerical integration (Moch, Uwer) <u>XSummer</u> Evaluation of harmonic sums (Bailey) **PSLO** Fitting to a transcendental basis (Czakon) quadprec.m High precision numerical evaluation with up to 64 digits





## Catani's recipe: An important test

One loop: For the IR pole structure of the renormalized amplitude you need the tree level amplitude and  $I^{(!)}$ : (Catani, Seymour '98)

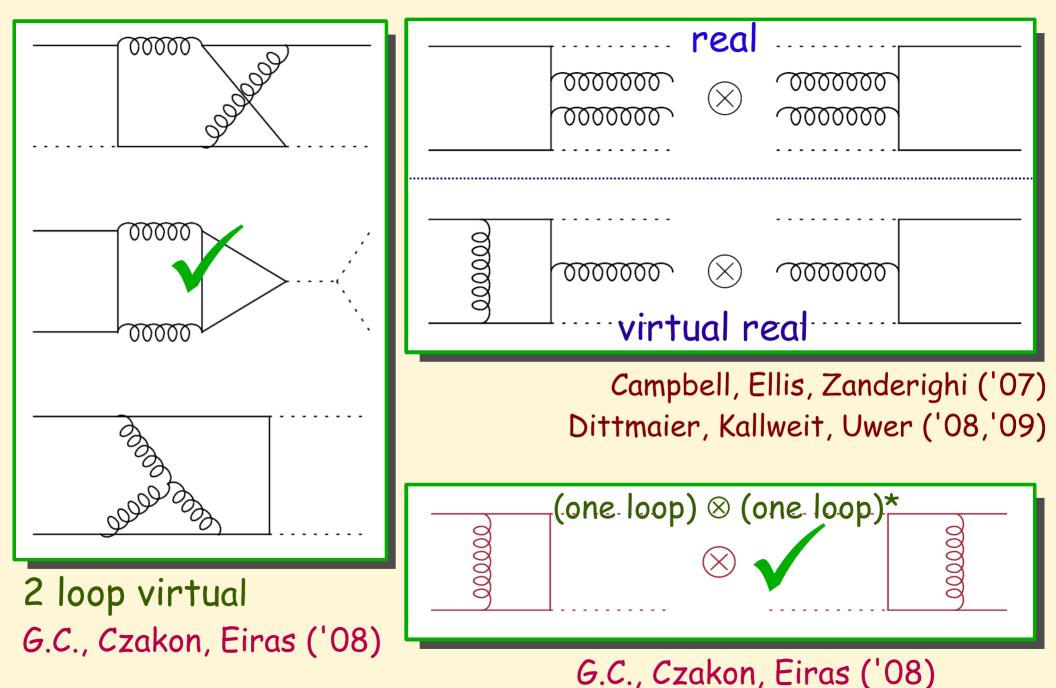
 $|\mathcal{M}_{m}^{(1)}(\mu^{2};\{p\})\rangle_{\text{RS}} = \boldsymbol{I}^{(1)}(\epsilon,\mu^{2};\{p\}) |\mathcal{M}_{m}^{(0)}(\mu^{2};\{p\})\rangle_{\text{RS}} + |\mathcal{M}_{m}^{(1)}^{(1)}(\mu^{2};\{p\})\rangle_{\text{RS}}$ 

<u>Two loop</u>: Now you need tree and one loop level amplitude: (Catani '98)

$$\begin{split} |\mathcal{M}_{m}^{(2)}(\mu^{2};\{p\})\rangle_{\text{RS}} &= \mathbf{I}^{(1)}(\epsilon,\mu^{2};\{p\}) |\mathcal{M}_{m}^{(1)}(\mu^{2};\{p\})\rangle_{\text{RS}} \\ &+ \mathbf{I}^{(2)}_{\text{RS}}(\epsilon,\mu^{2};\{p\}) |\mathcal{M}_{m}^{(0)}(\mu^{2};\{p\})\rangle_{\text{RS}} + |\mathcal{M}_{m}^{(2)\text{fin}}(\mu^{2};\{p\})\rangle_{\text{RS}} \end{split}$$

Singular dependence embodied in the operators  $I^{(1)}$  and  $I^{(2)}$ 

Check list:



# Mid talk summary

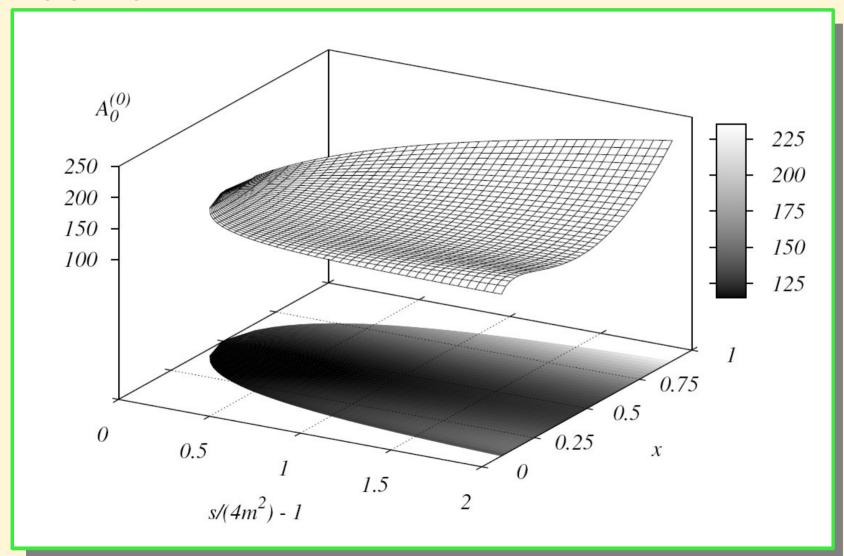
We have the full (virtual) result up to O(m<sub>s</sub><sup>0</sup>) in the high energy limit for the virtual corrections.
Mellin Barnes representations approach is a powerful technique though not an easy one (especially for the non-planar graphs).

Nevertheless, ready for the next step: **Full mass dependence** Similar to M. Czakon [arXiv:0803.1400] using

•Numerical Differential Equation method Caffo, Czyz, Laporta, Remiddi ('98)

#### W Pair Production Full mass dependence-how to

•Numerical solution of differential equations: an example from Top pair production



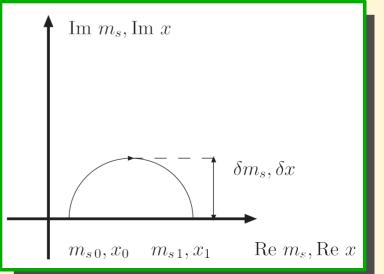
Plot stolen from M. Czakon's paper "Mass effects and..." '08

### W Pair Production **Towards a numerical solution**

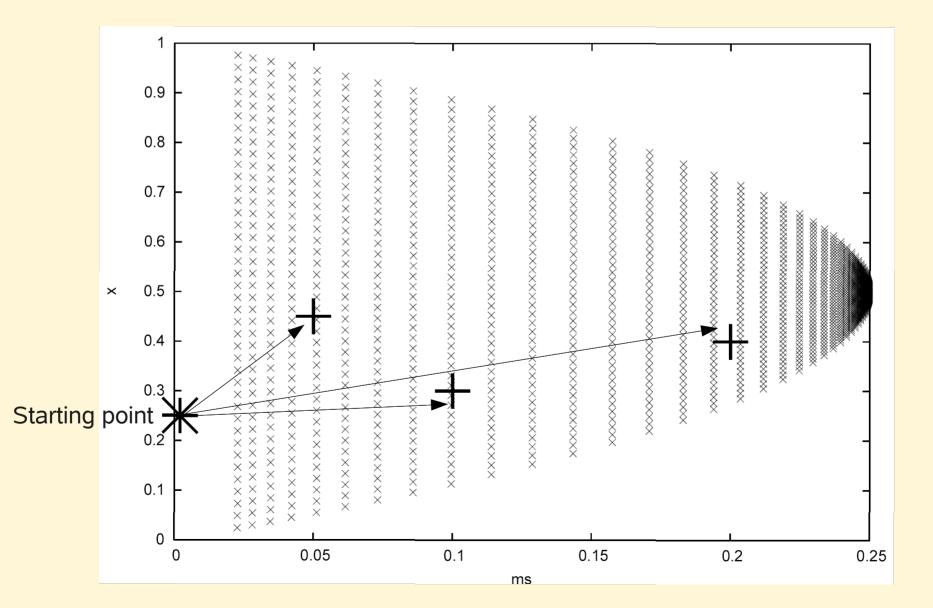
- Compute the high energy asymptotics of the master integrals obtaining the leading behaviour of the amplitude
- Determine the coefficients of the mass expansions using differential equations in  $m_{_{\rm S}}$  obtaining the power corrections

$$m_{s} \frac{d}{d m_{s}} M_{i}(m_{s}, x, \epsilon) = \sum_{j} C_{ij}(m_{s}, x, \epsilon) M_{j}(m_{s}, x, \epsilon)$$

- Evaluate the expansions for  $m_s \ll 1$  to obtain the desired numerical precision of the boundaries
- Evolve the functions from the boundary point with differential equations first in  $m_{_{\rm S}}$  and then in x (<code>ZVODE</code>)



# Phase space and some sample points-Numerics works!



## **DE** numerics

- Find the optimal set of masters
- Solve the differential equations for a grid of points
- Run numerical checks (e.g. use different contours) and control errors
- Renormalize
- Pass once more through Catani's purgatory
- Interpolate

#### W Pair Production Conclusions - Outlook

- Working numerics for full mass dependencefurther checks need to be done though!
- The first steps have been done, many more are to follow for the full NNLO corrections in the  $q q \rightarrow W W$  channel
  - Next: **<u>gg</u> → WW channel**

and Z pair production

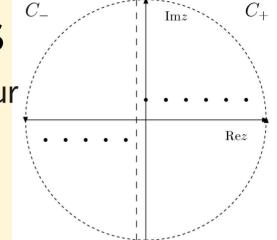
 The ultimate goal is to have a NNLO Monte Carlo generator for gauge boson pair production

## **Back up slides**

## **Mellin-Barnes representations**

Under the assumption that n>0 and that the contour separates the poles of the Gamma functions

$$\frac{1}{(A+B)^n} = \frac{1}{2\pi i\Gamma(n)} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} dz \frac{A^z}{B^{n+z}} \Gamma(-z)\Gamma(n+z)$$



Behaviour of the Gamma functions around non-positive arguments

$$z\Gamma(z) = \Gamma(1+z) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \Gamma(-n+z) = \frac{\Gamma(1+z)}{(-n+z)...(z)} \sim \frac{(-)^n}{n!} \frac{1}{z}$$

Take residues depending on the values of A and B

For 
$$A > B \Rightarrow z < 0 \Rightarrow z = -N - n, N = 0, 1, ...$$

$$\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-)^N}{N!} \frac{\Gamma(N+n)}{\Gamma(n)} \frac{B^N}{A^{N+n}} = \frac{1}{A^n} \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(N+n-1)!}{(n-1)!N!} \left(-\frac{B}{A}\right)^N = \frac{1}{A^n} \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{B}{A}\right)^n} = \frac{1}{(A+B)^n}$$

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## $\underline{1st Barnes' lemma}$

$$\int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} dz \, \Gamma(a+z)\Gamma(b+z)\Gamma(c-z)\Gamma(d-z) = \frac{\Gamma(a+c)\Gamma(a+d)\Gamma(b+c)\Gamma(b+d)}{\Gamma(a+b+c+d)}.$$

### <u>2nd Barnes' lemma</u>

$$\int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} dz \, \frac{\Gamma(a+z)\Gamma(b+z)\Gamma(c+z)\Gamma(d-z)\Gamma(e-z)}{\Gamma(a+b+c+d+e+z)} = \frac{\Gamma(a+d)\Gamma(a+e)\Gamma(b+d)\Gamma(b+e)\Gamma(c+d)\Gamma(c+e)}{\Gamma(a+b+d+e)\Gamma(a+c+d+e)\Gamma(b+c+d+e)}.$$

$$\mathbf{I}^{(1)}(\mathbf{\varepsilon}) = -C_F \frac{e^{\varepsilon \gamma}}{\Gamma(1-\varepsilon)} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} + \frac{3}{2\varepsilon}\right) \left(-\frac{\mu^2}{s}\right)^{\varepsilon}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{I}^{(2)}(\varepsilon) &= -\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{I}^{(1)}(\varepsilon) \left( \mathrm{I}^{(1)}(\varepsilon) + \frac{2\beta_0}{\varepsilon} \right) + \frac{e^{-\varepsilon\gamma}\Gamma(1-2\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(1-\varepsilon)} \left( \frac{\beta_0}{\varepsilon} + K \right) \mathrm{I}^{(1)}(2\varepsilon) \\ &+ H^{(2)}(\varepsilon) \,, \end{split}$$

$$K = \left(\frac{67}{18} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}\right) C_A - \frac{10}{9} T_F n_f.$$

$$\begin{aligned} H^{(2)}(\varepsilon) &= 2\frac{e^{\varepsilon\gamma}}{4\varepsilon\Gamma(1-\varepsilon)} \left(-\frac{\mu^2}{s}\right)^{2\varepsilon} \left\{ \left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} - 6\,\zeta_3 - \frac{3}{8}\right) C_F^2 \right. \\ &+ \left(\frac{13}{2}\zeta_3 + \frac{245}{216} - \frac{23}{48}\pi^2\right) C_A C_F + \left(-\frac{25}{54} + \frac{\pi^2}{12}\right) C_F T_F n_f \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} g^{3}(m_{s},x) &= \\ C_{A}C_{F} \left\{ \frac{1}{ms^{2}} \left[ \frac{31}{240} (1-x)x\pi^{4} - \frac{107}{72} (1-x)x\pi^{2} - \frac{51157(1-x)x}{1296} + \frac{659}{36} (1-x)x\zeta_{3} + \frac{44}{3} (1-x)xL_{s} \right] \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{ms} \left[ \frac{31}{240} \left( 4x^{2} - 4x + 3 \right) \pi^{4} - \frac{107}{72} \left( 4x^{2} - 4x + 3 \right) \pi^{2} - \frac{51157(4x^{2} - 4x + 3)}{1296} + \frac{659}{36} \left( 4x^{2} - 4x + 3 \right) \zeta_{3} \right. \\ &+ \frac{44}{3} \left( 4x^{2} - 4x + 3 \right) L_{s} \right] + \left[ -\frac{31}{20} \left( x^{2} - x + 1 \right) \pi^{4} + \frac{107}{6} \left( x^{2} - x + 1 \right) \pi^{2} + \frac{1}{108} \left( 51157x^{2} - 51157x + (-23724x^{2} + 23724x - 23724) \zeta_{3} + 51157 \right) - 176 \left( x^{2} - x + 1 \right) L_{s} \right] \right\} \\ &+ C_{F}^{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{ms^{2}} \left[ -\frac{11}{90} (1-x)x\pi^{4} + \frac{29}{12} (1-x)x\pi^{2} + \frac{255}{16} (1-x)x - 15(1-x)x\zeta_{3} \right] \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{ms} \left[ -\frac{11}{90} \left( 4x^{2} - 4x + 3 \right) \pi^{4} + \frac{29}{12} \left( 4x^{2} - 4x + 3 \right) \pi^{2} + \frac{255}{16} \left( 4x^{2} - 4x + 3 \right) - 15 \left( 4x^{2} - 4x + 3 \right) \zeta_{3} \right] \right. \\ &+ \left. \left. \left[ \frac{22}{15} \left( x^{2} - x + 1 \right) \pi^{4} - 29 \left( x^{2} - x + 1 \right) \pi^{2} + \frac{45}{4} \left( -17x^{2} + 17x + (16x^{2} - 16x + 16) \zeta_{3} - 17 \right) \right] \right\} \\ &+ n_{f} T_{F} C_{F} \left\{ \frac{1}{ms^{2}} \left[ \frac{7}{18} (1-x)x\pi^{2} + \frac{4085}{324} \left( 1-x \right) x - \frac{1}{9} (1-x)x\zeta_{3} - \frac{16}{3} (1-x)xL_{s} \right] \\ &+ \left[ -\frac{14}{3} \left( x^{2} - x + 1 \right) \pi^{2} + \frac{1}{27} \left( -4085x^{2} + 4085x + \left( 36x^{2} - 36x + 36 \right) \zeta_{3} - 4085 \right) + 64 \left( x^{2} - x + 1 \right) L_{s} \right] \right\} \end{split}$$

$$L_m = \log(m_s)$$
,  $L_s = \log\left(\frac{s}{\mu^2}\right)$ ,  $L_x = \log(x)$ ,  $L_y = \log(1-x)$