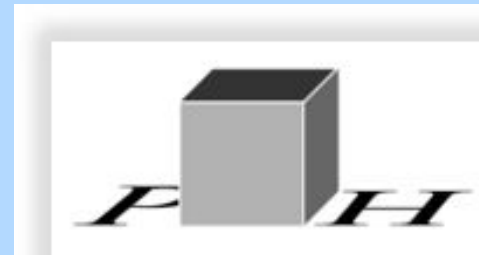


Higgs Boson Pair Production via Gluon Fusion: NLO QCD Corrections



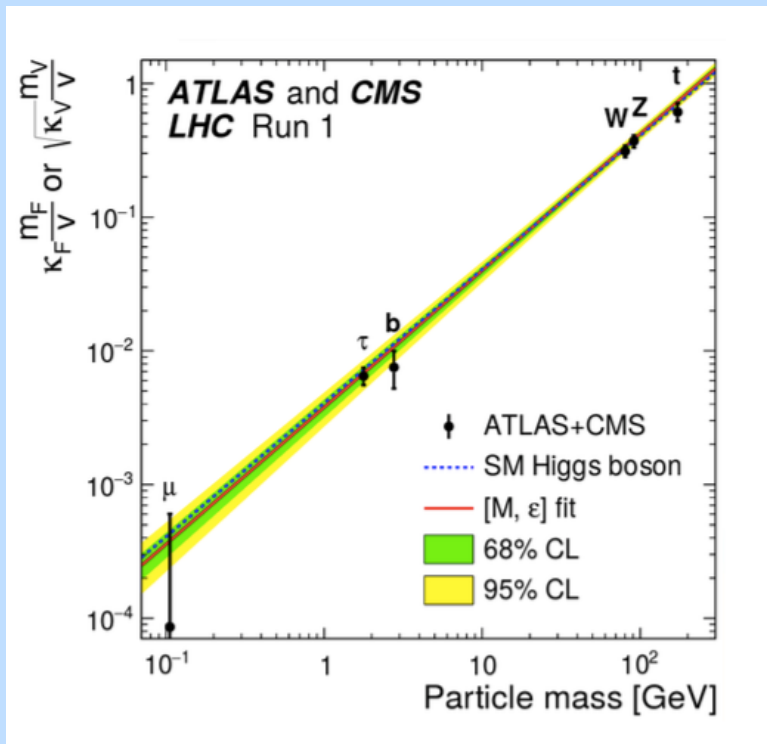
Higgs Couplings 2019, Oxford

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Motivation

- Detection of a Higgs boson with a mass ~ 125 GeV
- Higgs mass, coupling strengths, spin and CP already determined
- Self-coupling strength still unknown



$$V(\phi) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \left\{ |\phi|^2 - \frac{v^2}{2} \right\}^2$$

$$\lambda_{h^3} = 3 \frac{m_h^2}{v}$$

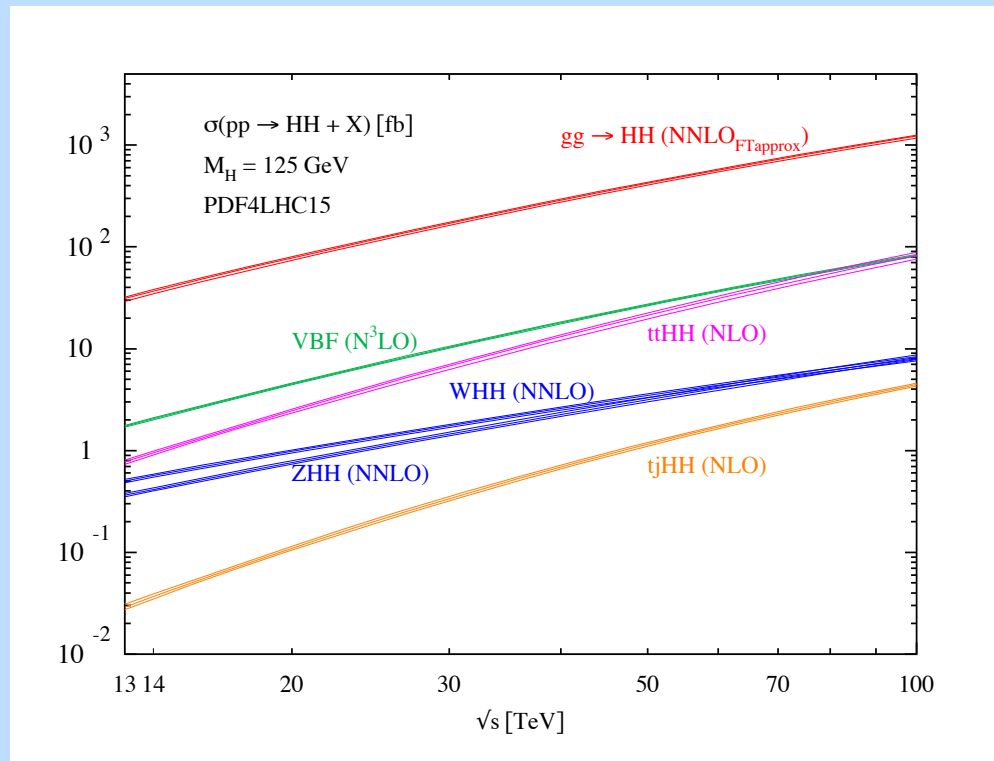
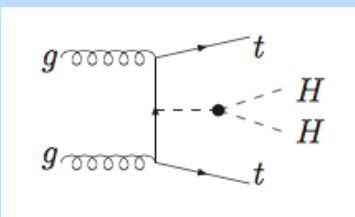
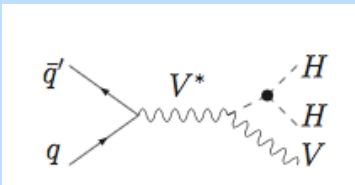
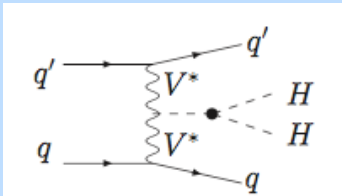
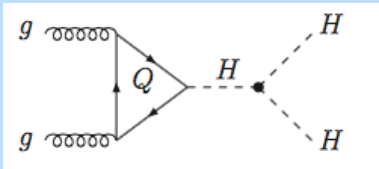
$$\lambda_{h^4} = 3 \frac{m_h^2}{v^2}$$

Motivation

Higgs boson pair production

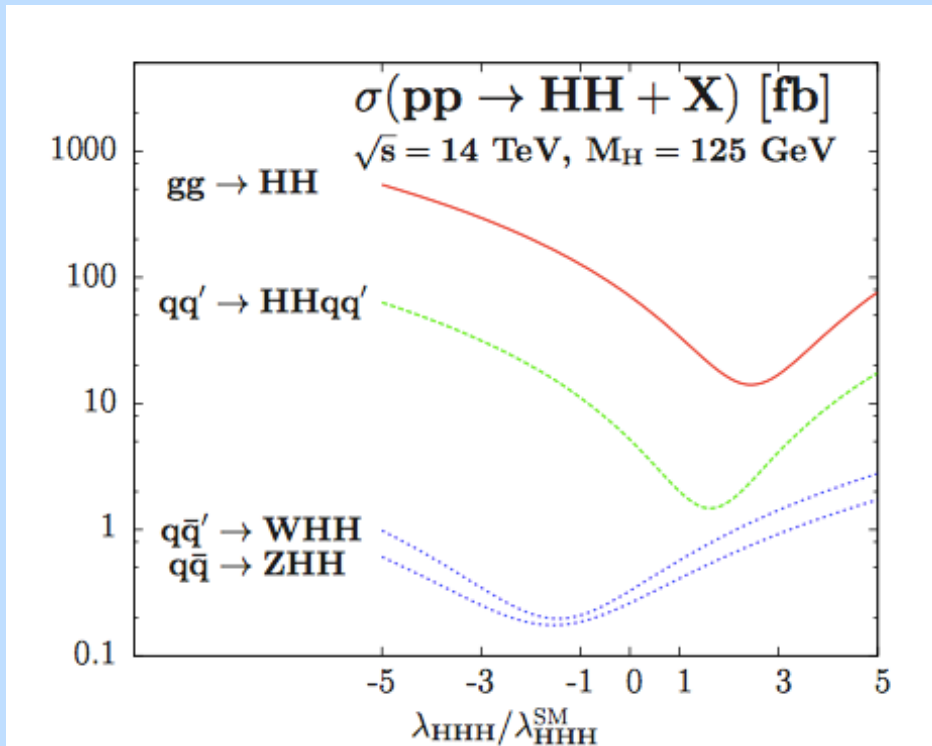
Production channels

Cross sections



HH White Paper

Uncertainties:

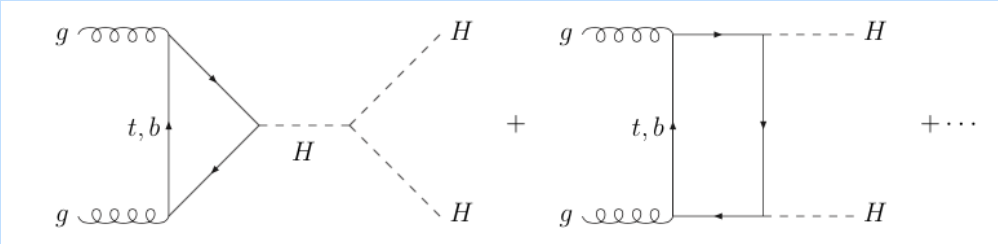


$$gg \rightarrow HH : \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} \sim -\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda}$$

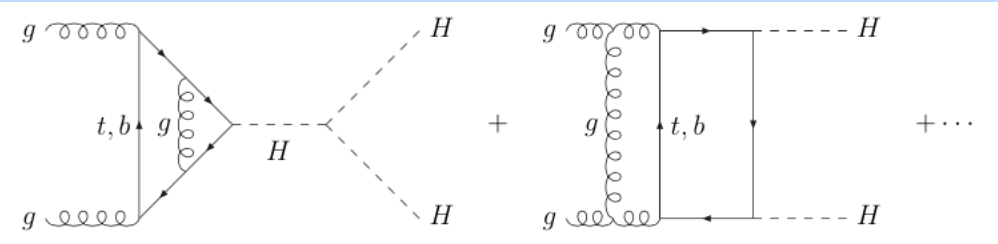
Baglio, Djouadi, Gröber,
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$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}(pp \rightarrow HH + X) = \sigma_{\text{LO}} + \Delta\sigma_{\text{virt}} + \Delta\sigma_{gg} + \Delta\sigma_{gq} + \Delta\sigma_{q\bar{q}},$$

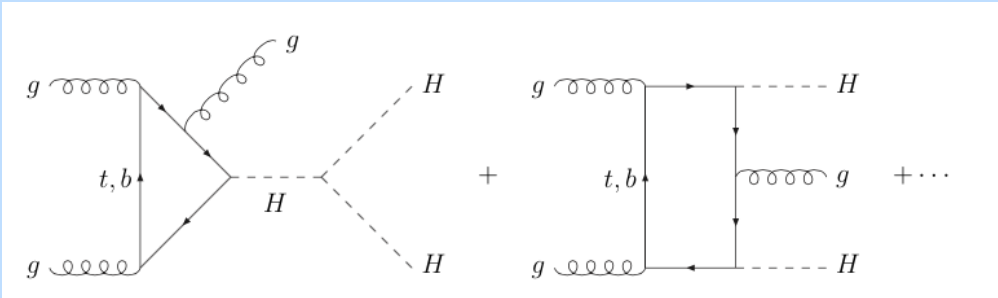
$\sigma_{\text{LO}}:$



$\Delta\sigma_{\text{virt}}:$



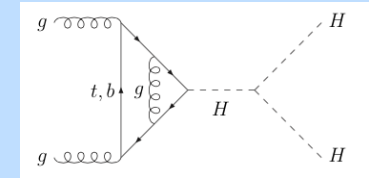
$\Delta\sigma_{ij}:$



- Virtual & real (N)NLO QCD corrections in large top mass limit (HTL):
~100%
Dawson, Dittmaier, Spira
de Florian, Mazzitelli
Grigo, Melnikov, Steinhauser
- Large top mass expansion: $\sim \pm 10\%$
Grigo, Hoff, Melnikov,
Steinhauser
- NLO mass effects of the real NLO correction alone $\sim -10\%$
Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Maltoni,
Mattelaer, Torrielli, Vryonidou, Zaro
- NLO QCD corrections including the full top mass dependence:
- 15 % NLO mass effects
Borowka, Greiner, Heinrich,
Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Schubert,
Zirke
Baglio, Campanario, SG, Mühlleitner,
Spira, Streicher
- New expansion/extrapolation methods:
 - $1/m_t^2$ expansion & conformal mapping & Padé approximants
Gröber, Maier, Rauh
 - p_T^2 expansion
Bonciani, Degrandi, Giardino, Gröber
 - high-energy
Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser, Wellmann

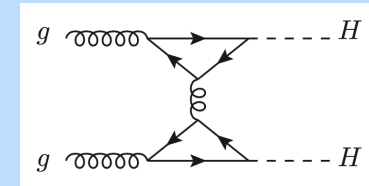
Triangular diagrams

- Use existing results of single Higgs calculation



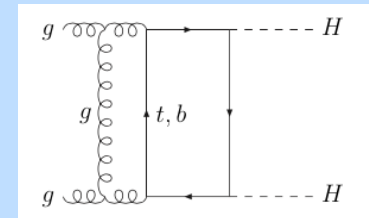
One-particle reducible diagrams

- Use existing results of $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$



Box diagrams

- Treat every diagram individually (no reduction to master integrals)
- Extract the ultraviolet divergences of the matrix elements using endpoint subtractions
- Extract the infrared and collinear divergences using a 'proper' subtraction of the integrand
- Integration by parts due to numerical instabilities above the thresholds where $m_{hh}^2 > 0$,
 $m_{hh}^2 > 4m_t^2 \Rightarrow m_t^2 \rightarrow m_t^2(1 - i\bar{\epsilon})$ with $\bar{\epsilon} \ll 1$



Total virtual corrections

- Numerical evaluation using Vegas (P. Lepage)

$$Q^2 \frac{d\Delta\sigma_{virt}}{dQ^2} = \tau \frac{d\mathcal{L}^{gg}}{d\tau} \hat{\sigma}_{virt}(Q^2) \Big|_{\tau=\frac{Q^2}{s}}$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}^{gg}}{d\tau} = \text{gluon luminosity}$$

$\hat{\sigma}_{virt}$ = virtual part of the partonic cross section

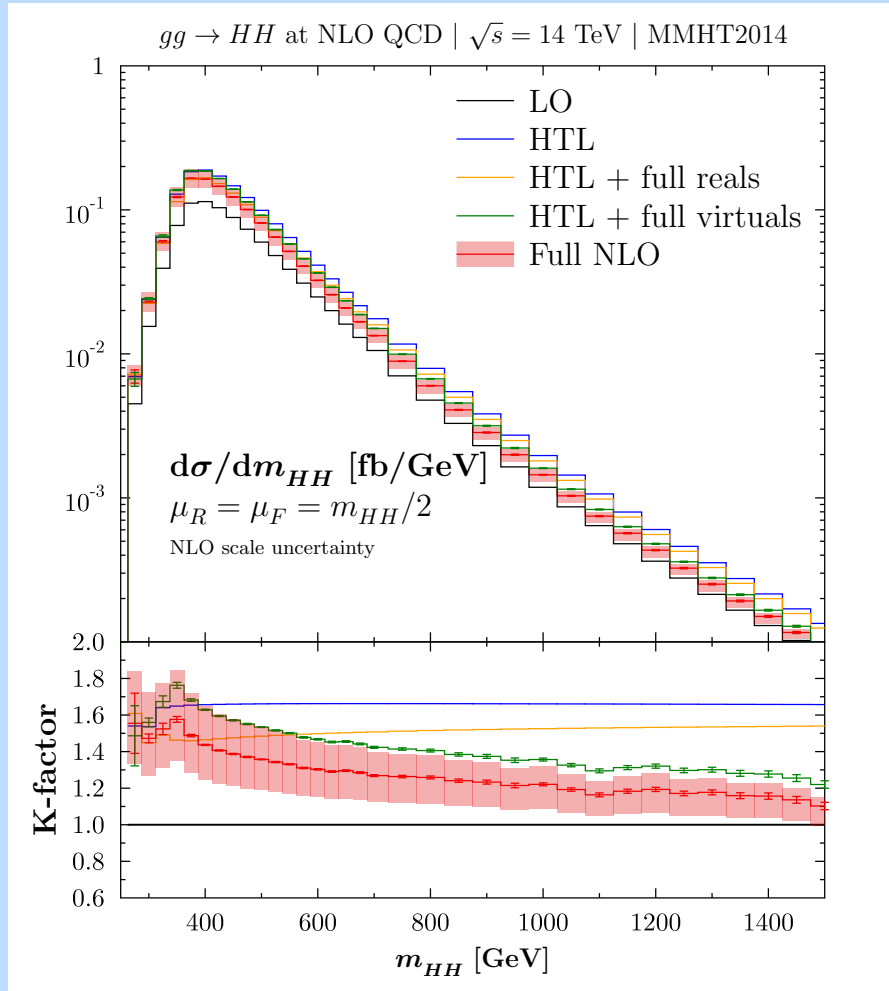
$$(Q^2 = m_{HH}^2)$$

- Renormalization: α_s in \overline{MS} with $N_F = 5$ and m_t on shell (central value)
- Subtraction of HTL \rightarrow IR finite top mass effects
- Numerical instabilities due to the small imaginary parts of the top mass:
Richardson extrapolation

Real corrections

- Full matrix elements generated with FeynArts and FormCalc
- Matrix element in the HTL (massive LO) subtracted \rightarrow IR finite top mass effects

Differential cross section



K-factor

$$K = \frac{\sigma_{\text{NLO}}}{\sigma_{\text{LO}}}$$

Total hadronic cross section

Energy	$m_t = 173 \text{ GeV}$	$m_t = 172.5 \text{ GeV}$
13 TeV	$27.80(9)^{+13.8\%}_{-12.8\%} \text{ fb}$	$27.73(7)^{+13.8\%}_{-12.8\%} \text{ fb}$
14 TeV	$32.91(10)^{+13.6\%}_{-12.6\%} \text{ fb}$	$32.78(7)^{+13.5\%}_{-12.5\%} \text{ fb}$
27 TeV	$127.7(2)^{+11.5\%}_{-10.4\%} \text{ fb}$	$127.0(2)^{+11.7\%}_{-10.7\%} \text{ fb}$
100 TeV	$1149(2)^{+10.8\%}_{-10.0\%} \text{ fb}$	$1140(2)^{+10.7\%}_{-10.0\%} \text{ fb}$

HH White Paper (to appear soon)

Factorisation / renormalisation scale dependence

varying both scales by a factor of two around central value of $\mu_F = \mu_R = m_{hh}/2$

Differential cross section:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{dQ} \Big|_{Q=300 \text{ GeV}} &= 0.02978(8)^{+15.3\%}_{-13.0\%} \text{ fb/GeV} \\ \frac{d\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{dQ} \Big|_{Q=400 \text{ GeV}} &= 0.1609(4)^{+14.4\%}_{-12.8\%} \text{ fb/GeV} \\ \frac{d\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{dQ} \Big|_{Q=600 \text{ GeV}} &= 0.03204(9)^{+10.9\%}_{-11.5\%} \text{ fb/GeV} \\ \frac{d\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{dQ} \Big|_{Q=1200 \text{ GeV}} &= 0.000435(4)^{+7.1\%}_{-10.6\%} \text{ fb/GeV}\end{aligned}$$

Total cross section:

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH) = 32.78(7)^{+13.5\%}_{-12.5\%} \quad (\text{PDF4LHC15})$$

$$(\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV})$$

Baglio,Campanario,G,Mühlleitner,Spira,Streicher: 1811.05692

Uncertainty due to m_t : differential cross section

- uncertainty related to the scheme and scale choice of the top mass
- calculated the total NLO results for the differential cross section for the \overline{MS} top mass at different scale choices
- \overline{MS} top mass scale in the range $[Q/4, Q]$, m_t

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma(\text{gg} \rightarrow \text{HH})}{dQ} \right|_{Q=300 \text{ GeV}} = 0.02978(7)_{-34\%}^{+6\%} \text{ fb/GeV}$$

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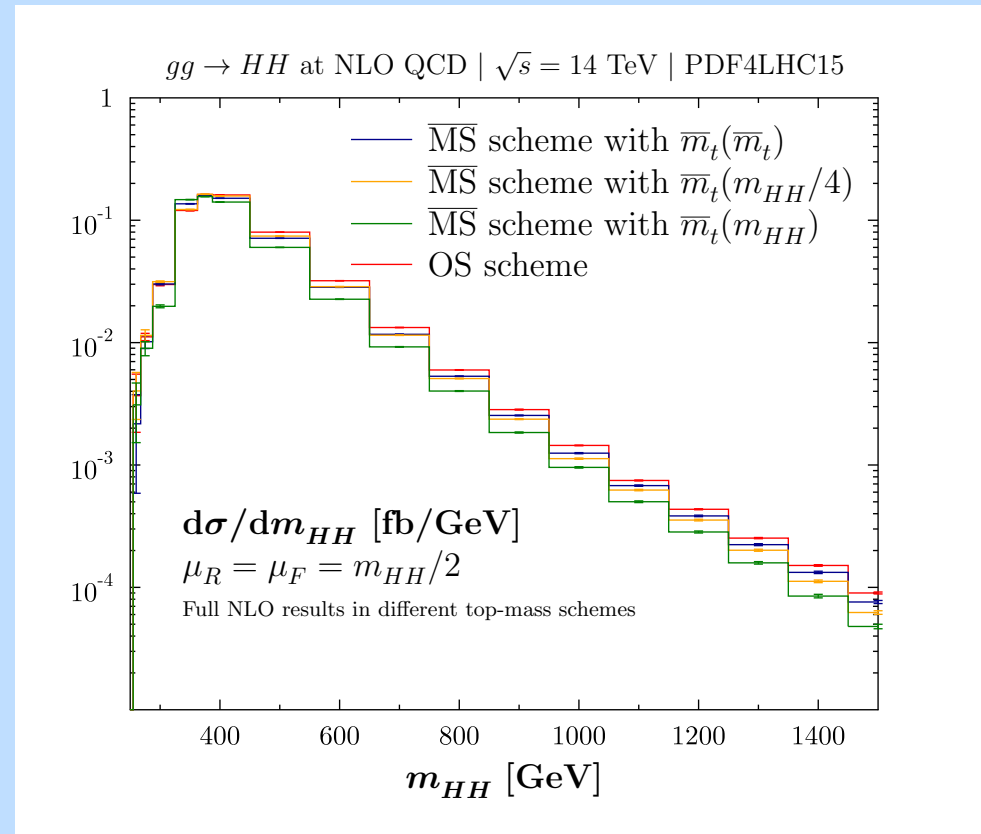
$$(\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV})$$

Uncertainty due to m_t : total hadronic cross section

Take for individual Q values the maximum / minimum differential cross section and integrate

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH) = 32.78(7)^{+4.0\%}_{-17\%}$$

with PDF4LHC15

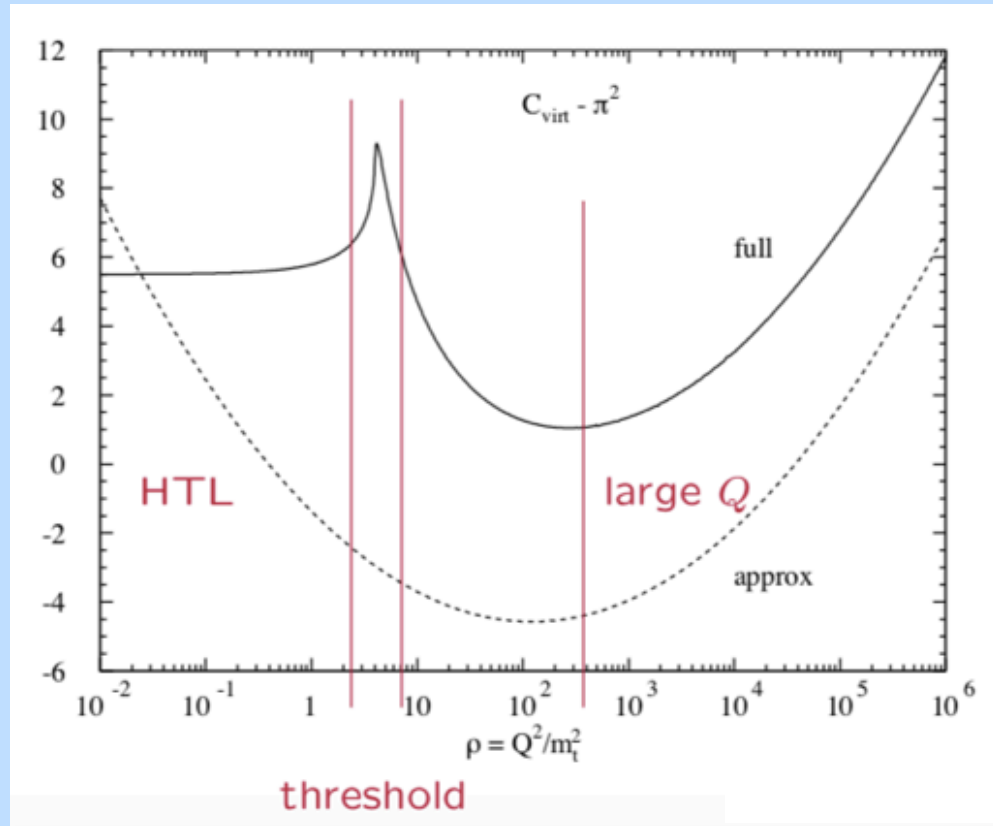


- Calculation of two-loop integral with three free parameter ratios
- NLO top mass effects of $\sim -15\%$ compared to HTL result
- Factorisation / renormalisation scale dependence: $\sim 15\%$ uncertainties
- Top mass scheme and scale uncertainties: $\approx 30\%$ (differential)

total cross section at 14 TeV: $\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH) = 32.78(7)^{+4.0\%}_{-17\%}$

BACK-UP

NNLO



Spira, Djouadi, Graudenz, Zerwas

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}(pp \rightarrow HH + X) = \sigma_{\text{LO}} + \Delta\sigma_{\text{virt}} + \Delta\sigma_{gg} + \Delta\sigma_{gq} + \Delta\sigma_{q\bar{q}},$$

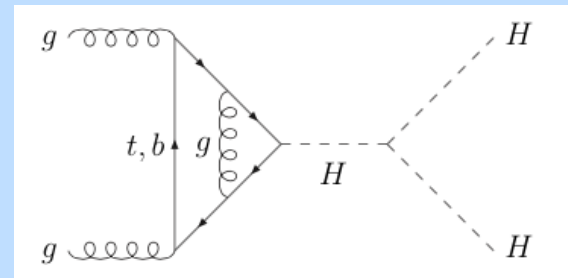
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\text{LO}} &= \int_{\tau_0}^1 d\tau \frac{d\mathcal{L}^{gg}}{d\tau} \hat{\sigma}_{\text{LO}}(Q^2 = \tau s) \\ \Delta\sigma_{\text{virt}} &= \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \int_{\tau_0}^1 d\tau \frac{d\mathcal{L}^{gg}}{d\tau} \hat{\sigma}_{\text{LO}}(Q^2 = \tau s) C \\ \Delta\sigma_{gg} &= \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \int_{\tau_0}^1 d\tau \frac{d\mathcal{L}^{gg}}{d\tau} \int_{\tau_0/\tau}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \hat{\sigma}_{\text{LO}}(Q^2 = z\tau s) \left\{ -z P_{gg}(z) \log \frac{M^2}{\tau s} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + d_{gg}(z) + 6[1 + z^4 + (1-z)^4] \left(\frac{\log(1-z)}{1-z} \right)_+ \right\} \\ \Delta\sigma_{gq} &= \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \int_{\tau_0}^1 d\tau \sum_{q, \bar{q}} \frac{d\mathcal{L}^{gq}}{d\tau} \int_{\tau_0/\tau}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \hat{\sigma}_{\text{LO}}(Q^2 = z\tau s) \left\{ -\frac{z}{2} P_{gq}(z) \log \frac{M^2}{\tau s(1-z)^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + d_{gq}(z) \right\} \\ \Delta\sigma_{q\bar{q}} &= \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \int_{\tau_0}^1 d\tau \sum_q \frac{d\mathcal{L}^{q\bar{q}}}{d\tau} \int_{\tau_0/\tau}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \hat{\sigma}_{\text{LO}}(Q^2 = z\tau s) d_{q\bar{q}}(z) \end{aligned}$$

$$C \rightarrow \pi^2 + \frac{11}{2} + C_{\Delta\Delta}, \quad d_{gg} \rightarrow -\frac{11}{2}(1-z)^3, \quad d_{gq} \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}z^2 - (1-z)^2, \quad d_{q\bar{q}} \rightarrow \frac{32}{27}(1-z)^3$$

47 two-loop **box diagrams** + 8 triangular diagrams + 2 one-particle reducible diagrams

Triangular Diagrams

← single Higgs case

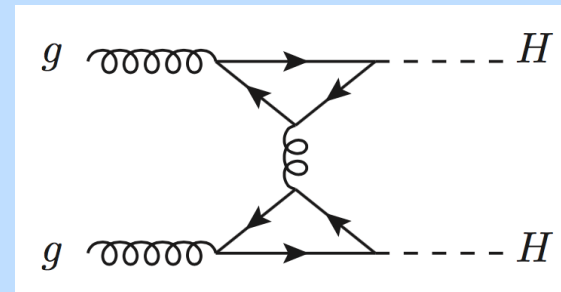


One-particle reducible diagrams

→ analytical results for $C_{\Delta\Delta}$

($H \rightarrow Z\gamma$)

see e.g. [Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber](#)



Box diagrams

- Generate matrix element form factors for all possible diagrams using Feynman rules (by hand \rightarrow *Reduce, Mathematica, Form*)
- Perform Feynman parametrisation \rightarrow additional 6-dimensional integrals
- Extract the ultraviolet divergences of the matrix elements using endpoint subtractions of the 6-dimensional Feynman integrals

$$\int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x)}{(1-x)^{1-\epsilon}} = \int_0^1 dx \frac{f(1)}{(1-x)^{1-\epsilon}} + \int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{(1-x)^{1-\epsilon}} = \frac{f(1)}{\epsilon} + \int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{1-x} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

- Extract the infrared and collinear divergences using a ‘proper’ subtraction of the integrand (based on HTL calculation)
- Integration by parts due to numerical instabilities at the thresholds

$$m_{hh}^2 > 4m_t^2 \Rightarrow m_t^2 \rightarrow m_t^2(1 - i\bar{\epsilon}) \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{\epsilon} \ll 1$$

$$\int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x)}{(a+bx)^3} = \frac{f(0)}{2a^2b} - \frac{f(1)}{2b(a+b)^2} + \int_0^1 dx \frac{f'(x)}{2b(a+bx)^2}$$

Differential cross section

$$Q^2 \frac{d\Delta\sigma_{virt}}{dQ^2} = \tau \frac{d\mathcal{L}^{gg}}{d\tau} \hat{\sigma}_{virt}(Q^2) \Big|_{\tau=\frac{Q^2}{s}} \quad (Q^2 = m_{HH}^2)$$

$\frac{d\mathcal{L}^{gg}}{d\tau}$ = gluon luminosity

$\hat{\sigma}_{virt}$ = virtual part of the partonic cross section

- 7 dimensional integrals (6 Feynman and one phase space integration)
- use Vegas for numerical integration (P. Lepage)
- numerical instabilities due to the small imaginary parts of the top mass above the thresholds: Richardson extrapolation

Renormalisation

α_s and m_t need to be renormalised

→ α_s in \overline{MS} with $N_F = 5$

→ m_t on shell (→ central prediction)

$$\delta\sigma = \delta\alpha_s \frac{\delta\sigma_{LO}}{\delta\alpha_s} + \delta m_t \frac{\delta\sigma_{LO}}{\delta m_t}$$

Subtraction of the heavy-top limit → virtual mass effects only (infrared finite)

$$\Delta C_{mass} = C^0 - C_{HTL}^0$$

Adding back the results in the heavy-top limit (HPAIR)

$$C = C_{HTL} + \Delta C_{mass}$$

↑
HPAIR

Box diagrams

- Generate matrix element form factors for all possible diagrams using Feynman rules (by hand \rightarrow *Reduce, Mathematica*)
- Use dimensional regularisation: $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$
- Perform Feynman parametrisation \rightarrow additional 6-dimensional integrals

$$\frac{1}{A_1^{\alpha_1} \dots A_n^{\alpha_n}} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \dots \Gamma(\alpha_n)} \int_0^1 du_1 \int_0^{1-u_1} du_2 \dots \int_0^{1-u_1-\dots-u_{n-2}} du_{n-1} \frac{u_1^{\alpha_1-1} \dots u_{n-1}^{\alpha_{n-1}-1} (1-u_1-\dots-u_{n-1})^{\alpha_n-1}}{[u_1 A_1 + \dots + u_{n-1} A_{n-1} + (1-u_1-\dots-u_{n-1}) A_n]^{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_n}}$$

- Substitution to obtain integrals from 0 to 1
- Evaluating momentum integrals using:

$$\int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{(k^2 - M^2 + i\epsilon)^N} = i \frac{(-1)^N}{(4\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{\Gamma(N - \frac{D}{2})}{\Gamma(N)} \frac{1}{(M^2 - i\epsilon)^{N - \frac{D}{2}}}$$

$$\int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{(k^2 - M^2 + i\epsilon)^N} = \frac{i}{2} \frac{(-1)^{N-1}}{(4\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{\Gamma(N - 1 - \frac{D}{2})}{\Gamma(N)} \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{(M^2 - i\epsilon)^{N-1-\frac{D}{2}}}$$

etc.

Divergences

- Integration by parts due to numerical instabilities at the thresholds

$$m_{hh}^2 > 4m_t^2 \Rightarrow m_t^2 \rightarrow m_t^2(1 - i\bar{\epsilon}) \text{ with } \bar{\epsilon} \ll 1$$

$$\int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x)}{(a+bx)^3} = \frac{f(0)}{2a^2b} - \frac{f(1)}{2b(a+b)^2} + \int_0^1 dx \frac{f'(x)}{2b(a+bx)^2}$$

(more involved for second order polynomials)

further integration by parts not successful since new divergences are created (investigated further)

Divergences

- Extract the ultraviolet divergences of the matrix elements using endpoint subtractions of the 6-dimensional Feynman integrals

$$\int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x)}{(1-x)^{1-\epsilon}} = \int_0^1 dx \frac{f(1)}{(1-x)^{1-\epsilon}} + \int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{(1-x)^{1-\epsilon}}$$

$$= \frac{f(1)}{\epsilon} + \int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{1-x} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

- Extract the infrared and collinear divergences using a proper subtraction of the integrand

denominator: $N = ar^2 + br + c$ $a = \mathcal{O}(\rho)$ $\rho_s = \frac{\hat{s}}{m_Q^2}$

$N_0 = br + c$ $b = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\rho)$

$c = -\rho_s x(1-x)(1-s)t$

$$\int_0^1 d\vec{x} dr \frac{rH(\vec{x}, r)}{N^{3+2\epsilon}} = \int_0^1 d\vec{x} dr \left\{ \left(\frac{rH(\vec{x}, r)}{N^{3+2\epsilon}} - \frac{rH(\vec{x}, 0)}{N_0^{3+2\epsilon}} \right) + \frac{rH(\vec{x}, 0)}{N_0^{3+2\epsilon}} \right\}$$

↑
Taylor expansion in ϵ

↑
analytical r-integration

Richardson extrapolation

→ sequence acceleration method to obtain a better convergence behaviour

Approximation polynomial

$$M_{i+1}(h) = \frac{t^{k_i} M_i\left(\frac{h}{t}\right) - M_i(h)}{t^{k_i} - 1}$$

h and h/t the two step sizes and k_i the truncation error

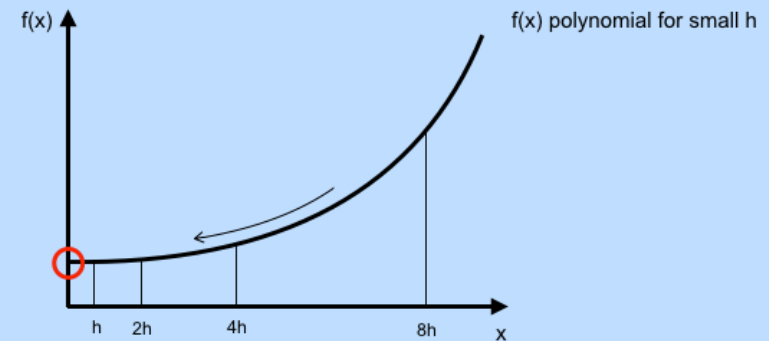
$$M_2[f(h), f(2h)] = 2f(h) - f(2h) = f(0) + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

$$M_4[f(h), f(2h), f(4h)] = (8f(h) - 6f(2h) + f(4h))/3 = f(0) + \mathcal{O}(h^3)$$

$$M_8[f(h), f(2h), f(4h), f(8h)] = (64f(h) - 56f(2h) + 14f(4h) - f(8h))/21 = f(0) + \mathcal{O}(h^4)$$

In our case $h = \bar{\epsilon}$ and $\bar{\epsilon}_n = 0.05 \times 2^n \quad n = 0 \dots 9$

Theoretical error from Richardson extrapolation estimated by the difference of the fifth and the



Numerical Instabilities

1. due to phase-space integration over Mandelstam variable t

→ cut-off at $t = 10^{-8}$ for individual diagrams (total sum finite)

→ logarithmic substitution with $y = \log \frac{t - t_-}{m_t^2}$

2. due to the small imaginary parts $\bar{\epsilon}$ of the top mass above the thresholds, where

$$m_t^2 \rightarrow m_t^2(1 - i\bar{\epsilon})$$

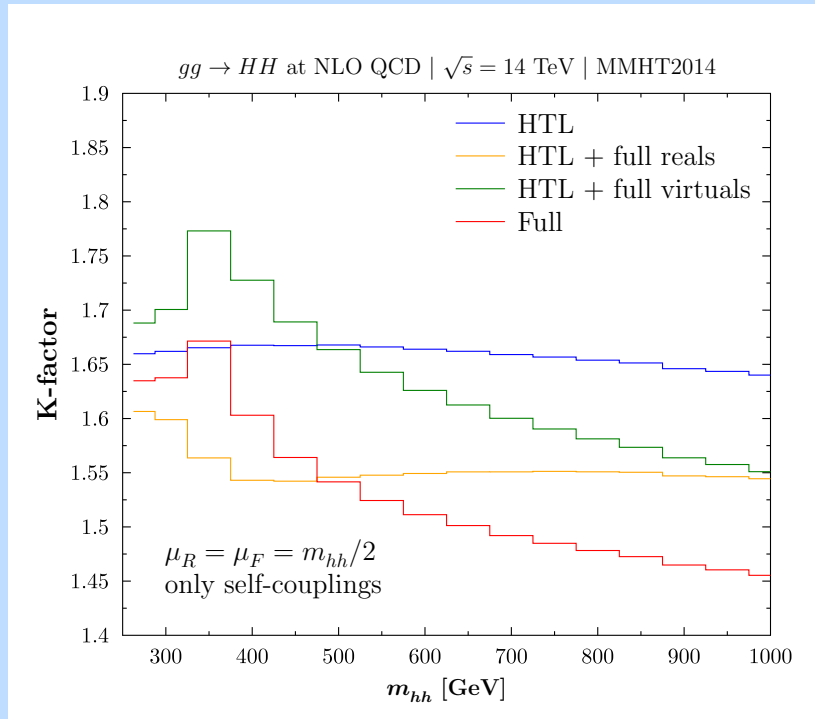
need value in narrow width approximation where $\bar{\epsilon} \rightarrow 0$

calculate partonic cross section for different $\bar{\epsilon} \rightarrow$ Richardson extrapolation

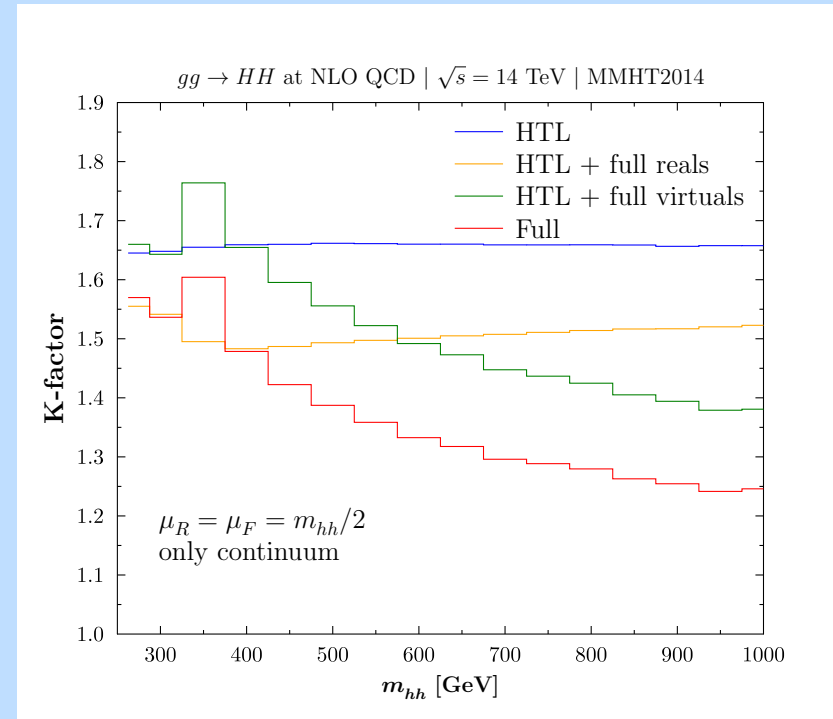
K-factor distribution

$$K = \frac{\sigma_{\text{NLO}}}{\sigma_{\text{LO}}}$$

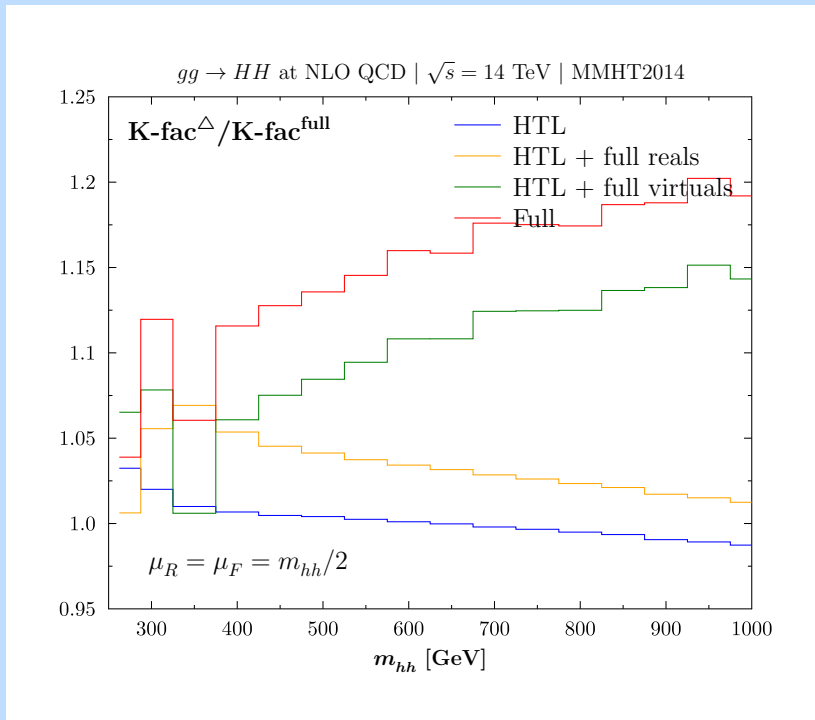
Triangular contributions



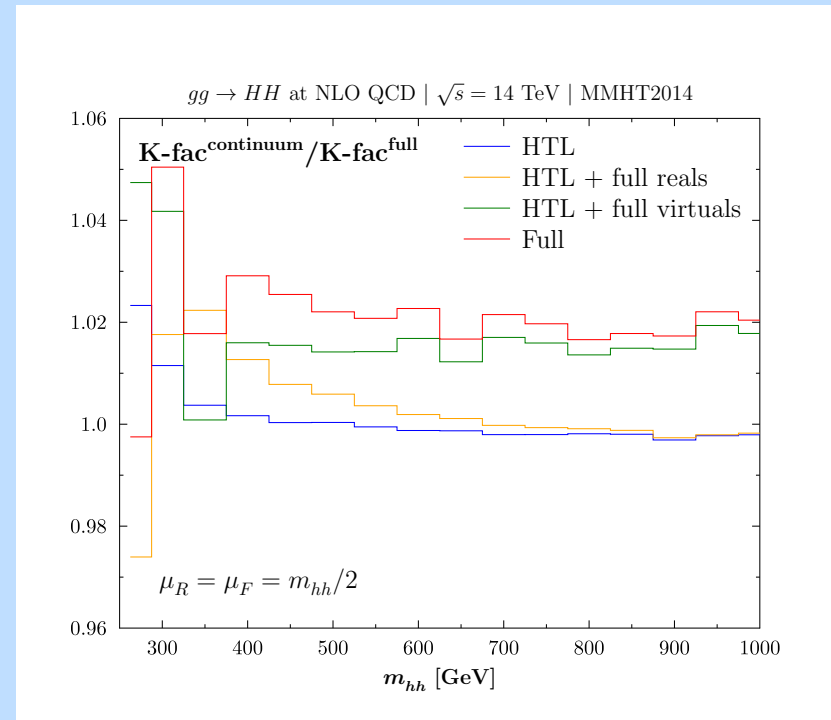
Box contributions



Triangular contributions



Box contributions



Uncertainty due to m_t for single Higgs

→ \overline{MS} top mass in the range $[Q/4, Q]$

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=125 \text{ GeV}} = 42.17^{+0.4\%}_{-0.5\%} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=300 \text{ GeV}} = 9.85^{+7.5\%}_{-0.3\%} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=400 \text{ GeV}} = 9.43^{+0.1\%}_{-0.9\%} \text{ pb}$$

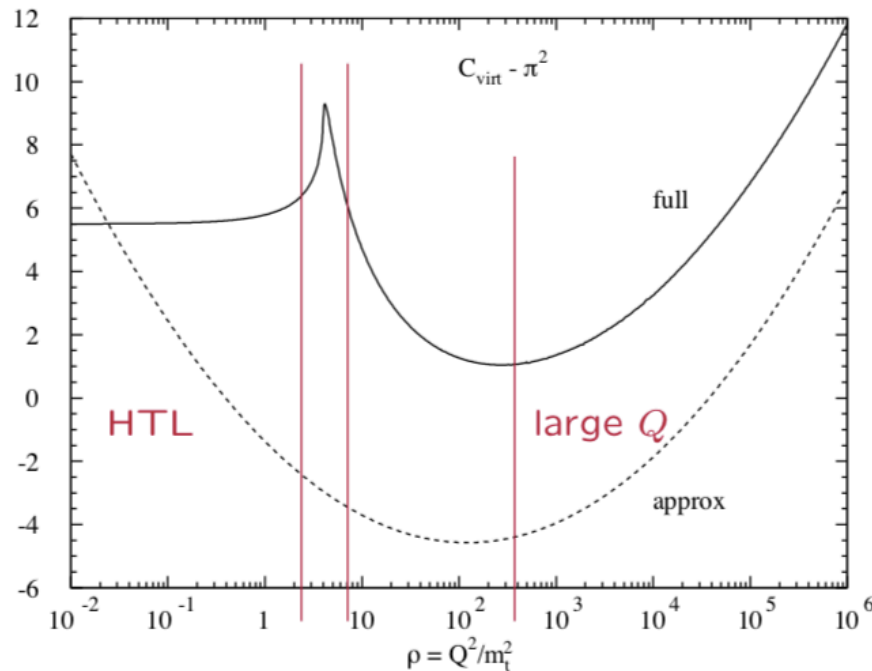
$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=600 \text{ GeV}} = 1.97^{+0.0\%}_{-15.9\%} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=900 \text{ GeV}} = 0.230^{+0.0\%}_{-22.3\%} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=1200 \text{ GeV}} = 0.0402^{+0.0\%}_{-26.0\%} \text{ pb}$$

- triangles for $Q^2 \gg 4M_t^2$:

$$C \rightarrow \frac{C_A - C_F}{12} \left[\log \frac{Q^2}{m_t^2} - i\pi \right]^2 - C_F \left[\log \frac{Q^2}{m_t^2} - i\pi \right] + 3C_F \log \frac{\mu_t^2}{m_t^2} + \mathcal{O}(1)$$

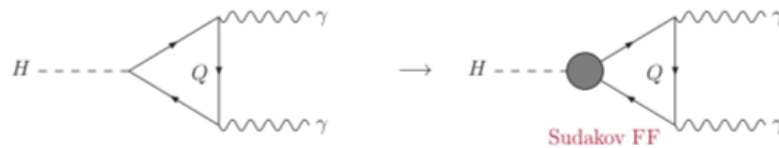


threshold

S., Djouadi, Graudenz, Zerwas

resummation for large Q

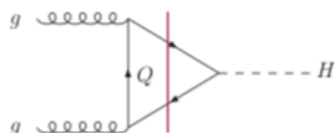
- Abelian logs (C_F): $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



Kotsky, Yakovlev, PLB 418 (1998) 335 (LL)
 Akhoury, Wang, Yakovlev, PRD 64 (2001) 113008 (NLL)

- non-Abelian logs (C_A): LL related to IR singularities \rightarrow exponentiate
 Liu, Penin, PRL 119 (2017) no.26, 262001; JHEP 1811 (2018) 158
- non-Abelian NLL?
- remainder (NNLL)?
- boxes? (more scales)

- threshold: \mathcal{P} -wave QCD potential \rightarrow Coulomb singularities



- matrix element $\propto \beta^2$, phase space $\propto \beta$
 imaginary part $\propto \beta^3$ @ LO

- Coulomb singularity at each order in imaginary part:

$$C_{Coul} = \frac{Z}{1 - e^{-Z}} = 1 + \frac{Z}{2} + \dots \text{ with } Z = C_F \frac{\pi\alpha_s}{\beta}$$

\Rightarrow step in imaginary part @ N³LO

\Rightarrow log. sing. in real part @ N³LO (\leftarrow dispersion integral)

- solution: non-relativistic Green-function in threshold range
 [real part renormalized, finite top width]

Melnikov, S., Yakovlev, ZPC 64 (1994) 401

- remainder?