

# EFT in VBFNLO

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# VBFNLO is a collection of many mixed QCD/EW processes with NLO QCD corrections

- 3.1 VBF Higgs boson production in association with 2 jets
- 3.2 VBF Higgs boson production in association with 3 jets
- 3.3 VBF Higgs boson production with a photon and two jets
- 3.4 VBF production of a single vector boson and two jets
- 3.5 VBF production of a spin-2 particle
- 3.6 VBF production of two vector bosons and two jets
- 3.7 VBF production of two Higgs bosons and two jets
- 3.8  $W$  production with up to one jet
- 3.9 Double vector boson production
- 3.10 Triple vector boson production
- 3.11 Double vector boson production in association with a hadronic jet
- 3.12 Triple vector boson production in association with a hadronic jet
- 3.13 Higgs production in association with a  $W$
- 3.14 Higgs production in association with a  $W$  and a hadronic jet
- 3.15 QCD-induced production of a vector boson in association with two jets
- 3.16 QCD-induced diboson production in association with two jets
- 3.17 Higgs boson production in gluon fusion with two jets
- 3.18 Gluon-induced diboson production
- 3.19 Gluon-induced diboson production in association with a hadronic jet

VBF Higgs

VBF Z,W,photon

VBS

V, VV, VVV

V, VV, VVV +1 jet

V, VV + 2 jets

Gluon fusion at LO

# BSM effects included in many processes

PROCID	PROCESS	BSM
100	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow H jj$	} anomalous HVV couplings, MSSM
101	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow H jj \rightarrow \gamma\gamma jj$	
102	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow H jj \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- jj$	
103	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow H jj \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^- jj$	
104	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow H jj \rightarrow b\bar{b} jj$	
105	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow H jj \rightarrow W^+W^- jj \rightarrow \ell_1^+\nu_{\ell_1}\ell_2^-\bar{\nu}_{\ell_2} jj$	
106	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow H jj \rightarrow ZZ jj \rightarrow \ell_1^+\ell_1^-\ell_2^+\ell_2^- jj$	
107	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow H jj \rightarrow ZZ jj \rightarrow \ell_1^+\ell_1^-\nu_{\ell_2}\bar{\nu}_{\ell_2} jj$	

Anomalous couplings included in various forms:

- General form factors
- Dimension 6 EFT
- ....

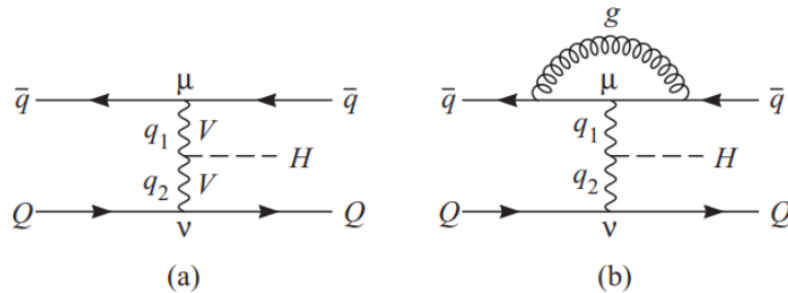
PROCID	PROCESS	BSM
120	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow Z jj \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^- jj$	} anomalous couplings
121	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow Z jj \rightarrow \nu_\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell jj$	
130	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow W^+ jj \rightarrow \ell^+\nu_\ell jj$	
140	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow W^- jj \rightarrow \ell^-\bar{\nu}_\ell jj$	
150	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow \gamma jj$	

# .... and dimension-8 EFT operators for VBS

PROCID	PROCESS	BSM
<b>200</b>	$p\bar{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow W^+W^- jj \rightarrow l_1^+ \nu_{l_1} l_2^- \bar{\nu}_{l_2} jj$	} anomalous couplings, two-Higgs model, Kaluza-Klein models, spin-2 models
<b>210</b>	$p\bar{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow ZZ jj \rightarrow l_1^+ l_1^- l_2^+ l_2^- jj$	
<b>211</b>	$p\bar{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow ZZ jj \rightarrow l_1^+ l_1^- \nu_{l_2} \bar{\nu}_{l_2} jj$	
<b>220</b>	$p\bar{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow W^+Z jj \rightarrow l_1^+ \nu_{l_1} l_2^+ l_2^- jj$	
<b>230</b>	$p\bar{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow W^-Z jj \rightarrow l_1^- \bar{\nu}_{l_1} l_2^+ l_2^- jj$	
<b>250</b>	$p\bar{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow W^+W^+ jj \rightarrow l_1^+ \nu_{l_1} l_2^+ \nu_{l_2} jj$	} anomalous couplings, two-Higgs model
<b>260</b>	$p\bar{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow W^-W^- jj \rightarrow l_1^- \bar{\nu}_{l_1} l_2^- \bar{\nu}_{l_2} jj$	
<b>270</b>	$p\bar{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow W^+\gamma jj \rightarrow l^+ \nu_e \gamma jj$	} anomalous couplings
<b>280</b>	$p\bar{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow W^-\gamma jj \rightarrow l^- \bar{\nu}_e \gamma jj$	
<b>290</b>	$p\bar{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow Z\gamma jj \rightarrow l^+ l^- \gamma jj$	
<b>291</b>	$p\bar{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow Z\gamma jj \rightarrow \nu_e \bar{\nu}_e \gamma jj$	

# Example: tensor structure of HVV coupling

Most general  $HVV$  vertex  $T^{\mu\nu}(q_1, q_2)$



Physical interpretation of terms:

**SM Higgs**  $\mathcal{L}_I \sim HV_\mu V^\mu \longrightarrow a_1$

loop induced couplings for neutral scalar

**CP even**  $\mathcal{L}_{eff} \sim HV_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow a_2$

**CP odd**  $\mathcal{L}_{eff} \sim HV_{\mu\nu} \tilde{V}^{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow a_3$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = a_1 g^{\mu\nu} + a_2 (q_1 \cdot q_2 g^{\mu\nu} - q_1^\nu q_2^\mu) + a_3 \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} q_{1\rho} q_{2\sigma}$$

The  $a_i = a_i(q_1, q_2)$  are scalar form factors

# Connection to EFT description

We need model of the underlying UV physics to determine the form factors  $a_i(q_1, q_2)$

Approximate its low-energy effects by an effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{f_{WW}}{\Lambda^2} \phi^\dagger \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\nu} \phi + \frac{f_\phi}{\Lambda^2} \left( \phi^\dagger \phi - \frac{v^2}{2} \right) (D_\mu \phi)^\dagger D^\mu \phi + \dots + \sum_i \frac{f_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

Gives leading terms for form factors, e.g. for hWW coupling

$$a_1 = \frac{2m_W^2}{v} \left( 1 + \frac{f_\phi}{\Lambda^2} \frac{v^2}{2} \right) + \sum_i c_i^{(1)} \frac{f_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} v^2 q^2 + \dots$$

$$a_2 = c^{(2)} \frac{f_{WW}}{\Lambda^2} v + \sum_i c_i^{(2)} \frac{f_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} v q^2 + \dots$$

$$a_3 = c^{(3)} \frac{\tilde{f}_{WW}}{\Lambda^2} v + \sum_i c_i^{(3)} \frac{\tilde{f}_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} v q^2 + \dots$$

Describe same physics (for a particular vertex) by taking some minimal set of effective Lagrangian coefficients  $f_i$  as form factors

## Implementation in VBFNLO

Start from effective Lagrangians

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{g_{5e}^{HZZ}}{2\Lambda_5} H Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{50}^{HZZ}}{2\Lambda_5} H \tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{5e}^{HWW}}{\Lambda_5} H W_{\mu\nu}^+ W_-^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{50}^{HWW}}{\Lambda_5} H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^+ W_-^{\mu\nu} + \\ & \frac{g_{5e}^{HZ\gamma}}{\Lambda_5} H Z_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{50}^{HZ\gamma}}{\Lambda_5} H \tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{5e}^{H\gamma\gamma}}{2\Lambda_5} H A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{50}^{H\gamma\gamma}}{2\Lambda_5} H \tilde{A}_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

or , alternatively,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{f_{WW}}{\Lambda_6^2} \phi^\dagger \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\nu} \phi + \frac{f_{BB}}{\Lambda_6^2} \phi^\dagger \hat{B}_{\mu\nu} \hat{B}^{\mu\nu} \phi + \text{CP-odd part} + \dots$$

## Implementation in VBFNLO

Start from effective Lagrangians (set `PARAMETR1=.true.` in `anom_HVV.dat` )

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{g_{5e}^{HZZ}}{2\Lambda_5} HZ_{\mu\nu}Z^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{50}^{HZZ}}{2\Lambda_5} H\tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu}Z^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{5e}^{HWW}}{\Lambda_5} HW_{\mu\nu}^+W_-^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{50}^{HWW}}{\Lambda_5} H\tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^+W_-^{\mu\nu} +$$

$$\frac{g_{5e}^{HZ\gamma}}{\Lambda_5} HZ_{\mu\nu}A^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{50}^{HZ\gamma}}{\Lambda_5} H\tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu}A^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{5e}^{H\gamma\gamma}}{2\Lambda_5} HA_{\mu\nu}A^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{50}^{H\gamma\gamma}}{2\Lambda_5} H\tilde{A}_{\mu\nu}A^{\mu\nu}$$

or , alternatively, (set `PARAMETR3=.true.` in `anom_HVV.dat` )

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{f_{WW}}{\Lambda_6^2} \phi^\dagger \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\nu} \phi + \frac{f_{BB}}{\Lambda_6^2} \phi^\dagger \hat{B}_{\mu\nu} \hat{B}^{\mu\nu} \phi + \text{CP-odd part} + \dots$$

see VBFNLO manual for details on how to set the anomalous coupling choices

**Remember to choose form factors** in `anom_HVV.dat`

$$F_1 = \frac{M^2}{q_1^2 - M^2} \frac{M^2}{q_2^2 - M^2} \quad \text{or} \quad F_2 = -2 M^2 C_0(q_1^2, q_2^2, (q_1 + q_2)^2, M^2)$$



# EFT operators for HVV and VVV couplings

- VBFNLO provides only for a restricted set of dimension 6 operators

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{O}_W &= (D_\mu \phi^\dagger) \widehat{W}^{\mu\nu} (D_\nu \phi) \\
 \mathcal{O}_B &= (D_\mu \phi^\dagger) \widehat{B}^{\mu\nu} (D_\nu \phi) \\
 \mathcal{O}_{WW} &= \phi^\dagger \widehat{W}_{\mu\nu} \widehat{W}^{\mu\nu} \phi \\
 \mathcal{O}_{BB} &= \phi^\dagger \widehat{B}_{\mu\nu} \widehat{B}^{\mu\nu} \phi, \\
 \mathcal{O}_{WWW} &= \text{Tr} \left( \widehat{W}^\mu{}_\nu \widehat{W}^\nu{}_\rho \widehat{W}^\rho{}_\mu \right)
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \text{with} \quad
 \begin{aligned}
 \widehat{W}_{\mu\nu} &= ig T^a W_{\mu\nu}^a \\
 \widehat{B}_{\mu\nu} &= ig' Y B_{\mu\nu},
 \end{aligned}$$

- Parameters are set in `anom_HVV.dat` and `anomV.dat` which also provides switch to lambda, kappa, g\_1 notation

$$\mathcal{L}_{WWZ} = -ie \cot \theta_w \left[ g_1^Z \left( W_{\mu\nu}^\dagger W^\mu Z^\nu - W_\mu^\dagger Z_\nu W^{\mu\nu} \right) + \kappa_Z W_\mu^\dagger W_\nu Z^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda_Z}{m_W^2} W_{\sigma\mu}^\dagger W_\nu^\mu Z^{\nu\sigma} \right]$$

- See manual for details: <https://www.itp.kit.edu/vbfnlo/wiki/doku.php>

## For aQGC: full set of dimension 8 operators (Eboli et al.)

- Distinguish by dominant set of vector boson helicities
- Longitudinal operators: derivatives of Higgs doublet field

$$\mathcal{O}_{S_0} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi \right] \times \left[ (D^\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{S_1} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right] \times \left[ (D_\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{S_2} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi \right] \times \left[ (D^\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right]$$

Wilson coefficients for these operators and analogous transverse dimension-8 operators can be set in [anomV.dat](#)

# Field strength $\leftrightarrow$ transverse polarizations

## Transverse operators

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_0} = \text{Tr} [W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}] \times \text{Tr} [W_{\alpha\beta} W^{\alpha\beta}]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_1} = \text{Tr} [W_{\alpha\nu} W^{\mu\beta}] \times \text{Tr} [W_{\mu\beta} W^{\alpha\nu}]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_2} = \text{Tr} [W_{\alpha\mu} W^{\mu\beta}] \times \text{Tr} [W_{\beta\nu} W^{\nu\alpha}]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_5} = \text{Tr} [W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}] \times B_{\alpha\beta} B^{\alpha\beta},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_6} = \text{Tr} [W_{\alpha\nu} W^{\mu\beta}] \times B_{\mu\beta} B^{\alpha\nu},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_7} = \text{Tr} [W_{\alpha\mu} W^{\mu\beta}] \times B_{\beta\nu} B^{\nu\alpha},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_8} = B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} B_{\alpha\beta} B^{\alpha\beta},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_9} = B_{\alpha\mu} B^{\mu\beta} B_{\beta\nu} B^{\nu\alpha}.$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_3} = \text{Tr} \left( \hat{W}^{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\alpha\beta} \right) \text{Tr} \left( \hat{W}_{\nu\alpha} \hat{W}_{\beta\mu} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_X} = \text{Tr} \left( \hat{W}^{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\alpha\beta} \right) \hat{B}_{\nu\alpha} \hat{B}_{\beta\mu}$$

## Mixed: transverse-longitudinal

$$\mathcal{O}_{M_0} = \text{Tr} [W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}] \times \left[ (D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\beta \Phi \right],$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M_1} = \text{Tr} [W_{\mu\nu} W^{\nu\beta}] \times \left[ (D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right],$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M_2} = [B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}] \times \left[ (D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\beta \Phi \right],$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M_3} = [B_{\mu\nu} B^{\nu\beta}] \times \left[ (D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right],$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M_4} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger W_{\beta\nu} D^\mu \Phi \right] \times B^{\beta\nu},$$

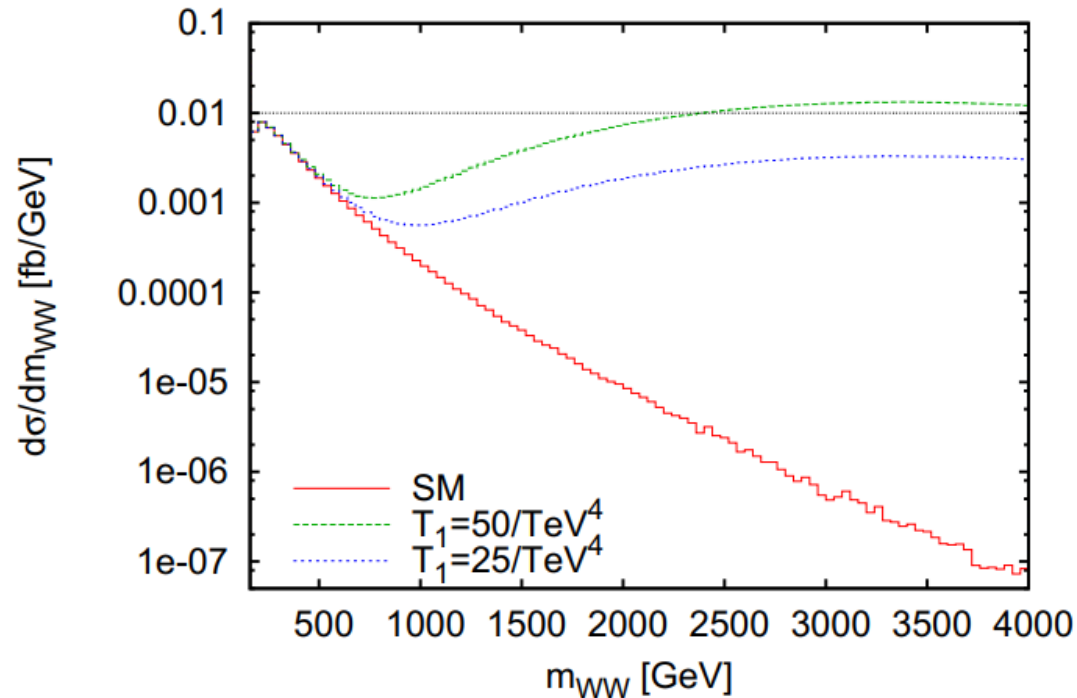
$$\mathcal{O}_{M_5} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger W_{\beta\nu} D^\nu \Phi \right] \times B^{\beta\mu},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M_7} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger W_{\beta\nu} W^{\beta\mu} D^\nu \Phi \right].$$

$\leftarrow$  To be added in VBFNLO 3.0 release

## $VV \rightarrow W^+W^-$ with dimension 8 operators

Effect of constant  $T_1 = \frac{f_{M,1}}{\Lambda^4}$  on  $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- jj \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu jj$



- Huge increase in cross section at high  $m_{WW}$  is completely unphysical
- Need form factor for analysis or some other unitarization procedure

# Unitarization of tree level amplitude: $T_0 \rightarrow T_u$

- K-matrix (also called T-matrix) procedure for on-shell hermitian  $T_0$

$$\mathbf{T}_L = \left( \mathbb{1} - \frac{i}{2} \mathbf{T}_0^\dagger \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{T}_0 + \mathbf{T}_0^\dagger \right) = \left( \mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{T}_0 \mathbf{T}_0 \right)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{T}_0 + \frac{i}{2} \mathbf{T}_0 \mathbf{T}_0 \right)$$

- General virtualities  $\rightarrow T_0$  not normal for off-shell  $VV \rightarrow VV$

Must distinguish

$$\mathbf{A}_{t \leftarrow s} = \mathcal{M}_{\lambda_3, \lambda_4; \lambda_1, \lambda_2}(q_3, q_4; q_1, q_2)$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{s \leftarrow t} = \mathcal{M}_{\lambda_3, \lambda_4; \lambda_1, \lambda_2}(k_3, k_4; k_1, k_2)$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{t \leftarrow t} = \mathcal{M}_{\lambda_3, \lambda_4; \lambda_1, \lambda_2}(q_3, q_4; k_1, k_2)$$

- Use 
$$\mathbf{A}_{t \leftarrow s}^{\text{unit}} = \left( \mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{A}_{t \leftarrow s} \mathbf{A}_{s \leftarrow t} \right)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{A}_{t \leftarrow s} + \frac{i}{2} \mathbf{A}_{t \leftarrow t} \mathbf{A}_{t \leftarrow s} \right)$$

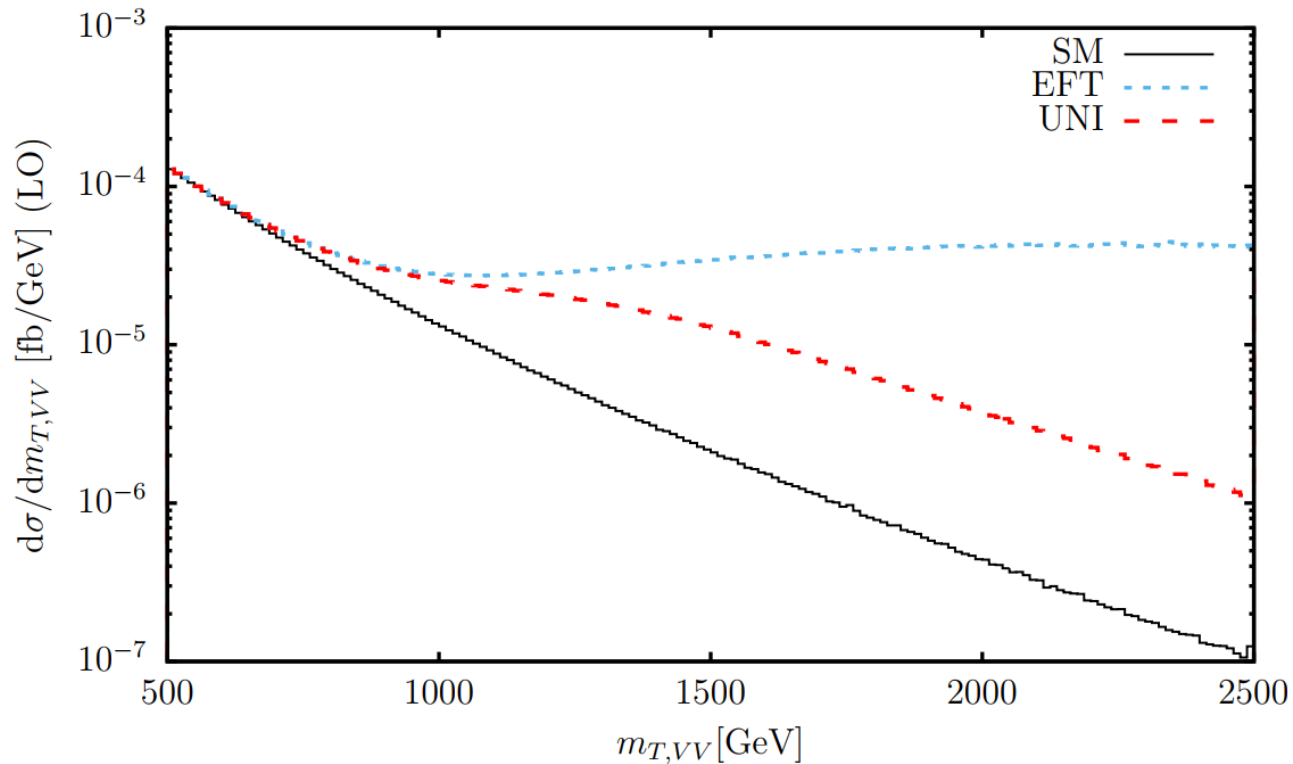
- Alignment problems avoided by using largest eigenvalue of denominator

$$\mathbf{A}_{t \leftarrow s}^{\text{unit}} = \left( \mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{4} a_{\text{max}}^2 \right)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{A}_{t \leftarrow s} + \frac{i}{2} \mathbf{A}_{t \leftarrow t} \mathbf{A}_{t \leftarrow s} \right)$$

Defines  $T_u$  model

# $T_u$ model unitarization now implemented for all VBS processes in VBFNLO

$$qq \rightarrow W^+ Z jj \rightarrow l^+ l^- l^+ \nu jj,$$



Will be made available in **new release 3.0 of VBFNLO in 2021**

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