

# High order perturbation calculations for colliders physics

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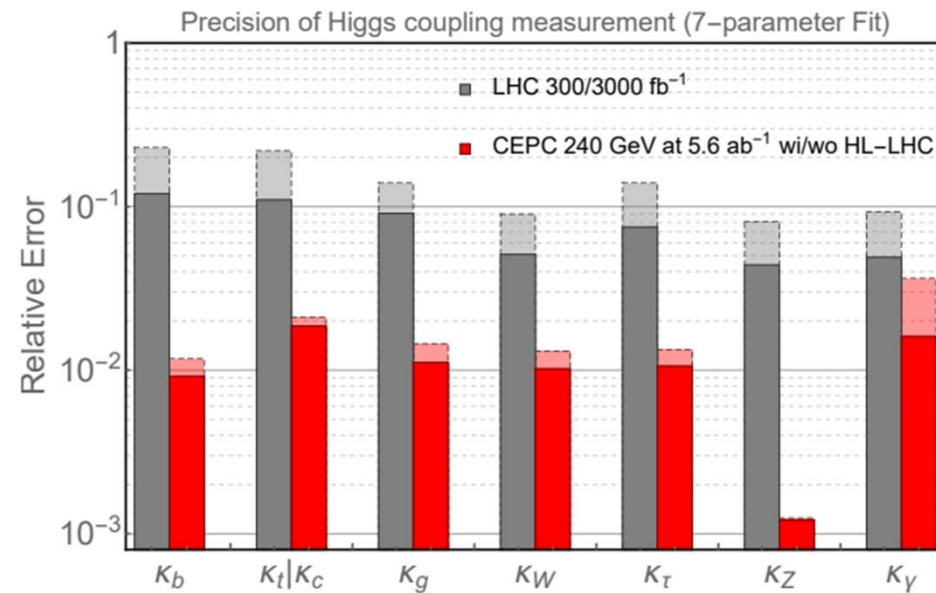
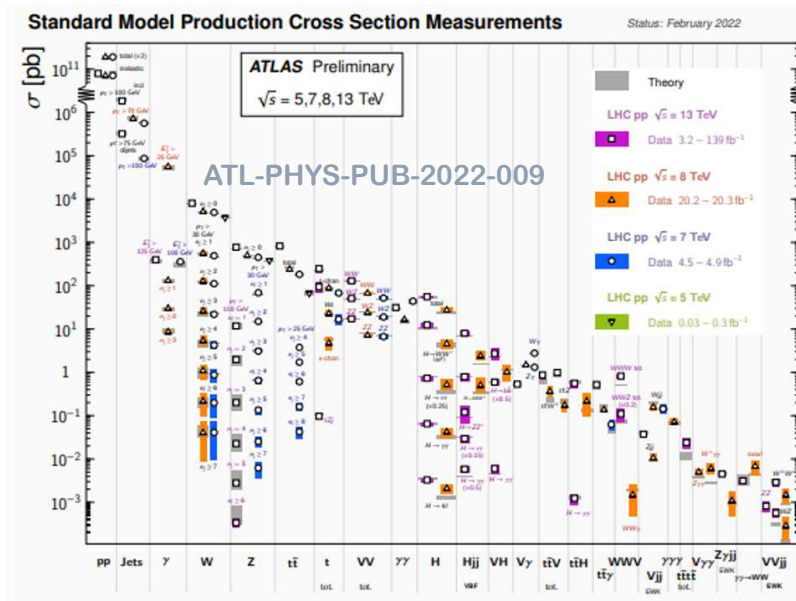
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# Era of precision physics

## ➤ High-precision data



- Experiments are the major ways of discovering and validation
- Many observables probed at **percent level** precision

# Era of precision physics

## ➤ High-precision predictions

$$\sigma = \sigma_{LO}(1 + \alpha \sigma^{(1)} + \alpha^2 \sigma^{(2)} + \alpha^3 \sigma^{(3)} + \dots)$$

- Perturbation calculation is the bridge between theory and experiments

process	known		
$pp \rightarrow H$	$\sigma$ $N^3LO_{HEFT} + N^2LO_{QCD} \left(\frac{1}{m_t^5}\right)$	$d\sigma$	N
	$d\sigma$ $NLO_{EW}$		
	$d\sigma$ $N^2LO_{HEFT} + NLO_{QCD} + PS$	$d\sigma$	+
$pp \rightarrow H + j$	$d\sigma$ $N^2LO_{HEFT}$	$d\sigma$	N
	$d\sigma$ $NLO_{EW}$		
$pp \rightarrow H + 2j$	$d\sigma$ $NLO_{HEFT} + LO_{QCD}$	$d\sigma$	N
	$d\sigma$ $N^2LO_{QCD}(VBF^*)$	$d\sigma$	N
	$d\sigma$ $NLO_{EW}(VBF)$		
$pp \rightarrow H + 3j$	$d\sigma$ $NLO_{HEFT}$	$d\sigma$	N
	$d\sigma$ $NLO_{EW}$		
$pp \rightarrow H + V$	$d\sigma$ $N^2LO_{QCD}$	$d\sigma$	N

Les Houches 2015, 1605.04692

process	known	desired
$pp \rightarrow H$	$N^3LO_{HTL}$	
	$NNLO_{QCD}^{(t)}$	$N^4LO_{HTL}$ (incl.)
	$N^{(1,1)}LO_{QCD \otimes EW}^{(HTL)}$	$NNLO_{QCD}^{(b,c)}$
$pp \rightarrow H + j$	$NLO_{QCD}$	
	$NNLO_{HTL}$	
	$NLO_{QCD}$	$NNLO_{HTL} \otimes NLO_{QCD} + NLO_{EW}$
$pp \rightarrow H + 2j$	$N^{(1,1)}LO_{QCD \otimes EW}$	
	$NLO_{HTL} \otimes LO_{QCD}$	$NNLO_{HTL} \otimes NLO_{QCD} + NLO_{EW}$
	$N^3LO_{QCD}^{(VBF^*)}$ (incl.)	$N^3LO_{QCD}^{(VBF^*)}$
	$NNLO_{QCD}^{(VBF^*)}$	

Les Houches 2021, 2207.02122

- Precision calculation is a prosperous field
- Higher order perturbative calculation is highly demanded

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# Methodologies for high order calculation

Generate  
amplitude



Manipulate  
amplitude



Integral  
reduction



Evaluate  
master integral

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^{O(10^4)} f_i \times I_i$$

$$I_i = \sum_{j=1}^{O(10^2)} c_{ij} M_j$$

$$I(\vec{v}) = \int \prod_{i=1}^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{K+1}^{-\nu_{K+1}} \dots \mathcal{D}_N^{-\nu_N}}{(\mathcal{D}_1+i0)^{\nu_1} \dots (\mathcal{D}_K+i0)^{\nu_K}}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_i = q_i^2 - m_i^2 + i0^+$$

**Qgraf**  
**FeynArts**

**CalcLoop**  
(FeynCalc,...)

**Blade**  
(Air,Fire,Kira,Reduze,  
LiteRed,FiniteFlow,N  
eatIBP, ...)

**AMFlow**  
(FIESTA, SecDec,  
Feyntrop, DiffExp,  
SeaSyde,...)

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ltiloop-pku/amflow](https://gitlab.com/multiloop-pku/amflow)

- **AMFlow**: any loop, high precision, full automatic
- **Blade**: improve the efficiency by 1-2 orders

# Current status of integral reduction

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## ➤ IBP is taking center stage

- Integration-by-part identity

Chetyrkin, Tkachov, NPB(1981)

$$\int \prod_{i=1}^L d^D \ell_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \ell_j^\mu} [v^\mu \mathcal{I}(\vec{v})] = 0$$

⇒ Linear relations among Feynman integrals

## ➤ Laporta algorithm

Laporta, hep-ph/ 0102033

- Gaussian elimination
- Widely used, many public codes

Air, Anastasiou, Lazopoulos, hep-ph/0404258,

Reduze, von Manteuffel, Studerus, 0912.2546, 1201.4330

LiteRed, Lee, 1212.2685, 1310.1145

Fire, Smirnov, et al, 0807.3243, 1302.5885, 1408.2372, 1901.07808

Kira, Maierhöfer, et al, 1705.05610, 1812.01491, 2008.06494

Blade, XG, Liu, Ma, Wu, to appear

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## ➤ Difficulties of IBP method

- Complicated intermediate expression
- Many auxiliary integrals, very sparse
- Resource-consuming due to large scale of linear equations: E.g. Laporta, 1910.01248
  - Hundreds GB RAM** **Months of runtime using super computer**
  - E.g. Klappert, et al., 2008.06494 E.g. Baikov, Chetyrkin and Kühn, 1606.08659

## ➤ Selected developments

- Finite field: avoid intermediate expression swell Manteuffel, Schabinger, 1406.4513  
FiniteFlow, Peraro, 1905.08019  
FireFly, Klappert and Lange, 1904.00009, 2004.01463  
Reconstruction.m, Belitsky, Smirnov and Yakovlev, 2303.02511
- Syzygy equations: trimming IBP system Gluza, Kajda and Kosower, 1009.0472  
Larsen, Zhang, et. al., 1511.01071, 1805.01873, 2104.06866  
NeatIBP, Wu, et al. 2305.08783
- A better choice of basis: UT basis/ D-factorized Usovitsch, 2002.08173  
A. V. Smirnov and V. A. Smirnov, 2002.08042  
Abreu, et al., 1812.04586
- Block-triangular form: **minimize IBP system (needs input)** Liu, Ma, 1801.10523,  
XG, Liu, Ma, 1912.09294



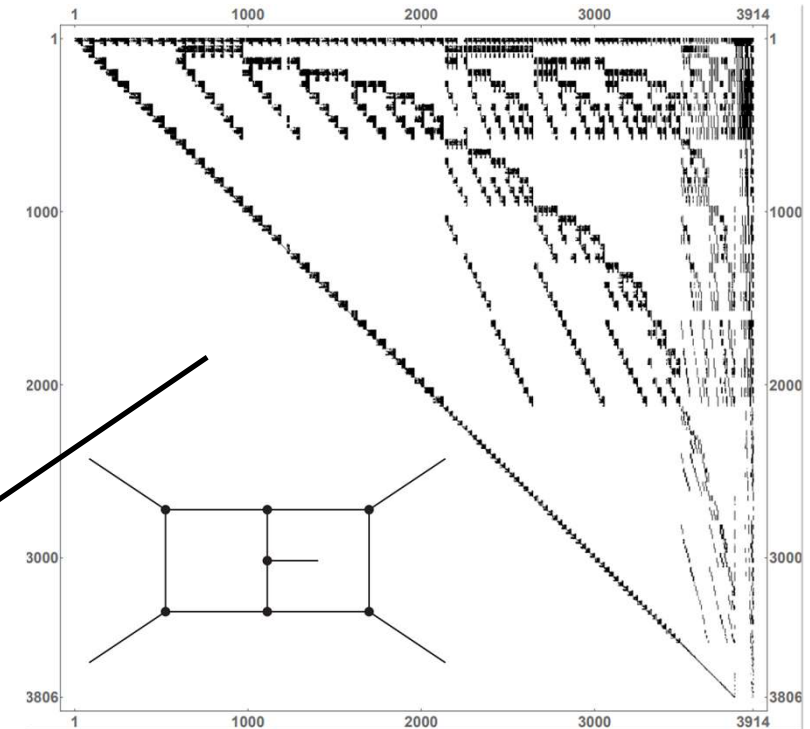
# Block-triangular form

## ➤ Improved linear system

Liu, Ma, 1801.10523  
XG, Liu, Ma, 1912.09294

- Search algorithm to construct block-triangular system
- Order of magnitudes of equations fewer than plain IBP system
- Be solved strictly block by block

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{11} I_1 + Q_{12} I_2 + Q_{13} I_3 + Q_{14} I_4 + \dots + Q_{1N} I_N &= 0 \\ Q_{21} I_1 + Q_{22} I_2 + Q_{23} I_3 + Q_{24} I_4 + \dots + Q_{2N} I_N &= 0 \\ Q_{33} I_3 + Q_{34} I_4 + \dots + Q_{3N} I_N &= 0 \\ Q_{43} I_3 + Q_{44} I_4 + \dots + Q_{4N} I_N &= 0 \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$



Block-triangular form of double-pentagon topology

# Search relations among Feynman integrals

➤ **Decomposition of  $Q_i(\vec{s}, \epsilon)$**   $\sum Q_i(\vec{s}, \epsilon) I_i(\vec{s}, \epsilon) = 0$

$$Q_i(\vec{s}, \epsilon) = \sum_{\mu_0=0}^{\epsilon_{max}} \sum_{\mu} \tilde{Q}_i^{\mu_0 \mu_1 \dots \mu_r} \epsilon_0^{\mu_0} s_{1,0}^{\mu_1} \dots s_{r,0}^{\mu_r}$$

- $\tilde{Q}_i^{\mu_0 \mu_1 \dots \mu_r}$  are unknowns
- $\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_r = d_i$

➤ **Input from numerical IBP**  $I_i(\vec{s}_0, \epsilon_0) = \sum_{j=1}^n C_{ij}(\vec{s}_0, \epsilon_0) M_j(\vec{s}_0, \epsilon_0)$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\mu_0, \mu} \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{Q}_i^{\mu_0 \dots \mu_r} \epsilon_0^{\mu_0} s_{1,0}^{\mu_1} \dots s_{r,0}^{\mu_r} C_{ij}(\vec{s}_0, \epsilon_0) M_j(\vec{s}_0, \epsilon_0) = 0$$

- $\vec{s}_0, \epsilon_0$  and  $C_{ij}(\vec{s}_0, \epsilon_0)$  are numbers under finite field

➤ **Linear equations:**  $\sum_{\mu_0, \mu} \tilde{Q}_i^{\mu_0 \dots \mu_r} \epsilon_0^{\mu_0} s_{1,0}^{\mu_1} \dots s_{r,0}^{\mu_r} C_{ij}(\vec{s}_0, \epsilon_0) = 0$

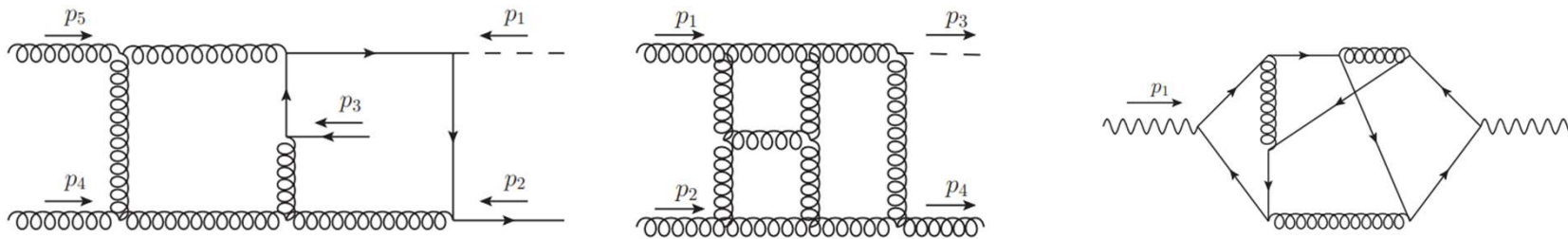
- With enough constraints  $\Rightarrow \tilde{Q}_i^{\mu_0 \dots \mu_r}$
- With finite field technique, equations can be efficiently solved
- Relations among  $G \equiv \{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_N\}$  under finite field can be determined

# Blade

XG, Liu, Ma, Wu, to appear

## ➤ Efficient

- Fully automated, block-triangular form improved integral reduction package
- Typically improve the IBP reduction efficiency by 1-2 orders



## ➤ Download

<https://gitlab.com/multiloop-pku/blade>

# Auxiliary mass flow: FIs to vacuum integrals

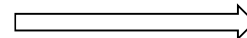
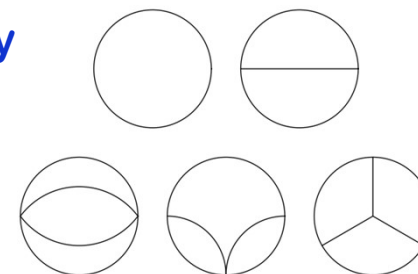
Liu, Ma, Wang, 1711.09572  
Liu, Ma, 2107.01864

## ➤ Auxiliary mass make boundary simple

- Get equal-mass vacuum integrals when  $\eta$  goes to infinity

$$I(D; \{\nu_\alpha\}; \eta) \equiv \int \prod_{i=1}^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{i\pi^{D/2}} \prod_{\alpha=1}^N \frac{1}{(\mathcal{D}_\alpha + i\eta)^{\nu_\alpha}}$$

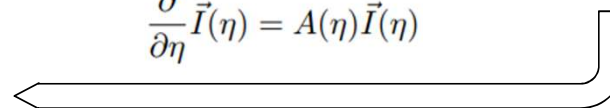
$\eta \rightarrow \infty$

- Analytic continuation from infinity to zero

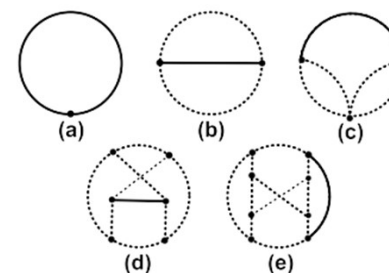
$$I(D; \{\nu_\alpha\}; 0) \equiv \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} I(D; \{\nu_\alpha\}; \eta)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \vec{I}(\eta) = A(\eta) \vec{I}(\eta)$$



## ➤ Single-mass vacuum is preferable

- Fewer master integrals, simpler



# Auxiliary mass flow: vacuum to vacuum

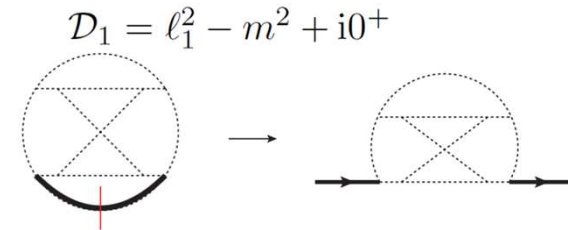
Liu, Yan-Qing Ma, 2201.11637

## ➤ Reduce single-mass vacuum integrals

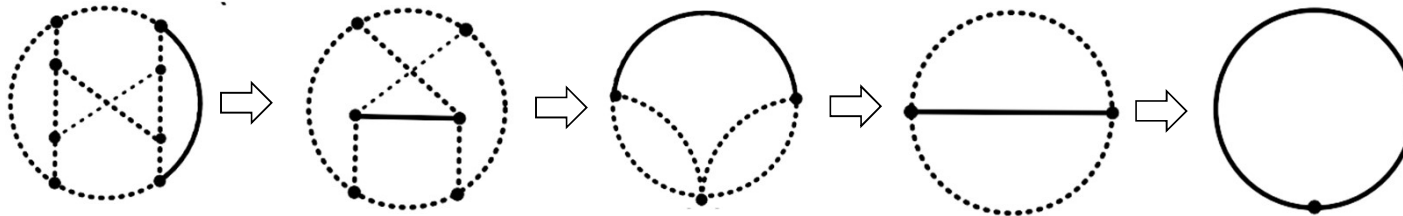
$$I(\vec{v}) = \int \prod_{i=1}^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{K+1}^{-\nu_{K+1}} \dots \mathcal{D}_N^{-\nu_N}}{(l_1^2 - 1 + i0)^{\nu_1} (\mathcal{D}_2 + i0)^{\nu_2} \dots (\mathcal{D}_K + i0)^{\nu_K}}$$

$$\hat{I}(\vec{v}', l_1^2) = \int \prod_{i=2}^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{K+1}^{-\nu_{K+1}} \dots \mathcal{D}_N^{-\nu_N}}{(\mathcal{D}_2 + i0)^{\nu_2} \dots (\mathcal{D}_K + i0)^{\nu_K}}$$

$$I(\vec{v}) = \int \frac{d^D \ell_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{(-l_1^2)^{\frac{(L-1)D}{2} - \nu + \nu_1}}{(l_1^2 - 1 + i0)^{\nu_1}} \hat{I}(\vec{v}', -1) = \frac{\Gamma(\nu - LD/2) \Gamma(LD/2 - \nu + \nu_1)}{(-1)^{\nu_1} \Gamma(\nu_1) \Gamma(D/2)} \hat{I}(\vec{v}', -1)$$



- **L** loop vacuum integral is reduced to **(L-1)** loop p-integrals
- **AMFlow**: reduce **(L-1)** loop p-integrals to **(L-1)** loop vacuum integrals



- **No input, any loops, any space-time dimension**

# Numeric differential equation

## ➤ From one phase point to the whole physical region

- Systematic and efficient
- Easy to obtain high precision

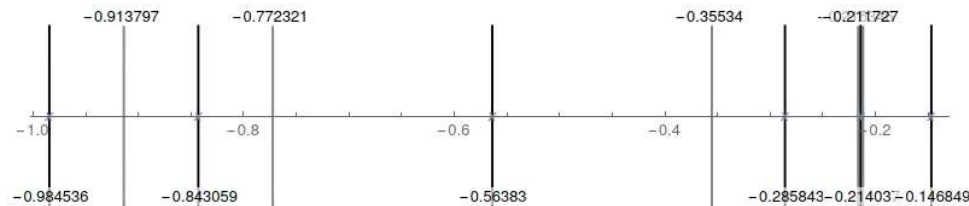
Caffo, Czyz, Remiddi, hep-ph/0203256  
Lee, V. A. Smirnov, 1709.07525  
Bonciani, Degrassi, Giardino, Grober, 1812.02698  
Frellesvig, Hidding, Maestri, Moriello, Salvatori, 1911.06308  
Cheng, Czakon and Niggetiedt, 2109.01917  
Fael, Lange, Schonwald and Steinhauser, 2202.05276  
DiffExp: Hidding, 2006.05510  
SeaSyde: Armadillo, Bonciani, Devoto, Rana, Vicini, 2205.03345  
Liu, Ma, 2201.11669

## ➤ A general procedure

- Construct differential equation w.r.t kinematic invariants (e.g., Blade)
- Obtain boundary conditions (e.g., AMFlow)
- Generalized series expansion around singularities
- Taylor expansion around regular point to cover the whole region

$$\frac{d I_i(\epsilon, x)}{d x} = \sum_j A_{ij} I_j(\epsilon, x)$$

$$I(\epsilon, x) = \sum_{\mu, k, n} c_{\mu, k, n}(\epsilon) x^{\mu(\epsilon)} \log^k x x^n$$



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# $e^+ e^- \rightarrow t \bar{t}$ production

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## ➤ Pin down properties of top-quark

- Mass uncertainty can be reduced to 50 MeV
- Electro-weak coupling with uncertainties smaller than 0.3%

ILD Concept group, 2003.01116

## ➤ $N^3LO_{QCD}$ correction is indispensable

- ~2% theoretic uncertainty at NNLO for  $\sqrt{s} = 500\text{GeV}$
- Partial results for total cross section at NNNLO exist

Gao, Zhu, 1408.5150, 1410.3165

Chen, Dekkers, Heisler, Bernreuther, Si, 1610.07897

Padé approximation(exclude singlet contribution)

Hoang, Mateu, Zebarjad, 0807.4173

Kiyo, Maier, Maierhofer, Marquard, 0907.2120

Near threshold production

Beneke, Kiyo, Maier, Piclum, 1605.03010

Massive form factor at three loops

Fael, Lange, Schonwald, Steinhauser, 2202.05276, 2207.00027

- No differential observables is available at  $N^3LO$



# Technique details

## ➤ Feynman amplitude

Chen, XG, He, Liu, Ma. 2209.14259

qgraf: P. Nogueira, J.Comput.Phys. 105 (1993) 279-289

- Reverse unitarity: from phase space integration to loop integration

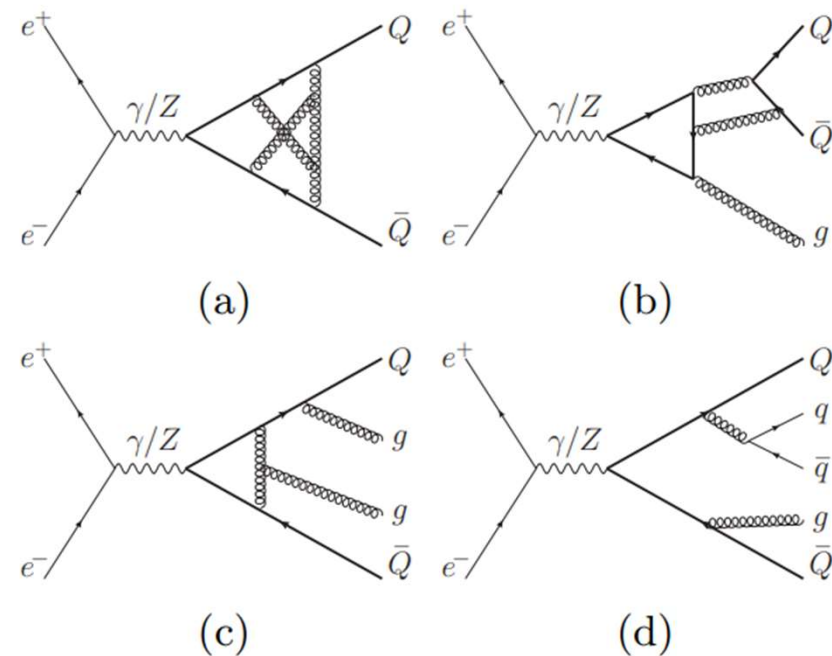
$$\delta(p^2 - m^2) \propto \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 - i0} - \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i0}$$

- Exclude four top-quark final state
- 475 integral families(4062 master integrals)

## ➤ KKS scheme for $\gamma_5$

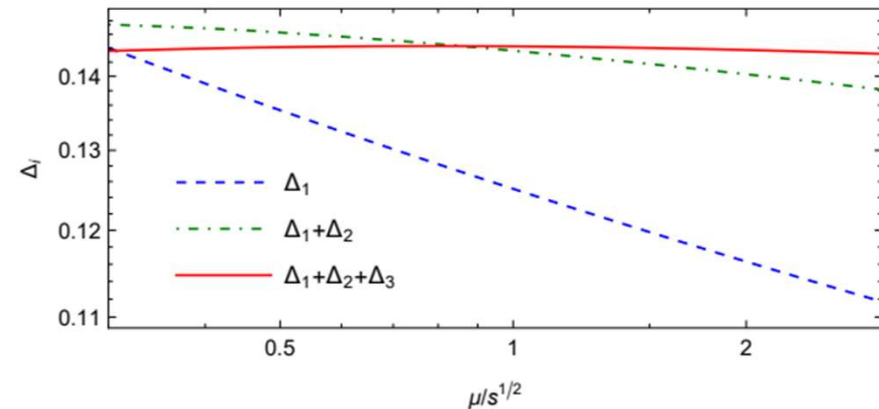
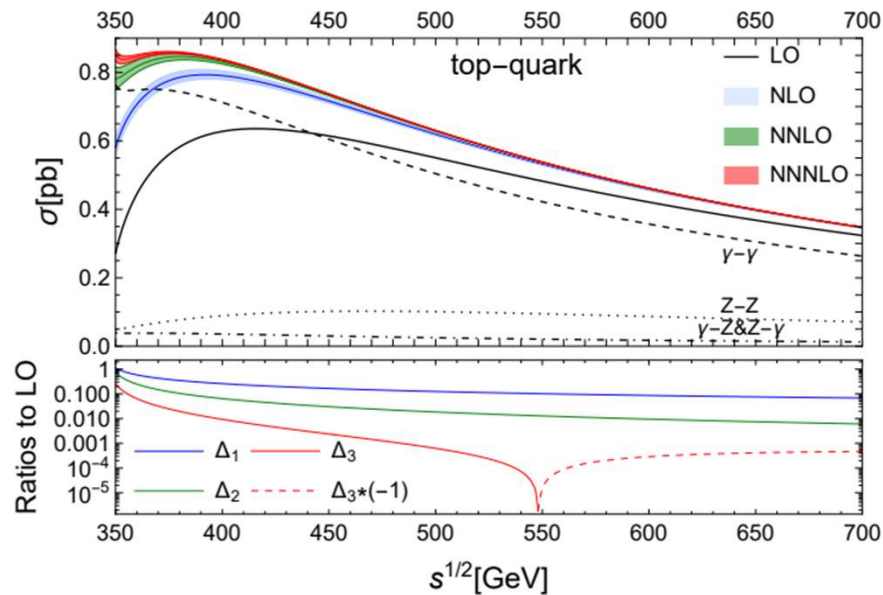
- $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma_5\} = 0$
- Take average of reading points

Kreimer, Phys. Lett. B 237 (1990) 59-62  
 Korner, Kreimer, Schilcher, Z. Phys. C 54 (1992) 503-512  
 Kreimer, hep-ph/9401354  
 Chen, 2304.13814



Representative Feynman diagrams at NNNLO

# Total cross section



$$\sigma_{\text{NNNLO}} = \sigma_{\text{LO}}(1 + \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_3)$$

- Around 0.1% corrections at 500GeV
- The scale dependence has been diminished to 0.06%
- Resummation is needed near threshold, e.g.,  $\sqrt{s} < 370$  GeV

**Meets the requirement of  
future colliders**

# Invariant mass distribution

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## ➤ Differential distribution from delta function

- Insert the delta function in the integrand of total cross section

$$\delta\left((p_Q + p_{\bar{Q}})^2 - M_{Q\bar{Q}}^2\right)$$

- Transform the delta function to standard propagators

$$\propto \frac{1}{(p_Q + p_{\bar{Q}})^2 - M_{Q\bar{Q}}^2 - i0} - \frac{1}{(p_Q + p_{\bar{Q}})^2 - M_{Q\bar{Q}}^2 + i0}$$

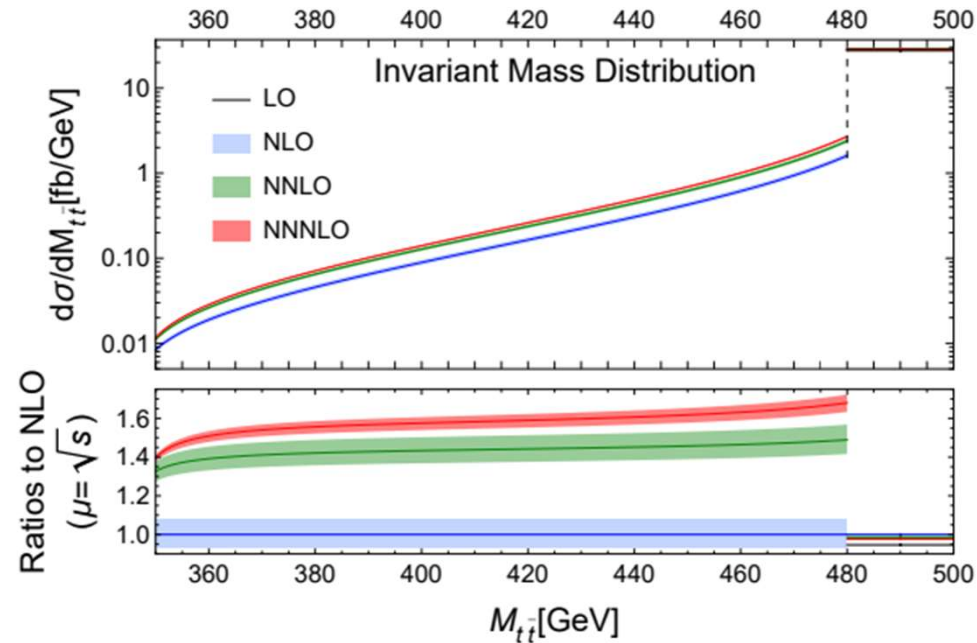
Apply previous outlined techniques



## ➤ Boundary condition from total cross section

- Solve the differential equation w.r.t  $M_{Q\bar{Q}}^2$  with **unknown** boundary conditions
- Integrating over  $M_{Q\bar{Q}}^2 \rightarrow$  Feynman integrals of total cross section(**known**)
  - $\implies$  Determine both unknowns and the series expansion via matching

# Invariant mass distribution



- Soft radiation at the right most region, prompting 20 GeV bin average
- -1% corrections to the lower order result for the bin
- 9% to 13% corrections for  $M_{t\bar{t}} \in [370, 480]$  GeV
- Around 5% scale uncertainty across the majority of the distribution region,  
**Represents a considerable impact on phenomenological study**

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# Higgs production at lepton colliders

## ➤ Precise measurement of Higgs

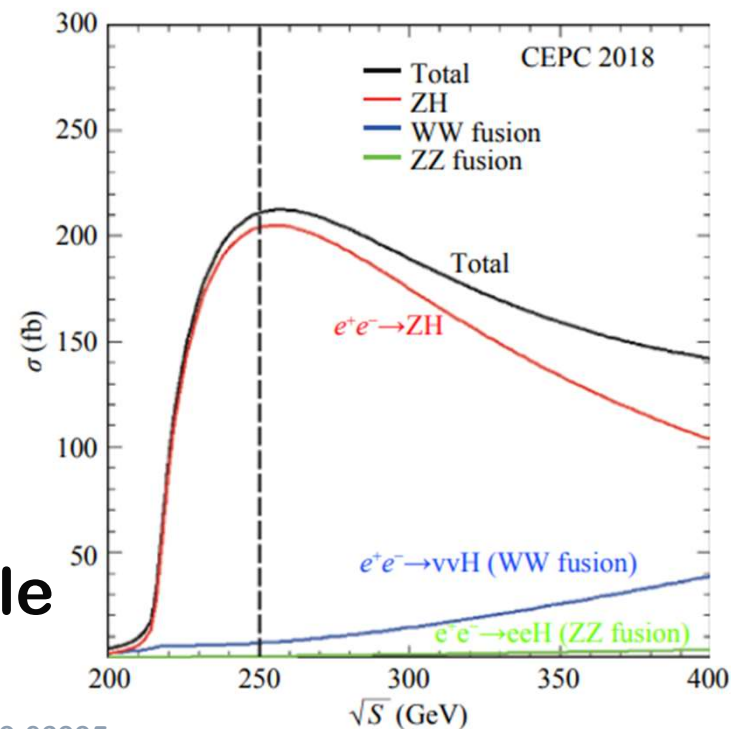
- Higgs potential
- EW spontaneous symmetry breaking
- Probe to new physics

## ➤ H Z is the dominant channel

- Typical energy: 240 - 250 GeV
- Experimental uncertainty: **0.51%** An et al: 1810.09037

## ➤ NNLO EW correction is indispensable

- **1%** uncertainty for NLO EW-QCD mixed correction  
Gong, Li, Xu, Yang, Zhao, 1609.03955; Sun, Feng, Jia, Sang, 1609.03995
- Fermionic contributions at two loop EW is available



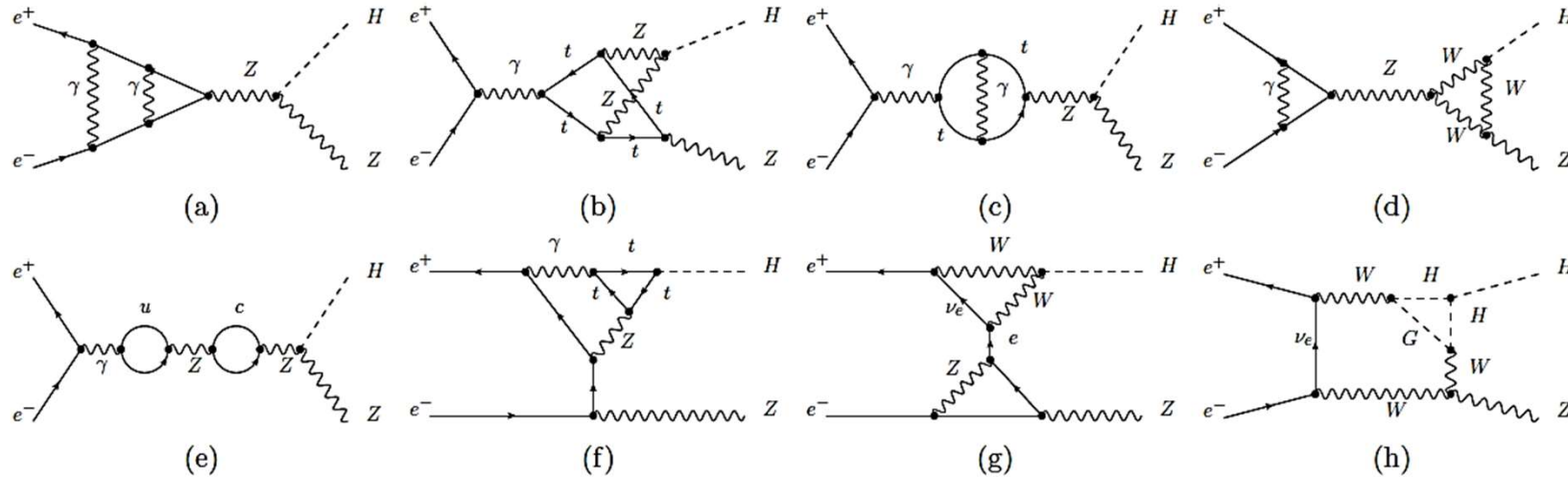
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Freitas, Song, 2209.07612; Freitas, Song, Xie, 2305.16547

# Feynman amplitude

- 25377 Feynman diagrams (qgraf and FeynArts)
- 372 integral families (7675 master integrals)
- KKS scheme for  $\gamma_5$

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 FeynArts: T. Hahn hep-ph/0012260



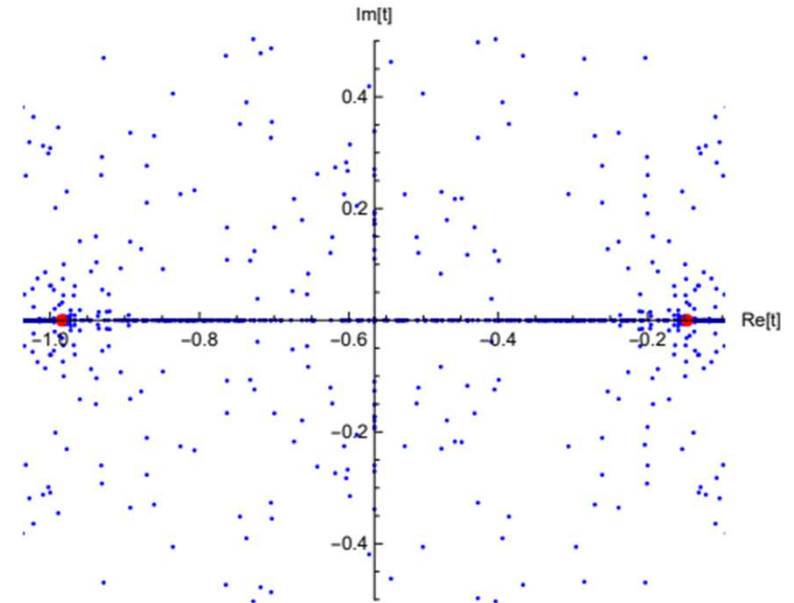
# Evaluation of master integrals

## ➤ Thousands of singularities

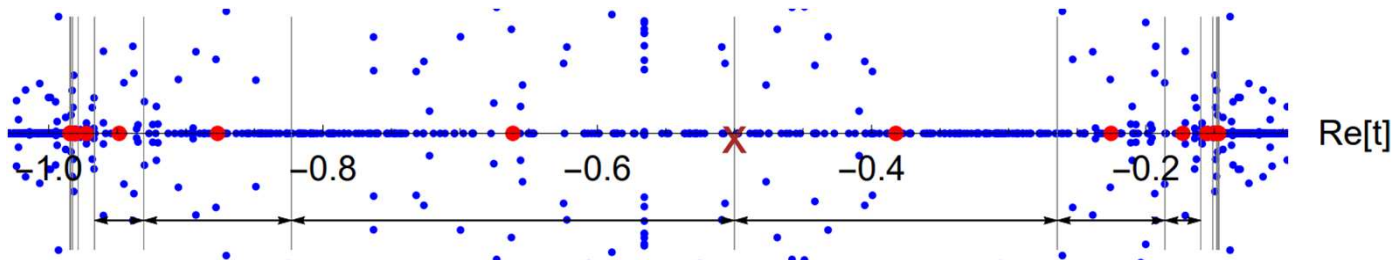
- Singularities for all master integrals
- Most of singularities are non-physical: 'bad' master integrals or in other Riemann sheets
- Affect the numeric stability

## ➤ Values in the whole physical region

- Increase working precision to bypass non-physical singularities
- Trial and error: more than 20 pieces, each is a represented as a series expansion



Singularities distribution

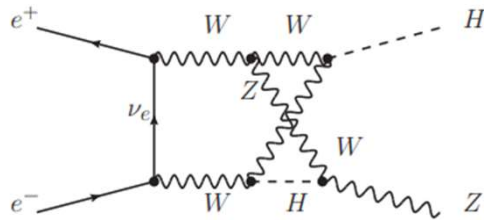


Line segmentations



# Numeric results

## ➤ Master integrals



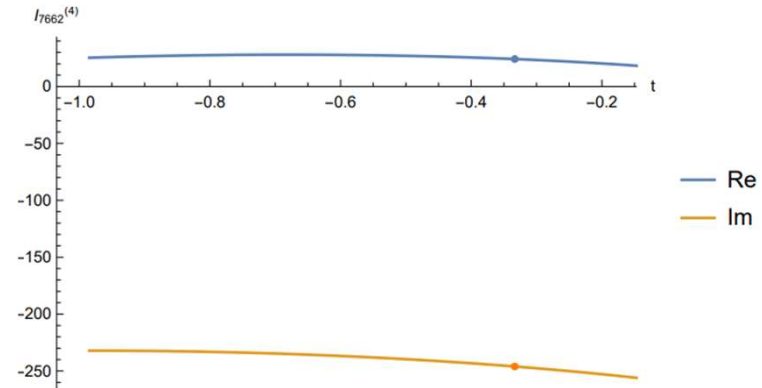
e.g. one of the most complicated family

## ➤ Bare Squared amplitude

e.g.,  $\frac{t}{m_t^2} = -\frac{5}{7}$ :

$$\mathcal{A}^{(2)} = \alpha^4 (7.5548083 \epsilon^{-4} - 319.62821 \epsilon^{-3} + 1154.8893 \epsilon^{-2} + 26990.603 \epsilon^{-1} + 156089.03 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon))$$

- Remain both UV and IR divergence (underway)



Plots of the corner integral, for  $m_H^2 = \frac{12}{23}$ ,  $m_Z^2 = \frac{23}{83}$ ,  $m_W^2 = \frac{14}{65}$ ,  $s = \frac{83}{43}$ ,  $m_t = 1$  as a function of  $t$ , at order  $\epsilon^4$ . The solid point represents values computed with AMFlow at  $t = -\frac{1}{3}$ , which provides highly nontrivial self-consistency check of results.

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## ➤ Status

- We compute the NNNLO QCD corrections to the total cross section and the invariant mass distribution of  $t\bar{t}$ , which are valuable for phenomenological study
- We compute the two loop corrections to  $HZ$  production, the complete results are still underway.

## ➤ Next

- Our strategic approach is versatile to be applied to other processes, including differential observables
- A fully automated package for high order (beyond NLO) calculation?

Thank you!