

# Higgs production, and more

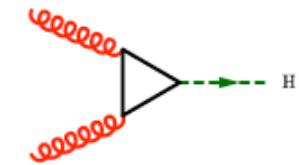
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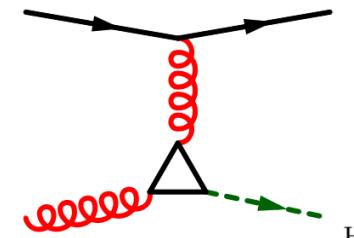
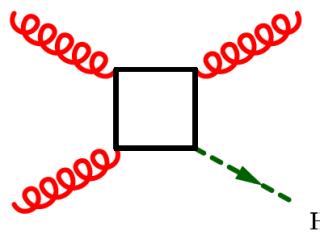
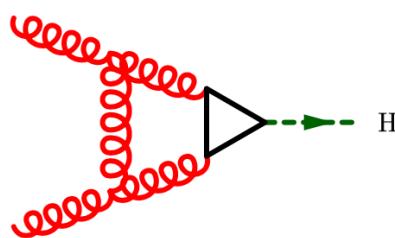
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# Higgs production at LHC

- In proton collisions, the Higgs boson is produced mostly via gluon fusion
- The gluons do not couple directly to the Higgs boson
- The coupling is mediated by a heavy quark loop
- The largest contribution comes from the top loop
- The production mode is (roughly) proportional to the top Yukawa coupling  $y_t$



## QCD NLO corrections



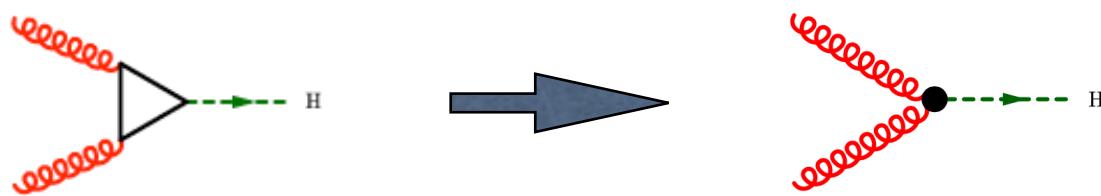
Djouadi Graudenz Spira Zerwas 1992-1995

- QCD NLO corrections are about 100% larger than leading order

- QCD NNLO corrections are known for the top-quark loop only

# Higgs production in HEFT

•  $m_H \ll 2m_t$



all amplitudes are reduced by one loop

• ... but, beware of quark mass effects

$\sigma_{EFT}^{LO}$	15.05 pb	$\sigma_{EFT}^{NLO}$	34.66 pb
$R_{LO} \sigma_{EFT}^{LO}$	16.00 pb	$R_{LO} \sigma_{EFT}^{NLO}$	36.84 pb
$\sigma_{ex;t}^{LO}$	16.00 pb	$\sigma_{ex;t}^{NLO}$	36.60 pb
$\sigma_{ex;t+b}^{LO}$	14.94 pb	$\sigma_{ex;t+b}^{NLO}$	34.96 pb
$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{LO}$	14.83 pb	$\sigma_{ex;t+b+c}^{NLO}$	34.77 pb

Anastasiou Duhr Dulat Furlan Gehrmann Herzog Lazopoulos Mistlberger 2016

•  $R_{LO} = \frac{\sigma_{ex;t}^{LO}}{\sigma_{EFT}^{LO}} = 1.063$

rescaled EFT (rEFT) does a good job (< 1%) in approximating the exact (only top) NLO  $\sigma$   
but misses the  $t\bar{b}$  interference

# Higgs production



**QCD** corrections have been computed at **N<sup>3</sup>LO** in HEFT

Anastasiou Duhr Dulat Herzog Mistlberger 2015  
Mistlberger 2018



including quark-mass effects and **QCD-EW** interference the cross section is

$$\sigma = 48.58 \text{ pb}^{+2.22 \text{ pb} (+4.56\%)}_{-3.27 \text{ pb} (-6.72\%)} \text{ (theory) } \pm 1.56 \text{ pb (3.20\%)} \text{ (PDF} + \alpha_s \text{)}$$



The breakdown of the cross section

$$\begin{aligned} 48.58 \text{ pb} &= 16.00 \text{ pb } (+32.9\%) && (\text{LO, rEFT}) \\ &+ 20.84 \text{ pb } (+42.9\%) && (\text{NLO, rEFT}) \\ &- 2.05 \text{ pb } (-4.2\%) && ((t, b, c), \text{exact NLO}) \\ &+ 9.56 \text{ pb } (+19.7\%) && (\text{NNLO, rEFT}) \\ &+ 0.34 \text{ pb } (+0.2\%) && (\text{NNLO, } 1/m_t) \\ &+ 2.40 \text{ pb } (+4.9\%) && (\text{EW, QCD-EW}) \\ &+ 1.49 \text{ pb } (+3.1\%) && (\text{N}^3\text{LO, rEFT}) \end{aligned}$$

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Handbook 4 of LHC Higgs Cross Sections 2016

# Higgs production

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- 6 sources of uncertainties due to:
  - higher orders
  - truncation of the threshold expansion
  - PDFs
  - NLO corrections to QCD-EW interference
  - quark mass effects (2: top mass and top-b interference) at NNLO

$\delta(\text{scale})$	$\delta(\text{trunc})$	$\delta(\text{PDF-TH})$	$\delta(\text{EW})$	$\delta(t, b, c)$	$\delta(1/m_t)$
+0.10 pb -1.15 pb	<del><math>\pm 0.18 \text{ pb}</math></del>	$\pm 0.56 \text{ pb}$	$\pm 0.49 \text{ pb}$	$\pm 0.40 \text{ pb}$	<del><math>\pm 0.49 \text{ pb}</math></del>
+0.21% -2.37%	<del><math>\pm 0.37\%</math></del>	$\pm 1.16\%$	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 0.83\%$	<del><math>\pm 1\%</math></del>

$$\delta(\text{trunc}) = 0.11 \text{ pb} \quad \text{Mistlberger 2018}$$

$$\delta(1/m_t) = -0.26\% \quad \text{Czakon Harlander Klappert Niggetiedt 2021}$$

# QCD NNLO corrections



## Top-quark mass corrections are known at NNLO

Czakon Harlander Klappert Niggetiedt 2021

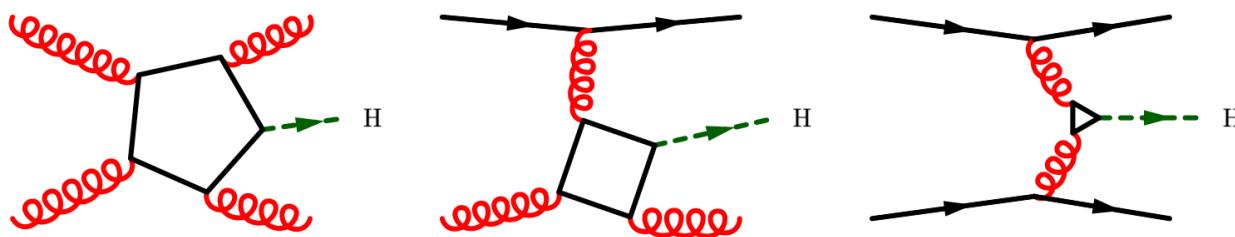
channel	$\sigma_{\text{HEFT}}^{\text{NNLO}} [\text{pb}]$ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$	$(\sigma_{\text{exact}}^{\text{NNLO}} - \sigma_{\text{HEFT}}^{\text{NNLO}}) [\text{pb}]$ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	$(\sigma_{\text{exact}}^{\text{NNLO}} / \sigma_{\text{HEFT}}^{\text{NNLO}} - 1) [\%]$
$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$			
$gg$	$7.39 + 8.58 + 3.88$	$+0.0353$	$+0.0879 \pm 0.0005$
$qg$	$0.55 + 0.26$	$-0.1397$	$-0.0021 \pm 0.0005$
$qq$	$0.01 + 0.04$	$+0.0171$	$-0.0191 \pm 0.0002$
total	$7.39 + 9.15 + 4.18$	$-0.0873$	$+0.0667 \pm 0.0007$
$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$			
$gg$	$16.30 + 19.64 + 8.76$	$+0.0345$	$+0.2431 \pm 0.0020$
$qg$	$1.49 + 0.84$	$-0.3696$	$-0.0115 \pm 0.0010$
$qq$	$0.02 + 0.10$	$+0.0322$	$-0.0501 \pm 0.0006$
total	$16.30 + 21.15 + 9.79$	$-0.3029$	$+0.1815 \pm 0.0023$

- HEFT not so good for  $qg$  and  $qq$  channels
- even accounting for the low luminosity,  $qg$  and  $qq$  channels would make the error to be  $> 1\%$  if absolute values were taken

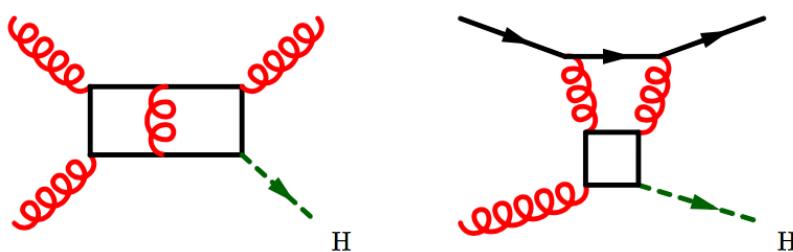
# QCD NNLO corrections

## Higgs + 4-parton amplitudes at one loop

VDD Kilgore Oleari Schmidt Zeppenfeld 2001  
Budge Campbell De Laurentis K. Ellis Seth 2020



## Higgs + 3-parton amplitudes at two loops

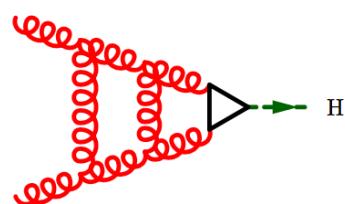


top loop: Jones Kerner Luisoni 2018  
Czakon Harlander Klappert Niggetiedt 2021(?)

arbitrary heavy quark masses (only Master Int):  
Bonciani VDD Frellesvig Henn Moriello V. Smirnov 2016  
all above + Hidding Maestri Salvatori 2019

multi-scale problem with complicated analytic structure  
elliptic iterated integrals appear

## gg → Higgs amplitudes at three loops



one scale: one & two top loops  
one top loop + light-quark loop

Czakon Niggetiedt 2020  
Harlander Prausa Usovitsch 2019

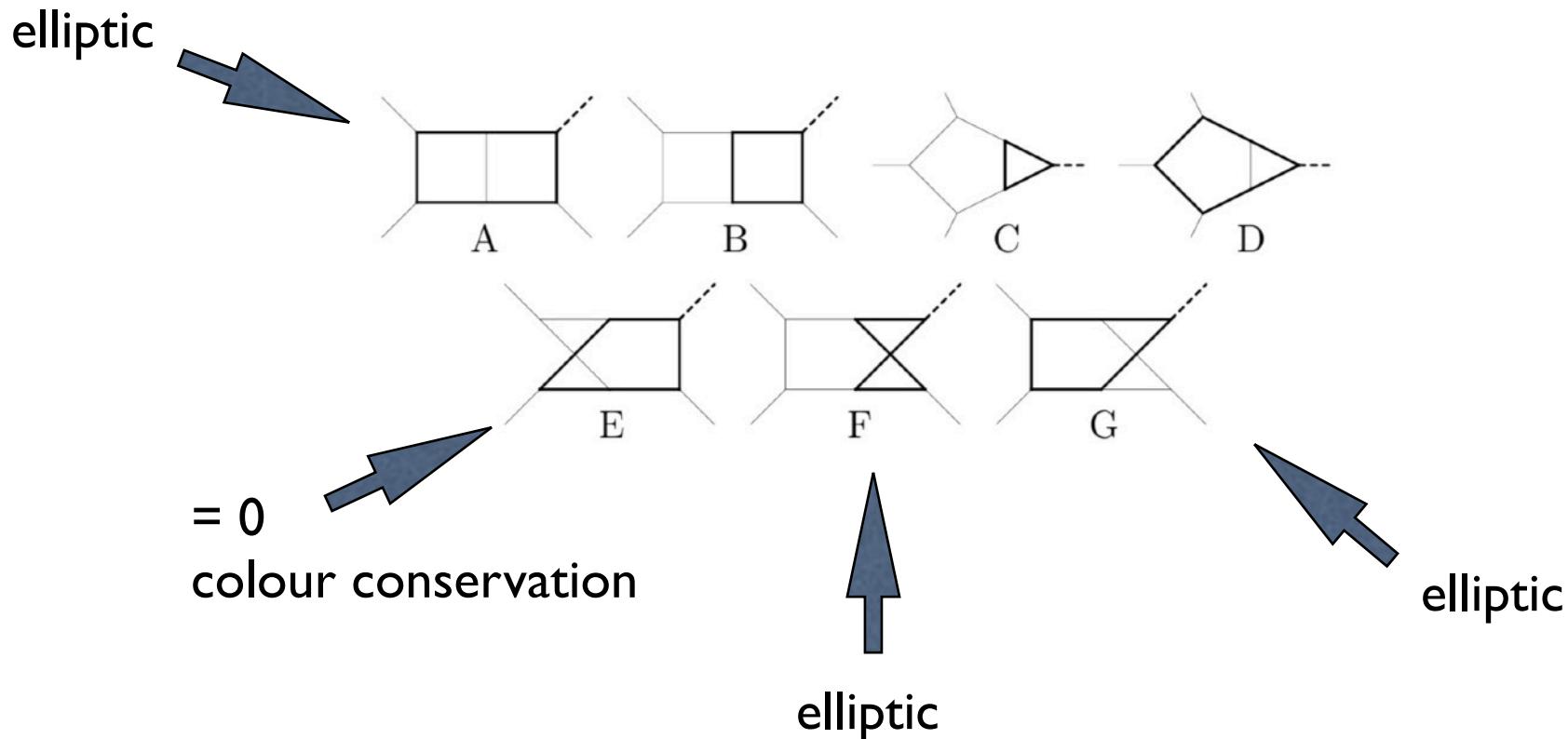
two scales: one top loop + b-quark loop

# Higgs+3-parton Master Integrals at two loops

4 scales,  $s, t, m_H, m_t \rightarrow 3$  external parameters

6 seven-propagator integral families

Bonciani VDD Frellesvig Henn Moriello V. Smirnov 2016 (A, B, C, D)  
Bonciani VDD Frellesvig Henn Hidding Maestri Moriello Salvatori V. Smirnov 2019 (F)  
Frellesvig Hidding Maestri Moriello Salvatori 2019 (G)



Family F: 73 MIs (65 in the polylogarithmic sector, 8 in the elliptic sector)

alphabet: 69 independent letters, with 12 independent square roots

solved through generalised power series expansion  
of the differential equations, defining the parameter  $n$ -plies along a contour

Moriello 2019

# Differential Equations



Differential Equation method to solve the MIs

$$\partial_i f(x_n; \varepsilon) = A_i(x_n; \varepsilon) f(x_n; \varepsilon)$$

$f$ : N-vector of MIs,  $A_i$ : NxN matrix,  $i=1,\dots,n$  external parameters

but in some cases  $\varepsilon$ -independent form

$$\partial_i f(x_n; \varepsilon) = \varepsilon A_i(x_n) f(x_n; \varepsilon)$$

Henn 2013

solution in terms of iterated integrals



Take two points  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $(b_1, \dots, b_n)$  in the  $n$ -dim parameter space, and parametrise the contour  $\gamma(t)$  that connects the two points

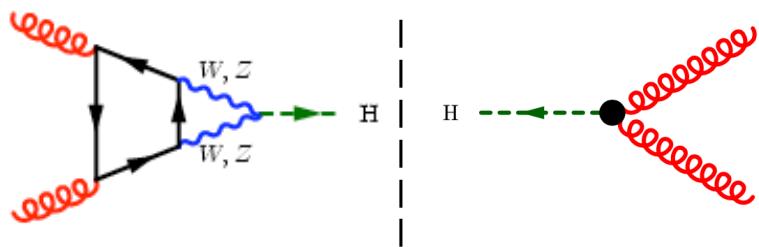
$$\gamma(t) : t \rightarrow \{x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)\} \quad \vec{x}(0) = \vec{a}, \quad \vec{x}(1) = \vec{b}$$

and write the differential equation with respect to  $t$ .

Then find a solution about a point  $\tau$  by series expanding the coefficient matrix  $A$  and then iteratively integrating it.

The procedure works in general, for canonical or elliptic sectors

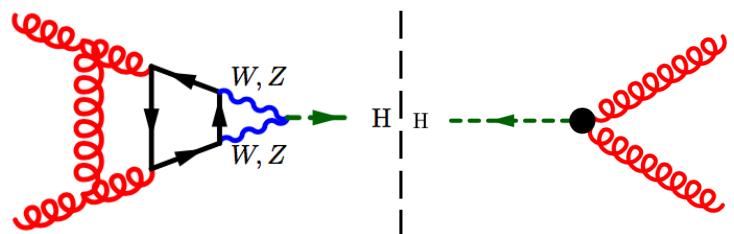
# QCD-EW interference



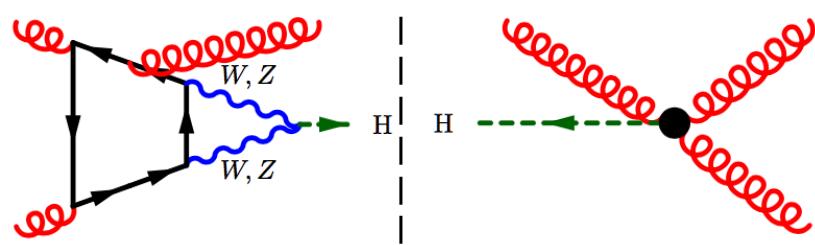
Aglietti Bonciani Degrassi Vicini 2004; Degrassi Maltoni 2004  
(light fermion loop)  
Actis Passarino Sturm Uccirati 2008  
(heavy fermion loop)



## gg-initiated QCD NLO corrections (light fermion loop)



Becchetti Bonciani VDD Hirschi Moriello Schweitzer 2020



Bonetti Melnikov Tancredi 2016

Becchetti Bonciani Casconi VDD Moriello 2018 (only planar MIs)  
Bonetti Panzer V. Smirnov Tancredi 2020  
Becchetti Moriello Schweitzer 2021(?)

LO  $\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H+X}^{(\alpha_s^2 \alpha^2)} = 0.68739^{+23.4\%+2.0\%}_{-17.3\%-2.0\%}$  pb

NLO  $\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H+X}^{(\alpha_s^2 \alpha^2 + \alpha_s^3 \alpha^2)} = 1.467(2)^{+18.7\%+2.0\%}_{-14.6\%-2.0\%}$  pb      i.e. NLO 110% wrt LO

gg-initiated NLO corrections in HEFT

$$\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H+X}^{(\text{HEFT}, \alpha_s^2 \alpha + \alpha_s^3 \alpha)} = 30.484^{+19.8\%+1.9\%}_{-15.3\%-1.9\%}$$
 pb

thus our NLO result 4.8% wrt gg-initiated NLO HEFT

# QCD-EW Higgs+3-parton master integrals at two loops

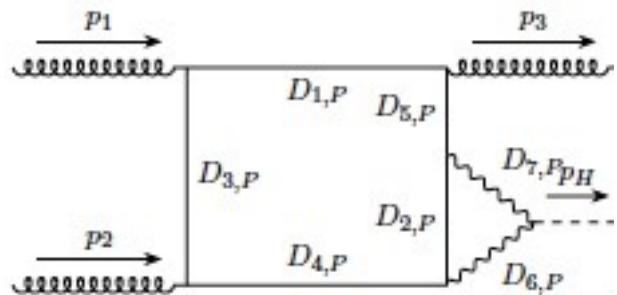
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7 seven-propagator integral families

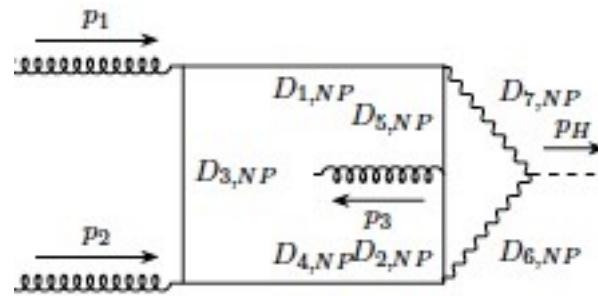
48 MIs (planar), 61 MIs (non-planar)

alphabet: square roots are present, but an MPL representation is possible

Becchetti Bonciani Casconi VDD Moriello 2018 (planar MIs)  
Becchetti Moriello Schweitzer 2021(?) (non-planar MIs)



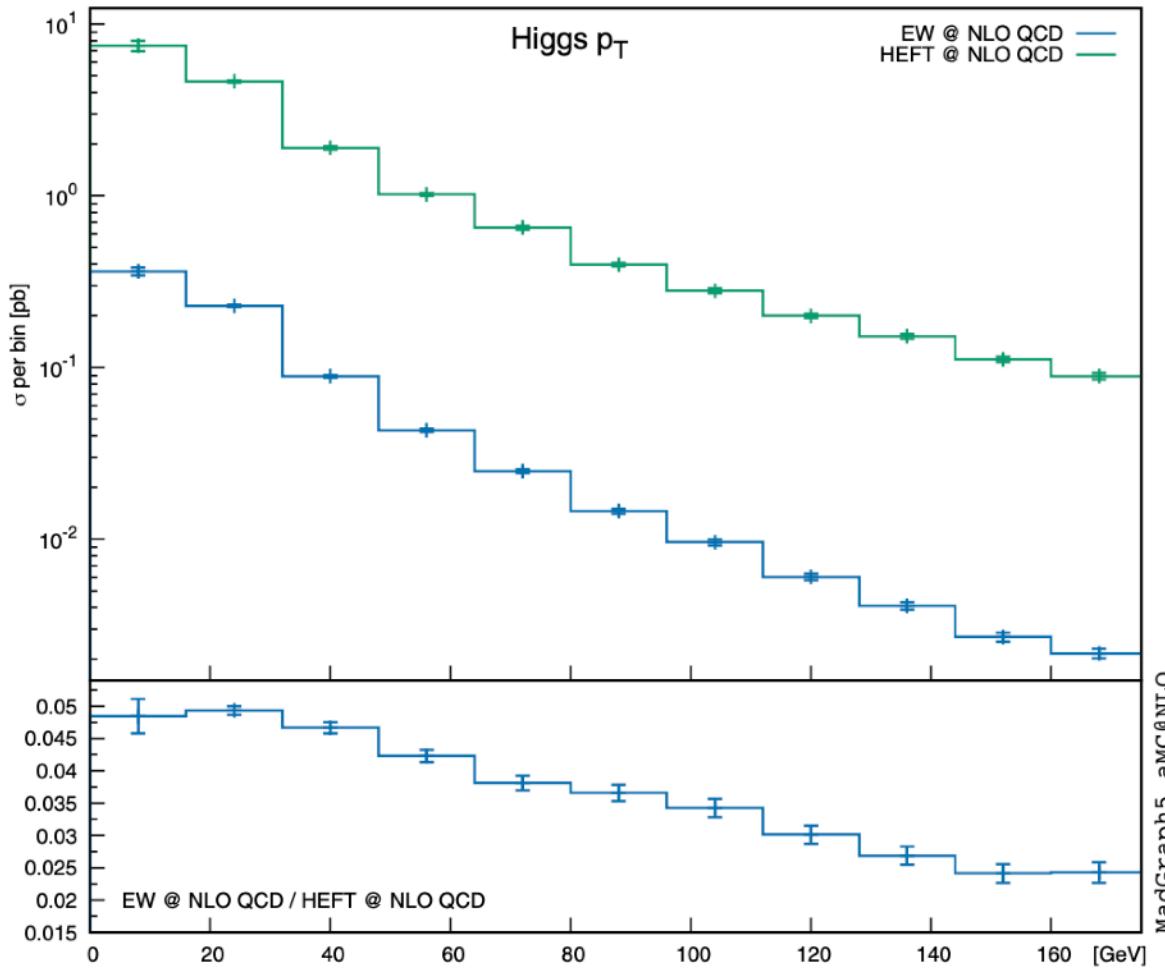
planar



non-planar

solved through generalised power series expansion Moriello 2019

# Higgs $p_T$ distribution due to QCD-EW interference



QCD-EW  $p_T$  spectrum harder than HEFT



gg-initiated QCD NLO corrections (light fermion loop)  
computed in various approximations:

- $m_{W,z} \rightarrow \infty$  limit Anastasiou Boughezal Petriello 2009
  - soft approximation Bonetti Melnikov Tancredi 2018
  - $m_{W,z} \rightarrow 0$  limit Anastasiou VDD Furlan Mistlberger Moriello Schweitzer Specchia 2018

and found to be about 5% wrt NLO (HEFT) cross section



# $qg$ -initiated QCD-EW interference ?

# NLO production rates

Process-independent procedure devised in the 90's



slicing

Giele Glover Kosower 1992-93



subtraction

Frixione Kunszt Signer 1995



dipole

Catani Seymour 1996



antenna

Kosower 1997; Campbell Cullen Glover 1998

based on universal collinear and soft currents

$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \int_{m+1} d\sigma_m^R J_{m+1} + \int_m d\sigma_m^V J_m$$

the 2 terms on the rhs are divergent in  $d=4$

use universal IR structure to subtract divergences

$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \int_{m+1} \left[ d\sigma_{m+1}^R J_{m+1} - d\sigma_{m+1}^{R,A} J_m \right] + \int_m \left[ d\sigma_m^V + \int_1 d\sigma_{m+1}^{R,A} \right] J_m$$

the 2 terms on the rhs are finite in  $d=4$

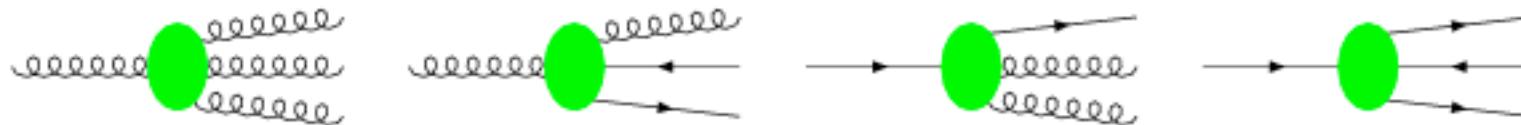
# Collinear and soft currents at NNLO



universal collinear and soft currents



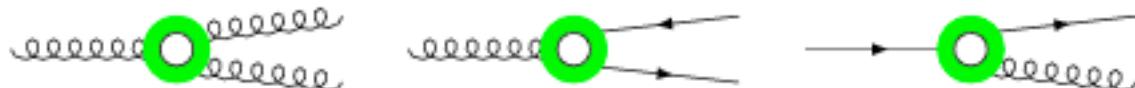
tree 3-parton splitting functions and 2-soft-parton eikonal factors



J. Campbell N. Glover 1997; S. Catani M. Grazzini 1999; A. Frizzo F. Maltoni VDD 1999; D. Kosower 2002



one-loop 2-parton splitting functions and soft-gluon eikonal factor



Z. Bern L. Dixon D. Dunbar D. Kosower 1994; Z. Bern W. Kilgore C. Schmidt VDD 1998-99;  
D. Kosower P. Uwer 1999; S. Catani M. Grazzini 2000

# NNLO cross section methods



use universal IR structure to subtract  
double-real and real-virtual divergences

Sector decomposition

Denner Roth 1996; Binoth Heinrich 2000  
Anastasiou, Melnikov, Petriello 2004

Antenna

Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover 2005

Colorful

Somogyi, Trocsanyi, VDD 2005; 2016

$q_T$

Catani, Grazzini 2007

Residue improved

Czakon 2010

N-jettiness

Boughezal, Focke, Liu, Petriello 2015  
Gaunt Stahlhofen Tackmann Walsh 2015

Projection to Born

Cacciari, Dreyer, Karlberg, Salam, Zanderighi 2015

Nested soft-collinear

Caola Melnikov Röntsch 2017

# Collinear and soft currents at N<sup>3</sup>LO



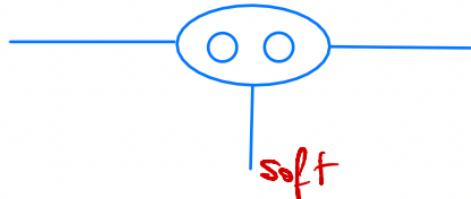
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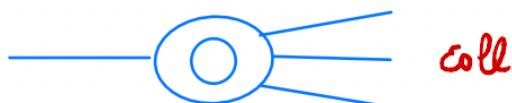
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C. Duhr T. Gehrmann 2013; Y. Li H.X. Zhu 2013;  
L. Dixon E. Herrmann K. Yan H.X. Zhu 2019



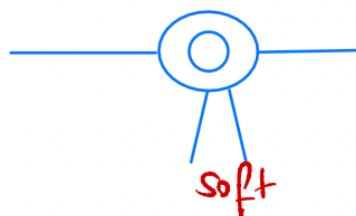
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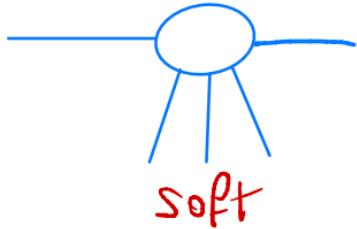
## one-loop 2-soft-parton eikonal factor



S. Catani L. Cieri 2021 (qqbar)



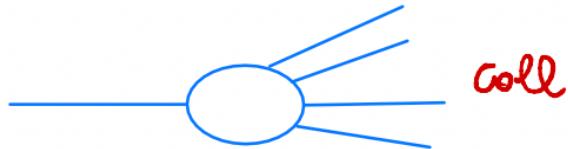
## tree 3-soft-parton eikonal factor



S. Catani D. Colferai A.Torrini 2019 (ggg)



## tree 4-parton splitting functions



A. Frizzo F. Maltoni VDD 1999

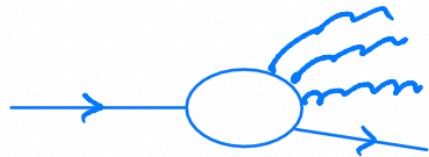
T. Birthwright N. Glover V. Khoze P. Marquard 2005

C. Duhr 2006

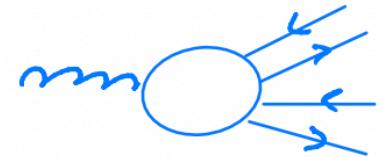
C. Duhr R. Haindl A. Lazopoulos M. Michel VDD 2019-20

# Tree 4-parton splitting functions

quark-parent splitting functions



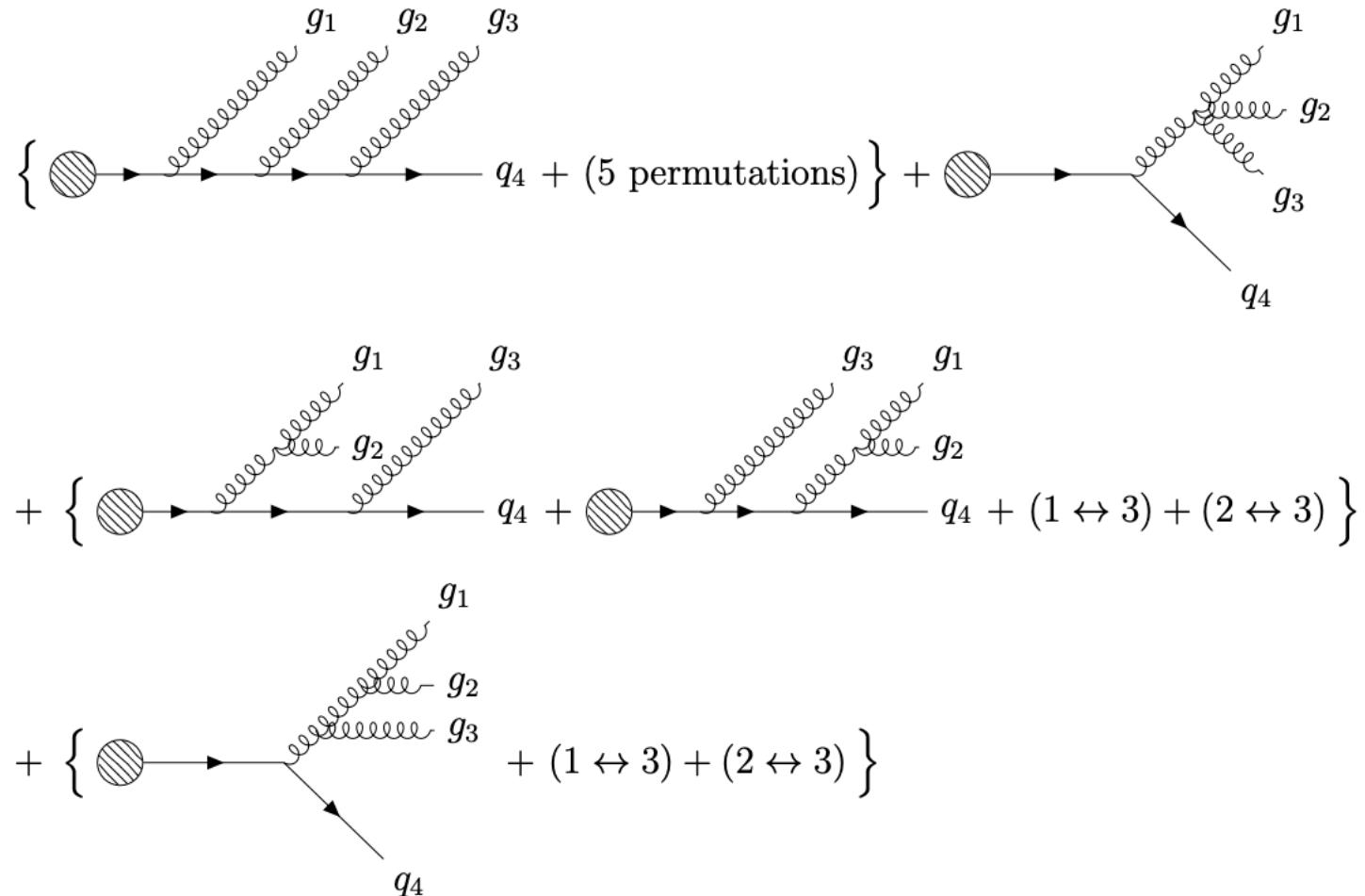
gluon-parent splitting functions



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# A sample: $q \rightarrow qggg$ splitting function

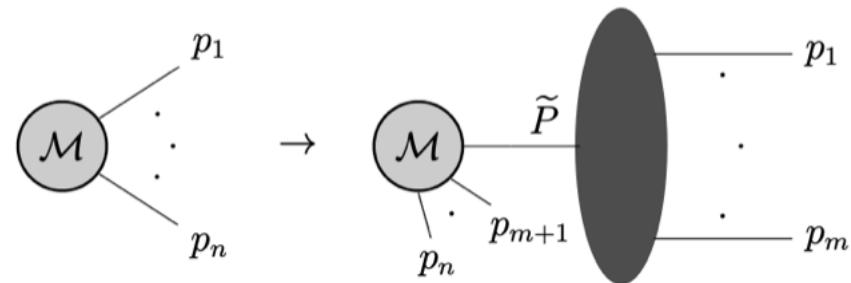


$$\langle \hat{P}_{g_1 g_2 g_3 q_4} \rangle = C_F^3 \langle \hat{P}_{g_1 g_2 g_3 q_4}^{(ab)} \rangle + C_F^2 C_A \langle \hat{P}_{g_1 g_2 g_3 q_4}^{(nab)_1} \rangle + \frac{3}{2} C_A^2 C_F \langle \hat{P}_{g_1 g_2 g_3 q_4}^{(nab)_2} \rangle$$

# Collinear limit



perform uniform rescaling  $k_{\perp i} \rightarrow \lambda k_{\perp i}$   
 keep leading term in the  $1/\lambda$  expansion



$$\mathcal{C}_{1\dots m} \mathcal{M}_{f_1\dots f_n}^{c_1\dots c_n; s_1\dots s_n}(p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

$$= \mathbf{Sp}_{ff_1\dots f_m}^{c, c_1\dots c_m; s, s_1\dots s_m} \mathcal{M}_{ff_{m+1}\dots f_n}^{c, c_{m+1}\dots c_n; s, s_{m+1}\dots s_n}(\tilde{P}, p_{m+1}, \dots, p_n)$$



splitting amplitude

$$\mathcal{C}_{1\dots m} |\mathcal{M}_{f_1\dots f_n}(p_1, \dots, p_n)|^2 = \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{1\dots m}} \right)^{m-1} \hat{P}_{f_1\dots f_m}^{ss'} \mathcal{T}_{ff_{m+1}\dots f_n}^{ss'}(\tilde{P}, p_{m+1}, \dots, p_n)$$

$$s_{1\dots m} \equiv (p_1 + \dots + p_m)^2$$

splitting function

helicity tensor

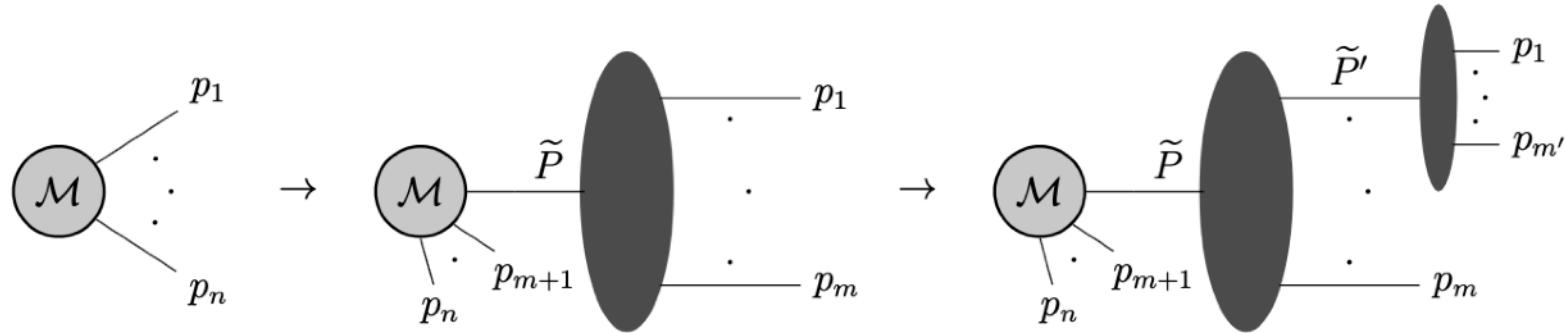
$$\left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{1\dots m}} \right)^{m-1} \hat{P}_{f_1\dots f_m}^{ss'} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{C}_f} \sum_{\substack{(s_1, \dots, s_m) \\ (c, c_1, \dots, c_m)}} \mathbf{Sp}_{ff_1\dots f_m}^{c, c_1\dots c_m; s, s_1\dots s_m} \left[ \mathbf{Sp}_{ff_1\dots f_m}^{c, c_1\dots c_m; s', s_1\dots s_m} \right]^*$$

# Nested collinear limits



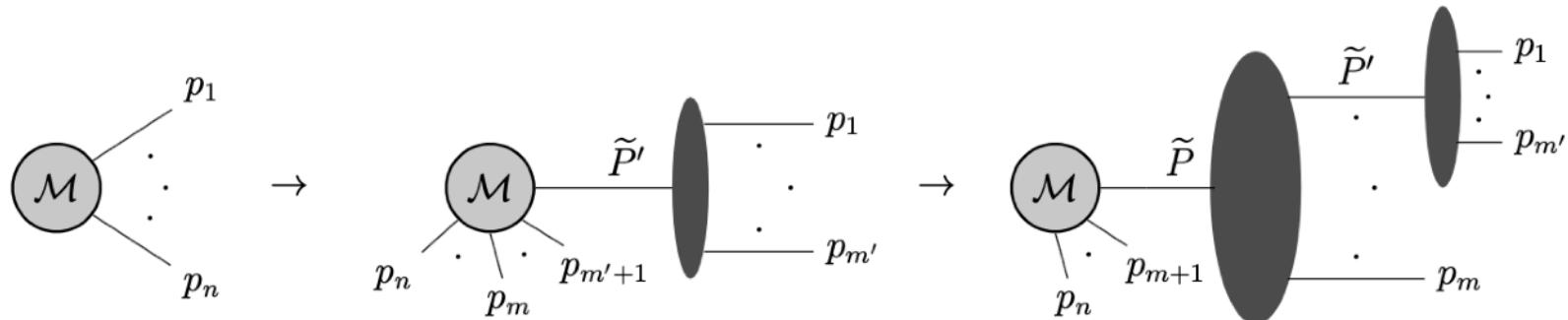
$$k_{\perp i} \rightarrow \lambda k_{\perp i}, \quad \kappa_{\perp i} \rightarrow \lambda' \kappa_{\perp i}$$

$$\lambda \gg \lambda'$$



**iterated**

$$f \rightarrow f_1 + \dots + f_{m'} + \dots + f_m \rightarrow (f_1 + \dots + f_{m'}) + \dots + f_m$$



**strongly ordered**

$$f_{(1\dots m')} \rightarrow f_1 + \dots + f_{m'} \text{ and } f \rightarrow (f_1 + \dots + f_{m'}) + \dots + f_m$$

**different kinematic approaches, but same phase space region**

$$\mathcal{C}_{1\dots m'} \mathcal{C}_{1\dots m} |\mathcal{M}_{f_1\dots f_n}(p_1, \dots, p_n)|^2 = \mathcal{C}_{(1\dots m')\dots m} \mathcal{C}_{1\dots m'} |\mathcal{M}_{f_1\dots f_n}(p_1, \dots, p_n)|^2$$

**iterated**

**strongly ordered**

# Strongly ordered collinear limit



$$\mathcal{C}_{(1\dots m')\dots m} \mathcal{C}_{1\dots m'} |\mathcal{M}_{f_1\dots f_n}(p_1, \dots, p_n)|^2$$

$$= \left( \frac{2g_s^2 \mu^{2\epsilon}}{s_{1\dots m'}} \right)^{m'-1} \left( \frac{2g_s^2 \mu^{2\epsilon}}{s_{[1\dots m']\dots m}} \right)^{m-m'} \hat{P}_{f_1\dots f_{m'}}^{hh'} \hat{H}_{f_{(1\dots m')} f_{m'+1}\dots f_m}^{hh';ss'} \mathcal{T}_{ff_{m+1}\dots f_n}^{ss'}(\tilde{P}, p_{m'+1}, \dots, p_n)$$

splitting function

splitting tensor

helicity tensor

if compare to the collinear limit,  
this can be cast as the collinear factorisation of the splitting function

$$\mathcal{C}_{1\dots m'} \hat{P}_{f_1\dots f_m}^{ss'} = \left( \frac{s_{[1\dots m']\dots m}}{s_{1\dots m'}} \right)^{m'-1} \hat{P}_{f_1\dots f_{m'}}^{hh'} \hat{H}_{f_{(1\dots m')} f_{m'+1}\dots f_m}^{hh';ss'}$$

splitting tensor has  $m-m'+1$  flavour indices and plays the same role as the helicity tensor in the collinear limit, so summed over helicities yields the splitting function

$$\delta^{hh'} \hat{H}_{f_{(1\dots m')} f_{m'+1}\dots f_m}^{hh';ss'} = \hat{P}_{f_{(1\dots m')} f_{m'+1}\dots f_m}^{ss'}$$

$$m=3, m'=2, m-m'+1=2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} m=4, m'=3, m-m'+1 &= 2 \\ m' &= 2, m-m'+1 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

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# Soft limit

soft gluon of momentum  $p_1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{S}_1 |\mathcal{M}_{g_1 f_2 \dots f_n}|^2 \\ &= \mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2 \sum_{j,k=2}^n \mathcal{S}_{jk}(p_1) \left[ \mathcal{M}_{f_2 \dots f_n}^{c_2 \dots c_j' \dots c_k \dots c_n; s_2 \dots s_n} \right]^* \mathbf{T}_{c_j' c_j}^{c_1} \mathbf{T}_{c_k c_k'}^{c_1} \mathcal{M}_{f_2 \dots f_n}^{c_2 \dots c_j \dots c_k' \dots c_n; s_2 \dots s_n} \end{aligned}$$

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colour-correlated amplitudes

with eikonal function

$$\mathcal{S}_{jk}(p_1) = -\frac{2 s_{jk}}{s_{1j} s_{1k}}$$

the short-hand is

$$\mathbf{T}_j \cdot \mathbf{T}_k |\mathcal{M}_{(j,k)}|^2 \equiv \left[ \mathcal{M}_{f_2 \dots f_n}^{c_2 \dots c_j' \dots c_k \dots c_n; s_2 \dots s_n} \right]^* \mathbf{T}_{c_j' c_j}^{c_1} \mathbf{T}_{c_k c_k'}^{c_1} \mathcal{M}_{f_2 \dots f_n}^{c_2 \dots c_j \dots c_k' \dots c_n; s_2 \dots s_n}$$

# Soft limit of splitting functions

soft gluon of momentum  $p_1$  in a set of  $m$  collinear partons

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{C}_{1\dots m} \mathcal{S}_1 |\mathcal{M}_{g_1 f_2 \dots f_n}|^2 \\ &= \mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2 \mathcal{T}^{ss'} \frac{1}{\mathcal{C}_f} \sum_{j,k=2}^m U_{jk;1} \left[ \mathbf{Sp}_{ff_2\dots f_m}^{c,c_2\dots c'_j\dots c_k\dots c_m;s'} \right]^* \mathbf{T}_{c'_j c_j}^{c_1} \mathbf{T}_{c_k c'_k}^{c_1} \mathbf{Sp}_{ff_2\dots f_m}^{c,c_2\dots c_j\dots c'_k\dots c_m;s} \end{aligned}$$

obtained using colour coherence: hard amplitude factorises

with  $U_{jk;l} \equiv 2 \left( -\frac{s_{jk}}{s_{jl}s_{kl}} + \frac{z_k}{z_l s_{kl}} + \frac{z_j}{z_l s_{jl}} \right)$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{S}_1 \left[ \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{1\dots m}} \right)^{m-1} \hat{P}_{g_1 f_2 \dots f_m}^{ss'} \right] \\ &= \mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2 \frac{1}{\mathcal{C}_f} \sum_{j,k=2}^m U_{jk;1} \left[ \mathbf{Sp}_{ff_2\dots f_m}^{c,c_2\dots c'_j\dots c_k\dots c_m;s'} \right]^* \mathbf{T}_{c'_j c_j}^{c_1} \mathbf{T}_{c_k c'_k}^{c_1} \mathbf{Sp}_{ff_2\dots f_m}^{c,c_2\dots c_j\dots c'_k\dots c_m;s} \end{aligned}$$

$$m=2 \quad \mathcal{S}_1 \left[ \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{12}} \right) \hat{P}_{g_1 f_2}^{ss'} \right] = \mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2 \frac{4(1-z_1)}{z_1 s_{12}} C_2 \delta^{ss'} \quad \text{DGLAP}$$

$$C_2 = C_A, C_F$$

*m=3*

$$\mathcal{S}_1 \left[ \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{123}} \right)^2 \hat{P}_{g_1 f_2 f_3}^{ss'} \right] = \mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2 [U_{22;1} \mathbf{T}_2^2 + U_{23;1} (\mathbf{T}_P^2 - \mathbf{T}_2^2 - \mathbf{T}_3^2) + U_{33;1} \mathbf{T}_3^2] \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{23}} \right) \hat{P}_{f_2 f_3}^{ss'}$$

**colour coefficient of parent parton**     $\mathbf{T}_P = \mathbf{T}_2 + \mathbf{T}_3$

$q \rightarrow g_1 g_2 q_3$

$$\mathcal{S}_1 \left[ \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{123}} \right)^2 \hat{P}_{g_1 g_2 q_3}^{ss'} \right] = 2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2 \left[ \frac{2z_3}{z_1 s_{13}} C_F + \left( \frac{s_{23}}{s_{12} s_{13}} + \frac{z_2}{z_1 s_{12}} - \frac{z_3}{z_1 s_{13}} \right) C_A \right] \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{23}} \right) \hat{P}_{g_2 q_3}^{ss'}$$

$g \rightarrow g_1 \bar{q}_2 q_3$

$$\mathcal{S}_1 \left[ \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{123}} \right)^2 \hat{P}_{g_1 \bar{q}_2 q_3}^{ss'} \right] = 2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2 \left[ 2 \frac{s_{23}}{s_{12} s_{13}} C_F + \left( -\frac{s_{23}}{s_{12} s_{13}} + \frac{z_2}{z_1 s_{12}} + \frac{z_3}{z_1 s_{13}} \right) C_A \right] \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{23}} \right) \hat{P}_{\bar{q}_2 q_3}^{ss'}$$

$g \rightarrow g_1 g_2 g_3$

$$\mathcal{S}_1 \left[ \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{123}} \right)^2 \hat{P}_{g_1 g_2 g_3}^{ss'} \right] = 2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2 \left( \frac{s_{23}}{s_{12} s_{13}} + \frac{z_2}{z_1 s_{12}} + \frac{z_3}{z_1 s_{13}} \right) C_A \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{23}} \right) \hat{P}_{g_2 g_3}^{ss'}$$

$m=4$

simplest case is  $q \rightarrow g_1 \bar{q}'_2 q'_3 q_4$

$$\mathcal{S}_1 \left[ \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s}{s_{1234}} \right)^3 \hat{P}_{g_1 \bar{q}'_2 q'_3 q_4}^{ss'} \right] = \mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2 \left[ C_F B_{23,4}^{(q)} + C_A A^{(q)} \right] \left( \frac{2\mu^{2\epsilon} g_s^2}{s_{234}} \right)^2 \hat{P}_{\bar{q}'_2 q'_3 q_4}^{ss'}$$

with

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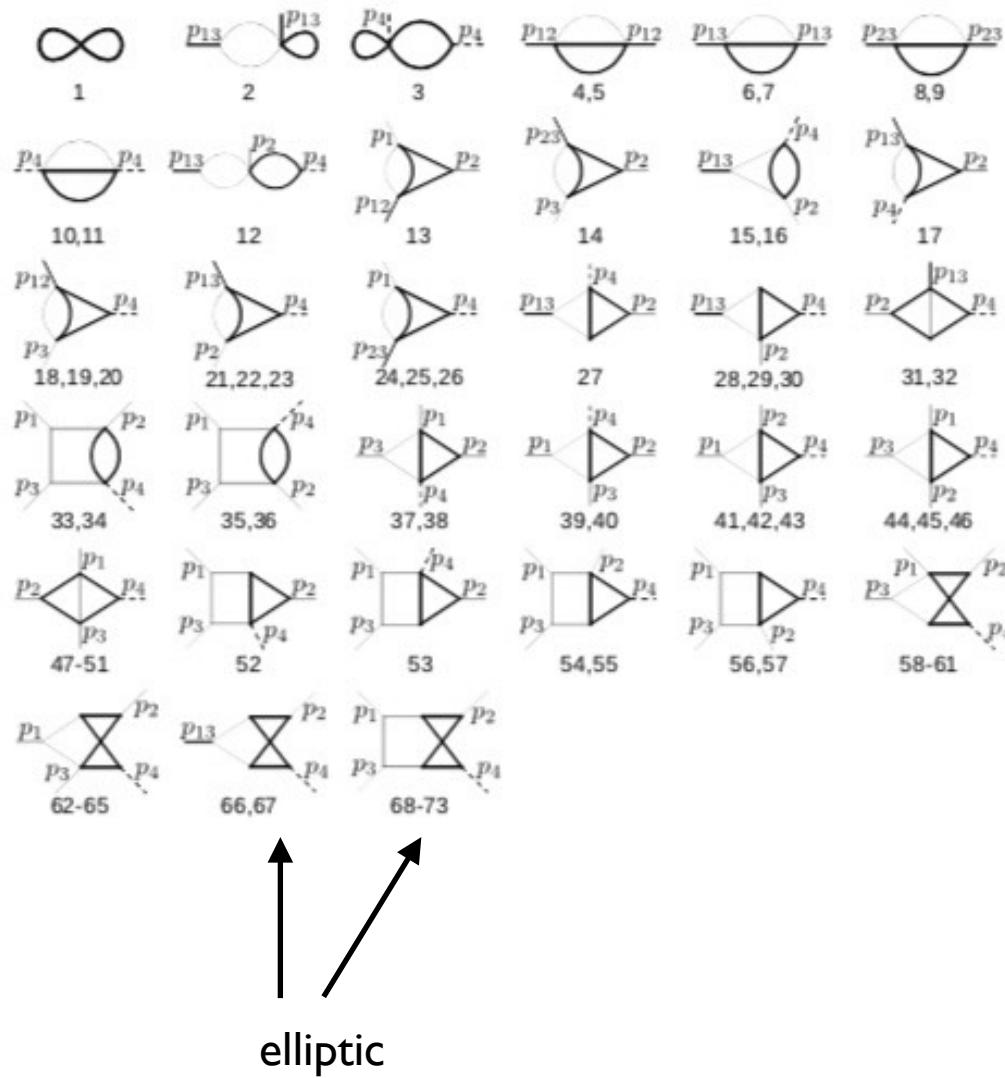
$$A^{(q)} = \frac{4z_2}{s_{12}z_1} - \frac{2z_3}{s_{13}z_1} - \frac{2z_4}{s_{14}z_1} - \frac{2s_{23}}{s_{12}s_{13}} - \frac{2s_{24}}{s_{12}s_{14}} + \frac{4s_{34}}{s_{13}s_{14}}$$

$$B_{ij,k}^{(q)} = \frac{4s_{ij}}{s_{1i}s_{1j}} + \frac{8s_{ik}}{s_{1i}s_{1k}} - \frac{8s_{jk}}{s_{1j}s_{1k}} - \frac{8z_i}{s_{1i}z_1} + \frac{8z_j}{s_{1j}z_1} + \frac{4z_k}{s_{1k}z_1}$$

up to replacing  $U_{jk;l}$  with the suitable factor,  
the soft-gluon limit of splitting functions is valid for any soft emission  
characterised by two-parton colour correlations  
(soft  $qq\bar{q}$  pair, non-abelian part of two soft gluons, etc.)

# Back-up slides

# 73 Master Integrals



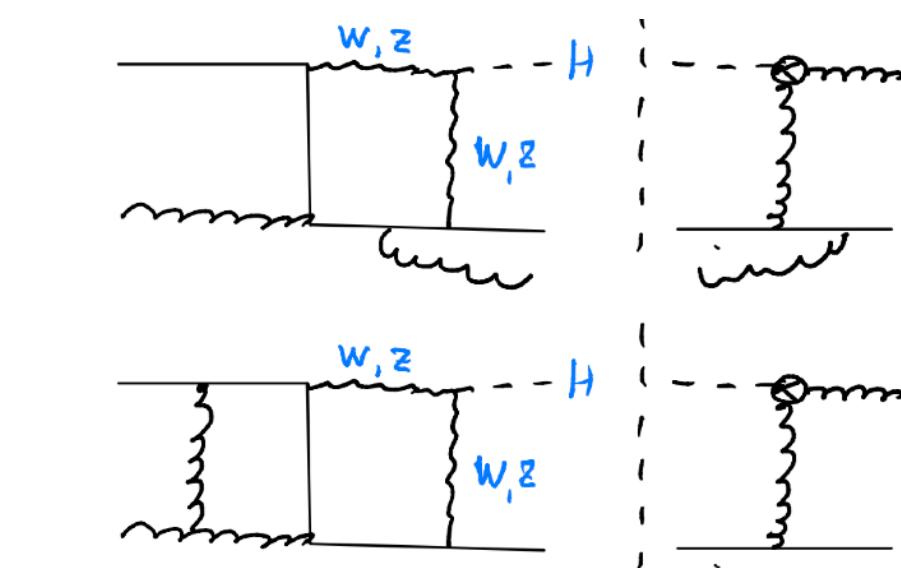
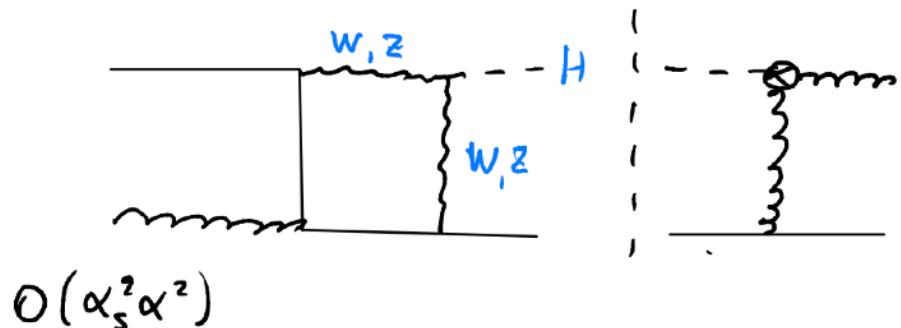
gg-initiated **NLO** corrections in HEFT       $\sigma_{gg}^{NLO,QCD} = 33.24 \text{ pb}$

gg-initiated **QCD NLO** corrections (light fermion loop)

$m_{w,z} \rightarrow \infty$  limit       $\sigma_{gg,R(hb)}^{NLO,QCD-EW} = 34.98 \text{ pb}, (= \sigma_{gg}^{NLO,QCD} + 5.23\%)$

$m_{w,z} \rightarrow 0$  limit       $\sigma_{gg,R(lb)}^{NLO,QCD-EW} = 35.03 \text{ pb}, (= \sigma_{gg}^{NLO,QCD} + 5.39\%)$

## qg-initiated QCD-EW interference



$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3 \alpha^2)$       Becchetti Bonciani Casconi VDD Moriello 2018 (planar MIs)  
 Becchetti Moriello Schweitzer 2021(?) (non-planar MIs)

