

# Precise LHC phenomenology: the theoretical challenge

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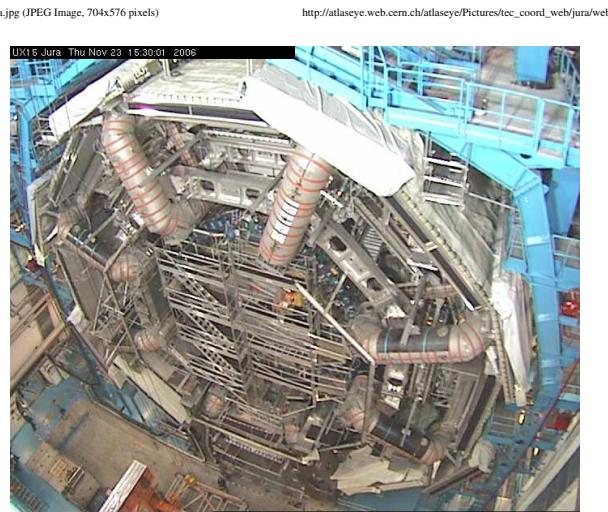
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- One loop methods
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- Going beyond one-loop
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What will we see?

- nothing → extremely disturbing/interesting!
- Higgs boson + nothing → asks for high precision checks (ILC!)
- Higgs boson + something → investigate "something" in SM background!

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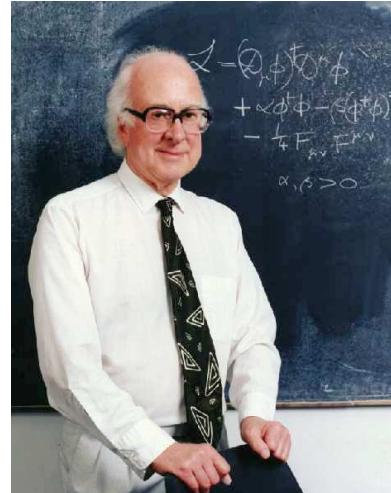
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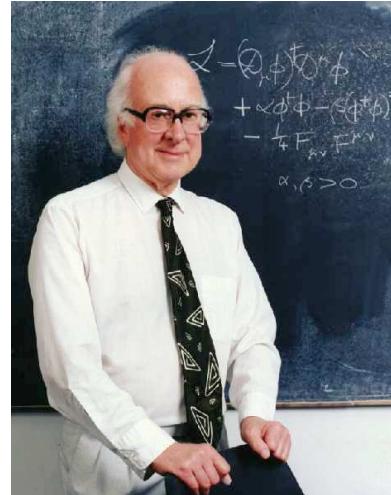
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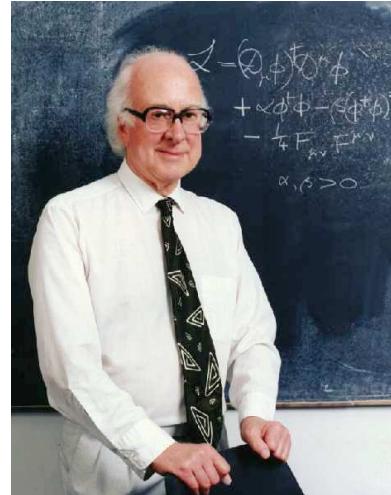
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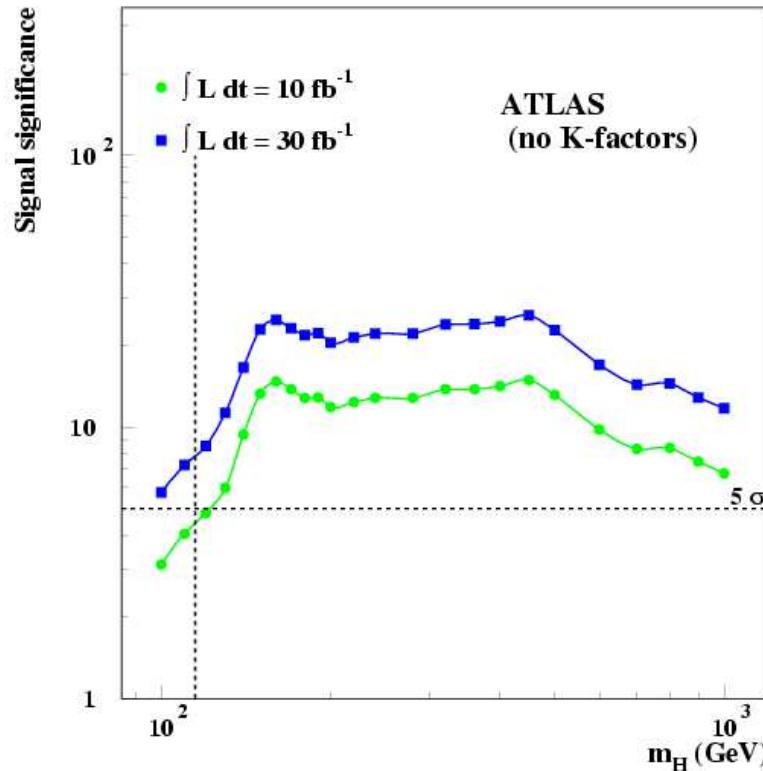
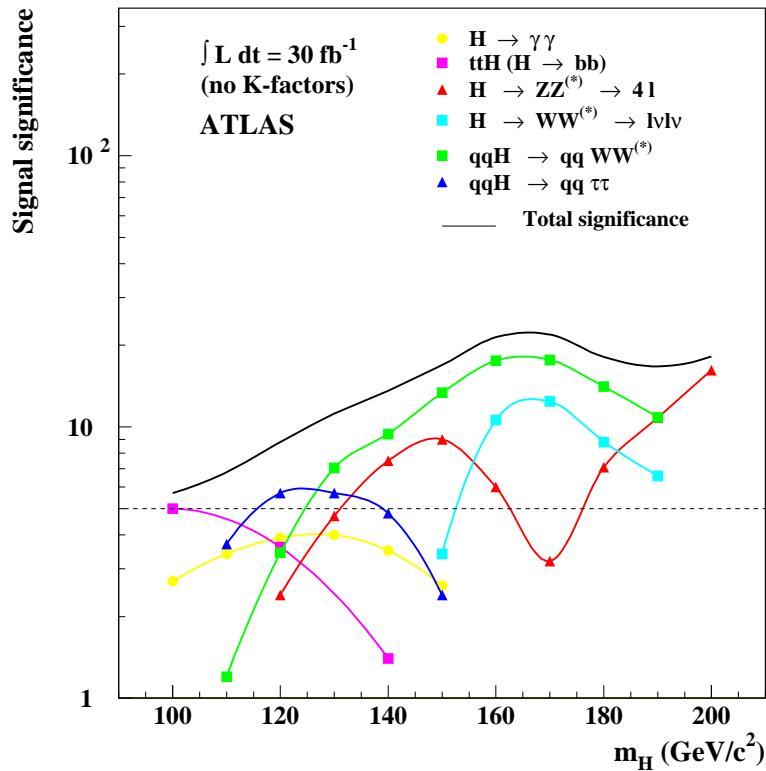
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- BSM  $\Rightarrow$  something around 1 TeV (?)  
Hierarchy/finetuning problem not a convincing argument !  
Renormalizability of SM  $\Leftrightarrow$  SM insensitive to cut-off scales !

# Discovery potential of the Higgs boson at the LHC



- LHC designed to find the Higgs boson up to  $m_H \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$
- $m_H < 2m_Z$  most difficult
- $2m_Z < m_H < 1 \text{ TeV}$  "gold plated mode"  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$
- $m_H \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$  perturbative approach ceases to be valid

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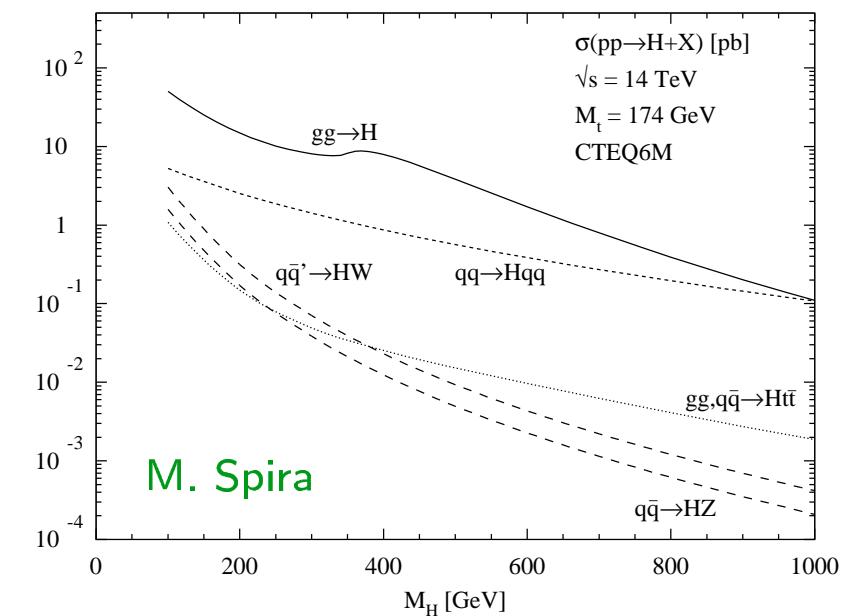
Nothing@LHC ⇒ Manifestation of New physics !

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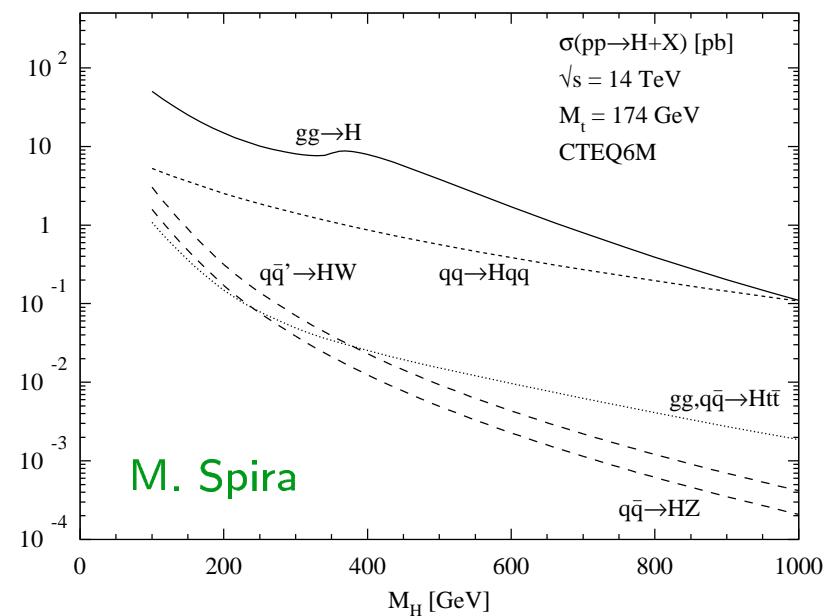


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- $PP \rightarrow VVV + 0, 1$  jet



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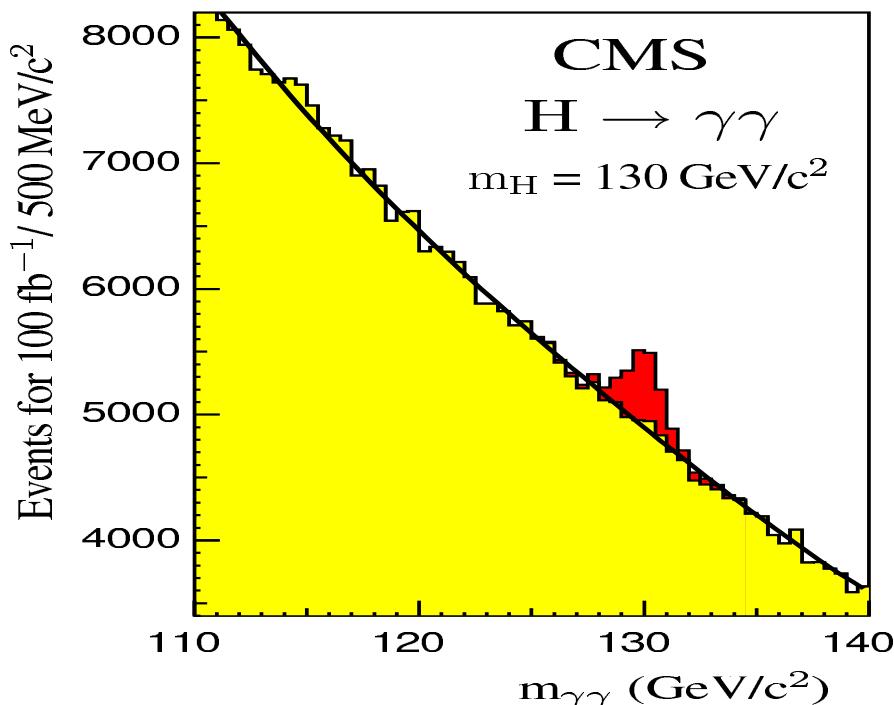
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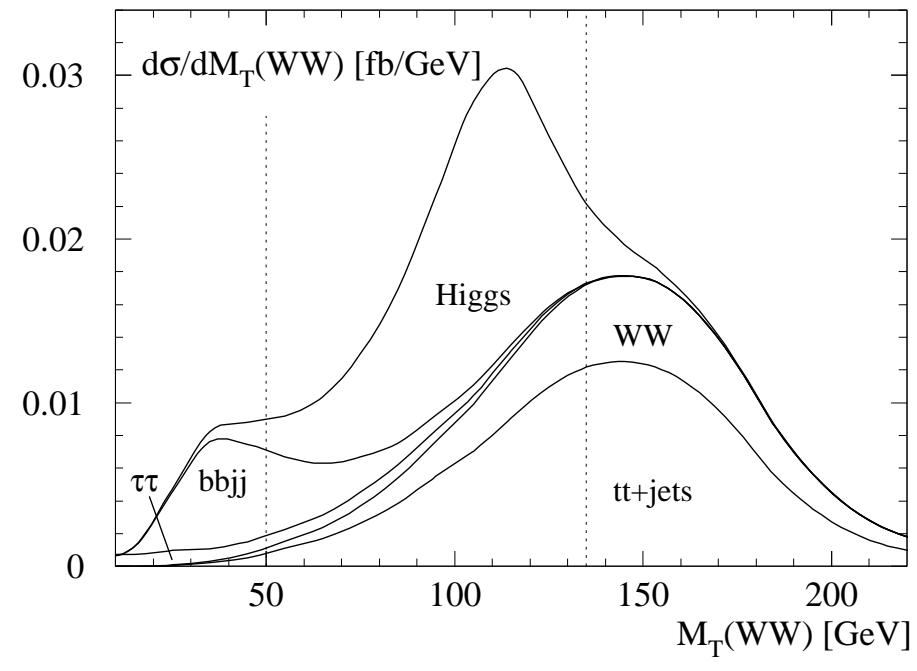
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Kauer, Plehn, Rainwater, Zeppenfeld (2001)

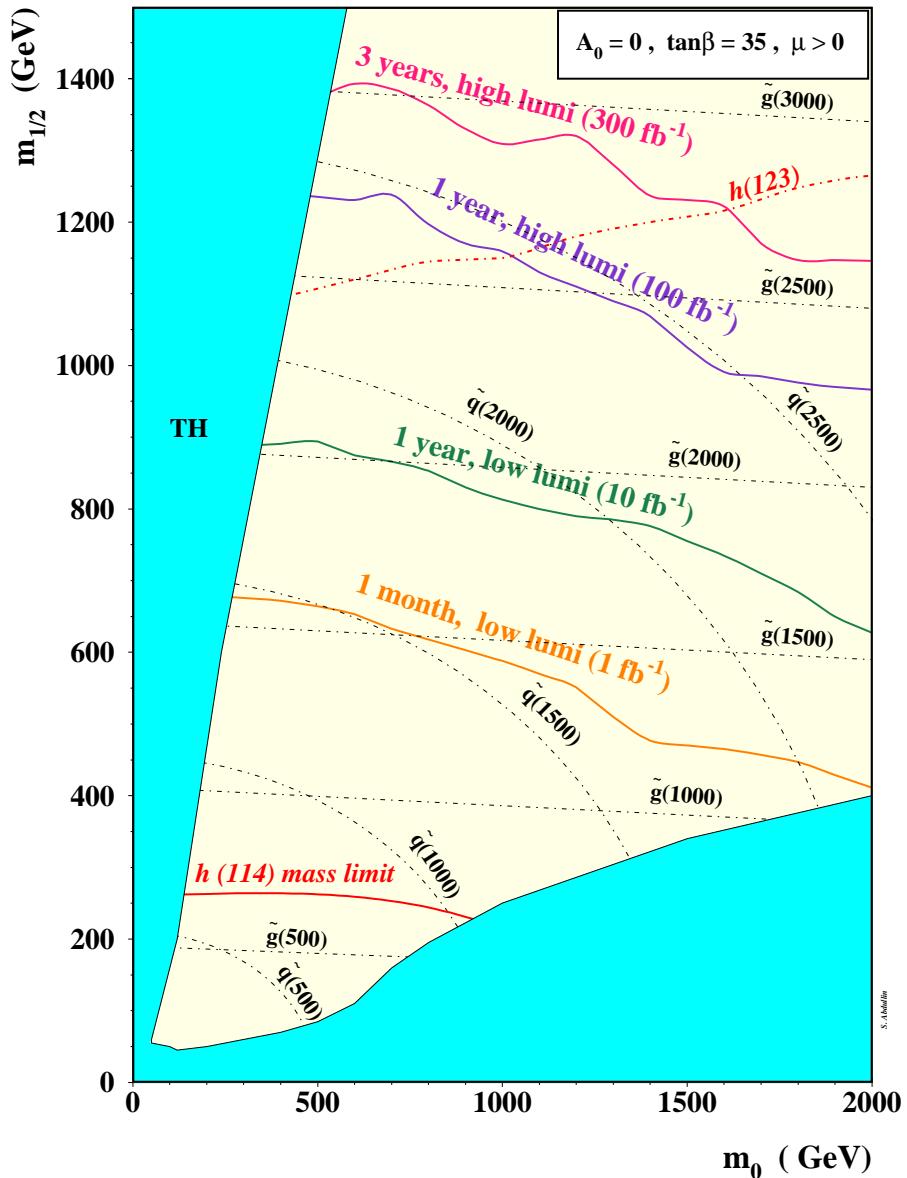


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All Standard Model processes are **background** to new physics!

New physics signatures:

- $Z'$  easy
- $n$  jets +  $E_T$
- multiparticle cascades



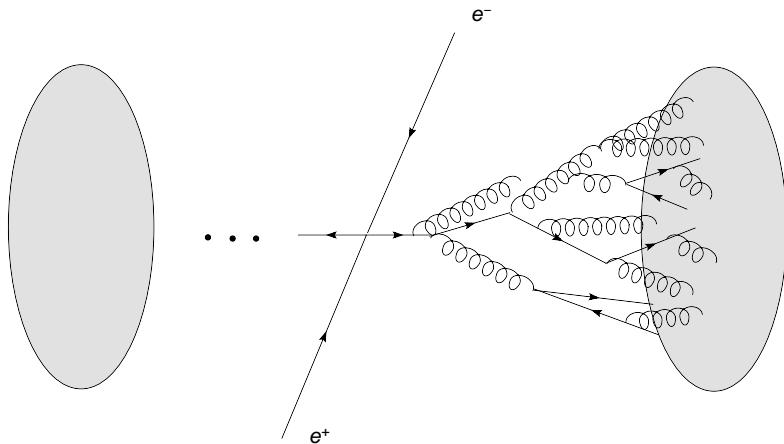
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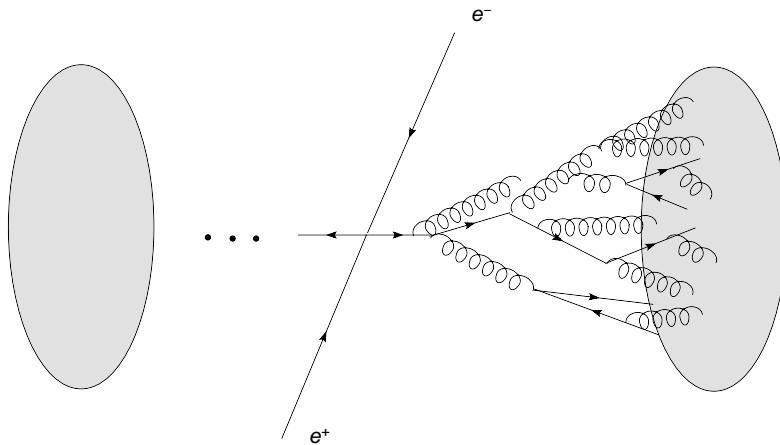
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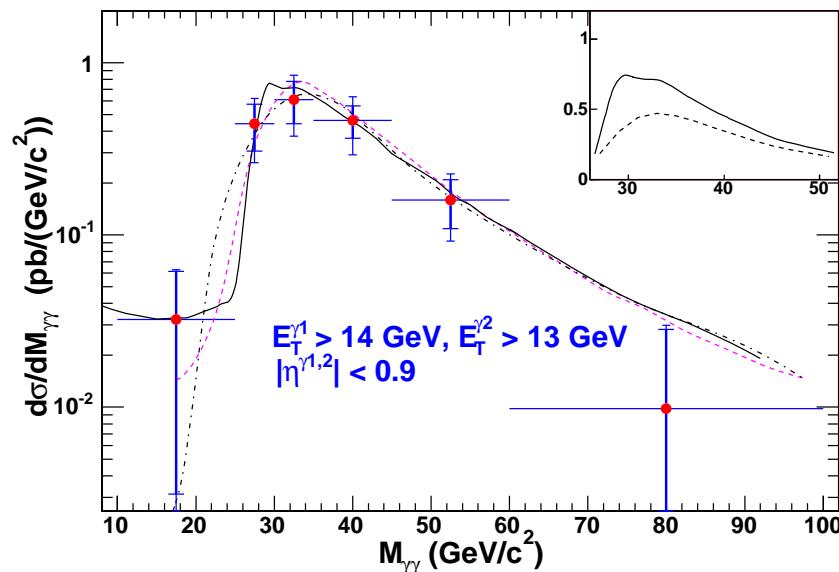


- $2 \rightarrow N$  Matrixelements: shapes, jet structure, well described after tuning
- LO absolute rates intrinsically unreliable!

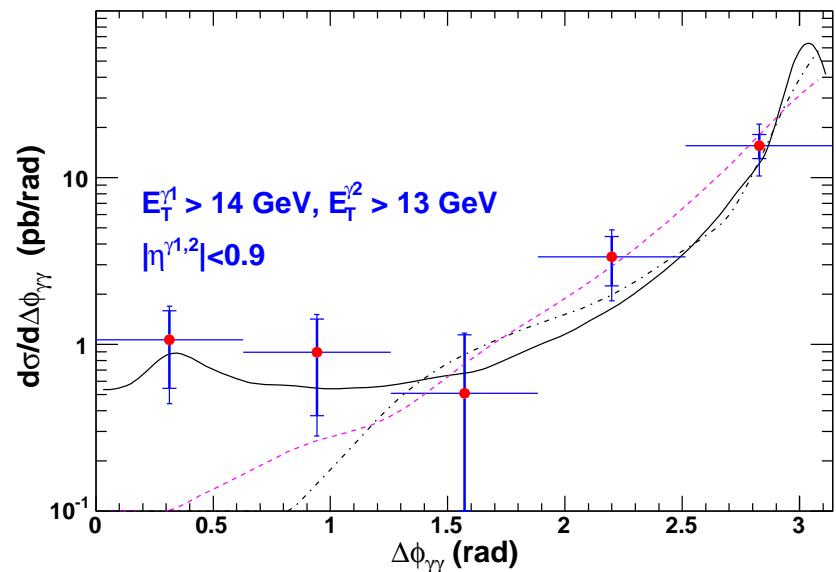
## Example: $\gamma\gamma$ rate at Tevatron Run II [hep-ex/0412050]

- DIPHOX: NLO code for  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $\gamma\pi^0$ ,  $\pi^0\pi^0$  production (including fragmentation)
- [http://lappweb.in2p3.fr/lapth/PHOX\\_FAMILY/diphox.html](http://lappweb.in2p3.fr/lapth/PHOX_FAMILY/diphox.html)  
[T.B., J.P. Guillet, E. Pilon, M. Werlen]

$M_{\gamma\gamma}$  distribution

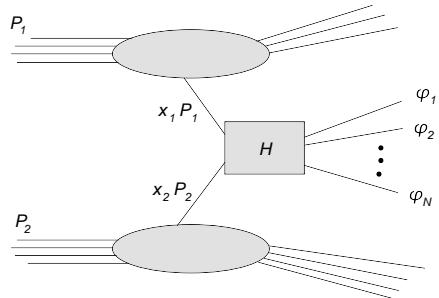


$\Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma}$  distribution



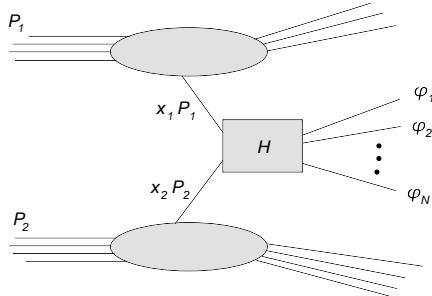
DIPHOX (solid), RESBOS (dashed), PYTHIA  $\times 2$  !!! (dot-dashed)

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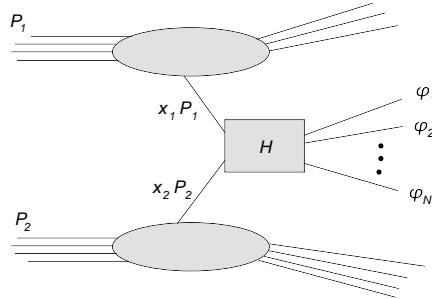
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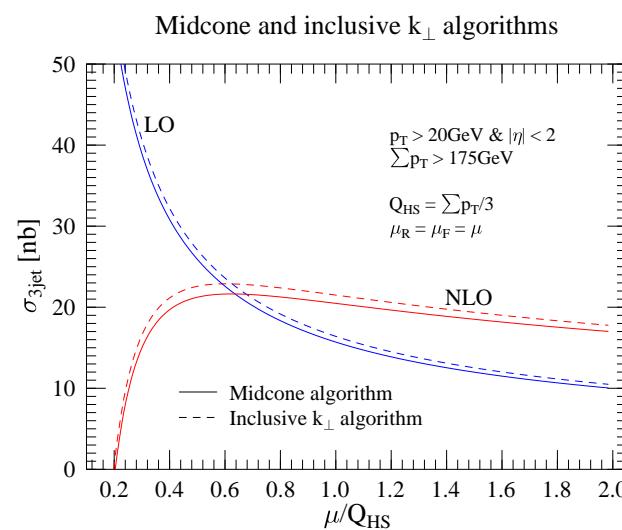


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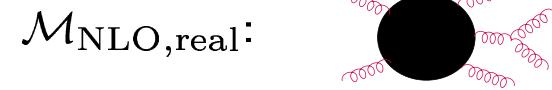
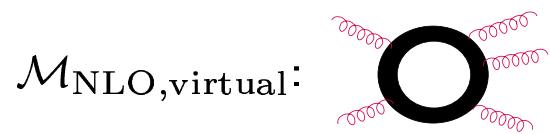
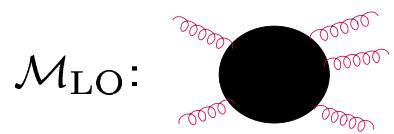
Example: 3 jet cross section at NLO

[Z. Nagy, Phys.Rev. D68 (2003)]



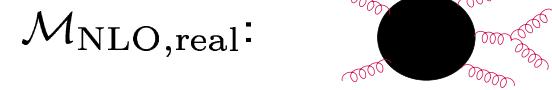
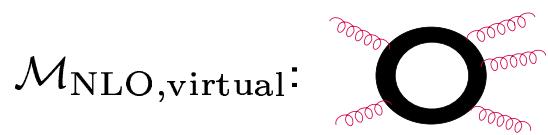
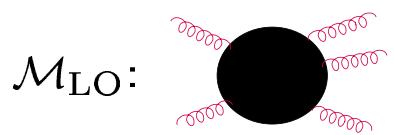
Higher order QCD calculations are mandatory to soften scale dependence !!!

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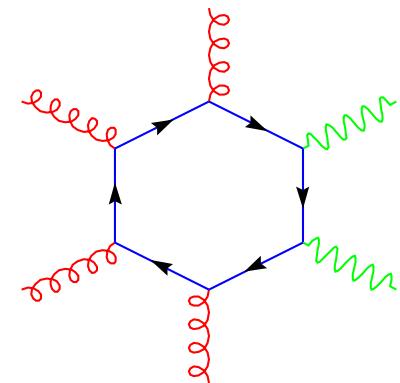
- **IR safe** measurement functions do not resolve soft or collinear partons  
**IR safety** is essential for applying perturbation theory
- combination of real/virtual corrections well understood at 1-loop
- **Bottleneck** for NLO computations: virtual corrections

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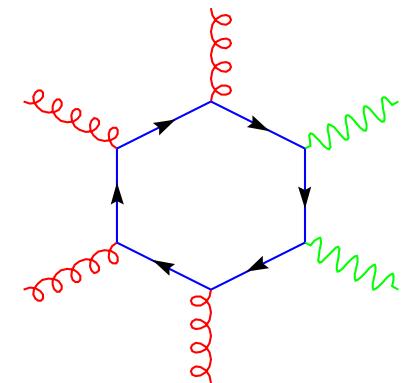
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- mostly standalone computations  
Exception: MCFM Campbell, Ellis
- LHC induces a lot of very recent activity !

Milestones:

- 4 partons @ NLO Ellis/Sexton, 1985
- 5 g @ NLO Bern/Dixon/Kosower, 1993
- Unitarity based and twistor space inspired methods
- “Modern” Algebraic/Seminumerical techniques
- 6 g @ NLO 2006

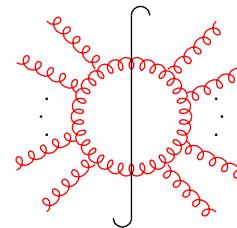


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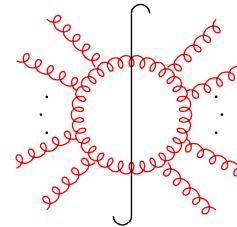


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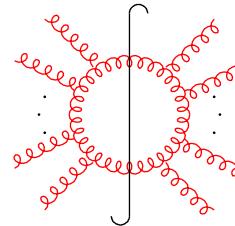


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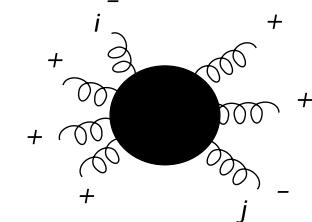
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- Revived by "Twistor space approach" [Cachazo, Svrcek, Witten (2004)]
- maximally helicity violating QCD tree amplitudes are lines in "Twistor space".

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{MHV}} \sim i g^{N-2} \frac{\langle ij \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n-1, n \rangle \langle n1 \rangle} \sim$$



- novel perturbative expansion: MHV-vertices + scalar propagators  $\sim 1/P^2$

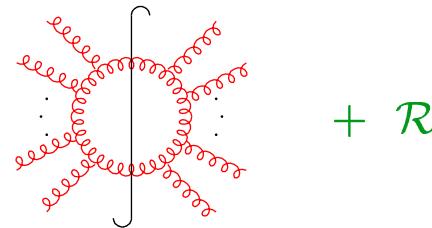
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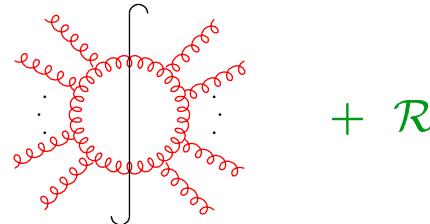


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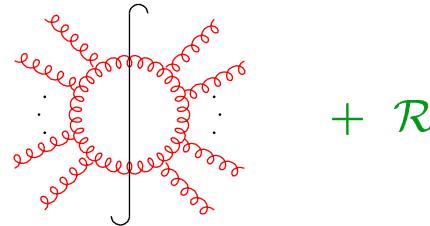


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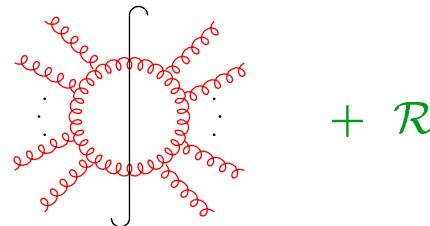


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## Feynman diagrammatic approach:

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$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$

- Passarino-Veltman: momentum space reduction  $\rightarrow 1/\det(G)^R, G_{ij} = 2r_i \cdot r_j$
- Lorentz Tensor Integrals  $\rightarrow$  Formfactor representation à la Davydychev:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_N^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_R} &= \sum \tau^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_R}(r_{j_1}, \dots, r_{j_r}, g^m) I_N^{n+2m}(j_1, \dots, j_r) \\
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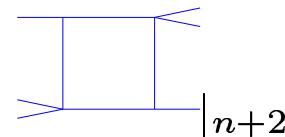
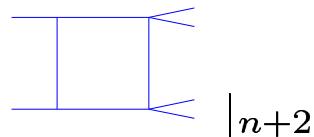
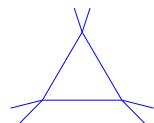
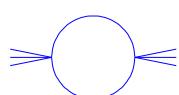
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Bern, Dixon, Kosower (1993);  
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- $I_{N=5,6}^{n+2m}$  drop out.
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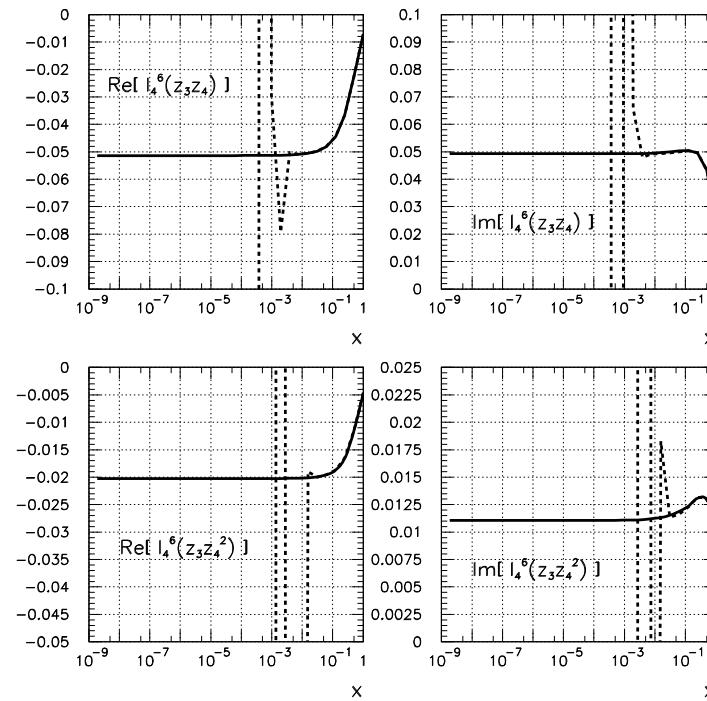
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- Denominator structure and size of  $C_{BIG}$ 's critical for numerical evaluation
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Three alternatives for evaluation:

1. algebraic reduction to “standard” basis  $I_2^n, I_3^n, I_4^{n+2}$  (“Master integrals”)
2. semi-numerical reduction to scalar integrals  
[1.&2.  $\rightarrow$  Gram determinants  $\sim 1/\det(G)^r$ ]
3. direct numerical evaluation

## Computations with GOLEM:

All algorithms coded in FORM and FORTRAN 90:

- $\phi\phi \rightarrow \phi\phi\phi\phi$ ,  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \phi\phi\phi\phi$
- $gg \rightarrow HH, HHH$
- $gg \rightarrow W^*W^* \rightarrow l\nu l'\nu'$  (30% effect with Higgs search cuts)
- $qq \rightarrow qqqq$  under construction, goal:  $PP \rightarrow bbbb$ ,  $PP \rightarrow 4$  jets
- GOLEM can be used to evaluate rational terms of amplitudes!  
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Other semi-numerical approach by Ellis, Giele, Zanderighi:

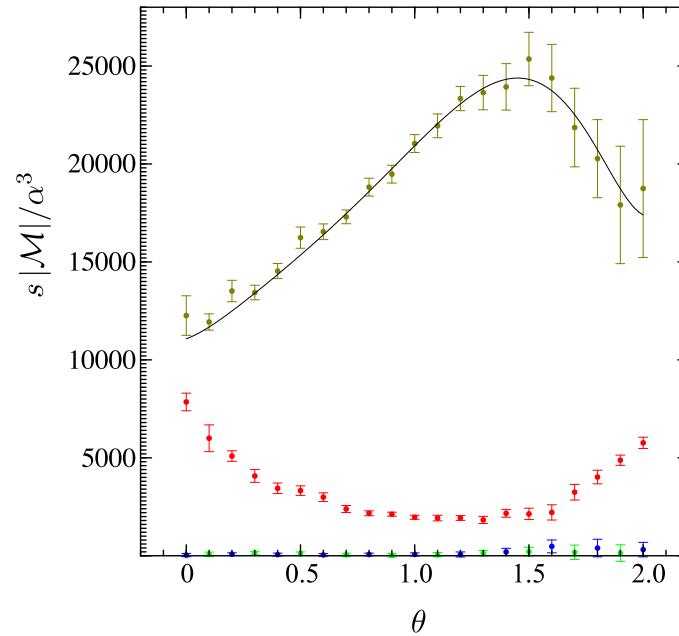
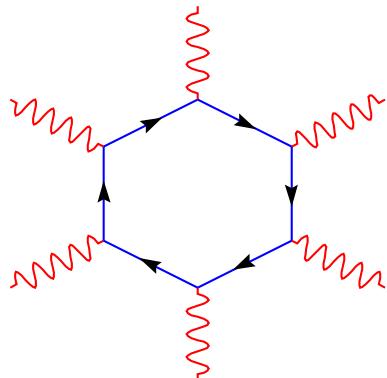
- 6-gluon amplitude (for some phase space points)
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# Numerical evaluation of amplitudes

Efficient numerical evaluation of unreduced integrals would avoid proliferation of terms:

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6-photon amplitude using “multi-dimensional contour deformation” Soper, Nagy 2006



T.B., Heinrich, Kauer (2002), T.B., Guillet, Heinrich, Pilon, Schubert (2005)

Soper (2000); Ferroglia, Passera, Passarino, Uccirati (2002);

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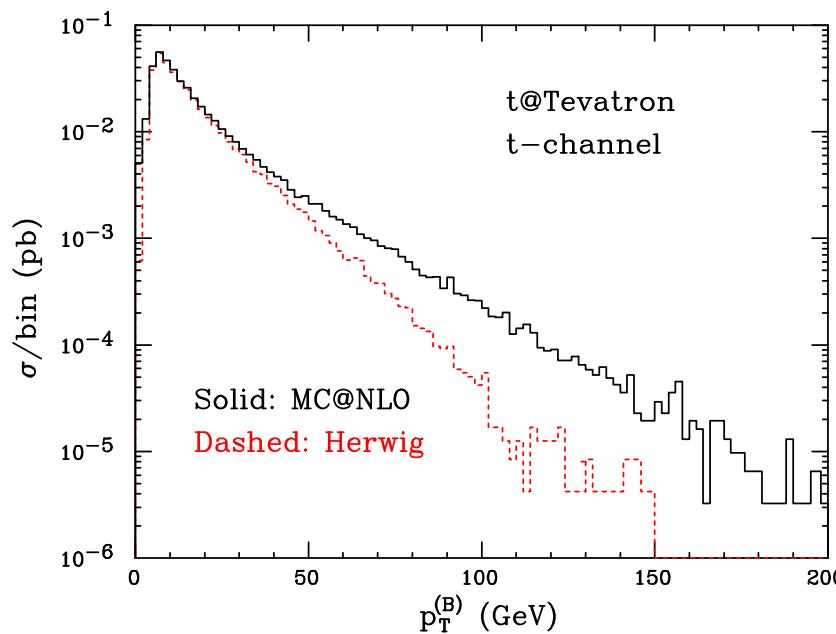
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- Hard radiation better described by including higher order Matrix elements
- Control over scale variation needs virtual higher order contributions
- Final goal: **Monte Carlo simulations at NLO !**

# Combining NLO with parton showers

- Contributions by: Collins, Zu (2002); Frixione, Nason, Webber (2002); GRACE-collab. (2003); Krämer, Soper (2004)
- public MC@NLO code [Frixione, Webber] contains processes:  $W, Z, \gamma^*, H, b\bar{b}, t\bar{t}, HW, HZ, WW, WZ, ZZ, t + X$



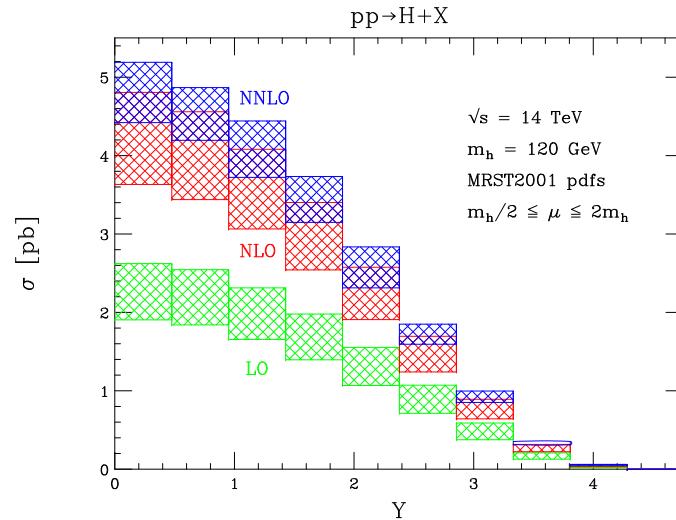
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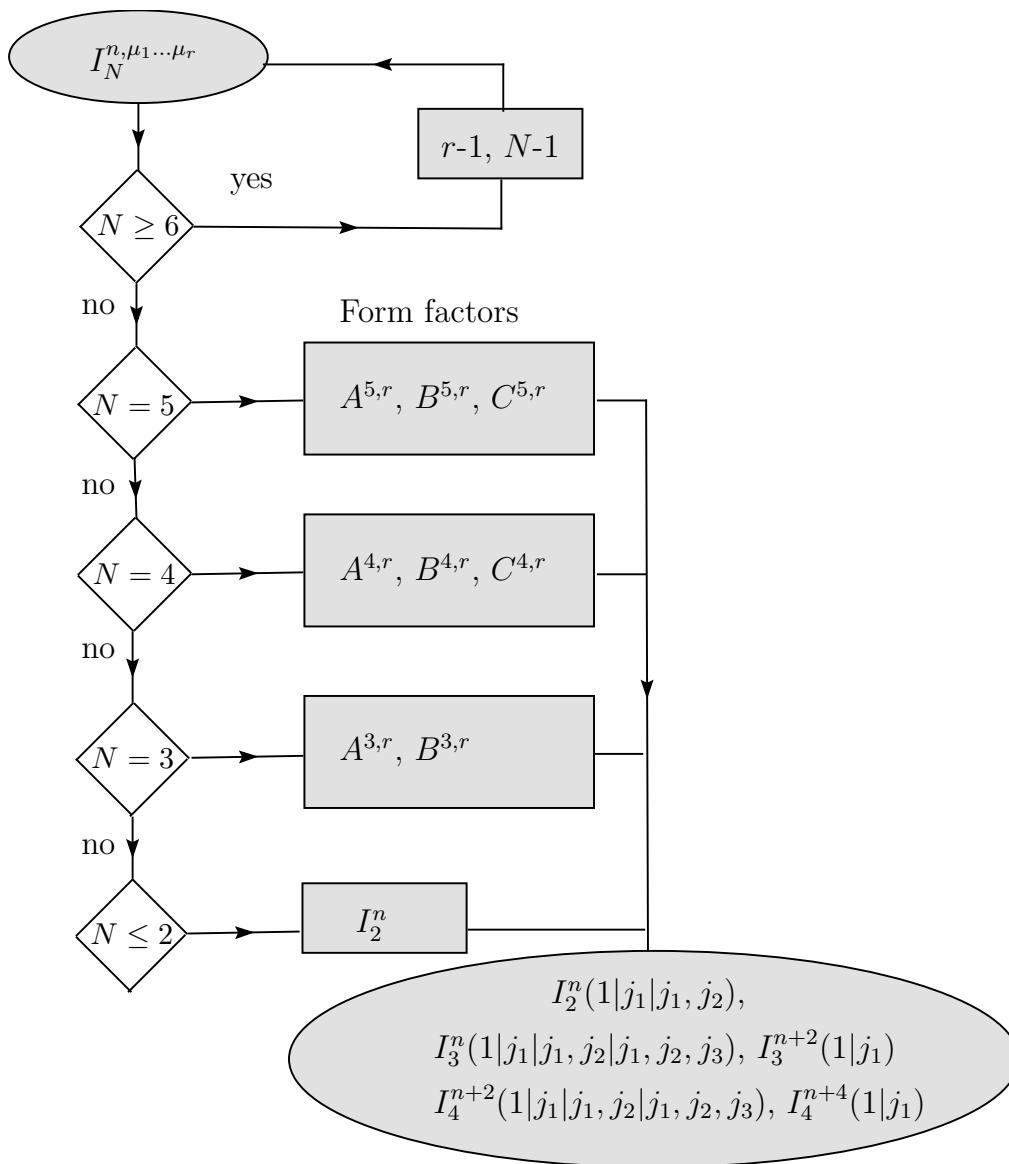
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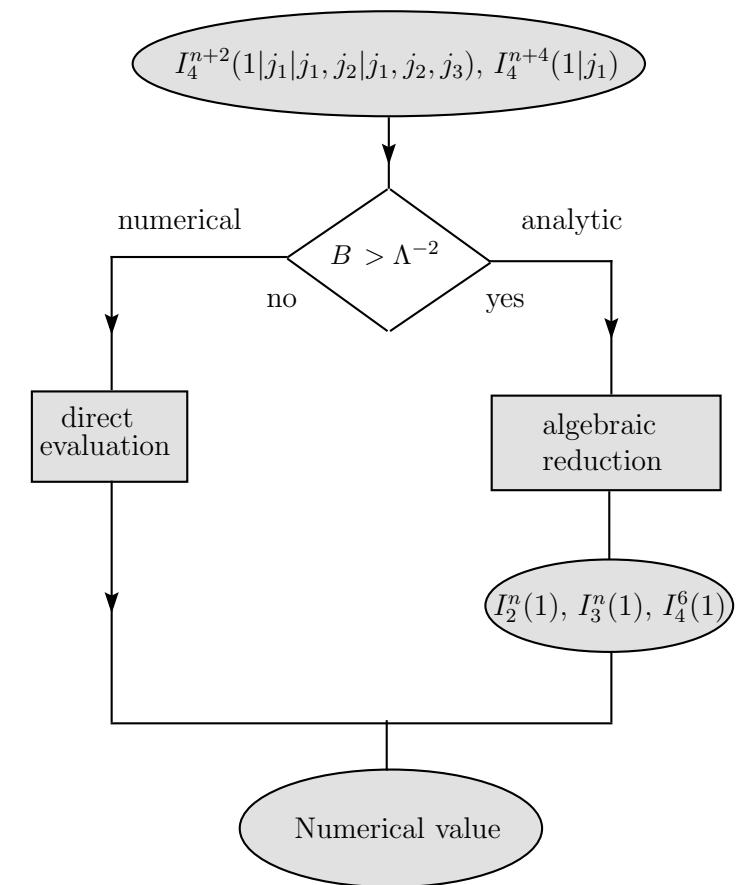
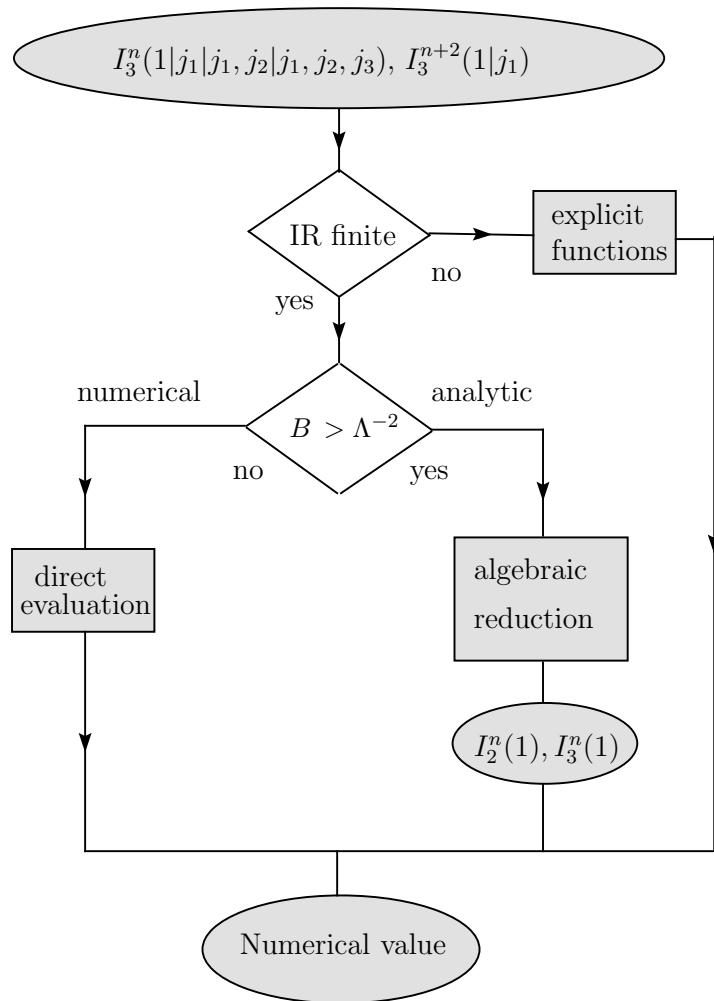
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# Schematic overview of N-point tensor integral reduction



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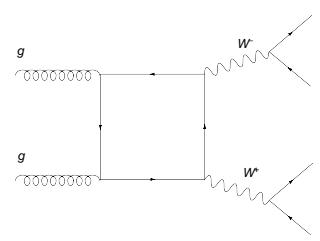
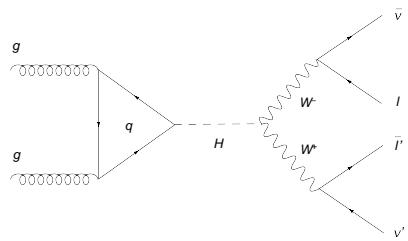
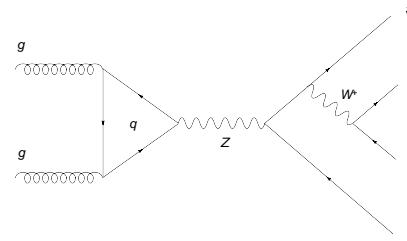
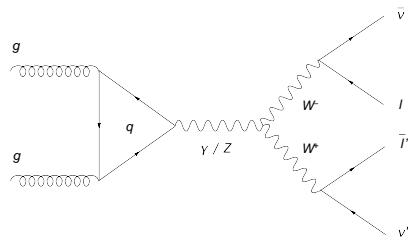
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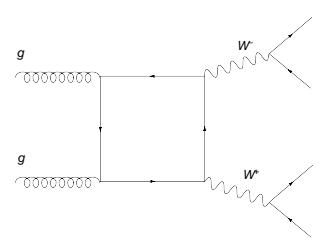
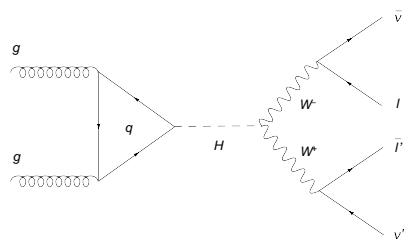
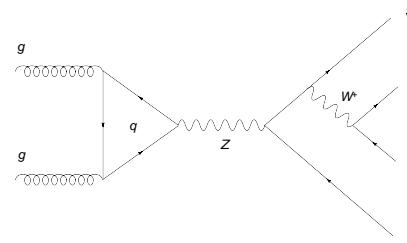
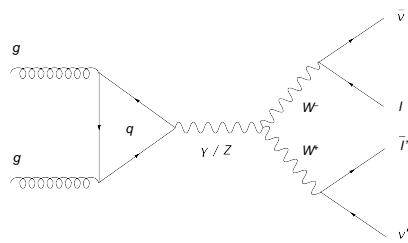
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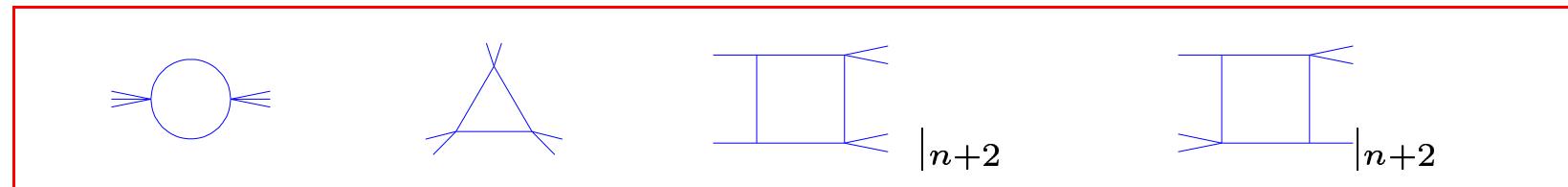


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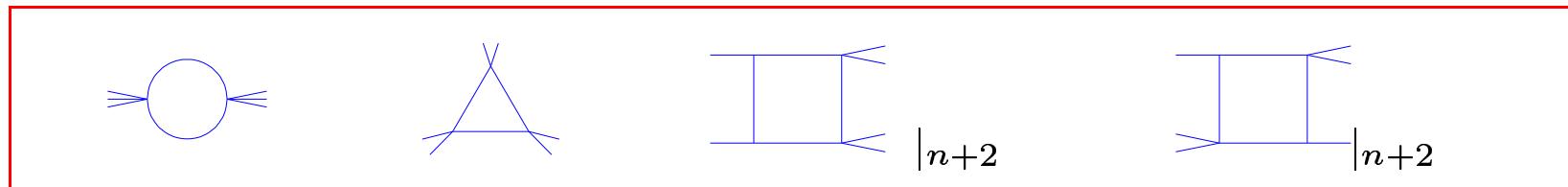
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- Decomposition of amplitude by gauge invariant structures (9 independent)
- Coefficients at most  $1/\det(G)$ , 6 scales ( $s, t, s_3, s_4, M_b^2, M_t^2$ )
- Instability region:  $p_T^2(W) = \det(G)/s^2 < 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $|s_{3,4} - M_W^2| \gg M_W \Gamma_W$ .
- Code available: <http://hepsource.sf.net/GG2WW> for  $m_q = 0, m_q \neq 0$
- Shortly: All  $gg \rightarrow VV$  ( $V = \gamma, Z, W$ ) box processes

# Results: 2 Massless Generations, 3 Generations

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

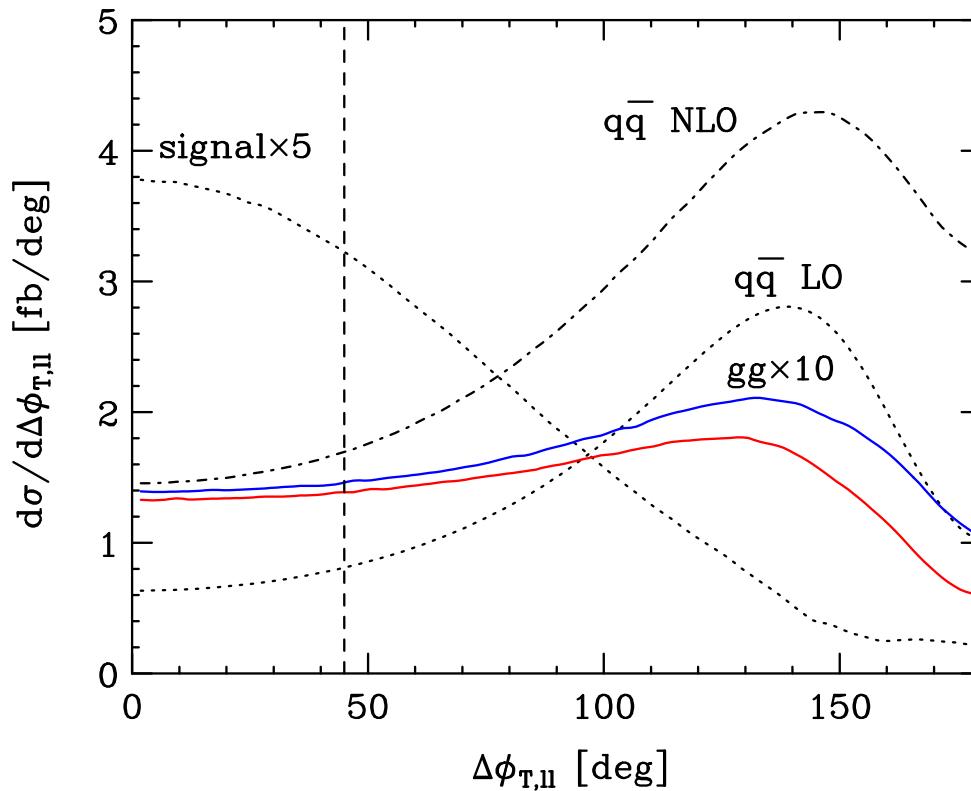
$\sigma(pp \rightarrow W^*W^* \rightarrow \ell\bar{\nu}\ell'\nu') \text{ [fb]}$						
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		LO	NLO			
$\sigma_{tot}$	$\frac{60.12(7)}{53.61(2)^{+14.0}_{-10.8}}$	1.12	$875.8(1)^{+54.9}_{-67.5}$	$1373(1)^{+71}_{-79}$	1.57	$\frac{1.04}{1.04}$
$\sigma_{std}$	$\frac{29.79(2)}{25.89(1)^{+6.85}_{-5.29}}$	1.15	$270.5(1)^{+20.0}_{-23.8}$	$491.8(1)^{+27.5}_{-32.7}$	1.82	$\frac{1.06}{1.05}$
$\sigma_{bkg}$	$\frac{1.416(3)}{1.385(1)^{+0.40}_{-0.31}}$	1.02	$4.583(2)^{+0.42}_{-0.48}$	$4.79(3)^{+0.01}_{-0.13}$	1.05	$\frac{1.30}{1.29}$

$M_W/2 \leq \mu_{\text{ren,fac}} \leq 2M_W$  ( $q\bar{q} \rightarrow WW$  from MCFM by J. Campbell, R.K. Ellis)

standard cuts:  $p_{T,\ell} > 20 \text{ GeV}, |\eta_\ell| < 2.5, \not{p}_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$

search cuts:  $\Delta\phi_{T,\ell\ell} < 45^\circ, M_{\ell\ell} < 35 \text{ GeV}, 25 \text{ GeV} < p_{T,\min}, 35 \text{ GeV} < p_{T,\max} < 50 \text{ GeV}$   
jet veto removes jets with:  $p_{T,\text{jet}} > 20 \text{ GeV}, |\eta_{\text{jet}}| < 3$

# The $gg \rightarrow W^*W^* \rightarrow l\nu l'\nu'$ cross section



- $\Rightarrow$  severe Higgs search cuts amplify  $ggWW$  contribution  $\sim 30\%$ !

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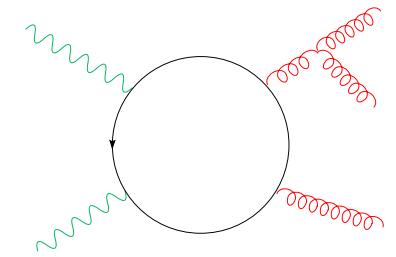
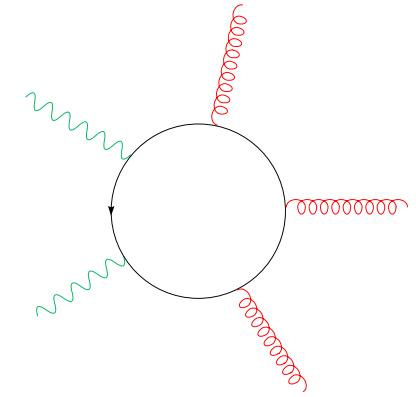
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$$\Gamma^{+++++}, \Gamma^{+++-}, \Gamma^{+-+-}, \Gamma^{+-+-+}, \Gamma^{+-++-}, \Gamma^{--++-}$$

All helicity amplitudes calculated by **algebraic** reduction

- Box, pentagon topologies, 5 scales
- One colour structure:  $\sim f^{abc}$
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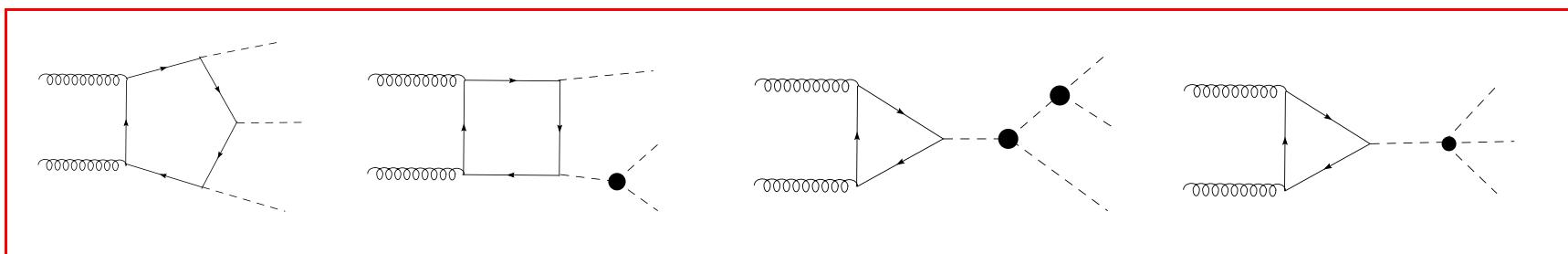
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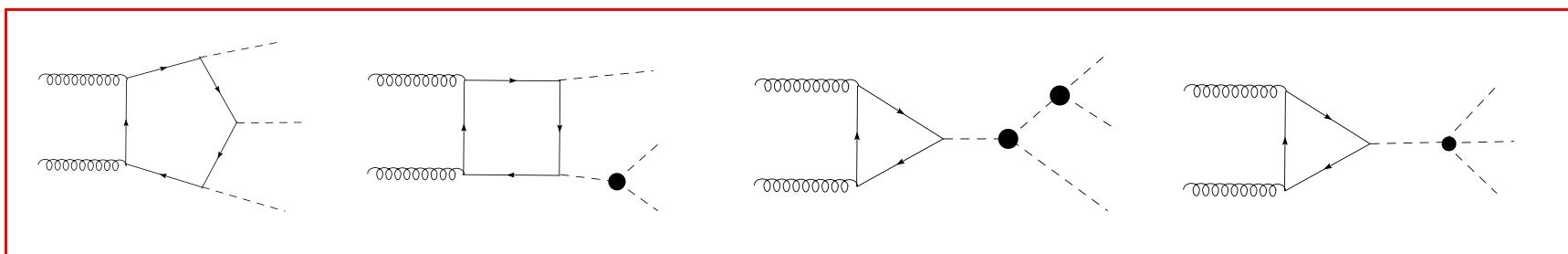
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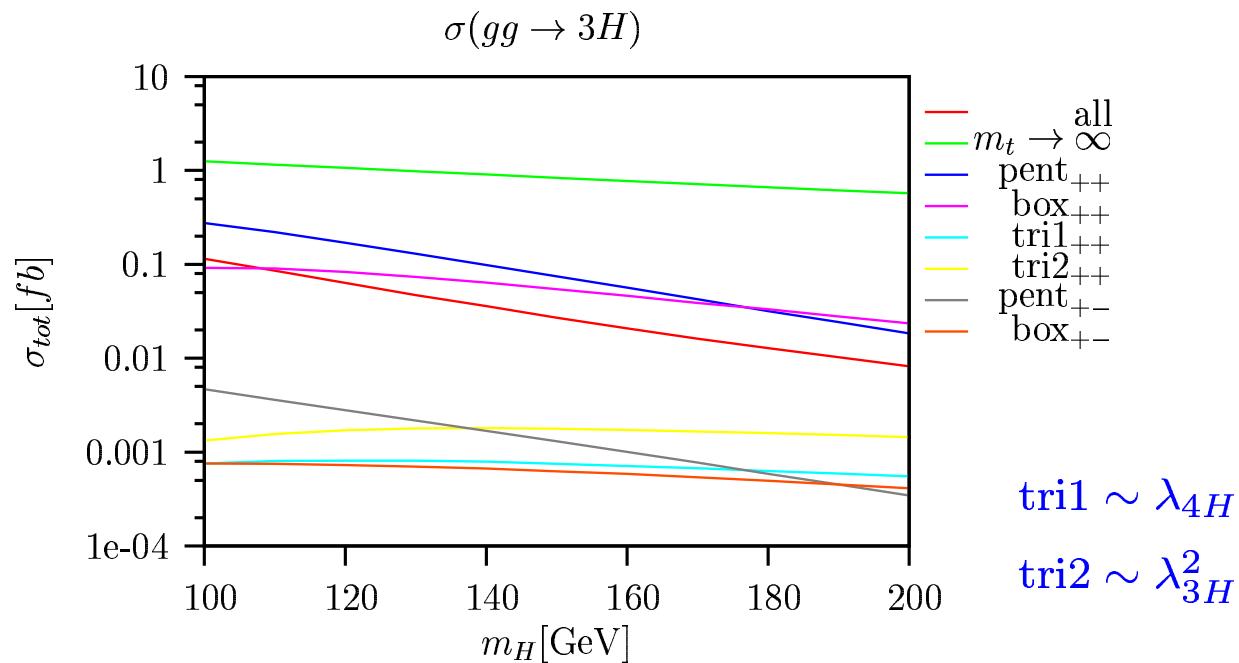
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## The $gg \rightarrow HHH$ cross section

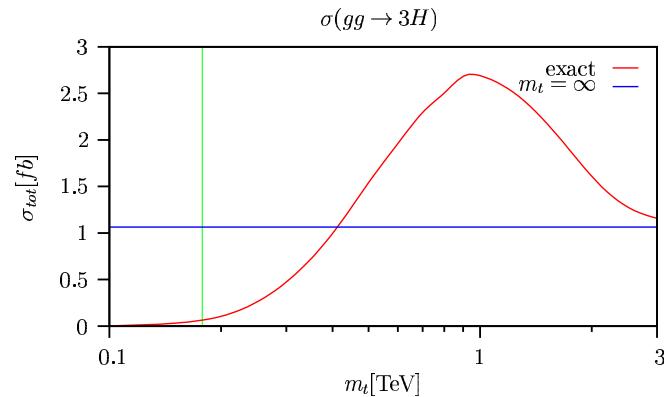
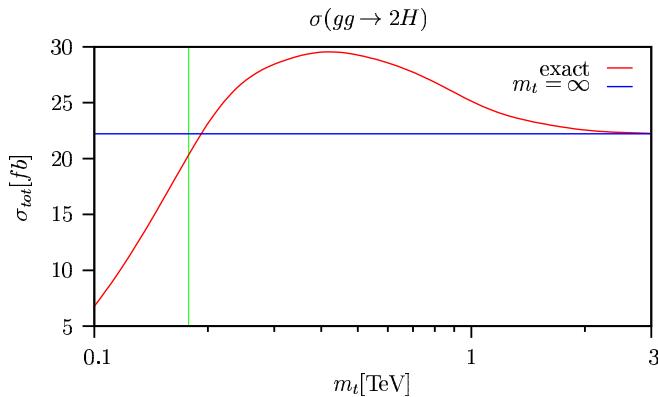
- perfect agreement with Plehn/Rauch
- Numerically stable result
- CPU time: 1 h for inclusive cross section on pentium 4 PC (2.8 GHz)



- $\Rightarrow$  quartic Higgs coupling can not be tested at the LHC

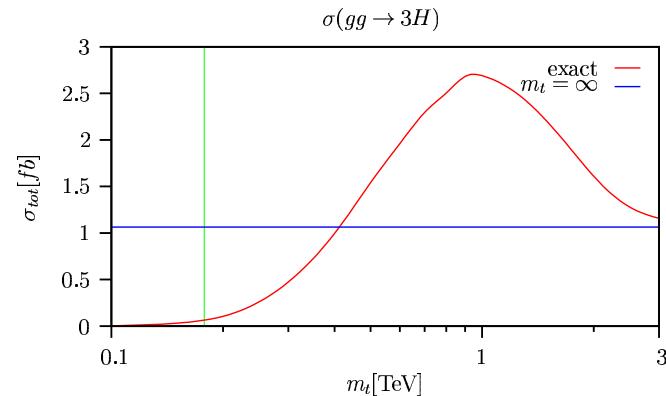
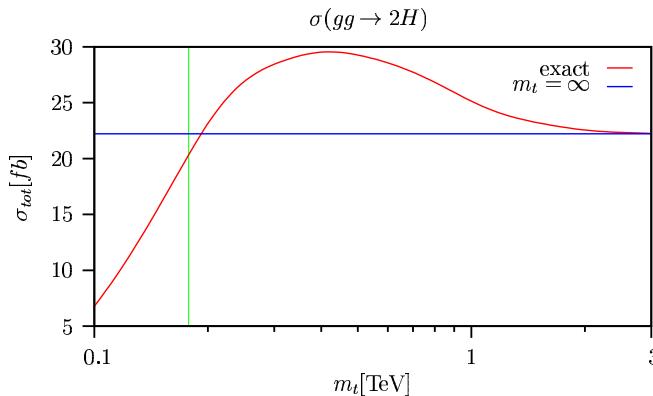
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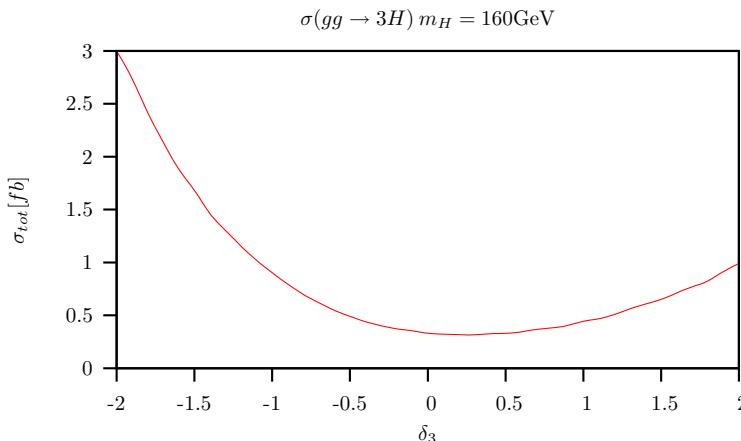


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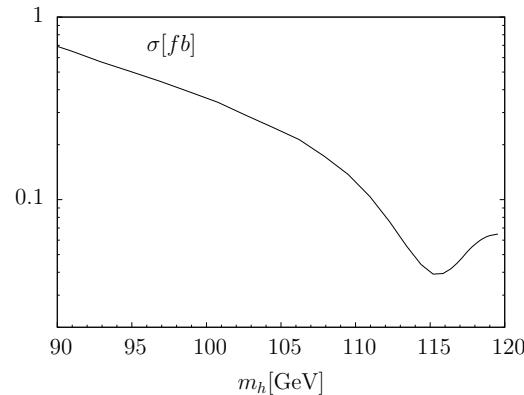
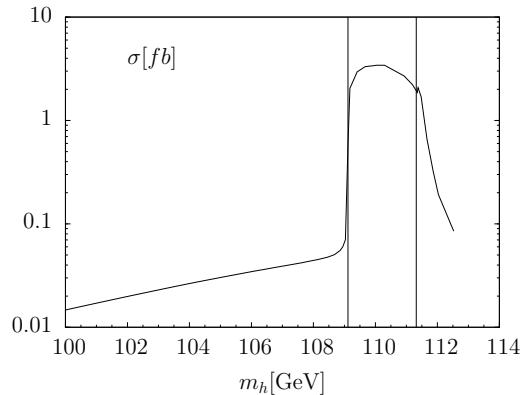


- cross section enhanced by BSM physics,  $\delta_3 = (\lambda_{3H, BSM} - \lambda_{3H, SM})/\lambda_{3H, SM}$
- trilinear Higgs coupling not uniquely fixed at LHC (if at all)



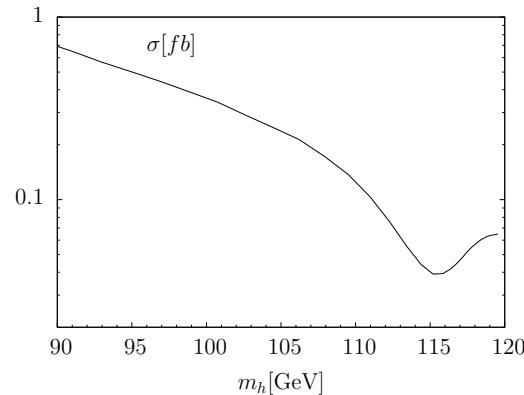
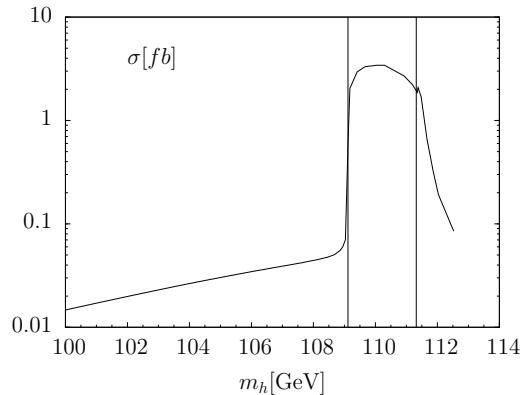
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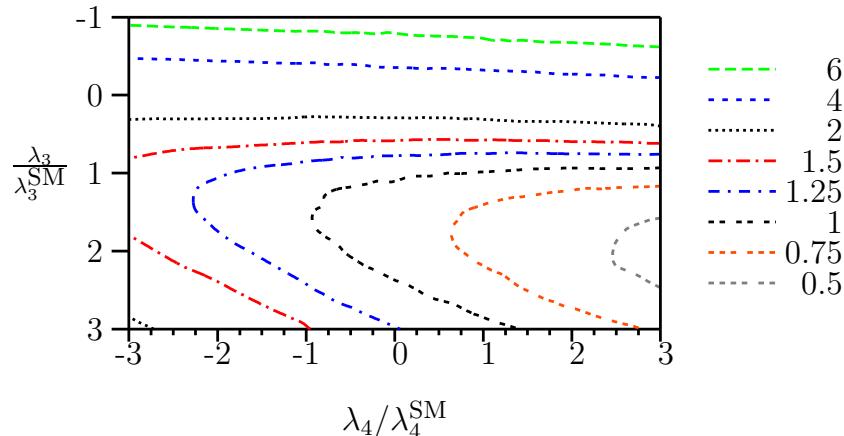
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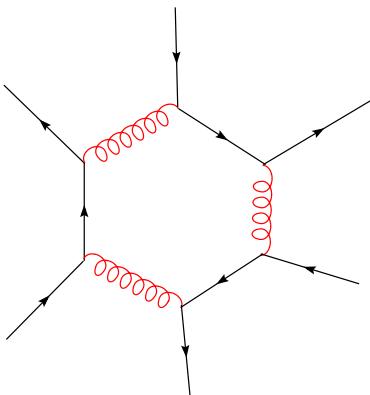
- Higher dimensional operators  $\Rightarrow \lambda_{3H}, \lambda_{4H}$  free parameters

$$V = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{g_k}{\Lambda^{2k}} \left( \Phi^\dagger \Phi - \frac{v^2}{2} \right)^{2+k}$$



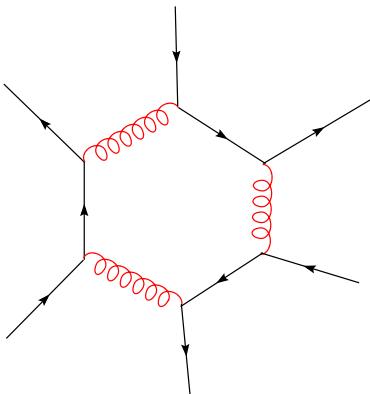
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- algebraic reduction done → Masterintegrals
- semi-numerical reduction → Golem basis with Fortran 90 code “[golem90 v0.2](#)”
- Amplitude evaluation  $\mathcal{O}(s)$ , rank 3 6-point form factor  $\sim 40$  ms  
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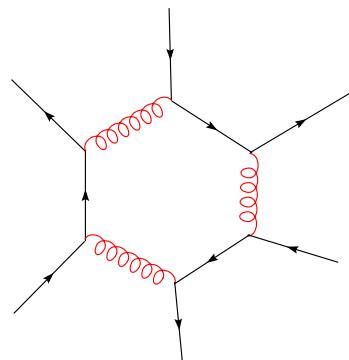
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Numerical results of hexagon diagram of helicity Amplitude  $A^{+++++}$ :

$$A^{+++++}(k_1, \dots, k_6) = \frac{g_s^6}{(4\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{A}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{B}{\epsilon} + C + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right]$$

Spinor lines closed by multiplying  $1 = \frac{\langle 1^+|4|2^+ \rangle}{\sqrt{s_{14}s_{24}}} \frac{\langle 4^+|1|3^+ \rangle}{\sqrt{s_{14}s_{13}}} \frac{\langle 6^+|1|5^+ \rangle}{\sqrt{s_{15}s_{16}}} e^{i\Phi}$

Kinematical point:



$k = (k^0, k^1, k^2, k^4)$
$k_1 = (0.5, 0., 0., 0.5)$
$k_2 = (0.5, 0., 0., -0.5)$
$k_3 = (0.1917819, 0.1274118, 0.08262477, 0.1171311)$
$k_4 = (0.3366271, -0.06648281, -0.3189379, -0.08471424)$
$k_5 = (0.2160481, -0.2036314, 0.04415762, 0.05710657)$
$k_6 = (0.2555428, 0.1427024, 0.1921555, -0.08952338)$

Up to phase/color factor:

Re( $A$ )	Im( $A$ )	Re( $B$ )	Im( $B$ )	Re( $C$ )	Im( $C$ )
-5.313592	-1.245007	-23.74344	-23.54086	-14.37056	-96.23081