

Mass Dependence of Higgs Production at large P_T

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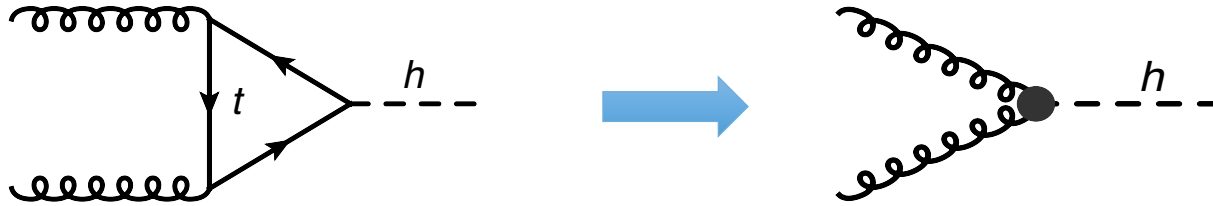
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Higgs Effective Field Theory



Standard
Model

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{m_t}{v} \bar{t} t h$$

HEFT

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi v} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{\mu\nu,A} h$$

- Eliminate the scale m_t
- Reduce the number of loops by 1.
- Inclusive Higgs production cross section from gluon fusion has been calculated to **NNLO** with Higgs EFT.

Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Herzog, Mistlberger, PRL 2015

- Higgs + 1 jet, **NNLO**

Boughezal, Focke, Giele, Liu, Petriello, PLB 2015

- Higgs + ≥ 2 jet, **NLO**

Campbell, Ellis, Williams, PRD 2010

Higgs P_T Distribution

- Higgs EFT cannot be applied to large P_T

Large \sqrt{s} and P_T can resolve the t -quark

- Higgs at large P_T is an important probe of BSM physics.

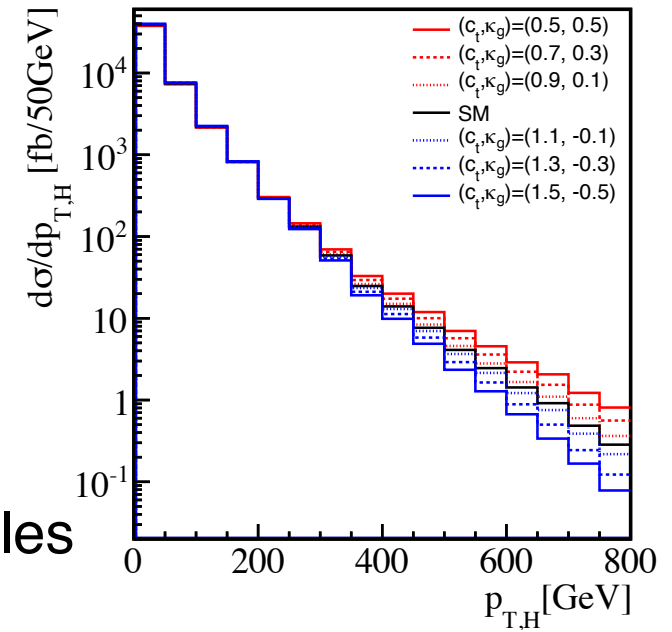
e.g. Schlauffer et al, Eur.Phys.J C 2014

- Calculation is very difficult with many scales
(\sqrt{s}, P_T, m_t, m_H)

Higgs P_T distribution with physical top mass is available only at LO.

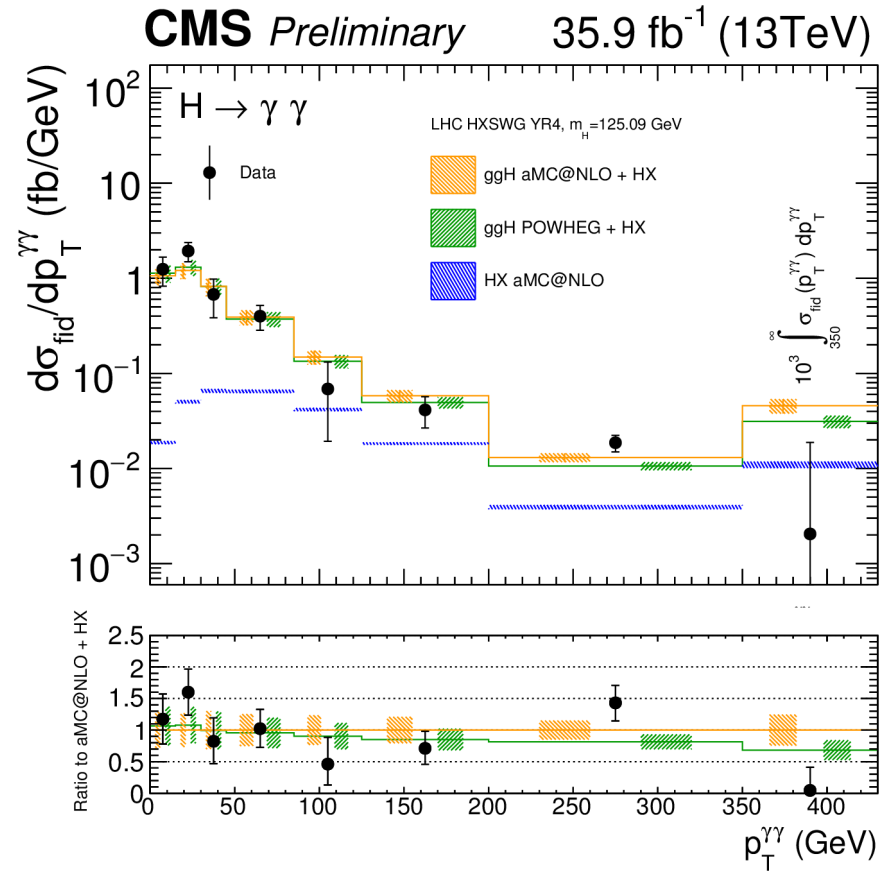
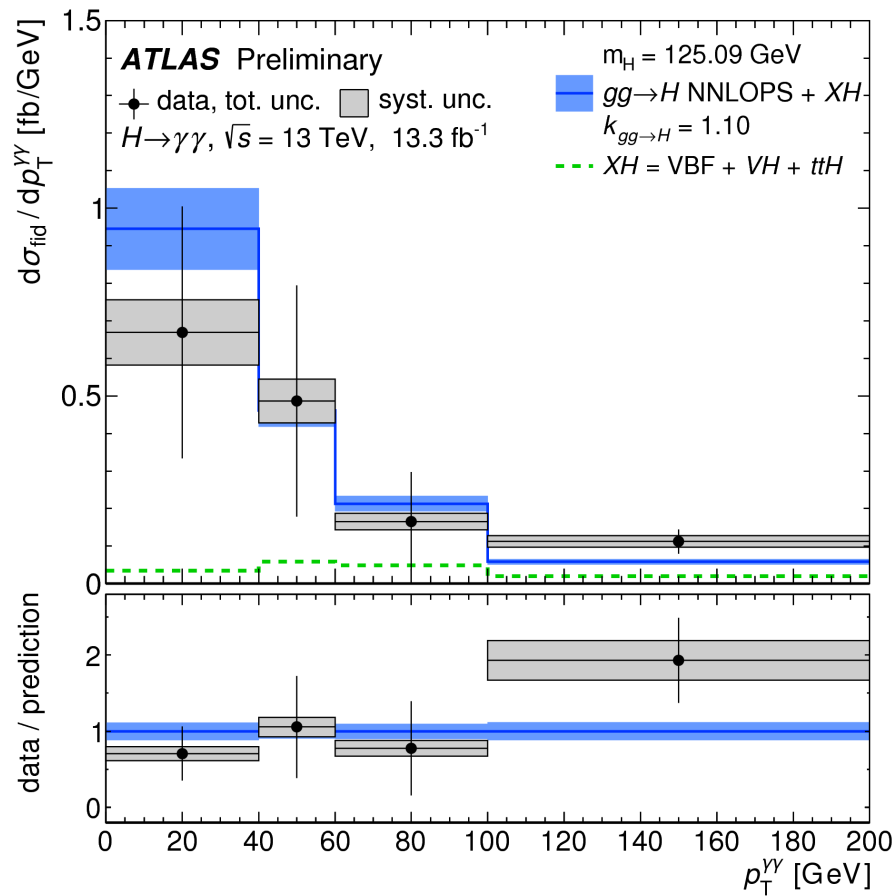
Ellis et.al., NPB **1988**; Baur et.al., NPB **1990**

- Lack of reliable SM prediction may compromise the search for new physics.



Data Are Coming!

See Ferrari's talk for more details



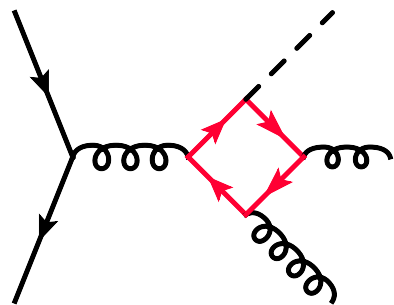
(a) $p_{T,\gamma\gamma}$ differential cross-section

- ATLAS and CMS start to measure Higgs production at large P_T .

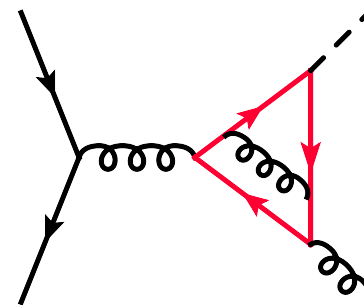
NLO Calculation with Massive Top

- Include both real and virtual corrections (e.g. $q\bar{q} \rightarrow H + g$)

Relevant scales: \sqrt{s}, m_t, m_H



1-loop



2-loop



- Separate scales to simplify NLO calculation

Limit 1: $2m_t \gg \sqrt{s}, m_H$ Expand in $s/4m_t^2$ and $m_H^2/4m_t^2$ **HEFT**

Limit 2: $\sqrt{s} \gg 2m_t, m_H$ Expand in m_H^2/s and m_t^2/s **Double Expansion**

Limit 3: m_t is arbitrary and $\sqrt{s} \gg m_H$ Expand in m_H^2/s
Single Expansion

An “EFT” complementary to HEFT!

Mass Singularity

- Expansion is nontrivial due to mass singularity

Relevant scales: \sqrt{s}, m_t, m_H Expand in m_H^2/s and m_t^2/s

- Non-analytic, e.g. $\log(s/m_H^2)$
- Ratio of mass scales, e.g. $m_H^2/4m_t^2$

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- More ambitiously, we want the expansion (scale separation) before calculating Feynman diagrams.

Each diagram is simpler to calculate due to fewer scales.

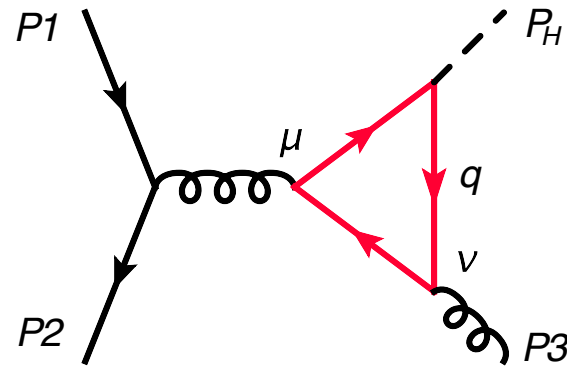
- QCD factorization is a systematic framework to remove the small mass scales.

Setup of the Calculation

- As an example, we have calculated $q\bar{q} \rightarrow H + g$ at LO

- Easy to calculate.
- Can compare with the full LO analytically.

- One relevant **form factor** at LO



$$\frac{1}{4N_c^2} \sum |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{2(N_c^2 - 1)g_s^2 m_t^2}{N_c^2} \frac{t^2 + u^2}{s(s - m_H^2)^2} |\mathcal{F}(s, m_t^2, m_H^2)|^2$$

$$\mathcal{F}(s, m_t^2, m_H^2) = \frac{1}{(D - 2)4m_t} \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_{3\mu}(P_H + p_3)_\nu}{P_H \cdot p_3} \right) \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu}(P_H, p_3)$$

LP Form Factor

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First consider the double expansion

- Expand the LO form factor in m_H^2/s and m_t^2/s , keeping all mass singularities.

$$\mathcal{F}^{\text{LP}}(s, m_t^2, m_H^2) = \frac{g_s^2 y_t}{16\pi^2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \log^2 \frac{-s - i\epsilon}{m_t^2} + 2 \log \frac{-s - i\epsilon}{m_t^2} - 2 \arcsin^2 r - \frac{4\sqrt{1-r^2}}{r} \arcsin r - 2 \right),$$
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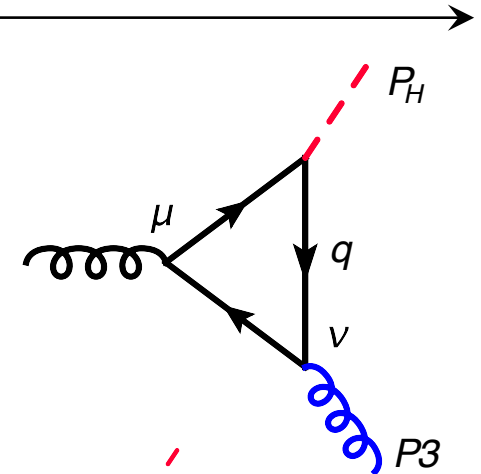
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Mass singularities

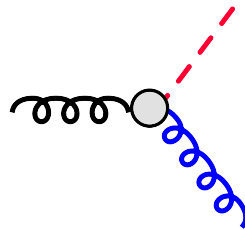
- The dependence of mass ratio is non-trivial.
- All these terms must be reproduced with factorization formula

Leading Regions

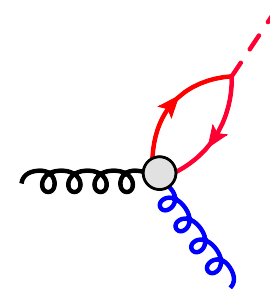
- The regions of loop momentum integral giving LP terms are called “leading regions”.
- Four leading regions: ($\sqrt{s} \gg m_t, m_H$)



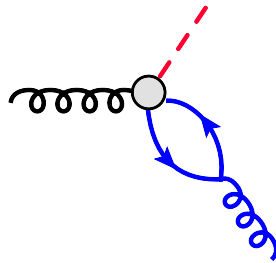
Hard
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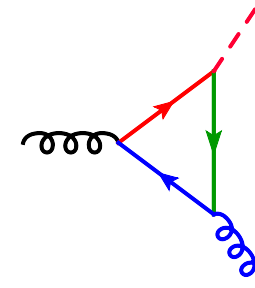
Higgs Collinear
(\sqrt{s}, m_t, m_H)



Gluon Collinear
(\sqrt{s}, m_t)

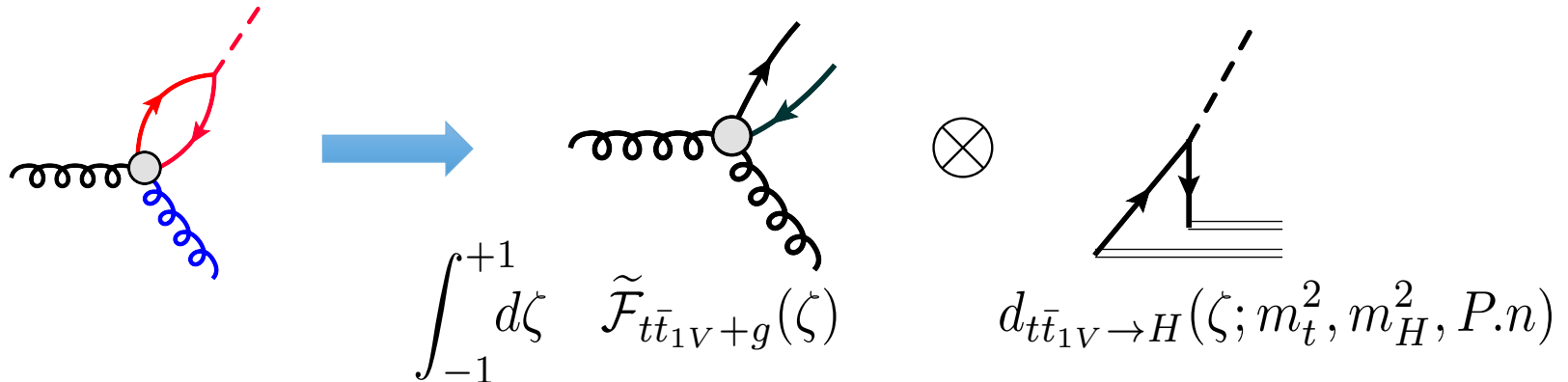


Soft
(m_t)



Factorization of Collinear Regions

- Higgs Collinear Region



- Hard production of massless $t\bar{t}$ in color-singlet Lorentz-vector channel
Only depends on hard scale \sqrt{s}
- Collinear $t\bar{t}$ interact and produce the Higgs
Only depends on soft scales m_t, m_H
- Integrate over the relative longitudinal momentum of $t\bar{t}$ pair
- After factorization, we separate the scales before the calculation of Feynman diagrams

Factorization Formula

- LP factorization formula (Expand by both m_H^2/s and m_t^2/s)

$$\mathcal{F}^{\text{LP}}(s, m_t^2, m_H^2) = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{H+g}(s) + \int_{-1}^{+1} d\zeta \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{t\bar{t}_{1V}+g}(\zeta) d_{t\bar{t}_{1V}\rightarrow H}(\zeta; m_t^2, m_H^2, P_H \cdot n) \\ + \int_{-1}^{+1} d\zeta \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{H+t\bar{t}_{8T}}(\zeta) d_{t\bar{t}_{8T}\rightarrow g}(\zeta; m_t^2, p_3 \cdot \bar{n}) + \mathcal{F}_{\text{soft}}(m_t^2)$$

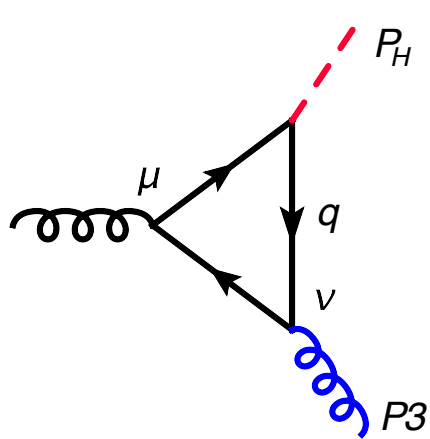
- All pieces can be calculated directly from Feynman diagrams with fewer scales.
- Although the full form factor is finite, each region is divergent. Dimensional regularization and rapidity regularization are used.

For more details, see Braaten, HZ and Zhang, arXiv:1704.06620

Hard Region

- LP factorization formula (Expand by both m_H^2/s and m_t^2/s)

$$\mathcal{F}^{\text{LP}}(s, m_t^2, m_H^2) = \boxed{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{H+g}(s)} + \int_{-1}^{+1} d\zeta \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{t\bar{t}_{1V}+g}(\zeta) d_{t\bar{t}_{1V}\rightarrow H}(\zeta; m_t^2, m_H^2, P_H \cdot n) \\ + \int_{-1}^{+1} d\zeta \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{H+t\bar{t}_{8T}}(\zeta) d_{t\bar{t}_{8T}\rightarrow g}(\zeta; m_t^2, p_3 \cdot \bar{n}) + \mathcal{F}_{\text{soft}}(m_t^2)$$



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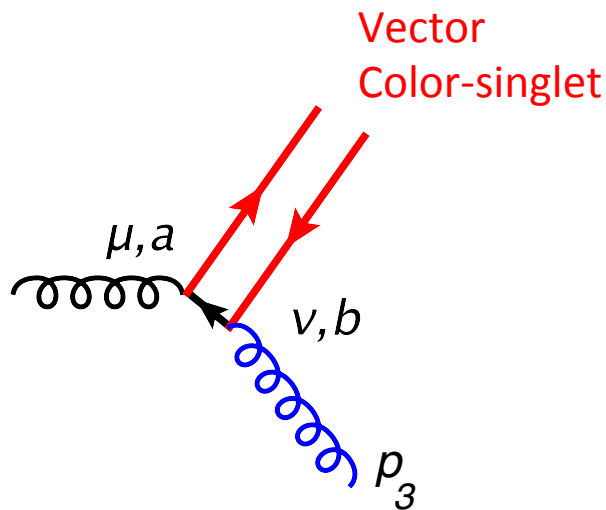
$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{H+g}(s) \propto \int_q \frac{\text{Tr}[\dots]}{[(q + P_H)^2 + i\epsilon][q^2 + i\epsilon][(q - p_3)^2 + i\epsilon]} \\ \propto \left[\frac{-s - i\epsilon}{\mu^2} \right]^{-\epsilon} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{2}{\epsilon} + 6 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right)$$

➤ Only depends on S , no mass scale.

Higgs Collinear Region: Hard Coeff.

- LP factorization formula (Expand by both m_H^2/s and m_t^2/s)

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$$m_H = m_t = 0$$

$$p_t = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \zeta)P_H,$$

$$p_{\bar{t}} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \zeta)P_H$$

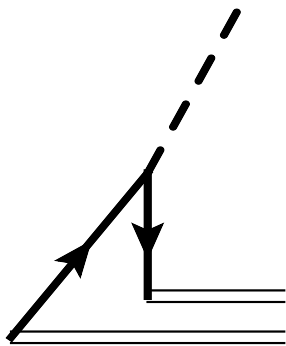
$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{t\bar{t}_{1V}+g}(\zeta) \propto \text{Tr}[\dots \cancel{P}_H] \text{Tr}_c[T^a T^b \mathbf{1}] \\ \propto \zeta$$

- Only depends on s , no mass scale.

Higgs Collinear Region: Distribution

- LP factorization formula (Expand by both m_H^2/s and m_t^2/s)

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Vector
Color-singlet

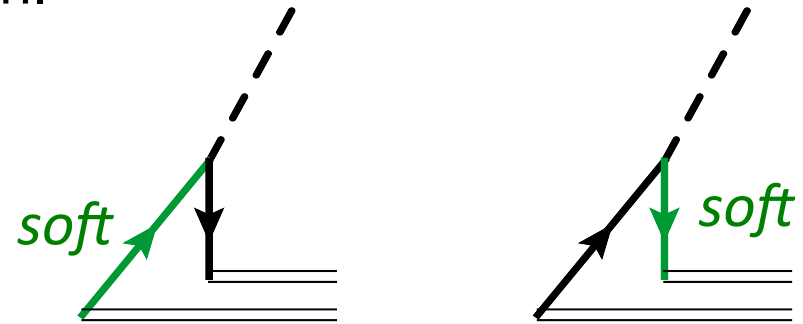
Physical m_H and m_t , $p_t = \frac{1}{2}P_H + q$, $p_{\bar{t}} = \frac{1}{2}P_H - q$

$$d_{t\bar{t}_{1V} \rightarrow H} \propto \int_q \frac{\delta(\zeta - 2q \cdot n / P_H \cdot n) \text{Tr}[\dots \not{n}] \text{Tr}_c[\dots \mathbf{1}]}{[(\frac{1}{2}P_H - q)^2 - m_t^2 + i\epsilon][(\frac{1}{2}P_H + q)^2 - m_t^2 + i\epsilon]} \times \left[\frac{|q \cdot n|}{\nu_+} \right]^{-\eta} \left[\frac{|(q + P_H) \cdot n|}{\nu_+} \right]^{-\eta}$$

- Only depends on m_H and m_t
- Has rapidity divergence

Zero-Bin Subtraction

- Need zero-bin subtraction to remove the **double counting** of the collinear region and the soft region.
- Either quark line can be soft.



- After zero-bin subtraction

$$d_{t\bar{t}1V\rightarrow H} \propto \left[-\frac{1}{2\epsilon\eta_{\text{UV}}}\delta(1-\zeta^2) + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\frac{\zeta}{(1-\zeta^2)_+} - \zeta\frac{\log(1-(1-\zeta^2)r^2)}{1-\zeta^2} \right]$$

➤ η_{UV} is the rapidity regulator

➤ Simple dependence on mass ratio $r \equiv \frac{m_H}{2m_t}$

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Higgs Collinear Region: Integration

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- Focus only on the mass ratio term

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{t\bar{t}_{1V}+g}(\zeta) \propto \zeta$$

$$d_{t\bar{t}_{1V}\rightarrow H} \propto \left[\dots - \zeta \frac{\log(1 - (1 - \zeta^2)r^2)}{1 - \zeta^2} \right]$$

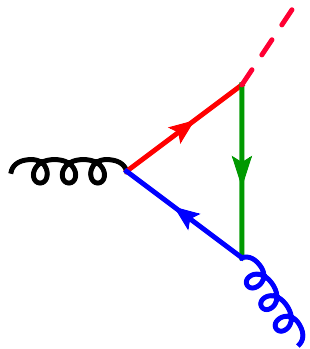
$$\int_{-1}^{+1} d\zeta \frac{\zeta^2}{1 - \zeta^2} \log(1 - (1 - \zeta^2)r^2) = -2 \arcsin^2 r - \frac{4\sqrt{1 - r^2}}{r} \arcsin r + 4$$

Reproduce the mass ratio term in the LP form factor

Soft Region

- LP factorization formula (Expand by both m_H^2/s and m_t^2/s)

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- Only the soft line has mass dependence

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{soft}} \propto \int_q \frac{\text{Tr}[\dots]}{[q \cdot \bar{n} + i\epsilon] [q^2 - m_t^2 + i\epsilon] [q \cdot n - i\epsilon]} \left[\frac{|q \cdot (n - \bar{n})|}{\nu} \right]^{-2\eta} \\ \propto \left[\frac{\mu^2}{m_t^2} \right]^\epsilon \left[\frac{\nu}{2m} \right]^{2\eta} \frac{1}{\epsilon \eta_{\text{UV}}}$$

- Only depends on m_t

Add All Regions

- All pieces are calculated **directly from Feynman diagrams with fewer scales.**
- Rapidity divergences cancel among two collinear regions and the soft region.
- $1/\epsilon$ poles cancel when all four terms are added.
- Comparing with the full form factor, **all LP terms are preserved, including the mass singularities.**

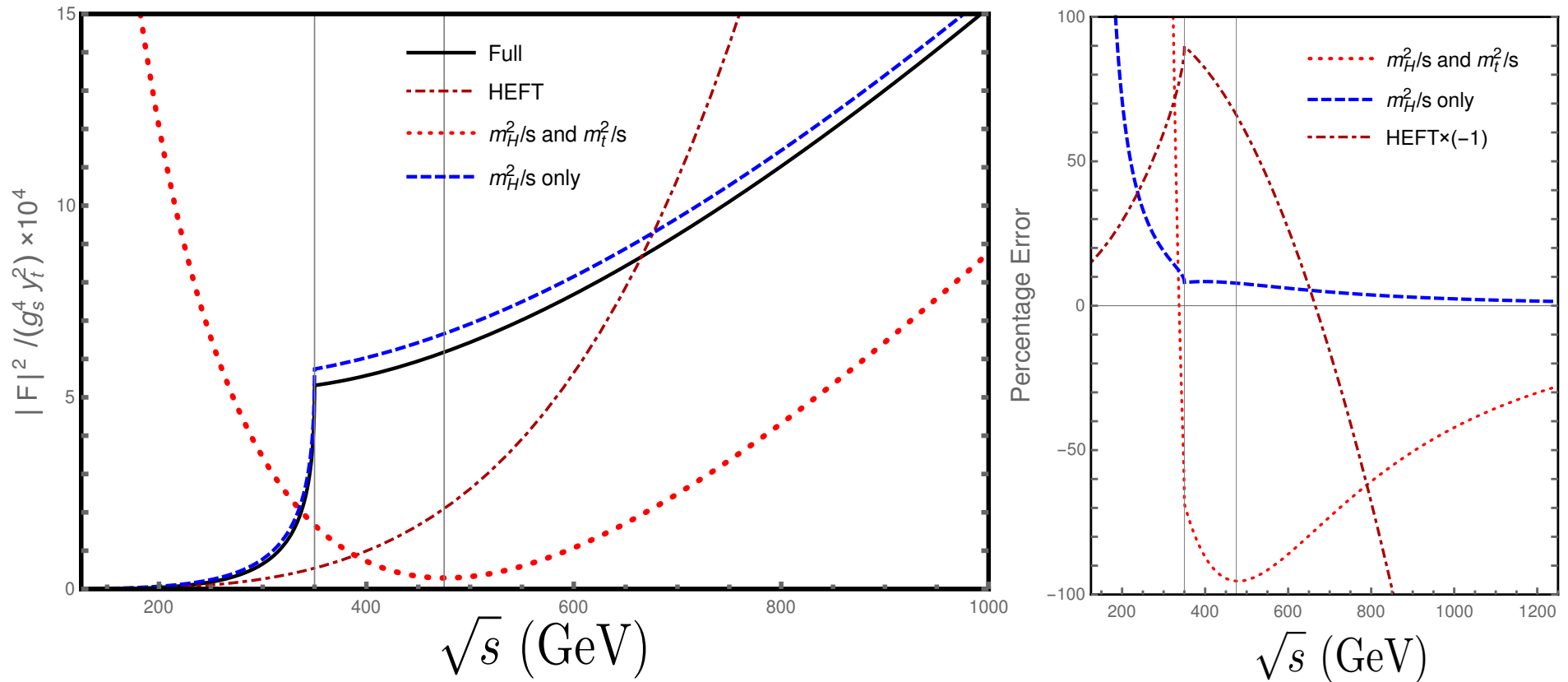
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Improved Top Mass Dependence

- Only expand by m_H^2/s , keep m_t an arbitrary scale
Don't expand in m_t^2/s or m_H^2/m_t^2
- Same factorization formula, only the hard region needs to be modified
- Similar to simplified-ACOT scheme

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Compare with Full Result



- The error of factorization formula decreases as \sqrt{s} increases.
- Reliable prediction for all kinematic region can be obtained by combining the factorization formula with HEFT.

Bottom Loop Contribution

- The factorization formula can also be used to calculate the contribution from a b -quark loop

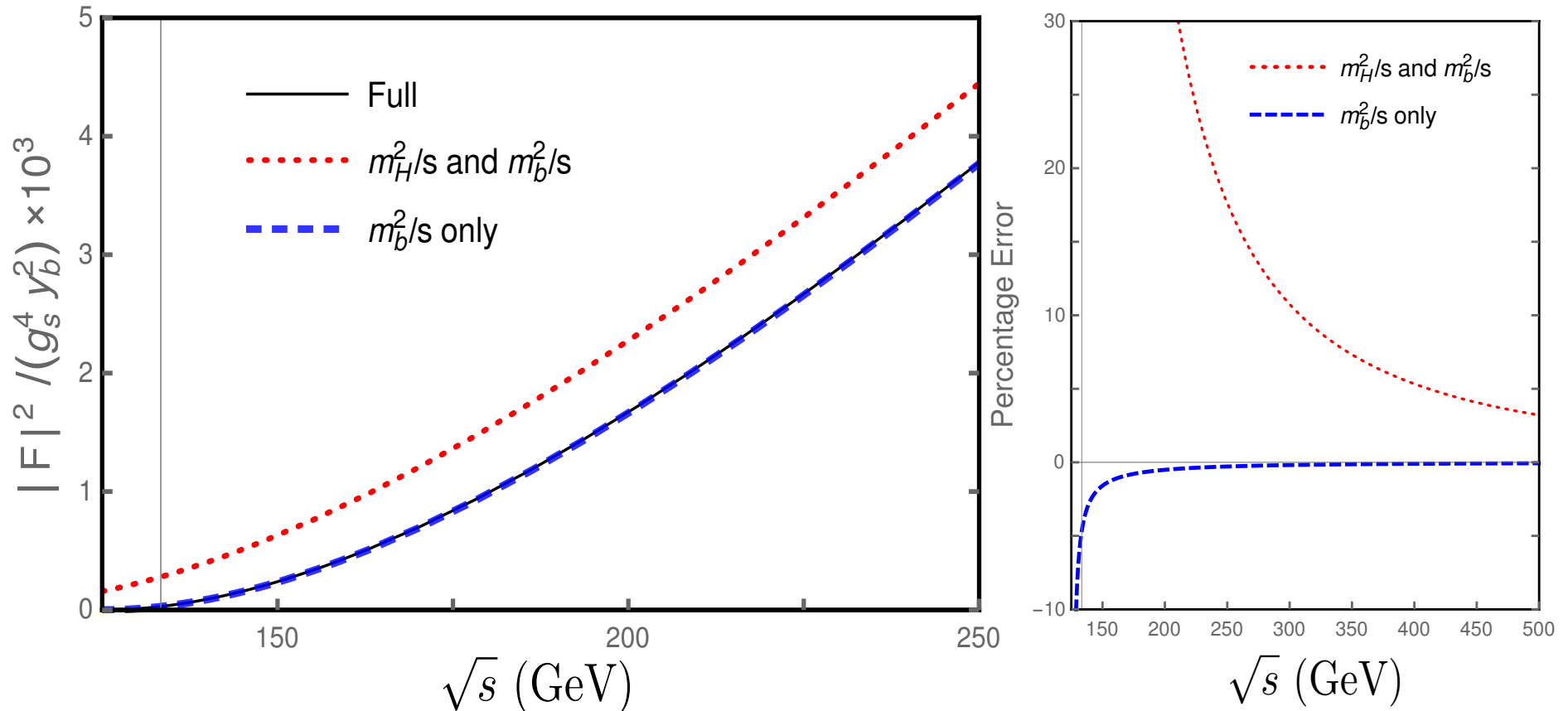
Relevant scales: \sqrt{s}, m_H, m_b

Limit 1: Expand in both m_H^2/s and m_b^2/s

Limit 2: Expand only in m_b^2/s

- Separate the scales before calculating the Feynman diagrams. Much simpler to calculate.
- Comparing with the full form factor, all LP terms are preserved, including the mass singularities.

Compare with Full Result (b-quark loop)



- The error of factorization formula quickly decreases as \sqrt{s} increases.
- The expansion in only m_b^2/s gives a very good approximation to the full result (<10% error over all kinematic region)

Next-to-leading Order (In Progress)

- Factorization formula

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- **Hard region:** 3-point & 2-loop, scale \sqrt{s} (and m_t)

- **Collinear regions:**

Hard coeff.: 3-point & 1-loop, scale \sqrt{s}

Higgs dist. amp.: 2-loop, scales m_H and m_t

Gluon dist. amp. : 2-loop, scales m_t

- **Soft region:** 3-point & 2-loop, scale m_t

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Hard coeff.: 3-point & 1-loop, scale \sqrt{s}

Higgs dist. amp.: 2-loop, scales m_H and m_t **3 diagrams!**

Gluon dist. amp. : 2-loop, scales m_t **6 diagrams!**

- **Soft region:** 3-point & 2-loop, scale m_t

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Thank you!

Backup slides

Percentage Error (t-loop)

