

Mixed QCD-EW corrections to Higgs boson gluon fusion

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Topics

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- 2 Amplitude
- 3 Differential Equations
- 4 Boundary Conditions
- 5 Cross-section
- 6 Conclusions

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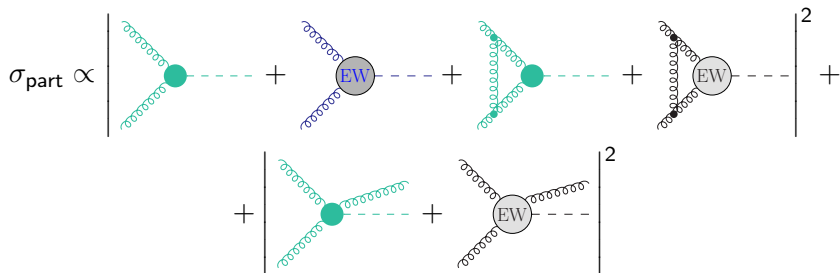
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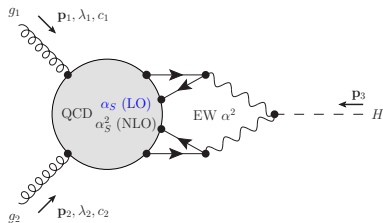
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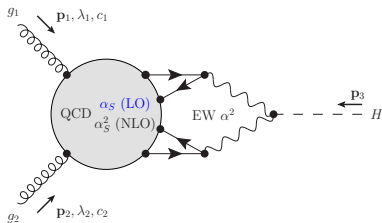
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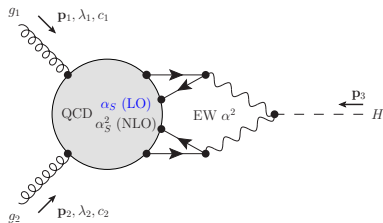
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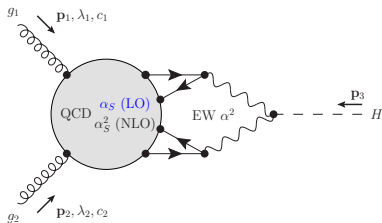


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The equation shows the tensorial decomposition of a Feynman amplitude. The first part is a scalar coefficient involving polarization vectors and a delta function. The second part is a sum of two groups of diagrams. The first group contains two diagrams (one with a loop and one with a triangle) followed by a term $(p_1 \cdot k_2) + \dots$. The second group contains two diagrams (one with a loop and one with a bubble) followed by $+ \dots$.

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- $\mathcal{D}_j = (\alpha_{j1} p_1^\mu + \dots + \alpha_{jE} p_E^\mu + \beta_{j1} k_1^\mu + \dots + \beta_{jL} k_L^\mu)^2 - m_j^2$
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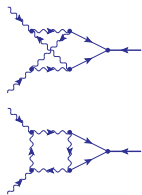
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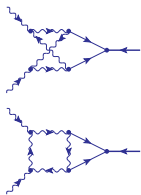
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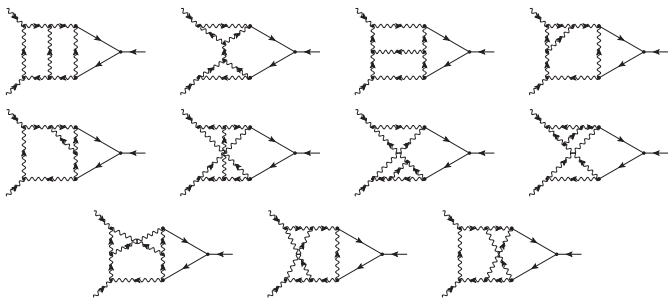
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- IBPs provide a set of relations among Fls at fixed number of loops.
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System of linear Partial Differential Equations

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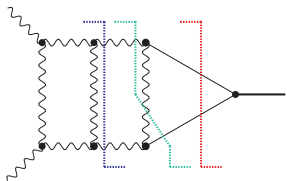
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- Cuts: hints on physical singularities of the MIs.



Possible singularities at both 2 & 3 loops

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y	+1	$e^{i\pi/3}$	-1	(0)

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Fuchsian equations: Goncharov's polylogarithms

$$G(\mathbf{m}_w; y) := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{w!} \log^w y & \text{if } \mathbf{m} = (0, \dots, 0) \\ \int_0^y \frac{1}{\xi^{-m_w}} G(\mathbf{m}_{w-1}; \xi) d\xi & \text{if } \mathbf{m} \neq (0, \dots, 0) \end{cases}$$

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Building blocks canonical functions with right mass dimension

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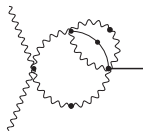
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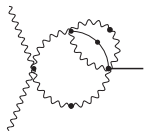
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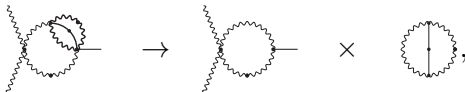
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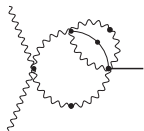


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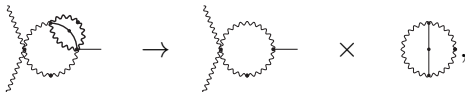


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