

MIXED EW-QCD TWO-LOOP AMPLITUDES FOR DRELL-YAN LEPTON PAIR PRODUCTION

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THE DRELL YAN PROCESS

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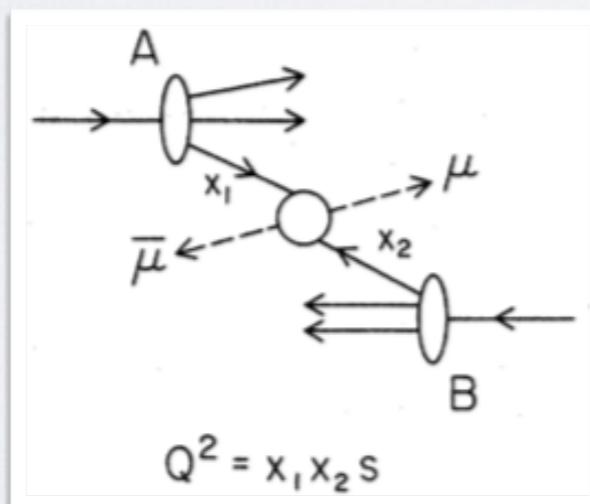
MASSIVE LEPTON-PAIR PRODUCTION IN HADRON-HADRON COLLISIONS AT HIGH ENERGIES*

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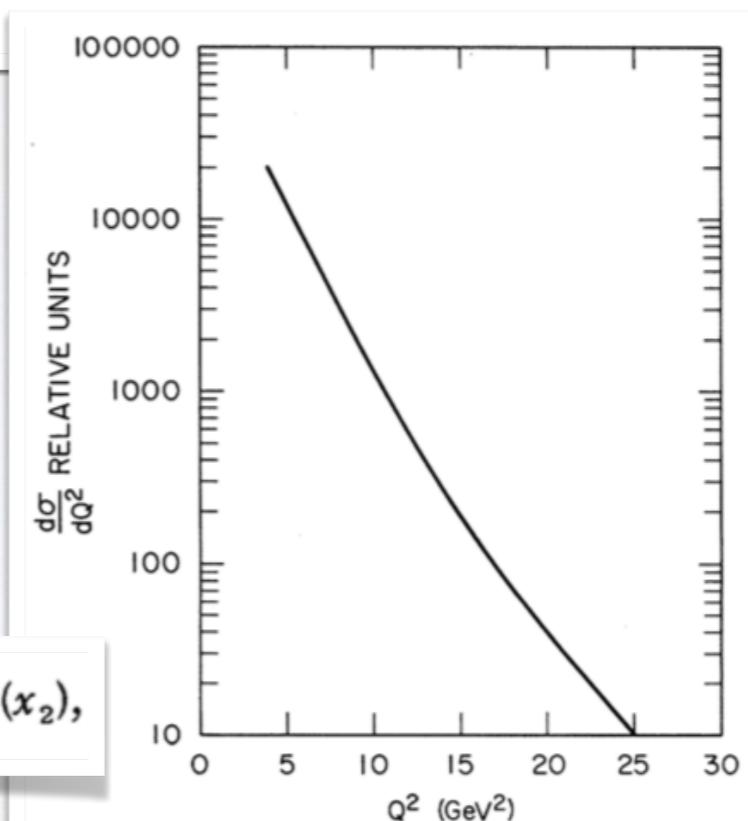
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On the basis of a parton model studied earlier we consider the production process of large-mass lepton pairs from hadron-hadron inelastic collisions in the limiting region, $s \rightarrow \infty$, Q^2/s finite, Q^2 and s being the squared invariant masses of the lepton pair and the two initial hadrons, respectively. General scaling properties and connections with deep inelastic electron scattering are discussed. In particular, a rapidly decreasing cross section as $Q^2/s \rightarrow 1$ is predicted as a consequence of the observed rapid falloff of the inelastic scattering structure function νW_2 near threshold.



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \left(\frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3Q^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{Q^2} \right) \mathcal{F}(\tau) = \left(\frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3Q^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{Q^2} \right) \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \delta(x_1 x_2 - \tau) \sum_a \lambda_a^{-2} F_{2a}(x_1) F_{2\bar{a}}'(x_2),$$

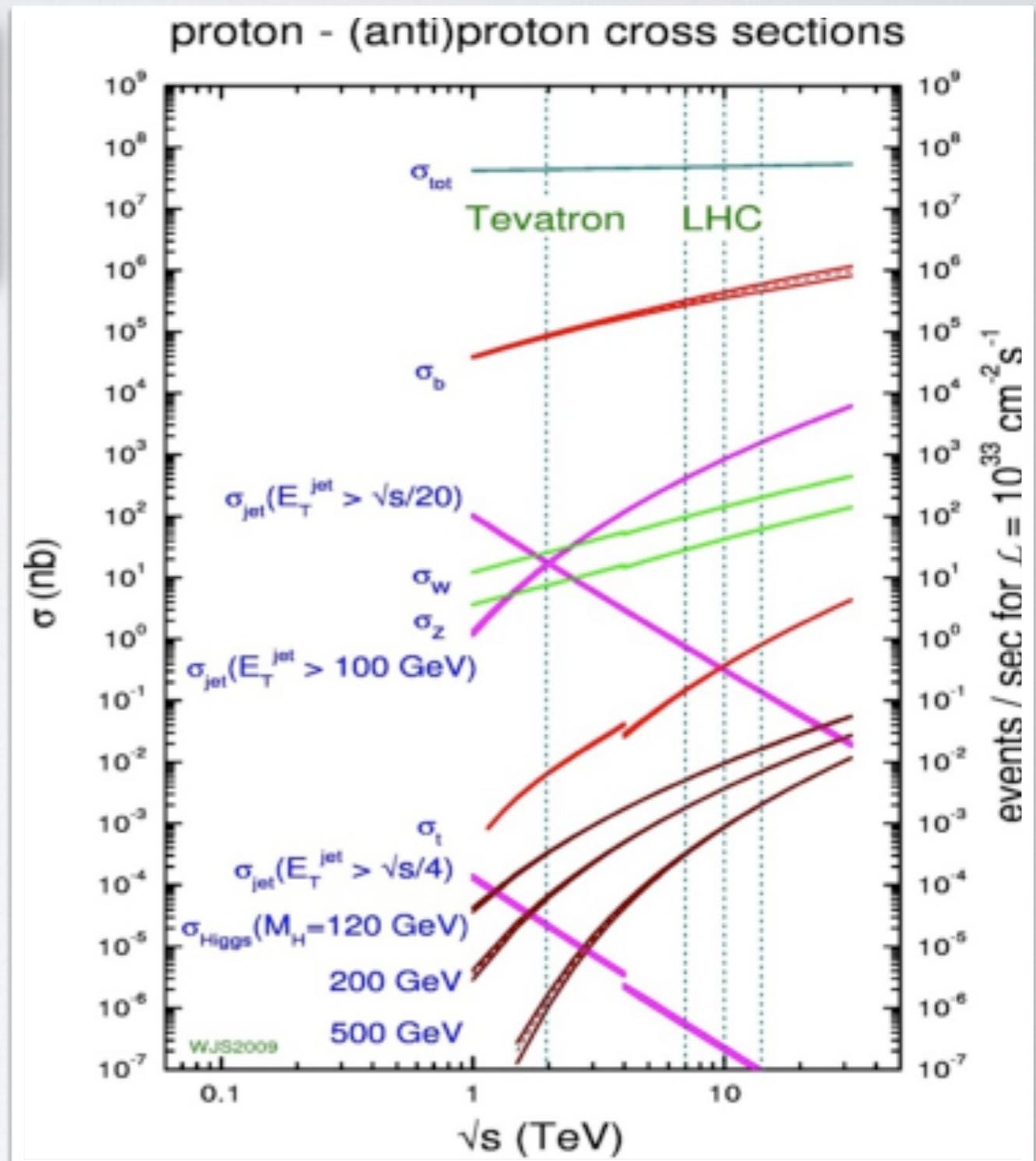


DRELL-YAN PROCESS @ LHC

$$pp \rightarrow l^- l^+ + X, \quad l = e, \mu \quad (\text{NC})$$

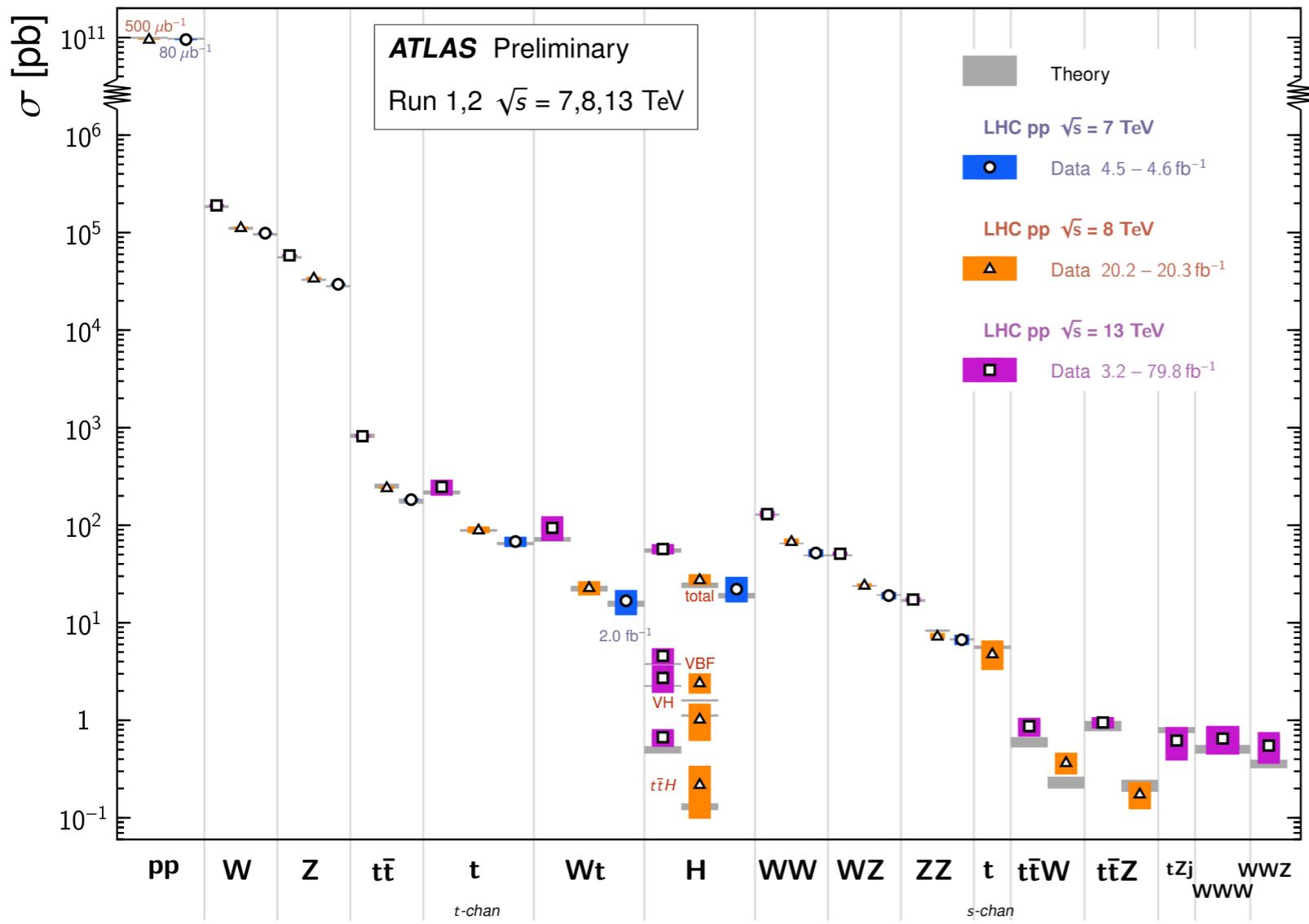
$$pp \rightarrow l^\mp \bar{\nu}_l + X, \quad l = e, \mu \quad (\text{CC})$$

- *EW precision measurements:*
W mass, Z mass, weak mixing
(resonant W/Z)
- *New physics searches*
direct or via SMEFT
(large dilepton mass)
- *PDF determinations*



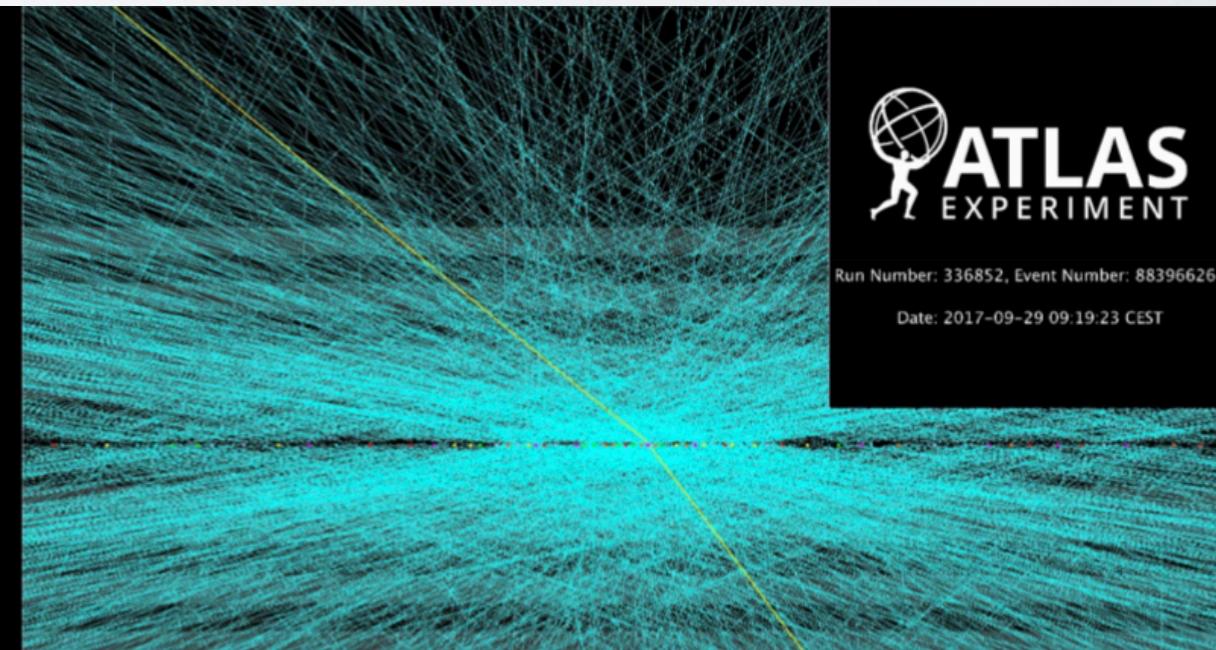
Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: July 2019



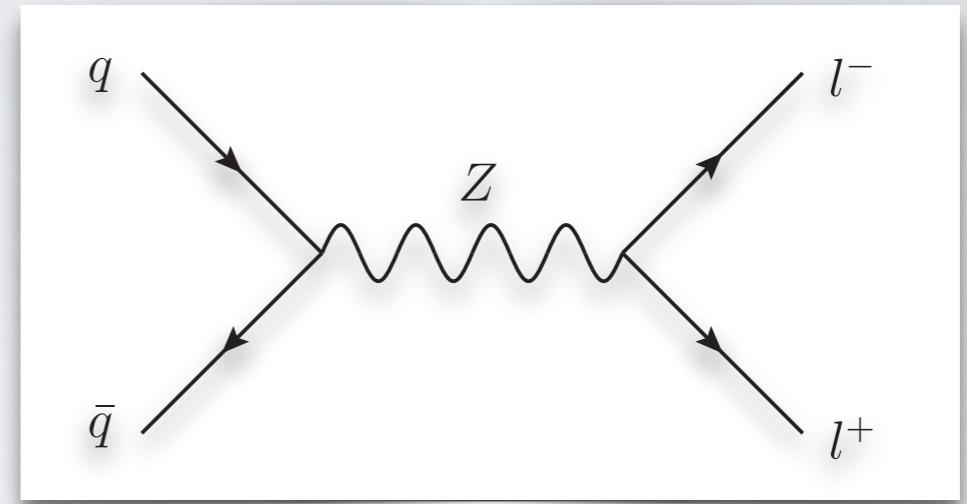
- Measurements with impressive precision
- More data to be analyzed, in particular for high-mass
- “Easy” signature (but see below)

$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ candidate event,
with **65 additional**
reconstructed primary
vertices.



PERTURBATIVE CORRECTIONS

- LO: quark-pair initiated s-channel
- QCD on-shell: NNLO, recently: N3LO
[Hamberg, van Neerven, Matsuura '91, Harlander, Kilgore '02, Anastasiou, Dixon, Melnikov, Petriello '03, Melnikov, Petriello '06], [Duhr, Dulat, Mistlberger '20, '20]
- QED on-shell NC: NNLO
[Berends, van Neerven, Burgers '88, discrepancies: Blümlein, De Freitas, Raab, Schönwald '19]
- EW: NLO
[Baur, Brein, Holllik, Schappacher, Wackerloth '01, Dittmaier, Krämer '01, Baur, Wackerloth '04], ...
- Mixed EW-QCD resonance region:
[Dittmaier, Huss, Schwinn '14, '15]
- Mixed QED-QCD:
[Kilgore, Sturm '11] off-shell; [de Florian, Der, Fabre '18] on-shell



EW-QCD ON-SHELL Z

- Total Z+X cross section [*Bonciani, Buccioni, Rana, Vicini '20*]

	G_μ -scheme	$\alpha(0)$ -scheme
A_1	$55787^{+0.26\%}_{-0.99\%}$	$53884^{+0.26\%}_{-0.99\%}$
B_2	$55501^{+0.26\%}_{-0.99\%}$	$55015^{+0.52\%}_{-1.26\%}$
B_3	$55469^{+0.28\%}_{-1.01\%}$	$55340^{+0.37\%}_{-1.13\%}$

$$A_1 : LO + \alpha_s + \alpha_s^2$$

$$B_2 : LO + \alpha_s + \alpha_S^2 + \alpha$$

$$B_3 : LO + \alpha_s + \alpha_S^2 + \alpha + \alpha_s \alpha$$

(all in pb)

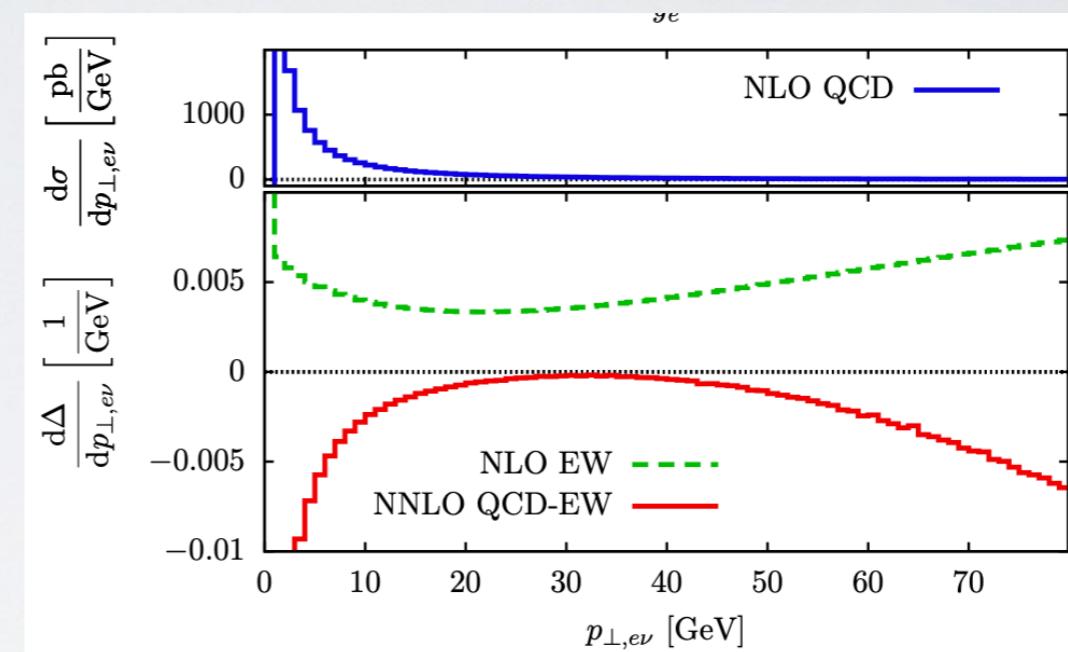
- N_f terms for on-shell Z/W [*Dittmaier, Schmidt, Schwarz '20*]

EW-QCD ON-SHELL W

- Differential W+X cross section (nested subtraction)

[Behring, Buccioni, Caola, Delta, Jaquier, Melnikov, Röntsch '20]

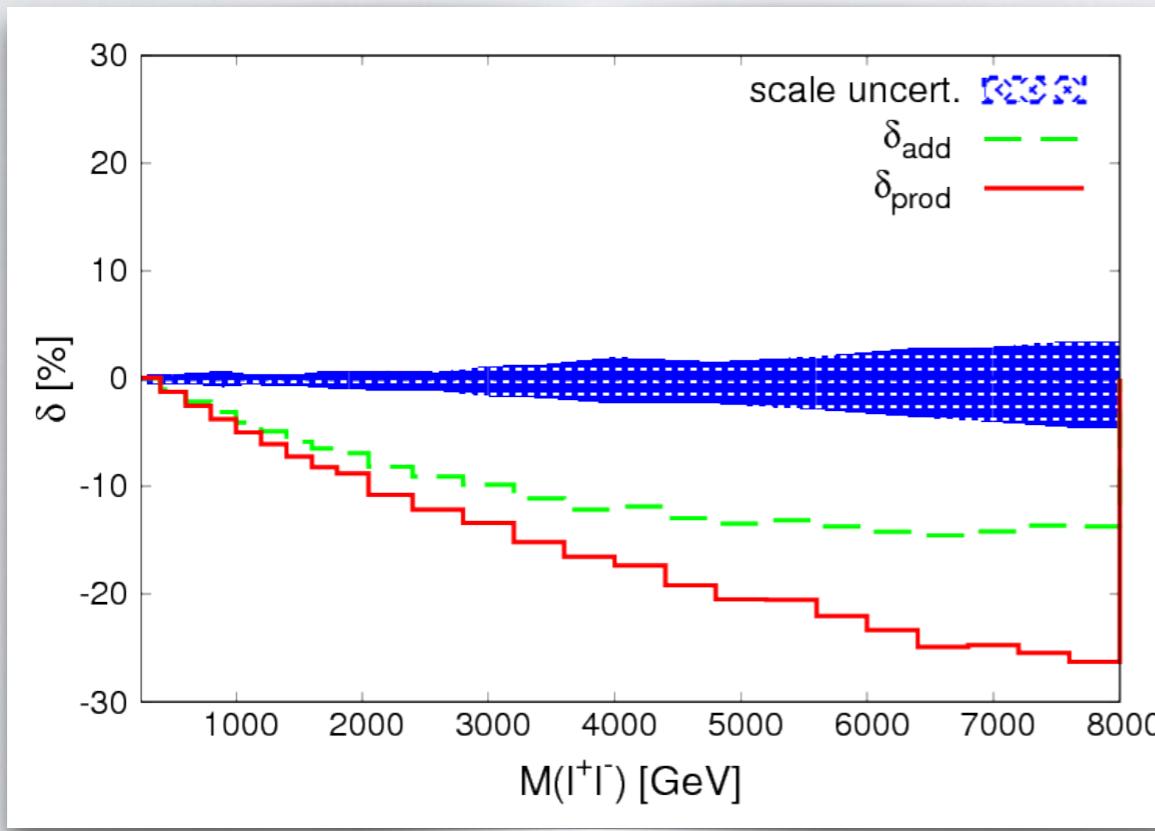
σ [pb]	channel	$\mu = M_W$	$\mu = M_W/2$	$\mu = M_W/4$
σ_{LO}		6007.6	5195.0	4325.9
$\Delta\sigma_{\text{NLO}, \alpha_s}$	all ch.	508.8	1137.0	1782.2
	$q\bar{q}'$	1455.2	1126.7	839.2
	qg/gq	-946.4	10.3	943.0
$\Delta\sigma_{\text{NLO}, \alpha}$	all ch.	2.1	-1.0	-2.6
	$q\bar{q}'$	-2.2	-5.2	-6.7
	$q\gamma/\gamma q$	4.2	4.2	4.04
$\Delta\sigma_{\text{NNLO}, \alpha_s \alpha}$	all ch.	-2.4	-2.3	-2.8
	$q\bar{q}'/q\bar{q}'$	-1.0	-1.2	-1.0
	qg/gq	-1.4	-1.2	-2.1
	$q\gamma/\gamma q$	0.06	0.03	-0.04
	$g\gamma/\gamma g$	-0.12	0.04	0.30



- Note: α and $\alpha\alpha_s$ of similar order
- Note: cancellations between partonic channels (also for N3LO)
- Expect larger contributions at high invariant masses, also from “off-shell” configurations

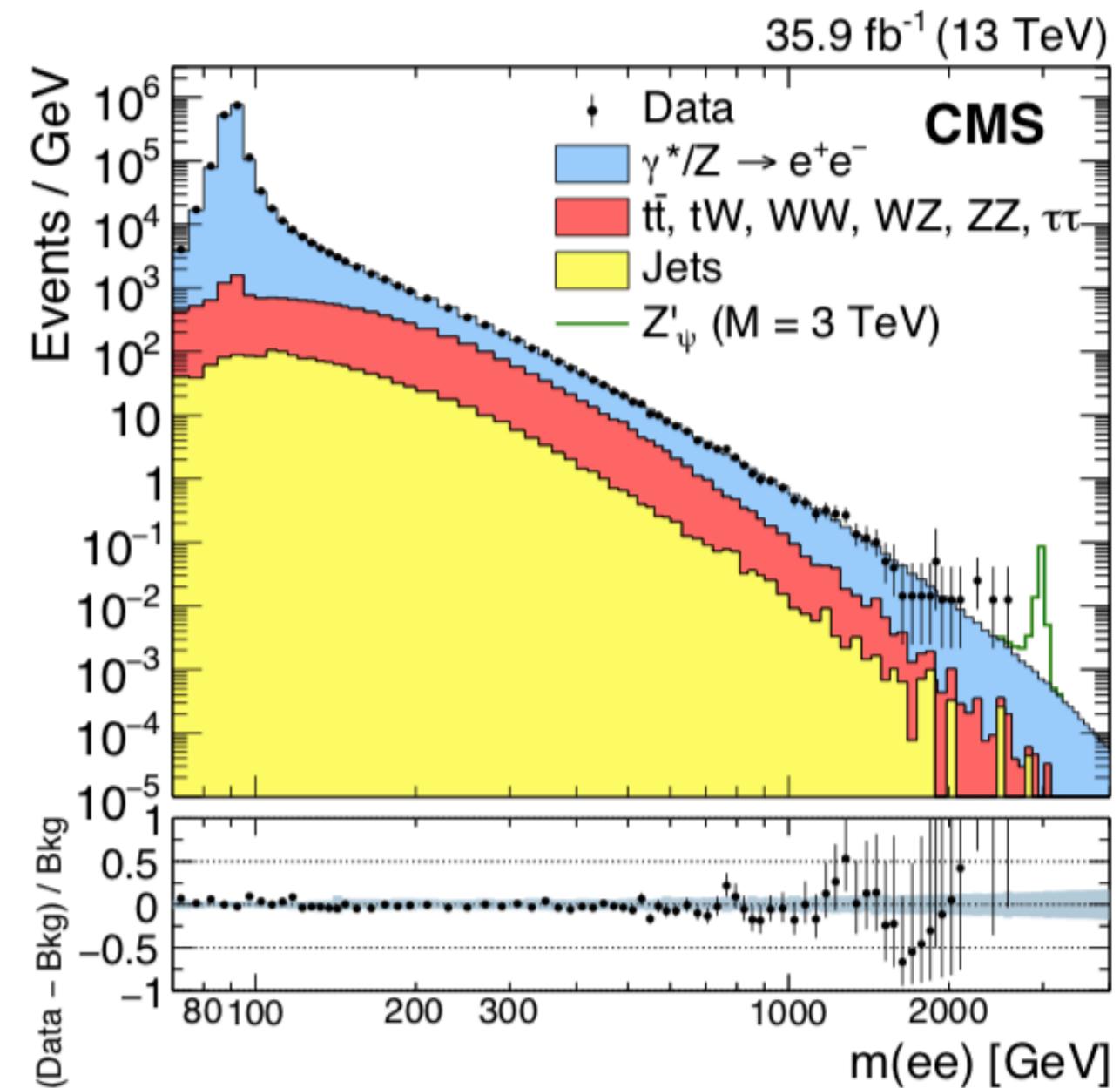
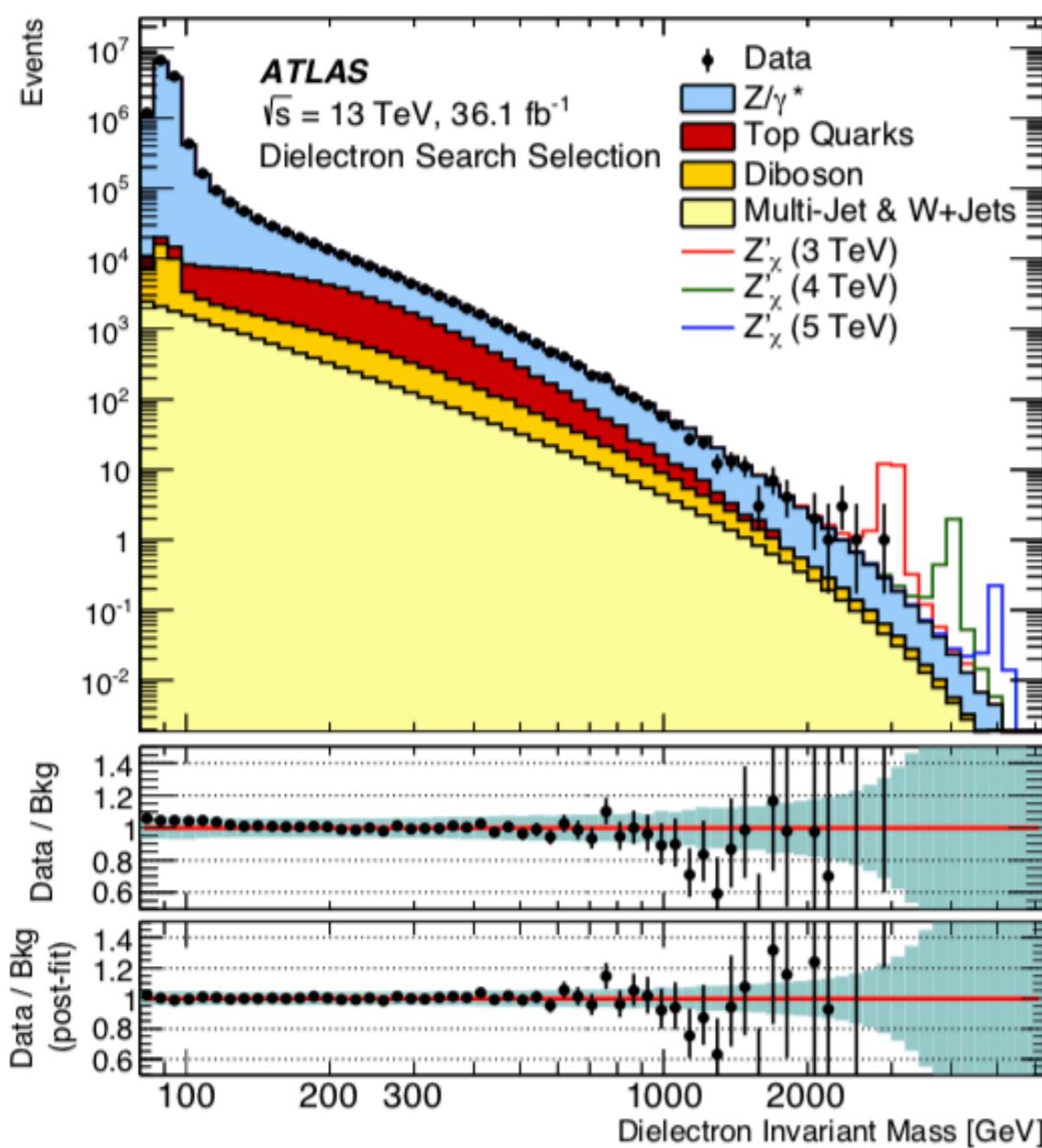
LARGE ENERGIES

- *Mixed EW-QCD important at higher invariant masses*
uncertainties considered in [Campbell, Wackerlo, Zhou '16]:

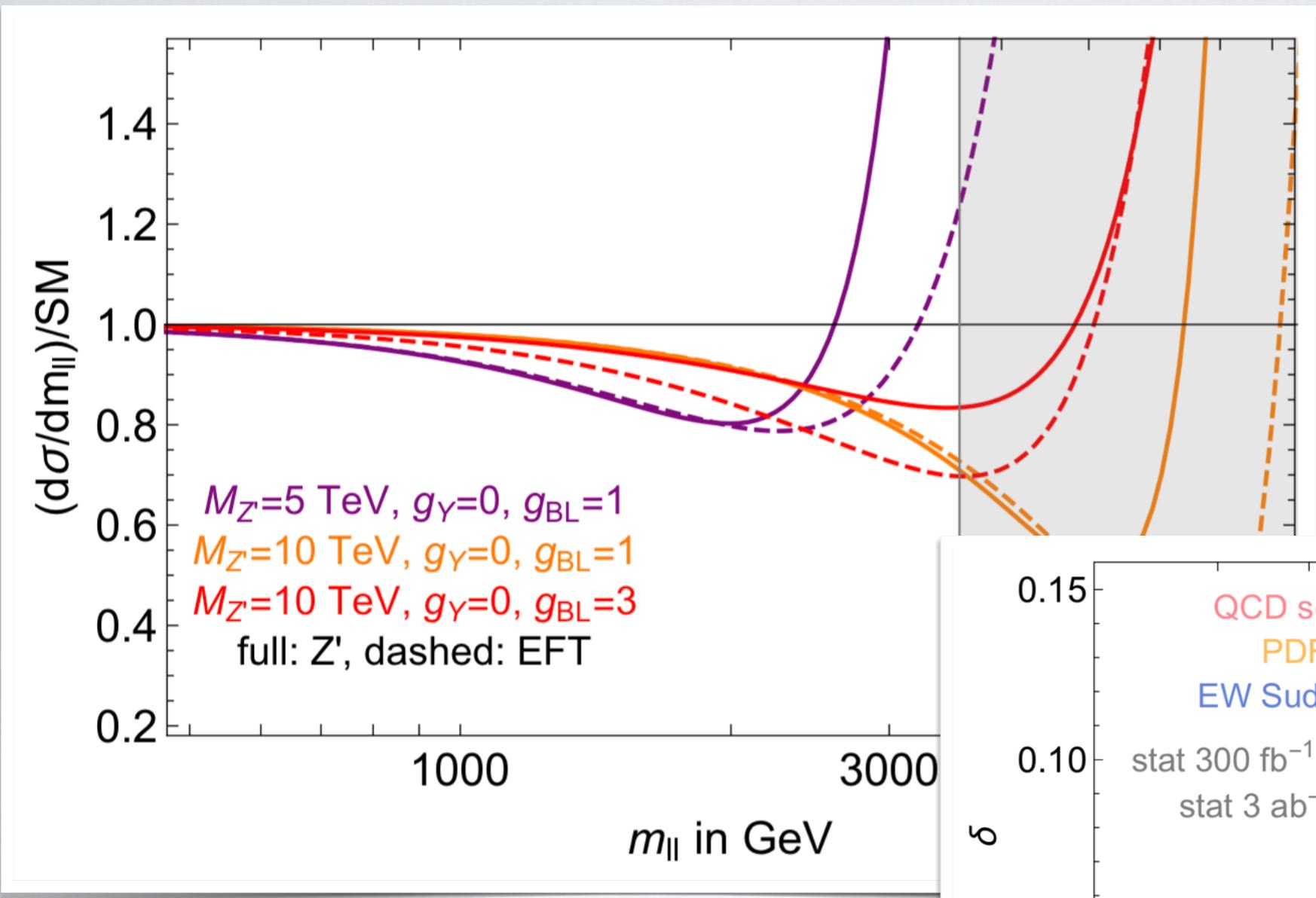


- In that region, no reason to restrict to single W/Z resonance

DILEPTON INVARIANT MASS

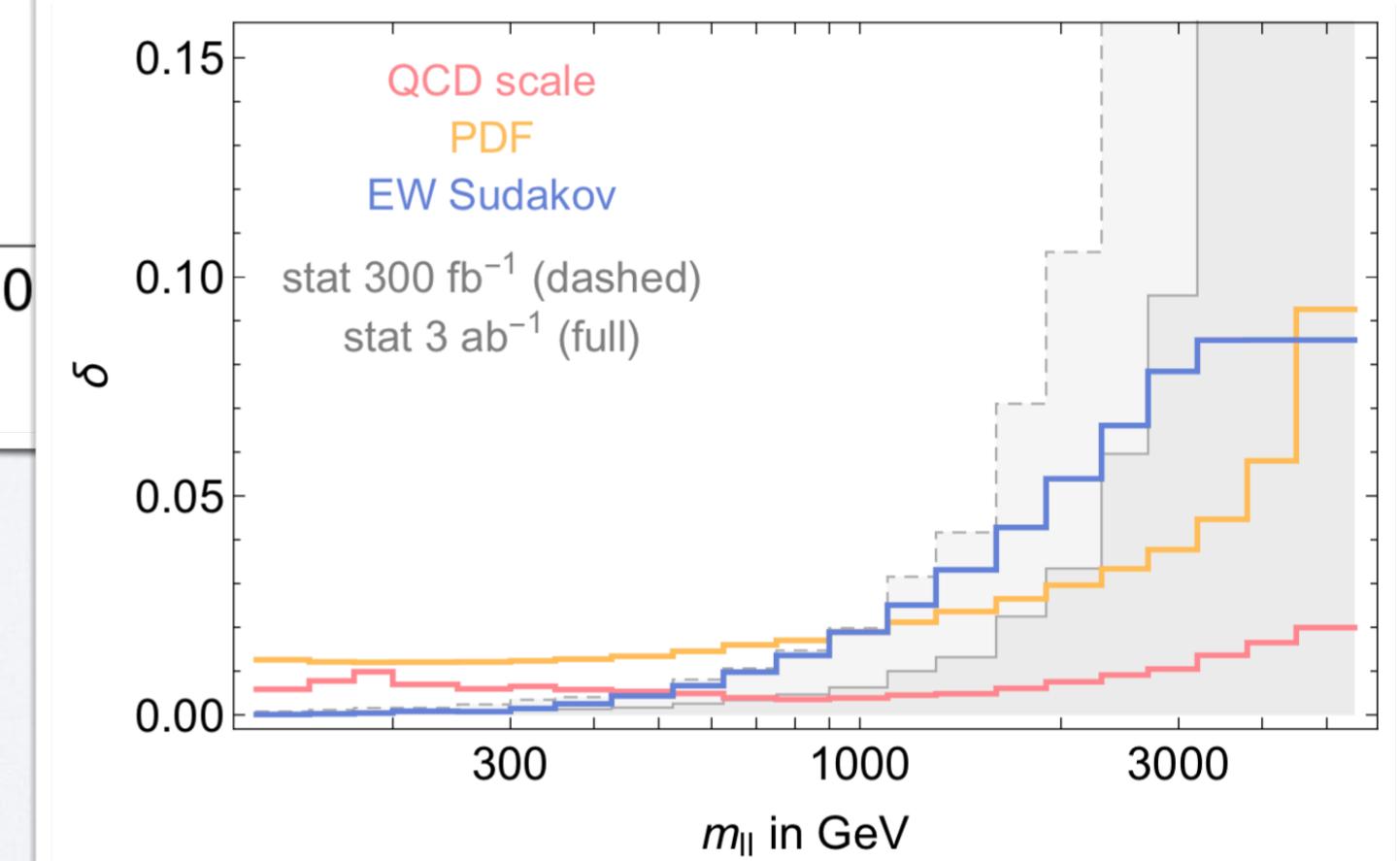


NEW RESONANCES AND EFTS



plots from:
[Alioli, Farina, Pappadopulo, Ruderman '17]

- Want sensitivity to $> 5 \text{ TeV}$ resonances
- Motivates non-bump searches
- Interferences important (diff. Xsec)
- EFT useful

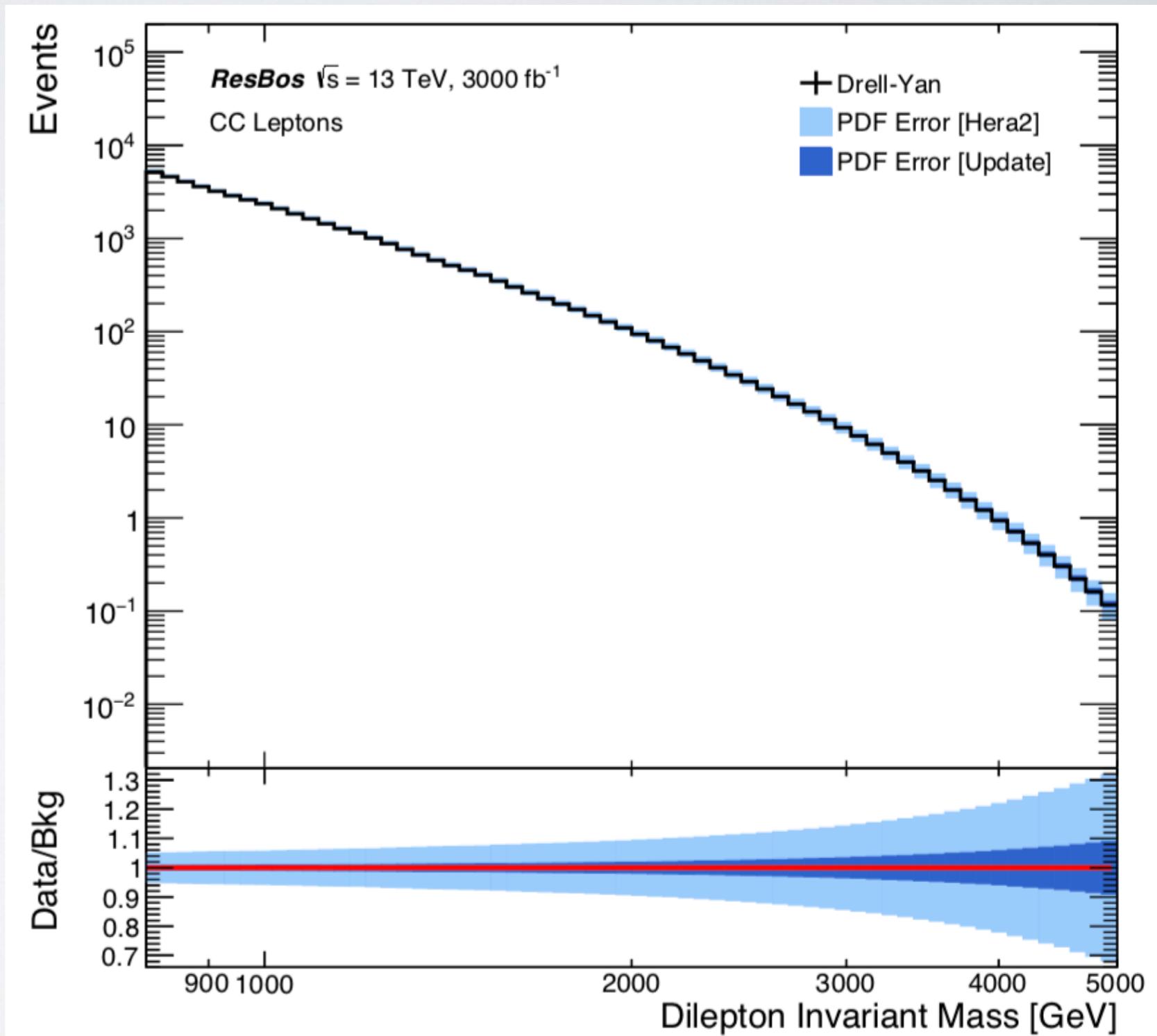


PDF UNCERTAINTIES

(and how to improve them)

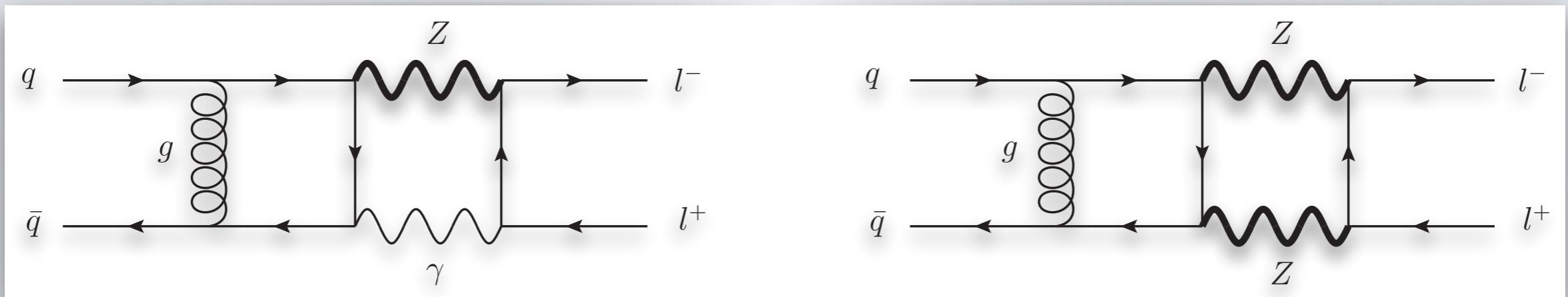
[Willis, Brock, Hayden, Hou, Isaacson,
Schmidt, Yuan '19]

- Large PDF uncertainties when extrapolating over large range
- Idea: use control region < 1 TeV to improve multi-TeV signal region
- Make sure radiative corrections under control !



EW-QCD CORRECTIONS TO DILEPTON PRODUCTION

- Don't restrict to singly resonant V production, consider *dilepton* final state
- *Representative Feynman diagrams*



- Collaboration with:



Matthias Heller (Mainz)

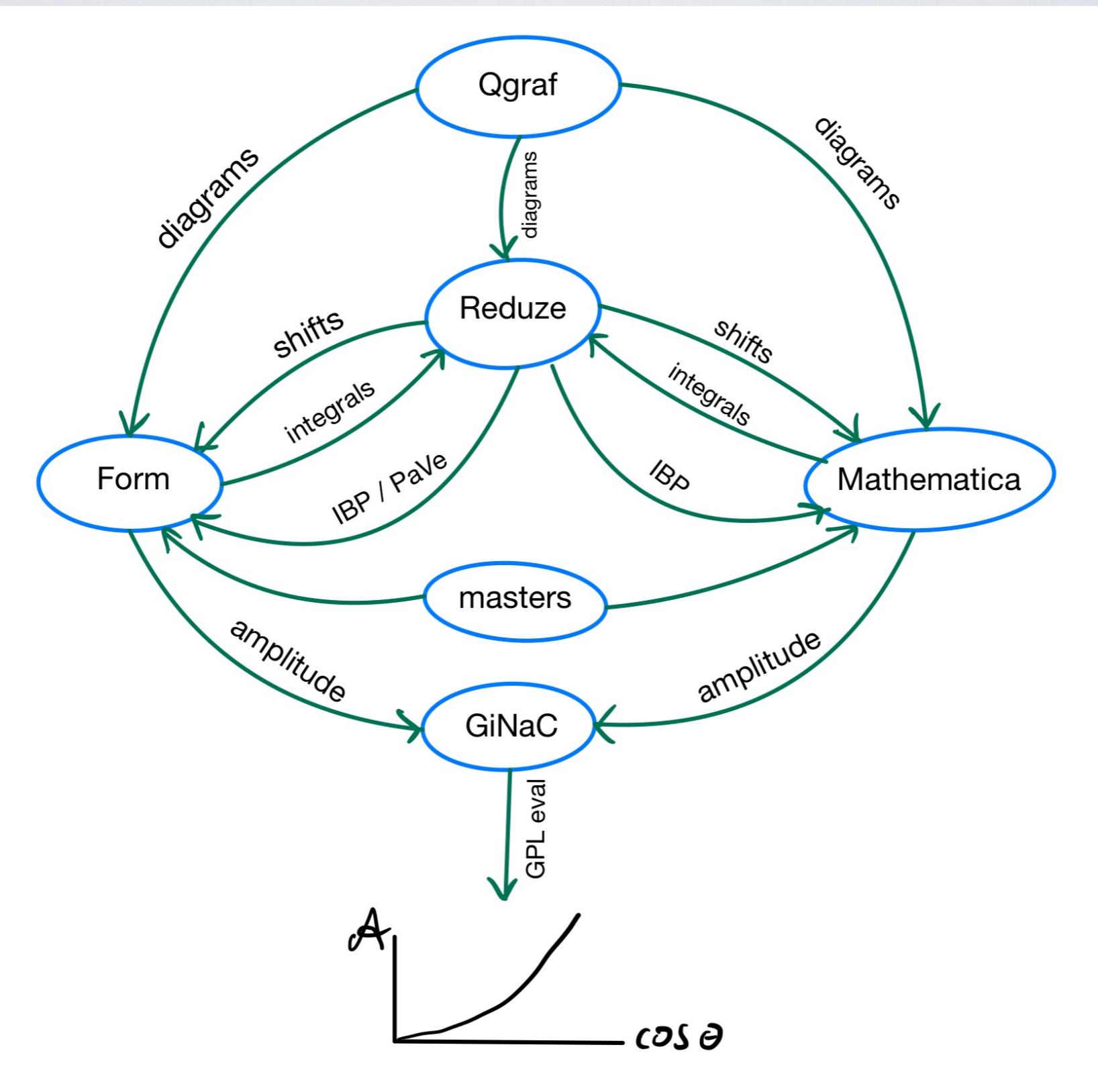


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TOOLS



γ_5 AND DIM. REG.

- Conventional dimensional regularization (CDR):

$$\int \frac{d^4 k_i}{(2\pi)^4} \rightarrow (\mu^2)^\epsilon \int \frac{d^{4-2\epsilon} k_i}{(2\pi)^{4-2\epsilon}}$$

$$g^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu} = 4 - 2\epsilon, \\ \{\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu\} = 2g_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{1}, \\ \text{and } \gamma^\mu \gamma_\mu = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \{\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu\} = g^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu} = 4 - 2\epsilon$$

all vectors d-dim (internal+external), fermions 2 pol (enters only via $\sum u(p)\bar{u}(p) = p^\mu \gamma_\mu$)

- Problem: γ_5 really a *4-dimensional* object

$$\text{tr} \{\gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \gamma_\rho \gamma_\sigma \gamma_5\} = -4i \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$$

- Split* d dimensional space into 4 dimensional one (bar) + $\epsilon = (4 - d)/2$ dimensional one (hat)

$$k^\mu = \bar{k}^\mu + \hat{k}^\mu$$

$$\gamma^\mu = \bar{\gamma}^\mu + \hat{\gamma}^\mu \quad \text{in particular: } \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho}{}_\alpha \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\beta} = -6 \bar{g}_{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{etc}$$

- To give meaning to γ_5 in d dims:

- give up *anti-commutativity*: 't Hooft, Veltman, Breitenlohner, Maison (HVBM)

$$\{\bar{\gamma}_\mu, \gamma_5\} = 0$$

$$[\hat{\gamma}_\mu, \gamma_5] = 0 \quad (\text{violates chiral symmetry})$$

- give up *cyclicity* of Dirac trace: Kreimer

$$\{\gamma_\mu, \gamma_5\} = 0 \quad (\text{requires reading point prescription})$$

SETUP AND μ TERMS

- We perform the calculation using *3 different setups*:
 1. HVBM scheme + projectors + mu-terms
 2. Kreimer's scheme + projectors + mu-terms (boxes)
 3. Kreimer's scheme + PaVe reduction
- HVMB requires *split of indices* right away, Kreimer's scheme allows to perform Dirac traces without
- Tensor integrals with ϵ *dimensional loop momenta (μ terms)* treated using dimension shifts

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[D_7 (\hat{k}_1 \cdot \hat{k}_1)^2 \right] = 2\epsilon(\epsilon - 1) \left[\text{Diagram} \right] \\
 & + \text{Diagram} [D_7] + \text{Diagram} [D_7] \\
 & - \text{Diagram} [D_7] - \text{Diagram} \left. \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

The equation shows the decomposition of a tensor integral into a sum of diagrams. The first term is enclosed in brackets with a label $[D_7 (\hat{k}_1 \cdot \hat{k}_1)^2]$. The second term is preceded by a plus sign and enclosed in brackets with a label $[D_7]$. The third term is preceded by a plus sign and enclosed in brackets with a label $[D_7]$. The fourth term is preceded by a minus sign and enclosed in brackets with a label $[D_7]$. The fifth term is preceded by a minus sign and enclosed in brackets with a label $\left. \right.$. The diagrams are Feynman-like graphs with external lines and internal loops, some of which are labeled with $8-2\epsilon$.

CHIRAL SYMMETRY

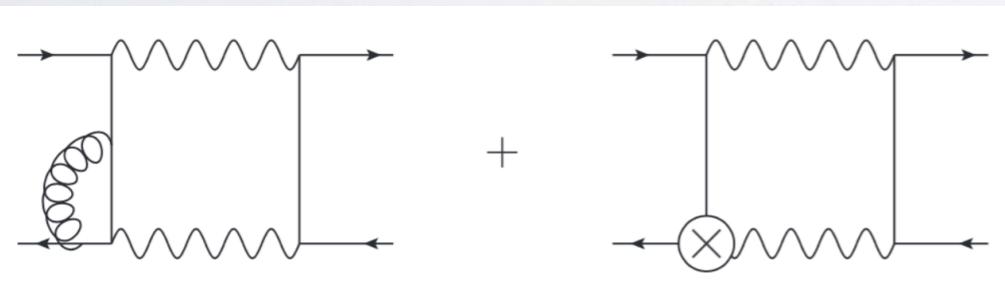
- In HVBM, corrections to *vector and axial-vector currents* differ
- Restore *chiral symmetry* by adding counter terms
- For vertex, *require*

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{Z\bar{q}q}^{(0,1)}(s) = -\frac{a_q}{v_q} \bar{\mathcal{V}}_{Z\bar{q}q}^{(0,1)}(s)$$

- Implement by adding *counter terms*

$$\begin{aligned}\delta Z_{Z\bar{q}q}^{(0,1)} &= \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{Z\bar{q}q}^{(0,1)}(s) - \mathcal{A}_{Z\bar{q}q}^{(0,1)}(s) \\ &= 2 a_q \frac{(2-\epsilon)\Gamma^2(1-\epsilon)\Gamma(1+\epsilon)e^{\gamma_E\epsilon}}{(1-\epsilon)\Gamma(2-2\epsilon)} C_F e^{i\pi\epsilon} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{s}\right)^\epsilon\end{aligned}$$

- Note: need also symmetry restoring counter terms in boxes



- We keep also the *higher order ϵ terms* for the counter term

TENSOR INTEGRALS

- Consider treatment of tensor integrals

$$I^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = \int d^d k_1 \dots d^d k_m \frac{k_{i_1}^{\mu_1} \dots k_{i_n}^{\mu_n}}{D_1 \dots D_N} = \sum_j I_j p_{j_1}^{\mu_1} \dots g^{\mu_k \mu_l} \dots$$

- One option: compute interference terms
- Here: *Lorentz decomposition*
 - at level of *integrals*: Passarino-Veltman reduction
 - at level of *amplitude*: form factor decomposition

FORM FACTORS

- Start with CDR building blocks [*Glover*]

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathcal{T}}_1 &= \bar{v}(p_2)\gamma^\mu u(p_1) \bar{u}(p_3)\gamma_\mu v(p_4), \\ \bar{\mathcal{T}}_2 &= \bar{v}(p_2)\not{p}_3 u(p_1) \bar{u}(p_3)\not{p}_1 v(p_4), \\ \bar{\mathcal{T}}_3 &= \bar{v}(p_2)\gamma^\mu\gamma^\nu\gamma^\rho u(p_1) \bar{u}(p_3)\gamma_\mu\gamma_\nu\gamma_\rho v(p_4), \\ \bar{\mathcal{T}}_4 &= \bar{v}(p_2)\gamma^\mu\not{p}_3\gamma^\nu u(p_1) \bar{u}(p_3)\gamma_\mu\not{p}_1\gamma_\nu v(p_4), \\ \bar{\mathcal{T}}_5 &= \bar{v}(p_2)\gamma^\mu\gamma^\nu\gamma^\rho\gamma^\sigma\gamma^\tau u(p_1) \bar{u}(p_3)\gamma_\mu\gamma_\nu\gamma_\rho\gamma_\sigma\gamma_\tau v(p_4), \\ \bar{\mathcal{T}}_6 &= \bar{v}(p_2)\gamma^\mu\gamma^\nu\not{p}_3\gamma^\rho\gamma^\sigma u(p_1) \bar{u}(p_3)\gamma_\mu\gamma_\nu\not{p}_1\gamma_\rho\gamma_\sigma v(p_4),\end{aligned}$$

- Insert γ_5 , for example in \mathcal{T}_1 :

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathcal{T}}_{VV} &= \bar{v}(p_2)\gamma^\mu u(p_1) \bar{u}(p_3)\gamma_\mu v(p_4), \\ \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{AA} &= \bar{v}(p_2)\gamma^\mu\gamma_5 u(p_1) \bar{u}(p_3)\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 v(p_4), \\ \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{AV} &= \bar{v}(p_2)\gamma^\mu\gamma_5 u(p_1) \bar{u}(p_3)\gamma_\mu v(p_4), \\ \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{VA} &= \bar{v}(p_2)\gamma^\mu u(p_1) \bar{u}(p_3)\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 v(p_4),\end{aligned}$$

(use $\frac{1}{2}[\gamma_\mu, \gamma_5] = \bar{\gamma}_\mu\gamma_5$ in HVBM)

- Amplitude is now

$$i\mathcal{A}_{DY} = i \sum_{\alpha=1}^{16} \mathbf{C}_\alpha T_\alpha, \quad T_\alpha = (\bar{\mathcal{T}}_{1,VV}, \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{1,AA}, \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{2,VV}, \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{2,AA}, \dots, \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{1,AV}, \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{1,VA}, \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{2,AV}, \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{2,VA}, \dots)$$

FORM FACTORS

- Computation of projectors to extract form factors:

$$i\mathcal{A}_{\text{DY}} = i \sum_{\alpha=1}^{16} \mathbf{C}_\alpha T_\alpha, \quad M_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{\text{spin,color}} T_\alpha^\dagger T_\beta \quad \mathbf{C}_\alpha = \sum_{\text{spin,color}} \mathcal{P}_\alpha i\mathcal{A}_{\text{DY}} \quad \mathcal{P}_\alpha = -i \sum_{\beta=1}^{16} M_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} T_\beta^\dagger$$

- Only **4 tensors independent** in $d = 4$, equal to number of **helicity amplitudes**.
- Would like to ignore other directions, but how ? Note: M^{-1} **diverges** for $d \rightarrow 4$!
- Change basis** of tensors [see also Peraro, Tancredi '19, '20; Chen, Ravindran et al '19, '19]

$$T'_1 = T_1, \quad T'_2 = T_2, \quad T'_\alpha = T_\alpha + \sum_{\beta=1}^2 R_{\alpha\beta} T_\beta \quad \text{for } \alpha = 3 \dots 8$$

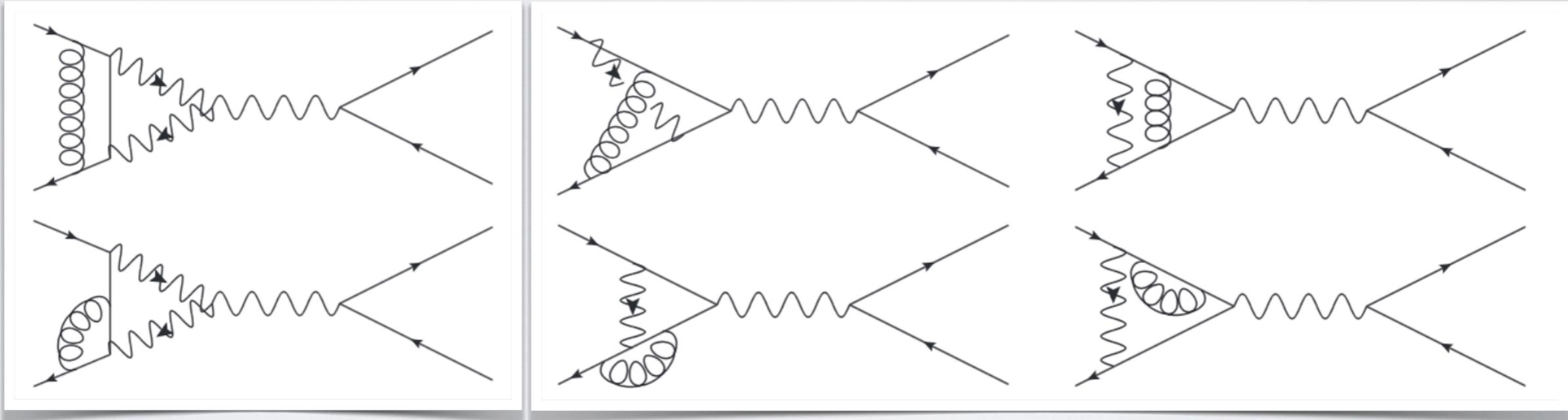
such that irrelevant directions **decouple** exactly in d dimensions

$$(M'_{\alpha\beta}) = \sum_{\text{spin,color}} (T'_\alpha^\dagger T'_\beta) = (RMR^\dagger) = \begin{pmatrix} M'_{2 \times 2} & 0 \\ 0 & M'_{6 \times 6} \end{pmatrix}$$

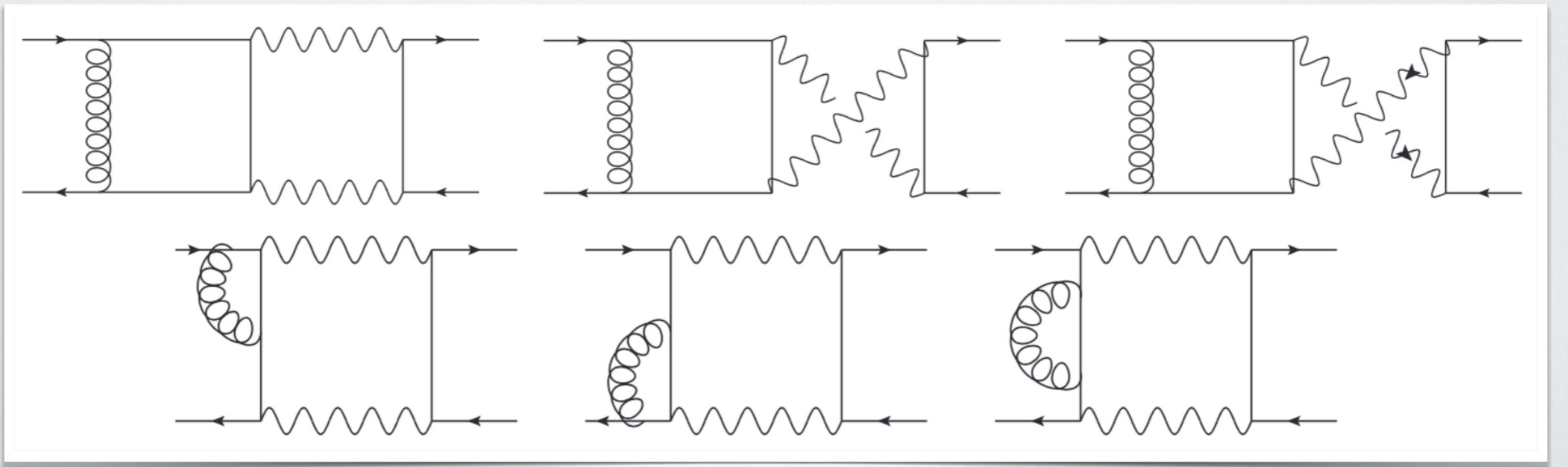
- $M'_{2 \times 2}$ is **regular** for $d \rightarrow 4$, irrelevant directions contribute only at order $d - 4$!
- Result:** exact d dim. projectors for relevant form factors and subtraction terms (γ_5 scheme dep.), irrelevant ones not needed for finite remainder

FEYNMAN DIAGRAMS

Examples for vertex corrections at two loops:

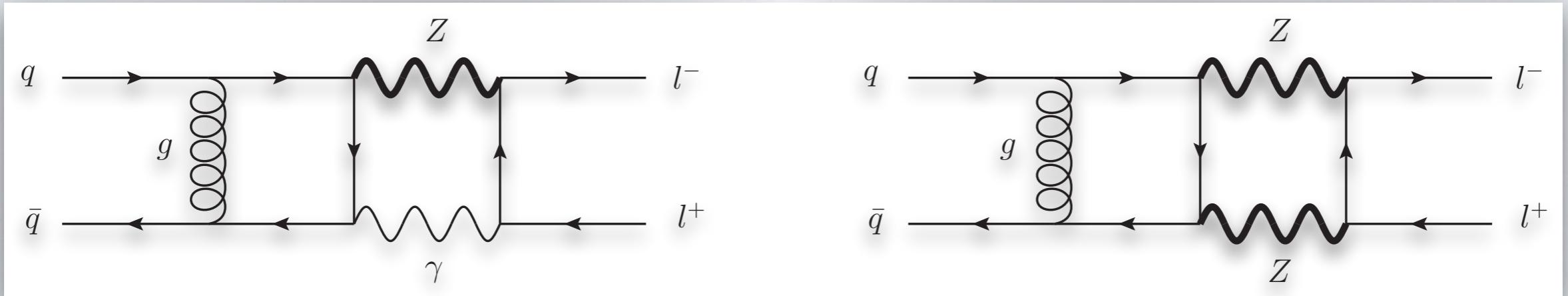


Examples for box corrections at two-loops:



MASTER INTEGRALS

- *Feynman diagrams* with one and two masses:



- Master integrals:
 - 1-fold integral over polylogarithms (Euclidean region)
[Bonciani, Di Vita, Mastrolia, Schubert '16]
 - One-mass: real-valued multiple polylogarithms (physical region)
[AvM, Schabinger '17]
 - Two-mass: *optimized representation* in physical region
[Heller, AvM, Schabinger '19]

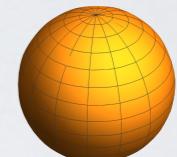
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

- Need to solve *master integrals*, use method of differential equations
- Aim: analytical integration of differential equations [*Kotikov '91, Remiddi '97*]:

$$\partial_x \vec{I}(x; \epsilon) = A(x; \epsilon) \vec{I}(x; \epsilon) \quad \text{where } \epsilon = (4 - d)/2$$

- Homogeneous solutions for $\epsilon = 0$ (leading singularities):

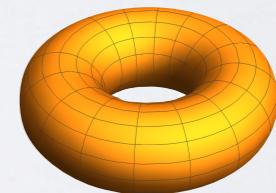
- *Rational number*, e.g. $1/2$



- *Rational functions*, e.g. $1/x$

- *Algebraic functions*, e.g. $\sqrt{x(x-4)}$

- *Elliptic integrals*, e.g. $K(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{dz}{\sqrt{(1-z^2)(1-xz^2)}}, \dots$



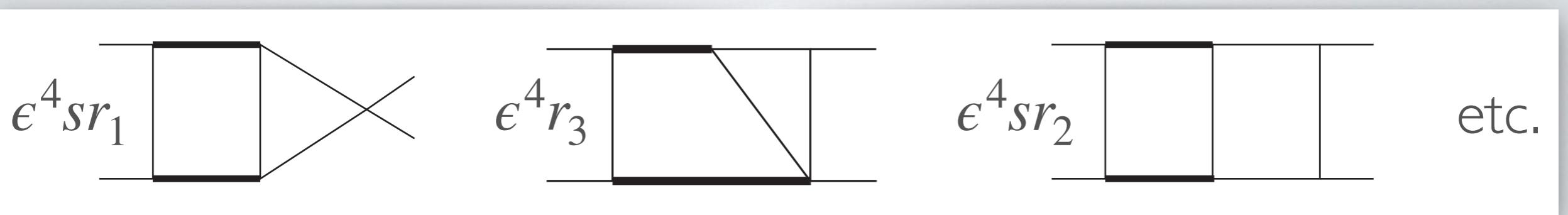
[see also *Blümlein, De Freitas et al. '15, '17*]

- Basis change involving homogenous solutions may allow to find ϵ -form:

$$d\vec{m} = \epsilon \operatorname{dln}(l_a(x)) A^{(a)}(x) \vec{m}$$

[*Kotikov '10, Henn '13, Remiddi, Tancredi '16, AvM, Tancredi '17, Adams, Weinzierl '18*]

CANONICAL BASIS



- $r_1 = \sqrt{s(s - 4m^2)}, \quad r_2 = \sqrt{-st(4m^2(t + m^2) - st)}, \quad r_3 = \sqrt{s(t^2(s - 4m^2) + sm^2(m^2 - 2t))}$
 - Reparametrization $s = -m^2 \frac{(1-w)^2}{w}, \quad t = -m^2 \frac{w(1+z)^2}{z(1+w)^2}$ rationalizes 2 out of 3 roots:
- $$r_1 = -\frac{m^2(1-w)(1+w)}{w}, \quad r_2 = -\frac{m^4(1-w)(1-z)(1+z)}{z(1+w)}, \quad r_3 = \frac{m^4(1-w)}{wz(1+w)} \textcolor{red}{r}$$
- $\textcolor{red}{r} = \sqrt{4(1-w)^2wz^2 + (w+z)^2(1+wz)^2}$ *not rationalizable!* Root will enter diff eq.

birationally equivalent to K3 [van Straten '14, Besier, Festi, Harrison, Naskrecki '19]

SYMBOL CALCULUS

- *How to solve the differential equation ?*

$$d\vec{m} = \epsilon \sum_a d \ln(l_a) A^{(a)} \vec{m}$$

- If letters l_i simple: iterated integration gives *multiple polylogarithms*

e.g. $l_1 = x, \quad l_2 = x - 1, \quad Li_2(x) = - \int_0^x \frac{dt}{t} \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{t' - 1}$

- *Symbol calculus [Duhr, Gangl, Rhodes 2011]*: $S(Li_2(x)) = - (\ln(x) \otimes \ln(x - 1))$

- *Letters* form *words* with grammar (log law):

$$\ln(l_1 l_2) \otimes \ln(l_3) = \ln(l_1) \otimes \ln(l_3) + \ln(l_2) \otimes \ln(l_3)$$

- *Computer algebra* allows to automatically derive functional identities, take limits, ...

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

Diff. eq. $d\vec{m} = \epsilon \sum_a d \ln(l_a) A^{(a)} \vec{m}$ with root-valued letters l_i

$$\text{e.g. } l_{13} = - (1-w)(z-w)(1-wz) + (1+w)\sqrt{4(1-w)^2wz^2 + (w+z)^2(1+wz)^2}$$

- *How to solve ?*

- Can't integrate in terms of GPLs in *filtration basis*
- Match against ansatz of *std. multiple polylogs* ? Possible at all ?
- Need to integrate in terms of *elliptic polylogarithms* ?

$$\textcolor{red}{r} = \sqrt{4(1-w)^2wz^2 + (w+z)^2(1+wz)^2} \text{ elliptic curve ?}$$

see [Broedel, Dulat, Duhr, Penante, Tancredi '19] for related case

CONSTRUCTION OF ANSATZ

- *Method of [Duhr, Gangl, Rhodes '11]*
 - Find multiple polylogarithms which do not introduce letters beyond original alphabet
 - Pick a set of functions, e.g. classical polylogs etc.
 - For dilogarithm we see from $\text{Sym}(\text{Li}_2(a)) = -(1-a) \otimes a$ that both a and $1-a$ should factorize over original alphabet
 - Construct power products (pos./neg. powers) of letters $a = \pm l_1^{a_1} l_2^{a_2} \dots$ and check whether $1-a$ factorizes over letters

WHY IS BASIS CONSTRUCTION DIFFICULT ?

- *General issues:*
 - Combinatorial complexity
 - Best choice of letters (or even just minimal number) not obvious ($\{l_a, l_b\}$ vs. $\{l_a l_b, l_b\}$)
 - Might need numerical letter ($l_a = 2$) in argument, but invisible in derivative
- *New issues specific to algebraic letters:*
 - No unique factorization
 - Might need non-integer powers of letters in argument ($\sqrt{l_a}, l_a^{-3/4}, \dots$)
 - No cheap way of factorizing even for given letters
- First weight 4 result in *[AvM, Tancredi '17]*, but roots were secretly rationalizable
- Here: need new idea

A NEW APPROACH

- *Observation:*
 - Consider a letter $l_a = x + y\sqrt{r}$ in our alphabet,
define its conjugate $\bar{l}_a = x - y\sqrt{r}$,
then $l_a \bar{l}_a$ factorizes over the rational part of the alphabet !
- *Construct* improved letters:
 - Make an ansatz $l_a = x + y\sqrt{r}$ and require $l_a \bar{l}_a$ factorizes over the rational part of the alphabet. Pick simple candidates.
 - Define the root itself to be a letter
- *Factorizations* either using polynomial rings or (cheaper) using numerical sample and integer relation algorithm:
 - $g = cl_1^{a_1}l_2^{a_2}\dots$ implies integer relation between logs:
$$\ln(g) - \ln(c) - a_1 \ln(l_1) - a_2 \ln(l_2) - \dots = 0$$

OUR IMPROVED LETTERS

- *Rational letters:*

$$\mathcal{L}_R = \{1 - w, -w, 1 + w, 1 - w + w^2, 1 - z, -z, 1 + z, \\ 1 - wz, 1 + w^2 z, -z - w^2, z - w\}$$

- *Initial algebraic letters:*

$$\mathcal{L}_A = \{r, -(1 - w)(z - w)(1 - wz) + r(1 + w), \\ -(1 - w)(4wz + (w + z)(1 + wz)) - r(1 + w), \\ r^2 - 2wz^2(1 - w)^2 + r(w + z)(1 + wz), \\ r^2(1 - z)^2 + 2z^2(z + w^2)(1 + w^2z) + r(1 - z)(1 + z)(2wz - (w + z)(1 + wz))\}$$

with $r = \sqrt{4(1 - w)^2 wz^2 + (w + z)^2 (1 + wz)^2}$

- *Improved algebraic letters:*

$$\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{A}} = \left\{ r, \frac{1}{2}(2 + z - w + wz(w + z) + r), \frac{1}{2}(2w^2 + z - w + wz(w + z) + r), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}(-(w + z)(1 - wz) + r), \frac{1}{2}(-(z - w)(1 + wz) + r) \right\}$$

SUCCESS WITH NEW LETTERS

- *Factorization* of old letters w.r.t. new alphabet:

$$-(1-w)(z-w)(1-wz)+\textcolor{red}{r}(1+w) = \frac{2(-w)(1+z)(-z-w^2)(2+z-w+wz(w+z)+\textcolor{red}{r})}{2w^2+z-w+wz(w+z)+\textcolor{red}{r}}$$

$$-(1-w)(4wz+(w+z)(1+wz))-\textcolor{red}{r}(1+w) = \frac{8(-w)^2(-z)(1+z)^3(1+w^2z)(2w^2+z-w+wz(w+z)+\textcolor{red}{r})}{(2+z-w+wz(w+z)+r)(-(w+z)(1-wz)+\textcolor{red}{r})(-(z-w)(1+wz)+r)}$$

$$r^2 - 2wz^2(1-w)^2 + \textcolor{red}{r}(w+z)(1+wz) = \frac{(-z)^2(2+z-w+wz(w+z)+\textcolor{red}{r})^2(2w^2+z-w+wz(w+z)+r)^2}{8(1+z)^2(1+w^2z)^2(-(w+z)(1-wz)+\textcolor{red}{r})^2(-(z-w)(1+wz)+r)^{-2}}$$

$$r^2(1-z)^2 + 2z^2(z+w^2)(1+w^2z) + \textcolor{red}{r}(1-z)(1+z)(2wz-(w+z)(1+wz)) = \frac{2(-z)^2(1+w^2z)^2(-(w+z)(1-wz)+\textcolor{red}{r})^2}{(-(z-w)(1+wz)+\textcolor{red}{r})^2}$$

- *Result: successful integration* of symbol !

- no roots of letters needed, much lower degree of arguments, no numerical letters !

A MATHEMATICAL RESULT WITH PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES

- In conclusion, despite the presence of non-rationalizable roots integrable in terms of standard multiple polylogarithms !
- **Algorithm** gives:

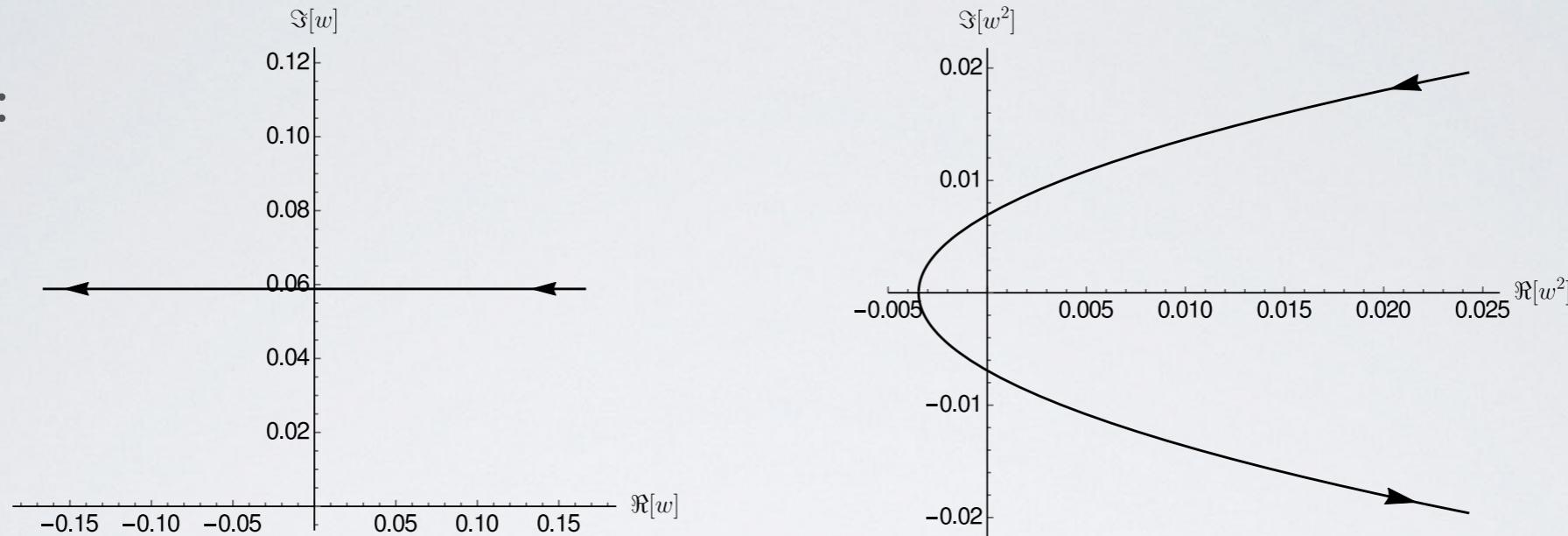
$$m_{32} = \epsilon^3 \left[4 \operatorname{Li}_3 \left(\frac{l_1 l_2 l_6 l_7 l_{10} l_{13}}{l_{14} l_{15} l_{16}} \right) - 2 \operatorname{Li}_3 \left(\frac{l_2^3 l_6 l_7^2}{l_{15} l_{16}} \right) + \dots + 4 \operatorname{Li}_2 \left(\frac{l_6 l_{14} l_{16}}{l_7 l_9 l_{15}} \right) \ln(l_3) + \dots \right] \\ + \epsilon^4 \left[-\operatorname{Li}_{2,2} \left(-\frac{l_1^2 l_3 l_{15}}{l_2^2 l_7 l_{14}}, \frac{l_2^2 l_7 l_{15}}{l_1 l_3 l_6 l_{14}} \right) + \dots + \frac{701}{4} \operatorname{Li}_4 \left(\frac{l_1 l_3^2 l_6^2 l_9 l_{14}}{l_2 l_7 l_{13} l_{15} l_{16}} \right) + \dots \right] + O(\epsilon^5)$$

[Heller, AvM, Schabinger 2019]

- *Fast* and *robust* numerical evaluations in Monte Carlo programs

ANALYTIC CONTINUATION

Option 1:



$$\ln(w^2) \rightarrow \ln(w^2) + 2\pi i$$

$$\ln(w^2) = 2 \ln(w) \rightarrow 2 \ln(w) = 2 \ln(-w) + 2\pi i = \ln(w^2) + 2\pi i$$

$$\text{Li}_2(1-w^2) \rightarrow \text{Li}_2(1-w^2) - 2\pi i \ln(1-w^2),$$

monodromies of multiple polylogs: with coproduct [Goncharov '01, Duhr '11]

Option 2: fix boundaries in each region separately

Option 3: solve diff. eqs. by expansion, fit precise numerics to transport analyt. constants. [Lee, Smirnov, Smirnov '18, Moriello '19]

RESTRICTIONS ON FUNCTIONAL BASIS

- Wish to *avoid i0 prescriptions*, cancellations at pseudo-thresholds
- *Select functions* based on absence of cuts (read off from symbol)
- *Rich structure of pseudo-thresholds* in physical region
- Already integrals with rationalizable letters require sub-domains:
 $0 < s < m^2, \quad m^2 < s < 2m^2, \quad 2m^2 < s < 4m^2, \quad s > 4m^2$
(note: only $s = 0, m^2, 4m^2$ physical thresholds)

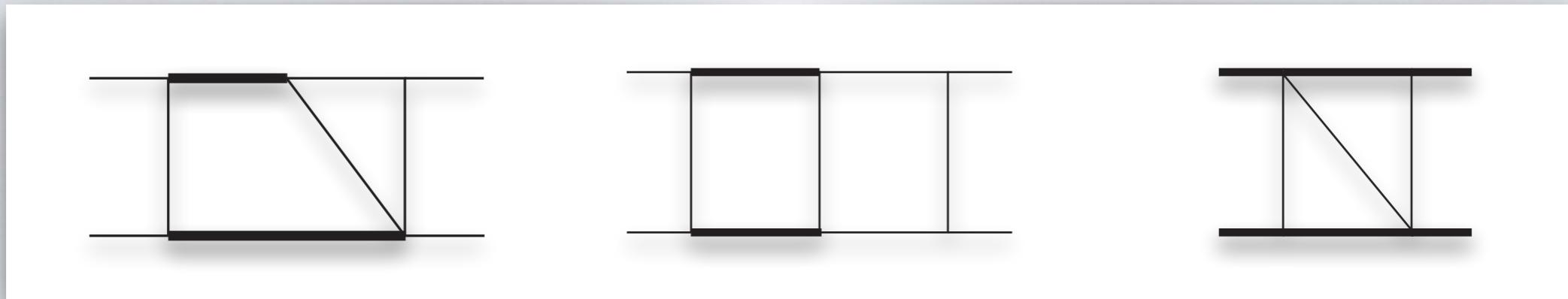
NUMERICAL PERFORMANCE

- Our representation allows *fast and robust* usage in Monte-Carlo
- E.g. at $(s, t, m^2) = (17, -7, 6241/1681)$:

$$m_{32} \approx \epsilon^3 (0.066537984962080530758\dots - 27.508245870011457529\dots i) \\ + \epsilon^4 (51.615607433806381131\dots - 149.06326619542437190\dots i) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^5),$$

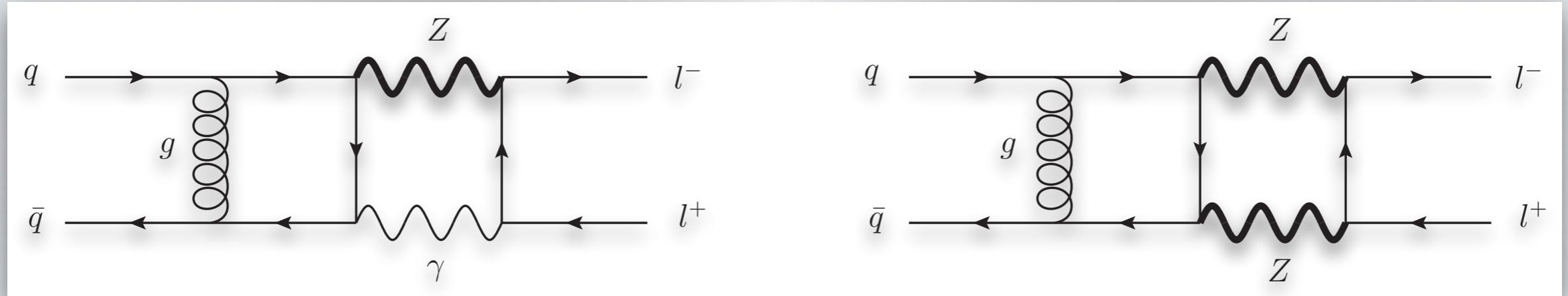
all master integrals: O(second) for double precision with GiNaC's polylogs [Vollinga, Weinzierl '04]

SCOPE OF METHOD



- We also considered DY integrals and planar Bhabha integrals in *direct integration* approach [*Brown '08, Panzer '14*]
- Found *variable changes* to prove multiple polylog solution possible to *all orders in ϵ*
- Obtained explicit results, but not as nice as differential equations
- Note: DY and Bhabha K3s not isomorphic [*Besier, Festi, Harrison, Naskrecki '19*]
- Constructed alphabets with up to 5 simultaneous roots for HH/VV production

RESULTS FOR AMPLITUDES



- Calculated $O(\alpha_s)$, $O(\alpha)$, $O(\alpha_s\alpha)$ corrections to sufficient order in ϵ
- Amplitudes *finite* after UV renormalizations and IR subtractions
- Confirm known **QED-QCD** result [*Kilgore, Sturm '11*]
- γ^5 scheme dependent results, but *finite remainders coincide* !

NOTATION

- Perturbative expansion:

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{DY}} = 4\pi\alpha \left(\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{DY}}^{(0,0)} + \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{DY}}^{(0,1)} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right) + \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{DY}}^{(1,0)} \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right) + \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{DY}}^{(1,1)} \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right) \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right) + \dots \right)$$

- From form factors to helicity amplitudes:

$$\mathcal{H}_{+-+-}^{(m,n)} = -2(s+t) \left(\mathbf{C}_{\text{VV}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} + \mathbf{C}_{\text{AA}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} + \mathbf{C}_{\text{VA}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} + \mathbf{C}_{\text{AV}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{-+-+}^{(m,n)} = -2(s+t) \left(\mathbf{C}_{\text{VV}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} + \mathbf{C}_{\text{AA}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} - \mathbf{C}_{\text{VA}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} - \mathbf{C}_{\text{AV}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{+--+}^{(m,n)} = -2t \left(\mathbf{C}_{\text{VV}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} - \mathbf{C}_{\text{AA}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} - \mathbf{C}_{\text{VA}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} + \mathbf{C}_{\text{AV}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} \right),$$

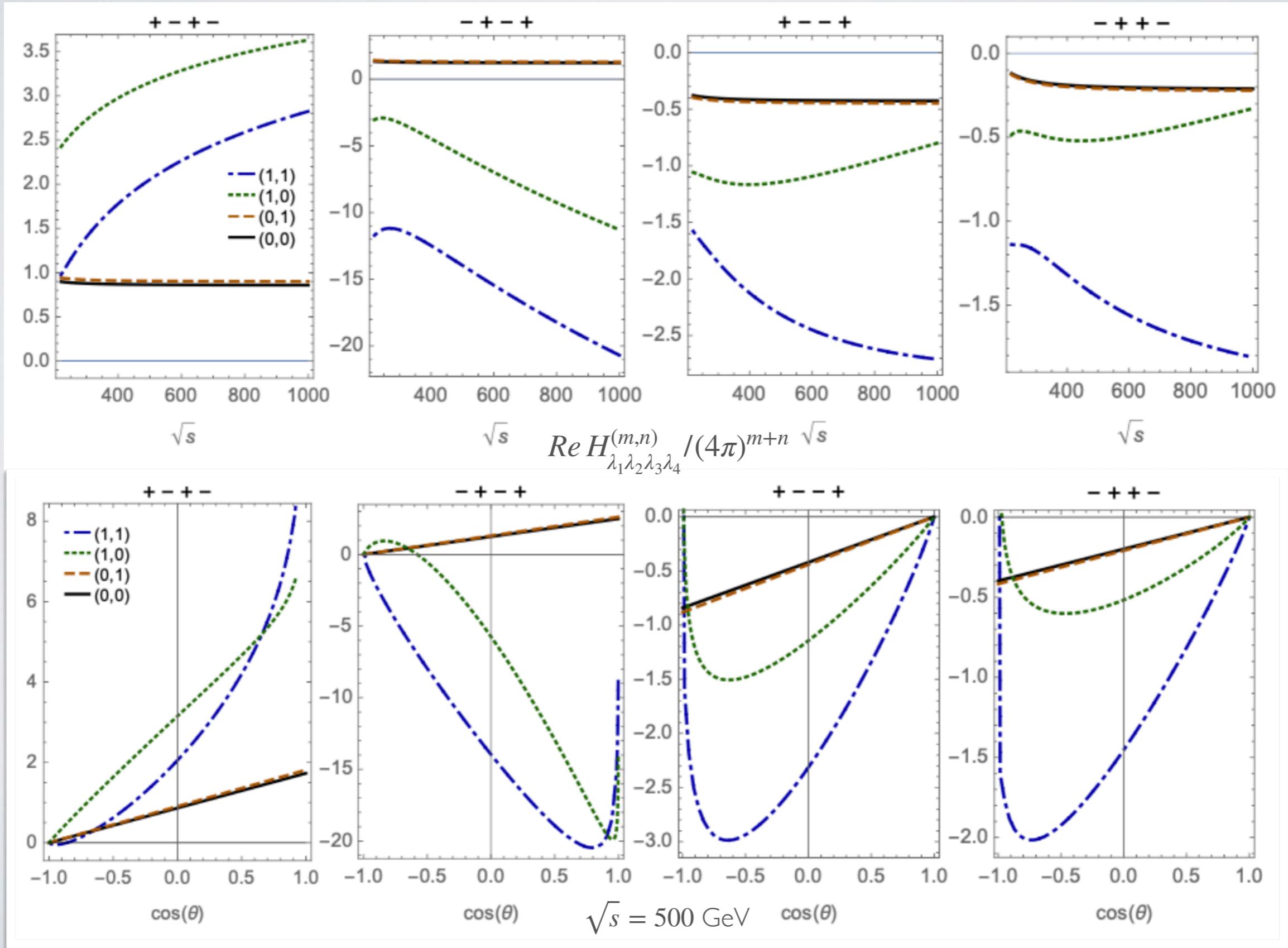
$$\mathcal{H}_{-++-}^{(m,n)} = -2t \left(\mathbf{C}_{\text{VV}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} - \mathbf{C}_{\text{AA}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} + \mathbf{C}_{\text{VA}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} - \mathbf{C}_{\text{AV}}^{(m,n), \text{fin}} \right).$$

- NLO QCD:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4}^{(0,1)} / (4\pi) = \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - i \right) \mathcal{H}_{\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4}^{(0,0)} \quad (\text{note: } \pi/3 \approx 1.05)$$

HELICITY AMPLITUDES

[Heller, AvM, Schabinger, Spiesberger 2020]



CONCLUSIONS

- *Drell-Yan process* important for SM precision physics and BSM searches
 - Want control at highest energies
 - Here: mixed QCD-EW corrections to dilepton production (“off-shell DY”)
- *Two-loop Feynman integrals*
 - ϵ dln basis and root-valued letters
 - possible to solve in terms of standard multiple polylogarithms
 - new method to construct algebraic letters
- *Two-loop amplitudes*
 - Analytical calculation in two γ_5 schemes: HVBM and Kreimer’s scheme
 - Finite remainders agree
 - MC-friendly compact results, ready-to-go for cross section calculation