

# NLO electroweak corrections to

$$gg \rightarrow HH$$

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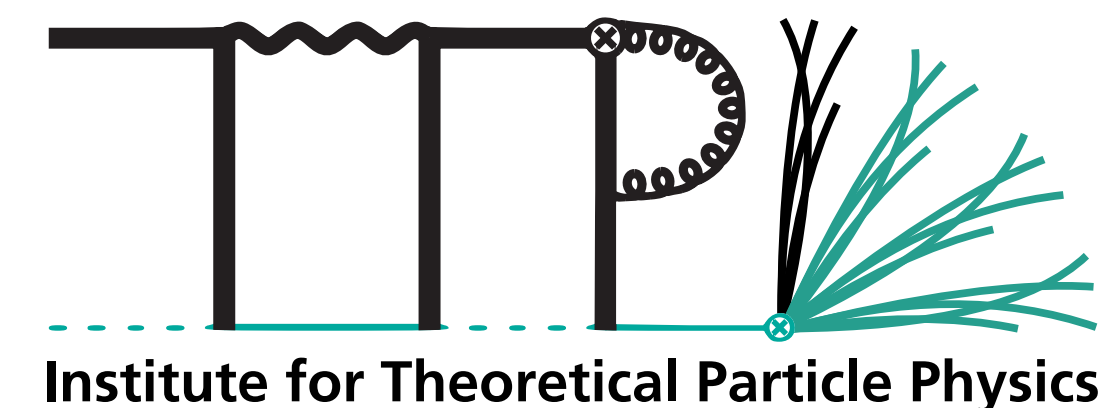
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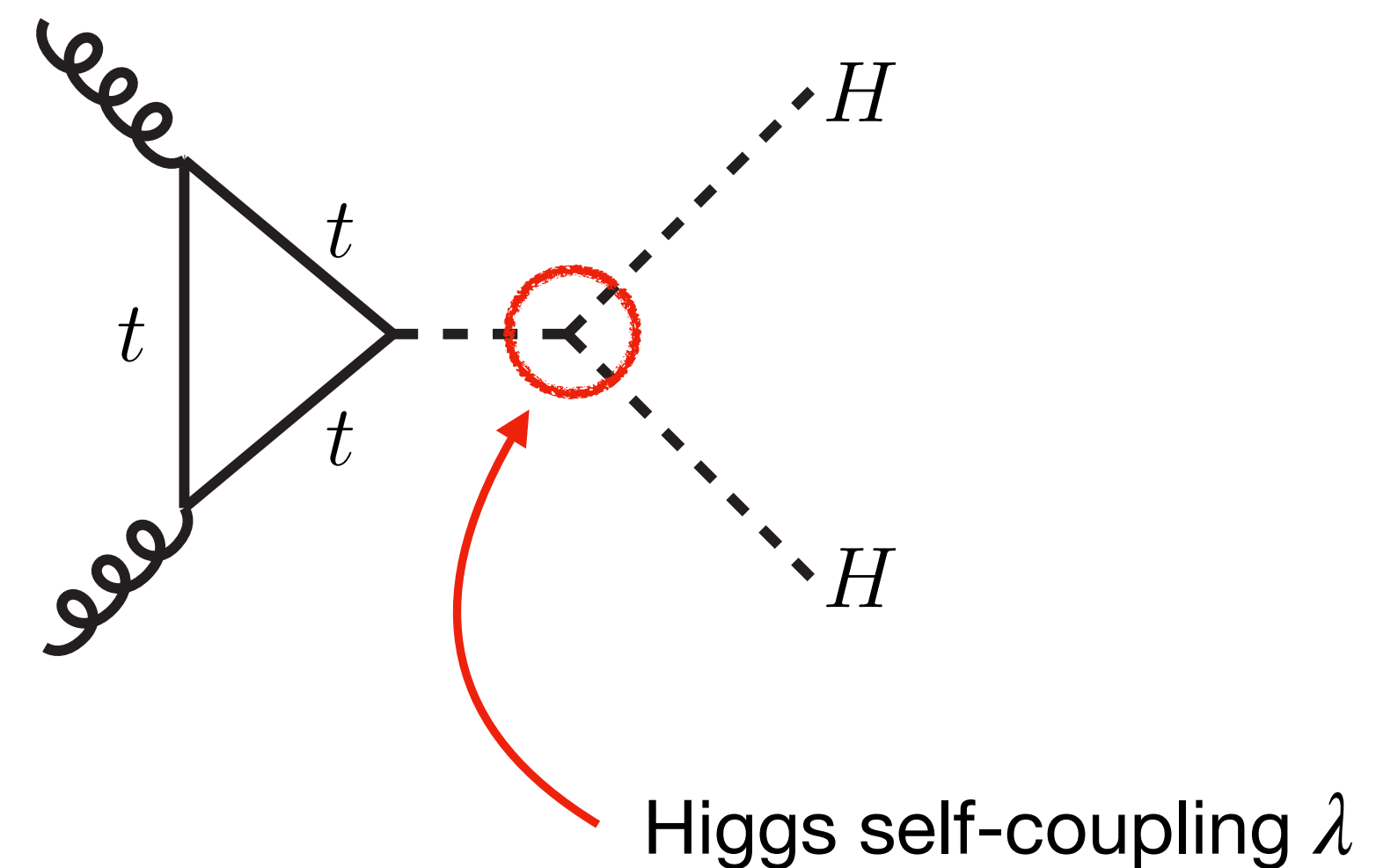
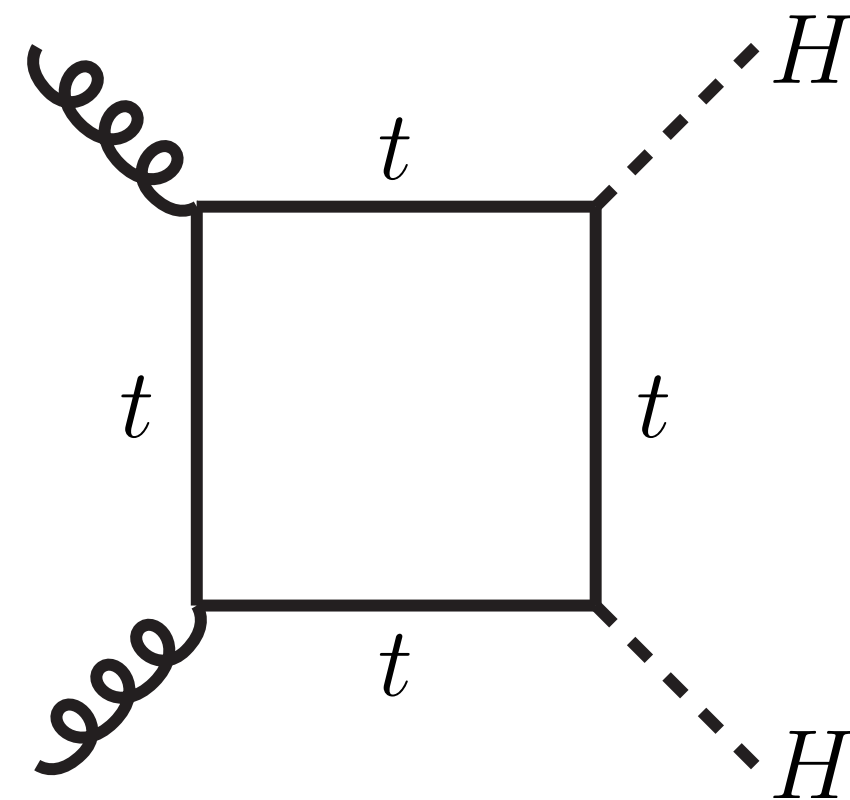
# Motivation: Higgs self-coupling

- Probe Higgs self-coupling in pair productions, and compare with the Standard Model value

$$\lambda = m_H^2/(2v^2) \approx 0.13 \text{ in the Higgs potential}$$

$$V(H) = \frac{1}{2} m_H^2 H^2 + \lambda v H^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4} H^4$$

- Gluon-fusion channel dominates Higgs pair production at LHC



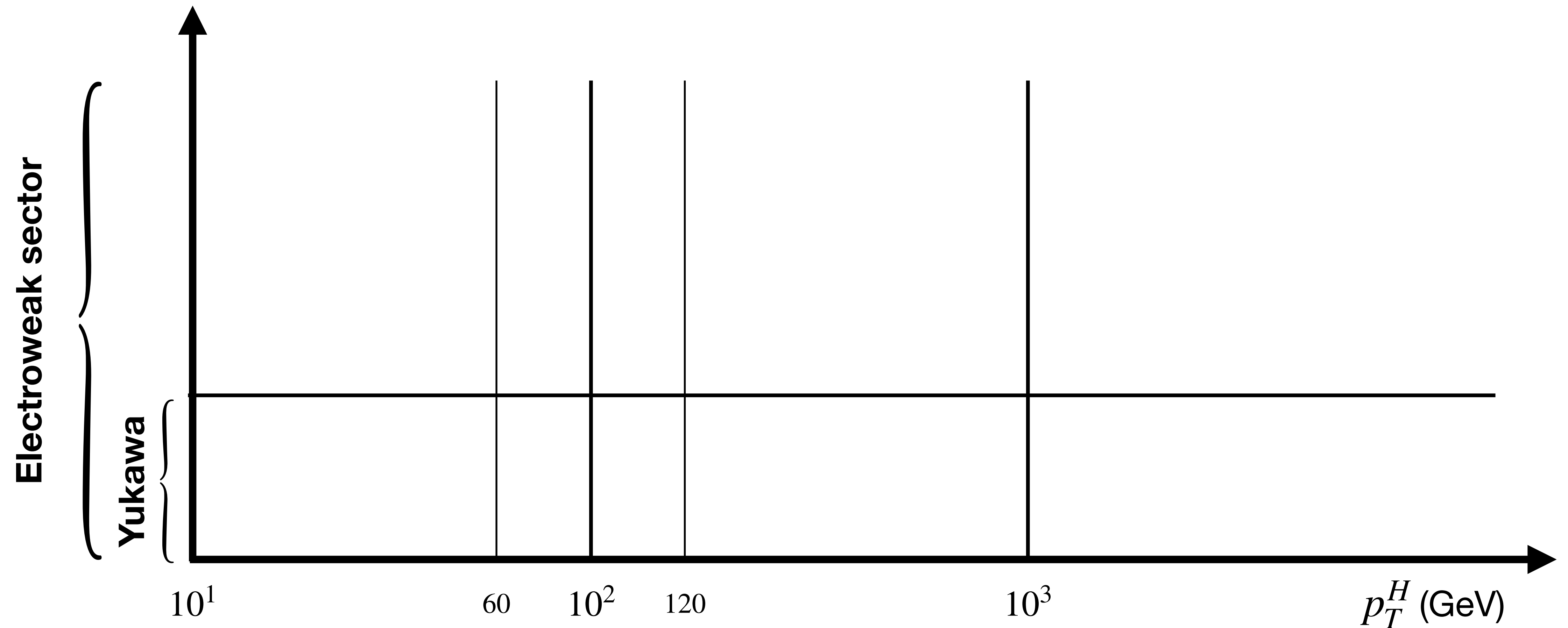
# Overview of QCD and EW calculations

- **NLO QCD corrections with full  $m_t$ -dependence are known**
  - Expansion-by-Region & Numerical approaches [Borowka, Geiner, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Schubert, Zirke, 16'], [Baglio, Campanario, Glaus, Mühlleitner, Spira, Streicher, 18'], [Daoson, Dittmaier, Spira, 98'], [Grigo, Hoff, Melnikov, Steinhauser, 13'], [Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber, 16', and Bonciani, 18'], [Gröber, Maier, Raum, 17'], [Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser, Wellmann, 18', 19'], [Xu, Yang, 18', and Wang, Xu, 20'], [Davies, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner, Mishima, Steinhauser, Wellmann, 19'], [Bellafronte, Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber, Vitti, 22']
- **NNLO and N<sup>3</sup>LO QCD corrections are available in large- $m_t$  limit / expansion**
  - At NNLO [de Florian, Mazzitelli, 13'], [Grigo, Melnikov, Steinhauser, 14' and Hoff, 15'], [Davies, Herren, Mishima, Steinhauser, 19', 21'], [Grazzini, Heinrich, Jones, Kallweit, Kerner, Lindert, Mazzitelli, 18']
  - At N<sup>3</sup>LO [Spira, 16'], [Gerlach, Herren, Steinhauser, 18'], [Banerjee, Borowka, Dhabhi, Gehrmann, Ravindran, 18'], [Chen, Li, Chao, Wang, 19']
- **NLO EW corrections become available recently in**
  - Higgs self-coupling corrections [Borowka, Duhr, Maltoni, Pagani, Shivaji, Zhao, 19']
  - Yukawa-top corrections in high-energy expansion [Davies, Mishima, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang, 22'] and large- $m_t$  limit [Mühlleitner, Schlenk, Spira, 22']
  - Full EW corrections in large- $m_t$  expansion [Davies, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang, 23']

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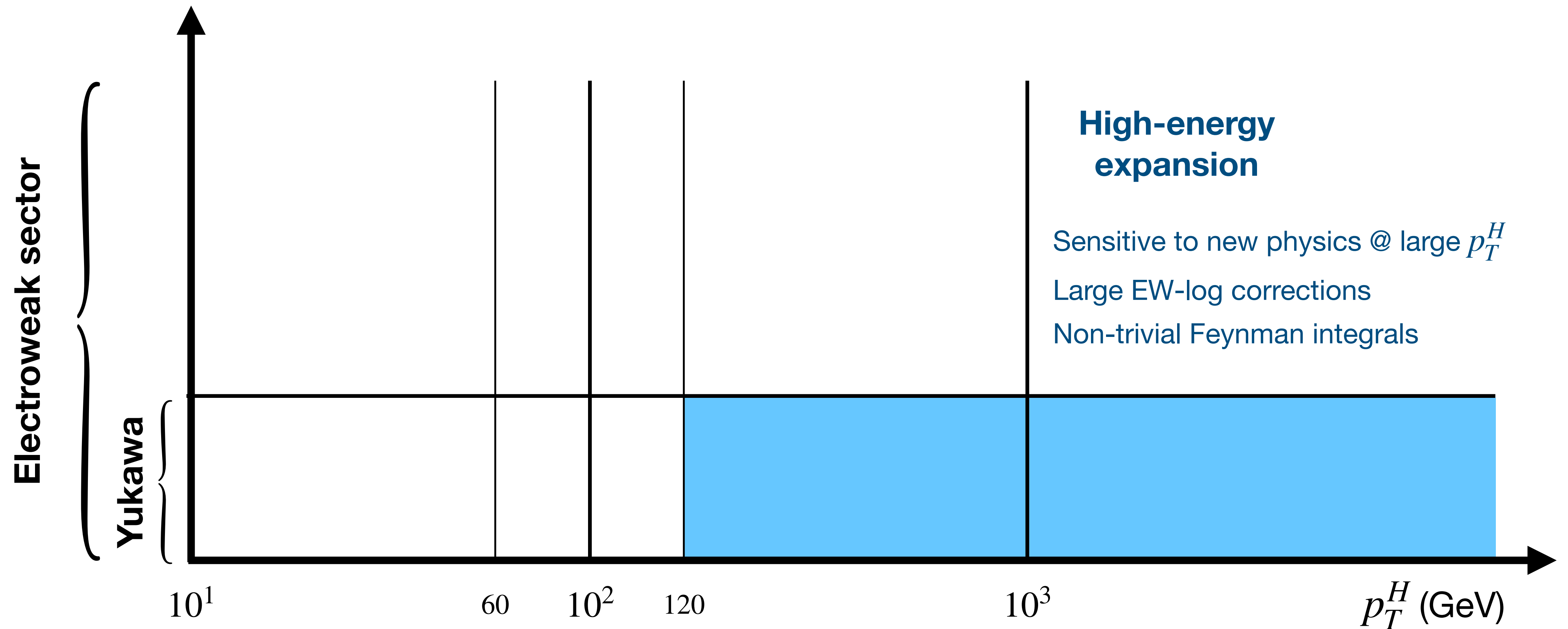
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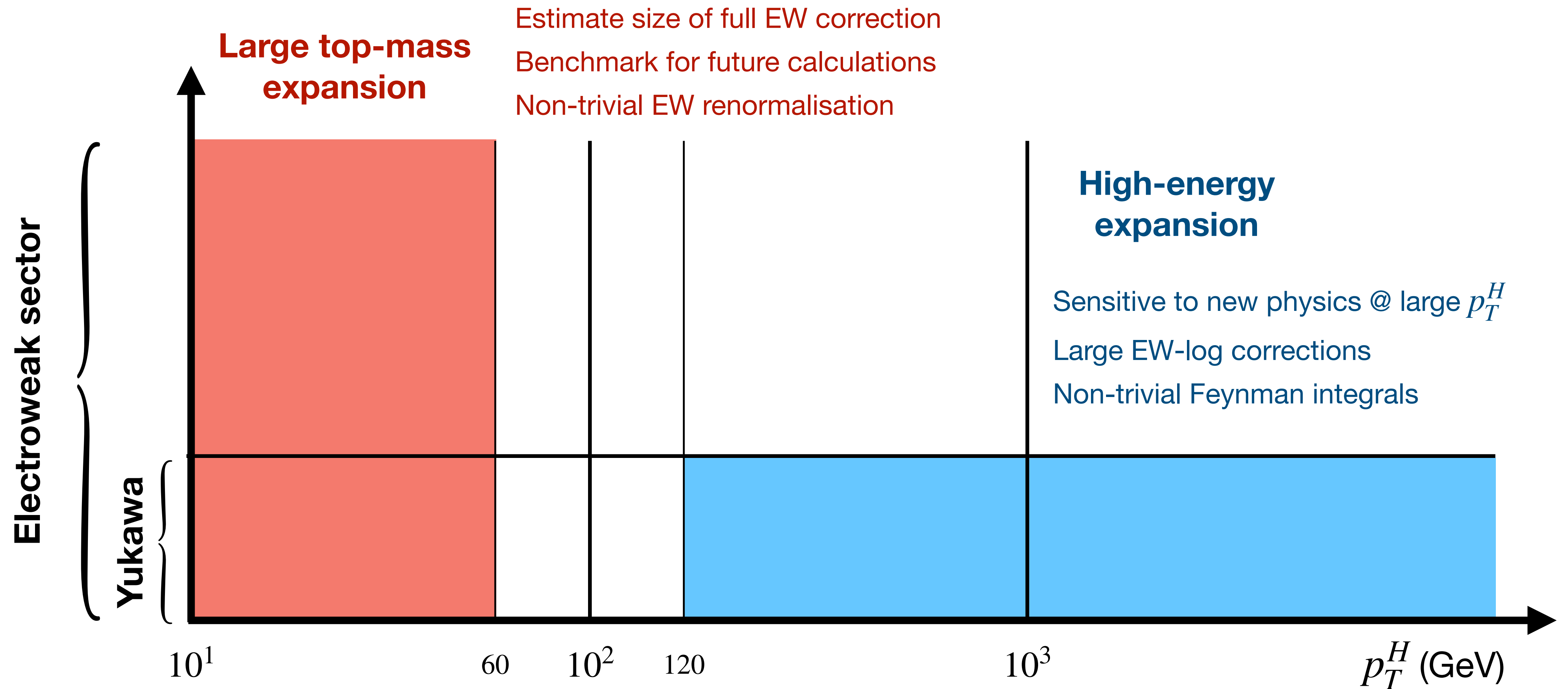
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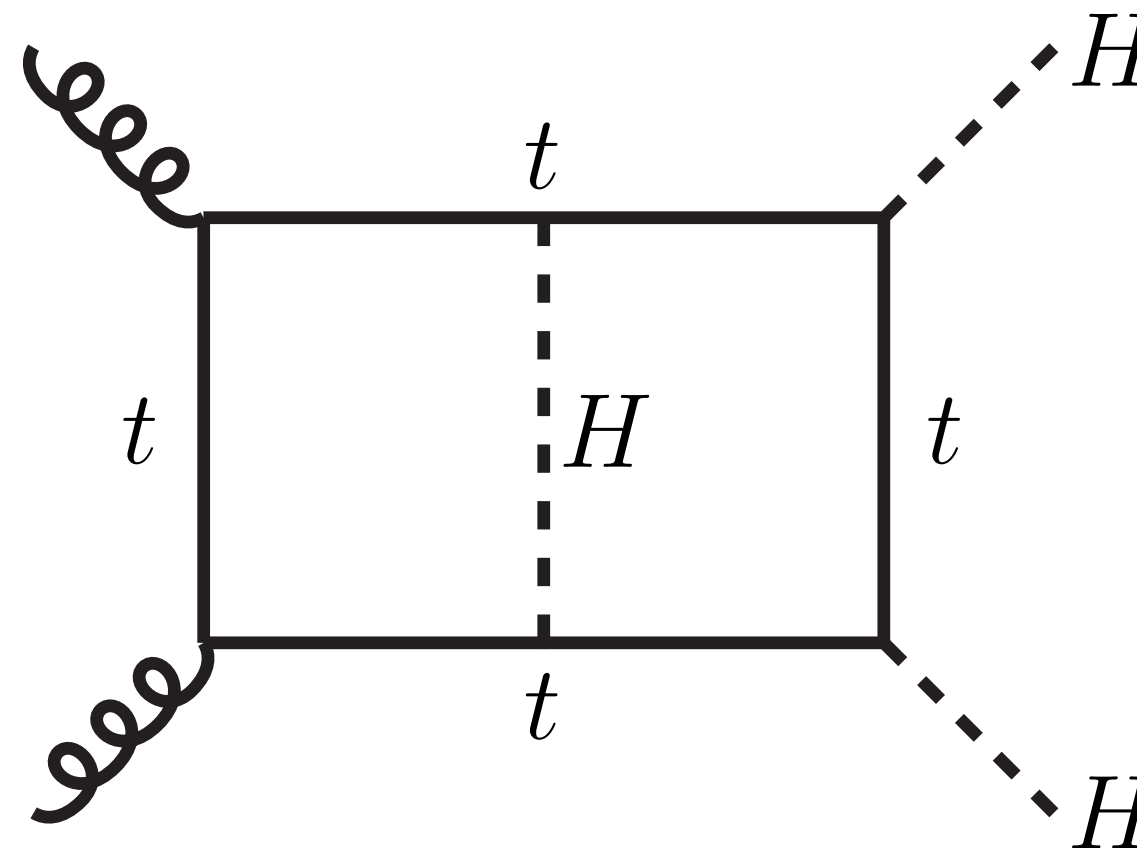
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# Part 1: Leading Yukawa corrections

[Davies, Mishima, Schönwald, Steinhauser, **Zhang**, *JHEP* 08 (2022) 259]

- Sample two-loop diagrams contributing to leading Yukawa-top corrections  $\sim \alpha_s y_t^4$



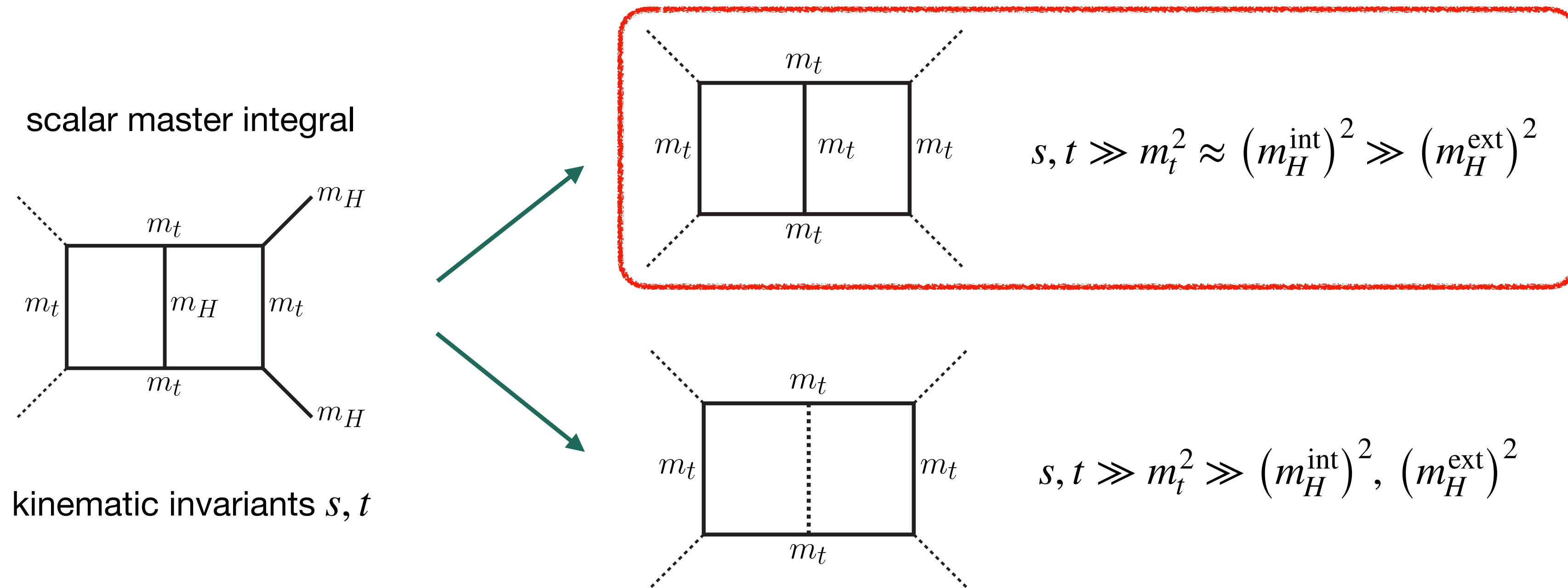
- Yukawa-top corrections are **not small**,  $y_t^2 = \frac{\alpha m_t^2}{2 \sin^2 \theta_w m_W^2}$
- **Aim:** analytic high-energy expansion in  $p_T^H \geq 120 \text{ GeV}$  region



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**Analytic techniques: Asymptotic expansions -> Differential equations -> Mellin-Barnes integrals**



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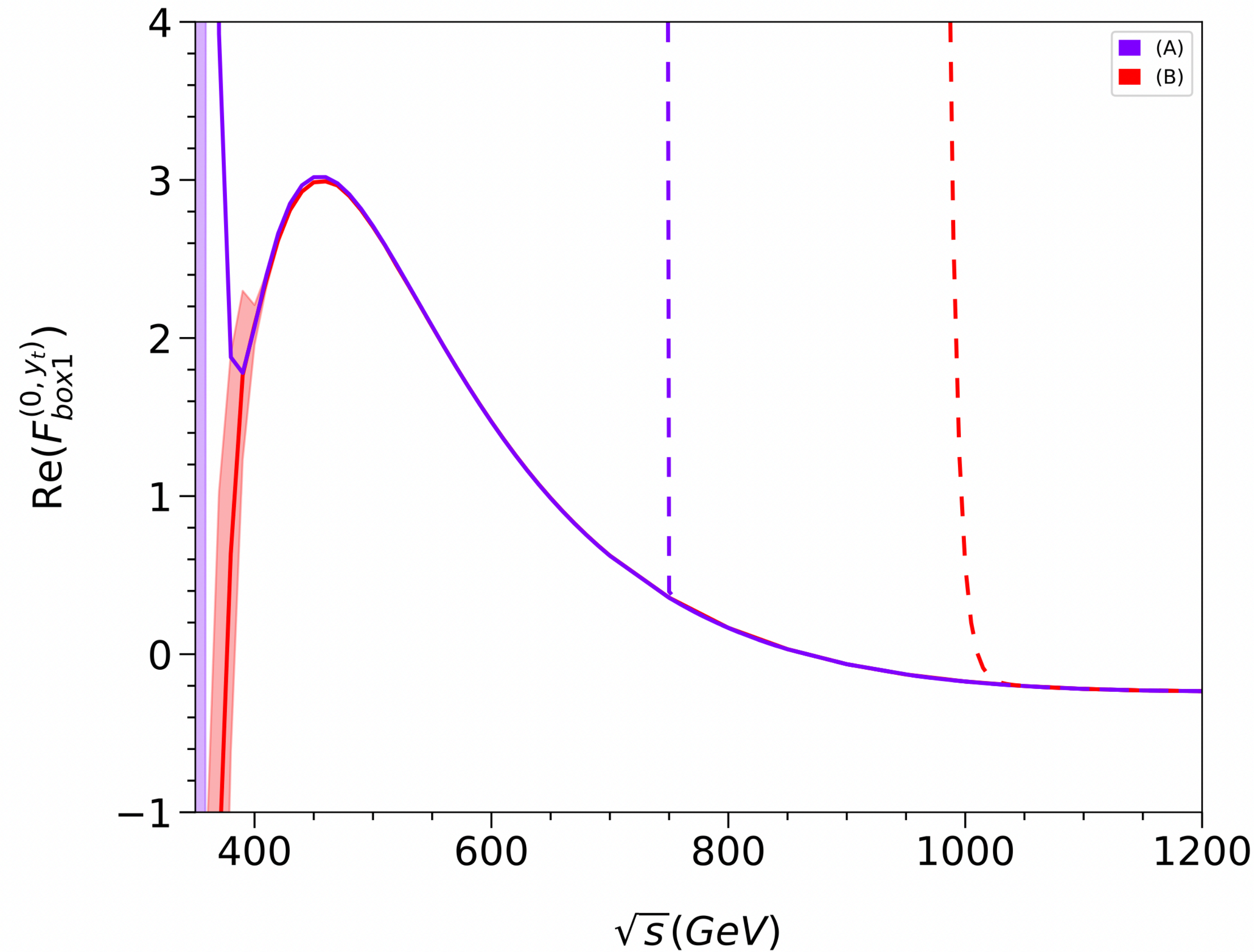
5. Apply Padé approximations at the level of form factors as a **precision tool**

$$\mathcal{F}^N = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sum_{i=0}^N f_i (m_t^2)^i x^i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{F}^N = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n}{1 + b_1 x + \dots + b_m x^m} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} [n/m](x)$$



# Form factors for $gg \rightarrow HH$ with fixed scattering angle

[Davies, Mishima, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang, *JHEP* 08 (2022) 259]



$$\mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu} = T_1^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_1 + T_2^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_2$$

$$\text{Scattering angle: } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

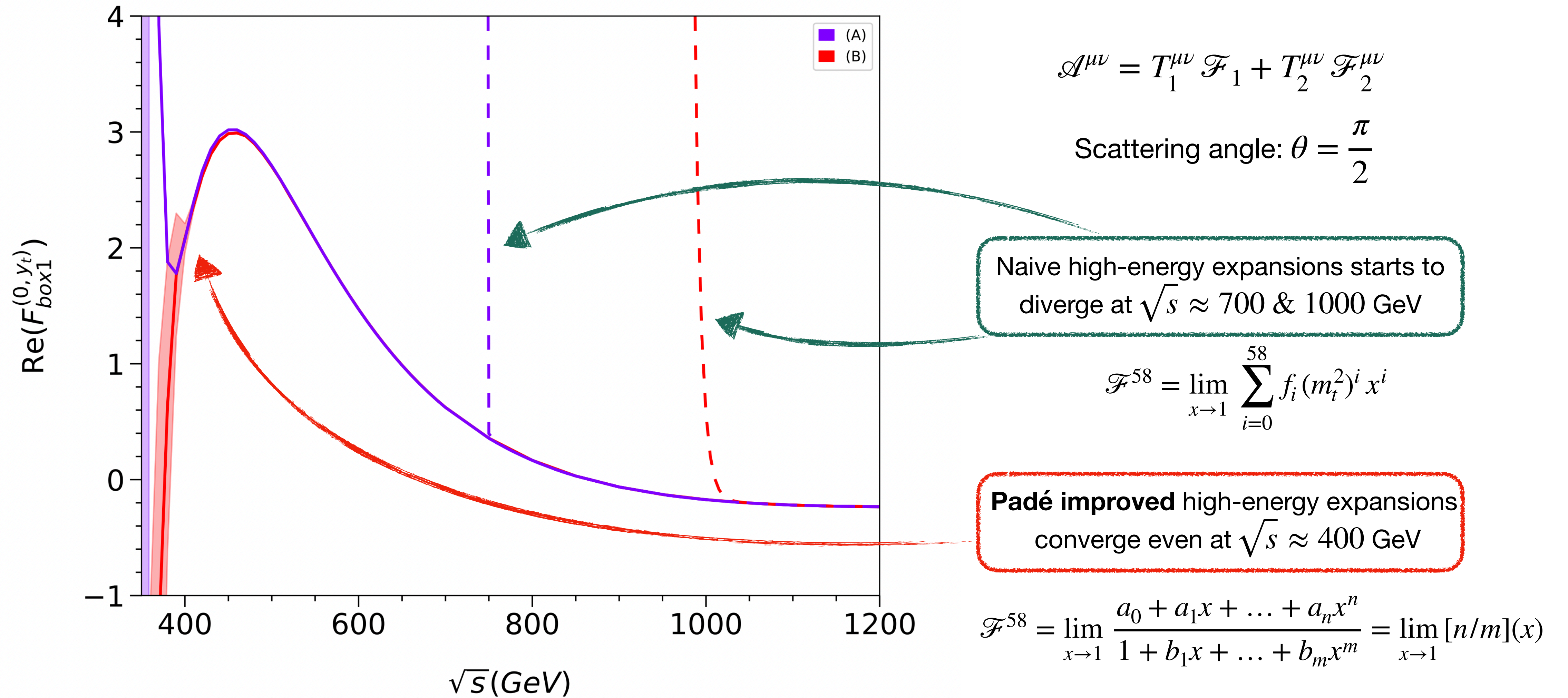
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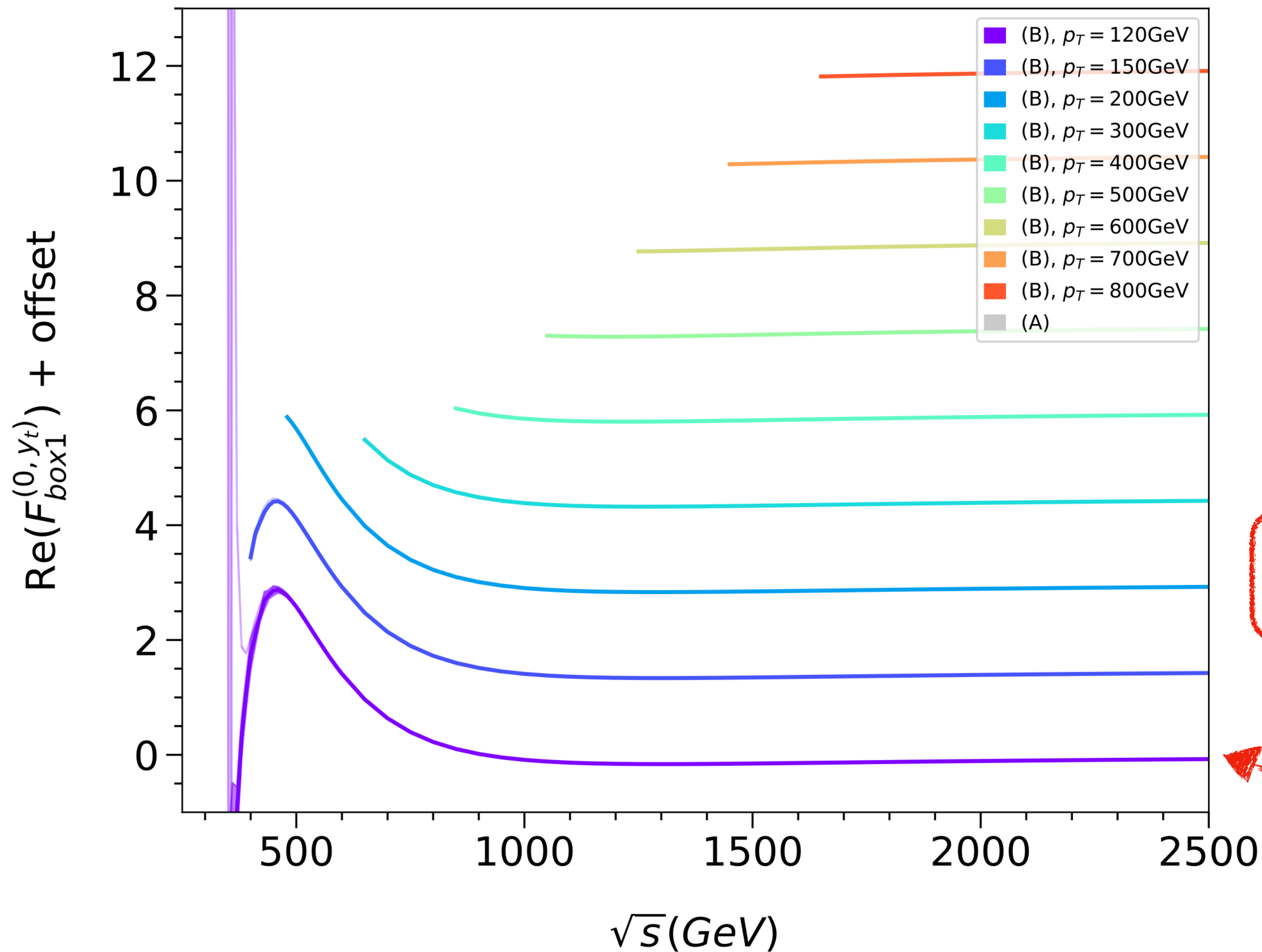


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# Form factors for $gg \rightarrow HH$ with various fixed $p_T^H$

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**Padé improved** high energy expansions converge even at  $p_T^H = 120$  GeV

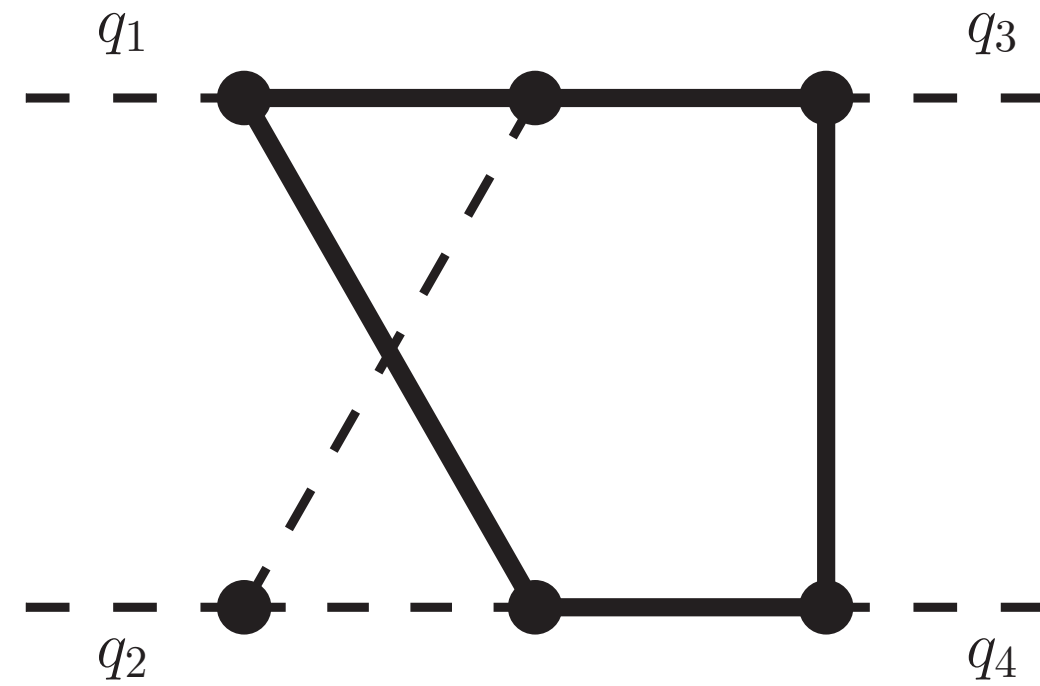
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**Grey lines:** Coincide with colourful lines (two approaches agree)



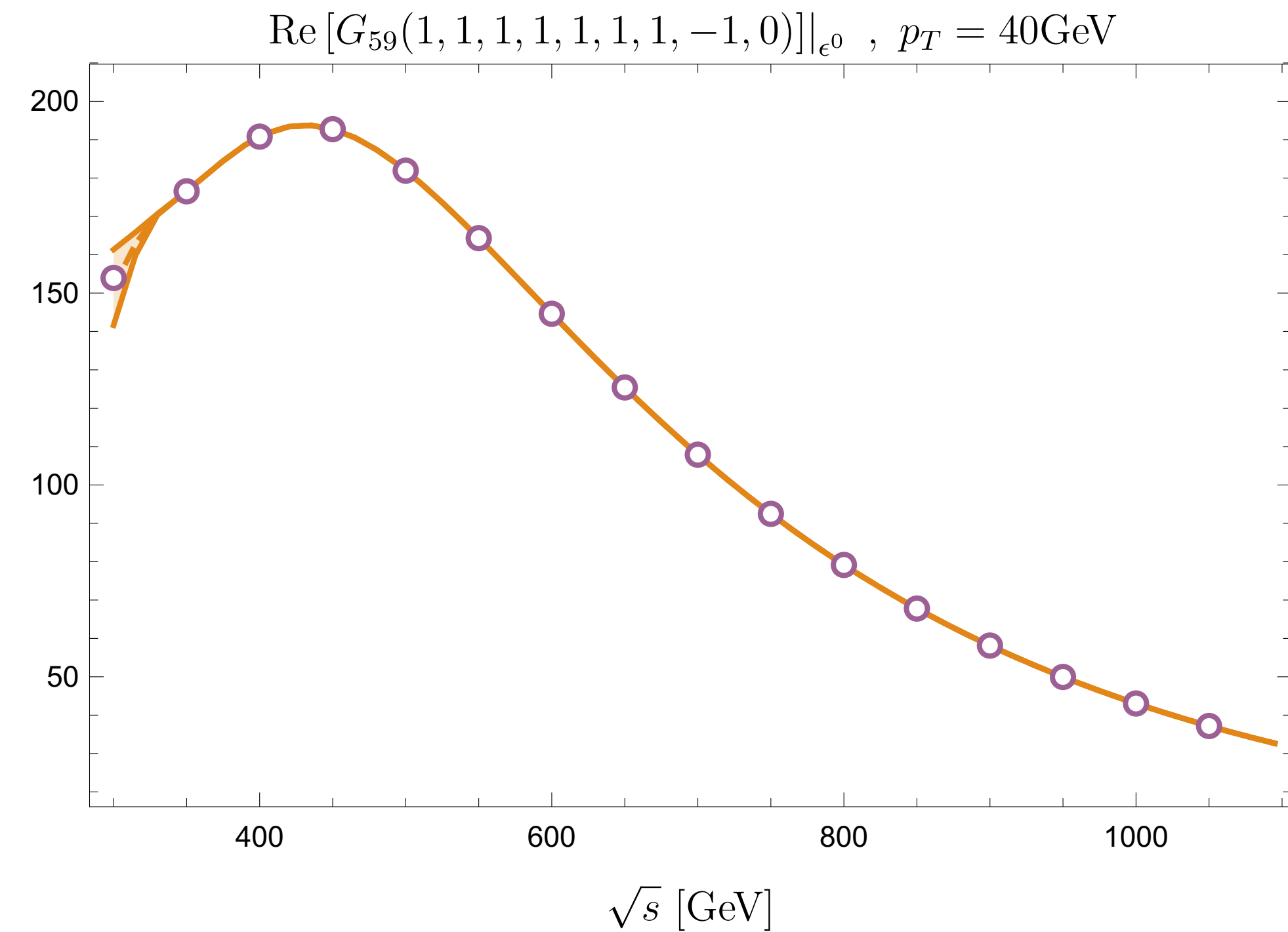
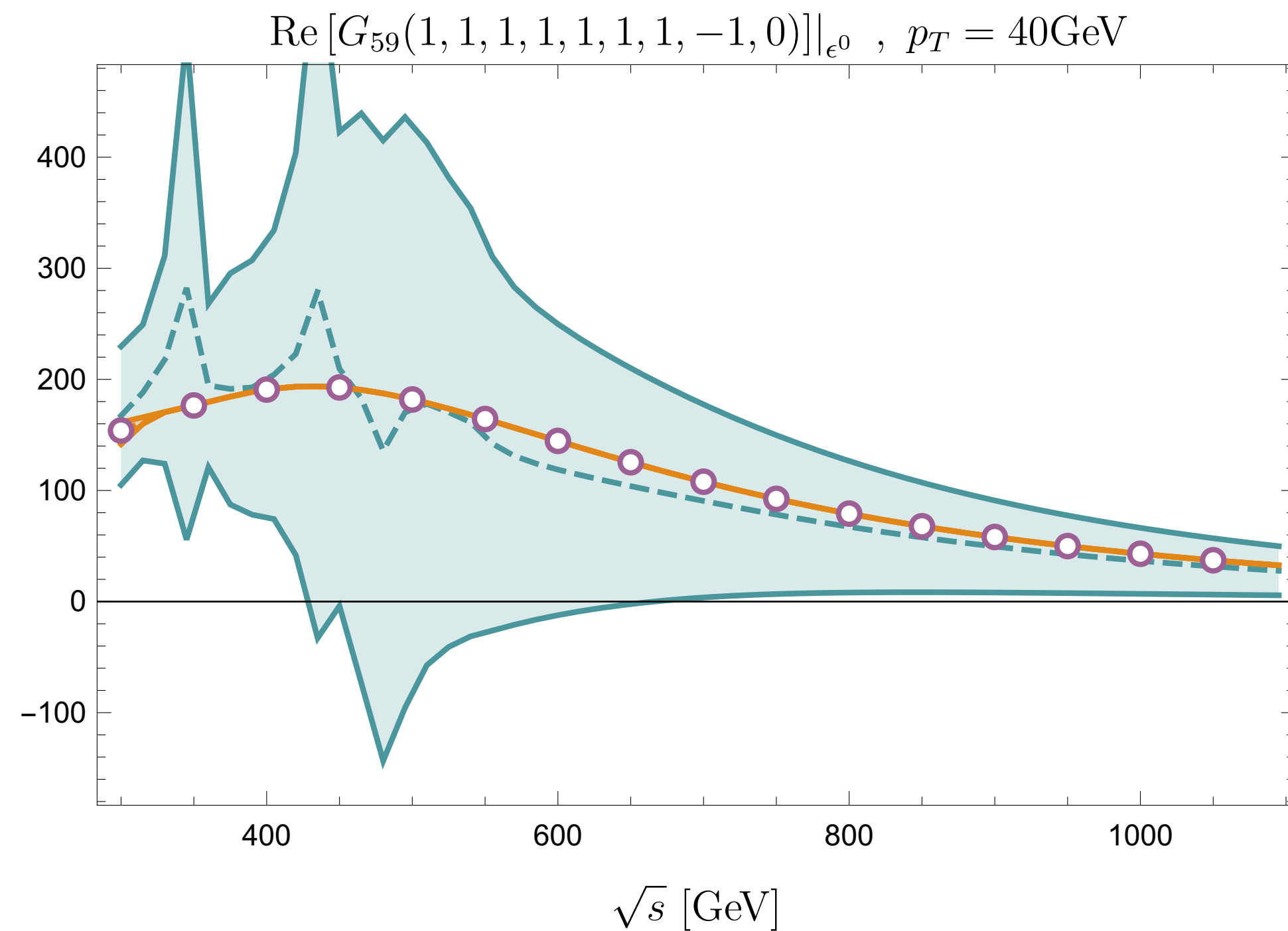
# Padé improved integral for $gg \rightarrow HH$ in $t$ -expansion

[Davies, Mishima, Schönwald, Steinhauser, *JHEP* 06 (2023) 063]



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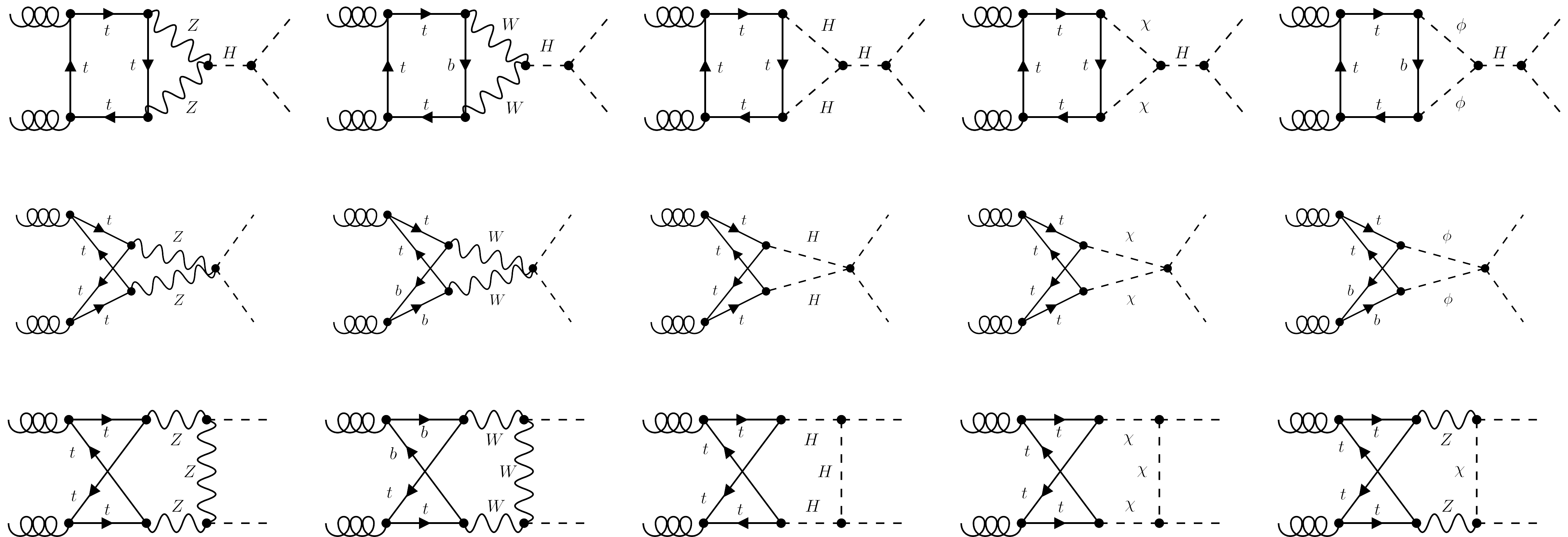


— Padé(14, 16)    — Padé(49, 56)    ○ FIESTA

# Part 2: Full EW corrections in large- $m_t$ limit

[Davies, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang, *JHEP* 10 (2023) 033]

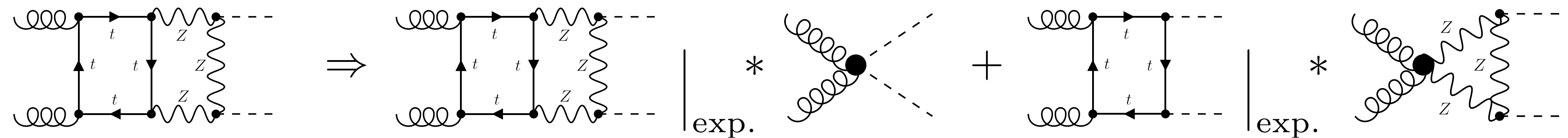
- Sample two-loop diagrams involving SM fields:  $\{t, b, H, \gamma, Z, W^\pm, \chi, \phi^\pm\}$  and ghosts:  $\{u^\gamma, u^Z, u^\pm\}$



- Aim:** analytic large- $m_t$  expansion in  $\sqrt{s} \leq 300$  GeV region

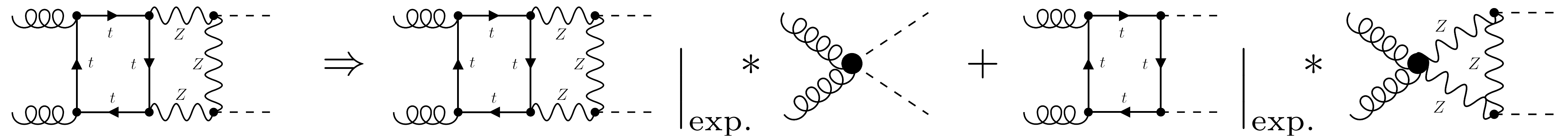
# Large- $m_t$ expansion and EW renormalisation

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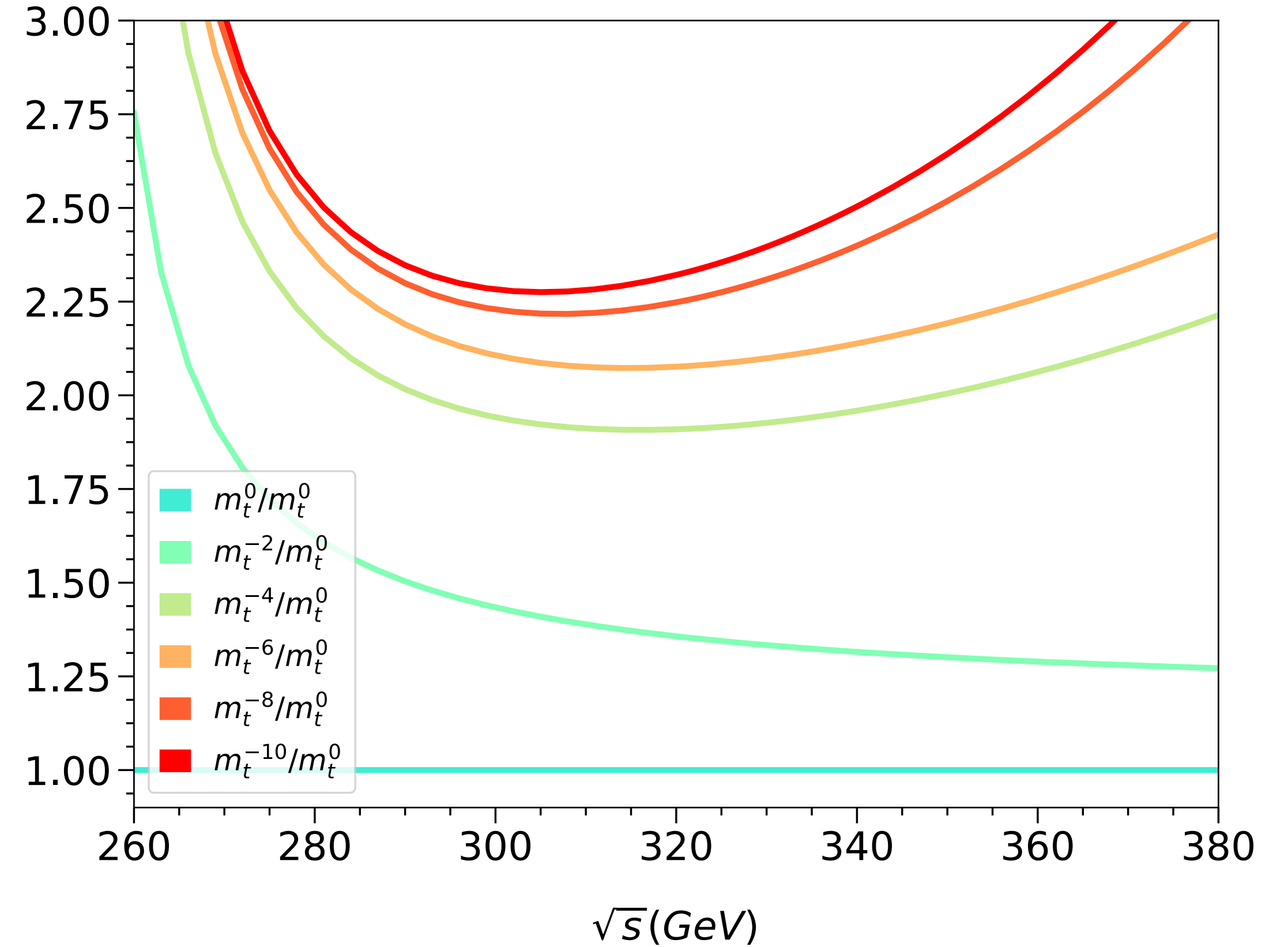
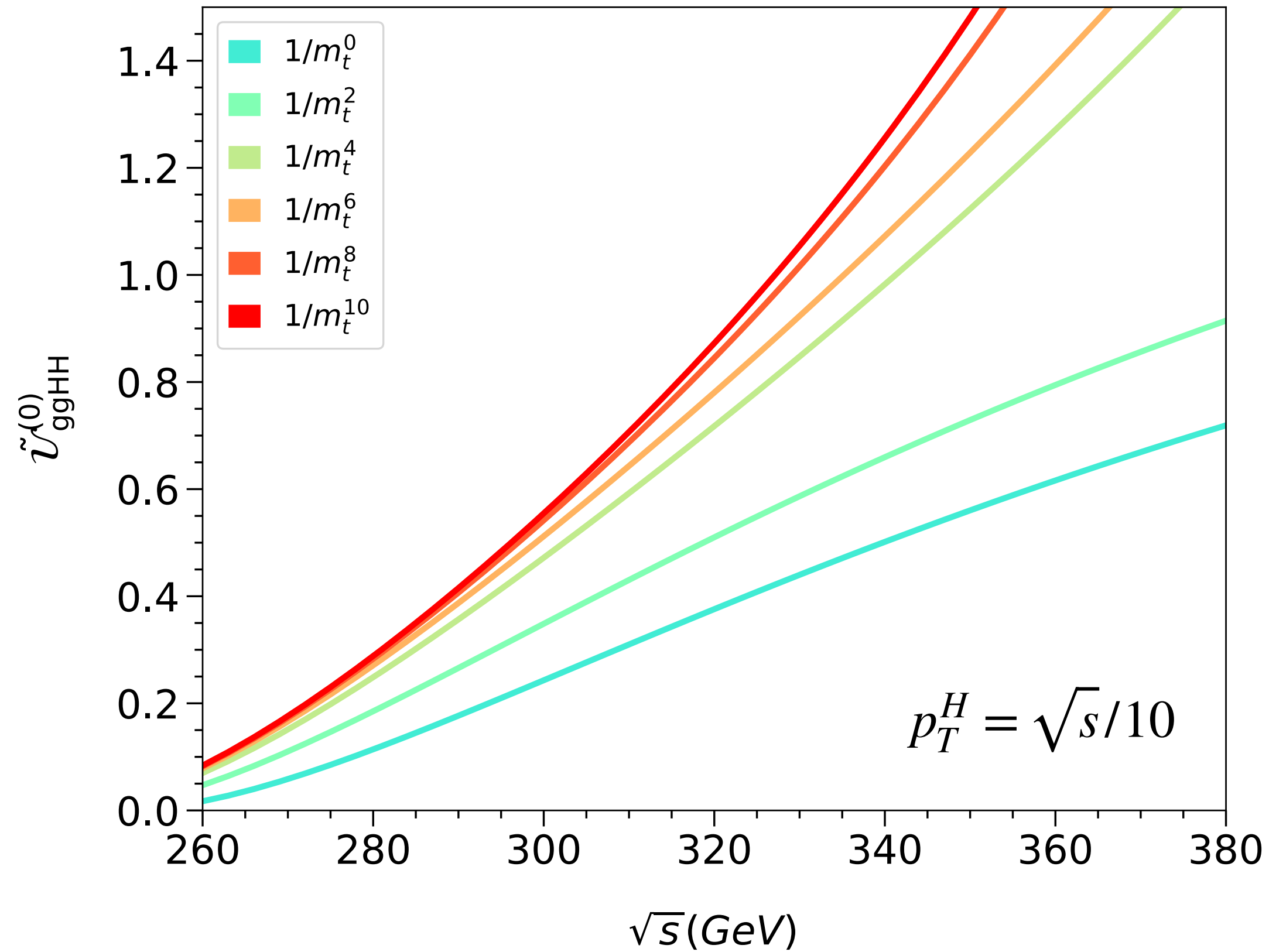
- On-Shell renormalise** input parameters  $\{e, m_W, m_Z, m_t, m_H\}$  and external Higgs fields in  $G_\mu$  scheme
  - $\Rightarrow \xi_W, \xi_Z$  **cancel completely**  $\Rightarrow$  **gauge invariant results**
  - $\Rightarrow \mu^2$  **cancel completely**  $\Rightarrow$  **renormalisation scale independent**

# Matrix elements for $gg \rightarrow HH @ LO$

[Davies, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang, *JHEP* 10 (2023) 033]

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**Good convergence observed**

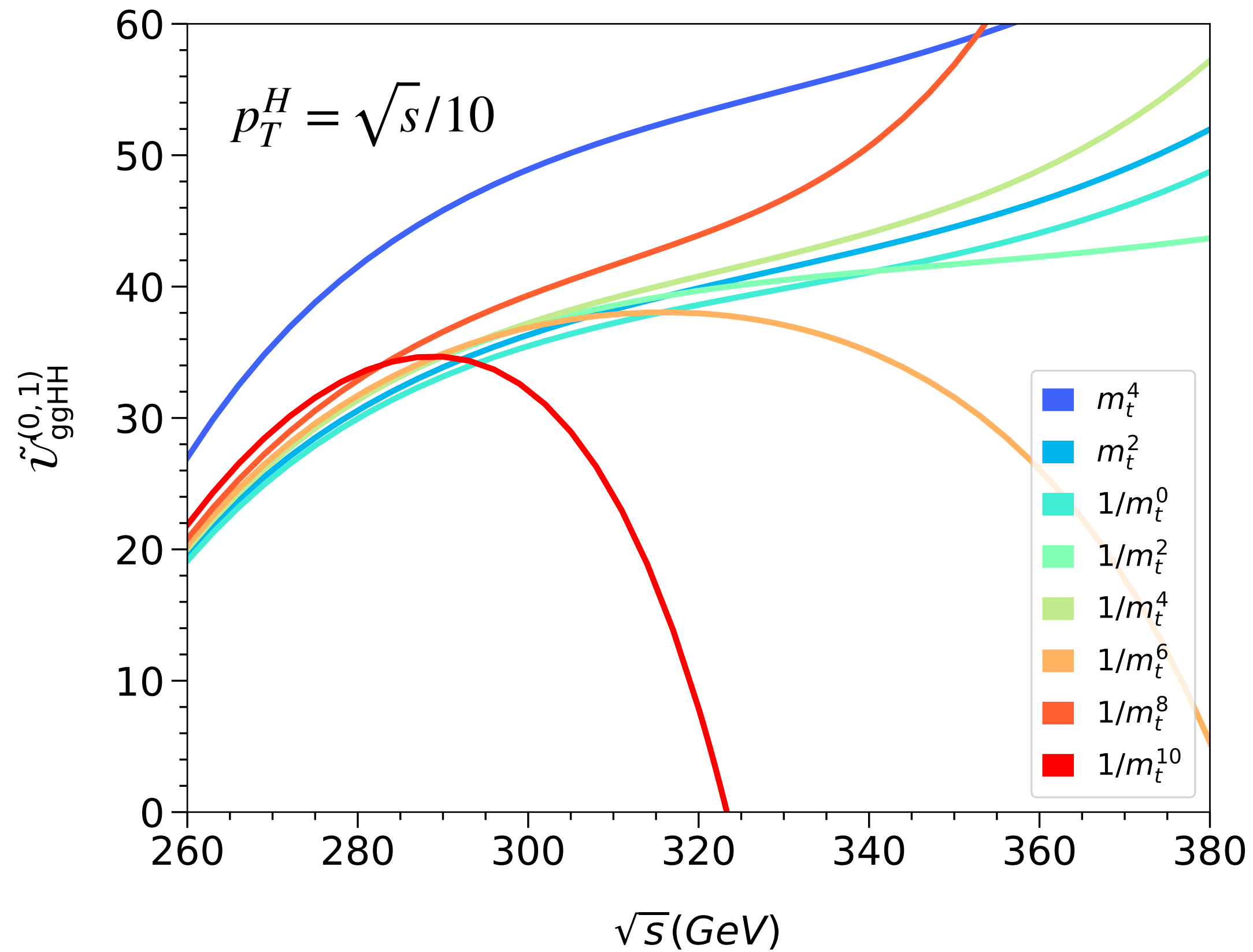


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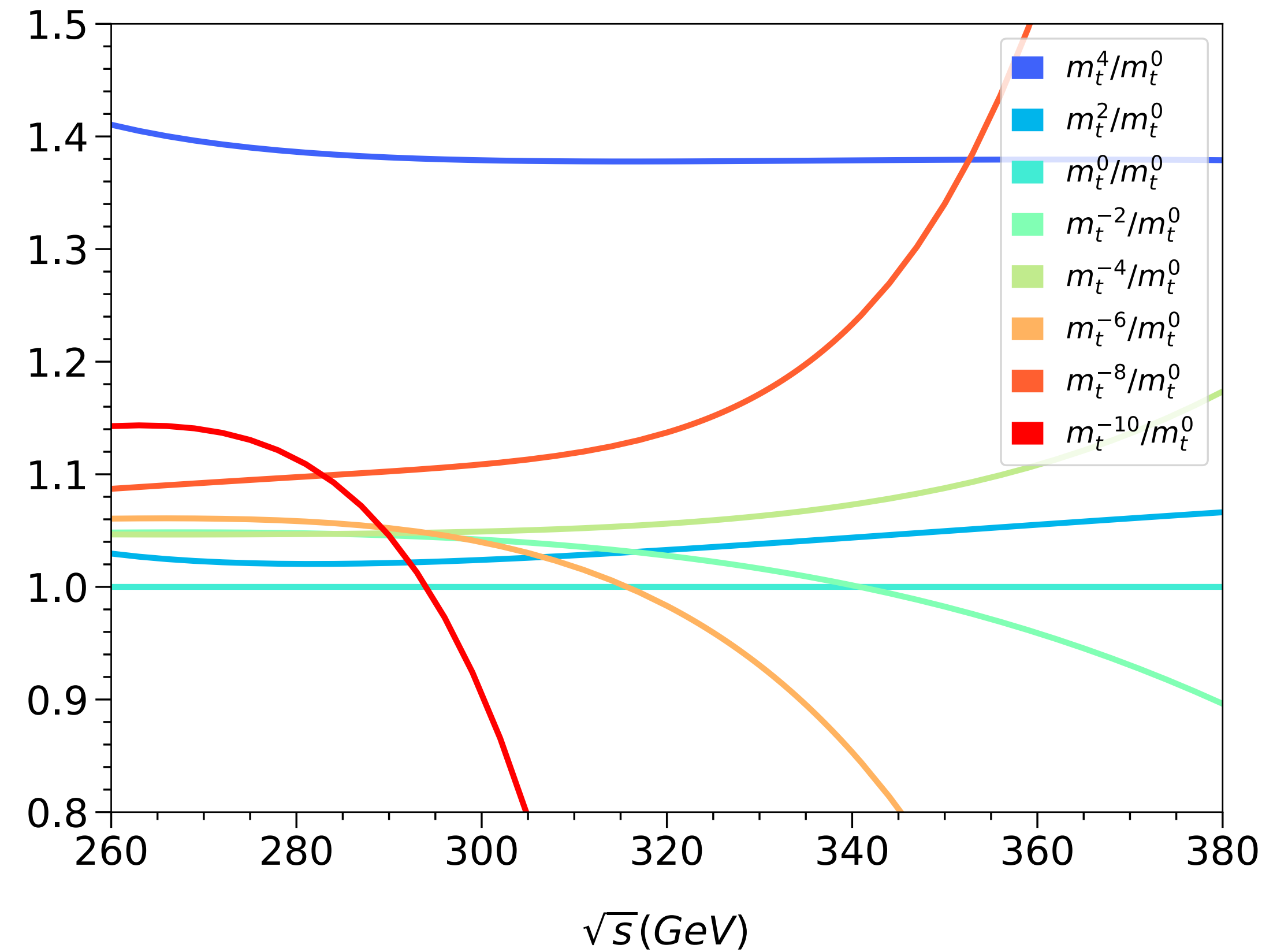
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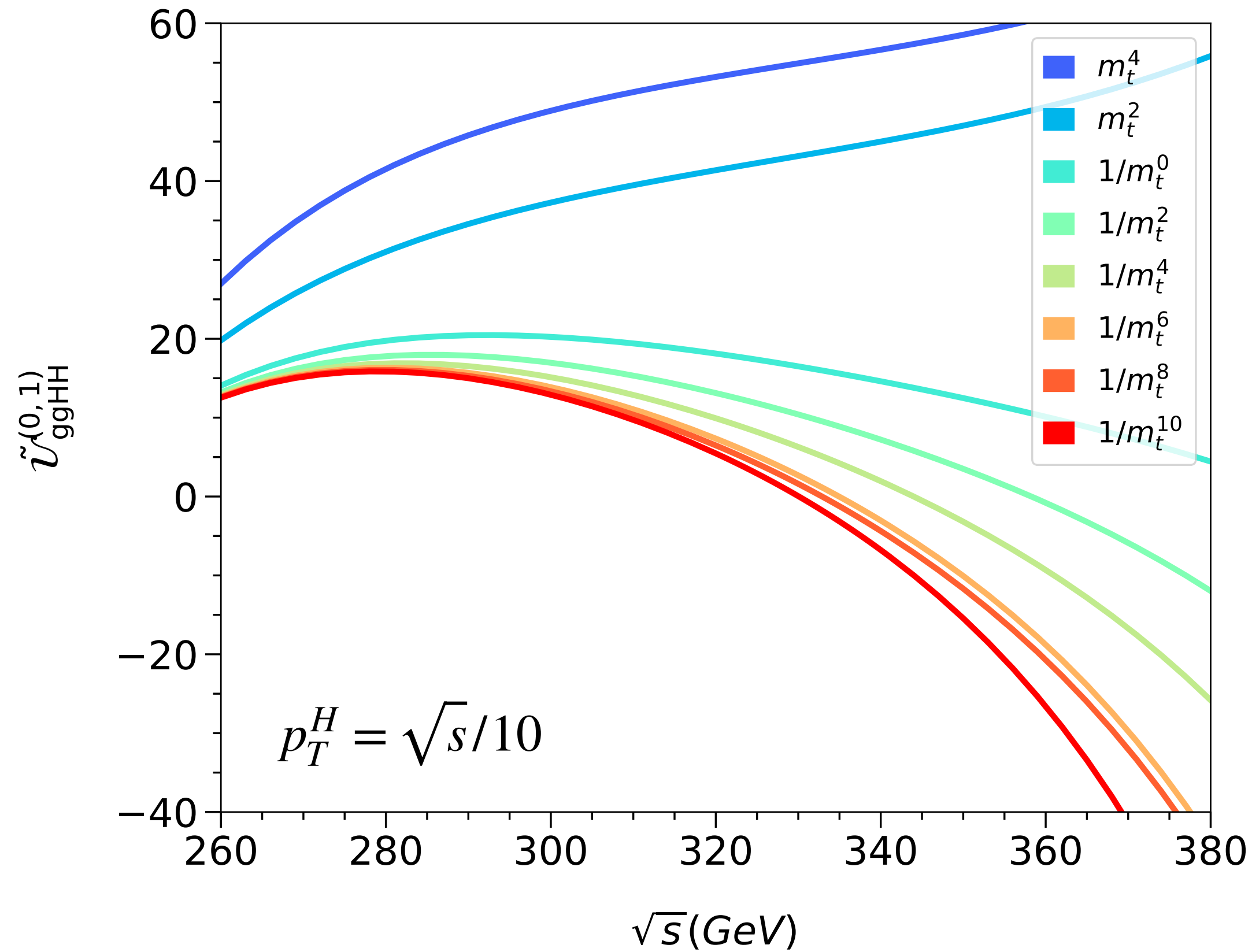
**Convergence not good, but estimation of size of EW corrections are correct**

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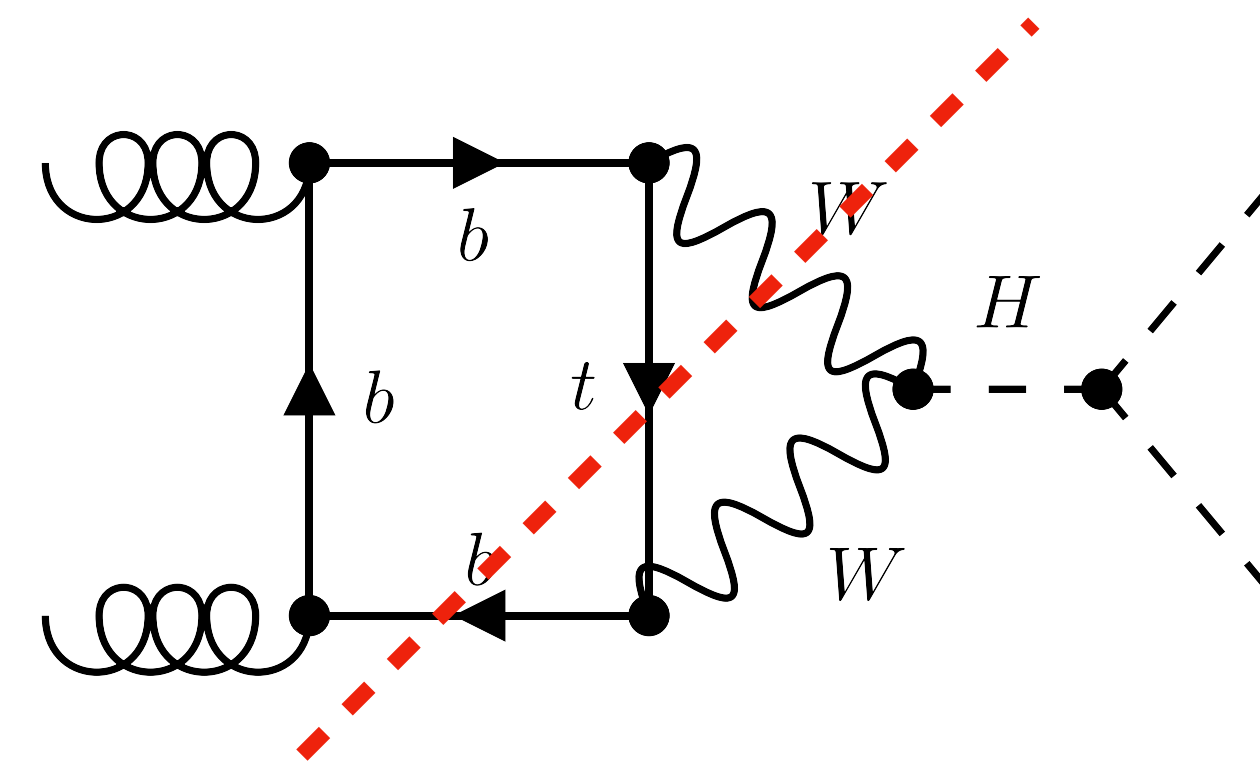
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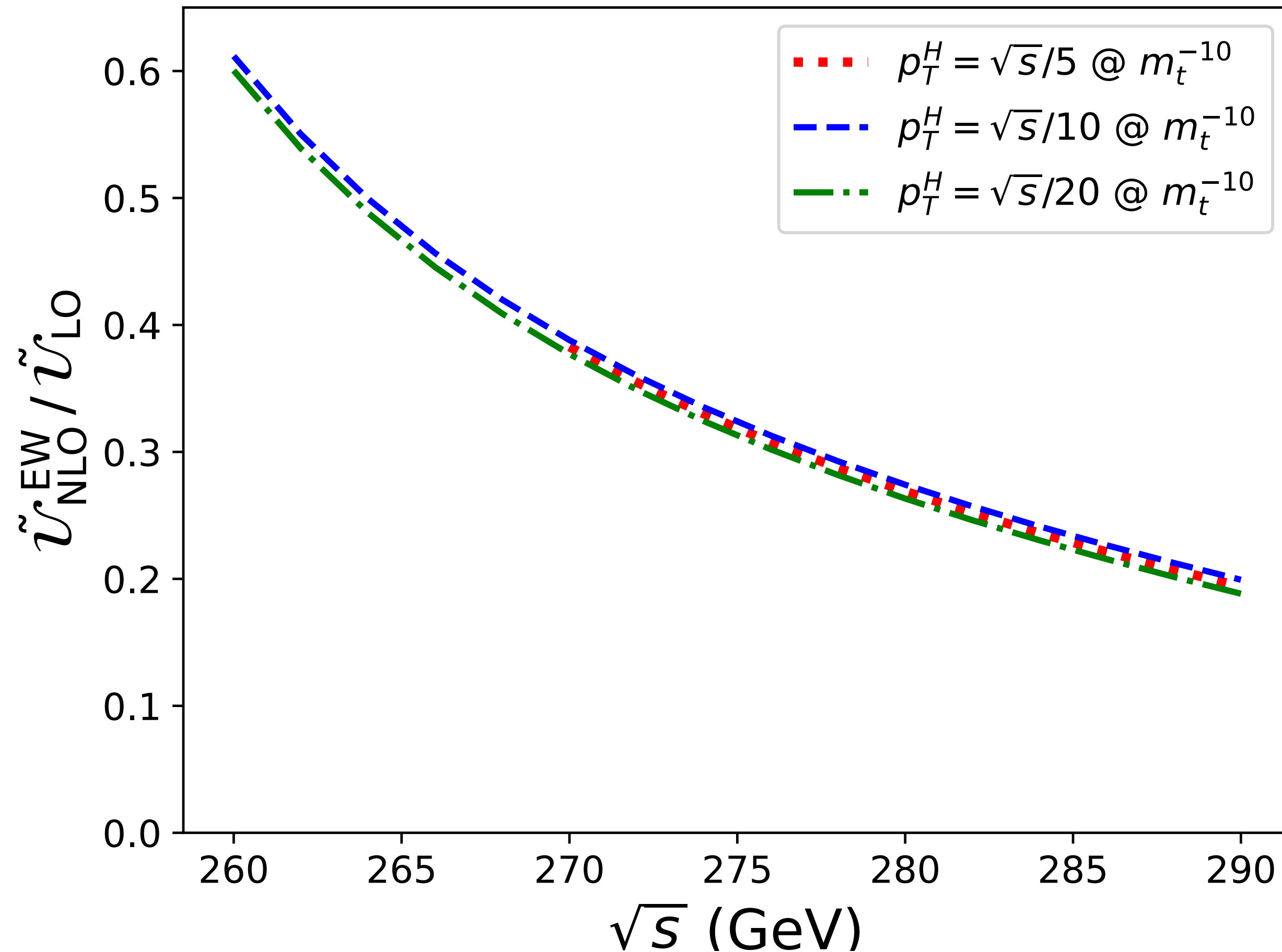


Cut through W-t-b worsen convergence at  
 $m_t + m_b + m_W \approx 250 \text{ GeV}$

**Good convergence restored  
 by excluding W-t-b contributions**



# Ratio plot of matrix elements for NLO EW / LO



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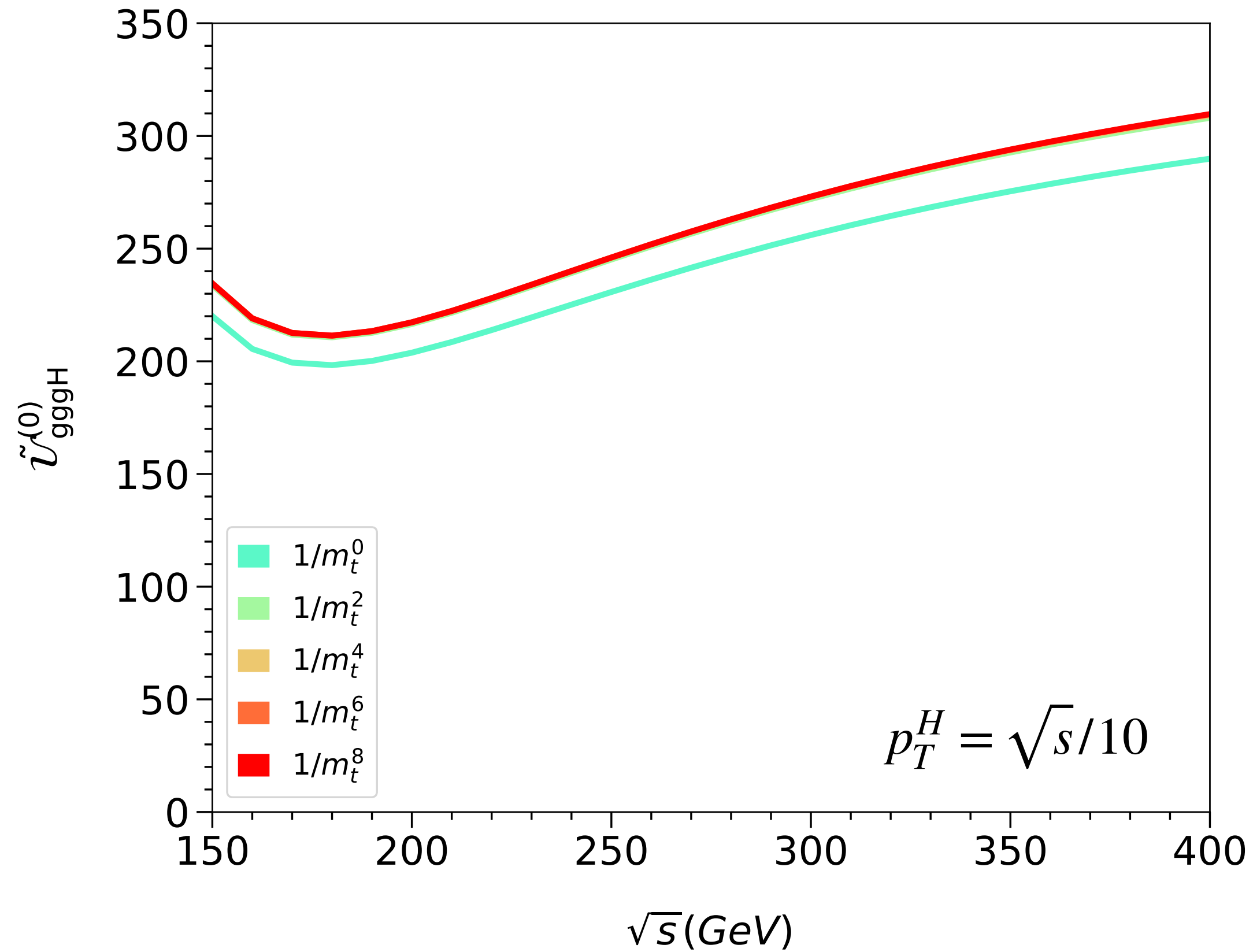
- Size of NLO EW corrections (**positive**) can easily reach  $\geq 20\%$  w.r.t. LO at low-energy region
- EW effects are expected to be even larger in high-energy region (stay tuned to our future papers)

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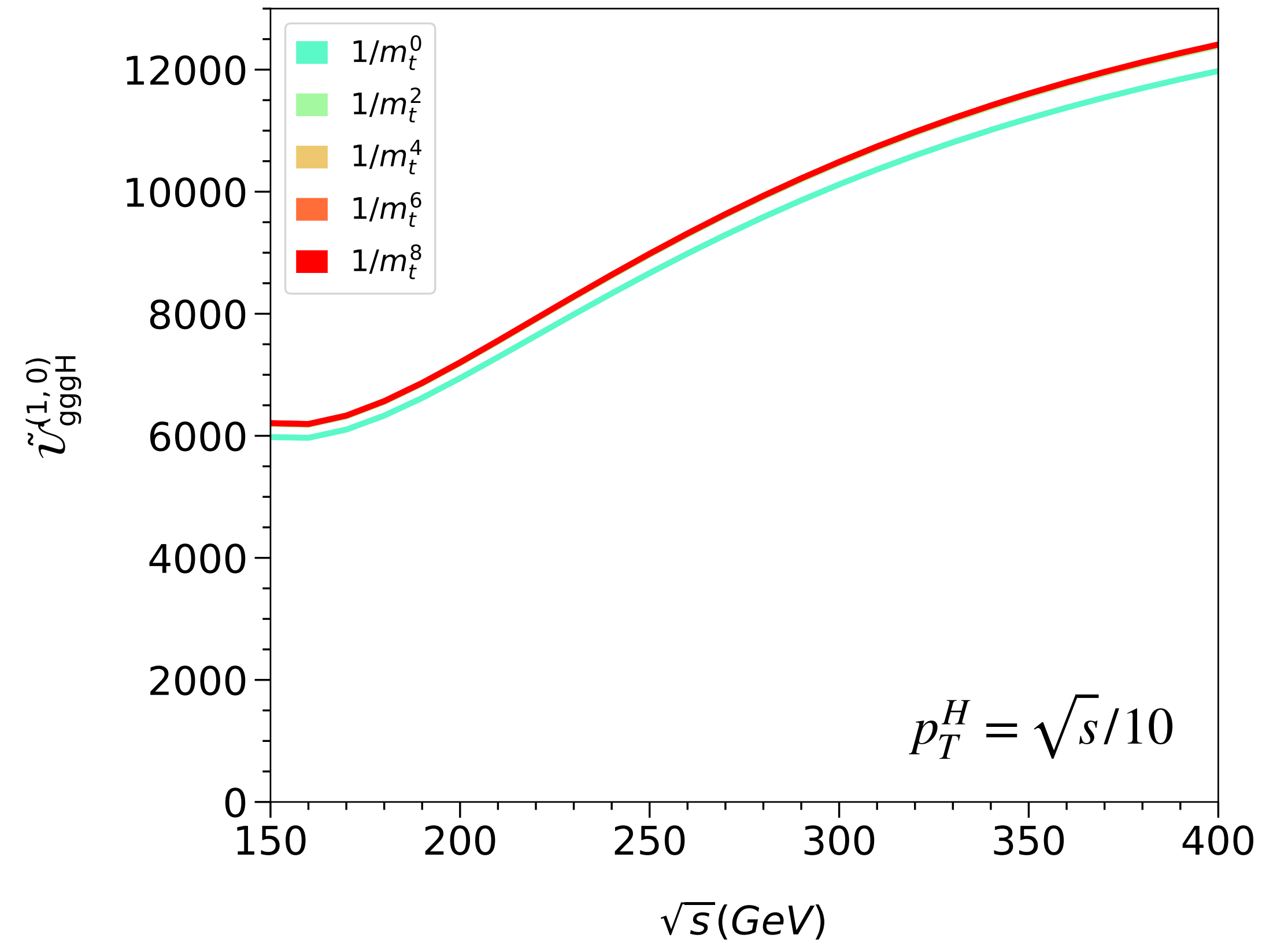
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$\tilde{U}_{\text{gggH}}$  plot @ LO



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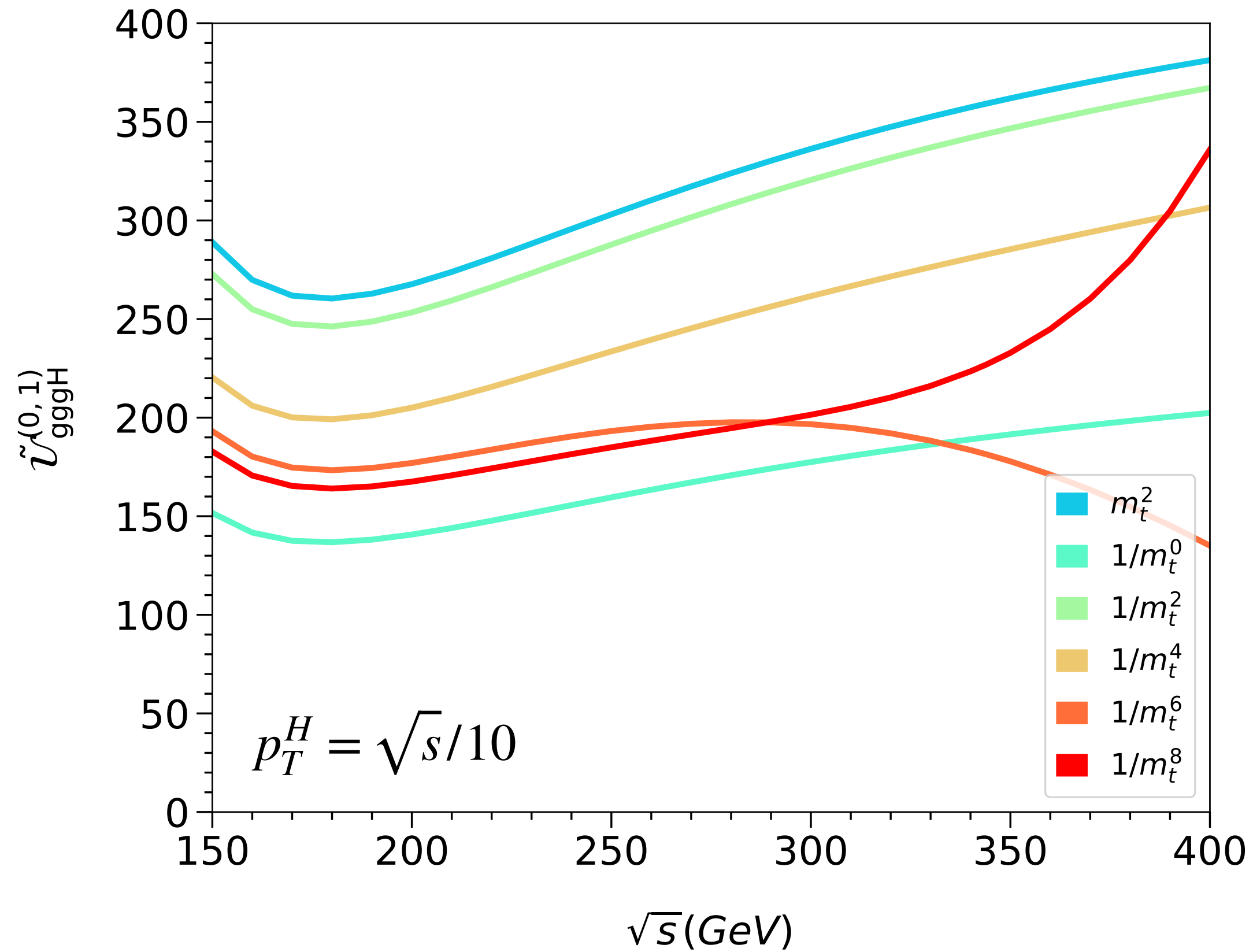
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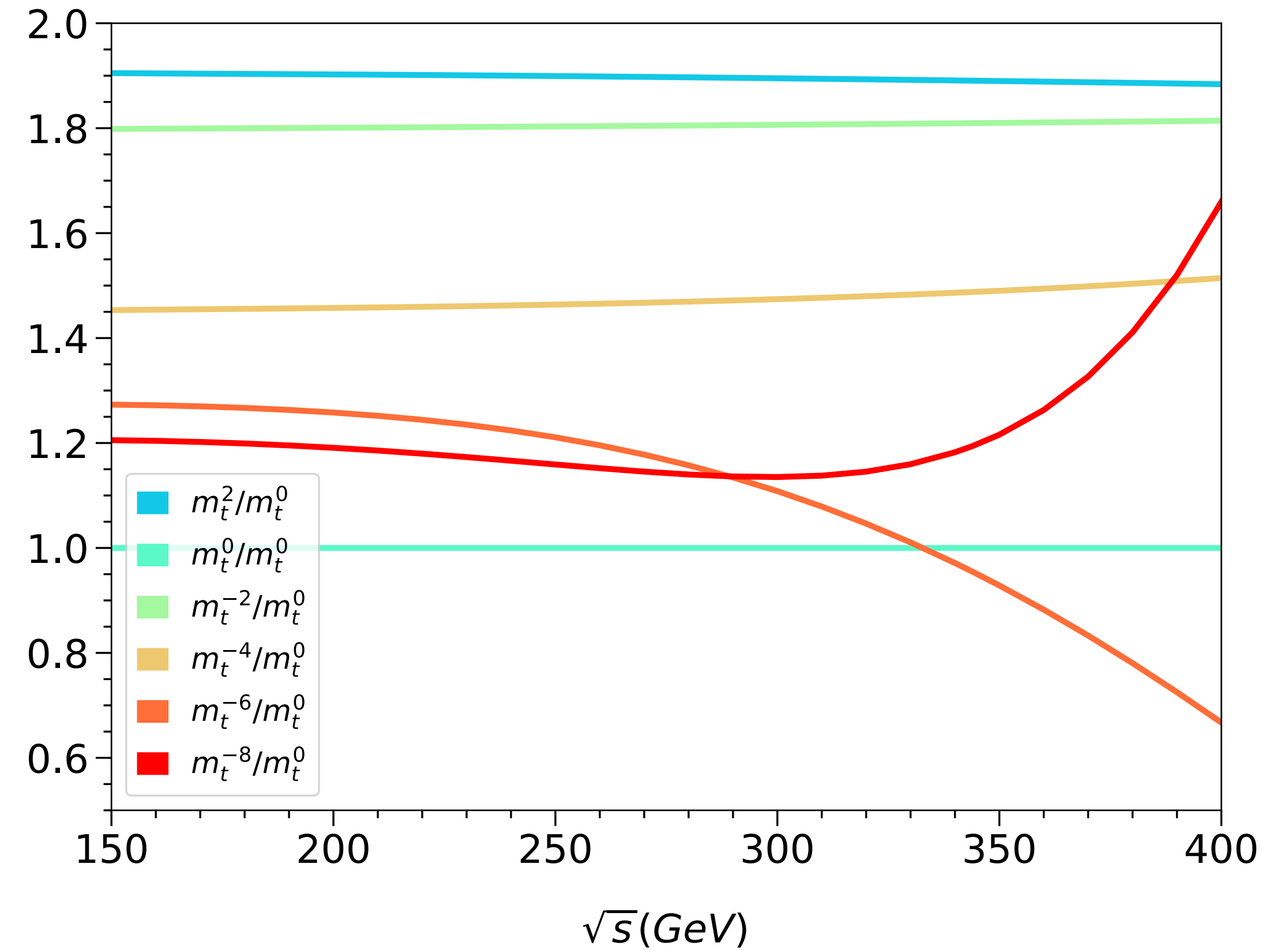
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$\tilde{U}_{\text{gggH}}$  plot @ NLO EW



$\tilde{U}_{\text{gggH}}$  convergence plot normalised to  $m_t^0$

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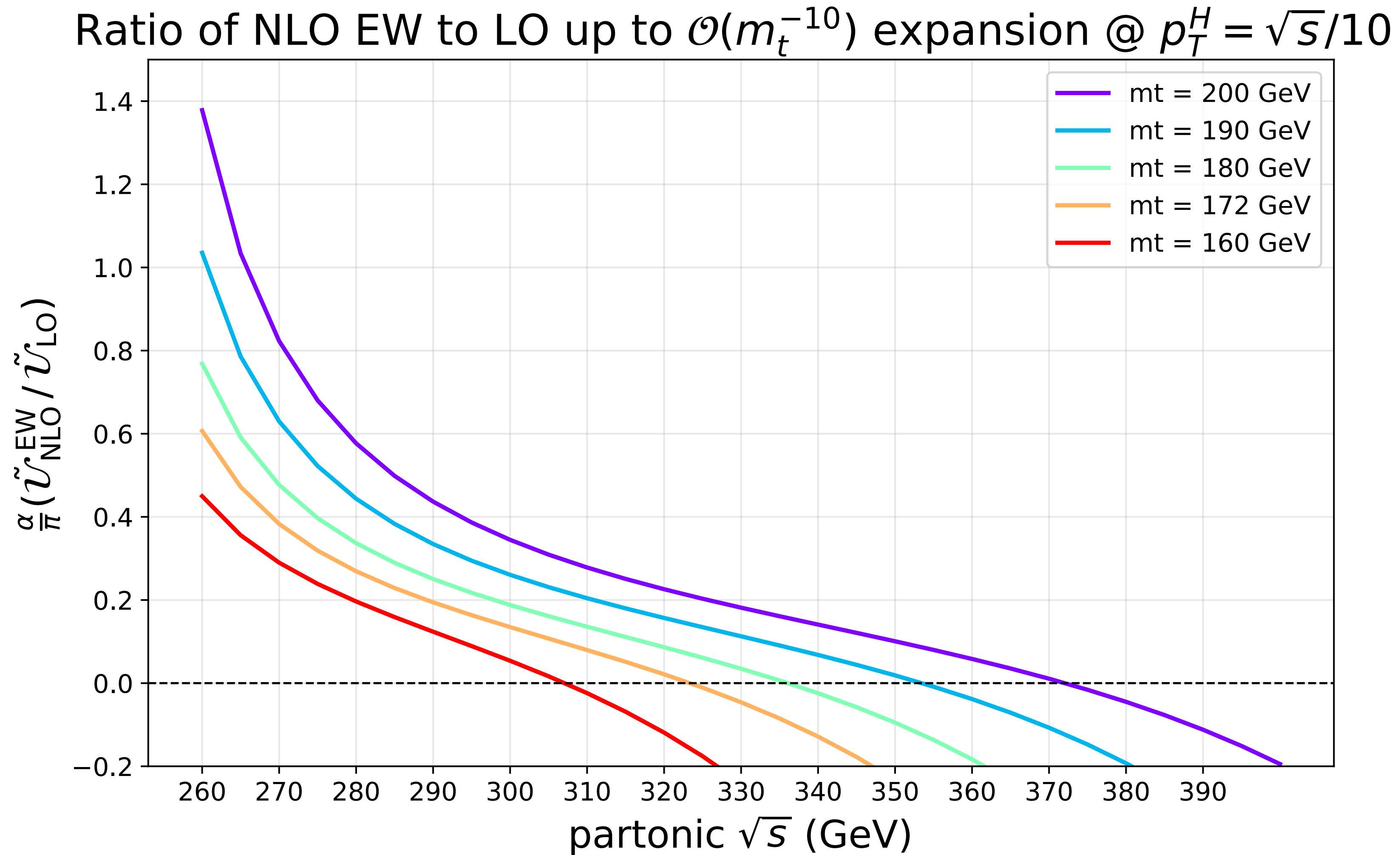
# Conclusions and outlook

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- We analytically compute **NLO leading Yukawa corrections** to  $gg \rightarrow HH$  in high-energy expansion
  - Two expansion approaches for challenging massive two-loop four-point integrals
  - Padé improved approximations yield **precise results for  $p_T^H > 120 \text{ GeV}$**
- We analytically compute **full NLO EW corrections** to  $gg \rightarrow HH$  in large- $m_t$  expansion
  - Estimation of EW corrections can reach **a few tens of percent (positive)** w.r.t LO in this region
- We also consider **full NLO EW corrections** to  $gg \rightarrow gH$  in large- $m_t$  expansion
  - Good convergence observed, but corrections are small
- Future work: complete NLO EW corrections to  $gg \rightarrow HH$  in whole phase space region by including  $t$ -expansion.

# Backup Slides

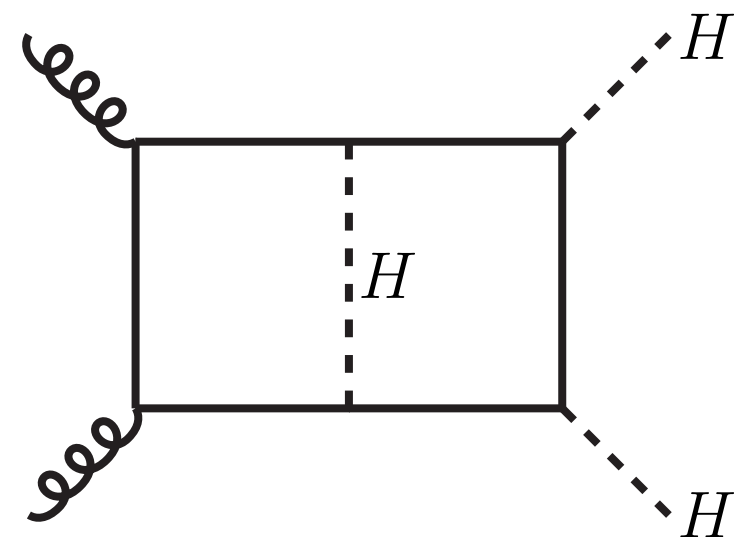
# Ratio plot of matrix elements for NLO EW / LO



- Size estimation of NLO EW corrections by varying numerical values of  $m_t$

# Analytic high-energy expansion

How?



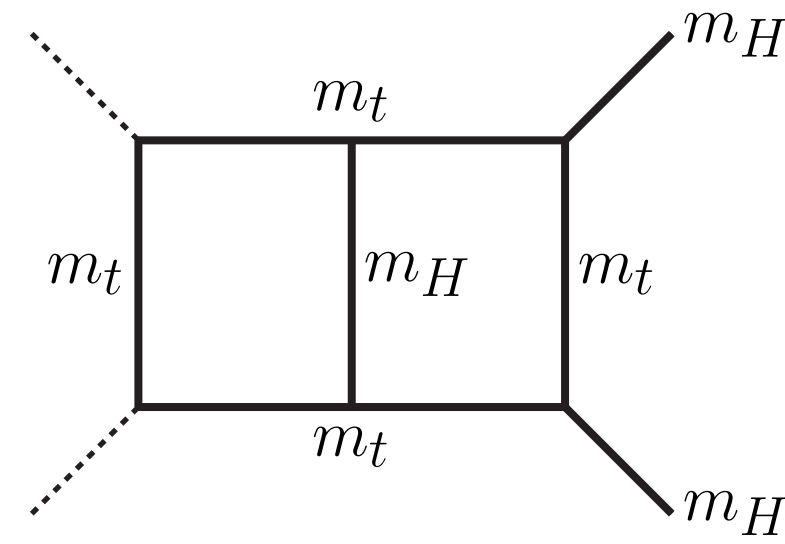
kinematic invariants

$$s = (q_1 + q_2)^2$$

$$t = (q_1 + q_3)^2$$

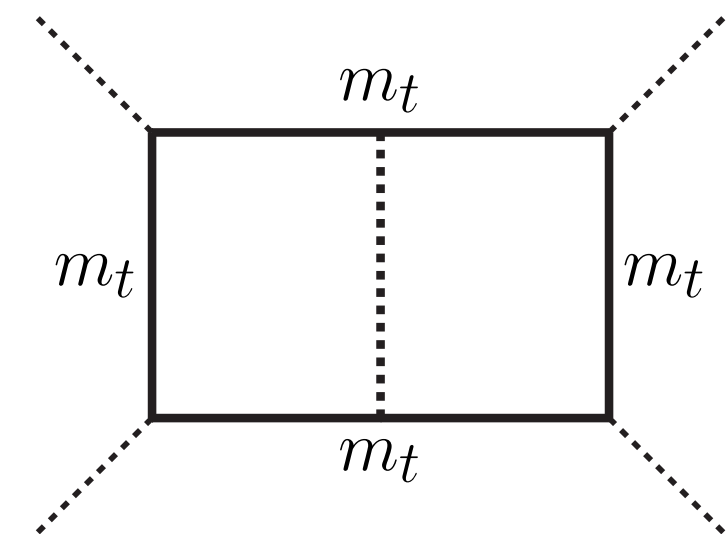
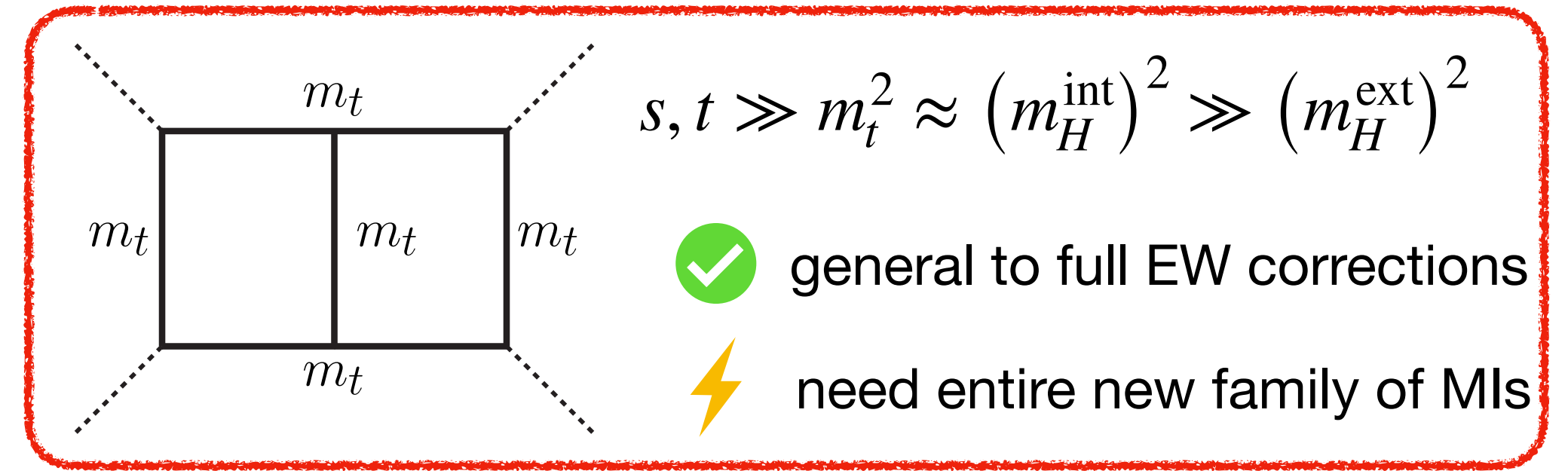
$$u = (q_2 + q_3)^2$$

scalar master integral (MI)



solid line: massive  
dashed line: massless

two expansions

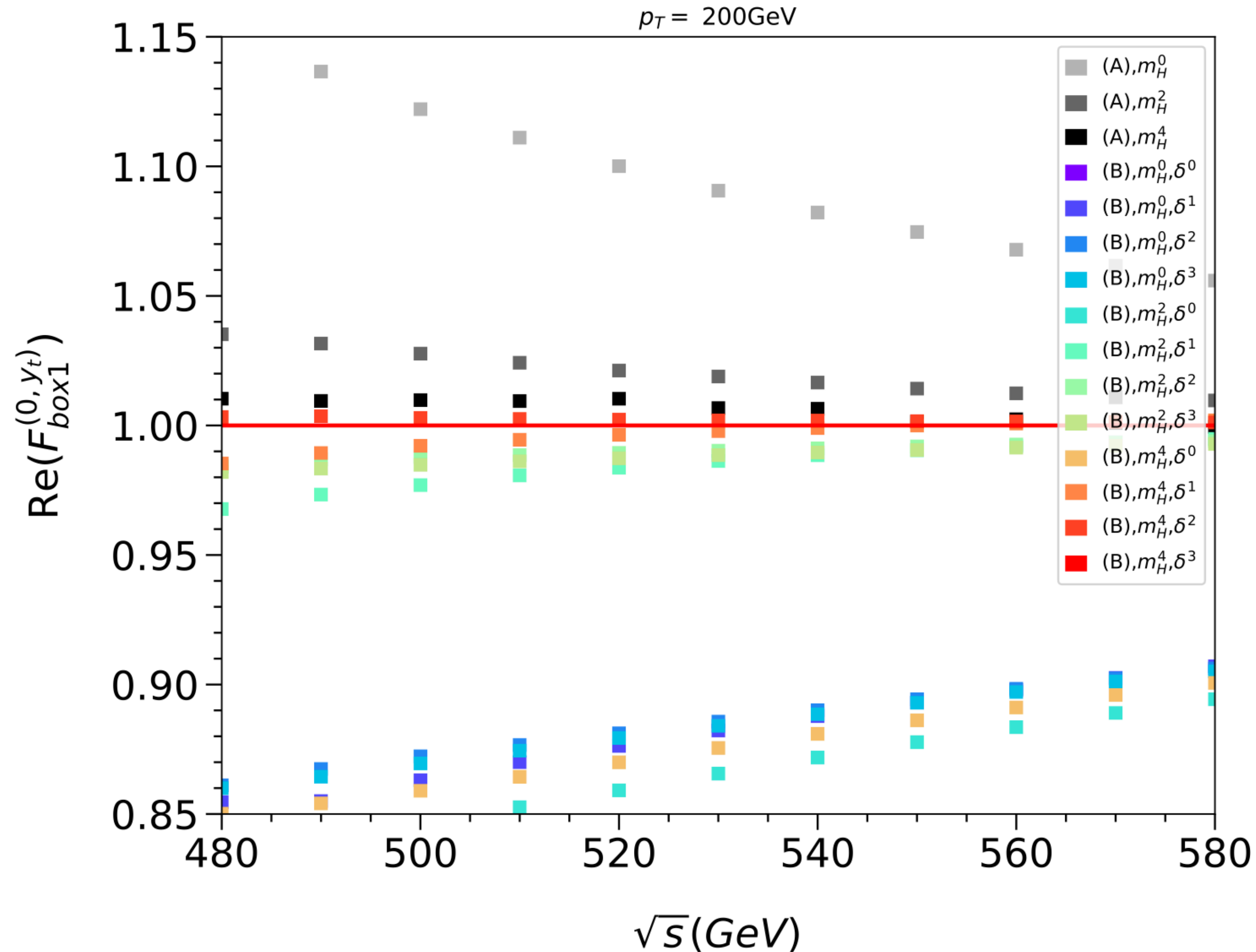


$s, t \gg m_t^2 \gg (m_H^{\text{int}})^2, (m_H^{\text{ext}})^2$   
 ✓ reduce to known QCD MIs  
 ⌛ non-trivial to full EW corrections



# Convergence of expansions for $gg \rightarrow HH$ form factors

[Davies, Mishima, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang, *JHEP* 08 (2022) 259]



$$\mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu} = T_1^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{\text{box1}} + T_2^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{\text{box2}}$$

The benchmark is expansion at  $\mathcal{O}\left(m_{H(\text{ext})}^4, \delta^3, m_t^{116}\right)$ .

$$\delta = 1 - \frac{m_H^{(\text{int})}}{m_t}$$

**Color points:** Convergence plot of different expansion orders by ratios to the benchmark at fixed  $p_T^H = 200$  GeV.