

# NLO Electroweak corrections to $gg \rightarrow HH$ and $gg \rightarrow Hg$

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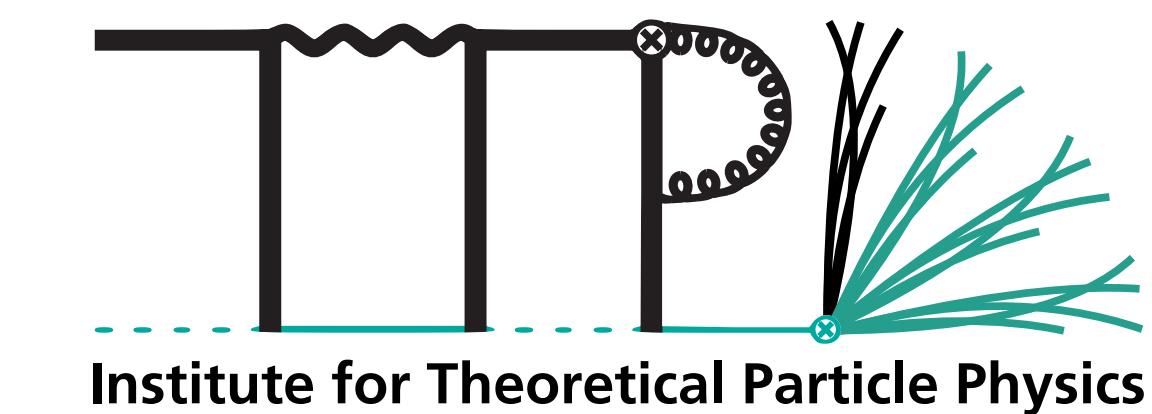
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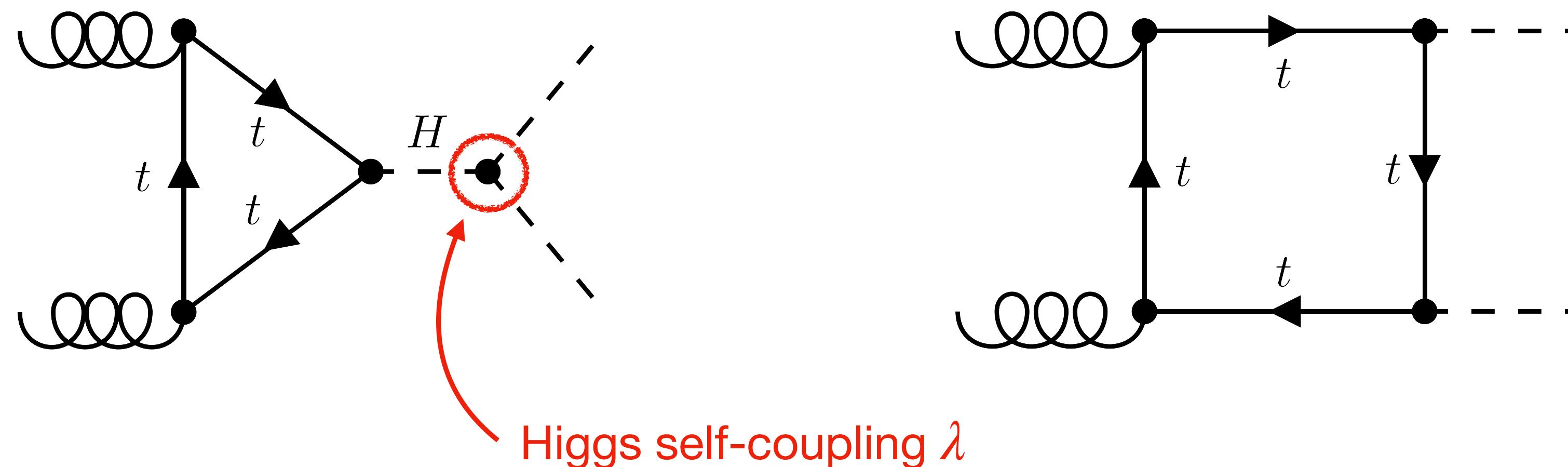
# Motivation of $gg \rightarrow HH$ : study Higgs self-coupling

- 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 boson pair production at LHC

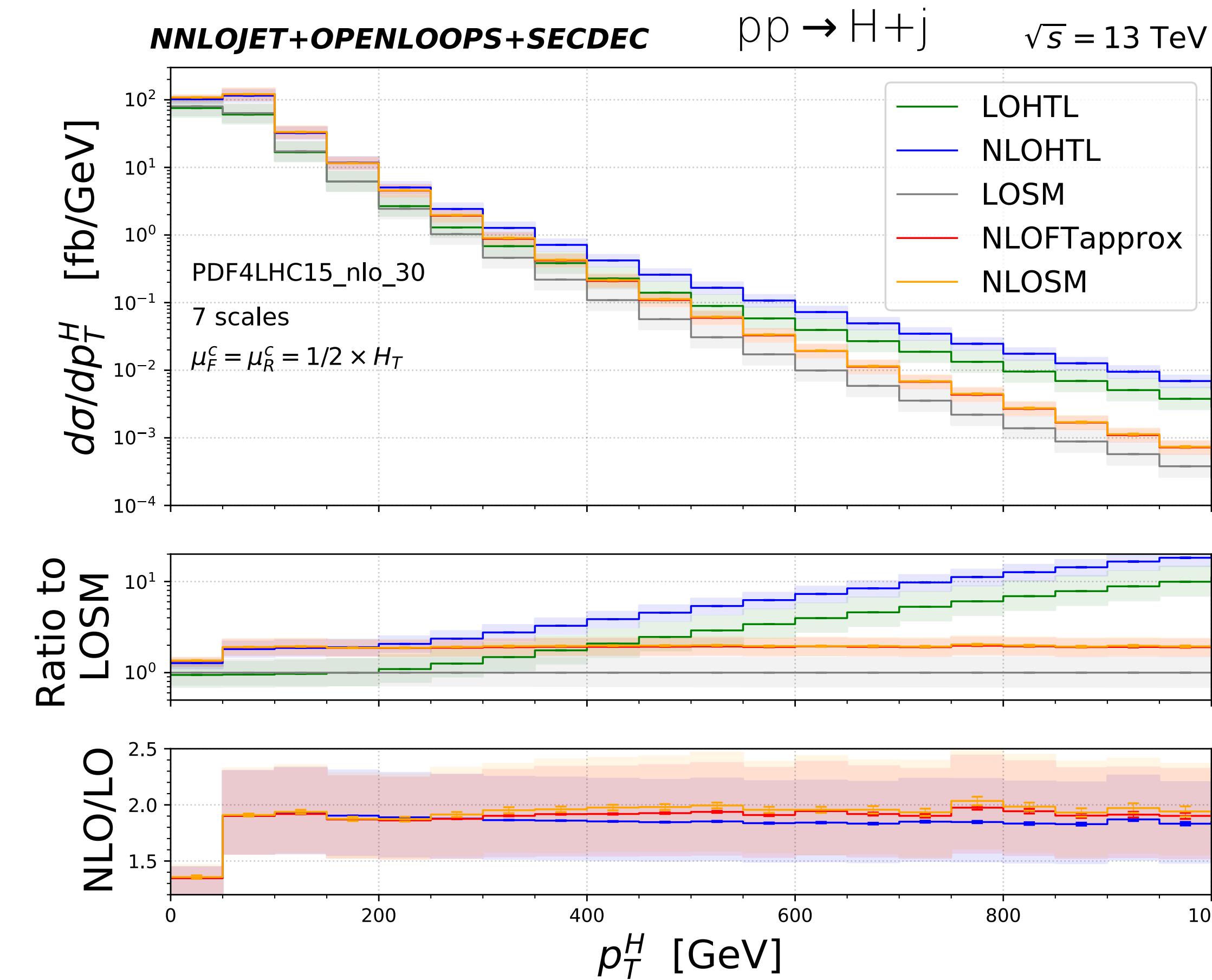
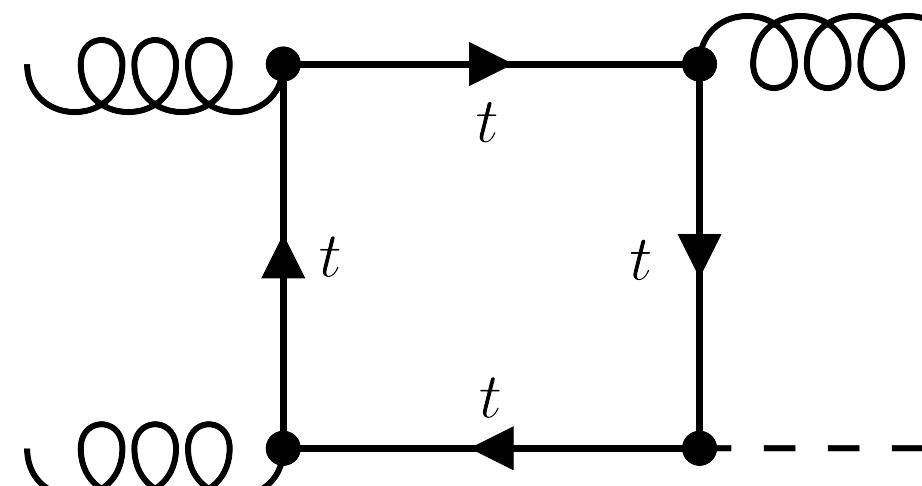
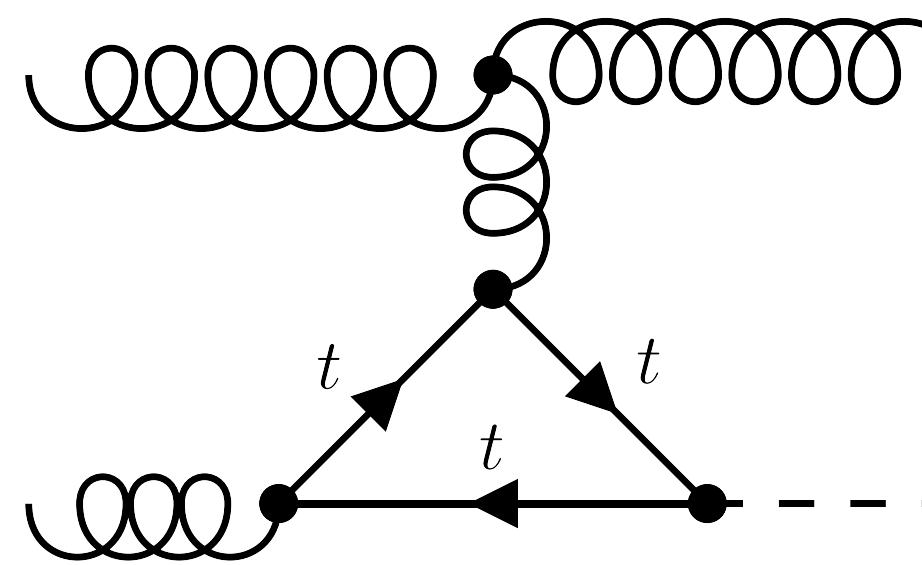


New Physics opportunity  $\Rightarrow$  Talk by Teppei Kitahara

[Iguro, Kitahara, Omura, Zhang, *Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 7, 075017*]

# Motivation of $gg \rightarrow Hg$ : study $p_T^H$ spectrum

- Dominant channel for Higgs boson production with large transversal momentum  $p_T^H$  at LHC



$p_T^H$  spectrum:  
crucial for studying  
Higgs boson properties

$NLOSM \Rightarrow NLO \text{ QCD with}$   
top-mass dependence

See also  
[Jones, Kerner, Luisoni, 18']  
[Bonciani, Del Duca et. al. 23']

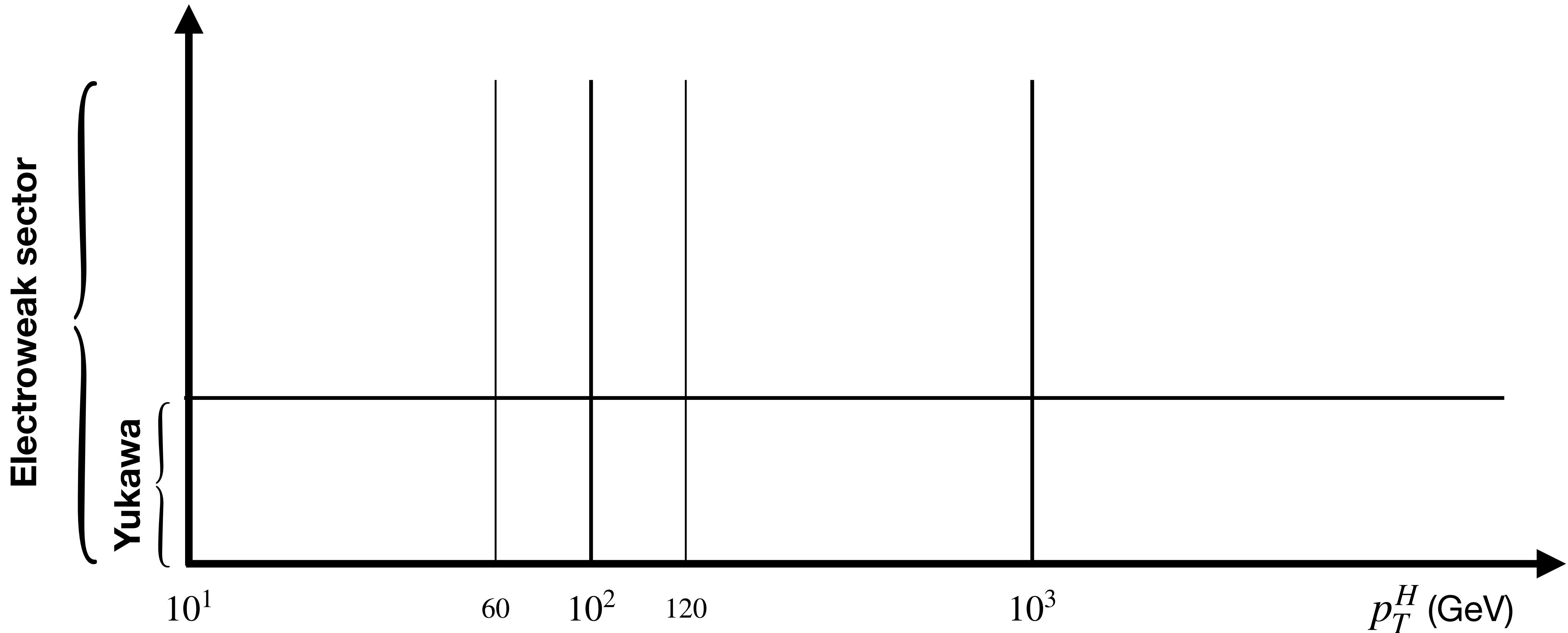
# Overview of QCD and EW calculations (HH)

- **NLO QCD with full  $m_t$ -dependence are known**
  - Expansion-by-Region & Numerical approaches: [Daoson, Dittmaier, Spira, 98'], [Grigo, Hoff, Melnikov, Steinhauser, 13'], [Borowka, Geiner, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Schubert, Zirke, 16'], [Baglio, Campanario, Glaus, Mühlleitner, Spira, Streicher, 18'], [Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber, Bonciani, 18'], [Xu, Yang, 18'], [Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser, Wellmann, 18', 19'], [Davies, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner, Mishima, Steinhauser, Wellmann, 19'], [Bellafronte, Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber, Vitti, 22']]
- **QCD beyond NLO are available in large- $m_t$  and small- $t$  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'], [Davies, Schönwald, Steinhauser, 23']
  - At  $N^3LO$ : [Spira, 16'], [Gerlach, Herren, Steinhauser, 18'], [Banerjee, Borowka, Dabi, Gehrmann, Ravindran, 18'], [Chen, Li, Chao, Wang, 19']]
- **NLO EW become available recently in** [Also see talks by Xiao Zhang and Thomas Stone]
  - 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 top-induced EW corrections in large- $m_t$  expansion [Davies, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang, 23']

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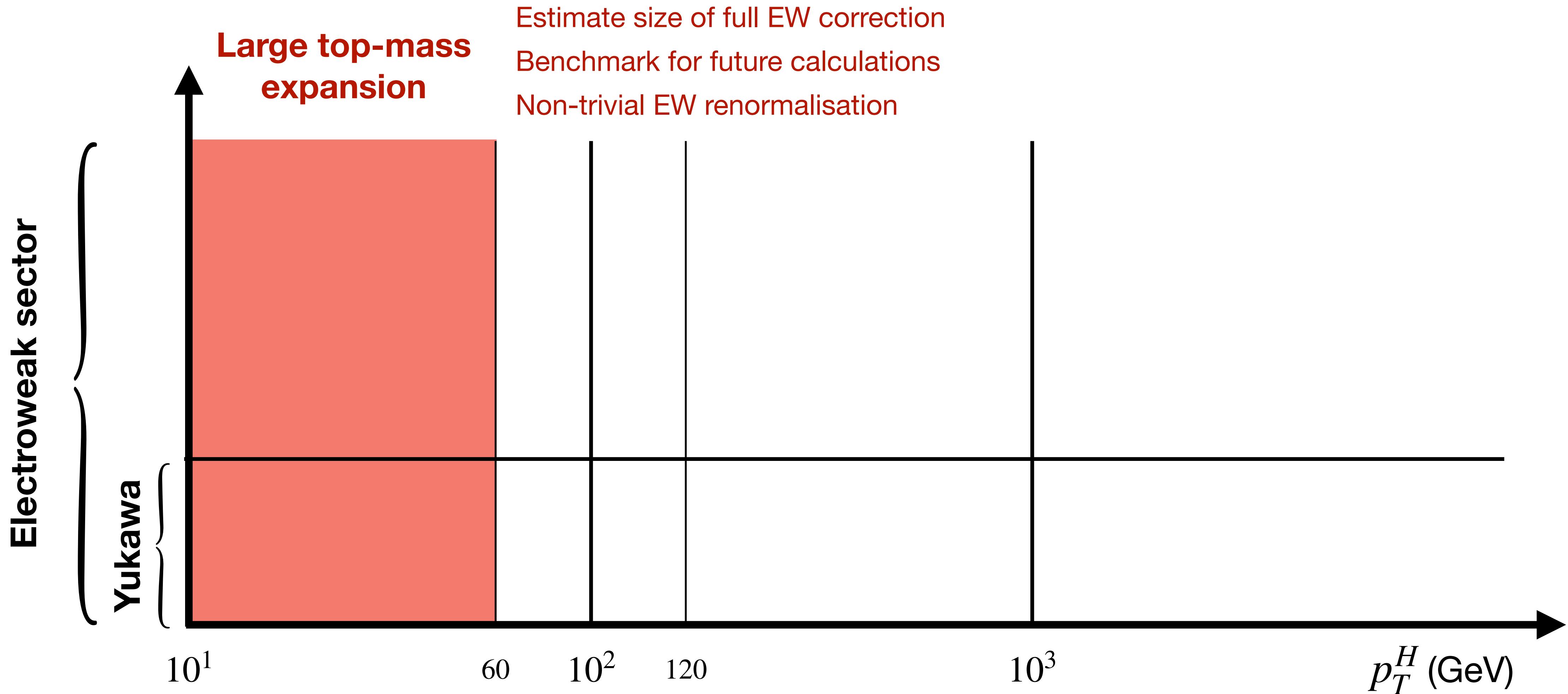
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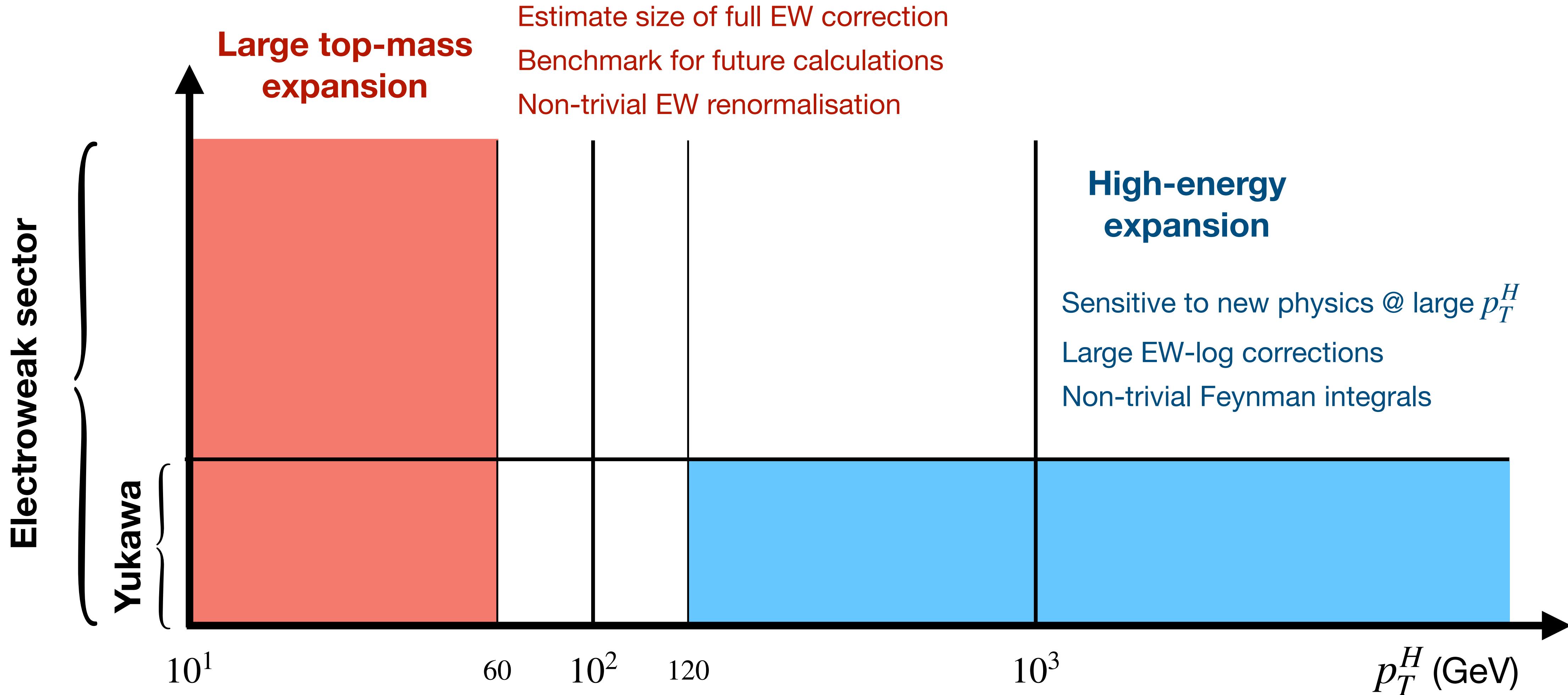
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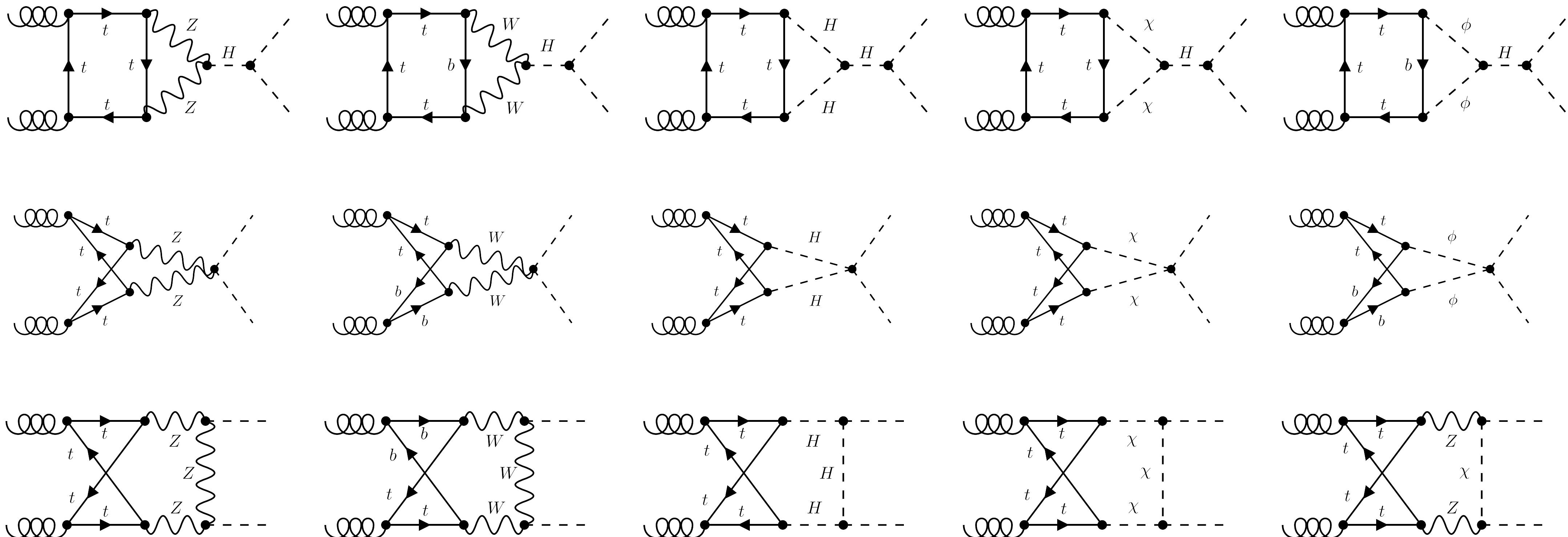
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[Davies, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang, *JHEP 10 (2023) 033*]

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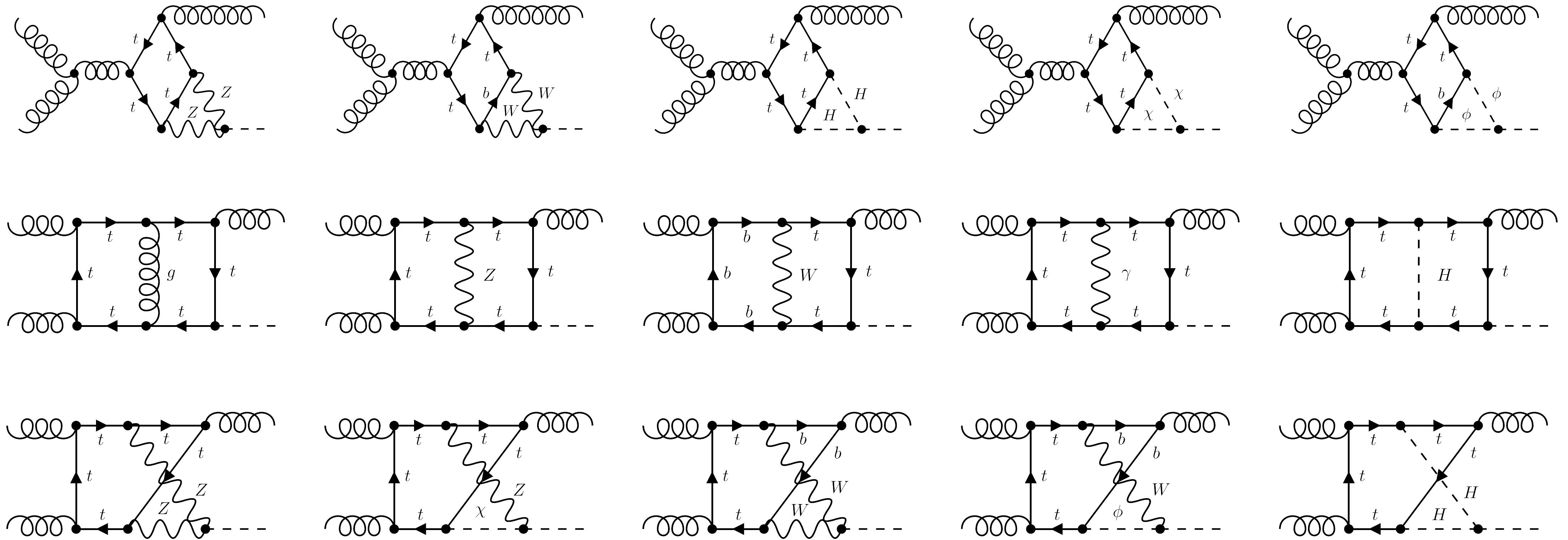


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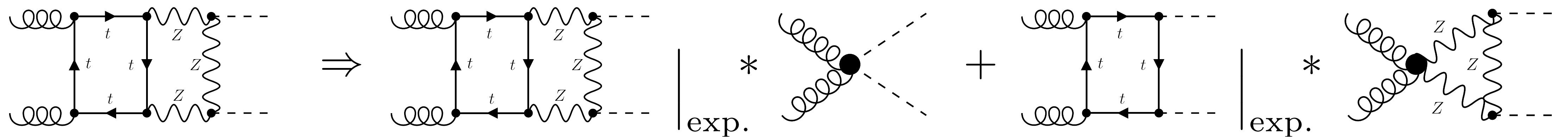
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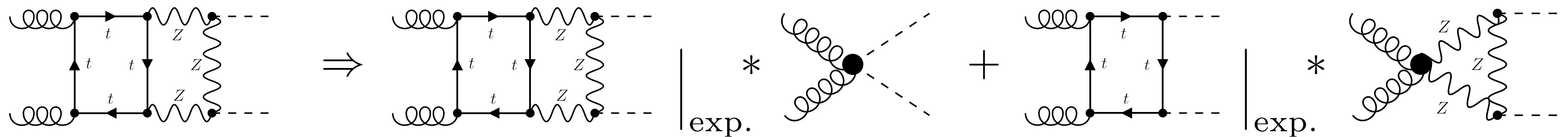
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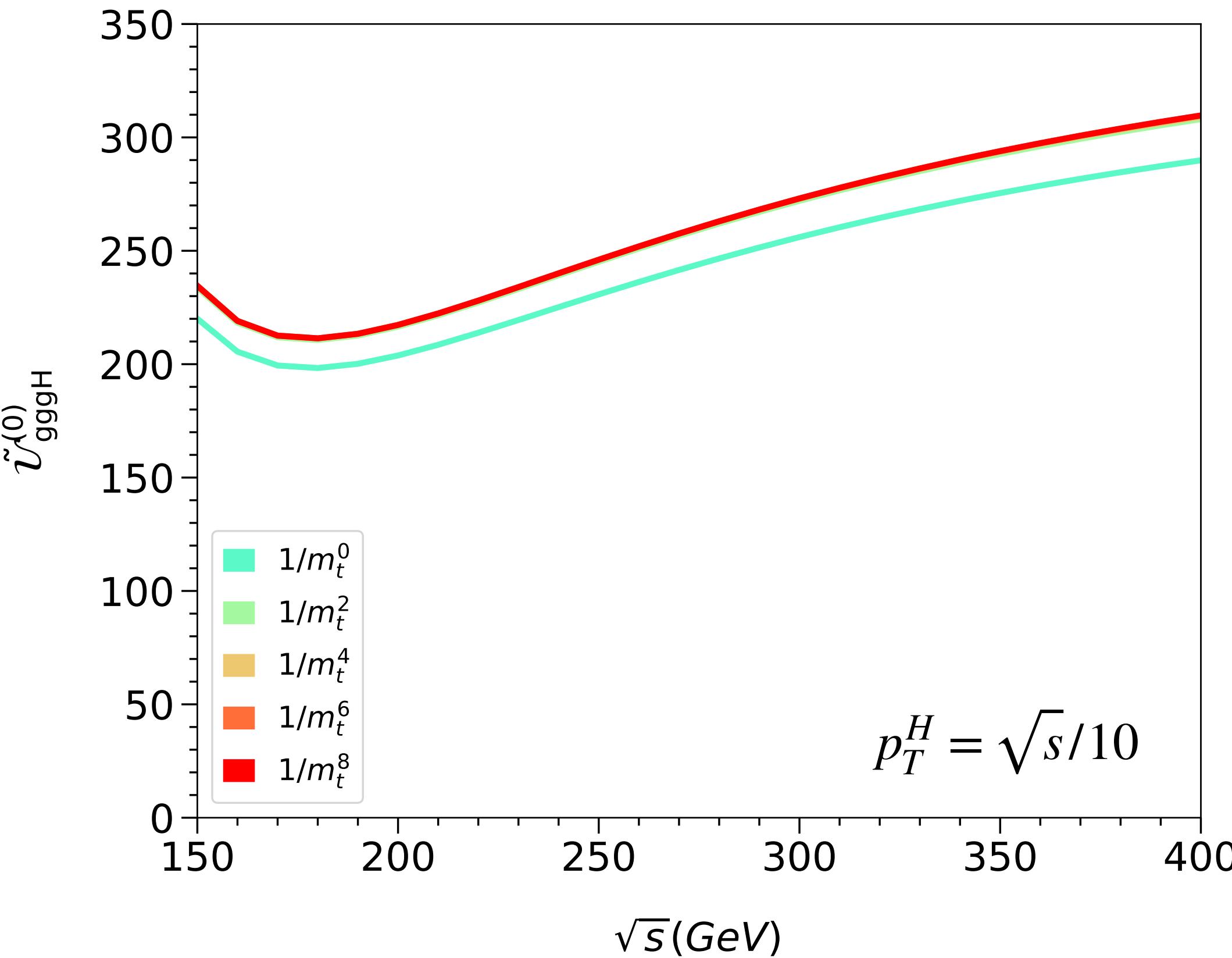


- **On-Shell renormalise** input parameters  $\{e, m_W, m_Z, m_t, m_H\}$  in  $G_\mu$  scheme
- $\xi_W, \xi_Z$  **cancel** after external Higgs **fields OS renormalisation**  $\Rightarrow$  gauge parameter independent

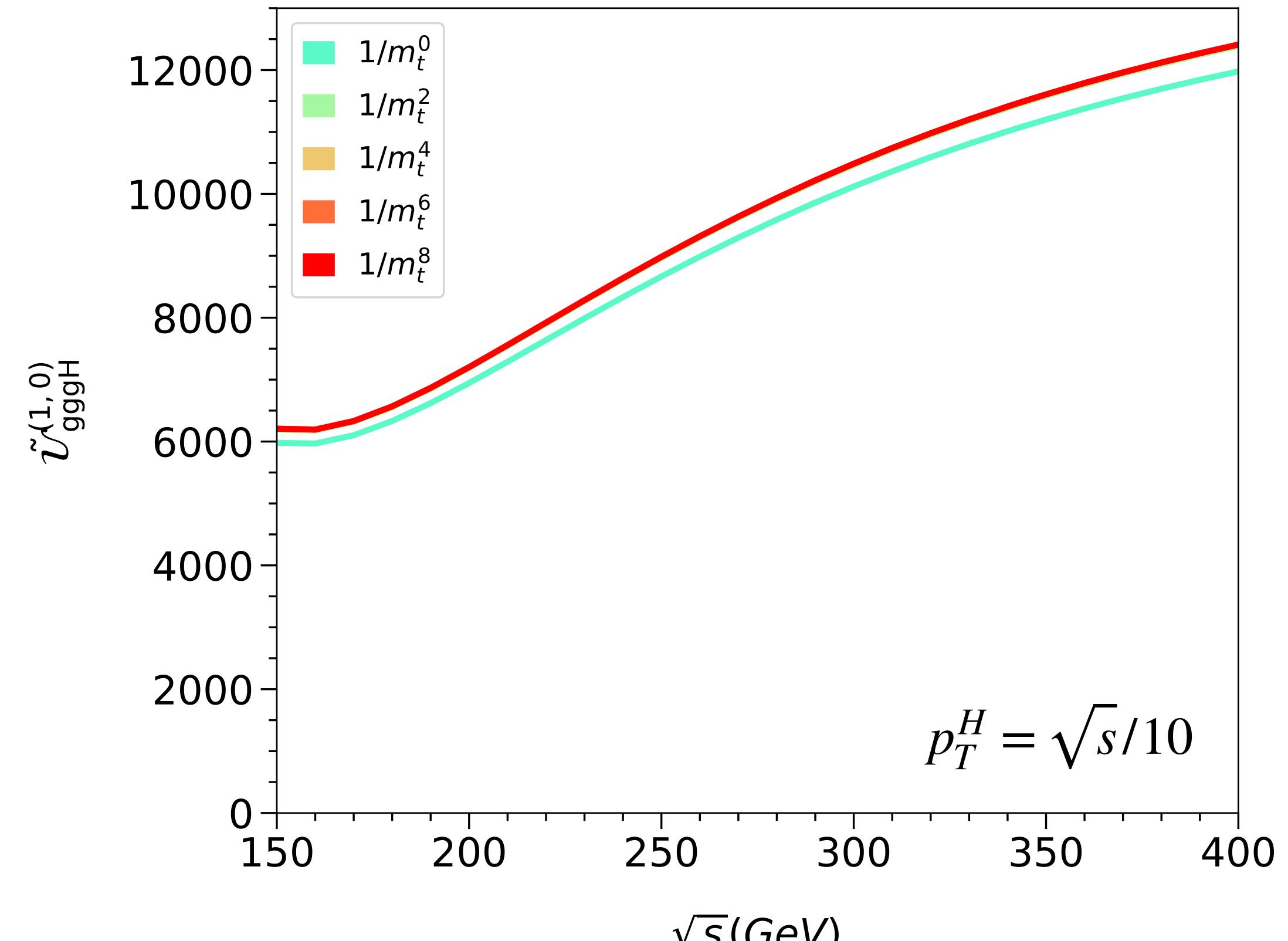
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[Davies, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang, *JHEP 10 (2023) 033*]

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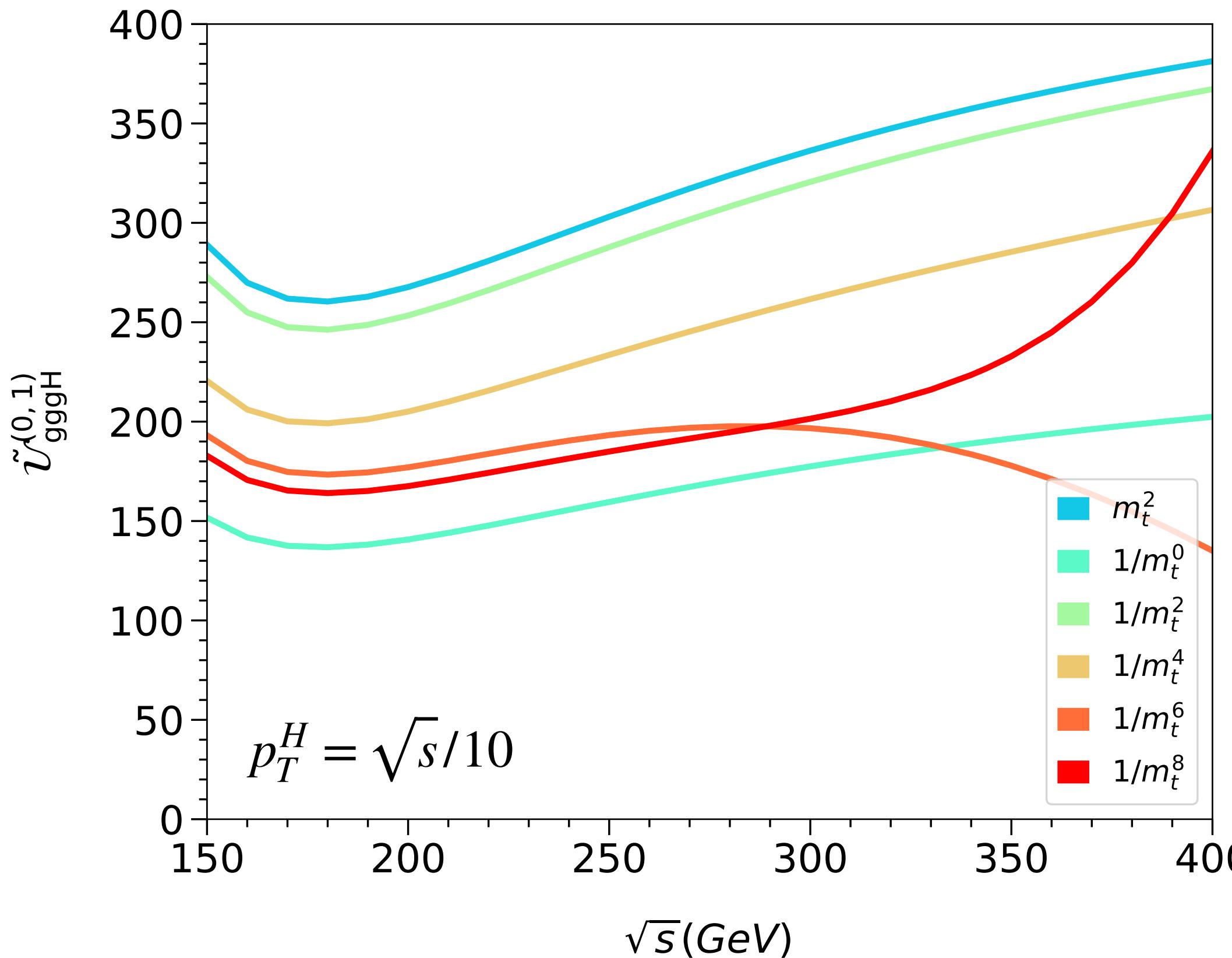
$\tilde{U}_{\text{gggH}}^{(1,0)}$  plot @ NLO QCD

Rapid convergence observed

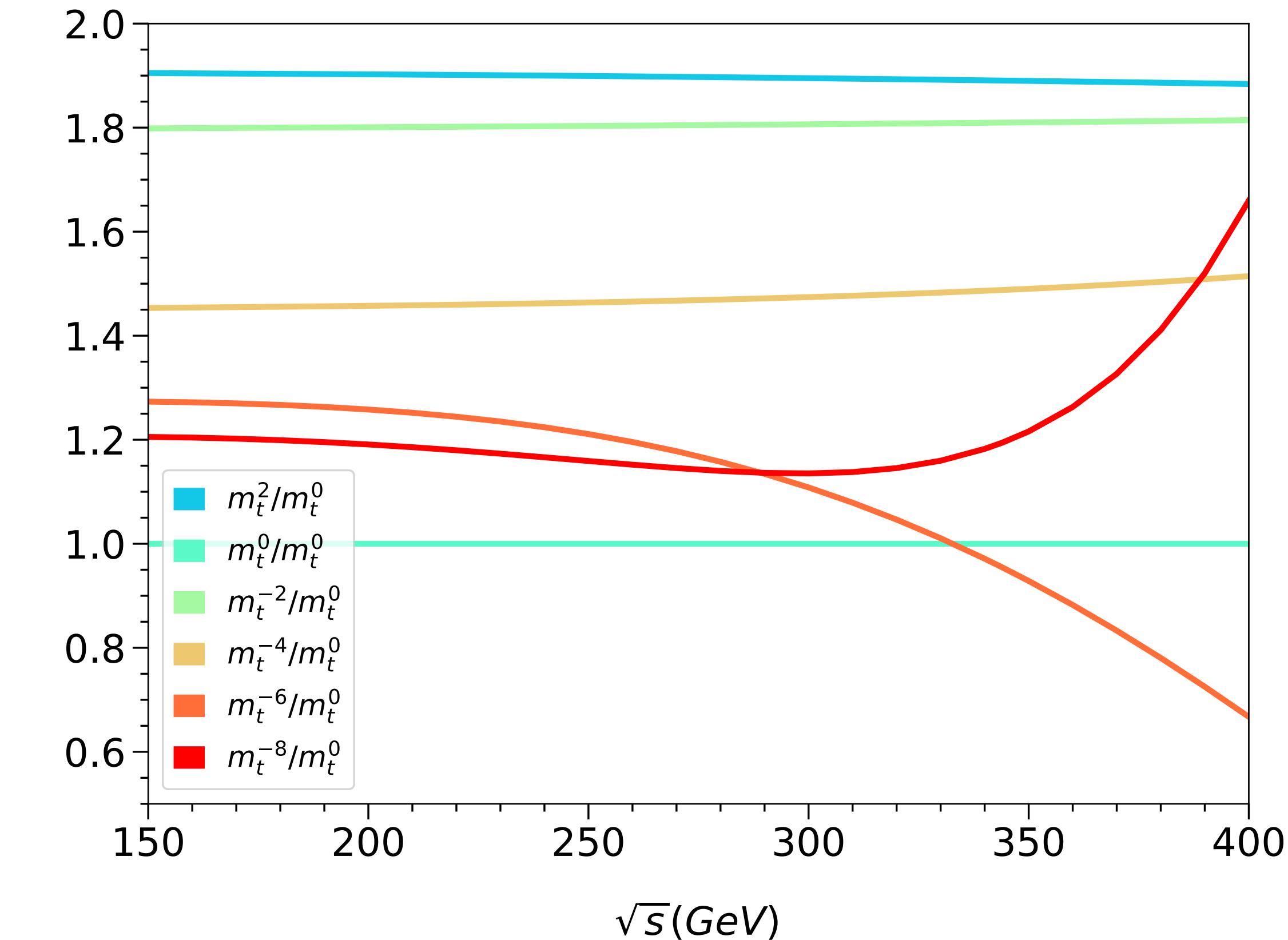
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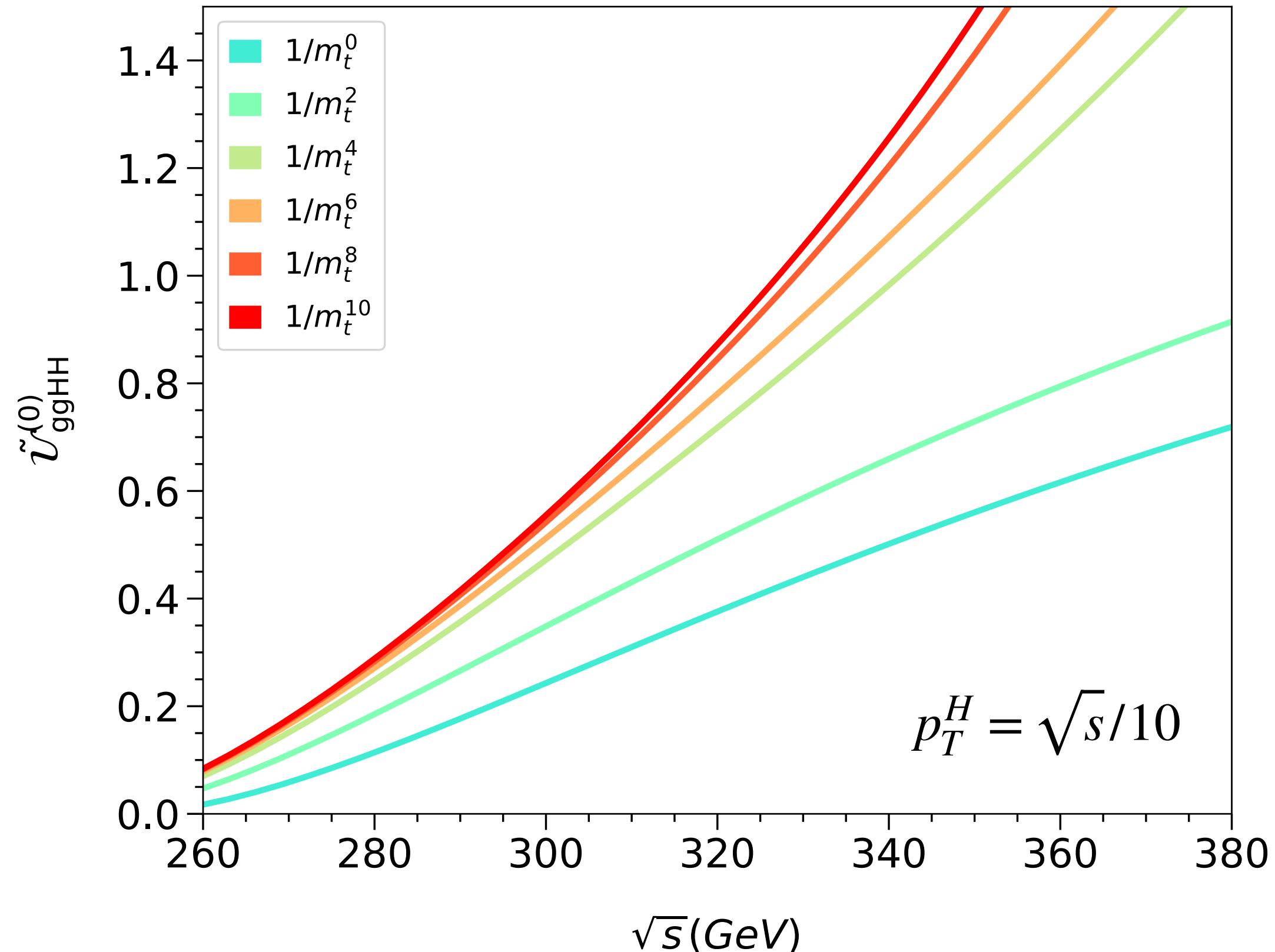
$\tilde{U}_{\text{gggH}}^{(0,1)}$  convergence plot normalised to  $m_t^0$

Good convergence observed, but corrections are small  $\sim \mathcal{O}(1\%)$

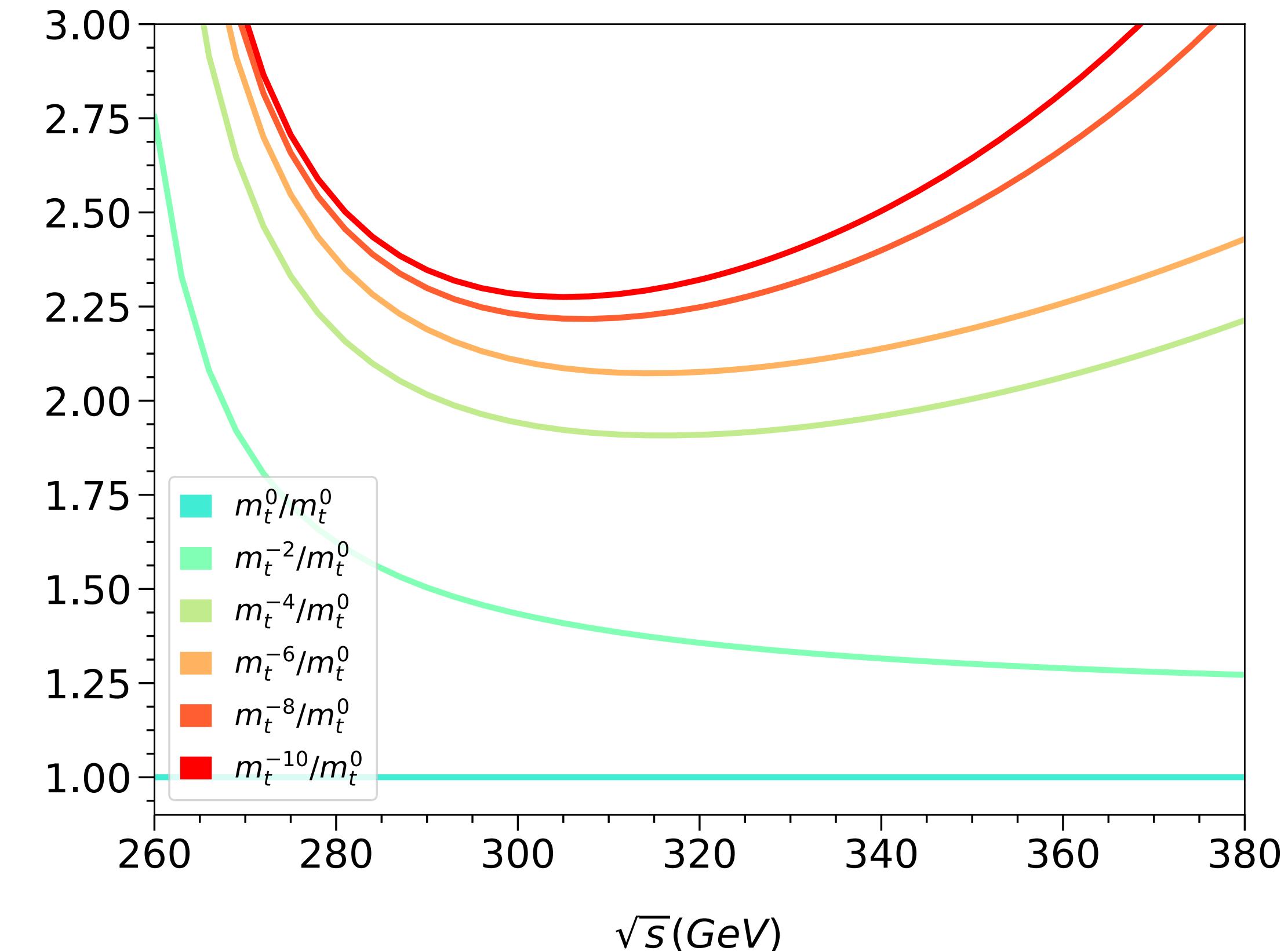
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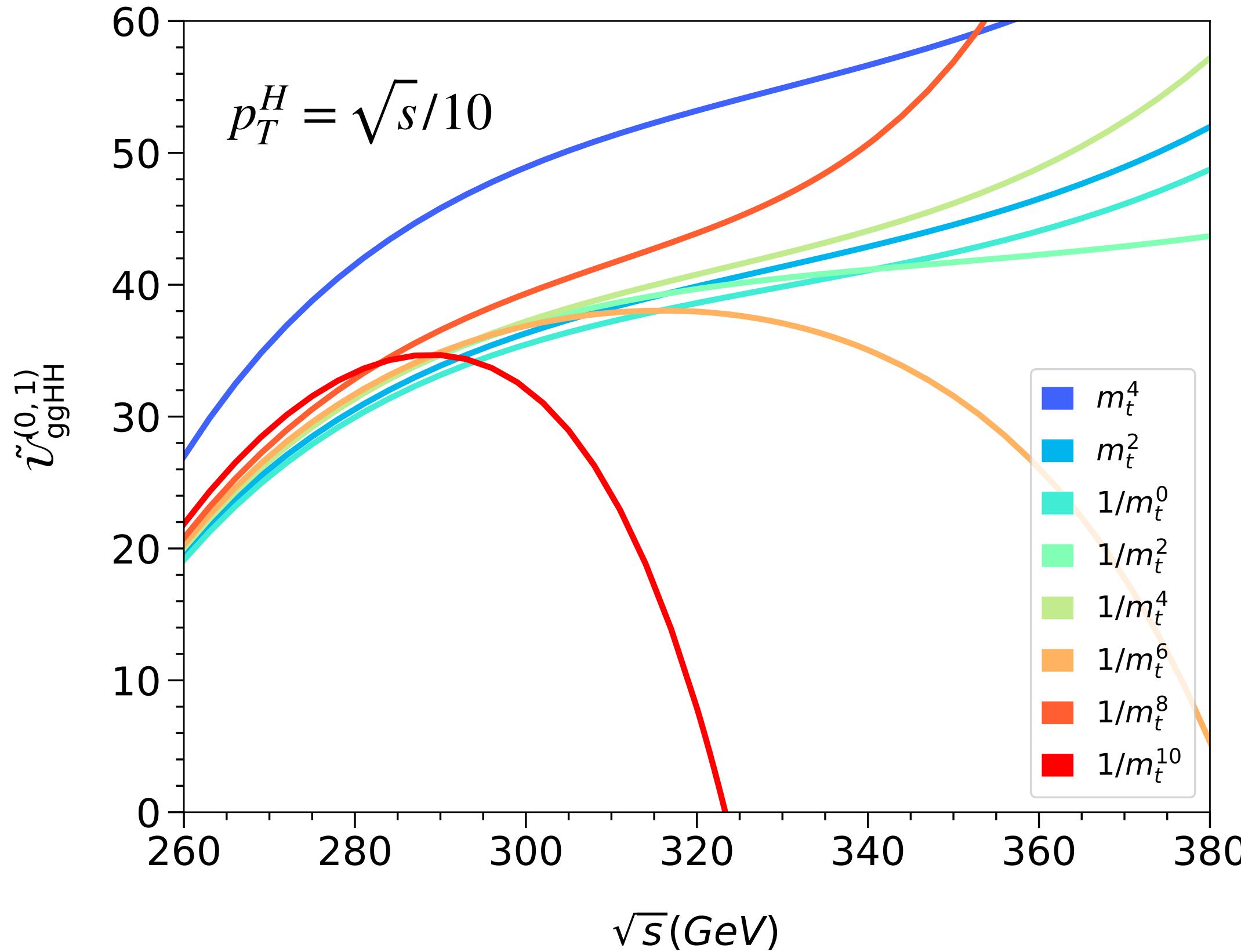
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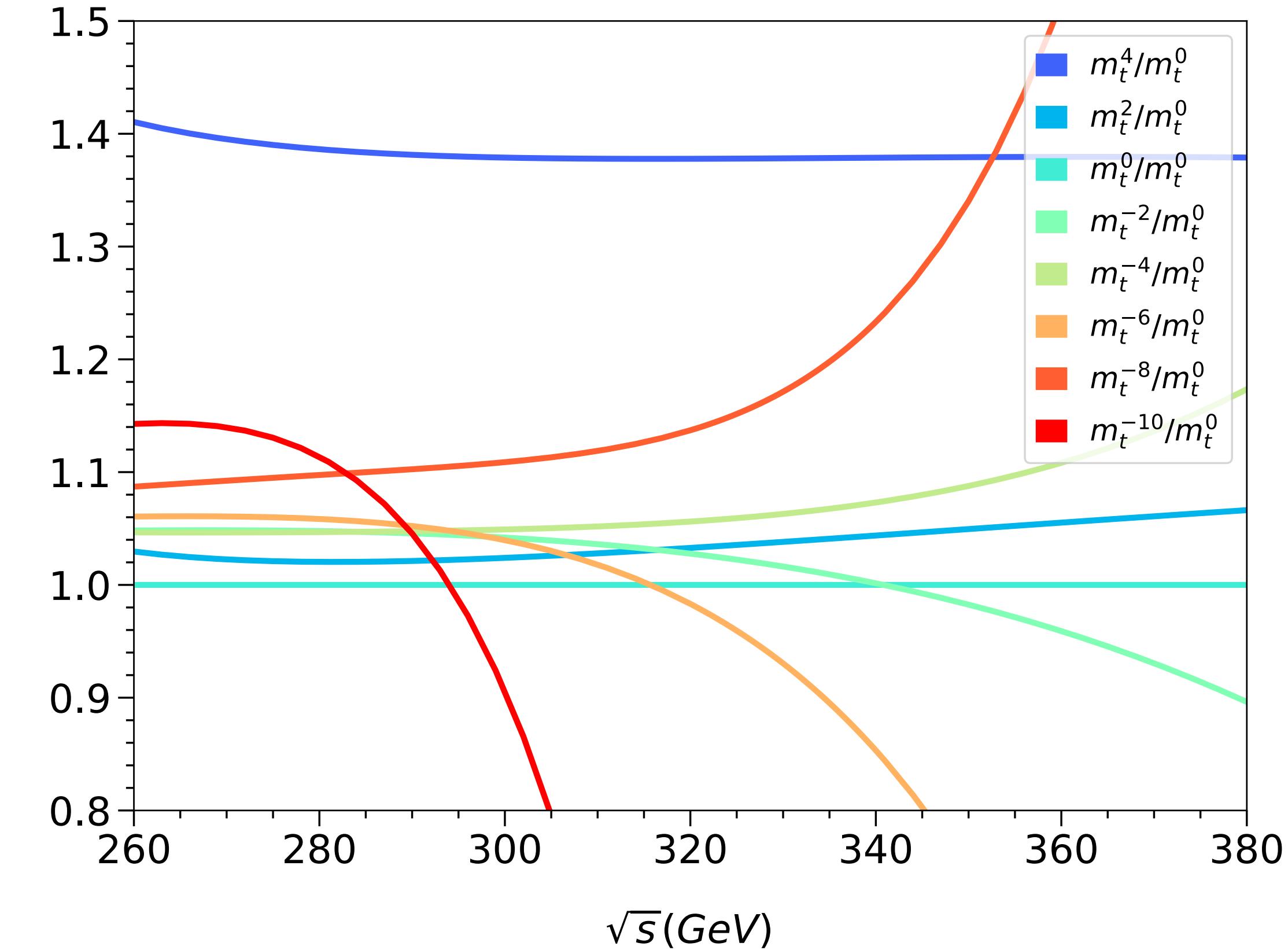
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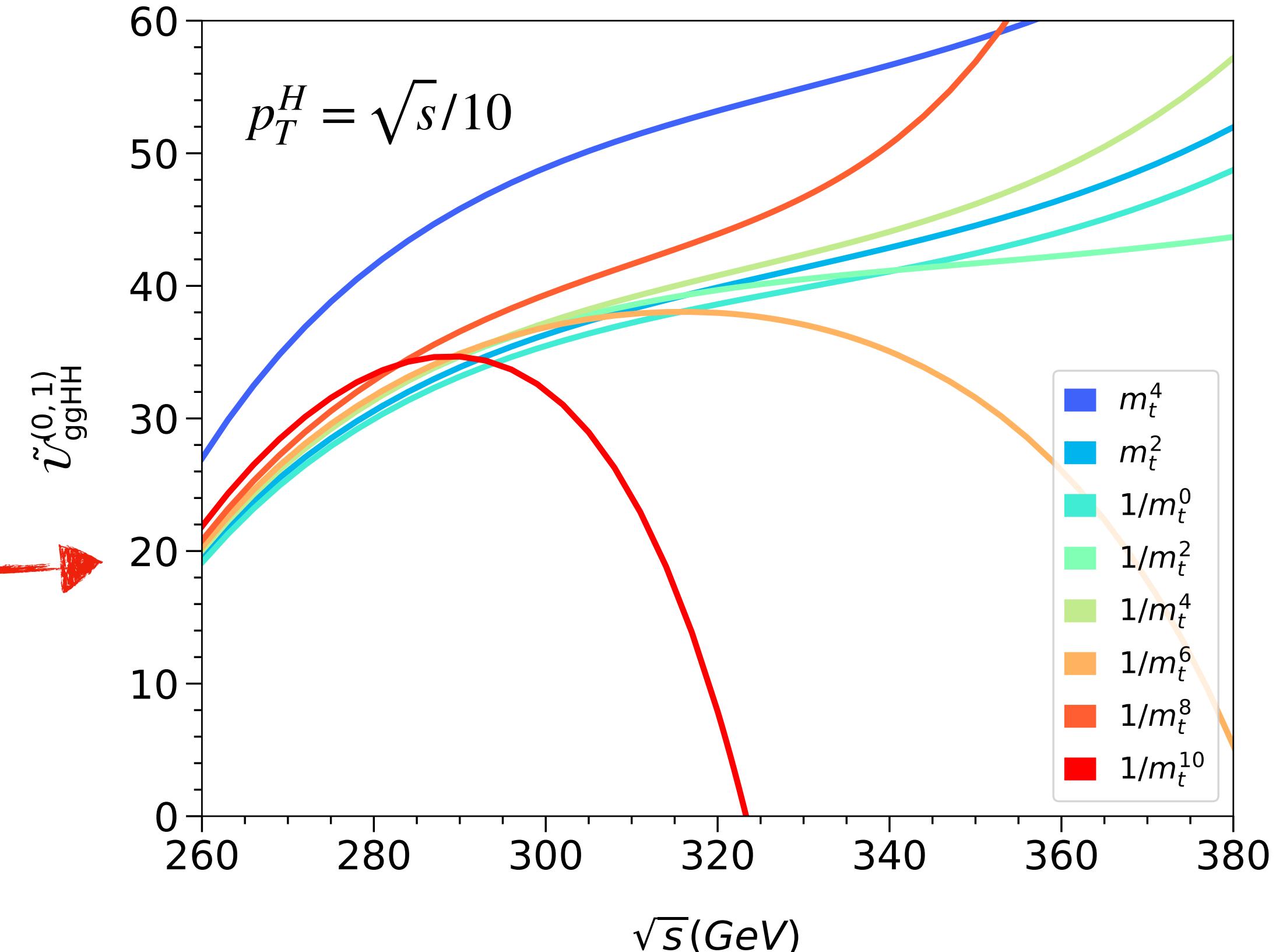
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Famous di-Higgs destructive interference  
(vanishing ME at production threshold)  
is **lifted !!**

3-loop QCD corrections also **lifts** this  
destructive interference

[Grigo, Melnikov, Steinhauser, 14']

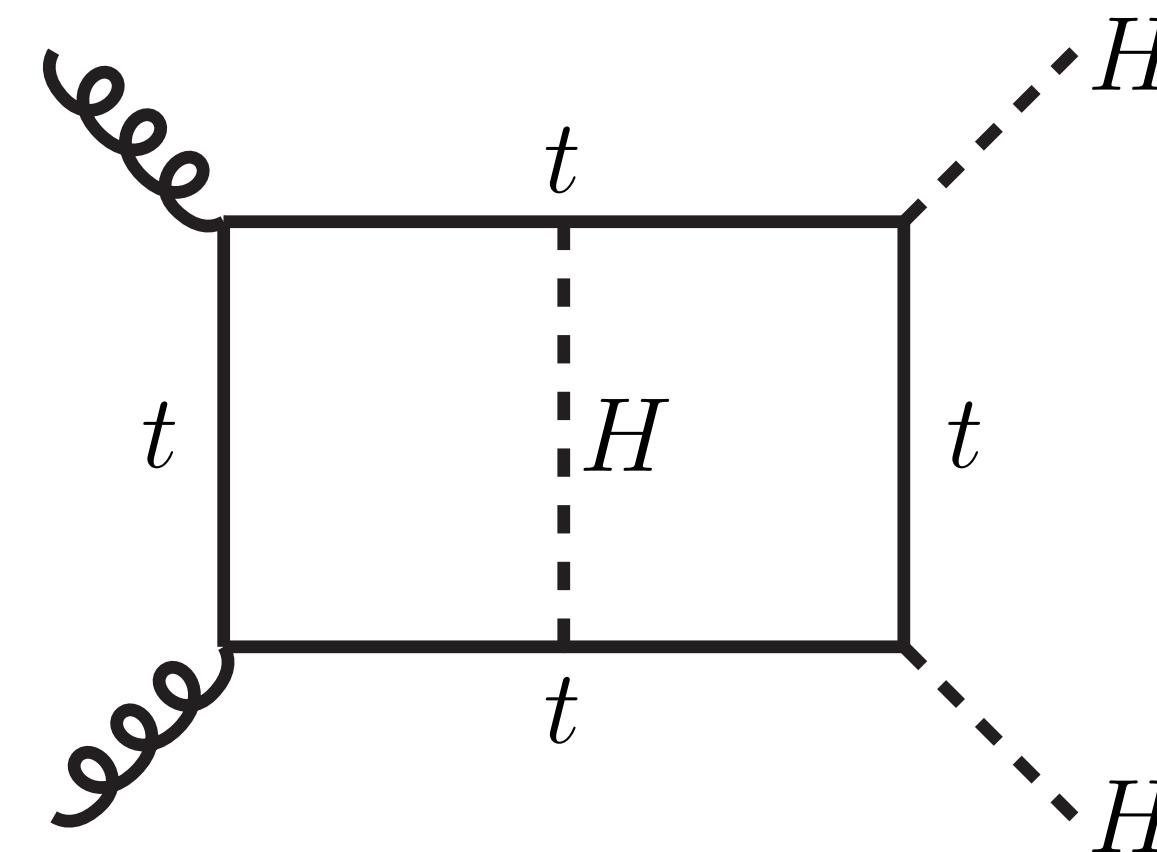


$\tilde{\mathcal{U}}_{\text{ggHH}}^{(0,1)}$  plot up to different expansion order  $1/m_t^n$

# Part 2: Leading Yukawa corrections at high energies

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

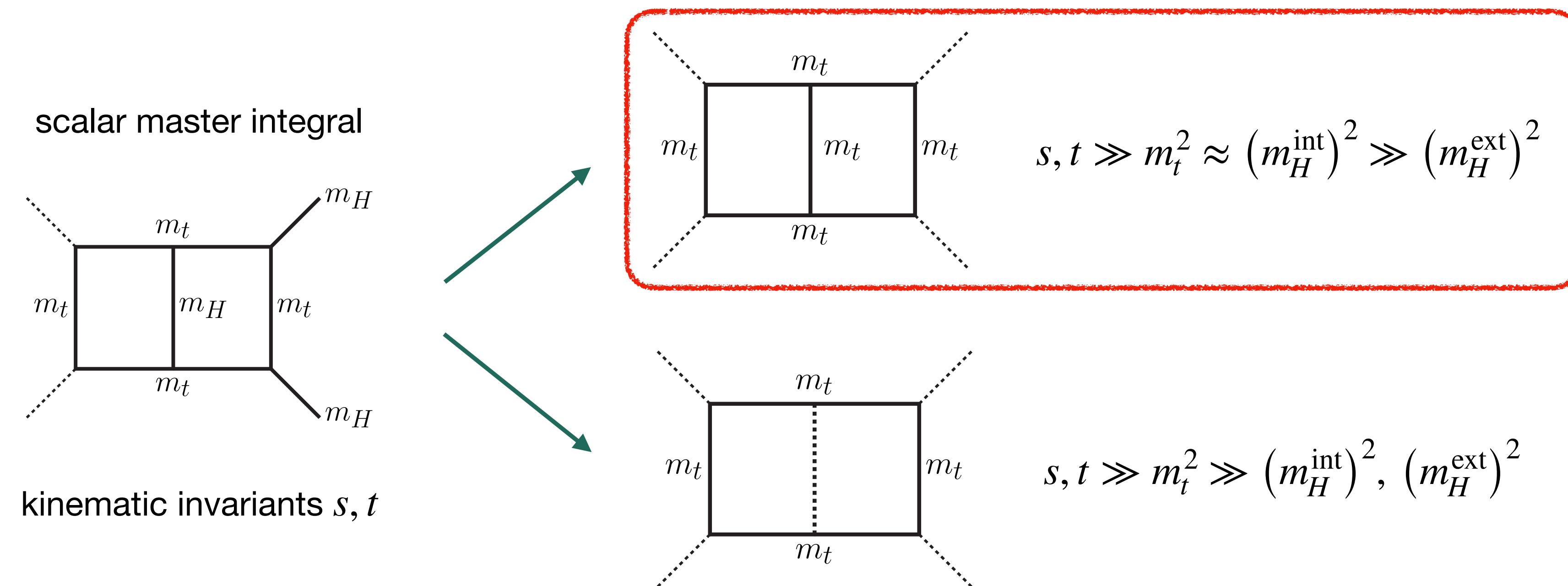
- Sample two-loop diagrams contributing to leading Yukawa-top corrections  $\sim \alpha_s y_t^4$



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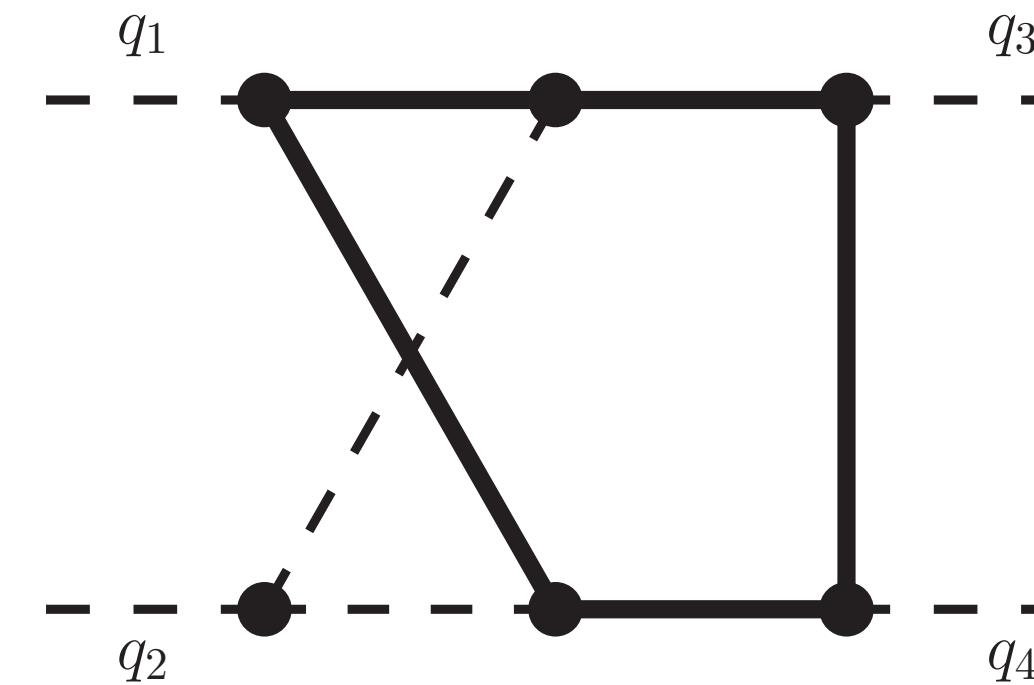
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5. Apply **Padé approximations** at the level of form factors as a **precision tool**

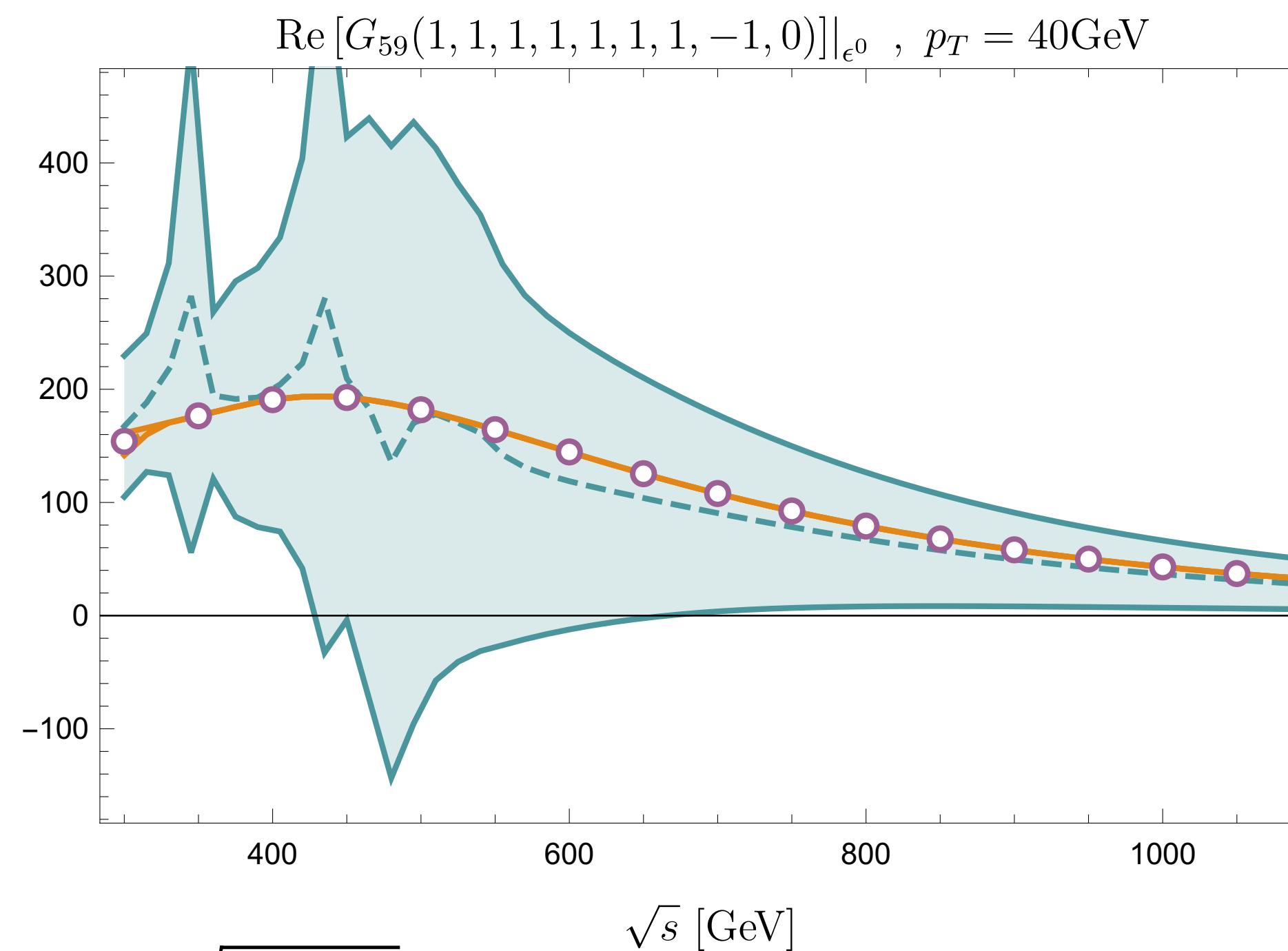
# Padé as precision tool: showcase of QCD integrals

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



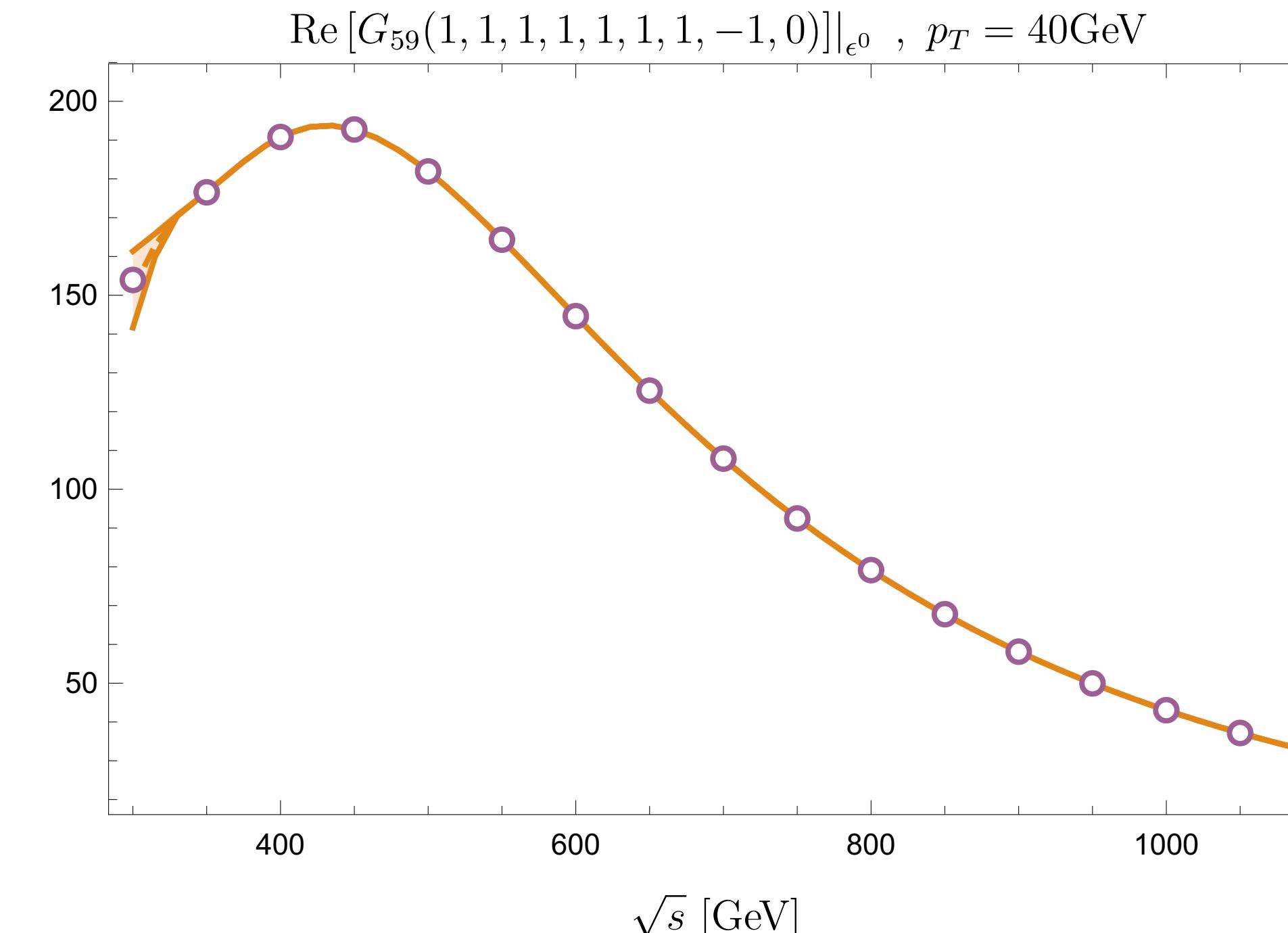
**Padé approximation:**

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



$$p_T^H = \sqrt{\frac{u t - m_H^4}{s}}$$

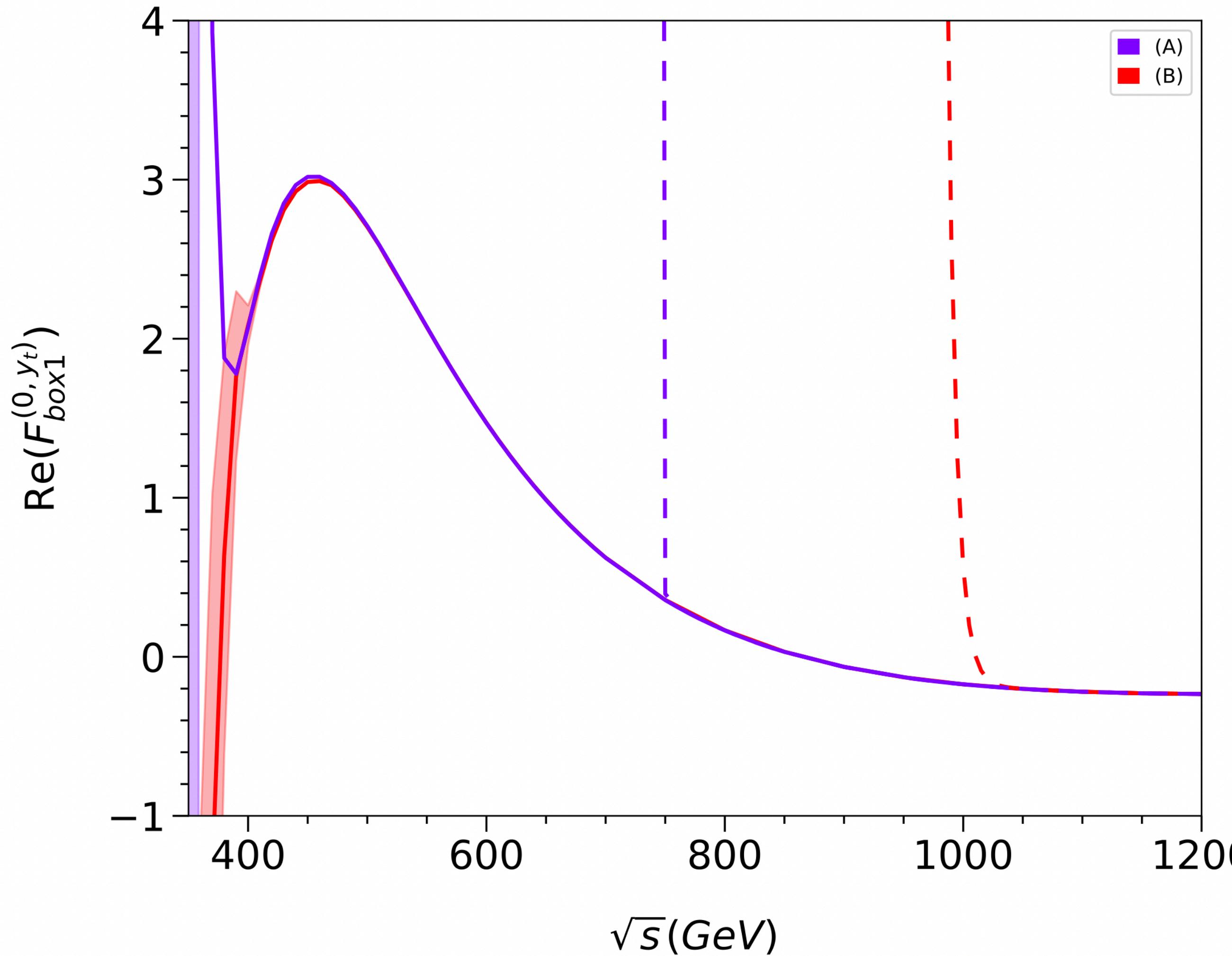
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# Form factors for $gg \rightarrow HH$ @ NLO Yukawa

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



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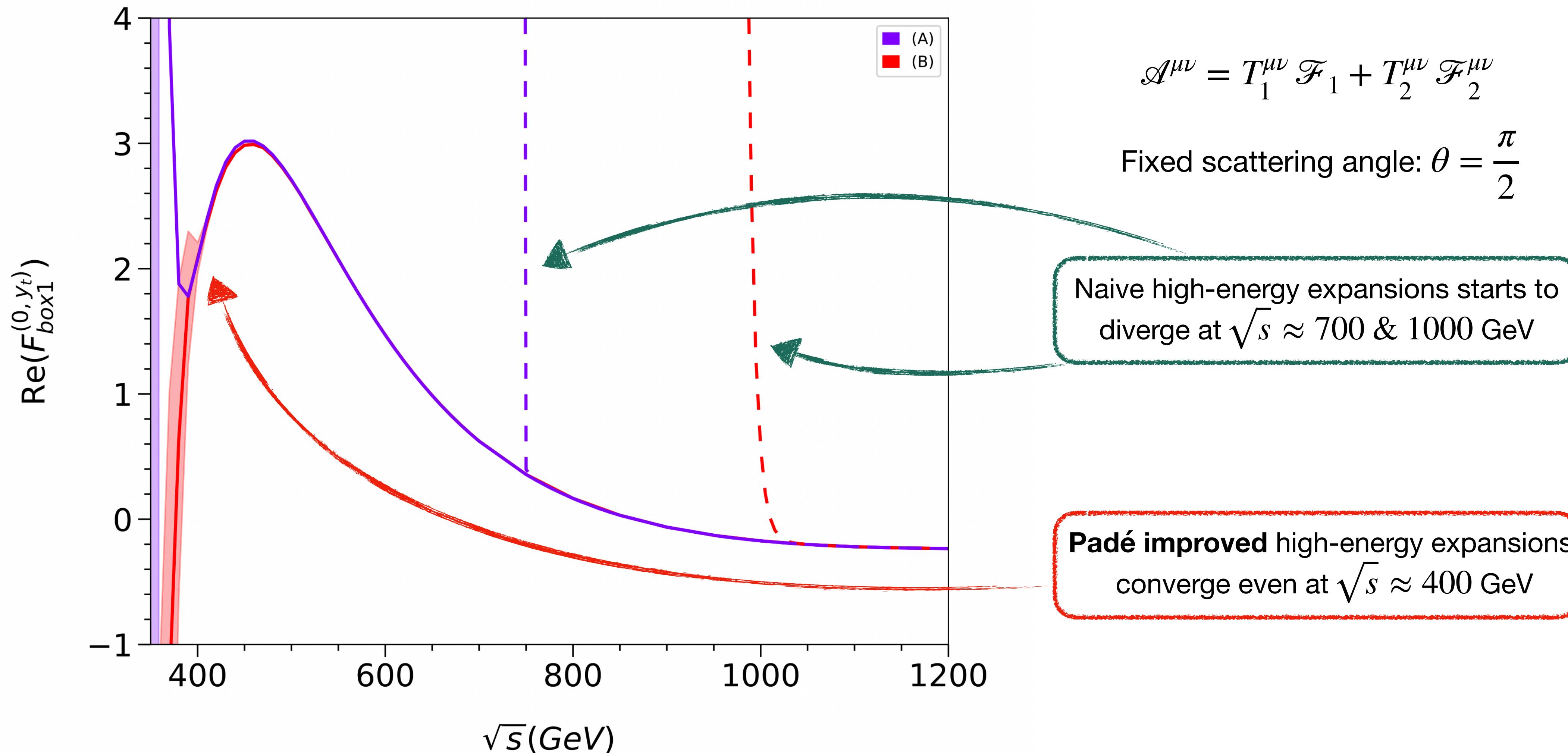
$$\text{Fixed scattering angle: } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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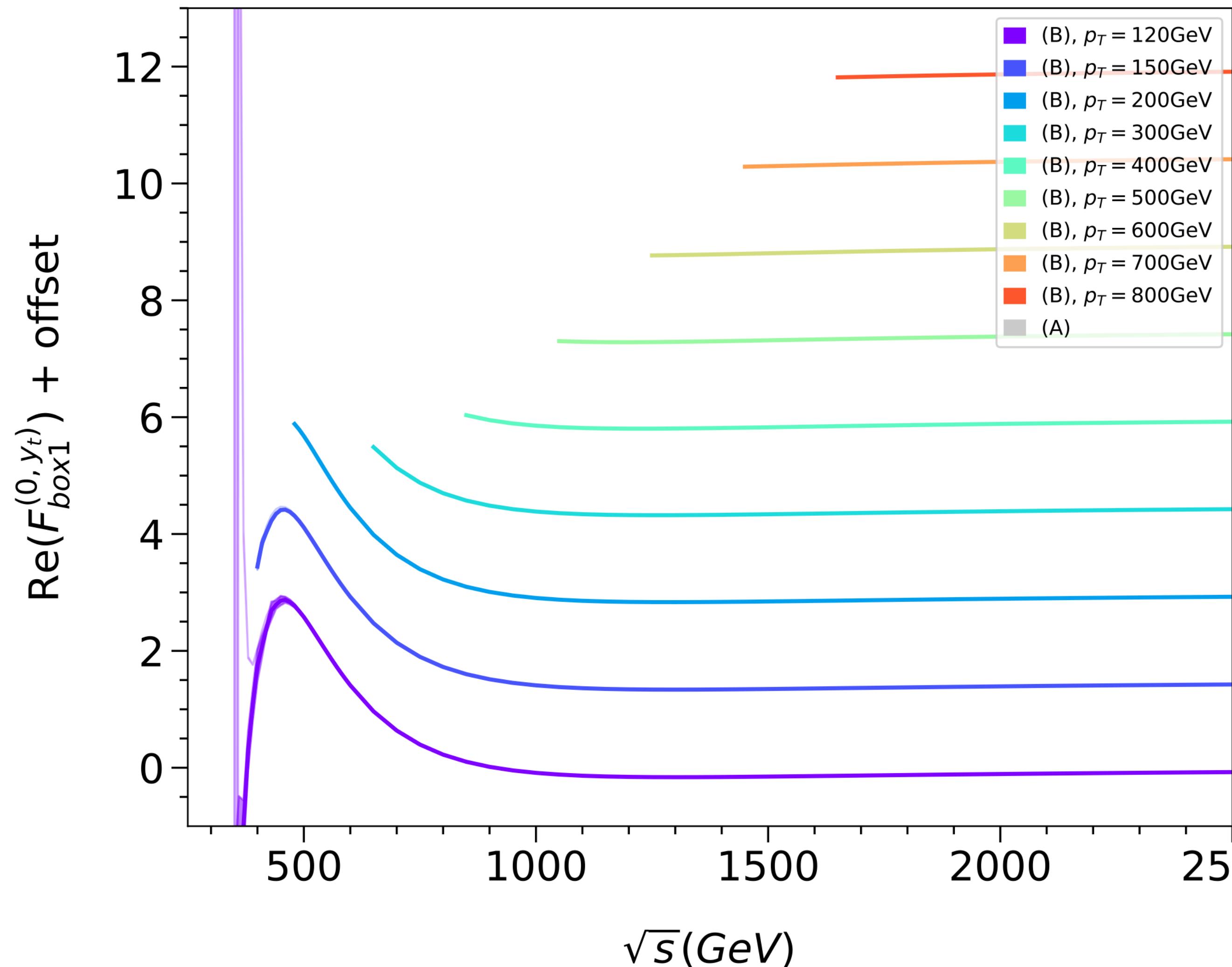


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Padé improved high energy expansions  
converge even at  $p_T^H = 120$  GeV

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

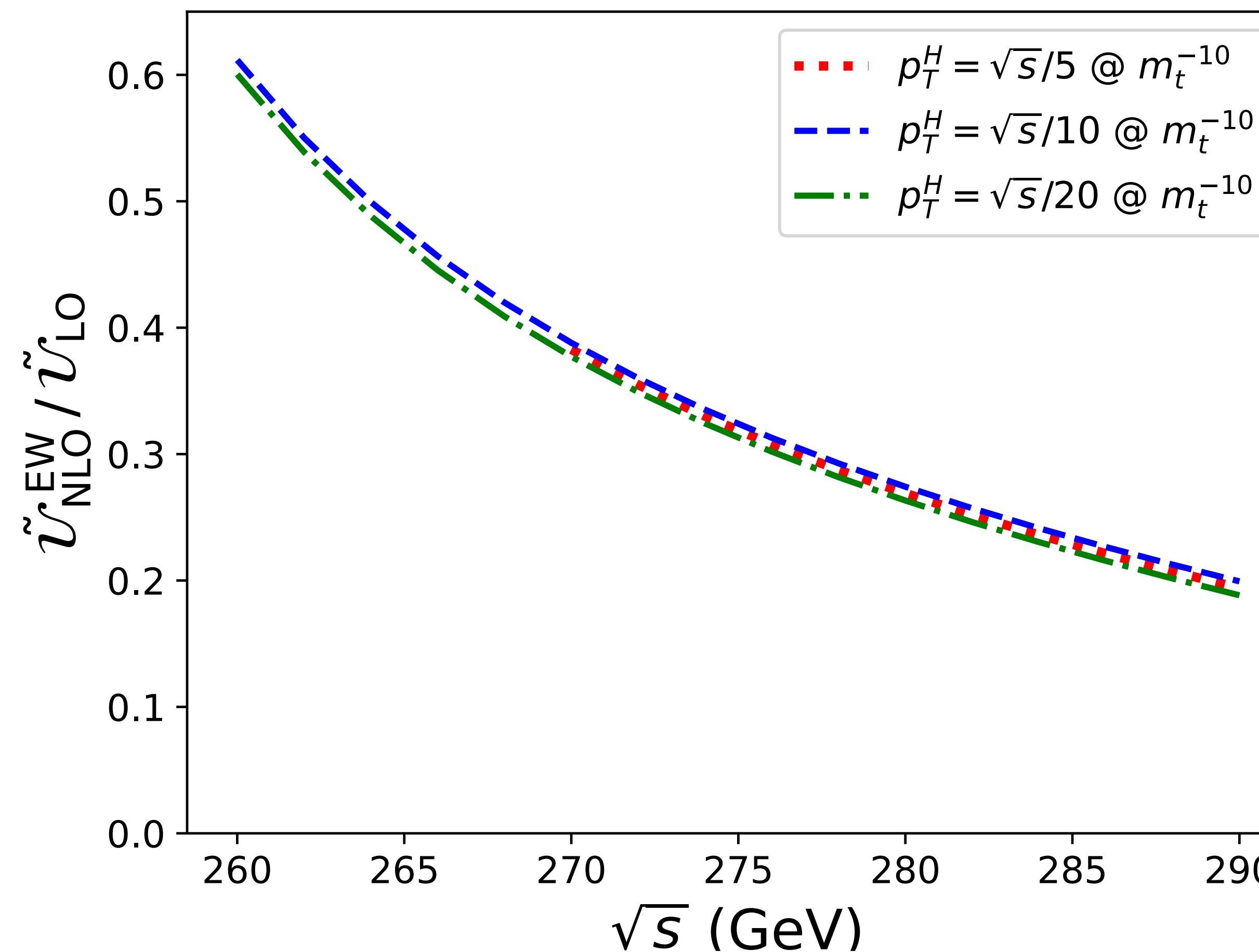
# Conclusions and outlook

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- We analytically compute **NLO leading Yukawa corrections** to  $gg \rightarrow HH$  in high-energy expansion
  - 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
  - Destructive di-Higgs interference at production threshold is **lifted**
  - 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, 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



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$$\frac{\tilde{U}_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{EW}}}{\tilde{U}_{\text{LO}}^{\text{EW}}} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{\tilde{U}_{\text{ggHH}}^{(0,1)}}{\tilde{U}_{\text{ggHH}}^{(0)}}$$

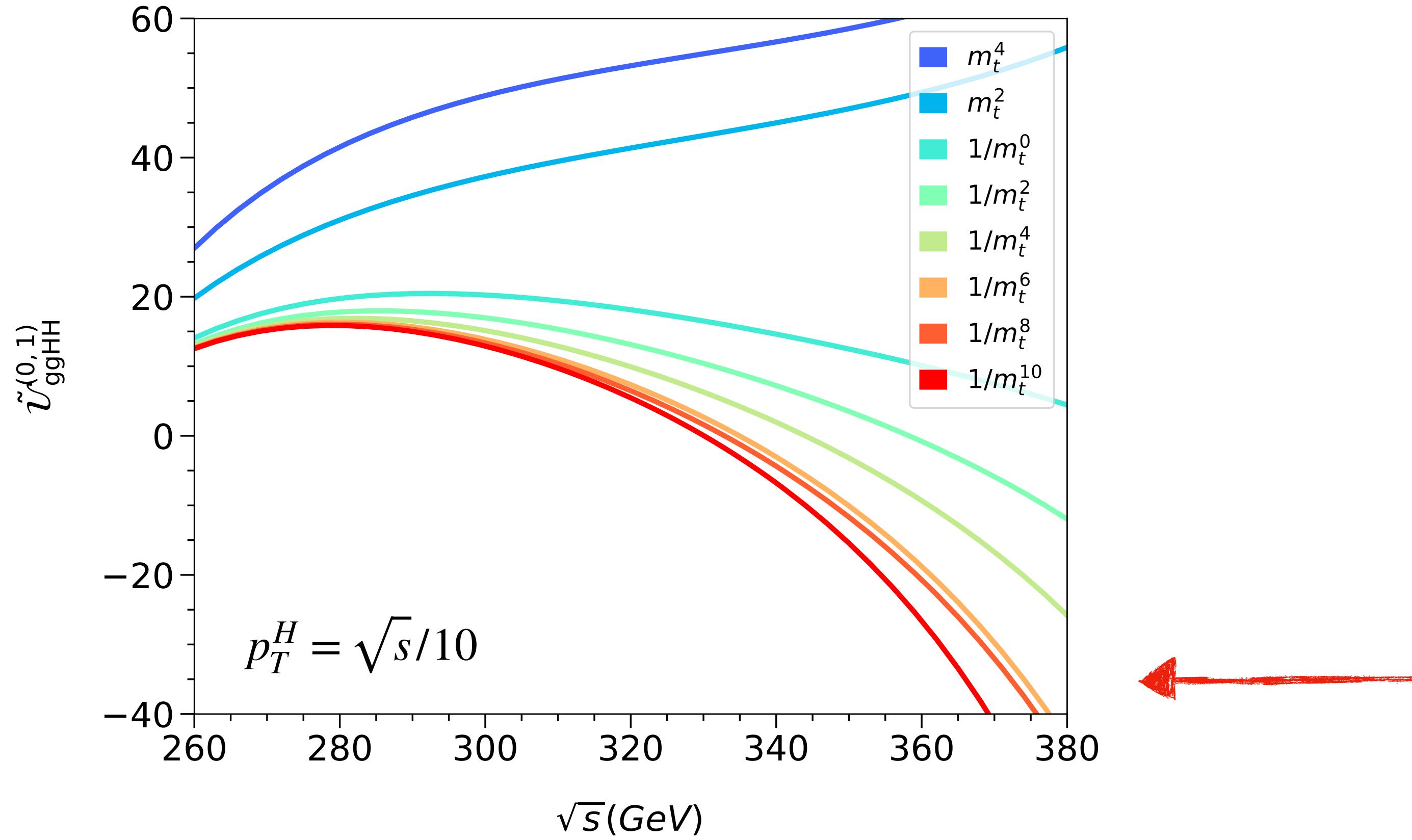


- Size of NLO EW corrections (**positive**) can easily reach  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$  w.r.t. LO at low-energy region
- EW effects are expected to be significant in high-energy region (stay tuned to our future papers)

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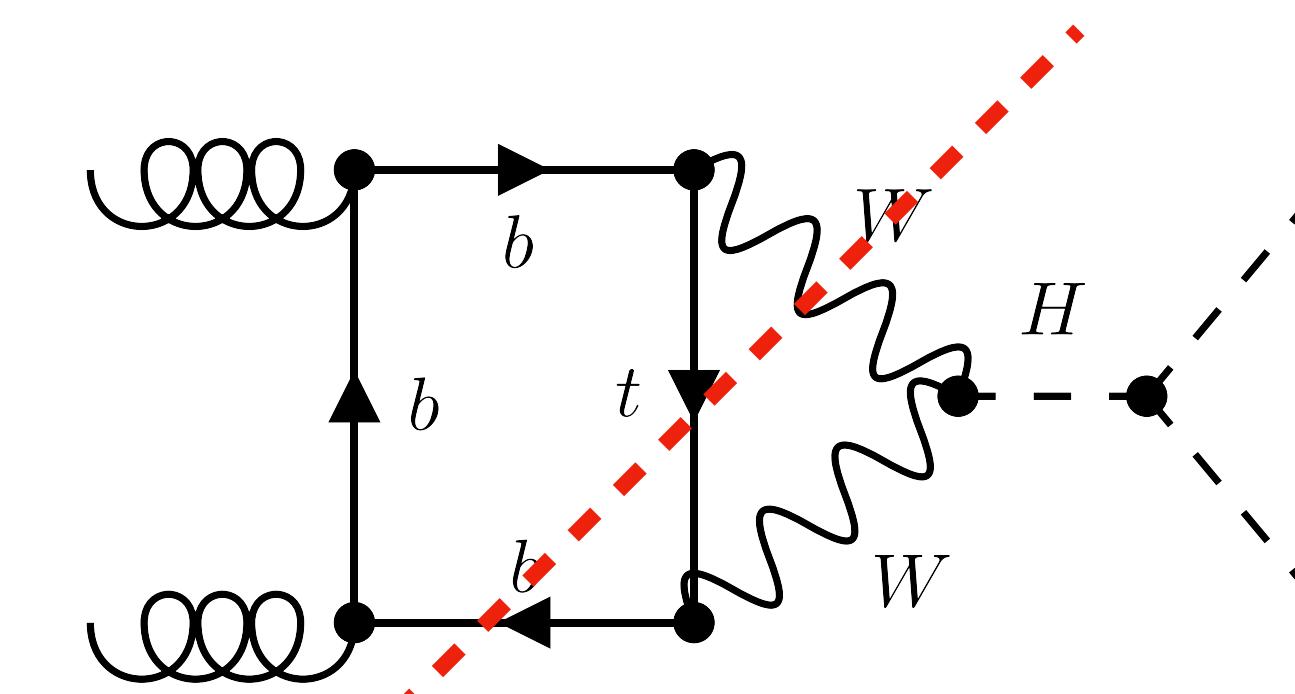
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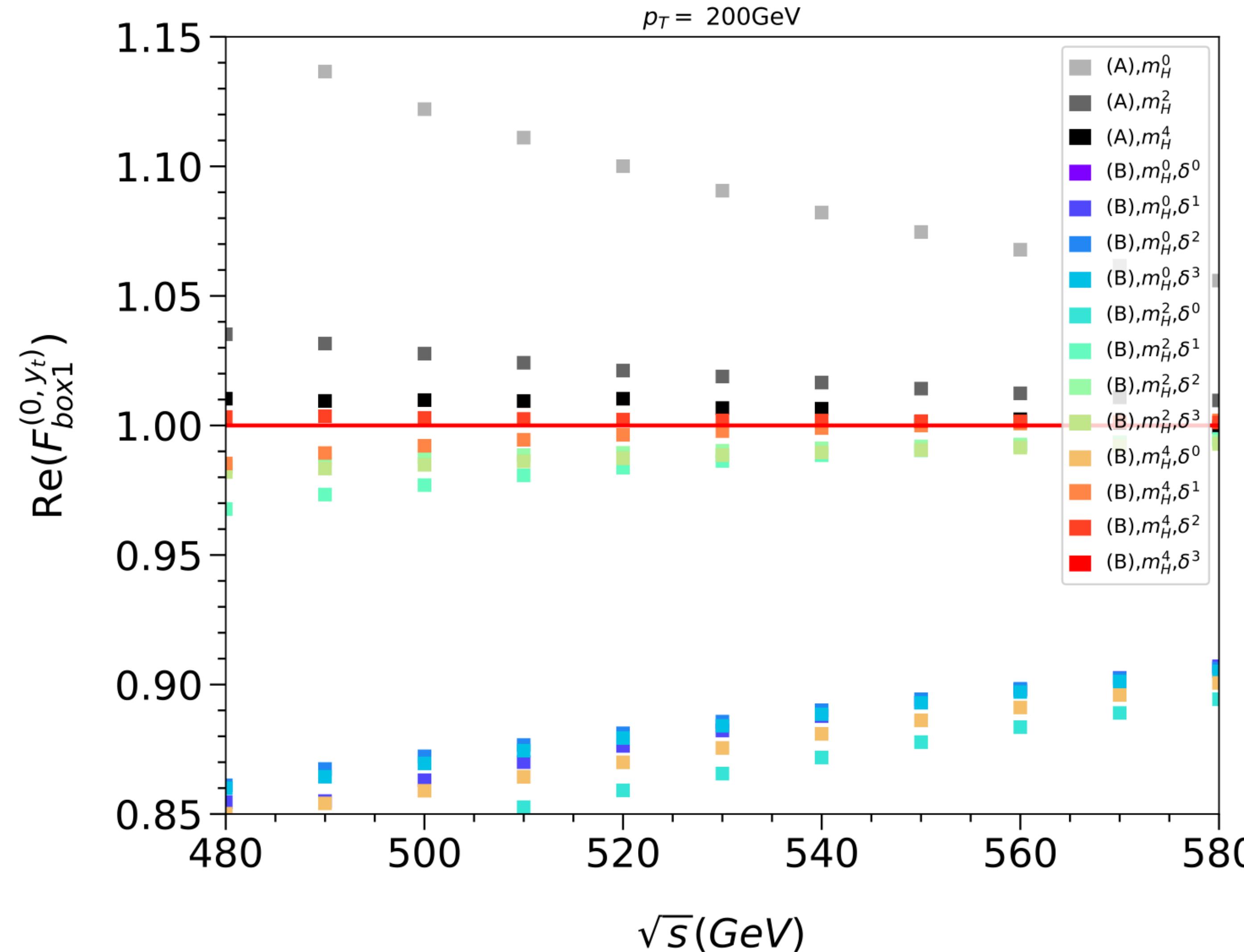


Cut through W-t-b worsen convergence at  
 $m_t + m_b + m_W \approx 250 \text{ GeV}$

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

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

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$$\mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu} = T_1^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{\text{box}1} + T_2^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{\text{box}2}^{\mu\nu}$$

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.