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# electron-muon scattering at NNLO

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The Evaluation of the Leading Hadronic  
Contribution to the Muon g-2:  
Toward the MUonE Experiment  
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# The muon g-2: the QED contribution

$\mu$

$$a_\mu^{\text{QED}} = (1/2)(\alpha/\pi) \quad \text{Schwinger 1948}$$

$$+ 0.765857426(16)(\alpha/\pi)^2$$

Sommerfield; Petermann; Suura&Wichmann '57; Elend '66; MP '04

$$+ 24.05050988(28)(\alpha/\pi)^3$$

Remiddi, Laporta, Barbieri ... ; Czarnecki, Skrzypek; MP '04;  
Friot, Greynat & de Rafael '05, Mohr, Taylor & Newell 2012

$$+ 130.8780(60)(\alpha/\pi)^4$$

Kinoshita & Lindquist '81, ... , Kinoshita & Nio '04, '05;  
Aoyama, Hayakawa, Kinoshita & Nio, 2007, Kinoshita et al. 2012 & 2015;  
Steinhauser et al. 2013, 2015 & 2016 (all electron &  $\tau$  loops, analytic);  
S. Laporta, PLB 2017 (mass independent term). **COMPLETED!**

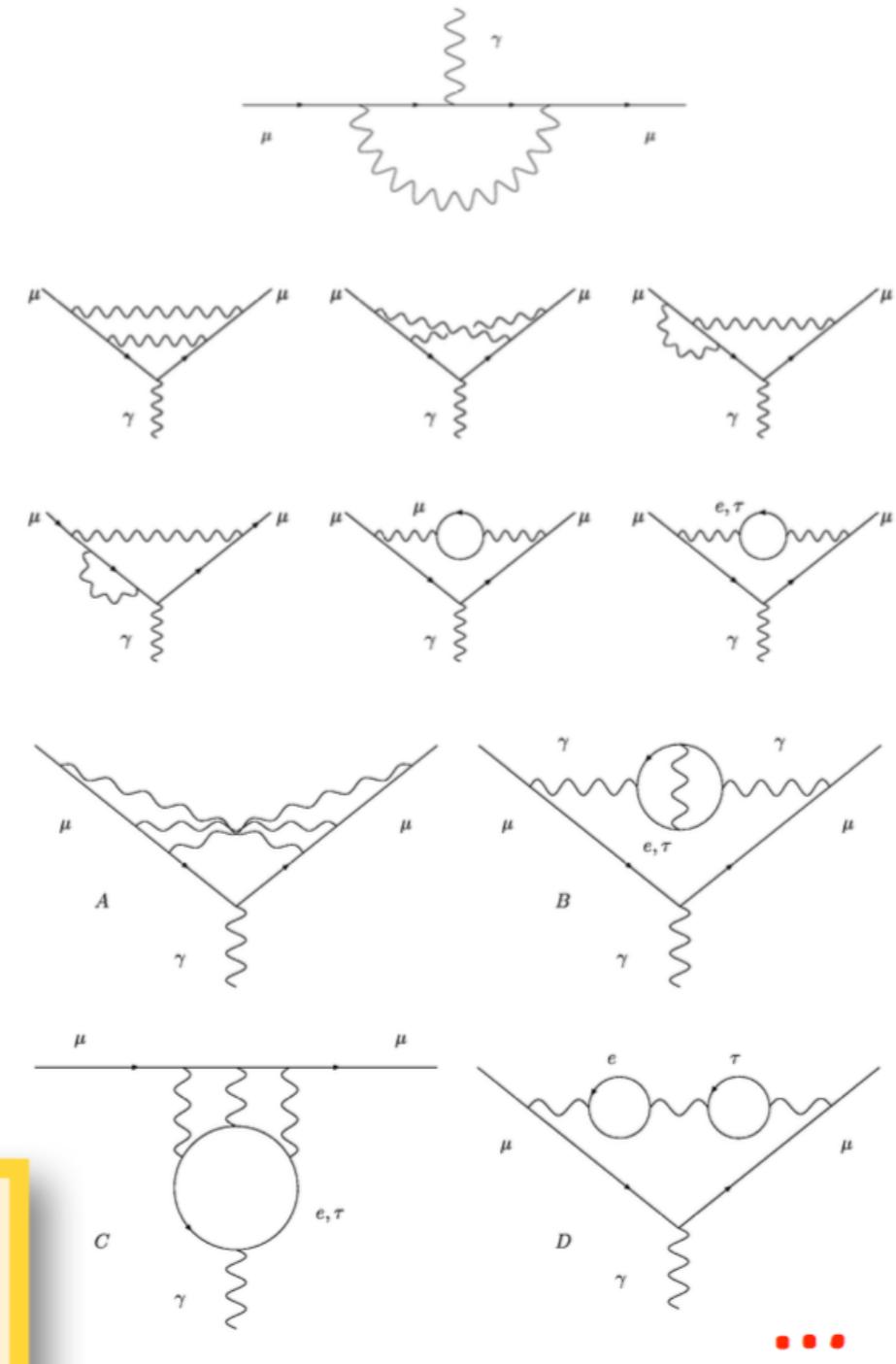
$$+ 750.80(89)(\alpha/\pi)^5 \text{ COMPLETED!}$$

Kinoshita et al. '90, Yelkhovsky, Milstein, Starshenko, Laporta,...  
Aoyama, Hayakawa, Kinoshita, Nio 2012 & 2015 & 2017

**Adding up, I get:**

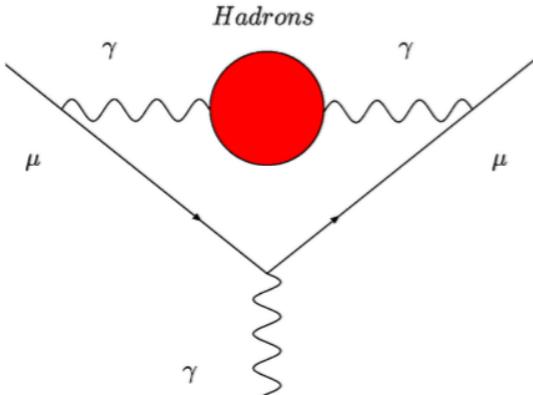
$$a_\mu^{\text{QED}} = 116584718.932(20)(23) \times 10^{-11}$$

from coeffs, mainly from 4-loop unc from  $\alpha$  (Cs)  
 with  $\alpha=1/137.035999046(27)$  [0.2ppb] 2018



## New space-like proposal for HLO

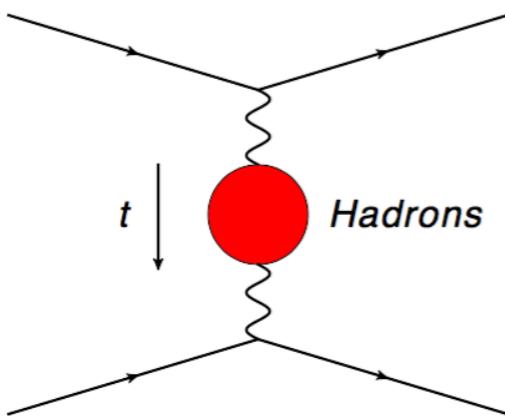
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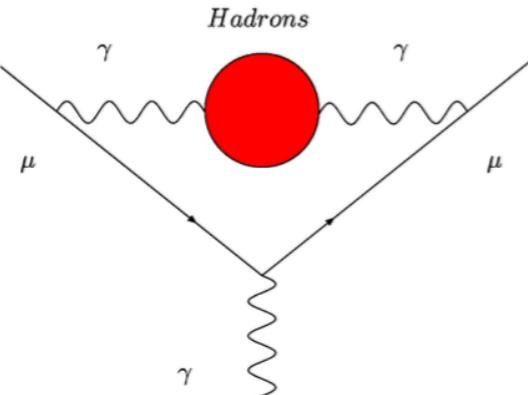
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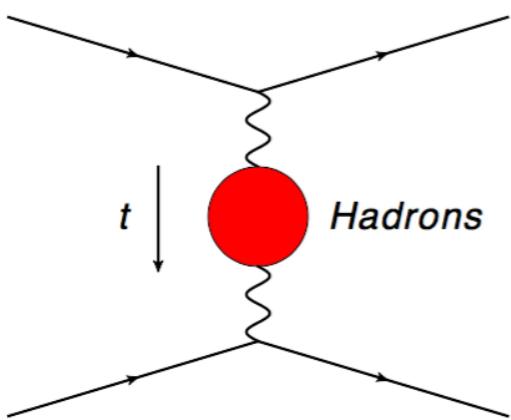


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Muon-electron scattering:  
The MUonE Project

Abbiendi, Carloni Calame, Marconi, Matteuzzi, Montagna,  
Nicrosini, MP, Piccinini, Tenchini, Trentadue, Venanzoni  
EPJC 2017 - arXiv:1609.08987

# *Outline*

- Motivation
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  and  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  @ two loops
- IR pole predictions
- Results
- Outlook

# $e\mu$ -scattering @ NLO

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## Anatomy

- Born matrix element  
tree-level & n-pt process



- Real contribution  
Tree-level (n+1)-particles



- Virtual Contribution  
one-loop n-particles



- ⌚ No assumption made in the newest result
- ⌚ QED & EW effects
- ⌚ Full lepton mass dependence
- ⌚ Fully differential fixed order MC @ NLO

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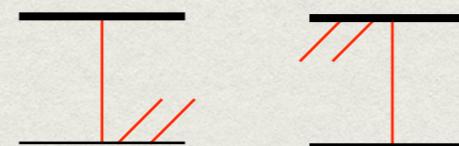
[Carloni Calame, Alacevich, Chiesa, Montagna, Nicrosini, Piccinini (2018)]

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[OpenLoops framework]

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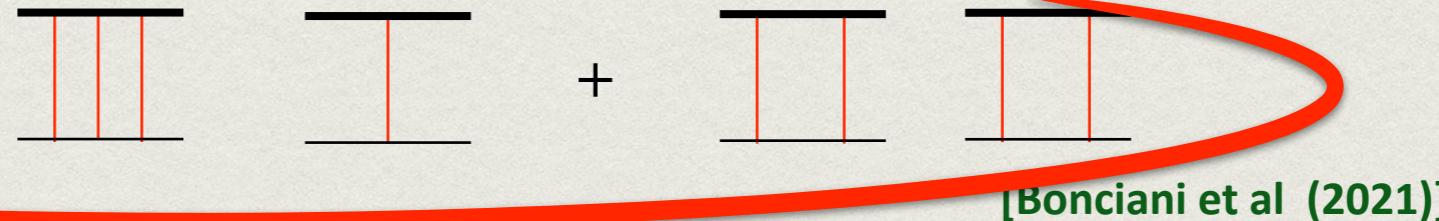


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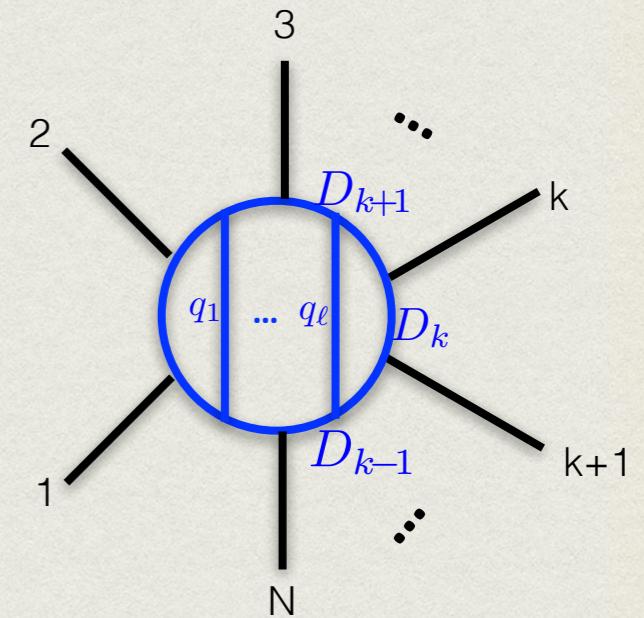
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# Analytic evaluations

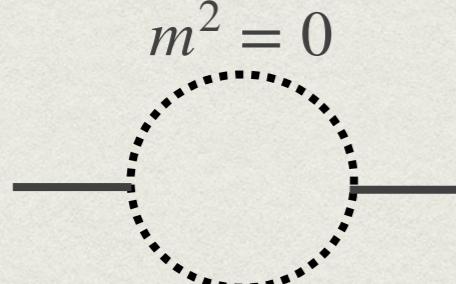
In loop calculations, one finds

$$J_N^{(L),D} (1, \dots, n; n+1, \dots, m) = \int \prod_{i=1}^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{\ell \pi^{D/2}} \frac{\prod_{k=n+1}^m D_k^{-\nu_k}}{\prod_{j=1}^n D_j^{\nu_j}}$$

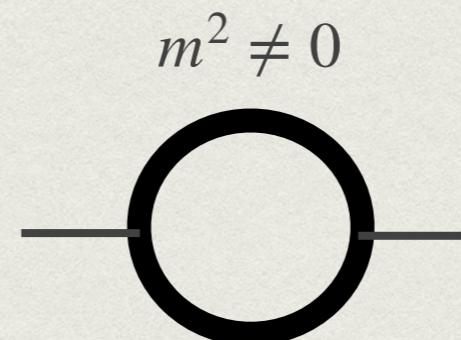
$$D_i = q_i^2 - m_i^2 + i0$$



Complexity easily increases:

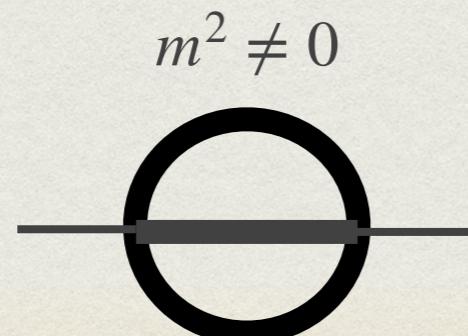


$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} (-p^2)^{-1-\epsilon} \left( -2 + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \epsilon^2 + \frac{14}{3} \zeta_3 \epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4) \right)$$



$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{(-p^2)(4m^2 - p^2)}} \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 - 4m^2/p^2} + 1}{\sqrt{1 - 4m^2/p^2} - 1} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

*→ squared roots*



$$-\frac{4K(\lambda)}{(p^2 + m^2) \sqrt{a_{13}a_{24}}} \left[ 2\mathcal{E}_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & \infty \end{pmatrix}; 1, \vec{a} \right] + \mathcal{E}_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; 1, \vec{a} + \mathcal{E}_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; 1, \vec{a}$$

$$K(\lambda) = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-\lambda x^2)}} \quad \mathcal{E}_4 \begin{pmatrix} n_1 & \dots & n_k \\ c_1 & \dots & c_k \end{pmatrix}; t, \vec{a} = \int_0^x dt \Psi_{n_1}(c_1, t, \vec{a}) \mathcal{E}_4 \begin{pmatrix} n_2 & \dots & n_k \\ c_2 & \dots & c_k \end{pmatrix}; t, \vec{a}$$

*→ elliptic integrals*

# Algorithms for computing Feynman integrals

## Standard approach

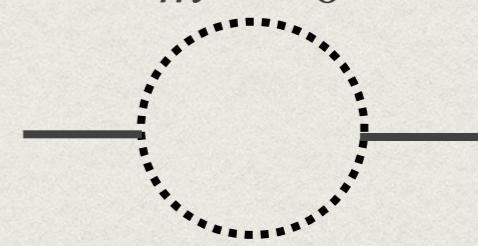
- DEQ :: Feynman integrals are not independent

$$\partial_x \vec{J}(x) = A_i(x, \epsilon) \vec{J}(x)$$

*Canonical form*

**Conjecture:** there exist a basis of uniform transcendental weight functions

[Henn (2013)]


$$\frac{1}{\epsilon}(-p^2)^{-1-\epsilon} \left( -2 + \frac{\pi^2}{6}\epsilon^2 + \frac{14}{3}\zeta_3\epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4) \right)$$

$$\partial_x \vec{g}(x) = \epsilon B(x) \vec{g}(x) \longrightarrow d\vec{g}(x, \epsilon) = \epsilon (d\tilde{B}) \vec{g}(x; \epsilon)$$
$$\tilde{B} = \sum_k B_k \log \alpha_k(x)$$

Uniform weight function

- Solution in terms of iterated integrals :: HPL/GPL (PolyLogs)

$$\mathcal{G}(a_1, \dots, a_n; x) = \int_0^x dt \frac{1}{t - a_n} \mathcal{G}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}; t)$$

Numerical implementations:  
GinaC, HandyG, FastGPL, ...

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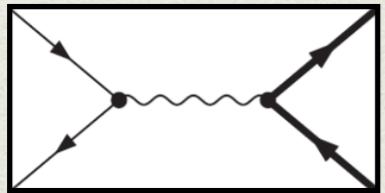
- ⌚ emu scattering  $\rightarrow$  di-muon production
- ⌚ Close connection to  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$   
(completely known numerically in literature)
- ⌚ Checks from QCD to QED

[Bonciani, Ferroglia, Gehrmann, Studerus (2009)]

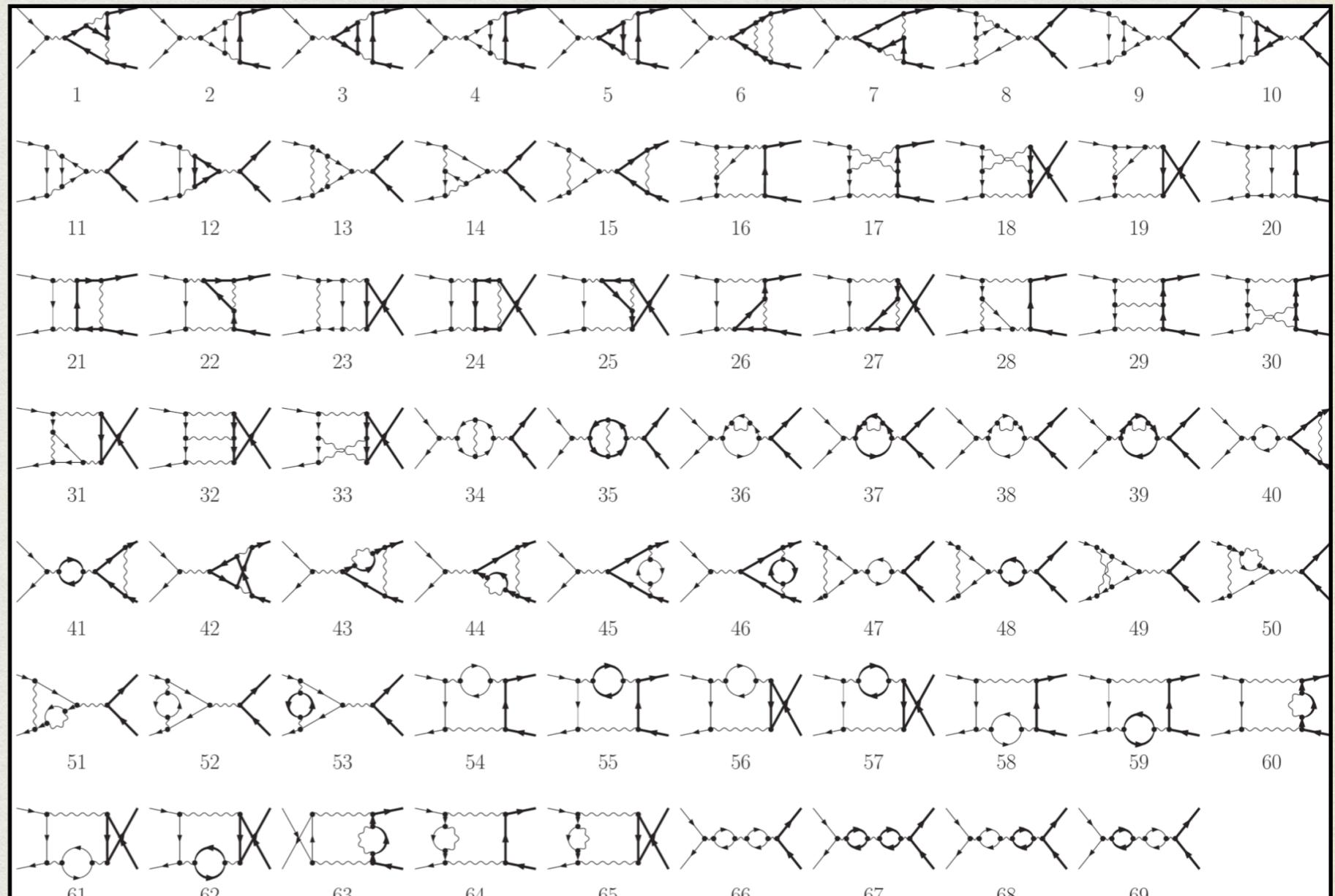
[Barnreuther, Czakon, Fiedler (2013)]

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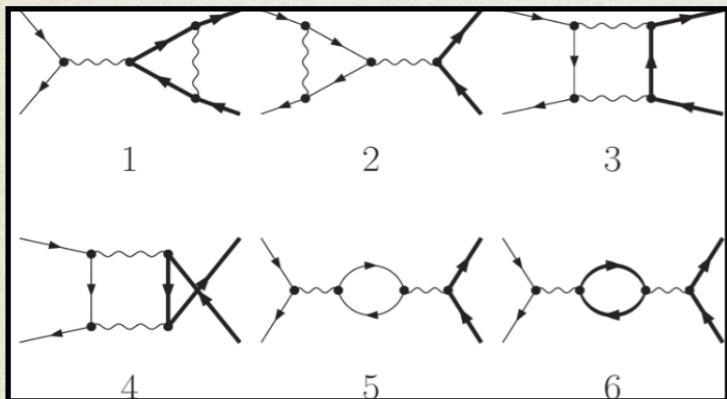
## Tree-level



## Two-loop



## One-loop

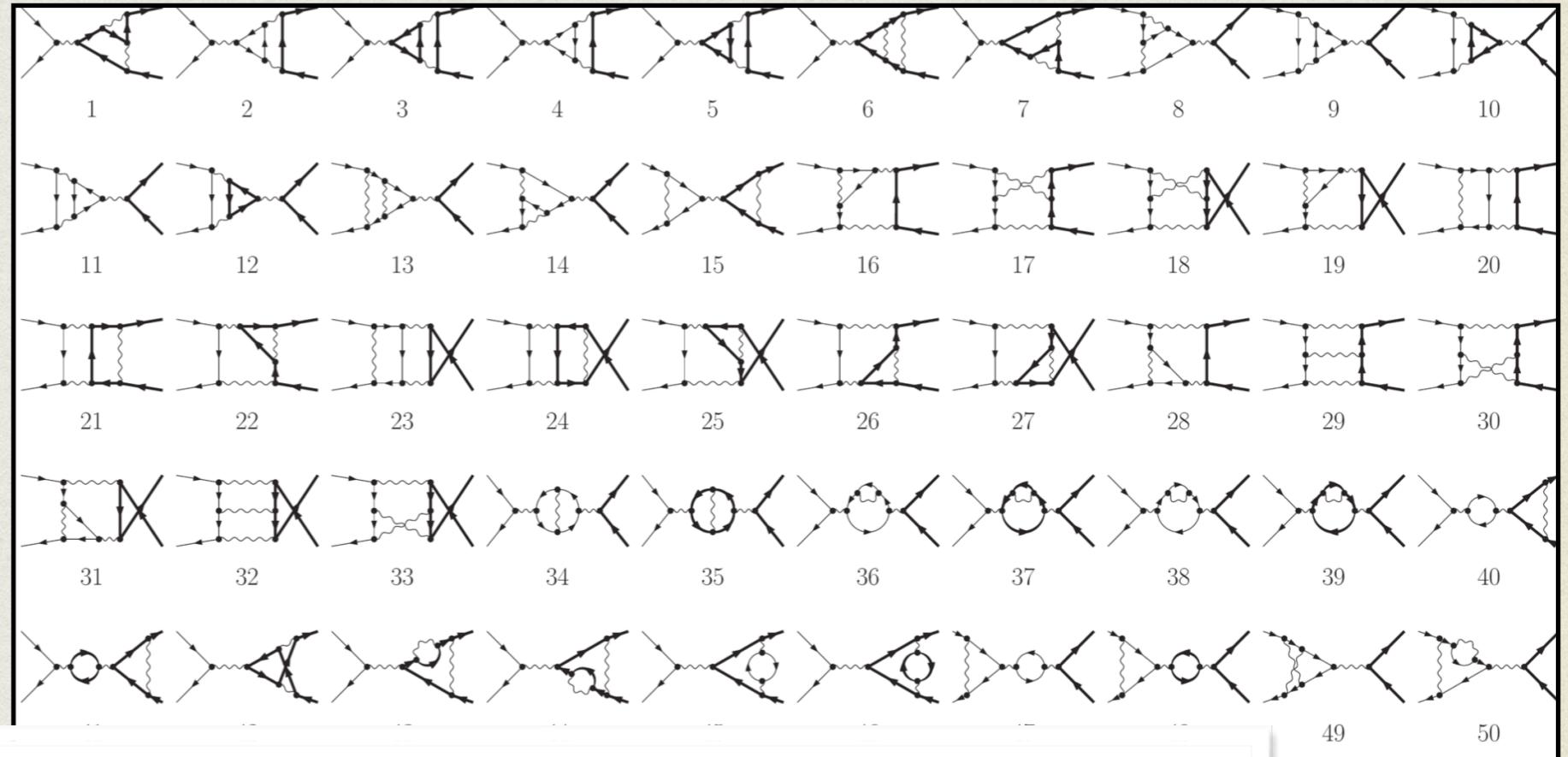


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## • Two-loop

69 diagrams  
@ 2-loop

Automatically  
organised in  
groups



$$\mathcal{M}^{(2)} = A^{(2)} + \mathbf{n}_l B_l^{(2)} + \mathbf{n}_h C_h^{(2)} + \mathbf{n}_l^2 D_l^{(2)} + \mathbf{n}_h \mathbf{n}_l E_{hl}^{(2)} + \mathbf{n}_h^2 F_h^{(2)}$$

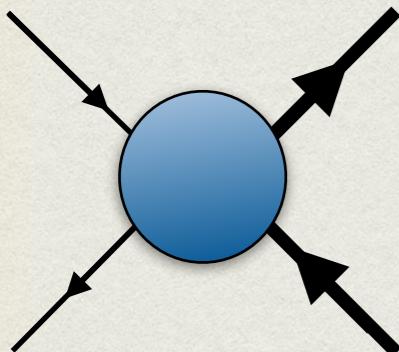
Integrand  
reductions by  
means of AIDA

→

$$\mathcal{M}^{(2)} = \frac{\mathcal{M}_{-4}^{(2)}}{\epsilon^4} + \dots + \frac{\mathcal{M}_{-1}^{(2)}}{\epsilon} + \mathcal{M}_0^{(2)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

# Algebraic decomposition

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- In the massless electron limit ( $m_e^2 = 0$ ) 4-point process depending on **3 scales**

## Integrand/integral reductions

$$\mathcal{M}^{(2)}(e\mu \rightarrow e\mu) = \sum_k c_k(s, t, m^2, \epsilon) I_k^{(2)}(s, t, m^2, \epsilon)$$

$O(10000)$  monomials

**[Aida :: Mastrolia, Peraro, Primo, Ronca, W.J.T.]**

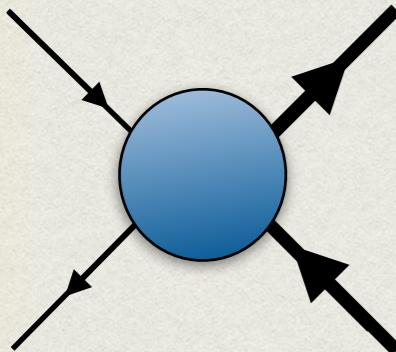
$O(100)$  MIs

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**[Reduze :: Studerus, von Manteuffel (2012)]**

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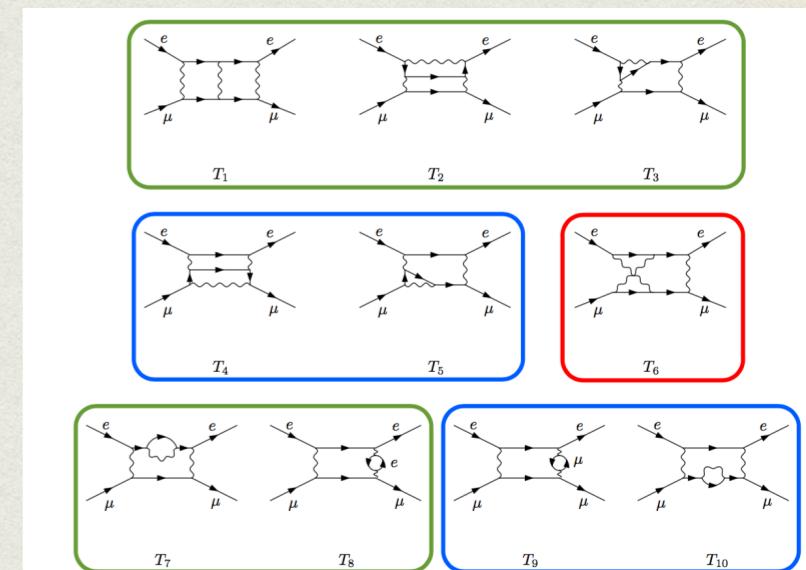
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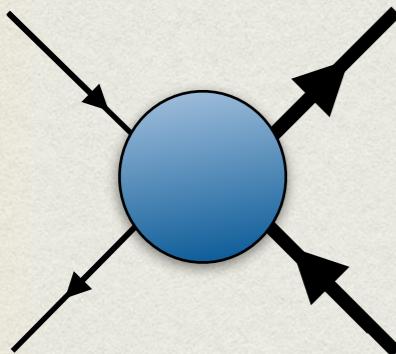
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All bare amplitudes → Computed!

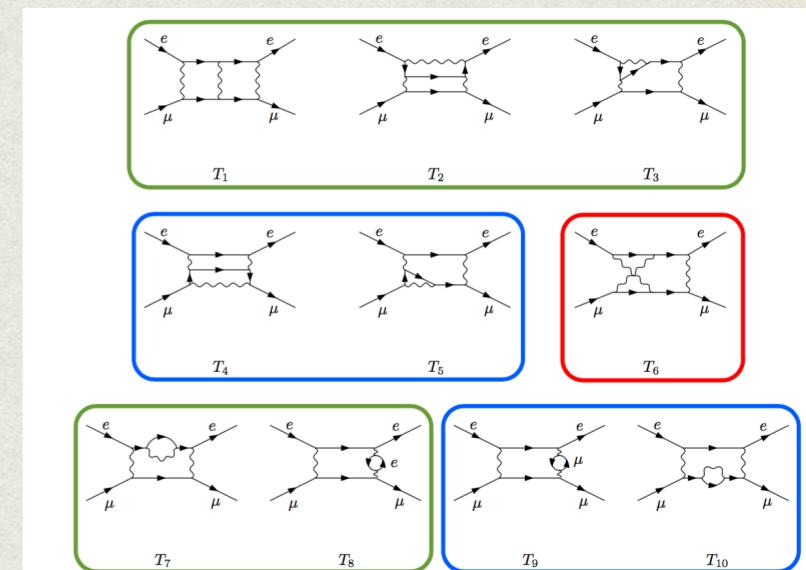
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# UV Renormalisation

- Fields

$$\psi_b = \sqrt{Z_2} \psi, \quad A_b^\sigma = \sqrt{Z_3} A^\sigma, \quad M_b = Z_M M$$

- QED interaction vertex  $\longrightarrow$  Fixed from QED Ward id'

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = e_b \bar{\psi}_b A_b \psi_b = e \bar{\psi} A \psi$$

- Scheme :: On-shell + MSbar

$$Z_{2,e} = Z_{2,e}^{\text{OS}}, \quad Z_{2,\mu} = Z_{2,\mu}^{\text{OS}}, \quad Z_M = Z_M^{\text{OS}}, \quad Z_\alpha^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = 1/Z_3^{\overline{\text{MS}}}$$

$$Z_j = 1 + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right) \delta Z_j^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \delta Z_j^{(2)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$$

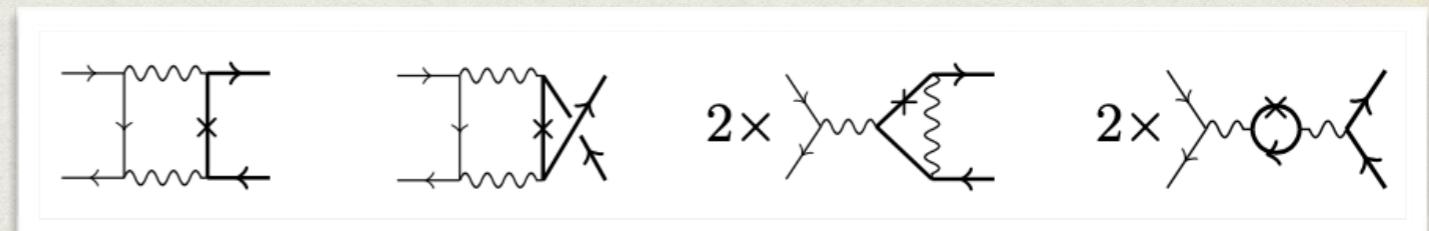
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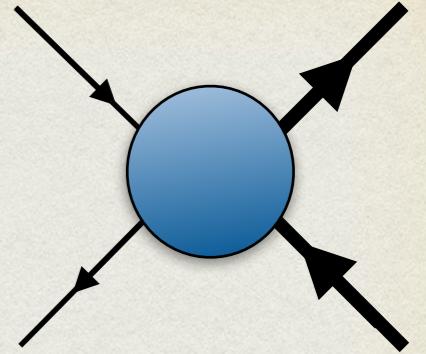
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- Evaluation @  $s/M^2 = 5, t/M^2 = -5/4, \mu = M$ .

[[Ginac :: Vollinga, Weinzierl \(2004\)](#)]

[[HandyG :: Naterop, Signer, Y. Ulrich \(2019\)](#)]

	$\epsilon^{-4}$	$\epsilon^{-3}$	$\epsilon^{-2}$	$\epsilon^{-1}$	$\epsilon^0$	$\epsilon$
$\mathcal{M}^{(0)}$	-	-	-	-	$\frac{181}{100}$	-2
$A^{(1)}$	-	-	$-\frac{181}{100}$	1.99877525	22.0079572	-11.7311017
$B_l^{(1)}$	-	-	-	-	-0.069056030	4.94328573
$C_h^{(1)}$	-	-	-	-	-2.24934027	2.54943566
$A^{(2)}$	$\frac{181}{400}$	-0.499387626	-35.4922919	19.4997261	48.8842283	-
$B_l^{(2)}$	-	$-\frac{181}{400}$	0.785712779	-16.1576674	-3.75247701	-
$C_h^{(2)}$	-	-	1.12467013	-9.50785825	-25.8771503	-
$D_l^{(2)}$	-	-	-	-	-3.96845688	-
$E_{hl}^{(2)}$	-	-	-	-	-4.88512563	-
$F_h^{(2)}$	-	-	-	-	-0.158490810	-

[[Bonciani, Broggio, Di Vita, Ferroglio, Mandal, Mastrolia, Mattiazzi, Primo, Ronca, Schubert, W.J.T., Tramontano \(2021\)](#)]

# *IR Structure w/ massive particles in the loop*

- tree- & one-loop contributions  $\rightarrow$  two-loop IR poles after UV renormalisation

[Czakon, Mitov, Moch (2007)]

[Becher, Neubert (2009)]

[Hill (2017)]

$$\mathcal{M}^{(1)} \Big|_{\text{poles}} = \frac{1}{2} Z_1^{\text{IR}} \mathcal{M}^{(0)} \Big|_{\text{poles}}$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{(2)} \Big|_{\text{poles}} = \frac{1}{8} \left[ \left( Z_2^{\text{IR}} - (Z_1^{\text{IR}})^2 \right) \mathcal{M}^{(0)} + 2Z_1^{\text{IR}} \mathcal{M}^{(1)} \right] \Big|_{\text{poles}}$$

- Anomalous dimension  $\rightarrow$  IR structure

$$\Gamma = \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha) \ln \left( -\frac{s}{\mu^2} \right) + 2\gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha) \ln \left( \frac{t-M^2}{u-M^2} \right) + \gamma_{\text{cusp},M}(\alpha, s) + \gamma_h(\alpha, s) + \gamma_l(\alpha, s)$$

- IR renormalisation factor

$$\ln Z^{\text{IR}} = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\Gamma'_0}{4\epsilon^2} + \frac{\Gamma_0}{2\epsilon} \right) + \left( \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left( -\frac{3\beta_0\Gamma'_0}{16\epsilon^3} + \frac{\Gamma'_1 - 4\beta_0\Gamma_0}{16\epsilon^2} + \frac{\Gamma_1}{4\epsilon} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^3) \quad \Gamma' = \frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \mu} \Gamma(\alpha)$$

Full agreement of the IR poles structure obtained by direct calculation of the two-loop diagrams

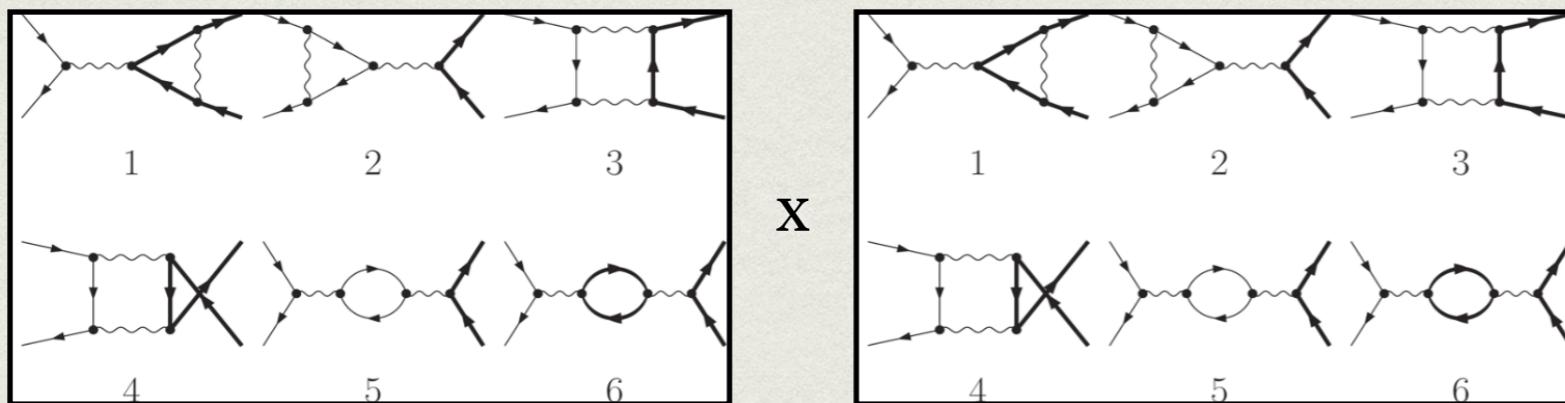
real & imaginary part!

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

(one-loop) x (one-loop)

# Anatomy of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ (one-loop x one-loop)

- (One-loop) x (One-loop)



- Extensive use of tensor reduction :: FeynCalc

- Product of one-loop master integrals

$$\sum_{ij} c_{ij}(s, t, M^2; \epsilon) I_i(s, t, M^2; \epsilon) I_i^*(s, t, M^2; \epsilon)$$

MIs needed up-to  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$   
complex conjugate MIs

- Read off all contributions

$$\mathcal{M}^{(1+1)} = \sum_{k=-4}^0 \mathcal{M}_k^{(1+1)} \epsilon^k + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

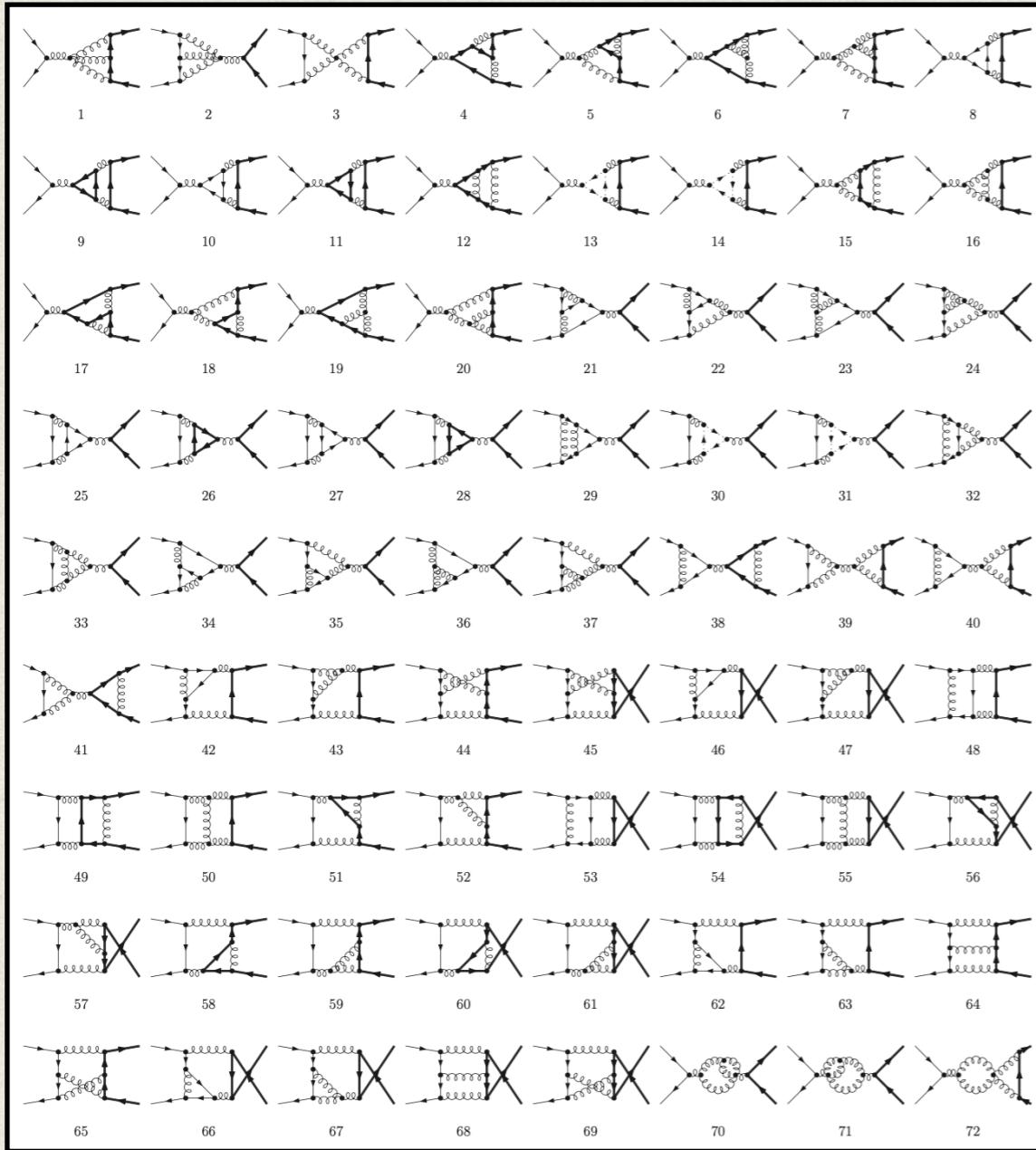
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  @ two loops

# Anatomy of $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ (up-to two loops)

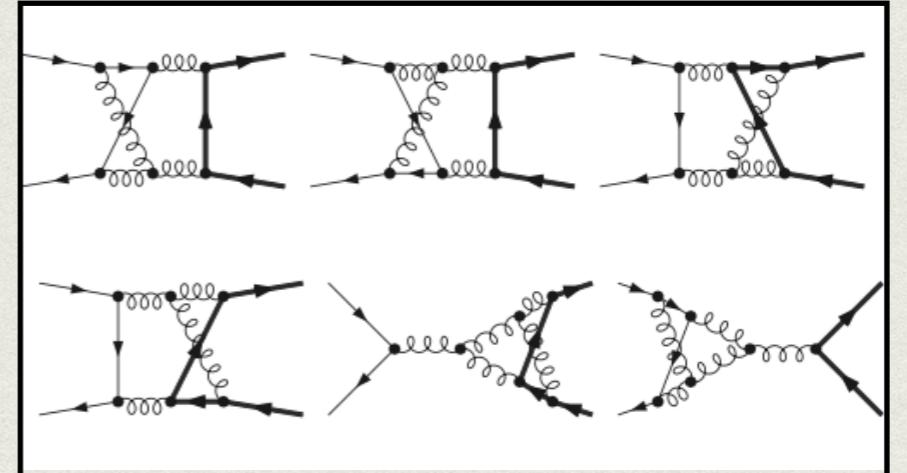
- Same kinematics as in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

[Mandal, Mastrolia, Ronca, W.J.T. (2022)]

- Two-loop :: more diagrams  $\sim 220$



- New topologies appear



- Vanish because of colour algebra



$$\propto T_{ij}^a T_{lk}^a f^{abc} (T^d T^c)_{kl} (T^b T^d T^a)_{ji} = 0$$

- No additional master integrals needed

# Numerical evaluation $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ at two loops

[Mandal, Mastrolia, Ronca, W.J.T. (2022)]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{(2)} = 2(N_c^2 - 1) & \left( A^{(2)} N_c^2 + B^{(2)} + \frac{C^{(2)}}{N_c^2} + D_l^{(2)} N_c n_l + D_h^{(2)} N_c n_h \right. \\ & \left. + E_l^{(2)} \frac{n_l}{N_c} + E_h^{(2)} \frac{n_h}{N_c} + F_l^{(2)} n_l^2 + F_{lh}^{(2)} n_l n_h + F_h^{(2)} n_h^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

⌚ Evaluation @  $s/M^2 = 5, t/M^2 = -5/4, \mu = M$ .

⌚ Full agreement w/ literature

	$\epsilon^{-4}$	$\epsilon^{-3}$	$\epsilon^{-2}$	$\epsilon^{-1}$	$\epsilon^0$	$\epsilon^1$
$A^{(0)}$	-	-	-	-	$\frac{181}{100}$	-2
$A^{(1)}$	-	-	$-\frac{181}{400}$	0.1026418456757775	1.356145770566065	2.230403451742140
$B^{(1)}$	-	-	$\frac{181}{400}$	-0.3180868339485723	-5.763132746701004	2.913169881363488
$C_l^{(1)}$	-	-	0	0	-0.01726400752682416	1.235821434465827
$C_h^{(1)}$	-	-	0	0	-0.5623350683773134	0.6373589172648111
$A^{(2)}$	$\frac{181}{800}$	1.391733154324222	-2.298174307221209	-4.145752448999165	17.37136598564062	-
$B^{(2)}$	$-\frac{181}{400}$	-1.323646320375650	8.507455541210568	6.035611156200398	-35.12861106350758	-
$C^{(2)}$	$\frac{181}{800}$	-0.06808683394857230	-18.00716652035224	6.302454931016090	3.524044912826756	-
$D_l^{(2)}$	0	$-\frac{181}{800}$	0.2605057338631945	-0.7250180282219092	-1.935417246635768	-
$D_h^{(2)}$	0	0	0.5623350683773134	0.1045606449242690	-1.704747997587188	-
$E_l^{(2)}$	0	$\frac{181}{800}$	-0.3323207299541260	7.904121951420471	2.848697836597635	-
$E_h^{(2)}$	0	0	-0.5623350683773134	4.528240788258799	12.73232424278180	-
$F_l^{(2)}$	0	0	0	0	-1.984228442234312	-
$F_{lh}^{(2)}$	0	0	0	0	-2.442562819239786	-
$F_h^{(2)}$	0	0	0	0	-0.07924540546146283	-

[Czakon(2008)]

[Bonciani, Ferroglio, Gehrmann,  
Maitre, Studerus (2008)]

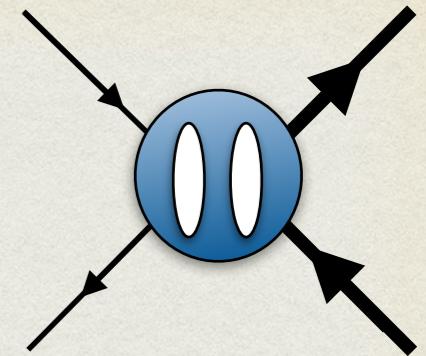
[Bärnreuther, Czakon, Fiedler (2014)]

# Results

# Finite reminders for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ @ two-loop

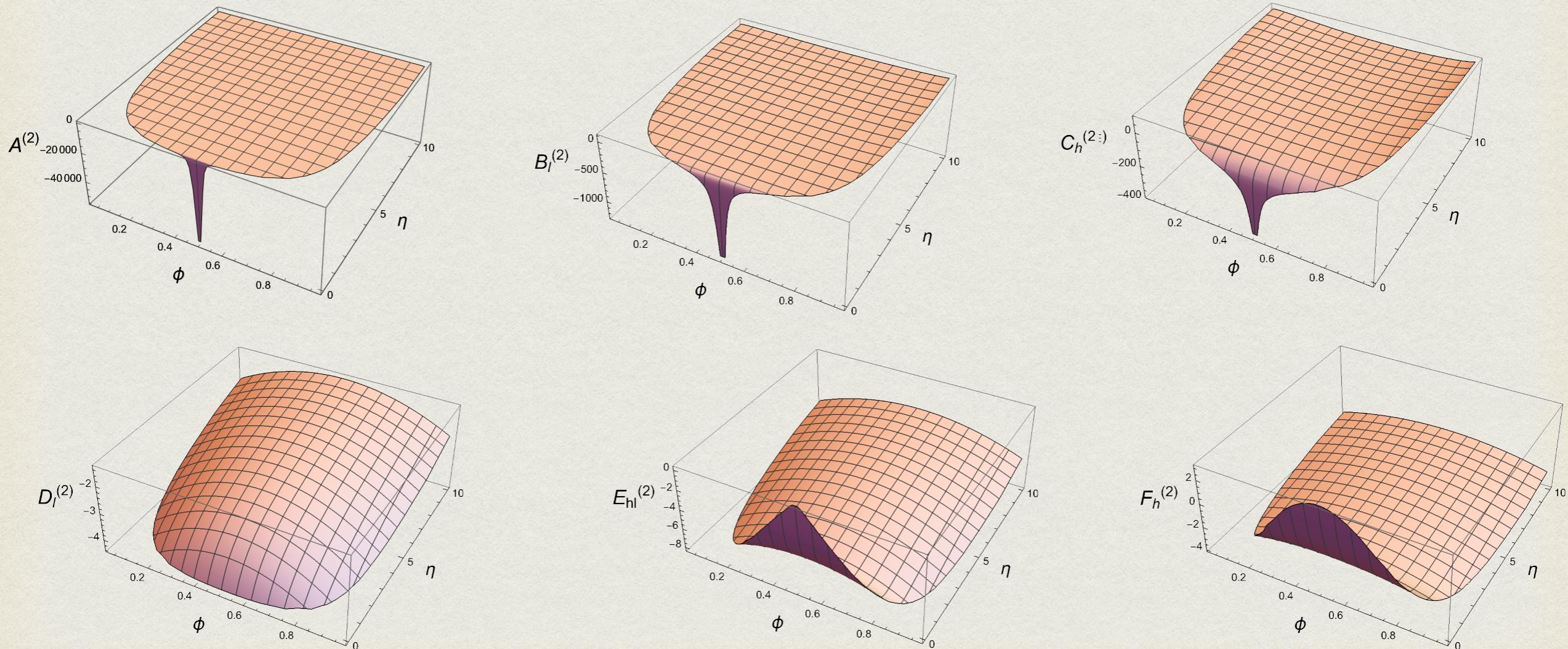
$$\mathcal{M}^{(2)}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{spins}} 2\text{Re} \left( \mathcal{A}^{(0)*} \mathcal{A}^{(2)} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{(2)} = A^{(2)} + \mathbf{n}_l B_l^{(2)} + \mathbf{n}_h C_h^{(2)} + \mathbf{n}_l^2 D_l^{(2)} + \mathbf{n}_h \mathbf{n}_l E_{hl}^{(2)} + \mathbf{n}_h^2 F_h^{(2)}$$



$$\eta = \frac{s}{4M^2} - 1, \phi = -\frac{t - m^2}{s},$$

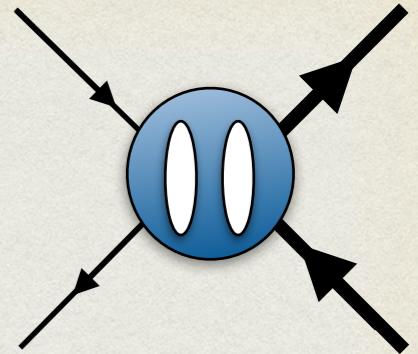
$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{1 + \eta}} \right) \leq \phi \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{1 + \eta}} \right)$$



# Finite reminders for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ @ two-loop

$$\mathcal{M}^{(2)} (e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{spins}} 2\text{Re} \left( \mathcal{A}^{(0)*} \mathcal{A}^{(2)} \right)$$

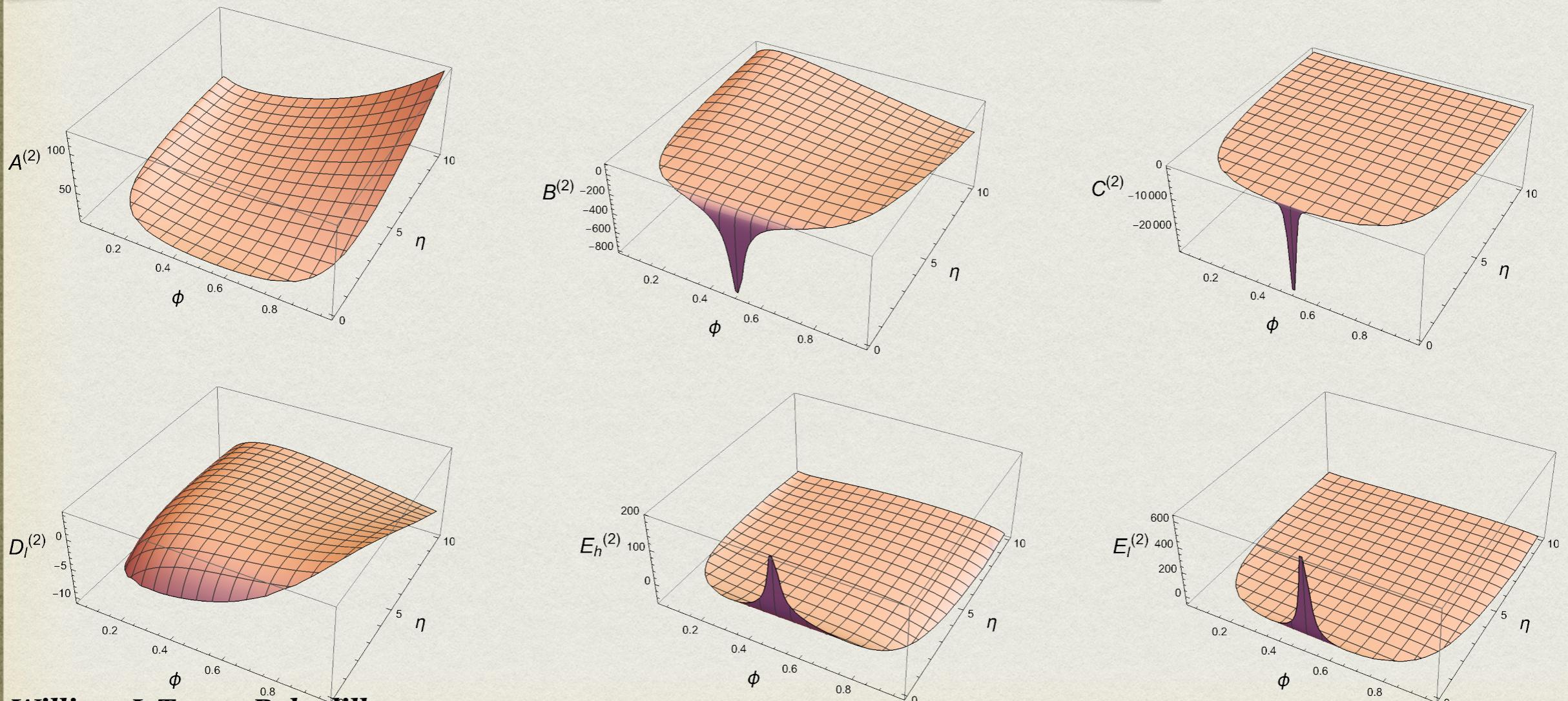
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- ➊ We have reached:
  - First QED analytical two-loop calculation for di-muon production process
  - Inclusion of non-zero electron mass to electron-muon elastic scattering calculation: massification
  - Differential and total cross section @ NNLO
  
- ➋ Open questions & future directions
  - Threshold expansion for both di-muon and top-pair production @NNLO
  - Extension to further QED processes (e.g. Compton scattering)
  - Towards the NNNLO frontier