

Physics with the NNLO QCD

Colour-singlet decay to massive partons in the nested soft-collinear subtraction scheme based on [1911.11524: A.Behring, WB]

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Introduction

- Precise QCD predictions
 - \Rightarrow a lot of progress observed in recent years
 - \Rightarrow a number of NNLO QCD subtraction schemes has appeared
 - ⇒ this allows for fully-differential description of many processes
- How can we utilise this knowledge for physics at the LHC? \Rightarrow consider associated Higgs production as a case study

Associated Higgs production (ZH/WH)

- third channel of Higgs production
- ideal trigger: leptons from the V decay
- important role in the Higgs physics explorations at the LHC
- direct access to the HVV couplings (V=W/Z)
 ⇒ they are completely fixed by the gauge symmetry of the SM
- access to the b-quark Yukawa coupling (considering Hbb decay channel)

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# VH production case

- a fully-differential NNLO QCD calculation not available a decade ago
  - On one hand, complexity is similar to the DY process (colour-singlet production).
  - On the other hand, the phase space is much larger (more final-state particles)
- since then a number of independent results has appeared
  - [1107.1164: Ferrera, Grazzini, Tramontano][1601.00658: Campbell, Ellis, Williams][1712.06954: Caola, Luisoni, Melnikov, Rontsch][1907.05836: Gauld, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Glover, Huss, Majer]
- H→bb decay is <u>the decay channel to look for</u>
   ⇒ the largest branching fraction ⇒ save cross-section
  - Higgs has a very small width  $\Rightarrow$  narrow-width approx. justified
  - Higgs is a scalar  $\Rightarrow$  no spin-correlations

#### $\Rightarrow$ as such NNLO QCD description can be independently implemented

- $\leftarrow (\mathsf{slicing})$
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- $\leftarrow (\text{nested soft-coll subtractions})$
- $\leftarrow (\text{antenna subtractions})$

# H→bb decay

• **Q:** Why do we need radiative corrections?

A: b-quarks are QCD partons which get confined inside hadrons

- $\Rightarrow$  we will be looking at jets (the more we know about radiation the better)
- $\Rightarrow$  higher-order corrections desirable!
- $m_b \ll M_H$ : massless b-quarks are a good approximation
  - many NNLO QCD calculations available

[1110.2368: Anastasiou, Herzog, Lazapoulos] [1712.06954: Caola, Luisoni, Melnikov, Rontsch] [1501.07226: Del Duca, Duhr, Somogyi, Tramontano, Trocsanyi] [1907.05836: Gauld, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Glover, Huss, Majer]

• first N3LO QCD results appearing

[1904.08960: Mondini, Schiavi, Williams]

- Is there any reason to look into b-quark mass corrections?
  - Yes! Corners of phase-space where b-mass impact might play a role (no stone unturned)
  - Yes! Detection of b-jets based on a displaced vertex (can take a massive b-quark in its rest-frame and simulate the decay)
  - Yes! Peculiar contribution from the top-quark mediated Higgs decay

# H→bb decay via top-loop

An extra contribution arising from the Htt coupling



- Appears at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$
- Contribution to the partial decay width calculated in the '90s
  [hep-ph/9506465: Larin, van Ritbergen, Vermaseren] [hep-ph/9505358: Chetyrkin, Kwiatkowski]
- It is UV & IR finite  $\Rightarrow$  it can be considered separately
- Fully-differential calculation [1712.06954: Caola,Luisoni,Melnikov,Rontsch]



- vanishes in the limit  $m_b \rightarrow 0 \implies$  a need for mass suppressed terms
- then peculiar divergences appear which are hard to regulate by jet-algorithms
- massive calculation preferable  $\Rightarrow$  this is what we do...

# H→bb decay with massive b-quarks

- Project in collaboration with Arnd Behring
- A pedestrian guide to an NNLO calculation (what can we do nowadays)
- An opportunity to extend the nested soft-collinear subtraction scheme to the case of colour-singlet decay into massive fermions
- Main differences wrt. the massless calculation
  - Advantage: simple and transparent singularity structure
    - NLO: only single-soft limit
    - NNLO: soft limits, but only one collinear limit
  - Possible problem:
    - b-mass regulates the collinear divergences of the b-quarks, but is small
    - $\Rightarrow$  large logarithms appear  $L = log(m_b/M_H)$
    - ⇒ some amplitudes (RV: one-loop needs quadruple precision for some points)
  - Disadvantage:

slightly more complicated factorisation formulae (and integrated counter-terms)



[1911.11524, A.Behring, WB]

# H-bb: Phase-space parametrisation

▶ Double-real contribution
 ⇒ only one collinear divergence appears
 ⇒ no reason to partition the phase space



- The only partitioning is the energy-ordering, i.e.  $1 = \Theta(E_4 E_5) + \Theta(E_5 E_4)$
- Global phase-space parametrisation possible

$$\int d\Phi_{bbgg}^{E_4 < E_5}(q_H) = \int \frac{d\Omega_4^{(3-2\epsilon)}}{2(2\pi)^{3-2\epsilon}} \int \frac{d\Omega_5^{(2-2\epsilon)}}{2(2\pi)^{3-2\epsilon}} \int_0^1 \frac{d\eta}{\eta^{\epsilon}(1-\eta)^{\epsilon}} \\ \times \int_0^1 d\xi_1 \int_0^1 d\xi_2 \, (E_{45,\max})^{4-4\epsilon} \xi_1^{3-4\epsilon} \xi_2^{1-2\epsilon} (2-\xi_2)^{1-2\epsilon} \int d\Phi_{bb}(q_H-q_{45})$$

-----> collinear divergence captured by:  $\eta = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \theta_{45})$ ----> soft divergences captured by:  $\xi_1, \xi_2$ 

with energies parametrised as

$$E_{4} = \frac{1}{2} E_{45,\max} \xi_{1} (2 - \xi_{2})$$

$$E_{5} = \frac{1}{2} E_{45,\max} \xi_{1} \xi_{2}$$

$$E_{45,\max} = \frac{M_{H} \beta^{2}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - \beta^{2} \xi_{2} (2 - \xi_{2}) \eta}}$$

#### H→bb: Amplitudes

- One-loop amplitudes
   www using spinor-helicity formalism and Passarino-Veltman reduction (simple)
   www only two- / three-parton amplitudes

$$\mathcal{M}_{bb} \rangle = F_{s}(M_{H}^{2}, m_{b}^{2}, \mu_{R}^{2}) |\mathcal{M}_{bb}^{(0)} \rangle$$

$$F_{s}(M_{H}^{2}, m_{b}^{2}, \mu_{R}^{2}) = 1 + \left(\frac{\alpha_{s}}{4\pi}\right) F_{s}^{(1)}(M_{H}^{2}, m_{b}^{2}, \mu_{R}^{2}) + \left(\frac{\alpha_{s}}{4\pi}\right)^{2} F_{s}^{(2)}(M_{H}^{2}, m_{b}^{2}, \mu_{R}^{2}) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{s}^{3})$$

[hep-ph/0508254: Bernreuther et al.] [0905.1137: Gluza et al.] [1712.09889: Ablinger et al.]

#### H→bb: Soft/collinear limits

- QCD amplitudes with massless partons feature soft/collinear divergences [independent of a hard process]
- Divergences can be regulated using end-point subtraction
  - zero in massless case At NLO eikonal factor  $S_{ij,k} = \frac{(q_i \cdot q_j)}{(q_i \cdot q_k)(q_j \cdot q_k)}$



single-soft limit

At NNLO

$$S_5 |\mathcal{M}_{bbgg}^{(0)}|^2 \approx -g_s^2 \left[ C_F \left( S_{22,5}^{(0)} - 2S_{23,5}^{(0)} + S_{33,5}^{(0)} \right) - C_A \left( S_{24,5}^{(0)} + 2S_{34,5}^{(0)} - S_{23,5}^{(0)} \right) \right] |\mathcal{M}_{bbg}^{(0)}|^2$$

-----> collinear-limit

-----> double-soft limit

$$S_{45}|\mathcal{M}_{bbii}^{(0)}|^2 \approx g_s^4 \operatorname{DSoft}_{ii}^{(0)}(q_2, q_3; q_4, q_5) |\mathcal{M}_{bb}^{(0)}|^2$$
[Catani, Grazzini '99; Czakon '10]

single-soft limit at one-loop [ later ]



# H→bb: Integrated subtraction terms

- Subtraction terms are added back after integrating them over the unresolved phase space (eg. soft-gluon, pair of soft gluons/quarks)
- Soft singularities
  - we need integrated eikonal factors

$$S_{ij,\text{int}}^{(0)} = \int [dg_k] \frac{(q_i \cdot q_j)}{(q_i \cdot q_k)(q_j \cdot q_k)} \sim \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\Omega_k^{(3-2\epsilon)}}{2(2\pi)^{(3-2\epsilon)}} \frac{(q_i \cdot q_j)}{(q_i \cdot \hat{q}_k)(q_j \cdot \hat{q}_k)}$$

- Collinear singularities
  - very simple since global phase-space parametrisation
  - take collinear factorisation formula and integrate using phase-space parametrisation
  - no complications related to the b-mass since only massless partons take part in collinear splittings
- Additionally:



angular integrals solved for the NLO FKS subtraction scheme, see eg. [1002.2581: POWHEG]

# H→bb: Integrated double-soft function

• Double-soft limit (  $E_4 \rightarrow 0, E_5 \rightarrow 0$  )

$$S_{45}|\mathcal{M}_{bbgg}^{(0)}|^2 \approx g_s^4 \operatorname{DSoft}_{gg}^{(0)}(q_2, q_3; q_4, q_5) |\mathcal{M}_{bb}^{(0)}|^2$$

[Catani, Grazzini '99; Czakon '10]

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- ▶ Born kinematics in the double-soft limit ⇒ a back-to-back configuration ⇒ result becomes just a set of 4 numbers
- Slight deviation from the original nested soft-collinear subtraction scheme

$$[dg_i] = \frac{d^3k_i}{(2\pi)^3 2E_i} \Theta(E_{\text{max}} - E_i) \qquad ----$$

Keep  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \eta$  of the  $d\Phi_{bbgg}$ in the [0, 1] interval

- Integration performed numerically
  - the double-soft function still divergent in the soft/collinear limits
     ⇒ but easy to regulate using end-point subtraction

$$DSoft_{gg,int}^{(0)}(q_2, q_3) = \int [dg_4] [dg_5] DSoft_{gg}^{(0)}(q_2, q_3; q_4, q_5)$$
$$= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{\mu_R}{E_{max}}\right)^{4\epsilon} \left[\frac{C_{gg}^{(-3)}}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{C_{gg}^{(-2)}}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{C_{gg}^{(-1)}}{\epsilon} + C_{gg}^{(0)}\right]$$
$$E_{max} = (M_H^2 - 4m_h^2)/2$$

# H→bb: Integrated one-loop soft function

▶ Soft divergences of one-loop amplitudes with massive partons studied in the past ⇒ factorisation formula ready-to-use

$$S_{4}2\text{Re}\langle \mathcal{M}_{bbg}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}_{bbg}^{(1)} \rangle = -g_{s}^{2}C_{F}\left(S_{22,4}^{(0)} = 2S_{23,4}^{(0)} + S_{33,4}^{(0)}\right) \qquad S_{ij,k} = \frac{(q_{i} \cdot q_{j})}{(q_{i} \cdot q_{k})(q_{j} \cdot q_{k})} \\ \times \left[2\text{Re}\langle \mathcal{M}_{bb}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}_{bb}^{(1)} \rangle + \left(\mathcal{R}_{23,4}^{(1)} + Z_{\alpha_{s}}^{(1)} + Z_{A}^{(1)}\right) | \mathcal{M}_{bb}^{(0)} |^{2}\right]$$
one-loop soft function renormalisation constants

- Integrated one-loop soft function can be partially assembled using the NLO integrated subtraction terms
- ► Z<sub>A</sub> piece appears explicitly
- Born kinematics in the soft-limit reduces to a back-to-back configuration
- Integration over the soft-gluon phase space reduces to
  - energy integral trivial (an overall factor)
  - angular integral (no divergences!)
     www performed numerically (quick and easy, only 1-dim)
     www performed analytically (5-letters, HPLs up to weight 4)

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}(\cos\theta)}{\cos\theta}, \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}(\cos\theta)}{1+\cos\theta}, \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}(\cos\theta)}{1-\cos\theta}, \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}(\cos\theta)}{1+\beta\cos\theta}, \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}(\cos\theta)}{1-\beta\cos\theta}$ 



### H→bb: Pole cancellation

- All integrated subtraction terms are known  $\Rightarrow$  trade phase-space divergences into 1/ $\varepsilon$  singularities
- Reduced matrix elements are factored out in the factorisation formulas  $\Rightarrow$  demonstrate pole cancellation at each phase-space point  $F_{LM}(bbg) = \mathrm{d}\Phi_{bbg} |\mathcal{M}_{bbg}^{(0)}|^2 \mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{obs}}(bbg)$
- Single-unresolved term [H→bbg] (RR+RV)

$$d\Gamma_{\rm RR}^{\rm SU}(bbgg + bbqq) + d\Gamma_{\rm RV}^{\rm SU}(bbg) = \left[\frac{\#}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{\#}{\epsilon} + \cdots\right] \underbrace{(I - S_4)F_{LM}(bbg)}_{\text{soft-regulated term}}$$

☞ cancellation shown analytically

Fully-unresolved term [H→bb](RR+RV+VV) (a) part proportional to one-loop H→bb matrix element

$$F_{LV}^{\text{fin}}(bb) = \mathrm{d}\Phi_{bb} \, 2\mathrm{Re} \langle \mathcal{M}_{bb}^{(0)} | \mathcal{F}_{bb}^{(1)} \rangle \, \mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{obs}}(bb)$$

$$\mathrm{d}\Gamma_{\mathrm{RV}}^{\mathrm{FR}}(bbg) + \mathrm{d}\Gamma_{\mathrm{VV}}^{\mathrm{FR}}(bb) = \left[\frac{\#}{\epsilon} + \cdots\right] F_{LV}^{\mathrm{fin}}(bb)$$

cancellation shown analytically

(b) part proportional to tree-level H→bb matrix element

$$\mathrm{d}\Gamma_{\mathrm{RR}}^{\mathrm{DU}} + \mathrm{d}\Gamma_{\mathrm{RV}}^{\mathrm{DU}} + \mathrm{d}\Gamma_{\mathrm{VV}}^{\mathrm{DU}} = \left[\frac{\#}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{\#}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{\#}{\epsilon} + \cdots\right] F_{LM}(bb)$$

cancellation shown numerically

-----> at least 7 digits of cancellation

# H->bb: top-induced contribution

- An additional contribution related to diagrams with a top-quark loop
- Two parts: real-virtual and double-virtual





- ▶ real-virtual: one-loop **H→bbg** diagram
  - standard techniques (easy to obtain)
  - UV & IR finite  $\implies$  just integrate over the phase space
- ▶ double-virtual: two-loop H→bb diagram
  - UV & IR finite  $\implies$  just integrate over the phase space
  - exact master integrals computed recently •----[1812.07811: Primo, Sasso, Somogyi, Tramontano]
  - in case this two-loop amplitude not available ⇒ a simpler way (our choice)
     www start with result for the total contribution ← [hep-ph/9506465: Larin, van Ritbergen, Vermaseren]
     www subtract the integrated real-virtual piece

[hep-ph/9704436: Harlander, Steinhauser]

### H→bb: Results

Validation: comparison with approximate analytical result

$$\Gamma_{H \to b\bar{b}}^{\text{NNLO}} = \Gamma_{H \to b\bar{b}}^{\text{LO}} \cdot \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right) \gamma_1 + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \gamma_2 \right]$$

$$\gamma_1 = C_F \cdot \gamma_1^{C_F}$$

$$\gamma_2 = C_F^2 \cdot \gamma_2^{C_F^2} + C_F C_A \cdot \gamma_2^{C_F C_A} + C_F T_F n_l \cdot \gamma_2^{C_F T_F n_l} + C_F T_F \cdot \gamma_2^{C_F T_F}$$

compare our result to analytical prediction ( $M_H$ =125.09 GeV and  $m_b$ =4.78 GeV)

|            | $\gamma_1^{C_F}$ | $\gamma_2^{C_F^2}$ | $\gamma_2^{C_F C_A}$ | $\gamma_2^{C_F T_F n_l}$ | $\gamma_2^{C_F T_F}$ |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| HS '97     | -7.446648        | +19.4192           | -53.5558             | +18.6286                 | +14.7946             |
| Our result | -7.446648(7)     | +19.4199(10)       | -53.5557(20)         | +18.6283(2)              | +14.7945(1)          |

► Total H→bb decay width at LO / NLO / NNLO

| $\overline{\Gamma}_{\rm Lo}^{b\bar{b}}$ [MeV]                        | +2.17005       | +1.92702        | +1.73274          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| $\overline{\Gamma}_{NLO}^{b\bar{b}}$ [MeV]                           | +2.43161       | +2.32781        | +2.21731          |
| $\overline{\Gamma}_{\text{NNLO}}^{b\bar{b}}$ [MeV] (w/o $y_b y_t$ )  | +2.42041(1)    | +2.40333(1)     | +2.36344(1)       |
| $\overline{\Gamma}_{\text{NNLO}}^{b\bar{b}}$ [MeV] (with $y_b y_t$ ) | +2.44441(1)    | +2.42059(1)     | +2.37628(1)       |
|                                                                      |                | <b>^</b>        |                   |
|                                                                      |                |                 |                   |
| > About 20% c                                                        | of the NNLO co | orrection comes | from the top-indu |

About 20% of the NNLO correction comes from the top-induced contribution
 About 85% of this top-induced contribution comes from real-virtual part ( distributions? )

# $V(\rightarrow ll)H(\rightarrow bb)$ process

- ▶ Phenomenological studies of the VH process with massive H→bb decay under way
  - check impact of the mass corrections & top-induced contribution on important distributions (eg.  $M_{bb}$ ,  $\Delta R_{bb}$ ,  $p_{T,bb}$ , etc. )



#### Conclusions

The situation of the precision QCD has changed dramatically in recent years a number of independent fully-differential schemes available

-----> many ingredients towards an local & analytical subtraction scheme available

-----> this allows for many interesting NNLO QCD calculations relevant for the LHC physics programme

----> nevertheless, work still to be done... (eg. colour-singlet+1jet, ...)

#### Backup: pole cancellation (1)

single-unresolved

$$2M_{H} \langle d\Gamma_{\rm RV}^{\rm FR}(b\bar{b}g) \rangle = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ \left( \frac{\alpha_{s}}{4\pi} \right) 4C_{F} \left[ 1 + \frac{1+\beta^{2}}{2\beta} \log \left( \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right) \right] \langle F_{LV}^{\rm fin}(b\bar{b}) \rangle \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon^{0}\right) , \tag{4.22}$$

$$(4.22)$$
and the explicit expansion of the double-virtual contribution, Eq. (4.20), yields
$$2M_{H} \langle d\Gamma_{\rm VV}^{\rm FR}(b\bar{b}) \rangle = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ \left( \frac{\alpha_{s}}{4\pi} \right) 4C_{F} \left[ 1 + \frac{1+\beta^{2}}{2\beta} \log \left( \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right) \right] \langle F_{LV}^{\rm fin}(b\bar{b}) \rangle \right] , \qquad (4.23)$$

▶ fully-unresolved (proportional to one-loop H→bb matrix element)

$$2M_{H} \left\langle d\Gamma_{RR}^{SU}(b\bar{b}gg + b\bar{b}q\bar{q}) \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \left(\frac{\alpha_{s}}{4\pi}\right) \left[ \frac{2C_{A}}{\epsilon^{2}} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ 4C_{F} + \beta_{0}(n_{l}) + \frac{C_{A} - 2C_{F}}{v_{23}} \log\left(\frac{1 + v_{23}}{1 - v_{23}}\right) + 2C_{A} \log\left(\frac{m_{b}\mu_{R}}{2(q_{2} \cdot q_{4})}\right) + 2C_{A} \log\left(\frac{m_{b}\mu_{R}}{2(q_{3} \cdot q_{4})}\right) \right] \right] (I - S_{4})F_{LM}(b\bar{b}g) \right\rangle + \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon^{0}\right) .$$

$$(4.24)$$

A similar expansion holds for the real-virtual single-unresolved contribution, Eq. (4.14),

$$2M_{H} \left\langle d\Gamma_{\rm RV}^{\rm SU}(b\bar{b}g) \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \left(\frac{\alpha_{s}}{4\pi}\right) \left[ -\frac{2C_{A}}{\epsilon^{2}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ 4C_{F} + \beta_{0}(n_{l}) + \frac{C_{A} - 2C_{F}}{v_{23}} \log\left(\frac{1 + v_{23}}{1 - v_{23}}\right) + 2C_{A} \log\left(\frac{m_{b}\mu_{R}}{2(q_{2} \cdot q_{4})}\right) + 2C_{A} \log\left(\frac{m_{b}\mu_{R}}{2(q_{3} \cdot q_{4})}\right) \right] \right] (I - S_{4})F_{LM}(b\bar{b}g) \right\rangle.$$

$$(4.25)$$

### Backup: pole cancellation (2)

- ▶ fully-unresolved (proportional to tree-level H→bb matrix element)
  - cancellation of at least 7 digits

|                     | $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{DU},(-3)}_{C_FC_A}$ | $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{DU},(-2)}_{C_FC_A}$ | $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{DU},(-2)}_{C^2_F}$ | $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{DU},(-2)}_{C_F T_F n_l}$ | $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{DU},(-1)}_{C_FC_A}$ | $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{DU},(-1)}_{C^2_F}$ | $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{DU},(-1)}_{C_FT_Fn_l}$ | $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{DU},(-1)}_{C_FT_F}$ |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| RR                  | -22.11                                    | -279.75                                   | +244.32                                  | +14.74                                         | -1777.55                                  | +2672.58                                 | +185.77                                      | 0                                         |
| $\operatorname{RV}$ | +22.11                                    | +320.28                                   | -488.64                                  | -29.47                                         | +1732.44                                  | -2672.58                                 | -161.20                                      | +257.20                                   |
| VV                  | 0                                         | -40.53                                    | +244.32                                  | +14.74                                         | +45.11                                    | 0                                        | -24.56                                       | -257.20                                   |
| Sum<br>Rel. canc.   | $10^{-13} \ 10^{-14}$                     | $10^{-10} \ 10^{-13}$                     | $10^{-8}$<br>$10^{-11}$                  | $10^{-11}$<br>$10^{-13}$                       | $10^{-6}$<br>$10^{-10}$                   | $10^{-6}$<br>$10^{-9}$                   | $10^{-5}$<br>$10^{-7}$                       | 0<br>0                                    |

**Table 1:** Numerical values of the pole coefficients of the double-unresolved term as defined in Eq. (4.27). The numerical values correspond to  $m_b = 4.78$  GeV,  $M_H = 125.09$  GeV and the renormalisation scale is  $\mu_R = 3M_H$ . Each column corresponds to a particular colour structure of a given  $\epsilon$  pole. The three rows correspond to the double-real, real-virtual, and double-virtual contributions. In the last two rows, we report the absolute and relative level of cancellation after adding up RR + RV + VV contributions. The last row is normalised to the largest value of each column.

#### Backup: NNLO results

► Expansion coefficients and the H→bb decay width in the MS-bar scheme

| $\mu_R$                                                                               | $rac{1}{2}M_H$ | $M_H$         | $2M_H$        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| $\overline{\gamma}_1^{b\overline{b}}$ (our res.)                                      | +3.023597(10)   | +5.796203(15) | +8.568783(11) |
| $\overline{\gamma}_1^{b\overline{b}}$ (Ref. [20])                                     | +3.024          | +5.798        | +8.569        |
| $\overline{\gamma}_1^{b\overline{b}}$ (Ref. [71], $m_b = 0$ )                         | +2.8941         | +5.6667       | +8.4393       |
| $\overline{\gamma}_2^{bar{b}} \; (	ext{our res., w/o} \; y_b y_t)$                    | -3.2466(31)     | +30.4376(33)  | +79.1755(38)  |
| $\overline{\gamma}_2^{b\overline{b}}$ (our res., with $y_b y_t$ )                     | +3.7123(31)     | +37.3965(33)  | +86.1345(38)  |
| $\overline{\gamma}_2^{b\overline{b}}$ (Ref. [20], with $y_b y_t$ )                    | +3.685          | +37.371       | +86.112       |
| $\overline{\gamma}_2^{b\overline{b}}$ (Ref. [71], $m_b=0$ )                           | -3.8368         | +29.1467      | +77.1844      |
| $\overline{\Gamma}_{ m LO}^{bar{b}}$ [MeV]                                            | +2.17005        | +1.92702      | +1.73274      |
| $\overline{\Gamma}^{bar{b}}_{ m NLO}$ [MeV]                                           | +2.43161        | +2.32781      | +2.21731      |
| $\overline{\Gamma}^{bar{b}}_{\mathrm{NNLO}}  \mathrm{[MeV]}  (\mathrm{w/o}  y_b y_t)$ | +2.42041(1)     | +2.40333(1)   | +2.36344(1)   |
| $\overline{\Gamma}_{\text{NNLO}}^{bb}$ [MeV] (with $y_b y_t$ )                        | +2.44441(1)     | +2.42059(1)   | +2.37628(1)   |

**Table 3:** The results for the LO, NLO and NNLO total decay width. The total width is calculated using our results for the expansion coefficients,  $\overline{\gamma}_1^{b\overline{b}}$  and  $\overline{\gamma}_2^{b\overline{b}}$ . For comparison we include corresponding results from Ref. [20]. We also provide results in the limit of massless *b*-quarks from Ref. [71], which do not contain the  $y_b y_t$  contribution. The uncertainties quoted for our results correspond to errors from numerical integration.