
Top Threshold Physics

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Outline

- Threshold Physics at the ILC
- Top Pair Threshold
 - measurements, experimental issues
 - theory issues
- Effective Theory (A): stable top quarks
- Effective Theory (B): finite lifetime effects
- Other Application:
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$
 - applications to LHC
(anyone interested?)



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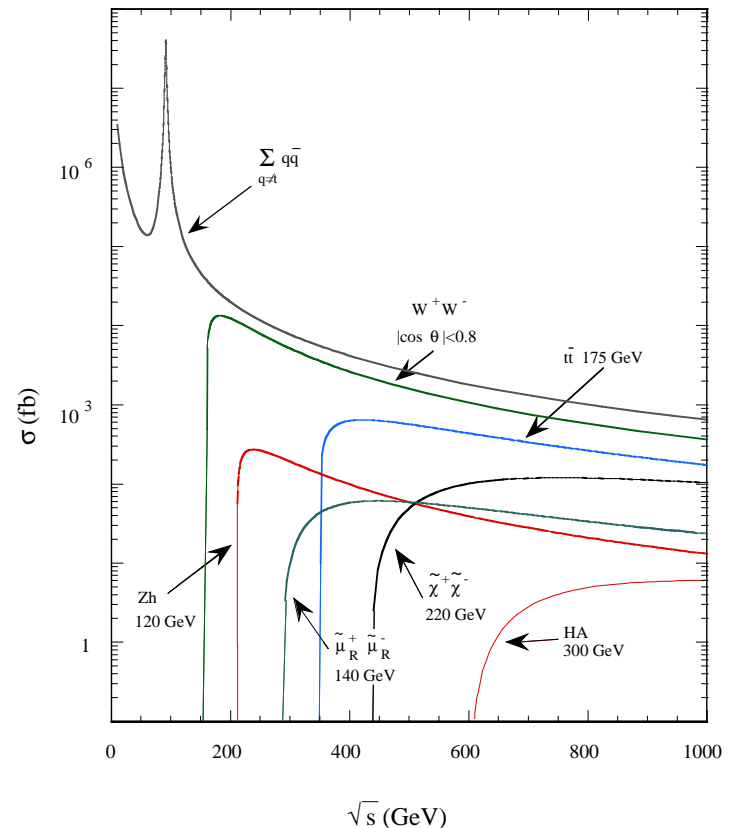
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\rightarrow **threshold & continuum**



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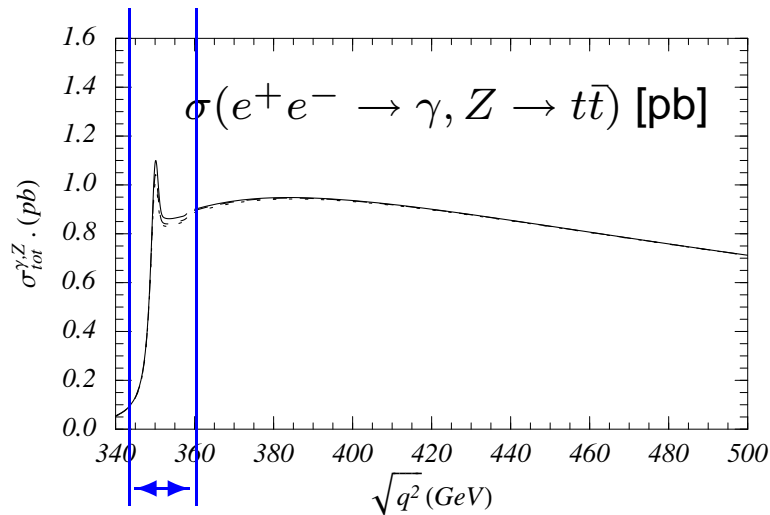
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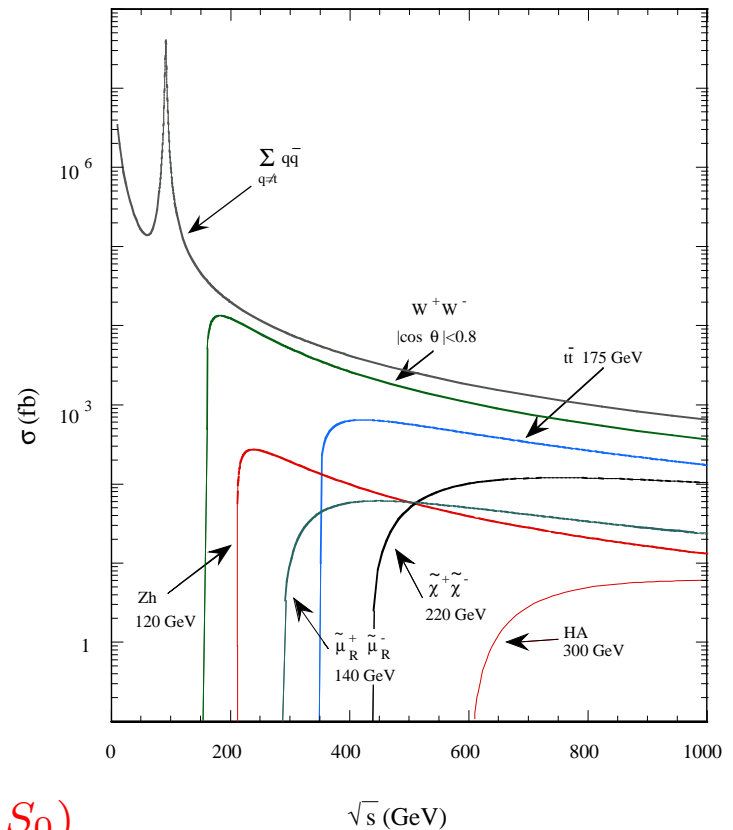
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- e^\pm polarization: $P_- \sim 80\%$, $P_+ \sim 60\%$

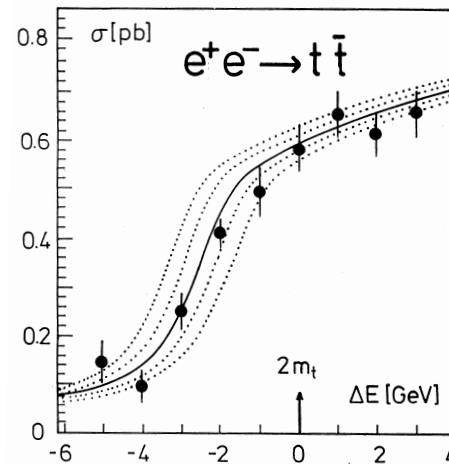
- $\gamma\gamma$ option: $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} (^3S_1)$, $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{t} (^1S_0)$



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9 + 1 scan points

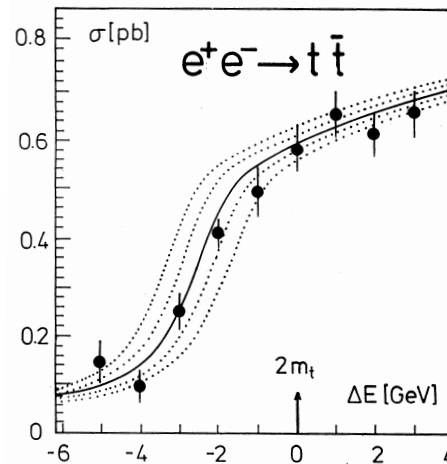
[Peralta, Martinez, Miquel]



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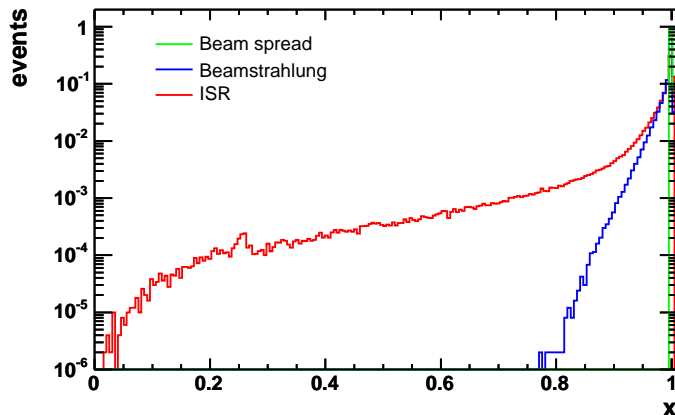


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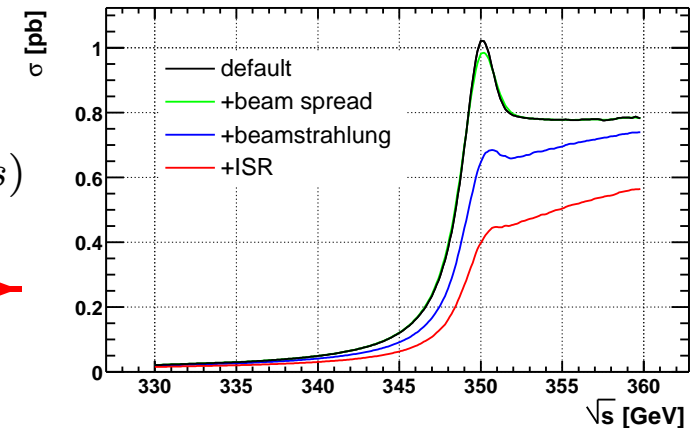
Influence of Luminosity spectrum



$$\sigma(s) = \int_0^1 dx L(x) \sigma^0(x^2 s)$$



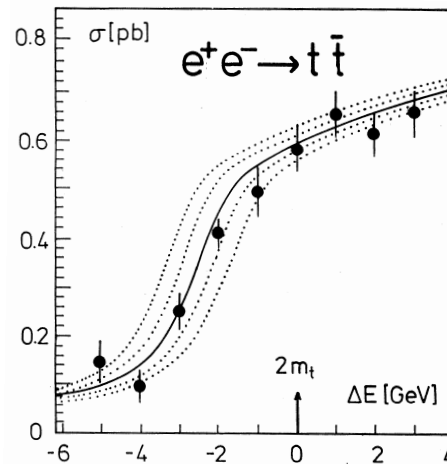
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(short distance mass: $1S \leftrightarrow \overline{MS}$)

For what ?

→ more examples: hep-ph/0306181

- electroweak precision obs.'s: $\sin \theta_W \left(1 + \delta(m_t, m_H, \dots) \right) = 1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2}$

- Higgs precision obs.'s (e.g. MSSM):

$$\delta m_h^{\text{exp}} = 200 \text{ MeV (LHC)}$$

$$\delta m_h^{\text{exp}} = 50 \text{ MeV (ILC)}$$

$$m_h^2 \simeq M_Z^2 + \frac{G_F m_t^4}{\sin^2 \beta} \ln \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{t}_1} m_{\tilde{t}_2}}{m_t^2} \right)$$

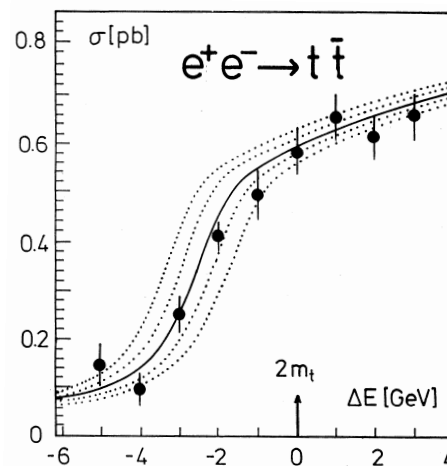
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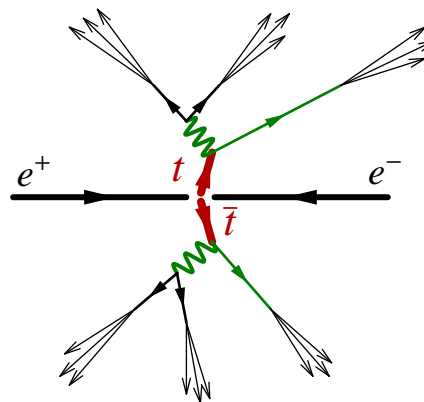
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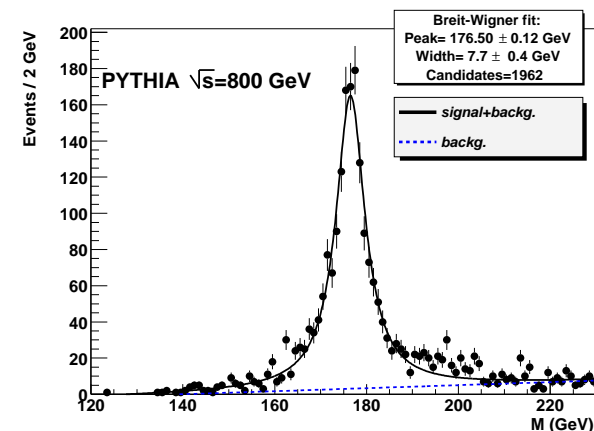
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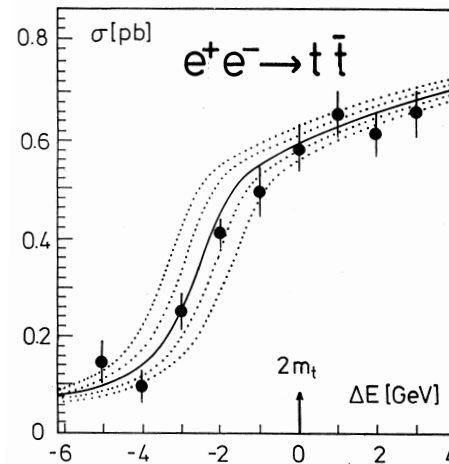
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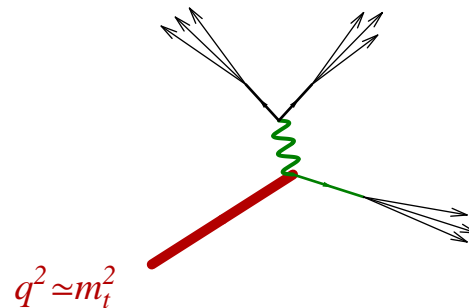
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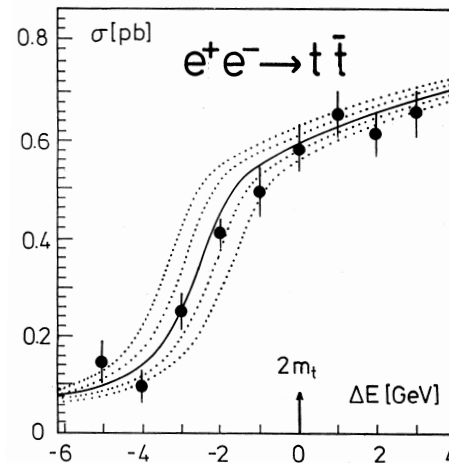
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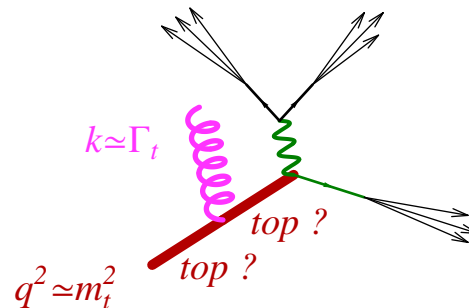
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$$\Delta m_t \sim \pi \alpha_s(\Gamma_t) \Gamma_t$$

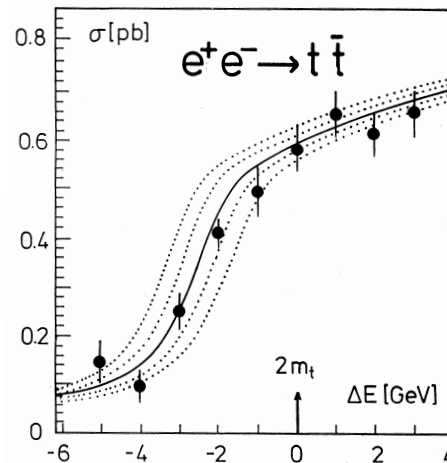
There is s.th. to understand here !



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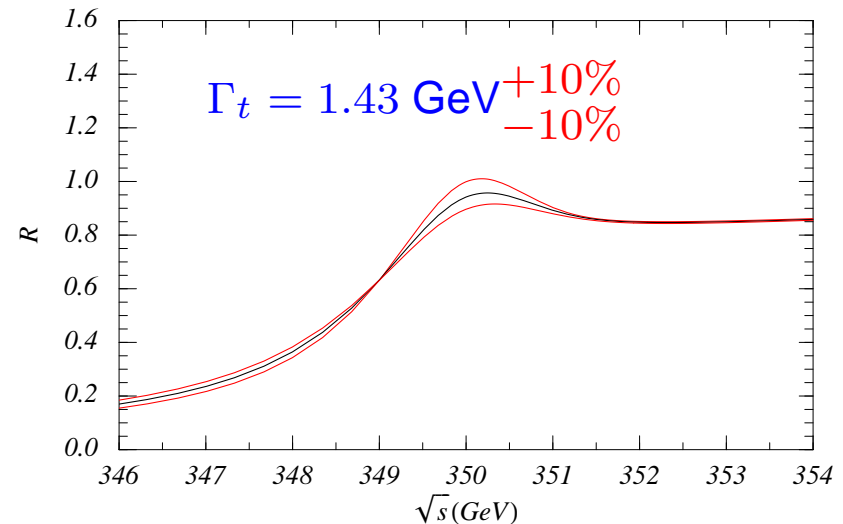
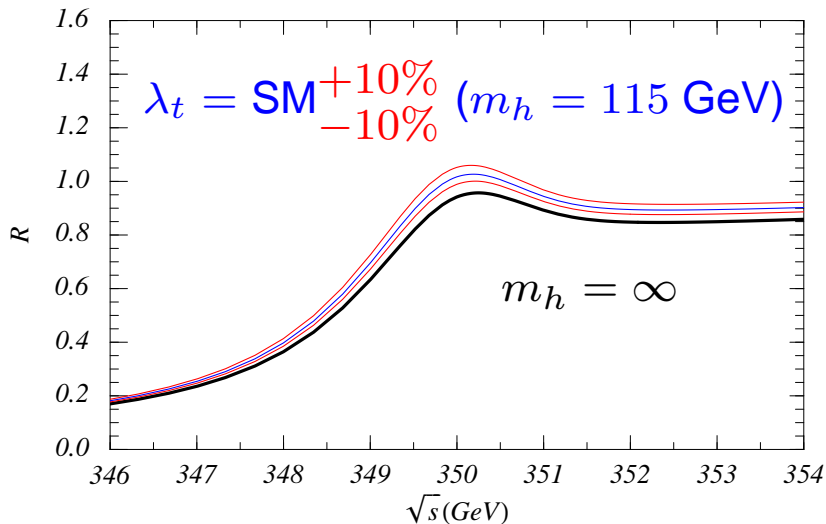
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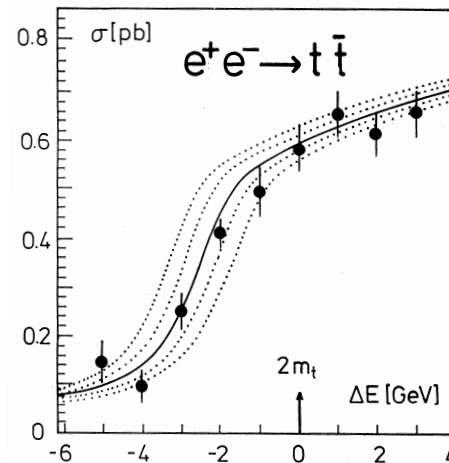
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$\delta(\text{line-shape form}) \leftrightarrow \delta(\text{Lumi spectrum})$

$$(\delta\lambda_t/\lambda_t)^{\text{stat}} = 15 - 50\%$$

$$(\delta\lambda_t/\lambda_t)^{\text{syst}} = ?$$

$$(\delta\lambda_t/\lambda_t)^{\text{theo}} \sim ?$$

$$(\delta\alpha_s(M_Z))^{\text{stat}} = 0.001$$

$$(\delta\alpha_s(M_Z))^{\text{syst}} = 0.002$$

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\Rightarrow goal:

$$(\delta\sigma/\sigma)^{\text{theo}} \leq 3\%$$

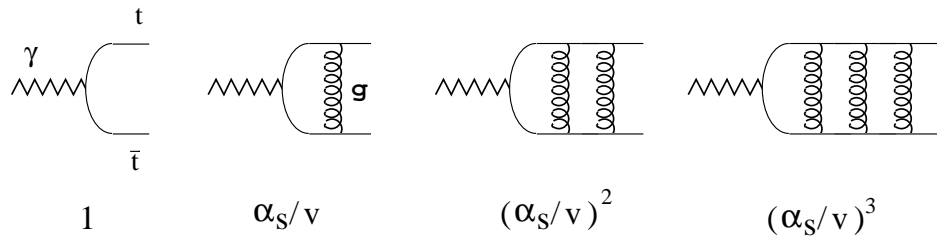


Theory Issues

$$m_t \text{ (hard)} \gg p \sim m_t v \text{ (soft)} \gg E \sim m_t v^2 \text{ (ultrasoft)}$$

- perturbation theory in α_s breaks down

$$(\alpha_s/v)^n$$



“Coulomb singularities”

→ Schrödinger Equation

$$v \sim \alpha_s$$

- perturbation theory in α_s breaks down → large logs $(\alpha_s \ln v)^n$

$$m_t = 175 \text{ GeV}, \quad p \sim 25 \text{ GeV}, \quad E \sim 4 \text{ GeV} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ln \left(\frac{m_t^2}{E^2} \right) = 8 \quad \rightarrow \text{RGE's}$$

“multi-scale problem”



Theory Issues

• $\Gamma_t \approx 1.5 \text{ GeV} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{E}{m}} \rightarrow v_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{\frac{E+i\Gamma_t}{m}}$
(Fadin,Khoze)

$\Rightarrow m_t \gg p = mv_{\text{eff}} \gg E = mv_{\text{eff}}^2 \gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ always true !

\Rightarrow top threshold entirely perturbative ! \rightarrow “Schrödinger theory”

• $E \sim \Gamma_t$: top quarks are always produced off-shell !

- non-factorizable corrections
- final-state interferences (signal \leftrightarrow non-signal/background)
- gauge invariance

“theory for unstable particles”



Degrees of Freedom

- fields for degrees of freedom that can **resonate** for the quark-antiquark system

potential quarks $\psi_p, \chi_p: (k_0, \mathbf{k}) \sim (mv^2, mv)$

$$m_t \gg \mathbf{p} \gg E$$

soft gluons $A_q^\mu: (k_0, \mathbf{k}) \sim (mv, mv)$

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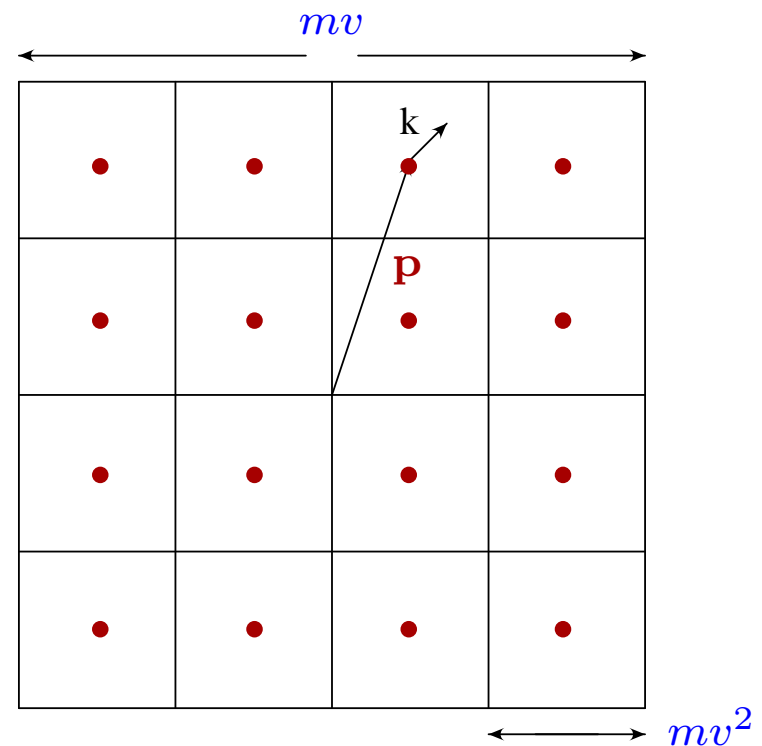
- vNRQCD label formalism:

$$(P^0, \mathbf{P}) = (0, \mathbf{p}) + (k^0, \mathbf{k})$$

soft component
label

ultrasoft component
dynamic variable

$$\psi_{\text{QCD}}(x) \rightarrow \sum_{\mathbf{p}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \psi_{\mathbf{p}}(x)$$




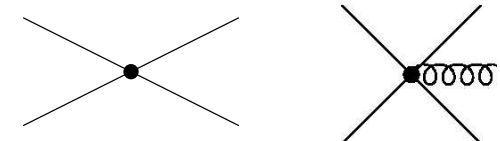
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Luke, Manohar, Rothstein, Stewart, AH

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$$V = \left[\frac{\mathcal{V}_c(\nu)}{\mathbf{k}^2} + \frac{\mathcal{V}_k(\nu)\pi^2}{m|\mathbf{k}|} + \frac{\mathcal{V}_r(\nu)(\mathbf{p}^2 + \mathbf{p}'^2)}{2m^2\mathbf{k}^2} + \frac{\mathcal{V}_2(\nu)}{m^2} + \frac{\mathcal{V}_s(\nu)}{m^2} \mathbf{S}^2 + \frac{\mathcal{V}_\Lambda(\nu)}{m^2} \Lambda + \frac{\mathcal{V}_t(\nu)}{m^2} T \right]$$

$$\mathbf{k} \equiv \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}'$$



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external currents: (production & annihilation)

$$\otimes \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \bullet \\ \diagdown \end{array} \quad \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{p}} = C(\nu) \cdot (\psi_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma} \tilde{\chi}_{-\mathbf{p}}^*) + \dots \quad t\bar{t} (^3S_1)$$



Cross Section at NNLL Order

Schematic:

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fully known
at NNLL order ✓

NLL ✓
NNLL (non-mixing) ✓
NNLL (mixing) unknown

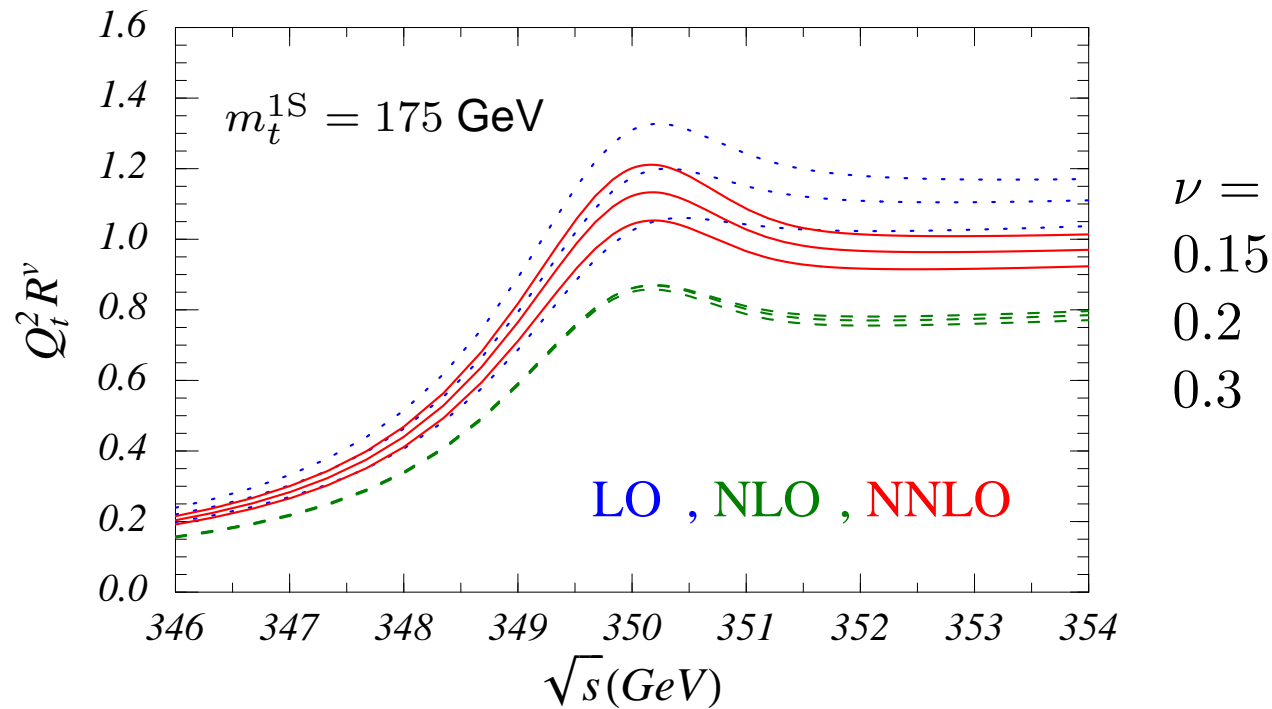
Manohar, Stewart; AHH '99-'03
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Cross Section at NNLL Order

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1S mass - fixed order approach



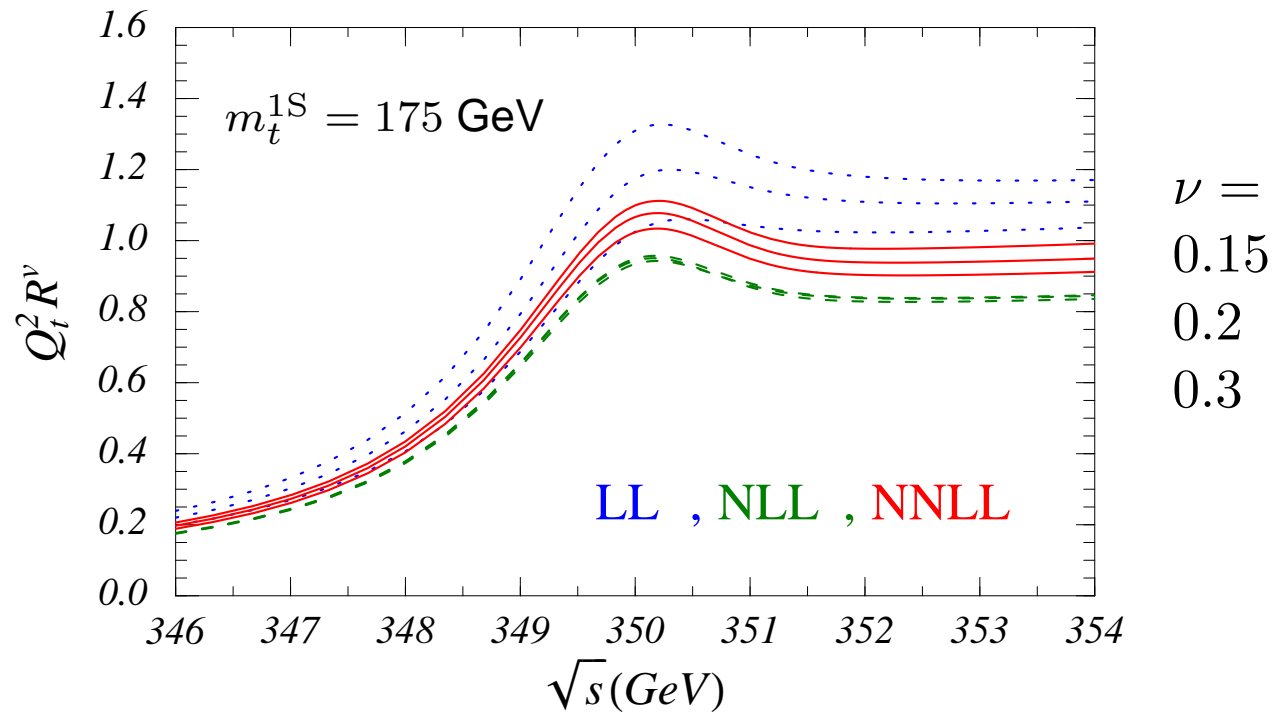
- peak position stable (threshold masses: 1S, PS, ...)
- sensitivity to prescriptions of factorization/renormalization scale setting
- progress in NNNLO computations: → A. Signer's talk



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1S mass - RG-improved, with NNLL non-mixing terms



- RGI expansion shows better convergence
 - theory error: $\delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}} \sim \pm 6\%$ **goal: 3%**
- full NNLL (mixing) running of $C(\nu)$ required → w.i.p.



vNRQCD (unstable quarks)

“inclusive treatment”

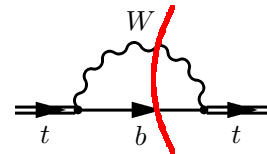
- ⇒ Optical Theory: effective complex indices of refraction for absorptive processes
- ⇒ vNRQCD: contributions from *real Wb final states* included in EFT matching conditions to QCD+ew. theory (=SM)
- complex matching conditions
 - effective Lagrangian non-hermitian
 - total rates through the optical theorem

Christoph Reisser, AH; Phys. Rev. D 71, 074022 (2005)



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quark bilinears:



$$iD^0 - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m_t} + \delta m_t \implies iD^0 - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m_t} + \delta m_t + i\frac{\Gamma_t}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m_t^2} \right)$$

time dilatation
correction

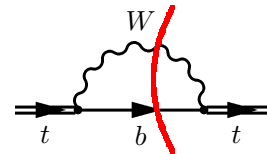


- power counting: $\Gamma_t \propto m_t g^2 \sim m_t v^2 \implies \boxed{g \sim g' \sim v \sim \alpha_s} \rightarrow$ gauge invariance
- finite lifetime is LL effect, LO: $E \rightarrow E + i\Gamma_t$ Fadin,Khoze



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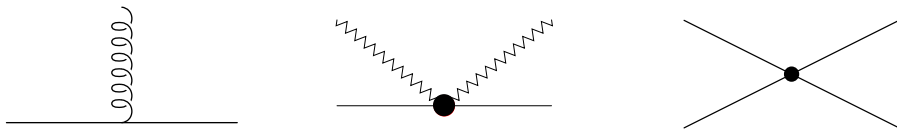
$$iD^0 - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m_t} + \delta m_t \implies iD^0 - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m_t} + \delta m_t + i \frac{\Gamma_t}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m_t^2} \right)$$

time dilatation
correction



- power counting: $\Gamma_t \propto m_t g^2 \sim m_t v^2 \implies \boxed{g \sim g' \sim v \sim \alpha_s} \rightarrow$ gauge invariance
- finite lifetime is LL effect, LO: $E \rightarrow E + i\Gamma_t$ Fadin, Khoze

gluon interactions & potentials:



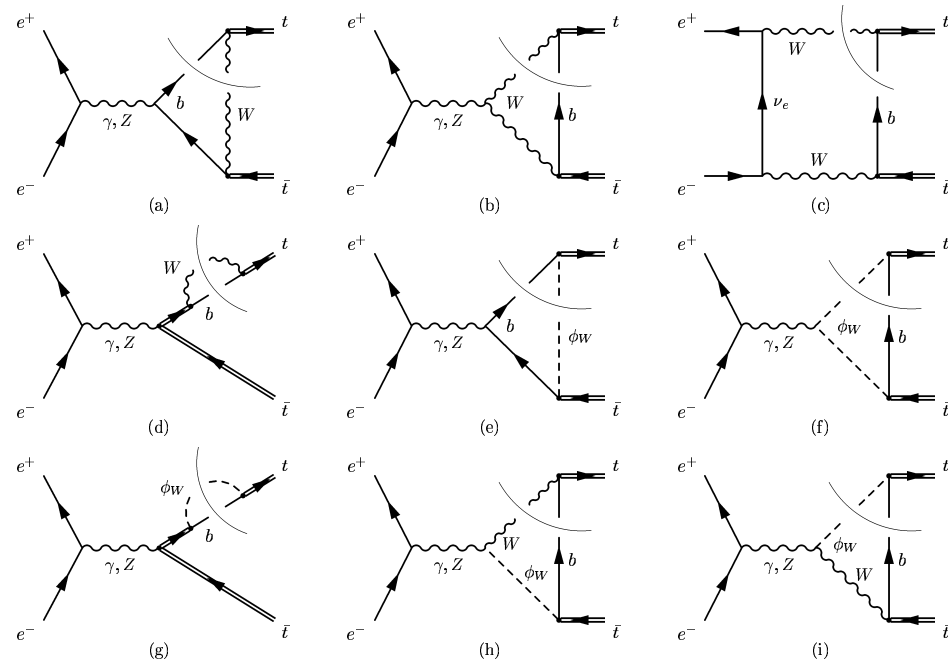
$$\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} = 0$$

- electroweak corrections either beyond NNLL order or vanish due to gauge cancellations
- \rightarrow ultrasoft gluon interference effects vanish at NLL [Khoze et al., Melnikov et al.] and NNLL order (new !)



ν NRQCD (unstable quarks)

Currents:



real virtual electroweak
& and QCD corrections

bW^+ and $\bar{b}W^-$ cuts

$$\mathbf{O}_p = \left[C^{LL} + C^{NLL} + C^{NNLL} + iC_{abs}^{NNLL} \dots \right] \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c} e^+ \\ e^- \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} t \\ \bar{t} \end{array} \right) + \dots$$

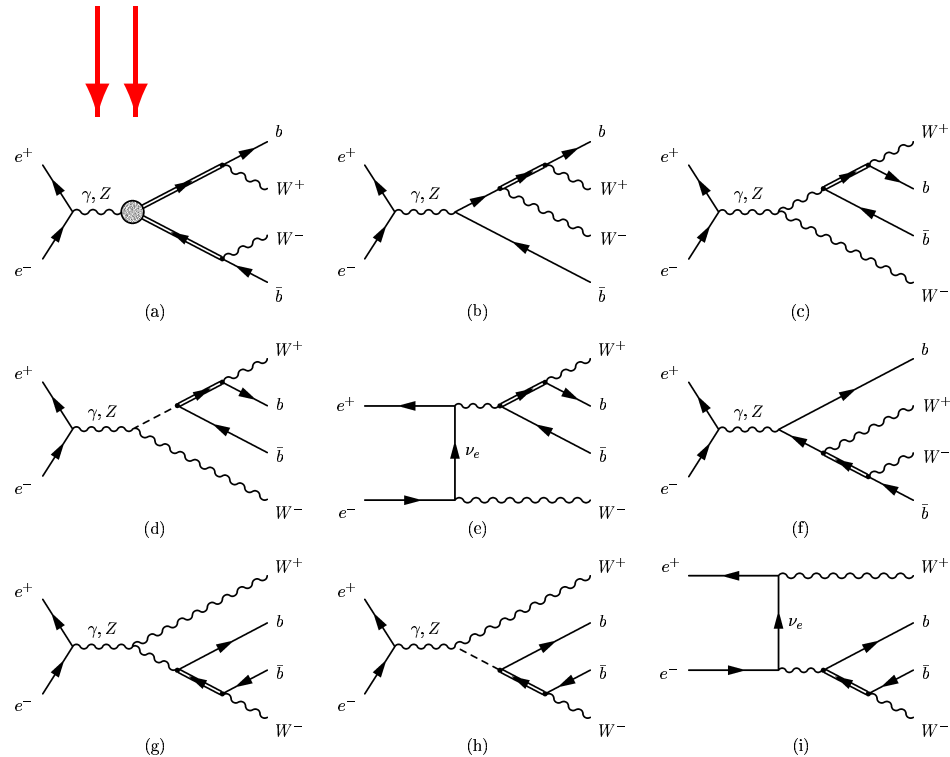


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$$\sigma_{tot} \propto \text{Im} [C(\nu)^2 G(0, 0, \sqrt{s} + i\Gamma_t)]$$

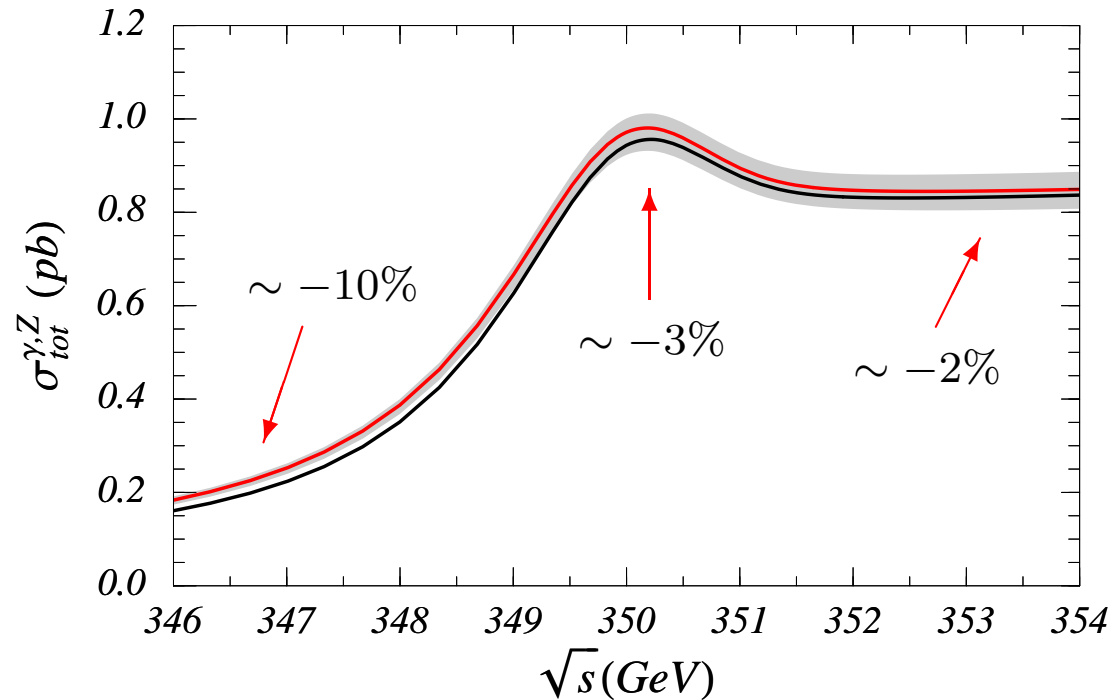


- accounts for **irreducible interference** contributions:

resonant \leftrightarrow non-resonant
 $W^+ W^- b\bar{b}$ final states



Total Cross Section



C. Reisser, AH

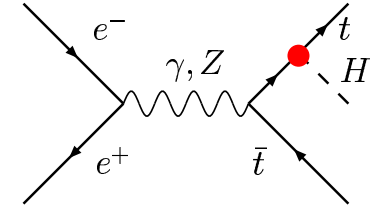
- also included summation of phase space logs $\sim (\alpha_s \ln v)^n$
- corrections comparable to NNLL QCD corrections
- shift in the peak position: 30 – 50 MeV $(\delta m_t^{\text{ex}} \approx 50 \text{ MeV})$
- missing: phase space matching, QED effects (SCET+NRQCD), full NNLL ew



Other Application

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$$

→ top-Yukawa coupling



- Theory Status: $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}H)$

Born ✓

1-loop ew. ✓

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ fixed-order ✓

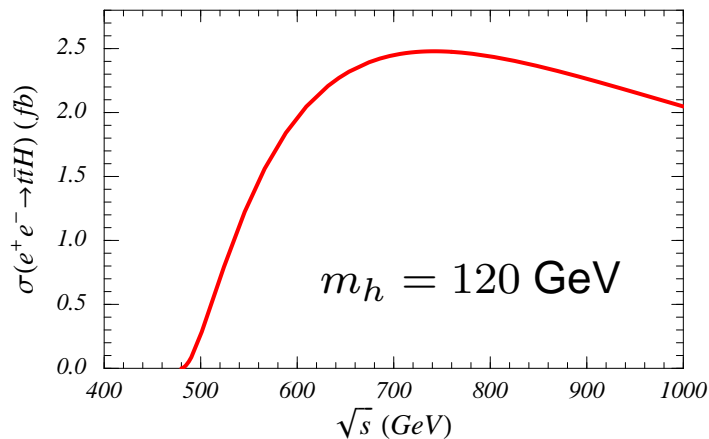
[Gaemers et al., Djouadi et al.]

[Denner et al., Belanger et al., You et al.]

[Dittmaier et al., Dawson et al.]

NLL large- E_H QCD endpoint corrections ✓

[Cailin Farrell, AHH]



800 GeV: $\delta\lambda_t/\lambda_t = 5\%$ ($\mathcal{L} = 1000\text{fb}^{-1}$)

[Gay;Besson;Winter]

compare LHC: $\delta\lambda_t/\lambda_t = 12\%$ ($\mathcal{L} = 300\text{fb}^{-1}$)

500 GeV: $(\delta\lambda_t/\lambda_t)^{\text{stat}} = 30\%$ ($\mathcal{L} = 1000\text{fb}^{-1}$)

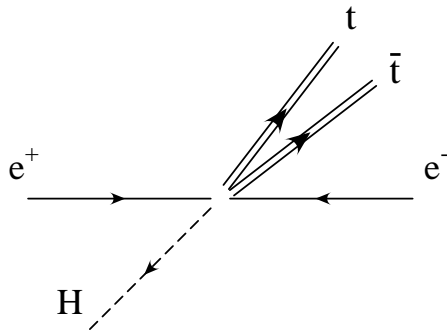
[Juste] → Born theory predictions



Other Application

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$$

→ region of large Higgs energy



→ $t\bar{t}$ collinear

→ QCD effects localized in $t\bar{t}$ system

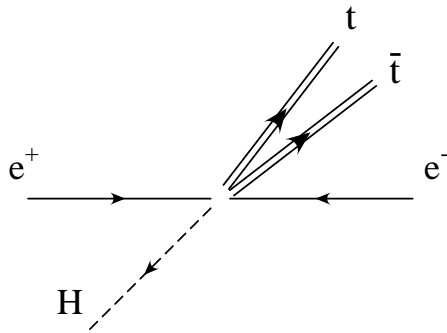
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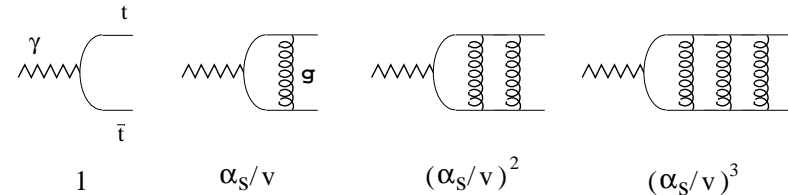
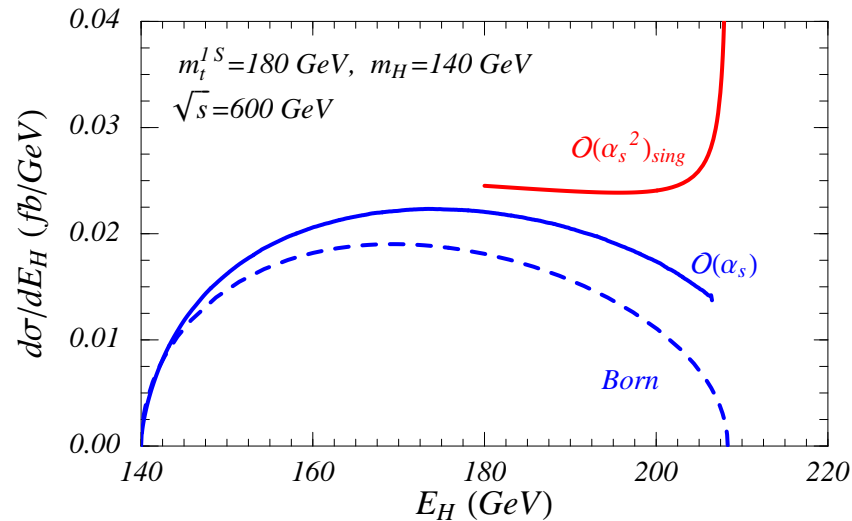
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→ singularities: $\sim (\alpha_s/v)^n$,

$\sim (\alpha_s \ln v)^n$

→ fixed order expansion breaks down

⇒ summation of singular terms

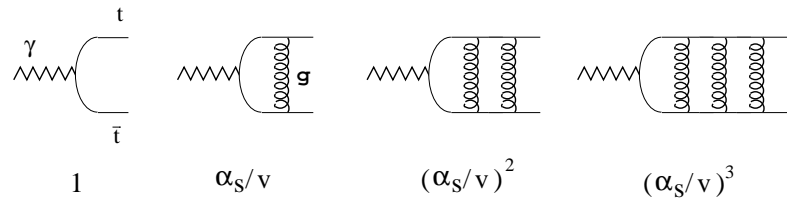
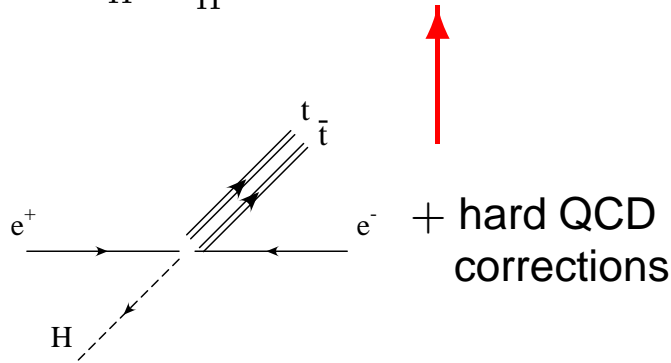


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→ factorization formula

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_H}\right)_{E_H \approx E_H^{\max}} \sim C^2(\mu, \sqrt{s}, m_t, m_H) \times \text{Im}[G(0, 0, v, \mu)]$$



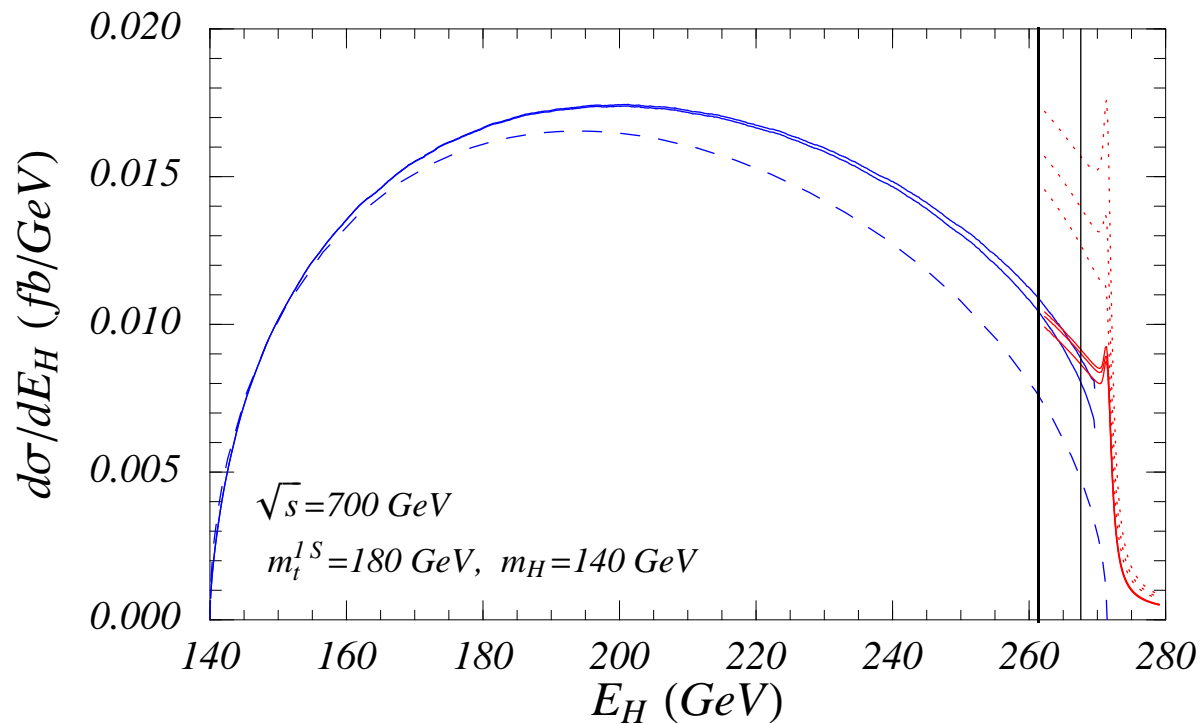
NLL formalism: Cailin Farrell, AHH; Phys.Rev.D72,014007 (2005)



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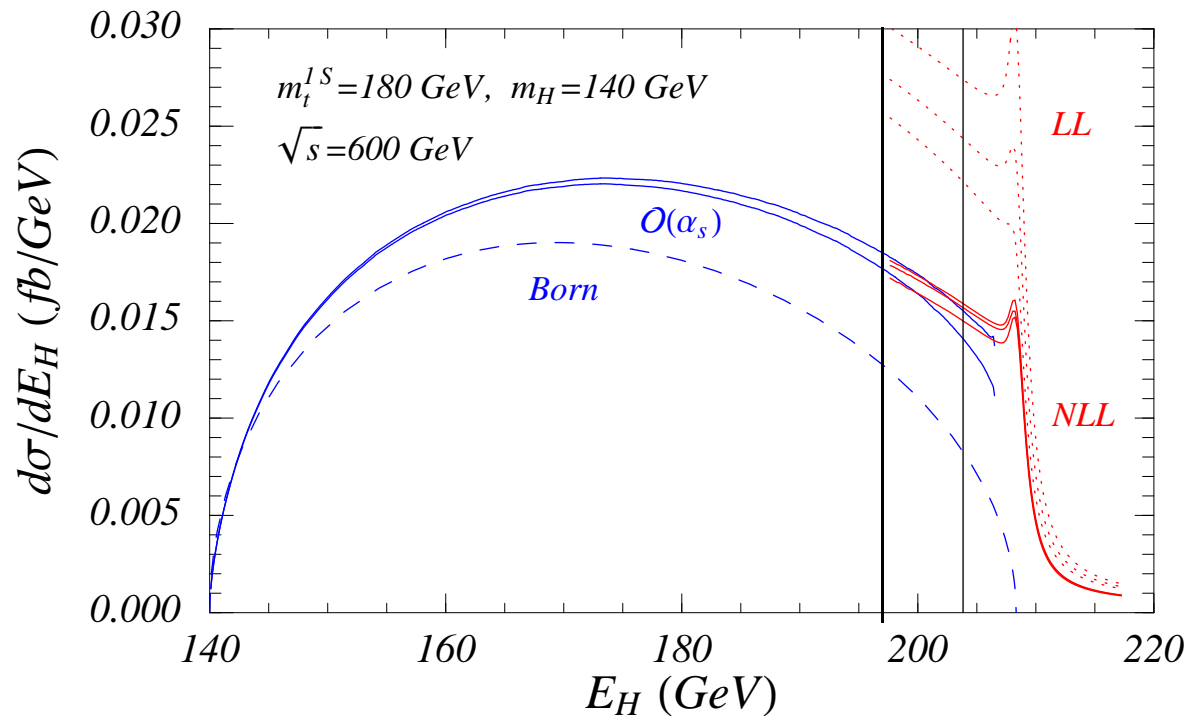
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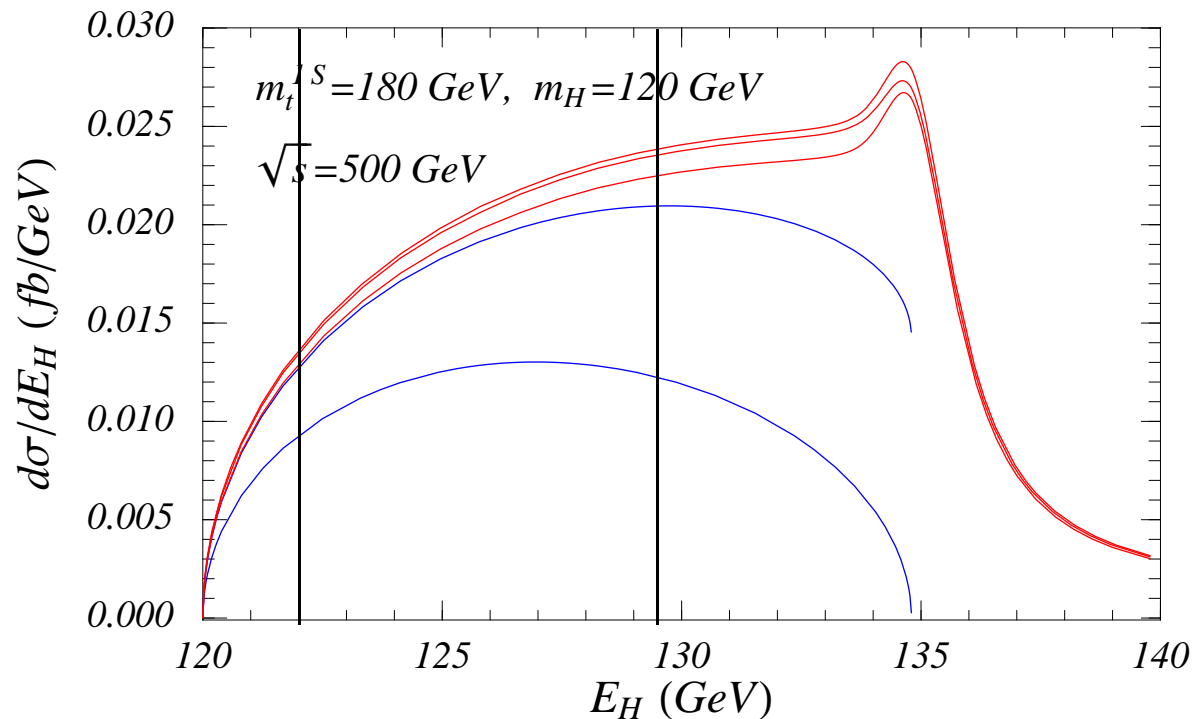
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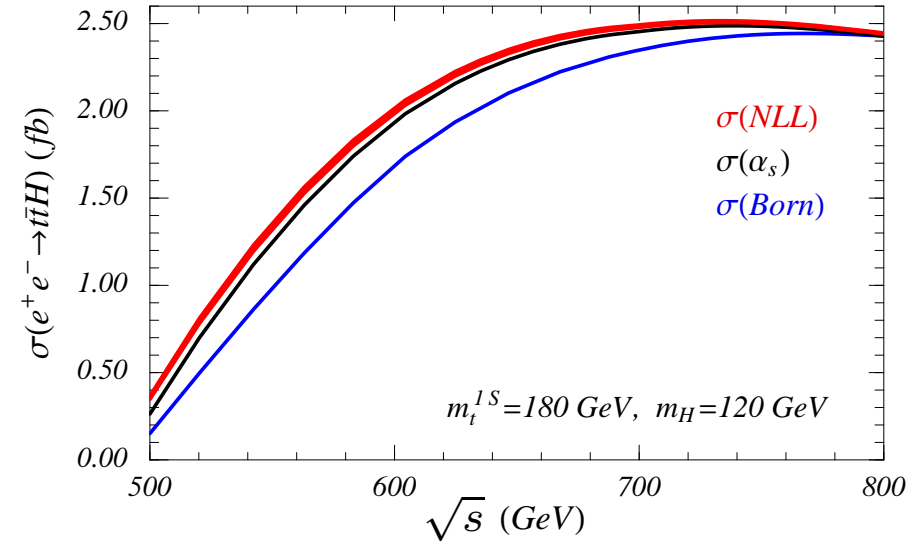
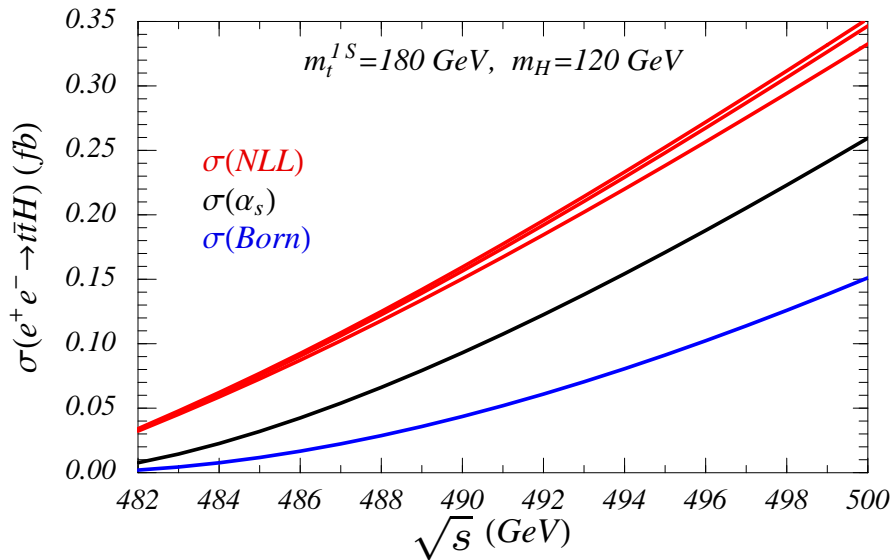
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→ total cross section



500 GeV:

- **factor 2 enhancement** over tree level from summation of $(\alpha_s/v)^n$, $(\alpha_s \ln v)^n$ terms
- essential for realistic studies for ILC (phase I)
- **another factor of 2 enhancement** for $P_- = -80\%$, $P_+ = +60\%$

$$\Rightarrow (\delta\lambda_t/\lambda_t)_{500 \text{ GeV}}^{\text{ILC}} \sim 30\% \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad 10 - 15\%$$



Conclusion

- Top threshold physics ($m_{t\bar{t}} \approx 2m_t$) unique QCD \leftrightarrow electroweak laboratory
 - hard & nonrelativistic & soft-collinear dynamics
 - unstable particles ($\Gamma_t \sim E_{\text{kinetic}}$)
- Master application: $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ @ ILC
 - QCD dynamics understood (NNLL RGE-improved, N³LO fixed-order)
 - effects of ew. corr.'s and finite top lifetime \rightarrow w.i.p.
 - top mass: $\delta m_t^{1S} \simeq (\pm 100 \text{ GeV})^{\text{theo}} + (\pm 50 \text{ GeV})^{\text{exp}}$ ✓
 - λ_t, Γ_t : $\rightarrow d\sigma/\sigma \approx \pm 6\%$ **goal: 3%**
- top threshold essential for $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}H)$ @ 500 GeV $\rightarrow \lambda_t$
- Other applications:
 - ★ $t\bar{t}$ threshold at Tevatron/LHC (presumably small, but maybe important)
 - ★ squark pair production ILC+LHC (particularly for heavy squarks)
 - ★ particle decay rates: $H \rightarrow gg$ ($m_h \approx 2m_t$)

$$X \rightarrow t\bar{t} + Y$$



Colors

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This is red

This is brown

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