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***Resonant Particle Production  
at Hadron Colliders***

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introduction

- background
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general approach

- virtual corrections (ET)
- real corrections (FO)

single top  $ub \rightarrow dbW$

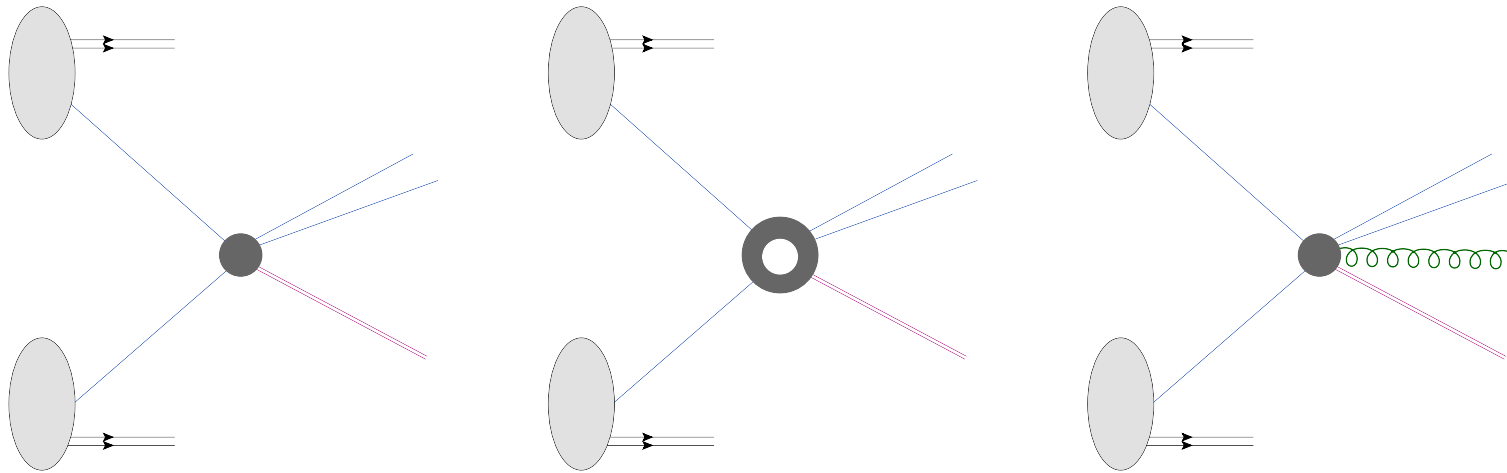
- overview
- tree level
- virtual corrections
- real corrections

conclusions

- work in progress
- outlook



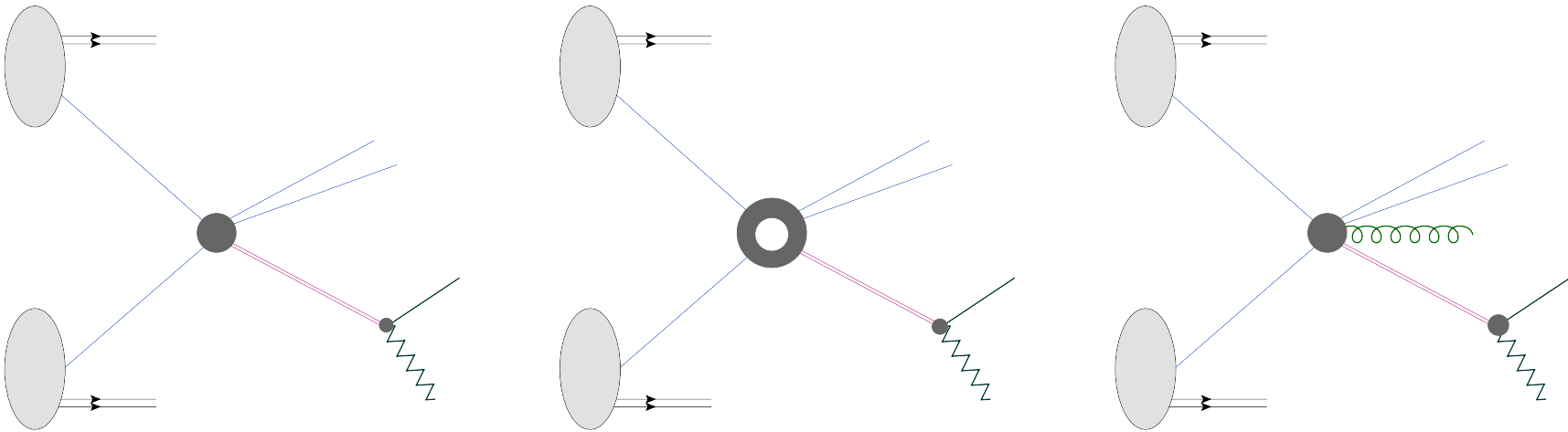
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- cuts on decay products not possible
- off-shell effects of  $X$  not taken into account



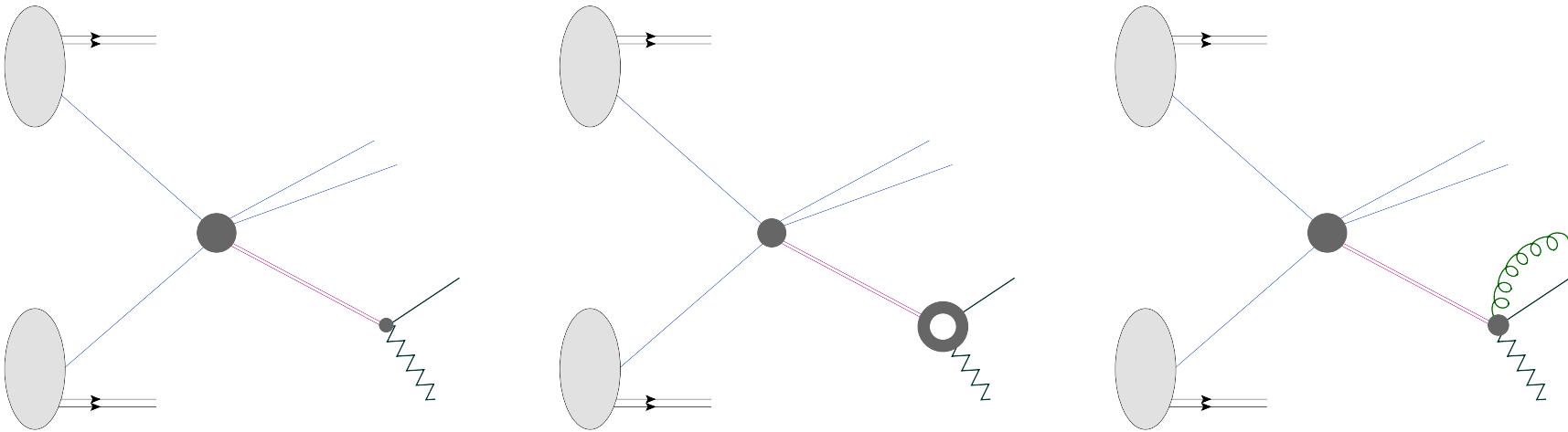
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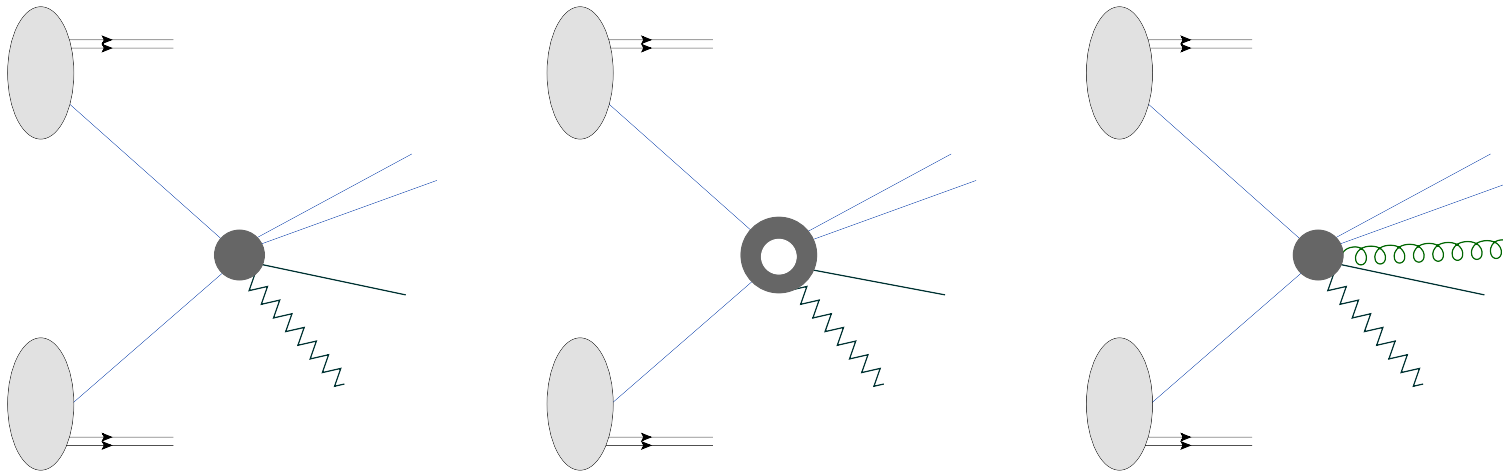
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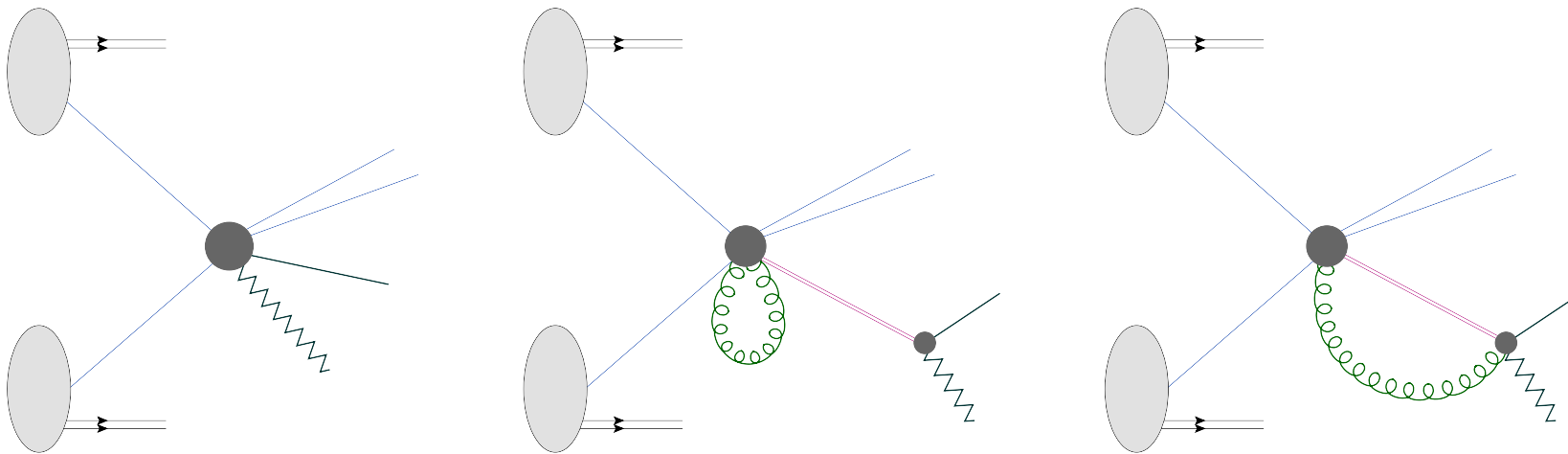
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- tree-level background diagrams (no particle  $X$ , but same final state)
- use pole approximation [Stuart, Aepli et.al.]
- within pole approximation at one loop [Fadin, Khoze, Martin]
  - factorizable corrections
  - non-factorizable corrections
 } gauge invariant separation
- real background diagrams
- off-shell effects of  $X$  are taken into account, calculation simplified



non-factorizable corrections have been extensively studied [Fadin et.al; Melnikov et.al; Beenakker et.al; Denner et.al.; Jadach et.al; . . .] but are usually neglected at hadron colliders, because:

- they seem to be more difficult to compute (not really)
- they are generally small [Beenakker et.al; Pittau]
  - resonant  $\rightarrow$  non-resonant propagator unless  $E \lesssim \Gamma$  is small (soft)
  - cancellations for “inclusive” observables [Fadin, Khoze, Martin]

purpose of this work:

- do not neglect non-factorizable corrections
- try to obtain an efficient way to identify and compute minimal amount required
- why? consider e.g. top mass measurement,  $\delta m_t \sim 1 \text{ GeV} \lesssim \Gamma_t$

in this talk I will not consider many other (sometimes related) issues such as

- (soft) connection of unstable particle to beam remnant
- issues related to using pole mass for unstable particle  $\delta m_t \simeq \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  ??





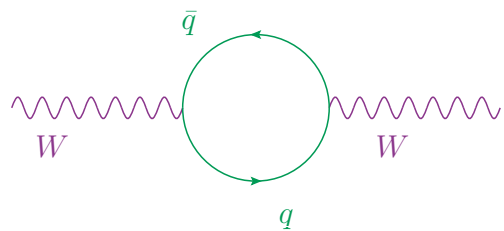
- small scale  $(p_X^2 - m_X^2)/m_X^2 \sim \delta \ll 1 \rightarrow$  effective theory (ET) approach
- expand in all small parameters  $\alpha$  and  $(p_X^2 - m_X^2)/m_X^2$
- expand integrand, method of regions [Beneke, Smirnov]
- new identification [Chapovsky, Khoze, AS, Stirling]
  - factorizable corrections = hard corrections (ET, method of regions)
  - non-factorizable corrections = soft corrections (ET)
- applicable for virtual corrections and total cross section (forward scattering amplitude)
- worked out in detail for toy model and realistic applications [Beneke, Chapovsky, Falgari, Schwinn, AS, Zanderighi]
- arbitrary real corrections problematic (new scales from definition of observable)



power counting:  $\alpha \sim \frac{p_X^2 - m_X^2}{m_X^2} \equiv \frac{\Delta}{m_X^2} \sim \frac{\Gamma_X}{m_X} \sim \delta \ll 1$

use method of regions [Beneke, Smirnov] and expand integrand (in principle to any order):

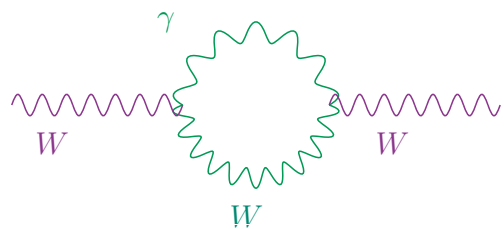
- hard corrections  $p \sim m_X$  (= factorizable corrections)
- soft corrections  $p \sim m_X \delta$  (= non-factorizable corrections)



$$\int \frac{d^d \ell}{(p + \ell)^2 \ell^2}$$

hard: full

soft:  $\int \frac{d^d \ell (2p \cdot \ell)}{p^2 \ell^2} = 0$



$$\int \frac{d^d \ell}{(\ell^2 + 2p \cdot \ell + \Delta) \ell^2}$$

hard:  $\int \frac{d^d \ell}{\ell^2 (\ell^2 + 2p \cdot \ell)} \neq 0$

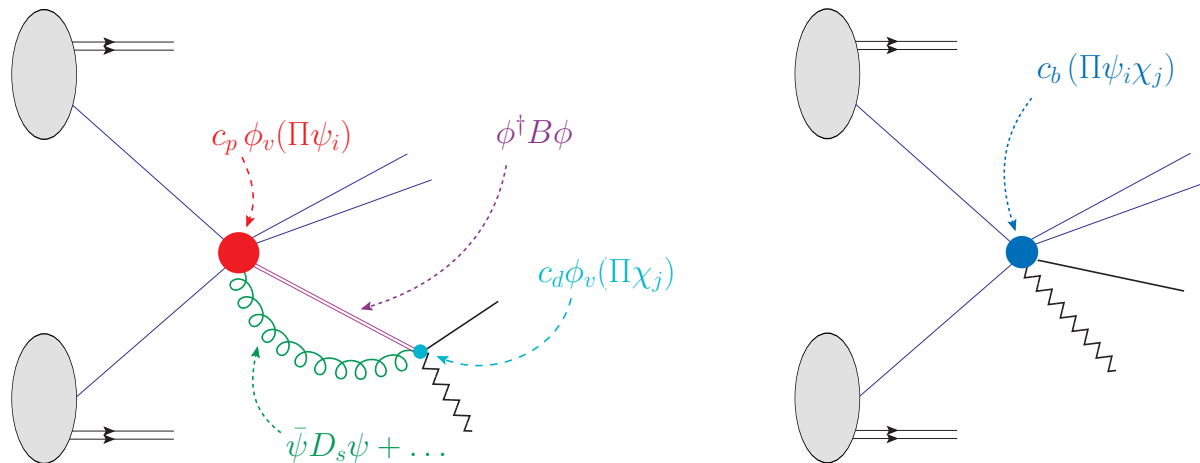
soft:  $\int \frac{d^d \ell}{\ell^2 (2p \cdot \ell + \Delta)} \neq 0$

- leads to resummation of **hard part** (= leading part in  $\Delta$ ) of self-energy insertions
- no issues with gauge invariance (compare fermion-loop scheme)



integrate out hard modes  $\rightarrow$  effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \phi^\dagger B \phi + c_p \phi(\Pi\psi_i) + c_d \phi(\Pi\chi_j) + c_b (\Pi\psi_i\chi_j) + \bar{\psi} D_s \psi + \dots$$



- matching coefficients  $c_i$  contain effects of hard modes
- matching is done on shell, i.e.  $p_X^2 = \bar{s} = m_X^2 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta)$ , with  $\bar{s}$  the complex position of pole.  
 $\rightarrow$  compare complex mass scheme [Denner, Dittmaier]
- at NLO, can take  $p_X^2 = m_X^2$  for virtual corrections
- soft (and collinear ...) d.o.f. still dynamical
- can be combined with further resummations (e.g. non-relativistic  $\rightarrow$  ET has more complicated structure)



For total cross section can proceed as for virtual (forward scattering amplitude)

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  near threshold [Hoang et.al; Beneke et.al; Melnikov et.al; Yakovlev et.al . . .]
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$  near threshold [Beneke et.al.]

For an arbitrary observable

- not clear what expansion parameter is
- observable can introduce new scales  $\rightarrow$  change in structure of ET
- case by case study for some observables possible, but not viable as general approach for hadron colliders
- base real corrections on fixed-order approach



take full real matrix element (including bg diagrams) and apply (say) subtraction method

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\Phi_{n+1} |M_{n+1}|^2 &= \int d\Phi_{n+1} \left( |M_{n+1}|^2 - |M_{n(+1)}^{\text{sing}}|^2 \right) + \int d\Phi_{n+1} |M_{n(+1)}^{\text{sing}}|^2 \\ &\simeq \int d\Phi_{n+1} \left( |M_{n+1}|^2 - |M_{n(+1)}^{\text{sing}}|^2 \right) + \int d\Phi_{n+1} |M_{n(+1)}^{\text{sing exp}}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\int d\Phi_{n+1} |M_{n(+1)}^{\text{sing}}|^2$  matches singularity structure of full virtual correction  $\int d\Phi_n |M_n^{\text{v}}|^2$

$\int d\Phi_{n+1} |M_{n(+1)}^{\text{sing exp}}|^2$  matches singularity structure of virtual term  $\int d\Phi_n |M_n^{\text{v exp}}|^2$

we subtract something and add back something different, but difference is higher order in  $\delta$

expansion only required for  $n$  parton kinematics

for those who like gauge invariance arguments: each part is separately gauge independent



politically incorrect comment about gauge invariance:

we can replace full matrix element  $|M_{n+1}|^2$  by a gauge-dependent subset  $|M_{n+1}^{\text{res}}|^2$  containing all leading in  $\delta$  terms (i.e. all diagrams with resonant propagators)

$$\int d\Phi_{n+1} |M_{n+1}|^2 \simeq \underbrace{\int d\Phi_{n+1} \left( |M_{n+1}^{\text{res}}|^2 - |M_{n(+1)}^{\text{res sing}}|^2 \right)}_{\text{gauge dependent, but only at NLO in } \delta} + \int d\Phi_{n+1} |M_{n(+1)}^{\text{sing exp}}|^2$$

if we compute at order  $\delta^n$ , we end up with residual gauge dependence at order  $\delta^{n+1}$ .

this is completely analogous to renormalization/factorization scale/scheme dependence.

what value for  $\xi$  ?

$\xi \sim 1$  (parameter in  $\mathcal{L}$ )

setting  $\xi = 10^{10}$

variation of  $\xi$

what value for  $\mu$  ?

$\mu \sim s_{ij}$

setting  $\mu = M_{\text{Planck}}$

variation of  $\mu$

formally: any

avoid large coefficients

simply stupid !!

estimate of h.o. corrections ??



Consider single top in t-channel

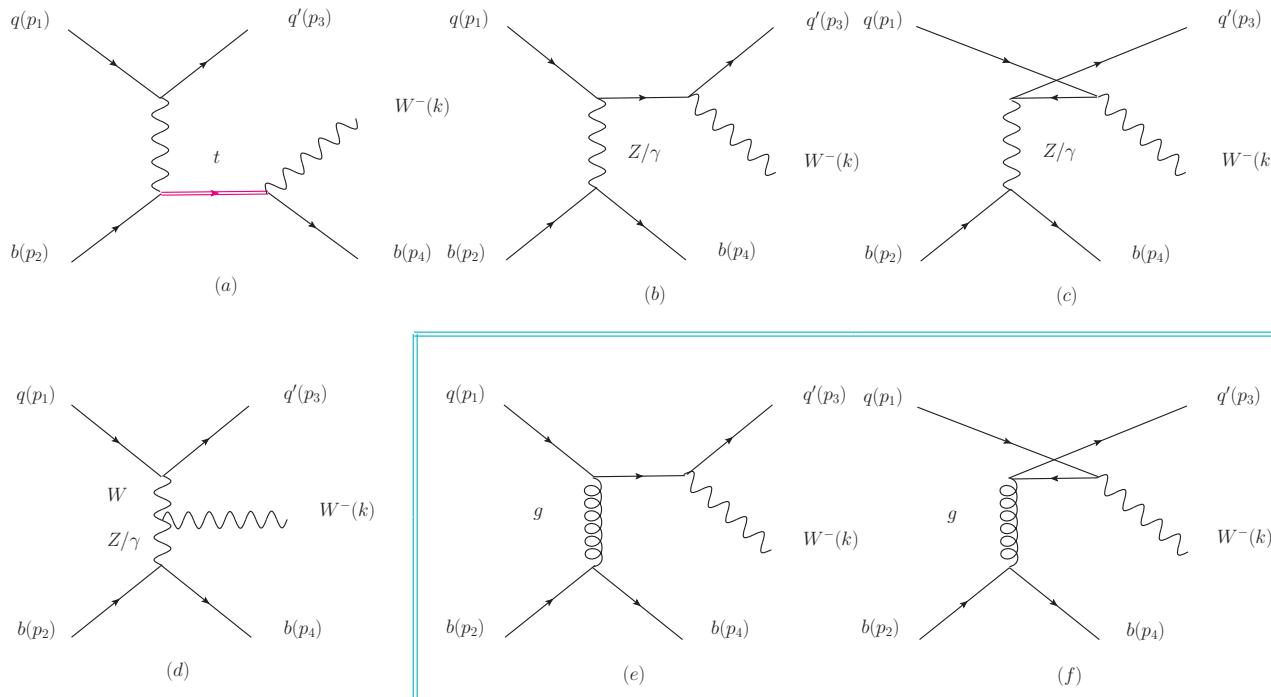
- total rate and distributions at NLO [Bordes et.al; Stelzer et.al; Harris et.al; Campbell et.al; Cao et.al; ...]
- implemented in MC@NLO [Frixione et.al.]
- comparison 5-flavour scheme vs. 4-flavour scheme [Campbell et.al.]
- EW corrections [Beccaria et.al.] and numerous studies with BSM effects

here, simply consider  $u(p_1)b(p_2) \rightarrow d(p_3)b(p_4)W^+(k) \rightarrow d(p_3)b(p_4)e^+(p_5)\nu(p_6)$

- use (improved) narrow width for  $W$  decay
- signal is  $W J_b$  pair with invariant mass  $(p_W + p_{J_b})^2 \equiv s_{Wb} \sim m_t^2$
- small parameter:  $\delta \equiv \frac{s_{Wb} - m_t^2}{m_t^2} \equiv \frac{\Delta}{m_t^2}$ ; **counting:**  $\alpha_s^2 \sim \alpha_{ew} \sim \frac{\Gamma_t}{m_t} \sim \delta \ll 1$
- use 5 flavour scheme,  $m_b = 0$ , and “fixed” order, i.e. no parton shower etc.
- focus on  $ub \rightarrow dbW^+$  partonic process, even at NLO
- $\rightarrow$  result by no means complete



$$\text{amplitude: } \mathcal{A}^{\text{tree}} = \delta_{31}\delta_{42} \left( \underbrace{g_{ew}^3 A_{(-1)}^{(3,0)}}_{\delta^{1/2}} + \underbrace{g_{ew}^3 A_{(0)}^{(3,0)}}_{\delta^{3/2}} + \dots \right) + \underbrace{T_{31}^a T_{42}^a g_{ew} g_s^2 A^{(1,2)}}_{\delta \text{ signal!}}$$



amplitude squared: (no interference due to colour  $\rightarrow$  no  $\delta^{3/2}$  term)

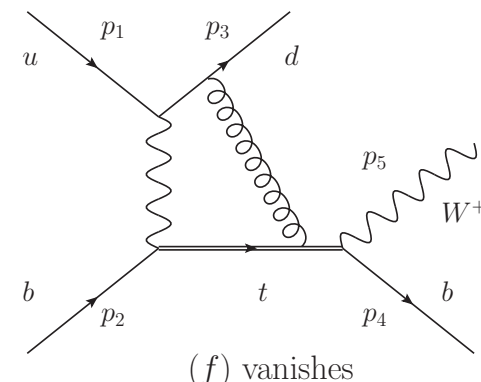
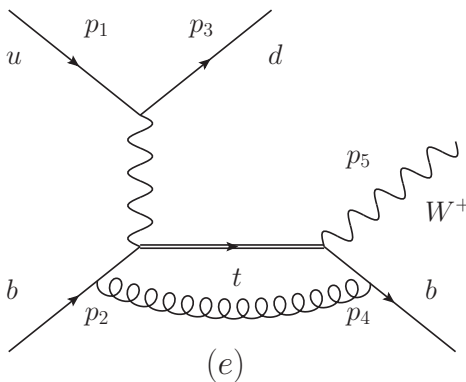
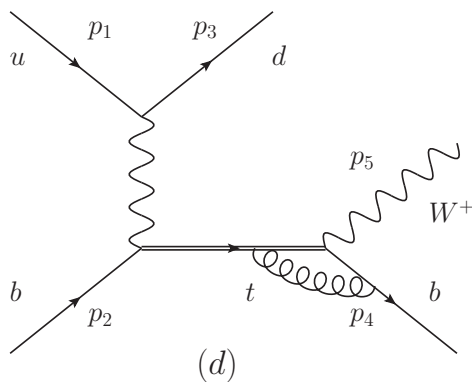
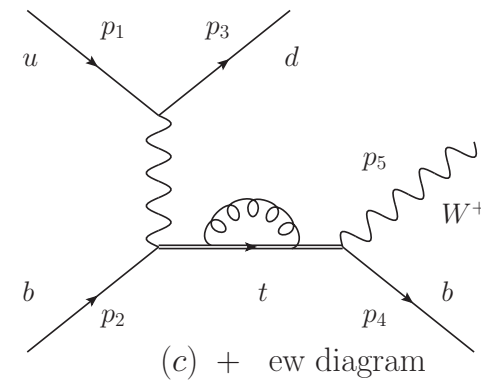
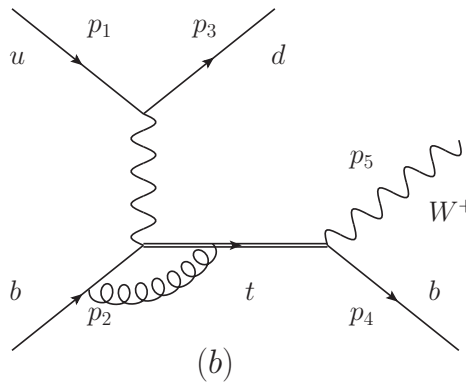
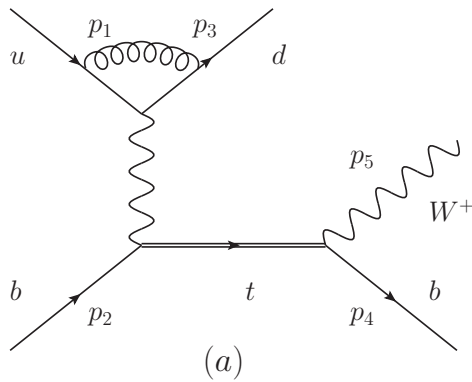
$$|M|^2 = \underbrace{g_{ew}^6 N_c^2 \left| A_{(-1)}^{(3,0)} \right|^2}_{\delta} + \underbrace{g_{ew}^6 N_c^2 2 \text{Re} \left( A_{(-1)}^{(3,0)} \left[ A_{(0)}^{(3,0)} \right]^* \right)}_{\delta^2} + \underbrace{g_{ew}^2 g_s^4 N_c C_F / 2 \left| A^{(1,2)} \right|^2}_{\delta^2} + \dots$$

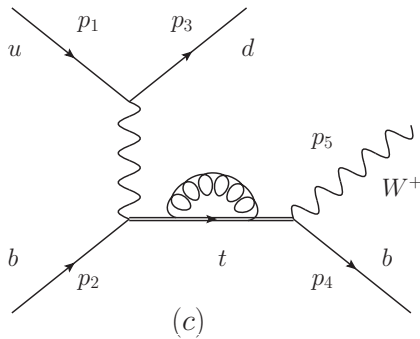




tree-level (squared)  $\sim \delta$ , compute all  $\sim \delta^{3/2}$  contributions to  $|M|^2$  ( $\sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$  corrections)

consider subset of resonant virtual diagrams (before expansion in  $\delta$  this is gauge dependent)





denominator  $\Delta^2 \ell^2 [(p_t - \ell)^2 - m_t^2]$

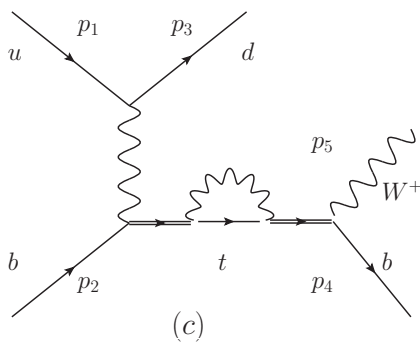
hard  $\Delta^2 \ell^2 [\ell^2 - 2\ell \cdot p_t]$

soft  $\Delta^2 \ell^2 [-2\ell \cdot p_t + \Delta]$

$$\sim \frac{g_{ew}^3 \cdot \alpha_s \cdot 1}{\delta^2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} \sim 1$$

$$\sim \frac{g_{ew}^3 \cdot \alpha_s \cdot \delta^4}{\delta^2 \cdot \delta^2 \cdot \delta} \sim \delta$$

hard part of QCD self-energy is superleading, i.e.  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  with LO amplitude  $\sim \delta^{1/2}$   
 but in pole scheme this is precisely cancelled by counter term  
 soft part of QCD self-energy is NLO, i.e.  $\mathcal{O}(\delta^{3/2})$  for  $|M|^2$



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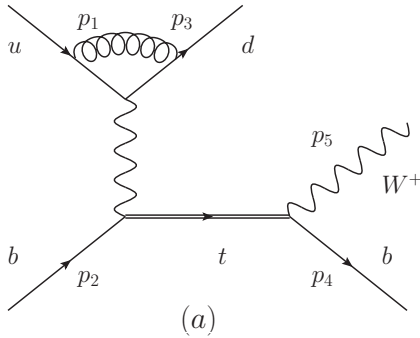
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$$\sim \frac{g_{ew}^3 \cdot \alpha_{ew} \cdot \delta^4}{\delta^2 \cdot \delta^2 \cdot \delta} \sim \delta^{3/2}$$

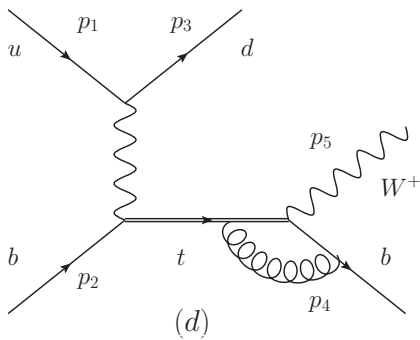
hard part of EW self-energy is leading, i.e.  $\mathcal{O}(\delta^{1/2}) \rightarrow$  resum  
 soft part of EW self-energy is beyond NLO, i.e.  $\mathcal{O}(\delta^2)$  for  $|M|^2$



denom.  $\Delta l^2 (\ell - p_1)^2 (\ell - p_3)^2$

hard  $\Delta l^2 (\ell - p_1)^2 (\ell - p_3)^2 \sim \frac{g_{ew}^3 \cdot \alpha_{ew} \cdot 1}{\delta \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} \sim \delta$

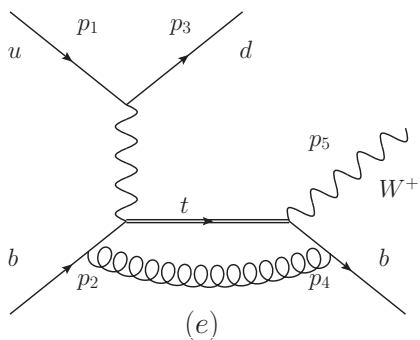
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hard  $\Delta l^2 (\ell - p_4)^2 [\ell^2 - 2\ell \cdot p_t] \sim \frac{g_{ew}^3 \cdot \alpha_s \cdot 1}{\delta \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} \sim \delta$

soft  $\Delta l^2 (-2\ell \cdot p_1) [-2\ell \cdot p_t + \Delta] \sim \frac{g_{ew}^3 \cdot \alpha_{ew} \cdot \delta^4}{\delta \cdot \delta^2 \cdot \delta \cdot \delta} \sim \delta$



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explicit calculations and results are very simple!

$$\mathcal{A}^{(1),\text{soft}} = \mathcal{A}^{(0)} \delta V^{\text{soft}}$$

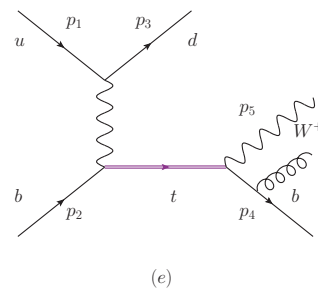
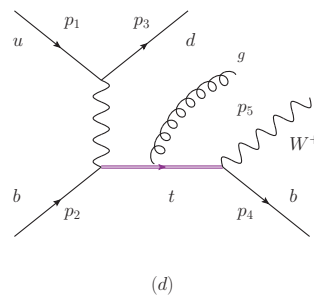
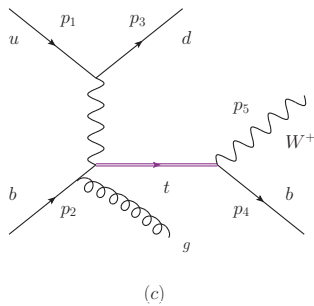
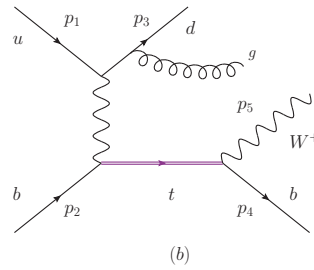
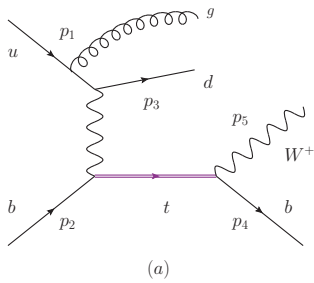
$$\delta V^{\text{soft}} = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \left( -\frac{\Delta}{\mu m_t} \right)^{-2\epsilon} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( 1 - \ln \frac{s_{2t} s_{4t}}{m_t^2 s_{24}} \right) + 2 + \text{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \frac{s_{2t} s_{4t}}{m_t^2 s_{24}} \right) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{hard},(b)} = \mathcal{A}^{(0)} \delta V^{\text{hard},(b)} + \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{-ig_{ew}^4 \langle 46 \rangle \langle 3|2|1 \rangle [25]}{(s_{13} + M_W^2) \Delta} \frac{m_t^2}{m_t^2 - s_{2t}} \ln \frac{s_{2t}}{m_t^2}$$

$$\delta V^{\text{hard},(b)} = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \ln \frac{s_{2t}}{m_t \mu} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \text{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \frac{m_t^2}{s_{2t}} \right) - 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{24} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \frac{s_{2t}}{m_t \mu} + \frac{1}{8} \ln^2 \frac{m_t^2}{\mu^2} + \frac{s_{2t}}{4(m_t^2 - s_{2t})} \ln \frac{m_t^2}{\mu^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{s_{2t}}{m_t \mu} \left( 2 - \frac{s_{2t}}{m_t^2 - s_{2t}} - \ln \frac{m_t^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right]$$



consider only subset of real diagrams (in general gauge dependent)  
 could use full real amplitude, difference is  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \delta^2) = \mathcal{O}(\delta^{5/2})$  for  $|M|^2$



The only ET-input is the resummed propagator for the top.

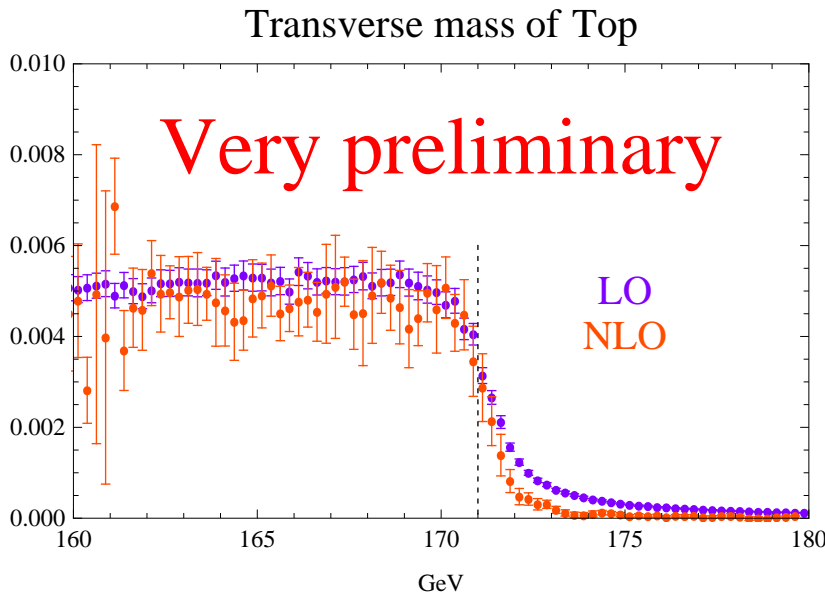
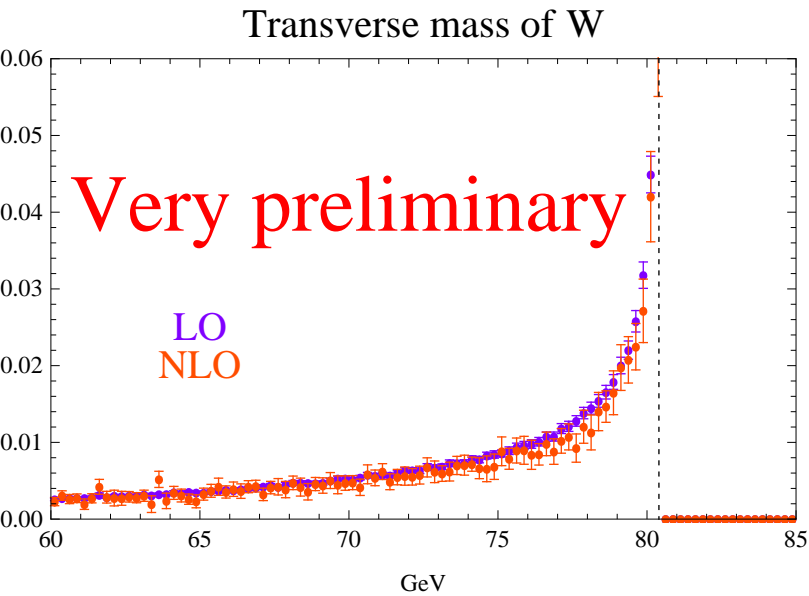


LHC  $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$ , only partonic subprocess  $ub \rightarrow dWb$

define jets:  $k_{\perp}$  cluster algorithm  $\Rightarrow$   $J_b$  with  $|k_{J_b \perp}| > 40 \text{ GeV}$   
 $J_q$  with  $|k_{J_q \perp}| > 40 \text{ GeV}$

top window:  $150 \text{ GeV} < \sqrt{(k_{J_b} + k_e + k_{\nu})^2} < 200 \text{ GeV}$   
 $E_{\perp} > 40 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|k_{e \perp}| > 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_t = 171.3 \text{ GeV}$ , MSTW 2008, NLO pdf

transverse mass of  $W$  (improved narrow width) and  $t$  (off-shell effects taken into account)





- using ET inspired approach, the computational effort to include off-shell effects for unstable particles is modest
- single top (work in progress)
  - preliminary comparison to [\[Campbell et.al.\]](#) confirms off-shell effects  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \delta)$  are relatively small for total cross section
  - perform full analysis for generic observables
  - consider effects of  $\log \Gamma_t/m_t$
  - higher order contributions in  $\Delta$  are not too difficult to compute and can be numerically important (e.g. QCD “background”)
  - full calculation beyond  $\mathcal{O}(\delta^{3/2})$  for  $|M|^2$  would require two-loop matching coefficient
- the really interesting process is top pair production (outlook)
  - off-shell effects at tree level have been considered [\[Kauer, Zeppenfeld\]](#)
  - (inclusive) non-factorizable corrections to invariant mass distributions are small [\[Beenakker et.al.\]](#)
  - but cancellations between real and virtual contributions are disturbed by cuts
  - to have confidence in a top mass measurement with  $\delta m_t \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$  these corrections have to be considered