

Cross section and differential distributions for top quarks near the production threshold

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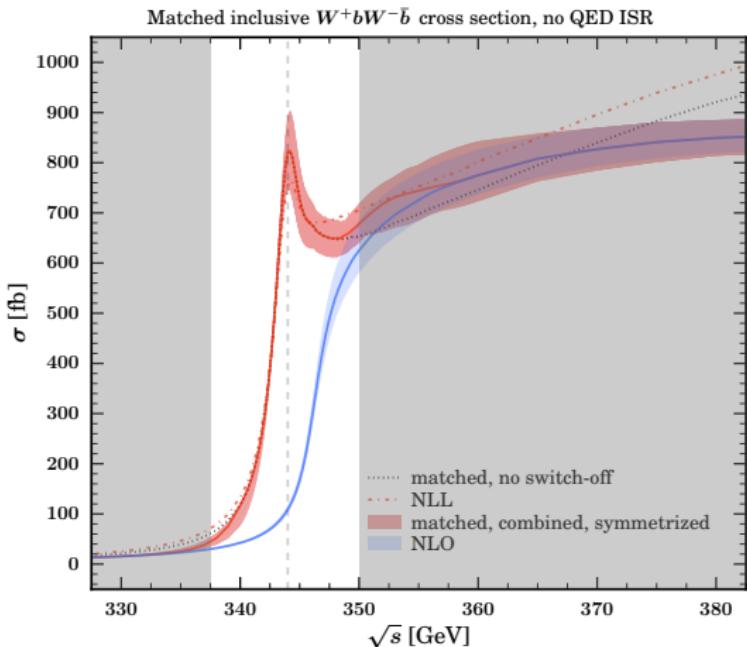
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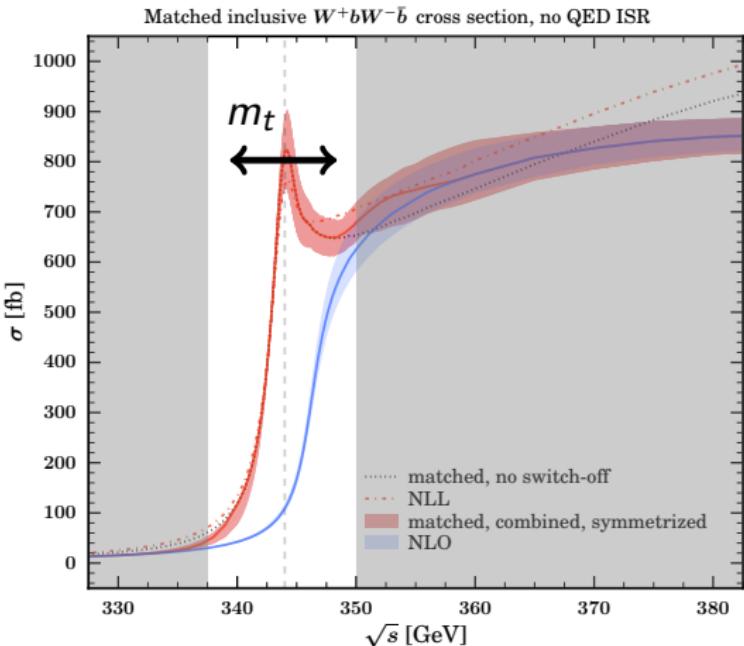
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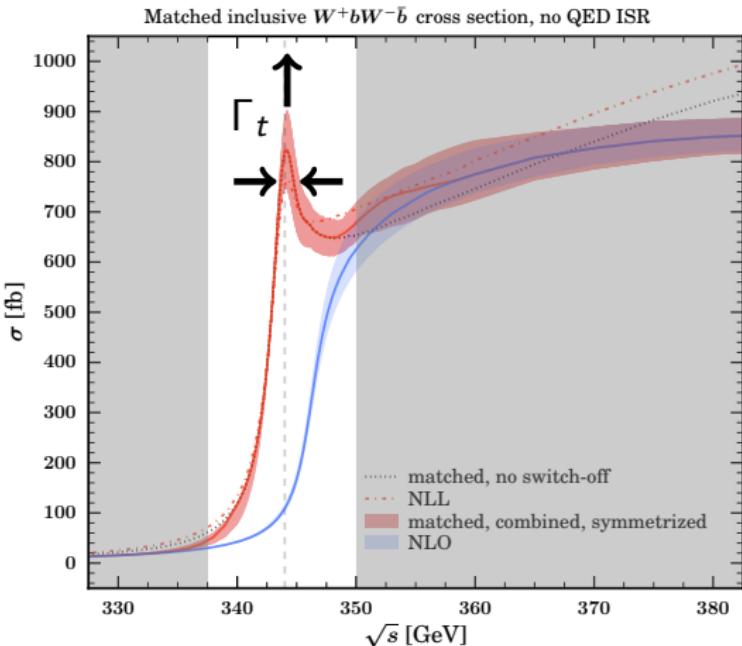
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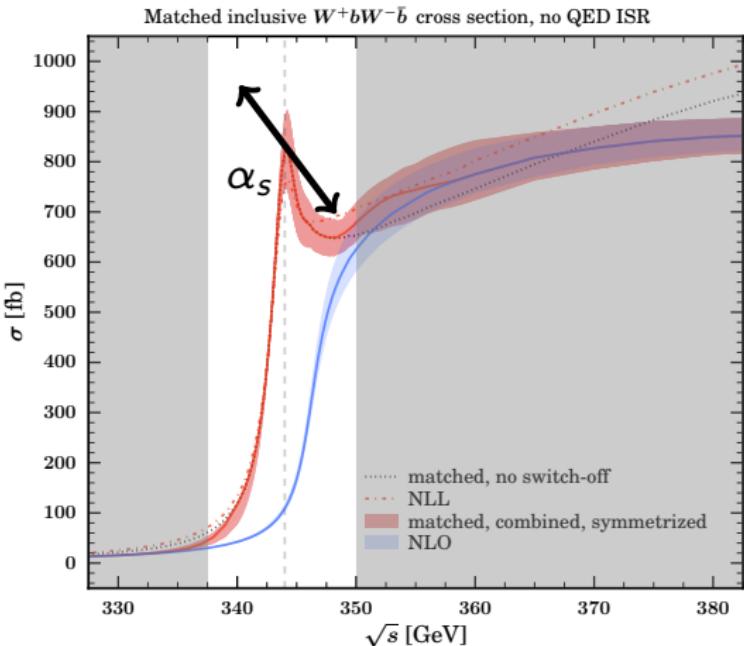
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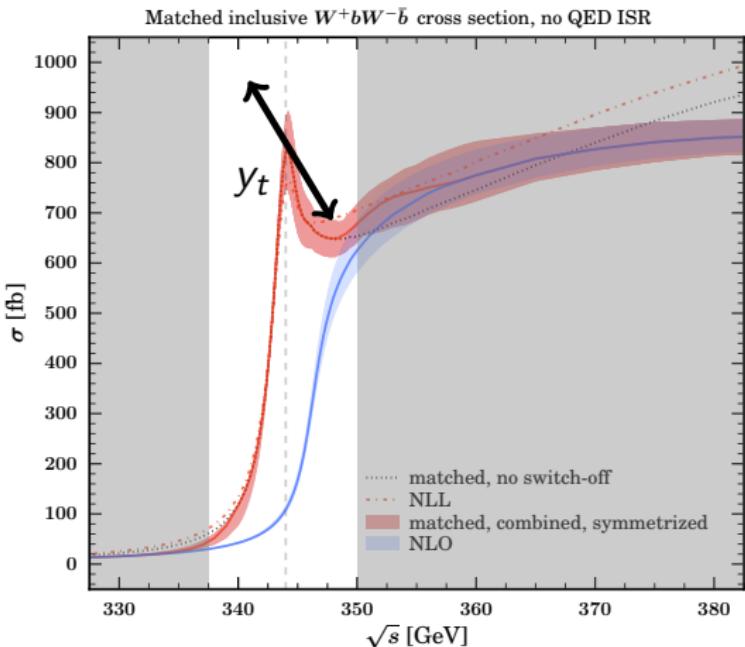
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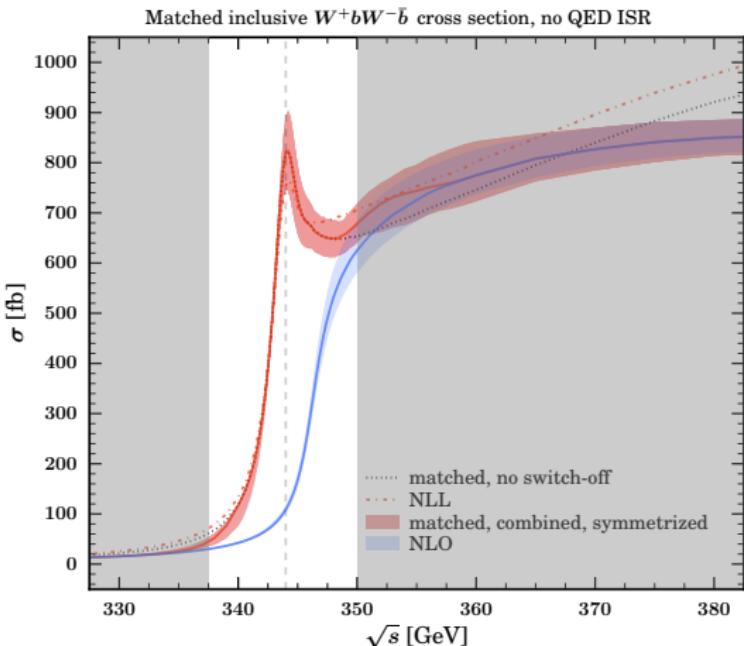
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Requires very precise theory predictions:

- Inclusive result known at NNNLO QCD + NNLO SM + LL ISR + NNNLO Yukawa
- Differential result known at (N)LL + NLO QCD



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Top quarks near threshold

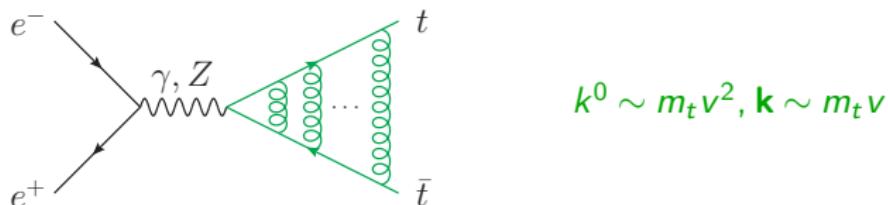
Relevant scales and Coulomb effects

Near threshold tops are non-relativistic with velocity $v \sim \alpha_s$

- Multiple scales are relevant:

hard	m_t	top mass
soft	$m_t v$	momentum
ultrasoft	$m_t v^2$	energy

- Coulomb singularities $(\alpha_s/v)^n$ from n exchanges of potential gluons



- Conventional perturbation theory in α_s fails
- Coulomb singularities must be resummed to all orders
- Done with potential non-relativistic QCD (PNRQCD)

[Pineda, Soto 1998; Beneke, Signer, Smirnov 1999; Brambilla, Pineda, Soto, Vairo 2000; Beneke, Kyo, Schuller 2013]

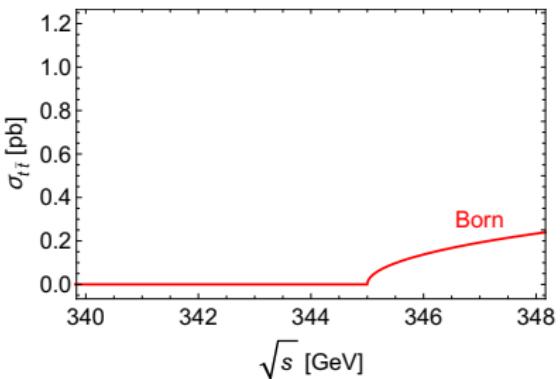
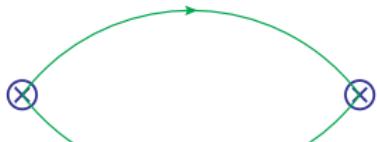
QCD cross section

Born approximation

Total inclusive cross section from the optical theorem:

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(s) = 12\pi e_t^2 f(s) \operatorname{Im} [\Pi^{(\nu)}(s)] \sim \alpha_{EW}^2 \nu [1 + \mathcal{O}(\nu^2)]$$

vector current correlator

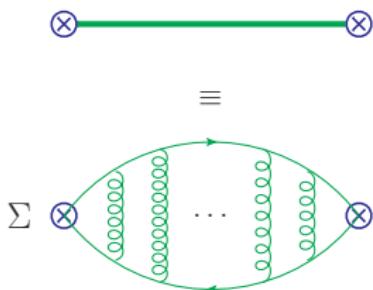


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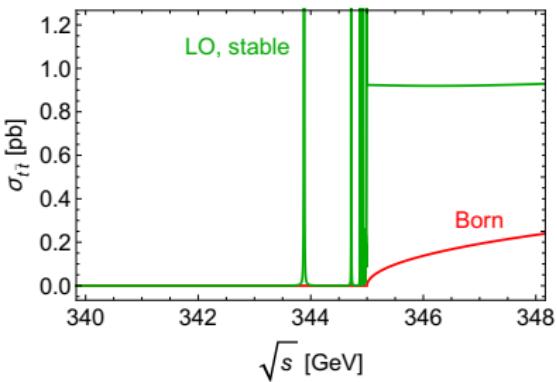
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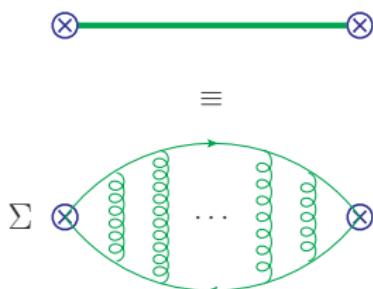


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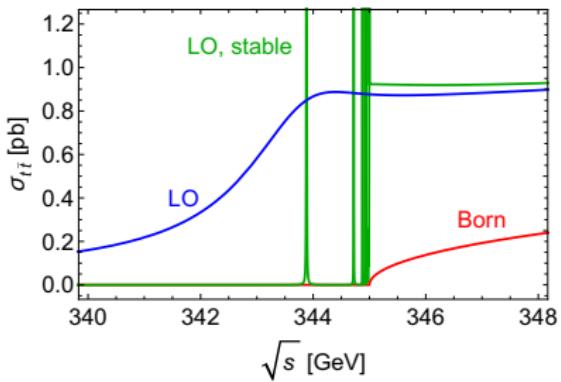
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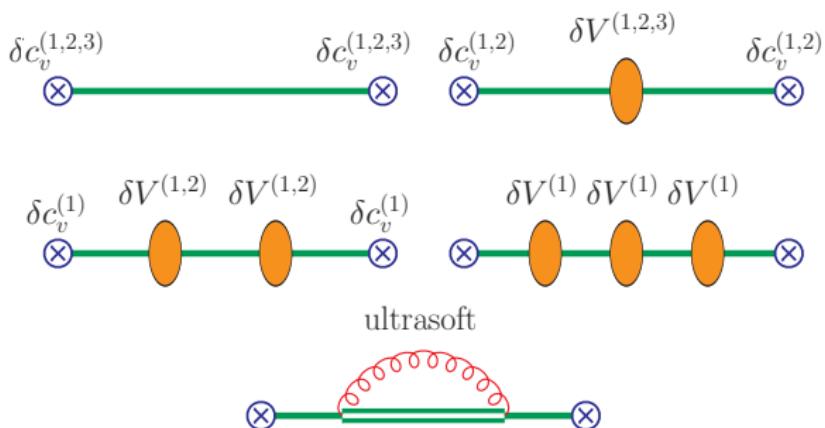
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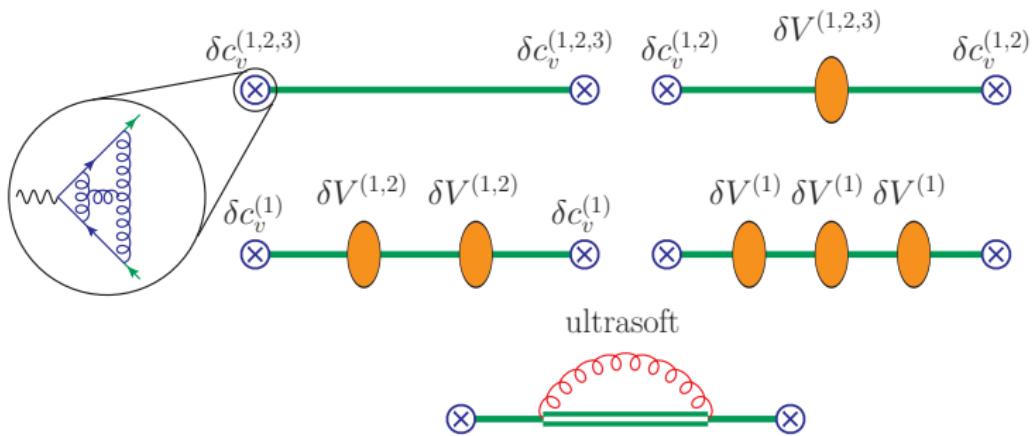
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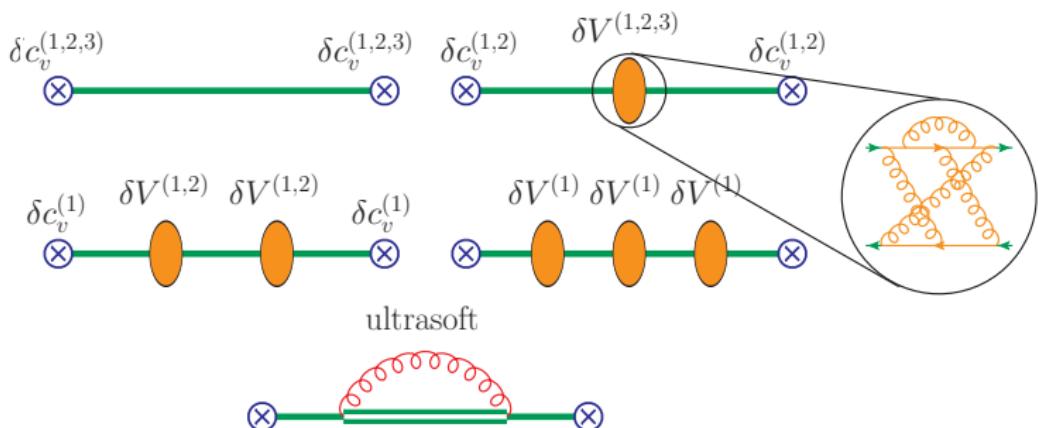
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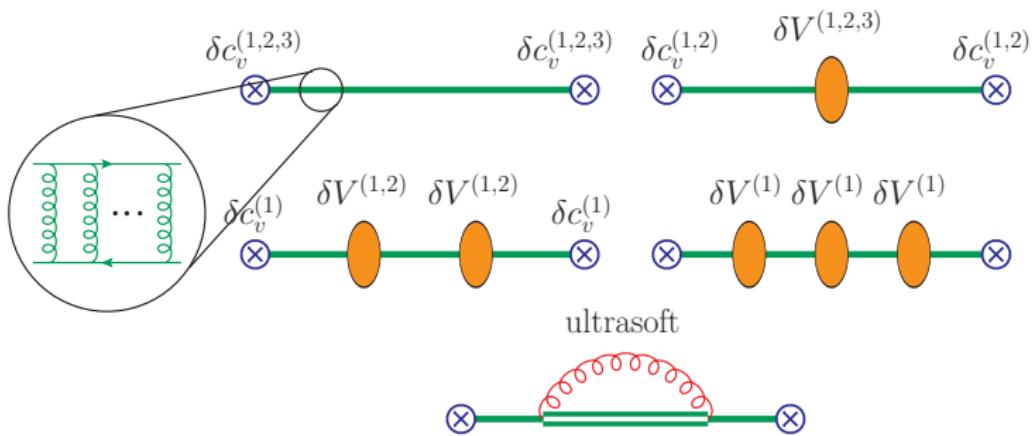
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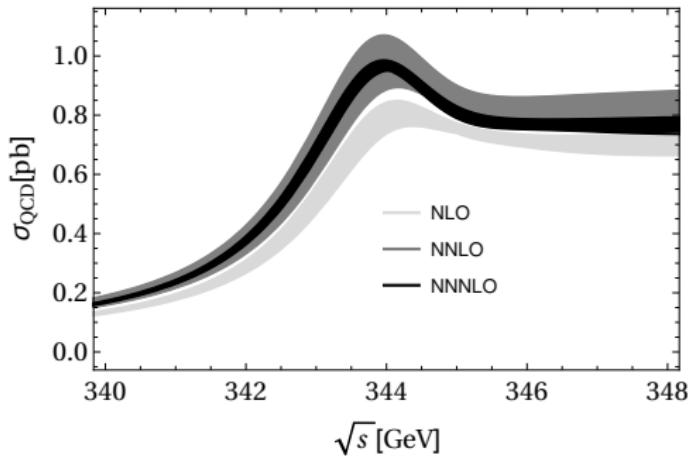
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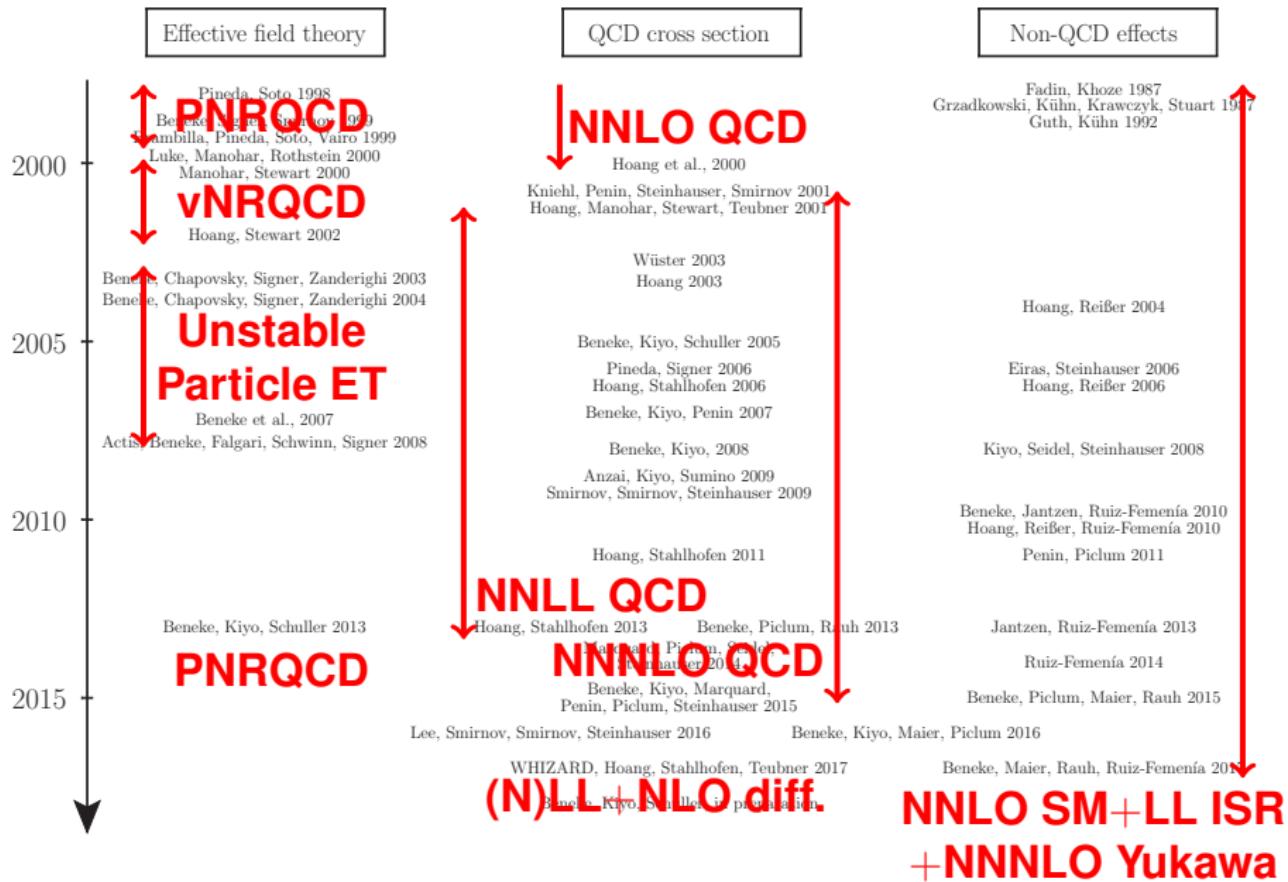
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[Beneke, Kiyo, Marquard, Penin, Piclum, Steinhauser 2015]
- NLO P-wave [Beneke, Piclum, TR 2013]
- QQbar_Threshold code
[Beneke, Kiyo, Maier, Piclum 2016;
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- Stabilization of perturbative expansion at NNNLO
- 3% uncertainty due to scale variation from 50 to 350 GeV
- Similar conclusions at NNLL (5% uncertainty) [Hoang, Stahlhofen 2013]

Work beyond NNLO QCD



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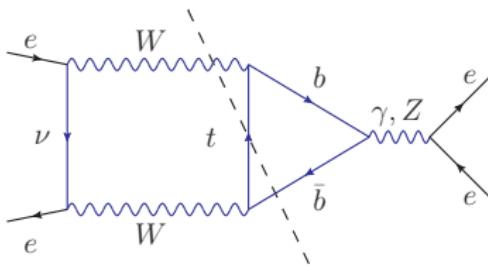
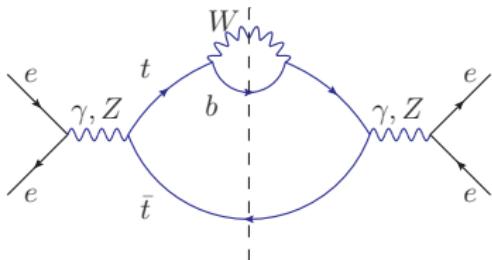
Non-QCD effects

Non-resonant contributions

The physical final state is $W^+W^-\bar{b}bX$

- $\Gamma_t \sim m_t \alpha \sim m_t \alpha_s^2$ is not suppressed with respect to the **ultrasoft** scale
- Narrow width approximation is unphysical!
- Top decay modifies cross section in non-perturbative way (smearing of toponium resonances)

Top instability implies existence of contributions to the cross section from **hard subgraphs** that connect to the initial and final state



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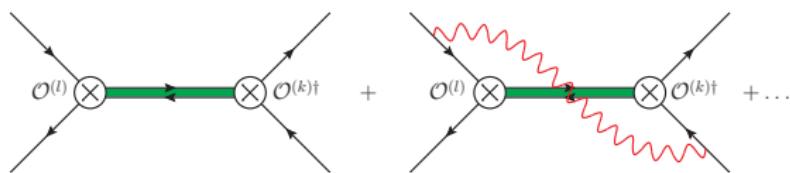
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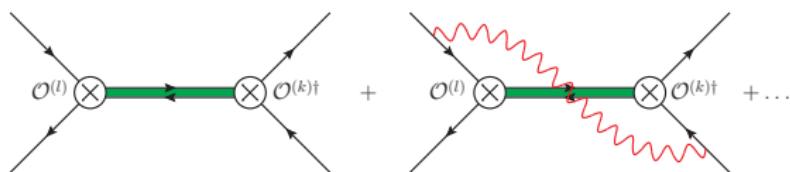
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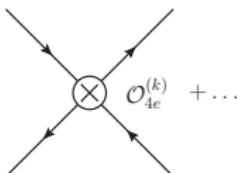
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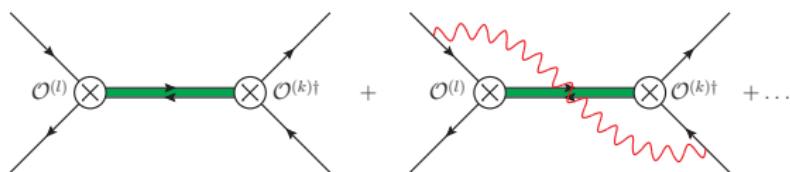


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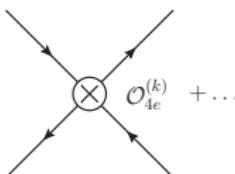
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Both parts contain spurious divergences! Only the sum is finite. Calculations must be done in the same regularization scheme.

Implementation of NNNLO QCD + NNLO SM + LL ISR + NNNLO Yukawa results is available on [HEPForge](#)

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QQbar_threshold

QQbar_threshold computes the top-quark pair production cross section near threshold in electron-positron annihilation at NNNLO in resummed non-relativistic perturbation theory [1, 2]. It includes Higgs, QED, electroweak and non-resonant corrections at various accuracies and a consistent implementation of initial-state radiation. Details can be found in

- M. Beneke, Y. Kiyo, A. Maier, and J. Piclum
Near-threshold production of heavy quarks with QQbar_threshold
Comput. Phys. Commun. **209** (2016) 96-115, arXiv:1605.03010 [hep-ph]
- M. Beneke, A. Maier, T. Rauh, and P. Ruiz-Femenia
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Please cite these (and possibly other articles, where the theoretical input was first computed) when QQbar_threshold is used for published work.

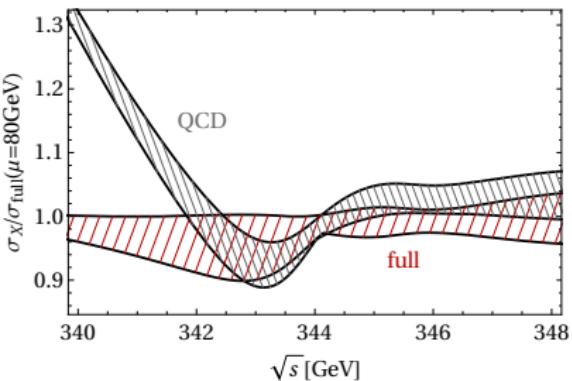
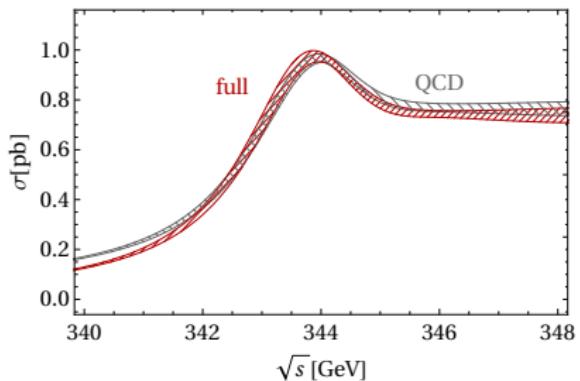
The functionality of the package can also be used to compute the bound state energies and residues of bottomonium S-wave states and high moments of the bottom production cross section at NNNLO, including the continuum (see M. Beneke, A. Maier, J. Piclum, T. Rauh, *Nucl.Phys.* **B891** (2015) 42-72, arXiv:1411.3132 [hep-ph]).

QQbar_threshold is written in C++ and Wolfram Language. It can be used as a C++ library or through a Mathematica interface.

For questions, comments, and bug reports write to qqbarthreshold@projects.hepforge.org.

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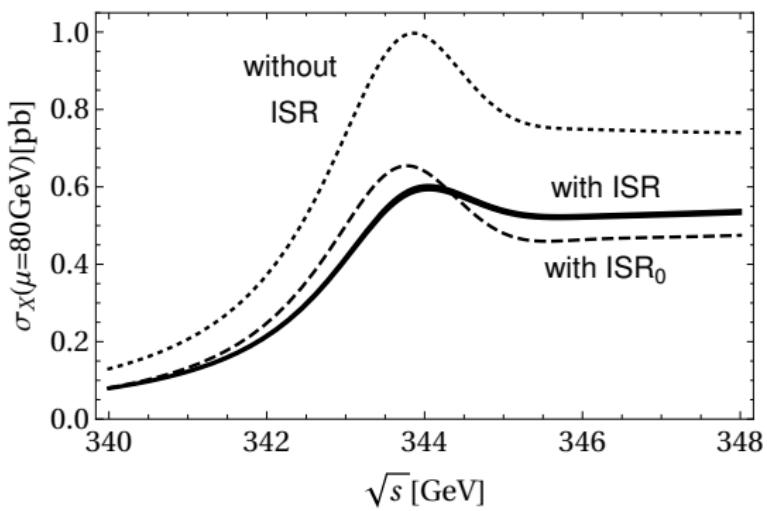
NNLO SM and NNNLO Yukawa contributions



- Uncertainty due to renormalization scale variation between 50 GeV and 350 GeV
- Effects significantly larger than QCD uncertainty
- Shape changes particularly in the important region at and below threshold

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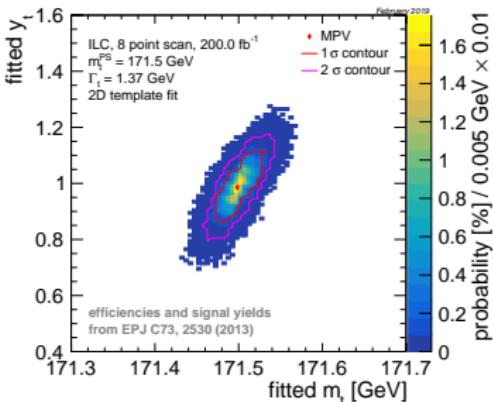
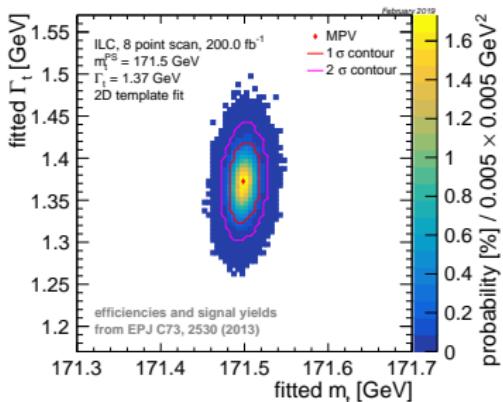
Initial state radiation



- ISR reduces cross section by 30-45 %
- Band is envelope of different LL accurate implementations
- NLL precision is a must for a lepton collider (not just for ttbar)

Determination of SM parameters

Results of a full simulation assuming ILC luminosity spectrum [Simon 2019]



parameter	8 point scan	10 point scan
1D fit		
m_t	$(\pm 10.3_{\text{stat}} \pm 44_{\text{theo}})$ MeV	$(12.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 40_{\text{theo}})$ MeV
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m_t	$(^{+20.7}_{-24.3})_{\text{stat}} \pm 45_{\text{theo}}$ MeV	$(^{+29.7}_{-25.3})_{\text{stat}} \pm 43_{\text{theo}}$ MeV
Γ_t	$(^{+50}_{-55})_{\text{stat}} \pm 32_{\text{theo}}$ MeV	$(^{+80}_{-55})_{\text{stat}} \pm 39_{\text{theo}}$ MeV
2D fit m_t and y_t		
m_t	$(\pm 35_{\text{stat}} \pm 45_{\text{theo}})$ MeV	$(^{+34}_{-31})_{\text{stat}} \pm 42_{\text{theo}}$ MeV
y_t	$+0.12_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.09_{\text{theo}}$	$+0.128_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.132_{\text{theo}}$

Differential distributions

Implementation in WHIZARD [Bach, Chokouf   Nejad, Hoang, Kilian, Reuter, Stahlhofen, Teubner, Weiss 2017]

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QCD from **WHIZARD**

Resummed cross section at (N)LL
with form factors $\tilde{F}_{\text{NLL}} = F_{\text{NLL}} - 1$
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$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\text{NLO+NLL}} &= \sigma_{\text{NLO}} + \left((F_{\text{NLL}} - F_{\text{NLL}}^{\text{exp}}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| \tilde{F}_{\text{NLL}} \right|^2 + \left| \tilde{F}_{\text{NLL}} \right|^2 + \left| \tilde{F}_{\text{NLL}} \right|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\tilde{F}_{\text{NLL}} \left(\left| \alpha_s \right|^2 + \left| \alpha_s \right|^2 \right) \right. \right. \right) \end{aligned}$$

f_s = switch-off function to turn off
resummation in relativistic regime

Differential distributions

Implementation in WHIZARD

Matched cross section:

$$\sigma_{\text{matched}} = \sigma_{\text{NLO}}(\alpha_H) + \sigma_{\text{resum}}(f_s \alpha_H, f_s \alpha_S, f_s \alpha_{US}) - \sigma_{\text{resum}}^{\text{expand}}(f_s \alpha_H)$$

Fixed order $W^+ W^- b\bar{b}$
cross section at NLO in
QCD from **WHIZARD**

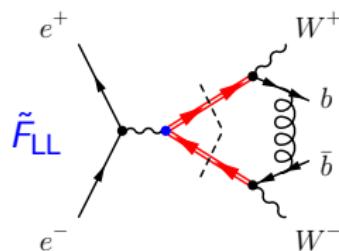
Resummed cross section at (N)LL
with form factors $\tilde{F}_{\text{NLL}} = F_{\text{NLL}} - 1$
in the resonant contribution

Subtraction to
remove double
counting

(N)LL+NLO accuracy depending on observable:

$$\sigma \sim \alpha_{EW}^2 v \sum_{k,i} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{v} \right)^k (\alpha_s \ln v)^i \times \begin{cases} 1 & \text{LL} \\ \alpha_s, v & \text{NLL} \end{cases}$$

Ultrasoft gluon exchanges involving the decay
products are missing, but cancel in sufficiently
inclusive quantities.

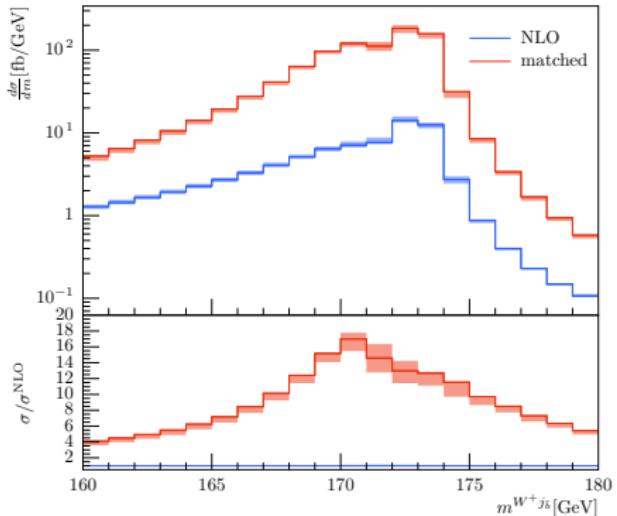


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Examples at the peak $\sqrt{s} = 2m_t^{1S}$

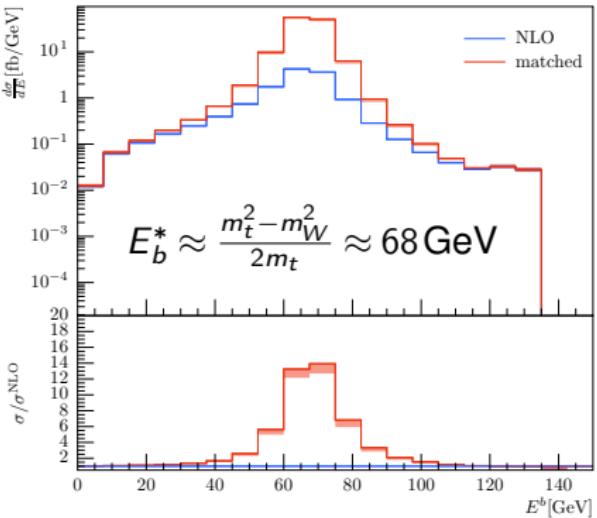
top inv. mass distribution

$e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+bW^-\bar{b}$, $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$, $\sqrt{s} = 344\text{GeV}$



b-jet energy distribution

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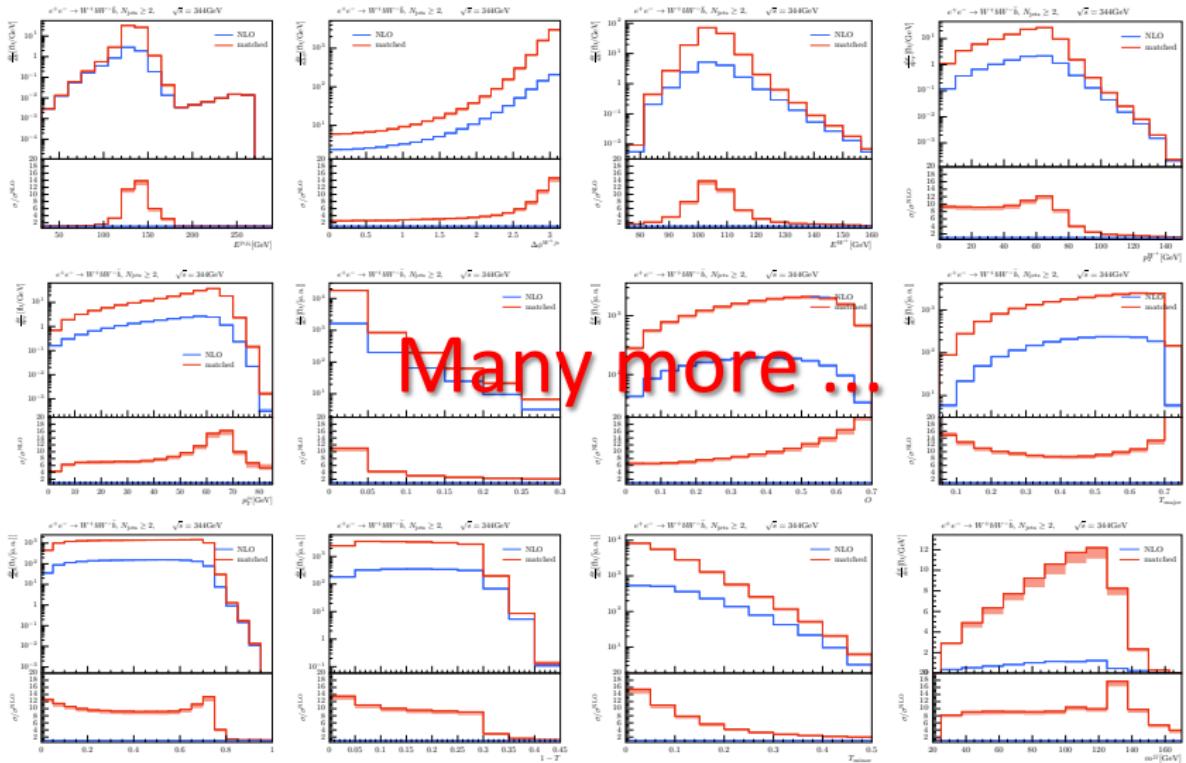


(RIVET event analysis; FASTJET generalized k_T algorithm, $R = 0.4$, $p = -1$; $E_{\text{jet}} > 1\text{GeV}$)

[Bach, Chokouf  Nejad, Hoang, Kilian, Reuter, Stahlhofen, Teubner, Weiss 2017]

Differential distributions

Top-antitop threshold in WHIZARD



Maximilian Stahlhofen – JGU Mainz

Summary & Outlook

- Determination of several SM parameters possible from scan of the total $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-\bar{b}bX$ cross section near the top threshold
- NNNLO QCD + NNLO SM + LL ISR + NNNLO Yukawa prediction known and available in [QQbar_Threshold](#)
- Theoretical uncertainty of 2-5% (energy-dependent), translates to

parameter	8 point scan	10 point scan
m_t	$(\pm 10.3_{\text{(stat)}} \pm 44_{\text{(theo)}}) \text{ MeV}$	$(12.2_{\text{(stat)}} \pm 40_{\text{(theo)}}) \text{ MeV}$

[Simon 2019]

- Fully differential results at (N)LL+NLO implemented in [WHIZARD](#)
- Increase precision: NNNLO+NNLL QCD, NLL ISR, $N^4\text{LO}$ Yukawa, NLL differential, ...
- Phenomenology of differential distributions, parameter sensitivity

Power counting

$$\alpha_{\text{EW}} \sim \alpha_t \equiv \frac{\lambda_t^2}{4\pi} \sim \alpha_s^2 \sim v^2,$$

$$\sigma_{\text{QCD only}} \sim \alpha_{\text{EW}}^2 v \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{v} \right)^k \times \begin{cases} 1 & \text{LO} \\ \alpha_s, v & \text{NLO} \\ \alpha_s^2, \alpha_s v, v^2 & \text{NNLO} \\ \alpha_s^3, \alpha_s^2 v, \alpha_s v^2, v^3 & \text{NNNLO} \end{cases}$$

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$$+ \alpha_{\text{EW}}^2 \times \begin{cases} \alpha_{\text{EW}} & \text{NLO} \\ \alpha_{\text{EW}} \alpha_s & \text{NNLO} \\ \dots & \text{NNNLO} \end{cases}$$

Organization of the calculation

Split cross section into three separately finite parts (I), (II) and (III):

$$\sigma^{\text{NNLO}} = \underbrace{\left[\sigma_{\text{sq}} + \sigma_{\text{res, rest}} \right]}_{(I)} + \underbrace{\left[\sigma_{\text{int}}^{(\text{EP div})} + \sigma_{C_{\text{Abs,bare}}^{(k)}} \right]}_{(II)} + \underbrace{\left[\sigma_{\text{int}}^{(\text{EP fin})} + \sigma_{\text{aut}} \right]}_{(III)}.$$

- (I): computational scheme for 'squared contribution' fixed by existing QCD results (Dim reg with NDR for γ^5)
- (II): Use freedom of scheme choice to simplify calculation (some parts done in four dimensions)
- (III): Endpoint finite part of 'interference contribution' must be computed consistent with MadGraph

Divergence structure

		UV finite	IR finite	EP finite
(I)	σ_{sq}	✓	✓	✓
	$\sigma_{\text{sq}}^{(h_1a, \dots, h_1g)}$	✓	✓	-
	$\sigma_{\text{sq}}^{(g_1, \dots, g_6)}$	✓	-	-
	σ_{sq}	✓	-	★
	$\sigma_{\text{res, rest}}$	✓	✓	-
	σ_{QCD}	✓	✓	-
	$\sigma_{\text{P-wave}}$	✓	✓	-
	σ_H	✓	✓	✓
	$\sigma_{\delta V_{\text{QED}}}$	✓	✓	✓
	σ_Γ	✓	✓	-
	$\sigma_{C_{\text{EW}}^{(k)}}$	✓	✓	✓
	$\sigma_{C_t^{(k)}}$	✓	✓	-
	$\sigma_{\text{IS}}^{\text{Abs}, Z_t}$	✓	✓	✓
(II)		✓	✓	✓
	$\sigma_{\text{int}}^{(\text{EP div})}$	✓	✓	-
	$\sigma_{C_{\text{bare}}^{(k)}}$	✓	✓	-
(III)		✓	✓	✓
	$\sigma_{\text{int}}^{(\text{EP fin})}$	-	✓	✓
	σ_{aut}	-	✓	✓

Non-QCD effects

Top-quark decay width

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{bilinear}} = \psi^\dagger \left[i\partial^0 + \frac{\vec{\partial}^2}{2m_t} + \frac{i\Gamma_t}{2} + \frac{(\vec{\partial}^2 + im_t\Gamma_t)^2}{8m_t^3} + \dots \right] \psi + \text{anti-quark}$$

- $\psi^\dagger \frac{i\Gamma_t}{2} \psi$: same order as kinetic term, shifts $E \rightarrow E + i\Gamma_t$ ($E = \sqrt{s} - 2m_t$)
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Non-Hermitian Hamiltonian $H \Rightarrow$ eigenstates do not form a basis

$$H|n\rangle = \mathcal{E}_n |n\rangle, \quad H^\dagger |\tilde{m}\rangle = \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_m |\tilde{m}\rangle, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_n = \mathcal{E}_n^* = (E_n - i\Gamma_n/2)^*$$

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 exponentially
 decaying states

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 exponentially
 growing states

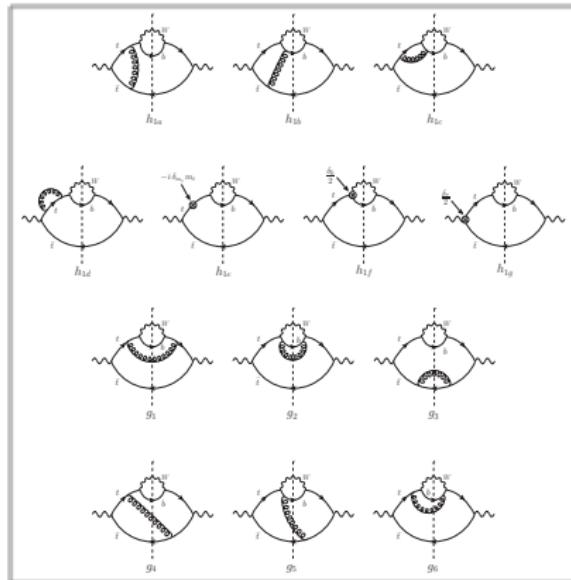
$\langle n | \tilde{m} \rangle = \delta_{nm}$

Non-relativistic Green function: $G(E) = \langle \vec{0} | \hat{G}(E) | \vec{0} \rangle = \oint_n \frac{\psi_n(\vec{0}) \psi_n^*(\vec{0})}{\mathcal{E}_n - E}$

NNLO non-resonant contribution

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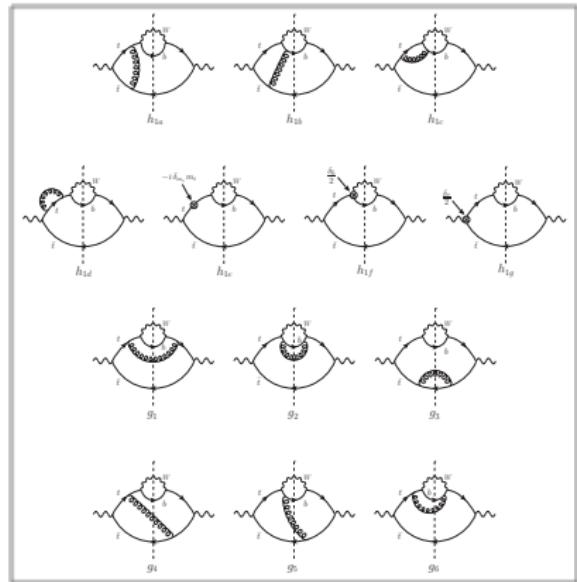
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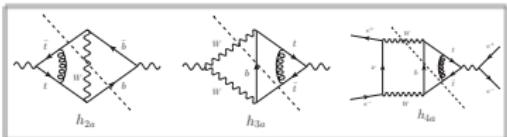
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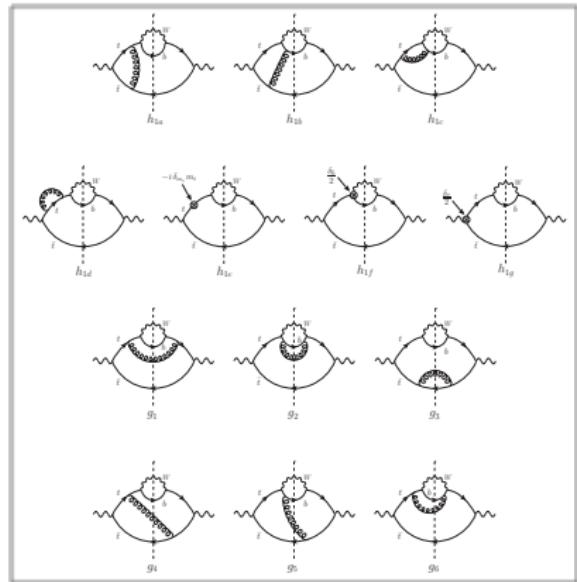
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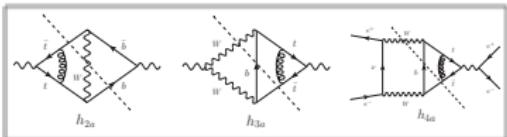
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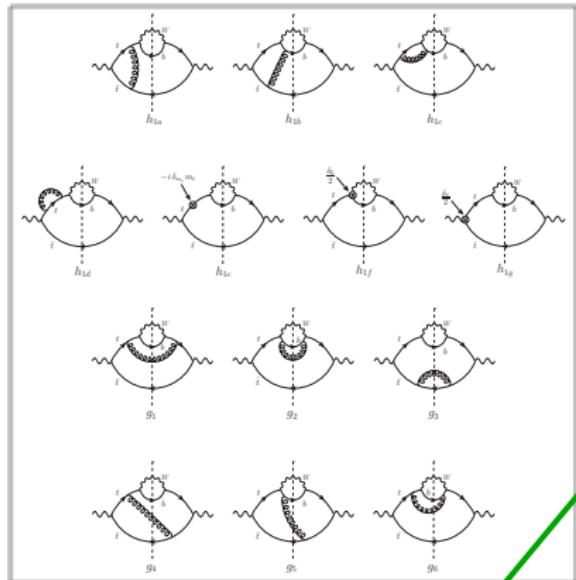
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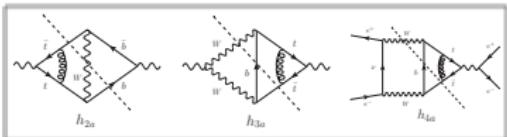
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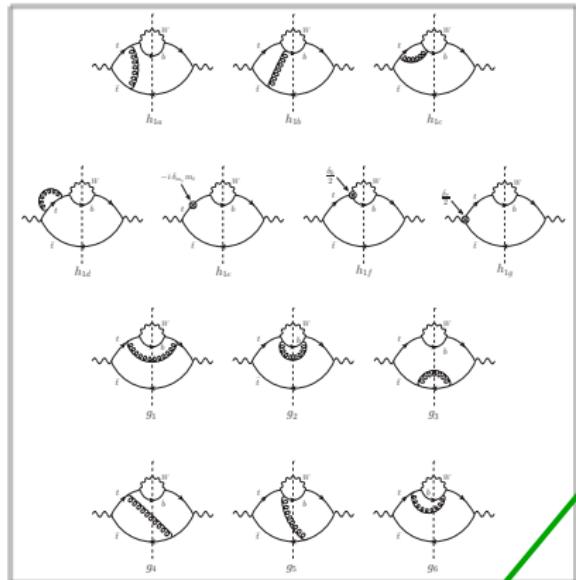
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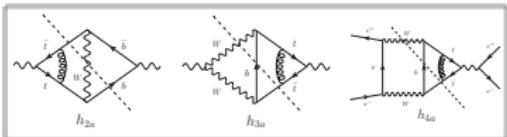
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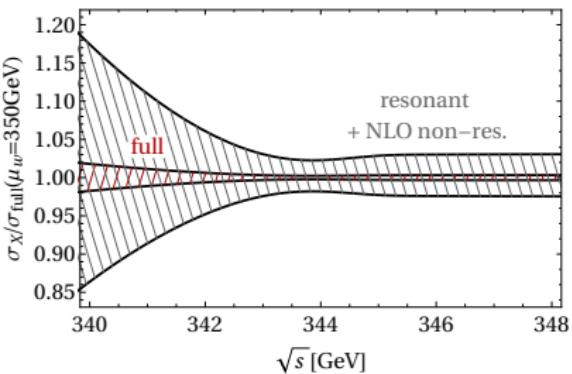
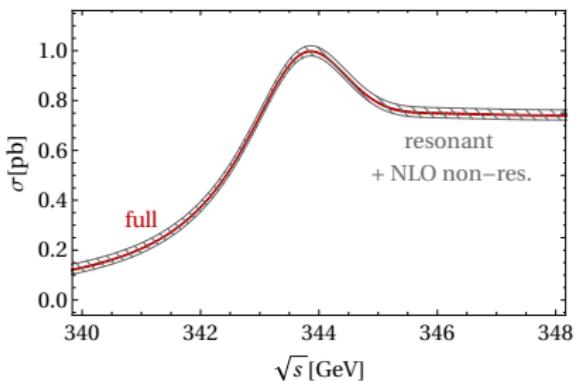
Dependence on μ_w scale

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Regularizing width-related/endpoint divergences dimensionally splits some of the large logarithms by introducing the scale μ_w

$$\sigma_{\text{full}} \supset \ln v = \underbrace{\ln \frac{\mu_w}{m_t}}_{\subset \sigma_{\text{non-res}}} + \underbrace{\ln \frac{m_t v}{\mu_w}}_{\subset \sigma_{\text{res}}}.$$

The dependence on μ_w cancels exactly at a given order.



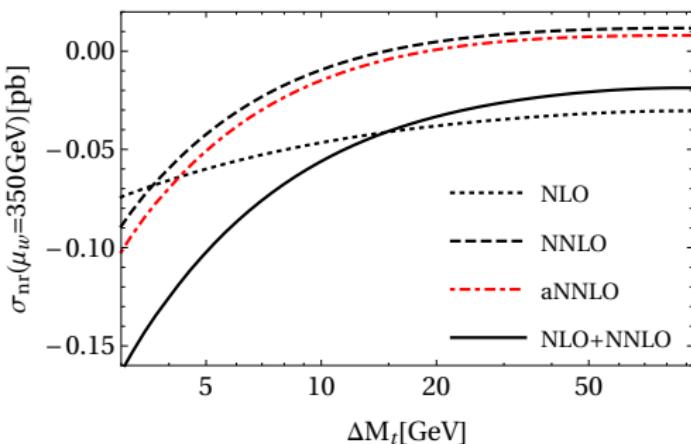
We choose a central scale of $\mu_w = 350 \text{ GeV}$ to minimize the unknown logarithms from the NNNLO non-resonant part.

Invariant mass cut

Consider "loose" invariant mass cuts

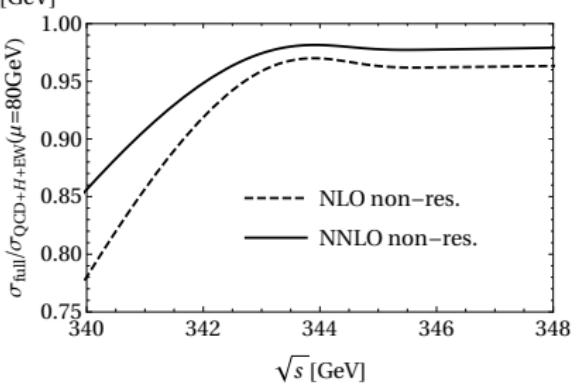
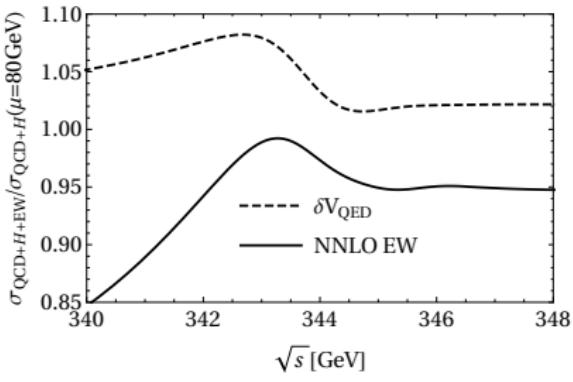
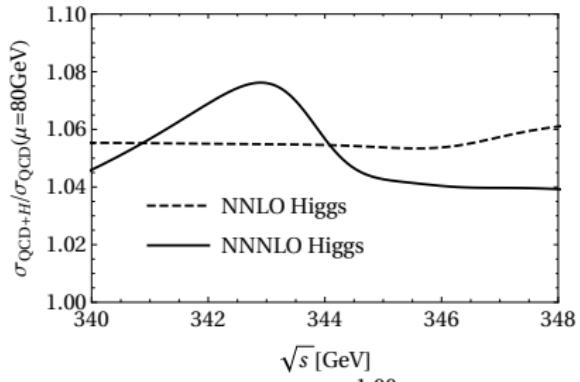
$$(m_t - \Delta M_t)^2 \leq p_{t,\bar{t}}^2 \leq (m_t + \Delta M_t)^2,$$

with $\Delta M_t \gg \Gamma_t$. Since the off-shellness in the resonant part is parametrically of the order Γ_t they only affect the non-resonant part:



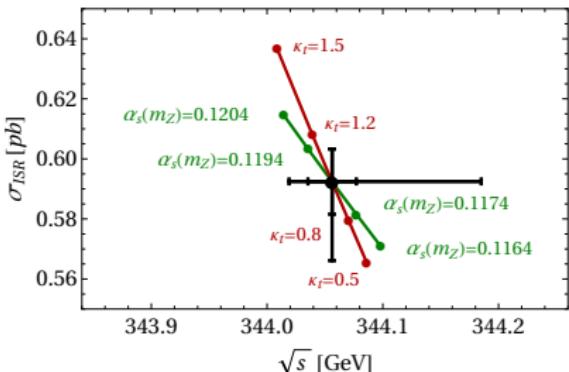
Non-QCD effects

Individual contributions



Determination of SM parameters

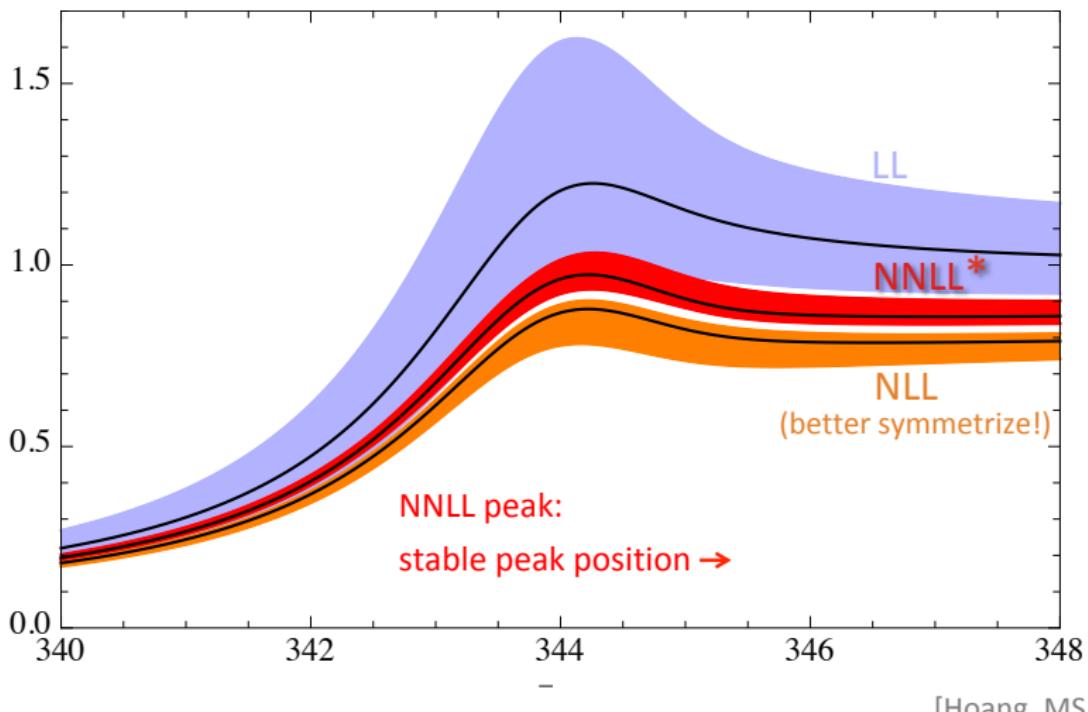
Correlation between top Yukawa and strong coupling



Peak height and width

- Estimate theory uncertainty by determining what parameter shift is needed to obtain curves outside the scale variation band
- Naive expectation: $\delta\kappa_t \approx_{-25}^{+20} \%$ and $\delta\alpha_s \approx 0.0015$
- Effects from variation of Yukawa coupling and strong coupling very similar
- Need full simulation to see how well they can be disentangled

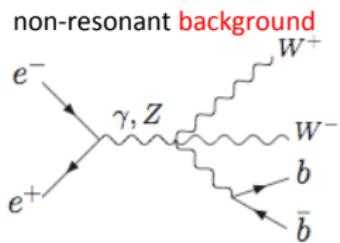
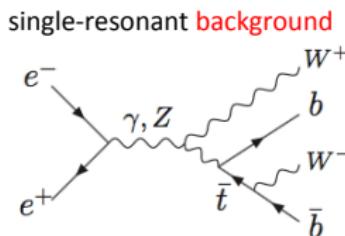
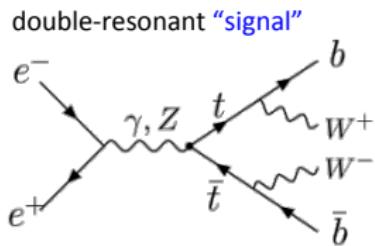
Total cross section



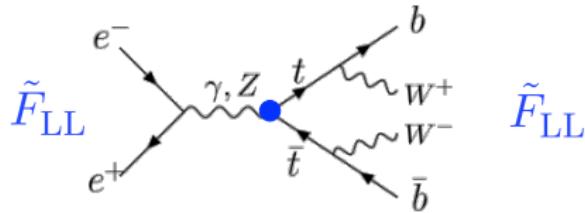
Top-antitop threshold in WHIZARD



Resolve realistic final state:



Idea: add threshold resummation via **form factor**:


 \tilde{F}_{LL}

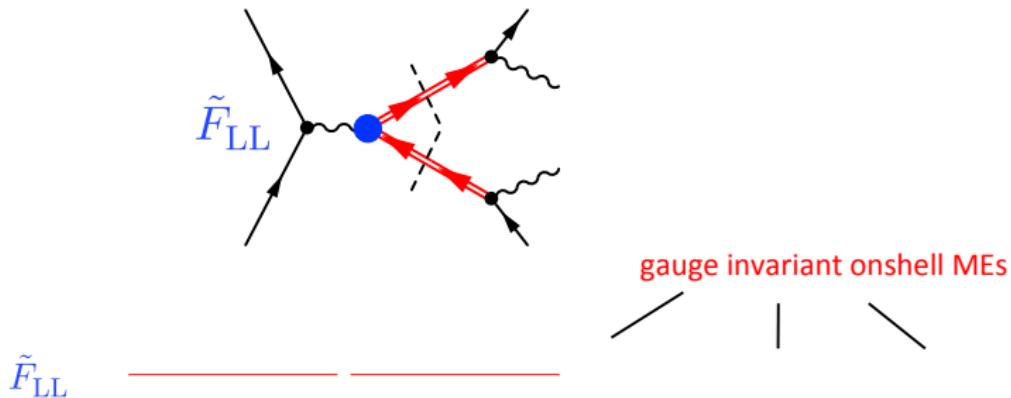
(N)LL S/P-wave G-function from **TOPPIK code**
[Jezabek, Teubner]



avoids double counting

Top-antitop threshold in WHIZARD

Ensure **gauge invariance**: Double Pole Approximation

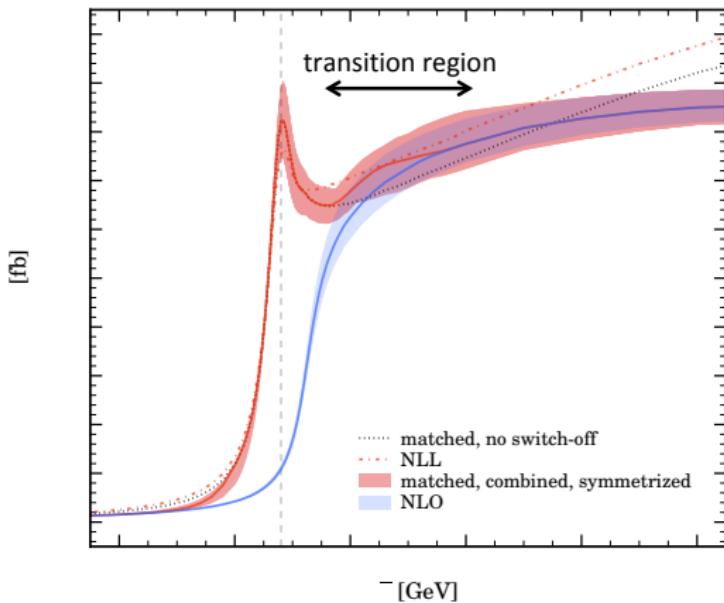


- For γ use onshell projection:
- For p use momenta as if
- Directions of original 3-momenta retained!

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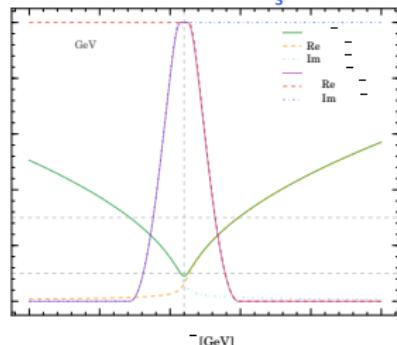


Matching **NLO+NLL** with relativistic **NLO** continuum:



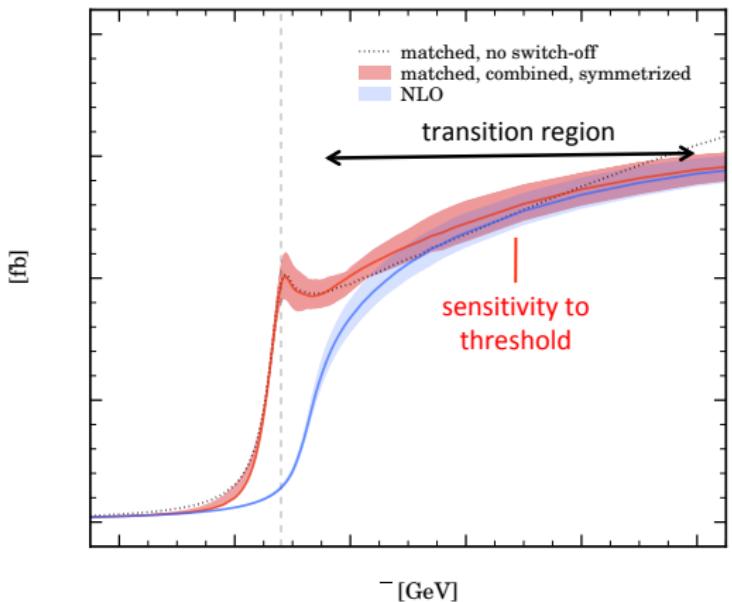
- Usual scale variations
- Symmetrize
- Variation of switch-off parameters
- Take envelope

switch-off function f_s :

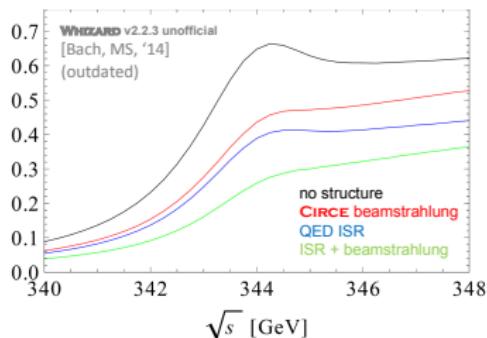


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Including QED ISR via convolution with structure function:



Further beam effects straightforward:



... polarization of colliding leptons can also be taken into account.