
Top Threshold Physics

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Outline

- Threshold Physics at the ILC
- Top Pair Threshold
 - measurements, experimental issues
 - theory issues
- Effective Theory (A): **QCD** \rightarrow stable top quarks
- Effective Theory (B): **e.w. effects** \rightarrow e.g. finite lifetime effects
- Other Application:
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{t}\bar{\tilde{t}}$



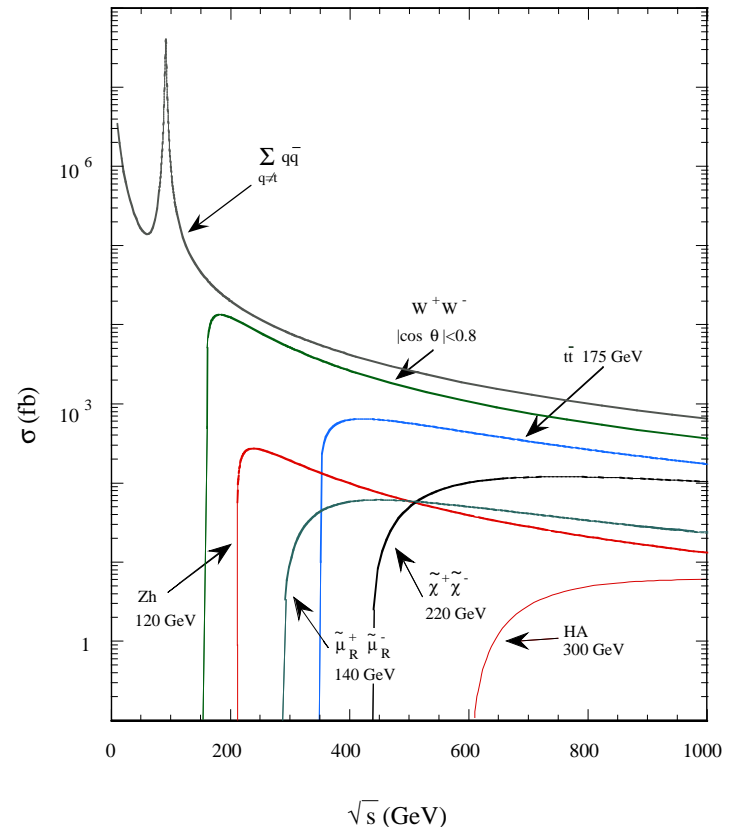
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 \rightarrow **threshold & continuum**



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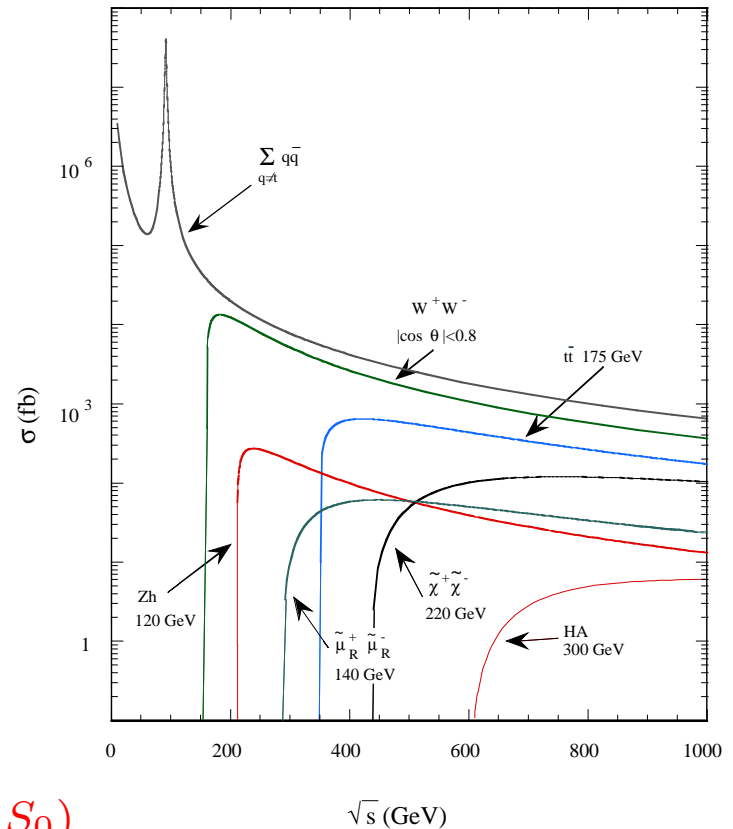
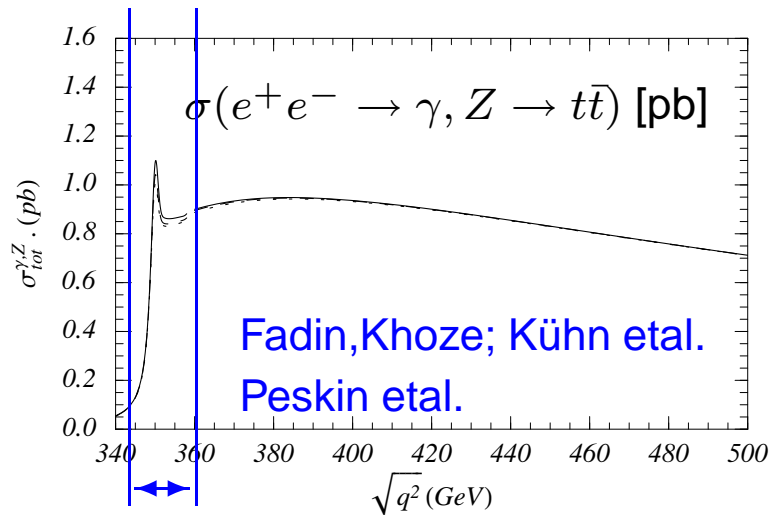
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- e^\pm polarization: $P_- \sim 80\%$, $P_+ \sim 60\%$

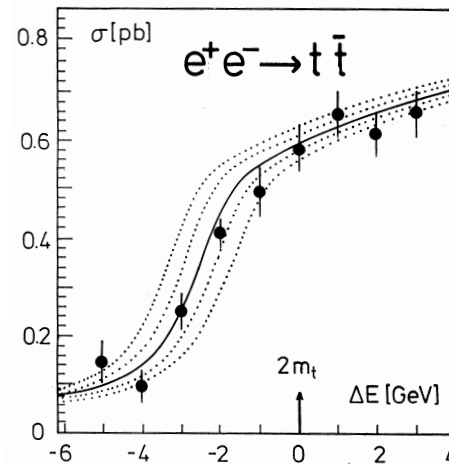
- $\gamma\gamma$ option: $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} (^3S_1)$, $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{t} (^1S_0)$



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9 + 1 scan points

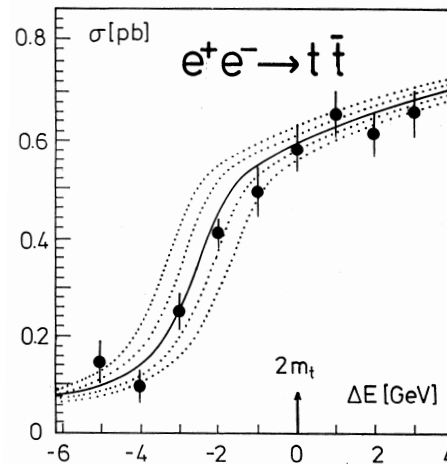
[Peralta, Martinez, Miquel]



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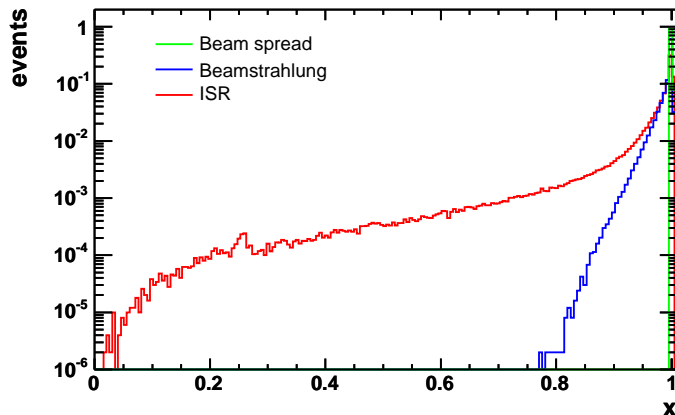


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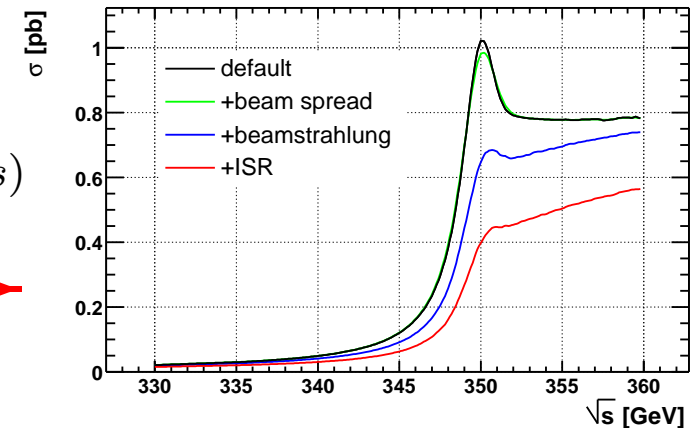
Influence of Luminosity spectrum



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



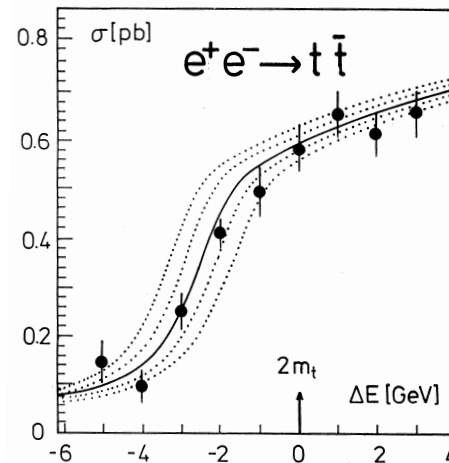
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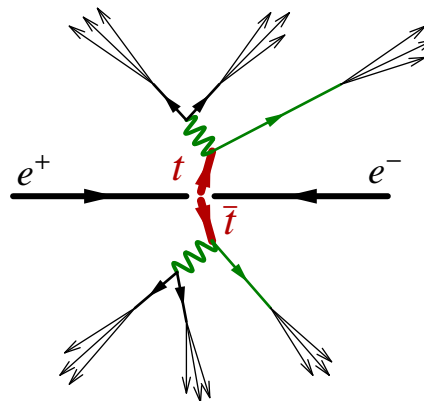
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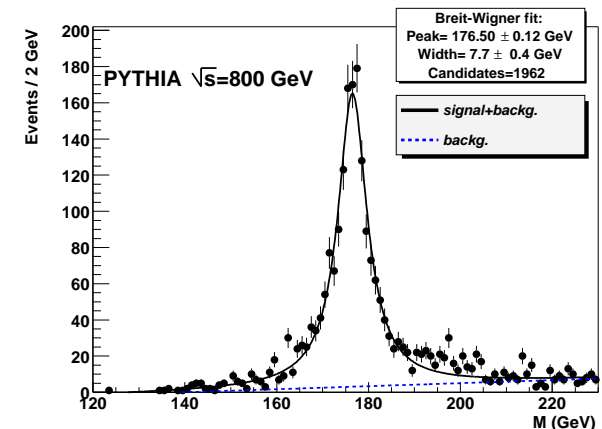
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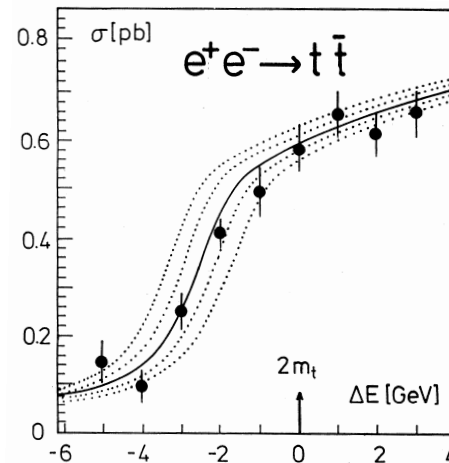
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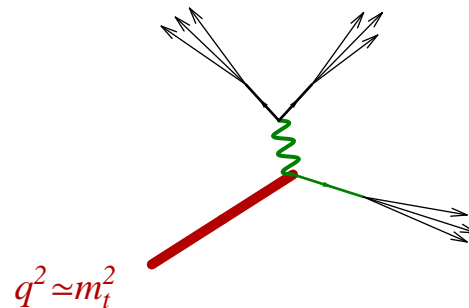
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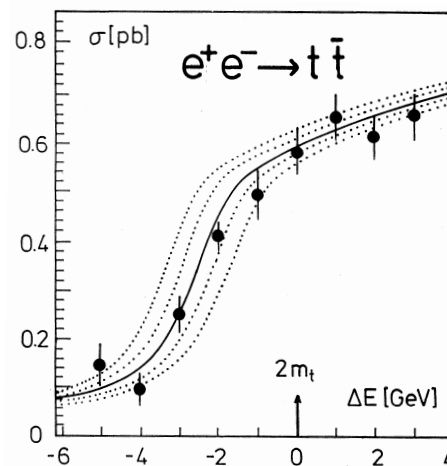
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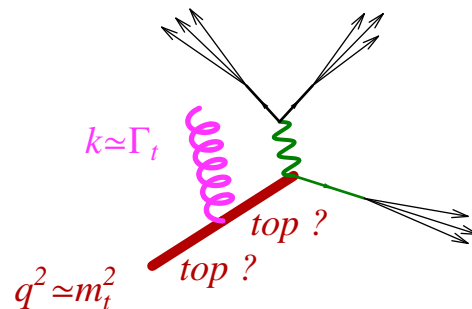
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Pole Mass ?

ambiguity: $\Delta m_t \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

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

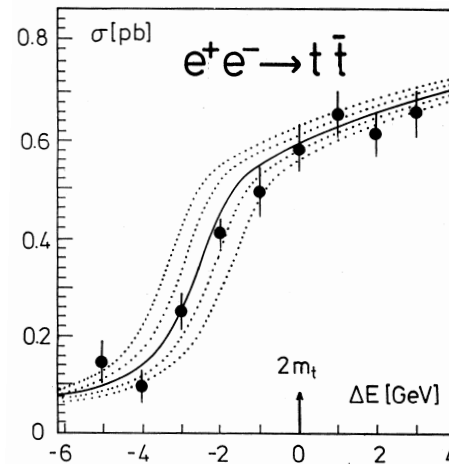
There is s.th. to understand here !



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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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$$(\delta\Gamma_t)^{\text{stat}} = 50 \text{ MeV}$$

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\Rightarrow goal:

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

\Rightarrow NNLL

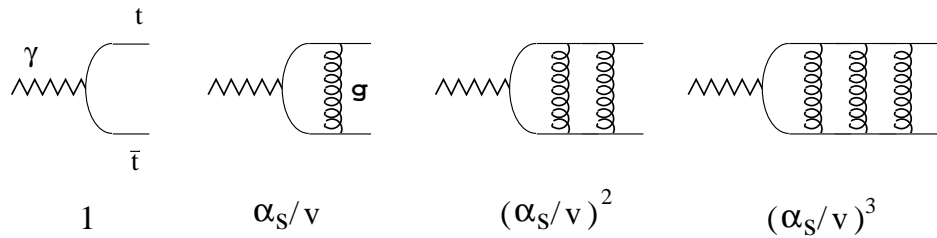


Theory Issues

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

- 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)

$\Rightarrow m_t \gg p \gg E \gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ 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 $\psi_{\mathbf{p}}, \chi_{\mathbf{p}}: (k_0, \mathbf{k}) \sim (mv^2, mv)$

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

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

&

ultrasoft gluons $A^\mu: (k_0, \mathbf{k}) \sim (mv^2, mv^2)$

$$E = \mathbf{p}^2/m$$

Labelle; Beneke, Smirnov

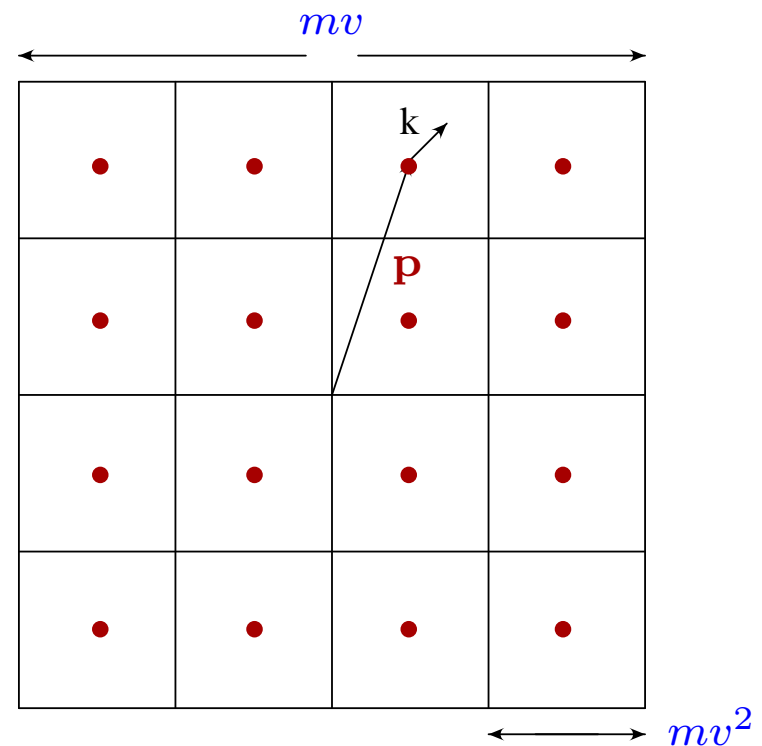
- vNRQCD label formalism:

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

soft component
label

ultrasoft component
dynamic variable

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



vNRQCD (stable quarks)

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Luke, Manohar, Rothstein; Stewart, AH

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$$\mu_U = \mu_S^2 / m_t = m_t \nu^2$$

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

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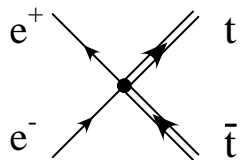
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external currents: (production & annihilation)



$$\mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{p}} = C_{V,A}(\nu) \cdot [\bar{e} \gamma^i (\gamma_5) e] [\psi_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma}^i \tilde{\chi}_{-\mathbf{p}}^*] + \dots \quad t\bar{t} \text{ } ({}^3S_1)$$



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fully known
at NNLL order ✓

Manohar, Stewart; AH '99-'03
Pineda, Soto '00-'01
Peter '94

NLL ✓

NNLL (matching) ✓ Benke et al; Czarnecki et al '99

NNLL (non-mixing) ✓ AH '03

NNLL (mixing) **ess. unknown**

spin-dependent (soft) Penin et al. '04

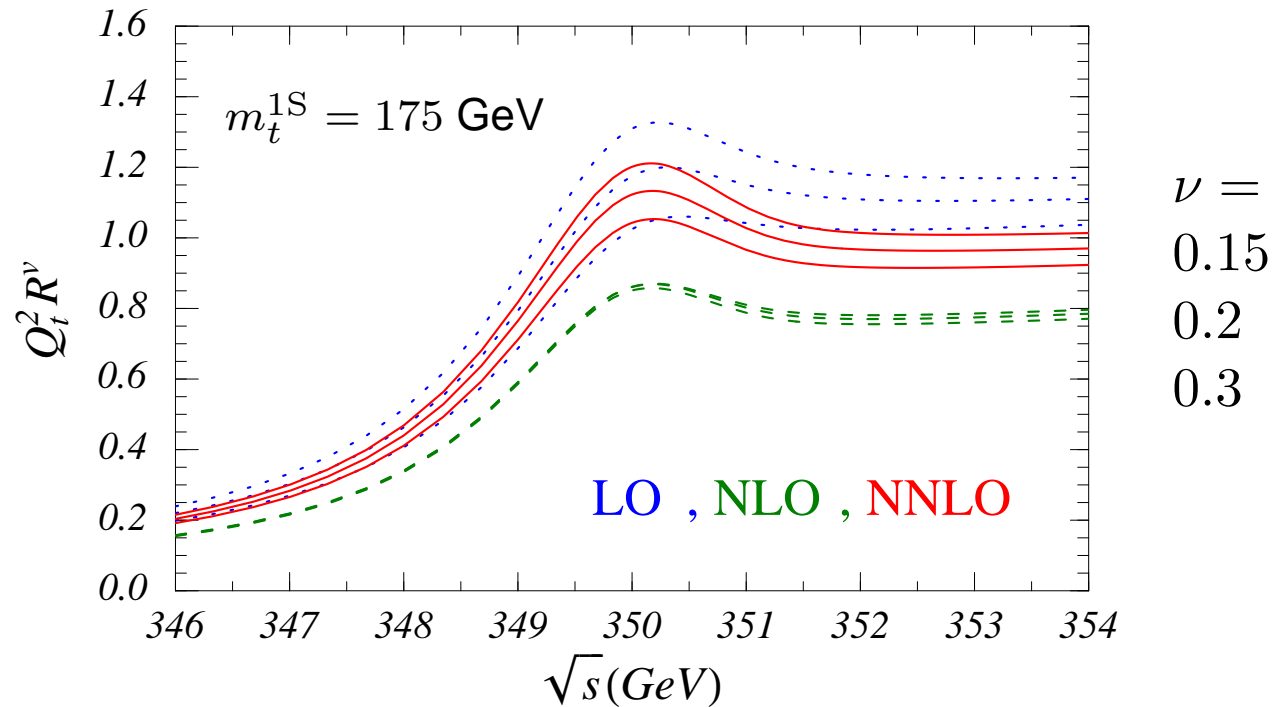
usoft n_f Stahlhofen, AH '05



Cross Section at NNLL Order

1S mass - fixed order approach

Teubner,AH; Melnikov, Yelkovski;Yakovlev;
Beneke,Signer,Smirnov; Sumino, Kiyo



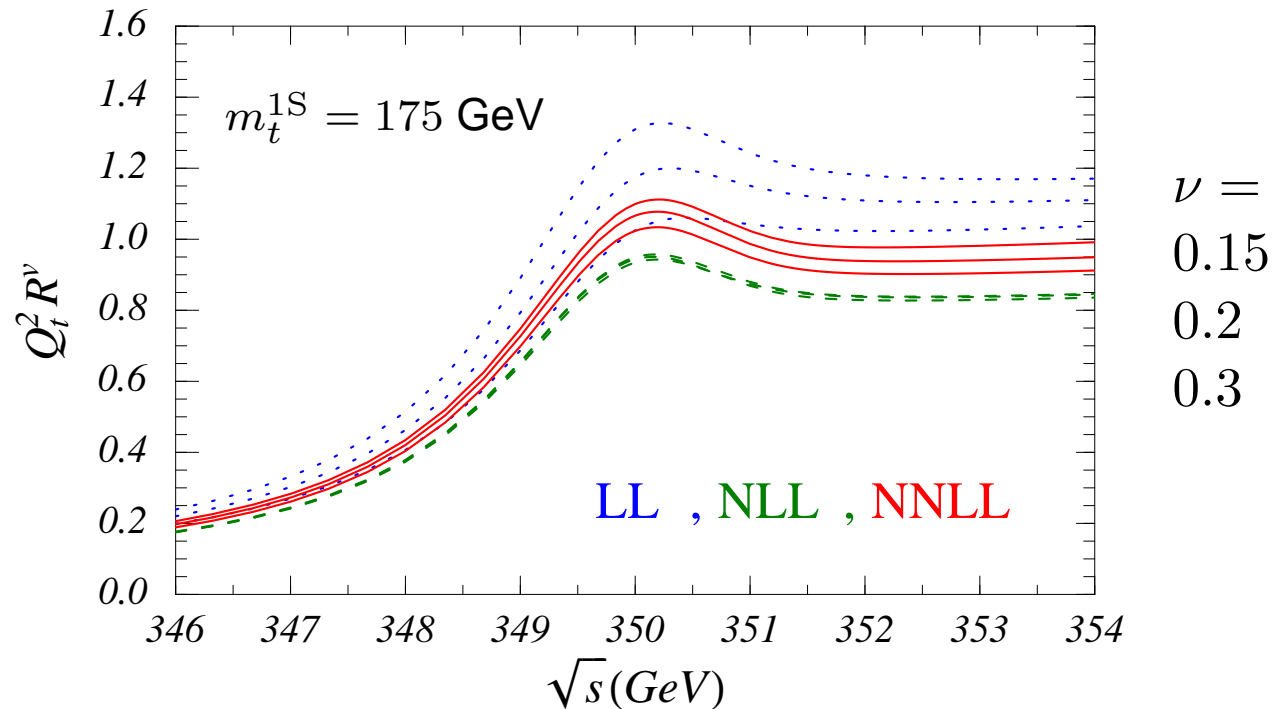
- peak position stable (threshold masses: 1S, PS, ...)
- large sensitivity to factorization/renormalization scale setting
- NNLO partial results: Penin etal. '02 '05, Beneke etal. '05, Eiras etal. '05



Cross Section at NNLL Order

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

Manohar, Stewart, Teubner, AH



- 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.



Electroweak Effects

3 classes:

- “Hard” electroweak
- Electromagnetic
- Finite lifetime

AHH, hep-ph/0604185

→ No general theory for all cases and observables !

→ EFT for certain observables and given powercounting.

$$\Gamma_t \sim m_t \alpha \sim m_t \alpha_s^2 \Rightarrow v \sim \alpha_s \sim \alpha^{1/2}$$

status for σ_{tot} :

	LL	NLL	NNLL
“Hard” e.w.	✓	✓	✓
El. mag.	✓	(✓)	?
Fin. life.	✓	w.i.p.	w.i.p.



Finite Lifetime Effects

“inclusive treatment”

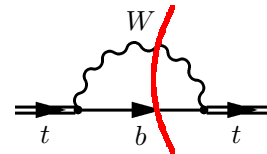
- ⇒ Optical Theory: effective complex indices of refraction for absorptive processes
- ⇒ vNRQCD: contributions from *real Wb final states* included in EFT matching conditions to QCD+ew. theory (=SM)
- complex matching conditions
 - effective Lagrangian non-hermitian
 - total rates through the optical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

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



Finite Lifetime Effects

quark bilinears:



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correction

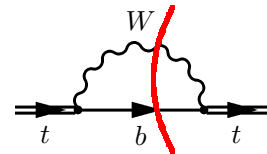


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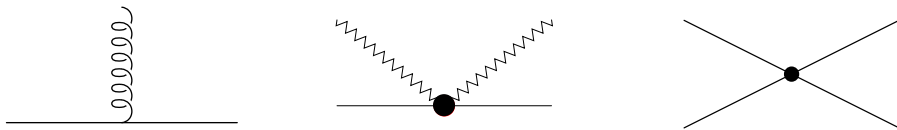
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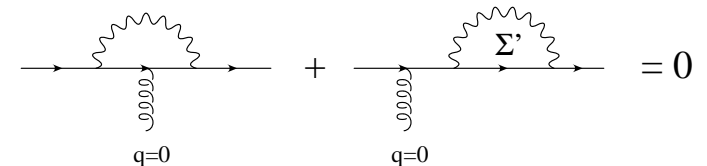
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gluon interactions & potentials:





$$+ \dots = 0$$

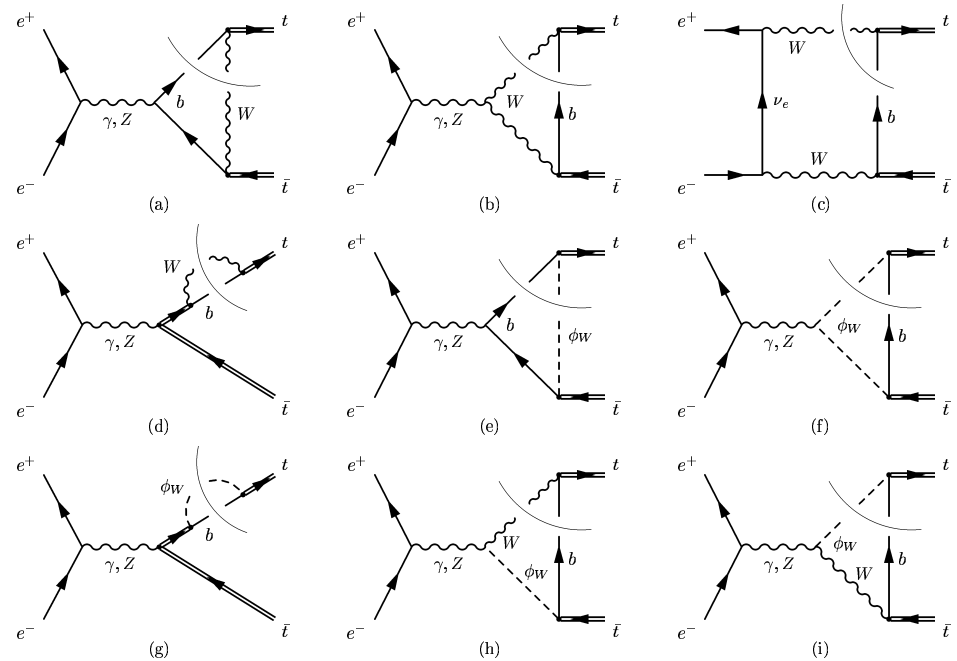
- electroweak corrections either beyond NNLL order or vanish due to gauge cancellations
- \rightarrow ultrasoft gluon interference effects vanish at NLL and NNLL order (new !)

[Khoze et al., Melnikov et al.]



Finite Lifetime Effects

Currents:



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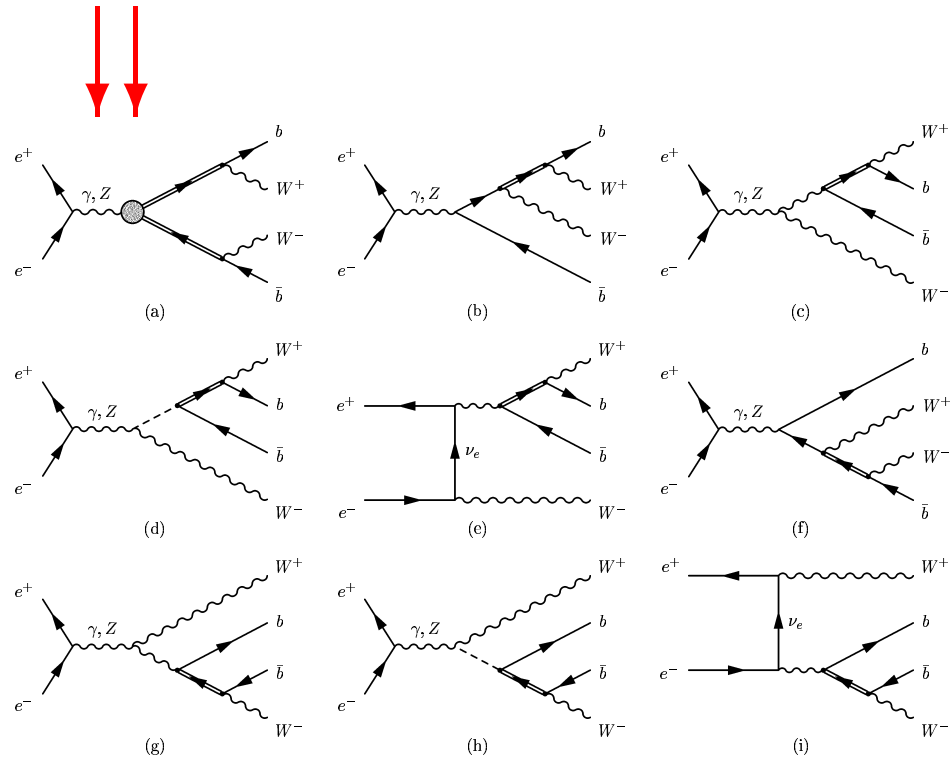
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$$\sigma_{tot} \propto \text{Im} [C(\nu)^2 G(0, 0, \sqrt{s} + i\Gamma_t)]$$

- accounts for **irreducible interference** contributions:

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



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- $(\Delta\sigma_{tot}^\Gamma) \sim \alpha_s \Gamma_t \frac{1}{\epsilon} \Rightarrow$ logarithmic phase space UV divergences

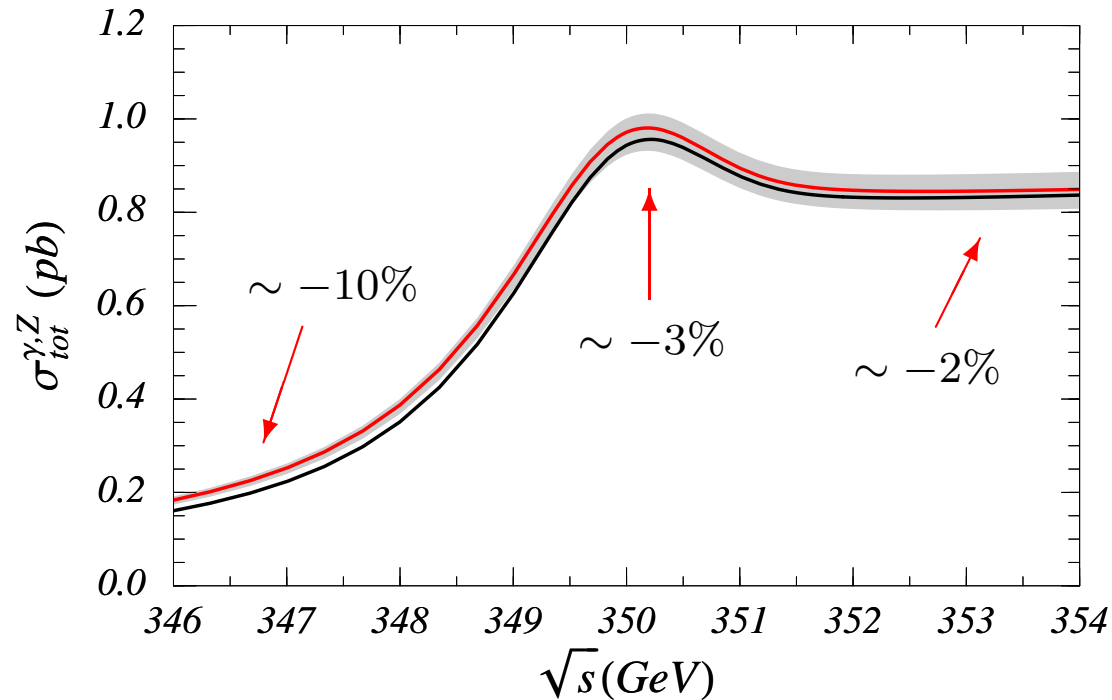
→ anom. dim. for $(e^+e^-)(e^+e^-)$ operator → $i\tilde{C}(\mu) \cdot \left(\begin{array}{cc} e^+ & e^- \\ e^- & e^+ \end{array} \right)$ ✓

→ matching for $i\tilde{C}(\mu)$:

- physical $W^+W^-b\bar{b}$ phase space → w.i.p.
- $W^+W^-b\bar{b}$ final state without tops input: Rieman, Kolodziej '05



Finite Lifetime Effects



C. Reisser, AH

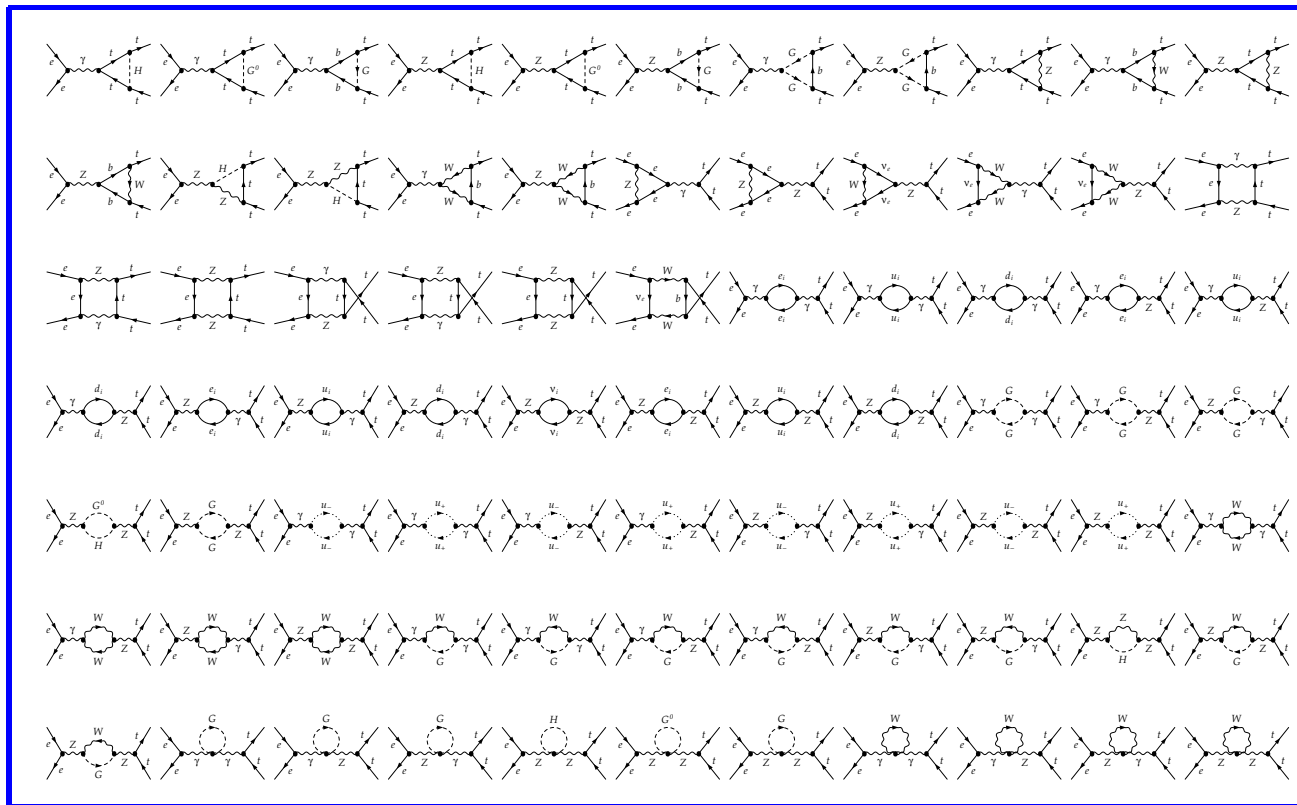
- corrections comparable to NNLL QCD corrections
- shift in the peak position: 30 – 50 MeV

$$(\delta m_t^{\text{ex}} \approx 50 \text{ MeV})$$



Hard Electroweak Effects

- “real” short-distance electroweak corrections: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{em}) \sim \text{NNLL}$
- only matching conditions to $(e^+e^-)(t\bar{t})$ operators exist !



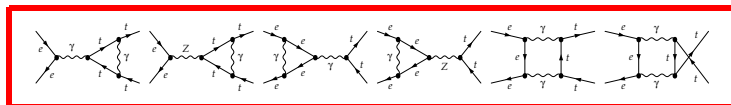
Grzadkowski, Kühn,
etal. (1987)

Guth, Kühn (1992)

updated:

Reisser, AH

hep-ph/0604104

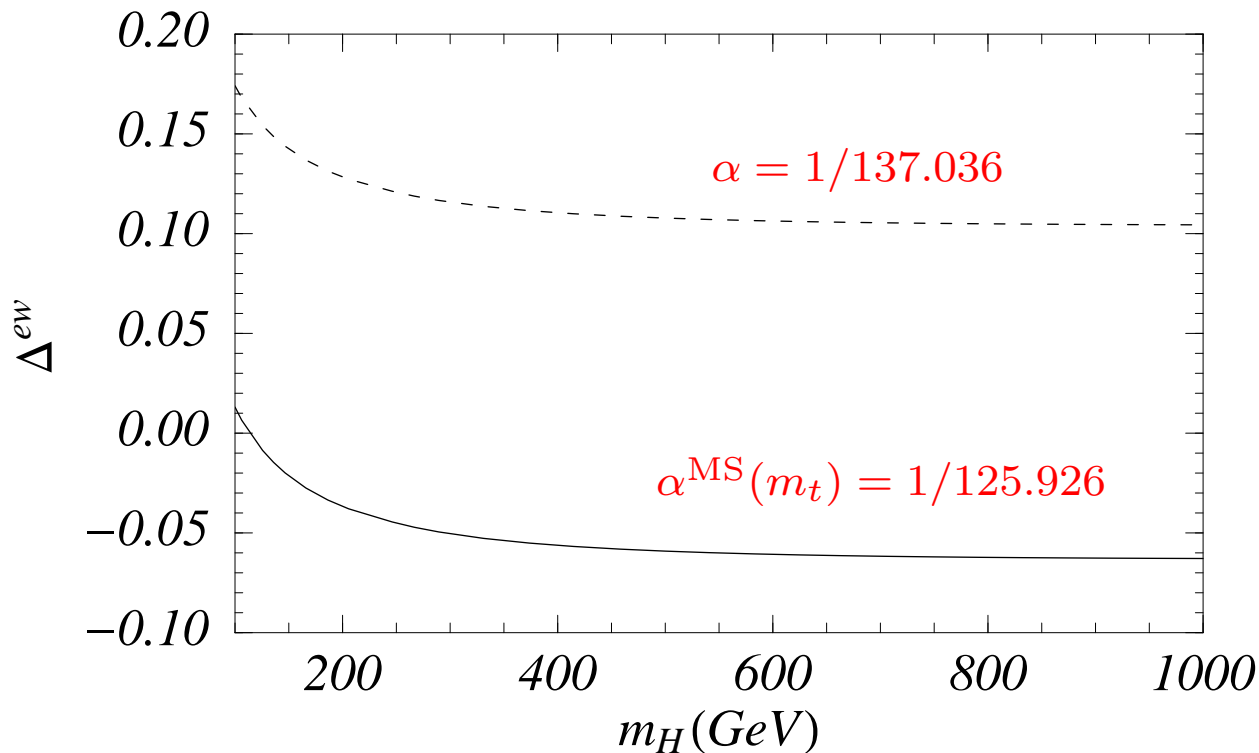


QED corrections (+ real radiation, ISR)
not yet determined → w.i.p.



Hard Electroweak Effects

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- global normalization correction: $\Delta^{\text{ew}} \sim \text{Re}[2c(1)_{\text{ew}}^{\text{NNLL}}]$



alt. scheme for α_{QED} :
 $\alpha^{\overline{\text{MS}}, n_f=8}(\mu = m_t)$

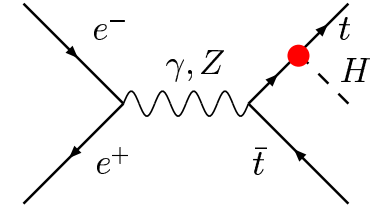
$m_t = 175 \text{ GeV}$



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 ✓

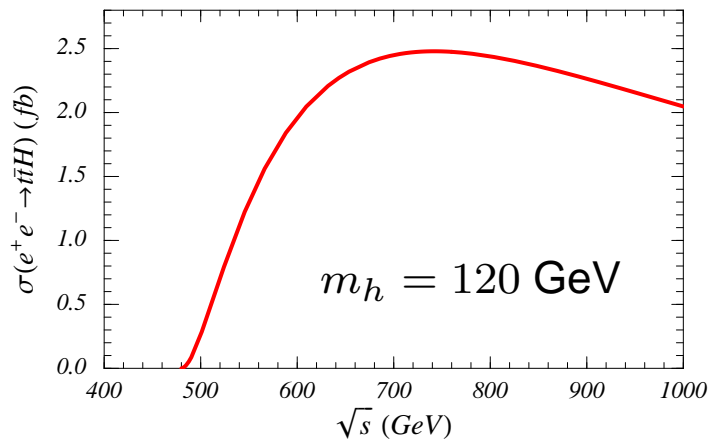
[Gaemers et al., Djouadi et al.]

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

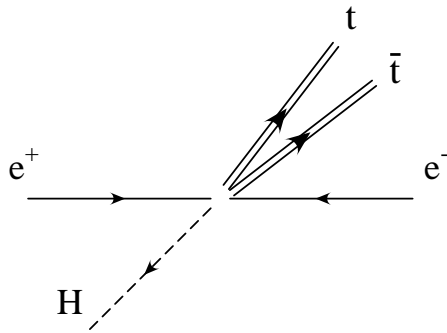
[Juste] → Born theory predictions



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

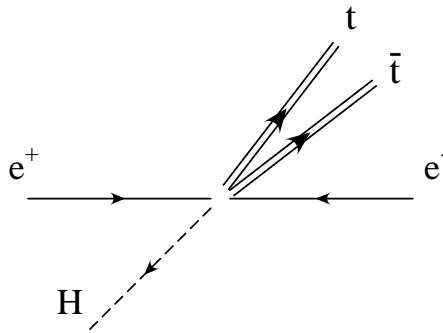
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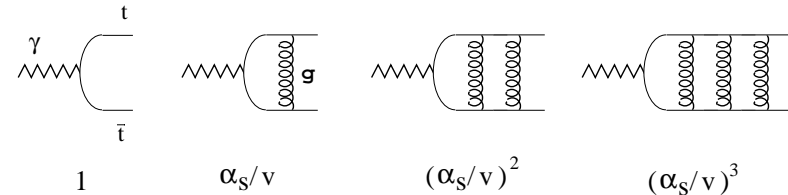
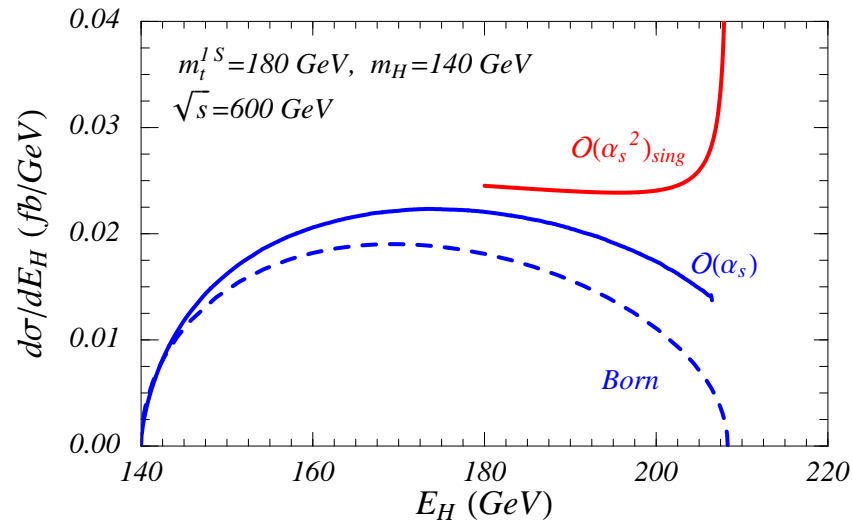
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→ singularities: $\sim (\alpha_s/v)^n$,

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

→ fixed order expansion breaks down

⇒ summation of singular terms



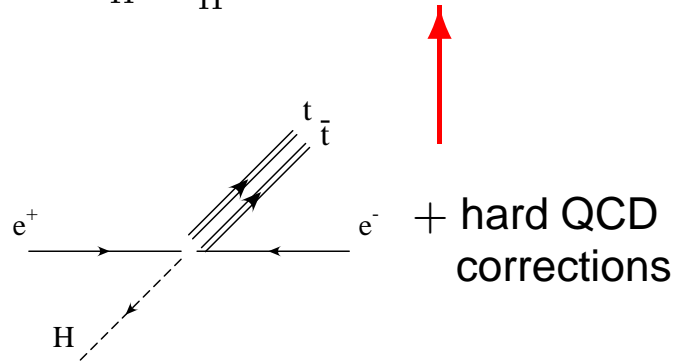
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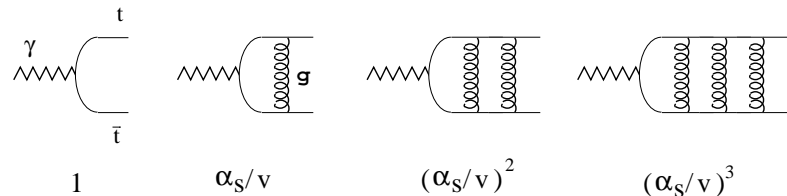
→ factorization formula

numerical input: Denner,
Dittmaier, Roth, Weber '04

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



soft & ultrasoft QCD corrections



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

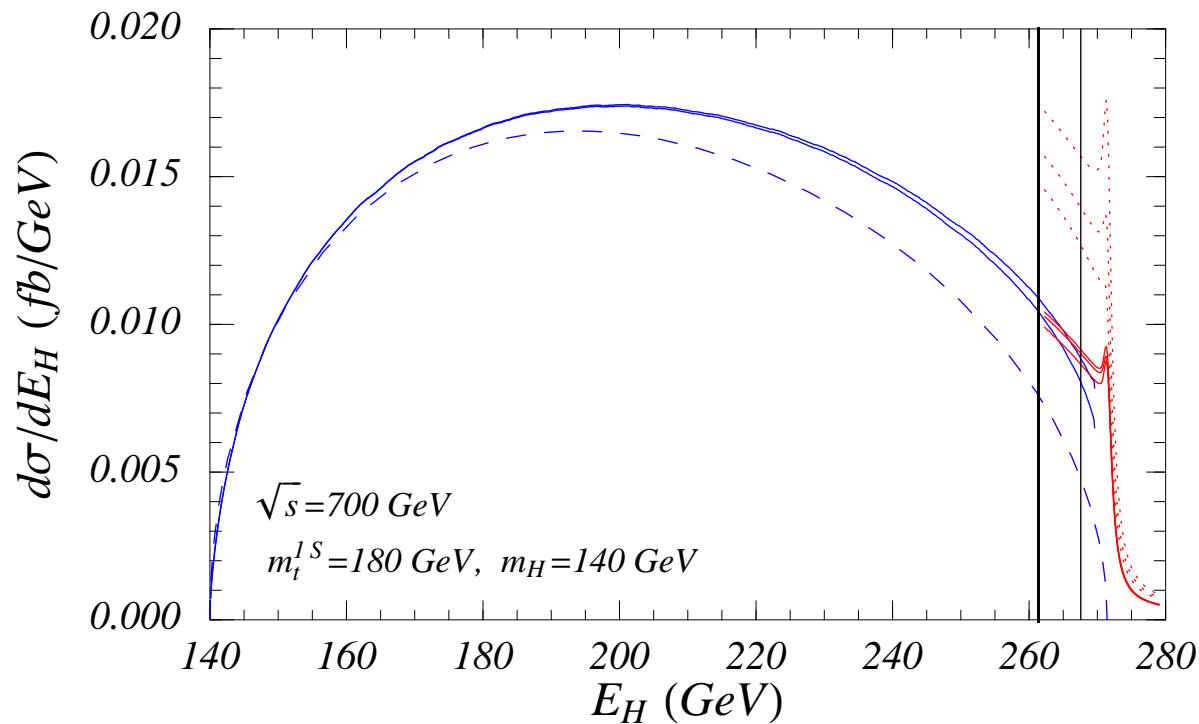
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Other Application

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

→ NLL Higgs energy spectrum



Farrell, AHH

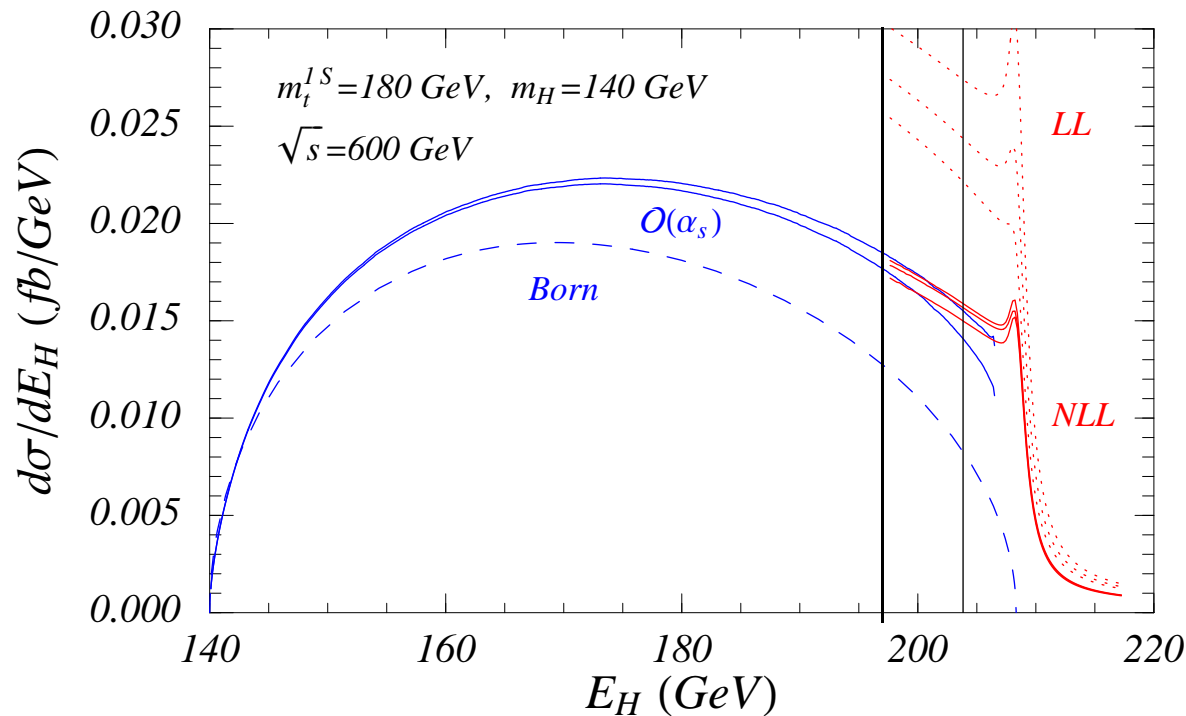
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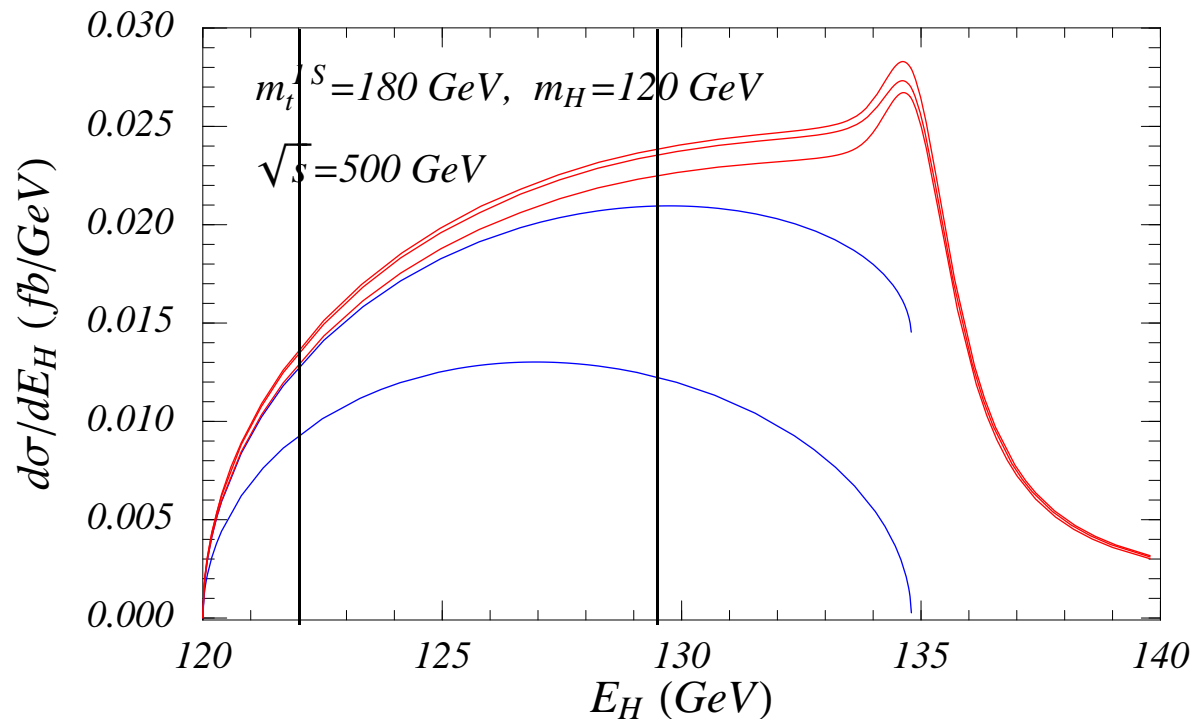
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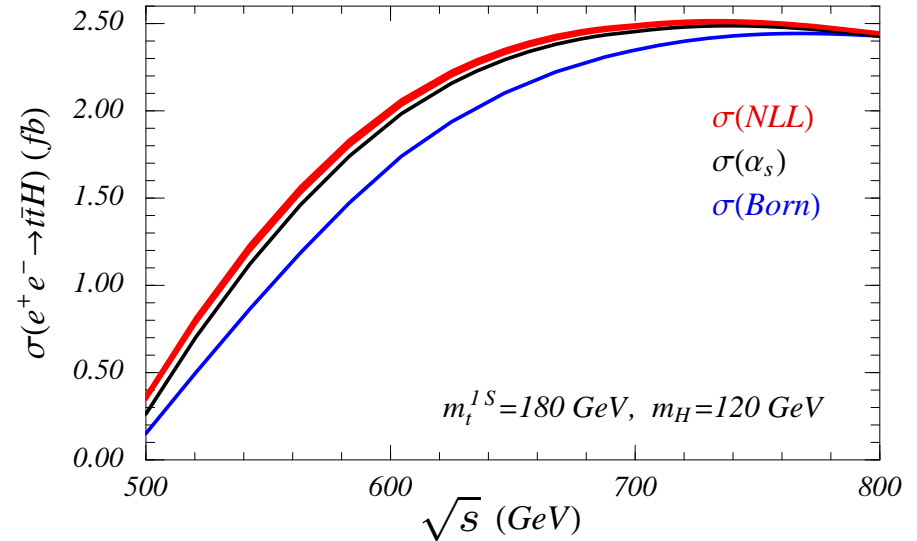
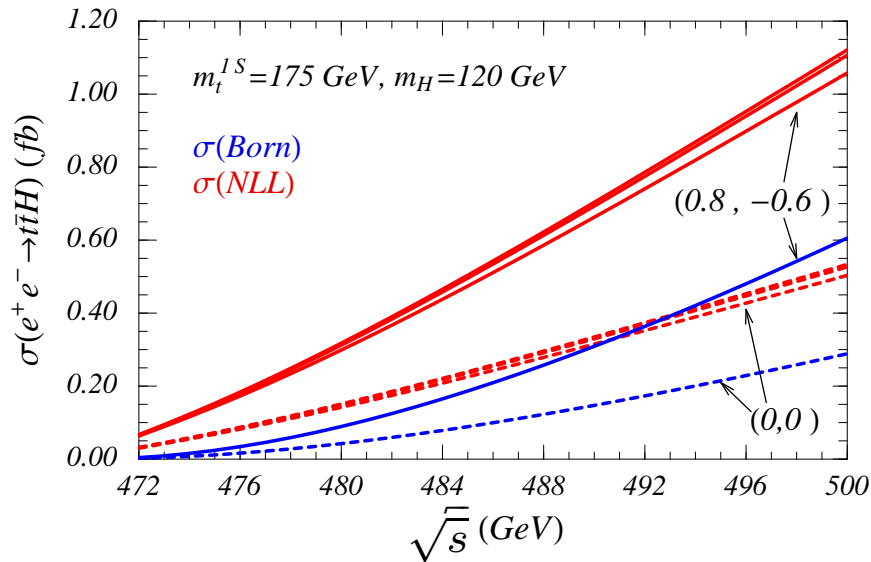
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Other Application

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

→ total cross section



500 GeV:

- **factor 2 enhancement** over tree level from summation of $(\alpha_s/v)^n$, $(\alpha_s \ln v)^n$ terms
- **another factor of 2 enhancement** for $P_- = -80\%$, $P_+ = +60\%$
- essential for realistic studies for ILC (phase I) **Juste '02, '06**

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

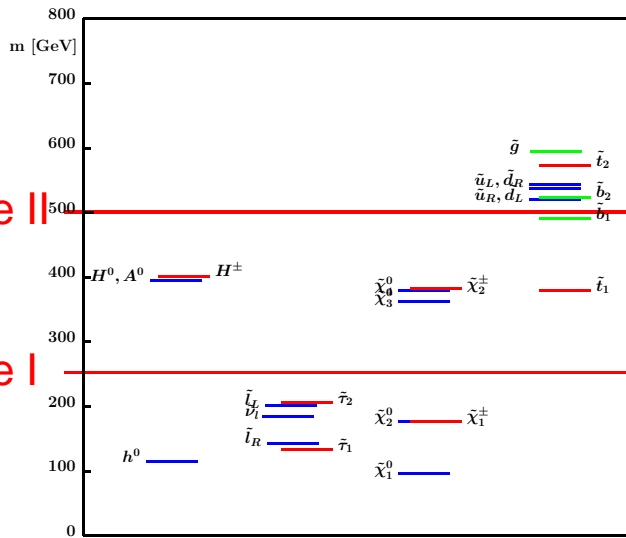


Other Applications

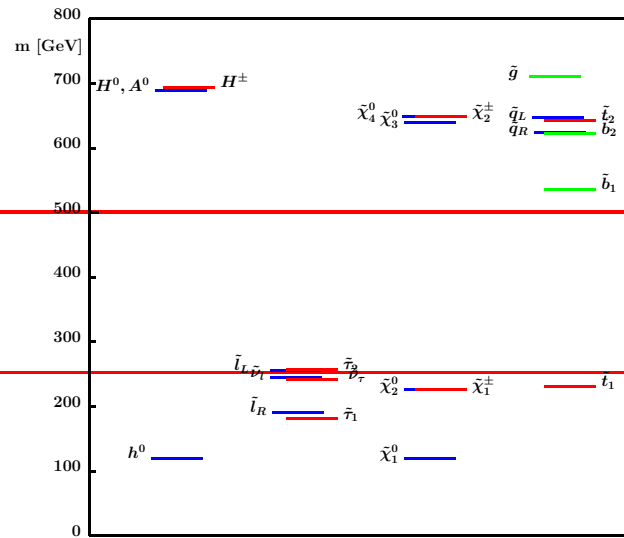
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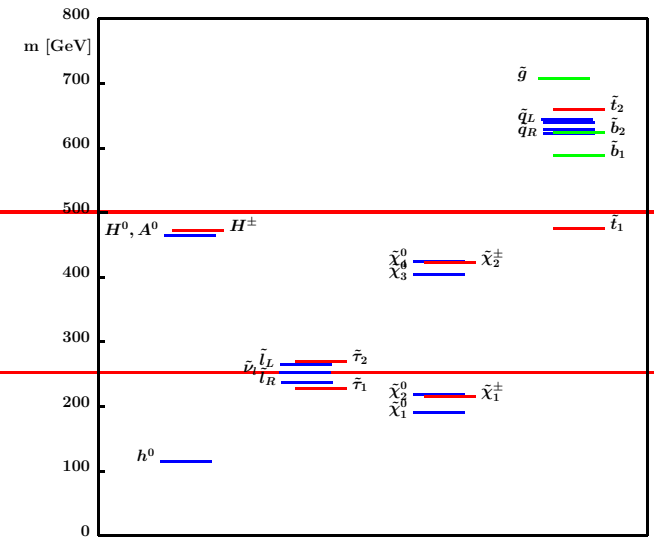
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$$m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 396 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b\chi_1^+, \dots$$

$$\Gamma_{\tilde{t}_1} = 1.92 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 240 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b\chi_1^+, c\chi_1^0$$

$$\Gamma_{\tilde{t}_1} = 0.04 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\tilde{t}_1} \simeq 490 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b\chi_1^+, \dots$$

$$\Gamma_{\tilde{t}_1} \simeq 3.2 \text{ GeV}$$

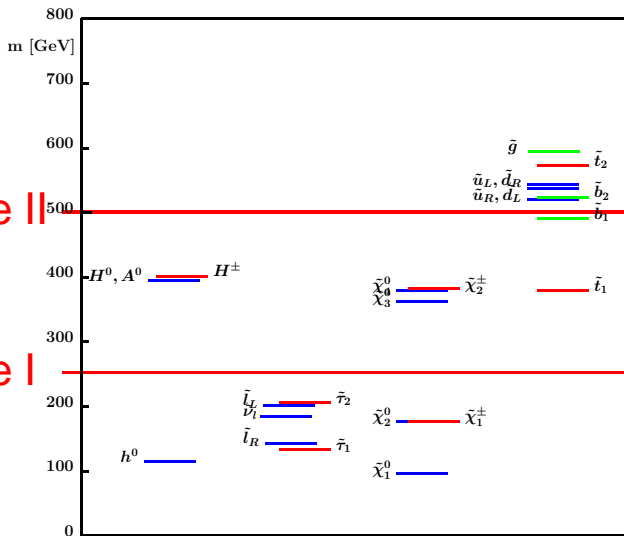


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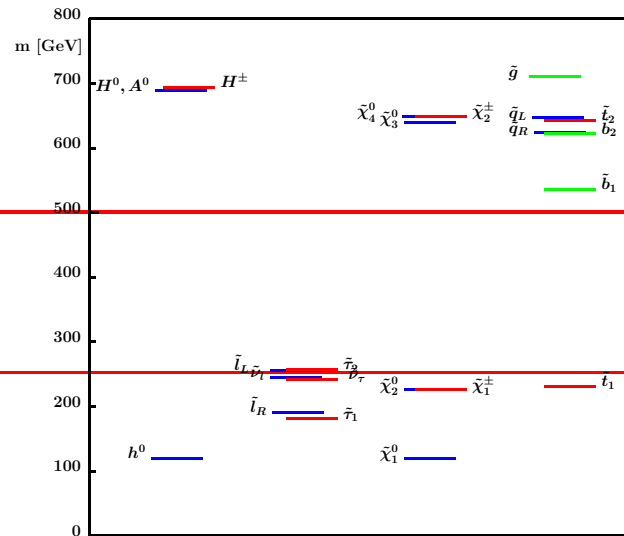
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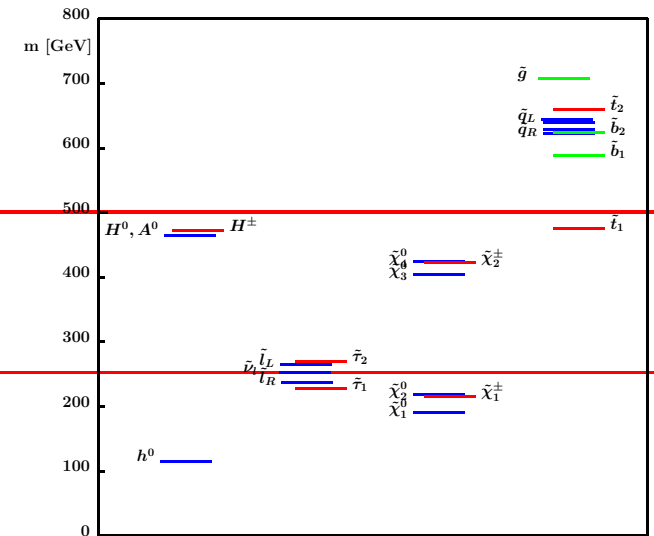
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- low-energy QCD dynamics very similar to $t\bar{t}$ threshold physics
- e.w. weak effects & phenomenology can differ significantly: $m_{\tilde{q}}$, Γ , ...
- no coherent theoretical analysis of QCD & electroweak effects exists

Ruiz-Femenia, Teubner, AHH



Other Applications

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*$$

→ vNRQCD

quarks: $\Lambda = -i \frac{\mathbf{S} \cdot (\mathbf{p}' \times \mathbf{p})}{\mathbf{k}}$, $T = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 - \frac{3(\mathbf{k}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1)(\mathbf{k}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)}{\mathbf{k}^2}$

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

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \nu} \ln C_{3S_1}(\nu) = -\frac{\mathcal{V}_c(\nu)}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{V}_c(\nu)}{4} + \mathcal{V}_2(\nu) + \mathcal{V}_r(\nu) + \mathbf{S}^2 \mathcal{V}_s(\nu) \right) + \frac{\mathcal{V}_k(\nu)}{2}$$

$$C_{3S_1}(\nu = 1) = 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s(m_t)}{\pi}$$



Other Applications

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→ scalar vNRQCD

squarks:

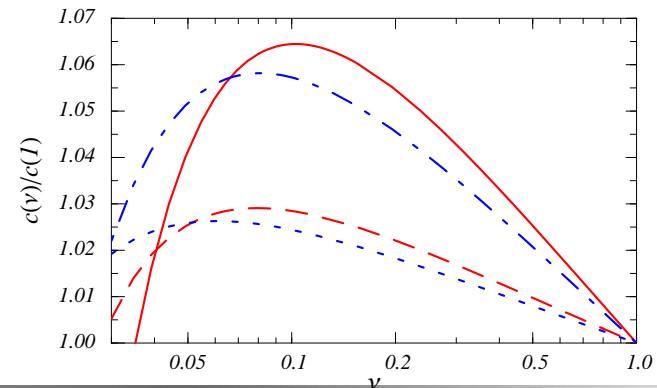
- no spin-dependent interactions
- P-wave production
- full NLL QCD running completed

Ruiz-Femenia, AH
[hep-ph/0511102]

$$V = \left[\frac{\mathcal{V}_c(\nu)}{\mathbf{k}^2} + \frac{\mathcal{V}_k(\nu)\pi^2}{m|\mathbf{k}|} + \frac{\mathcal{V}_r(\nu)(\mathbf{p}^2 + \mathbf{p}'^2)}{2m^2\mathbf{k}^2} + \frac{\mathcal{V}_2(\nu)}{m^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \nu} \ln C_{1P_1}(\nu) = -\frac{\mathcal{V}_c(\nu)}{48\pi^2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{V}_c(\nu)}{4} + \mathcal{V}_2(\nu) + \mathcal{V}_r(\nu) \right) + \frac{\mathcal{V}_k(\nu)}{6}$$

$$C_{1P_1}(\nu = 1) = 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s(m_t)}{\pi}$$



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

This is blue

This is red

This is brown

This is magenta

This is Dark Green

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