

Top-pair Production at Threshold

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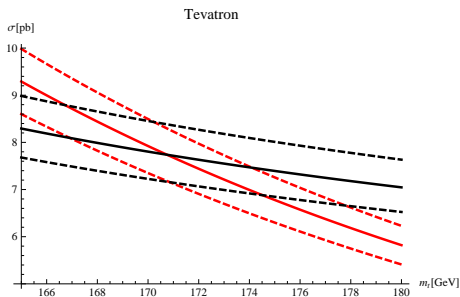
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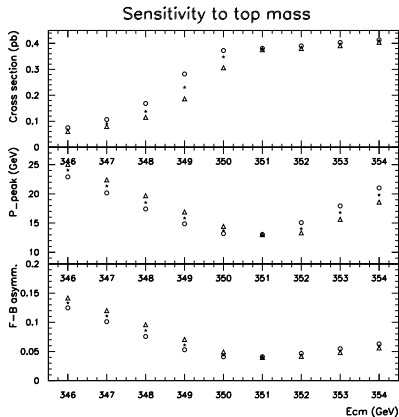
experimental cross section from D0

compared with

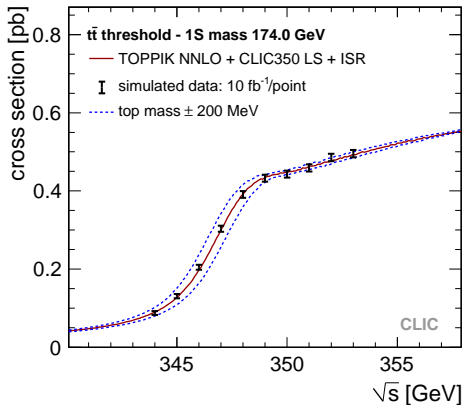
theoretical cross section computed
with TOPIX 1.0

$$\rightsquigarrow m_t = 171.4^{+5.4}_{-5.7} \text{ GeV}$$

perform threshold scan:



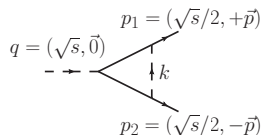
[Martinez, Miquel 2002]



[Seidel, Simon, Tesar, Poss 2013]

$$\rightsquigarrow \delta m_t \approx 100 \text{ MeV for } \delta\sigma/\sigma \lesssim 3\%$$

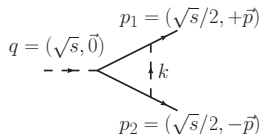
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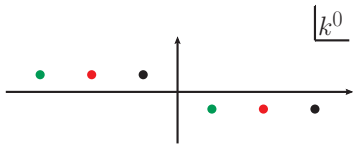


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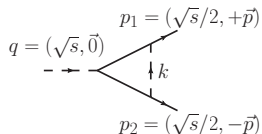
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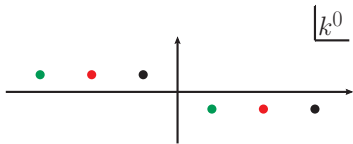


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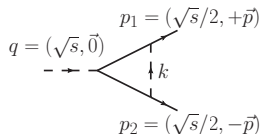
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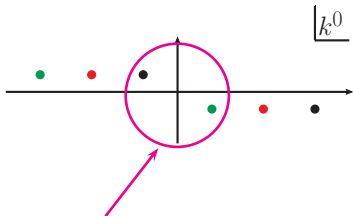


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poles at $k^0 = \pm \frac{\vec{k}^2 + 2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{p}}{q} \mp i\epsilon$ pinch integration contour for small $|\vec{k}|$

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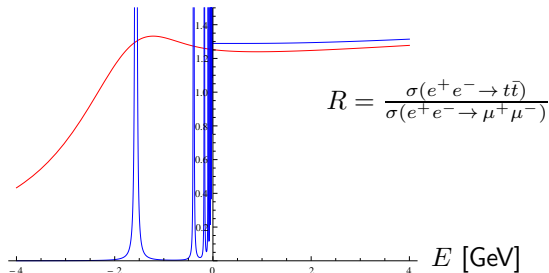
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- $b\bar{b}$: bound-state resonances
- $t\bar{t}$: large width prevents existence of bound states



[Beneke, Smirnov 1998]

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relevant regions:

- **hard**: $k^0 \sim m, k^i \sim m$
- **soft**: $k^0 \sim mv, k^i \sim mv$
- **ultrasoft**: $k^0 \sim mv^2, k^i \sim mv^2$
- **potential**: $k^0 \sim mv^2, k^i \sim mv$

1-loop Example

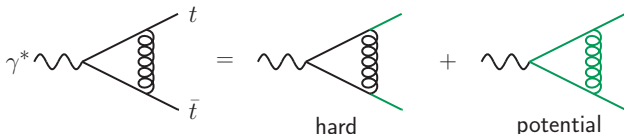
external momenta: $q = (2m + E, \vec{0}) \sim m$, $p = (0, \vec{p}) \sim mv$

quark propagator:

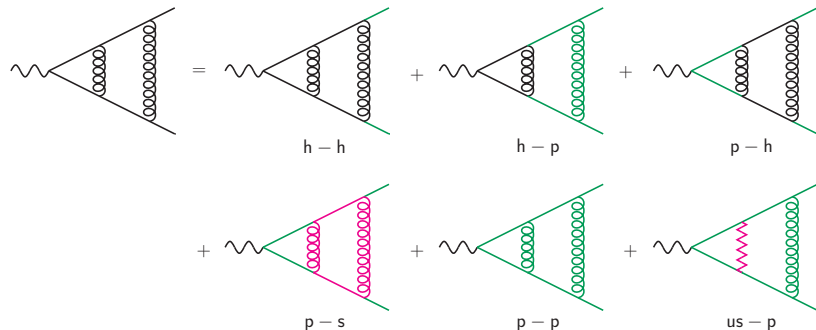
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gluon propagator in potential region:

$$\frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{(k^0)^2 - \vec{k}^2} = \frac{1}{\vec{k}^2} + \dots$$



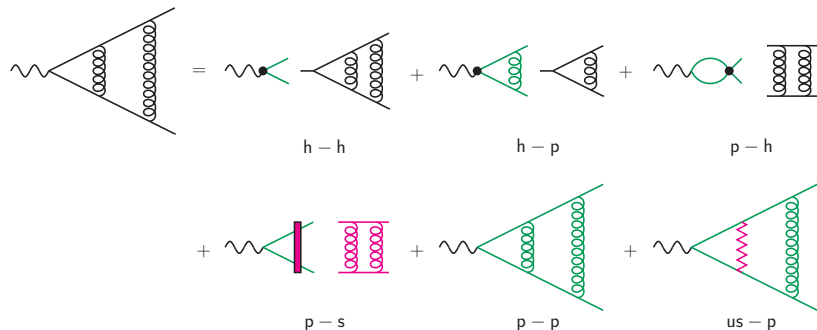
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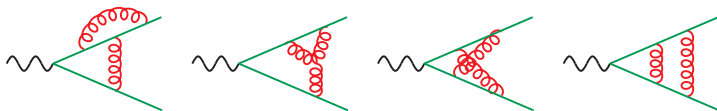
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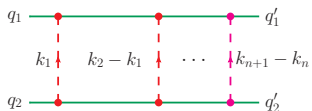
only potential region contributes to leading $(\alpha_s/v)^n$ correction:

- need quark and antiquark in the same loop
 \rightsquigarrow no vertex correction
- need pinched poles
 \rightsquigarrow no crossed boxes

\rightsquigarrow only in ladder diagrams can all loop momenta be potential

\rightsquigarrow resum potential region of ladder diagrams

Coulomb Resummation II

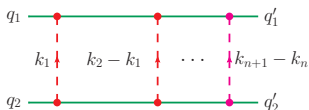


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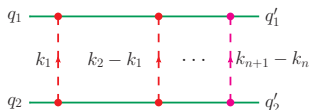
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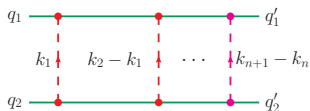
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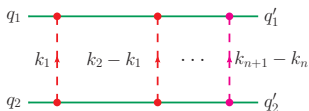
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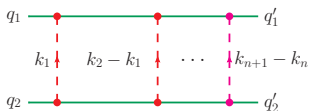
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PNRQCD

contains potential quarks and ultrasoft gluons

integrating out the hard region \rightsquigarrow NRQCD

[Caswell, Lepage 1986; Lepage et al. 1992; Bodwin, Braaten, Lepage 1994; Kinoshita, Nio 1996]

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{NRQCD}} = & \psi^\dagger \left(iD^0 + \frac{\mathbf{D}^2}{2m} + \dots \right) \psi - \frac{d_1 g_s}{2m} \psi^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B} \psi \\ & + \psi^\dagger \left[\frac{d_2 g_s}{8m^2} (\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{D}) + \frac{d_3 g_s}{8m^2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (\mathbf{D} \times \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{D}) \right] \psi \\ & + \dots + \mathcal{L}_{\text{antiquark}} + \mathcal{L}_{4\text{-quark}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{light}}\end{aligned}$$

coupling to external photon: $\bar{Q} \gamma^i Q = c_v \psi^\dagger \sigma^i \chi + d_v \psi^\dagger \frac{\mathbf{D}^2}{6m^2} \sigma^i \chi + \dots$

- **expansion** in heavy-quark mass
- **coefficients** have to be determined by matching to QCD

integrating out the soft region \rightsquigarrow PNRQCD

[Pineda, Soto 1997; Beneke, Signer, Smirnov 1999; Brambilla et al. 1999]

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{PNRQCD}} = & \psi^\dagger \left(i\partial^0 + g_s A^0(t, \mathbf{0}) + \frac{\partial^2}{2m} + \dots \right) \psi \\ & + \int d^3\mathbf{r} [\psi^\dagger \psi](x + \mathbf{r}) \left(-\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{r} + \delta V(\mathbf{r}) \right) [\chi^\dagger \chi](x) \\ & - g_s \psi^\dagger \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{E}(t, \mathbf{0}) \psi + \text{antiquark terms} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

- definite power-counting in v
- contains non-local interactions \rightsquigarrow potentials
- LO Coulomb potential is part of LO Lagrangian \rightsquigarrow Coulomb propagator
- ultrasoft fields are multipole expanded

the potential in momentum space ($\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{p}$):

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{V}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}') = & \\ & -\frac{4\pi\alpha_s C_F}{\mathbf{q}^2} \mathcal{V}_C + \frac{4\pi^3\alpha_s C_F}{m|\mathbf{q}|} \mathcal{V}_{1/m} + \frac{2\pi\alpha_s C_F}{m^2} \mathcal{V}_\delta \\ & -\frac{2\pi\alpha_s C_F}{m^2} \frac{\mathbf{p}^2 + \mathbf{p}'^2}{\mathbf{q}^2} \mathcal{V}_p - \frac{3\pi\alpha_s C_F}{2m^2 \mathbf{q}^2} ([\sigma^i, \sigma^j] q^i p^j \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes [\sigma^i, \sigma^j] q^i p^j) \mathcal{V}_{so} \\ & + \frac{\pi\alpha_s C_F}{4m^2 \mathbf{q}^2} [\sigma^i, \sigma^j] q^j \otimes [\sigma^i, \sigma^k] q^k \mathcal{V}_{hf} - \frac{\pi\alpha_s C_F}{4m^2} [\sigma^i, \sigma^j] \otimes [\sigma^i, \sigma^j] \mathcal{V}_s + \dots \end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{V}_i are series in α_s and depend on NRQCD matching coefficients d_i

Calculating the Cross Section

use optical theorem:

$$\int d\Phi_{\text{PS}} \left| \text{Diagram} \right|^2 \sim \text{Im} \left[\text{Diagram with loop} \right] \sim \text{Im} \Pi(q)$$

compute polarisation function in PNRQCD: $\Pi(q) \sim c_v^2 G(\vec{0}, \vec{0}; E)$

- compute hard matching coefficients: d_i, c_v, d_v
- compute potential: \mathcal{V}_i
- solve Schrödinger equation
- compute ultrasoft corrections

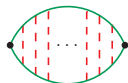
power counting:

$$\sum_n \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{v} \right)^n \times \left\{ 1; \underbrace{\alpha_s, v}_{\text{NLO}}; \underbrace{\alpha_s^2, \alpha_s v, v^2}_{\text{NNLO}}; \dots \right\}$$

Computing the Green's Function

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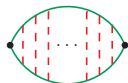
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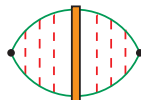
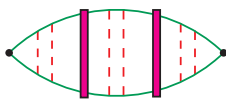
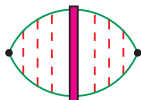
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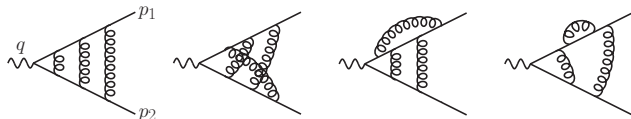
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The Vector Current

coupling to external photon:

$$\bar{Q}\gamma^i Q = c_v \psi^\dagger \sigma^i \chi + d_v \psi^\dagger \frac{\mathbf{D}^2}{6m^2} \sigma^i \chi + \dots$$

- determine c_v and d_v by onshell matching of NRQCD to QCD
- NNNLO requires 3-loop result for c_v and 1-loop result for d_v
- only hard region of QCD diagrams contributes

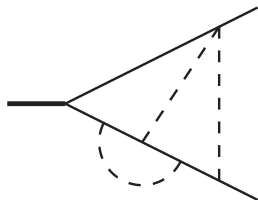


$$q^2 = 4m^2$$
$$p_i^2 = m^2$$

- diagrams generated with QGRAF [Nogueira]
- mapped onto 78 topologies with q2e and exp [Harlander, Seidensticker, Steinhauser]
- γ algebra is done in FORM [Vermaseren]
- reduction to master integrals with Crusher [Marquard, Seidel]
- identify master integrals from different topologies
 $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{O}(100)$ master integrals

- simple ones known analytically
- some computed with Mellin-Barnes method
- most complicated ones are computed with FIESTA
- use basis transformation to check final result

[Smirnov, Tentyukov]



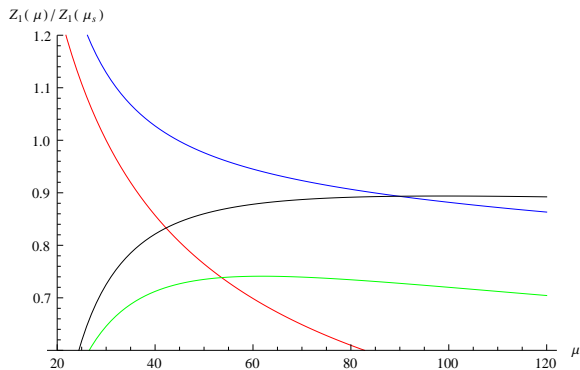
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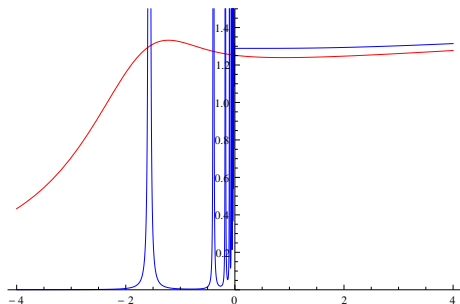
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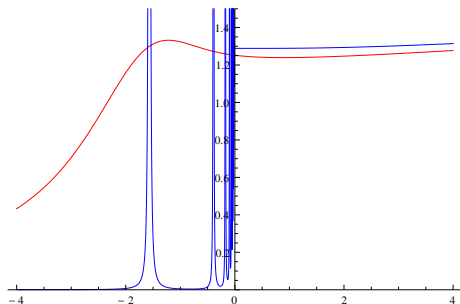


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- resonances are smoothed out into **broad peak**

[Fadin, Khoze 1987]

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- divergence only contributes to real part at LO
- NNLO corrections introduce terms $\sim E G_C(E)$
 \rightsquigarrow divergences in imaginary part after energy shift $\sim \Gamma_t \text{Im}G_C(E)$
- divergences have to be cancelled by finite-width contributions

[Hoang, Reiber; Beneke, Kiyo]

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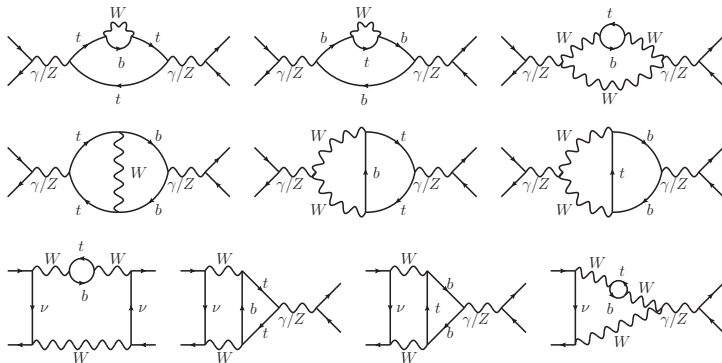
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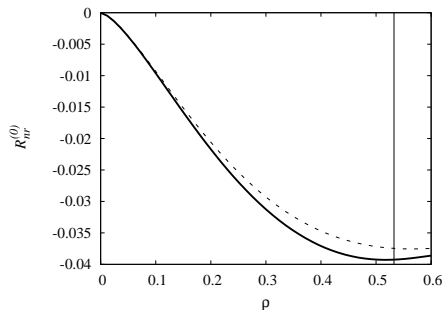
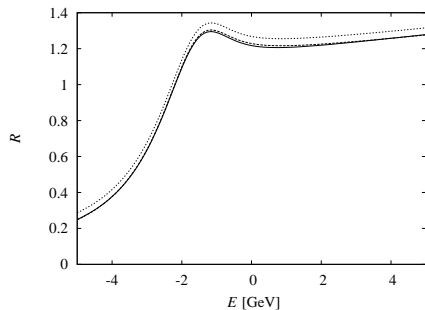
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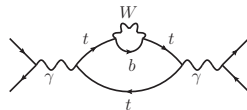
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- consider only Wtb cuts: $e^+e^- \rightarrow tt^* \rightarrow tWb$
- compute diagrams as expansion in $\rho = 1 - m_W/m_t$
- expansion can be formulated in terms of effective theory



- NLO contribution shifts LO result by -3%
- correction mainly due to single diagram



- threshold production allows for very precise and theoretically clean determination of top-quark mass
- NNNLO calculation is almost done
- size of correction still has to be understood:
 - resummation of logarithms
 - renormalons
- additional application: bottom-quark sum rules