

Differential Top-Antitop Production at and beyond Threshold

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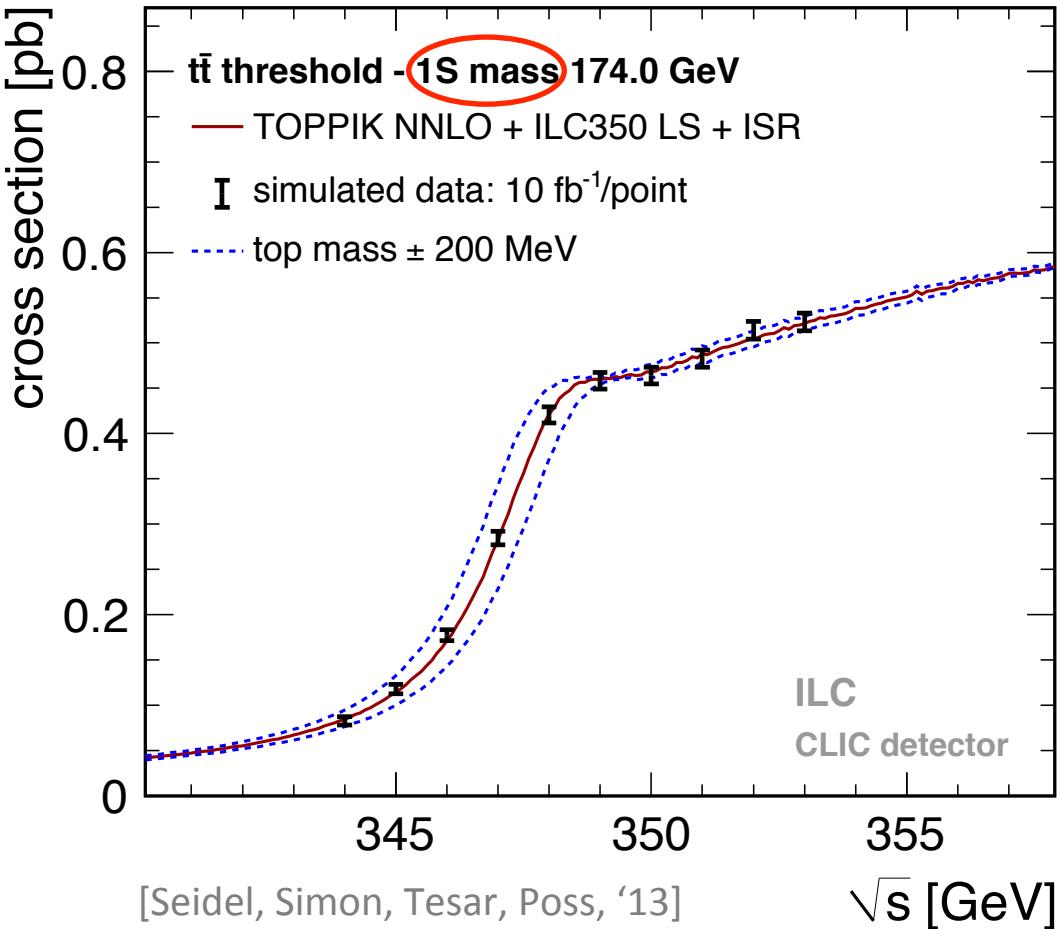


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- Top-antitop threshold scan
- Theory: (v)NRQCD
- Total cross section
- Top-antitop threshold in WHIZARD 
- Summary

Top-antitop threshold scan



Experiment (simulation):

$\Delta m_t < 100 \text{ MeV}$ renormalon free!

$\Delta \Gamma_t \sim 30 \text{ MeV}$

$\Delta \alpha_s \sim 0.001$

$\Delta y_t / y_t \sim 10\%$

[Martinez, Miquel, '02]

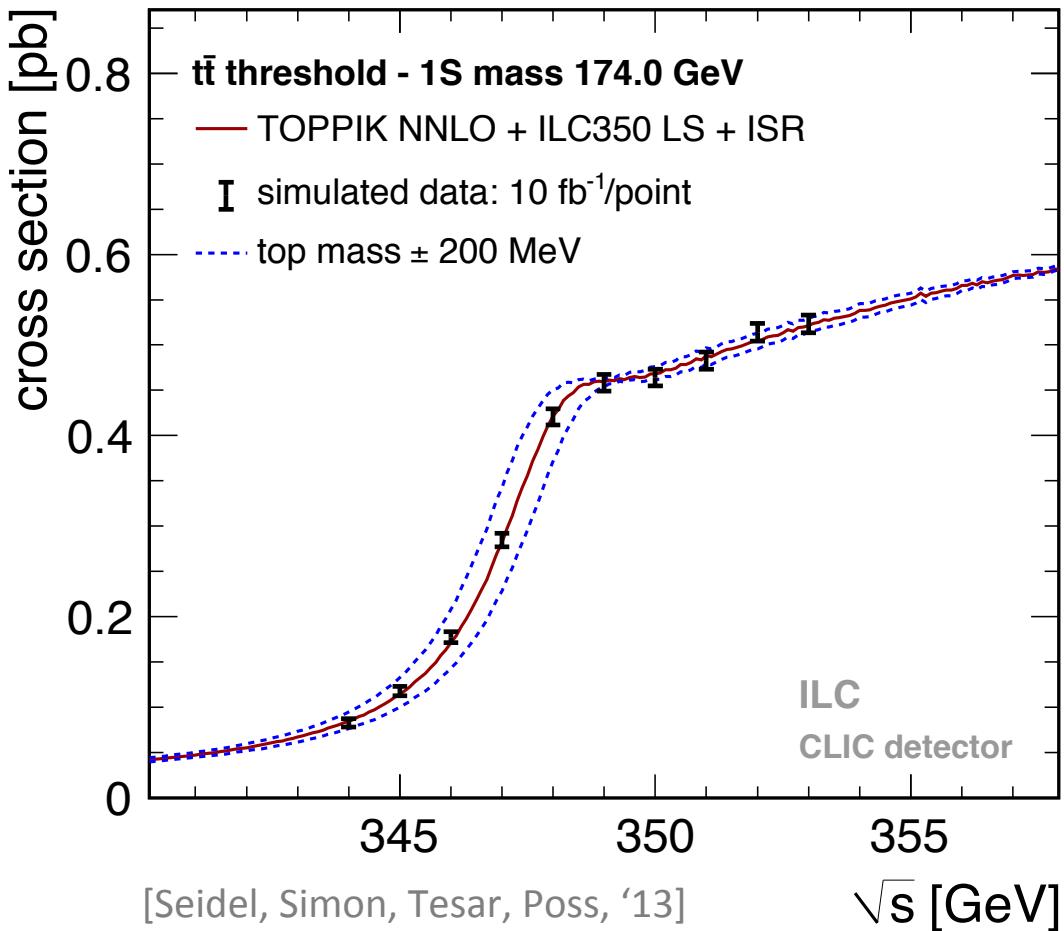
[Seidel, Simon, Tesar, Poss '13]

[Horiguchi et. al. '13]

Theory goal:

$$\Delta \sigma_{\text{tot}} / \sigma_{\text{tot}} \lesssim 3\%$$

Top-antitop threshold scan



$$\Gamma_t \approx 1.5 \text{ GeV} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

- Nonpert. effects suppressed [Fadin, Khoze, '87]
- No sharp resonance peaks

$$v \sim 0.1 \ll 1$$

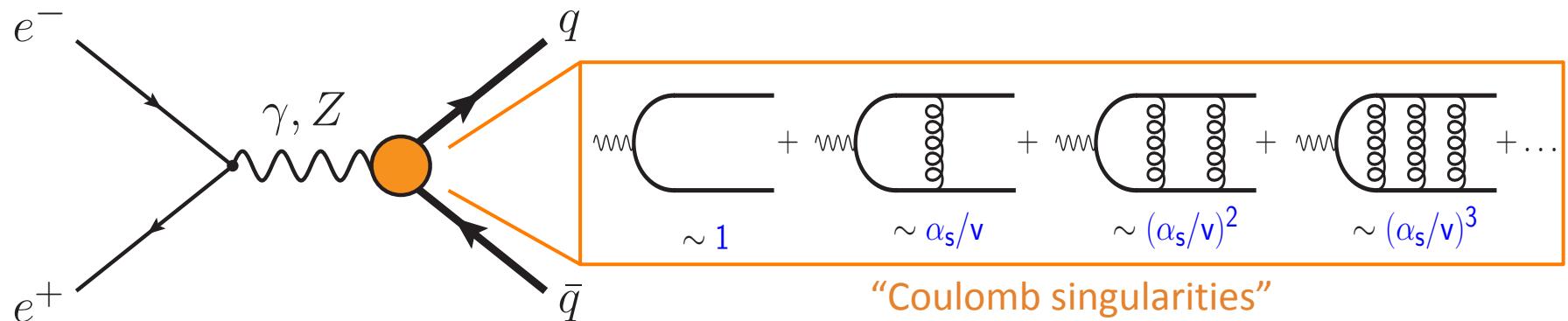
- Nonrelativistic regime
- Multiple scales

Theory: (v)NRQCD

QCD near $t\bar{t}$ threshold: $v \sim \alpha_s \ll 1$ “nonrelativistic bound state”

scales: $m \gg \vec{p} \sim mv \gg E_{\text{kin}} \sim mv^2$ ($\sim \Gamma_t \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$)

hard	soft	ultrasoft
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$$\sigma \sim \sum_k \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{v} \right)^k \times \left\{ 1 (\text{LO}); \alpha_s, v (\text{NLO}); \alpha_s^2, \alpha_s v, v^2 (\text{NNLO}); \dots \right\}$$

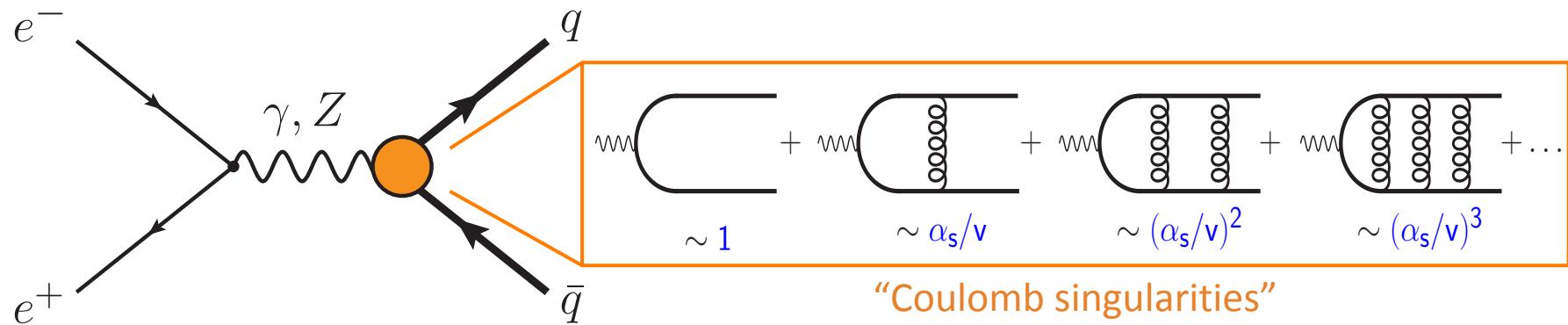
resummation using Schrödinger equation in NRQCD

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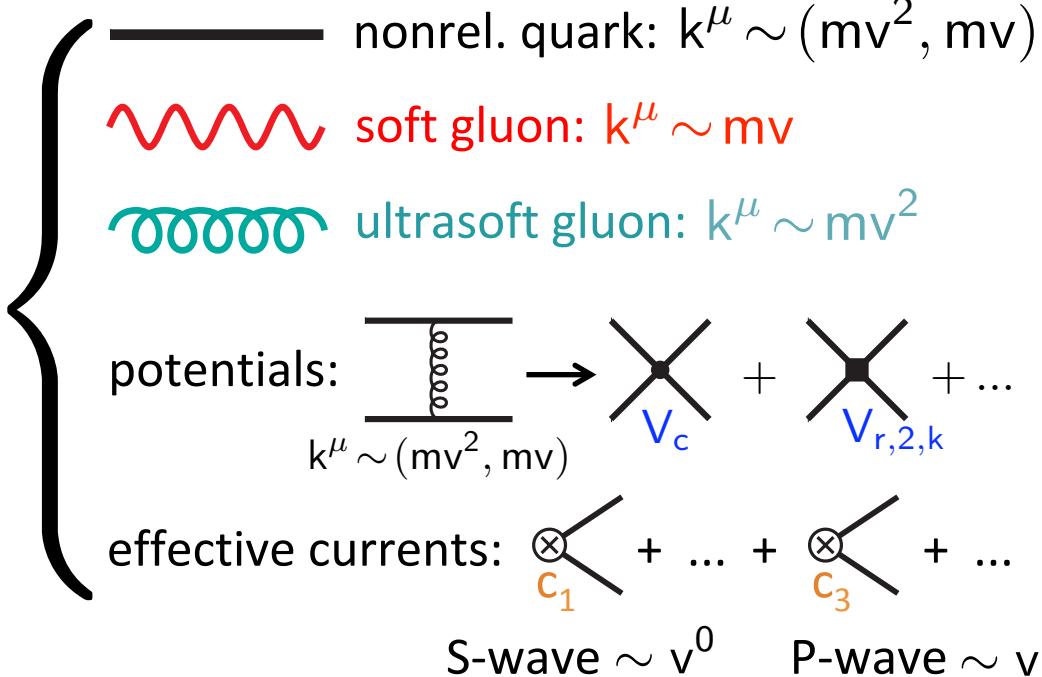
$$\sigma \sim \sum_k \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{v} \right)^k \sum_i (\alpha_s \ln v)^i \times \left\{ 1 \text{ (LL)}; \alpha_s, v \text{ (NLL)}; \alpha_s^2, \alpha_s v, v^2 \text{ (NNLL)}; \dots \right\}$$

resummation of large logs using RG in vNRQCD

Theory: (v)NRQCD

vNRQCD

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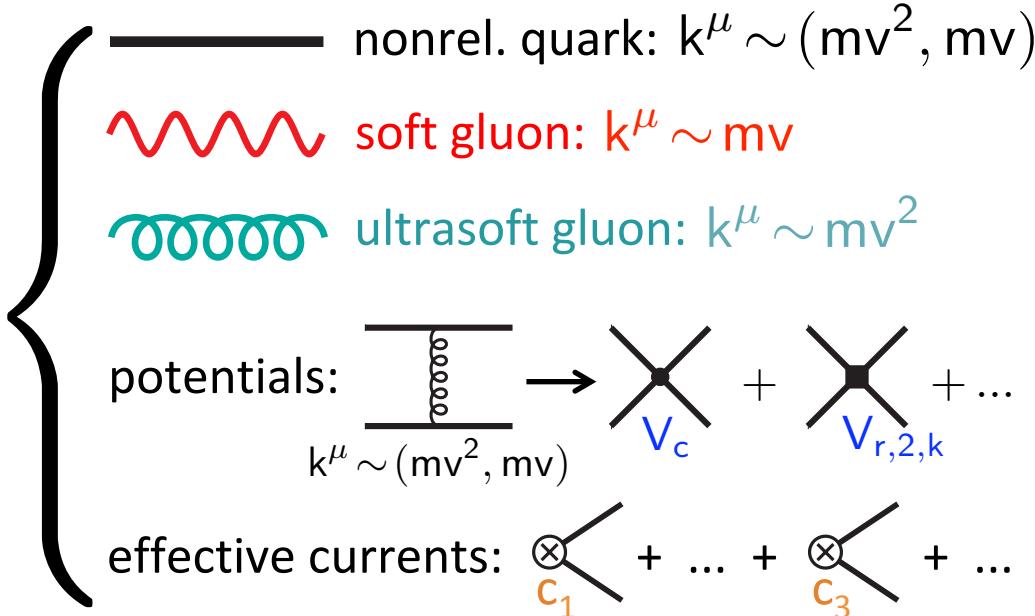


power counting
in $v \sim \alpha_s$

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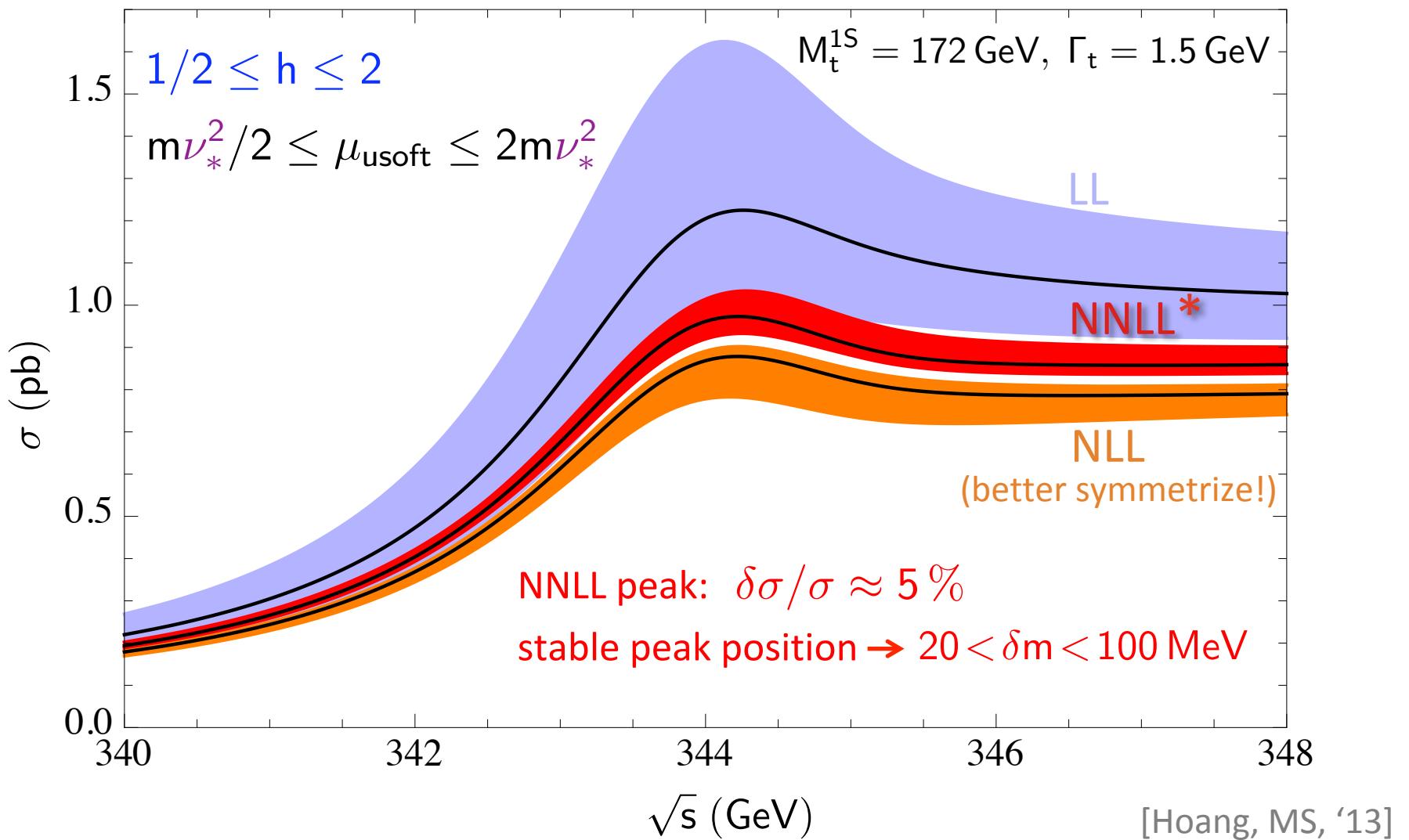
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$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} \sim \text{Im} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram sequence: } C_1 + \dots + \text{Diagram with } V_c + \dots \\ + \dots + \text{Diagram with red wavy loop} + \dots + \text{Diagram with red wavy loop} + \dots \\ + \dots + \text{Diagram with red wavy loop} + \dots + \text{Diagram with blue wavy loop} + \dots + \dots \end{array} \right]$$

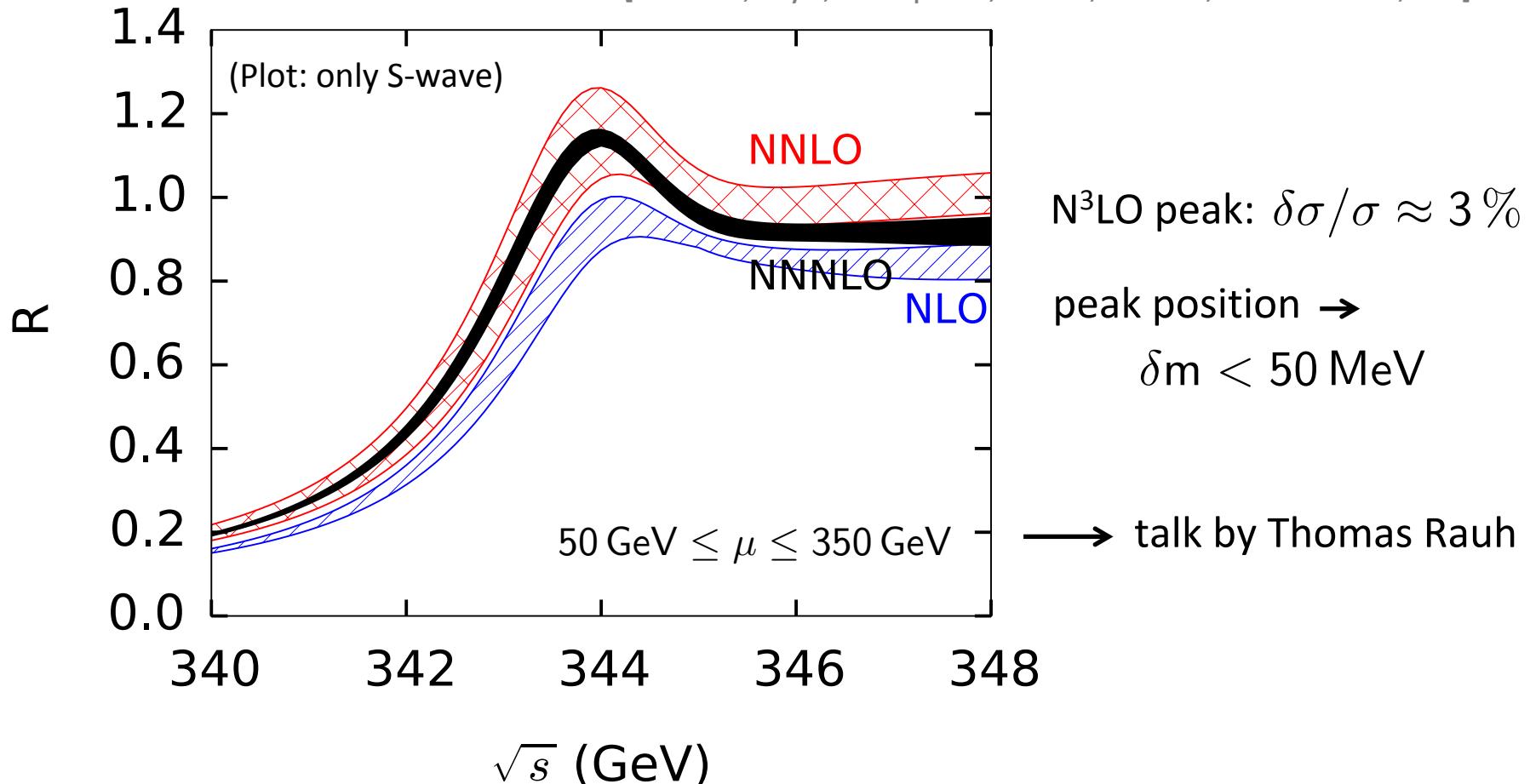
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"Fixed order" state of the art:

[Beneke, Kiyo, Marquard, Penin, Piclum, Steinhauser, '15]



To do: Combine $N^3\text{LO} + \text{NNLL} \rightarrow \text{W.I.P.}$

Top-antitop threshold in WHIZARD



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Threshold resummation in Monte Carlo event generator:

- ✓ Realistic final state: $W^+W^-b\bar{b}$
- ✓ Study arbitrary **differential** observables/ experimental cuts
- ✓ Include (interferences with) **background**
- ✓ Smooth **transition** between threshold and continuum region
- ✓ QED ISR, beam structure, polarization effects

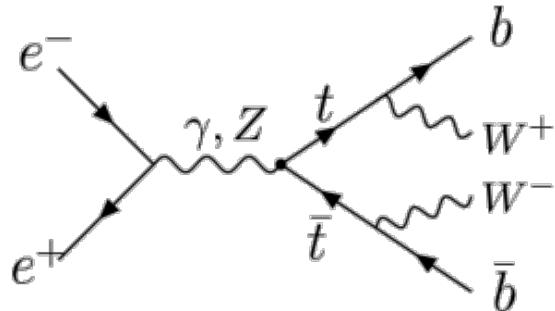
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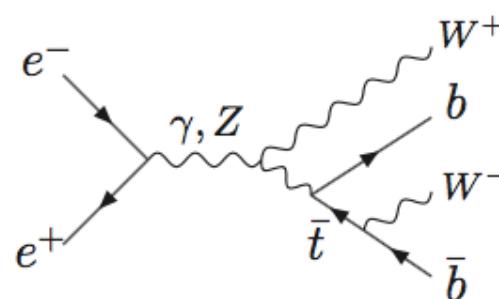
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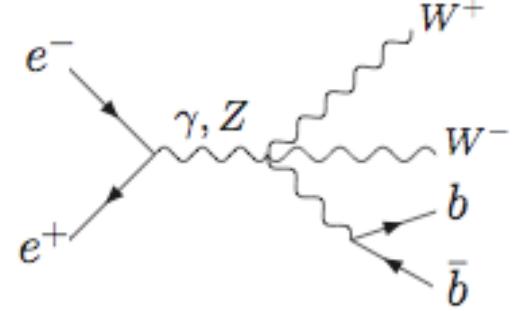
double-resonant “signal”



single-resonant background



non-resonant background



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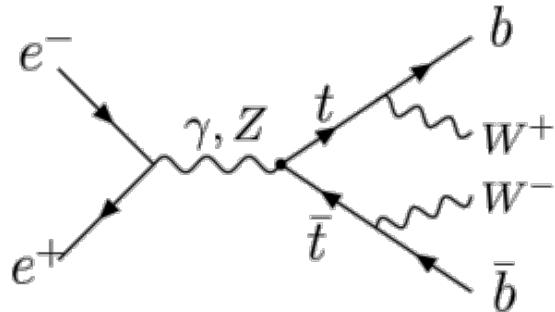
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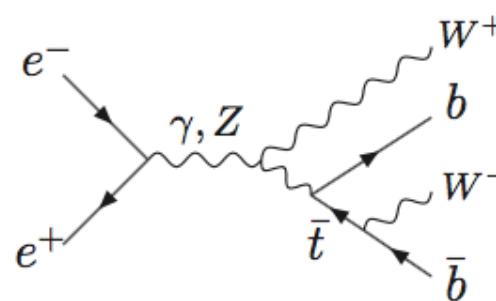
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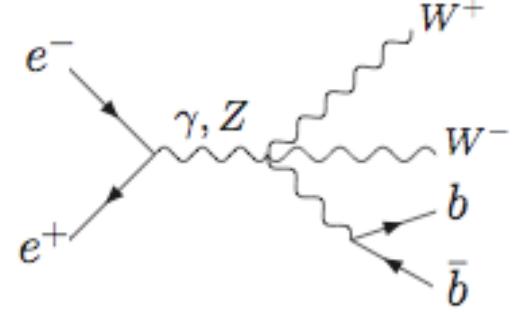
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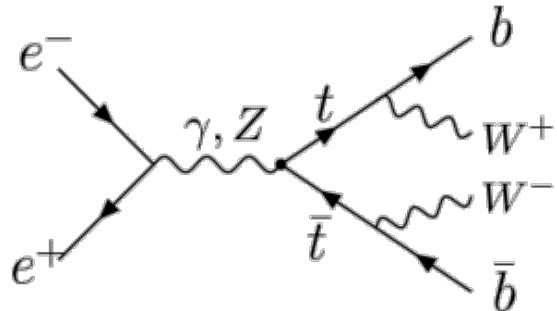
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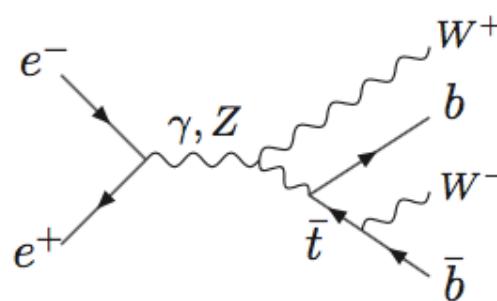
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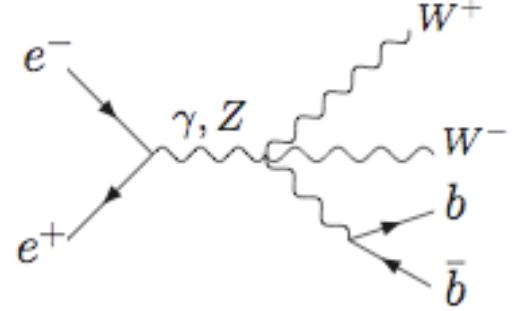
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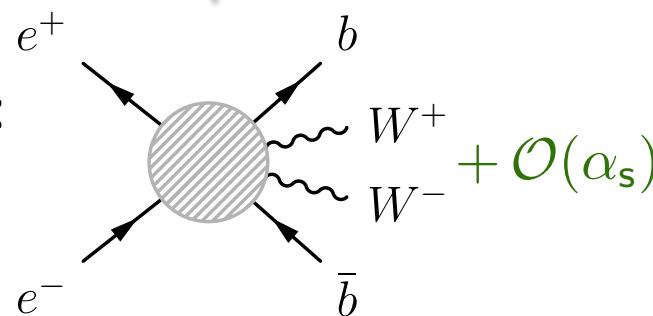
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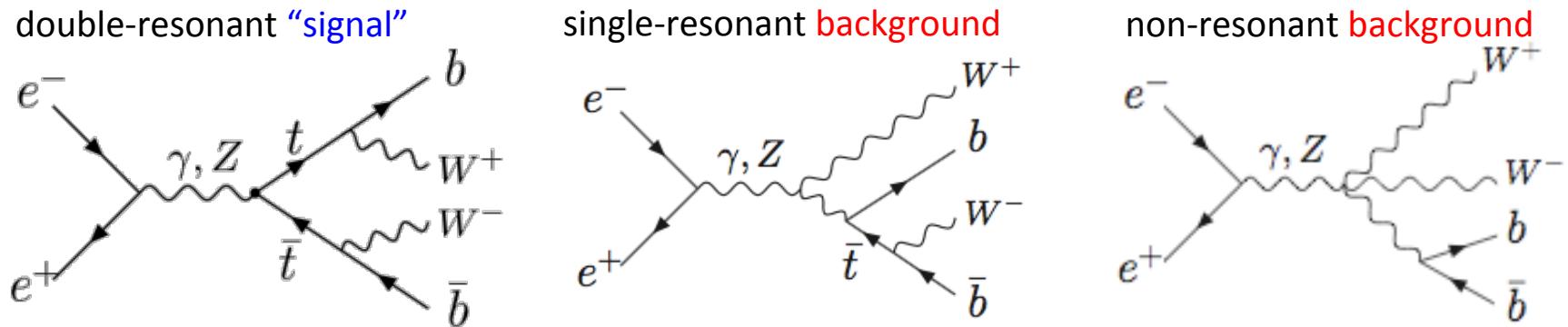
WHIZARD MC generator:

[Choukouf  Nejad, Kilian, Lindert,
Pozzorini, Reuter, Weiss, '16;
Kilian, Ohl, Reuter, '11]

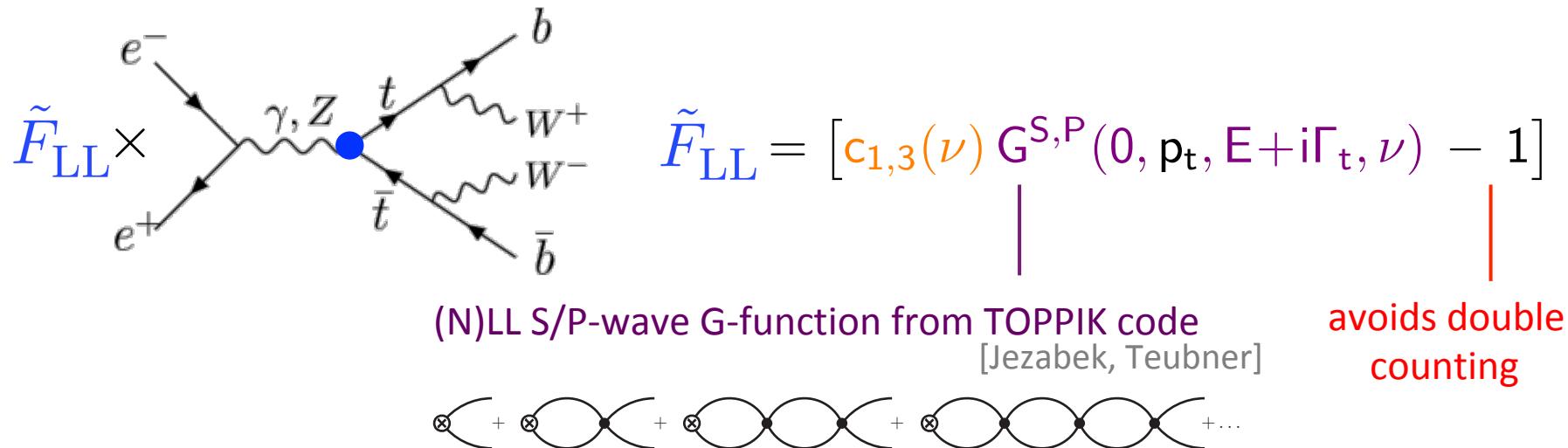


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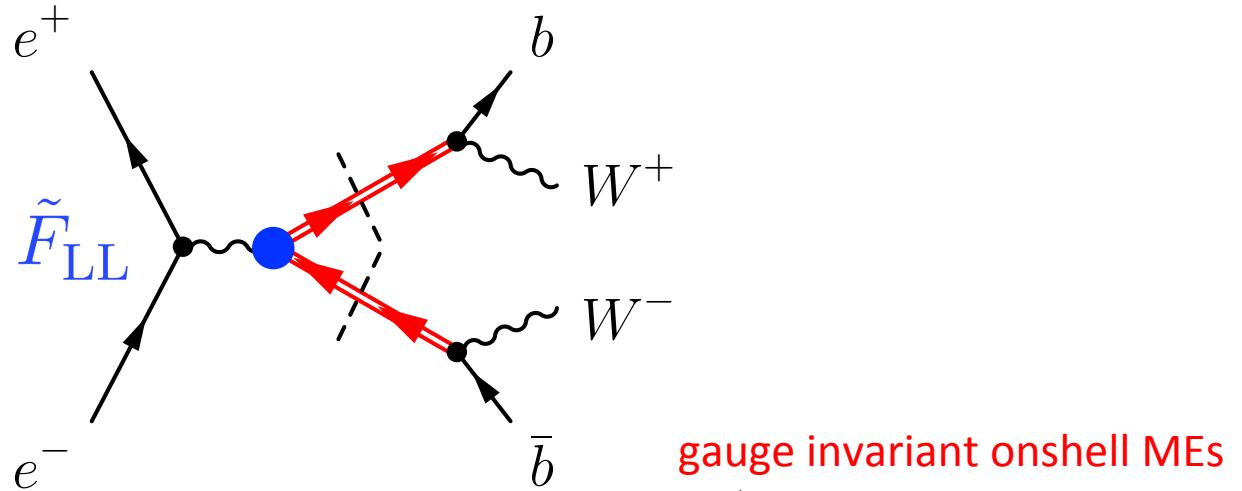


Idea: add threshold resummation via **form factor**:



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Ensure **gauge invariance**: Double Pole Approximation



$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{fact}} = \tilde{F}_{\text{LL}} \sum_{h_t, h_{\bar{t}}} \frac{i}{p_t^2 - m^2 - i m \Gamma_t} \frac{i}{p_{\bar{t}}^2 - m^2 - i m \Gamma_t} \mathcal{M}_{\text{prod}}^{h_t, h_{\bar{t}}}(\hat{p}_t, \hat{p}_{\bar{t}}) \mathcal{M}_{\text{dec}, t}^{h_t}(\hat{p}_t) \mathcal{M}_{\text{dec}, \bar{t}}^{h_{\bar{t}}}(\hat{p}_{\bar{t}})$$

- For $\sqrt{s} \geq 2m$ use onshell projection: $\hat{p}_t^2 = \hat{p}_{\bar{t}}^2 = m^2$
- For $\sqrt{s} < 2m$ use momenta $\hat{p}_t, \hat{p}_{\bar{t}}$ as if $\sqrt{s} = 2m$
- Directions of original 3-momenta retained!

Top-antitop threshold in WHIZARD



Combine LO + LL:

$$\left[\tilde{F}_{LL} \equiv F_{LL} - 1 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{LO+LL} = & \sigma_{LO} + \left(\tilde{F}_{LL} \times \text{Diagram A} + \text{Diagram B} \right) \\ & + \left| \tilde{F}_{LL} \times \text{Diagram A} \right|^2 . \end{aligned}$$

Diagrams A and B are Feynman diagrams for top-antitop production via the annihilation of an electron-positron pair (e^+e^-). Diagram A shows the annihilation into a $b\bar{b}$ pair, which then decays into a W^+W^- pair, each of which further decays into an electron and a neutrino. Diagram B shows the annihilation into a $b\bar{b}$ pair, which then decays into a W^+W^- pair, each of which further decays into a quark and an antiquark (b and \bar{b}).

Top-antitop threshold in WHIZARD



Combine NLO + NLL:

$$\left[\tilde{F}_{\text{NLL}} \equiv F_{\text{NLL}} - 1 \right]$$

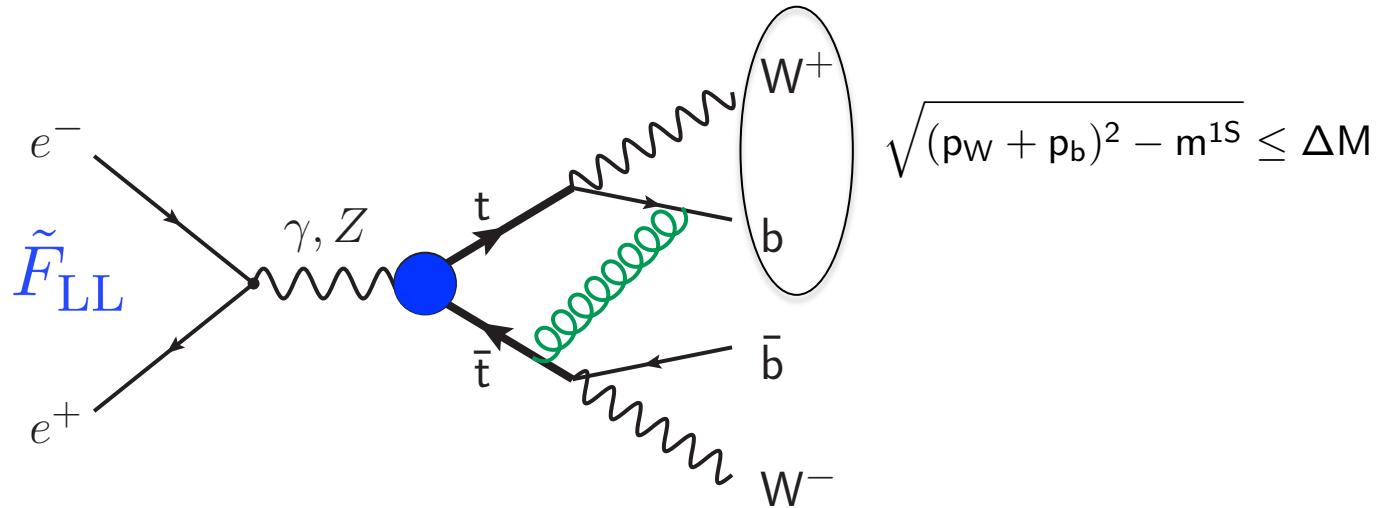
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\text{NLO+NLL}} &= \sigma_{\text{NLO}} + \left((F_{\text{NLL}} - F_{\text{NLL}}^{\text{exp}}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| \tilde{F}_{\text{NLL}} \right|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\tilde{F}_{\text{NLL}} \left(\left| \alpha_s \right|^2 \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. + \left| \tilde{F}_{\text{NLL}} \right|^2 \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. + \left| \tilde{F}_{\text{NLL}} \right|^2 \right. \right. \right. \right. \end{aligned}$$

The diagrams illustrate the contributions to the cross-section. The top diagram shows the NLO contribution, which is the difference between the measured NLL cross-section and the theoretical NLO cross-section. The subsequent terms show the NLL corrections, including the leading term \tilde{F}_{NLL} , higher-order terms involving \tilde{F}_{NLL}^2 , and corrections involving the strong coupling constant α_s . The diagrams involve electron-positron annihilation ($e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$) followed by the decay of the top quark ($b \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$). The diagrams are shown in a loop-like configuration with various internal lines and vertices.

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Caveat: Omitting some NLL **ultrasoft** final state interactions, e.g.

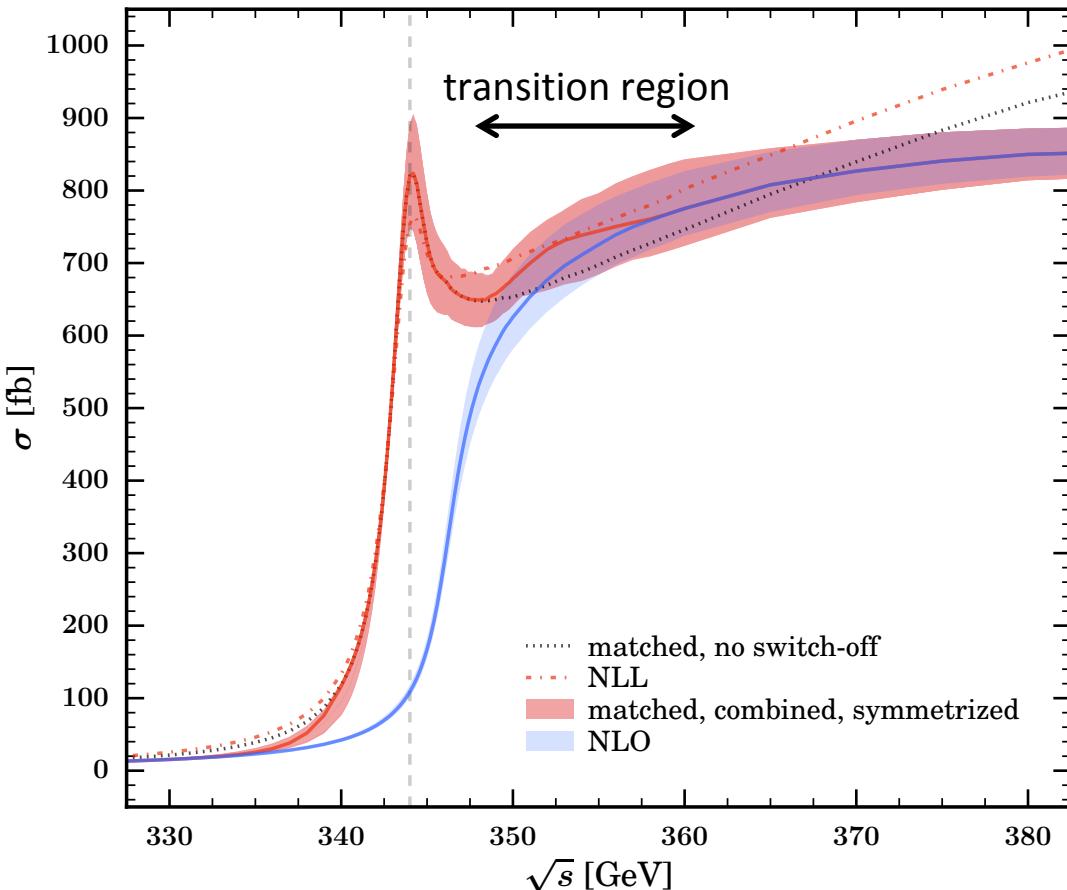


- Simple form factor implementation not enough for full NLL
- Missing NLL contributions $\sim \alpha_s \Gamma_t / \Delta M$
suppressed for sufficiently inclusive observables!
[Fadin, Khoze, Martin '94] [Melnikov, Yakovlev '94]
[Hoang, Reisser, Ruiz-Femenia, '10]
- For arbitrary observables at least NLO + LL precision

Top-antitop threshold in WHIZARD

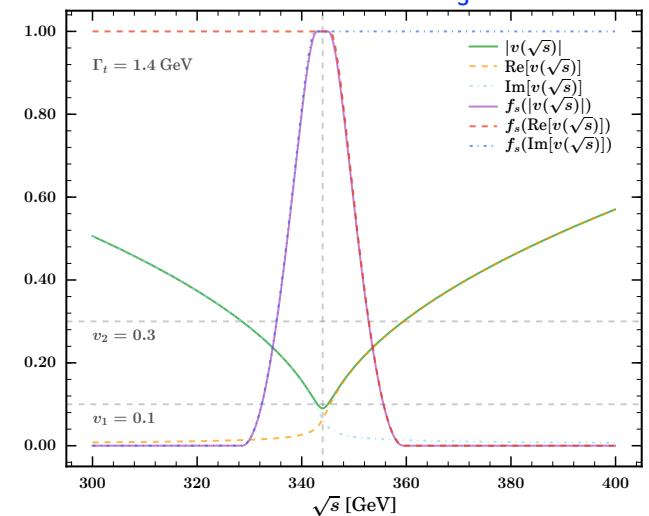


Matching **NLO+NLL** with relativistic **NLO** continuum:



- Usual scale variations
- Symmetrize
- Variation of switch-off parameters $0.1 \leq v_1 < v_2 \leq 0.4$
- Take envelope

switch-off function f_s :

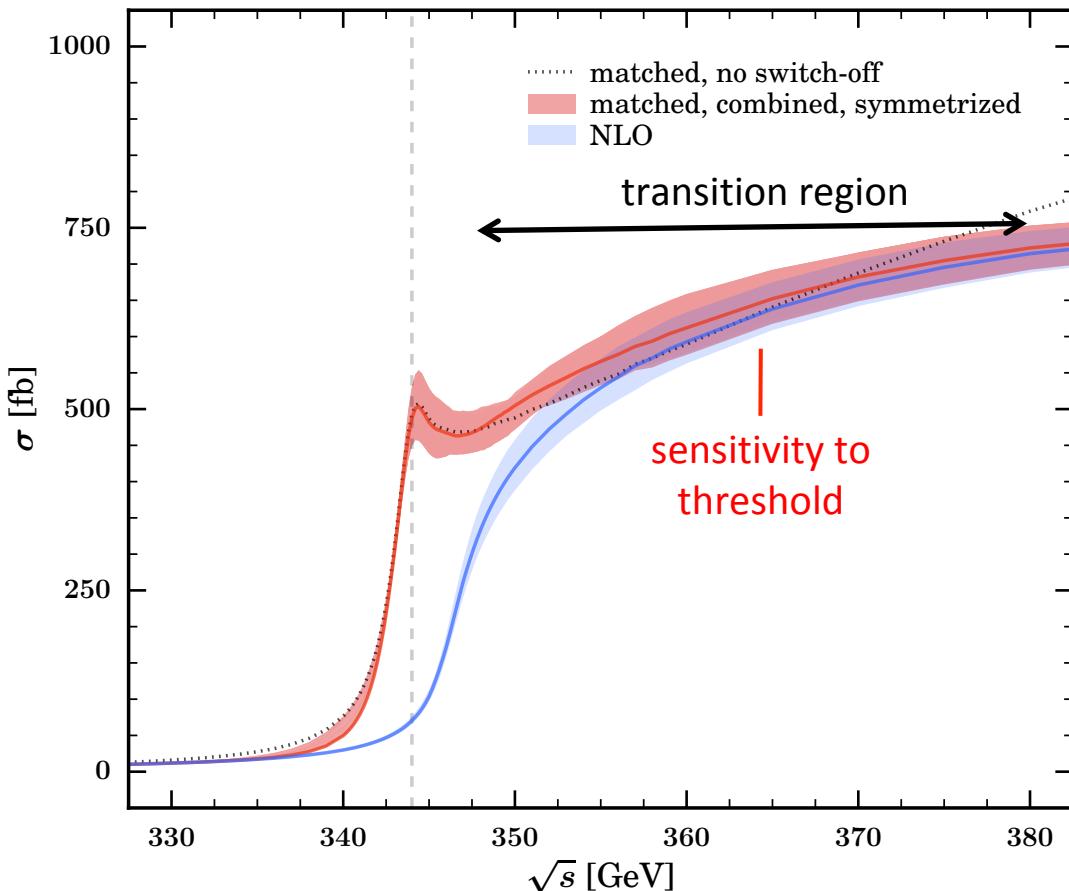


$$\sigma_{\text{matched}} = \sigma_{\text{NLO}}[\alpha_H] + \sigma_{\text{resum}}[f_s \alpha_H, f_s \alpha_S, f_s \alpha_{US}] - \sigma_{\text{resum}}^{\text{expand}}[f_s \alpha_H]$$

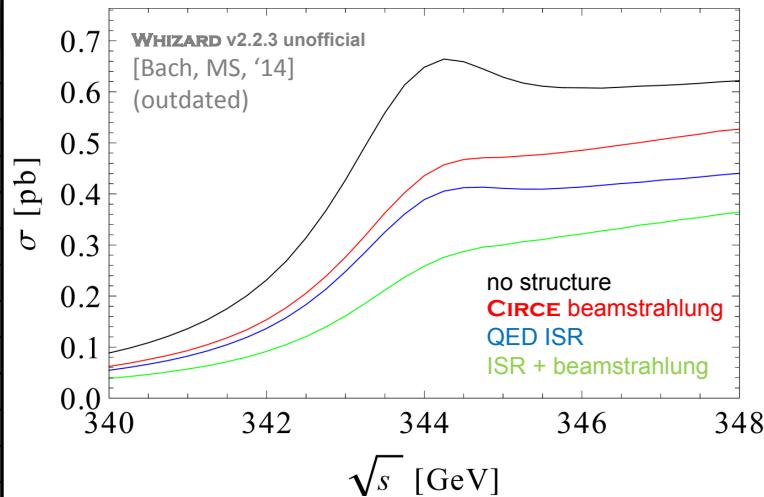
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Including QED ISR via convolution with structure function:



Further beam effects straightforward:



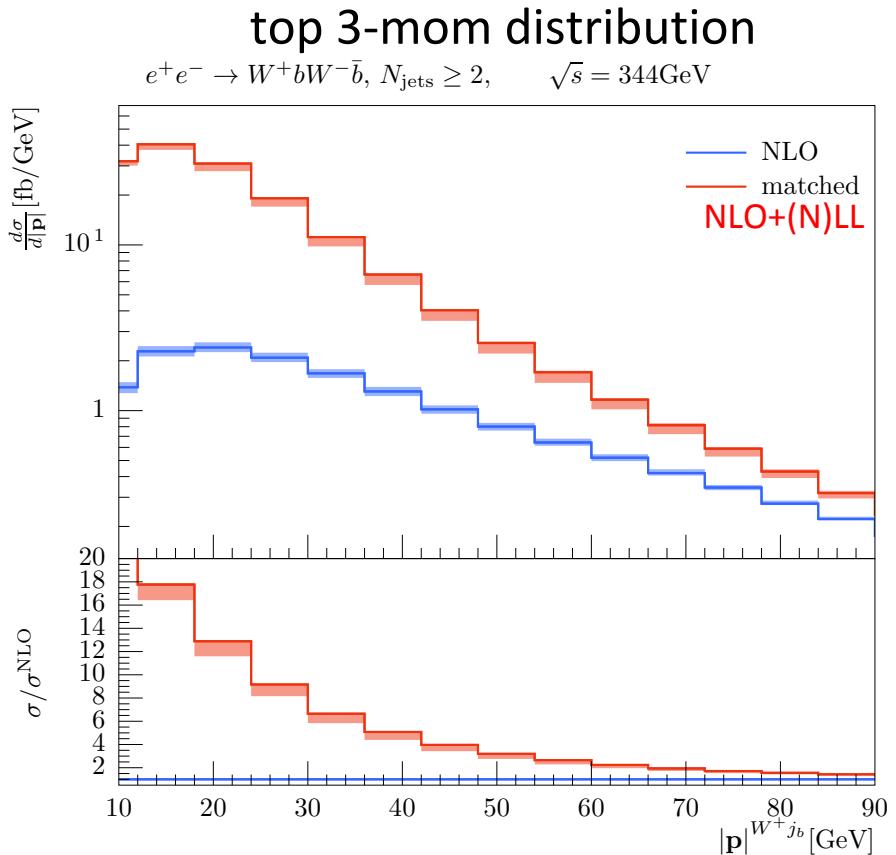
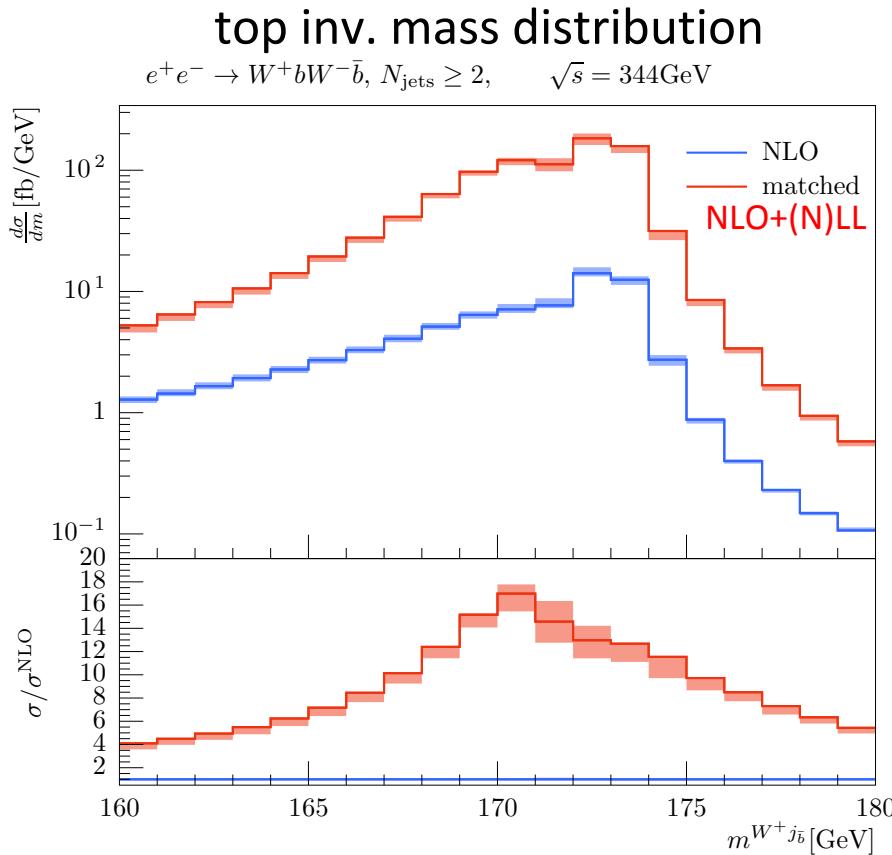
... polarization of colliding leptons can also be taken into account.

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Differential observables at peak:

$$\sqrt{s} = 2m^{1S} = 344 \text{ GeV}$$



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

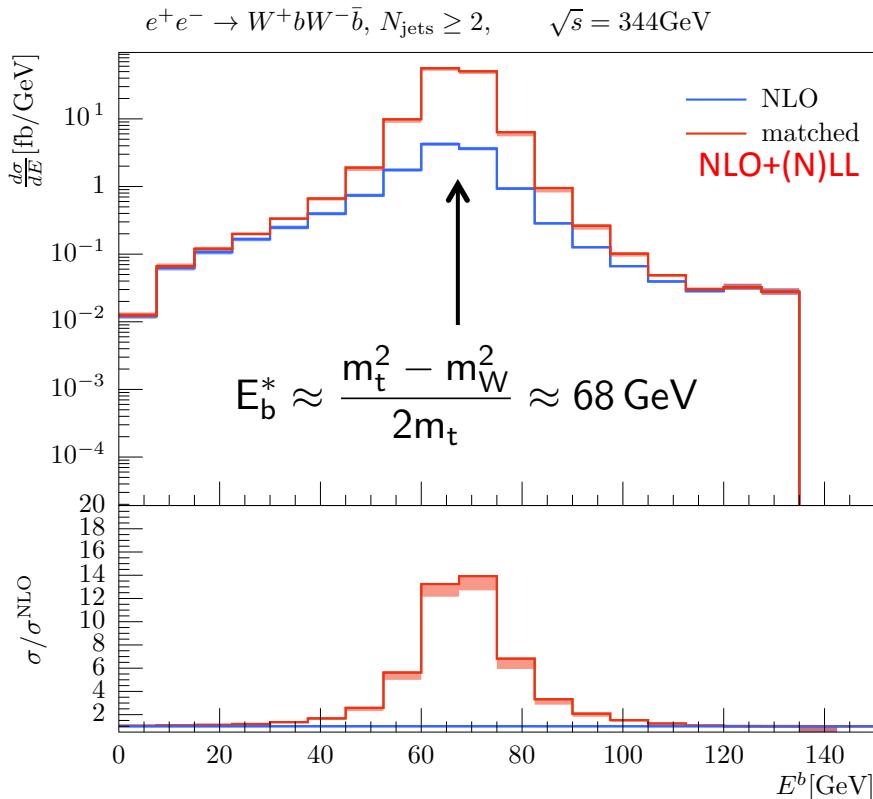
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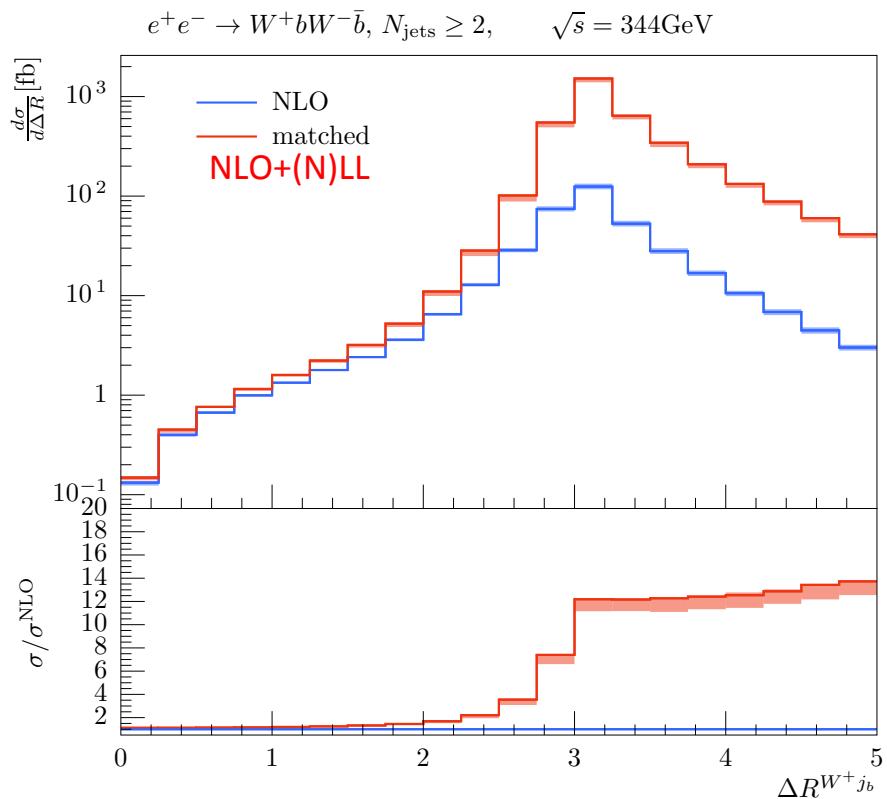
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b-jet energy distribution

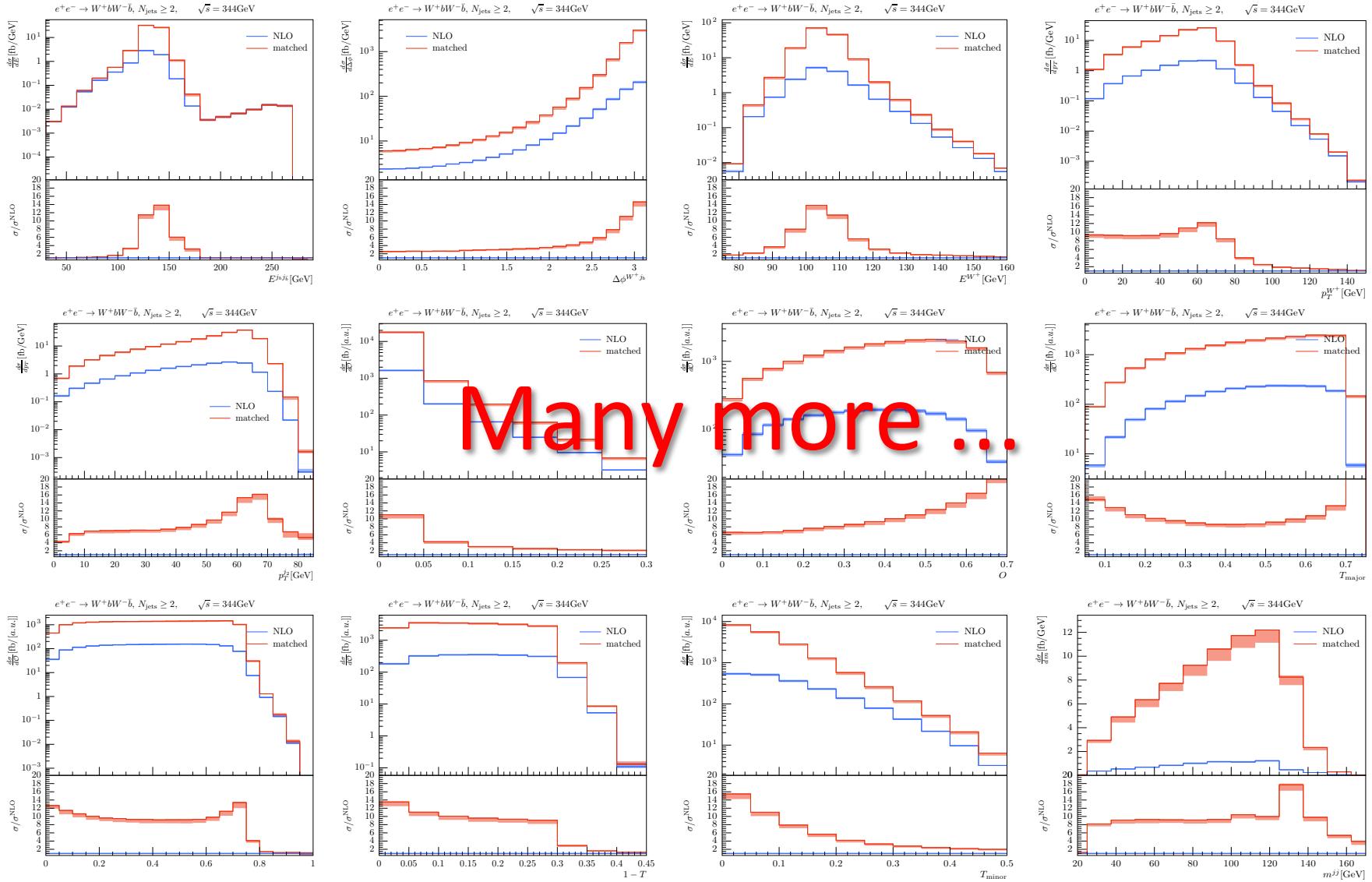


b-W⁺ rapidity separation



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Summary

- Total cross section

- ✓ known to NNLL and N^3LO , **to do:** $N^3LO + NNLL$
- ✓ precise $m_t, y_t, \alpha_s, \Gamma_t$ from $t\bar{t}$ threshold @ lepton collider
→ next talk

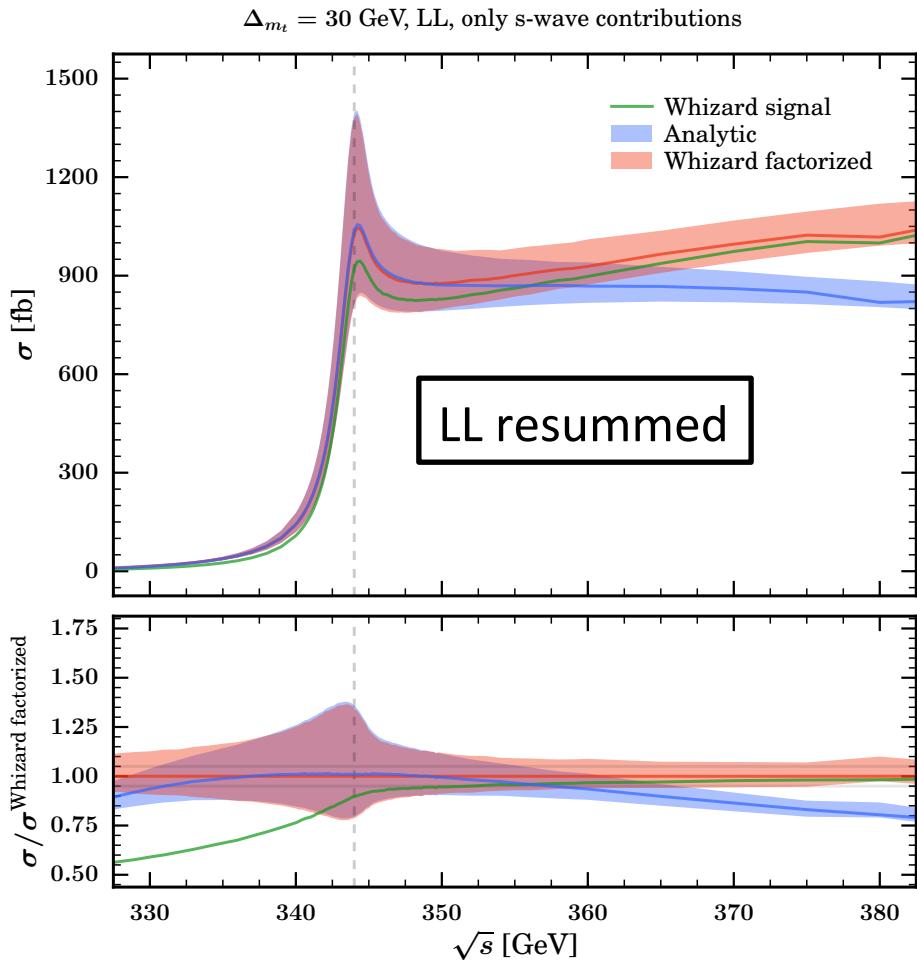
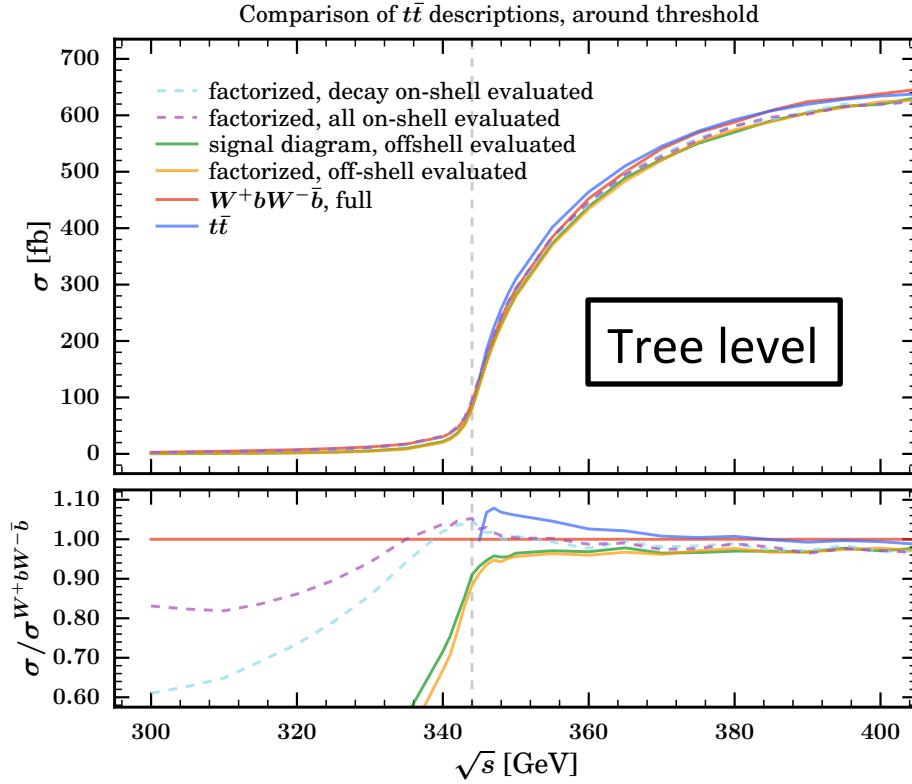
- NLL + NLO threshold in WHIZARD



- ✓ realistic ($W^+W^- b\bar{b}$) final state
- ✓ **fully differential, arbitrary observables!**
- ✓ background/interference effects
- ✓ **Matching to relativistic NLO continuum**
- ✓ ISR, beam structure, polarization effects

Backup

Validation of factorized WHIZARD implementation:



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“Unphysical” scales:

matching scale:

$$\mu_{\text{hard}} = h m$$

renormalization scales:

$$\mu_{\text{soft}} = h m \nu$$

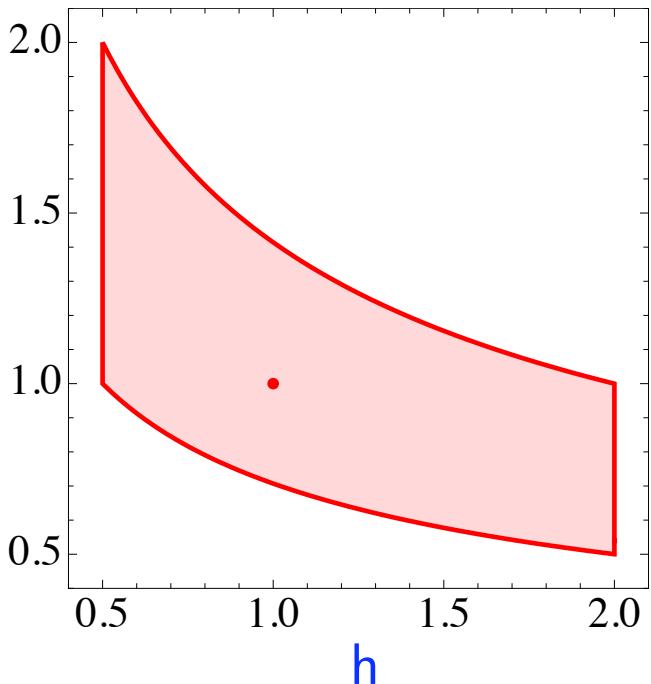
$$\mu_{\text{usoft}} = h m \nu^2$$

default choice:

$$h = 1 \quad \nu_* = 0.05 + |\nu_{\text{eff}}| \quad \nu_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{s} - 2m + i\Gamma_t}{m}}$$

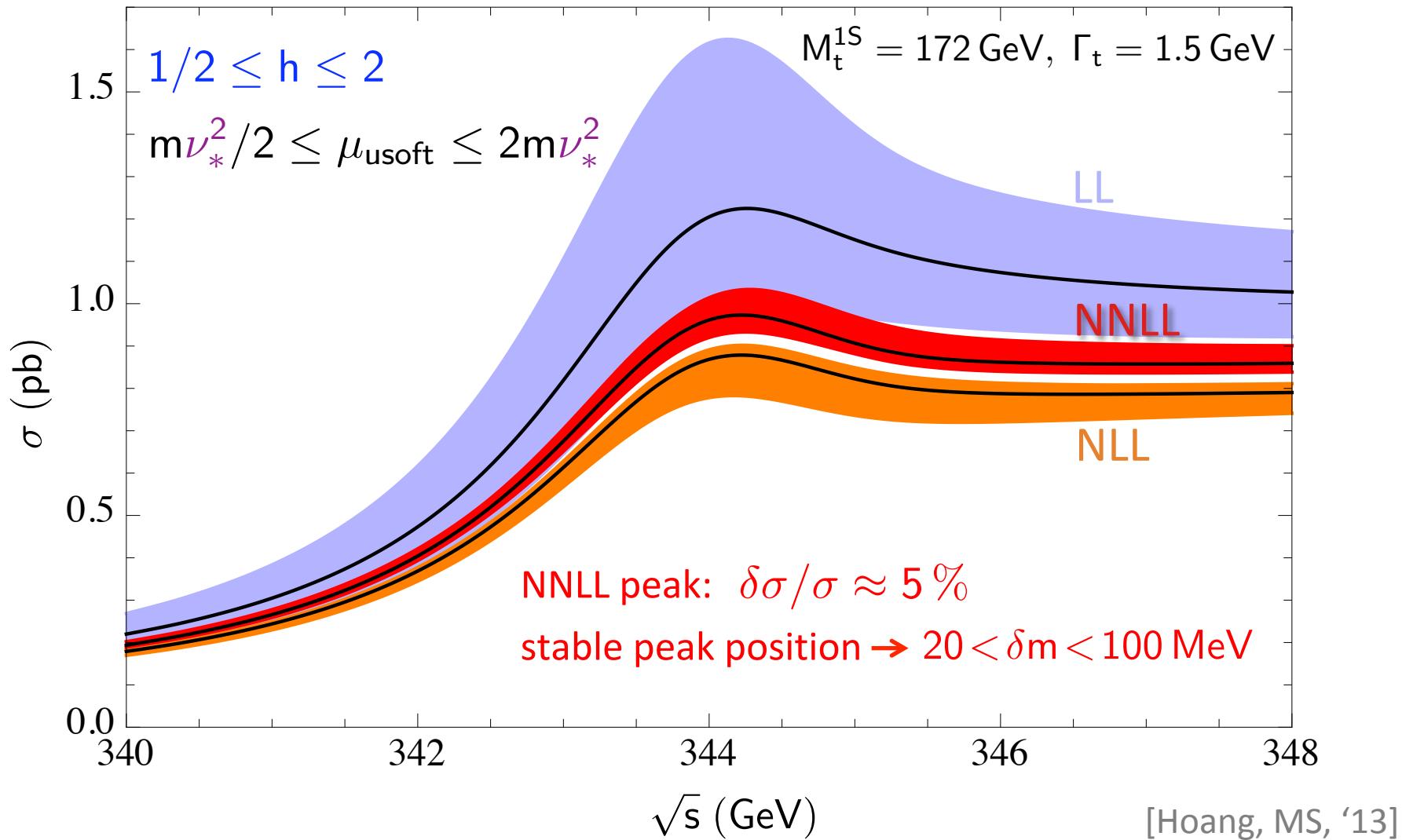
scale variation:

$$1/2 \leq h \leq 2$$

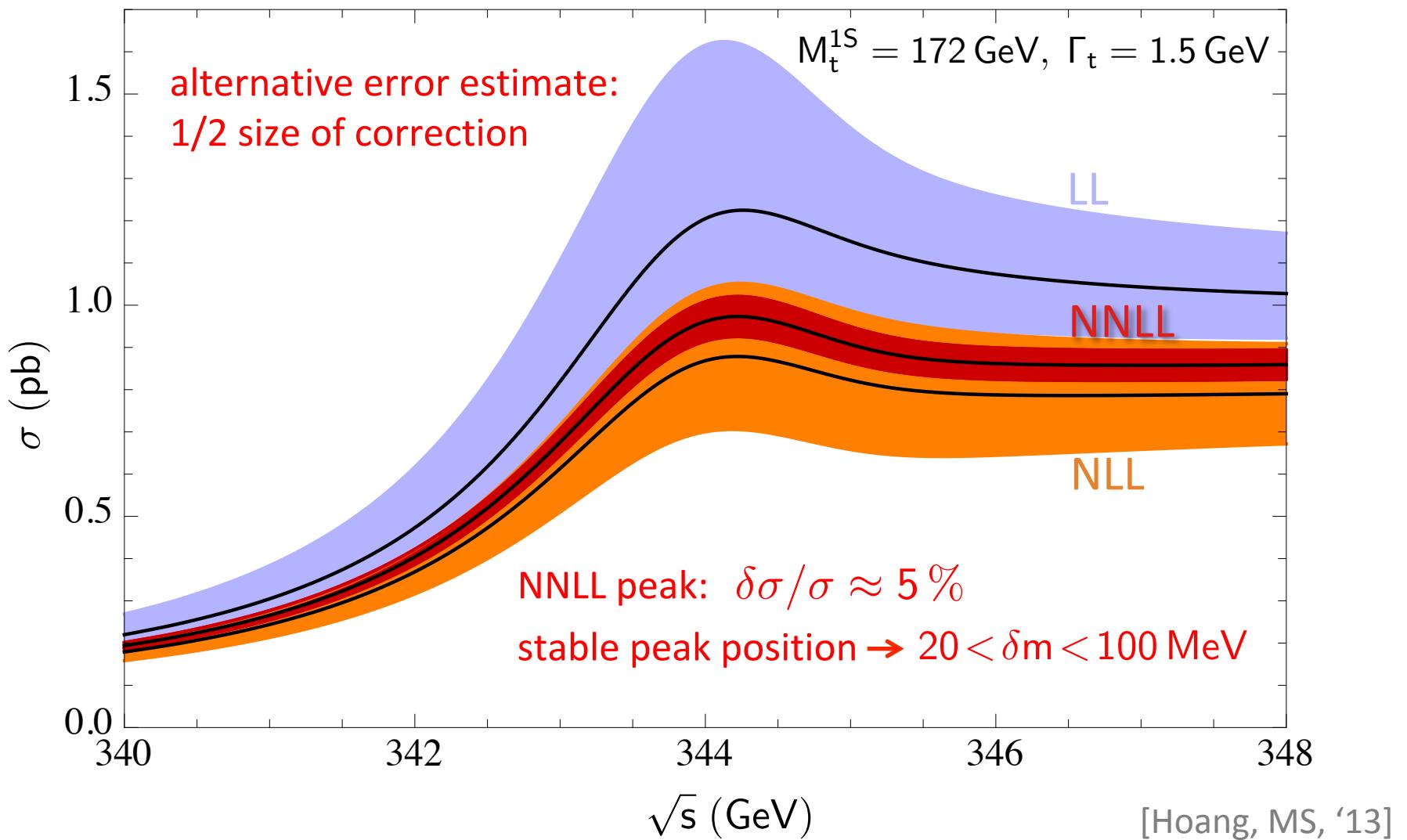


$$m \nu_*^2 / 2 \leq \mu_{\text{usoft}} \leq 2m \nu_*^2$$

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