

Threshold Top-Antitop Production at the LHC

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- *nonrelativistic renormalization group*
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Higgs, EWSB, GUT, SUSE, ...



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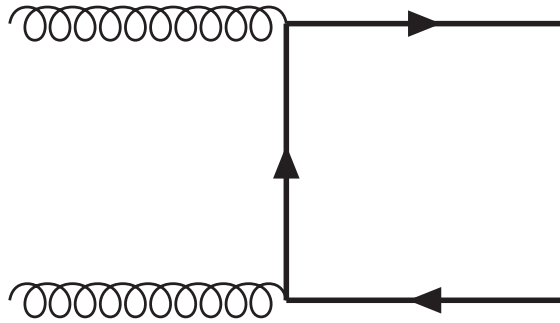
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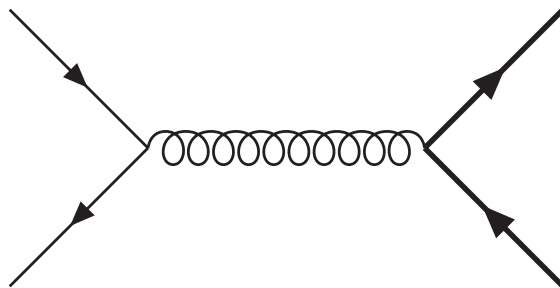
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 - *single top reconstruction*
 - *top-antitop threshold production (new!)*

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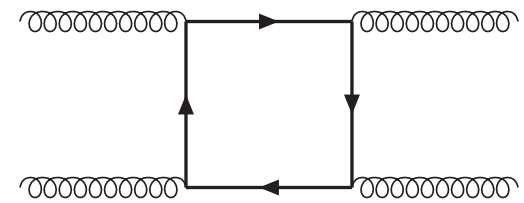
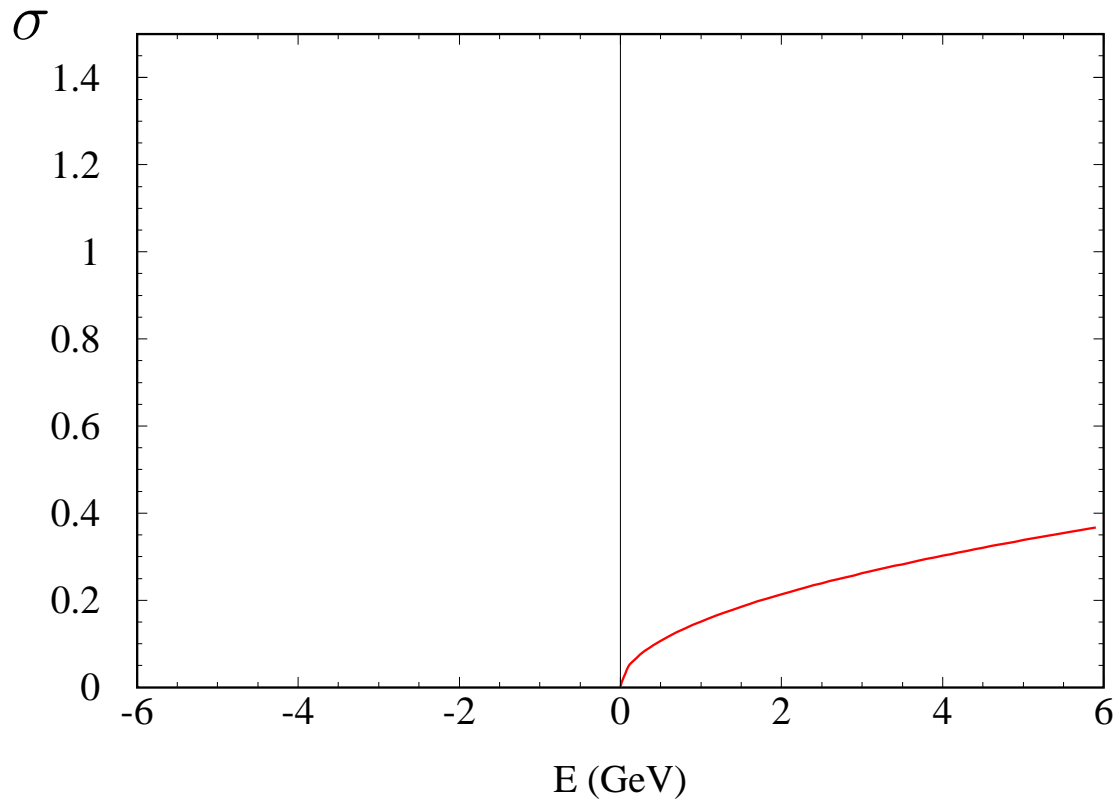


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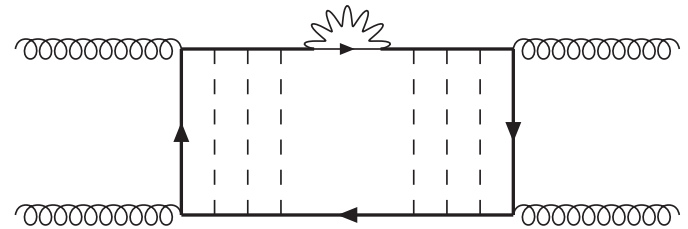
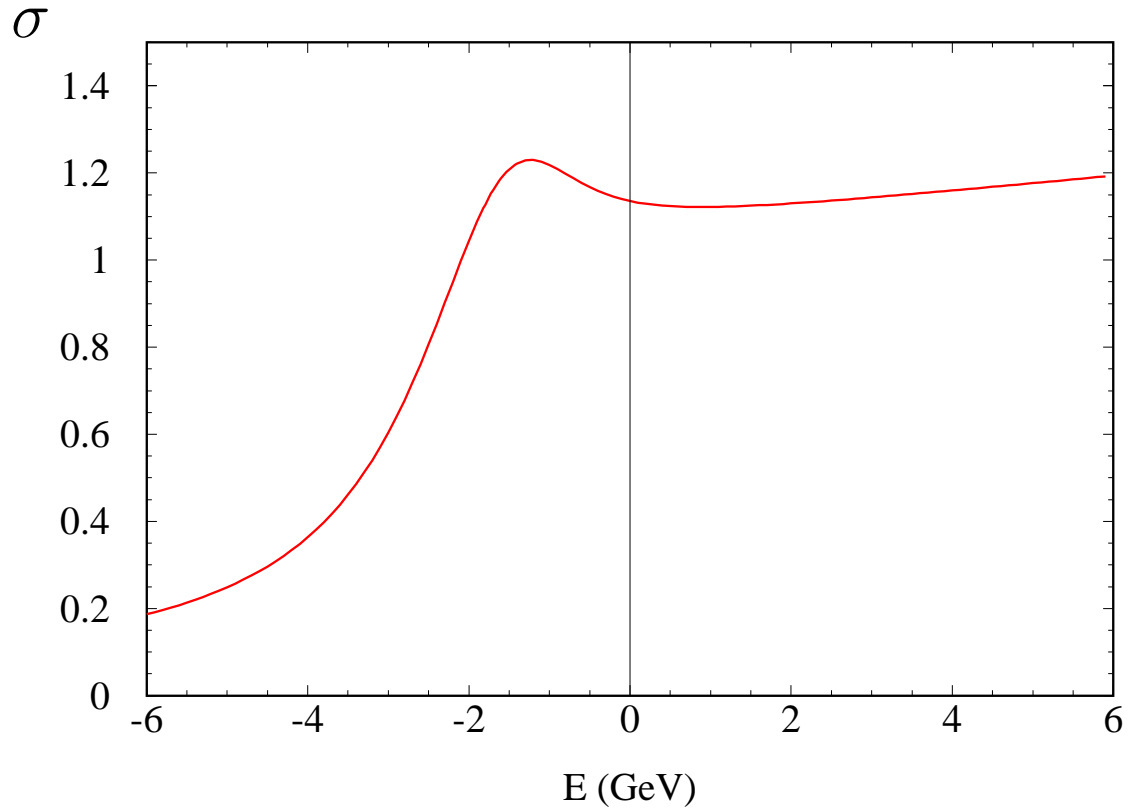


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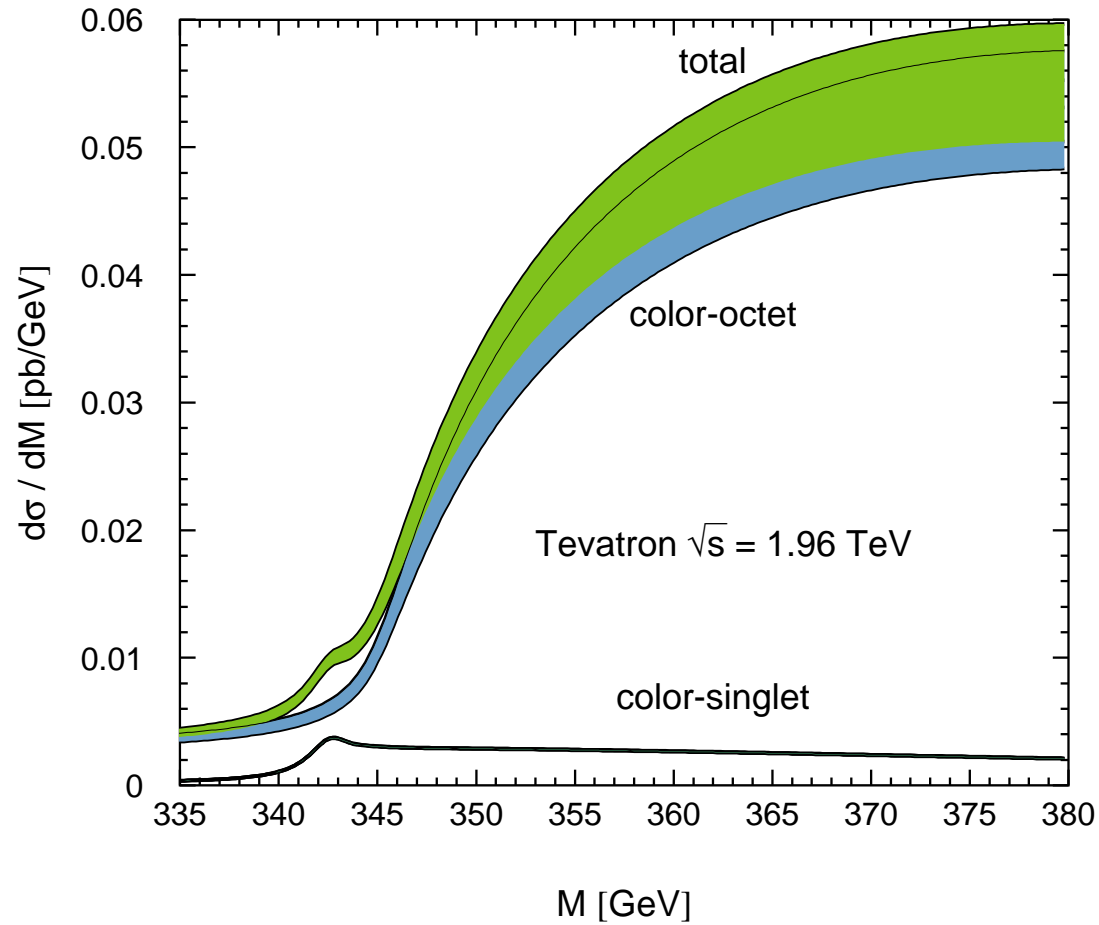
$$\sigma_{\text{res}} \sim \frac{\alpha_s^5}{m_t \Gamma_t}$$

Invariant mass distribution

$$\frac{d}{dM^2} \sigma_{pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}}(s, M^2) \propto \sum_{partons} \sigma_{parton}(M^2) \int_{M^2/s}^1 \frac{dz}{z} F(z) \mathcal{L}'(M^2/zs)$$

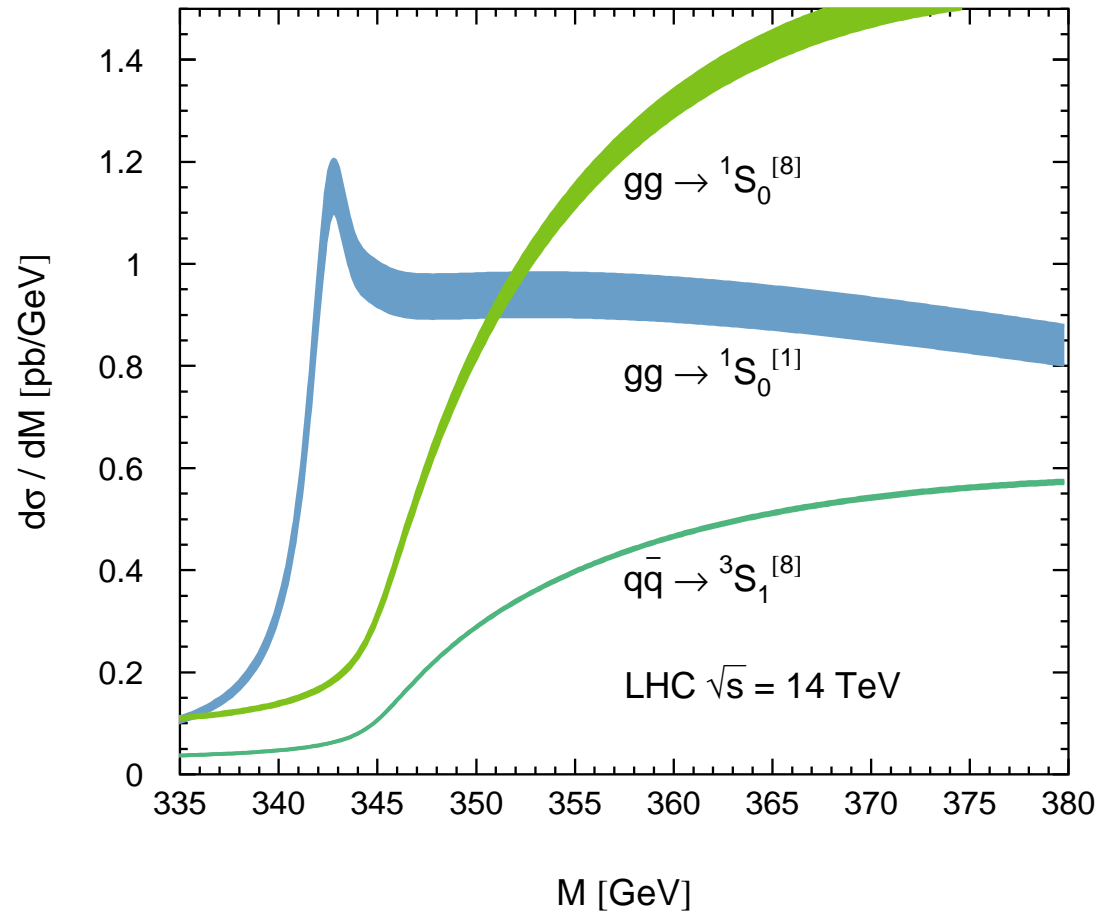
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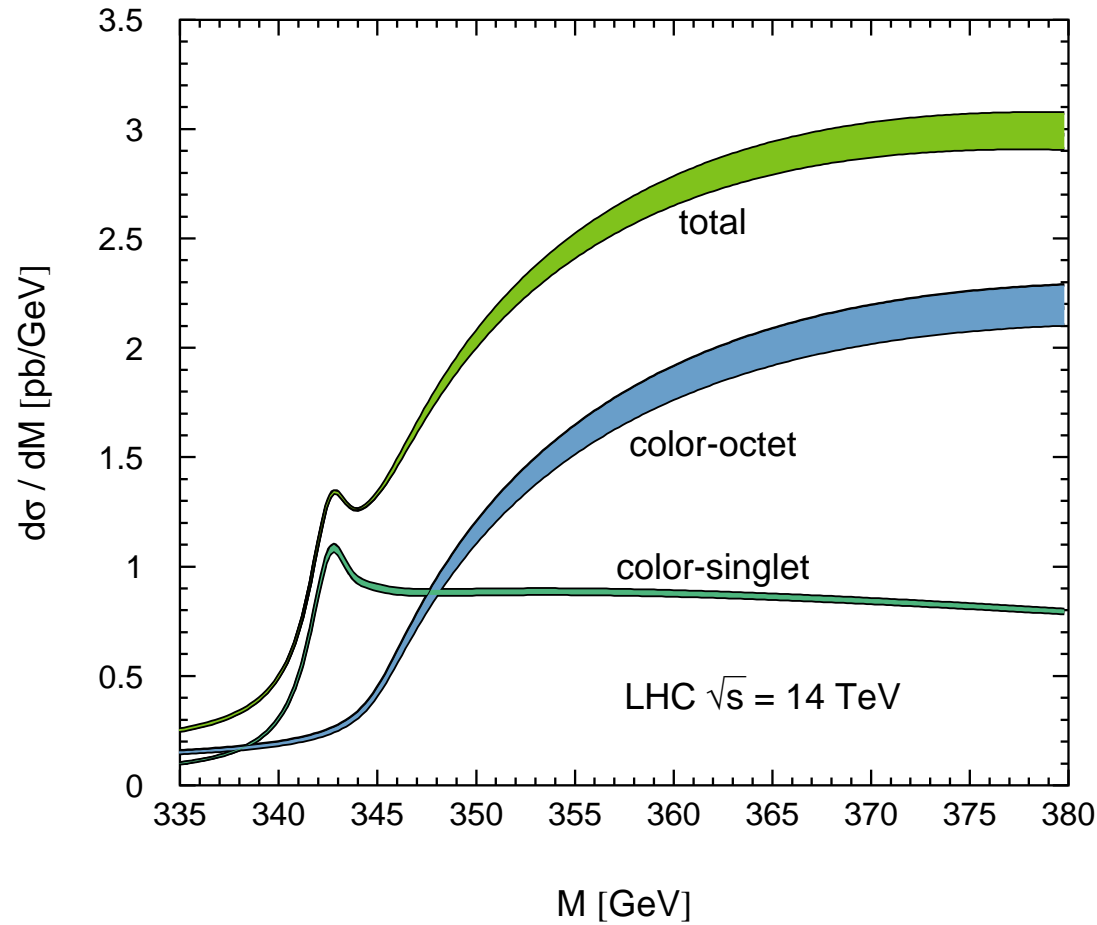
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The top mass from invariant mass distribution

$$M_{\text{res}} = 2m_t + E_1 + \delta^{\Gamma_t} E_{\text{res}}$$

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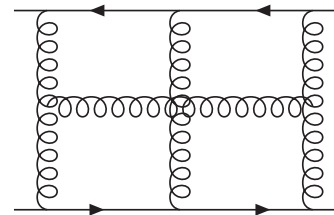
→ *Full N^3LO analysis is mandatory*

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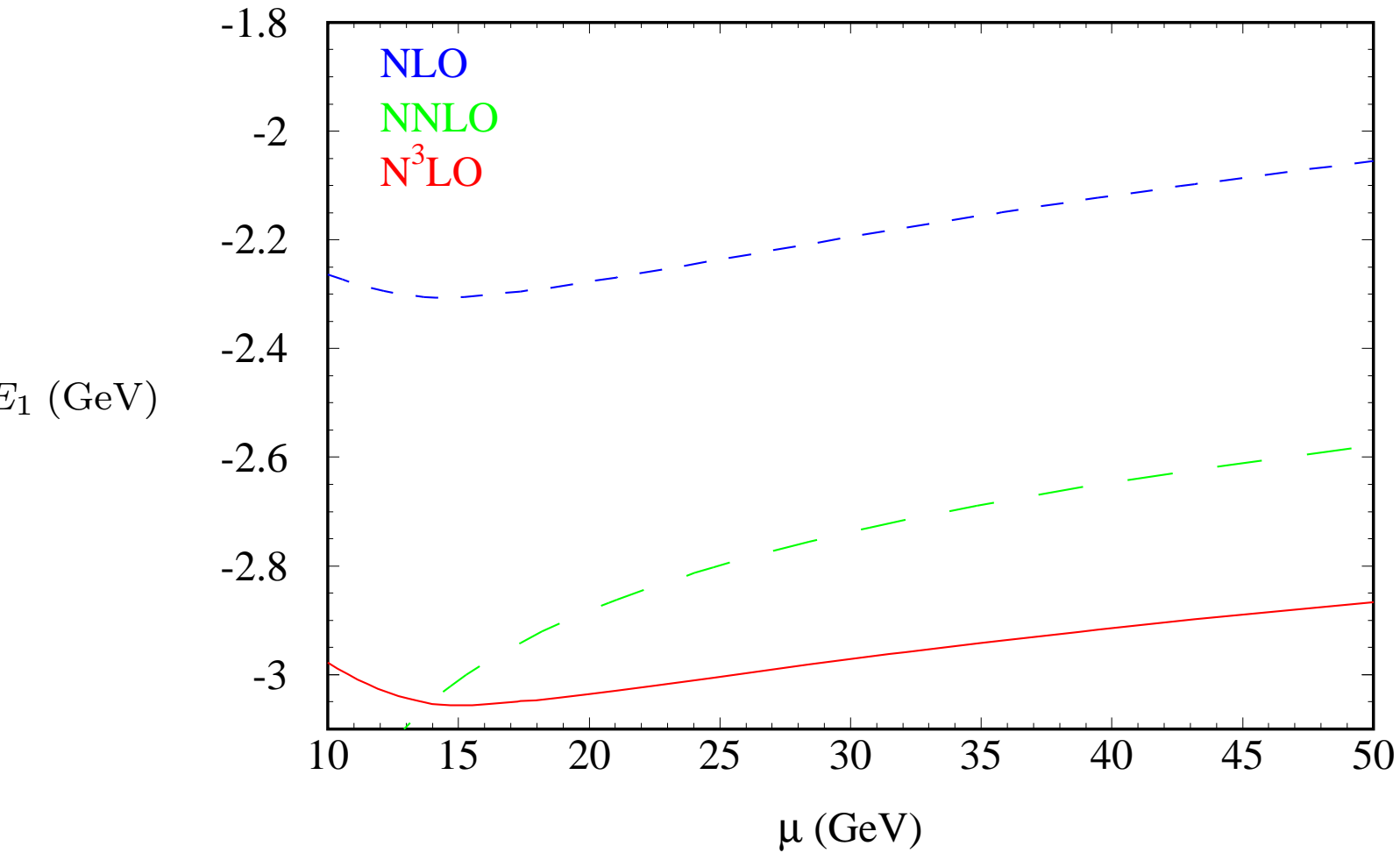
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$$\frac{\delta E_1^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}}}{E_1^{\text{LO}}} = \alpha_s^3 (58.205 + 15.297 \ln(\alpha_s) + 26.654)$$

*Renormalon
contribution*



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Formula of Success

pNRQCD + Dim.Reg. = N³LO

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(Caswell, Lepage; ...)

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Dynamical degrees of freedom

Potential NRQCD

(Pineda, Soto; ...)

Schrödinger equation

$$(\mathcal{H} - E) G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}, E) = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

Effective Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = -\frac{\partial^2}{m_q} + V_{\text{Coulomb}}(\mathbf{r}) + \delta\mathcal{H}$$

Multipole interaction to ultrasoft gluons

$$g_s(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \cdot \mathbf{E} + g_s(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2) \mathbf{B} + \dots$$

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“...there is a moral here for us. The artificial separation of high and low frequencies, which are handled in different ways, must be avoided”

(Schwinger, Particles, sources and fields, Vol.2)

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Regions are separated in dimensional regularization!

Effective theory in dimensional regularization

(Pineda, Soto; Beneke, Smirnov; Czarnecki, Melnikov, Yelkhovsky; Kniehl, Penin, Smirnov, Steinhauser)

gauge, Lorenz invariance + automatic matching
→ *ideal for high-order calculations*

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hard contribution
 NQCD on-shell on-threshold
 amplitude

soft contribution
 NQCD, static heavy
 quark propagator

Coulomb potential:

$$V_C(\mathbf{q}^2) = -\frac{4\pi C_F \alpha_s(\mathbf{q}^2)}{q^2} \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left(\frac{31}{36} C_A - \frac{5}{9} T_F n_l \right) \right]$$

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Result for general n

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{hfs}}^{NLO}(n) = & \frac{1}{3} \frac{C_F^4 \alpha_s^4}{n^3} m_q \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[\frac{7 C_A}{4} \ln \left(\frac{C_F \alpha_s}{n} \right) - \frac{C_F}{2} + \frac{3}{2} (1 - \ln 2) T_F \right. \right. \\ & + \frac{-15 - 11n + 12n^2 \Psi_2(n)}{9n} n_f T_F \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{393 + 95n + 126 \gamma_E n + 126n \Psi_1(n) - 264n^2 \Psi_2(n)}{72n} C_A \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

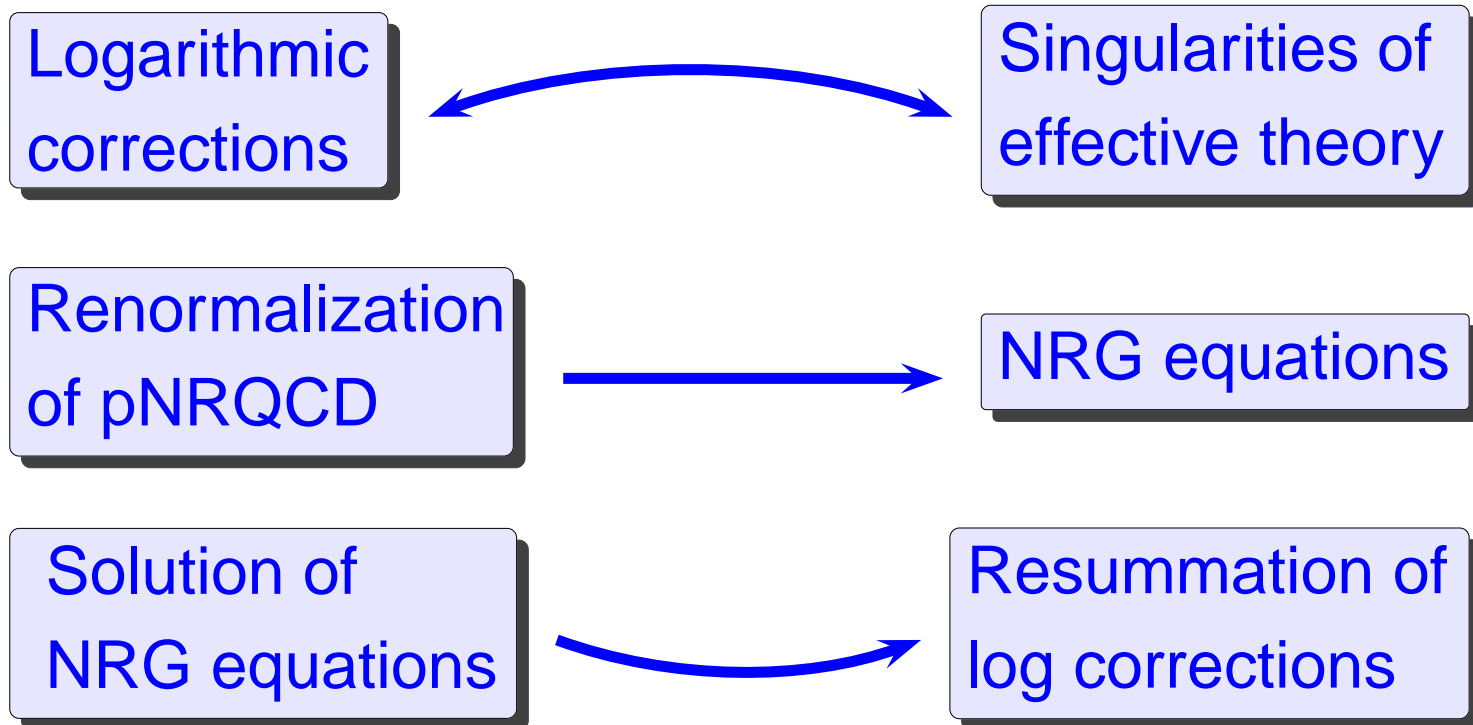
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HFS in NLL approximation

Kniehl, Penin, Pineda, Smirnov, Steinhauser, Phys.Rev.Lett. 92, 242001 (2004)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{\text{NLL}} = & \frac{C_F^4 \alpha_s^4(\nu) m_q}{3} \left\{ \frac{27}{14} y^{-1} - \frac{13}{14} y^{-\frac{18}{25}} + \frac{\alpha_s(m_q)}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{1037}{224} + \frac{405086361761 \pi^2}{25617160800} \right. \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \left. \ln 2 \right) \times y^{-1} - \frac{1024 \pi^2}{143} y^{-\frac{39}{50}} - \left(\frac{102973}{26250} + \frac{184336 \pi^2}{25725} \right) y^{-\frac{18}{25}} + \frac{1024 \pi^2}{675} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{671 \pi^2}{1029} y^{-\frac{11}{25}} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \frac{\pi^2}{23} y^{-\frac{2}{25}} + \left(-\frac{13427921}{1260000} + \frac{88057 \pi^2}{151200} \right) y^{\frac{7}{25}} + \frac{4 \pi^2}{41} y^{\frac{16}{25}} + \frac{1377}{56} - \frac{1253587 \pi^2}{227500} - \frac{629 \pi^2}{7500} y \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \frac{873 \pi^2}{7182} y^{\frac{32}{25}} {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{57}{25}, 1; \frac{82}{25}; \frac{y}{2} \right) + \frac{2873 \pi^2}{3591} y^{-1} {}_2F_1 \left(1, 1; \frac{82}{25}; -1 \right) + \left(\frac{675}{28} - \frac{533}{42} y^{\frac{7}{25}} \right) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \left(\frac{\mu}{C_F \alpha_s(\mu) m_q} \right) + \frac{85248 \pi^2}{30625} y^{-1} \ln y + \left(-\frac{45834}{4375} y^{-1} + \frac{21216}{4375} - \frac{2873}{1575} y^{\frac{7}{25}} + \frac{243}{1250} y \right) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \ln(2-y) \right] \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$y = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\alpha_s(m_q)}$$

Finite lifetime effect

- Top decays into W and b with $\Gamma_t \approx 1.5$ GeV
 - *pole of the top propagator moves into the complex plain $E \rightarrow E + i\Gamma_t$*
 - *makes process perturbative in the whole threshold region*
 - *smears out Coulomb resonances*

(Fadin, Khoze)

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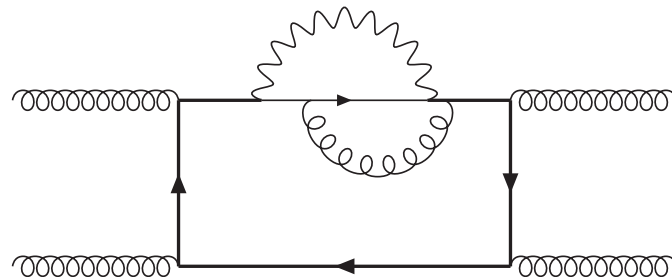
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