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# Analytic $N^3\text{LO}$ QCD corrections to top quark and semileptonic $b \rightarrow u$ decays

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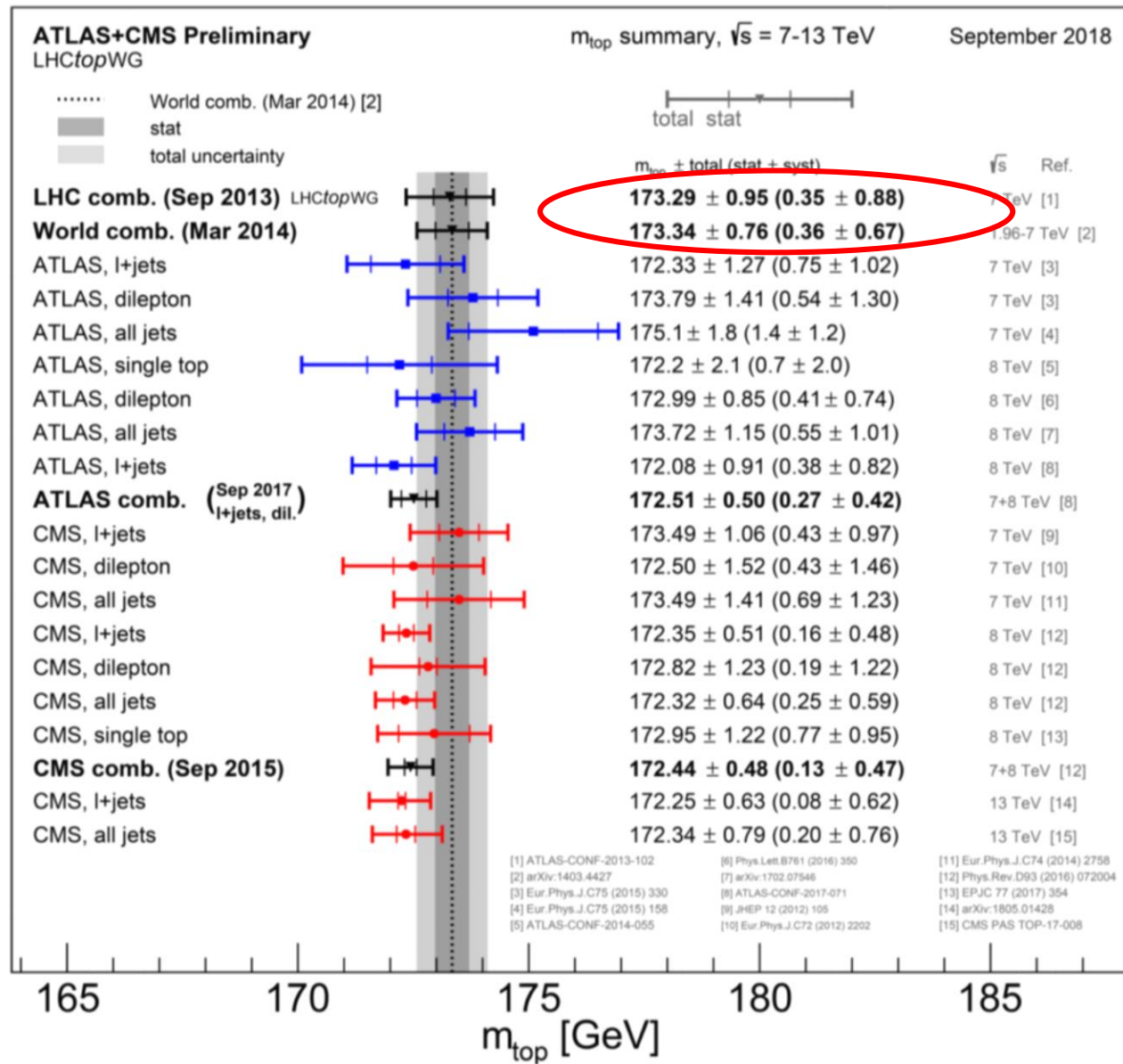
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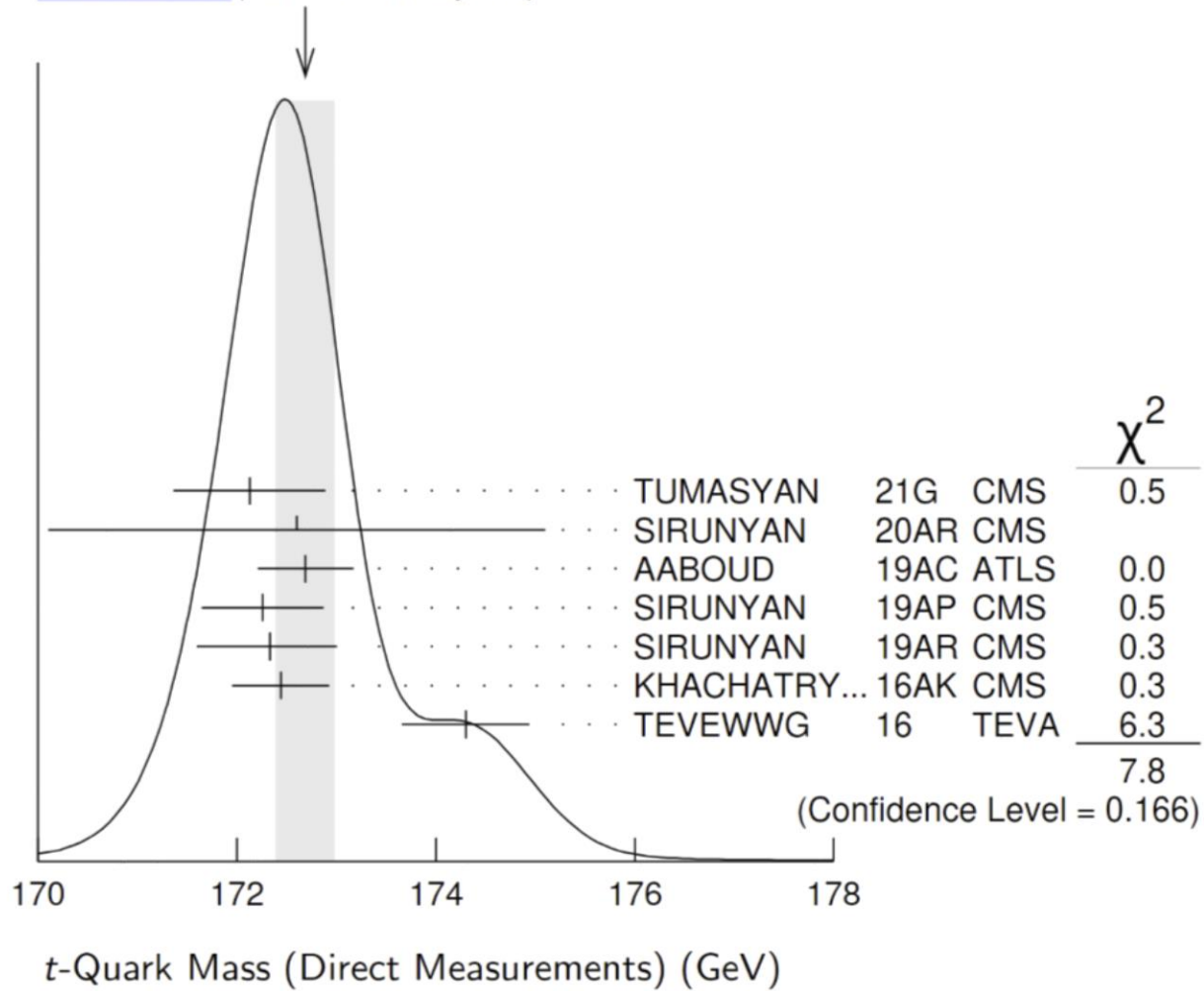
# Motivation

- Top quark mass is one of the most fundamental parameters in Standard model, new physics doors to



WEIGHTED AVERAGE

$172.69 \pm 0.30$  (Error scaled by 1.3)



Top quark mass

VALUE (GeV)

**$172.69 \pm 0.30$**

## Motivation

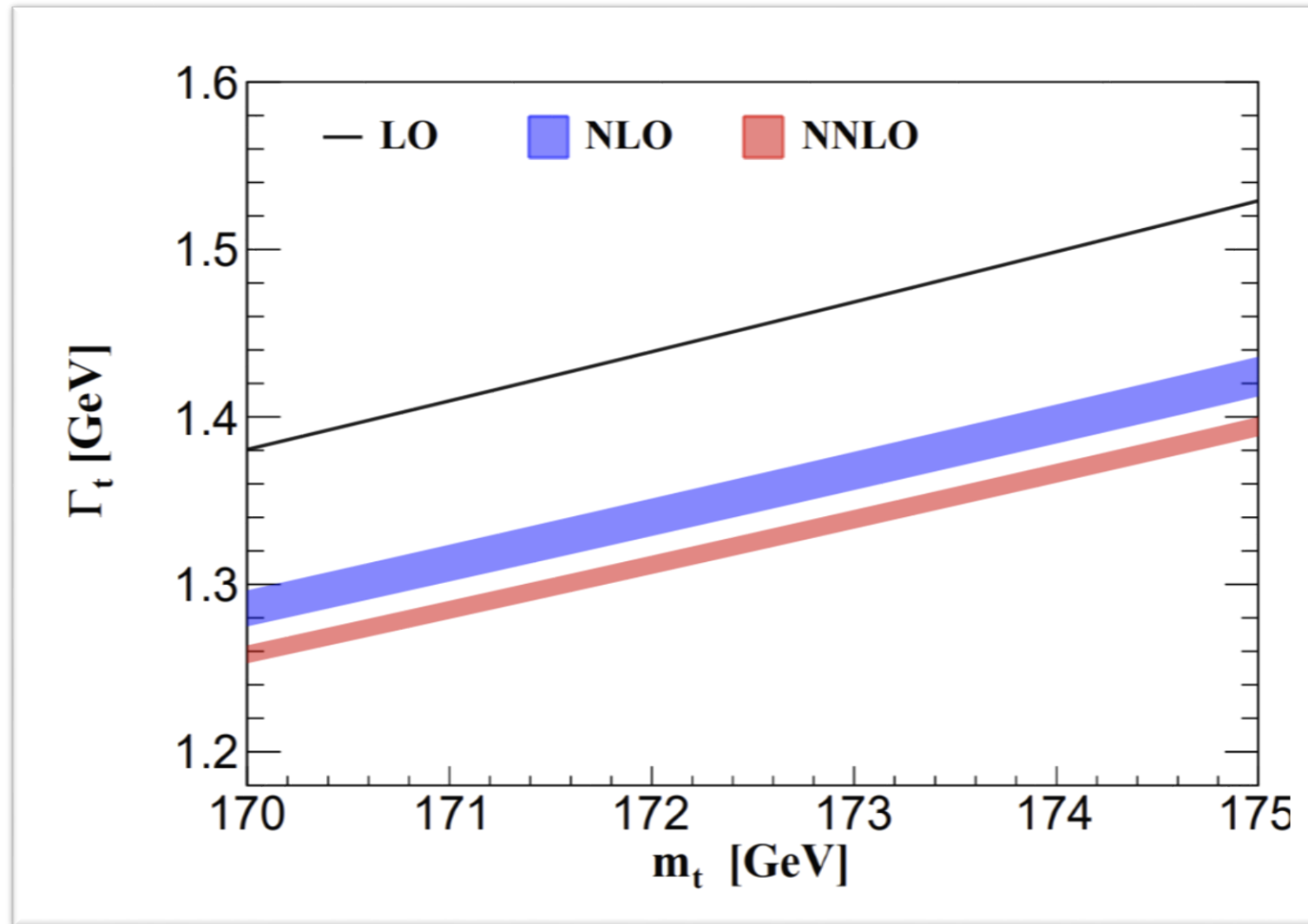
- Top decay width  $\Gamma_t$  is the fundamental properties of top-quark.
- $\Gamma_t$  is large due to the large mass of top quark ( $\Gamma_t > 1\text{GeV}$ ).
- The measurement of  $\Gamma_t$  may hint at new-physics.
- The study of  $b \rightarrow u$  decay is helpful for the determination of the CKM matrix element  $V_{ub}$ . (See Yanxi Zhang's talk)

## Motivation

- Top decay decays almost exclusively to  $W b$ .  $\Gamma_t = \Gamma_t(t \rightarrow W b)$ .
- At LHC, indirect techniques are precise but model dependent.
- The most precise measurement is  $\Gamma_t = 1.36 \pm 0.02 (stat.)_{-0.11}^{+0.14} (syst.) \text{ GeV}$  [CMS, 2014].
- Direct techniques are less precise but model independent.
- Direct result by ATLAS is  $\Gamma_t = 1.9 \pm 0.5 \text{ GeV}$  [ATLAS, 2019].
- $\Gamma_t$  can be measured with an uncertainty of **30 MeV** in future electron-positron collider [Martinez, Miquel 2019].

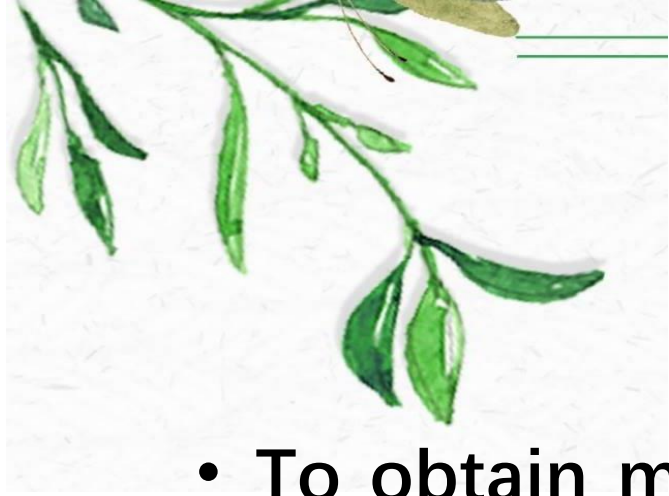
# Top quark decay width up to NNLO

Motivation



$\mu \in [m_t/2, 2m_t]$

**NNLO QCD  
corrections is  
need**



## Motivation

- To obtain more precise theoretical predictions, a crucial step is to calculate **multi-loop Feynman integrals**.
- **Analytic calculation** of the high order corrections have many benefits. We can obtain the numerical effect of high order corrections very fast, expand them at any kinematic point, and integrate them to obtain more interesting results.

## Reduction

# Integration-By-Parts (IBP)

$$F(a) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(k^2 - m^2)^a}.$$



$$\int d^d k \frac{\partial}{\partial k} \cdot k \frac{1}{(k^2 - m^2)^a} = 0,$$



$$(d - 2a)F(a) - 2am^2 F(a + 1) = 0.$$



$$F(a) = \frac{d - 2a + 2}{2(a - 1)m^2} F(a - 1).$$

$$F(q_1, \dots, q_n; a_1, \dots, a_N; d) = \int \cdots \int \prod_{i=1}^h d^d k_i \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^N E_j^{a_j}},$$

$$\int \cdots \int \prod_{i'=1}^h d^d k_{i'} \frac{\partial}{\partial k_i} \left( p_j \prod_{j'=1}^N E_j^{-a_{j'}} \right) = 0$$

$$\sum \alpha_i F(a_1 + b_{i,1}, \dots, a_N + b_{i,N}) = 0.$$



# Calculation Method for master integrals: Differential Equations (DE)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & \dots & A_{n,n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{pmatrix}$$

x are Lorentz invariant kinematics

A. V. Kotikov, *Differential equations method: New technique for massive Feynman diagrams calculation*, *Phys. Lett.* **B254** (1991) 158–164.

A. V. Kotikov, *Differential equation method: The Calculation of N point Feynman diagrams*, *Phys. Lett.* **B267** (1991) 123–127. [Erratum: *Phys. Lett.* B295,409(1992)].

# Multiloop integrals in dimensional regularization made simple

Johannes M. Henn (Princeton, Inst. Advanced Study) (Apr 5, 2013)

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## Choosing canonical(UT) basis

For random basis  $\mathbf{g}$ , we may have:

$$\partial_x \vec{g}(x; \epsilon) = B(x, \epsilon) \vec{g}(x; \epsilon)$$

We can choose new basis  $\mathbf{f}$ :

$$\vec{f} = T \vec{g},$$

space time  
dimension  
 $d=4-2\epsilon$

$$d \vec{f}(x, \epsilon) = \epsilon \left( d \tilde{A} \right) \vec{f}(x; \epsilon)$$

$$\tilde{A} = \left[ \sum_k A_k \log \alpha_k(x) \right].$$

# Top quark inclusive decay

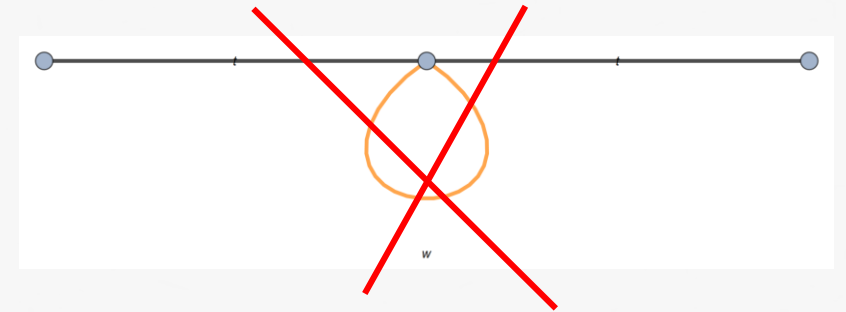
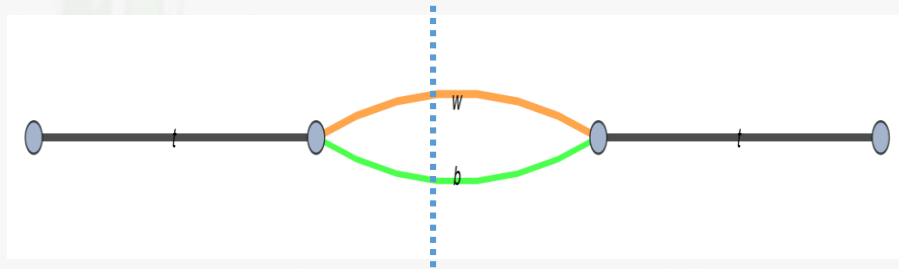
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$$\Gamma_t = \frac{\text{Im}[\mathcal{M}(t \rightarrow Wb \rightarrow t)]}{m_t}.$$

Optical Theorem

1) Leading-order

Calculate the imaginary parts of propagator type integrals



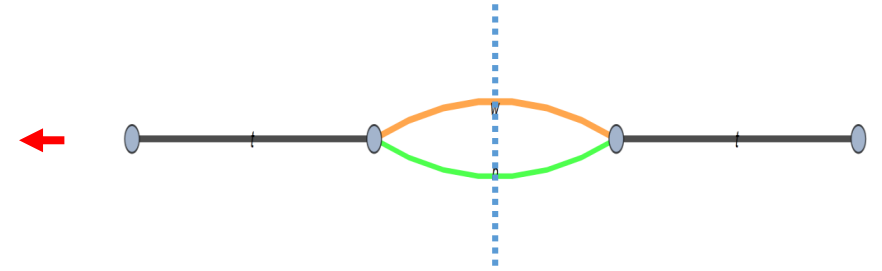
Calculate the following Integral

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \left[ (1 - 2 \epsilon) \frac{B_0 [m_t^2, \theta, m_W^2]}{\left(\frac{m_W}{m_t}\right)^2 - 1} \right]$$

# Calculated by Integrating the Feynman parameters

**Analytic Results:**

$$\frac{e^{\gamma \epsilon} \epsilon \Gamma(-\epsilon) \left(1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_t^2}\right)^{-2\epsilon}}{\Gamma(1 - 2\epsilon)}$$



## Expansion in $\epsilon$

$$-1 + 2\epsilon \log\left(1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_t^2}\right) + \frac{1}{4}\epsilon^2 \left(\pi^2 - 8 \log^2\left(1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_t^2}\right)\right) + \frac{1}{6}\epsilon^3 \left(8 \log^3\left(1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_t^2}\right) - 3\pi^2 \log\left(1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_t^2}\right) + 14\zeta(3)\right) + O(\epsilon^4)$$

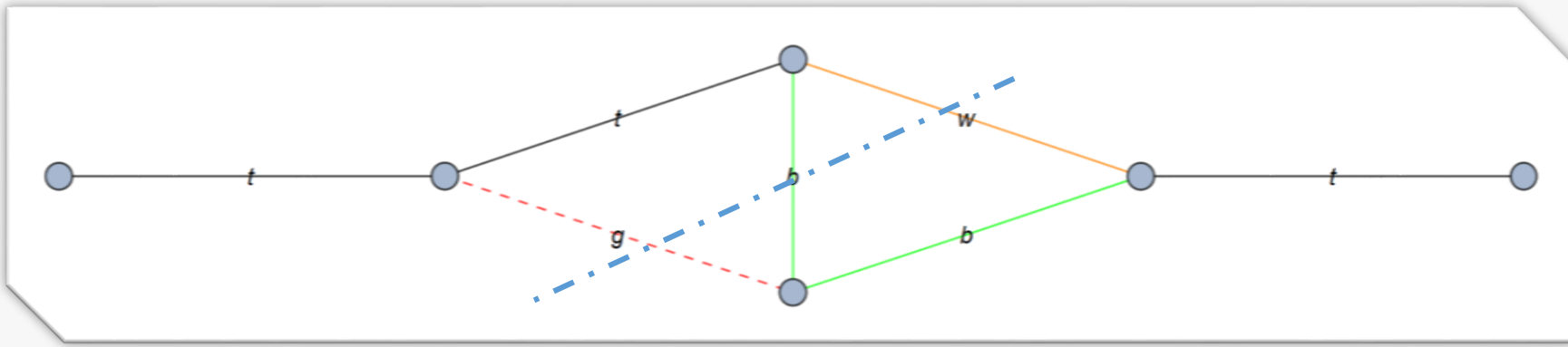
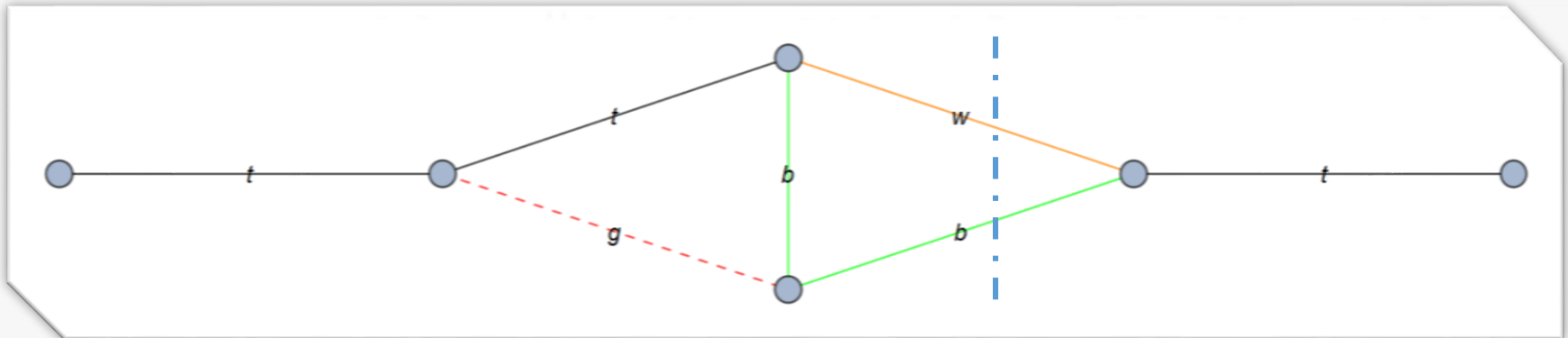
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# Next-to Leading Order

Jeabek, Kuhn 1989, Czarnecki 1990, Li, Oakes, Yuan 1991

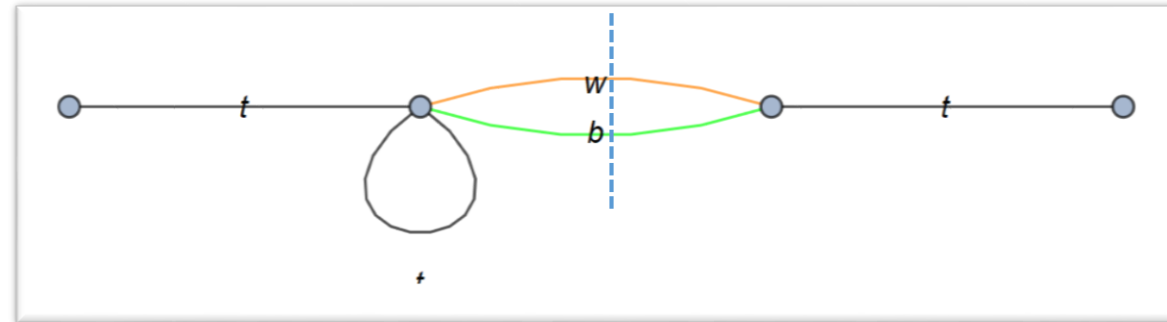
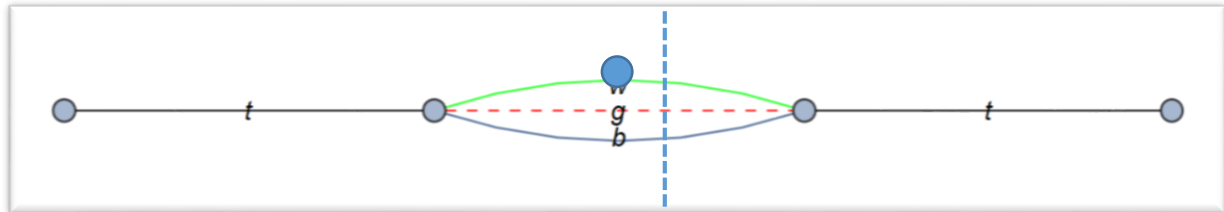
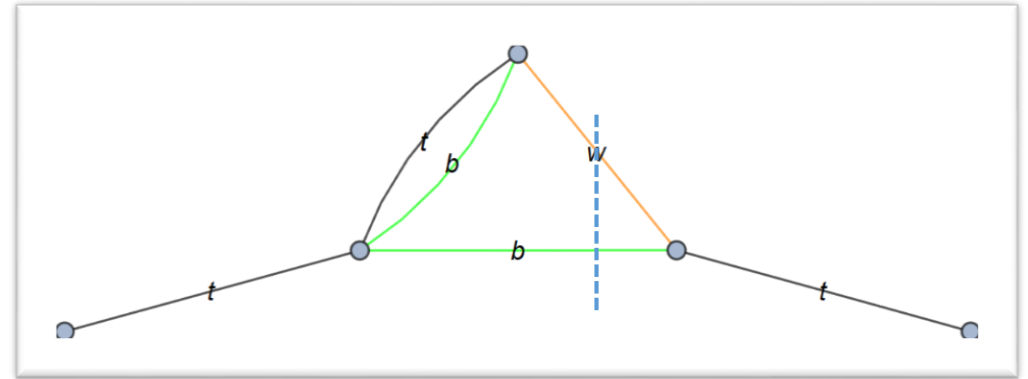
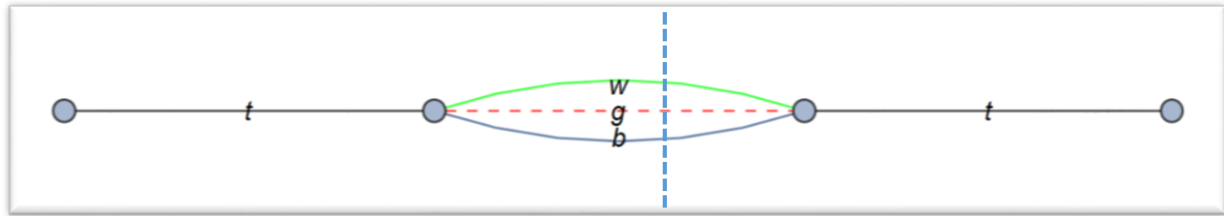
# NLO master Integrals: ("kite integrals")

$$I_{n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, n_5} = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \int \frac{\mathcal{D}^d k_1 \mathcal{D}^d k_2}{[k_1^2 - m_W^2]^{n_1} [(k_1 - p)^2]^{n_2} [k_2^2 - m_t^2]^{n_3} [(k_2 + p)^2]^{n_4} [(k_1 + k_2)^2]^{n_5}}$$





# IBP produces four Master Integrals:



# UT basis for NLO

## Choosing UT Basis

UT-basis :

$$B_1 = \epsilon^2 m_t^2 I_{2,0,0,2,1},$$

$$B_2 = \epsilon^2 (m_W^2 - m_t^2) I_{1,0,0,2,2} + 2\epsilon^2 m_W^2 I_{2,0,0,2,1},$$

$$B_3 = \epsilon^2 m_t^2 I_{2,1,2,0,0},$$

$$B_4 = \frac{m_t^2}{m_W^2 + m_t^2} (\epsilon^2 (1 - \epsilon) m_W^2 I_{1,1,1,0,2} - \epsilon^2 m_t^2 I_{2,1,2,0,0}).$$

**Construct UT  
basis:**

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1705.06252  
DlogBasis  
2002.09492**

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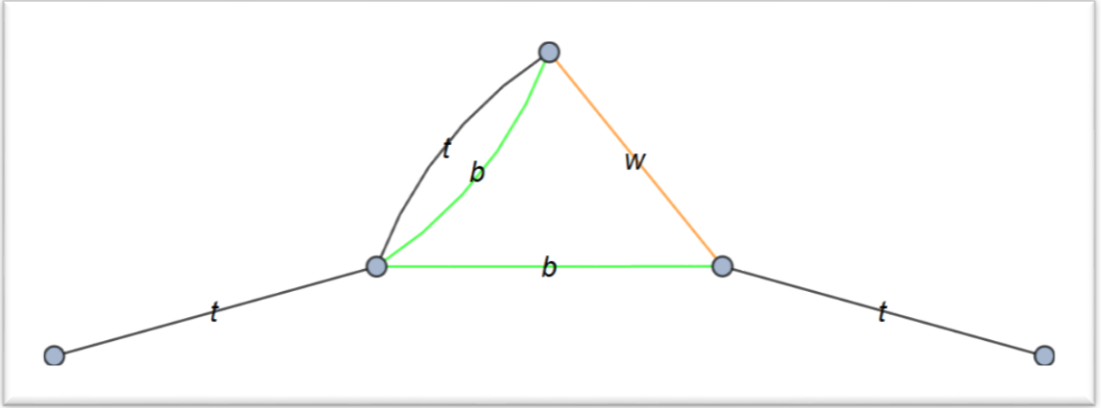
The differential equations is very simple

Set  $w = \frac{m_W^2}{m_t^2}$ , We have

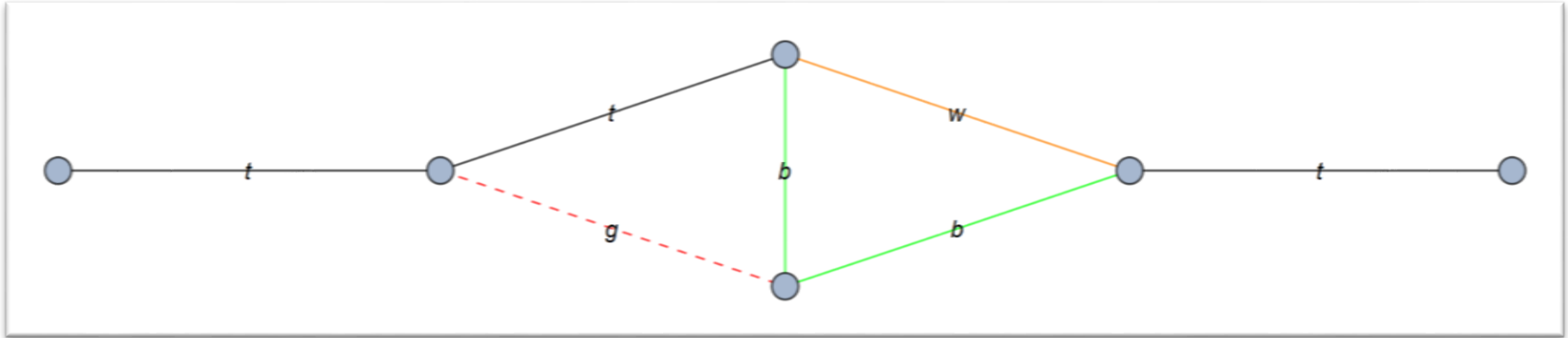
$$\frac{dB}{dw} = \epsilon \left( \frac{\mathbf{P}}{w} + \frac{\mathbf{N}}{w-1} \right) \mathbf{B}.$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Choosing alternative basis**



**Replaced with**



$$B_4^{\text{new}} = \epsilon^3 (1 - \epsilon) m_t^2 I_{1,1,1,1,1}.$$

**Make the UT basis more simple.**

Calculate the UT basis order by order in  $\epsilon$  expansion

$$B = B^0 + \epsilon B^1 + \epsilon^2 B^2 + \epsilon^2 B^3 + \epsilon^4 B^4 + \dots$$

$$B^i = \int \left( \frac{\mathbf{P}}{w} + \frac{\mathbf{N}}{w-1} \right) B^{i-1} dw + \mathbf{C}^i$$

**Integrate Iteratively**

## Determination of Integration Constants (a more convenient way )

	Weigth-0	Weigth-1	Weigth-2	Weigth-3	Weigth-4
Integration constants $C^i$	1	0	$\pi^2$	$\zeta(3)$	$\pi^4$

Combing analytic calculation with **AMFLOW**, **PSLQ**,  
**C** can be obtained in a more easy way.

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{3\pi^2}{2} & -\frac{56\zeta(3)}{3} & \frac{71\pi^4}{360} & \cdots \\ -2 & 0 & \frac{5\pi^2}{3} & \frac{64\zeta(3)}{3} & -\frac{31\pi^4}{180} & \cdots \\ -1 & 0 & \frac{\pi^2}{6} & \frac{8\zeta(3)}{3} & \frac{\pi^4}{40} & \cdots \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{\pi^2}{6} & -\frac{8\zeta(3)}{3} & -\frac{\pi^4}{40} & \cdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Elegant results

**Results of UT basis (Harmonic Polylogarithms hep-ph/9905237):**

$$\mathbf{B} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \text{weight-0} & \text{weight-1} & \text{weight-2} & \dots \\ \hline 1 & H_0(w) + 4H_1(w) & -H_{0,0}(w) + 4H_{0,1}(w) + 2H_{1,0}(w) + 16H_{1,1}(w) - \frac{3\pi^2}{2} & \dots \\ \hline -2 & -8H_1(w) & -4H_{1,0}(w) - 32H_{1,1}(w) + \frac{5\pi^2}{3} & \dots \\ \hline -1 & -2H_1(w) & \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 4H_{1,1}(w) & \dots \\ \hline 1 & 3H_1(w) & H_{0,1}(w) + 10H_{1,1}(w) - \frac{\pi^2}{6} & \dots \end{array} \right)$$

$$H_0(w) = \log(w),$$

$$H_1(w) = -\log(1 - w),$$

$$H_{-1}(w) = \log(1 + w),$$

$$H_{0,1}(w) = \text{Li}_2(w).$$

**Evaluate HPL: hep-ph/0507152**

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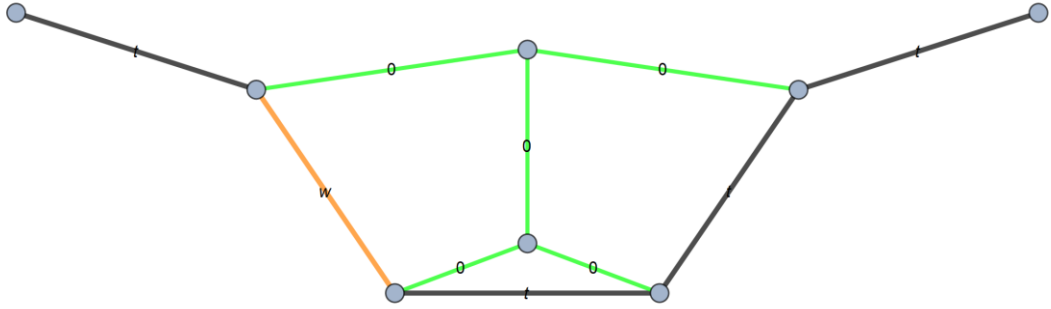
# Next-to-Next-to Leading Order

Gao, Li, Zhu, 2013, Brucherseifer, Caola, Melnikov 2013

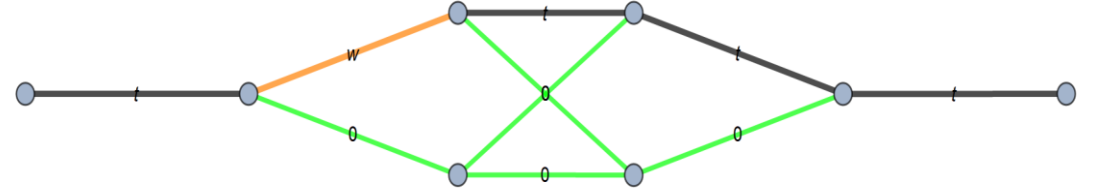
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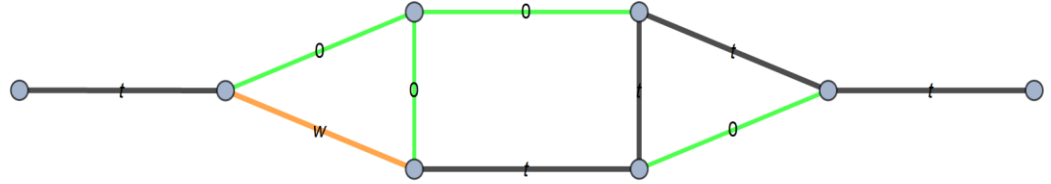
# NNLO integral Families



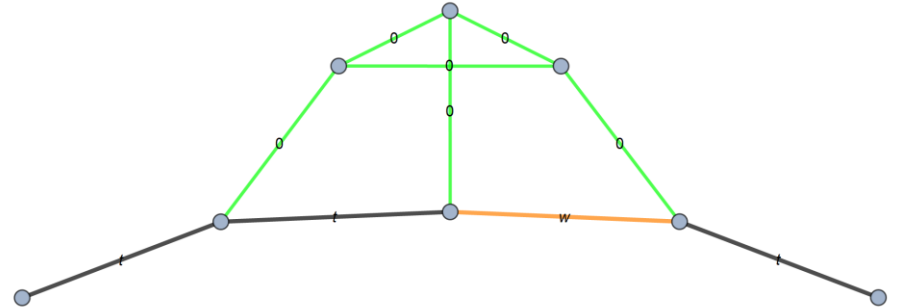
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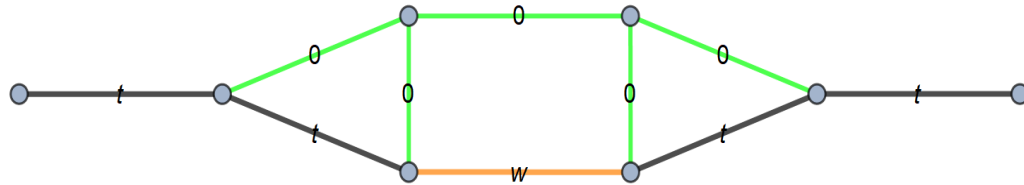
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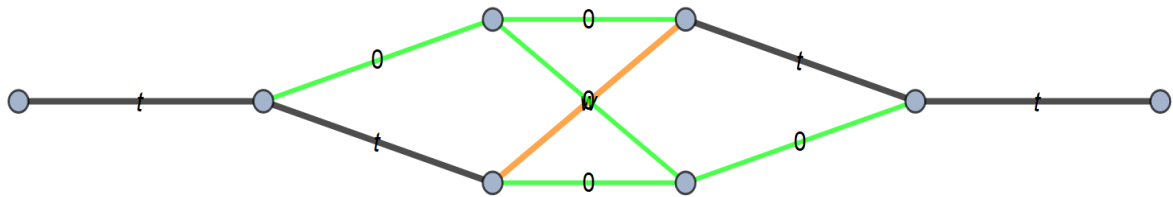
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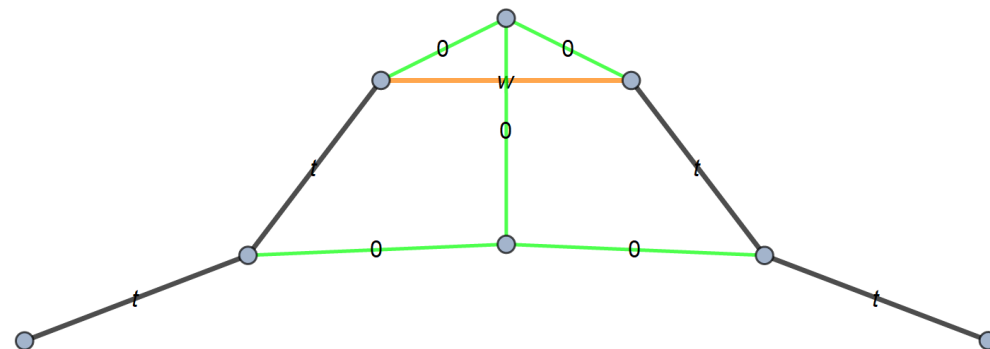
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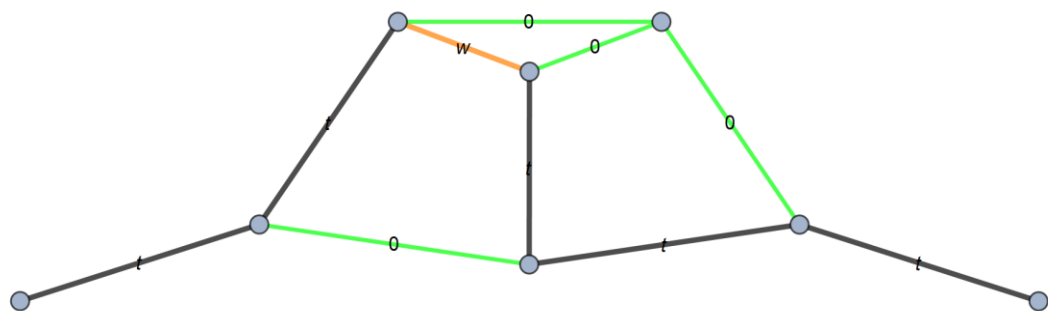
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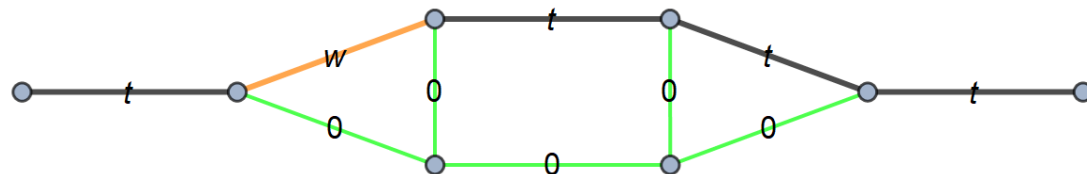
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(G)



(H)



(I)

UT basis  $\mathbf{I}(w, \epsilon)$

DEs

$$d \mathbf{I}(w, \epsilon) = \epsilon d \left[ \sum_{i=1}^4 \mathbf{R}_i \log(l_i) \right] \mathbf{I}(w, \epsilon)$$

Letters

$$l_i \in \{w - 2, w - 1, w, w + 1\}$$

NNLO decay width

$$\Gamma(t \rightarrow Wb) = \Gamma_0 \left[ X_0 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} X_1 + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 X_2 \right]$$

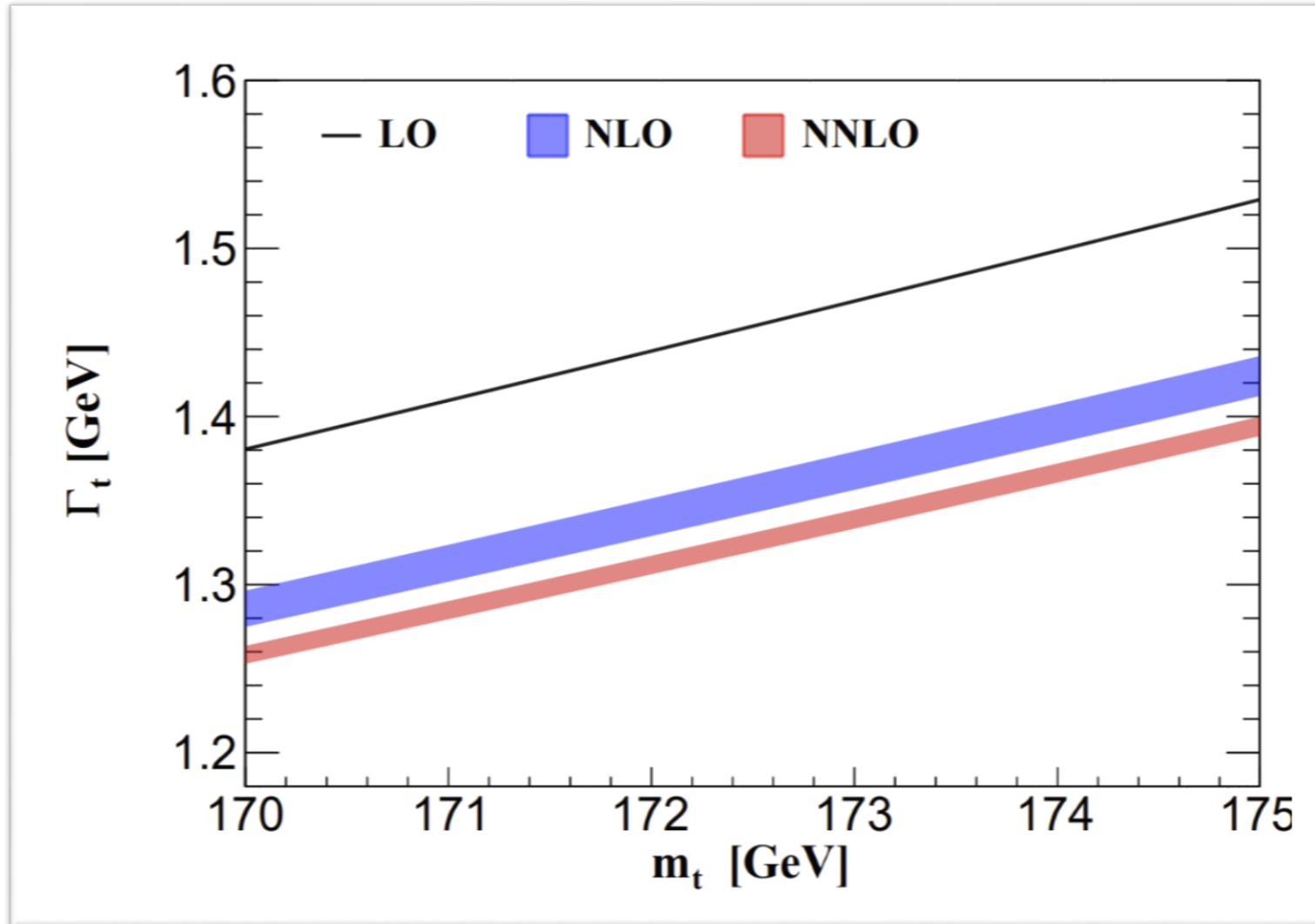
$$X_2 = C_F (T_R n_l X_l + T_R n_h X_h + C_F X_F + C_A X_A).$$

$$X_l = -\frac{X_0}{3} [H_{0,1,0}(w) - H_{0,0,1}(w) - 2H_{0,1,1}(w) + 2H_{1,1,0}(w) - \pi^2 H_1(w) - 3\zeta(3)] + g_l(w),$$

$$X_h = -\frac{(X_0 - 12w)}{3} [\zeta(3) - H_{0,0,1}(w)] + g_h(w),$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_F = & \frac{1}{12} X_0 [-6(2H_{0,1,0,1}(w) + 6H_{1,0,0,1}(w) - 3H_{1,0,1,0}(w) - 12\zeta(3)H_1(w)) - \pi^2 H_{1,0}(w)] \\ & + (X_0 + 4w) \left( -\frac{1}{6} \pi^2 H_{0,-1}(w) - 2H_{0,-1,0,1}(w) \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{12} (18w^3 - 3w^2 + 76w + 15) \pi^2 H_{0,1}(w) - \frac{1}{2} (4w^3 - 2w^2 + 4w + 3) H_{0,0,0,1}(w) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (4w^3 - 2w^2 + 16w + 3) H_{0,0,1,0}(w) + w (2w^2 - 7w - 16) H_{0,0,1,1}(w) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} (2w^3 - 11w^2 - 28w - 1) H_{0,1,1,0}(w) + \frac{1}{720} \pi^4 (42w^3 - 191w^2 - 328w - 11) + g_F(w), \end{aligned}$$

# Top quark decay width up to NNLO



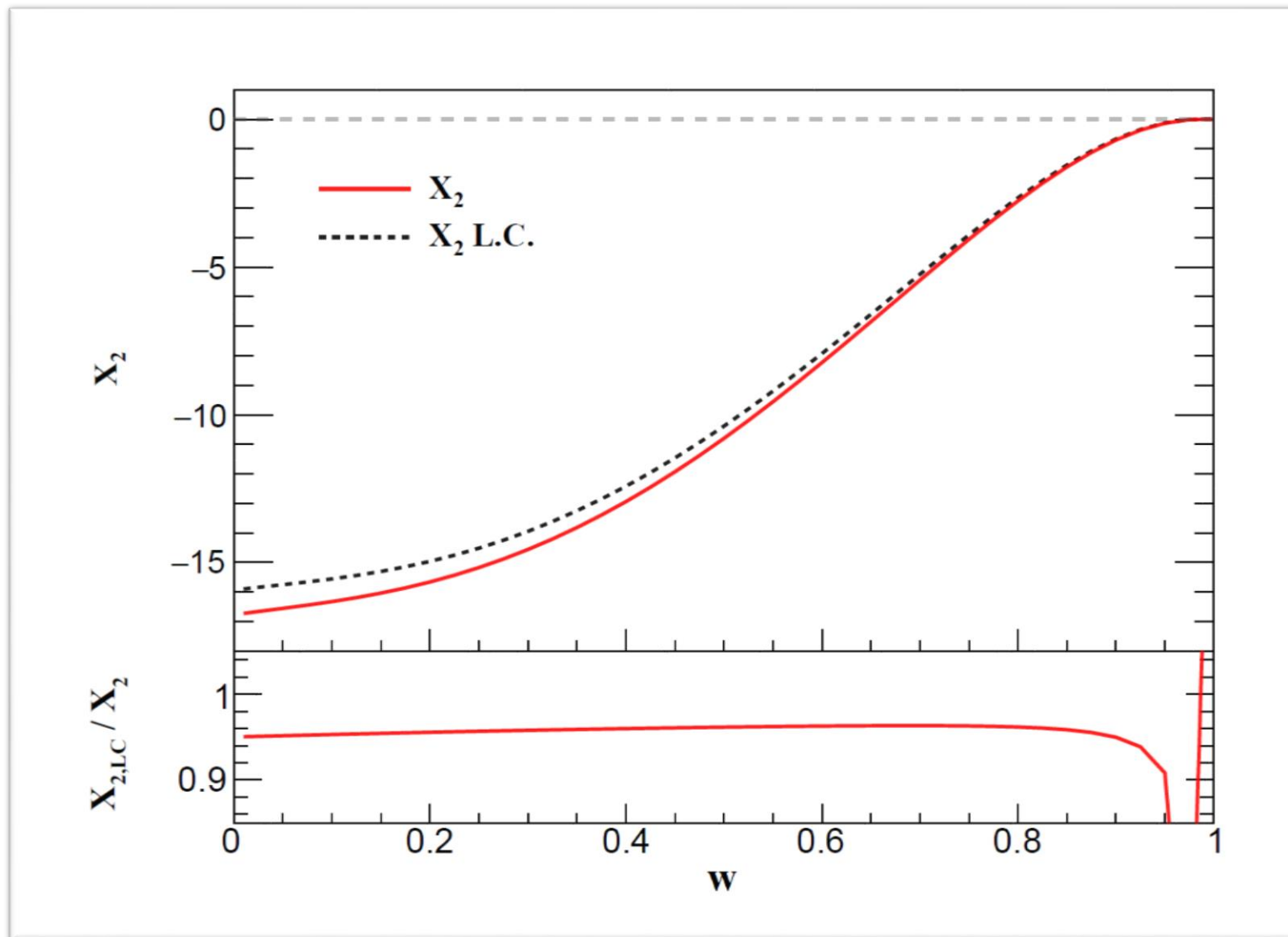
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# NNNLO QCD Corrections to top quark inclusive decay

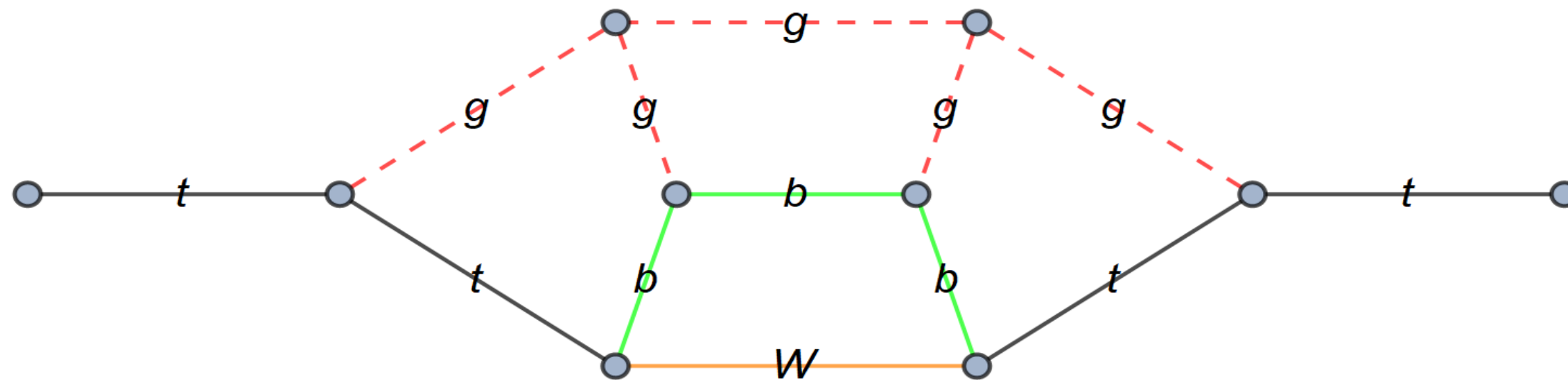
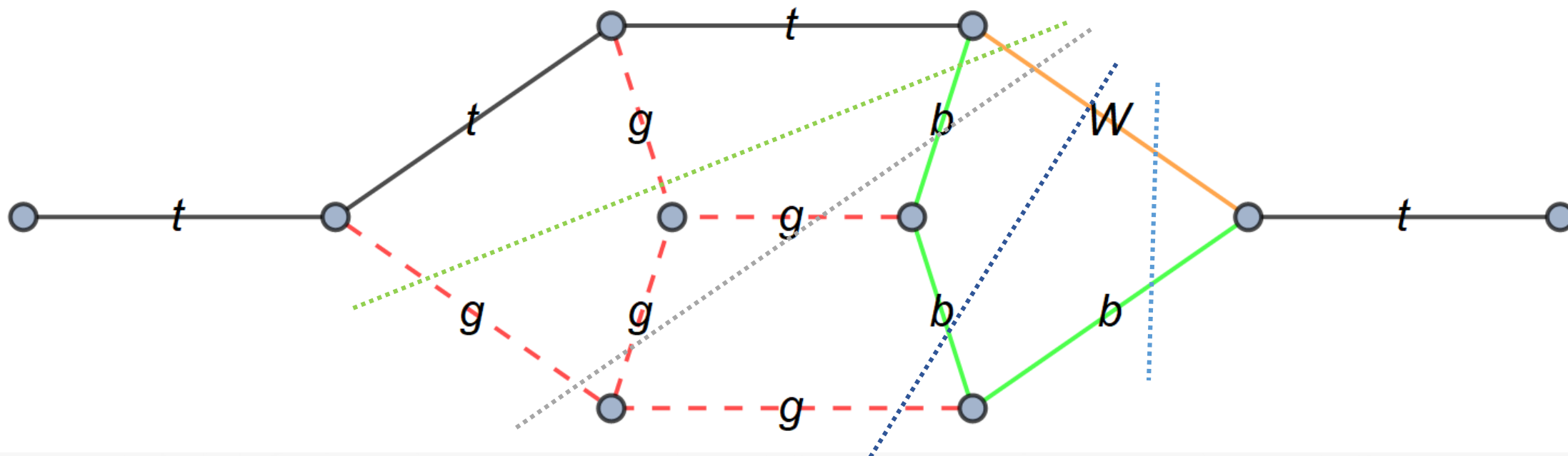
Leading-color contribution is significantly dominant (~95%).

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_2 &= C_F [C_F X_F + C_A X_A + T_R n_l X_l + T_R n_h X_h] \\
 &= C_F \left[ N_c \left( X_A + \frac{X_F}{2} \right) + \frac{n_l}{2} X_l \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2N_c} X_F + \frac{n_h}{2} X_h \right],
 \end{aligned}$$



NNLO  $X_2$

## Two-typical four-loop master integrals for leading color contribution





$4 \times 10^4$  integrals(IBP)  $\rightarrow$  185 master integrals

**DEs for NNNLO 185 UT Basis**

$$\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dw} = \epsilon \left( \frac{\mathbf{P}}{w} + \frac{\mathbf{N}}{w-1} \right) \mathbf{B}$$

For any loop, can the letters of leading color(Large  $N_c$  limit) integrals still be  $\{w, w-1\}$ ?

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# Physical Results

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# Top quark decay width

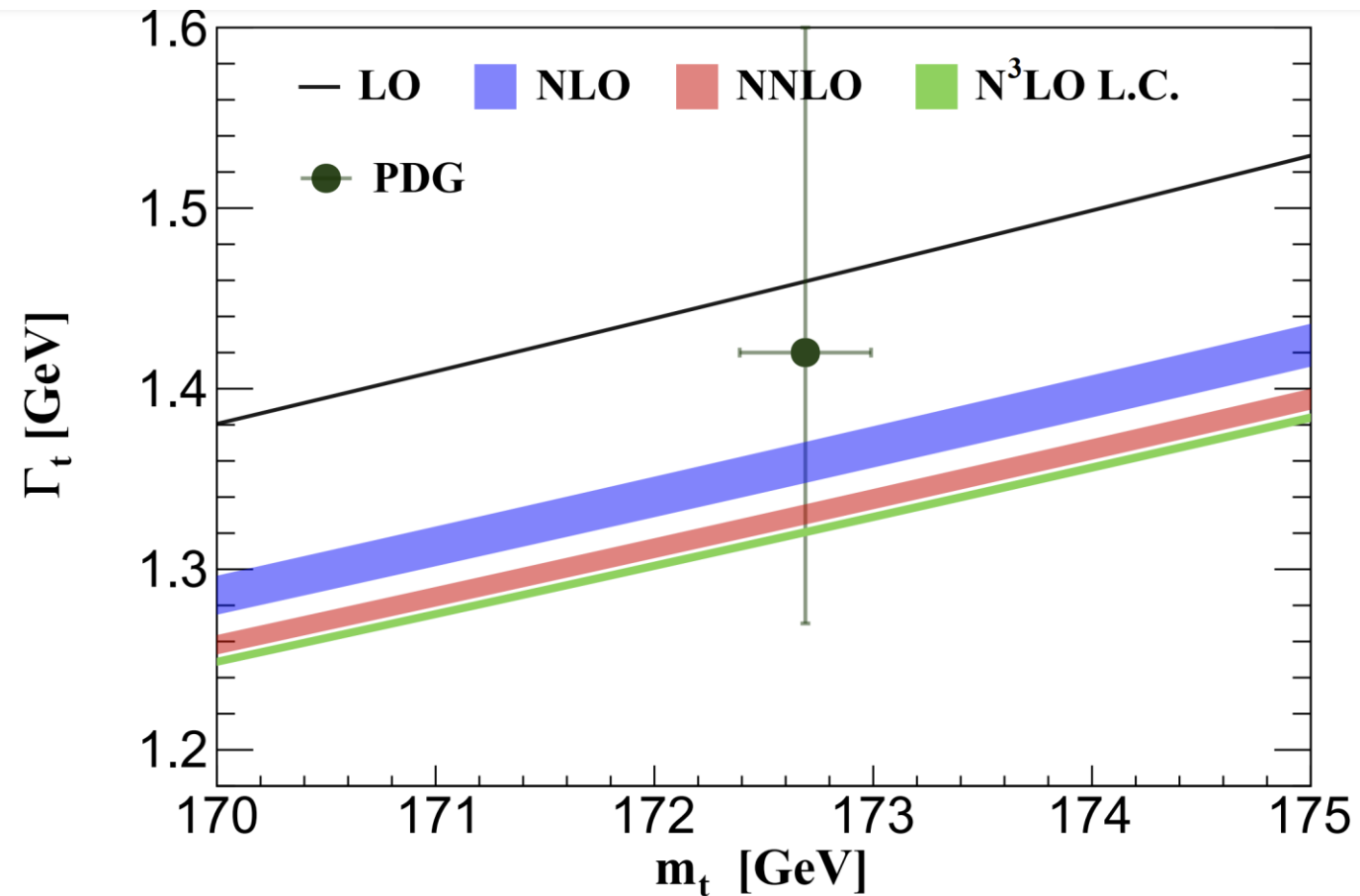
$$\Gamma_t = \Gamma_0 \left[ X_0 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} X_1 + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 X_2 + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^3 X_3 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_3 = C_F & \left[ N_c^2 Y_A + \tilde{Y}_A + \frac{\bar{Y}_A}{N_c^2} + n_l n_h Y_{lh} \right. \\ & + n_l \left( N_c Y_l + \frac{\tilde{Y}_l}{N_c} \right) + n_l^2 Y_{l2} \\ & \left. + n_h \left( N_c Y_h + \frac{\tilde{Y}_h}{N_c} \right) + n_h^2 Y_{h2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

## Expansion of analytic results:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_A &= \left[ \frac{203185}{41472} - \frac{12695\pi^2}{1944} - \frac{4525\zeta(3)}{576} - \frac{1109\pi^4}{25920} + \frac{37\pi^2\zeta(3)}{36} + \frac{1145\zeta(5)}{96} + \frac{47\pi^6}{2835} - \frac{3\zeta(3)^2}{4} \right] \\
 &+ w \left[ -\frac{157939}{2304} + \frac{140863\pi^2}{20736} + \frac{5073\zeta(3)}{64} - \frac{14743\pi^4}{6480} - \frac{169\pi^2\zeta(3)}{72} - \frac{45\zeta(5)}{16} + \frac{3953\pi^6}{22680} - \frac{15\zeta(3)^2}{4} \right] \\
 &+ w^2 \left[ \log(w) \left( \frac{851099}{27648} - \frac{5875\pi^2}{2304} - \frac{33\zeta(3)}{8} + \frac{\pi^4}{10} \right) - \frac{82610233}{331776} + \frac{799511\pi^2}{27648} \right. \\
 &\left. + \frac{4093\zeta(3)}{32} - \frac{5987\pi^4}{2880} - \frac{91\pi^2\zeta(3)}{16} - \frac{275\zeta(5)}{8} + \frac{347\pi^6}{3024} - \frac{9\zeta(3)^2}{8} \right] + \mathcal{O}(w^3), \\
 Y_l &= \left[ \frac{18209}{20736} + \frac{60025\pi^2}{31104} - \frac{197\zeta(3)}{288} - \frac{14\pi^4}{405} + \frac{5\pi^2\zeta(3)}{36} - \frac{25\zeta(5)}{12} \right] \\
 &+ w \left[ -\frac{179}{1152} - \frac{3709\pi^2}{2592} - \frac{73\zeta(3)}{6} + \frac{46\pi^4}{405} + \frac{19\pi^2\zeta(3)}{18} + \frac{5\zeta(5)}{2} \right] \\
 &+ w^2 \left[ \log(w) \left( -\frac{11077}{1152} + \frac{37\pi^2}{96} + \frac{3\zeta(3)}{8} \right) + \frac{49097}{648} - \frac{817\pi^2}{128} - \frac{2651\zeta(3)}{96} + \frac{17\pi^4}{270} + \frac{5\pi^2\zeta(3)}{6} + \frac{25\zeta(5)}{4} \right] \\
 Y_{l2} &= \left[ -\frac{695}{2592} - \frac{91\pi^2}{972} + \frac{11\zeta(3)}{36} - \frac{2\pi^4}{405} \right] + w \left[ \frac{245}{144} - \frac{73\pi^2}{648} - \frac{\zeta(3)}{3} \right] \\
 &+ w^2 \left[ \log(w) \left( \frac{245}{432} - \frac{\pi^2}{72} \right) - \frac{791}{162} + \frac{85\pi^2}{432} + \frac{3\zeta(3)}{4} + \frac{2\pi^4}{135} \right] + \mathcal{O}(w^3),
 \end{aligned}$$

## Top-quark width at different values of $m_t$



	$\delta_b^{(i)}$	$\delta_W^{(i)}$	$\delta_{EW}^{(i)}$	$\delta_{QCD}^{(i)}$	$\Gamma_t$ [GeV]
LO	-0.273	-1.544	—	—	1.459
NLO	0.126	0.132	1.683	-8.575	$1.361^{+0.0091}_{-0.0130}$
NNLO	*	0.030	*	-2.070	$1.331^{+0.0055}_{-0.0051}$
N <sup>3</sup> LO	*	0.009	*	-0.667	$1.321^{+0.0025}_{-0.0021}$

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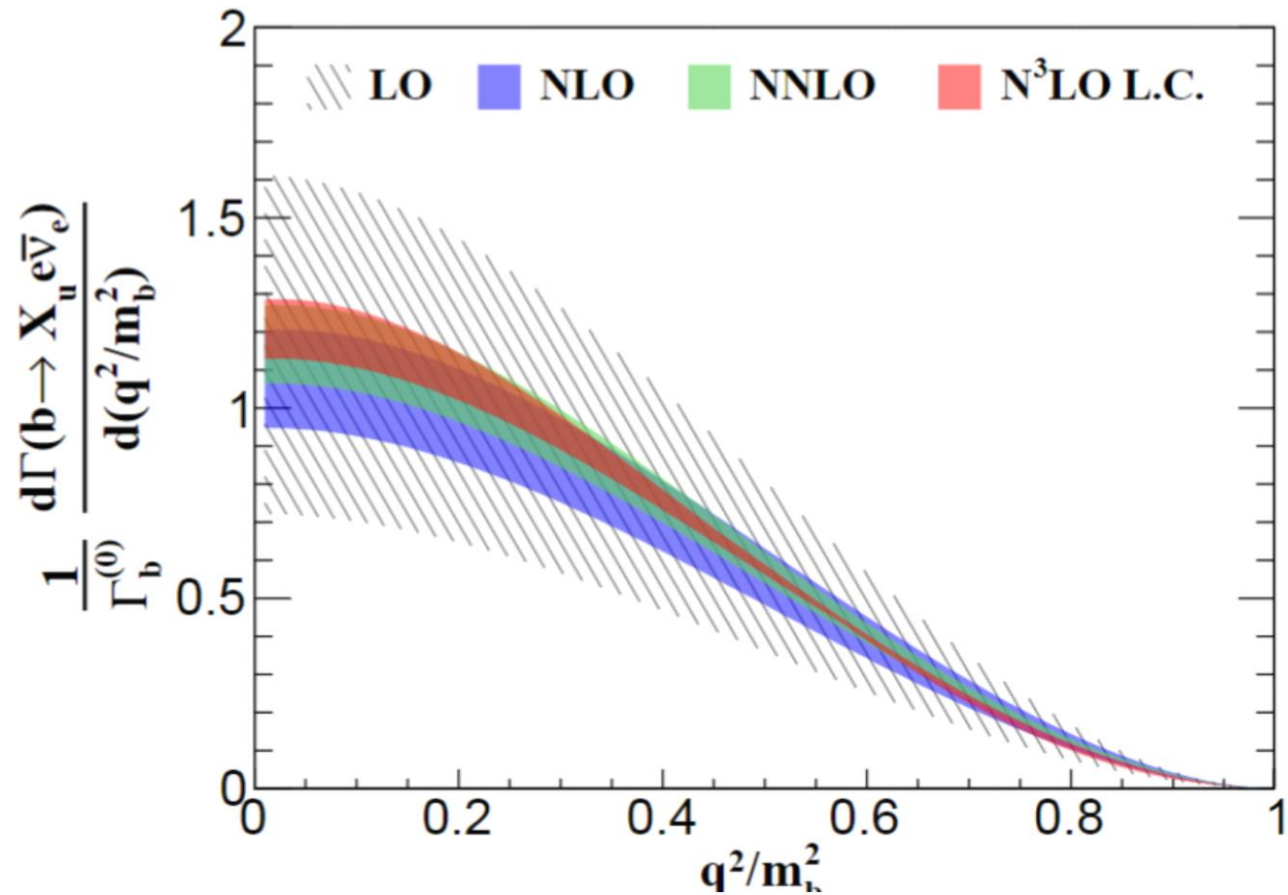
Best fit relation:

$$\Gamma_t(m_t) = 0.027037 \times m_t - 3.34801 \text{ GeV} .$$

The dilepton invariant mass spectrum for  $b \rightarrow X_u e \bar{\nu}_e$  up to NNNLO

$$\frac{d\Gamma(b \rightarrow X_u e \bar{\nu}_e)}{dq^2} = \Gamma_b^{(0)} \sum_{i=0}^3 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^i X_i \left(\frac{q^2}{m_b^2}\right).$$

$$\Gamma_b^{(0)} = G_F^2 |V_{ub}|^2 m_b^3 / 96\pi^3.$$



$$|V_{ub}| = (4.19 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-3}$$

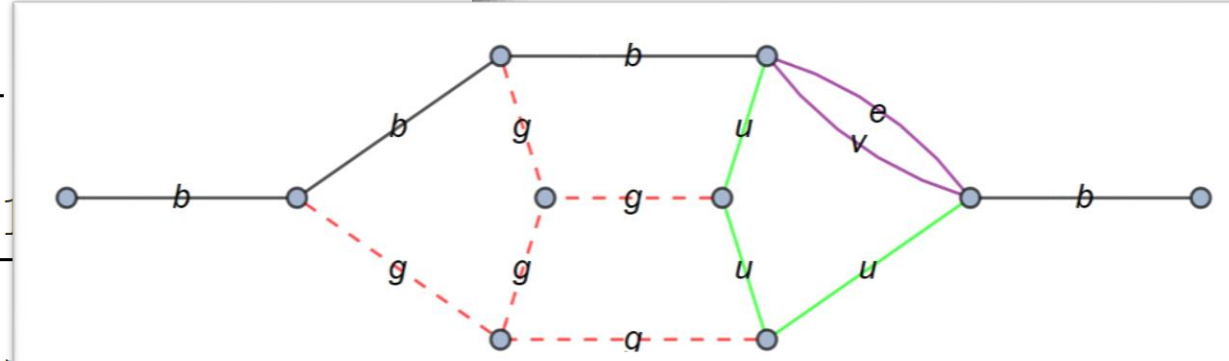
The scale uncertainties are around  $\pm 12\%$ ,  $\pm 9\%$ , and  $\pm 6\%$  at NLO, NNLO and N3LO, respectively, at  $\frac{q^2}{m_b^2} = 0.2$ .

The  $q^2/m_b^2$  distribution for  $b \rightarrow X_u e \bar{\nu}_e$

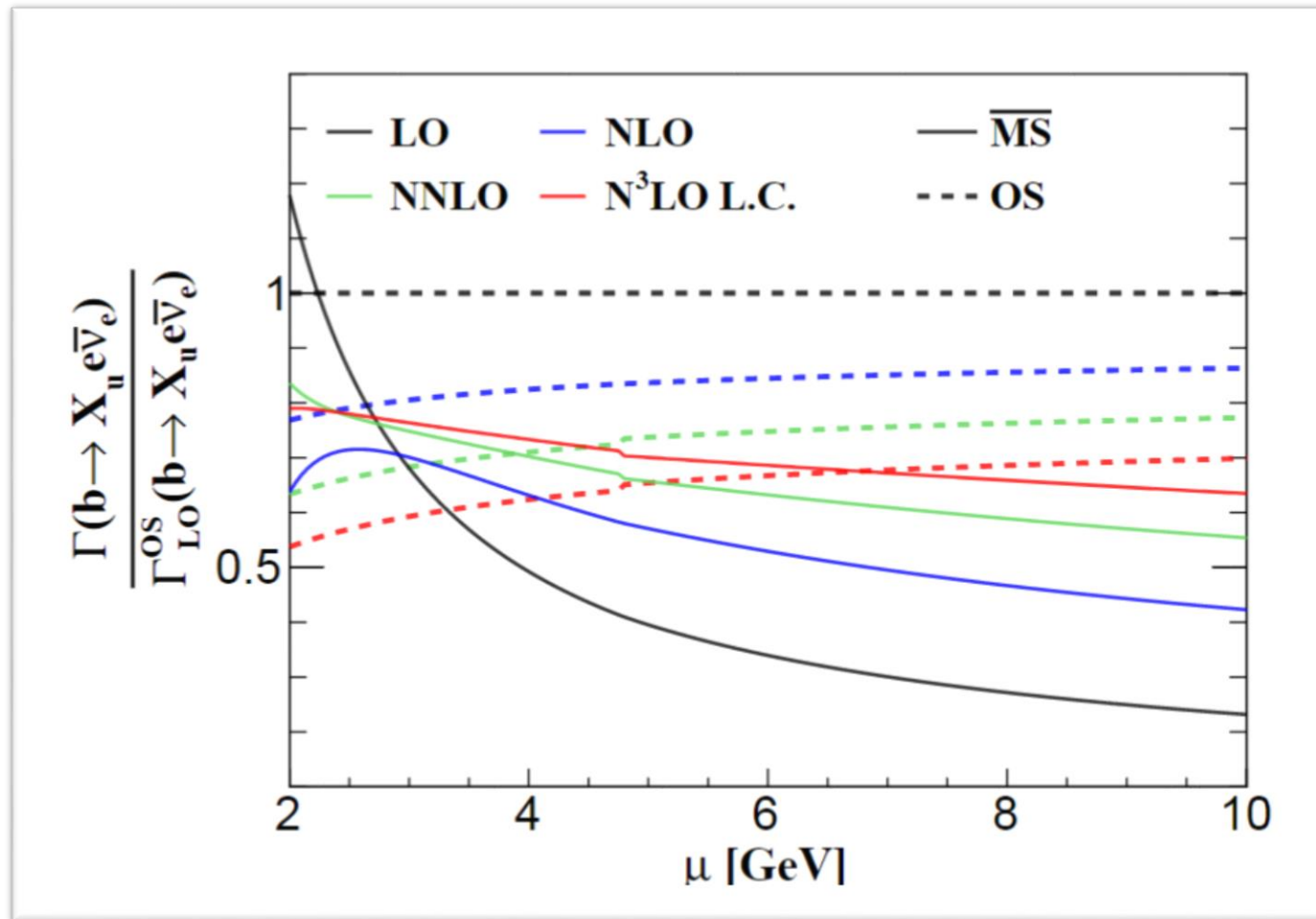
# The semileptonic decay width of b-quark

$$\Gamma(b \rightarrow X_u e \bar{\nu}_e) = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{ub}|^2 m_b^5}{192\pi^3} \left[ 1 + \sum_{i=1} \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^i b_i \right]$$

$$b_3 = C_F \left[ N_c^2 \left( \frac{9651283}{82944} - \frac{1051339\pi^2}{62208} - \frac{67189\zeta(3)}{864} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{4363\pi^4}{6480} + \frac{59\pi^2\zeta(3)}{32} + \frac{3655\zeta(5)}{96} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + n_l N_c \left( -\frac{729695}{27648} + \frac{48403\pi^2}{15552} + \right. \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \frac{13\pi^2\zeta(3)}{72} - \frac{125\zeta(5)}{24} \right) + n_l^2 \left( \frac{24703}{20736} - \frac{1117\pi^2}{15552} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \frac{37\zeta(3)}{216} - \frac{121\pi^4}{6480} \right) + \text{subleading color} \right]$$







Scale dependence of the b-quark semi-leptonic decay width normalized by the LO width in the on-shell mass scheme. The solid and dashed lines represent the results in the  $\overline{MS}$  and on-shell mass schemes, respectively.

# Conclusion

**The top quark inclusive decay width have been calculated analytically up to  $N^3\text{LO}$ .**

**$N^3\text{LO}$  corrections for top quark decay width is about -0.667%, with  $\Gamma_t = 1.321\text{GeV}$ , the convergence of perturbation series works well.**

**We also obtained the  $N^3\text{LO}$  QCD corrections to b quark semileptonic decay,  $N^3\text{LO}$  QCD is important.**

**Explore analytic differential decay rates and helicity width.**



# Thank You!

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