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# The Top-Antitop Threshold – QCD Contributions

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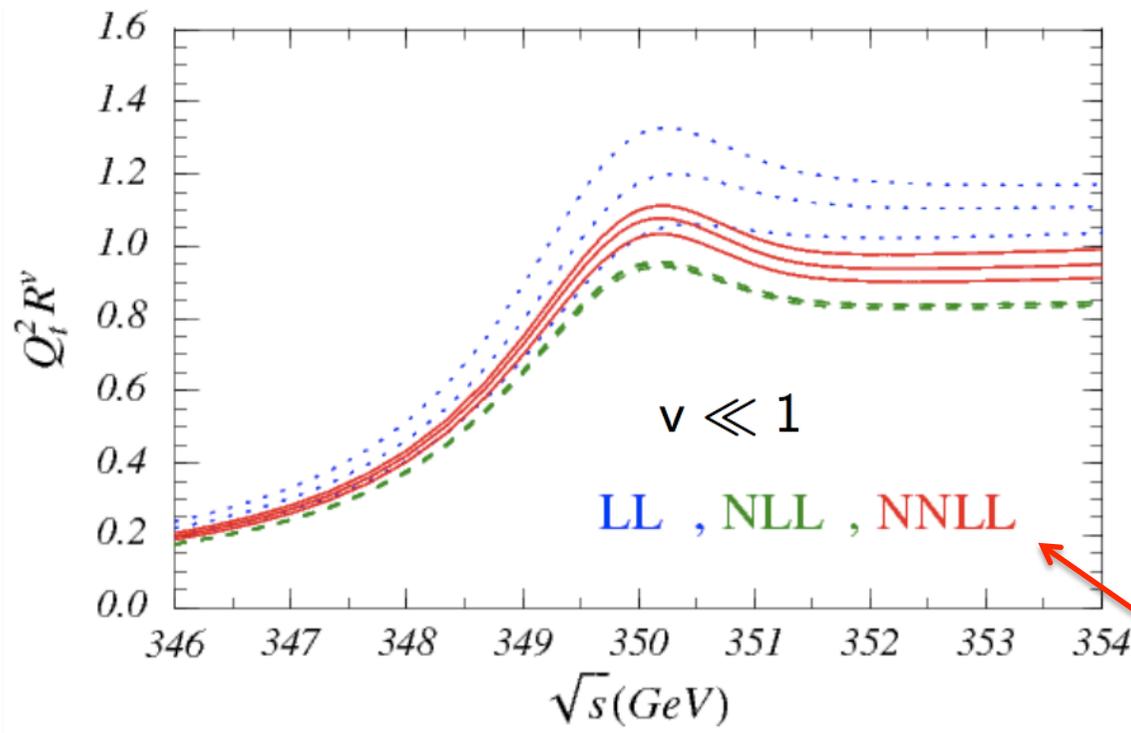
# Outline

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# The resonance of $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t})$

## Linear Collider: $t\bar{t}$ production at threshold



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

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

incomplete !!!

Aim: precise determination of

- $m_t$  status:  $\delta m_t \sim 100 \text{ MeV} \checkmark$
- $y_t, \alpha_s, \Gamma_t$  status:  $\delta \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{th}} / \sigma_{\text{tot}} \sim 6\%$

needed:  $< 3\%$

# The resonance of $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t})$

## EW effects:

- LO: Unstable top  $\Rightarrow \Gamma_t \approx 1.5 \text{ GeV} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

“IR cutoff”

$$v_{\text{eff}} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{s}-2m_t}{m_t}} \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{s}-2m_t+i\Gamma_t}{m_t}} ; \quad |v_{\text{eff}}| \gtrsim 0.1$$

[Fadin, Khoze]

- Higher orders  $\rightarrow$  Pedro's talk

## QCD in the resonance region: $v \sim \alpha_s \ll 1$

**3 scales:**  $m_t \gg \vec{p} \sim m_t v \gg E_{\text{kin}} \sim m_t v^2$  ( $\sim \Gamma_t \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ )

“hard”

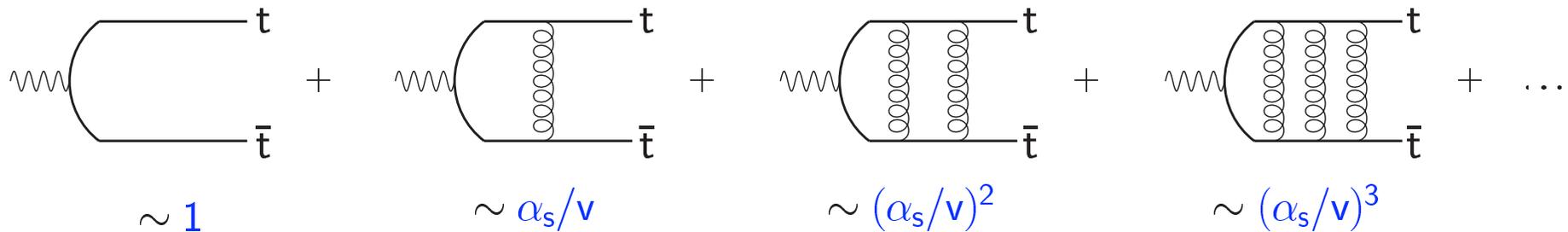
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“ultrasoft”

- Problems:
- “Coulomb singularities”
  - Large logs

# The resonance of $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+ e^- \rightarrow t \bar{t})$

## Problem of Coulomb singularities:



Production threshold:  $\alpha_s \sim v \sim 0.1 \Rightarrow$  breakdown of perturbation theory

## Solution:

Nonrelativistic effective field theory **vNRQCD**

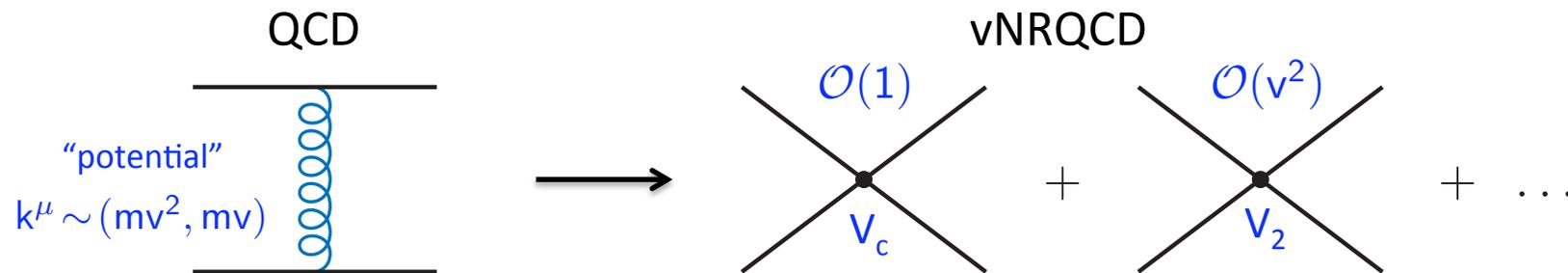
$\rightarrow$  summation of  $(\alpha_s/v)^n$  terms by means of a Schrödinger Equation !

# vNRQCD

## Constructing vNRQCD:

“Expansion in  $v \ll 1$ ”

→ Integrate out nonresonant degrees of freedom, e.g.:



→  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{NR}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} + \left[ \frac{V_c}{k^2} + \frac{V_k \pi^2}{m\mathbf{k}} + \frac{V_r(\mathbf{p}^2 + \mathbf{p}'^2)}{2m^2 k^2} + \frac{V_2}{m^2} + \frac{V_s}{m^2} \mathbf{S}^2 + \dots \right] \psi^\dagger \psi \chi^\dagger \chi + \dots$

→ Separate center-of-mass motion

⇒ Schrödinger Equation:  $E \Psi = \left[ \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{m} + V + \dots \right] \Psi$

# vNRQCD

Green function:  $\left[ -\frac{\nabla_{\vec{r}}^2}{m} + V(\mathbf{r}) - E \right] G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}', E) = \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$

$$G(0, 0, E) \sim \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \dots$$

The diagrams represent a perturbative expansion of the Green function. Diagram 1 is a single loop with two external lines marked with a cross (⊗). Diagram 2 is a self-energy correction to the loop, with a vertex labeled 'V'. Diagram 3 is a second-order self-energy correction, with two vertices labeled 'V'. The diagrams are summed together with ellipses indicating higher-order terms.

Optical theorem:

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} \sim \int d\text{PS} \left| \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \dots \right|^2 \sim \text{Im} [G(0, 0, E)]$$

The optical theorem relates the total cross-section to the imaginary part of the forward scattering amplitude. The diagrams shown are the same as in the previous block, representing the expansion of the Green function.

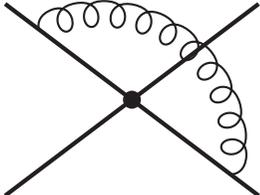
Unstable top:  $G(0, 0, E + i\Gamma_t) \sim \sum_n \frac{|\Psi_n(0)|^2}{E_n - E - i\Gamma_t - i\epsilon} + \text{continuum}$

# vNRQCD

LO Green function:  $\left[ -\frac{\nabla_{\vec{r}}^2}{m} + V_c(r) - E \right] G^1(\vec{r}, \vec{r}', E) = \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$

→ Analytic solution for  $G^1(\vec{r}, \vec{r}', E)$  ✓

Higher orders: e.g.  $G^2(0, 0, E) = - \int d^3\vec{r} G^1(0, \vec{r}, E) V^2(\vec{r}) G^1(\vec{r}, 0, E)$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s, v)$

RG running: e.g.   $\Rightarrow V \equiv V(\mu) \Rightarrow G(0, 0, E) \equiv G(0, 0, E, \mu)$

→  $G(0, 0, E, \mu)$  known up to NNLL (partly N<sup>3</sup>LO) ✓

[Hoang, Manohar, Stewart, Teubner; Pineda, Signer] [Beneke, Kiyo, Schuller]

# vNRQCD

Problem of large logarithms:

$$\text{3 scales: } m_t \gg \vec{p} \sim m_t v \gg E_{\text{kin}} \sim m_t v^2 \quad (\sim \Gamma_t \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

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$$\rightarrow \text{Logs: } \ln\left(\frac{m^2}{E^2}\right), \ln\left(\frac{m^2}{p^2}\right), \ln\left(\frac{p^2}{E^2}\right) \quad \text{e.g. } \alpha_s \ln\left(\frac{m^2}{E^2}\right) \sim -\alpha_s \ln(v^4) \sim 1$$

Solution:

Two renormalization scales:

$$\mu_s = m\nu, \quad \mu_u = m\nu^2$$

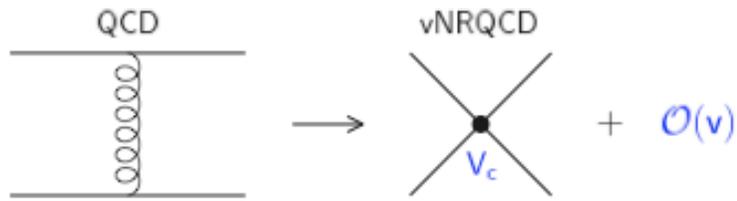
$\rightarrow$  “v”NRQCD

$\nu$  “subtraction velocity”

$$\rightarrow \text{RGE's resum } \underbrace{[\alpha_s \ln v]^n}_{\text{LL}}, \quad \underbrace{\alpha_s [\alpha_s \ln v]^n}_{\text{NLL}}, \quad \underbrace{\alpha_s^2 [\alpha_s \ln v]^n}_{\text{NNLL}} \dots \text{ terms}$$

# vNRQCD

- Nonresonant dof's integrated out, e.g.:



- Resonant dof's  $\rightarrow$  fields in the vNRQCD Lagrangian:

nonrel. quark:	$(E, \mathbf{p}) \sim (mv^2, mv)$	$\psi_{\mathbf{p}}(x)$	
soft gluon:	$(q_0, \mathbf{q}) \sim (mv, mv)$	$A_{\mathbf{q}}(x)$	
ultrasoft gluon:	$(q_0, \mathbf{q}) \sim (mv^2, mv^2)$	$A(x)$	

- Systematic expansion in  $v \Rightarrow$  consistent power counting in  $v \sim \alpha_s$

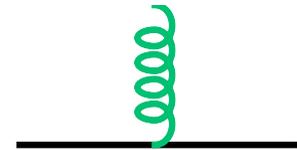
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[Luke, Manohar, Rothstein]

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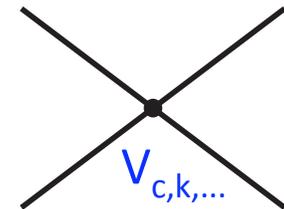
$$D^\mu = \partial^\mu + igA^\mu(x)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{usoft}} : \psi_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger(x) \left[ iD^0 - \frac{(\mathbf{p} - i\mathbf{D})^2}{2m} + \dots \right] \psi_{\mathbf{p}}(x) + \dots$$

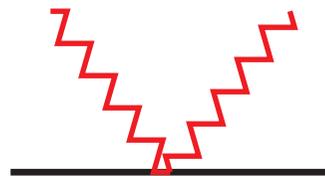


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{pot}} : -V \psi_{\mathbf{p}'}^\dagger \psi_{\mathbf{p}} \chi_{-\mathbf{p}'}^\dagger \chi_{-\mathbf{p}} + \dots$$

$$V \sim \frac{V_c}{k^2} + \frac{V_k \pi^2}{mk} + \frac{V_r (\mathbf{p}^2 + \mathbf{p}'^2)}{2m^2 k^2} + \frac{V_2}{m^2} + \frac{V_s}{m^2} \mathbf{S}^2 + \dots$$



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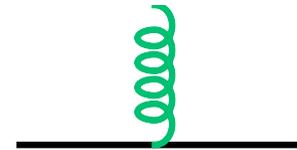
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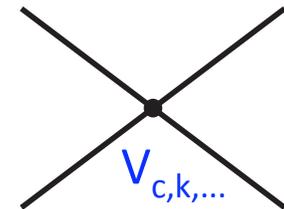
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Production/annihilation current ( $^3S_1$ ):

$$\begin{array}{c} \otimes \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} \sim c_1(\nu) \cdot \underbrace{\vec{j}_1^{\text{eff}}(x)}_{\psi_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \vec{\sigma} (i\sigma_2) \chi_{-\mathbf{p}}^*} + \dots \quad (\text{CMS})$$

# Renormalization

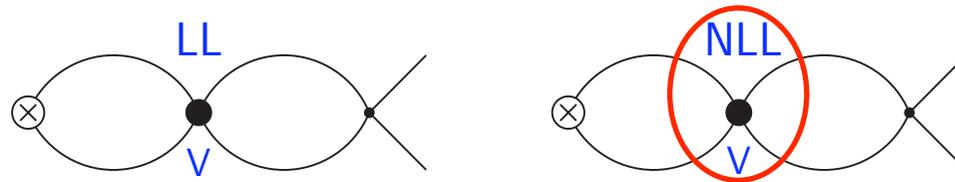
$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{\text{tot}} &\sim \text{Im} \left[ \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \dots \right] \\
 &\sim |c_1(\nu)|^2 \cdot \text{Im} \left[ -i \int d^4x e^{i\hat{q}x} \langle 0 | T \vec{j}_1^{\text{eff}*}(x) \vec{j}_1^{\text{eff}}(0) | 0 \rangle \right] + \dots \\
 &\sim |c_1(\nu)|^2 \cdot \text{Im} \left[ G(0, 0, E, \nu) \right] + \dots \qquad G^{\text{NNLL}} \text{ known } \checkmark
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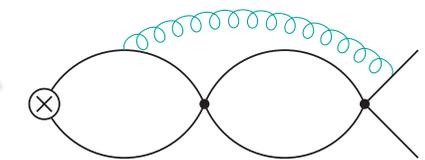
$G^{\text{NNLL}}$  known ✓

current  
renormalization



$$\ln \left[ \frac{c_1(\nu)}{c_1(1)} \right] = \underbrace{\xi^{\text{LL}}}_0 + \xi^{\text{NLL}} + \xi^{\text{NNLL}}_{\text{mix}} + \xi^{\text{NNLL}}_{\text{nonmix}}$$

[Hoang]



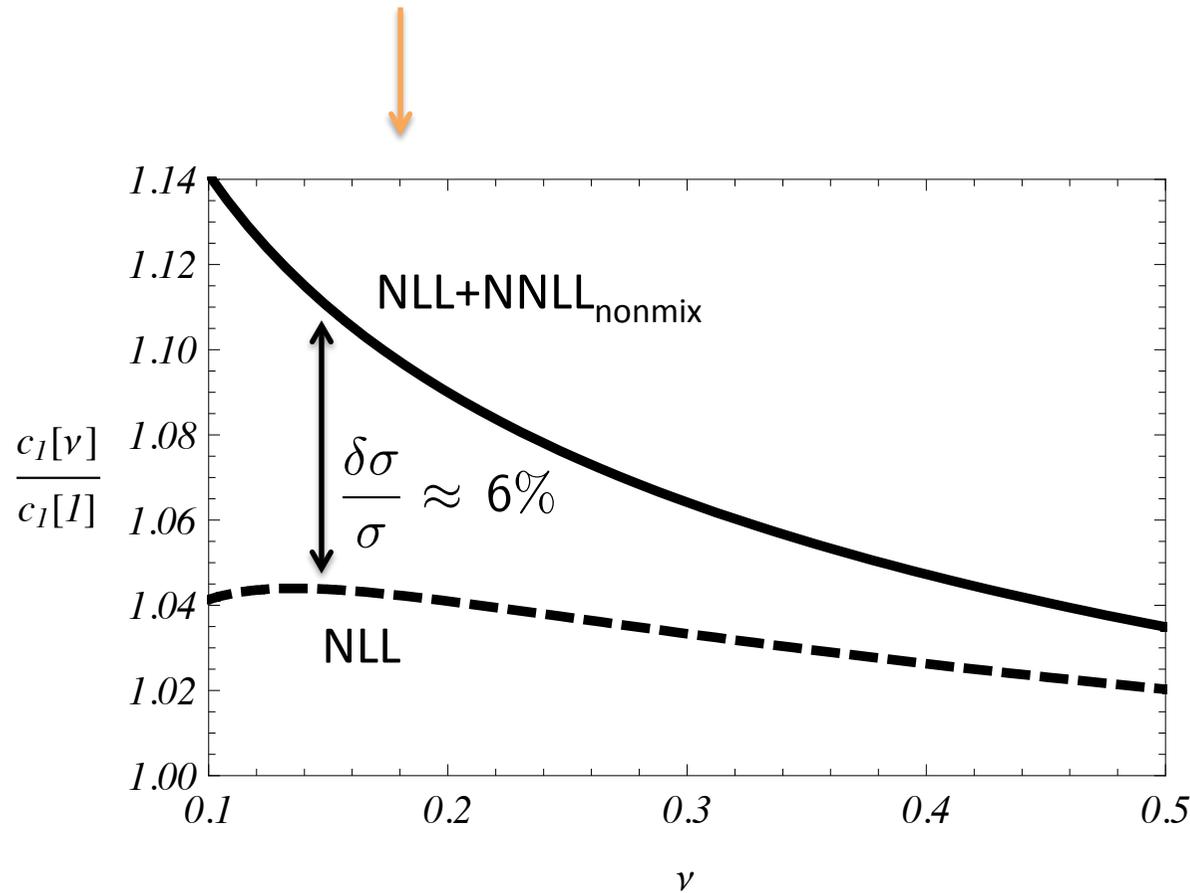
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Pineda, Hoang, Stewart]

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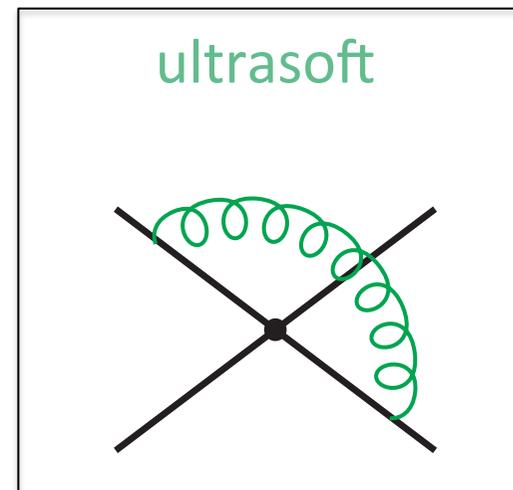
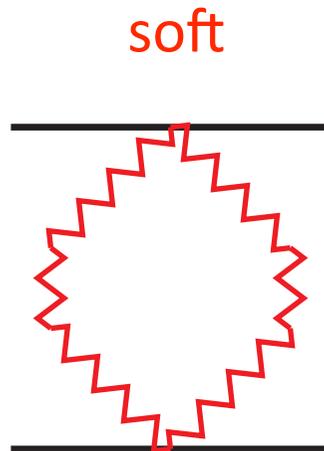
Missing  $\text{NNLL}_{\text{mix}}$  contribution may reduce th. error of  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$

⇒  $V^{\text{NLL}}(\nu)$  needed !

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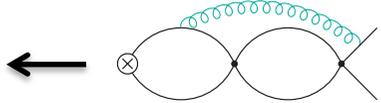
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## NLL running of $V$ :

- **Ultrasoft** contributions dominant

$$\alpha_s(m\nu^2) \simeq 0.27 > \alpha_s(m\nu) \simeq 0.15 \quad (\nu \simeq 0.1)$$

- Large **ultrasoft** contribution to  $\xi_{\text{nonmix}}^{\text{NNLL}}$  !!!  [Hoang]
- Soft contributions to  $V_s$  known  $\rightarrow$  tiny [Penin, Pineda, Smirnov, Steinhauser]
- Potentials affected by **ultrasoft** renormalization:

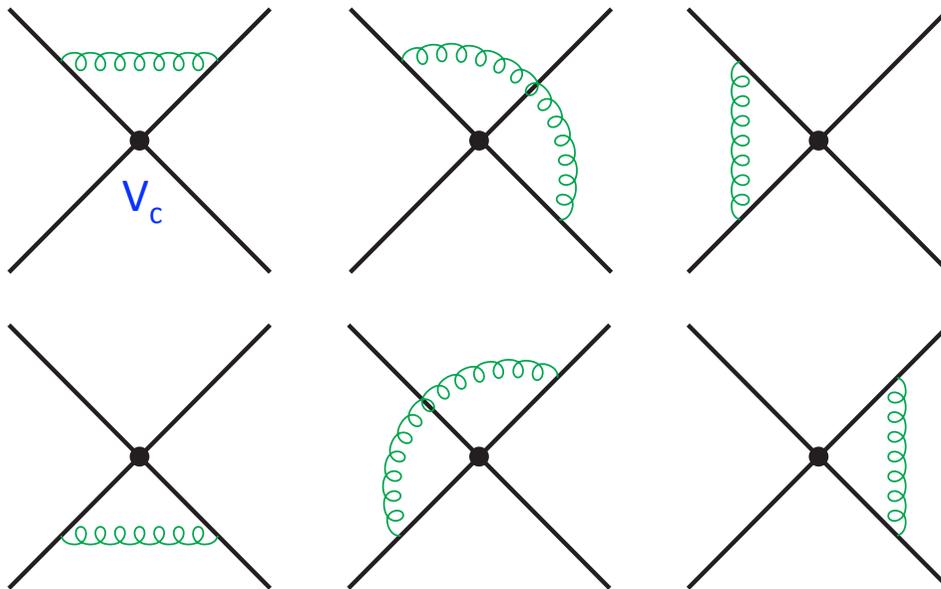
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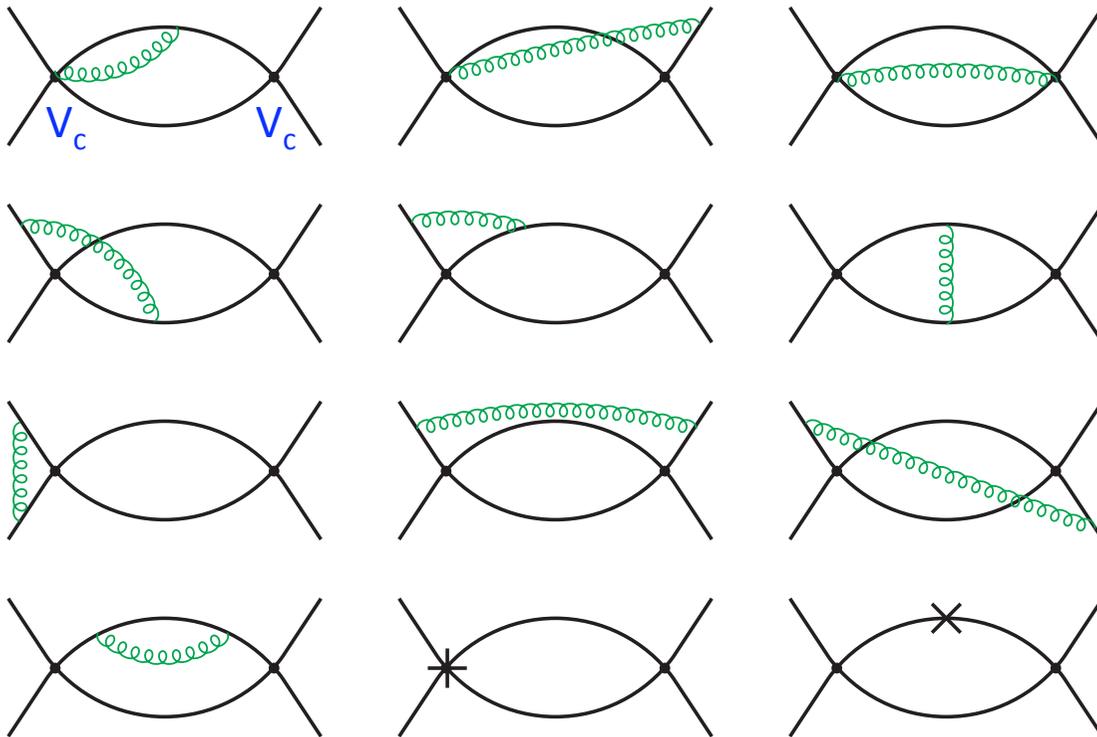
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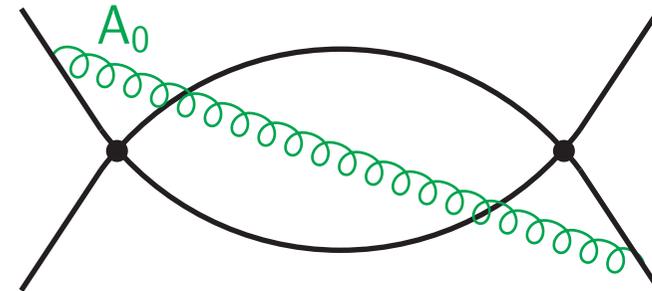
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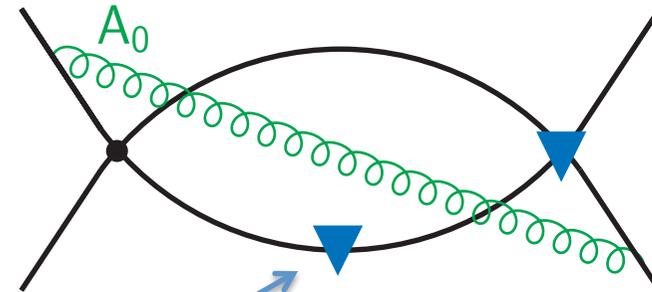
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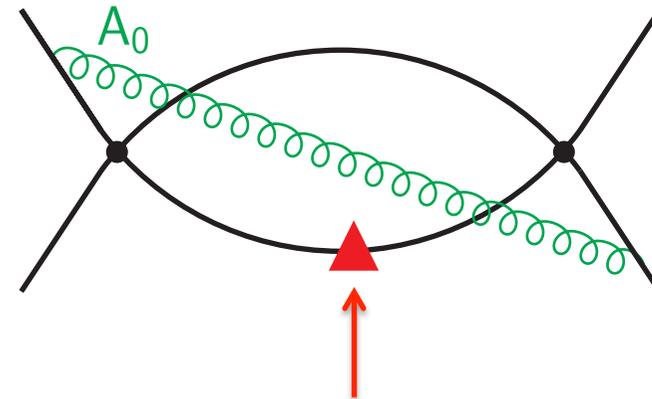
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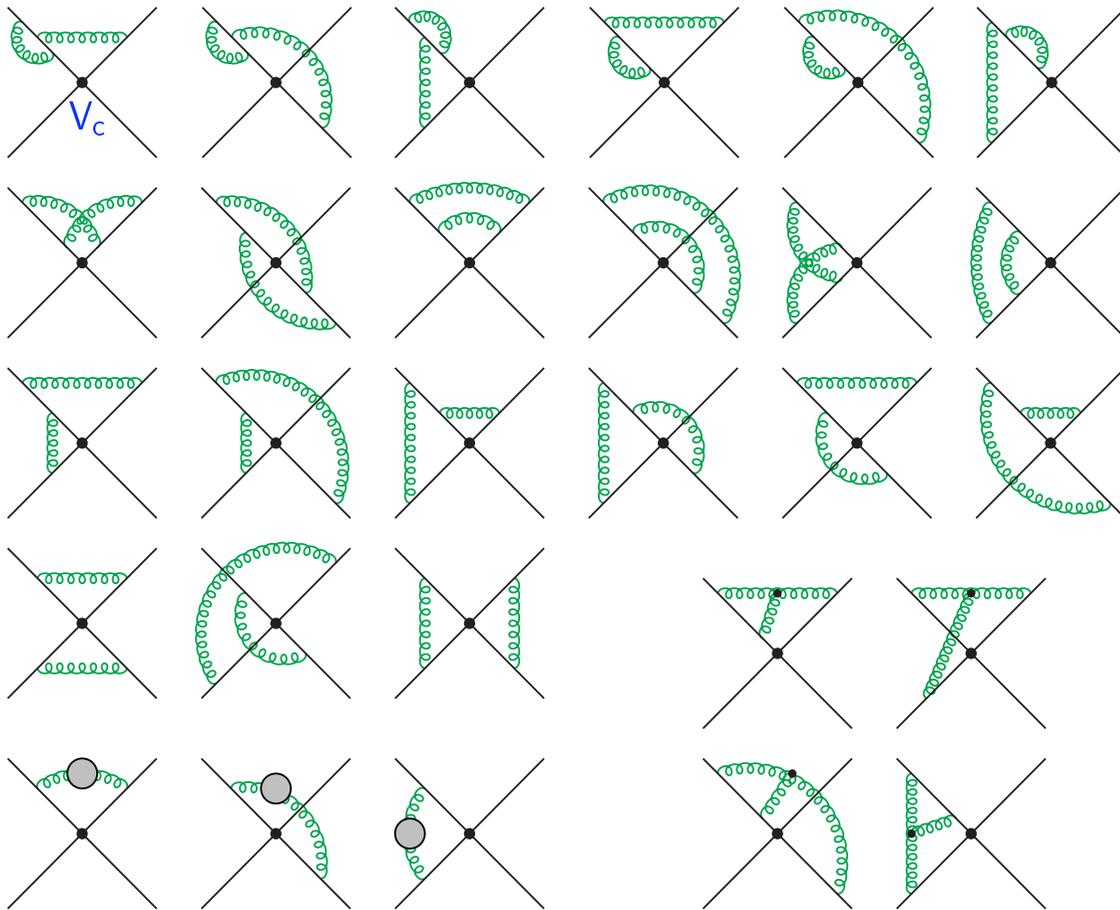
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↑ renormalize

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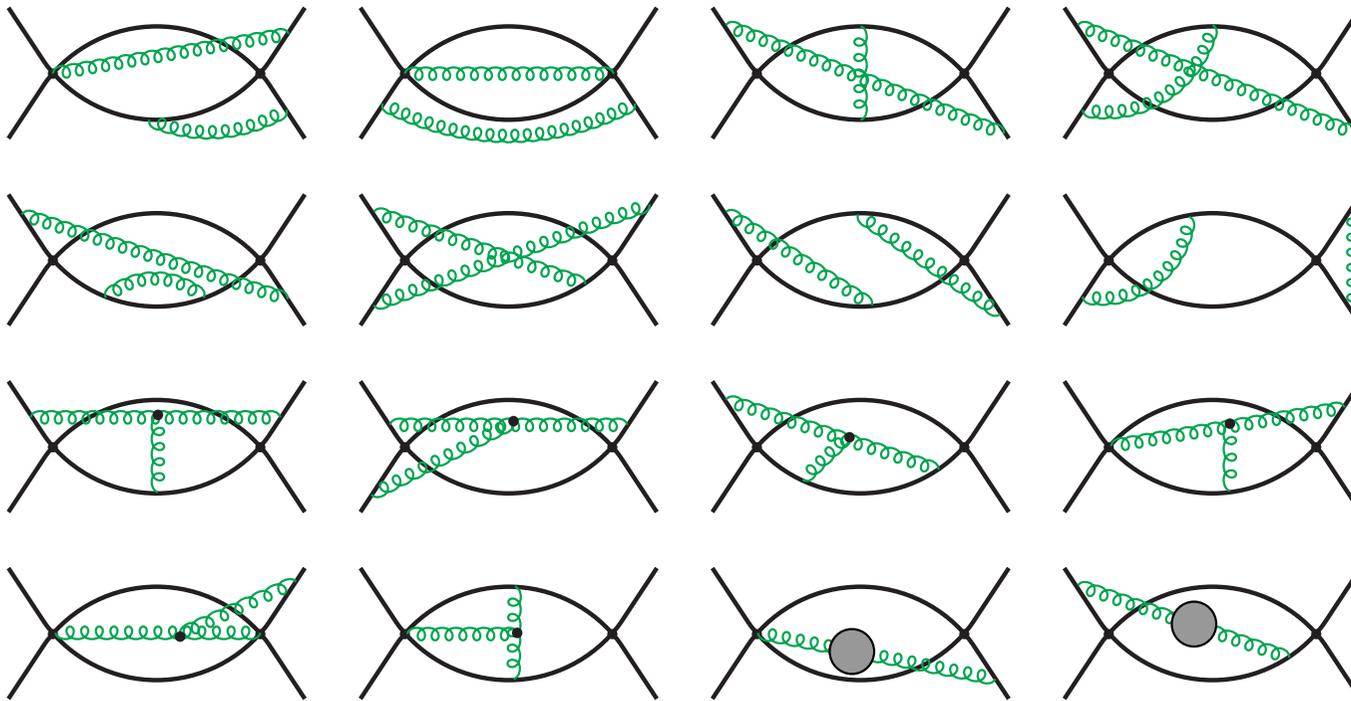
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[MS, Hoang]

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- $O(10^4)$  diagrams
- Generation:  
own **Mathematica**  
code
- Integrals:  
IBP & partial frac.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta \mathcal{V}_k^{2 \text{ loop}} \xrightarrow{\text{RGE}} \mathcal{V}_k^{\text{NLL}}(\nu)} \quad [\text{MS, Hoang}]$$

# Results

RGE's + matching at hard scale ( $\nu = 1$ ) give:

LL

NLL

$$[\mathcal{V}_2(\nu)]_{\text{usoft}}^{\text{NLL}} = 4\pi\alpha_s(m\nu) \left[ -\frac{4\pi}{\beta_0} A_2 \ln \frac{\alpha_s(m\nu^2)}{\alpha_s(m\nu)} + \left( \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_0^2} A_2 - [\alpha_s(m\nu^2) - \alpha_s(m\nu)] \frac{8\pi}{\beta_0} B_2 \right) \right]$$

$$[\mathcal{V}_r(\nu)]_{\text{usoft}}^{\text{NLL}} = 8\pi\alpha_s(m\nu) \left[ -\frac{4\pi}{\beta_0} A_r \ln \frac{\alpha_s(m\nu^2)}{\alpha_s(m\nu)} + \left( \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_0^2} A_r - [\alpha_s(m\nu^2) - \alpha_s(m\nu)] \frac{8\pi}{\beta_0} B_r \right) \right]$$

$$[\mathcal{V}_k(\nu)]_{\text{usoft}}^{\text{NLL}} = 2\alpha_s^2(m\nu) \left[ -\frac{4\pi}{\beta_0} A_k \ln \frac{\alpha_s(m\nu^2)}{\alpha_s(m\nu)} + \left( \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_0^2} A_k - [\alpha_s(m\nu^2) - \alpha_s(m\nu)] \frac{8\pi}{\beta_0} B_k \right) \right]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_2 \\ B_2 \end{bmatrix} = C_F(C_A - 2C_F) \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_r \\ B_r \end{bmatrix} = -C_A C_F \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_k \\ B_k \end{bmatrix} = -C_A C_F (C_A - 2C_F) \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

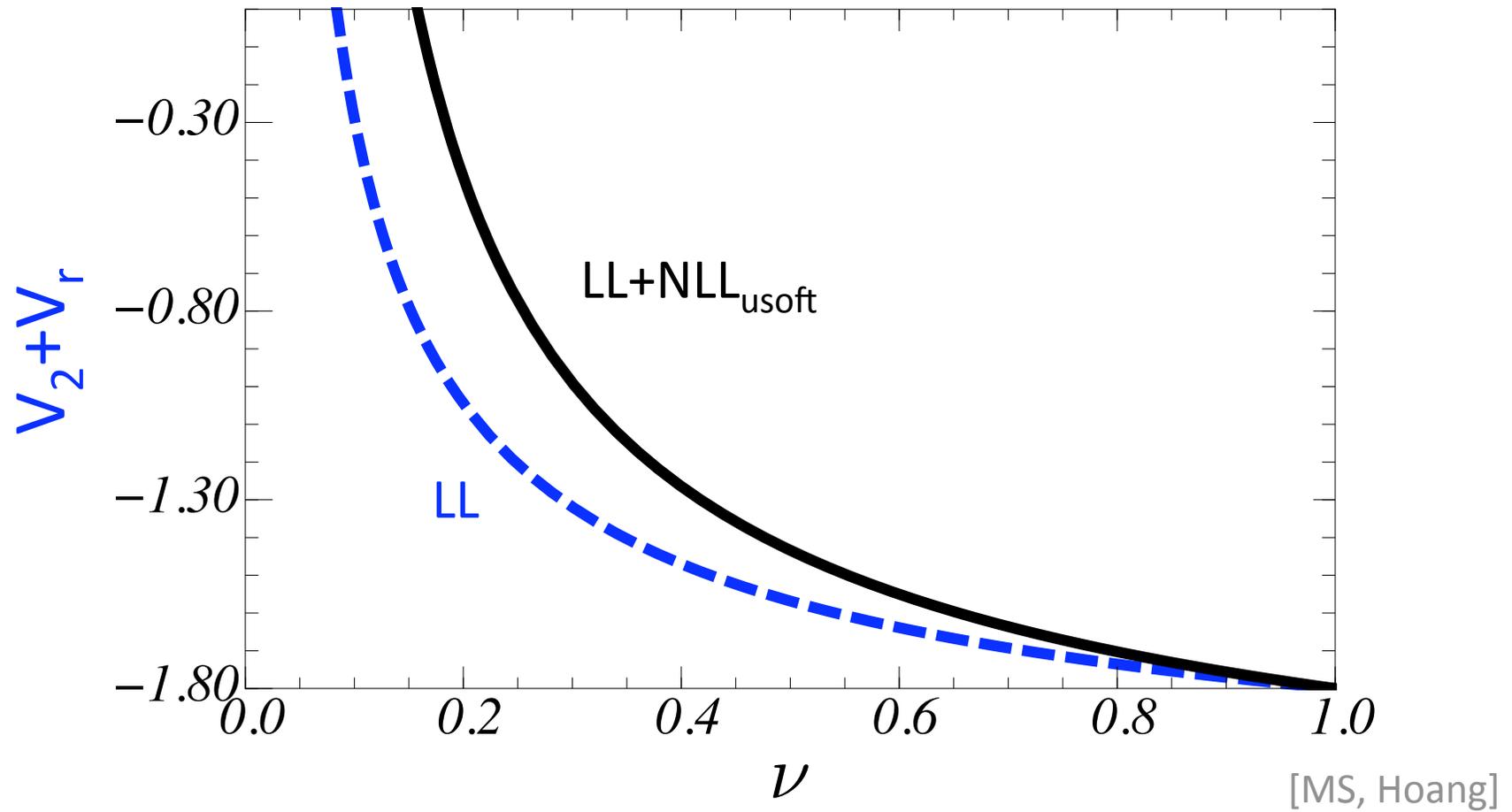
$$A = \frac{1}{3\pi}$$

$$B = \frac{C_A(47 + 6\pi^2) - 10n_f T}{108\pi^2}$$

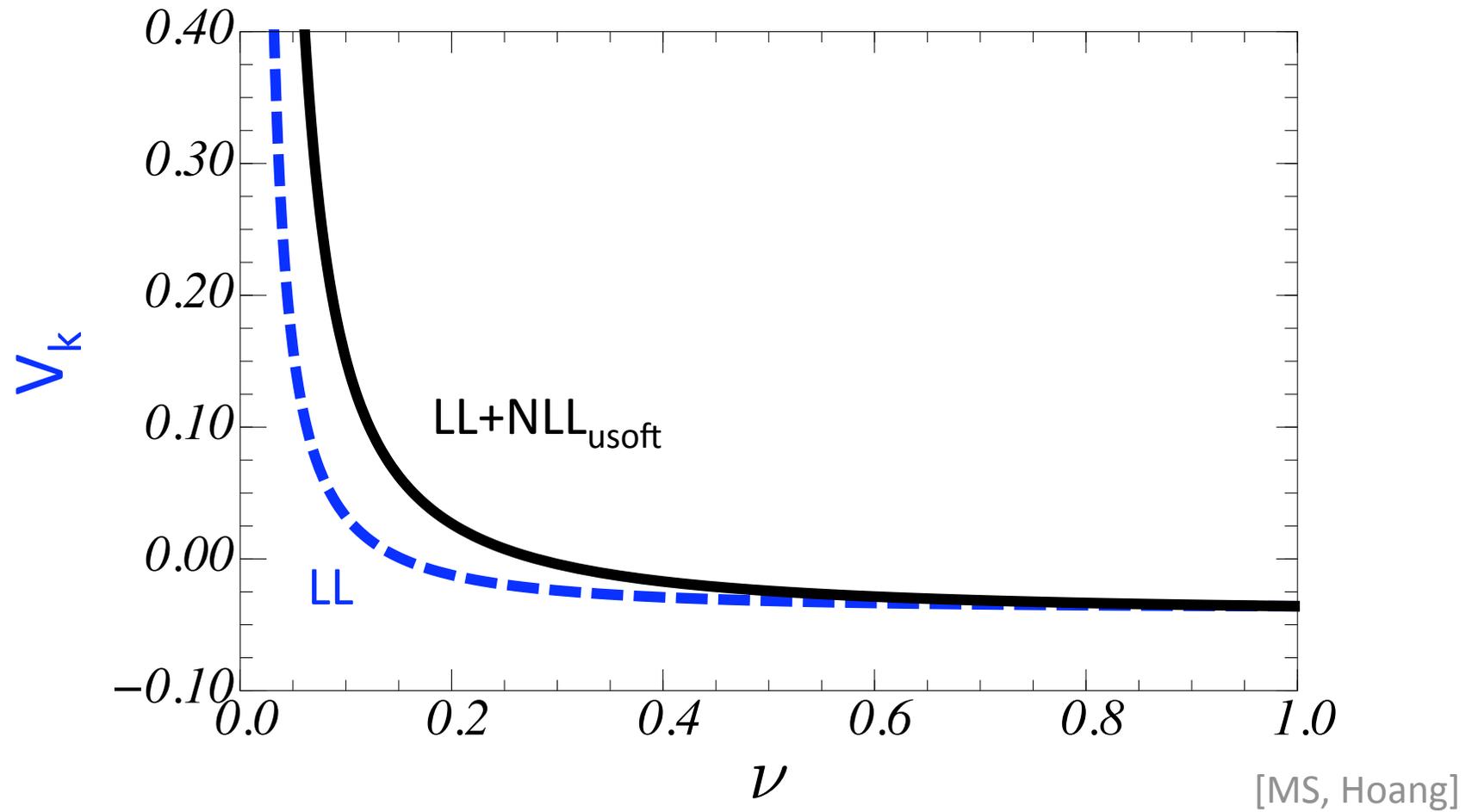
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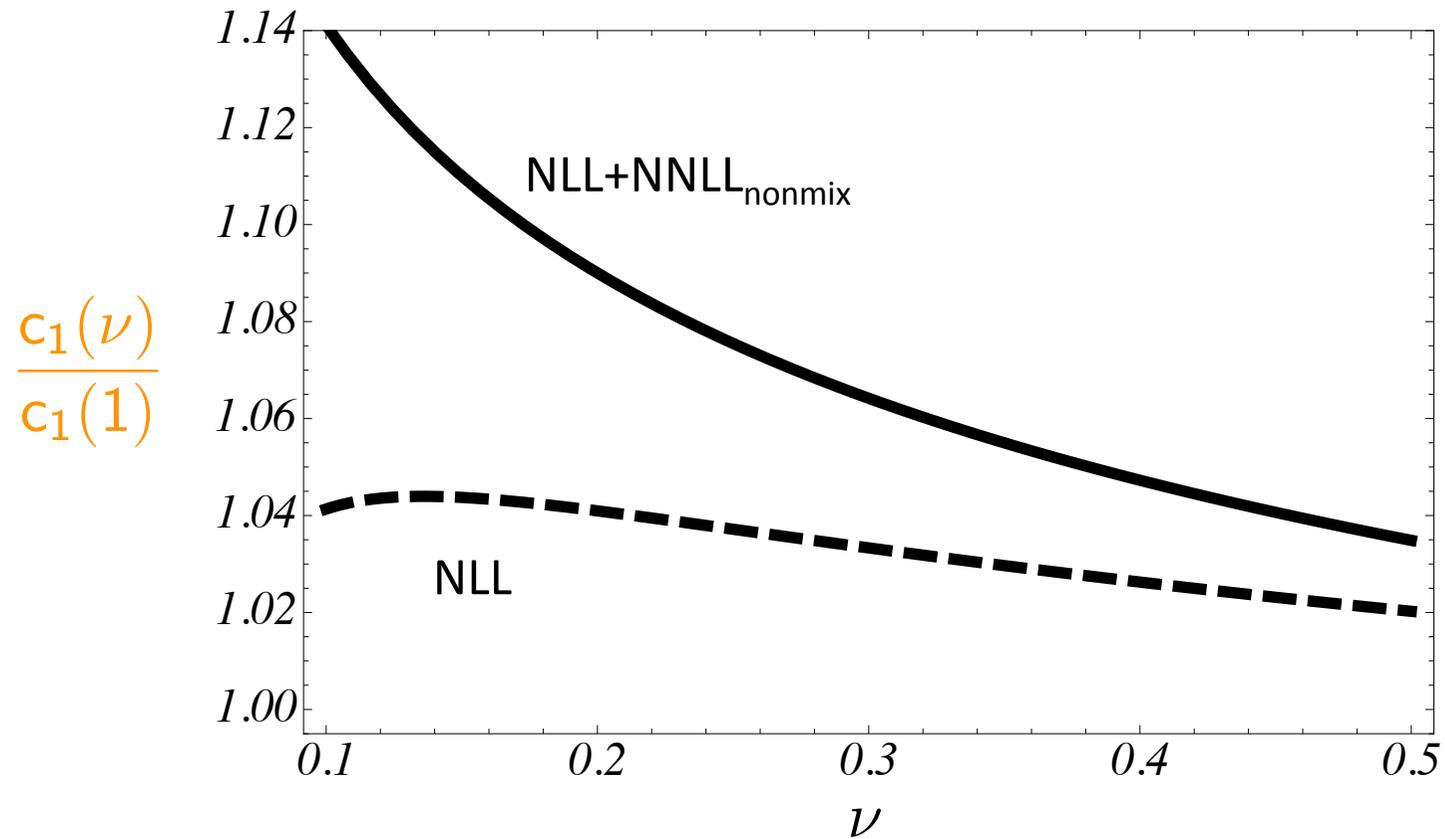
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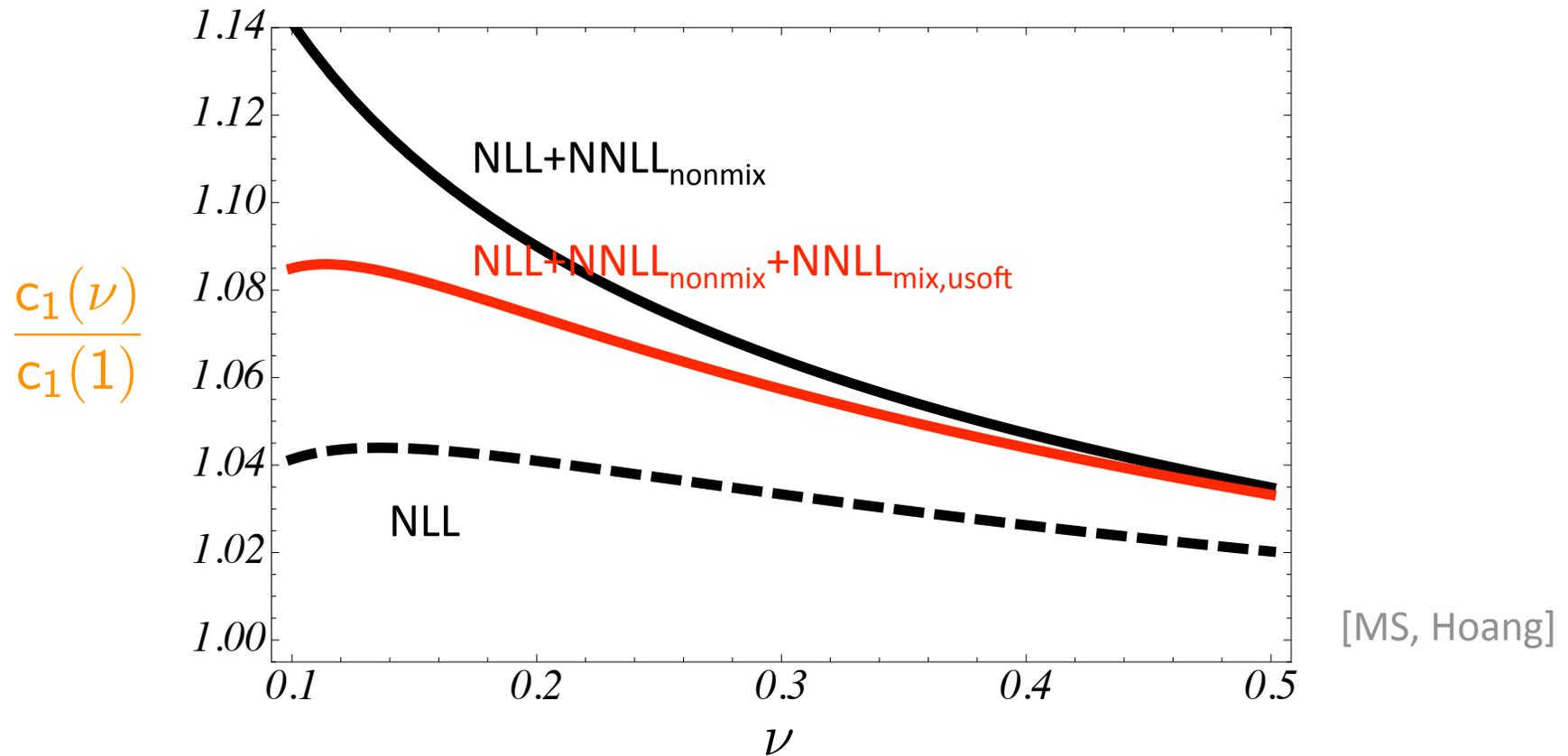
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- Large usoft NNLL contributions compensate each other  $\Rightarrow$
- Detailed analysis  $\rightarrow$  **WIP**

$\frac{\delta\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{th}}}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}$  decreases

# Summary/Outlook

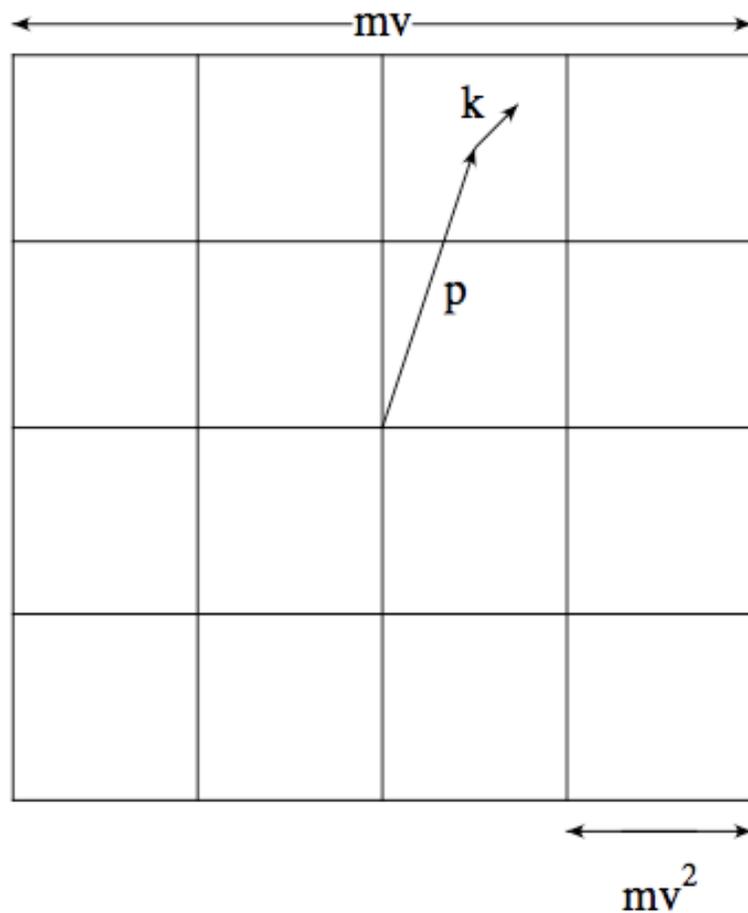
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- $y_t, \alpha_s, \Gamma_t$  from  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t})$  at threshold
- status:  $\frac{\delta\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{th}}}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \approx 6\%$ , needed:  $\frac{\delta\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{th}}}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \lesssim 3\%$
- $\sigma_{\text{tot}} \sim |c_1(\nu)|^2 \cdot \text{Im} [G(0, 0, E, \nu)] + \dots$
- $G(0, 0, E, \nu)$  known up to NNLL ✓
- New NNLL<sub>mix,usoft</sub> compensates for large NNLL<sub>nonmix</sub> contribution to  $c_1(\nu)$   
→  $\frac{\delta\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{th}}}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}$  decreases!
- Outlook:
  - Detailed study of  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t})$  at threshold
  - Determination of bottom mass from nonrel.  $\Upsilon$  sum rules

# Backup

## vNRQCD label formalism:

momentum space:



$$m_t \gg \vec{p} \sim m_t v \gg E_{\text{kin}} \sim m_t v^2$$

(soft)                      (usoft)

e.g. nonrel. quark (CMS):

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

label                      dyn. variable

$$\psi(r) \rightarrow \sum_{\mathbf{p}} e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \psi_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{x} \sim \frac{1}{mv} \text{ (small } \mathbf{x}) \quad \mathbf{x} \sim \frac{1}{mv^2} \text{ (large } \mathbf{x})$$