

QCD corrections to single top quark production in electron photon interactions

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Motivation

Single top quark production is important:

- Provides a possibility to measure the CKM-matrix element $|V_{tb}|^2$ directly
- At lepton colliders single top-quark production

$$e^+ \gamma \rightarrow t \bar{b} \bar{\nu}_e$$

- No $t\bar{t}$ -background
⇒ Clean environment to study single top quark production
- Process allows the measurement of $|V_{tb}|^2$ with high accuracy and with an uncertainty of 1% at 2σ level (E. Boos et al. '01)
⇒ Knowledge of the QCD corrections mandatory
- Large m_t ⇒ high energy scale ⇒ pert. QCD reliable
⇒ Test of the SM at high energies ⇒ New physics ?

Preliminaries

- Describe process $e^+\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{b}\bar{\nu}_e$ through effective W-approximation
Kane et al. '84; Dawson '85; Lindfors '85; Kunszt, Soper '88; Kauffman '89
- Consider momentum distribution of the W-bosons through structure function $f_{e/W}$

Structure function distinguishes between longitudinal and transversal polarized W-bosons

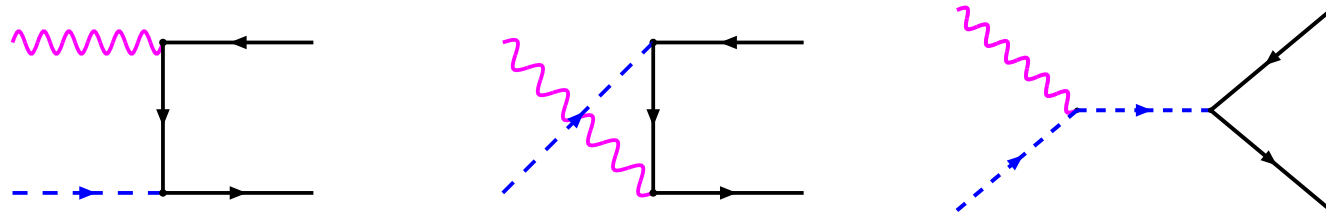
⇒ relevant process:

$$W_{1,t}^+ \gamma \longrightarrow t \bar{b}$$

- Cross section through convolution:

$$\sigma_{e^+\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{b}\bar{\nu}_e} \sim f_{e/W_i} \otimes \sigma_{W_i \gamma \rightarrow t\bar{b}}$$

Born process



⇒ Trivial calculation!

⇒ In principle it is possible to do it automatically

But:

Structure of logarithmic contributions



Analytical calculation important

Born results

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{T,L} = \frac{1}{9\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha G_f |V_{tb}|^2 N}{(1-z_w)^3} \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_{T,L}} \left(l_1^{T,L} \ln \left(\frac{1+\beta_b}{1-\beta_b} \right) + l_2^{T,L} \ln \left(\frac{1+\beta_t}{1-\beta_t} \right) + K^{T,L} \right)$$

$$K^L = 2\lambda(1, z_b, z_t) \left(28z_b^2 - 9z_t + 28z_t^2 - z_b(9 + 56z_t) + 2z_w(18z_b^2 + 41z_t + 18z_t^2 + z_b(5 - 36z_t)) - z_w^2(-8 + 12z_b^2 - 3z_b(1 + 8z_t) - 27z_t + 12z_t^2) \right)$$

$$K^T = 4z_w\lambda(1, z_b, z_t) \left(-24z_b^2 + 6z_b(3 + 8z_t) - 11 - 12z_t - 24z_t^2 - 2z_w(-9z_b^2 + 3z_b(1 + 6z_t) + 5 + 15z_t - 9z_t^2) - z_w^2(6z_b^2 - 12z_bz_t + 11 - 6z_t + 6z_t^2) \right)$$

$$l_1^L = 2(-10z_b^3 - 2z_b^2(1 - 11z_t) + z_b(1 + 4z_t - 14z_t^2) + z_t - 2z_t^2 + 2z_t^3 - 2z_w(19z_b^2 + z_t^2 + 4z_b(1 - 3z_t)) + z_w^2(z_t - 7z_b))$$

$$l_2^L = 8(z_b - 2z_b^2 + 2z_b^3 + (1 + 4z_b - 8z_b^2)z_t - 2(1 - 5z_b)z_t^2 - 4z_t^3 + z_w(-2z_b^2 - 2(4 - 9z_b)z_t - 20z_t^2) + z_w^2(z_b - 7z_t))$$

$$l_1^T = 4z_w \left(1 + 14z_b^2 + 2z_b(1 - 8z_t) - 2z_t + 2z_t^2 + 2z_w(7z_b - z_t) + z_w^2 \right)$$

$$l_2^T = 16z_w \left(1 + 2z_b^2 - z_b(2 + 10z_t) + 2z_t + 8z_t^2 - 2z_w(z_b - 4z_t) + z_w^2 \right)$$

$$z_i = m_i^2/s, \quad \beta_t = \lambda(1, z_b, z_t)/(1 + z_t - z_b), \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_b = \lambda(1, z_b, z_t)/(1 + z_b - z_t)$$

Do we need to keep m_b ?

Resummation of $\log(m_b^2)$

- Initial state collinear singularity for $m_b = 0$
- In the case of massless b-quarks the singularity is absorbed in structure functions:

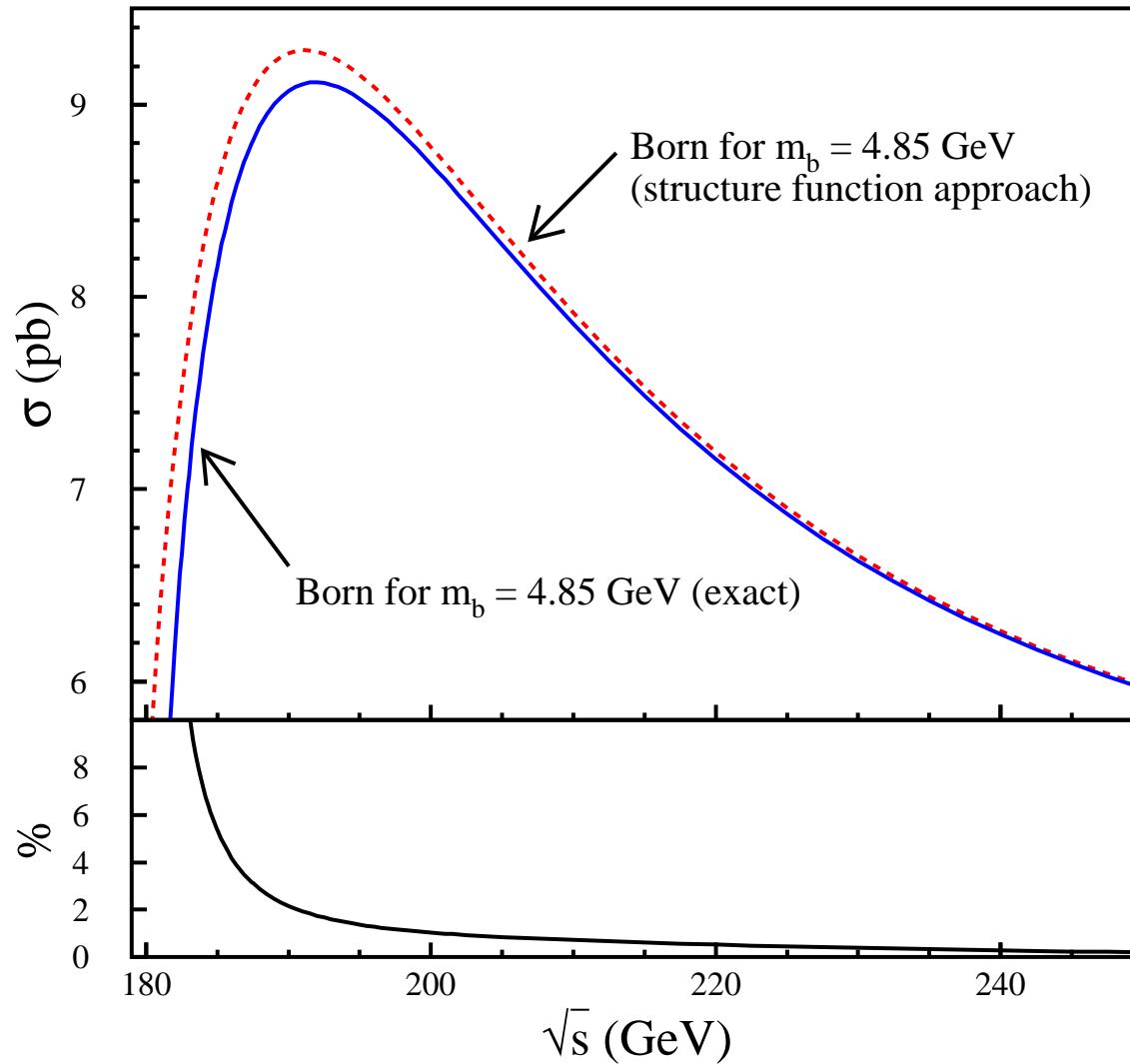
$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \int dx \Gamma_{\gamma/\gamma}(\mu_F, x) \times \hat{\sigma}(W^+(p_w)\gamma(xp_\gamma) \rightarrow t(p_t)\bar{b}(p_b)) \\ &+ \int dx \Gamma_{b/\gamma}(\mu_F, x) \times \hat{\sigma}(W^+(p_w)b(xp_\gamma) \rightarrow t(p_t))\end{aligned}$$

- $\hat{\sigma}$: μ_F dependent, $\overline{\text{MS}}$ subtracted cross section
- Matching calculation gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{\gamma/\gamma}(\mu_F, x) &= \delta(1-x) + O(\alpha), \\ \Gamma_{b/\gamma}(\mu_F, x) &= \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} Q_b^2 (x^2 + (1-x)^2) \ln\left(\frac{\mu_F^2}{m_b^2}\right) + O(\alpha^2).\end{aligned}$$

- Resummation of the leading logarithms to all orders through evolution equations à la **DGLAP**

Fixed order versus structure functions



⇒ Finite b-quark mass is important, affects the location of the threshold

QCD corrections

Calculation of the QCD-corrections consists of 2 parts:

1.) Calculation of the virtual corrections to the process:

$$W^+ \gamma \rightarrow t \bar{b}$$

2.) Calculation of the real corrections:

$$W^+ \gamma \rightarrow t \bar{b} g$$

Combination of 1.) + 2.) yields finite result

Virtual corrections

Technicalities:

- Dimensional regularisation of the UV-singularities as well as of the IR-singularities (t'Hooft, Veltman; Marciano)
- Passarino-Veltman reduction of the tensor integrals to scalar one loop integrals
- Solution of the scalar integrals through Feynman-parametrisation
- Replacement of the scalar box integrals in $d = 4 - 2\varepsilon$ dimensions through:

$$D_0^{d=4-2\varepsilon} = \underbrace{a D_0^{d+2}}_{\text{IR finite}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^4 b_i C_0^{i,d}}_{\text{IR divergent}}$$

⇒ algebraic complexity is reduced.

- IR- singularities in three-point integrals (C_0)
- UV- singularities in one-,two-point integrals (A_0, B_0)

Analytic result

As usual:

$$\text{Result} = \sum_i \text{Coefficient}_i \times \text{Scalar-integral}_i$$

Divergent parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta|\mathcal{M}_{1,d}|^2 \Big|_{\text{UV-div.}} &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \Gamma(1 + \epsilon) C_F \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_t m_b} \right)^\epsilon \frac{1}{\epsilon} |\mathcal{M}_0|^2 \\ &- 3 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \Gamma(1 + \epsilon) C_F \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_t m_b} \right)^\epsilon \frac{1}{\epsilon} F(z_w, z_b, z_t) \\ \delta|\mathcal{M}_{1,d}|^2 \Big|_{\text{IR-div.}} &= \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_F (z_b + z_t - 1) (2\pi\mu)^{2\epsilon} \text{Re} C_0(1, 2, 3) \, s \sum_{\text{Pol.}} |\mathcal{M}_{0,d}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

the finite parts are a little bit lengthier. . .

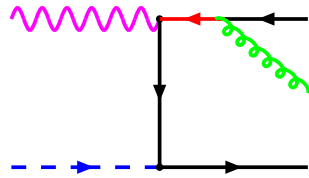
Finite part:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\text{Spins}} M_{fi}^{1\text{-loop}} M_{fi}^{*\text{Born,d}} \Big|_{\text{finite}} &= \frac{e^4 g_s^2}{2 \sin^2 \theta_w} |V_{tb}|^2 \left[-8/9 D_0^6 (2t_{bg} - t_{tg}) (-3m_b^4 m_t^2 t_{bg}^2 + 3t_{bg}^2 m_b^6 - 2m_b^4 t_{bg}^3 + 12t_{bg}^3 m_w^4 + 3m_t^6 t_{bg}^2 - 4t_t m_b^6 t_{bg}^2 - 2m_t^4 t_{bg}^3 + m_b^2 t_{bg}^3 t_{bg} + m_t^2 t_{bg}^3 t_{bg} - 2m_b^8 t_{bg} + 4m_w^8 t_{bg} + 12m_w^6 t_{bg}^2 + 4t_{bg}^4 m_w^2 + m_t^2 t_{bg}^4 + m_b^2 t_{bg}^4 - 7m_t^2 t_{bg}^3 m_w^2 + 4m_b^4 m_t^4 t_{bg} + 3m_w^2 - 5m_t^4 t_{bg} t_{bg}^2 + 2m_b^6 t_{bg} m_w^2 + 12m_b^4 t_{bg} m_w^4 - 10m_b^2 m_w^6 t_{bg} + 4m_b^4 t_{bg}^2 m_w^2 + 16t_{bg} t_{bg}^2 m_w^4 - 10m_t^2 t_{bg} m_w^6 - 4m_b^2 m_t^6 t_{bg} + 2m_t^6 t_{bg} m_w^2 + m_t^4 t_{bg} + 4m_b^2 t_{bg}^2 m_t^4 - 3m_t^4 t_{bg} t_{bg} + 6t_{bg}^2 t_{bg} m_w^4 + 4m_b^6 t_{bg} m_t^2 - 18m_t^2 t_{bg}^2 m_w^4 + 8t_{bg} t_{bg} m_b^6 + 6m_t^4 t_{bg} m_w^4 - 8m_b^2 t_{bg}^2 m_w^4 + 3m_t^4 t_{bg}^2 m_w^2 - t_{bg}^2 t_{bg} + 8t_{bg} t_{bg} m_w^6 - 7m_b^2 t_{bg}^3 m_w^2 + 3m_b^2 t_{bg}^2 t_{bg}^2 + 4t_{bg} t_{bg} m_t^6 - 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\end{aligned}$$

$$t_{ij} = 2(p_i \cdot p_j)$$

Real corrections

- IR-singularities from phase space integration through soft gluon



Denominator of the propagator:

$$-2E_g E_b (1 - \beta \cos \theta_{bg})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Vanishes for } E_g = 0$$

- Factorisation in the limit $p_g \rightarrow 0$:

$$\mathcal{M}_0(p_\gamma, p_w, p_t, p_b, p_g) \xrightarrow{p_g^{\text{soft}}} \mathcal{S}(p_t, p_g, p_b) \times \mathcal{M}_0(p_\gamma, p_w, p_t, p_b)$$

with the eikonal factor

$$\mathcal{S}(p_i, p_s, p_j) = \frac{2(p_i \cdot p_j)}{(p_i \cdot p_s)(p_j \cdot p_s)} - \frac{(p_i \cdot p_i)}{(p_i \cdot p_s)^2} - \frac{(p_j \cdot p_j)}{(p_j \cdot p_s)^2}$$

\Rightarrow Consistency check of the amplitudes

- Extraction of the singularities:
 - 1.) Decomposition of the phase space
 - 2.) Dipole subtraction method for massive quarks

Phaf, Weinzierl '01,
Catani et al. '02

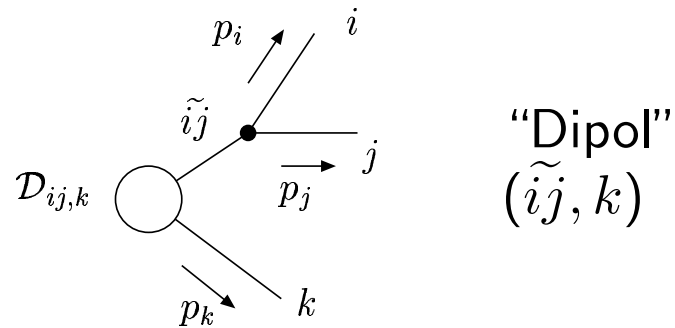
Dipol subtraction method

Basic idea:

$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \int_{m+1} \left[(d\sigma^{\text{R}})_{\epsilon=0} - (d\sigma^{\text{sub}})_{\epsilon=0} \right] + \int_m \left[d\sigma^{\text{V}} + \int_1 d\bar{\sigma}^{\text{sub}} \right]_{\epsilon=0}$$

- Construction of $d\sigma^{\text{sub}}$

Catani et al. '02



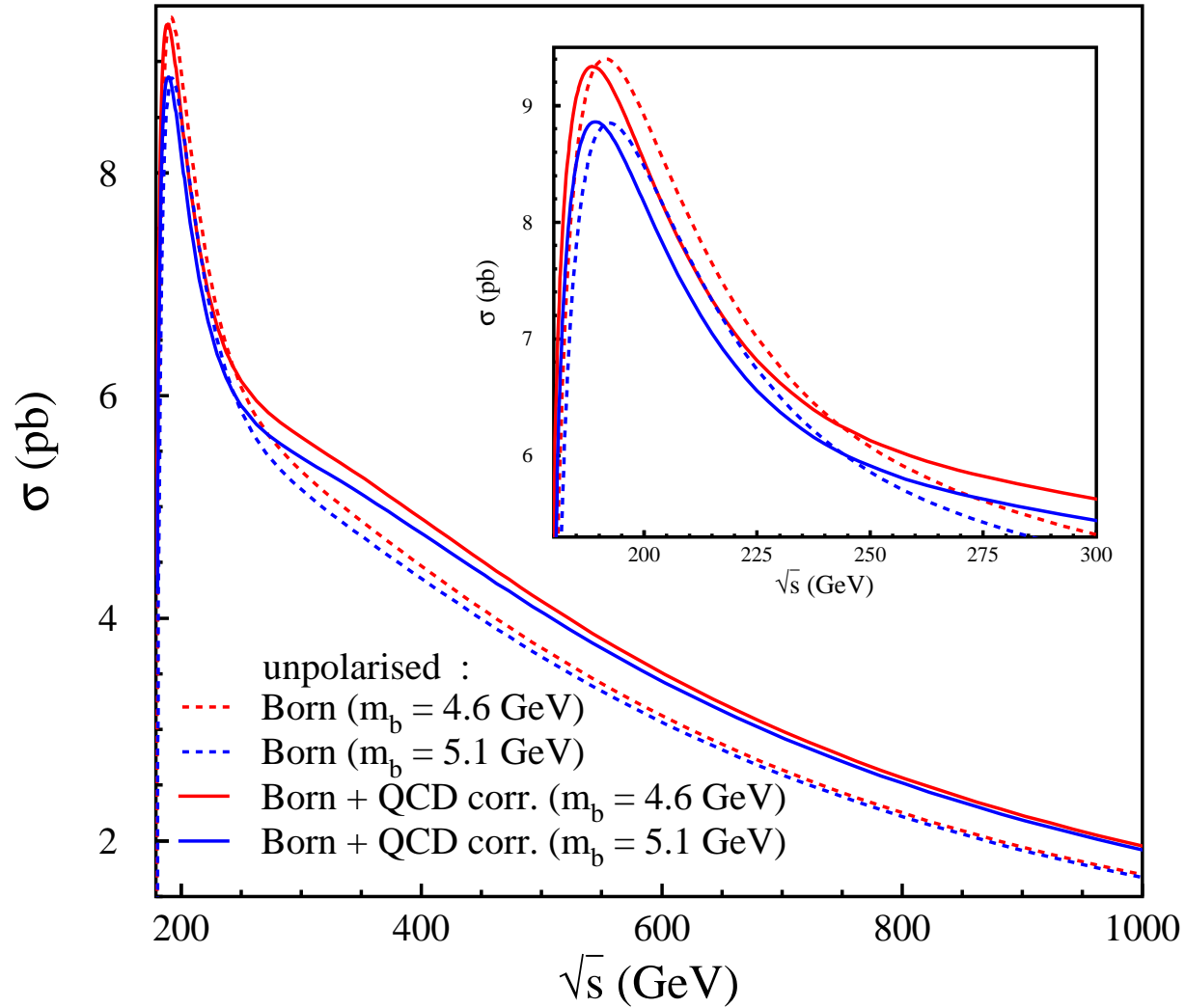
$$\int_{m+1} d\sigma^{\text{sub}} = \sum_{\text{dipoles}} \int_{m+1} d\sigma^{\text{LO}} \otimes D_{ij,k}$$

- Construction of $d\bar{\sigma}^{\text{sub}}$: $\int_1 d\bar{\sigma}^{\text{sub}} = \sigma^{\text{B}} \otimes I$

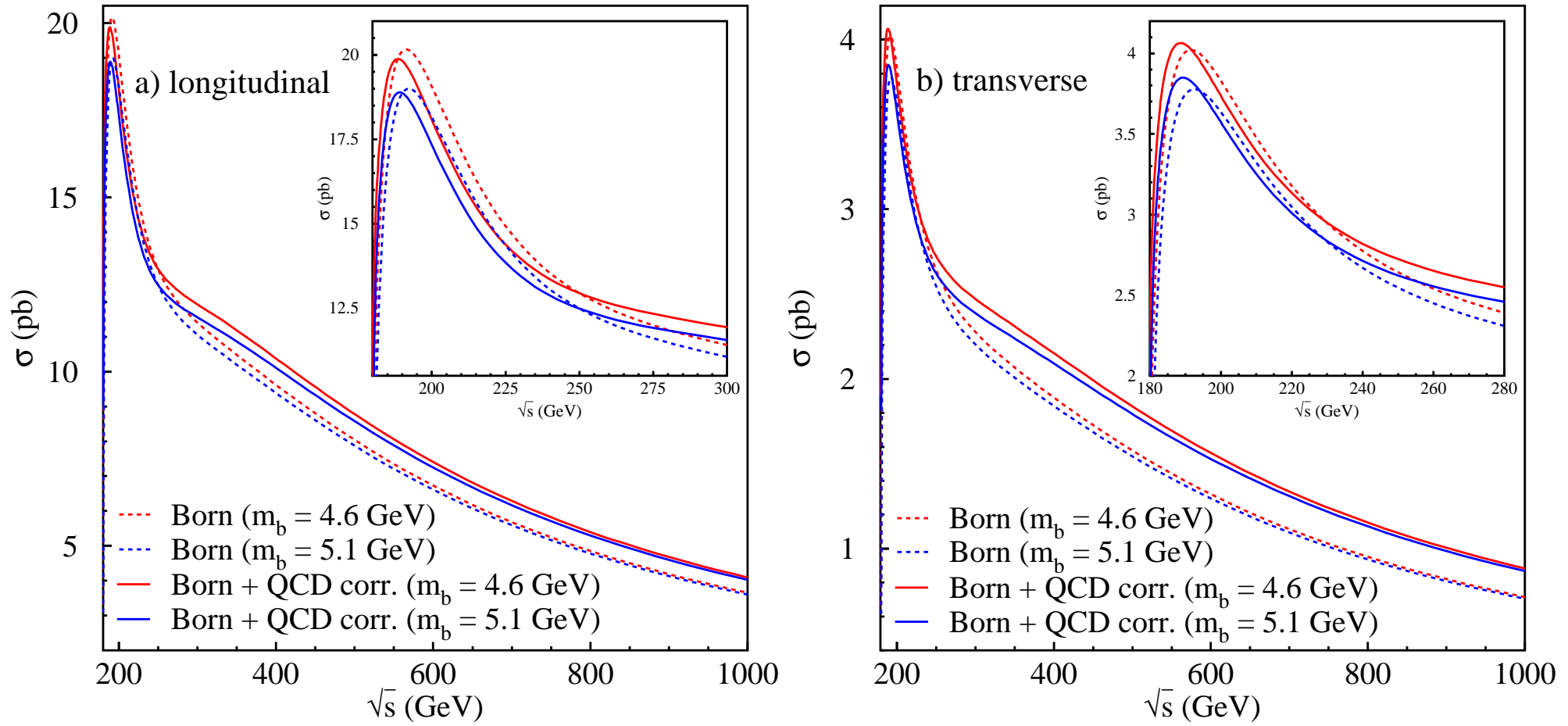
Checks

- Check of the analytical results of the infrared finite scalar integrals with FF [Oldenborgh](#)
- D_0 -Box checked with the analytic result of [Beenakker, Denner](#)
- Coefficients of the scalar one- and two-point integrals checked by [UV](#) renormalisation
- Check of the [IR](#) divergent integrals and their coefficients through the cancellation with those from [Catani et al.](#)
- Factorisation in d dimensions checks the treatment of the γ -matrices in d dimensions
- High degree of automatisation

Results: Total cross section

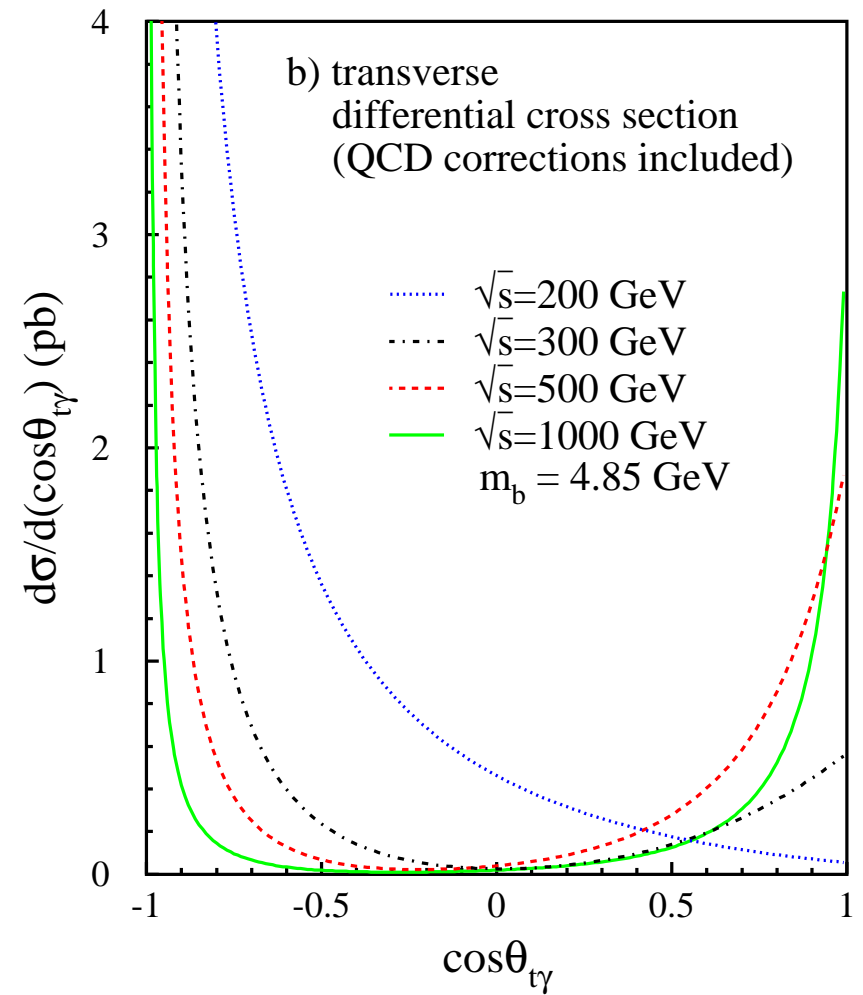
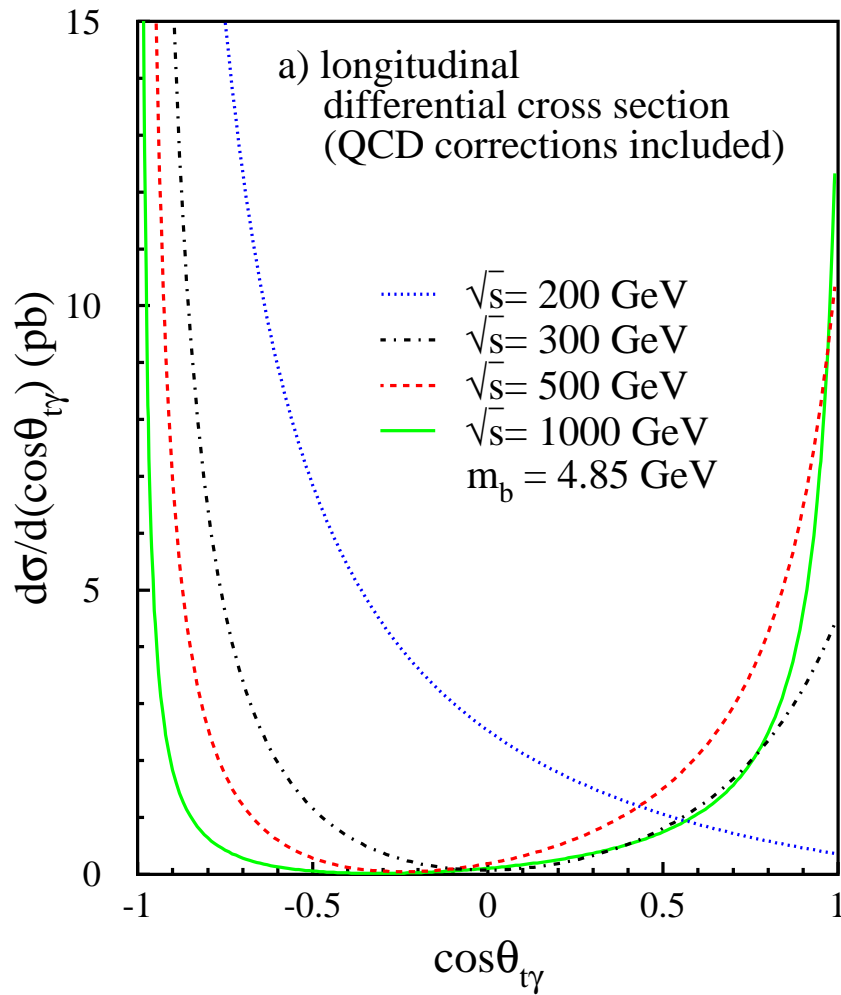


Results



Cross section for longitudinally and transversely polarized W -bosons

Differential cross section



⇒ initial state singularity

Dipole subtraction method allows the calculation of the QCD corrections for arbitrary observables!

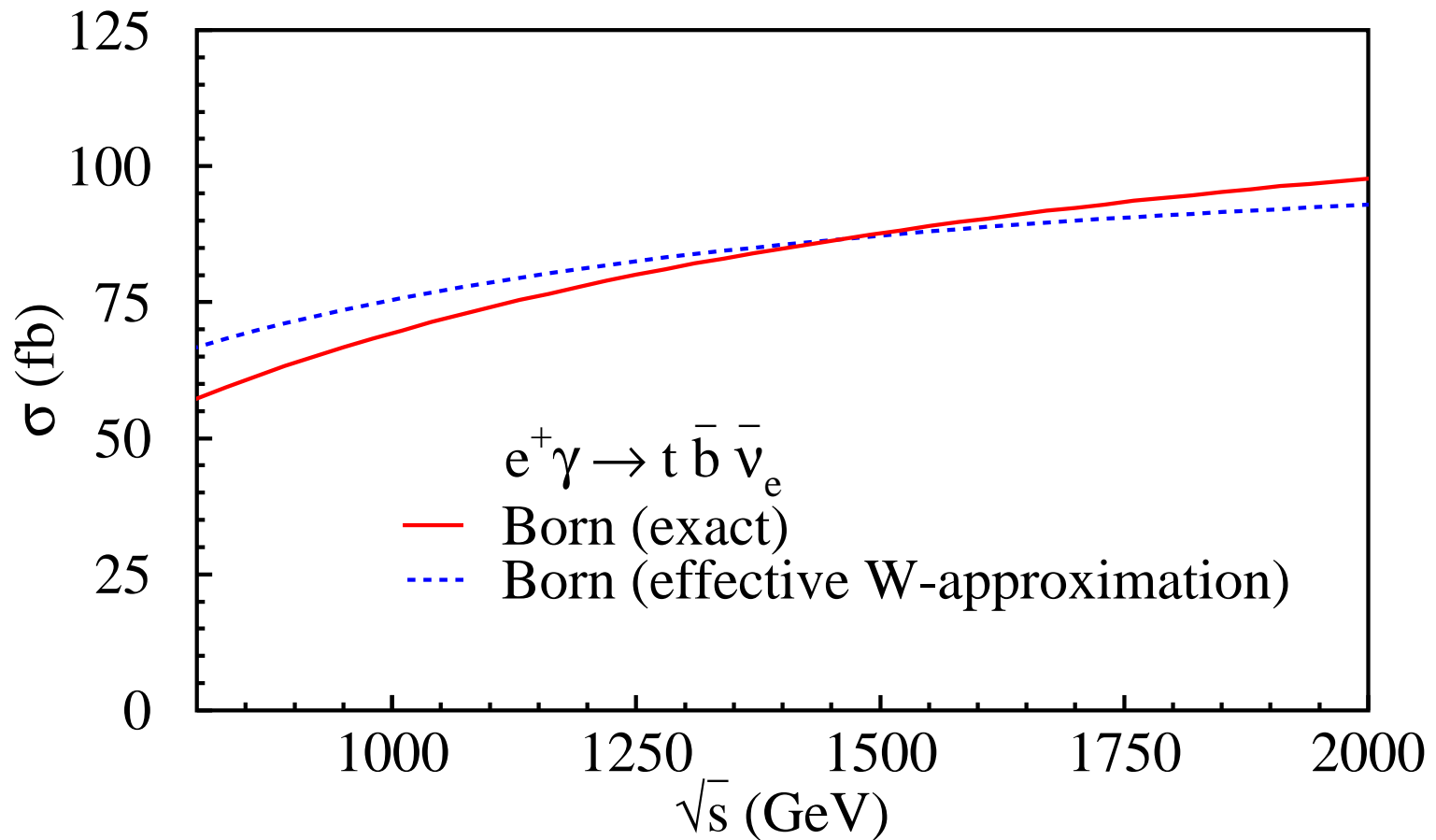
QCD Logarithms

- QCD corrections generate $\alpha_s \times \log(m_b)$ term
- In principle they need to be resummed
⇒ Same framework like the LO-Resummation

Ingredients:

- Mixed evolution
- QCD corrections to structure functions
- These Logarithms are not expected to be large!

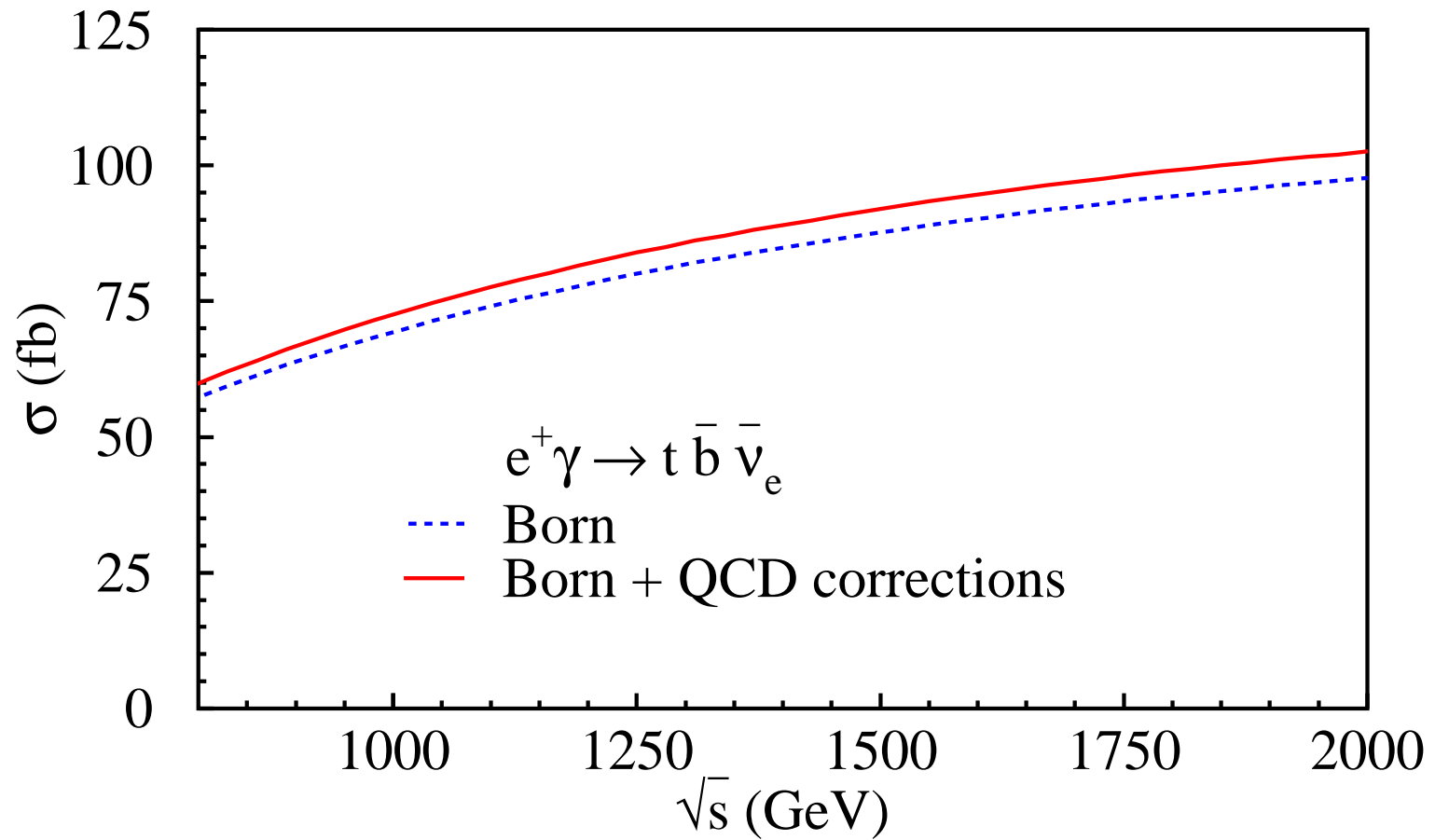
Implementation of the distribution functions



\Rightarrow Quality 10% for $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV

- use exact result in LO!
- use W -approximation **only** for the **QCD** corrections!

QCD corrections for $e^+\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{b}\bar{\nu}$



Conclusions

- Dependence of the b-quark mass of the process $W^+\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{b}$ has been studied
→ b-quark mass effects important in threshold region
- **QCD** corrections of the process $W^+\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{b}$ have been calculated
→ corrections of the order of 10-20%
- **QCD**-NLO prediction for $e^+\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{b}\bar{\nu}_e$ in the effective W-approximation has been made
→ **QCD** corrections are of the order 5%
→ important for precise measurements of $|V_{tb}|$