



RENORMALON EFFECTS IN TOP-MASS SENSITIVE OBSERVABLES

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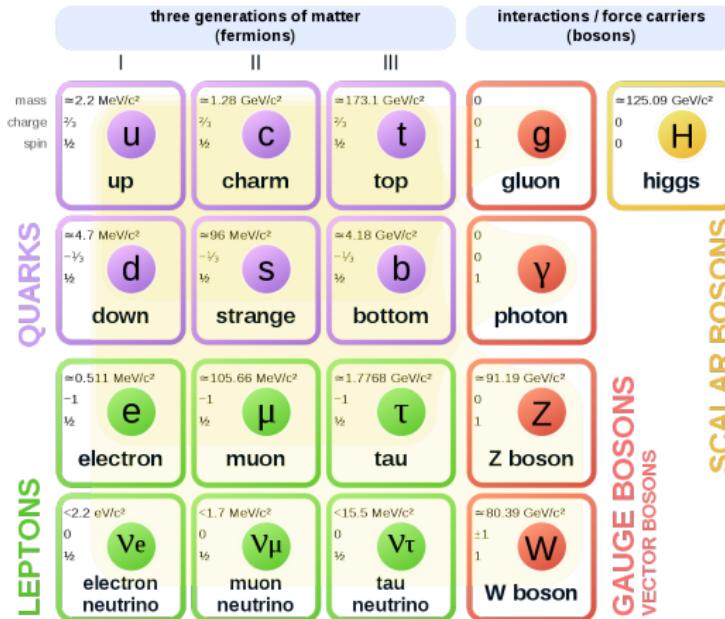
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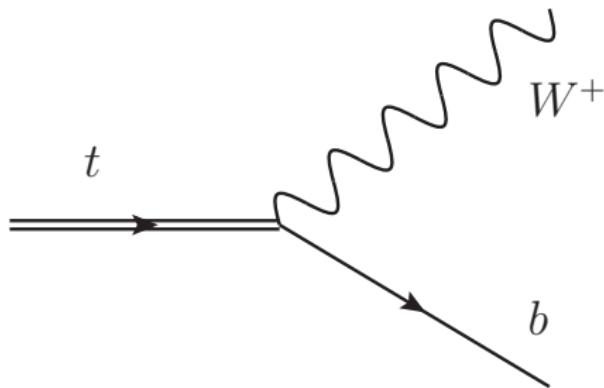
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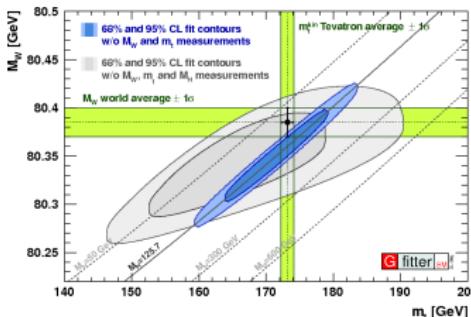
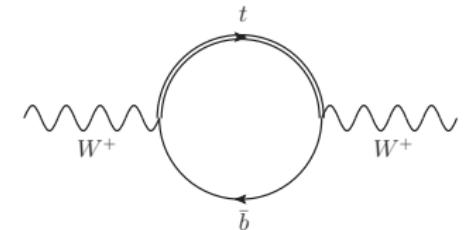
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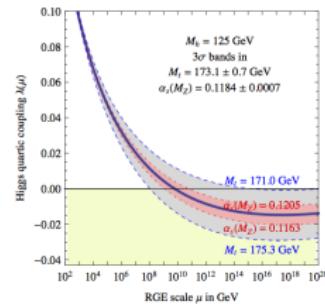
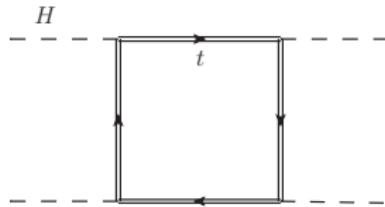


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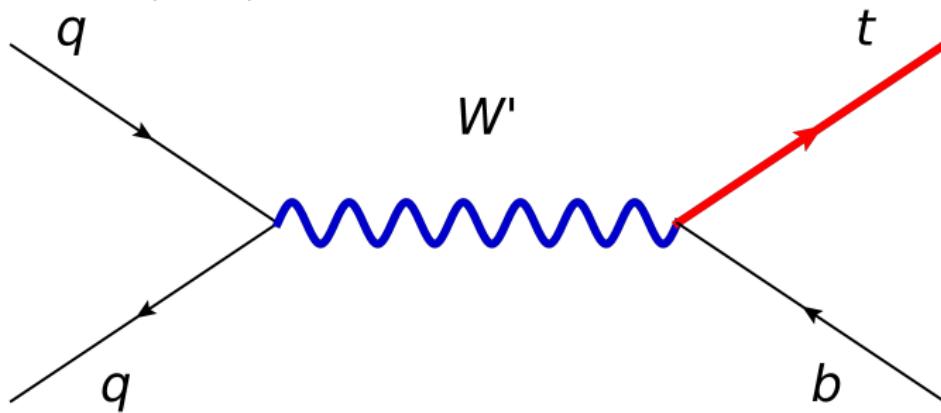
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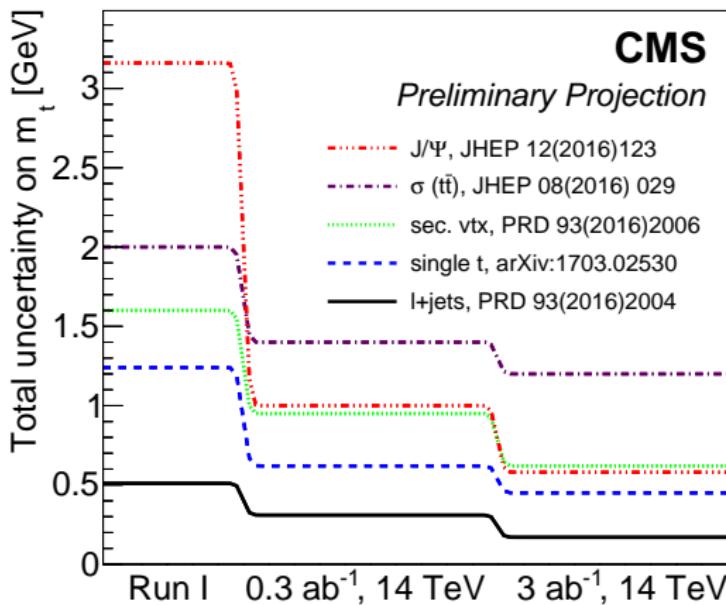
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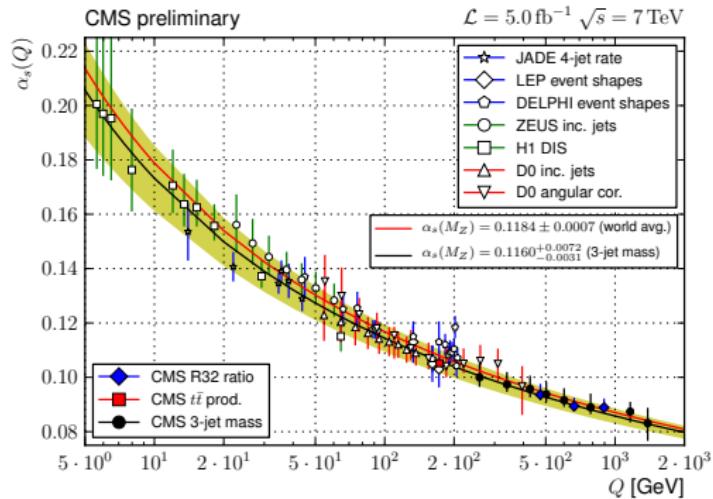
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The pole mass has infrared **renormalons!!!**

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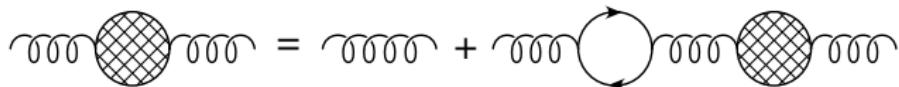
⇒ Minimum for $n_{\min} \approx \frac{p}{2b_0\alpha_s(Q)}$

⇒ Size $Q^p \times \alpha_s(Q) \sqrt{2\pi n_{\min}} e^{-n_{\min}} \approx \boxed{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^p}$

We are interested in $p = 1$, i.e. in linear renormalons

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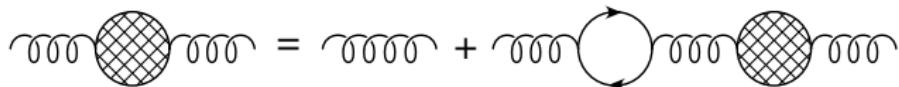


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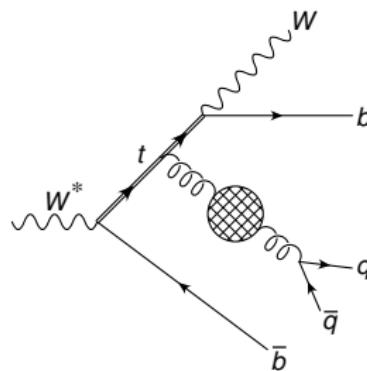
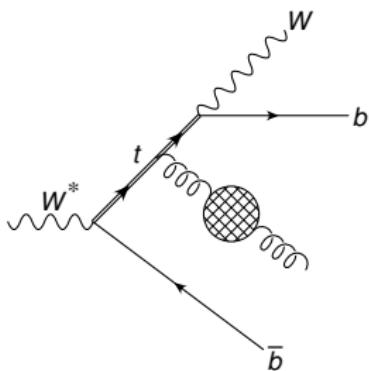
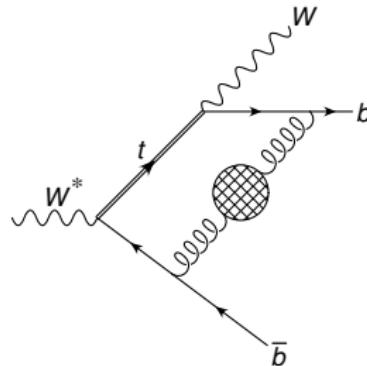
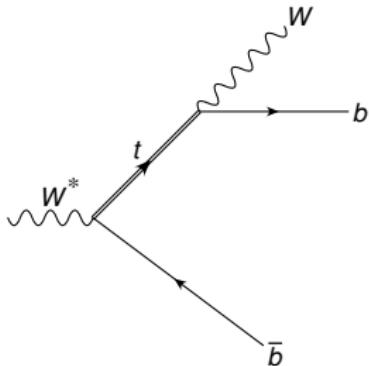
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Single-top production

$W^* \rightarrow t\bar{b} \rightarrow W b\bar{b}$ at all orders using the (complex) pole scheme



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λ = gluon mass

- $\textcolor{red}{T}(0) = \sigma_{\text{NLO}}$
- $\textcolor{red}{T}(\lambda) = \boxed{\sigma_{\text{NLO}}(\lambda)} + \frac{3\lambda^2}{2T_R \alpha_s} \int d\Phi_{g^*} d\Phi_{\text{dec}} \frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(2)}(\lambda, \Phi)}{d\Phi} [\Theta(\Phi) - \underbrace{\Theta(\Phi_{g^*})}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow g^*}]$
- $\textcolor{red}{T}(\lambda) \xrightarrow{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
- $\alpha_s(\lambda e^{-\textcolor{green}{C}/2}) \approx \alpha_s(\lambda) \left[1 + \frac{K_g}{2\pi} \alpha_s(\lambda) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3) = \alpha_s^{\text{MC}}(\lambda)$

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So, if

$$\frac{dT(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} = A \neq 0$$

the low- λ contribution takes the form

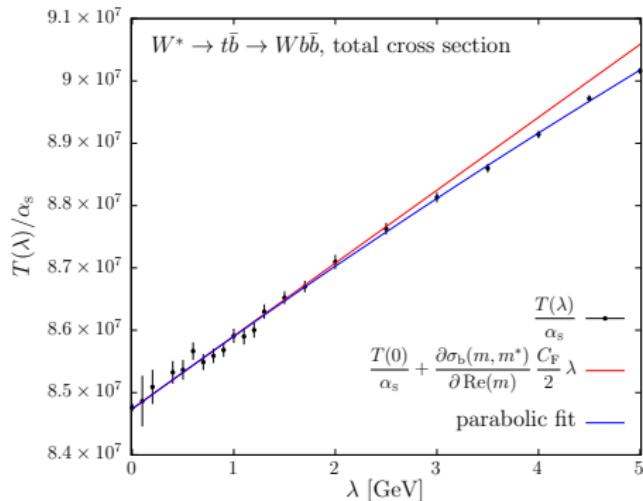
$$\langle O \rangle \sim -A \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^m d\lambda \left[-2b_0 \alpha_s(m) \log \left(\frac{\lambda^2}{m^2} \right) \right]^n = -Am \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2b_0 \alpha_s(m))^n n!$$

Linear λ term \leftrightarrow Linear renormalons

Total cross section

$\sigma^{\text{tot}}(\bar{m}(\mu))$ is renormalon free:

$$\underbrace{\frac{T(\lambda)}{\alpha_s}}_{\text{pole}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{T(\lambda)}{\alpha_s} - \frac{\partial \sigma_b}{\partial \text{Re}(m)} \frac{C_F}{2} \lambda}_{\overline{\text{MS}}}$$

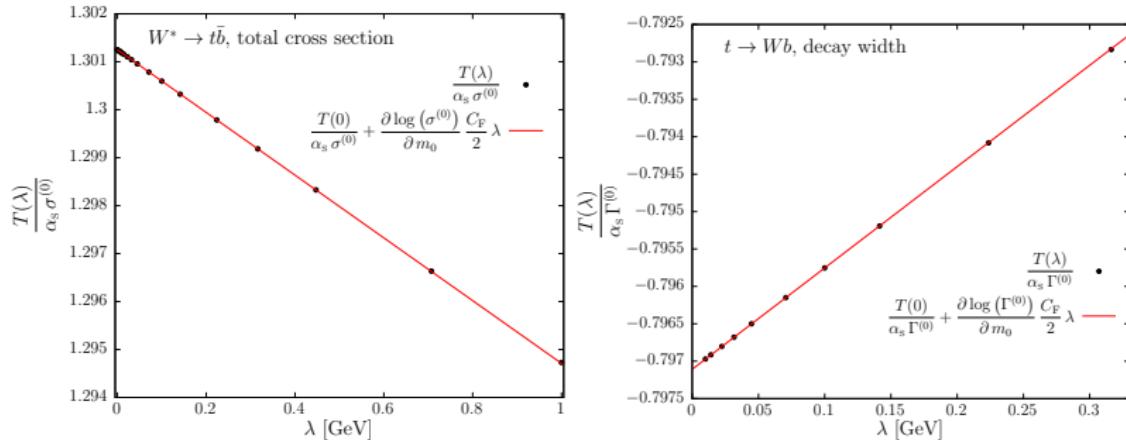


⇒ If a complex mass is used, the top can never be on-shell and the only term that can develop a linear λ sensitivity is the mass counterterm.

Total cross section in NWA

For $\Gamma_t \rightarrow 0$ the cross section factorizes

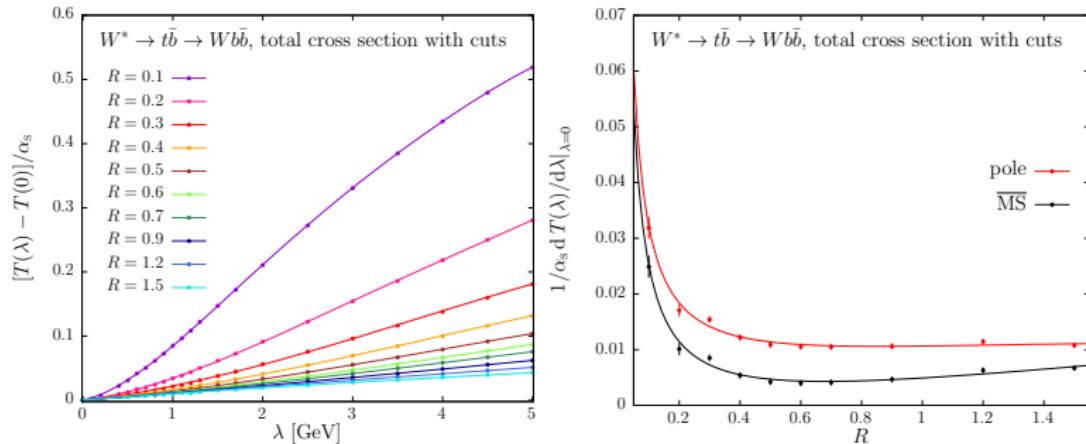
$$\sigma(W^* \rightarrow W b \bar{b}) = \sigma(W^* \rightarrow t \bar{b}) \times \frac{\Gamma(t \rightarrow W b)}{\Gamma_t}$$



Since both terms are free from linear renormalons, also $\sigma(W^* \rightarrow W b \bar{b})$ is free from linear renormalons.

Total cross section with cuts

Cuts: a b jet and a separate \bar{b} jet with $k_{\perp} > 25$ GeV (anti- k_{\perp} jets).



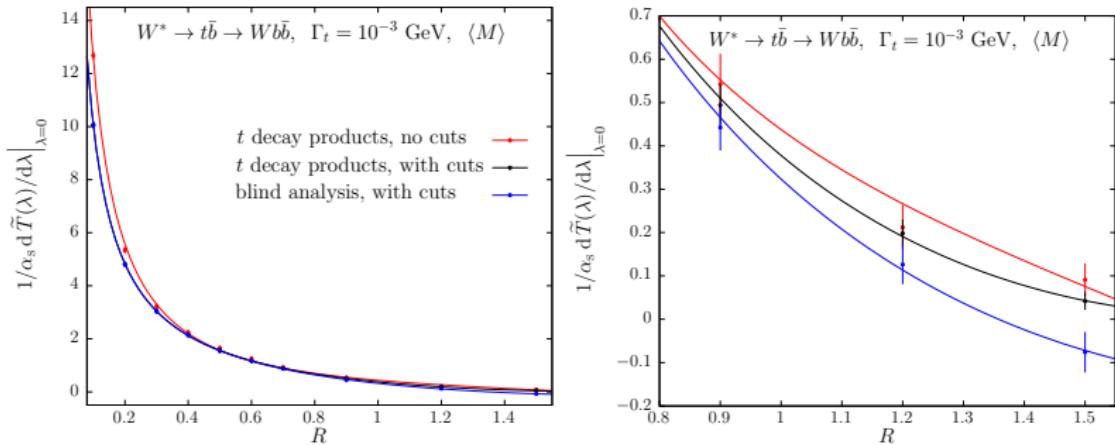
Small R : $\frac{dT(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} \propto \frac{1}{R} \Rightarrow$ jet renormalon;

Large R : small slope for $\overline{\text{MS}}$.

$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t})$, calculated using a short-distance mass, is free from linear renormalons (in absence of cuts). For this kind of measurements, a statistical uncertainty of 20 MeV is predicted in 1611.03399 , by F. Simon.

Reconstructed-top mass in NWA

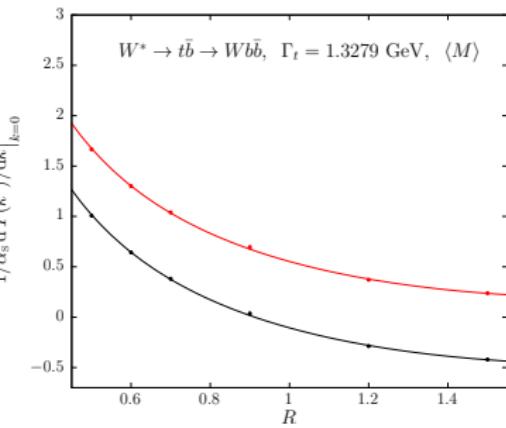
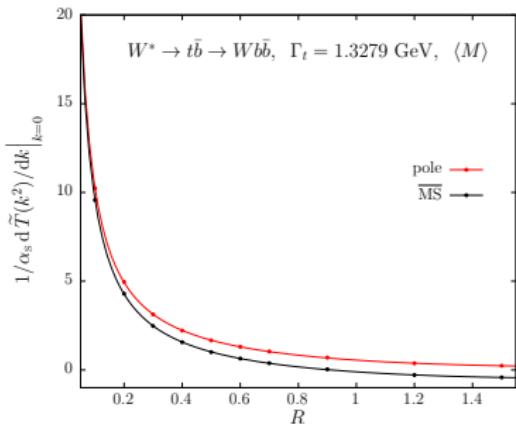
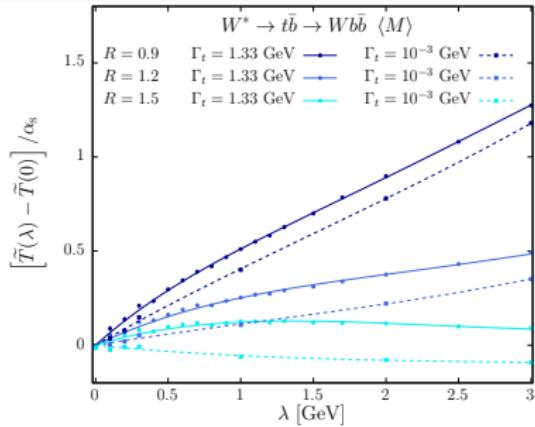
$$O = M = \sqrt{(p_W + p_{b_j})^2}$$



- For $\Gamma_t \rightarrow 0$, we can define the “top-decay products”
 - For large R , $\langle M \rangle \approx m_{\text{pole}}$ and $T'(0) = 0$: no linear renormalon
 - If we move to $\overline{\text{MS}}$ we add $-\frac{C_F}{2} \frac{\partial \langle M \rangle}{\text{Re}(m)} \approx -0.67$: physical linear renormalon

Reconstructed-top mass

For the blind analysis, restoring $\Gamma_t = 1.3279$ GeV only slightly changes this picture



Reconstructed-top mass: some numbers

$$M = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i \alpha_s^i$$

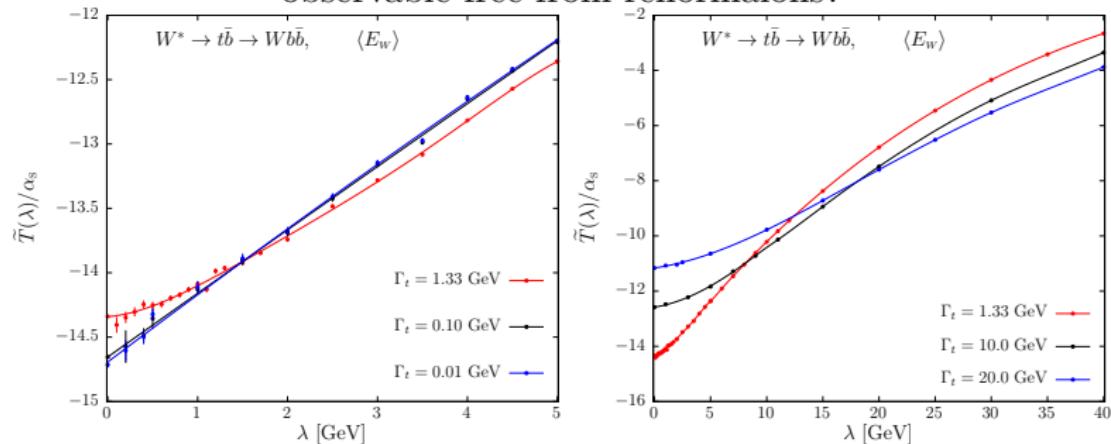
$c_i \alpha_s^i$ [MeV]			
i	$\text{Re}(m_{\text{pole}} - \overline{m}(\mu))$	$\langle M \rangle_{\text{pole}}, R = 1.5$	$\langle M \rangle_{\overline{\text{MS}}}, R = 1.5$
5	+89	-10(1)	+79(1)
6	+60	-11(1)	+49(1)
7	+47	-11(1)	+35(1)
8	+44	-12(1)	+31(1)
9	+46	-15(1)	+31(1)
10	+55	-19(1)	+36(1)

More accurate estimates of $m_{\text{pole}} - \overline{m}(\mu)$ (e.g. inclusion of b and c mass effects) can be found in

- [Beneke, Marquard, Nason, Steinhauser, arXiv:1605.03609]: $\Delta m = 110$ MeV
- [Hoang, Lepenik, Preisser, arXiv:1802.04334]: $\Delta m = 250$ MeV

Energy of the W boson, pole scheme (lab frame)

E_W = simplified **leptonic observable**. In absence of cuts, is this observable free from renormalons?



When the **pole scheme** is used we always have renormalons

- Vanishing Γ_t (left): slope ≈ 0.5 near 0;
- Large Γ_t (right): slope ≈ 0.06 near 0;

Energy of the W boson, $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme (lab frame)

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Γ_t	slope (pole)	$\frac{\partial \langle E_W \rangle_b}{\partial \text{Re}(m)}$	$-\frac{C_F}{2} \frac{\partial \langle E_W \rangle_b}{\partial \text{Re}(m)}$	slope ($\overline{\text{MS}}$)
NWA	0.53 (2)	0.10 (3)	-0.066 (4)	0.46 (2)
10 GeV	0.058 (8)	0.0936 (4)	-0.0624 (3)	0.004 (8)
20 GeV	0.061 (2)	0.0901 (2)	-0.0601 (1)	0.001 (2)

Yes, if a **finite width** is used, but ...

Energy of the W boson (lab frame)

But $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n)$ corrections are dominated by scales of the order $\mu = m_t e^{1-n}$:
 we can see the presence of Γ_t only for $n \geq 1 + \log(m_t/\Gamma_t) \approx 6$

	$\langle E_W \rangle$ [GeV]		$\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme	
	pole scheme		$\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme	
i	c_i	$c_i \alpha_S^i$	c_i	$c_i \alpha_S^i$
0	121.5818	121.5818	120.8654	120.8654
1	$-1.435(0) \times 10^1$	$-1.552(0) \times 10^0$	$-7.192(0) \times 10^0$	$-7.779(0) \times 10^{-1}$
2	$-4.97(4) \times 10^1$	$-5.82(4) \times 10^{-1}$	$-3.88(4) \times 10^1$	$-4.54(4) \times 10^{-1}$
3	$-1.79(5) \times 10^2$	$-2.26(6) \times 10^{-1}$	$-1.45(5) \times 10^2$	$-1.84(6) \times 10^{-1}$
4	$-6.9(4) \times 10^2$	$-9.4(6) \times 10^{-2}$	$-5.7(4) \times 10^2$	$-7.8(6) \times 10^{-2}$
5	$-2.9(3) \times 10^3$	$-4.4(5) \times 10^{-2}$	$-2.4(3) \times 10^3$	$-3.5(5) \times 10^{-2}$
6	$-1.4(3) \times 10^4$	$-2.2(4) \times 10^{-2}$	$-1.0(3) \times 10^4$	$-1.7(4) \times 10^{-2}$
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12	$-4(3) \times 10^9$	$-9(9) \times 10^{-3}$	$0(3) \times 10^8$	$1(9) \times 10^{-3}$

Warning!

Despite the fact the energy of the W boson is not affected by linear renormalons, an accurate determination of the top mass is limited by the reduced **sensitivity on the top-mass** value:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\text{Re} \left[\frac{\partial \langle E_W \rangle_{\text{LO}}}{\partial m} \right] &= 0.1 \\ 2\text{Re} \left[\frac{\partial \langle M \rangle_{\text{LO}}}{\partial m} \right] &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

for $E = 300$ GeV, $m_W = 80.4$ GeV, $m_t = 172.5$ GeV ($\beta = 0.5$).

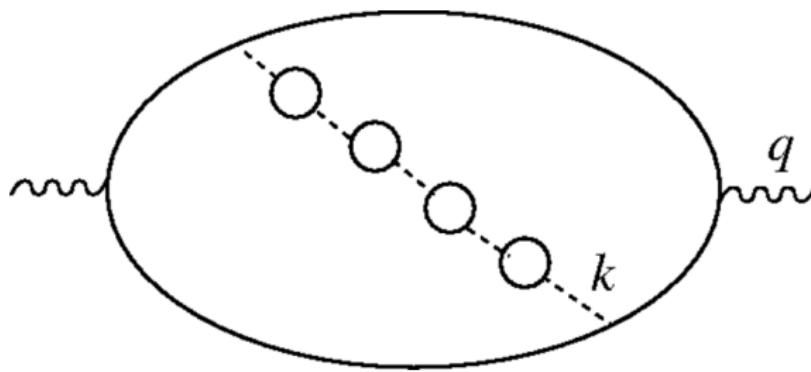
At the threshold, (think about e^+e^- future colliders)

$$\langle E_W \rangle_{\text{LO}} \approx \frac{m_t^2 + m_W^2}{2m_t} \rightarrow 2\text{Re} \left[\frac{\partial \langle E_W \rangle_{\text{LO}}}{\partial m} \right] \approx 0.4.$$

Furthermore, the top will be produced in its rest frame, so E_W is renormalon free in NWA ...

Conclusions

- We devised a simple method that enables us to investigate the presence of linear infrared renormalons in **any infrared safe observable**.
- The **inclusive cross section** and \mathbf{E}_W are free from physical renormalons if $\Gamma_t > 0$ (for σ also in NWA).
- Once jets requirements are introduced, the **jet renormalon** leads to an unavoidable ambiguity.
- For large R , $\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \approx \mathbf{m}_{\text{pole}}$. This observable has a **physical renormalon**.



THANK YOU FOR THE ATTENTION!

IR-safe observables

Average value of an observable O (e.g. reconstructed-top mass, W -boson energy, ...)

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{\sigma} \int d\Phi \frac{d\sigma(\Phi)}{d\Phi} O(\Phi)$$

$$= \langle O \rangle_{\text{LO}} - \frac{1}{\pi b_0} \int_0^\infty d\lambda \frac{d}{d\lambda} \left[\frac{\tilde{T}(\lambda)}{\alpha_s(\mu)} \right] \arctan \left[\pi b_0 \alpha_s (\lambda e^{-C/2}) \right]$$

- $\tilde{T}(0) = \langle O \rangle_{\text{NLO}}$
- $\tilde{T}(\lambda) = \boxed{\langle O(\lambda) \rangle_{\text{NLO}}} + \frac{3\lambda^2}{2n_f T_R \alpha_s} \int d\Phi_{g^*} d\Phi_{\text{dec}} \frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(2)}(\lambda, \Phi)}{d\Phi} [\overline{O}(\Phi) - \underbrace{\overline{O}(\Phi_{g^*})}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow g^*}]$

with $\lambda = \text{gluon mass}$, $\overline{O}(\Phi) = [O(\Phi) - O_{\text{LO}}] \Theta(\Phi)/\sigma_{\text{LO}}$

- $\tilde{T}(\lambda) \xrightarrow{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

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- Small λ contribution (independent from C):

$$\frac{C_F}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^m d\lambda \left[-2b_0 \alpha_s(m) \log \left(\frac{\lambda^2}{m^2} \right) \right]^n = \frac{C_F}{2} m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2b_0 \alpha_s(m))^n n!$$

The resummed series has an ambiguity proportional to Λ_{QCD} :

Linear k term \leftrightarrow Linear renormalons

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- In the pure n_f limit: arXiv:hep-ph/9502300, Ball et al

$$b_0 = -\frac{n_f T_R}{3\pi}, C = \frac{5}{3}, \quad \frac{m - \overline{m}(\overline{m})}{m} = \frac{4}{3} \alpha_s(\overline{m}) \left[1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} d_i (b_0 \alpha_s(\overline{m}))^i \right]$$

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
d_i	5×10^0	2×10^1	1×10^2	9×10^2	9×10^3	1×10^5	1×10^6	2×10^7

- “Realistic” large b_0 approximation:

$$\alpha_s(\lambda e^{-C/2}) = \frac{\alpha_s(\lambda)}{1 - b_0 C \alpha_s(\lambda)} \approx \underbrace{\alpha_s(\lambda) [1 + b_0 C \alpha_s(\lambda)]}_{b_0 C = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\left(\frac{67}{18} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) C_A - \frac{10}{9} n_l T_R \right]} = \alpha_s^{\text{CMW}}(\lambda)$$

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3	$1.968 \times 10^{+0}$	8.019×10^{-3}	4.297×10^{-1}	$+9.665 \times 10^{-5}$
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More accurate estimates of $m_{\text{pole}} - \overline{m}(\mu)$ (e.g. inclusion of b and c mass effects) can be found in

- [Beneke, Marquad, Nason, Steinhauser, arXiv:1605.03609]: $\Delta m = 110 \text{ MeV}$
- [Hoang, Lepenik, Preisser, arXiv:1802.04334]: $\Delta m = 250 \text{ MeV}$

NB: Actual systematic uncertainty is **500 MeV!**