

# Soft gluon resummation for the production of four top quarks at the LHC

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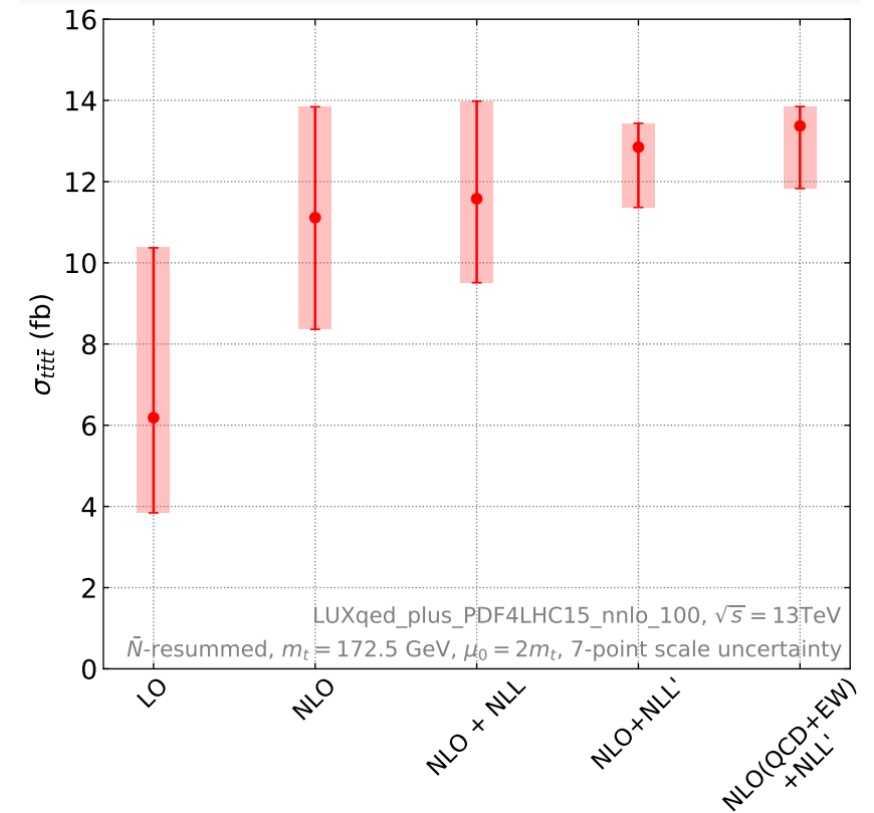
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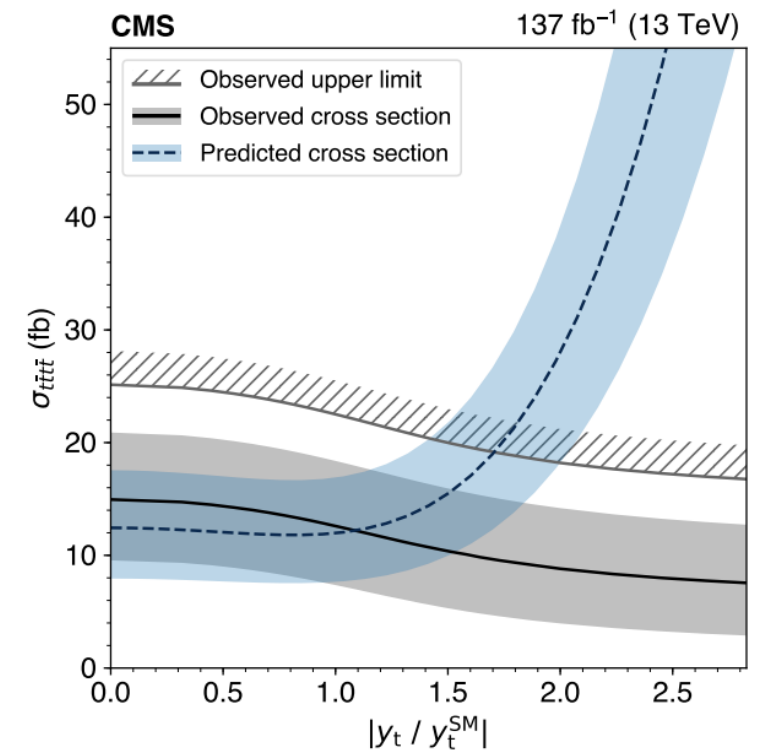
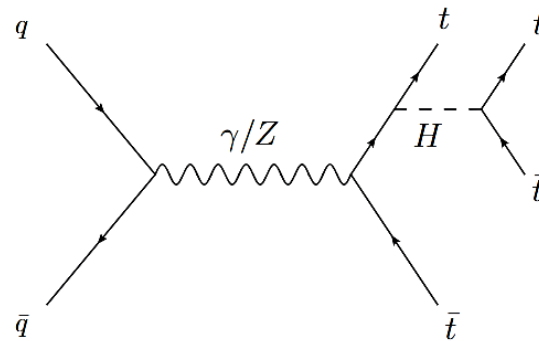
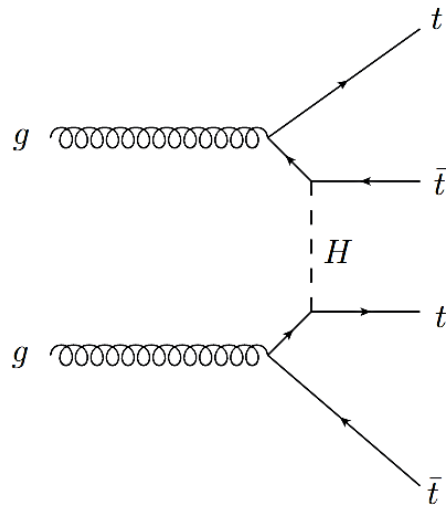
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[Eur. Phys. J. C (2020) 80, 75]

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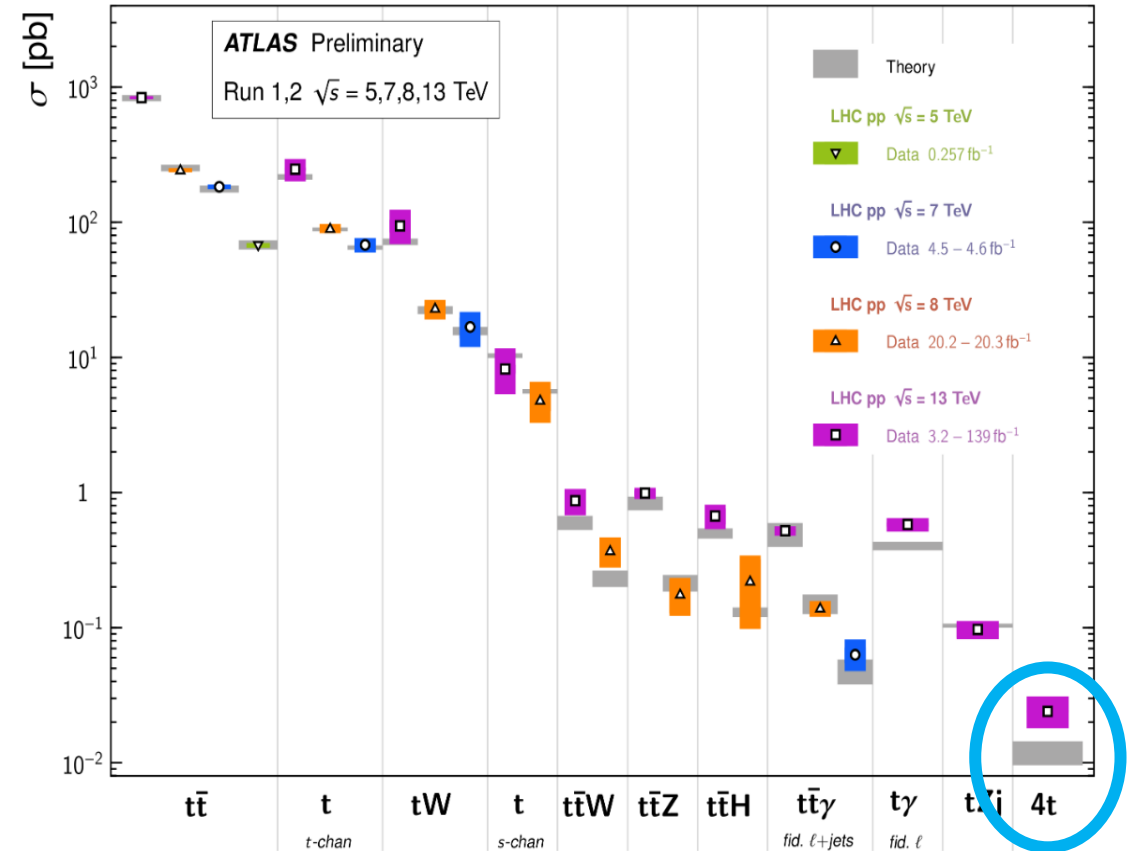
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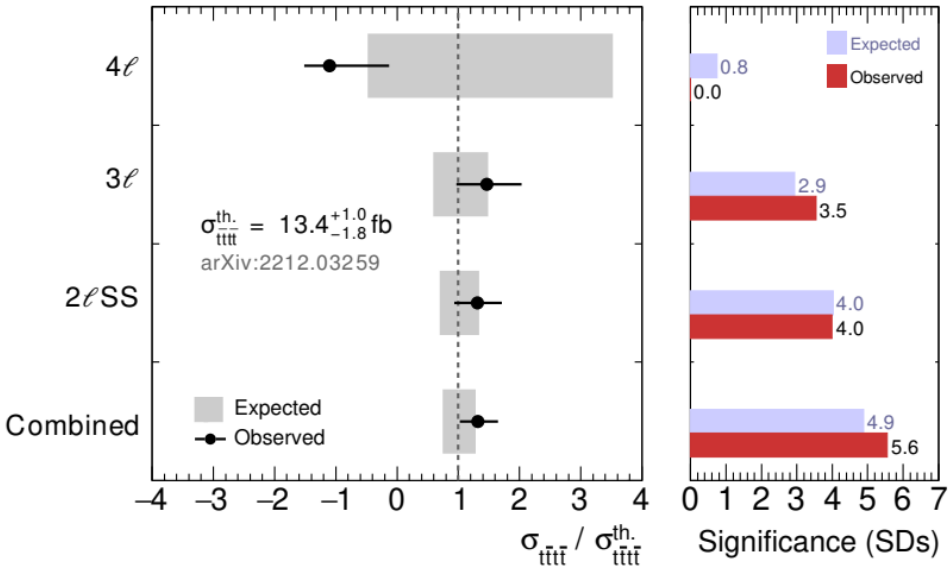
Top Quark Production Cross Section Measurements

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# FOUR TOPS OBSERVED

**CMS**



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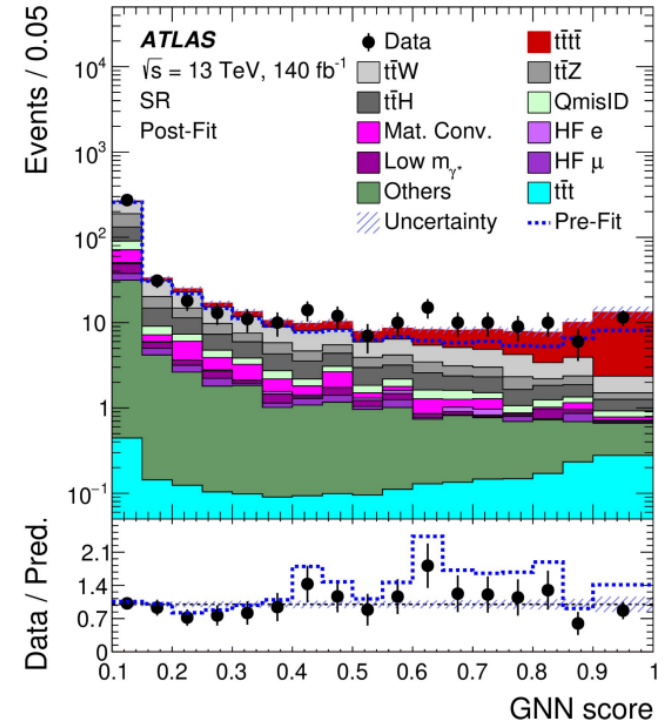
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{CMS}} = 17.7_{-3.5}^{+3.7}(\text{stat.})_{-1.9}^{+2.3}(\text{syst.}) \text{ fb}$$

[arXiv:2305.13439]

► Significance > 5σ obtained in multilepton channels (2lSS,3l,4l)

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{SM, NLO (QCD+EW)}} = 12.0 \pm 2.4 \text{ fb}$$

[Frederix, Pagani, Zaro (2017)]



6.1σ

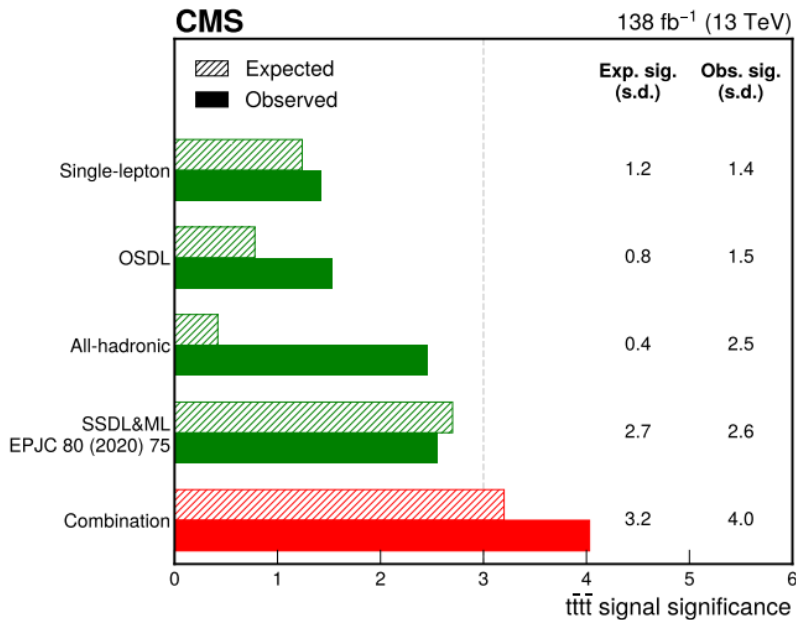
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{ATLAS}} = 22.5_{-4.3}^{+4.7}(\text{stat.})_{-3.4}^{+4.6}(\text{syst.}) \text{ fb}$$

[arXiv:2303.15061]

► Evidence in other channels (1l, 2LOS)

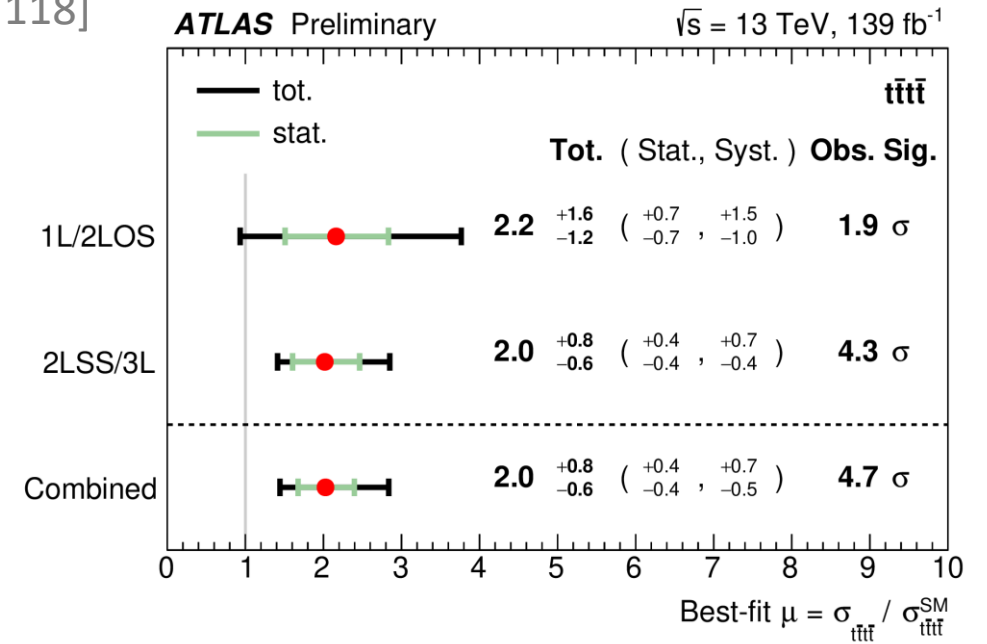
## CMS

[arXiv:2303.03864]



## ATLAS

[JHEP 11 (2021), 118]



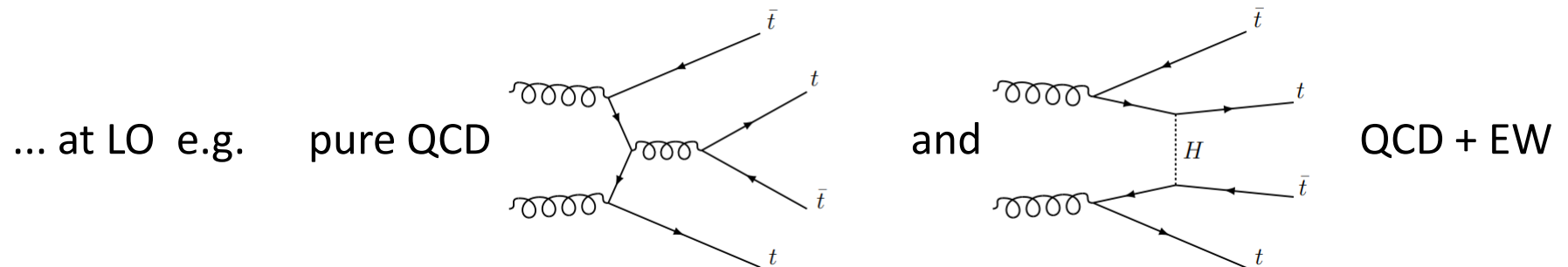


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**Soft anomalous dimension  
(SAD) matrix**

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Diagonal SAD matrix

$$\bar{\mathbf{U}}_R \mathbf{S}_R \mathbf{U}_R = \mathbf{S}_R \exp \left[ \frac{2 \text{Re}(\mathbf{\Gamma}_R^{(1)})}{2\pi b_0} \ln(1 - 2\lambda) \right]$$

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 c_3^{q\bar{q}} &= \frac{1}{T_R \sqrt{N_c(N_c^2 - 1)}} t_{c_1 c_3}^{a_1} \delta_{c_2 c_4} t_{c_6 c_8}^{a_1} \\
 c_4^{q\bar{q}} &= \frac{1}{T_R \sqrt{N_c(N_c^2 - 1)}} t_{c_1 c_3}^{a_1} t_{c_2 c_4}^{a_1} \delta_{c_6 c_8} \\
 c_5^{q\bar{q}} &= \frac{\sqrt{N_c}}{T_R^2 \sqrt{2(N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4)}} t_{c_1 c_3}^{a_1} d^{a_1 a_2 b_3} t_{c_2 c_4}^{a_2} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_3} \\
 c_6^{q\bar{q}} &= \frac{1}{T_R^2 \sqrt{2N_c(N_c^2 - 1)}} t_{c_1 c_3}^{a_1} i f^{a_1 a_2 b_3} t_{c_2 c_4}^{a_2} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_3} ,
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6x6 SAD matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},11}^{(1)} &= -C_F(L_{\beta_{34}} + L_{\beta_{56}} + 2) \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},12}^{(1)} &= \frac{\sqrt{N_c^2 - 1}}{2N_c} (L_{\beta_{35}} + L_{\beta_{46}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}}) \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},13}^{(1)} &= \frac{\sqrt{N_c^2 - 1}}{2N_c} (T_{15} - T_{16} - T_{25} + T_{26}) \\
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 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},15}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},16}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},22}^{(1)} &= -2C_F + \frac{1}{2N_c} (L_{\beta_{34}} + L_{\beta_{56}}) - \frac{1}{N_c} (L_{\beta_{35}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) - \frac{N_c^2 - 2}{2N_c} (L_{\beta_{36}} + L_{\beta_{45}}) \\
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 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},26}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (-T_{13} - T_{14} + T_{15} + T_{16} + T_{23} + T_{24} - T_{25} - T_{26}) \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},33}^{(1)} &= -\frac{N_c^2 - 2}{2N_c} - C_F L_{\beta_{34}} + \frac{1}{2N_c} L_{\beta_{56}} + \frac{N_c^2 - 2}{2N_c} T_{15} + \frac{1}{N_c} T_{16} + \frac{N_c^2 - 2}{2N_c} T_{26} + \frac{1}{N_c} T_{25} \\
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 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},35}^{(1)} &= \frac{\sqrt{N_c^2 - 4}}{2\sqrt{2}N_c} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}} + T_{13} - T_{14} - T_{23} + T_{24}) \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},36}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (-L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} + L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}} - T_{13} + T_{14} - T_{23} + T_{24}) \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},44}^{(1)} &= -C_F + \frac{1}{2N_c} - C_F L_{\beta_{56}} + \frac{1}{2N_c} L_{\beta_{34}} + \frac{N_c^2 - 2}{2N_c} (T_{13} + T_{24}) + \frac{1}{N_c} (T_{14} + T_{23}) \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},45}^{(1)} &= \frac{\sqrt{N_c^2 - 4}}{2\sqrt{2}N_c} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}} + T_{15} - T_{16} - T_{25} + T_{26}) \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},46}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} + L_{\beta_{45}} - L_{\beta_{46}} + T_{15} - T_{16} + T_{25} - T_{26}) \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},55}^{(1)} &= -C_F + \frac{1}{2N_c} + \frac{1}{2N_c} \left( L_{\beta_{34}} - 3L_{\beta_{35}} - 3L_{\beta_{46}} + L_{\beta_{56}} - \frac{N_c^2 - 6}{2} L_{\beta_{36}} - \frac{N_c^2 - 6}{2} L_{\beta_{45}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{3}{2N_c} (T_{14} + T_{16} + T_{23} + T_{25}) + \frac{N_c^2 - 6}{4N_c} (T_{13} + T_{15} + T_{24} + T_{26}) \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},56}^{(1)} &= \frac{\sqrt{N_c^2 - 4}}{4} (-L_{\beta_{36}} + L_{\beta_{45}} - T_{13} + T_{15} + T_{24} - T_{26}) \\
 \bar{\Gamma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\text{top},66}^{(1)} &= -C_F + \frac{1}{2N_c} - \frac{N_c^2 - 2}{4N_c} (L_{\beta_{36}} + L_{\beta_{45}}) + \frac{1}{2N_c} (L_{\beta_{34}} - L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{46}} + L_{\beta_{56}}) \\
 &\quad + \frac{N_c^2 - 2}{4N_c} (T_{13} + T_{15} + T_{24} + T_{26}) + \frac{1}{2N_c} (T_{14} + T_{16} + T_{23} + T_{25})
 \end{aligned}$$

[Keppeler, Sjodahl (2012)]



SAD matrix diagonal at threshold

►  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ :  $8 \otimes 8 = 3 \otimes \bar{3} \otimes 3 \otimes \bar{3} \rightarrow 0 \oplus 1 \oplus 8_S \oplus 8_A \oplus 10 \oplus \bar{10} \oplus 27 = \mathbf{0 \oplus (2 \times 1) \oplus (2 \times 8) \oplus 8_S \oplus 8_A \oplus 10 \oplus \bar{10} \oplus 27}$

## 14x14 SAD matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_1^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{1}{N_c^2 - 1} t_{c_2 c_4}^{a_1} t_{c_6 c_8}^{a_2}, \\
 c_3^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4)}} \delta_{c_2 c_4} d_{a_1 a_2 b_1} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_1}, \\
 c_5^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4)}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} d_{b_1 a_1 a_2} \delta_{c_6 c_8}, \\
 c_7^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R^2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} d_{b_1 a_1 b_2} i f_{b_2 a_2 b_3} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_3}, \\
 c_9^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R^2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} i f_{b_1 a_1 b_2} d_{b_2 a_2 b_3} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_3}, \\
 c_{11}^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{2}{\sqrt{N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} \mathbf{P}_{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2}^{10} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_2}, \\
 c_{13}^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{2}{N_c \sqrt{N_c^2 + 2N_c - 3}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} \mathbf{P}_{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2}^{27} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_2}, \\
 c_2^{gg} &= \frac{1}{N_c \sqrt{N_c^2 - 1}} \delta_{a_1 a_2} \delta_{c_2 c_4} \delta_{c_6 c_8}, \\
 c_4^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{1}{N_c \sqrt{2(N_c^2 - 1)}} \delta_{c_2 c_4} i f_{a_1 a_2 b_1} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_1}, \\
 c_6^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R^2} \frac{N_c}{2(N_c^2 - 4) \sqrt{N_c^2 - 1}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} d_{b_1 a_1 b_2} d_{b_2 a_2 b_3} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_3}, \\
 c_8^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{1}{N_c \sqrt{2(N_c^2 - 1)}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} i f_{b_1 a_1 a_2} \delta_{c_6 c_8}, \\
 c_{10}^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R^2} \frac{1}{2N_c \sqrt{N_c^2 - 1}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} i f_{b_1 a_1 b_2} i f_{b_2 a_2 b_3} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_3}, \\
 c_{12}^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{2}{\sqrt{N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} \mathbf{P}_{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2}^{10} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_2}, \\
 c_{14}^{gg} &= \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{2}{N_c \sqrt{N_c^2 - 2N_c - 3}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} \mathbf{P}_{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2}^{0} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_2}.
 \end{aligned}$$



➡ SAD matrix not diagonal at threshold

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},11}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{N_c} + \frac{1}{2N_c} (L_{\beta_{14}} + L_{\beta_{34}}) + \frac{N_c}{2} (T_{13} + T_{14} + T_{25} + T_{26}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},12}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2N_c \sqrt{N_c^2 - 1}} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},13}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{4N_c} \sqrt{\frac{2(N_c^2 - 4)}{N_c^2 - 1}} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},14}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2(N_c^2 - 1)}} (L_{\beta_{35}} + L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} - L_{\beta_{46}} + 2T_{23} - 2T_{24}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},15}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{4N_c} \sqrt{\frac{2(N_c^2 - 4)}{N_c^2 - 1}} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},16}^{(1)} &= \frac{N_c^2 - 4}{4N_c \sqrt{N_c^2 - 1}} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},17}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{N_c^2 - 4}{N_c^2 - 1}} (L_{\beta_{35}} + L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} - L_{\beta_{46}} + 2T_{23} - 2T_{24}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},18}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2(N_c^2 - 1)}} (-L_{\beta_{35}} + L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}} - 2T_{15} + 2T_{16}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},19}^{(1)} &= -\frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{N_c^2 - 4}{N_c^2 - 1}} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} + L_{\beta_{45}} - L_{\beta_{46}} + 2T_{15} - 2T_{16}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},20}^{(1)} &= -\frac{N_c}{4\sqrt{N_c^2 - 1}} (4 + L_{\beta_{35}} + L_{\beta_{36}} + L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}} + 2T_{15} + 2T_{16} + 2T_{23} + 2T_{24}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},21}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},22}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},23}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},24}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (T_{15} - T_{16} - T_{25} + T_{26}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},25}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},26}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2N_c} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},27}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},28}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (T_{13} - T_{14} - T_{23} + T_{24}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},29}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},30}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2N_c} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},31}^{(1)} &= \frac{\sqrt{N_c^2 - 4}}{4N_c} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},32}^{(1)} &= \frac{\sqrt{N_c^2 - 4}}{4N_c} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},33}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{N_c + 3}{N_c + 1}} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},34}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},35}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},36}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2N_c} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},37}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} (L_{\beta_{35}} + L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} - L_{\beta_{46}} + 2T_{23} - 2T_{24}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},38}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},39}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} (L_{\beta_{35}} + L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} - L_{\beta_{46}} + 4T_{13} - 4T_{14} - 2T_{23} + 2T_{24}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},40}^{(1)} &= \frac{\sqrt{2(N_c^2 - 4)}}{8N_c} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},41}^{(1)} &= \frac{N_c - 2}{4N_c \sqrt{2}} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{45}}) + \frac{N_c + 2}{4N_c \sqrt{2}} (L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{46}}) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (T_{23} - T_{24}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},42}^{(1)} &= \frac{N_c - 2}{4N_c \sqrt{2}} (L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{46}}) + \frac{N_c + 2}{4N_c \sqrt{2}} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{45}}) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (T_{21} - T_{22}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},43}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{(N_c - 2)(N_c + 3)}{(N_c + 1)(N_c + 2)}} (L_{\beta_{35}} - L_{\beta_{36}} - L_{\beta_{45}} + L_{\beta_{46}}) \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},44}^{(1)} &= 0 \\
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{99 \rightarrow 4\text{top},45}^{(1)} &= -\frac{N_c^2 - 2}{2N_c} - C_F L_{\beta_{14}} + \frac{1}{2N_c} L_{\beta_{36}} + \frac{N_c}{4} (T_{15} + T_{16} + T_{25} + T_{26})
 \end{aligned}$$

+ 65 more components!

[Keppeler, Sjodahl (2012)]

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$$c_1^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{1}{N_c^2 - 1} t_{c_2 c_4}^{a_1} t_{c_6 c_8}^{a_2},$$

$$c_3^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4)}} \delta_{c_2 c_4} d_{a_1 a_2 b_1} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_1},$$

$$c_5^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4)}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} d_{b_1 a_1 a_2} \delta_{c_6 c_8},$$

$$c_7^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R^2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} d_{b_1 a_1 b_2} i f_{b_2 a_2 b_3} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_3},$$

$$c_9^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R^2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} i f_{b_1 a_1 b_2} d_{b_2 a_2 b_3} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_3},$$

$$c_{11}^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{2}{\sqrt{N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} \mathbf{P}_{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2}^{10} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_2},$$

$$c_{13}^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{2}{N_c \sqrt{N_c^2 + 2N_c - 3}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} \mathbf{P}_{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2}^{27} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_2},$$

$$c_2^{gg} = \frac{1}{N_c \sqrt{N_c^2 - 1}} \delta_{a_1 a_2} \delta_{c_2 c_4} \delta_{c_6 c_8},$$

$$c_4^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{1}{N_c \sqrt{2(N_c^2 - 1)}} \delta_{c_2 c_4} i f_{a_1 a_2 b_1} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_1},$$

$$c_6^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R^2} \frac{N_c}{2(N_c^2 - 4) \sqrt{N_c^2 - 1}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} d_{b_1 a_1 b_2} d_{b_2 a_2 b_3} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_3},$$

$$c_8^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{1}{N_c \sqrt{2(N_c^2 - 1)}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} i f_{b_1 a_1 a_2} \delta_{c_6 c_8},$$

$$c_{10}^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R^2} \frac{1}{2N_c \sqrt{N_c^2 - 1}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} i f_{b_1 a_1 b_2} i f_{b_2 a_2 b_3} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_3},$$

$$c_{12}^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{2}{\sqrt{N_c^4 - 5N_c^2 + 4}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} \mathbf{P}_{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2}^{\bar{10}} t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_2},$$

$$c_{14}^{gg} = \frac{1}{T_R} \frac{2}{N_c \sqrt{N_c^2 - 2N_c - 3}} t_{c_2 c_4}^{b_1} \mathbf{P}_{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2}^0 t_{c_6 c_8}^{b_2}.$$



► SAD matrix not diagonal at threshold

[Keppeler, Sjadahl (2012)]

$$\bar{c}_1^{gg} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} c_1^{gg} + \frac{3}{10} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} c_6^{gg} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} c_{10}^{gg} - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} c_{11}^{gg} - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} c_{12}^{gg} + \frac{7}{40} c_{13}^{gg},$$

$$\bar{c}_2^{gg} = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{4} c_1^{gg} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} c_6^{gg} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} c_{11}^{gg} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} c_{12}^{gg} + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} c_{13}^{gg},$$

$$\bar{c}_3^{gg} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_7^{gg} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_9^{gg},$$

$$\bar{c}_5^{gg} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} c_1^{gg} - \frac{1}{2} c_6^{gg} - \frac{1}{2} c_{10}^{gg} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} c_{13}^{gg},$$

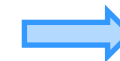
$$\bar{c}_6^{gg} = -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{14}} c_1^{gg} + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{35}} c_6^{gg} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{7}} c_{10}^{gg} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} c_{12}^{gg} - \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{70}} c_{13}^{gg},$$

$$\bar{c}_7^{gg} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{7}} c_1^{gg} + \frac{3}{5\sqrt{14}} c_6^{gg} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} c_{10}^{gg} + \sqrt{\frac{7}{10}} c_{11}^{gg} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{70}} c_{12}^{gg} - \frac{3}{10} \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} c_{13}^{gg},$$

$$\bar{c}_8^{gg} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_7^{gg} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_9^{gg},$$

$$\bar{c}_{13}^{gg} = \frac{1}{8} c_1^{gg} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} c_6^{gg} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} c_{10}^{gg} + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} c_{11}^{gg} + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} c_{12}^{gg} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} c_{13}^{gg},$$

$$\bar{c}_4^{gg} = c_{14}^{gg}, \quad \bar{c}_9^{gg} = c_8^{gg}, \quad \bar{c}_{10}^{gg} = c_5^{gg}, \quad \bar{c}_{11}^{gg} = c_4^{gg}, \quad \bar{c}_{12}^{gg} = c_3^{gg}, \quad \bar{c}_{14}^{gg} = c_2^{gg}.$$



► SAD matrix diagonal at threshold

► One-loop SAD matrix needed at NLL

Diagonal SAD matrix

$$\mathbf{U}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}\bar{t}\bar{t}}(N, M^2, \mu_F^2, \mu_R^2) = \text{Pexp} \left[ \int_{\mu}^{M/\bar{N}} \frac{dq}{q} \mathbf{\Gamma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}\bar{t}\bar{t}}(\alpha_s(q^2)) \right] \longrightarrow \bar{\mathbf{U}}_R \mathbf{S}_R \mathbf{U}_R = \mathbf{S}_R \exp \left[ \frac{2 \text{Re}(\mathbf{\Gamma}_R^{(1)})}{2\pi b_0} \ln(1 - 2\lambda) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}\bar{t}\bar{t}}(\alpha_s) = \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right) \mathbf{\Gamma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}\bar{t}\bar{t}}^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \mathbf{\Gamma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}\bar{t}\bar{t}}^{(2)} + \dots$$

with  $\lambda = \alpha_s b_0 \ln(\bar{N})$

►  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}\bar{t}\bar{t} : \mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}} = \mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}} \otimes \mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}} \rightarrow \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{8} = \mathbf{0} \oplus (2 \times \mathbf{1}) \oplus (2 \times \mathbf{8}) \oplus \mathbf{8}_S \oplus \mathbf{8}_A \oplus \mathbf{10} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{10}} \oplus \mathbf{27}$

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with  $\lambda = \alpha_s b_0 \ln(\bar{N})$

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$$2\text{Re} \left[ \mathbf{\Gamma}_{R, q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}\bar{t}\bar{t}}^{(1)} \right] = \text{diag} \left( 0, 0, -3, -3, -3, -3 \right)$$

►  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}\bar{t}\bar{t} : \mathbf{8} \otimes \mathbf{8} = \mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}} \otimes \mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}} \rightarrow \mathbf{0} \oplus \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{8}_S \oplus \mathbf{8}_A \oplus \mathbf{10} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{10}} \oplus \mathbf{27} = \mathbf{0} \oplus (2 \times \mathbf{1}) \oplus (2 \times \mathbf{8}) \oplus \mathbf{8}_S \oplus \mathbf{8}_A \oplus \mathbf{10} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{10}} \oplus \mathbf{27}$

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► Quadratic Casimir Invariants  $N_C = 3$

$$C_2(\mathbf{1}) = 0$$

$$C_2(\mathbf{8}_{(S/A)}) = 3$$

$$C_2(\mathbf{10}, \bar{\mathbf{10}}) = 6$$

$$C_2(\mathbf{27}) = 8$$

$$C_2(\mathbf{0}) = 4$$

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with

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One-loop virtual  
corrections  
(extracted from  
aMC@NLO)

Constant terms  
from collinear  
contribution



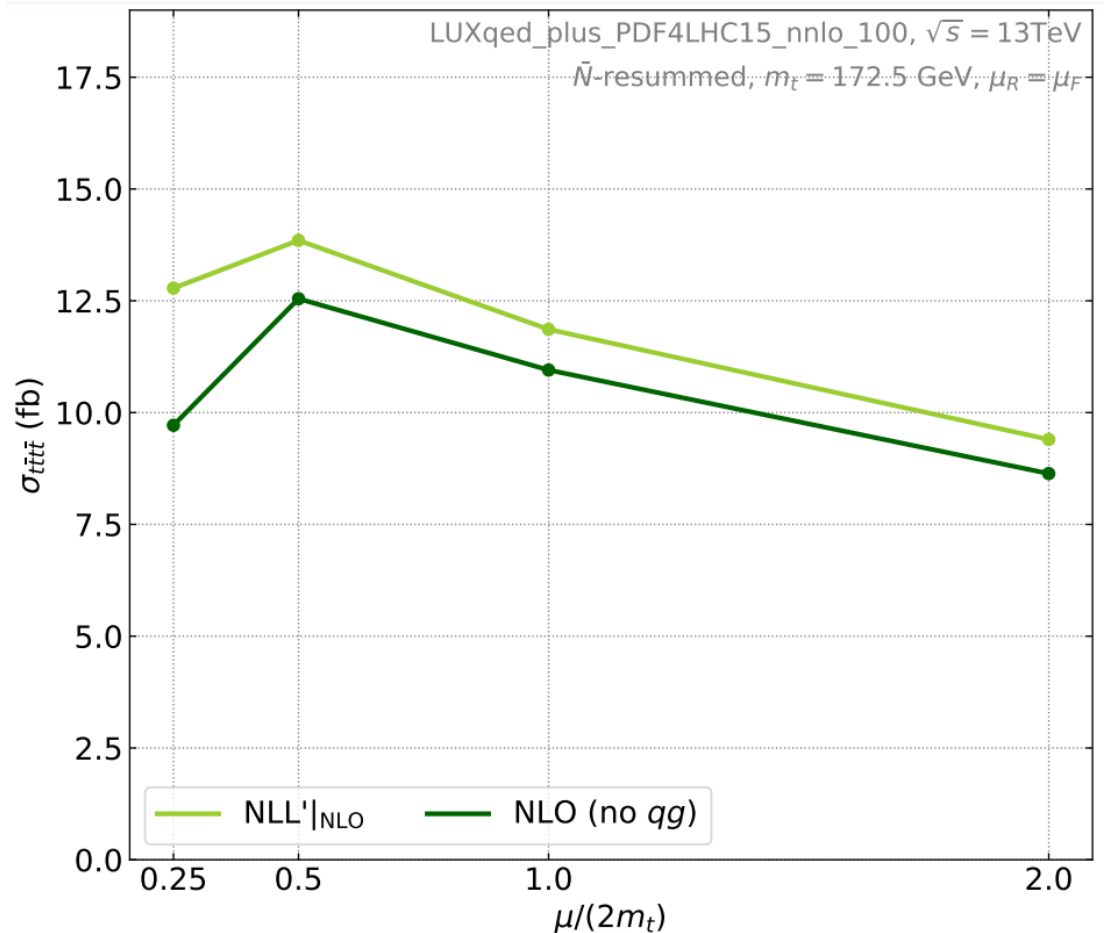
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLL}(')}(\tau) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{dN}{2\pi i} \tau^{-N} f_i(N+1, \mu_F^2) f_j(N+1, \mu_F^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{res}}(N)$$

- Combination fixed-order + resummation → **Matching**

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLO+NLL}(')}(\tau) = \underbrace{\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLO}}(\tau)}_{\substack{\text{QCD-only NLO and} \\ \text{QCD + EW NLO}}} + \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{dN}{2\pi i} \tau^{-N} f_i(N+1, \mu_F^2) f_j(N+1, \mu_F^2) \times \frac{[\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{res}}(N) - \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{res}}(N)|_{\text{NLO}}]}{\text{avoid double counting with NLO!}}$$

- ▶  $\sqrt{S} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $\mu_R = \mu_F$
- ▶ Comparison expanded resummed cross section (NLL' | NLO) against NLO (no qg)
  - ▶ Dominant part of NLO corrections captured by soft-gluon radiation

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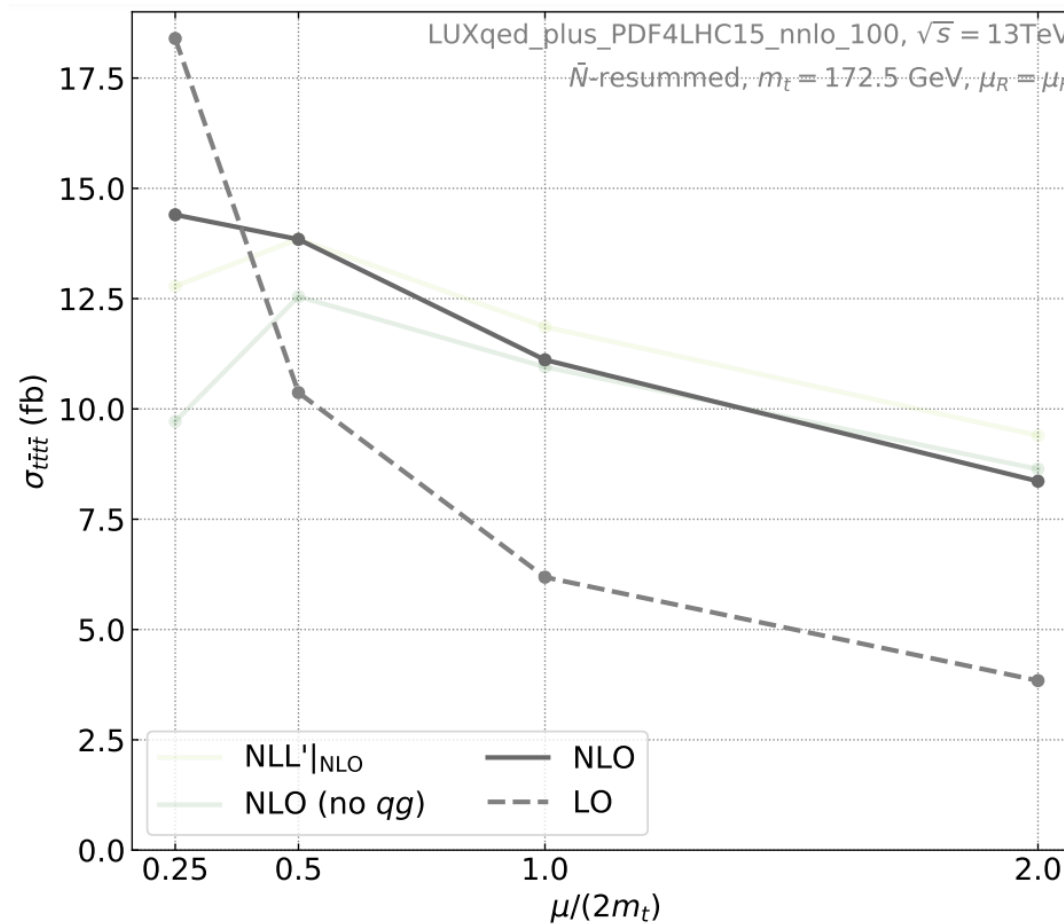
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NLO (QCD+EW): EW corrections up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$

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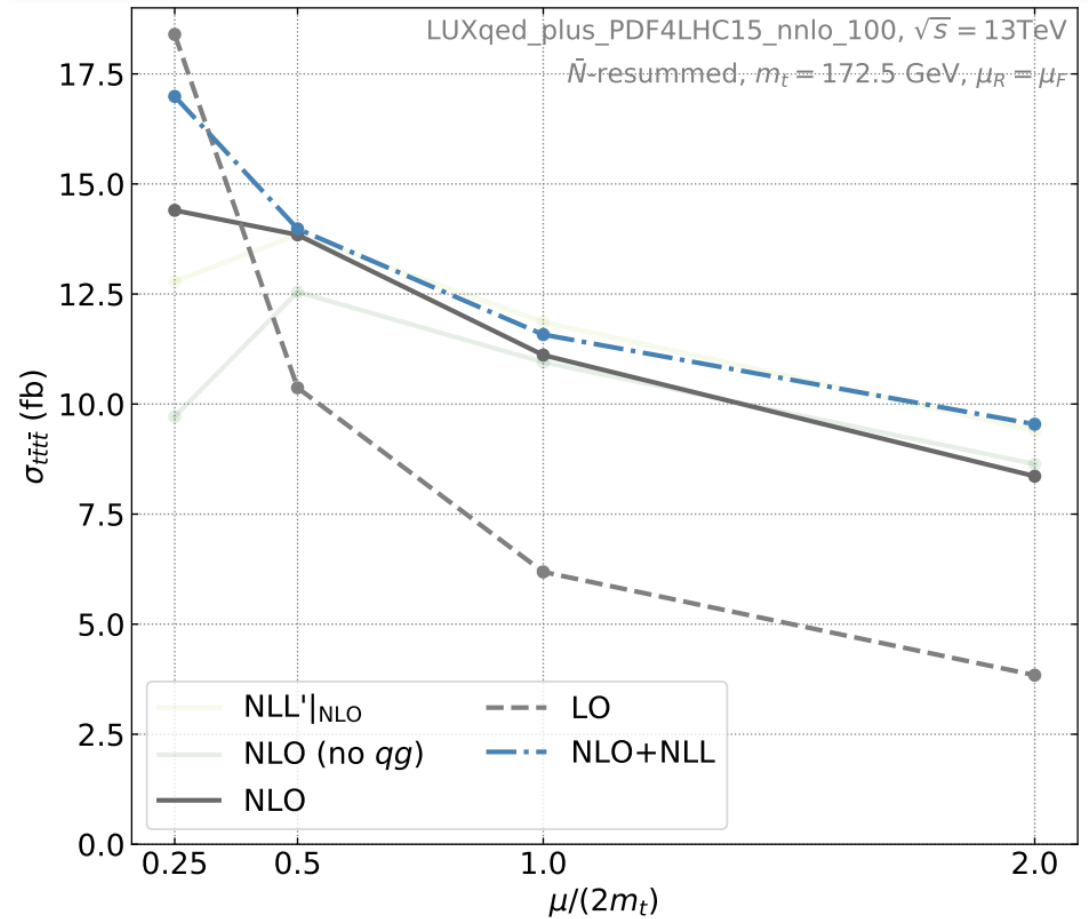
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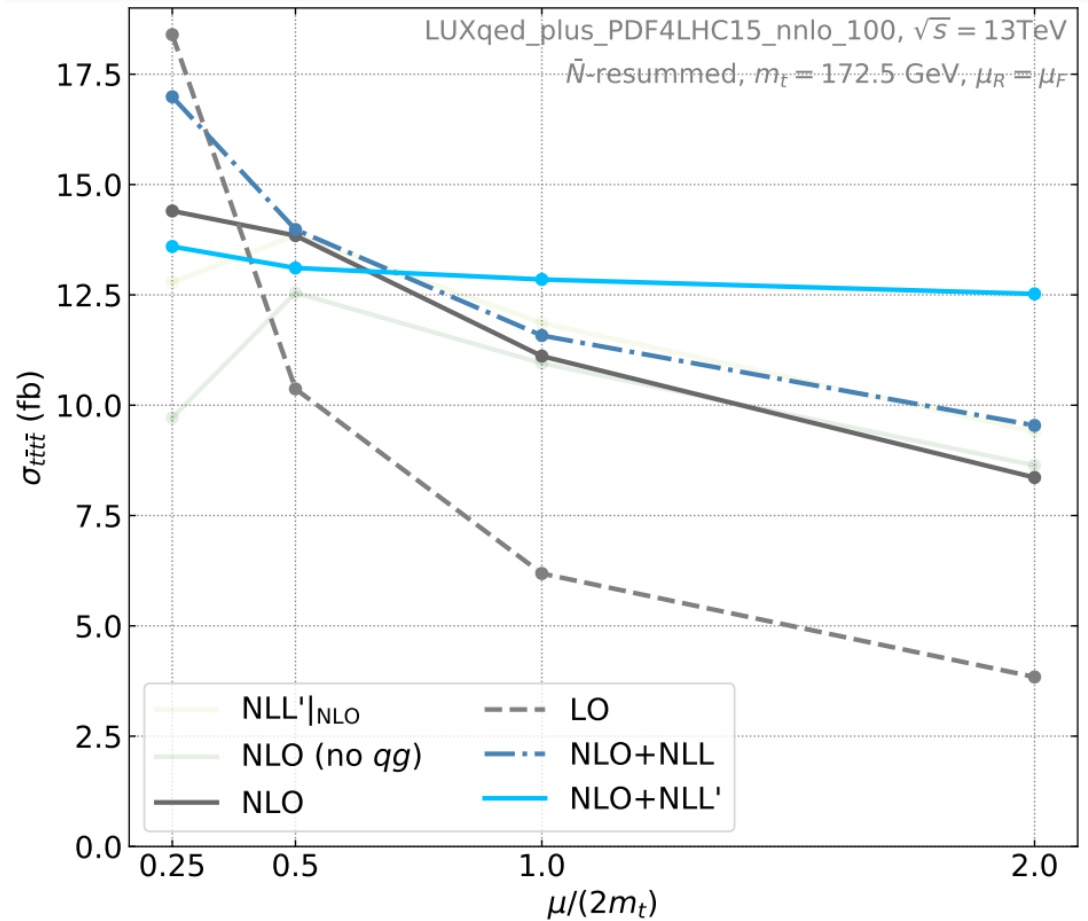
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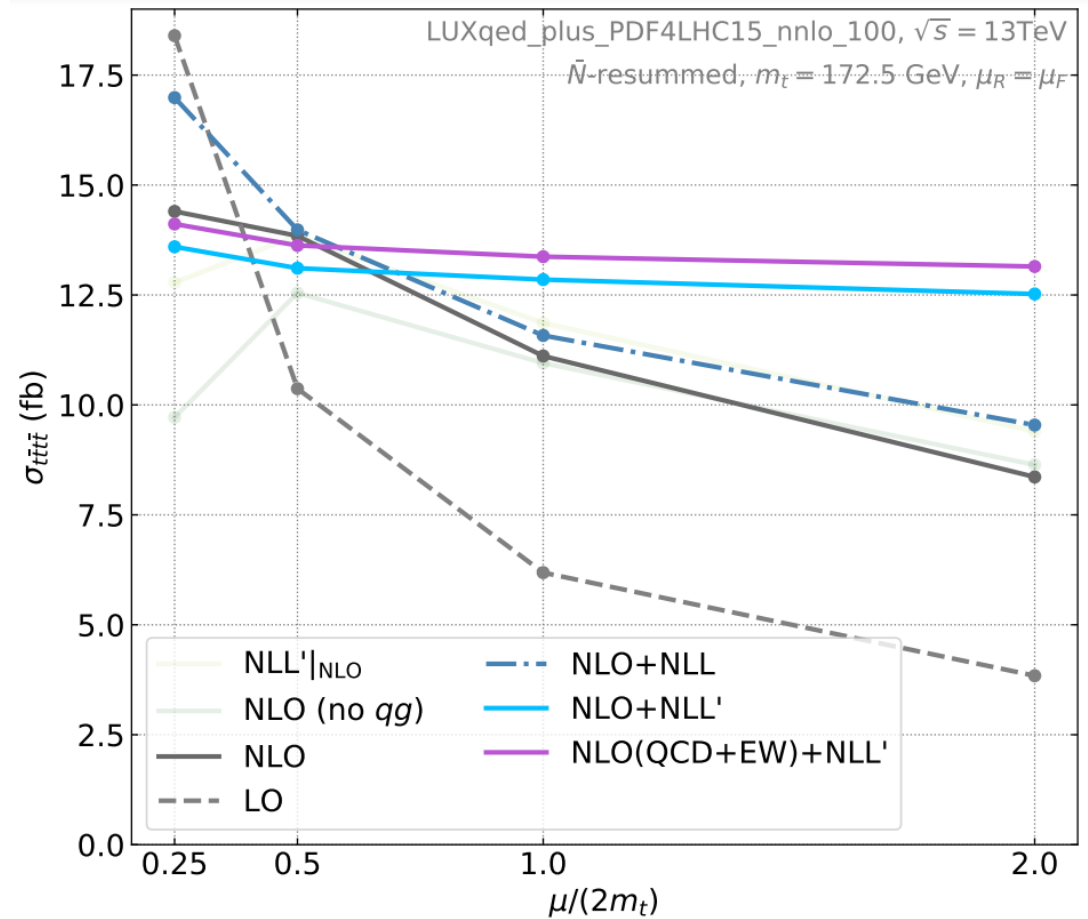
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► 7-point scale variation

	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}\bar{t}} [\text{fb}]$	$K$ -factor
NLO	$11.00(2)^{+25.2\%}_{-24.5\%}$	
NLO+NLL	$11.46(2)^{+21.3\%}_{-17.7\%}$	1.04
NLO+NLL'	$12.73(2)^{+4.1\%}_{-11.8\%}$	1.16
NLO (QCD+EW)	$11.64(2)^{+23.2\%}_{-22.8\%}$	
NLO (QCD+EW)+NLL'	$13.37(2)^{+3.6\%}_{-11.4\%}$	1.15

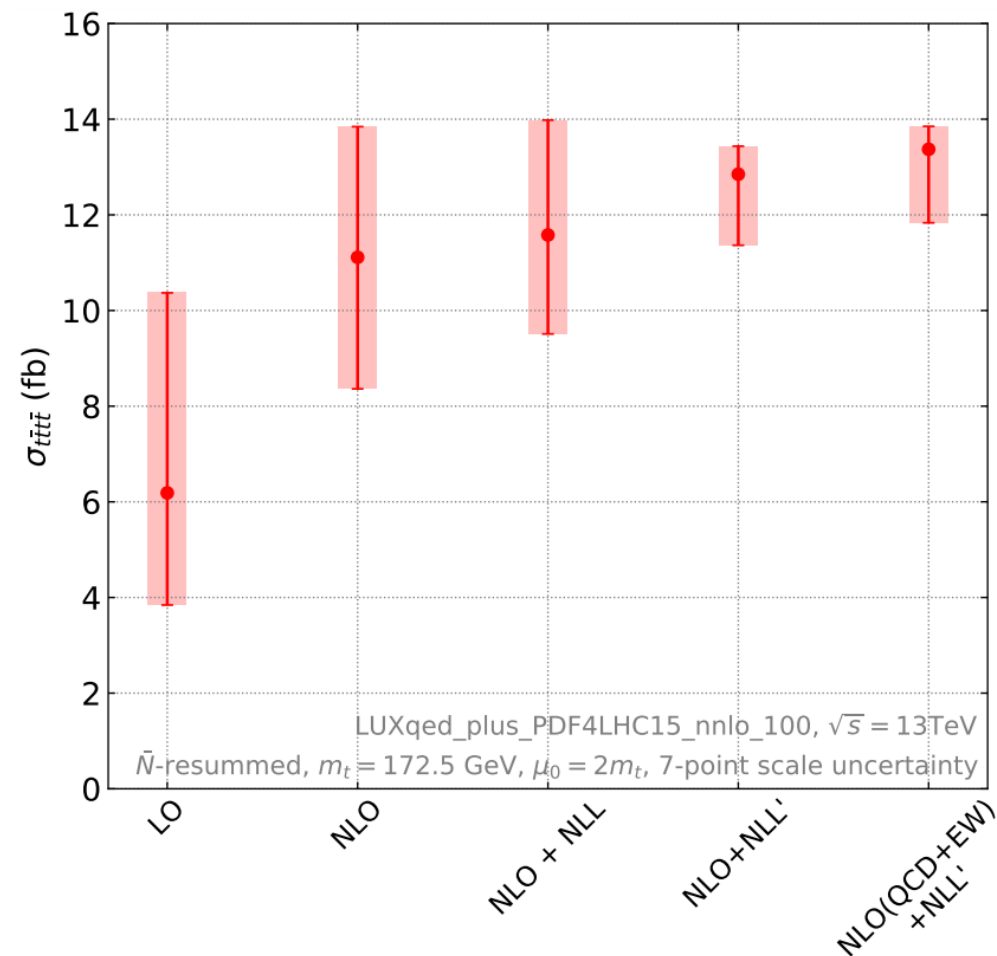
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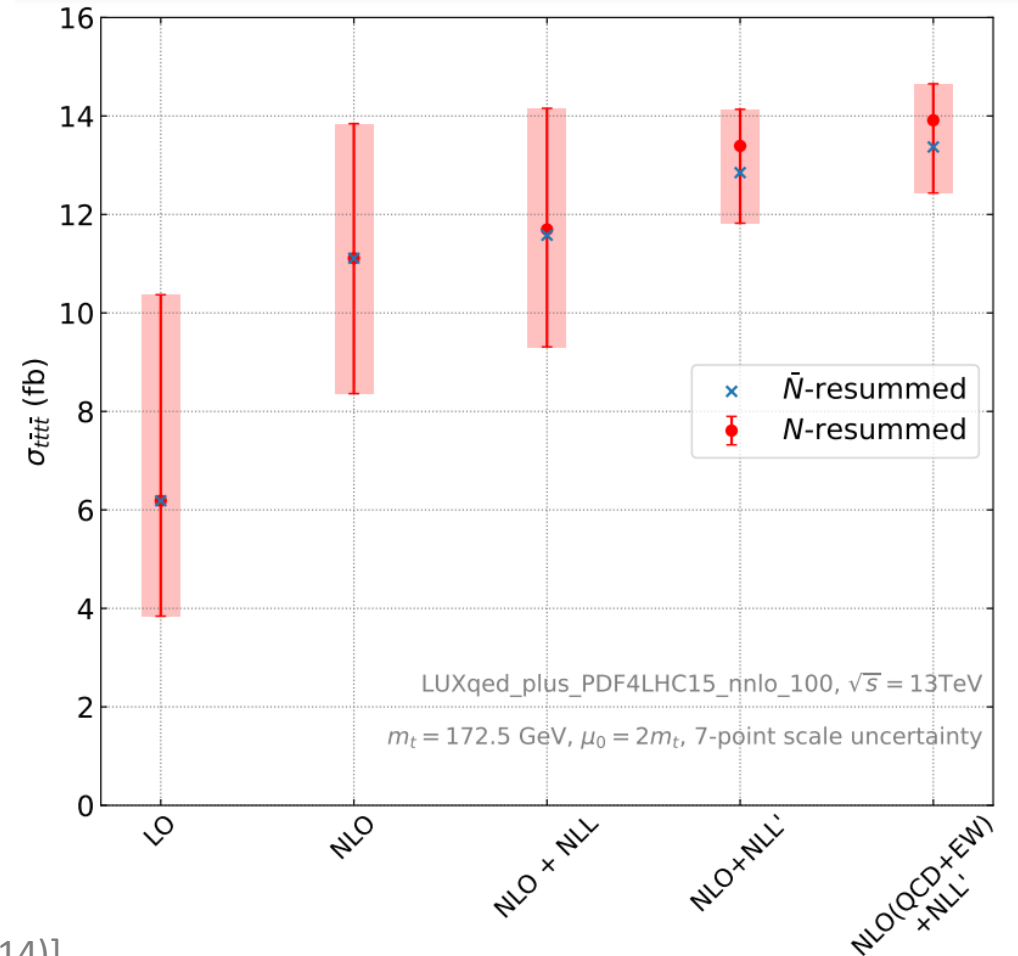


►  $N$  versus  $\bar{N} = e^{\gamma_E} N$

e.g. up to NLO

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}_{ij}^{\text{NLL}'}|_{\text{NLO}}(\bar{N}) - \hat{\sigma}_{ij}^{\text{NLL}'}|_{\text{NLO}}(N) = & \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \text{Tr} \left[ \mathbf{H}_R^{(0)} \mathbf{S}_R^{(0)} \left\{ \sum_{n=\{i,j\}} C_n \left( \log^2(\bar{N} + 1) \right. \right. \right. \\ & - \log^2(e^{\gamma_E}(N + 1)) - \log \frac{s}{\mu_F^2} \log \left( \frac{\bar{N} + 1}{(N + 1)e^{\gamma_E}} \right) \\ & \left. \left. \left. - 2\text{Re} \left[ \mathbf{\Gamma}_R^{(1)} \right] \log \left( \frac{\bar{N} + 1}{(N + 1)e^{\gamma_E}} \right) \right\} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}$ [fb]	$K$ -factor
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NLO+NLL	$13.81(2)^{+20.7\%}_{-20.1\%}$	1.05
NLO+NLL'	$15.16(2)^{+4.3\%}_{-11.9\%}$	1.15
NLO (QCD+EW)	$13.80(2)^{+22.9\%}_{-22.6\%}$	
NLO (QCD+EW)+NLL'	$15.81(2)^{+3.6\%}_{-11.6\%}$	1.14

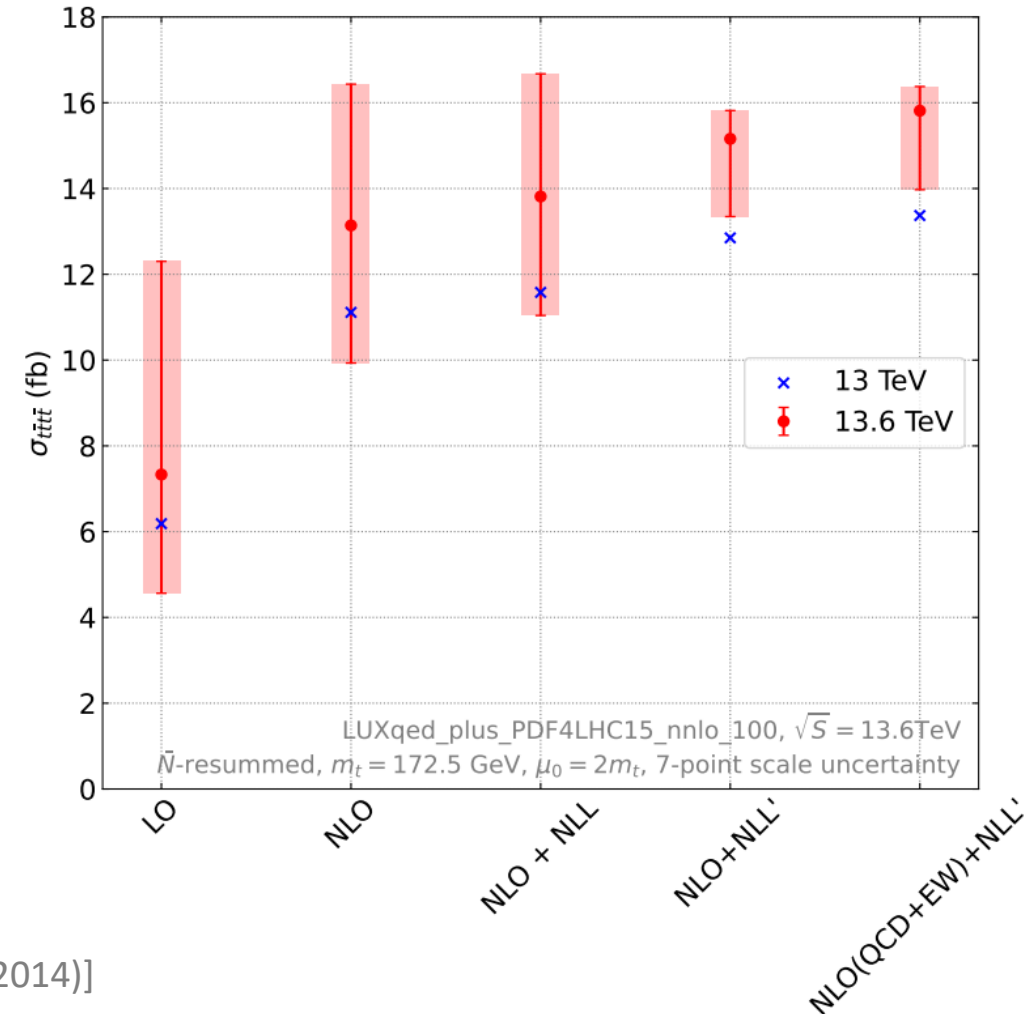
NLO (QCD+EW): EW corrections up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$

PDF error:  $\pm 6.7\%$

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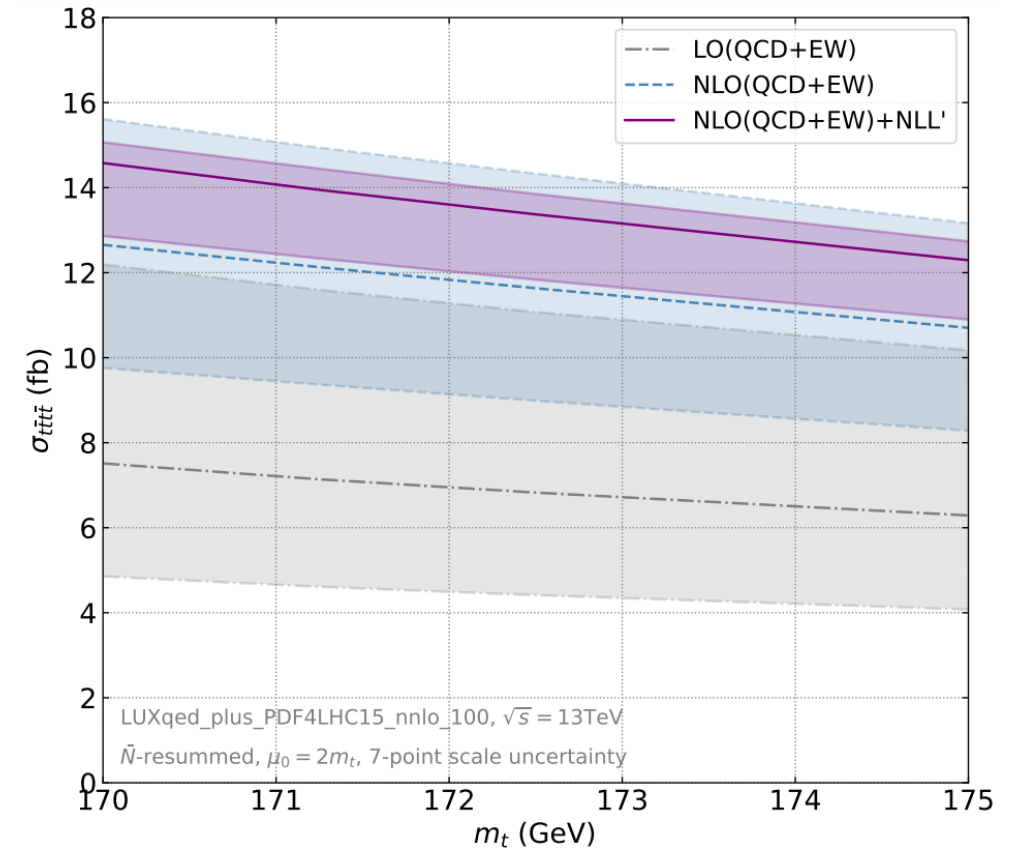
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► Top mass  $\in [170,175]$  GeV

Error bands: 7-point scale uncertainty

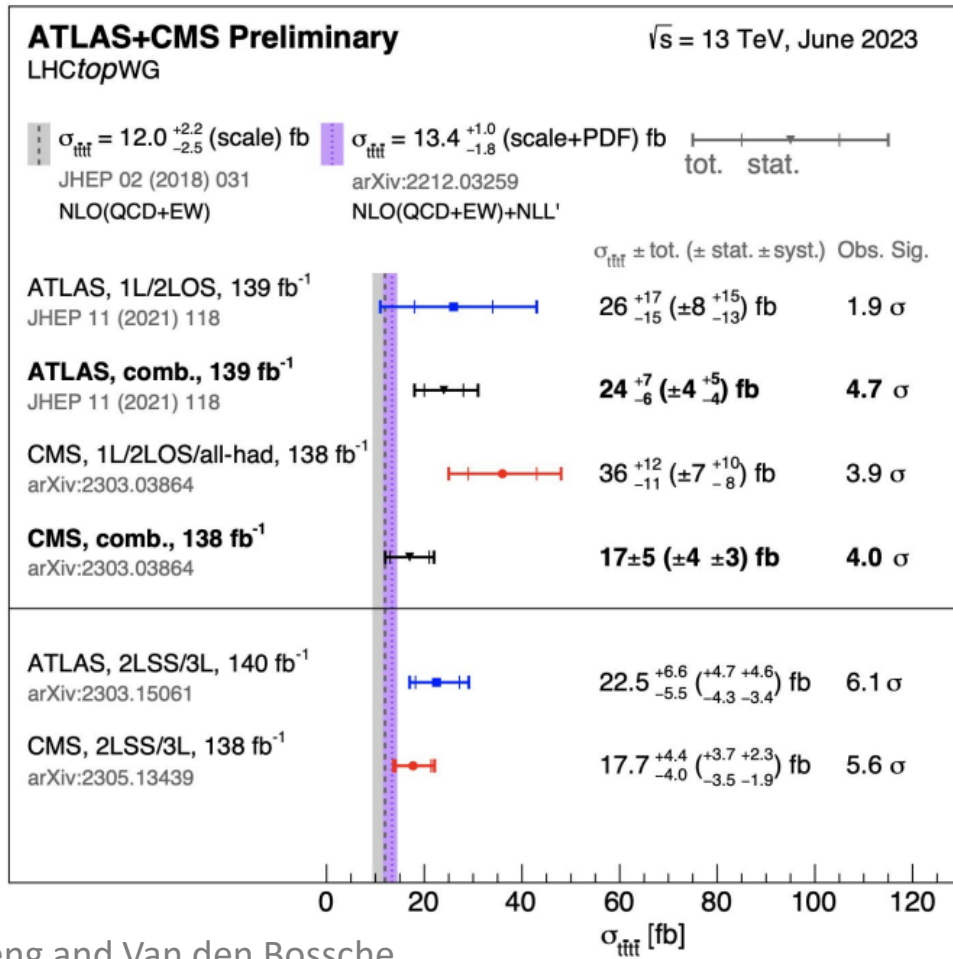
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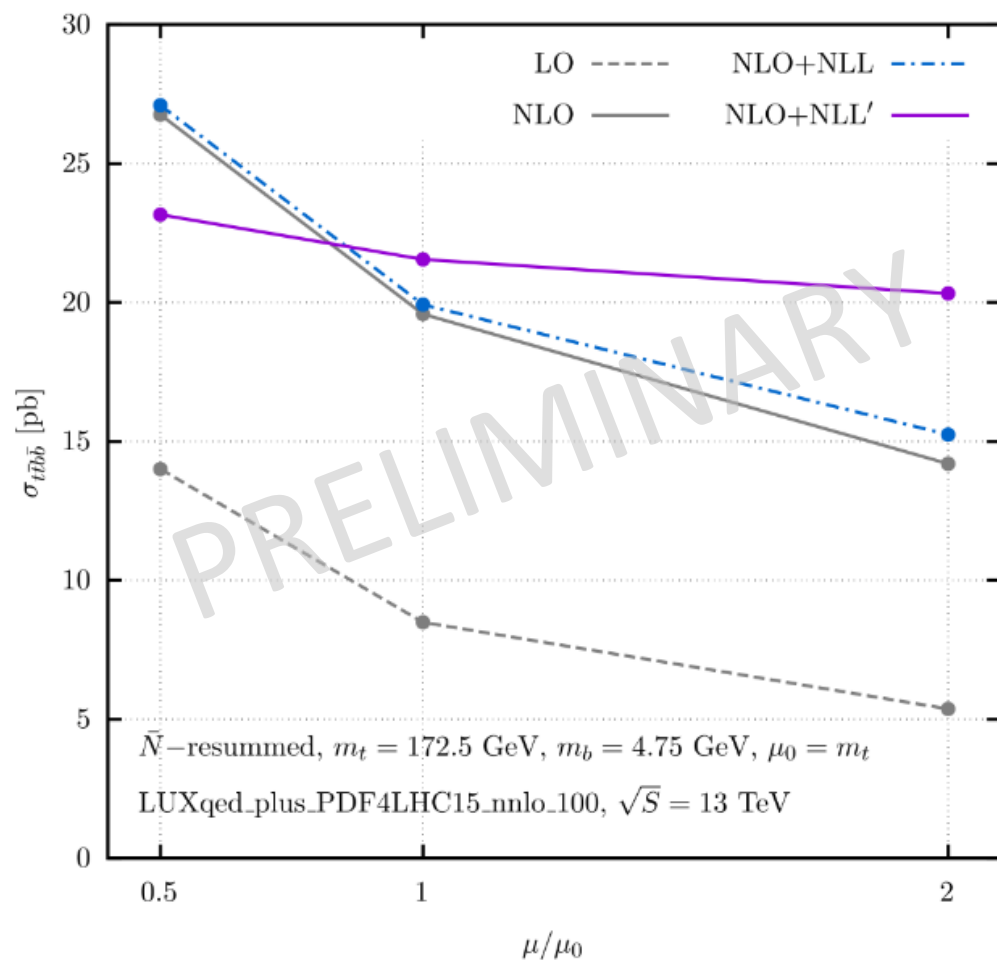


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**NLO (QCD + EW) + NLL' at 13 TeV**

$13.37 (2)^{+3.6\%}_{-11.4\%} \text{ }^{+6.9\%}_{-6.9\%} \text{ fb}$

Talk by Zheng and Van den Bossche  
 (23rd LHC TOP WG meeting)



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$$13.37 (2) \begin{matrix} +3.6\% & +6.9\% \\ -11.4\% & -6.9\% \end{matrix} \text{ fb}$$

- ▶ Next:  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$  production, invariant mass threshold resummation, ...

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