

The top-pair total cross section at NNLL order

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The experimental top-pair production cross section

Total $t\bar{t}$ cross section measured at Tevatron with $\Delta\sigma/\sigma \pm 7 - 8\%$... **LHC is catching up quickly!**

- Atlas (0.7 fb^{-1}): $179 \pm 12 (\Delta\sigma/\sigma \pm 6.6\%)$
- CMS (36 pb^{-1}): $154 \pm 18 (\Delta\sigma/\sigma \pm 12\%)$

Precise measurements of $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ relevant for

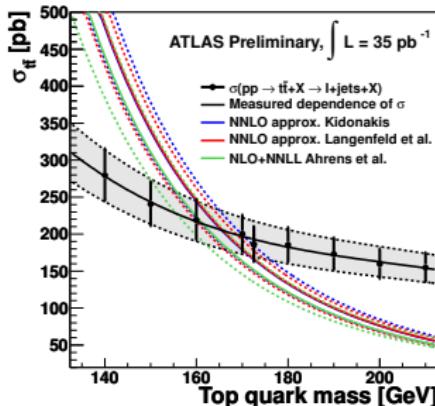
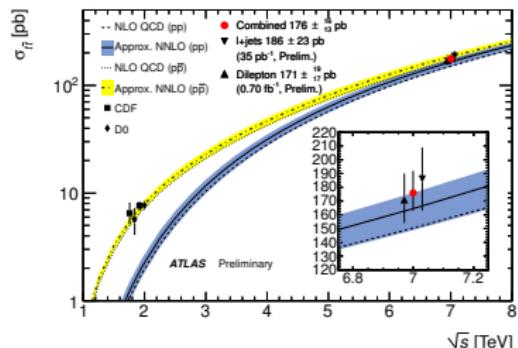
- testing SM and new-physics models
- constraining gluon PDF in the proton
- theoretically clean extraction of the top quark mass

require that theoretical uncertainties are well understood and under control, $\Delta\sigma^{\text{th}} \lesssim \Delta\sigma^{\text{exp}}$:

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLO}} = 162^{+24}_{-26} \text{ pb}$$

$$\Delta\sigma^{\text{NLO}}/\sigma^{\text{NLO}} \pm 15\% \text{ (scale+PDF+}\alpha_s\text{)}$$

⇒ **need better prediction than fixed-o. NLO!**



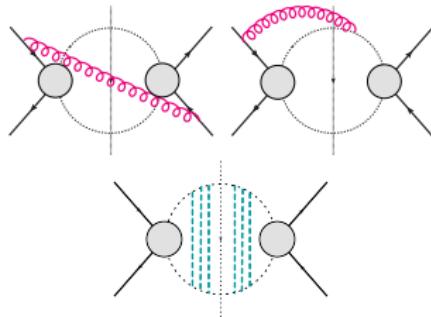
Theory status

- **NLO:** QCD corrections (Nason, Dawson, Ellis '88;...) EW corrections (Bernreuther Fücker, Si '06; Kühn, Scharf, Uwer '06) finite-width effects (Denner et al. '10; Bevilacqua et al. '10)
- **Full NNLO result:** several ingredients already known (Czakon '08; Bonciani et al. '09/'10; Körner et al. '08; Anastasiou, Aybat '08;...)
- **LL/NLL resummations:** Laenen et al. '92; Catani et al. '96; Berger, Contopanagos '96; Kidonakis, Smith '96; Bonciani et al. '98; Kidonakis et al. '01
- **NNLL resummation/NNLO approximated results:**
 - IR structure of QCD amplitudes (Neubert, Becher '09) soft-Coulomb factorization (Beneke, PF, Schwinn '10) 2-loop anomalous dimensions (Beneke et al. '09; Czakon et al. '09)
 - NNLO approximations for total cross section (HATHOR , Aliev et al. '11; Beneke et al. '09/'10) and differential cross section in 1PI/PIM kinematics (in Mellin and SCET formalism Kidonakis '09-'11; Ahrens et al. '10/'11;)
 - NNLL resummation for 1PI/PIM cross section in SCET (Ahrens et al. '10/'11) combined soft and Coulomb resummation in SCET/NRQCD (Beneke, PF, Klein, Schwinn '11)

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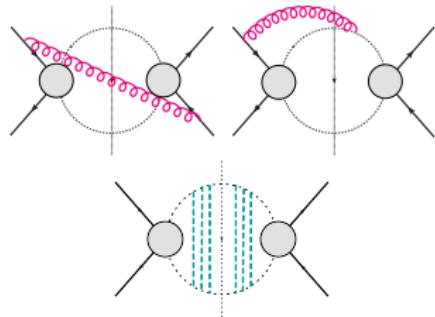
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if **hadronic cross section** is dominated by partonic threshold resummation of soft logs and Coulomb singularities leads to improved predictions and reduced theoretical uncertainties

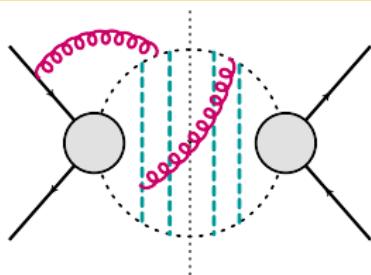
Counting scheme: $\alpha_s/\beta \sim \alpha_s \ln \beta \sim 1$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{pp'} \propto \hat{\sigma}^{(0)} \sum_{k=0} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\beta} \right)^k \exp \left[\underbrace{\ln \beta g_0(\alpha_s \ln \beta)}_{\text{(LL)}} + \underbrace{g_1(\alpha_s \ln \beta)}_{\text{(NLL)}} + \underbrace{\alpha_s g_2(\alpha_s \ln \beta)}_{\text{(NNLL)}} + \dots \right]$$
$$\times \left\{ 1 \text{ (LL,NLL); } \alpha_s, \beta \text{ (NNLL); } \alpha_s^2, \alpha_s \beta, \beta^2 \text{ (NNNLL); } \dots \right\}$$

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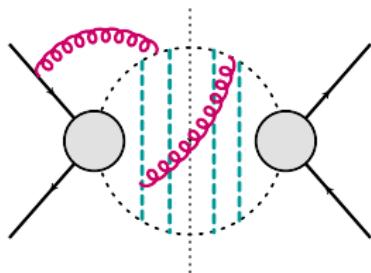
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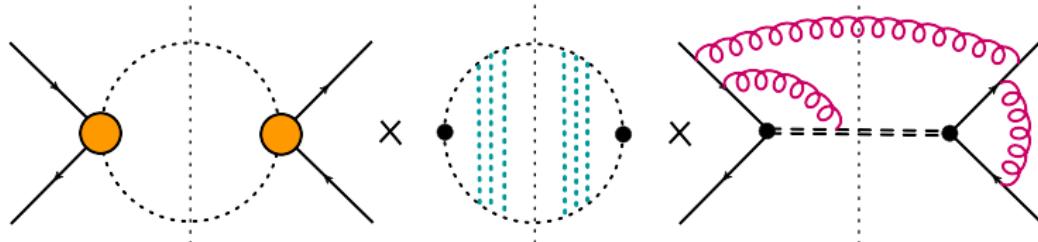
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Effective-theory description of pair production near threshold $\hat{s} \sim (m_H + m_{H'})^2$

[Beneke, PF, Schwinn, '09/'10] \Rightarrow factorization of hard, Coulomb and soft contributions

$$\hat{\sigma}_{pp'}(\hat{s}, \mu_f) = \sum_i \textcolor{orange}{H}_i(M, \mu_f) \int d\omega \sum_{R_\alpha} \textcolor{teal}{J}_{R_\alpha}(E - \frac{\omega}{2}) \textcolor{magenta}{W}_i^{R_\alpha}(\omega, \mu_f)$$



Soft radiation couples to total colour charge of the pair!

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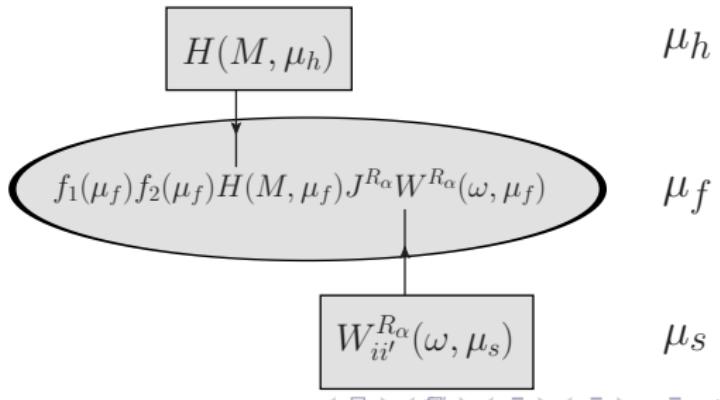
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Resummation strategy

- solve evolution equation in momentum space
- evolve the function H_i from the hard scale $\mu_h \sim m_t$ to μ_f
- evolve soft function $W_i^{R_\alpha}$ from a low scale $\mu_s \sim m_t \beta^2$ to μ_f .



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- NLO Coulomb potential: $G_{C,R_\alpha}^{(1)} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2/\beta, \alpha_s^2 \ln \beta/\beta) + \dots$
- Non-Coulomb potentials: $\Delta_{\text{nc}} = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \ln \beta) + \dots$

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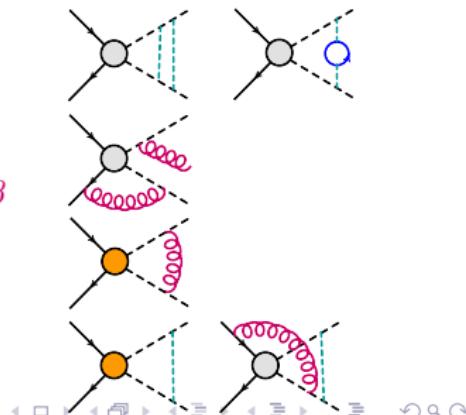
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Can be used to construct approx. NNLO containing all terms singular in β

[Beneke, PF, Czakon, Mitov, Schwinn '09; HATHOR Aliev et al. '10]

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}_{\text{approx.}}^{\text{NNLO}} &= \frac{k_{\text{LO}}^2}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\beta} [k_{\text{NLO},1} \ln \beta + k_{\text{NLO},0}] + k_{\text{n-C}} \ln \beta \\ &\quad + c_{S,4}^{(2)} \ln^4 \beta + c_{S,3}^{(2)} \ln^3 \beta + c_{S,2}^{(2)} \ln^2 \beta + c_{S,1}^{(2)} \ln \beta \\ &\quad + H^{(1)} \left[c_{S,2}^{(1)} \ln^2 \beta + c_{S,1}^{(1)} \ln \beta \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{k_{\text{LO}}}{\beta} \left[c_{S,2}^{(1)} \ln^2 \beta + c_{S,1}^{(1)} \ln \beta + c_{S,0}^{(1)} + H^{(1)} \right]\end{aligned}$$

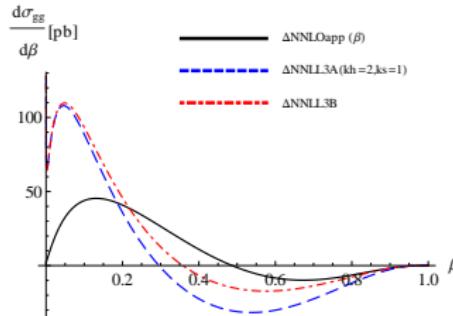


$N^3\text{LO}$ approximations

Resummed cross sections can be re-expanded to even higher order in α_s
⇒ information on residual theoretical uncertainties

$$\begin{aligned} f_{gg(1)}^{(3,0)} = & 147456 \cdot \ln^6 \beta - 59065.6 \ln^5 \beta - 286099 \cdot \ln^4 \beta + 349463 \cdot \ln^3 \beta \\ & + \frac{1}{\beta} \left[121278 \cdot \ln^4 \beta + 103557 \cdot \ln^3 \beta - 164944 \cdot \ln^2 \beta + 56418.5 \ln \beta \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[22166 \cdot \ln^2 \beta + 39012.1 \ln \beta - 2876.61 \right] + \tilde{f}_{gg(1)}^{(3,0)} + \mu_f - \text{dep. terms} \end{aligned}$$

Not all singular terms known exactly at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5) \Leftrightarrow \tilde{f}_{gg(1)}^{(3,0)}$



- **$N^3\text{LO}_A$:** keep all terms generated by resummation at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$
- **$N^3\text{LO}_B$:** keep only terms known exactly
 $\rightarrow \tilde{f}_{pp'}^{(3,0)} = 0$

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NNLL₁, NNLL₂ (and N³LO_A) depend on several scales, μ_f , μ_h , μ_s , μ_C .

What are reasonable choices for μ_s , μ_h and μ_C ?

- **Hard scale:** $\mu_h = 2m_t$
- **Coulomb scale:** set by typical virtuality of Coulomb gluons $\sqrt{|q^2|} \sim m_t \beta \sim m_t \alpha_s$
$$\Rightarrow \mu_C = \max\{2m_t \beta, C_F m_t \alpha_s(\mu_C)\}$$

\hookrightarrow twice inverse Bohr radius of first bound state

Soft scale determination

Choose running soft scale $\mu_s \sim q_s \sim m_t \beta^2$ above a certain cutoff β_{cut} (avoid **Landau pole**)

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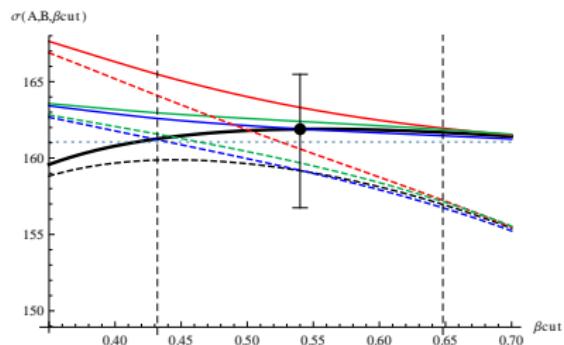
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β_{cut} chosen such that resummation ambiguities are small for $\beta < \beta_{\text{cut}}$ and perturbation theory is not spoiled by large logs for $\beta > \beta_{\text{cut}}$:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{t\bar{t}}(A_<, B_>, \beta_{\text{cut}}) = \hat{\sigma}_{t\bar{t}}^{A<} \theta(\beta_{\text{cut}} - \beta) + \hat{\sigma}_{t\bar{t}}^{B>} \theta(\beta - \beta_{\text{cut}})$$



- $A_<$ = NNLL₁, NNLL₂
- $B_>$ = NNLL₂, NNLO_{approx}, N³LO_A, N³LO_B

β_{cut} determined by minimisation of the envelope of the 8 curves

$$\beta_{\text{cut}} : \quad 0.35 \text{ (Tevatron)}, \quad 0.54 \text{ (LHC7)}, \quad 0.55 \text{ (LHC14)}$$

$$\mu_s^< : \quad 42.5 \text{ GeV (Tevatron)}, \quad 101 \text{ GeV (LHC7)}, \quad 105 \text{ GeV (LHC14)}$$

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PDF+ α_s uncertainty

- MSTW2008 with 90% CL sets
- $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1171 \pm 0.0034$

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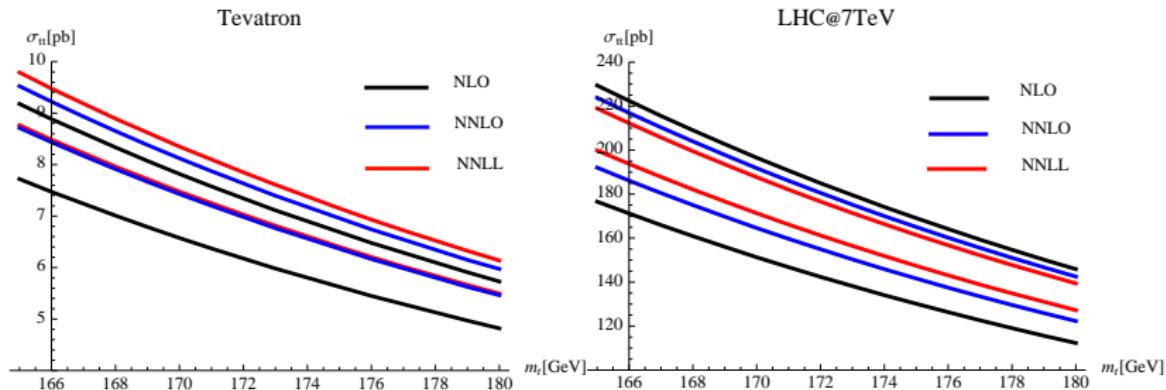
Experiment ($m_t = 172.5$):

- **CDF**: 7.5 ± 0.48
- **D0**: $7.56^{+0.63}_{-0.56}$
- **Atlas**: 179.0 ± 11.8
- **CMS**: 154 ± 18

Theory:

- Ahrens et al, 2011, NNLO($m_t = 173.1$):
Tev.: $6.63^{+0.007}_{-0.41}$, LHC7: 155^{+8}_{-9}
- Kidonakis, 2011, NNLO($m_t = 173$):
Tev.: $7.08^{+0.00}_{-0.24}$, LHC7: 163^{+7}_{-5}
- Ahrens et al, 2010/11, NNLL:
Tev.: $6.55^{+0.16}_{-0.14}$ (1PI), $6.46^{+0.18}_{-0.19}$ (PIM)
LHC7: 150^{+7}_{-7} (1PI), 147^{+7}_{-6} (PIM)

Residual theoretical uncertainties



- At **LHC reduction of theoretical uncertainty** from NLO → NNLO → NNLL
- At **Tevatron** NNLO has smallest uncertainty:
 - $q\bar{q}$ channel (Tevatron) VS gg channel (LHC)
 - strong dependence on the scale choice: $\text{NNLO}(\mu_R = 2m_t) = 6.73^{+0.34}_{-0.46}$

Tevatron : $\Delta\sigma^{\text{th, NNLL}}/\sigma \sim +4.5\text{--}6.5\%$

LHC : $\Delta\sigma^{\text{th, NNLL}}/\sigma \sim \pm 4.5\%$

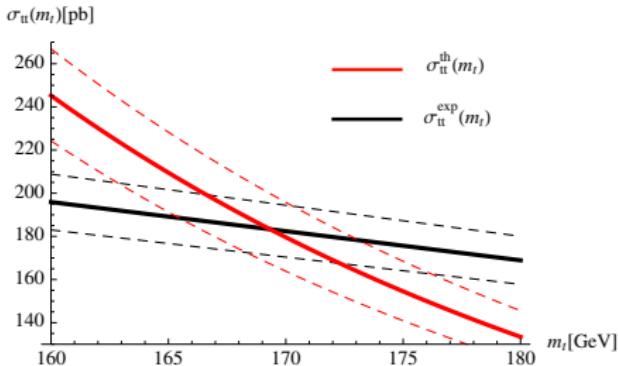
plus additional $\sim \pm 7\text{--}9\%$ from PDF+ α_s uncertainty!

Top mass extraction

Measured cross section can be used to **extract the top-quark pole mass**

$$\sigma_{\bar{t}t}^{\text{exp}}(m_t) = (411.9 - 1.35m_t) \text{ pb}$$

[ATLAS-CONF-2011-121]



Extracted mass given by the maximum of $f(m_t) = \int f_{\text{th}}(\sigma|m_t) \cdot f_{\text{exp}}(\sigma|m_t) d\sigma$, with $f_{\text{th}}(\sigma|m_t)$ a gaussian likelihood function

$$m_t = 169.8^{+4.9}_{-4.7} \text{ GeV}$$

good agreement with direct mass reconstruction at Tevatron: $m_t = 173.3 \pm 1.1 \text{ GeV}$

Summary

- Fixed-order prediction for $t\bar{t}$ production improved by threshold resummations
 - ⇒ factorization of **hard**, **soft** and **Coulomb** modes in PNRQCD+SCET
 - ⇒ **simultaneous resummation** of threshold logarithms and Coulomb singularities in momentum space
- Size of threshold term at Tevatron and LHC
 - ⇒ **NNLO** corrections $\sim 9.5\%$ at Tevatron and $\sim 8\%$ at LHC
 - ⇒ **NNLL** corrections beyond NNLO not negligible at Tevatron ($\sim 3.5\%$) but small at LHC ($\sim 1\%$)
- Remaining theoretical uncertainties
 - ⇒ Tevatron: $\Delta\sigma \sim \pm 4 - 6.5\%$
 - ⇒ LHC: $\Delta\sigma \sim \pm 4.5\%$
 - ⇒ PDF+ α_s : $\sim \pm 7 - 9\%$
- Top mass extraction
 - ⇒ $\Delta m_t \pm 5 \text{ GeV}$
 - ⇒ reasonable agreement with direct determination

Backup slides

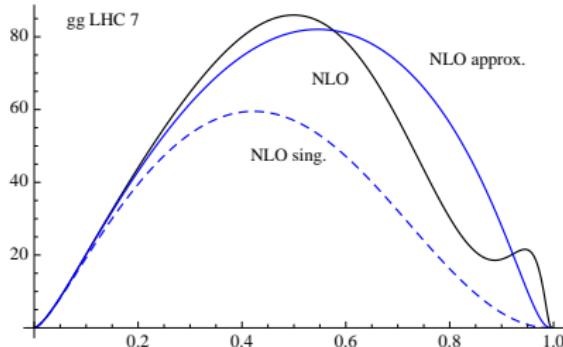
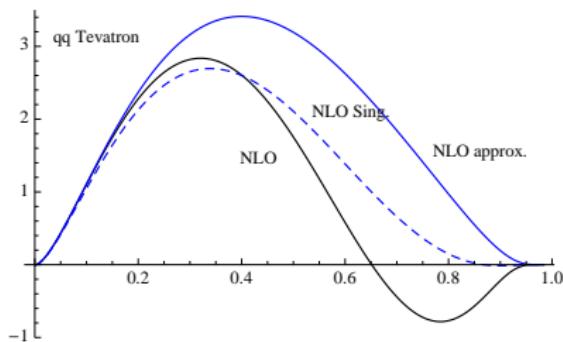
Contribution of threshold-enhanced terms

$\sqrt{s} \gg 2m_t \Rightarrow$ How good is the threshold approximation?

can study the approximation at the NLO level...

Plot $8\beta m_t^2 / (s(1 - \beta^2)^2) \mathcal{L}_{gg}(\beta) \hat{\sigma}_{tt}(\beta)$:

- **NLO:** exact NLO result
- **NLO sing.:** only singular terms in β
- **NLO approx.:** singular terms + $O(1)$ term ($\Leftrightarrow H_i^{(1)}$)



NLO sing. is good approximation only up to $\beta \sim 0.3$

However: expect NNLO approximation to be better (more singular terms at $O(\alpha_s^2)$...)

Theoretical uncertainties

Scale, resummation, NNLO constant and PDF+ α_s uncertainties

	Tevatron	LHC ($\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$)	LHC ($\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$)
NLL ₂	$7.31^{+0.25}_{-0.03} {}^{+0.30}_{-0.53} {}^{+0.10}_{-0.10} {}^{+0.57}_{-0.54}$	$172.8^{+14.8}_{-0.8} {}^{+13.0}_{-14.7} {}^{+4.7}_{-4.7} {}^{+15.9}_{-14.6}$	$954^{+85}_{-5} {}^{+65}_{-71} {}^{+28}_{-28} {}^{+74}_{-66}$
NNLL ₂	$7.22^{+0.21}_{-0.41} {}^{+0.20}_{-0.21} {}^{+0.10}_{-0.10} {}^{+0.71}_{-0.55}$	$162.6^{+4.2}_{-1.9} {}^{+3.9}_{-5.6} {}^{+4.7}_{-4.7} {}^{+15.4}_{-14.7}$	$896^{+22}_{-5} {}^{+18}_{-23} {}^{+28}_{-28} {}^{+65}_{-64}$

Resummation uncertainties

Collider	i) E	ii) k_s	iii) β_{cut}
Tevatron	${}^{+0.01}_{-0.00} \left\{ {}^{+0.1\%}_{-0.0\%} \right\}$	${}^{+0.10}_{-0.10} \left\{ {}^{+1.4\%}_{-1.4\%} \right\}$	${}^{+0.17}_{-0.18} \left\{ {}^{+2.4\%}_{-2.5\%} \right\}$
LHC ($\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$)	${}^{+1.0}_{-0.0} \left\{ {}^{+0.6\%}_{-0.0\%} \right\}$	${}^{+0.8}_{-2.2} \left\{ {}^{+0.5\%}_{-1.4\%} \right\}$	${}^{+3.7}_{-5.1} \left\{ {}^{+2.3\%}_{-3.1\%} \right\}$
LHC ($\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$)	${}^{+5}_{-0} \left\{ {}^{+0.6\%}_{-0.0\%} \right\}$	${}^{+0}_{-10} \left\{ {}^{+0.0\%}_{-1.1\%} \right\}$	${}^{+17}_{-21} \left\{ {}^{+1.9\%}_{-2.3\%} \right\}$

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Choice of fixed soft scale not completely satisfactory:

- **Kinematic ambiguities:** $E = \sqrt{s} - 2m_t \Leftrightarrow m_t \beta^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(m_t \beta^2 / \mu_s) : \quad \tilde{\mu}_s &= 35 \text{ GeV (Tevatron)}, & 58 \text{ GeV (LHC7)}, & 65 \text{ GeV (LHC14)}, \\ \ln(E/\mu_s) : \quad \tilde{\mu}_s &= 52 \text{ GeV (Tevatron)}, & 99 \text{ GeV (LHC7)}, & 120 \text{ GeV (LHC14)}, \end{aligned}$$

- A fixed soft scale does not correctly reproduce all the threshold logs at NNLO
($\ln \beta$ terms resummed only in an average sense...)

Fixed soft scale VS Running soft scale

$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}[\text{pb}]$	Tevatron	LHC@7	LHC@14
NLO	$6.68^{+0.36(5.3\%)}_{-0.75(11\%)}$	$158.1^{+18.5(12\%)}_{-21.2(13\%)}$	$884^{+107(12\%)}_{-106(12\%)}$
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NLL ₂ (fixed μ_s)	$6.90^{+0.32(4.6\%)}_{-0.42(6.1\%)}$	$157.6^{+23.3(15\%)}_{-20.2(13\%)}$	$879^{+136(15\%)}_{-113(13\%)}$
NNLO _{app}	$7.06^{+0.25(3.5\%)}_{-0.33(4.7\%)}$	$161.1^{+11.4(7.1\%)}_{-10.9(6.8\%)}$	$891^{+71(8.0\%)}_{-63(7.1\%)}$
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NNLL ₂ (fixed μ_s)	$7.08^{+0.16(2.3\%)}_{-0.28(3.6\%)}$	$157.4^{+10.3(6.5\%)}_{-3.6(2.3\%)}$	$868^{+69(7.9\%)}_{-21(2.4\%)}$

