The electroweak contribution to top pair production: cross-sections and asymmetries





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The EW contribution to top pair production

- LHC, Tevatron

- $qq \rightarrow t\bar{t}$, $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

- Cross section, charge asymmetry - Differential and integrated quantities

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$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$$
 , $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha)$, ...

- QED, Weak

Weak corrections to the cross section

Beenakker et al '94, Kuhn, Scharf, Uwer '06, Bernreuther, Fuecker, Si '06 Moretti, Nolten, Ross '06,

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha)$$





$$gg \to t\bar{t}$$



Weak corrections to the cross section



	Tevatron	LHC $(7 \mathrm{TeV})$	LHC $(14 \mathrm{TeV})$
$\sigma_{ m LO}$	$4.49^{+1.71+0.24}_{-1.15-0.19}$	84^{+29+4}_{-20-5}	$495^{+148+19}_{-107-24}$
$\sigma_{ m NLL}$	$5.07^{+0.37+0.28}_{-0.36-0.18}$	112^{+18+5}_{-14-5}	$598^{+108+19}_{-94\ -19}$
$\sigma_{ m NLO, \ leading}$	$5.49^{+0.78}_{-0.78}{}^{+0.31}_{-0.20}$	134^{+16+7}_{-17-7}	761^{+64+25}_{-75-26}
$\sigma_{\rm NLO}$	$5.79\substack{+0.79+0.33\\-0.80-0.22}$	133^{+21+7}_{-19-7}	$761^{+105+26}_{-101-27}$
$\sigma_{ m NLO+NNLL}$	$6.30^{+0.19}_{-0.19}{}^{+0.31}_{-0.23}$	149^{+7+8}_{-7-8}	821_{-42-31}^{+40+24}
$\sigma_{\rm NNLO, approx}$ (scheme A)	$6.14\substack{+0.49+0.31\\-0.53-0.23}$	$146^{+13}_{-12}^{+8}_{-8}$	821_{-65-29}^{+71+27}
$\sigma_{\rm NNLO, approx}$ (scheme B)	$6.05^{+0.43}_{-0.50}{}^{+0.31}_{-0.23}$	139^{+9+7}_{-9-7}	773^{+47+25}_{-50-27}

Ahrens, Ferroglia et al. '11

Errors from scale variation and PDFs are bigger than EW corrections

^M[#] Differential distributions

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Differential distributions¹⁰⁰⁰



Talk of A.Scharf, CERN, 17-9-2012





Theory/Da

2000 m_{tt} [GeV] 1.2 1 0.8

300





QED corrections to the cross section

Process	$\sigma_{\rm tot}$ without cuts [pb]		Process	$\sigma_{\rm tot}$ without cuts [pb]		
	Born	correction		Born	correction	
$u\bar{u}$	3.411	-0.117	 $u \bar{u}$	34.25	-1.41	
d ar d	0.5855	-2.89×10^{-3}	$d \overline{d}$	21.61	-0.228	
$S\overline{S}$	8.063×10^{-3}	-1.21×10^{-5}	$S\overline{S}$	4.682	-0.0410	
$c\bar{c}$	2.044×10^{-3}	-5.06×10^{-5}	$c\overline{c}$	2.075	-0.0762	
gg	0.4128	3.17×10^{-3}	gg	407.8	2.08	
$g\gamma$		0.0154	$g\gamma$		4.45	
$p\bar{p}$	4.420	-0.102	 pp	470.4	4.78	

Tevatron

~ -2%

LHC 14 TeV

~ 1%

Hollik, Kollar '07

The dominant contribution at LHC comes from $g\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{t}$, only one set of PDFs (MRST2004QED) has photon PDF.

Electroweak corrections to the cross section

Bernreuther, Si '10

1.04 1.04 1.02 1.02 1 1 0.98 0.98 0.96 0.96 1000 1500 200 300 500 400 500 2000 100 M_{tt} (GeV) p_T (GeV)

Ratio (NLO_{QCD}+electroweak)/NLO_{QCD}

Asymmetries







At LO partonic processes are not asymmetric. QCD produces the asymmetry only at NLO! NLO in the cross-section, LO in A_{FB}

$$A_{FB} = \frac{N}{D} = \frac{\alpha^2 \tilde{N}_0 + \alpha_s^3 N_1 + \alpha_s^2 \alpha \tilde{N}_1 + \alpha_s^4 N_2 + \dots}{\alpha^2 \tilde{D}_0 + \alpha_s^2 D_0 + \alpha_s^3 D_1 + \alpha_s^2 \alpha \tilde{D}_1 + \dots} = \alpha_s \frac{N_1}{D_0} + \alpha \frac{\tilde{N}_1}{D_0} + \frac{\alpha^2}{\alpha_s^2} \frac{\tilde{N}_0}{D_0}$$

gg initial state doesn't contribute to Tevatron and LHC asymmetry numerator! q-qbar QCD contribution only from interaction between initial and final state!



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QED can be easily obtained from QCD calculation and the substitution of one gluon into one photon in the squared amplitudes.





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Different couplings for different chiralities produce asymmetric terms in the cross-section

 $\frac{d\sigma_{asym}}{d\cos\theta} = 2\pi\alpha^2\cos\theta\Big(1 - \frac{4m_t^2}{s}\Big)\Big[\kappa\frac{Q_qQ_tA_qA_t}{(s - M_Z^2)} + 2\kappa^2A_qA_tV_qV_t\frac{s}{(s - M_Z^2)^2}\Big]$

Forward-backward asymmetry

$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$	$\mu = m_t/2$	$\mu = m_t$	$\mu = 2m_t$
$\mathcal{O}(lpha_s^3)$ $uar{u}$	7.01%	6.29%	5.71%
${\cal O}(lpha_s^3) ~~ dar d$	1.16%	1.03%	0.92%
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha)_{QED} u \bar{u}$	1.35%	1.35%	1.35%
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha)_{QED} d\bar{d}$	-0.11%	-0.11%	-0.11%
$\mathcal{O}(lpha_s^2 lpha)_{weak}$ $u ar{u}$	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%
${\cal O}(lpha_s^2 lpha)_{weak} ~~ d ar d$	-0.04%	-0.04%	-0.04%
$\mathcal{O}(lpha^2)$ $uar{u}$	0.18%	0.23%	0.28%
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) d\bar{d}$	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%
tot $p\bar{p}$	9.72%	8.93%	8.31%

 $R_{QED}^{u\bar{u}} = (0.192, 0.214, 0.237)$ $R_{QED}^{d\bar{d}} = (-0.096, -0.107, -0.119)$

- R_{QED} depend only on the renormalization scale, not on A_{FB} definitions and cuts



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EW corrections to AFB are more important than EW corrections to total cross-section. 2 Reasons:

-LO total cross section $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$, LO numerator of A_{FB} $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$

-The dominant EW contribution, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha)$ QED, to the A_{FB} comes from boxes: 3 times the number of diagrams of QCD case. QED contribution to total cross-section comes "from vertex corrections": same number of diagrams of QCD case.

Charge asymmetry

At LHC same partonic processes, but different partonic luminosities.

Gluon-gluon luminosity is larger, so asymmetry is smaller. Gluon-quark initial state starts to be "interesting".

The ratio of integrated luminosities $u\bar{u}/d\bar{d}$ at Tevatron is 4:1, at LHC 2:1. Cancellation between QED contributions is bigger. EW contribution at LHC in general is smaller (between 15% and 20% of QCD contribution).

$$R_{QED}(Q_q) = \frac{\alpha \tilde{N}_1^{QED}}{\alpha_s N_1} = Q_q Q_t \frac{36}{5} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_s}$$

\sqrt{S}			$M_c = 2m_t$	$0.5 { m TeV}$	$0.7 { m TeV}$	1 TeV
$7 { m TeV}$	QCD:	$A_C^{\Delta y } \ (\%)$	1.07(4)	1.27(4)	1.68(4)	2.06(5)
	QCD + EW:	$A_C^{\Delta y } \ (\%)$	1.23(5)	1.48(4)	1.95(4)	2.40(6)
8 TeV	QCD:	$A_C^{\Delta y } \ (\%)$	0.96(4)	1.14(4)	1.48(4)	1.85(4)
	QCD + EW:	$A_C^{\Delta y } \ (\%)$	1.11(4)	1.33(5)	1.73(5)	2.20(5)
			$M_c = 2m_t$	$0.5 { m TeV}$	1 TeV	$2 { m TeV}$
14 TeV	QCD:	$A_C^{\Delta y } \ (\%)$	0.58(3)	0.74(3)	1.11(5)	1.72(10)
	QCD + EW:	$A_C^{\Delta y }$ (%)	0.67(4)	0.86(5)	1.32(8)	2.12(10)

Bernreuther, Si '12

CONCLUSION

The electroweak contribution to total cross-section is still smaller than QCD uncertainty. It could be seen in differential distribution, with high luminosity.

Total electroweak contribution to the asymmetries is not negligible and increases QCD result by a factor ~ 1.2 (Tevatron), ~ 1.15 (LHC)

EW cannot explain $A_{FB}(M_{INV}>450 \text{ GeV})$, but new models cannot forget its contribution when they try to fill the gap between theory (SM) and experiment.

THANK YOU FOR THE ATTENTION!

EXTRA SLIDES

Hadronic process = partonic process \otimes PDF

 $\sigma(H_1H_2 \to t\bar{t} + X) = \sigma(p_1p_2 \to t\bar{t} + X) \otimes \left[f_{p_1,H_1}(x_1)f_{p_2,H_2}(x_2) + f_{p_1,H_2}(x_1)f_{p_2,H_1}(x_2)\right]$

Partonic process can be produced in two different directions



At LHC H₁=H₂ \rightarrow A_{FB}=0 At Tevatron only processes with p₁ or p₂ = (up, antiup, down, antidown) can produce asymmetric terms! Diagrams contributing to orders $\alpha_s \alpha^2$, $\alpha_s^2 \alpha$ of $gq(\bar{q}) \rightarrow t\bar{t}q(\bar{q})$ (q = u, d, s, c, b)





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QCD only at LO, but there is also electroweak theory.

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \alpha) = 0$$

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 $\alpha_s^2 D_0$ is the LO cross section, now we see the terms in N



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a) at 1σ b)inside 2σ

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${\cal O}(lpha_s^3) ~~ dar d$	1.44%	1.27%	1.14%	${\cal O}(lpha_s^3) ~~ dar d$	2.28%	2.02%	1.84%
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha)_{QED} u \bar{u}$	1.94%	1.95%	1.96%	$\mathcal{O}(lpha_s^2 lpha)_{QED} u ar{u}$	2.90%	2.94%	2.94%
${\cal O}(lpha_s^2 lpha)_{QED} ~~dar{d}$	-0.14%	-0.14%	-0.14%	$\mathcal{O}(lpha_s^2 lpha)_{QED} \ \ d\bar{d}$	-0.22%	-0.22%	-0.22%
$\mathcal{O}(lpha_s^2 lpha)_{weak}$ $u ar{u}$	0.28%	0.28%	0.28%	${\cal O}(lpha_s^2 lpha)_{weak}$ $uar u$	0.25%	0.25%	0.26%
${\cal O}(lpha_s^2lpha)_{weak} ~~dar d$	-0.05%	-0.05%	-0.05%	${\cal O}(lpha_s^2 lpha)_{weak} ~~dar d$	-0.09%	-0.09%	-0.08%
$\mathcal{O}(lpha^2)$ $uar{u}$	0.26%	0.33%	0.41%	${\cal O}(lpha^2)$ $uar u$	0.35%	0.45%	0.55%
${\cal O}(lpha^2) ~~ dar d$	0.03%	0.03%	0.04%	$\mathcal{O}(lpha^2) dar{d}$	0.04%	0.05%	0.06%
tot $p\bar{p}$	13.90%	12.77%	11.91%	tot $par{p}$	20.70%	19.12%	17.75%

