Theoretical predictions for top-pair and single-top production

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- **Two-loop soft-gluon corrections**
- **Total cross sections**
- **Top p_T distributions in pair production**
- **Top rapidity distributions in pair production**
- **Top p_T distributions in single-top production**

Higher-order corrections

QCD corrections significant for top pair and single top production

Soft-gluon corrections are important

Soft terms: $\left[\frac{\ln^k(s_4/m_t^2)}{s_4}\right]_+$ **with** $k \leq 2n-1$, s_4 **distance from threshold**

Resum these soft corrections - factorization and RGE

NNLL accuracy–two-loop soft anomalous dimensions

Approximate NNLO differential cross sections from expansion of resummed expressions

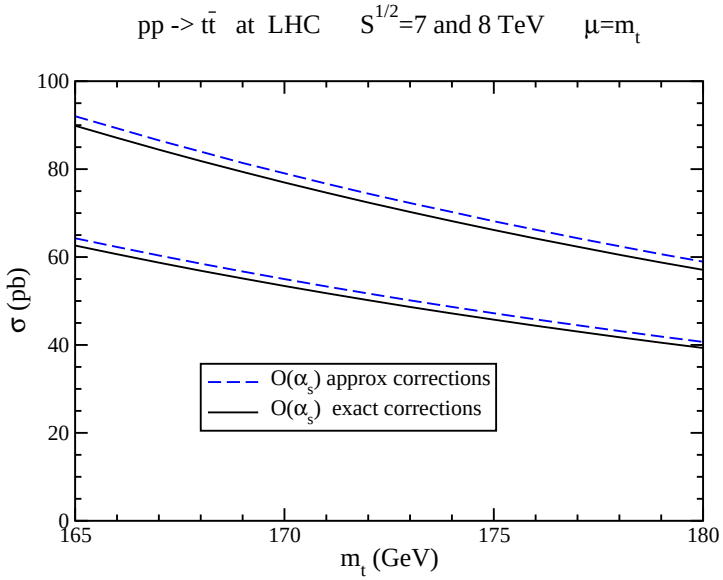
Calculation is for partonic threshold at the double differential cross section level using the standard moment-space resummation in pQCD

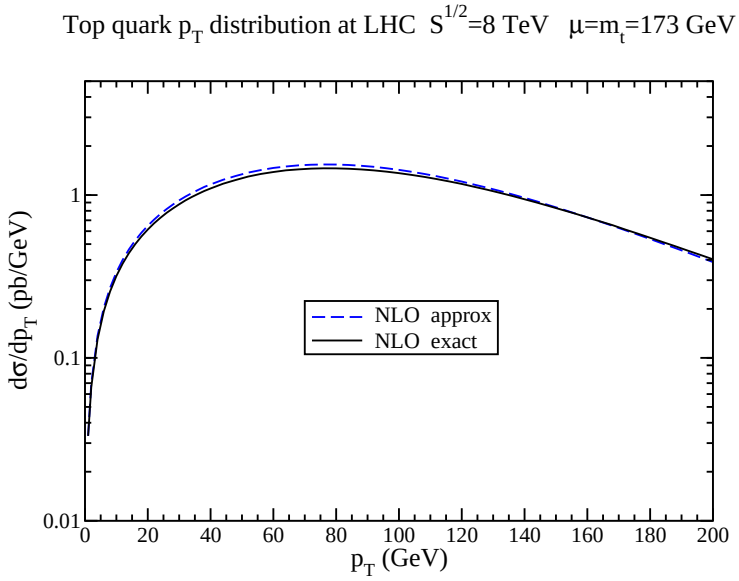
total cross section, and top p_T and rapidity distributions

Latest results: arXiv:1311.0283 [hep-ph]

Threshold approximation

Approximation works very well for LHC and Tevatron energies





excellent approximation:
$\sim$1% difference between NLO approximate and exact cross sections;
and also for differential distributions;
also true at NNLO for total cross sections

For best prediction for differential distributions add NNLO approximate corrections to exact NLO result

Differences between various resummation/NNLO approx approaches

Total vs differential cross section
moment-space pQCD vs SCET

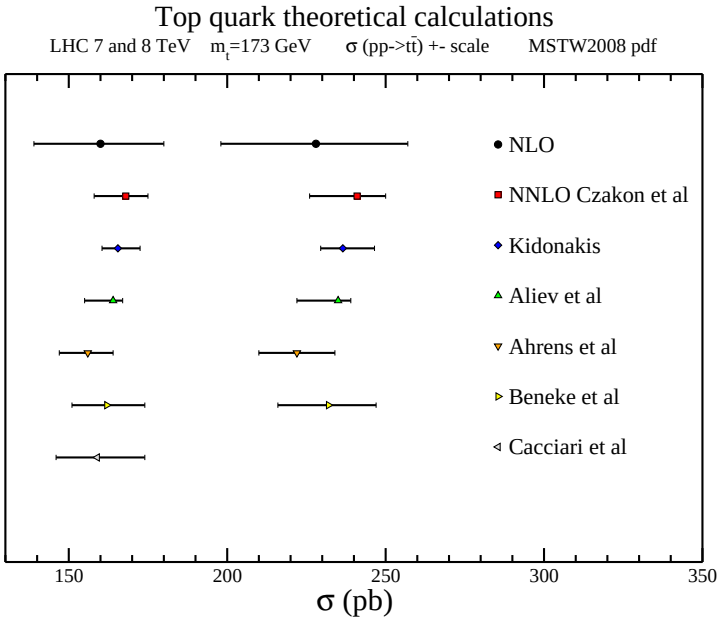
Name	Observable	Soft limit
single-particle-inclusive (1PI)	$d\sigma/dp_T dy$	$s_4 = s + t_1 + u_1 \to 0$
pair-invariant-mass (PIM)	$d\sigma/dM_{t\bar{t}}d\theta$	$(1-z) = 1 - M^2_{t\bar{t}}/s \to 0$
production threshold	σ	$\beta = \sqrt{1-4m_t^2/s} \to 0$

The more general approach is double-differential
$\to p_T$ and rapidity distributions

total-only approaches are limit/special case (absolute vs partonic threshold)

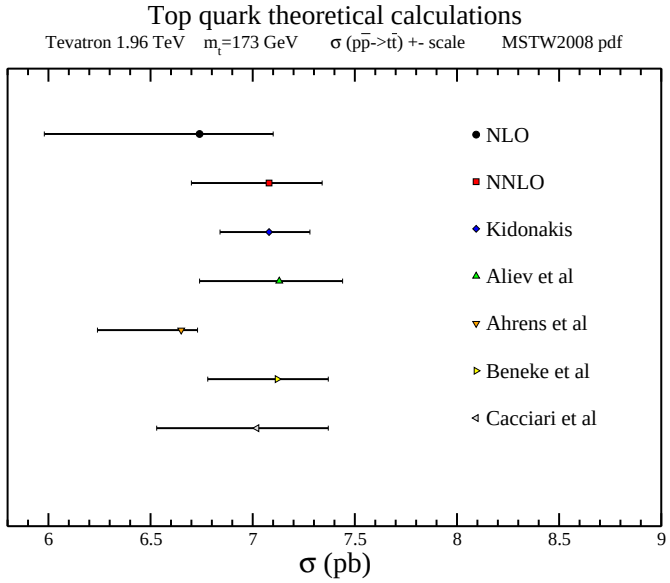
For differential calculations, further differences arise from how the relation $s + t_1 + u_1 = 0$ is used in the plus-distribution coefficients, how subleading terms are treated, damping factors, etc.

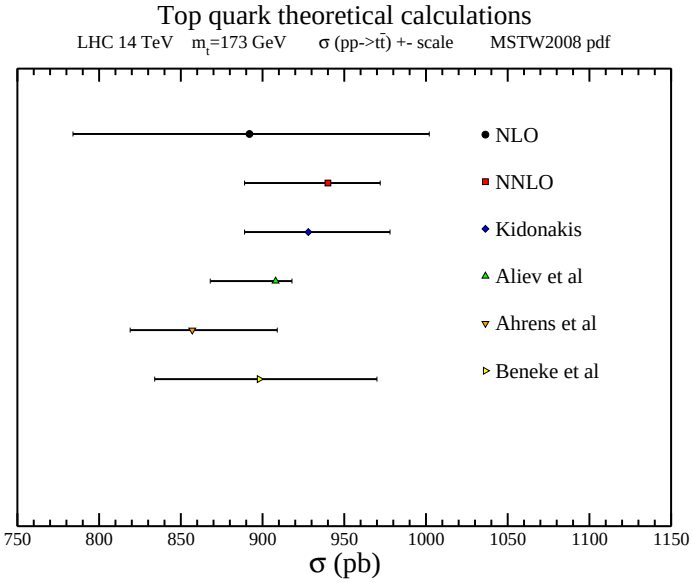
see N. Kidonakis and B.D. Pecjak, Eur. Phys. J C 72, 2084 (2012)
for details and review



Comparison of various NNLO approx approaches
all with the same choice of parameters

Kidonakis, PRD 82, 114030 (2010) differential-pQCD
Aliev *et al*, CPC 182, 1034 (2011) total-pQCD
Ahrens *et al*, PLB 703, 135 (2011) differential -SCET
Beneke *et al*, NPB 855, 695 (2012) total-SCET
Cacciari *et al*, PLB 710, 612 (2012) total-pQCD





Varying degree of success of the various approaches

My PRD 82 result is very close to the exact NNLO:
both the central values and the scale uncertainty are nearly the same
true for all collider energies and top quark masses

This was expected from comparison to NLO, and comparison of 1PI and PIM results at NNLO in 2003

(PRD 68, N. Kidonakis & R. Vogt; see also discussion in PRD78 and PRD82)

less than 1% difference between NLO approximate and exact cross sections at both NLO and NNLO

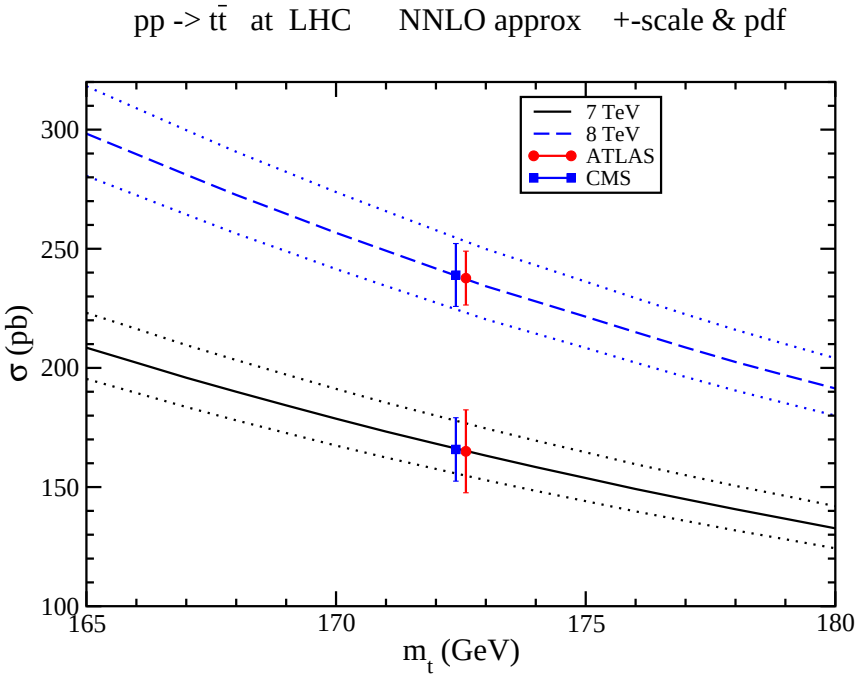
currently working on adding approximate NNNLO

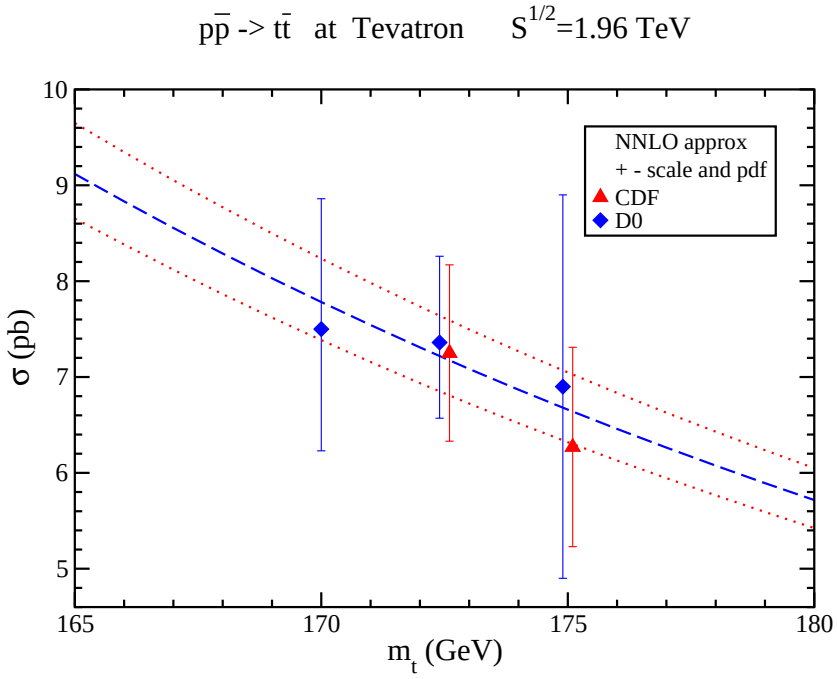
stability of the theoretical NNLO approximate result in this double-differential pQCD resummation approach over the past decade

the reliability of the NNLO approximate result and near-identical value to exact NNLO is very important for several reasons

- **provides confidence of application to other processes (single-top, W, etc)**
- **used as background for many analyses (Higgs, etc)**
- **means that we have near-exact NNLO p_T and rapidity distributions**

Top-pair cross sections at the LHC and the Tevatron





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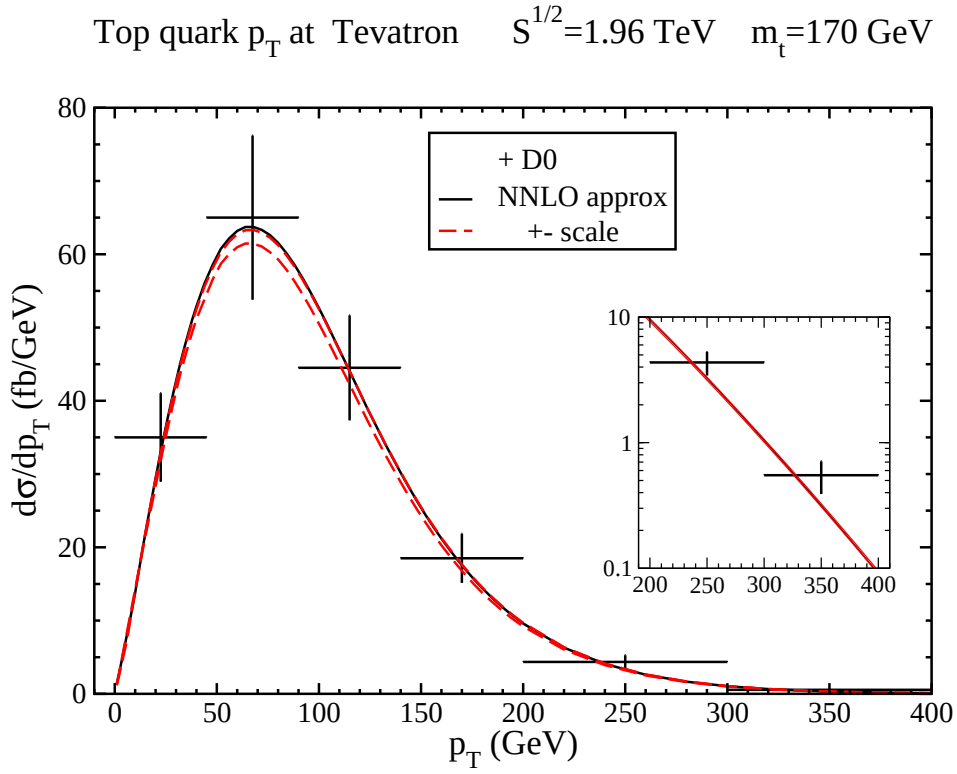
Top quark p_T distribution at the Tevatron



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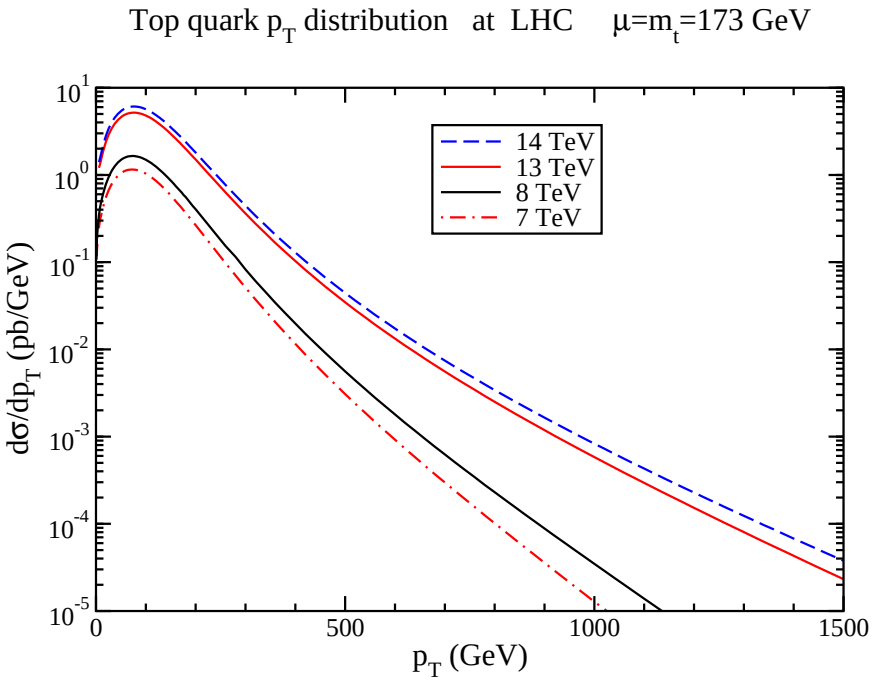

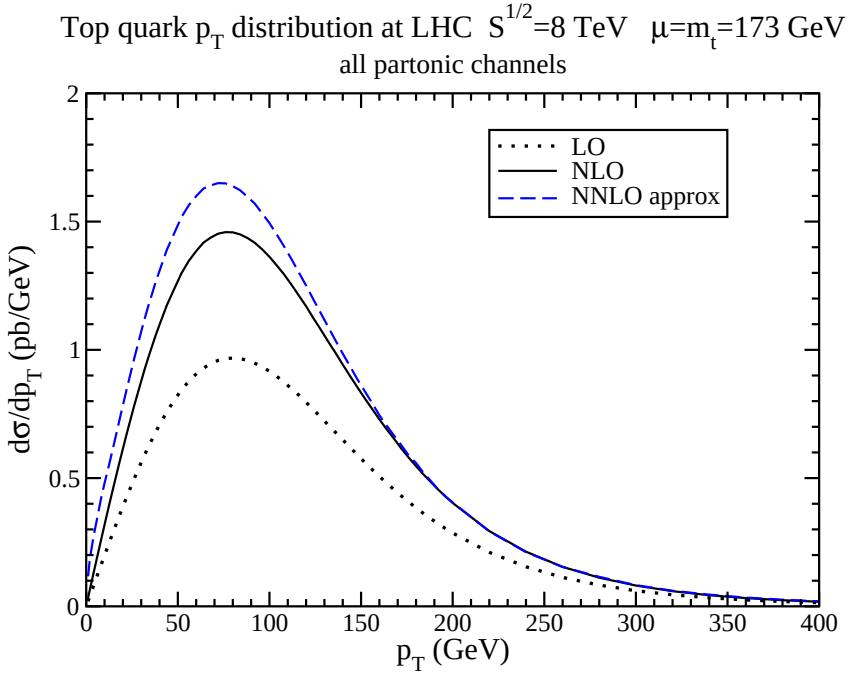

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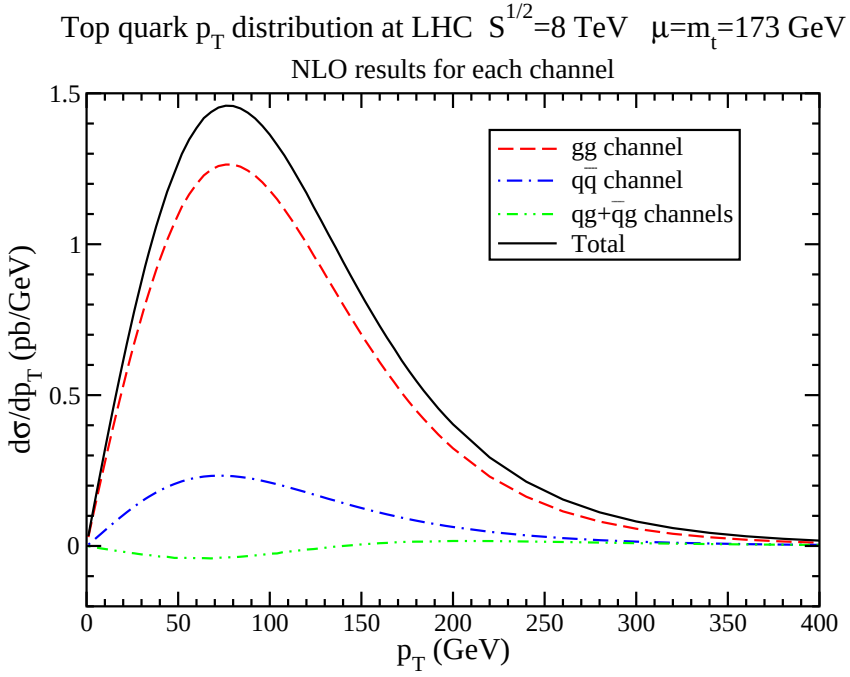

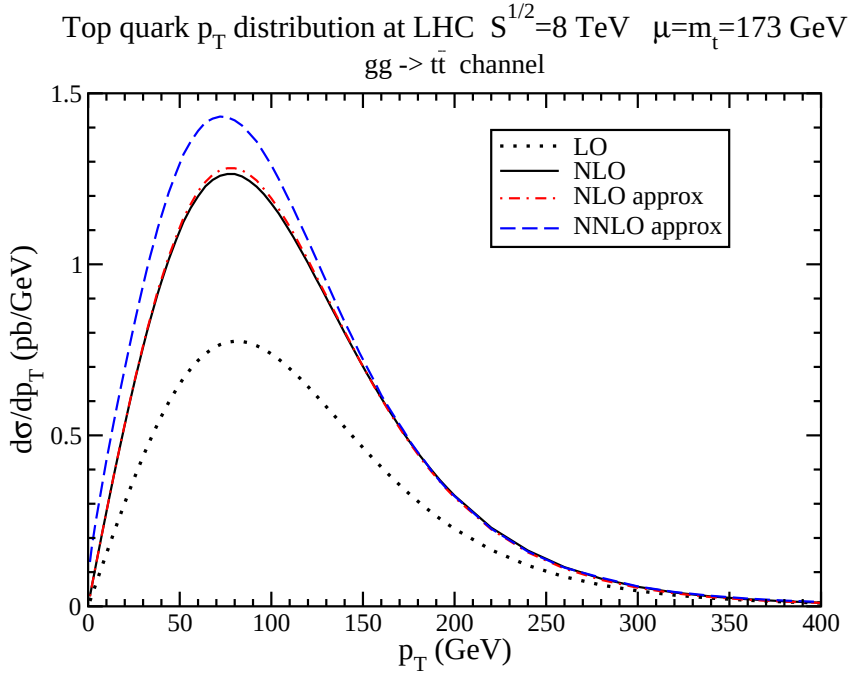

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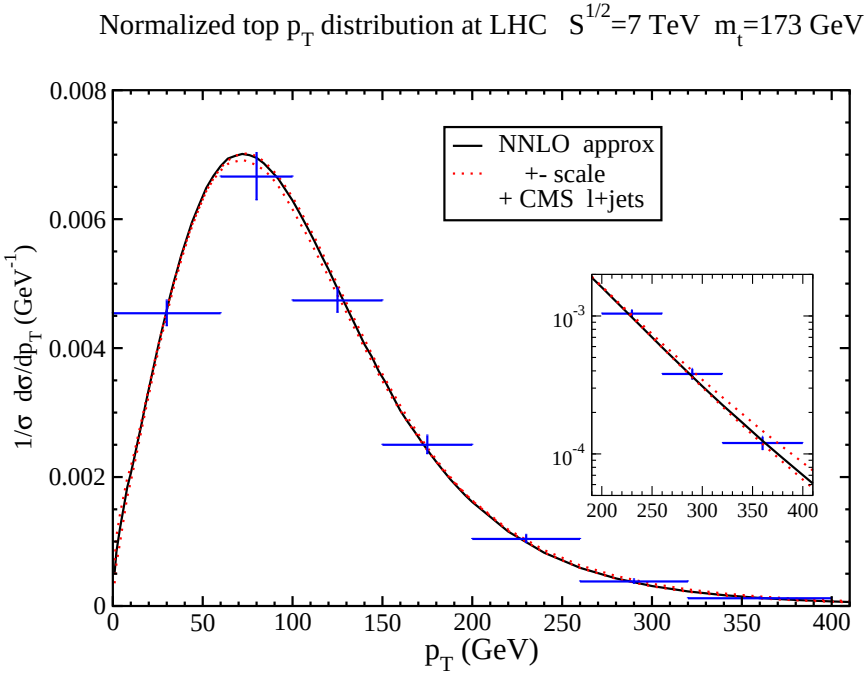

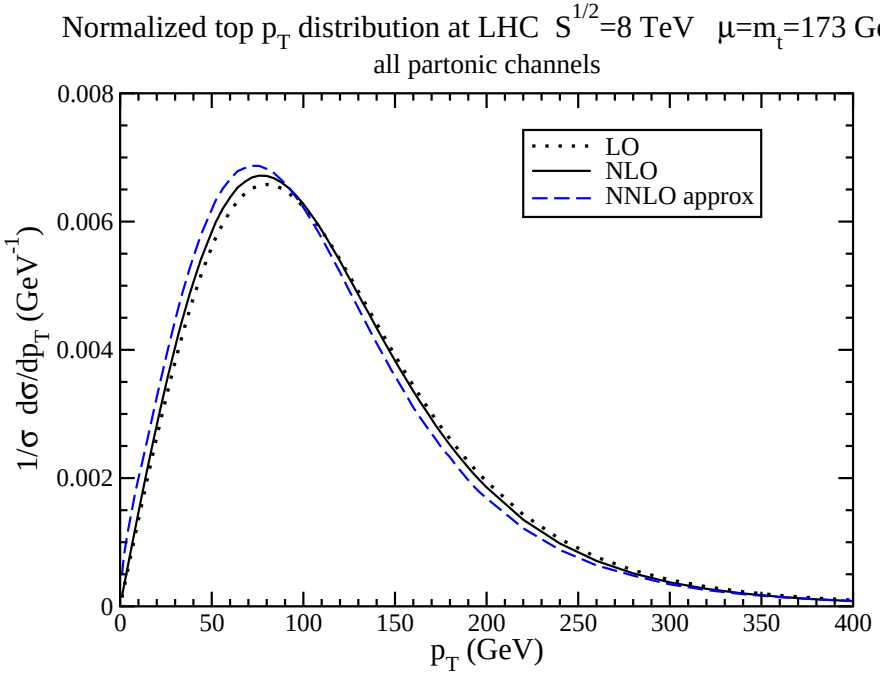

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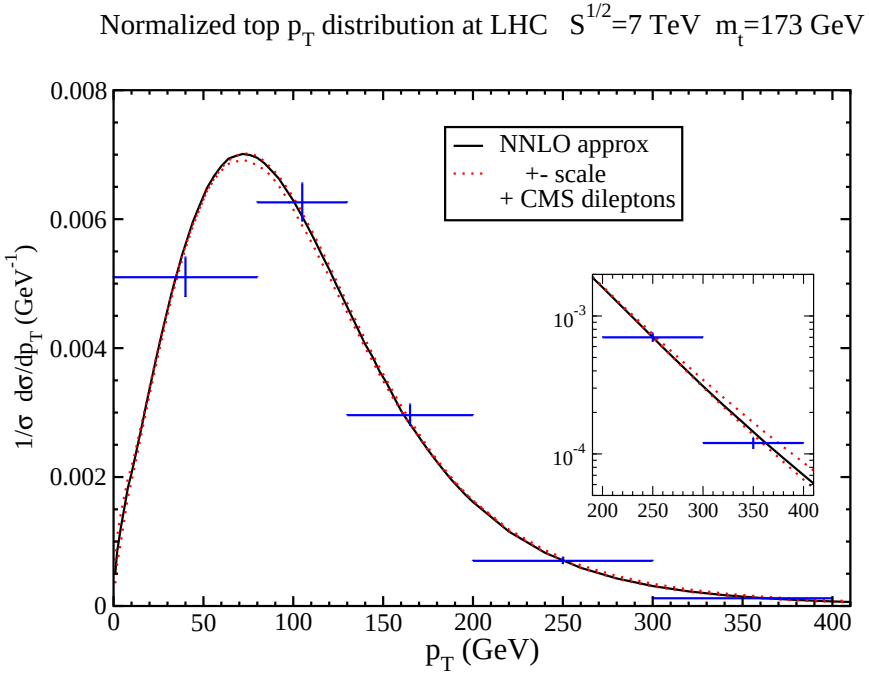
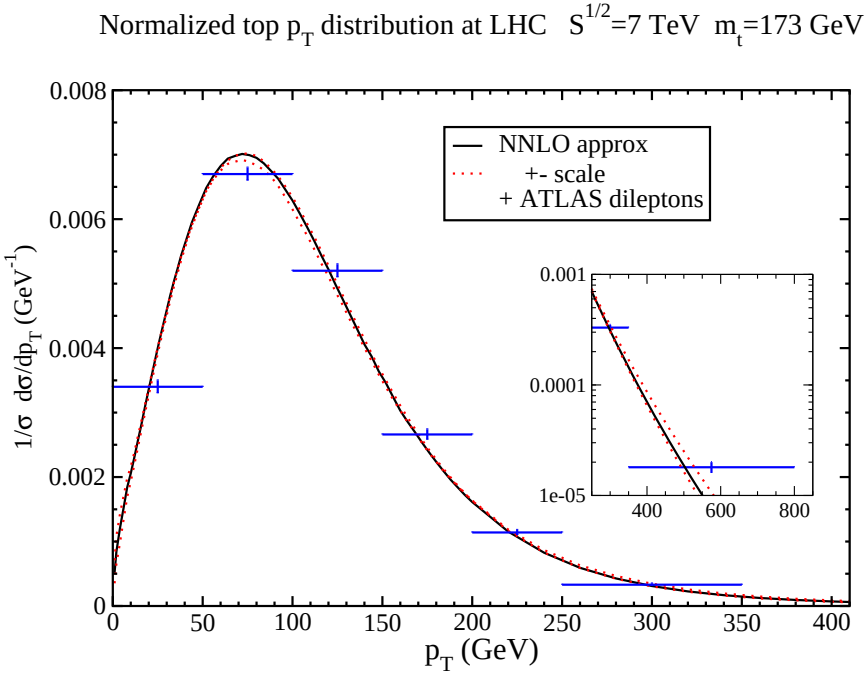
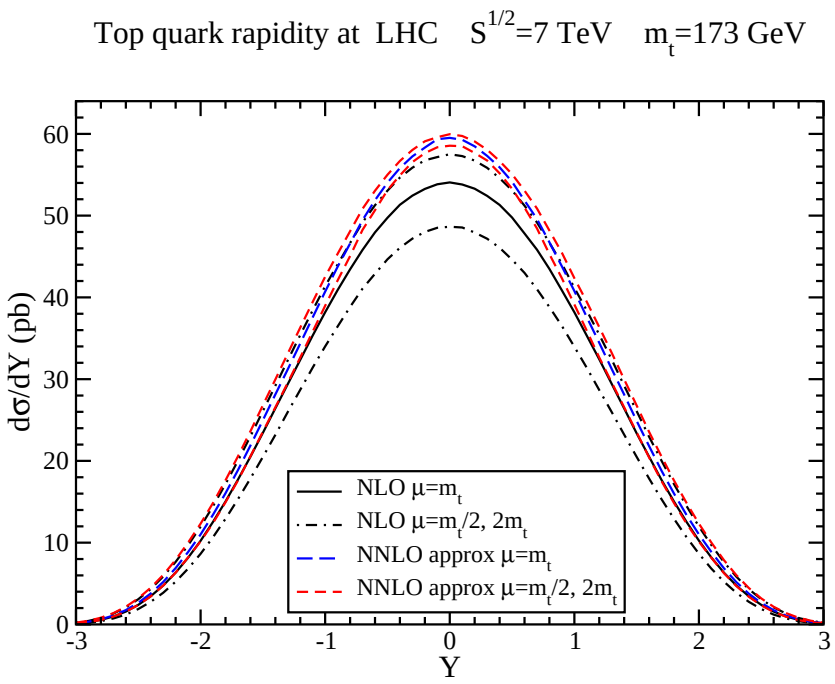
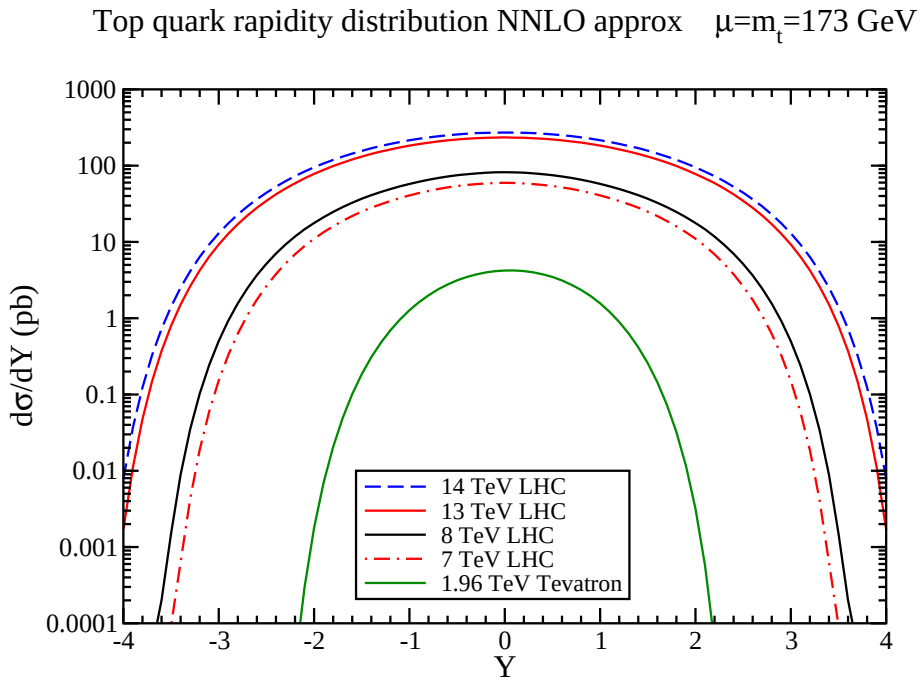




Top quark rapidity distribution at LHC and Tevatron





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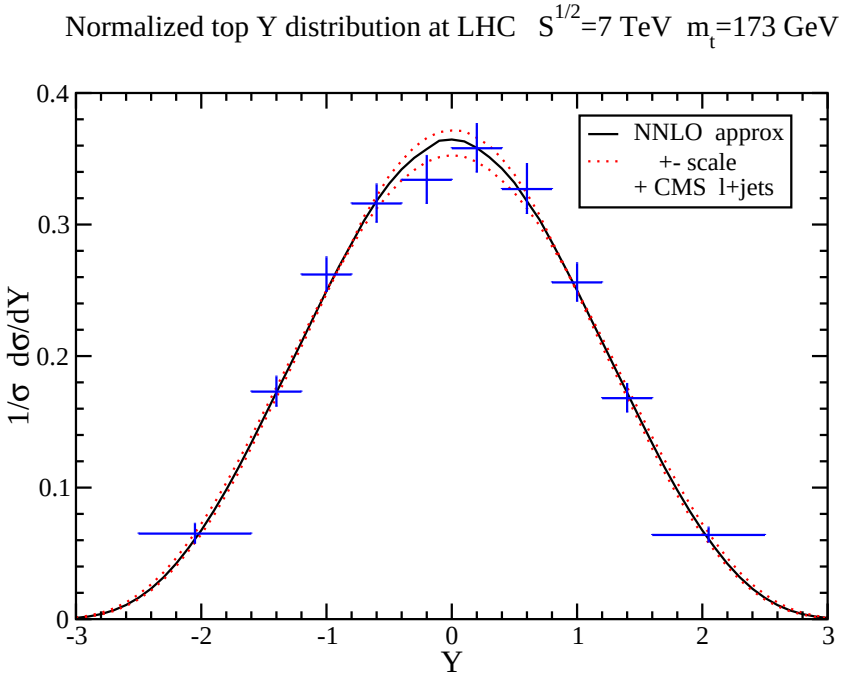

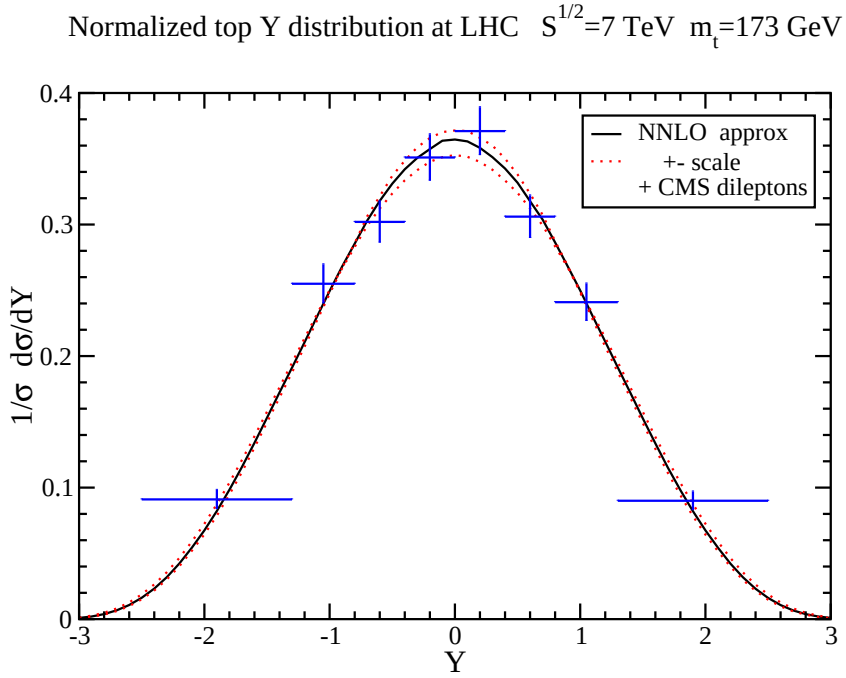

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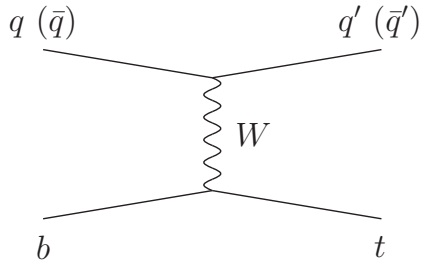
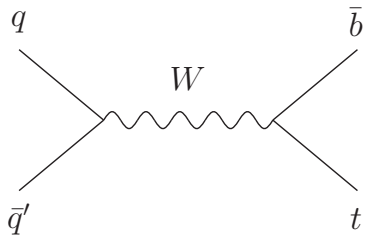
Single-top partonic processes at LO

- **t channel: $qb \to q't$ and $\bar{q}b \to \bar{q}'t$**
dominant at Tevatron and LHC

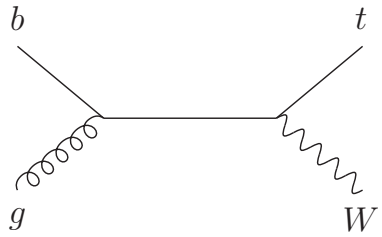


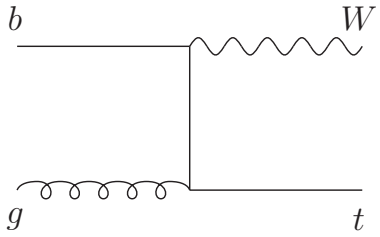
- **s channel: $q\bar{q}' \to \bar{b}t$**
small at Tevatron and LHC



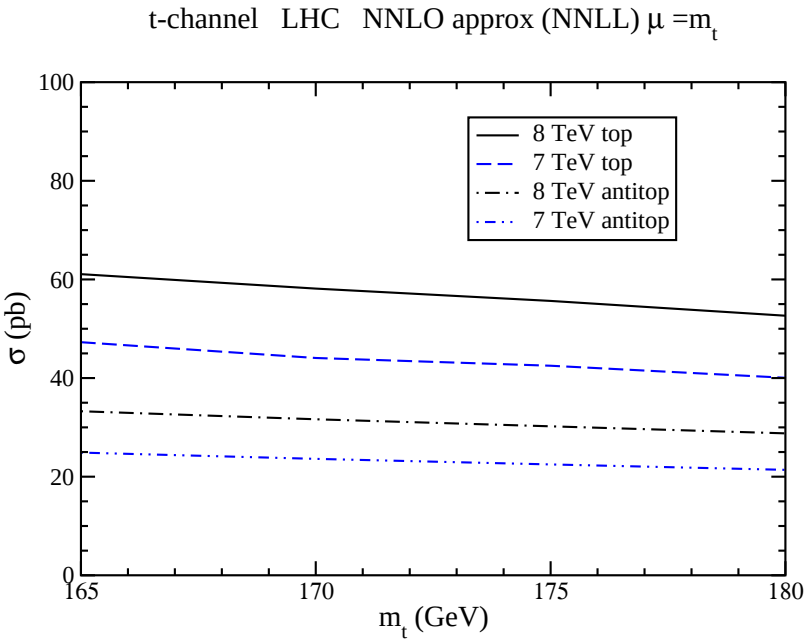
- **associated tW production: $bg \to tW^-$**
very small at Tevatron, significant at LHC

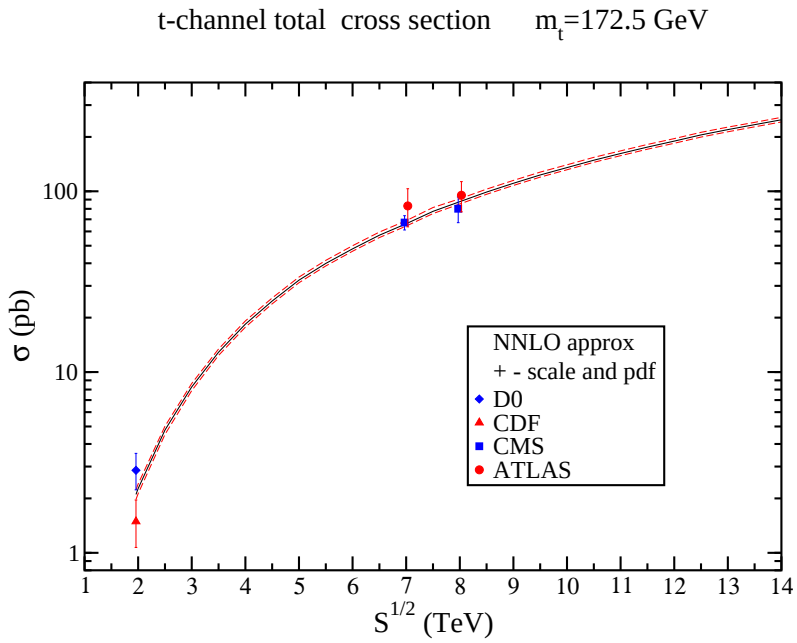
Related process: $bg \to tH^-$





Single top t-channel cross sections at LHC





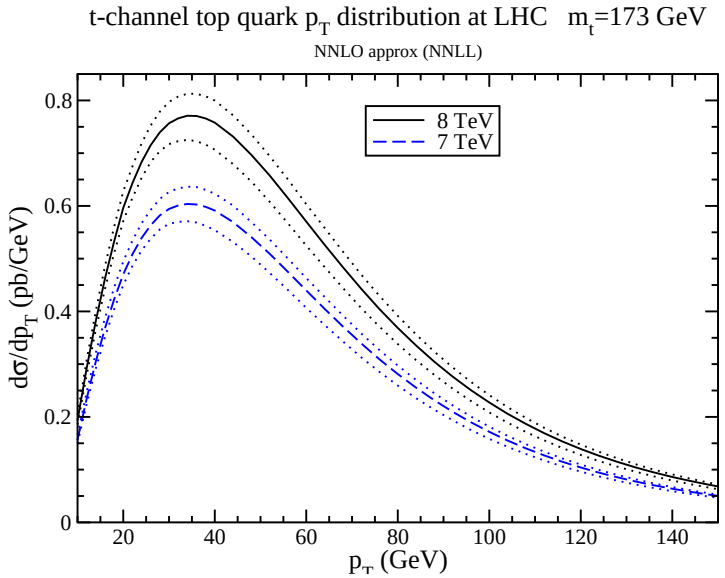
$m_t = 173$ **GeV**

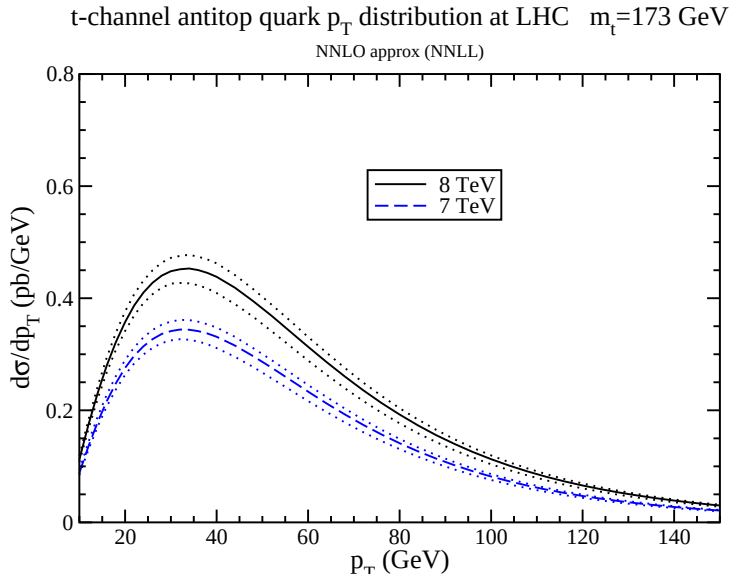
LHC	t	$\bar{t}$	Total (pb)
7 TeV	$43.0^{+1.6}_{-0.2} \pm 0.8$	$22.9 \pm 0.5^{+0.7}_{-0.9}$	$65.9^{+2.1+1.5}_{-0.7-1.7}$
8 TeV	$56.4^{+2.1}_{-0.3} \pm 1.1$	$30.7 \pm 0.7^{+0.9}_{-1.1}$	$87.2^{+2.8+2.0}_{-1.0-2.2}$
14 TeV	$154^{+4}_{-1} \pm 3$	94^{+2+2}_{-1-3}	248^{+6+5}_{-2-6}

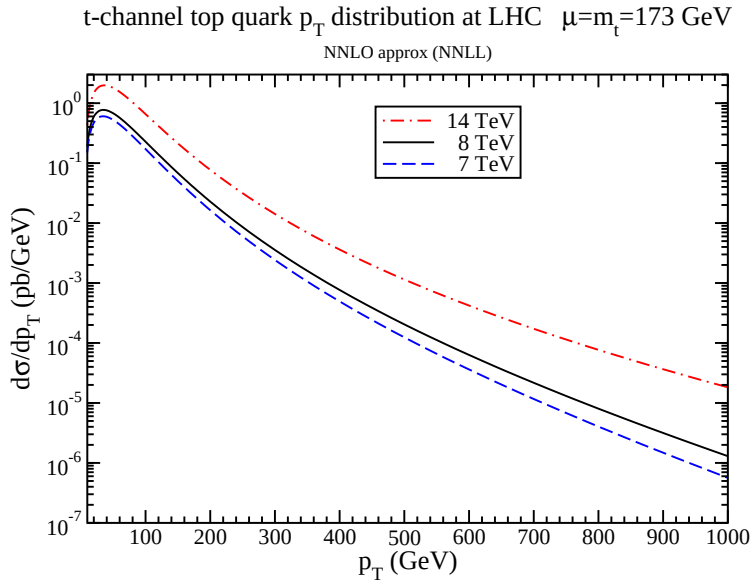
$\pm$ scale $\pm$ pdf errors with MSTW2008 NNLO pdf 90% CL

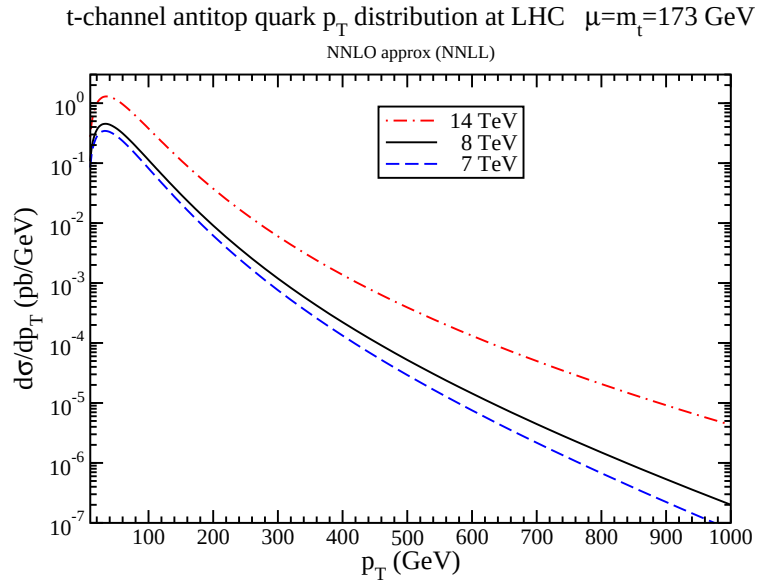
ratio $\sigma(t)/\sigma(\bar{t}) = 1.88^{+0.11}_{-0.09}$ at 7 TeV - compares well with ATLAS result $1.81^{+0.23}_{-0.22}$

t-channel top and antitop p_T distributions at LHC

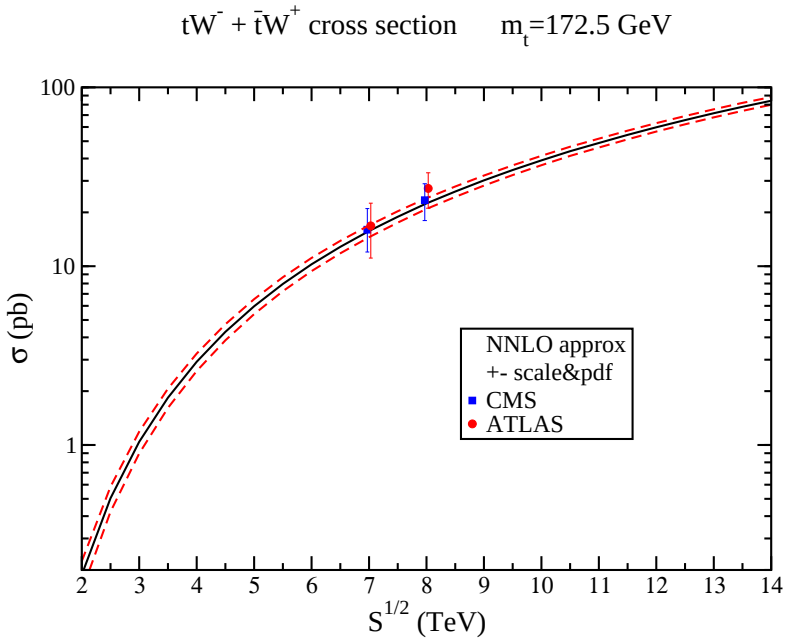


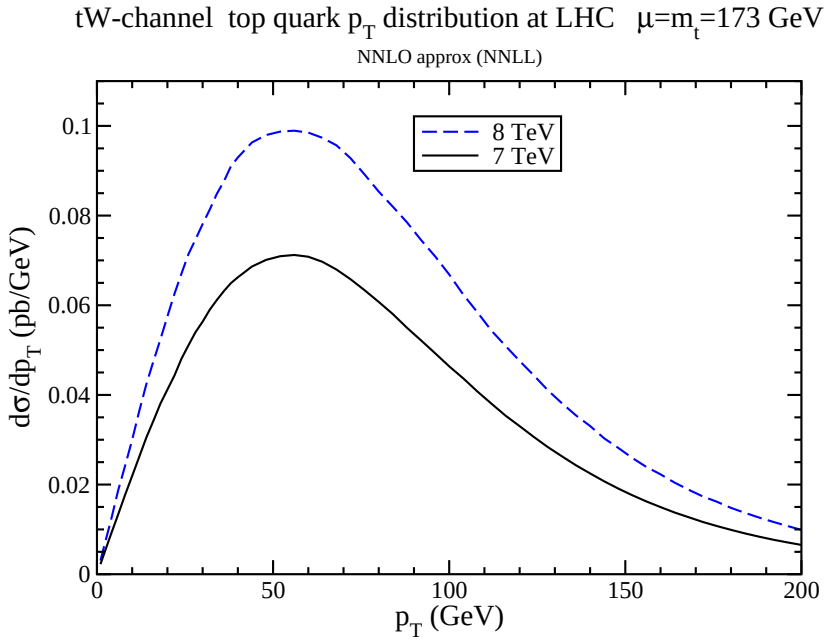






Associated tW^- production at the LHC

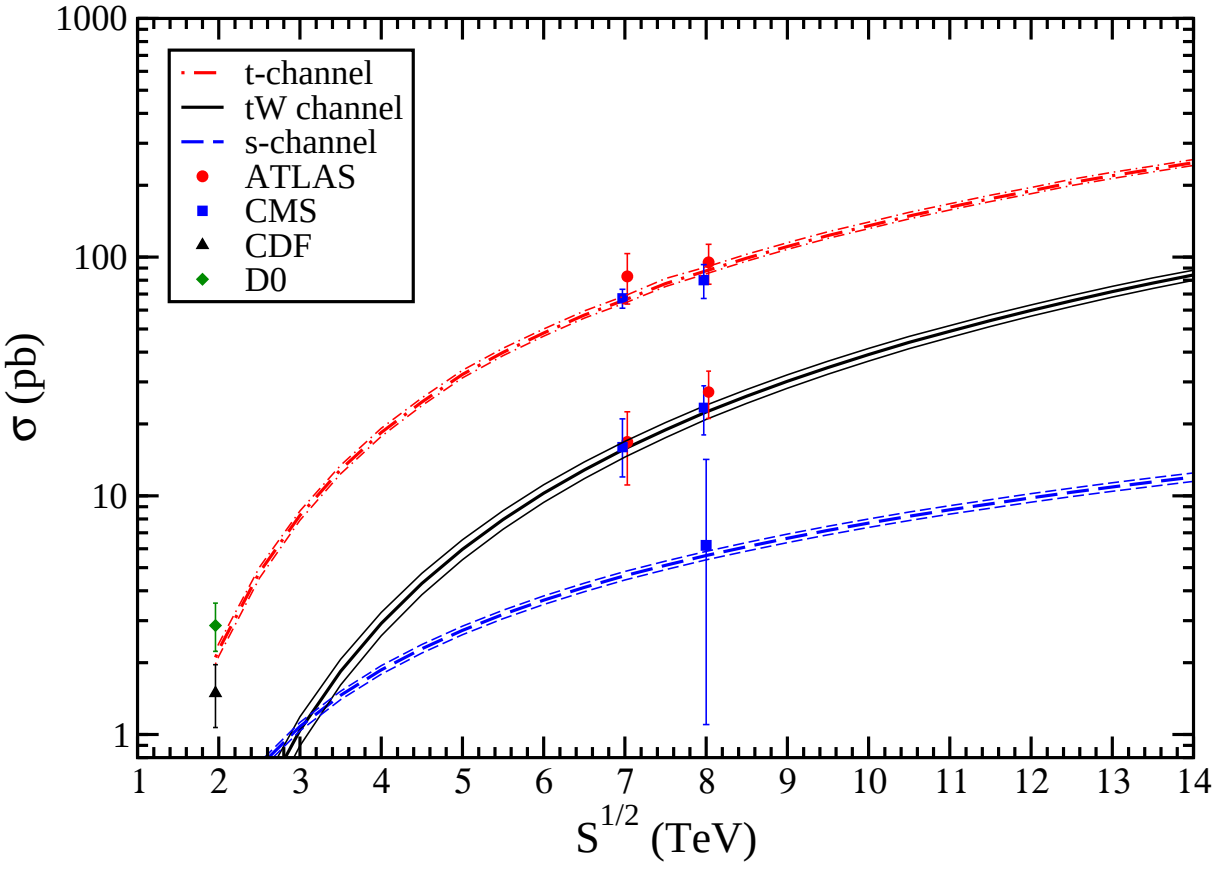




Cross section for $\bar{t}W^+$ production is identical to tW^-

Single-top cross sections

NNLO approx single-top cross sections +-scale&pdf m_t=172.5 GeV



Excellent agreement of theory with data for all three channels

Summary

- **NNLL soft-gluon corrections for top-pair and single-top production**
- **total cross sections**
- **top quark p_T and rapidity distributions**
- **NNLO approx corrections are significant at the LHC and the Tevatron**
- **excellent agreement with LHC and Tevatron data**
- **currently working on NNNLO soft-gluon corrections**
- **future work on more differential distributions**