

# Top-Quark Charge Asymmetry Review



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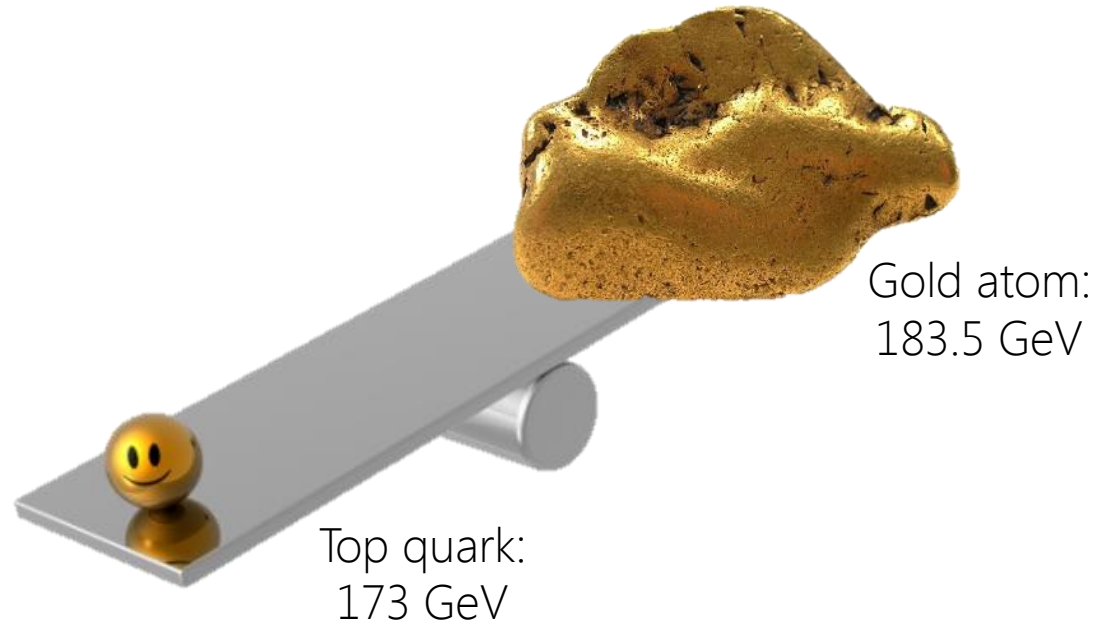
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# the top quark: the gold(en) particle



- The heaviest known elementary particle
- Yukawa coupling to Higgs boson  $y_t = \mathcal{O}(1)$ : bridge to EWSB
- Special role in many BSM: a window to new physics that couples preferentially to top quarks
- Decays before hadronizing: the only “naked” quark

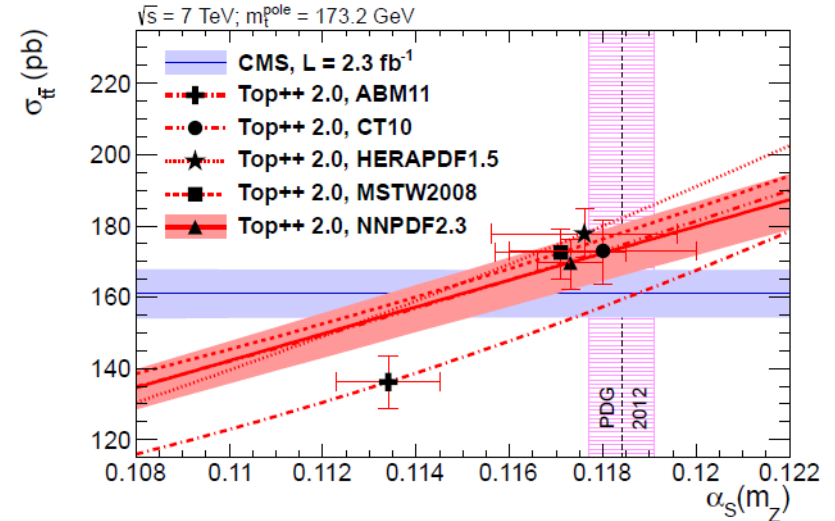
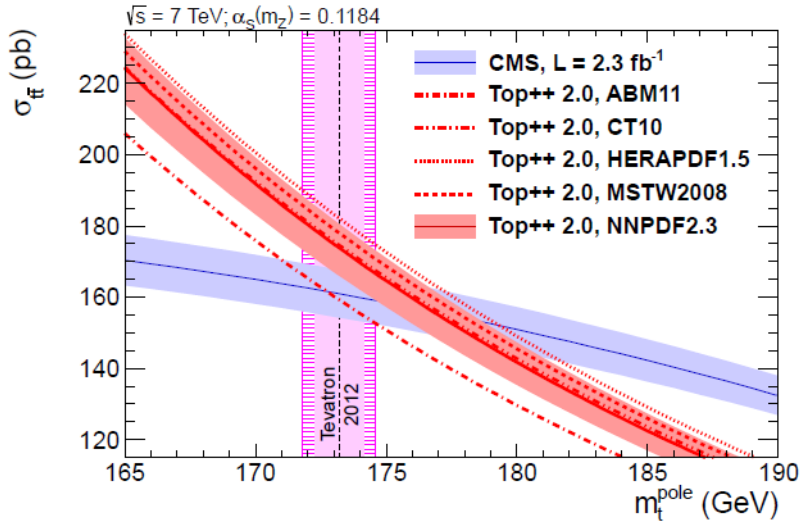
$$\tau_{\text{had}} \approx h/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{s}$$

$$\tau_{\text{top}} \approx h/\Gamma_{\text{top}} = 1/(G_F m_t^3 |V_{tb}|^2 / 8\pi\sqrt{2}) = 5 \cdot 10^{-25} \text{s}$$

$$\tau_{\text{bottom}} \approx 10^{-12} \text{s}$$

# the top quark entering the precision era

- Total  $t\bar{t}$  cross section known at NNLO+NNLL [Mitov, Czakon, Gehrmann, Moch, Bonciani ...]
- Use total cross-section for determining the top quark mass and/or  $\alpha_S$  [CMS 1307.1907], and to constrain PDFs
- $m_t$  also from  $t\bar{t}$ +jet [Irles talk]



$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = 176.7_{-2.8}^{+3.0} \text{ GeV}$$

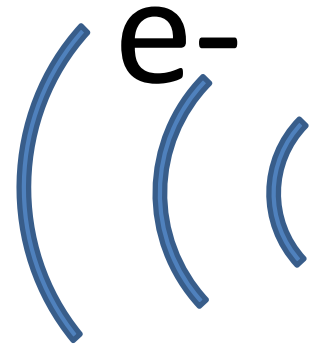
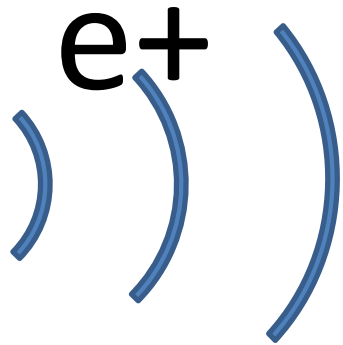
$$\alpha_S(m_Z) = 0.1151_{-0.0027}^{+0.0028}$$

# Charge asymmetry = particle-antiparticle asymmetry



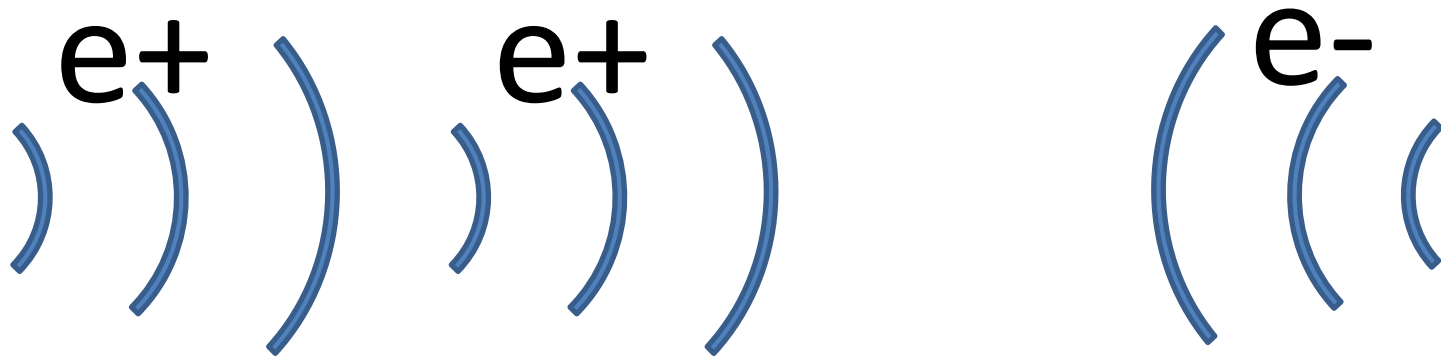
A difference in the angular distribution of **top quarks** with respect to **top antiquarks** at Tevatron or the LHC

A qualitative picture  
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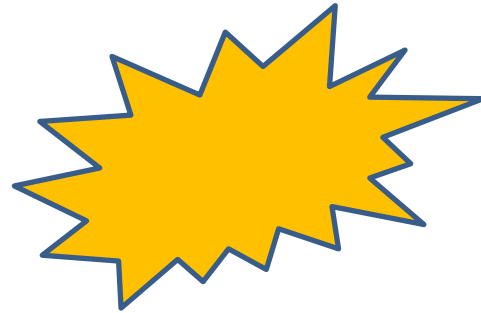
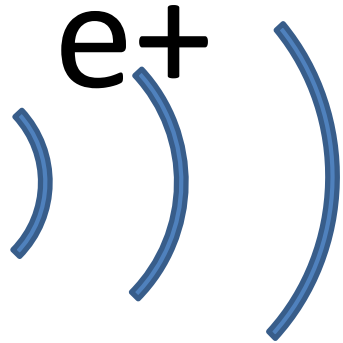


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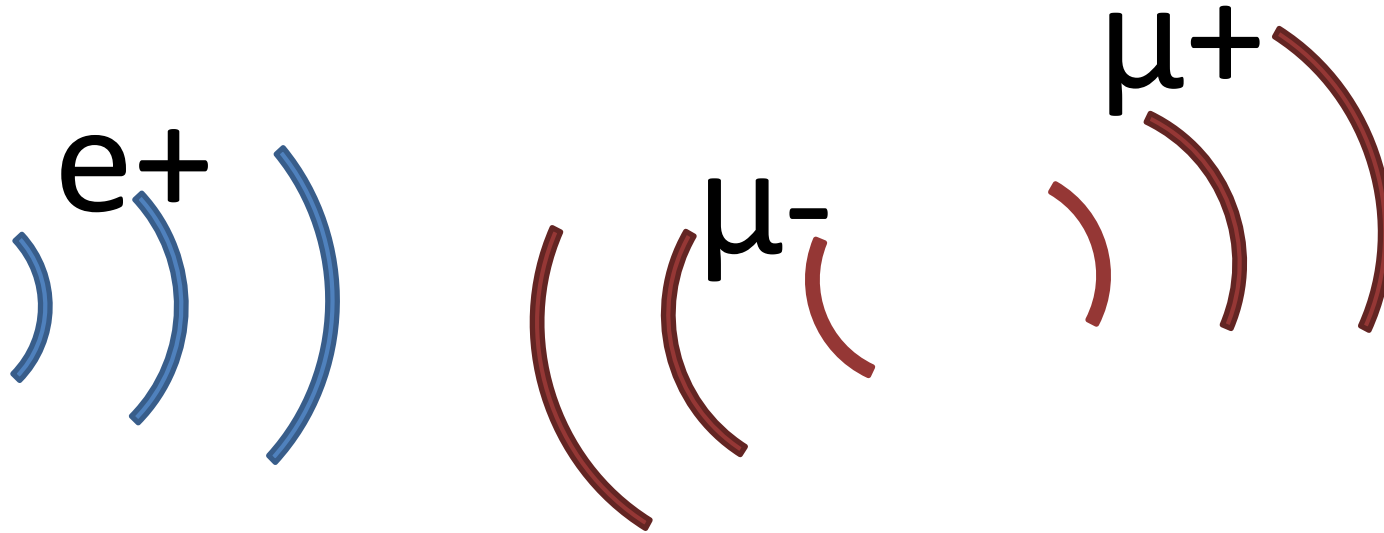


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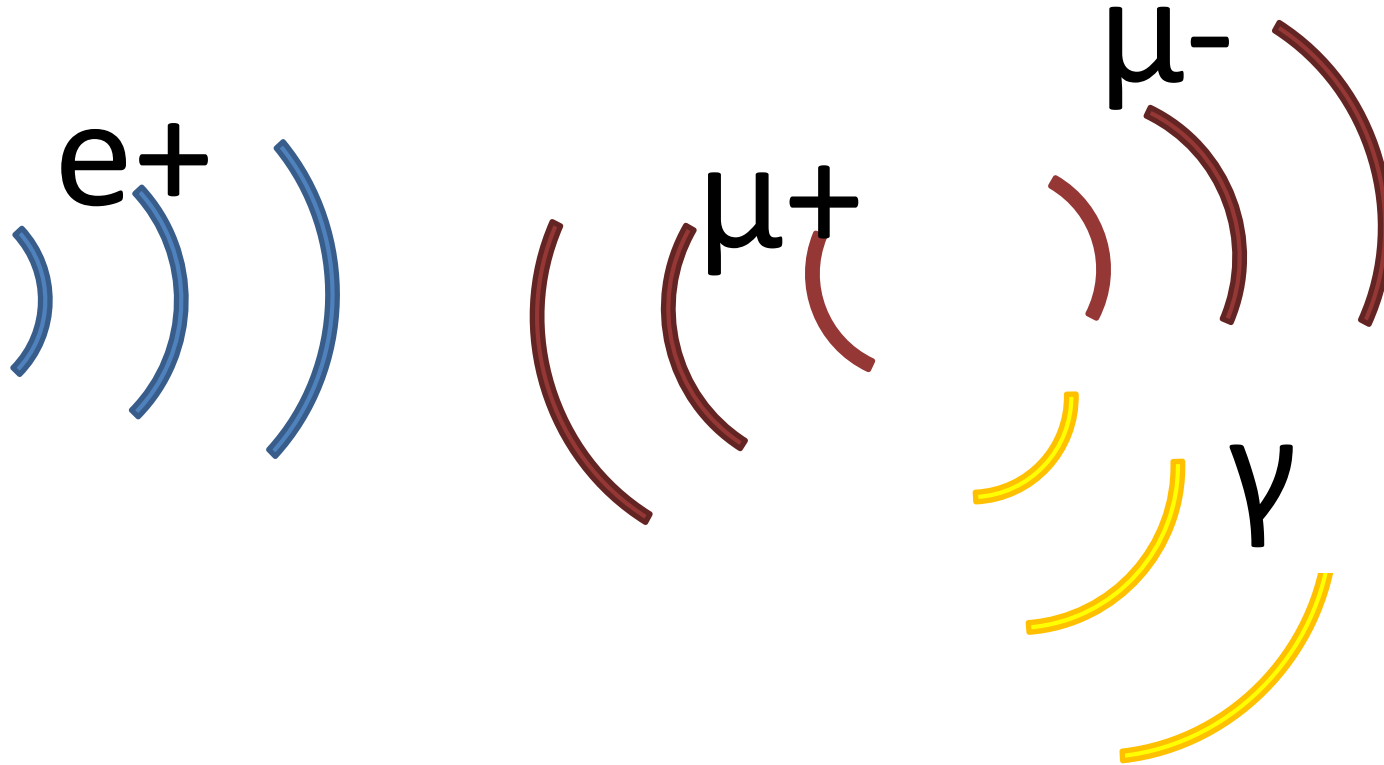


- Inclusive: the system is **less perturbed** if the outgoing positive electric charge field (colour field of the top) flows in the direction of the incoming positive electric charge field (colour field of the incoming quark)



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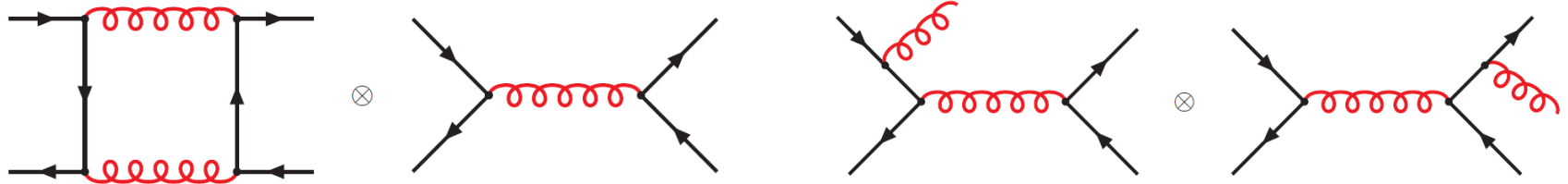
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- ▶  $\mu^+ \mu^- \gamma / t\bar{t}g$  final state, emission of **extra radiation** requires to **decelerate** the electric (colour) charges: negative charge asymmetry

# Charge asymmetry in QCD [Kühn, GR, 1998]

At  $O(\alpha_s^2)$ : top and antitop quarks have identical angular distributions  
 However, a charge asymmetry arises at  $O(\alpha_s^3)$



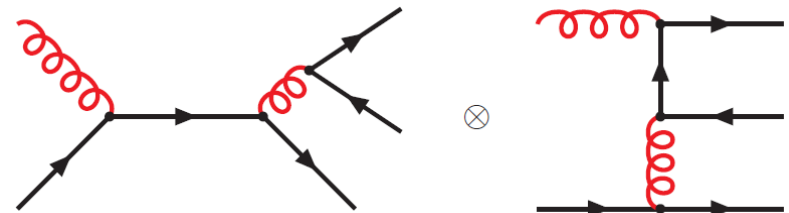
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Interference of **ISR** with **FSR**  
 LO for  $t\bar{t}$  + jet  
**negative** contribution to  $t\bar{t}$  + 1 jet

- color factor  $d_{abc}^2$ : top pair in color singlet, interference of  $C=+$  with  $C=-$

- Loop (+soft) contribution larger than tree level  
 top quarks are preferentially emitted in the direction of the incoming quark



Flavor excitation ( $qg$  channel)  
 much smaller

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- $A_{\text{lab}}$  needs to reconstruct either  $y_t$  or  $y_{\bar{t}}$
- only  $A_{\text{lab}}$  is a “true” forward-backward
- $A_{t\bar{t}}$  requires both top and antitop, or  $\Delta y$
- Different systematics

- $A_{t\bar{t}}$  is equivalent to evaluate the asymmetry in the  $t\bar{t}$  rest frame because  $\Delta y$  is invariant under boost, but

$$A_{\text{lab}} < A_{t\bar{t}}$$

Not a change in the SM prediction !!!!

\* CP violation arising from electric or chromoelectric dipole moments does not contribute to the asymmetry

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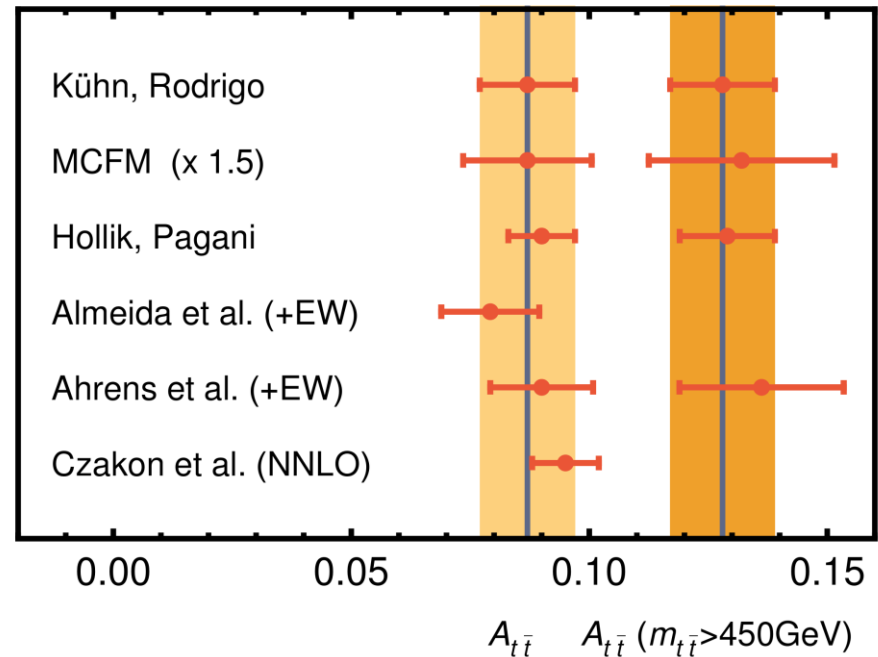
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- mixed QCD-EW interference included:  
 factor 1.2 x QCD [Kühn, GR / Hollik, Pagani]  
 Weak Sudakov logs [Manohar, Trott] at most  
 0.02-0.03

- first contribution to the antisymmetric cross-section is a loop effect, first contribution to the symmetric x-section is tree level: asymmetry **normalized to LO cross-section** (otherwise a factor 1.3 lower)

- stable to **threshold resummation**:  
 per mille shift of central value, and less sensitive to normalization [Almeida et al., Ahrens et al., Melnikov&Schulze]

- NNLO [Czakon et al., Gehrmann et al.] in agreement with NLO

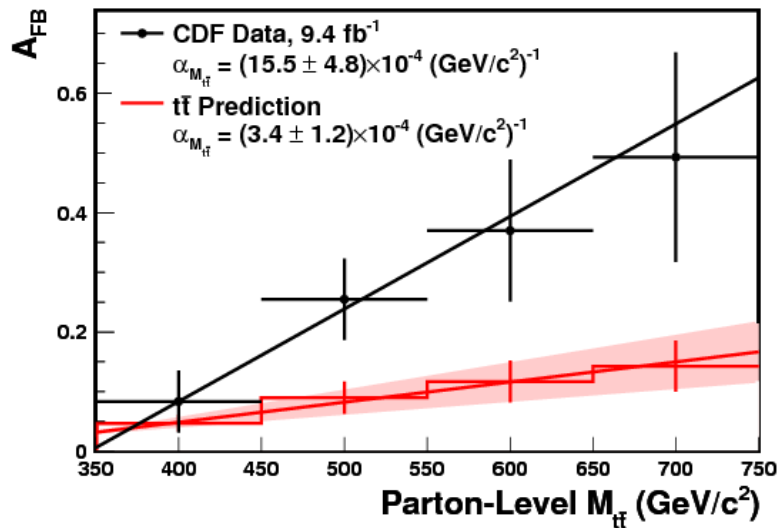
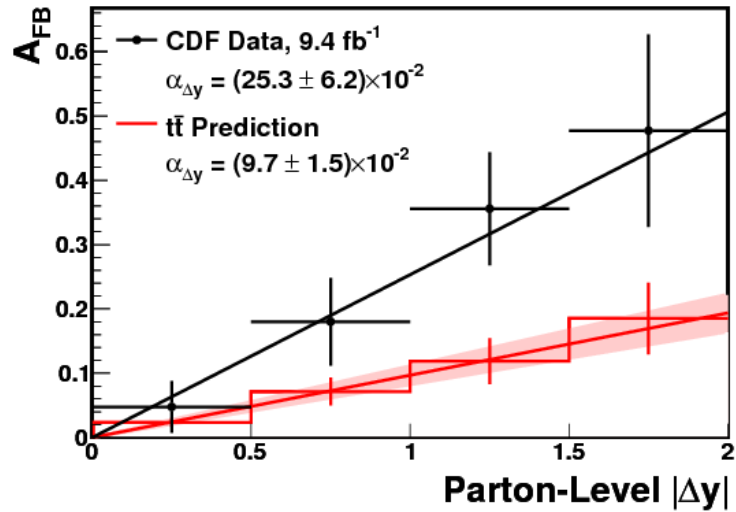


- ▶ Main difference among theoretical predictions due to renormalization scale choice, asymmetry proportional to the strong coupling [BLM scale choice could increase the asymmetry]
- ▶ small dependence on PDFs / top quark mass: it's a ratio

CDF arXiv:1211.1003

Inclusive asymmetry

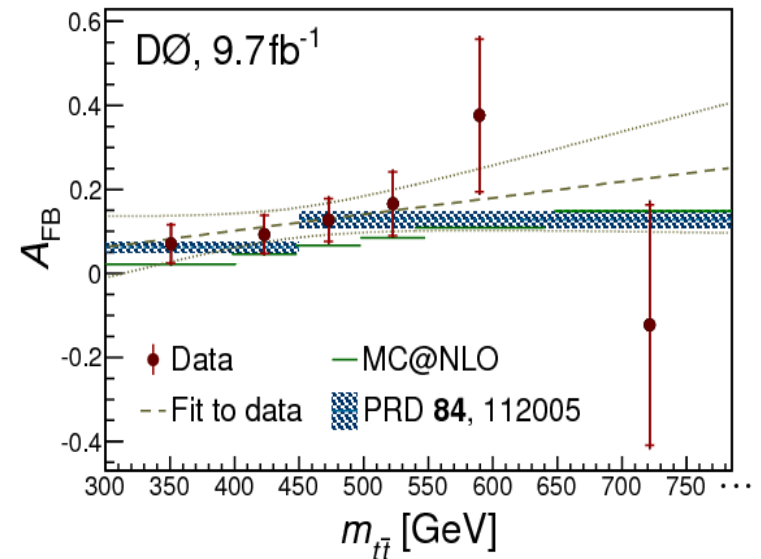
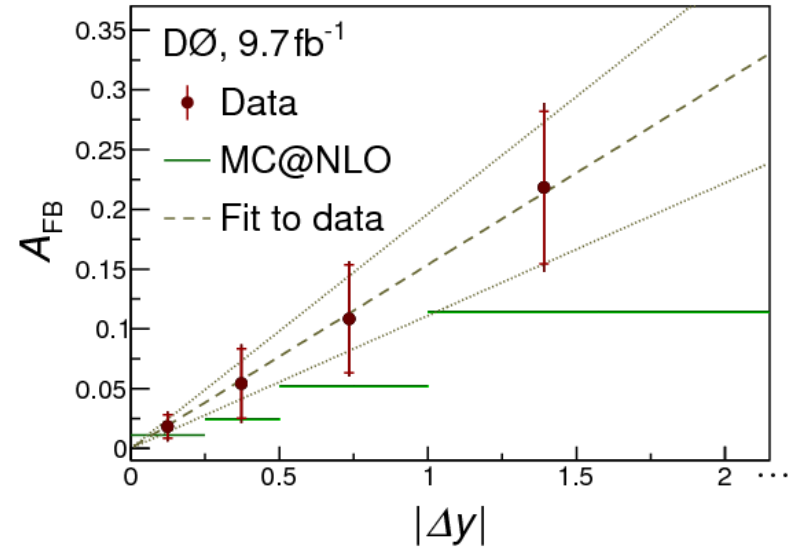
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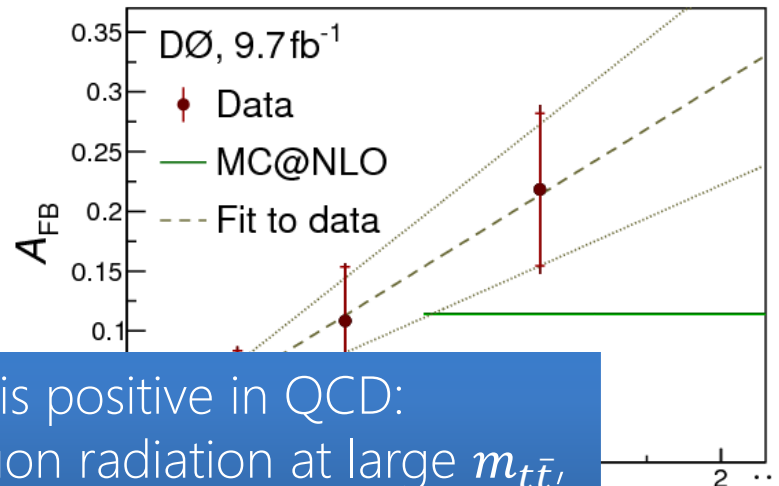
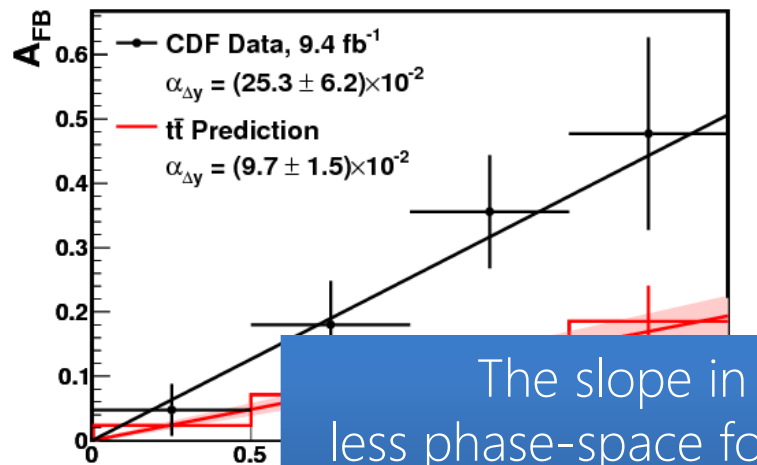
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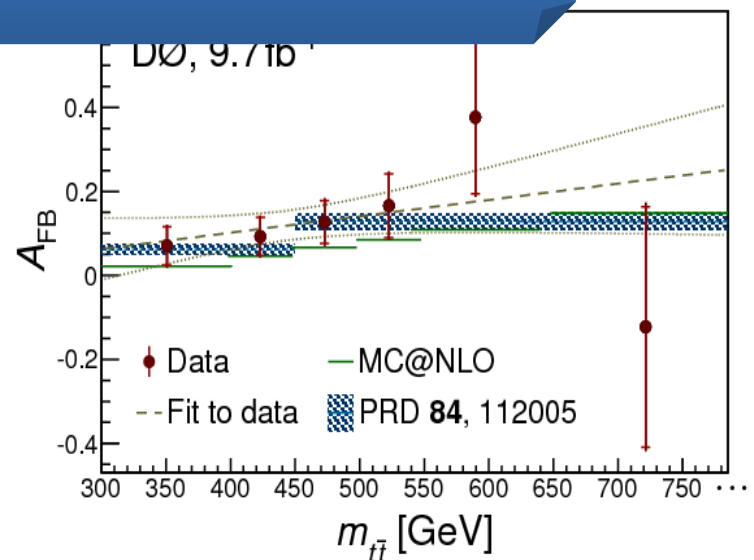
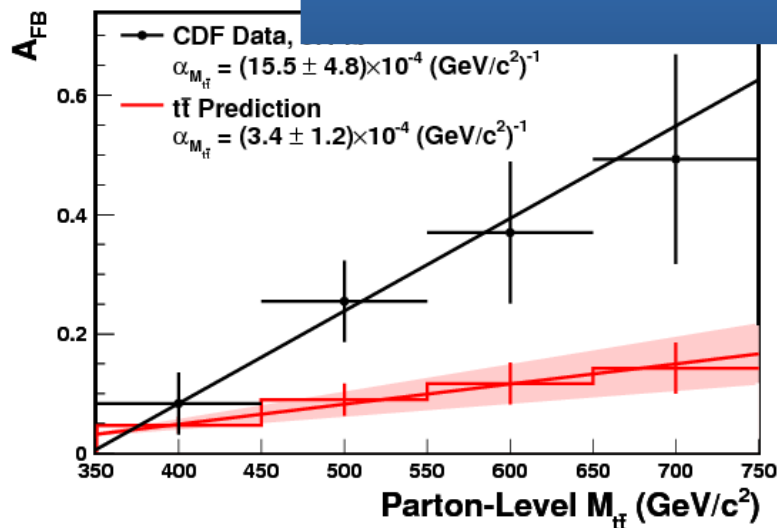
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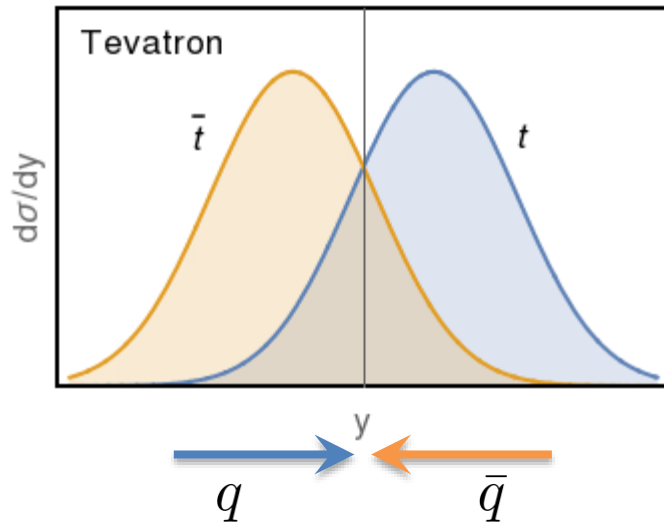
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The slope in  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  is positive in QCD:  
 less phase-space for gluon radiation at large  $m_{t\bar{t}}$ ,  
 less negative  $t\bar{t}$ +jet contribution at large  $m_{t\bar{t}}$

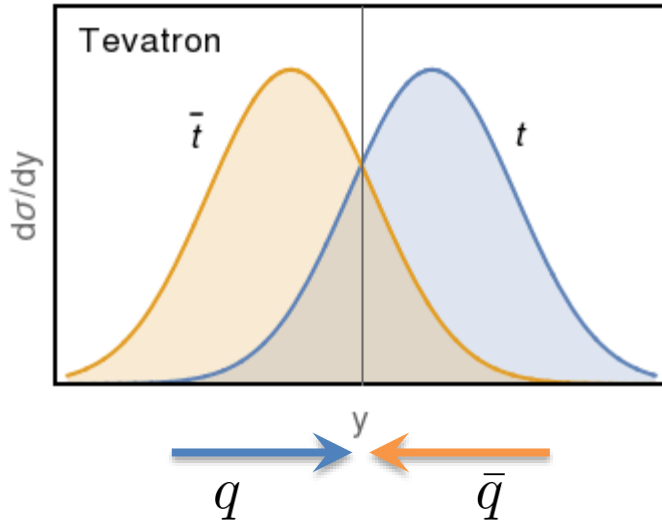


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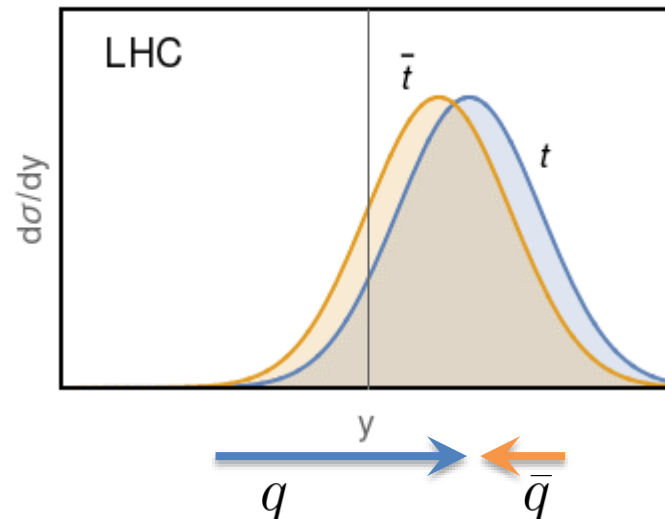
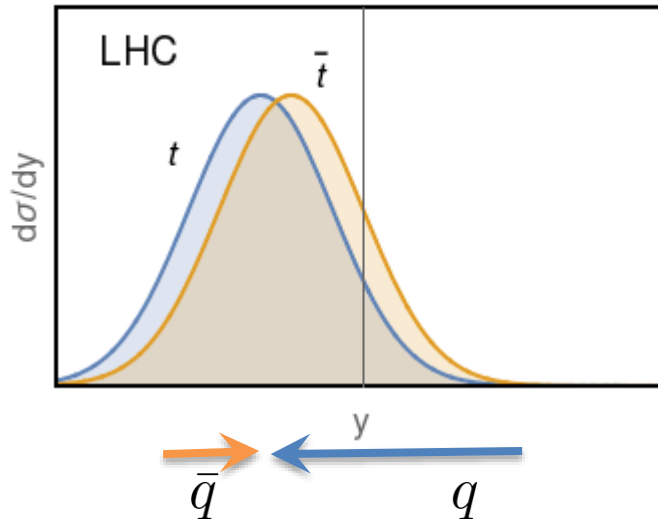


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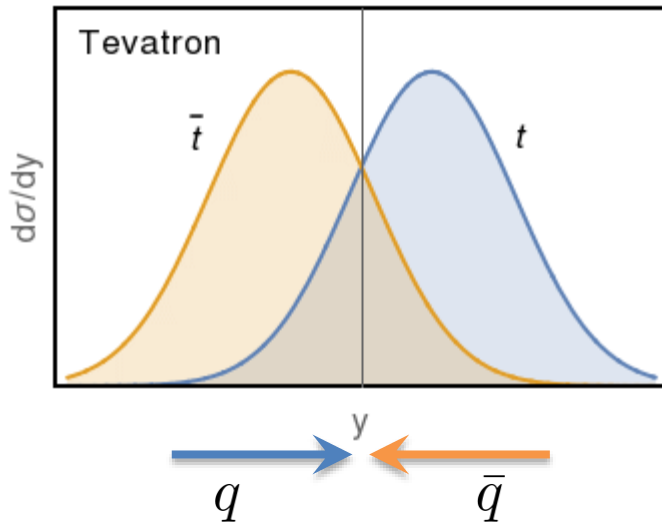


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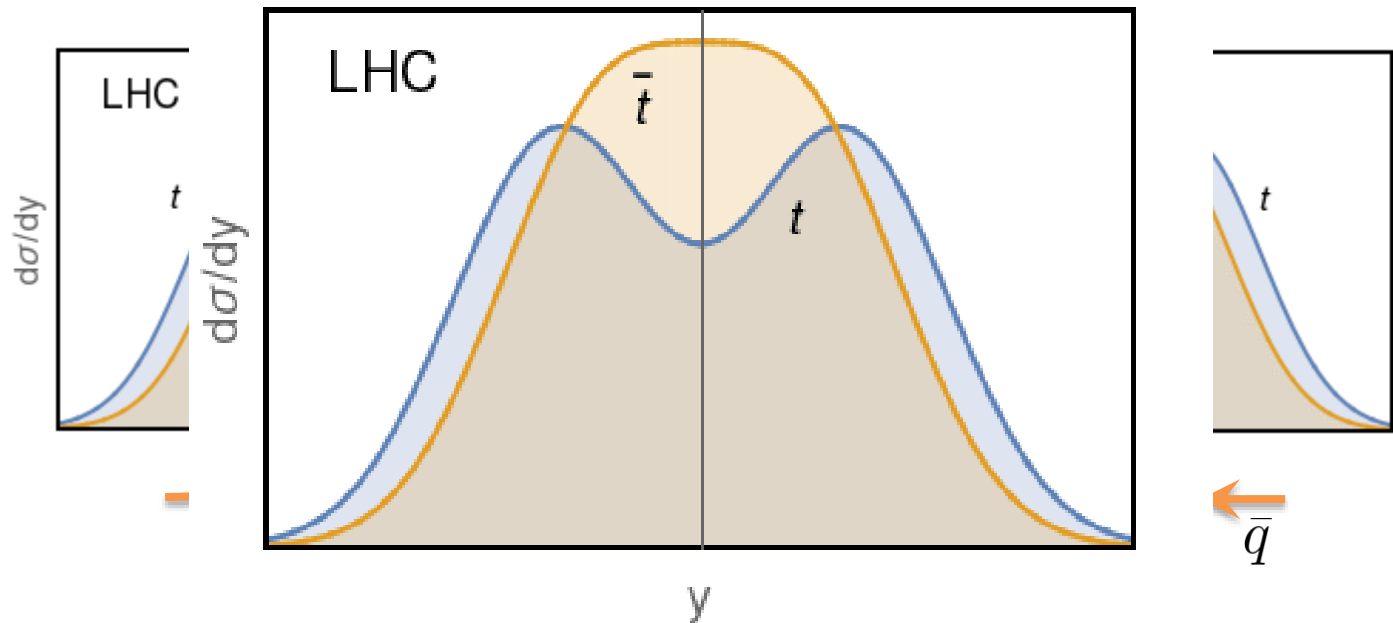




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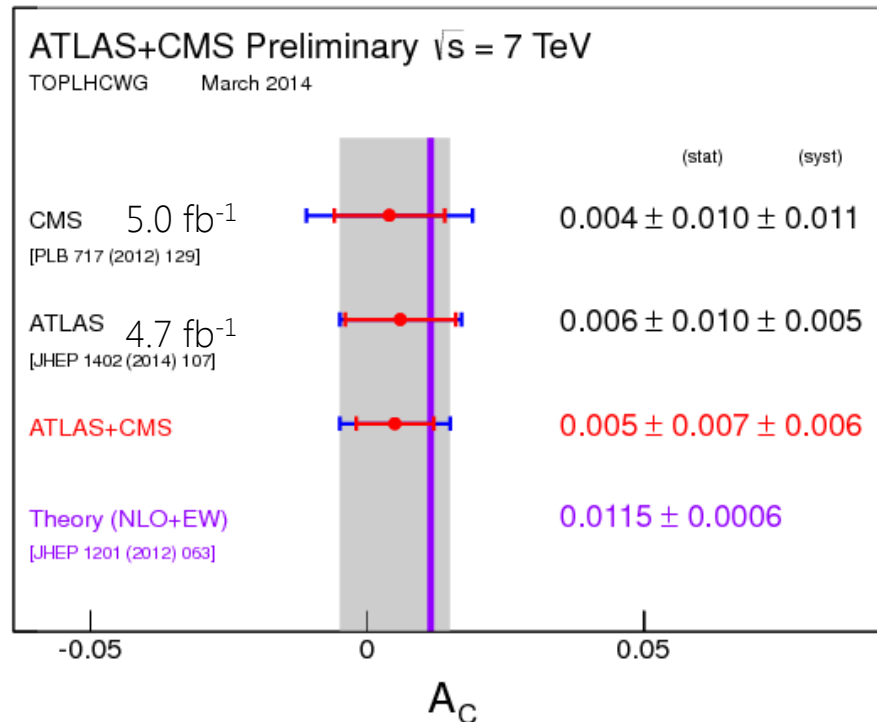
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$$A_C = \frac{N(\Delta|y| > 0) - N(\Delta|y| < 0)}{N(\Delta|y| > 0) + N(\Delta|y| < 0)} = \begin{cases} 0.0115(6)@7\text{TeV} \\ 0.0102(5)@8\text{TeV} \\ 0.0059(3)@14\text{TeV} \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta|y| = |y_t| - |y_{\bar{t}}| > 0 \quad \text{if} \quad (y_t + y_{\bar{t}})\Delta y > 0$$



- Expected statistical error down by 1/2 with the 8 TeV sample (ongoing measurements at ATLAS and CMS)
- much better at Run II although asymmetry by 1/2 @ 13-14 TeV

# Charge asymmetry at the LHC

- The LHC is  $gg$  dominated (symmetric): asymmetry is diluted
- in this sense Tevatron, which is a  $q\bar{q}$  collider was a unique place to probe the asymmetry (no more data)
- introduce cuts to enrich the  $q\bar{q}$  sample
  - ▶ large  $m_{t\bar{t}}$ :  $gg$  dominate at small  $x$ , also closer to BSM
  - ▶ large rapidities:  $gg$  more central
  - ▶ tag quark events with initial state  $W^\pm$  [Maltoni et al., 1406.3262]

	Order	$t\bar{t}W^\pm$	$t\bar{t}W^+$	$t\bar{t}W^-$
$\sigma(\text{fb})$	LO	$140.5^{+27\%}_{-20\%}$	$98.3^{+27\%}_{-20\%}$	$42.2^{+27\%}_{-20\%}$
	NLO	$210^{+11\%}_{-11\%}$	$146^{+11\%}_{-11\%}$	$63.6^{+11\%}_{-11\%}$
$A_c^t$ (%)	NLO	$2.49^{+0.75}_{-0.34}$	$2.73^{+0.74}_{-0.42}$	$2.03^{+0.81}_{-0.19}$
	NLO+PS	$2.37^{+0.56}_{-0.38}$	$2.51^{+0.62}_{-0.42}$	$1.90^{+0.51}_{-0.35}$

- The price, statistics, is not a problem

# New physics in the s-channel: Axigluons or KK gluons

Color-octet resonances

$$\mathcal{L} = g_S \mathbf{T}^a \bar{q}_i \gamma^\mu (g_V^{q_i} + g_A^{q_i} \gamma_5) G_\mu^a q_i$$

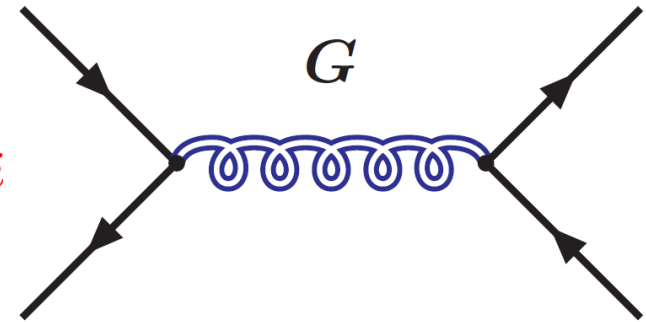
might produce a charge asymmetry through the interference with the LO SM amplitude

But this asymmetry is **negative** because it is proportional to

$$(\hat{s} - m_G^2) g_A^q g_A^t$$

A **positive** asymmetry can be generated if

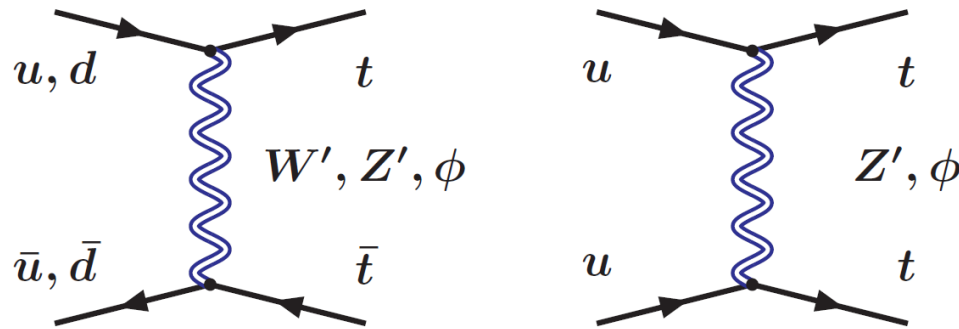
- **very light axigluon**: but would be visible in  $m_{t\bar{t}}$ : new decay channels to enlarge the width [Marques Tavares, Schmalz]
- **vector-axial couplings of opposite sign**:  $\text{sign}(g_A^q) = -\text{sign}(g_A^t)$  [Ferrario, GR, Frampton, Shu, Wang ...]
- **the square of the BSM amplitude** dominates, which is proportional to  $g_V^q g_V^t g_A^q g_A^t$ : large vector couplings [Ferrario, GR]
- **Heavy Stealth gluons**:  $G \rightarrow Q\bar{q}$  with  $Q$  a quark excitation decaying like the top quark [Barcelo, Carmona, Masip, Santiago]



Very constrained by dijet and  $t\bar{t}$  diff cross-section at LHC

# New physics in the t-channel

[Jung, Murayama, Pierce, Wells / Cheung, Keung, Yuan / Cao, Heng, Wu, Yang / Barger, Keung, Yu / Cao, McKeen, Rosner, Saughnessy, Wagner / Berger, Cao, Chen, Li, Zhang / Bhattacharjee, Biswal, Ghosh / Zhou, Wang, Zhu / Aguilar-Saavedra, Perez-Victoria / Buckley, Hooper, Kopp, Neil / Rajaraman, Surujon, Tait / Duraisamy, Rashed, Datta, Shu, Tait, Wang / Cao, Heng, Wu, Yang / Dorsner, Faifer, Kamenik, Kosnik / Jung, Ko, Lee, Nam / Patel, Sharma / Ligeti, Marques Tavares, Schmalz, ...]



- Because of color algebra a  $Z'$  (SM  $Z$ ) in the s-channel does not interfere with the LO QCD amplitude
- (coloured) scalars do not generate an asymmetry in the s-channel

- A sizeable asymmetry requires **large flavour violating couplings** [Jung, Murayama, Pierce, Wells]
- Relatively light  $Z'$  and/or  $W'$ :  $O(200-700 \text{ GeV})$ , or  $O(1 \text{ TeV})$  colored scalars
- like sign  $tt + \bar{t}\bar{t}$  very constrained at Tevatron and the LHC:  $Z'$  soon excluded
- Also new resonances in strongly interacting theories [Brod et al.]

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- **BUT**, at Tevatron the ratio of  $u\bar{u}$  wrt  $d\bar{d}$  events is **4:1**
- at the **LHC is 2:1**
- if the flavour asymmetries have opposite sign the cancellation is different at Tevatron and the LHC
  - EW corrections at Tevatron  $>$  LHC (weak almost cancel), but are too small
  - Sizeable in BSM models [Drobnak, Kamenik, Zupan]

# The asymmetry through the decay products

[Godbole, Rao, Rindani, Singh / Jung, Ko, Lee/ Choudhury, Godbole, Rindani, Saha/ Cao, Wu, Yang / Melnikov, Schulze / Bernreuther, Si/ Krohn, Liu, Shelton, Wang / Bai, Han/ Baumgart, Tweedie, ...]

- Direction of the lepton (antilepton) correlated with the direction of the top quark (antitop quark), particularly for very boosted tops: same asymmetries

$$y_t \rightarrow y_\ell, \Delta y \rightarrow \Delta y_\ell, \Delta|y| \rightarrow \Delta|y_\ell|$$

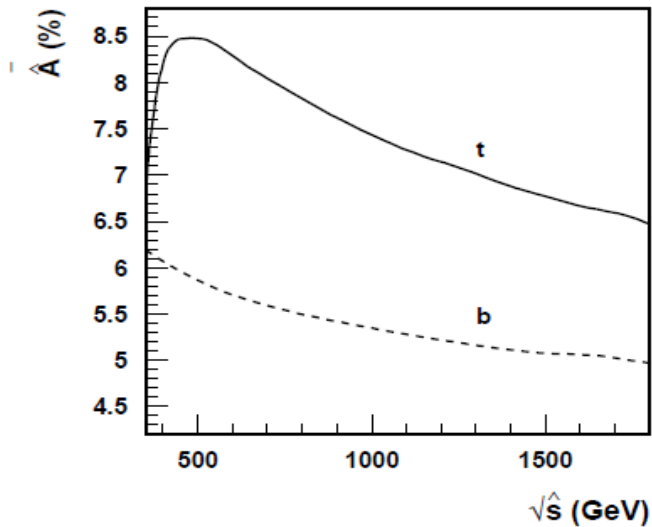
- ✓ leptons are well measured
- ✗ the asymmetry is diluted by a factor 2 (approx.)

- Top quarks are almost unpolarised in the SM

- ✓ BSM might polarize top quarks, and they decay before hadronizing:
  - lepton asymmetries are sensible to BSM polarization (angular distribution of the lepton wrt the parent top) and spin correlations



# Bottom quark asymmetry



\* Partonic asymmetry: ratio of antisymmetric to symmetric  $q\bar{q}$  cross-sections [Kühn, GR, 98]

Same effect for **bottom production**, but much more suppressed by gluon fusion, even at Tevatron: inclusive asymmetry almost vanishes

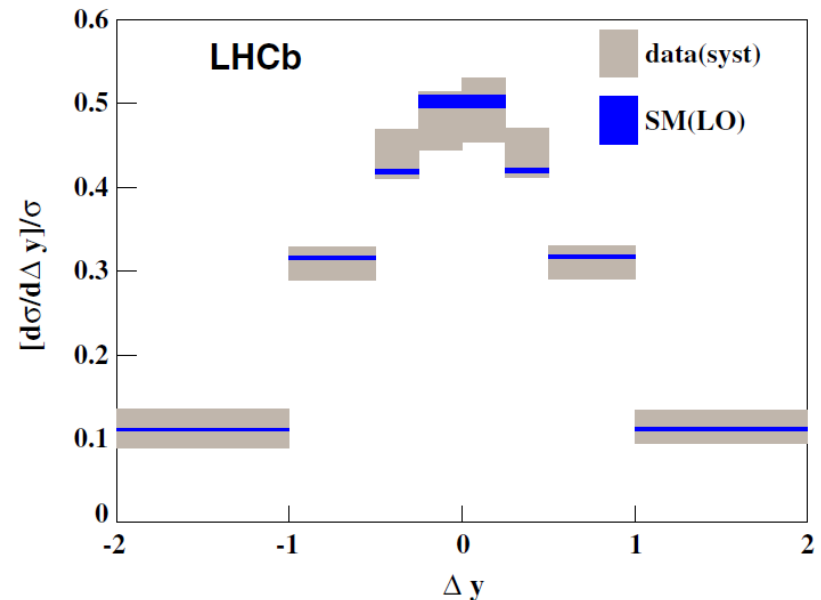
$A_{\text{lab}} = 4.3\% - 5.1\%$  for  $m_{b\bar{b}} > 300$  GeV  
 $|\cos \theta| < 0.9$  Tevatron  
 [Hogan et. al., D0]

$$A_C^{b\bar{b}}(40, 75) = 0.4 \pm 0.4(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst})\%$$

$$A_C^{b\bar{b}}(75, 105) = 2.0 \pm 0.9(\text{stat}) \pm 0.6(\text{syst})\%$$

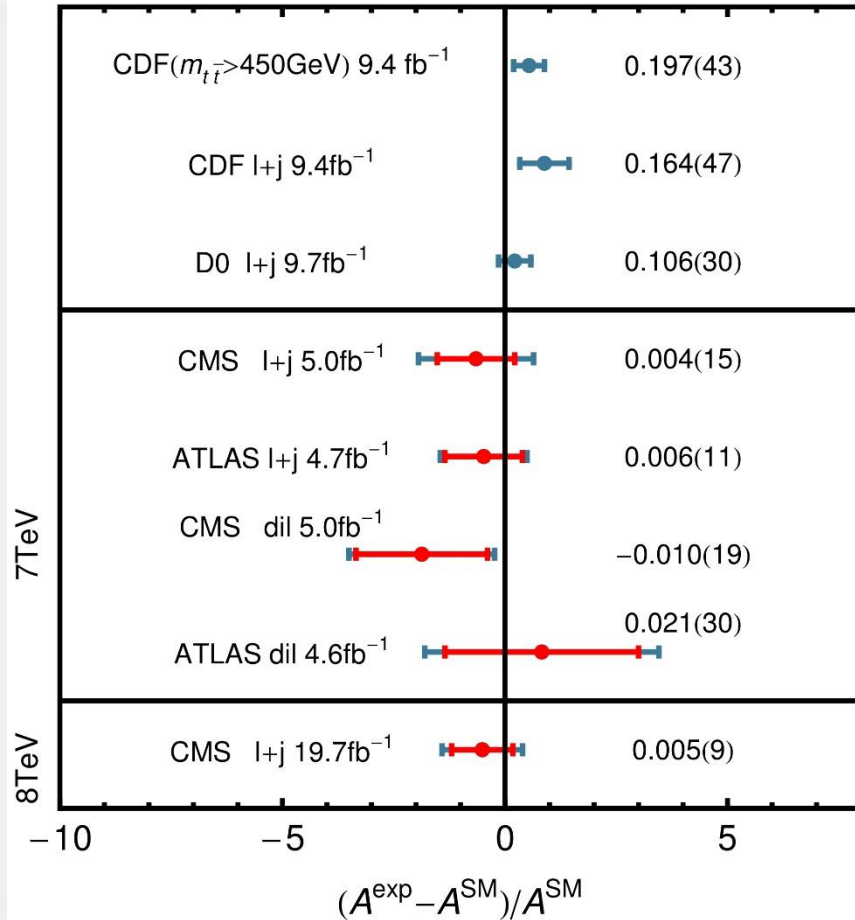
$$A_C^{b\bar{b}}(> 105) = 1.6 \pm 1.7(\text{stat}) \pm 0.6(\text{syst})\%$$

- Compatible with SM = 1%
- Measurement close to the  $Z$  pole, it is the asymmetry generated by the SM  $Z$  in the s-channel, not (yet) the QCD asymmetry

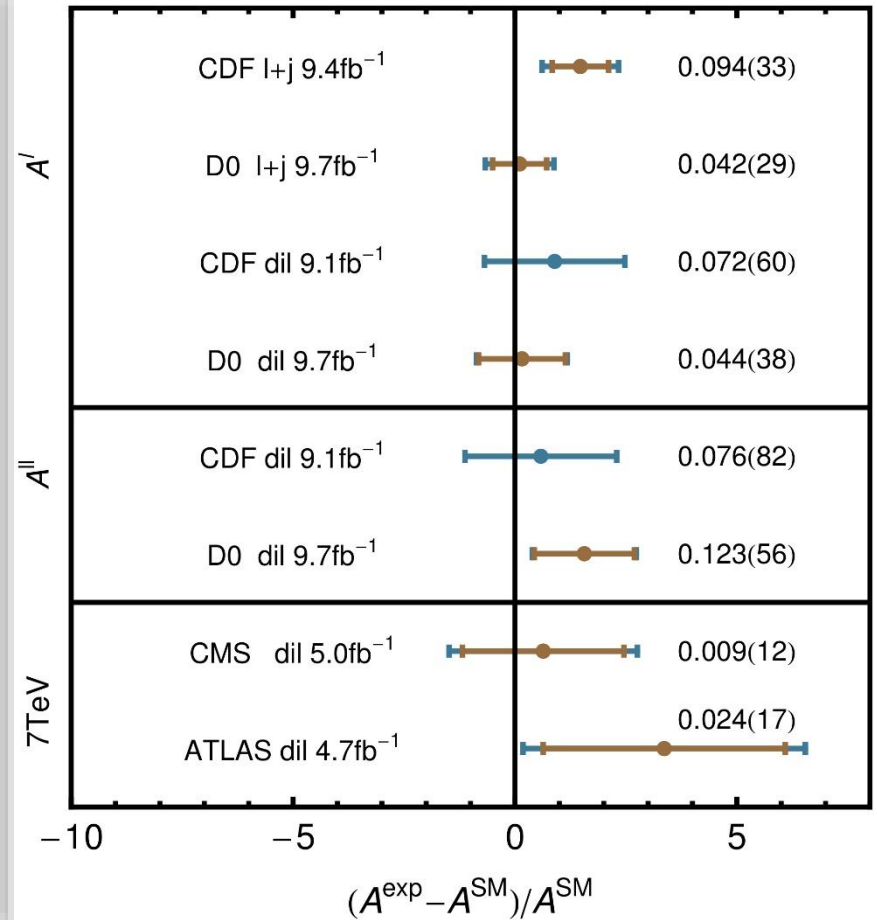


# My (preliminary) summary

top quark asymmetries



lepton asymmetries



# Summary

- **NNLO** results confirm the stability of SM prediction to higher orders (already anticipated from resummed calculations).
- Better agreement with the SM is **not due to a change in the theory prediction** but to a lower value of latest D0 measurement, moreover CDF anomaly milder than before.
- **Tevatron anomalies** have boosted a better understanding of the properties of the top quark in recent years, both for BSM model building and precision physics.
- Plenty of room for further analysis of the top quark / lepton / and bottom asymmetries at the next run of the **LHC**.
- Linear Collider: large EW asymmetry from Z exchange at tree-level / probe of complementary BSM.

THE PHYSICS OF THE TOP QUARK IS

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SCHRÖDINGER'S CAT IS  
ALIVE