

Top-quark studies at the HL/HE LHC

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Top-pair production

Total cross-section

- ✓ At a 27 TeV HE-LHC the top-pair production cross-section is very large:

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} [27 \text{ TEV}, m_{\text{top}}=173.3 \text{ GeV}] = 3727 + 119 (3.2\%) - 179 (4.8\%) [\text{pb}] \quad (\text{in NNLO QCD})$$

- ✓ This is 4x larger than at LHC 14 TeV

- ✓ Composition of the initial state at 27 TeV:

- ✓ $gg = 92\%$, $qq\text{bar} = 6\%$, $qg = 2\%$

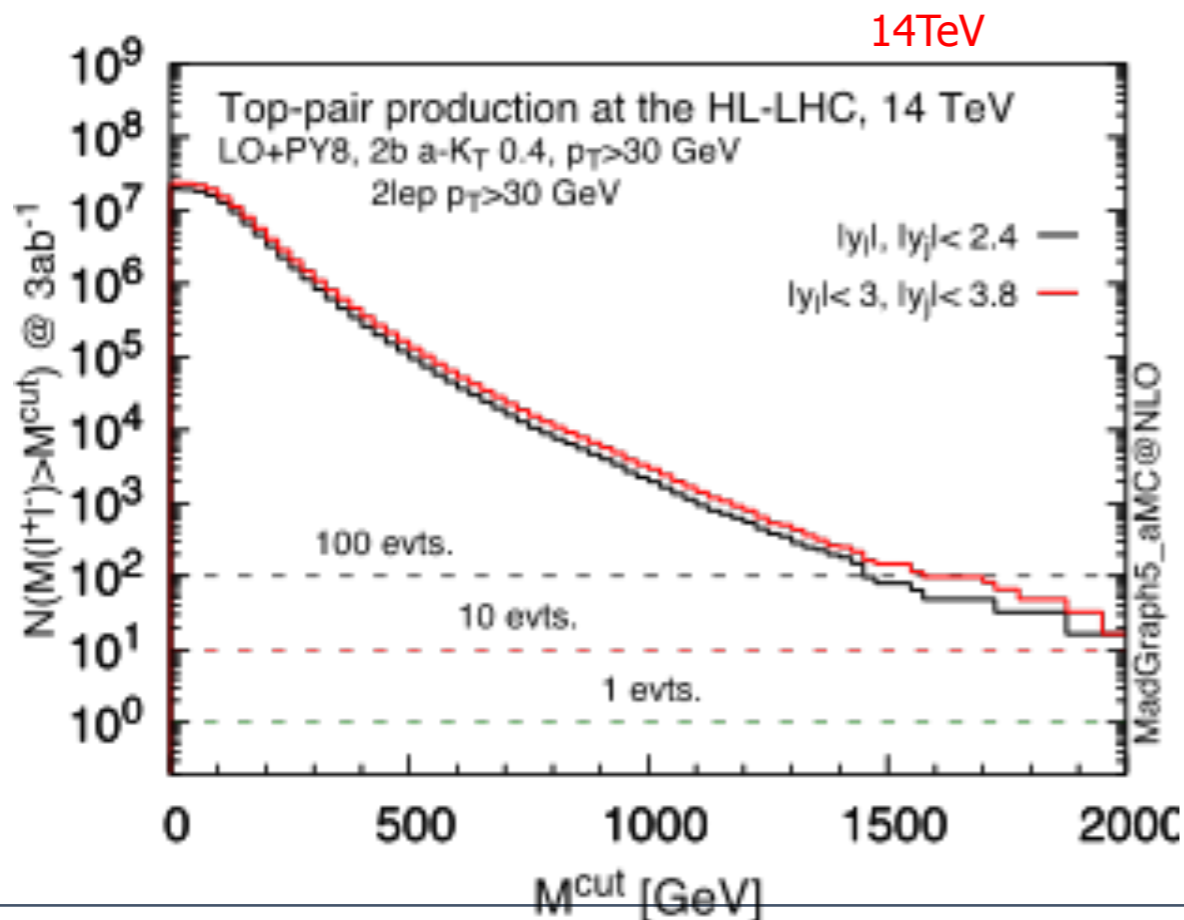
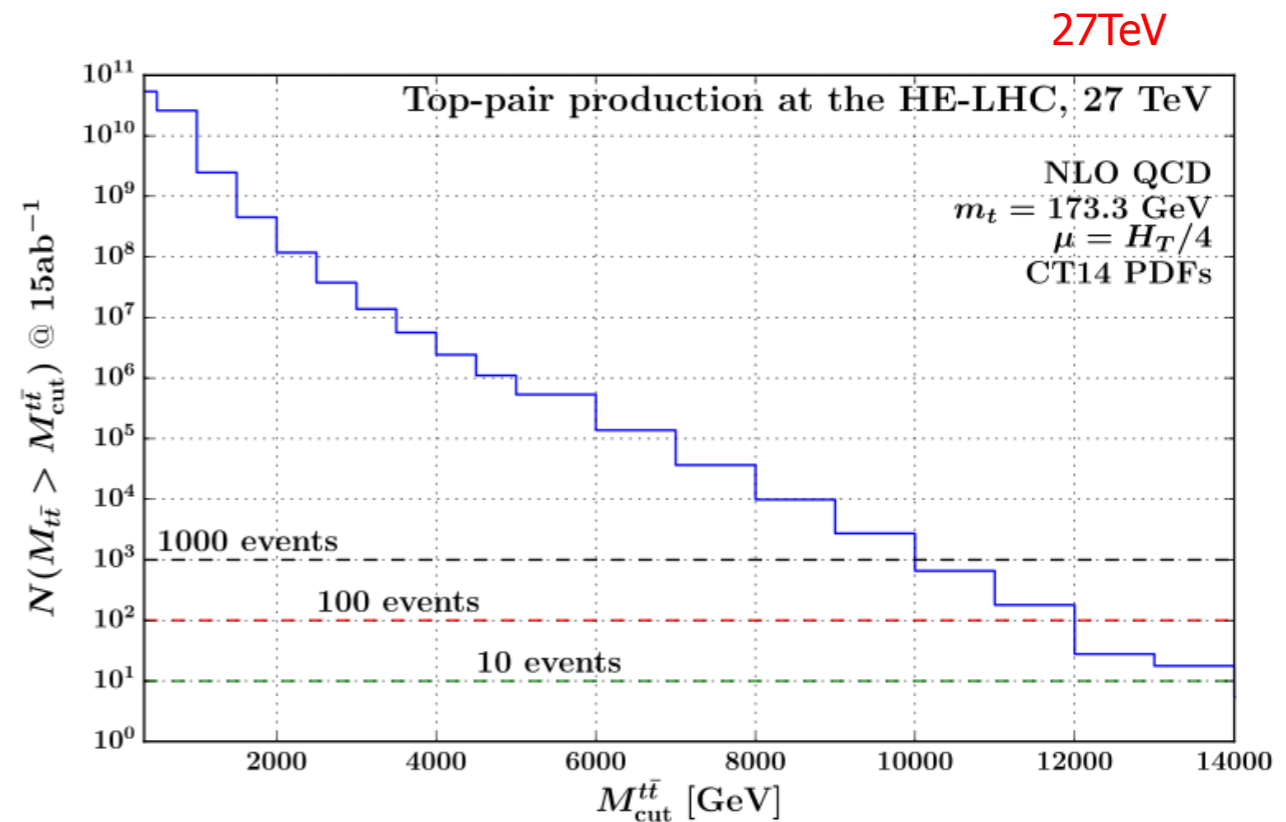
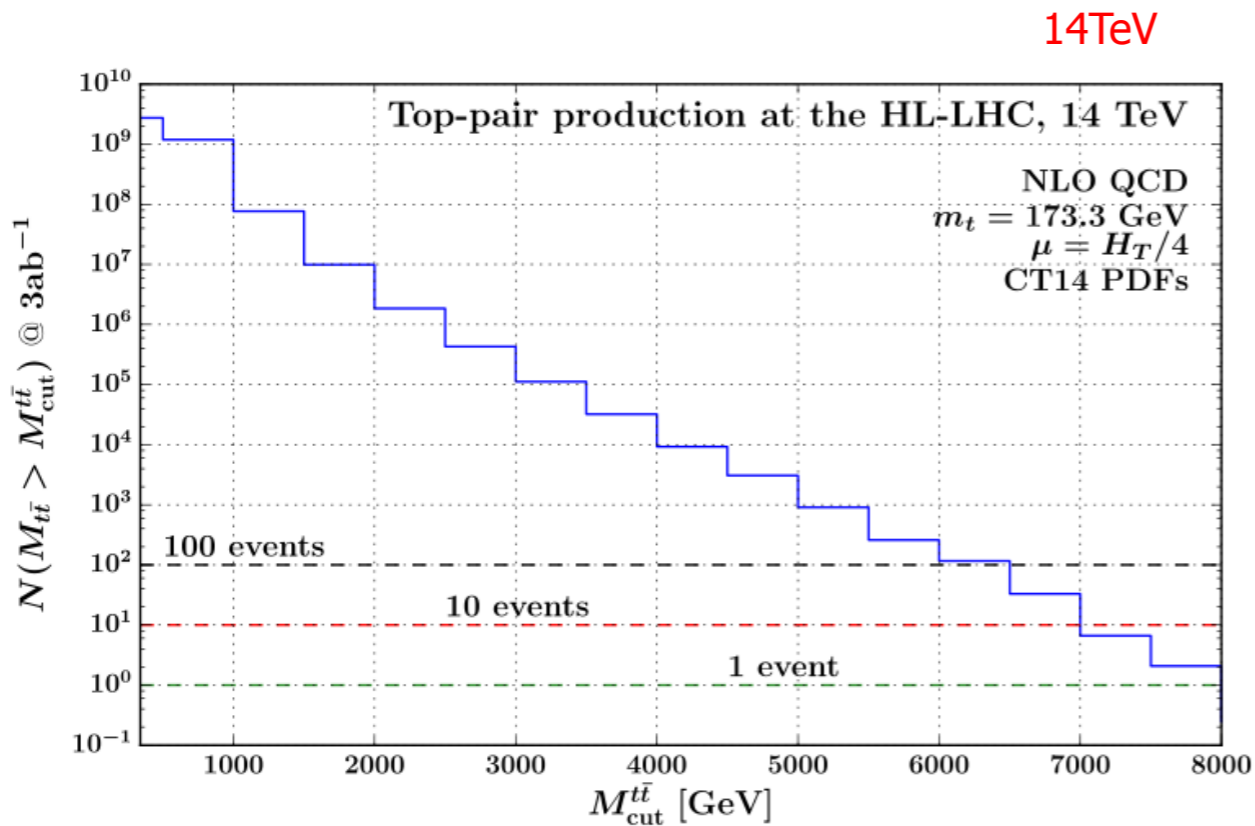
- ✓ Approximately the same composition of the initial state as at 14 TeV:

- ✓ $gg = 90\%$, $qq\text{bar} = 9\%$, $qg = 1\%$

Notes on differential production

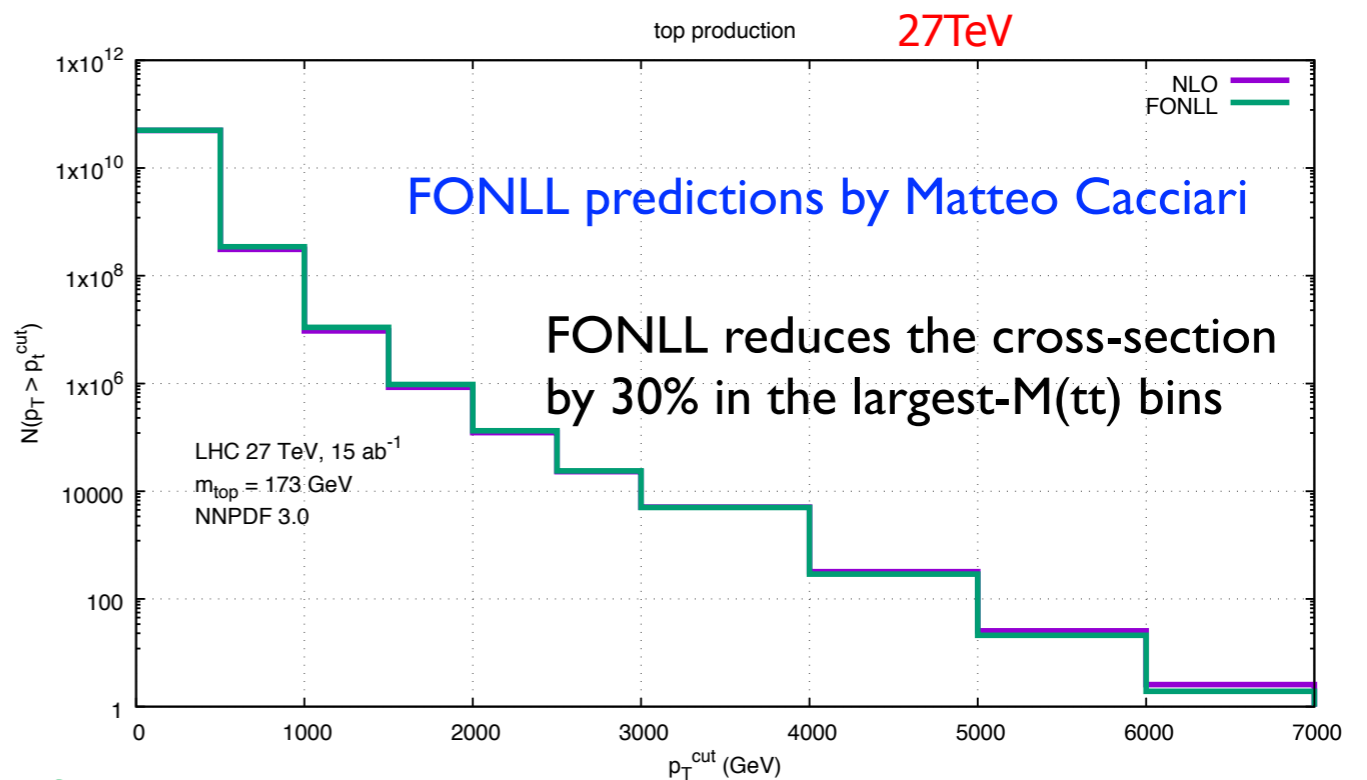
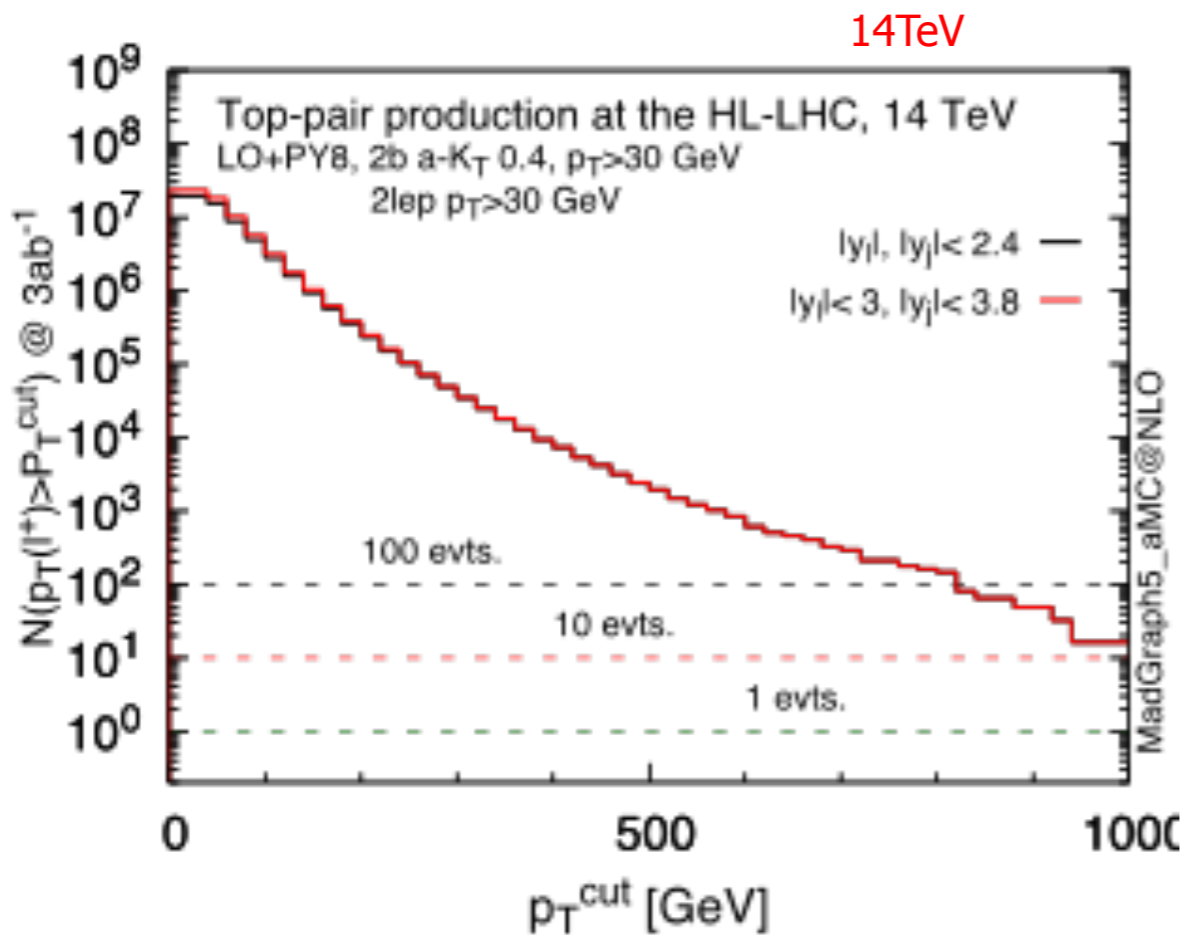
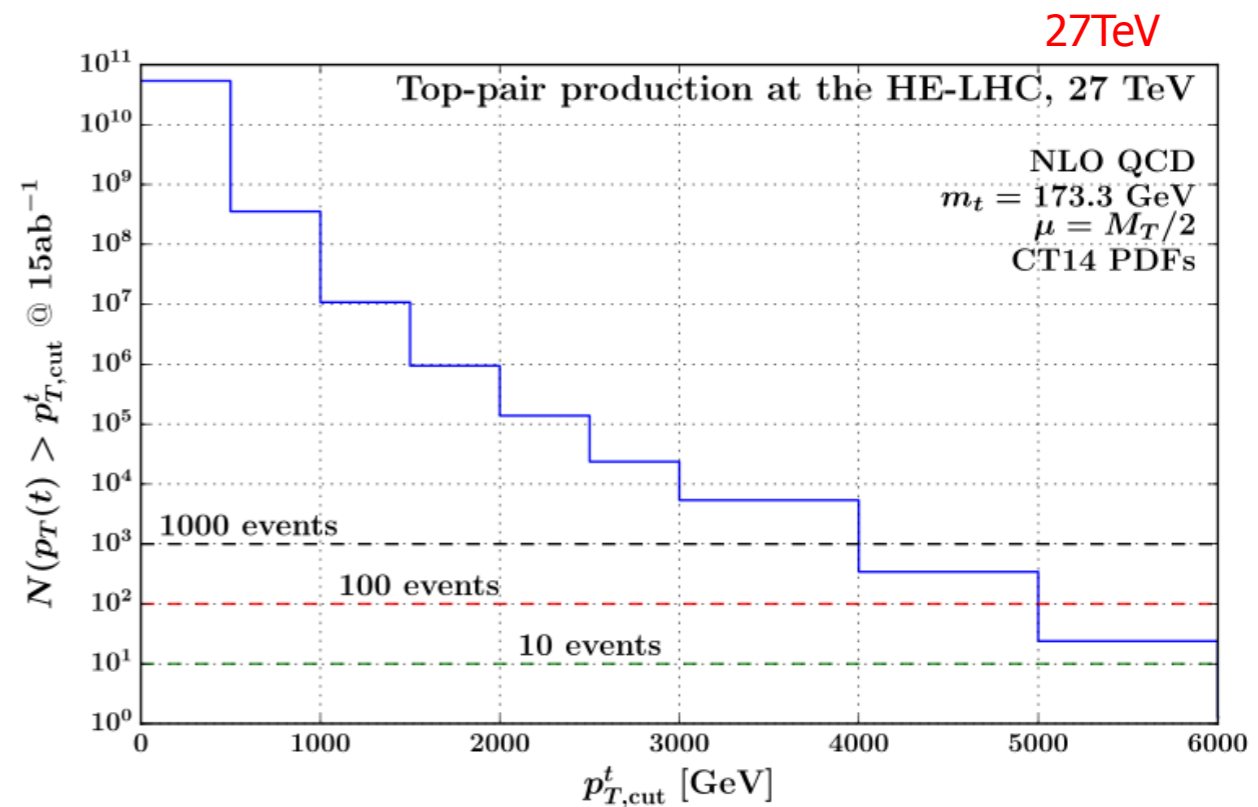
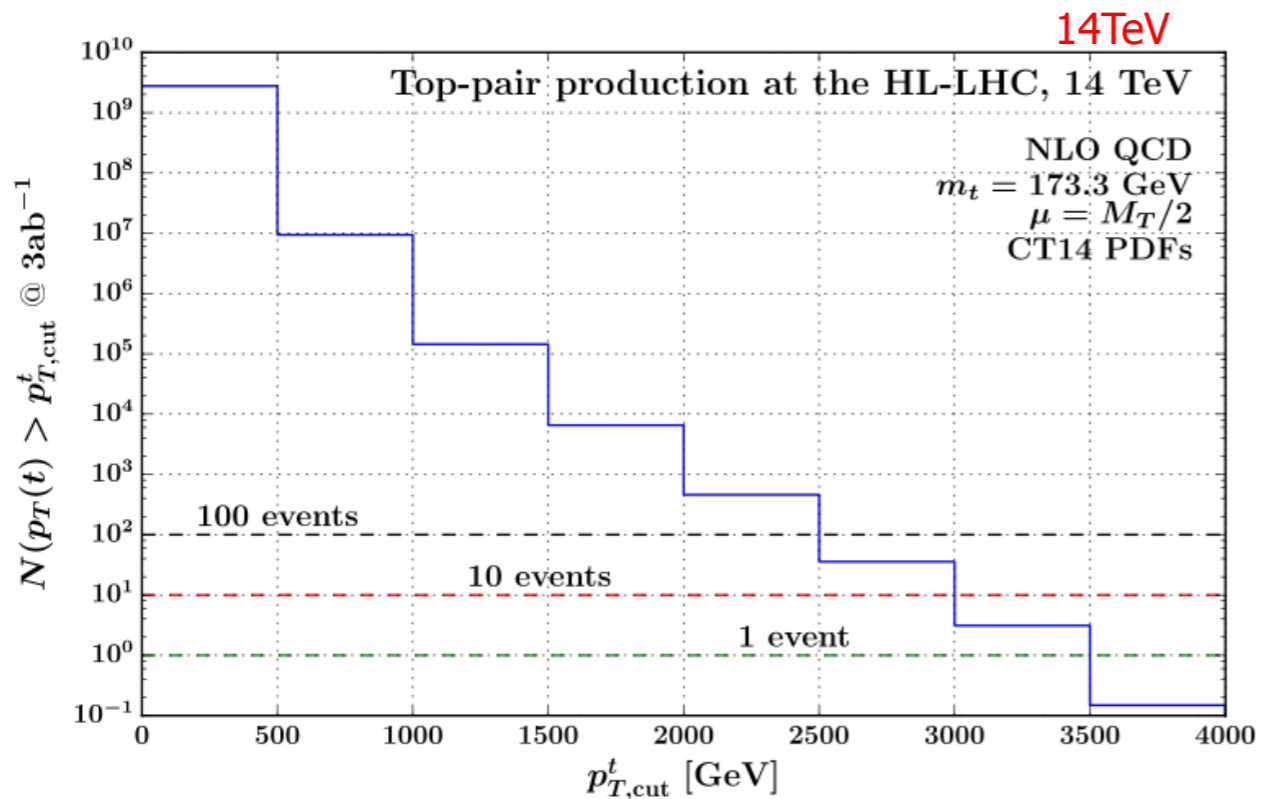
- ✓ Emphasis will be on kinematic reach for both 14 TeV and 27 TEV
- ✓ At 14 TeV (HL-LHC):
 - ✓ Top quark results for 1-dim and 2-dim distributions
 - ✓ Lepton distributions (within fiducial volume from CMS)
 - ✓ Predictions for LHCb. There is non-trivial overlap with the other experiments – will try to emphasise that.
- ✓ At 27 TeV (HE-LHC):
 - ✓ No experimental input.
 - ✓ The interest is in what one can do with top quarks. Therefore, only top-quark distributions will be discussed (no decays)
 - ✓ 1dim and 2-dim distributions shown.
 - ✓ FO-NLL predictions to be compared with fixed order ones.

Cumulative in $M_{t\bar{t}}$



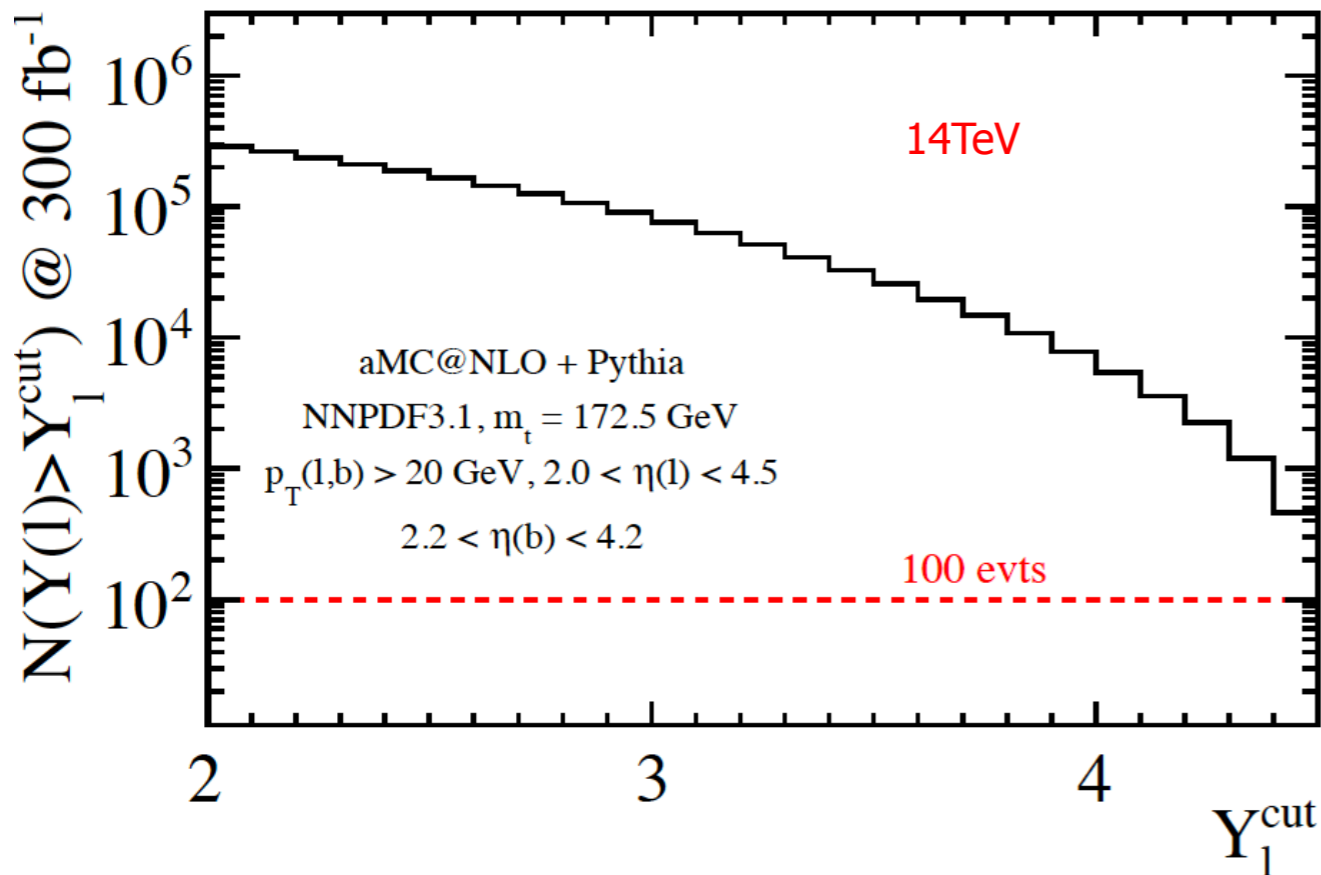
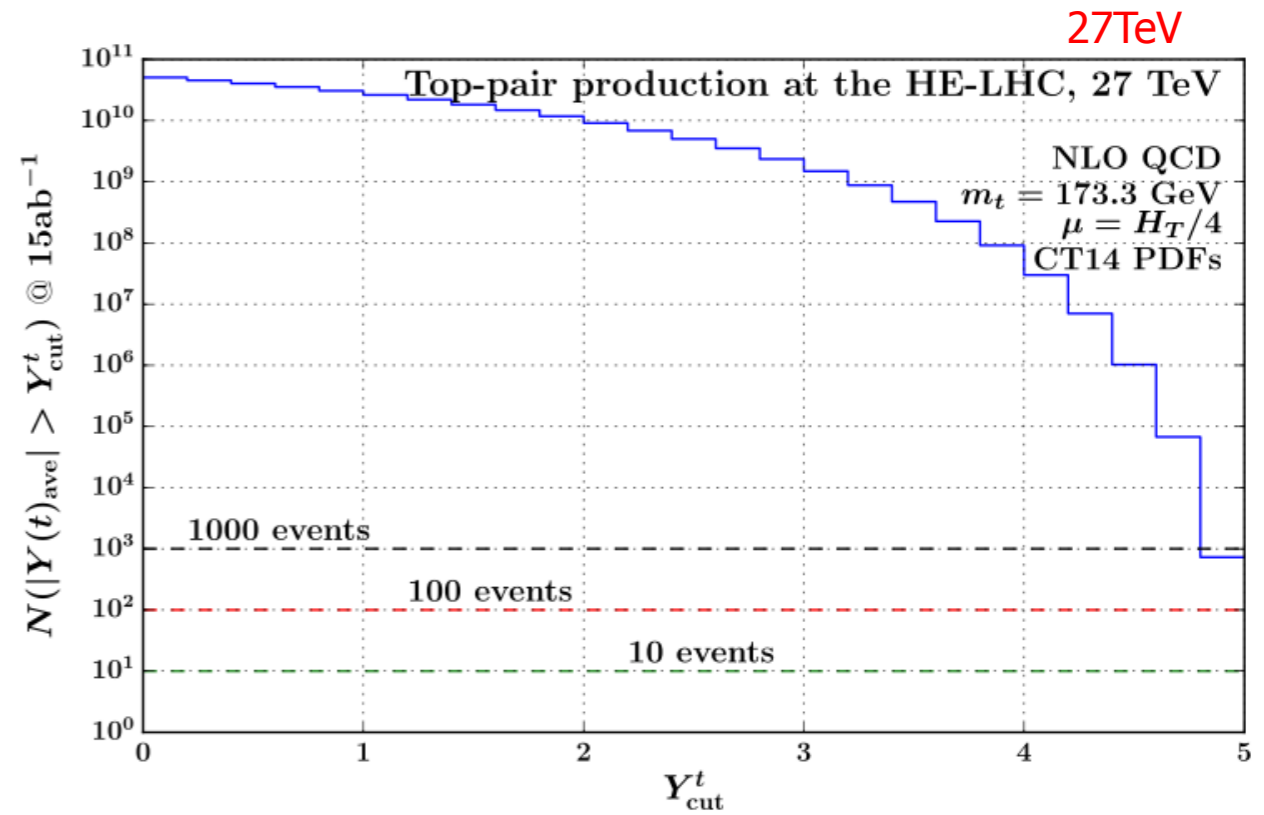
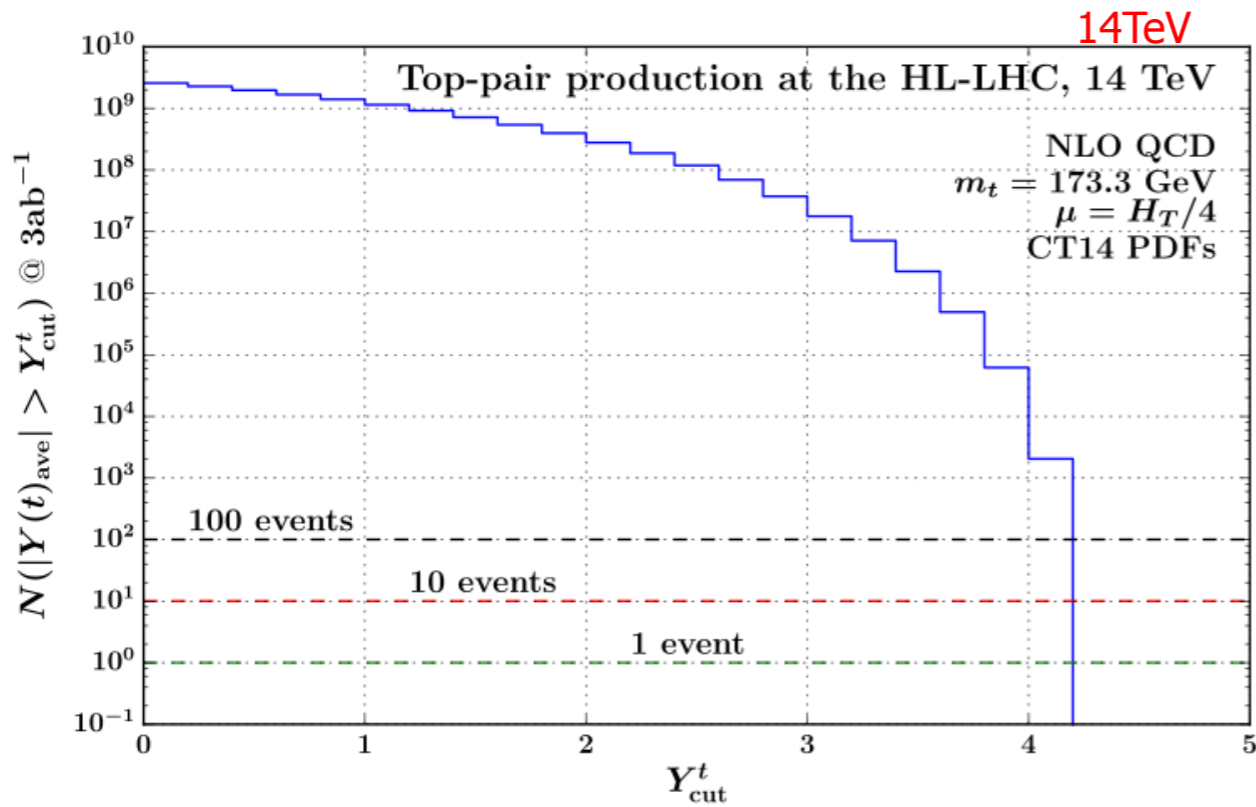
- ✓ All at NLO QCD.
- ✓ Shown is: cumulative times max luminosity
- ✓ For tops: to add EW (and possibly NNLO?)
- ✓ Decay: if feasible, may add some NNLO corrections
- ✓ Assess the advantage of calorimeter upgrade (extended lepton tracking/b-tagging)

Cumulative in P_T



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- ✓ Decay: if feasible, may add some NNLO corrections

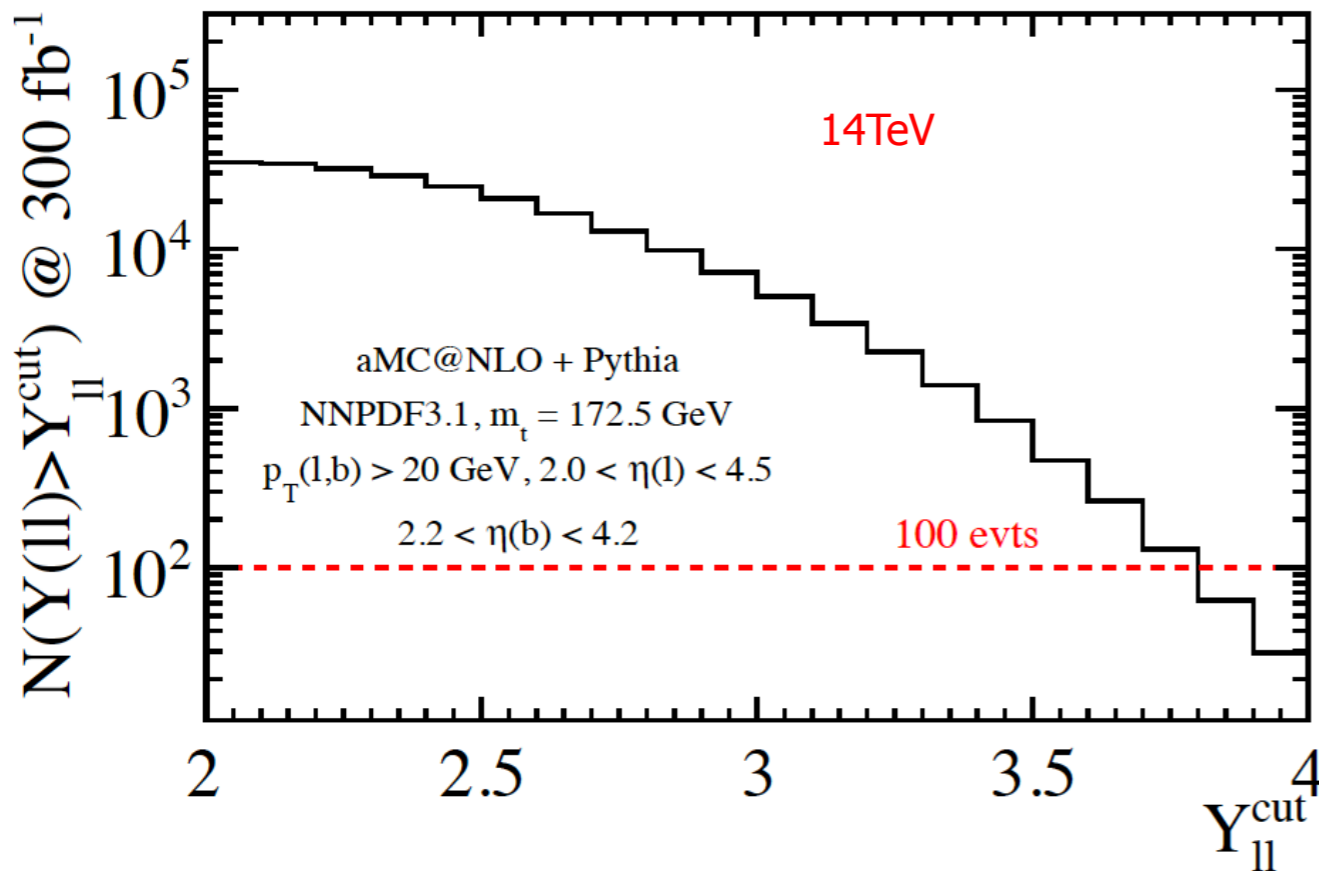
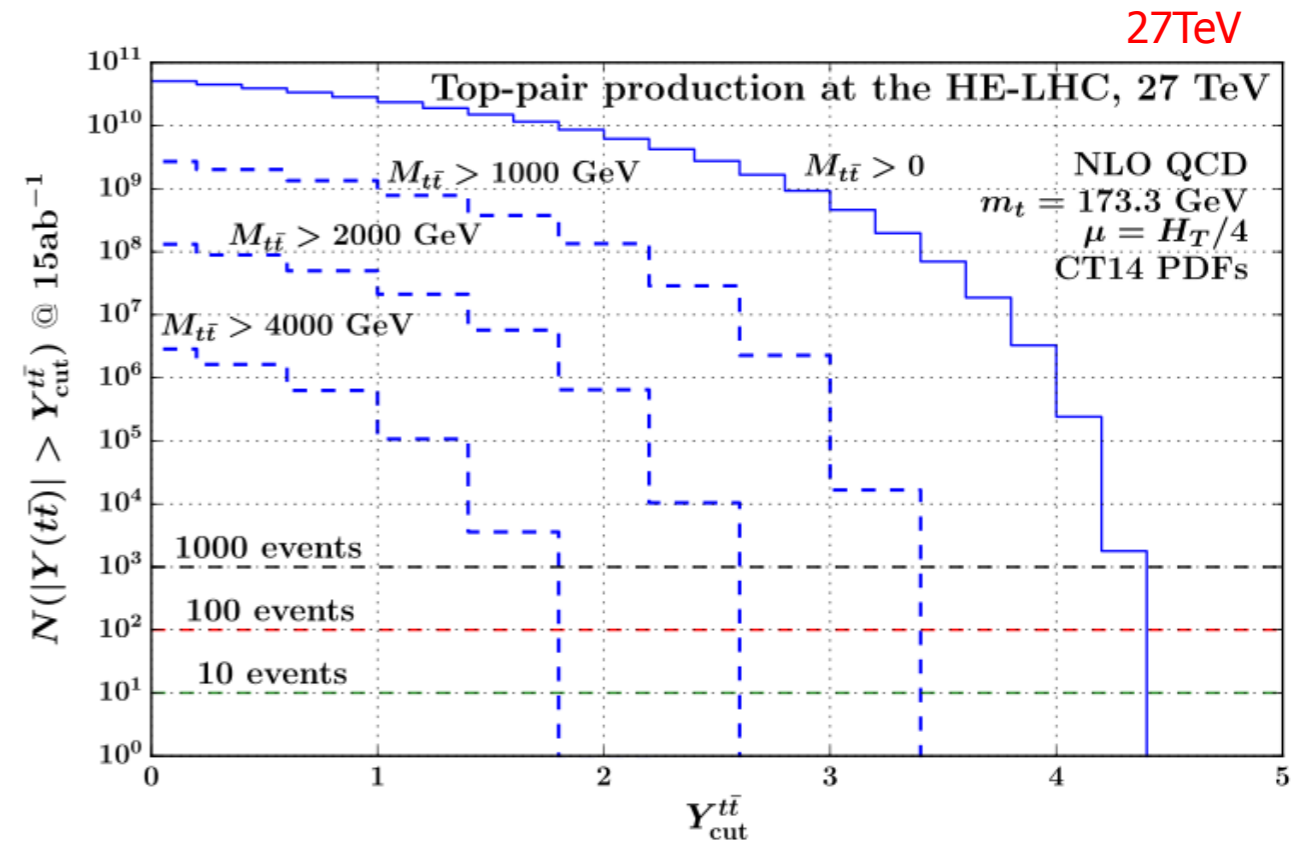
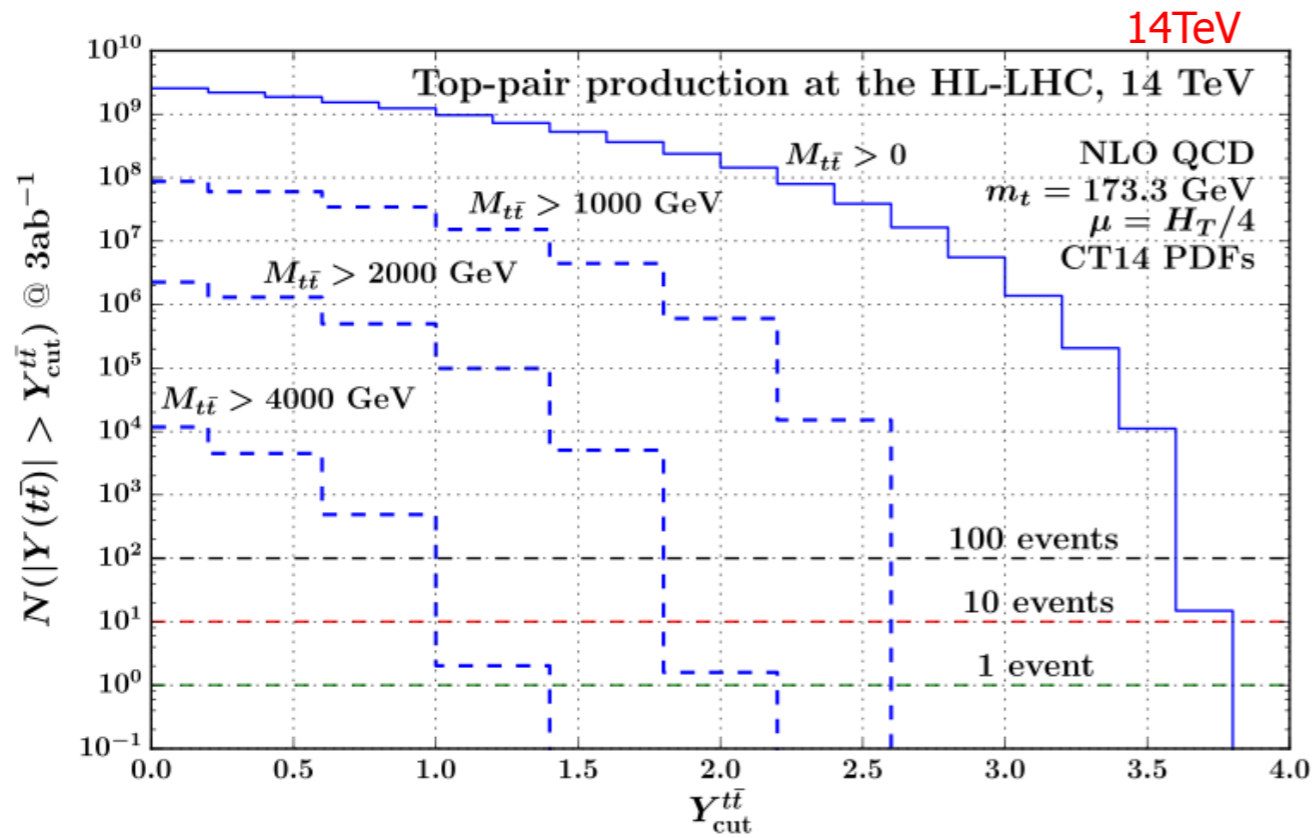
Cumulative in Y_t



✓ For tops: to add EW
 (and possibly NNLO?)

← LHCb

Cumulative in $Y_{t\bar{t}}$ (both 1d and 2d for extracting PDFs)

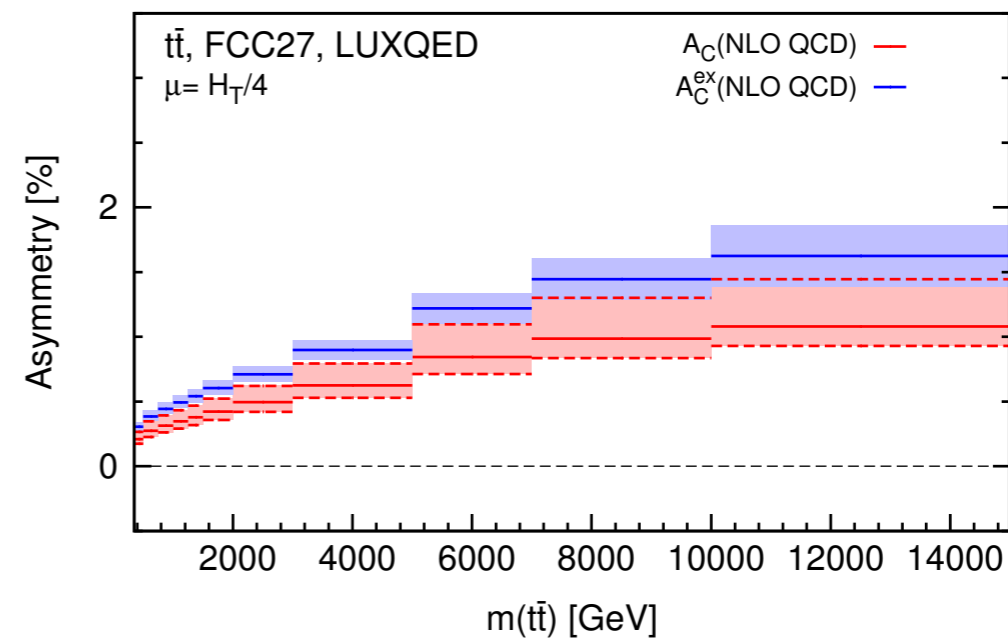
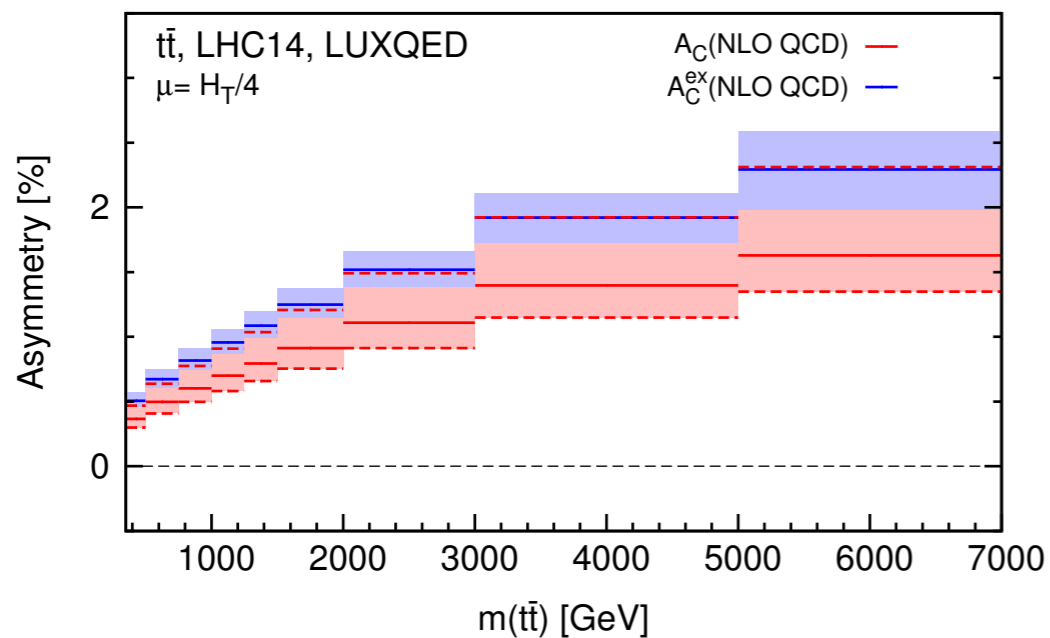
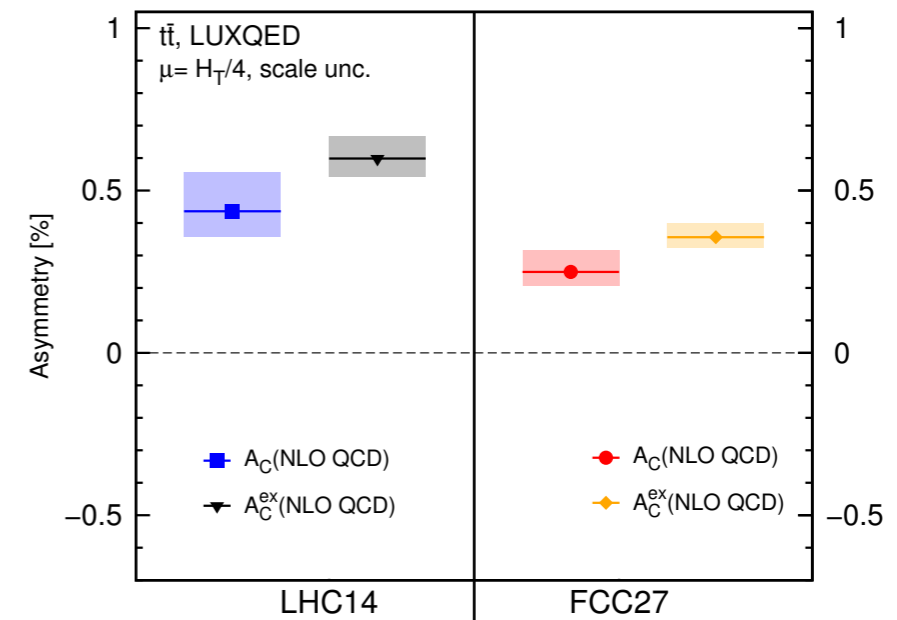


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Asymmetry

- Preliminary studies @NLO QCD, to be upgraded at NNLO QCD+NLOEW accuracy
- Experimental proposal for differential binning
 {350, 500, 750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 2000, 3000, 5000, 7000, 10000, 15000}



Single-top production

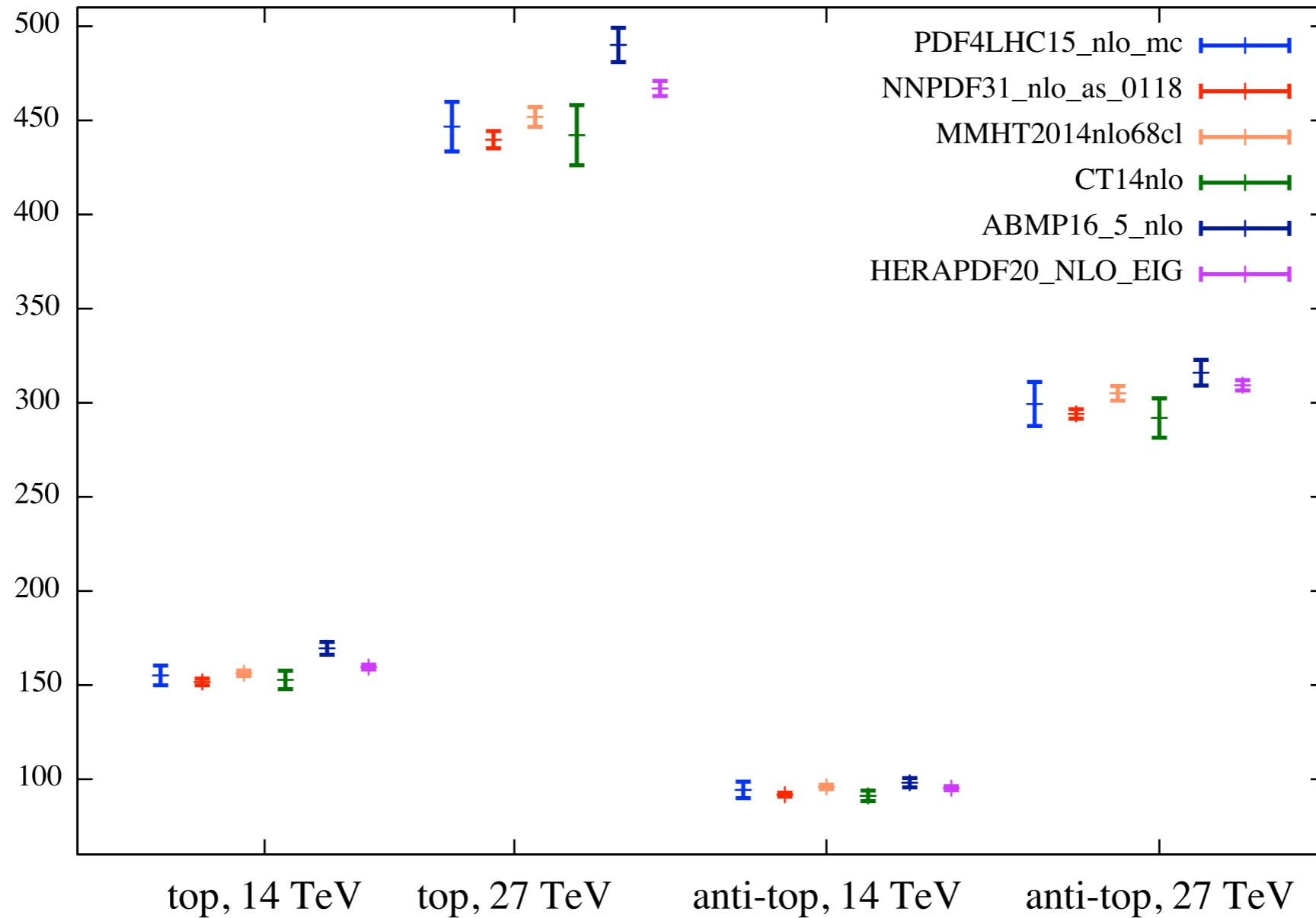
Predictions for rates at 14 and 27 TeV

	14 TeV			27 TeV		
	σ [pb]	$\Delta_7^{\mu_r, \mu_f}$	Δ_{PDF}	σ [pb]	$\Delta_7^{\mu_r, \mu_f}$	Δ_{PDF}
$\sigma_{\text{NLO, t-ch, } t}$	156	+3% -2.2%	2,3 %	447	+3% -2.6%	2 %
$\sigma_{\text{NLO, t-ch, } \bar{t}}$	94	+3.1% - 2.1%	3,1 %	299	+3.1% -2.5%	2,6 %
$\sigma_{\text{NLO, Wt}} = \sigma_{\text{NLO, W}\bar{t}}$ $\mu_{r,f} = p_{\perp, b, \text{veto}} = 50 \text{ GeV}$	36	+2.9% -4.4%	5 %	137	+3.8% -6.1%	4 %
$\sigma_{\text{NLO, s-ch, } t}$	6,8	+2.7% -2.2%	1,7 %	14,8	+2.7% -3.2%	1,8 %
$\sigma_{\text{NLO, s-ch, } \bar{t}}$	4,3	+2.7% -2.2%	1,8 %	10,4	+2.7% -3.3%	1,8 %

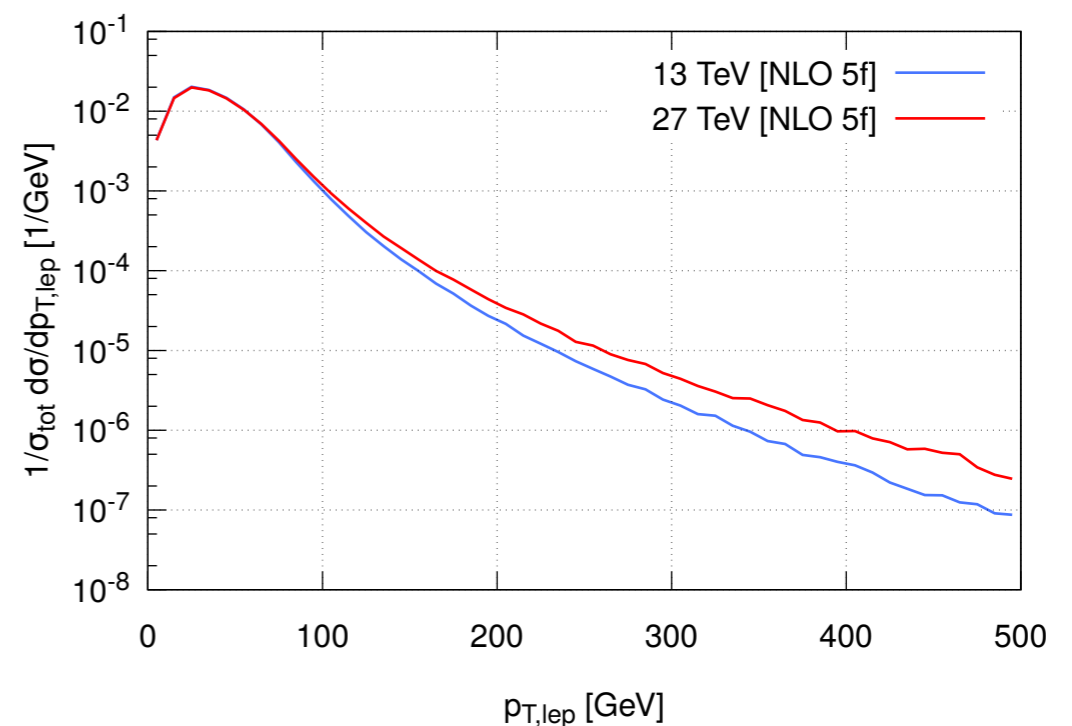
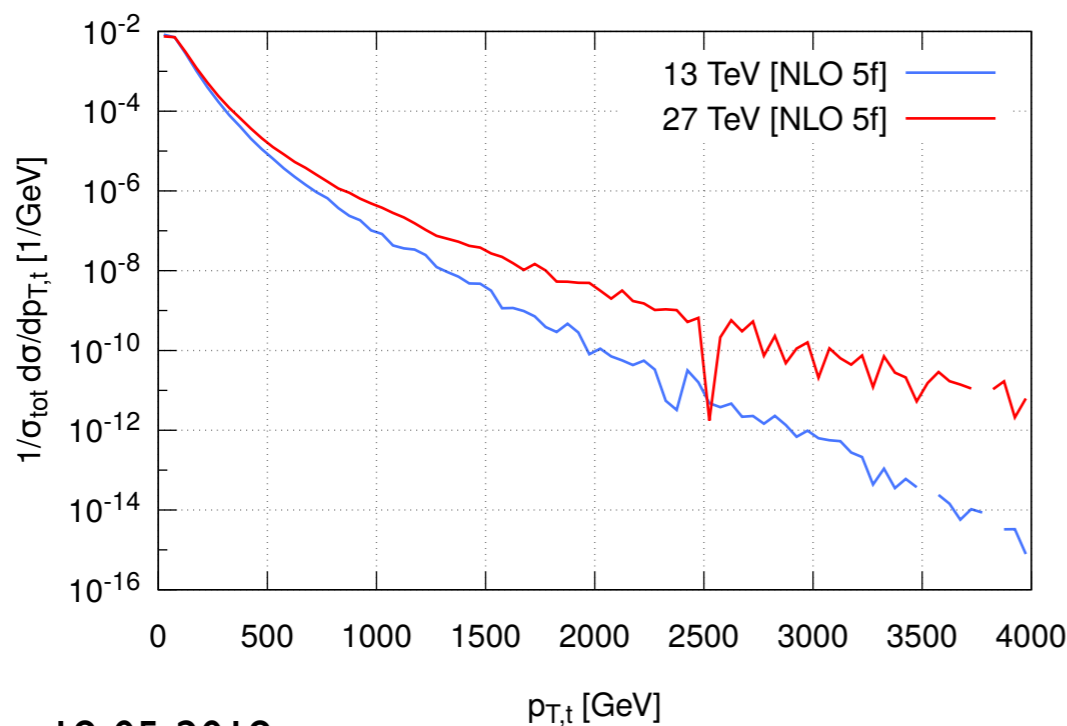
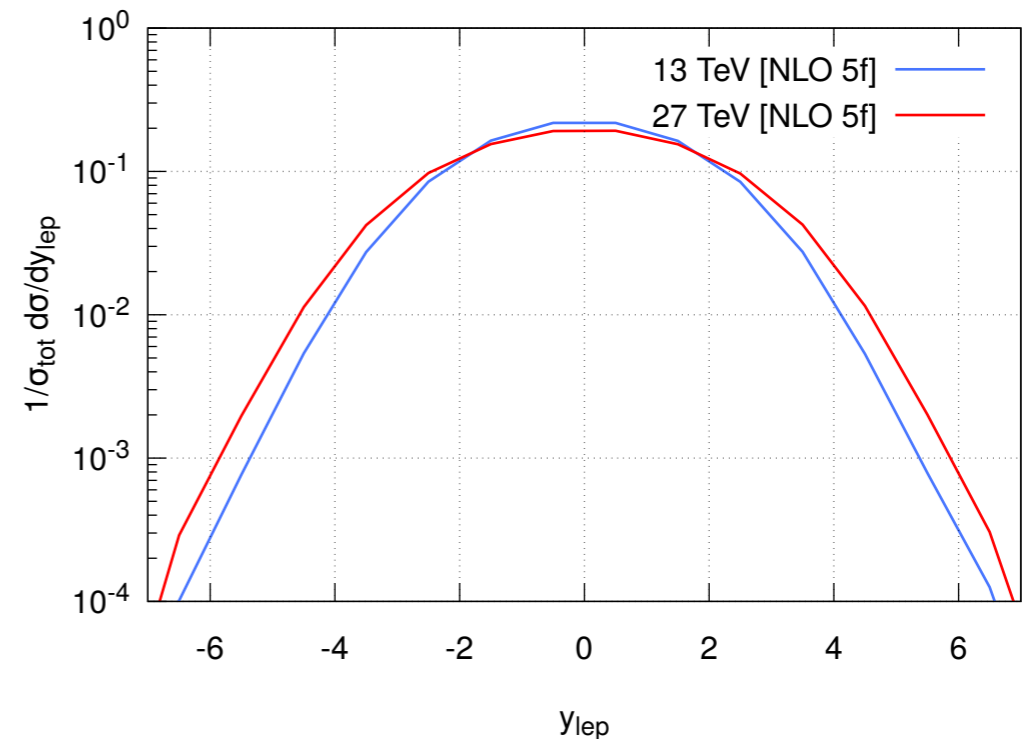
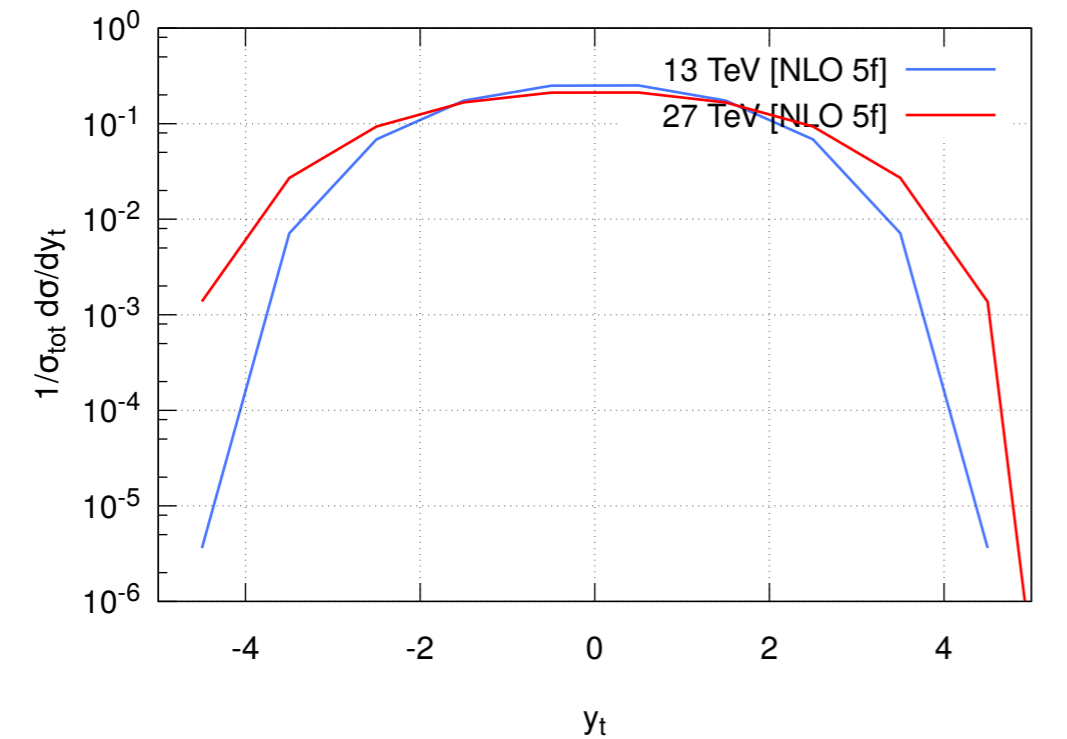
PDF4LHC15_nlo_mc, $\mu_0=m_t=173.2 \text{ GeV}$, $V_{tb}=1$, 5FNS

- t-channel, NNLO: very similar central value, error reduced by $\sim 1/2$
[results for LHC14: Berger, Gao, Zu, arXiv:1708.09405]
- For differential distributions: error above is in many cases underestimate
- Nevertheless, good NLO \rightarrow NNLO convergence

Total t-channel cross section



Distributions (unit-normalised)



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- Smaller effects for jet multiplicity and $\cos\theta_{\text{jet,lep}}$
- Any other useful distribution?

$$V_{tX}$$

- Constrain V_{tX} with measurements of single-top production
see e.g. [Alwall et al, hep-ph/0607115](#), [Lacker et al, arXiv:1202.4694](#)
- NLO cross-sections (in pb), computed assuming $V_{tX}=1$ are listed below
- Differential studies can also be performed

\sqrt{s} [TeV]	$V_{tb}=1$			$V_{ts}=1$			$V_{td}=1$		
	$t+\bar{t}$	t	\bar{t}	$t+\bar{t}$	t	\bar{t}	$t+\bar{t}$	t	\bar{t}
13	260	155	105	546	331	215	1230	921	308
14	291	175	116	608	371	237	1357	1008	348
27	910	529	381	1697	995	702	3250	2262	988

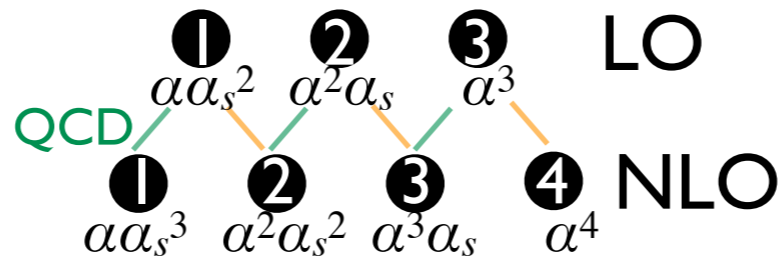
Top-pair production in association with a vector boson

Predictions at complete-NLO accuracy for $t\bar{t}W$

Frederix, Pagani, MZ, arXiv:1711.02116

13 TeV

$\delta[\%]$	$\mu = H_T/2$
LO ₂	-
LO ₃	0.9
NLO ₁	50.0 (25.7)
NLO ₂	-4.2 (-4.6)
NLO ₃	12.2 (9.1)
NLO ₄	0.04 (-0.02)



$\delta[\%]$	$\mu = H_T/2$
LO ₂	-
LO ₃	1.1
NLO ₁	149.5 (71.1)
NLO ₂	-5.6 (-6.2)
NLO ₃	68.8 (56.6)
NLO ₄	0.2 (0.2)

100 TeV

- Subleading contributions to $t\bar{t}W$ exist beyond NLO QCD and EW. An estimate based on coupling-constants suggest them to be negligible.
- This is not the case:
 - Relative contributions /LO₁ (number in parentheses are for a 100 GeV jet-veto)
 - LO_{2,3} are completely negligible (LO₂ is identically zero)
 - Because of the t - W scattering, NLO₃ is positive and (much) larger than NLO₂
 - The jet veto greatly reduces the NLO₁ (QCD corrections), which is dominated by hard radiation, and only mildly affects the other contributions

Cross-sections for $t\bar{t}W$

Predictions at complete-NLO accuracy

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σ [fb]	LO _{QCD}	LO _{QCD} + NLO _{QCD}	LO	LO + NLO	$\frac{\text{LO+NLO}}{\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}+\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}}$
$\mu = H_T/2$	414 ^{+23%} _{-18%}	628 ^{+11%} _{-11%} (521 ^{+5%} _{-7%})	418 ^{+23%} _{-17%}	670 ^{+12%} _{-11%} (548 ^{+6%} _{-7%})	1.07 (1.05)

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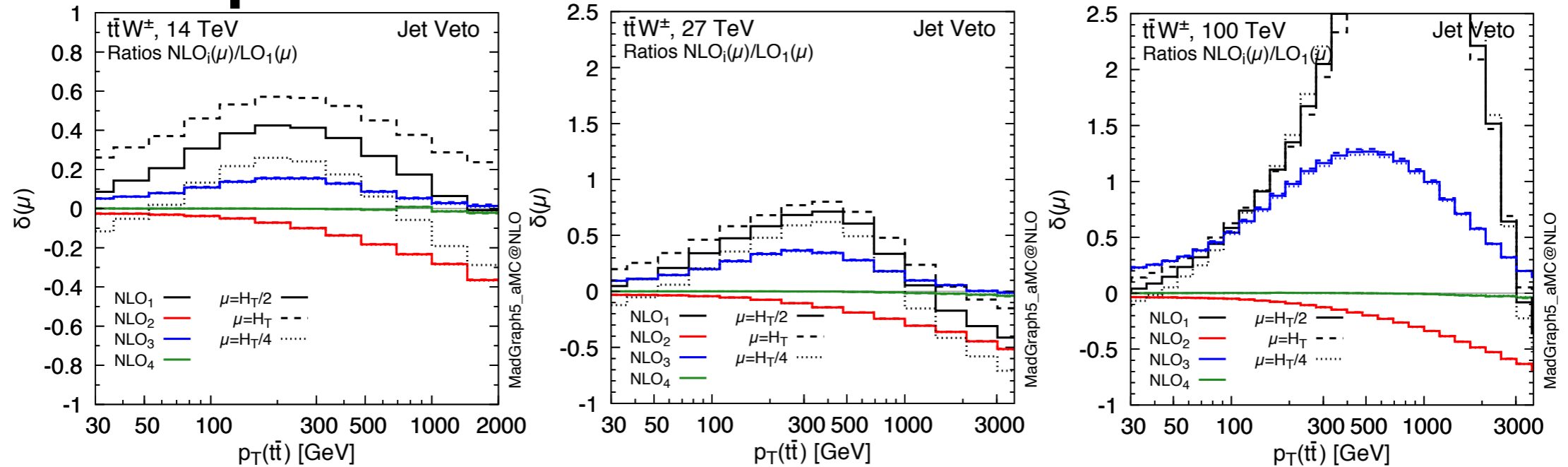
σ [fb]	LO _{QCD}	LO _{QCD} + NLO _{QCD}	LO	LO + NLO	$\frac{\text{LO+NLO}}{\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}+\text{NLO}_{\text{QC}}}$
$\mu = H_T/2$	1182 ^{+21%} _{-16%}	2066 ^{+14%} _{-11%} (1561 ^{+7%} _{-7%})	1194 ^{+21%} _{-16%}	2329 ^{+14%} _{-11%} (1750 ^{+7%} _{-7%})	1.13 (1.12)

Breakdown of contributions (w.r.t. LO₁)

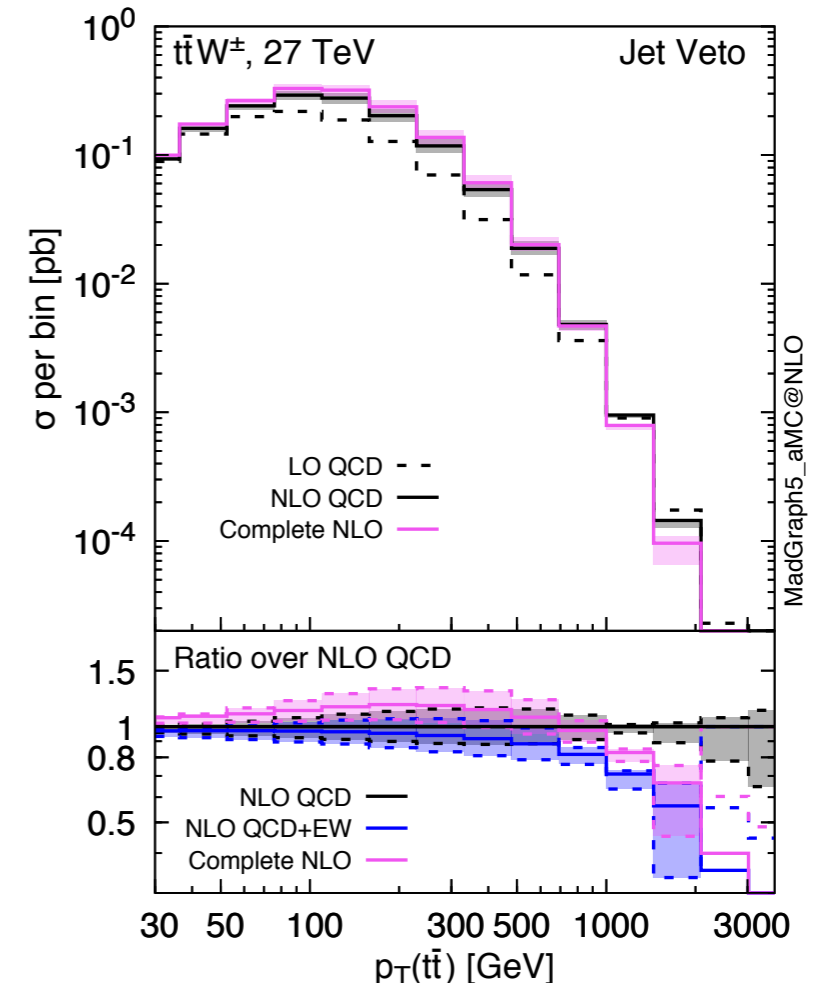
δ [%]	$\mu = H_T/4$	$\mu = H_T/2$	$\mu = H_T$
LO ₂	-	-	-
LO ₃	0.8	1.0	1.1
NLO ₁	37.4 (7.7)	51.8 (25.9)	64.7 (41.9)
NLO ₂	-4.5 (-4.7)	-4.3 (-4.5)	-4.1 (-4.3)
NLO ₃	13.0 (9.7)	13.3 (9.9)	13.6 (10.1)
NLO ₄	0.02 (-0.00)	0.03 (0.00)	0.05 (0.01)

δ [%]	$\mu = H_T/4$	$\mu = H_T/2$	$\mu = H_T$
LO ₂	-	-	-
LO ₃	0.9	1.0	1.2
NLO ₁	67.4 (18.4)	74.8 (32.0)	82.0 (44.3)
NLO ₂	-5.1 (-5.4)	-5.0 (-5.2)	-4.8 (-5.1)
NLO ₃	25.5 (19.8)	26.1 (20.2)	26.6 (20.6)
NLO ₄	0.06 (0.01)	0.08 (0.02)	0.10 (0.03)

Complete-NLO corrections for $t\bar{t}W$



- QCD corrections to $t\bar{t}W$ are dominated by hard-jet and soft- W configurations (giant K-factors)
- A jet veto ($p_T > 100$ GeV, $|y| < 2.5$) disfavors these configurations, bringing more stable predictions
- NLO₃ ($\alpha_s \alpha^3$) includes t - W scattering, large and positive contribution which survives jet veto:
10/20/55% (vs NLO₁ 25/30/70%) w.r.t LO₁ at 14/27/100 TeV, while EW ($\alpha_s^2 \alpha^2$) corrections are $\sim -5\%$
- Complete-NLO and NLO QCD+EW bands barely overlap in large part of the phase-space



Cross-sections for $t\bar{t}Z$

Frixione, Hirschi, Pagani, Shao, MZ arXiv:1504.03446

- For $t\bar{t}Z$, corrections beyond (N)LO₂ are negligible. Use NLO QCD+EW
- For 14 TeV, see YR4 (Table 4I)

Process	\sqrt{s}	$\sigma_{\text{QCD}}^{\text{NLO}}$	$\sigma_{\text{QCD+EW}}^{\text{NLO}}$	K_{QCD}	$\delta_{\text{EW}}[\%]$	Scale[%]		PDF[%]		$\alpha_s[\%]$	
$t\bar{t}Z$	14	1018(2.2)	1015(2.2)	1.40	-0.3	+9.6%	-11.2%	+2.7%	-2.7%	+2.8%	-2.8%

- Updated numbers for 27 TeV, with same setup

σ_{NLOQCD} [pb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLOQCD+EW}}$ [pb]	K_{QCD}	$\delta_{\text{EW}} [\%]$	$\Delta\mu [\%]$	$\Delta\text{PDF}[\%]$	$\Delta\alpha_s[\%]$
4.90	4.81	1.45	-2	+9.9 -10.4	± 2.0	± 2.0

Proposal for the four-top section:

Theory part

More in Frederic Deliot's talk

1. Precision
 - A. The complete-NLO predictions for four-top production
Frederix, Pagani, MZ, arXiv:1711.02116
New numbers for 14 and 27 TeV available
2. Four top as a probe of new physics
 - A. Constraining $q\bar{q}t\bar{t}$ operators in the EFT
Zhang, arXiv:1708.05928
Predictions for 14 TeV/3ab⁻¹ and 27 TeV/15ab⁻¹ available
 - B. Constraining top quark flavor violation and dipole moments through three and four-top quark productions at the LHC
Malek Hosseini, Ghominejad, Khanpour, Najafabad, (+Ebadi, Khatibi), arXiv:1804.05598
Predictions for 14 TeV/3ab⁻¹ and 27 TeV/15ab⁻¹ available
 - C. Higgs width and top quark Yukawa coupling
Cao, Chen, Liu, arXiv:1602.01934
Predictions for HL-LHC and FCC available. HE-LHC in progress
3. Bonus (i.e. if time and energy allows): how to use findings of 1.A in BSM searches

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