

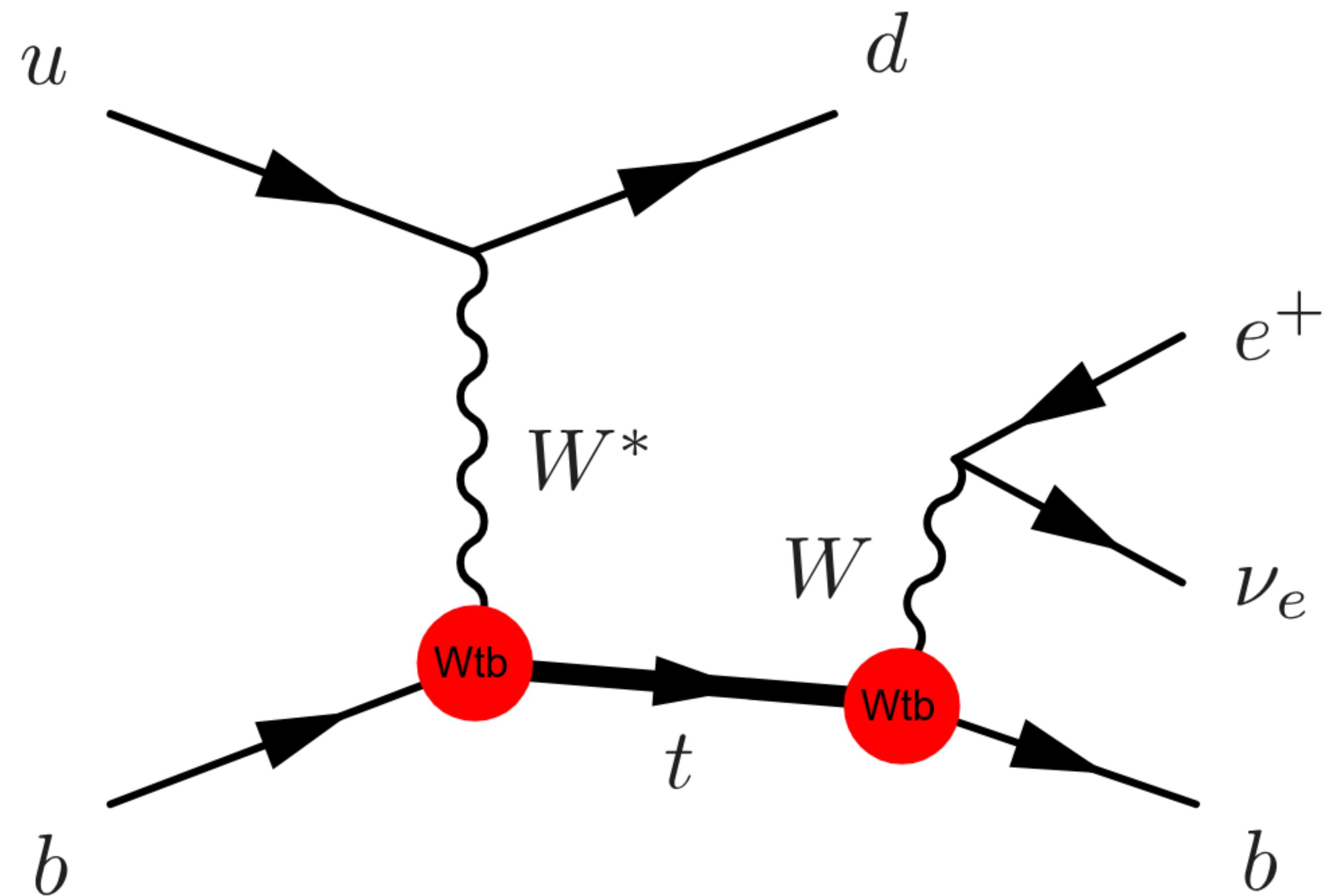


# **Precision determination of the Wtb coupling in single top production**

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# Wtb coupling in single top: the t-channel



# What constitutes a theoretical precision determination?

Standard model precision calculations!

- fixed order (NLO, NNLO), resummation and parton shower
- Yes.. even at NLO it is not trivial..
  - ... 4-flavor scheme, 5-flavor scheme, on-shell top, stable top, off-shell top, non-resonant contributions ...

A tiny and incomplete list of some recent results:

(partial) NNLO: Brucherseifer, Caola, Melnikov '14 (stable top); Berger, Gao, Yuan, Zhu '16 '17 (on-shell but with decay), IBP reduction for full result: Assadolimani, Kant, Tausk, Uwer '14; NNLL threshold resummation: Kidonakis '12

NLO 4/5-flavor, on-shell (in MCFM): Campbell, Ellis, Tramontano '04; Campbell, Frederix, Frixione, Maltoni, Tramontano '09; Campbell, Ellis '12; (in POWHEG and aMC@NLO): Frederix, Re, Torrielli '12; NLO off-shell + non-resonant + parton shower: Prestel, Torrielli, Papanastasiou, Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Maltoni '13 '16; NLO with analytic transverse momentum dependent resummation: Cao, Sun, Bin Yan, C.P. Yuan, F. Yuan '18

# What else do we need?

Standard model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT) precision calculations!

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_k \sum_i \frac{C_{i,k}}{\Lambda^k} \mathcal{O}_{i,k}$$

- Using the effective field theory framework allows us to better quantify deviations and constrain concrete models like SUSY.

$X^2\varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X\varphi$		$\psi^2\varphi^2 D$	
$Q_{\varphi G}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eW}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{G}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eB}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi W}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi e}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{\varphi} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$Q_{\varphi B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{B}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi u}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$
$Q_{\varphi WB}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi d}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{WB}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi ud}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$

Buchmueller, Wyler '86; Grądkowski, Iskrzynski, Misiak, Rosiek '10

# Single top in the Standard Model EFT

Equally lots of work, beginning with anomalous couplings..

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{tbW} = & -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (V_L P_L + V_R P_R) t W_\mu^- + \text{h.c.} \\ & -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{m_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_\mu^- + \text{h.c.}\end{aligned}$$

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EFT	$\delta V_L = \left( C_{\phi q}^{(3)*} + \frac{g}{2} \text{Re } C_{qW} \right) \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}, \quad \delta g_L = \sqrt{2} C_{dW}^* \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2},$
correspondence:	$\delta V_R = \frac{1}{2} C_{\phi\phi}^* \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}, \quad \delta g_R = \sqrt{2} C_{uW} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$

- *LO EFT, anomalous couplings: Aguilar-Saavedra '08 '09; Bach, Ohl '12*
- *Analysis and fit to observables, specific model interpretation: Cao, Bin Yan, Yu, Zhang '15*
- *further work, up to including NLO EFT: Zhang, Willenbrock '11; Franzosi, Zhang '15; Zhang '14 '16*
- *connection to flavor physics and low energy precision measurements: Alioli, Cirigliano, Dekens, Vries, Mereghetti '17*

tl;dr: SMEFT has also reached the level of NLO! (very necessary!)

# Is there anything left to do?

Yes.

- Inclusive NNLO to NLO corrections are about 1-2%.  
" We found a difference of ~1% on the NNLO cross sections"  
*Berger, Gao, Yuan, Zhu '16*
- NLO SMEFT calculation (Zhang '16) in the framework  
MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO using the on-shell approximation.  
This means  $\mathcal{O}(\Gamma_T/m_t)$  effects are neglected. Also top decay  
spin correlations only approximately included. But has PS!

# What am I working on?

- **Analytical** calculation of **off-shell** single top production with **full decay** (and full spin correlations) of top and W
- Inclusion of all relevant EFT operators at NLO
- Implementation in MCFM: introduce b-jet tagging, complex mass scheme

**How far am I?** Spent two/three months on the setup and simplifications (millions of terms with an off-shell top!). Results are meanwhile compact.

Last steps: "understand" renormalization, implement b-jet tagging in MCFM.

# Last slide.

- Single top **incredibly** active field. **The** process to study the Wtb coupling.
- Lots of room for precision improvements:
  - full NNLO calculation and check of currently disagreeing results
  - NLO SMEFT: off-shell, full decay spin correlations, analytic computation in MCFM
- Establish contact with experimentalists so NLO EFT improvements get actually used!