

From top to bottom (and charm)

# *Heavy flavors at early LHC*



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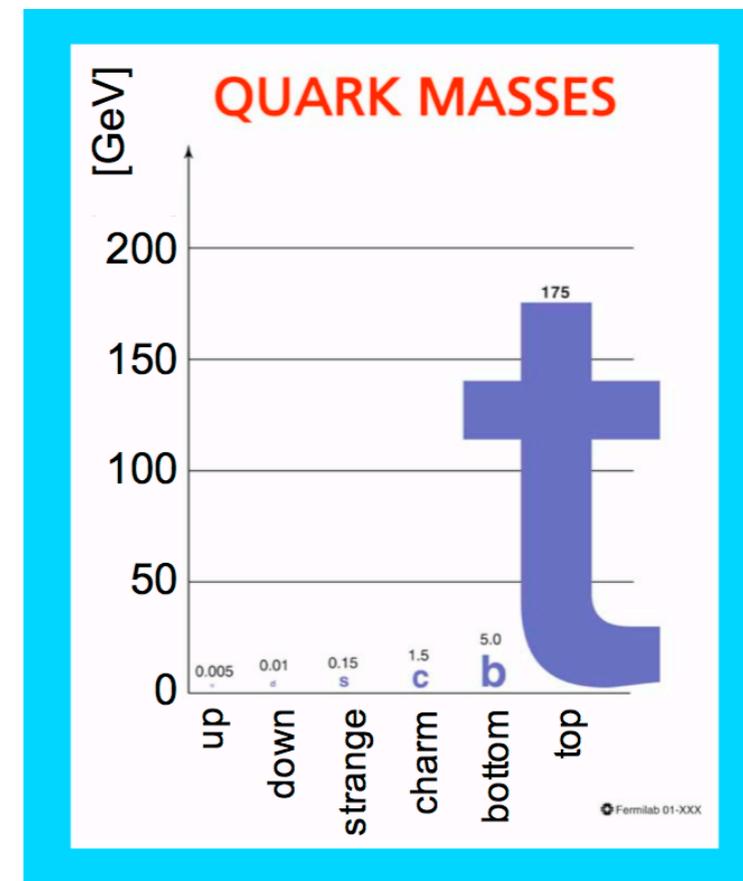
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# Overview

- ▶ What is special about heavy flavors?
- ▶ Production
- ▶ Charm
- ▶ Bottom
- ▶ Top
- ▶ Conclusions

# Heavy quark history

- ▶ Charm (1974) made SM consistent, cemented belief in QCD
  - ✓ GIM, spectroscopy, ...
- ▶ Bottom (1977), announced 3rd family, allowed for CKM mechanism
  - ✓ B-factories
- ▶ Top, discovered by CDF and D0 in 1995
  - ✓ Bizarrely heavy
  - ✓ Completes 3rd generation
  - ✓ What will top's contribution be? (LHC14:T-factory)

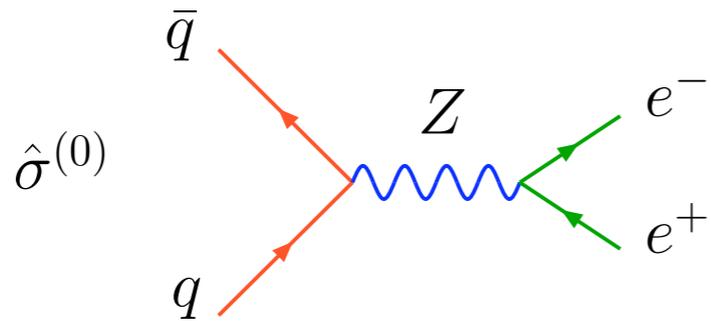


# Heavy flavors are special

- ▶ Because they are colored and heavier than muon
  - taggable (semi-leptonic decay, displaced vertices)
- ▶ Mass (well) beyond  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ 
  - perturbative QCD
  - sets scale, thresholds etc
- ▶ Important to understand the production well
  - (keeping in mind maturity of analysis)
- ▶ Not just a topic by itself, also relevant for
  - PDF's
  - Jet-tagging
  - New physics
  - ...

# LO, NLO, etc

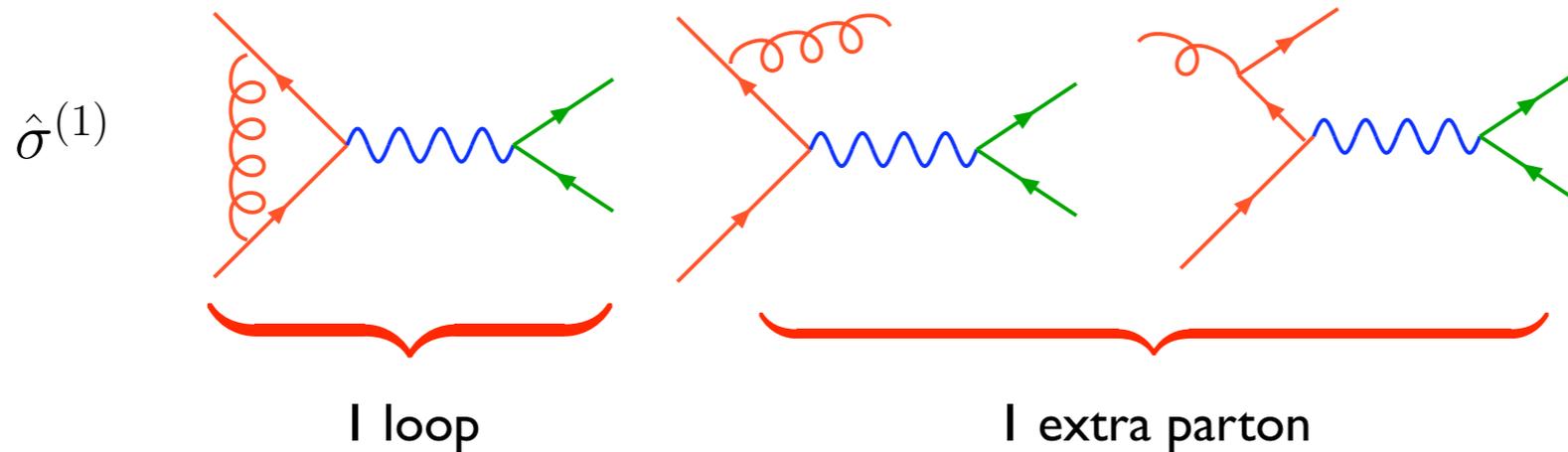
LO



Combine with PDF's,  
put in MC integrator,  
apply cuts etc

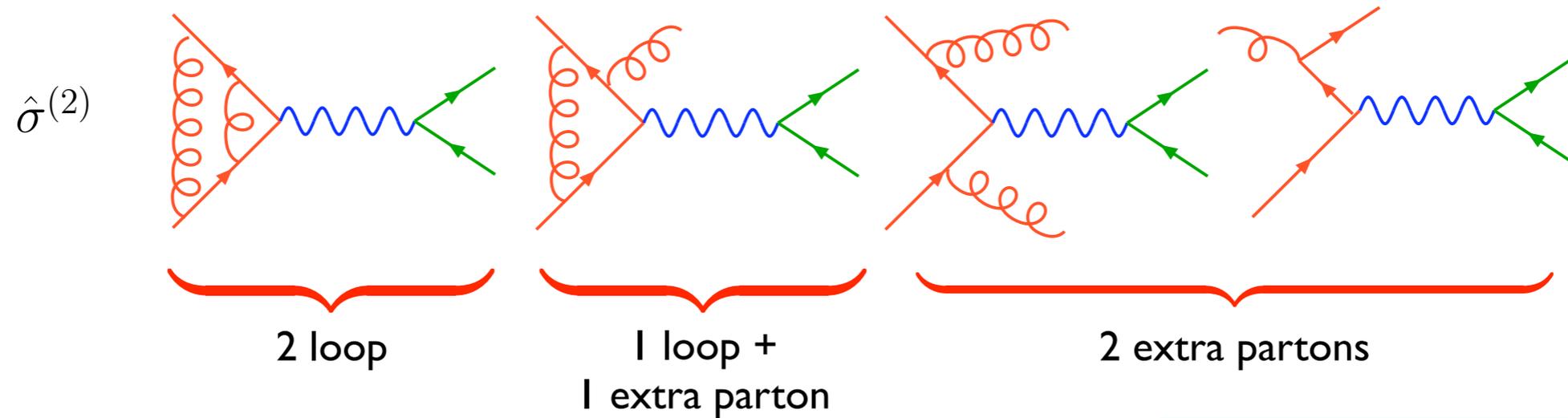
Calculate in  $D=4-2\epsilon$  dimensions

NLO



Cancel IR poles  $1/\epsilon^2$  before  
anything else

NNLO



Cancel IR poles  $1/\epsilon^4$  etc before  
anything else; hard!

# NLO cross sections at hadron colliders

Multi-differential hadronic NLO cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma^{pp \rightarrow X}}{d^3p_1 \dots d^3p_n} = \sum_{a,b} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F) f_b(x_2, \mu_F) \times \hat{\sigma}_{ab}(p_a + p_b \rightarrow p_X, \alpha_s(\mu_R), \mu_R, \mu_F) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{Q^2}\right)$$

NLO PDF's

Multi-differential partonlevel NLO cross section

Power corrections.

Renormalization and Factorization scale

All should be known as accurately as possible (but quantify the error)

Benefits:

- Normalization of cross section, less uncertainty
- Better physics modelling

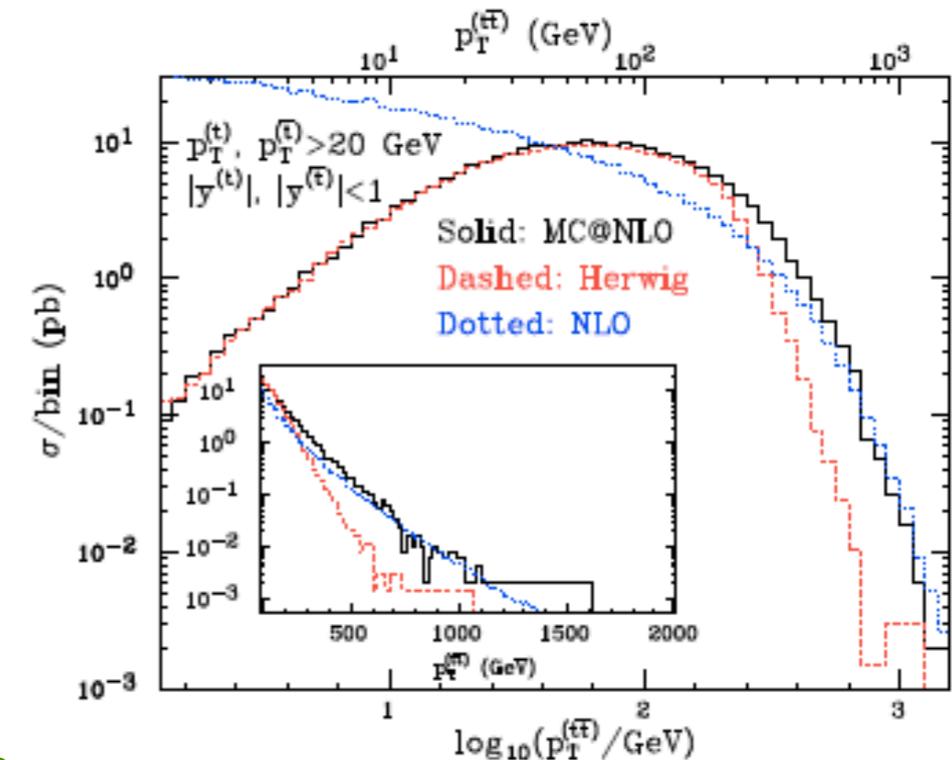
# The Higher Order revolution

- ▶ Theorists have used the LHC construction years well. Enormous innovation in once-boring topic of NLO
  - analytical (spinor/twistor/unitarity methods), numerical (loop + radiative)
- ▶ Many new NLO programs, standardization, automation taking place rapidly
  - pace of progress truly remarkable
  - MCFM, HelacNLO, Blackhat, Rocket, Grace, MadFKS, ...
  - important to (learn to) use the tools, and when
  - key: communication
- ▶ Progress toward NNLO
  - valuable, but not needed for everything
  - exact is very tough, esp. for hadron collisions
  - much progress, resummation based, captures most

Process ( $V \in \{Z, W, \gamma\}$ )	Comments
Calculations completed since Les Houches 2005	
1. $pp \rightarrow VV\text{jet}$	$WW\text{jet}$ completed by Dittmaier/Kallweit/Uwer [4, 5]; Campbell/Ellis/Zanderighi [6]. $ZZ\text{jet}$ completed by Binoth/Gleisberg/Karg/Kauer/Sanguinetti [7]
2. $pp \rightarrow \text{Higgs}+2\text{jets}$	NLO QCD to the $gg$ channel completed by Campbell/Ellis/Zanderighi [8]; NLO QCD+EW to the VBF channel completed by Ciccolini/Denner/Dittmaier [9, 10]
3. $pp \rightarrow VVV$	$ZZZ$ completed by Lazopoulos/Melnikov/Petriello [11] and $WWZ$ by Hankele/Zeppenfeld [12] (see also Binoth/Ossola/Papadopoulos/Pittau [13])
4. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$	relevant for $t\bar{t}H$ computed by Bredenstein/Denner/Dittmaier/Pozzorini [14, 15] and Bevilacqua/Czakon/Papadopoulos/Pittau/Worek [16]
5. $pp \rightarrow V+3\text{jets}$	calculated by the Blackhat/Sherpa [17] and Rocket [18] collaborations
Calculations remaining from Les Houches 2005	
6. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}+2\text{jets}$	relevant for $t\bar{t}H$ computed by Bevilacqua/Czakon/Papadopoulos/Worek [19]
7. $pp \rightarrow VVb\bar{b}$ , 8. $pp \rightarrow VV+2\text{jets}$	relevant for VBF $\rightarrow H \rightarrow VV$ , $t\bar{t}H$ relevant for VBF $\rightarrow H \rightarrow VV$ VBF contributions calculated by (Bozzi/Jäger/Oleari/Zeppenfeld [20–22])
NLO calculations added to list in 2007	
9. $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	$q\bar{q}$ channel calculated by Golem collaboration [23]
NLO calculations added to list in 2009	
10. $pp \rightarrow V+4\text{ jets}$ 11. $pp \rightarrow Wb\bar{b}j$ 12. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	top pair production, various new physics signatures top, new physics signatures various new physics signatures
Calculations beyond NLO added in 2007	
13. $gg \rightarrow W^*W^* \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2\alpha_s^3)$ 14. NNLO $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ 15. NNLO to VBF and $Z/\gamma+\text{jet}$	backgrounds to Higgs normalization of a benchmark process Higgs couplings and SM benchmark
Calculations including electroweak effects	
16. NNLO QCD+NLO EW for $W/Z$	precision calculation of a SM benchmark

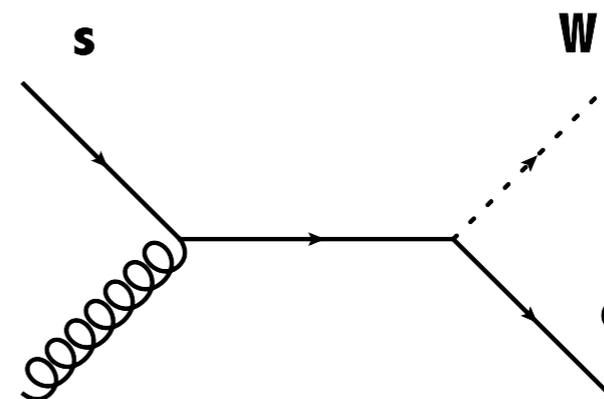
# MC@NLO, POWHEG

- ▶ Advanced MC's, include heavy flavor production, single top production, spin correlations
  - much used by collaborations
- ▶ Combine best of NLO and parton showers
- ▶ Advantages come at a cost
  - cannot vary HERWIG/PYTHIA parameters at will, and still retain NLO accuracy
    - ✓ certain variations upset the cancellations between orders (e.g. separate ISR, FSR variations)
    - ✓ ok variations:  $\mu_F$  and  $\mu_R$ . PDF's (beware PDF's in PS)
- ▶ When to use?
  - when normalization matters, for good measurements
  - not too many hard jets (then use LO Alpgen, MadEvent, etc...)
  - to check HERWIG, PYTHIA, SHERPA ranges
- ▶ POWHEG and MC@NLO treat showers differently beyond NLO
  - often useful to try both



# Charm at LHC

- ▶ Mass is just regulator, has no noticeable kinematical (threshold) effect.
- ▶ Virtue: it can be tagged, affords direct view on parton
  - Input for charm fragmentation functions at large  $p_T$
- ▶ Mostly useful in association with other particles (W,Z,...)
- ▶ W + charm is handle on s-quark PDF



# Associated heavy flavors

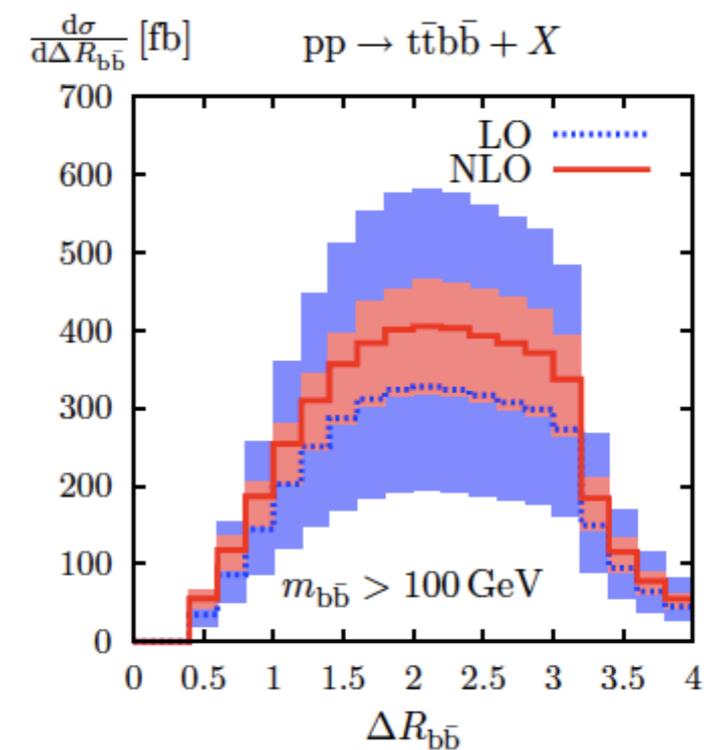
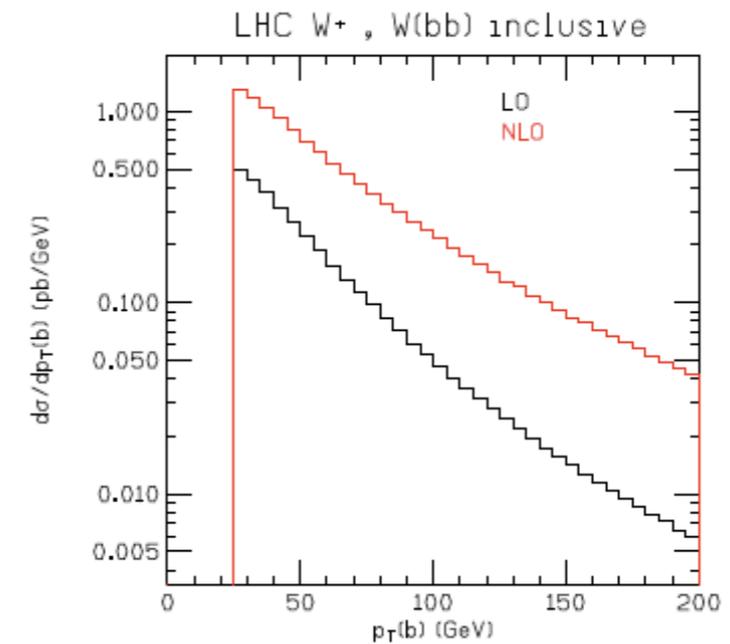
► Perhaps the most prominent way of producing heavy flavors

- $W/Z + n \text{ b/c} + m \text{ jets}$ 
  - ✓  $W + 4 \text{ jets}[b] (tt)$
  - ✓  $W + 2 \text{ jets} [b,bb] (t, H)$
  - ✓ many BSM searches

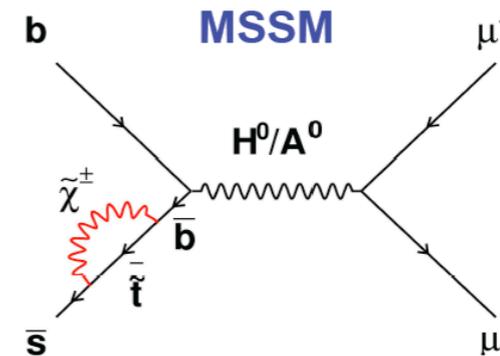
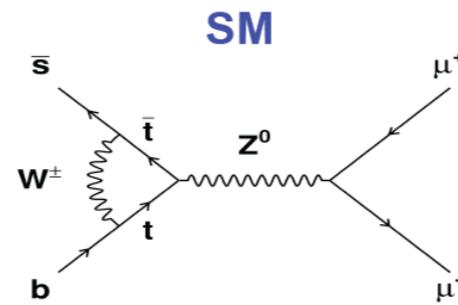
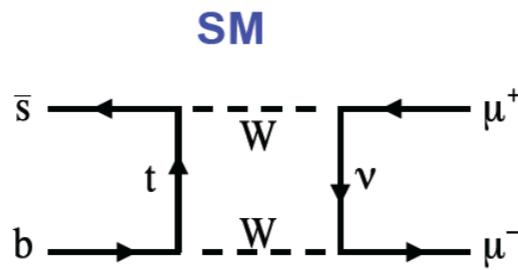
-  $ttbb$  (for  $ttH$  background)

► NLO predictions are appearing

- $Wbb$
- $ttbb$  (2 groups, agreement)
- $bbbb$



# Br( $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ )



- ▶ Quite clean SM prediction  $(3.6 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-9}$
- ▶ Rare decay, sensitive to many BSM effects
  - SUSY ( $\times 10$ ), Little Higgs ( $\times 1.3$ ), RS ( $\times 1.1$ )
  - esp. large  $\tan(\beta)$ , related to GUT theories
- ▶ CDF&D0 upper bounds (95%CL) **SM  $\times 10$**
- ▶ Mostly for LHCb (but also ATLAS/CMS)
  - backgrounds (combinatorial) pesky
  - 2008 estimate: after 1 year LHCb can exclude or discover NP in this way

$$H = \frac{G_F \alpha V_{tb}^* V_{tq}}{\sqrt{2} \pi \sin^2 \theta_W} [C_S Q_S + C_P Q_P + C_A Q_A]$$

$$Q_A = \bar{b}_L \gamma^\mu q_L \bar{l} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 l$$

Model/Observable	$Br(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$
CMFV	20%
MFV	1000%
AC	1000%
RVV2	1000%
AKM	1000%
$\delta LL$	1000%
FBMSSM	1000%
GMSSM	1000%
LHT	30%
RSc	10%

✓ but it's not 2008 anymore..

# Some recovery for $\text{Br}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$

$$\text{BR}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \text{BR}(B_q \rightarrow X) \frac{f_q}{f_s} \frac{\epsilon_X}{\epsilon_{\mu\mu}} \frac{N_{\mu\mu}}{N_X}$$

Key ratio, uncertainty limits potential

►  $f_q$ : probability that b-quark  $\rightarrow B_q$  meson

► Many experiments extracted it

- environment influence likely

✓ at B-factories  $f_u + f_d + f_s = 1$ , not at hadron colliders

- each experiment should measure its own

► New idea, use

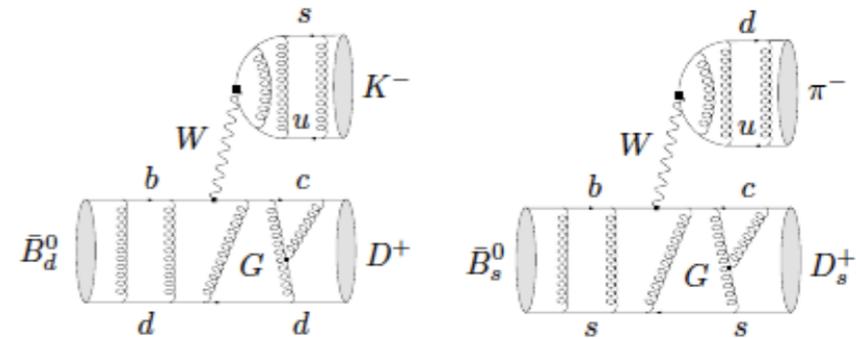


- 5.6% uncertainty at LHCb for  $1/\text{fb}$

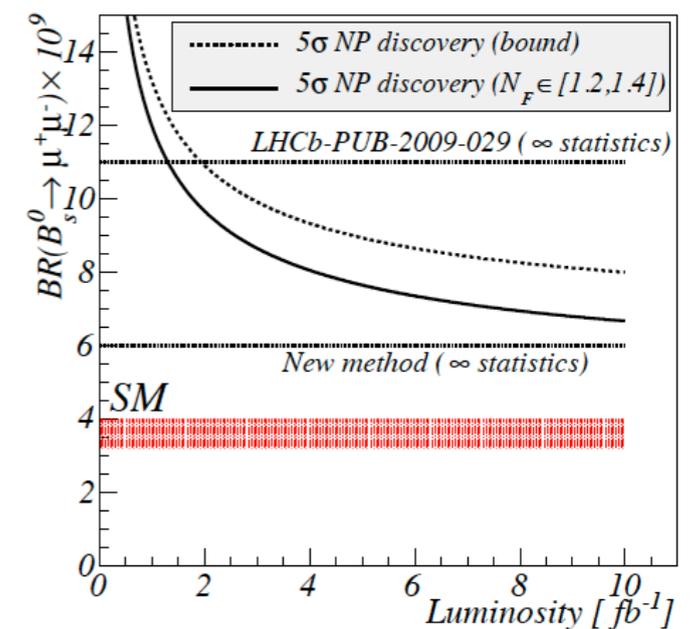
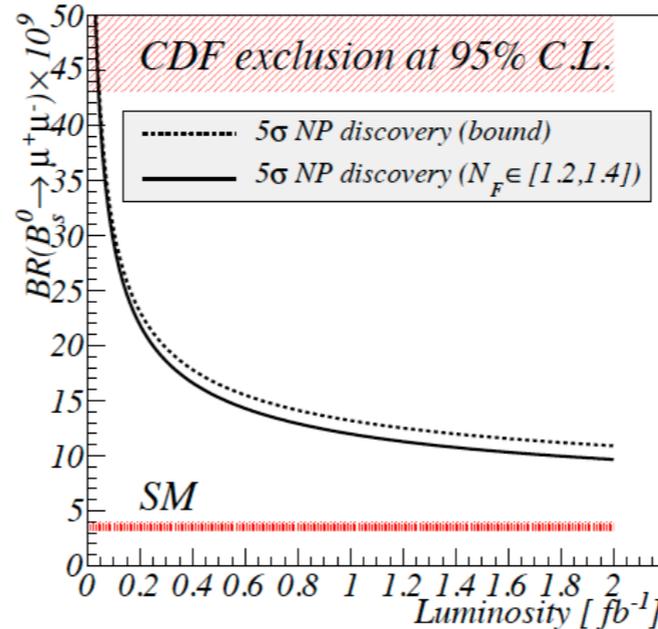
- factorization

- potential good

- use LHCb value for ATLAS/CMS

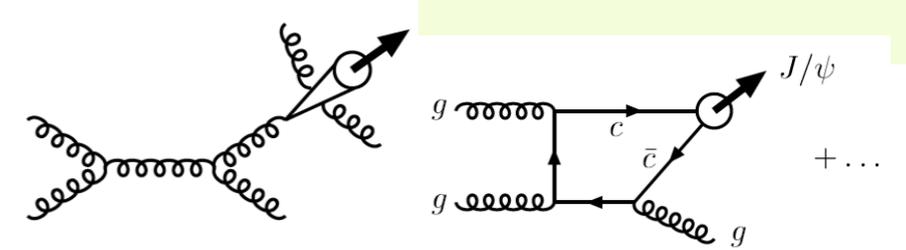


Fleischer, Serra, Tuning



# $p_T$ distributions of onia

- ▶ Tevatron/HERA have left us a puzzle in high  $p_T$  onium production
- ▶ Original model: compute  $Q\bar{Q}$  cross section, apply onium projector



- seriously insufficient, even including fragmentation

- ▶ NRQCD approach separates physics of production (m) and binding (mv)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NRQCD}} = \psi^\dagger \left( iD_0 + \frac{\vec{D}^2}{2m} \right) \psi + \chi^\dagger \left( iD_0 - \frac{\vec{D}^2}{2m} \right) \chi + \mathcal{L}_{\text{light}} + \delta\mathcal{L}$$

- form  $Q\bar{Q}$  in singlet, octet, etc, then transition to onium
- order in relative velocity  $v$

- ▶ There are other, less-rigorous models (Color Evaporation, ..)

- ▶ HERA: color-singlet ok

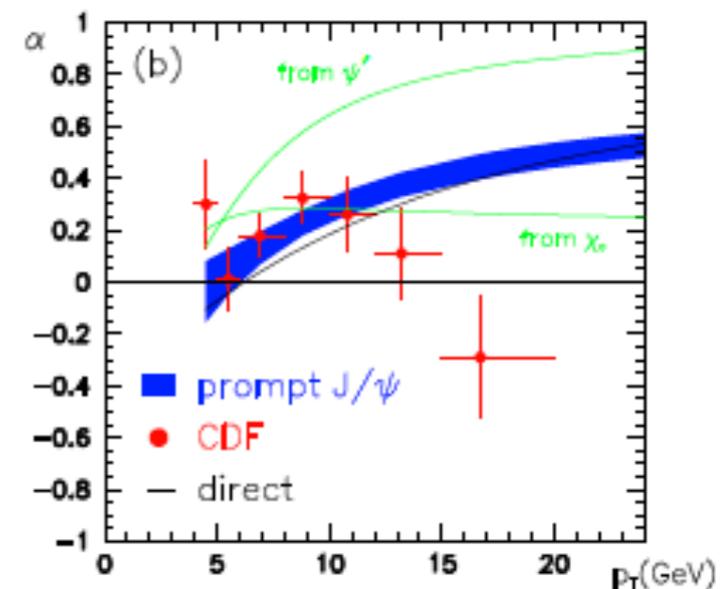
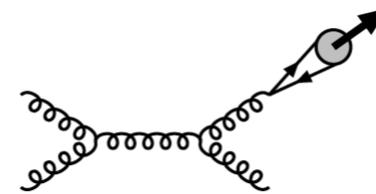
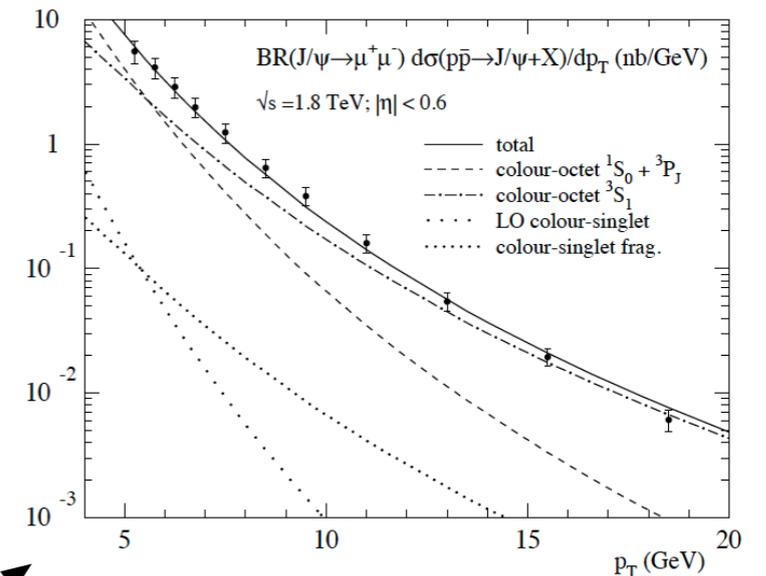
- ▶ Clear prediction of NRQCD for hadron colliders:

- at larger  $p_T$  fragmentation dominates,  $^3S_1$  [8] production,  $\rightarrow$  transverse polarization

- ✓ not borne out by data

- ✓ is  $v$  too large for charmonium?

- ▶ Production mechanism important to understand, also for heavy ion collisions



# $p_T$ distributions of onia

Campbell, Maltoni, Tramontano  
Gong, Wang

$$d\sigma(H + X) = \sum_n d\hat{\sigma}(Q\bar{Q}[n] + X) \langle \mathcal{O}^H[n] \rangle$$

► Theory progress: inclusion of higher order corrections

- NLO corrections to  $^3S_1$  color singlet J/Psi, Y production

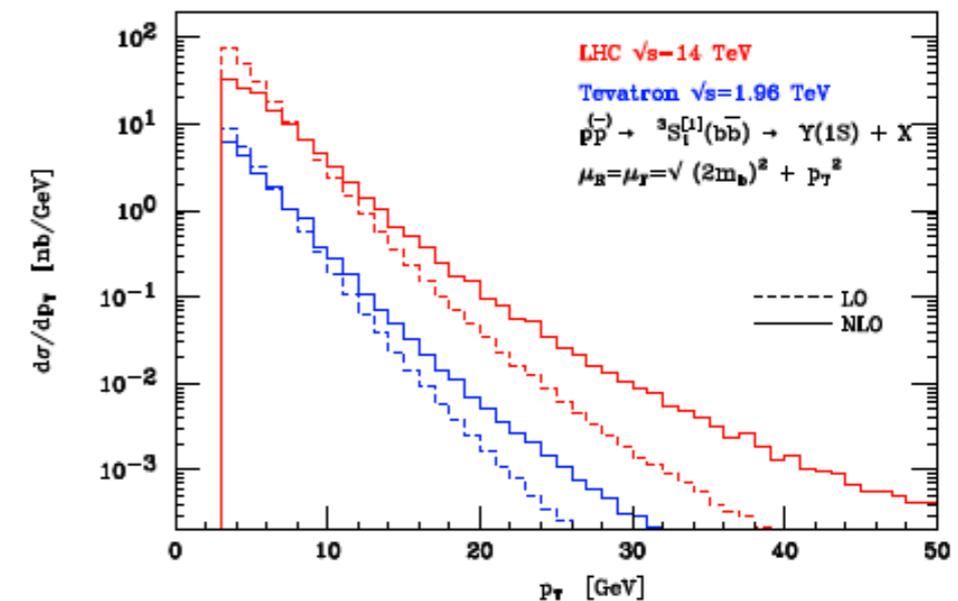
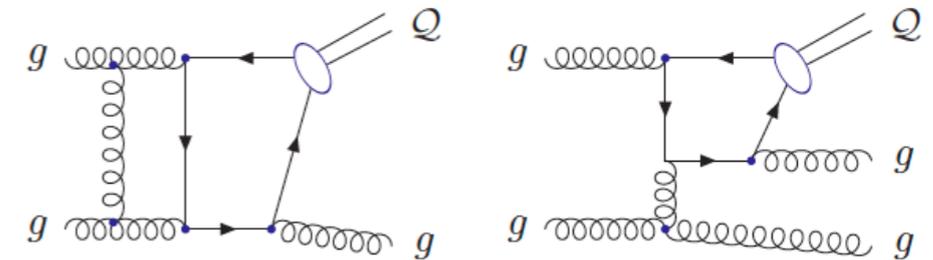
- ✓ corrections large
- ✓ not yet available for color octet production though
- ✓ still leaves issue with universality of non-pert. matrix elements

- MadOnia

- ✓ for fast tree-level calculation of quarkonium amplitudes

- NRQCD factorization for gluon fragmentation proven to all orders in  $v$

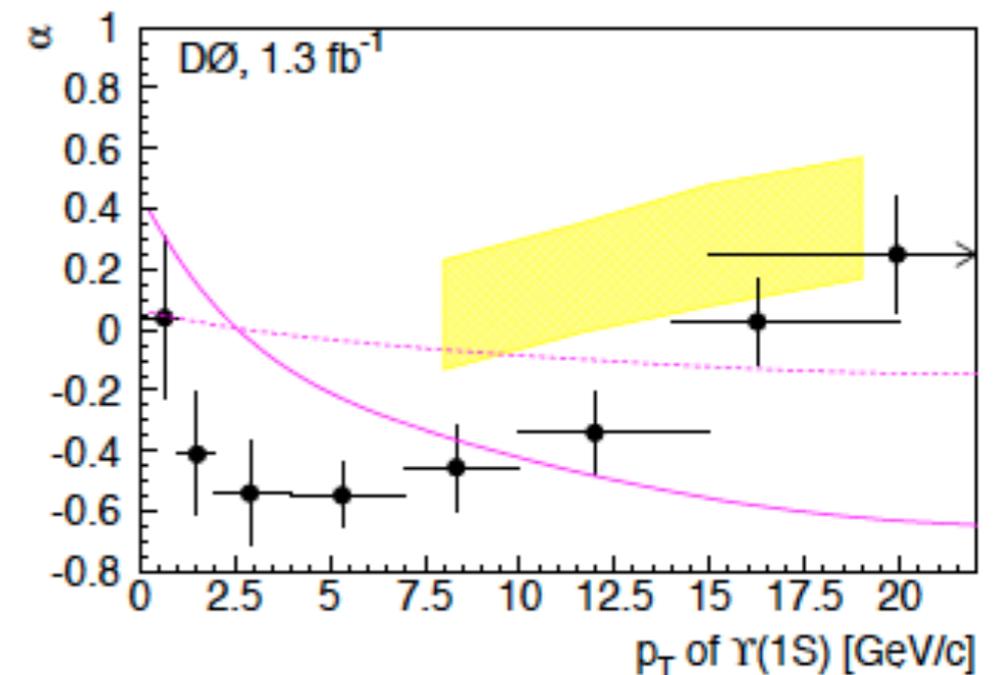
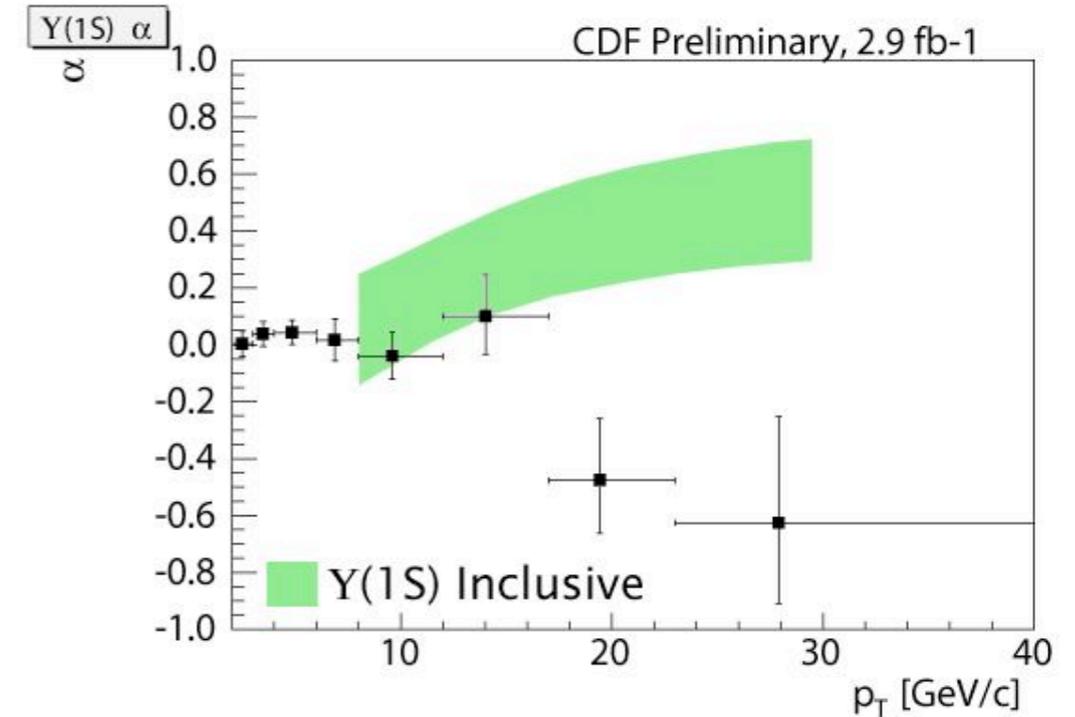
- ✓ requires “gauge-completed” operator matrix elements



# $p_T$ distributions of onia

$$\frac{d\Gamma(\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-)}{d\cos\theta} \propto 1 + \alpha \cos^2\theta$$

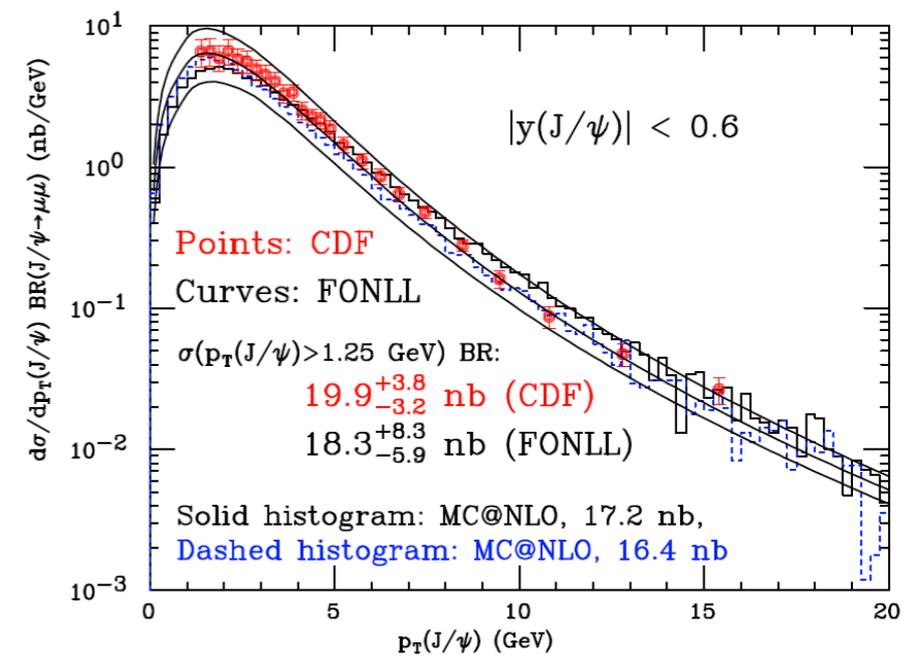
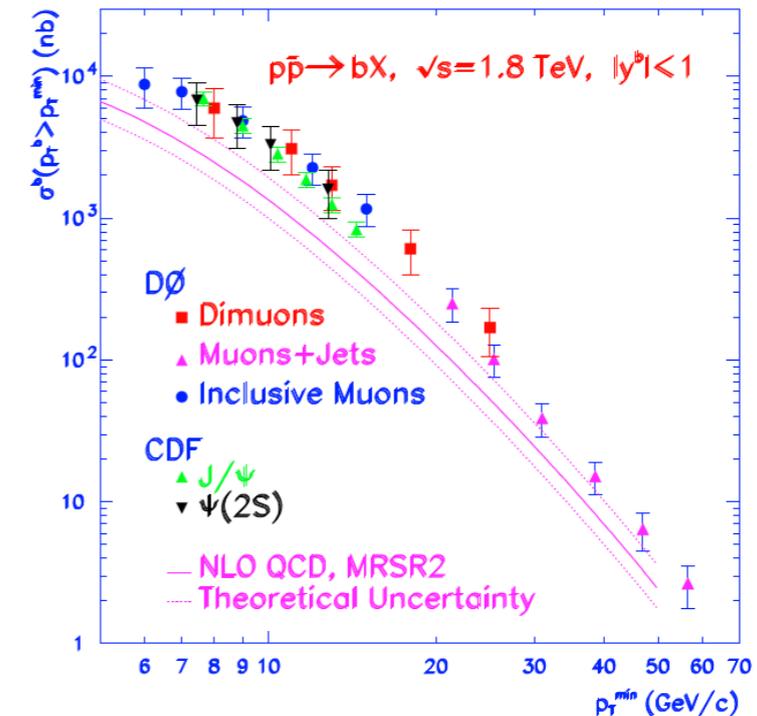
- ▶ Y(1S) (or other Y(nS)) could help answer “v” issue
  - but CDF and D0 have different recent results
  - ✓ hint of polarization at large  $p_T$ ?
  - ATLAS/CMS should have about 10 Y(1S)/GeV events at  $p_T=50$  GeV after 1/fb (including branching fraction)
  - ✓ enough for angular distributions (i.e. polarizations?)



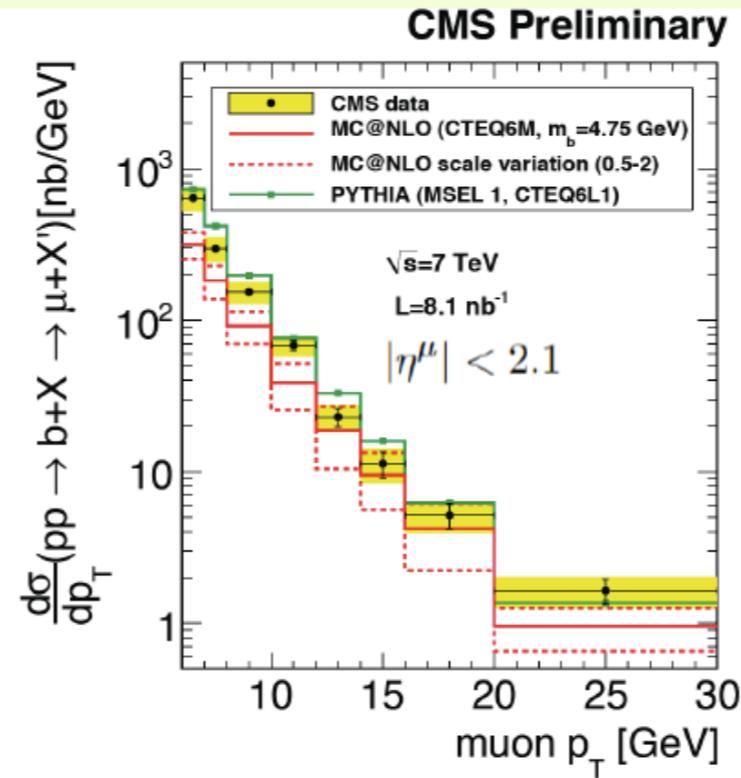
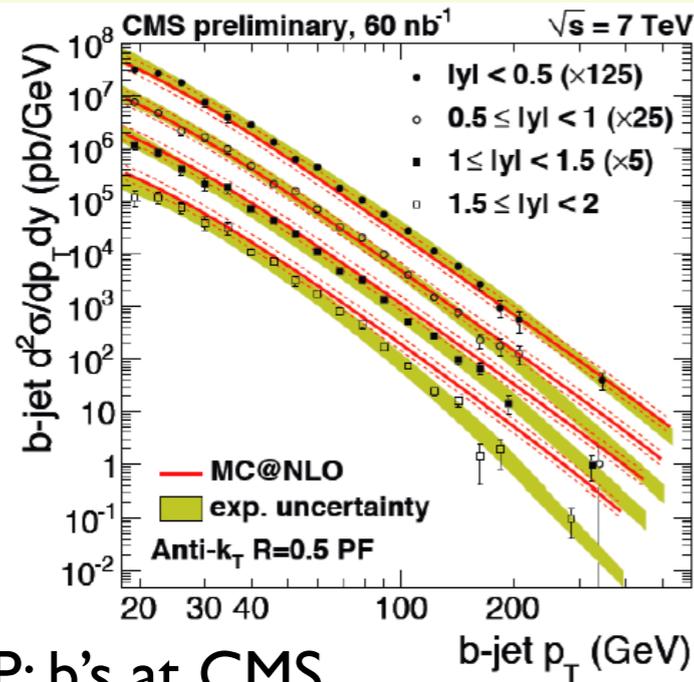
# b's at Tevatron

Cacciari, Nason

- ▶ Story fades into memory, but still a parable
- ▶ Seemingly straightforward NLO calculation for b-quarks disagreed with Tevatron data for years. Data/Theory: 3
  - (for b-jets there was no problem)
- ▶ There was *much* new physics speculation
- ▶ Solution due to
  - Proper use of Fragmentation Functions (fit well to e+e- data)
    - ✓ Fit only what is known. Peterson form too constraining
  - FONLL resummation of large  $\log(p_T/m)$
- ▶ Reproduced by MC@NLO
- ▶ Conclusion:
  - Let's be careful out there



# b's at CMS



## ICHEP: b's at CMS

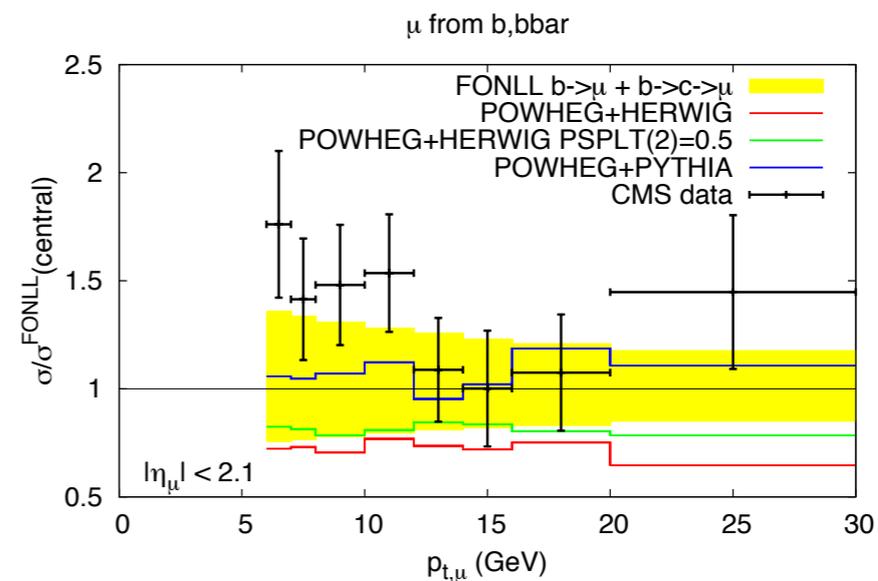
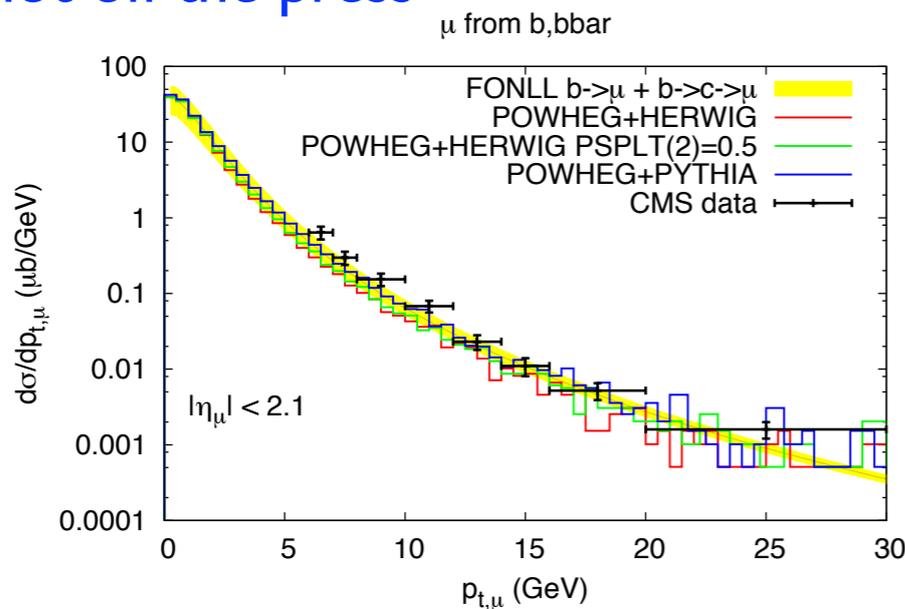
- b-jets, discrepant with MC@NLO at large  $p_T$
- $b \rightarrow \mu$ , discrepant at small muon  $p_T$

Caminada, ICHEP

## Interesting early puzzle...

- hot off the press

Cacciari, Nason



# Top

- ▶ Cross section at 7 TeV: 160 pb
  - at end of 7 TeV run, double Tevatron sample
    - ✓ Both for pair and single top
    - ✓ Tevatron now: 3000 b-tagged tops / expt
- ▶ Primary mission: check the Tevatron
  - very valuable
    - ✓ as such (new energy, pp)
    - ✓ training for 14 TeV run (exp't and theory!)

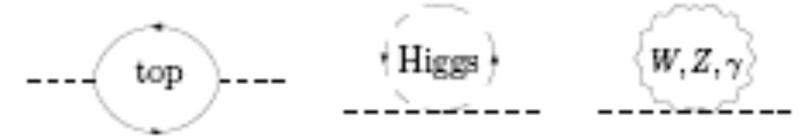
# Top

- ▶ Special; huge mass
  - strong coupling to EWSB
  - good for QCD, no hadronization ( $m_t > m_W + m_b$ )
  - spin information preserved due to rapid decay
- ▶ Until Higgs comes along, star of hadron colliders
- ▶ Top physics: check its properties and behavior very stringently
  - There is much to check
    - ✓ cross section, mass, width
    - ✓ couplings, branching ratios
    - ✓ ...
- ▶ Trouble maker for SM, life raft for MSSM, Little Higgs, etc



# Top and Little Higgs

Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, Georgi



Little Higgs models: Higgs is a pseudo-Goldstone boson, therefore light

- ▶ Symmetries forbid one-loop Higgs mass term: solves little hierarchy problem
- ▶ ..which was caused, anyway, mostly by top loop corrections
- ▶ Little Higgs models cancel (top) quadratic divergences with similar particles of same spin (vectorlike top T e.g.)

Three Feynman diagrams are shown, representing the cancellation of quadratic divergences. The first diagram is a top quark loop with a vertex correction of  $-i\lambda_1\sqrt{2}$  and a contribution of  $2\lambda_1^2$ . The second diagram is a top partner loop with a vertex correction of  $\lambda_1 f$  and a contribution of  $-\lambda_1^2$ . The third diagram is another top partner loop with a vertex correction of  $\lambda_1 f$  and a contribution of  $-\lambda_1^2$ . The sum of these contributions is zero:  $2\lambda_1^2 + (-\lambda_1^2) + (-\lambda_1^2) = 0$ .

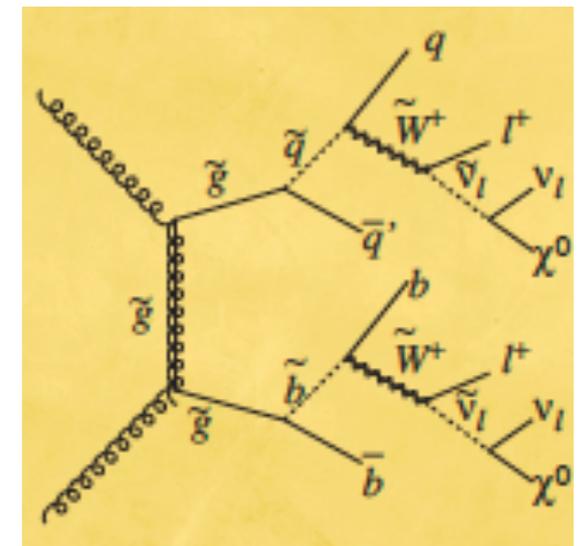
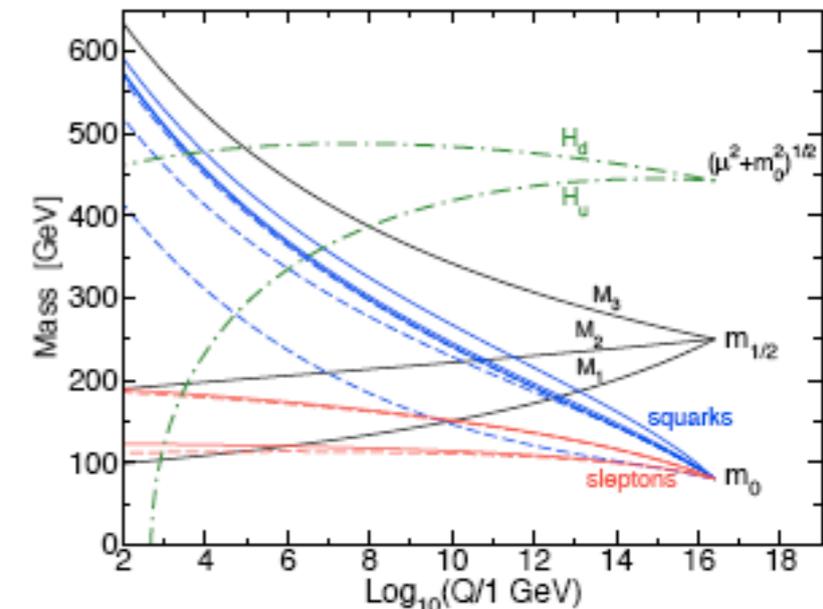
Han, Logan, Wang

Good number of models (gauge groups, T-parity), can be unraveled with full LHC data sample

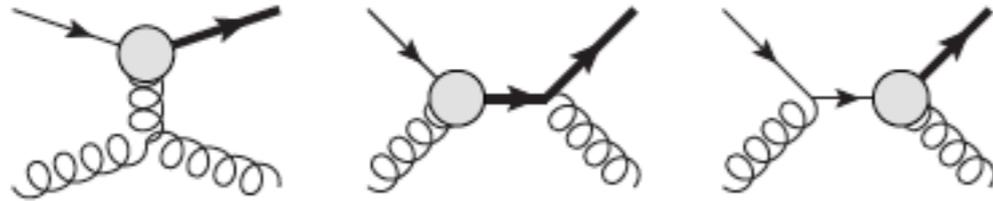
- ▶ measuring couplings in the top, T sector, and  $m_T$  (cross section 0.01-100 fb)
- ▶ test vector character of T

# Top and SUSY

- ▶ Top keeps MSSM alive via (top, stop) corrections on lightest Higgs mass
- ▶ Radiative EW symmetry breaking
- ▶ Many LHC SUSY signals involve top, or top mimics them
- ▶ Heavy Higgses may decay to top, which can determine their CP properties
- with (much) luck, could see signals at LHC7



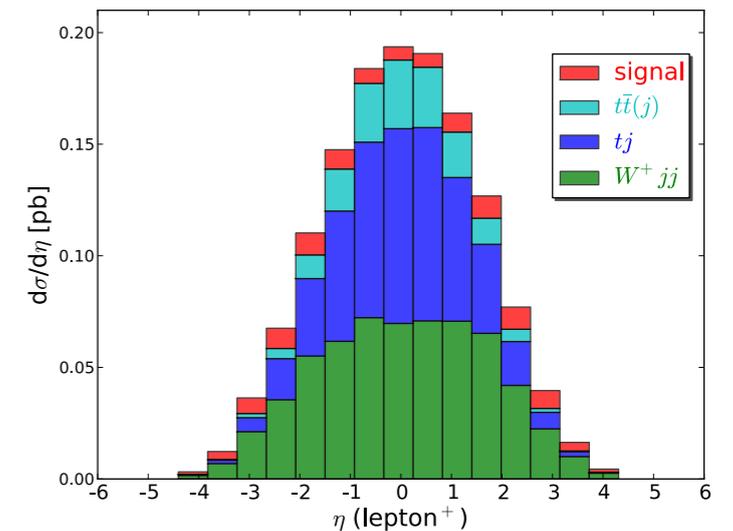
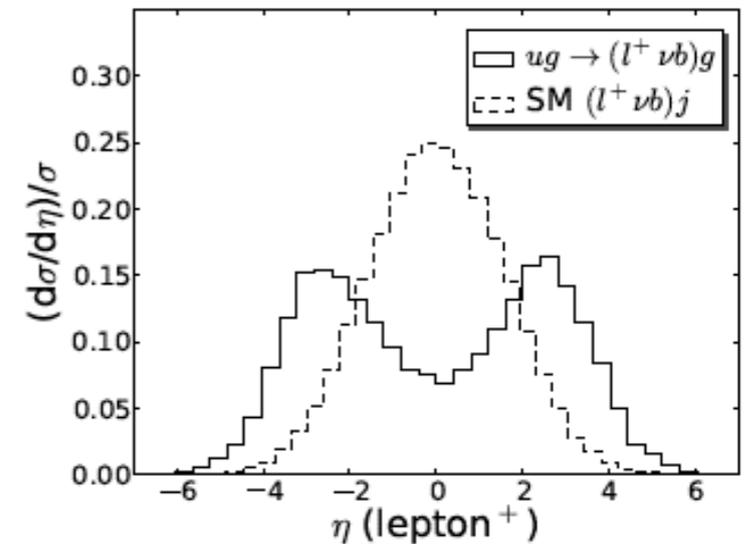
# Single top in MRSSM



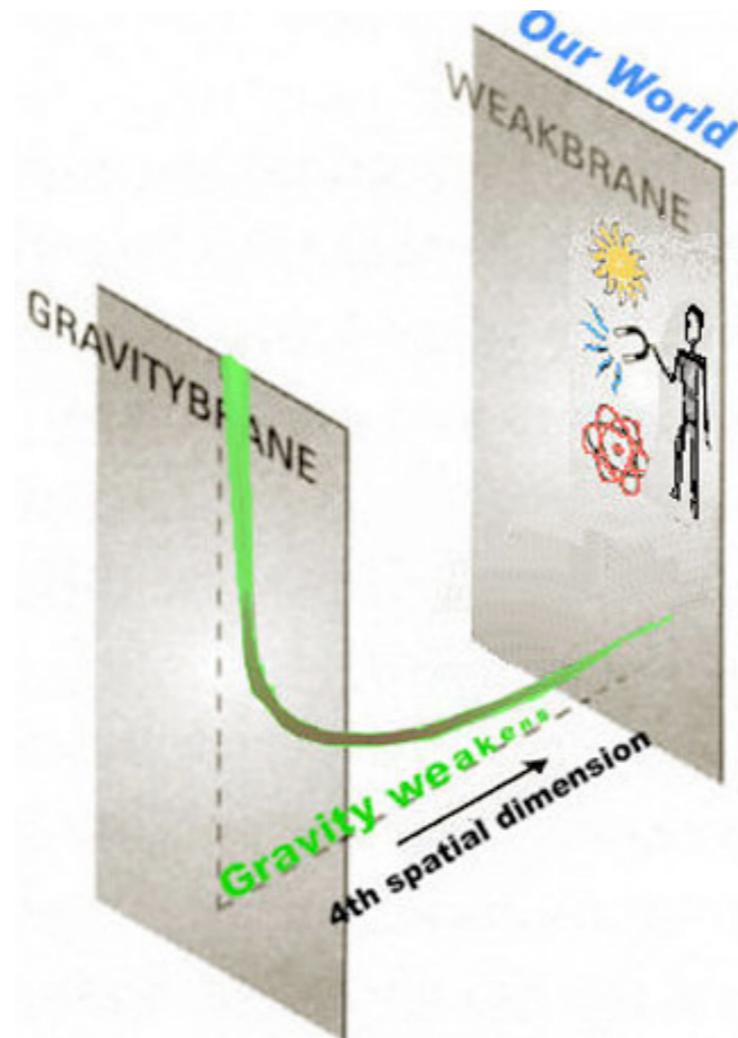
- ▶ Top could be produced very forward if FCNC u-g-t coupling is enhanced
  - by Dirac gluino (continuous R-symmetry)
    - ✓ evades K,D,B mixing expt constraints
  - can look for forward tops
  - estimate of significance at 7 TeV/fb, about 2.2
  - also in  $2 \rightarrow 1$  production

Plehn, Rauch, Spannowsky

Herquet, Kneijens, EL



# Top and extra dimensions



## New particles, Kaluza Klein modes

- ▶ Gluon KK modes show up as resonances in reaction  $gg \rightarrow tt$ 
  - ▶ with (much) luck, could be visible
- ▶ Angular distributions of top decay leptons can distinguish scenarios

# 4th generation

“Four statements about four generations”, Holdom et al

- ▶ SM4: an often-neglected new physics model, suitable for early testing
- ▶ Limits (PDG)
  - $m_{t'} > 256 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{b'} > 128 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{\tau'} > 101 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{\nu_{\tau'}} > 85 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ Viable, and useful
  - Not excluded by EW precision data (for certain patterns of masses'). Also CKM matrix has room for 4th row and column
  - New source of CP violation  $\rightarrow$  SM baryogenesis problem lessened
  - ...
- ▶ Amenable to direct and indirect searches
  - e.g. CMS studied  $b' \rightarrow tW \rightarrow bWW$  at LHC14, with 100/pb. Significant for  $m_{b'}$  about 300 GeV

# Parametrizing new physics

- ▶ Often done using arbitrary form factors instead of SM couplings
- ▶ Effective field theory brings order to this

- symmetry
- many form factors, but only few operators for top physics
- radiative corrections, off-shell tops
- example:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} O_i + \dots$$

Willenbrock at TOP2010

■ General form of  $Wtb$  vertex:

$$\Gamma_{Wtb}^\mu = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \cancel{V_{tb}} \left\{ \gamma^\mu [f_1^L P_L + f_1^R P_R] - \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}}{M_W} (p_t - p_b)_\nu [f_2^L P_L + f_2^R P_R] \right\}$$

Effective field theory  $V_{tb} + C_{\phi q} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$

$\sqrt{2} C_{tW} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$

contribute only at  $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_b v}{\Lambda^2}\right), \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{v^4}{\Lambda^4}\right)$

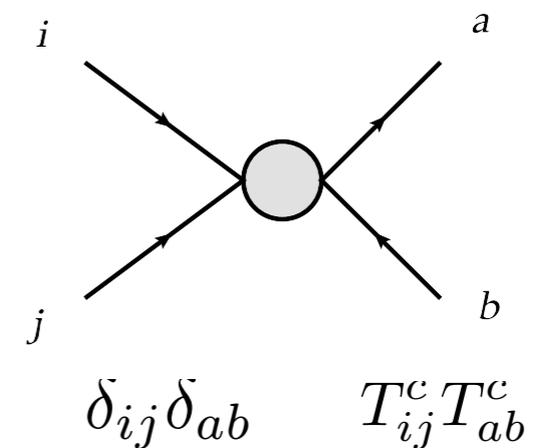
# Top knowns

- ▶ Mass:  $173.3 \pm 1.1$  GeV
- ▶ Width  $\Gamma$ : 1.50 GeV at NLO
- ▶  $V_{tb} > 0.88 \pm 0.07$
- ▶  $Q_{\text{top}}$  more likely 2/3 than 4/3
  - $\sigma \cong 7.6$  pb
  - V-A coupling to W-bosons fairly well-established
- ▶ ...
- ▶ Much to measure at LHC
  - many studies done for 10 TeV/100 pb
  - for 7 TeV, need typically more than twice the luminosity

# Top cross section

- ▶ First property to measure
  - checks production mechanism
- ▶ Theory
  - inclusive cross section at NLO, but expect NNLO in not too far future
  - approximate results based on resummation
    - ✓ sensitive to “QCD - antenna” of lowest order
  - Don't forget to report “visible” cross sections
    - ✓ less unfolding, more precise
- ▶  $t\bar{t}$  + jet,  $t\bar{t}$  + 2jets now also known to NLO
  - Very impressive calculations

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{t\bar{t}} &= C(\alpha_s) \times \exp[G(\alpha_s, \ln Th)] \\ &= \sigma_0 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \dots\end{aligned}$$



Dittmaier, Uwer, Weinzierl; Melnikov, Schulze

Bevilacqua, Czakon, Papadopoulos, Worek

# Top cross section

- ▶ More to learn from top cross section
  - extraction of top mass (pole and  $\overline{m_s}$ )
  - gluon PDF
  - important here to think about the luminosity monitor
  - ✓ CDF already normalized to Drell-Yan (uncertainty down from 8.6% to 7%)
    - $\sigma_{tt} = 7.70 \pm 0.52 \text{ pb}$

# Top mass

$$\frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 - \delta m^2}$$

- ▶ Electron mass “easy”: defined by pole in full propagator
  - ✓ Scattering of external, physical electrons and photons, on-shell
  - ✓ No real ambiguity what electron “pole” mass is
- ▶ Quarks are confined, physical on-shell quarks do not exist
  - ✓ “Pole mass “ leads to intrinsic non-perturbative ambiguity of few hundred MeV
- ▶ LHC: accuracy of 1 GeV possible (like Tevatron).
  - Claim ILC: 100 MeV accuracy, but for what mass?

# Top threshold mass

$$\longrightarrow + \text{[Diagram: a wavy line loop labeled } \Sigma' \text{ on a fermion line]} = p - m^0 + \Sigma(p, m^0) \\ \sim p - m^{\text{pole}}$$

$$\Sigma(m, m) \sim \sum_n \alpha_s^{n+1} (2\beta_0)^n n! = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} V(\vec{q}^2)$$

Quark-antiquark potential

Energy of tt pair (for Schrodinger eq)

$$E_{\text{static}} = 2m^0 - 2\Sigma(m, m) + V(r)$$

$$= 2m^{\text{PS}}(R) + \left[ V(r) - \int_{q < R} \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} V(\vec{q}^2) \right]$$

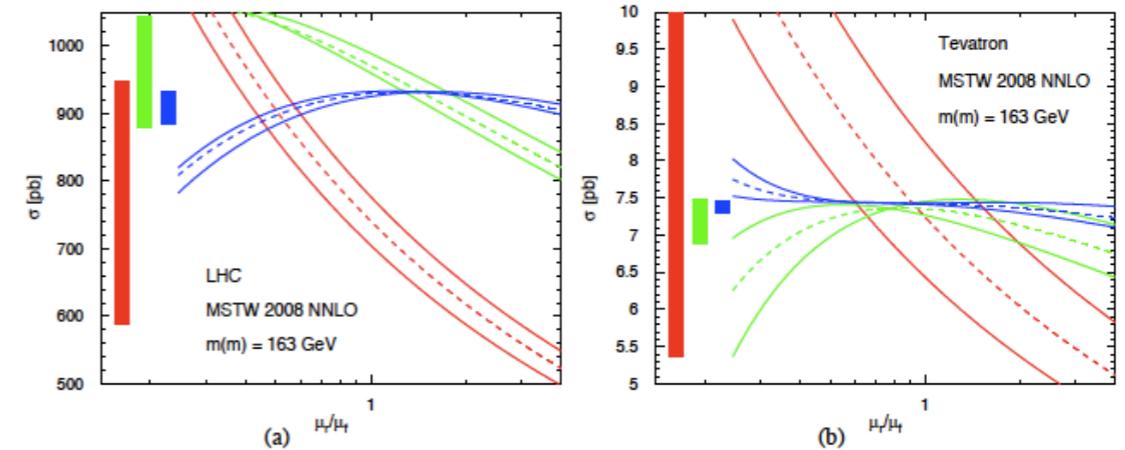
Bad behavior cancels  
between V and m(pole)  
“Potential subtracted mass”

Beneke

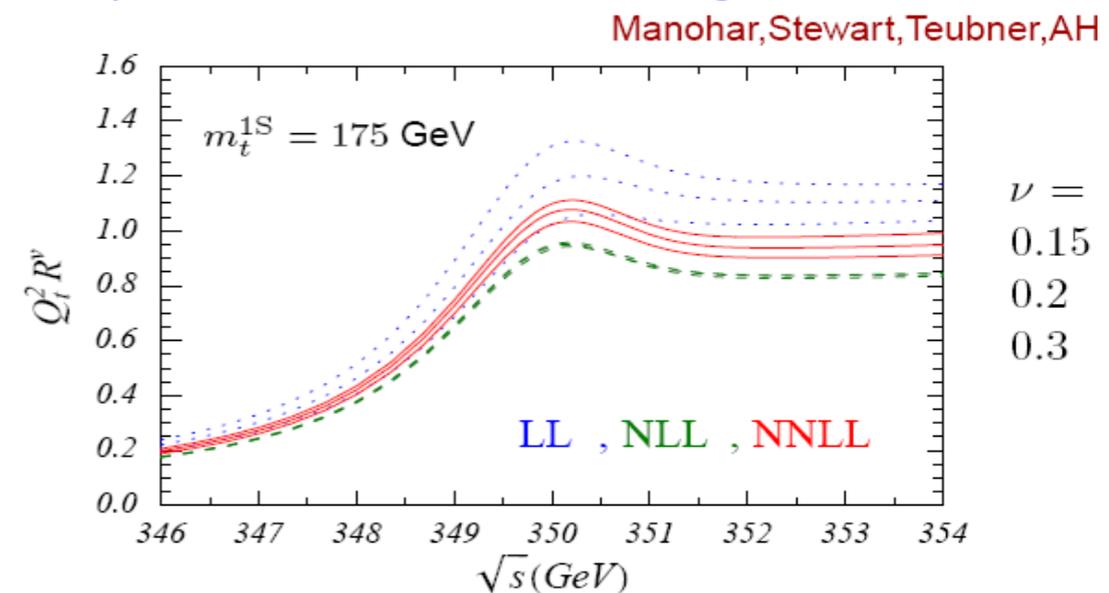
# Top mass

- ▶ Other definitions exist
- ▶ not trivial to relate measurements to Lagrangian
- ▶ In  $e^+e^-$  can one can infer the mass from
  - threshold scan of  $t\bar{t}$  cross section
  - event shapes Fleming, Hoang, Mantry, Stewart;  
Beneke, Signer; Hoang
  - “right” mass definition depends on observable
- ▶ What do hadron colliders infer when reconstructing top?
  - Pole mass?
  - MC mass? Hoang, Stewart

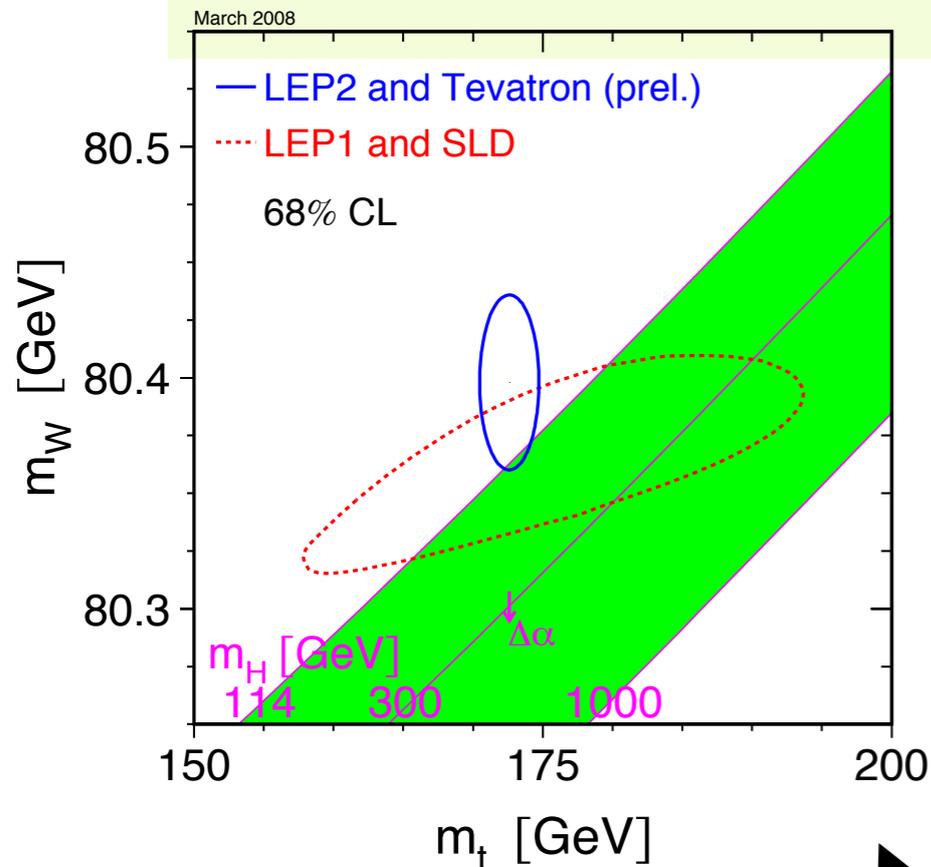
Moch, Langenfeld, Uwer



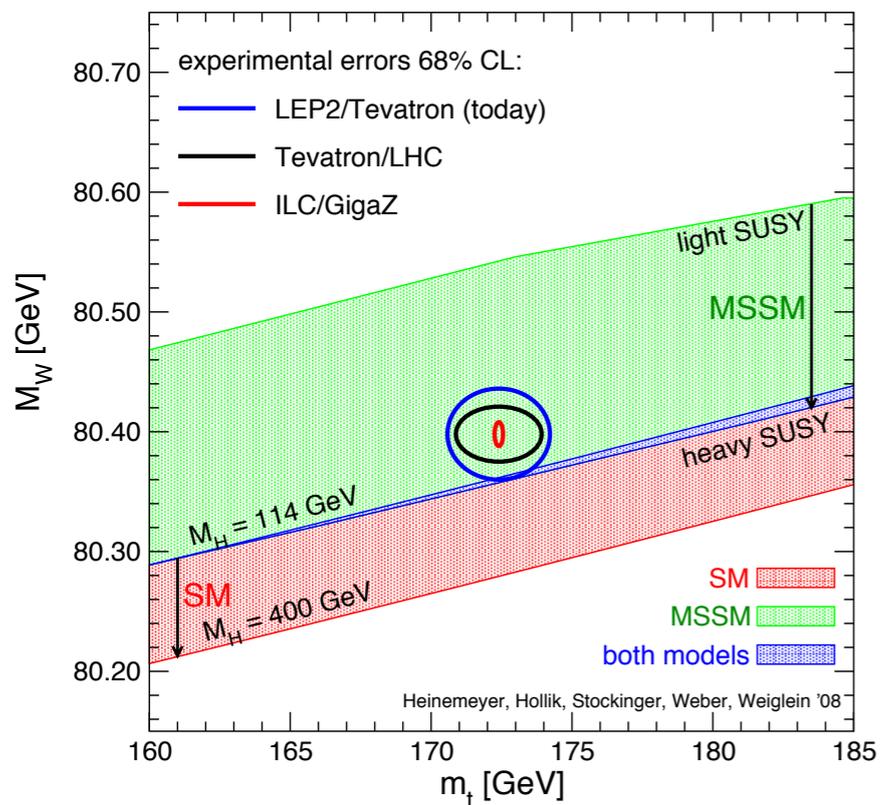
$$m = m(\mu) \left( 1 + \alpha_s(\mu)d^1 + \alpha_s^2(\mu)d^2 + \dots \right)$$



# Top mass



Heinemeyer, Weiglein

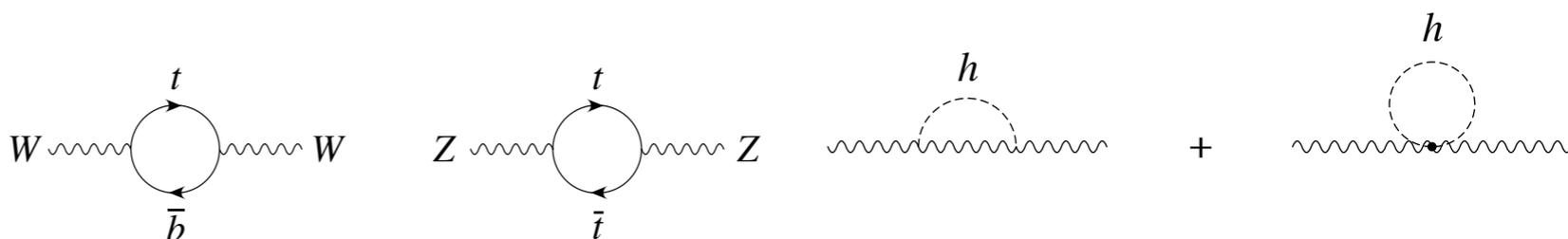


now:  $173.3 \pm 1.1$  GeV (Tevatron)



<1% !!

$$M_W^2 = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F \sin^2 \theta_w} \frac{1}{1 - \Delta r(m_t, m_H)}$$



► Measure via reconstruction of final state, or via cross section

► Relate  $m_W, m_t, m_H$  to constrain SM, MSSM

► But even with known Higgs mass, 6 MeV uncertainty on  $m_W$ , only need 1 GeV accuracy on top mass

— but do need 100 MeV once new physics is found

# Charge asymmetry

aka forward-backward asymmetry



- ▶ Rate difference of top vs. anti-top at fixed angle (or rapidity)
- ▶ At LO from Electroweak, or BSM mechanisms
- ▶ Shows up in QCD first at  $O(\alpha_s^3)$  through (a) interference Born-Virtual, or (b) radiative.  
Rodrigo, Kuhn
- **Interference of C-odd and C-even amplitudes.** Proportional to  $SU(3) d_{abc}$
- ▶ Prospects at LHC not so clear; wrong beams (pp), would need high  $p_T$  cut to enhance quark-antiquark channel
- **But check anyway!**

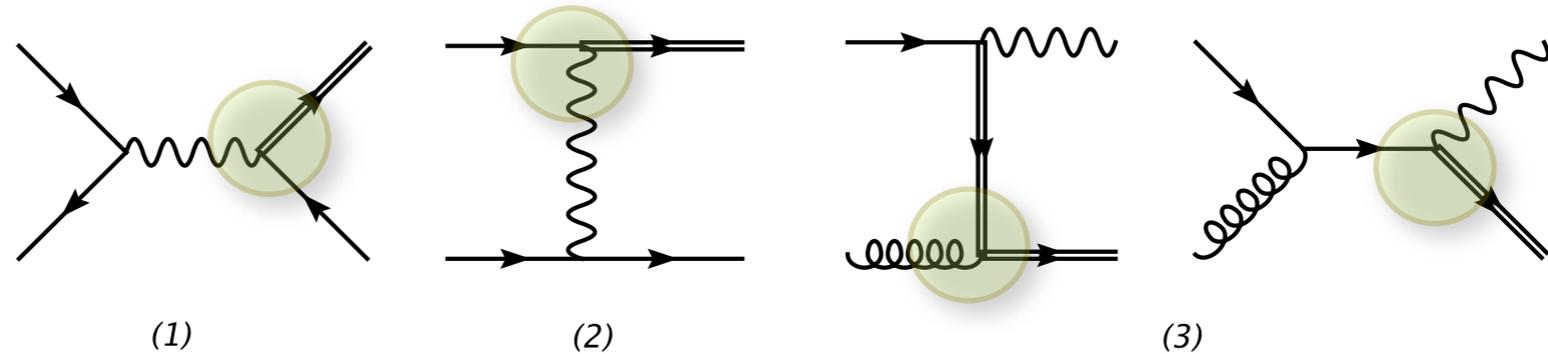
ICHEP 2010:

CDF:  $15 \pm 5 \pm 2.4 \% [5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}]$

D0:  $8 \pm 4 \pm 1 \% [4.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}]$

QCD: 1%

# Single top production



s-channel:  
timelike W

t-channel:  
spacelike W

Wt channel: real W

4 pb @ LHC7

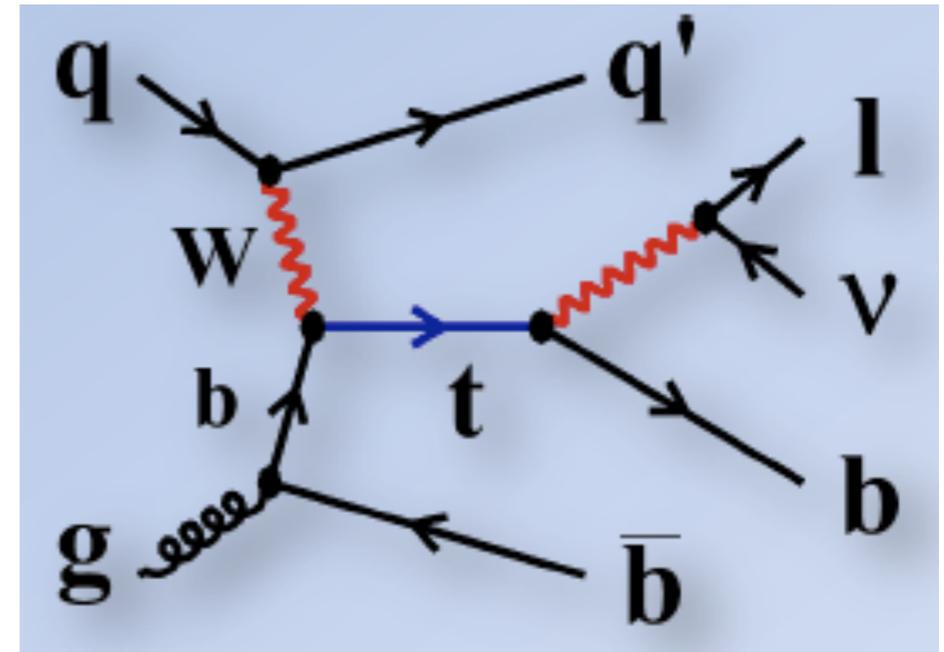
62 pb @ LHC7

10 pb @ LHC7

- ▶ Weak production of top, through left-handed charged current process
- ▶ Allows measurement of  $V_{tb}$  per channel
- ▶ Check of structure of  $Wtb$  vertex
- ▶ Sensitive to New Physics

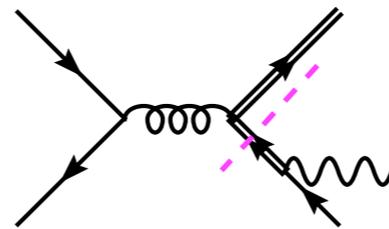
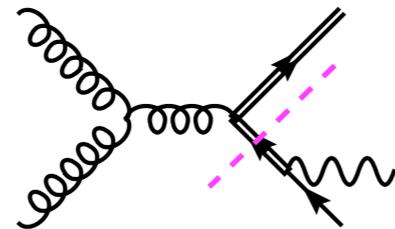
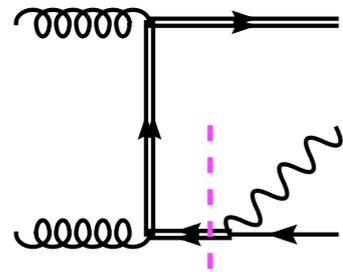
# Single top at LHC

- ▶ For 1/pb
  - s-channel not likely to be isolated
  - $Wt$  channel not likely in 1/fb
  - t-channel dominant, should be possible
    - ✓ sensitive to FCNC's
    - ✓ measure  $V_{tb}$
    - ✓ b- PDF
- ▶ S/B better than at Tevatron
  - ATLAS, CMS are forming strategies
    - ✓ for LHC10 for 200/pb uncertainties on cross section 40%
  - Won't be easy to see for LHC7 for 1/fb

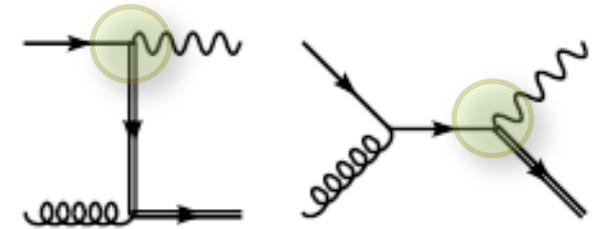


# Single top in $Wt$ mode meets $t\bar{t}$ ...

Frixione, EL, Motylinski, Webber, White



+ non-resonant diagrams



Serious **interference** with pair production (15 times bigger)

- ▶ What can one do in event generation?
- ▶ Generic for NLO with heavy unstable particles
- ▶ Can one actually *define* this process?

# Can we define $W_t$ as a process?

We also include  $p_T$  veto. Two approaches

- ▶ Constructed a gauge invariant, local counterterm. Diagram subtraction (DS)
- ▶ Also make version with diagrams removed (DR) (not gauge invariant)
- ▶ DS - DR is measure of interference

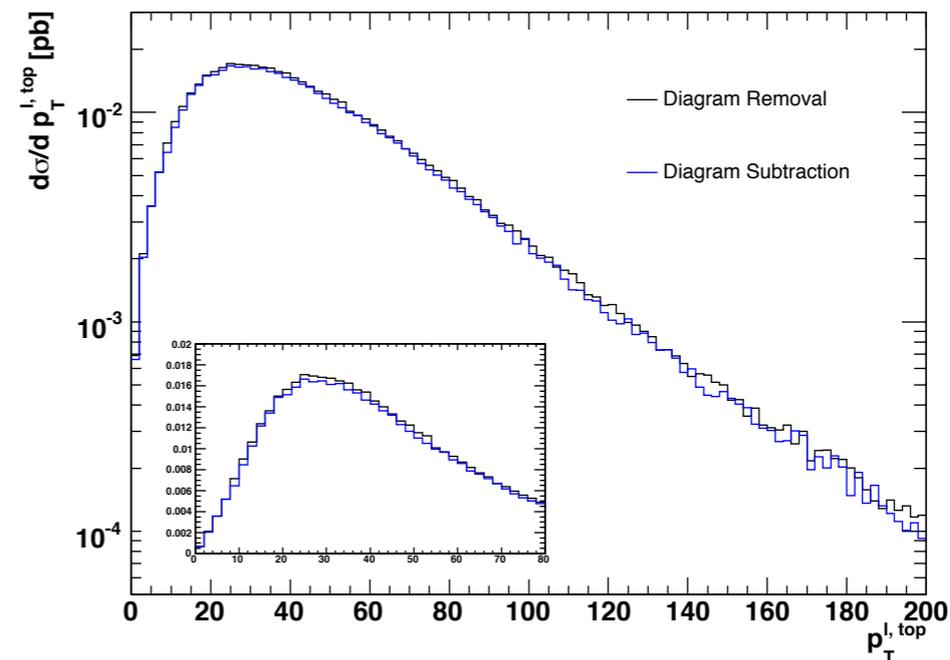
Momentum reshuffling

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{gg} = \frac{BW(M_{\bar{b}W})}{BW(M_t)} |A_{gg}^{t\bar{t}}|_{\text{reshuffled}}^2$$

$$d\sigma^{(2)} + \sum_{\alpha\beta} \int \frac{dx_1 dx_2}{2x_1 x_2 S} \mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta} \left( \hat{\mathcal{S}}_{\alpha\beta} + \mathcal{I}_{\alpha\beta} + \mathcal{D}_{\alpha\beta} - \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\alpha\beta} \right) d\phi_3$$

Compare

- ▶ Run both codes to check interference
- ▶ Mostly, interference effects quite small
- ▶ Next question: can one isolate  $W_t$ ?



# Can/should we isolate $Wt$ ?

White, Frixione, EL, Maltoni

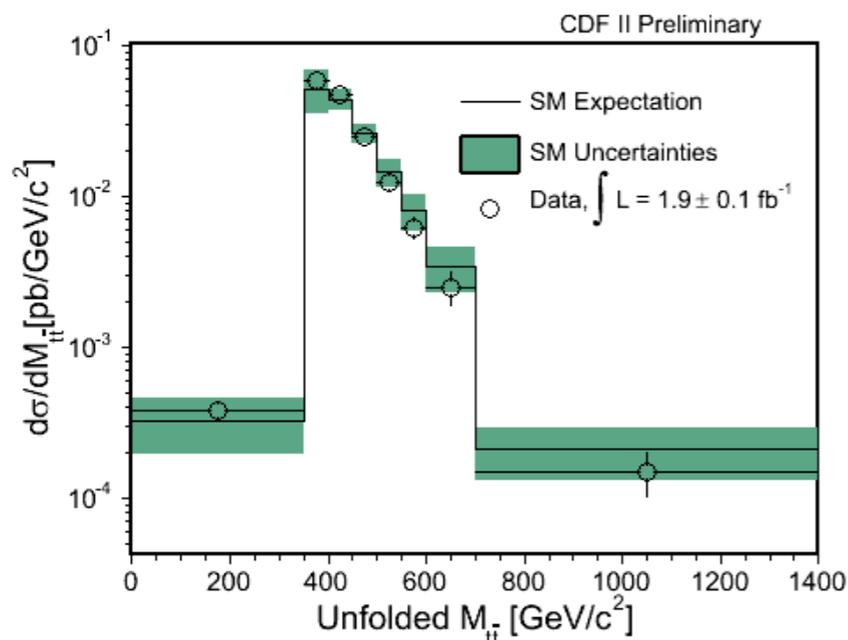
- ▶ Answer subject to cuts
  - ✓ Cuts to isolate  $Wt$
  - ✓ Cuts to isolate to suppress  $Wt$  and  $t\bar{t}$  as background to  $H \rightarrow WW$
- ▶ Separation allows important NLO corrections for  $t\bar{t}$  and for  $Wt$

$e_b$	$r_{lj}$	$\sigma_{Wt}^{DR}/\text{pb}$	$\sigma_{Wt}^{DS}/\text{pb}$	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/\text{pb}$
1.0	$10^4$	$1.206^{+0.039}_{-0.017}$	$1.189^{+0.021}_{-0.010}$	$5.61^{+0.74}_{-0.54}$
0.6	30	$0.717^{+0.020}_{-0.014}$	$0.696^{+0.020}_{-0.005}$	$4.29^{+0.45}_{-0.46}$
0.6	200	$0.748^{+0.014}_{-0.011}$	$0.726^{+0.014}_{-0.007}$	$4.36^{+0.56}_{-0.42}$
0.4	300	$0.505^{+0.026}_{-0.009}$	$0.494^{+0.008}_{-0.008}$	$3.31^{+0.40}_{-0.37}$
0.4	2000	$0.512^{+0.011}_{-0.010}$	$0.503^{+0.001}_{-0.007}$	$3.35^{+0.37}_{-0.38}$

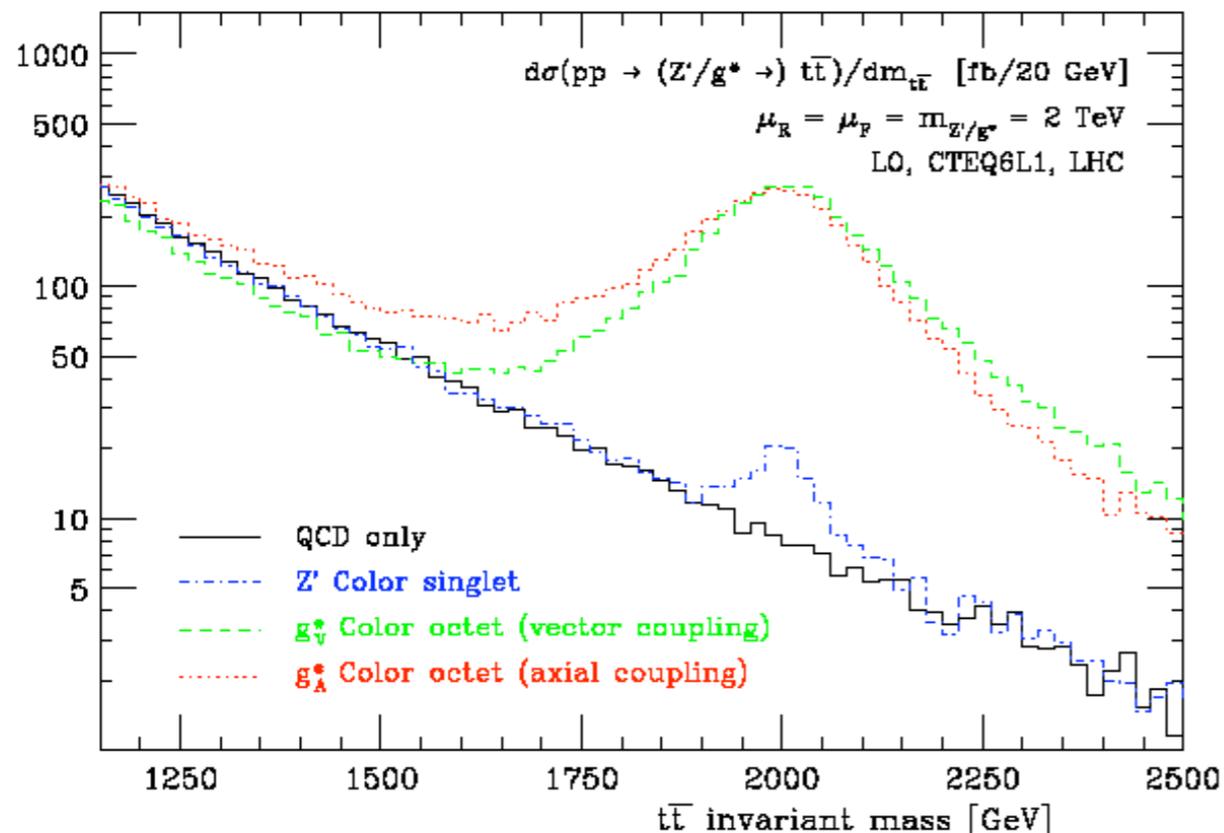
Process	$\sigma_{NLO}/\text{fb}$
$H \rightarrow WW$	$81.8 \pm 0.4$
$t\bar{t}$	$12.25 \pm 0.3$
$Wt$ (DR)	$6.91 \pm 0.06$
$Wt$ (DS)	$6.89 \pm 0.07$

# Resonances and $m_{t\bar{t}}$

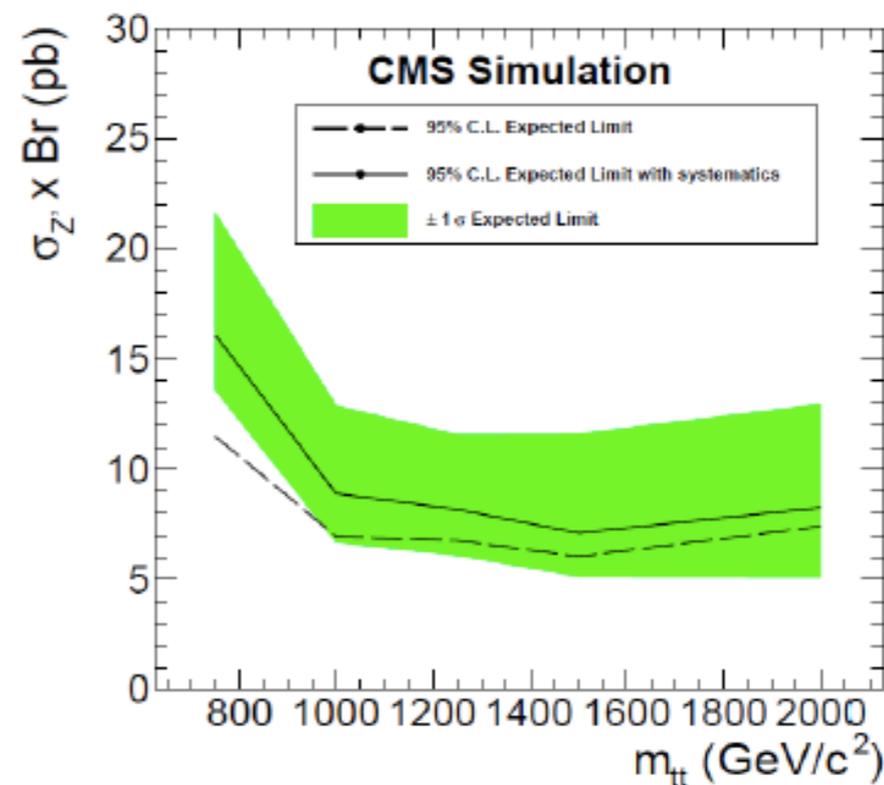
Frederix, Maltoni



- ▶ Sensitive to many SM extensions decaying to top pairs
  - $Z'$ , Heavy Higgs, KK, ....
- ▶ Bottom-up approach, don't assume full model
- ▶ used **Madgraph**
- ▶ Study of (pseudo) scalar, vector, spin-2 resonances. Gives masses, widths, parity, spin. Interference matters, peak-dip



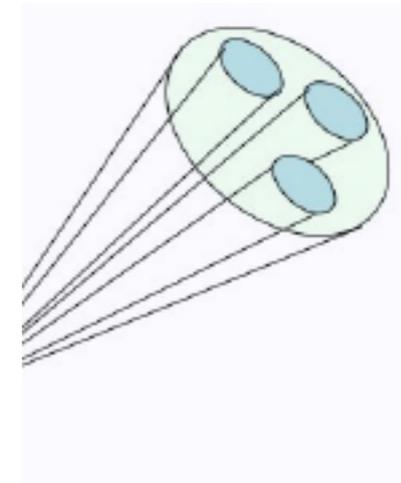
CMS for LHC10 / 100pb sensitive to masses  $> 800$  GeV



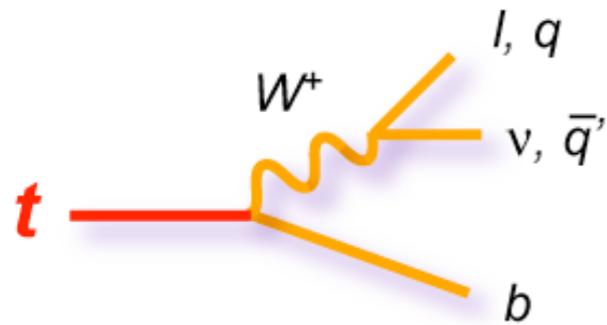
# Boosted tops

Thaler, Wang  
Kaplan, Rehermann, Schwartz, Tweedie  
Almeida, Lee, Perez, Sung, Virzi

- ▶ Identify high  $p_T$  tops as fat “top-jets” using substructure
  - possibly sensitive to heavy resonance decays
  - very efficient rejection of (dijet) backgrounds
- ▶ First measurements from CDF
  - $p_T > 400$  GeV,
  - cuts  $\sigma$  by 100
- ▶ ATLAS/CMS can do this
  - energy higher
  - granularity ok, can distinguish substructure
- ▶ Generic probe for many new physics types, well worth pursuing
  - resonances, heavy Higgs, colorons,  $Z'$
  - stop,  $t'$  etc

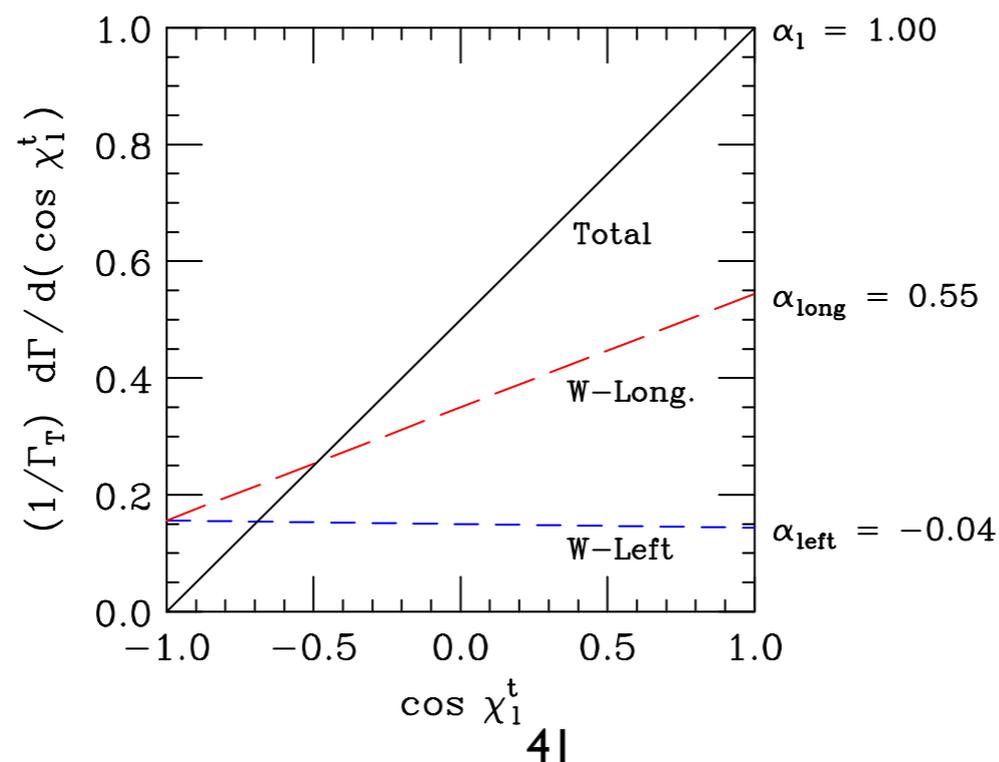


# Top decay: spin



$$\frac{d \ln \Gamma_f}{d \cos \chi_f} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \alpha_f \cos \chi_f)$$

- ▶ Top self-analyzes its spin: 100% correlation ( $\alpha_f = 1$ ) of t-spin with  $l^+$ -direction
- ▶ Worthy of verification (e.g. charged Higgs decay would lower  $\alpha_f$ )
- ▶ Powerful probe of spin quantum numbers of top, and its producer

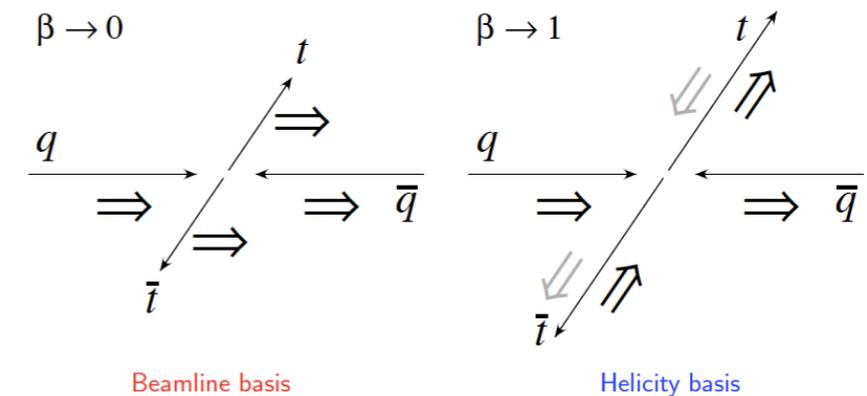


# Spin correlations in pair production

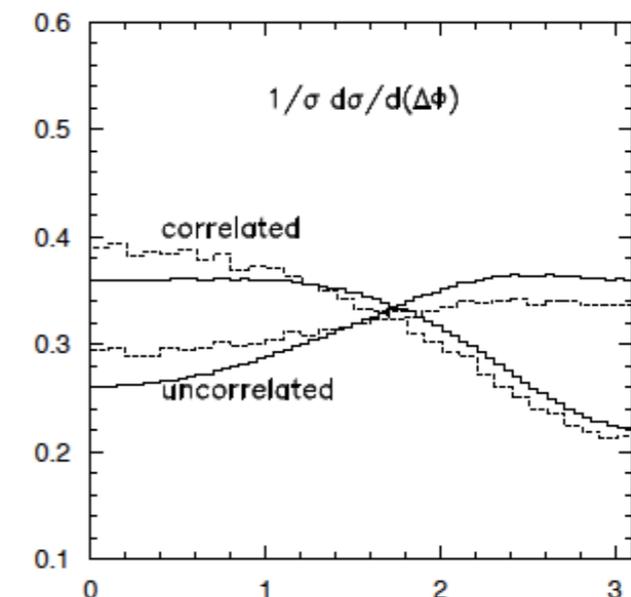
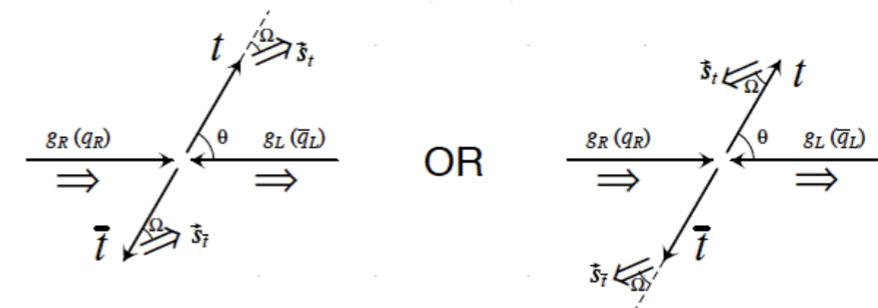
Mahlon, Parke  
Bernreuther, Brandenburg,  
Si, Uwer

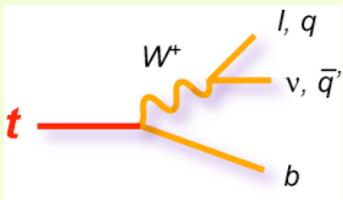
- ▶ Spins configuration of initial state and  $t\bar{t}$  final state are correlated
  - brought out best by optimal choice of spin axes.
    - ✓ Tevatron, near threshold: beamline basis.  
At high  $p_T$  helicity: helicity basis
    - ✓ LHC, constrain to phase space by  $t\bar{t}$  invariant mass cut
  - LHC correlations for  $\Delta\Phi(\ell)$  seem robust, including NLO in QCD and EW
- ▶ Tevatron and LHC complimentary here

$qq$  channel, through s-channel gluon



$gg$  channel, helicities depend on phase space

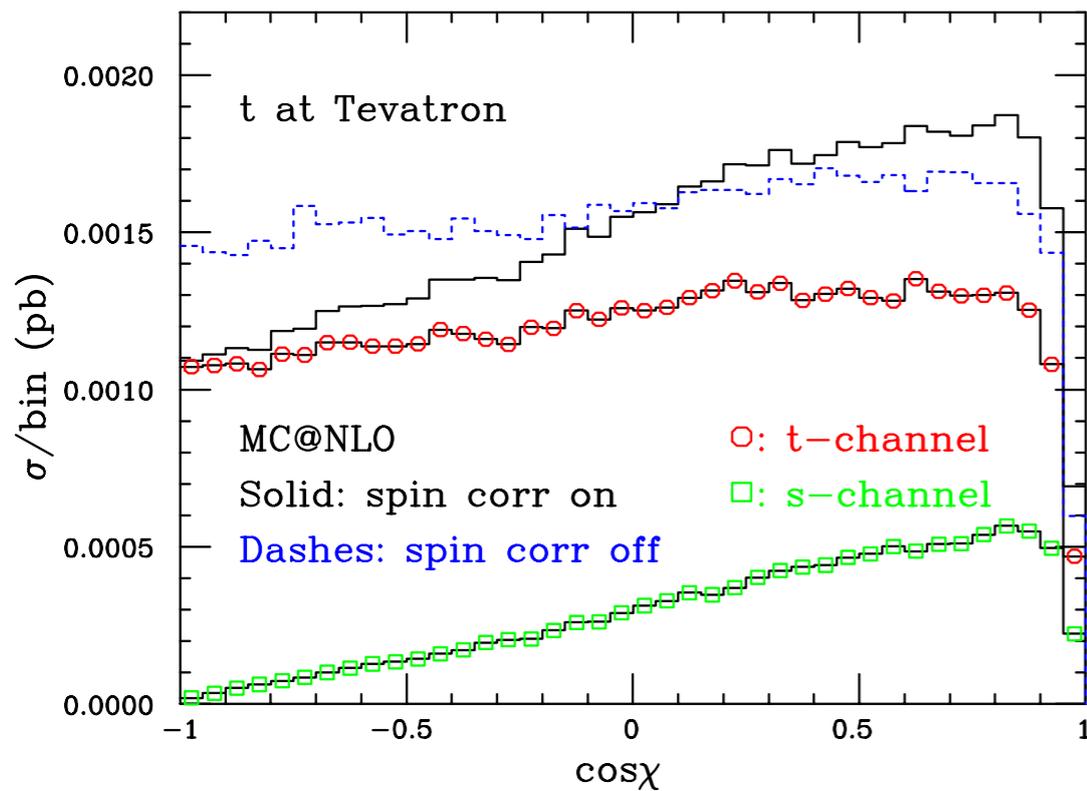
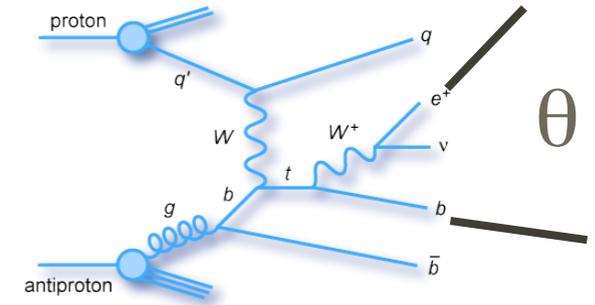




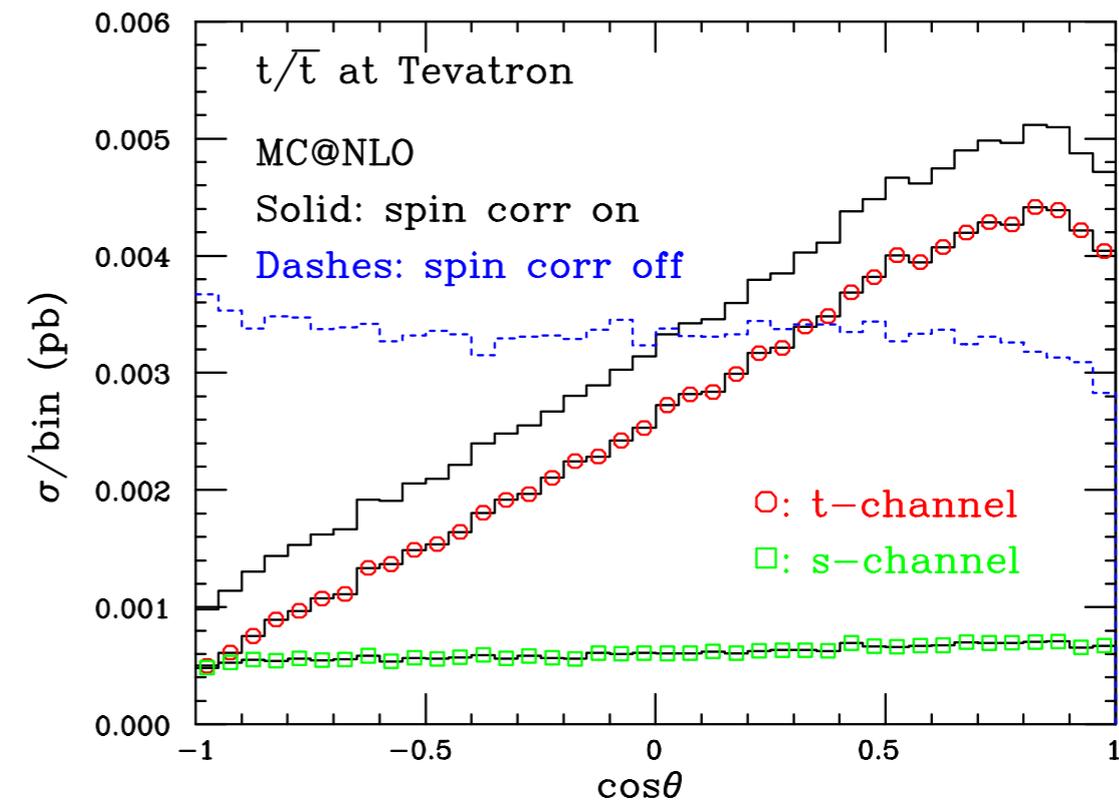
# Spin correlations for single top (MC@NLO)

Frixione, EL, Motylinski, Webber

- ▶ Top is produced polarized by EW interaction
- ▶ Angle of lepton with appropriate axis different per channel
- ▶ Use (initially) to discriminate from background



Beam direction



Hardest, non-b jet

Robust correlation, even in event generation. Remains strong at LHC7, LHC14 Motylinski

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- ▶ Form good habits in using vast array of new theory tools
  - let's keep talking