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# Theory Status for Predictions for the $t\bar{t}$ -Cross Section

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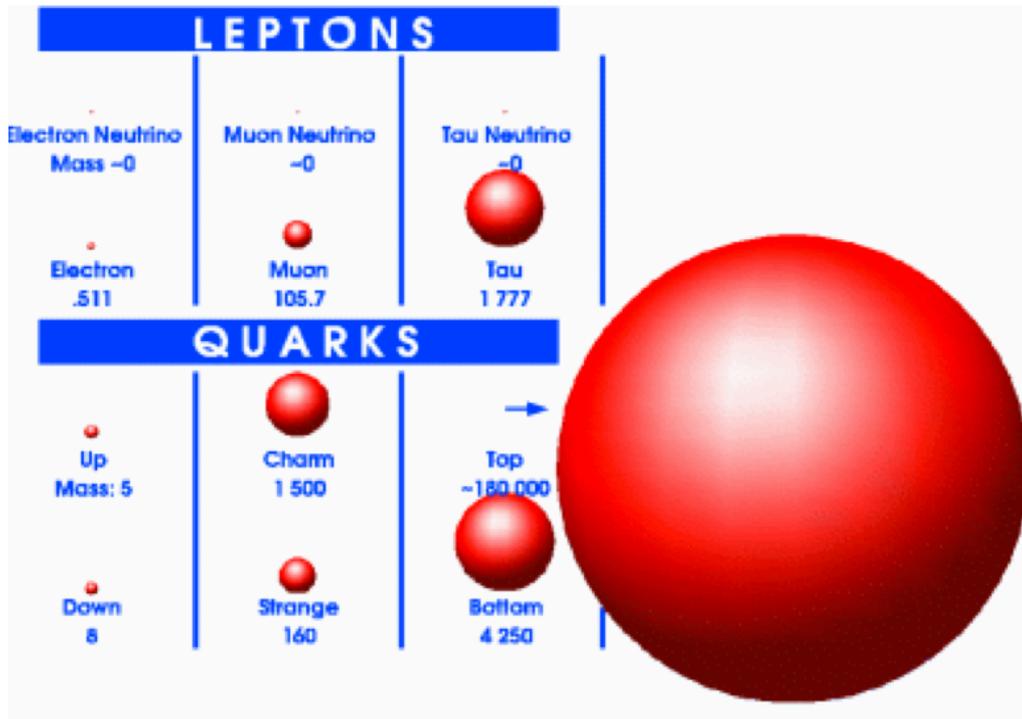
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Der Wissenschaftsfonds.

# Outline

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- Fixed-order calculations
- Strong coupling and mass schemes
- MC generators
- Top threshold physics
- Top mass from direct reconstruction measurements
- List of important issues I did not talk about in detail

# .. not just the heaviest SM particle



- Top quark: heaviest known particle
- Most sensitive to the mechanism of mass generation
- Peculiar role in the generation of flavor.
- Top might not be the SM-Top, but have a non-SM component.
- Top as calibration tool for new physics particles (SUSY and other exotics)
- Top production major background in new physics searches
- One of crucial motivations for New Physics

- Very special physics laboratory:  $\Gamma_t \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ 
  - Top treated a particle:  $p_T$ , spin,  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ ,  $\sigma(\text{single top})$ ,  $\sigma(\text{tt+X})$ ,...  $\rightarrow q \gg \Gamma_t$
  - Quantum state sensitive low-E QCD and unstable particle effects:  $m_t$ , endpoint regions  $\rightarrow q \sim \Gamma_t$
  - Multiscale problem:  $p_T$ ,  $m_t$ ,  $\Gamma_t$ ,  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ , . . . (depends on resolution of observable)

# Status on FO Calculations

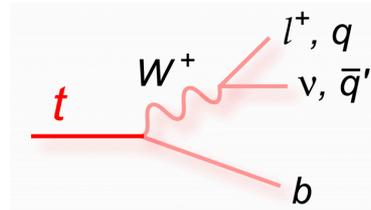
## Stable Top :

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = \frac{(4\pi\alpha)^2}{s} Q_t^2 \text{Im} \left[ \text{Loop 1} + \text{Loop 2} + \text{Loop 3} + \dots \right]$$

- Total inclusive cross section known to  $O(\alpha_S^2)$  (FO)
- Total inclusive cross section known to  $O(\alpha_S^3)$  (FO-Pade)
- NLO EW corrections (FO)
- Full differential NNLO  $t\bar{t}$  (subtractions)

Kühn, Chetyrkin, Steinhauser, AHH,.. '96  
 Maier, Marquard.. '17  
 AHH, Mateu Zebarjad '08  
 Kiyo, Maier, Maierhofer, Marquard '09  
 Fleischer, Leike, Riemann, Wertenbach '03  
 Gao, Zhu'16  
 Chen, Dekkers, Heisler, Bernreuther '16

## Top Decay (NWA):

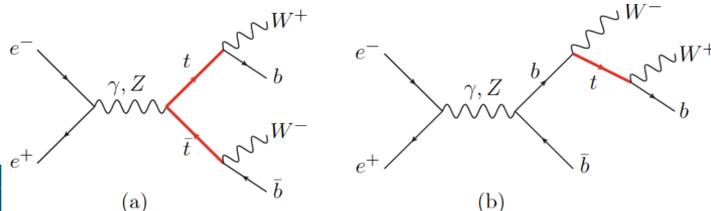


- Total decay rate  $O(\alpha_S^2)$  (FO)
- Fully differential  $O(\alpha_S^2)$  (FO subtractions)
- NLO EW corrections

Charnocki etal '10  
 Gao, Li '12  
 Bruchseifer, Caola, Melnikov '13  
 '90s

## Off-shell Production:

- Full off-shell  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WWbb$   $O(\alpha_S)$ /NLO (FO)



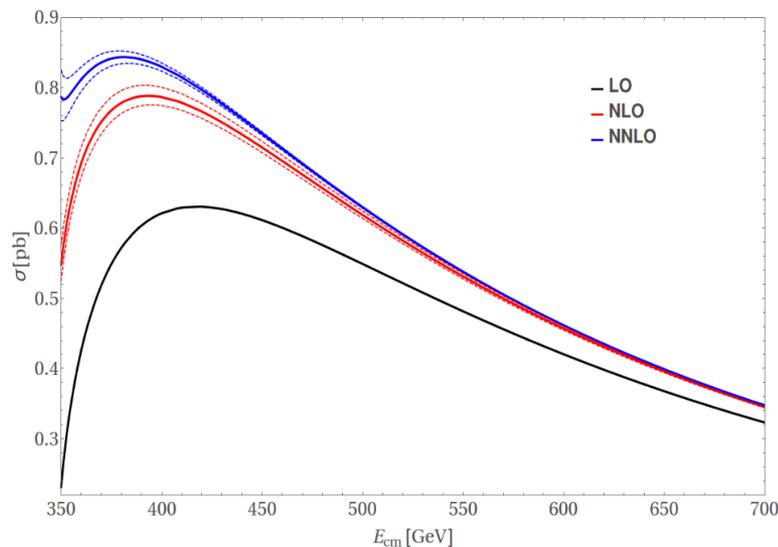
Guo, Ma, Zhang, Wang '08  
 MadGraph5@NLO, WHIZARD, ...  
 Standard now

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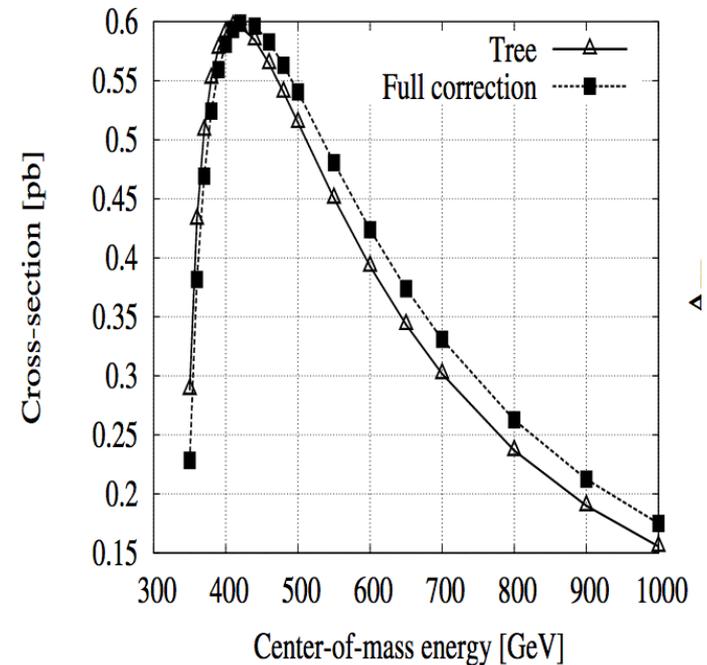
Example: total  $t\bar{t}$  cross section

Chen, Dekkers, Heisler, Bernreuther '16



- Huge correction at threshold  $E_{\text{cm}} \approx 2m_t$
- Coulomb corrections  $\sim (\alpha_S/v)^n$
- Resummation mandatory (very well developed)

Fleischer, Leike, Riemann, Werthenbach '03



- EW Sudakov logs only for very large energies
- Fixed-order fine for FCC-ee

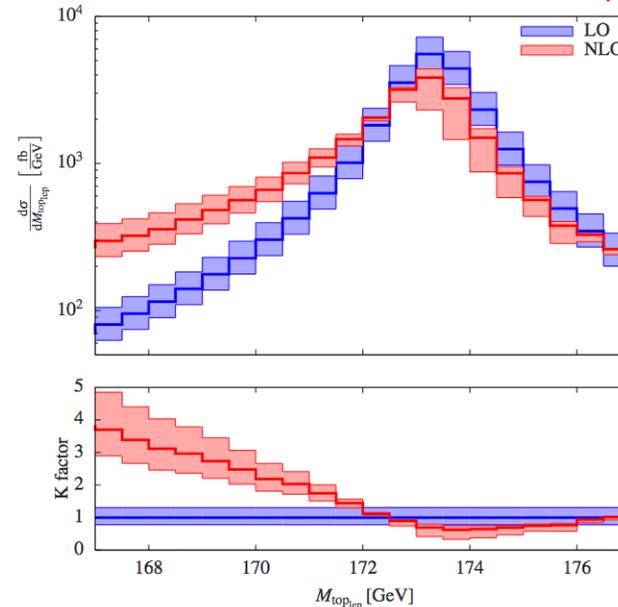
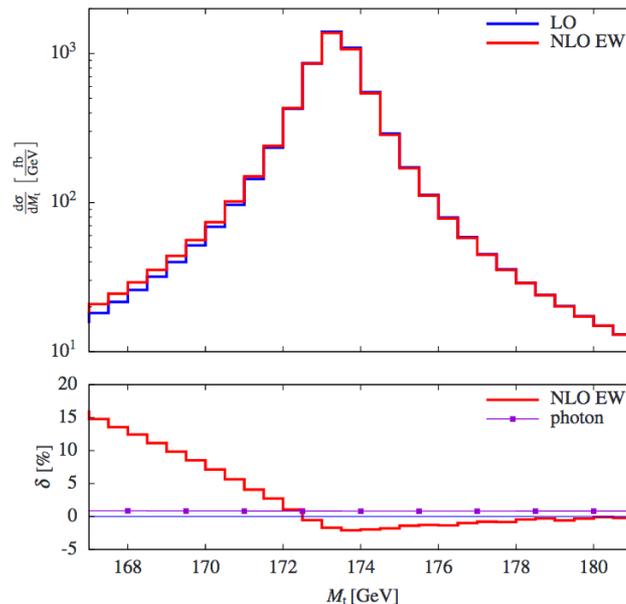
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Example: 'reconstructed' top invariant mass (full off-shell)

Pellen, Denner '17

From an LHC paper (sorry for that..)



- Full off-shell calculation: Scale variation does not cover uncertainty.
- Fixed-order not sufficient, e.g. large QCD logs  $\ln(m_t/\Gamma_t)$
- Resummation mandatory (not worked out yet, but possible using knowledge from flavor physics)

# Strong Coupling

$$\frac{d\alpha_s(R)}{d \log R} = \beta(\alpha_s(R)) = -2 \alpha_s(R) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n \left( \frac{\alpha_s(R)}{4\pi} \right)^{n+1}$$

Baikov, Chetyrkin, Kühn '17

- Running known to 5 loops ( $\beta_4$ ) : fully sufficient
- Uncertainty in  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  : debated, under constant scrutiny, but always a limiting factor

example: MSbar-pole mass relation

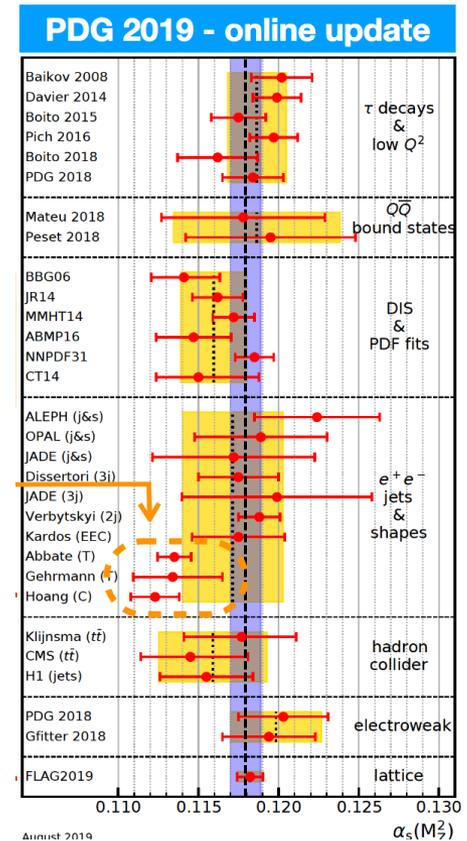
$\delta\alpha_s = 0.001$  gives 70 MeV uncertainty

$$m_t^{\text{pole}} - \bar{m}_t(\mu) = \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \right) \bar{m}_t(\mu) + \dots$$

Improvement expected, but lots of hard work.

Consistency has actually higher priority at this time!!

Recall: Measurements of QCD parameters more subtle than of physical observables.



See: Pier, Andrii, Gabor, Zoltan

# Top Quark Mass Schemes

- High precision demands to take into account the properties of mass schemes and that one picks an adequate scheme
- Very well understood:  $O(\alpha_s^4)$  results!

Marquard, Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser '15

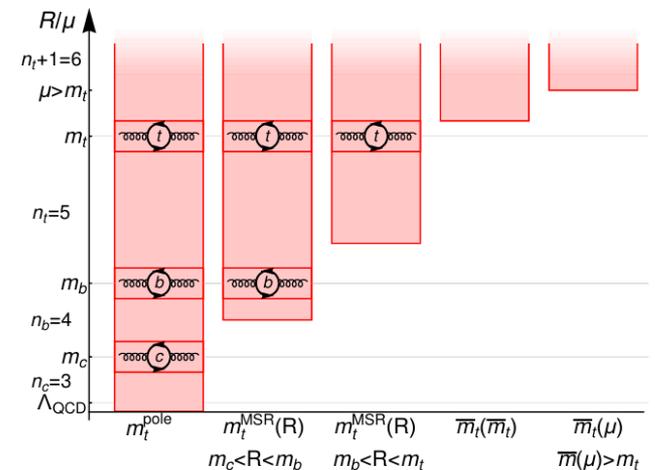
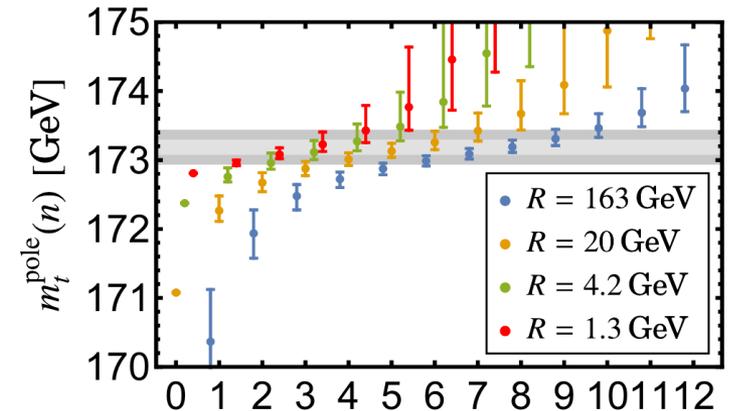
- Pole mass  $m_t^{\text{pole}}$  not adequate for almost all applications due to a renormalon ambiguity:

$$\Delta m_t^{\text{pole}} = 110 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{Beneke, Nason, etal '16}$$

$$\Delta m_t^{\text{pole}} = 250 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{AHH, Lepenik, Preisser '17}$$

- Pole ambiguity arises because IR effects absorbed into the mass
- Divergence pattern dependent on scale R that governs the dynamics of the mass dependence

- Ambiguity-free masses only absorb effects above their renormalization scale  $\mu$  (“short-distance masses”):  $m_t(\mu)$



# Top Quark Mass Schemes

- Most popular short-distance mass schemes:

MSbar: 
$$m_t^{\text{pole}} - \bar{m}_t(\mu) = \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \right) \bar{m}_t(\mu) + \dots$$

Only meaningful  
for  $\mu > m_t$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu} \bar{m}_t(\mu) = -\bar{m}_t(\mu) \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \right) + \dots$$

Threshold masses: kinetic

1S

Bigi, Shifmann, Uraltsev '97

AHH, Ligeti, Manohar '98

PS

Beneke '98

RS

Pineda '01

Constructed from  
ttbar threshold and  
B physics  
observables,  
renormalon study

MSR: 
$$m_t^{\text{pole}} - m_t^{\text{MSR}}(R) = \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{\alpha_s(R)}{\pi} \right) R + \dots$$

AHH, Jain, Scimemi, Stewart '08

$$\frac{d}{d \ln R} m_t^{\text{MSR}}(R) = -\frac{4}{3} R \left( \frac{\alpha_s(R)}{\pi} \right) + \dots$$

Derived from  
MSbar for  $R < m_t$

Interpolates between pole and MSbar mass

# MC Generators

- Fast machinery from LHC, just change initial state
- Less modeling for color neutralization processes needed
- NLO-matched MC generators standard.



## Validation of NLO QCD for $e^+e^-$ Collisions

| Process                                   | $\sigma^{\text{LO}}$ [fb]    | MG5_AMC<br>$\sigma^{\text{NLO}}$ [fb] | $K$     | $\sigma^{\text{LO}}$ [fb]   | WHIZARD<br>$\sigma^{\text{NLO}}$ [fb] | $K$     |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow jj$                   | 622.3(5)                     | 639.3(1)                              | 1.02733 | 622.73(4)                   | 639.41(9)                             | 1.02678 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow jjj$                  | 340.1(2)                     | 317.3(8)                              | 0.93297 | 342.4(5)                    | 318.6(7)                              | 0.9305  |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow jjjj$                 | 104.7(1)                     | 103.7(3)                              | 0.99045 | 105.1(4)                    | 103.0(6)                              | 0.98003 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow jjjjj$                | 22.11(6)                     | 24.65(4)                              | 1.11488 | 22.80(2)                    | 24.35(15)                             | 1.06798 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow jjjjjj$               | N/A                          | N/A                                   | N/A     | 3.62(2)                     | 0.0(0)                                | 0.0     |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow bb$                   | 92.37(6)                     | 94.89(1)                              | 1.02728 | 92.32(1)                    | 94.78(7)                              | 1.02664 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow bbbb$                 | 1.644(3) · 10 <sup>-1</sup>  | 3.60(1) · 10 <sup>-1</sup>            | 2.1897  | 1.64(2) · 10 <sup>-1</sup>  | 3.67(4) · 10 <sup>-1</sup>            | 2.2378  |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$             | 166.2(2)                     | 174.5(3)                              | 1.04994 | 166.4(1)                    | 174.53(6)                             | 1.04886 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}j$            | 48.13(5)                     | 53.36(1)                              | 1.10867 | 48.3(2)                     | 53.25(6)                              | 1.10248 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}jj$           | 8.614(9)                     | 10.49(3)                              | 1.21777 | 8.612(8)                    | 10.46(6)                              | 1.21458 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}jjj$          | 1.044(2)                     | 1.420(4)                              | 1.3601  | 1.040(1)                    | 1.414(10)                             | 1.3595  |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$     | 6.45(1) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>   | 11.94(2) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>           | 1.85117 | 6.463(2) · 10 <sup>-4</sup> | 11.91(2) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>           | 1.8428  |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}j$    | 2.719(5) · 10 <sup>-5</sup>  | 5.264(8) · 10 <sup>-5</sup>           | 1.93602 | 2.722(1) · 10 <sup>-5</sup> | 5.250(14) · 10 <sup>-5</sup>          | 1.92873 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}bb$           | 0.1819(3)                    | 0.292(1)                              | 1.60533 | 0.186(1)                    | 0.293(2)                              | 1.57527 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$            | 2.018(3)                     | 1.909(3)                              | 0.94601 | 2.022(3)                    | 1.912(3)                              | 0.9456  |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}Hj$           | 0.2533(3) · 10 <sup>-0</sup> | 0.2665(6) · 10 <sup>-0</sup>          | 1.05212 | 0.2540(9)                   | 0.2664(5)                             | 1.04889 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}Hjj$          | 2.663(4) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>  | 3.141(9) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>           | 1.1795  | 2.666(4) · 10 <sup>-2</sup> | 3.144(9) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>           | 1.17928 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma$       | 12.7(2)                      | 13.3(4)                               | 1.04726 | 12.71(4)                    | 13.78(4)                              | 1.08418 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z$            | 4.642(6)                     | 4.95(1)                               | 1.06636 | 4.64(1)                     | 4.94(1)                               | 1.06467 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}Zj$           | 0.6059(6)                    | 0.6917(24)                            | 1.14168 | 0.610(4)                    | 0.6927(14)                            | 1.13565 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}Zjj$          | 6.251(28) · 10 <sup>-2</sup> | 8.181(21) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>          | 1.30875 | 6.233(8) · 10 <sup>-2</sup> | 8.201(14) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>          | 1.31573 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}W^\pm jj$     | 2.400(4) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>  | 3.714(8) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>           | 1.54747 | 2.41(1) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>  | 3.695(9) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>           | 1.5332  |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$ | 0.383(5)                     | 0.416(2)                              | 1.08618 | 0.382(3)                    | 0.420(3)                              | 1.09952 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma Z$     | 0.2212(3)                    | 0.2364(6)                             | 1.06873 | 0.220(1)                    | 0.240(2)                              | 1.09094 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma H$     | 9.75(1) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>   | 9.42(3) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>            | 0.96614 | 9.748(6) · 10 <sup>-2</sup> | 9.58(7) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>            | 0.98277 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}ZZ$           | 3.788(4) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>  | 4.00(1) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>            | 1.05597 | 3.756(4) · 10 <sup>-2</sup> | 4.005(2) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>           | 1.0663  |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}W^+W^-$       | 0.1372(3)                    | 0.1540(6)                             | 1.1225  | 0.1370(4)                   | 0.1538(4)                             | 1.12257 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}HH$           | 1.358(1) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>  | 1.206(3) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>           | 0.888   | 1.367(1) · 10 <sup>-2</sup> | 1.218(1) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>           | 0.8909  |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}HZ$           | 3.600(6) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>  | 3.58(1) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>            | 0.99445 | 3.596(1) · 10 <sup>-2</sup> | 3.581(2) · 10 <sup>-2</sup>           | 0.9958  |

Just pick what  
you need!

Not so fast..

# MC Generators

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- Multipurpose MC generators (Pythia, Herwig, Whizard, Sherpa) can simulate all aspects of particle production and decay at the observable level

## How precise are they?

- The theoretical precision is tied to the precision of the parton showers, for a few very simple observable NLL, mostly LL or less.
- Tuned hadronization models compensate for the deficiency.
- In general we have 

|                         |   |                          |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| observable<br>precision | > | theoretical<br>precision |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|
- MCs are not very precise tools to extract QCD parameters or provide estimate of hadronization corrections to high-order perturbative analytical calculations
- NLO-matching does only improve the first hard gluon radiation. Does not improve observables governed by parton shower dynamics.

# MC Generators

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- NLL precise parton showers with full coherence and improved models are an important step that needs to be taken (many different aspects, work already ongoing).

e.g. second order kernel

double emission

amplitude evolution (full coherence,  
non-global logs, color reconnection)

Li, Skands '16

Höche Prestel' 14, '15

Forshaw, Holguin, Plätzer '19

Gieseke, Kirchgaesser, Plätzer, Siodmok '19

Martinez, Forshaw, De Angelis, Plätzer,  
Seymour '18

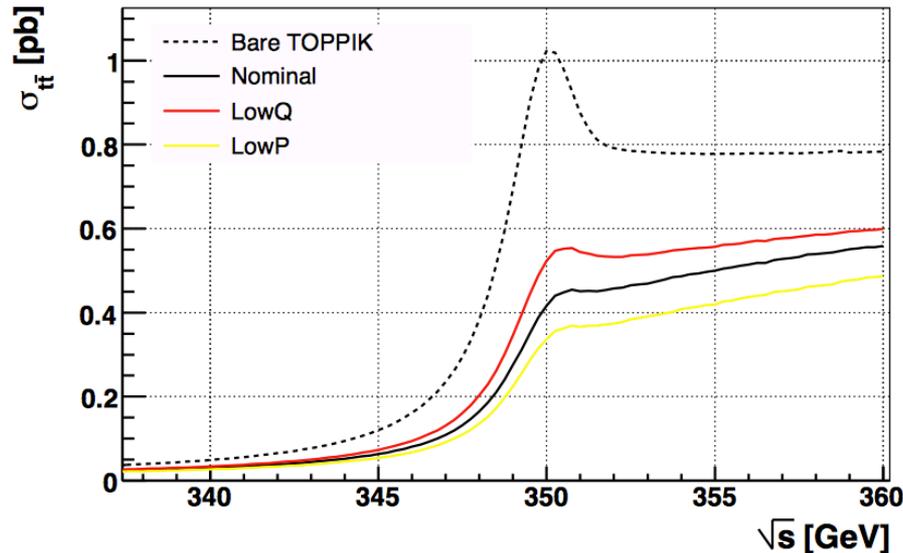
New generation of MCs needed! (Markov chain MCs will be gone eventually)

→ Definitely possible, community should support it more enthusiastically.

# Top Threshold

## Top pair total inclusive cross section:

$$\sigma(e + e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} + X) \text{ at } E_{cm} \approx 2m_t$$



Principle:  $m_t$  from  $\sigma_{tt}(m_t)$

## Advantages:

- ▷ count number of  $t\bar{t}$  events
- ▷ color singlet state
- ▷ background is non-resonant
- ▷ physics well understood (renormalons, summations)
- ▷ Top decay protects from non-pert effects

Crucial difference to top pairs at LHC

- Remnant of a topionium resonance (“postronium of QCD”):  $R_{\text{bind}} = m_t \alpha_s \sim 30 \text{ GeV}$
- Crucial to control e+e- luminosity spectrum
- Binding energy about twice the top quark width:
- Can be calculated in pQCD (nonrelativistic expansion)
- Non-resonant effects very small, little background

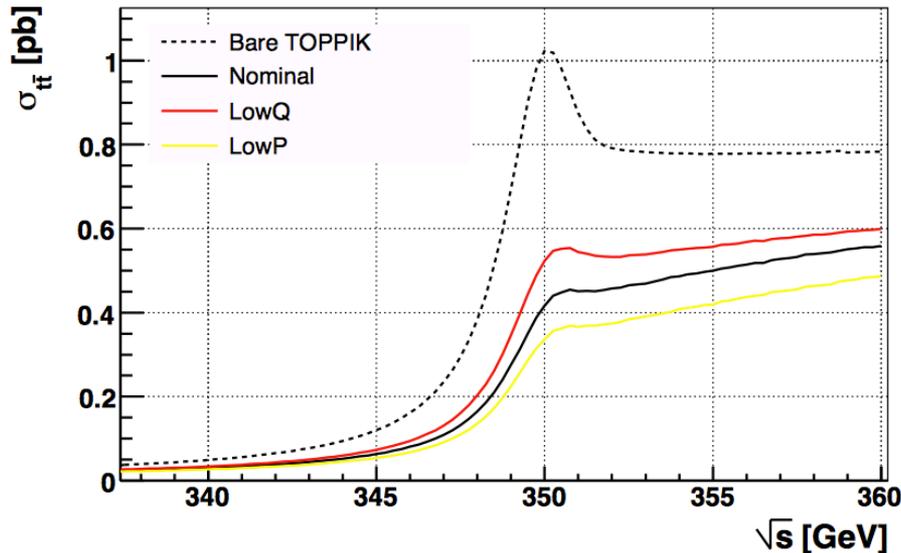
$$E_{\text{bind}} \approx \frac{\alpha_s^2 m_t}{2} \approx 2\Gamma_t$$

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- The only observable known where a threshold structure with resolution  $\ll 1$  GeV is generated by QCD dynamics at much larger scale:  $R_{\text{bind}} = m_t \alpha_s \sim 30$  GeV
- Color singlet state protects from non-perturbative effects.

We could not be more lucky!

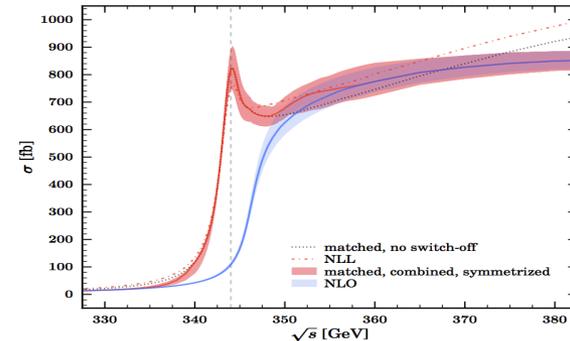
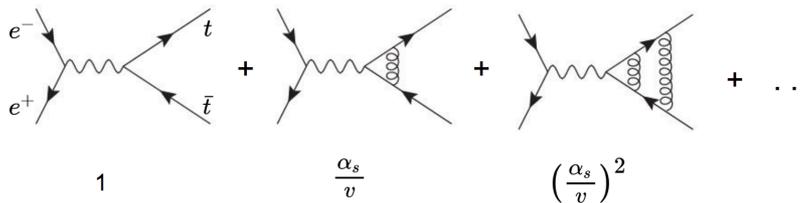


Unfortunately no such observable at the LHC !



# Top Threshold

- Coulomb resummations
- Finite Width effects are leading order
- NRQCD effective field theory counting ( $\alpha_s \sim v$ )



- Total cross section at NNLO (FO in  $\alpha_s \sim v$ )
- Total cross section NNLO+NNLL (sum  $\ln(\alpha_s) \sim \ln(v)$ )
- Total cross section NNNLO

AHH, Beneke, Melnikov, Nagano, Ota, Penin, Pivovarov, Signer, Smirnov, Sumion, Teubner, Yakovlev, Yekhovskiy '01

AHH, Stahlhofen, '13

Beneke, Kiyo, Marquard, Piclum, Steinhauser '13

- Non-resonant EW effects NNLL
- Non-resonant EW effects NNNLO<sub>partial</sub>

AHH, Reisser, Ruiz-Femenia '04, '10

Beneke, Maier, Rauh, Ruiz-Femenia '17,

- Top  $p_t$  3-momentum distribution NNLO
- Full differential: NLO+LL

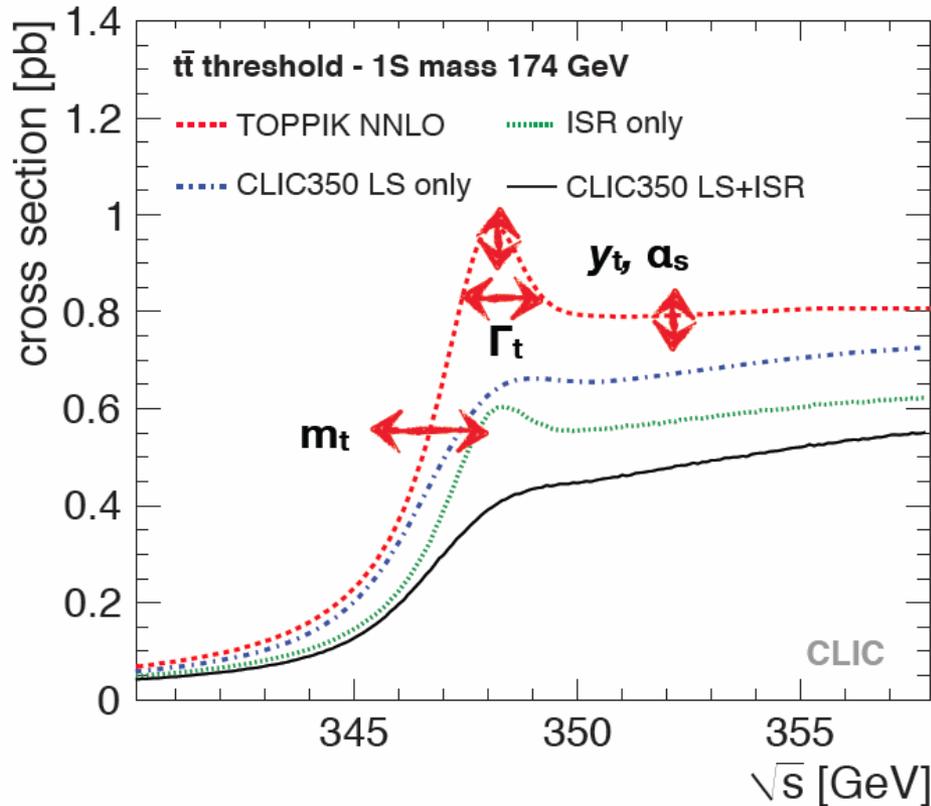
AHH, Teubner '00

Chokoufe, AHH, Kilian, Reuter, Stahlhofen, Teubner, Weiss '17

Total cross section in very good shape.

# Top Threshold

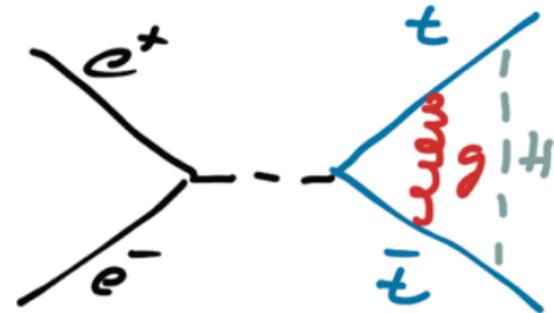
## Experimental Studies:



- Effects of some parameters are correlated; dependence on Yukawa coupling rather weak - precise external  $\alpha_s$  helps

The cross-section around the threshold is affected by several properties of the top quark and by QCD

- Top mass, width, Yukawa coupling
- Strong coupling constant



Frank Simon

# Top Threshold

## Experimental Studies (total inclusive cross section):

- Total cross section code NNNLO:  $QQ_{\text{bar\_Threshold}}$
- Dependence on the luminosity spectrum
- Use low-scale short-distance mass

- CLIC simulations study: Abramowicz et al. '18

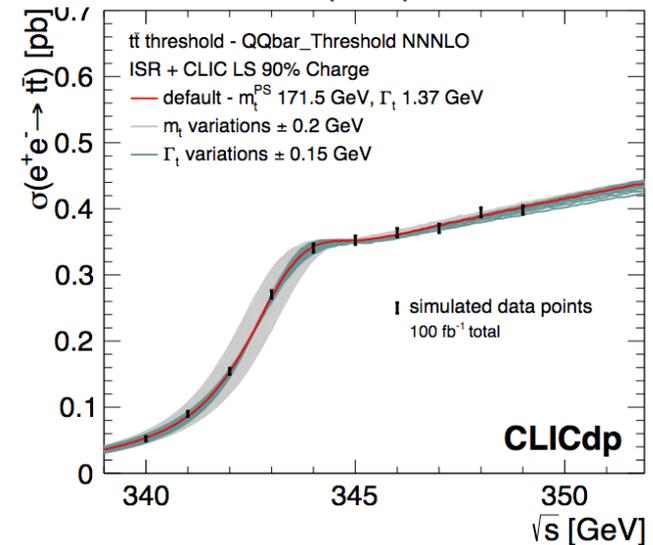
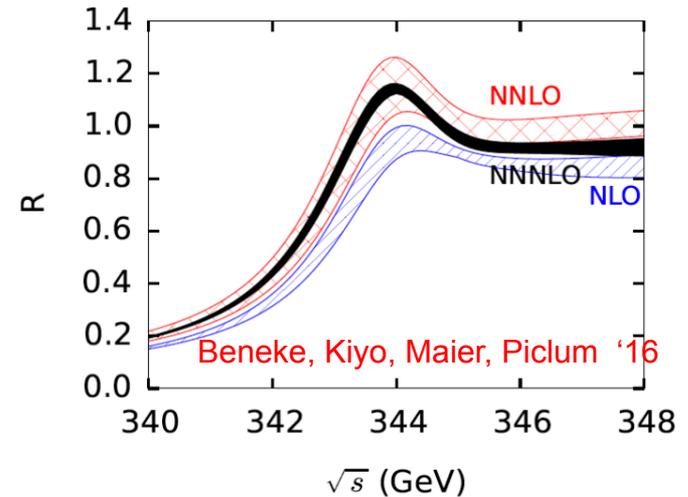
$$\Delta m_t^{\text{stat}} \sim 40 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Delta m_t^{\text{para}} \sim 25 - 50 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta \Gamma_t^{\text{stat}} \sim 50 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Delta \gamma_t^{\text{para}} \sim 50 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta y_t^{\text{stat}} \sim 10\%$$

Very similar for all lepton colliders

Caveat: MC generators for the  $t\bar{t}$  threshold do not yet exist!

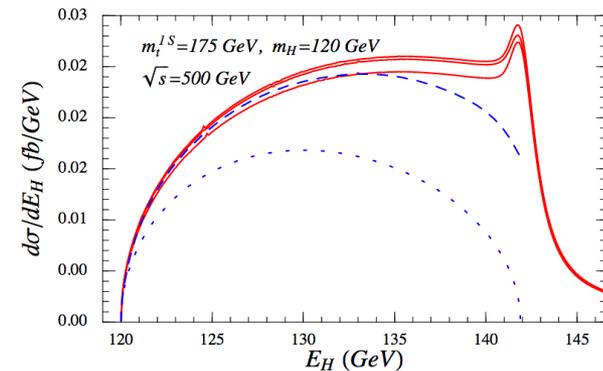
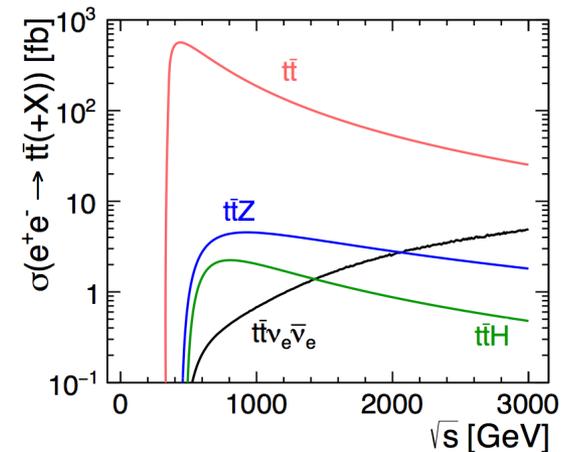
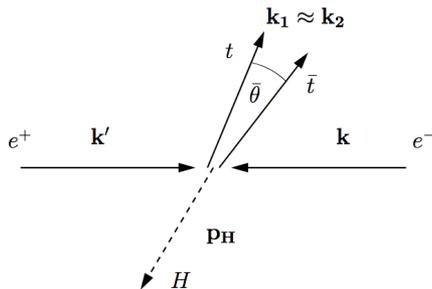


# Associated Top Threshold Physics (I)

- A future  $e^+e^-$  collider with many associated  $t\bar{t}$  thresholds
- Technology exists to extend  $t\bar{t}$  threshold machinery to them, but much less event

## $t\bar{t} + H$ :

- NLO QCD Dawson, Reina '17,
  - NLO EW corrections Dener, et al., Belanger, et al. You, et al '03,
  - NLL threshold Farrell, AHH '05
- Kinematic threshold enhancement reaching far into the continuum region for associated  $t\bar{t}$  production, enhances cross section



| $\sqrt{s}$ [GeV] | $m_H$ [GeV] | $\sigma(\text{Born})$ [fb] | $\sigma(\alpha_s)$ [fb] | $\sigma(\text{NLL})$ [fb] | $\frac{\sigma(\text{NLL})}{\sigma(\text{Born})}$ | $\frac{\sigma(\text{NLL})}{\sigma(\alpha_s)}$ | $\frac{\sigma(\text{NLL}) _{\beta < 0.2}}{\sigma(\alpha_s)_{\beta < 0.2}}$ |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|--|
| 500              | 120         | 0.151                      | 0.263                   | 0.357(20)                 | 2.362  | 1.359   | 1.78   |

Farrell, AHH '05

# Associated Top Threshold Physics (II)

tt +  $\gamma$ :

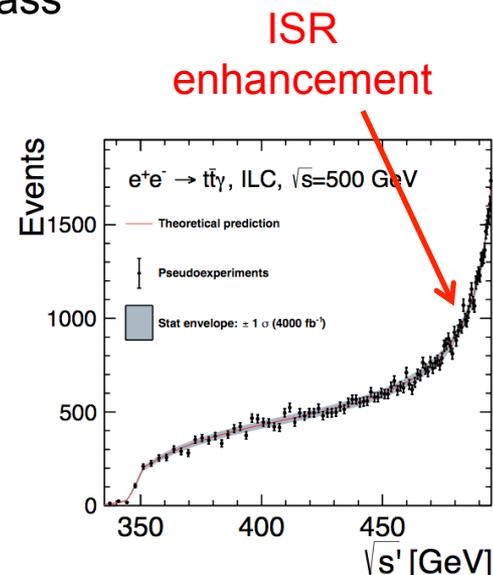
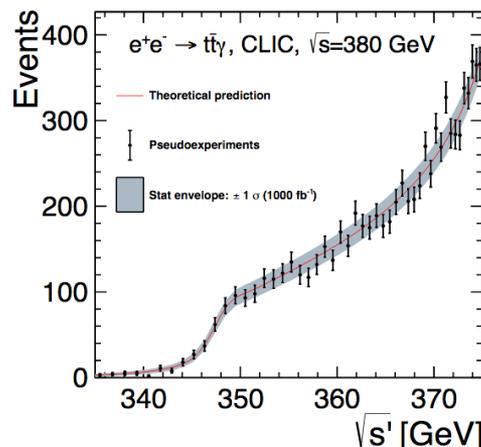
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- Radiative return to the tt threshold allows for top threshold top mass measurements at higher energies.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}}{d\cos\theta d\sqrt{s'}} = 2g(x, \theta) \sqrt{\frac{1-2x}{s}} \frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi} \sigma_{t\bar{t}}(s')$$

$$x = \frac{E_\gamma}{\sqrt{s}},$$

$$s' = s \left( 1 - \frac{2E_\gamma}{\sqrt{s}} \right)$$



- Matched threshold (NNLL+NNLO)-continuum (NNNLO) cross section
- Realistic simulation experimental analysis
- Statistics dominated

| cms energy                      | CLIC, $\sqrt{s} = 380$ GeV |         | ILC, $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV |         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| luminosity [ $\text{fb}^{-1}$ ] | 500                        | 1000    | 500                       | 4000    |
| statistical                     | 140 MeV                    | 90 MeV  | 350 MeV                   | 110 MeV |
| theory                          | 46 MeV                     |         | 55 MeV                    |         |
| lum. spectrum                   | 20 MeV                     |         | 20 MeV                    |         |
| photon response                 | 16 MeV                     |         | 85 MeV                    |         |
| total                           | 150 MeV                    | 110 MeV | 360 MeV                   | 150 MeV |

# Associated Top Threshold Physics

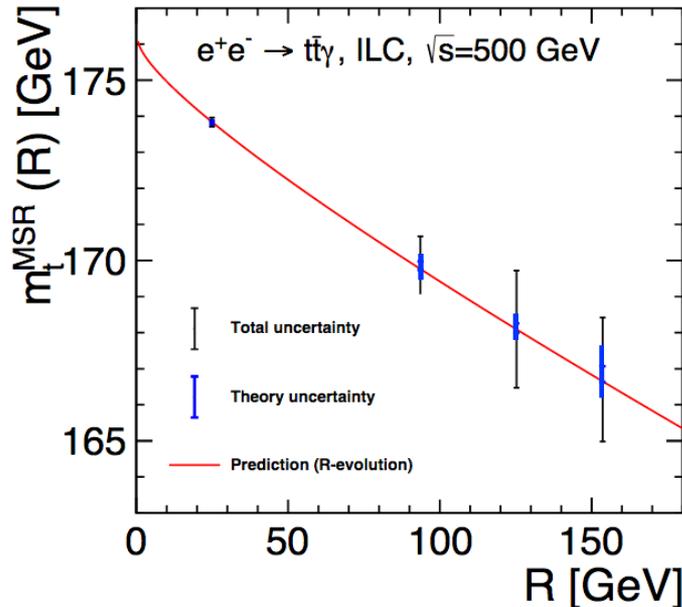
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- Running MSR mass measurements

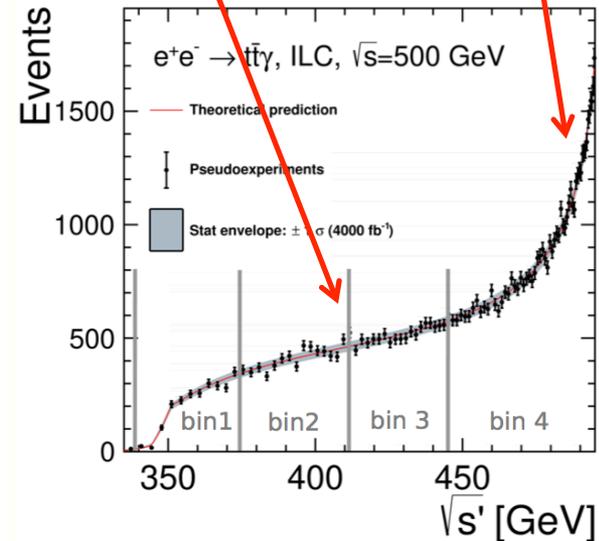
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Probes top mass sensitivity at scales  $m_f \nu < m_t$

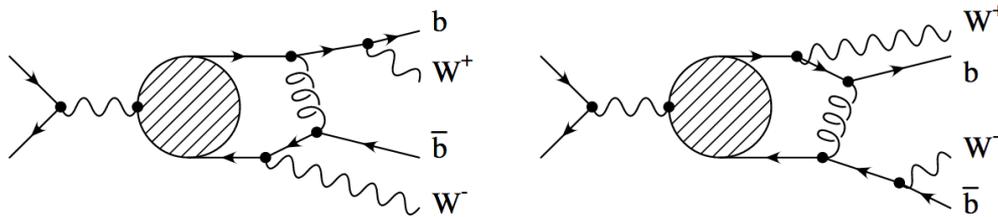
ISR enhancement



# Top Threshold

## Differential Cross Sections:

- Has not received much attention in the past, but important to correctly simulate experimental cuts
- Very (!) hard problem due to ultrasoft ( $E \lesssim \Gamma_t$ ) gluon exchange between the top quarks and their decay products. They cancel in the fully inclusive cross section



Melnikov, Yakovlev '93

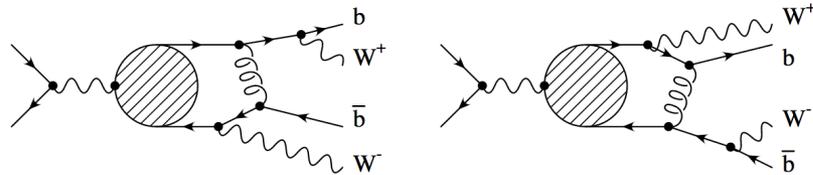
- Large (non-factorizable) effects possible due to selection cuts (**size unknown!!**)  
Effects increase the more restrictive cuts are.  
Small for generous (wide) cuts  
Contribute at NLL/NLO order for differential cross section.

AHH, Reisser, Ruiz-Femenia '10

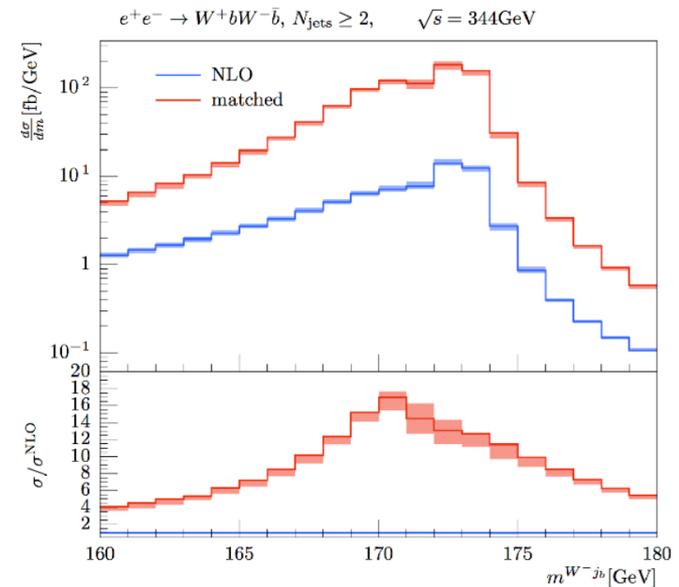
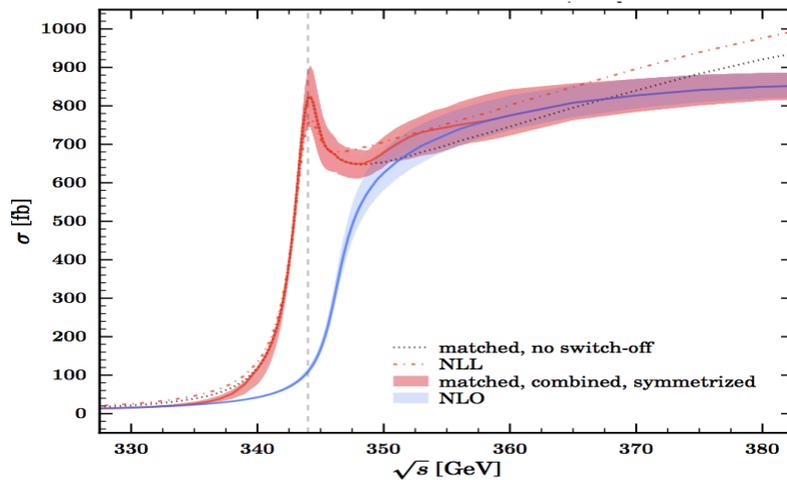
- Theoretically hard due to existence of Coulomb form factor that is defined in the non-relativistic limit only (usual subtraction techniques known from NLO-revolution do not apply)

# Top Threshold

## Differential Cross Sections:



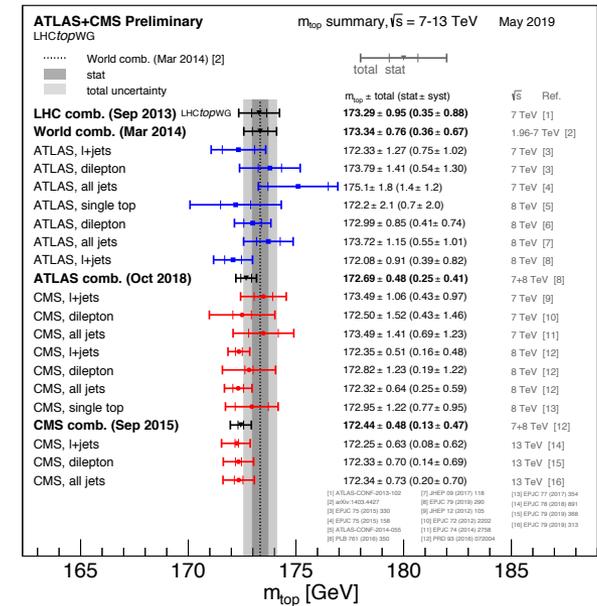
- Whizard threshold implementation does NOT contain these effects !  
Therefore  $\text{NLO}_{\text{FO}} + \text{NLL}_{\text{threshold}}$  only for total cross section,  $\text{NLO}_{\text{FO}} + \text{LL}_{\text{threshold}}$  otherwise.



- Ultrasoft non-factorizable corrections still have to be added

# Top Mass from Direct Reconstruction

- Direct mass measurements (template or matrix element fits) are the most precise method to determine the top mass at the LHC
- Variables ( $M_{lb}$ ,  $m^{\text{reco}}$ ) cannot be described by FO computation and are described completely by parton shower and hadronization dynamics in Monte-Carlo generators.
- Because MC have limited (observable dependent) precision the measured top mass  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$  cannot be a priori assigned to a particular mass scheme.



- The situation is not different at a lepton collider, but the systematic uncertainties are much smaller.

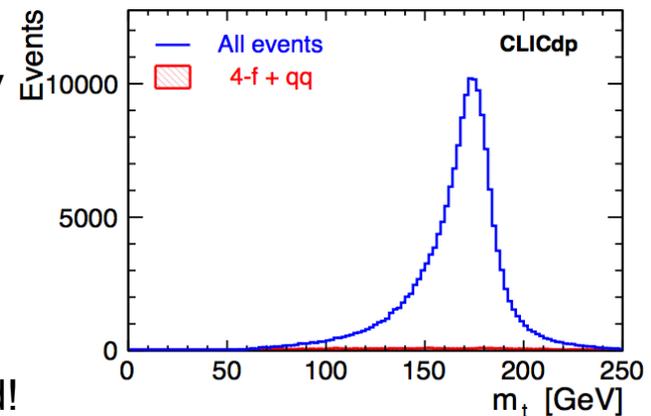
Abramowicz et al. '18

- CLIC simulation study:  $m_t^{\text{reco}}$  template fit  $E_{\text{cm}} = 380$  GeV

$$(\Delta m_t^{\text{MC}})^{\text{stat}} \sim 30 \text{ MeV} \quad (\Delta m_t^{\text{MC}})^{\text{syst}} \sim 50 \text{ MeV}$$

Competitive with threshold measurements!

Worth to improve theory understanding of direkt method!



# Top Mass from Direct Reconstruction

## Why bother given that we have the top threshold?

- For lepton collision is it much easier to understand the MC top mass interpretation problem and we can use the consistency with the threshold mass measurements as a benchmark to improve the intrinsic precision of MC generators and make them into much more reliable tools.

$$m_t^{\text{MC}} = m_t^{\text{pole}} + \Delta_m^{\text{pert}} + \Delta_m^{\text{non-pert}} + \Delta_m^{\text{MC}}$$

### pQCD contribution:

- Perturbative correction
- Depends on MC parton shower setup



Was analyzed in  
Plätzer, Samitz, AHH '18

### Non-perturbative contribution:

- Effects of hadronization model
- May depend on parton shower setup

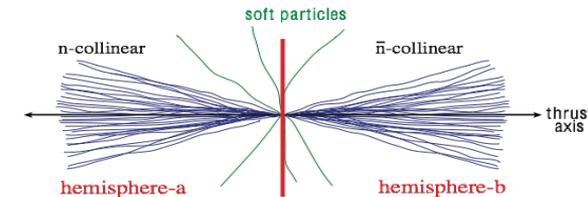
### Monte Carlo shift:

- Contribution arising from systematic MC uncertainties not related to top
- E.g. b-jet modeling, finite width, ...

# Top Mass from Direct Reconstruction

Plätzer, Samitz, AHH '18

- Analytic parton-level analysis of QCD factorization calculation (NLL') and the Herwig angular-ordered parton shower for the 2-jettiness  $\tau_2$  distribution for boosted top pair production in the NWA



- Herwig shower is NLL precise for  $\tau_2$ .
- Definition of generator mass can be computed by comparison to NLL' QCD calculation.
- Generator mass  $m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0)$  depends on the shower cut  $Q_0=1.25$  GeV.

$$m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) = m_t^{\text{pole}} - \frac{2}{3}Q_0\alpha_s(Q_0) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s(Q_0)^2)$$

$$m_t^{\text{MSR}}(Q_0) - m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) = 120 \pm 70 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_t^{\text{pole}} - m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) = 480 \pm 260 \text{ MeV}$$

- First step of a general long-term project (work in progress, progress expected)
- Result shows that the question is very relevant also for LHC.

# Top Mass from Direct Reconstruction

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- By the time a lepton collider runs the theoretical aspect of direct top mass measurements will be understood to a degree comparable the expected experimental uncertainties. NLL precise parton showers and overall improvement of the precision of MC event generators are essential.
- We can use direct top mass measurements (in comparison with top threshold measurements) as a benchmark test for the precision of MC event generators.
- Conceptual progress on the top mass interpretation problem will be established first for  $e^+e^-$  collisions first and for  $pp$  collisions after that.

# Topics Dropped and Final Statement

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- Top Spin measurements at threshold (large QCD phases)
- B fragmentation from top (NNLO treatment)
- Boosted top physics (boosted heavy quark effective theory, fat jets)
- Groomed top jets (equivalence of LC and LHC)
- Resummation of logarithms  $\ln(m_t/\Gamma_t)$

There are still many interesting unresolved problems to work on to sharpen the theoretical tools for future lepton colliders.

Development of a new generation of more precise Monte-Carlo generators must receive high priority in the community as being theory work that is valuable by itself (such as loop calculations).