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Exclusive Soft Function for Heavy Quark Pair Production

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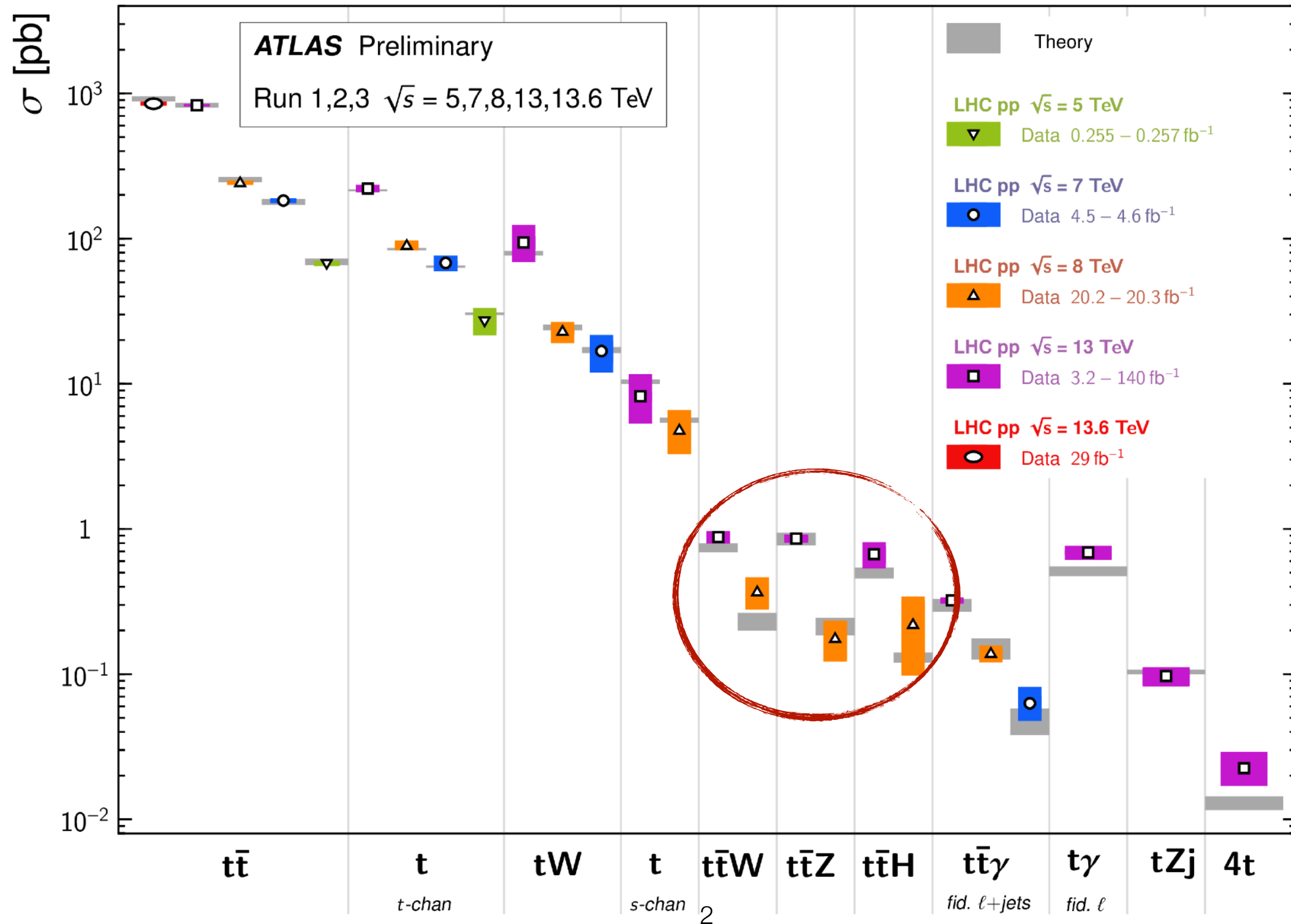


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Measurements for Top Pair Production

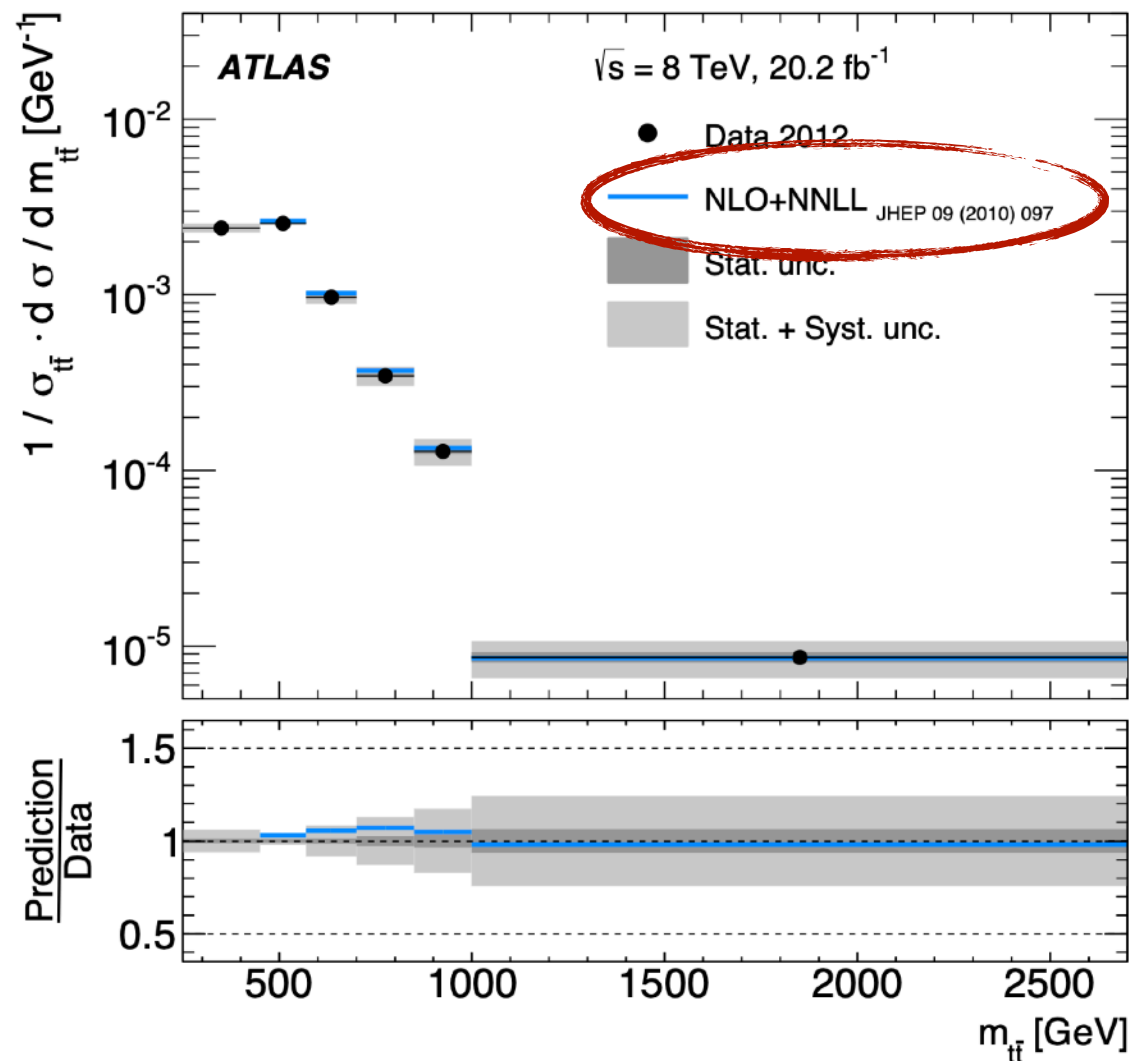
Top Quark Production Cross Section Measurements

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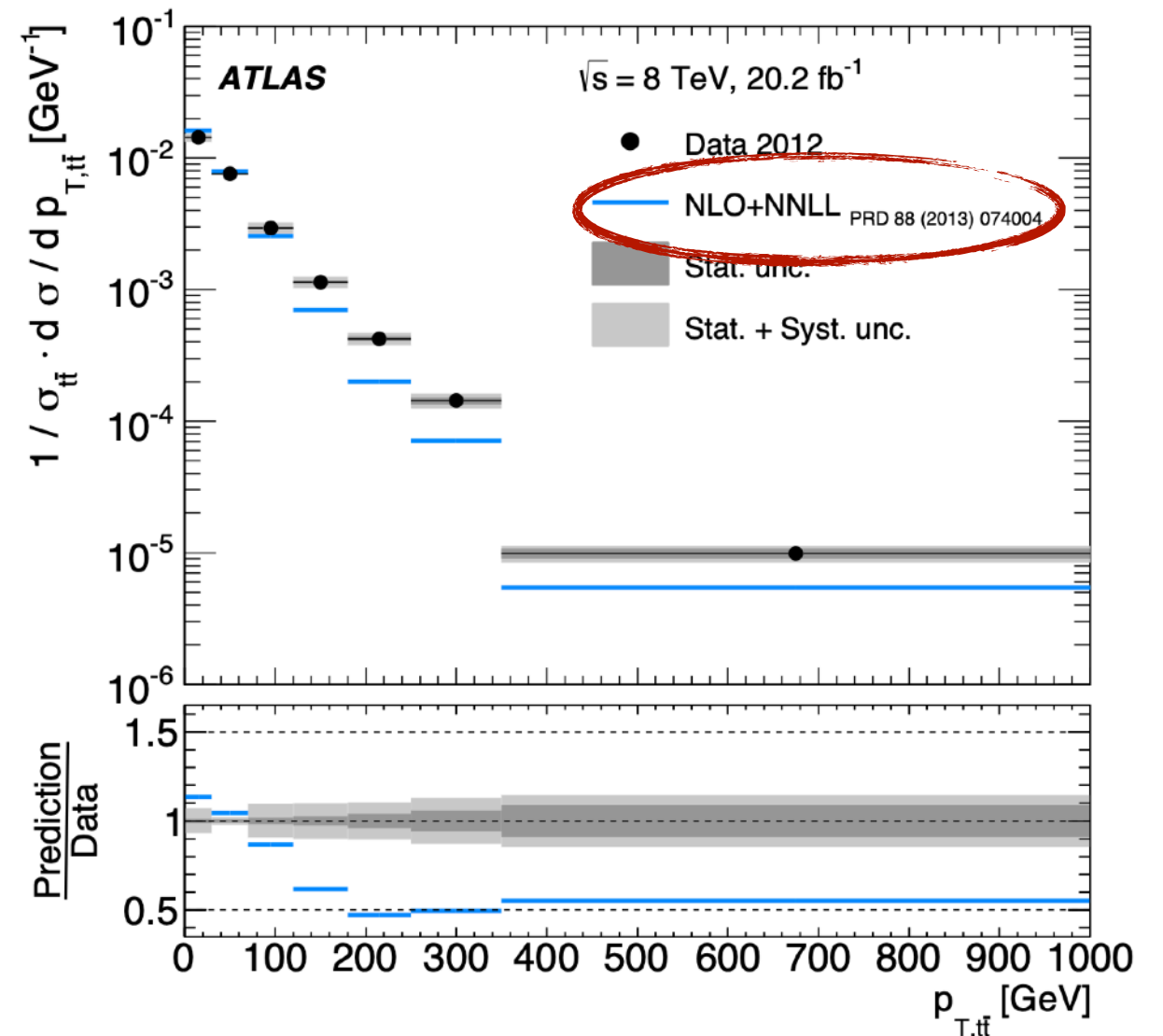


Differential Measurements

- RG improved : NLO QCD + NNLL



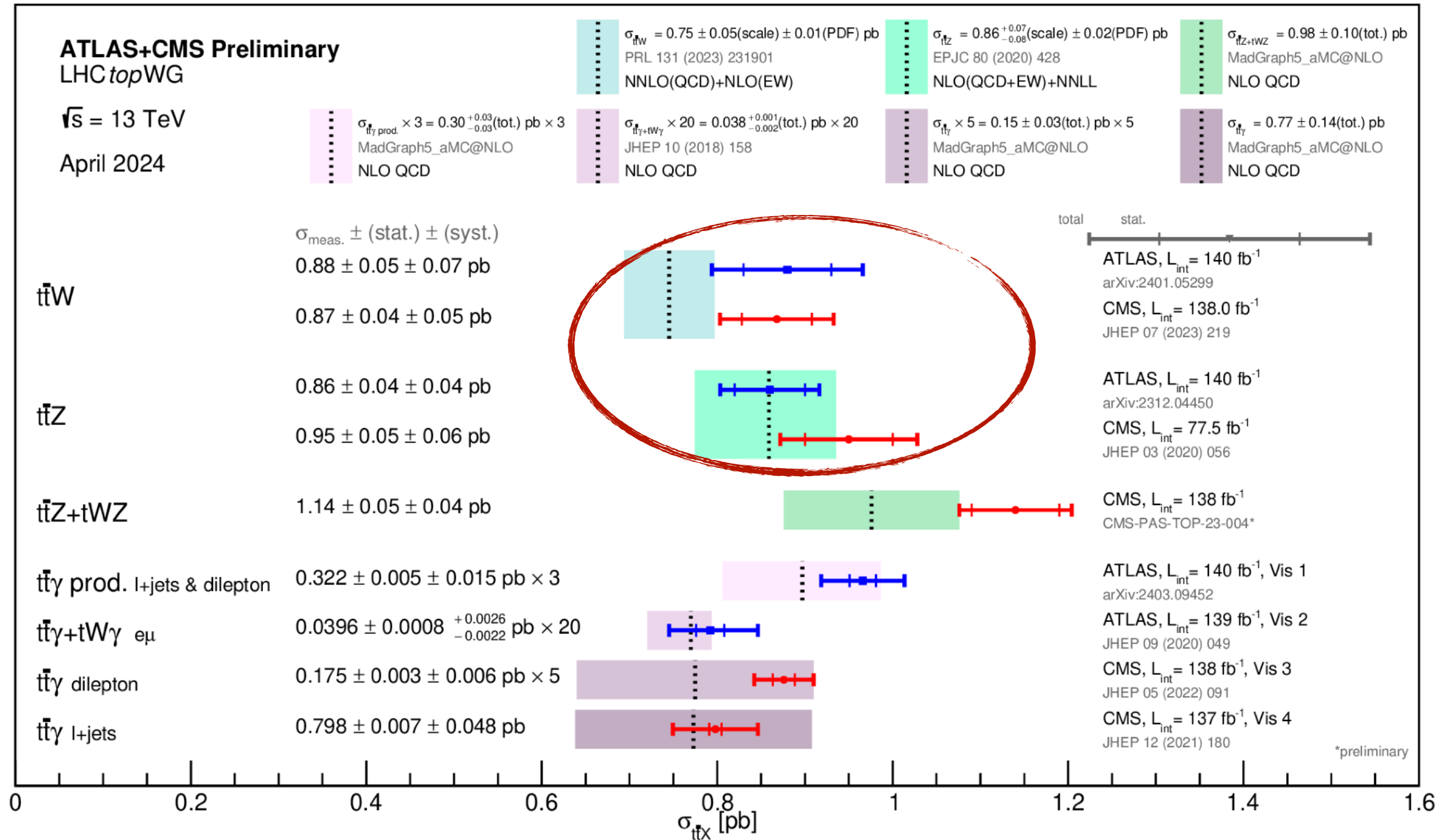
Ahrens, Ferroglia, Neubert, Pecjak, Yang '10



Zhu, Li, Li, Shao, Yang '12

- Fixed-order : **NNLO** QCD +NLO EW, differential Czakon, Mitov '12

Top Pair + W/Z Boson



$t\bar{t} + W$: NNLO QCD + NLO EW

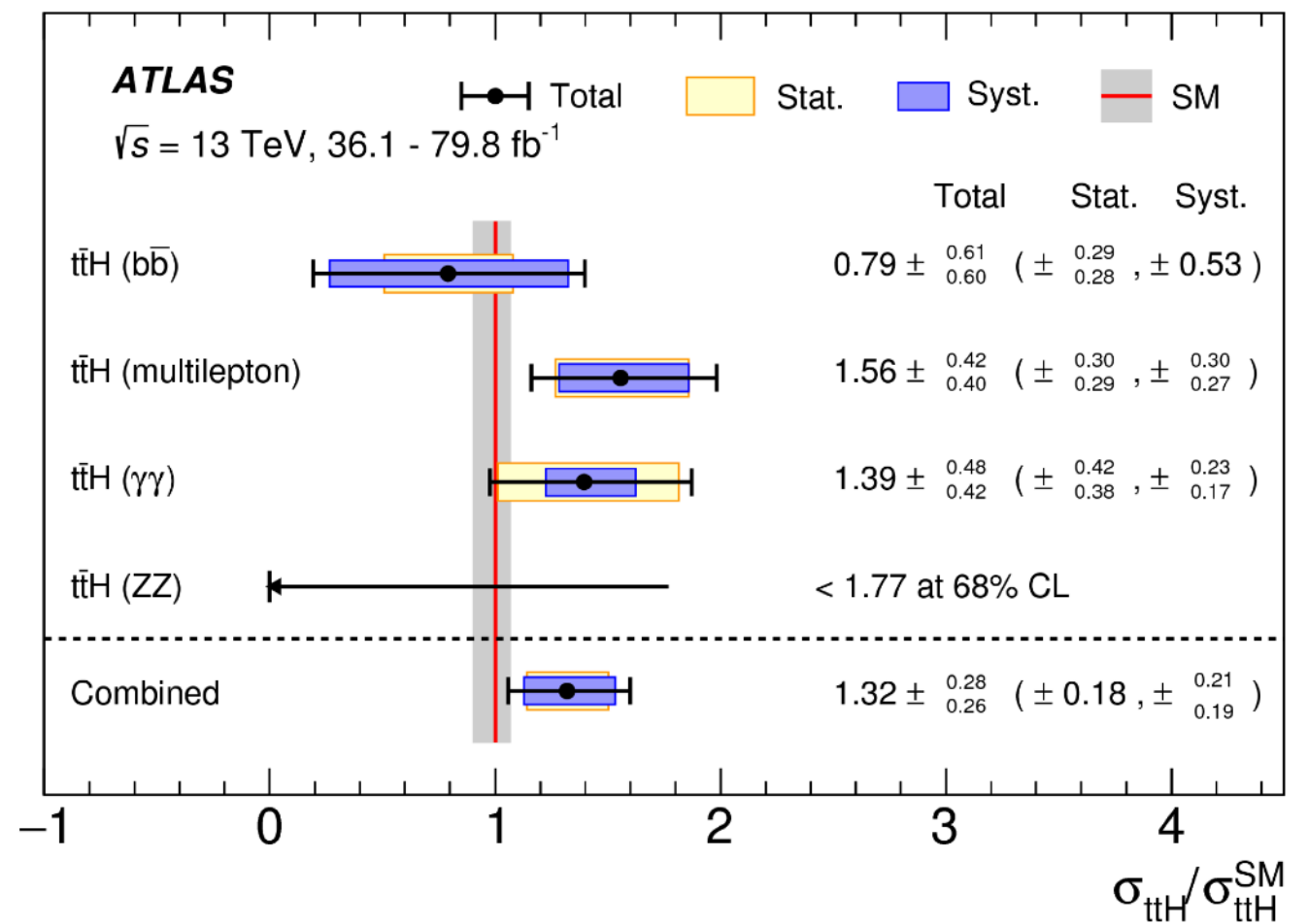
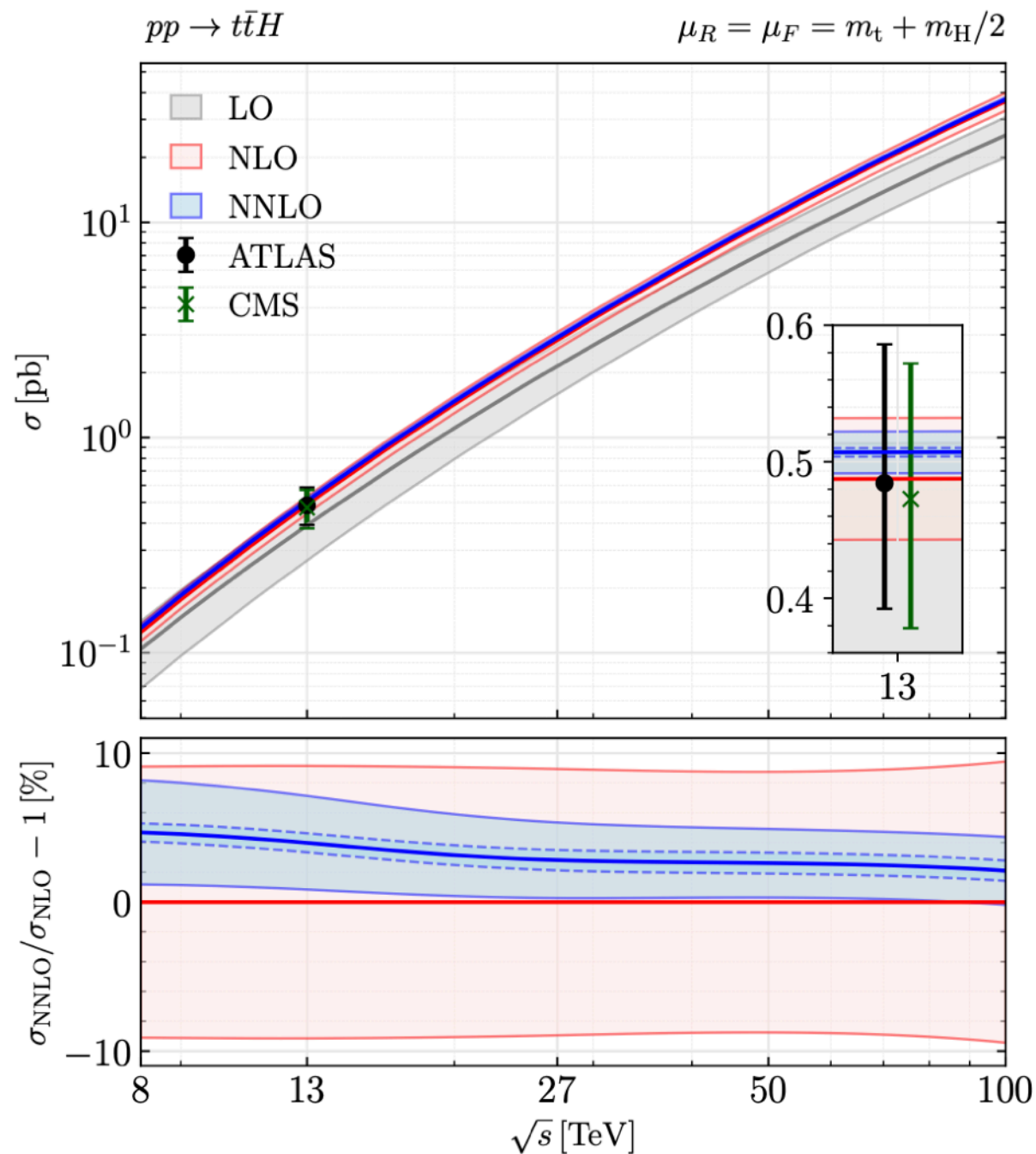
Grazzini et al. '22

$t\bar{t} + Z$: NLO (QCD + EW) +NNLL

Kulesza et al. '20

Top Pair + Higgs

- Top Pair + Higgs



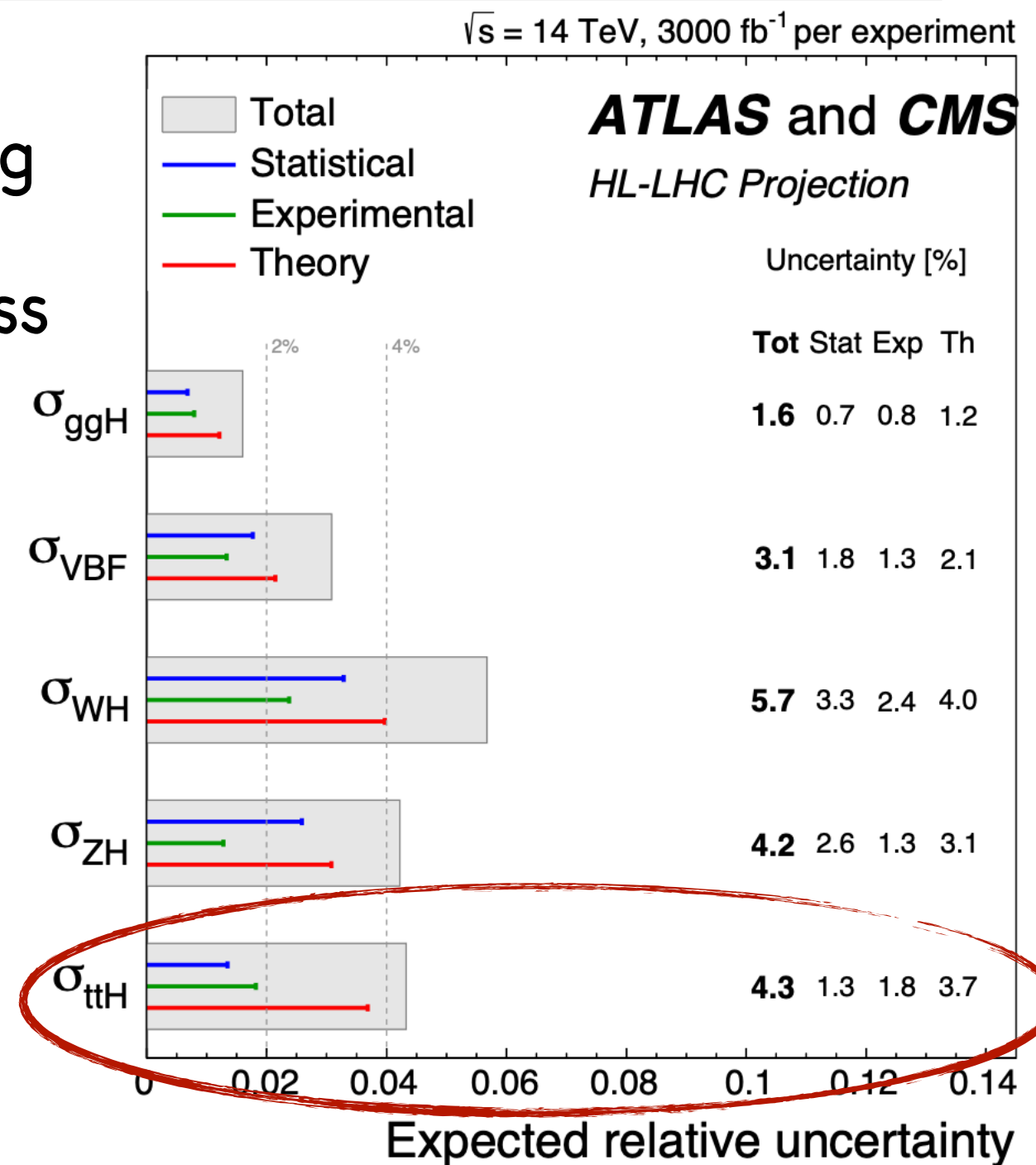
NLO+NNLL QCD

Broggio, Ferroglia, Pecjak, Yang '10

NNLO QCD Catani, Grazzini et al. '22

Why Precision ?

- Determination of strong coupling
- Measurements of top quark mass
- Parton Distribution Functions
- Direct probe for Yukawa Coupling
- Higgs measurements
- Reduce background in BSM searches



Challenges towards NNLO and N3LL

- Two-loop virtual corrections for QQh
 - Soft Higgs/W approximation [Catani et al. '22](#)
 - Massification [Mitov, Moch. '06](#) [Becher, Melnikov. '07](#)
- Subtraction of IR divergences
 - Local subtraction – STRIPPER [Czakon '10](#)
 - qT slicing [Catani et al. '07](#) ←
- More differential – **Large logs !**
 - Small pT
 - Boosted top [L.L. Yang et al. '13-'19](#)
 - Threshold enhancement
 - Jet veto – reduce background
- Anomalous Dimensions at 3- and 4-loops

Full two-loop amplitudes are still unknown !!!

[L. Reina et al. '23](#)

[G. Heinrich et al. '24](#)

$$\sigma^{\text{NNLO}} = \int_0^{p_T} d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{NNLO}} + \int_{p_T} d\sigma_{t\bar{t}+j}^{\text{NLO}}$$

[Talk by D.Y. Shao](#)

Resummation

- For $p_T \ll Q$, perturbative convergence is violated by $L = \ln(p_T/Q)$
- A good parameter for expansion is $1/L$, not α_s $\alpha_s L \sim 1$
- Large logs should be resummed to all orders in α_s

$$\sigma(p_T) \sim \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^n c_n \right] \exp \left[\underbrace{L g_1(\alpha_s L)}_{\text{LL}} + \underbrace{g_2(\alpha_s L)}_{\text{NLL}} + \underbrace{\alpha_s g_3(\alpha_s L)}_{\text{NNLL}} + \cdots \right] + \mathcal{O}(p_T/Q)$$

- Resummation can be achieved by renormalization-group (RG) evolution in **SCET**

$$\sigma \sim H \otimes S \otimes B \otimes B$$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu} H = \left(\Gamma_{\text{cusp}} \ln \frac{Q}{\mu} + \gamma^H \right) H$$

	Γ_{cusp}	$\gamma^{S/H/J}$	$c^{S/H/J}$
LL	1-loop	—	—
NLL	2-loop	1-loop	—
NNLL	3-loop	2-loop	1-loop

Soft Anomalous Dimensions

General formula of anomalous dimensions

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma(\{\underline{p}\}, \{\underline{m}\}, \mu) = & \sum_{(i,j)} \frac{\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j}{2} \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{ij}} + \sum_i \gamma^i(\alpha_s) \mathbf{1} \\
 & + \sum_{I,j} \mathbf{T}_I \cdot \mathbf{T}_j \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{m_I \mu}{-s_{Ij}} - \sum_{(I,J)} \frac{\mathbf{T}_I \cdot \mathbf{T}_J}{2} \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\beta_{IJ}, \alpha_s) + \sum_I \gamma^I(\alpha_s) \mathbf{1} \\
 & + f(\alpha_s) \sum_{(i,j,k)} \mathcal{T}_{ijk} + \sum_{(i,j,k,l)} \mathcal{T}_{ijkl} F_4(\beta_{ijkl}, \beta_{ijkl} - 2\beta_{ilkj}, \alpha_s) \quad \leftarrow \text{Starting at 3L} \\
 & + \sum_I \sum_{(i,j)} \mathcal{T}_{ijII} F_{h2}(r_{ijI}, \alpha_s) + \sum_I \sum_{(i,j,k)} \mathcal{T}_{ijkI} F_{h3}(r_{ijI}, r_{ikI}, r_{jkI}, \alpha_s) \\
 & + [\text{non-dipole contributions involving two or more massive partons}] \\
 & + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4) \quad \text{violation of Casimir scaling due to } d_R^{abcd} \mathbf{T}_i^a \mathbf{T}_j^b \mathbf{T}_k^c \mathbf{T}_l^d
 \end{aligned}$$

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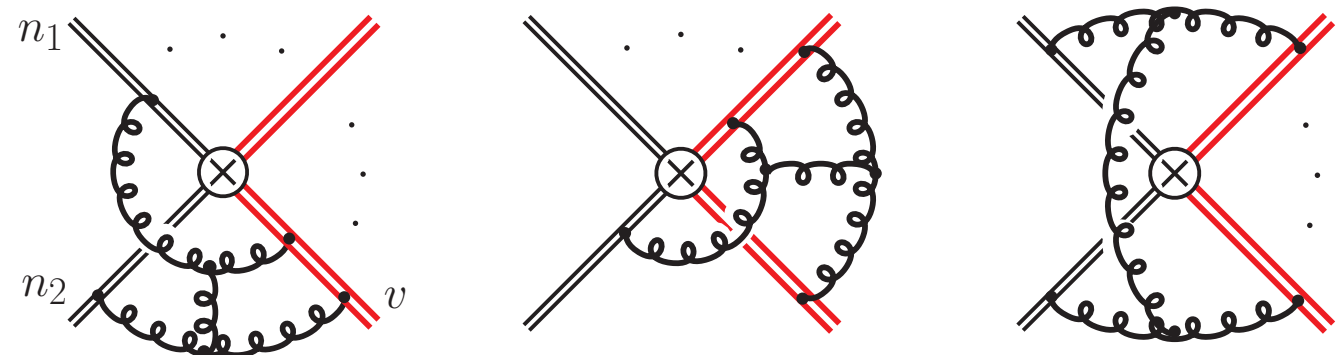
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Boels, Huber, Yang, '17

Ferroglia, Neubert, Pecjak, Yang, '09
only up to two loops

- For N3LL resummation, tripole and quadrupole anomalous dimensions are required at **3 loops** !!!

ZLL, Schalch, PRL 129 (2022) 23



Factorization

Threshold factorization

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dM_{t\bar{t}}d\Delta y_{t\bar{t}}} \sim \int_{\tau}^1 dz \int_{\tau/z}^1 \frac{dx}{x} f_{q/N_1}(x) f_{\bar{q}/N_2}(\tau/(xz)) \\ \times \int dx^0 e^{-i\sqrt{s}(1-z)x^0} \text{tr} [\mathbf{H}(\{\underline{q}\}) \mathbf{S}(\{x^0, \vec{x} = 0\}, \{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\})]$$

TMD factorization

in different positions

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d^2p_{\perp} dM_{t\bar{t}}d\Delta y_{t\bar{t}}} \sim \int \frac{dz}{z} \int d^2x_{\perp} e^{-ip_{\perp} \cdot x_{\perp}} B_{q/N_1}(z, x_T^2) B_{\bar{q}/N_2}(\tau/z, x_T^2) \text{tr} [\mathbf{H}(\{\underline{q}\}) \mathbf{S}(x_{\perp}, \{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\})]$$

Luo, Yang, Zhu, Zhu '19 available at 3L

The soft function in position space is defined as

$$\mathbf{S}(x, \{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}) = \langle 0 | \overline{\mathbf{T}} [Y_{n_1} Y_{n_2}^{\dagger} Y_{v_3} Y_{v_4}^{\dagger}] (x) \mathbf{T} [Y_{n_1}^{\dagger} Y_{n_2} Y_{v_3}^{\dagger} Y_{v_4}] (0) | 0 \rangle$$

With soft Wilson line

$$Y_{v_i}(x) = \mathbf{P} \exp \left(-ig_s \int_0^{\infty} dt v_i \cdot A_s^a(x + tv_i) \mathbf{T}^a \right)$$

Exclusive Soft Function

Y. Li, S. Mantry, F. Petriello '11

If we keep the full dependence on x^μ **Exclusive soft function !**

$$S(x, \{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}) = \langle 0 | \overline{\mathbf{T}} [Y_{n_1} Y_{n_2}^\dagger Y_{v_3} Y_{v_4}^\dagger] (x) \mathbf{T} [Y_{n_1}^\dagger Y_{n_2} Y_{v_3}^\dagger Y_{v_4}] (0) | 0 \rangle$$

and transform it into momentum space for convenience

$$S(x, \{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}) = \int d\omega e^{i\omega t} S(\omega, \{\eta, \underline{n}, \underline{v}\})$$

with

$$S(\omega, \{\eta, \underline{n}, \underline{v}\}) = \langle 0 | \overline{\mathbf{T}} [Y_{n_1} Y_{n_2}^\dagger Y_{v_3} Y_{v_4}^\dagger] (0) \delta(\omega - \eta \cdot \hat{p}) \mathbf{T} [Y_{n_1}^\dagger Y_{n_2} Y_{v_3}^\dagger Y_{v_4}] (0) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\text{Threshold : } \eta^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0), \quad t = x^0$$

$$\text{TMD : } \eta^\mu = (\tau/x_T, -i \cos \phi, -i \sin \phi, 0), \quad t = i x_T$$

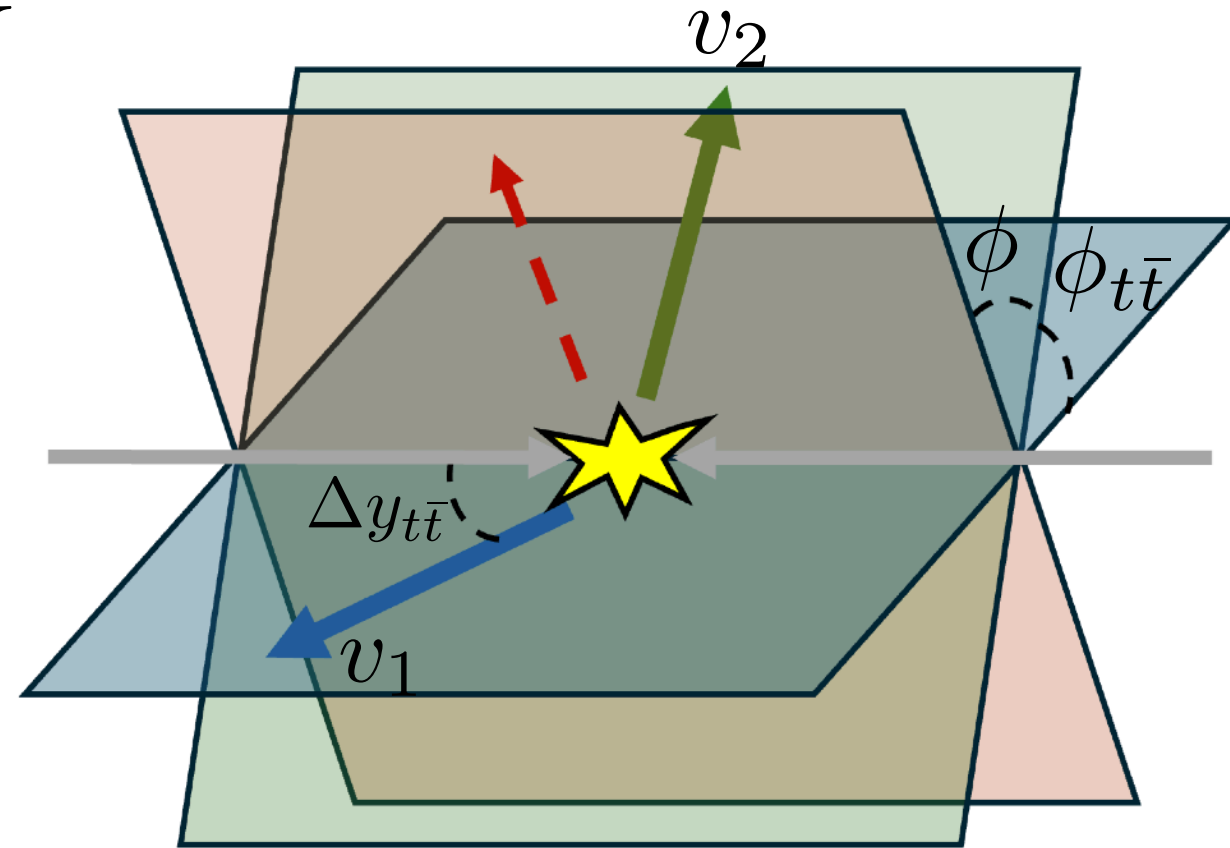
Regulator for rapidity divergences

Y. Li, H.X. Zhu '16

Kinematics

• Consider $p + p \rightarrow t + \bar{t} + h + X$

1. Azimuthal angle of t-tbar $\phi_{t\bar{t}}$
2. Azimuthal angle of gluon-top ϕ
3. Difference of rapidity $\Delta y_{t\bar{t}}$
4. Velocity of top v_1
5. Velocity of anti-top v_2



The exclusive soft function depends on 5 kinematic variables

$$\{\cos \phi, \cos \phi_{t\bar{t}}, \Delta y_{t\bar{t}}, v_1^2, v_2^2\}$$

But they are not suitable for analytical calculation.

What are good variables for analytical calculation?

Kinematics

The soft Wilson line $Y_{v_i}(x) = \mathbf{P} \exp \left(-ig_s \int_0^\infty dt \, v_i \cdot A_s^a(x + tv_i) \mathbf{T}^a \right)$

is invariant under rescaling $v_i \rightarrow \alpha v_i$ **cross ratios are preferred !!!**

- 1 : massless dipole: $\frac{\eta^2(n_1 \cdot n_2)}{(\eta \cdot n_1)(\eta \cdot n_2)}$
- 2 : $n_j - v_i$ dipole: $\frac{\eta \cdot v_i}{\sqrt{\eta^2} \sqrt{v_i^2}} \quad \frac{(v_i \cdot n_j) \sqrt{\eta^2}}{(\eta \cdot n_j) \sqrt{v_i^2}}$
- 3 : massive dipole: $\frac{\eta \cdot v_1}{\sqrt{\eta^2} \sqrt{v_1^2}} \quad \frac{\eta \cdot v_2}{\sqrt{\eta^2} \sqrt{v_2^2}} \quad \frac{v_1 \cdot v_2}{\sqrt{v_1^2} \sqrt{v_2^2}}$
- 4 : $n_1 - n_2 - v_i$ tripole: $\frac{\eta^2(n_1 \cdot n_2)}{(\eta \cdot n_1)(\eta \cdot n_2)} \quad \frac{\eta \cdot v_i}{\sqrt{\eta^2} \sqrt{v_i^2}} \quad \frac{(v_i \cdot n_1) \sqrt{\eta^2}}{(\eta \cdot n_1) \sqrt{v_i^2}} \quad \frac{(v_i \cdot n_2) \sqrt{\eta^2}}{(\eta \cdot n_2) \sqrt{v_i^2}}$
- 5 : $n_i - v_1 - v_2$ tripole: $\frac{\eta \cdot v_1}{\sqrt{\eta^2} \sqrt{v_1^2}} \quad \frac{\eta \cdot v_2}{\sqrt{\eta^2} \sqrt{v_2^2}} \quad \frac{v_1 \cdot v_2}{\sqrt{v_1^2} \sqrt{v_2^2}} \quad \frac{(v_1 \cdot n_i) \sqrt{\eta^2}}{(\eta \cdot n_i) \sqrt{v_1^2}} \quad \frac{(v_2 \cdot n_i) \sqrt{\eta^2}}{(\eta \cdot n_i) \sqrt{v_2^2}}$

Method

- Two contributions: Double real and real virtual
- IBP reduction with reverse unitary
- Differential equations (DEs)
- Canonical form : leading singularities and Magnus series expansion
- Rationalization
- Master integrals (MIs) are expressed by GPLs

Example: DE for MIs at NLO

$$\partial_z \vec{\mathcal{I}} = \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2-1}} & \frac{2z}{z^2-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{4\sqrt{x^2-1}(yz-x)}{\sqrt{z^2-1}(x^2-2xyz+y^2+z^2-1)} & -\frac{4\sqrt{x^2-1}\sqrt{y^2-1}}{x^2-2xyz+y^2+z^2-1} & \frac{2(z-xy)}{x^2-2xyz+y^2+z^2-1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{I}}.$$

Challenge at NNLO

- Canonical form for DEs for all the cases are obtained!
- Multiple square roots in DEs for tripole correlations , can NOT be rationalized !

Square roots appear in $n_i - v_1 - v_2$ tripole

$$\left\{ \sqrt{x^2 - 1}, \sqrt{y^2 - 1}, \sqrt{z^2 - 1}, \right. \\ \left. \sqrt{u^2 z^2 - u^2 + 2uwx - 2uwy - 2uxz + 2uy + w^2 y^2 - w^2 - 2wxy + 2wz + x^2 - 1} \right\}$$

First, we have to verify how many letters are involved in the amplitudes up to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$ at NNLO

Soft function in Lepton Collisions

The renormalized soft function

Z.L. Liu, P. Monni, to appear

$$\tilde{S}(L) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} (-\Gamma_0^S L + c_1^S) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^2 \left[\left(\beta_0 \Gamma_0^S + \frac{1}{2} (\Gamma_0^S)^2 \right) L^2 - [c_1^S (\Gamma_0^S + 2\beta_0) + \Gamma_1^S] L + c_2^S \right]$$

The non-logarithmic term at NLO

$$c_1^S = 8 \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{y^2 - 1}} G_{1,t} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 - 1}} G_{1,u} - \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \left[G_{\lambda_1,1,r} + G_{\lambda_2,1,r} + G_{\lambda_3,1,r} + G_{\lambda_4,1,r} - 2G_{0,1,r} - 2G_{2,1,r} + G_{1,t} (G_{\lambda_1,r} - G_{\lambda_2,r} - G_{\lambda_3,r} + G_{\lambda_4,r}) + G_{1,u} (G_{\lambda_1,r} - G_{\lambda_2,r} + G_{\lambda_3,r} - G_{\lambda_4,r}) \right] \right)$$

There are 23 letters in GPLs for NNLO. 18 of them are the roots of

$$\lambda^4 + \lambda^3(4yz - 4) + 4\lambda^2(y^2 - 3yz + z^2 + 1) - 8\lambda(y - z)^2 + 4(y - z)^2 = 0,$$

$$\lambda^4 + \lambda^3(4yz - 4) + 4\lambda^2(z^2 - 3yz + 2) - 8\lambda(z^2 - 2yz + 1) + 4(z^2 - 2yz + 1) = 0,$$

$$\lambda^4 + \lambda^3(4yz - 4) + 4\lambda^2(y^2 - 3yz + 2) - 8\lambda(y^2 - 2yz + 1) + 4(y^2 - 2yz + 1) = 0,$$

$$\lambda^4 + 4\lambda^3(y - 1) - 12\lambda^2(y - 1) + 16\lambda(y - 1) - 8(y - 1) = 0,$$

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda(y - 1) - 2(y - 1) = 0$$

The NNLO expression is very long, but already available!!!

Summary

- Factorization and Resummation are required to match the precise experimental measurements
- Exclusive soft function fits to various observables
- Azimuthal angle dependence of the soft function is obtained for the first time
- more differential and more efficient

Thanks for your attention!