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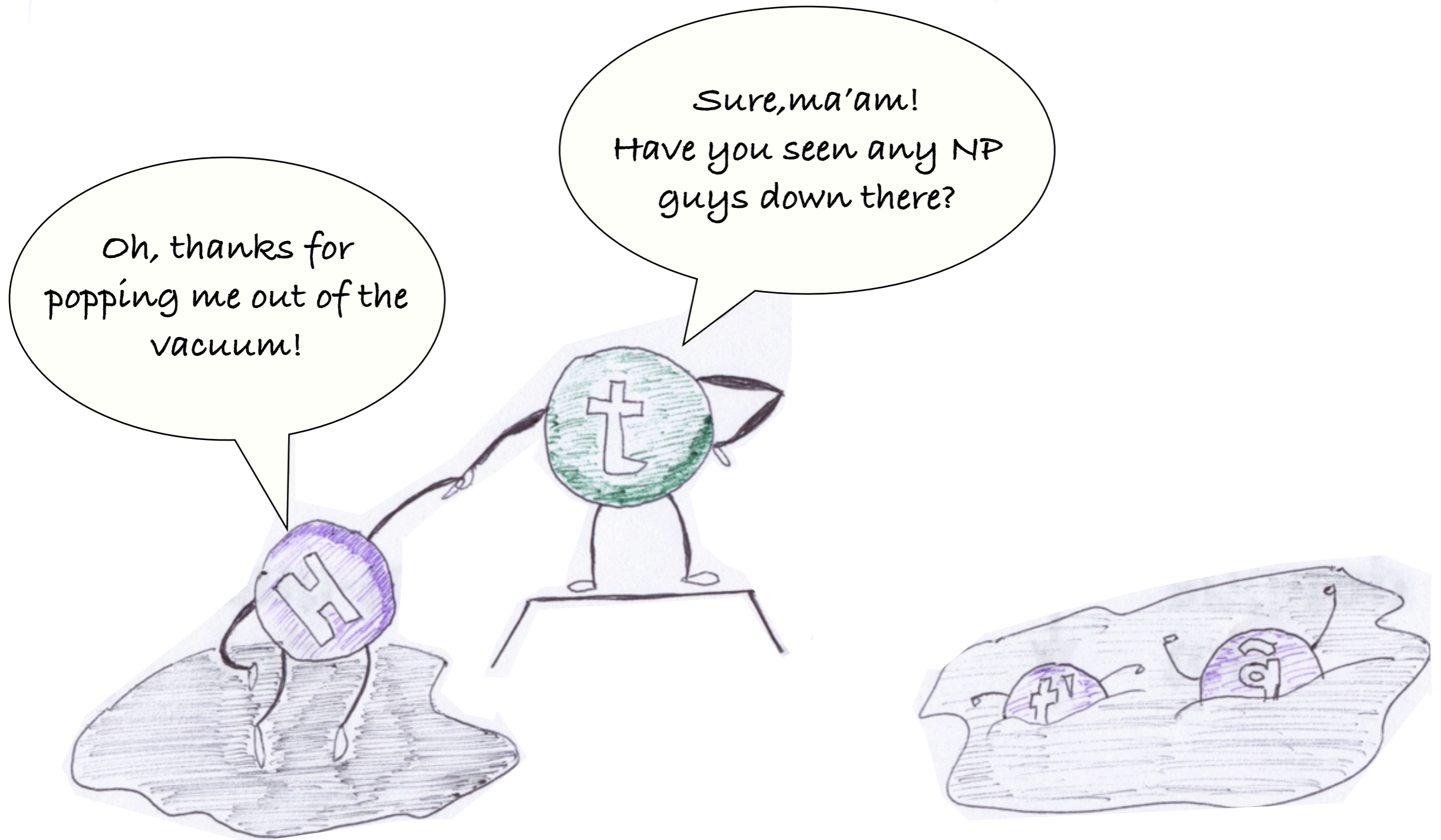
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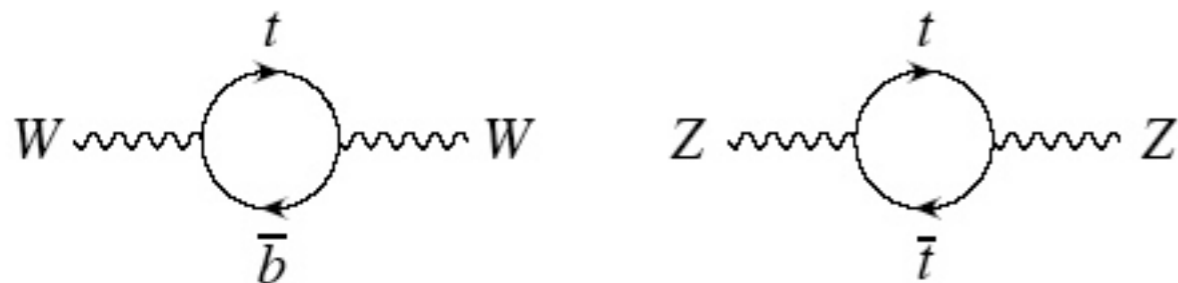
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PRECISION MEASUREMENTS

Indirect evidence for the existence of particles not yet detected can be inferred from quantum corrections.

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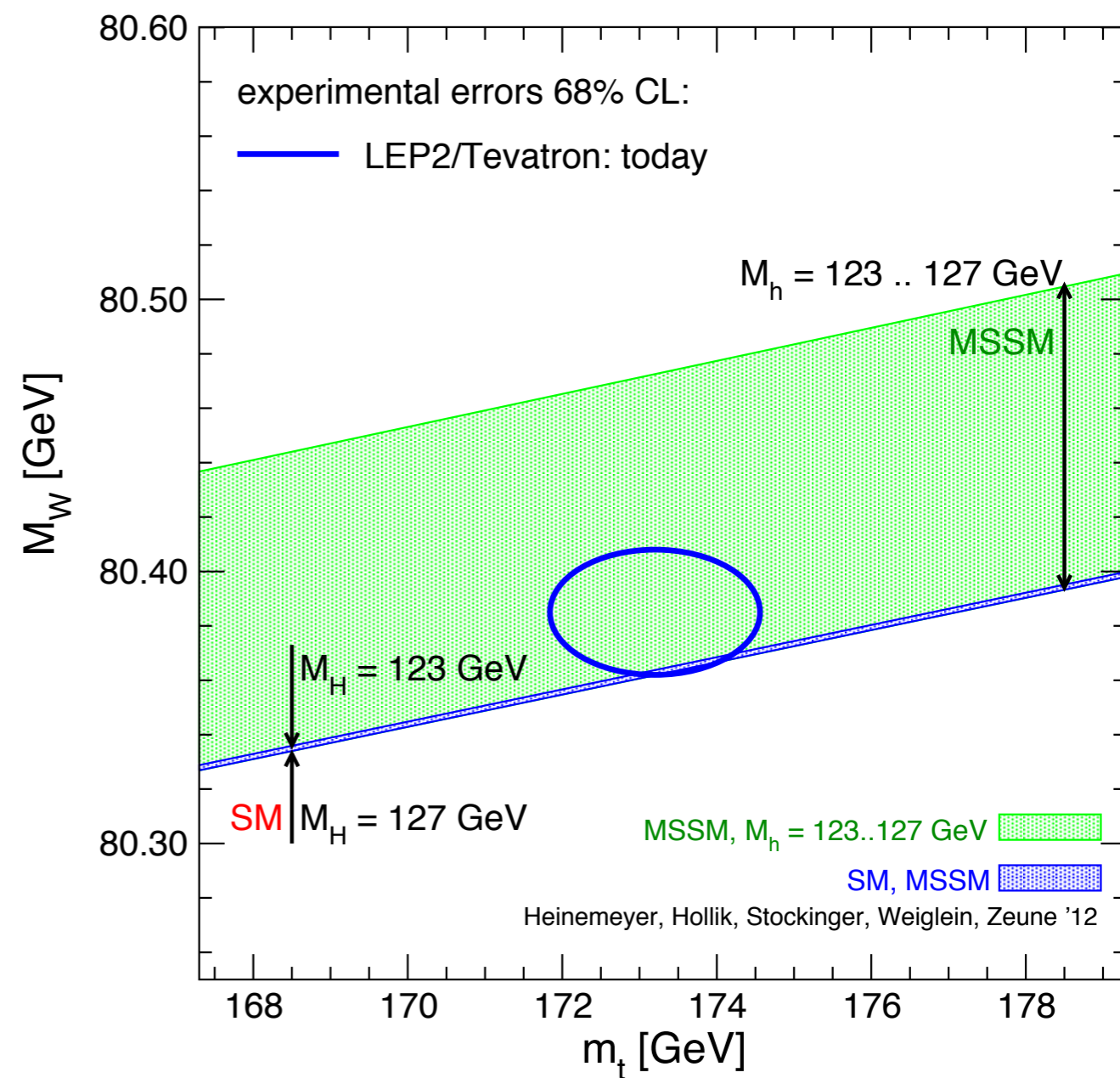


$$\Delta r_{\text{top}} = -\frac{3\alpha \cos^2 \theta_W}{16\pi \sin^4 \theta_W} \frac{m_t^2}{m_W^2}$$



$$\Delta r_{\text{Higgs}} = +\frac{11\alpha}{48\pi \sin^2 \theta_W} \log \frac{m_H^2}{m_W^2}$$

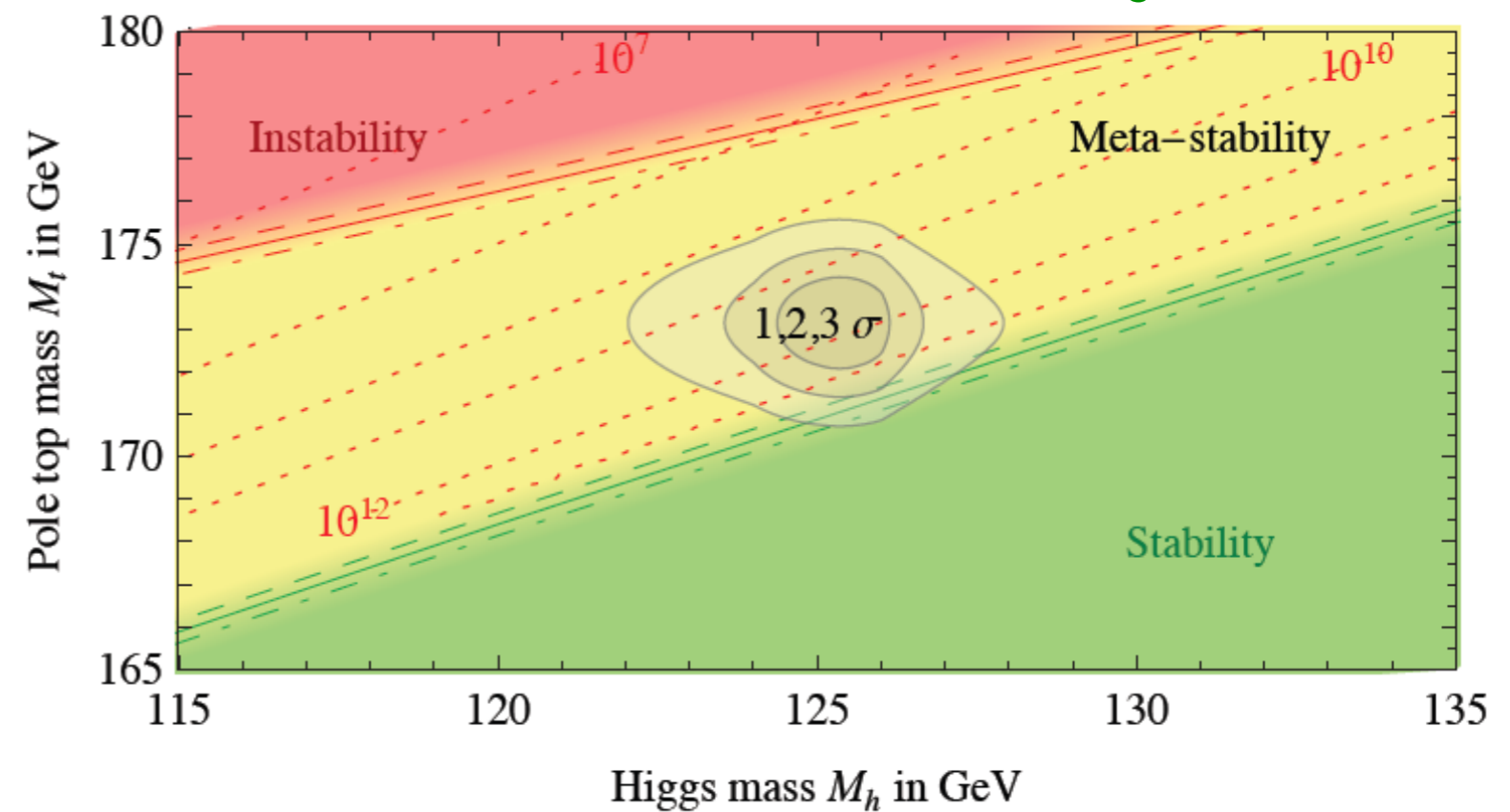
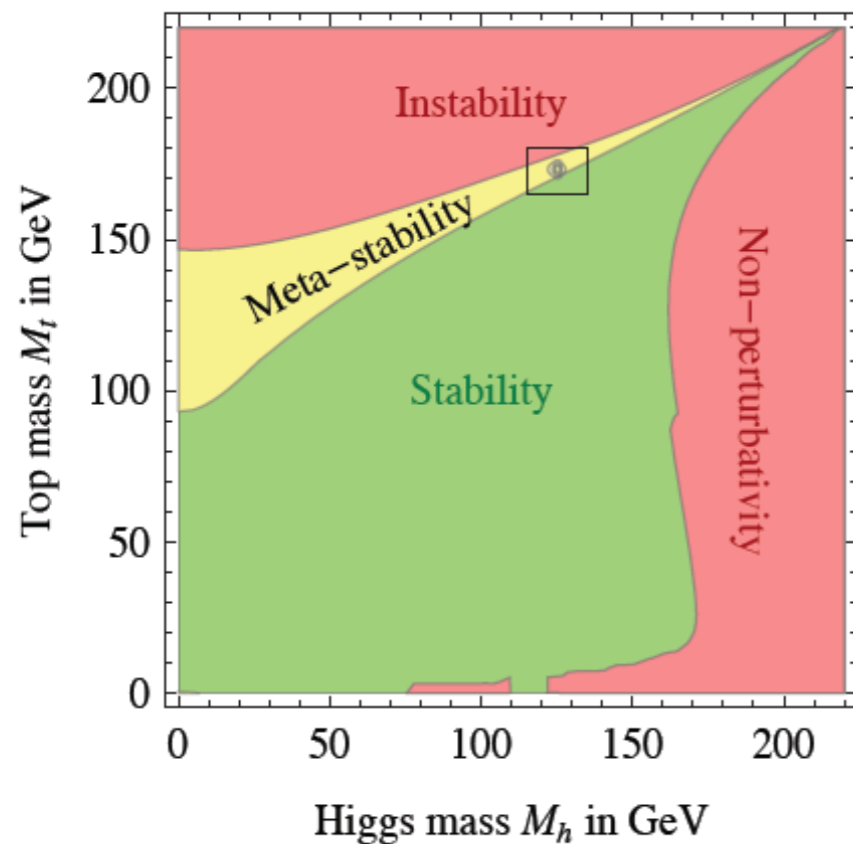
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The fate of the Universe depends on 1 GeV in m_t

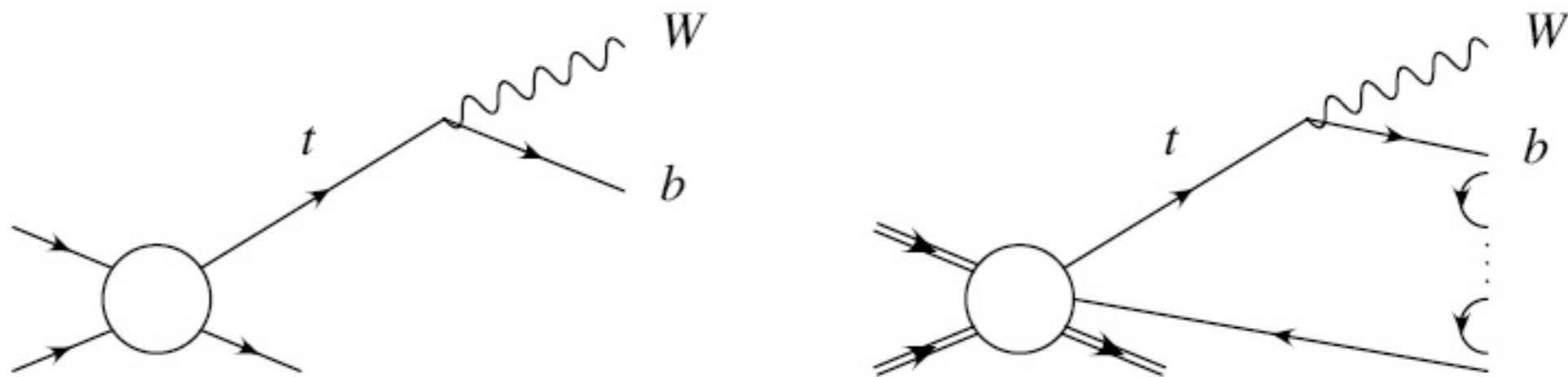
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$$y_t(M_t) = 0.93587 + 0.00557 \left(\frac{M_t}{\text{GeV}} - 173.15 \right) \dots \pm 0.00200_{t_h}$$

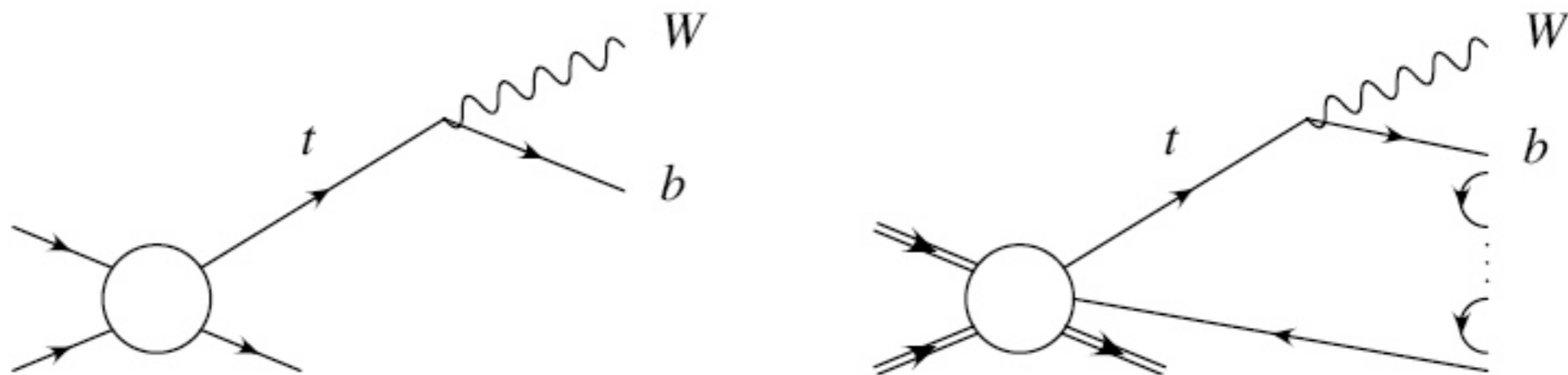
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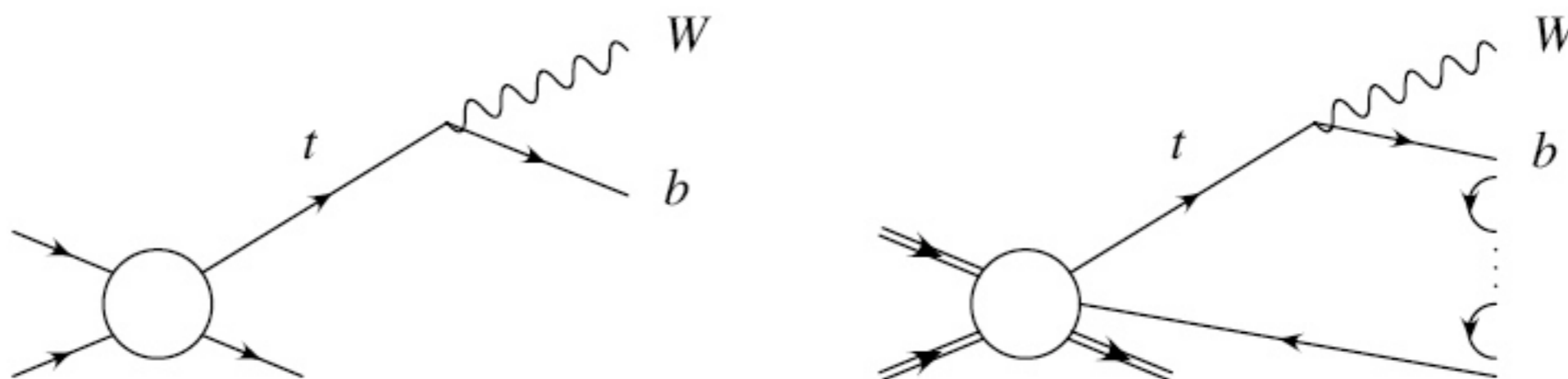
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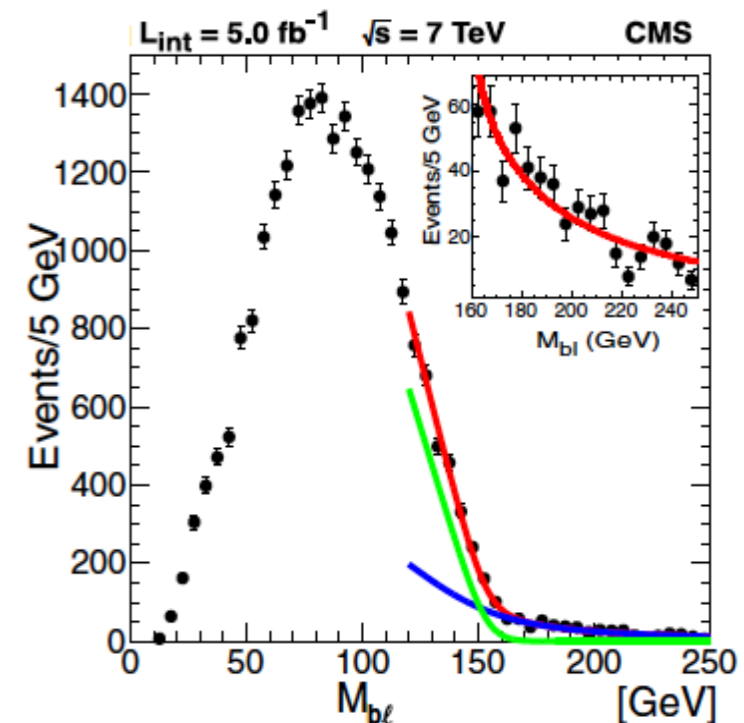
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3. End point method [\[CMS, 2013\]](#): m_{T2} , simple and resilient.

$$M_{bl}^{\max} = \sqrt{m_b^2 + \left(1 - \frac{m_V^2}{M_W^2}\right) (E_W^* + p^*) (E_b^* + p^*)}$$

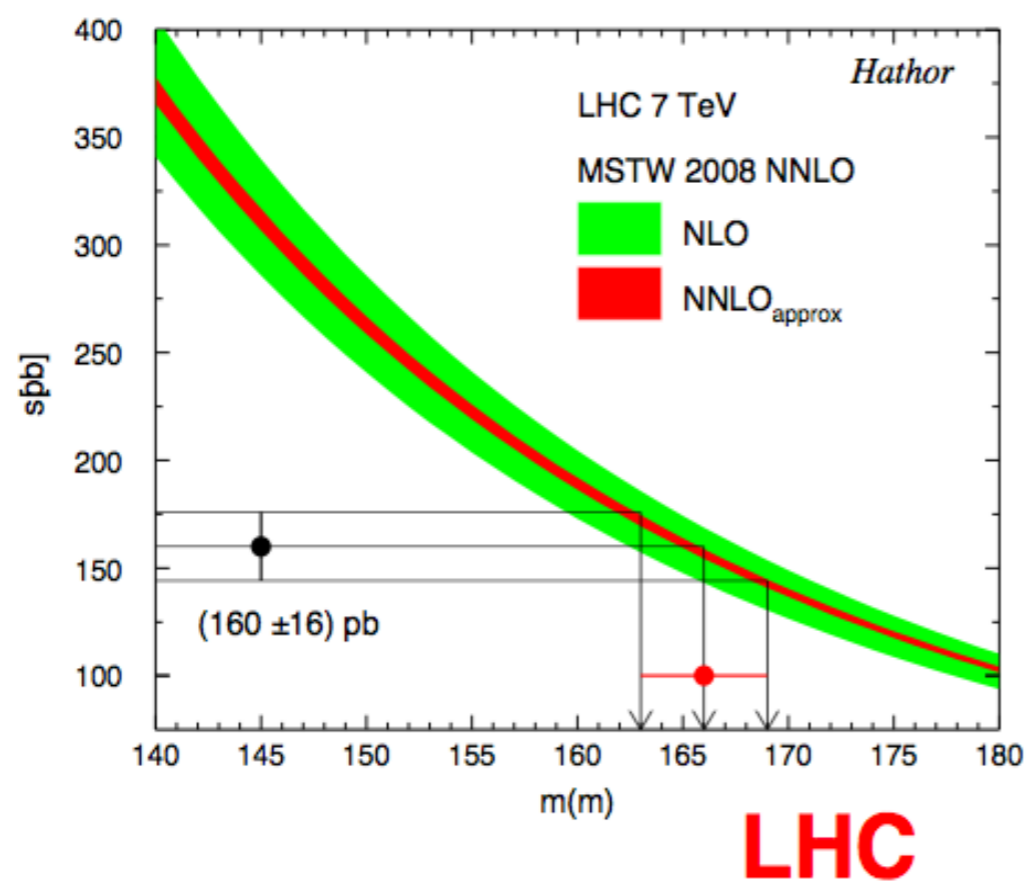


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3. Extraction of $m^{\overline{\text{MS}}}$ from the cross section

[[Langenfeld, Moch, Uwer 2009](#), [Beneke, Falgari, Klein, Schwinn`|| Ahrens, Ferroglia, Neubert, Pecjak, Yang`||](#)]



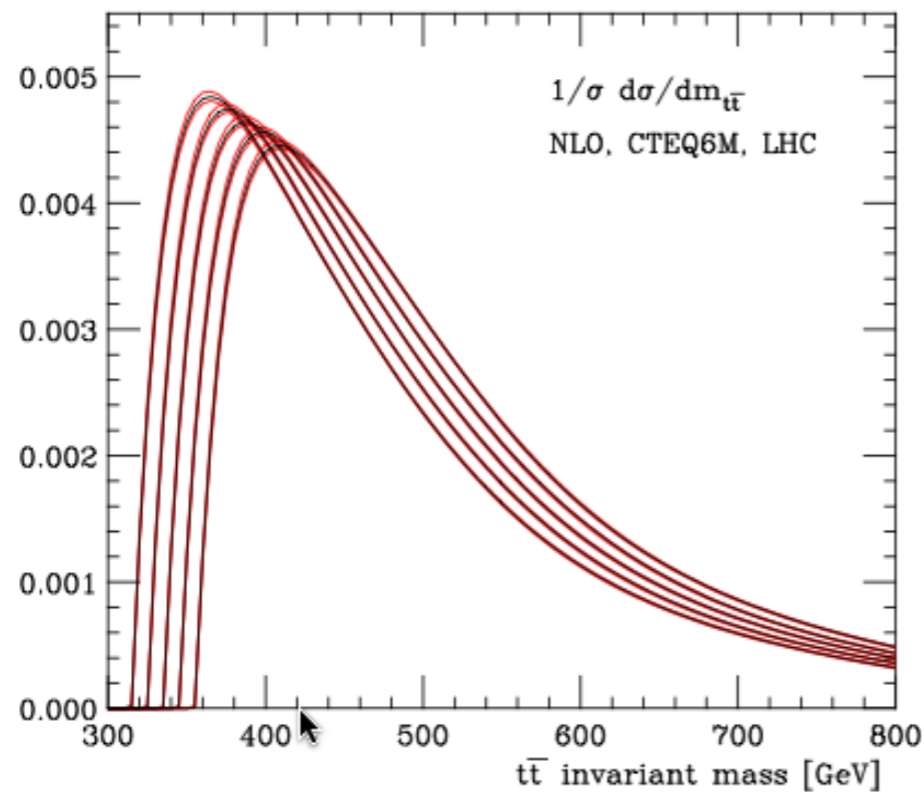
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- $\Delta m/m \sim 3\%$

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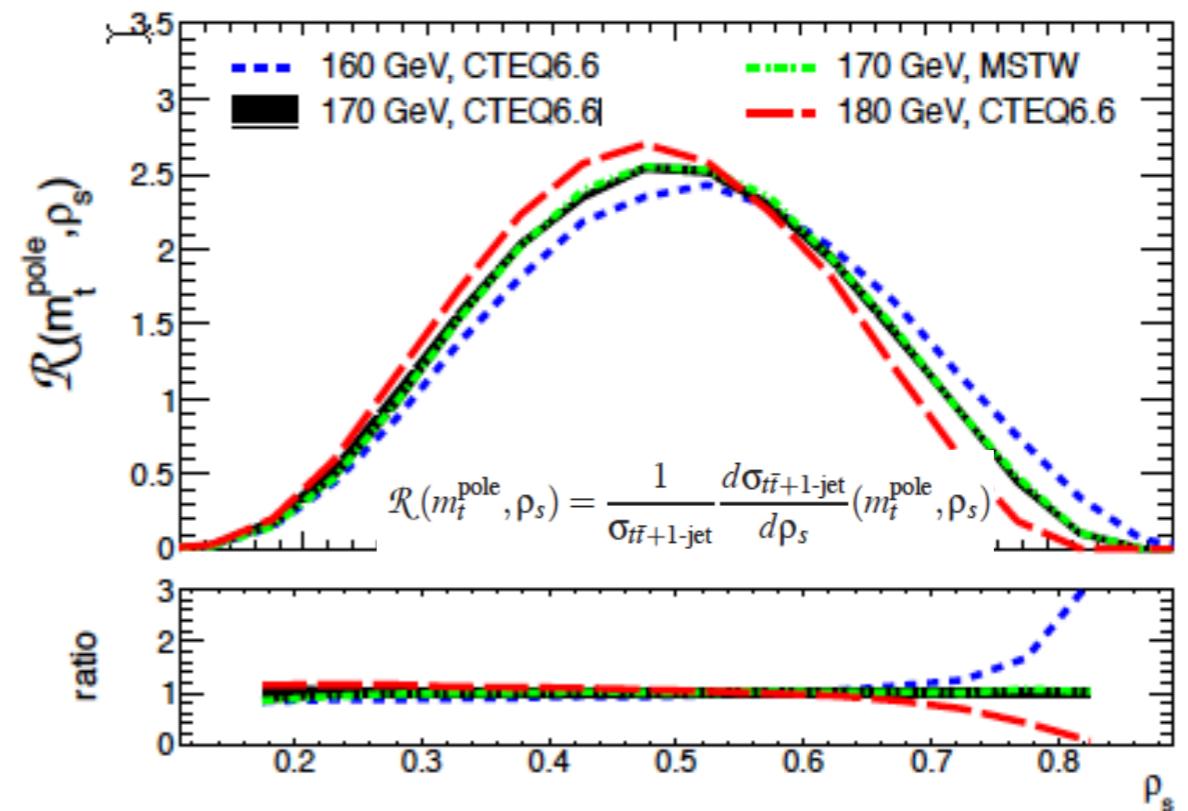
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4. Extraction of m_{top} from distributions:

[Frederix, FM 2009]



[Alioli et al. 2013]



Difficult roads, yet worth to be explored! Boosted states and single-top production could also be used to independently assess the impact of non-perturbative corrections.

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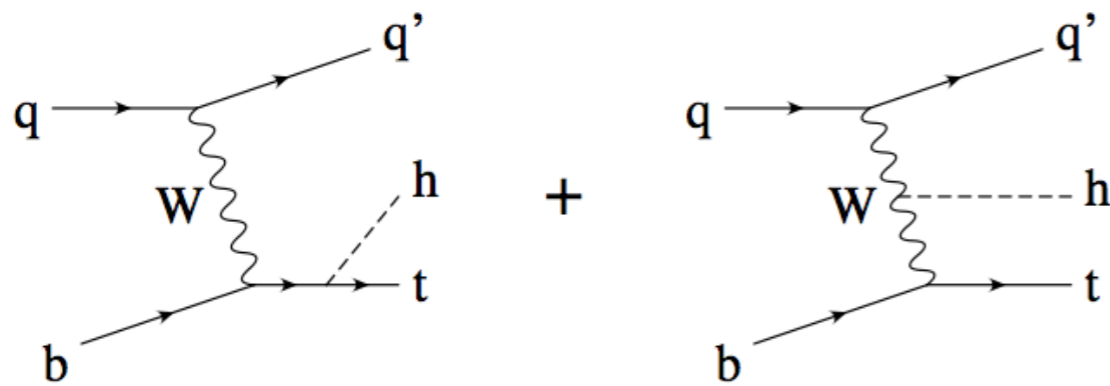
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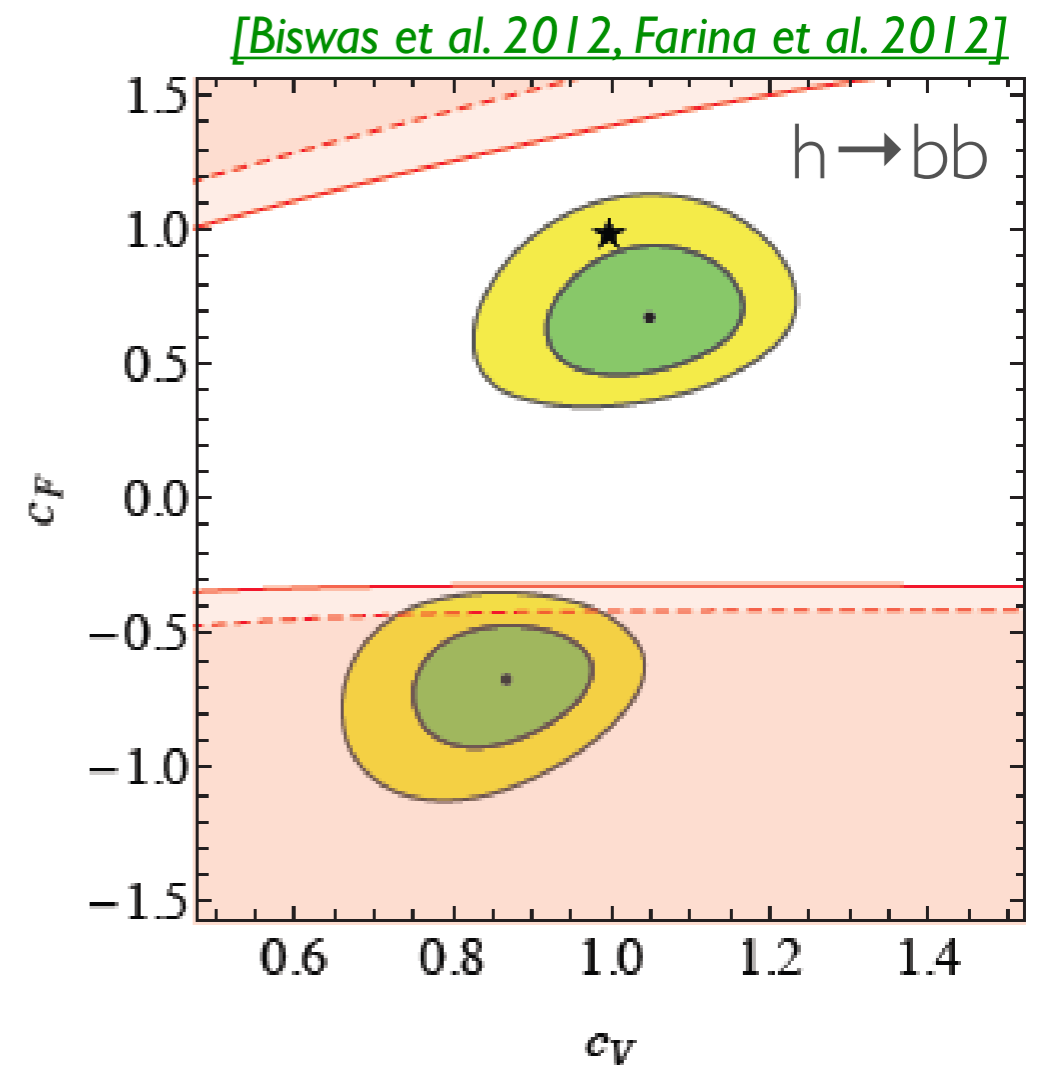
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Sign of the Yukawa coupling enters in the destructive interference between W and top loops in $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$. Another process exists with a similar behaviour:



aMC@NLO	$\sigma^{\text{NLO}}(pp \rightarrow thj)$ [fb]	
	$c_F = 1$	$c_F = -1$
8 TeV	$18.28^{+0.42}_{-0.38}$	$233.8^{+4.6}_{-0.}$
14 TeV	$88.2^{+1.7}_{-0.}$	982^{+28}_{-0}



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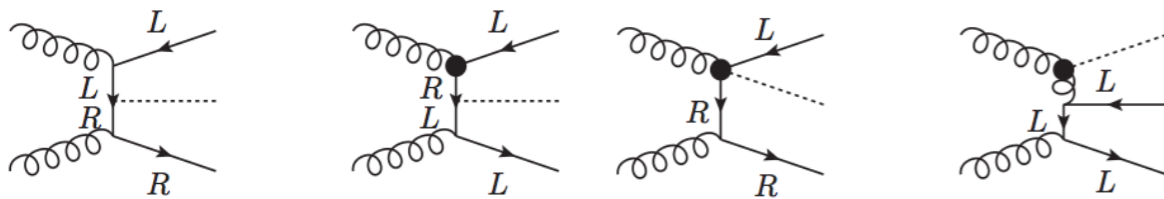
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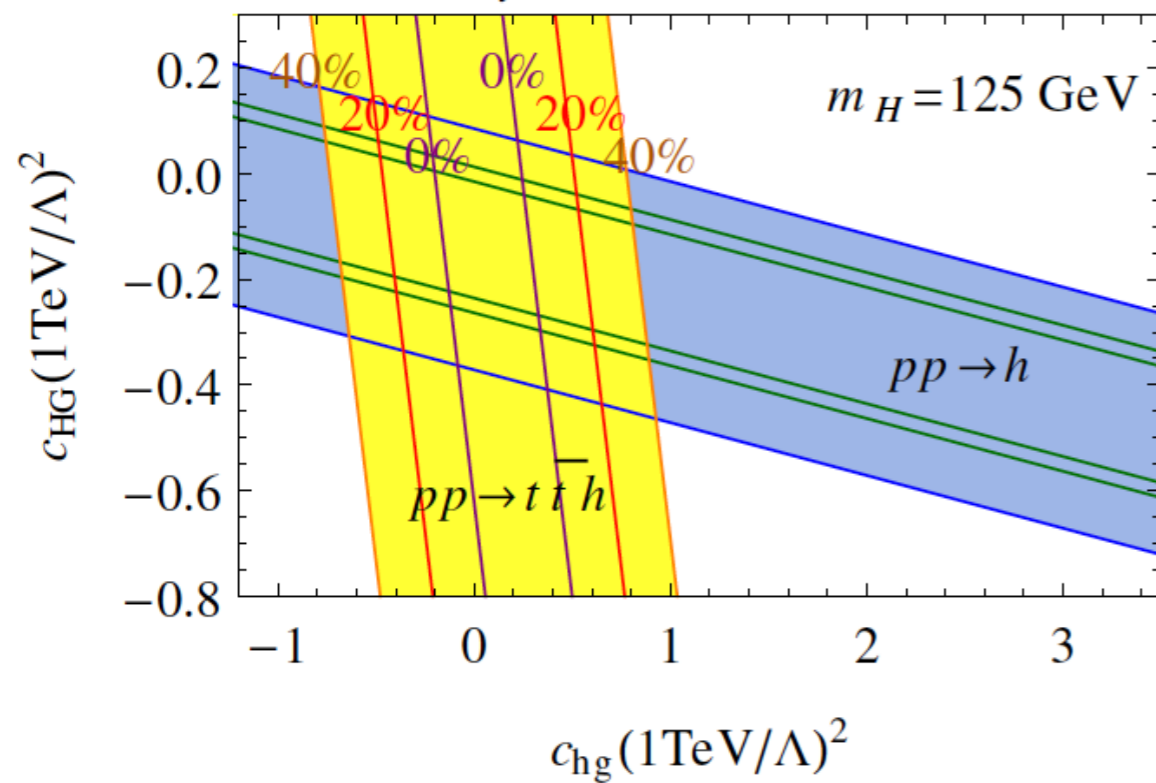
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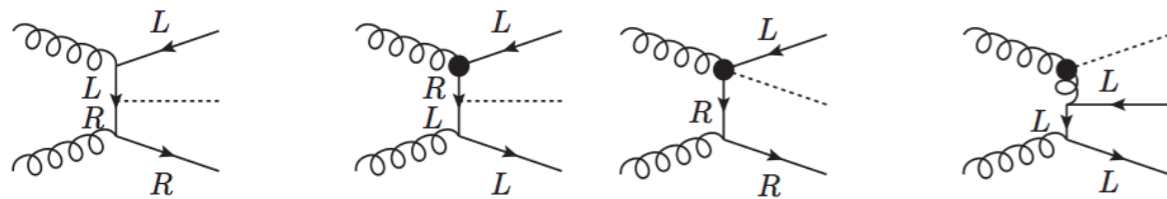
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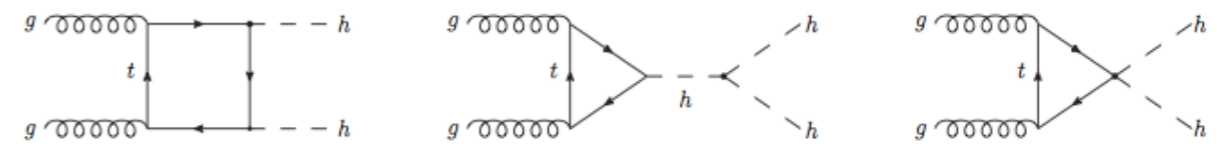
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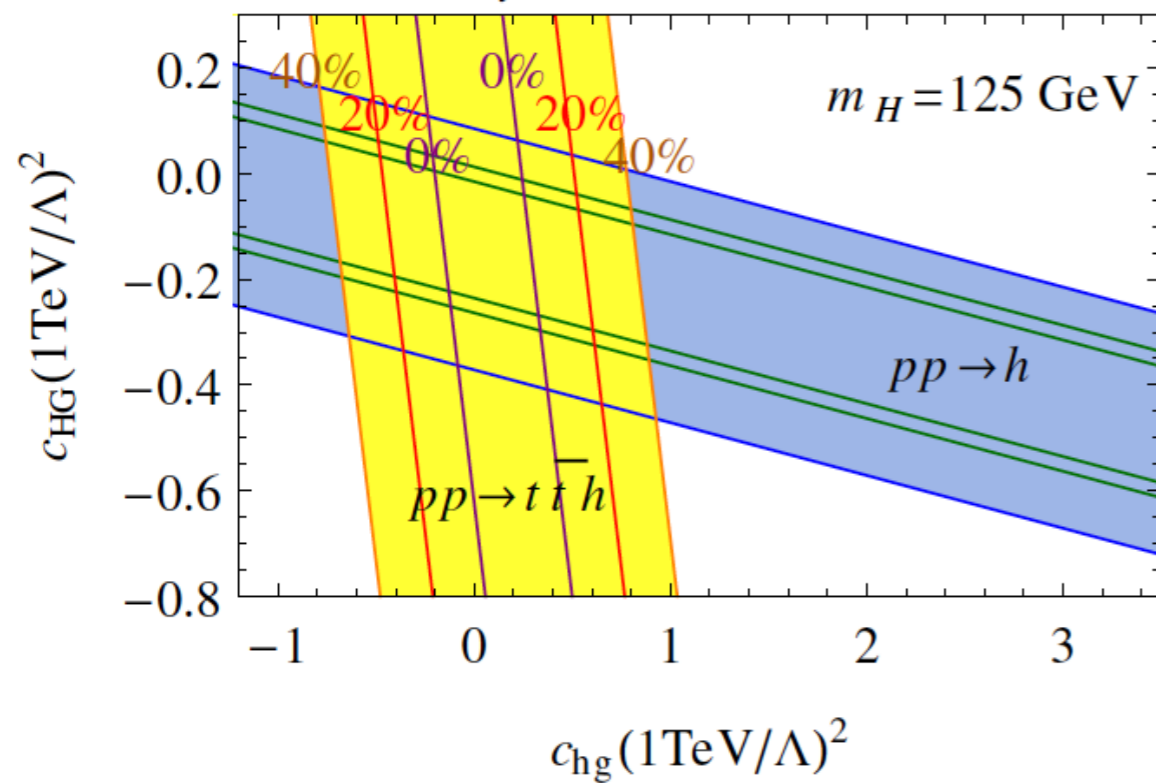
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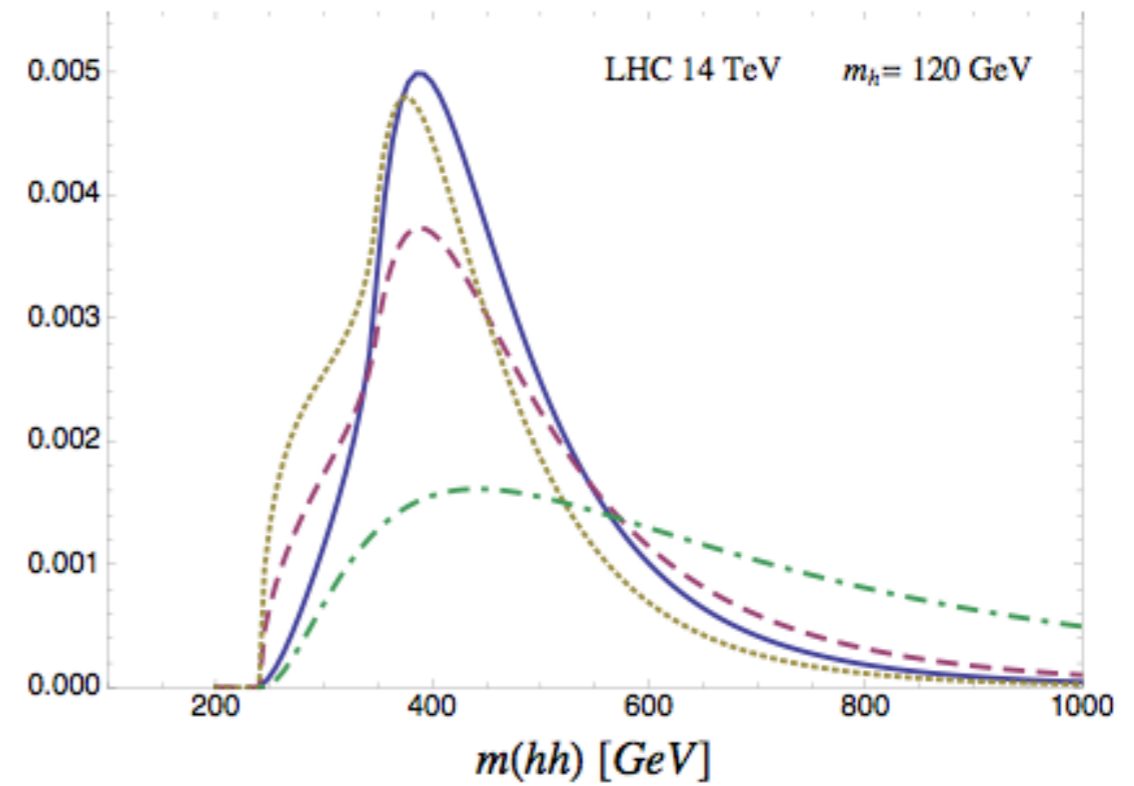
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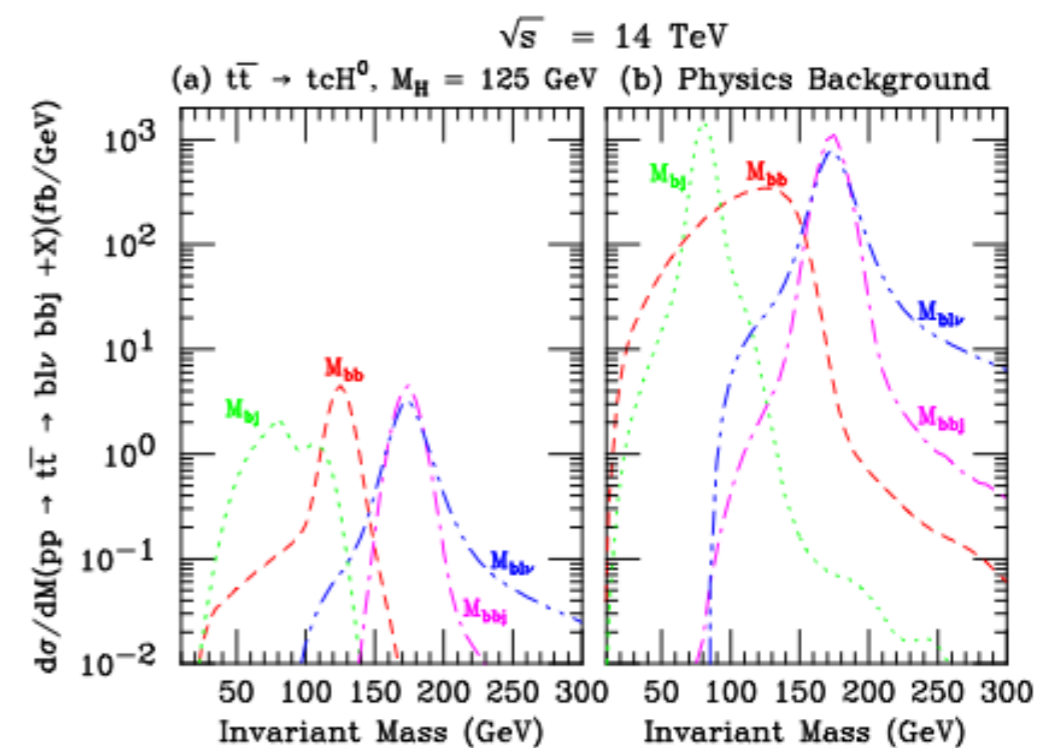
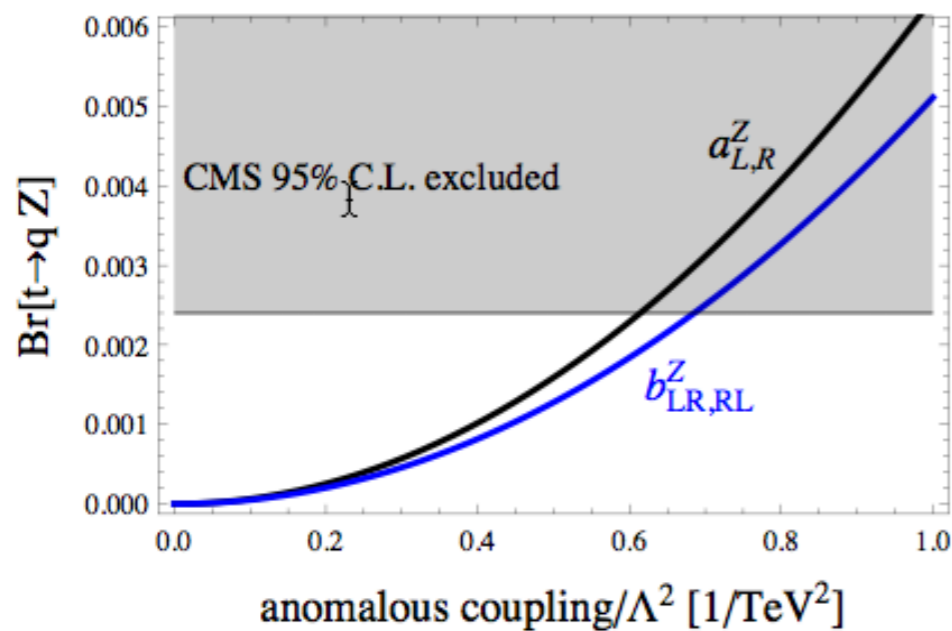
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FLAVOR PHYSICS

The study of FCNC couplings can bring new information:



[Drobnak, 2012 based on CMS and ATLAS results]

[Kao et al. 2011, Kai-Feng et al 2013]

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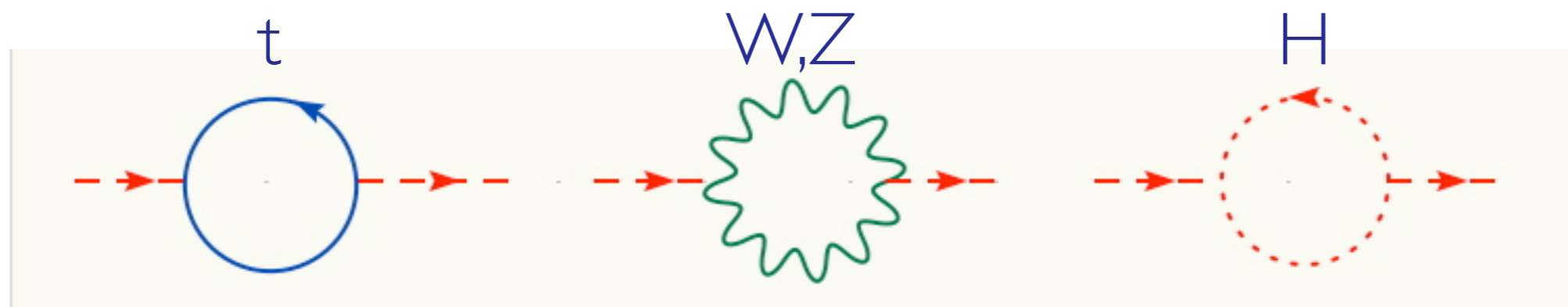
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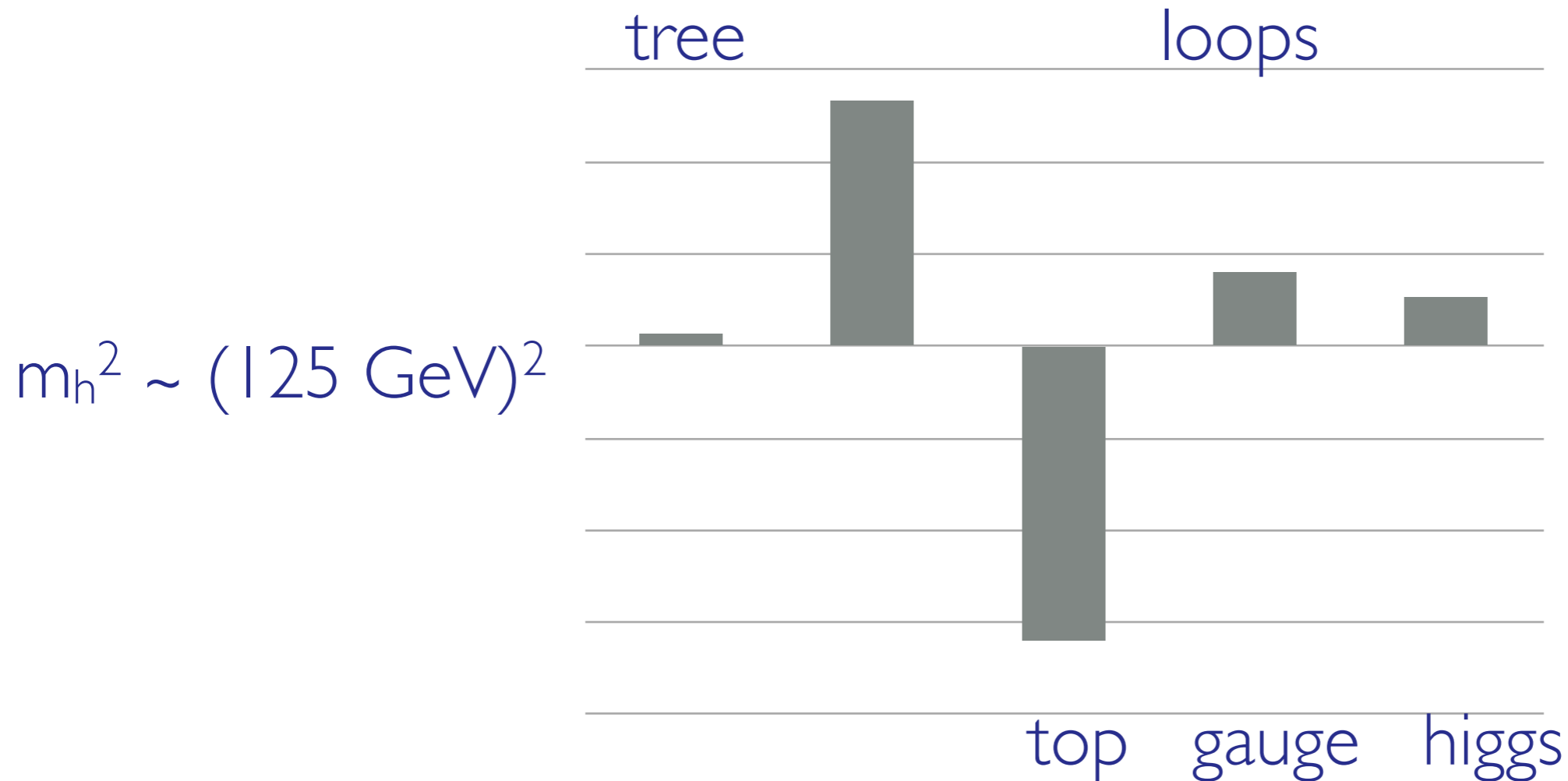


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Putting numbers, I have:

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Definition of naturalness: less than 90% cancellation:

$$\Lambda_t < 3 \text{ TeV} \quad \Lambda_t < 9 \text{ TeV} \quad \Lambda_t < 12 \text{ TeV}$$

One can actually prove that this case in model independent way, i.e. that the scale associated with top mass generation is very close to that of EWSB.

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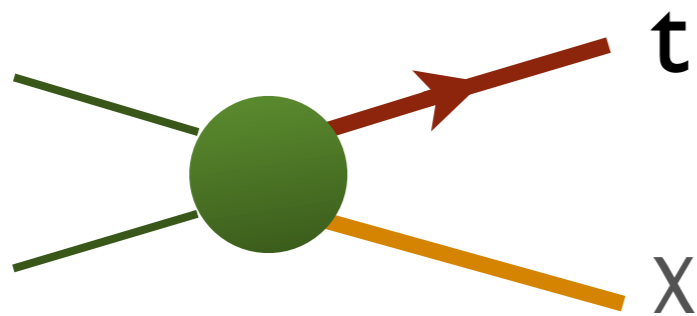
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- Precision measurement in $t\bar{t}$ events

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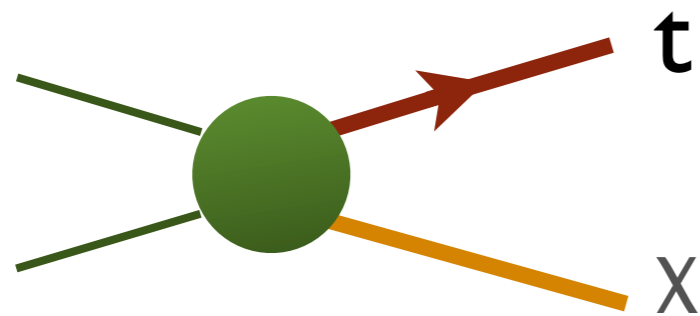


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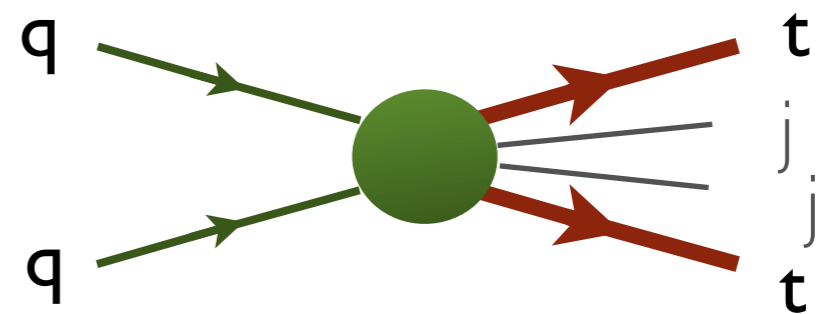
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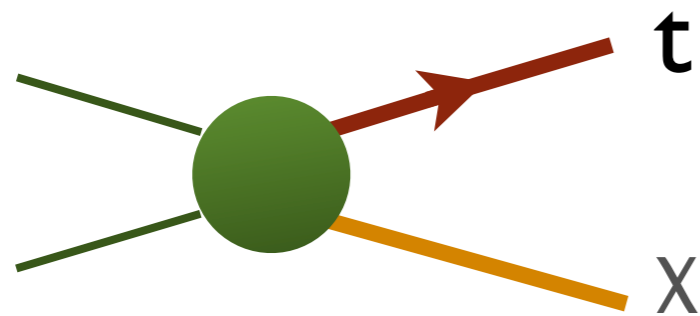


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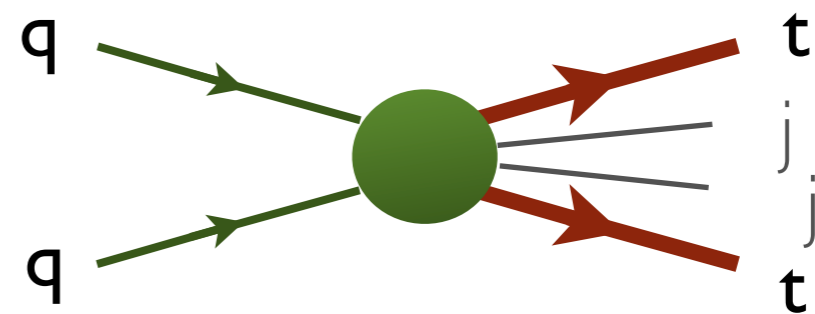
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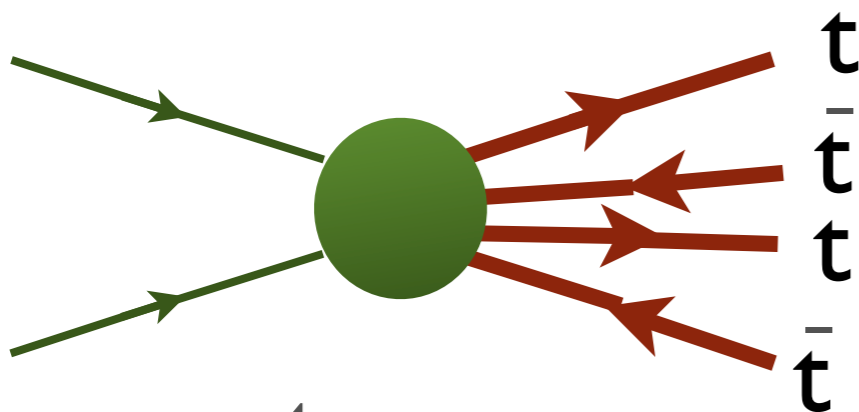
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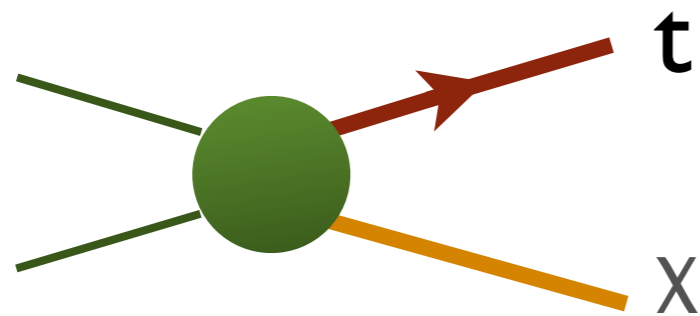


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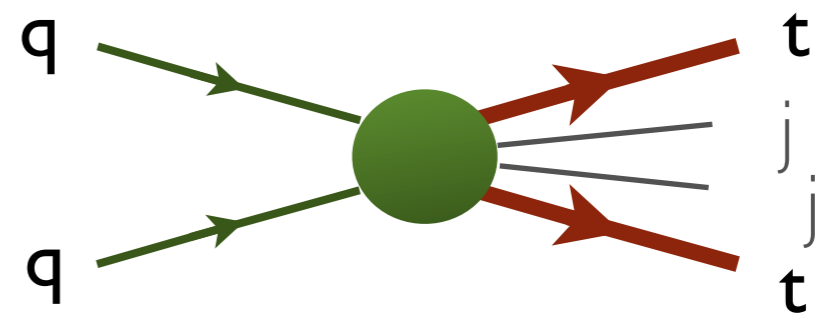
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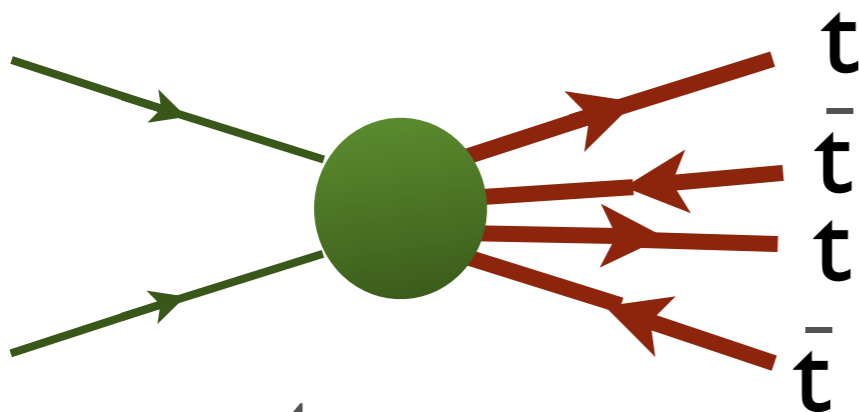
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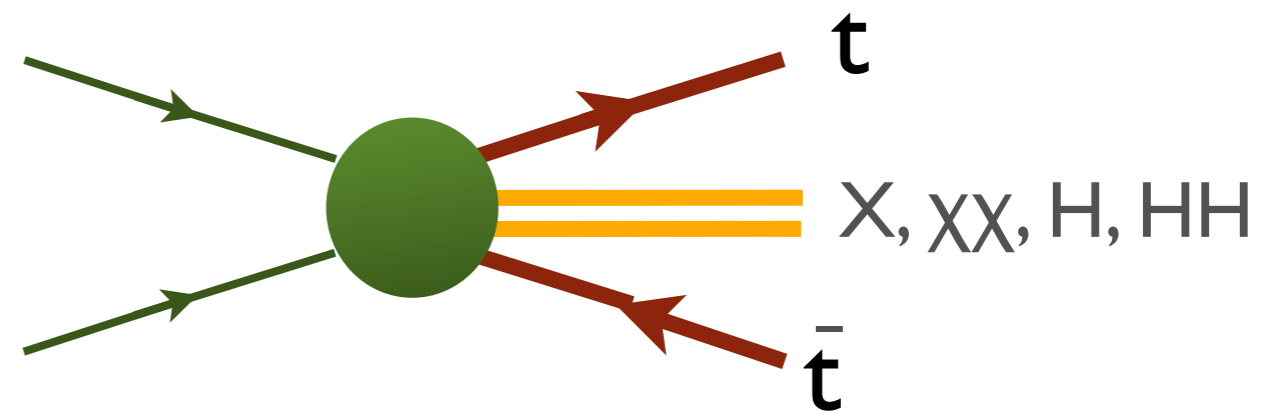
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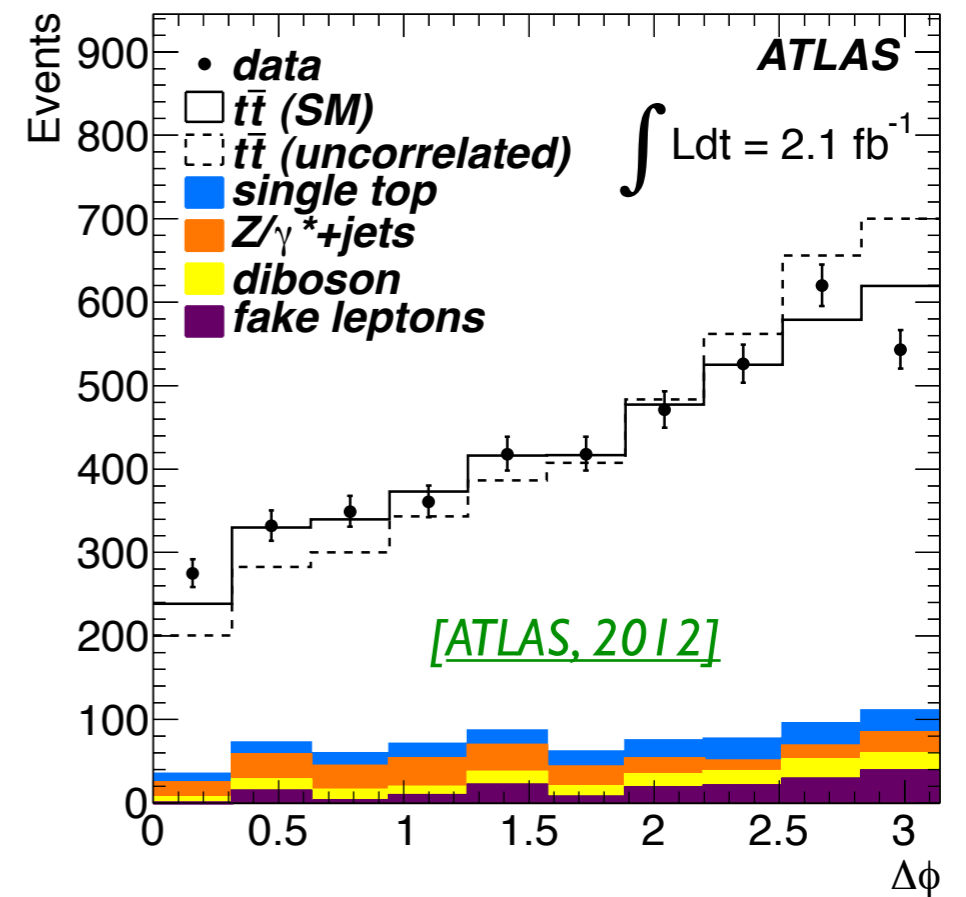
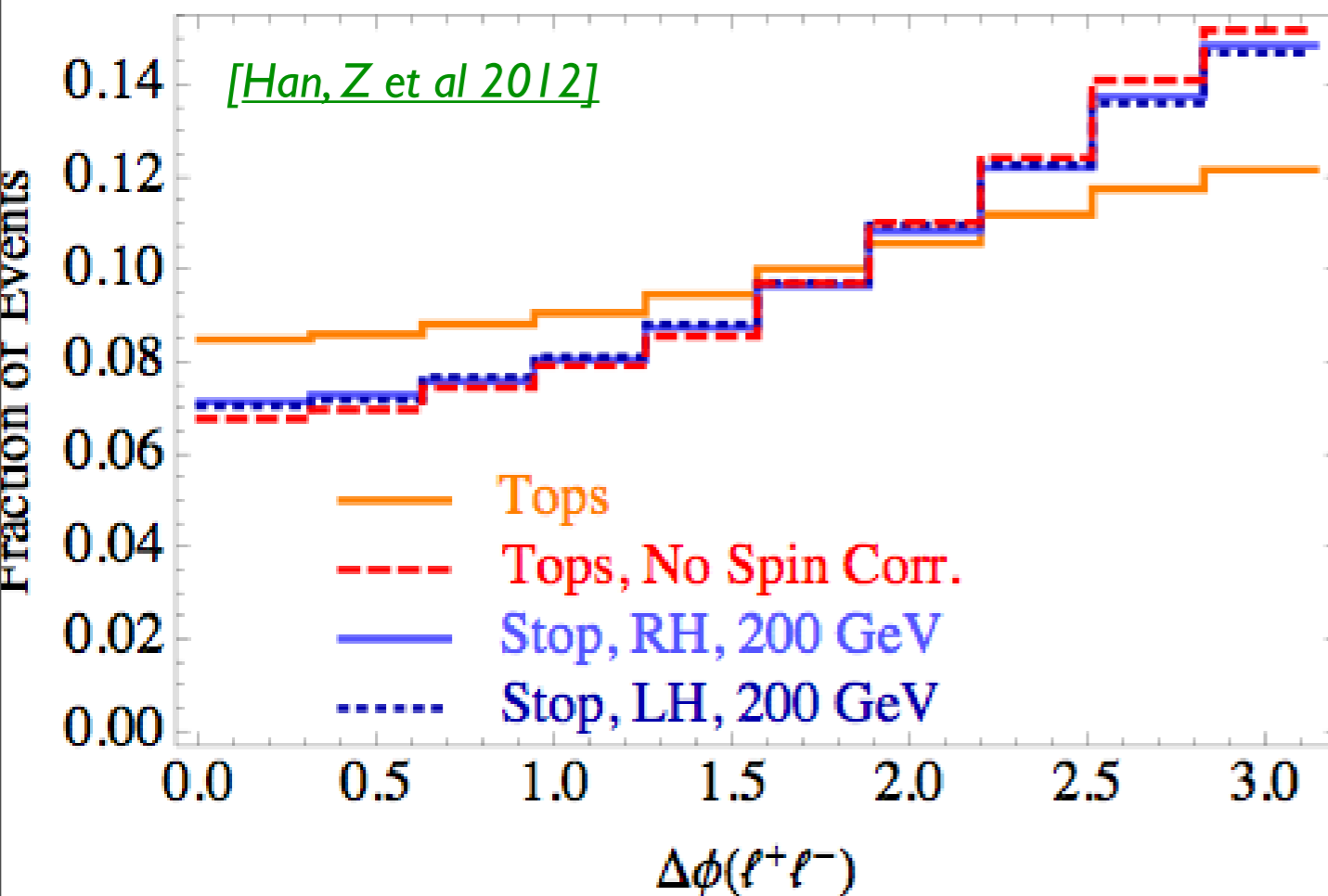
$t\bar{t} + E_T, H, \dots$

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Light stops are still viable. Spin correlation measurement could reveal their presence.

$\ell^+\ell^-$ Azimuthal Angle



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- ☹ No sign so far of BSM physics at the weak scale....



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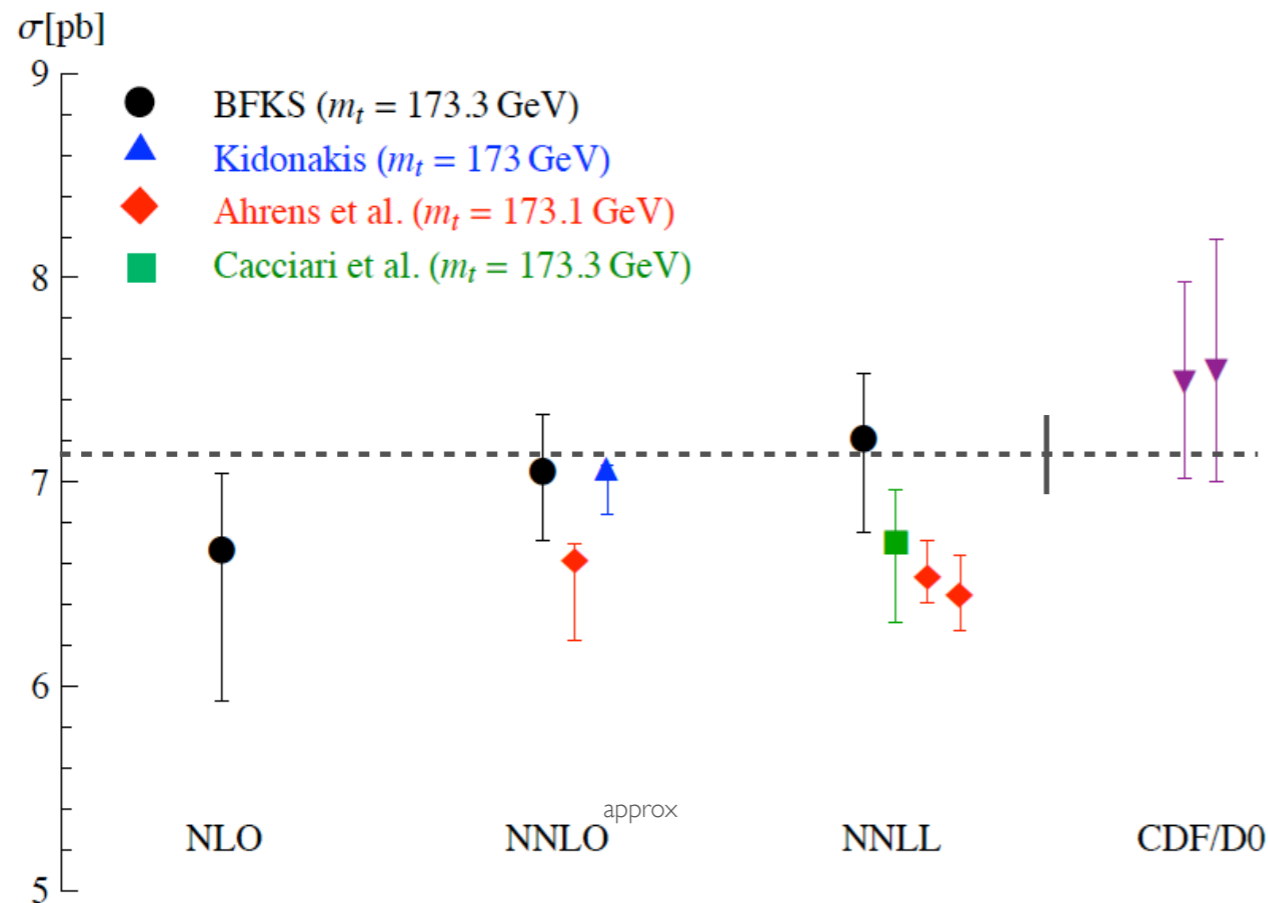
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SIGMA(T T BAR) AT NNLO

- A long history of theoretical achievements.
- Until two months ago $\sigma(t \bar{t})$ analyzed exclusively in approximate NNLO QCD

Tevatron



[Beneke, Falgari, Klein, Schwinn 2009-2011]

[Ahrens, Ferroglia, Neubert, Pecjak, Yang 2010-2011]

[Kidonakis 2003-2011]

[Aliev, Lacker, Langenfeld, Moch, Uwer, Wiedermann 2010]

[Cacciari, Czakon, Mangano, Mitov, Nason 2011]

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SIGMA(T T BAR) AT NNLO+NNLL

Monumental MILESTONE in perturbative QCD:

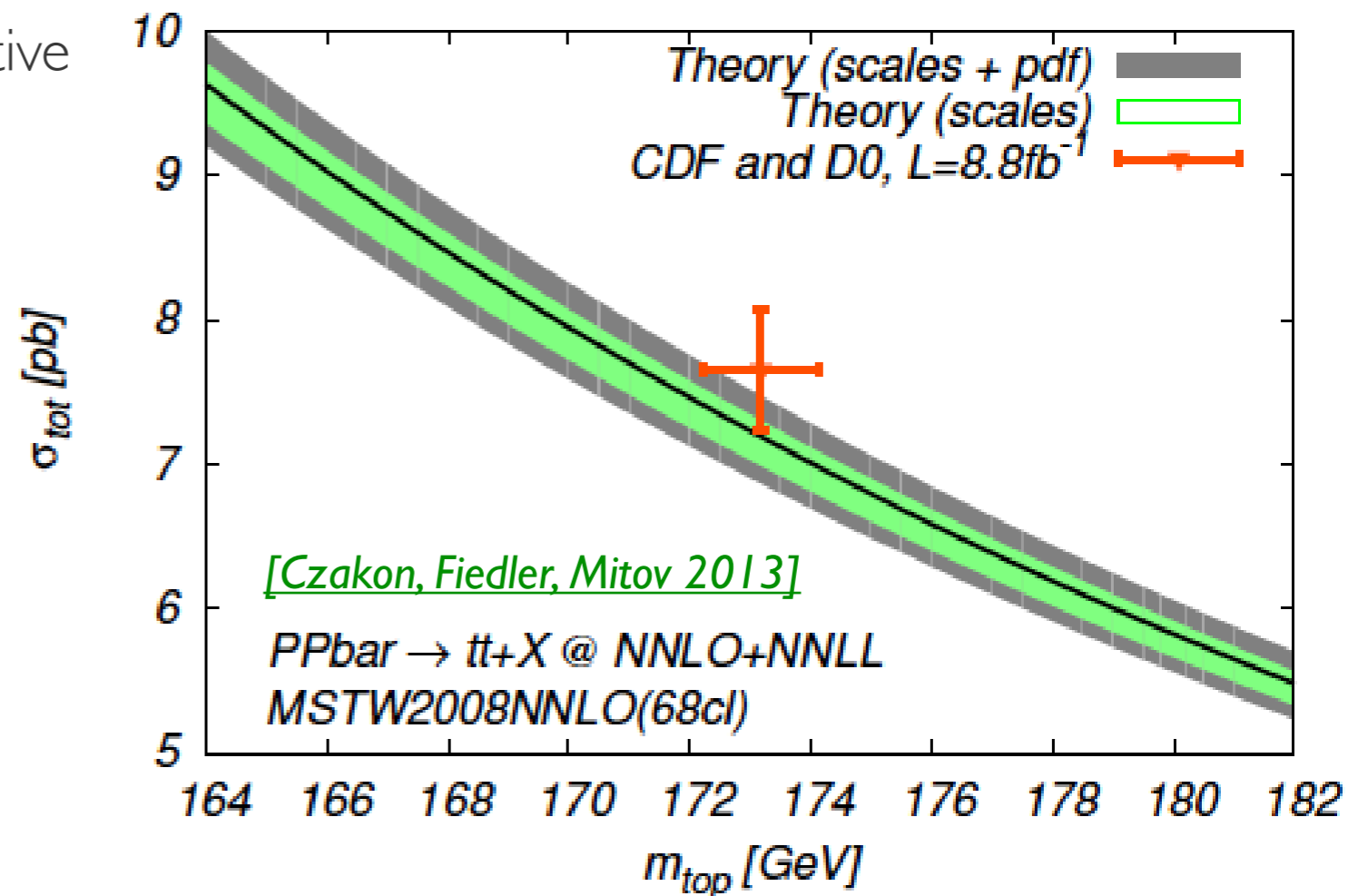
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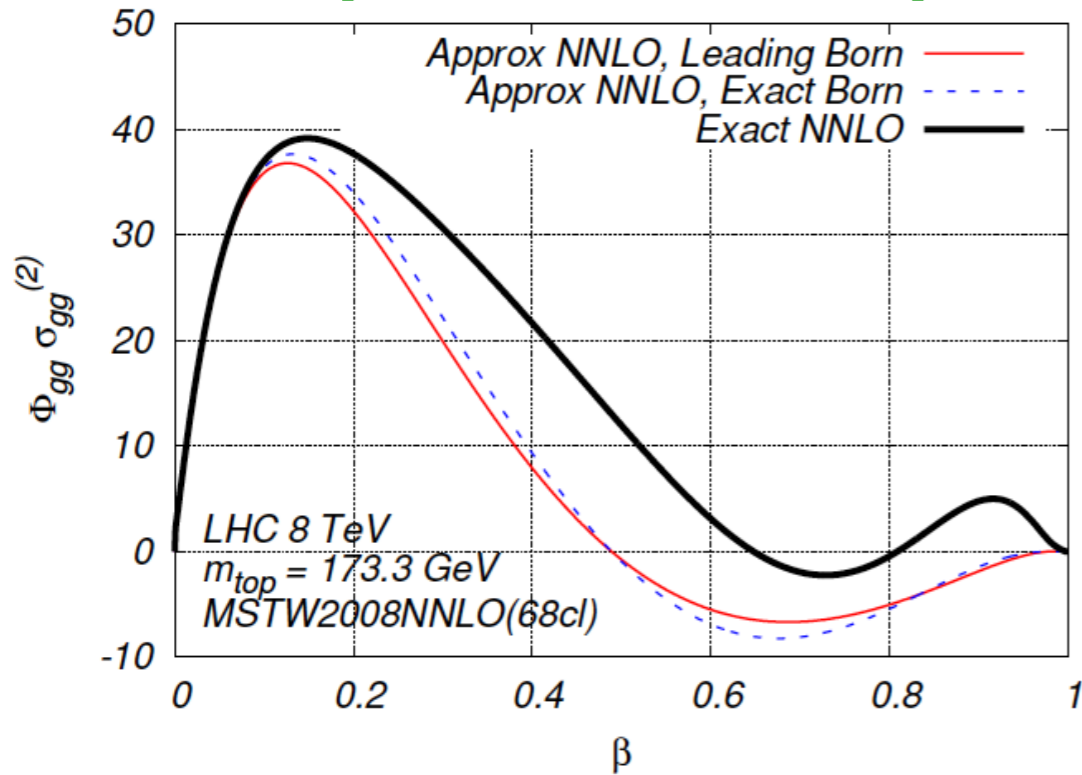
- First ever hadron collider calculation at NNLO with more than 2 colored partons.
- First ever NNLO hadron collider calculation with massive fermions.



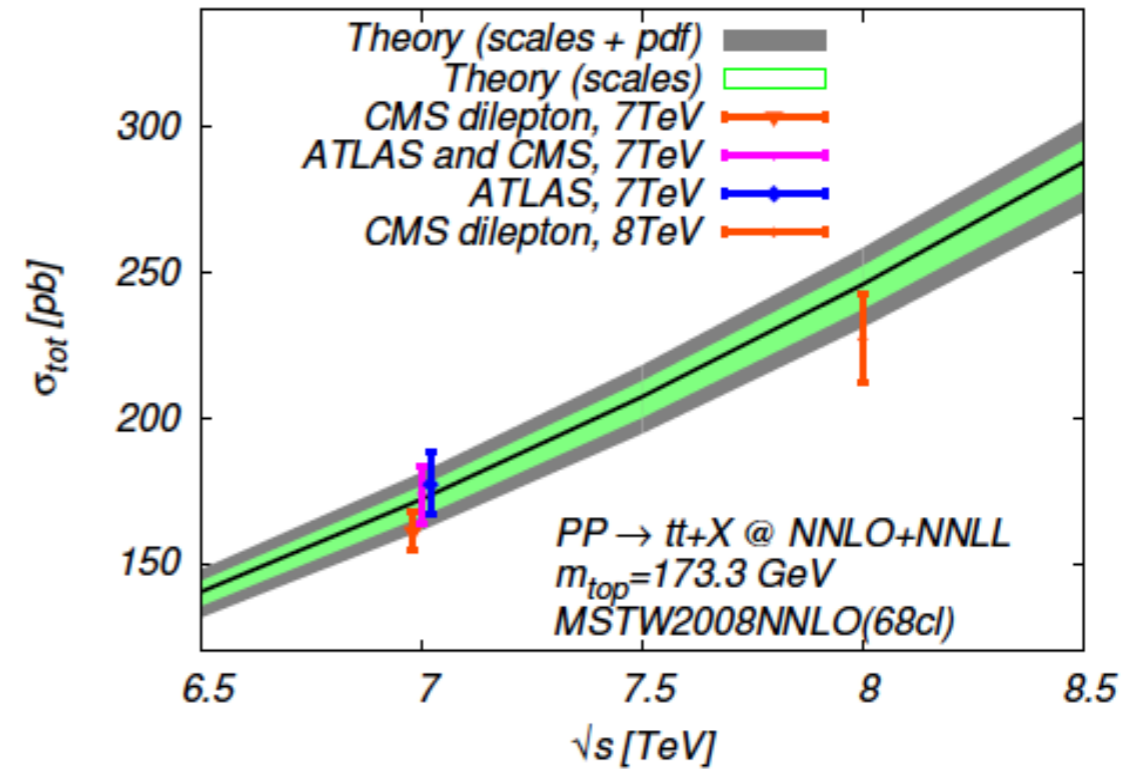
- Two loop hard matching coefficient extracted and included
- Very weak dependence on unknown parameters (sub 1%): gg NNLO, A, etc.
- $\sim 50\%$ scales reduction compared to the NLO +NNLL analysis of

SIGMA(T T BAR) AT NNLO+NNLL

[Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov 2013]



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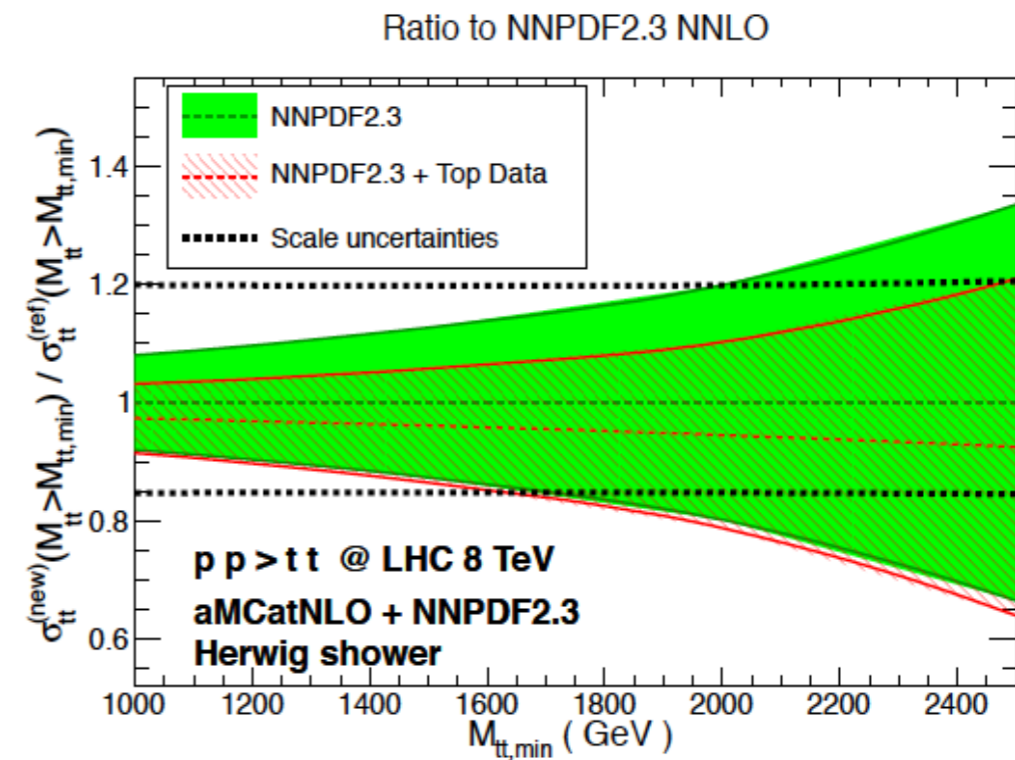
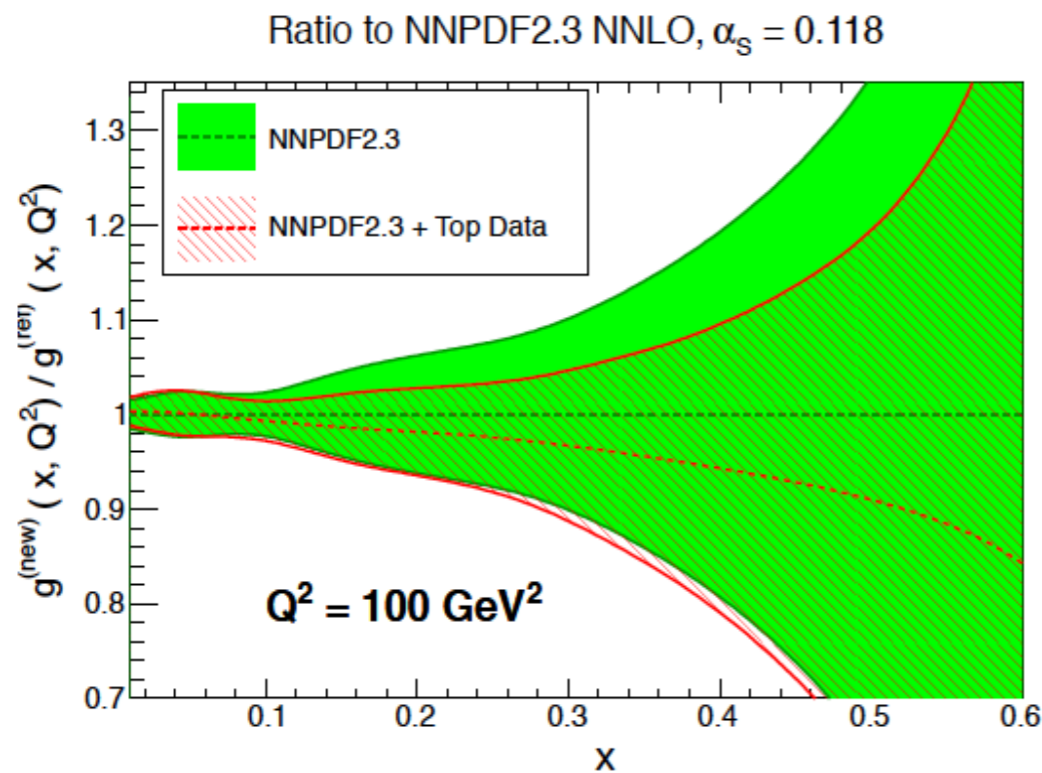


Collider	σ_{tot} [pb]	scales [pb]	pdf [pb]
Tevatron	7.164	+0.110(1.5%) -0.200(2.8%)	+0.169(2.4%) -0.122(1.7%)
LHC 7 TeV	172.0	+4.4(2.6%) -5.8(3.4%)	+4.7(2.7%) -4.8(2.8%)
LHC 8 TeV	245.8	+6.2(2.5%) -8.4(3.4%)	+6.2(2.5%) -6.4(2.6%)
LHC 14 TeV	953.6	+22.7(2.4%) -33.9(3.6%)	+16.2(1.7%) -17.8(1.9%)

- Theoretical and exp uncertainties comparable now.
- Finally, we can learn how good/bad previous approximations were!

SIGMA(T T BAR) AT NNLO+NNLL

First applications: improve the gluon at large x with LHC data.

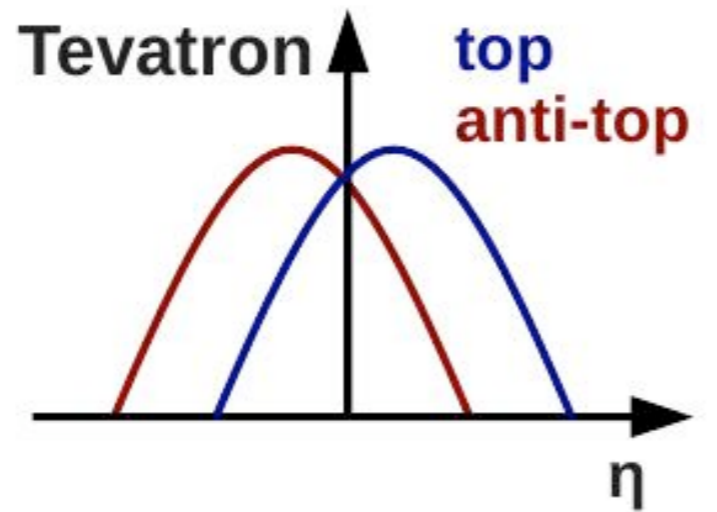


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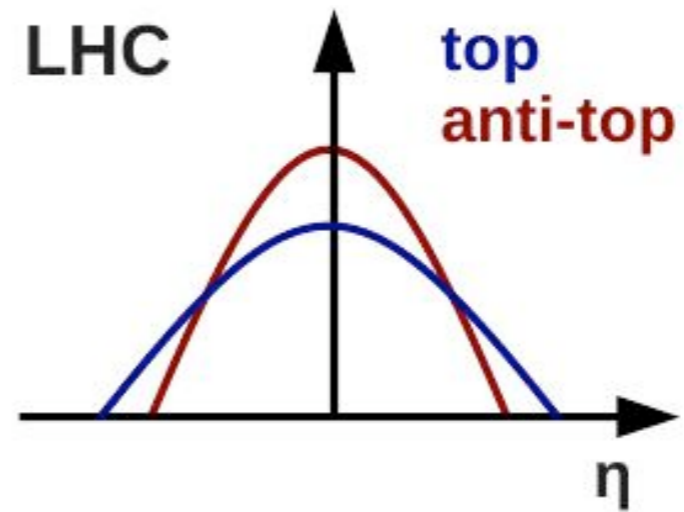


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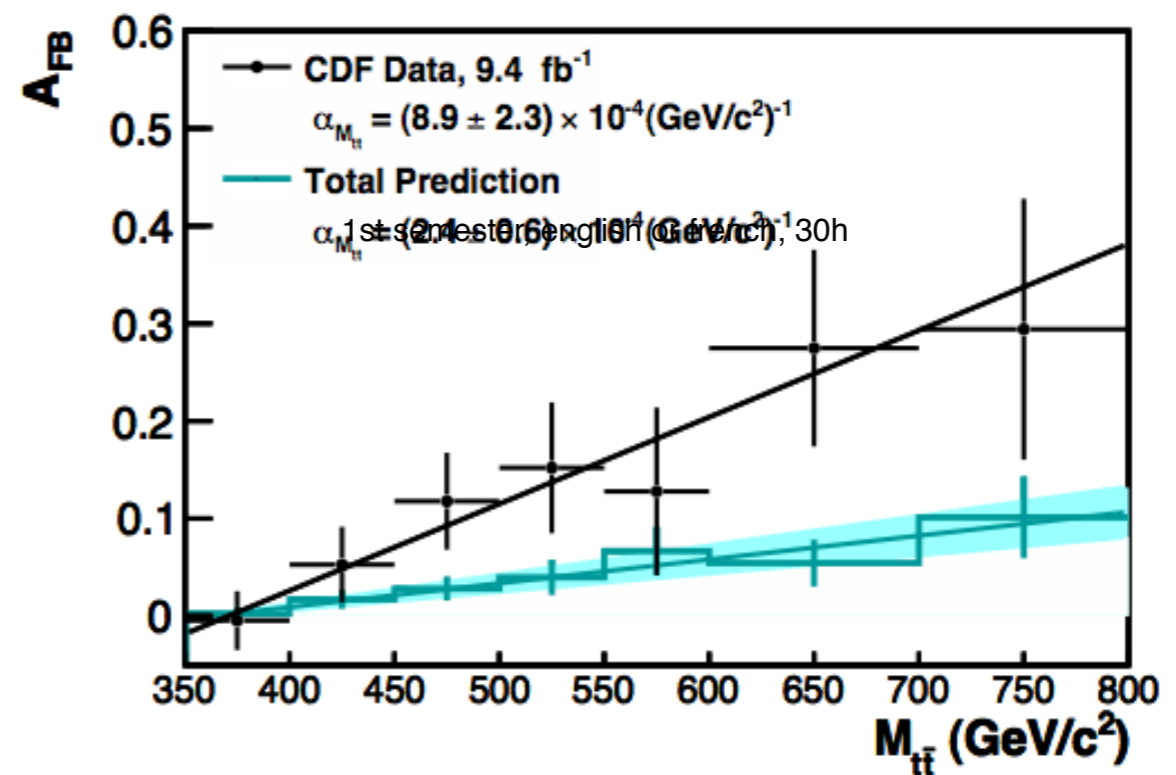
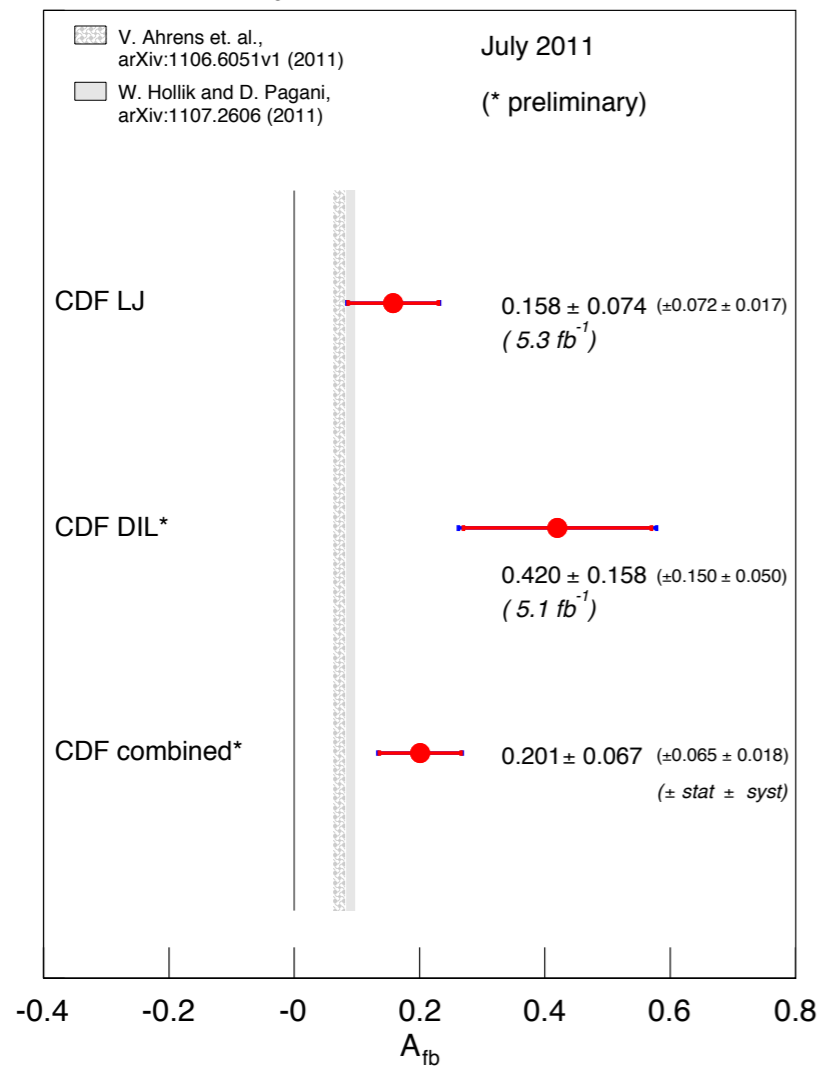
$$\Delta y^{\text{TEV}} = y_t - y_{\bar{t}}$$



$$\Delta y^{\text{LHC}} = |y_t| - |y_{\bar{t}}|$$

TTBAR ASYMMETRY

A_{fb} of the Top Quark

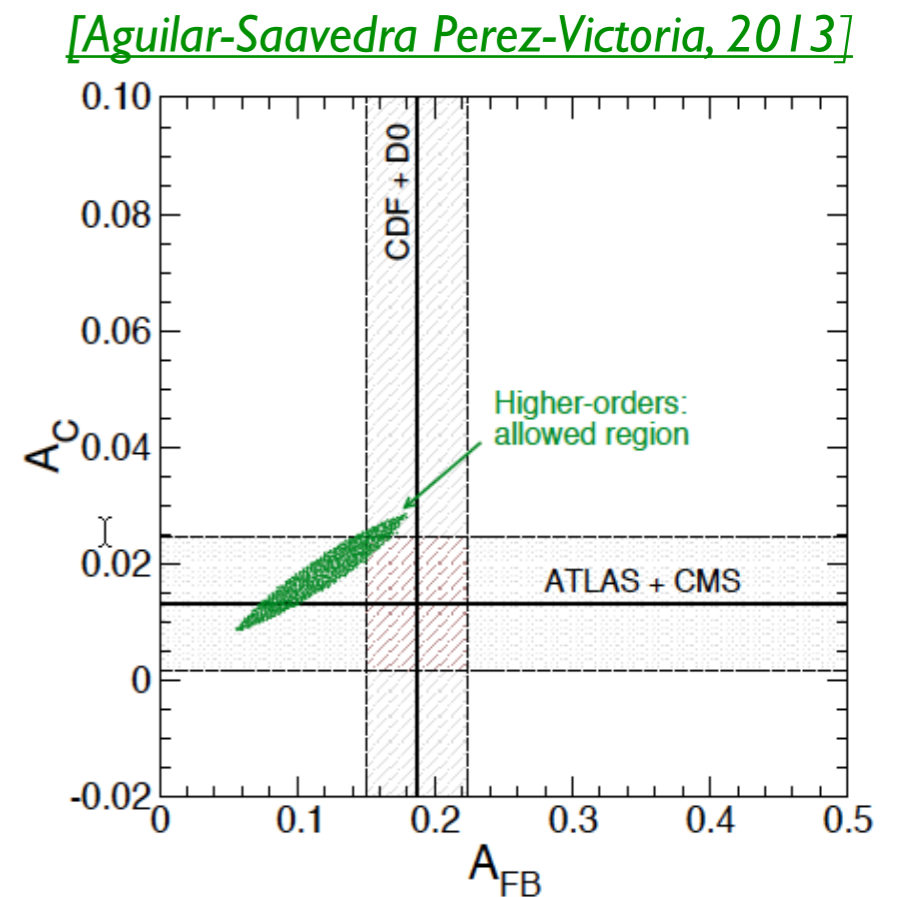


Similar asymmetry seen in D0 but no pattern in $m_{t\bar{t}}$.

TTBAR ASYMMETRY

$$A_{CC}^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{A\alpha_S^3 + B\alpha_S^4 + \dots}{C\alpha_S^2 + D\alpha_S^3 + \dots}$$

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[\[Almeida et al 2010, Ahrens et al. 2010\]](#)
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Note, however, the interesting pattern:

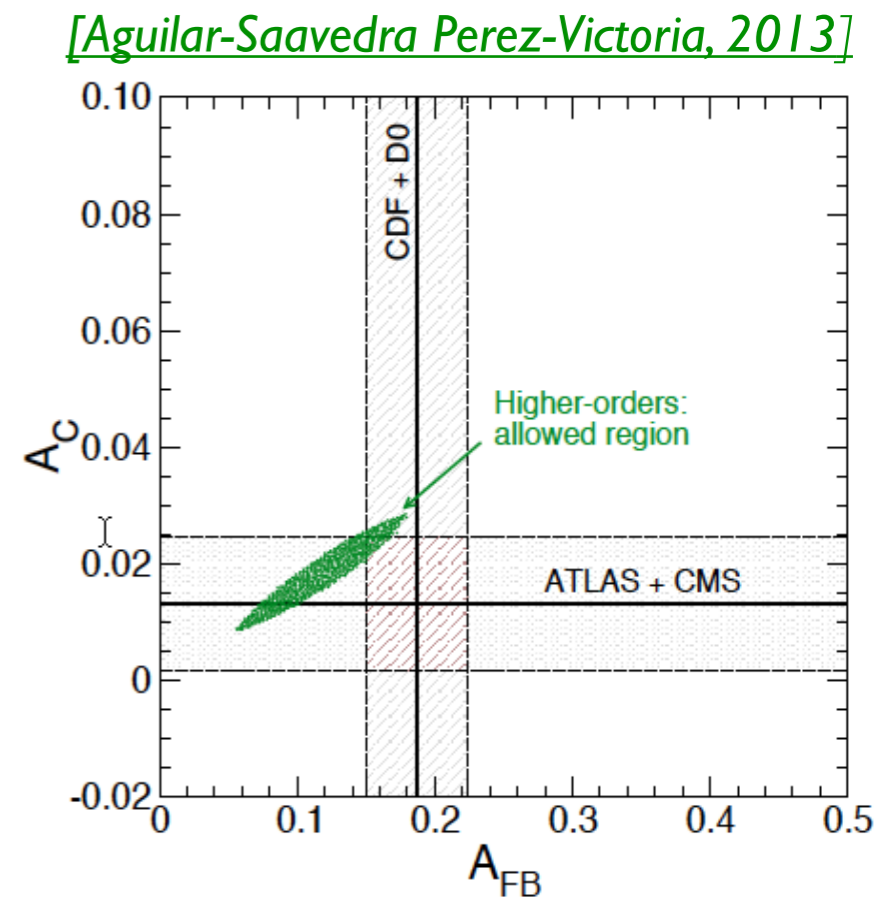
t tbar : LO=0 + Virtual>0 (large) + Real<0 (small) = 0.05

t tbar j : LO<0 (-0.08) + Virtual>0 (large) + Real<0 (small) = -0.02

t tbar jj : LO <0

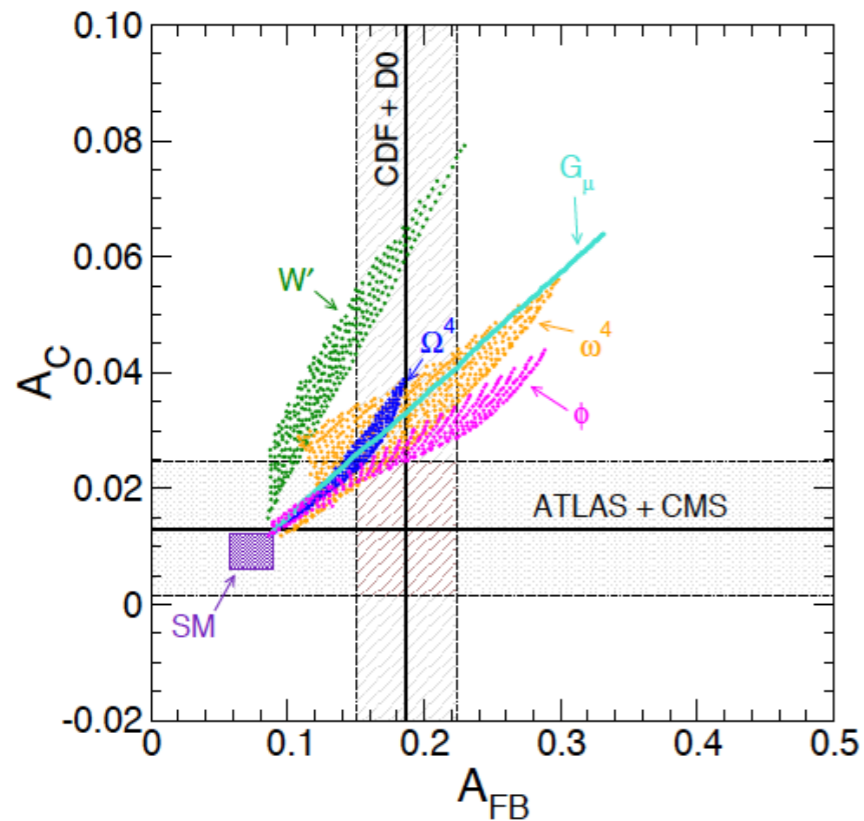
Virtuals always dominate : what about the two-loop contributions? to be seen...

The α_S^4 (NLO) calculation for the $A(t\bar{t})$ will give the final answer from QCD!



BSM INTERPRETATIONS

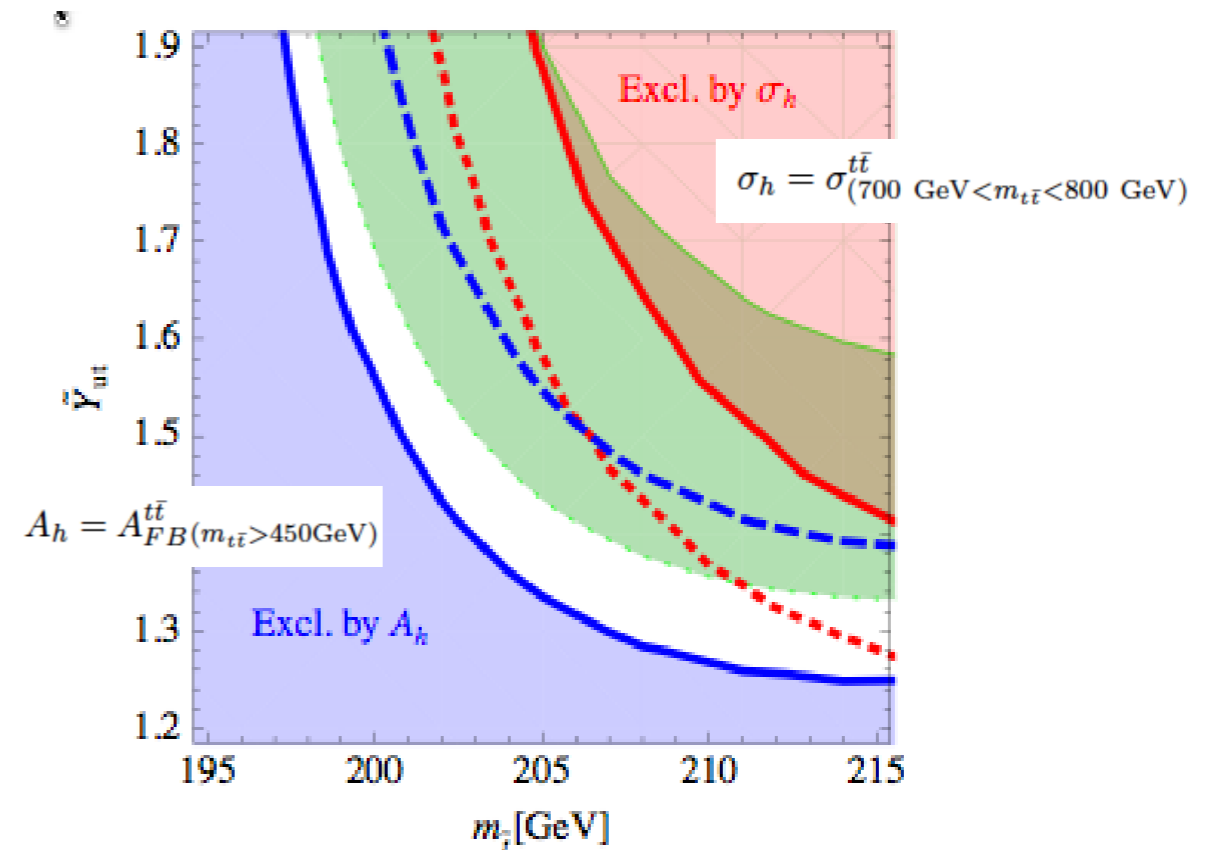
[Aguilar-Saavedra Perez-Victoria, 2013]



$$pp \rightarrow X (s \text{ or } t) \rightarrow t\bar{t}$$

Note that the NP ranges are similar to the QCD HO ones. None of these models is motivated by other measurements

[Isidori and Kamenik, 2011]



$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{t}\tilde{t}^* \rightarrow t\bar{t} \tilde{\chi}^0 \tilde{\chi}^0$$

Interference with t-channel neutralino exchange. Light stop scenario. Not exclude by direct ATLAS and CMS searches.

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(SEMI) AUTOMATIC MC'S AT NLO

Processes involving tops can be simulated at the NLO+PS level, via:

- POWHEG-Box library : tt, single top channels
- POWHEL : ttj, ttbb, ttW, ttZ, ttH
- Sherpa + external loop codes : tt,...
- **aMC@NLO** : process directly generated by the user.

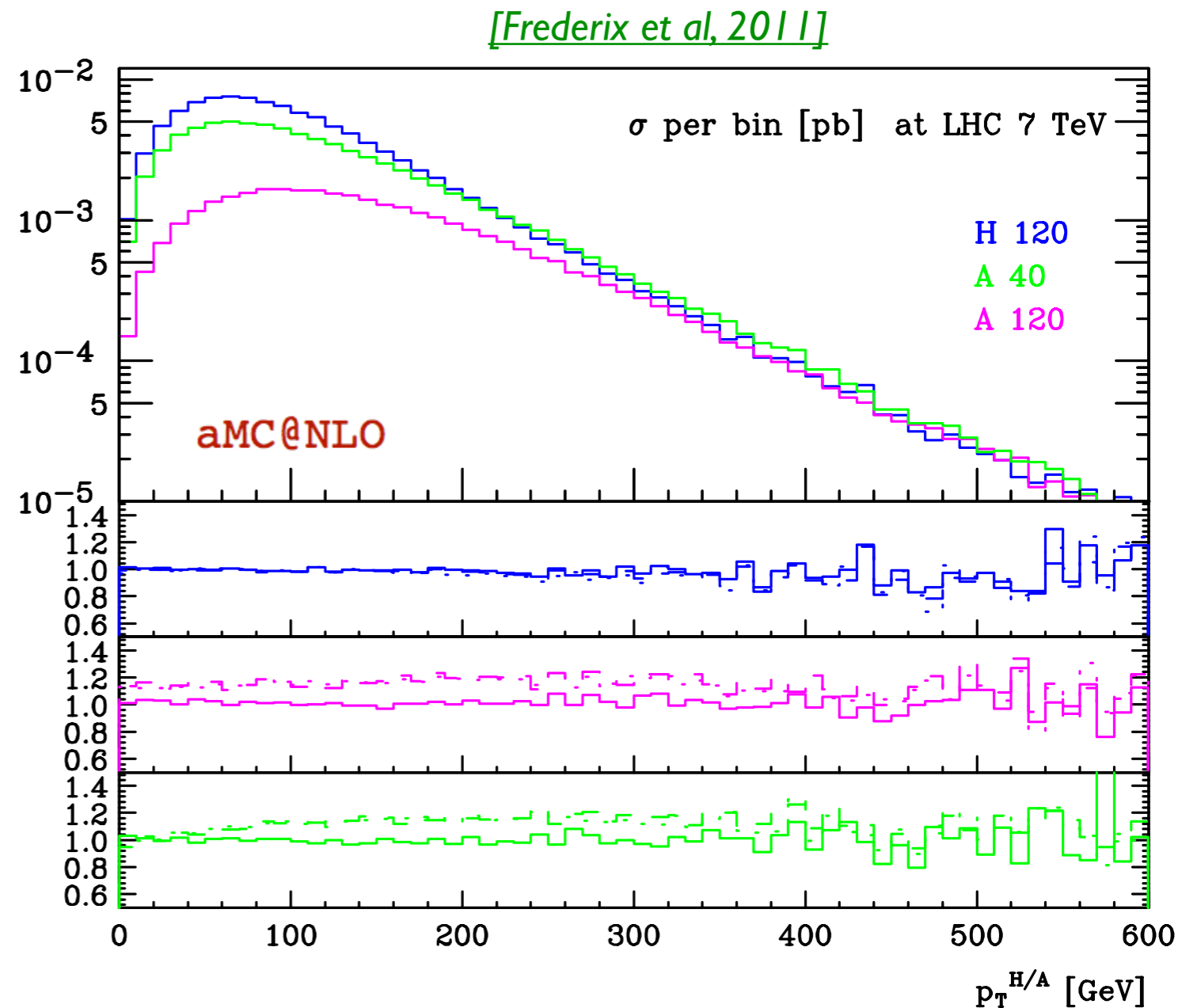
AUTOMATIC TOP PHYSICS AT NLO

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} H$$

NLO results were known (but no public code available) for scalar Higgs since some time. No results for pseudoscalar A known.

First fully automatic results for both H and A.

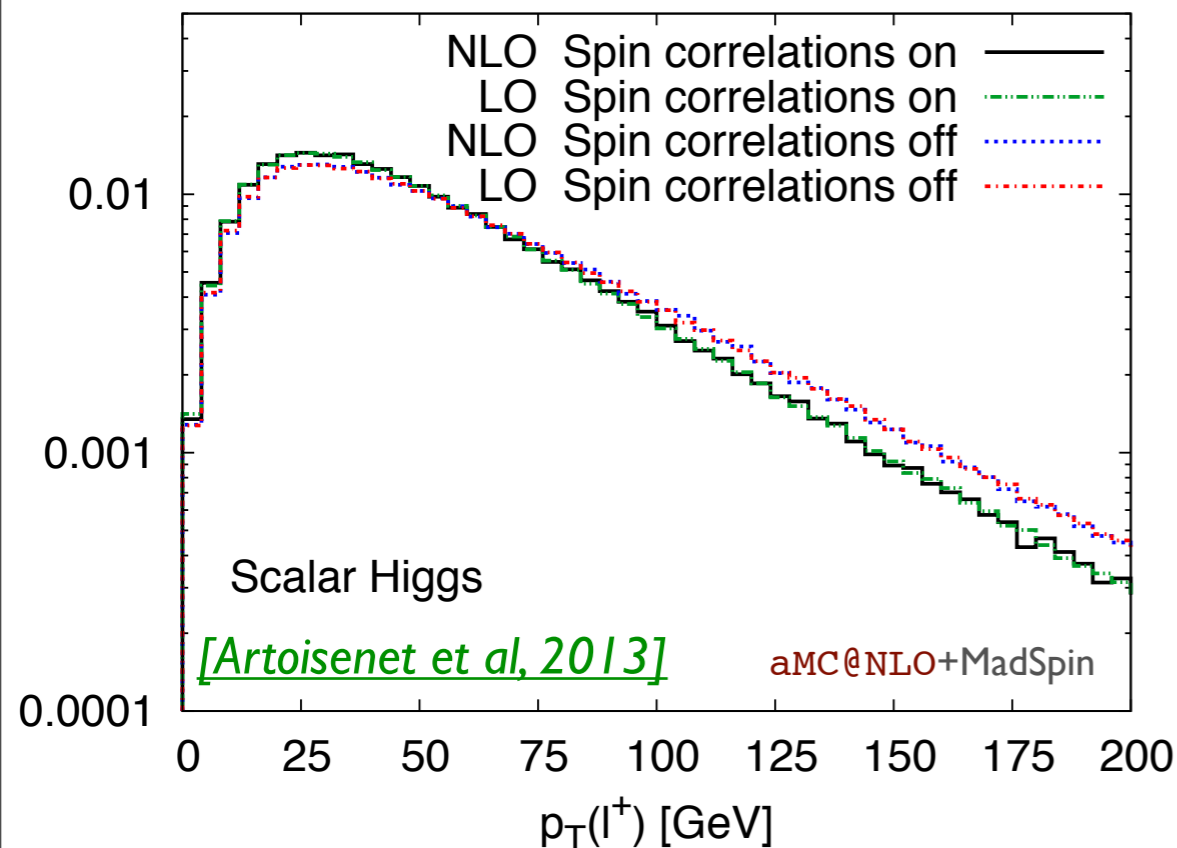
Mild corrections to the shapes for $m_h=120$ GeV. p_T pseudoscalar is harder. At high p_T (boosted Higgs) the three curves are equal in shape and normalization.



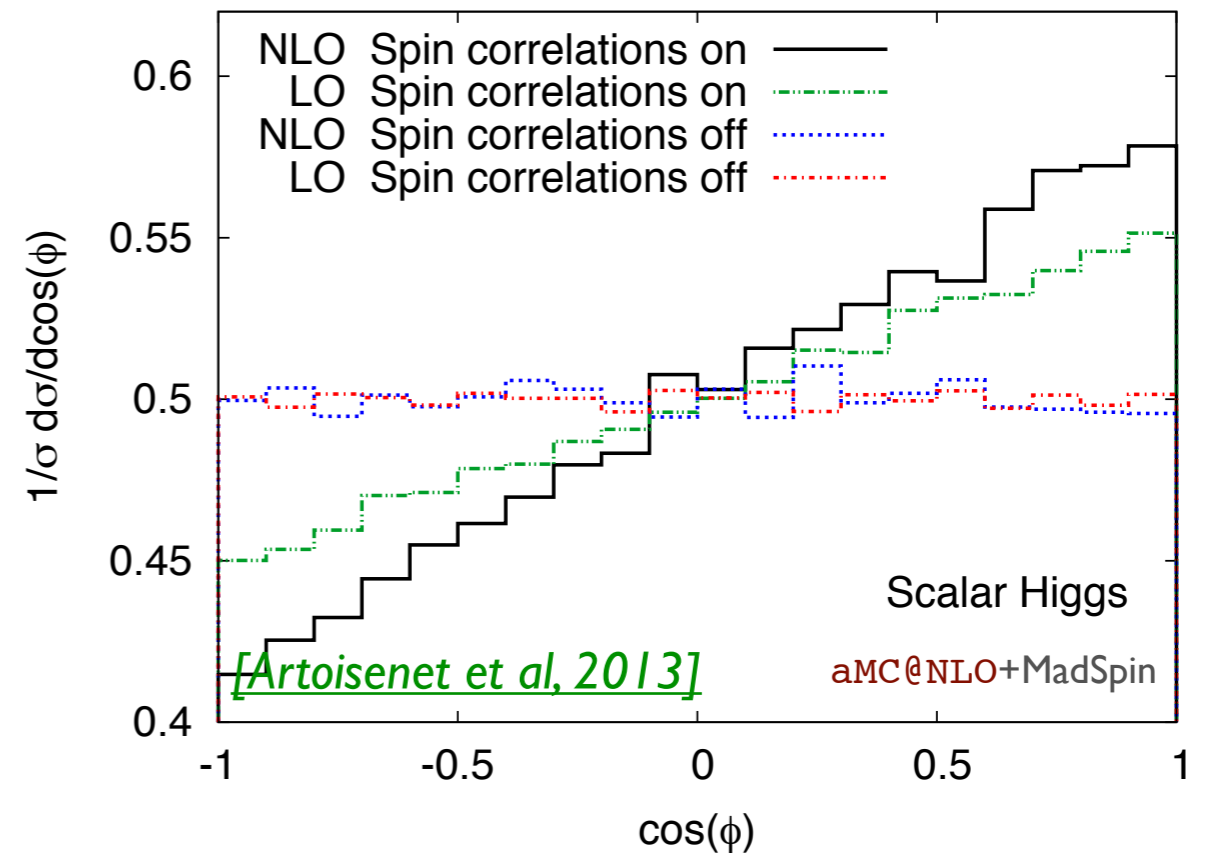
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Inclusion of spin correlations in top decays, can now be done via post-processing of NLO event samples out in the Les Houches format with top on shell.

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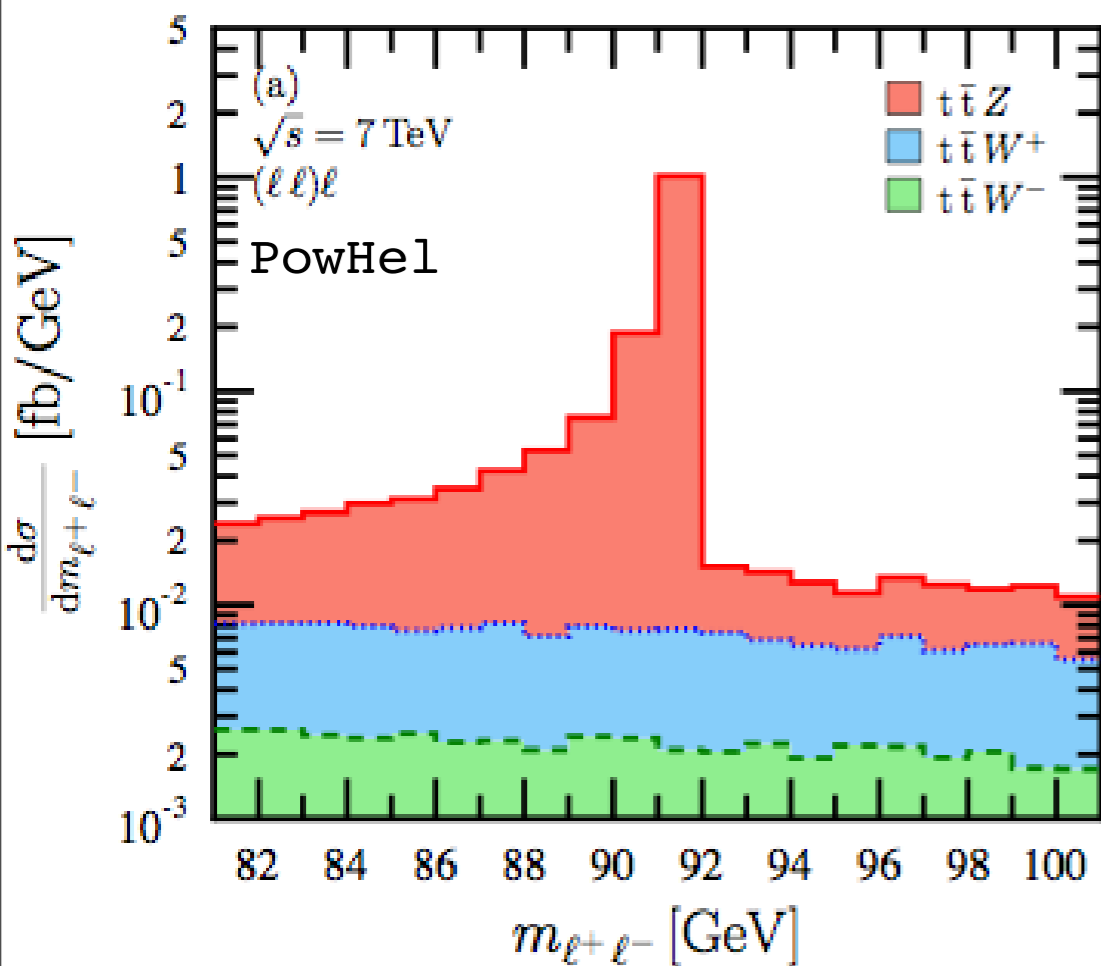
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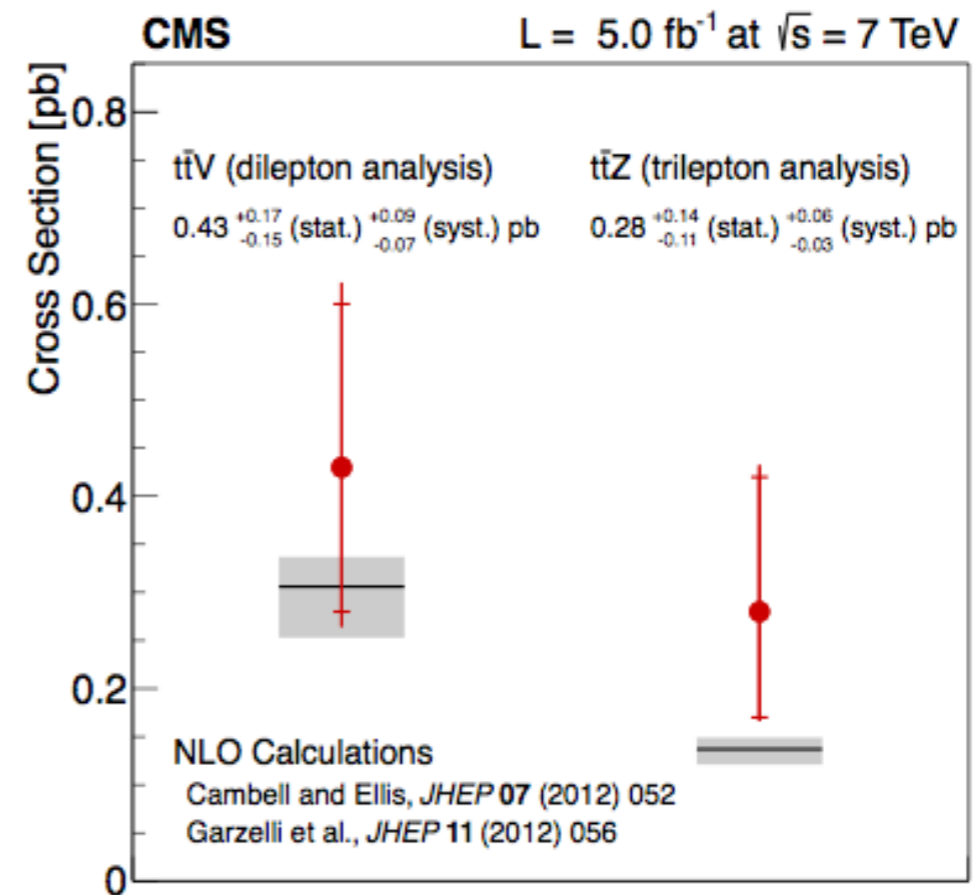
The effects of the spin correlations on the pt shape of the charged lepton is more important than that of NLO QCD corrections!

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$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} Z \text{ \& } pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} W$$



[Garzelli et al. 2012]

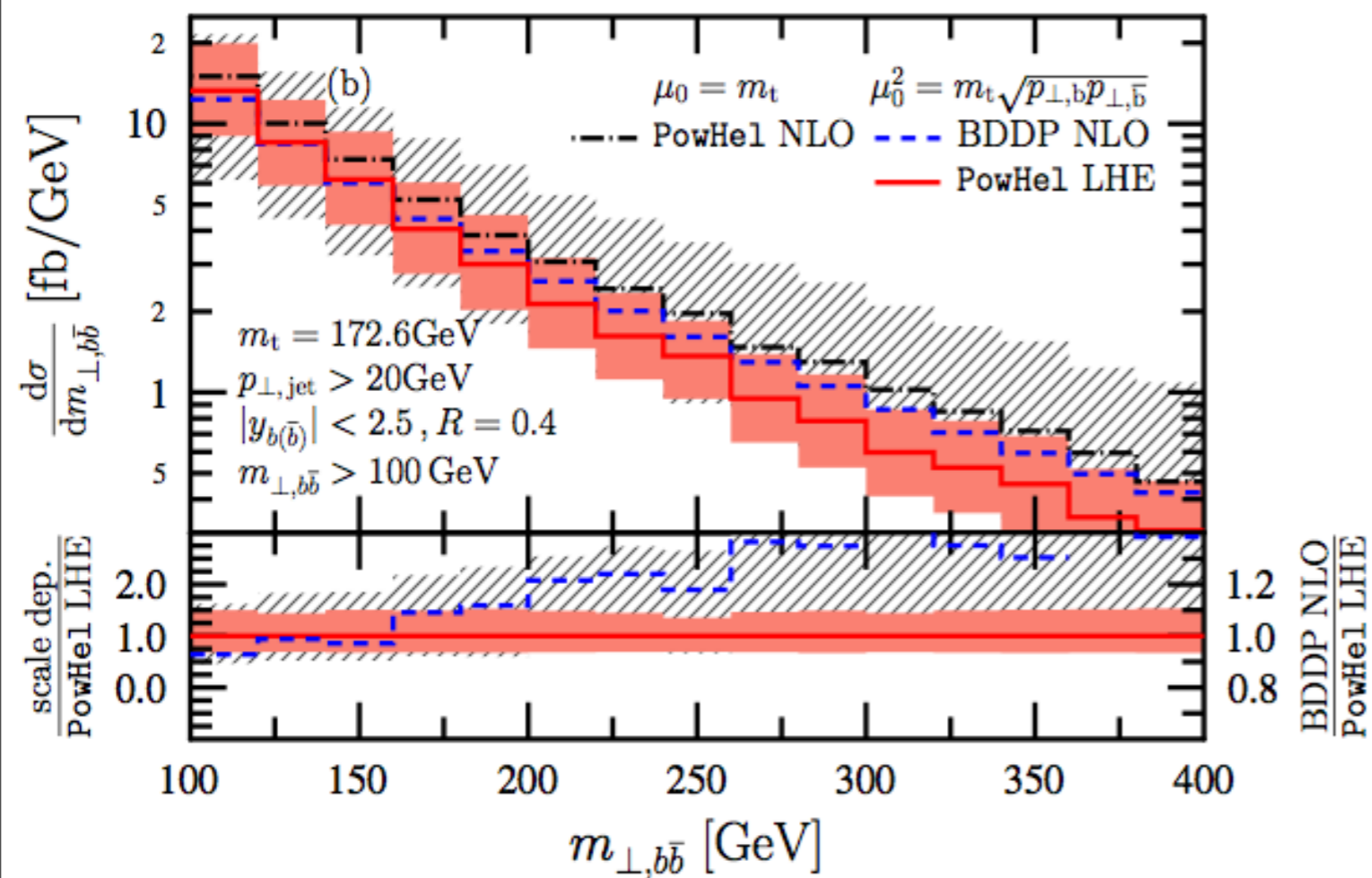


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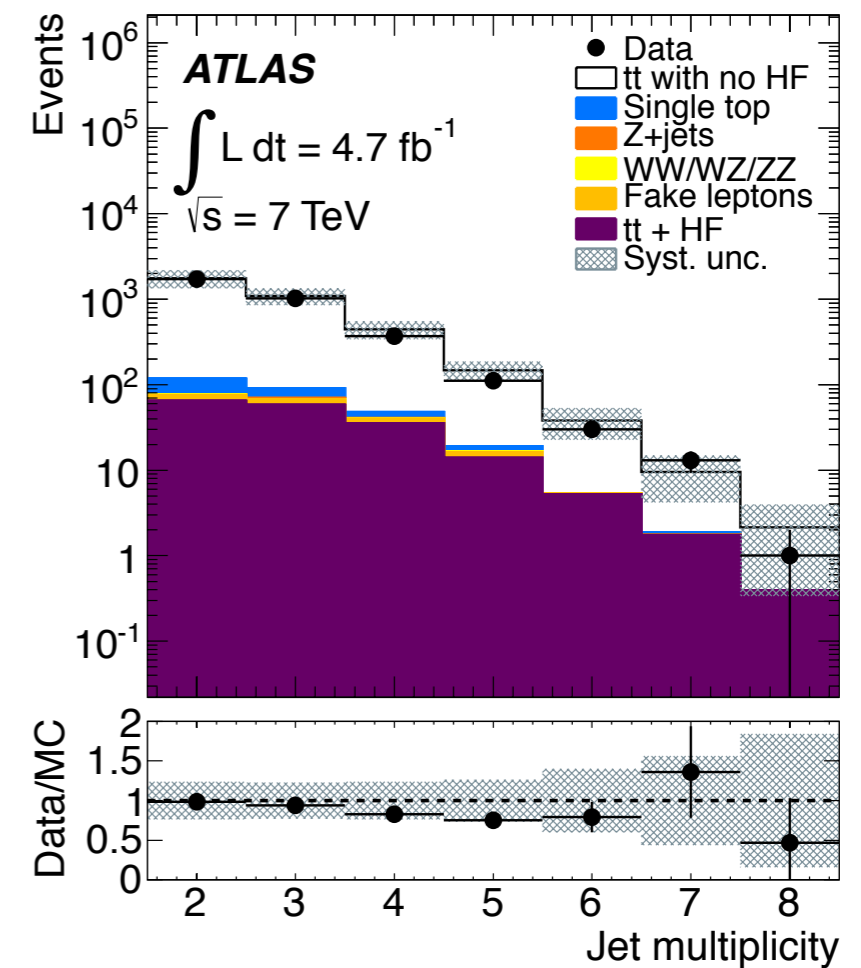
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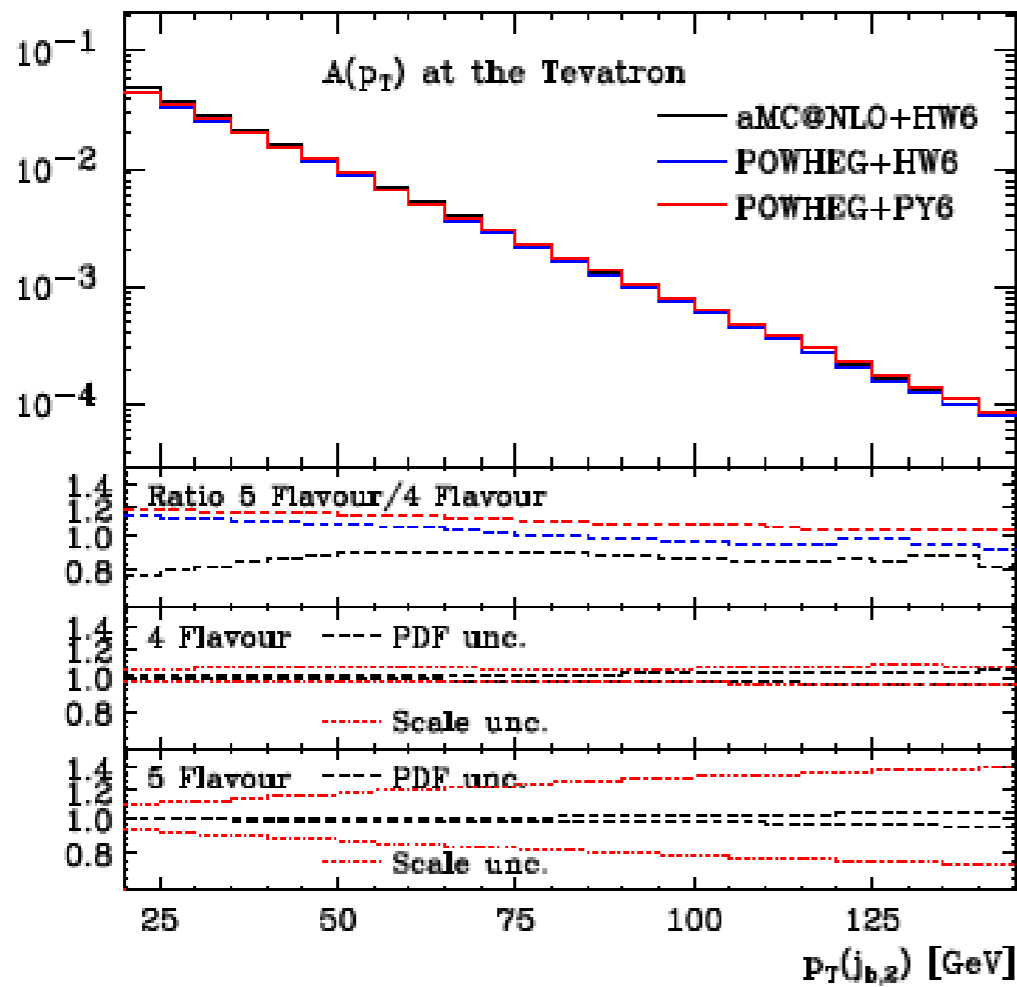
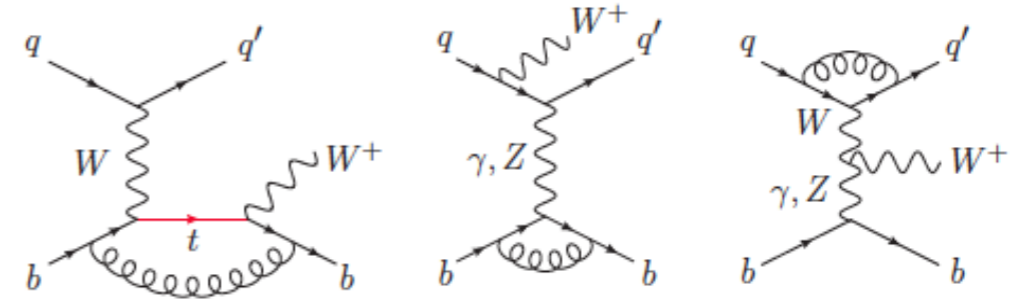
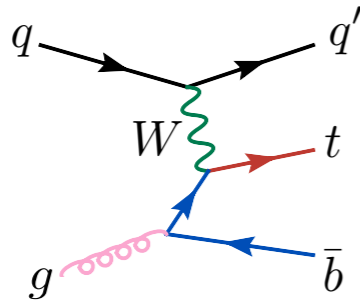


[Kardos and Trocsanyi, 2013]

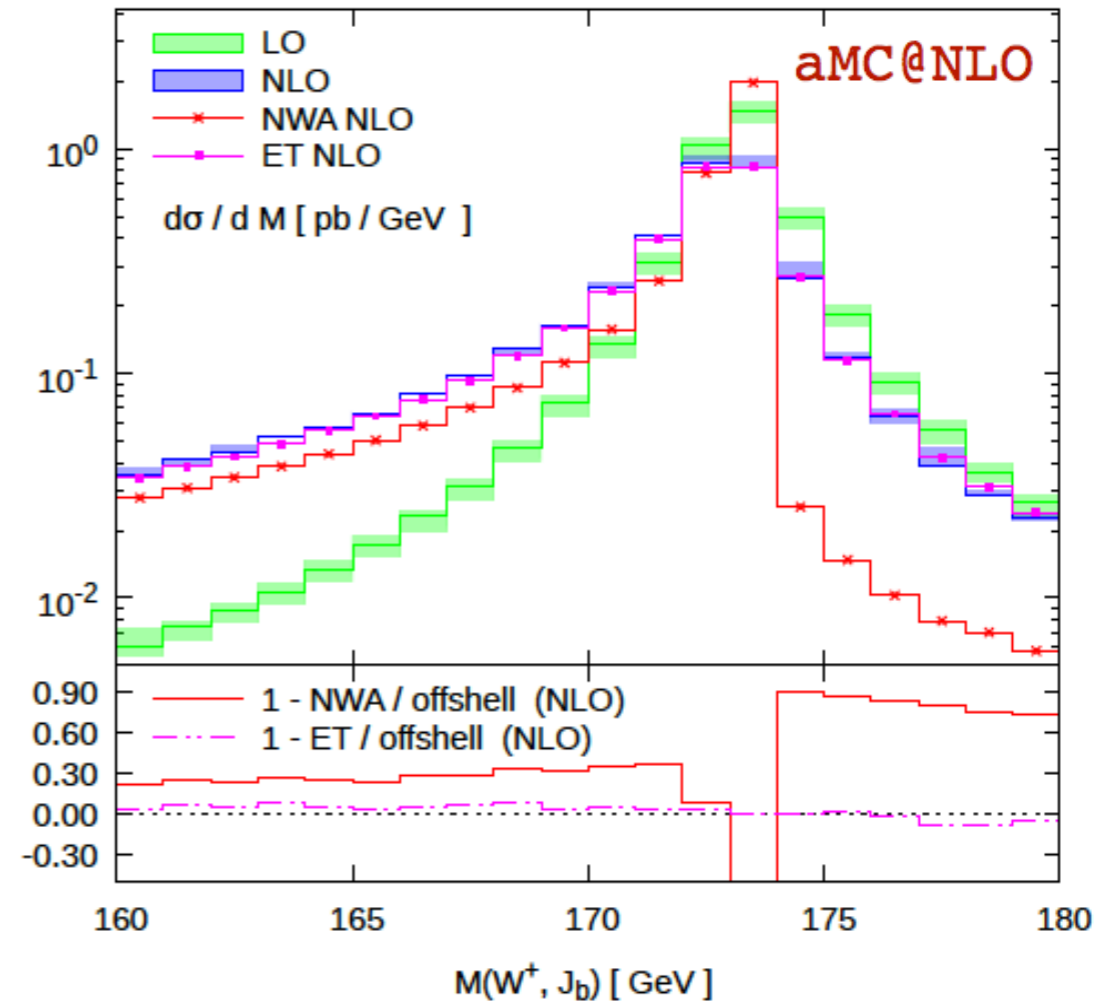


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[Papanastasiou et al., 2013, to appear]

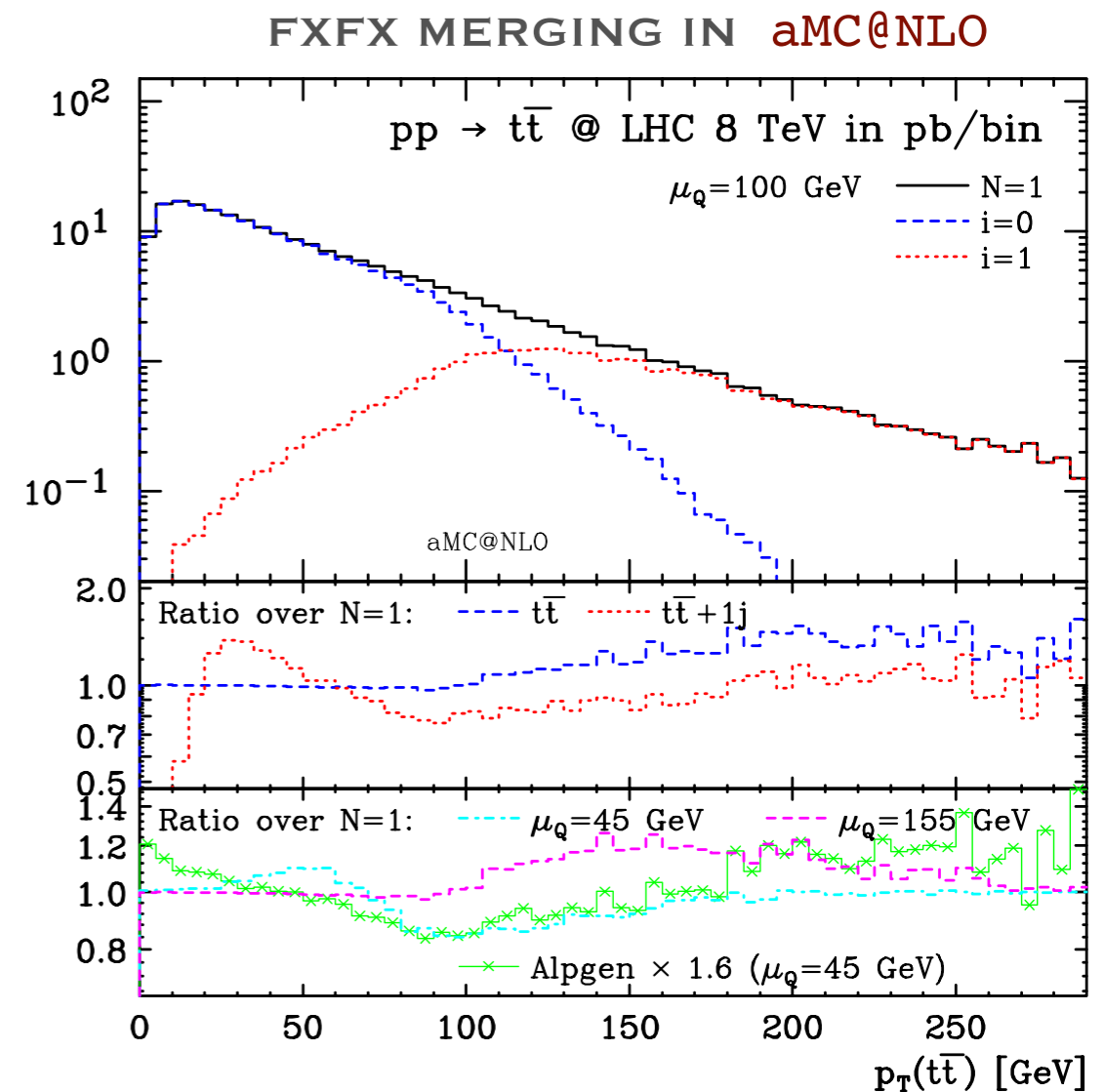
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[Frederix and Frixione, 2012]

- **aMC@NLO** samples for $S+0j$, $S+1j$, $S+2j$, $S+\dots j$ consistently without double counting (where S can be a Higgs, a $t\bar{t}$ pair, a W -boson, etc.)

Use techniques from CKKW/MLM and multi-scale improved fixed order NLO or “MINLO” [Hamilton, Nason & Zanderighi, 2012] to define **exclusive event samples** for $S+0j$, $S+1j$, etc. in such a way that the exclusive samples can simply be combined to one big event sample

- Transverse momentum of the $t\bar{t}$ pair and of the 1st jet.
- Agreement with $t\bar{t}+0j$ and $t\bar{t}+1j$ at MC@NLO level in their respective regions of phase-space; Smooth matching in between; Small dependence on matching scale



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A long history of hard work and amazing results:

- Early NLO QCD results (inclusive, semi-inclusive)
[Nason, Dawson, Ellis '88](#)
[Beenakker et al '89](#)
- First fully differential NLO
[Mangano, Nason, Ridolfi '92](#)
- 1990's: the rise of the soft gluon resummation at NLL
[Catani, Mangano, Nason, Trentadue '96](#)
[Kidonakis, Sterman '97](#)
[Bonciani, Catani, Mangano, Nason '98](#)
- NNLL resummation developed (and approximate NNLO approaches)
[Beneke, Falgari, Schwinn '09](#)
[Czakon, Mitov, Sterman '09](#)
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[Ahrens, Ferroglia, Neubert, Pecjak, Yang '10-'11](#)
- Electroweak effects at NLO known (small $\sim 1.5\%$)
[Beenakker, Denner, Hollik, Mertig, Sack, Wackerath '93](#)
[Hollik, Kollar '07](#)
[Kuhn, Scharf, Uwer '07](#)
- Inclusion of spin correlations in the decays at NLO
[Bernreuther et al. 2001](#)
[Melnikov and Shulze, 2009](#)
[Campbell and Ellis, 2012](#)
- Full WbWb final state
[Denner et al. 2012](#)
[Bevilacqua et al. 2012](#)

TTBAR + JETS PREDICTIONS

Another story of hard work and amazing results:

- tt+ ljet at NLO [Dittmaier et al. 2007](#)
- tt+ ljet at NLO with decays [Melnikov et al. 2011](#)
- tt+ ljet with PS [Alioli et al. 2011](#) [Kardos et al. 2011](#)
- tt+2jets at NLO [Bevilacqua et al, 2011](#)
- ttbb at NLO [Bredenstein et al, 2010](#)
- ttbb at NLO with PS [Kardos and Trocsanyi, 2013](#)
- tt+jets merged samples at NLO [Frederix, Frixione, 2012](#)
- tttt at NLO [Bevilacqua and Worek, 2012](#)

process
available from
aMC@NLO

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TTBAR + BOSON PREDICTIONS

Recent results

- ttH at NLO [Hirschi et al. 2011](#) [Beenaker et al. 2001](#) [Dawson et al., 2002](#)
- ttH at NLO with PS and spin correlations [Frederix et al., 2011](#) [Garzelli et al., 2011](#)
- ttZ at NLO [Hirschi et al. 2011](#) [Melnikov et al. 2011](#) [Kardos et al. 2011](#)
- ttZ at NLO with PS [Garzelli et al. 2012](#)
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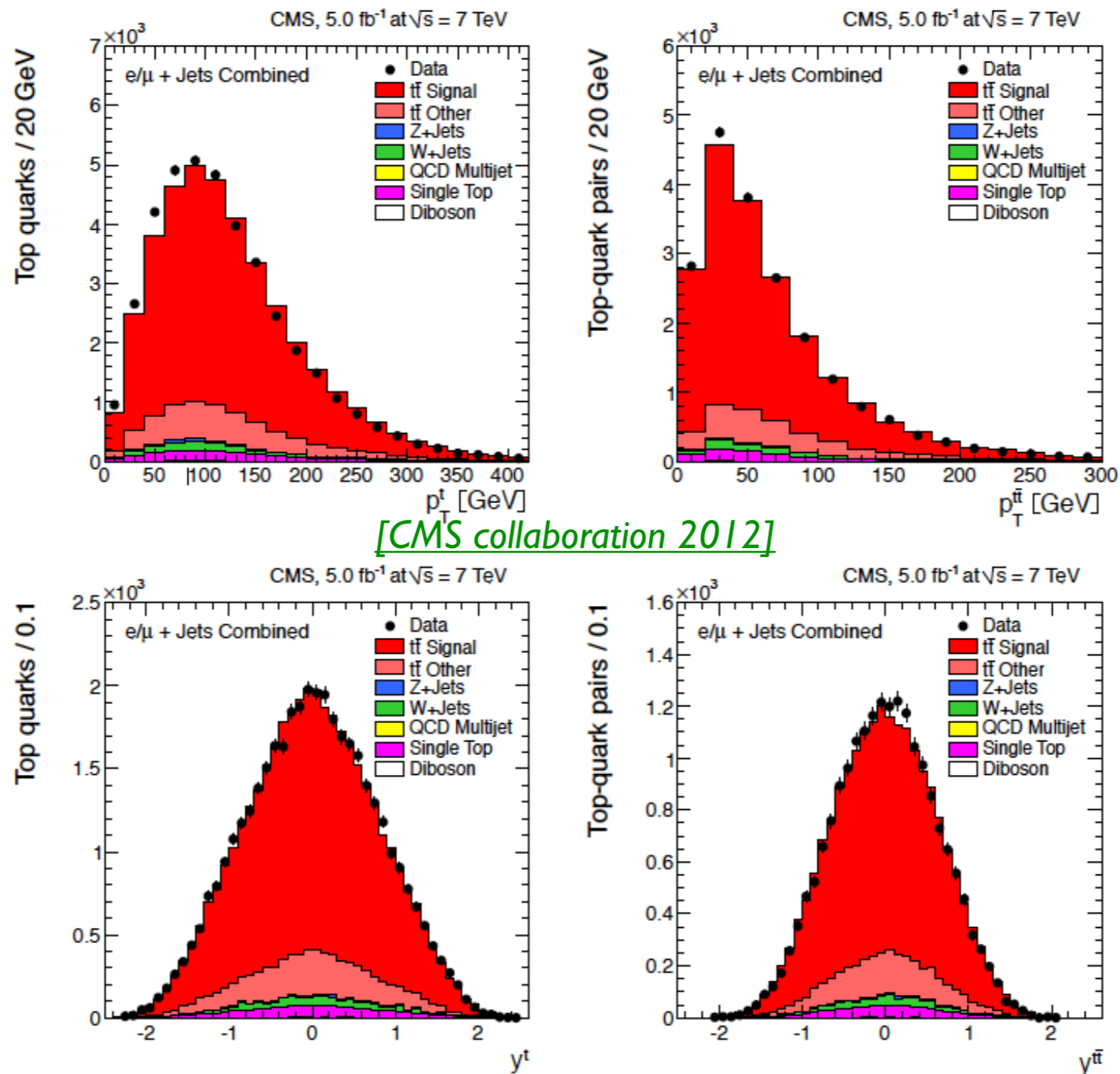
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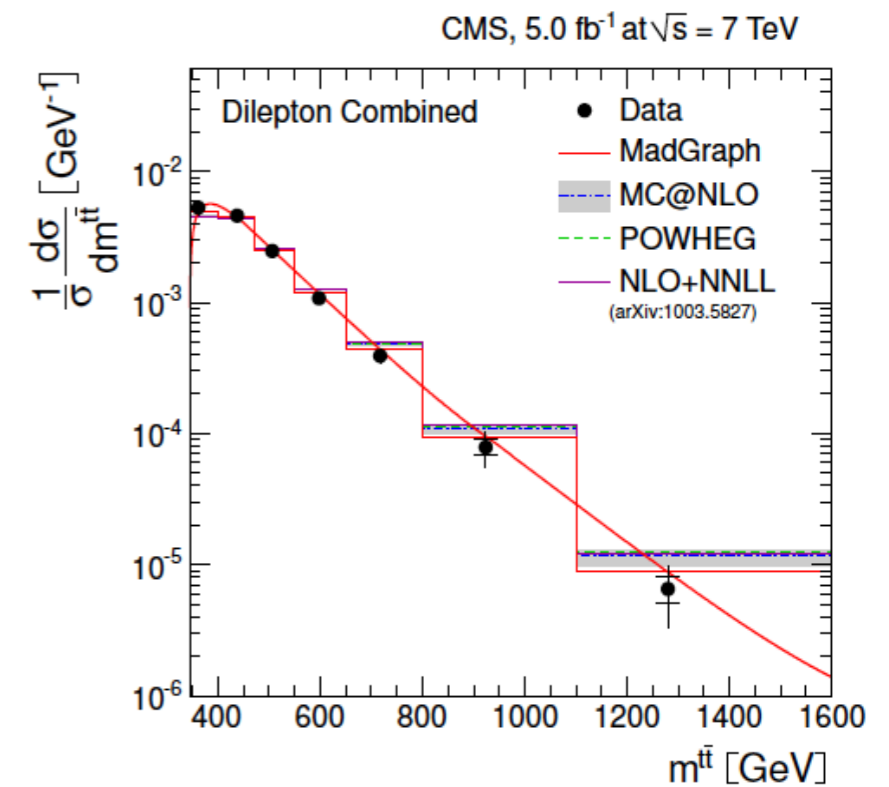
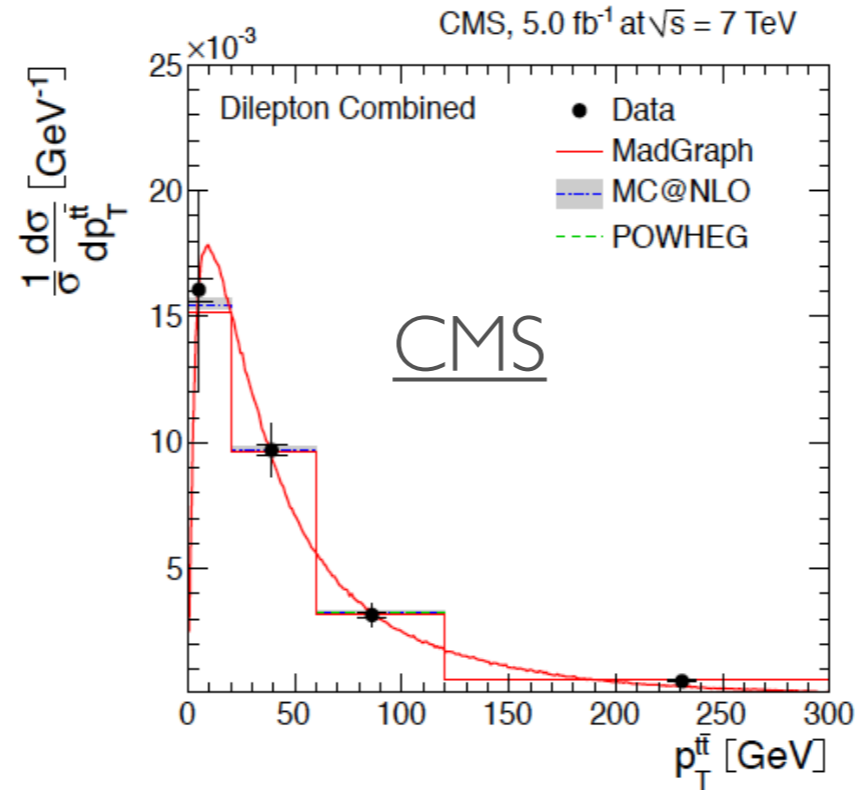
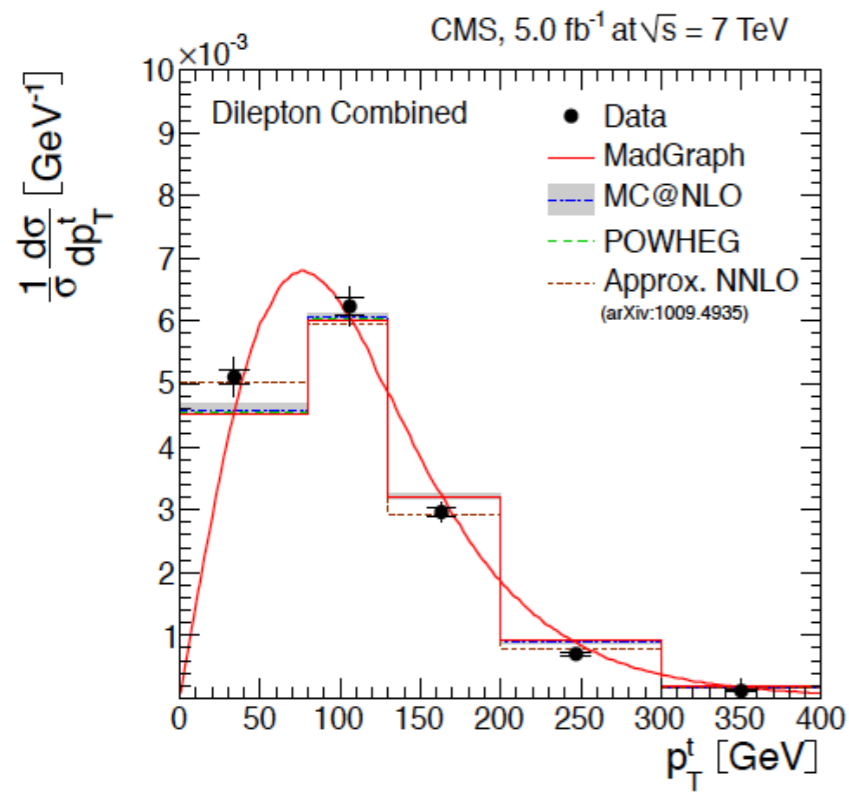
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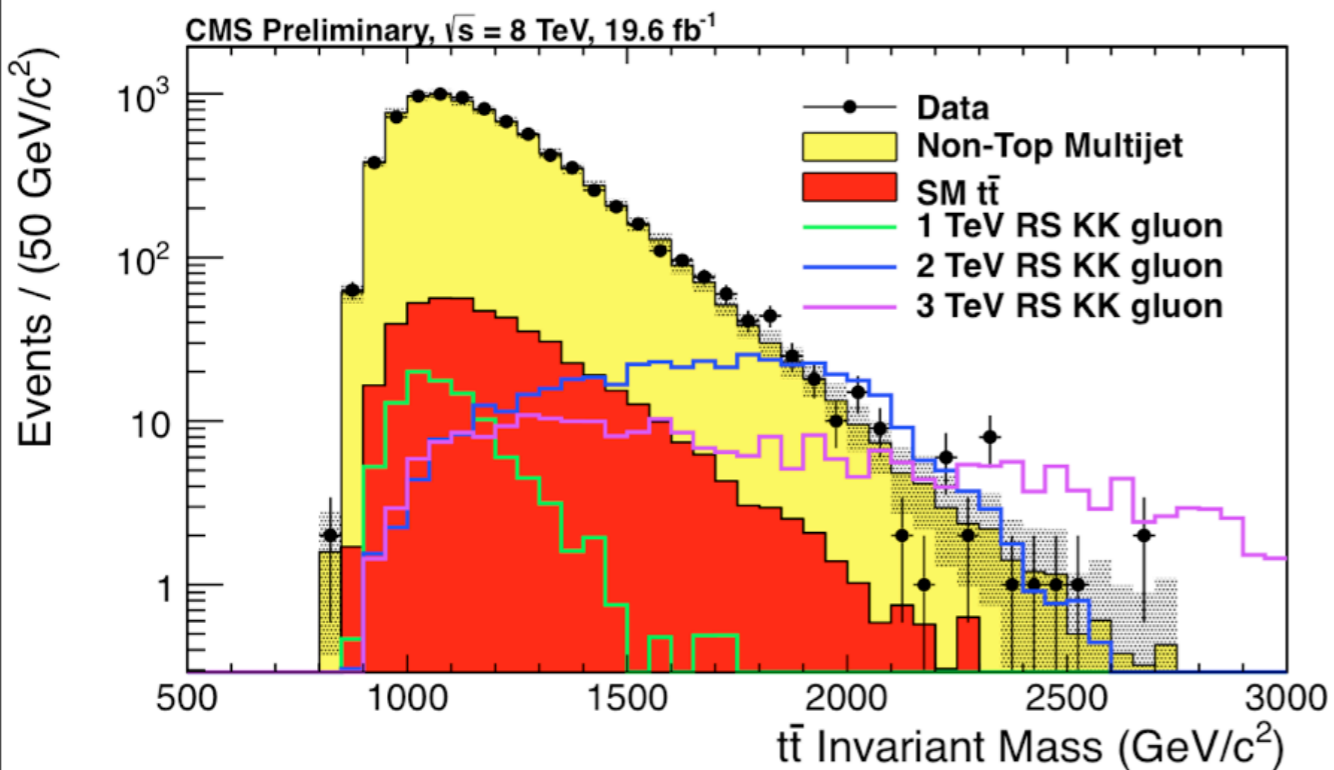
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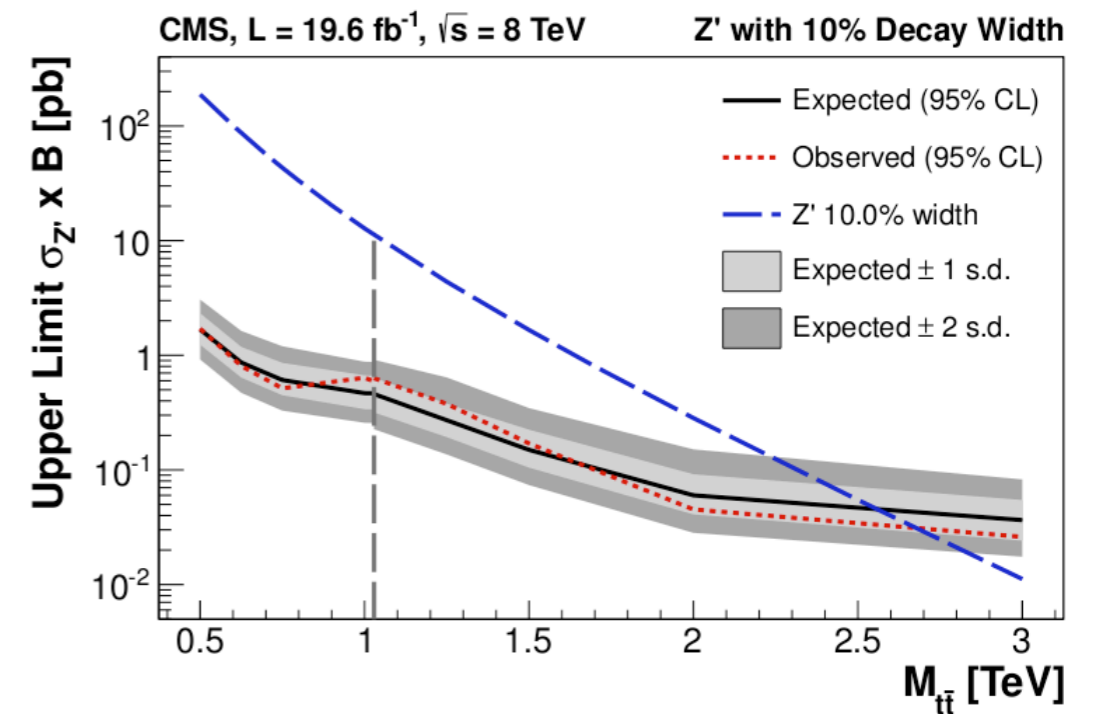


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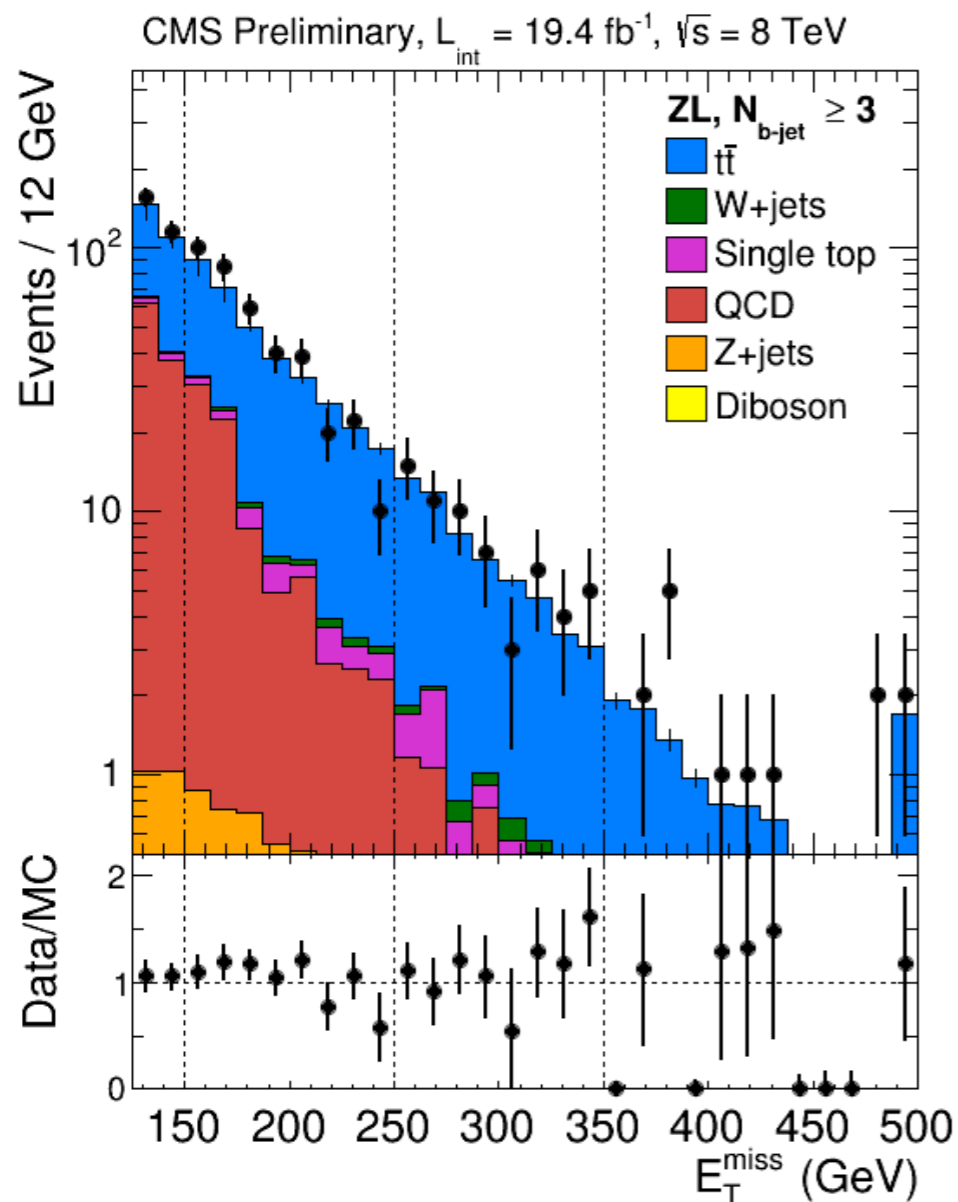
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limits from one lepton final state $m_{t\bar{t}}$

TOP AS A BACKGROUND TO SUSY

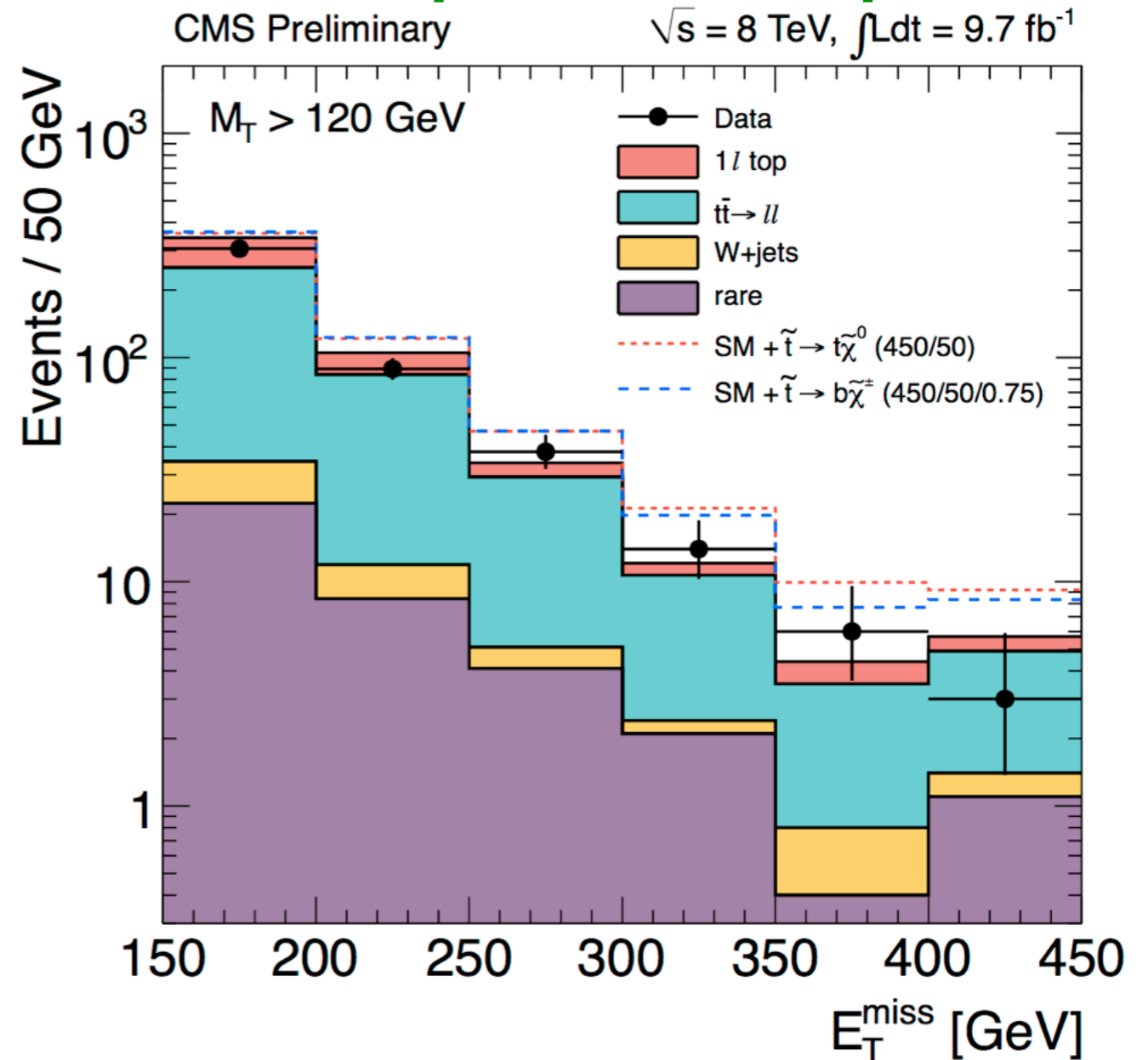
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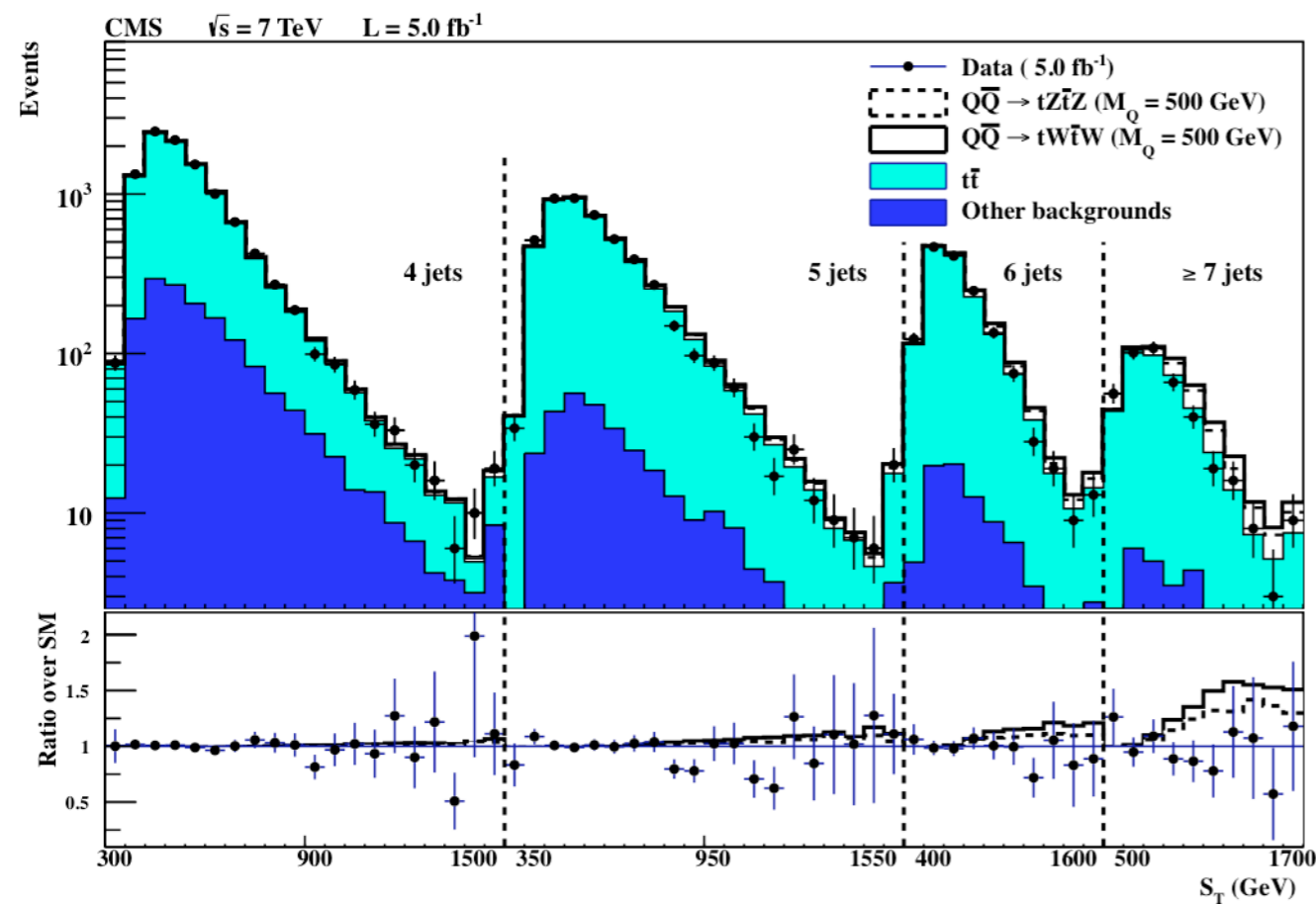


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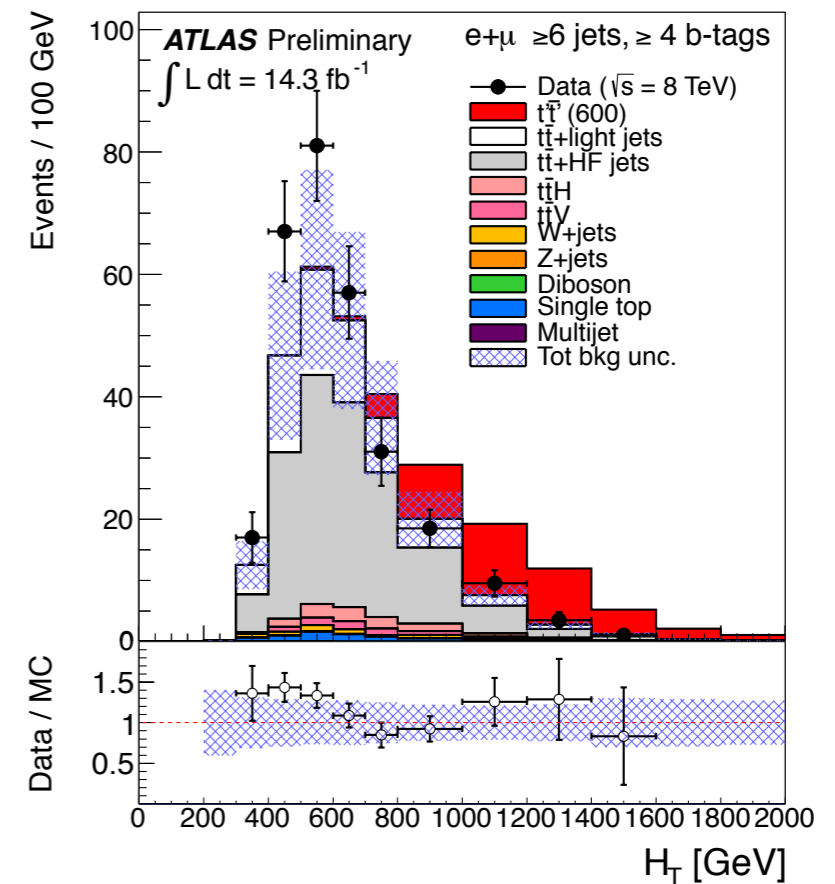
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$$pp \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z\bar{Z}, t\bar{t}W\bar{W}$$



$$pp \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}hh$$