

Top quark production at Tevatron and LHC

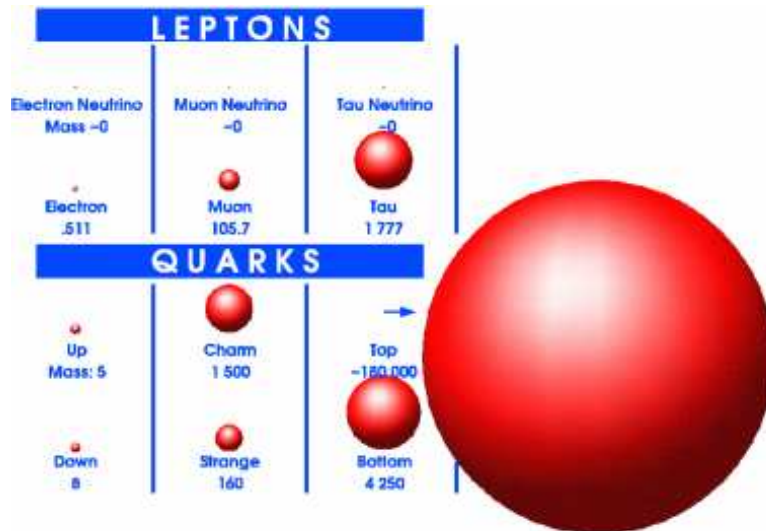
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Plan

- Some new results on the heaviest elementary particle



- Report based on recent work done in collaboration with
 - P. Uwer on [arXiv:0804.1476](https://arxiv.org/abs/0804.1476) and on [arXiv:0807.2794](https://arxiv.org/abs/0807.2794)
 - Y. Kiyo, J.H. Kühn, M. Steinhauser and P. Uwer on [arXiv:0812.0919](https://arxiv.org/abs/0812.0919)
 - U. Langenfeld on [arXiv:0901.0802](https://arxiv.org/abs/0901.0802)
 - U. Langenfeld and P. Uwer to appear

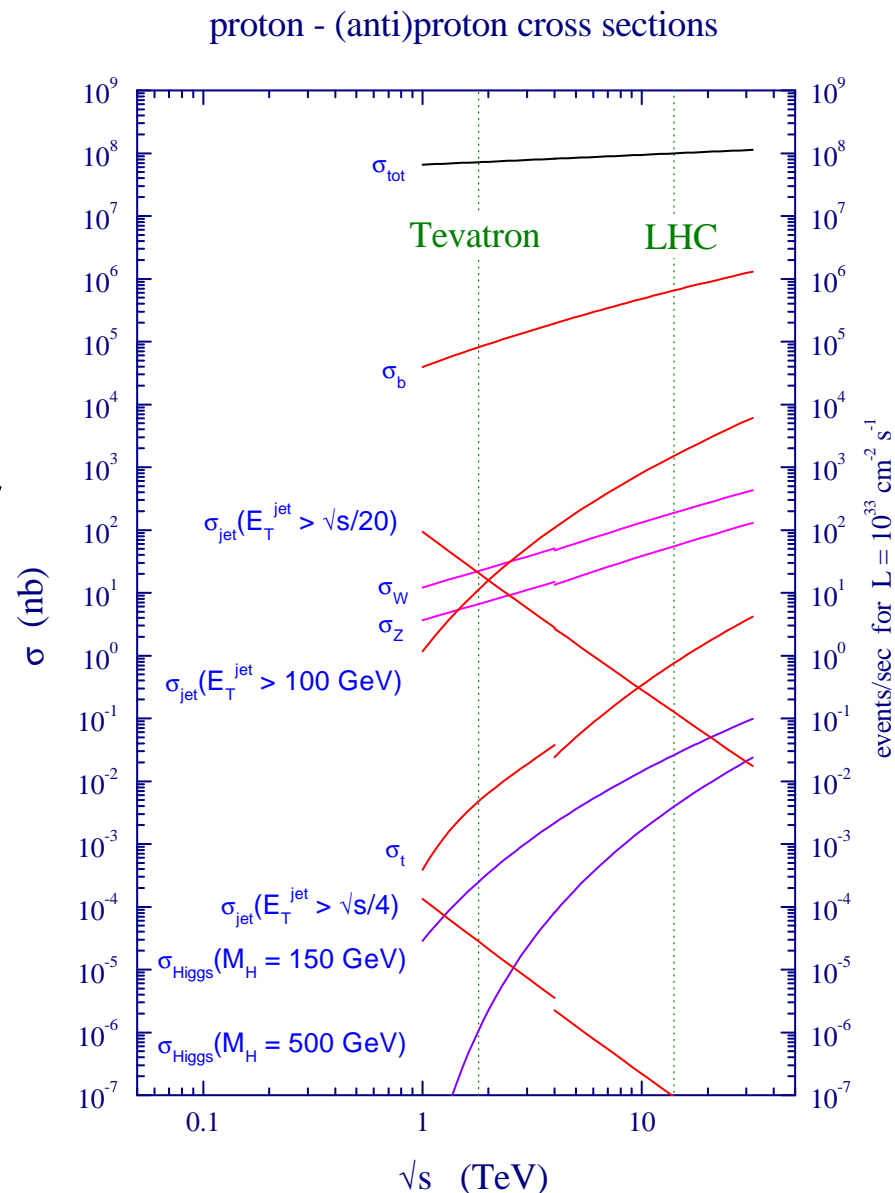
Proton colliders

- Tevatron: energy frontier at $\sqrt{S} = 1.96\text{TeV}$
top quark discovery
- LHC: in commissioning phase
Higgs boson search at highest energies: $\sqrt{S} = 14\text{TeV}$



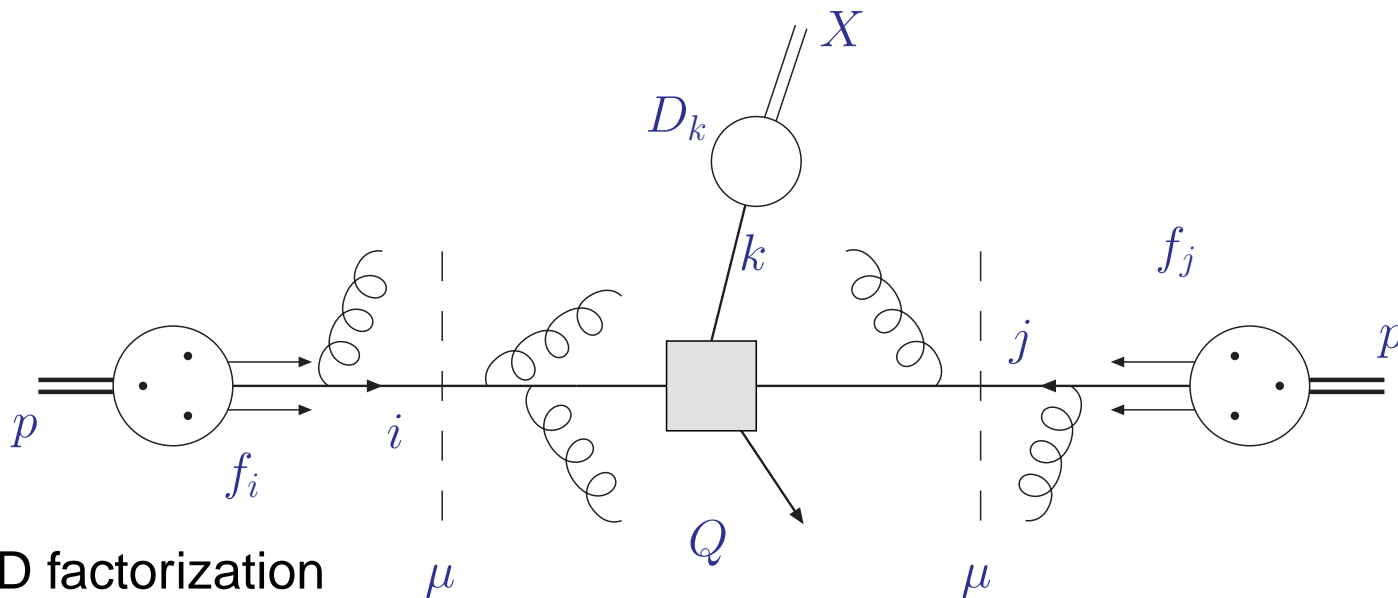
Top quarks at proton colliders

- Top quark discovery at Tevatron
 - a lot of integrated luminosity for analyses
 - $t\bar{t}$ -pairs and single top
- LHC will accumulate very high statistics for $t\bar{t}$ -pairs
 - low luminosity run: $8 \cdot 10^6$ events/year (high luminosity run: 10 times more)
 - mass measurement
 $\Delta m_t = \mathcal{O}(1)\text{GeV}$
 (constraints on Standard Model Higgs mass m_h)
 - top-spin correlations
 - search for anomalous couplings
- Tops make up large part of background in Higgs or new physics searches



Perturbative QCD at colliders

- Hard hadron-hadron scattering
 - constituent partons from each incoming hadron interact at short



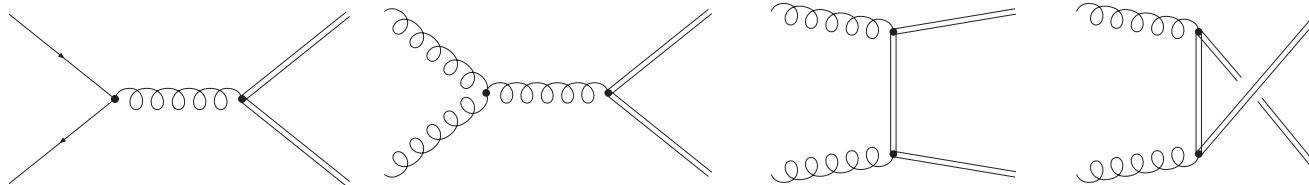
- QCD factorization
 - separate sensitivity to dynamics from different scales

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow X} = \sum_{ijk} f_i(\mu^2) \otimes f_j(\mu^2) \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow k}(\alpha_s(\mu^2), Q^2, \mu^2) \otimes D_{k \rightarrow X}(\mu^2)$$

- factorization scale μ , subprocess cross section $\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow k}$ for parton types i, j and hadronic final state X

Top quark production

- Leading order Feynman diagrams



- NLO in QCD [Nason, Dawson, Ellis '88; Beenakker, Smith, van Neerven '89; Mangano, Nason, Ridolfi '92; Bernreuther, Brandenburg, Si, Uwer '04; Mitov, Czakon '08; ...](#)
 - accurate to $\mathcal{O}(15\%)$ at LHC
- Much activity towards higher orders in QCD
 - one-loop squared terms (NLO \times NLO) [Anastasiou, Mert Aybat '08; Kniehl, Merebashvili, Körner, Rogal '08](#)
 - analytic two-loop fermionic corrections for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ [Bonciani, Ferroglia, Gehrmann, Maitre, Studerus '08](#)
 - numerical result for two-loop virtual $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ [Czakon '08](#)

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Small mass limit

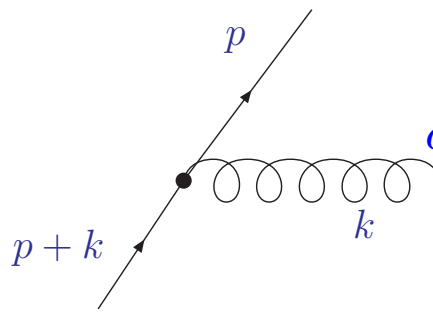
- Study of massive QCD amplitudes in limit $m \rightarrow 0$
 - look at soft and collinear limits
 - exploit relation of massive to massless amplitudes
- Two-loop virtual corrections to $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ and $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ in small-mass limit $m^2 \ll s, t, u$ S.M., Czakon, Mitov '07

Threshold resummation

- Partonic threshold $s \simeq 4m^2$
 - Sudakov-type logarithms $\ln \beta$ with velocity of heavy quark $\beta = \sqrt{1 - 4m^2/s}$
 - long resummation Kidonakis, Sterman '97; Bonciani, Catani, Mangano, Nason '98; Kidonakis, Laenen, S.M., Vogt '01; ...

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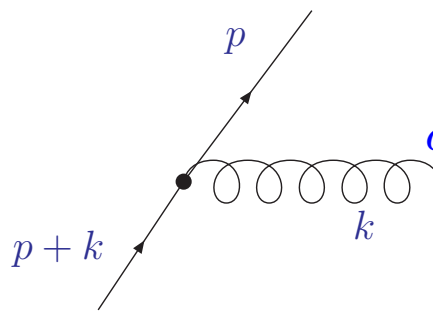


$$\begin{aligned}
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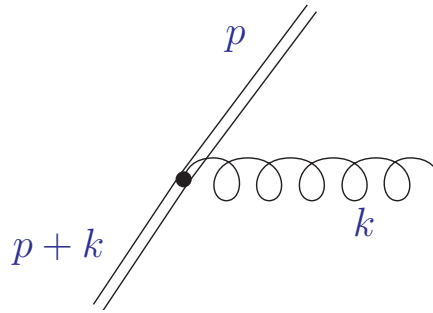
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- Parton masses regulate collinear singularity



A Feynman diagram showing a quark line with momentum p and $p+k$ connected by a gluon loop with momentum k . The quark lines are represented by double lines, indicating they are massive.

$$\alpha_s \int d^4k \frac{1}{(p+k)^2 - m_q^2} \longrightarrow \alpha_s \frac{1}{\epsilon} \ln(m_q^2) \times (\dots)$$

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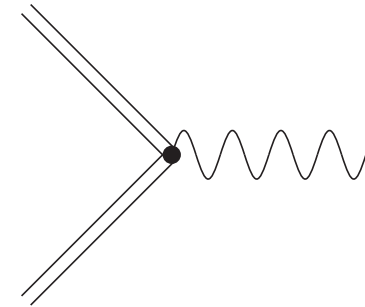
with $\beta = \left(1 - \frac{m_q^2}{E_q^2}\right)^{1/2} < 1$

Quark form factor

- Form factor for (massive) quarks (on-shell)

$$\Gamma_\mu(k_1, k_2) =$$

$$ie_q \bar{u}(k_1) \left(\gamma_\mu \mathcal{F}_1(Q^2, m^2, \alpha_s) + \frac{1}{2m} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu \mathcal{F}_2(Q^2, m^2, \alpha_s) \right) u(k_2)$$



- QCD corrections to vertex
 - gauge invariant quantity
 - infrared divergent (dimensional regularization $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$)

Massless form factor

- Form factor $\mathcal{F}(Q^2, \alpha_s)$ exponentiates

Collins '80; Sen '81; Korchemsky '88; Magnea, Sterman '90; Contopanagos, Laenen, Sterman '97; Magnea '00

$$Q^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial Q^2} \ln \mathcal{F} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s, \epsilon \right) = \frac{1}{2} K(\alpha_s, \epsilon) + \frac{1}{2} G \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s, \epsilon \right).$$

- all Q^2 -dependence in finite function G
- function K pure counterterm (series of poles in ϵ)
- Renormalization group equations for functions G and K

$$\left(\mu^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu^2} + \beta(\alpha_s, \epsilon) \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_s} \right) \{G, K\} = \{A(\alpha_s), -A(\alpha_s)\}$$

- anomalous dimension A (e.g. from Wilson line with cusp)
- Solution for $\ln \mathcal{F}$ with D -dim. coupling $\bar{a}(1, a_s, \epsilon) = a_s \equiv \alpha_s / (4\pi)$
Magnea, Sterman '90

$$2 \ln \mathcal{F} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s, \epsilon \right) = \int_0^{Q^2/\mu^2} \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \left\{ G(\bar{a}, \epsilon) + K(\alpha_s, \epsilon) - \int_1^\xi \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} A(\bar{a}(\lambda, \epsilon)) \right\}$$

Result (massless)

- Expansion in terms of bare coupling α_s^b

$$\mathcal{F}(\alpha_s^b, Q^2) = 1 + \sum_{l=1} \left(\frac{\alpha_s^b}{4\pi} \right)^l \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right)^{-l\epsilon} \mathcal{F}_l$$

- \mathcal{F}_2 : Hamberg, van Neerven, Matsuura '88; Harlander '00; Gehrmann, Huber, Maitre '05; S.M. Vermaseren, Vogt '05
- \mathcal{F}_3 : S.M. Vermaseren, Vogt '05

- Result up to three loops in terms of expansion coefficients of A and G

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} A_1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} G_1$$

$$\mathcal{F}_2 = \frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{\epsilon^4} A_1^2 + \frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} A_1 (2G_1 - \beta_0) + \frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} (G_1^2 - A_2 - 2\beta_0 G_1) - \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\epsilon} G_2$$

$$\mathcal{F}_3 = \dots$$

Massive form factor

- Renormalization group equation factorizes into functions G and K
 - all Q^2 -dependence again in finite function G
 - function K now dependent on infrared sector (parton mass m)

$$\mu^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu^2} \ln \mathcal{F} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s, \epsilon \right) = \frac{1}{2} K \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s, \epsilon \right) + \frac{1}{2} G \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s, \epsilon \right)$$

- Solution for evolution equation [Mitov, S.M. '06](#)

$$2 \ln \mathcal{F} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s, \epsilon \right) = \int_0^{Q^2/\mu^2} \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \left\{ G(\bar{a}(\xi\mu^2, \epsilon)) + K(\bar{a}(\xi\mu^2 m^2/Q^2, \epsilon)) - \int_{\xi m^2/Q^2}^{\xi} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} A(\bar{a}(\lambda\mu^2, \epsilon)) \right\}$$

- Double logarithms $L = \ln(Q^2/m^2)$ from integral over A
- A and G same functions as in massless calculations
- K determined matching to fixed order results

Result (massive)

- Massive form factor with logarithms $L = \ln(Q^2/m^2)$
 - expansion in terms of coefficients A , G , K and constant terms C (all finite in m^2 and ϵ)
- Expansion up to two loops [Bernreuther, Bonciani, Gehrmann, Heinesch, Leineweber, Mastrolia, Remiddi '04; Mitov, S.M. '06](#)

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} A_1 L + \frac{1}{2} (G_1 + K_1) \right\} - \frac{1}{4} A_1 L^2 - \frac{1}{2} G_1 L + C_1$$

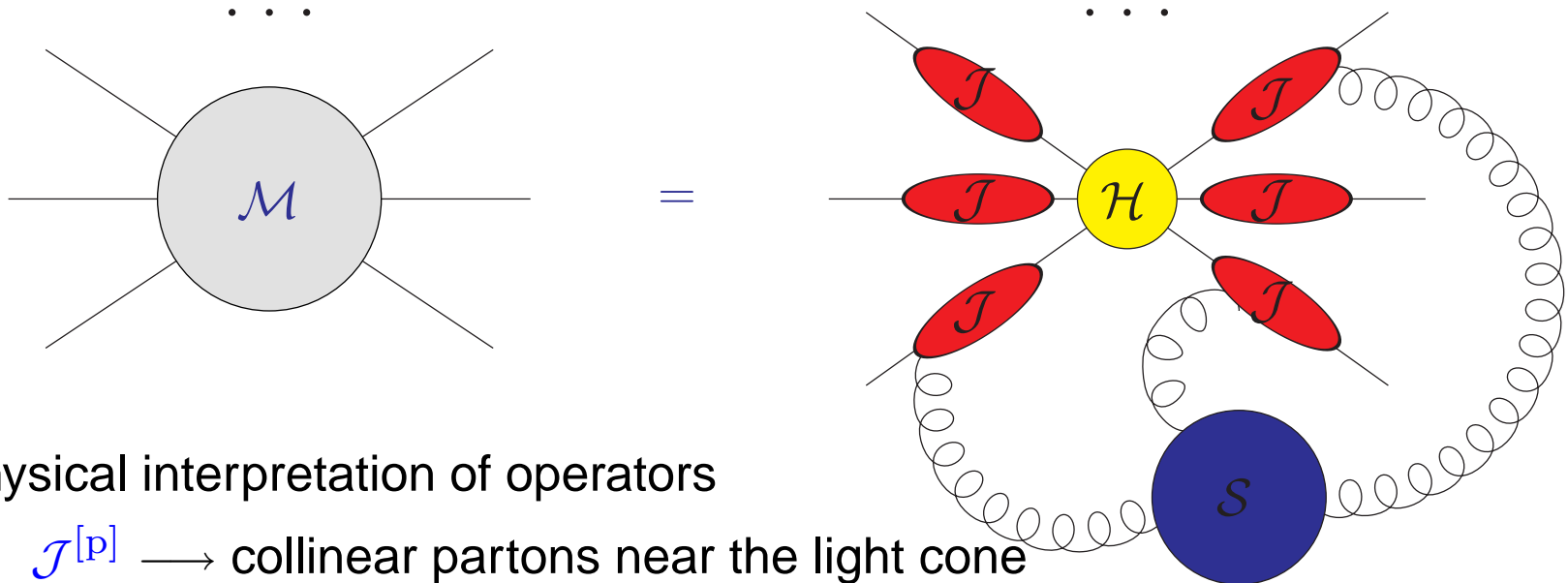
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_2 = & \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{8} A_1^2 L^2 + \frac{1}{4} A_1 (G_1 + K_1 - \beta_0) L + \frac{1}{8} (G_1 + K_1) (G_1 + K_1 - 2\beta_0) \right\} \\ & + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left\{ -\frac{1}{8} A_1^2 L^3 - \frac{1}{8} A_1 (3G_1 + K_1) L^2 + \frac{1}{4} (A_2 - G_1^2 - K_1 G_1 + 2A_1 C_1) L \right. \\ & + \left. \frac{1}{4} (G_2 + K_2) + \frac{1}{2} C_1 (G_1 + K_1) \right\} + \frac{7}{96} A_1^2 L^4 \\ & + \frac{1}{24} A_1 (7G_1 + K_1 + 2\beta_0) L^3 + \frac{1}{8} G_1 (2G_1 + K_1 + 2\beta_0) L^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{4} (A_2 + A_1 C_1) L^2 - \frac{1}{2} (G_2 + G_1 C_1) L + C_2 \end{aligned}$$

Scattering amplitudes

Soft and collinear factorization

- Amplitude \mathcal{M} factorizes into various functions $\mathcal{J}^{[p]}$, $\mathcal{S}^{[p]}$ and $\mathcal{H}^{[p]}$

$$|\mathcal{M}_p\rangle = \mathcal{J}^{[p]}(Q^2, \alpha_s, \epsilon) \mathcal{S}^{[p]}(\{k_i\}, \alpha_s, \epsilon) |\mathcal{H}_p\rangle$$



- Physical interpretation of operators

- $\mathcal{J}^{[p]} \longrightarrow$ collinear partons near the light cone
- $\mathcal{S}^{[p]} \longrightarrow$ soft partons of long wave-length at large angle (matrix in color space)
- $\mathcal{H}^{[p]} \longrightarrow$ hard off-shell partons at short distances (vector in color space)

Jet function

- Jet function defined by parton form factors
 - definition ensures exponentiation of QCD corrections

$$\mathcal{J}^{[i]} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_i^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2), \epsilon \right) = \left(\mathcal{F}^{[i]} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_i^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s, \epsilon \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad i = q, g$$

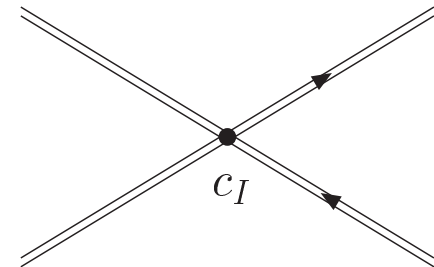
- QCD corrections to form factor \mathcal{F} exponentiate (anomalous dimensions are universal)

Collins '80; Sen '81; Korchemsky '88; Magnea, Sterman '90; Contopanagos, Laenen, Sterman '97; Magnea '00; S.M. Mitov '06

- massless case: double and single poles in $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$
- massive case: logarithms in parton masses $\ln(m)$ and poles in $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$

Soft function

- Sensitivity to color structure of scattering process
 - color mixing through soft gluon exchange
- Construction of \mathcal{S} as composite operator
Korchemsky, Korchemskaya '94; Contopanagos, Laenen, Sterman '97;
Aybat, Dixon, Sterman '06; ...
 - coupling to Wilson-lines
→ partons in eikonal approximation



- Renormalization group equations
with soft anomalous dimension $\Gamma^{[p]}$

$$\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} \mathcal{S}_{IJ}^{[p]} = - \left(\Gamma^{[p]} \right)_{IK} \mathcal{S}_{KJ}^{[p]}$$

- $\Gamma^{[p]}$ with smooth limit $m \rightarrow 0$
 - much progress recently on soft anomalous dimension
massless: Becher, Neubert '09; Gardi, Magnea '09
massive: Mitov, Sterman, Sung '09; Becher, Neubert '09
- Solution as path-ordered exponential (matrix in color space)

Massless amplitudes

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 - process p for $2 \rightarrow n$ parton scattering
 - poles in $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$ in terms of universal anomalous dimensions [Catani '98](#)
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[Tejeda-Yeomans, Sterman '02](#)

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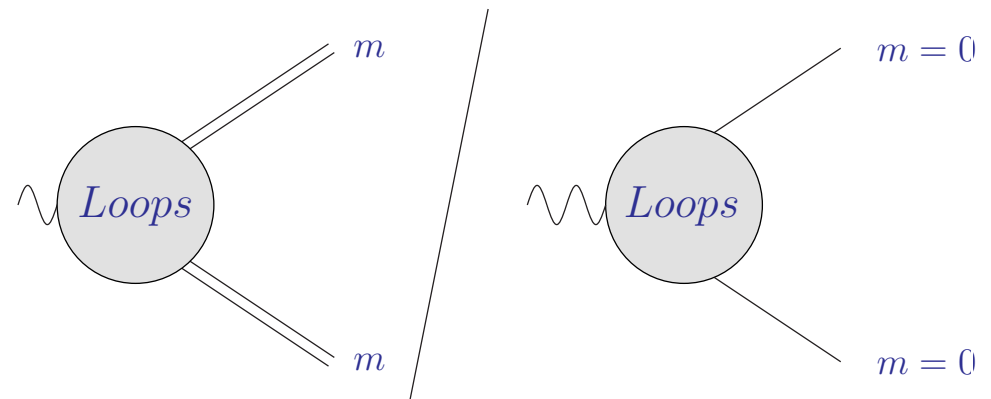
massive form factor

Upshot

- Simple multiplicative relation between massless and massive amplitudes to all orders [Mitov S.M. '06](#)
 - hierarchy of scales $m^2 \ll s, t, u$
 - relation correct up to power suppressed terms $\mathcal{O}(m)$

$$\mathcal{M}^{[p],(m)} \left(\{k_i\}, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2), \epsilon \right) = \prod_{i \in \{\text{all legs}\}} \left(Z_{[i]}^{(m|0)} \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2), \epsilon \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{M}^{[p],(m=0)} \left(\{k_i\}, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2), \epsilon \right)$$

- factor $Z_{[i]}^{(m|0)}$ with $i = q, g$
 - determined by ratio of massless and massive form factor
 - however, no internal heavy loops



Heavy-quark hadro-production at two loops in QCD

- Amplitude for heavy-quark production in $q\bar{q}$ -annihilation

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Anastasiou, Glover, Oleari, Tejeda-Yeomans '00

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re} \langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(2)} \rangle^{(m)} = \\ \text{Re} \langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(2)} \rangle^{(m=0)} + Z^{(1)} \text{Re} \langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(1)} \rangle^{(m=0)} + Z^{(2)} \langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(0)} \rangle^{(m=0)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re} \langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(2)} \rangle^{(m)} = \\ \text{Re} \langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(2)} \rangle^{(m=0)} + Z^{(1)} \text{Re} \langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(1)} \rangle^{(m=0)} + Z^{(2)} \langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(0)} \rangle^{(m=0)} \end{aligned}$$

- Independent check: direct calculation of massive Feynman diagrams
 - generate Feynman diagrams, reduce integrals to masters, construct Mellin-Barnes representation, expand in small mass, evaluate Mellin-Barnes by summing up series representations
 - software DIAGEN/IDSOLVER, MB, SUMMER, XSUMMER, PSLQ, ...

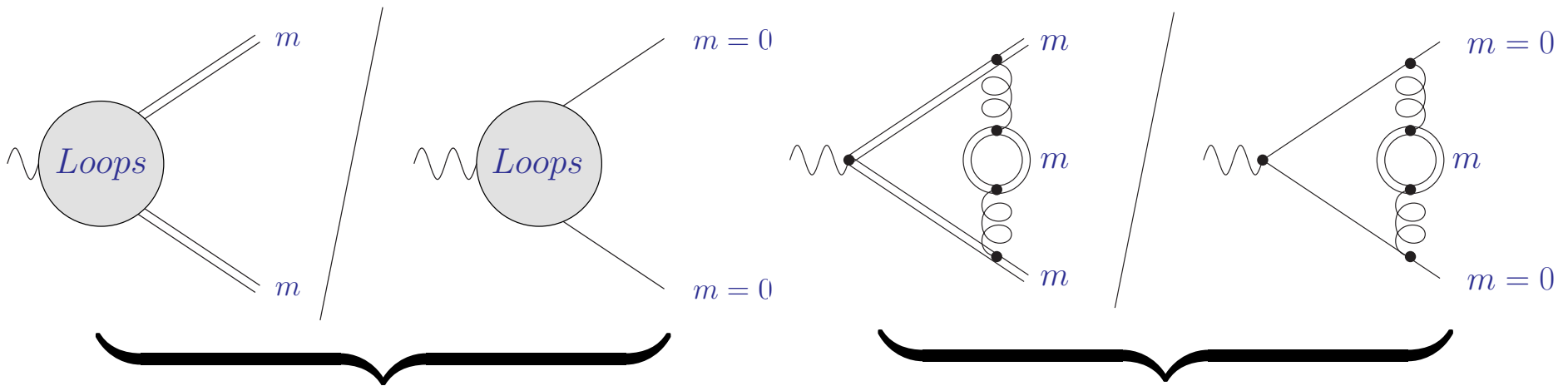
Results

- Full result for heavy-quark hadro-production at two loops in QCD in limit $m^2 \ll s, t, u$ S.M., Czakon, Mitov '07
 - number of colors N and light/heavy quarks n_l/n_h

$$2\text{Re} \langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(2)} \rangle = 2(N^2 - 1) \left(N^2 A + B + \frac{1}{N^2} C + N n_l D_l + N n_h D_h + \frac{n_l}{N} E_l + \frac{n_h}{N} E_h + (n_l + n_h)^2 F \right)$$

Remarks

- $Z_{[i]}^{(m|0)}$ relates theories with same total number of flavors n_f
 - require distinction according to number of internal heavy loops



- Sidecondition for $Z_{[q]}^{(m|0)}$ -factor:
no internal heavy loops

- Linear terms in n_h accounted for by separate ratio e.g. $Z_{[q]}^{(m|0)} \Big|_{n_h}$
(as defined above)
- Additional internal heavy loops in soft function $\mathcal{S}^{[p]}$
(process dependent)

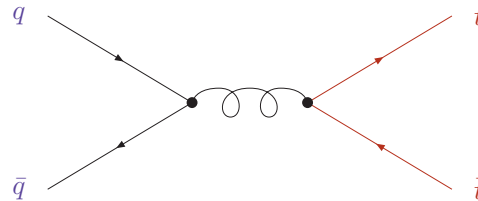
Phenomenological applications

- Top production at LHC
 - singularities and logarithms $\ln(m)$ in amplitudes to two-loop
 - $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$ accomplished
 - $gg \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$ accomplished
- QCD corrections to heavy (colored) BSM particles
 - squark and gluino production
- Subtraction schemes with massive partons for real emission contributions
 - extensions beyond one loop

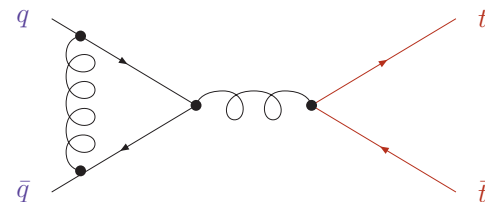
Sudakov logarithms

- Intuitive aspects of higher order corrections

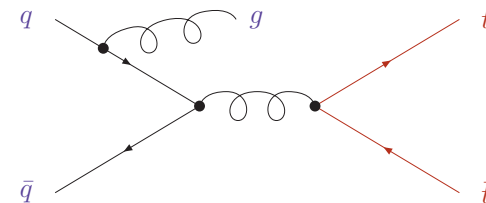
- lowest order, elastic



- first order correction
virtual < 0 (elastic)



- first order correction
Brems > 0 (inelastic)



- at threshold for $t\bar{t}$ -creation

- strong Sudakov-suppression inelastic tendency

$$\sigma \sim \exp[-\alpha_s \ln^2(1 - 4m_t^2/s)]$$

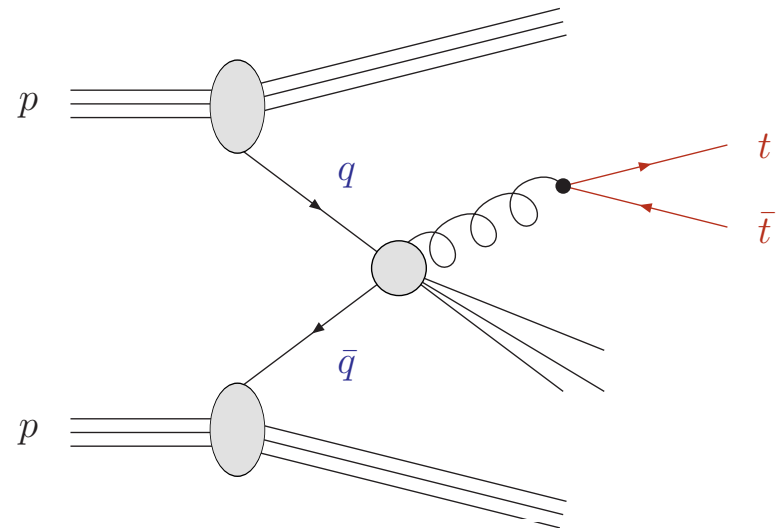
- universal factor for parton splittings (leading log accuracy)
modelling of MC parton showers

- Hadronic reaction $p\bar{p}$:

- recall master equation

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \sum_{ij} f_i \otimes f_j \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}}$$

- initial partons: also Sudakov-suppressed



- Parton cross section $\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}}$

- Sudakov-enhancement after mass factorization

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \frac{\sigma_{pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}}}{f_i \otimes f_j} = \frac{e^{-\alpha_s \ln^2(\dots)}}{\left(e^{-\alpha_s \ln^2(\dots)}\right)^2} = e^{+\alpha_s \ln^2(\dots)}$$

- large double logarithms

Threshold resummation

- Threshold at $s \simeq 4m_t^2$
 - parton cross section exhibit Sudakov-type logarithms $\ln(\beta)$ with velocity of heavy quark $\beta = \sqrt{1 - 4m_t^2/s}$ at n^{th} -order
- All order resummation of large logarithms $\alpha_s^n \ln^{2n}(\beta) \longleftrightarrow \alpha_s^n \ln^{2n}(N)$
 - resummation in Mellin space (renormalization group equation)
- Resummed cross section in Mellin space

$$\frac{\hat{\sigma}_{ij,I}^N(m^2)}{\hat{\sigma}_{ij,I}^{(0),N}(m^2)} = g_{ij,I}^0(m^2) \cdot \exp\left(G_{ij,I}^{N+1}(m^2)\right) + \mathcal{O}(N^{-1} \ln^n N)$$

- exponent in singlet-octet color basis decomposition $I = 1, 8$

$$G_{q\bar{q}/gg,I}^N = G_{\text{DY}/\text{Higgs}}^N + \delta_{I,8} G_{Q\bar{Q}}^N$$

- Renormalization group equations for functions $G_{\text{DY}/\text{Higgs}}^N$ and $G_{Q\bar{Q}}^N$
 - well-known exponentiation from factorization in soft/collinear limit

The radiative factors

- Production of color singlet final state from parton-parton scattering described by $G_{\text{DY/Higgs}}^N$

$$G_{\text{DY/Higgs}}^N =$$

$$\int_0^1 dz \frac{z^{N-1} - 1}{1-z} \int_{\mu_f^2}^{4m^2(1-z)^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} 2 A_i(\alpha_s(q^2)) + D_i(\alpha_s(4m^2[1-z]^2))$$

- well known anomalous dimensions A_i (collinear gluon emission) and D_i (process dependent gluon emission at large angles)
Vogt '00; Catani, Grazzini, de Florian, Nason '03; S.M., Vermaseren, Vogt '05

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- $G_{Q\bar{Q}}^N$ accounts for gluon emission from octet final state

$$G_{Q\bar{Q}}^N = \int_0^1 dz \frac{z^{N-1} - 1}{1-z} D_{Q\bar{Q}}(\alpha_s([1-z]^2 4m^2))$$

- anomalous dimension $D_{Q\bar{Q}}$ (cf. pole of form factor for massive quarks)

$$D_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(1)} = -A_g^{(1)}, \quad D_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(2)} = -A_g^{(2)}$$

$D_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(2)}$ consistent with Mitov, Sterman, Sung '09; Becher, Neubert '09

Accuracy under control

- Control over logarithms $\ln(N)$ with $\lambda = \beta_0 \alpha_s \ln(N)$ to N^k LL accuracy

$$G_{ij,I}^N = \ln N \cdot g_{ij}^1(\lambda) + g_{ij,I}^2(\lambda) + \alpha_s g_{ij,I}^3(\lambda) + \dots$$

- $g^1(\lambda)$: LL

Laenen, Smith, v.Neerven '92; Berger, Contopanagos '95; Catani, Mangano, Nason, Trentadue '96

- $g^2(\lambda)$: NLL

Bonciani, Catani, Mangano, Nason '98; Kidonakis, Laenen, S.M., Vogt '01

- $g^3(\lambda)$: NNLL

S.M., Uwer '08

- Resummed G^N predicts fixed orders in perturbation theory
 - generating functional for towers of large logarithms

New results

- NNLO cross section for heavy-quark hadro-production near threshold (all powers of $\ln \beta$ and Coulomb corrections) S.M., Uwer '08; Langenfeld, S.M., Uwer to appear
 - e.g. gg -fusion for $n_f = 5$ light flavors at $\mu = m_t$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}}^{(1)} = \hat{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}}^{(0)} \left\{ 96 \ln^2 \beta - 9.5165 \ln \beta + 35.322 + 5.1698 \frac{1}{\beta} \right\}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}}^{(2)} = \hat{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}}^{(0)} \left\{ 4608 \ln^4 \beta - 1894.9 \ln^3 \beta + \left(-912.35 + 496.30 \frac{1}{\beta} \right) \ln^2 \beta + \left(3031.1 + 321.14 \frac{1}{\beta} \right) \ln \beta + 68.547 \frac{1}{\beta^2} - 196.93 \frac{1}{\beta} + C_{gg}^{(2)} \right\}$$

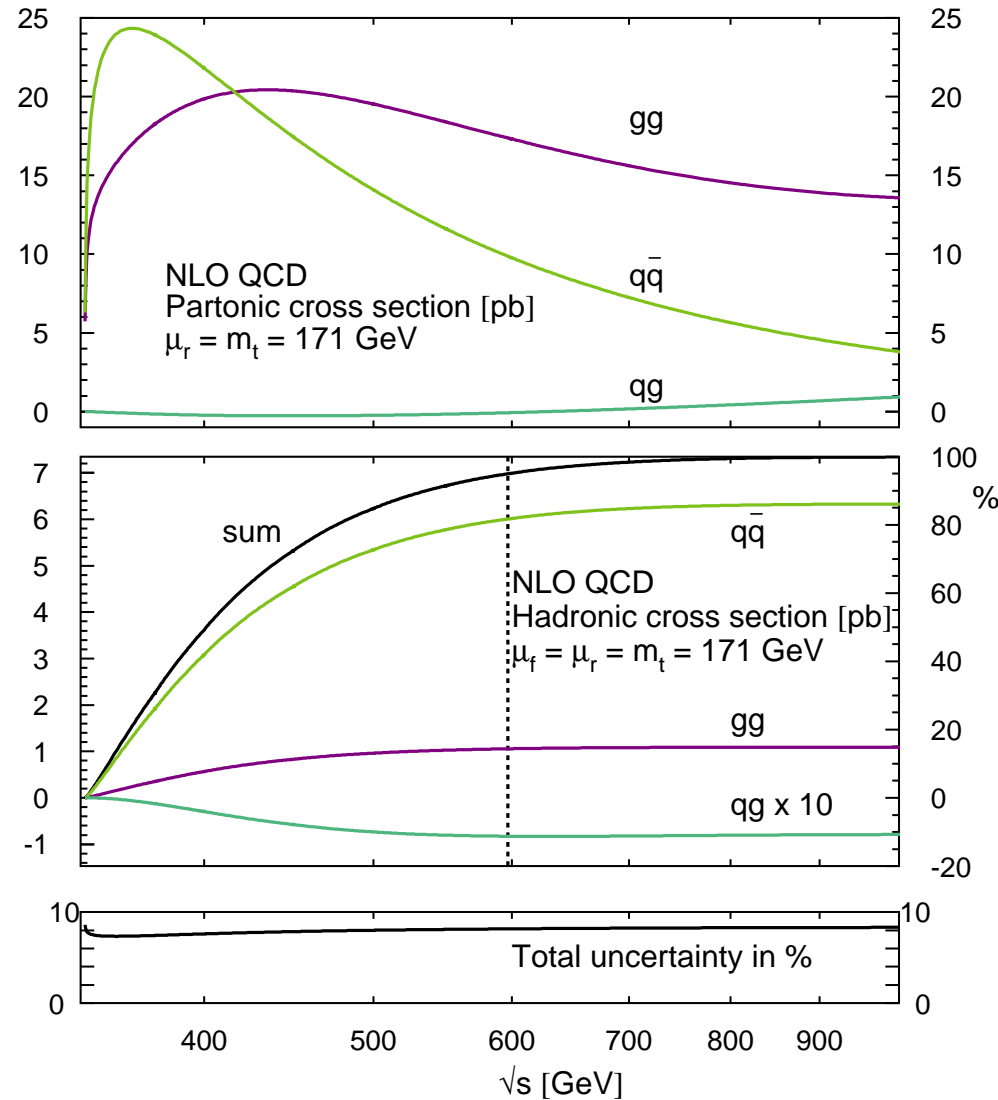
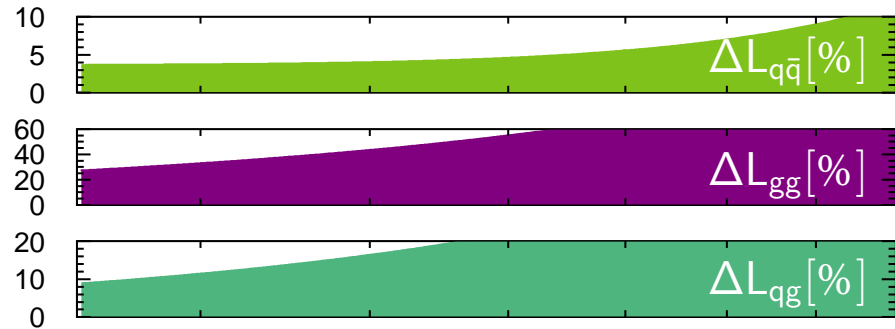
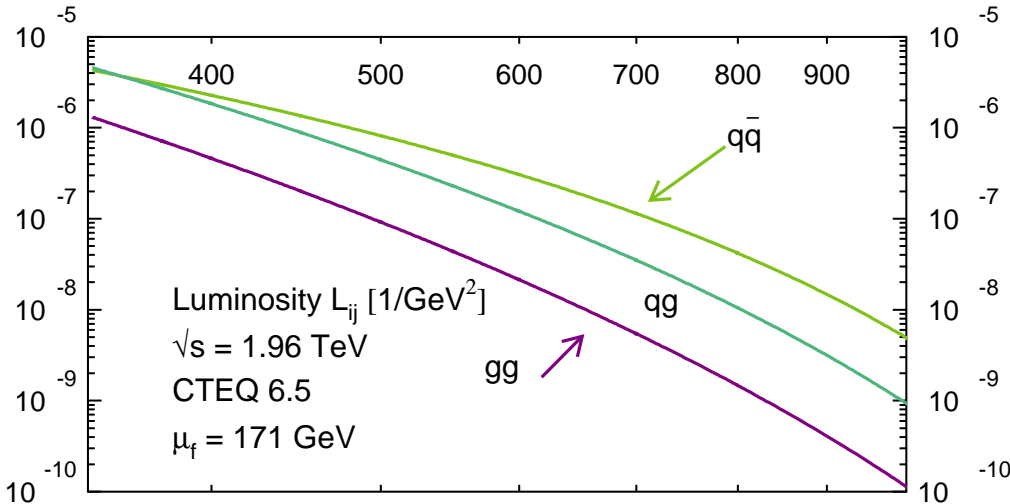
- Add all scale dependent terms
 - $\ln(\mu/m_t)$ -terms exactly known from renormalization group methods

Upshot

- Best approximation to complete NNLO
- Similar results for new massive colored particles (4th generation quarks, squarks, gluinos, ...)
S.M., Uwer '08; S.M., Langenfeld '08

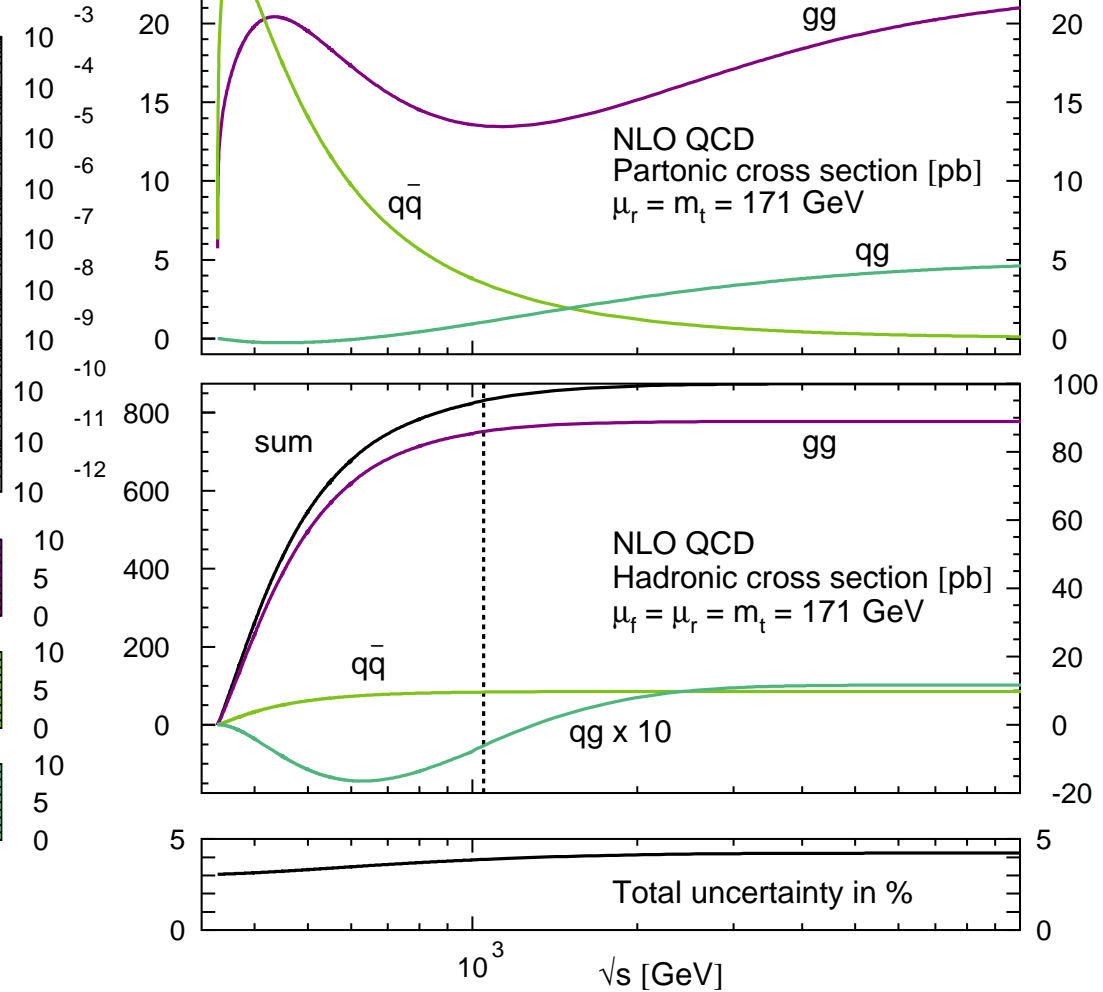
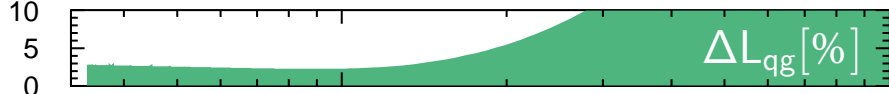
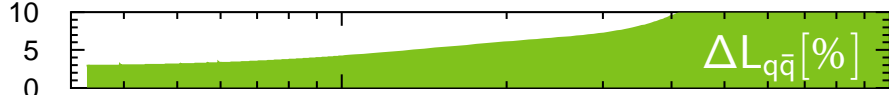
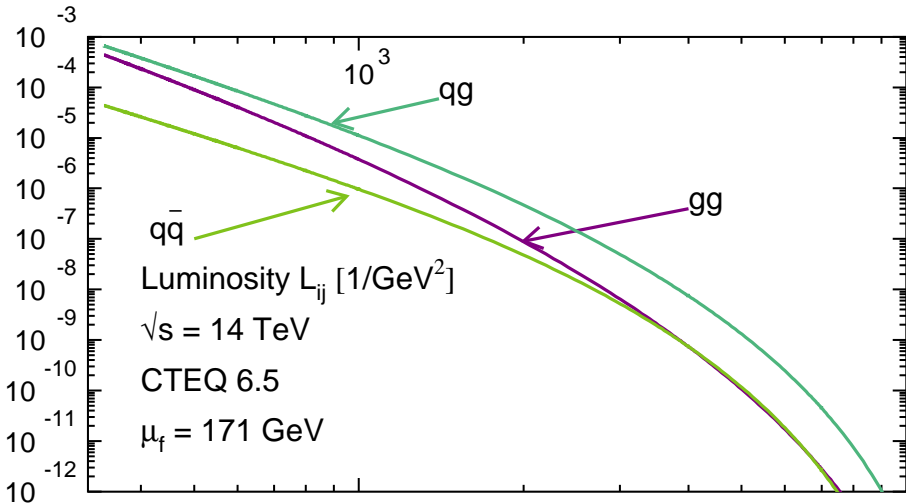
Total cross section at Tevatron

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \sum_{ij} f_i \otimes f_j \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}}$$



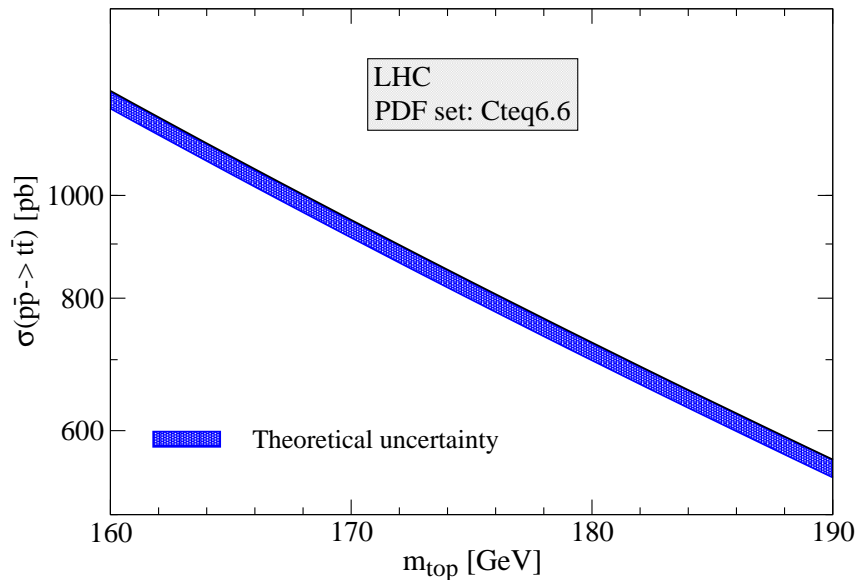
Total cross section at LHC

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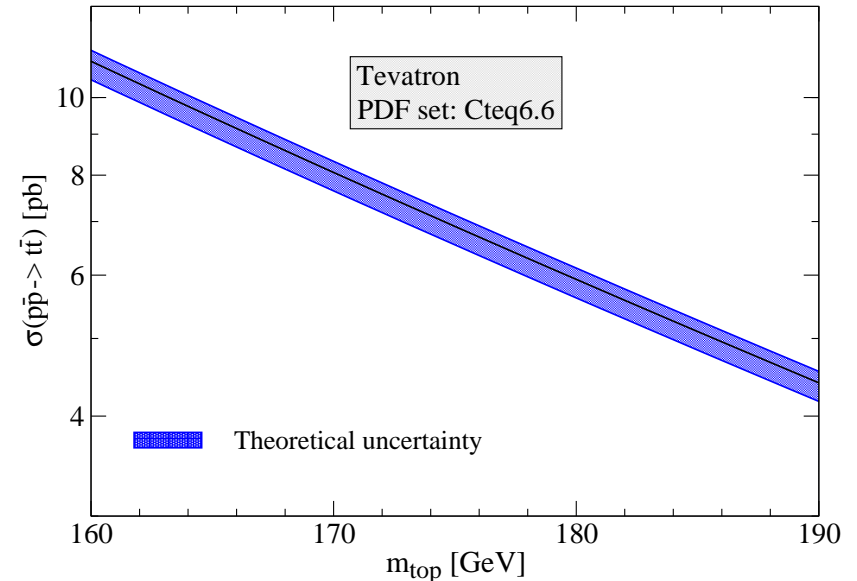


Mass dependence

- Parametrize mass dependence with a fit around $x = (m_t/\text{GeV} - 173)$
$$\sigma(\mu) = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 + ex^4 + fx^5 + gx^6$$
- fit precise to per mille accuracy in range $150 \text{ GeV} \leq m_t \leq 220 \text{ GeV}$
- various scale and PDF choices: $\mu = m_t/2, m_t, 2m_t$, CTEQ6.6, MSTW2008, ...



LHC



Tevatron

Theory improvements

- Variation of renormalization and factorization scale $\mu_R \neq \mu_F$
- Improved matching at NLO
 - consistent color-singlet and color-octet contributions at NLO Petrelli, Cacciari, Greco, Maltoni, Mangano '97; Hagiwara, Sumino, Yokoya '08
- Fits to exact NLO calculation Mitov, Czakon '08
- gq -channel included at two loops (large gq -parton luminosity at LHC)
 - leading term near threshold $\sim \beta^3 \ln^3 \beta$ (power suppressed β^2)

Scale dependence

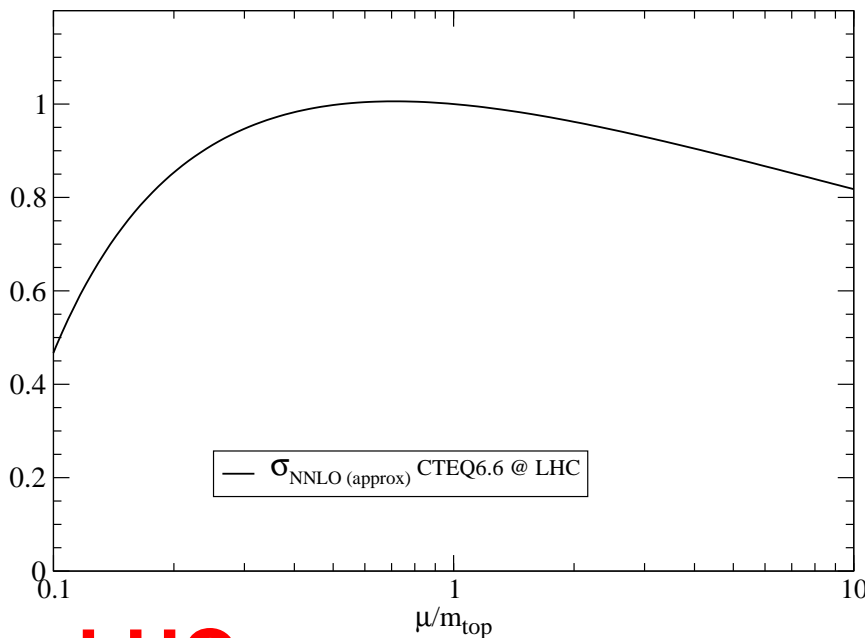
- Renormalization group methods predict all terms $L = \ln(\mu^2/m_t^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{t\bar{t}} &= \sigma^{(0)} + \alpha_s(\mu) \left\{ \sigma^{(1)} + L \sigma_L^{(1)}(\sigma^{(0)}, \beta_0, P_0) \right\} \\ &+ \alpha_s^2(\mu) \left\{ \sigma^{(2)} + L \sigma_L^{(2)}(\sigma^{(0)}, \sigma^{(1)}, \beta_0, \beta_1, P_0, P_1) + L^2 \sigma_{L^2}^{(2)}(\sigma^{(0)}, \beta_0, P_0) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

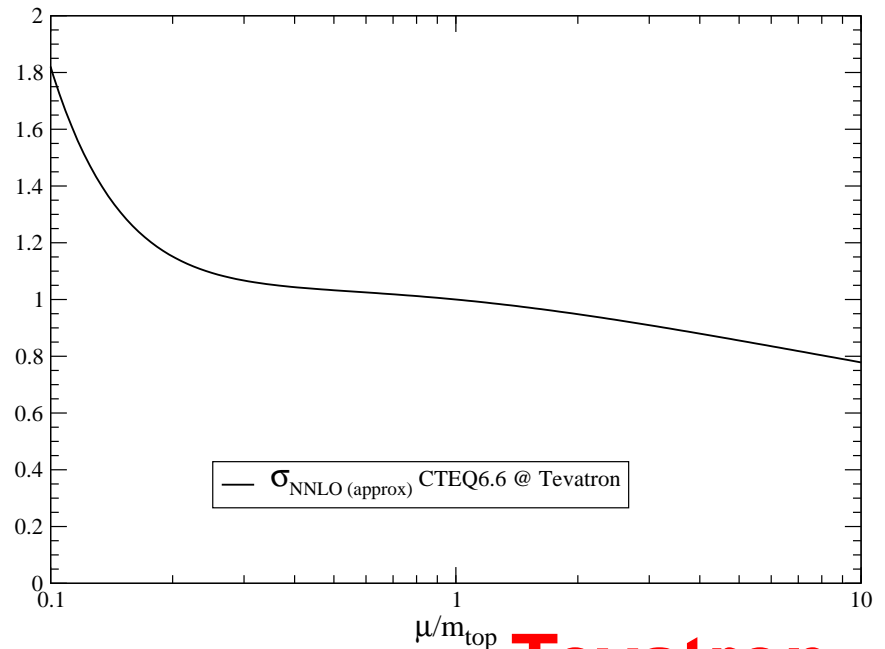
- relax $\mu = \mu_R = \mu_F$ in study of theoretical uncertainty
- allow for independent variation $\mu_R \neq \mu_F$

Scale dependence (I)

- Theoretical uncertainty from variation of scales $\mu = \mu_R \neq \mu_F$
 - plot with PDF set CTEQ6.6 (but largely independent on PDFs)
 - very stable predictions in range $\mu \in [m_t/2, 2m_t]$
 - $-3\% \leq \Delta\sigma \leq +0.5\%$ at LHC
 - $-4\% \leq \Delta\sigma \leq +3\%$ at Tevatron



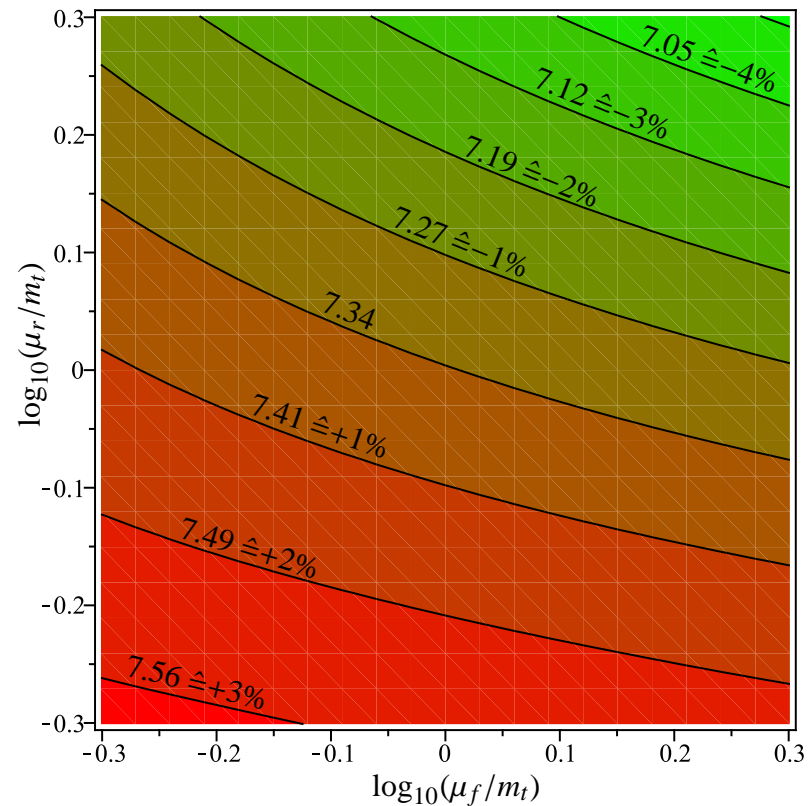
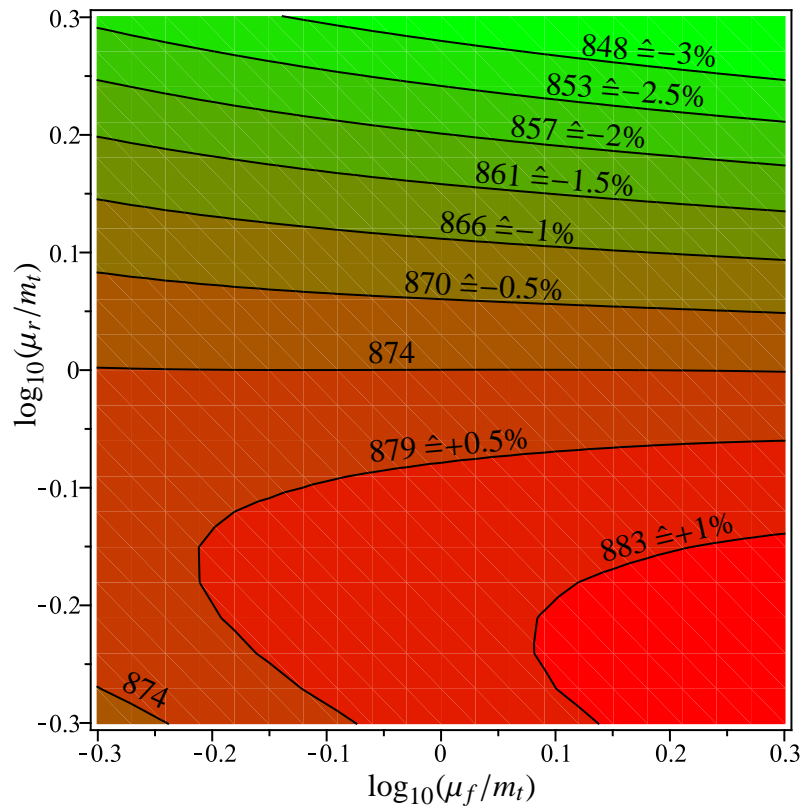
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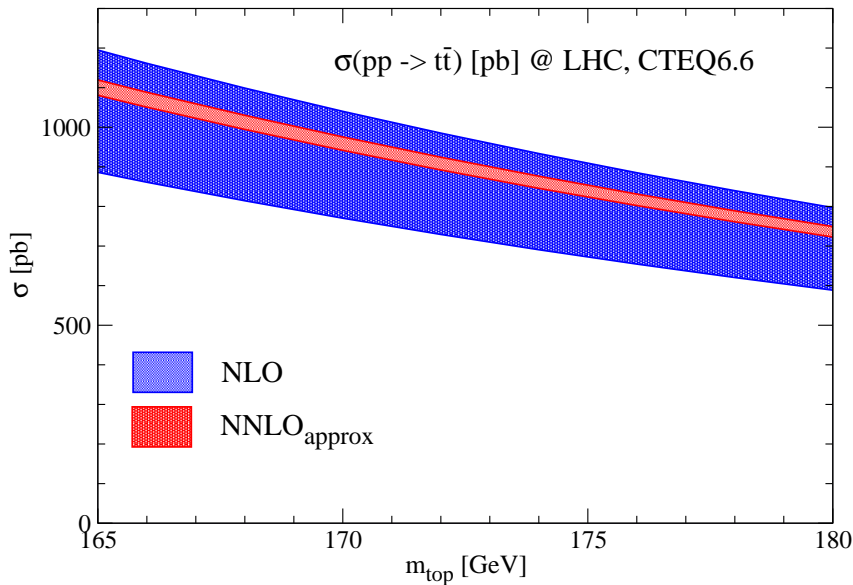
Scale dependence (II)

- Contour lines of total cross section for $\mu_R \neq \mu_F$
 - independent variation of renormalization and factorization scale
 - range corresponds to $\mu_R, \mu_F \in [m_t/2, 2m_t]$
 - plot with PDF set CTEQ6.6 (but largely independent on PDFs)

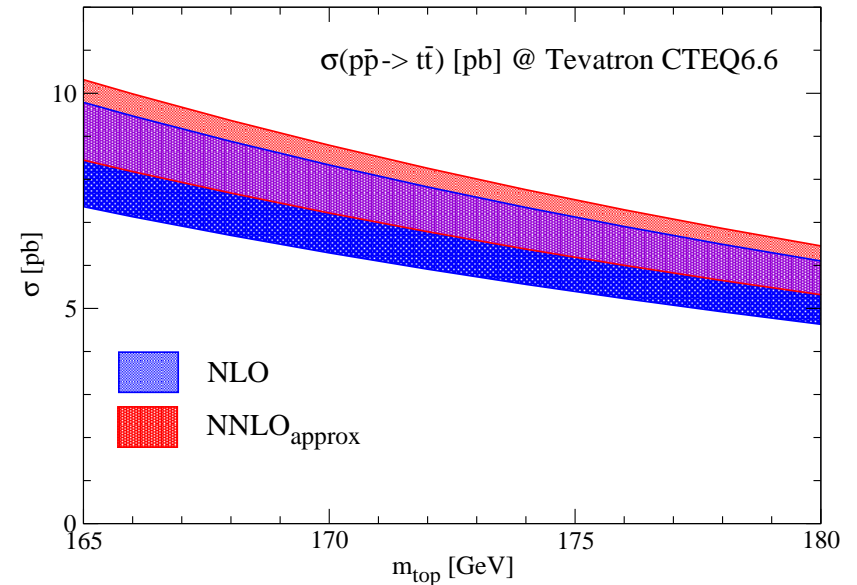


Total theory uncertainty

- NLO (with MRST2008 PDF set)
 - scale uncertainty $\mathcal{O}(10\%) \oplus$ PDF uncertainty $\mathcal{O}(5\%)$
- NNLO_{approx} (with MRST2008 PDF set)
 - scale uncertainty $\mathcal{O}(3\%) \oplus$ PDF uncertainty $\mathcal{O}(2\%)$
- Theory at NNLO matches anticipated experimental precision $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$



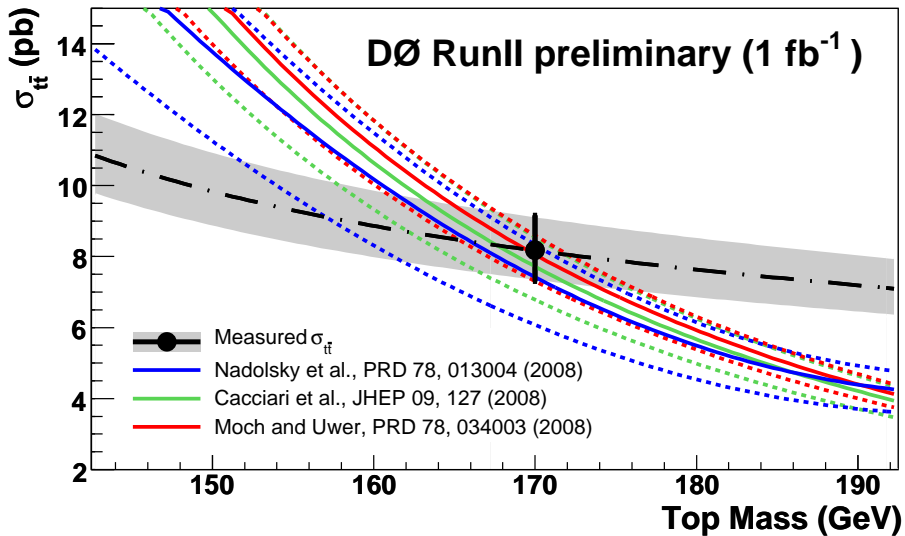
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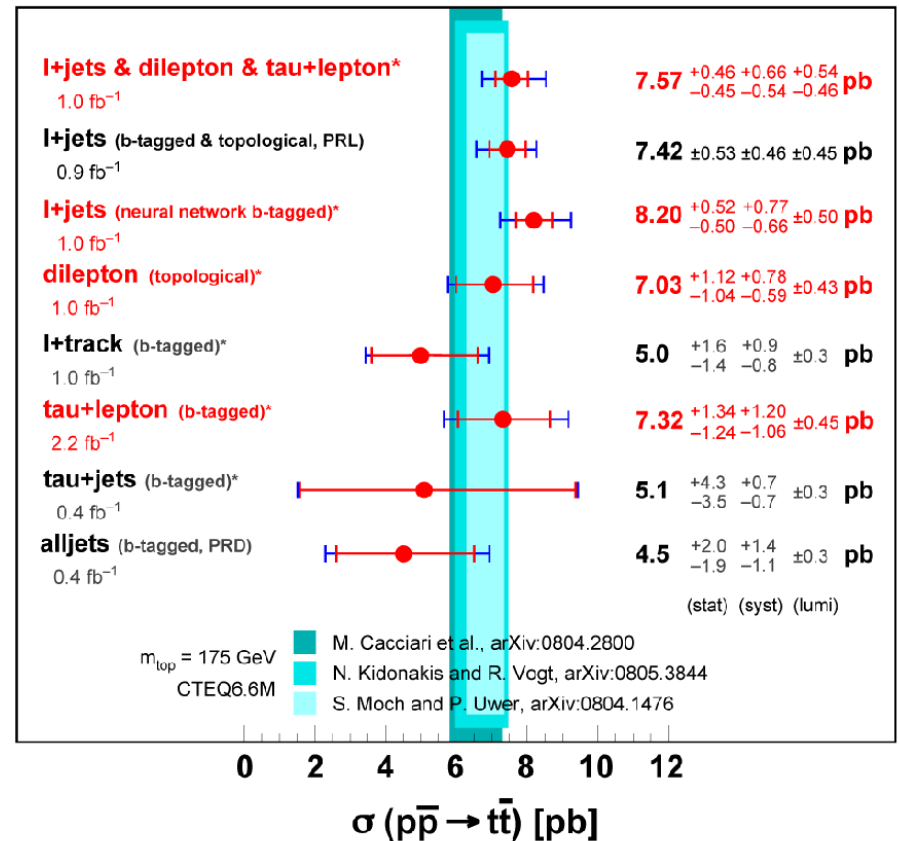
Tevatron analyses

- Total cross section and different channels of Tevatron analyses (theory uncertainty band from scale variation)
- NNLO allows for precision determinations of m_t from total cross section (slope $d\sigma/dm_t$)



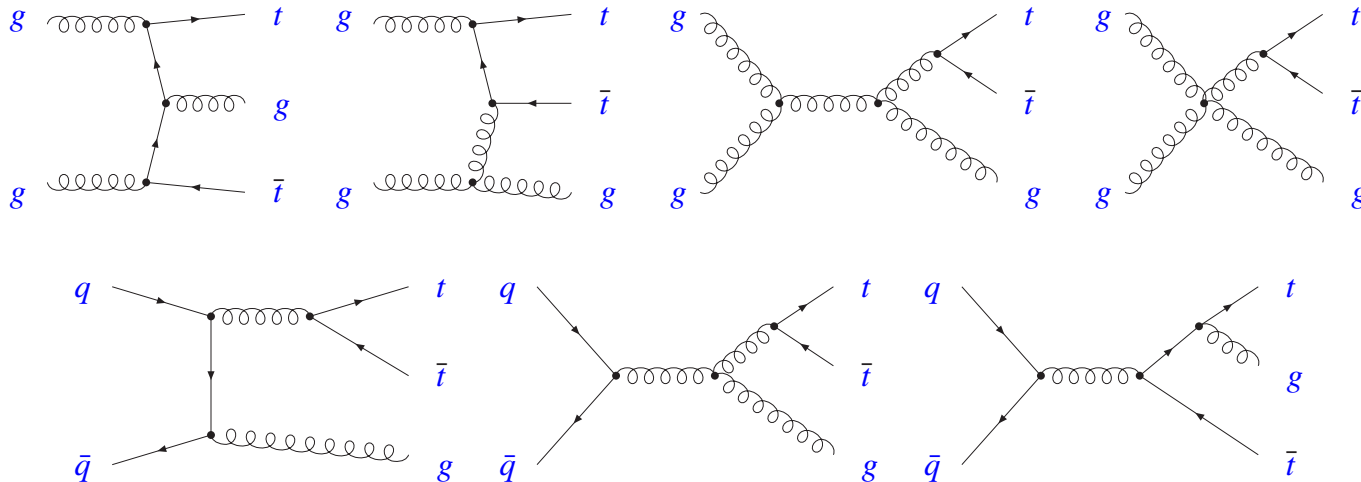
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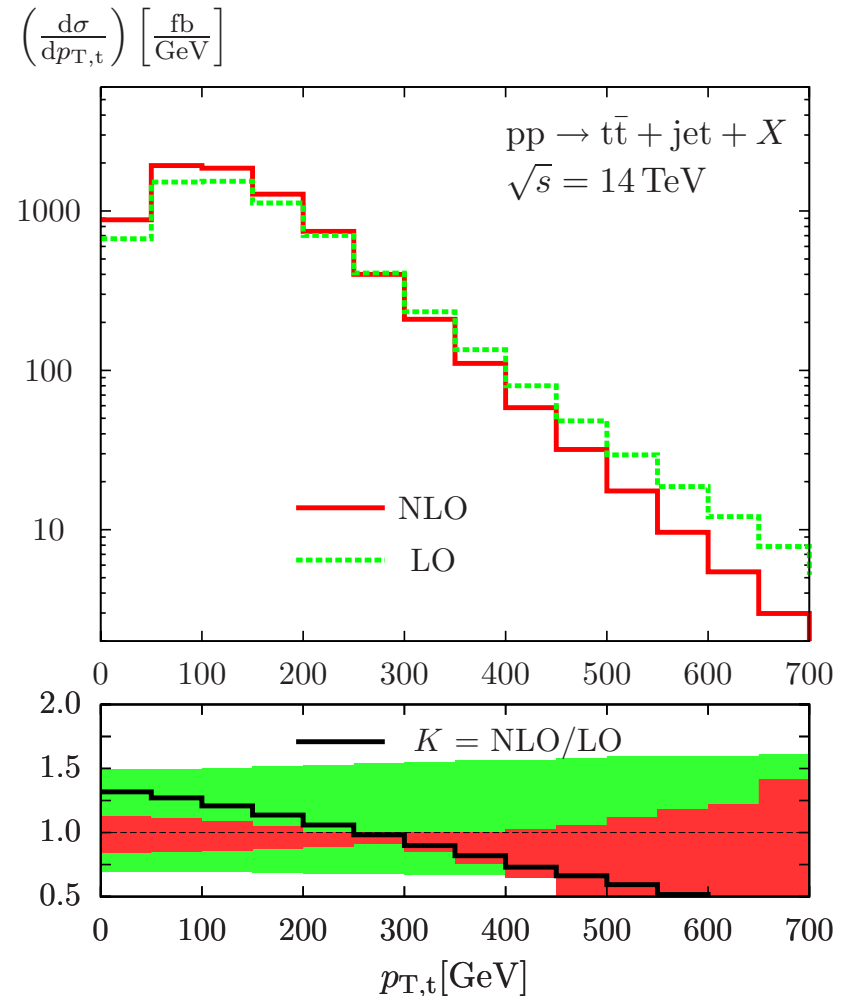
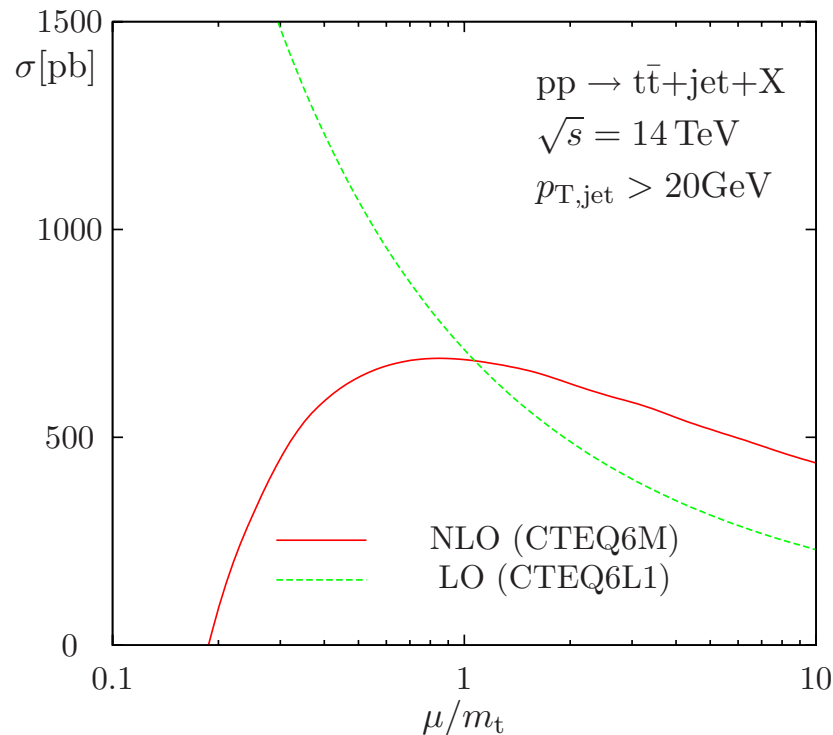
$t\bar{t} + \text{jet production (I)}$

- LHC: large rates for production of $t\bar{t}$ -pairs with additional jets
 - sample Feynman diagrams for $t\bar{t} + \text{jet}$ production at LO



- NLO corrections to $t\bar{t} + \text{jet}$ production are part of NNLO corrections for inclusive $t\bar{t}$ production
 - at scale $\mu_R = \mu_F = m_t$ corrections are almost zero
 - threshold resummation captures dominant contributions

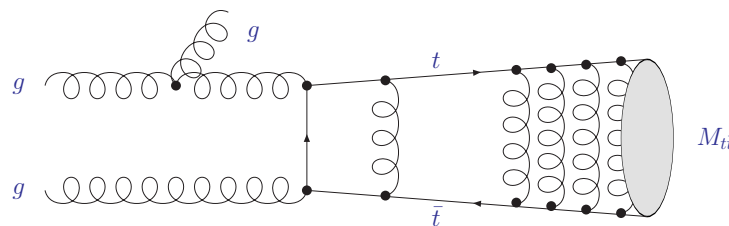
$t\bar{t}$ + jet production (II)



- Impressive state-of-the-art NLO QCD result [Dittmaier, Uwer, Weinzierl '07-'08](#)
 - much improved scale dependence of total rate
 - transverse-momentum distributions of top-quark $p_{T,t}$ along with K-factor and scale variation $m_t/2 \leq \mu \leq 2m_t$

Coulomb corrections

- Heavy quark production very close to threshold
 - resummation of Coulomb corrections $\sim 1/\beta$ to all orders (non-relativistic QCD)
 - NRQCD factorization Bodwin, Braaten, Lepage '95
- Much work (theory and phenomenology) for ILC
 - fixed center-of-mass energy S allows threshold scan at $\sqrt{S} \sim 2m_t$
 - dominant color-singlet production $\rightarrow t\bar{t} \left({}^3S_1^{[1]} \right)$
- Effects on top-mass measurement at LHC Hagiwara, Sumino, Yokoya '08
- Detailed study in NRQCD assembling existing knowledge at NLO/NLL Kiyoyama, Kühn, S.M., Steinhauser, Uwer '08
 - complete NLO NRQCD result Petrelli, Cacciari, Greco, Maltoni, Mangano '97 (corrections by Hagiwara, Sumino, Yokoya '08)
 - NLL resummation Cacciari '99

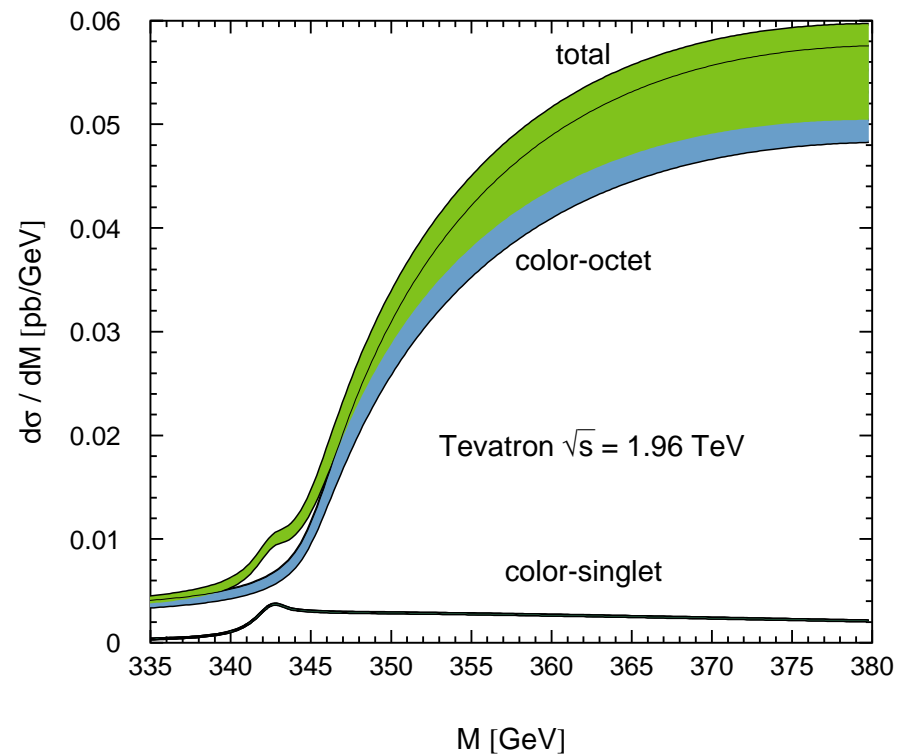
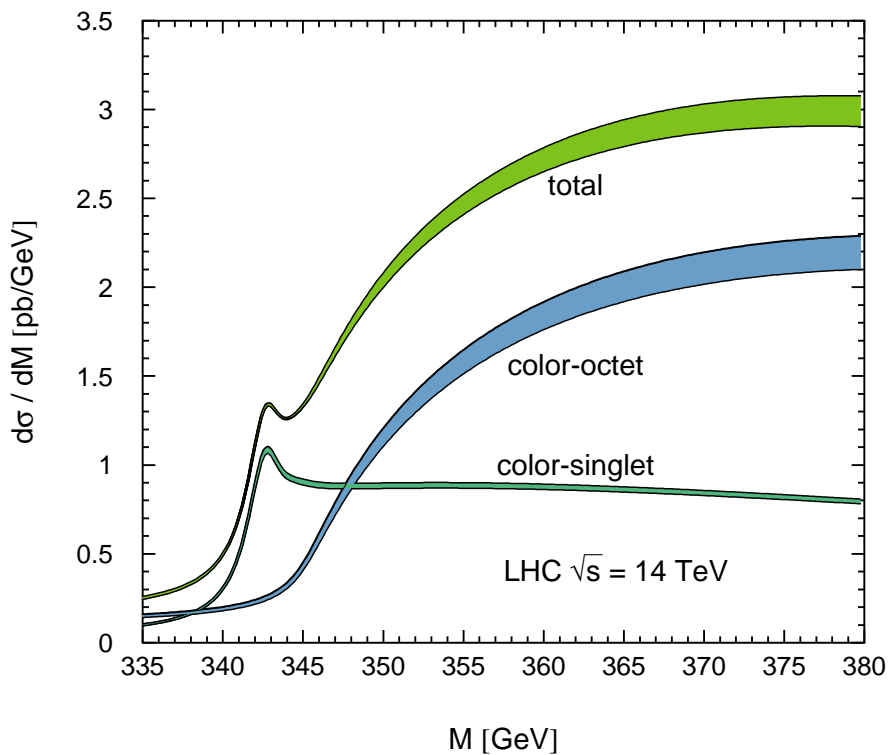


Coulomb corrections

- Recall master equation
$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \sum_{ij} f_i \otimes f_j \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}}$$
- Convolution with PDFs $f_i \otimes f_j$
 - top-quark pairs produced as color-singlets and color-octets
 $\rightarrow t\bar{t} \left({}^{2s+1}S_J^{[1,8]} \right)$
 - threshold at $M_{t\bar{t}} \sim 2m_t$ with $M_{t\bar{t}} = (p_t + p_{\bar{t}})^2$
- NRQCD factorization of partonic cross section into
$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = F_{ij \rightarrow T} \otimes G(M_{t\bar{t}})$$
 - free $t\bar{t}$ production rate F
 - evolution factor into “boundstate” (Green’s function) G
- Differential kinematics
$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}}}{dM_{t\bar{t}}^2} = F_{ij \rightarrow T} \times \Im G^{[1,8]}(M_{t\bar{t}})$$
 - factorization of soft-collinear dynamics (real emission radiation)
 - matching at NLO and NLL resummation

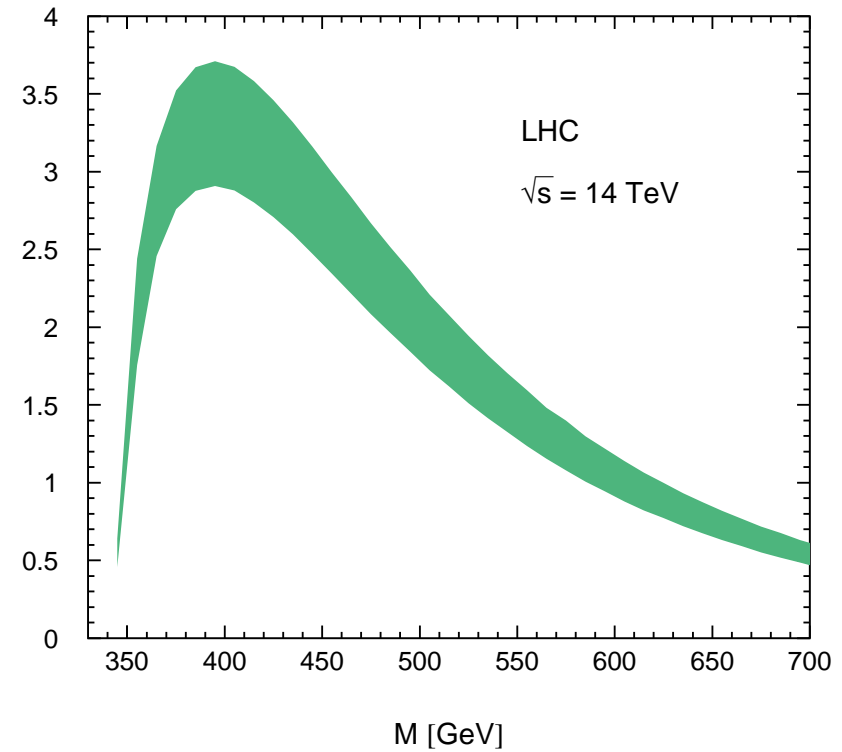
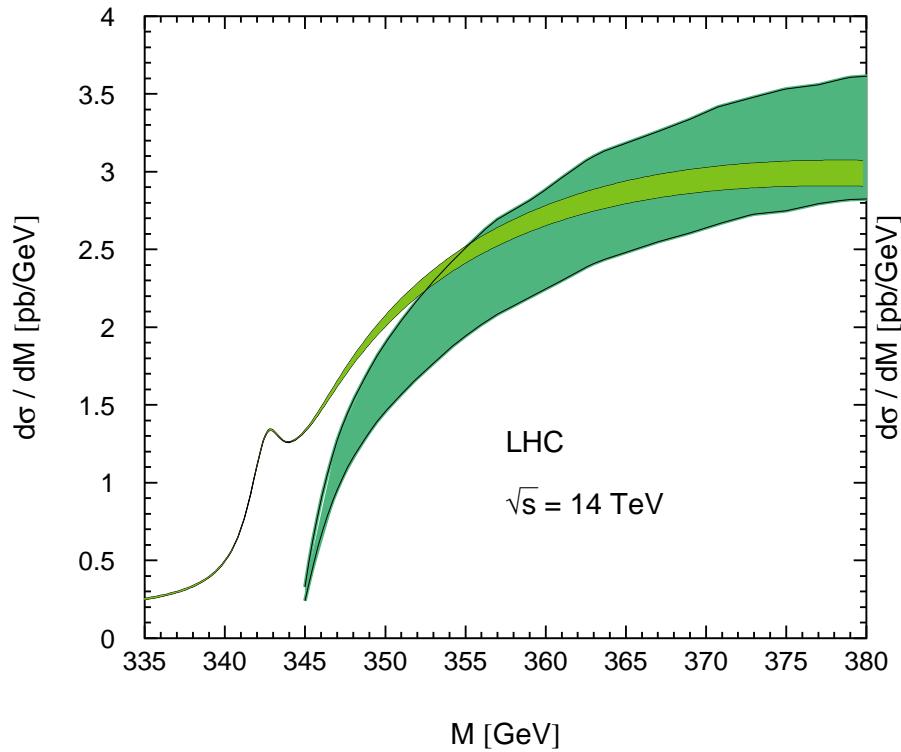
Invariant mass distribution

- $d\sigma/dM_{t\bar{t}}$ at LHC driven by large gluon luminosity
 - $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t} \left({}^1S_0^{[1]} \right)$ dominates
- $d\sigma/dM_{t\bar{t}}$ at Tevatron with small bound state effects
 - $q\bar{q}$ -channel large with only color-octet configurations only



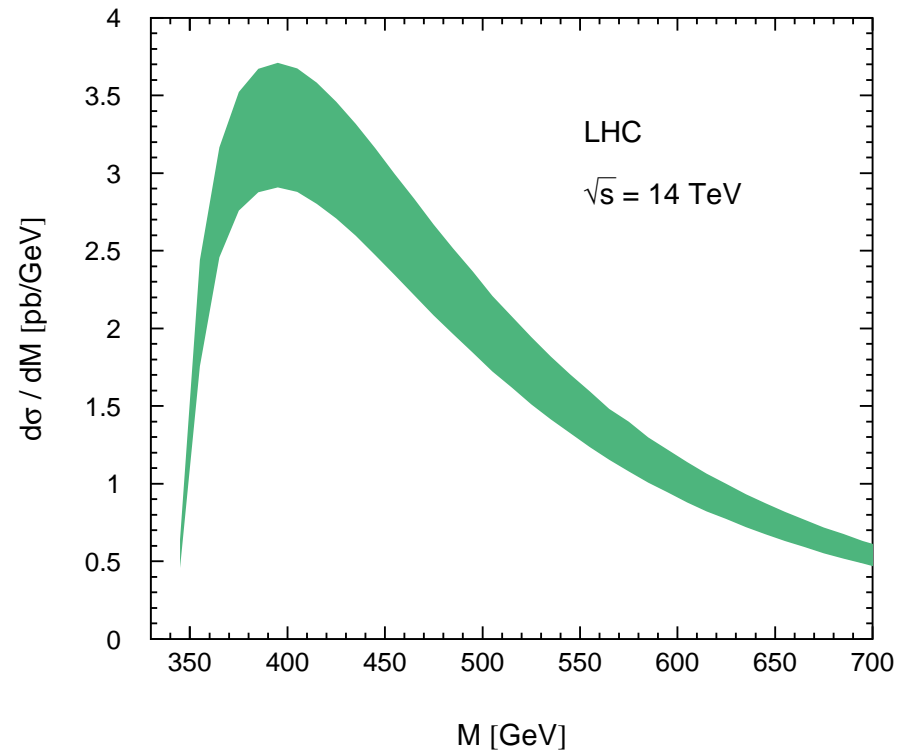
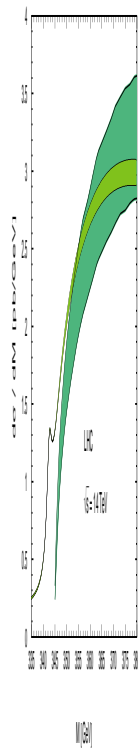
Matching to fixed order

- $d\sigma/dM_{t\bar{t}}$ with at LHC
 - compare NLL resummed result in NRQCD (plain vanilla) NLO
Mangano, Nason, Ridolfi '92
 - consistency check OK

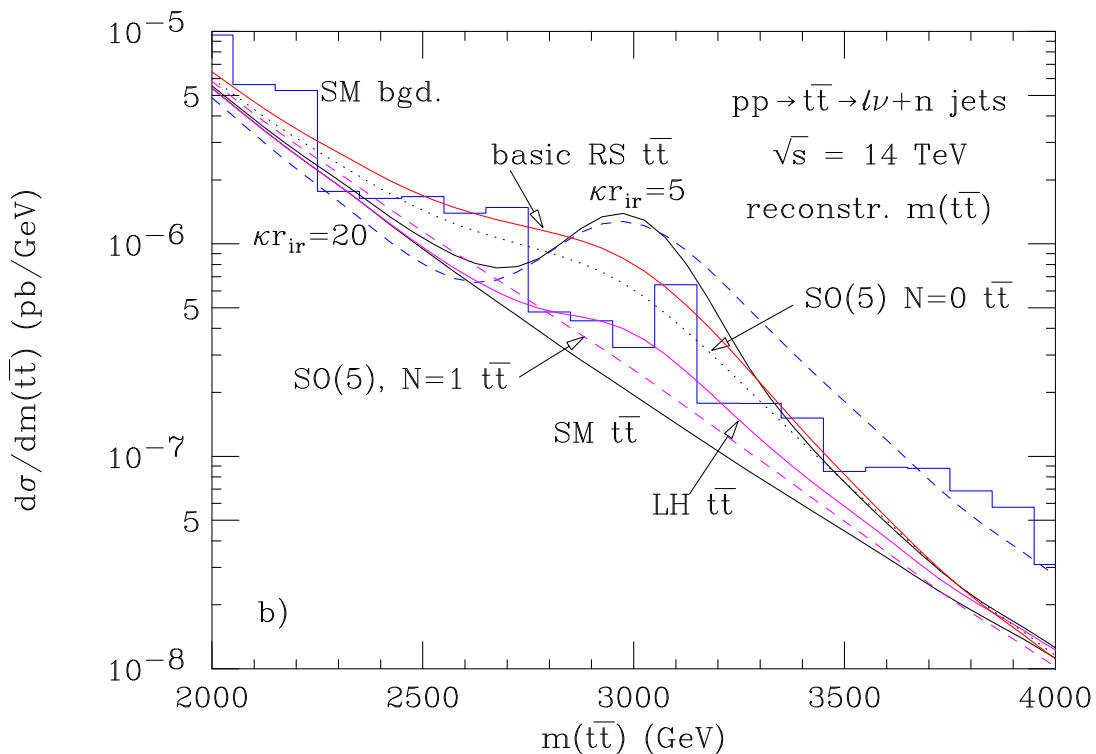


Invariant mass distribution

- Resolution of bound state effects in $d\sigma/dM_{t\bar{t}}$ at LHC difficult (requires rather fine binning)
 - uncertainty of total cross section $\Delta\sigma \simeq \mathcal{O}(10)$ pb from
 - extrapolation of $M_{t\bar{t}}$ -distribution affected by $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t} \left({}^1S_0^{[1]} \right)$



High- $M_{t\bar{t}}$ tail of invariant mass distribution



- New physics searches in high-end tail of invariant mass $M_{t\bar{t}}$ -spectrum at LHC
 - Kaluza-Klein resonances (e.g. s -channel graviton exchange)
 Frederix, Maltoni '07; Baur, Orr '08

Summary

Massive amplitudes

- Factorization
 - soft and collinear limits of massive QCD amplitudes
 - relations between massless and massive amplitudes

Collider phenomenology

- Top quark theory
 - improved understanding of theory and application of new concepts
 - resummation important for Tevatron and LHC phenomenology

Higher orders

- QCD results for hard scattering at **new level of precision**