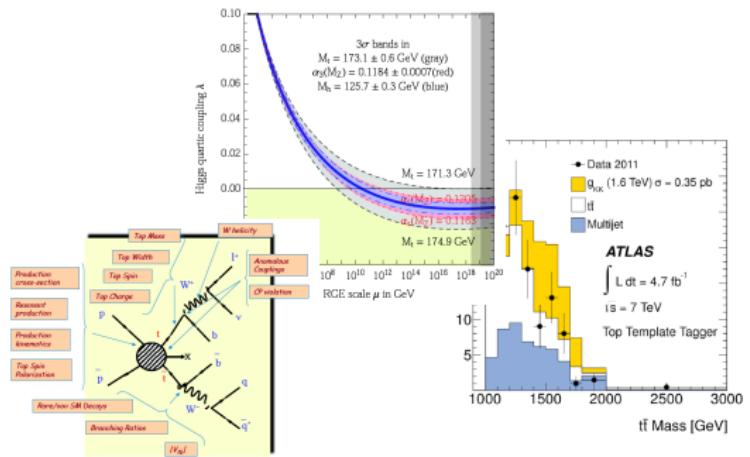
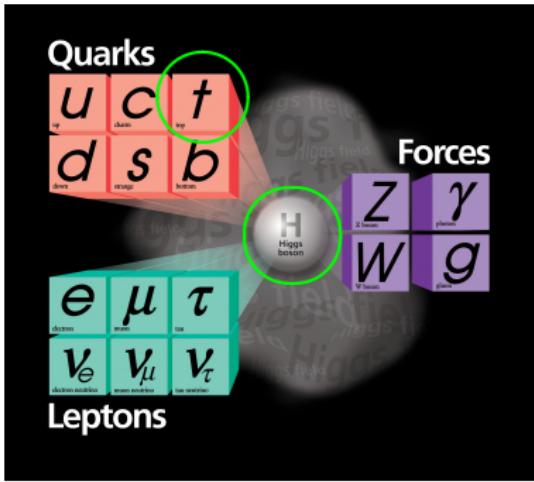


# Top Quark Physics

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 [yet to be eclipsed]

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Window to EWSB

Main contributor to hierarchy problem

Top partners? Composite?

Determines the fate of the Universe?

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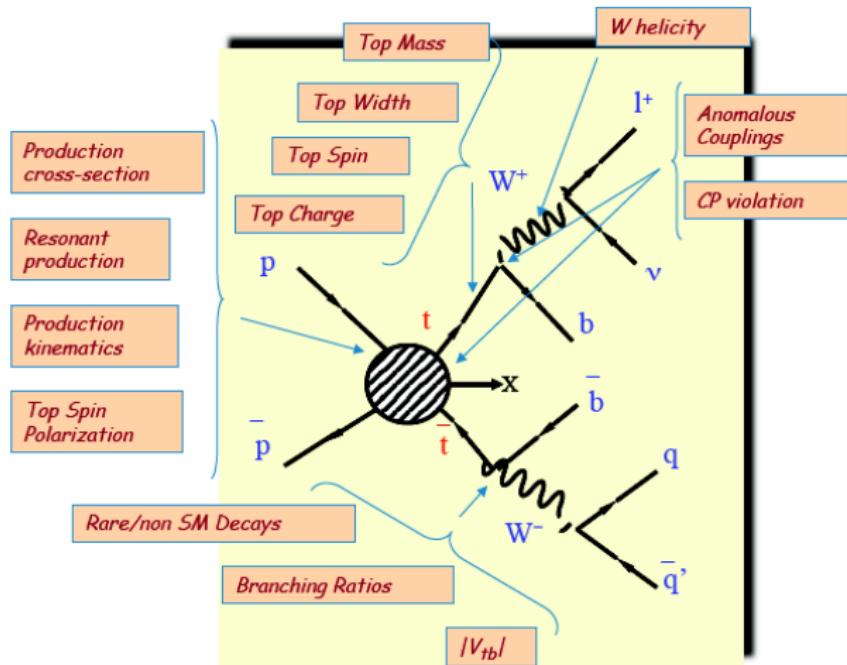
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- But more generally

$$(\phi^\dagger \phi) (\bar{Q}_i \tilde{\phi} U_j), \phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu \phi (\bar{Q}_i \gamma_\mu Q_j), \bar{Q}_i \sigma^{\mu\nu} \Phi U_j X_{\mu\nu}, \dots$$

imply new flavour-changing interactions, electric dipole moments, ...

Automated computation in SM effective theory including NLO QCD corrections [Zhang, Maltoni, 1305.7386; ...; Degrande et al., 1412.5594; ...; Franzosi, Zhang, 1503.08841; Zhang, 1601.06163; ...]



- Invariant mass  $M_{t\bar{t}}^2$
- Transverse momentum  $p_{t,\perp}$
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+ single top production

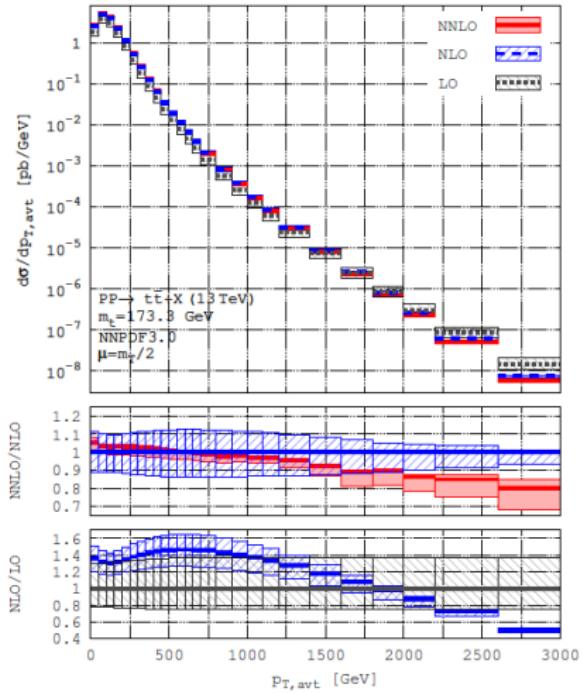
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[A. Mitov, LHC Top WG meeting, May 2016]

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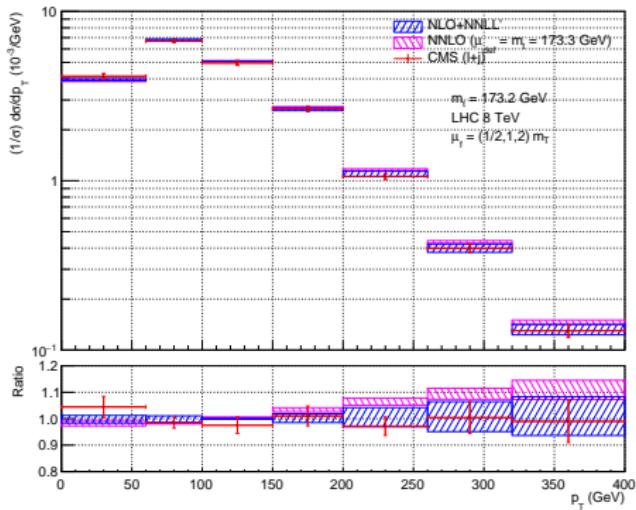
Hadronic cross section not parametrically dominated by partonic thresholds.

## NNLL resummation, boosted

- **Boosted top** + soft gluon ( $M_{t\bar{t}} \gg 4m_t^2, p_t \gg m_t, \dots$ )

[Ferroglio, Pecjak + Scott, Wang, Yang, 1205.3662, ..., 1601.07020]

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dX} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{S}) \otimes [\text{fragmentation}]^2$$



- NNLL + matched to NNLO for large  $p_t, M_{t\bar{t}}$  could be future state-of-the-art.

[Pecjak et al., 1601.7020]

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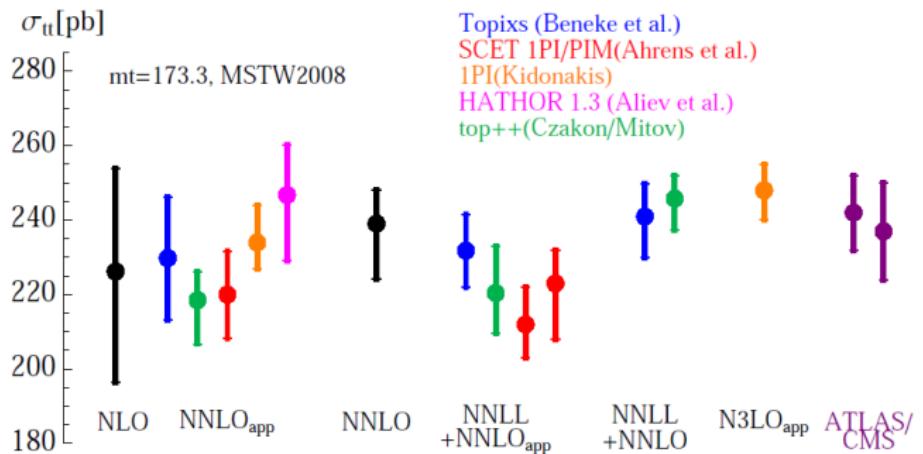
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significant resummation/NNLO effect [+8%],  
 reduction of theoretical uncertainty [8% → 3%] (excluding PDF +  $\alpha_s$  error),  
 threshold approximation worked well.

- LHC ( $gg$ )

small resummation [+1%]/significant NNLO effect [+4%],  
 significant reduction of theoretical uncertainty [13% → 4.5%],  
 threshold expansion did not work that well.

# NNLO/NNLL resummation, comparison



[Schwinn, MIAPP Top Quark Physics Day, August 2014]

- PDF+ $\alpha_s$  uncertainty NOT included here.

## NNNLO<sub>approx</sub> approaches

### A MB, Falgari, Klein, Schwinn, 1109.1536

NNLL soft+Coulomb expanded to NNNLO + incomplete subleading terms

### B Kidonakis, 1405.7046

NNLL soft gluon corrections to 1PI kinematics at NNNLO

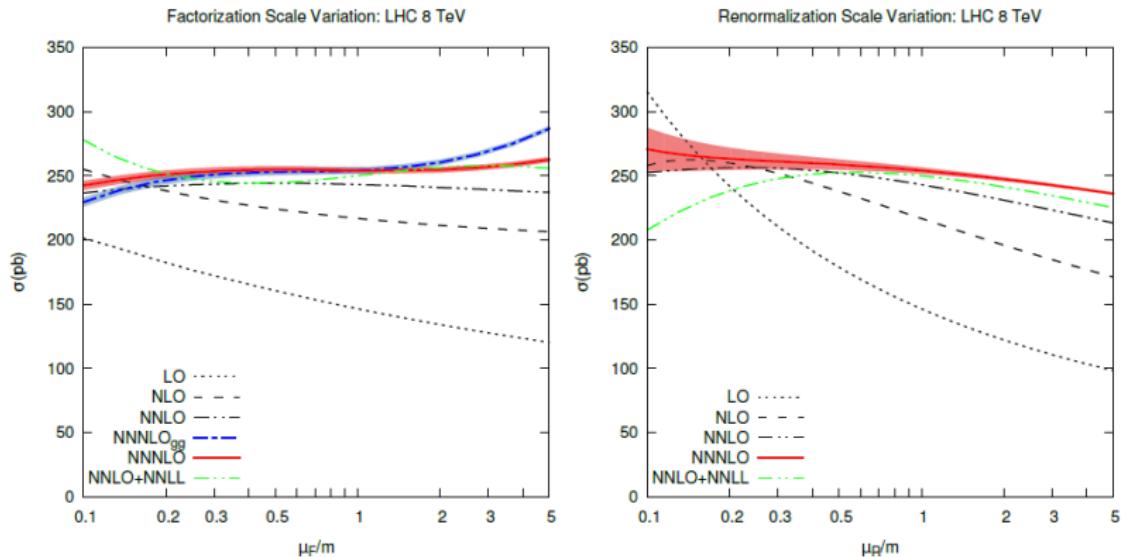
### C Muselli, Bonvini, Forte, Marzani, Ridolfi, 1505.02006

Most complete and sophisticated of the three approaches: Threshold behaviour as in A (in moment space,  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ) matched to high-energy behaviour  $(\hat{s}/(4m_t)^2 \rightarrow \infty, N \rightarrow 1)$ .

Gluon-gluon only ( $\rightarrow$  LHC).

	Tevatron	LHC (7 TeV)	LHC (8 TeV)	LHC (13 TeV)
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# NNNLO<sub>approx</sub> results (I)



[Muselli et al., 1505.02006]

## NNNLO<sub>approx</sub> results (II)

Exactly known terms in the threshold expansion (gg singlet, as example)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{gg(1)}^{(3,0)} = & 147456. \ln^6 \beta - 59065.6 \ln^5 \beta - 286099. \ln^4 \beta + 349463. \ln^3 \beta \\
 & + \frac{1}{\beta} \left[ 121278. \ln^4 \beta + 103557. \ln^3 \beta - 164944. \ln^2 \beta + 56418.5 \ln \beta \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ 22166. \ln^2 \beta + 39012.1 \ln \beta - 2876.61 \right] + \underbrace{\left\{ 1/\beta, \ln^{2,1} \beta, \text{const} \right\}}_{\text{partly known}} + \text{scale dep.}
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LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ )

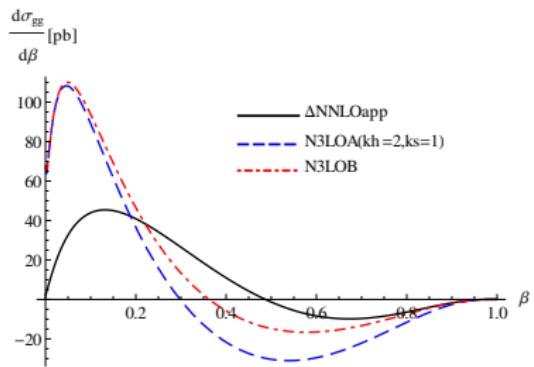
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 \text{NNLO: } & +12.1 \text{ pb} \\
 \text{NNNLO: } & +5.0 \text{ pb}
 \end{aligned}$$

but

- NNNLO + all orders only  $+1.9 \text{ pb}$
- $O(200\%)$  uncertain from scale dependence and sub-leading terms

→ NNNLO<sub>approx</sub> with some doubts

$$\frac{d\Delta\sigma_{pp' \rightarrow \bar{t}\bar{t}}}{d\beta} = \frac{8\beta m_t^2}{s(1-\beta^2)^2} L_{pp'}(\beta, \mu_f) \Delta\hat{\sigma}_{pp' \rightarrow \bar{t}\bar{t}}(\beta, \mu_f)$$



## Beyond NNLO Outlook

- NNLO+NNLL  $Q/m_t$  resummation for high- $Q$  observables.  
EW resummation?
- Threshold resummation not guaranteed to produce most of the next order, but better than nothing.  
NNNLL feasible for total cross section.

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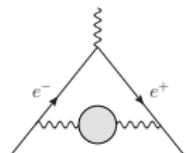
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# Threshold-subtracted dispersion relations (I) [MB, Ruiz-Femenia, 2014, hopefully soon]

Vacuum polarization contribution to the anomalous magnetic moment of the electron

$$a_e^{(\text{vp})} = -\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^1 dx (1-x) \Pi\left(\frac{-x^2}{1-x} m^2\right) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \text{Im } \Pi(s) K(s)$$

$$K(s) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{x^2(1-x)}{x^2 + (1-x)s/m^2}$$



- Mishima, 1311.7109 claims there is an additional positronium bound state contribution of relative  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$ .
- Quickly refuted [Melnikov, Vainshtein, Voloshin 1402.5690; Eides, 1402.5860; Hayakawa, 1403.0416], but the technical arguments are not completely satisfactory.
- Correct result can be obtained in either of two ways:

**perturbative**  $\Pi(E) \supset -\frac{\alpha^4}{8} \frac{\zeta_3}{E/m} \Rightarrow \text{Im } \Pi(E) \supset \text{const} \times \delta(E) \Rightarrow a_e^{(\text{vp})} \supset \frac{\alpha^5}{8\pi} \zeta_3 K(4m_e^2)$

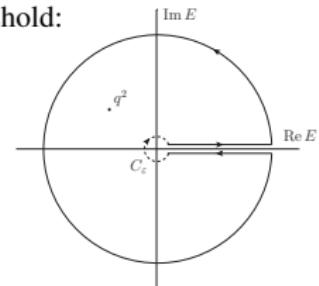
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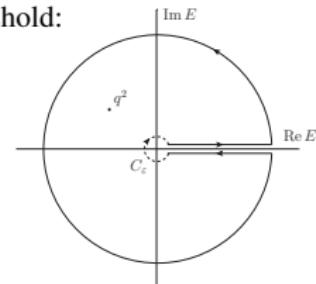


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## Back to $t\bar{t}$

- $\Pi \rightarrow A(t\bar{t} \rightarrow t\bar{t})_{\text{forward}}$ ,  $\text{Im } \Pi \rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_{t\bar{t}}$ , kernel  $\rightarrow$  parton luminosity.
- Fixed-order computations can be done with subtracted convolutions with parton luminosity + threshold terms added back.
- Will miss the delta-function term at NNNLO if calculation is performed as phase-space integral of virtual + real.  
Additional NNNLO contribution

$$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}} \approx \{0.1, 0.2, 0.6\} \text{ pb} \quad \text{at } \sqrt{s}_{\text{LHC}} = \{7, 8, 13\} \text{ TeV}$$

Numerically negligible (small octet colour factor).

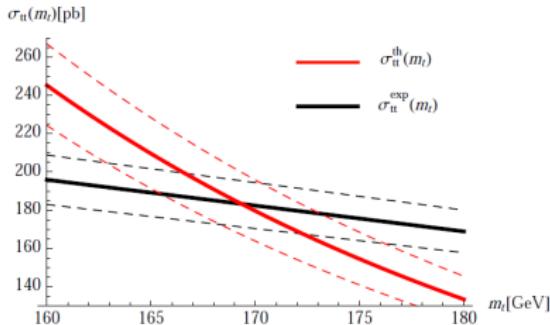
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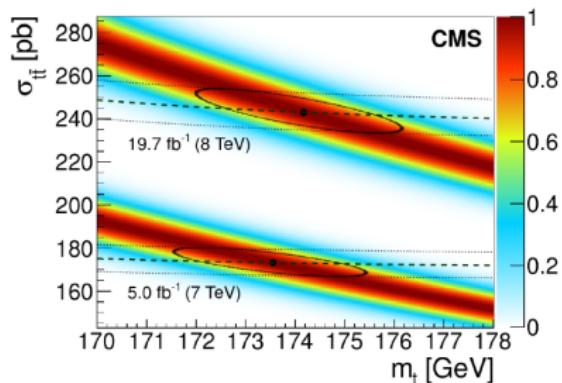
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2011 ATLAS 7 TeV data and NLO+NNLL theory

$$m_t = (169.8^{+4.9}_{-4.7}) \text{ GeV}$$

See also Langenfeld et al. (2009), D0 [latest: 1605.06168], CDF, ...

	$m_t [\text{GeV}]$
NNPDF3.0	$173.8^{+1.7}_{-1.8}$
MMHT2014	$174.1^{+1.8}_{-2.0}$
CT14	$174.3^{+2.1}_{-2.2}$



[CMS  $e\mu$  channel, 1603.02303]

Decorrelation of  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$  and  $m_t$  [Kieseler, Lipka, Moch, 1511.00841]

## Top mass from inclusive XS (II)

- Rule of thumb

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}}}{\sigma_{t\bar{t}}} = 3\% \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta m_t \approx 1 \text{ GeV}$$

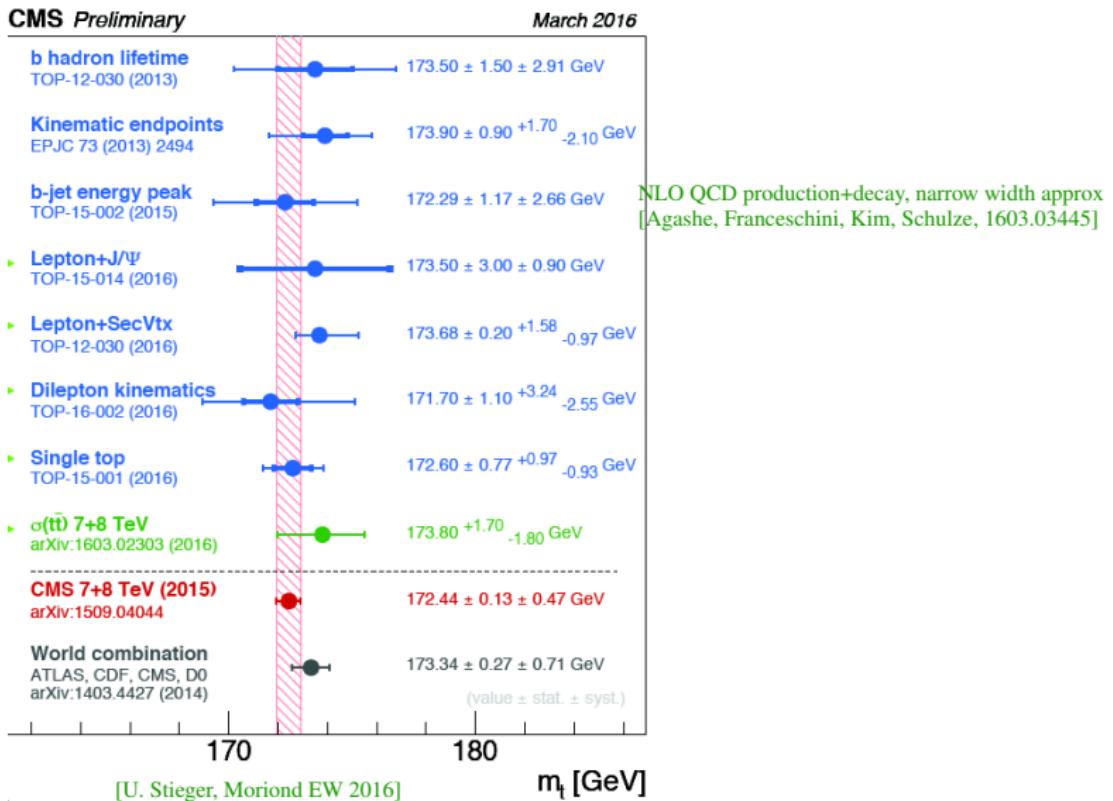
- CMS has 4% exp uncertainty, 5.5% th error (apparently including PDF uncertainty).  
Small improvements possible,  $\pm 1$  GeV seems hard.
- PDF constraints from top production depend on  $m_t$ .
- Any of the common top mass definitions could be used.

$\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass has been advocated to lead to (empirically) smaller theoretical uncertainties.  
[Langenfeld, Moch, Uwer, 0906.5275, ...]

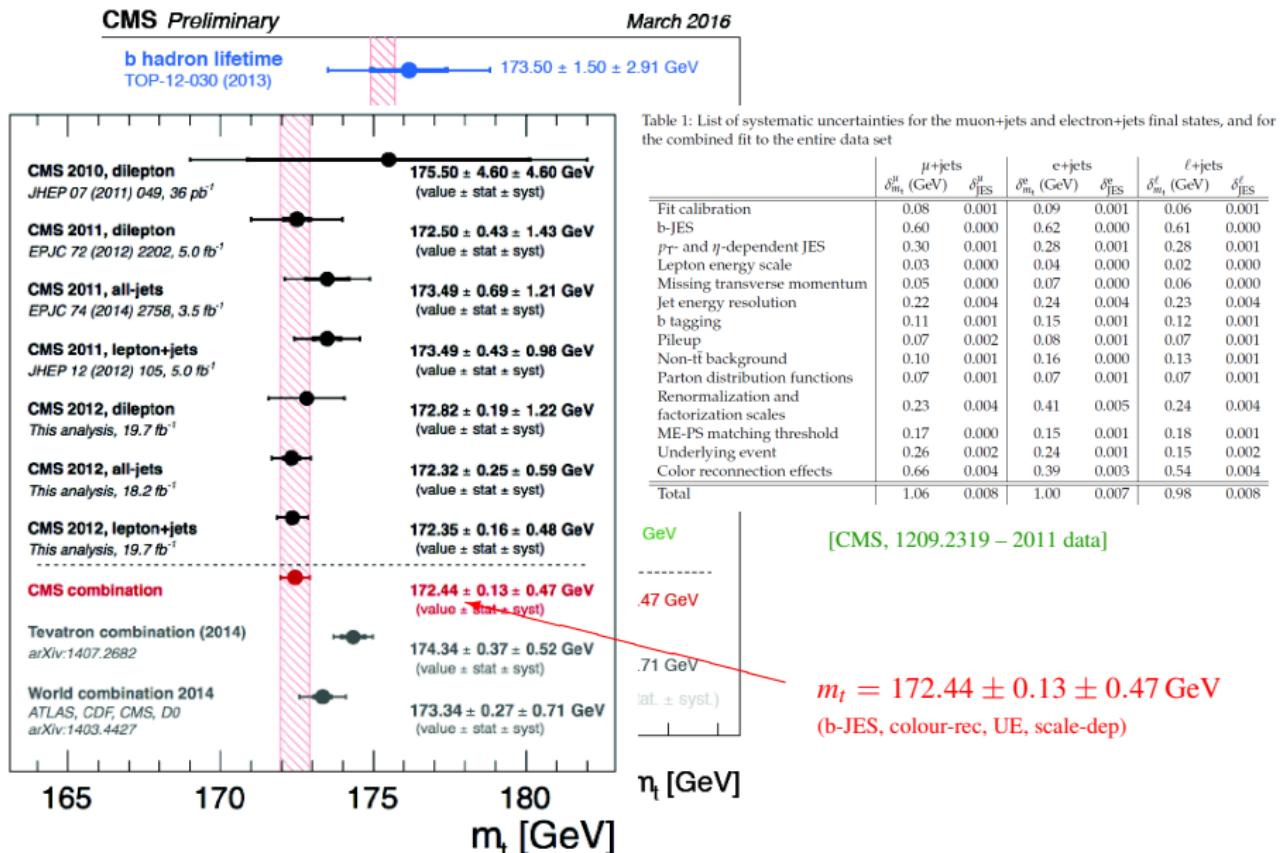
Unclear why – opposite should be true, if observable is dominated by threshold.

- Other inclusive production cross sections can be used (e.g., +jet [Alioli et al., 1303.6415]) or distributions (sensitivity vs. statistics and theoretical uncertainties).

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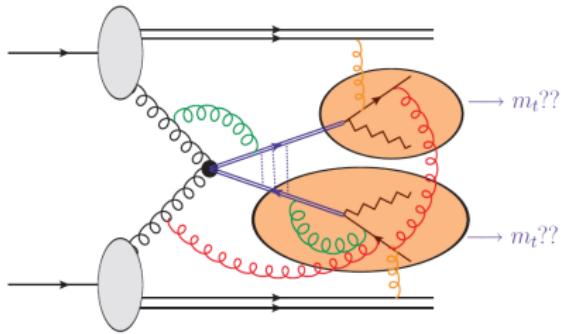


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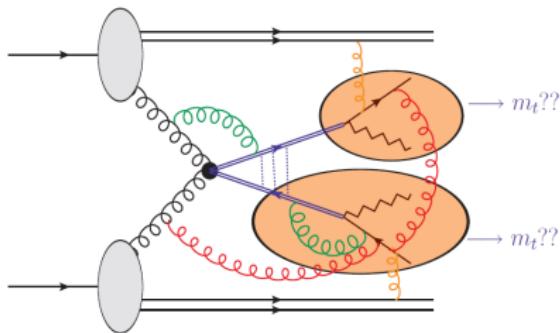
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- Perturbative factorization theorem for  $d\sigma/dM_t^2 dM_{\bar{t}}^2$  (central jets) similar to [Fleming, Hoang, Mantry, Stewart, 0711.2079] for  $e^+ e^-$ .
- Perturbative corrections to extracted mass  $\mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GeV})$  not necessarily related to mass definition.
- Want NNLL resummation + shower à la GENEVA.
- Intrinsic *non-perturbative*  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$  uncertainty remains. Reduce numerically with jet cleaning methods?

For now, the pole mass.

## How ambiguous is the top pole mass really?

- Physics  $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$  — No free quark, not a physical quantity, meson mass differs by  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$   
Loop integrals are  $\int_0 dk, \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$  from infrared/strong coupling region
- Formal [MB, Braun, 1994; Bigi Shifman, Uraltsev, Vainshtein, 1994] — Factorial renormalon divergence in the conversion coefficients

$$m_P = m(\mu_m) \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n(\mu, \mu_m, m(\mu_m)) \alpha_s^n(\mu) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_n(\mu, \mu_m, m(\mu_m)) &\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} N c_n^{(\text{as})}(\mu, m(\mu_m)) \equiv N \frac{\mu}{m(\mu_m)} \tilde{c}_n^{(\text{as})} \\ \tilde{c}_{n+1}^{(\text{as})} &= (2b_0)^n \frac{\Gamma(n+1+b)}{\Gamma(1+b)} \left( 1 + \frac{s_1}{n+b} + \frac{s_2}{(n+b)(n+b-1)} + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Ambiguity of the Borel integral is EXACTLY  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$ , no Logs of  $m/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  [MB, 1994]  
 $\Rightarrow b, s_1, s_2$  known ( $s_3$  up to 5-loop beta-fn). BUT NOT  $N$ .
- What is  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$ ? 1 GeV, 100 MeV?  
Depends on value of  $N$ .

## Know

- Four-loop conversion exactly [Marquard, Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser, 1502.01030]

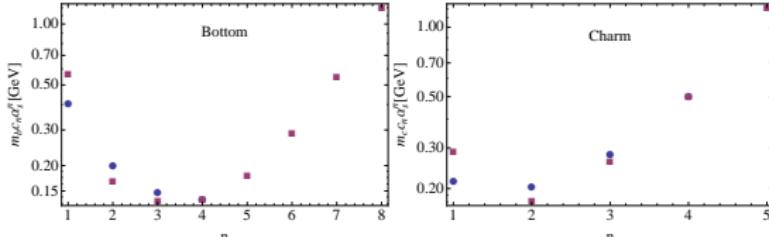
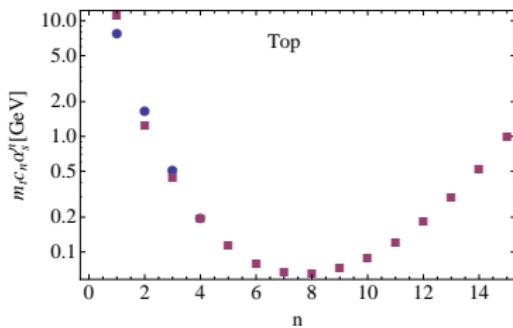
$$m_P = 163.643 + 7.557 + 1.617 + 0.501 + (0.195 \pm 0.005) \text{ GeV}$$

- All orders at order  $n$  with accuracy  $\mathcal{O}(1/n^3, 1/2^n)$ , GIVEN  $N$ .

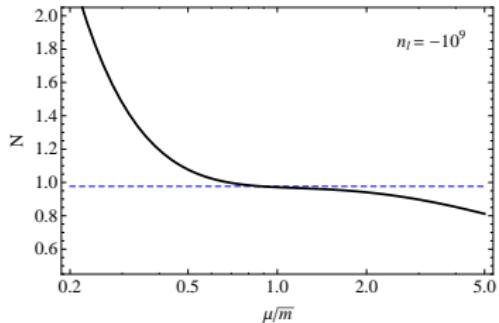
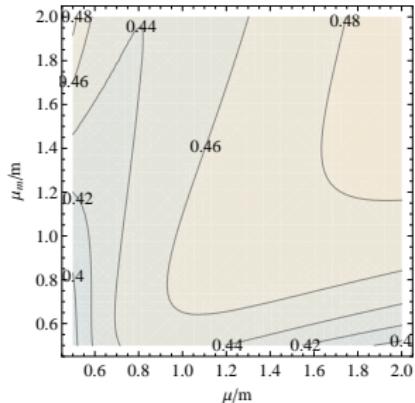
$\implies$  Determine  $N$  from  $n = 4$  with few percent accuracy [MB, Marquard, Nason, Steinhauser, 1605.03609]

$$N = 0.4616_{-0.070}^{+0.027} (\mu \text{ and } \mu_m) \pm 0.002 (c_4)$$

In good agreement with previous less accurate determinations [Pineda, hep-ph/0105008; Hoang et al, 0803.4214; Ayala et al. 1407.2128]

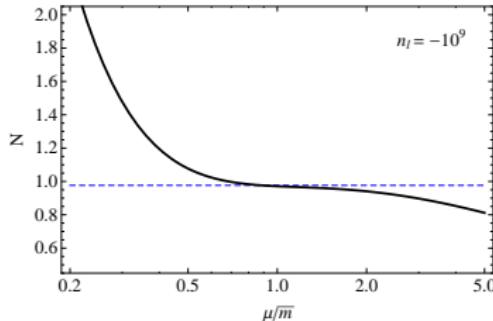
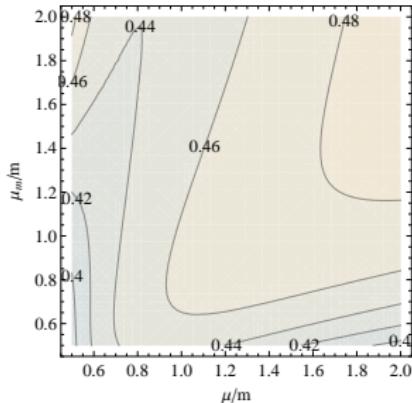


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$$\delta^{(5+)} m_P = \underbrace{0.250^{+0.015}_{-0.038}(N)}_{\text{5 loops and beyond}} \pm 0.001(c_4) \pm 0.010(\alpha_s) \underbrace{\pm 0.071 \text{ (ambiguity)}}_{\text{intrinsic uncertainty}} \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_P^c/\bar{m} = 1.06164^{+0.00009}_{-0.00023}(N) \pm 0.00001(c_4) \pm 0.00086(\alpha_s) \pm 0.00043 \text{ (ambiguity)}$$

Ultimate intrinsic uncertainty of the top pole mass is about 70 MeV.  
Given the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass, the top quark pole mass is determined with an accuracy of 0.92 per mil.

# $t\bar{t}$ Threshold in $e^+e^-$

NNNLO + summation in (PNR)QCD

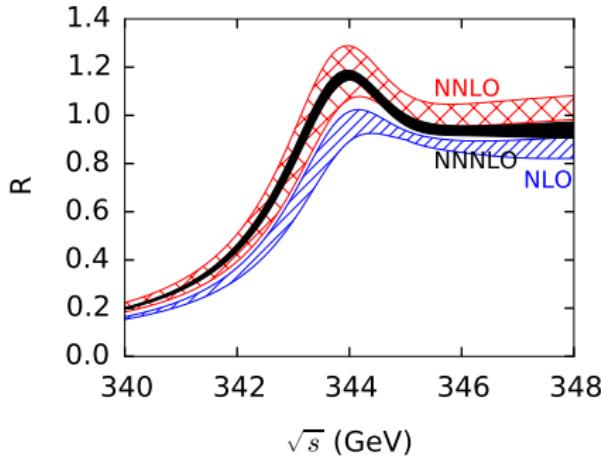
[MB, Kiyo, Marquard, Penin, Piclum, Steinhauser, 1506.06864]

Photon exchange and Z-vector coupling only.

$m_{t,\text{PS}}(20 \text{ GeV}) = 171.5 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\Gamma_t = 1.33 \text{ GeV}$ ,

$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1185 \pm 0.006$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.2229$ ,

$\mu = (50 \dots 80 \dots 350) \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\mu_w = 350 \text{ GeV}$ .



Position shift: 310 MeV (LO to NLO) 150 MeV (to NNLO) 64 MeV (to NNNLO)

Improvement of factor 3 in uncertainty in peak height.

Complete NNNLO QCD combines many third-order pieces [MB, Kiyo, Schuller, hep-ph/0501289; MB, Kiyo, 0804.4004, 1312.4791; MB, Piclum, Rauh, 1312.4792; Marquard, Piclum, Seidel, Steinhauser, 0904.0920, 1401.3004 ]

Including Higgs, QED and non-resonant process  $W^+ W^- b\bar{b}$  (“single-top”)

[MB, Jantzen, Ruiz-Femenia, 1004.2188; MB, Maier, Piclum, Rauh, 1506.06865]

+ electroweak and code release

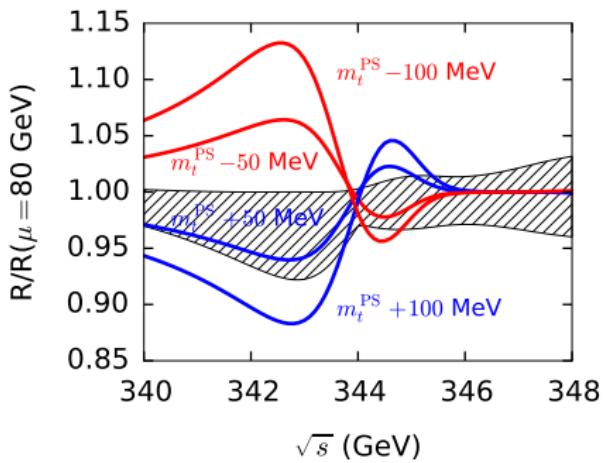
[MB, Kiyo Maier, Piclum, 1605.03010]

$$\delta m_t \approx 30 \text{ MeV} ???$$

## Sensitivity to $m_t$ vs. theoretical uncertainty

NNNLO       $\frac{\delta\sigma}{\sigma} = \pm(2 \dots 3.5)\%$

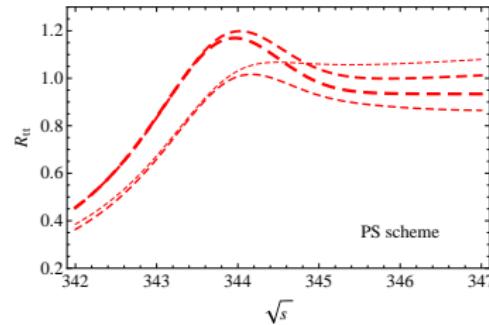
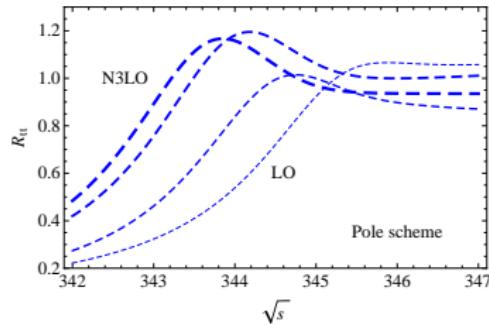
Shaded band — Relative scale uncertainty, superimposed variation with shifted top mass input normalized to reference.



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# Which mass?

- Pole mass leads to large shifts in the peak position of the  $t\bar{t}$  cross section



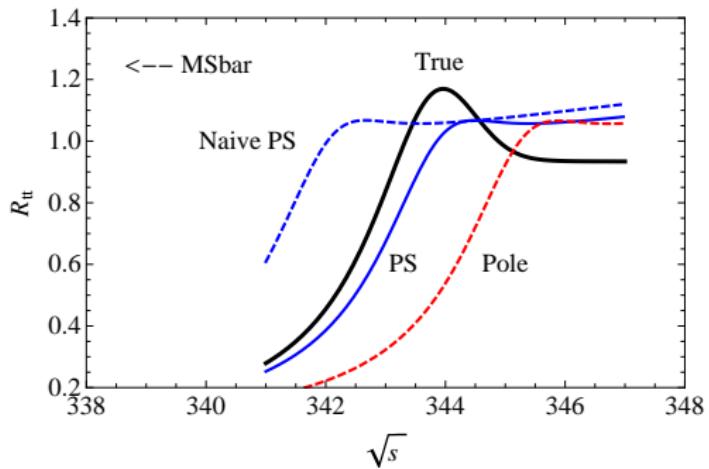
- Solution: intermediate mass definition, which can be related precisely to the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass ( $\rightarrow$  top Yukawa coupling) AND avoids spurious shifts. **Potential-subtracted mass** [MB, 1998]

$$m_{\text{PS}}(\mu_f) \equiv m_{\text{pole}} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{|\vec{q}| < \mu_f} \frac{d^3 \vec{q}}{(2\pi)^3} \tilde{V}_{\text{Coulomb}}(\vec{q})$$

$$m_{\text{PS}}(\mu_f) - \overline{m}(\overline{m}) = \underbrace{[m_{\text{PS}}(\mu_f) - m_{\text{pole}}]}_{\text{known to } \mathcal{O}(\mu_f \alpha_s^4) \text{ [hep-ph/0501289]}} + \underbrace{[m_{\text{pole}} - \overline{m}(\overline{m})]}_{\text{known to } \mathcal{O}(m_t \alpha_s^4) \text{ [1502.01030]}}$$

Cancellation of large perturbative contributions from the IR. Conversion precision  $\approx 20$  MeV.

## What if we had only LO?



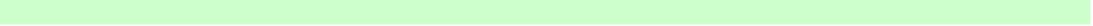
Top mass shift

Scheme	$\delta m_t$
Pole	+950 MeV
PS naive	-650 MeV
$\overline{\text{MS}}$	-8.5 GeV
PS	+265 MeV

## Summary

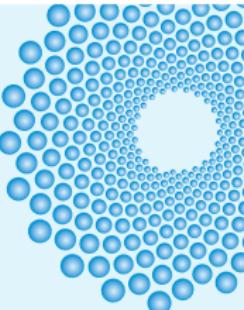
Explosion of Top Physics since LHC turn-on – sheer numbers make a difference

- Many new observables accessible.
- Precision drives theoretical developments in Quantum Field Theory
- Top physics – together with Higgs the most plausible gateway to “New Physics”

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- NNLO the new standard. NNLO+NNLL desirable.  
NNNLO total XS too hard for now.
  - Top mass reconstruction could be a new frontier for parton showers with resonances, parton showers combined with analytic resummation, and jet cleaning techniques.



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