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# Theory overview of top mass and couplings

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# Outline

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- ◆ Top mass
  - ▶ Highlight of a few key issues
  - ▶ Dwell on some recent beautiful results
  - ▶ Implications for experiment
- ◆ Top couplings
  - ▶ Rough status of what is known
  - ▶ and what we might eventually know

Reviews e.g.:

Snowmass (2013) write-up A. Juste et al, arXiv: 1310.0799

S. Moch et al (2014) MITP workshop, arXiv:1405.481





# The last of the mass problems?

I. Newton (1687)

- ▶ We thought we had solved it in the 17th century

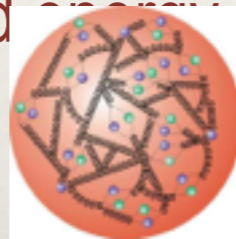
- ▶ (i) resistance force and (ii) gravitational coupling



**Gravity holds universe together**

- ▶ New insight in 1905: condensed energy

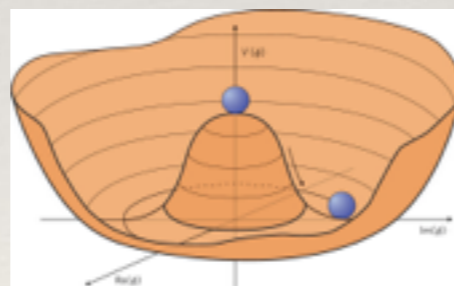
- ▶ Non-trivial for proton



A. Einstein (1905)

K. Wilson; Durr et al (2008)

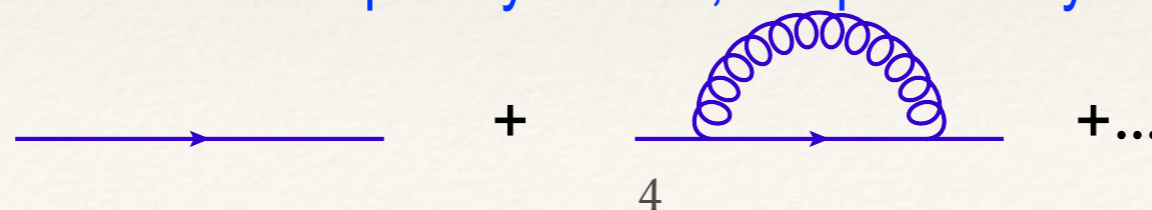
- ▶ Yet newer insight: coupling to condensate



R, Brout, F. Englert, P. Higgs, Kibble, Hagen, Guralnik (1964 -2012)

- ▶ Finally

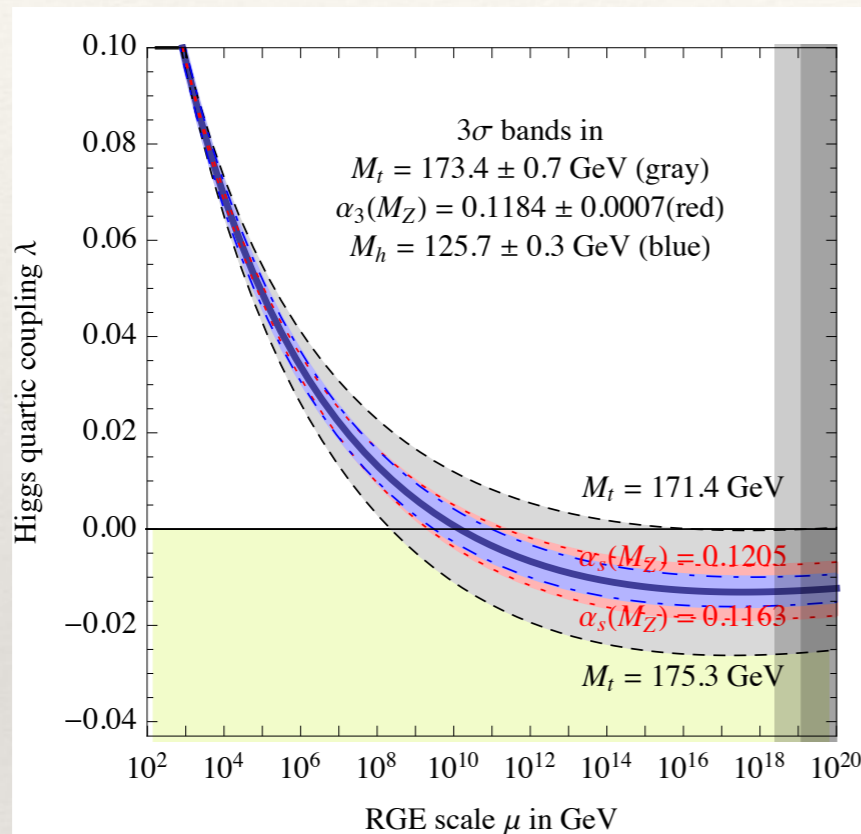
- ▶ Mass of confined particle? Conceptually solved, but practically subtle



**Does top make the universe fall apart?**

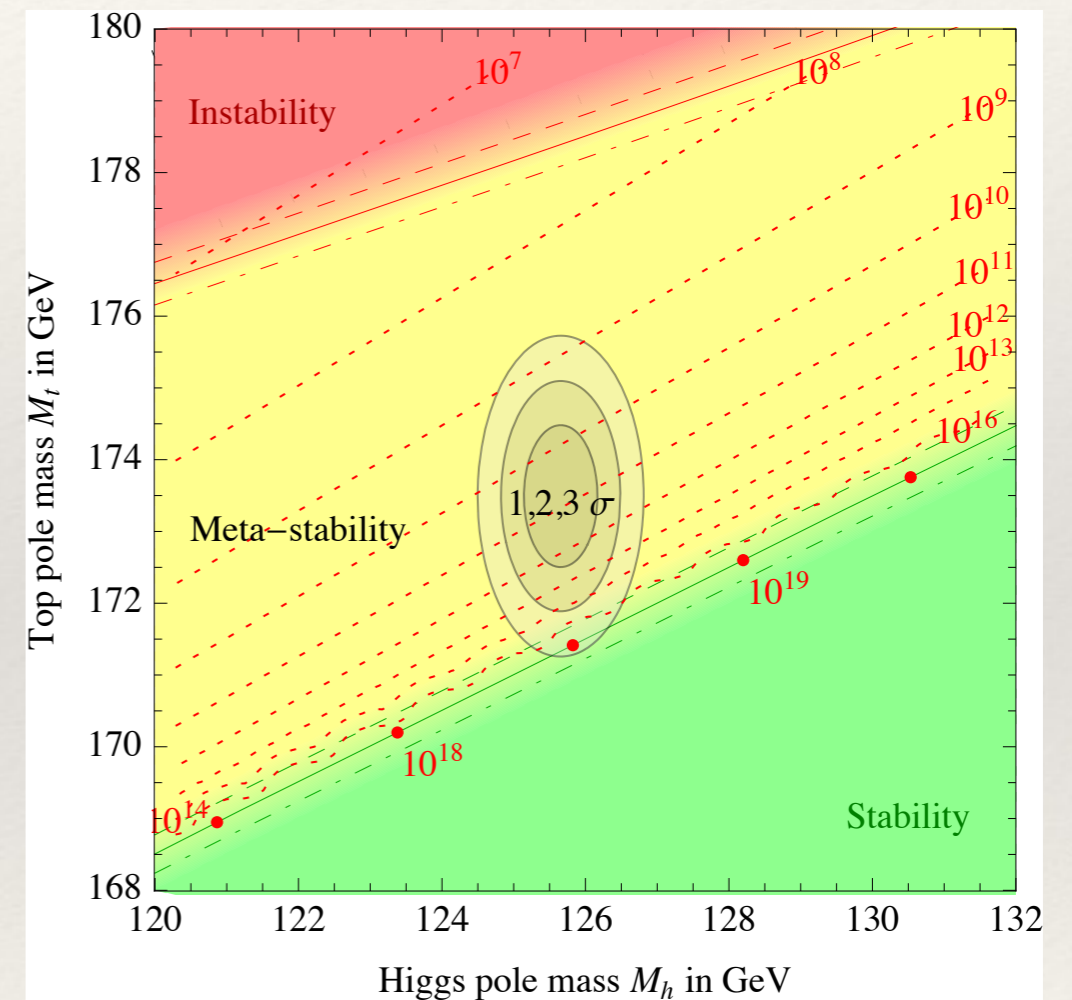
# State of the Vacuum

- ▶ Top quark dominant in loop corrections that make the Higgs 4-pt coupling evolve. Full two-loop analysis:



- ▶ Depends on precise top quark mass
  - ▶ within 300 MeV or so
  - ▶ But no practical worries about universe expiring

Buttazzo et al (July 2013)





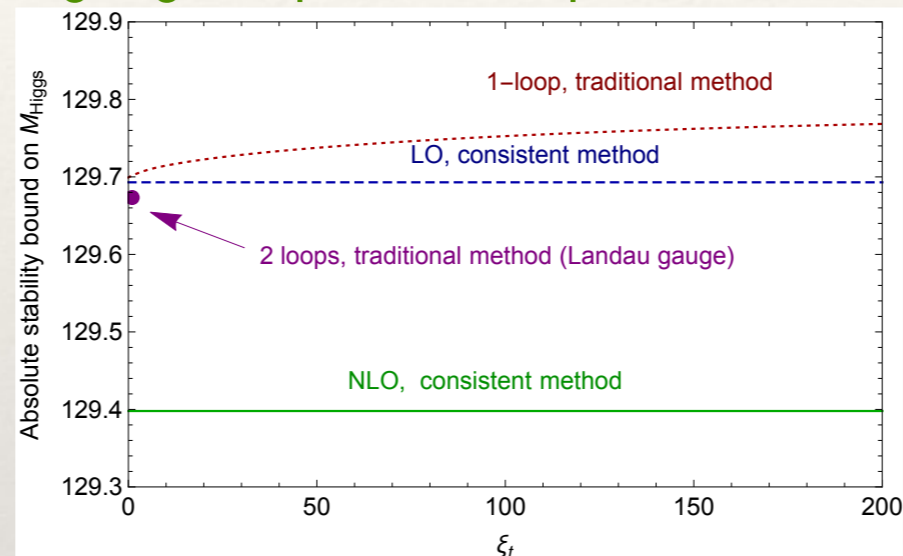
# Consistent effective potential and the top mass

- ▶ Effective potentials are not gauge invariant

Andreassen, Frost, Schwartz..

- ▶ but their extrema are gauge invariant, and scale invariant

- ▶ find that stability bound is gauge-dependent in perturbation theory



- ▶ Consistent treatment to order  $\hbar$  combines, at LO, tree-level with one-loop

- ▶ Find

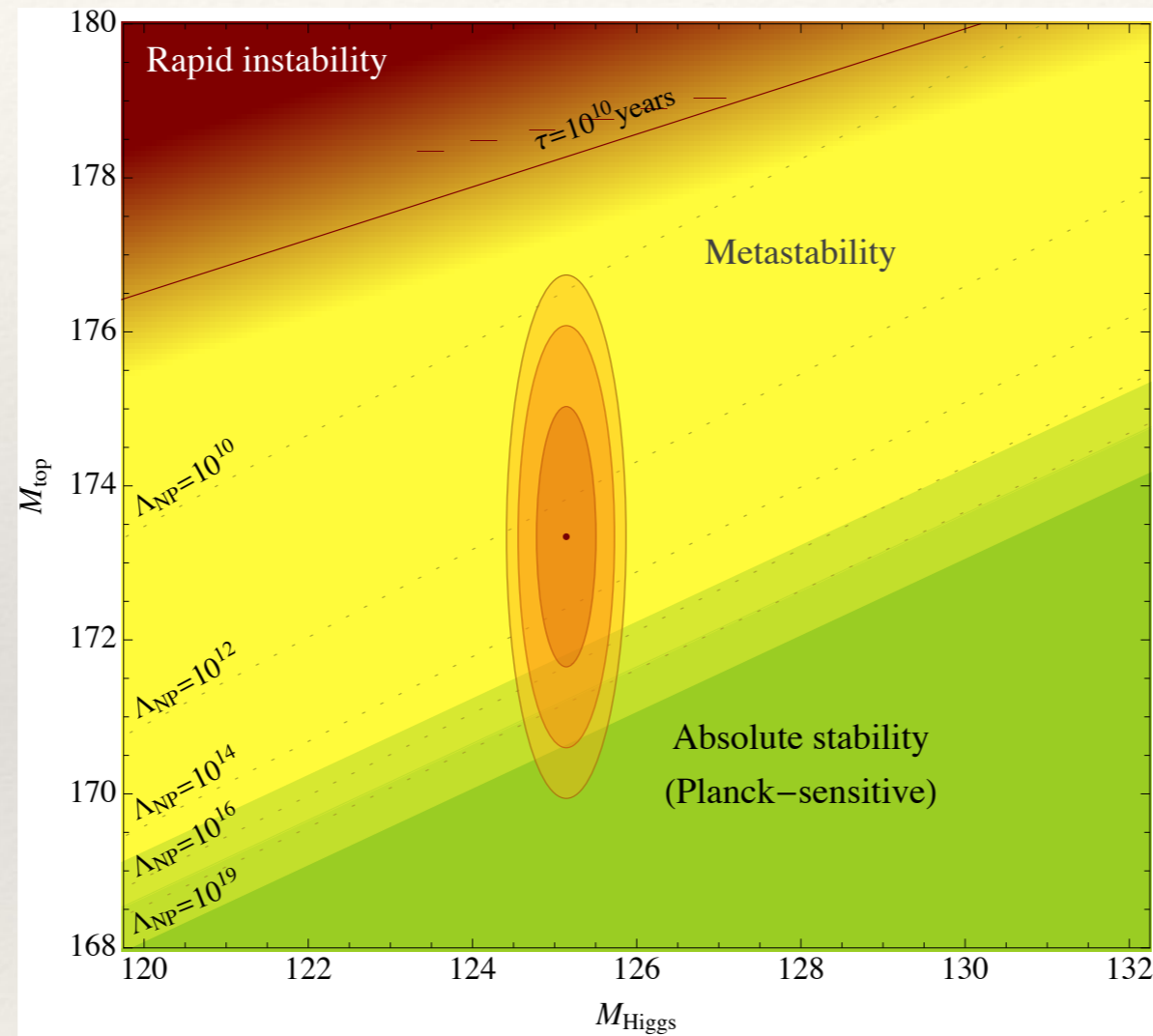
$$\frac{m_t^{\text{pole}}}{\text{GeV}} < (171.22 \pm 0.28) + 0.12 \left( \frac{m_h^{\text{pole}} - 125.14 \text{ GeV}}{0.24 \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

- ▶ stability bound on top pole mass: 171.2

# Consistent effective potential and the top mass

- ▶ Together with testing for new physics in a consistent way they find

Andreassen, Frost, Schwartz..



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# Implications of a large mass

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- ◆ Top decays before it hadronizes fully
  - ▶ the only “bare”(=undressed by QCD) quark
  - ▶ gives us access to its spin (i.e. LH and RH couplings)
- ◆ For QCD interactions of the top, the natural scale to put in the running QCD coupling is  $m_t$ .
  - ▶ good for perturbative approach

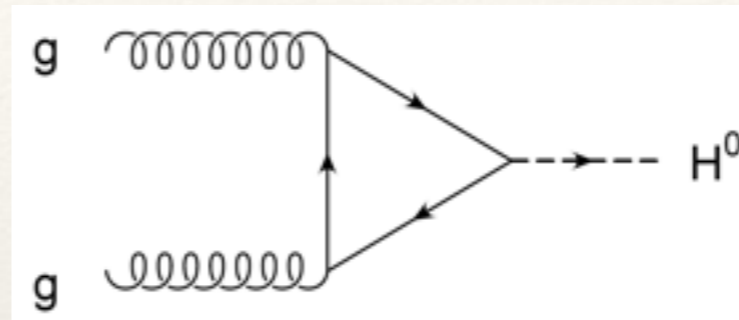
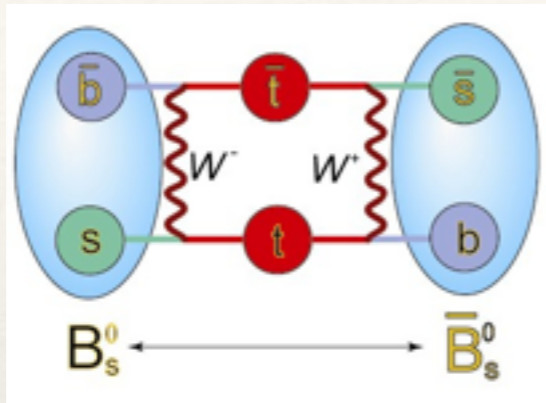
$$\alpha_s(m_t) \simeq 0.1$$

- ✓ but not always good enough

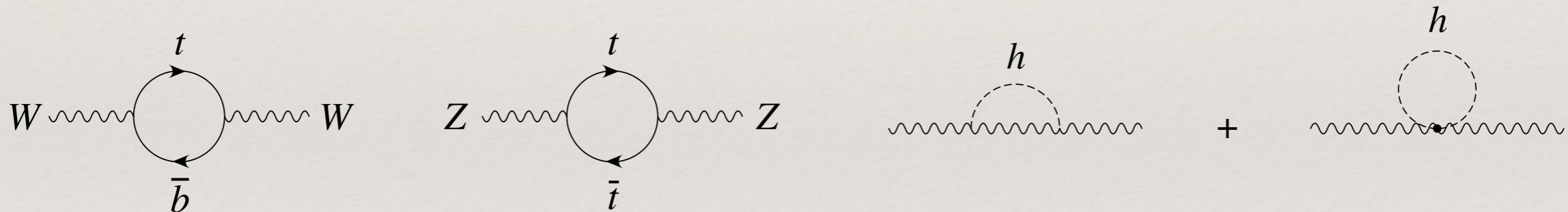


# Virtual top

- Virtual top make other things really happen



- in a loop integral a fixed mass scale always occurs in the result
- even more if there is no particle with (roughly) equal mass to compensate



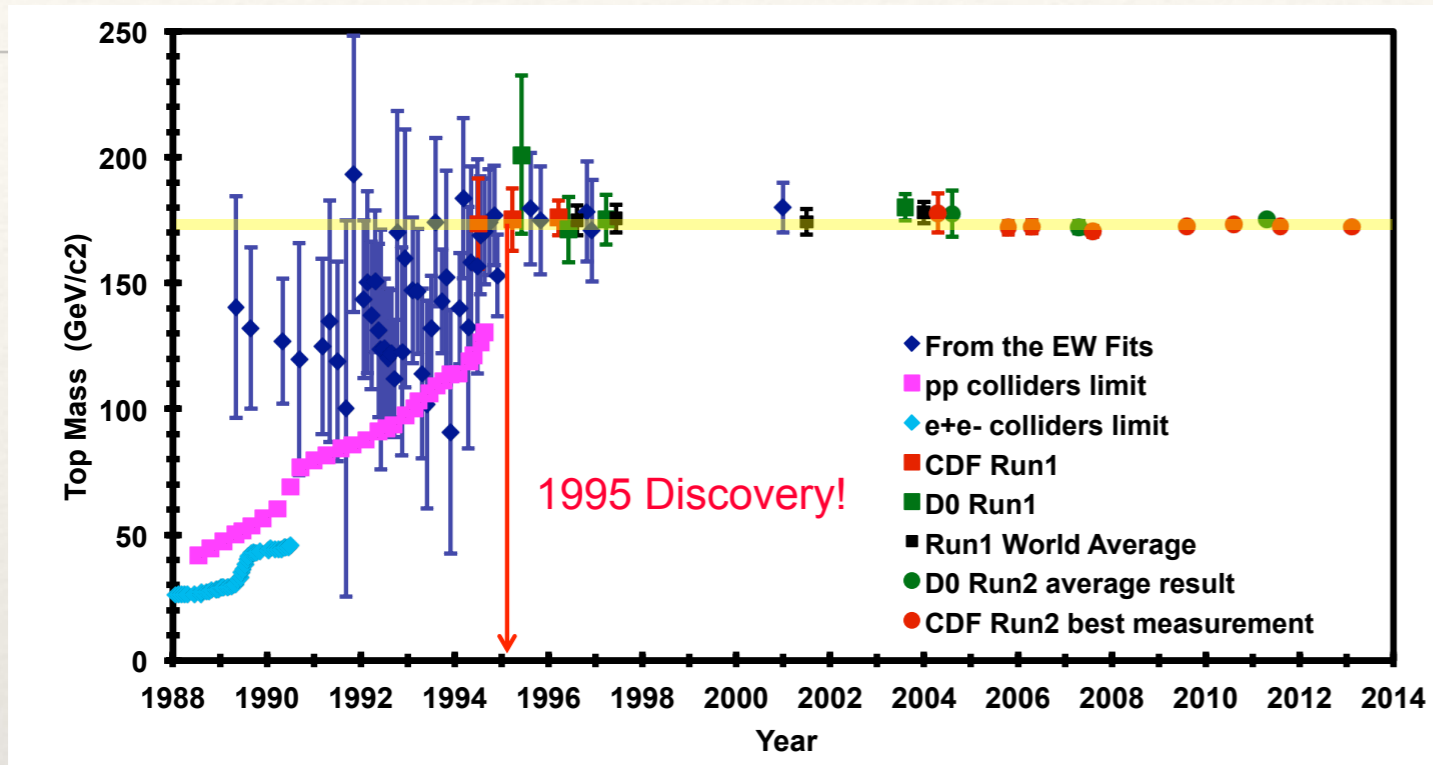
- Express the W mass in terms of 3 fundamental weak parameter, with loop corrections

$$M_W^2 = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F \sin^2 \theta_w} \frac{1}{1 - \Delta r(m_t, m_H)}$$

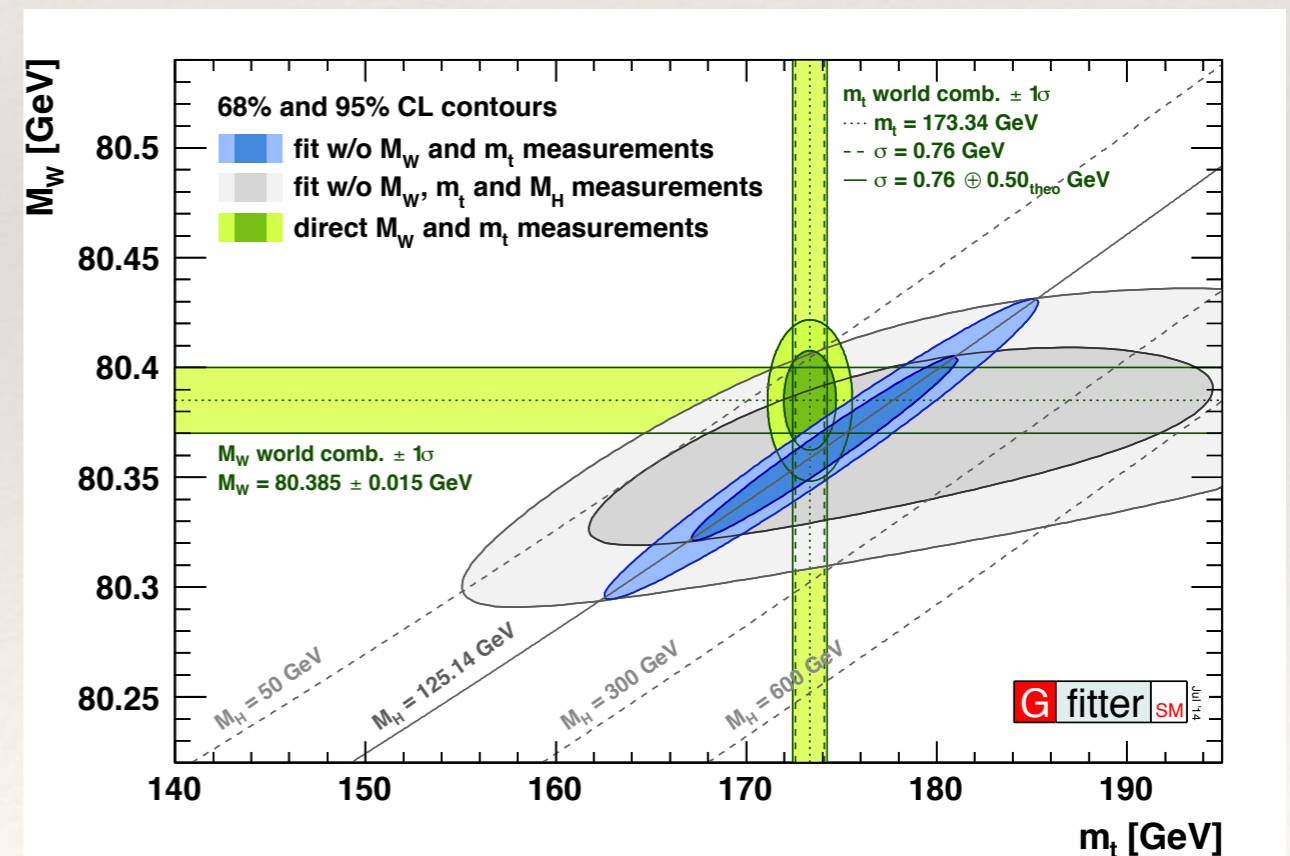
$$\Delta r_{top} = -\frac{3}{8\pi^2} \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2} \tan^2 \theta_w} m_t^2$$

$$\Delta r_{Higgs} = \frac{3}{8\pi^2} \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2} \tan^2 \theta_w} m_W^2 \left( 2 \ln(m_H/m_Z) - 5/6 \right)$$

# Virtual top mass



Now impressive consistency between top, Higgs, W mass

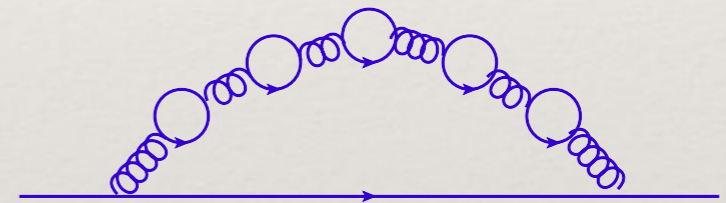


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# Top mass


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- ✦ Electron mass definition is “easy”: defined by pole in full propagator
  - ✓ If particle momentum satisfies pole condition ( $p^2=m^2$ ), can propagate to  $\infty$ 
    - $\Rightarrow$  there is no real ambiguity what electron “pole” mass is
- ✦ But: quarks are confined, so physical on-shell quarks cannot exist
  - ✓ Leads to non-perturbative ambiguity of few hundred MeV
    - (revealed by all-order pQCD!)





# Heavy quark mass, definition(s)



The diagram shows a blue horizontal line with an arrow pointing right, representing a quark. This is followed by a plus sign and a blue loop diagram (a semi-circle of small circles) attached to the line, representing a self-energy correction. This is followed by another plus sign and an ellipsis, indicating a series of higher-order corrections.

$$= \frac{1}{\not{p} - m_0 - \Sigma(p, m_0)}$$

An arrow points from the  $\Sigma(p, m_0)$  term in the denominator to the following expression:

$$m_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \text{finite stuff} \right]$$

To make finite, substitute  $m_0 = m_R \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + z_{\text{finite}} \right] \right)$

Mass definitions differ in the choice of

Pole mass: pretend quarks are free and long-

$$\frac{1}{\not{p} - m_0 - \Sigma(p, m_0)} = \frac{c}{\not{p} - M}$$

$\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass: treat mass as a coupling  $z_{\text{finite}} = 0$

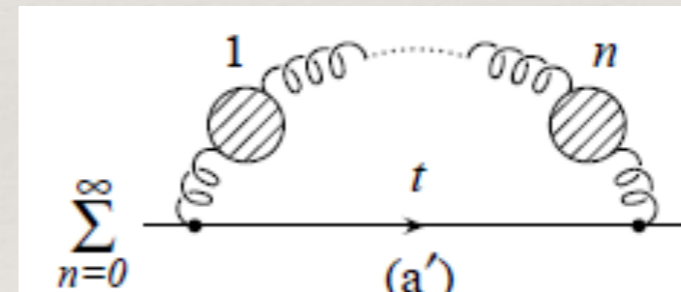
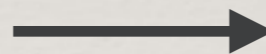
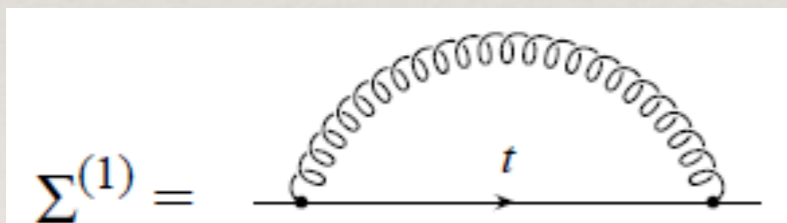
# Pole mass issues

- ◆ Most natural definition for a free (stable) particle (electron, Z-boson)
  - ▶ gauge invariant and IR safe to all orders
- ◆ But quarks are confined, so pole mass has intrinsic uncertainty of order  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ 
  - ▶ Full QCD has no pole at the top quark mass
    - ✓ Finite width of top does not “screen” this
  - ▶ Reproduced in perturbation theory

Kronfeld

Smith, Willenbrock

Bigi, Shifman, Uraltsev, Vainshtein, Beneke, Braun, Smith, Willenbrock



$$\Sigma(m, m) \approx \sum_n \alpha_s^{n+1} \beta_0^n n!$$

Renormalon behaviour  
order  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  uncertainty

# Heavy quark mass schemes

◆ Various definitions other than the pole and MSbar schemes have been made

◆ **PS** (potential subtracted) mass

▶ Subtract from the pole mass the IR part of the  $t\bar{t}$  Coulomb potential

✓ The two parts have the same IR sensitivity

$$m^{\text{PS}} = M - \frac{1}{2} \int_{|q| < \mu_f} \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} V(q) \quad \text{Beneke}$$

✓  $V$  known to 3-loop

Beneke, Kiyo, Schuller;  
Smirnov<sup>2</sup>, Steinhauser; Anzai,  
Kiyo, Zumino

◆ **1S** mass

▶ Half the perturbative mass of (fictitious)  $1^3S_1$  state

$$m^{1S} = M + \frac{1}{2} E_1^{\text{pt}} \quad \text{Hoang, Teubner}$$



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# Some $m_{\text{pole}}$ observations

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- ◆ Perturbative (“asymptotic”) expansion of pole mass

$$m_{\text{pole}} = m_{\overline{\text{MS}}} \times (1 + 0.047 + 0.01 + 0.003 + \dots)$$

Melnikov, van Ritbergen

- ▶ -> uncertainty about 500 MeV (or less)
- ▶ Uncertainty in pole mass about 300 MeV
- ▶ resultant uncertainty in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass smaller than

$$m_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\text{3-loop}) - m_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\text{2-loop})$$

✓ → NNNNLO?

# $\overline{\text{MS}}$ vs pole mass at 4 loop

Marquard, Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser

- ◆ Important progress: 4-loop relations between top quark masses

$$M = c_m(\mu)m(\mu)$$

$$c_m^{(4)} \Big|_{n_f=5} = 827.37 \pm 21.5 + 408.88 l_{\overline{\text{MS}}} + 86.574 l_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^2 + 22.023 l_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^3 + 3.2227 l_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^4, \quad (12)$$
$$l_{\overline{\text{MS}}} = \ln(\mu^2/m^2)$$

- ▶ Use of various specialized codes (FORM, FIRE, FIESTA,..), many of the (master) loop integrals done numerically.
- ▶ This is also sufficient, together with N3LO Coulomb potential, for 4-loop relations to PS and 1S masses

$$M = m \left( 1 + 0.4244 \alpha_s + 0.8345 \alpha_s^2 + 2.375 \alpha_s^3 + (8.49 \pm 0.25) \alpha_s^4 + \dots \right)$$

- ◆ Result

$$M = 163.643 + 7.557 + 1.617 + 0.501 + 0.195 \pm 0.005 \text{ GeV}$$

- ◆ Numerically: nice progression!! No sign of an impending renormalon

# Impact on $\overline{MS}$ mass

Marquard, Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser

- ◆ Study how a different threshold mass measurement leads to  $\overline{MS}$  mass

input #loops	$m^{\text{PS}} =$	$m^{1\text{S}} =$	$m^{\text{RS}} =$
	171.792	172.227	171.215
1	165.097	165.045	164.847
2	163.943	163.861	163.853
3	163.687	163.651	163.663
4	163.643	163.643	163.643
4 ( $\times 1.03$ )	163.637	163.637	163.637

- ◆ 3-loop still gives 200-250 MeV shifts
- ◆ 4-loop only gives further {44,8,20} MeV shifts
  - ▶ final remaining uncertainty estimate {23,7,11} MeV

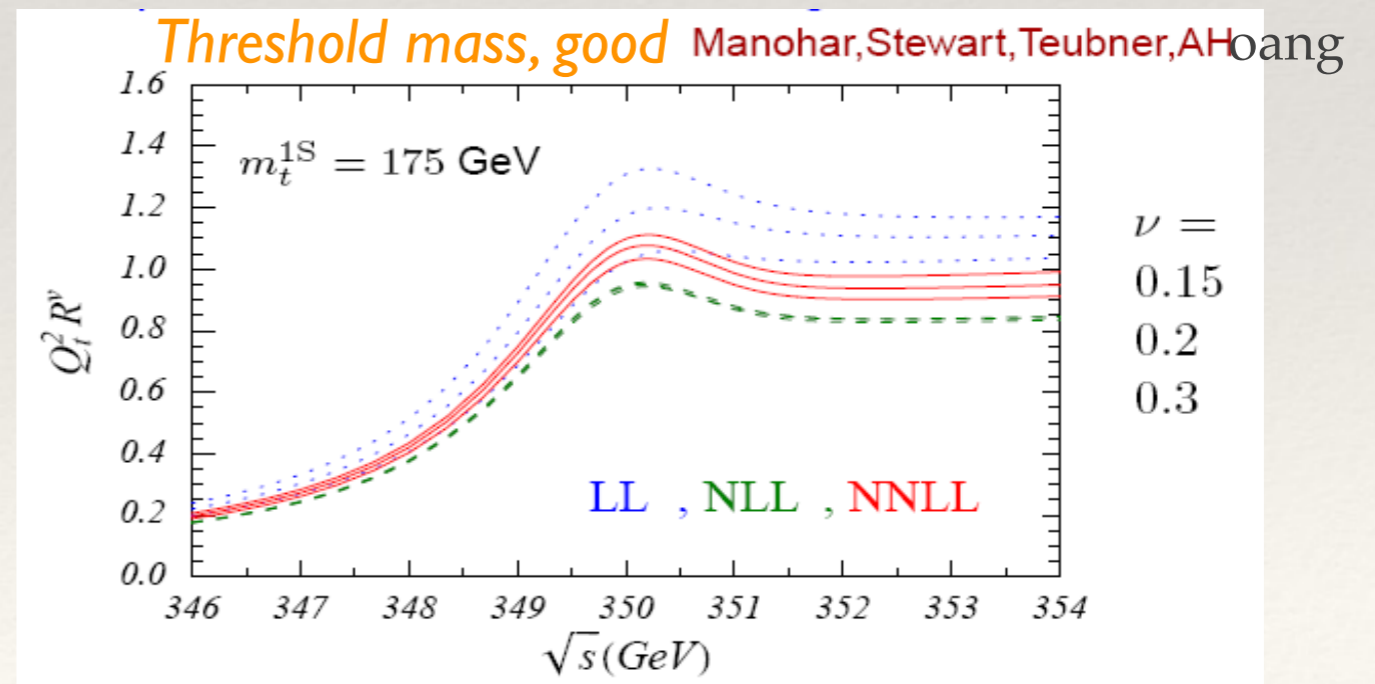
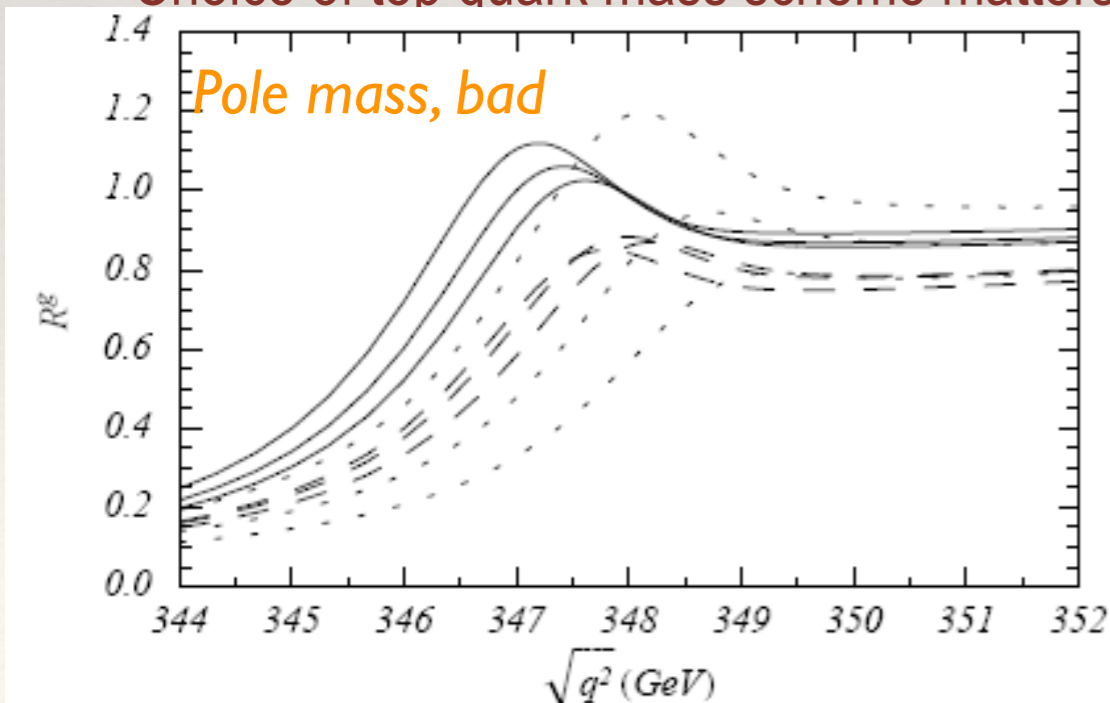


# Top threshold mass

- Scan the  $t\bar{t}$  threshold at linear collider by varying beam energy. The opening of the top channel leads to “smooth” theta-function
- Distribution can be measured very precisely. with calculation using Schrodinger equation and appropriate short-distance mass
- Also sensitive to top quark width, allows good measurement
- Calculation non-relativistic effective field theory. Two small parameters:  $\alpha_s$  and  $v$ .

$$R = \frac{\sigma_{t\bar{t}}}{\sigma_{\mu^+\mu^-}} = v \sum_k \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{v}\right)^k \sum_i (\alpha_s \ln v)^i \times \left\{ 1 \text{ (LL)}; \alpha_s, v \text{ (NLL)}; \alpha_s^2, \alpha_s v, v^2 \text{ (NNLL)} \right\}$$

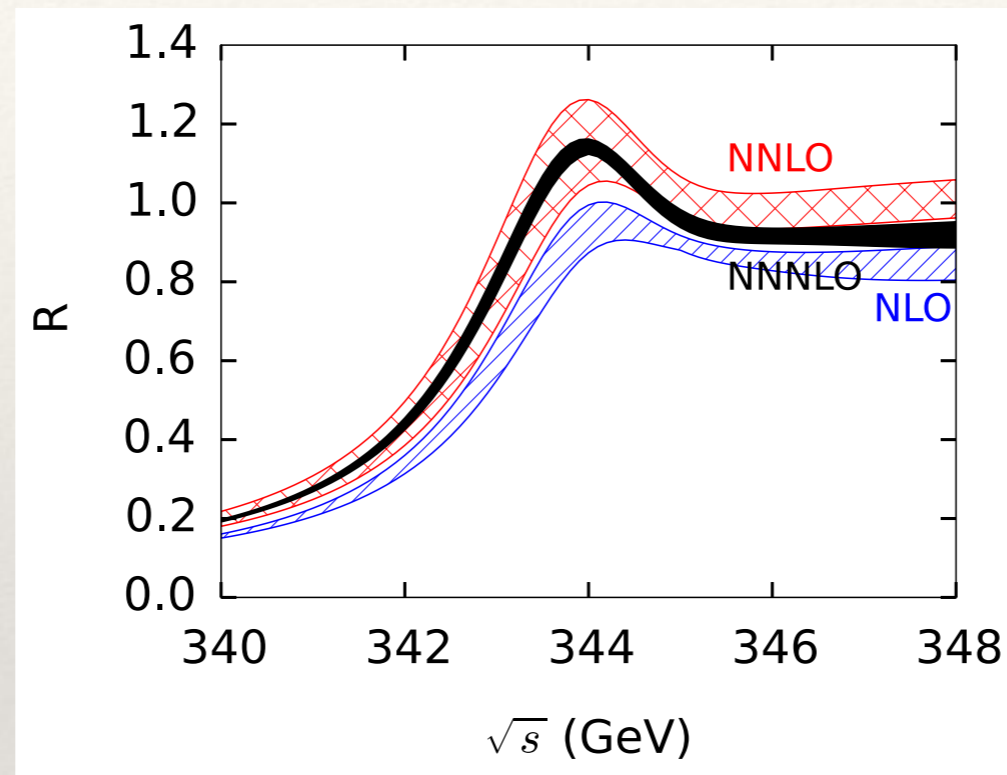
- Choice of top quark mass scheme matters..



# N3LO for $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ S-wave threshold production at $e^+e^-$ collider

- ◆ Now finally the full N3LO cross section, including the last non-logarithmic terms, is known
  - ▶ Heroic effort, and it was worth it! QCD calculation under control

Beneke, Kiyo, Marquard,  
Penin, Piclum, Steinhauser



- ▶ Dramatic scale reduction N2LO  $\rightarrow$  N3LO. Negative correction beyond the peak.
- ▶ QCD uncertainty on top quark mass can go below 50 MeV.
  - ✓ But are also non-QCD effects to study: EW, Higgs, Beamstrahlung, non-resonant terms..

# Mass by proxy

- ▶ Of course, one does not need to reconstruct the top quark from its decays. Needs to solve implicit equation

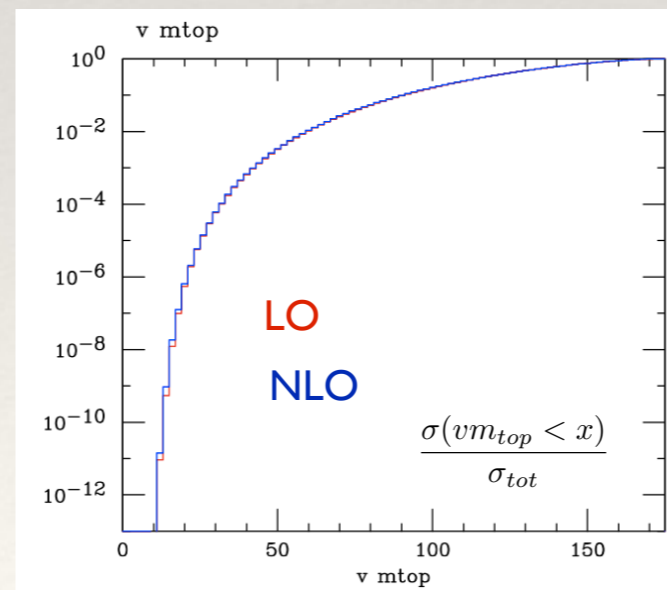
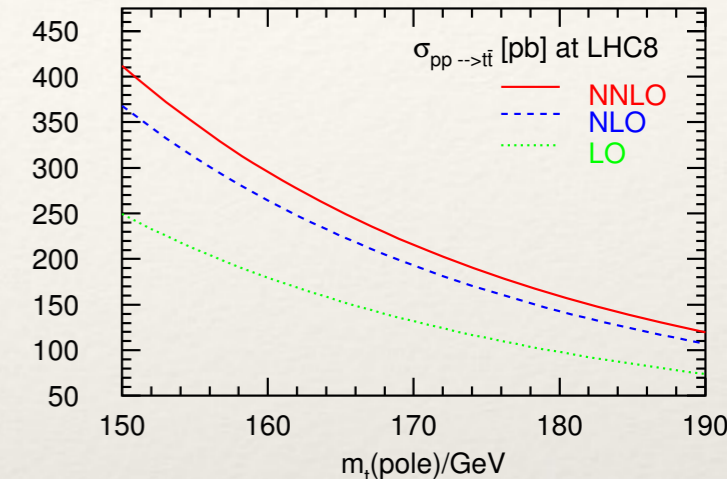
$$\sigma^{\text{exp}}(\{Q\}) = \sigma^{\text{th}}(m_t, \{Q\})$$

- ▶ using an observable  $\sigma$  that is optimally sensitive to  $m_t$ .

- ▶ Adjust  $m_t$  to fit data best.

- ▶ When extracting  $t\bar{t}$  cross section, IR sensitive region is minute fraction of total result.

- ▶ Pole mass should be fine here; can interpret “ $m_{\text{top}}$ ” in MC as pole mass, with small error (unlike  $e^+e^-$ )



[Mangano at TOP2013]



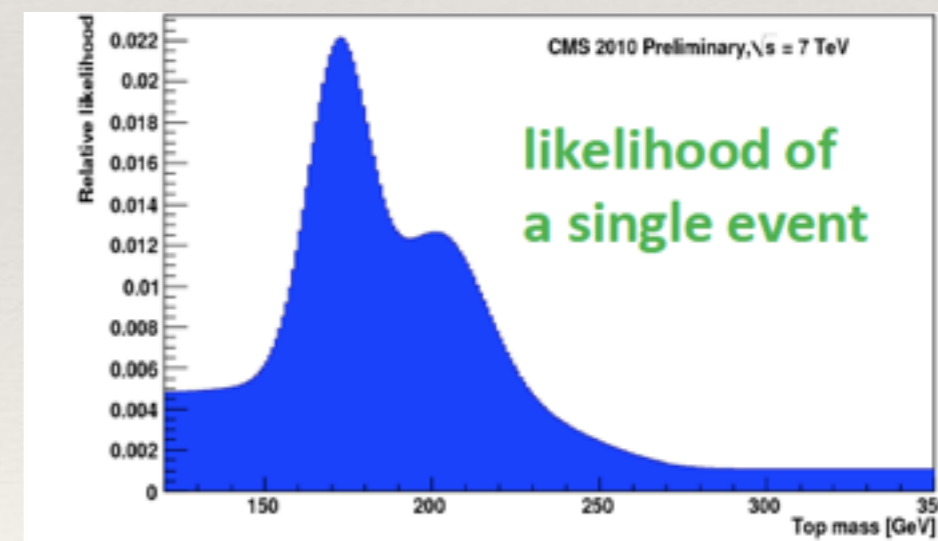
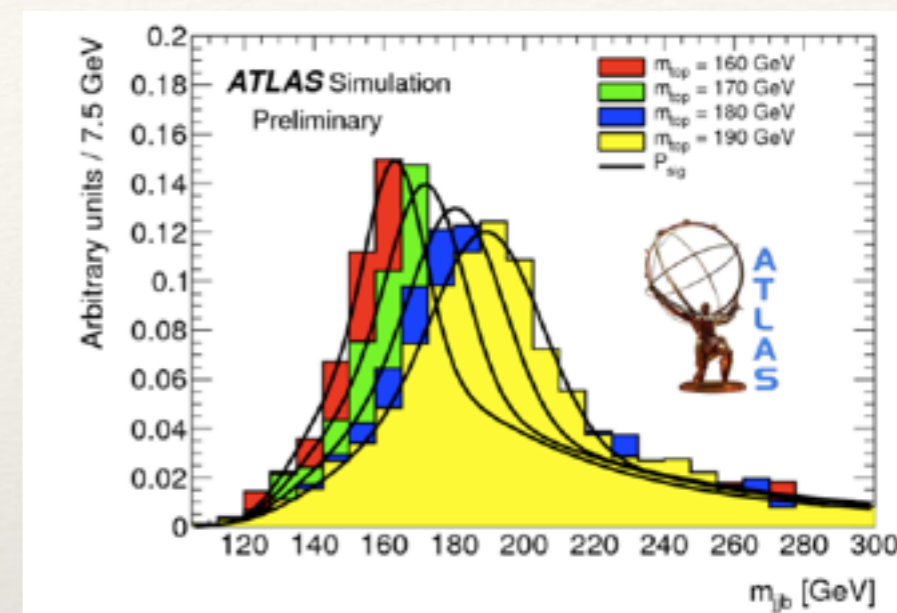
# Experimental mass determinations

In theory there is no difference between theory and practice; in practice there is

## ◆ What do experiments do?

P. Uwer, talk at SM@LHC, quoting Yogi Berra

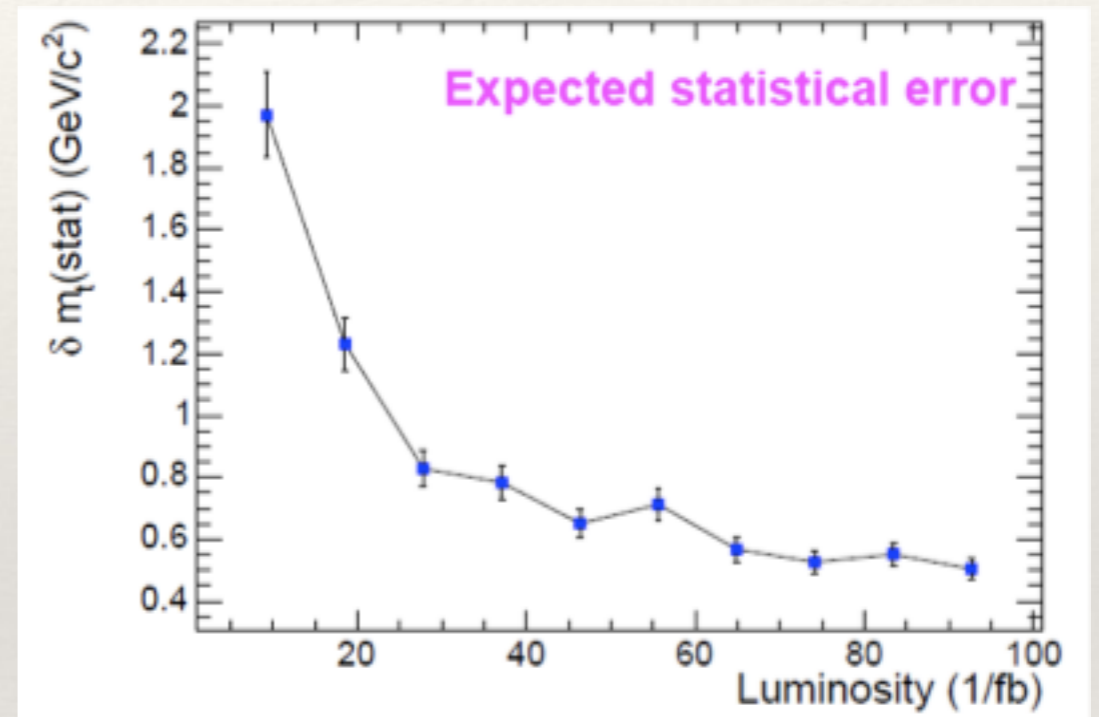
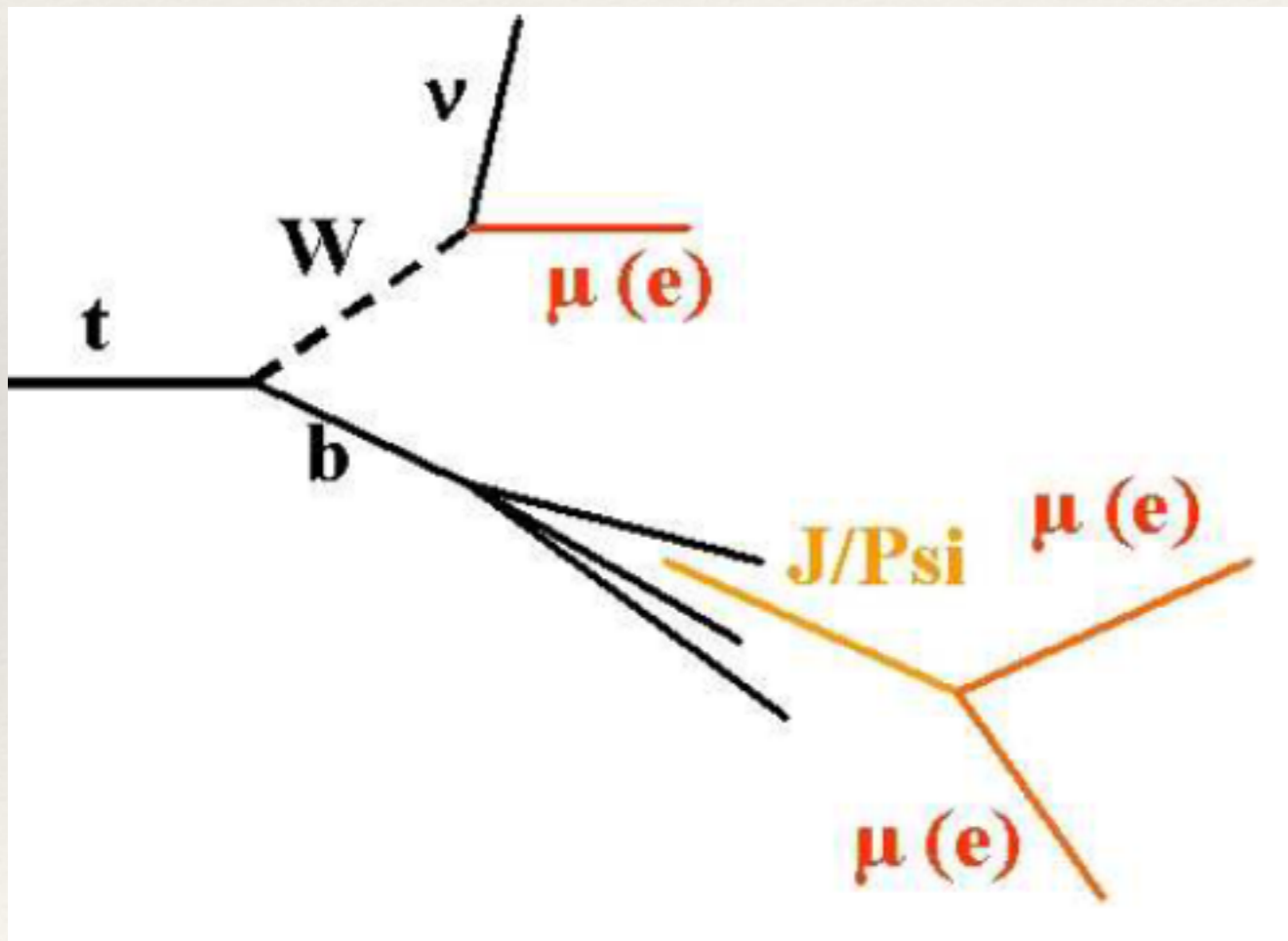
- ▶ Template method: compare observables in data with MC templates generated with different masses
- ▶ Matrix element method: build event likelihood for full (LO) top quark matrix element, with full kinematics
- ▶ “Ideogram”, and other methods



# $M_{1b}$ in leptonic top-quark decays

[R. Chierici, A. Dierlamm  
CMS Note 2006/058], Karchilava

Interesting idea : infer top mass from  
correlation with e/ $\mu$  and J/ $\Psi$  invariant  
mass



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# What top mass is measured?

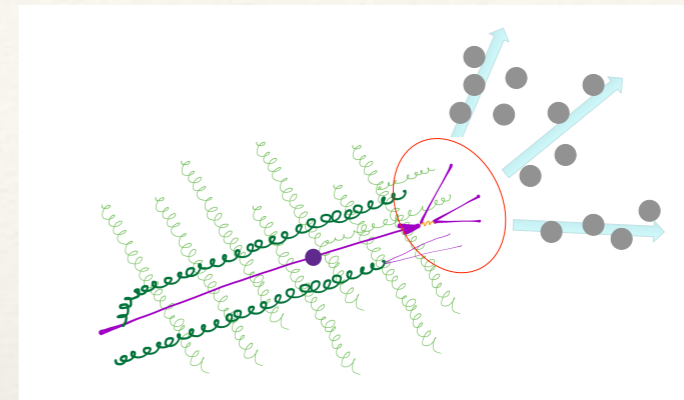
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- ◆ Most involve MC's that are LO, so they could never tell the difference between different mass definitions.
- ◆ So what mass do hadron colliders determine?
  - ▶ Pole mass? “Pythia” mass?
    - ✓ Typically the path from data to a value for  $m$  involves a Monte Carlo, itself driven by a mass parameter.
    - ✓ Path goes via (shower) cuts, efficiencies, hadronization models etc



# Monte Carlo top mass

- ◆ MC mass does not depend on observables. Related to soft radiation for that MC.
- ◆ Hadronization affects the MC mass value



- ▶ Has aspects of top (or B)-meson mass!

$$m_t^{\text{MC}} = m_t^{\text{MSR}} + \Delta^{\text{MSR}}$$

- ▶ Use methods from B-meson physics to extract field theory mass. But uncertainty order 1 GeV.
- ◆ To relate to field theory mass, would need mass-sensitive observable, that can also be computed in MC
  - ▶ Calculation beyond LO (LL)
    - ✓ controlled errors. Factorize observable to control top mass in each factor.
  - ▶ Hadron level observables
- ◆ E.g. massive thrust, DIS for massive quarks, ttbar at high pT

Hoang, Stewart

Hoang et al

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# Proxy mass: determining the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass

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- ◆ How to determine the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass?

- ▶ Problem: on-shell condition of final state top leads to the pole mass

$$\text{Im} \left[ \frac{1}{p^2 - M^2 + i\epsilon} \right] = \pi \delta(p^2 - M^2)$$

- ◆ By proxy

- ▶ compute cross section using pole mass

$$\sigma_{tt}(M, \alpha_s)$$

- ▶ replace pole mass by  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass

- ▶ Now fit to data, extract  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass

Langenfeld, Moch, Uwer

# $\overline{MS}$ mass extraction

Langenfeld, Moch, Uwer

♦ Accuracy limited by  $m_t$  sensitivity and PDF uncertainties

♦ Other proposals for mass-sensitive observables:

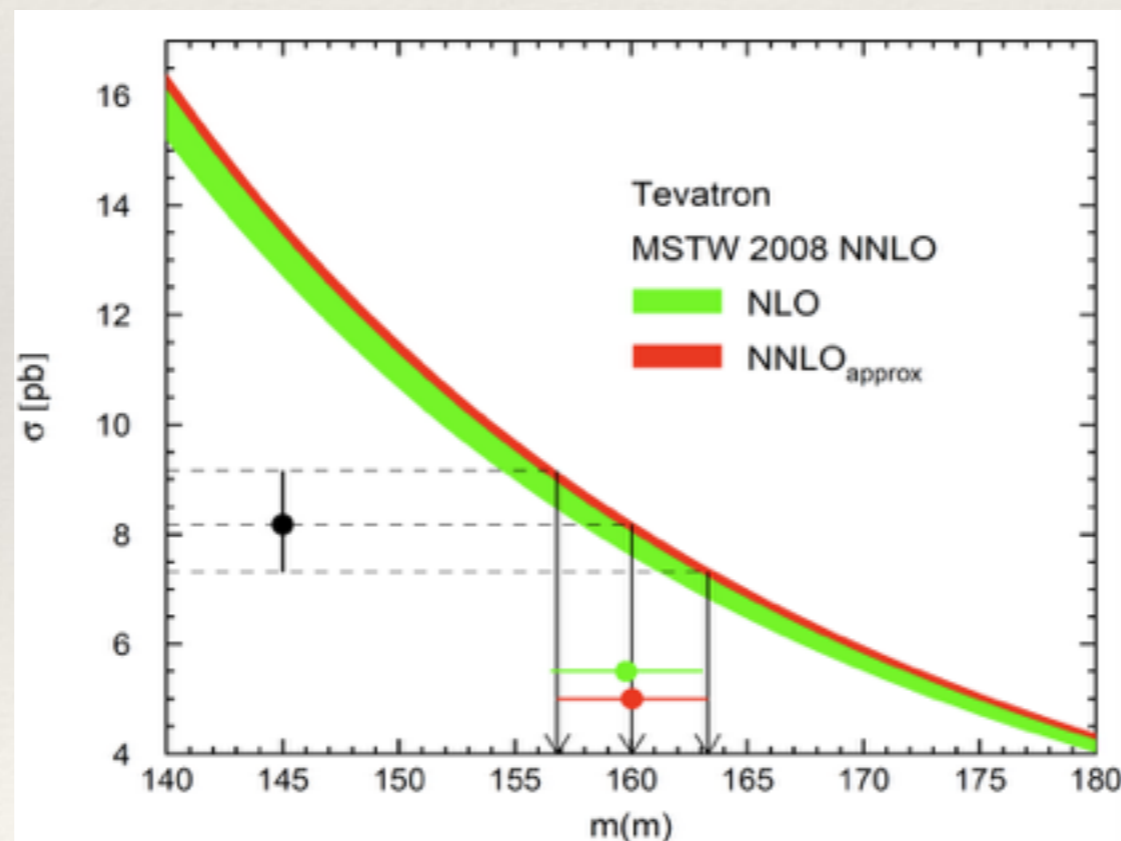
▶ (moments of) the invariant mass distribution

Frederix, Maltoni

▶  $t\bar{t}+1$  jet rate

Alioli, Fernandez, Fuster, Irlles, Moch, Uwer

$8.18^{+0.98}_{-0.87}$  pb



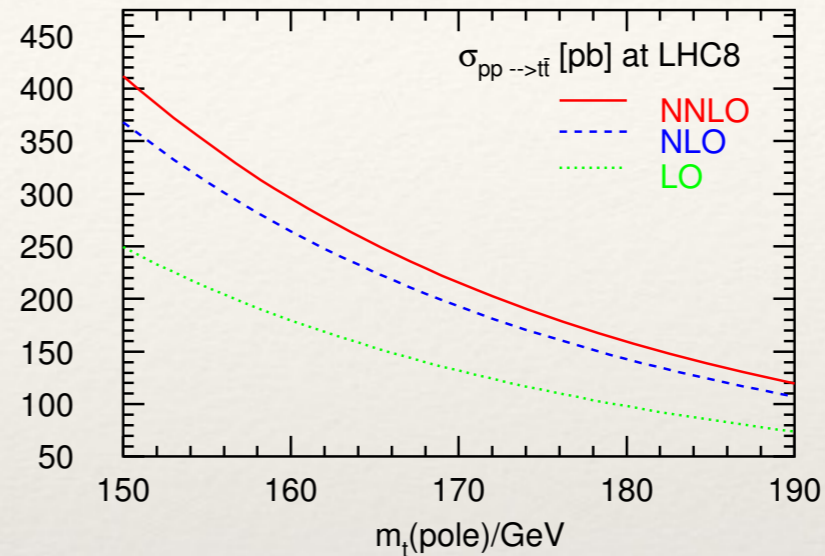
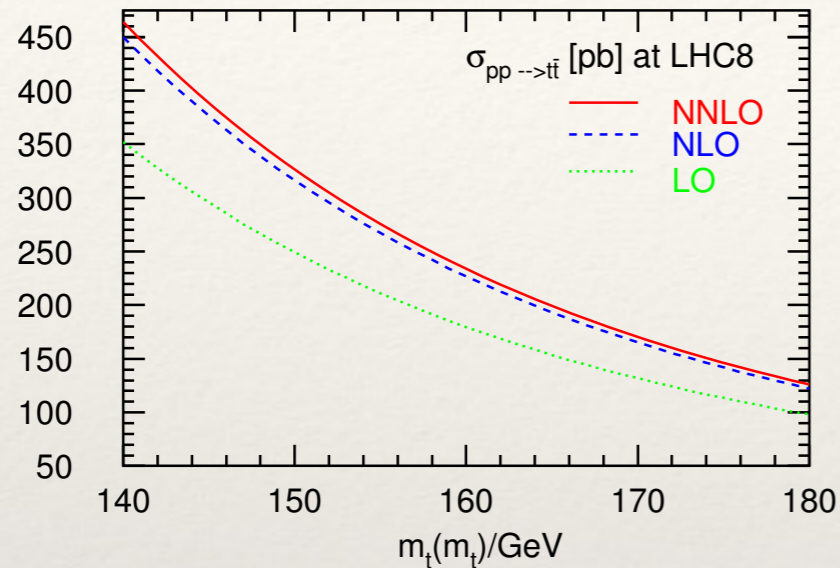
	$\bar{m}$ [GeV]	$m_t$ [GeV]
LO	$159.2^{+3.5}_{-3.4}$	$159.2^{+3.5}_{-3.4}$
NLO	$159.8^{+3.3}_{-3.3}$	$165.8^{+3.5}_{-3.5}$
NNLO	$160.0^{+3.3}_{-3.2}$	$168.2^{+3.6}_{-3.5}$



# $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass extraction

- ◆ In spite of MLM's argument  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  has better progression

Moch



- ▶ and better scale dependence
- ◆ Same holds for the distribution invariant mass  $m_{t\bar{t}}$ .
- ◆ From a correlated fit including the LHC and Tevatron  $t\bar{t}$  cross section, to also gluon PDF and  $\alpha_s$ .

Alekhin, Bluemlein, Moch

$$m_t(m_t) = 162.3 \pm 2.3 \text{ GeV}$$

- ▶ leading to the pole mass value

$$M = 171.2 \pm 2.4 \pm 0.7 \text{ GeV}$$

# Some other LHC mass proxies

Frixione, Mitov

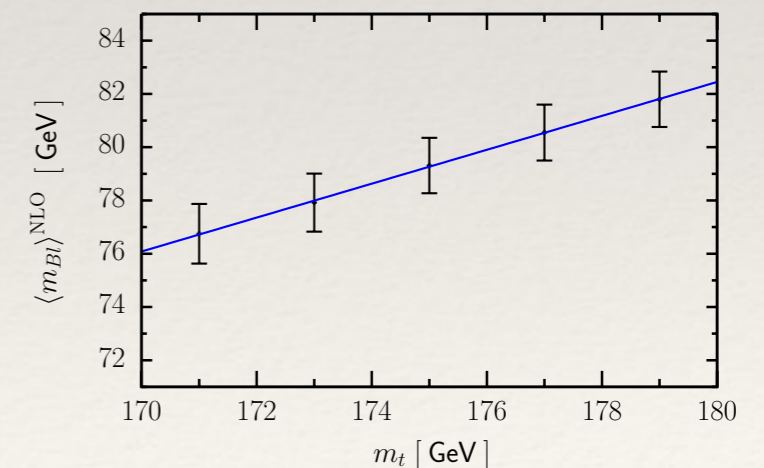
- ◆ In dilepton channel, can use shapes of various observables sensitive to top mass
  - ▶ study with NLO+PS+MadSpin
  - ▶ single-inclusive or mildly correlated (1,4,5) stable under above effects
    - ✓ 2,3 not -> be careful with using NNLO with stable tops
  - ▶ about 0.8 GeV theory error in studied scenario, with aMC@NLO

Label	Observable
1	$p_T(\ell^+)$
2	$p_T(\ell^+\ell^-)$
3	$M(\ell^+\ell^-)$
4	$E(\ell^+) + E(\ell^-)$
5	$p_T(\ell^+) + p_T(\ell^-)$

Biswas, Melnikov, Schulze

- NLO study for  $\langle m_{BI} \rangle$ , possibly via J/psi, and other parton shower independent proxies
  - 1.5 GeV uncertainty. Partons showers do in general quite well in estimating uncertainties

Corcella, Mescia





# Top couplings





# Top SM couplings

		Exp. tested?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ to W boson: flavor mixing, lefthanded           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <math>g_W \sim 0.45</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	$\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tq} (\bar{t}_L \gamma^\mu q_L) W_\mu^+$	√
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ to Z boson: parity violating           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <math>g_Z \sim 0.14</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	$\frac{g}{4 \cos \theta_w} \bar{t} \left( \left(1 - \frac{8}{3} \sin^2 \theta_w\right) \gamma^\mu - \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \right) t Z_\mu$	?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ to photon: vectorlike, has charge 2/3           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <math>e_t \sim 2/3</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	$e_t \bar{t} \gamma^\mu t A_\mu$	√?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ to gluon: vectorlike, non-trivial in color           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <math>g_s \sim 1.12</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	$g_s \left[ T_a^{SU(3)} \right]^{ji} \bar{t}_j \gamma_\mu t_i A_\mu^a$	√
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ to Higgs: Yukawa type           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <math>y_t \sim 1</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	$y_t h \bar{t} t$	√?

Top physics: check structure and strength of all these couplings

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# $t\bar{t} + W, Z, \gamma$

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## ◆ Photon

Kardos, Trocsanyi

- ▶ NLO + PS calculation
- ▶ dominated by gluon fusion
- ▶ Control sample/background for  $t\bar{t}H$ ,  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

## ▶ Z

Garzelli, Kardos,  
Papadopoulos,  
Trocsanyi

- ▶ NLO + PS calculation
- ▶ not yet “seen”

## ▶ W

Garzelli, Kardos,  
Papadopoulos,  
Trocsanyi

- ▶ NLO + PS calculation
- ▶  $t\bar{t}W$  at LHC has little sensitivity to  $tWb$  coupling
- ✓ Use single top production here

# Top self-analyzes its spin

- ◆ 100% correlation of charged lepton with top spin

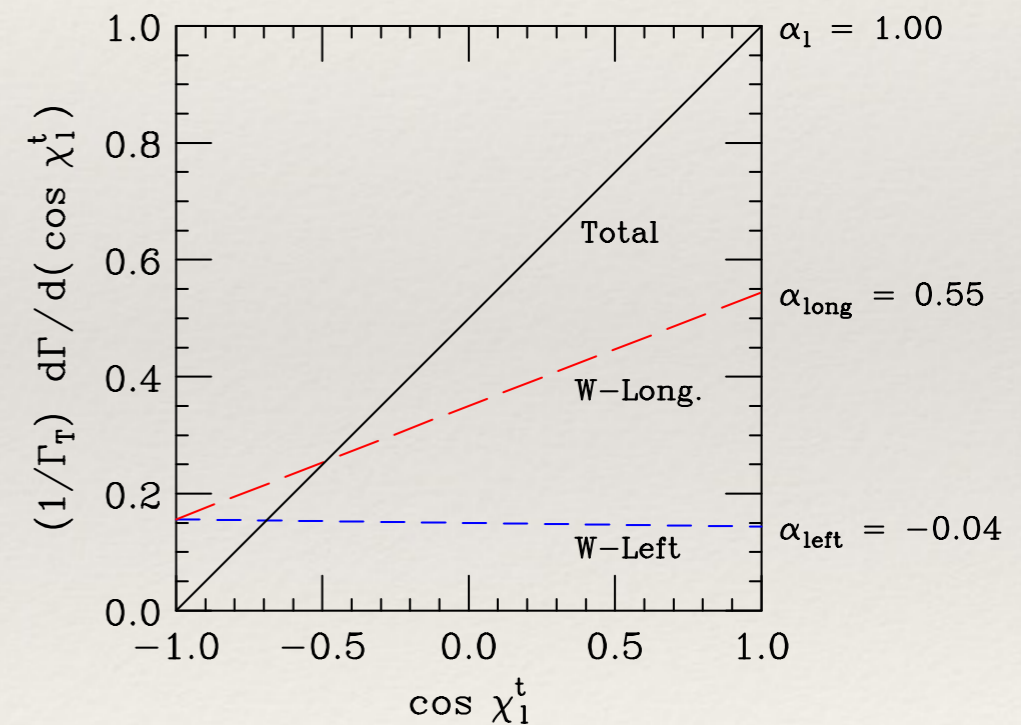
- ▶ Top self-analyzes its spin
- ▶ Charged leptons easy to measure

- ◆ For spin-up top the polar angle distribution is

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_T} \frac{d\Gamma_{(\uparrow)}}{d(\cos \theta_{e^+})} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos \theta_{e^+})$$

- ◆ Due to chiral structure of tWb coupling

$$\frac{d \ln \Gamma_f}{d \cos \chi_f} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \alpha_f \cos \chi_f)$$

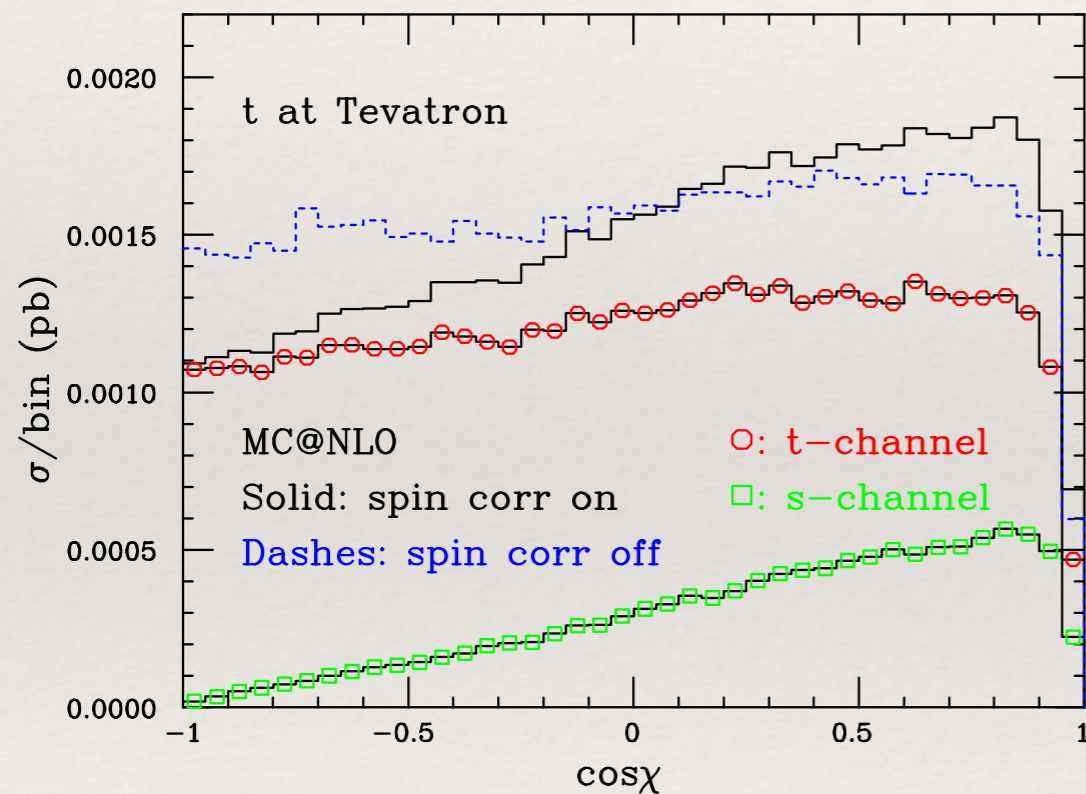
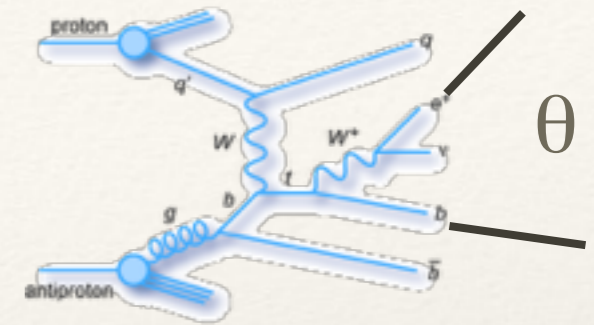




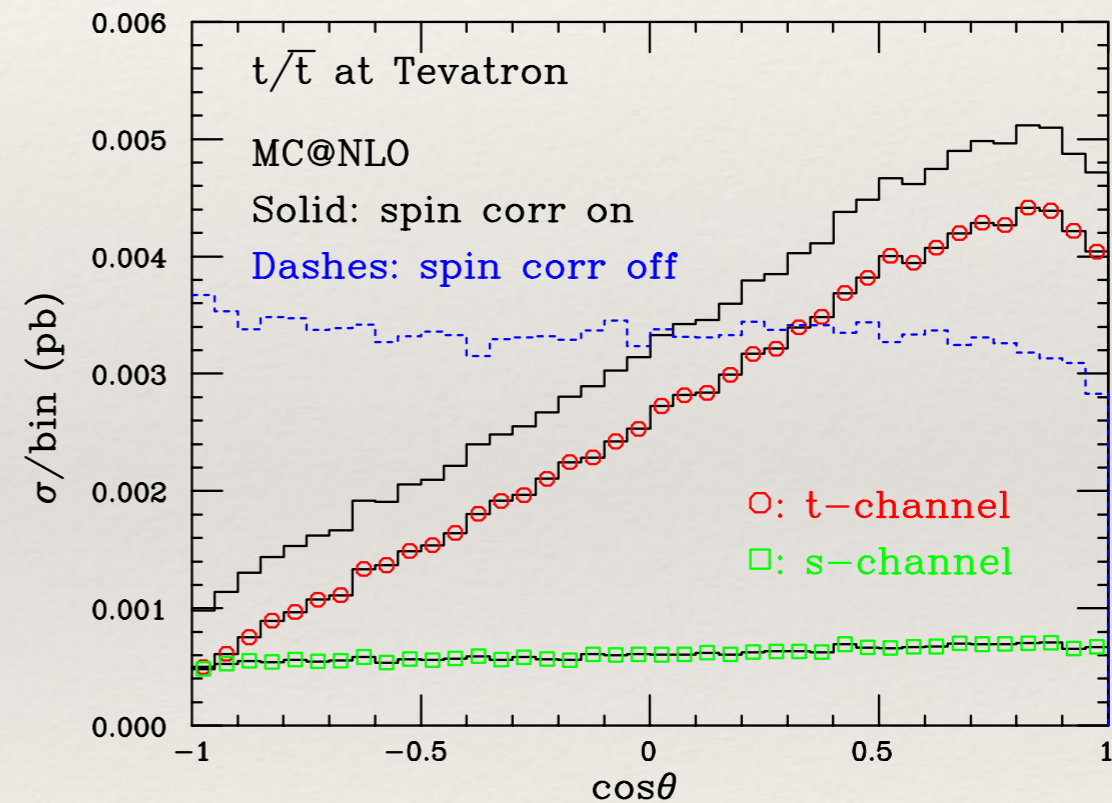
# Spin correlations for single top in MC@NLO

, Motylinski, Webber

- Top is produced polarized by EW interaction
  - 100% correlation between top spin and charged lepton direction
- Angle of lepton with appropriate axis is different per channel
- Method included “a posteriori”. Also used in POWHEG Aioli, Nason, Oleari, Re



Beam direction



Hardest, non-b jet

Robust correlation in NLO event generation  
(Method to infer inclusive cross section?)

# ttH

◆ Should become very interesting for the new run

◆  $\sigma_{tth}(14) \approx 4.6 \times \sigma_{tth}(8)$

◆ NLO calculations for signal

Beenakker, Dittmaier, Kraemer, Plumper, Spira, Zerwas  
Dawson, Orr, Reina, Wackerath

▶ plus PS

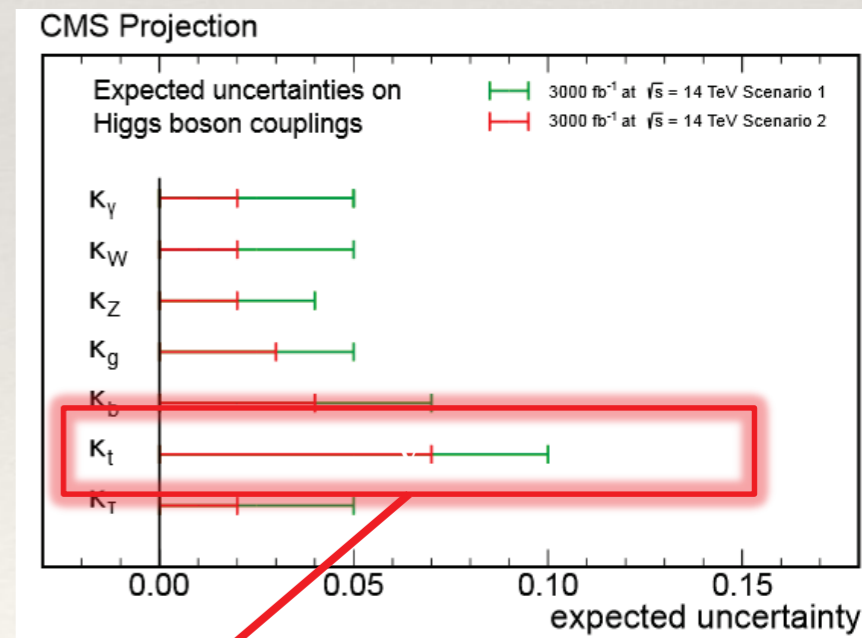
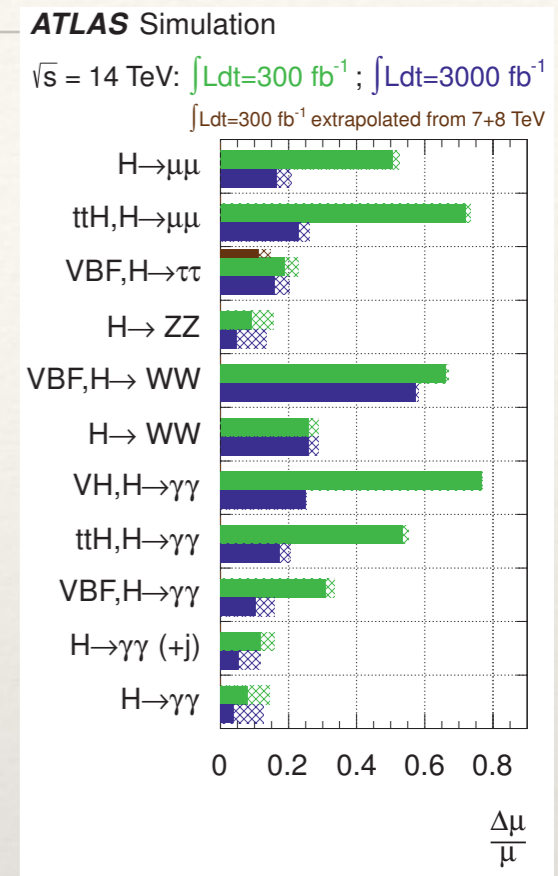
✓ and spin correlations

Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Maltoni, Pittau, Torrieli  
Garzelli, Kardos, Papadopoulos, Trocsanyi  
Hartanto, Jaeger, Reina, Wackerath

▶ plus EW

Frixione, Hirschi, Pagani, Shao, Zaro

◆ and e.g. ttbb backgrounds to NLO(+PS)



Backgrounds difficult, but expect 10% accuracy in Yukawa coupling by 2030



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# Conclusions

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- ◆ Major progress at N3LO and N4LO for mass definition and threshold scan.
- ◆ Steady progress on proxy masses, and understanding MC masses.
- ◆ Top mass may be the last, but not the easiest theoretical problem to solve
  - ▶ Goes to the heart of data-theory comparison
- ◆ With new LHC run, EW couplings of top will be tested
- ◆ Theory seems ready for Yukawa coupling tests