

Associated production of a top quark pair with a heavy boson at $\text{NLO}+\text{NNLL}$ accuracy

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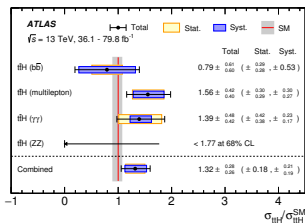
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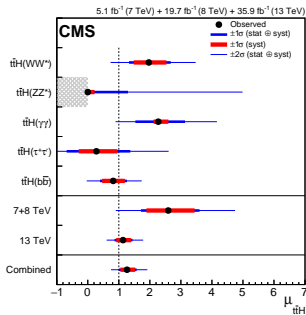
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Importance of $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$

- $t\bar{t}H$ production has been measured at 5.8σ [ATLAS, '18] and 5.2σ [CMS, '18]
- Direct way to access Yukawa coupling
- Precision study needed to determine deviations from SM Higgs



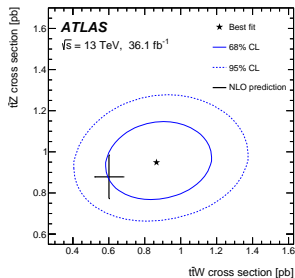
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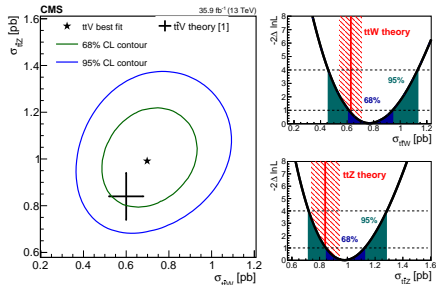
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Importance of $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z/W$

- Interaction to top quarks
- Important background process to searches and SM
- Latest $t\bar{t}Z$ result $\sigma(t\bar{t}Z) = 1.0^{+0.06}_{-0.05} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.07}_{-0.06} \text{ (syst)}$ [CMS, '19]
higher precision than NLO theory



[ATLAS, '19]



[CMS, '17]

Current status of $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}B$

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- $t\bar{t}W$ resummation in SCET [*Li, Li, Li, '14*]
- Absolute threshold at NLL [*Kulesza, Motyka, Stebel, VT, '15*]
- NNLL SCET: expansion ($t\bar{t}H$) [*Broggio, Ferroglia, Pecjak, Singer, Yang, '15*]
resummation [*Broggio, Ferroglia, Ossola, Pecjak, '16*]
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Combined with EW [*Broggio, Ferroglia, Frederix, Pagani, Pecjak, Tsinikos, '19*]
- **NNLL dQCD** [*Kulesza, Motyka, Stebel, VT, '17*]
[*Kulesza, Motyka, Schwartländer, Stebel, VT, '18*]
- Absolute threshold NLL' Coulomb [*Ju, Yang, '19*]

Definition of Threshold

Threshold variable $\hat{\tau} = \frac{Q^2}{\hat{s}}$

Q^2 : the invariant mass final state particles

$$1 - \hat{\tau} = 1 - \frac{Q^2}{\hat{s}}$$

$$\sim \frac{\text{energy of the emitted gluons}}{\text{total available energy}}$$

The IR divergences lead to logarithms:

$$(1 - \hat{\tau})^{-1-2\epsilon} = -\frac{1}{2\epsilon} \delta(1 - \hat{\tau}) + \left(\frac{1}{1 - \hat{\tau}} \right)_+ - 2\epsilon \left(\frac{\log(1 - \hat{\tau})}{1 - \hat{\tau}} \right)_+$$

$$\alpha_s^n \left(\frac{\log^m(1 - \hat{\tau})}{1 - \hat{\tau}} \right)_+$$

Mellin Transform

Mellin transform is used with respect to τ (needed for factorization of phase space):

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\sigma}_{pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}B}(N) &\equiv \int_0^1 d\tau \tau^{N-1} \sigma_{pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}B}(\tau, \mu_R, \mu_F) \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \tilde{f}_{i/p}(N+1, \mu_F) \tilde{f}_{j/p}(N+1, \mu_F) \tilde{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}B}(N, \mu_R, \mu_F)\end{aligned}$$

- $\tilde{f}_{i/p}(N+1, \mu_F)$: Mellin transform with respect to x
- $\tilde{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}B}(N, \mu_R, \mu_F)$: Mellin transform with respect to $\hat{\tau}$

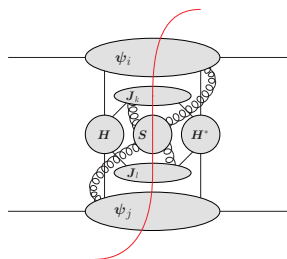
$\log^n(1 - \hat{\tau}) \Rightarrow \log^n N$ and threshold $\hat{\tau} \rightarrow 1 \sim N \rightarrow \infty$

General factorization

In general cross section factorizes into:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow kl \dots} = H_{ij \rightarrow kl \dots, IJ} \otimes \psi_i \otimes \psi_j \otimes S_{JI} \otimes J_k \otimes J_l \dots$$

- $H_{ij \rightarrow kl, IJ}$ Hard function
- $\psi_{i,j}$ Initial state collinear emission
- $J_{k,l, \dots}$ Final state collinear emission
- S_{JI} Soft emission



Each of these functions is computed through renormalization group equations

Orders of Resummation

Large logarithms $\log N \equiv L$ for $N \rightarrow \infty$

Perturbation needs to be reordered in α_s and L :

$$\tilde{\sigma} \sim \tilde{\sigma}_{LO} \times \mathcal{C}(\alpha_s) \exp [Lg_1(\alpha_s L) + g_2(\alpha_s L) + \alpha_s g_3(\alpha_s L) + \dots]$$

With orders of precision:

\Downarrow LL \Downarrow	\Downarrow NLL \Downarrow	\Downarrow NNLL \Downarrow
$\alpha_s^n \log^{n+1}(N)$	$\alpha_s^n \log^n(N)$	$\alpha_s^{n+1} \log^n(N)$

Exponential functions are universal for initial state emission

[Kodaira, Trentadue, '82][Sterman, '87][Catani, d'Emilio, Trentadue, '88][Catani, Trentadue, '89]

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Calculated at the hand of UV divergences of eikonal integrals

$$\Gamma_{ij \rightarrow klB, IJ}^{(1)} = -C_{IJ}^{ab} \text{Res} \{ \omega^{ab} \} - \Gamma_{ij \rightarrow C}^{(1)} \delta_{IJ}$$

- I and J : color indices
- a and b : colored particle indices
- C_{IJ}^{ab} : color factor of the exchange
- ω^{ab} : UV divergent terms of eikonal integrals

Soft wide-angle

[Kidonakis et al., '97-'01]

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{S}_{ij \rightarrow kl} \left(\frac{Q}{\mu N} \right) &= \bar{P} \exp \left[\int_Q^{Q/N} \frac{dq}{q} \Gamma_{ij \rightarrow kl}^\dagger (\alpha_s(q^2)) \right] \tilde{S}_{ij \rightarrow kl} \\ &\quad \times P \exp \left[\int_Q^{Q/N} \frac{dq}{q} \Gamma_{ij \rightarrow kl} (\alpha_s(q^2)) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Path-order exponential solved at NNLL accuracy by

[Buras, '80][Ahrens, Ferroglia, Neubert, Pecjak, Yang, '10]

$$\mathbf{U}_R = \left(\mathbf{1} + \frac{\alpha_s(Q/\bar{N})}{\pi} \mathbf{K} \right) \left[\left(\frac{\alpha_s(Q)}{\alpha_s(Q/\bar{N})} \right)^{\frac{\vec{\lambda}^{(1)}}{2\pi b_0}} \right]_D \left(\mathbf{1} - \frac{\alpha_s(Q)}{\pi} \mathbf{K} \right)$$

$$K_{IJ} = \delta_{IJ} \lambda_I^{(1)} \frac{b_1}{2b_0^2} - \frac{(\Gamma_R^{(2)})_{IJ}}{2\pi b_0 + \lambda_I^{(1)} - \lambda_J^{(1)}}$$

Hard Matching Coefficient (Schematically)

$$H(\alpha_s) = H^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} H^{(1)} + \dots$$

$$S(\alpha_s(Q/\bar{N})) = S^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha_s(Q/\bar{N})}{\pi} S^{(1)} + \dots$$

- Soft and collinear functions computed
- Virtual contribution split into color channels from from
aMC@NLO [Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Maltoni, Pittau, Torrielli, '11]
PowHel ($t\bar{t}H$) [Garzelli, Kardos, Papadopoulos, Trócsányi, '11]
- Include Coulomb correction $\frac{1}{\beta_{34}}$

Matching to Fixed Order

Resummed Cross Section

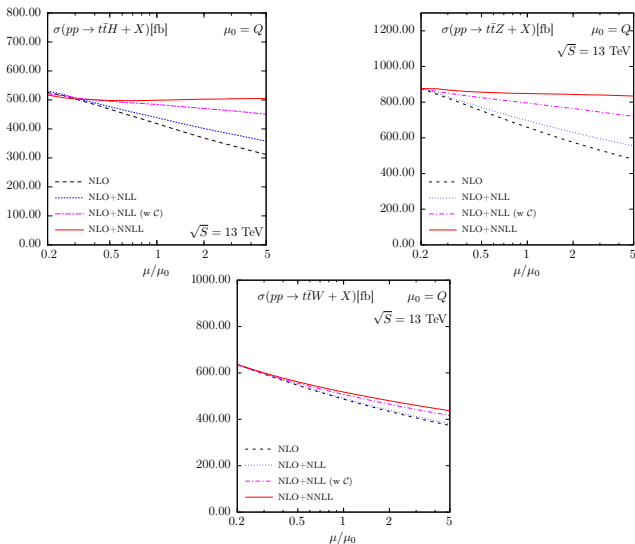
$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma^{(\text{NLO+NLL})}(\tau) &= \sigma^{(\text{NLO})}(\tau) \\
 &+ \int_{\text{CT}} \frac{dN}{2\pi i} \tau^{-N} \tilde{f}_{g/p}(N+1) \tilde{f}_{g/p}(N+1) \\
 &\times \left[\tilde{\sigma}^{(\text{NLL})}(N) - \tilde{\sigma}^{(\text{NLL})}(N)|_{(\text{NLO})} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Matching to fixed order required to avoid double counting.

Results

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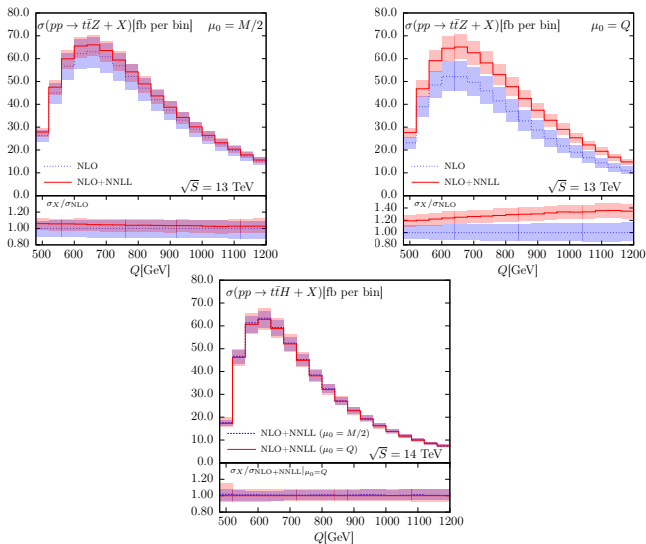
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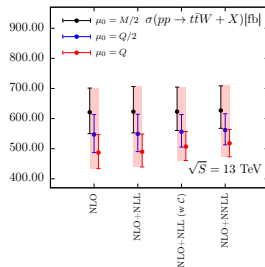
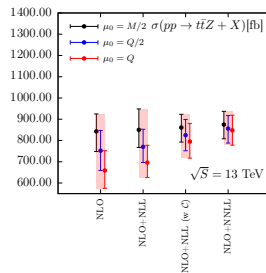
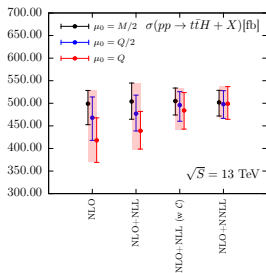
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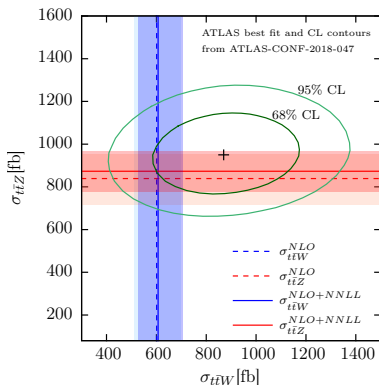


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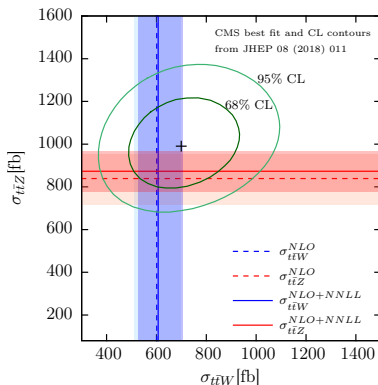
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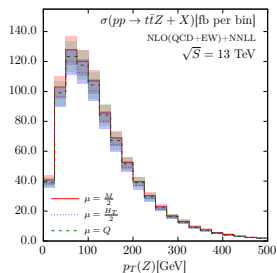
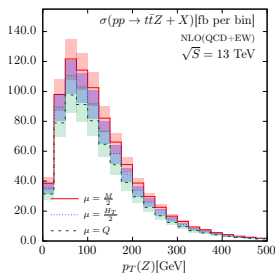
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