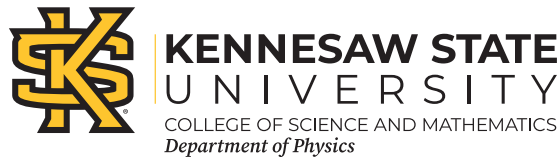


# Three-loop soft anomalous dimensions for top-quark processes

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- Higher-order soft-gluon corrections
- Three-loop cusp and soft anomalous dimensions
- Single-top and top-pair production
- Top-quark double-differential distributions



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## Soft-gluon corrections

partonic processes

$$f_1(p_1) + f_2(p_2) \rightarrow t(p_t) + X$$

define  $s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$ ,  $t = (p_1 - p_t)^2$ ,  $u = (p_2 - p_t)^2$  and  $s_4 = s + t + u - \sum m^2$

At partonic threshold  $s_4 \rightarrow 0$

Soft corrections  $\left[ \frac{\ln^k(s_4/m_t^2)}{s_4} \right]_+$  with  $k \leq 2n - 1$  for the order  $\alpha_s^n$  corrections

Resum these soft corrections for the double-differential cross section

At NNLL accuracy we need two-loop soft anomalous dimensions

At N<sup>3</sup>LL accuracy we need three-loop soft anomalous dimensions

Finite-order expansions-no prescription needed

Approximate NNLO (aNNLO) and N<sup>3</sup>LO (aN<sup>3</sup>LO) predictions

for cross sections and differential distributions (single and double)

## Soft-gluon Resummation

moments of the partonic cross section with moment variable  $N$ :

$$\hat{\sigma}(N) = \int (ds_4/s) e^{-Ns_4/s} \hat{\sigma}(s_4)$$

factorized expression for the cross section in  $4 - \epsilon$  dimensions

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX}(N, \epsilon) &= H_{IL}^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX}(\alpha_s(\mu_R)) S_{LI}^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX}\left(\frac{m_t}{N\mu_F}, \alpha_s(\mu_R)\right) \\ &\times \psi_1(N_1, \mu_F, \epsilon) \psi_2(N_2, \mu_F, \epsilon) \prod J(N, \mu_F, \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

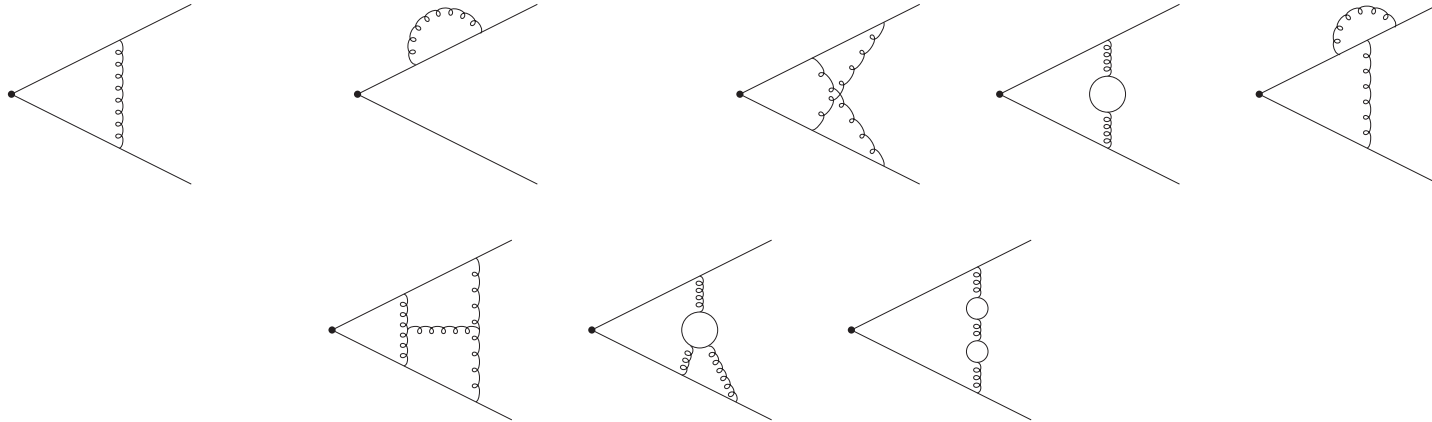
$H_{IL}^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX}$  is hard function and  $S_{LI}^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX}$  is soft function

$S_{LI}^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX}$  satisfies the renormalization group equation

$$\left( \mu_R \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_R} + \beta(g_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial g_s} \right) S_{LI}^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX} = -(\Gamma_S^\dagger)_{LK}^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX} S_{KI}^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX} - S_{LK}^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX} (\Gamma_S)_{KI}^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX}$$

Soft anomalous dimension  $\Gamma_S^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow tX}$  controls the evolution of the soft function which gives the exponentiation of logarithms of  $N$

## Cusp anomalous dimension



### A basic ingredient of soft anomalous dimensions

**cusplike angle**  $\theta = \cosh^{-1}(p_i \cdot p_j / \sqrt{p_i^2 p_j^2})$     **and**     $\Gamma_{\text{cusp}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^n \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(n)}$

### One loop

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)} = C_F (\theta \coth \theta - 1)$$

**In terms of**  $\beta = \tanh(\theta/2) = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{s}}$  **we have**  $\theta = \ln \left( \frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta} \right)$  **and**

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)\beta} = C_F \left[ -\frac{(1+\beta^2)}{2\beta} \ln \frac{(1-\beta)}{(1+\beta)} - 1 \right] = -C_F (L_\beta + 1)$$

## Cusp anomalous dimension

### Two loops

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(2)} = K_2 \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} C_F C_A \left\{ 1 + \zeta_2 + \theta^2 - \coth \theta \left[ \zeta_2 \theta + \theta^2 + \frac{\theta^3}{3} + \text{Li}_2(1 - e^{-2\theta}) \right] \right. \\ \left. + \coth^2 \theta \left[ -\zeta_3 + \zeta_2 \theta + \frac{\theta^3}{3} + \theta \text{Li}_2(e^{-2\theta}) + \text{Li}_3(e^{-2\theta}) \right] \right\}$$

where  $K_2 = C_A \left( \frac{67}{36} - \frac{\zeta_2}{2} \right) - \frac{5}{18} n_f$

### In terms of $\beta$

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(2)\beta} = K_2 \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)\beta} + \frac{1}{2} C_F C_A \left\{ 1 + \zeta_2 + \ln^2 \left( \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right) \right. \\ + \frac{(1+\beta^2)}{2\beta} \left[ \zeta_2 \ln \left( \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right) - \ln^2 \left( \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \ln^3 \left( \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right) - \text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{4\beta}{(1+\beta)^2} \right) \right] \\ + \frac{(1+\beta^2)^2}{4\beta^2} \left[ -\zeta_3 - \zeta_2 \ln \left( \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \ln^3 \left( \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right) - \ln \left( \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right) \text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{(1-\beta)^2}{(1+\beta)^2} \right) \right. \\ \left. \left. + \text{Li}_3 \left( \frac{(1-\beta)^2}{(1+\beta)^2} \right) \right] \right\}$$

## Cusp anomalous dimension

### Three loops

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(3)} = K_3 \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)} + 2 K_2 \left( \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(2)} - K_2 \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)} \right) + C^{(3)}$$

where

$$K_3 = C_A^2 \left( \frac{245}{96} - \frac{67}{36} \zeta_2 + \frac{11}{24} \zeta_3 + \frac{11}{8} \zeta_4 \right) + C_F n_f \left( -\frac{55}{96} + \frac{\zeta_3}{2} \right) + C_A n_f \left( -\frac{209}{432} + \frac{5\zeta_2}{18} - \frac{7\zeta_3}{12} \right) - \frac{n_f^2}{108}$$

and  $C^{(3)}$  has a very long expression

Again, the result can be expressed in terms of  $\beta$

For  $n_f = 5$ , we have the numerical result

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(3)\beta} \approx 0.092 \beta^2 + 2.803 \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)\beta}$$

## Cusp anomalous dimension - massless cases

If eikonal line  $i$  represents a massive quark and eikonal line  $j$  a massless quark, then we have **simpler expressions**

One loop

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1) m_i} = C_F \left[ \ln \left( \frac{2p_i \cdot p_j}{m_i \sqrt{s}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

Two loops

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(2) m_i} = K_2 \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1) m_i} + \frac{1}{4} C_F C_A (1 - \zeta_3)$$

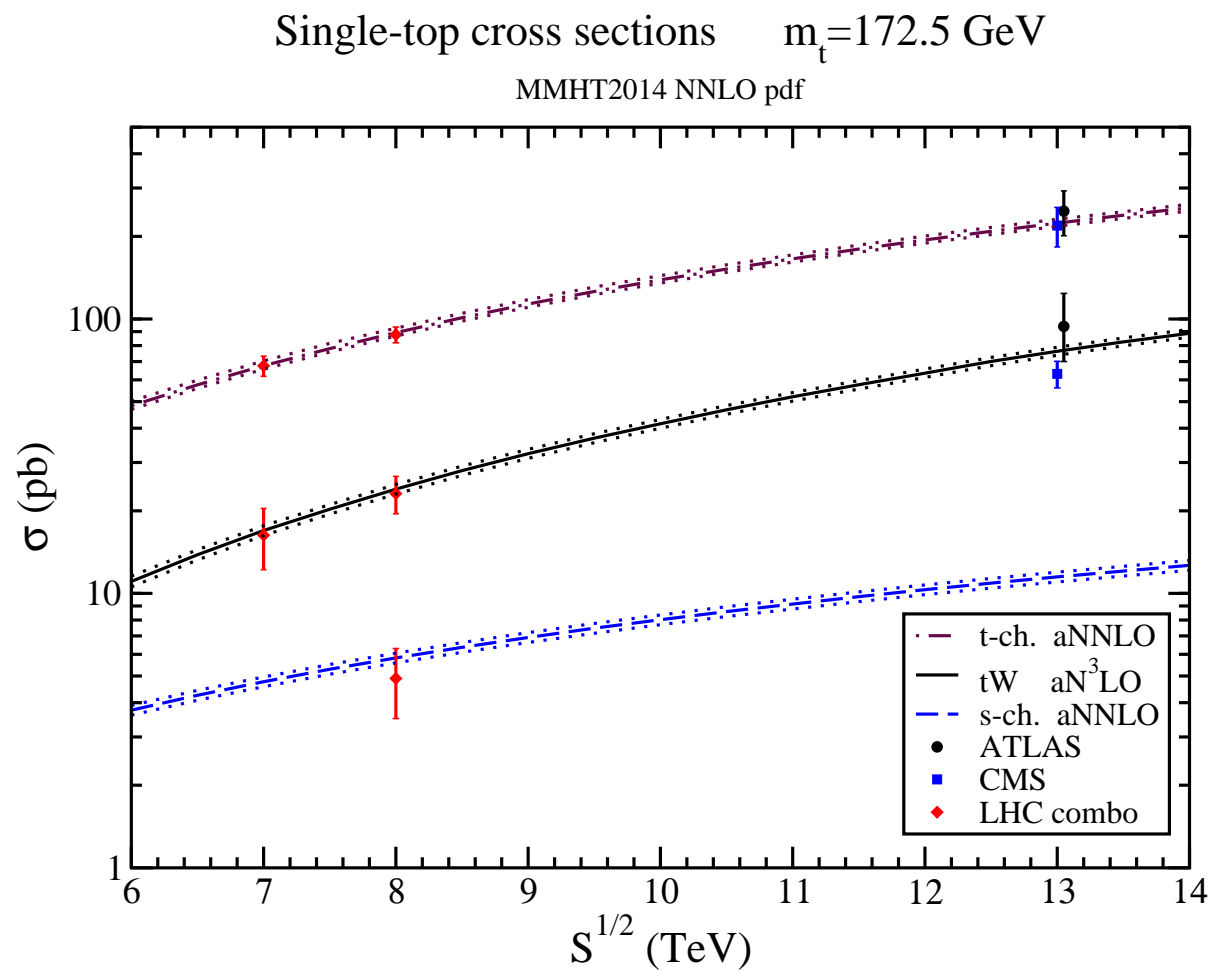
Three loops

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(3) m_i} = & K_3 \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1) m_i} + \frac{1}{2} K_2 C_F C_A (1 - \zeta_3) \\ & + C_F C_A^2 \left( -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} \zeta_2 - \frac{\zeta_3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} \zeta_2 \zeta_3 + \frac{9}{16} \zeta_5 \right) \end{aligned}$$

If both eikonal lines are massless, then

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{\text{massless}} = C_F \ln \left( \frac{2p_i \cdot p_j}{s} \right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^n K_n$$

# Single-top production





## Single-top $t$ -channel production

$\Gamma_S^{bq \rightarrow tq'}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix: use  $t$ -channel singlet-octet color basis

At one loop

$$\Gamma_{S 11}^{(1) bq \rightarrow tq'} = C_F \left[ \ln \left( \frac{t(t - m_t^2)}{m_t s^{3/2}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \right], \quad \Gamma_{S 12}^{(1) bq \rightarrow tq'} = \frac{C_F}{2N_c} \ln \left( \frac{u(u - m_t^2)}{s(s - m_t^2)} \right), \quad \Gamma_{S 21}^{(1) bq \rightarrow tq'} = \ln \left( \frac{u(u - m_t^2)}{s(s - m_t^2)} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{S 22}^{(1) bq \rightarrow tq'} = \left( C_F - \frac{C_A}{2} \right) \left[ \ln \left( \frac{t(t - m_t^2)}{m_t s^{3/2}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} + 2 \ln \left( \frac{u(u - m_t^2)}{s(s - m_t^2)} \right) \right] + \frac{C_A}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{u(u - m_t^2)}{m_t s^{3/2}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

At two loops

$$\Gamma_{S 11}^{(2) bq \rightarrow tq'} = K_2 \Gamma_{S 11}^{(1) bq \rightarrow tq'} + \frac{1}{4} C_F C_A (1 - \zeta_3), \quad \Gamma_{S 12}^{(2) bq \rightarrow tq'} = K_2 \Gamma_{S 12}^{(1) bq \rightarrow tq'}$$

$$\Gamma_{S 21}^{(2) bq \rightarrow tq'} = K_2 \Gamma_{S 21}^{(1) bq \rightarrow tq'}, \quad \Gamma_{S 22}^{(2) bq \rightarrow tq'} = K_2 \Gamma_{S 22}^{(1) bq \rightarrow tq'} + \frac{1}{4} C_F C_A (1 - \zeta_3)$$

At three loops

$$\Gamma_{S 11}^{(3) bq \rightarrow tq'} = K_3 \Gamma_{S 11}^{(1) bq \rightarrow tq'} + \frac{1}{2} K_2 C_F C_A (1 - \zeta_3) + C_F C_A^2 \left( -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} \zeta_2 - \frac{\zeta_3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} \zeta_2 \zeta_3 + \frac{9}{16} \zeta_5 \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{S 12}^{(3) bq \rightarrow tq'} = K_3 \Gamma_{S 12}^{(1) bq \rightarrow tq'} + X_{S 12}^{(3) bq \rightarrow tq'}, \quad \Gamma_{S 21}^{(3) bq \rightarrow tq'} = K_3 \Gamma_{S 21}^{(1) bq \rightarrow tq'} + X_{S 21}^{(3) bq \rightarrow tq'}$$

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## Single-top $s$ -channel production

$\Gamma_S^{q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix: use  $s$ -channel singlet-octet color basis

At one loop

$$\Gamma_{S 11}^{(1)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} = C_F \left[ \ln \left( \frac{s - m_t^2}{m_t \sqrt{s}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \right], \quad \Gamma_{S 12}^{(1)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} = \frac{C_F}{2N_c} \ln \left( \frac{t(t - m_t^2)}{u(u - m_t^2)} \right), \quad \Gamma_{S 21}^{(1)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} = \ln \left( \frac{t(t - m_t^2)}{u(u - m_t^2)} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{S 22}^{(1)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} = \left( C_F - \frac{C_A}{2} \right) \left[ \ln \left( \frac{s - m_t^2}{m_t \sqrt{s}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} + 2 \ln \left( \frac{t(t - m_t^2)}{u(u - m_t^2)} \right) \right] + \frac{C_A}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{t(t - m_t^2)}{m_t s^{3/2}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

At two loops

$$\Gamma_{S 11}^{(2)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} = K_2 \Gamma_{S 11}^{(1)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} + \frac{1}{4} C_F C_A (1 - \zeta_3), \quad \Gamma_{S 12}^{(2)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} = K_2 \Gamma_{S 12}^{(1)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}}$$

$$\Gamma_{S 21}^{(2)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} = K_2 \Gamma_{S 21}^{(1)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}}, \quad \Gamma_{S 22}^{(2)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} = K_2 \Gamma_{S 22}^{(1)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} + \frac{1}{4} C_F C_A (1 - \zeta_3)$$

At three loops

$$\Gamma_{S 11}^{(3)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} = K_3 \Gamma_{S 11}^{(1)q\bar{q}' \rightarrow t\bar{b}} + \frac{1}{2} K_2 C_F C_A (1 - \zeta_3) + C_F C_A^2 \left( -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} \zeta_2 - \frac{\zeta_3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} \zeta_2 \zeta_3 + \frac{9}{16} \zeta_5 \right)$$

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## Associated $tW$ production

At one loop

$$\Gamma_S^{(1)bg \rightarrow tW} = C_F \left[ \ln \left( \frac{m_t^2 - t}{m_t \sqrt{s}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \right] + \frac{C_A}{2} \ln \left( \frac{u - m_t^2}{t - m_t^2} \right)$$

At two loops

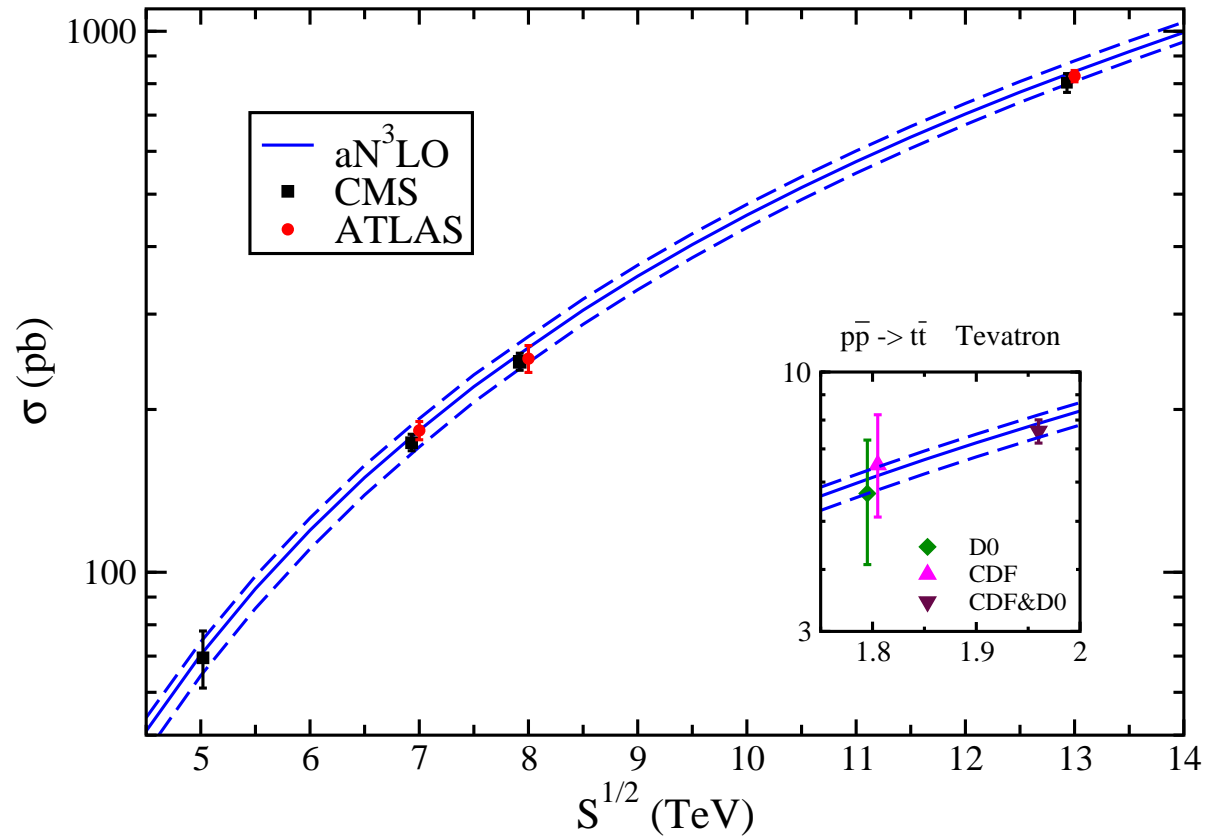
$$\Gamma_S^{(2)bg \rightarrow tW} = K_2 \Gamma_S^{(1)bg \rightarrow tW} + \frac{1}{4} C_F C_A (1 - \zeta_3)$$

At three loops

$$\Gamma_S^{(3)bg \rightarrow tW} = K_3 \Gamma_S^{(1)bg \rightarrow tW} + \frac{1}{2} K_2 C_F C_A (1 - \zeta_3) + C_F C_A^2 \left( -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} \zeta_2 - \frac{\zeta_3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} \zeta_2 \zeta_3 + \frac{9}{16} \zeta_5 \right)$$

# Top-antitop pair production

$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  at LHC energies  $aN^3LO$   $m_t=172.5$  GeV  
MMHT2014 NNLO pdf



## Top-antitop pair production: $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ channel

$\Gamma_S^{q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix: use  $s$ -channel singlet-octet color basis

At one loop for  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

$$\Gamma_{S 11}^{(1)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)\beta}, \quad \Gamma_{12}^{(1)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \frac{C_F}{C_A} \ln \left( \frac{t - m_t^2}{u - m_t^2} \right), \quad \Gamma_{21}^{(1)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = 2 \ln \left( \frac{t - m_t^2}{u - m_t^2} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{22}^{(1)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \left( 1 - \frac{C_A}{2C_F} \right) \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)} + 4C_F \ln \left( \frac{t - m_t^2}{u - m_t^2} \right) - \frac{C_A}{2} \left[ 1 + \ln \left( \frac{sm_t^2(t - m_t^2)^2}{(u - m_t^2)^4} \right) \right]$$

At two loops for  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

$$\Gamma_{S 11}^{(2)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(2)\beta}, \quad \Gamma_{12}^{(2)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \left( K_2 - C_A N_2^\beta \right) \Gamma_{12}^{(1)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}}, \quad \Gamma_{21}^{(2)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \left( K_2 + C_A N_2^\beta \right) \Gamma_{21}^{(1)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}}$$

$$\Gamma_{22}^{(2)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = K_2 \Gamma_{22}^{(1)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} + \left( 1 - \frac{C_A}{2C_F} \right) \left( \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(2)\beta} - K_2 \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)\beta} \right) + \frac{C_A^2}{4} (1 - \zeta_3)$$

where

$$N_2^\beta = \frac{1}{4} \ln^2 \left( \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \right) + \frac{(1 + \beta^2)}{8\beta} \left[ \zeta_2 - \ln^2 \left( \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \right) - \text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{4\beta}{(1 + \beta)^2} \right) \right]$$

At three loops for  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

$$\Gamma_{S 22}^{(3)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = K_3 \Gamma_{S 22}^{(1)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} + \left( 1 - \frac{C_A}{2C_F} \right) \left( \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(3)\beta} - K_3 \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)\beta} \right) + \frac{K_2}{2} C_A^2 (1 - \zeta_3)$$

$$+ C_A^3 \left( -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} \zeta_2 - \frac{\zeta_3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} \zeta_2 \zeta_3 + \frac{9}{16} \zeta_5 \right) + X_{S 22}^{(3)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}}$$

where  $X_{S 22}^{(3)q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}}$  denotes unknown three-loop contributions from four-parton correlations

other 3-loop matrix elements not fully known either but have analogous structure to that at two loops

## Top-antitop pair production: $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ channel

$3 \times 3$  matrix for  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

$$\Gamma_S^{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{S 11}^{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} & 0 & \Gamma_{S 13}^{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} \\ 0 & \Gamma_{S 22}^{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} & \Gamma_{S 23}^{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} \\ \Gamma_{S 31}^{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} & \Gamma_{S 32}^{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} & \Gamma_{S 22}^{gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} \end{bmatrix}$$

At one loop for  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

$$\Gamma_{S 11}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)\beta}, \quad \Gamma_{S 13}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \ln\left(\frac{t - m_t^2}{u - m_t^2}\right), \quad \Gamma_{S 31}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = 2 \ln\left(\frac{t - m_t^2}{u - m_t^2}\right),$$

$$\Gamma_{S 22}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \left(1 - \frac{C_A}{2C_F}\right) \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)\beta} + \frac{C_A}{2} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{(t - m_t^2)(u - m_t^2)}{s m_t^2}\right) - 1 \right],$$

$$\Gamma_{S 23}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \frac{C_A}{2} \ln\left(\frac{t - m_t^2}{u - m_t^2}\right), \quad \Gamma_{S 32}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 4)}{2N_c} \ln\left(\frac{t - m_t^2}{u - m_t^2}\right)$$

## Top-antitop pair production: $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ channel

At two loops for  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma_{S 11}^{(2)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} &= \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(2)\beta}, & \Gamma_{S 13}^{(2)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} &= \left(K_2 - C_A N_2^\beta\right) \Gamma_{S 13}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}}, & \Gamma_{S 31}^{(2)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} &= \left(K_2 + C_A N_2^\beta\right) \Gamma_{S 31}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}}, \\
 \Gamma_{S 22}^{(2)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} &= K_2 \Gamma_{S 22}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} + \left(1 - \frac{C_A}{2C_F}\right) \left(\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(2)\beta} - K_2 \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)\beta}\right) + \frac{C_A^2}{4}(1 - \zeta_3), \\
 \Gamma_{S 23}^{(2)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} &= K_2 \Gamma_{S 23}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}}, & \Gamma_{S 32}^{(2)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} &= K_2 \Gamma_{S 32}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}}
 \end{aligned}$$

At three loops for  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

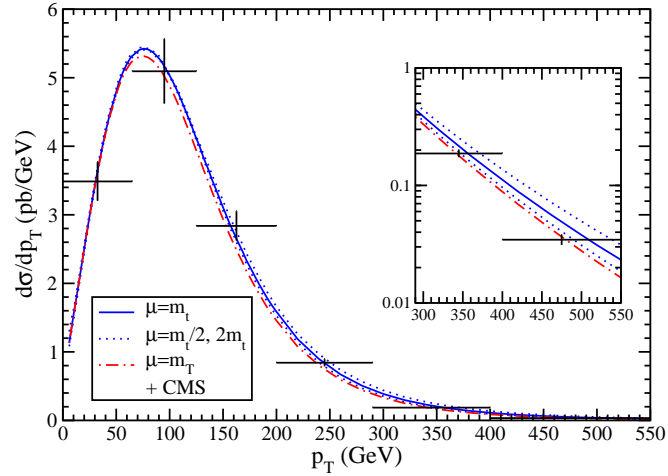
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 \Gamma_{S 22}^{(3)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} &= K_3 \Gamma_{S 22}^{(1)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}} + \left(1 - \frac{C_A}{2C_F}\right) \left(\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(3)\beta} - K_3 \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)\beta}\right) + \frac{K_2}{2} C_A^2 (1 - \zeta_3) \\
 &\quad + C_A^3 \left(-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8}\zeta_2 - \frac{\zeta_3}{8} - \frac{3}{8}\zeta_2\zeta_3 + \frac{9}{16}\zeta_5\right) + X_{S 22}^{(3)gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}}
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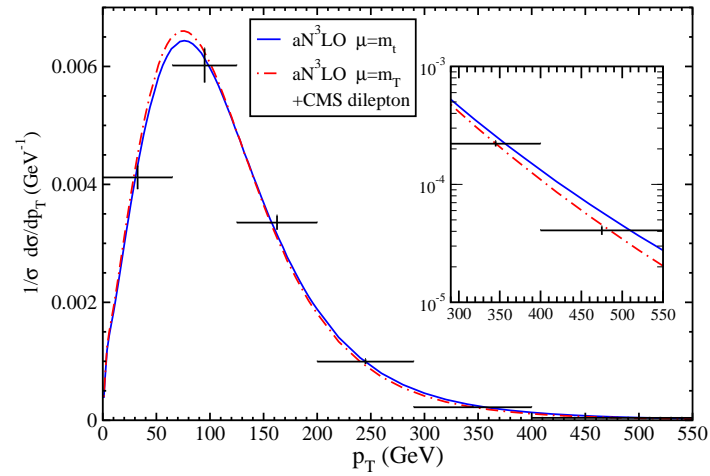
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# Top $p_T$ and rapidity distributions in $t\bar{t}$ production

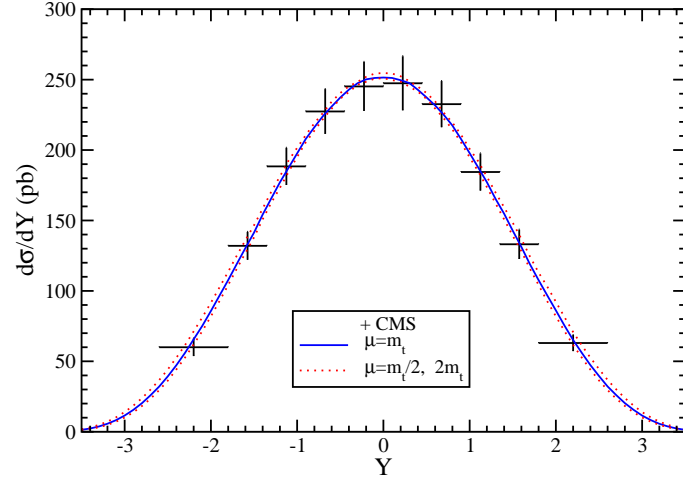
Top quark  $p_T$  distribution at 13 TeV LHC  $aN^3LO$   
 $m_t=172.5$  GeV



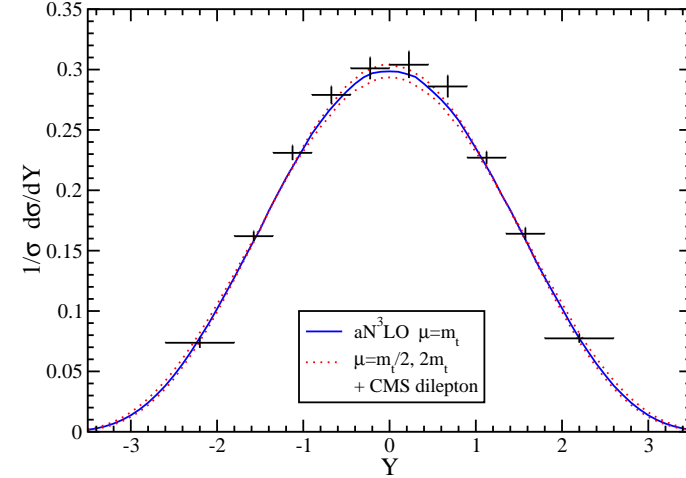
Normalized top  $p_T$  distribution at the LHC  $S^{1/2}=13$  TeV



Top rapidity distribution at 13 TeV LHC  $aN^3LO$   
 $m_t=172.5$  GeV

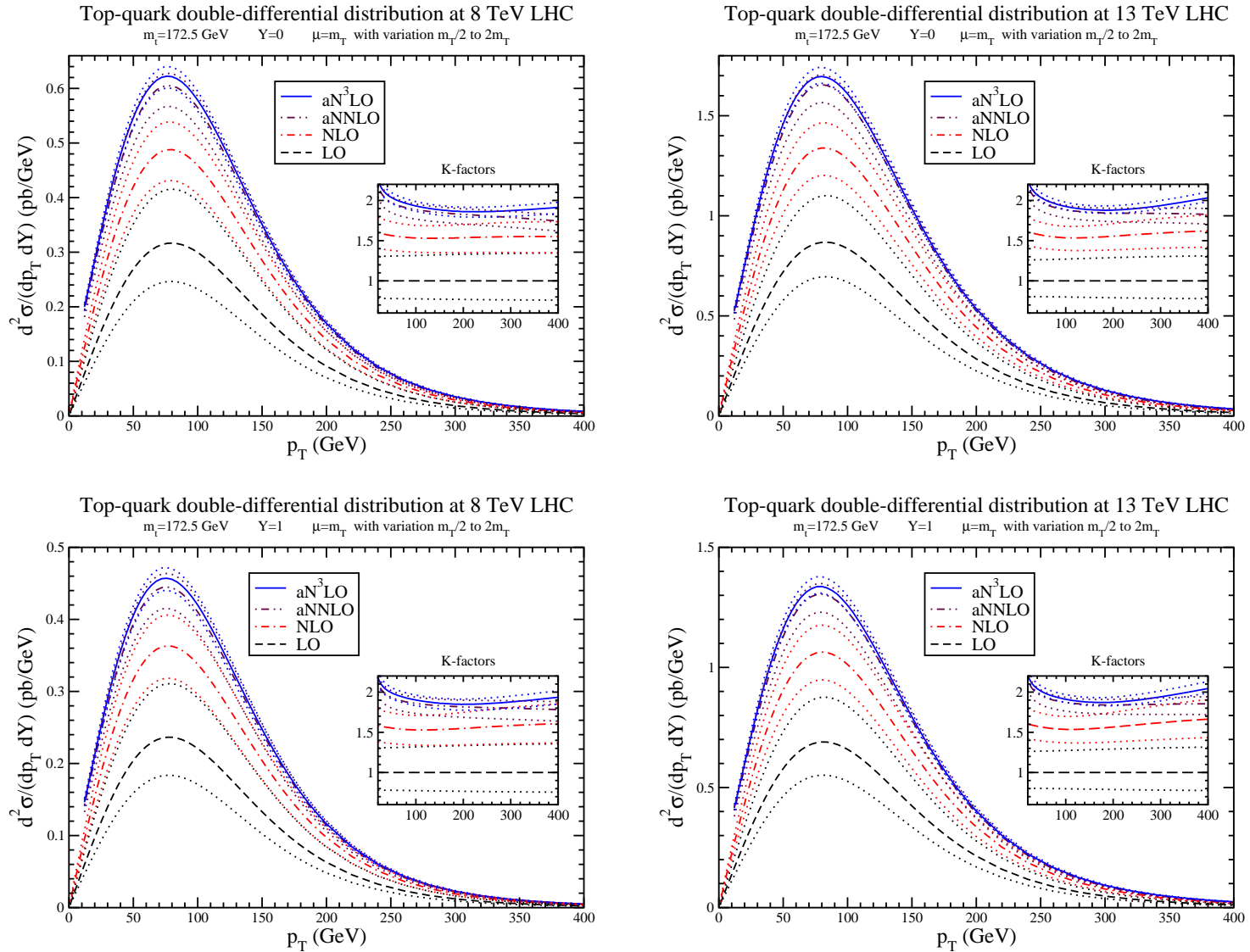


Normalized top rapidity distribution at LHC  $S^{1/2}=13$  TeV

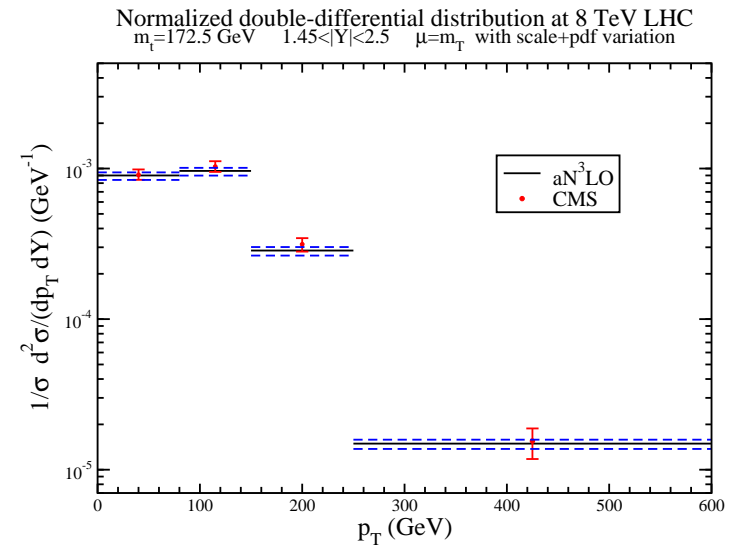
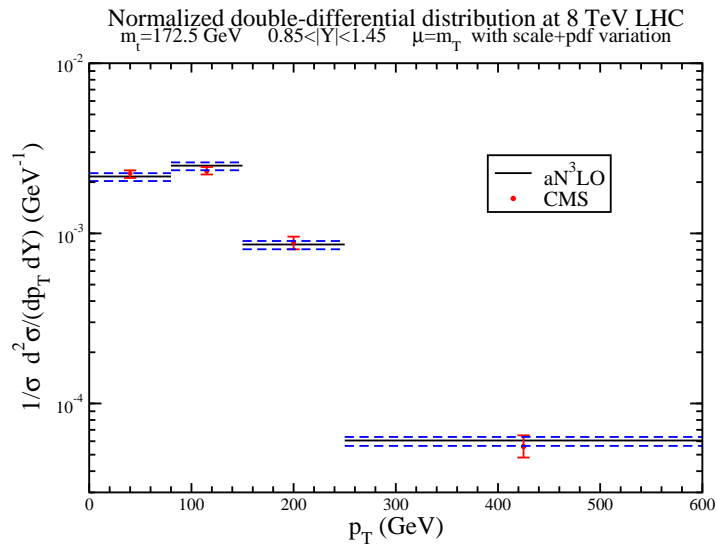
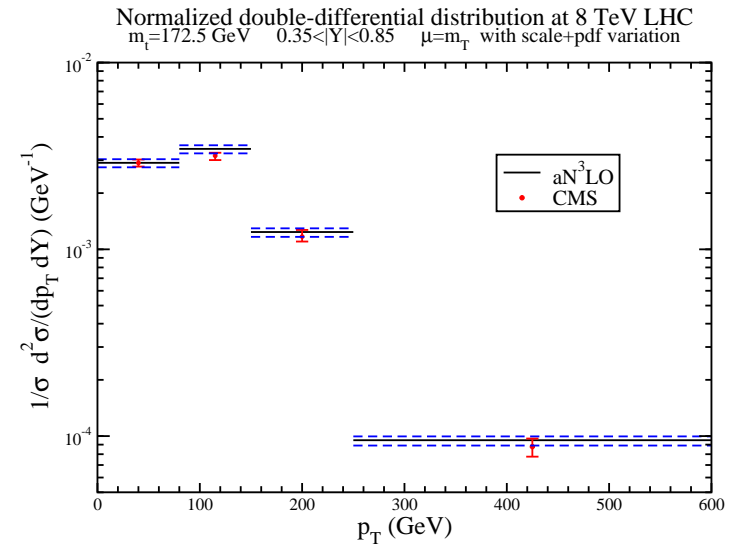
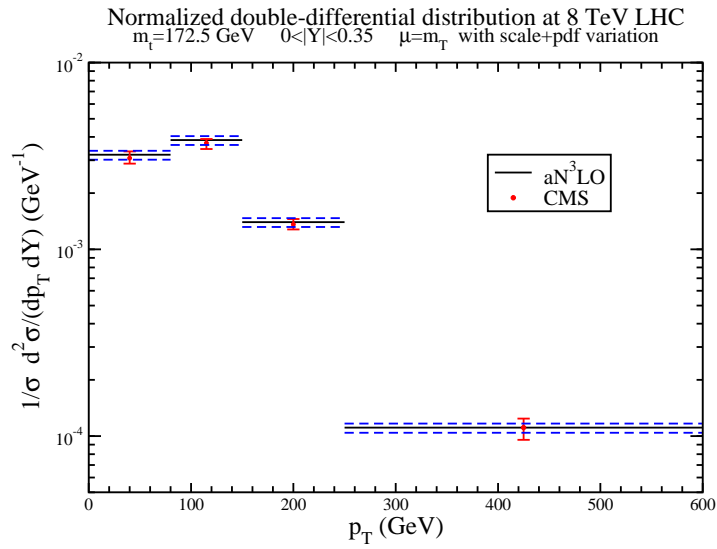




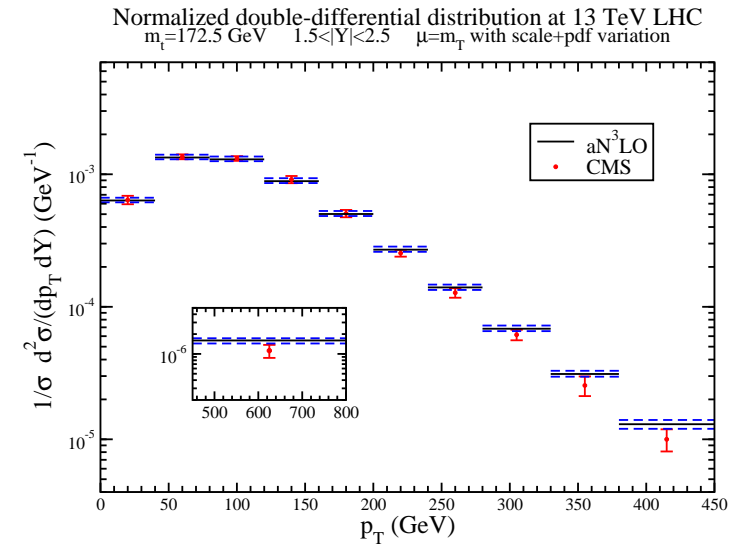
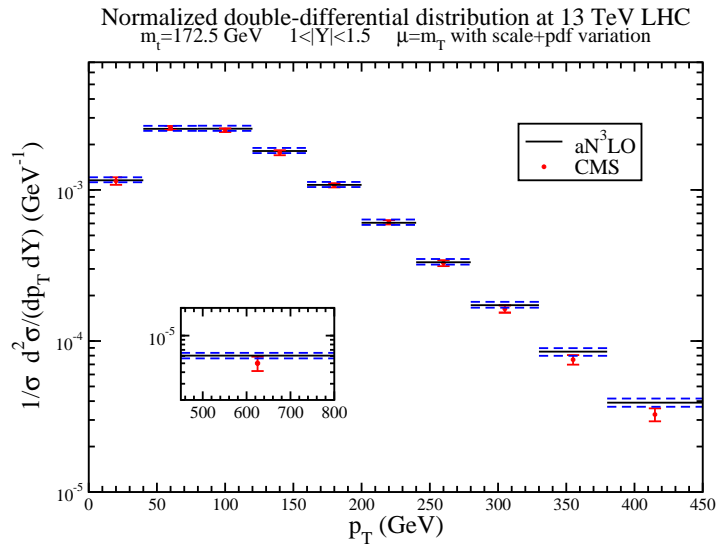
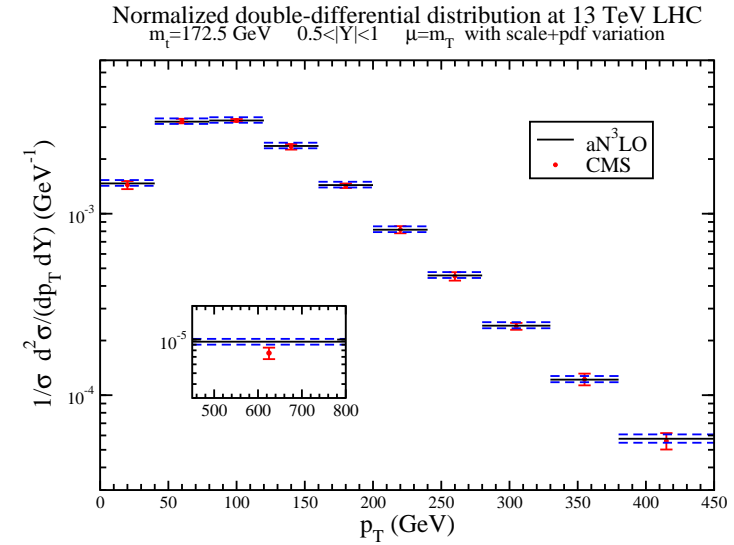
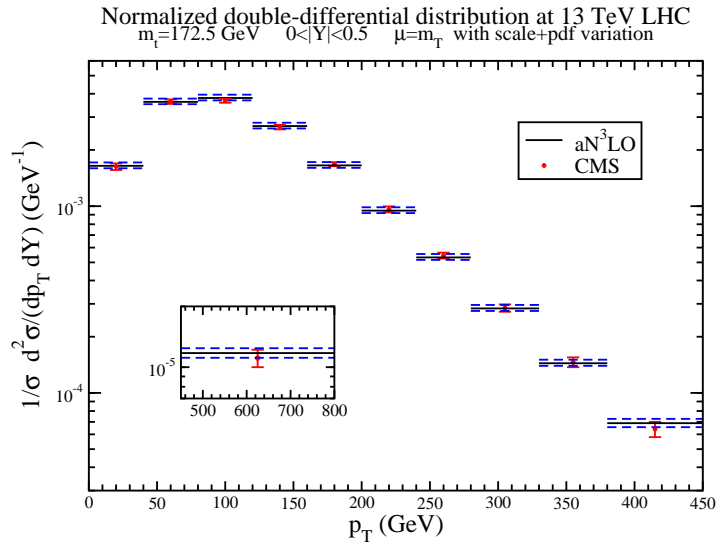
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## Summary

- soft anomalous dimensions at three loops
- cusp anomalous dimensions
- single-top production
- top-antitop pair production
- top-quark double-differential distributions in  $t\bar{t}$  production
- soft-gluon corrections through aN<sup>3</sup>LO are very significant