Single-top production in the Standard Model and beyond

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- **Higher-order soft-gluon corrections**
- t**-channel and** s**-channel production**
- tW **production**
- tZ **production via anomalous couplings**

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Higher-order corrections

QCD corrections are very significant for single-top production

Soft-gluon corrections are important
and they approximate exact results very well

We calculate/resum these soft corrections at NNLL accuracy
for the double-differential cross section

Finite-order expansions

Approximate NNLO (aNNLO) and N^3LO (aN^3LO) predictions
for cross sections and differential distributions

Soft-gluon corrections

partonic processes

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

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 $s_4 \to 0$

Soft corrections $\left[\frac{\ln^k(s_4/m_t^2)}{s_4}\right]_+$

For the order α_s^n **corrections** $k \le 2n-1$

Resum these soft corrections for the double-differential cross section

At NNLL accuracy we need two-loop soft anomalous dimensions

Soft-gluon Resummation

moments of the partonic cross section with moment variable N:
$\hat{\sigma}(N)=\int (ds_4/s)\, e^{-N s_4/s} \hat{\sigma}(s_4)$

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

$$\sigma^{f_1 f_2 \to tX}(N,\epsilon) = H_{IL}^{f_1 f_2 \to tX}\left(\alpha_s(\mu_R)\right)\, S_{LI}^{f_1 f_2 \to tX}\left(\frac{m_t}{N\mu_F},\alpha_s(\mu_R)\right)$$
$$\times \prod J_{\rm in}\left(N,\mu_F,\epsilon\right) \prod J_{\rm out}\left(N,\mu_F,\epsilon\right)$$

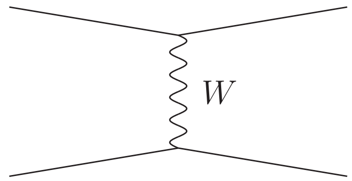
$H_{IL}^{f_1 f_2 \to tX}$ **is hard function and** $S_{LI}^{f_1 f_2 \to tX}$ **is soft function**

S_{LI} **satisfies the renormalization group equation**

$$\left(\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + \beta(g_s)\frac{\partial}{\partial g_s}\right) S_{LI} = -(\Gamma^\dagger_S)_{LK} S_{KI} - S_{LK}(\Gamma_S)_{KI}$$

Soft anomalous dimension Γ_S controls the evolution of the soft function which gives the exponentiation of logarithms of N

t-channel production



At one loop

$$\Gamma_{S\,11}^{t\,(1)} = C_F \left[\ln\left(\frac{t(t-m_t^2)}{m_t s^{3/2}}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\right] \qquad \Gamma_{S\,12}^{t\,(1)} = \frac{C_F}{2N}\ln\left(\frac{u(u-m_t^2)}{s(s-m_t^2)}\right) \qquad \Gamma_{S\,21}^{t\,(1)} = \ln\left(\frac{u(u-m_t^2)}{s(s-m_t^2)}\right)$$

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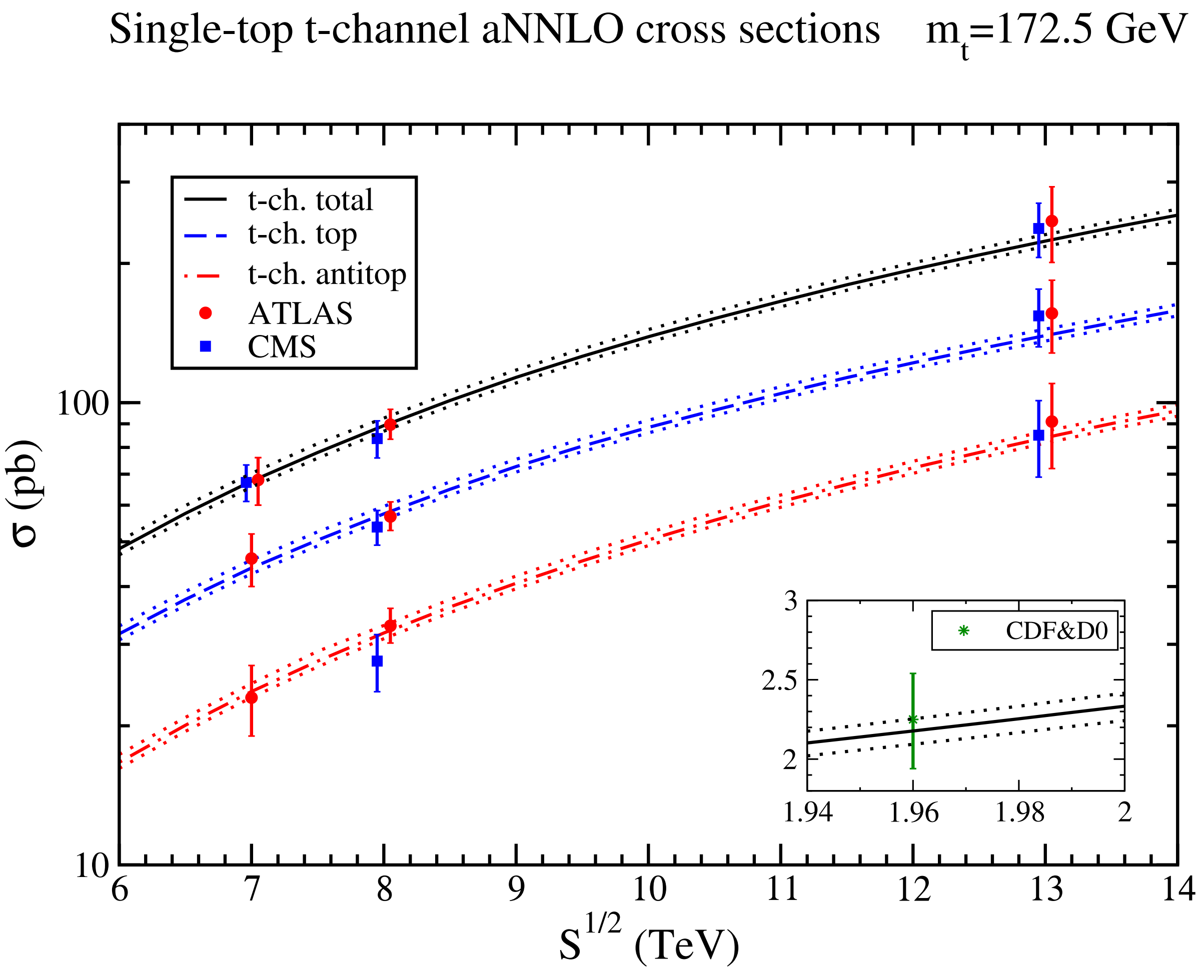
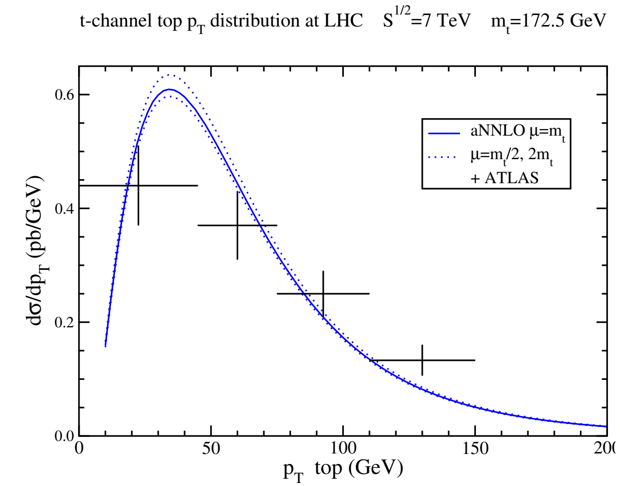
At two loops

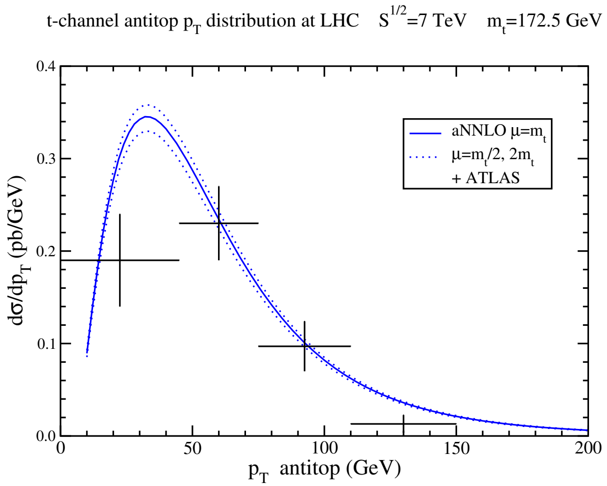
$$\Gamma_{S\,11}^{t\,(2)} = \left[C_A\left(\frac{67}{36}-\frac{\zeta_2}{2}\right) - \frac{5}{18}n_f\right]\Gamma_{S\,11}^{t\,(1)} + C_F C_A \frac{(1-\zeta_3)}{4}$$

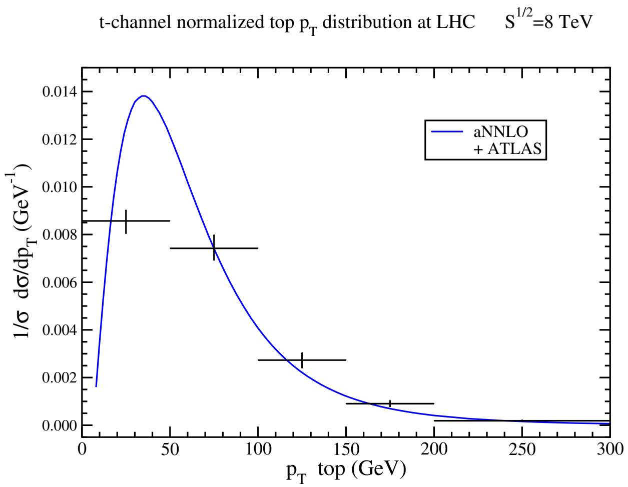
t-channel production at aNNLO

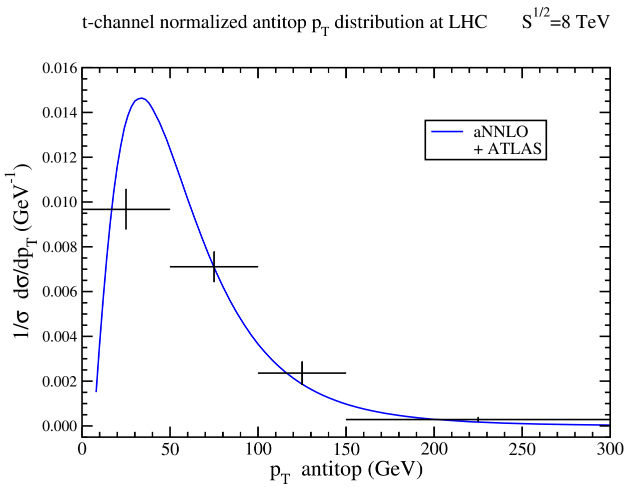


Top p_T distributions in t-channel production at the LHC









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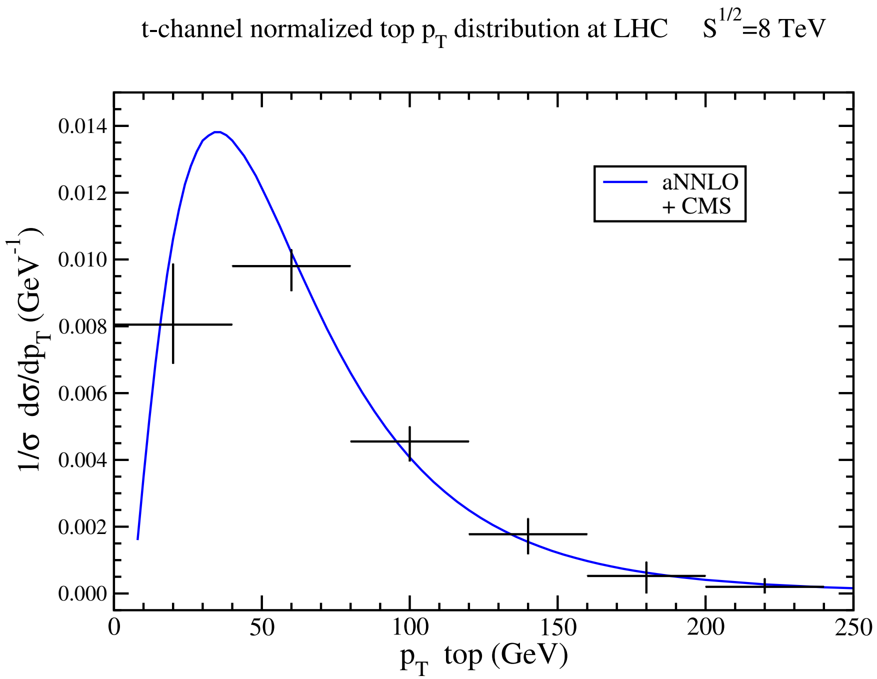
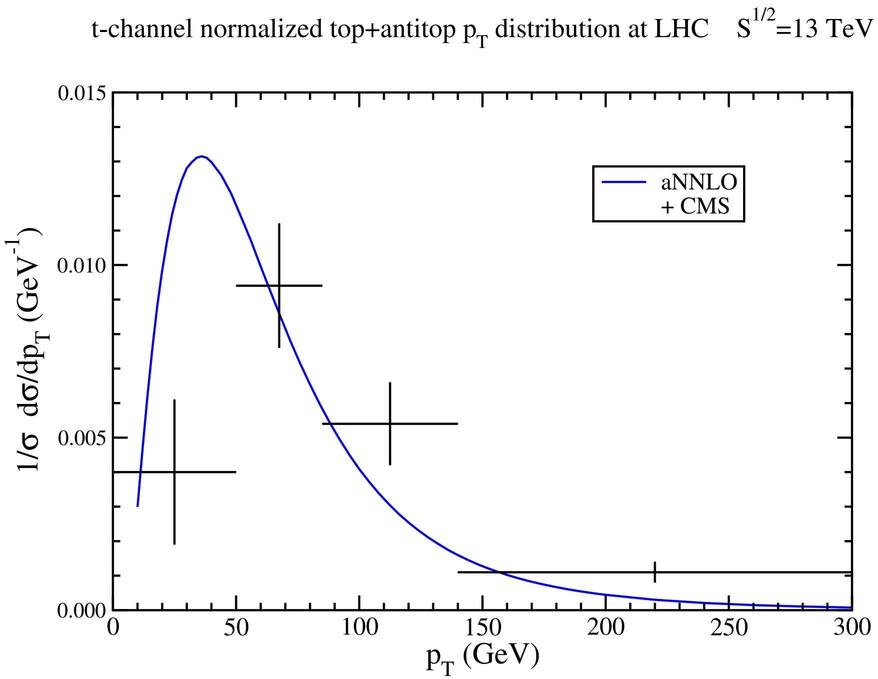
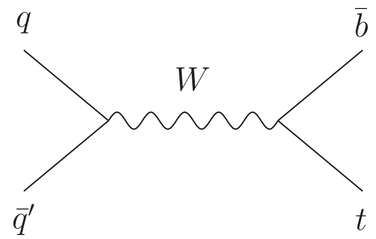




s-channel production



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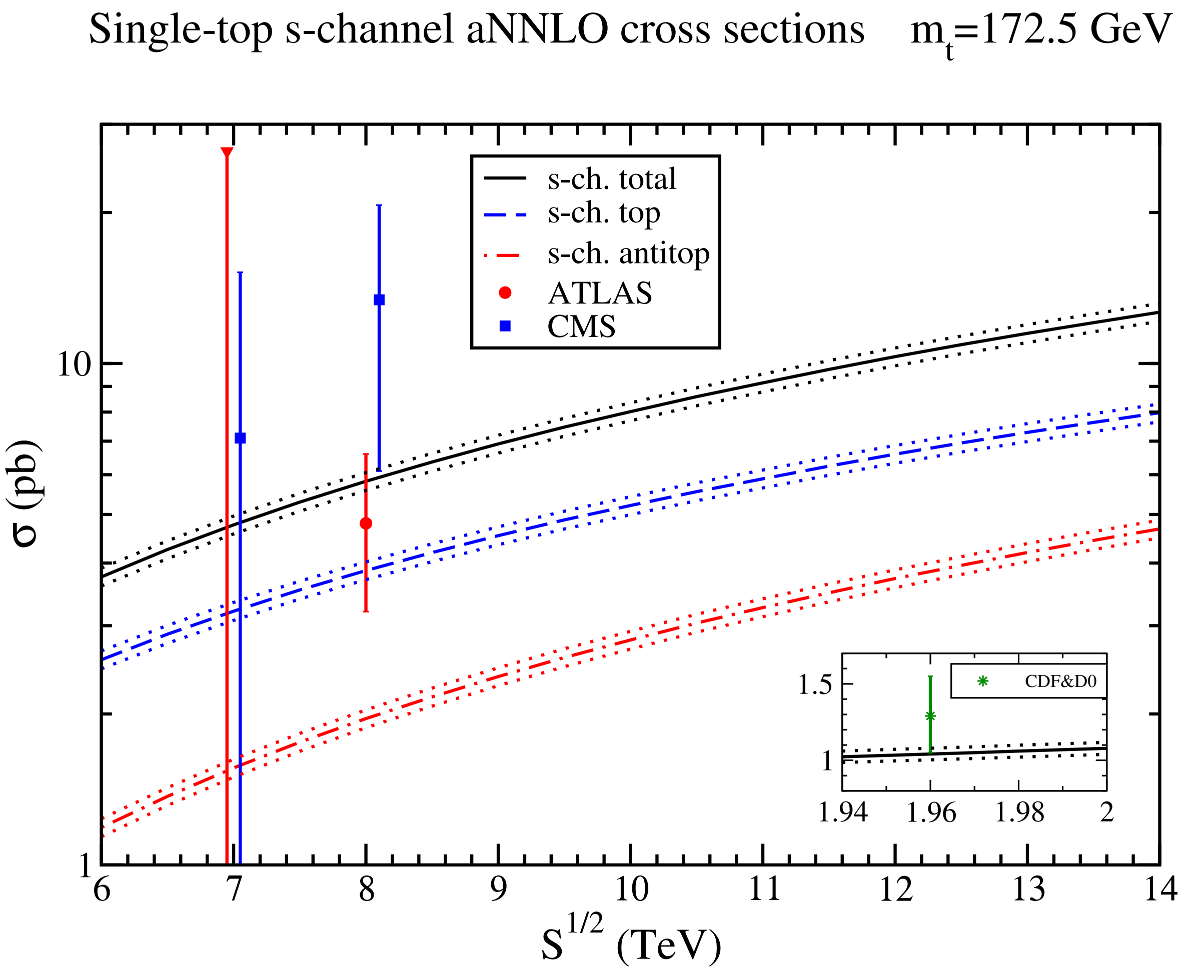
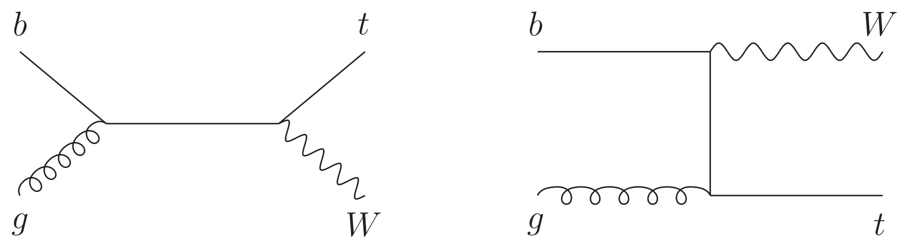
s-channel production at aNNLO



Associated tW production



At one loop

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

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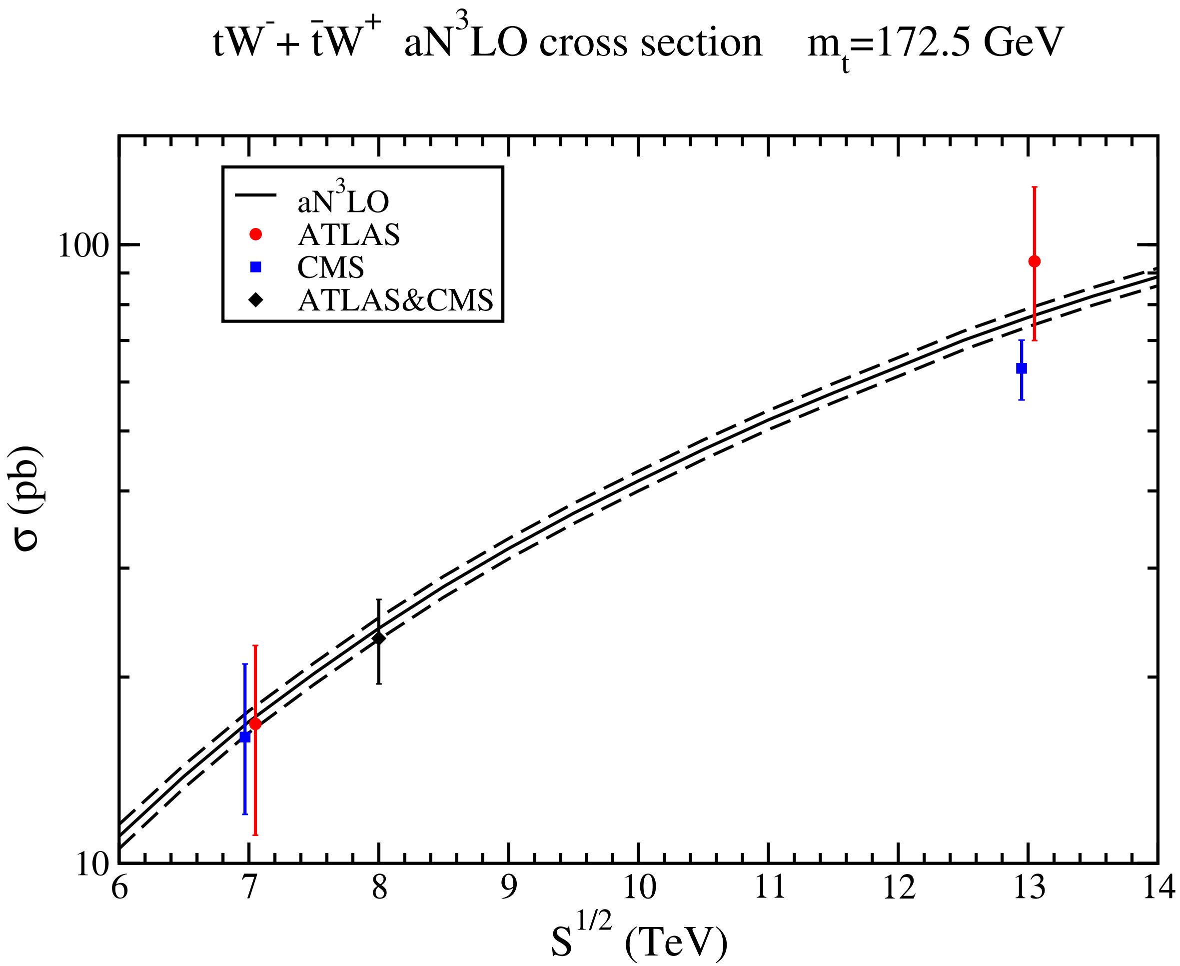
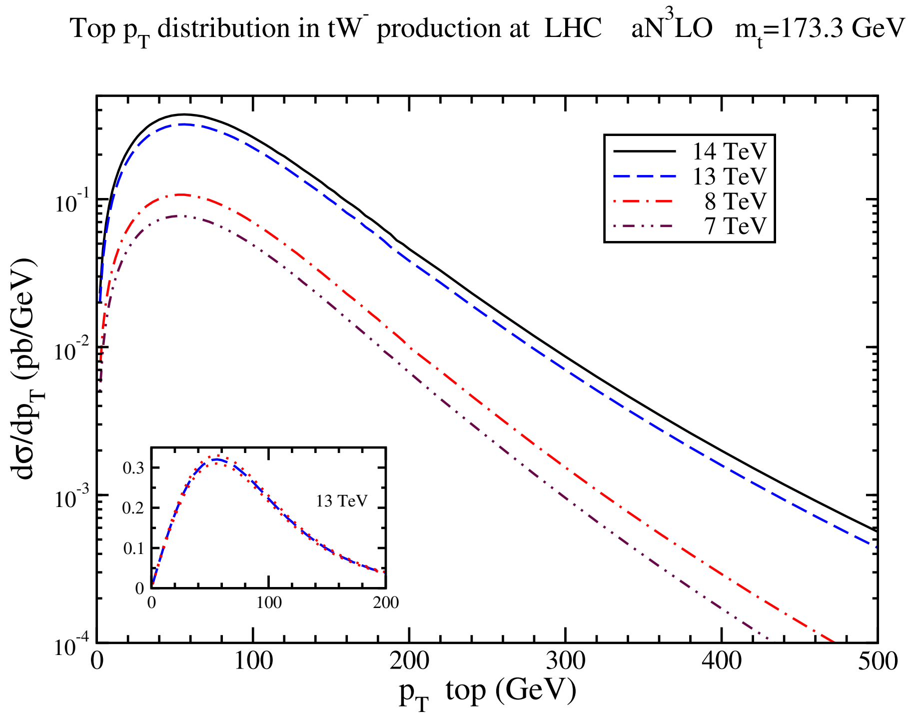
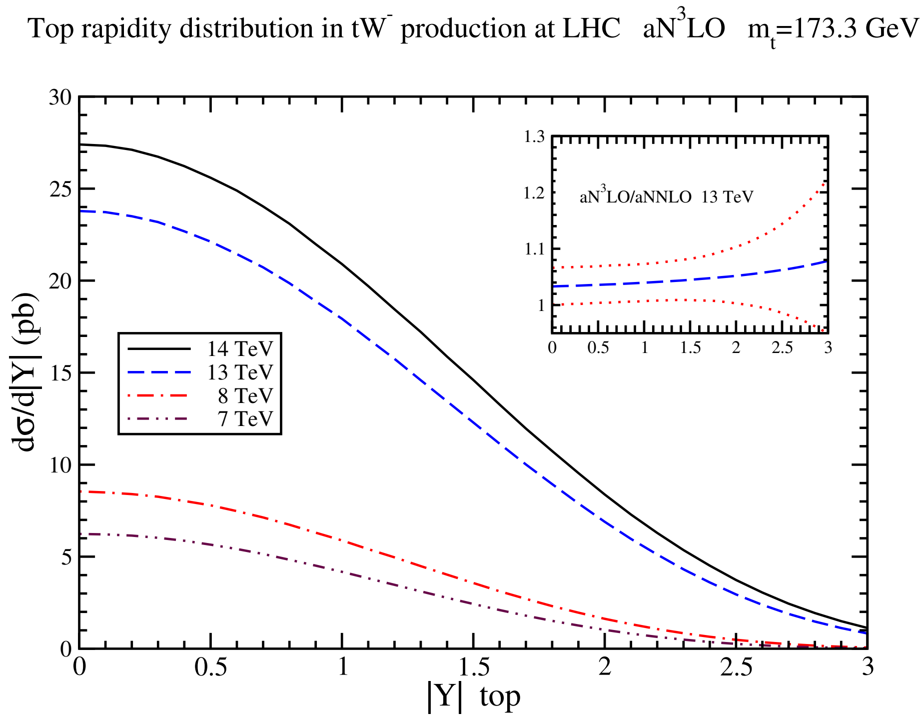
tW production at aN^{3}LO

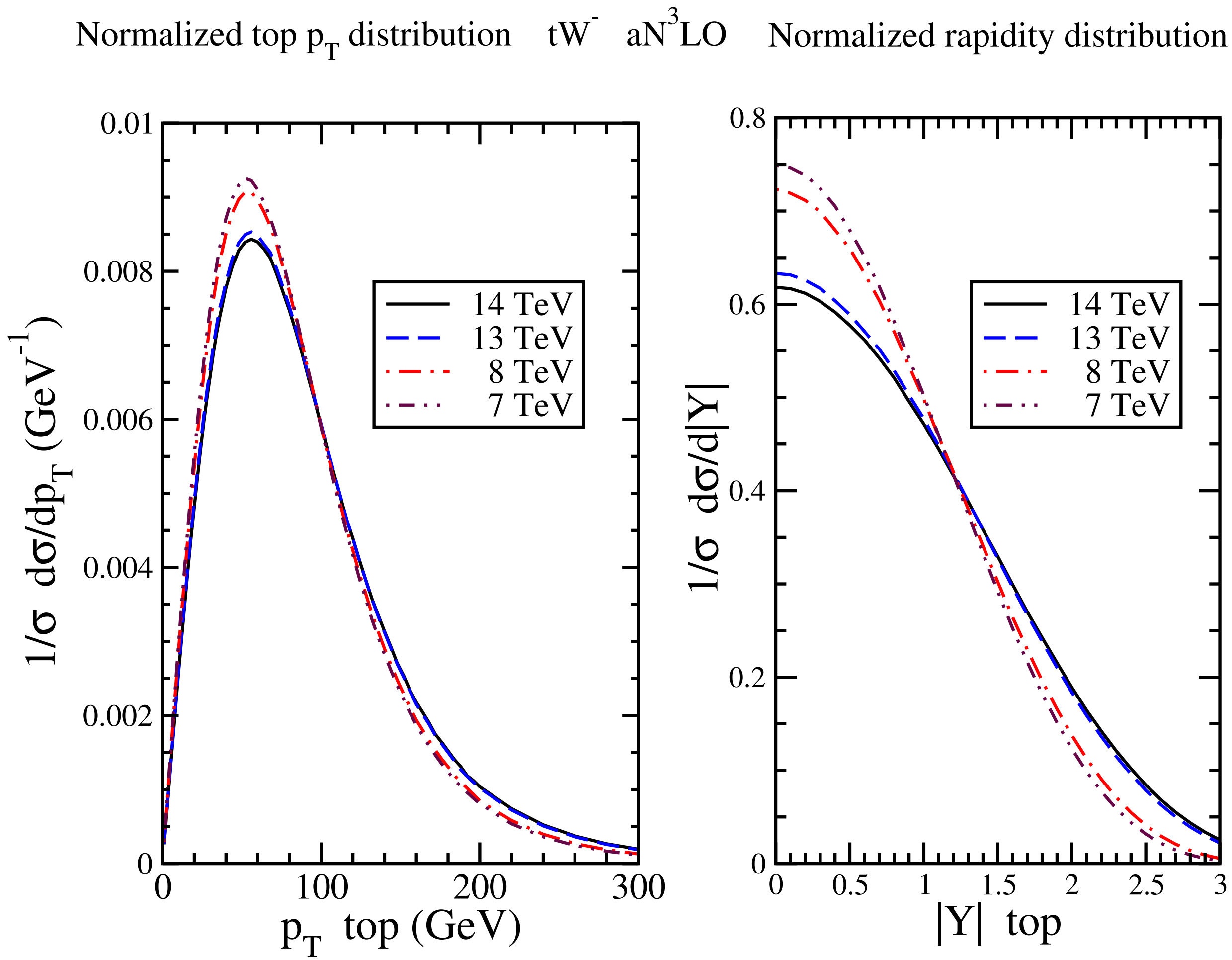


Top quark p_T and rapidity distributions in tW production

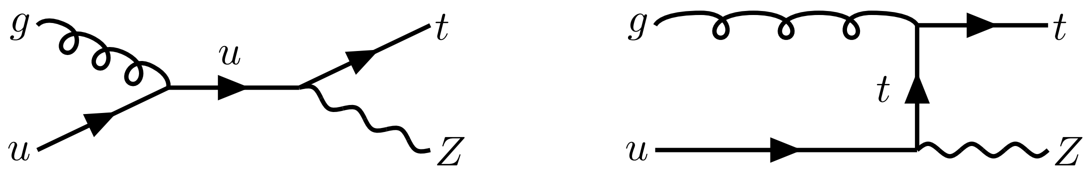




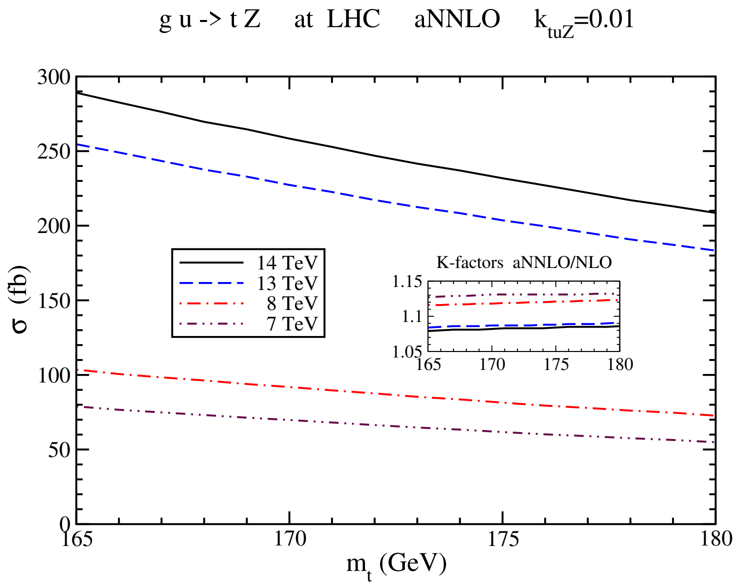
Normalized top quark distributions in tW production

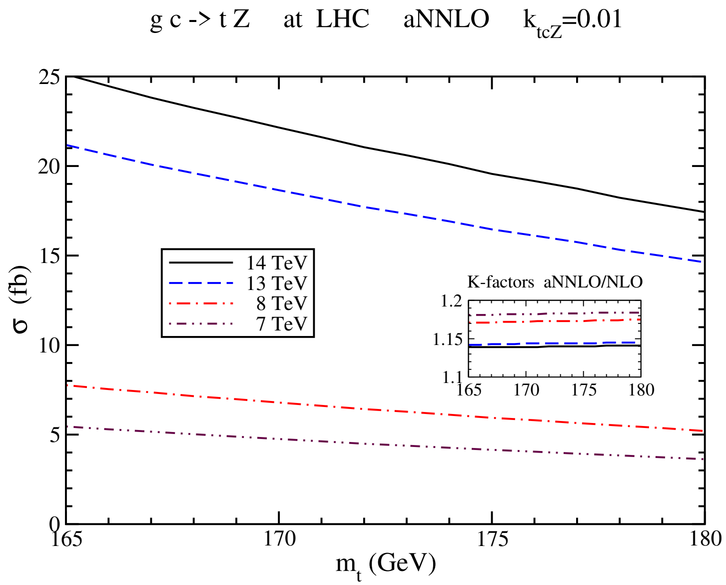


tZ production via anomalous couplings



$$\Delta \mathcal{L}^{eff} = \frac{1}{\Lambda}\, \kappa_{tqZ}\, e\, \bar{t}\, (i/2)(\gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu - \gamma_\nu \gamma_\mu)\, q\, F_Z^{\mu\nu} + h.c.$$





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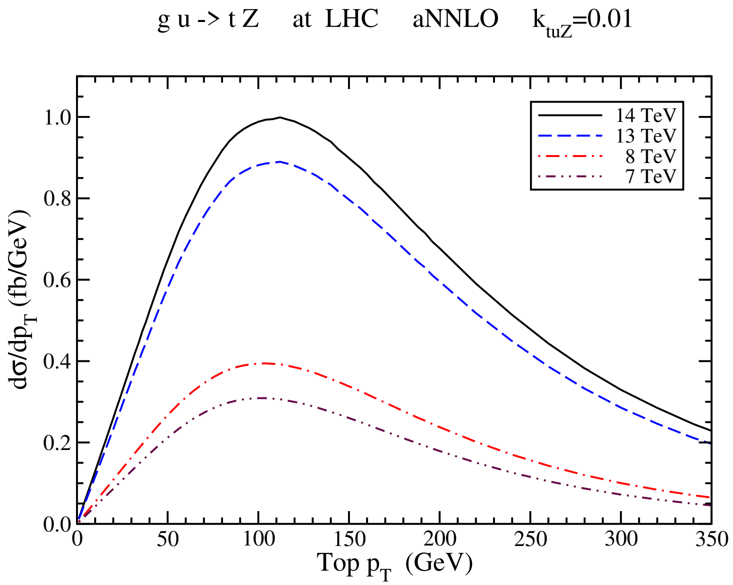
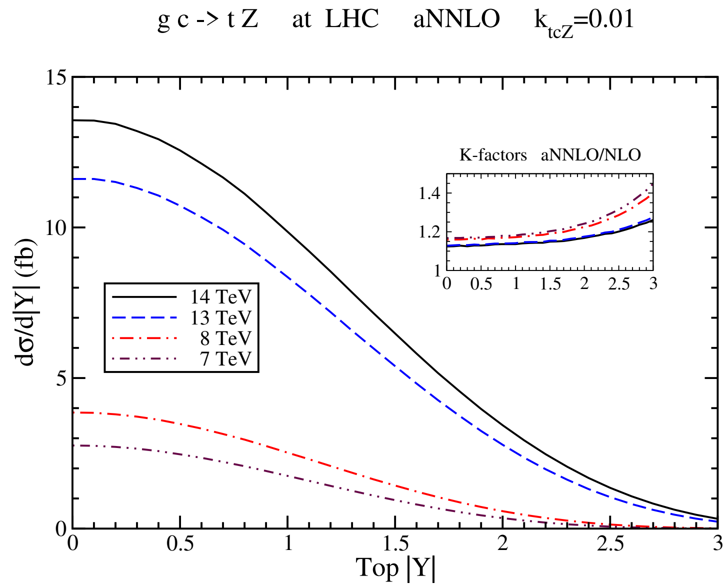
Top-quark p_T and rapidity distributions





Summary

- **cross sections and distributions for single-top production**
- **soft-gluon corrections**
- t**-channel at aNNLO**
- s**-channel at aNNLO**
- tW **production at aN^{3}LO**
- **excellent agreement with LHC and Tevatron data**
- tZ **production via anomalous couplings**
- **high-order corrections are very significant**