

Top Quark Physics

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- Basic production processes at colliders. (NLO generator SingleTop)
- Decays and spin correlations
- Top mass, V_{tb} , Top Yukawa coupling
- "New Physics" via top quark (few examples)
- Conclusions

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Top quark

- $Q_{em}^t = \frac{2}{3} |e|$
- Weak isospin partner of b quark: $T_3^t = \frac{1}{2}$
- Color triplet
- spin- $\frac{1}{2}$

				<u>$SU(3)$</u>	<u>$SU(2)$</u>	<u>$U(1)_Y$</u>
$Q_L^i =$	$\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} c_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}$	3	2	$\frac{1}{6}$
$u_R^i =$	u_R	c_R	t_R	3	1	$\frac{2}{3}$
$d_R^i =$	d_R	s_R	b_R	3	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$

In the Standard Model top quark couplings are uniquely fixed by the principle of gauge invariance, the structure of the quark generations, and a requirement of including the lowest dimension interaction Lagrangian.

Top quark has been found by the Fermilab CDF and D0 collaborations.

RUN1 results:

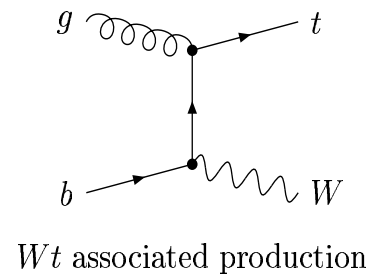
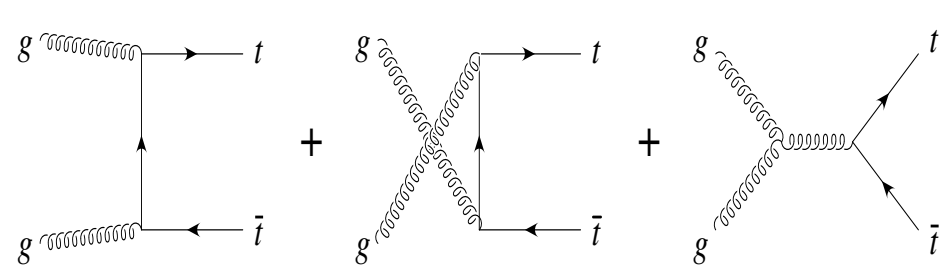
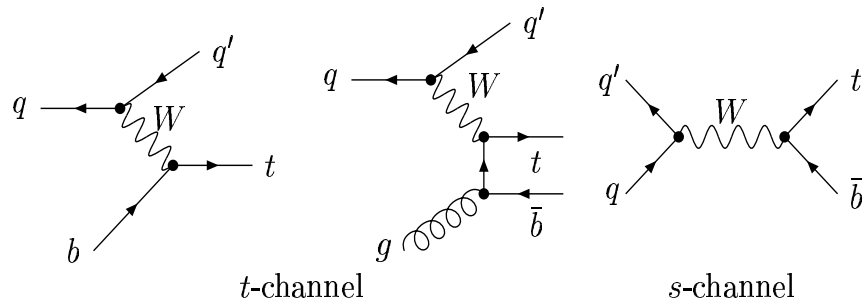
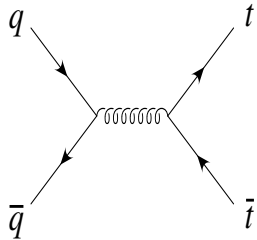
- $M_t = 174.3 \pm 3.2(stat) \pm 4.0(syst)$
- $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(CDF M_t = 175 GeV) = 6.5_{-1.4}^{+1.7} pb$
 $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(D0 M_t = 172 GeV) = 5.9 \pm 1.7 pb$
- $\lambda_t(M_t) = 1.00 \pm 0.03$
- $|V_{tb}| > 0.78$ (90% CL)
- The 95% Confidence Level Limit on single top production cross section :
13.5 pb by CDF
39 pb (17 pb Neural Network) (s-channel) and
58 pb (22pb Neural Network) (W-gluon fusion) by D0
SM prediction: $\sigma_{SM} = 2.43 \pm 0.32$ pb
- FCNC coupling limits
 $Br(t \rightarrow Zq) < 33\%(95\%CL)$ $Br(t \rightarrow \gamma q) < 3.2\%(95\%CL)$

Top quark is the heaviest elementary particle found so far with a mass slightly less than the mass of the gold nucleus.

- Top decays ($\tau_t \sim 5 \times 10^{-25}$ sec) much faster than a typical time-scale for a formation of the strong bound states ($\tau_{QCD} \sim 3 \times 10^{-24}$ sec). So, top provides, in principle, a very clean source for a fundamental information.
- Top is so heavy and point like at the same time. So, one might expect a possible deviations from the SM predictions more likely in the top sector.
- Top Yukawa coupling $\lambda_t = 2^{3/4} G_F^{1/2} m_t$ is very close to unit. Studies of top may shed a light on an origin of the mechanism of the EW symmetry breaking.

Top quark physics will be a very important part of research programs for all future hadron and lepton colliders.

At hadron and lepton colliders, top quarks may be produced either in pairs or singly. At the Tevatron and LHC: Top pair (left), Single top (right)



Three mechanisms of the single top production:

t-channel ($Q_W^2 < 0$)

s-channel ($Q_W^2 > 0$)

associated tW ($Q_W^2 = M_W^2$)

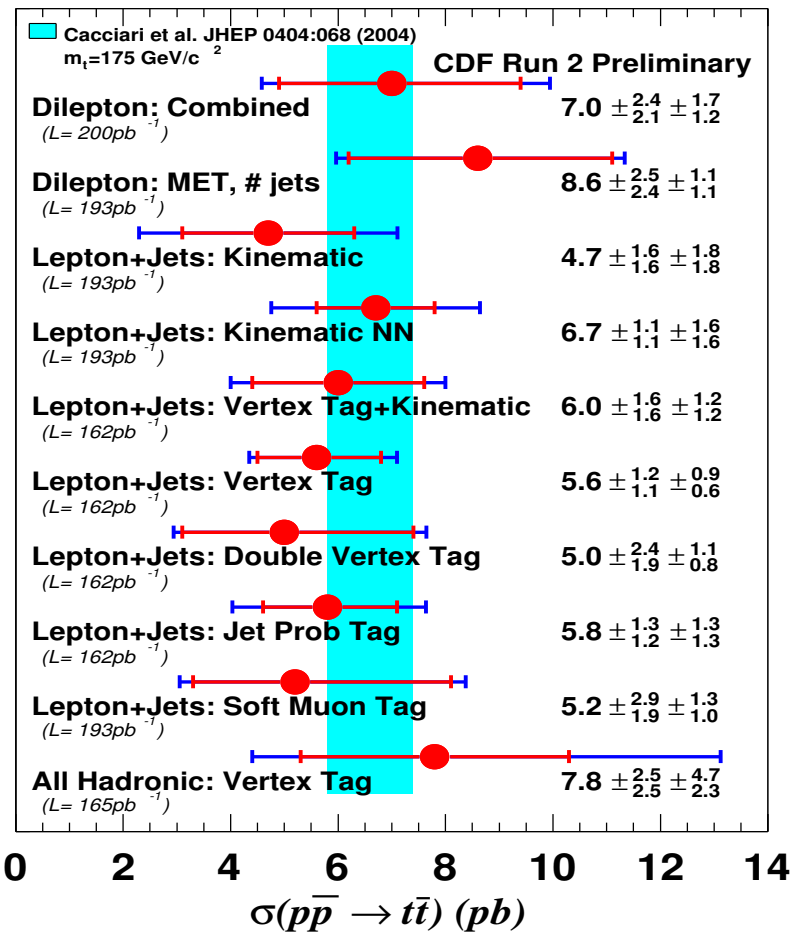
Q_W^2 - W-boson virtuality

Basic production processes cross sections

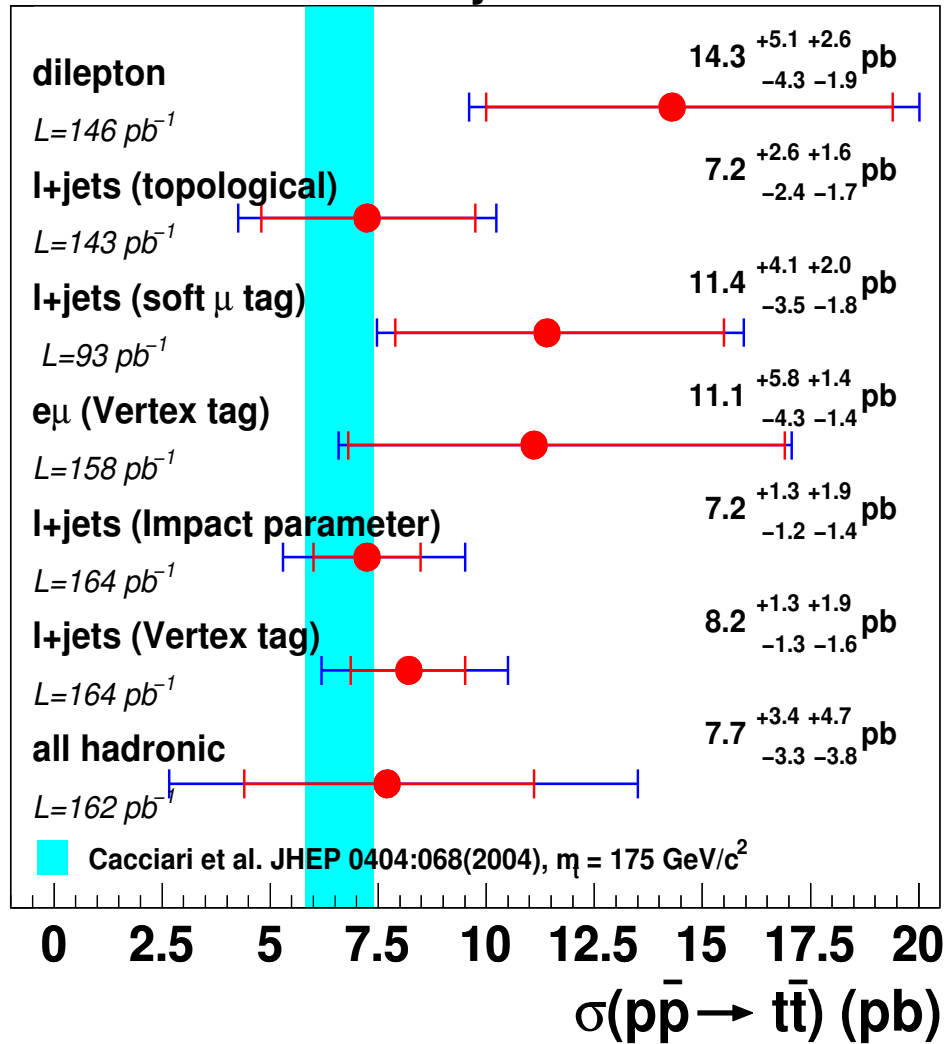
	σ_{NLO} (pb)	$q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$
Tevatron ($\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ TeV $p\bar{p}$)	$4.87 \pm 10\%$	90%	10%
Tevatron ($\sqrt{s} = 2.0$ TeV $p\bar{p}$)	$6.70 \pm 10\%$	85%	15%
LHC ($\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV pp)	$833 \pm 15\%$	10%	90%

	s channel	t channel	Wt
Tevatron ($\sqrt{s} = 2.0$ TeV $p\bar{p}$)	$0.90 \pm 5\%$	$2.1 \pm 5\%$	$0.1 \pm 10\%$
LHC ($\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV pp)	$10.6 \pm 5\%$	$250 \pm 5\%$	$75 \pm 10\%$

LHC will be the Top factory: about 10 mln top quarks per year (or 1 top per second) with 10 fb^{-1} luminosity



DØ Run II Preliminary



The first 95% confidence level upper limits on single top production cross sections in RUN2 by D0 collaboration are

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5.0 pb in the s-channel and
4.4 pb in the t-channel

New CDF and D0 are very similar:

NN 3.2 pb s-channel, 3.1 t-channel with 700 pb^{-1}

The first **Single Top** observation is expected at the Tevatron RUN2 rather soon when accumulated integrated luminosity will be about 1.5 fb^{-1}

Main problem is large backgrounds ($W + jets, Wb\bar{b}, t\bar{t}$ etc.) and complicated analysis to extract the signal

Problems and requirements for a generator for the single top signal:

- Double counting and negative weights
- Matching of various NLO contributions at the generator level. One should have the correct NLO rate and correct shapes of the NLO distributions
- Matching to showering programs
- Correct spin correlations
- Finite top and W widths
- Separation Top and antiTop since the rates are different (for the LHC)
- Anomalous Wtb and FCNC couplings

Generators for the single top signal:

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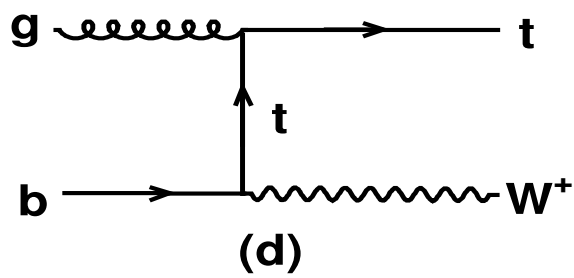
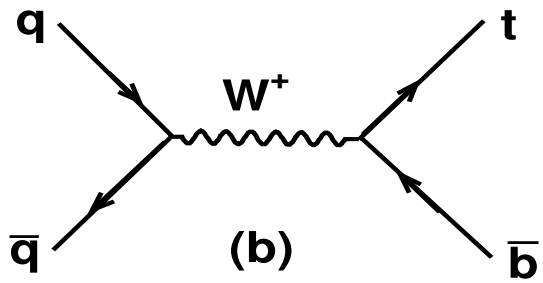
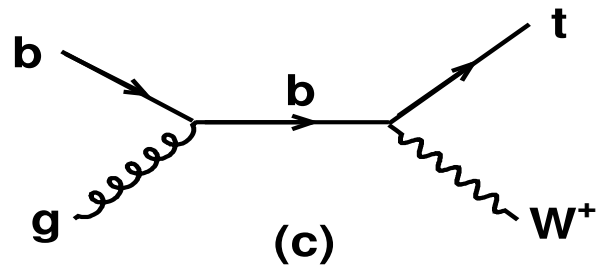
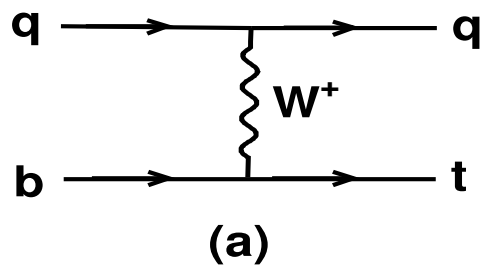
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generators based on MADGRAPH&MADEVENT

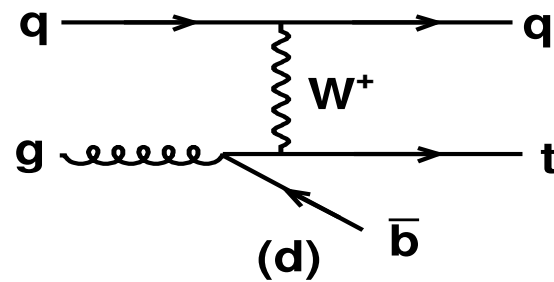
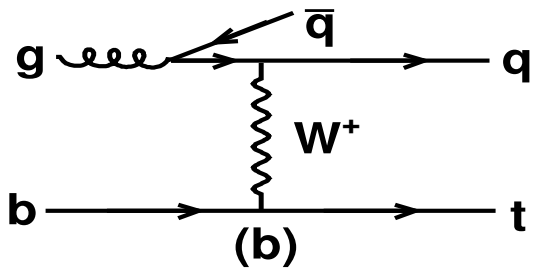
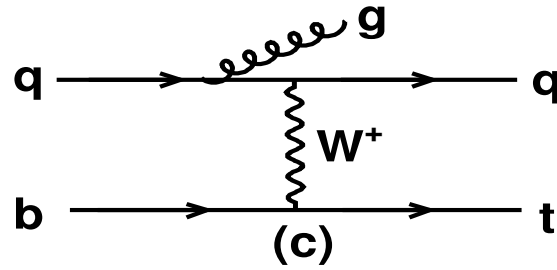
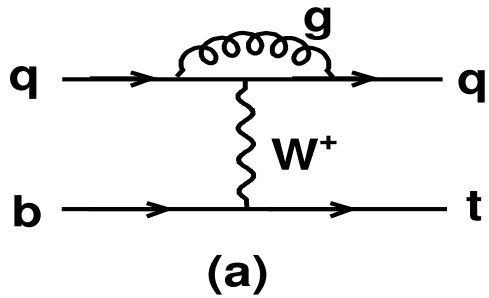
generators based on PYTHIA

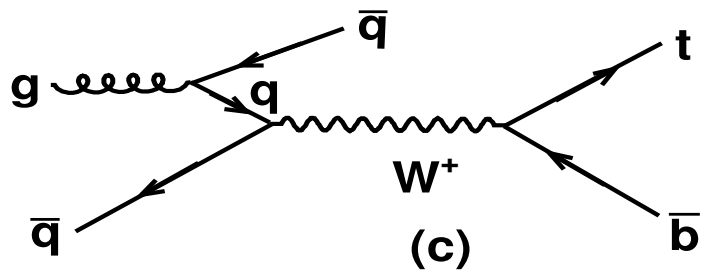
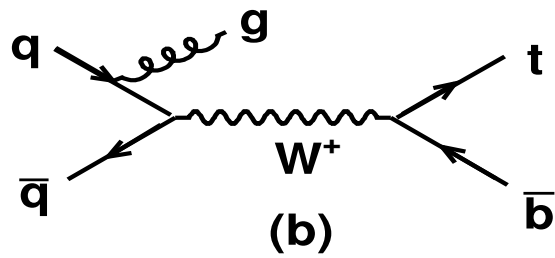
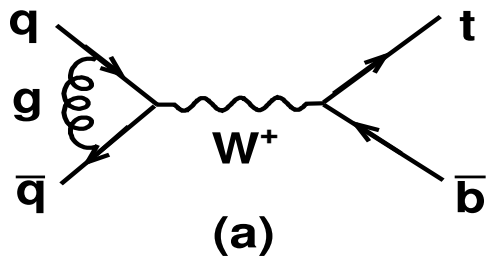
SingleTop - generator based on CompHEP (PYTHIA and NLO computations)

LO order diagrams

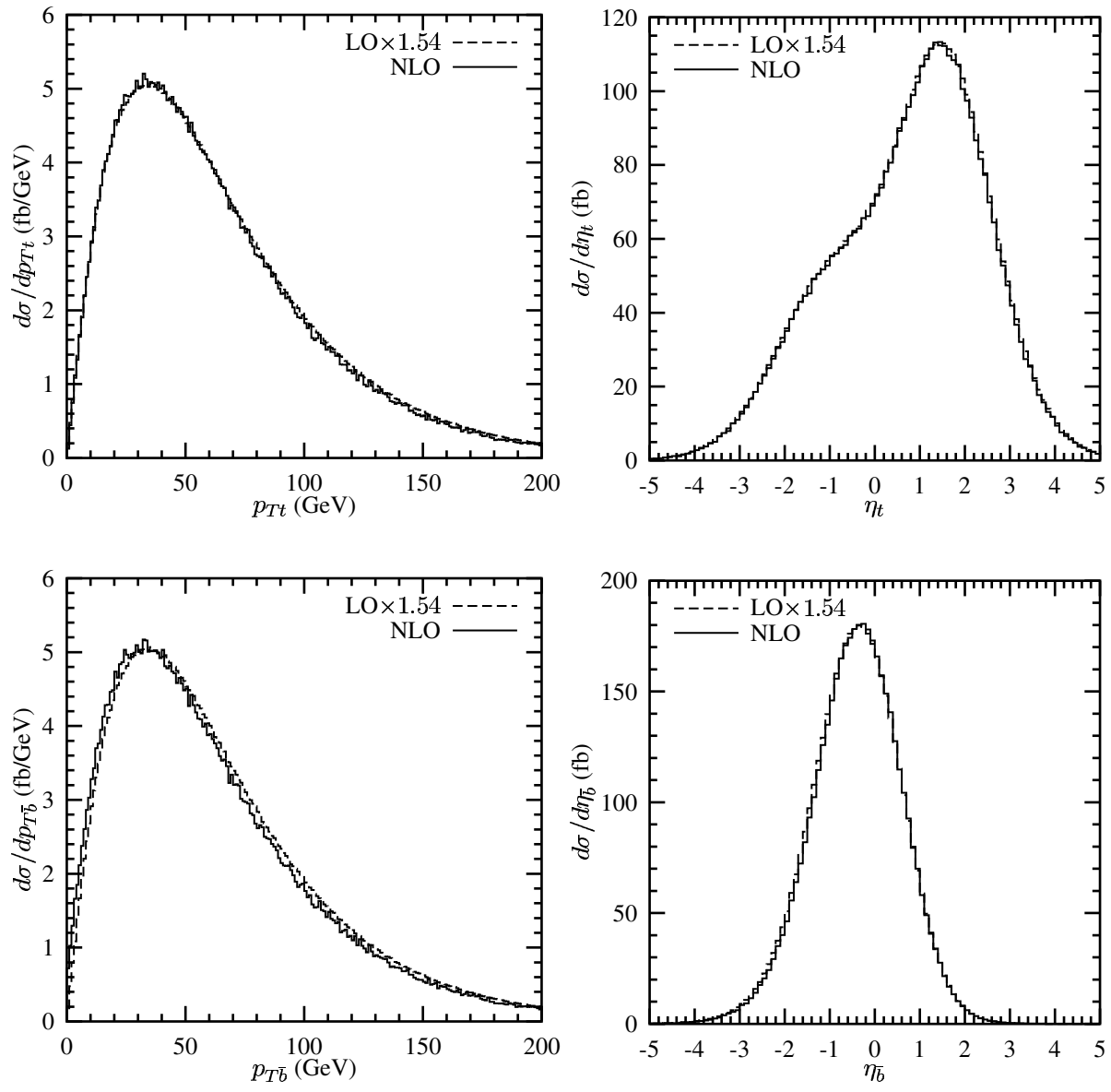


Representative loop and tree NLO diagrams to the t- and s- channel single top production





s-channel at NLO and LO times a K -factor of 1.54 (Zack Sullivan)



Transverse momentum and pseudorapidity of the top quark and \bar{b} -jet

t-channel

Splitting on p_t of the b-jet (b-jet not from top decay)

$2 \rightarrow 2$ with ISR at "small" p_t region

(CompHEP + ISR from PYTHIA)

$2 \rightarrow 3$ at "large" p_t region

(CompHEP)

(for both cases with spin correlated $1 \rightarrow 3$ top subsequent decay)

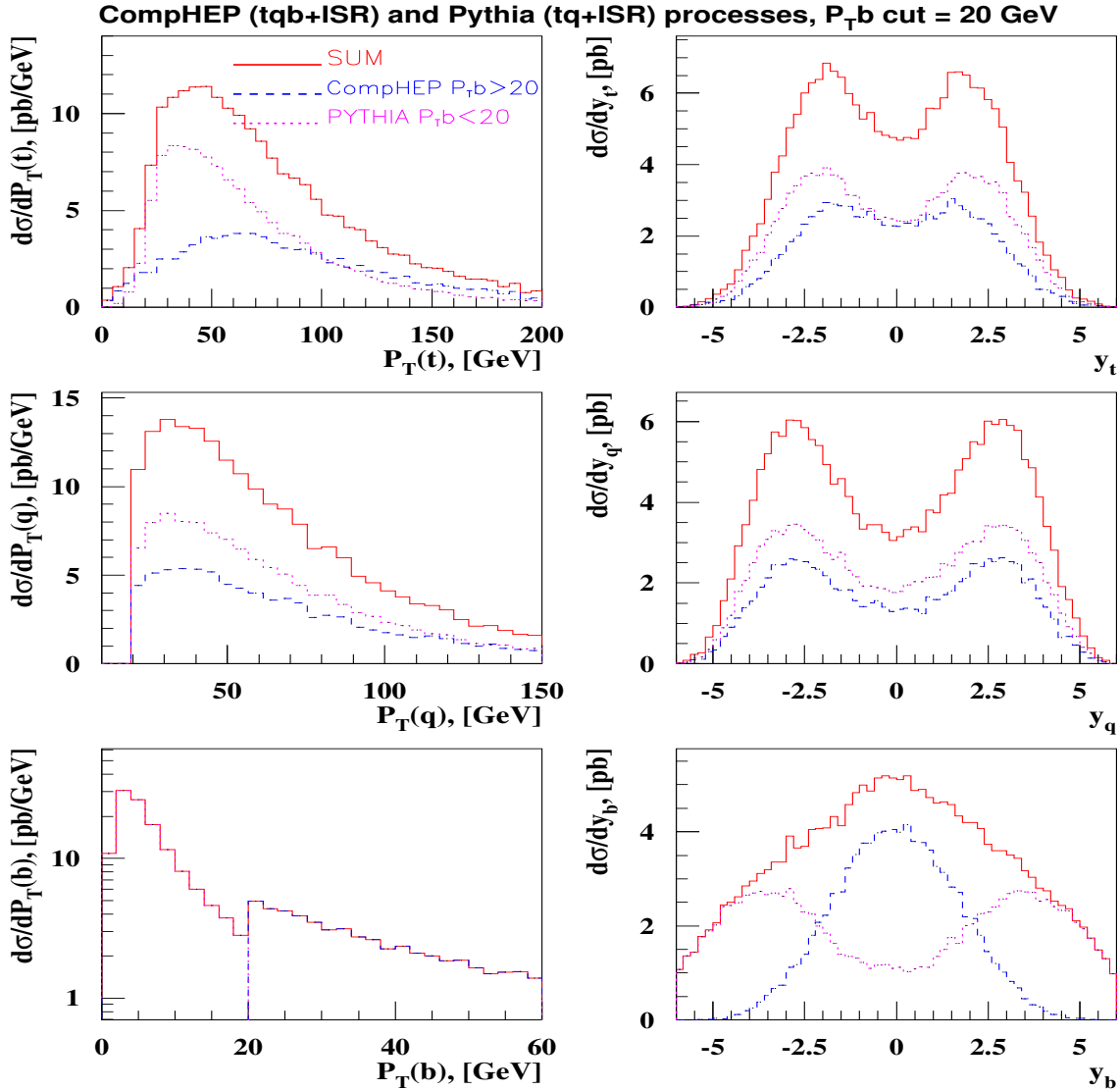
The separation parameter $(P_0)_t^b$ of "small" and "large" p_t regions is turned such that:

1. The total rate is normalized to the NLO rate

$$\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 2} \Big|_{P_t^b < (P_0)_t^b} + \sigma_{(2 \rightarrow 3)} \Big|_{P_t^b > (P_0)_t^b} \\ = \sigma_{\text{NLO}}$$

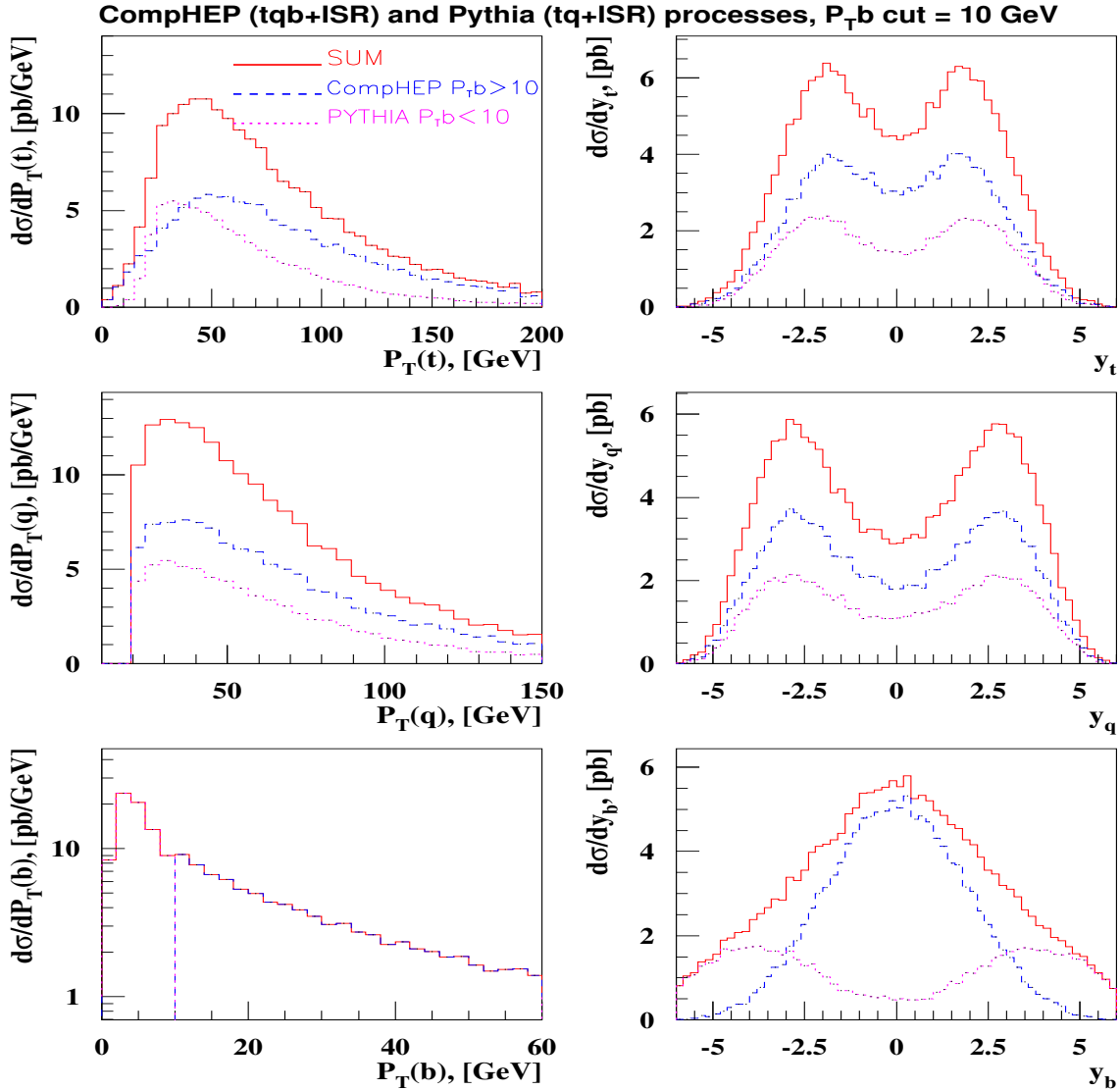
2. The distributions are smooth

Matching CompHEP&PYTHIA($2 \rightarrow 2$) and CompHEP ($2 \rightarrow 3$) distributions ($P_T^q > 20$ GeV)



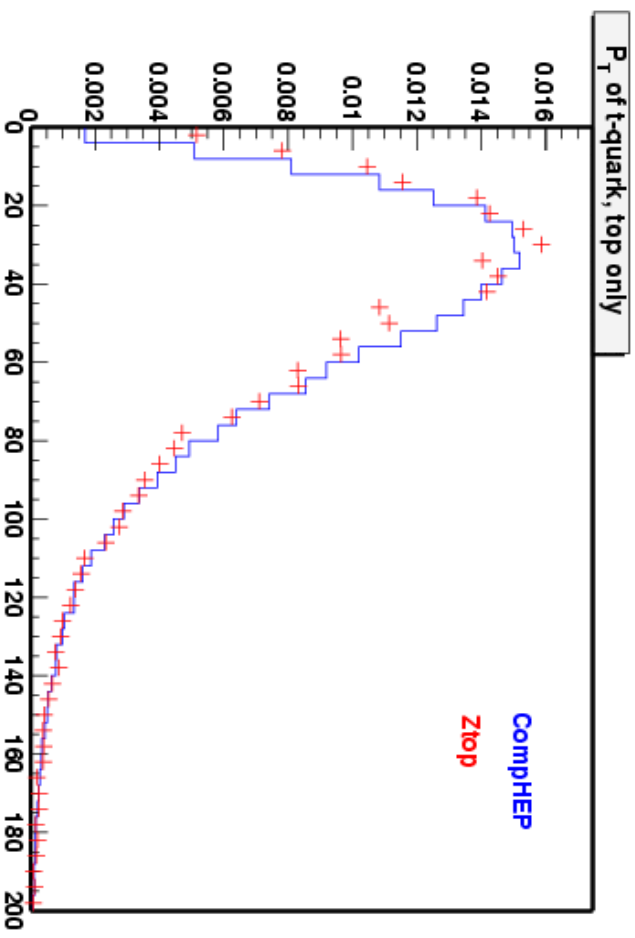
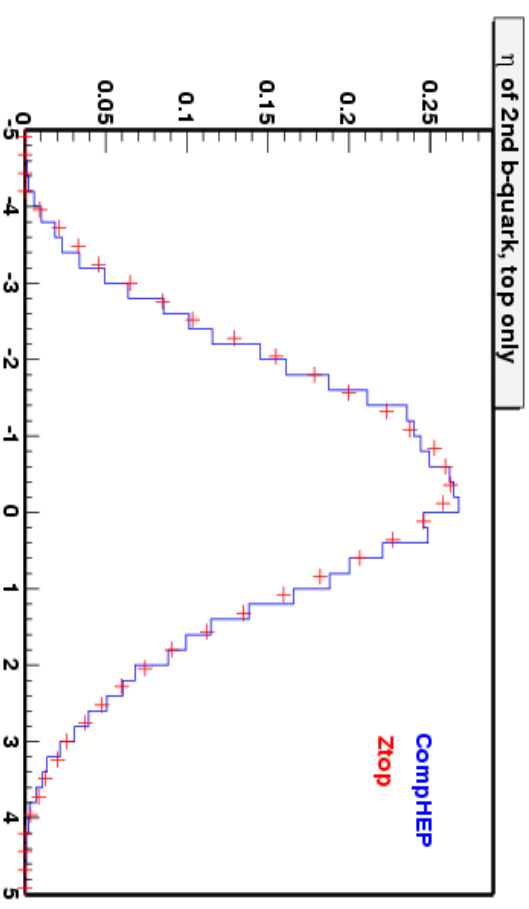
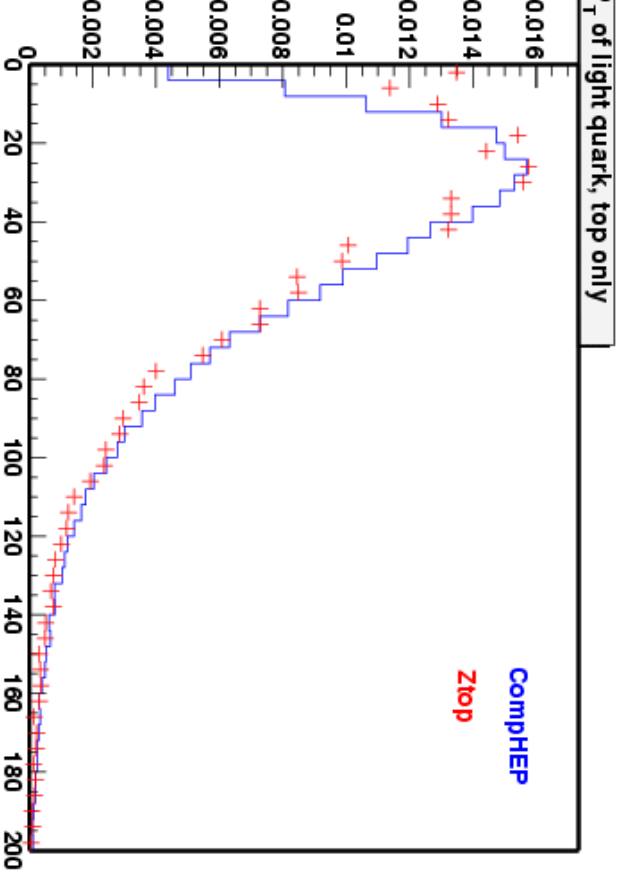
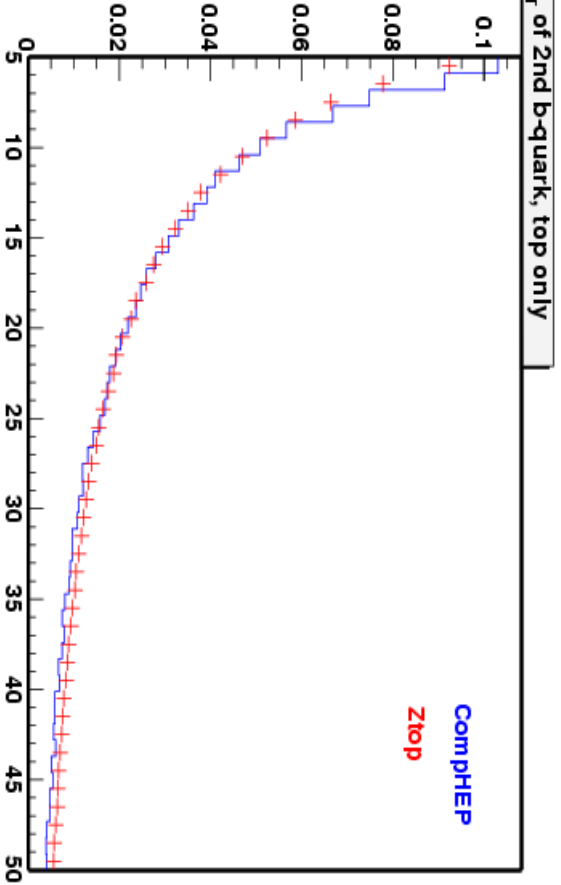
including deays $2 \rightarrow 4$ and $2 \rightarrow 5$ (LHC)

Matching CompHEP&PYTHIA($2 \rightarrow 2$) and CompHEP ($2 \rightarrow 3$) distributions ($P_T^q > 10$ GeV)

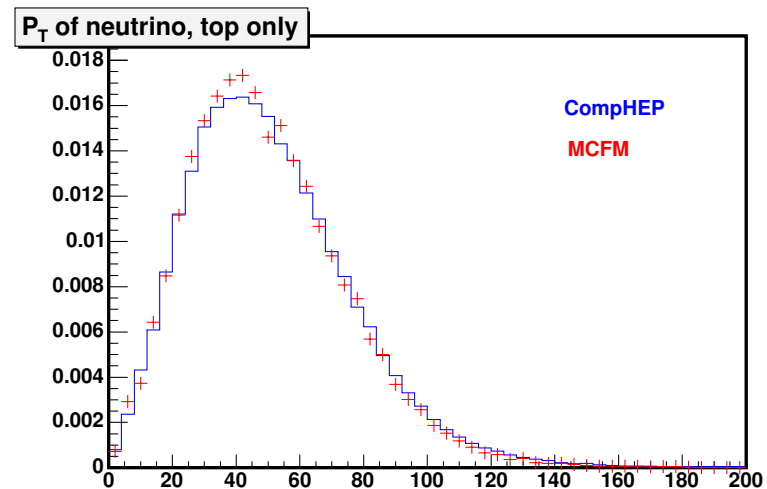
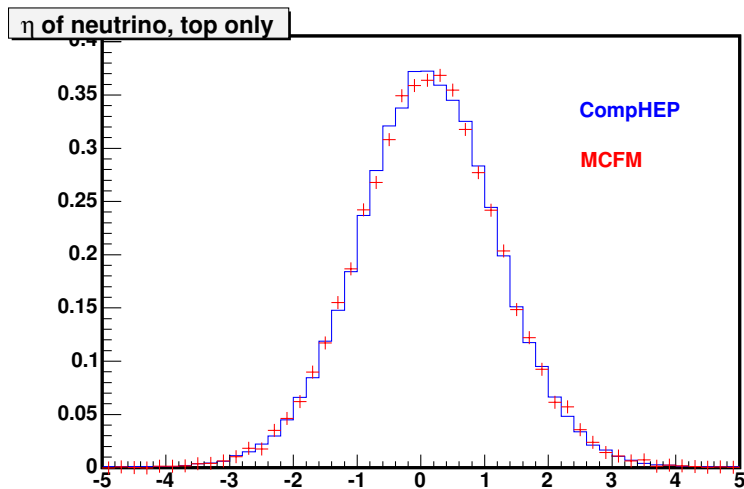
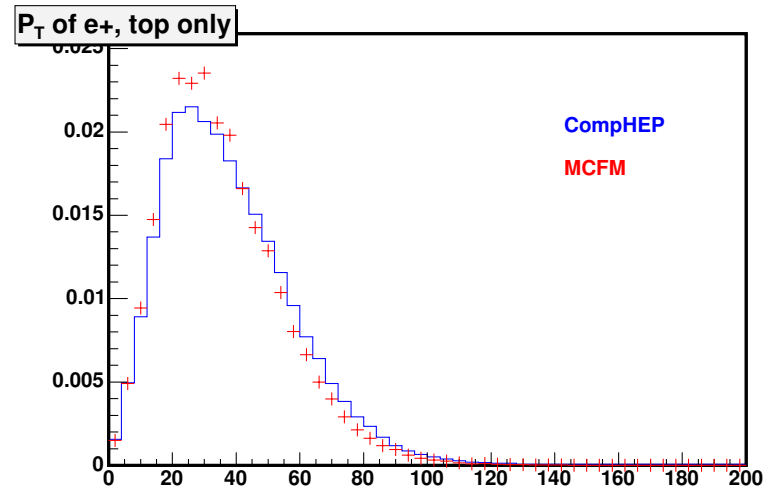
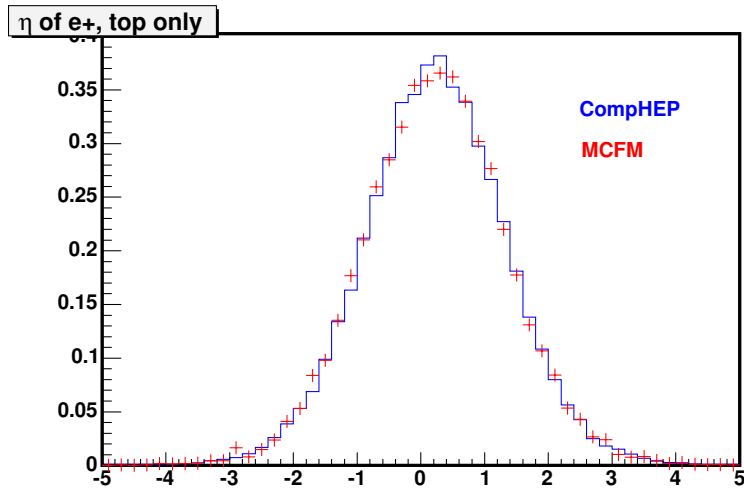


including deays $2 \rightarrow 4$ and $2 \rightarrow 5$ (LHC)

Signal Model by SingleTop generator («effectively») NLO, based on CompHEP).
Comparison with exact NLO distributions «ZTOP» hep-ph/0408049



Comparisons with MCFM for top decay products (t -channel):
Transverse momentum and pseudorapidity of l and ν_l from top decay



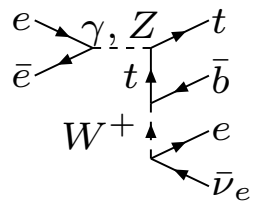
Top pair and single top in e^+e^- collisions (ILC)

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow WWb\bar{b}, \quad W \rightarrow f\bar{f}'$$

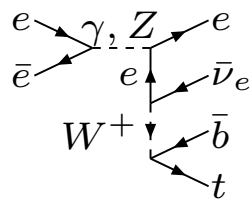
where e.g. for W^+

$$f = u, c, \nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau, \nu_\mu; \quad f' = d, s, e, \mu, \tau$$

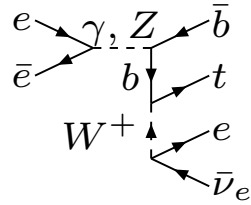
Gauge invariant s-channel subset of 10 diagrams



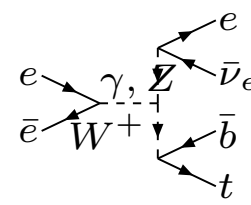
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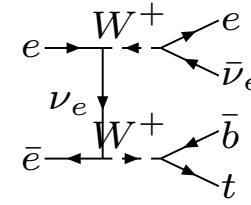
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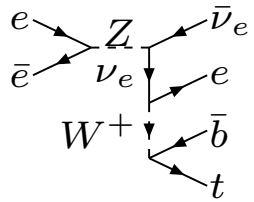
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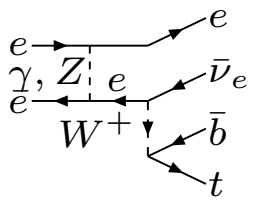
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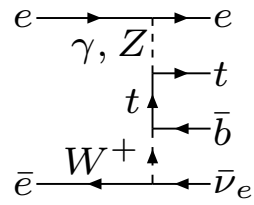
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One should split top pair and single top contributions in the s-channel subset

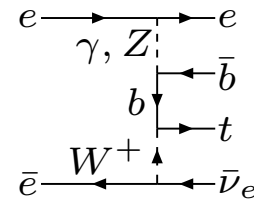
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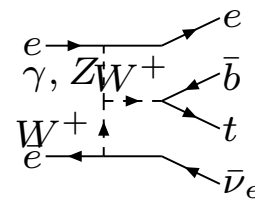
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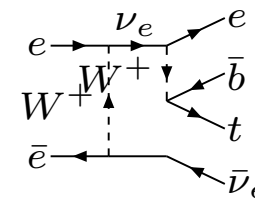
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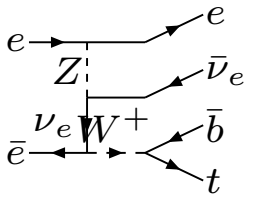
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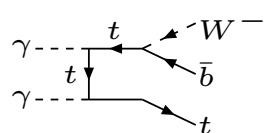
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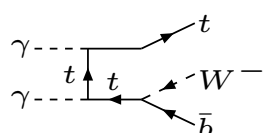
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All the diagrams contribute to Single Top
 (at LEP2 the rate is too small, about 10^{-5} pb)

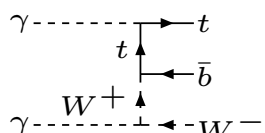
In case of $\gamma\gamma$ collisions there are no nontrivial gauge invariant subsets. A situation is similar to single top at the LHC in Wt mode.



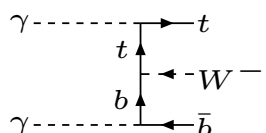
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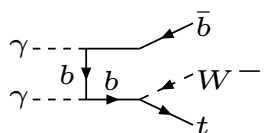
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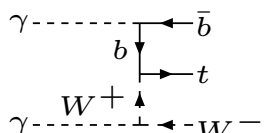
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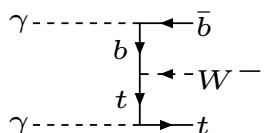
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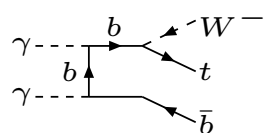
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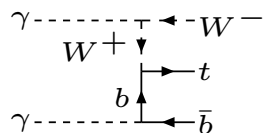
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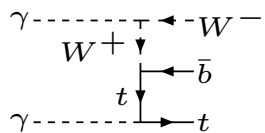
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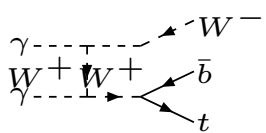
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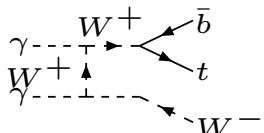
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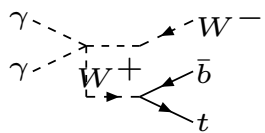
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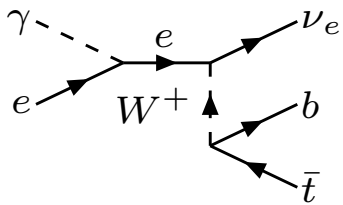
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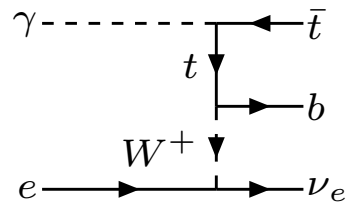
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The top pair rate has to be removed in order to get the correct single top rate.

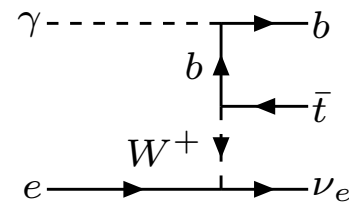
Single Top Diagrams in γe Collisions



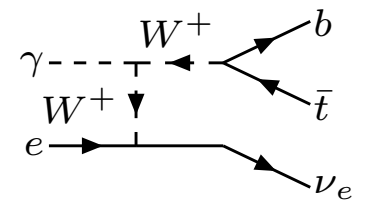
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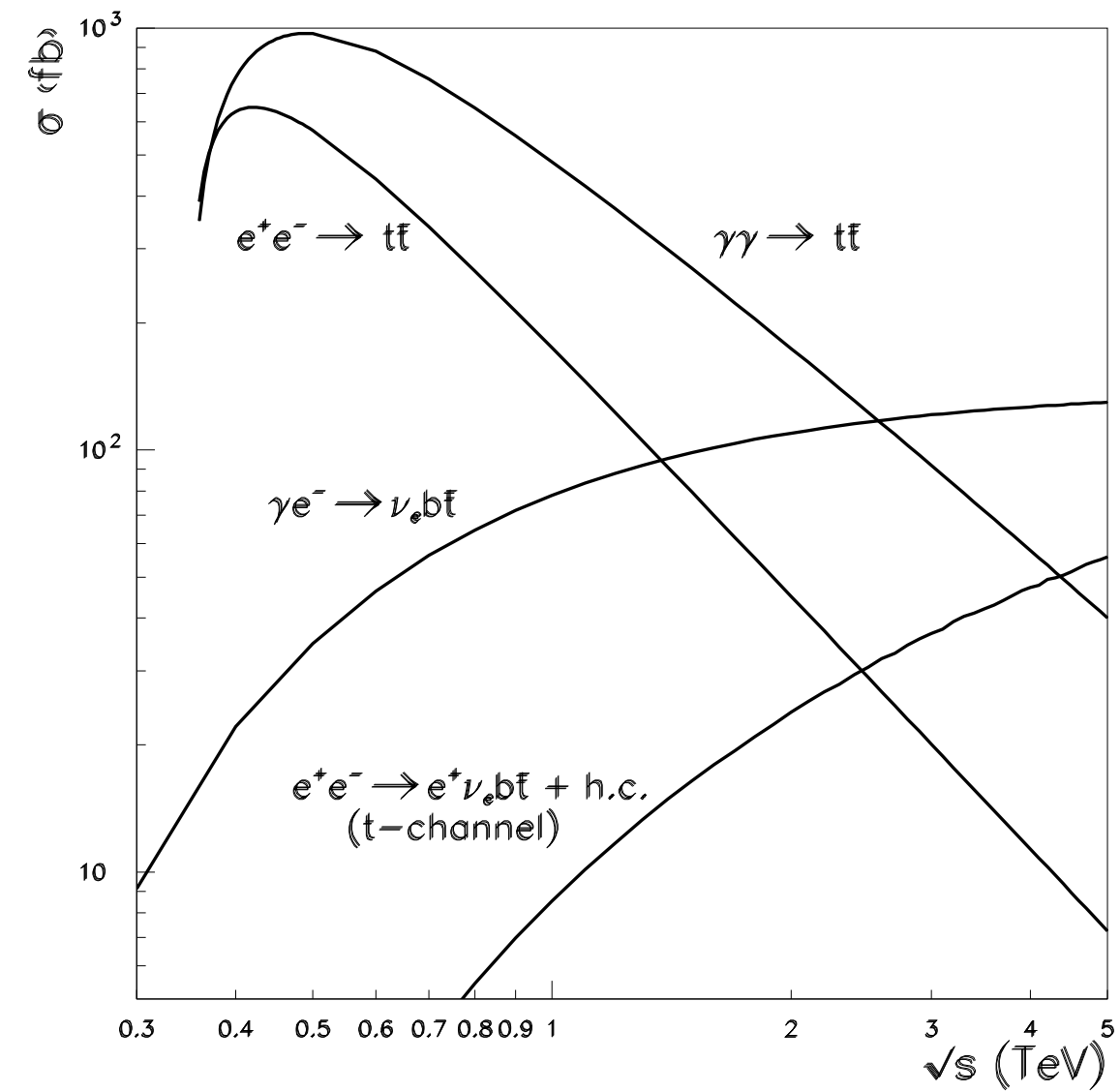
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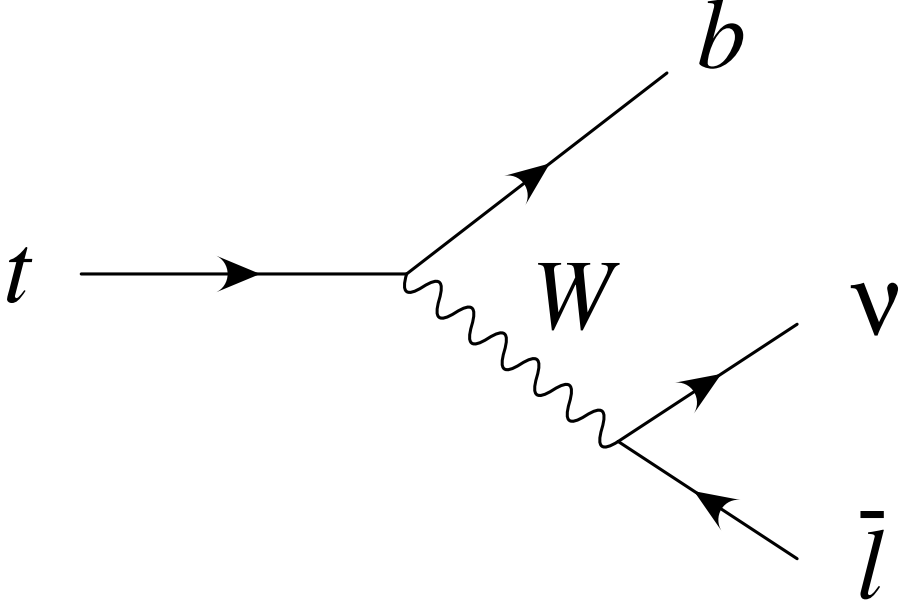
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This is one of so called "gold plated" processes in γe collision mode of ILC

Cross sections of Top production processes at LC



In SM top decays to W-boson and b-quark practically with 100% probability



$d\Gamma \sim |\mathcal{M}|^2 \sim (t + ms) \cdot lb \cdot \nu$, where in the top-quark rest frame, the spin four-vector is $s = (0, \hat{s})$, and \hat{s} is a unit vector that defines the spin quantization axis of the top quark

In the top quark rest frame:

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_\ell} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos \theta_\ell)$$

Hence the charged lepton tends to point along the direction of top spin.

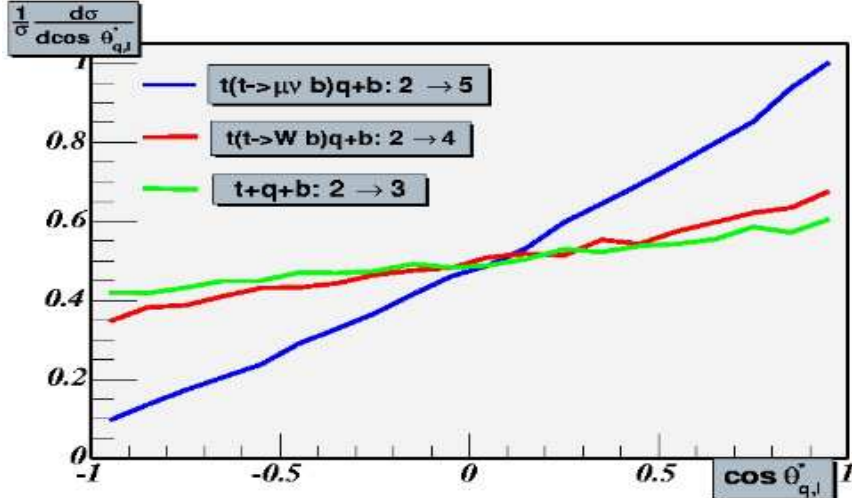
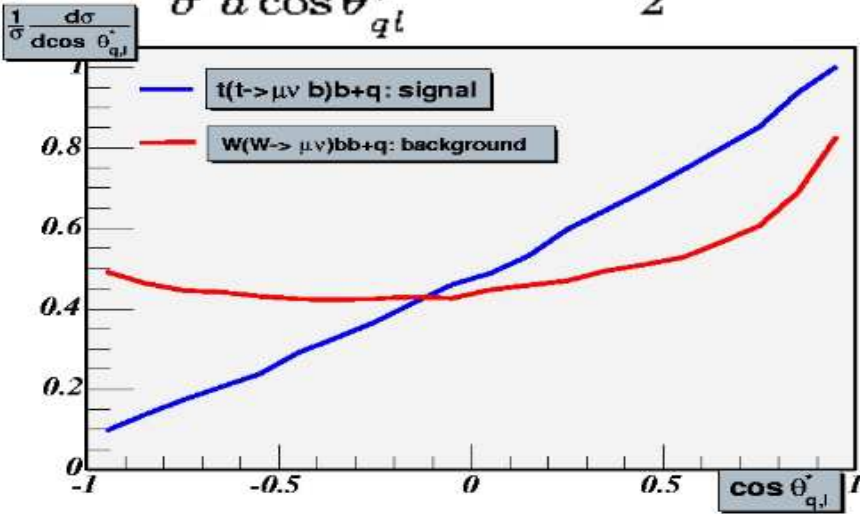
Spin_correlations:_theoretical_view

Single top quark is produced highly polarized via the Wtb vertex. Since top quarks do not have a time to form strong bound state, we can investigate a top polarization. **There is a unique top spin decomposition axis in the top rest frame: momentum of lepton in top the rest frame from top decay: $t \rightarrow b l \nu_l$**

For t-channel the best variable θ_{ql}^* - angle between lepton and quark momenta in the top rest frame

The top polarization can be defined as parameter P in a distribution

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta_{ql}^*} = \frac{1 + P \cos \theta_{ql}^*}{2}$$

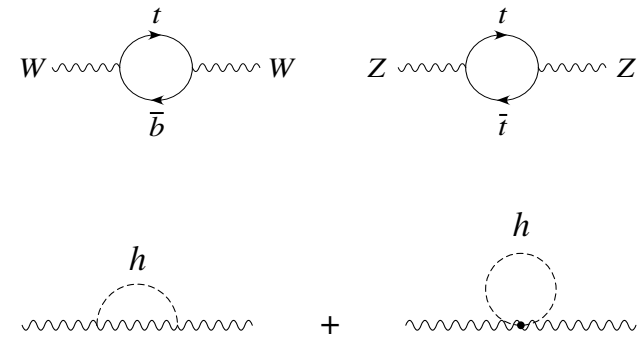


In ideal theoretical situation we have for t-channel:

$$P_{top} \approx 90\%$$

Top quark mass.

In SM W-boson, Top quark and H boson masses are connected to each other via loop contributions to W and Z propagators



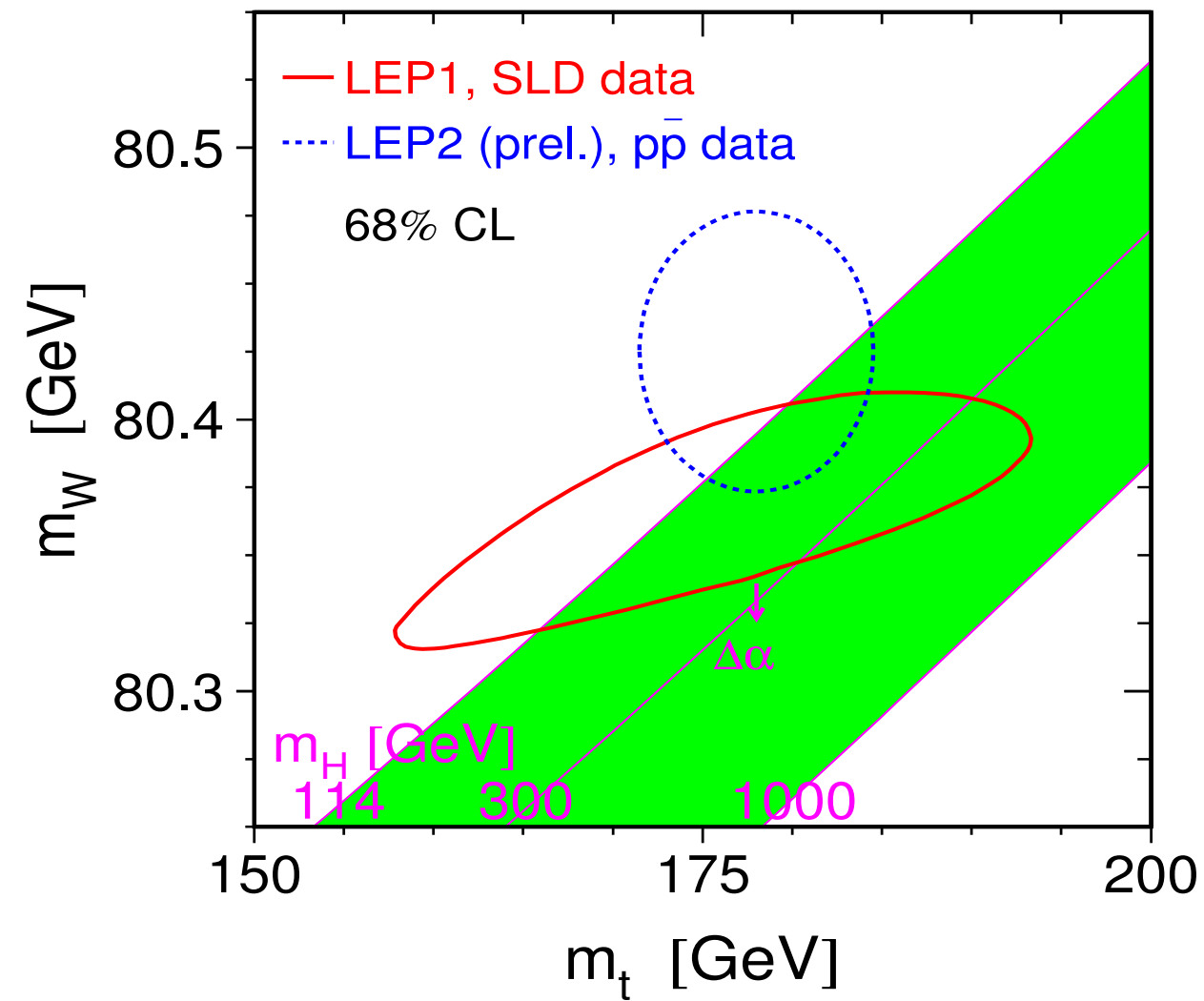
$$M_W^2 = \frac{\frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F}}{s_W^2(1-\Delta r)} \text{ where } \Delta r \text{ contains the one-loop corrections.}$$

$$(\Delta r)_{\text{top}} \approx -\frac{3G_F m_t^2}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \frac{1}{t_W^2} \text{ where } t_W^2 \equiv \tan^2 \theta_W.$$

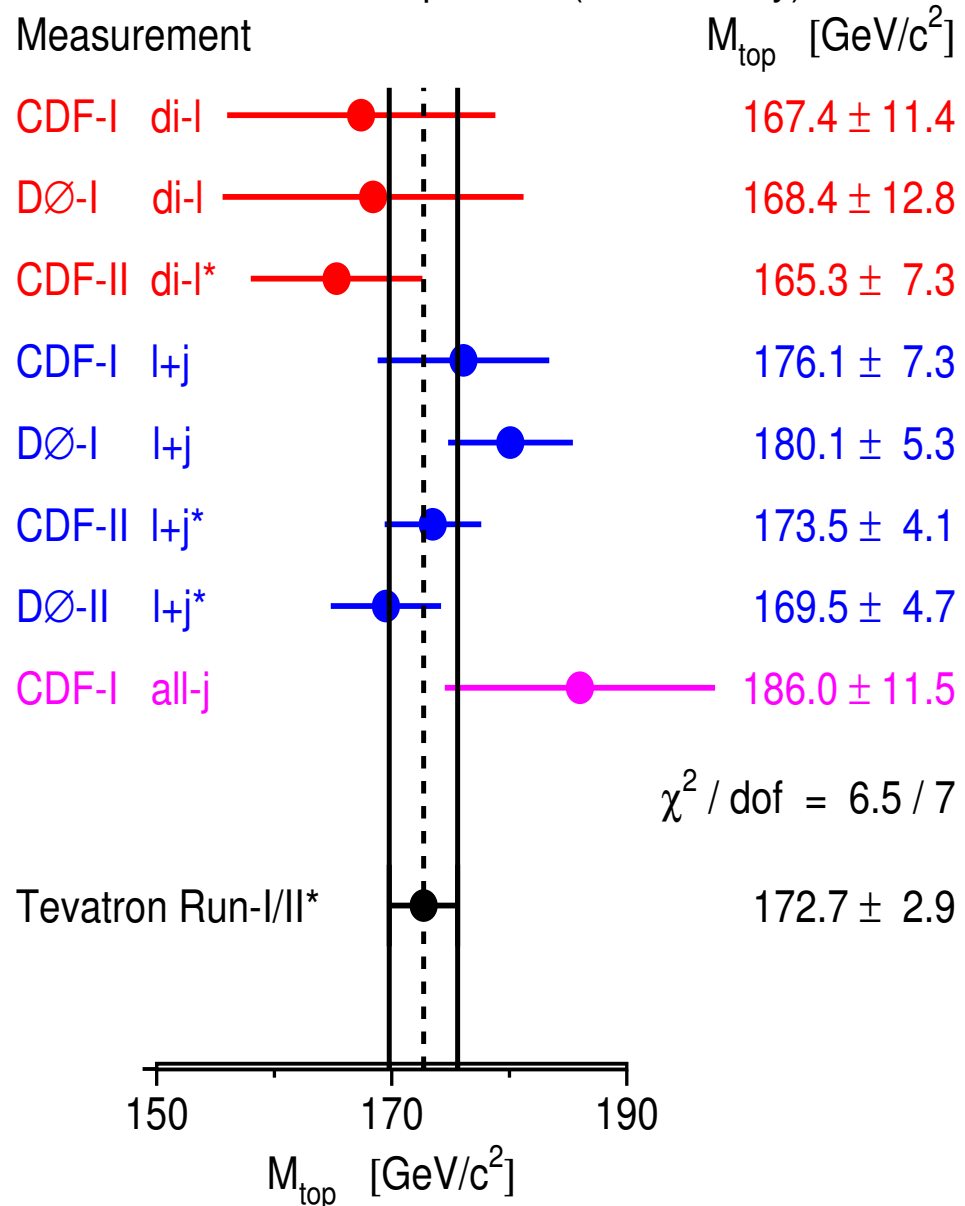
This one-loop correction depends quadratically on the top-quark mass.

$$(\Delta r)_{\text{Higgs}} \approx \frac{11G_F M_Z^2 c_W^2}{24\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \ln \frac{m_h^2}{M_Z^2}$$

This one-loop correction depends only logarithmically on the Higgs-boson mass, so Δr is not as sensitive to m_h as it is to m_t .

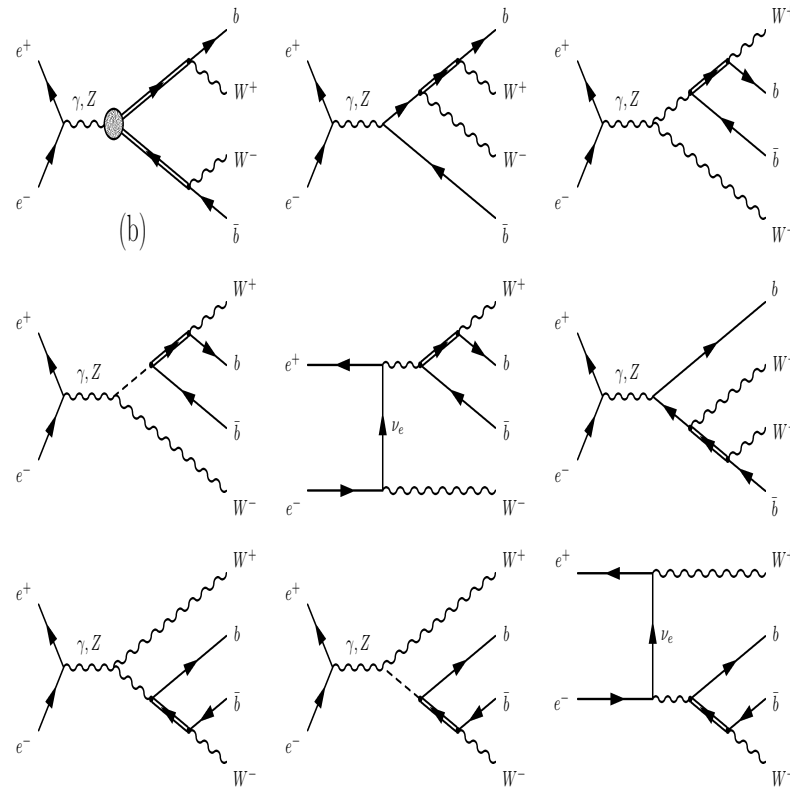
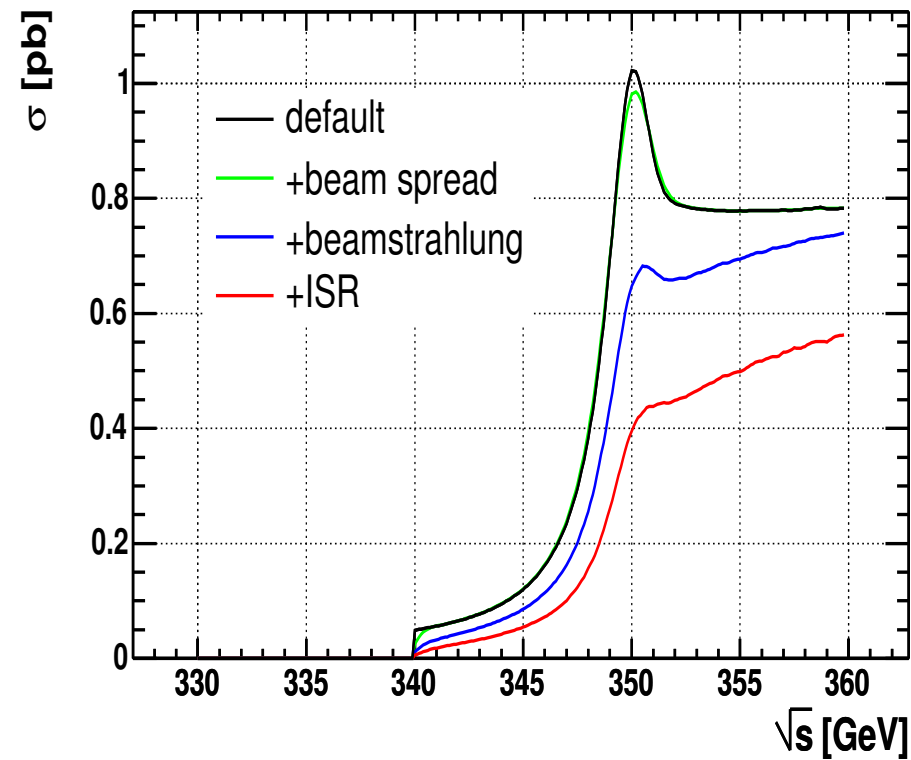


Mass of the Top Quark (*Preliminary)



CDF and D0 combined

(see A.Hoang et. al)



Accuracies: top mass - to 100 MeV, top width - to 50 MeV
at ILC with 300 fb^{-1}

Delicate computational problems at NLO and NNLO level:
The width $\Gamma_t \sim m_t \alpha$ and $E_{\text{kin}} \sim m_t \alpha_s^2$ are of the same order

At the Tevatron Run II with $2fb^{-1}$ one expects:

$$\delta M_W \sim 27 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\delta M_t \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$$

yielding a prediction for the Higgs mass with an uncertainty of

$$\frac{\delta M_h}{M_h} \sim 40\%$$

At the LHC with $10 fb^{-1}$

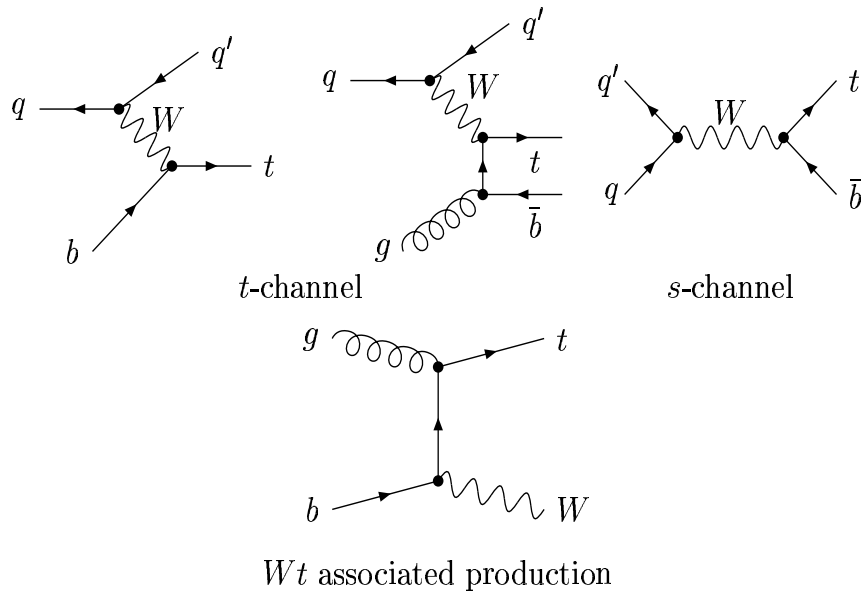
$$\delta M_t \sim 0.7 \text{ GeV}$$

At ILC with $500 fb^{-1}$ from the top pair threshold scan one can get

$$\delta M_t \sim 0.1 \text{ GeV}$$

$|V_{tb}|$ measurements

At LHC and Tevatron Run2 via single top



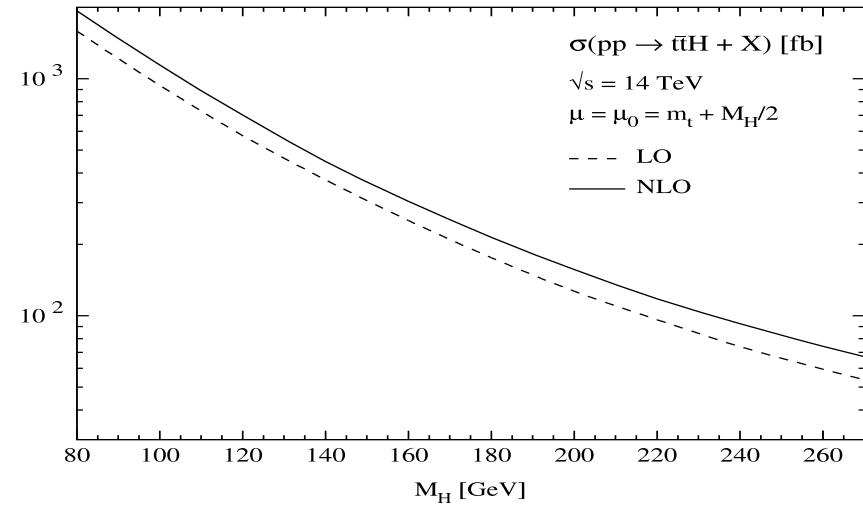
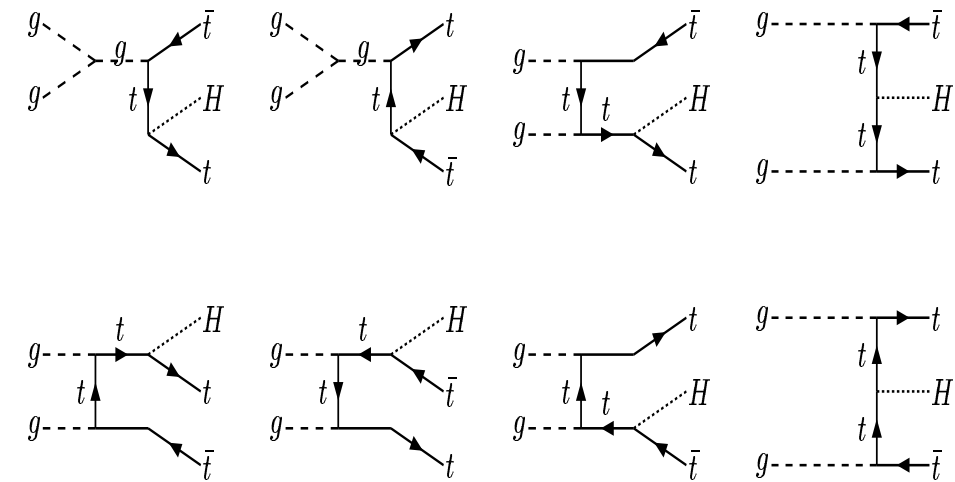
V_{tb}^2 could be measured with an accuracy of 10% dominated by systematics

At ILC (1 TeV, 500 fb^{-1}) in $e\gamma$ collisions -
2-3 % accuracy dominated by statistics

Top Yukawa coupling $t\bar{t}H$ measurements

For the LHC complete NLO computations have been performed
(LO diagrams are shown)

W. Beenakker et al. hep-ph/0211352; S.Dawson et al. hep-ph/0211438



Top Yukawa could be measured with an accuracy from 16% at low Lumi to 11% at high Lumi regime

New Physics via Top (examples):

- W_{tb} anomalous couplings
- FCNC
- Various SUSY effects without and with R-parity violation
- Charged Higgs in top decays
- New strong dynamics (W' , Z' , π_T , ρ_T , topgluon, $W_L W_L \rightarrow t\bar{t}$...)
- Kaluza-Klein graviton excitations and radion in ADD and RS scenarios
- ...

Maximal value of the CP even light Higgs in MSSM is about 135-140 GeV (not M_Z) due to large top quark mass

$$M_h^{\max} = \sqrt{M_Z^2 + \epsilon}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{3G_F \bar{m}_t^4}{\sqrt{2}\pi^2 \sin^2 \beta} \left[f(t) \right], \quad \text{where} \quad t = \log \left(\frac{M_S^2}{m_t^2} \right)$$

Anomalous Top Couplings

The top quark interactions of dimension 4:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_4 = & -g_s \bar{t} \gamma^\mu T^a t G_\mu^a - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{q=d,s,b} \bar{t} \gamma^\mu (v_{tq}^W - a_{tq}^W \gamma_5) q W_\mu^+ \\ & - \frac{2}{3} e \bar{t} \gamma^\mu t A_\mu - \frac{g}{2 \cos \theta_W} \sum_{q=u,c,t} \bar{t} \gamma^\mu (v_{tq}^Z - a_{tq}^Z \gamma_5) q Z_\mu\end{aligned}$$

The dimension 5 couplings have the generic form:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_5 = & -g_s \sum_{q=u,c,t} \frac{\kappa_{tq}^g}{\Lambda} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^a (f_{tq}^g + i h_{tq}^g \gamma_5) q G_{\mu\nu}^a - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{q=d,s,b} \frac{\kappa_{tq}^W}{\Lambda} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (f_{tq}^W + i h_{tq}^W \gamma_5) q W_{\mu\nu}^+ \\ & - e \sum_{q=u,c,t} \frac{\kappa_{tq}^\gamma}{\Lambda} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (f_{tq}^\gamma + i h_{tq}^\gamma \gamma_5) q A_{\mu\nu} - \frac{g}{2 \cos \theta_W} \sum_{q=u,c,t} \frac{\kappa_{tq}^Z}{\Lambda} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (f_{tq}^Z + i h_{tq}^Z \gamma_5) q Z_{\mu\nu}\end{aligned}$$

where $|f|^2 + |h|^2 = 1$.

Present constrains come from

- Low energy data via loop contributions

$K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$, $K_L - K_S$ mass difference, $b \rightarrow l^+ l^- X$, $b \rightarrow s \gamma$

- LEP2
- Tevatron Run1
- HERA
- Unitarity violation bounds

Anomalous Wtb Couplings

- Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} \left[W_{\nu}^{-} \bar{b} \gamma_{\mu} P_{-} t - \frac{1}{2M_W} W_{\mu\nu}^{-} \bar{b} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (F_2^L P_{-} + F_2^R P_{+}) t \right] + h.c.$$

with $W_{\mu\nu}^{\pm} = D_{\mu} W_{\nu}^{\pm} - D_{\nu} W_{\mu}^{\pm}$, $D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - ieA_{\mu}$,
 $\sigma^{\mu\nu} = i/2[\gamma_{\mu}, \gamma_{\nu}]$ and $P_{\pm} = (1 \pm \gamma_5)/2$. The couplings F_2^L and F_2^R are proportional to the coefficients of the effective Lagrangian

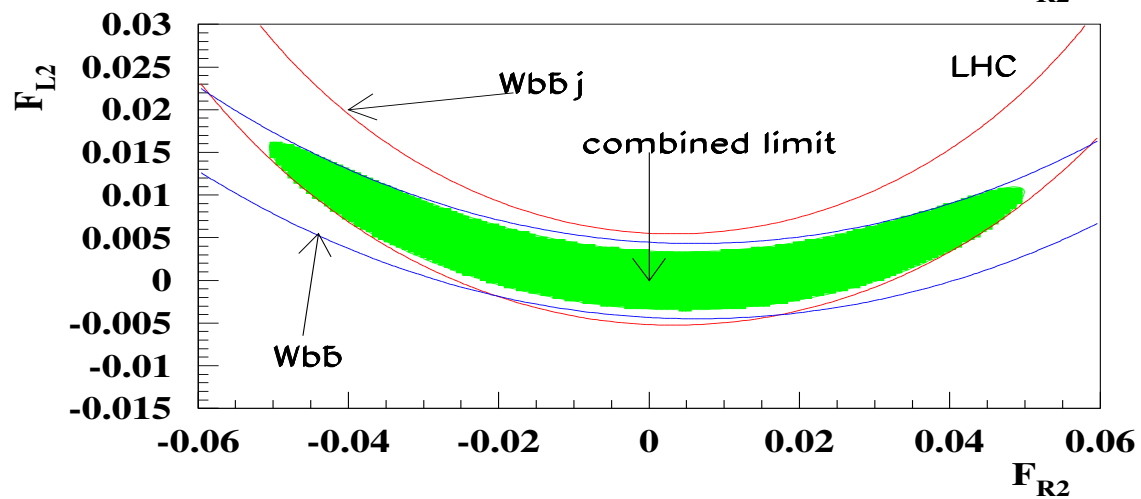
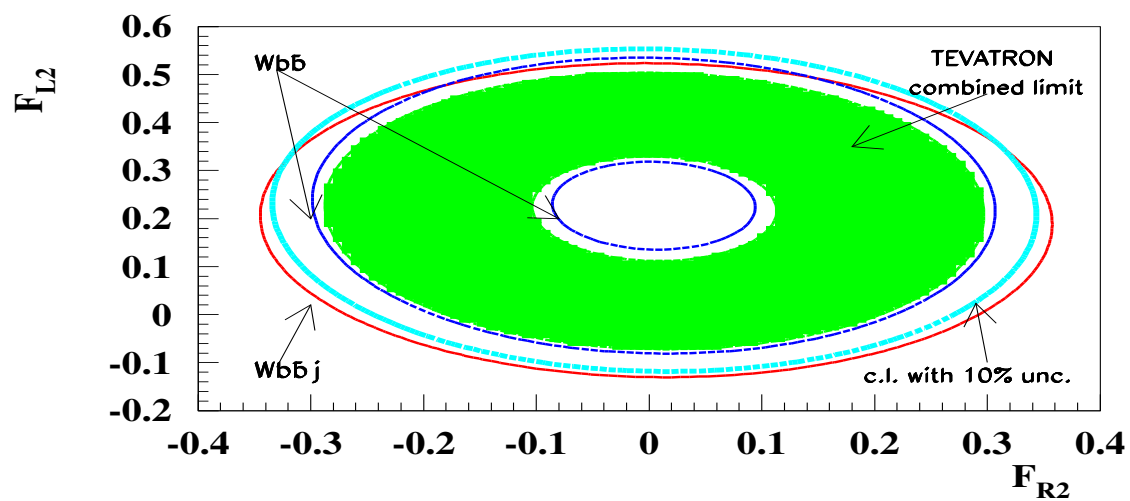
$$F_{L2} = \frac{2M_W}{\Lambda} \kappa_{tb}^W (-f_{tb}^W - ih_{tb}^W),$$

$$F_{R2} = \frac{2M_W}{\Lambda} \kappa_{tb}^W (-f_{tb}^W + ih_{tb}^W), \quad |F_{L2,R2}| < 0.6 \text{ from unitary bounds}$$

- $|V_{tb}|$ is very close to 1 in SM with 3 generations. ($|V_{tb}|$ is very weakly constrained in case of 4 generations, e.g.)
- A possible $V + A$ form factor is severely constrained by the CLEO $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ data to 3×10^{-3} level

Wtb anomalous couplings limit on TEVATRON and LHC:

(E.Boos,L.Dudko,T.Ohl,EPJ99)



Uncorrelated limits on anomalous couplings from measurements at different machines.

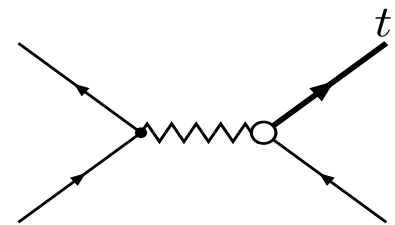
	F_2^L	F_2^R
Tevatron ($\Delta_{sys.} \approx 10\%$)	$-0.18 \div +0.55$	$-0.24 \div +0.25$
LHC ($\Delta_{sys.} \approx 5\%$)	$-0.052 \div +0.097$	$-0.12 \div +0.13$
γe ($\sqrt{s_{e+e^-}} = 0.5$ TeV)	$-0.1 \div +0.1$	$-0.1 \div +0.1$
γe ($\sqrt{s_{e+e^-}} = 2.0$ TeV)	$-0.008 \div +0.035$	$-0.016 \div +0.016$

FCNC couplings

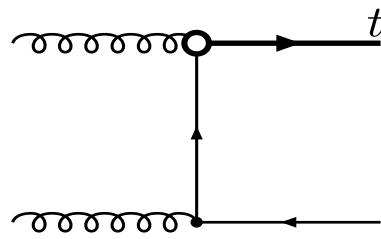
- Couplings: tqg , $tq\gamma$, tqZ , where $q = u, c$

$$\Delta\mathcal{L}^{eff} = \frac{1}{\Lambda} [\kappa_{tq}^{\gamma,Z} e\bar{t}\sigma_{\mu\nu}qF_{\gamma,Z}^{\mu\nu} + \kappa_{tq}^g g_s\bar{t}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\frac{\lambda^i}{2}qG^{i\mu\nu}] + h.c.$$

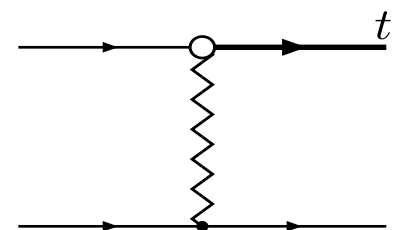
Information on FCNC couplings come from either top pair production with subsequent decays to rear modes $t \rightarrow qV$, where $V = \gamma, Z, g$ or from additional contributions to the single top production



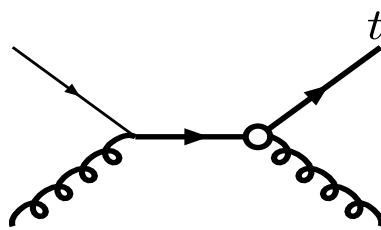
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$



$cg \rightarrow tg$



$c\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{q}$



$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

All present and expected limits are presented in terms of Br fractions:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(t \rightarrow qg) &= \left(\frac{\kappa_{tq}^g}{\Lambda} \right)^2 \frac{8}{3} \alpha_s m_t^3, & \Gamma(t \rightarrow q\gamma) &= \left(\frac{\kappa_{tq}^\gamma}{\Lambda} \right)^2 2\alpha m_t^3, \\ \Gamma(t \rightarrow qZ)_\gamma &= \left(|v_{tq}^Z|^2 + |a_{tq}^Z|^2 \right) \alpha m_t^3 \frac{1}{4M_Z^2 \sin^2 2\theta_W} \left(1 - \frac{M_Z^2}{m_t^2} \right)^2 \left(1 + 2 \frac{M_Z^2}{m_t^2} \right), \\ \Gamma(t \rightarrow qZ)_\sigma &= \left(\frac{\kappa_{tq}^Z}{\Lambda} \right)^2 \alpha m_t^3 \frac{1}{\sin^2 2\theta_W} \left(1 - \frac{M_Z^2}{m_t^2} \right)^2 \left(2 + \frac{M_Z^2}{m_t^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

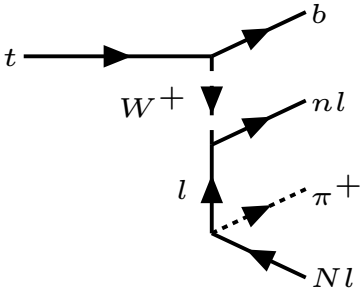
Current constraints

	CDF	LEP-2	HERA
$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow gq)$	$\leq 29\%$	–	–
$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow \gamma q)$	$\leq 3.2\%$	–	$\leq 0.7\%$
$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow Zq)$	$\leq 32\%$	$\leq 7.0\%$	–

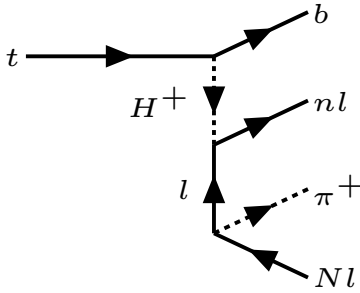
Future expectations

$t \rightarrow$	Tevatron	LHC		e^+e^-
	Run II	decay	production	$\sqrt{s} > 500 \text{ GeV}$
gq	0.06%	1.6×10^{-3}	1×10^{-5}	–
γq	0.28%	2.5×10^{-5}	3×10^{-6}	4×10^{-6}
Zq	1.3%	1.6×10^{-4}	1×10^{-4}	2×10^{-4}

Charged Higgs in Top Decay (impact of tau polarization)



diagr.1



diagr.2

In the rest frame of top $t \rightarrow bR \rightarrow b\tau\nu_\tau \rightarrow b\nu_\tau\bar{\nu}_\tau\pi$
 where a resonance R is W boson or charged H

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\pi} = \frac{1}{x_{max} - x_{min}}$$

$$\begin{cases} (1 - P_\tau) \log \frac{x_{max}}{x_{min}} + 2P_\tau y_\pi \left(\frac{1}{x_{min}} - \frac{1}{x_{max}} \right), & 0 < y_\pi < x_{min} \\ (1 - P_\tau) \log \frac{x_{max}}{y_\pi} + 2P_\tau \left(1 - \frac{y_\pi}{x_{max}} \right), & x_{min} < y_\pi \end{cases}$$

where $y_\pi = \frac{E_\pi^{top}}{M_{top}}$, $x_{min} = \frac{E_\tau^{min}}{M_{top}}$, $x_{max} = \frac{E_\tau^{max}}{M_{top}}$, $E_\tau^{min} = \frac{M_R^2}{2M_{top}}$, $E_\tau^{max} = \frac{M_{top}}{2}$

$P_\tau = -1$ for W boson and $P_\tau = 1$ for charged Higgs

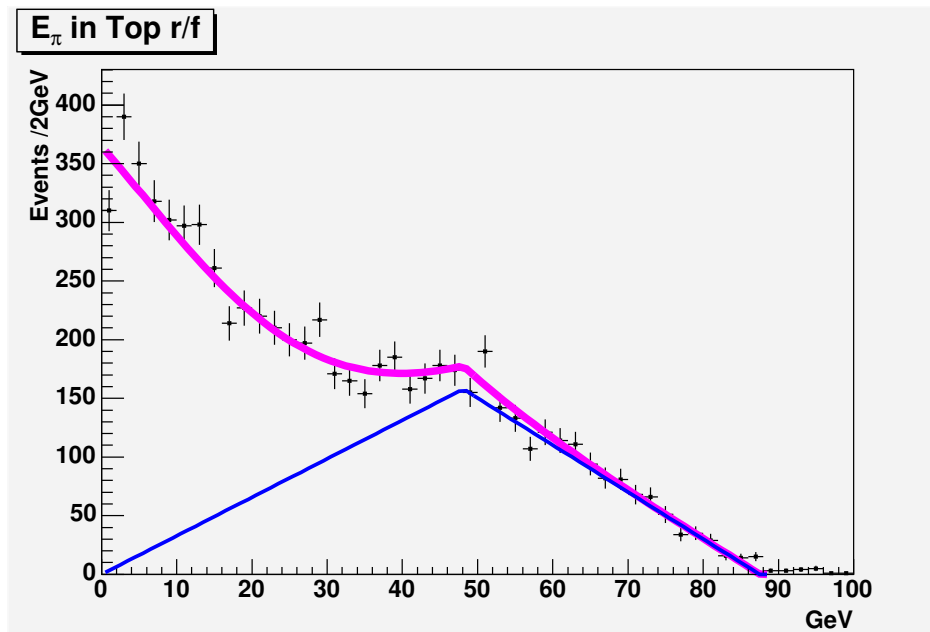
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow \tau\nu_\tau b\bar{b} + 2jets$$

Simulations are performed for e^+e^- collisions at 500 GeV cms
and for 500 fb^{-1} integrated luminosity

π -meson energy spectrum for the MSSM point

$\tan\beta = 50$, $\mu = 500$, $M_{H^\pm} = 130$ GeV with $Br(t \rightarrow H^+b) = 9.1\%$

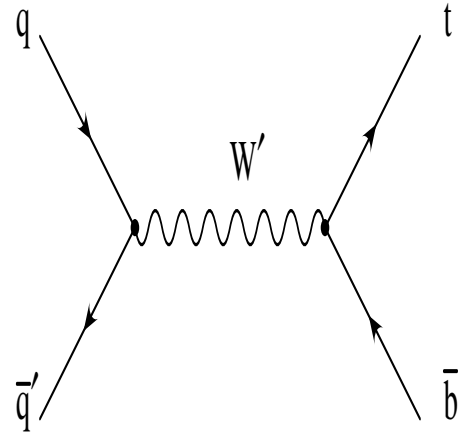
E.B., S.Bunichev, M.Carena, C.Wagner



From the signal+backgr fit $M_{H^\pm} = 129.4 \pm 0.9$ GeV

W' gauge boson in single top

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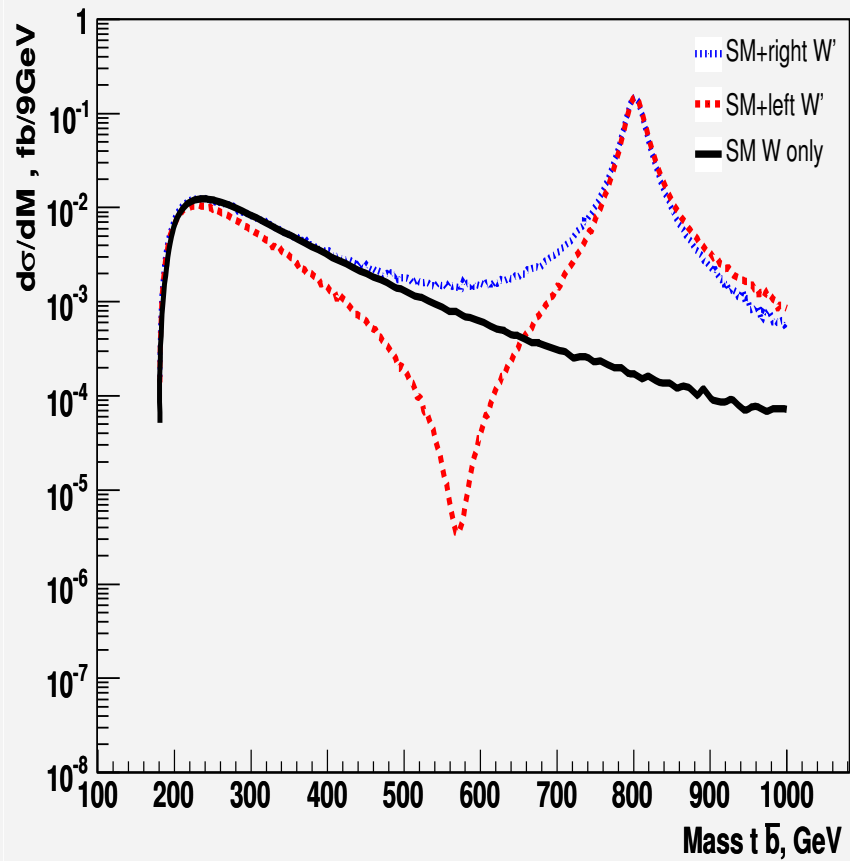
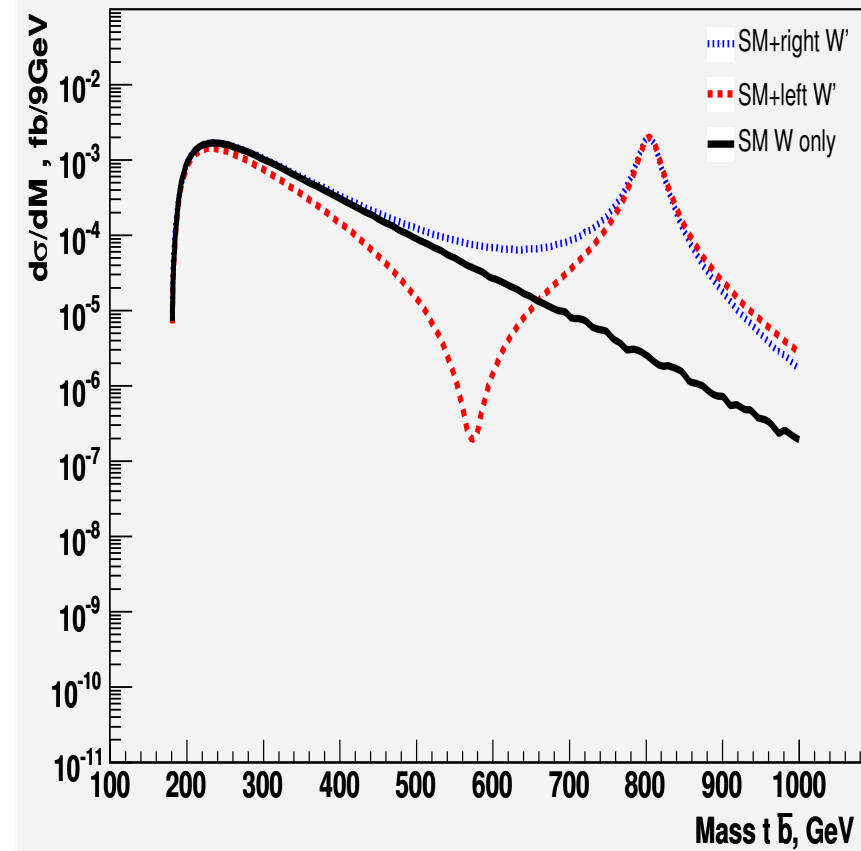
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{V_{q_i q_j}}{2\sqrt{2}} g_w \bar{q}_i \gamma_\mu (a_{q_i q_j}^R (1 + \gamma^5) + a_{q_i q_j}^L (1 - \gamma^5)) W'_\mu q_j + \text{H.c.}, \quad (1)$$

where $a_{q_i q_j}^R, a_{q_i q_j}^L$ - left and right couplings of W' to quarks, $g_w = e/(s_w)$ is the SM weak coupling constant and $V_{q_i q_j}$ is the SM CKM matrix element. The notations are taken such that for so-called SM-like W' $a_{q_i q_j}^L = 1$ and $a_{q_i q_j}^R = 0$.

The interference between the SM and W' contributions (new)

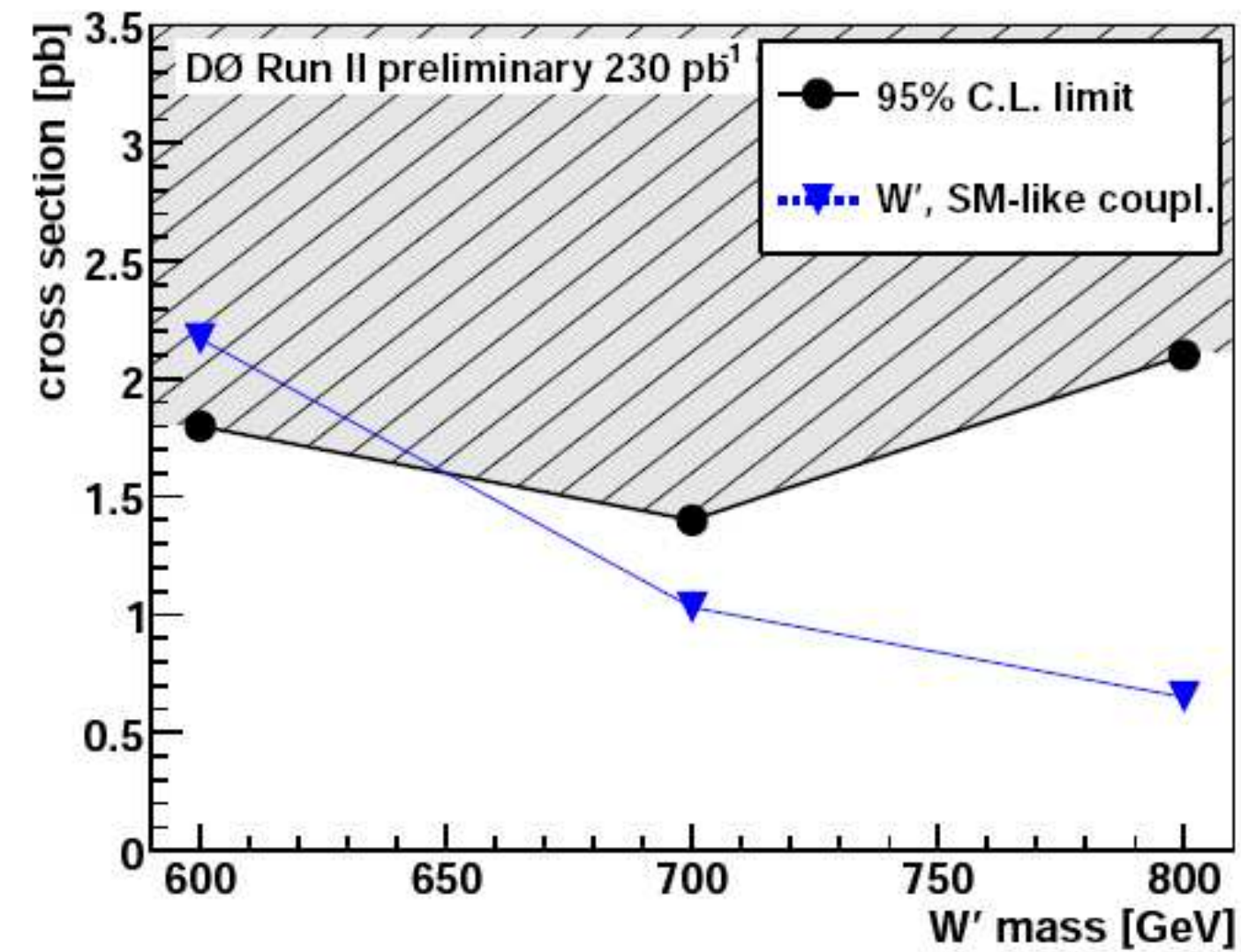
$$\begin{aligned}
 |M|^2 = & V_{tb}^2 V_{ud}^2 (g_W)^4 \left[\frac{(p_u p_b)(p_d p_t)}{(\hat{s} - m_W^2)^2 + \gamma_W^2 m_W^2} + \right. & (2) \\
 & + 2a_{ud}^L a_{tb}^L (p_u p_b)(p_d p_t) \frac{(\hat{s} - m_W^2)(\hat{s} - M_{W'}^2) + \gamma_W^2 \Gamma_{W'}^2}{((\hat{s} - m_W^2)^2 + \gamma_W^2 m_W^2)((\hat{s} - M_{W'}^2)^2 + \Gamma_{W'}^2 M_{W'}^2)} + \\
 & \left. + \frac{(a_{ud}^{L^2} a_{tb}^{L^2} + a_{ud}^{R^2} a_{tb}^{R^2})(p_u p_b)(p_d p_t) + (a_{ud}^{L^2} a_{tb}^{R^2} + a_{ud}^{R^2} a_{tb}^{L^2})(p_u p_t)(p_d p_b)}{(\hat{s} - M_{W'}^2)^2 + \Gamma_{W'}^2 M_{W'}^2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Invariant mass of $t\bar{b}$ system for $M_{W'}$ 800 GeV
at the Tevatron (left) and LHC (right)

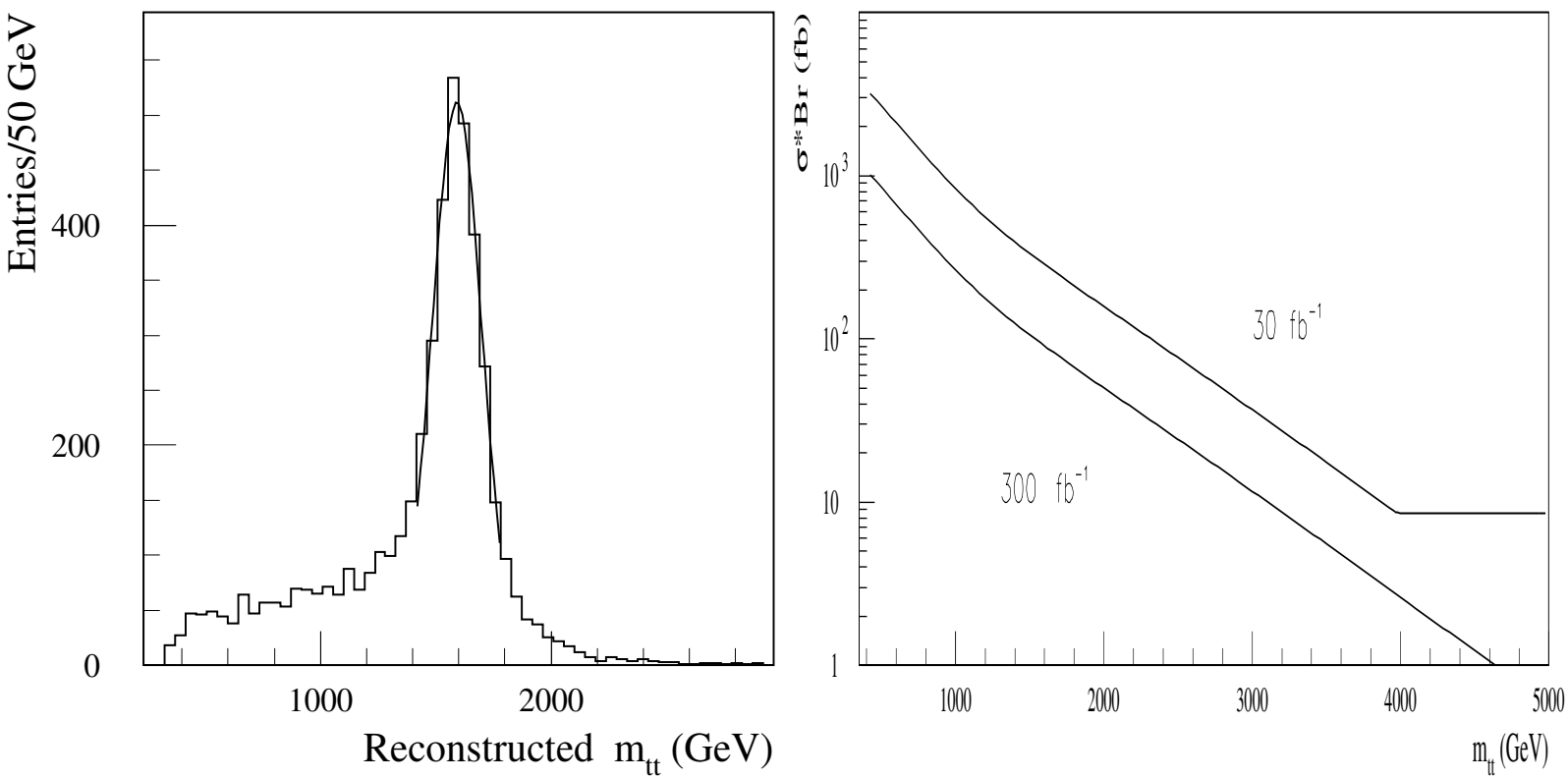


W' gauge boson in single top

Latest limits by the D0 collaboration



Generic search for a resonance in top pair production at the LHC
(MSSM Higgses H/A, Z' , topgluon, RS-graviton, KK excitations in UED etc.)



Measured $t\bar{t}$ invariant mass distribution for reconstruction of a narrow resonance of mass 1600 GeV decaying to $t\bar{t}$ and value of $\sigma \times \text{BR}$ required for a 5 σ discovery potential.

Conclusions

Discovery of the top quark has opened up many new avenues to interesting physics

- Precision measurements of top quark characteristics such as mass, production cross sections, decay width and branching fractions, spin correlations are needed to test the SM
- Tests and understanding all possible deviations from the SM expectations to check if top is exotic in some way
- Precise calculations and simulations, and measurements of the top event kinematical characteristics to understand backgrounds to many other possible New physics processes
- Possible discovery and study of various New physics effects via top production and/or decay

