

Precision Top-Quark Physics with Leptonic Final States

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The top quark



- Mass: $m_t \approx 173 \text{ GeV}$
→ heaviest known particle
- Yukawa coupling $y_t \sim 1$
Higgs-Top connection
- Short lifetime: 10^{-25} s
→ decays before hadronization

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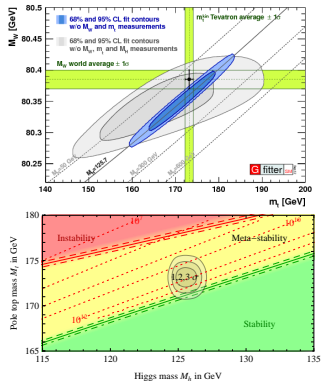
Top-quarks and the Standard Model

Electroweak (EW) Precision

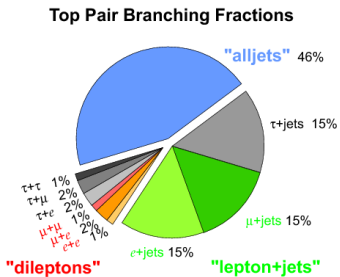
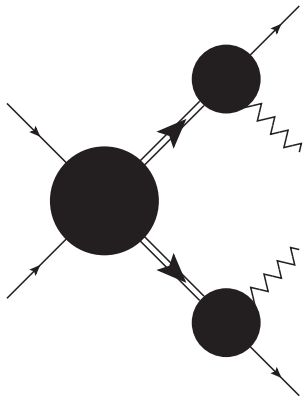
- Loop-corrections
 - Relations among SM parameters
 - EW precision measurements:
 - Gauge boson and Higgs mass
- Consistency check of SM
- Vacuum stability
- Rare meson decays

Beyond the Standard Model

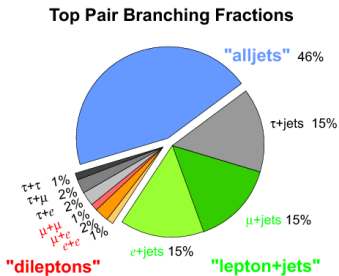
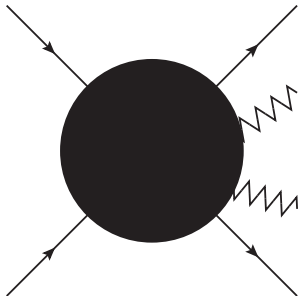
- Higgs sector extensions
- Top-quark partner
- ...



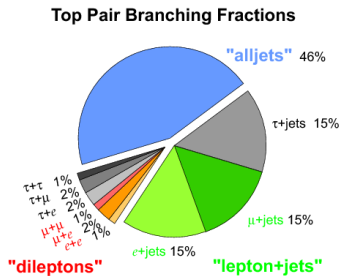
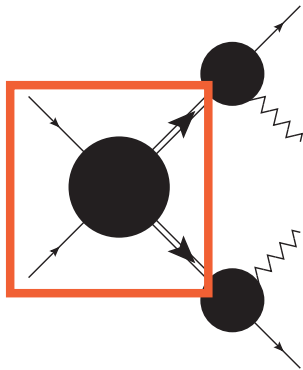
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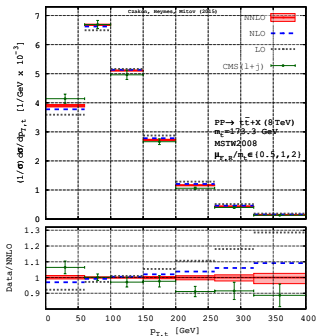
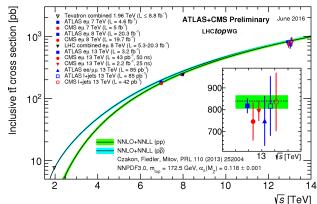


Top-quark pair production - Theory

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Stable onshell and spin-summed Top-quark pair-production

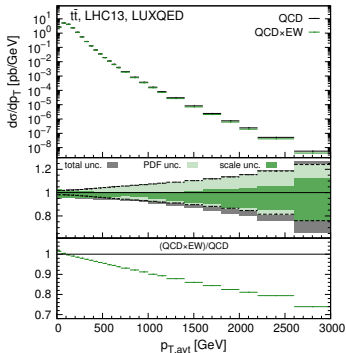
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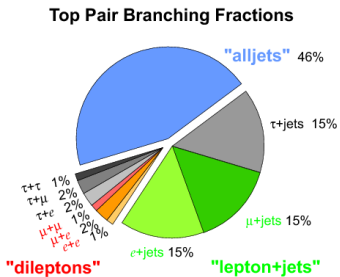
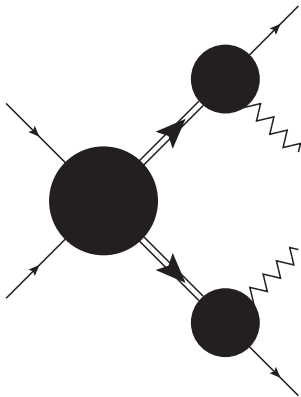
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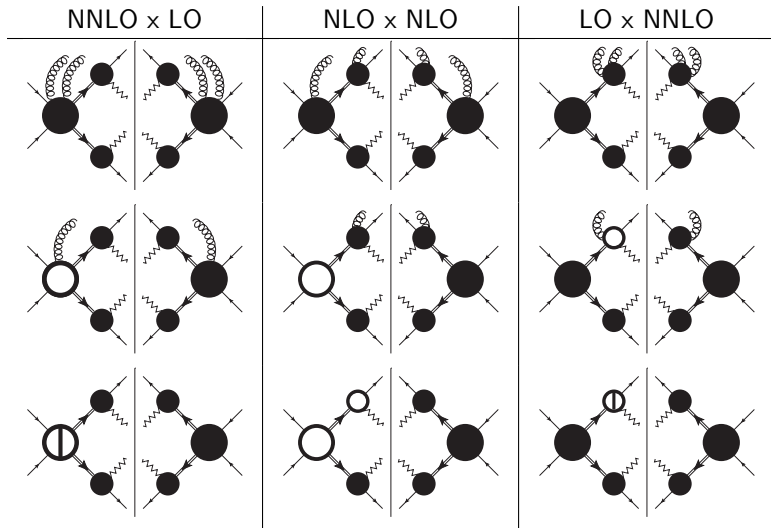
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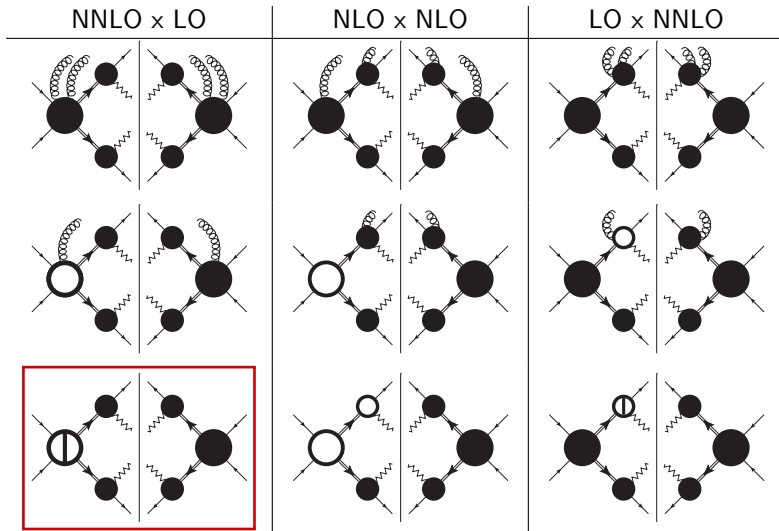
This thesis:

NWA with full NNLO corrections to production and decay!

NWA @ NNLO QCD



NWA @ NNLO QCD



Polarised $t\bar{t}$ production amplitudes

Gluon channel

$$\mathcal{M} = \epsilon_{1\mu}(p_1)\epsilon_{2\nu}(p_2)M^{\mu\nu}$$

$M^{\mu\nu}$ is a rank-2 Lorentz tensor

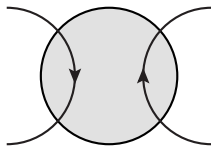
- Momentum conservation
- Transversality
- Equation of motion
- Parity conservation \rightarrow no γ_5

8 independent structures

($d = 4$ dimensions)

$$M^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{j=1}^8 M_j T_j^{\mu\nu}$$

Quark channel



- Two disconnected fermion lines
- Connection by gluons+loops

4 independent structures

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{i=1}^4 M_i T_i$$

with $T_j \sim \bar{v}_2 \Gamma_j u_1 \bar{u}_3 \Gamma'_j v_4$

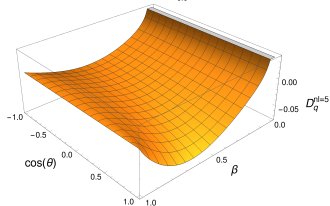
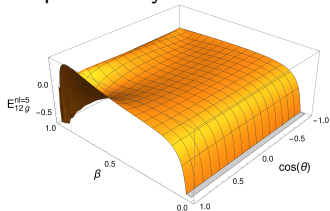
Two-loop polarised $t\bar{t}$ production amplitudes

Projection method \rightarrow scalar coefficients with scalar integrals

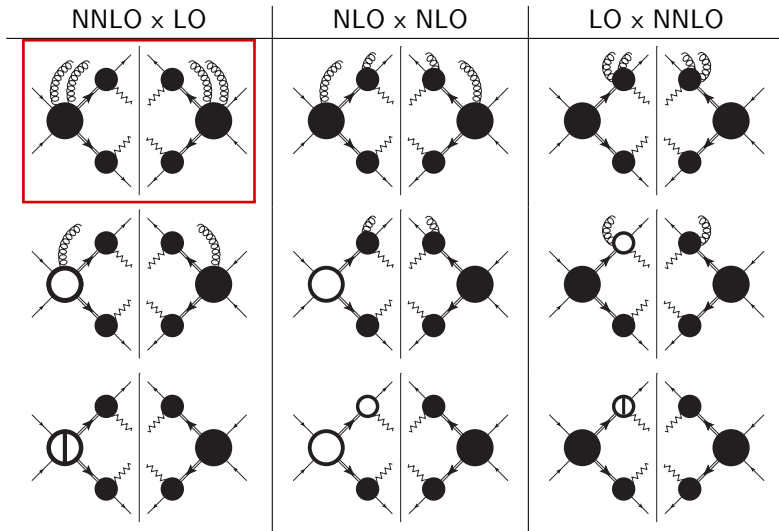
Master integrals

- Reduction of scalar integrals via in-house Laporta implementation
 - **New** partially canonicalised
 - Numerical treatment of master with help of differential equation
 \rightarrow interpolation grid
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- Finite remainder functions
 - Full color and spin information

spin-density coefficients:




NWA @ NNLO QCD



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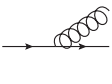
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The diagram shows a horizontal arrow pointing to the right, representing a particle. From the tip of this arrow, a cone of radiation is shown, represented by several curved lines curving upwards and outwards. The text 'Sketch: dΦ ×' is to the left of the arrow, and '~' is to the right of the radiation cone. To the right of the radiation cone is an integral expression: ∫₀ [dE dθ / (E(1 - cos θ))] f(E, θ). A bracket is drawn under the denominator E(1 - cos θ) of the fraction, with the word 'divergent' written below the bracket.

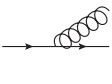
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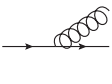
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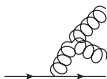
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- @ NNLO business becomes harder:



\leftarrow Overlapping singularities

NNLO subtraction schemes

increasing number of available NNLO calculations with a variety of schemes

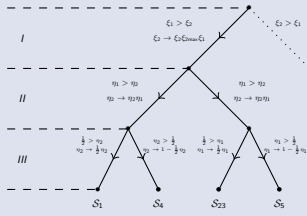
- **qT-slicing** [Catani,Grazzini, '07] , [Ferrera,Grazzini,Tramontano, '11], [Catani,Cieri,DeFlorian,Ferrera,Grazzini,'12], [Gehrmann,Grazzini,Kallweit,Maierhofer,Manteuffel,Rathlev,Torre,'14-'15'], [Bonciani,Catani,Grazzini,Sargsyan,Torre,'14-'15]
- **N-jettiness slicing** [Gaunt,Stahlhofen,Tackmann,Walsh, '15], [Boghezal,Focke,Giele,Liu,Petriello,'15-'16] , [Boghezal,Campell,Ellis,Focke,Giele,Liu,Petriello,'15], [Campell,Ellis,Williams,'16]
- **Antenna subtraction** [Gehrmann, GehrmannDeRidder,Glover,Heinrich,'05-'08] , [Weinzierl,'08,'09], [Currie,Gehrmann,GehrmannDeRidder,Glover,Pires,'13-'17], [Bernreuther,Bogner,Dekkers,'11,'14], [Abelof,(Dekkers),GehrmannDeRidder,'11-'15], [Abelof,GehrmannDeRidder,Maierhofer,Pozzorini,'14], [Chen,Gehrmann,Glover,Jaquier,'15]
- **Colorful subtraction** [DelDuca,Somogyi,Troscanyi,'05-'13], [DelDuca,Duhr,Somogyi,Tramontano,Troscanyi,'15]
- **Sector-improved residue subtraction (STRIPPER)** [Czakon,'10,'11] , [Czakon,Fiedler,Mitov,'13,'15], [Czakon,Heymes,'14] [Czakon,Fiedler,Heymes,Mitov,'16,'17], [Bughezal,Caola,Melnikov,Petriello,Schulze,'13,'14], [Bughezal,Melnikov,Petriello,'11], [Caola,Czernecki,Liang,Melnikov,Szafron,'14], [Bruchseifer,Caola,Melnikov,'13-'14], [Caola, Melnikov, Rötsch,'17]
- **Projection-to-Born**[Cacciari et al.'15], **'Torino'-subtraction** [Magnea et al.'17/'18], **Geometric subtraction** [Herzog '18]

Sector-improved residue subtraction - STRIPPER

Outline of the scheme

- Decomposition of phase space to disentangle overlapping singularities
- Simple extraction of Laurent series in ϵ
- Provides a general set of subtraction terms
- Numerical treatment of integrated subtraction terms \rightarrow numerical cancellation of ϵ poles
- Defined in d -dimensions [Czakon,'10] \rightarrow numerical evaluation not efficient \Rightarrow four-dimensional formulation [Czakon,Heymes,'14]

Triple collinear factorization



Stripper - Updates

Phase space parameterization

- Minimal number of subtraction kinematics
→ improvements on mis-binning
- Only one double unresolved configuration
→ pole cancellation for each Born phase space point
- Expected improved convergence of invariant mass distributions, since $\tilde{q}^2 = q^2$

4 dimensional formulation

- Takes advantage of the finiteness of NLO calculations
- Uses 'slicing' to extract unmatched poles
- Cancel slicing parameter dependence analytically

Implementation

- General (process-independent) STRIPPER implementation
 - New parameterization
 - New four-dimensional construction
- Additional input: 1- and 2-loop polarized finite remainder functions
- Modifications for NWA:
 - Onshell phase spaces
 - Additional CS-like dipole subtraction for decay part of NLO \times NLO contributions (mixed subtractions)

Application

Application: Differential measurements @LHC13

New differential top-quark measurements at 13 TeV

CMS and ATLAS:

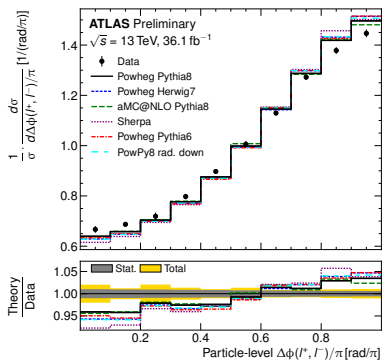
- %-level bin-wise uncertainties
- Differential distributions:
 - Decay products
 - Reconstructed t -quarks
- Observables sensitive to spin-correlation

NWA@NNLO: Fiducial region

- 2 b -jets with $p_T > 30$ GeV, $|\eta| > 2.4$
- 2 opposite sign leptons with 25 (20) GeV, $|\eta| > 2.4$
- $m_{\ell\bar{\ell}} > 20$ GeV
- anti- k_T with $R = 0.4$

Example: Spin Correlation in $\Delta\phi(\ell, \bar{\ell})$

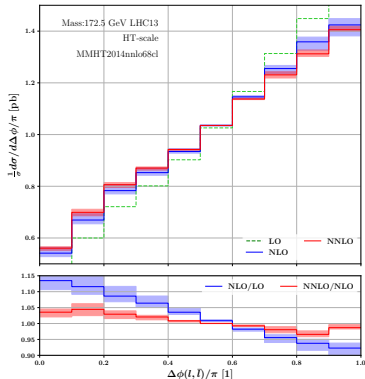
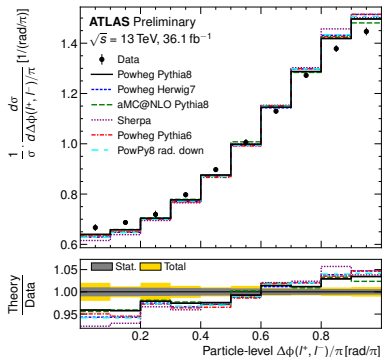
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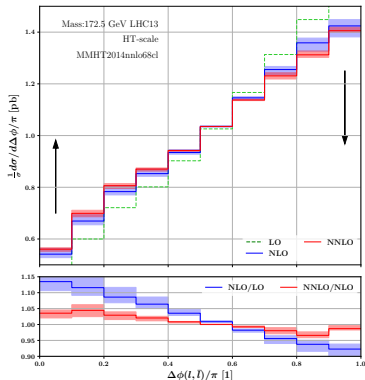
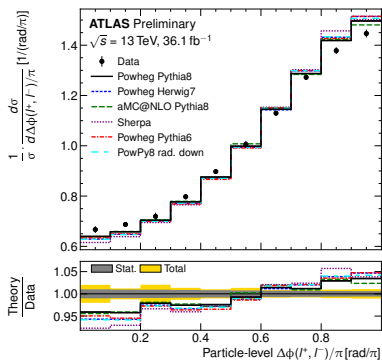
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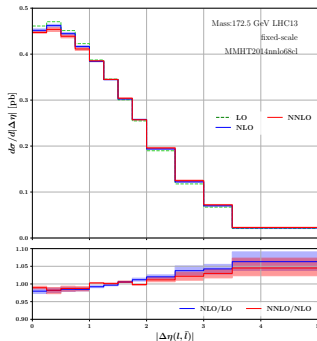
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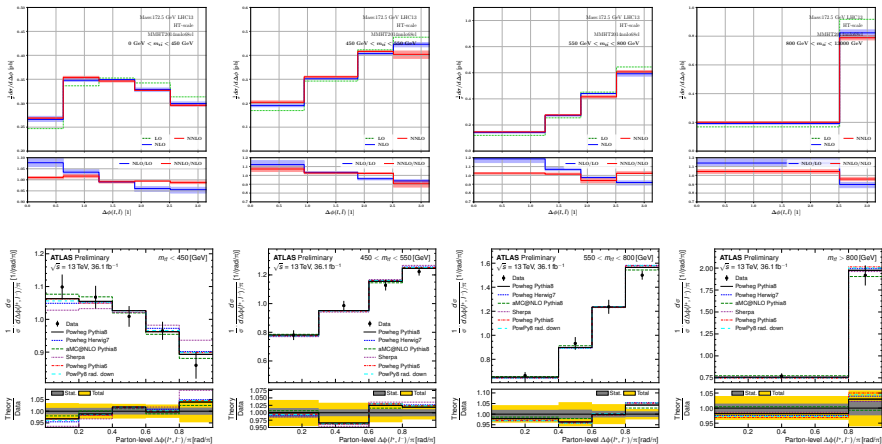
Differential distributions @ NNLO QCD

endless possibilities: $|\Delta\eta(\ell, \bar{\ell})|$



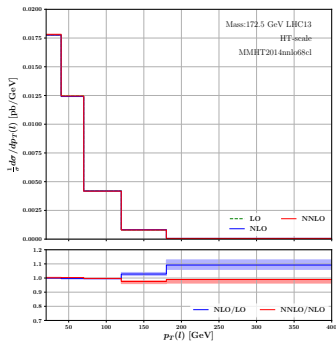
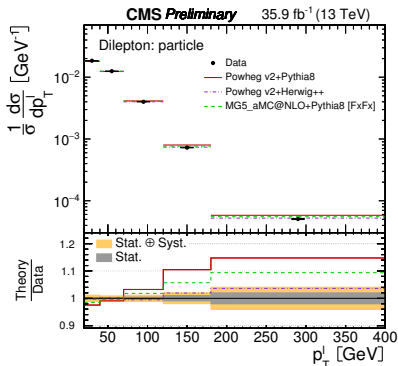
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endless possibilities: double differential: $\Delta\phi \times m_{t\bar{t}}$



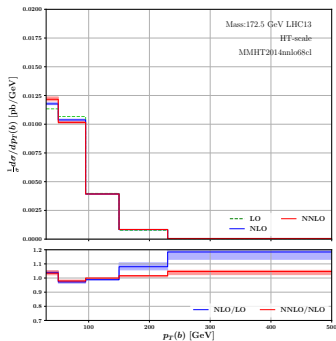
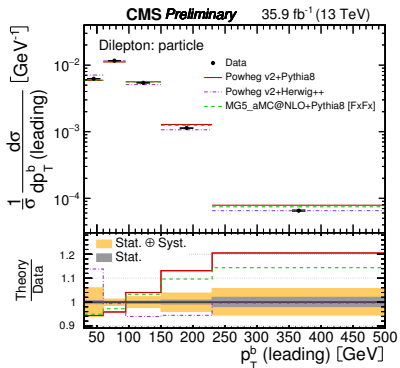
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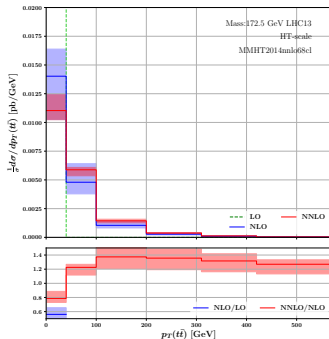
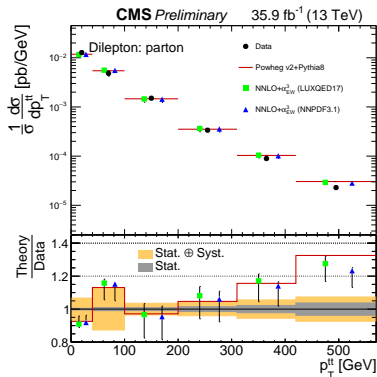
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endless possibilities: p_T of $t\bar{t}$ pair.



Goal achieved: NWA @ NNLO QCD

- Calculation of polarized double virtual $t\bar{t}$ - production amplitudes
- Improvements on Stripper framework:
 - Phase space parameterization
 - 4 dimensional formulation
 - NWA decays!
- First novel NNLO QCD results!
 - $\Delta\Phi(l, \bar{l})$ distributions
 - Differential distributions in fiducial phase space
 - Fiducial cross section for $t\bar{t}$ production in the di-lepton channel

NWA $t\bar{t}$ @ NNLO QCD

- Comparison with data!
- Improved measurements of m_t from leptonic observables (less modelling depend)
- More decay channels: Hadronic W decays in NWA

STRIPPER

- Go beyond $t\bar{t}$ - first steps have been done ...
- fastNLO tables
- Automated 1-Loop input