

# Theory Summary

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#### Theory Summary (My Attempt to Paint a Story with Your Beautiful Slides)

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Let's see what happens this time!

It's very nice to be here.



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#### Statistics

#### ~14 talks x ~25 slides = 350 slides 350 slides / 30 minutes ~ 12 slides / minute

Mission Impossible.



#### Statistics



shown by QH Cao

### Warning:

The speakers did an excellent job of providing fair summaries of their topics and referencing the actual work. Here, I am just referencing their talks. Please go to them to find the actual individual references.

#### Outline

- Inspiration
- Observation
- Characterization
- (More) Observation
- Exploration
- Summary & Outlook

# Inspiration

### The King of Fermions



# The King of Fermions

I think it is hard not to be inspired when you find something as weird as this.



#### Flavor

- More precisely, the question of flavor is precisely why the top is unusual.
- The masses and mixings of the quarks tell us something fundamental about the Higgs (not W!) couplings.
- This structure seems to beg for some kind of more fundamental explanation.
- Whatever that explanation is, it knows that the top is special.
- We don't know at what scale flavor is selected, but the top may be the key to understanding it.









#### Electroweak Fit



- The top mass is a crucial ingredient into the global fit to the Standard Model.
- The Higgs mass we have been given seems consistent with Mt and MW. This is a huge constraint by itself on many theories of BSM physics.

### The Fate of the Universe

- Ultimately, the top mass controls the fate of the Universe (in the SM).
- The Higgs potential can be destabilized if the top is too heavy and the Higgs is too light.
- Now that we know the Higgs mass,





# Hierarchy Problem

- The top plays an interesting role in the hierarchy problem.
- Our best theories of quantum gravity include new states at the Planck scale related to the top, such as stringy excitations or Kaluza-Klein modes.
  - These particles inherit the top coupling to the Higgs, and they destabilize the Higgs potential, dragging the weak scale to the Planck scale.
- In other theories, space-time becomes granular or "foamy" at Planck lengths, leading to the same problem.
- Whatever physics protects the electroweak scale from these corrections, it must act particularly on the top sector.



=  $log(\Lambda)$  or finite





Mentioned by Yevgeny, Cedric



Of course, theorists never really observe anything. But experiment requires theory to make the most of its observation. So this section is about how theory plays a role in that process.

### The Precision Frontier

- Both Tevatron and LHC have pushed measurements to the point where simple theory no longer has the power to describe the data.
  - Hard processes need NLO or NNLO descriptions, and soft logs need to be resummed (e.g. by the parton shower)
- This is a theme that range through the sentire week.
- Motivated by this, and capitalizing theoretical advances, theory seems ready to rise the to the challenge
  - Higher orders are available, and double-counting seems tractable.



#### Frank Krauss Theoretical Keynote

#### Multijet-merging at NLO: MEPS@NLO

- $\bullet\,$  basic idea like at LO: towers of MEs with increasing jet multi (but this time at NLO)
- $\bullet\,$  combine them into one sample, remove overlap/double-counting

#### maintain NLO and LL accuracy of ME and PS

 this effectively translates into a merging of MC@NLO simulations and can be further supplemented with LO simulations for even higher final state multiplicities



#### The Precision Frontier

- With higher order improvements comes less dependences e techniques / Monte Carlo.
  - ...and we saw that for many measurements, MC measurements, a nonnegligible part of the systematic purdeet
- At the same time, using these codes in complicated analysis-is-challenging. They are computationally intensive and complicated.
- Still, once mode systematics, including the cutting edge codes in analysis is essential to go forward
- Frank asks for more fiducial cross sections and less correction back to the parton level.

Theoretical Keynote



### tt Production

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 The inclusive t tbar cross section has been the subject of an intense theoretical

campa	Collider	$\sigma_{ m tot}~[ m pb]$	scales $[pb]$	pdf [pb]
	Tevatron	7.164	$+0.110(1.5\%) \\ -0.200(2.8\%)$	$+0.169(2.4\%) \\ -0.122(1.7\%)$
Michae	LHC 7 TeV	172.0	$+4.4(2.6\%) \\ -5.8(3.4\%)$	$+4.7(2.7\%) \\ -4.8(2.8\%)$
results	LHC 8 TeV	245.8	$+6.2(2.5\%) \\ -8.4(3.4\%)$	$+6.2(2.5\%) \\ -6.4(2.6\%)$
	LHC 14 TeV	953.6	$+22.7(2.4\%) \\ -33.9(3.6\%)$	$+16.2(1.7\%) \\ -17.8(1.9\%)$

- Theory uncertainties on this quantity have reached a few percent.
  - It's pretty amazing that a single Collider pdf [pb]  $\sigma_{\rm tot}$  [pb] scales |pb| comp +0.169(2.4%)+0.259(3.7%)Tevatron 7.009-0.374(5.3%)-0.121(1.7%)and ~ +6.7(4.0%)+4.6(2.8%)LHC 7 TeV 167.0-10.7(6.4%)-4.7(2.8%)differe +9.2(3.9%)+6.1(2.5%)LHC 8 TeV 239.1-14.8(6.2%)-6.2(2.6%)of the +31.8(3.4%)+16.1(1.7%)LHC 14 TeV 933.0 -51.0(5.5%)-17.6(1.9%)
- Progress on differential quantities advances as well (more about that soon).





#### tt Production





Concurrent uncertainties:

Scales~ 3%pdf (at 68%cl)~ 2-3% $\alpha_s$  (parametric)~ 1.5% $m_{top}$  (parametric)~ 3%

Soft gluon resummation makes a difference:

5% -> 3%

3%

Note the importance of resummation.

Michael Czakon T Tbar Production

# Single Top Production

- Fabrizio Caola told us about the latest effort to bring calculations of the single top t-channel process to NNLO.
- There is an interesting lesson to be had: NLO looks like a tiny correction, but if one looks closer one sees indications that the higher order is necessary.
- This is seemingly due to a large accidental cancellation.
  - It is not the net correction, but the scale variation of its components which characterizes the uncertainties.
  - Another indication is larger scale variation for differential quantities.



Fabrizio Caola Single Top Production

# Single Top Production

- Fabrizio presented an almost complete NNLO determination of t-channel single top production
- Sure enough, the net NNLO correction to the rate is not suppressed compared to the NLO correction
  - Remember, we do higher orders not to get a different number, but to get a smaller uncertainty!
- Differential rates are also described much more accurately, and uncertainties are stable even in differential quantities.

#### Fabrizio Caola

Single Top Production



dtg and  $ub \rightarrow dtgg$  sub-processes, as well han an appropriate choices of variables relof  $\gamma$ extraction of singularities can be found in  $b \rightarrow$ Using the Parguage of that paper, we only we s er "initial-state" sectors since there are no we v larities associated with dinal state oparticles 70 peorf that top quarks are massive. All calculacella for initial-state sectors are documented in each

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Fabrizio Caola Single Top Production

- Many tools treat the top quark as on-shell. As we get to % level measurements,  $\Gamma/M \sim 1\%$  effects become important to include.
- The effects are very kinematic-dependent, with regions where it works fine, but also regions where it fails, particularly observables like M<sub>Wb</sub> and beyond kinematic edges.

## Quantum Mechanics

- Quantum mechanics allows us to ask about given initial states and measurable final states.
- The prompt top decay implies that we cannot really think of processes containing top separately from other EW ones.
  - E.g. WWbb vs Wt vs tt
- Resonant regions dominate, but as precision increases, interference cannot be neglected, particularly at higher orders.



Jan Winter WbWb at NLO



(Also comments by Frank, Fabrizio)

### WbWb @ NLO

- We can see the importance of these effects comparing a full
   WbWb treatment to one which treats the top quark decay as separated out.
- Distributions show differences, especially when the kinematics pull (at least one of) the tops off-shell.
- But there are also important impact on distributions such as M<sub>lb</sub>, which impact some of the top mass measurements.





#### This is Important



#### Jan Winter WbWb at NLO





[HEINRICH, MAIER, NISIUS, SCHLENK, WINTER, ARXIV:1312.6659]

### Mysteries Remain

- As tools and data improve, we can never stop validating our simulations.
  - This is not just because we need to calibrate them to better accuracy, but because as we go to more advanced observables, we may find flaws in the existing technology or procedures.
  - Our theory tools are sometimes missing physics. Puzzles in secondary quantities is often how we realize this.
- Alex Mitov showed us an example where things do not seem to work quite as we hoped; despite the inclusive measurement of ttbar describing well 7 and 8 TeV data, the ratio seems off by more than the expected uncertainties.





### Mysteries Remain

- Another quantity that was discussed several times at the workshop by many speakers was the PT distribution of the top quark in top pair production.
- Here, we seem to see a systematic shift between tools and data at the highest PTs.
- Is this a sign that at the highest PTs, we think about this process in a fundamentally flawed way?
  - Is this "jets + ttbar" instead of "ttbar + jets"?
- Obviously this is something that needs to be understood as we go to higher energy and luminosity.





#### Systematics

Markus Seidel

Theory Systematics

- The theory systematics are not just a source of mystery, but also an opportunity.
- Top provides a place where precision measurements can improve inputs, which may have implications beyond top physics itself.
- For example, top observables may ultimately help improve the PDF fits to the gluon density at large(ish) x.
- This could be very helpful, e.g. in precision Higgs physics.

Alex Mitov MC Workshop Summary





#### Inspiration

Observation

#### Characterization

Once basic observations are under control, we want to characterize what these imply for fundamental properties.

# What is Mt?

- The top mass, like any parameter in the Lagrangian, must be connected to observables through calculation.
- In the perturbative regime, this is a problem we can solve in perturbation theory.
- Monte Carlo involves low energy scales (hadronization), this introduces an uncertainty in matching what the MC means by Mt compared to any other definition.
- Since this part is modeled, and not under control, there are uncertainties of order GeV associated with it.
- Precision versus accuracy.

#### Andre Hoang Top Mass Interpretation





#### What is Mt?

#### **MC vs. SCET: Primary Bottom Production**

#### Preliminary !! (No fit yet)





- Program.
- To begin with, he examines the bottom mass in e+e- collisions, as an easier but obviously related problem.
- He performs his own computation of the kinematics of the process using SCET, and compares with MC to see where they match.

# Top Yukawa Coupling

- The top Yukawa coupling is a fundamental quantity that has great importance in both the SM and theories going beyond it.
- Nominally the inclusive Higgs production tests its value, but this is degenerate with other quantities such as an intrinsic coupling mediated by new heavy particles.
- There is plenty of room for surprises, and the obvious way to access this coupling directly is to access direct probes such as ttbar+H or single top + H.



ttH Theory

**NB: Our determination** of the Higgs as a "CP even scalar" in no way prevents the pseudoscalar coupling of this type.

#### Falkowski et al. '12

latest results from Belúsca-Maïto RPP2014


# Top Yukawa Coupling

- The prospects for ttH are excellent. O(10%) measurements are eventually possible.
- There are also prospects for the inclusive Higgs channel in the very boosted regime. This resolves the top quark loop.
   Once it no longer looks point-like, it can be kinematically distinguished from contributions by heavier colored particles such as top partners.





#### Very boosted Higgs production:



## Effective Lagrangians

- Effective Lagrangians are powerful ways to capture new physics effects when the particles that mediate them are heavy, above the energies we probe.
- In a top decay, that energy is the top mass. In a production process, it is usually larger.
- Cen wrote down several complete sets of "dimension six" operators that were both flavor-violating and flavor conserving.
- He demonstrated that at higher order, the operators bleed into one another, and mix.

#### Operators

 $O_{uG}^{(13)} = y_t g_s(\bar{q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}T^A t)\tilde{\varphi}G^A_{\mu\nu}$  $O_{uW}^{(13)} = y_t g_W(\bar{q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\tau^I t)\tilde{\varphi}W^I_{\mu\nu}$  $O_{uB}^{(13)} = y_t g_Y(\bar{q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}t)\tilde{\varphi}B_{\mu\nu}$  $O_{u\varphi}^{(13)} = -y_t^3(\varphi^{\dagger}\varphi)(\bar{q}t)\tilde{\varphi}$ 





Scale corresponds to the change from  $m_t$  to 2 TeV.

Cen Zhang New Physics in Top Couplings

# Effective Lagrangians

- Work makes predictions for new physics processes based on these observables including QCD corrections.
- To be general, a complete set of dimension six operators consistent with symmetries should be considered.
- A set of operators constrains linear combinations of the new physics coefficients.
- Any ultraviolet theory will predict patterns in these coefficients, and one starts to see how to map a discovery onto UV theories based on which ones are observed.



• Results for  $pp \rightarrow t\gamma$  and  $pp \rightarrow th$  at NLO+PS:  $p_T$  distribution for top (A=1 TeV)





Cen Zhang New Physics in Top Couplings



Once we know what we would like to measure, it suggests new ways to extract interesting information.

# **FB** Asymmetry

 One that has attracted a lot of attention in the recent years is the forward-backward asymmetry of the top quark at the Tevatron.







Michael Czakon T Tbar Production

## Differential t<del>t</del> @ NNLO



NLO, NNLO : exact numerator and denominator (see previous slide)

nlo, nnlo : expanded in powers of a<sub>s</sub>

- The observable is only non-zero at NLO (in the inclusive calculation).
- The new NNLO computations, together with further combined measurements from the Tevatron, are essentially compatible.

Michael Czakon

T Tbar Production

 Not good news for new physics, but very good news in terms of our understanding of top!

# Top Polarization

- The electroweak decay provides an opportunity: (in the SM), top quarks "analyze their own polarization information".
- Three observables are related to the expectation of the top spin along three axes.
- At the Tevatron, this is relatively easy to do, because the asymmetric beams provide a natural axis to decompose the information.

Aguilar Saavedra Top Properties

#### Top pair production at Tevatron

The *x* direction can be taken in the plane spanned by the top quark momentum and the proton, in CM frame. The *y* direction is perpendicular to that plane.



The transverse and normal polarisations provide independent probes for new physics.

Example:  $P_x$  and  $P_z$  for new colour octet M = 250 GeV with reasonable couplings to generate a FB asymmetry at Tevatron. JAAS '14



# Top Polarization

- At the LHC, this handle does not exist, but that doesn't ruin the opportunity.
- Carefully chosen observables can improve the purity of the qqbar initial state and correlate with the direction of quark vs antiquark.
- These are very interesting tools to look for new physics, measure properties and further refine future discoveries in other observables.

#### JA Aguilar Saavedra Top Properties

Since the interactions mediating  $q\bar{q} \to t\bar{t}$  do not really care where Saint-Genis is, we have [differentially]



so that  $P_x$  and  $P_y$  vanish after integration over  $\theta$ .

 Include sign(cos θ) in the definition of observables. In other words: integral in forward – integral in backward Bernreuther, Brandenburg & Uwer '95 ... Bernreuther & SI '13

O Select among protons based on the momentum of the top pair in the LAB frame [try to guess the quark direction]

Possible solutions to yield non-zero  $P_x$  and  $P_y$ :

Baumgart & Tweedie '13; JAAS '14



#### From Tevatron to LHC



Main penalty: large gg fraction

### A Different Process?

#### Photon handle for polarisation?

Already proposed for charge asymmetry  $A_C$ 

JAAS et al.'14



• A process with extra ISR, such as ttbar + photon, could enhance the contribution from the qqbar initial state, and improve the prospects.

### Observation

Our ultimate goal is physics beyond the SM!

#### Characterization

### Exploration

### Extreme tt

- An obvious place to explore is top quarks under "extreme conditions".
- For example, at large invariant mass, top quarks may reveal new particles that like to decay into them as resonances.
- Obviously, a starting point is to have tools we can trust to predict these extreme kinematics.
  - Do our existing tools work, ready to be extrapolated, or do we need further refinements?





# **Boosted Tops**

- If new physics is heavy, decays could produce top quarks with very large energies.
- Such boosted tops decay have collimated decay products, which may not appear as distinct objects to standard analysis.
- Boosted techniques try to reconstruct the results of boosted tops (objects), and then detect the signs that they really contain multiple hard decay products corresponding to the bottom and W.



Mihailo Backovic Boosted Top Theory

### **Boosted Strategies**



- There are many strategies, and work is ongoing to understand how they all fit together.
- Mihailo also discussed sensitivity to pile-up, etc.

#### Mihailo Backovic **Boosted Top Theory**



 $-1.0^{L}_{-1.0}$ 

cone around the patrons Mininize the difference in the parton energies and energy deposited in cones around patrons over all possible

combinations - "overlap"

Try to **match jet energy dist. to a** parton structure of top decay products (**TemplateTagger**).

Construct 3 partonic 4-momenta by requiring that they reco. the top (and the underlying W) - "Template"

Compare the jet dist. to the **template** by finding the difference between energy of each parton and the energy deposited in the calorimeter in a

inematically allowed combos.

# Top in SUSY Decays

 $\sigma_{\rm excluded}$ 

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- Due to the stop's role in determining which SUSY theories are natural, many SUSY theories produce particles which like to decay into top quarks.
- Many signatures are possible, some involving missing transverse momentum (if R-parity is conserved) or not (if not).
- We like theories with R-parity because of dark matter, but this could be a red herring and R-parity has nothing to do with SUSY's answer to the hierarchy problem.

#### SUSY gives tops in return



#### **Example:** decay to massless gravitino (gauge mediation)



200

 $m_t$ 

180

160

 $m_{\tilde{t}}$  (GeV)

Yevgeny Top and SUSY

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projections for 300 pb<sup>-1</sup>

140

 $m_t$ 

180

200

160

 $m_{\tilde{t}}$  (GeV)

### Degenerate Stops

#### Most recent updates

#### Using NNLO + NNLL theory cross section

Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov, PRL 110, 252004 (2013)

#### and CMS dilepton channel (2.3/fb at 7 TeV)

CMS Collaboration, JHEP 1211, 067 (2012)





- A recent study attempts to use the top cross section measurement to put a bound on stops.
- Given the complicated way the cross section is extracted, there may be corrections to the theorist-derived results; it would be great for the experiments to do this themselves.

# Top as a Tool

- Yevgeny also told us about a very interesting idea to measure the polarization of b quarks.
- The idea rests of looking at Ab baryons, which preserve the parent b polarization to good approximation.
- Calibrating this technique requires a source of polarized b's.
- Top decays provide one very naturally!

#### **Measurement of** *b***-quark polarization**

> Despite hadronization, bottom **baryons** partly retain polarization.

Falk and Peskin, PRD 49, 3320 (1994)



Fragmentation fraction into baryons ≈ 10% (Mesons don't contribute because the lightest are scalars)



# Mono Top

- Qing-Hong told us about signals producing a single top quark together with missing momentum.
- This "mono-top" signature probes theories where there are new neutral scalars with flavor-violating interactions or which decay to a top and an invisible particle.
- In these cases, the particles are unlikely to be dark matter, but this is still an interesting signal of e.g. R-parity violating SUSY via single-stop production.

#### Qing-Hong Cao Top and Exotic Models

#### see Theveneaux-Pelzer's poster



Andrea, Fuks, Maltoni, 1106.6199 Wang, Li, Shao, Zhang, 1109.5963



# Charged Higgs

- A charged Higgs can decay into a top and a bottom quark, producing a polarized sample of tops.
- In a type- $H^+$  IDM, the degree of polarization in the decay depends on tan  $\beta$ .
- One can produce the Higgs in association with a single top (in analogy to Wt), and its decay (and store to a t that the signature with very ) inusual kinematic) structure (the resonant).

Qing-Hong Cao Top and Exotic Models



# Four Tops



- As Qing-Hong pointed out, many kinds of theories produce large numbers of tops.
   For example, theories where top is composite.
- This points out an important consideration: consistent theories can be many times the SM rate. This is really a BSM search.
- While the SM is an important target, it is important to put meaningful bounds on BSM theories on our way to seeing it.









Qing-Hong Cao Top and Exotic Models

# Future Colliders

- In the far future, very high energy colliders could offer a unique perspective on the top.
- For example, a future circular collider could reach energies of order 100 TeV.
- Production of four or six tops in the SM could be feasible.





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Schematic of 80 - 100 km long tunnel

### Future Colliders

#### Applications: chromoX moments of the top quark • Top chromomagnetic and chromoelectric moments $\mathcal{L} = \frac{ig_s}{m_t} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \left[ g_V + i g_A \right] T_a t G^a_{\mu\nu}$ 0.15 0.15 DGRAPH 0.10 0.10 0.05 0.05 S. 0.00 βA 0.00 -0.05-0.05-0.10-0.10**Benjamin Fuks** -0.15 -0.10-0.050.00 0.05 -0.100.05 -0.050.00 $g_V$ $g_V$ Perspective at FCC 0.02 Top pair-production total cross sections MADGRAPH $\succ$ constraints on $g_A$ and $g_V$ 0.01 Existing data: <u>Tevatron</u>; <u>LHC-8</u> So 0.00 Predictions: LHC-14; FCC-100 ★ Major improvement not foreseen... ★ LHC: assuming 5% syst. + stat. for 100 fb<sup>-1</sup> -0.01★ FCC: assuming 5% syst. + stat. for 1 ab<sup>-1</sup> -0.02 Using instead highly massive top pairs -0.02-0.010.00 0.01 0.02 $\star$ M<sub>ff</sub> > 6 TeV or 10 TeV or 15 TeV

 The high rate of top production offers a very precise determination of anomalous couplings, such as e.g. a chromo-magnetic or -electric moment of the top quark.

### Future e+e-



- Off-shell tops can be useful at the ILC. By tuning the collider energy, one can get to a regime where one top is typically on-shell, and the other off-shell.
- Once the top goes off-shell, there is enhanced sensitivity to the W-t-b interaction.
- Percent level measurements are possible at a Higgs factory.
- (There should be something that can be said about Z-t-t as well).



# Future Computations

- Future colliders and precision measurements are going to need improved theoretical tools to extract the physics.
- The NLO ---> NNLO revolution continues to go strong, with many important signal and background processes coming under theoretical control.
- Automation allows one to achieve a NLO standard of theoretical accuracy at the LHC.
- Techniques to include electroweak corrections are in development.

#### Stefano Pozzorini

Perspective on New Generators

#### NLO multi-particle revolution and automation

- various new 1-loop techniques
- many 2  $\rightarrow$  4(5,6) processes at NLO QCD: 5j, W + 5j, Z + 4j, H + 3j, WWjj, WZjj,  $\gamma\gamma$  + 3j,  $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ , W $\gamma\gamma j$ , WWb $\bar{b}$ ,  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ ,  $t\bar{t}jj$ ,  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ ,  $t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$ , ...
- various new 1-loop tools: CutTools, Samurai, Helac-NLO, MadLoop, GoSam, BlackHat, Ninja, NJet, OpenLoops, Collier, Recola

#### Full automation of NLO and Monte Carlo tools

- IR subtraction, integration, NLO matching and multi-jet merging,...
- tools: Madgraph/aMC@NLO, Powheg/Powhel, Sherpa, Herwig, Pythia

#### Great potential to promote NLO to standard TH accuracy at LHC

- wide range of NLO simulations possible
- further efficiency improvements crucial for challenging processes
- understanding of underlying physics and TH uncertainties can be non-trivial

Most results in this talk based on  $\operatorname{OPENLOOPS}$  [Cascioli, Maierhöfer, S.P. '12]

#### Recent results with OpenLoops (Higgs and Top phenomenology)

- NLO for  $pp o W^+ W^- b ar{b}$  with  $m_b > 0$ , [Cascioli, Kallweit, Maierhöfer, S. P., arXiv:1312.0546]
- S-MC@NLO  $pp \to t \bar{t} b \bar{b}$  with  $m_b > 0$ , [Cascioli, Maierhöfer, Moretti, S. P. , Siegert, arXiv:1309.5912]
- MEPS@NLO for  $\ell\ell\nu\nu$ +0,1 jets, [Cascioli, Höche, Krauss, Maierhöfer, S. P. , Siegert, arXiv:1309.0500]
- NLO merging for  $pp \rightarrow HH+$ 0,1 jets, [Maierhöfer, Papaefstathiou, arXiv:1401.0007]
- MEPS@NLO for  $t\bar{t}$ +0,1,2 jets, [Höche, Krauss, Maierhöfer, S. P. , Schönherr, Siegert arXiv:1402.6293]
- MEPS@NLO for WWW+0,1 jets, [Höche, Krauss, S. P. , Schönherr, Thompson arXiv:1403.7516]
- $\bullet~$  NNLO for  $pp \to \gamma Z~$  production, <code>[Grazzini, Kallweit, Rathlev, Torre, arXiv:1309.7000]</code>
- NNLO for  $qar{q} 
  ightarrow tar{t}$  production, [Abelof, Gehrmann–de Ridder, Maierhöfer, S.P. , arXiv:1404.6493]
- NNLO for  $pp \rightarrow ZZ$  production, [Cascioli, Gehrmann, Grazzini, Kallweit, Maierhöfer, von Manteuffel, S.P., Rathlev, Tancredi, Weihs, arXiv:1405.2219]
- NNLO for  $pp \rightarrow W^+W^-$  production, [Gehrmann, Grazzini, Kallweit, Maierhöfer, von Manteuffel, S.P., Rathlev, Tancredi arXiv:1408.5243]

Several challenging NLO, S-MC@NLO, MEPS@NLO and NNLO studies thanks to high automation, flexibility and CPU performance

# Summary



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### Observation

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### What I Learned

- Theorists are more likely to go over time on their presentations.
  - Experimentalists have figured this out.
  - I am willing to bet this talk is another data point.
- Top experimentalists tend to be more sophisticated than their purely BSM counter-parts when it comes to QCD, MC, ...
- Top physics is going strong!
  - So many wonderful experimental results... I really have no idea how Christian is going to cope!
  - Precision measurements and computations make unparalleled progress.
  - Exploration of the complicated observables and high energy or rare processes both theoretically and experimentally are well underway.

Thank you!





### Observation

### Characterization

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