

# **Production and decay of top quark via FCNC couplings beyond leading order**

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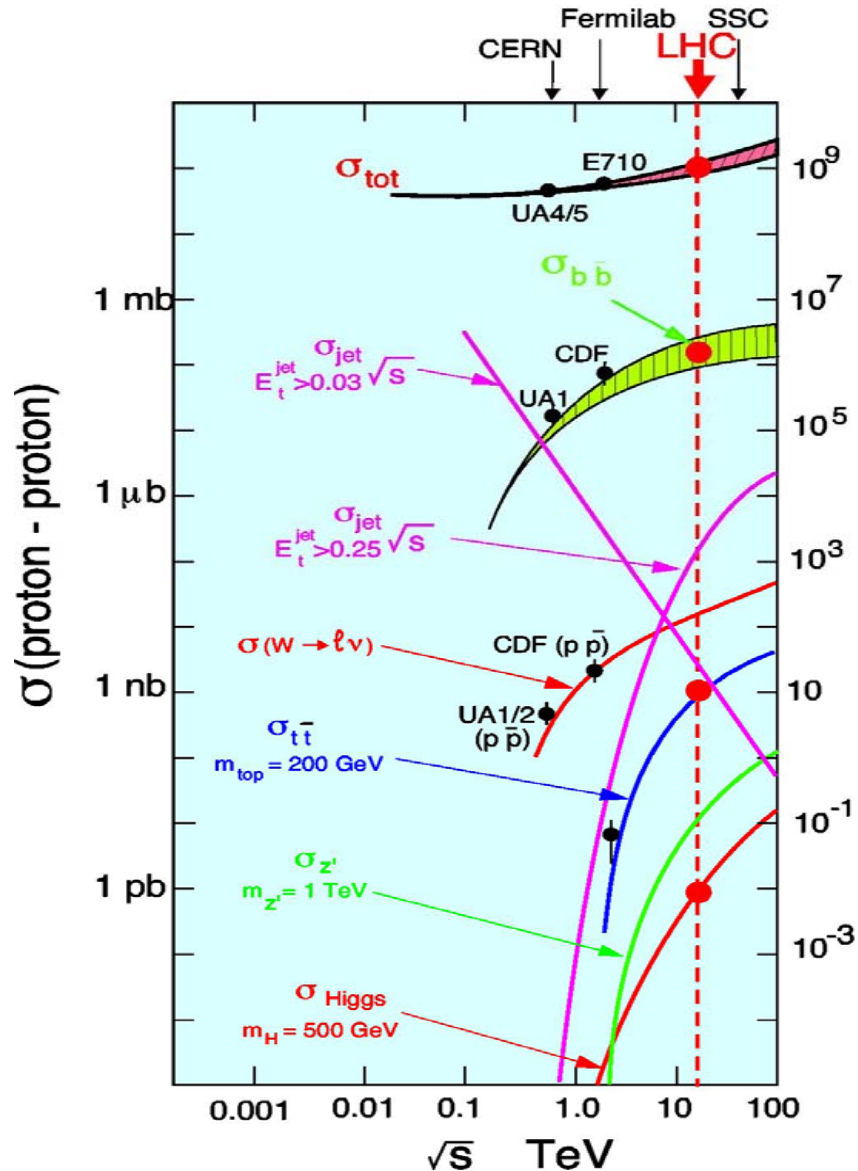
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# 1. Introduction

- LHC can produce abundant top events. Even in the initial low luminosity run (  $\sim 10 \text{ fb}^{-1} / \text{ year}$  )  $8 \times 10^6$  top quark pairs and  $3 \times 10^6$  single top quark will be produced per year.
- With such large samples, precise measurements of its couplings will be available to test the SM predictions.
- Within the SM, **FCNC** couplings vanish at the tree level by the GIM mechanism and all **FCNC** processes are highly suppressed at the one –loop level according to the CKM matrix .
- Beyond the SM this GIM suppression can be relaxed, in some models involving new physics **FCNC** top quark couplings could appear at the tree level, and, therefore, lead to large **FCNC** effects.

# • Cross Sections and Production Rates



Rates for  $L = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ : (LHC)

• Inelastic proton-proton reactions:	$10^9 / \text{s}$
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• bb pairs	$5 \cdot 10^6 / \text{s}$
• tt pairs	$8 / \text{s}$

• $W \rightarrow e \nu$	$150 / \text{s}$
• $Z \rightarrow e e$	$15 / \text{s}$

• Higgs (150 GeV)	$0.2 / \text{s}$
• Gluino, Squarks (1 TeV)	$0.03 / \text{s}$

Events / sec for  $\mathcal{L} = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$

LHC is a factory for:  
top-quarks, b-quarks, W, Z, ..... Higgs, .....

The only problem: you have to detect them !

- Since we do not know which type of new physics will be responsible for a possible deviation from SM predictions, it is necessary to study the top quark FCNC production and decay in a model-independent way.
- Any new physics effect involved in top quark FCNC processes can be incorporated into an effective Lagrangian :

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}^{\text{eff}} = & -\frac{g}{2 \cos \theta_W} \sum_{q=u,c} \bar{t} \gamma^\mu (v_{tq}^Z - a_{tq}^Z \gamma_5) q Z_\mu - \frac{g}{2 \cos \theta_W} \sum_{q=u,c} \frac{\kappa_{tq}^Z}{\Lambda} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (f_{tq}^Z + i h_{tq}^Z \gamma_5) q Z_{\mu\nu} \\
& - e \sum_{q=u,c} \frac{\kappa_{tq}^\gamma}{\Lambda} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (f_{tq}^\gamma + i h_{tq}^\gamma \gamma_5) q A_{\mu\nu} - g_s \sum_{q=u,c} \frac{\kappa_{tq}^g}{\Lambda} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^a (f_{tq}^g + i h_{tq}^g \gamma_5) q G_{\mu\nu}^a + \text{h.c.} \quad (1)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Lambda$  is the new physics scale,  $\kappa$  is normalized to be real and positive and  $f, h$  to be complex numbers satisfying

$$|f|^2 + |h|^2 = 1 \text{ for each term.}$$

- Colliders such as the Tevatron, HERA and LHC have a nice opportunity to probe top quark **FCNC** couplings.
- In fact, **very recent data from D0 collaboration has set upper limits on the top quark FCNC couplings.**

The upper limits on the anomalous coupling parameters at 95% C.L. are:

D0 Collaboration, **Phys. Rev. Lett. 99,191802(2007)**

$$\kappa_g^c / \Lambda < 0.15 \text{TeV}^{-1}$$

$$\kappa_g^u / \Lambda < 0.037 \text{TeV}^{-1}$$

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TABLE V. Upper limits on $\kappa_g^c/\Lambda$ and $\kappa_g^u/\Lambda$ , at 95% C.L.		
	Observed (expected) limits [TeV <sup>-1</sup> ]	
	$\kappa_g^c/\Lambda$	$\kappa_g^u/\Lambda$
Electron channel	0.16 (0.19)	0.046 (0.052)
Muon channel	0.21 (0.21)	0.049 (0.050)
Combined	<b>0.15(0.16)</b>	<b>0.037(0.041)</b>

## 2. Single top quark production via anomalous couplings

- The top quark **FCNC** processes induced by some new physics, such as SUSY, have been studied in detail[1,2,3]. In general, top quark decay processes provide the best place to discover top **FCNC** interactions involving anomalous **t-q- $\gamma$**  and **t-q-Z** couplings. However, for **t-q-g** anomalous couplings, the direct top quark production processes are the most sensitive ones [4,5,6,7].

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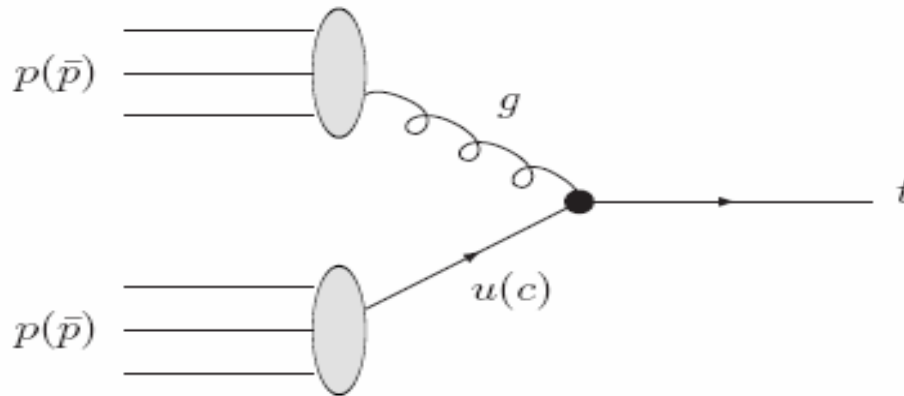
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- To probe smaller anomalous couplings, we must search for top quark FCNC processes directly. For  $\kappa_{tq}^g$  anomalous coupling, the most sensitive process is direct top quark production (Hosch, Whisnant and B.-L. Young, Phys. Rev. D 56, 5725; Tao Han, Hosch, Whisnant, B.-L. Young and X. Zhang, Phys. Rev. D 58, 073008).

Collider		Tevatron			LHC
$\sqrt{S}$ (TeV)		1.8	2		14
$\mathcal{L}$ (fb <sup>-1</sup> )		0.1	2	30	10
$\kappa_{tu}^g/\Lambda_N$	2 $\rightarrow$ 1	0.058	0.019	0.0094	0.0033
	2 $\rightarrow$ 2	0.082	0.026	0.013	0.0061
$\kappa_{tc}^g/\Lambda_N$	2 $\rightarrow$ 1	0.22	0.062	0.030	0.0084
	2 $\rightarrow$ 2	0.31	0.092	0.046	0.013



- Direct top quark production



- This is the most sensitive process to **t-g-q** anomalous couplings.
- The analysis based on the leading order cross sections suggests that the anomalous couplings can be detected down to **0.019/TeV** for  $q=u$  and **0.016/TeV** for  $q=c$  at the **Tevatron Run2**, respectively.  
(M. Hosch et al., PRD56,5725(1997), T. Han et al., PRD58, 073008(1998))
- Studies with a fast detector simulation for **ATLAS** indicate a similar reach at the **LHC** (O.Cakir et al., J. Phys.G31,N1(2005))

## Numerical results of leading order[5]

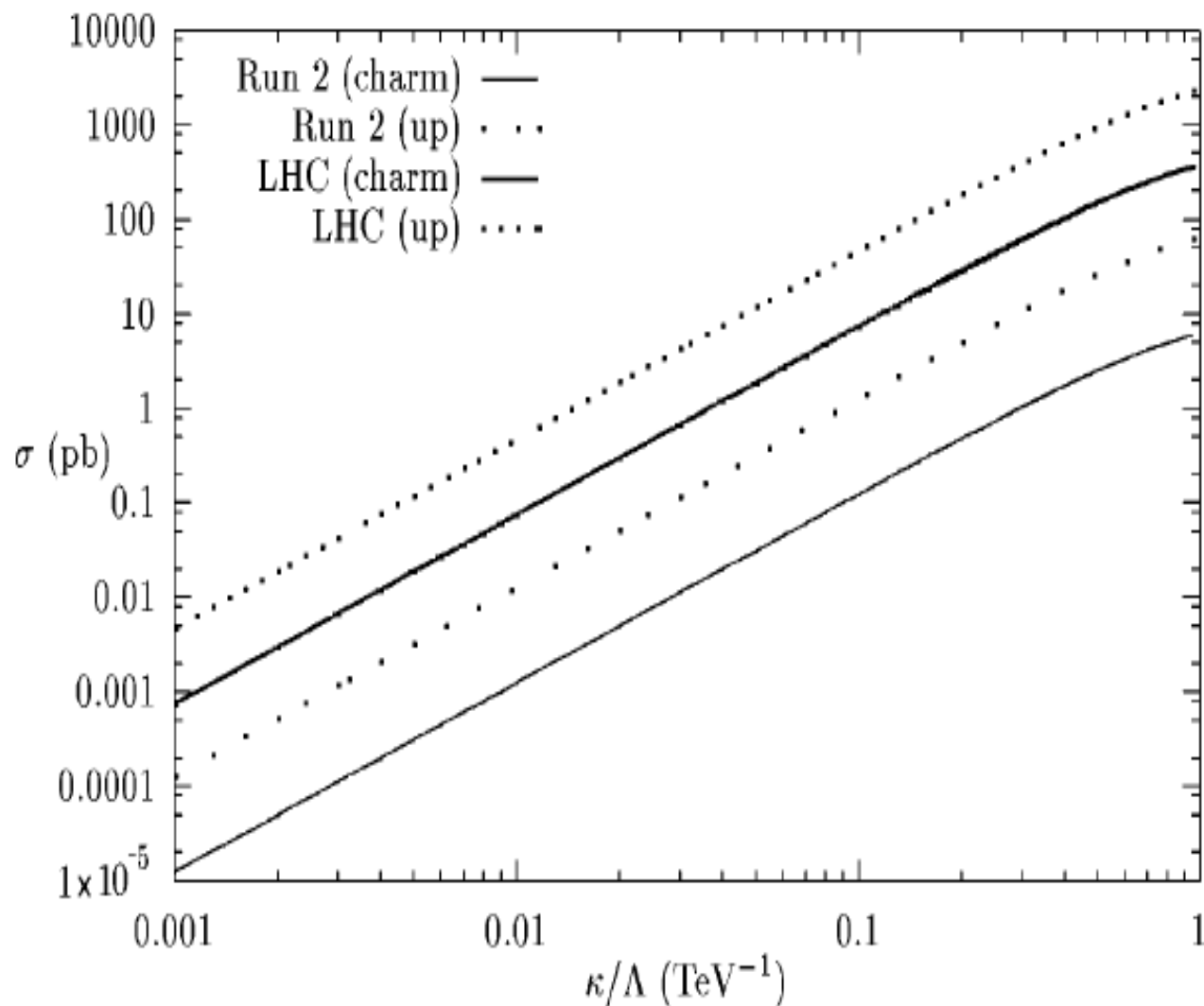


FIG. 2. Direct top quark cross section vs  $\kappa/\Lambda$  at run 2 of the Tevatron and the LHC. The cross sections for run 1 of the Tevatron are barely distinguishable from run 2, and are not shown here.

### 3. NLO QCD corrections[6]

As we know, LO cross sections at hadron colliders suffer from large uncertainties due to the arbitrary choices of the renormalization scale and factorization scale, and are not sufficient for the extraction of the anomalous couplings from experiments. In order to establish accurate limits on FCNC couplings, we need accurate predictions for both cross sections and decay branching ratios.

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#### Next-to-leading order QCD corrections to the direct top quark production via model-independent FCNC couplings at hadron colliders

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We calculated the next-to-leading order (NLO) QCD corrections to the cross sections for direct top quark productions induced by model-independent flavor-changing neutral current couplings at hadron colliders. The NLO results increase the experimental sensitivity to the anomalous couplings. Our results show that the NLO QCD corrections enhance the leading order (LO) total cross sections at the Tevatron Run 2 about 60% for both  $\kappa_{tc}^{\otimes}$  and  $\kappa_{tu}^{\otimes}$  couplings, and enhance the LO total cross sections at the LHC about 40% for  $\kappa_{tc}^{\otimes}$  couplings and 50% for  $\kappa_{tu}^{\otimes}$  couplings, respectively. Moreover, the NLO QCD corrections vastly reduce the dependence of the total cross sections on the renormalization or factorization scale, which leads to increased confidence in predictions based on these results.

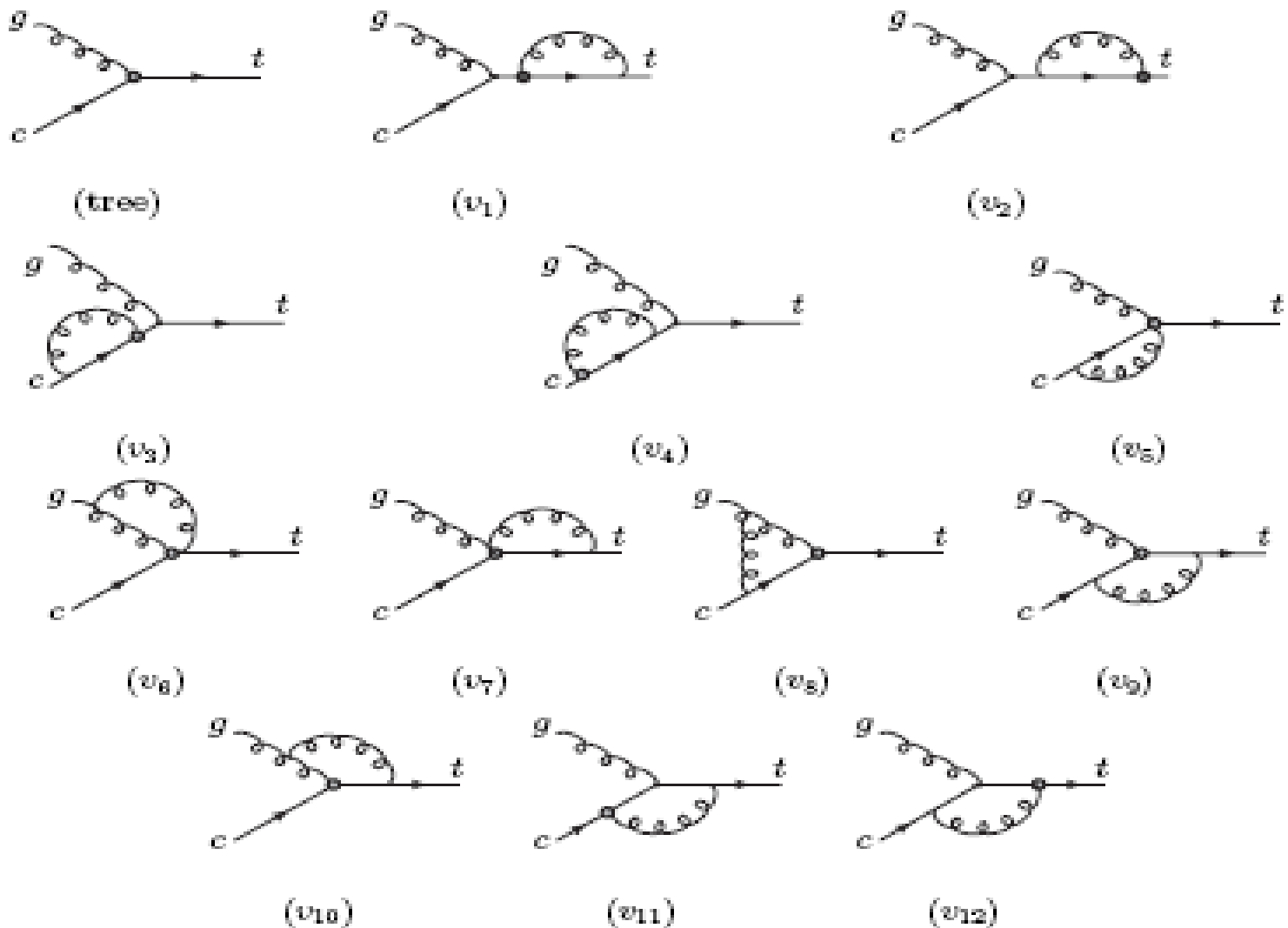


FIG. 1. Tree-level and one-loop Feynman diagrams for the direct top quark production.

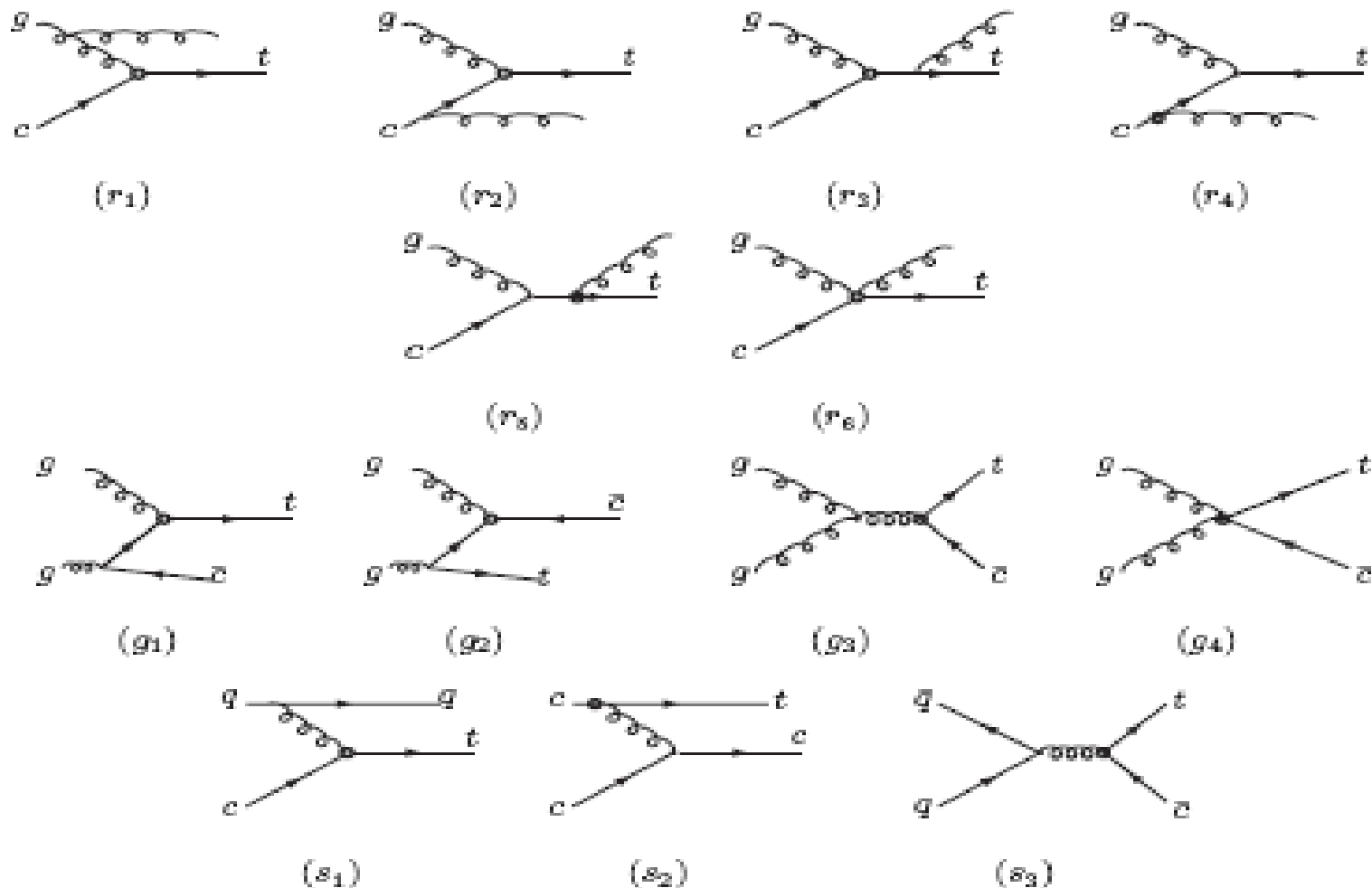


FIG. 2. Feynman diagrams of real gluon emission subprocesses  $[(r_1) - (r_6)]$ , gluon initial state subprocesses  $[(g_1) - (g_4)]$ , of which  $(g_1)$  and  $(g_2)$  have cross diagrams, and quark initial state subprocesses  $[(s_1) - (s_3)]$ , of which  $(s_2)$  has a cross diagram.

- NLO Numerical Results at Tevatron and LHC

- In our numerical calculations, we take the top quark mass  $m_t = 178.0 \text{ GeV}$  and the two-loop evolution of  $\alpha_s(\mu_r)$  with  $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.118$ . Moreover, CTEQ6L (CTEQ6M) PDFs are used in the calculation of the LO (NLO) cross sections. As for the anomalous couplings, which appear in the expressions as quadratic factors, we choose  $\kappa_{tq}^g / \Lambda = 0.01 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$ .

subprocess	LHC (LO)	LHC (NLO)	Tevatron Run 2 (LO)	Tevatron Run 2 (NLO)
$gu \rightarrow t$	11069.8	16817.8	259.0	412.6
$gc \rightarrow t$	1817.1	2536.6	17.6	28.3

TABLE I: The LO and NLO cross sections of direct top quark production via anomalous FCNC couplings at the LHC and Tevatron Run 2 (fb). Here  $\frac{\kappa_{tq}^g}{\Lambda} = 0.01 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$  and  $\mu_F = \mu_r = m_t$ .

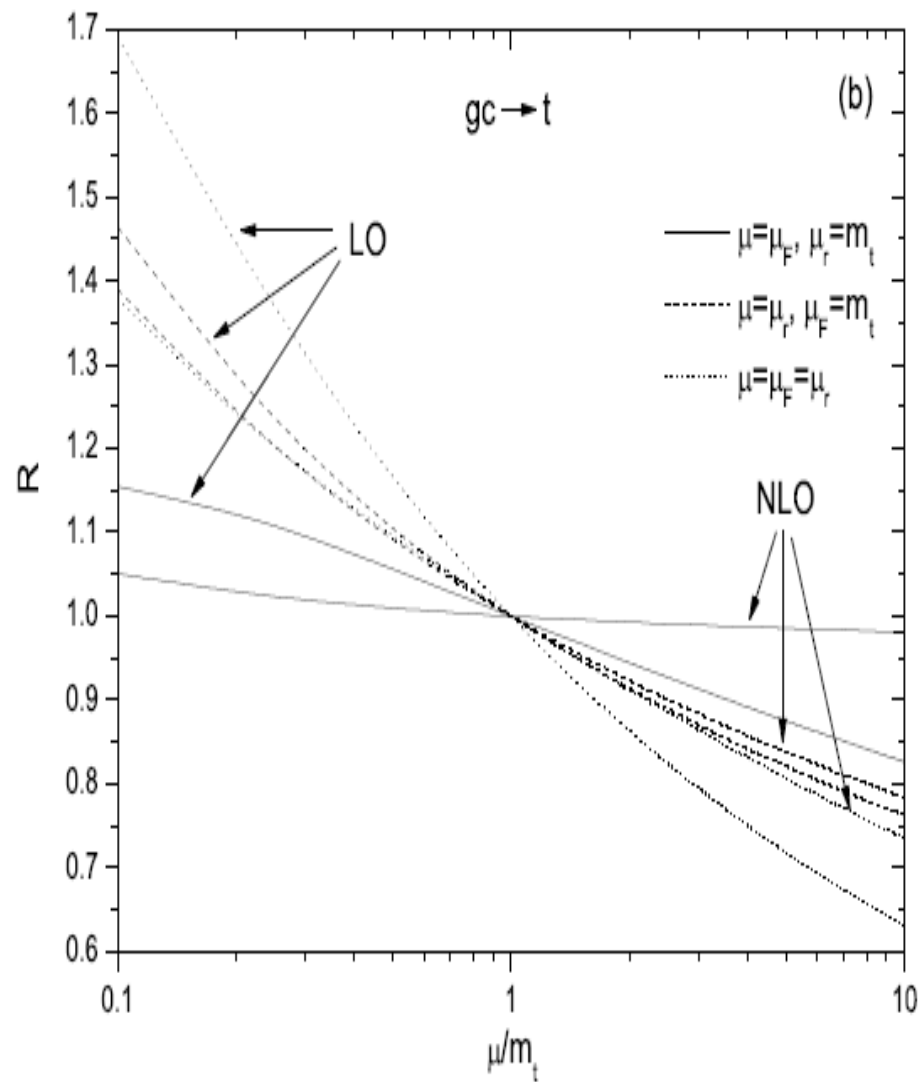
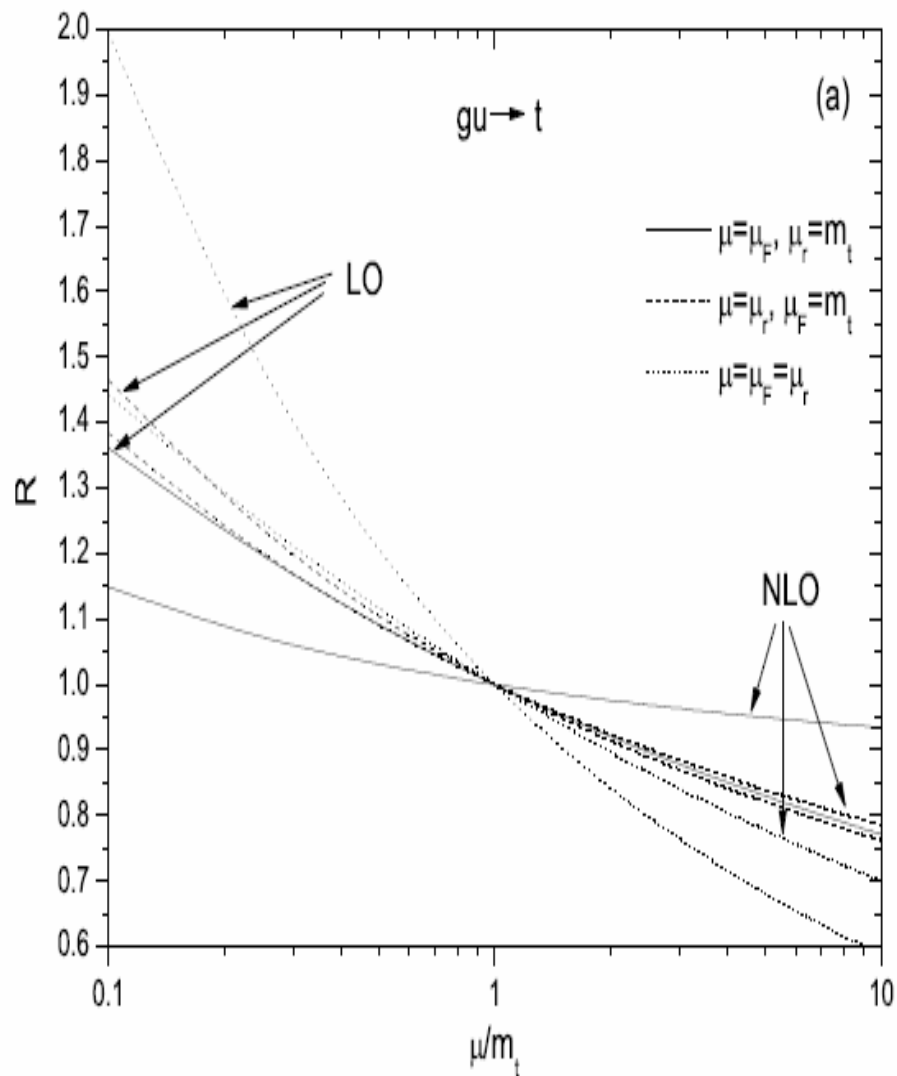


FIG. 3: The ratio  $R$  as functions of factorization (renormalization) scales for sub-processes  $gc \rightarrow t$  and  $gu \rightarrow t$  at the Tevatron Run 2: (a) up quark initial state and (b) charm quark initial state. Here  $\frac{\kappa_{tc(u)}^g}{\Lambda} = 0.01 \text{TeV}^{-1}$ .

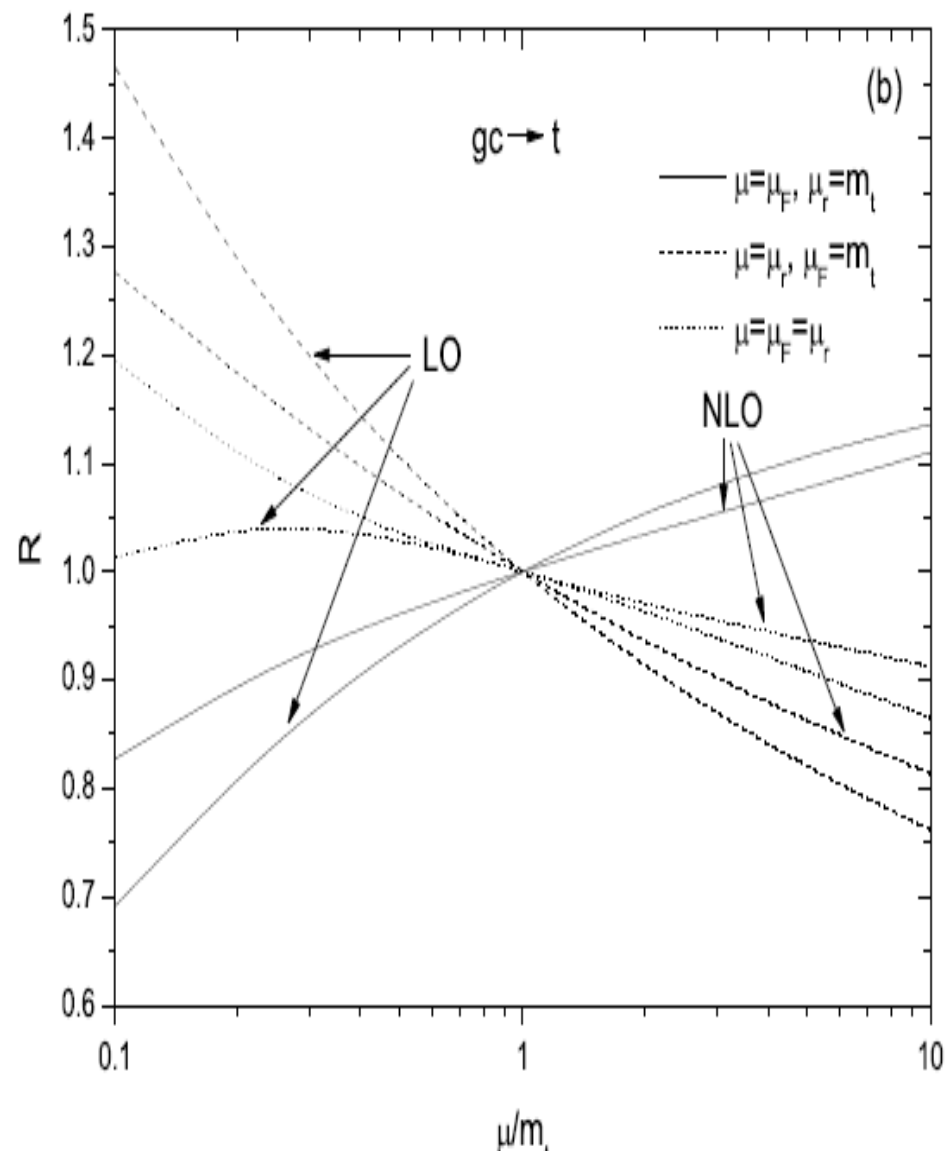
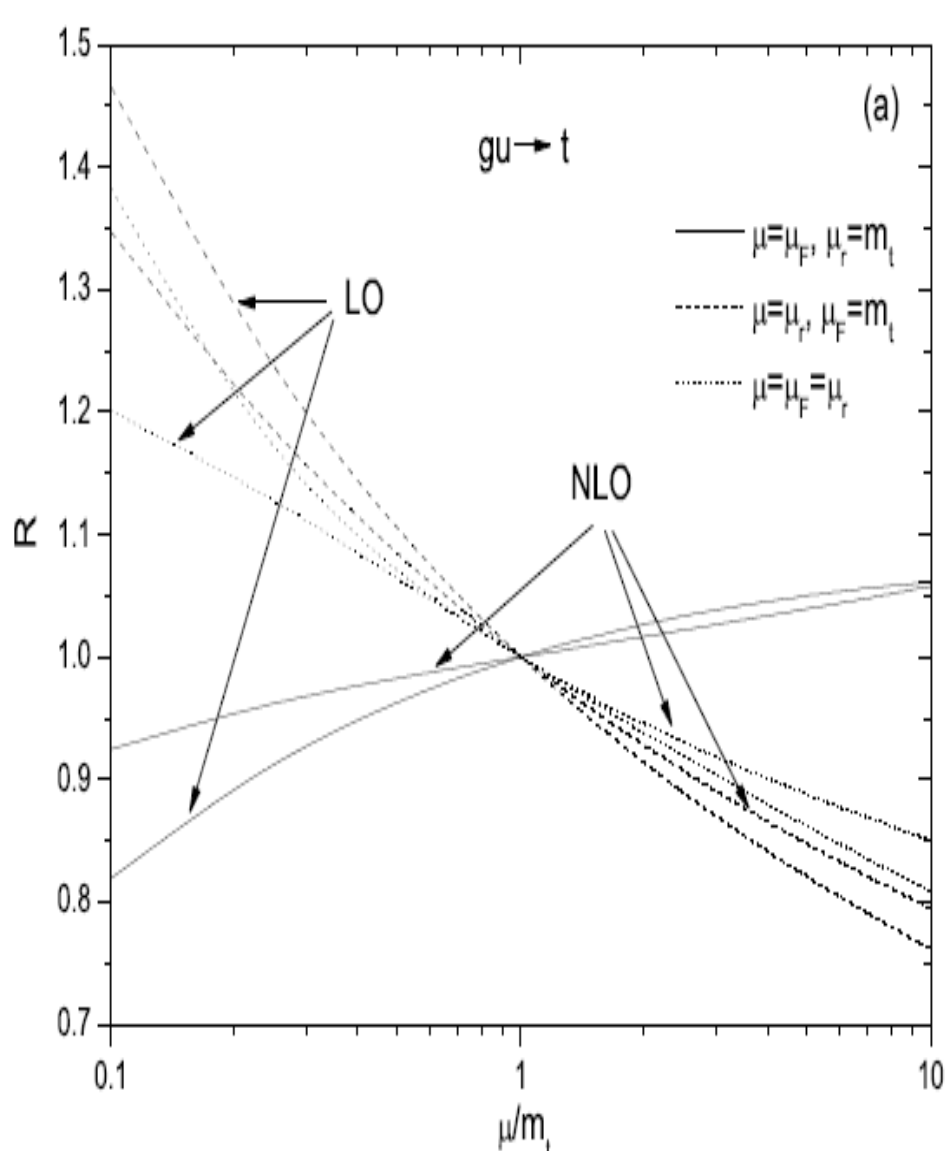


FIG. 4: The ratio  $R$  as functions of factorization (renormalization) scales for sub-processes  $gc \rightarrow t$  and  $gu \rightarrow t$  at the LHC: (a) up quark initial state and (b) charm quark initial state. Here  $\frac{\kappa_{tc(u)}^g}{\Lambda} = 0.01 \text{TeV}^{-1}$ .



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- Conclusions of this part:
- The NLO QCD corrections results increase the experimental sensitivity to the anomalous couplings. Our results show that the NLO QCD corrections enhance the LO total cross sections at the Tevatron Run 2 by about 60% for both  $K_{tc}^g$  and  $K_{tu}^g$  couplings (K factor of 1.6), and enhance the LO total cross sections at the LHC by about 40% (K factor of 1.4), for  $K_{tc}^g$  couplings and by 50% (K factor of 1.5), for  $K_{tu}^g$  couplings, respectively.
- Moreover, the NLO QCD corrections vastly reduce the dependence of the total cross sections on the renormalization or factorization scale at the Tevatron, which leads to increased confidence in our predictions.

## Search for Production of Single Top Quarks Via $t c g$ and $t u g$ Flavor-Changing-Neutral-Current Couplings

(D0 Collaboration)

We search for the production of single top quarks via flavor-changing-neutral-current couplings of a gluon to the top quark and a charm ( $c$ ) or up ( $u$ ) quark. We analyze 230 pb<sup>-1</sup> of lepton + jets data from  $p\bar{p}$  collisions at a center of mass energy of 1.96 TeV collected by the D0 detector at the Fermilab Tevatron Collider. We observe no significant deviation from standard model predictions, and hence set upper limits on the anomalous coupling parameters  $\kappa_g^c/\Lambda$  and  $\kappa_g^u/\Lambda$ , where  $\kappa_g$  define the strength of  $t c g$  and  $t u g$  couplings, and  $\Lambda$  defines the scale of new physics. The limits at 95% C.L. are  $\kappa_g^c/\Lambda < 0.15$  TeV<sup>-1</sup> and  $\kappa_g^u/\Lambda < 0.037$  TeV<sup>-1</sup>.

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The effects of FCNC couplings are parametrized in a model-independent way via an effective Lagrangian [12] that is a linear function of the factor  $\kappa_g/\Lambda$ . The production cross section of single top quarks thus depends quadratically on  $\kappa_g/\Lambda$ , and for certain values of  $\kappa_g/\Lambda$  can be significantly larger than that in the SM, as shown in Table I. The cross sections are evaluated at a top quark mass of  $m_t = 175$  GeV, with the factorization and renormalization scales set to  $Q^2 = m_t^2$ . The LO cross sections are scaled to next-to-leading (NLO) order by a  $K$  factor (NLO/LO cross section ratio) of 1.6 [17].

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TABLE I. The production cross sections of single top quarks through a gluon exchange in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV for different values of  $\kappa_g/\Lambda$ , as obtained from COMPHEP and scaled to NLO by a  $K$  factor of 1.6.

$\kappa_g/\Lambda$ [TeV <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\sigma(t)$ [pb]	
	$t c g$ ( $\kappa_g^u = 0$ )	$t u g$ ( $\kappa_g^c = 0$ )
0.01	0.05	0.88
0.03	0.45	7.92
0.07	2.40	42.61
0.11	5.86	104.78

# NLO results

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{gq}}{\hat{\sigma}_0} &= \delta(1-z) \\ &+ \frac{\alpha_s}{6\pi} \left\{ \delta(1-z) \left[ \left( \frac{45}{2} - n_f \right) \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu_f^2} + \left( \frac{29}{2} - n_f \right) \ln \frac{\mu_r^2}{Q^2} + \frac{4}{3}\pi^2 - 15 \right] \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{(1-z)_+} \left[ 26 \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu_f^2} - \frac{77z+27}{4} \ln z + \frac{1}{8} \left( 27z^2 - 57z - 23 - \frac{11}{z} \right) \right] \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{77z+27}{2} \left( \frac{\ln(1-z)}{1-z} \right)_+ + \dots \right\} \end{aligned}$$

## Behavior near threshold

The NLO partonic cross section contains singular terms like  $\left(\frac{\ln(1-z)}{1-z}\right)_+$  and  $\frac{1}{(1-z)_+}$ . Under Mellin transformation

$$f(z) \rightarrow \tilde{f}(N) = \int_0^1 z^{N-1} f(z),$$
$$\left(\frac{\ln(1-z)}{1-z}\right)_+ \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \bar{N} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right),$$
$$\frac{1}{(1-z)_+} \rightarrow -\ln \bar{N} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right),$$

where  $\bar{N} = Ne^{\gamma_E}$  and  $\gamma_E$  is Euler's constant. **When  $z \rightarrow 1$  or  $N \rightarrow \infty$  (near threshold), the above terms will be large and it is essential to resum them to all orders in  $\alpha_s$ .**

## 4.Threshold resummation effects [7]

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### **Threshold resummation effects in direct top quark production at hadron colliders**

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We investigate the threshold-enhanced QCD corrections to the cross sections for direct top quark productions induced by model-independent flavor changing neutral current couplings at hadron colliders. We use the soft-collinear effective theory to describe the incoming massless partons and use the heavy quark effective theory to treat the top quark. Then we construct the flavor changing operator based on the above effective theories, and resum the large logarithms near threshold arising from soft gluon emission. Our results show that the resummed QCD corrections further enhance the next-to-leading order cross sections significantly. Moreover, the resummation effects vastly reduce the dependence of the cross sections on the renormalization and factorization scales, especially in cases where the next-to-leading order results behave worse than the leading order results. Our results are more sensitive to the new physics effects. If signals of direct top quark production are found in future experiments, it is more appropriate to use our results as the theoretical inputs for extracting the anomalous couplings.

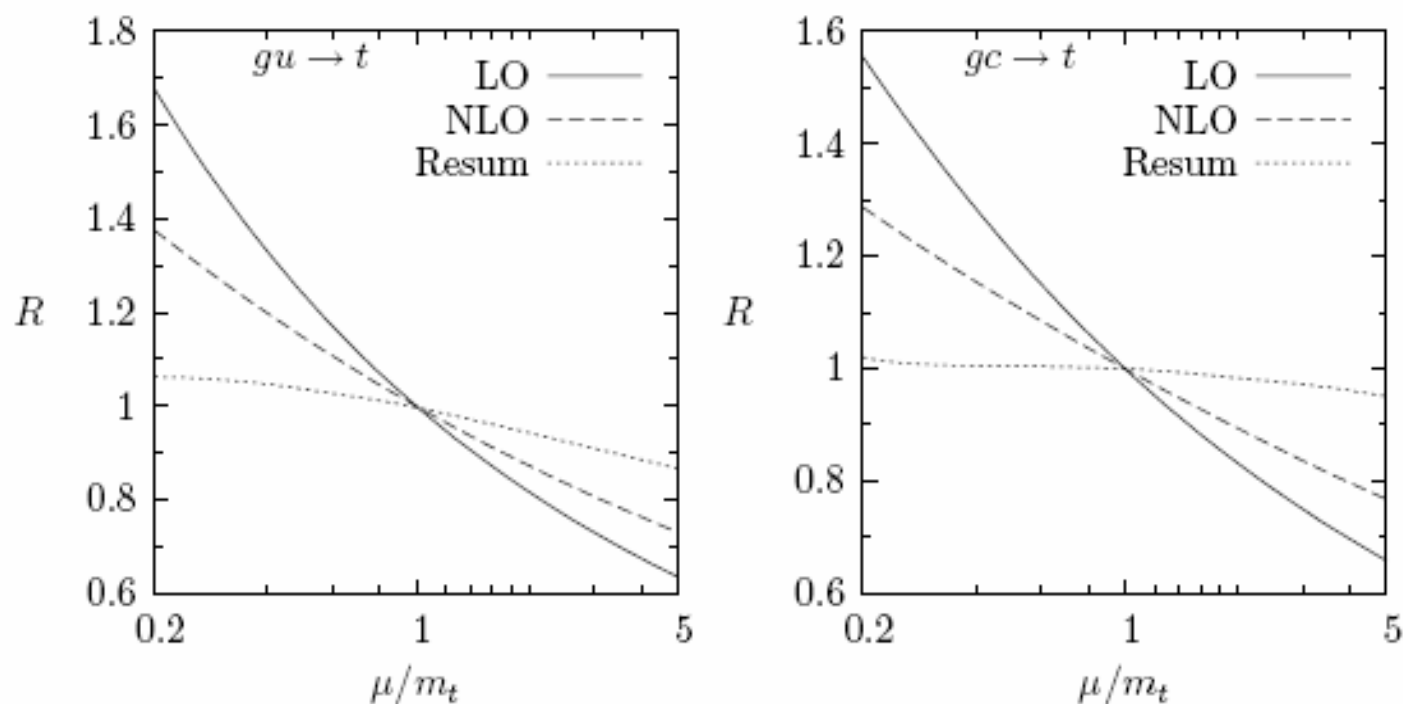
## Numerical results

subprocess	PDF	LHC $\left(\frac{\kappa/\Lambda}{0.01\text{TeV}^{-1}}\right)^2$ pb			Tevatron $\left(\frac{\kappa/\Lambda}{0.01\text{TeV}^{-1}}\right)^2$ fb		
		LO	NLO	Resum	LO	NLO	Resum
$gu \rightarrow t$	CTEQ	12.9	17.0	23.7	268	425	547
	MRST	12.2	16.3	19.5	262	426	520
$gc \rightarrow t$	CTEQ	1.71	2.53	3.71	13.1	28.1	38.2
	MRST	1.68	2.38	2.92	17.0	30.3	38.6

Here  $\mu_r = \mu_f = m_t$ .

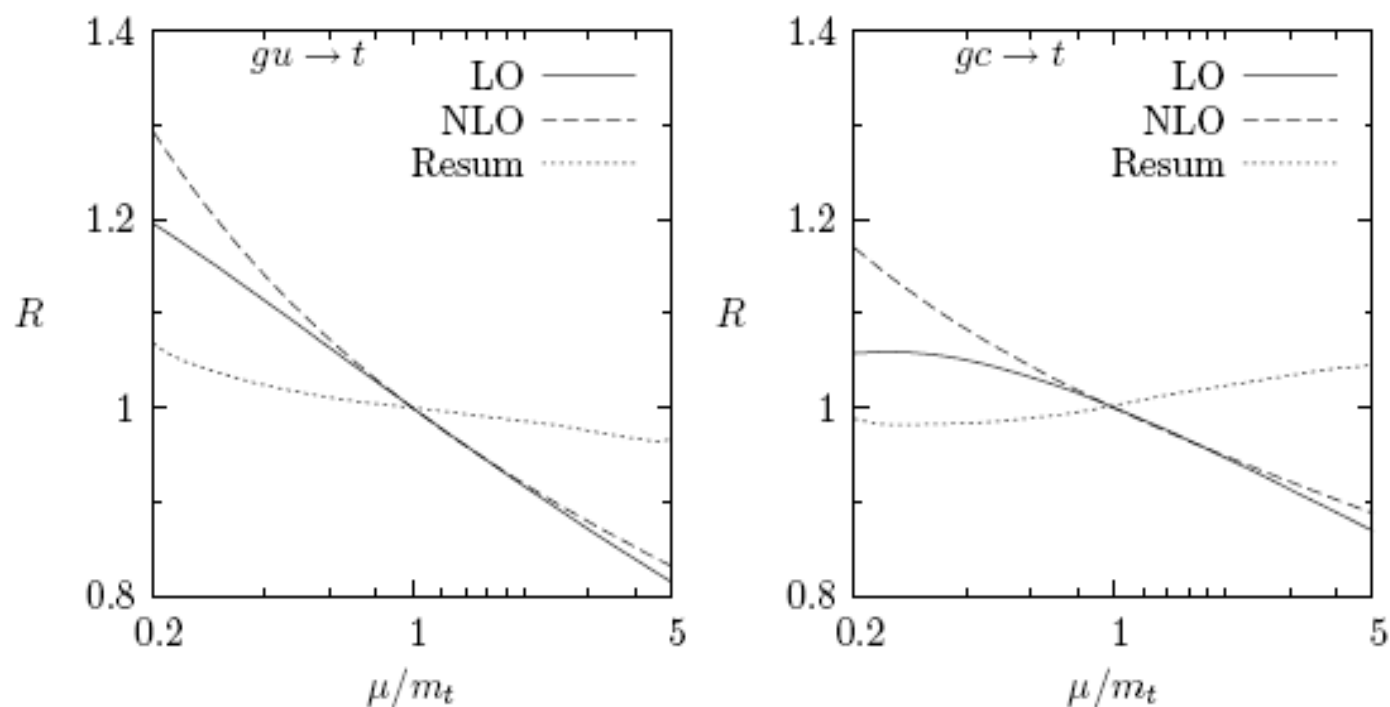
- ▶ The resummation effects further increase the NLO cross sections.
- ▶ The discrepancies between the different PDF sets are still large. These have to be improved by the fitting groups.

# Scale dependence: Tevatron Run II



- NLO QCD corrections reduce the scale dependence of the cross sections.
- Threshold resummation effects further reduce such dependence, and make the theoretical predictions more reliable.

# Scale dependence: LHC



- NLO corrections can not reduce the scale dependence of the cross sections. In the region  $\mu < m_t$ , the behavior of NLO results are even worse than that of the LO ones.
- Threshold resummation effects significantly reduce the scale dependence and improve the precision of the predictions.



- The newly presented results on the search of FCNC direct top production by CDF Collaboration [8]:

Using resummation predictions for  $\sigma(u(c) + g \rightarrow t)$  [6, 7], they convert the upper limit on the cross section into upper limits on the FCNC coupling constants at the 95% C.L. and find  $\frac{\kappa_{tu}^g}{\Lambda} < 0.018 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$ , assuming  $\frac{\kappa_{tc}^g}{\Lambda} = 0$  and  $\frac{\kappa_{tc}^g}{\Lambda} < 0.069 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$ , assuming  $\frac{\kappa_{tu}^g}{\Lambda} = 0$ .

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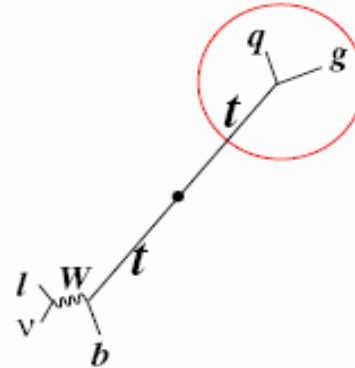


- Top QCD FCNC decay at the leading order

Here, we are mainly concerned with the decay mode:  $t \rightarrow qg$

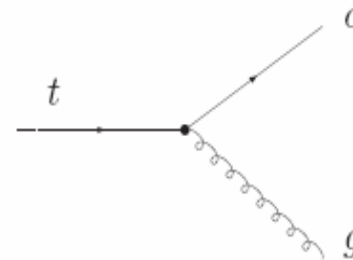
- Signal at the LHC

3 jets + 1 l + missing energy



- Leading order Feynman diagram and decay width for top QCD FCNC decay

$$\Gamma_0(t \rightarrow c + g) = \frac{8m_t^3 \alpha_s}{3} \left( \frac{\kappa^g}{\Lambda} \right)^2$$



- **NLO Feynman diagrams** : the real corrections include both  $cgg$  and  $cq\bar{q}$  ( $q=u, d, c, s, b$ ) final states contributions, the last Feynman diagram exists only if  $q=c$ .

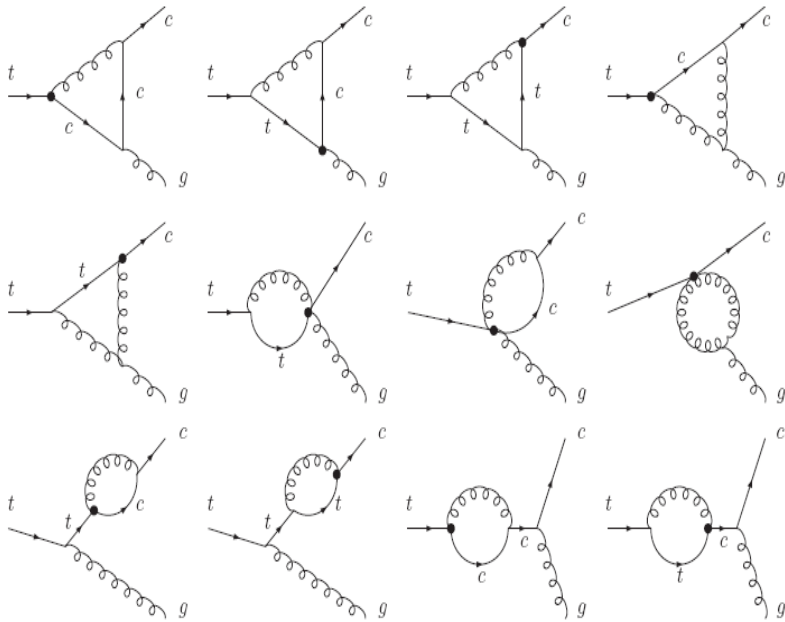


FIG. 2: One-loop Feynman diagrams for  $t \rightarrow c + g$ .

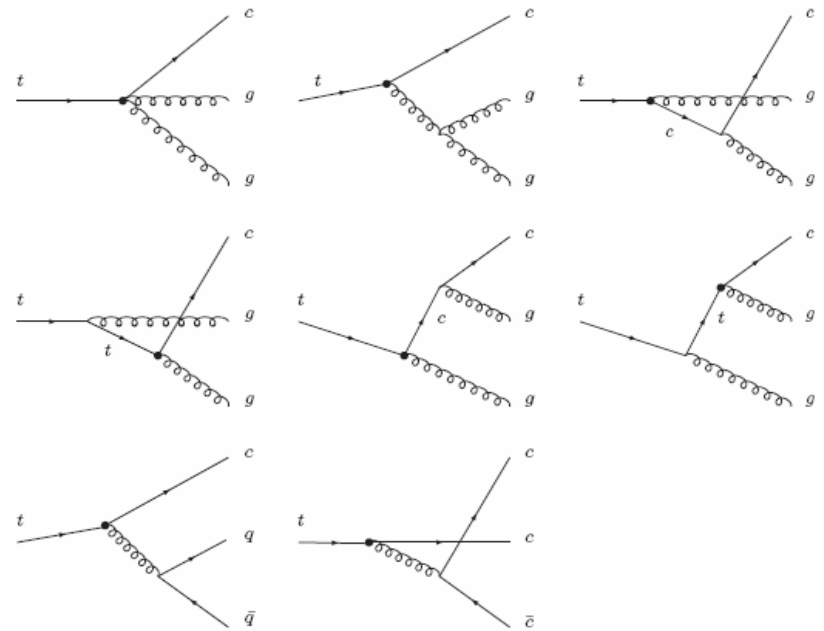


FIG. 3: Feynman diagrams of real gluon emission and gluon split.

- **Analytical results:** using dimensional regularization scheme in dimension  $d=4-2\varepsilon$

**tree level:**

$$\Gamma_0(t \rightarrow c + g) = \frac{8m_t^3 \alpha_S}{3} \left(\frac{\kappa^g}{\Lambda}\right)^2 \frac{\Gamma(2-\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(2-2\varepsilon)} \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_t^2}\right)^\varepsilon$$

**virtual corrections:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\text{virtual}} = \frac{\alpha_S}{6\pi} \Gamma_0 \left\{ -\frac{13}{\varepsilon_{\text{IR}}^2} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{\text{IR}}} \left[ -13 \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_t^2} + 13\gamma_E + N_f - \frac{53}{2} \right] + \left[ -\frac{13}{2} \left( \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_t^2} - \gamma_E \right)^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - 12 \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_t^2} + \left( N_f - \frac{53}{2} \right) (\ln 4\pi - \gamma_E) + \frac{55\pi^2}{12} - 23 \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

**real corrections:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\text{real}} = \frac{\alpha_S}{6\pi} \Gamma_0 \left\{ \frac{13}{\varepsilon_{\text{IR}}^2} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{\text{IR}}} \left[ -13 \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_t^2} + 13\gamma_E + N_f - \frac{53}{2} \right] + \left[ \frac{13}{2} \left( \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_t^2} - \gamma_E \right)^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{53}{2} \left( \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_t^2} - \gamma_E \right) - N_f \left( \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_t^2} + 3 - \gamma_E \right) - \frac{31\pi^2}{4} + \frac{1025}{12} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

**total results:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\text{NLO}}(t \rightarrow c + g) &= \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_{\text{real}} + \Gamma_{\text{virtual}} \\ &= \Gamma_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{72\pi} \left[ (174 - 12N_f) \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_t^2}\right) - 36N_f - 38\pi^2 + 749 \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- **Branching ratio**: we take the results of the SM dominate top quark decay mode in Ref.[8],

$$\Gamma_0(t \rightarrow W + b) = \frac{G_F m_t^3}{8\sqrt{2}\pi} |V_{tb}|^2 \beta_W^4 (3 - 2\beta_W^2),$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{NLO}}(t \rightarrow W + b) = \Gamma_0(t \rightarrow Wb) \left\{ 1 + \frac{C_F \alpha_S}{2\pi} \left[ 2 \left( \frac{(1 - \beta_W^2)(2\beta_W^2 - 1)(\beta_W^2 - 2)}{\beta_W^4 (3 - 2\beta_W^2)} \right) \ln(1 - \beta_W^2) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \frac{9 - 4\beta_W^2}{3 - 2\beta_W^2} \ln \beta_W^2 + 2Li_2(\beta_W^2) - 2Li_2(1 - \beta_W^2) - \frac{6\beta_W^4 - 3\beta_W^2 - 8}{2\beta_W^2 (3 - 2\beta_W^2)} - \pi^2 \right] \right\},$$

where  $\beta_W = \left(1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_t^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

and define

$$\text{BR}_{\text{LO}}(t \rightarrow c + g) \equiv \frac{\Gamma_0(t \rightarrow c + g)}{\Gamma_0(t \rightarrow W + b)}, \quad \text{BR}_{\text{NLO}}(t \rightarrow c + g) \equiv \frac{\Gamma_{\text{NLO}}(t \rightarrow c + g)}{\Gamma_{\text{NLO}}(t \rightarrow W + b)},$$

then we get

$$\text{BR}_{\text{LO}}(t \rightarrow c + g) = 0.125 \left( \frac{\kappa^g}{\Lambda} \text{TeV} \right)^2,$$

$$\text{BR}_{\text{NLO}}(t \rightarrow c + g) = 0.150 \left( \frac{\kappa^g}{\Lambda} \text{TeV} \right)^2 \\ = 1.2 \text{BR}_{\text{LO}}(t \rightarrow c + g)$$

$$\mu = m_t = 171.2 \text{GeV}, \quad m_W = 80.398 \text{GeV}, \quad V_{tb} = 1, \quad G_F = 1.166 \times 10^{-5} \text{GeV}^{-2}.$$

[8] C. S. Li, R. J. Oakes and T. C. Yuan, Phys. Rev. D 43, 3759 (1991).

- Relations between branch ratio and FCNC couplings

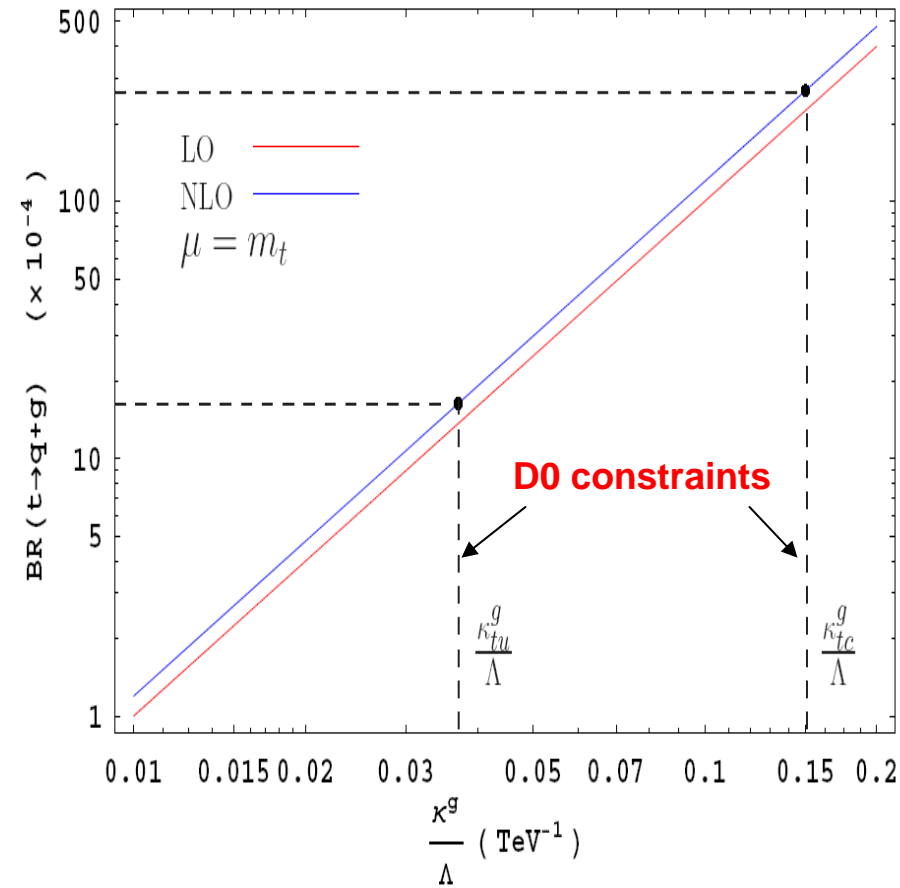


Fig4. Branching ratio as function of  $\frac{\kappa^g}{\Lambda}$ .

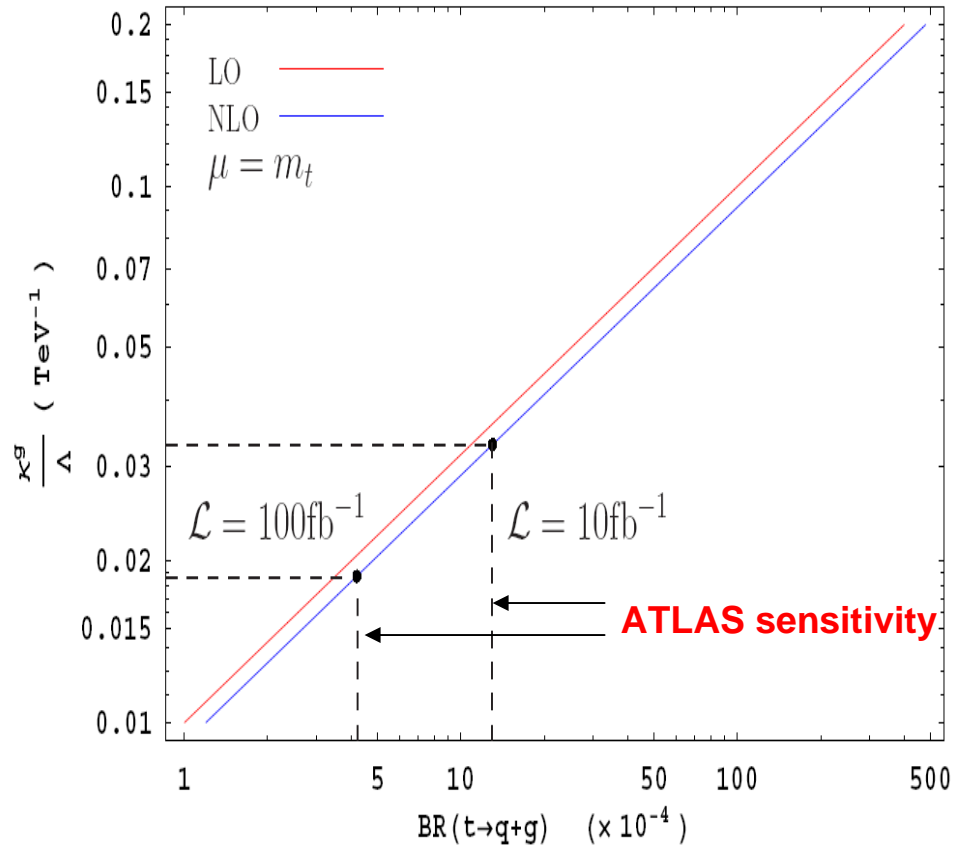


Fig5  $\frac{\kappa^g}{\Lambda}$  as functions of Branching ratio

- In Fig4, using **D0** upper bounds  $\frac{\kappa_{tu}^g}{\Lambda} < 0.037 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$  and  $\frac{\kappa_{tc}^g}{\Lambda} < 0.15 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$ , we get **NLO level predictions** for the upper limits for **FCNC** decay branching ratio,  $1.6 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $2.7 \times 10^{-2}$  for  $t \rightarrow u g$  and  $t \rightarrow c g$ , respectively.

- In Fig 5, considering the **ATLAS sensitivity** of the FCNC decay branching ratios at the LHC,  $1.3 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $4.2 \times 10^{-4}$  [9], with an integrated luminosity of  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , respectively, we get the corresponding upper limits of the couplings  $\frac{\kappa_{tq}^g}{\Lambda}$  at **NLO level**,  $0.033 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$  and  $0.019 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$ , respectively.

Tevatron D0:

$$\frac{\kappa_{tu}^g}{\Lambda} < 0.037 \text{ TeV}^{-1} \Rightarrow BR < 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\frac{\kappa_{tc}^g}{\Lambda} < 0.15 \text{ TeV}^{-1} \Rightarrow BR < 2.7 \times 10^{-2}$$

LHC ATLAS:

$$BR \geq 4.2 \times 10^{-4} \Rightarrow \frac{\kappa_{tq}^g}{\Lambda} \geq 0.019 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$

$$BR \geq 1.3 \times 10^{-3} \Rightarrow \frac{\kappa_{tq}^g}{\Lambda} \geq 0.033 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$



- Scale dependence of the branching ratios

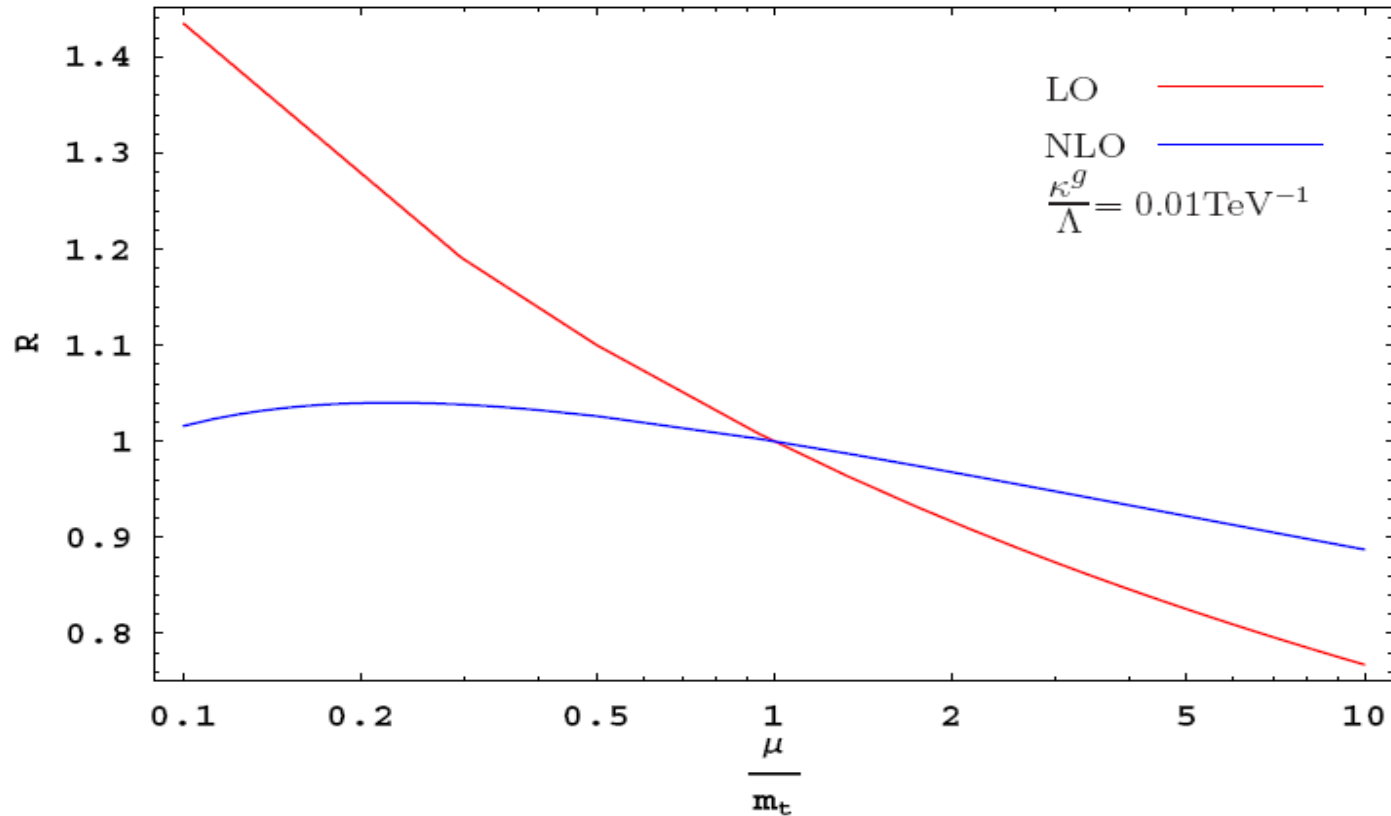


FIG. 5: The ratio  $R$  as function of renormalization scale. Here  $\frac{\kappa^g}{\Lambda} = 0.01 \text{TeV}^{-1}$ .

- We also calculated the NLO corrections to the top FCNC decay,  $t \rightarrow c\gamma$  and  $t \rightarrow cZ$ .

$$\Gamma_0(t \rightarrow c + \gamma) = 2\alpha m_t^3 \left(\frac{\kappa^\gamma}{\Lambda}\right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\text{NLO}}(t \rightarrow c + \gamma) &= \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_{\text{real}} + \Gamma_{\text{virtual}} \\ &= \Gamma_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{4\alpha_s}{9\pi} (-\pi^2 + 4) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma_0(t \rightarrow c + Z) = \frac{\alpha m_t^3 \beta_Z^4}{\sin^2 2\theta_w} \left(\frac{\kappa^Z}{\Lambda}\right)^2 (3 - \beta_Z^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\text{NLO}}(t \rightarrow c + Z) &= \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_{\text{real}} + \Gamma_{\text{virtual}} \\ &= \Gamma_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi} \left[ -\frac{4(9 - \beta_Z^2)}{3 - \beta_Z^2} \ln \beta_Z - \frac{(1 - \beta_Z^2)(1 + 6\beta_Z^2 - 3\beta_Z^4)}{\beta_Z^4(3 - \beta_Z^2)} \ln(1 - \beta_Z^2) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 4 \text{Li}_2\left(-\frac{1 - \beta_Z^2}{\beta_Z^2}\right) + \frac{1 + 3\beta_Z^2}{\beta_Z^2(3 - \beta_Z^2)} - \frac{4\pi^2}{3} + \frac{10}{3} \right] \right\}, \quad \text{where } \beta_Z \equiv \left(1 - \frac{m_Z^2}{m_t^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

- the branching ratio

$$\text{BR}_{\text{LO}}(t \rightarrow c + \gamma) = 0.054 \left(\frac{\kappa^\gamma}{\Lambda} \text{TeV}\right)^2,$$

$$\text{BR}_{\text{LO}}(t \rightarrow c + Z) = 0.045 \left(\frac{\kappa^Z}{\Lambda} \text{TeV}\right)^2,$$

$$\text{BR}_{\text{NLO}}(t \rightarrow c + \gamma) = 0.996 \text{BR}_{\text{LO}}(t \rightarrow c + \gamma)$$

$$\text{BR}_{\text{NLO}}(t \rightarrow c + Z) = 1.022 \text{BR}_{\text{LO}}(t \rightarrow c + Z)$$

## 6. Summary

- **NLO QCD corrections** increase the total cross sections and reduce the scale dependence at the **Tevatron**, but can not reduce the scale dependence at the **LHC** in some region.
- **Threshold resummation effects** further enhance the cross sections and significantly reduce the theoretical uncertainties at both **Tevatron** and **LHC**.
- Search for single top production via **tcg** and **tug FCNC** couplings by **D0 collaboration** at the **Tevatron** has set upper limits on these couplings. Our previous **NLO QCD results** was quoted by them and our new **QCD threshold resummation effects** was quoted by **CDF collaboration** recently.

- At **LHC**, when the single top production is measured with more accuracy, **high order QCD corrections** will be very important, and the **anomalous couplings** can be investigated with more details. These can help us to understand further where is the **new physics beyond SM**.
- Since **the resummation effects** increase the cross sections of single top quark production and significantly reduce the theoretical uncertainties, **our results are more sensitive to the new physics effects and it is important to use our results as the theoretical inputs**.
- **NLO QCD corrections** enhance the leading order branching ratios for  $t \rightarrow g q$  about **20%**, but our results of NLO QCD corrections to the branching ratios for  $t \rightarrow (z, \gamma) q$  are **very small**, although they can decrease the LO widths by about **9% and 7%, respectively**.
- Especially, **NLO QCD corrections** increase the reliability of theoretical predictions for the branching ratios of top QCD FCNC decay mode and also lead to the most consistent treatment of the top FCNC couplings, which may be very useful for the experimentalists.

**Thank you**