Simulating $t\overline{t} + X$

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Inclusive production of $t\bar{t} + X$ @ LHC

Use state of the art generators to study inclusive $t\bar{t} + X$ production

The players:

- Fixed order calculation @ NLO in α_S (as delivered by MCFM)
- The HERWIG Monte Carlo using the LO $2 \rightarrow 2$ matrix element
- MC@NLO with the full NLO matrix element merged with the Herwig shower
- SHERPA using the CKKW formalism to merge the tree level $2 \rightarrow 2$ and $2 \rightarrow 3$ matrix elements with the parton shower

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The p_{\perp} distribution of the $t\bar{t}$ pair



HERWIG and SHERPA have been normalized to the NLO Xsec

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SHERPA systematics: impact of changing the matching scale Q_{cut}



 \bigcirc Xsec changes by $\approx 25\%$, shape is rather stable

Inclusive production of WH @ Tevatron

The p_{\perp} of the WH system in inclusive production @ the Tevatron

