

# Combined measurement of the **top quark mass** at 7 and 8 TeV *by ATLAS and CMS*

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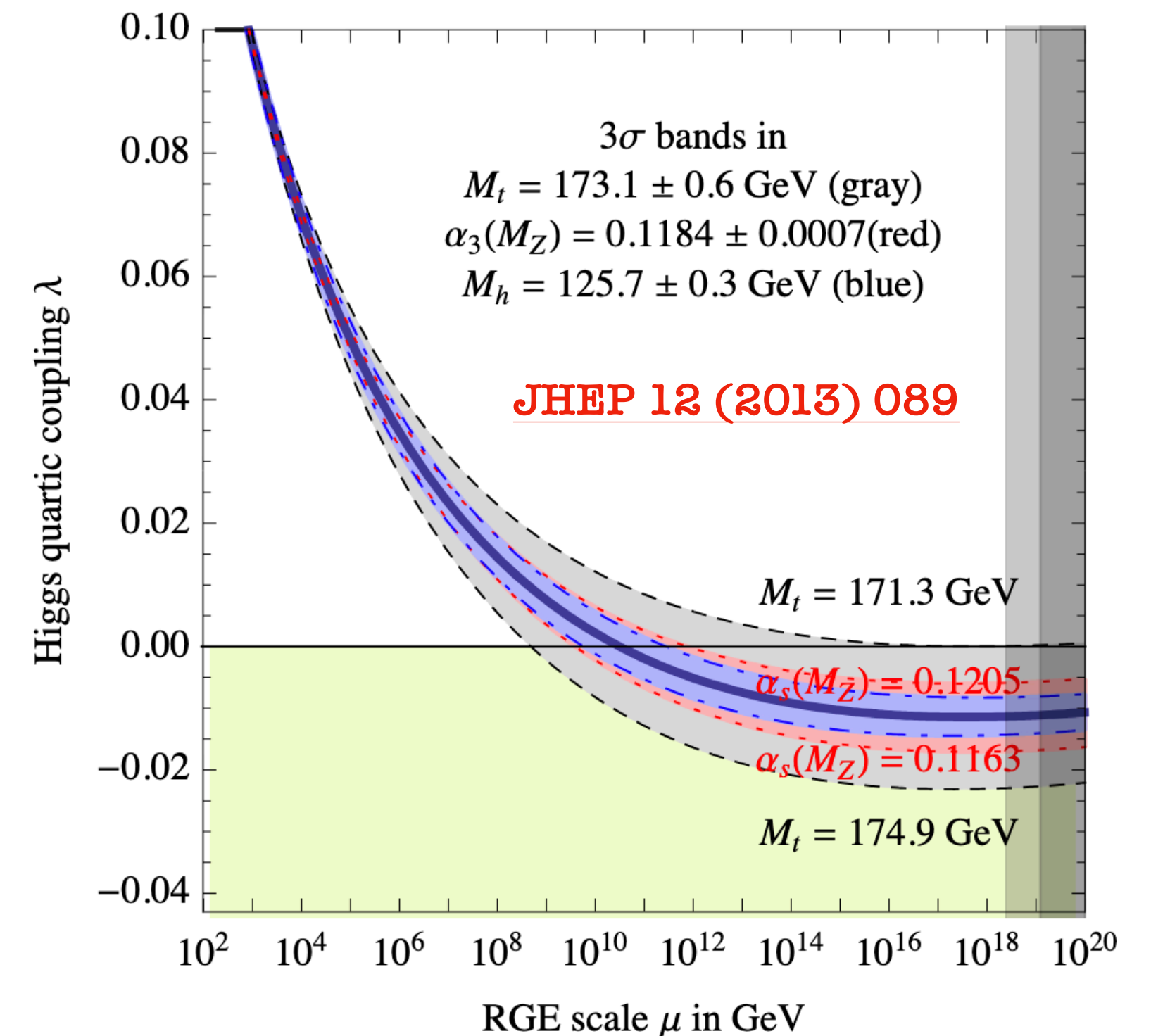
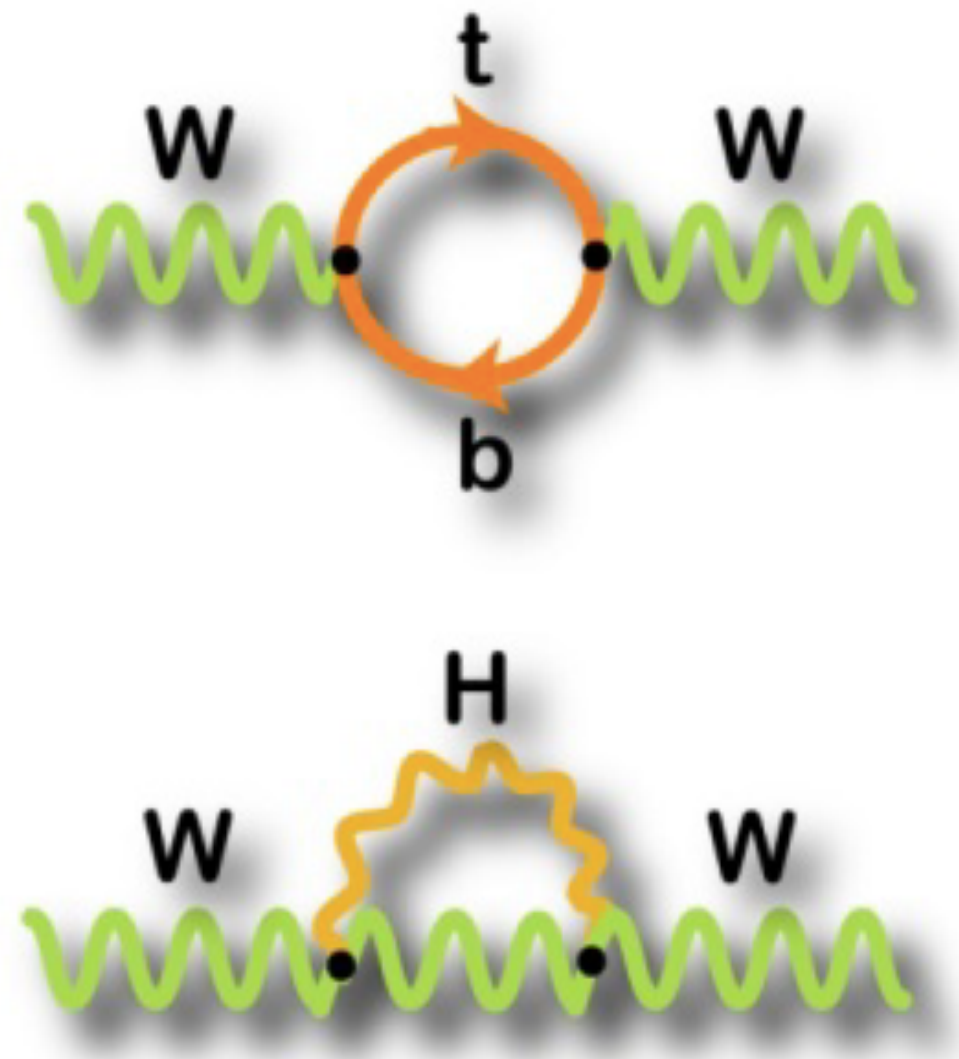
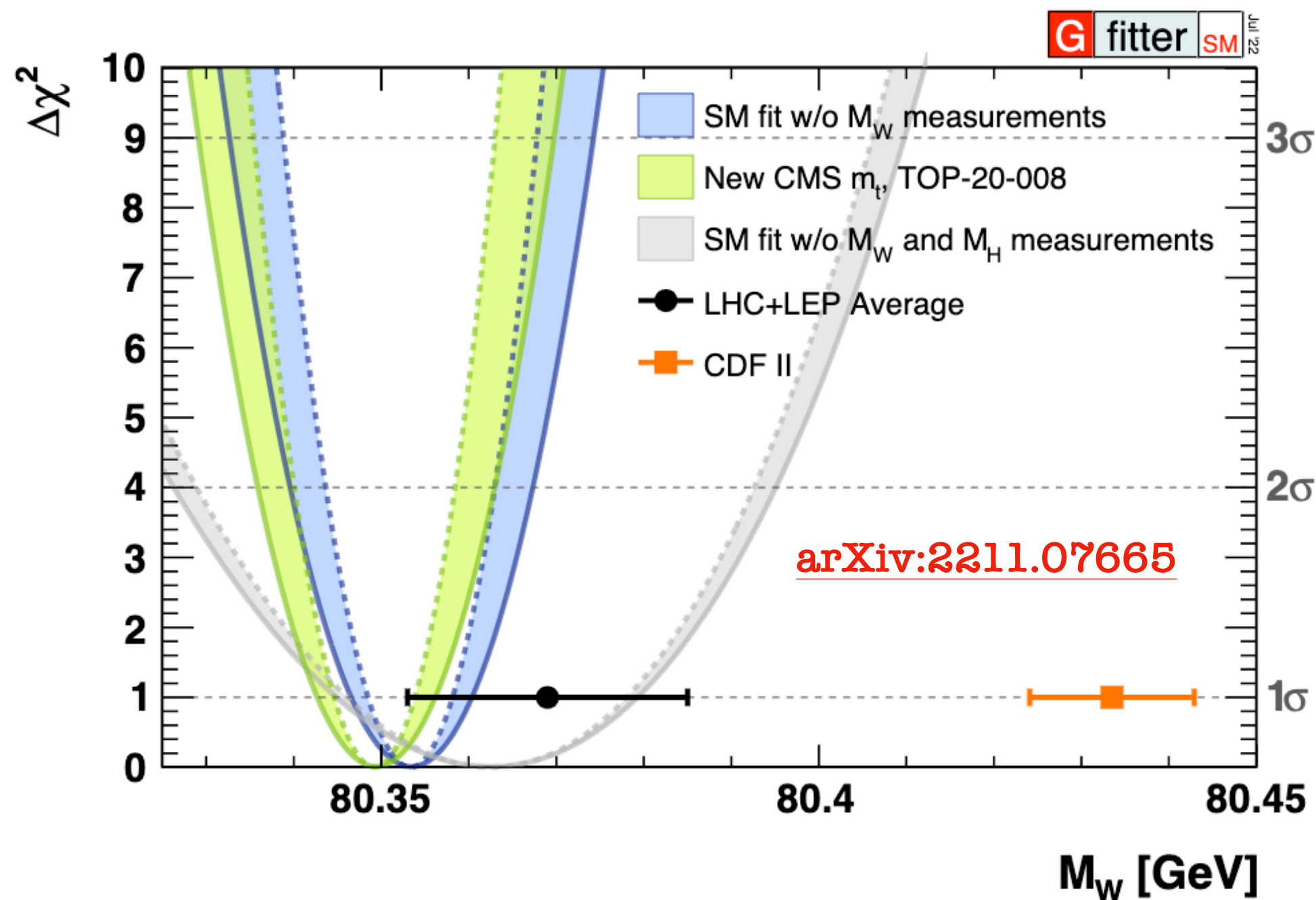
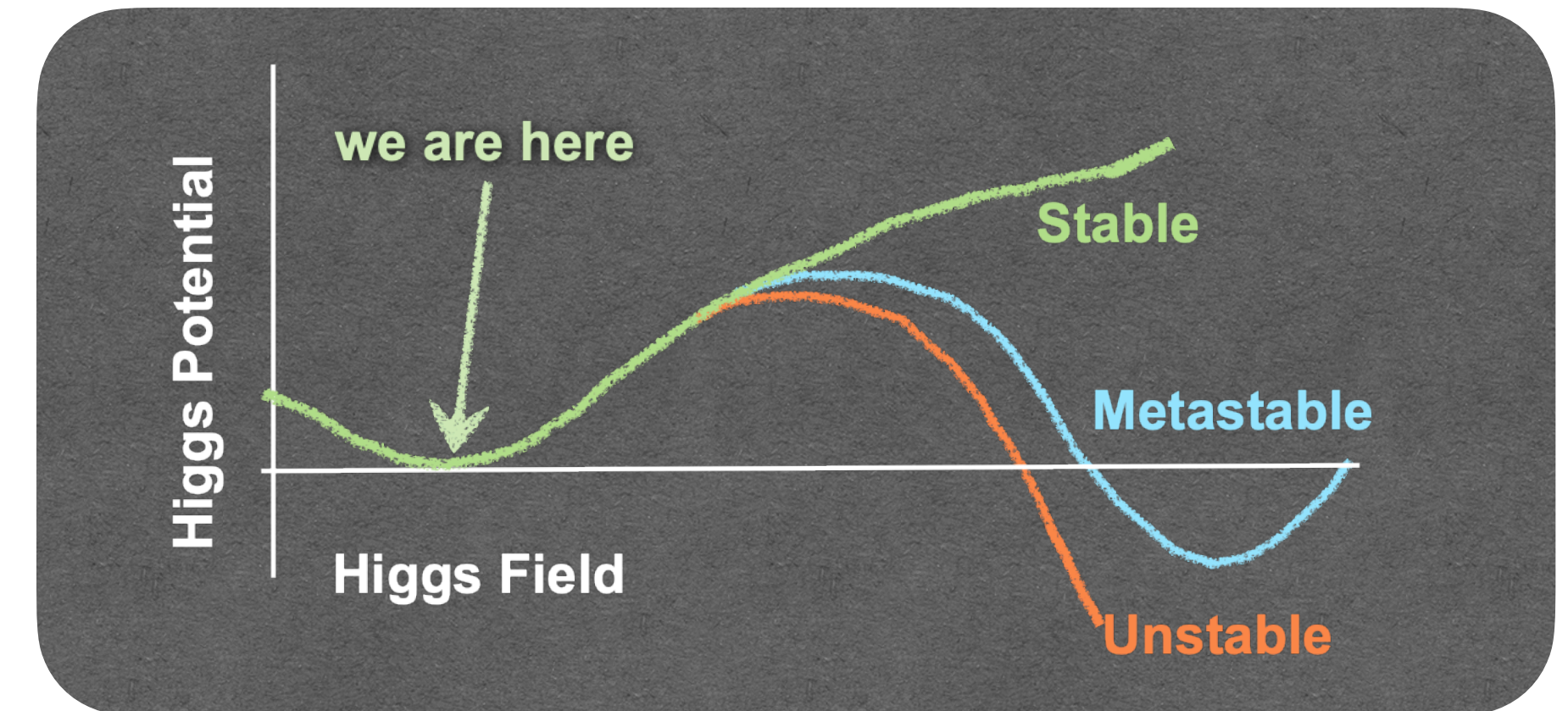


# The role of $m_t$ in the SM



In the SM,  $m_t$  can be related to  $m_W$  and  $m_H$  thanks to loop corrections to precision EW observables  
 -> **internal consistency of SM**

**Stability of Higgs potential** at the Planck scale depends on value of  $m_t$   
 ->  $\lambda < 0$  would be indirect evidence of BSM physics



# Methods for measuring $m_t$

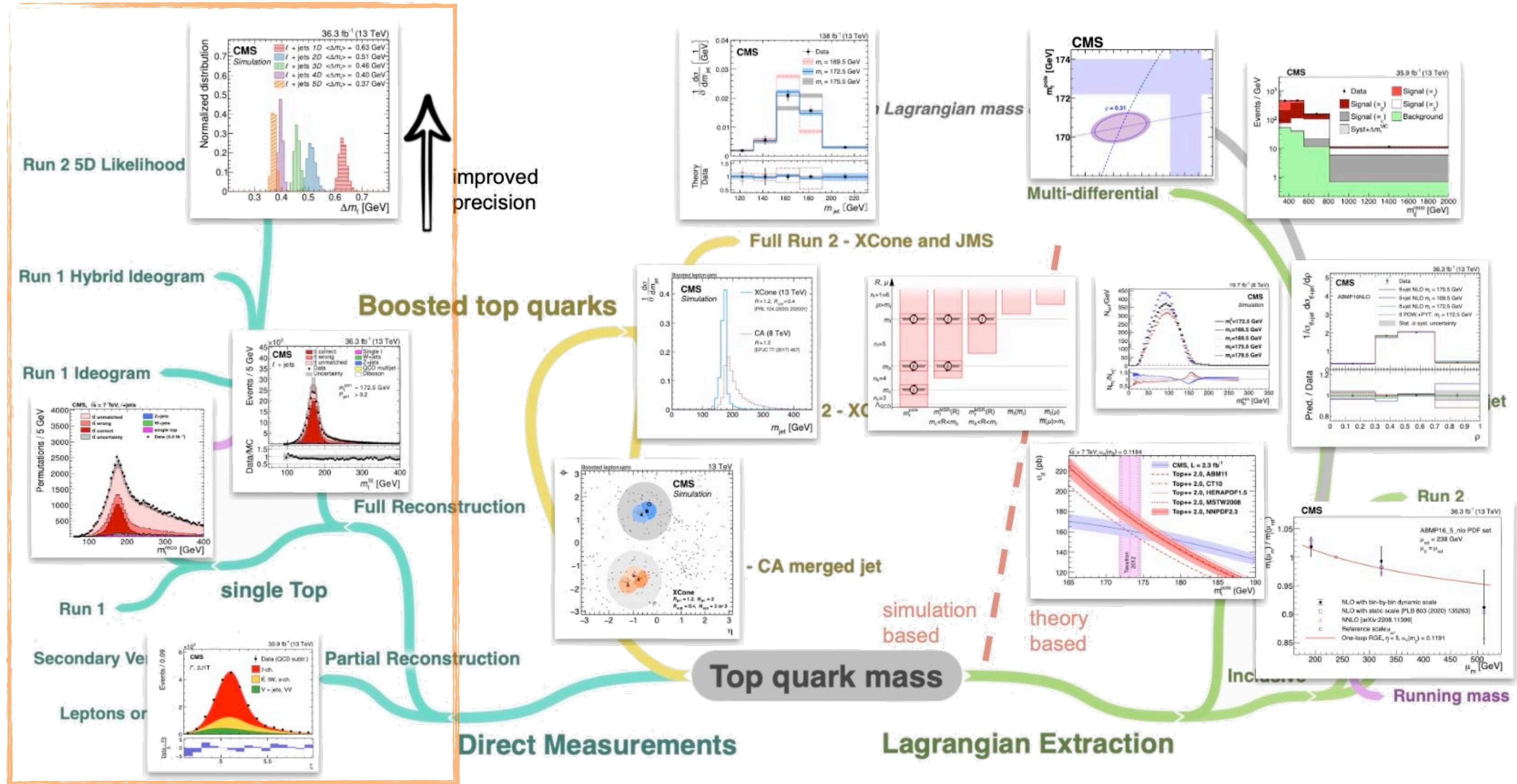


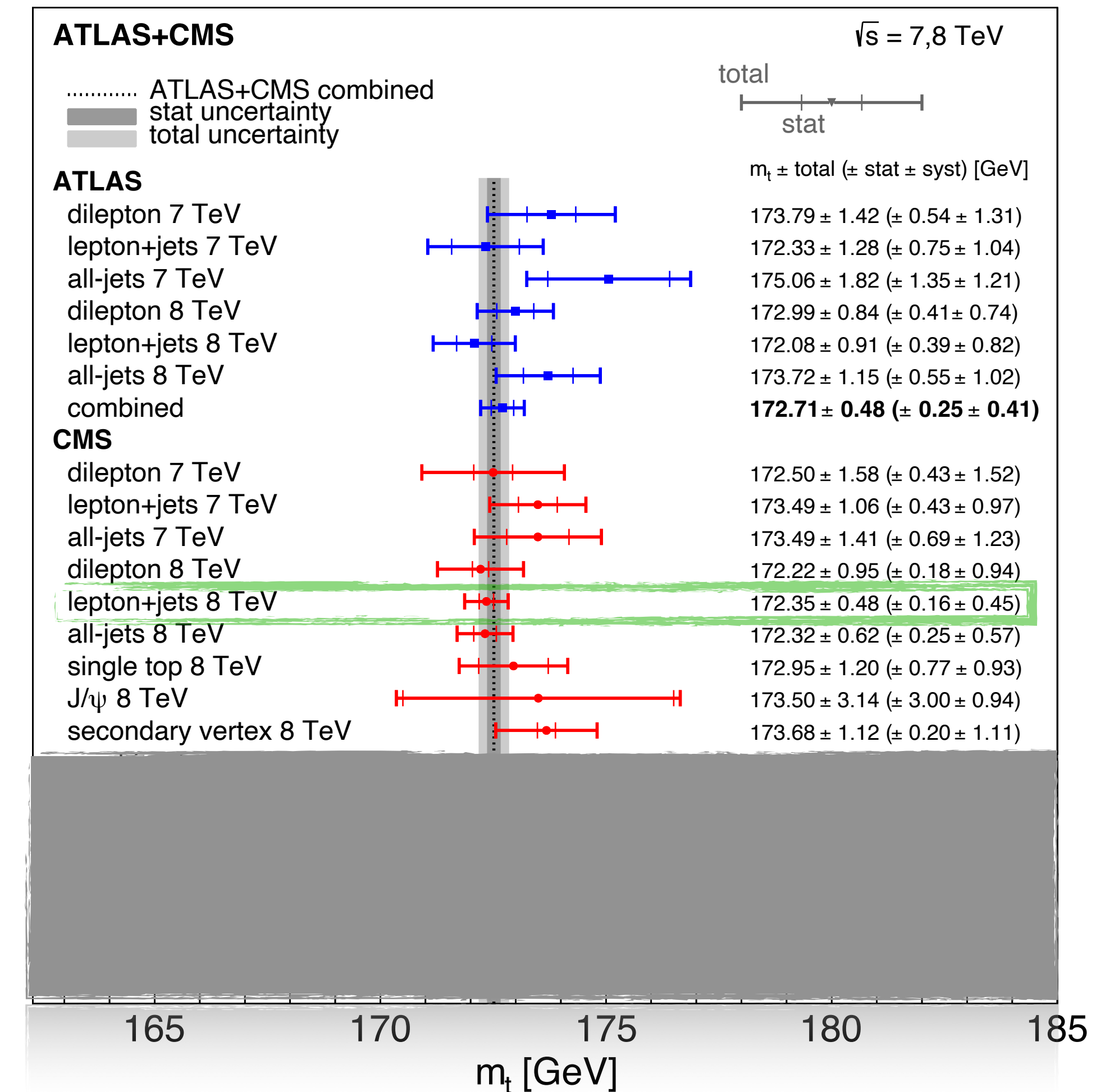
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# ATLAS and CMS Run-1 measurements



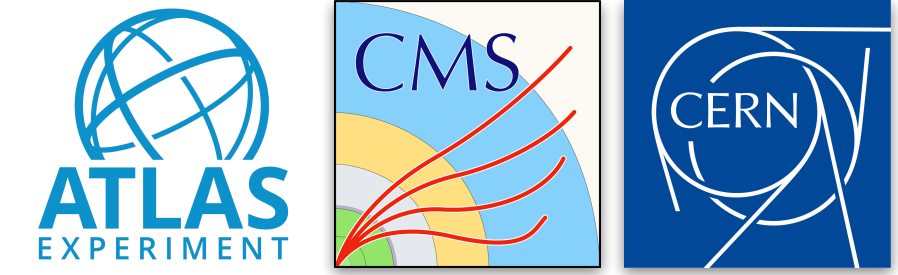
- 6 ATLAS inputs, already included in previous ATLAS combination
- 9 CMS inputs (6 conventional + 3 alternative)
  - Alternative measurements not included in previous CMS combination
  - Replaced older results with more recent (and precise) ones
  - **Updated CMS combination** as part of LHC combination

|              | dilepton                                       | lepton +jets                                  | all -jets                                      | Other final states and topologies                               |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|
| <b>7 TeV</b> | <a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C 72 (2012) 2202</a> | <a href="#">JHEP 12 (2012) 105</a>            | <a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014) 2758</a> | Table: courtesy of C. Nellist (slides)                          |
|              | <a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C 75 (2015) 330</a>  |   | <a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C 75 (2015) 158</a>  |   |
| <b>8 TeV</b> | <a href="#">Phys. Rev. D 96 (2017) 032002</a>  | <a href="#">Phys. Rev. D 93 (2016) 092006</a> |  | <a href="#">Single top: Eur. Phys. J. C 77 (2017) 354</a>       |
|              | <a href="#">Phys. Lett. B 761 (2016) 350</a>   | <a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C 79 (2019) 290</a> | <a href="#">JHEP 09 (2017) 118</a>             | <a href="#">Secondary vertex: Phys. Rev. D 93 (2016) 092006</a> |
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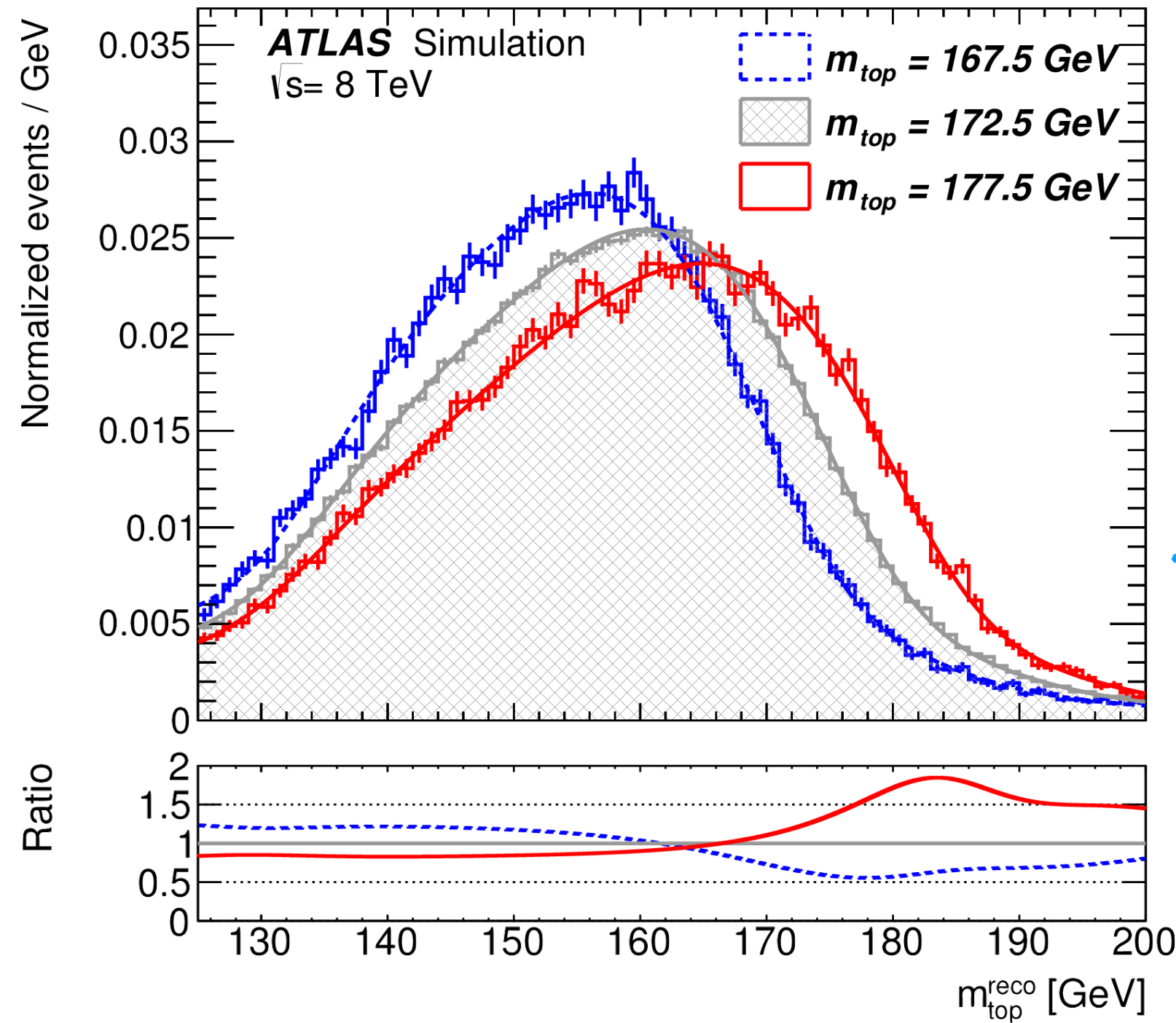


Most precise single input:  
0.48 GeV uncertainty

# Direct $m_t$ measurements in LHC Run 1



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- **Full reconstruction of  $m_t$**  (and  $m_W$ ) using maximum likelihood method
- 3D template fit:  $m_t$ , JSF (jet scale factor) and b-JSF
  - Trade larger statistical uncertainty for lower impact of systematics

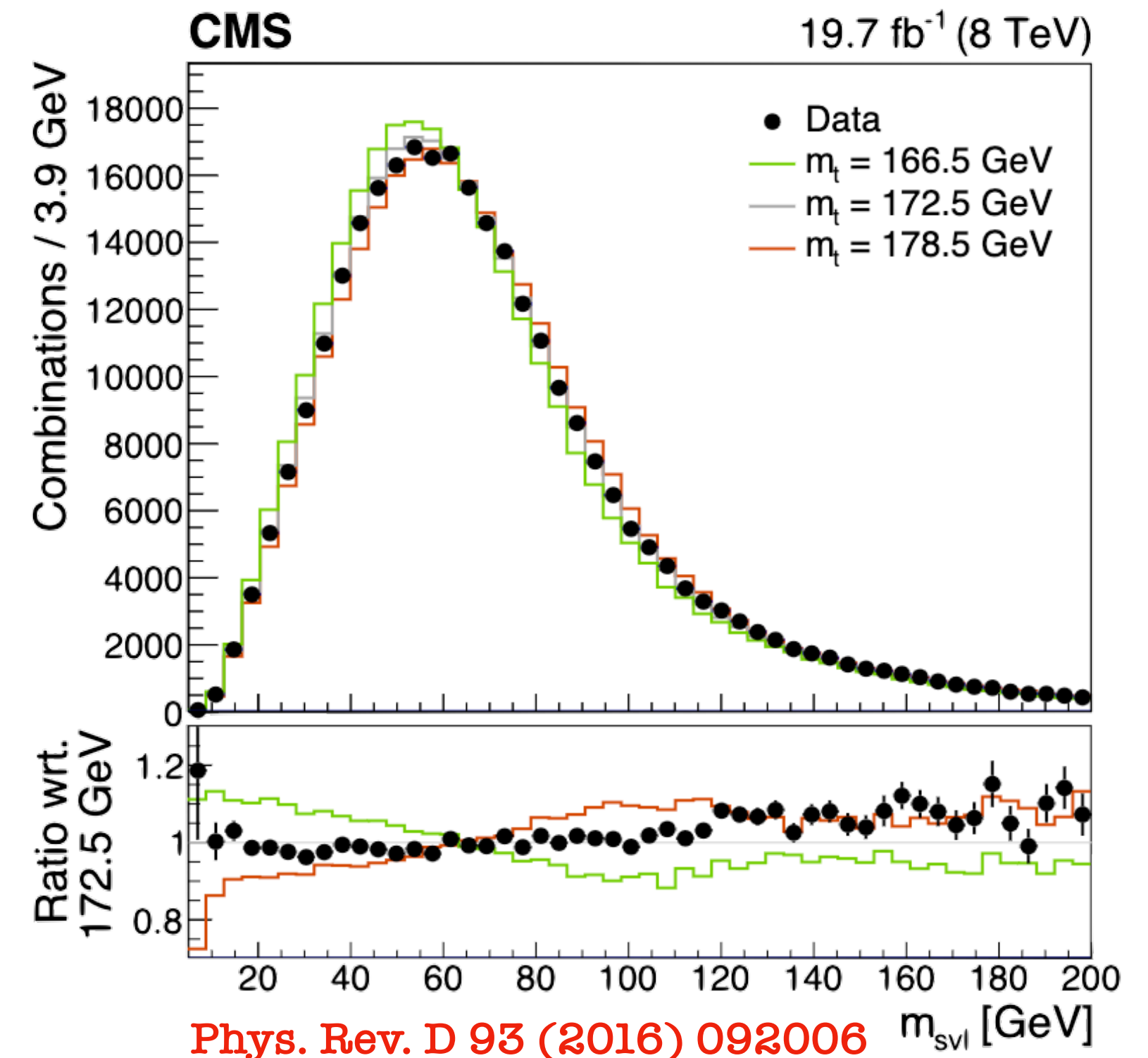
$$m_{top} = 172.08 \pm 0.39 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.82 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$$

“Conventional”: biggest challenges are JES uncertainties and b-JES calibration

“Alternative”: limited by modelling of b-quark fragmentation

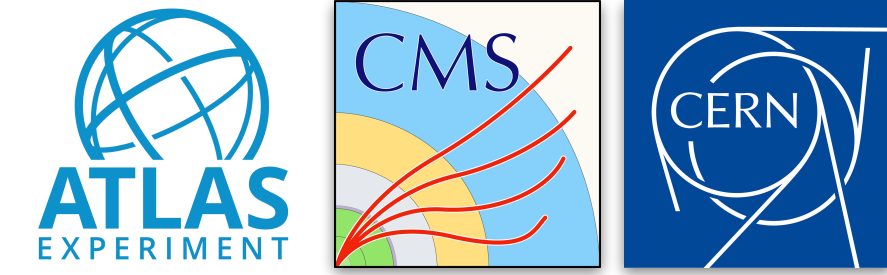
- Invariant mass between lepton and secondary vertex from b-quark jet
  - **Partial reconstruction** of top quark decay products
- Larger overall uncertainty, but less sensitive to jet energy scale uncertainties
  - **Beneficial for combinations**

$$173.68 \pm 0.20 \text{ (stat)}_{-0.97}^{+1.58} \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$$



# The BLUE method

BLUE = Best Linear Unbiased Estimator



$$m_t = \sum_i w_i m_t^i, \text{ with } \sum_i w_i = 1 \longrightarrow \text{Linear combination of inputs}$$

- For a given choice of correlations, set of  $w_i$  that provide the **Best** (i.e. lower variance) estimate of  $m_t$  can be calculated
- The result is unbiased, as long as  $m_t^i$  are unbiased
- Weights can be negative (e.g. strong negative correlations)

Example for 2 input measurements:

$$x = (1 - \beta) x_1 + \beta x_2$$

$$z \equiv \sigma_2 / \sigma_1 \geq 1$$

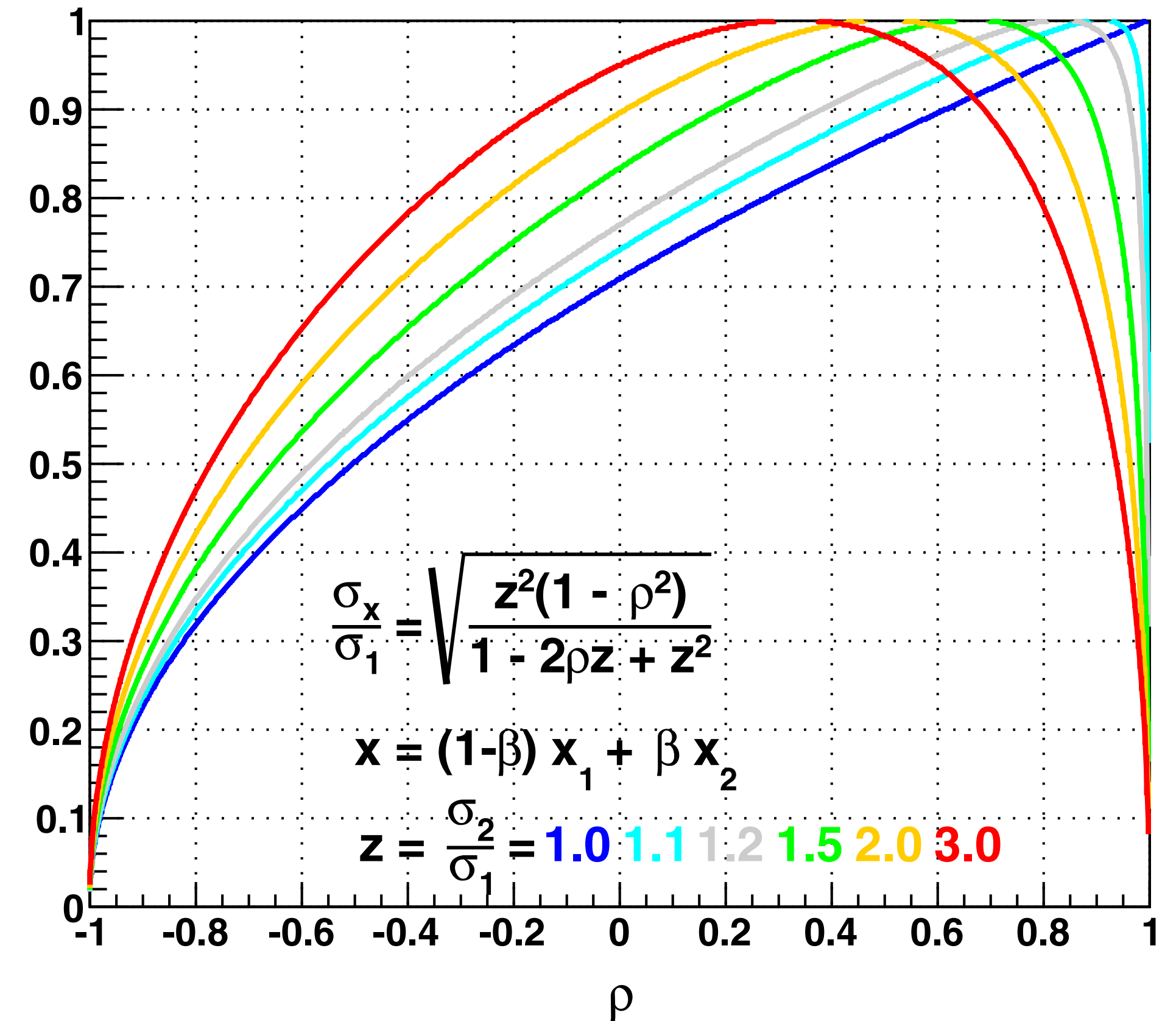


$$\beta = \frac{1 - \rho z}{1 - 2\rho z + z^2}$$

$\sigma_x / \sigma_1$

Note: when uncertainties on input measurements are different ( $z > 1$ ), taking  $\rho = 1$  is not the conservative assumption!

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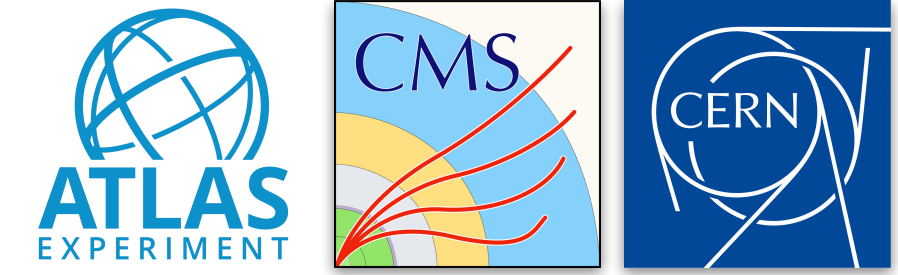


$$\frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_1} = \sqrt{\frac{z^2(1 - \rho^2)}{1 - 2\rho z + z^2}}$$

$$x = (1 - \beta) x_1 + \beta x_2$$

$$z = \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} = 1.0 \ 1.1 \ 1.2 \ 1.5 \ 2.0 \ 3.0$$

# Assessment of correlations



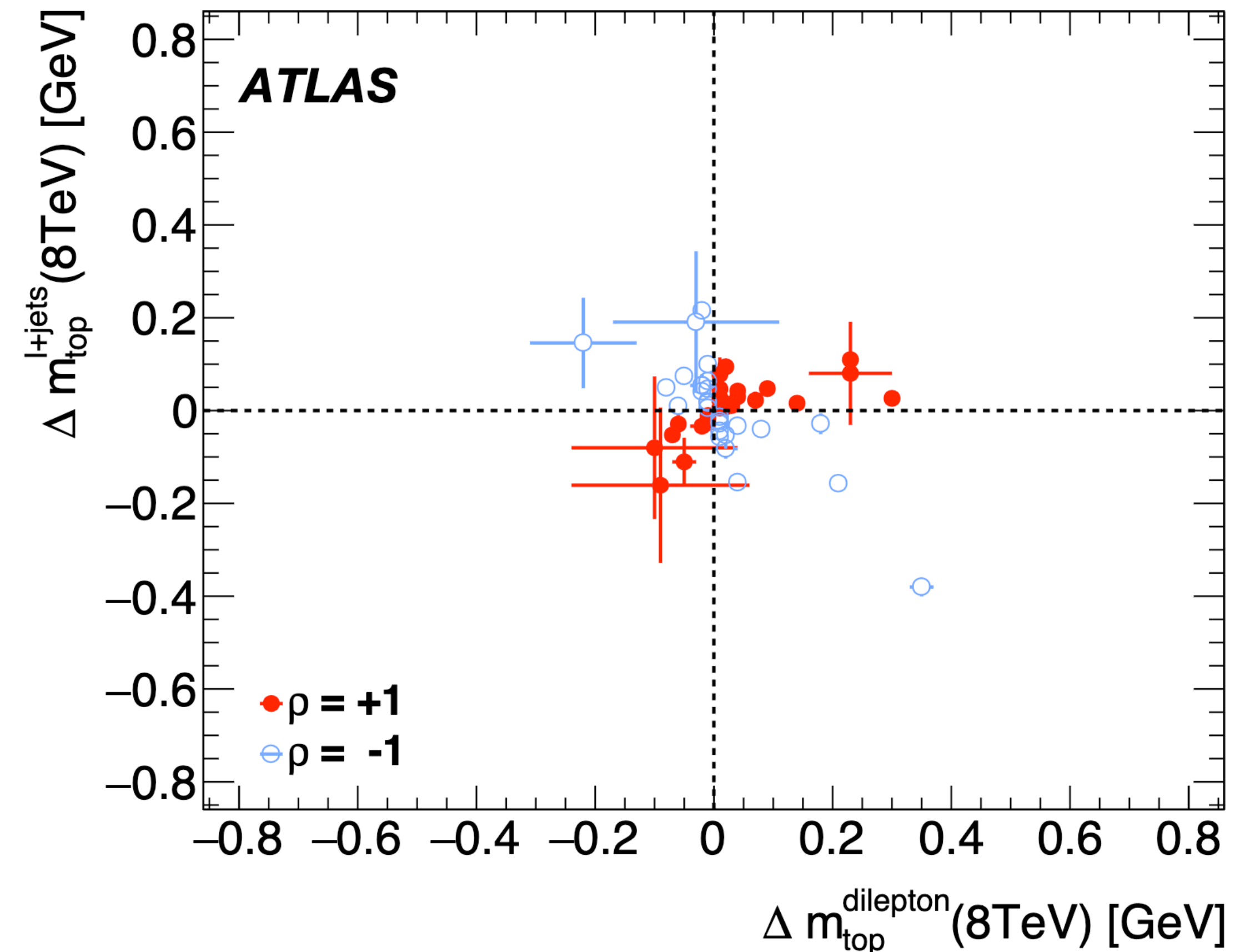
- Within a single experiments, correlations between measurements can be assessed rather rigorously
  - **Same underlying variations** used to assess impact of a given systematic uncertainty
  - Sign of the correlation coefficients can also be accessed

- For the LHC combination, sources of uncertainty are **grouped into classes** (e.g. b-tagging, PDF)
- For each class, a choice of correlation is made, based on **similarity in the way the uncertainties are estimated** (or underlying physics model)

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**LHC correlation assumptions**

| Assessed correlation             | Strong | Partial | None |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|------|
| Assigned correlation coefficient | 0.85   | 0.5     | 0    |

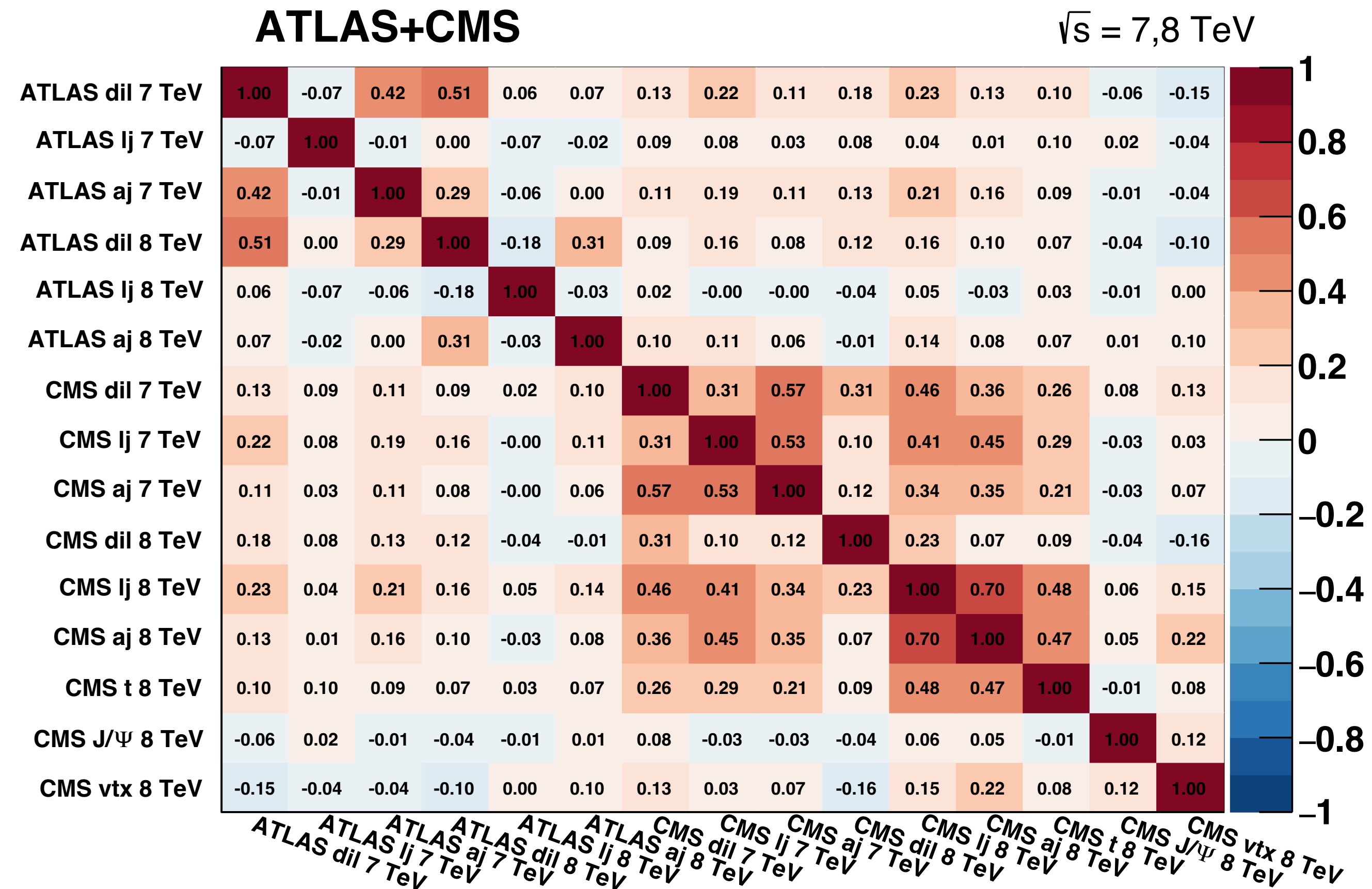


# ATLAS-CMS correlations



Example correlation matrices per systematic uncertainty can be found in the backup

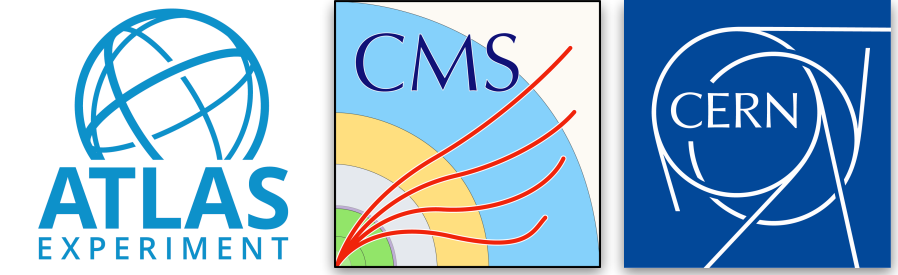
| Correlation | LHC categories   |
|-------------|--|
| Strong      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flavour component of JES*</li> <li>• Pileup modelling</li> <li>• Parton distribution functions (PDFs)</li> <li>• MC-based background estimates</li> </ul> |
| Partial     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• b tagging (similar method)</li> <li>• MC modelling (different systematic variations to assess similar effects)</li> </ul>                                 |
| None        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experimental uncertainties (calibrations using independent datasets)</li> <li>• Analysis-specific calibrations</li> </ul>                                 |



\*correlations between jet energy scale (JES) uncertainties studied in detail in dedicated LHCTopWG note



# Results, impact, correlation scans



$$m_t = 172.52 \pm 0.33 \text{ GeV}$$



**Most precise  $m_t$  result to date!**

**Improvement of 31% with respect to most precise single input measurement**

- Uncertainty dominated by b-JES
- **Negligible impact** on final result by varying correlation assumptions within ranges that reflect the understanding of the correlation

| Uncertainty category       | Uncertainty impact [GeV] |       |       |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|
|                            | LHC                      | ATLAS | CMS   |
| b-JES                      | 0.18                     | 0.17  | 0.25  |
| b tagging                  | 0.09                     | 0.16  | 0.03  |
| ME generator               | 0.08                     | 0.13  | 0.14  |
| JES 1                      | 0.08                     | 0.18  | 0.06  |
| JES 2                      | 0.08                     | 0.11  | 0.10  |
| Method                     | 0.07                     | 0.06  | 0.09  |
| CMS b hadron $\mathcal{B}$ | 0.07                     | —     | 0.12  |
| QCD radiation              | 0.06                     | 0.07  | 0.10  |
| Leptons                    | 0.05                     | 0.08  | 0.07  |
| JER                        | 0.05                     | 0.09  | 0.02  |
| CMS top quark $p_T$        | 0.05                     | —     | 0.07  |
| Background (data)          | 0.05                     | 0.04  | 0.06  |
| Color reconnection         | 0.04                     | 0.08  | 0.03  |
| Underlying event           | 0.04                     | 0.03  | 0.05  |
| g-JES                      | 0.03                     | 0.02  | 0.04  |
| Background (MC)            | 0.03                     | 0.07  | 0.01  |
| Other                      | 0.03                     | 0.06  | 0.01  |
| l-JES                      | 0.03                     | 0.01  | 0.05  |
| CMS JES 1                  | 0.03                     | —     | 0.04  |
| Pileup                     | 0.03                     | 0.07  | 0.03  |
| JES 3                      | 0.02                     | 0.07  | 0.01  |
| Hadronization              | 0.02                     | 0.01  | 0.01  |
| $p_T^{\text{miss}}$        | 0.02                     | 0.04  | 0.01  |
| PDF                        | 0.02                     | 0.06  | <0.01 |
| Trigger                    | 0.01                     | 0.01  | 0.01  |
| Total systematic           | 0.30                     | 0.41  | 0.39  |
| Statistical                | 0.14                     | 0.25  | 0.14  |
| Total                      | 0.33                     | 0.48  | 0.42  |

| Uncertainty category       | $\rho$ | Scan range     | $\Delta m_t/2$ [MeV] | $\Delta \sigma_{m_t}/2$ [MeV] |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| JES 1                      | 0      | —              | —                    | —                             |
| JES 2                      | 0      | [−0.25, +0.25] | 8                    | 7                             |
| JES 3                      | 0.5    | [+0.25, +0.75] | 1                    | <1                            |
| b-JES                      | 0.85   | [+0.5, +1]     | 26                   | 5                             |
| g-JES                      | 0.85   | [+0.5, +1]     | 2                    | <1                            |
| l-JES                      | 0      | [−0.25, +0.25] | 1                    | <1                            |
| CMS JES 1                  | —      | —              | —                    | —                             |
| JER                        | 0      | [−0.25, +0.25] | 5                    | 1                             |
| Leptons                    | 0      | [−0.25, +0.25] | 2                    | 2                             |
| b tagging                  | 0.5    | [+0.25, +0.75] | 1                    | 1                             |
| $p_T^{\text{miss}}$        | 0      | [−0.25, +0.25] | <1                   | <1                            |
| Pileup                     | 0.85   | [+0.5, +1]     | 2                    | <1                            |
| Trigger                    | 0      | [−0.25, +0.25] | <1                   | <1                            |
| ME generator               | 0.5    | [+0.25, +0.75] | <1                   | 4                             |
| QCD radiation              | 0.5    | [+0.25, +0.75] | 7                    | 1                             |
| Hadronization              | 0.5    | [+0.25, +0.75] | 1                    | <1                            |
| CMS b hadron $\mathcal{B}$ | —      | —              | —                    | —                             |
| Color reconnection         | 0.5    | [+0.25, +0.75] | 3                    | 1                             |
| Underlying event           | 0.5    | [+0.25, +0.75] | 1                    | <1                            |
| PDF                        | 0.85   | [+0.5, +1]     | 1                    | <1                            |
| CMS top quark $p_T$        | —      | —              | —                    | —                             |
| Background (data)          | 0      | [−0.25, +0.25] | 8                    | 2                             |
| Background (MC)            | 0.85   | [+0.5, +1]     | 2                    | <1                            |
| Method                     | 0      | —              | —                    | —                             |
| Other                      | 0      | —              | —                    | —                             |

# Consistency check: 2D combination



Overall correlation and consistency between ATLAS and CMS can be assessed via **simultaneous ATLAS-CMS combination**:

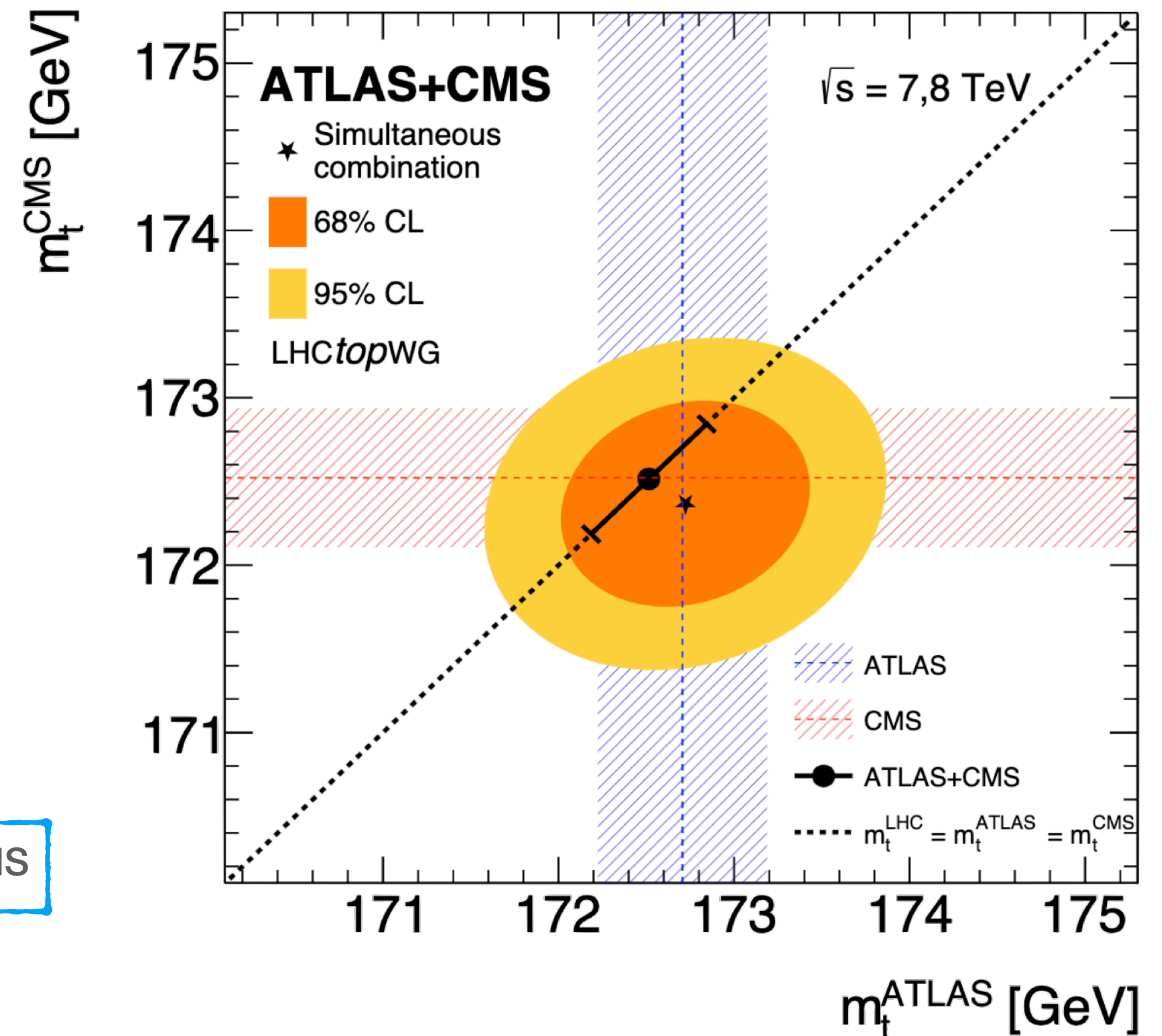
- One top mass parameter per experiment
- Different from single-experiment combination due to effect of systematic correlations

For example, for ATLAS (vice-versa for CMS):

$$m_t^{\text{ATLAS}} = \sum_i w_i^{\text{ATLAS}} m_t^{i,\text{ATLAS}} + \sum_j w_j^{\text{CMS}} m_t^{j,\text{CMS}}$$

$$\text{with } \sum_i w_i^{\text{ATLAS}} = 1 \text{ and } \sum_j w_j^{\text{CMS}} = 0$$

**Results compatible with the hypothesis  $m_t^{\text{ATLAS}} = m_t^{\text{CMS}}$**



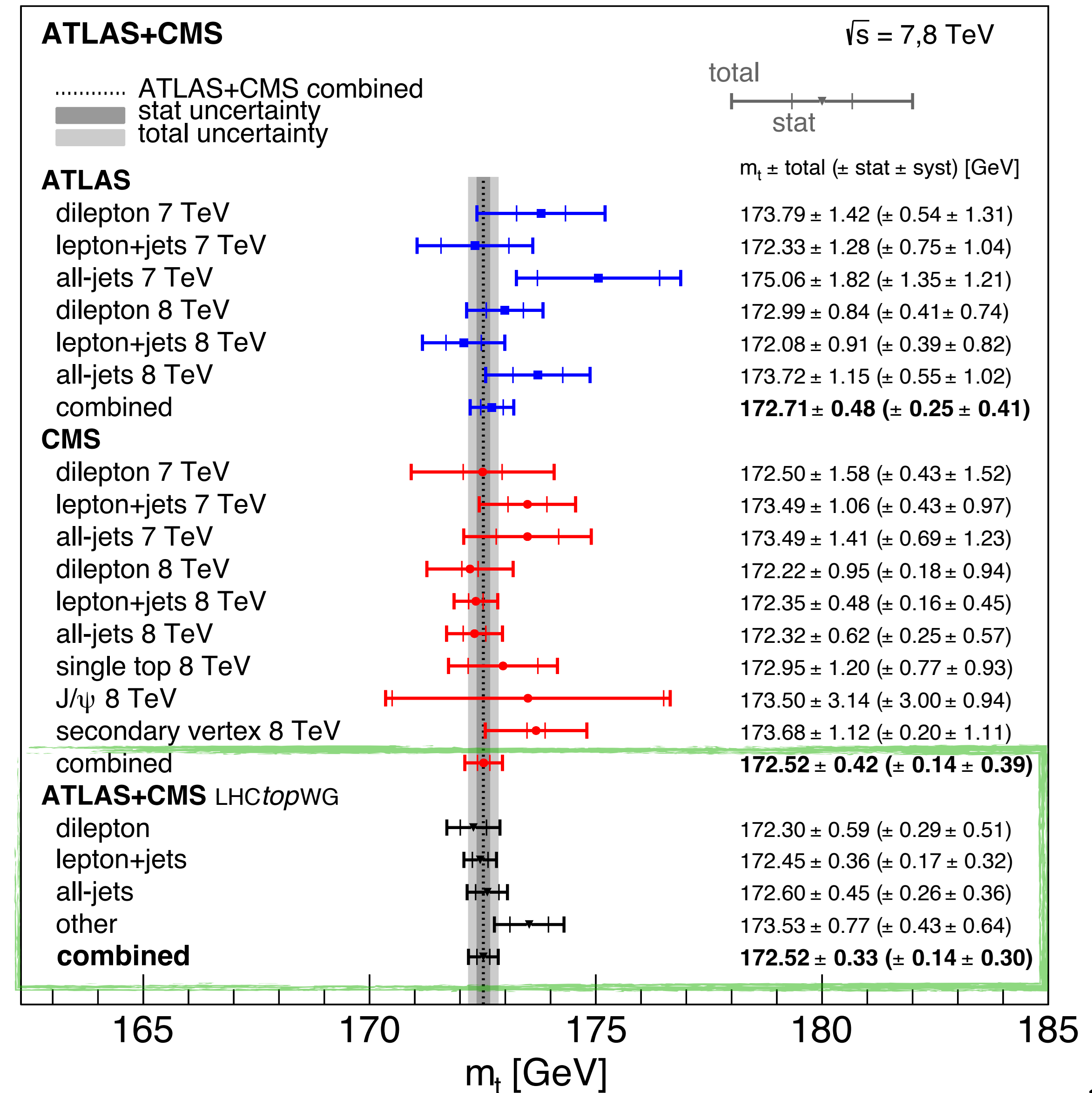
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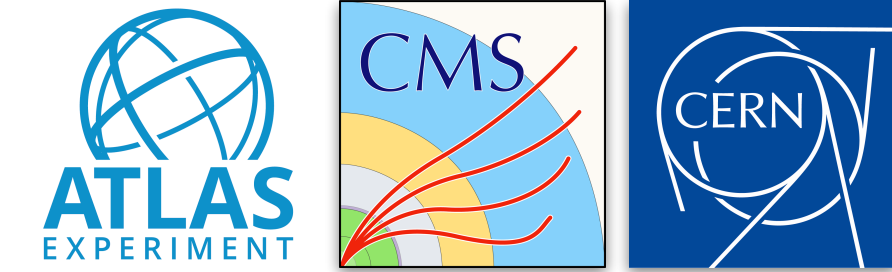
The same can be done to check the **compatibility between different “channels”**:

|                  | $\chi^2$ (ndf) | $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$ |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Full combination | 7.5 (14)       | 0.54                |
| 2-dimensional    | 7.2 (13)       | 0.55                |
| Per channel      | 5.4 (11)       | 0.49                |

No significant differences in  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$  demonstrates compatibility between channels and experiments



# Comparison with CMS 13 TeV



CMS

36.3 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)

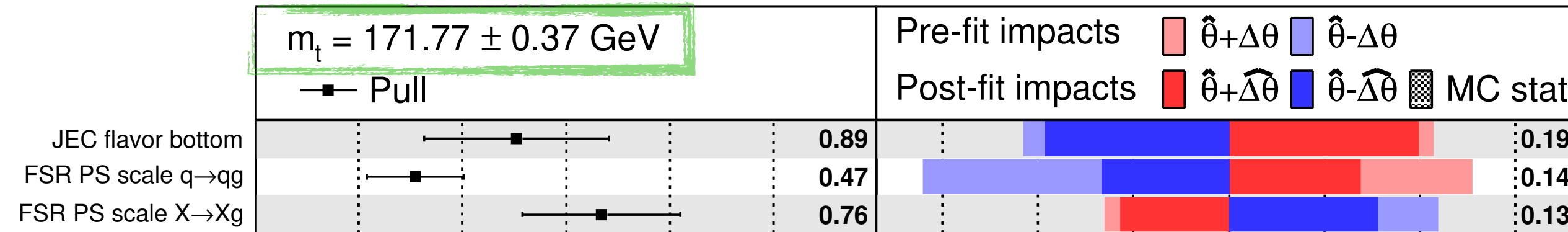
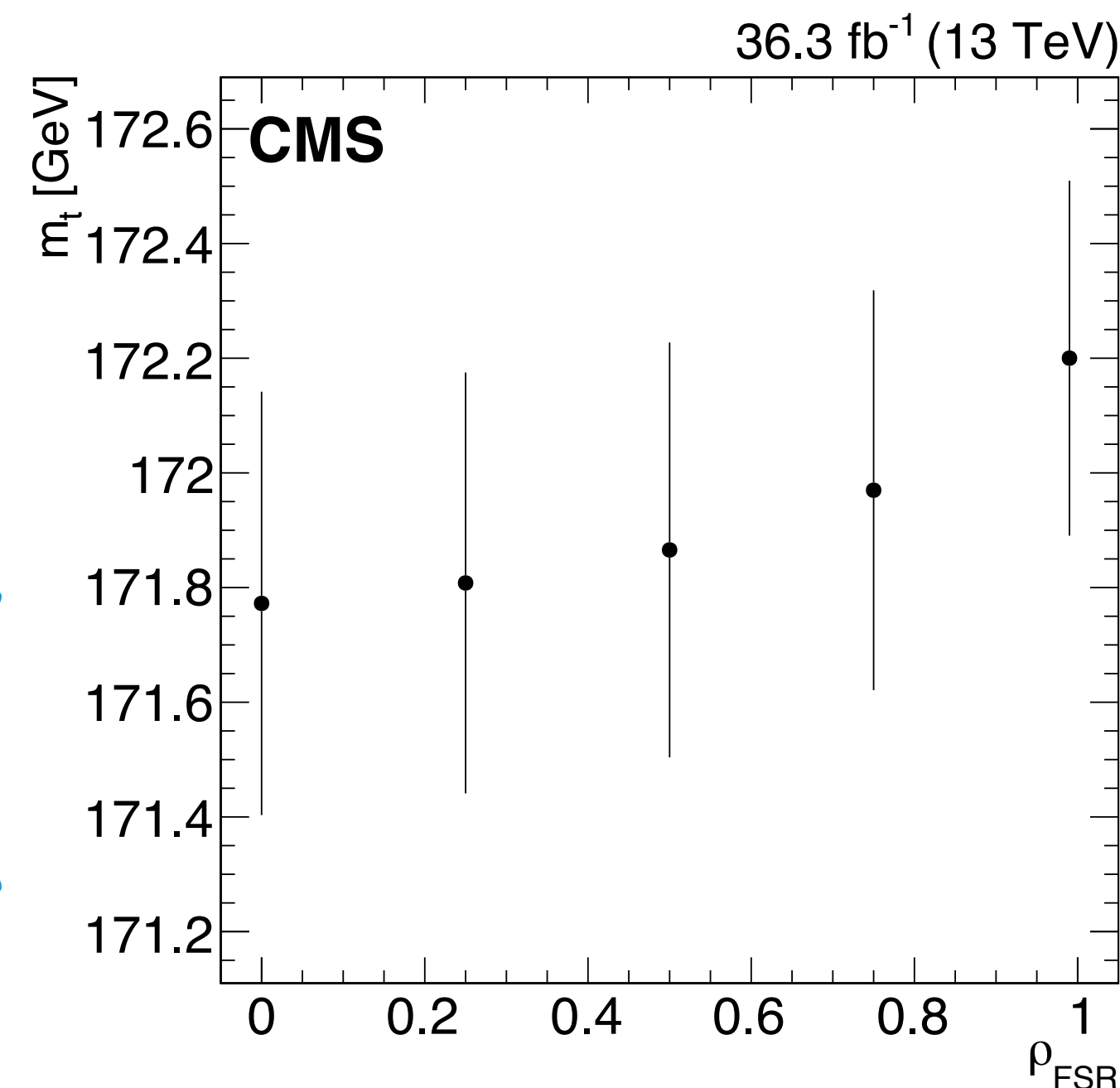


Table adapted from CMS review paper [arXiv:2403.01313, sub. to Physics Reports]

- 5-dimensional **profile-likelihood fit** in l+jets final state
- Central value is **0.75 GeV** below Run1 combination
- Various differences between Run1 and Run2 in terms of MC simulation and systematic variations

**New:** parton shower (PS) splitting kernel considered as independent systematic variation in the fit

Central value depends on choice of correlation between PS splitting kernels



|                 | Run 1   | Run 2 legacy                        |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Default setup   |   |                                     |
| ME generator    | MADGRAPH5<br>$t\bar{t} + \leq 3$ jets @ LO        | POWHEG v2<br>$t\bar{t}$ @ NLO       |
| PDF             | CT10 NLO  | NNPDF3.1 NNLO                       |
| PS/UE generator | PYTHIA6.4   | PYTHIA8.2                           |
| PS/UE tune      | Z2(*)   | CP5                                 |
| Uncertainties   |   |                                     |
| PDF             | CT10 eigenvectors, MSTW08, NNPDF2.3 †             | NNPDF eigenvectors, CT14, MMHT14 †  |
| ME scales       | $\mu_r \oplus \mu_f$ up/down                      | $\mu_r \oplus \mu_f$ 7-point †      |
| ME-PS matching  | threshold up/down                                 | $h_{\text{damp}}$ up/down           |
| Alternative ME  | POWHEG v1   | MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO                   |
| Top quark $p_T$ | ratio to 7/8 TeV data                             | ratio to 13 TeV data                |
| ISR             | $\mu_r^{\text{ISR}}$ up/down (correlated with ME) | $\mu_r^{\text{ISR}}$ up/down †      |
| FSR             | —   | $\mu_r^{\text{FSR}}$ up/down †      |
| UE              | P11, P11 mpiHi/TeV                                | CP5 up/down                         |
| CR              | P11, P11noCR                                      | ERD on/off, CR1, CR2 (both ERD off) |
| b fragmentation | $r_b$ up/down †                                   | $r_b$ up/down, un/tuned, Peterson † |

# Comparison with ATLAS 13 TeV

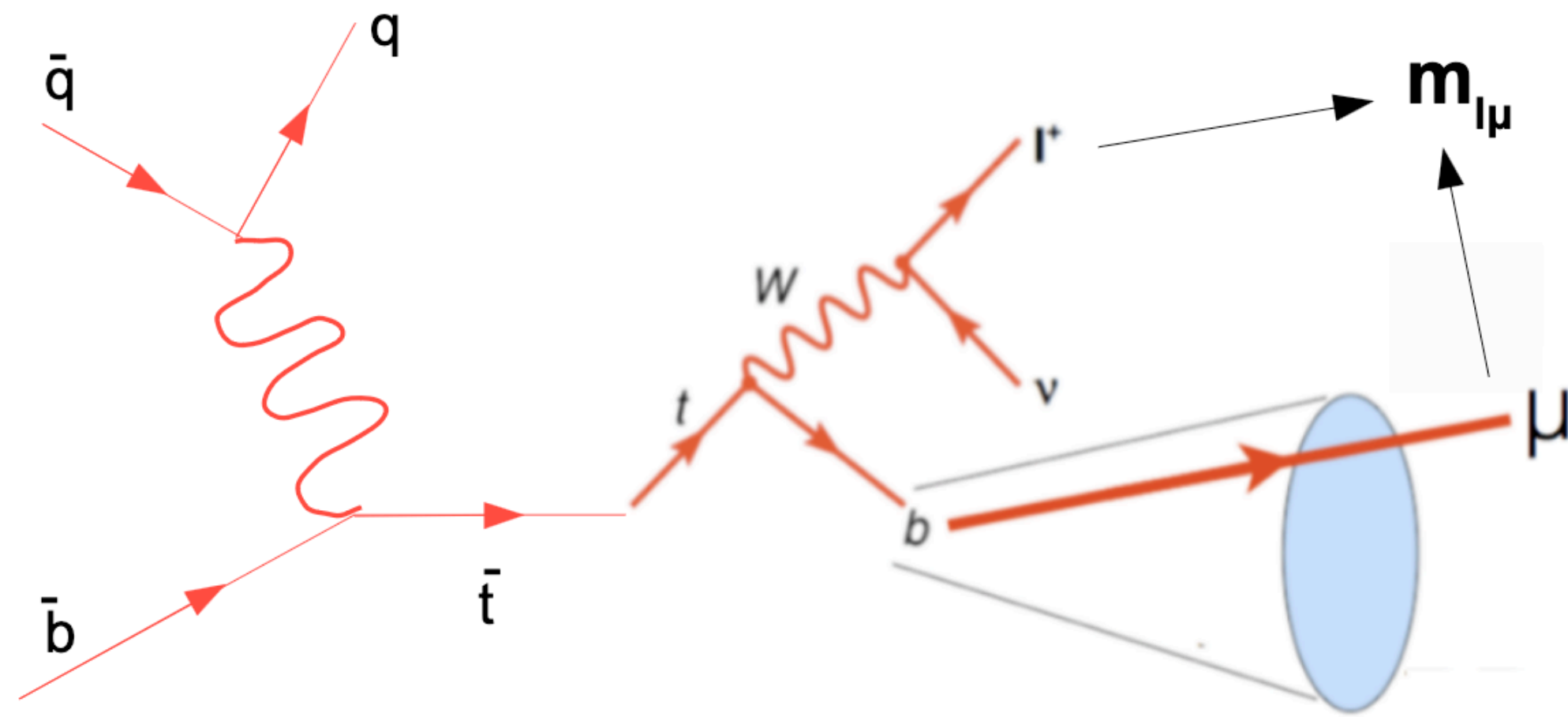
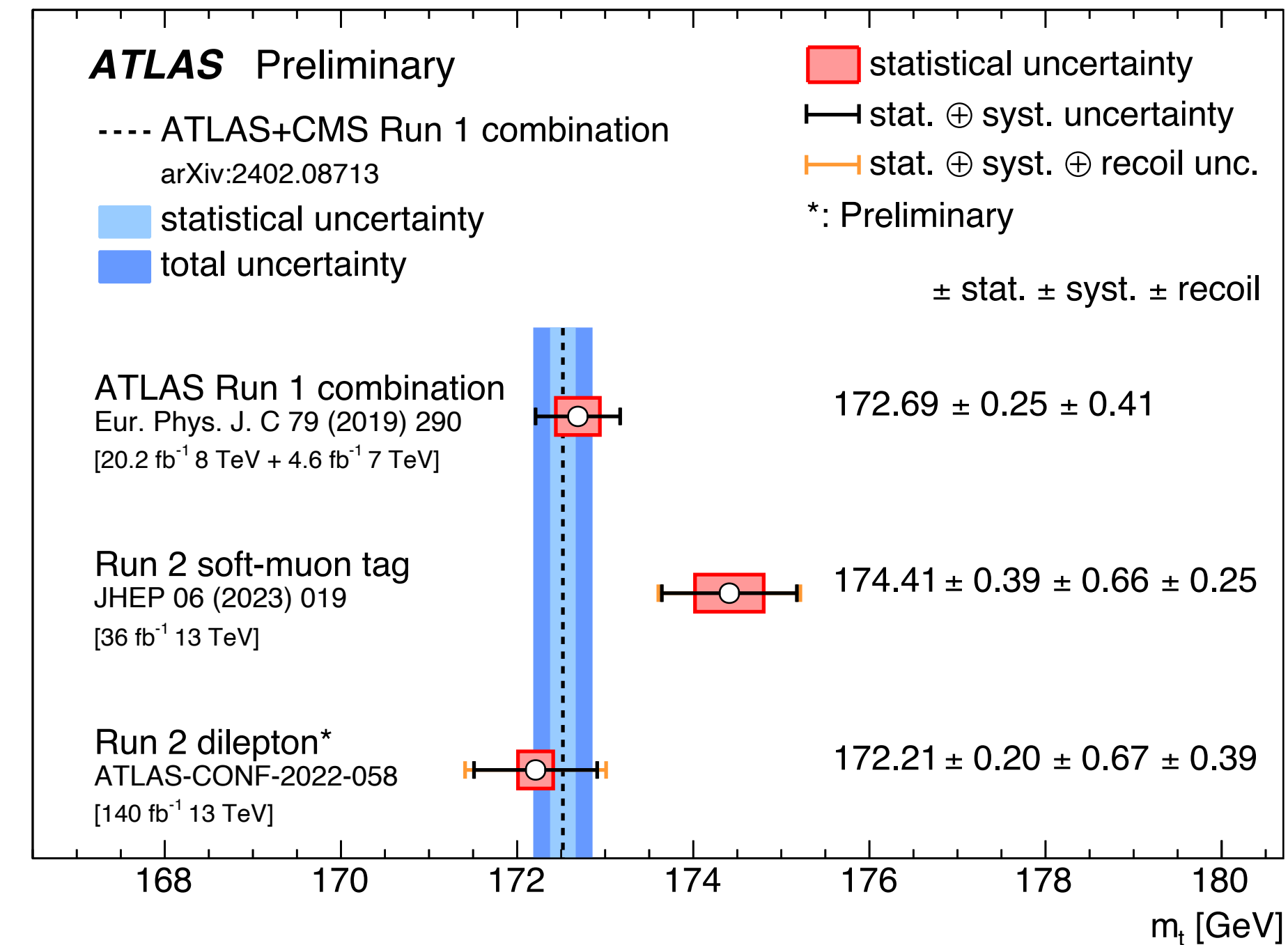
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- Invariant mass between lepton from top quark decay and **soft muon from b-quark decay** (“alternative” method)
- Less sensitive to JES, but **dependent on b quark fragmentation**
- In agreement with ATLAS combination within 2 standard deviations

From ATLAS Top physics review  
[arXiv:2404.10674, sub. to Physics Reports]

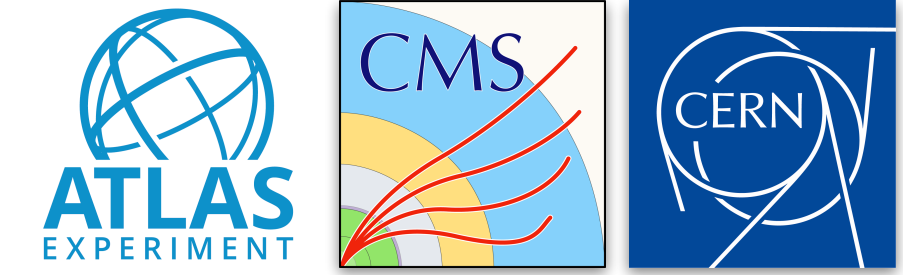
$$m_t = 174.41 \pm 0.39 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.66 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 0.25 \text{ (recoil)} \text{ GeV}$$



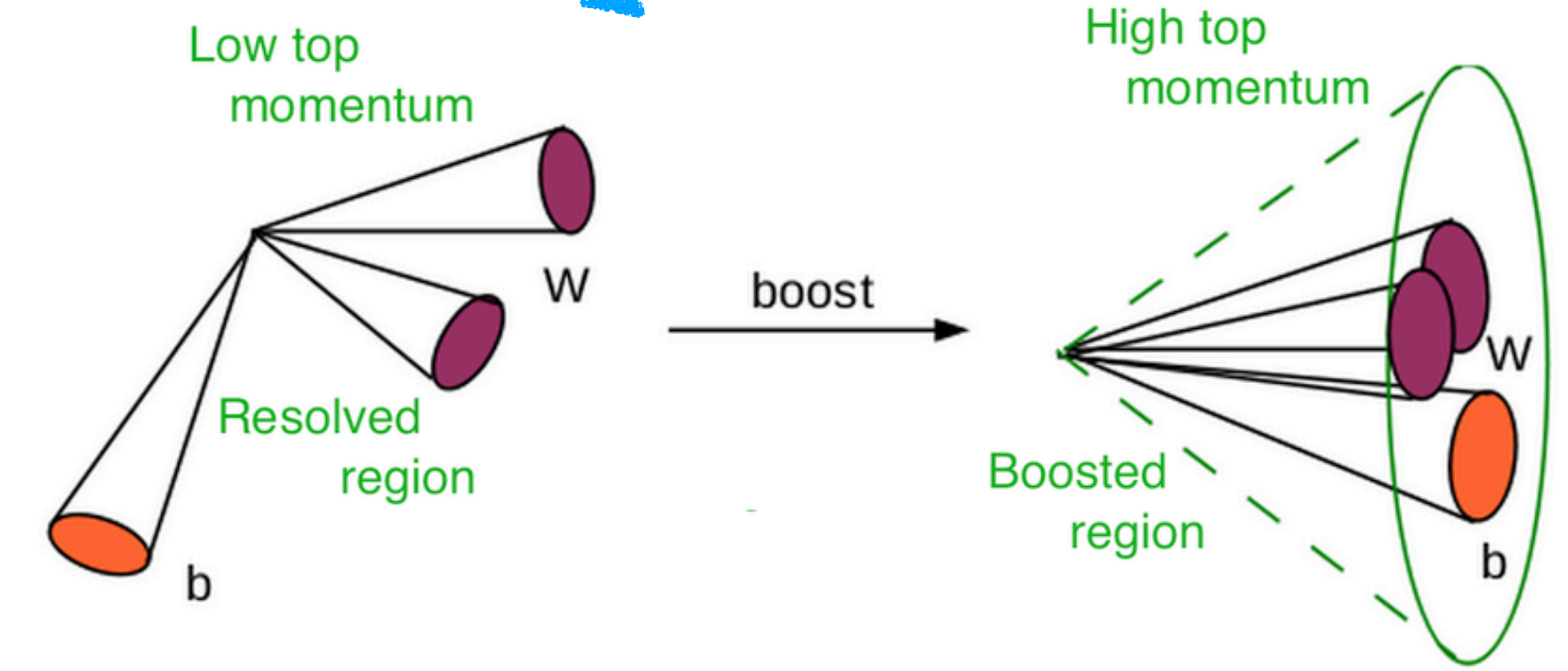
- Ambiguity in Pythia on **choice of recoiler particle from second gluon emissions in top quark decays**
- Effect on the LHC combination estimated to be at most 35 MeV, well below the total uncertainty

# Prospects for $m_t$ at the (HL-)LHC

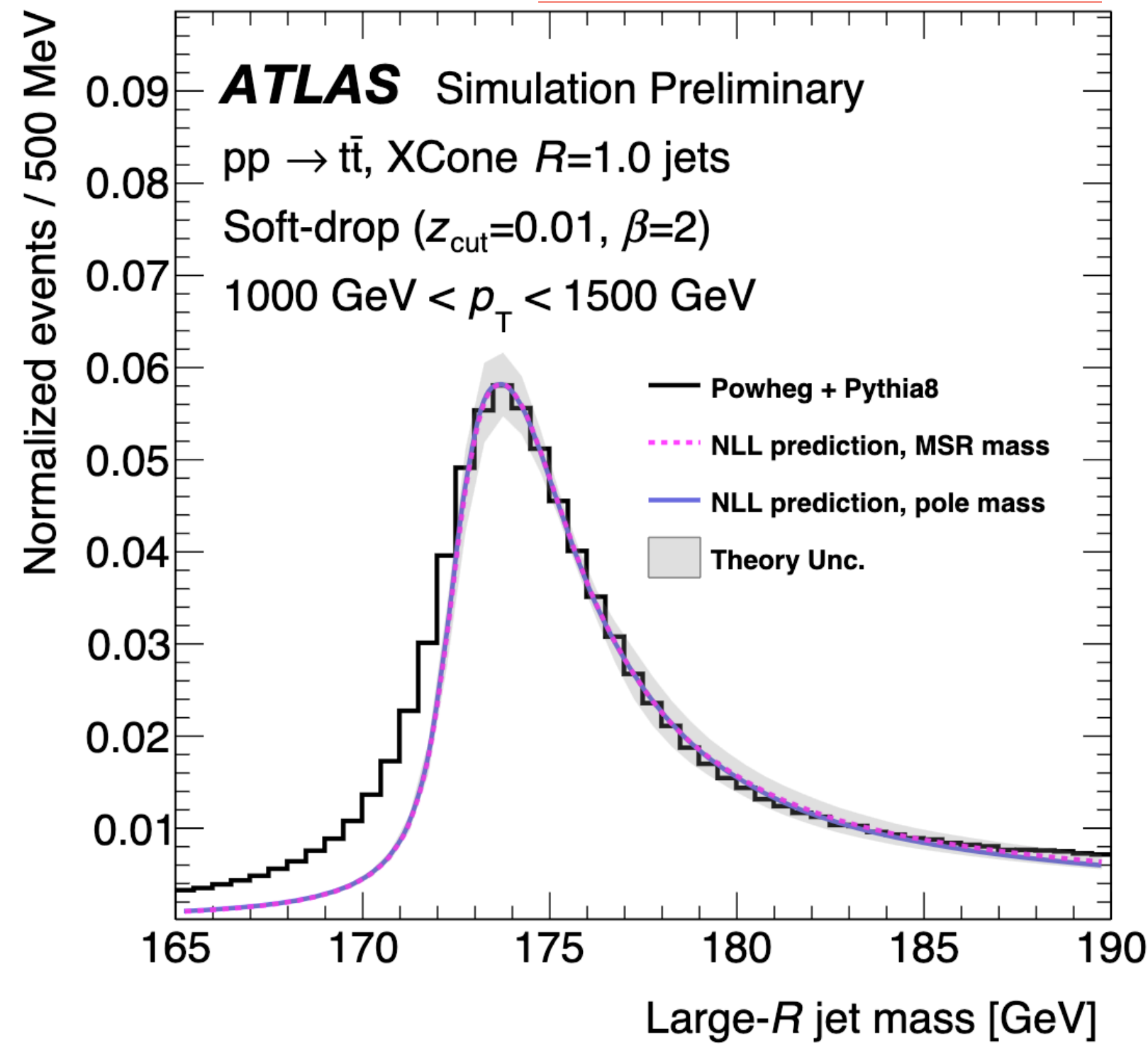
See talk by A. Paasch



- **Enormous progress** in  $m_t$  measurements using boosted top quark decays
  - Big margin of improvement with large datasets (Run3, HL-LHC)
- Possibility to perform both direct measurement and indirect extraction of  $m_t$  using first-principles theoretical predictions (SCET, HQET)
  - **Unambiguously interpret result in well-defined theoretical framework**



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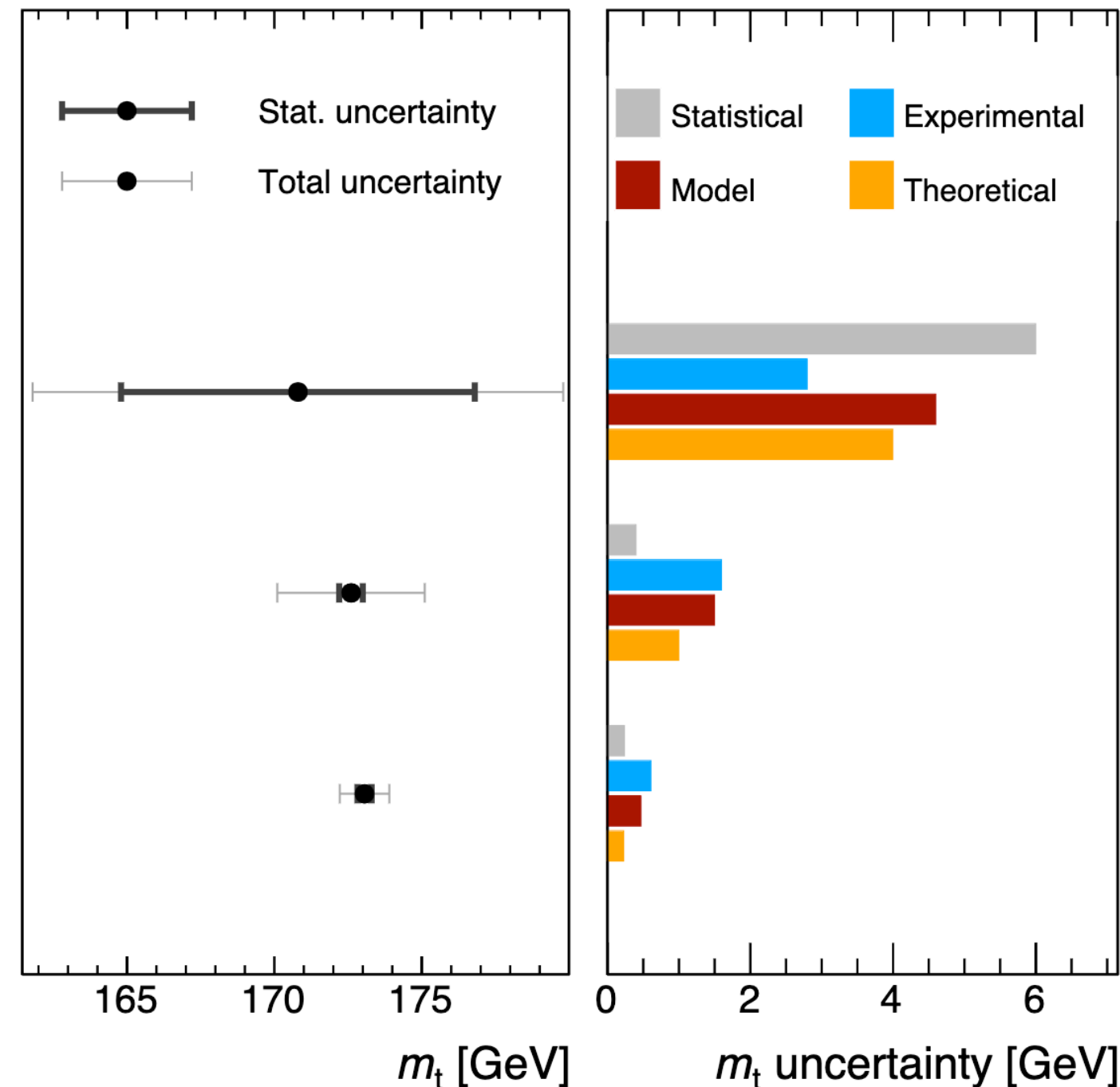
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**CMS**

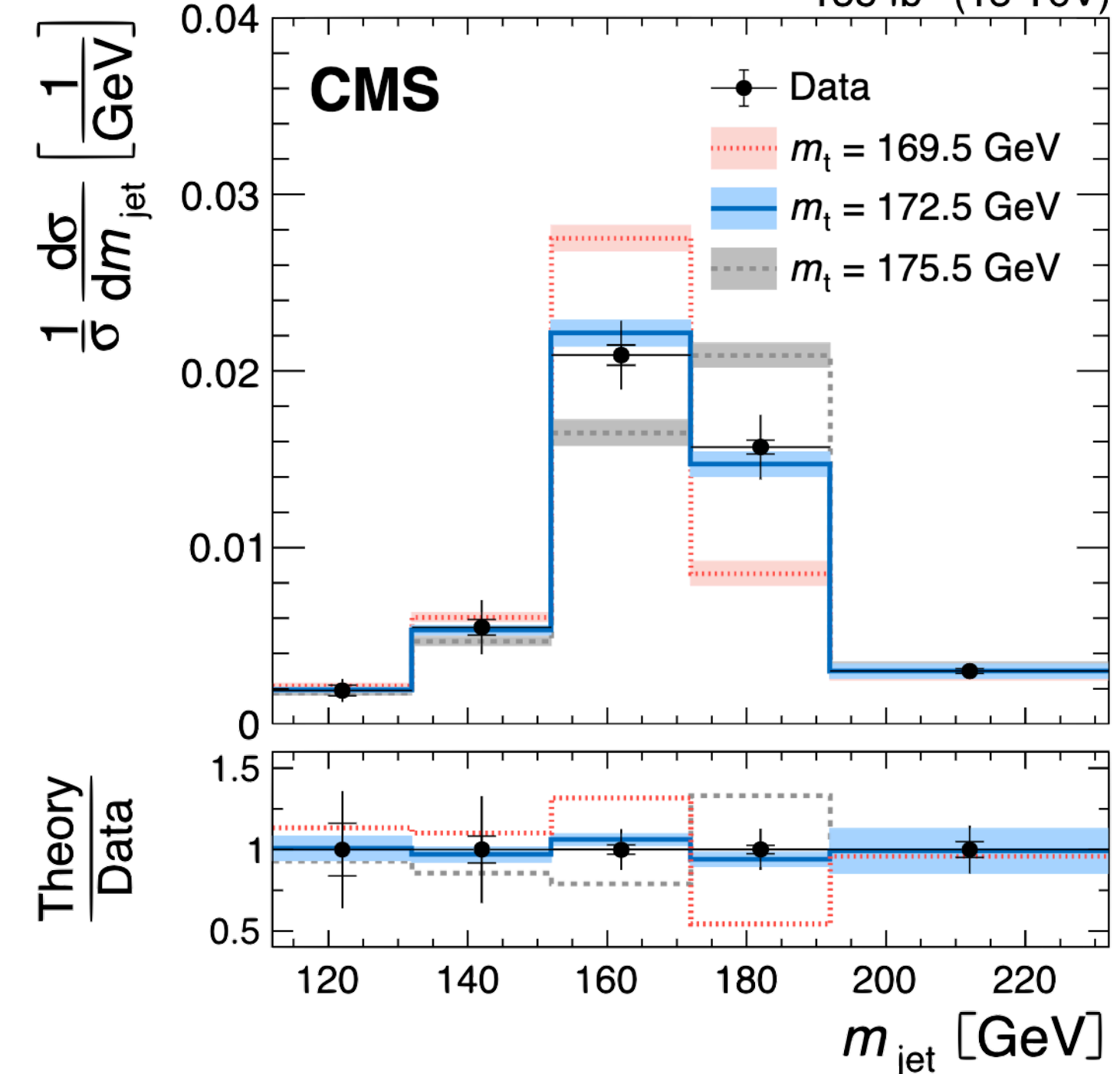
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 Eur. Phys. J. C 77 (2017) 467

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 Phys. Rev. Lett. 124 (2020) 202001

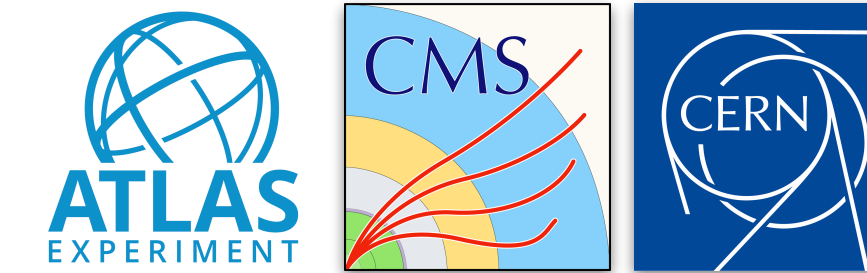
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# Summary and outlook



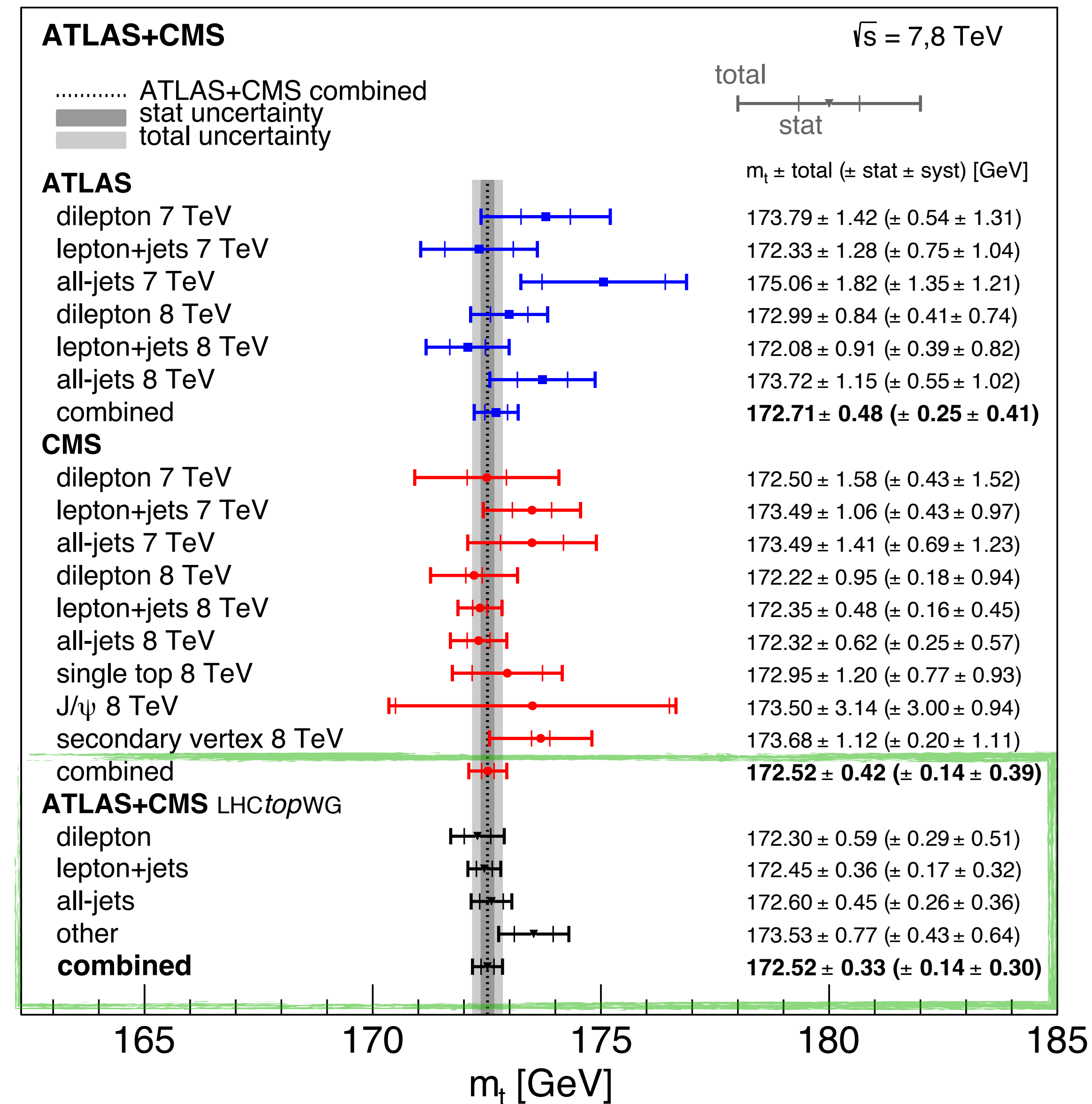
- **BLUE** combination of 15 Run-1 measurements from ATLAS and CMS yields **most precise  $m_t$  result to date**
  - Better than 2 per mill precision!
- 31% improvement over most precise single input

$$m_t = 172.52 \pm 0.33 \text{ GeV}$$

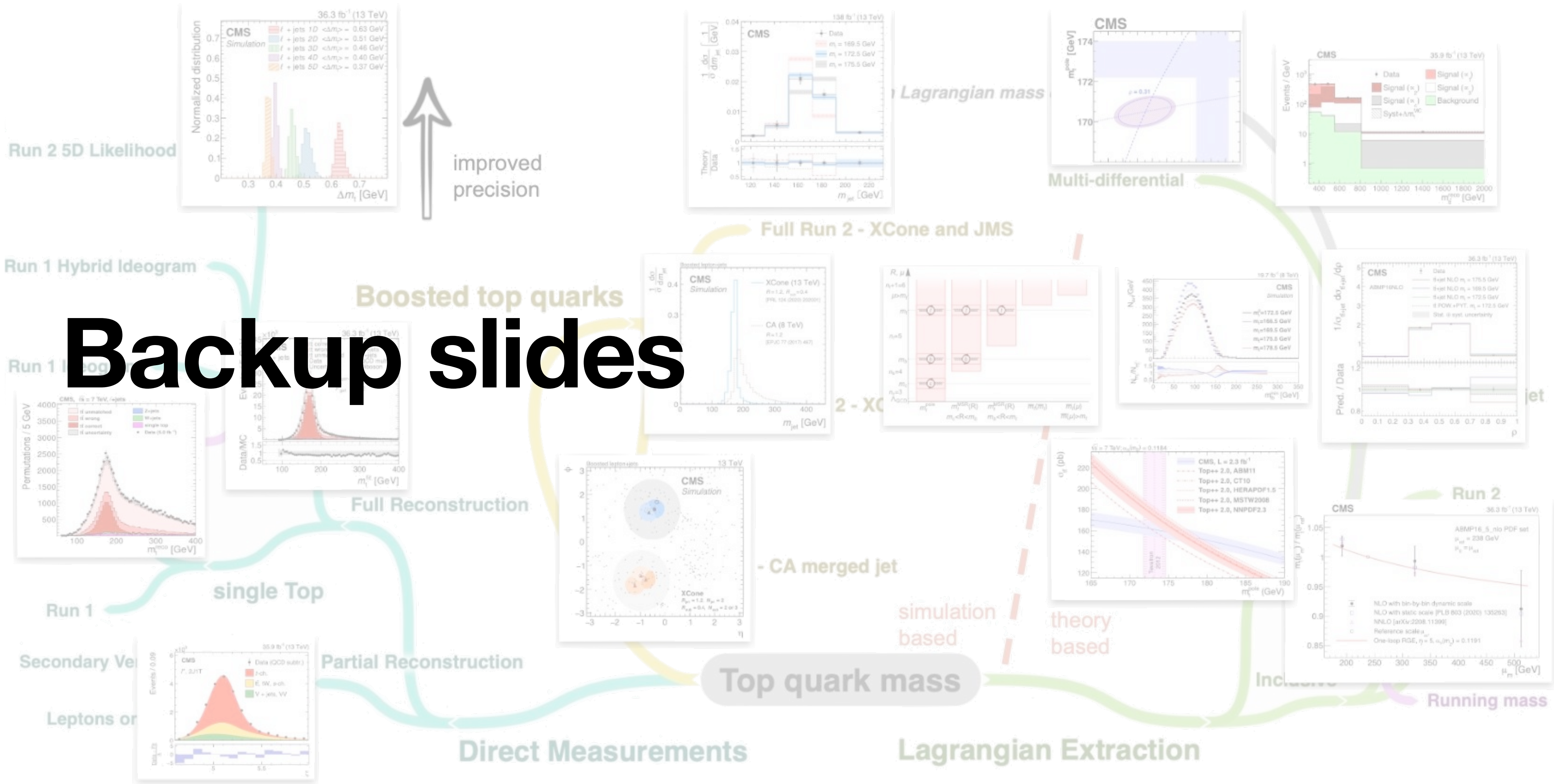
- Careful assessment of inter-experiment correlations
- Result is **robust against the choice of correlations**
- High level of compatibility between ATLAS and CMS, and between different channels

E. Canonero, G. Cowan [[arXiv:2407.05322](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.05322)]

Combination was found to be very stable across a wide range of assumptions on possible errors-on-errors

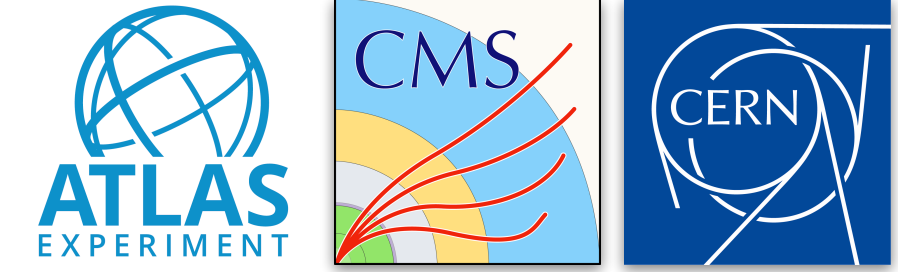


# Backup slides





# Combination weights and channel correlations



## Full combination

|        | ATLAS        |       |       |              |       |       | CMS          |       |       |              |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|        | 2011 (7 TeV) |       |       | 2012 (8 TeV) |       |       | 2011 (7 TeV) |       |       | 2012 (8 TeV) |       |       |       |       |       |
|        | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    | t     | J/ψ   | vtx   |
| Pull   | +0.93        | -0.15 | +1.43 | +0.61        | -0.51 | +1.09 | -0.01        | +0.96 | +0.71 | -0.33        | -0.47 | -0.37 | +0.38 | +0.31 | +1.08 |
| Weight | -0.02        | +0.07 | +0.00 | +0.16        | +0.17 | +0.03 | -0.08        | -0.01 | +0.03 | +0.12        | +0.34 | +0.12 | -0.03 | +0.01 | +0.08 |

## 2D combination

|       | ATLAS        |       |       |              |       |       | CMS          |       |       |              |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|       | 2011 (7 TeV) |       |       | 2012 (8 TeV) |       |       | 2011 (7 TeV) |       |       | 2012 (8 TeV) |       |       |       |       |       |
|       | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    | t     | J/ψ   | vtx   |
| ll    | +0.02        | +0.03 | -0.07 | +0.55        | +0.18 | -0.08 | +0.10        | -0.02 | -0.07 | +0.33        | -0.19 | +0.22 | -0.08 | <0.01 | +0.08 |
| lj    | -0.04        | +0.09 | +0.01 | +0.09        | +0.18 | +0.03 | -0.10        | +0.03 | +0.03 | +0.05        | +0.71 | -0.06 | -0.06 | +0.01 | +0.06 |
| aj    | -0.03        | +0.08 | +0.05 | +0.04        | +0.17 | +0.15 | -0.13        | -0.13 | +0.13 | +0.12        | -0.12 | +0.67 | -0.05 | +0.01 | +0.04 |
| Other | +0.02        | +0.05 | +0.03 | +0.02        | +0.12 | +0.04 | -0.18        | -0.04 | +0.10 | +0.14        | -0.12 | -0.18 | +0.46 | +0.05 | +0.49 |

## Per-channel combination

|                      | ATLAS        |       |       |              |       |       | CMS          |       |       |              |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------------------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                      | 2011 (7 TeV) |       |       | 2012 (8 TeV) |       |       | 2011 (7 TeV) |       |       | 2012 (8 TeV) |       |       |       |       |       |
|                      | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    | t     | J/ψ   | vtx   |
| $m_t^{\text{ATLAS}}$ | <0.01        | +0.16 | +0.04 | +0.33        | +0.36 | +0.11 | -0.05        | -0.07 | +0.03 | +0.03        | -0.11 | +0.14 | -0.03 | +0.01 | +0.05 |
| $m_t^{\text{CMS}}$   | -0.04        | +0.01 | -0.03 | +0.04        | +0.04 | -0.02 | -0.10        | +0.02 | +0.04 | +0.18        | +0.67 | +0.10 | -0.04 | +0.01 | +0.11 |

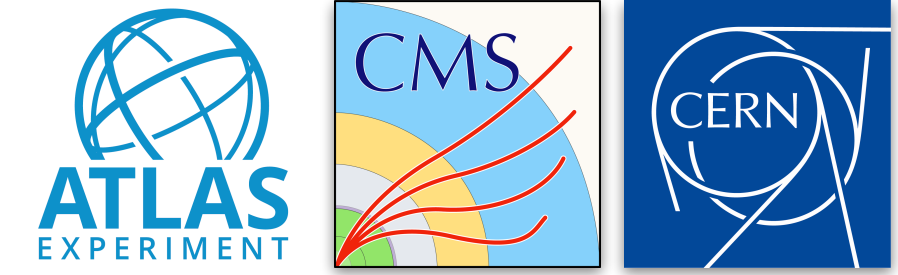
## Per-channel: correlations

|       | dil   | lj   | aj   | Other |
|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| dil   | 1.00  | 0.29 | 0.24 | <0.01 |
| lj    | 0.29  | 1.00 | 0.59 | 0.31  |
| aj    | 0.24  | 0.59 | 1.00 | 0.34  |
| Other | <0.01 | 0.31 | 0.34 | 1.00  |

$$m_t^k = \sum_{i \in k} w_i m_t^i + \sum_{j \notin k} \lambda_j m_t^j$$

with  $\sum_i w_i = 1$  and  $\sum_j \lambda_j = 0$

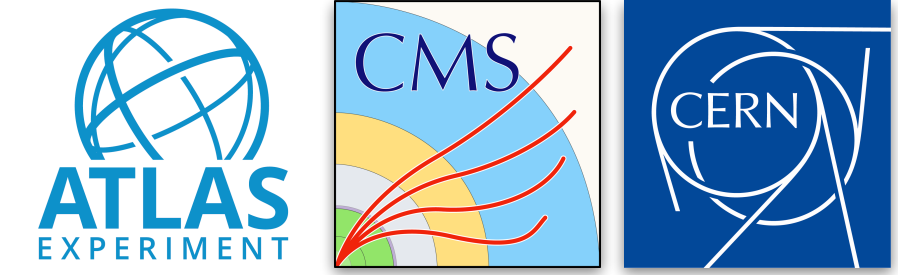
# Inputs



|                     | ATLAS        |        |        |              |        |        |        |
|---------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                     | 2011 (7 TeV) |        |        | 2012 (8 TeV) |        |        | comb.  |
|                     | dil          | lj     | aj     | dil          | lj     | aj     |        |
| $m_t$               | 173.79       | 172.33 | 175.06 | 172.99       | 172.08 | 173.72 | 172.71 |
| JES 1               | 0.54         | 0.33   | 0.38   | 0.35         | 0.28   | 0.40   | 0.18   |
| JES 2               | 0.30         | 0.30   | 0.20   | 0.41         | 0.39   | 0.42   | 0.11   |
| JES 3               | 0.43         | 0.07   | 0.24   | 0.08         | 0.05   | 0.12   | 0.07   |
| b-JES               | 0.68         | 0.06   | 0.62   | 0.30         | 0.03   | 0.34   | 0.17   |
| g-JES               | 0.03         | 0.28   | 0.10   | 0.02         | 0.21   | 0.05   | 0.02   |
| l-JES               | 0.02         | 0.24   | 0.02   | 0.01         | 0.10   | 0.06   | 0.01   |
| JER                 | 0.19         | 0.22   | 0.01   | 0.09         | 0.20   | 0.10   | 0.09   |
| Leptons             | 0.13         | 0.04   | —      | 0.14         | 0.16   | 0.01   | 0.08   |
| b tagging           | 0.07         | 0.50   | 0.16   | 0.04         | 0.38   | 0.10   | 0.16   |
| $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ | 0.04         | 0.15   | 0.02   | 0.01         | 0.05   | 0.01   | 0.04   |
| Pileup              | 0.01         | 0.02   | 0.02   | 0.05         | 0.15   | 0.01   | 0.07   |
| Trigger             | 0.01         | —      | 0.01   | —            | 0.01   | 0.08   | 0.01   |
| ME generator        | 0.26         | 0.22   | 0.30   | 0.09         | 0.16   | 0.18   | 0.13   |
| QCD radiation       | 0.47         | 0.32   | 0.22   | 0.23         | 0.08   | 0.10   | 0.07   |
| Hadronization       | 0.53         | 0.18   | 0.50   | 0.22         | 0.15   | 0.64   | 0.01   |
| Color reconnection  | 0.14         | 0.11   | 0.22   | 0.03         | 0.19   | 0.12   | 0.08   |
| Underlying event    | 0.05         | 0.15   | 0.08   | 0.10         | 0.08   | 0.12   | 0.03   |
| PDF                 | 0.10         | 0.25   | 0.09   | 0.05         | 0.09   | 0.09   | 0.06   |
| Background (data)   | 0.04         | 0.11   | 0.35   | 0.07         | 0.05   | 0.17   | 0.04   |
| Background (MC)     | 0.01         | 0.29   | —      | 0.03         | 0.13   | —      | 0.07   |
| Method              | 0.09         | 0.11   | 0.42   | 0.05         | 0.13   | 0.11   | 0.06   |
| Other               | 0.07         | 0.12   | 0.24   | 0.02         | 0.10   | 0.03   | 0.06   |
| Total systematic    | 1.31         | 1.04   | 1.21   | 0.74         | 0.82   | 1.02   | 0.41   |
| Statistical         | 0.54         | 0.75   | 1.35   | 0.41         | 0.39   | 0.55   | 0.25   |
| Total               | 1.42         | 1.28   | 1.82   | 0.84         | 0.91   | 1.15   | 0.48   |

|                            | CMS          |        |        |              |        |        |        |        |           |        |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|
|                            | 2011 (7 TeV) |        |        | 2012 (8 TeV) |        |        |        | comb.  |           |        |
|                            | dil          | lj     | aj     | dil          | lj     | aj     | t      |        | J/ $\psi$ | vtx    |
| $m_t$                      | 172.50       | 173.49 | 173.49 | 172.22       | 172.35 | 172.32 | 172.95 | 173.50 | 173.68    | 172.52 |
| JES 1                      | 0.77         | 0.24   | 0.69   | 0.31         | 0.10   | 0.16   | 0.40   | <0.01  | 0.11      | 0.06   |
| JES 2                      | 0.54         | 0.02   | 0.35   | 0.17         | 0.12   | 0.19   | 0.21   | <0.01  | 0.13      | 0.10   |
| JES 3                      | 0.06         | 0.01   | 0.08   | 0.03         | 0.01   | 0.02   | 0.05   | <0.01  | 0.01      | 0.01   |
| b-JES                      | 0.70         | 0.61   | 0.49   | 0.37         | 0.32   | 0.29   | 0.38   | —      | —         | 0.25   |
| g-JES                      | —            | —      | —      | 0.07         | 0.08   | 0.02   | —      | —      | —         | 0.04   |
| l-JES                      | —            | —      | —      | 0.04         | 0.06   | 0.01   | 0.07   | —      | —         | 0.05   |
| CMS JES 1                  | 0.58         | 0.11   | 0.58   | —            | —      | —      | —      | —      | —         | 0.04   |
| JER                        | 0.14         | 0.23   | 0.15   | —            | 0.03   | 0.02   | 0.05   | <0.01  | 0.05      | 0.02   |
| Leptons                    | 0.14         | 0.02   | —      | 0.25         | 0.01   | —      | 0.05   | 0.10   | 0.24      | 0.07   |
| b tagging                  | 0.09         | 0.12   | 0.06   | 0.01         | 0.06   | 0.02   | 0.10   | —      | 0.02      | 0.03   |
| $p_T^{\text{miss}}$        | 0.12         | 0.06   | —      | 0.01         | 0.04   | —      | 0.15   | —      | —         | 0.01   |
| Pileup                     | 0.11         | 0.07   | 0.06   | 0.05         | 0.06   | 0.06   | 0.14   | 0.07   | 0.05      | 0.03   |
| Trigger                    | —            | —      | 0.24   | —            | —      | 0.01   | —      | 0.02   | —         | 0.01   |
| ME generator               | 0.04         | 0.02   | 0.19   | 0.07         | 0.12   | 0.16   | —      | 0.37   | 0.42      | 0.14   |
| QCD radiation              | 0.58         | 0.30   | 0.33   | 0.24         | 0.09   | 0.18   | 0.35   | 0.74   | 0.20      | 0.10   |
| Hadronization              | —            | —      | —      | 0.38         | 0.01   | 0.04   | —      | 0.30   | 0.54      | 0.01   |
| CMS b hadron $\mathcal{B}$ | —            | —      | —      | 0.12         | 0.16   | 0.13   | 0.15   | —      | 0.16      | 0.12   |
| Color reconnection         | 0.13         | 0.54   | 0.15   | 0.13         | 0.01   | 0.16   | 0.05   | 0.12   | 0.08      | 0.03   |
| Underlying event           | 0.05         | 0.15   | 0.20   | 0.11         | 0.08   | 0.14   | 0.20   | 0.13   | —         | 0.05   |
| PDF                        | 0.09         | 0.07   | 0.06   | 0.17         | 0.04   | 0.03   | 0.11   | 0.11   | 0.04      | <0.01  |
| CMS top quark $p_T$        | —            | —      | —      | 0.51         | 0.02   | 0.06   | —      | —      | —         | 0.07   |
| Background (data)          | —            | —      | 0.13   | —            | —      | 0.20   | —      | —      | 0.44      | 0.06   |
| Background (MC)            | 0.05         | 0.13   | —      | —            | 0.03   | —      | 0.17   | 0.01   | —         | 0.01   |
| Method                     | 0.40         | 0.06   | 0.13   | —            | 0.04   | 0.06   | 0.39   | 0.22   | 0.62      | 0.09   |
| Other                      | —            | —      | —      | 0.03         | —      | —      | 0.25   | 0.09   | 0.09      | 0.01   |
| Total systematic           | 1.52         | 0.97   | 1.23   | 0.94         | 0.45   | 0.57   | 0.93   | 0.94   | 1.11      | 0.39   |
| Statistical                | 0.43         | 0.43   | 0.69   | 0.18         | 0.16   | 0.25   | 0.77   | 3.00   | 0.20      | 0.14   |
| Total                      | 1.58         | 1.06   | 1.41   | 0.95         | 0.48   | 0.62   | 1.20   | 3.14   | 1.12      | 0.42   |

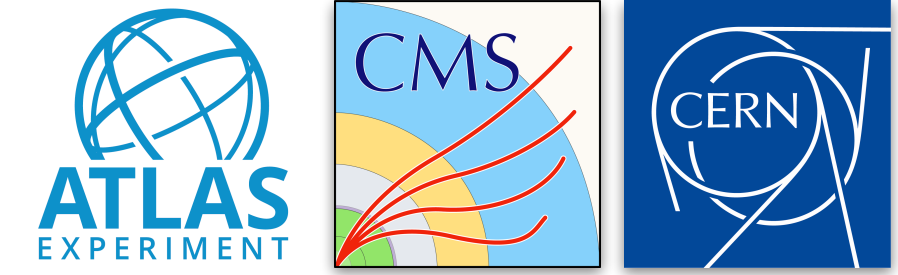
# Example correlation matrix: b-JES



|     | ATLAS        |      |      |              |      |      | CMS          |      |      |              |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----|--------------|------|------|--------------|------|------|--------------|------|------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|     | 2011 (7 TeV) |      |      | 2012 (8 TeV) |      |      | 2011 (7 TeV) |      |      | 2012 (8 TeV) |      |      |      |      |      |
|     | dil          | lj   | aj   | dil          | lj   | aj   | dil          | lj   | aj   | dil          | lj   | aj   | t    | J/ψ  | vtx  |
| dil | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 |
| lj  | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 |
| aj  | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 |
| dil | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 |
| lj  | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 |
| aj  | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 |
| dil | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| lj  | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| aj  | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| t   | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| J/ψ | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| vtx | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85         | 0.85 | 0.85 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |

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# Example correlation matrix: ME scale



|     | ATLAS        |       |       |              |       |       | CMS          |       |       |              |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|     | 2011 (7 TeV) |       |       | 2012 (8 TeV) |       |       | 2011 (7 TeV) |       |       | 2012 (8 TeV) |       |       | t     | J/ψ   | vtx   |
|     | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    | dil          | lj    | aj    |       |       |       |
| dil | 1.00         | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 0.50         | -0.50 | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50 | -0.50 |
| lj  | 1.00         | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 0.50         | -0.50 | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50 | -0.50 |
| aj  | -1.00        | -1.00 | 1.00  | -1.00        | -1.00 | -1.00 | 0.50         | 0.50  | 0.50  | -0.50        | 0.50  | 0.50  | -0.50 | 0.50  | 0.50  |
| dil | 1.00         | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 0.50         | -0.50 | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50 | -0.50 |
| lj  | 1.00         | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 0.50         | -0.50 | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50 | -0.50 |
| aj  | 1.00         | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 0.50         | -0.50 | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50 | -0.50 |
| dil | -0.50        | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00        | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00  | 1.00  |
| lj  | -0.50        | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00        | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00  | 1.00  |
| aj  | -0.50        | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00        | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00  | 1.00  |
| dil | 0.50         | 0.50  | -0.50 | 0.50         | 0.50  | 0.50  | -1.00        | -1.00 | -1.00 | 1.00         | -1.00 | -1.00 | 1.00  | -1.00 | -1.00 |
| lj  | -0.50        | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00        | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00  | 1.00  |
| aj  | -0.50        | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00        | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00  | 1.00  |
| t   | 0.50         | 0.50  | -0.50 | 0.50         | 0.50  | 0.50  | -1.00        | -1.00 | -1.00 | 1.00         | -1.00 | -1.00 | 1.00  | -1.00 | -1.00 |
| J/ψ | -0.50        | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00        | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00  | 1.00  |
| vtx | -0.50        | -0.50 | 0.50  | -0.50        | -0.50 | -0.50 | 1.00         | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00        | 1.00  | 1.00  | -1.00 | 1.00  | 1.00  |

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