

# Top quark properties

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- ❖ Differential distributions
- ❖ Spin correlation
- ❖ Charge asymmetry
- ❖ Mass
- ❖  $\tau_{\text{us}}$

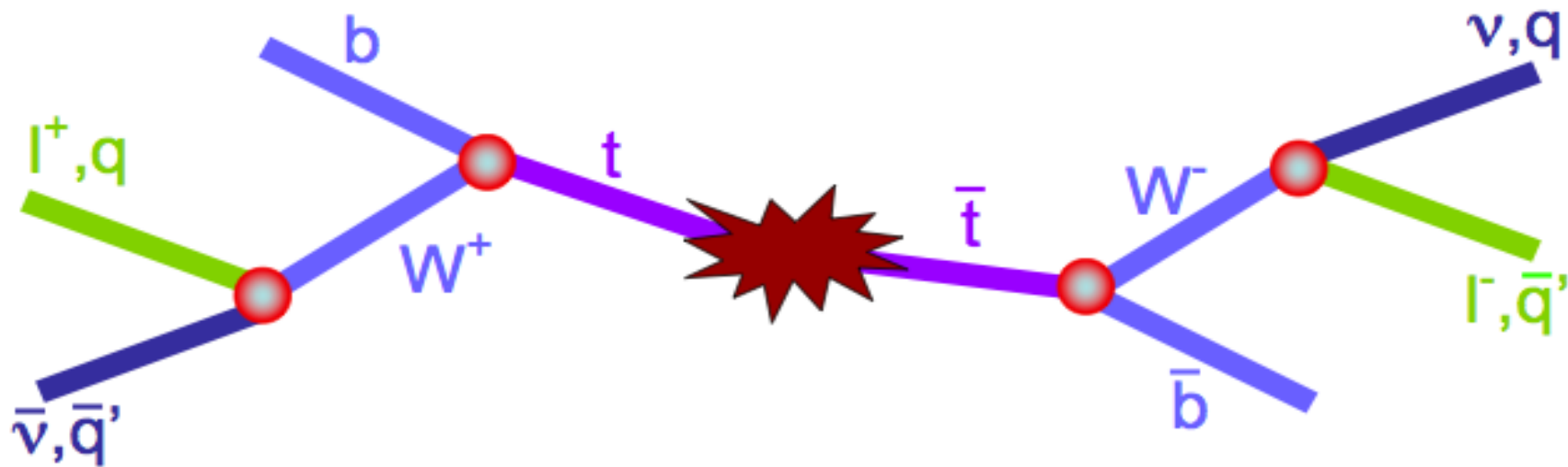
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- Top pair production at LHC
  
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- Spin correlation, charge asymmetry
- Mass, taus
  
- Single top production
- Flavor Changing Neutral Currents (FCNC)
  
- Search for top partners and 4<sup>th</sup> generation quarks
- Search for  $t\bar{t}$  resonances

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# Interesting physics with Top quark



## PRODUCTION

Cross section  
Resonances  $X \rightarrow t\bar{t}$   
Fourth generation  $t'$   
Spin-correlations  
New physics (SUSY)  
Flavour physics (FCNC)  
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## PROPERTIES

Mass  
Kinematics  
Charge  
Lifetime and width  
W helicity  
Spin  
...

## DECAY

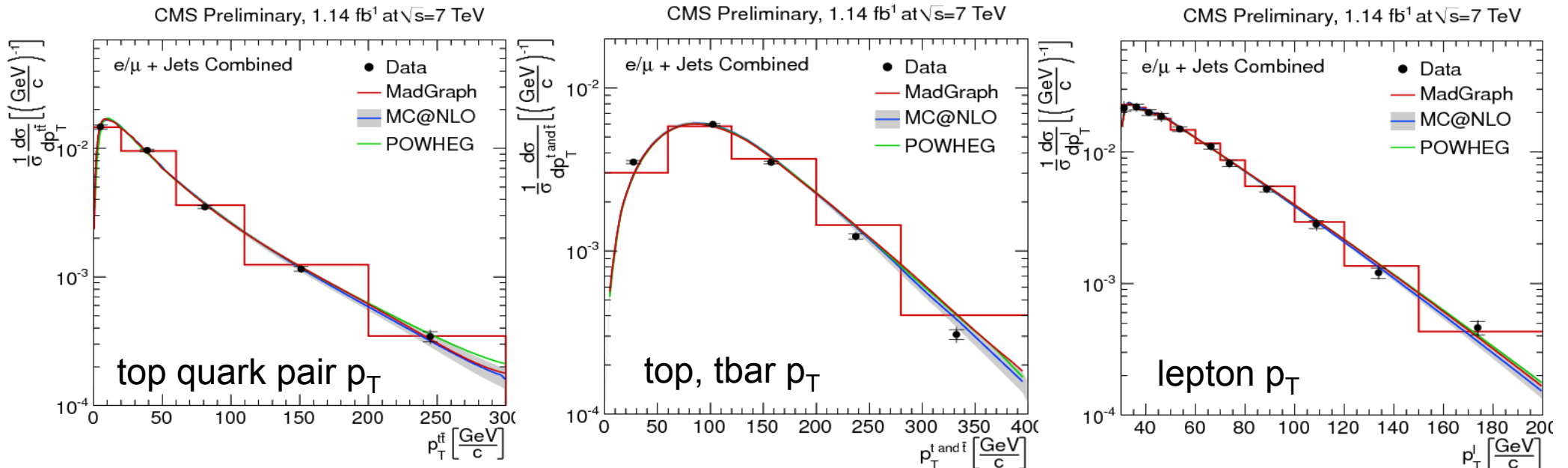
Branching ratios  
Charged Higgs (non-SM)  
Anomalous couplings  
Rare decays  
CKM matrix elements  
Calibration sample @LHC  
...

# Differential cross section

- Measure differential cross section
  - Test perturbative QCD
  - Test BSM scenarios (Z' decays, etc) with narrow resonance
- Reconstruct event kinematic properties
- Cross sections measured as a function of  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ , invariant mass of the final state leptons, the top quarks, and the tt system
- Good agreement found in dilepton and lepton+jet channels

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{t\bar{t}}} \frac{d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}}{dX}$$

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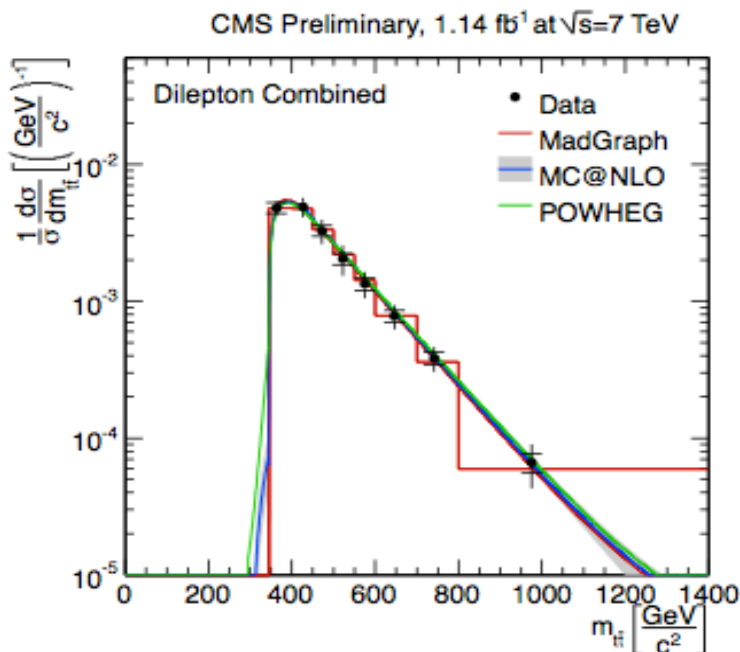


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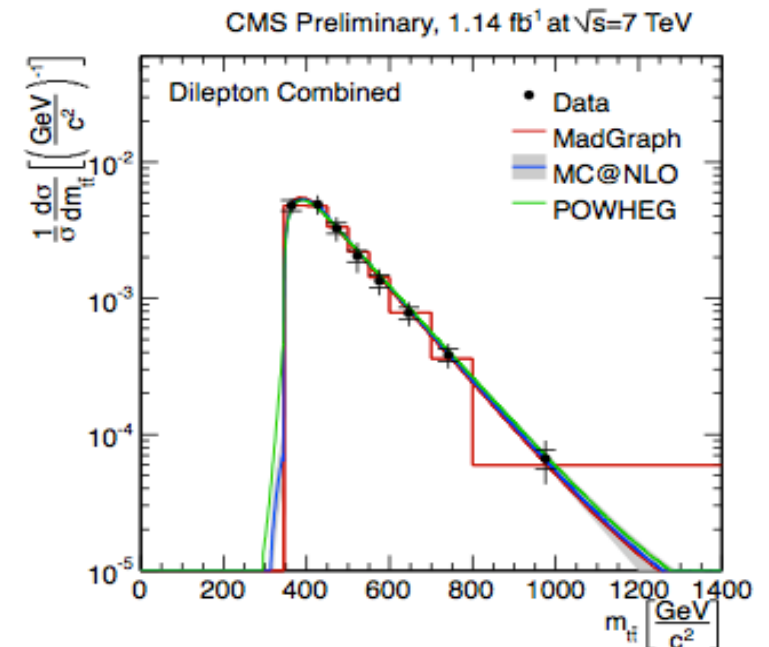
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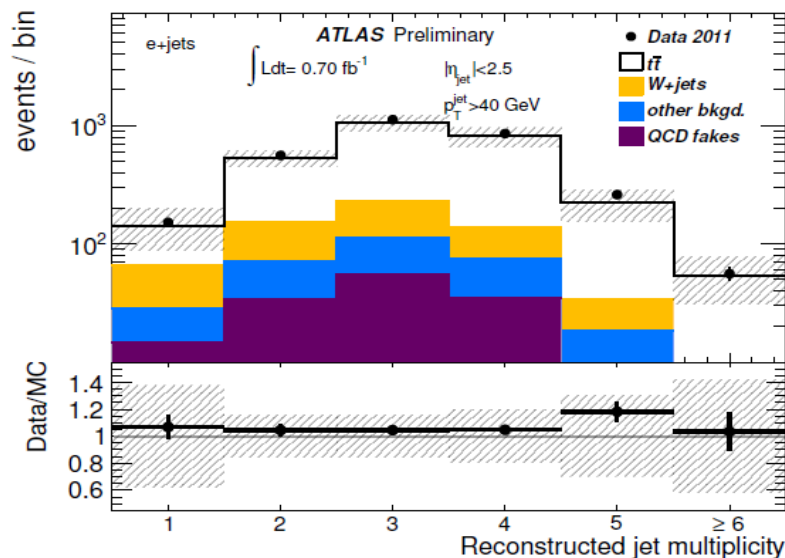
top quark pair  
invariant mass



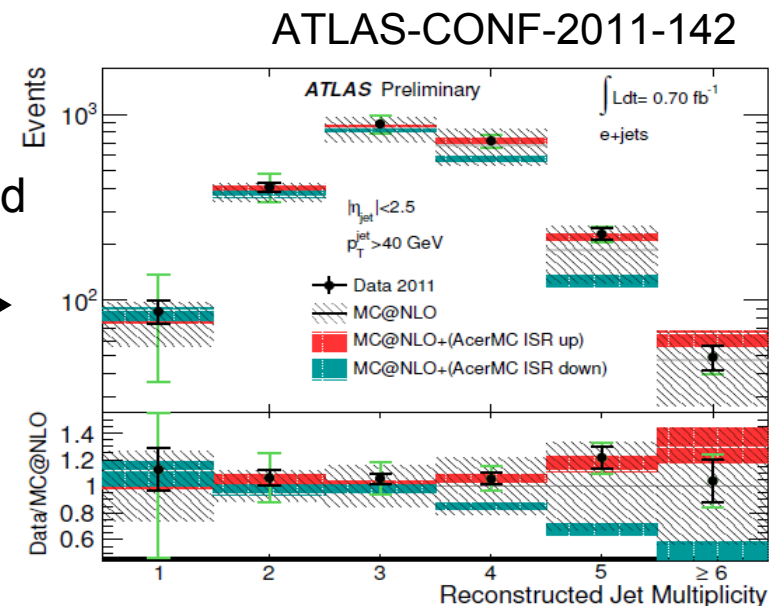


# Jet multiplicities: test of pQCD

- Jet scaling tests QCD: PDF evolution and running  $\alpha_s$ 
  - useful to constrain initial state radiation (ISR) at the scale of the top quark mass
  - provides a test of perturbative QCD in a new energy regime
- Study multiplicity distribution of reconstructed jets
  - Analysis performed in the single lepton channel
- data in agreement with signal  $t\bar{t}$  MC distributions
- Comparison with different ISR MC samples
- Uncertainties dominated by JES



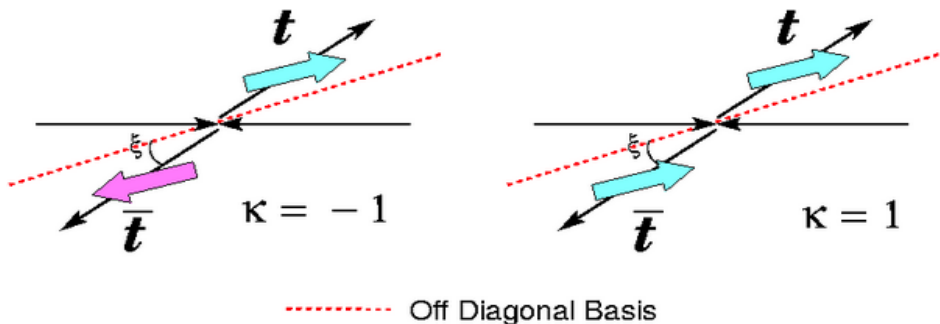
After background subtraction  
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# Spin correlation

- Important tool for precise studies of top quark interactions
- Top quark produced are not polarized
  - ...but spins between quark and anti-quark are correlated
- Top quark decays before spins decorrelate
  - Top quark decays before hadronization ( $\tau \sim 10^{-25}$  sec)  $\Rightarrow$  spin information transmitted to the decay products (W boson, b quark)
- Spin correlation depends on the production mode

$$\kappa = \frac{n_{\pm\pm} - n_{\pm\mp}}{n_{\pm\pm} + n_{\pm\mp}}$$



$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta_1 d \cos \theta_2} = \frac{1}{4} (1 + \kappa \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2)$$

- Analyze spin using angular distributions of decay products
  - $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the angles of decay products wrt a “quantization axis”
  - value of  $\kappa$  depends on spin basis (for example, off-diagonal vs maximal)

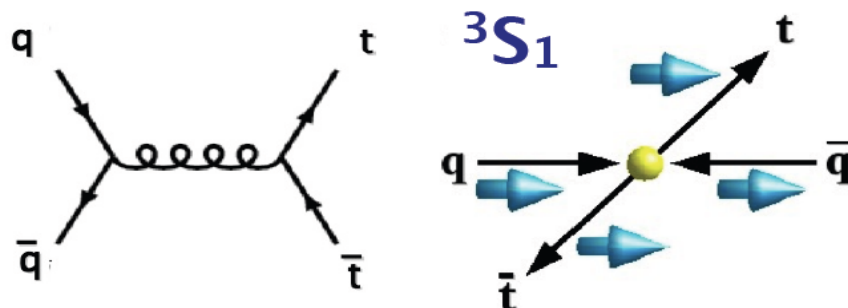
# Spin correlation

- Spin correlation may differ from that expected in the SM
  - top quark decays into a charged Higgs boson and a b quark ( $t \rightarrow H^+ b$ )
  - Other BSM scenarios

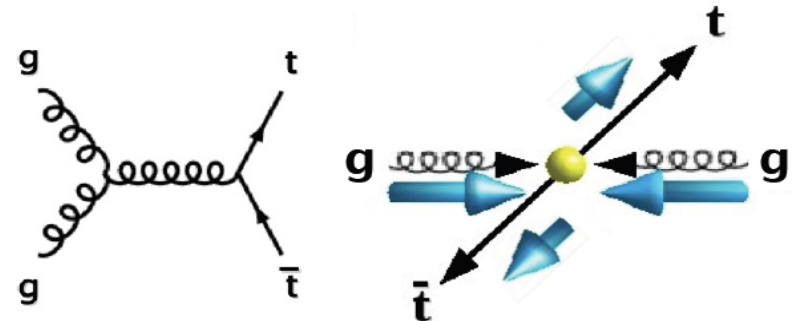


# Spin correlation: Tevatron vs LHC

$$A = \frac{N_{\uparrow\uparrow} + N_{\down\downarrow} - N_{\uparrow\downarrow} - N_{\down\uparrow}}{N_{\uparrow\uparrow} + N_{\down\downarrow} + N_{\uparrow\downarrow} + N_{\down\uparrow}}$$



**Tevatron**



**LHC**

- dominated by  $q\bar{q}$  annihilation
- $t\bar{t}$  pairs close to the threshold
- beam axis as spin quantisation axis

NLO QCD:  $A = 0.78$

Bernreuther, Brandenburg, Si, Uwer, Nucl. Phys. B690, 81 (2004)

- optimised “off-diagonal” basis

- dominated by  $gg$  fusion
- $t\bar{t}$  pairs far off the threshold
- helicity basis as spin quantisation axis

NLO QCD:  $A = 0.32$

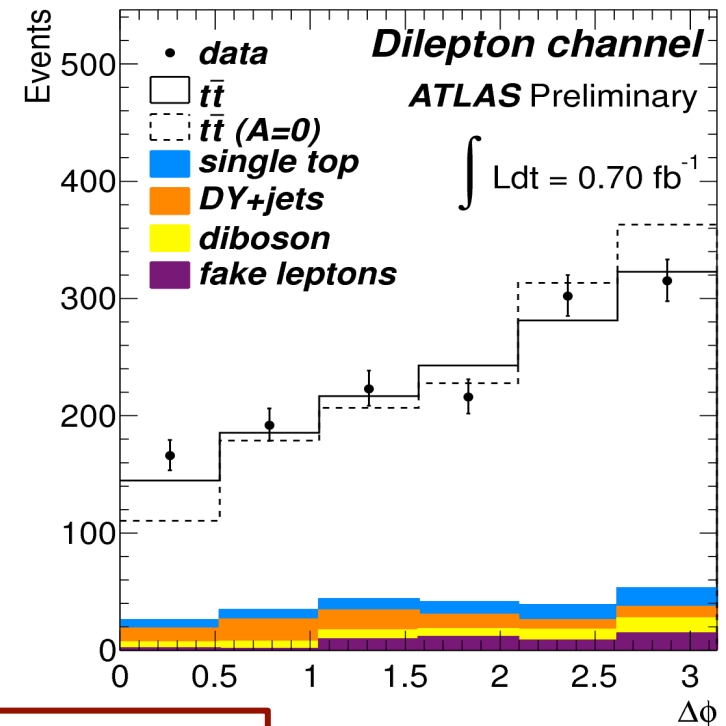
- maximal basis

**complementary between Tevatron and LHC**

# Spin correlation

- Access spin information via the angular distributions of its decay products
- Most sensitive probes are leptons and d-type quarks
- Strategy: fit  $\Delta\phi$  dilepton distribution with binned SM distribution and in the case with uncorrelated spin distribution
- Translate result to maximal/helicity basis
- Main systematics: ISR/FSR and signal modelling
- Results in agreement with SM:

$$A = \frac{N_{like} - N_{unlike}}{N_{like} + N_{unlike}}$$



$$A_{\text{helicity}} = 0.34 \pm 0.07_{\text{stat}} \begin{matrix} +0.13 \\ -0.09 \end{matrix}_{\text{syst}}$$

$$A_{\text{helicity}}^{\text{SM}} = 0.32$$

$$A_{\text{maximal}} = 0.47 \pm 0.09_{\text{stat}} \begin{matrix} +0.18 \\ -0.12 \end{matrix}_{\text{syst}}$$

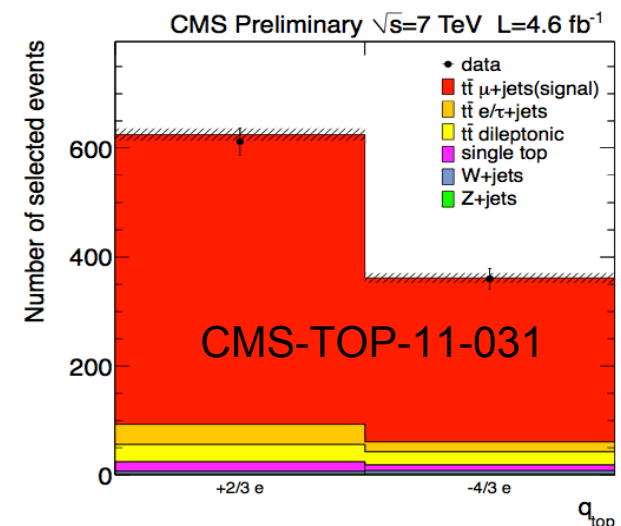
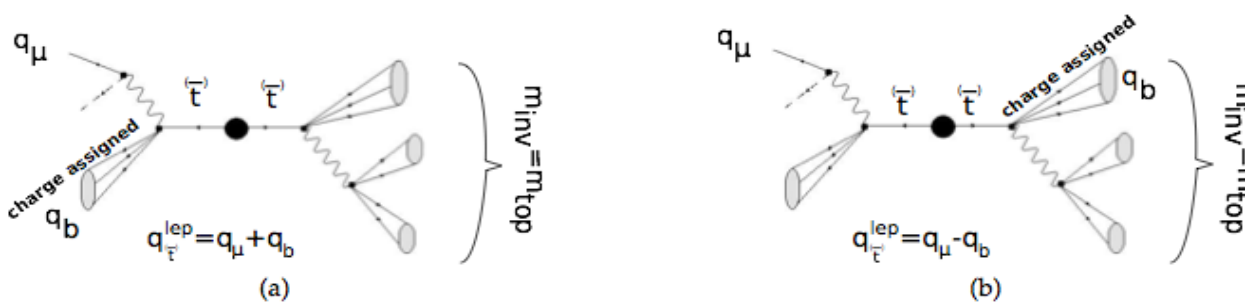
$$A_{\text{maximal}}^{\text{SM}} = 0.44$$

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# Top quark charge

- top quark is the electroweak isospin partner of the bottom quark and is expected to have a charge of  $+2/3 e$
- Use lepton+jets final state
- Measure charges of W and b quark
  - assign charge from semi-leptonic b-decays
  - Establish correlation between charge of the b-quark and a weighted sum of the electric charges of the particles belonging to the b-jet
  - Dilution: B-oscillations and presence of semi-leptonic c-quark decays
- Define two categories:  $+2/3e$  and  $-4/3e$
- Pair b-jet to top quark charge

$$Q_{bjet} = \frac{\sum_i q_i |\vec{j} \cdot \vec{p}_i|^\kappa}{\sum_i |\vec{j} \cdot \vec{p}_i|^\kappa}$$



# Top quark charge

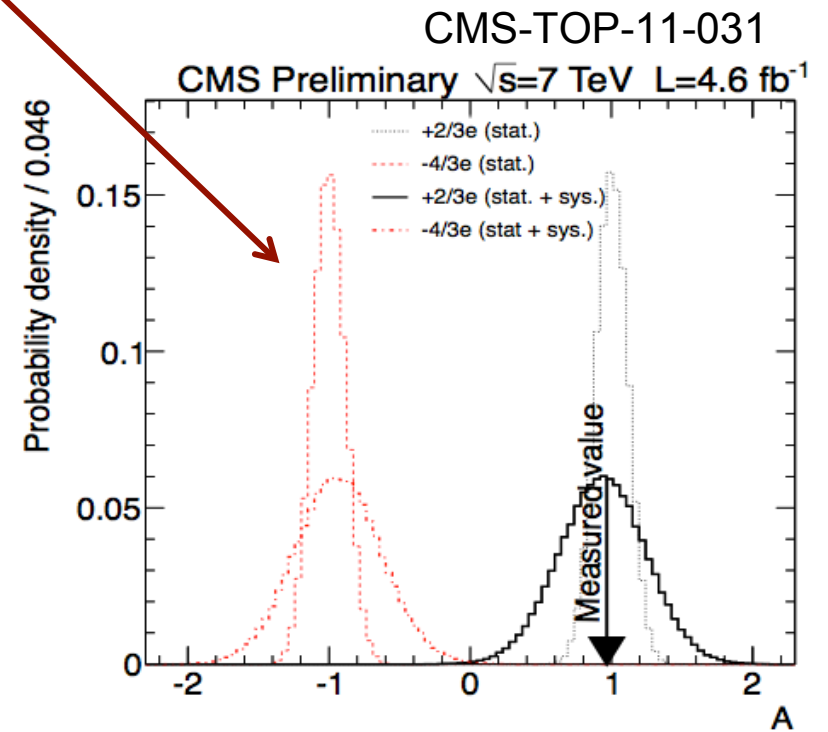
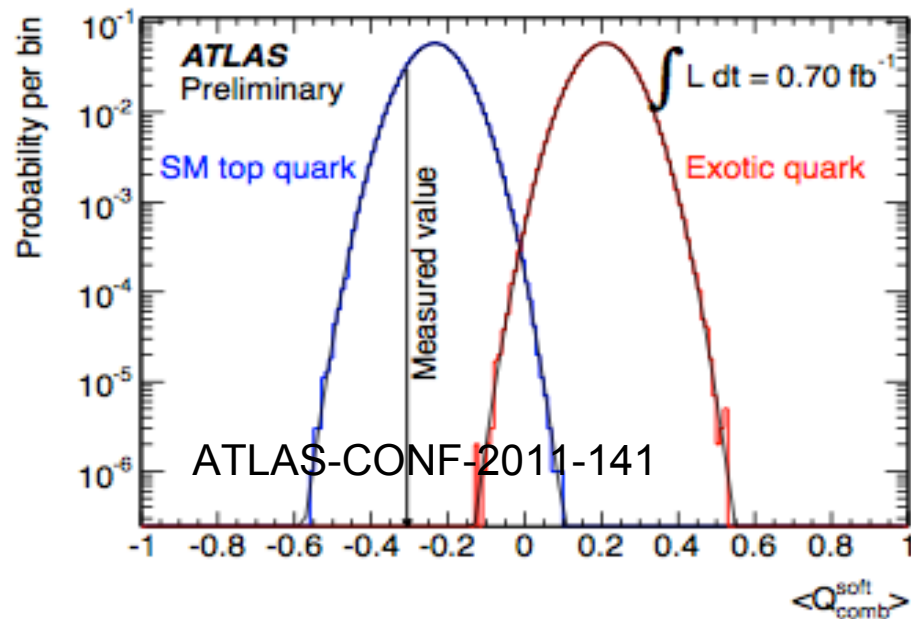
- Scenario with exotic top of charge  $-4/3 e$  would correspond to an asymmetry between the two categories of  $A = -1$

$$A = \frac{1}{D_S} \frac{N_{SM} - N_{XM} - \langle N_{BG} \rangle D_B}{N_{SM} + N_{XM} - \langle N_{BG} \rangle}$$

- Measure:

$$A_{\text{meas}} = 0.97 \pm 0.12(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.31(\text{sys.})$$

- Exclude exotic quark with charge  $-4/3 e$



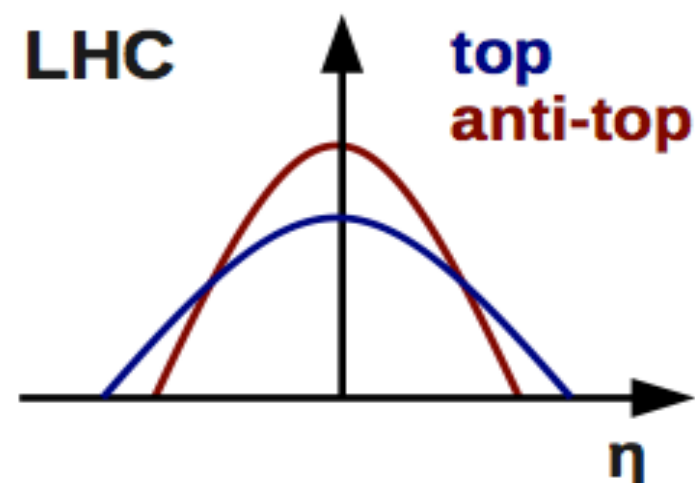
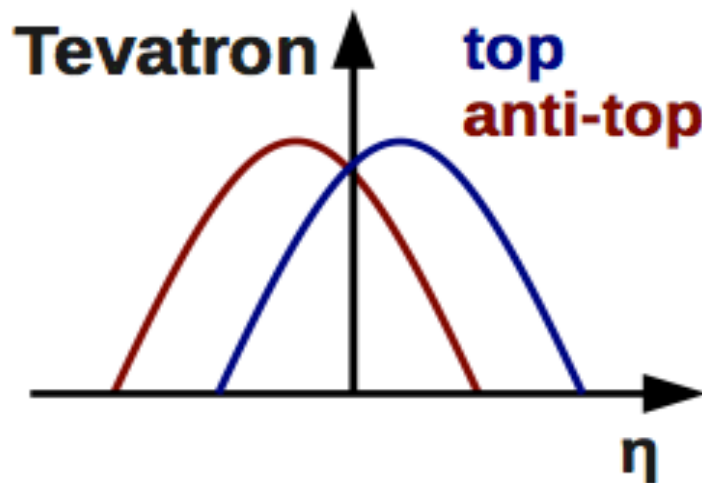
$\Rightarrow$  Both experiments exclude exotic scenario at  $>5\sigma$

# Charge asymmetry

- In  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  (Tevatron): top quarks are emitted in the direction of the incoming quark, anti-top quarks in the direction of the incoming anti-quark
- No asymmetry in  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  (LHC)

SM: Only small asymmetry due to ISR/FSR

New physics: production mechanisms with new exchange bosons could enhance the charge asymmetry



# Charge asymmetry

- Quarks have larger momentum than anti-quarks
- Anti-quarks from sea tend to have lower  $x$ 
  - larger average momentum fraction of quarks leads to an excess of top quarks produced in the forward directions
- Charge asymmetry transfers boost difference to  $t\bar{t}$  final state
- Effects at LHC are smaller due to larger  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  contribution
- Variables sensitive to the asymmetry are:

$$\Delta|\eta| = |\eta_t| - |\eta_{\bar{t}}|$$

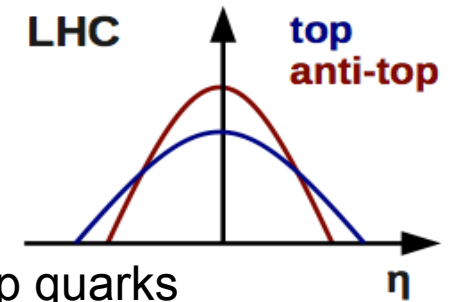
$$\Delta|y| = |y_t| - |y_{\bar{t}}|$$

$$\Delta y^2 = y_t^2 - y_{\bar{t}}^2$$

- At LHC, asymmetry defined as:

$$A_C = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$$

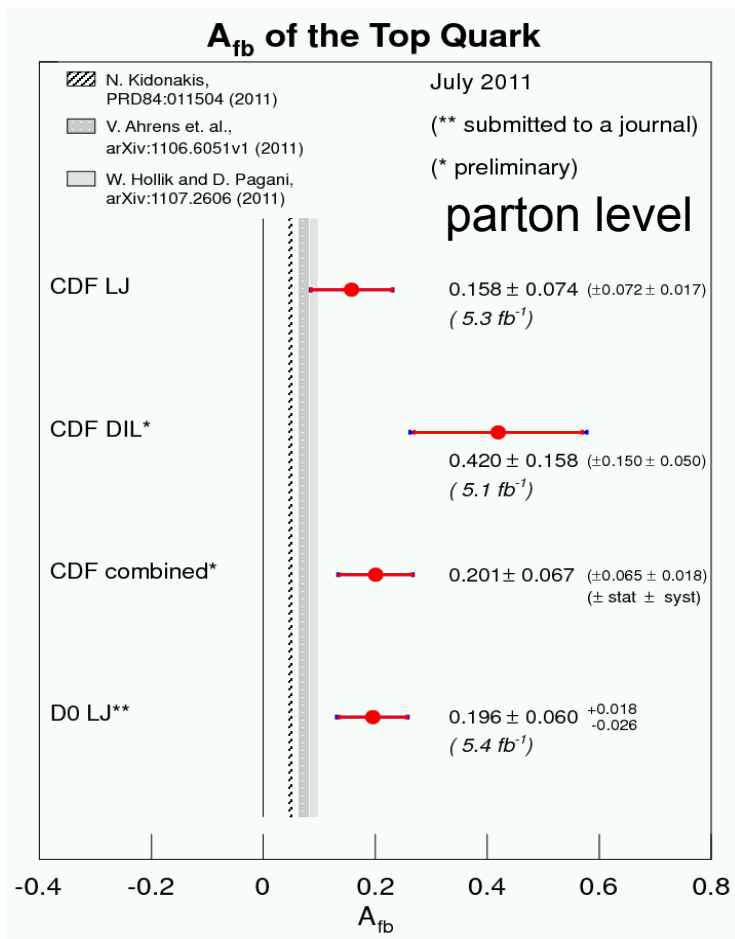
$N^+(N^-)$ : number of events with positive and negative values in the sensitive variable



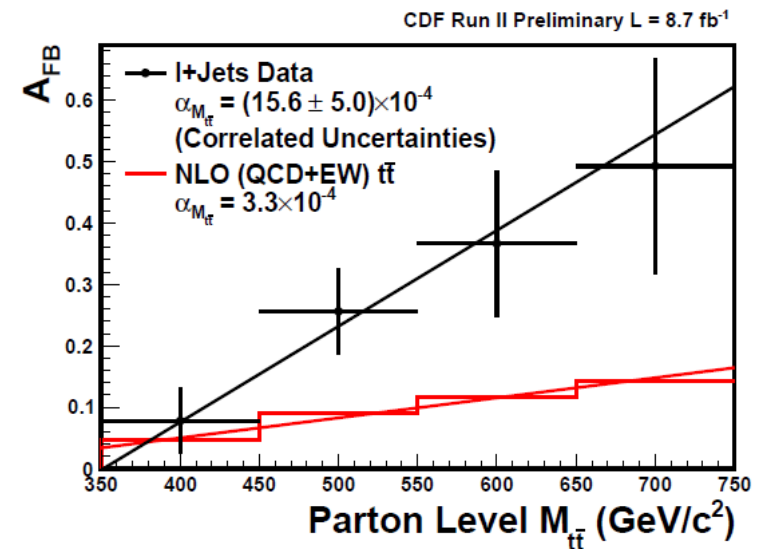
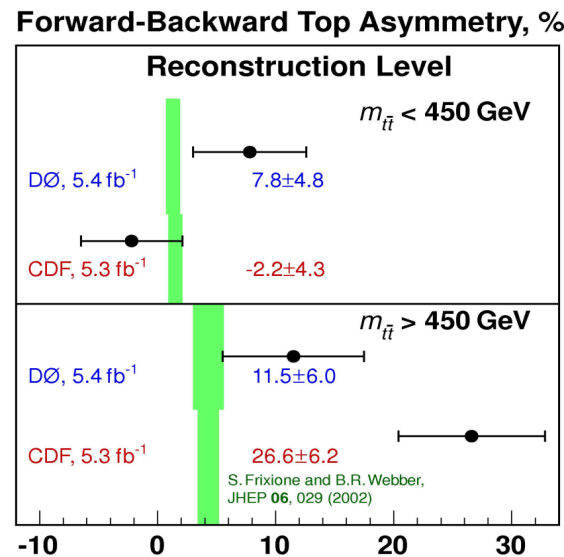


# Charge asymmetry anomaly

- Tevatron experiments observe a differential dependency on charge asymmetry
  - Sign of new physics?

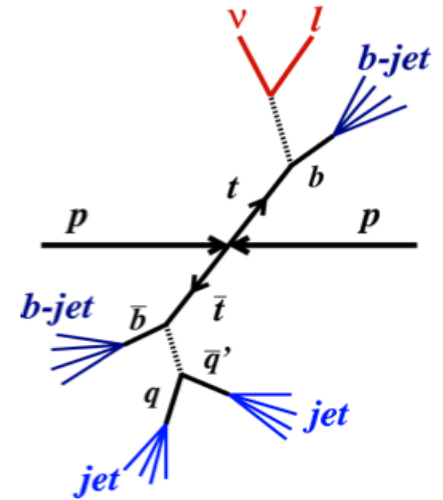
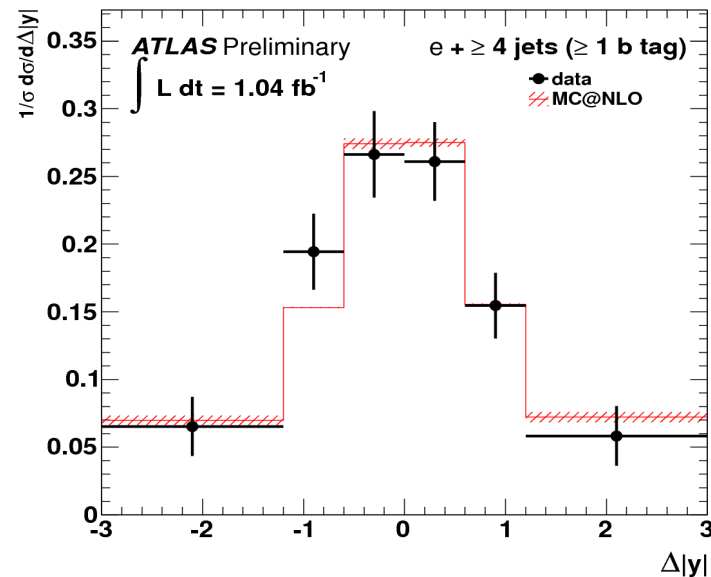
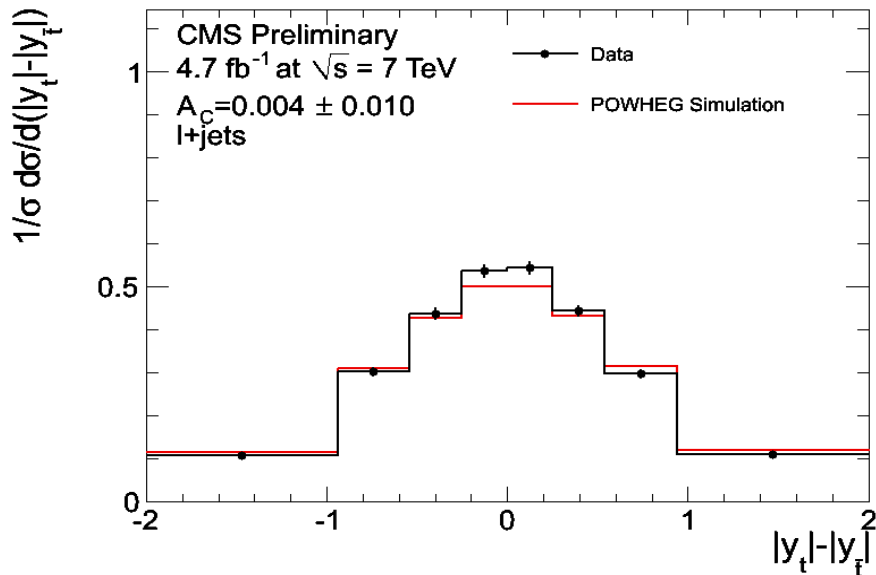


- At high mass, a  $3\sigma$  discrepancy
- Study asymmetry vs mass of  $t\bar{t}$  system



# Charge asymmetry

- Use lepton+jet final state
- Measurement is based on the fully reconstructed 4 momenta of top and anti-top in each event

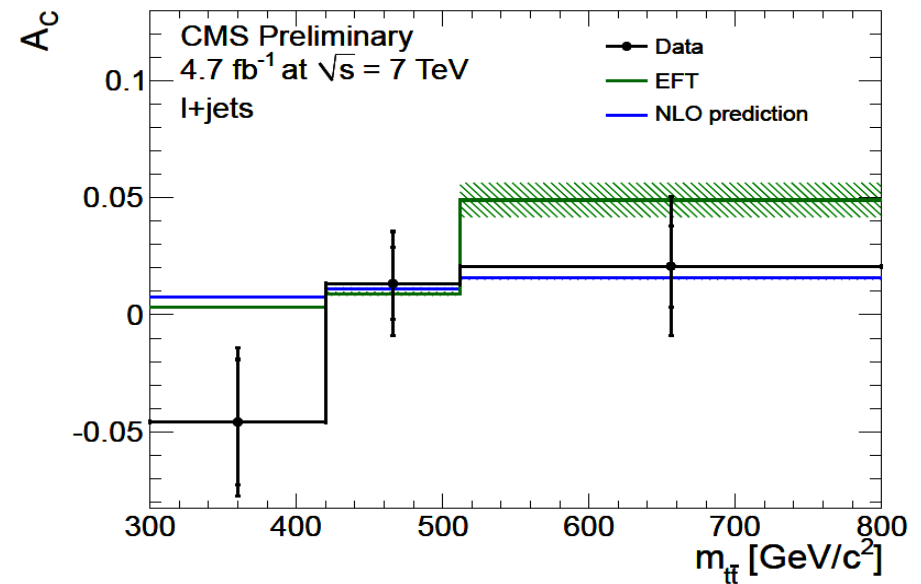
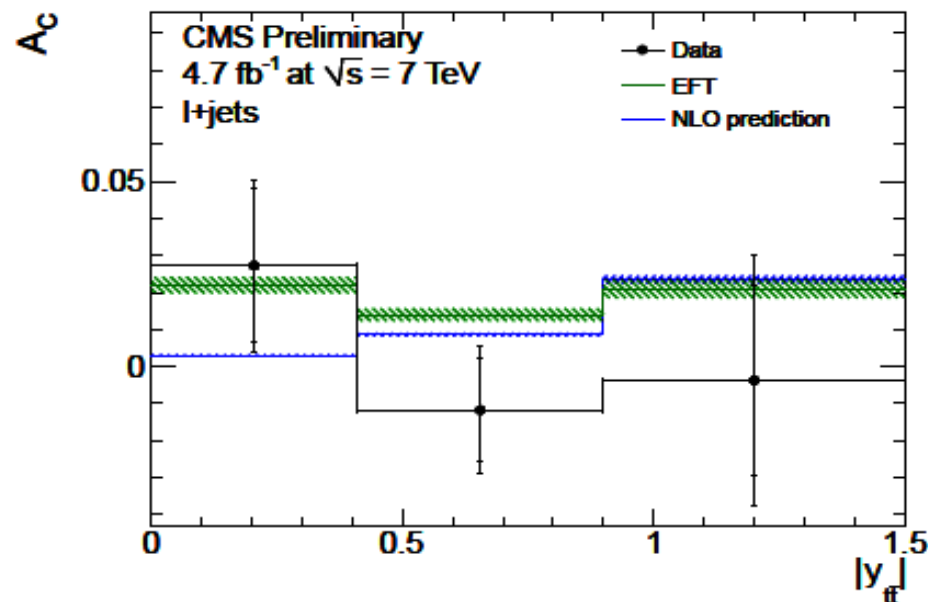


ATLAS-CONF-2011-106	$-0.024 \pm 0.016 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.023 \text{ (syst)}$
CMS PAS-11-030	$0.004 \pm 0.010 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.012 \text{ (syst.)}$
Theory prediction (SM)	$0.0115 \pm 0.0006$

# Differential charge asymmetry

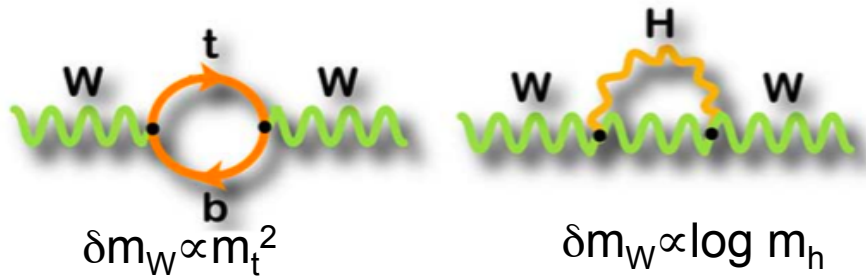
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- Asymmetry measured in  $p_T$ ,  $y$  or invariant mass of the top pair system
- Good agreement found between data and SM expectations within uncertainties

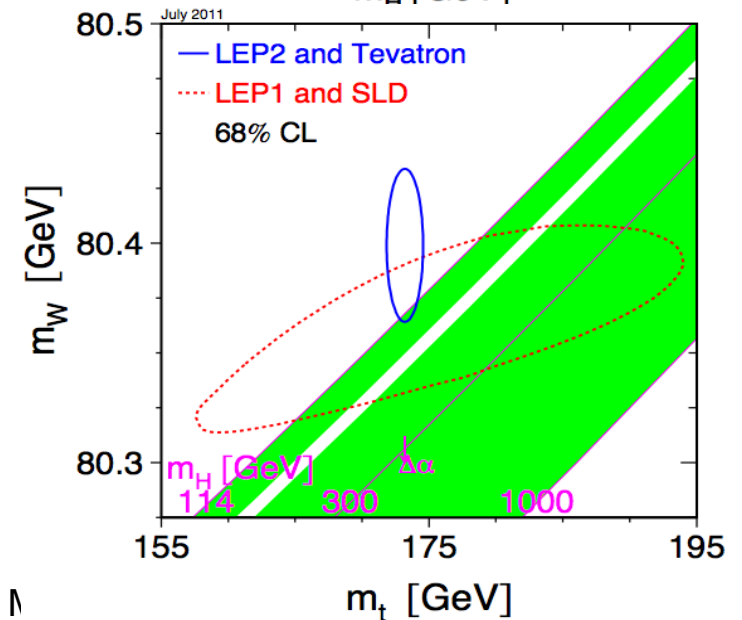
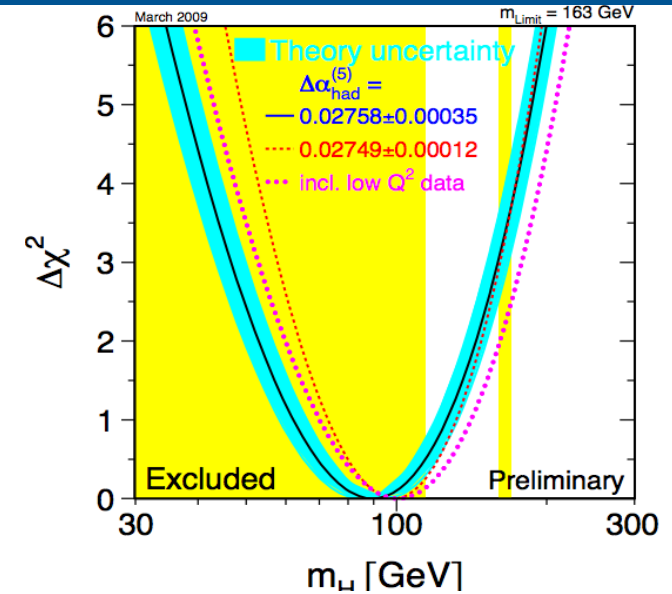


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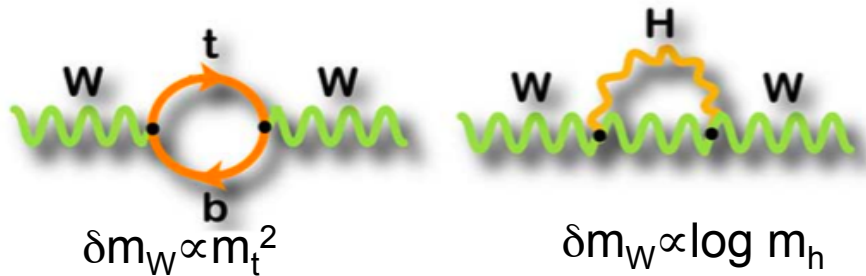


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  - Test consistency of SM
  - Search for new Physics

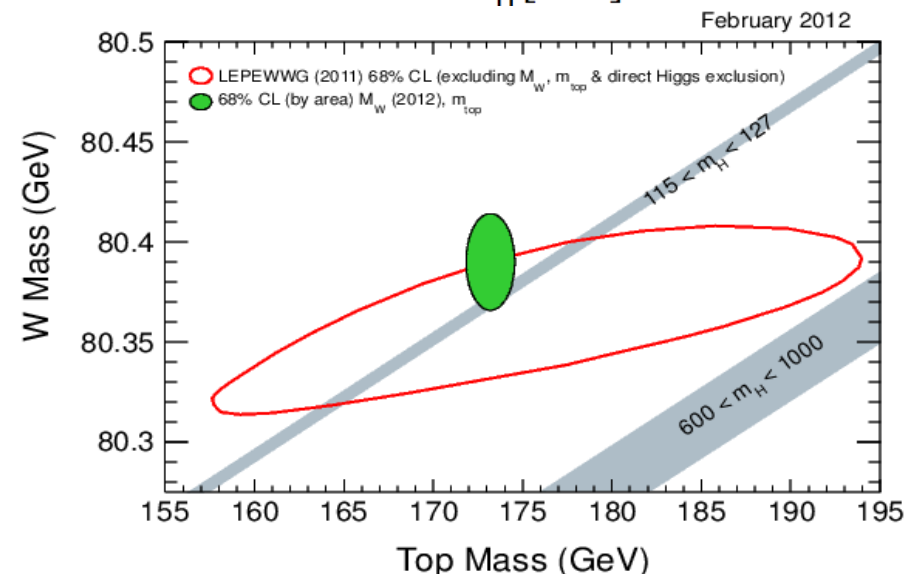
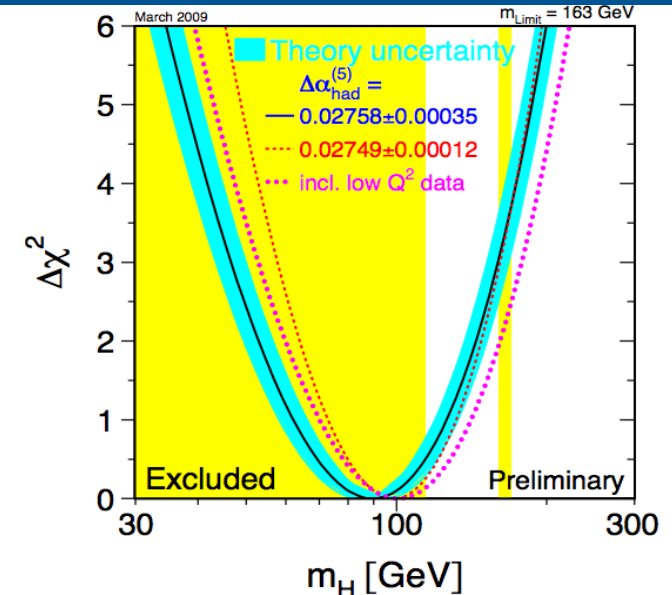


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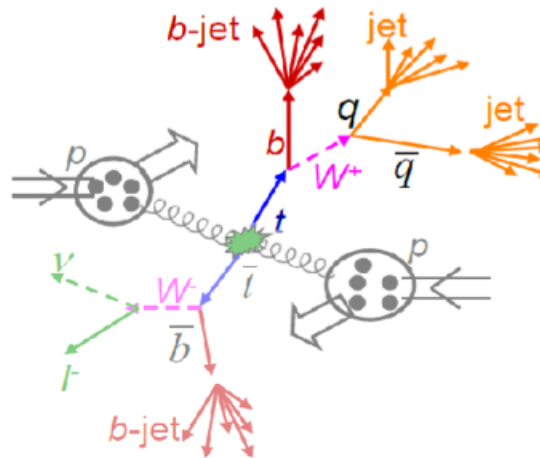


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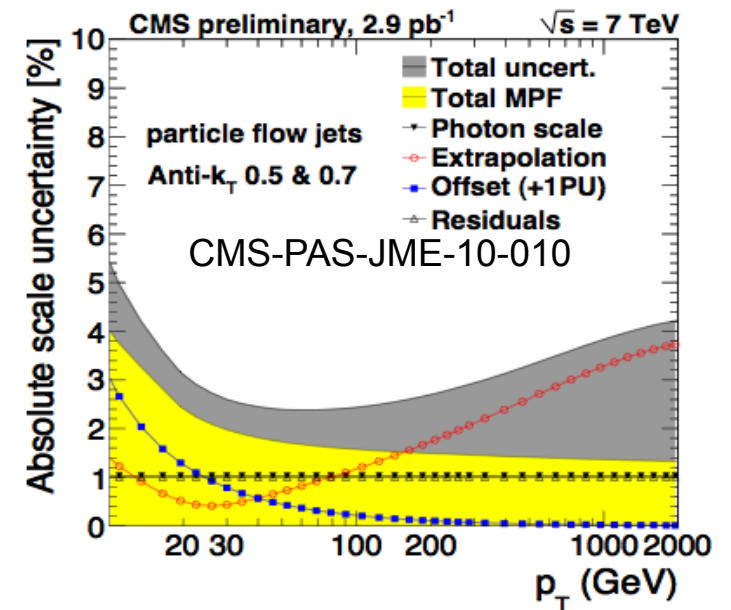
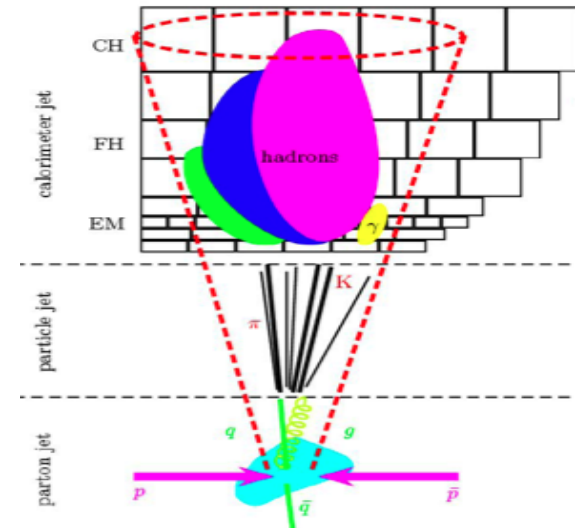


# Jet reconstruction in Top events

- Top mass measurement needs parton information, but we measure jets
- Use calorimeter information to correct jets to particle level



- Jet energy scale (JES) is the main source of uncertainty
  - Look at quantities insensitive to JES (e.g. lepton  $p_T$ )
  - “b-jet” tag helps reducing number of permutations
- JES “in-situ” calibration in  $t\bar{t}$  events
  - Use  $W \rightarrow jj$  constraint to measured W mass
  - Can be used in lepton+jets (and all-hadronic) channel



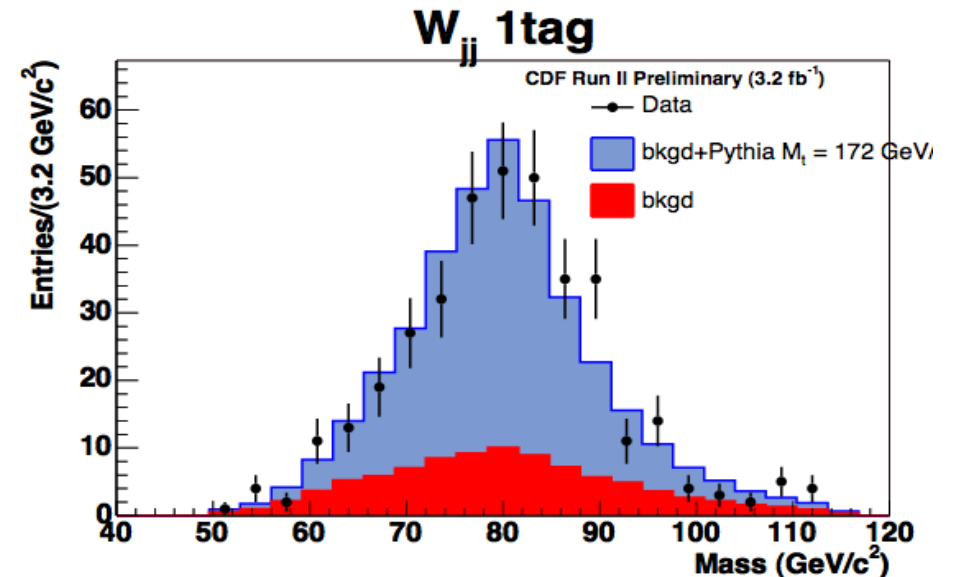


# Top as a calibration tool

- Top quarks can be used as calibration tool
  - Top mass, W mass, b/q jets
- can determine:
  - b-tagging efficiency
  - jet energy scale

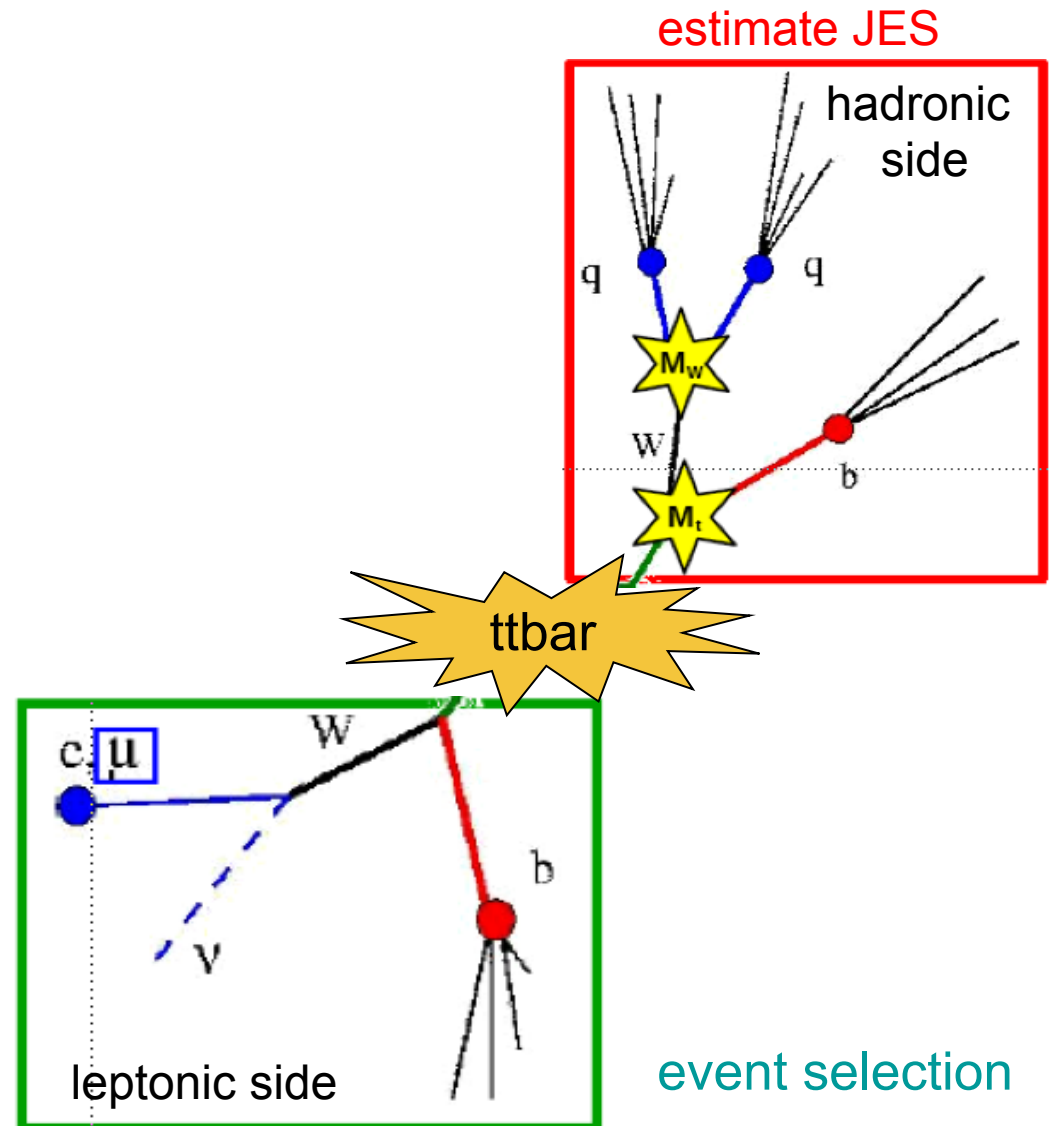
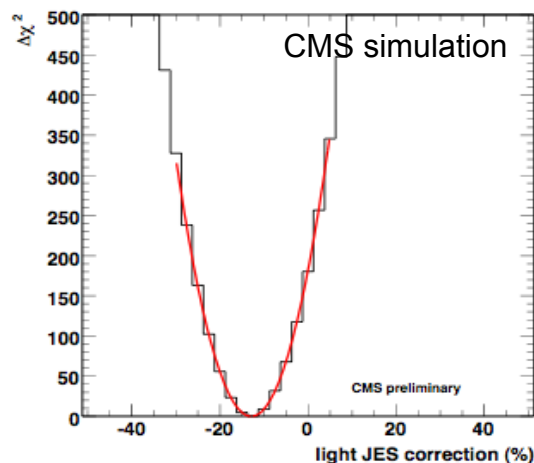
...or alternatively...

- use b-tag as a probe
  - compare rates in different b-tag multiplicity bins
  - is the signal, ttbar or not?
- BSM may appear in the sample and “distort” the distribution



# Jet energy correction from Top

- Use semi-leptonic events
    - 1 isol  $\mu$  ( $p_T > 30$  GeV) +  $\geq 4$  jets (40 GeV)
  - Estimate jet energy corrections by applying event-by-event kinematical fit to W and Top masses
  - Likelihood is used to assign jets
  - Kinematical fit returns  $P(\chi^2)$
  - Find best JES by minimizing  $\chi^2$
- ⇒ with 200/pb can reach 1% on JEC



# Measuring the top mass

## Challenging:

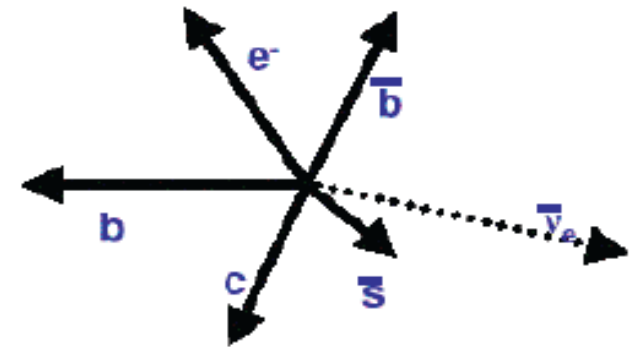
### ➤ Lepton+jets

- undetected neutrino
  - $P_x$  and  $P_y$  from  $E_T$  conservation
  - 2 solutions for  $P_z$  from  $M_W = M_{l\nu}$
- leading 4-jet combinatorics
  - 12 possible jet-parton assignments
  - 6 with 1 b-tag
  - 2 with 2 b-tags
- ISR + FSR

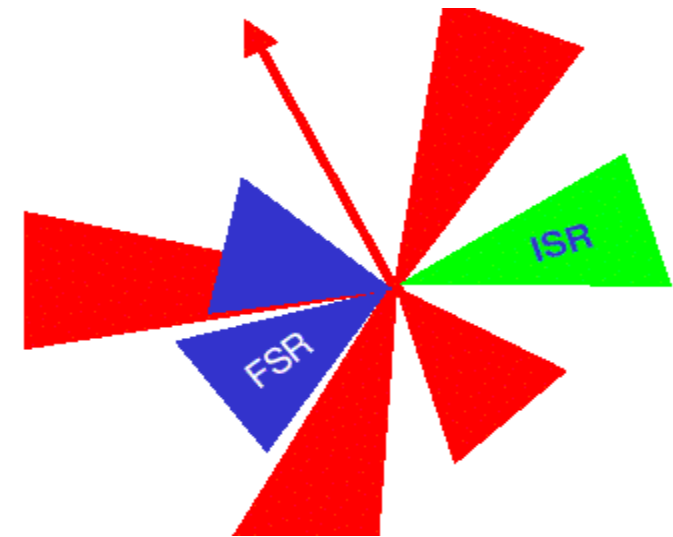
### ➤ Dileptons

- (less statistics)
- two undetected neutrinos
- less combinatorics: 2 jets

LO final state:

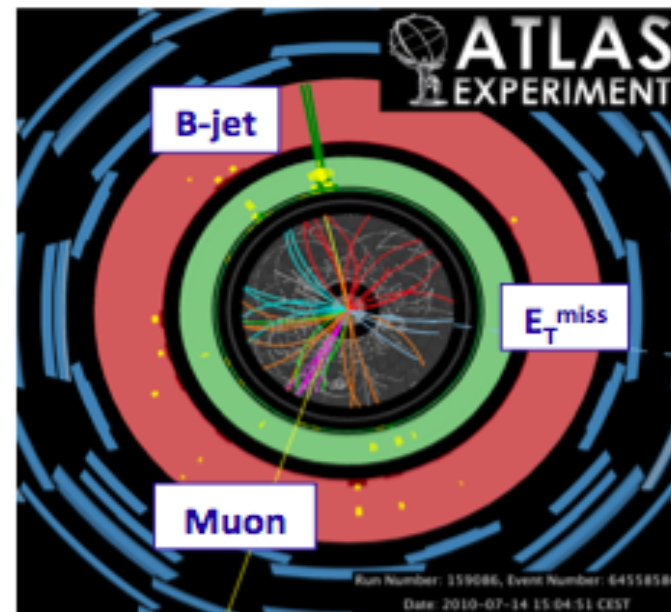
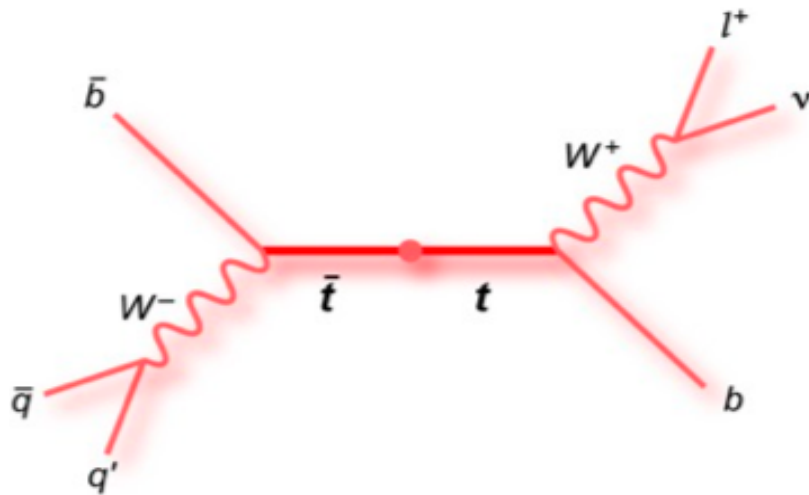


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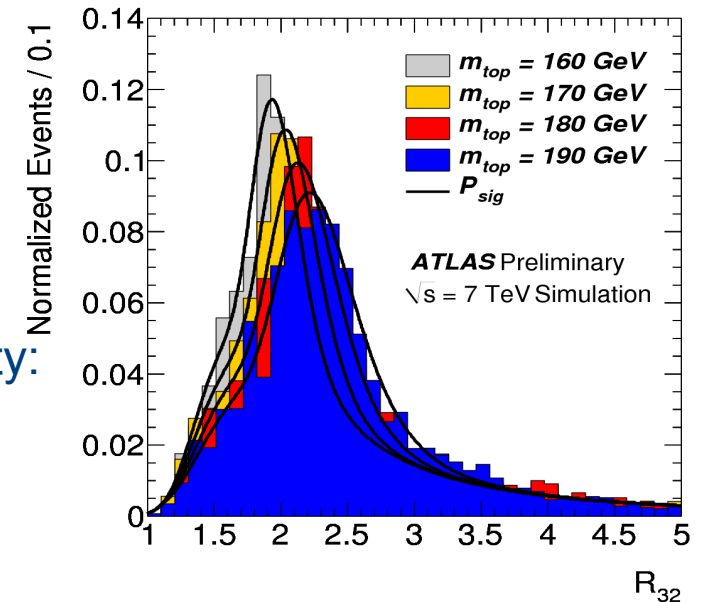
# Lepton+jet channel

- Best channel (for now) to measure top quark mass
- Compromise between large branching ratio (BR=30%) and a good background rejection
- Well defined final state (1 lepton, one neutrino, 2 b-jets,  $W \rightarrow qq'$ )

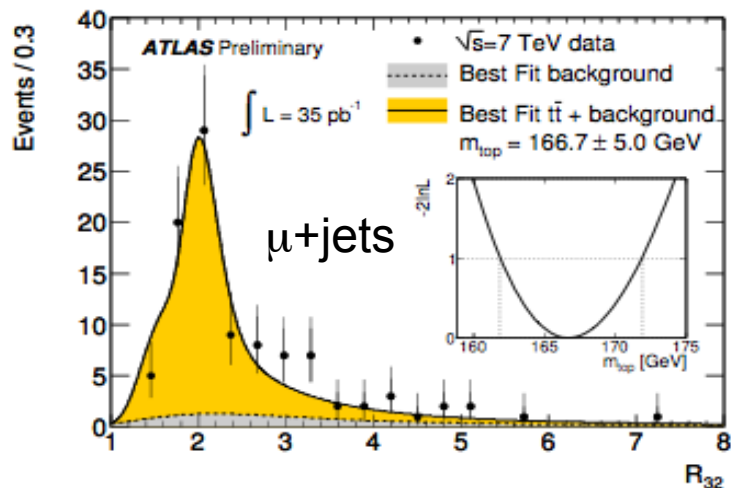


# Template method

- Choose a variable sensitive to top mass
- Predict the distribution with MC templates vs top mass
- Evaluate likelihood for each top mass
- Maximize likelihood
- JES is dominant source of uncertainty
- Complementary methods developed to reduce JES uncertainty:
  - 1D template analysis is based on the ratio  $R_{32} = M(jjb)/M(jj)$
  - Template fit to  $m_{top}$  from kinematic reconstruction
  - 2D JSF template analysis: simultaneous fit to  $m_{top}$  and JES

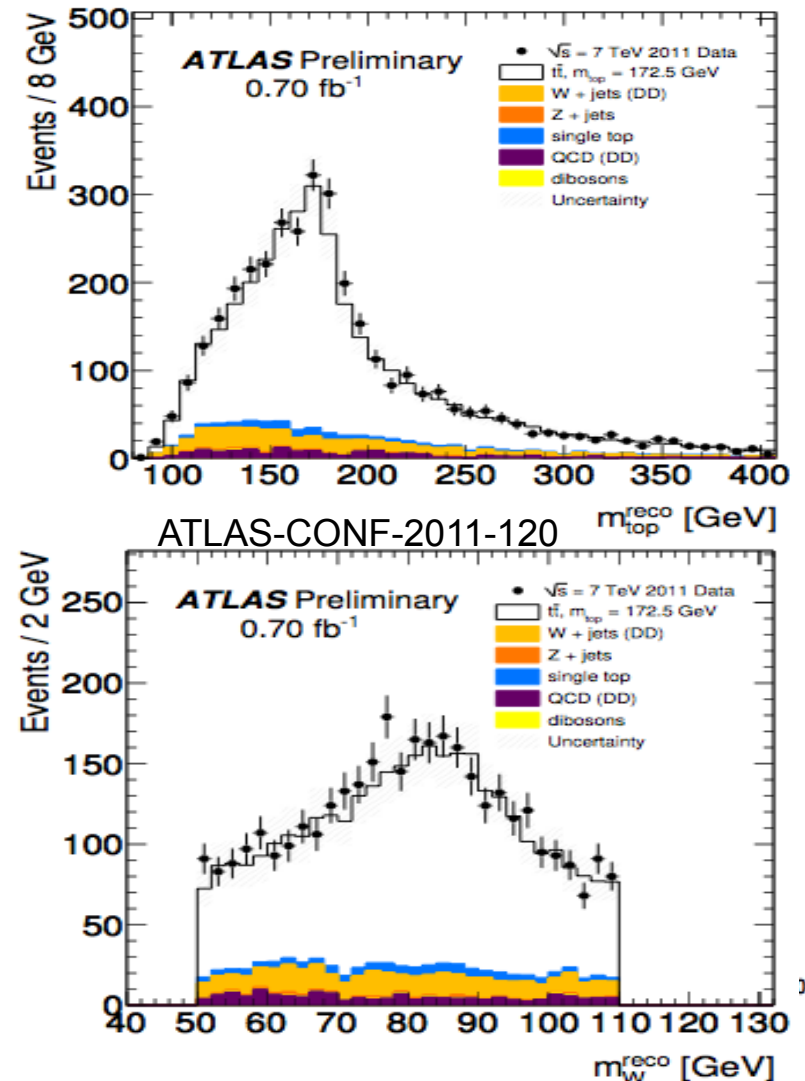


simple reconstruction method:  
 $m_{top}^{reco} =$  jet triplet that maximizes  $p_T$   
 $m_W^{reco} =$  untagged jet-pair, or jet pair with  $DR_{min}$  in the top rest frame



# Template analysis

- 2-d template analysis:  $m_{\text{top}}$  and Jet energy Scale Factor (JSF) determined simultaneously from distributions of reconstructed  $m_{\text{top}}$  and  $m_W$
- Take information from hadronically decaying W mass to constrain JES
  - in-situ jet energy rescaling, determine  $m_{\text{top}}$
- How is the association done?
  - Each light jet pair with  $50 < m_W < 100$  GeV is combined with b-tagged jet
  - Triplet with maximum  $p_T$  is chosen as top candidate
  - Measure mass of hadronic top:  $t \rightarrow W(qq')b$
  - 2-jet inv. mass constrained to  $m_W$  ( $\Gamma_W = 2.2$  GeV)
- Signal template: for  $m_{\text{top}}$  and  $m_W$
- Background template: includes single top, mass-dep.
- Fit data (i.e.  $m_{\text{top}}^{\text{reco}}$ ) to sum of signal and background PDF (probability density function)

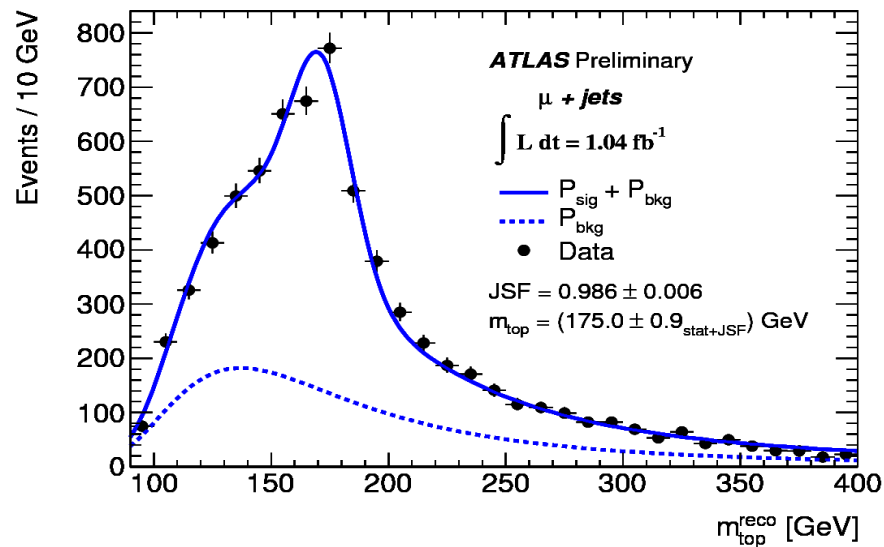




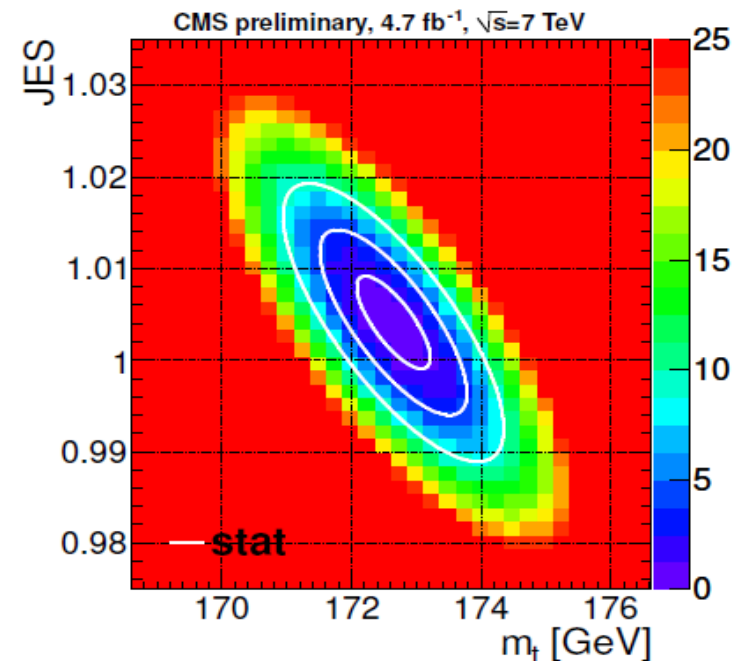
# Lepton+jet channel

- in-situ calibration of the light quark JES from  $W \rightarrow qq'$

**ATLAS:** template fit as function of JES and top quark mass



**CMS:** kinematic fit + “ideogram” method  
 combine event-per-event likelihood



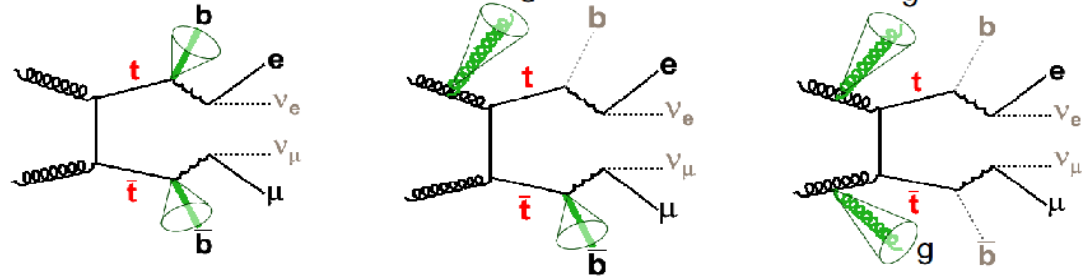
⇒  $m_{\text{top}} = 174.4 \pm 0.6 \text{ (stat)} \pm 2.3 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$   
 $172.6 \pm 0.6 \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.2 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$

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# Dilepton channel: challenges

- **Combinatorics**

- Identify top quark decay products
- Ambiguity
- ISR/FSR introduces further complexity for selection  
(~70% of the events have both b-jets reconstructed and selected)



- **Missing transverse energy**

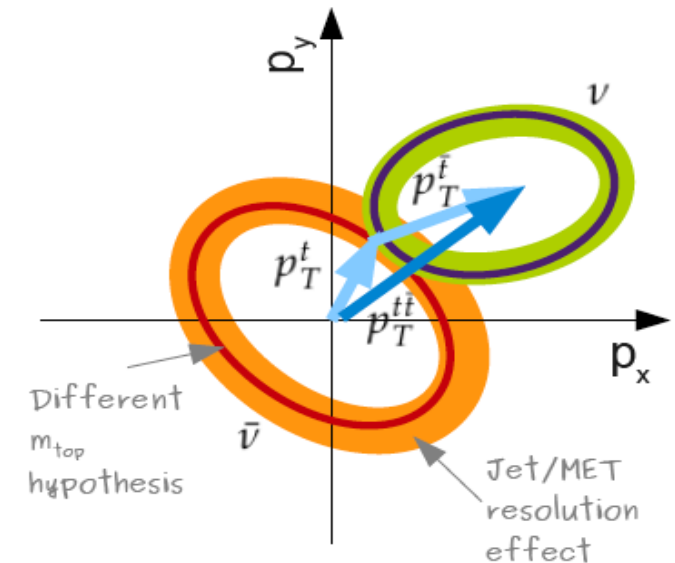
- Constrains the contribution from undetected particles
- In the dilepton channel: 2 neutrinos  $\Rightarrow \vec{E}_T^{miss} = \vec{p}_T^{\nu} + \vec{p}_T^{\bar{\nu}}$

- **Jet energy scale**

- $m_{top}$  reconstruction requires measuring the parton energy
- parton  $\rightarrow$  jet affected by resolution and absolute energy scale

- **Pile-up**

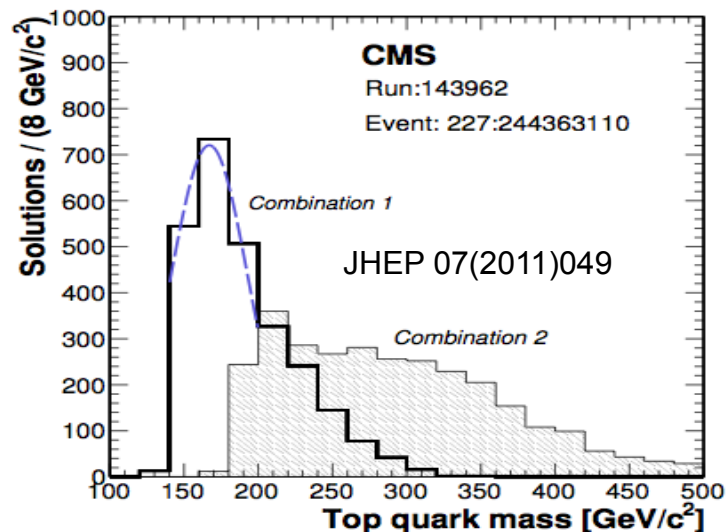
- Jet energy scale, MET measurement, extra jets/leptons
- $N_{pileup} \approx 2.1$  (6) for most of data collected in 2010 (2011)



# KINb and AWMT methods

## KINb

- Full Kinematic Analysis
- Equations solved for each lepton-jet combination
- $p_z$  distribution is assumed
- Accept solutions if two decay legs agree within  $\Delta m_{\text{top}} < 3 \text{ GeV}$



## AWMT

- Analytical Matrix Weighting Technique
- Iterate over values of  $m_{\text{top}}$  hypothesis from 100 to 700 GeV
  - solve kinematic equations for fixed values of  $m_{\text{top}}$
  - Assign weights to each solution based on pdf and kinematic quantities

$$w = \left\{ \sum F(x_1)F(\bar{x}_2) \right\} p(E_{\ell^+}^* | m_t) p(E_{\ell^-}^* | m_t)$$

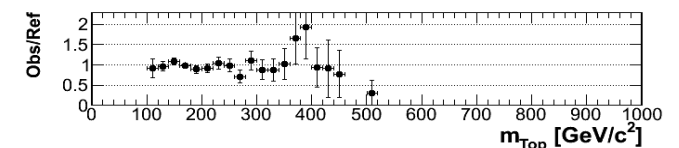
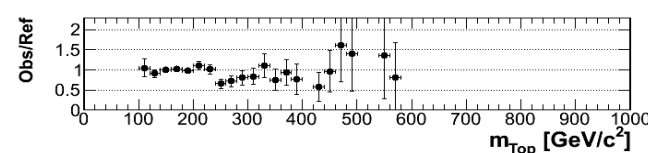
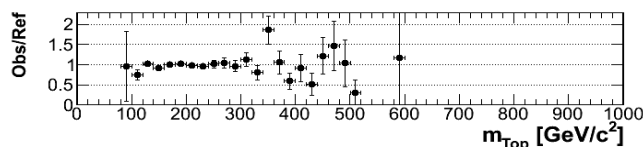
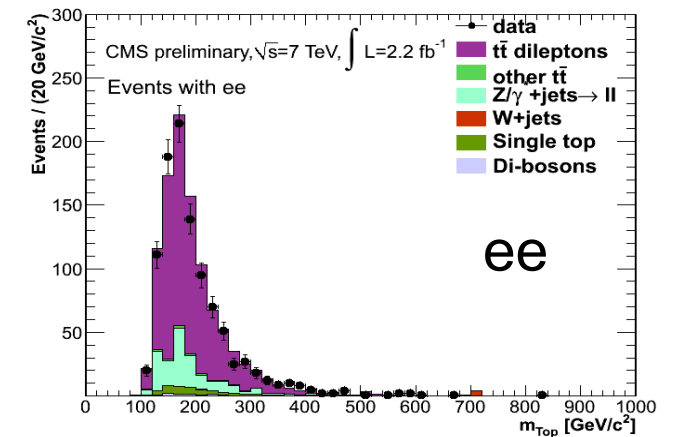
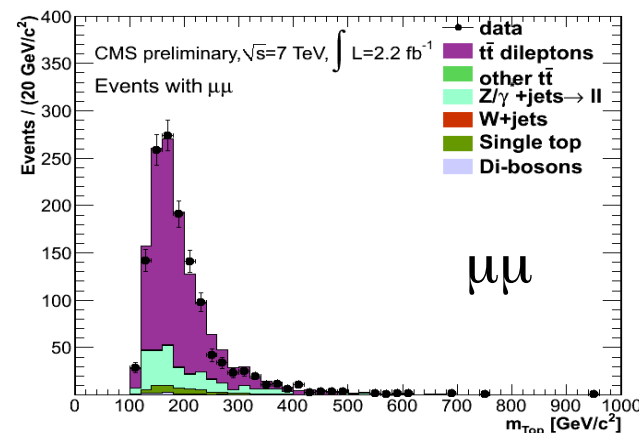
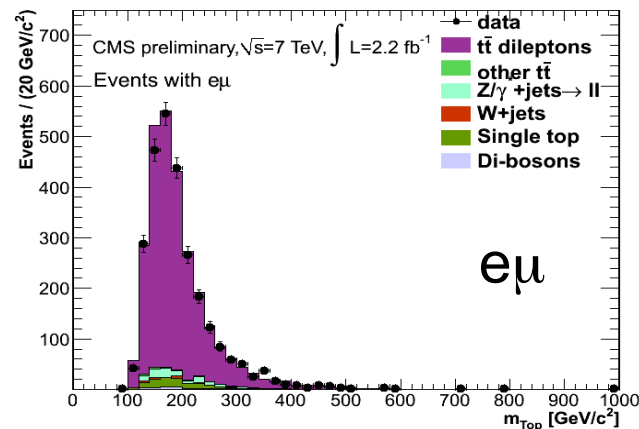
- From inclusive weight distribution estimate top mass
- For each event, take value of top mass with highest sum of weights ( $m_{\text{peak}}$ )

# Reconstructed mass

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- Select events
- Reconstruct mass

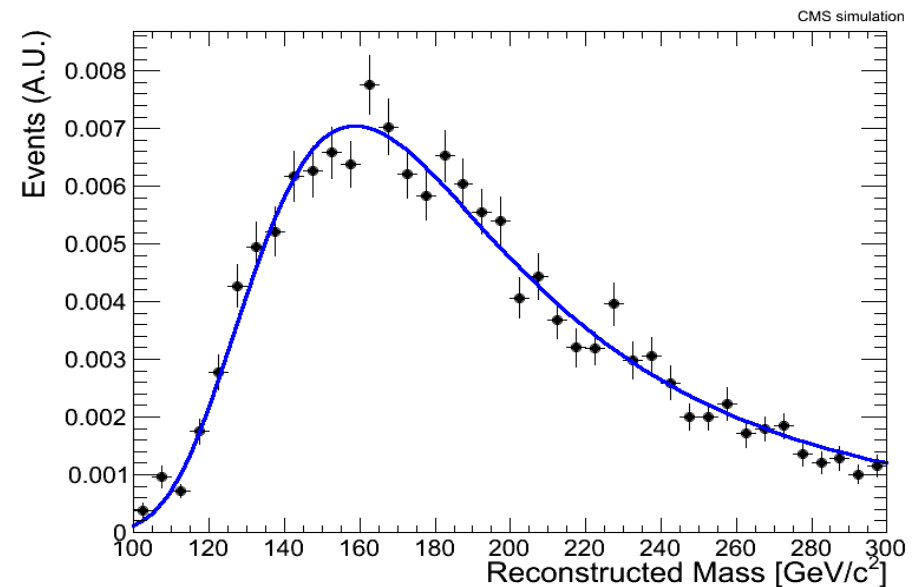
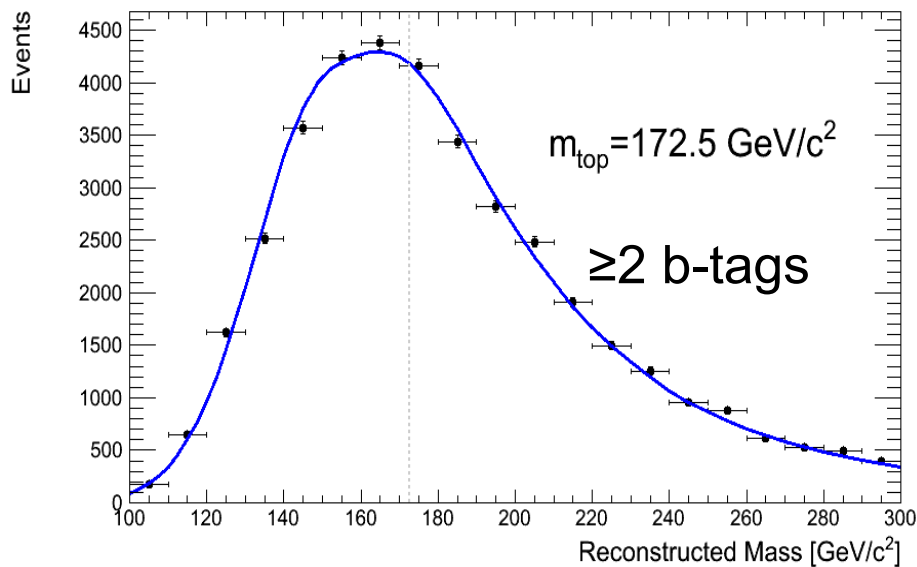
Process	Pre-selection	KINb	=1 b-tag	$\geq 2$ b-tags
Di-bosons	$73 \pm 14$	$55 \pm 10$	$18 \pm 4$	$4 \pm 1$
Single top	$247 \pm 92$	$182 \pm 68$	$88 \pm 33$	$76 \pm 29$
W+jets	$22 \pm 10$	$16 \pm 8$	$8 \pm 6$	-
$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow ll$	$1091 \pm 97$	$756 \pm 71$	$238 \pm 29$	$47 \pm 11$
other $t\bar{t}$	$32 \pm 4$	$28 \pm 3$	$11 \pm 2$	$14 \pm 2$
$t\bar{t}$ dileptons	$5057 \pm 463$	$4209 \pm 385$	$1379 \pm 127$	$2623 \pm 240$
total expected	$6522 \pm 482$	$5246 \pm 398$	$1742 \pm 134$	$2765 \pm 242$
data	6358	5047	1692	2620



# Signal and background

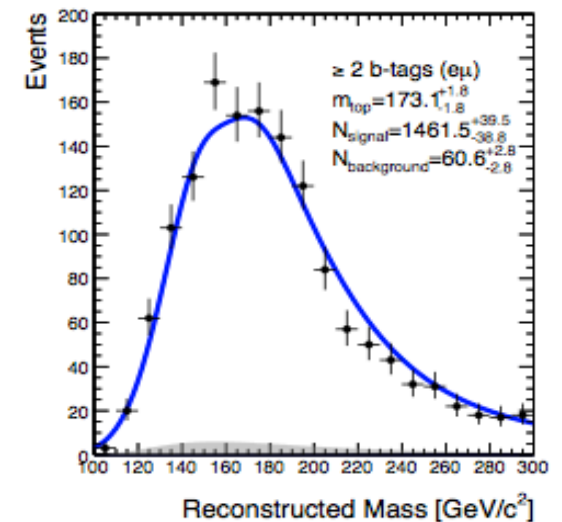
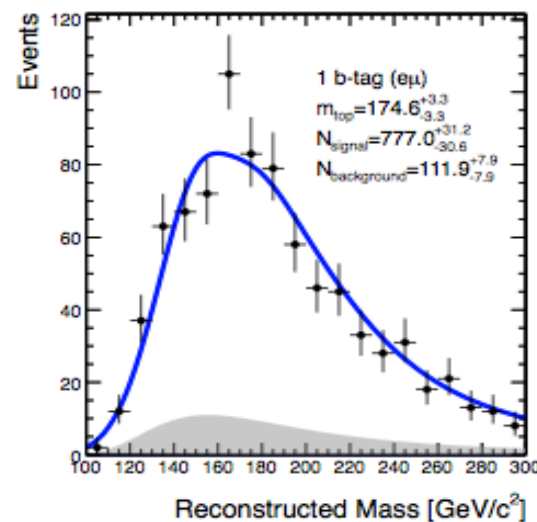
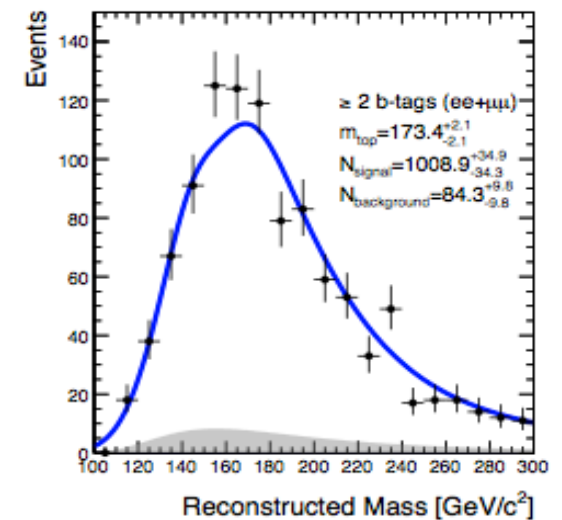
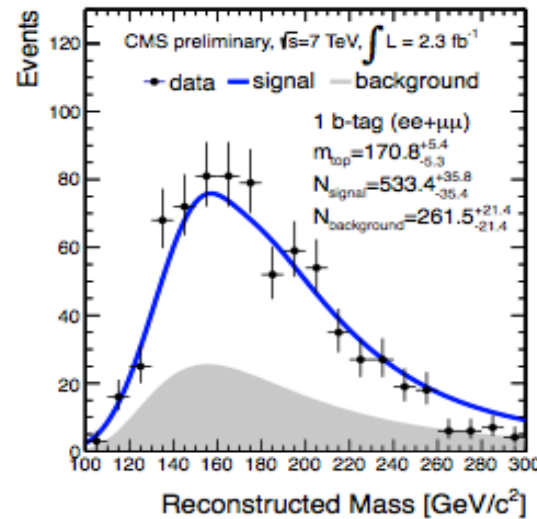
- Signal component in the mass spectrum modelled: simulation
- Fit: Landau+Gaussian
- Categories: =1 and  $\geq 2$  b-tags

- Background component in the mass spectrum modelled with data +simulation
- Fit: Landau



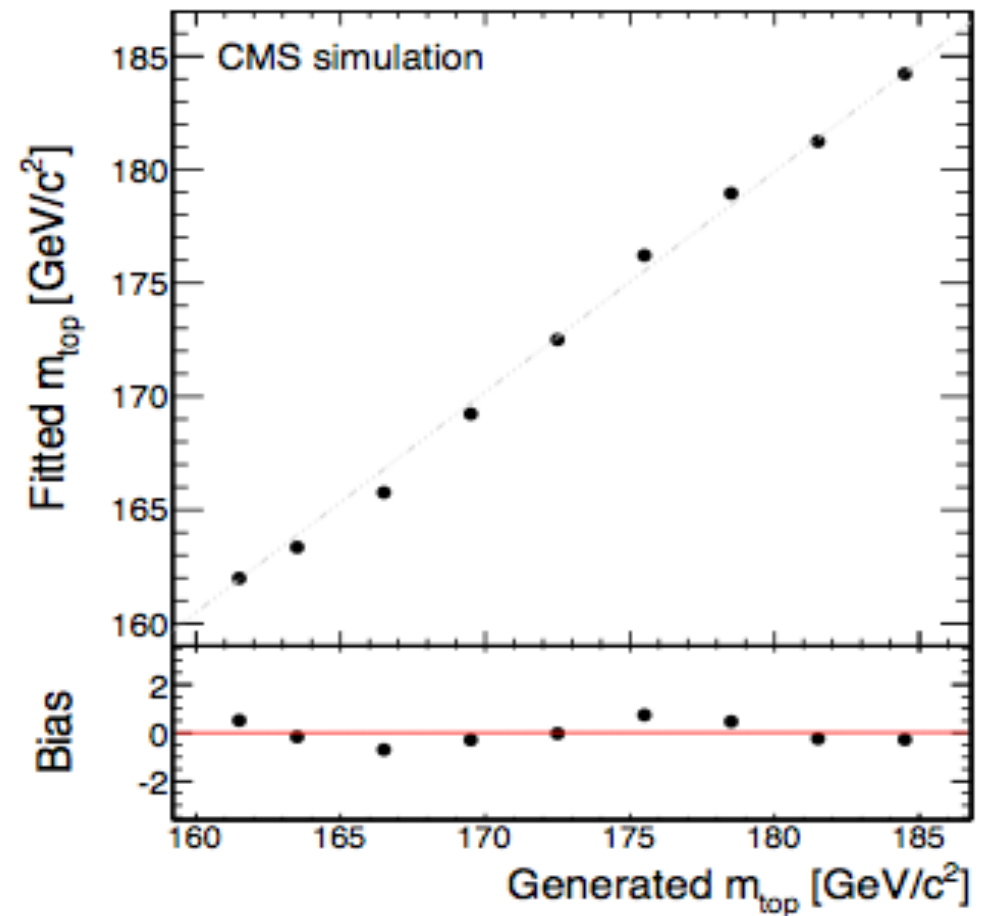
# Reconstructed mass

- Top quark mass is reconstructed in different categories
- Signal and background shapes



# Correct for the bias

- Check and correct for the bias in the measurement



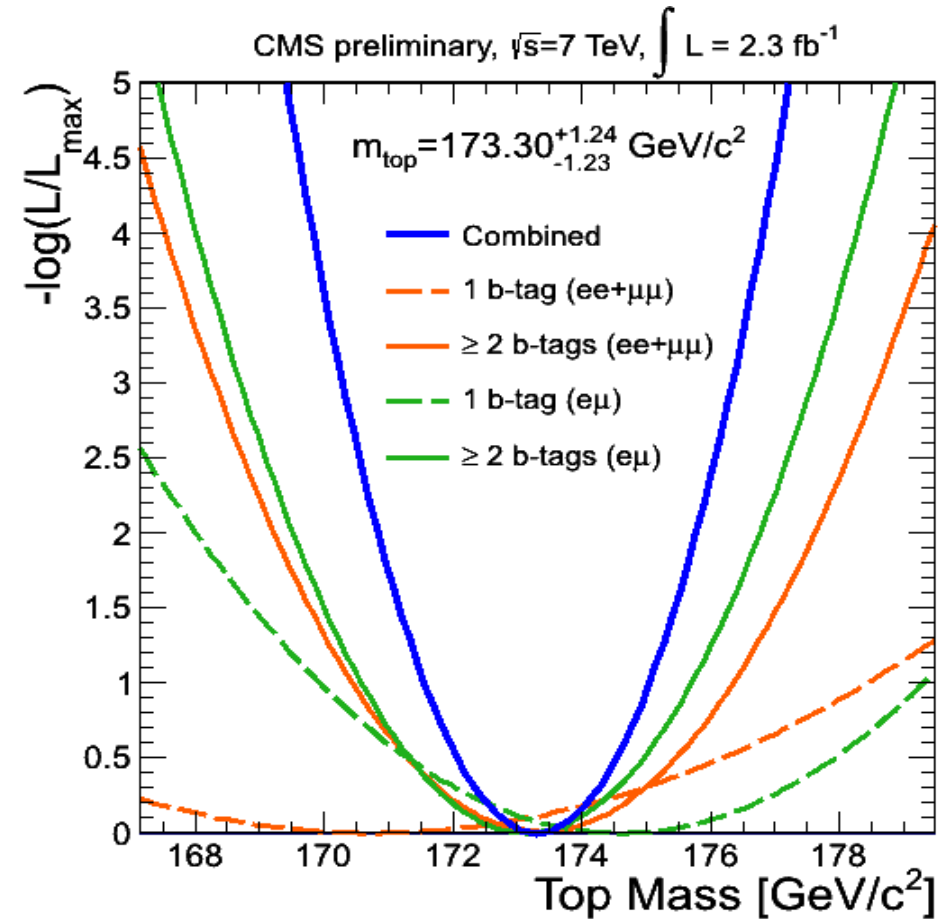
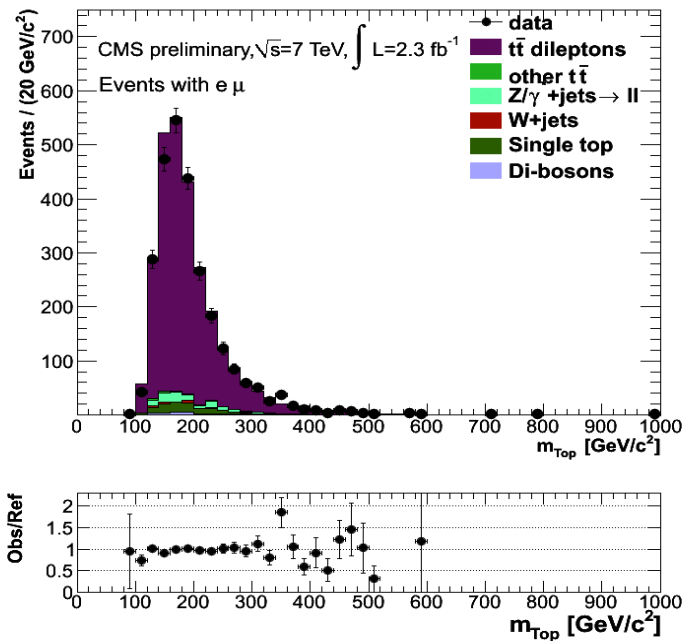


# Do not forget the systematics

- Jet energy scale (JES) is the largest unc.
  - JES is varied up and down and difference in  $m_{\text{top}}$  is accounted for as systematics
  - Flavor (b) specific uncertainty added in quadrature
- Other systematics:
  - Difference with respect to reference sample used for signal
  - MC: compare Alpgen and Powheg with Madgraph
  - Vary factorization/matching scale, ISR/FSR

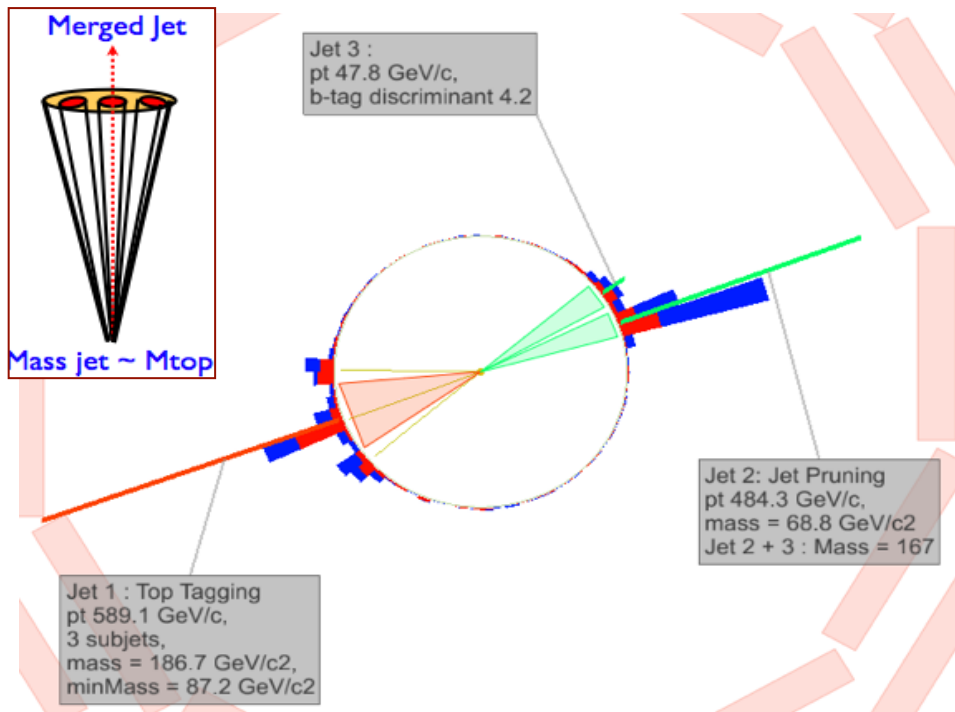
Source	$\Delta m_{\text{top}}$ (GeV/ $c^2$ )
JES	+1.90 -2.00
flavor-JES	+1.08 -1.13
JER	$\pm 0.30$
LES	+0.12 -0.18
Unclustered $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	$\pm 0.43$
Fit calibration	$\pm 0.40$
DY normalization	$\pm 0.40$
Factorization scale	$\pm 0.41$
Jet parton matching scale	$\pm 0.65$
Pile-up	$\pm 0.19$
$b$ -tagging uncertainty	$\pm 0.30$
mis-tagging uncertainty	$\pm 0.43$
MC generator	$\pm 0.14$
PDF uncertainty	$\pm 0.39$
<b>Total</b>	+2.52 -2.63

# Final fit

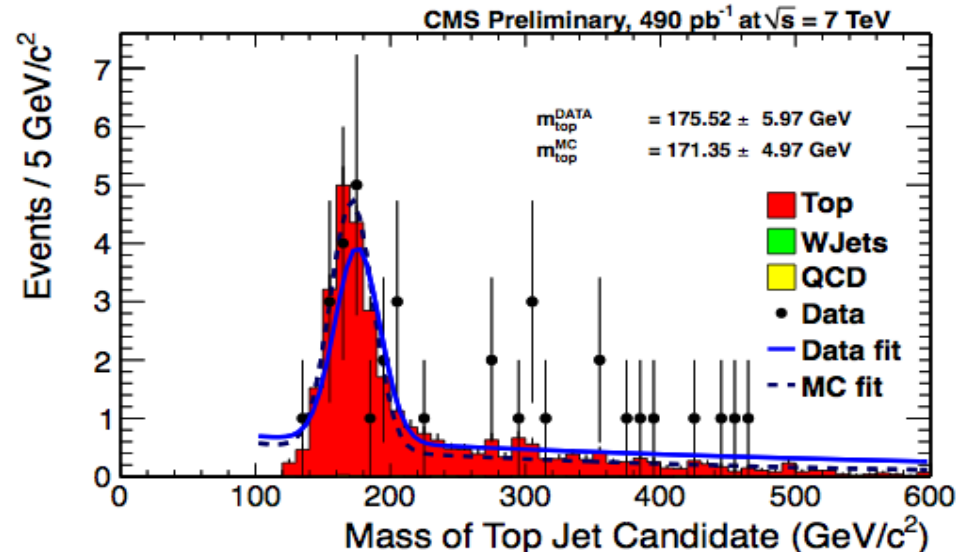
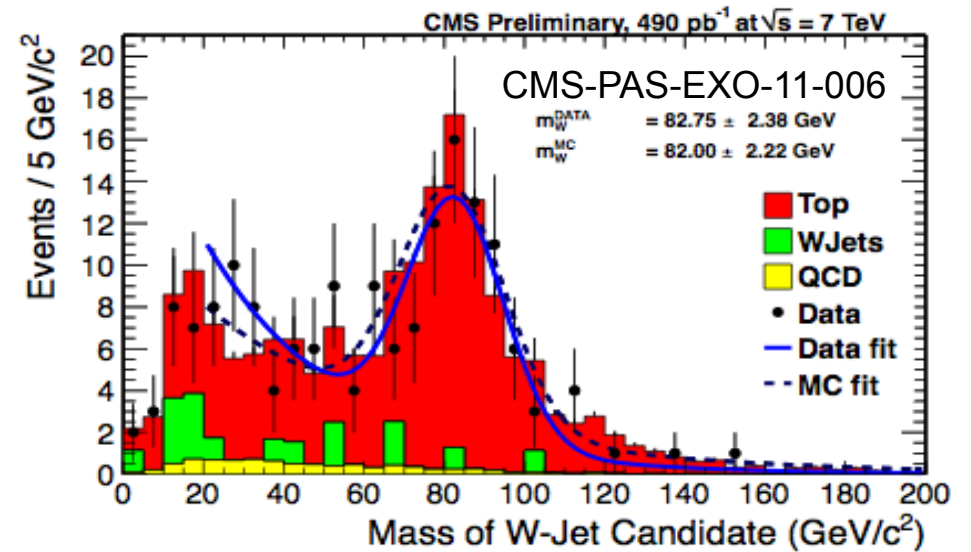


$$m_{\text{top}} = 173.3 \pm 1.2(\text{stat.})^{+2.5}_{-2.6}(\text{syst.}) \text{ GeV}/c^2 \quad \text{CMS PAS-11-016}$$

# Boosted jet topology



- Using top-tagging
- Still statistically limited
- Could provide precise measurement
- Need to understand biases



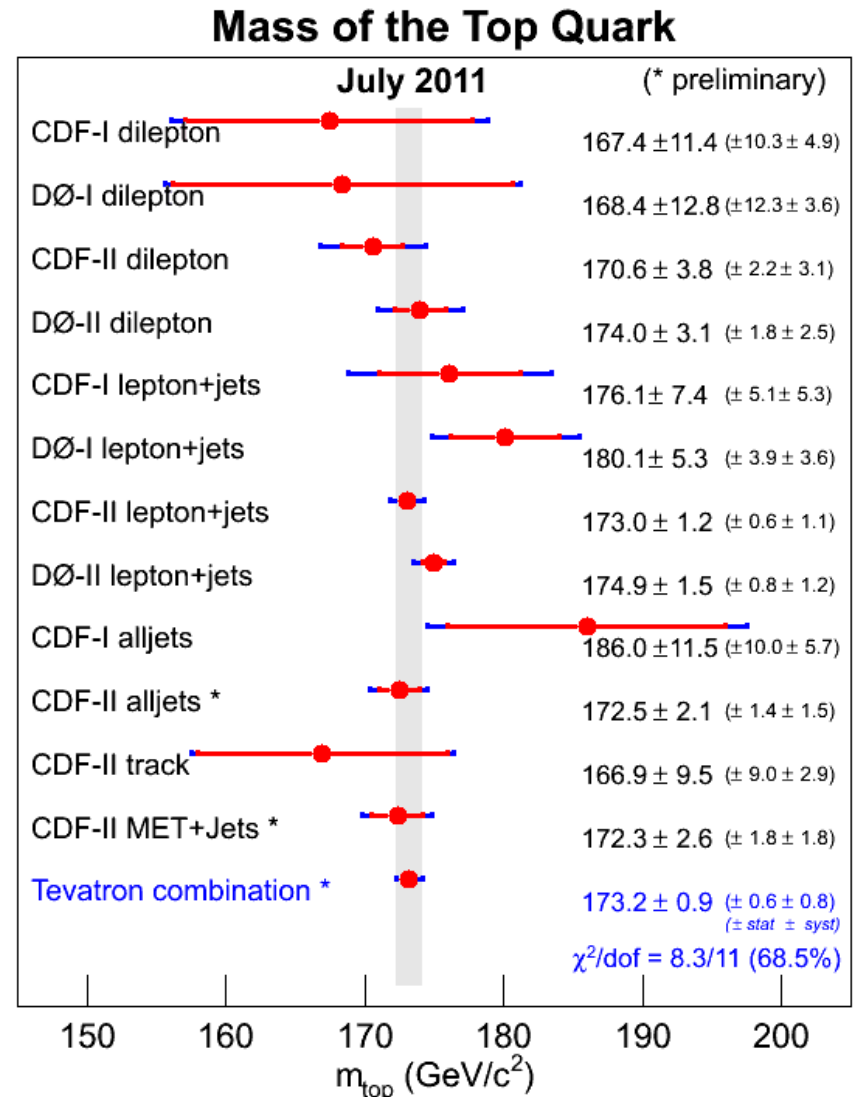
# Tevatron measurement

$$m_{\text{top}} = 173.2 \pm 0.9 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \text{ (0.5\%)}$$

Global EWK fit:

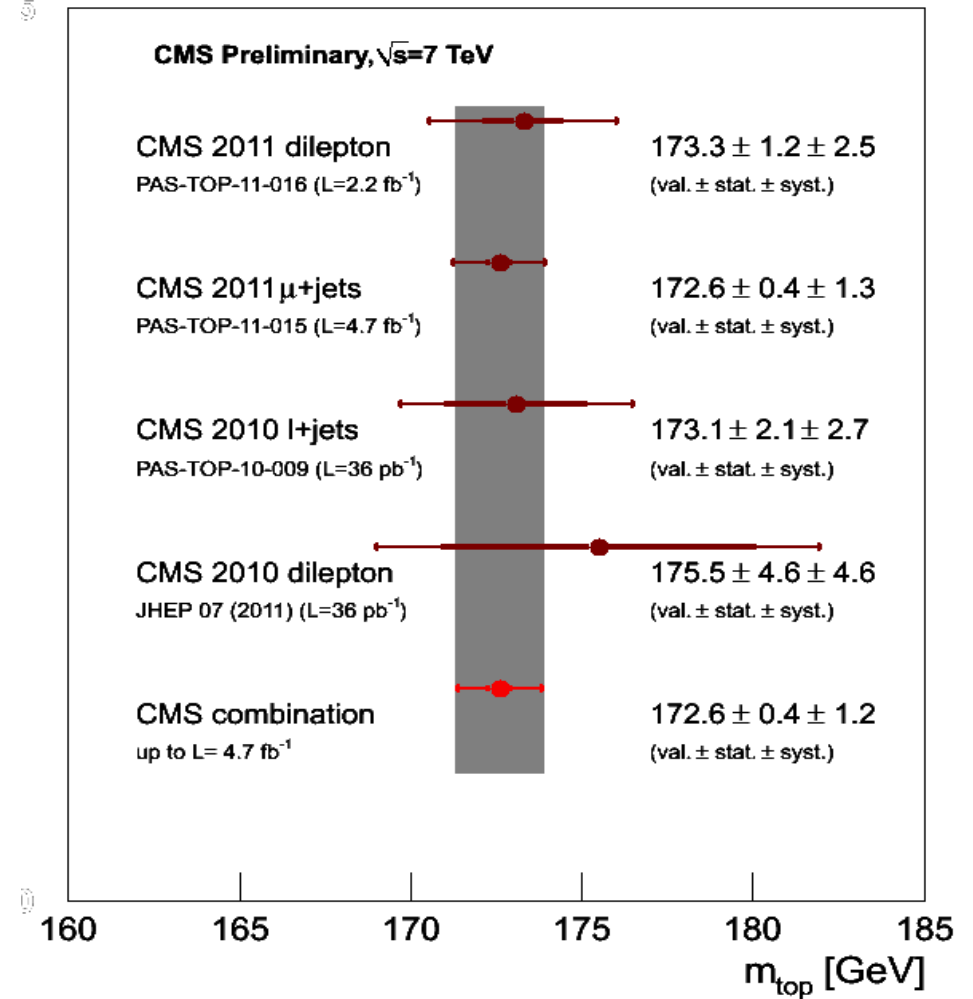
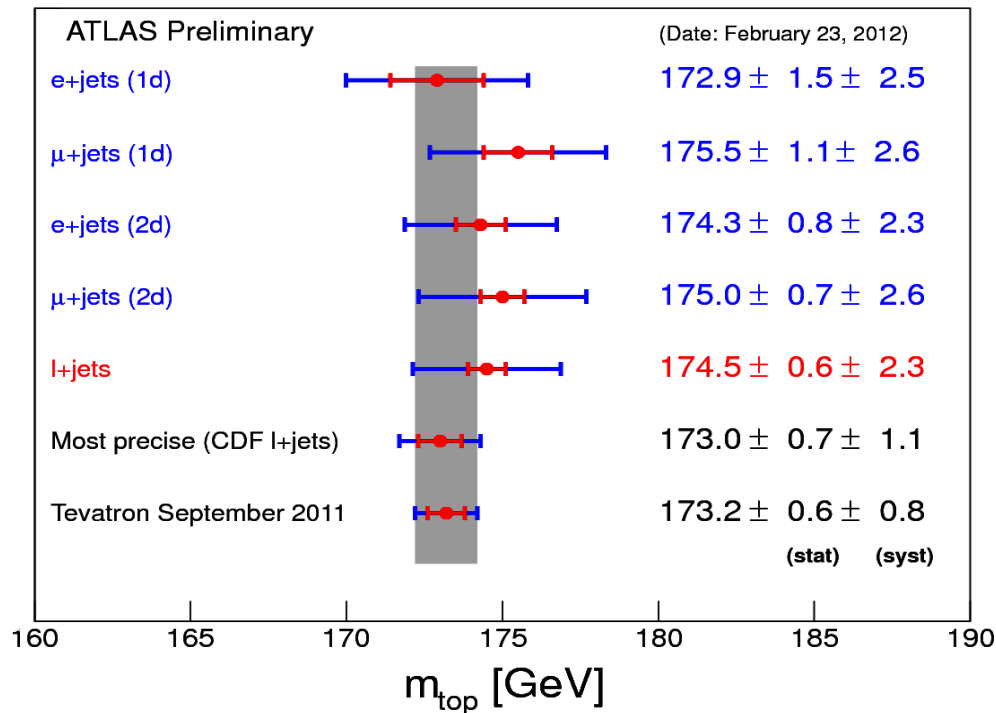
- $M_H = 92_{-26}^{+34} \text{ GeV}$ , or  $M_H < 161 \text{ GeV}$
- direct searches:  $M_H > 115.5 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $M_H < 127 \text{ GeV}$

⇒ fit suggests SM Higgs is light



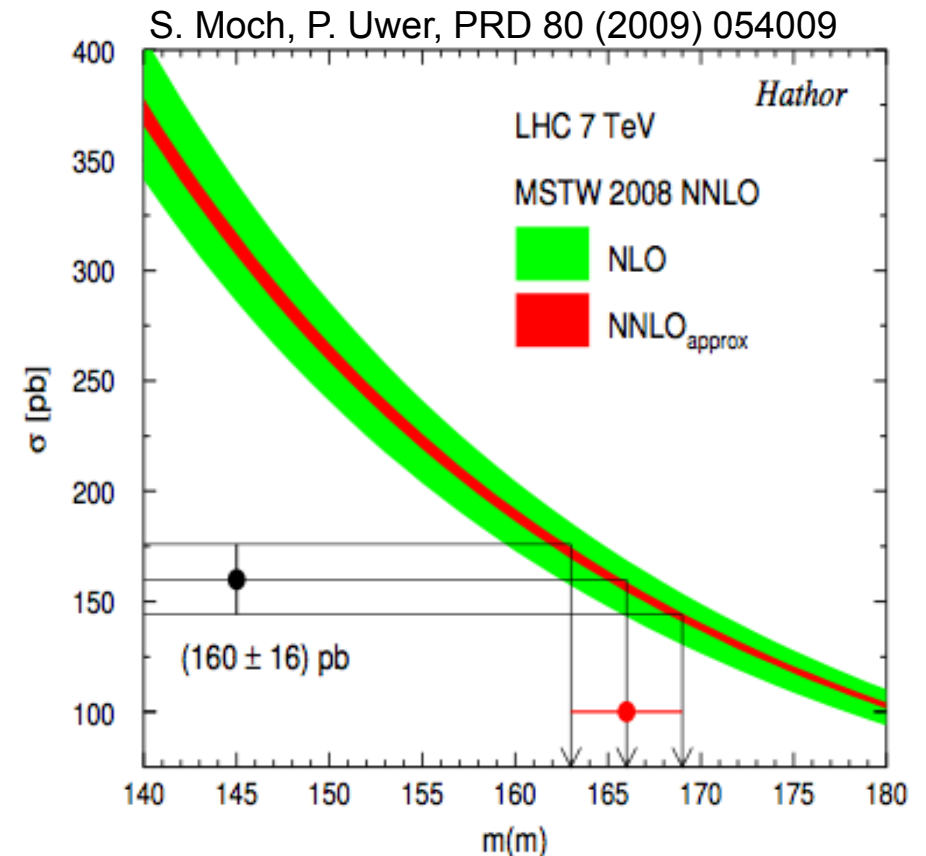
# Top quark mass at the LHC

- Measurement of the top quark mass tests the understanding of the detector calibration
- Measurements at the LHC will improve the world's average



# Top mass from cross section

- Direct  $m_{\text{top}}$  measurements rely on details of kinematics, reconstruction, calibration
- Experimental measurement has small uncertainty:  $\sim 0.5\%$
- What mass is measured?
  - Could be interpreted as pole mass
- Compare theory prediction (measured) cross section vs pole mass ( $=m_{\text{top}}$ )
- Exploit relation of cross section and mass:
  - $\Delta\sigma/\sigma = -A \cdot \Delta m/m$  ( $A=4-5$ )



# Top mass from cross section

- determine top quark pole mass using the experimental  $t\bar{t}$  production cross section

- from lepton+jets channel (ATLAS) with 35/pb

$$m_{\text{top}}^{\text{pole}} = (166.4^{+7.8}_{-7.3}) \text{ GeV}$$

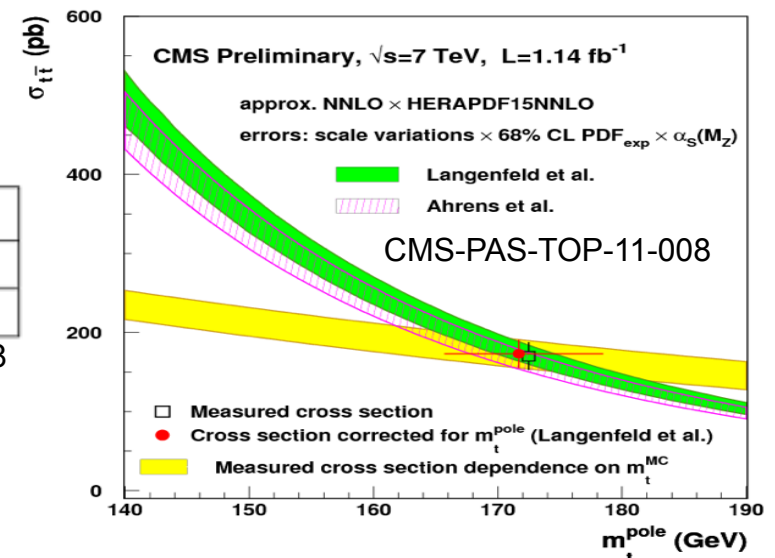
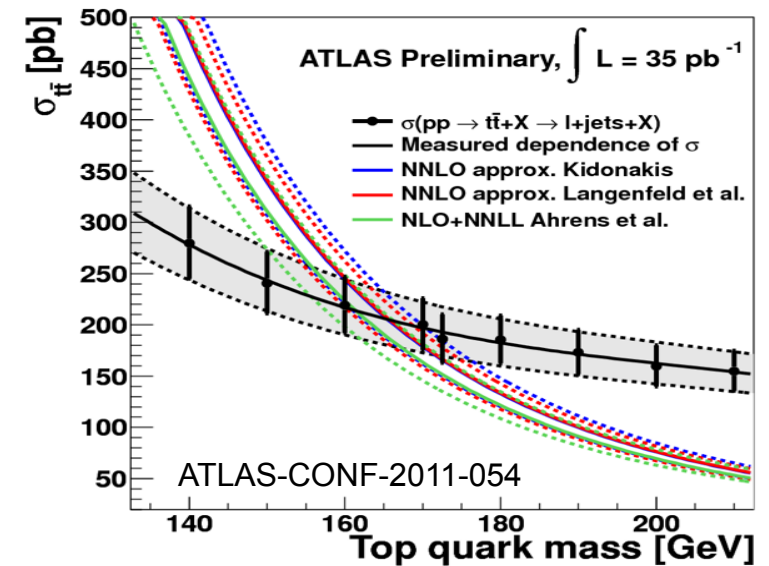
- from dilepton cross section (CMS) with 1.1/fb

$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = 170.3^{+7.3}_{-6.7} \text{ GeV}$$

Also determine  $m(\overline{\text{MS}})$ :

Approx. NNLO $\times$ HERAPDF15NNLO	$m_t^{\text{pole}} / \text{GeV}$	$m_t^{\overline{\text{MS}}} / \text{GeV}$
Langenfeld et al. [7]	$171.7^{+6.8}_{-6.0}$	$164.3^{+6.5}_{-5.7}$
Ahrens et al. [9]	$169.1^{+6.7}_{-5.9}$	$161.0^{+6.8}_{-6.1}$

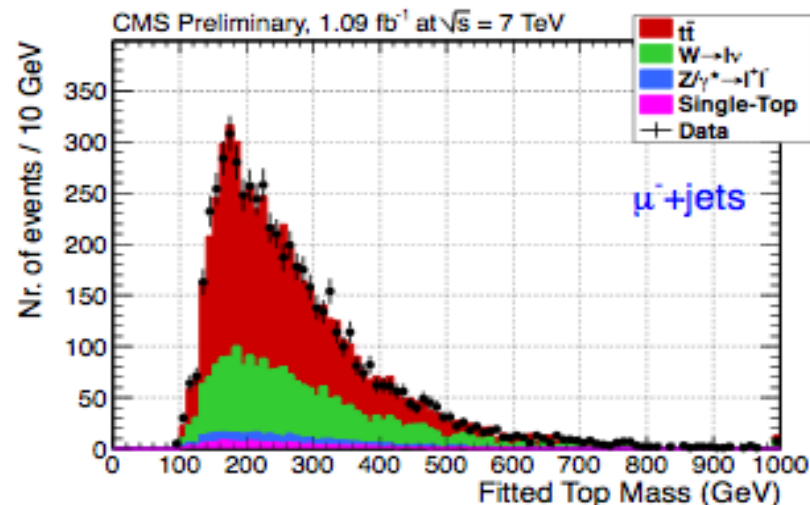
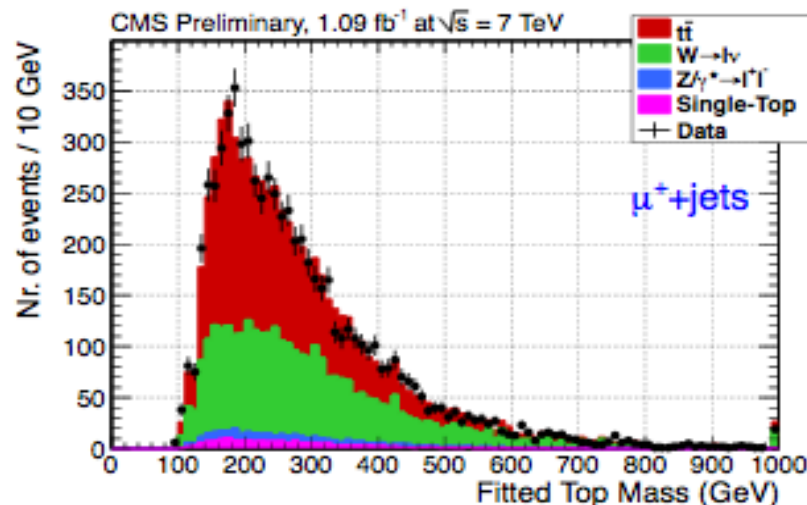
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# Top-antiTop mass difference

- Test of CPT invariance: particle and anti-particle have same mass
  - If masses are different → CPT violation
  - Top quark is unique because it decays before hadronizing
- use  $\mu$ +jet  $t\bar{t}$  events: positive/negative muons ( $L=1.1/\text{fb}$ )
  - Compare mass measured from  $\mu^+/\mu^-$  +jets
  - Use hadronic side
- Measure mass in both samples (ideogram method)



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$$\Delta m_t^{\text{measured}} = -1.20 \pm 1.21 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.47 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$$

Most precise top quark mass difference (statistically limited)

# Top quark decays and taus

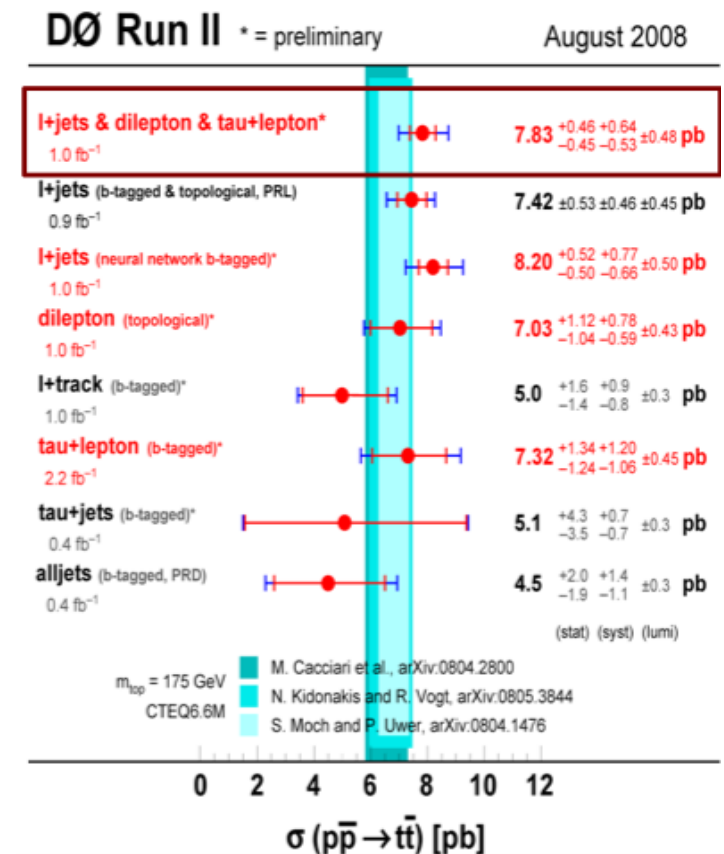
# Taus in top quark decays

- Measurement of  $t\bar{t}$  cross section with tau leptons in final state is important:
  - channel not well explored
  - Cross-check to other channels
  - increase acceptance of  $t\bar{t}$  events
  - involves only 3rd generation leptons/quarks
  - probe non-standard physics ( $t \rightarrow H^+ b, \dots$ )

Channel	Signature	BR
Dilepton( $e/\mu$ )	$ee, \mu\mu, e\mu + 2b$ -jets	4/81
Single lepton	$e, \mu + \text{jets} + 2b$ -jets	24/81
All-hadronic	$\text{jets} + 2b$ -jets	36/81
Tau dilepton	$e\tau, \mu\tau + 2 b$ -jets	4/81
Tau+jets	$\tau + \text{jets} + 2b$ -jets	12/81

# Taus in top quark decays

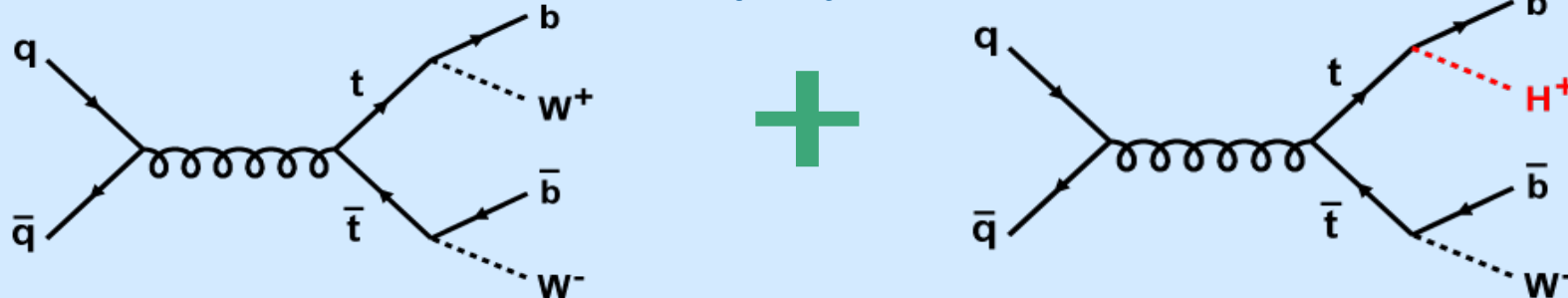
- **Measure:**  $R = \frac{\text{BR}(tt \rightarrow l\tau\nu\nu jj)}{\text{BR}(tt \rightarrow ll\nu\nu jj)}$  ( $l=e,\mu$ )
- **Advantages:**
  - increase statistics
  - cross-check to other BRs
- **Disadvantages:**
  - small statistics/larger background
  - Tau ID is not easy



# Charged Higgs

- Tau dilepton channel is of particular interest as existence of charged Higgs can give rise to **anomalous** tau lepton production

If top decays:  $t \rightarrow H^+ b$  ( $m_H < m_t - m_b$ )



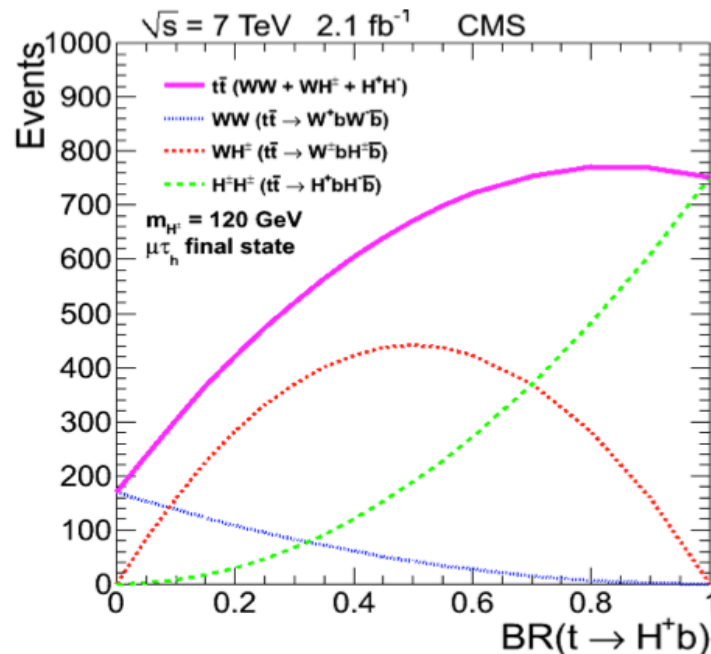
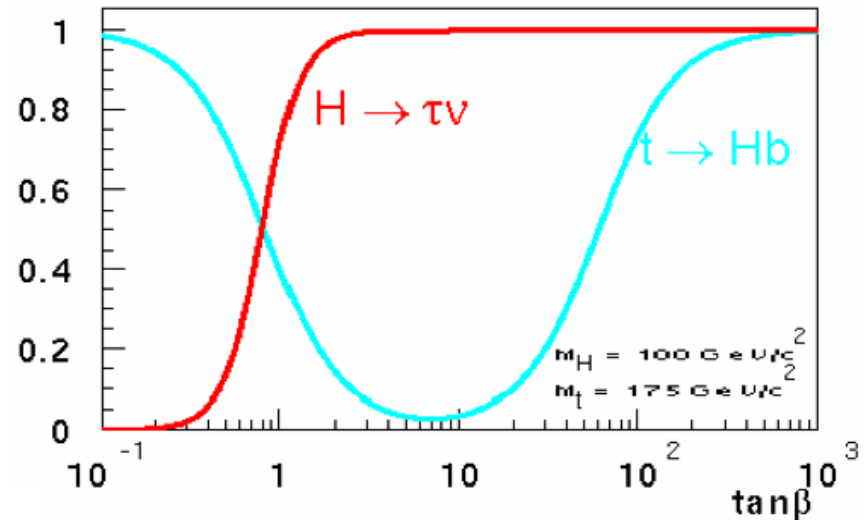
⇒ directly observable in this channel

# Charged Higgs

- $BR(t \rightarrow H^+ b)$  could be large
- $H^+ \rightarrow t^+ \nu_\tau$  enhanced if  $\tan\beta$  large

$\Rightarrow$  **observe more taus**

( $\tan\beta$ : ratio of vacuum expectation values)



$\Rightarrow$  number of tau dilepton events can be large

# Measuring ratios

- Except for the case of a very large signal significance (i.e. resonance), signal will be **marginal**
- Need to reduce uncertainties
- Discovery will go through **systematic** uncertainties
  - Always unexpected problems, unknowns
- Goal is to minimize the source of syst uncertainties and increase **robustness** of result
- Using **ratios**, or shapes, moving cuts, compare to similar analyses
- In the ratio, systematics are due to shapes,  $p_T$  dependence and **not** to overall scale



# Measuring ratios

- **Tau dilepton analysis** is useful check on tau efficiency and can be sensitive to non-SM physics
- Key is to understand relative efficiency of  $l/\tau$
- All other systematic cancel out (i.e. ISR/FSR, lumi, etc.)
- If discrepancy is found, case is more convincing

# Cross section ratios

arXiv:0903.5525

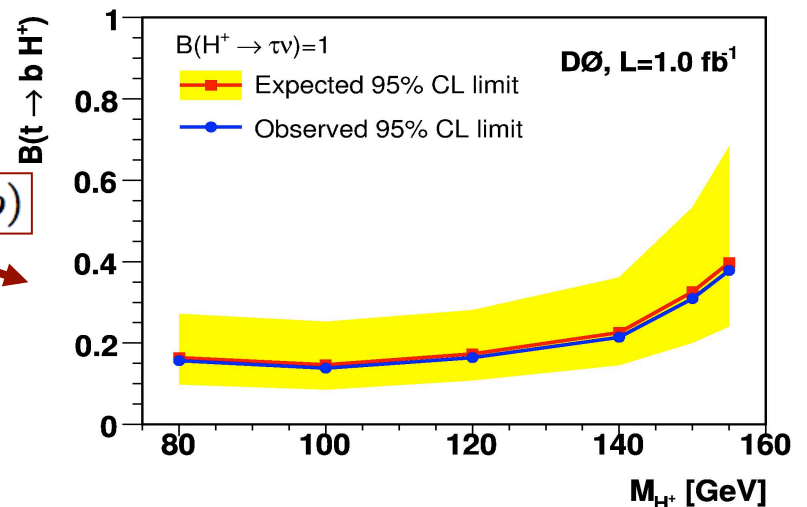
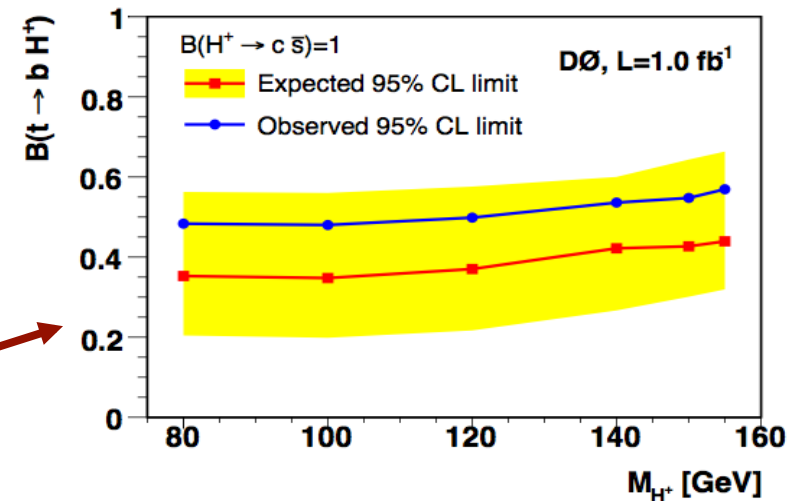
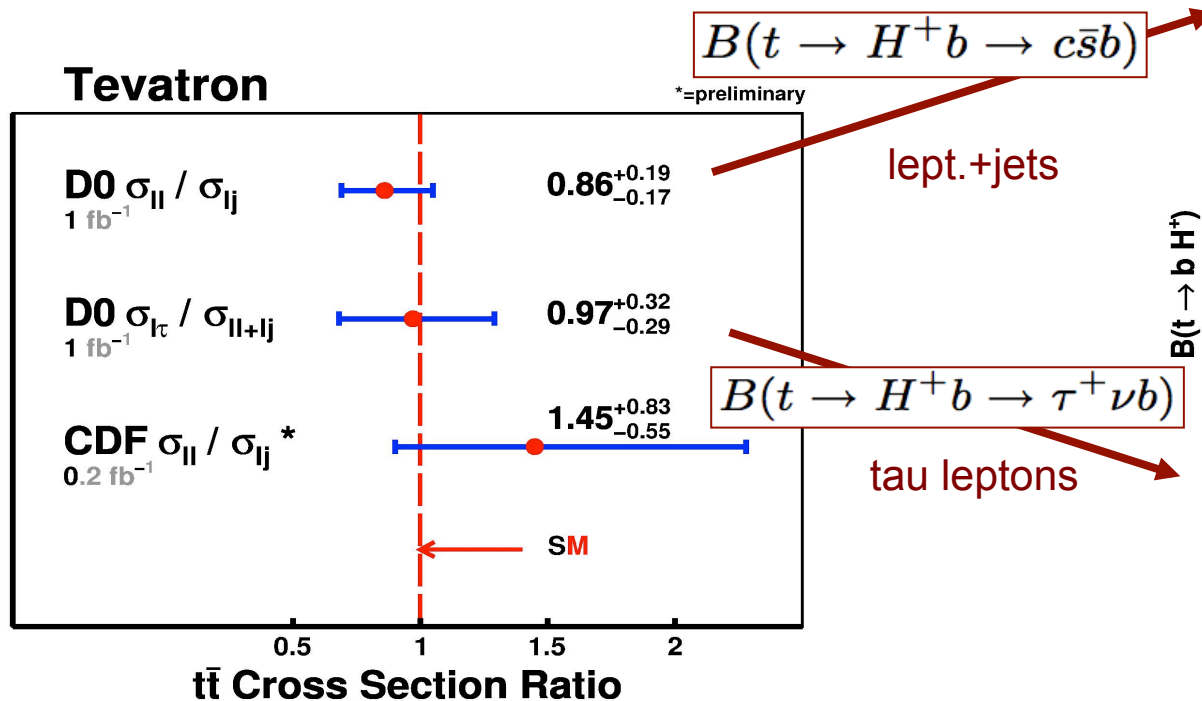
Many systematic unc. cancel in the ratio

Study of cross section ratios

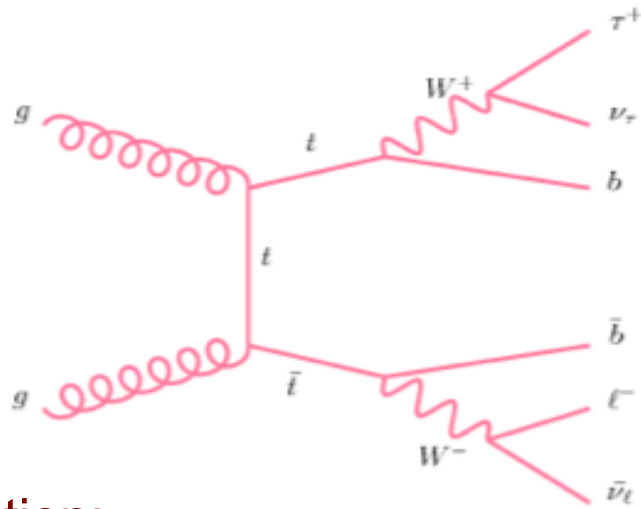
⇒ sensitive to BSM

1. BR(l+jets)/BR(l)

2. BR(l+tau)/BR(l)



# Taus in top quark decays

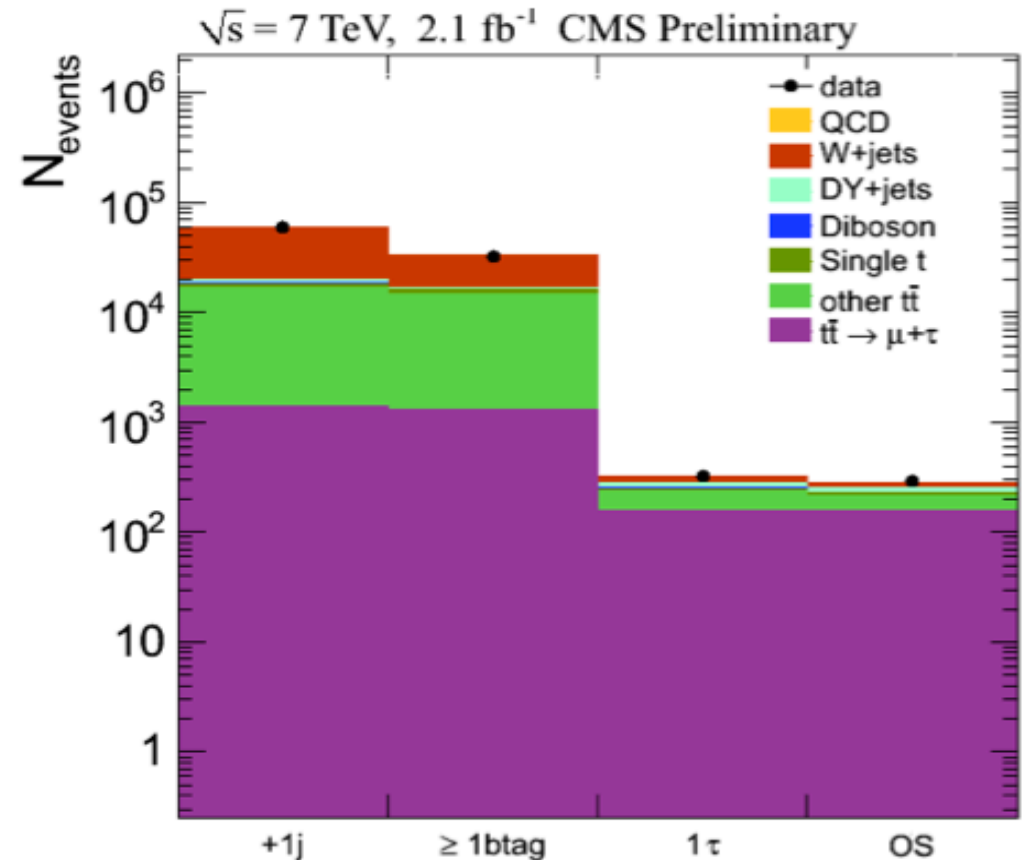


- **Selection:**

- one isolated lepton ( $e/\mu$ )
- OS tau
- at least two jets (one b-tagged)
- MET > 30 (45) GeV

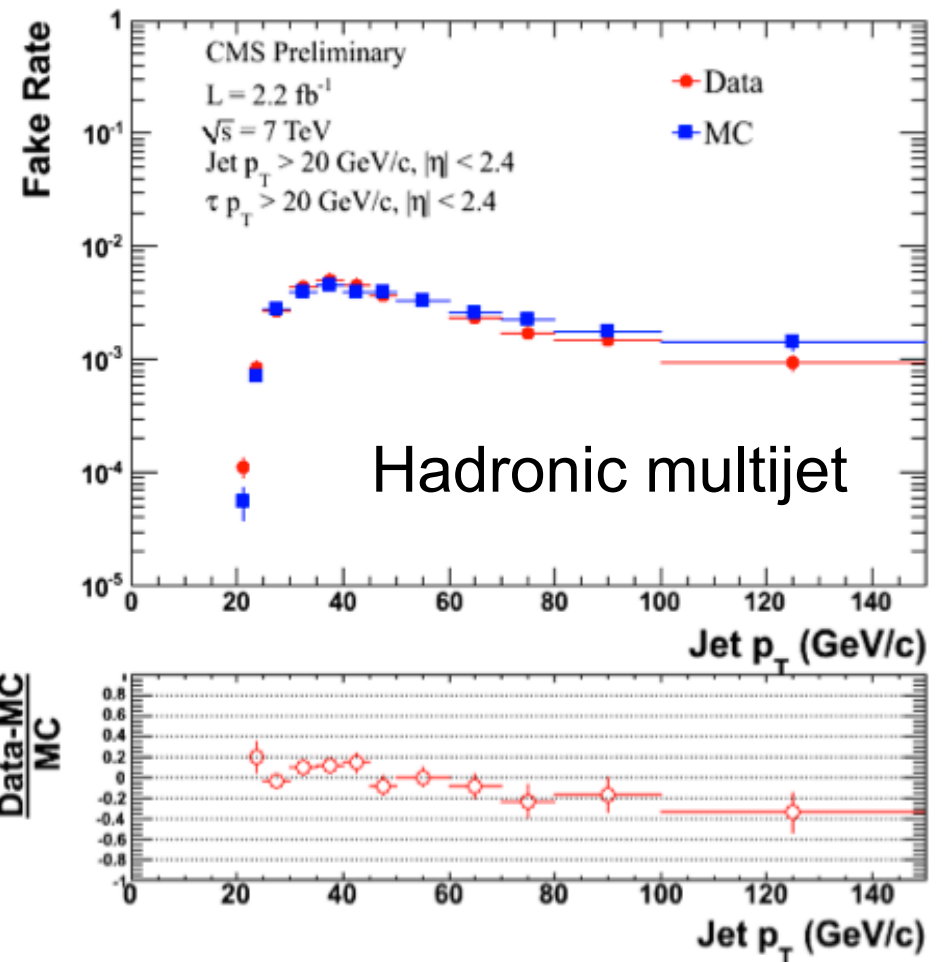
- **Determine  $\tau$  fakes from data**

- Expected to be dominated by quark/gluon jets
- Conservative approach: average W+jets and QCD



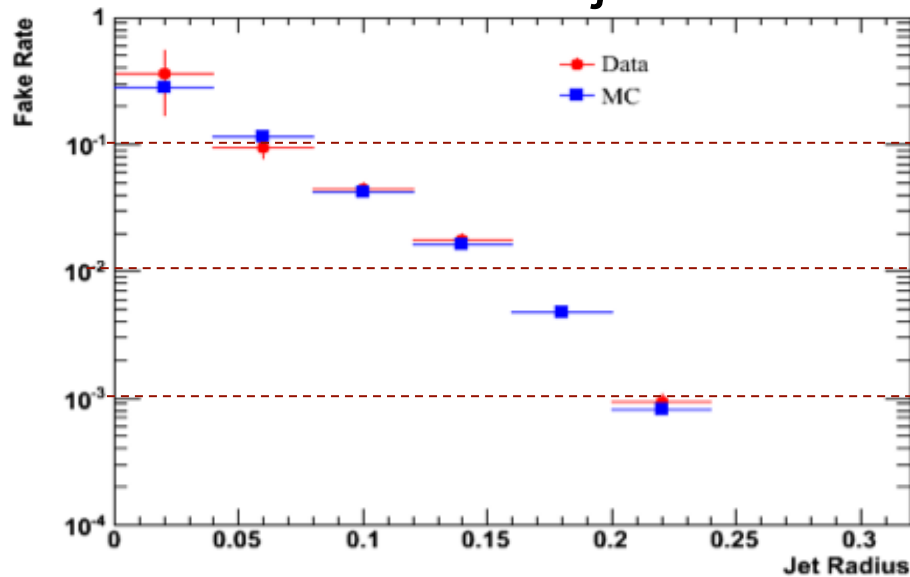
# Tau fake rate

- Main background from “fake” tau jets
- Background estimated from data:
  - Select jets in events with:
    - 1 lepton+MET+ $\geq 3$  jets (one jet is b-tagged)
  - Apply to every jet the “jet $\rightarrow$ tau probability ( $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ , jet width)”
  - tau fake probability evaluated from data
- Estimate “fake” rate in different samples and take average

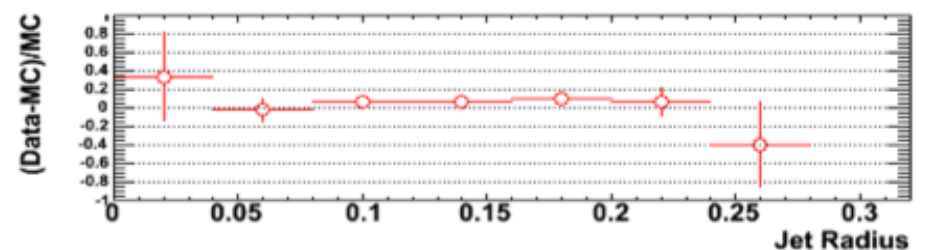
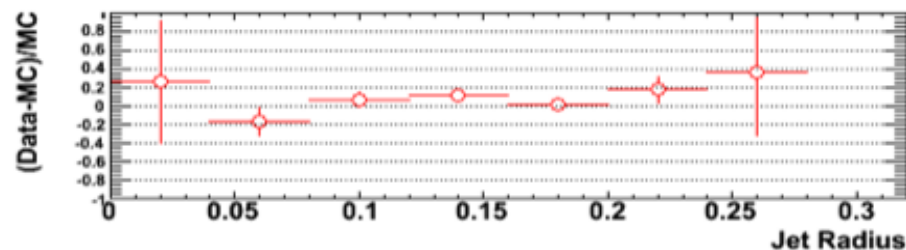
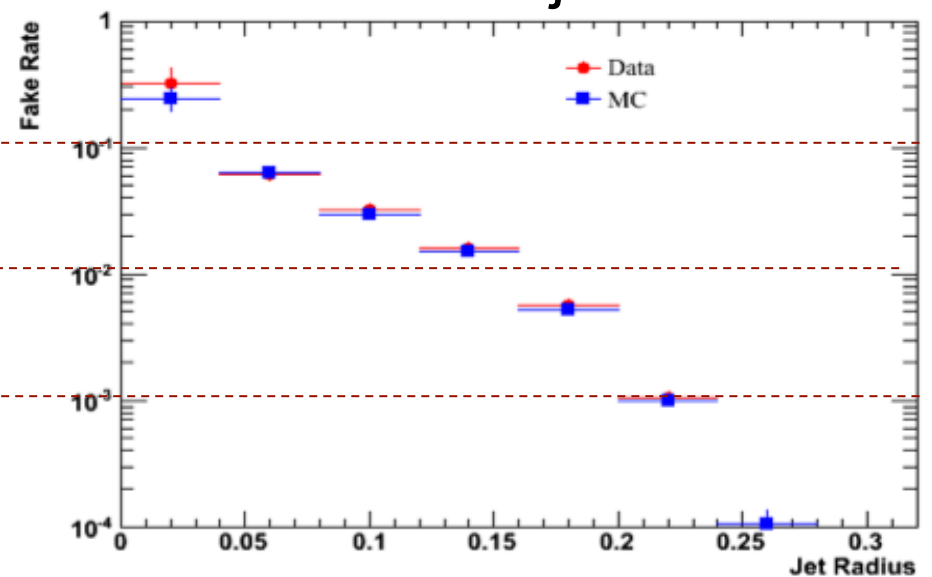


# Fake rate vs jet width

## QCD multijets



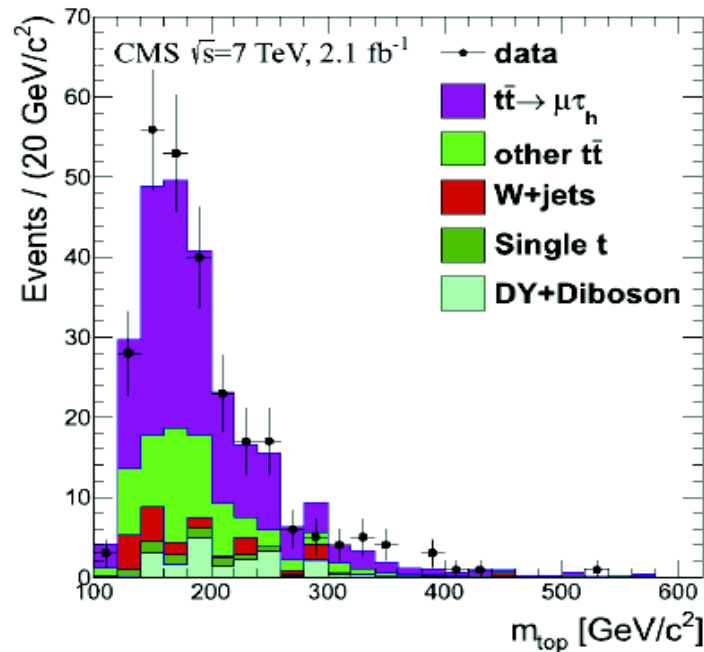
## W+≥1 jet



Quark jets (narrower) vs gluon jets (“fatter”)

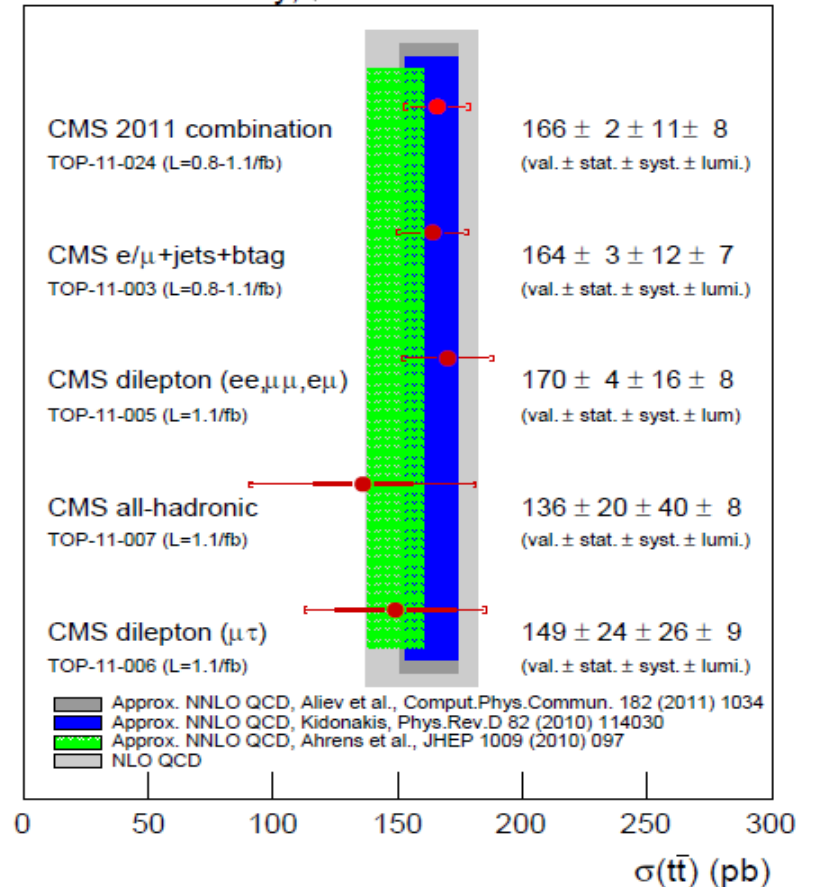
# Tau dilepton channel

Reconstruct mass in  $t\bar{t}$  events with taus



Good agreement between measurements and predictions (for all decay modes)

CMS Preliminary,  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV

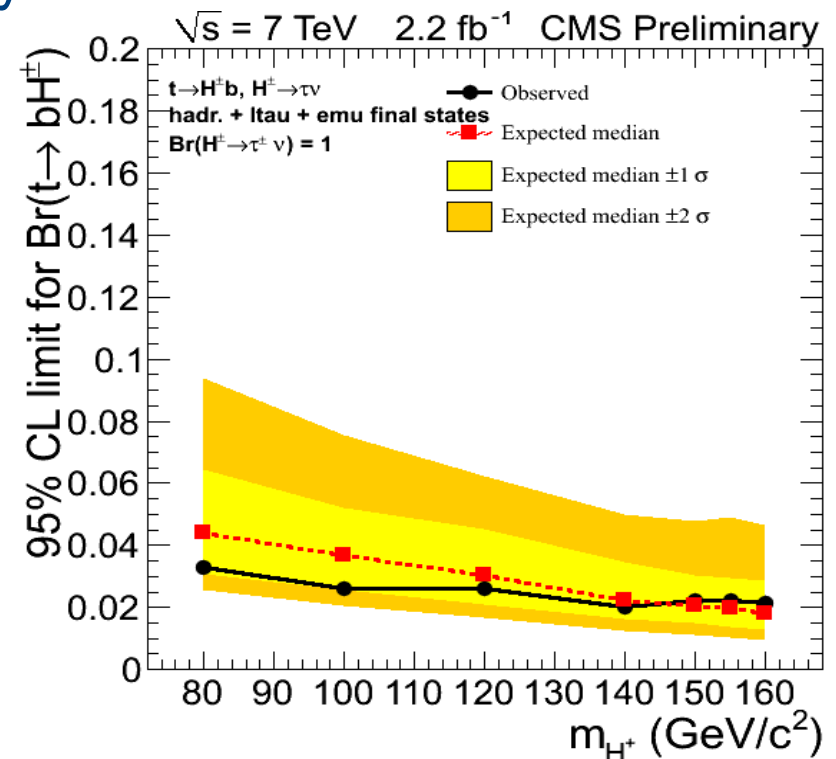
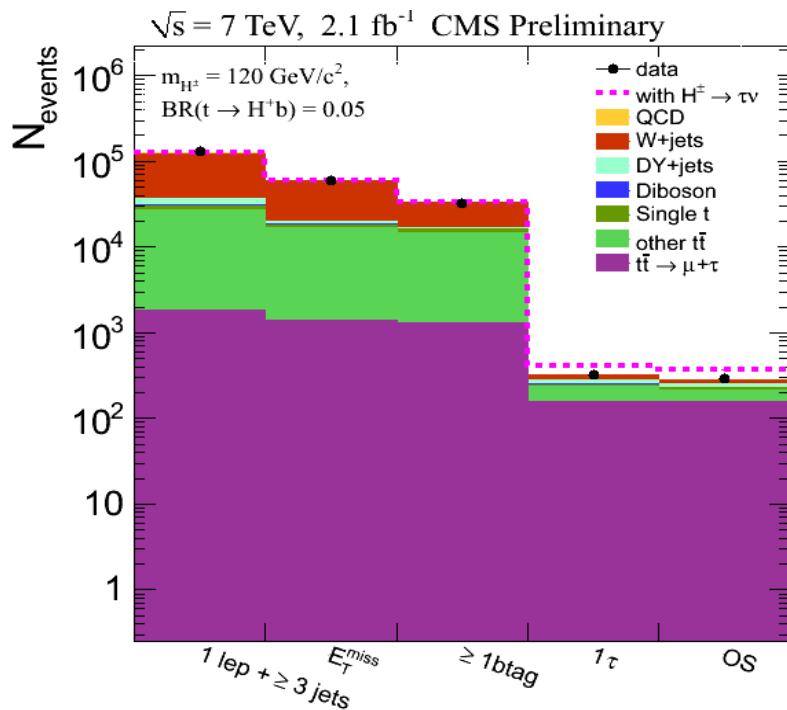


CONF-2011-119  $142 \pm 21$  (stat.)  $\pm_{16}^{20}$  (syst.)  $\pm 5$  (lumi.) pb ATLAS

TOP-11-006  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 151 \pm 15$ (stat.)  $\pm 23$ (syst.)  $\pm 7$ (lumi.) pb CMS

# Is there a charged Higgs?

- If anomalous tau production in  $t\bar{t}$  decays there may be contribution from charged Higgs decays



Yields in agreement with expectations  $\Rightarrow$  set limits

$$80 < m_{H^\pm} < 160 \text{ GeV}. \quad BR(t \rightarrow H^+b) < 2 - 3\%$$

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