

# The Top quark

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- Search for  $t\bar{t}$  resonances

today

will use  $c=1$

# Introduction

- Discovery
- introduction to the top quark

# 1974

With the discovery of the  $J/\Psi$ :

**quarks**  $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$   $\begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}$

**leptons**  $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}$   $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}$

# 1975-1977

- Tau ( $\tau$ ) lepton in Mark I data ( $\nu_\tau$  from the decay kinematics)
- Discovery at Fermilab of the Y

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}$$

- b: non SM? iso-singlet? SM iso-doublet?
- 1984: DESY measurement of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  FB asymmetry:  $(22.5 \pm 6.5)\%$ 
  - cf. 25.2% SM iso-doublet, 0% iso-singlet
- If SM is correct there must be a iso-doublet partner, the top quark
- Mass? b/c/s 4.5/1.5/0.5: Mass=15 GeV?

# Searches in $e^+e^-$ collisions

- PETRA could reach  $\sim 20$  GeV (late '70s)
  - Search for narrow resonance
  - Look for increase in  $R = (\# \text{ of hadron events}) / (\# \text{ of } \mu\mu \text{ events})$
  - Global event characteristics: look for spherical component
  - Negative results. Set limits:  $M_t > 23$  GeV
- TRISTAN built to study the Top quark (early '80s)
  - Similar search technique:
  - $M_t > 30$  GeV
- SLC/LEP
  - Look for  $Z \rightarrow t\bar{t}$
  - $M_t > 45$  GeV
- Reached kinematic limit for direct searches at  $e^+e^-$  colliders

# Predictions from Z decays

- In the SM, various EWK observables depend on the mass of the top quark



- Precision measurement of the Z decay  $\Rightarrow$  predictions of  $M_{\text{top}}$  (consistency)
- In the period 1990- up to the discovery:
  - Prediction upper limit < 200-220 GeV

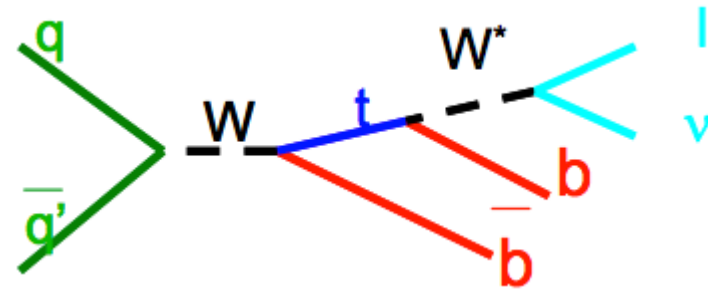
# Early searches at hadron colliders

CERN Sp $\bar{p}$ S ( $\sqrt{s}=540$  GeV) built to observe W,Z

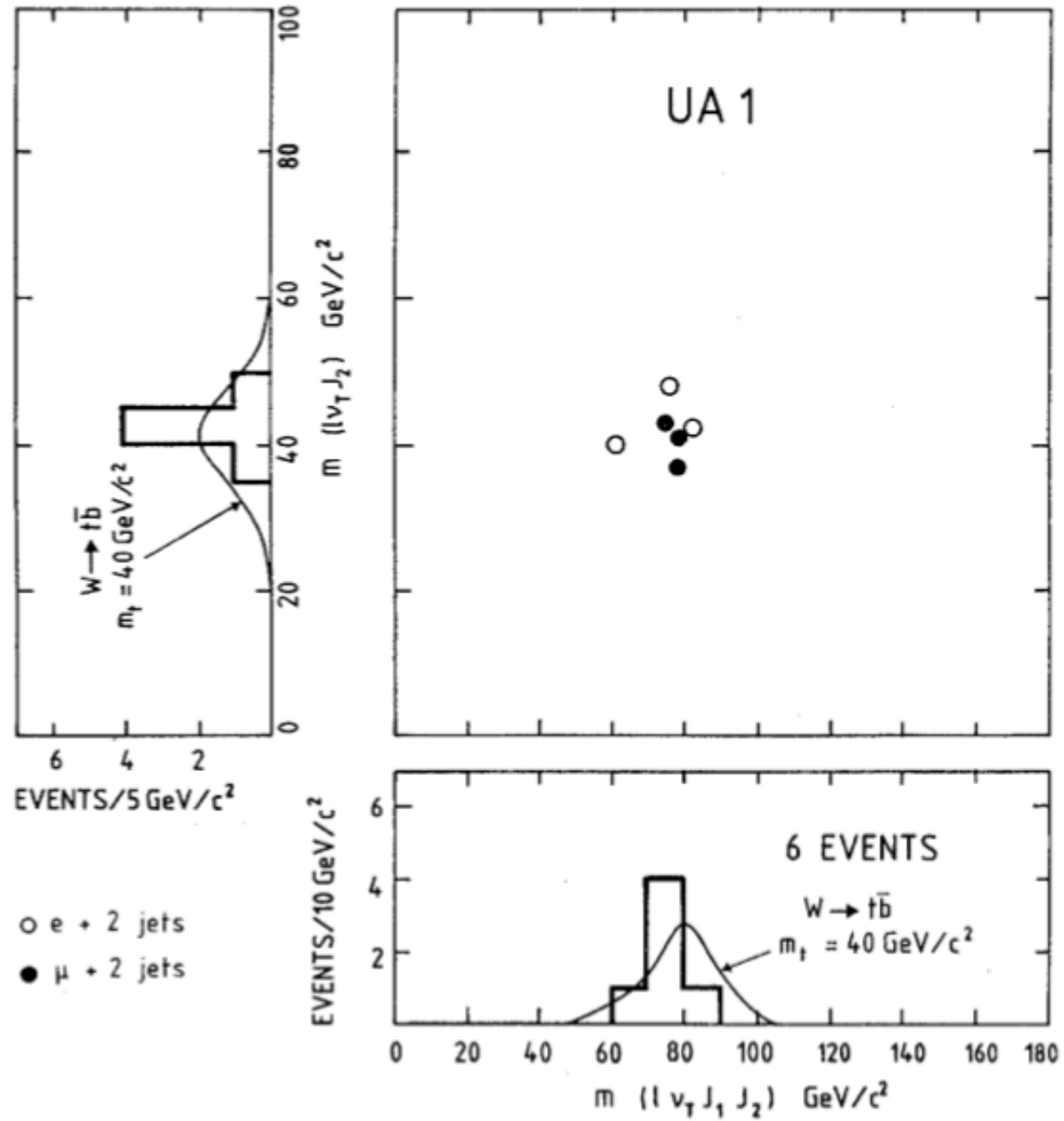
- Access to much higher energies
- Large backgrounds, low event rates
- Difficult reconstruction: jets

1984: UA1

- $W \rightarrow tb \rightarrow l\nu bb$
- Isolated high- $p_T$  lepton
- 2 or 3 hadronic jets
- Observe 5 events ( $e^+ \geq 2$  jets), 4 events ( $\mu^+ \geq 2$  jets)
- Expected background: 0.2 events
  - Fake leptons dominate;  $b\bar{b}/c\bar{c}$  negligible
- Result consistent with  $M_{\text{top}} = 40 \pm 10$  GeV
- Stop before claiming discovery

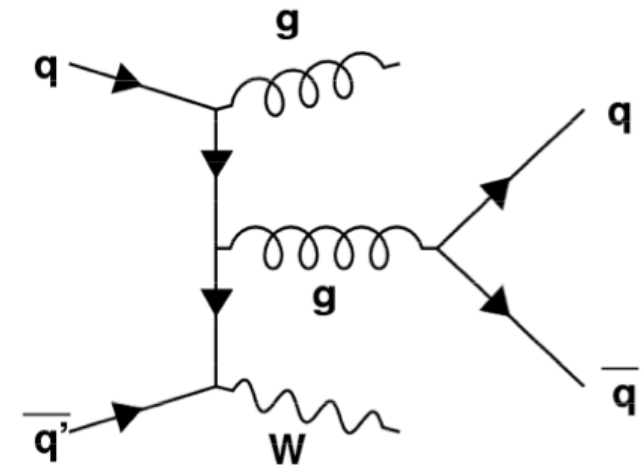






# Searches at hadron colliders

- 1988 UA1
- Larger data sample (x6, 600nb<sup>-1</sup>)
- Improved understanding of the backgrounds
- Fake leptons, W+jets, DY, J/Ψ, bbar/ccbar



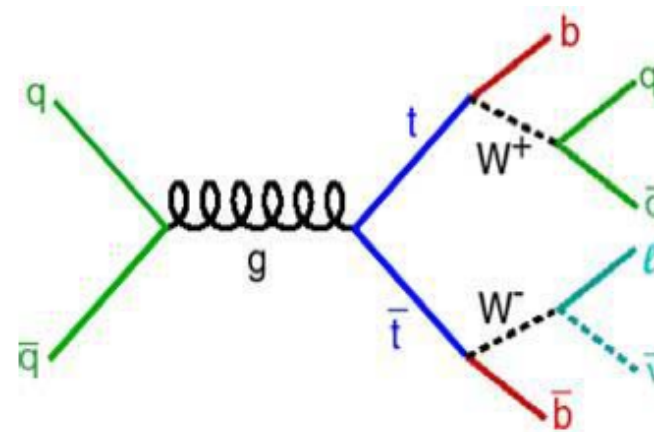
<u>channel</u>	<u>observed</u>	<u>expected background</u>
$\mu + \geq 2$ jets	10 events	$11.5 \pm 1.5$ events
$e + \geq 1$ jets	26 events	$23.4 \pm 2.8$ events
	(+ 23 expected if $M_{\text{top}} = 40$ GeV)	

$\Rightarrow$  conclude  $M_{\text{top}} > 44$  GeV

# Fermilab joins the hunt

- 1988-89: at CERN, UA2 remains after the upgrades
- $\sqrt{1.8}$  TeV@FERMILAB **vs.**  $\sqrt{0.63}$  TeV@CERN
- Much better reach for larger mass (only 75 GeV@UA2)
- At Tevatron, pair production dominates:  $t\bar{t} \rightarrow Wb W\bar{b}$

%	$e\nu$	$\mu\nu$	$\tau\nu$	$q\bar{q}$
$e\nu$	1.2	2.5	2.5	14.8
$\mu\nu$		1.2	2.5	14.8
$\tau\nu$			1.2	14.8
$q\bar{q}$				44.4



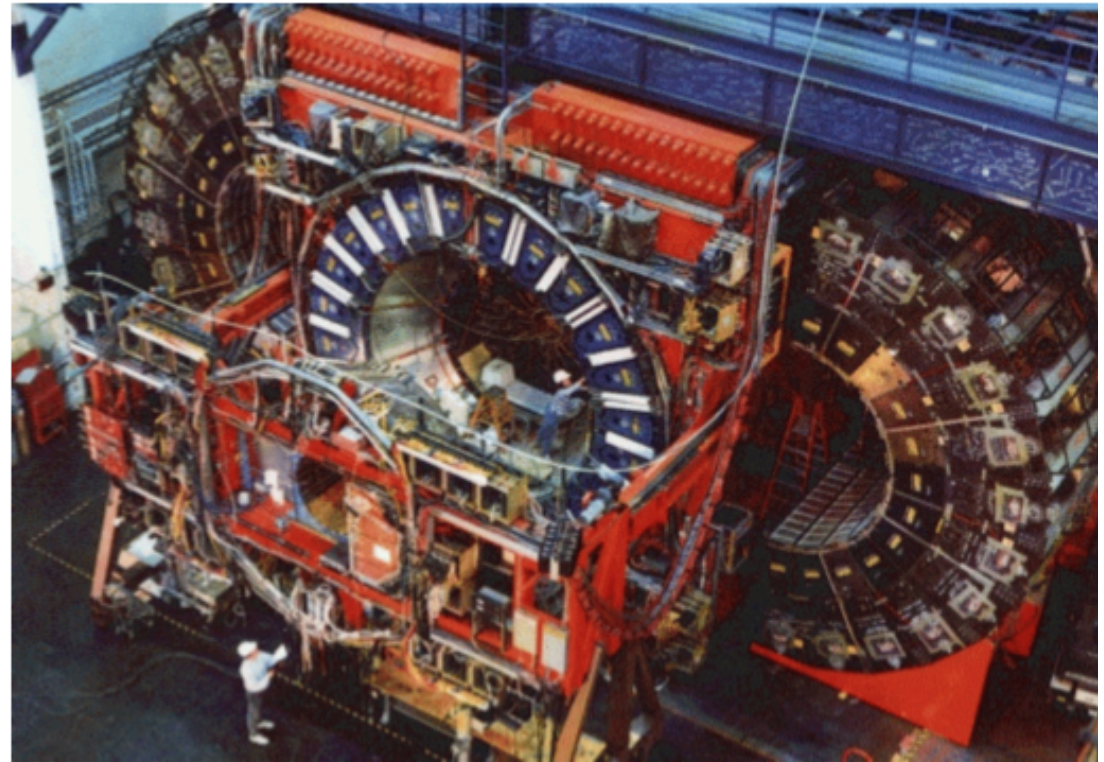
# Tevatron

Proton-antiproton collision at 1.8-2 TeV





**12 countries, 62 institutions  
767 physicists**

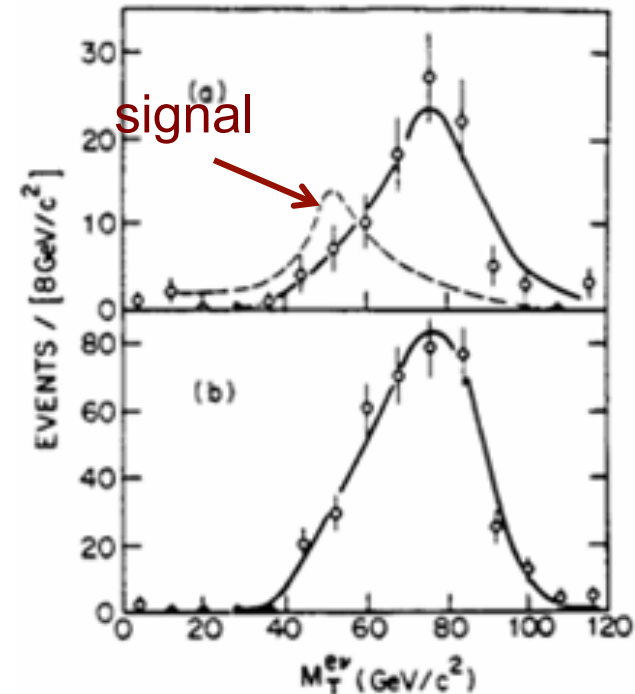


# Searches at CDF

## $e\nu + \geq 2$ jets

- Dominant background: W+jets
- Discriminant:  $e\nu$  transverse mass
- Background: W on-shell
- Signal: W off-shell for  $M_{\text{top}} = 40-80$  GeV

$\Rightarrow M_{\text{top}} > 77$  GeV



- UA2 uses similar technique:  $M_{\text{top}} > 69$  GeV

# Searches at CDF (cont.)

## $e\mu$ channel

- Event rate much lower:  $2 \times \text{BR}(W \rightarrow e\nu)$
  - Background very small
  - No  $W$ +jets
  - No Drell-Yan
  - Dominant background is  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow e\mu X$  (expect 1 event)
  - Observe 1 event
- $\Rightarrow M_{\text{top}} > 72 \text{ GeV}$  (expect 7 events for  $M_{\text{top}} = 70 \text{ GeV}$ )

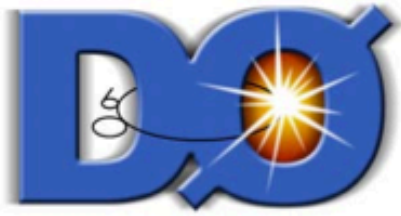
# Change of strategy: $M_{\text{top}} > M_b + M_W$

- Top decays to on-shell Ws: no  $M_T(l\nu)$  discriminant
- Main differences:
  - background: W+jets (largely quarks and gluons)
  - signal: W+jets (2 jets are b-jets)
- CDF publication on 88-89 data:
  - Dilepton: include ee,  $\mu\mu$ , e $\mu$  (require missing ET, Z-veto)
  - Single lepton: require low  $p_T$  muon (semi-leptonic b-decays)

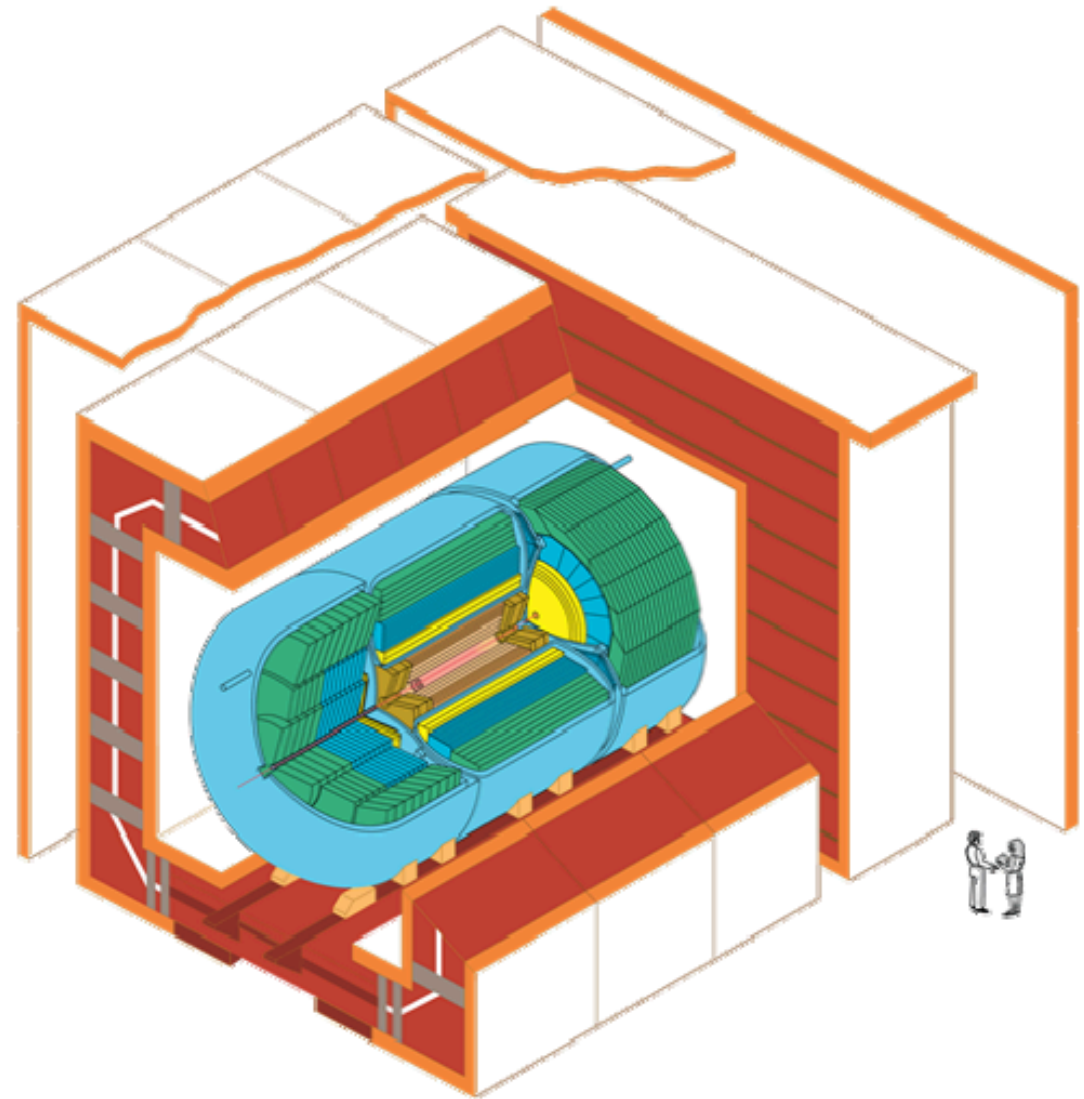
$\Rightarrow M_{\text{top}} > 91 \text{ GeV}$



# D0 joins the hunt



**19 countries**  
**83 institutions, 664 physicists**



**D0 Detector**

# Searches at Tevatron: CDF and D0

1992-1995

- Tevatron with higher luminosity
- D0: excellent calorimetry, large solid angle and coverage
- CDF: precision vertex detector, good tracker, magnetic spectrometer

Run 1A:

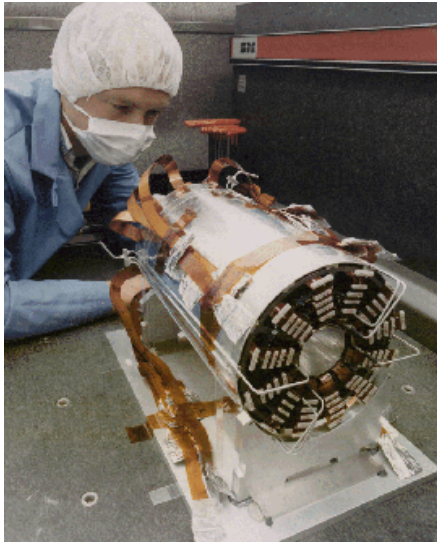
- D0: optimized search for  $M_{\text{top}}=100$  GeV
  - $e\mu+\text{MET}+\geq 1\text{jet}$  1 evt (1.1 bkg)
  - $ee+\text{MET}+\geq 1\text{jet}$  1 (0.5)
  - $e+\text{MET}+\geq 4\text{jets}$  1 (2.7)
  - $\mu+\text{MET}+\geq 4\text{jets}$  0 (1.6)

$\Rightarrow M_{\text{top}} > 131$  GeV @ 95% CL

# Detecting the top quark at CDF

- Strategy

- dilepton: +2 jets
- single lepton: b-tagging
- 1) soft  $e/\mu$ : semi-leptonic b-decay
- 2) secondary vertex



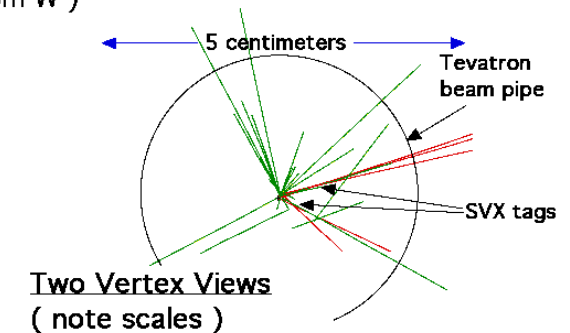
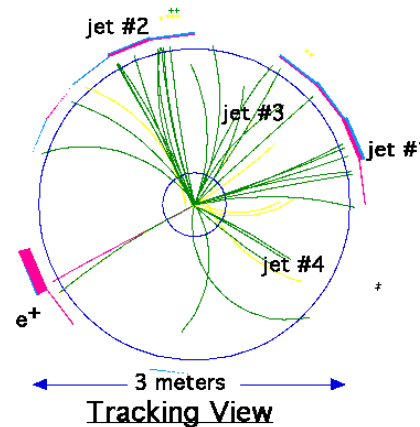
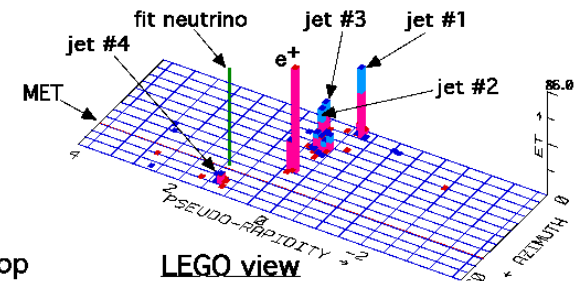
New: CDF vertex detector (SVX)  
 (40  $\mu\text{m}$  impact parameter resolution)  
 powerful discriminant against background

## $e + 4$ jet event

40758\_44414  
 24-September, 1992

TWO jets tagged by SVX  
 fit top mass is  $170 \pm 10$  GeV

$e^+$ , Missing  $E_T$ , jet #4 from top  
 jets 1,2,3 from top ( 2&3 from W )

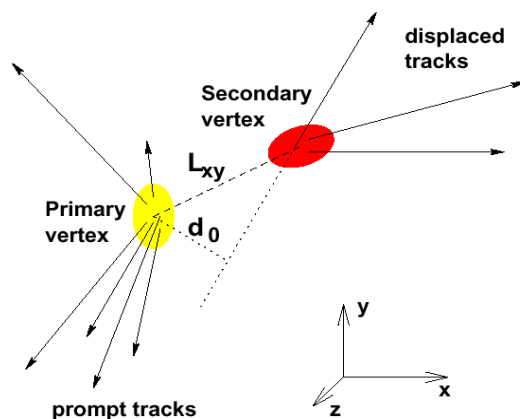


# Tagging b-jets

- Top events contain B hadrons
- Only 1-2% of dominant W+jets background contains heavy flavor

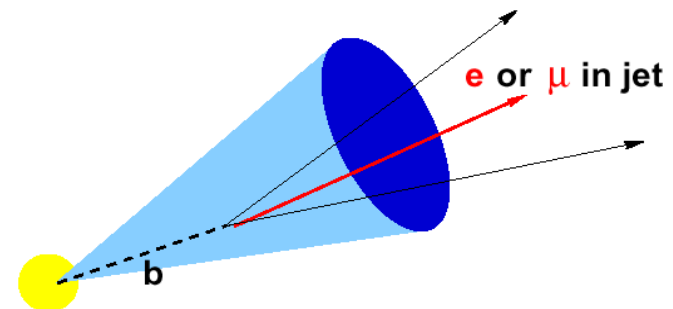
B hadrons are long-lived

Vertex displaced tracks



semileptonic B hadron decay

Soft Lepton Tagging



- $b \rightarrow lvc$  (BR  $\sim 20\%$ )
- $b \rightarrow c \rightarrow lvs$  (BR  $\sim 20\%$ )

55%

0.5%

Top Event Tagging Efficiency

False Tag Rate (QCD jets)

15%

3.6%

# 1993

## Coll. Meeting, Aug. 1993:

- Status report from each group (dilepton, single lepton)
- Small, not significant excess in all channels

Type	observed	background
DIL	2 events	$0.56^{+0.25}_{-0.13}$
SVX	6 tags	$2.3 \pm 0.3$
SLT	7 tags	$3.1 \pm 0.3$
total	12 events	---

← 3 events in  
← common

- In total, an excess of events
- Background fluctuation probability:  $2.8\sigma$
- Skepticism, additional studies, cross-checks
- Additional 8 months before making the results public

# Final steps: CDF and D0

**CDF:** counting experiment yields  $2.8\sigma$

- Few checks: no major discrepancy
- Other checks consistent with presence of signal
- Mass distribution looked good

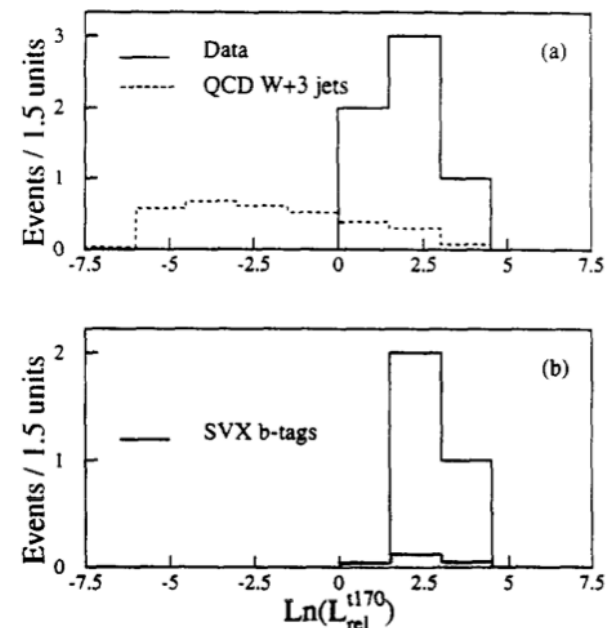
• There were also other analyses at CDF

- Difference of jet  $E_T$  spectra for signal and bkg
- Separate two component for signal and bkg
- CDF chose not to use those for first publication

• Use “counting” experiment

**D0:** added more data and re-optimized for heavy top (single and dilepton)

- Observed 7 events (expect 4-6 from bkg)
- No independent evidence



# First evidence (1994)

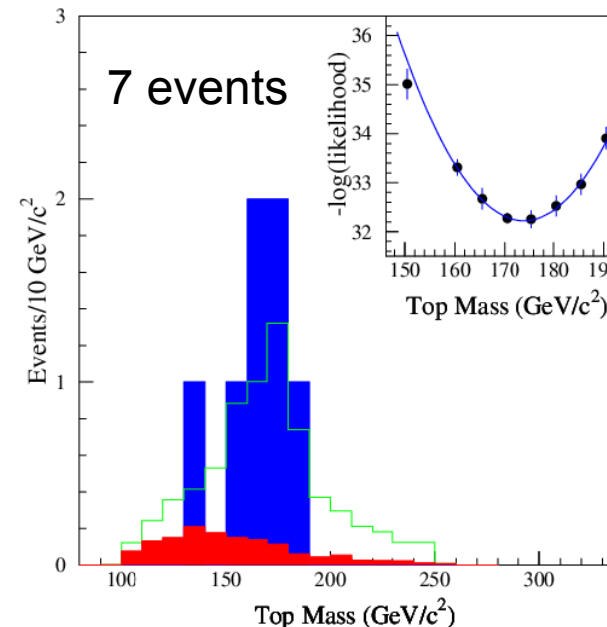
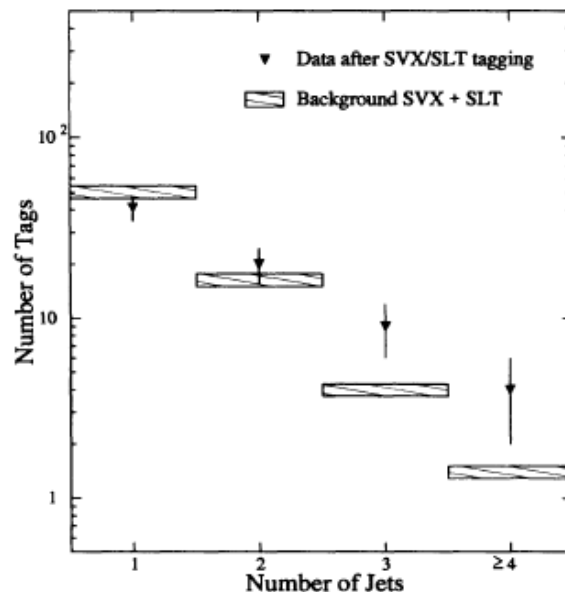
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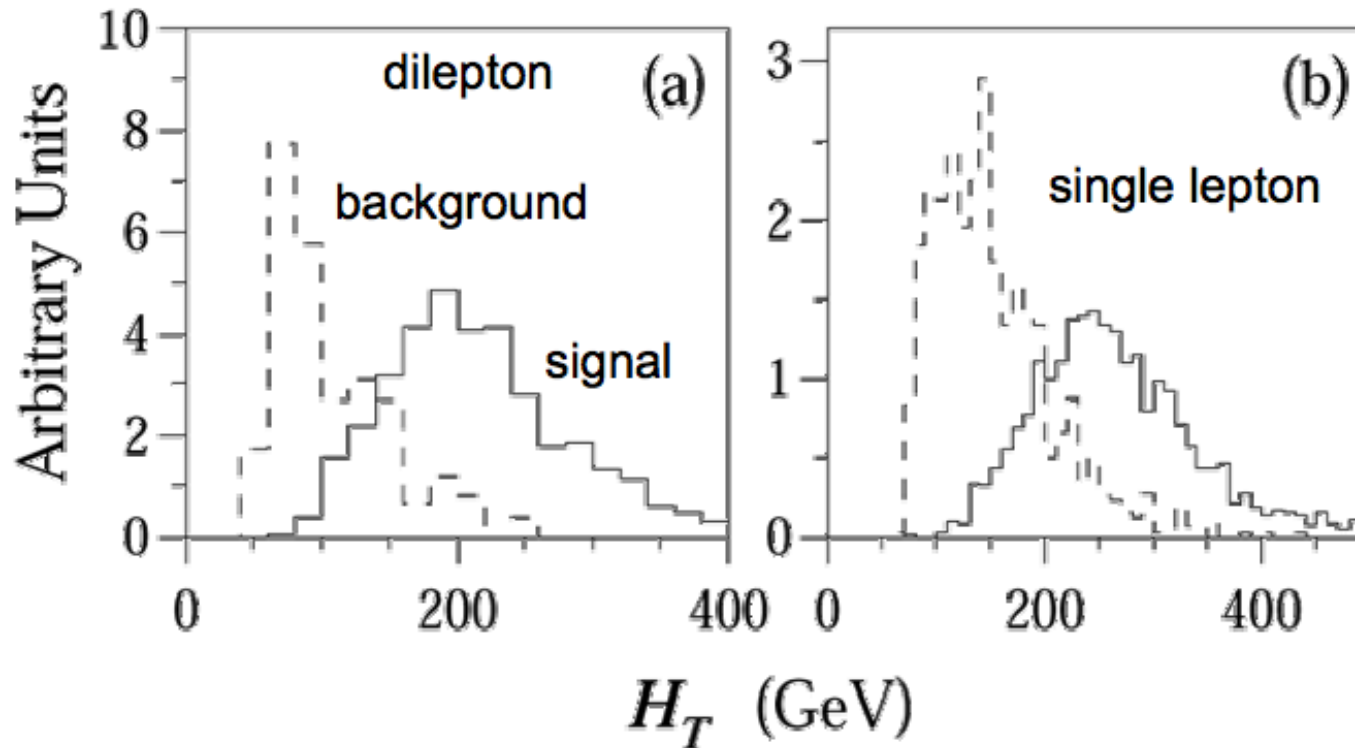


# Discovery

By early 1995 (Run 1A+1B), x3.5 data

D0 further optimized for high mass:

- Require  $H_T$  ( $\Sigma E_T$  of all objects) to suppress the background: improves S/B by  $\sim x2.5$

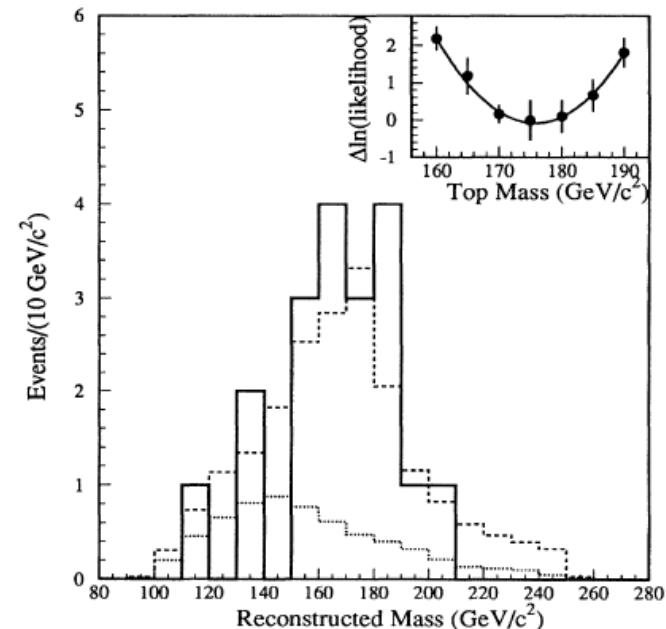
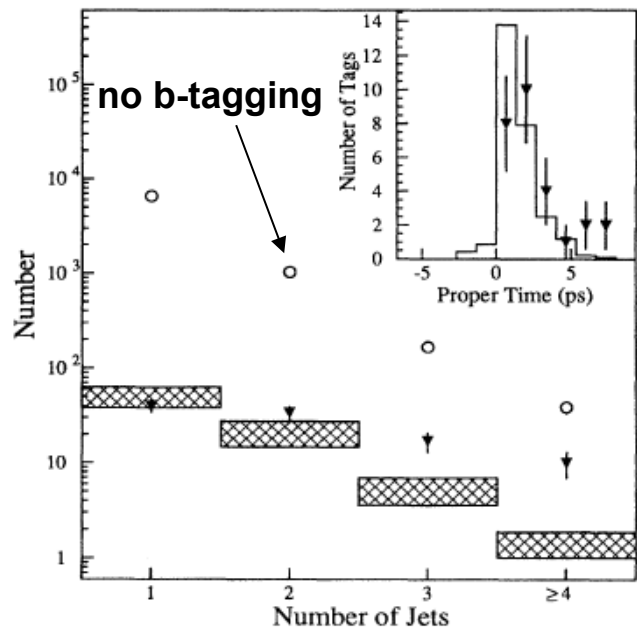




# First measurements

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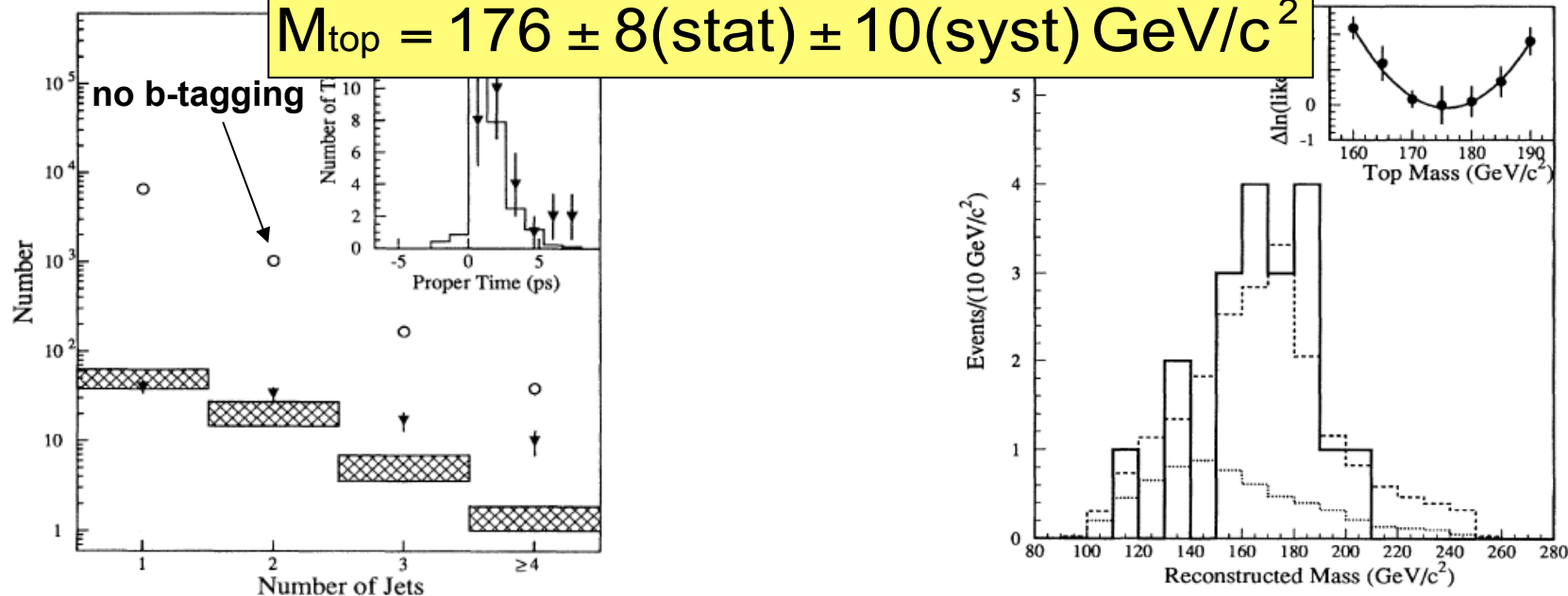
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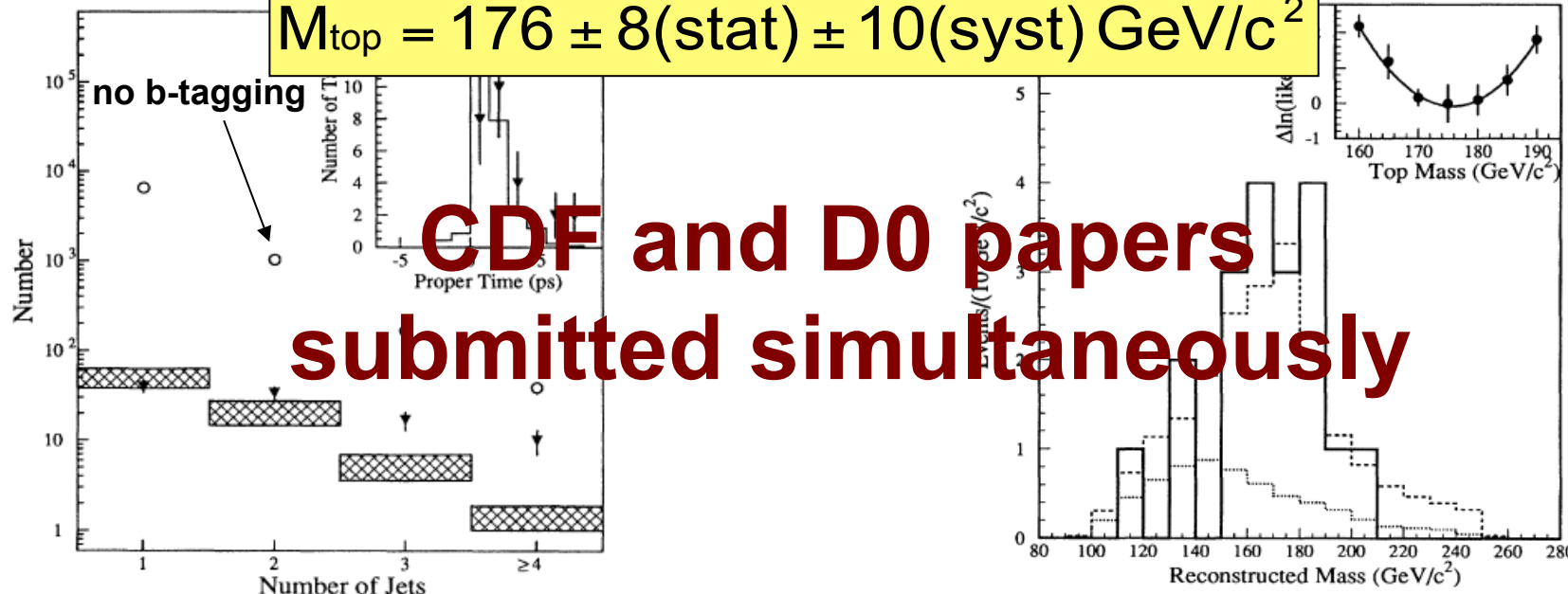
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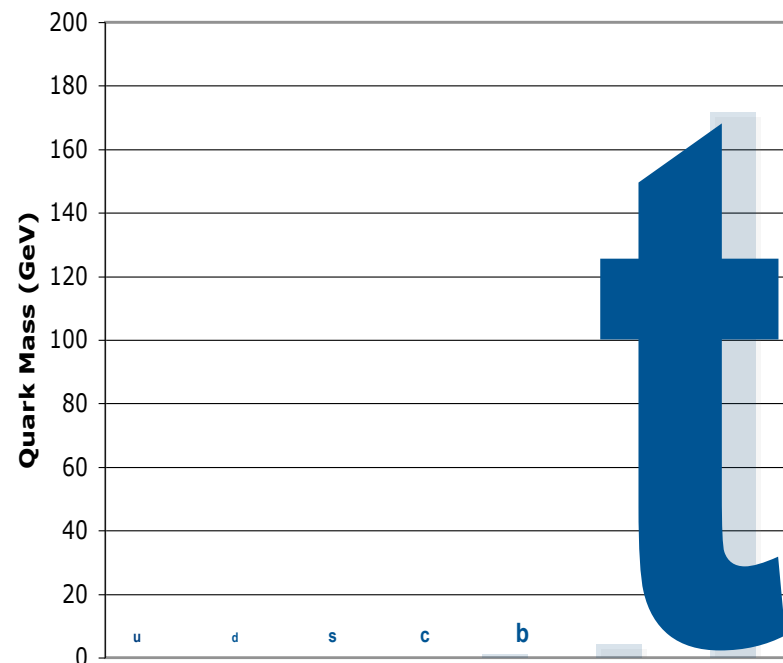
# Top quark and its relevance

- Basics
- how to detect the top quark
- Tevatron vs LHC

# About the top quark

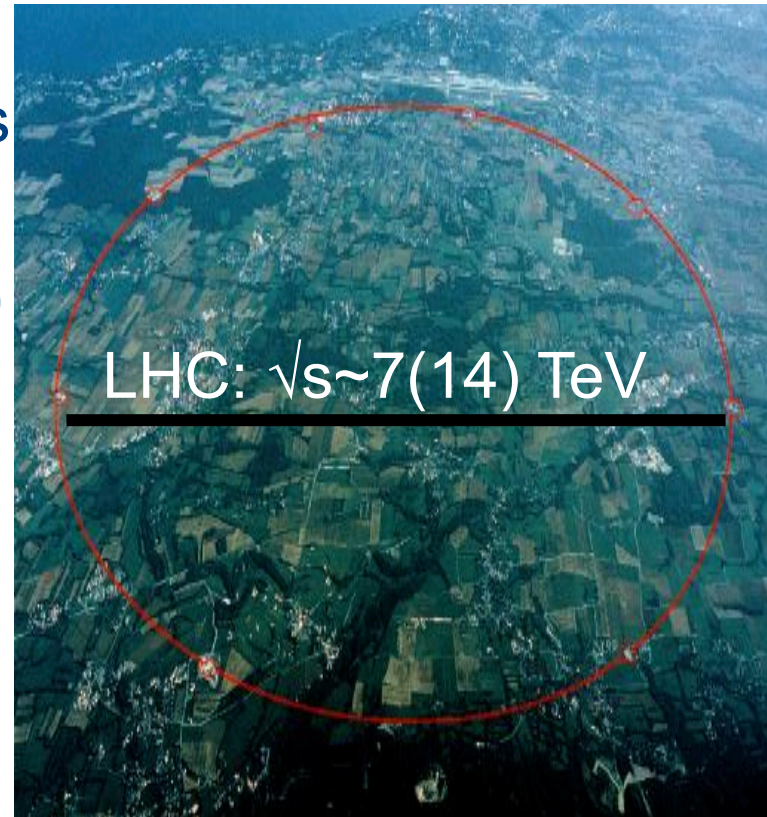
- **Special:** heaviest known elementary particle
- Coupling to the Higgs  $\sim 1$
- For  $M_{\text{top}} = 175 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow \Gamma = 1.4 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  no hadronization
- Special role in EWK symmetry breaking?
- Study of top quark properties
- Precision measurements may provide insight into physics beyond SM
- Special sector for searches for new physics

quark masses



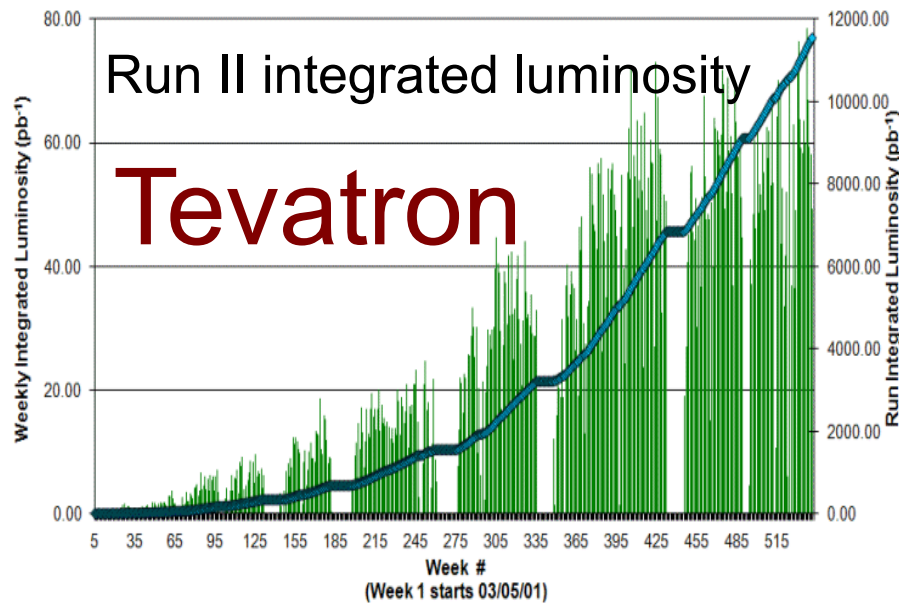
# The Large Hadron Collider

- Built to explore new energy frontiers
- First colliding beams in 2009
- started with “low” luminosity in 2010
- $\sim 5 \text{ fb}^{-1} @ 7 \text{ TeV}$  delivered in 2011
- $\sim 15 (?) \text{ fb}^{-1} @ 8 \text{ TeV}$  in 2012
  
- re-establish SM measurements
- access to new physics processes

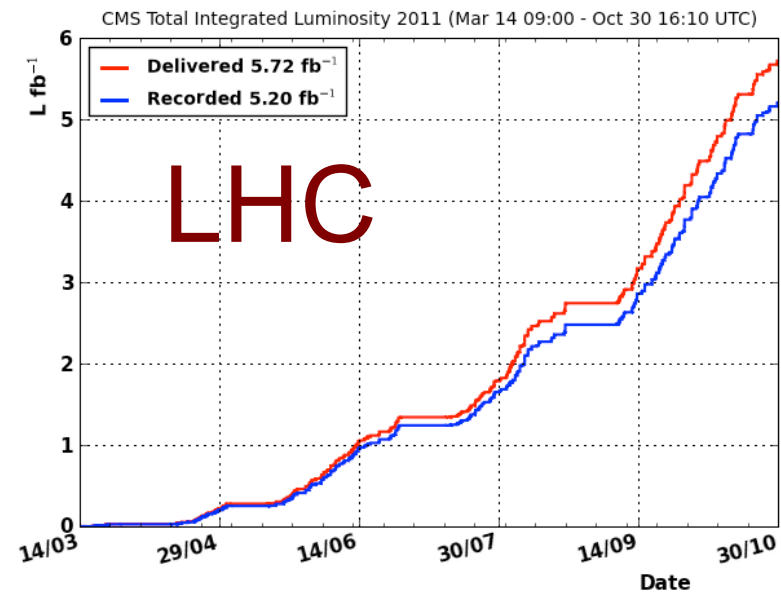


⇒ Top quarks give access to SM and BSM (?)

# Tevatron vs LHC



Energy: 1.96 TeV  
Int. Luminosity:  $12 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
Age: ~25 years  
Events/exp ( $5.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )  
350 ee  $e\mu\mu$   
3500 lepton + jets



Energy: 7 TeV  
Int. Luminosity:  $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
Age: ~2 years  
Events/exp ( $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )  
2500 ee  $e\mu\mu$   
15000 lepton + jets

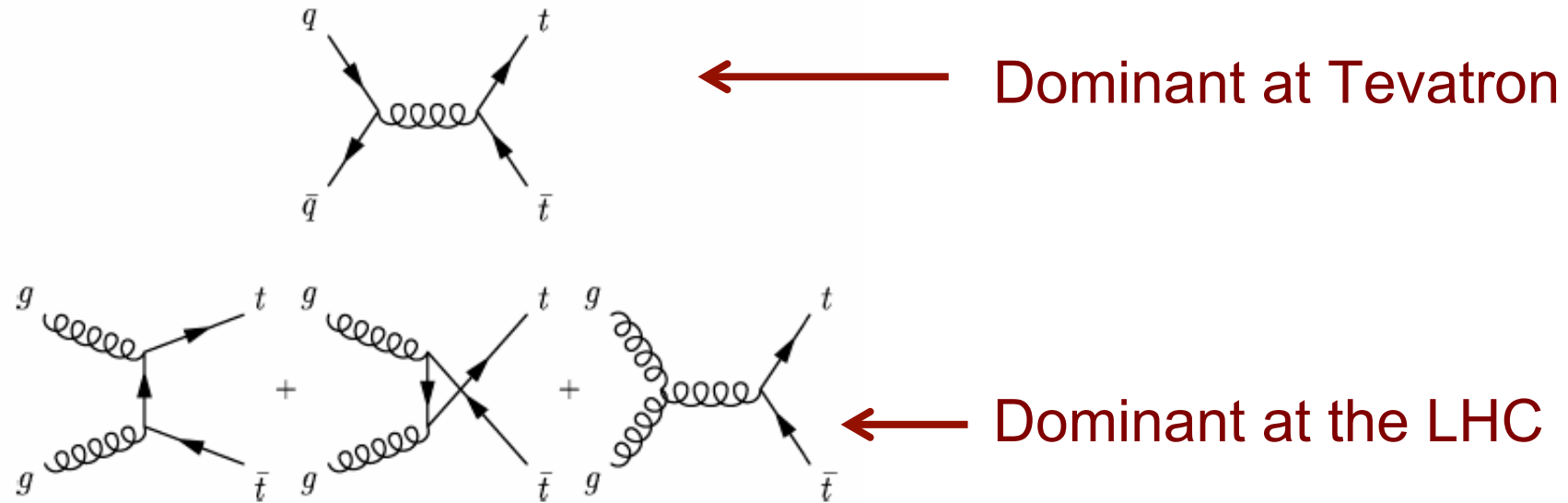
# What is the Top quark?

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Quarks:} \\ \text{Leptons:} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

- It is the heaviest fundamental particle
  - $M_{\text{top}} = 173.2 \pm 0.9 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  (hep-ex/1107.5255v3)
- Weak isospin partner of the b-quark
- Completes the SM of quarks and leptons



# How is the top quark produced?



## Predicted cross sections:

For  $m_t = 172.5$  GeV

$$\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV: } \sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t})_{NNLO_{approx}} = 7.46^{+0.48}_{-0.67} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV: } \sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t})_{NNLO_{approx}} = 164.6^{+11.4}_{-15.7} \text{ pb}$$

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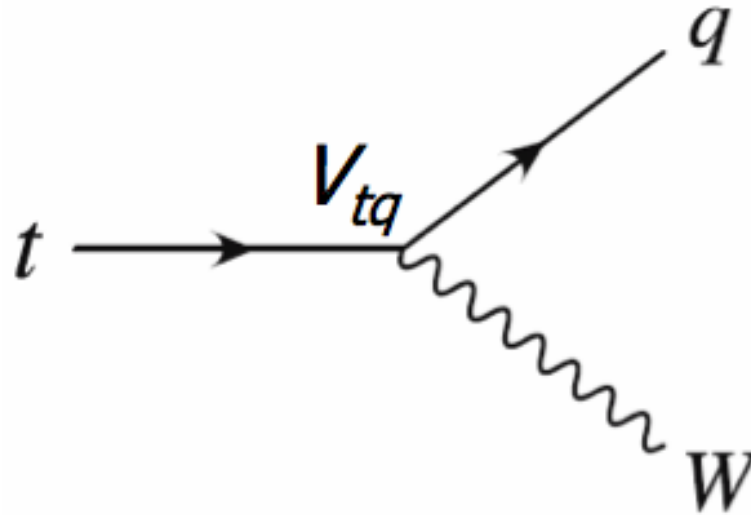
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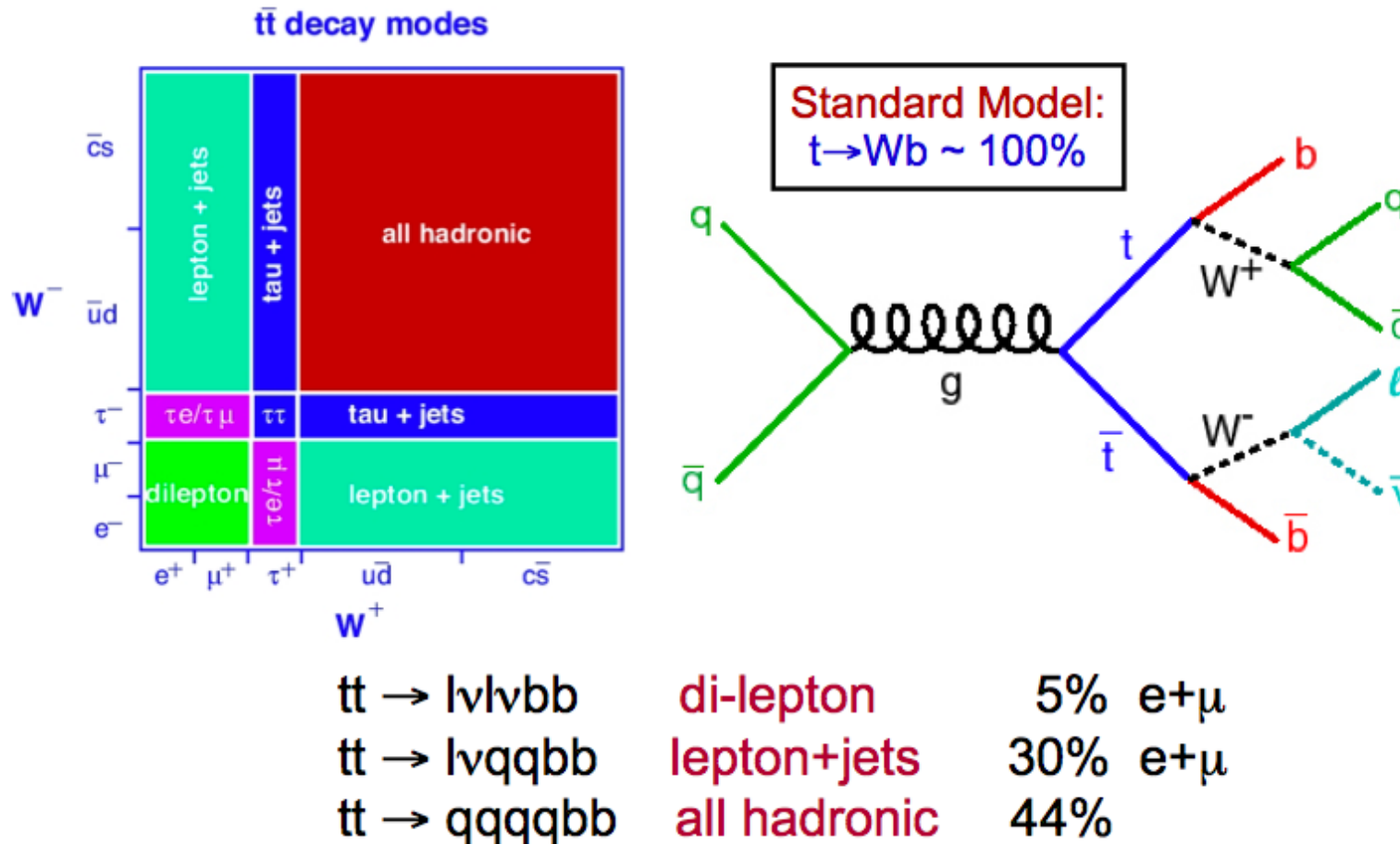
	LHC	Tevatron
gg	~85%	~10%
qq	~15%	~90%

# How does a top quark decay?



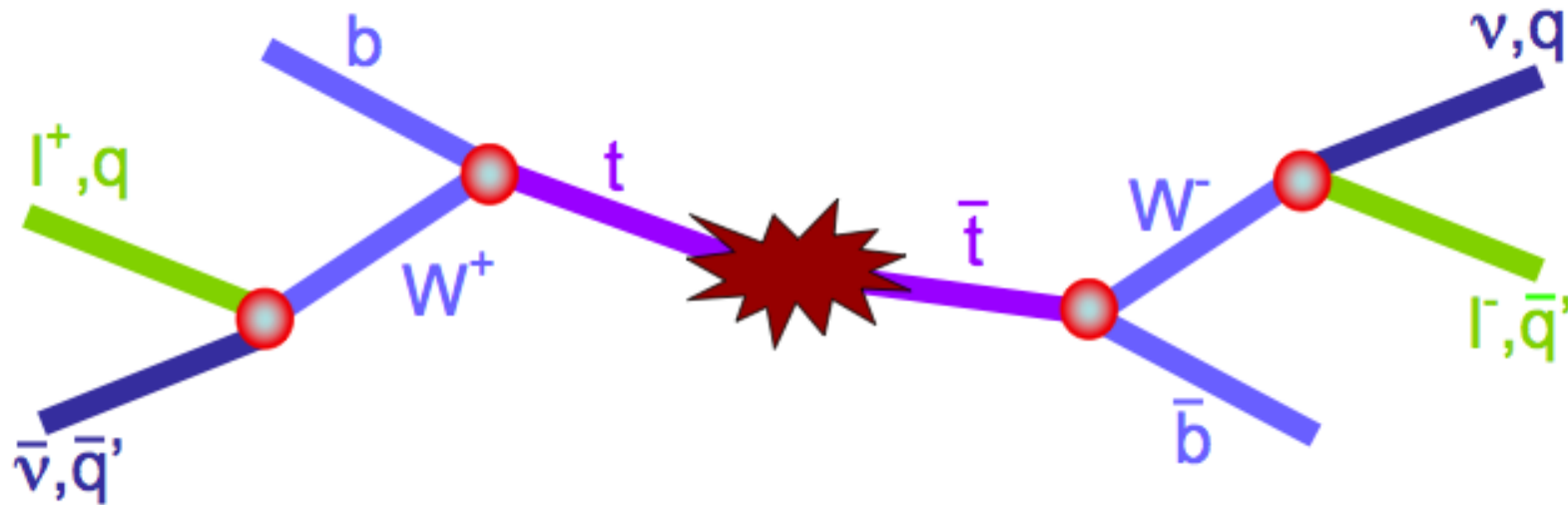
- almost always  $t \rightarrow Wb$  (i.e.  $V_{tb} \sim 1$ )
- lifetime is short, and it decays before hadronizing
- the  $W$  is real:
  - can decay  $W \rightarrow l\nu$  ( $l=e,\mu,\tau$ ),  $BR \sim 1/9$  per lepton
  - can decay  $W \rightarrow qq$ ,  $BR \sim 2/3$

# How do $t\bar{t}$ pairs decay?



⇒ use all decay channels

# 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)  
...

## PROPERTIES

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

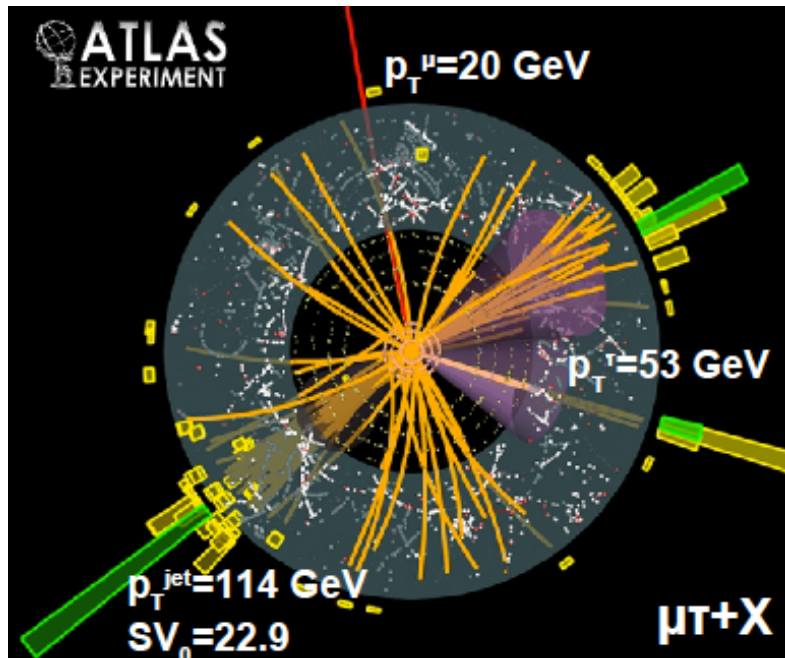
## DECAY

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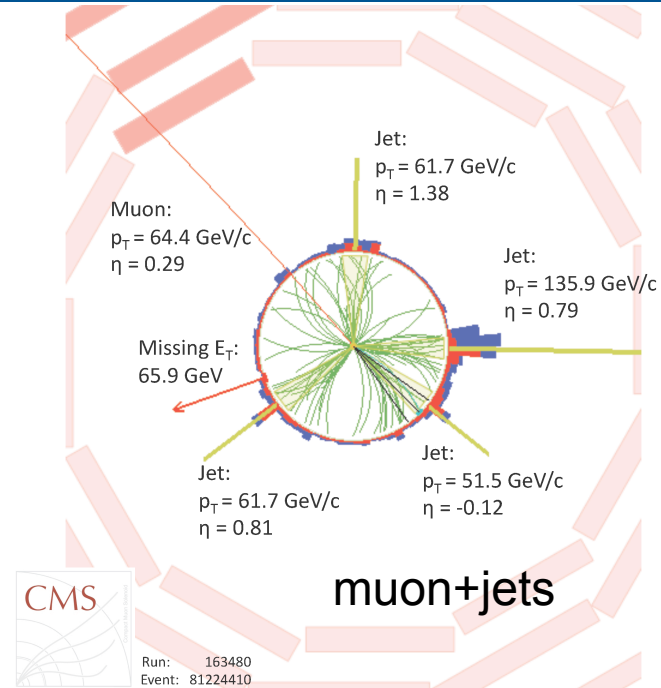
# Particle identification

- Object identification and reconstruction

# Selection of top quark events

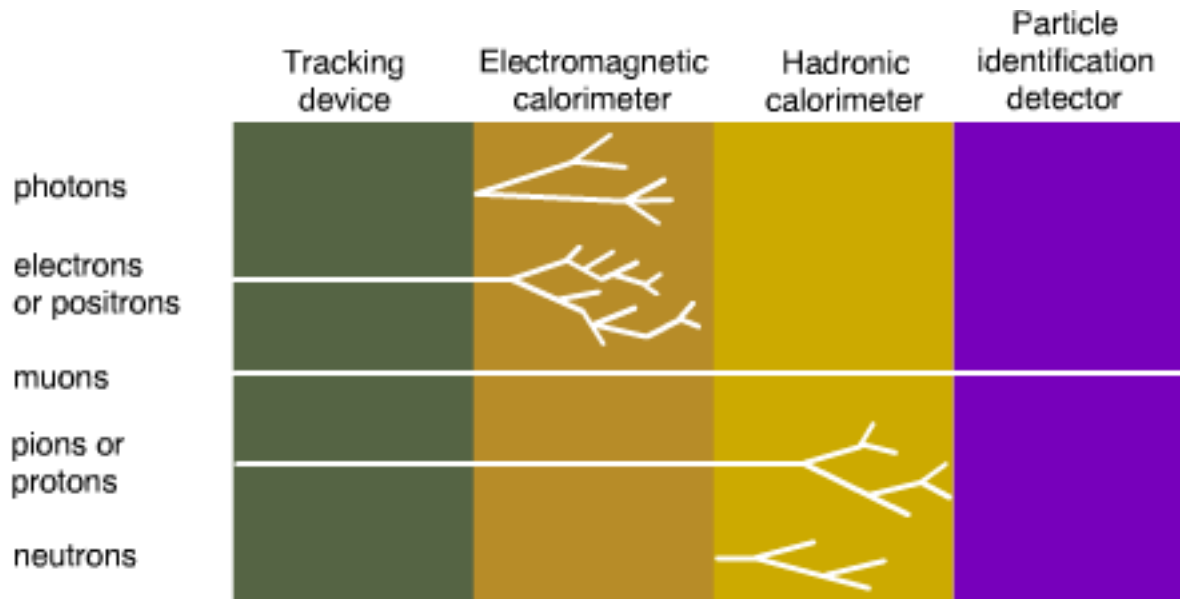


- Trigger:
  - single or double (isolated) lepton
- Leptons:
  - $e/\mu$ ,  $p_T > 20/30 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
  - Identification/reconstruction
  - Tracker/calorimeter isolation



- Jets:
  - at least 2 jets,  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
  - anti-kT algorithm, with cone 0.4-0.5
  - b-tagging is optional
- Missing transverse energy:
  - Typically require 30-40 GeV

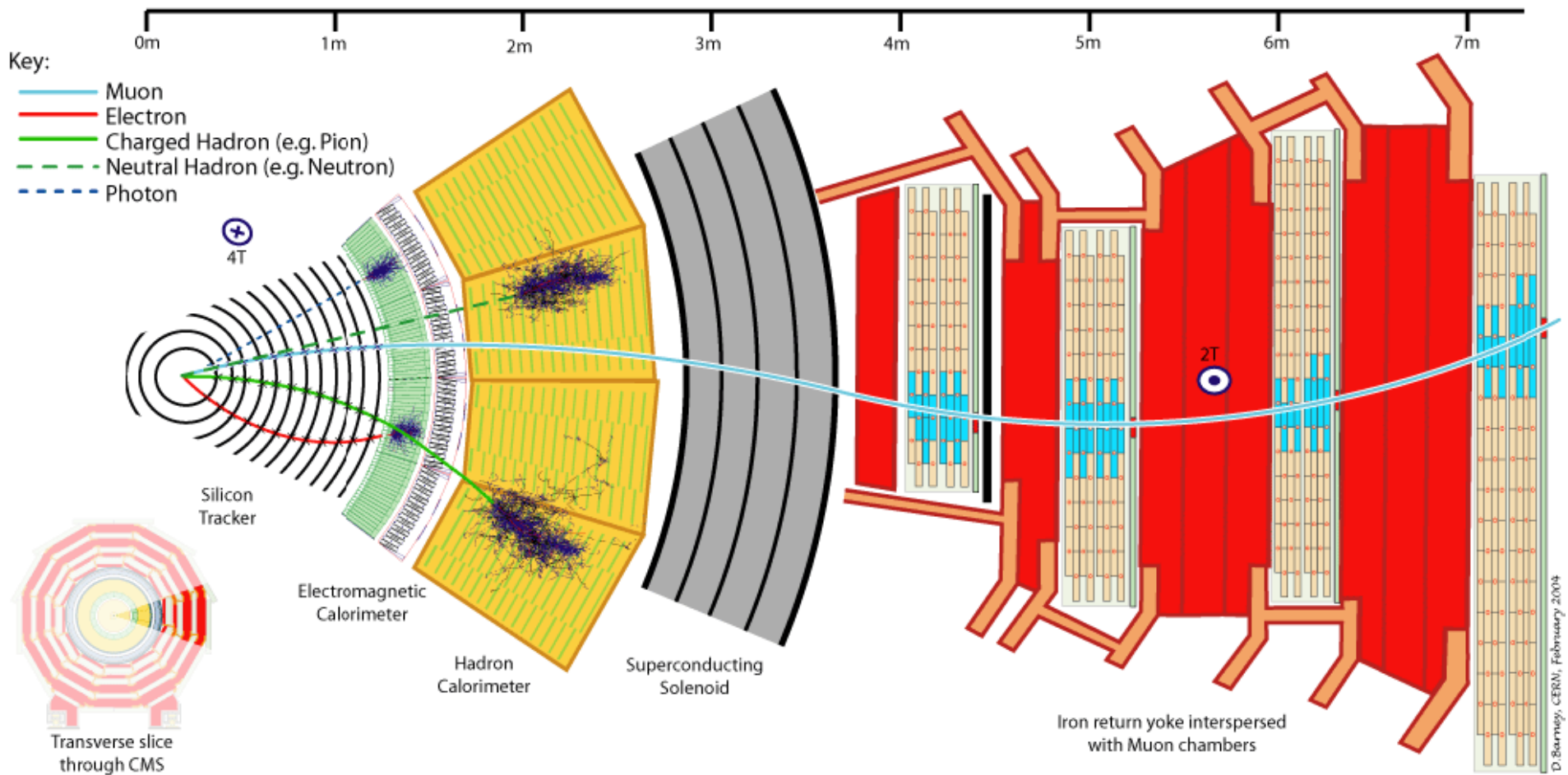
# Particle detection



Need efficient:

- Electron, muon, tau reconstruction
- jet reconstruction
- b-tagging capability

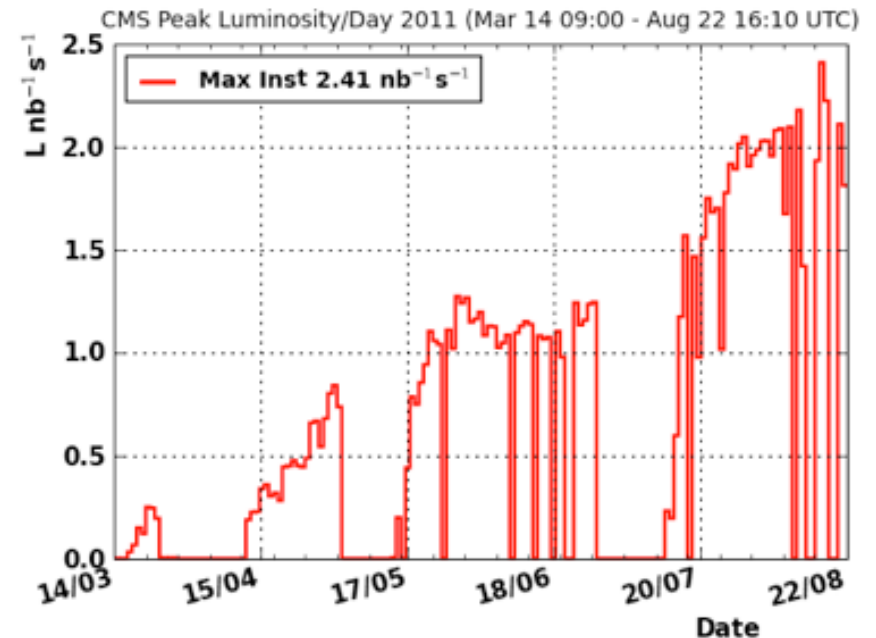
- “Onion”-like structure
- Each layer measures E and/or p of particles
- Redundancy of measurements





# Challenge: trigger rate

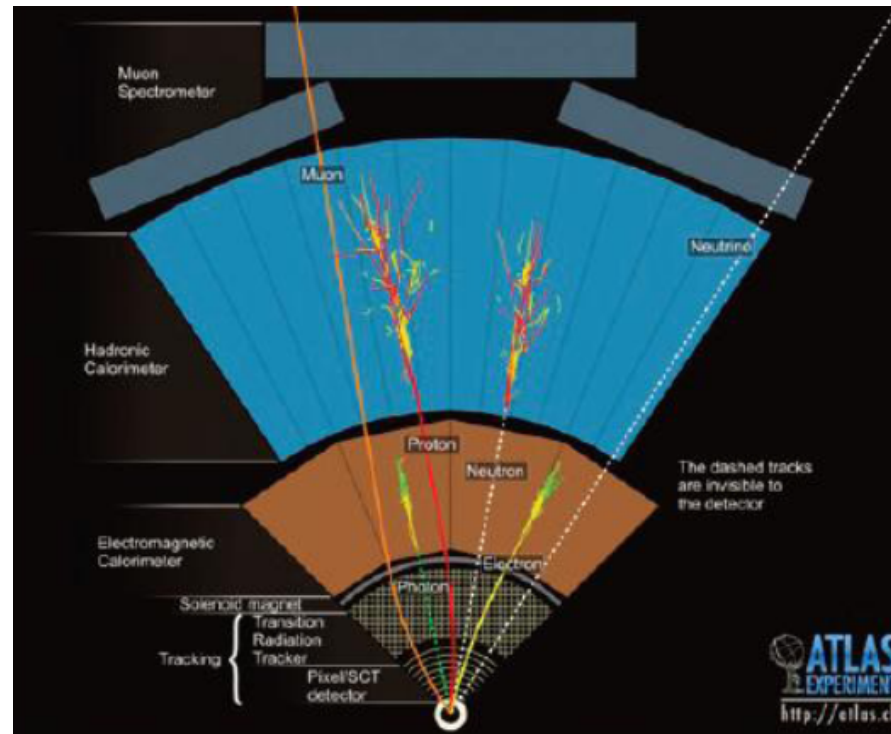
- Max lumi in 2010:  $2e32 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- 2011 started at this luminosity, then increased by one order of magnitude
- Challenging order of magnitude increase for triggering on W bosons
- IsoMu17 rate  $\sim 4.4 \text{ Hz}@2e32 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- 44 Hz at  $2e33 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Trigger thresholds important to understand because they often drive the analysis selection



# Particle Flow event reconstruction

- Particle Flow (PF) combines information from all subdetectors to reconstruct particles produced in the collision
  - Charged hadrons, neutral hadrons, photons, muons, electrons
  - Can use complementary information from separate detectors to improve performance
  - Esp. use tracks to improve calorimeter measurements
- From list of particles, can construct higher-level objects
  - Jets, b-jets, taus, isolated leptons and photons, MET, etc.
  - Jets = anti-kT, size of  $R=0.5$

# Electron and photon reconstruction



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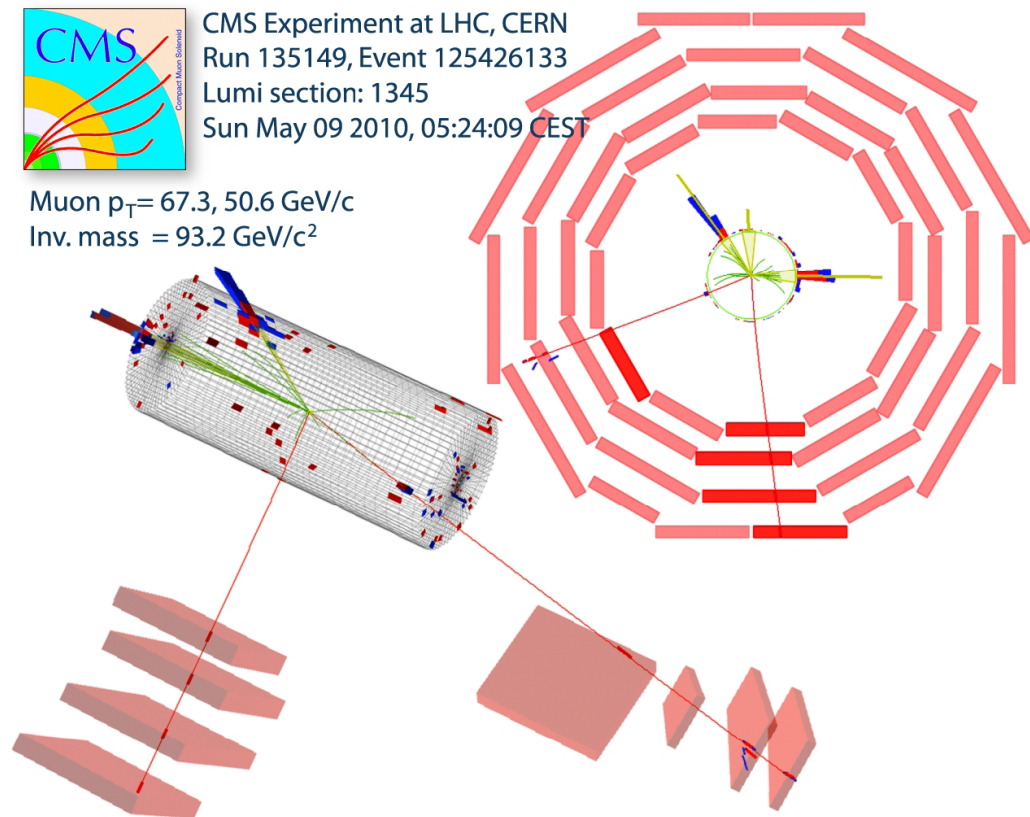
- **No track** in inner detector
- Electromagnetic shower in EM calorimeter
- No signal in Hadronic calorimeter

## Electron:

- **Track** in inner detector
- Electromagnetic shower in EM calorimeter
- No signal in Hadronic calorimeter

# Muon reconstruction

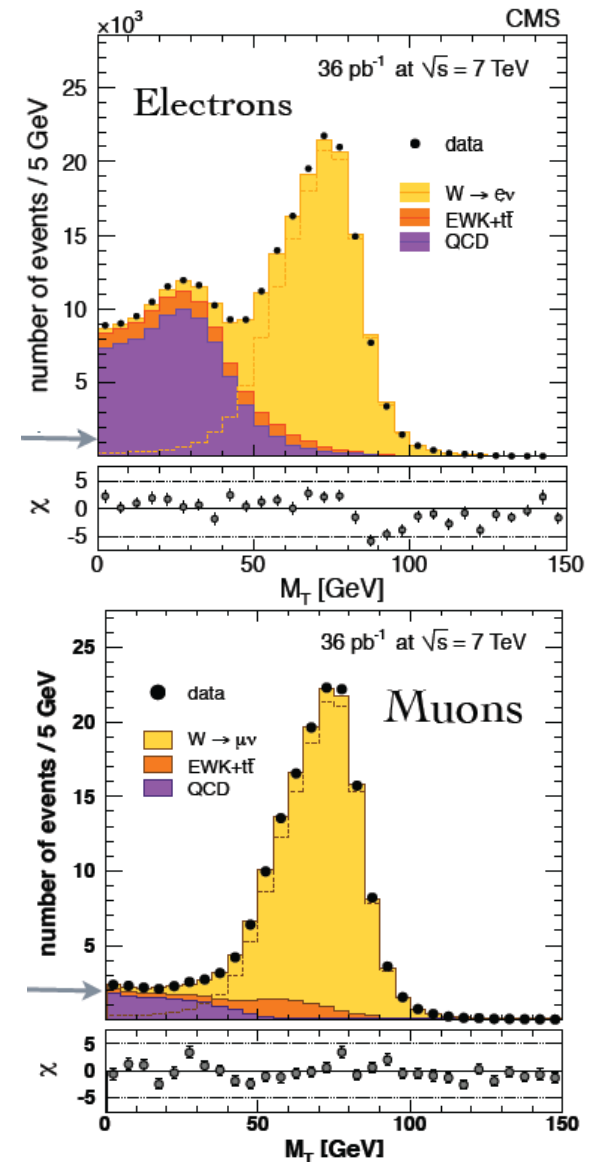
- Minimum ionizing track in all detectors (about 3 GeV loss in the calorimeter)
- At high momentum (few hundred GeV), bremsstrahlung in the calorimeter can be significant
- Momentum measurement in inner detector, muon system



A di-muon event at CMS

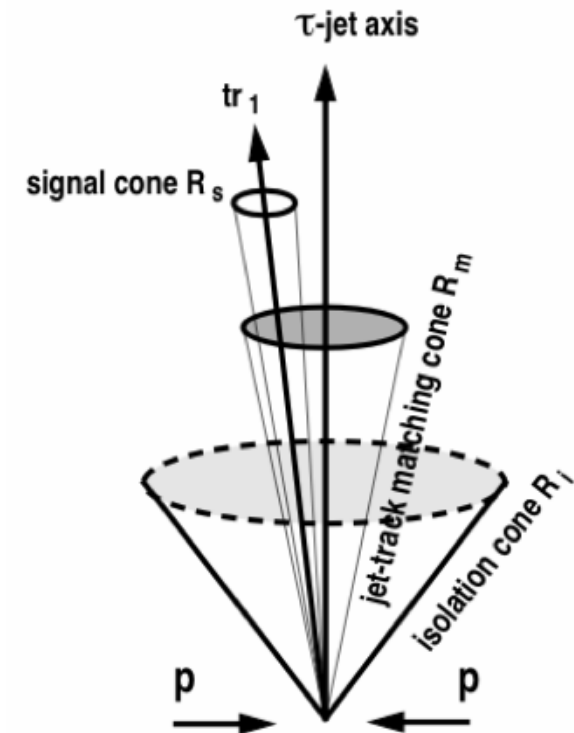
# Electrons and muons

- W/Z cross section measurement with 36/pb demonstrated that leptons and their “fake” rates can be modeled well
- Muons have fewer “fakes” than electrons
- Can construct analysis to minimize this impact: trade-off between efficiency and fake rate
- Impact on Top:  $\Rightarrow$  efficiency, QCD estimate & modeling



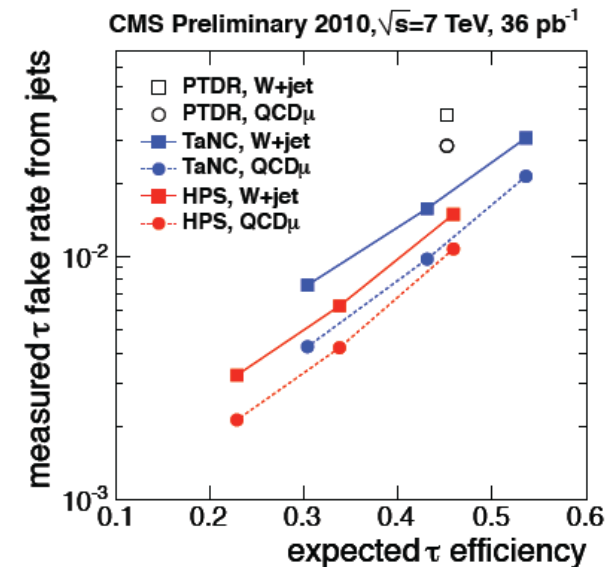
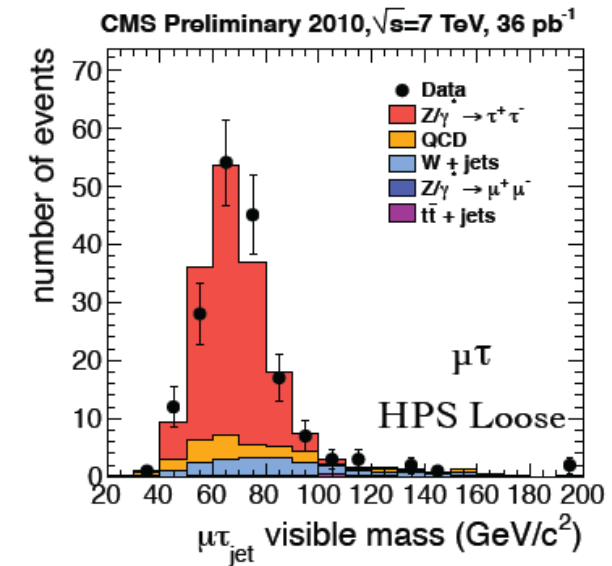
# Tau identification

- Tau leptons decay 65% to hadrons (i.e. jets) and 35% to leptons
  - Hadronic tau decays are reconstructed as a narrow jet with small number of tracks
  - Leptonic tau decays are similar to “prompt” leptons, but lepton transverse momentum is softer (3-body decay)
- Hadronic tau decays
  - Main background is from jets/electrons
  - Hadronic taus are identified using tracking and calorimeter information (search for isolated track(s), often produce neutral pions)



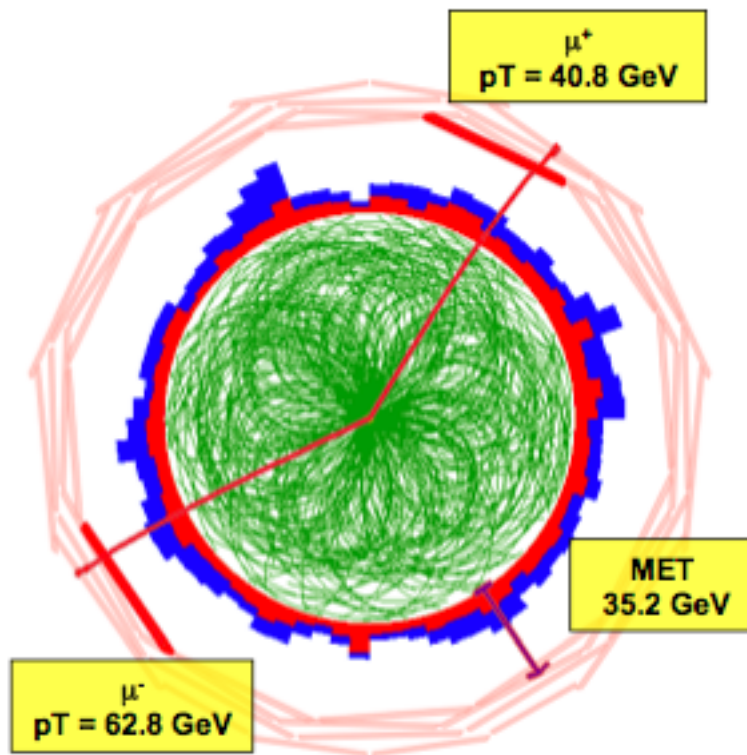
# Taus (hadronic decays)

- Hadronic tau reconstruction studied with W/Z
- Several algorithms available offering trade-off between efficiency and purity
- Hadron-Plus-Strips (HPS) algorithm
  - eff  $0.45 \pm 0.03$  (7% relative unc.)
  - fake rate  $0.02 \pm 0.003$  (15% relative unc.)
- Impact on top: efficiency, fake estimate, modeling

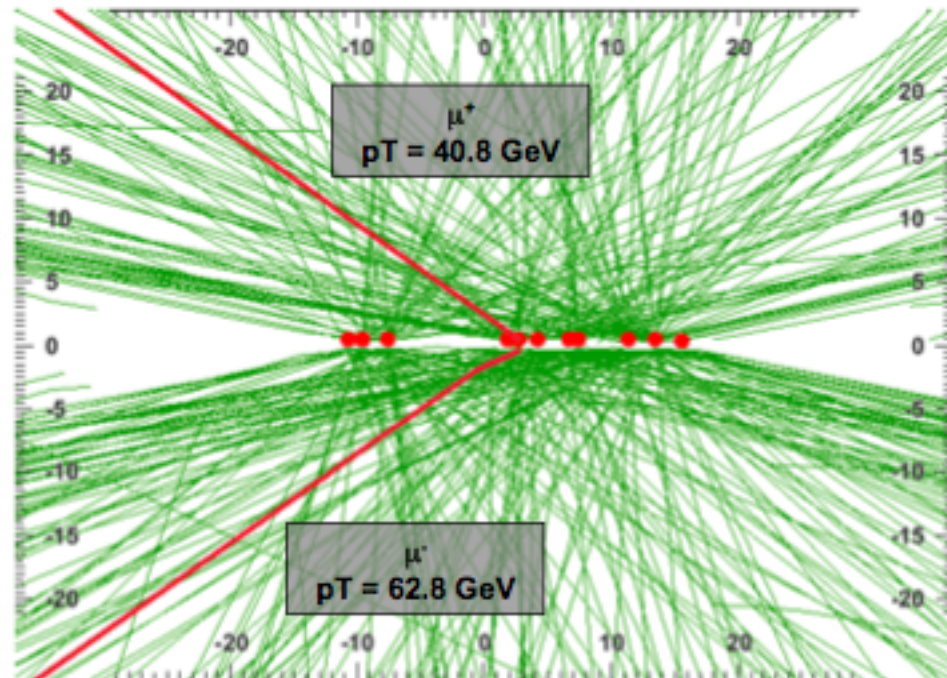


# Challenge: Pile-up

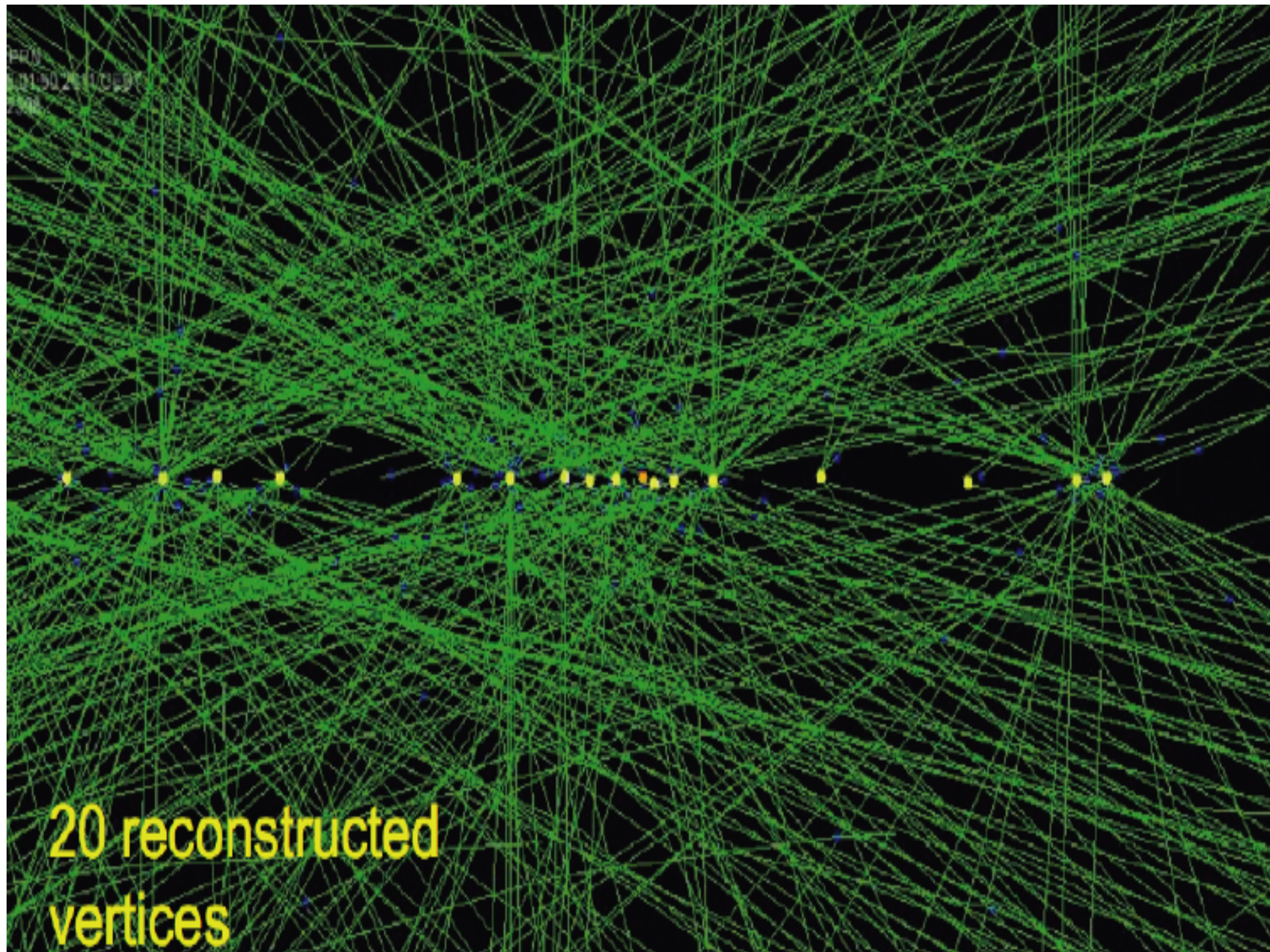
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$   
Expected MET = 0



10 in-time + 10 out-of-time pileup



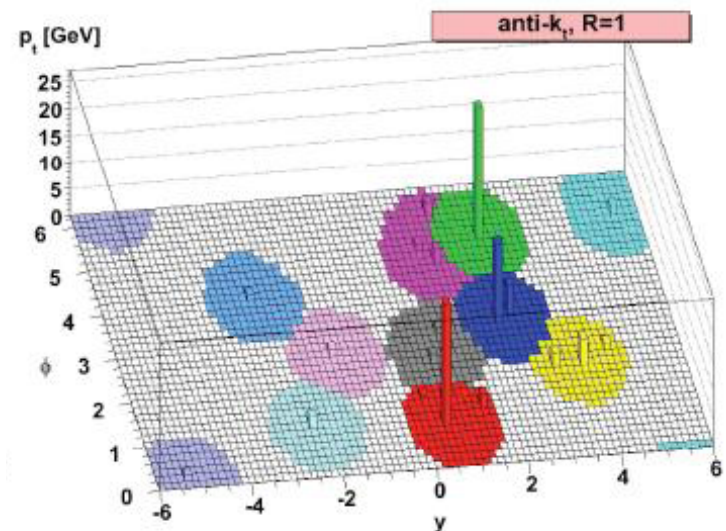




20 reconstructed  
vertices

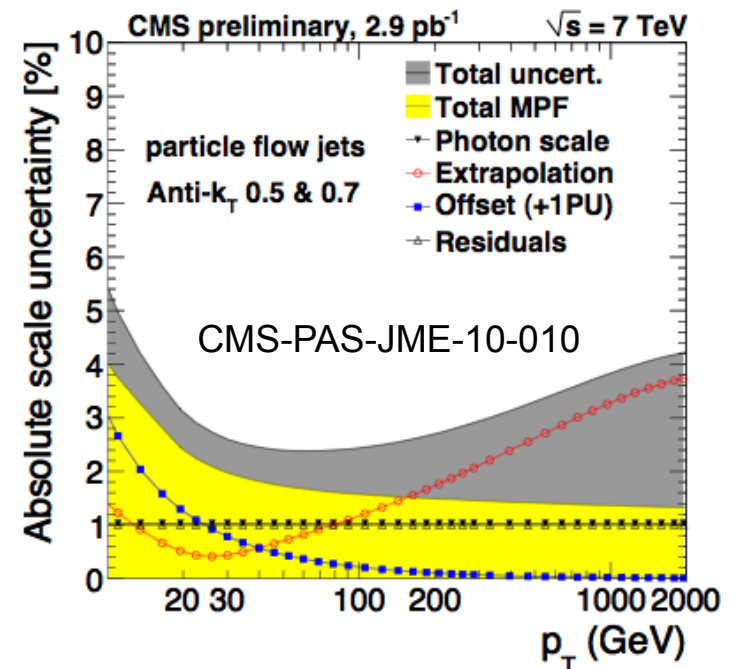
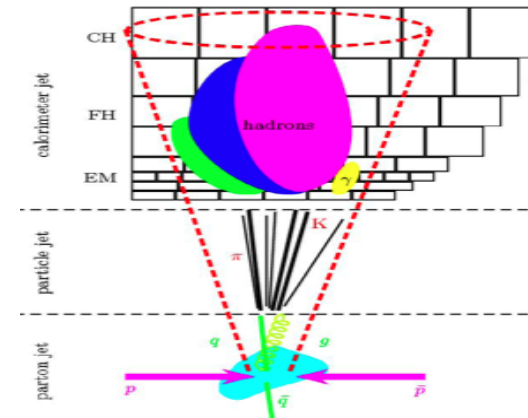
# Jet reconstruction

- A “jet” is a cluster of energy deposited in a “small”  $\eta$ - $\phi$  region of the detector
  - It is not a unique object, it is defined by the jet algorithm (different choices yield different jets)
- The jet algorithm uses detector reconstructed objects (clusters, tracks, combined objects)
- It is “safe” to higher order effects when it does not change jet quantities
- Efficient and pure: jets correspond to partons



# Challenge: jet reconstruction

- measurements (for example Top mass) needs parton information, but we measure jets
- Use calorimeter information to correct jets to particle level
- Jet energy scale (JES) is large 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



# Missing transverse momentum

- **Neutrinos** (and “dark matter”) escape the detector without detection
  - Also longitudinal momentum and energy of other final state particles escape undetected (along the beam-pipe)
  - Momentum is not measured along the z-direction
  - Missing momentum along z is unknown
- The momentum of the neutrinos can be reconstructed in the transverse plane
- Momentum which is **missing** to balance the total momentum to zero

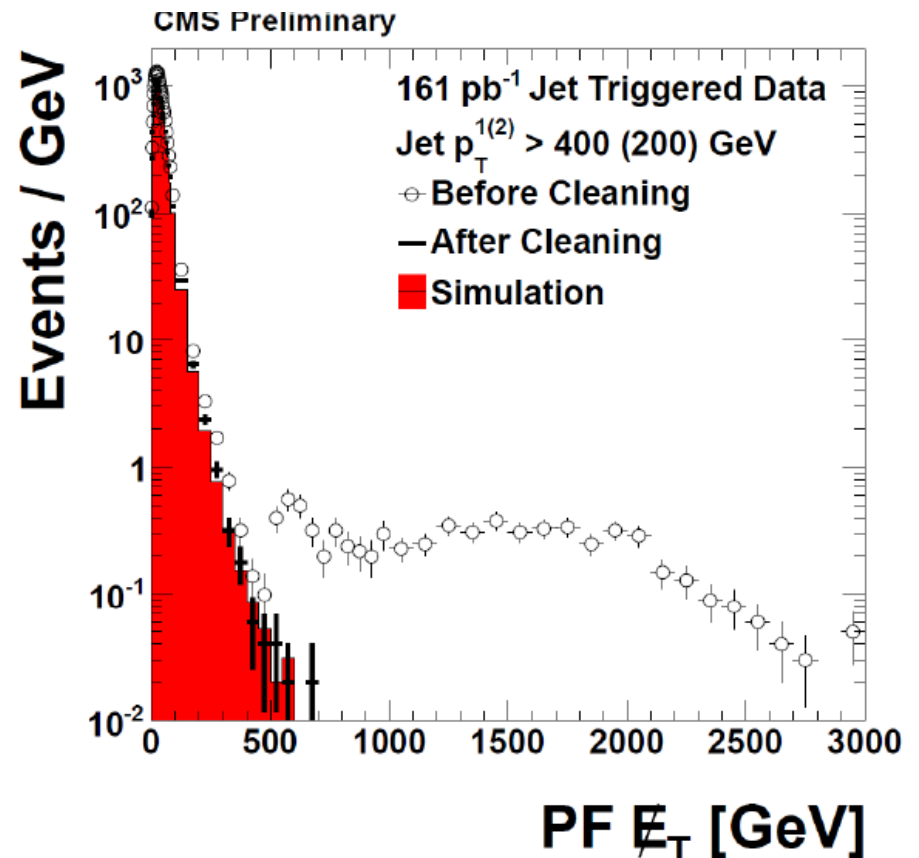
transverse energy vector

$$\mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}} = - \sum_i \mathbf{p}_T(i)$$

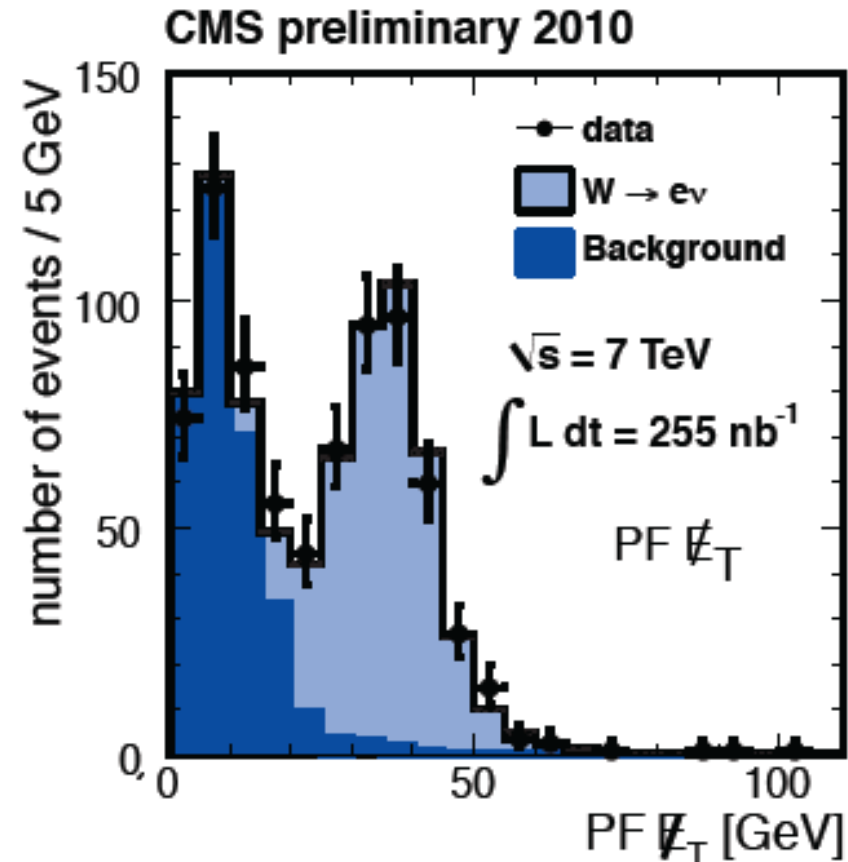
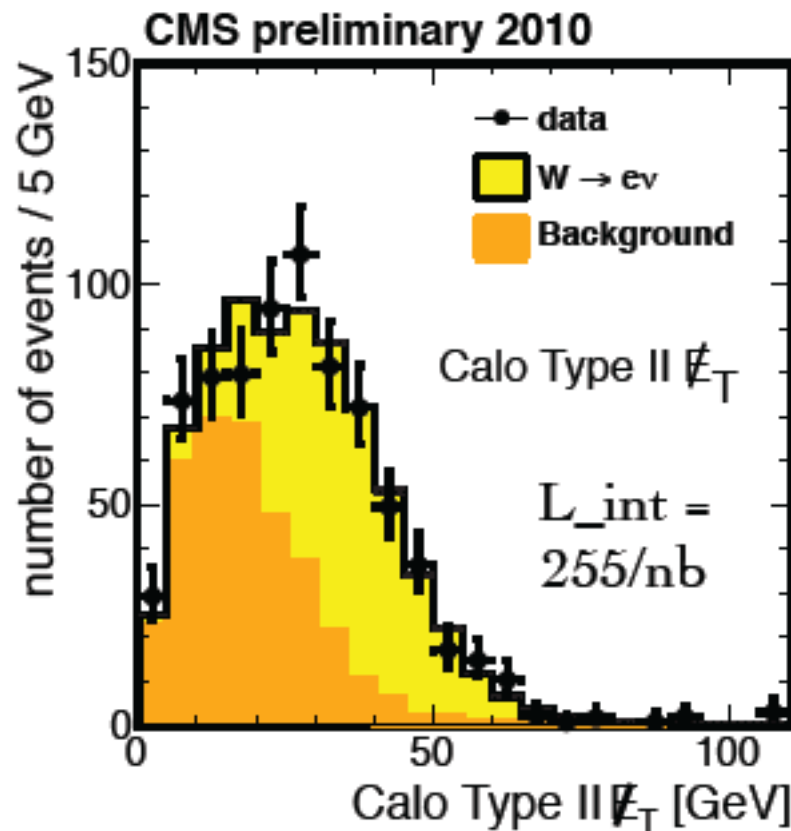
where the sum runs over the transverse momenta of all visible final state particles.

# Challenge: MET

- Performance of the MET measurement depends on the measurement of ALL particles in the event
- Measurement is affected by:
  - Noise, mis-calibration, various calorimeter problems (dead channels, etc)
  - Modeling of QCD background events, pile-up, multiple interactions, ...
  - Muon momentum measurement (muons inside jets)
  - Cosmic background events
  - Beam halo (i.e. collisions upstream of detector, parallel to beam)
- MET significance



# MET reco: PF vs Calo



- Study of MET in  $W \rightarrow e\nu$  events from early 2010
- Particle Flow improves MET resolution, making  $W$ 's easier to distinguish from background

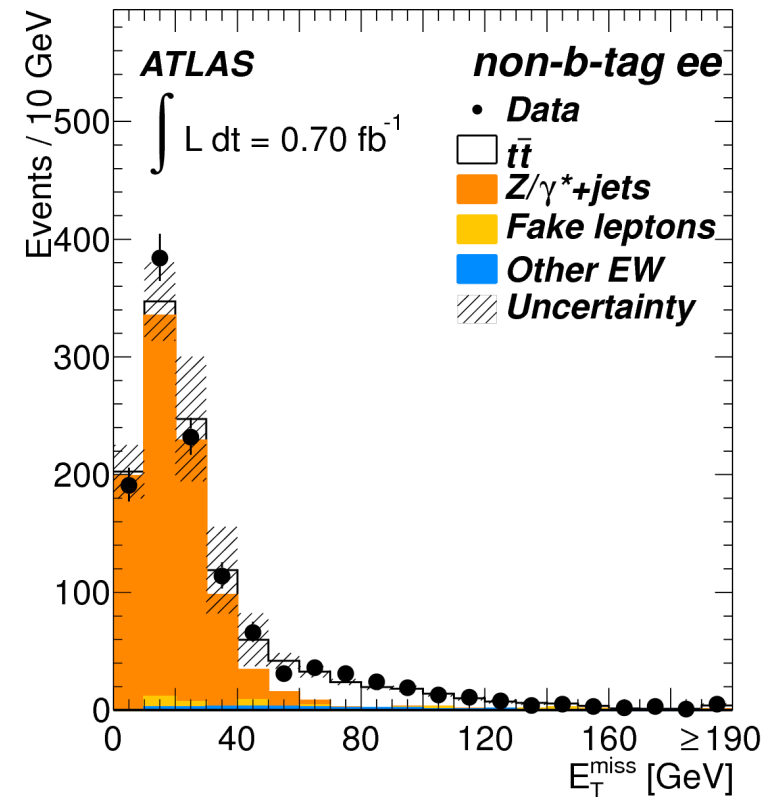
# Missing transverse energy

## Reconstruction

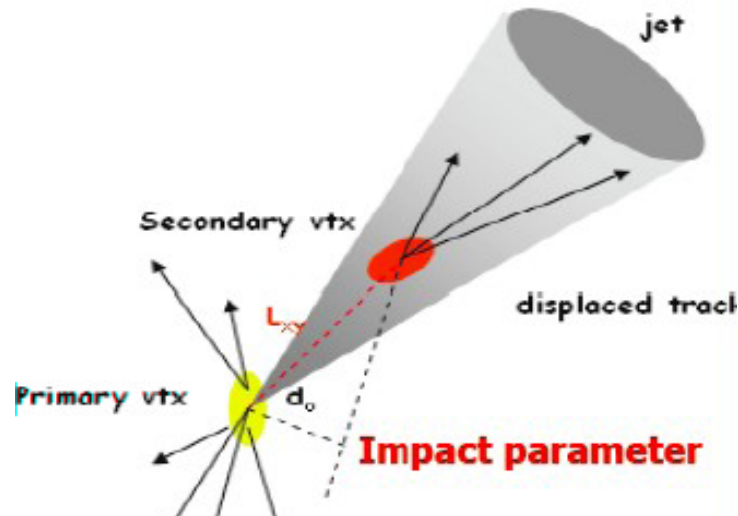
- ATLAS: jets plus electrons, muons and any additional “calo” clusters
- CMS: using Particle Flow objects

## Selection applied for $ee$ and $\mu\mu$

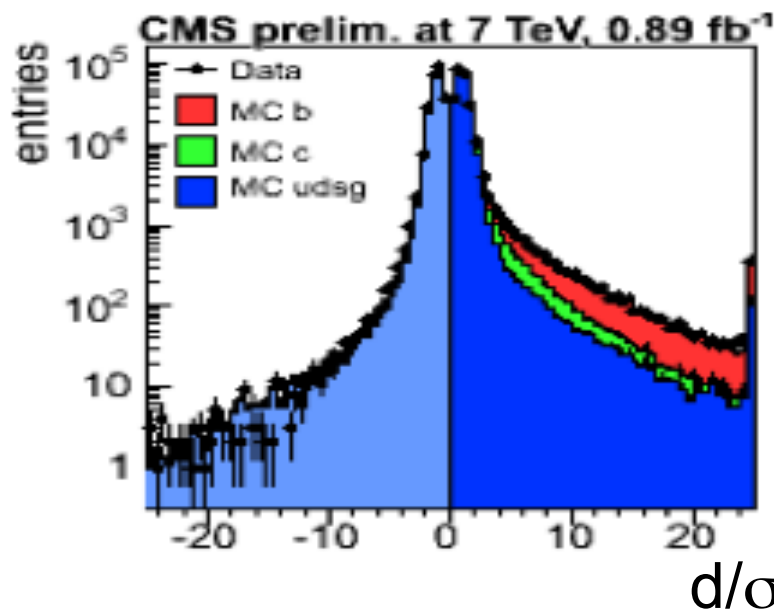
- Suppress multijet and Drell-Yan backgrounds



# Challenge: b-tagging



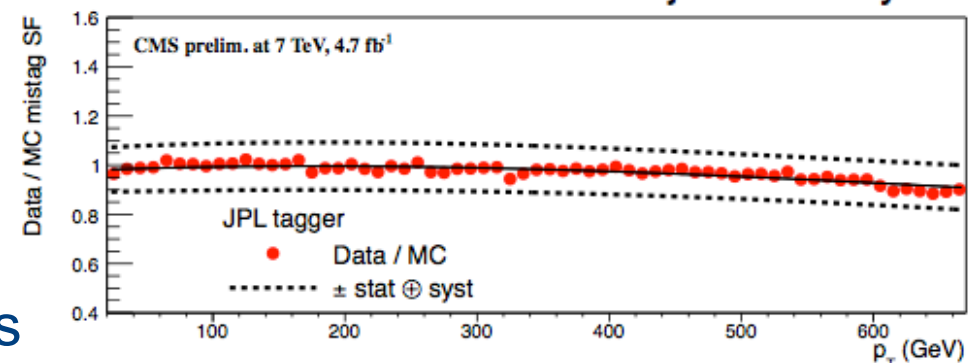
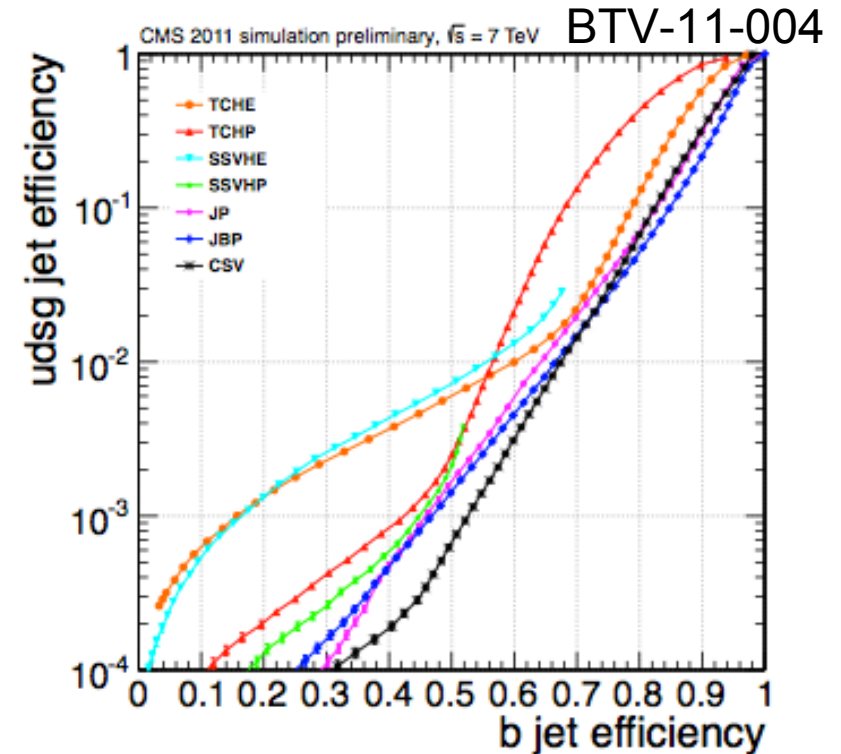
- Lifetime:  $\tau_b \sim 1-2$  ps
- Reduction of background obtained by identifying jets from b-quarks
- Two methods:
  - Secondary vertex tagging
  - Semileptonic decays of b-hadrons in jets  
(  $b \rightarrow l \nu_l X$  )





# b-tag: fake rates and efficiencies

- b-tag optimization: trade-off between fake rate and efficiency
- CMS has studied the performance of several different tagging working points
  - Example: Track counting algorithms  $N_{\text{tracks}}=2,3$  have “working points” with fake rates approx. 10%, 1%, 0.1%
- Uncertainty on data/MC scale factor, depending on algorithms:
  - ~10-15% for mistags
  - ~5% for efficiencies
- Impact on top: amount and uncertainty of light flavor background for all tagged analysis



# Measurements

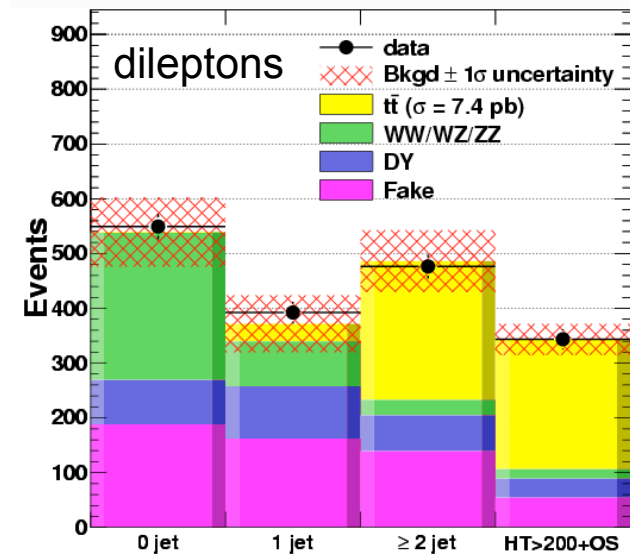
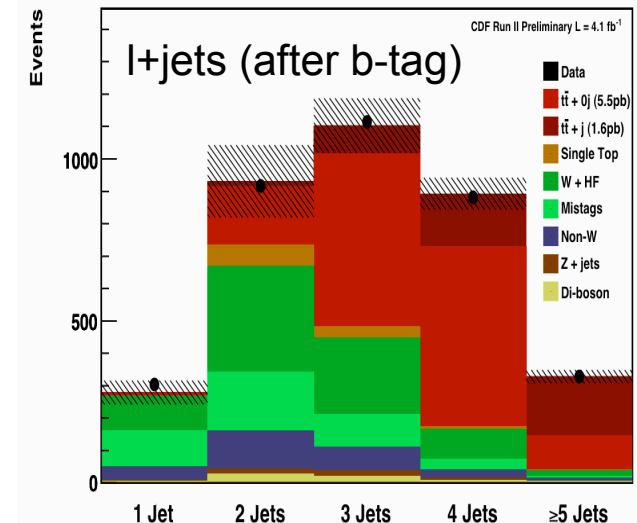
- Measurement of the cross section

# Interesting physics with top quarks

- Cross section
- Mass
- Kinematical properties
  - Is there a  $X \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ ?
  - W polarization
  - Spin correlations
- Rare decays
- Single top
- Top quark is unusually heavy: maybe is it different?


# Top quark events

- cross section  $\sim 20$  times larger at LHC@7TeV
- goal of the LHC is searching for New Physics
- select  $t\bar{t}$  events at LHC:
  - understand/calibrate detector
  - Measure SM quantities
- event selection includes SM control events
- $t\bar{t}$  final state is complex (i.e. not a mass peak)
- Top quarks and new physics:
  - $t\bar{t}$  sample may contain new physics
  - look at jet multiplicity bins (since  $t\bar{t}$  is background e.g. for SUSY), or other variables



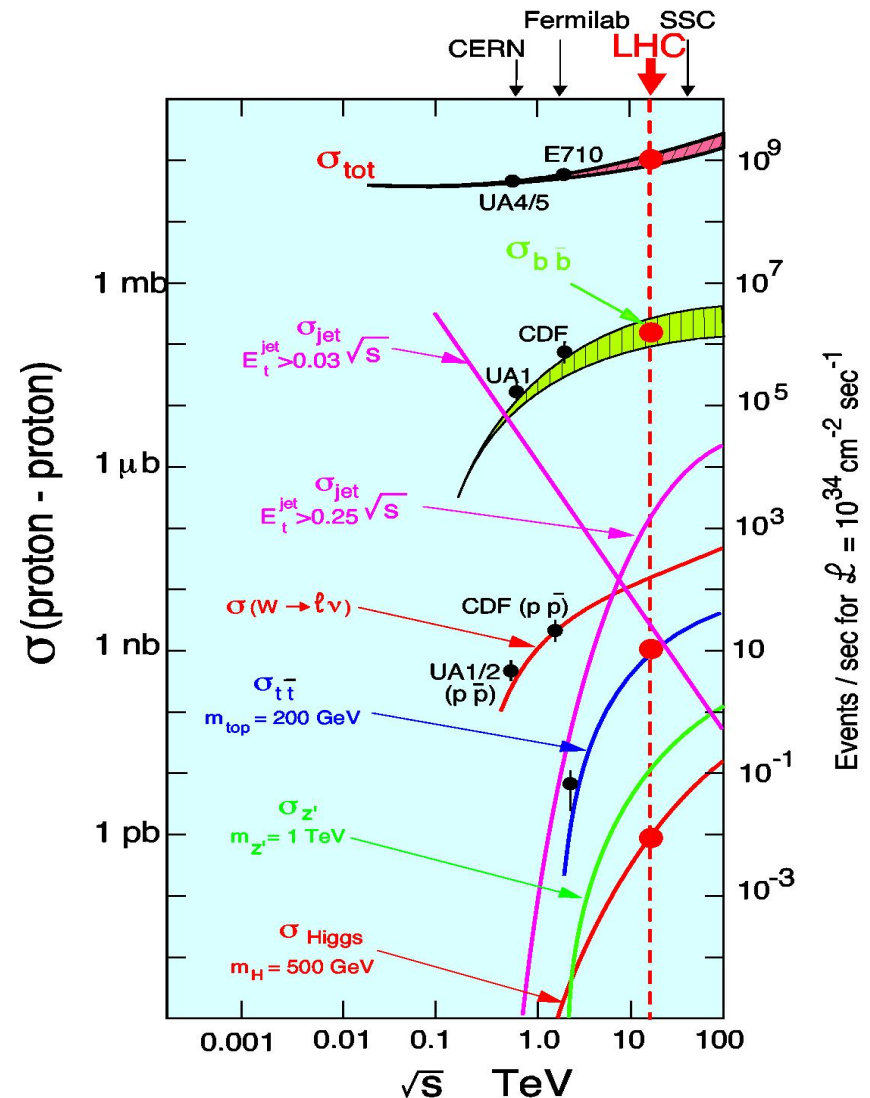
# Theory cross sections: TeV vs LHC

	Tevatron	LHC (7 TeV)
NLO	$6.74^{+0.36+0.37}_{-0.76-0.24}$	$160^{+20+8}_{-21-9}$
Hathor / Aliev et. al. [77]	$7.13^{+0.31+0.36}_{-0.39-0.26}$	$164^{+3+9}_{-9-9}$
Kidonakis [14]	$7.08^{+0.00+0.36}_{-0.24-0.24}$	$163^{+7+9}_{-5-9}$
Ahrens et. al. [69]	$6.65^{+0.08+0.33}_{-0.41-0.24}$	$156^{+8+8}_{-9-9}$


 scale unc. ~5%      PDF unc. ~5%

# Top cross section at 7 vs 14 TeV

- LHC collisions started at 7 TeV
- LHC design is at 14 TeV
- Top cross section drops faster than background processes at lower  $\sqrt{s}$
- Top cross section drops by factor of  $\sim 5$ :
  - Cacciari, Frixione, Mangano, Nason, Ridolfi - arXiv:0804.2800
  - Top  $\sigma(14\text{TeV})=908\text{ pb}$
  - Top  $\sigma(7\text{TeV})=165\text{ pb}$
- Background is more “flat”



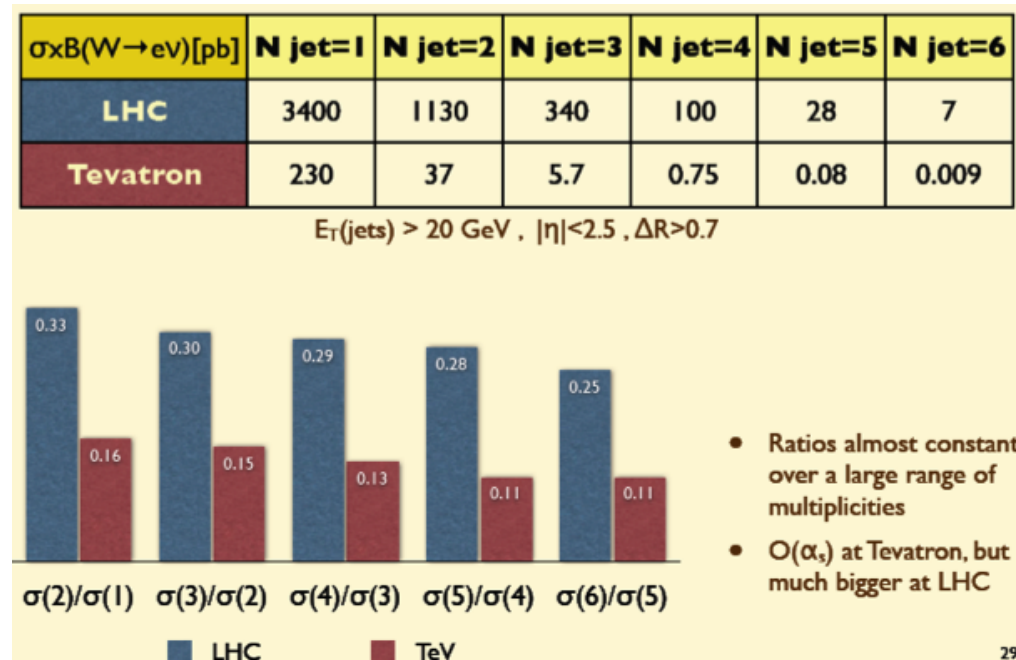
# A word about QCD background

- QCD may still be large background in Top events
- From Tevatron to LHC
  - $\sigma(\text{ttbar})$  increases by 100
  - $\sigma(W)$  increases by 10

...however...

- $\sigma(W+4 \text{ jets})$  increases 100 times
- ⇒ **W+jet background is large**

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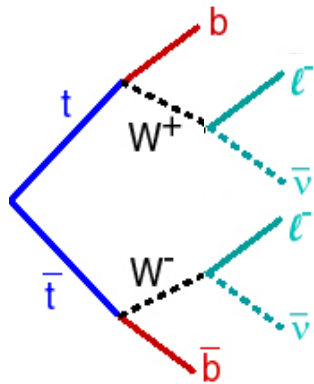
# Cross section measurement

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N_{obs} - N_{bgd}}{\epsilon_{t\bar{t}} \cdot \int L dt}$$

- ✓ testing non-SM top production mechanisms
- ✓ top sample may contain an admixture of exotic processes

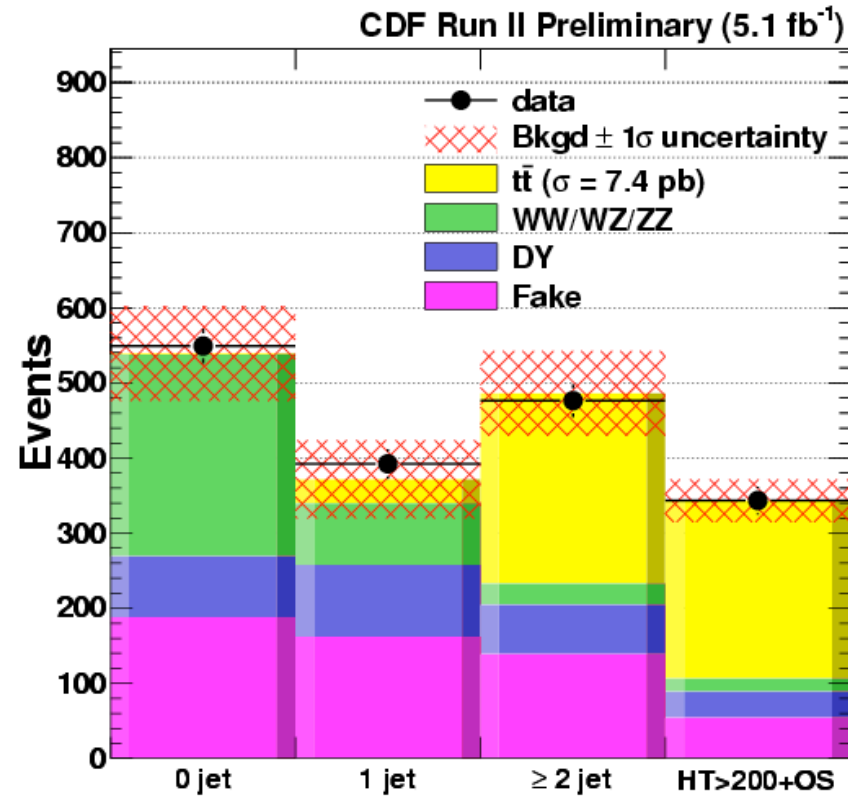


# Dilepton channel



Branching Ratio (BR)  $\sim 5\%$   
background: small

- two leptons +  $\geq 2$  jets +  $\cancel{E}_T$
- more kinematical variables



# Dilepton channel

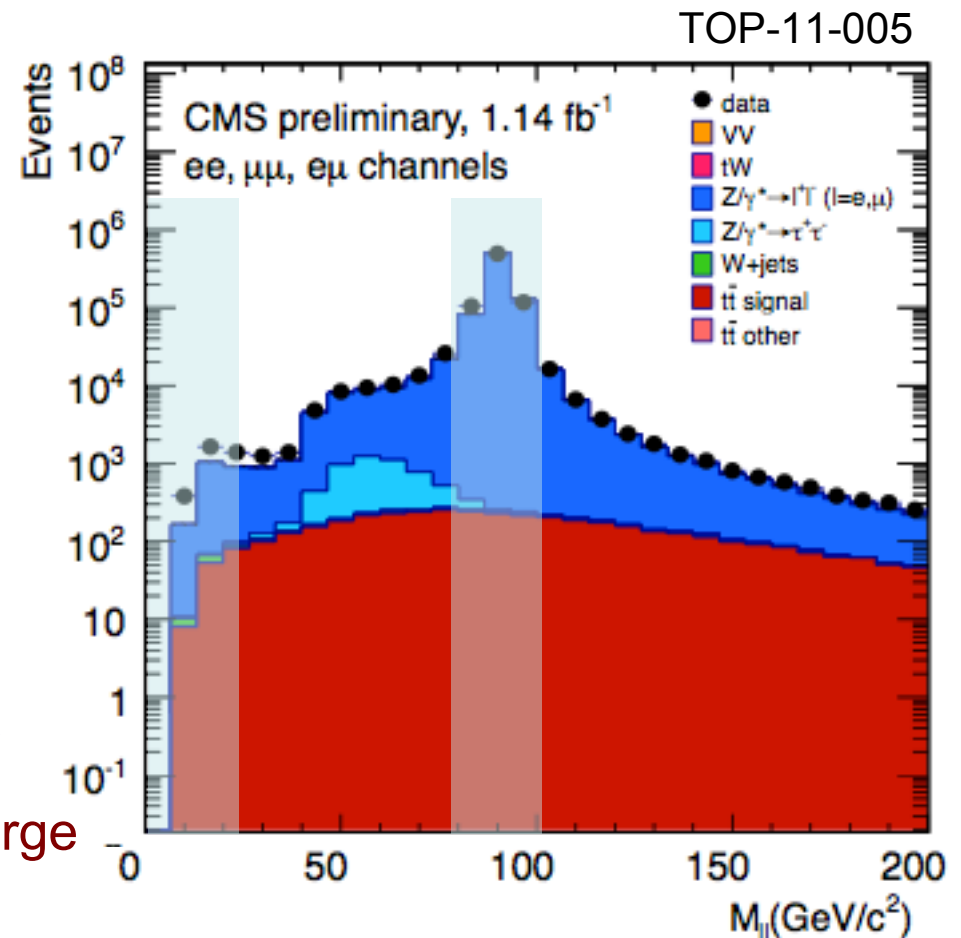
- Cleanest signature and lowest BR
- Main backgrounds
  - Drell-Yan (veto Z window in  $ee/\mu\mu$ , and rescale DY contribution from data)
  - Single top and VV (from MC)
  - Fake leptons (fake rate/efficiency)

CMS: dilepton trigger

- Isolated lepton  $p_T > 20$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.4$

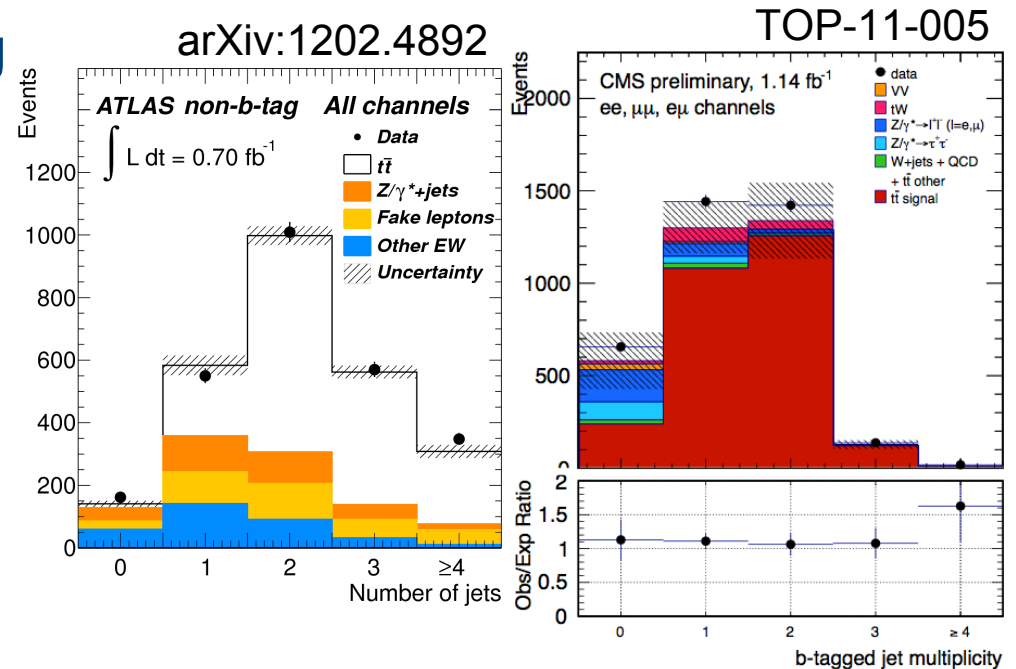
ATLAS single lepton trigger

- Isolated electron/muon  $p_T > 25(20)$  GeV
- Require two leptons with opposite charge
- Reject b-quark production & low mass Drell-Yan resonances production
- Z veto and suppress Z+jet backgrounds



# Dilepton channel

- Signal visible w/without b-tagging
- Measure cross section:
  - Profile likelihood
  - Cut and count
- Main systematics: jet energy scale, pileup, signal modeling

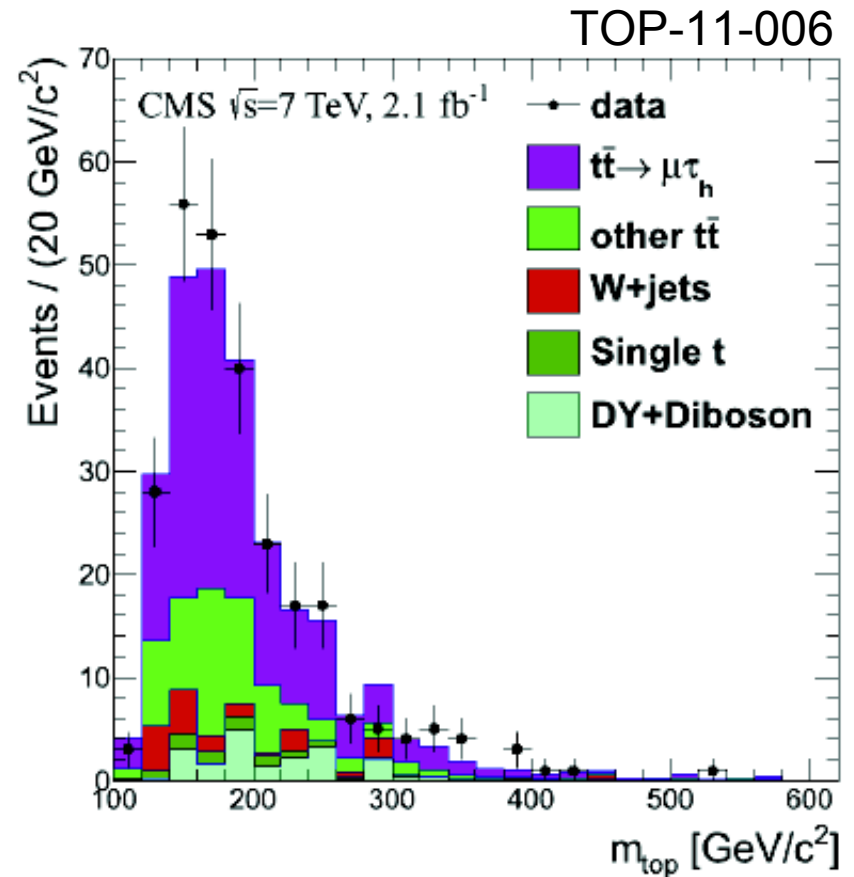


$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 176 \pm 5(\text{stat.})_{-11}^{+14}(\text{syst.}) \pm 8(\text{lum.}) \text{ pb} \quad \text{ATLAS}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 169.9 \pm 3.9(\text{stat.}) \pm 16.3(\text{syst.}) \pm 7.6(\text{lumi.}) \text{ pb} \quad \text{CMS}$$

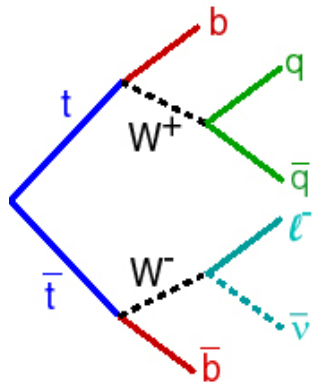
# Tau dilepton channel

- **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 light flavor jet contribution
  - In W+jets gluon contribution canceled by OS-SS
  - Conservative approach: average W+jets and QCD



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

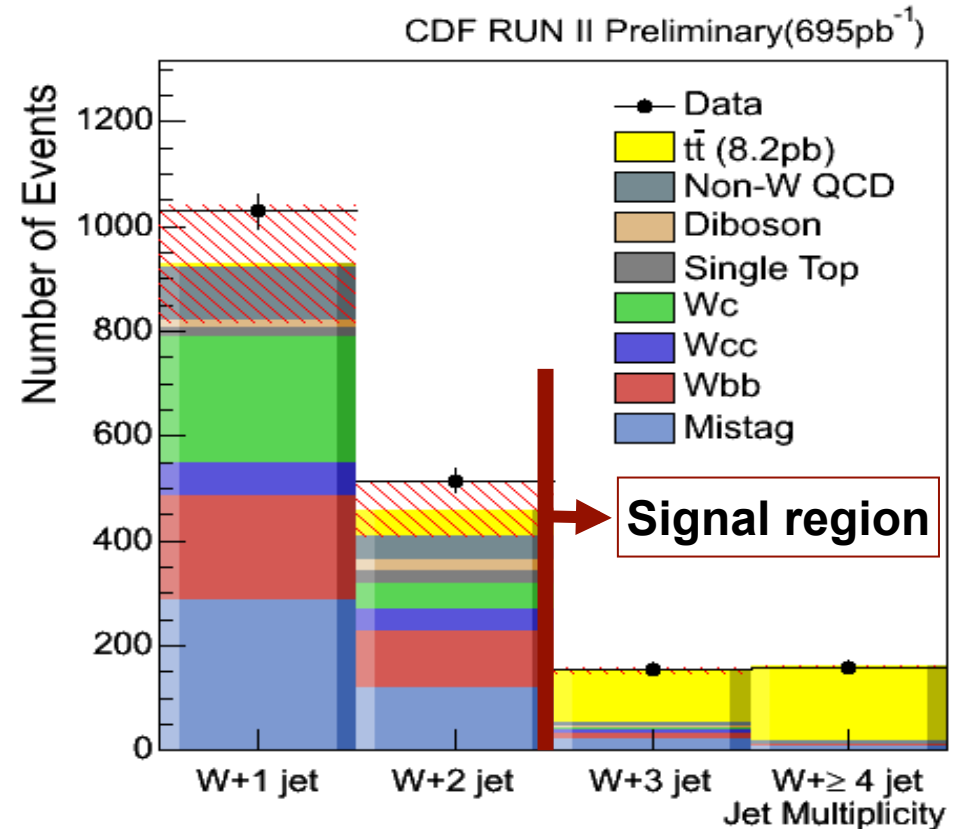
# Lepton + jets



BR ~30%

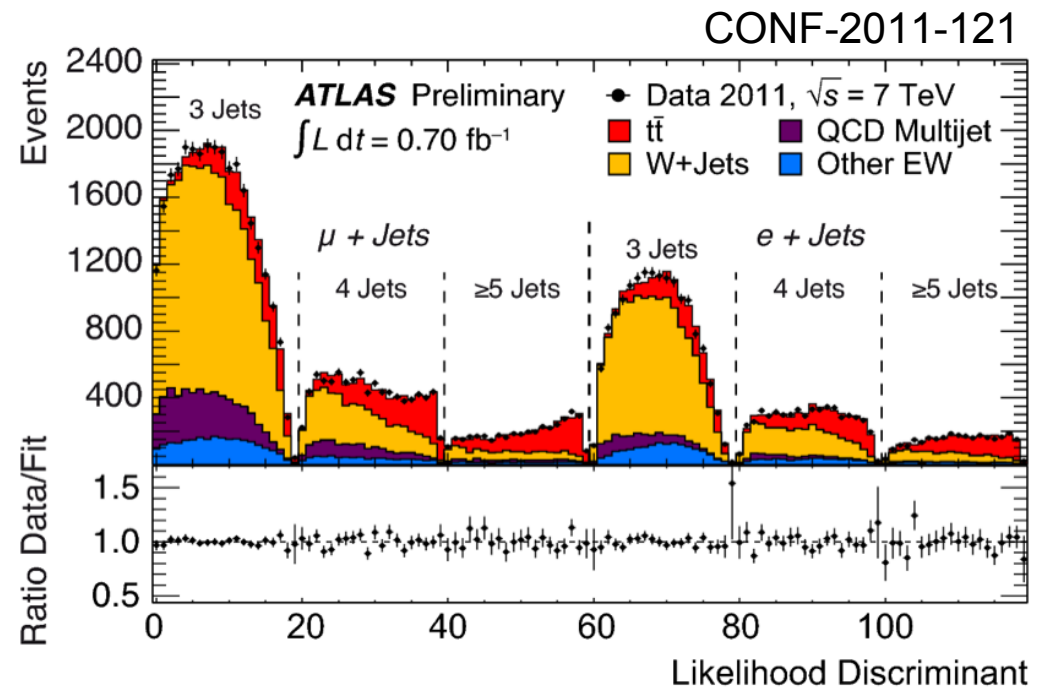
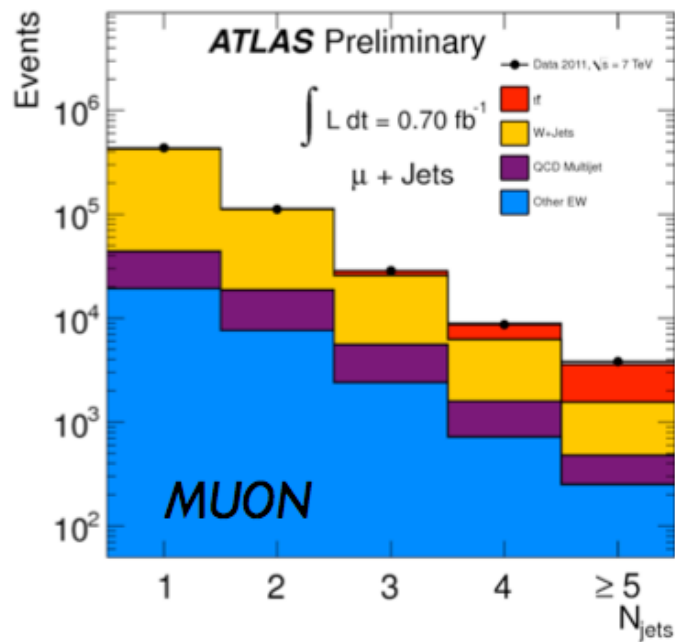
background: moderate

- one lepton +  $\geq 3$  jets +  $\cancel{E}_T$
- may require b-tag



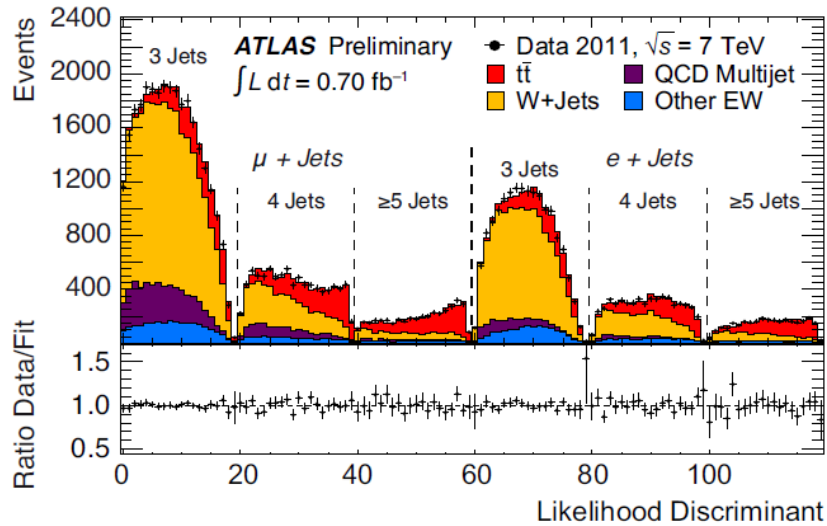
# Single lepton channel

- Include both muon and electron channels (untagged)
- Use kinematical differences between  $t\bar{t}$  and  $W$ +jets



$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 179.0 \pm 3.9 \text{ (stat)} \pm 9.0 \text{ (syst)} \pm 6.6 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ pb}$$

# Single lepton channel



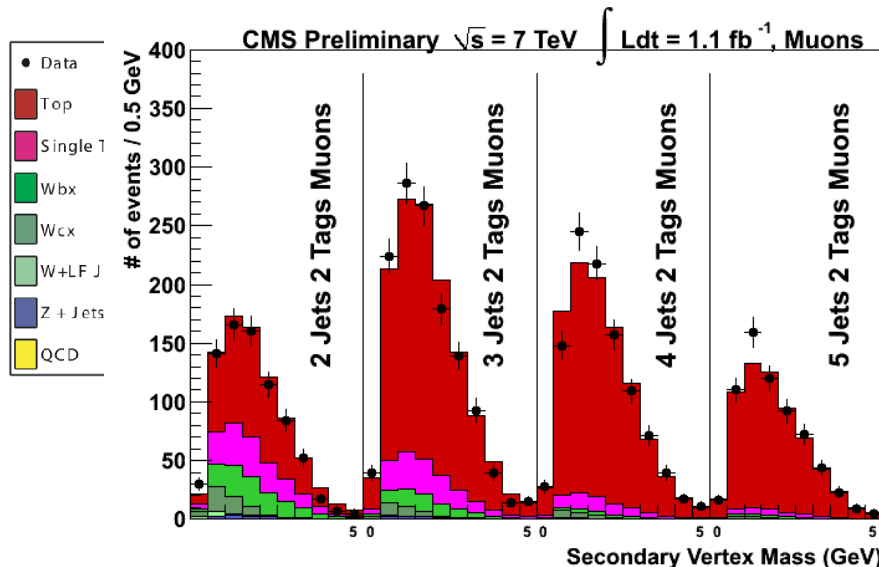
## Main backgrounds:

- Hadronic multijet: rejected by  $m_T, \text{MET}$ , controlled from sidebands
- W+jets (heavy flavor)

## Use kinematics to select $t\bar{t}$

- Mass of sec. vertex
- topology

## Categorize events and extract $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ from fit



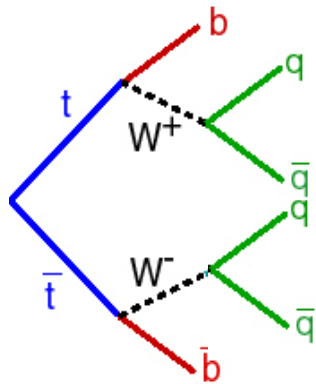
ATLAS

$179.0 \pm 3.9 \text{ (stat)} \pm 9.0 \text{ (syst)} \pm 6.6 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ pb}$

$164.4 \pm 2.8 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 11.9 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 7.4 \text{ (lum.)} \text{ pb}$

CMS

# All hadronic



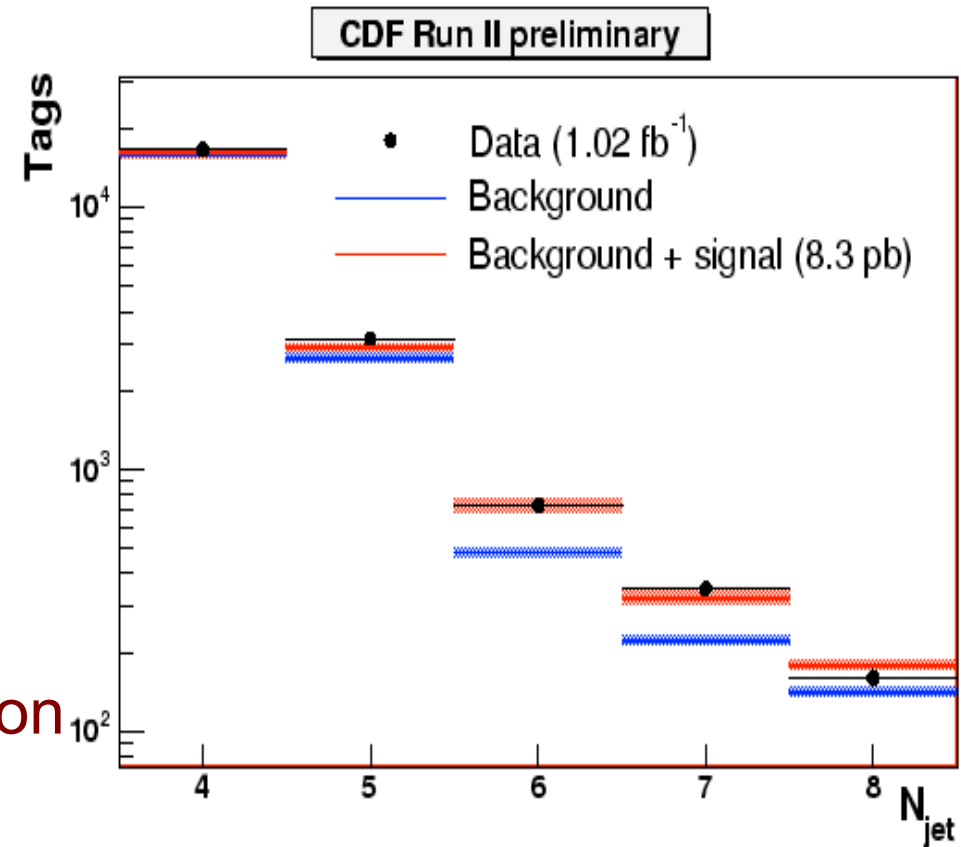
BR  $\sim 44\%$

background: large

➤  $\geq 6$  jets + kinematical selection

➤ optimize  $S/\sqrt{B}$

➤ require b-tag





# All hadronic

- Large BR, but large bkg
- Select at least 6 jets
  - b-tagging reduces combinatorics
- Top cross section from unbinned maximum likelihood to the reconstructed top mass
- Multijet QCD is main background (modeled from data)
  - Use events with 4-5 jets
  - Re-weigh mass spectrum from anti-tagged sample

Selection step	Events	Signal fraction
At least 6 jets	248 109	2%
At least two b-tags	6 905	17%
Kinematic fit	1 620	32%

- Results:

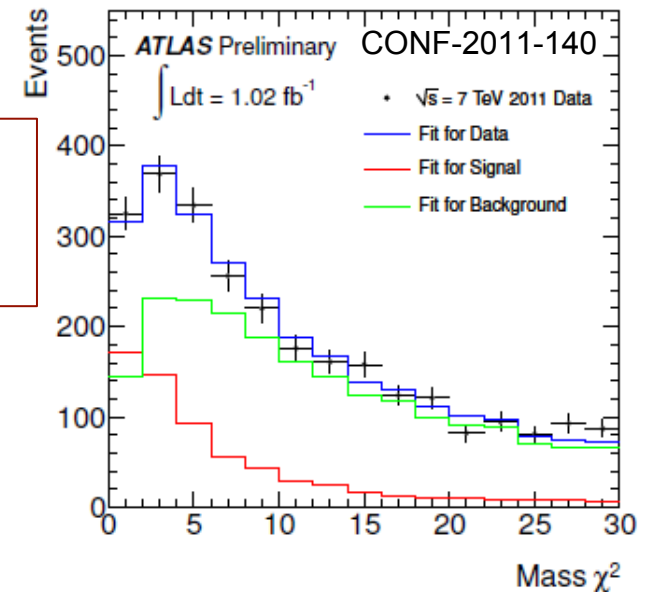
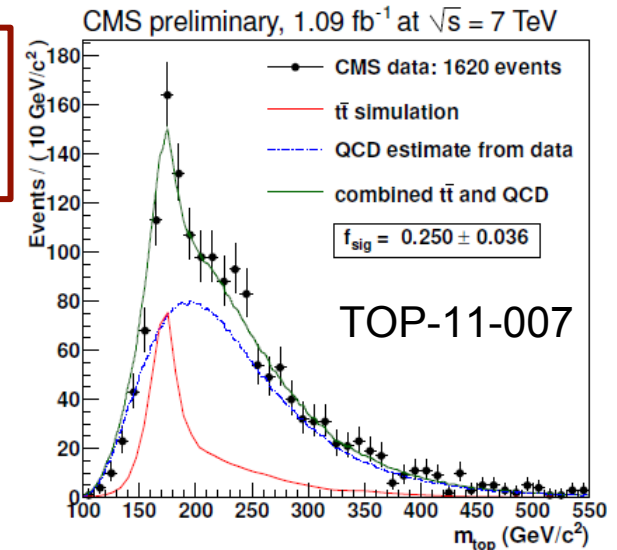
**ATLAS**

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = 167 \pm 18 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 78 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 6 \text{ (lum.) pb}$$

$$136 \pm 20 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 40 \text{ (sys.)} \pm 8 \text{ (lumi.) pb}$$

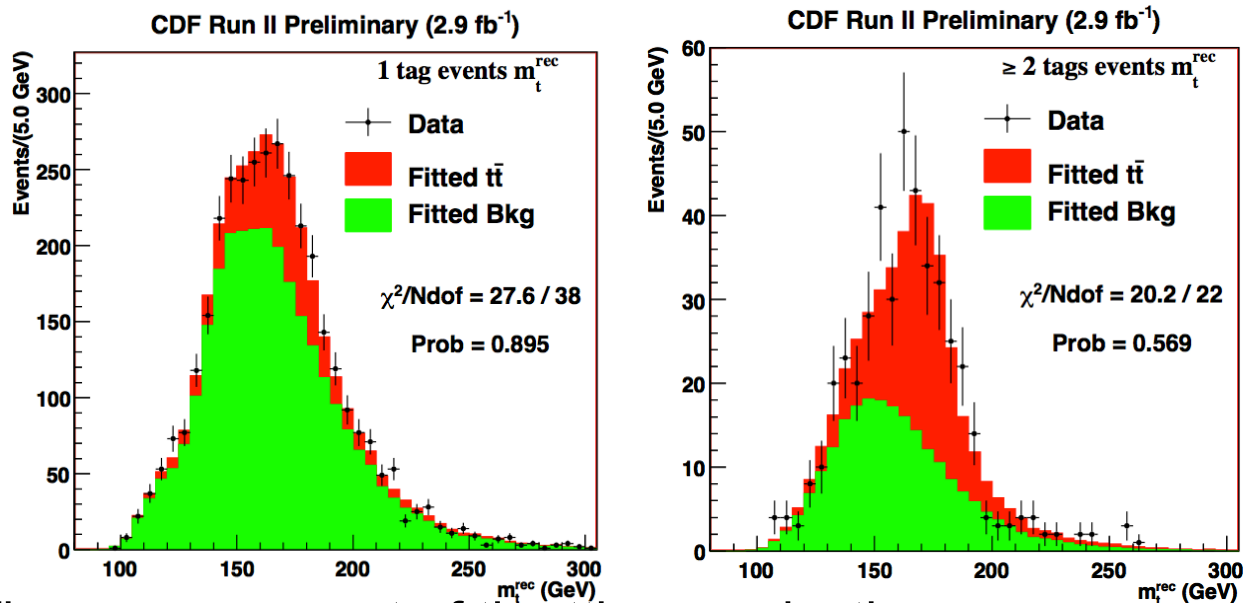
**CMS**

Fit  $\chi^2$  or top mass  
(signal from generator,  
background data-driven)



# All hadronic at the Tevatron

Top reconstructed invariant mass with 1 b-tag and  $\geq 2$  b-tags



The measurement of the  $t\bar{t}$  production cross

section is performed through a likelihood fit:  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{1\text{ tag}} \times \mathcal{L}_{\geq 2\text{ tags}} \times \mathcal{L}_L$

$$\mathcal{L}_{1, \geq 2\text{ tags}} = \mathcal{L}_{n_s} \times \mathcal{L}_\epsilon$$

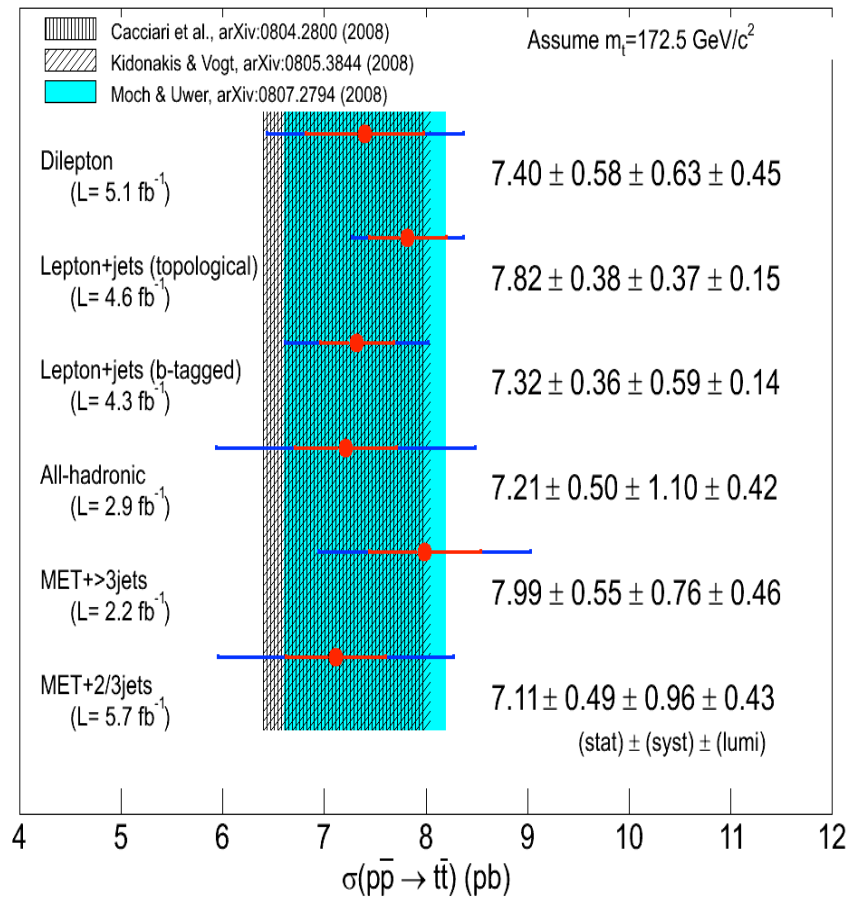
signal yield                      signal efficiency

$$\mathcal{L}(\sigma_{t\bar{t}}) = e^{-(\sigma_{t\bar{t}} \cdot \epsilon \cdot L - n_s)^2 / 2\sigma_{n_s}^2}$$

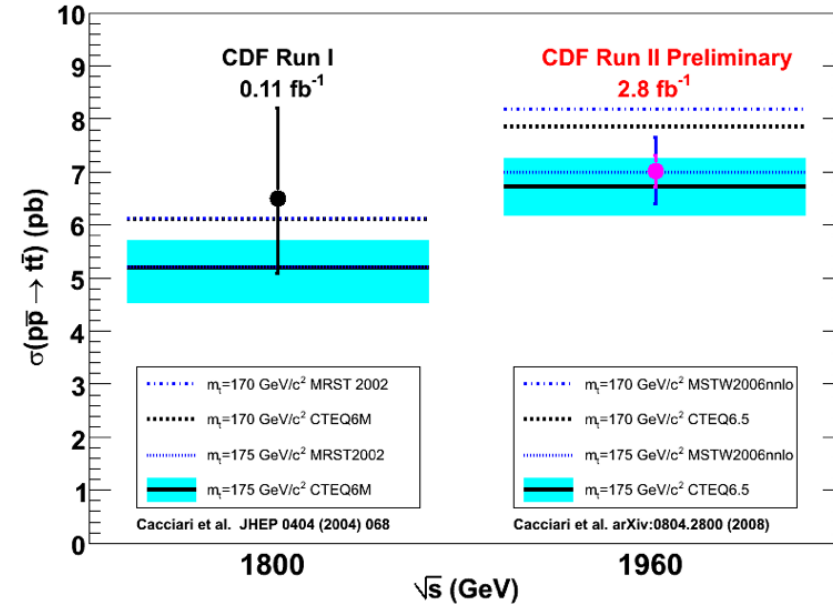
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 7.21 \pm 0.50 (stat) \pm 1.37 (syst) \pm 0.42 (lumi) \text{ pb}$$

# Cross section at the Tevatron

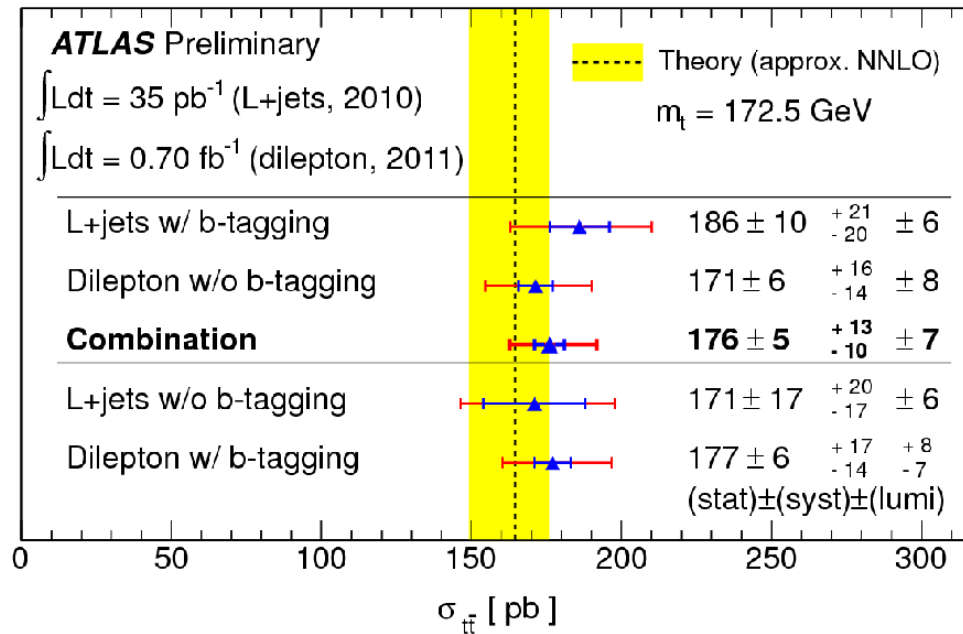
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- Good agreement with expectations
- Everything else we know of  $t\bar{t}$  agrees with SM

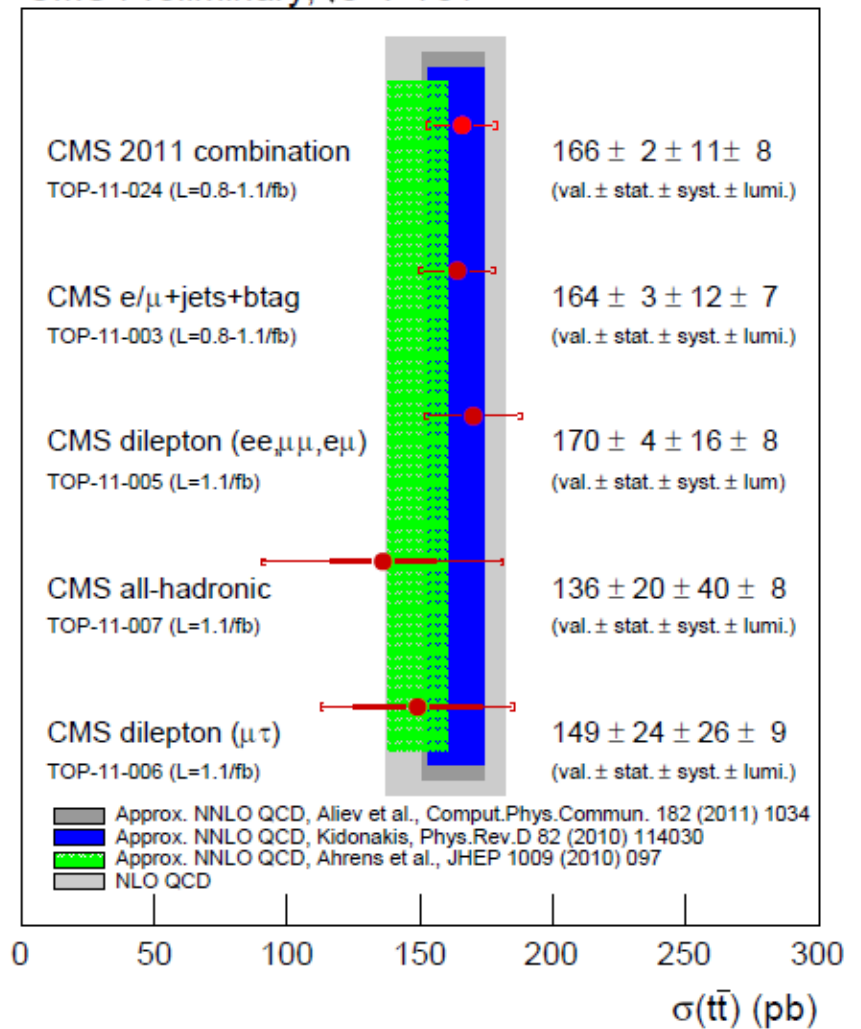


# Top cross sections at 7 TeV



Good agreement between measurements and predictions for all decay modes

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



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