



# Top physics and the top mass

Lecture 3/3

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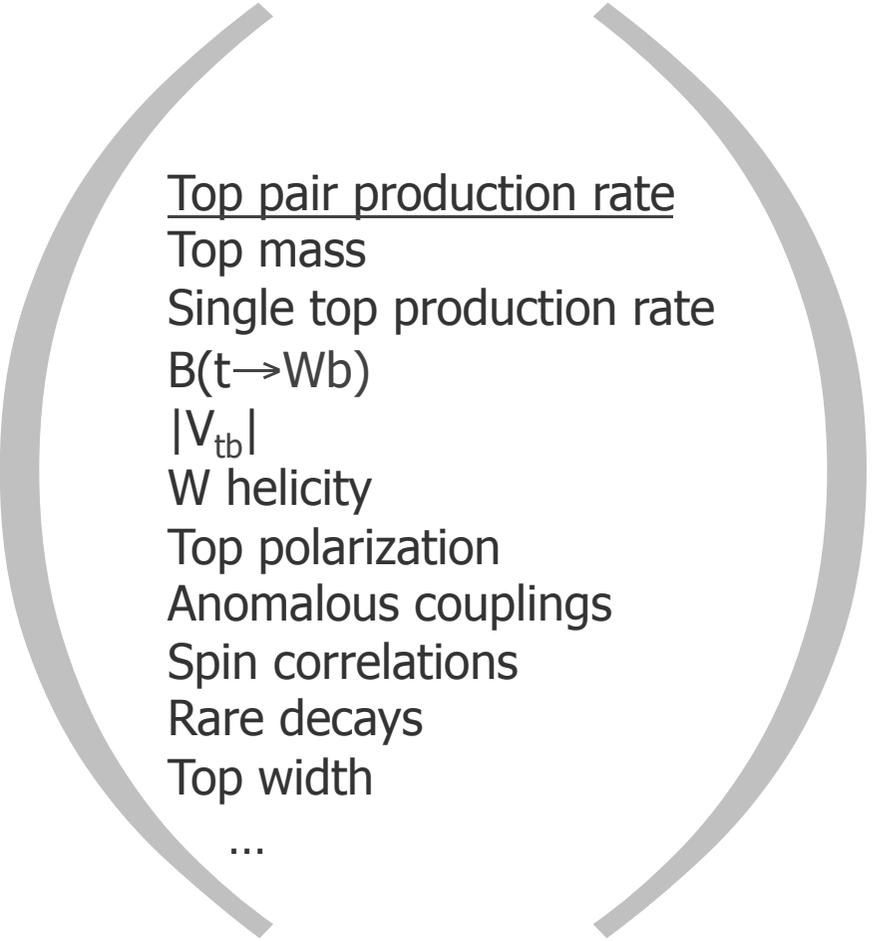
# Outline

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- Wednesday:
  - Lecture 1: Intro to top physics and its jargon.
- Thursday:
  - Lecture 2: SM top physics and the top mass
- Friday:
  - Lecture 3: SM and top physics, the portal to physics searches
    - Measuring top properties
    - Searches for physics beyond the standard model using tops

# Top quark and new physics

- Precise SM measurements
  - Heaviest known elementary particle (large Yukawa coupling)
    - Constraints on Higgs mass
    - Unique window on bare quarks due to short lifetime
  - Probe for QCD at scale  $>$  gauge bosons
- A window to new physics
  - New physics - many models couple preferentially to top
  - New particles may decay to top
  - Non-standard couplings
- In many new physics scenarios (e.g. SUSY) top is dominant BG
- Great tool to calibrate detector
  - Jet energy scale, b-jet efficiency

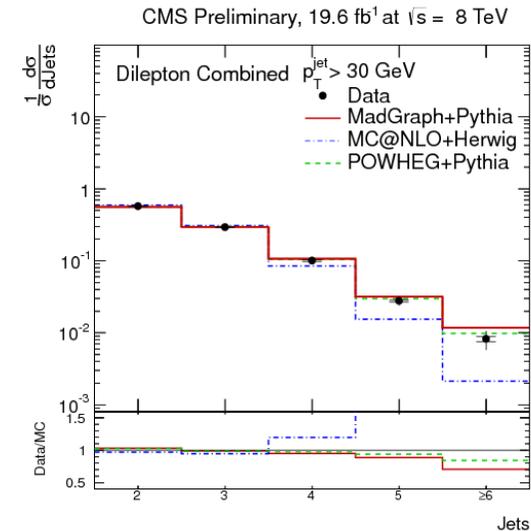
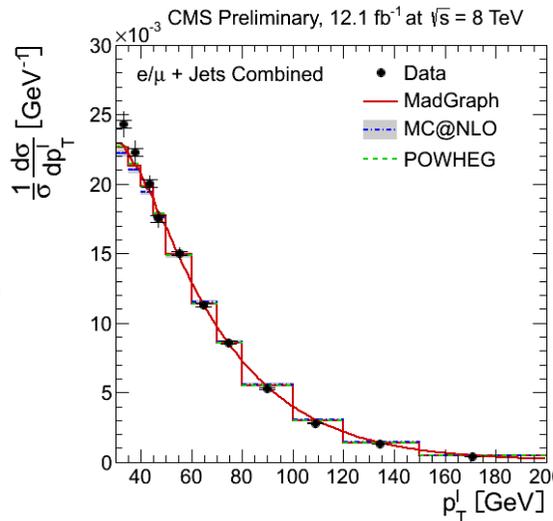
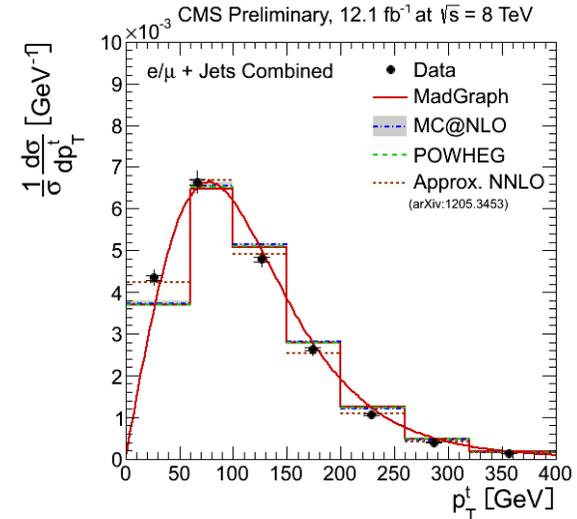
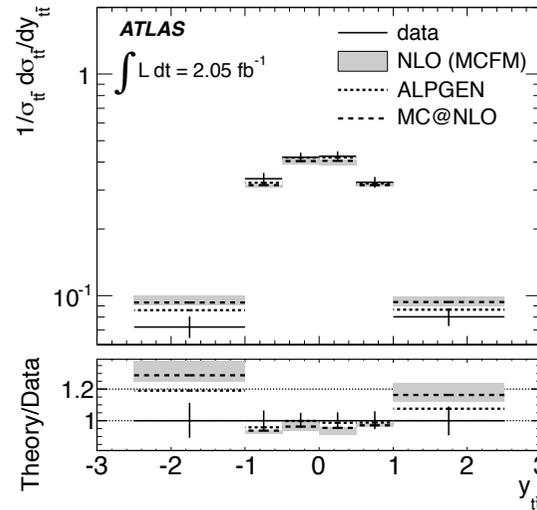


Top pair production rate  
Top mass  
Single top production rate  
 $B(t \rightarrow Wb)$   
 $|V_{tb}|$   
W helicity  
Top polarization  
Anomalous couplings  
Spin correlations  
Rare decays  
Top width

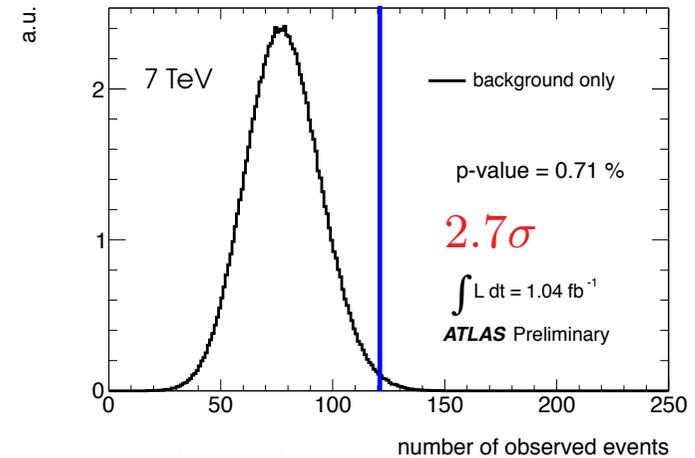
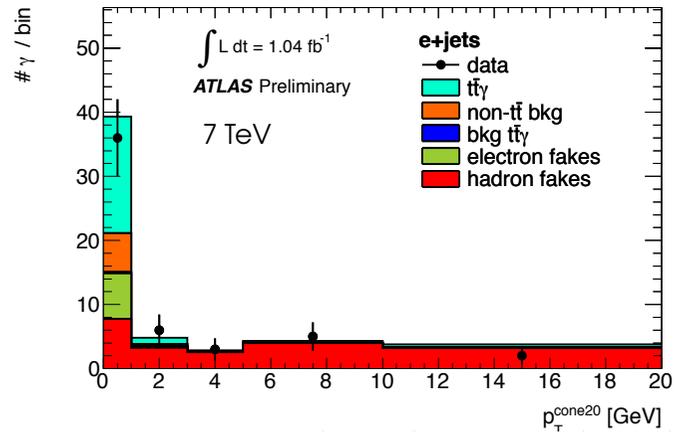
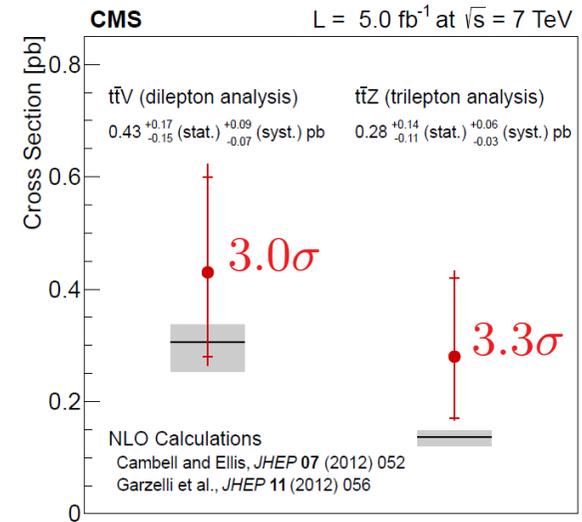
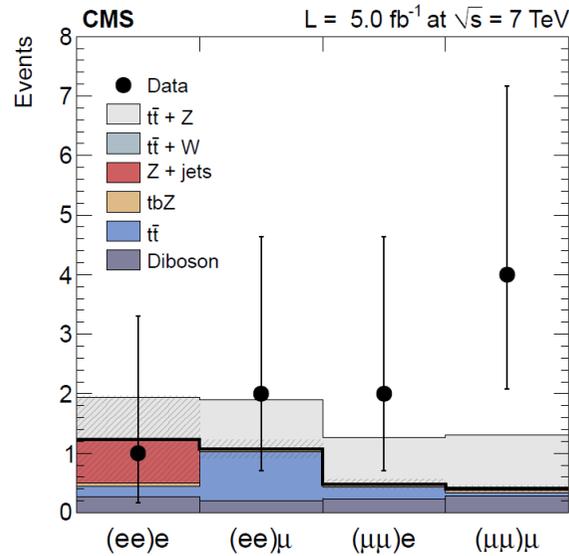
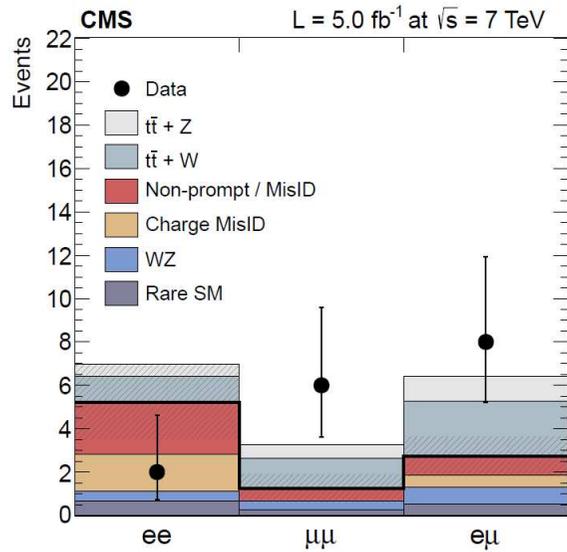
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# Properties of top pair production

- Very large LHC samples allow differential cross section measurements
- Most bins limited by systematic uncertainties
- Many differential kinematics examined
- Active interaction with generator and pdf community
- Improvement of models of great benefit to community for next LHC run – particularly for searches

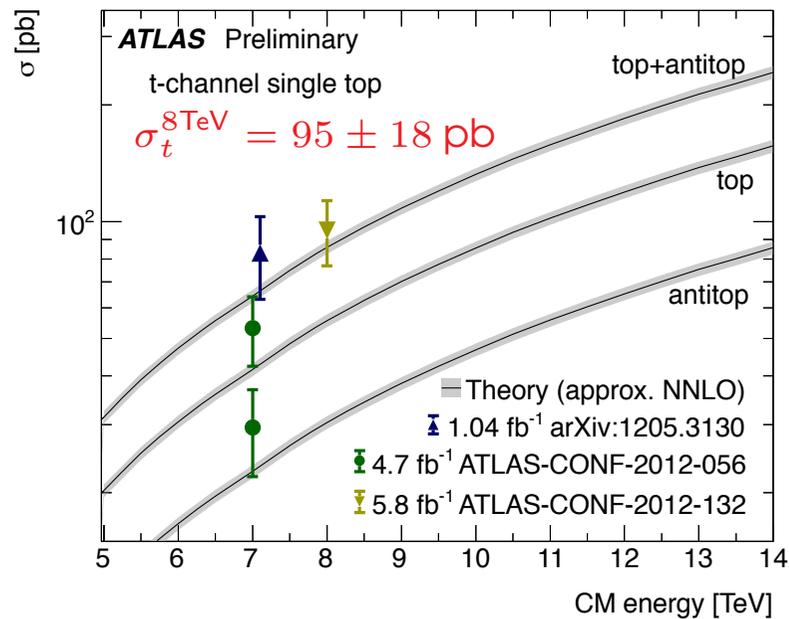
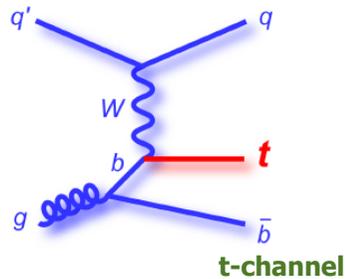


# SM production of $t\bar{t} + Z/\text{photon}/W$

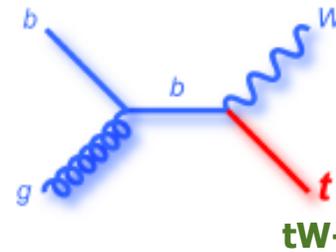


# Single top production

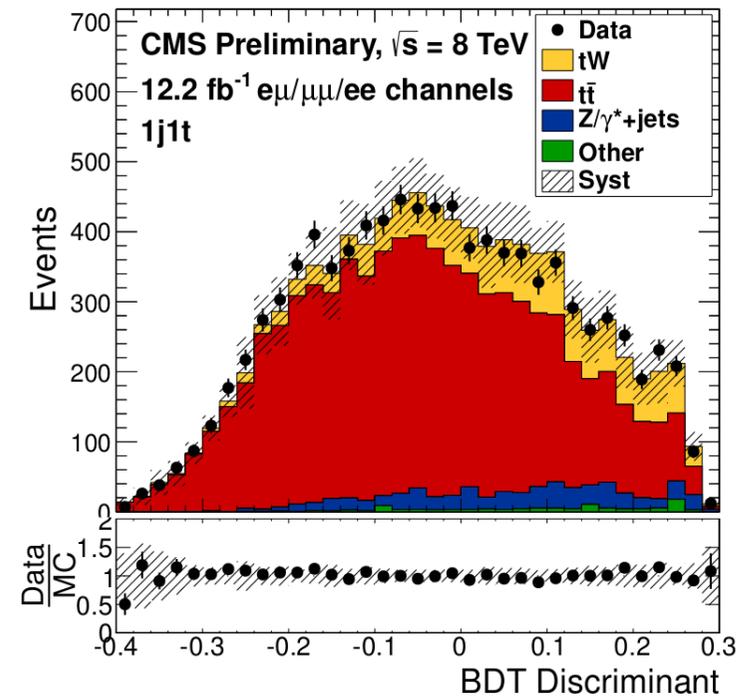
- Single top in t-channel



- Single top in tW-channel

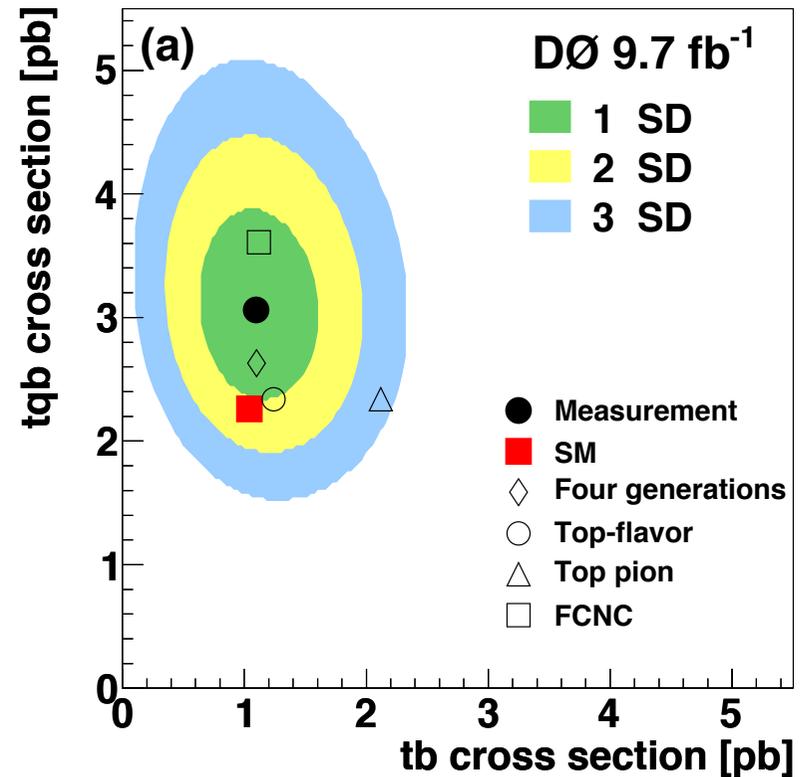
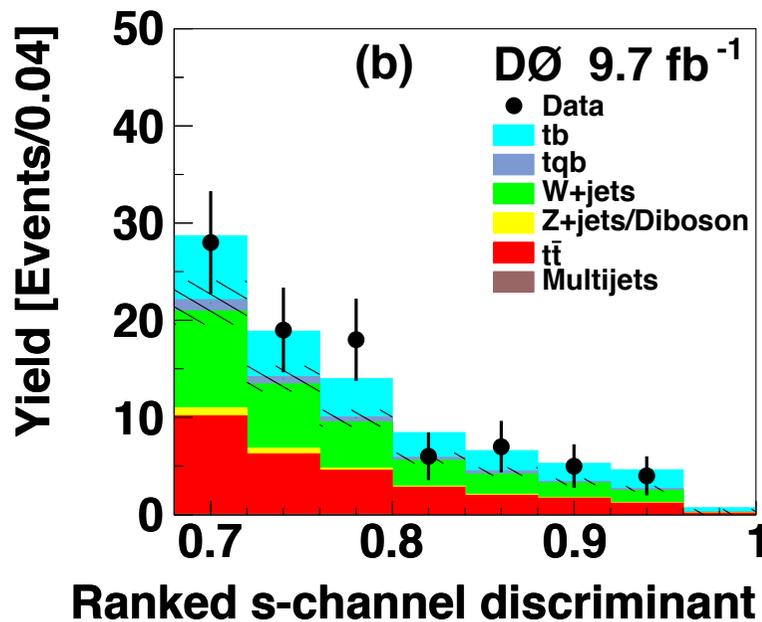
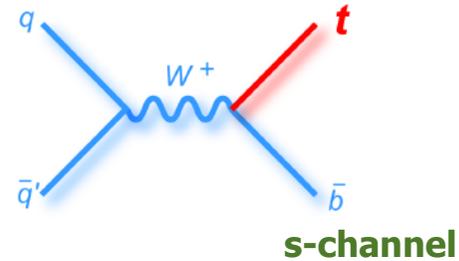


First observation  
6.0 S.D. significance!  
Cross section:  $23.4 \pm 5.5 \text{ pb}$



# Single top in s-channel

- Tevatron legacy?
- Cross section:  $1.10^{+0.33}_{-0.31}$  pb
- (A)NNLO:  $1.06 \pm 0.04$  pb
- Significance: 3.7 S.D.!!!



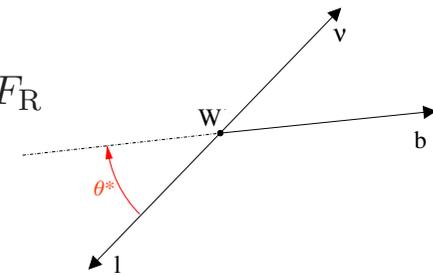
# W helicity in top quark decay

- Helicity of W bosons very well-defined in standard model
- No hadronisation: coupling of top quark to W directly propagated to angular distributions of leptons in ttbar events

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta^*} = \frac{3}{4} (1 - \cos^2\theta^*) F_0 + \frac{3}{8} (1 - \cos\theta^*)^2 F_L + \frac{3}{8} (1 + \cos\theta^*)^2 F_R$$

$$A_{\pm} = \frac{N(\cos\theta^* > z) - N(\cos\theta^* < z)}{N(\cos\theta^* > z) + N(\cos\theta^* < z)}$$

$$z = \pm(1 - 2^{2/3})$$



- Sensitive variable: Angle between down-type fermion in W rest frame and W momentum in top rest frame:  $\cos(\theta^*)$
- Measurements determine fractions of longitudinally, left, and right-handed W bosons

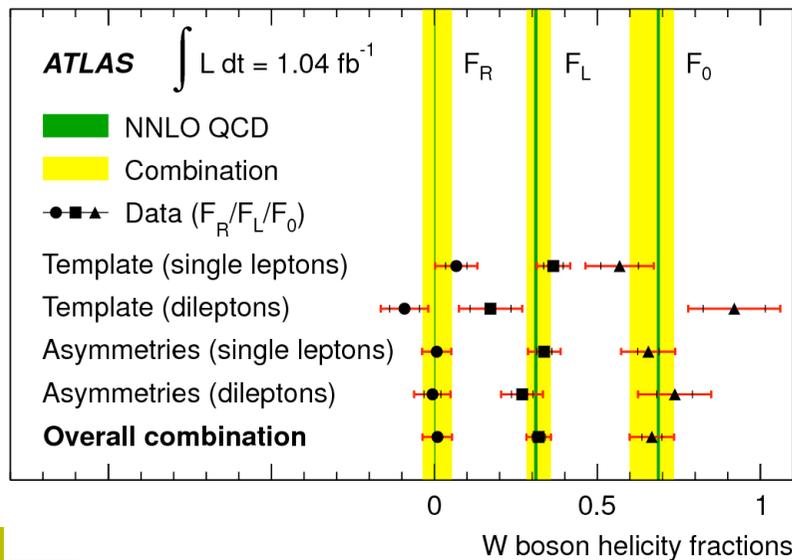
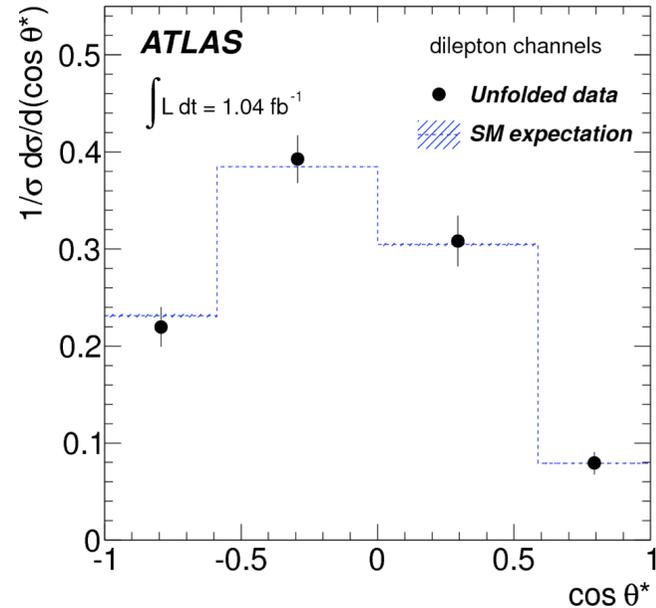
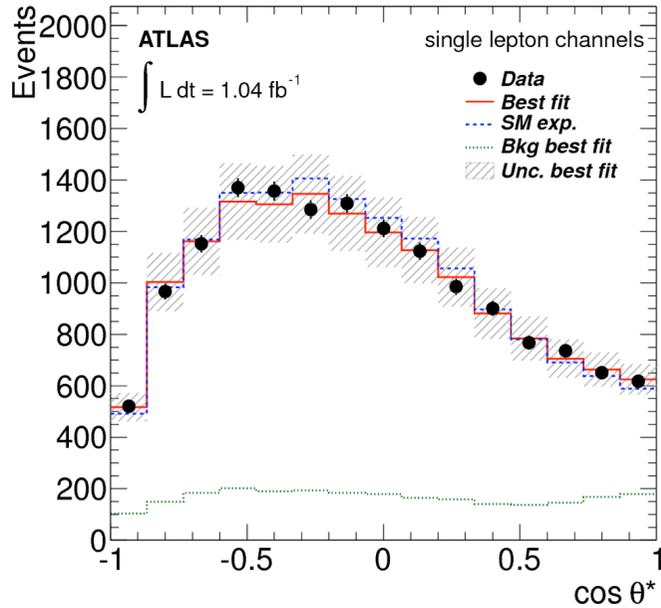
*in SM (LO):*

$$F_0 = 0.6902$$

$$F_L = 0.3089$$

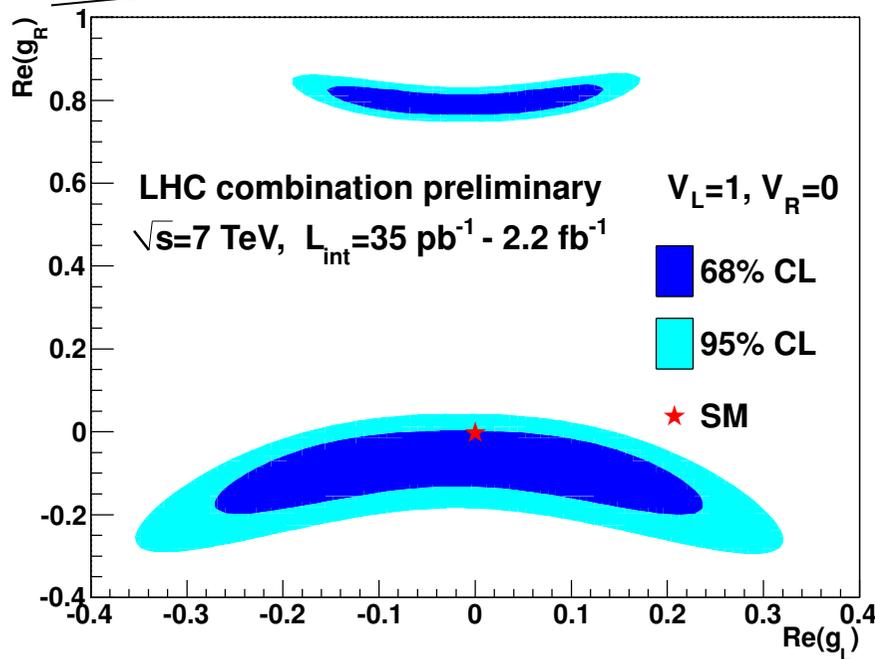
$$F_R = 0.0009$$

# Fitting the data



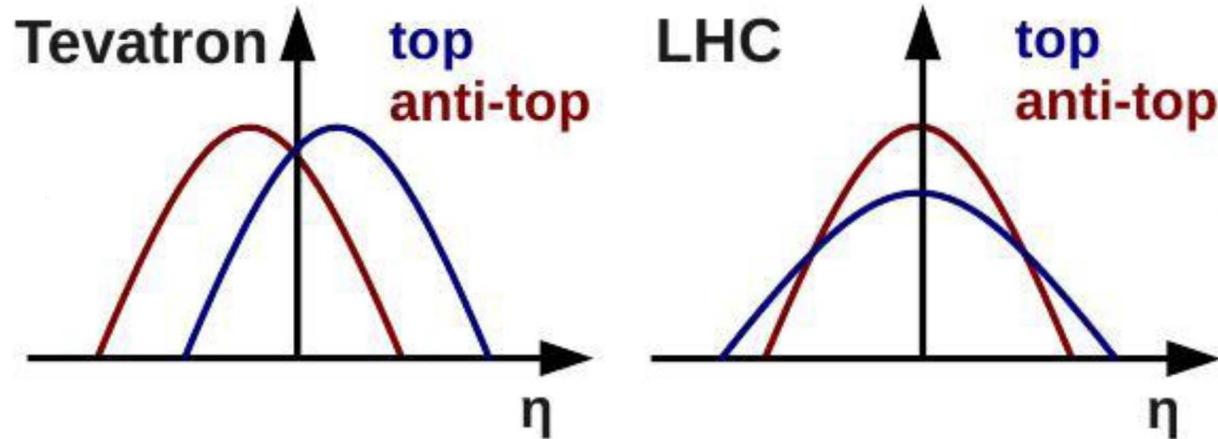
# Interpret in effective lagrangean

$$\mathcal{L}_{Wtb} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (V_L P_L + V_R P_R) t W_\mu^- - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_\mu^- + \text{h.c.}$$



- Combination of ATLAS and equivalent CMS measurement used to constrain anomalous couplings at  $tWb$  vertex
- Very consistent with SM

# Top asymmetries: forward-backward

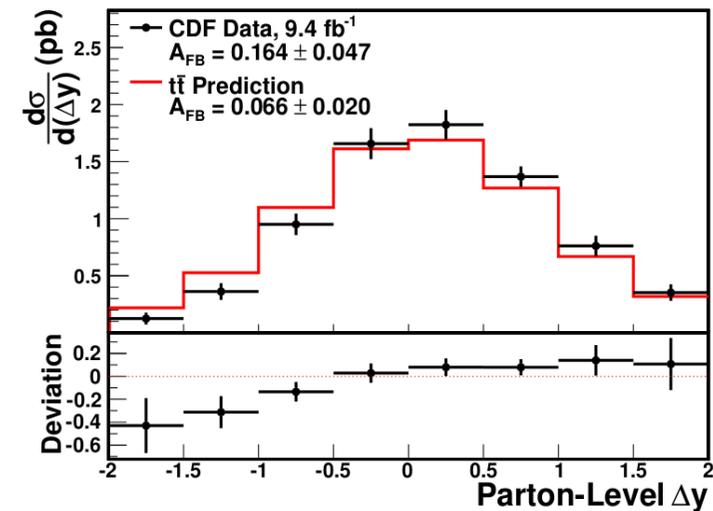


- New physics in production can alter angular distributions

$$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N(\Delta y > 0) - N(\Delta y < 0)}{N(\Delta y > 0) + N(\Delta y < 0)}$$

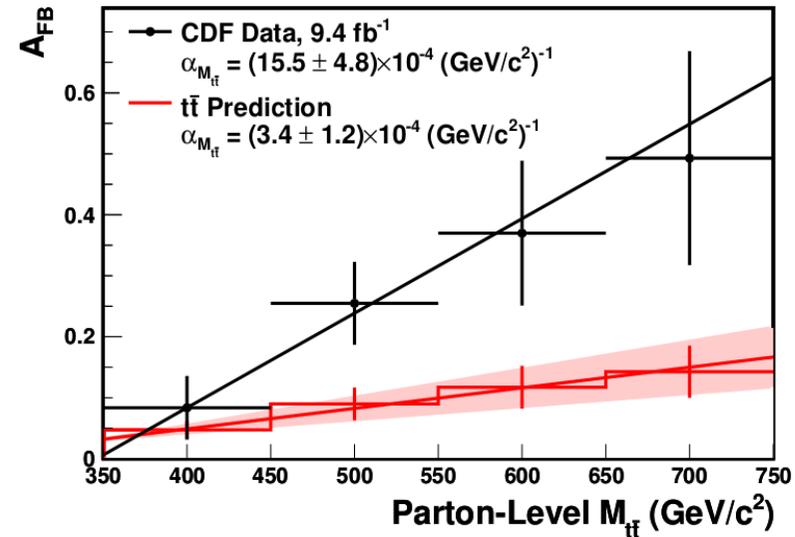
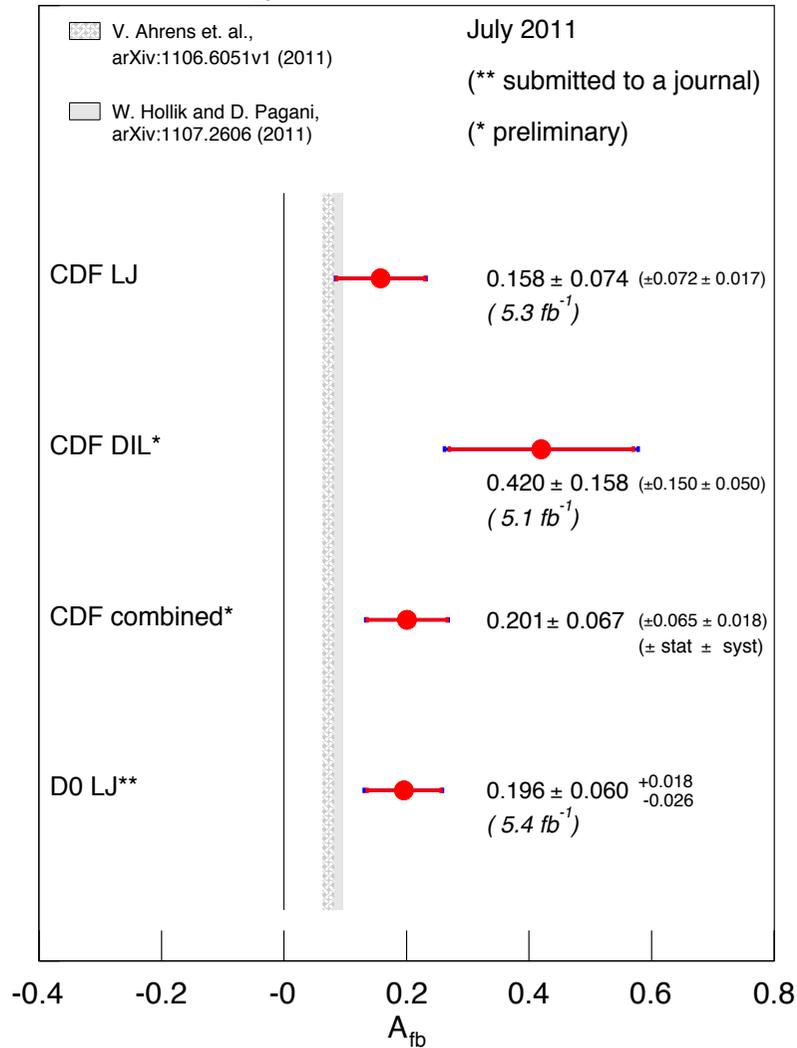
with  $\Delta y = y_t - y_{\bar{t}}$

- At Tevatron:  
2.5 S.D. deviation from SM



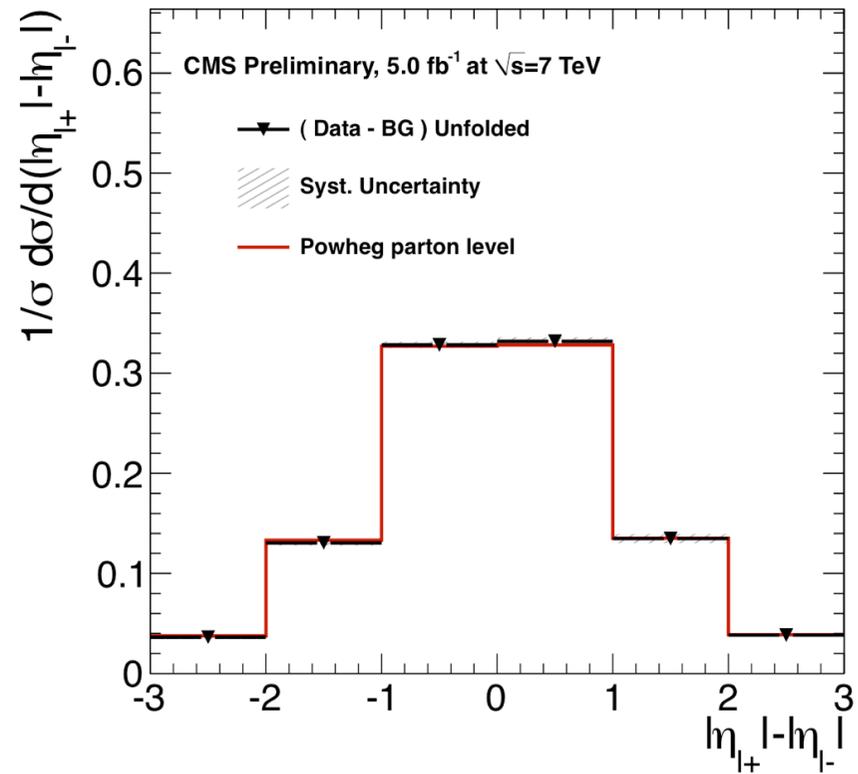
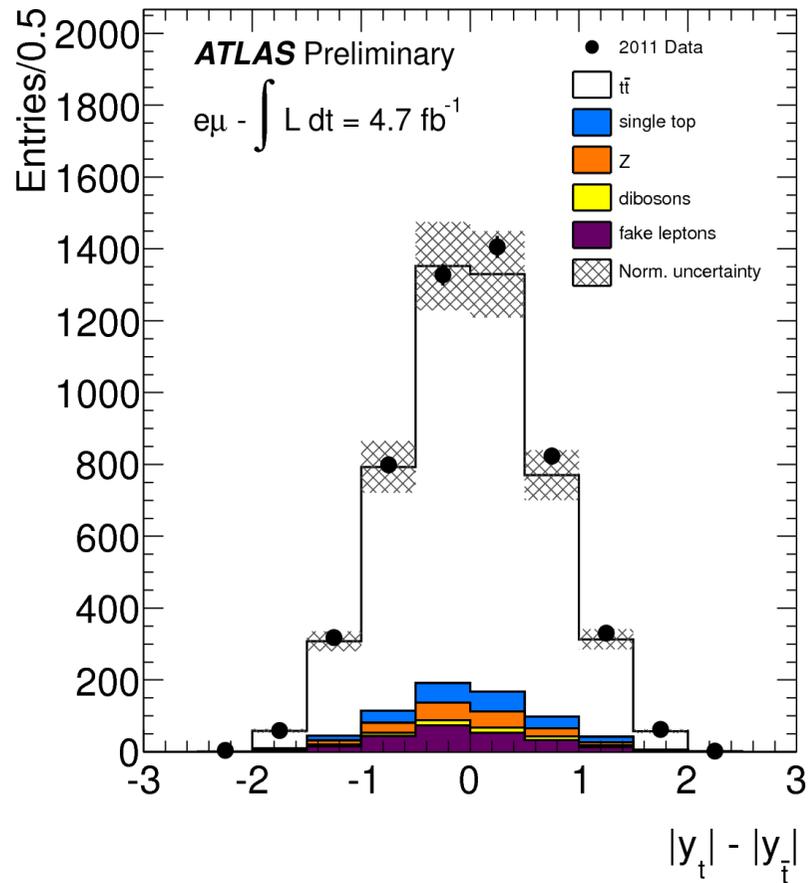
# AFB details

## $A_{fb}$ of the Top Quark



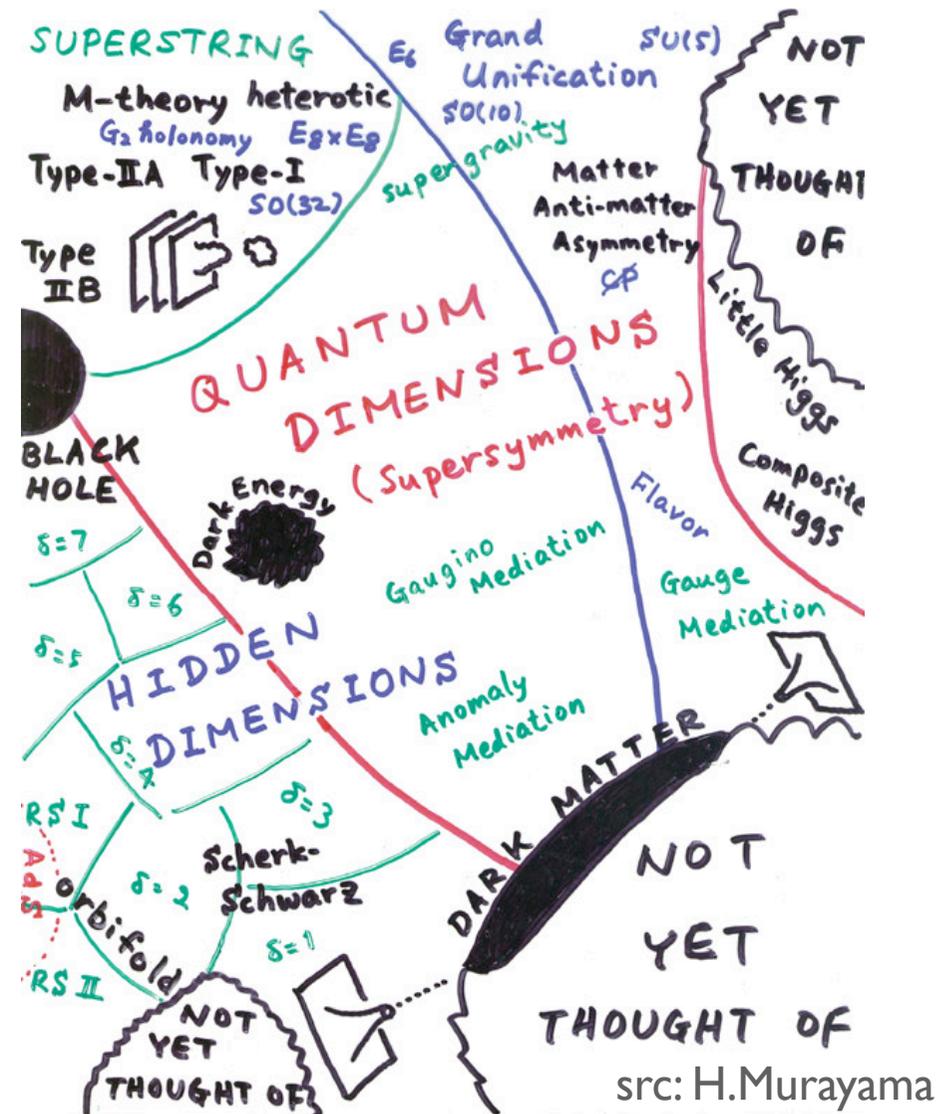
- AFB deviations largest at high  $m(t\bar{t})$
- No effect at the LHC!!!

# Asymmetry at the LHC?

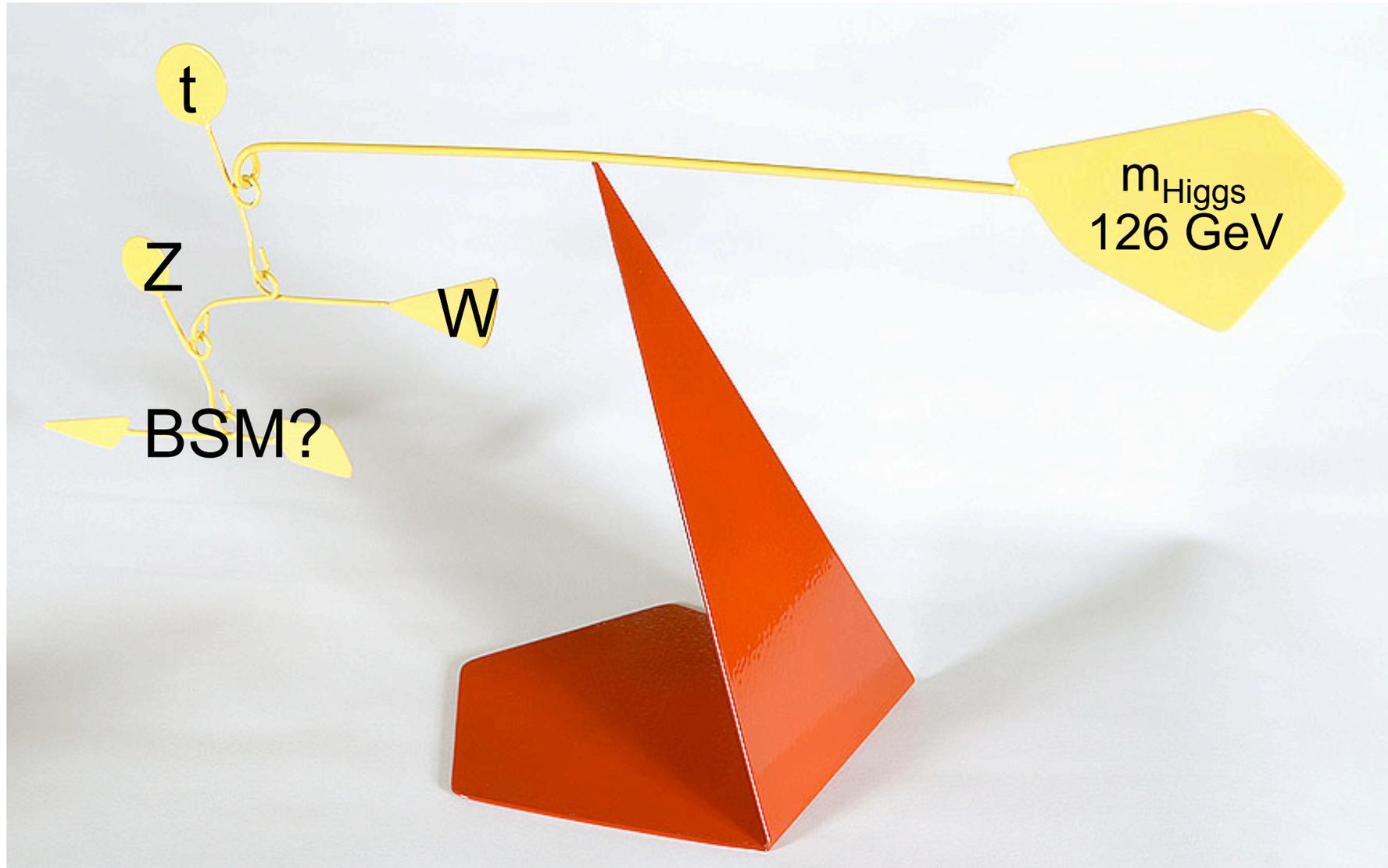


# 17 SM parameters do not constrain creativity

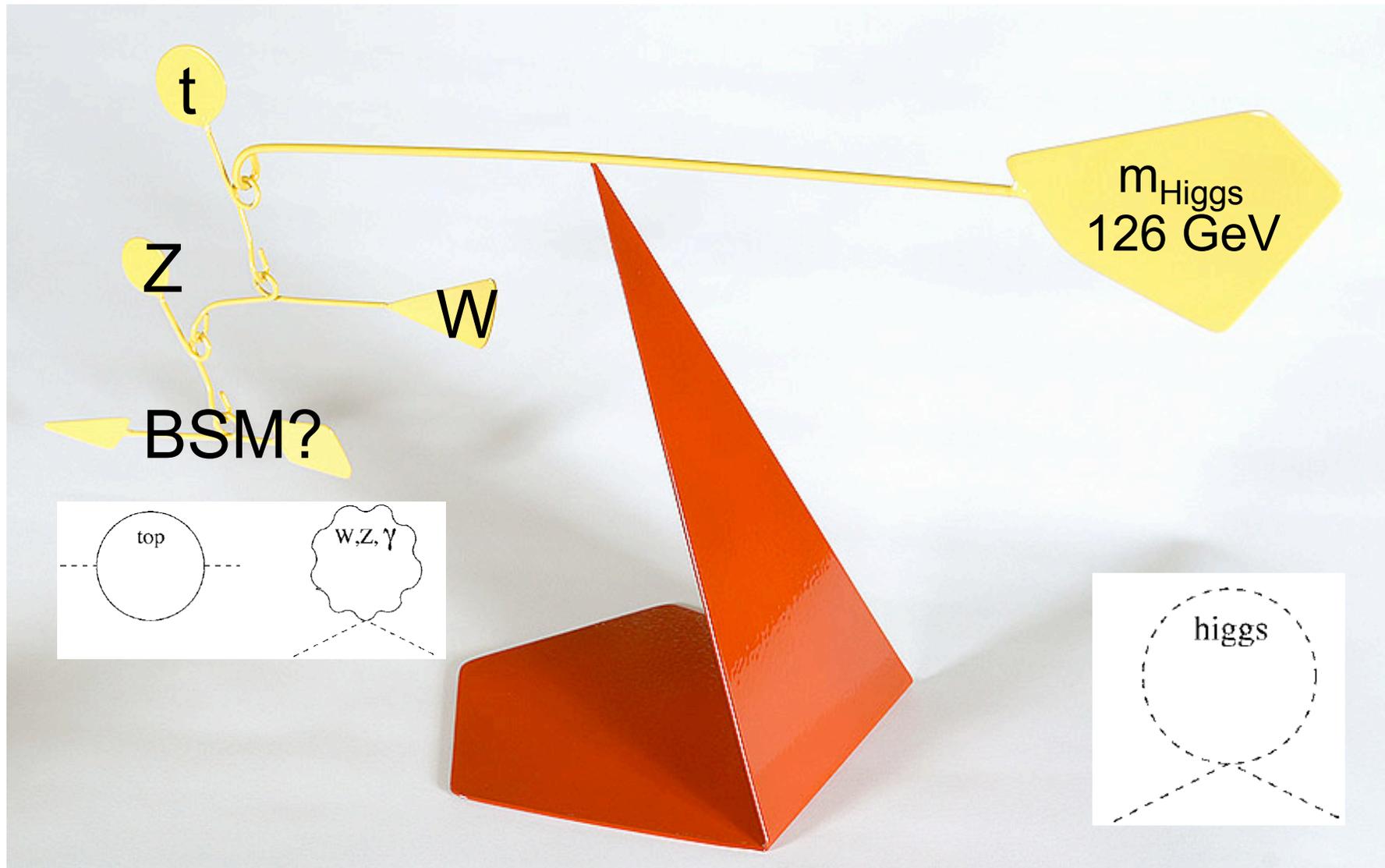
- SUSY in all its variations
  - GMSB
  - MSSM, CMSSM etc
- New strong interactions?
  - Technicolor; excited quarks; compositeness; new “contact” interactions
- Exotica:
  - Weird stuff: leptoquarks?
  - New “forces”?
  - New resonances (W-Z-like)
  - More generations?
    - Fourth generation (b'/t')
  - Gravity descending at the TeV scale?
  - New resonances; missing stuff; black holes; SUSY-like signatures [Universal Extra dimensions]
- SUSY-inspired exotica:
  - Long-lived massive (new) particles?
- Some true inspirations: “hidden valleys”?



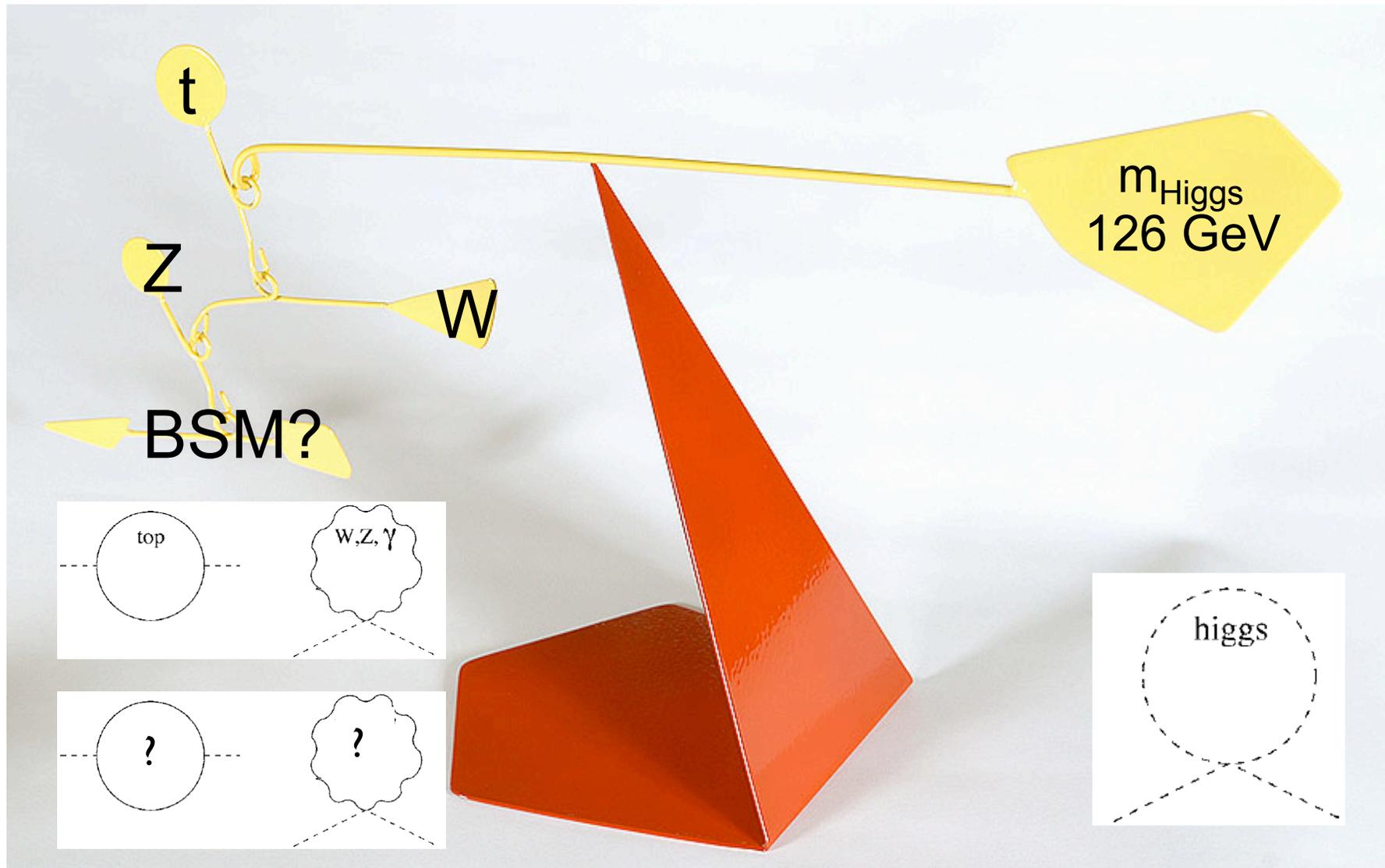
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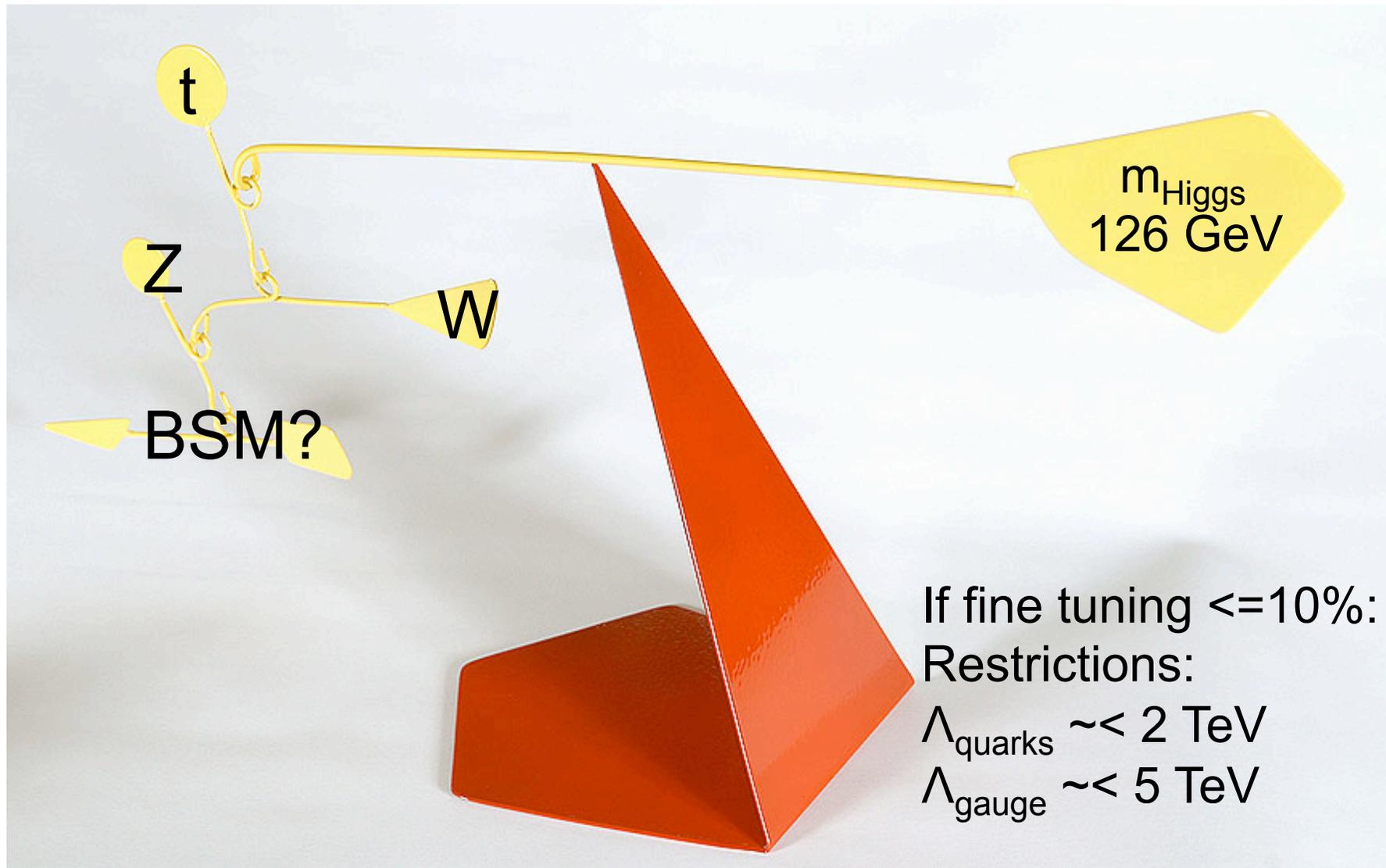
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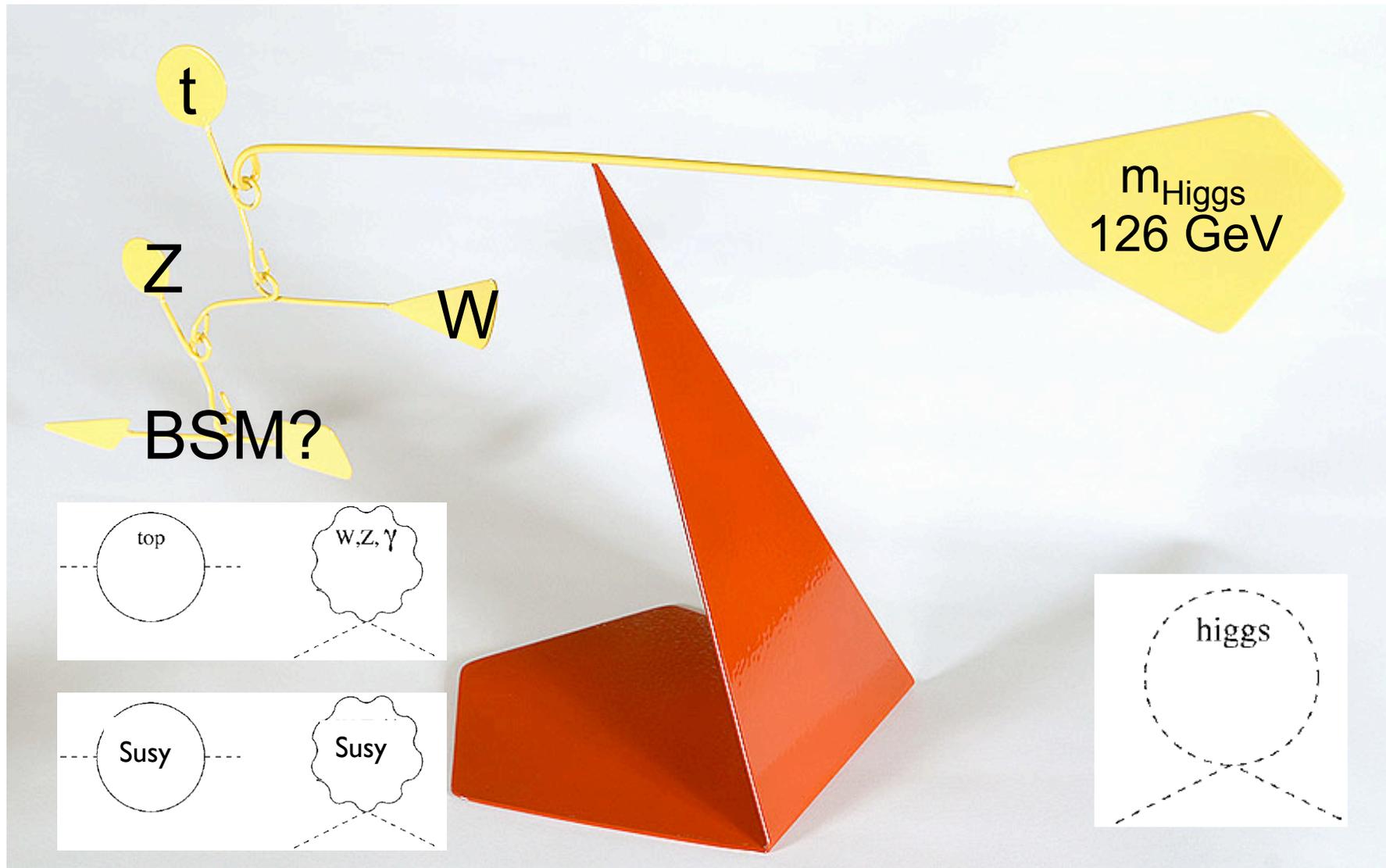
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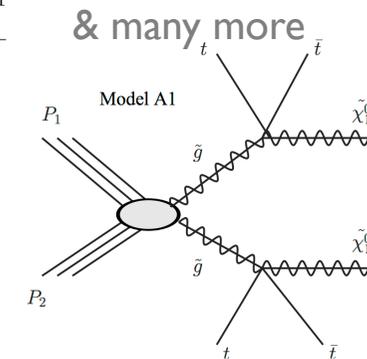
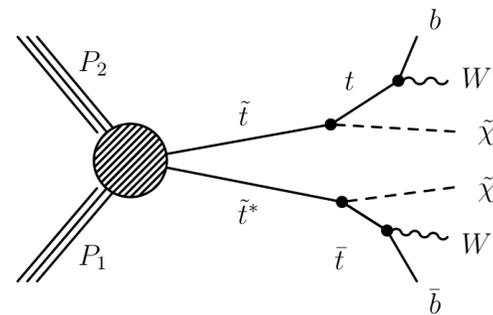
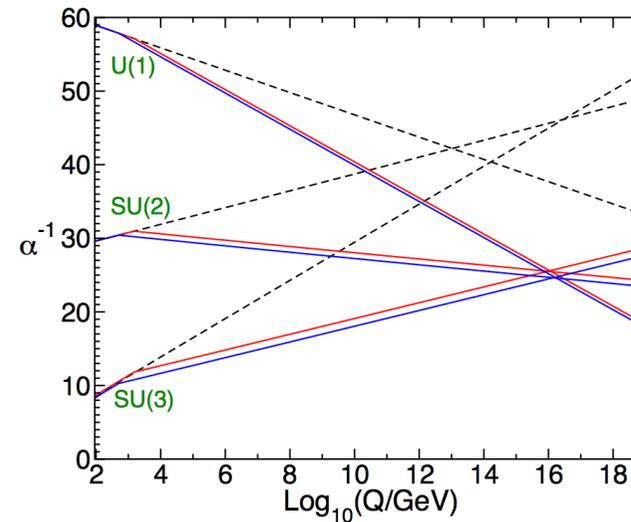


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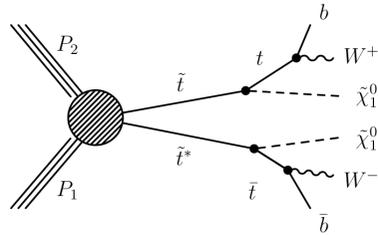
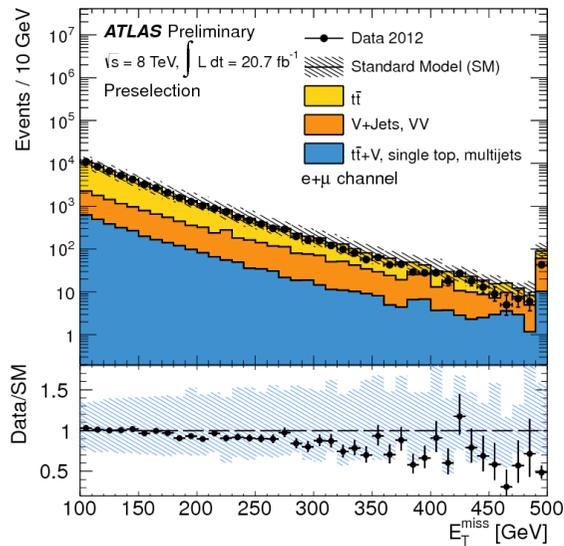


# Supersymmetry - in top sector?

- Solves hierarchy problem, GUT convergence and can add CP violation
- Dark Matter candidates available
- Naturalness motivations can be interpreted to favor light stop
  - $t\bar{t}$ +MET,  $t\bar{t}$ +X+MET signatures



# Example stop search in $l+jets+MET$



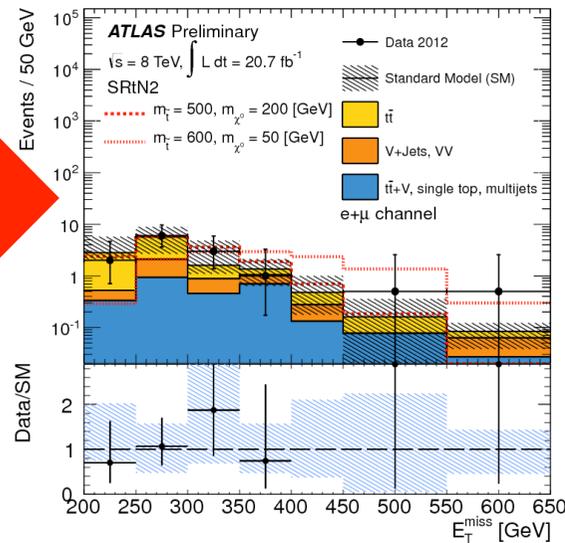
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requires detailed understanding of top quark pair production at high missing ET

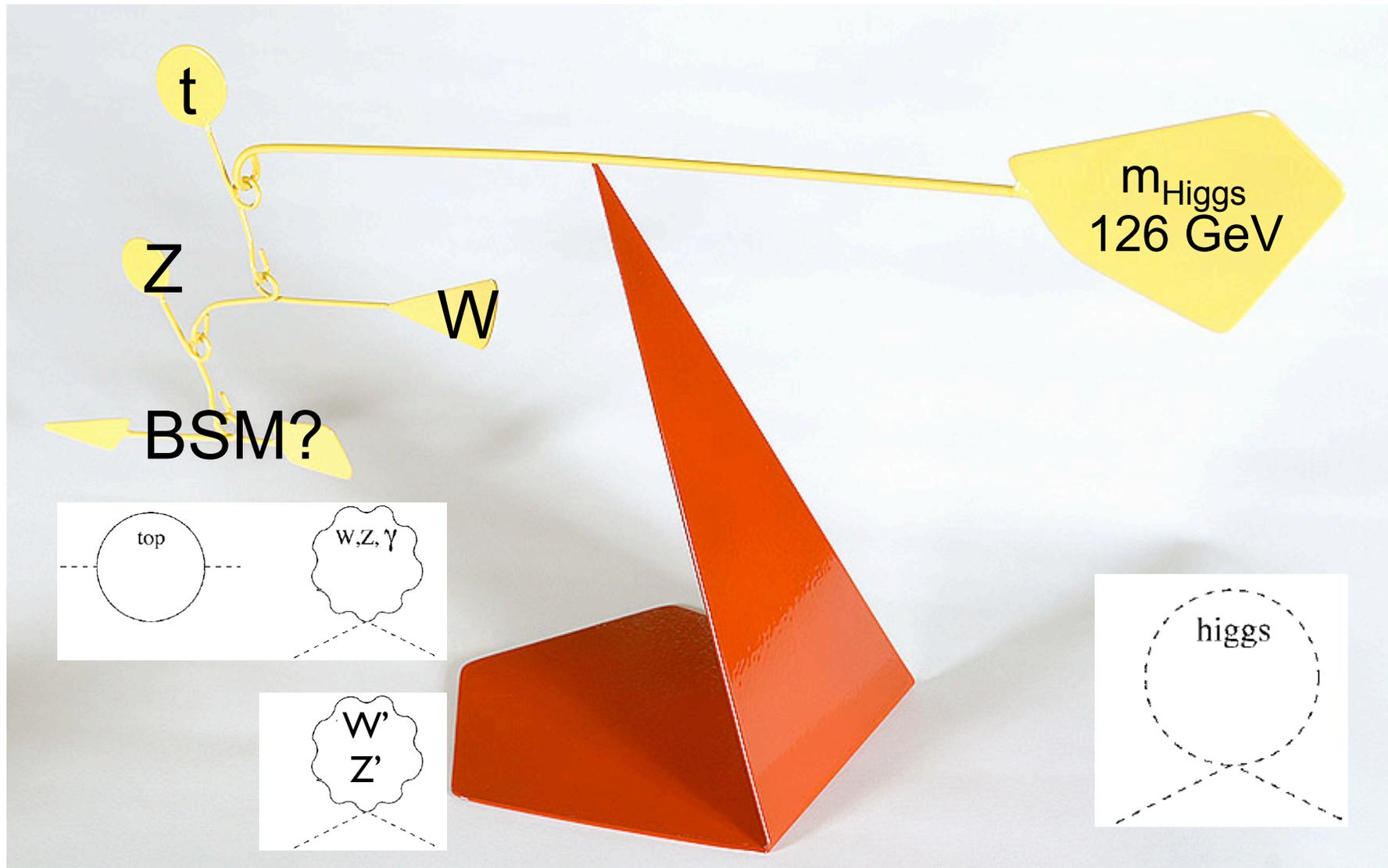
- Analysis works in many signal regions, looking in boxes constrained by number of b-tags, transverse mass, MET, etc
- Sensitivity for stop depends on scenario considered, each region has strengths/weaknesses
- Strong limits on stop mass

- Can exclude direct stop production with masses lower than 600 GeV (with some caveats on neutralino mass, etc)

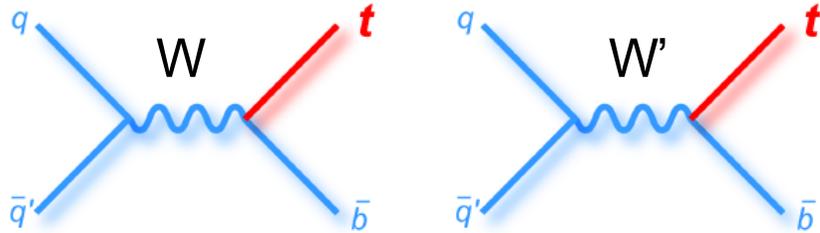
One signal region



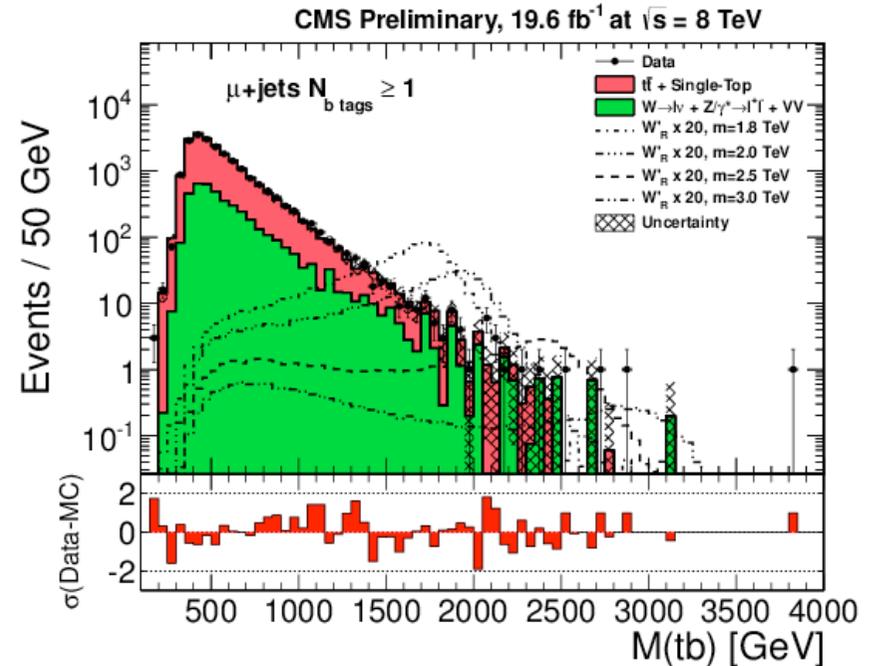
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# W' to tb



- analogue to single top s-channel production
- Leptonic top decay:
  - Final state of lepton+MET+2 b jets
- Mass reconstruction also used in SM top physics, using W boson mass to constrain MET
  - With additional top mass constraint

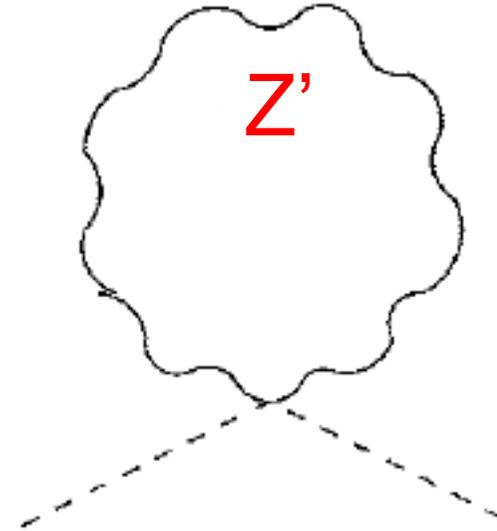
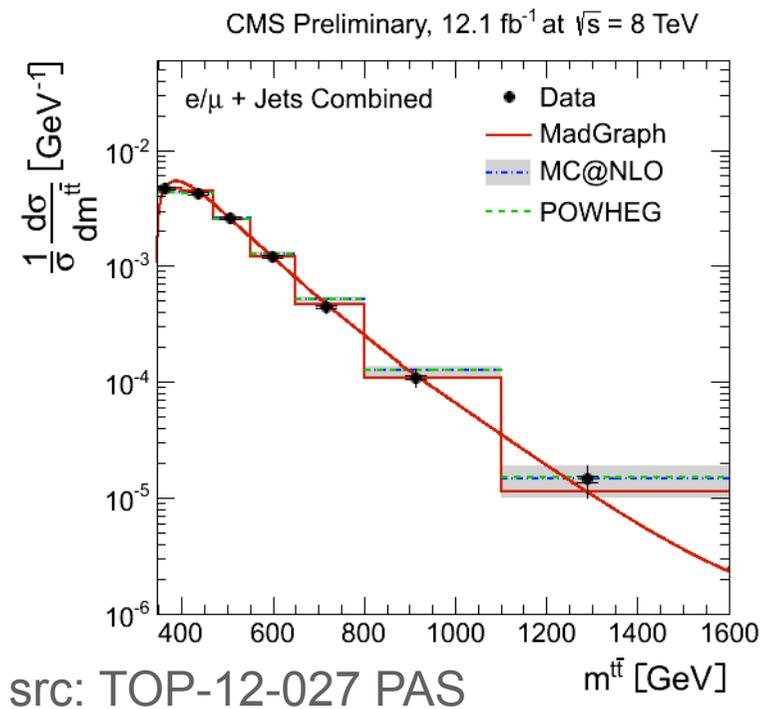


- Interpret in left and right handed W' scenarios

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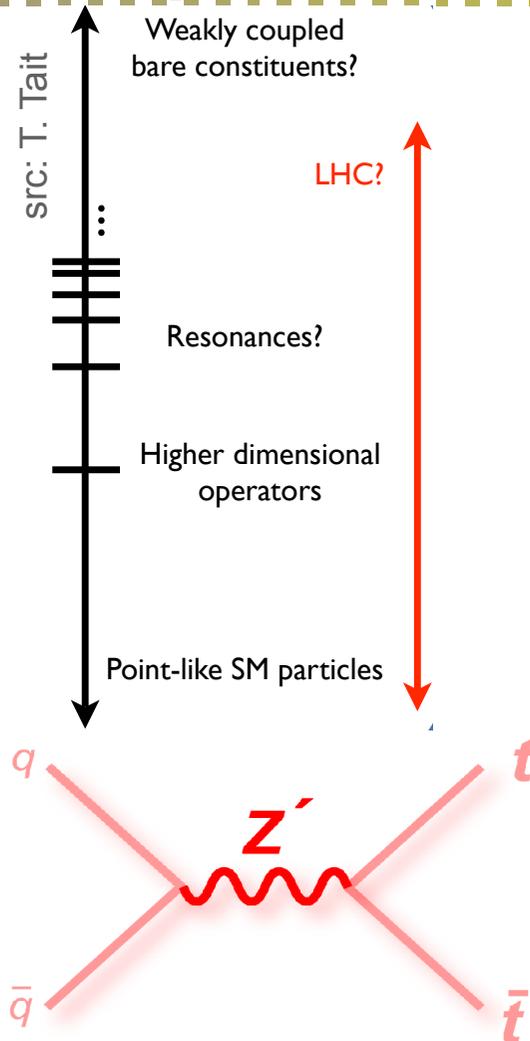
# Investigating $t\bar{t}$ invariant mass distribution

- Differential cross sections now available for 8 TeV sub-set
- Searches in tails of distributions ongoing for 8 TeV full sample



- $Z'$  scenarios interwoven with natural EXO solutions and  $A_{FB}^-$  explaining models
- $M_{t\bar{t}}$  distribution sensitive to many new physics scenarios

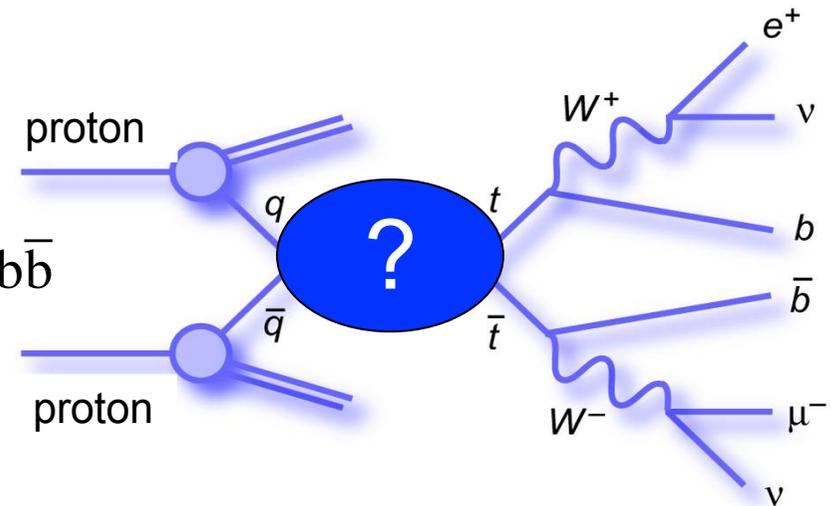
# Top resonances physics motivation



- Many new physics models predict extra exchange of massive particles in top quark production
  - Would be observed in a peaked or general excess/dip in the top-antitop invariant mass spectrum
  - Substantial number of theoretical models
  - $Z'$ , colorons, axiguons, Randall-Sundrum/ADD gravitons, Pseudo-scalar Higgs to  $t\bar{t}$ 
    - And many more
- Searches presented can be interpreted in any of these
  - For general comparison, “Topcolor-assisted technicolor” model: hep-ph/991.1288: Hill, Parke, Harris

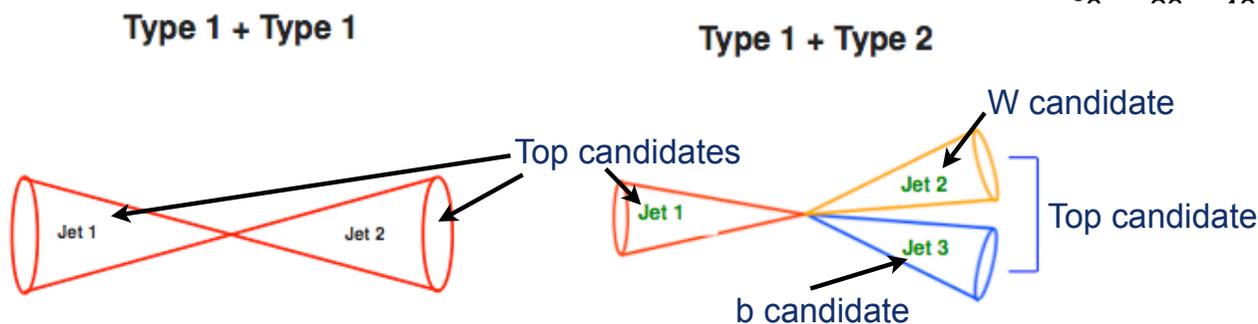
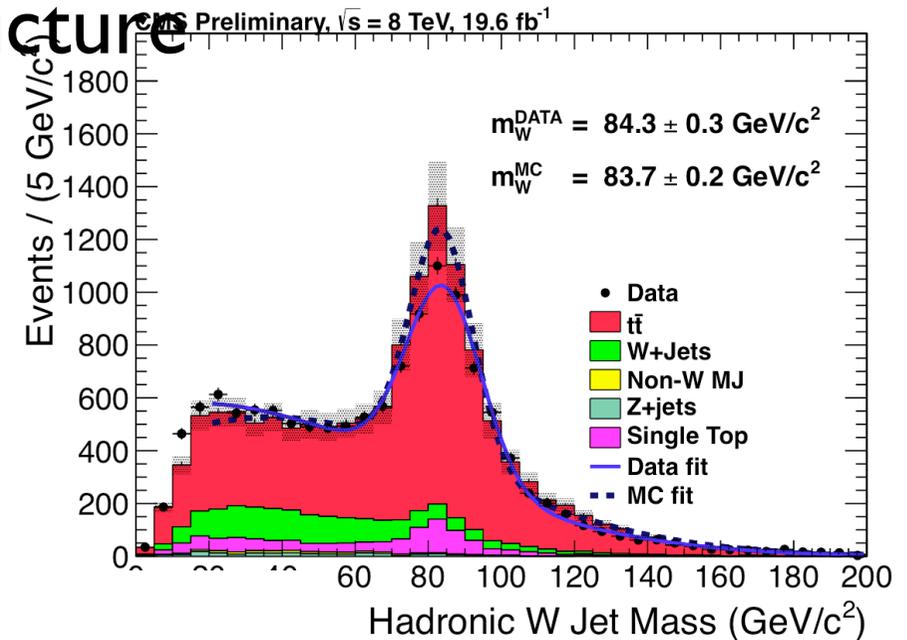
# analysis strategy

- Searches in all available top decay channels
  - Dileptons  $t\bar{t} \rightarrow \ell^- \ell^+ \nu \bar{\nu} b \bar{b}$
  - Semileptonic  $\equiv$  lepton+jets  $t\bar{t} \rightarrow \ell \nu q \bar{q} b \bar{b}$
  - Hadronic  $\equiv$  alljets  $t\bar{t} \rightarrow q \bar{q} q \bar{q} b \bar{b}$
- And in different regimes
  - Close to  $2x(\text{top mass})$  threshold
    - Sensitive to shape of SM  $M(t\bar{t})$  distribution
    - Conventional top physics techniques may be used
  - More boosted
    - Sensitive to more massive  $M(t\bar{t})$  BSM physics
    - Dedicated reconstruction techniques may be necessary



# All hadronic, boosted, 8 TeV

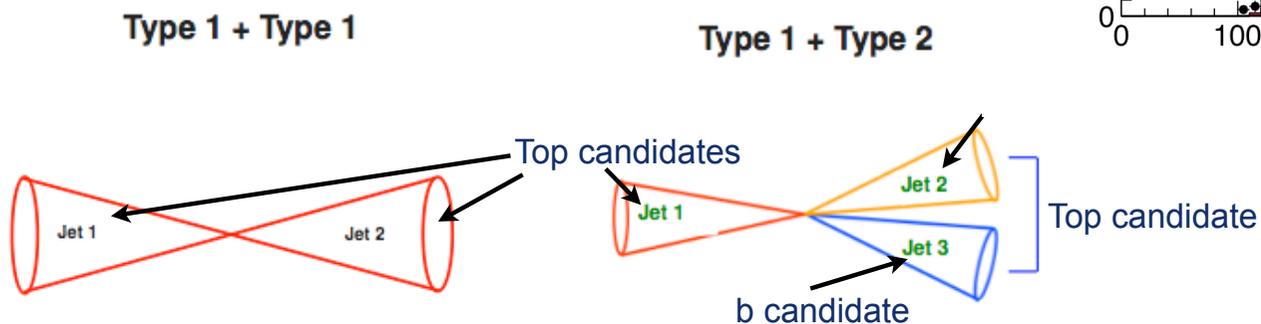
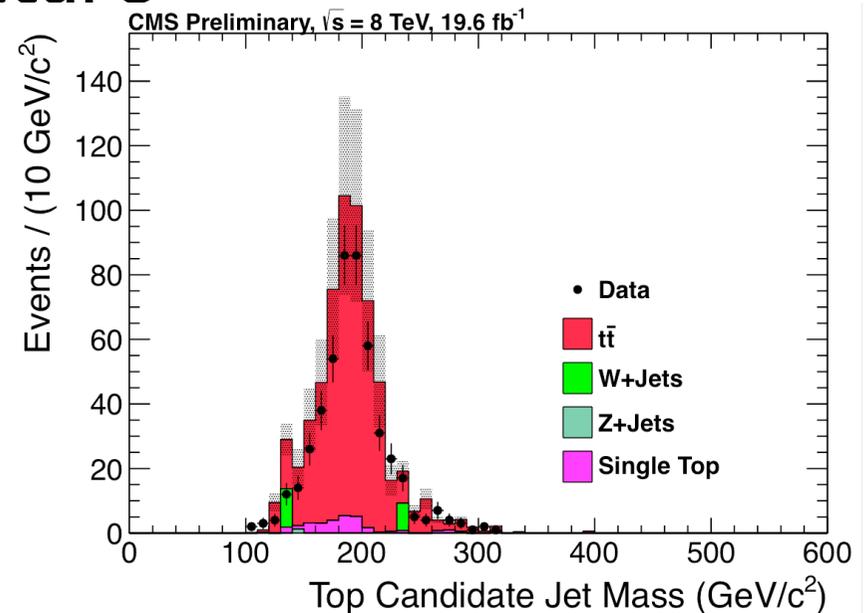
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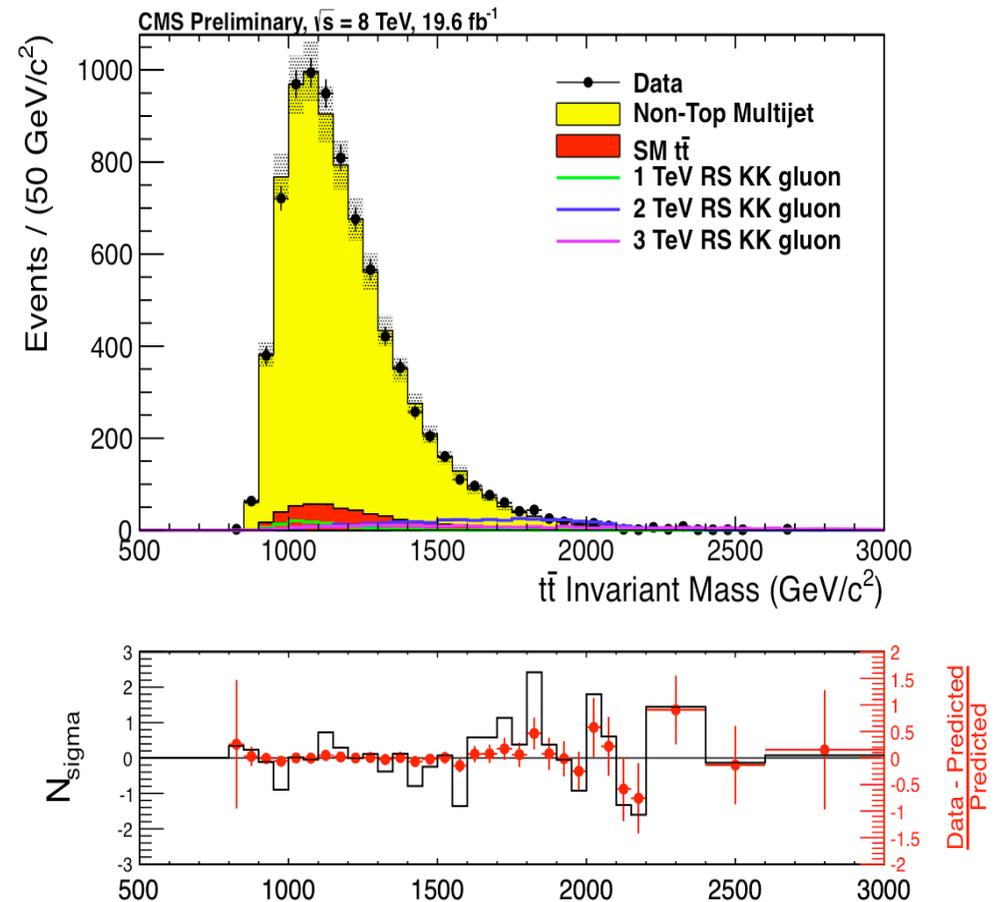
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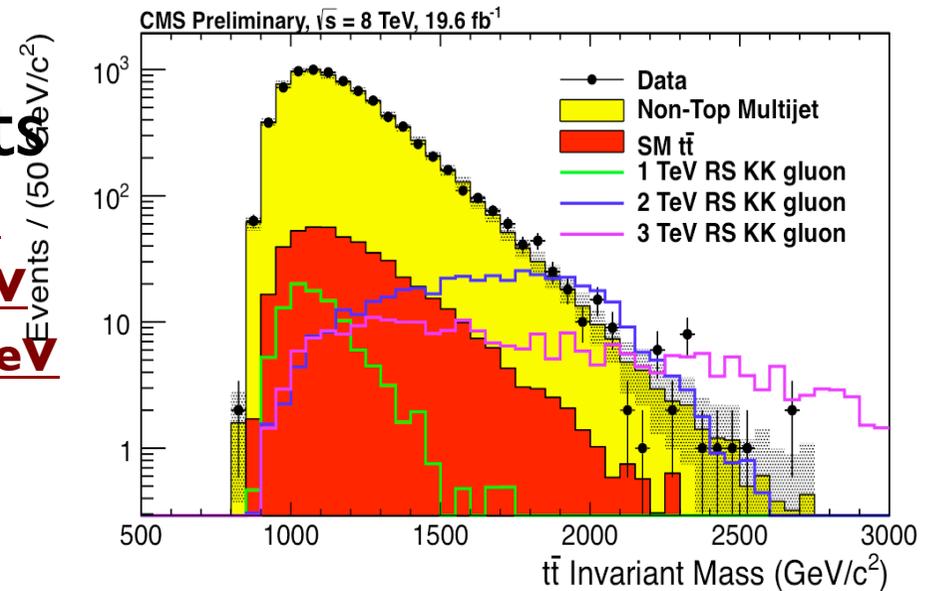
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- Narrow (1.2%) Z' limit:  **$M(Z') > 1.7 \text{ TeV}$**
- Wide (10%) Z' limit:  **$M(Z') > 2.35 \text{ TeV}$**
- RS Kaluza-Klein gravitons:  **$M(KKG) > 1.8 \text{ TeV}$**

- 95% CL upper limits on increased cross section at high mass:

$$\sigma_{\text{NP+SM}} < 1.79 \sigma_{\text{SM}} \text{ for masses above } 1 \text{ TeV}$$

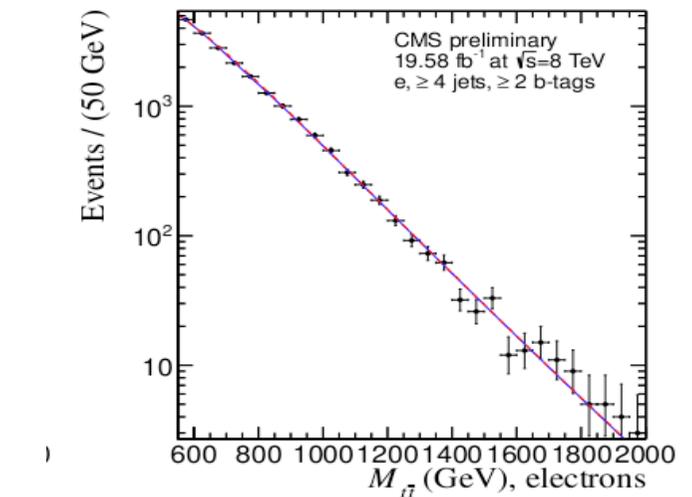
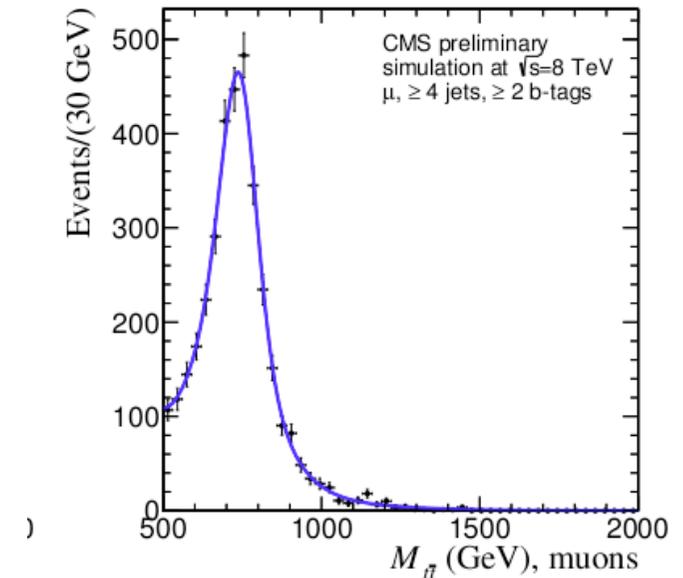
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# Semileptonic, threshold

- Require only one lepton,  $\geq 4$  jets and split in b-tag multiplicity
- $\chi^2$  sorting used to select best jet combination
- Using data-driven estimates for falling distribution of top pair mass spectrum above 500 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- Systematic uncertainties take into account rate and shape changes for signal and background model

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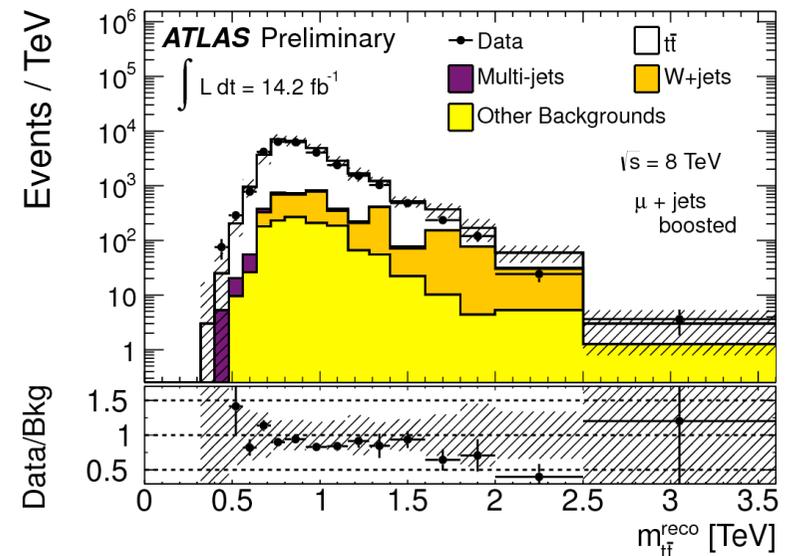
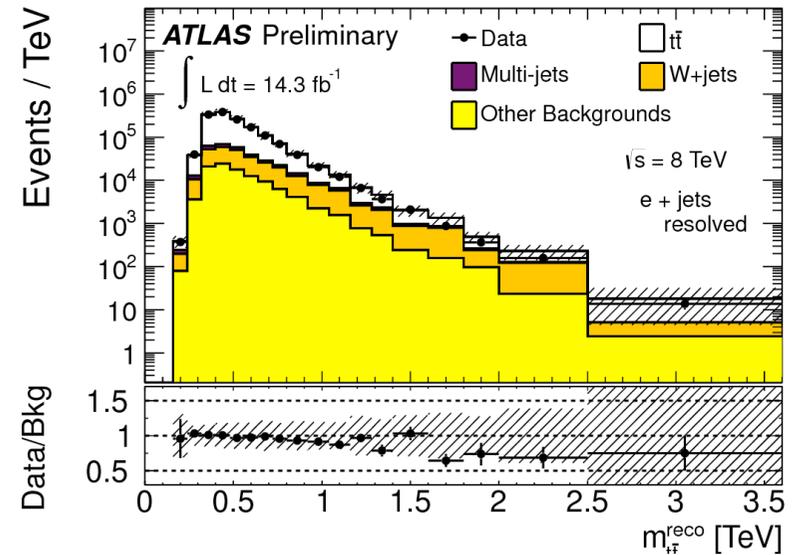


# Semileptonic, boosted

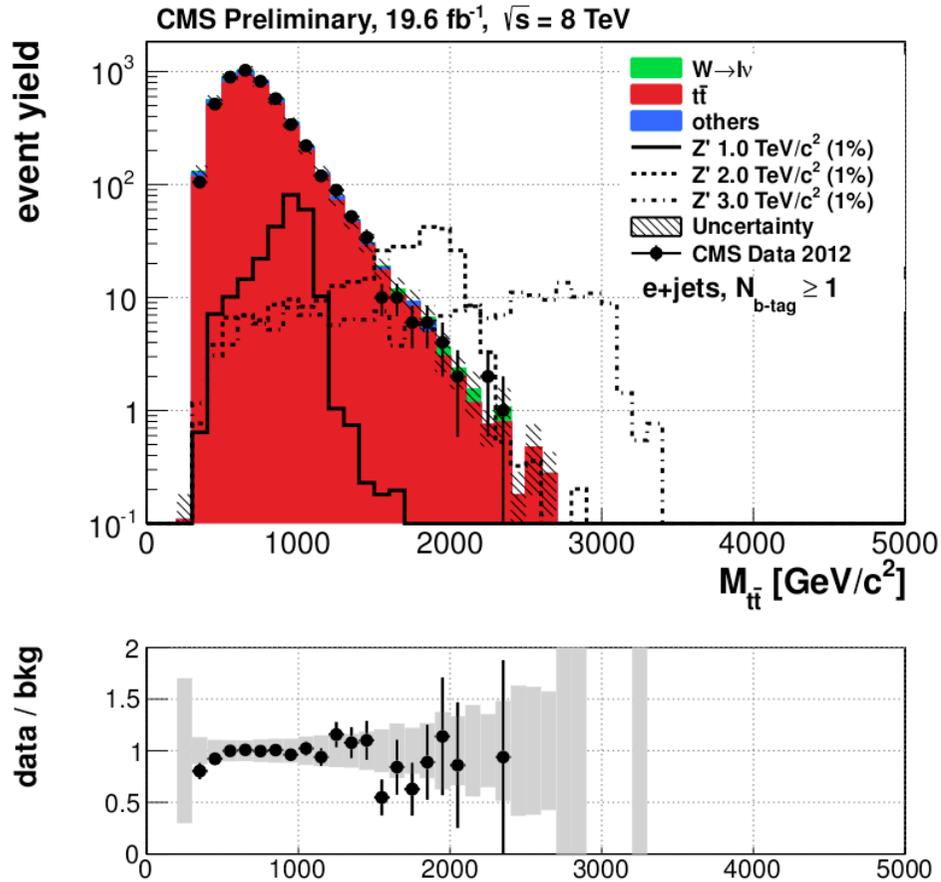
- Resolved topologies
  - use standard lepton+jets selection (lepton, MET, 4 jets, b-tag)
  - with  $\chi^2$  sorting
  - and constraints from top and W boson mass (including pT balance of tops)

- Boosted topologies
  - uses wide jet ( $r=1$ ) as top candidate
    - With selection on substructure to optimise for top quarks
  - other side ‘normal’ ak5 jet, lepton, missing ET

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# Semileptonic, non-isolated

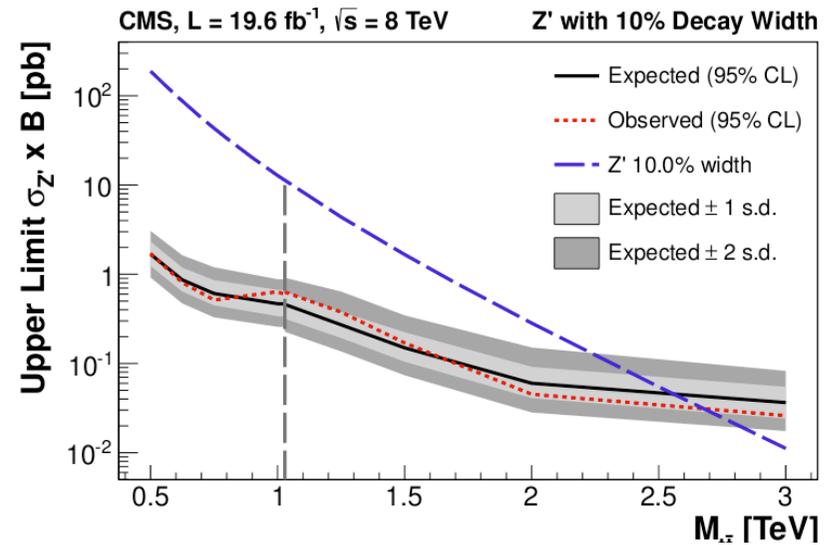


- Multiple scenarios considered

- Worlds best limit on production of resonant  $t\bar{t}$ bar:

- $Z'$  (width 1.2%):  $m > 2.10$  TeV
- $Z'$  (width 10%):  $m > 2.68$  TeV
- KK gluons:  $m > 2.69$  TeV
- Resonances in low-mass region:

excluded with  $x_{\text{sec}} > 1\text{-}2$  pb!!

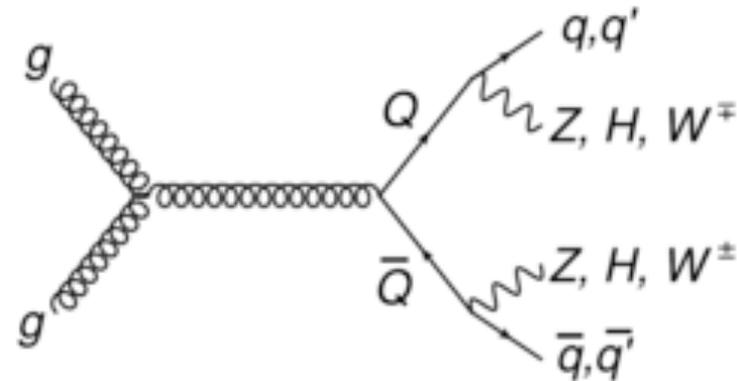


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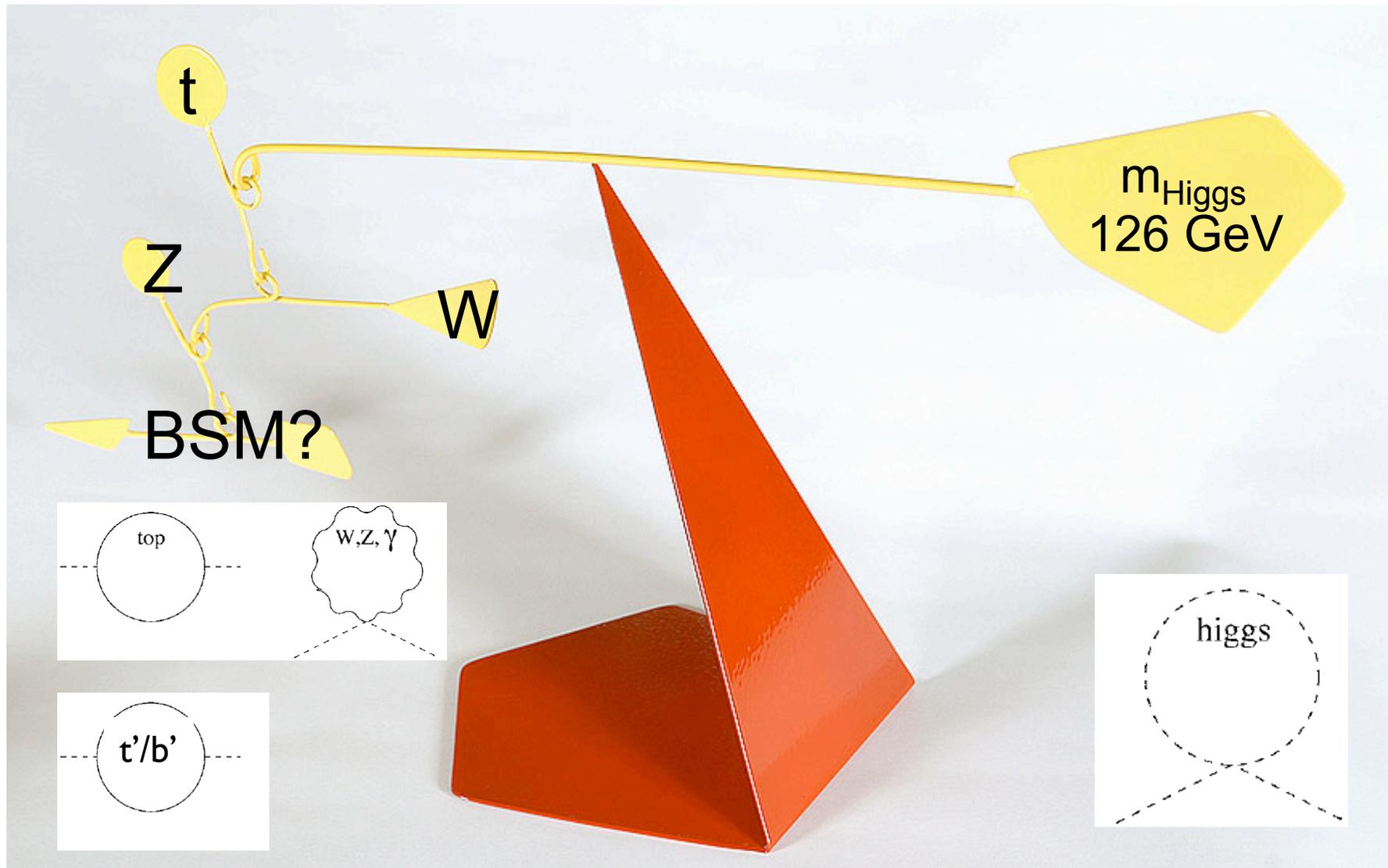
# Vector like quarks intro

- Non- SM fourth generation
  - Can enhance CP violation
  - Heavy neutrino as DM candidate
- Vector-like fermions (non-chiral fermions):
  - Typical: exotic 4<sup>th</sup> generation top/bottom partner
    - 2HDM models
    - Little Higgs models
    - Warped extra dimensions
  - Not excluded by Higgs mass constraints/branching ratios
- Models benchmark for new physics decaying top-like:
  - Extremely rich phenomenology with final states with multiple gauge bosons, b and t quarks:



- Current searches mostly pair production

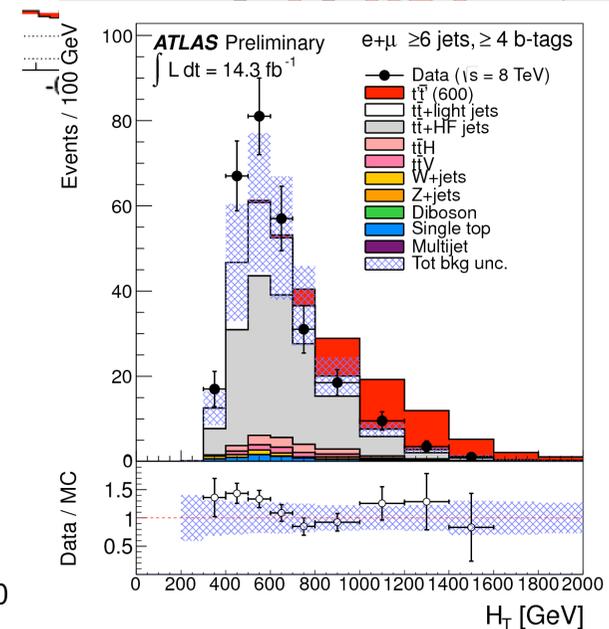
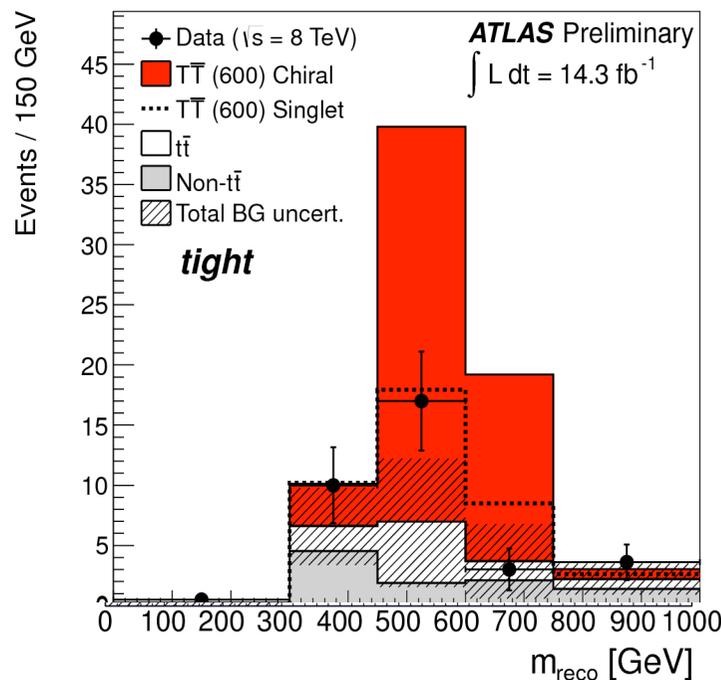
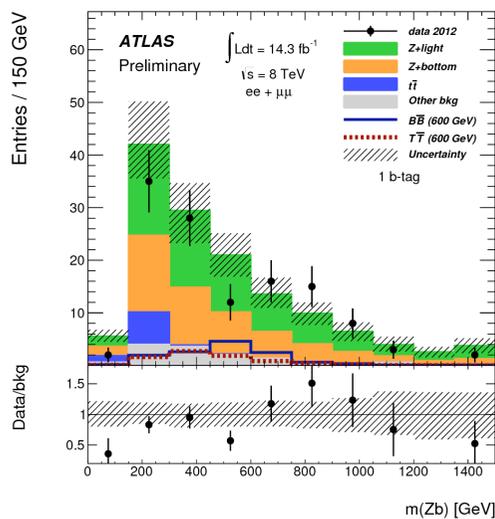
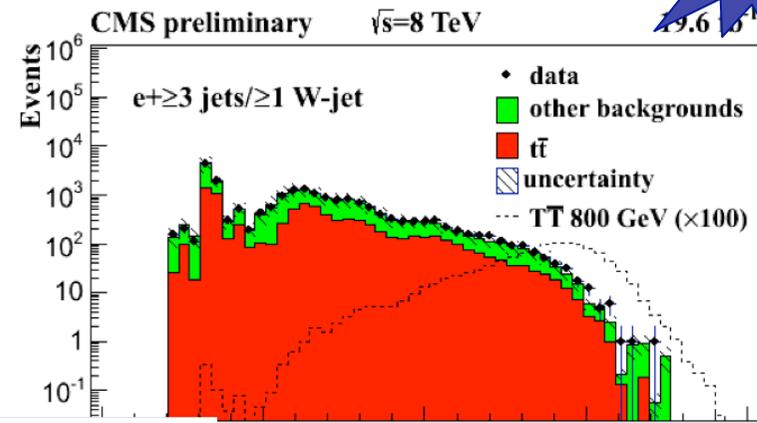
# Little Hierarchy problem, Naturalness



# Vector-like quark partners



- CMS: 1,2,3 lepton channels combined
  - 1-lepton top quark partner analysis includes tagging of hadronic W bosons
- ATLAS: 4 separate channels including Z+b, multileptons and T to bW 1-lepton+jets with high b jet multiplicity (incl W tagging)



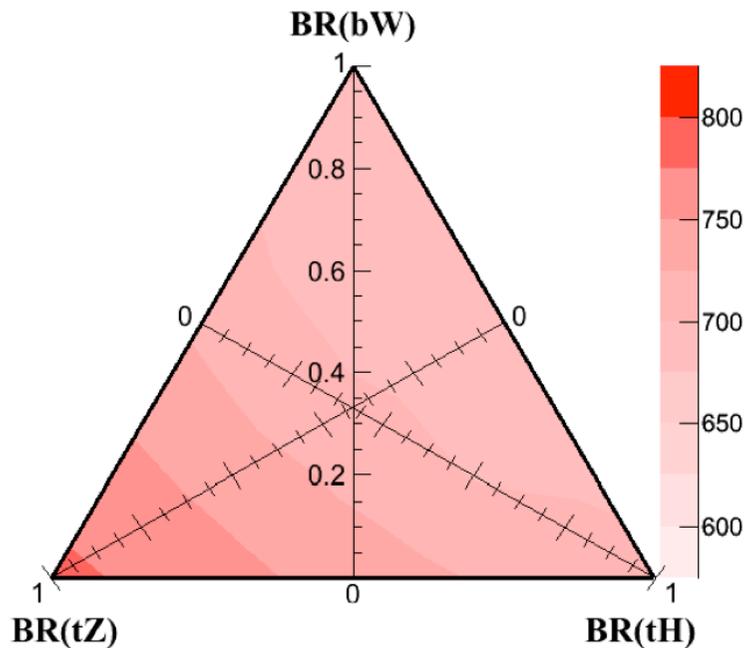
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# Vector-like quark partners

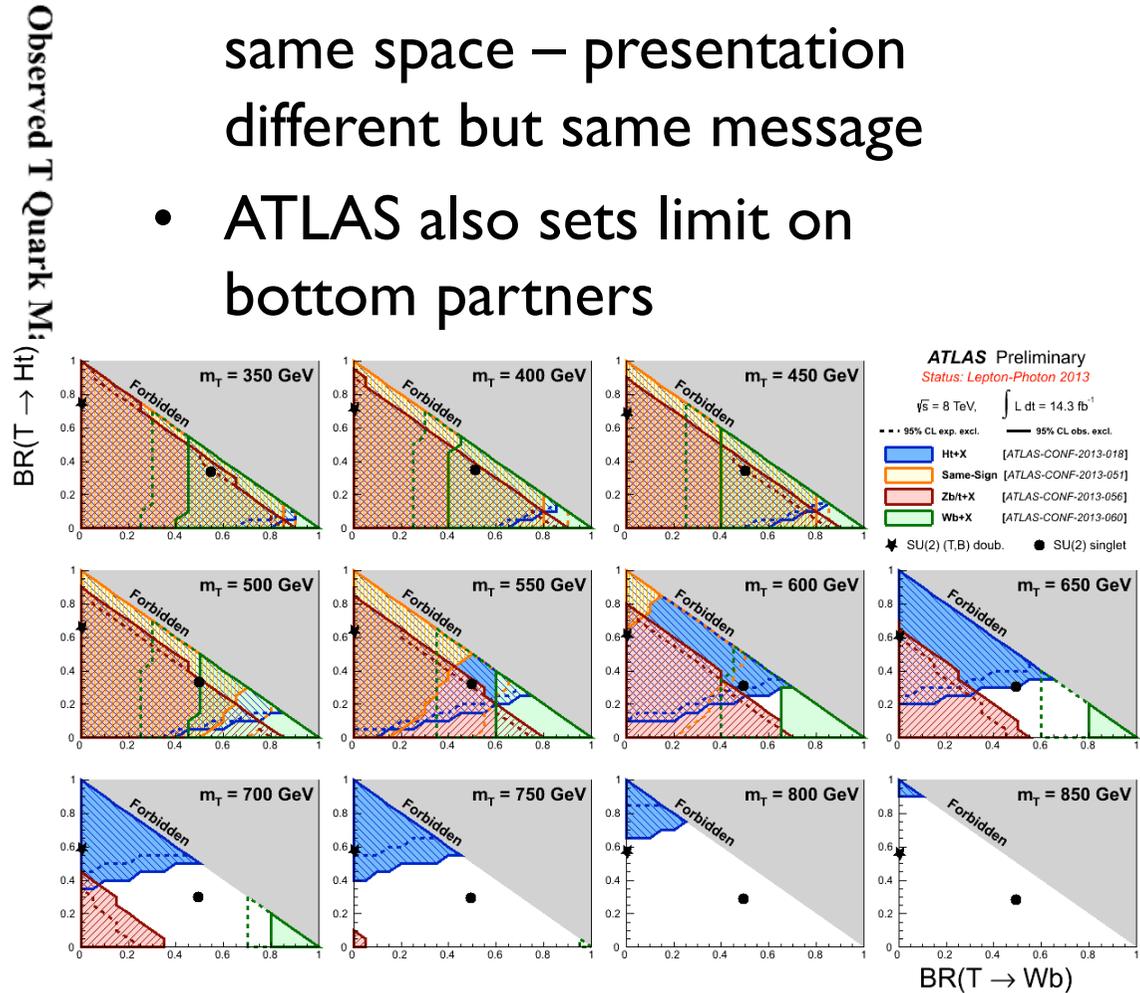


CMS preliminary  $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$   $19.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



For full LHC 8 TeV dataset  
typical 95% CL exclusion for  
masses are 650-800 GeV,  
depending on the decay channel

- CMS and ATLAS set limits in same space – presentation different but same message
- ATLAS also sets limit on bottom partners

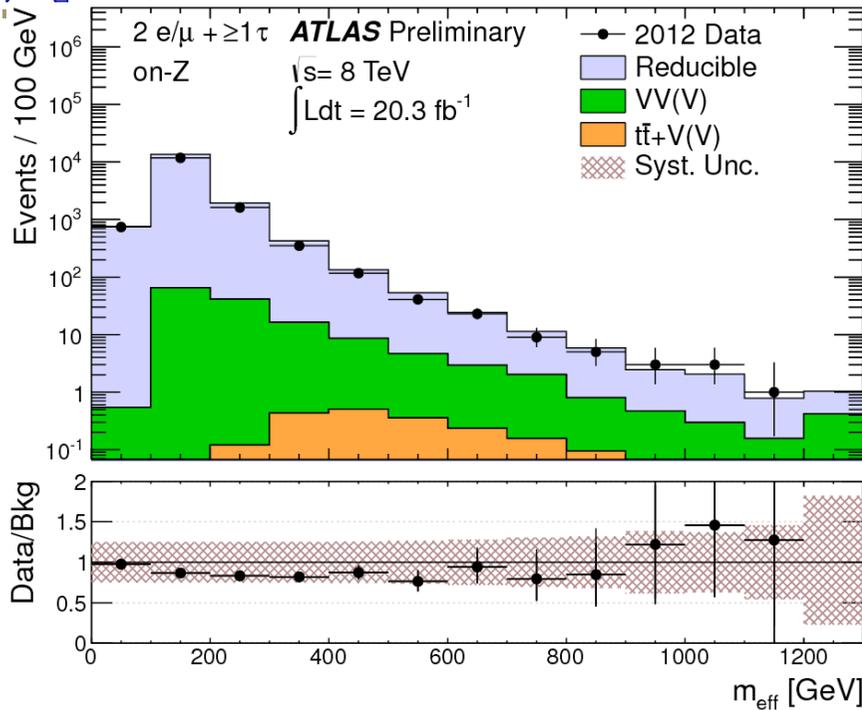


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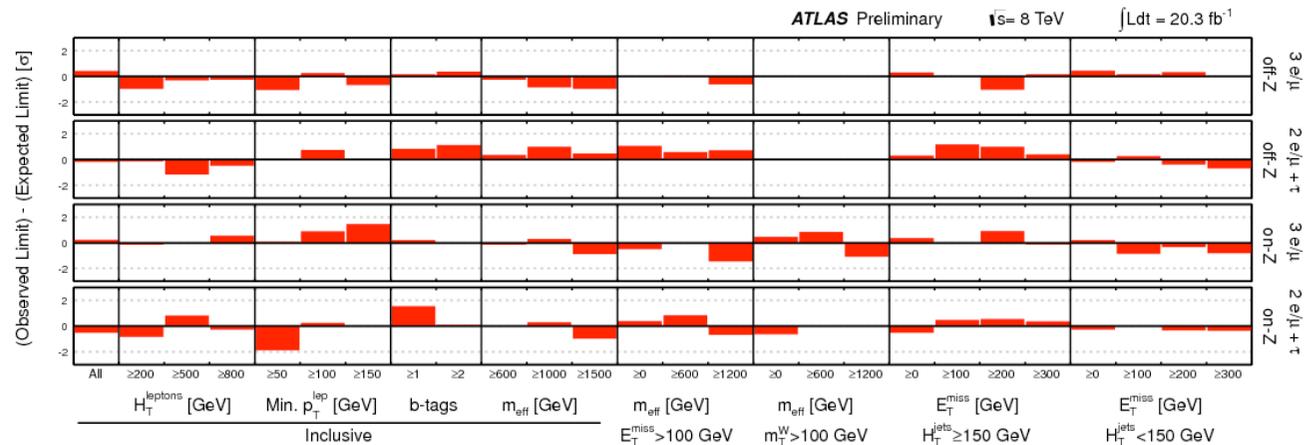


# General search multi-leptons



- Full ATLAS 8 TeV dataset examined in 3-lepton final states
  - On- and off-Z boson regions
  - Maximally one hadronic tau
  - Several kinematic variables examined
  - split by number of b tagged jets
- No excess above SM predictions

Limits on fourth generation, doubly charged Higgs (including Higgs triplets), various exotic neutrino models



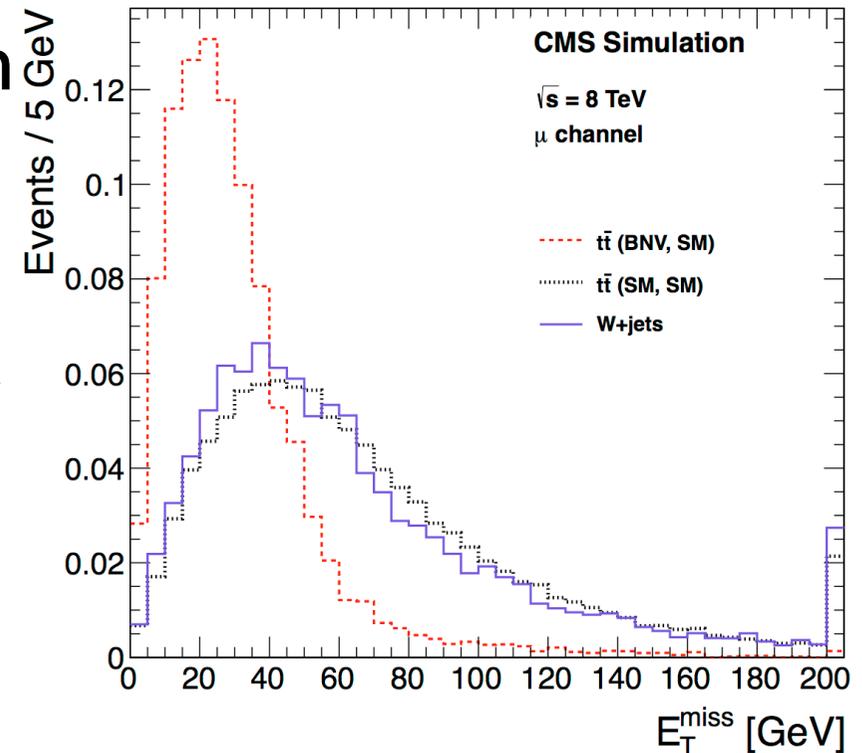
# Baryon Number Conservation

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- Baryon number conserved in Standard Model
  - Small violation possible from non-perturbative effects
- Supersymmetry, Grand Unified Theories and black-hole physics naturally allow Baryon Number violation (**BNV**).
  - stringent limits from precision measurements in nucleon, tau, HF mesons and Z bosons
  - Top decay (small BR) of type  $t$  to  $\mu bc$  not excluded

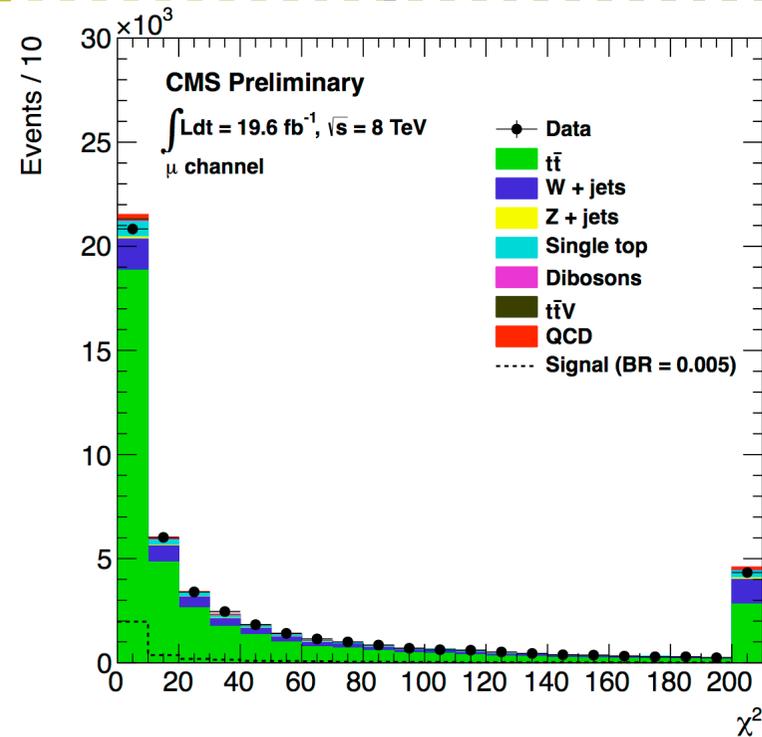
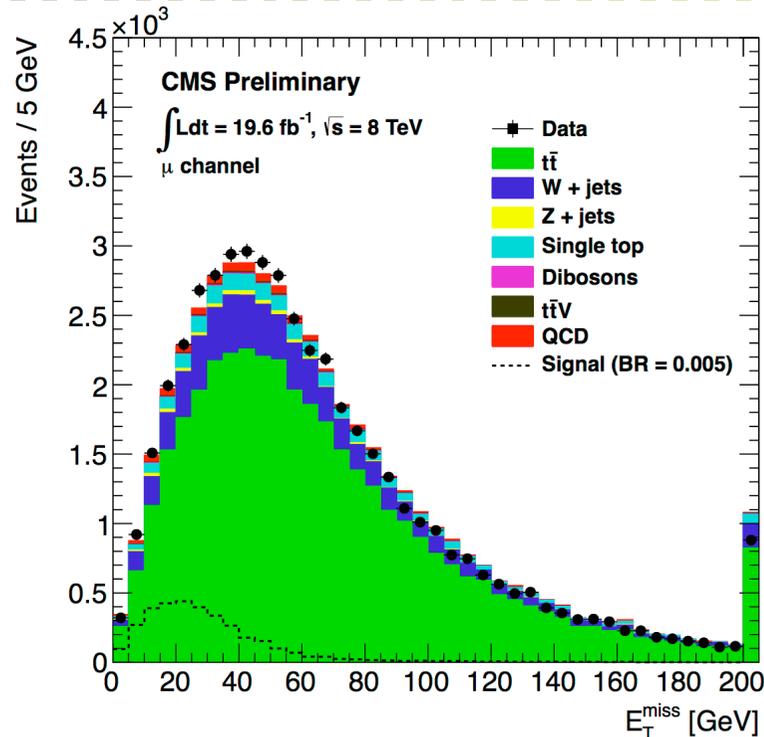
# Search for BNV in tops

- Idea: should be visible as subtle increase of top events in lepton+jets with very low missing transverse energy
- Experimentally extremely challenging regime
  - Lepton
  - 5 jets
  - No MET



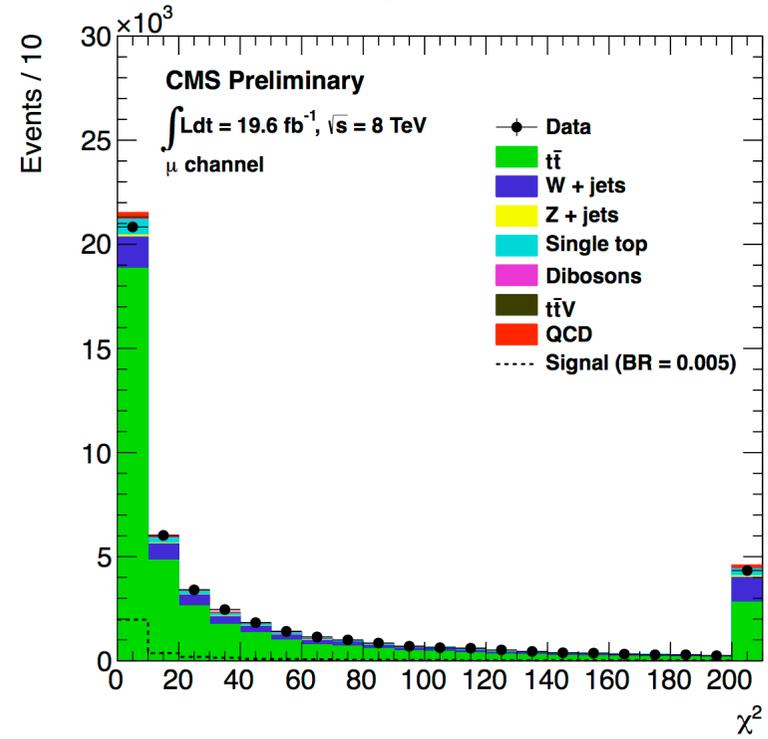
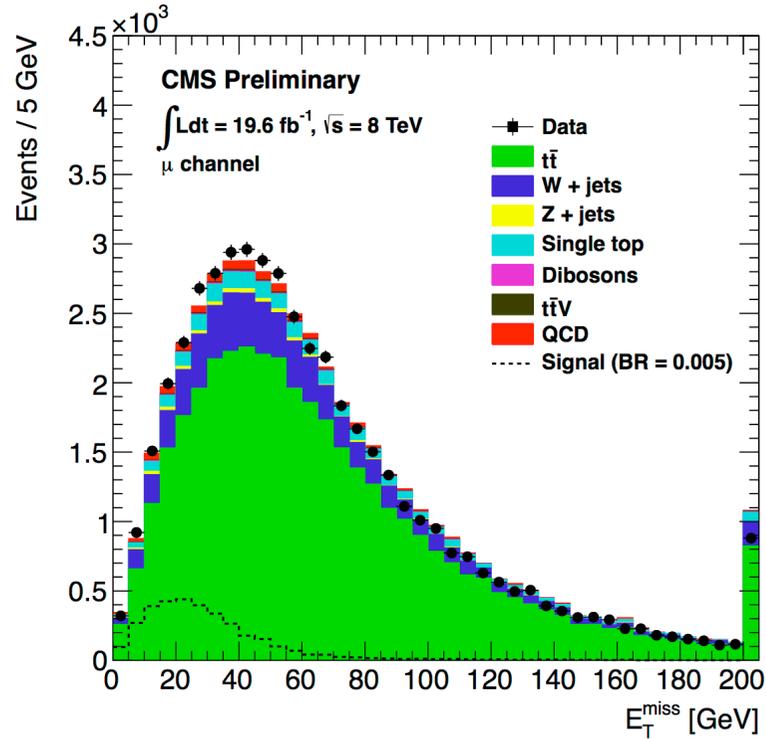
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# Search for BNV tops



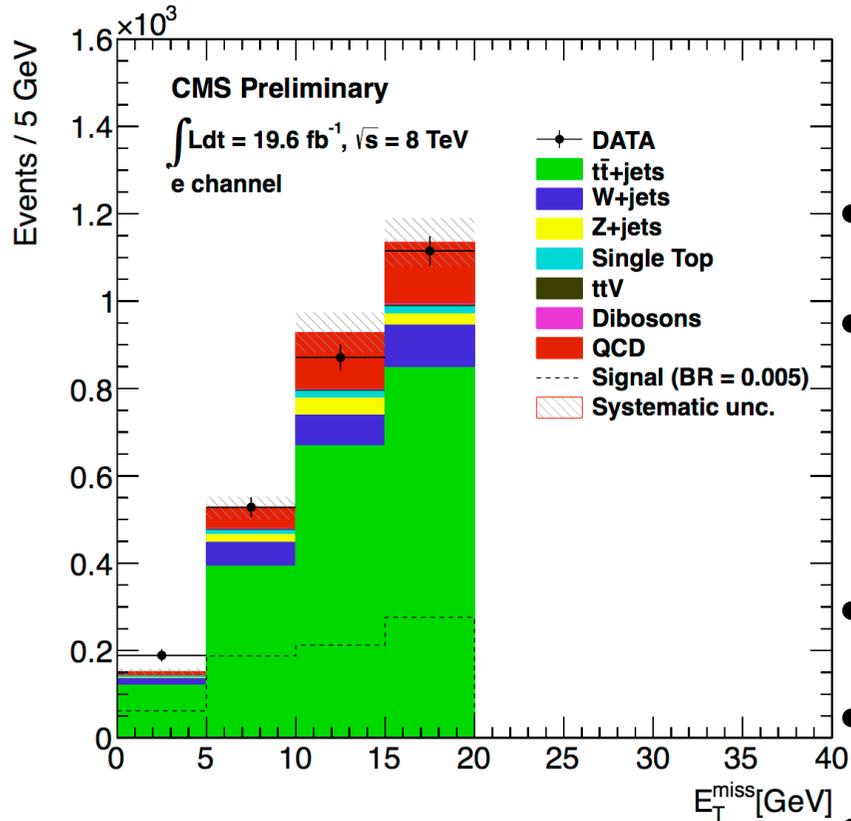
- Construct  $\chi^2$  requirement on hadronic top system and make tight cut on  $\chi^2$  ( $<20$ ) and MET ( $<20$ ) Constrain low MET, low  $\chi^2$  region from bulk
- Fit to BR and selection efficiency instead of event counts

# Search for BNV tops



$$N_{exp}^T = \left( N_{obs}^B - N_{bck}^B \right) \left[ \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\sigma_{tW} \epsilon_{tW}^B(BR)}{\sigma_{t\bar{t}} \epsilon_{t\bar{t}}^B(BR)}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{t\bar{t}}^T(BR)}{\epsilon_{t\bar{t}}^B(BR)} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\sigma_{t\bar{t}} \epsilon_{t\bar{t}}^B(BR)}{\sigma_{tW} \epsilon_{tW}^B(BR)}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{tW}^T(BR)}{\epsilon_{tW}^B(BR)} \right] + N_{bck}^T$$

# Search for BNV tops



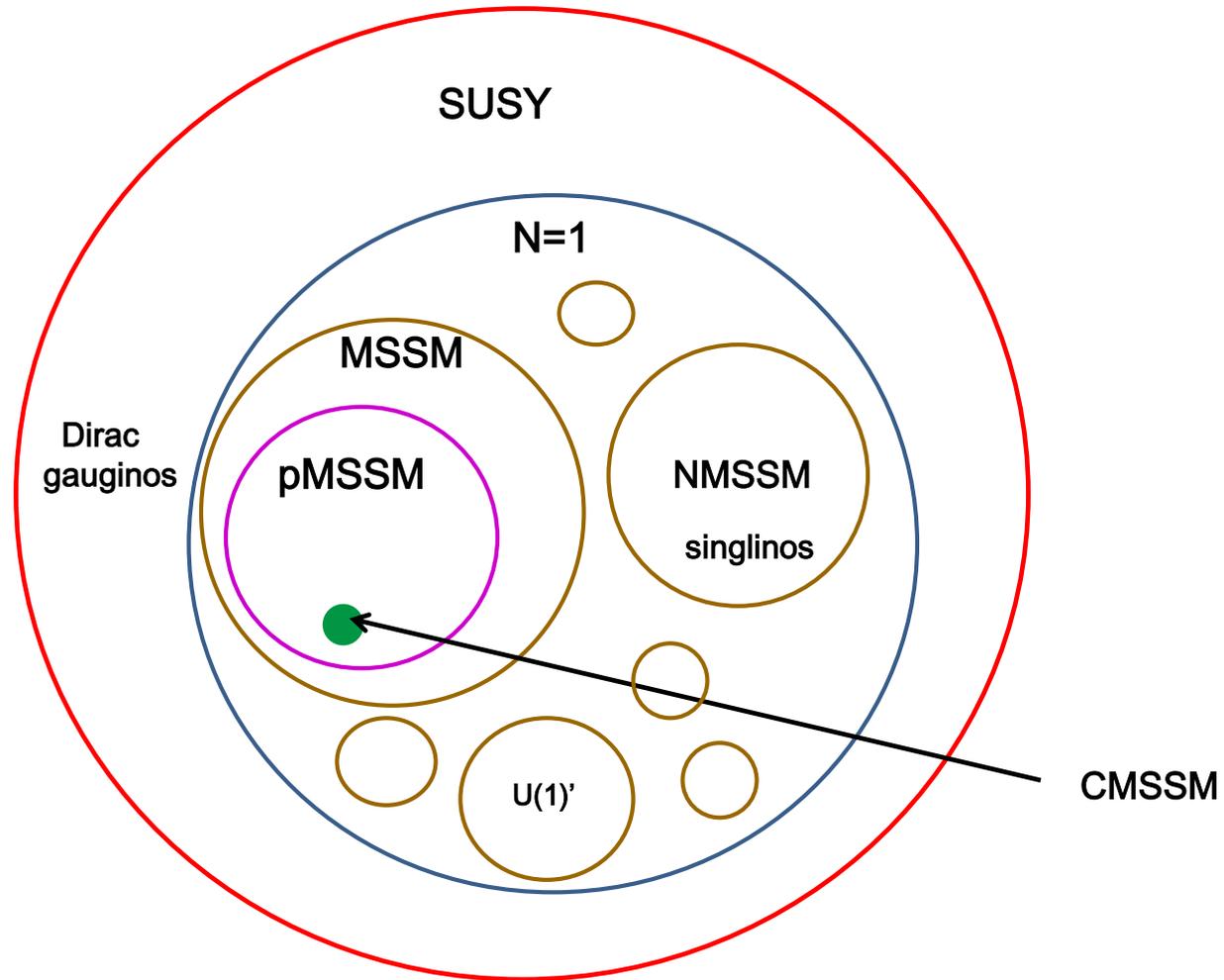
- Modeling of QCD multijet background derived in Z+jets events
- Fit to efficiencies and BR
- Even in challenging e+jets channel decent data-MC agreement
- Limits on in  $\mu$  (e) channels:  
BF < 0.016 (0.017)
- First limit ever on BNV in top sector!

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# End of lecture three – questions?



# MSSM vs SUSY



- $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$  measurement requires full reconstruction of  $t\bar{t}$  system.
- Alternative method based on  $y$  of lepton from leptonic  $W$  decay.

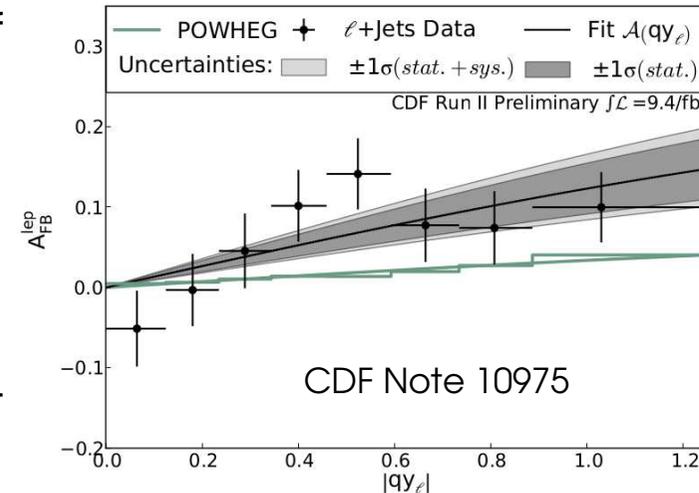
$$A_{FB}^{\ell} = \frac{N(q_{\ell}y_{\ell} > 0) - N(q_{\ell}y_{\ell} < 0)}{N(q_{\ell}y_{\ell} > 0) + N(q_{\ell}y_{\ell} < 0)}$$

- $A_{FB}^{\ell} \approx 0.5 \cdot A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$  if no  $t$  polarization.
- Can also use events with jets out of acceptance (3-jet bin).

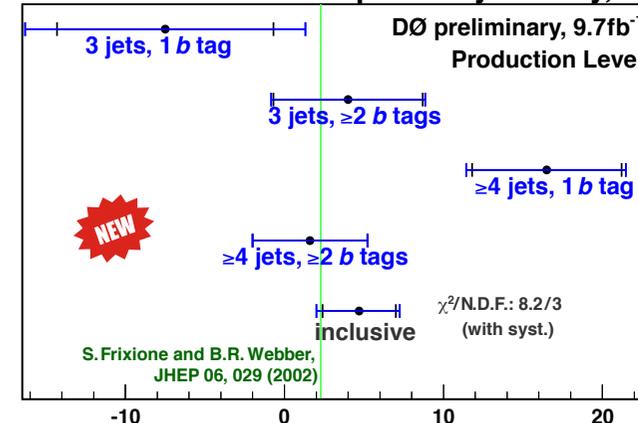
CDF:  $A_{FB}^{\ell} = 0.094_{-0.029}^{+0.032}$

D0:  $A_{FB}^{\ell} = 0.047 \pm 0.023(\text{stat})_{-0.014}^{+0.011}(\text{syst})$

- CDF result approximately  $2\sigma$  above SM prediction.
- D0 measurement consistent with SM (and CDF) within errors.



## Forward-Backward Lepton Asymmetry, %



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# Top Forward-Backward and Charge Asymmetries

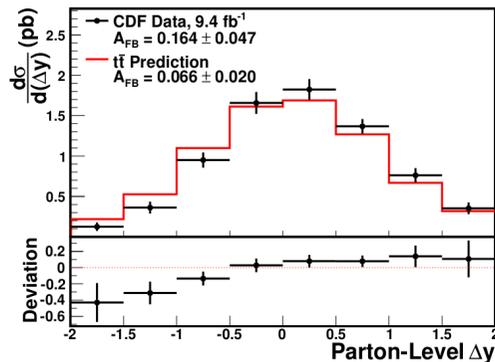
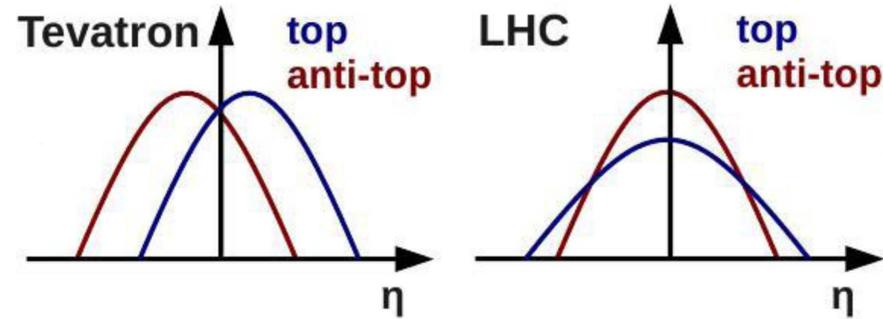
- New physics in top sector can alter angular distributions.
- Study forward-backward and charge asymmetries.

$$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N(\Delta y > 0) - N(\Delta y < 0)}{N(\Delta y > 0) + N(\Delta y < 0)}$$

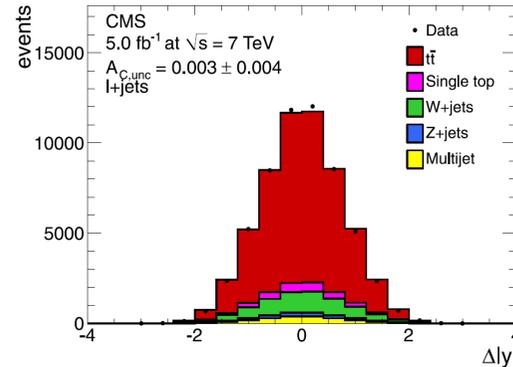
with  $\Delta y = y_t - y_{\bar{t}}$

$$A_C^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N(\Delta|y| > 0) - N(\Delta|y| < 0)}{N(\Delta|y| > 0) + N(\Delta|y| < 0)}$$

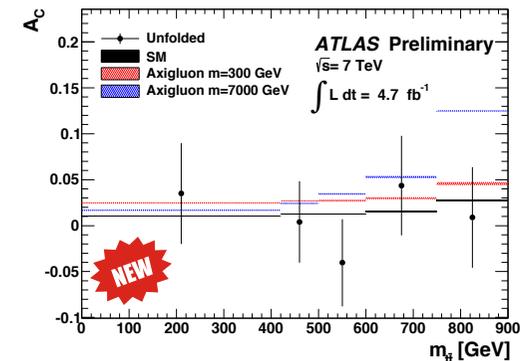
with  $\Delta|y| = |y_t| - |y_{\bar{t}}|$



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- Tevatron  $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$  measurements in tension with SM at  $\sim 2.5\sigma$ .
- LHC  $A_C^{t\bar{t}}$  measurements consistent with SM.