



Top physics and the top mass

Lecture 1/3

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Outline

- Wednesday:
 - Lecture 1: Intro to top physics and its jargon.
 - Historic perspective
 - Experimental aspects
- Thursday:
 - Lecture 2: SM top physics and the top mass
- Friday:
 - Lecture 3: SM and top physics, the portal to physics searches

The building blocks of matter

| | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | <p>mass → $\approx 2.3 \text{ MeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → $2/3$</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>u</p> <p>up</p> | <p>mass → $\approx 1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → $2/3$</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>c</p> <p>charm</p> | <p>mass → $\approx 173.07 \text{ GeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → $2/3$</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>t</p> <p>top</p> | <p>mass → 0</p> <p>charge → 0</p> <p>spin → 1</p> <p>g</p> <p>gluon</p> | <p>mass → $\approx 126 \text{ GeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → 0</p> <p>spin → 0</p> <p>H</p> <p>Higgs boson</p> |
| QUARKS | <p>mass → $\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → $-1/3$</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>d</p> <p>down</p> | <p>mass → $\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → $-1/3$</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>s</p> <p>strange</p> | <p>mass → $\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → $-1/3$</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>b</p> <p>bottom</p> | <p>mass → 0</p> <p>charge → 0</p> <p>spin → 1</p> <p>γ</p> <p>photon</p> | |
| | <p>mass → $0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → -1</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>e</p> <p>electron</p> | <p>mass → $105.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → -1</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>μ</p> <p>muon</p> | <p>mass → $1.777 \text{ GeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → -1</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>τ</p> <p>tau</p> | <p>mass → $91.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → 0</p> <p>spin → 1</p> <p>Z</p> <p>Z boson</p> | |
| LEPTONS | <p>mass → $< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → 0</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>ν_e</p> <p>electron neutrino</p> | <p>mass → $< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → 0</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>ν_μ</p> <p>muon neutrino</p> | <p>mass → $< 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → 0</p> <p>spin → $1/2$</p> <p>ν_τ</p> <p>tau neutrino</p> | <p>mass → $80.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$</p> <p>charge → ± 1</p> <p>spin → 1</p> <p>W</p> <p>W boson</p> | GAUGE BOSONS |

The building blocks of matter

| LEPTONS | | | |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Charge | | | |
| 0 | Electron neutrino Mass: >0 | Muon neutrino Mass: >0 | Tau neutrino Mass: >0 |
| 1 | Electron Mass: 0.511 | Muon Mass: 105.7 | Tau Mass: 1,777 |
| QUARKS | | | |
| Charge | | | |
| 2/3 | Up Mass: 5 | Charm Mass: 1,500 | Top Mass: 175,000 |
| -1/3 | Down Mass: 8 | Strange Mass: 160 | Bottom Mass: 4,250 |

Lepton and quark sizes represent proportional mass

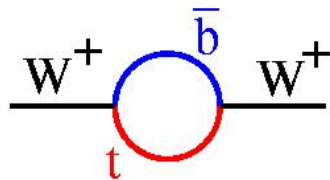
Top quark is heavy!!!

Masses are in millions of Electron Volts [MeV/c²]



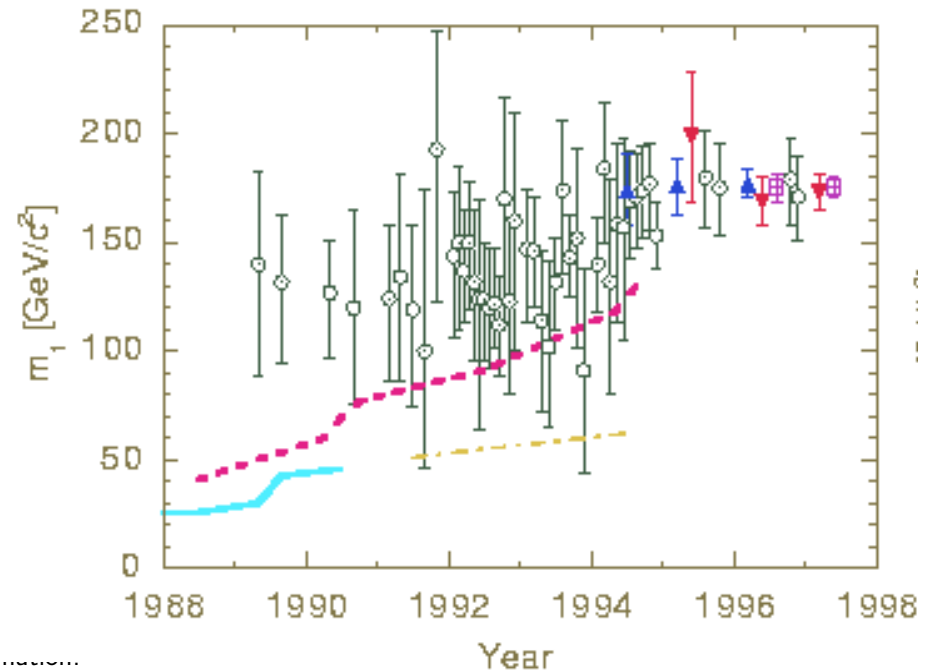
History of the top quark

- 1989: Indirect constraints on top from precision measurements at LEP



- 1995: Observation of Top-quark at the Tevatron collider at Fermilab

- Historic perspective indirect -> direct measurements -> precision

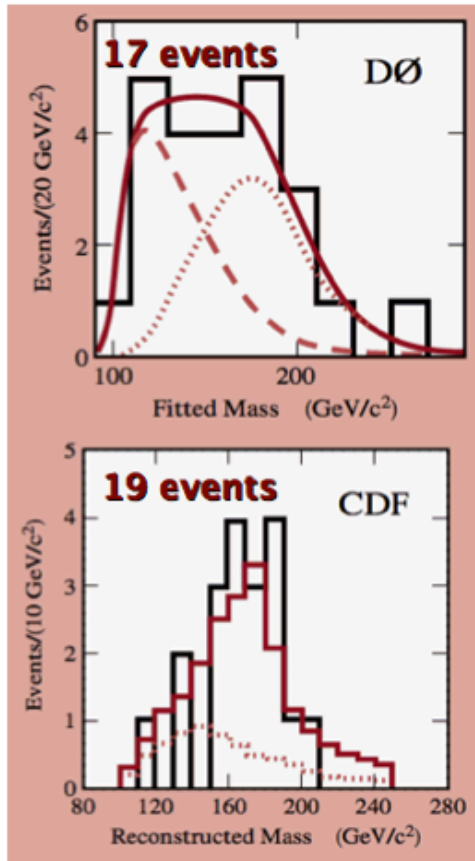


| VALUE (GeV) | DOCUMENT ID | TECN | COMMENT |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|--|
| 173.07 ± 0.52 ± 0.72 | OUR EVALUATION | | See comments in the header above. |
| 174.5 ± 0.6 ± 2.3 | 1 AAD | 12I ATLS | $\ell + \cancel{E}_T + \geq 4$ jets (≥ 1 b), MT |
| 172.85 ± 0.71 ± 0.85 | 2 AALTONEN | 12AI CDF | $\ell + \cancel{E}_T + \geq 4j$ (0,1,2 b) template |
| 172.7 ± 9.3 ± 3.7 | 3 AALTONEN | 12AL CDF | $\tau_h + \cancel{E}_T + 4j$ ($\geq 1b$) |
| 172.5 ± 1.4 ± 1.5 | 4 AALTONEN | 12G CDF | 6-8 jets with ≥ 1 b |
| 173.9 ± 1.9 ± 1.6 | 5 ABZOV | 12AB D0 | $\ell\ell + \cancel{E}_T + \geq 2j$ (ν WT+MWT) |
| 172.5 ± 0.4 ± 1.5 | 6 CHATRCHYAN | 12BA CMS | $\ell\ell + \cancel{E}_T + \geq 2j$ ($\geq 1b$), AMWT |
| 173.49 ± 0.43 ± 0.98 | 7 CHATRCHYAN | 12BP CMS | $\ell + \cancel{E}_T + \geq 4j$ ($\geq 2b$) |
| 172.3 ± 2.4 ± 1.0 | 8 AALTONEN | 11AK CDF | $\cancel{E}_T + \geq 4$ jets (≥ 1 b -tag) |
| 172.1 ± 1.1 ± 0.9 | 9 AALTONEN | 11E CDF | $\ell +$ jets and dilepton |
| 174.94 ± 0.83 ± 1.24 | 10 ABZOV | 11P D0 | $\ell + \cancel{E}_T + 4$ jets (≥ 1 b -tag) |
| 173.0 ± 1.2 | 11 AALTONEN | 10AE CDF | $\ell + \cancel{E}_T + 4$ jets (≥ 1 b -tag), ME method |
| 170.7 ± 6.3 ± 2.6 | 12 AALTONEN | 10D CDF | $\ell + \cancel{E}_T + 4$ jets (b -tag) |

History of the top quark

discovery

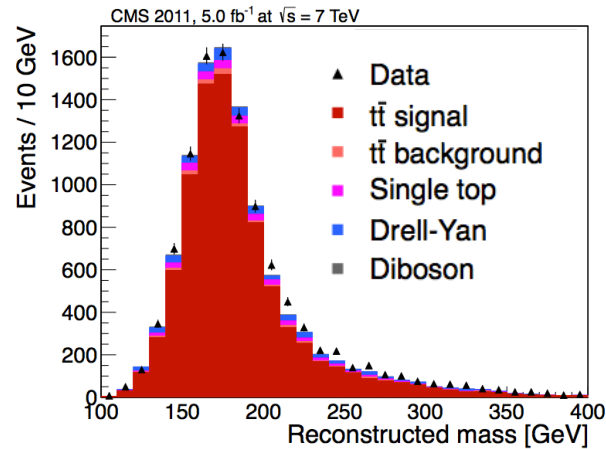
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1995, CDF and DØ experiments, Fermilab

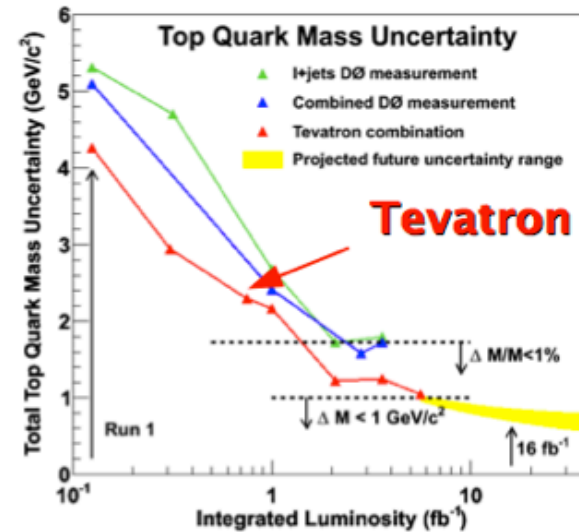
today

10000s of events



LHC: top quark factory

precision

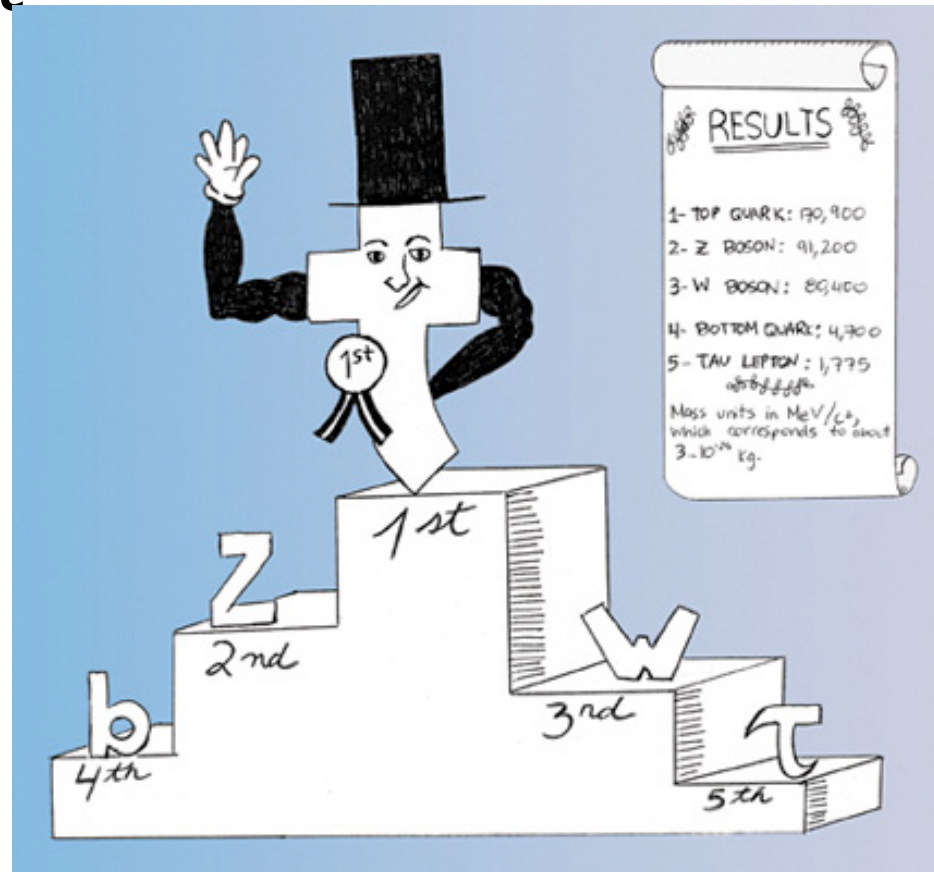


searches



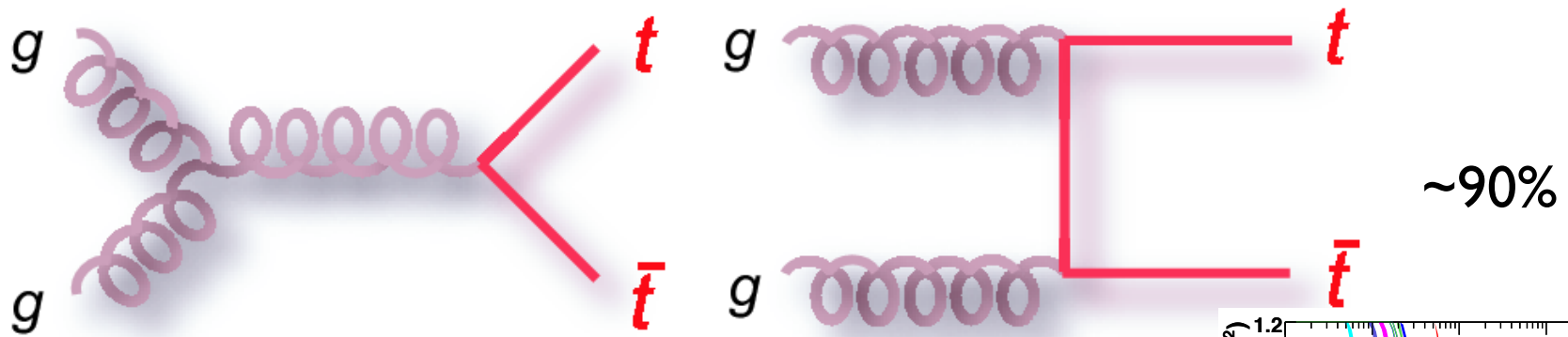
Top quark – special?

- Many models predict that top is special in order to explain large mass
- Or top quark has special role because of its large mass
 - some more in lecture 3



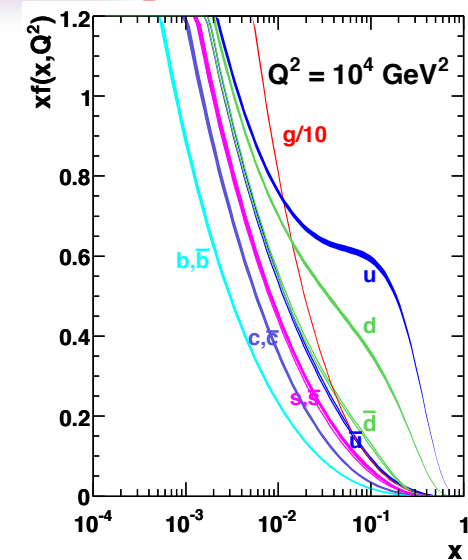
Top pair production at hadron colliders

- Pair production in 8 TeV pp collisions:



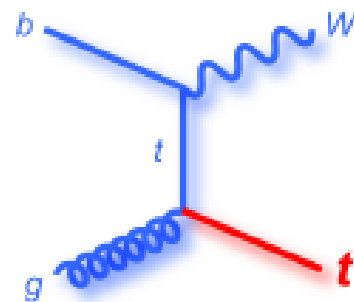
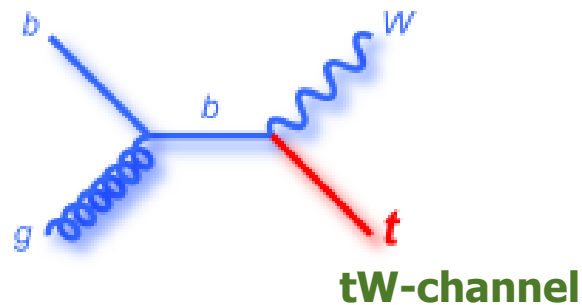
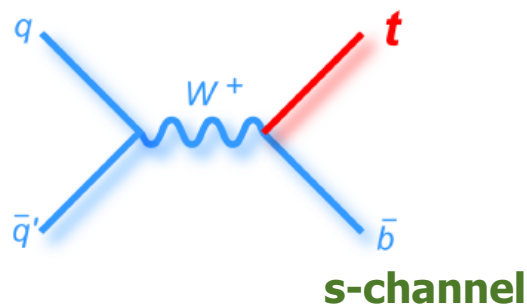
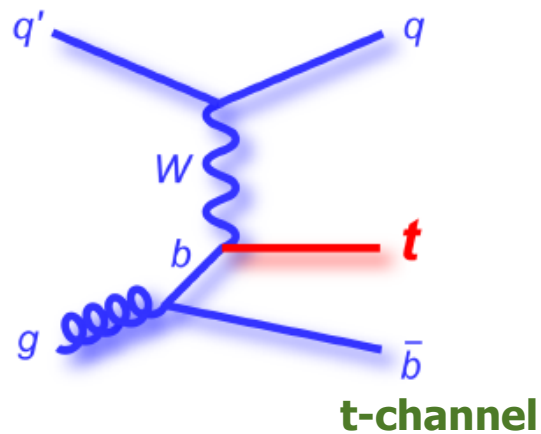
~90%

~10%



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Single Top production

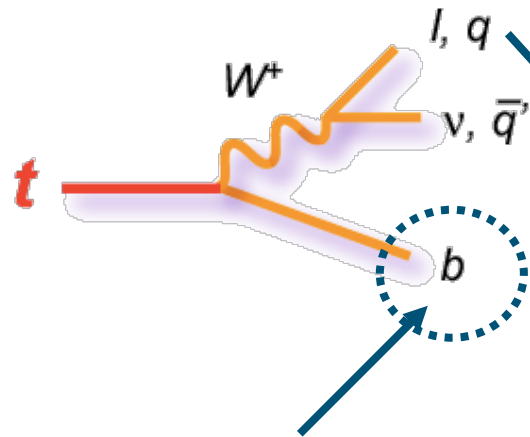


- Electroweak production of top quarks

- Dominant channels at LHC @ 8 TeV:

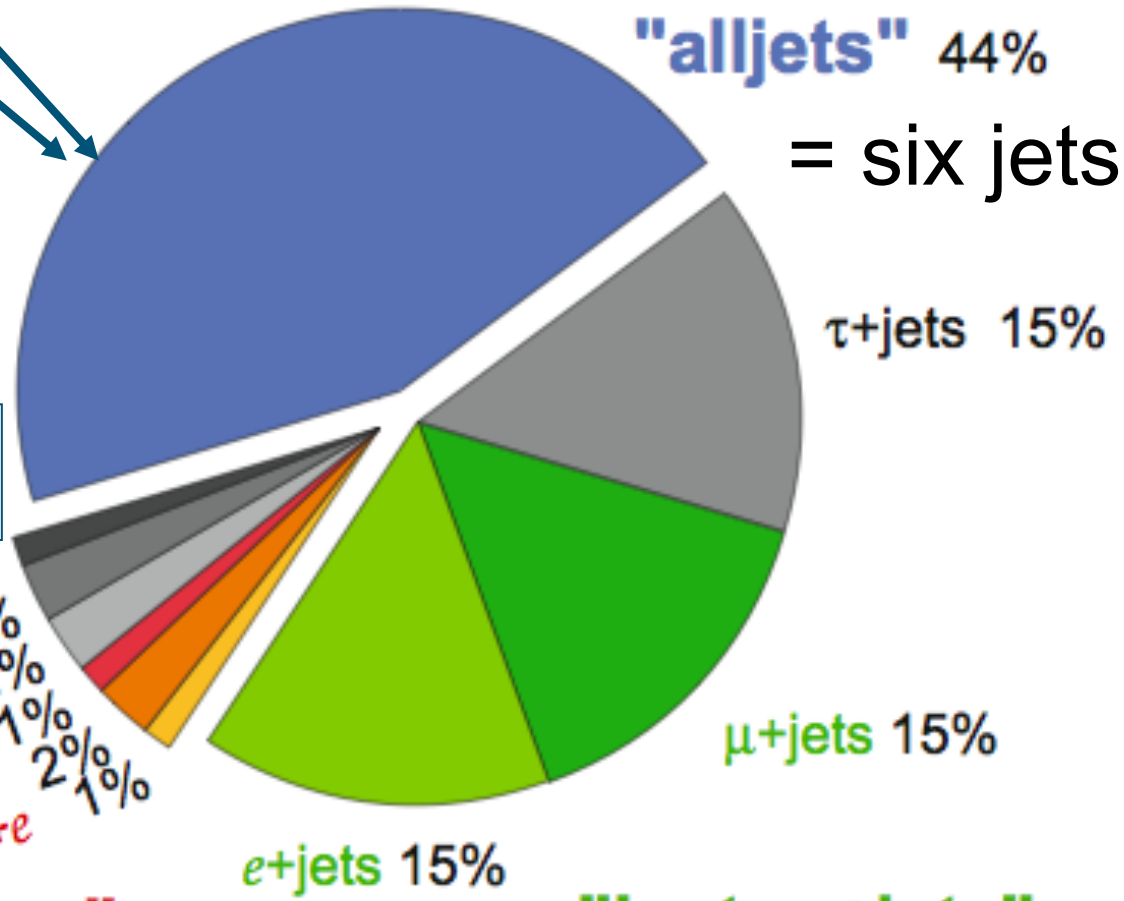
- t-channel: 87 pb
- tW channel: 22 pb
- s-channel: 5.6 pb

Top pair branching fractions



B-quark identification
used to reduce background

$\tau+\tau$ 1%
 $\tau+\mu$ 2%
 $\tau+e$ 2%
 $\mu+\mu$ 1%
 $\mu+e$ 2%
 $e+e$ 1%



"dileptons"

= two jets, two leptons, MET

"lepton+jets"

= four jets, lepton, MET

Top physics: decay channel choice

- selection of top quark events inversely proportional to the complexity of the mass reconstruction

| | Isolation signal | Reconstruction |
|--------------|------------------|---|
| Di-lepton | Relatively easy | Two neutrinos, ambiguities |
| Lepton+jets | Reasonable | One neutrino, use missing transverse energy |
| All-hadronic | Very difficult | Possibility to observe top as 'peak' in invariant mass spectrum, no energetic neutrinos |

SINGLE TOP PRODUCTION

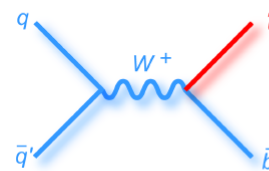
Observation of single top production:

- cross section $\propto V_{tb}^2$
- study top-polarization and EWK top interaction

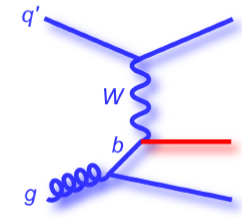
Test of non-SM phenomena:

- 4th generation
- FCNC couplings
- W' , H^\pm
- anomalous W_{tb} couplings

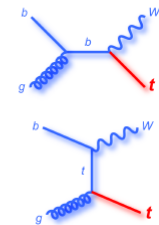
s-channel



t-channel



Wt-channel



Main backgrounds:

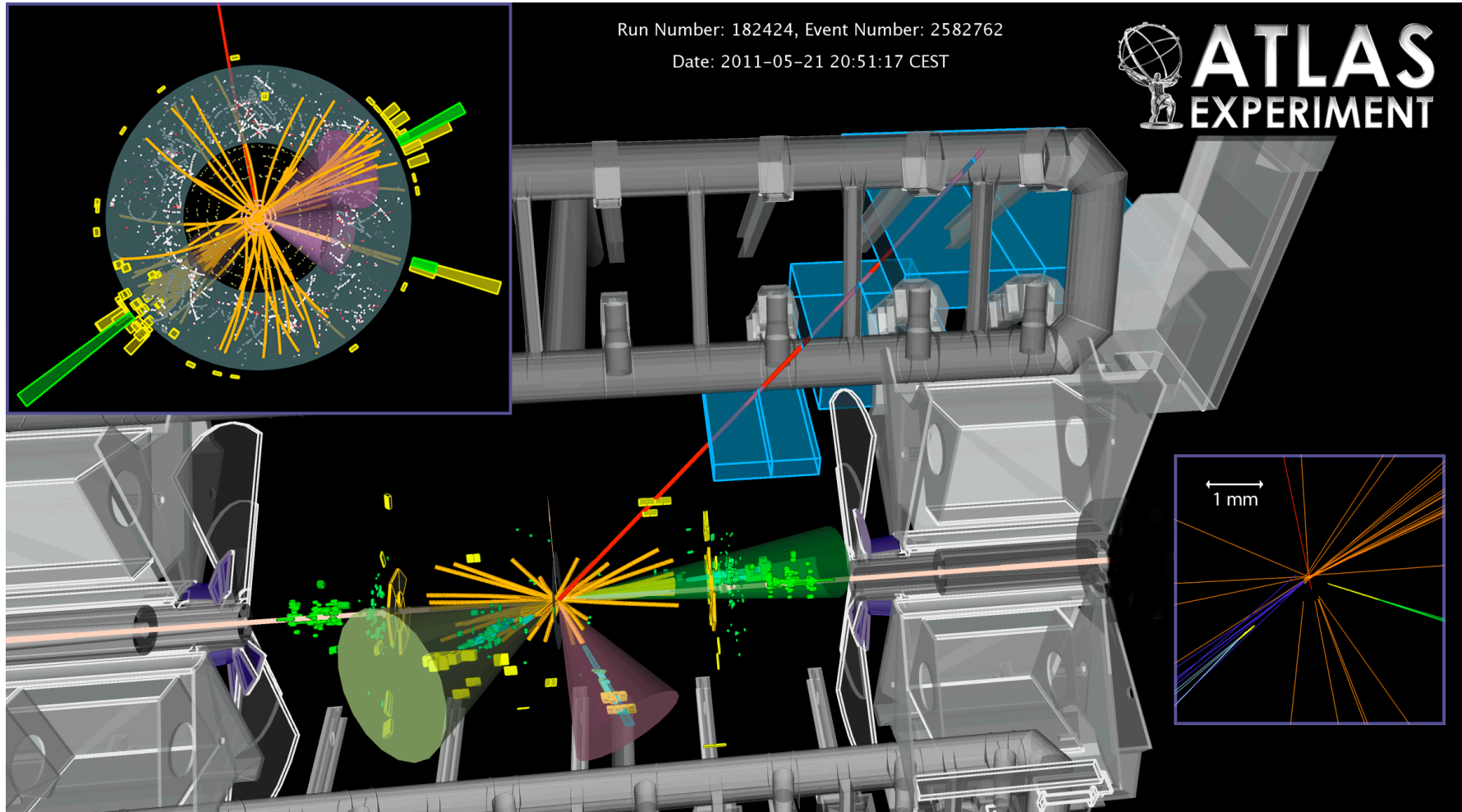
- s-channel: Top pair, W + (HF) jets, QCD
- t-channel: Top pair, W + (HF) jets, QCD
- Wt-channel: Top pair, Z + (HF) jets, QCD

Signal – background discrimination:

- Tevatron: multivariate methods (neural networks, boosted decision trees, matrix element method)
- LHC: cut-based or multivariate method

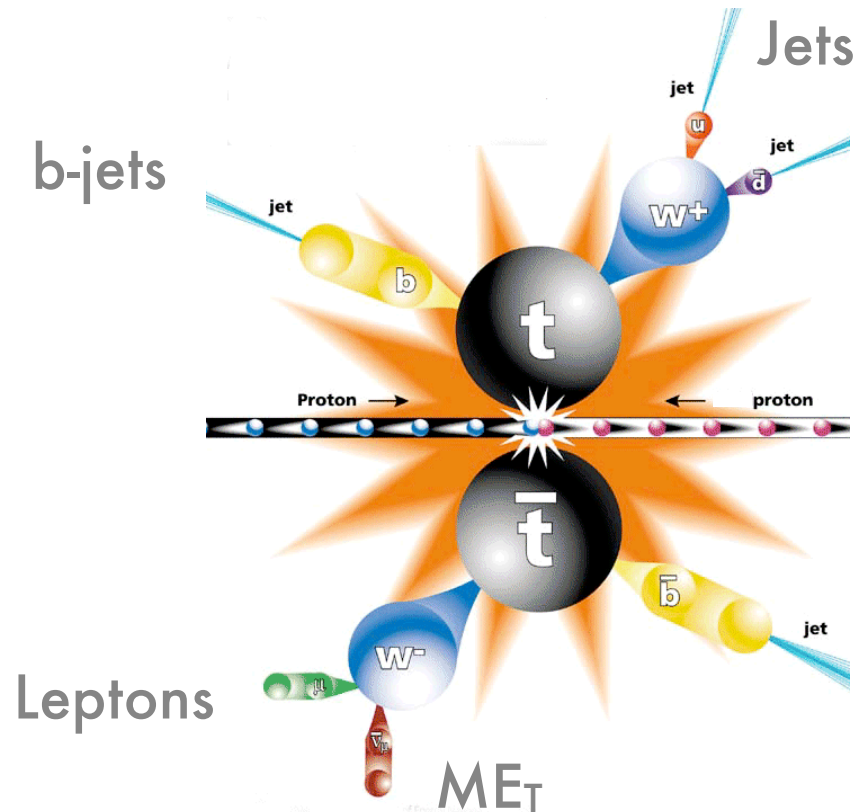
| Collider | s-channel: σ_{tb} | t-channel: σ_{tqb} | Wt-channel: σ_{tW} |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tevatron: $p\bar{p}$ (1.96 TeV) | 1.05 pb | 2.08 pb | 0.22 pb |
| LHC: pp (7 TeV) | 4.6 pb | 66 pb | 15.7 pb |

How to find top quarks?

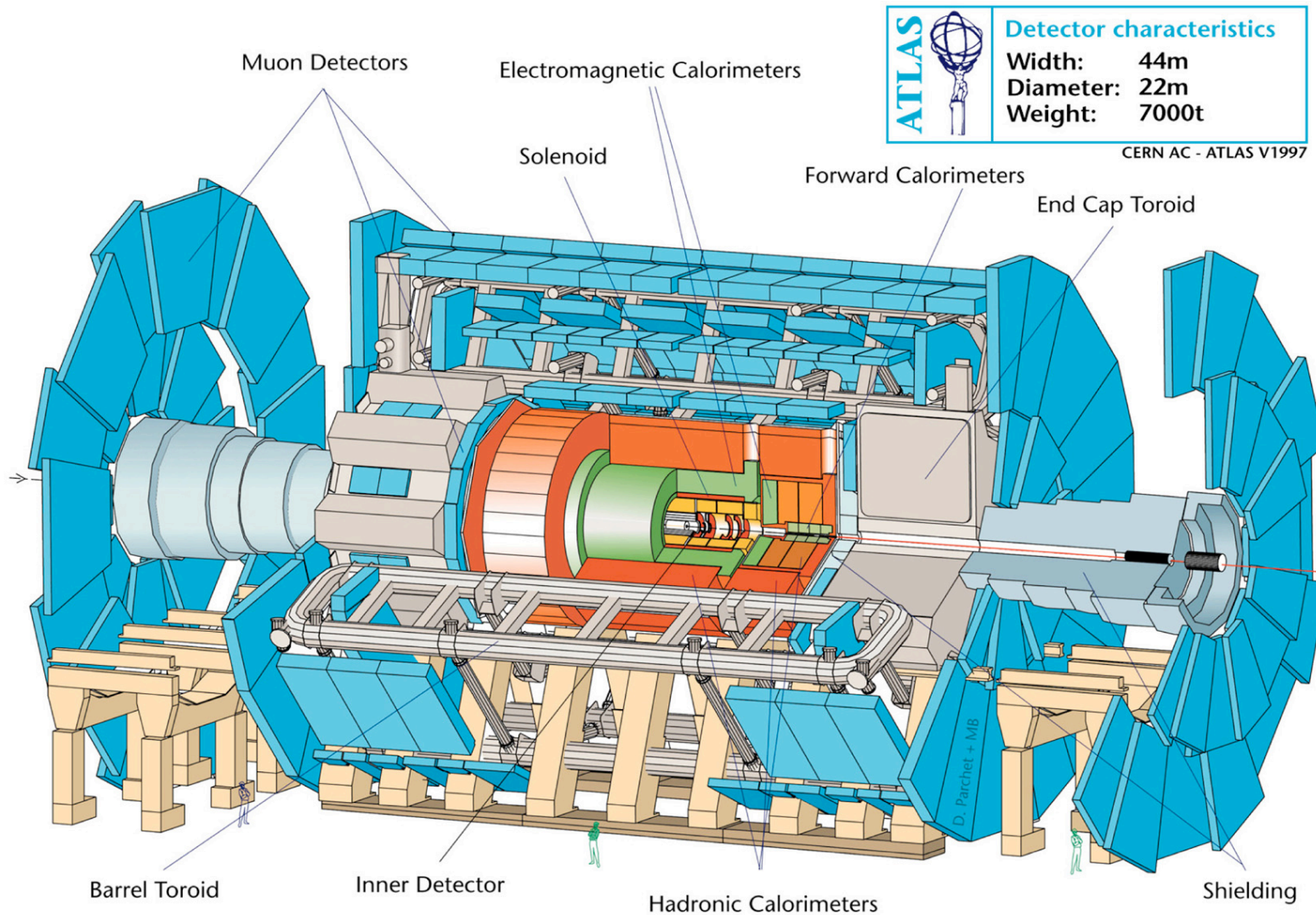


Top quark physics – benchmark physics

- To find and reconstruct top quarks, a fully operational and hermetic General Purpose Detector is needed
- This is why top quarks were used to confirm and check calibrations and detector performance at the start of the LHC runs at 7 and 8 TeV



A Toroidal Lhc Apparatus



Compact Muon Solenoid

CMS Detector

- Pixels ✓
- Tracker ✓
- ECAL ✓
- HCAL ✓
- Solenoid ✓
- Steel Yoke ✓
- Muons ✓

STEEL RETURN YOKE
~13000 tonnes

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID
Niobium-titanium coil carrying ~18000 A

HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL)
Brass + plastic scintillator

SILICON TRACKER
Pixels ($100 \times 150 \mu\text{m}^2$)
~ 1m^2 66M channels
Microstrips ($50\text{-}100\mu\text{m}$)
~ 210m^2 9.6M channels

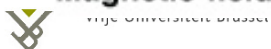
CRYSTAL ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER (ECAL)
76k scintillating PbWO_4 crystals

PRESHOWER
Silicon strips
~ 16m^2 137k channels

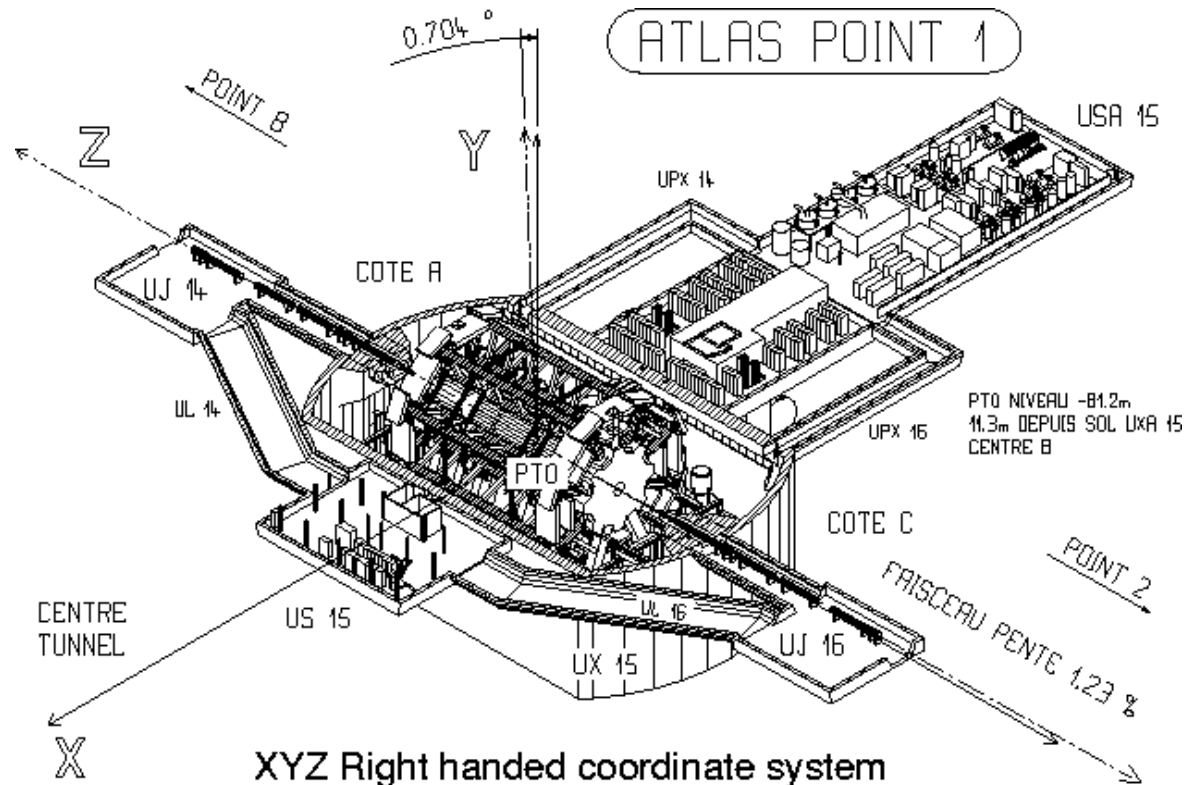
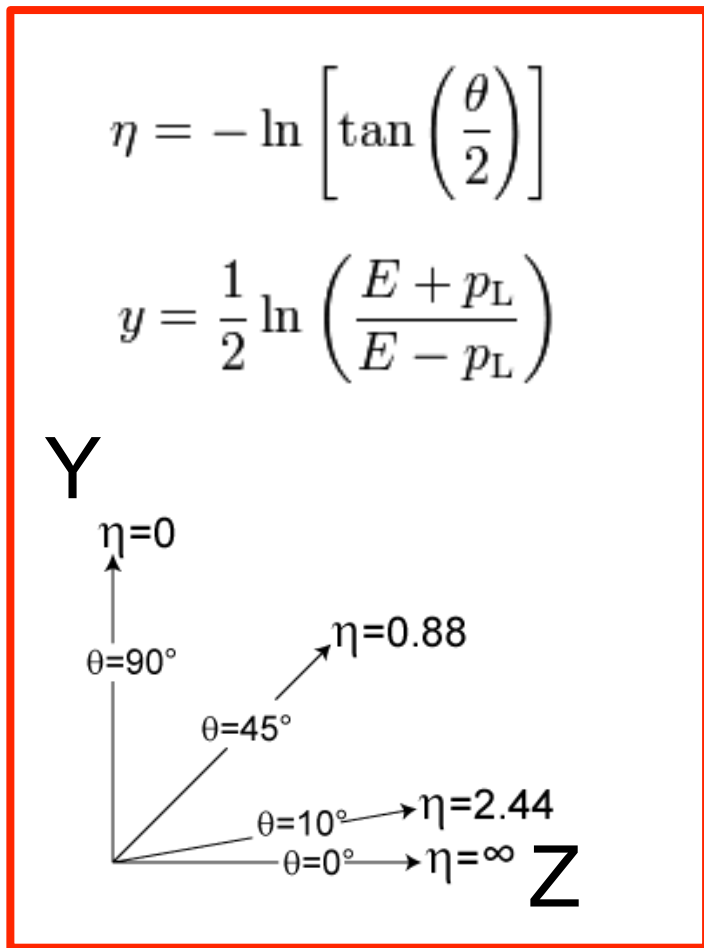
FORWARD CALORIMETER
Steel + quartz fibres

MUON CHAMBERS
Barrel: 250 Drift Tube & 500 Resistive Plate Chambers
Endcaps: 450 Cathode Strip & 400 Resistive Plate Chambers

Total weight : 14000 tonnes
Overall diameter : 15.0 m
Overall length : 28.7 m
Magnetic field : 3.8 T



Typical GPD coordinate system

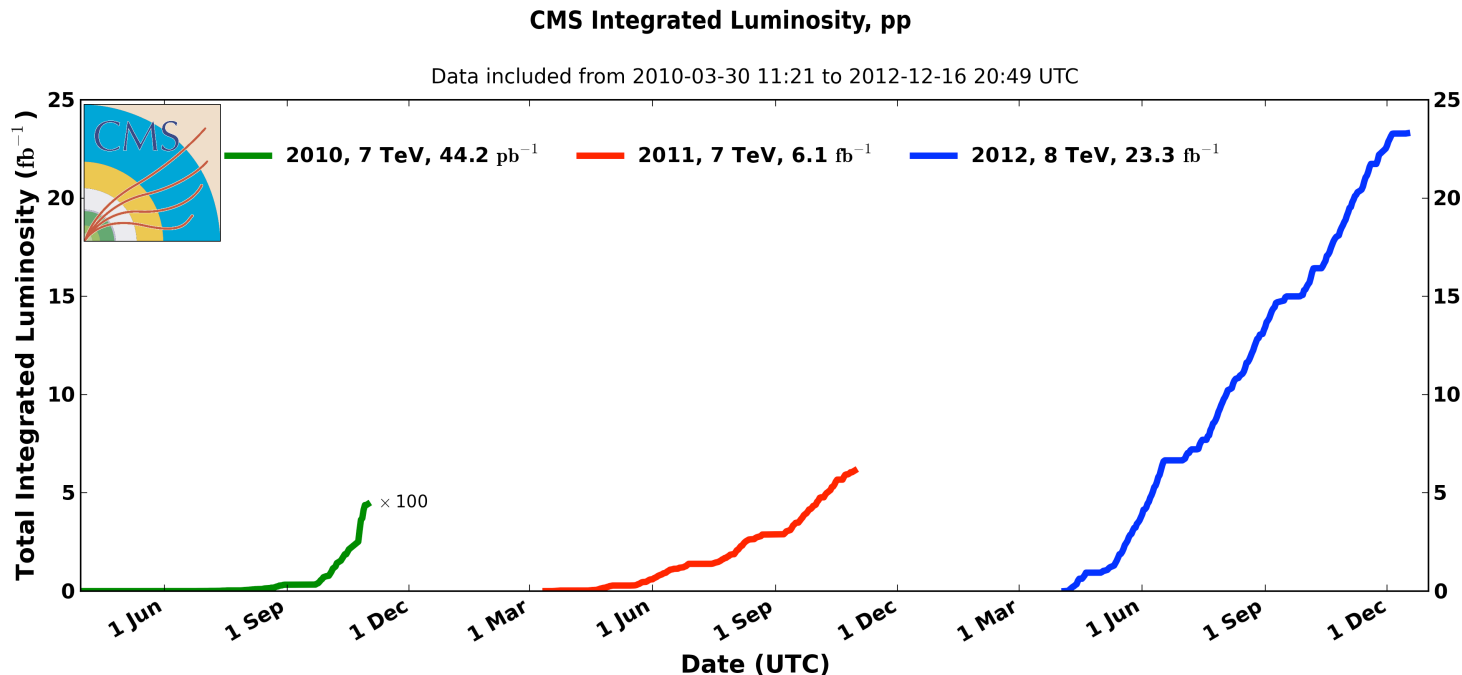


XYZ Right handed coordinate system
with z in beam direction

+ cylindrical coordinates around Z axis

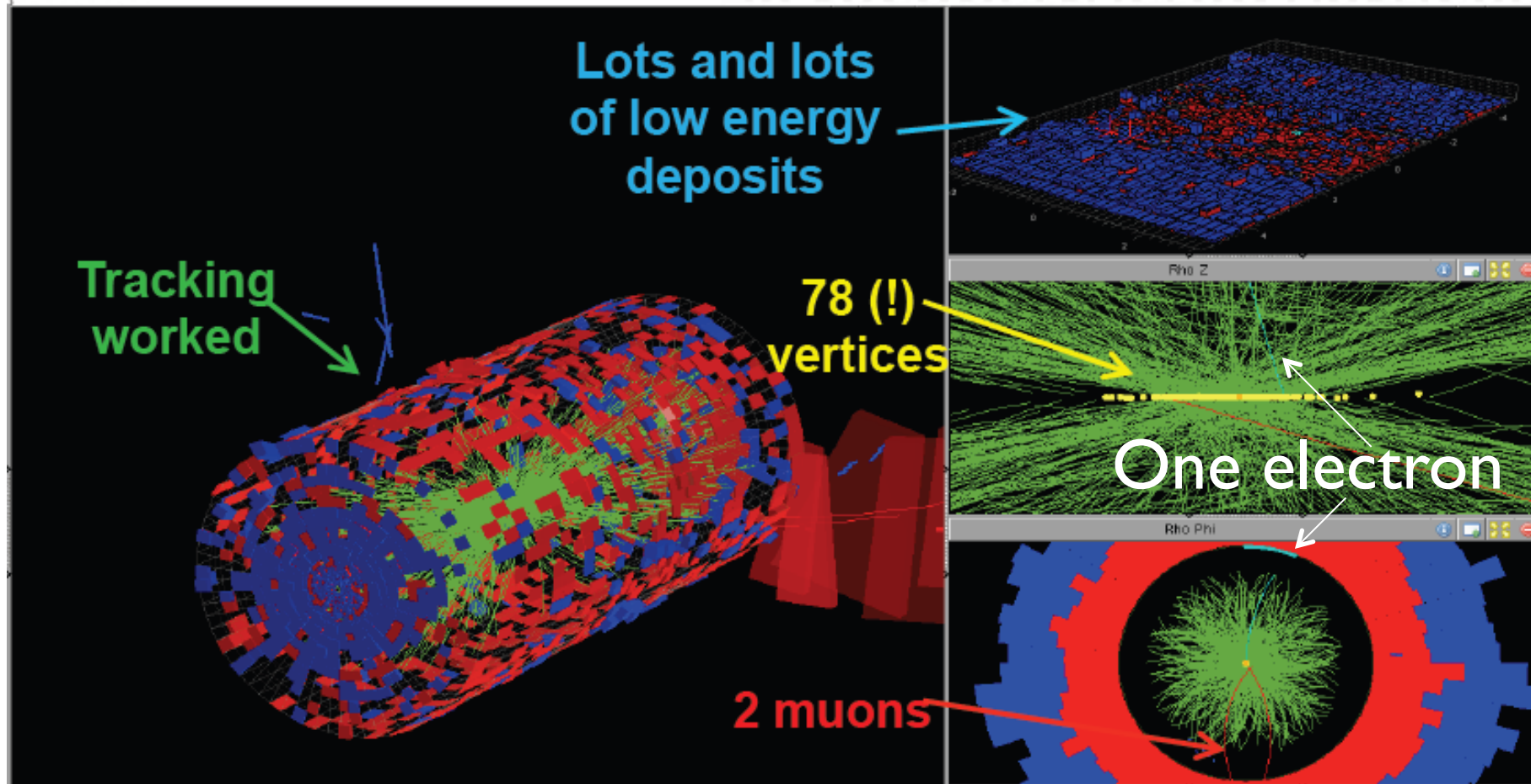
Typical inputs of 4-vector:
 p_T , ϕ , η , E

LHC performance

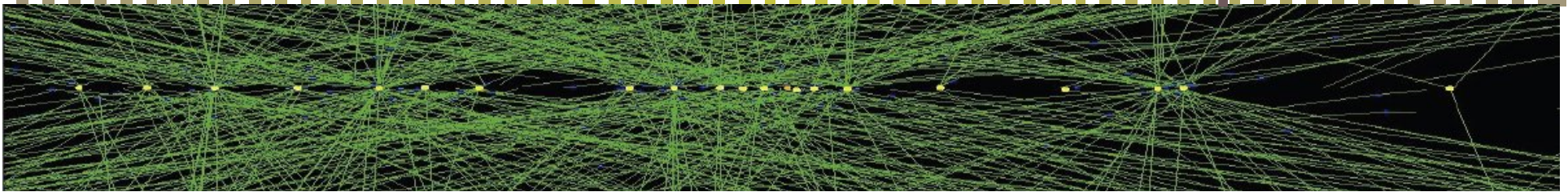


- ATLAS and CMS: outstanding performance during LHC Run I
- Detector performance consistent during full run, sometimes even improved from between-fill repairs

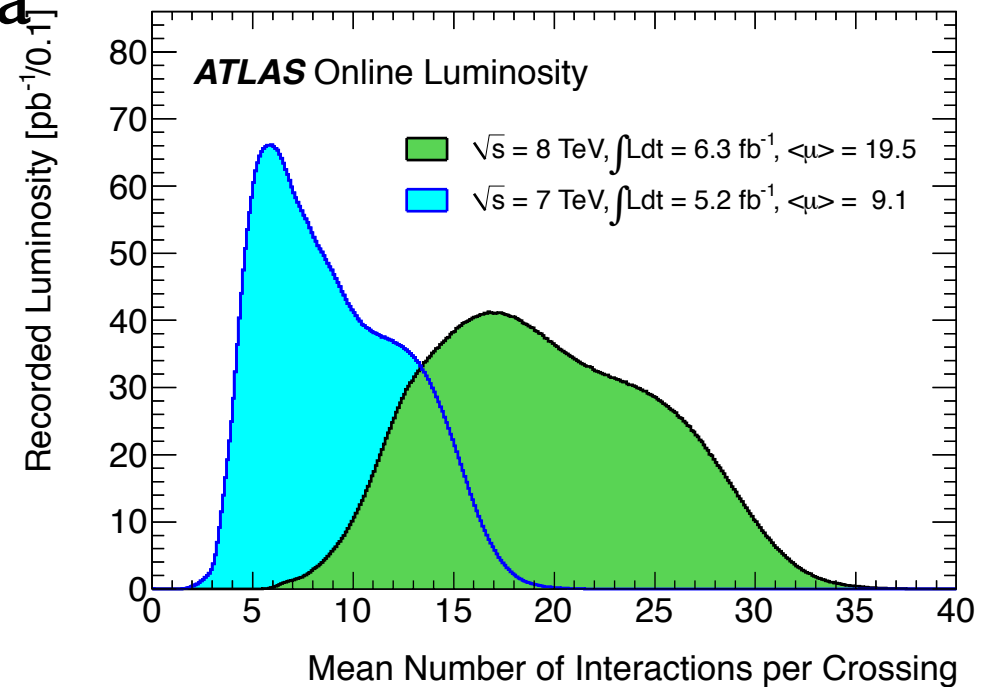
Luminosity comes at a price: Pileup



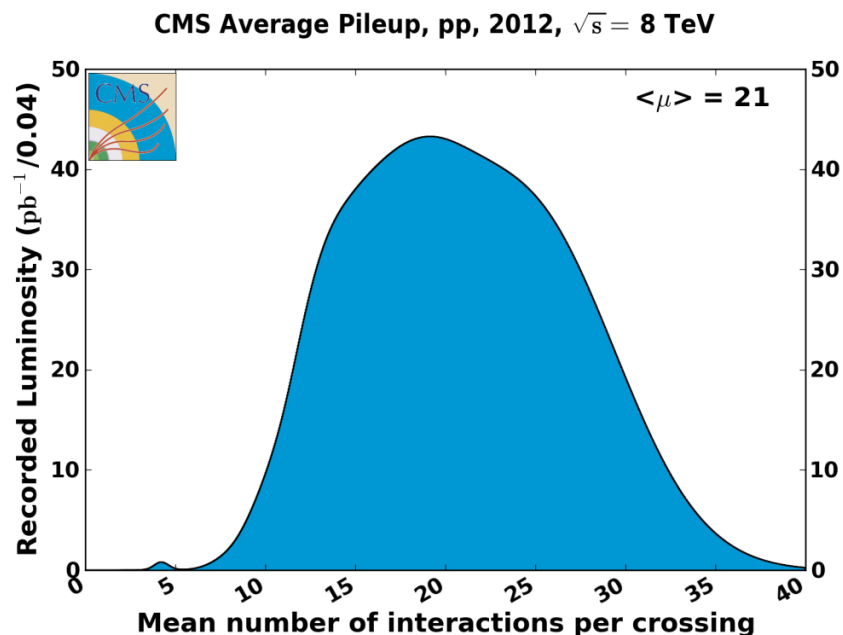
LHC 2012 run: Pile-Up



- Outstanding LHC performance comes at a price:
- 2011:
 - Run A: 5 PU
 - Run B: 8 PU
- 2012:
 - Average: 21 PU

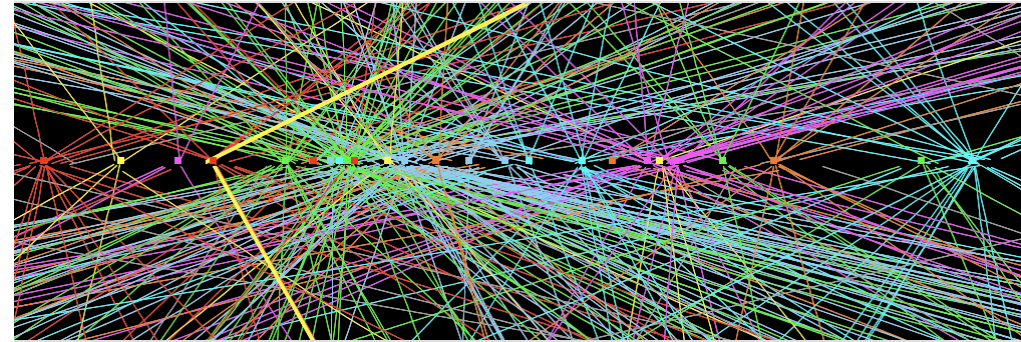
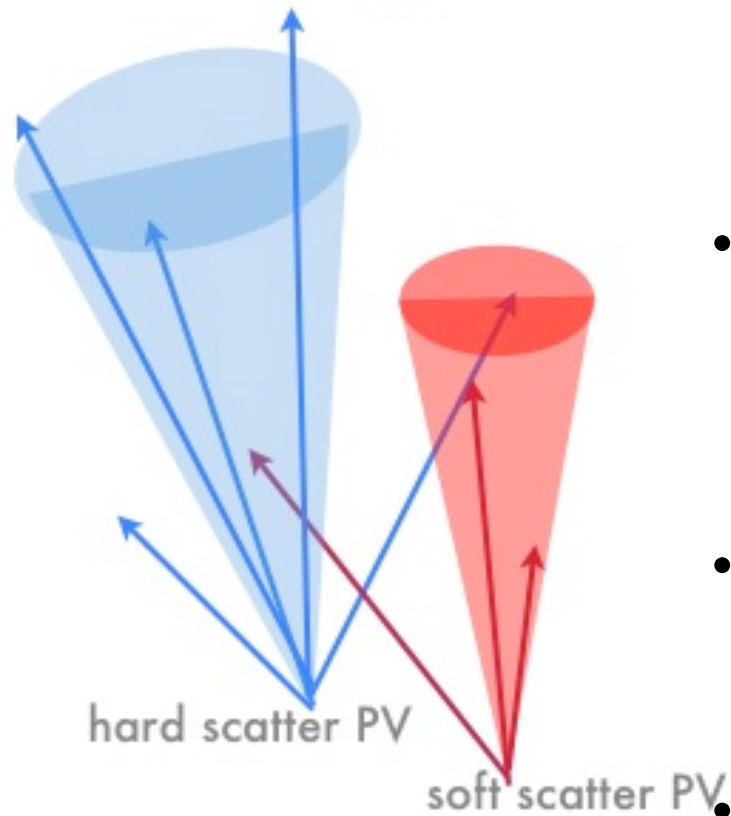


Two kinds of pile-up



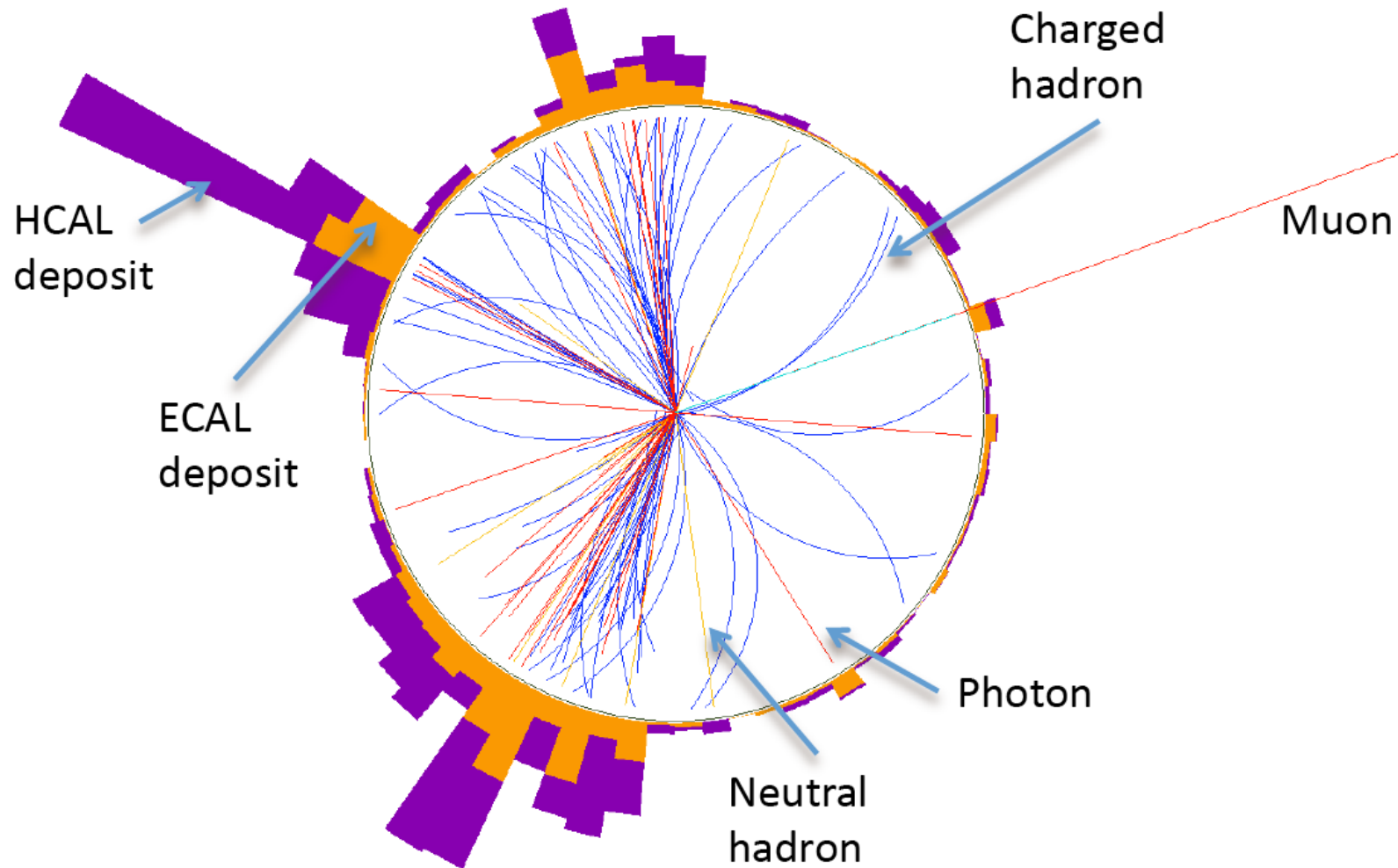
- In-time pile-up:
 - Multiple interactions from a single LHC bunch crossing
- Out-of-time pile-up:
 - Particles from previous bunch – 50 ns bunch spacing
 - But detectors can have much longer response time so there might still be some ‘remaining’ signal from previous collision

Identify pile-up

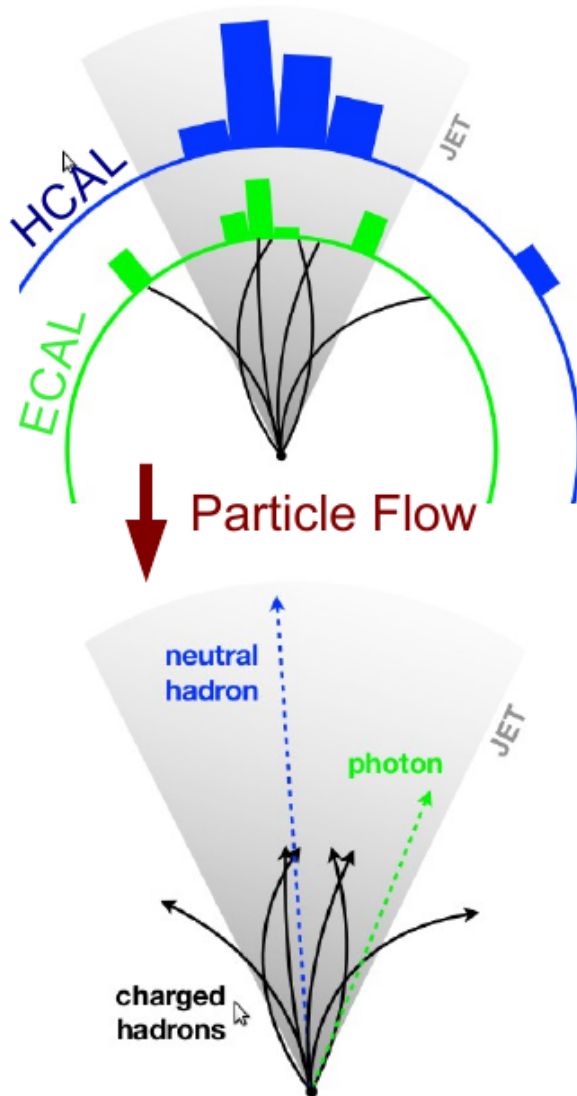


- Tracking and identification of primary vertices used to identify which particle belongs to which collision
- Evident for charged particles but more difficult for neutral hadrons...
- ATLAS uses fraction of tracks in jet associated with hard scatter interaction

Particle flow



Particle flow in practice



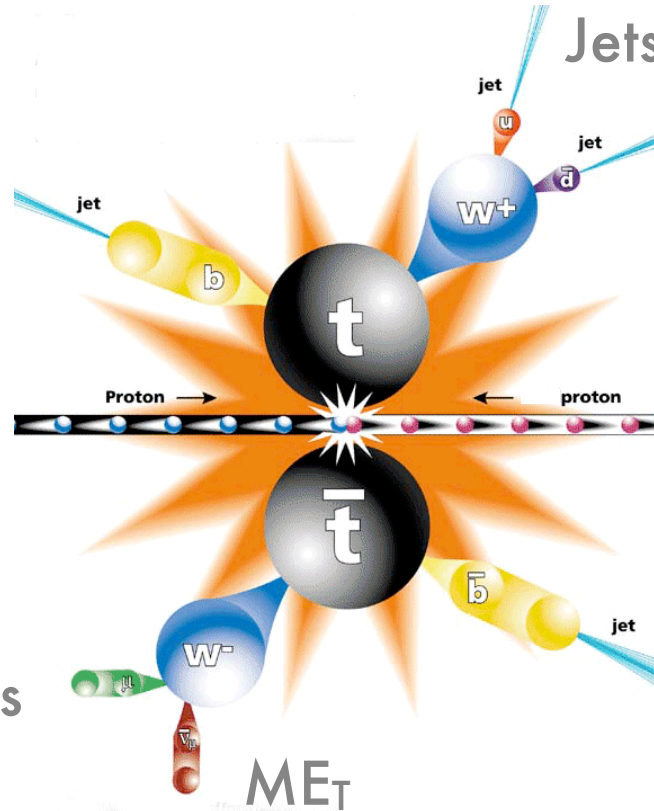
- PF combines information from all subdetectors in a global event description
 - reconstruct ‘particles’ such as charged/neutral hadrons, photons, muons, electrons
- These particles are used to construct composite objects such as jets, taus, missing transverse energy
 - Reject tracks from non-leading collisions before creating composite objects
 - And make assumptions for background from neutral particles
- Widely used in CMS, LHCb
 - CMS: big improvements in energy resolution jets, MET, tau identification,

Object reconstruction

Background from long lived non-b jets?

Increased track multiplicity from pile-up degrades performance?

b-jets



Good enough resolution to see W mass peak?

Pile-up affects reconstruction?

Jets where only lepton seen?

Actual fakes?

Leptons

From pile-up?
Electronics/
detector noise?

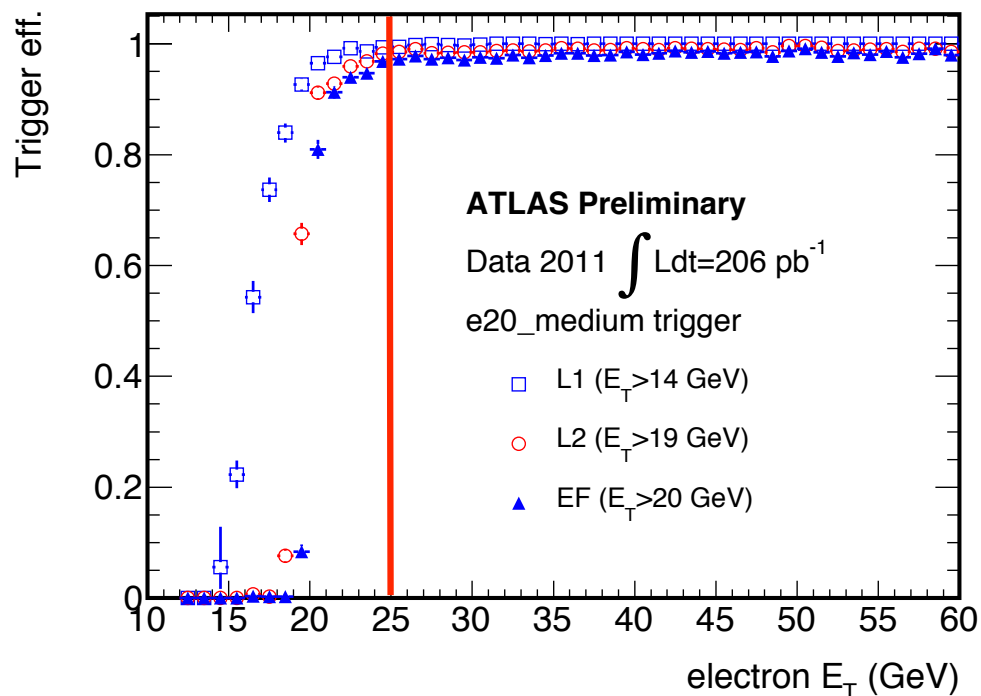
Affected by pile-up?

Electronics/detector noise?

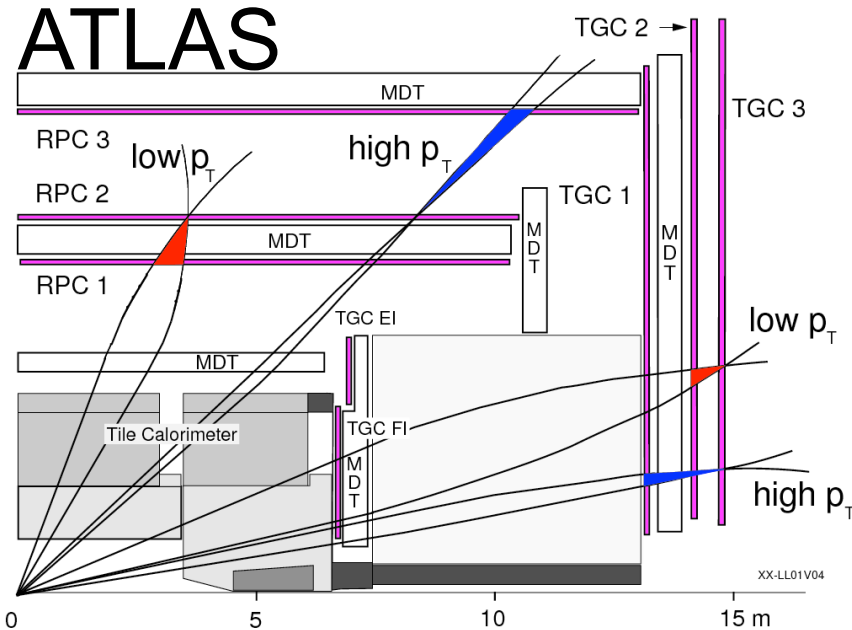
Leptons – trigger

- Most important: **trigger** and get the events on tape

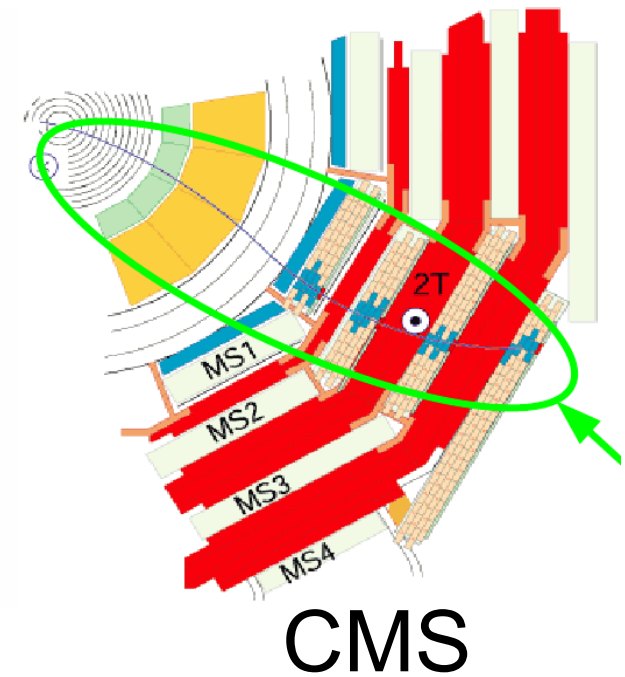
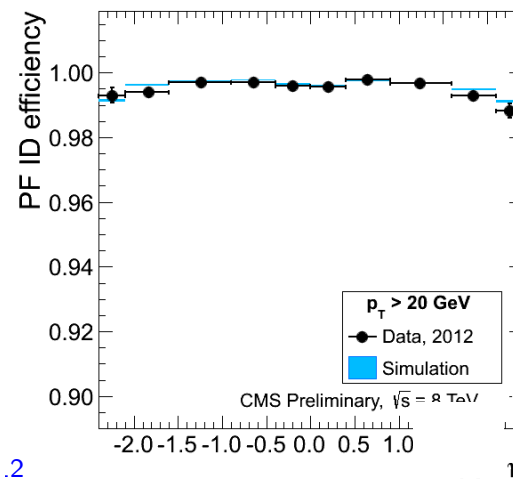
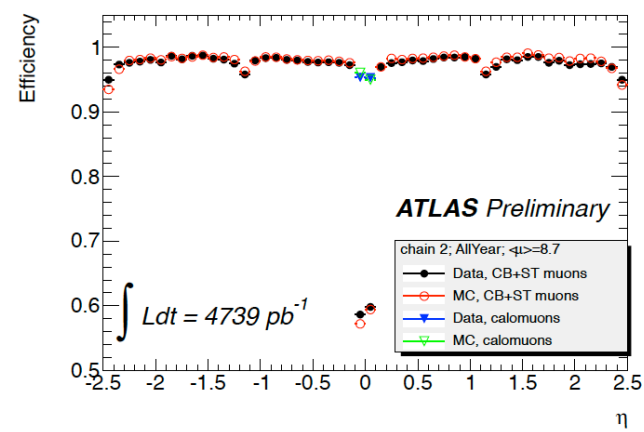
- Different triggers used for different channels
 - ATLAS: extremely good one-lepton triggers
 - pT thresholds of 20 GeV or lower
 - CMS: strong at lepton+jets triggers
 - pT thresholds of 24-27 GeV for single leptons
 - Lower lepton pT thresholds using lepton+jets requirements
 - Di-lepton triggers have low thresholds and high priority
 - Multijet triggers need very stringent requirements and tuning to keep rate low



muons

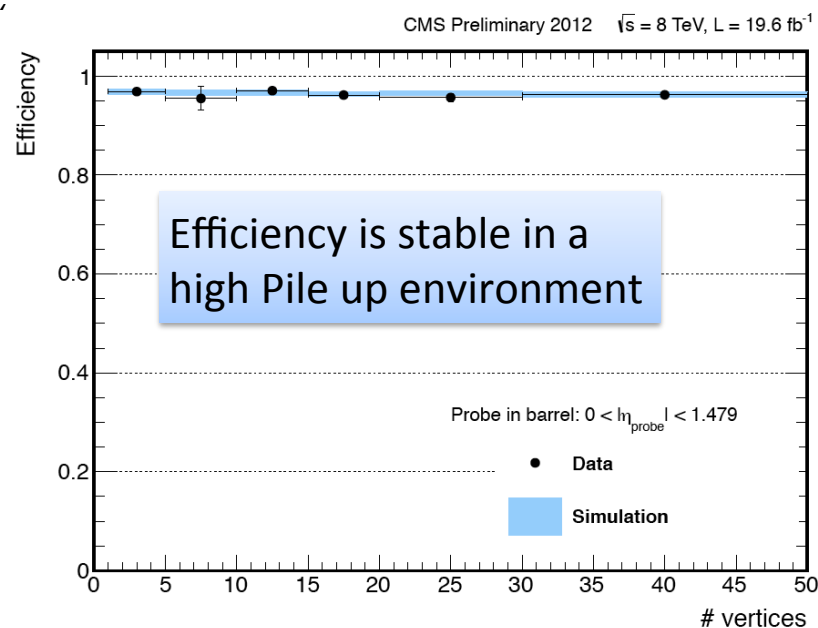
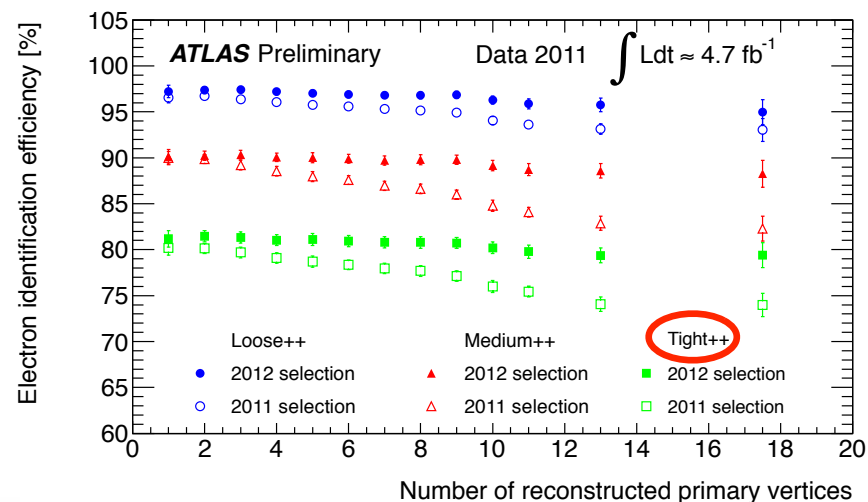
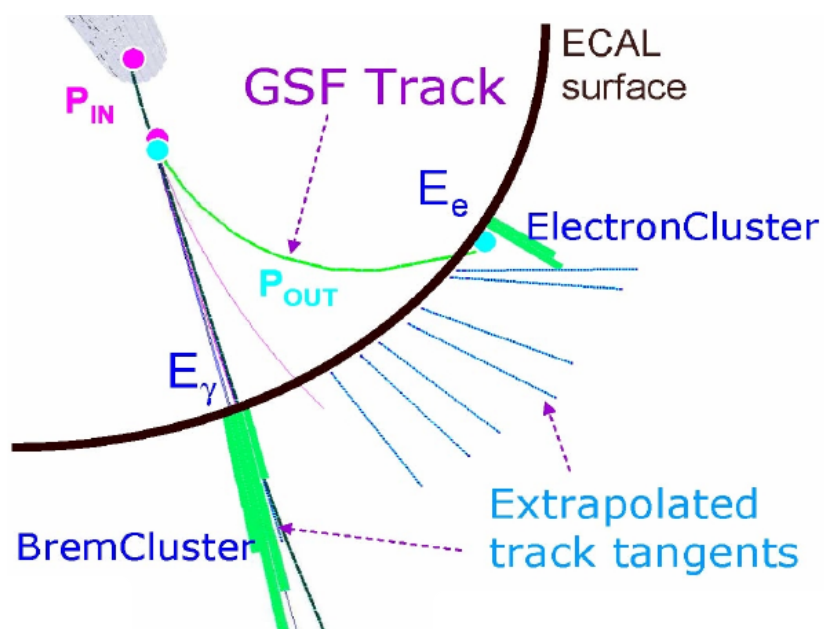


- Muons combine inner tracking and outer muon system information in track fit



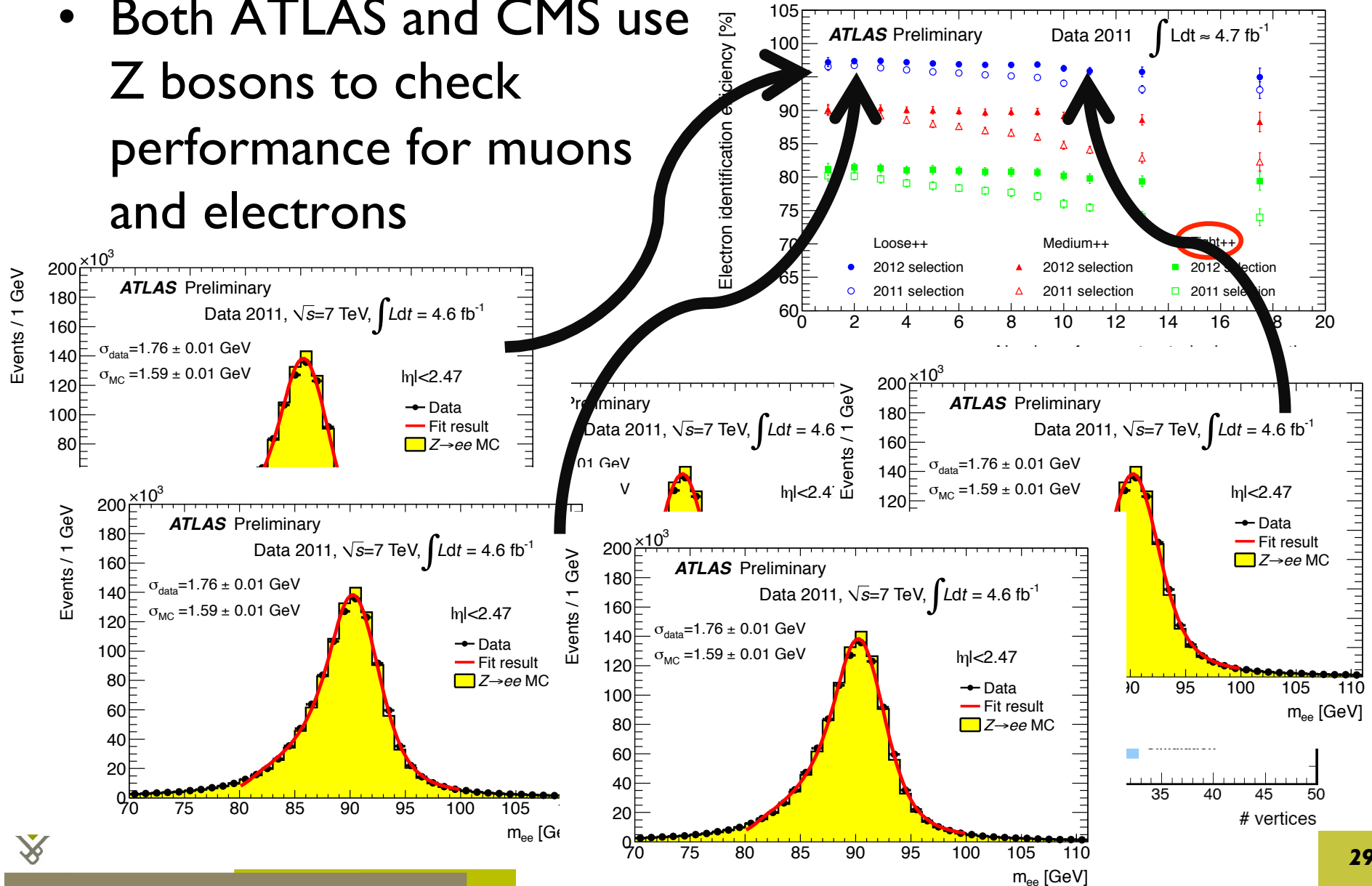
electrons

- Both ATLAS and CMS combine info from tracking and (em) shower shape calorimeter in multivariate technique



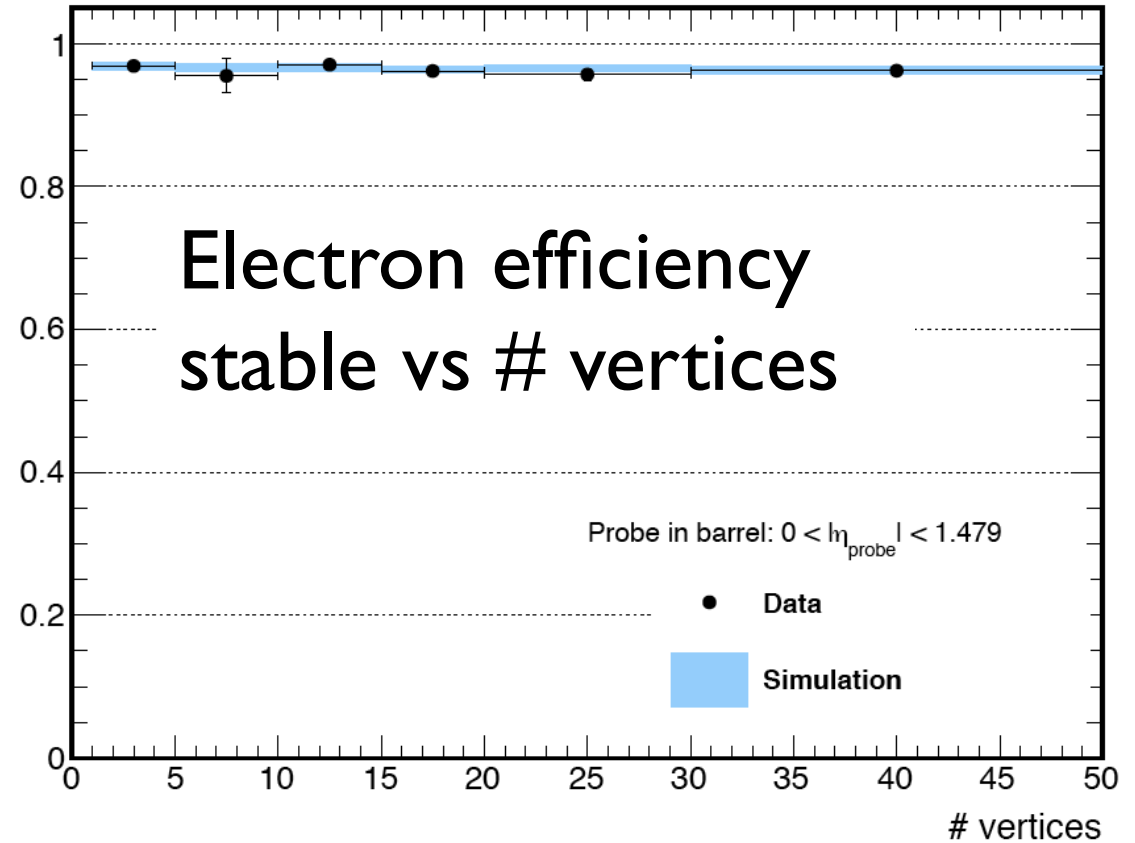
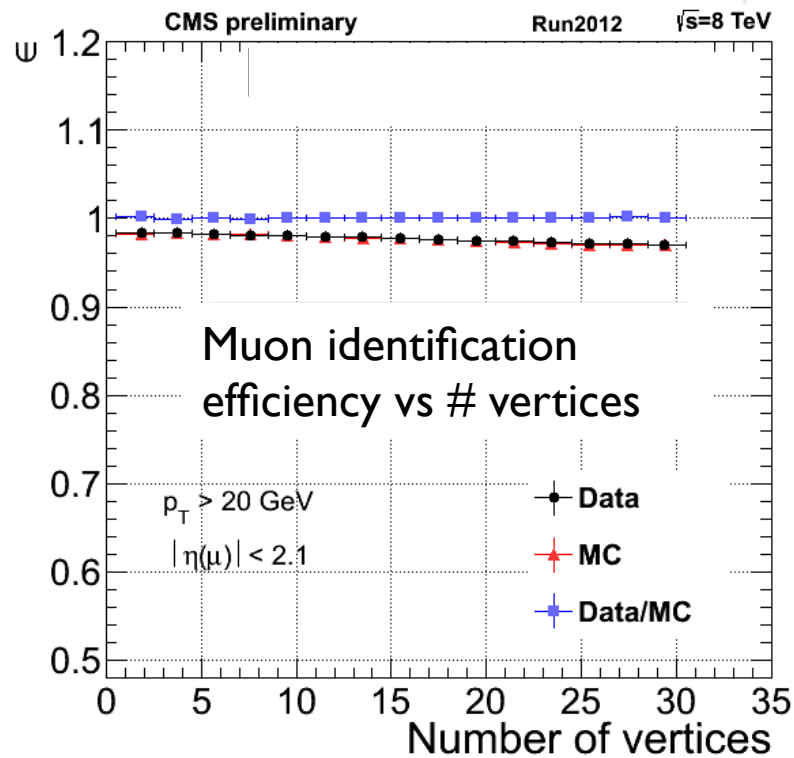
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- Both ATLAS and CMS use Z bosons to check performance for muons and electrons



Leptons and pileup

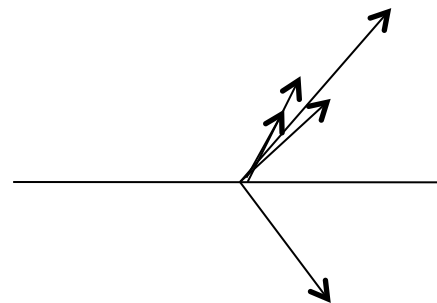
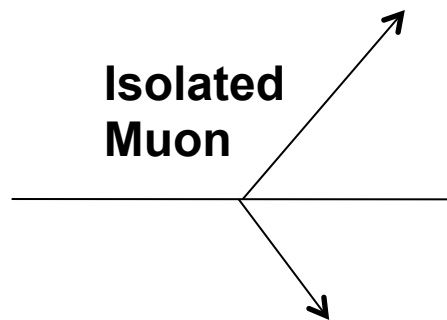
CMS Preliminary 2012 $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$, $L = 19.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



- Substantial effort necessary to achieve this stability

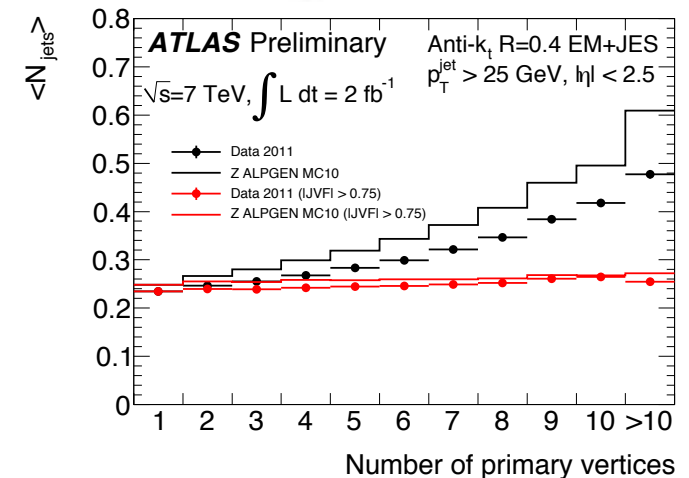
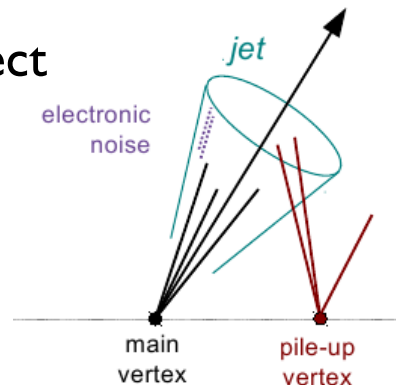
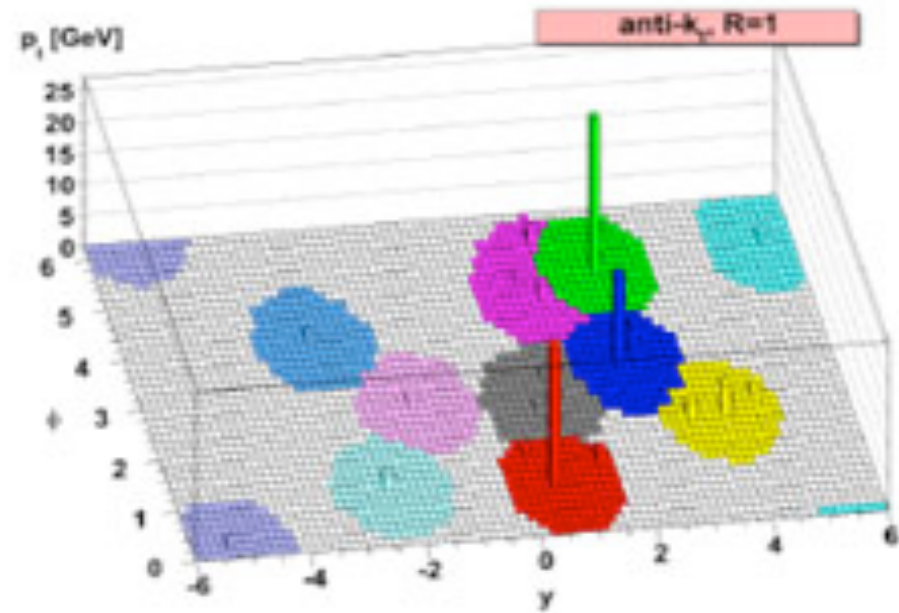
Isolation

- Since hard processes produce large angles between the final state partons and the beam remnant jets stay close to the beam line, the objects we are interested in for our studies are usually well separated or “**isolated**” from other objects in the event
- Isolation is applied by drawing a cone around the object of interest in η - ϕ space; adding up the extra E_T in the cone (exclusive of the E_T of the candidate); and rejecting the object if the “extra E_T ” is more than a certain fraction of the E_T of the candidate
- Example of isolation: discriminating an isolated muon from a W from a muon coming from the semileptonic decay inside a b-jet

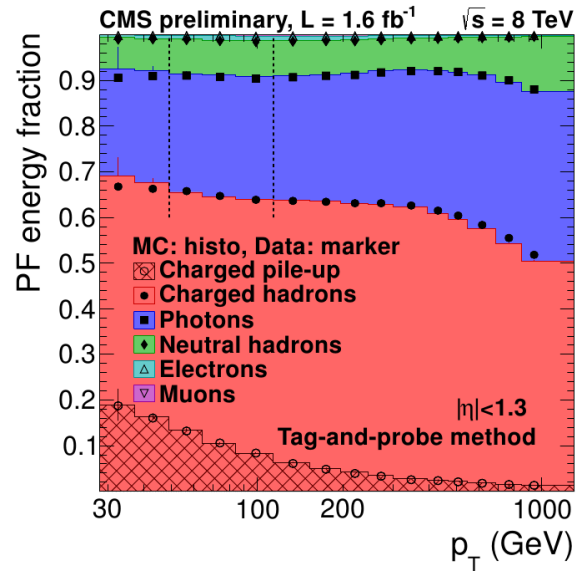


Jets

- For most analyses, CMS and ATLAS use anti- k_T jets with a distance parameter d
 - ATLAS : $d=0.4$
 - CMS: $d=0.5$
- ATLAS relies on outstanding quality of calorimeter to get good jet performances
- CMS Particle flow algorithm allows very good agreement between data and MC with small uncertainties and good resolution
- Both experiments carefully correct for pile-up vertices

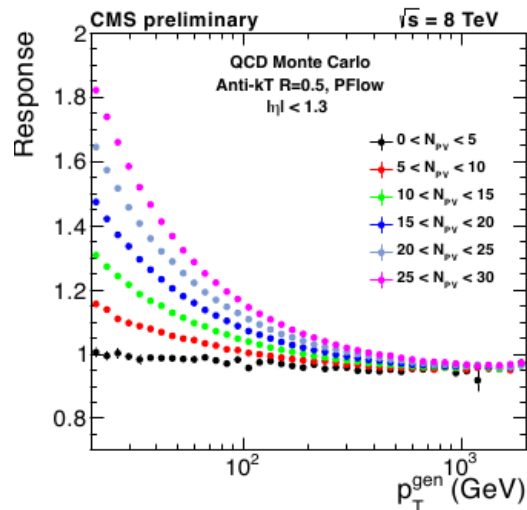


Jets - CMS

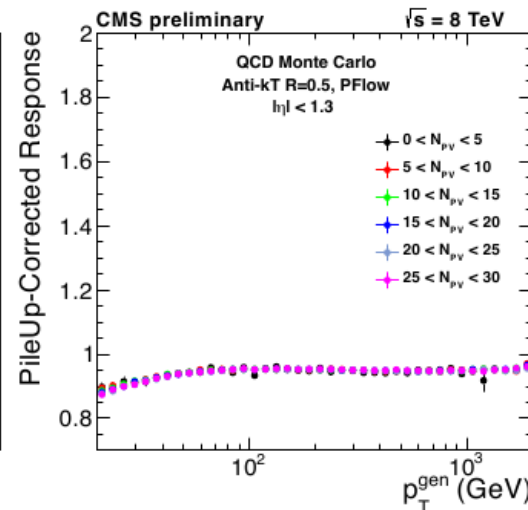


- CMS has need for very detailed understanding of fraction of different particles per jet and fraction of pile-up particles in jet as these are subtracted by the particle flow algorithm

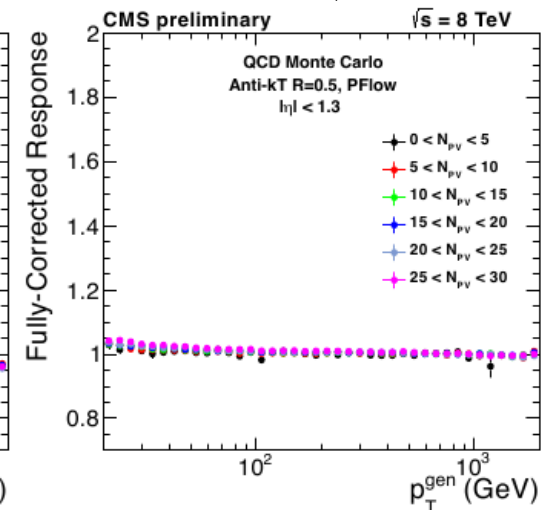
Before corrections



PU corrections



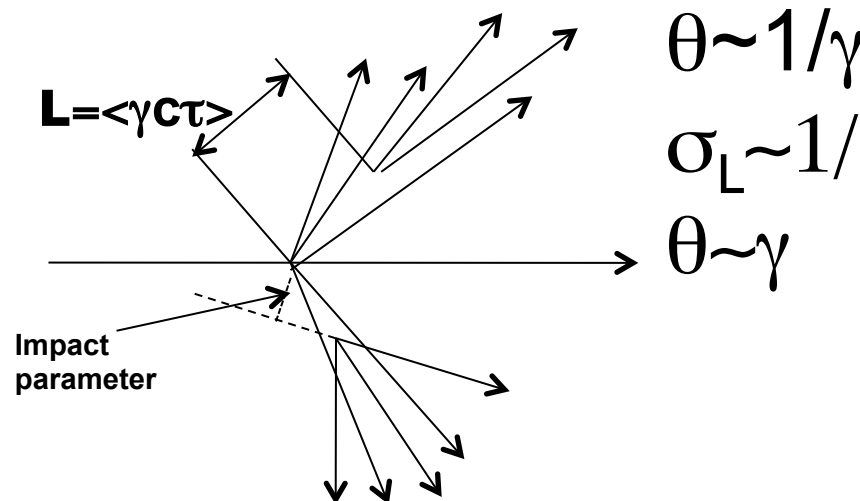
PU+MC truth



b-quark jets

Discriminants of b jets from light quark or gluon jets based on

- Long lifetime of b-hadrons in them
 - $\tau = 1.512 \times 10^{-12}$ s, $c\tau = 455.4$ μm
- High masses
- High fraction of semi-leptonic decays
 - $\sim 10\%$ e, μ (and from charm)
- Hard fragmentation



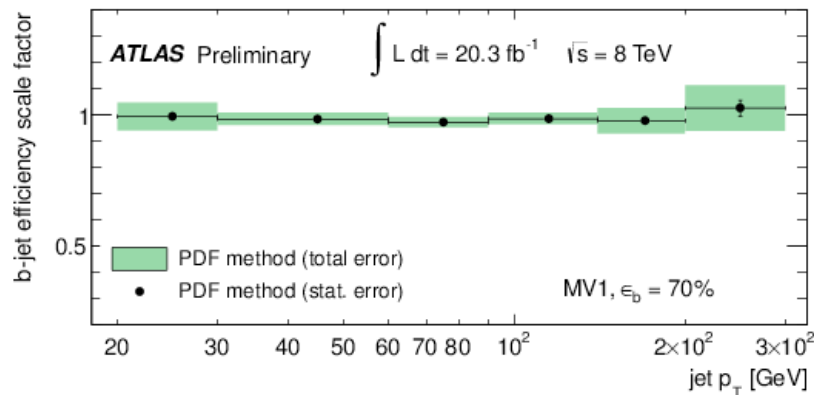
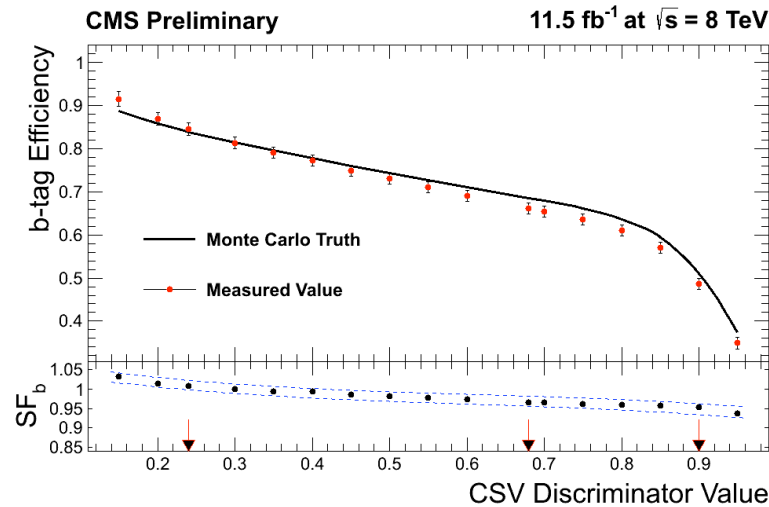
$L/\sigma_L \sim$ independent of p of B

Impact parameter $\sim 1/2\pi c\tau$ independent of p

• Methods for discrimination

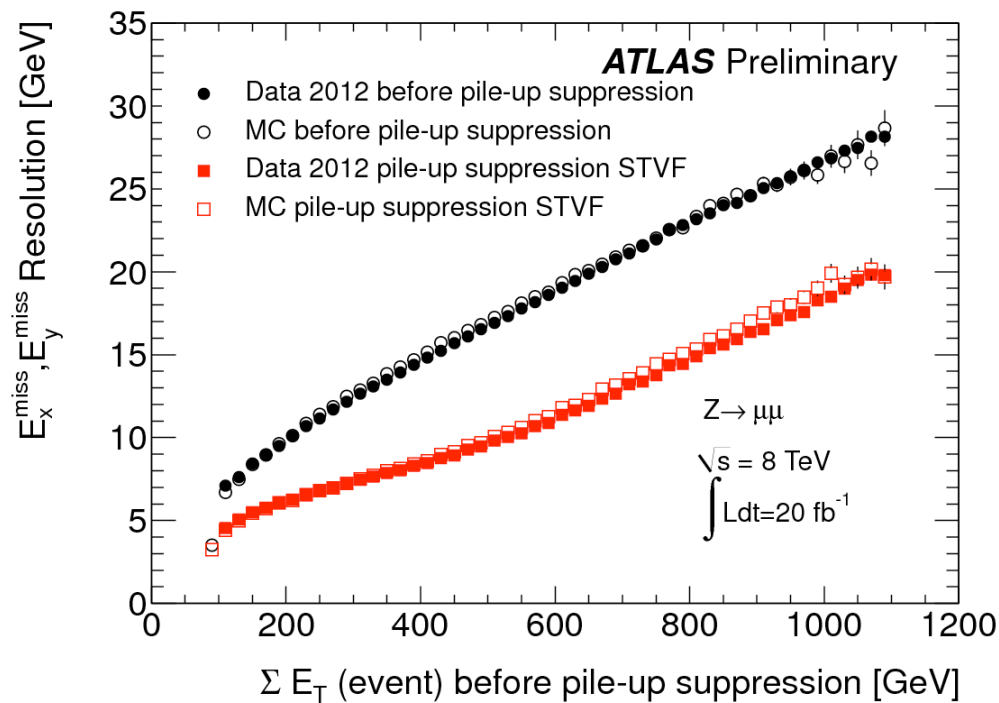
- Impact parameter based
 - Track counting high efficiency
 - Track counting high purity
 - Jet probability
 - Jet B probability
- Secondary vertices
 - Simple secondary vertex
 - Combined secondary vertex
- Lepton based algorithms
 - Soft muon by PTrel
 - Soft muon by IP significance
 - Soft electron
- Combined algorithm
 - Combined MVA

Jets with b-tagging



- Long lifetime of b-hadrons in b-jets
 - $\tau = 1.512 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}$
 - $c\tau = 455.4 \mu\text{m}$
- Combination of lifetime information in MVA
- Efficiency measured in top and QCD events (data) using multiple methods

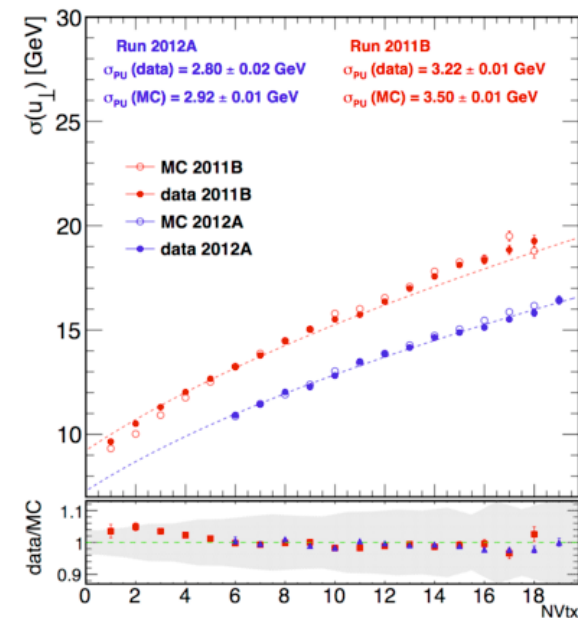
Missing ET



Particle flow extremely powerful approach for missing ET reconstruction

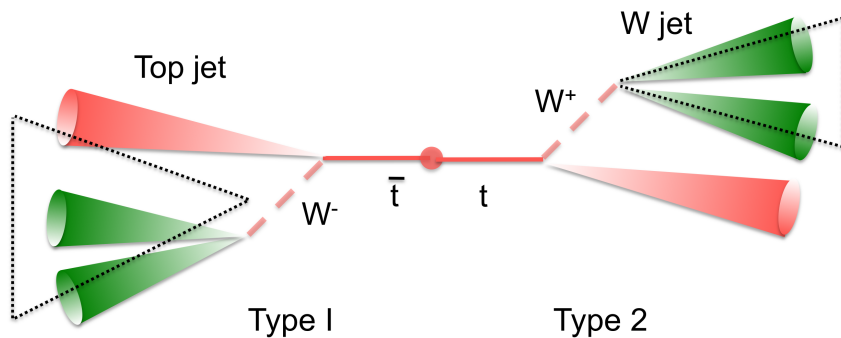
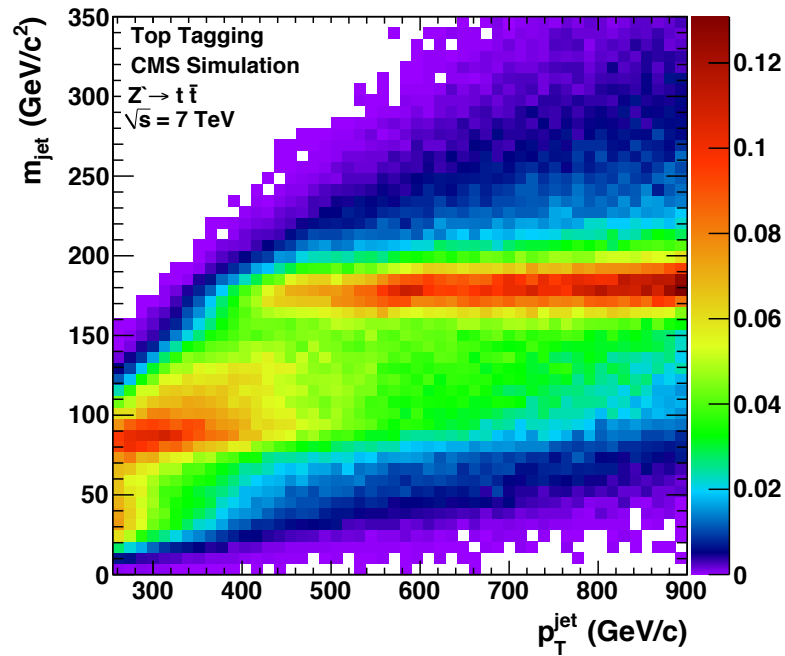
Missing ET sensitivity to PU irreducible

– But well reproduced in MC



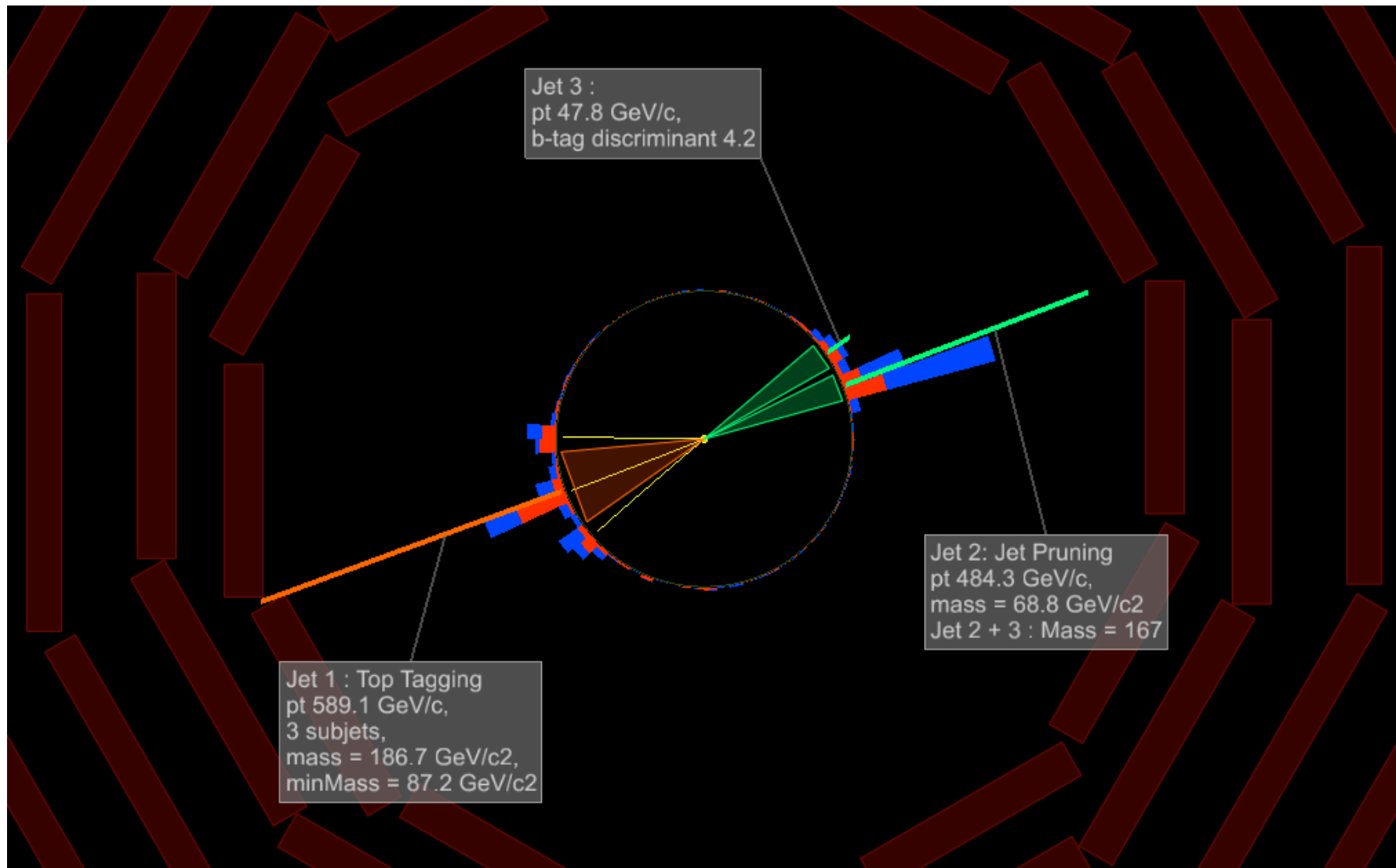
On the momentum of top quarks

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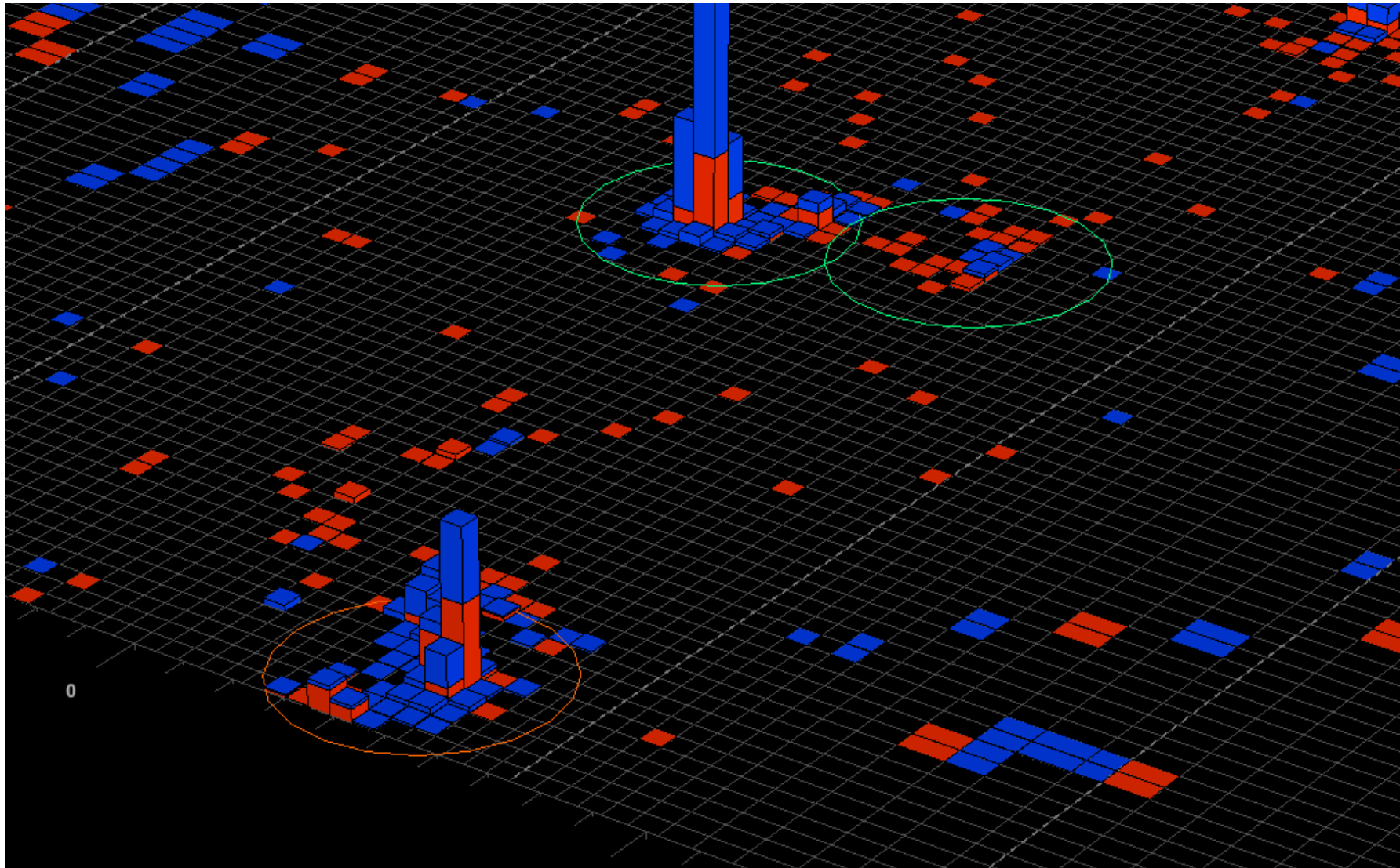


- Once boost of top quarks high enough
- Decay products become collimated
 - $W \rightarrow qq$ in one jet
 - Or $t \rightarrow bqq$ in one jet
- Special reconstruction algorithms needed

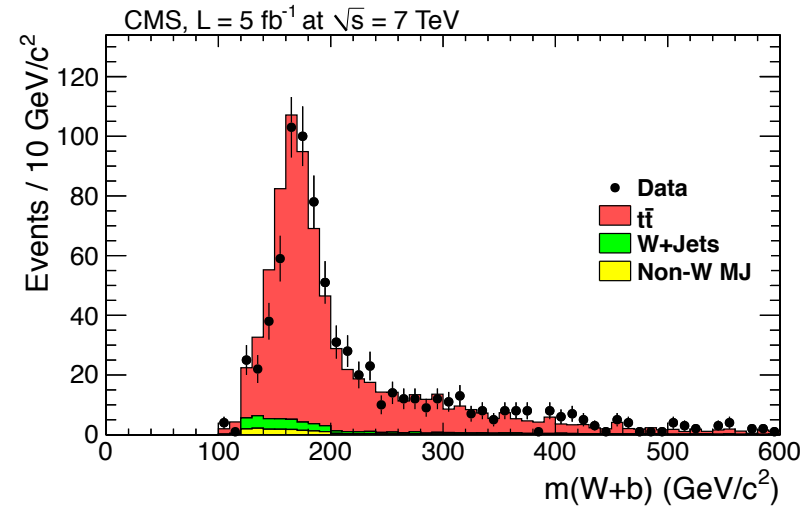
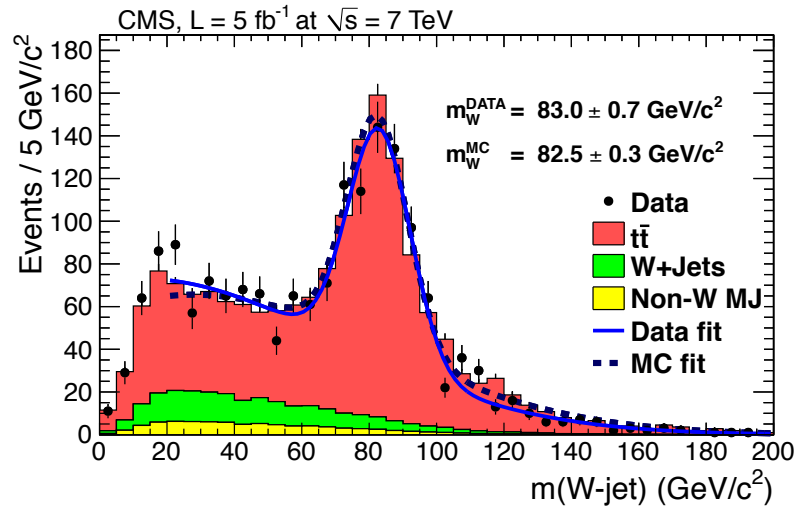
Jets with substructure



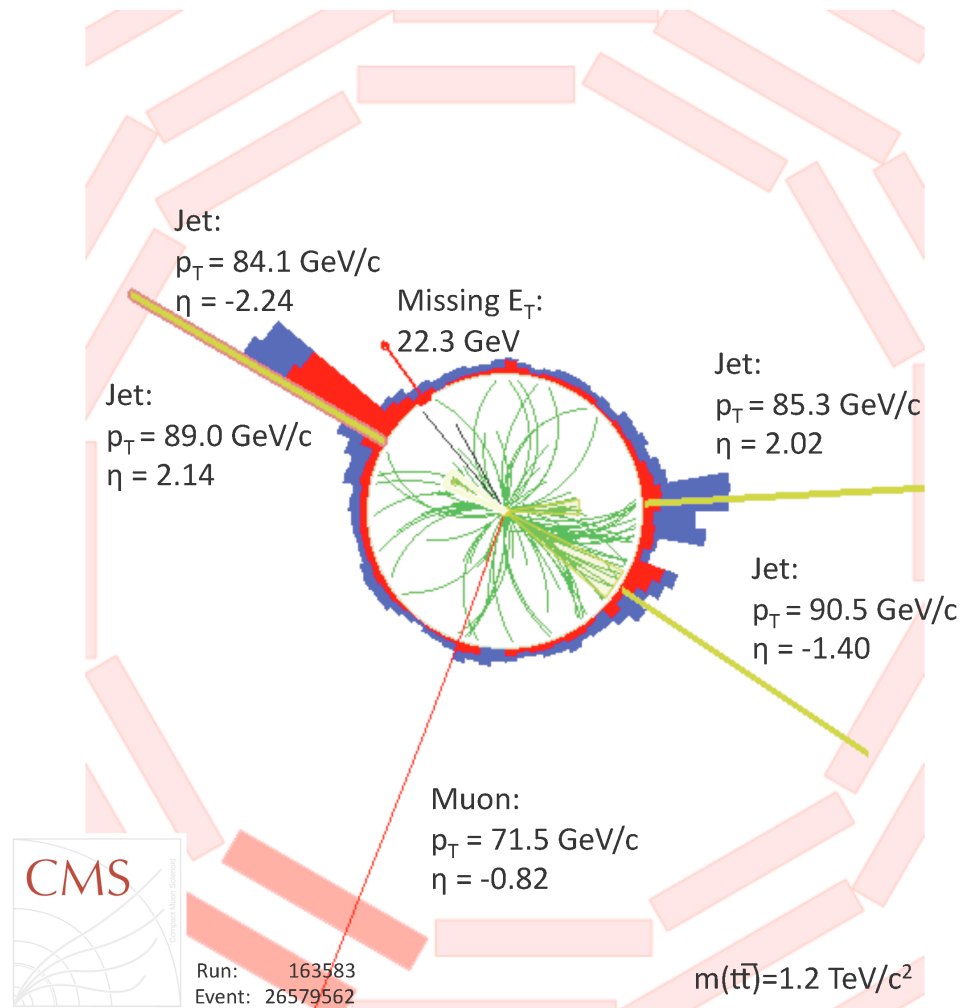
Jets with substructure



Validation in lepton+jets events

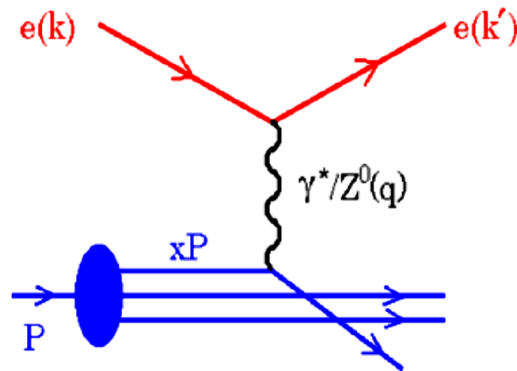


- Algorithm validated using muon+jets selection
- Data shows that W boson and top quark (using di-jet events) can be reconstructed this way and is reasonably well modeled



Important: parton density functions determine all LHC cross sections!

Proton structure probe



Neutral current Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS) cross section:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^\pm}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2 Y_\pm}{Q^4 x} \sigma_r^\pm = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2 Y_\pm}{Q^4 x} \left[F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L(x, Q^2) \mp \frac{Y_-}{Y_+} xF_3 \right]$$

where factors $Y_\pm = 1 \pm (1 - y)^2$ and y^2 define polarisation of the exchanged boson and $y = Q^2 / (S x)$.

Kinematics is determined by Q^2 and Bjorken x .

At leading order:

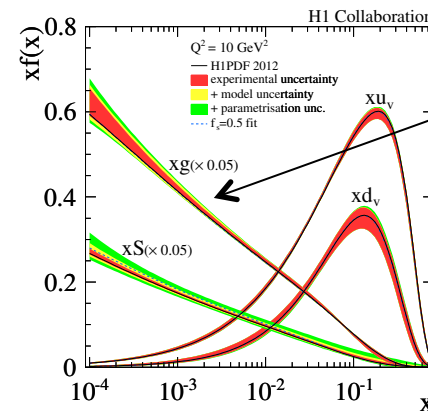
$$F_2 = x \sum e_q^2 (q(x) + \bar{q}(x))$$

$$xF_3 = x \sum 2e_q a_q (q(x) - \bar{q}(x))$$

$$\sigma_{CC}^+ \sim x(u + c) + x(1 - y)^2(d + s)$$

$$\sigma_{CC}^- \sim x(u + c) + x(1 - y)^2(d + s)$$

$xg(x)$ — from F_2 scaling violation, jets and F_L



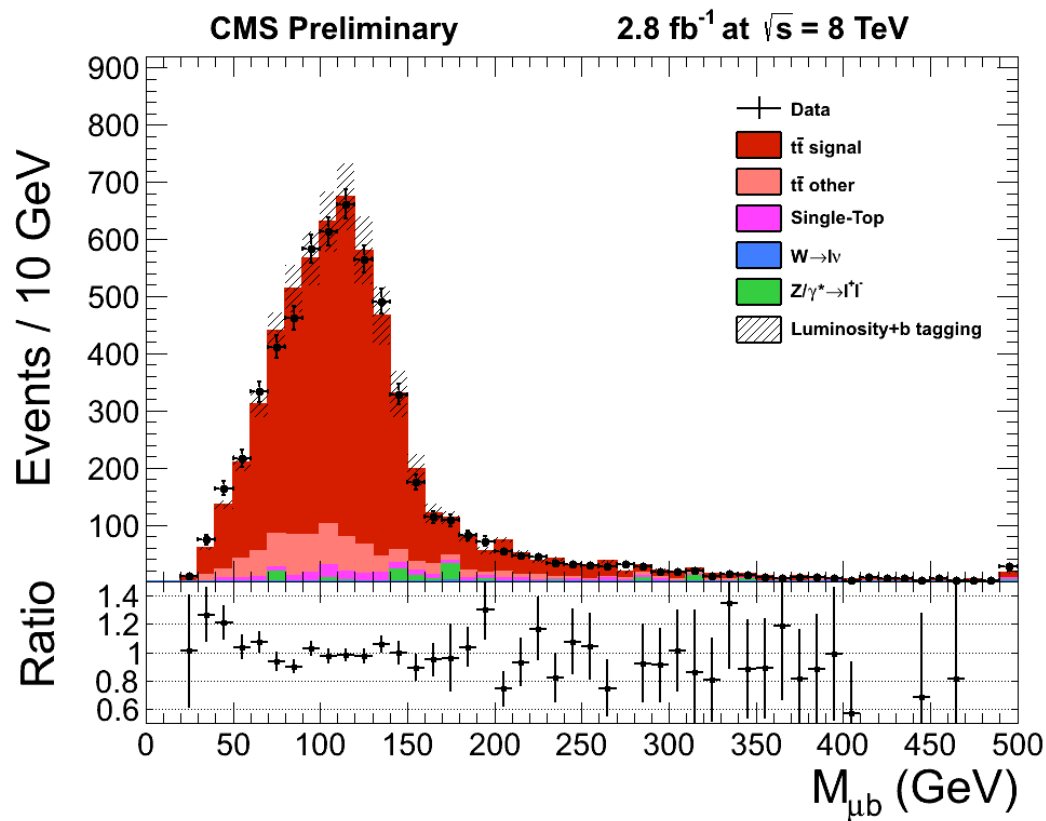
For most processes, LHC essentially is a gg collider

LHC: Top quark pair factory

- Cross sections ~ 225 pb
- In combination with 20 /fb datasets:

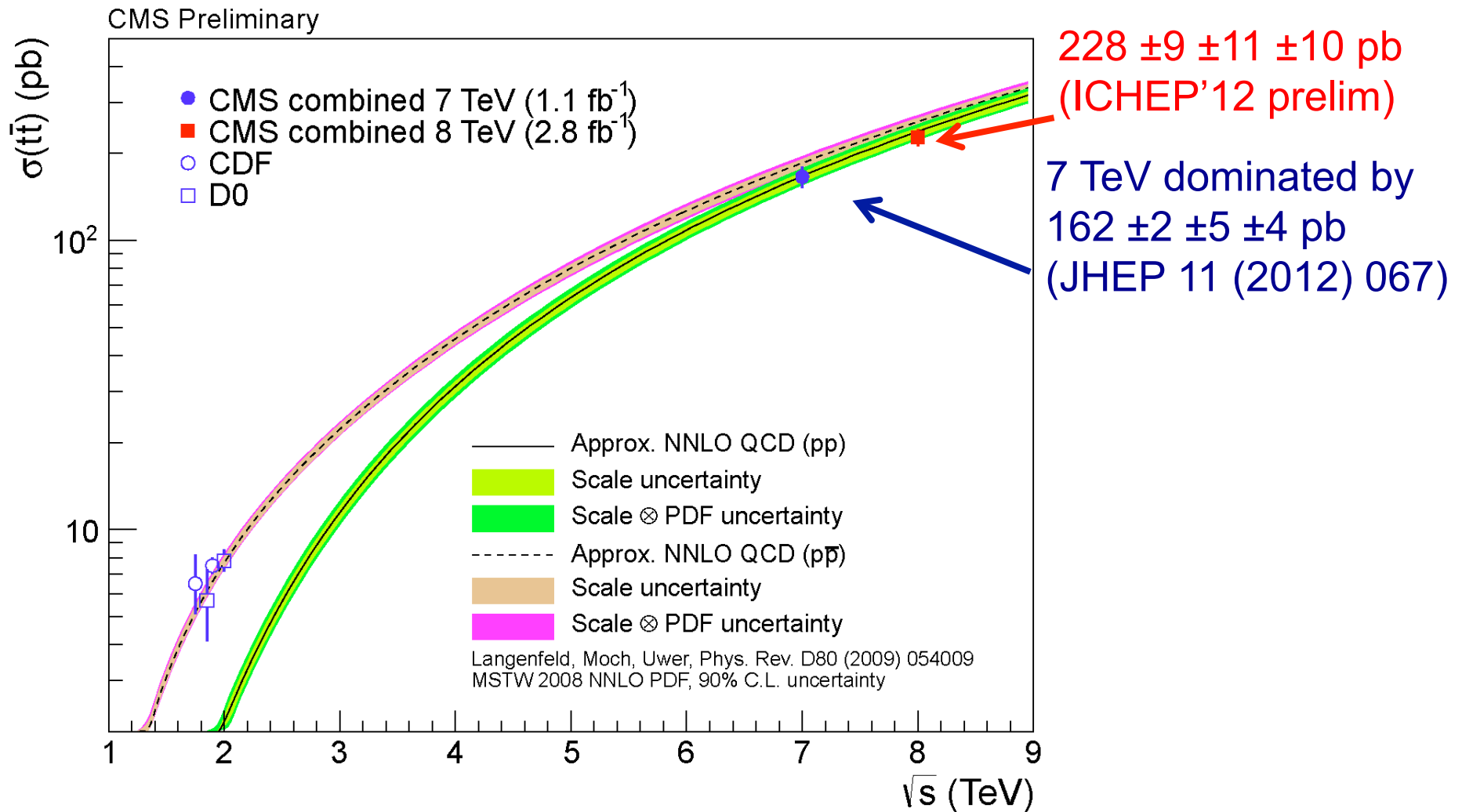
– LHC is a top factory

– Very productive program of Standard Model precision top physics



Top pair production

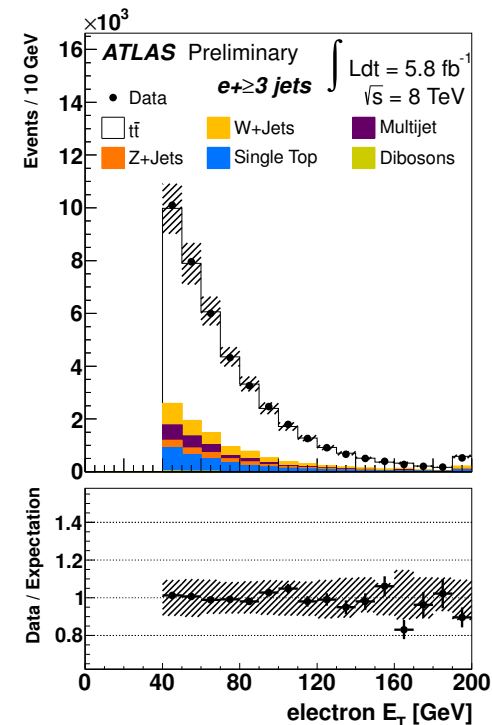
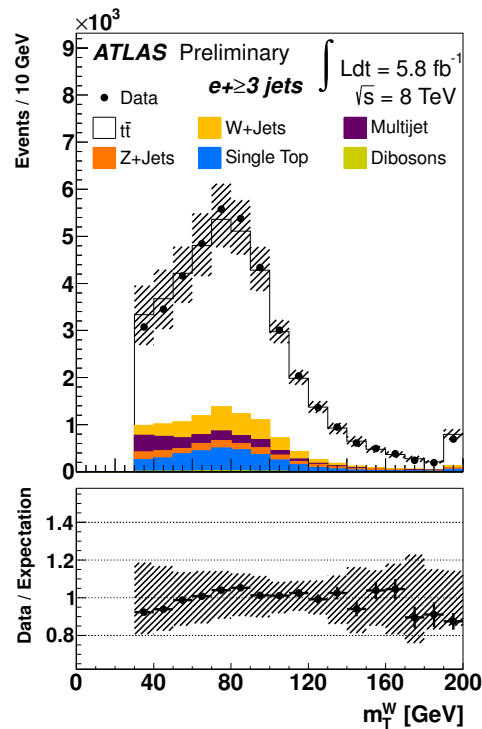
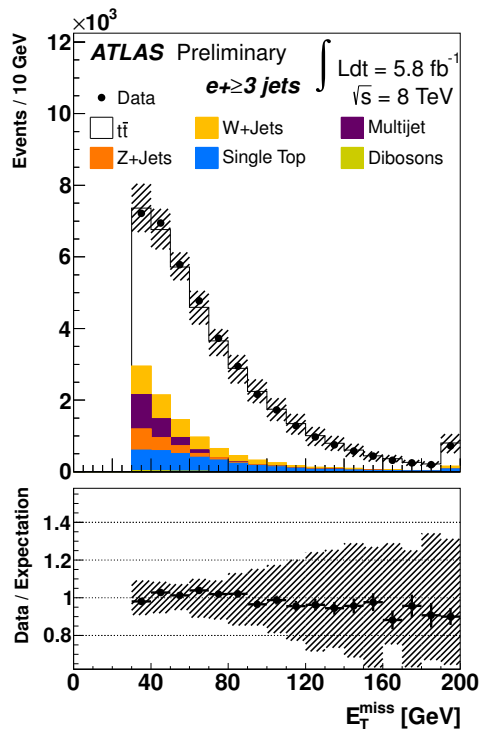
Production cross section overview



Top cross sections

- Good benchmark to explain basic strategies in top physics and see main backgrounds
- Chosen result: ATLAS CONF-2012-149
- This is an analysis that uses the kinematical quantities of events with one lepton and (at least) 3 jets, including one b-tagged jet, to derive the total number of top quark events in the sample
 - And from that the production cross section

Event quantities



| | $e^+ \geq 3$ jets | $\mu^+ \geq 3$ jets |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| $t\bar{t}$ | 31000^{+2900}_{-3100} | 44000 ± 4000 |
| W+jets | 5700 ± 2400 | 9000 ± 4000 |
| Multijet | 1900 ± 900 | 1100 ± 500 |
| Z+jets | 1400 ± 600 | 1200 ± 500 |
| Single top | 3260 ± 160 | 4610 ± 230 |
| Dibosons | 115 ± 6 | 158 ± 8 |
| Total Expected | 43000 ± 4000 | 61000 ± 6000 |
| Data | 40794 | 58872 |

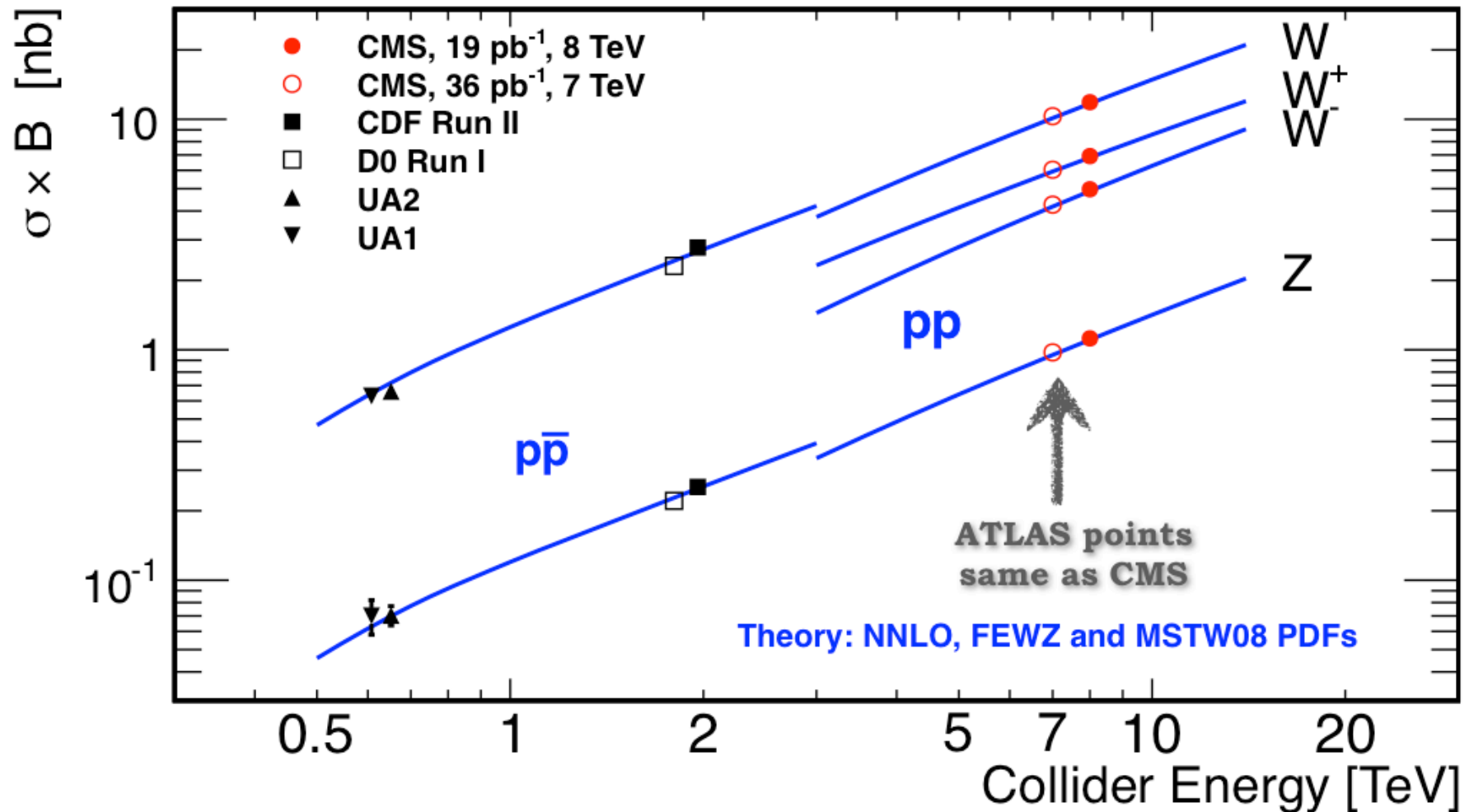
Expected from detailed MC simulation using full detector response (GEANT)

Events generated with full Standard Model matrix element at Next-to-leading order, and full modeling of hadronization of quarks/gluons

Simulation takes much time (typical: few min/event at least)

Events scaled to NNLO theory cross section predictions

EWK cross section overview



Question: why at LHC W⁺ different than W⁻?

Multijet background, aka 'QCD'

'Electron's that are 'QCD'

- Overlap track w/ photon
- Photon conversions
- b-quarks and c-quarks that decay to leptons
 - Rest of decay missed? Real leptons
- Jets with fluctuations in hadronization
 - Very few charged tracks
 - Very small hadronic energy fraction

'Muons' that are 'QCD'

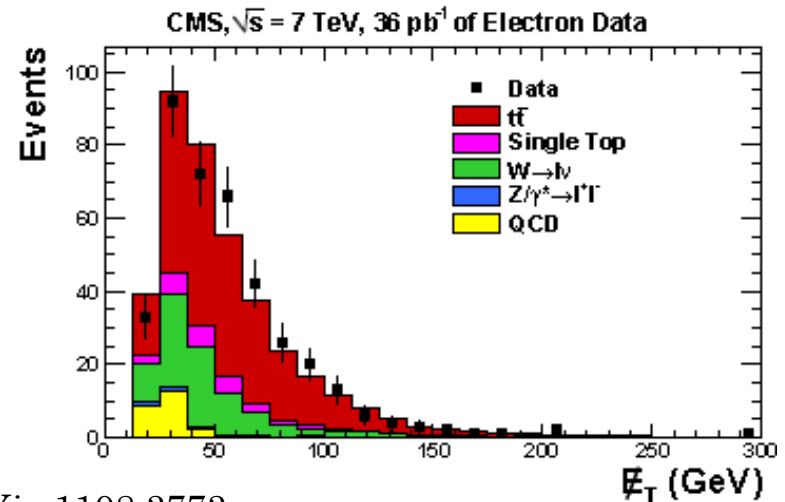
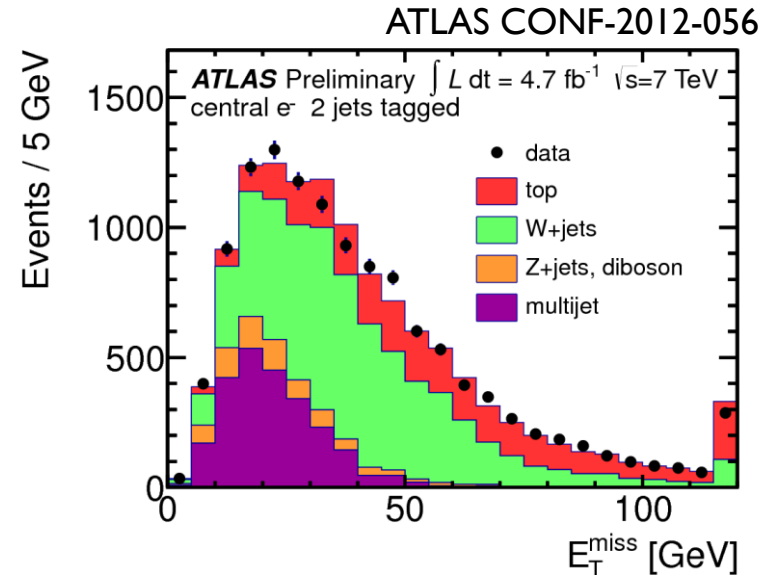
- Pions, kaons that decay in flight in tracking region
- b-quarks and c-quarks decaying to leptons
 - rest of decay missed? Real leptons
- Hadrons that did not shower in calorimeter?
- Punch-through hadrons

Simulation of fake electrons and muons using simulated QCD events is both **unreliable** and **impractical**

Data-driven methods

Many methods, all rely on isolating a control region enriched in fake leptons

- Select a sample of known lepton-like jets (looser version of your sample) and determine how often you see a muon or electron
 - Derive shapes from this and normalise to sideband (low Missing ET for example)
 - Good at modeling bad hadronization
- Or determine a sample of ‘anti’ electrons/muons by inverting one of the selection cuts (typically the isolation requirement)
 - Very good at modeling complex variables
 - Good at modeling HF jets that fake isolated leptons



arXiv:1108.3773

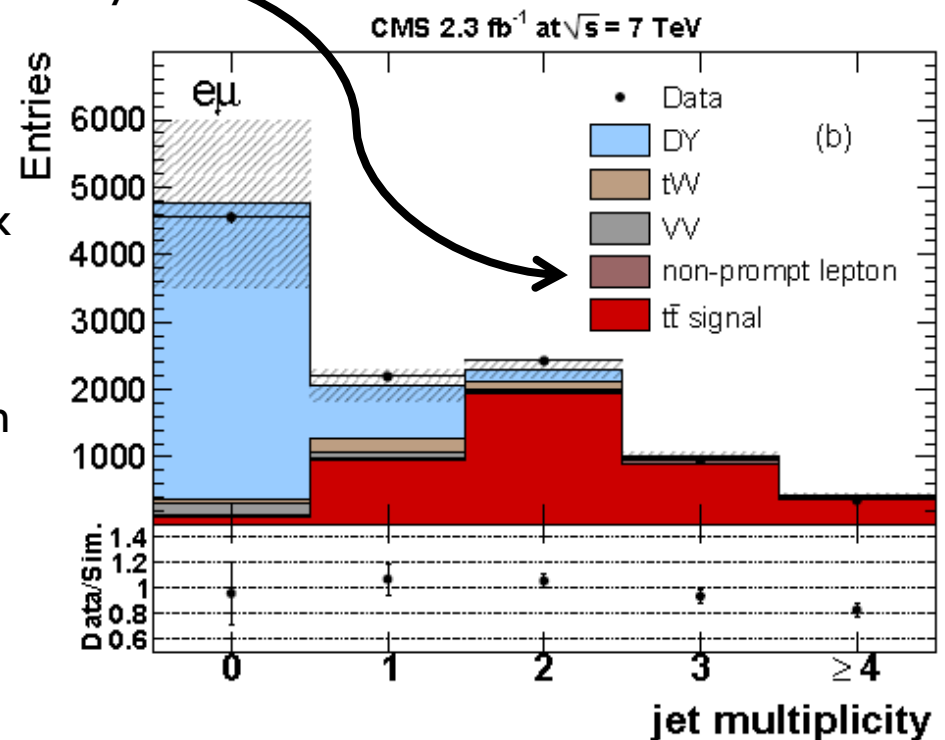
Data-driven methods

Matrix method:

Use two control regions with different, known, real/fake fraction and compare them to derive both fake rate and efficiency or vice versa

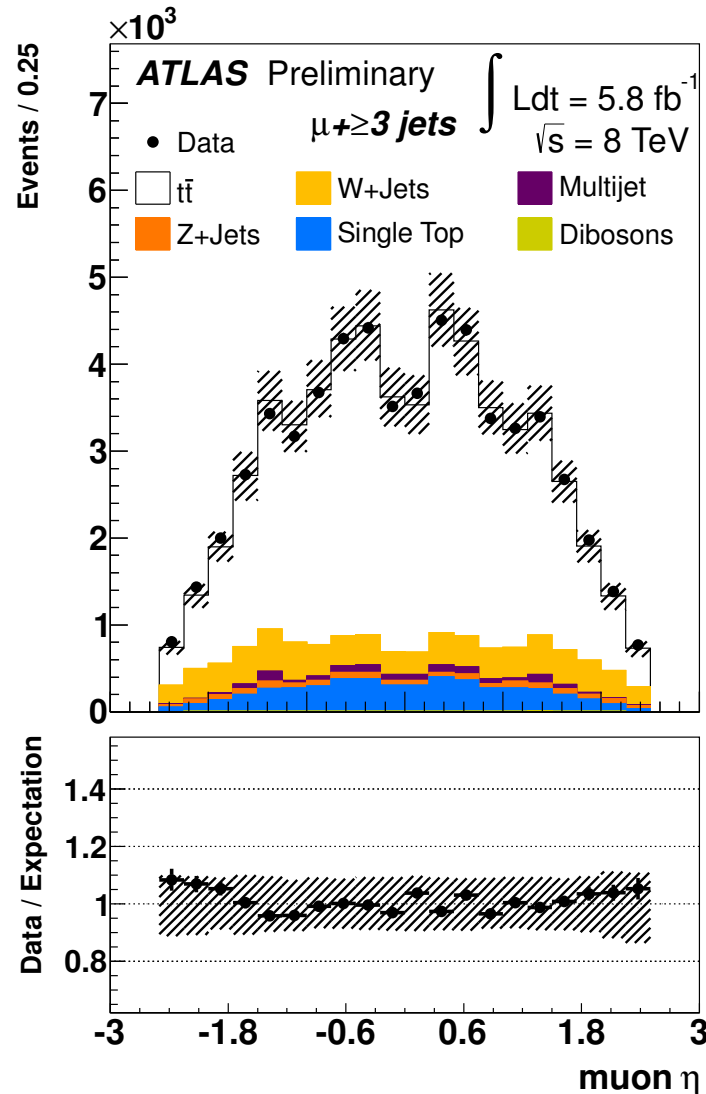
- Involves matrix inversion of 2x2 matrix
- needs well-understood sample composition of loose and tight sample
- Or needs known efficiency and known fake rate derived from other samples such as multijet and Z->ll resonance
- Advantage: can completely determine composition of samples and with small uncertainties
 - But is complicated and involves many cross checks

Non-prompt background in CMS 7 TeV dilepton cross section analysis derived this way



Also commonly used in determination b-tag efficiency and fake rate from b-bbar events

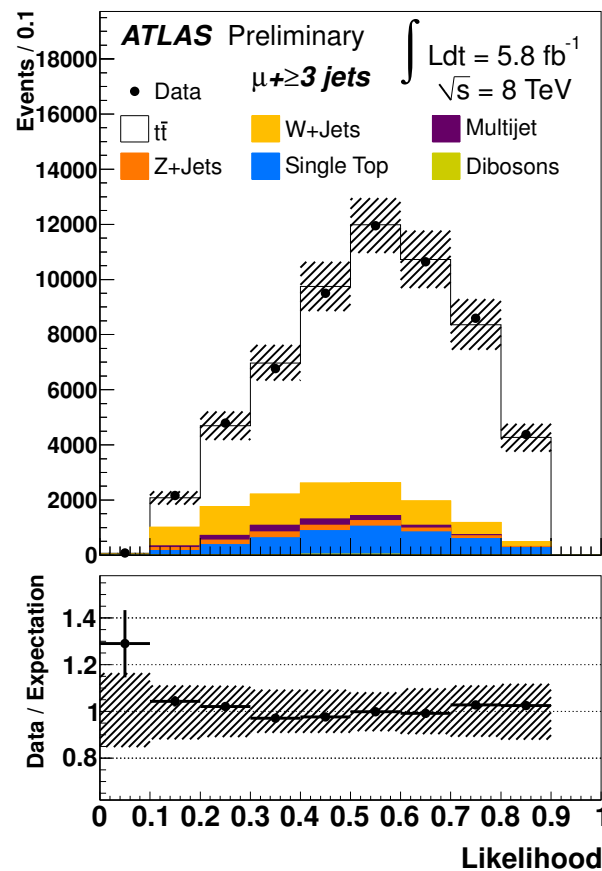
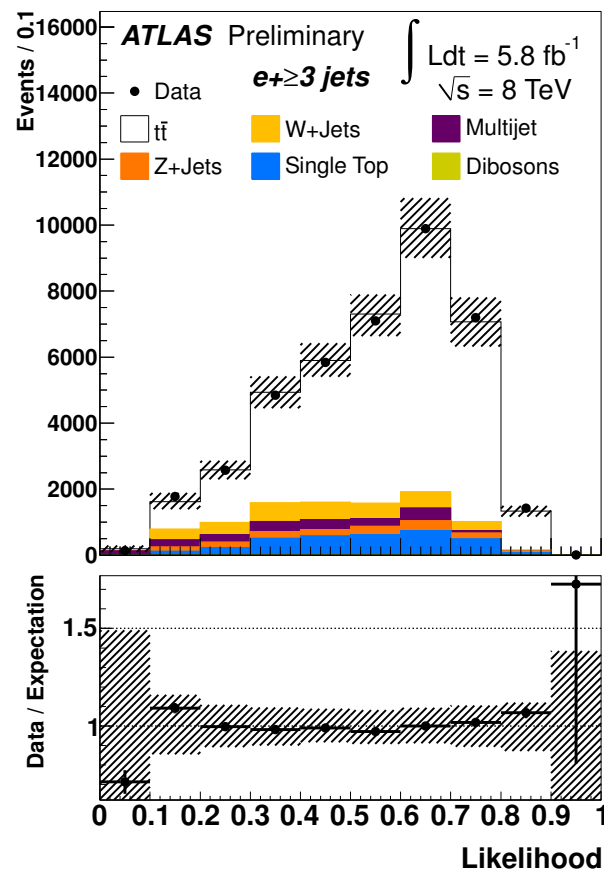
Back to ATLAS' cross section measurement



- Muon multijet contribution derived with matrix method
 - Used high MET (> 100) region (few fakes) and low MET (< 20) region to determine fake rate.
 - Low MET region of course contained W and Z bosons so those were subtracted using simulated contributions
- Electron multijet contribution derived from jet-enriched sample

Combined in likelihood

- Likelihood in this case means single number per event quantifying how top-like the event is



- Statistical fit that varies backgrounds within their uncertainties used to determine remaining number of $t\bar{t}$ events, which is then used:

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N_{t\bar{t}}}{\mathcal{L} \times BR \times \epsilon_{\text{sig}}}$$

- Efficiencies: determined from simulation with corrections from data

Systematic uncertainties

| Source | $e+ \geq 3 \text{ jets}$ | $\mu+ \geq 3 \text{ jets}$ | combined |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Jet/MET reconstruction, calibration | 6.7, -6.3 | 5.4, -4.6 | 5.9, -5.2 |
| Lepton trigger, identification and reconstruction | 2.4, -2.7 | 4.7, -4.2 | 2.7, -2.8 |
| Background normalization and composition | 1.9, -2.2 | 1.6, -1.5 | 1.8, -1.9 |
| b-tagging efficiency | 1.7, -1.3 | 1.9, -1.1 | 1.8, -1.2 |
| MC modelling of the signal | ± 12 | ± 11 | ± 11 |
| Total | ± 14 | ± 13 | ± 13 |

- Each of these numbers involves rerunning the analysis taking into account known uncertainties on the lepton reconstruction, etc.
- Some, like the ‘MC modelling’ uncertainty, contain many effects such as ISR/FSR model uncertainty, parton density functions, parton shower models, uncertainties of the event generator used for the simulation
- More examples of systematic studies/uncertainties in next lectures

Final cross section

- Final cross sections traditionally (in top physics) have several uncertainties:

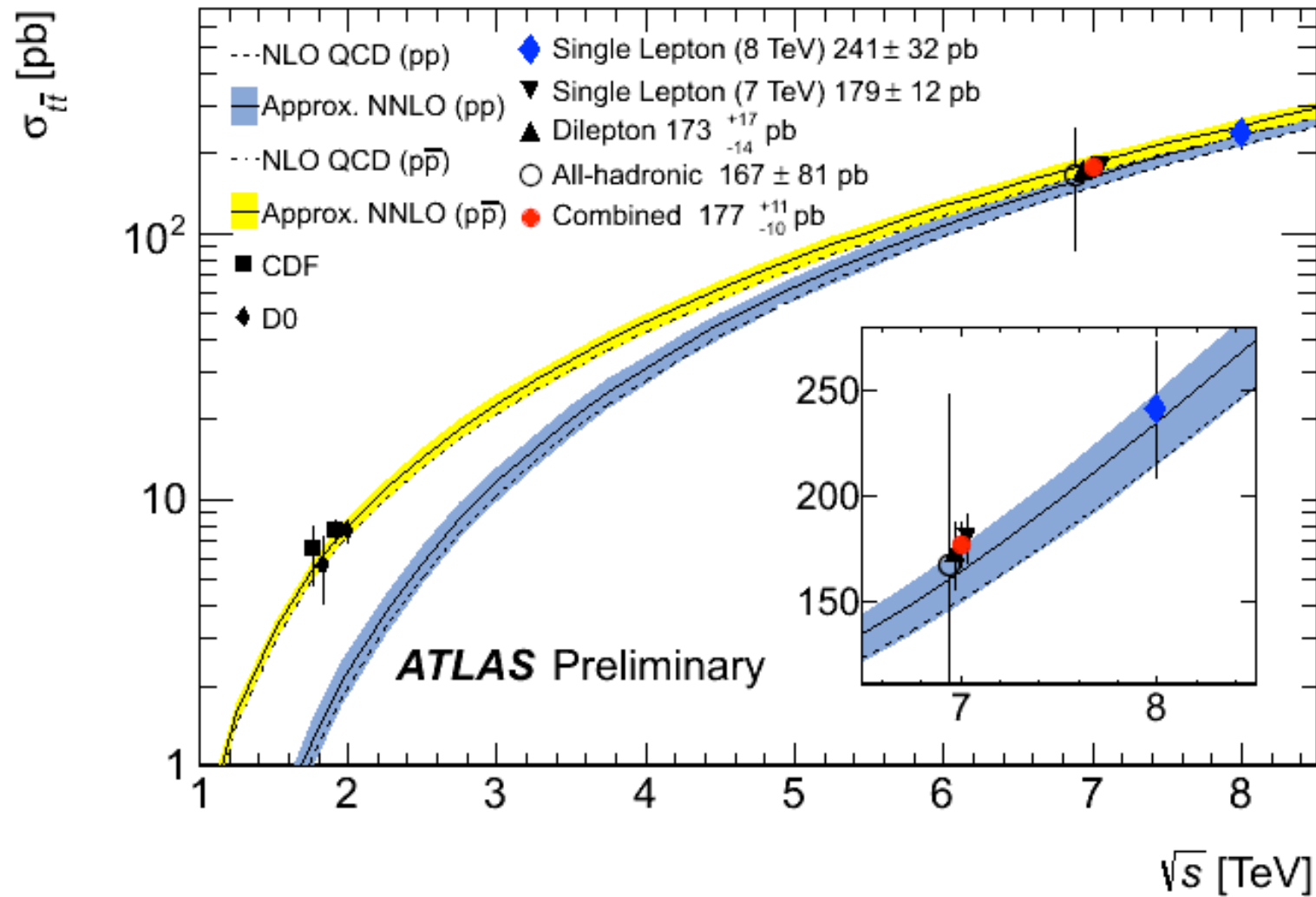
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 241 \pm 2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 31 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 9 \text{ (lumi.) pb.}$$

- The analysis determined the cross section at 8 TeV, which of course also has theory predictions.

Some examples:

- (approximate) Next-to-next-to-leading order assuming QCD production of generic heavy quarks: $238 \pm 10\%$ pb (HATHOR, arXiv:1007.1327)
- Full next-to-next-to-leading order: $246 \pm 3\% \pm 2.6$ pb (arXiv:1303.6254)

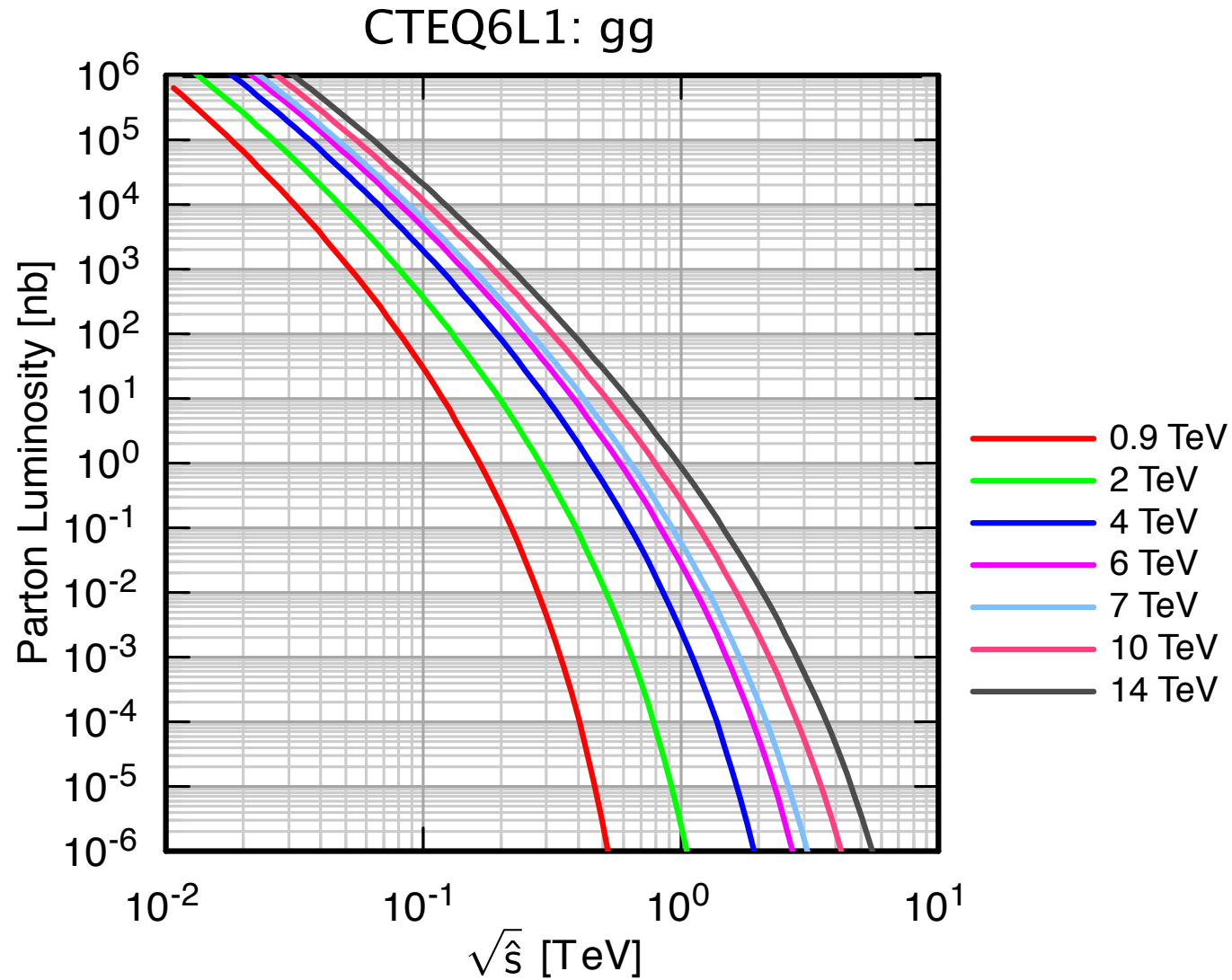
And in the end...



End of lecture one – questions?



Use to predict cross sections



<http://lutece.fnal.gov/PartonLum/>

