

**“Top Physics studies at LHC  
in SM and BSM with the ATLAS detector”**

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# OUTLINE

- ATLAS PROSPECTS ON (1) :
  - SM:
    - $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ :  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow tt)$ .
    - $L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ :  $M_{\text{TOP}}$  ,  $\sigma(\text{single top})$ .
  - BSM:  $L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 
    - W polarization and Wtb anomalous couplings.
    - Rare Top quark decays FCNC
    - Resonant tt-bar production  $Z' \rightarrow tt$
- Brief current status from TEVATRON (2) and (3)

(1) ATLAS Collaboration, Expected Performance of the ATLAS Experiment, Detector, Trigger and Physics, CERN-OPEN-2008-020, Geneva, 2008, to appear.

(\*) All the information presented in this talk is **PRELIMINARY**.

(\*\*) All results presented here evaluated at  $\sqrt{s}=14 \text{ TeV}$

(2) <http://www-cdf.fnal.gov/physics/new/top/top.html> (CDF Top quark Physics results)

(3) [http://www-d0.fnal.gov/Run2Physics/top/top\\_public\\_web\\_pages/top\\_public.html](http://www-d0.fnal.gov/Run2Physics/top/top_public_web_pages/top_public.html) (DØ Top quark Physics results)

# $\sigma_{tt}$ (SINGLE LEPTON CHANNEL) $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

$\sigma_{tt}(\text{LHC}) = 883.90 \text{ pb}$  (Phys. Rev. 2008, D78, 034003)

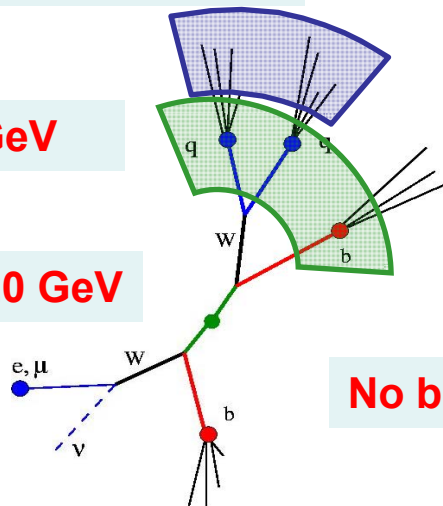
- Triggers:  $e/\mu$  isolated & high  $p_T$
- Dominant backgrounds:  $W$ +jets & Single top
- Excellent sample for:
  - Commissioning of  $b$ -tagging algorithms.
  - Determination of the light jet energy scale using the decay  $W \rightarrow jj$ .

$L = 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	$e$ +jets	$\mu$ +jets
$tt$ -bar (signal)	3274	2555
Eff(%)	18.2%	23.6%
Hadronic $tt$ -bar	35	11
$W$ +jets	1052	761
Single top	227	183
$Z \rightarrow ll$ +jets	78	107
$Wbb$ -bar	25	17
$Wcc$ -bar	26	19
$WW$	4	4
$WZ$	3	2
$ZZ$	0.4	0.3
Total Background	1446	1104
S/B	2.3	2.3

$\geq 4$  jets  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$   
 &  $\geq 3$  jets  $p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$

$P_T(\text{lep}) > 20 \text{ GeV}$

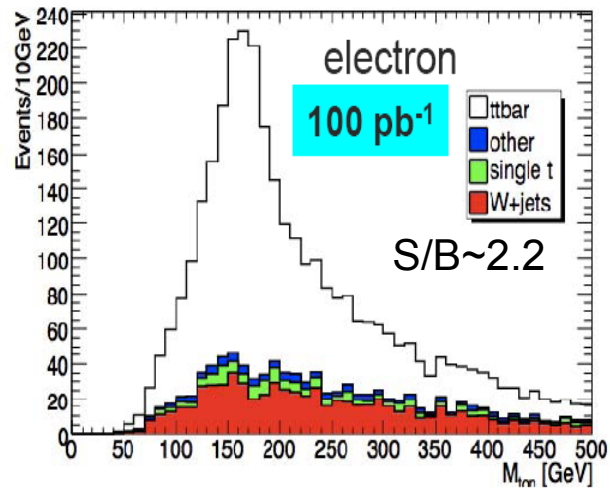
Missing  $E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$



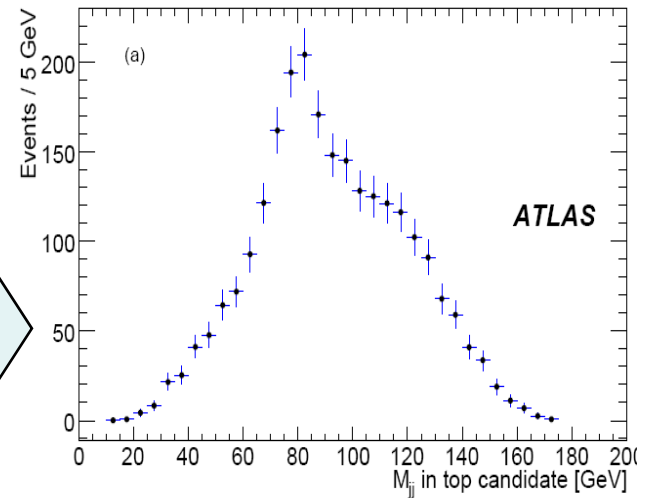
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# $\sigma_{tt}$ (SINGLE LEPTON CHANNEL) TT-BAR RECONSTRUCTION

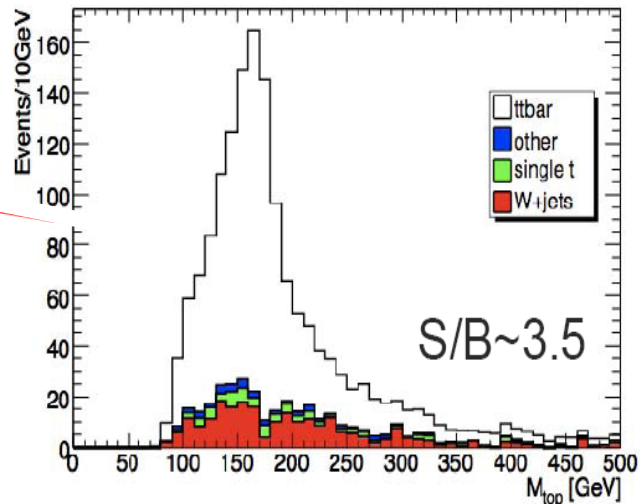
Hadronic Top Candidate:  
 $j_1, j_2, j_3 / \Sigma p_T^{\max}$



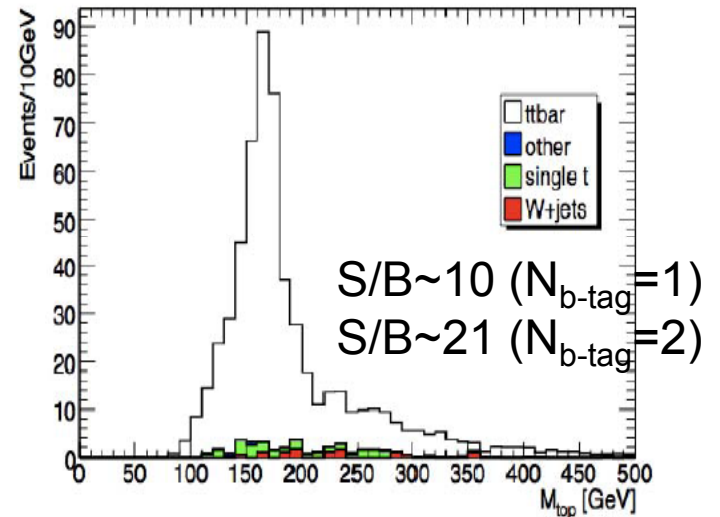
Hadronic W candidate:  
 $j_1, j_2 / \Sigma p_T^{\max}$



$|m(jj) - m_W| < 10 \text{ GeV}$



$N_{b\text{-tag}} = 1, 2$



# $\sigma_{tt}$ (SINGLE LEPTON CHANNEL) METHODS AND SYSTEMATICS

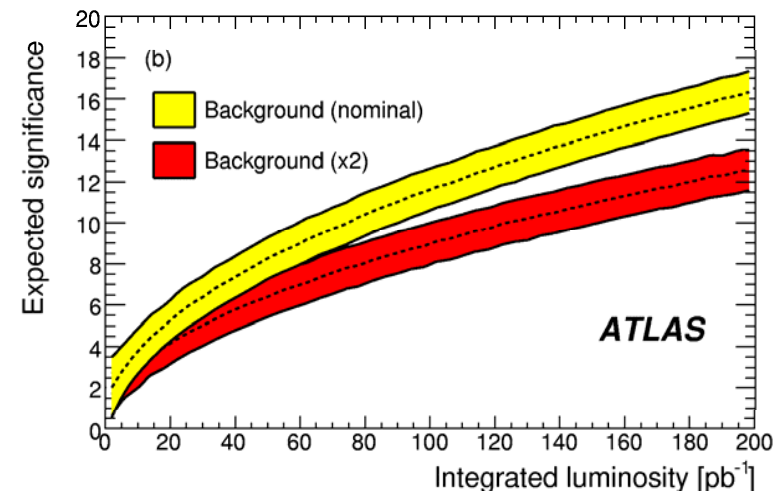
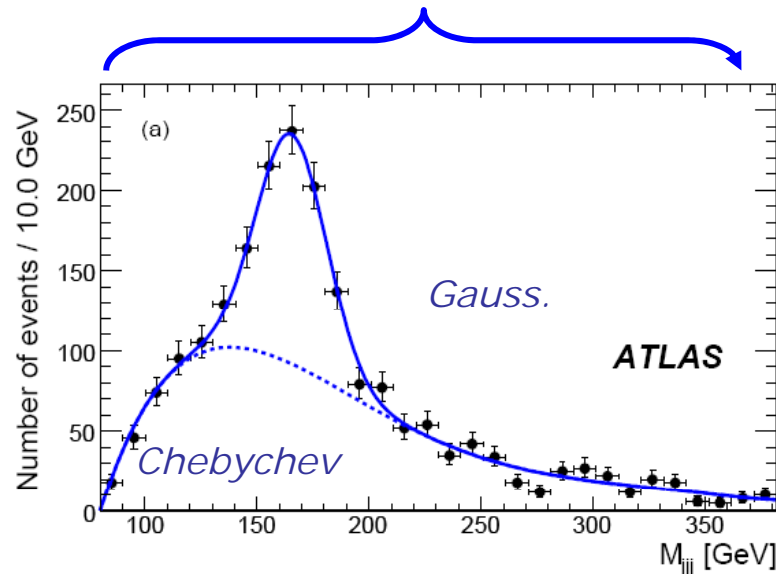
## •Counting method:

- Very sensitive to the uncertainty in the total background rate, specially W+jets background estimate.
- Jet energy scale is a significant systematic.

## •Likelihood fit method: $m_{jjj}$ of hadronic top candidate

- Sensitive to the uncertainty in the tt-bar reconstruction efficiency.
- Dominant uncertainties are statistical and shape of fit function.

$$\sigma_{tt} = \frac{N_{DATA} - N_{BKG}}{Eff \times L}$$



# $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ (DI-LEPTON CHANNEL) $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ : 3 METHODS.

2 high  $p_T$  identified leptons ( $e/\mu$ ): opposite signed and isolated.

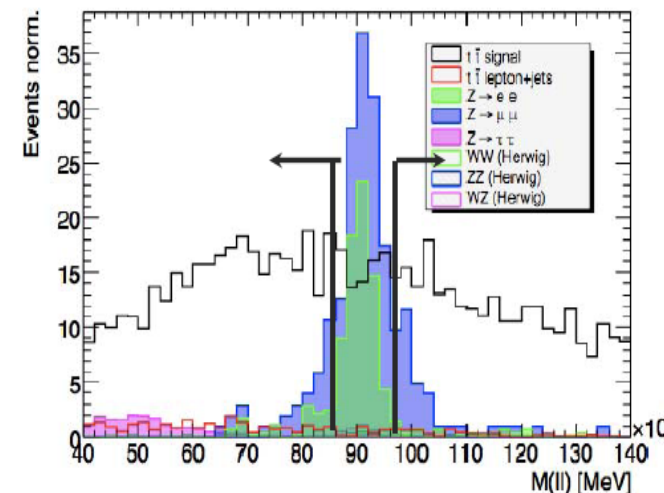
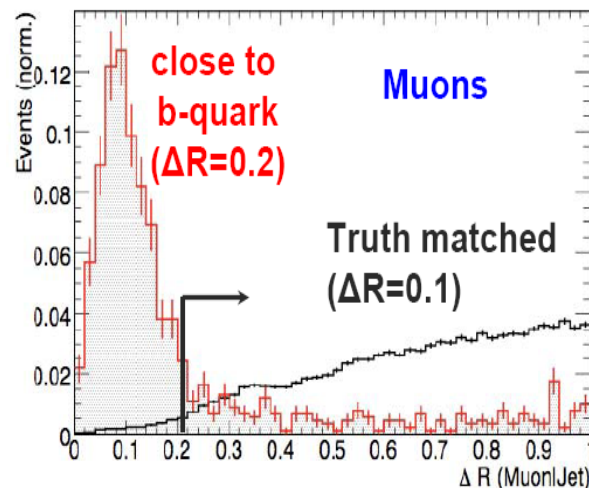
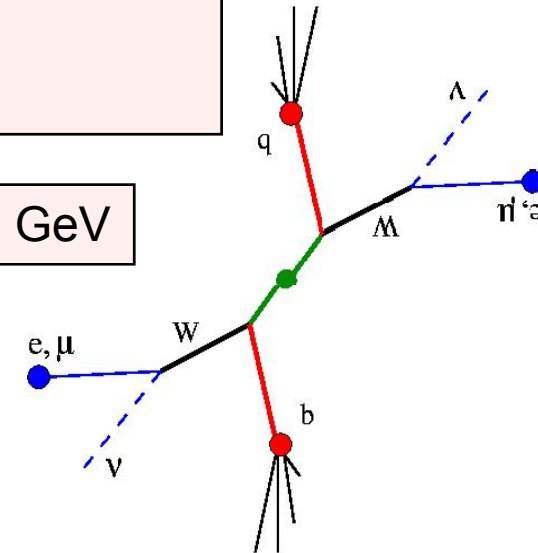
**MAIN BACKGROUNDS:**

$Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu/\tau\tau$ , (57%)  $t\bar{t}$ bar(semileptonic)(17%)

$W(\rightarrow e/\mu+\nu)$ +jets,  $WW, WZ, ZZ$ , single top.

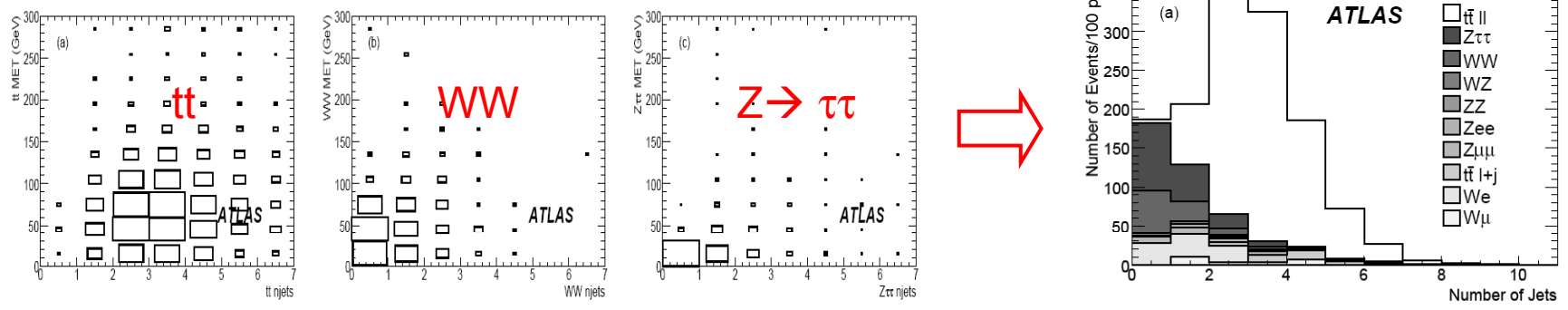
**“CUT & COUNT” METHOD:**  $E_t^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $85 < M_{ll} < 96 \text{ GeV}$

dataset	$e\mu$	$ee$	$\mu\mu$	all channels
$t\bar{t}$ (signal)	555	202	253	987
$\epsilon$ [%]	20.2	14.7	18.3	17.9
Total bkg.	86	36	73	228
$S/B$	6.3	5.6	3.4	4.3

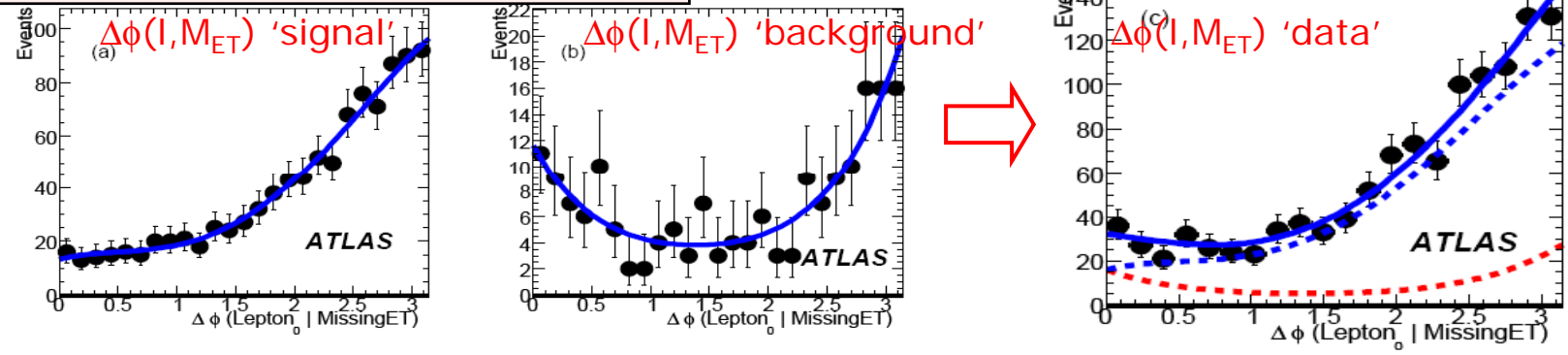


# $\sigma_{tt}$ (DI-LEPTON CHANNEL) $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ : SYSTEMATICS.

“INCLUSIVE TEMPLATE” METHOD: 2D binned likelihood:  $E_t^{\text{miss}}$  vs  $N_{\text{jets}}$



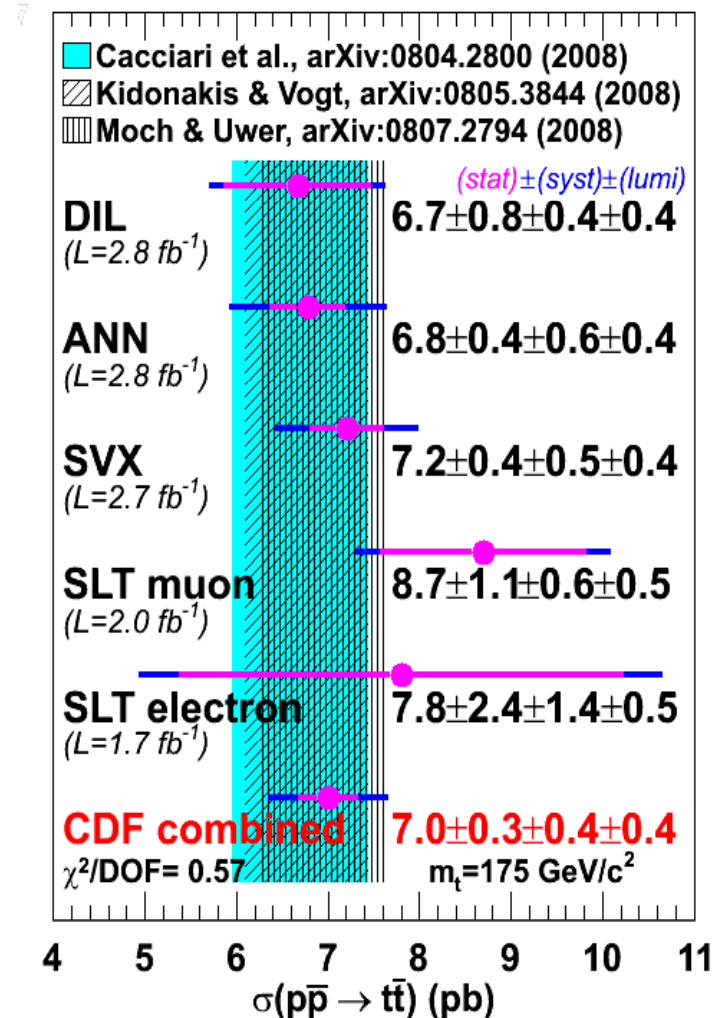
“LIKELIHOOD METHOD”:  $\Delta\phi(I, E_t^{\text{miss}})$



- Systematic uncertainties
  - Jet energy scale largest contributor
  - Others: PDF, ISR/FSR, shape of fit function.

# $\sigma_{tt}$ ATLAS PROSPECTS $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ VS CDF $L=2.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\text{stat})$	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\text{syst})$	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\text{pdf})$	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\text{lumi})$
Di-lepton "Cut & Count"			
4%	+5 -2 %	2%	20-30%
Di-lepton Template			
4%	$\pm 4\%$	2%	20-30%
Di-lepton Likelihood			
5%	+8 -5 %	0.2%	20-30%
Single lepton Likelihood			
7%	15%	3%	20-30%
Single lepton Counting			
3%	16%	3%	20-30%



CDF  $L=2.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\text{stat})=4\%$     $\Delta\sigma(\text{syst})/\sigma=6\%$     $\Delta\sigma(\text{lumi})/\sigma=6\%$   
 $\Delta\sigma/\sigma=9\%$



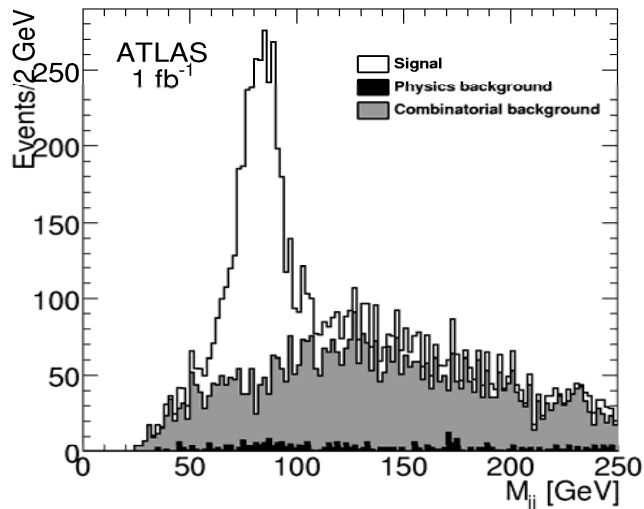
# $M_{TOP}$ ATLAS $L=1\text{fb}^{-1}$ $\rightarrow \chi^2$ minimization method (I)

- Single lepton channel: at least 4 jets with  $p_T > 40$  GeV, 2 b-jets.
- **Select the hadronic W candidate** within a mass window of  $\pm 3 \sigma(M_{jj})$  (30 GeV) around the peak value of the dijet mass distribution in events with only two light jets.

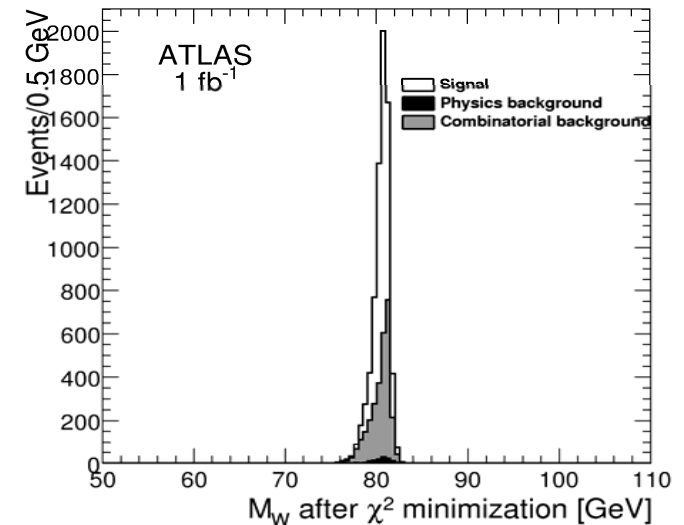
- For each preselected light jet pair in the event, perform a  $\chi^2$  minimization:

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(M_{jj}(\alpha_{E_{j1}}, \alpha_{E_{j2}}) - M_W^{PDG})^2}{(\Gamma_W^{PDG})^2} + \frac{(E_{j1}(1 - \alpha_{E_{j1}}))^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(E_{j2}(1 - \alpha_{E_{j2}}))^2}{\sigma_2^2} \quad \sigma_E = E * \sqrt{(a^2 / E) + b^2}$$

- For each event, the hadronic W boson candidate is taken as the pair of light jets with minimum  $\chi^2$ .



Hadronic W reconstruction:  
 $\chi^2$  minimization

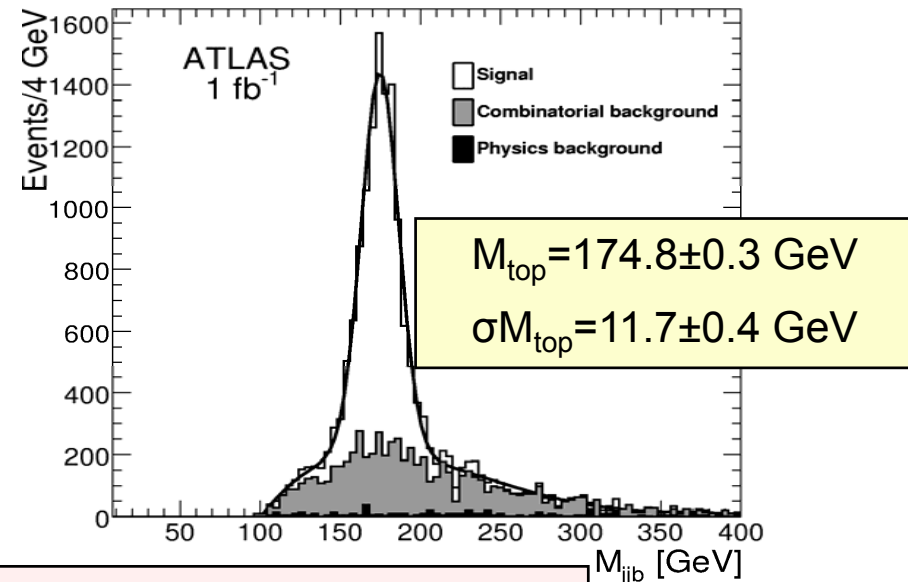
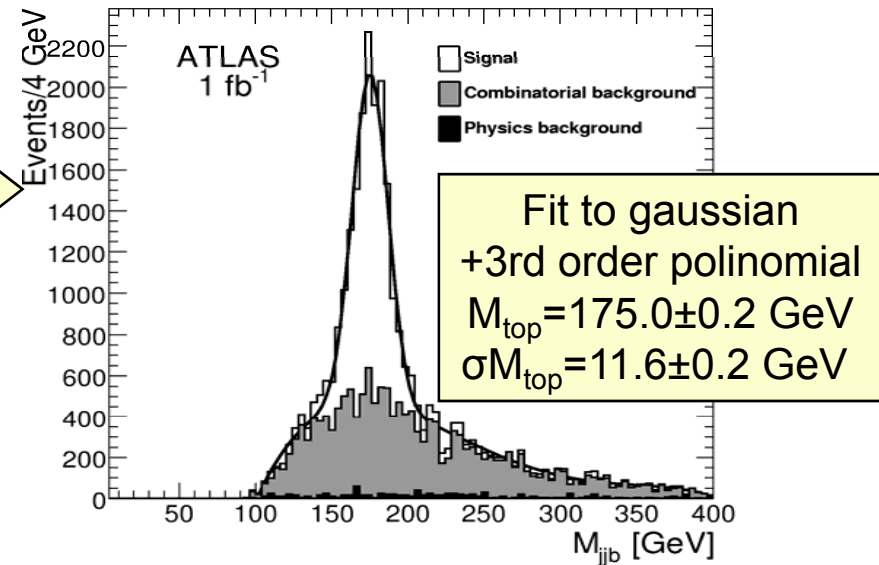


# $M_{TOP}$ ATLAS $L=1\text{fb}^{-1}$ $\rightarrow \chi^2$ minimization method (II)

Hadronic Top reconstruction:  
b-jet closest to the hadronic W boson

- Combinatorial background rejection:
  - Increases the purity of  $M_{TOP}$  for high luminosity.
  - C1:  $M(W_{had}, b_{lep}) > 200$  GeV
  - C2:  $M(lepton, b_{lep}) < 160$  GeV

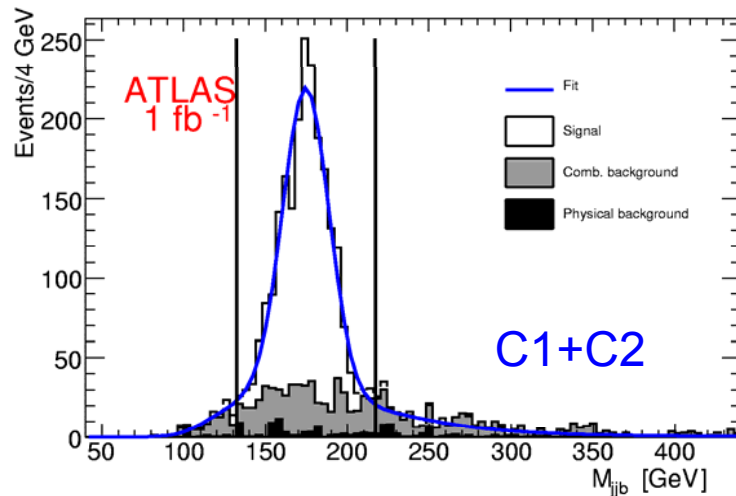
	Efficiency(%)	Top Purity
$\chi^2$ Method.	$2.22 \pm 0.03$	$40.2 \pm 0.8$
+C1+C2	$1.25 \pm 0.04$	$56.5 \pm 0.8$



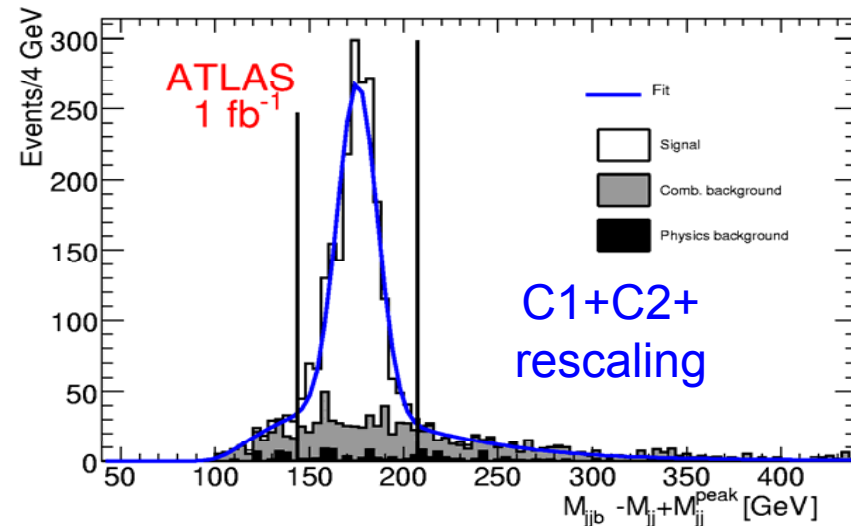
MC tt-bar with  $M_{TOP}=175$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

# $M_{TOP}$ ATLAS $L=1\text{fb}^{-1}$ → Geometric method

- Hadronic W boson reconstruction:
  - Choose the light jet pair with the smallest angular distance  $\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$
  - Keep only events within a mass window of  $\pm\sigma_{M_{jj}}$  ( 20 GeV) the peak value of the  $M_{jj}$  distribution.
- Rescaling:  $M_{jib} - M_{jj} + M_{jj}^{\text{peak}}$  to remove at 1st order the contribution of light jets to the top mass resolution.



Fit to gaussian + threshold function  
 $M_{top} = 174.6 \pm 0.5$  GeV  $\sigma M_{top} = 11.1 \pm 0.5$  GeV

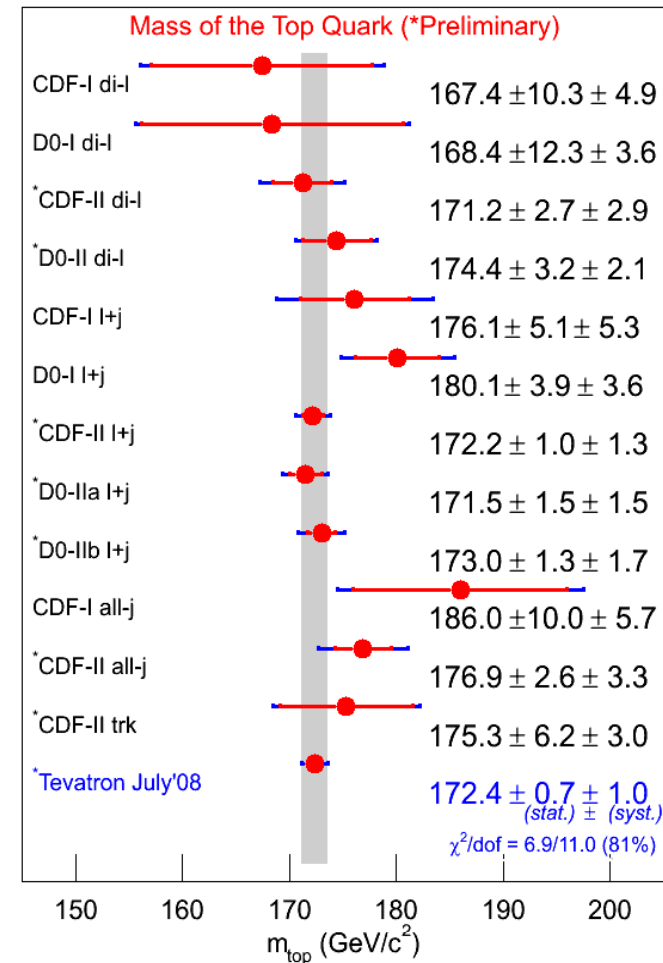


$M_{top} = 175.4 \pm 0.4$  GeV  $\sigma M_{top} = 10.6 \pm 0.4$  GeV

MC  $t\bar{t}$  with  $M_{TOP} = 175$  GeV/ $c^2$

# CONCLUSIONS $M_{TOP}$ ATLAS $L=1\text{fb}^{-1}$ vs TEVATRON

- Two methods developed:
  - The best estimator of  $M_{TOP}$  is the invariant mass of the hadronic top candidate in the single lepton channel.
- In-situ determination of the light jet energy scale using the sample of hadronic W candidate extracted from the  $t\bar{t}$  sample.
  - The systematic uncertainty will come from the b-jet energy scale, measured using data driven methods.
- In high luminosity scenario:
  - Stringent selection requirements to reduce combinatorial background and thus systematics.
- With  $L=1\text{ fb}^{-1}$ , if JES uncertainty is in the range 1-5% then a precision of 1-3.5 GeV should be achievable in  $M_{TOP}$ .
- RUN I & II TEVATRON (CDF+DØ)  
arXiv:0898.1089v1

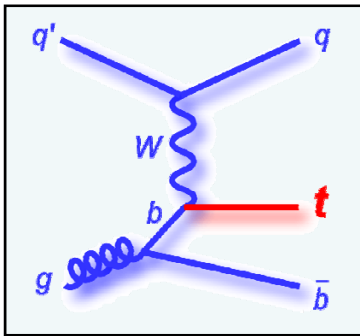


$$M_{TOP} = 172.4 \pm 1.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$\Delta M_{TOP} / M_{TOP} \sim 0.7\%$$

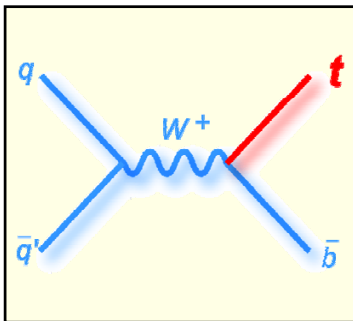
# SINGLE TOP PRODUCTION: FROM TEVATRON TO LHC

t-channel



- Tevatron presented evidence for electroweak single top production:
  - DØ:  $L=0.9 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 3.4\sigma$  (Phys.Rev.Lett.98:181802,2007.)
  - CDF:  $L=2.7 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 3.8\sigma$  (5  $\sigma$  expected significance) (Neural Network, most sensitive analysis)
  - ( see John Parsons 's contribution Parallel Session A. Parallel Session A. CP violation in the SM and beyond-I )
  - $5\sigma$  observation by Tevatron is around the corner: but measurements statistically limited.

s-channel



- LHC will have higher statistics to study top properties and to perform new physics searches: charged Higgs, W' etc.

$\sigma_{\text{TEVATRON}}$

$\sigma_{\text{LHC}}$

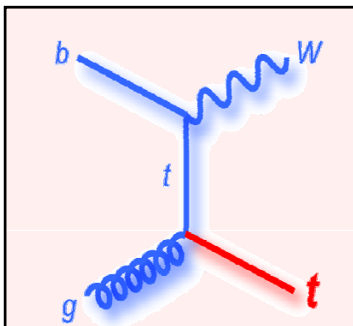
	$\sigma_{\text{TEVATRON}}$	$\sigma_{\text{LHC}}$		
t-channel	$1.98 \pm 0.25 \text{ pb}$	$246 \pm 12 \text{ pb}$ (1)	x 120	Similar S/B
s-channel	$0.88 \pm 0.11 \text{ pb}$	$11 \pm 1 \text{ pb}$ (1)	x 11	S/B / 10
Wt	$\sim 0.1 \text{ pb}$ (NOT USED)	$66 \pm 2 \text{ pb}$ (2)	x 660	S/B x 6
Top pairs	$6.7 \pm 0.8 \text{ pb}$	$833 \pm 100 \text{ pb}$ (3)	x 120	
W+jets	$\sim 2 \text{ nb}$	$\sim 20 \text{ nb}$	x 10	

(1) Sullivan,Z.,PRD 70 (2004)114012, Campbell et al. PRD 70(2004)094012

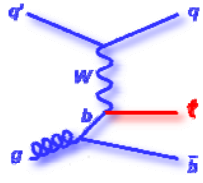
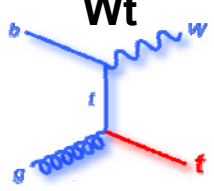
(2) Campbell, Tramontano, Nucl. Phys. B726(2005) 109-130

(3) Moch and Uwer (Phys. Rev. 2008, D78, 034003 [arXiv : 0807.2794])

Wt



# EVENT YIELD: Sequential CUT versus MVA ( $1\text{fb}^{-1}$ )

	 <b>t-channel</b> 1 high $P_T$ b-jet 1 lepton, missing $E_T$ 2 forward jets: b,j		 <b>Wt</b> 1 high $P_T$ b-jet 1 lepton, missing $E_T$ 2 light jets	
	"Cut"	BDT	"Cut"	BDT
Signal ST	1460±56	<b>542</b>	639.0±19.5	<b>85.5 ±7.1</b>
Other ST	148 ±9	<b>18</b>	1417.6 ± 50.0	<b>13.3 ±4.5</b>
Top pairs	2816±65	<b>184</b>	3022.0 ± 58.2	<b>113.5 ±10.9</b>
W+jets +Wbb	942±37	<b>211</b>	3384.0 ± 80.9	<b>99.4 ± 9.0</b>
Total Bkg	3906±75	<b>413</b>	7823.6 ± 111.5	<b>226.2 ± 14.9</b>
S/B	37%	<b>1.31</b>	8.1%	<b>37%</b>
S/ $\sqrt{B}$	23.4	<b>26.6</b>	7.2	<b>5.6</b>

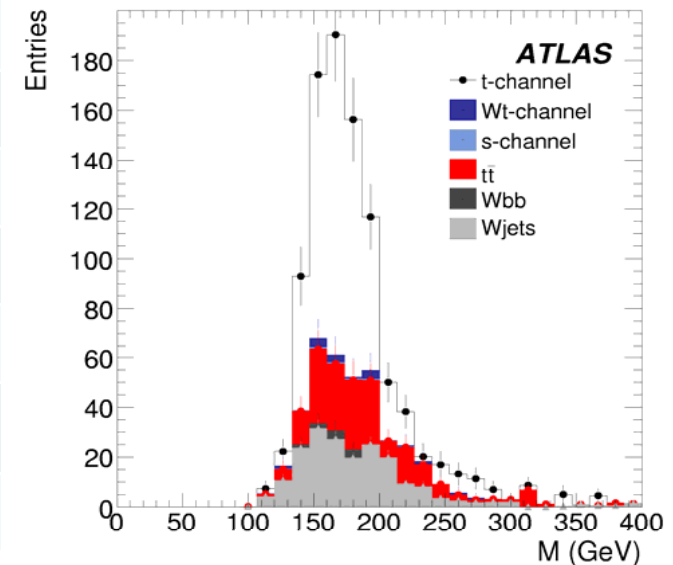
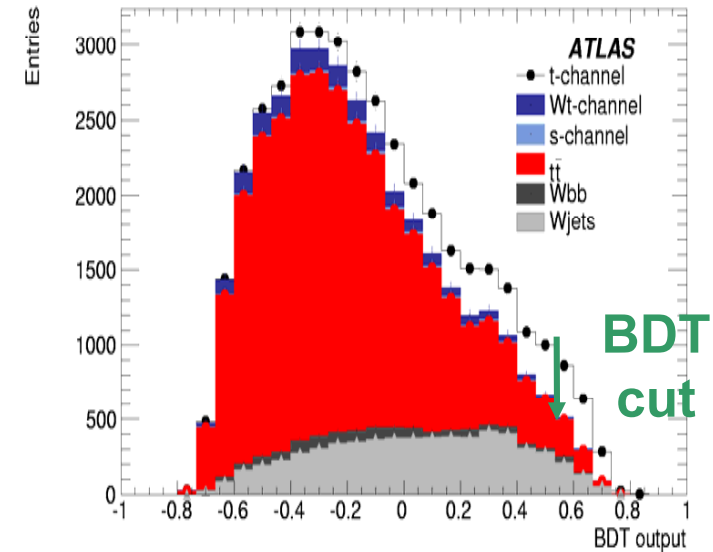
- t channel is the most promising one for single top observation at the LHC.
- Statistical significance is good for t-channel and Wt
- S/B is better than unity: t-channel and BDT.

# T-channel: MVA technique BDT

- M.V.A techniques to reduce W+jets background at low  $p_T$  and tt-bar background at high  $p_T$
- Specific BDT against tt-bar with variables less sensitive to JES, for instance:
  - $p_T$  and  $\cos(\theta^*)$  of leading jet
  - $\Delta R(j1,j2), \Delta R(j1,lep), \Delta R(j1non-b,l)$

Source	$\delta\sigma/\sigma$ cut-based	$\delta\sigma/\sigma$ BDT
<b>Stat. error</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>MC stat.</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
<b>Luminosity</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
<b>B-tag efficiency</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
<b>Jet energy scale</b>	<b>21.6%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>
<b>Lepton ID, trigger</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>Theory (xs, PDF, ISR/FSR...)</b>	<b>28.1%</b>	<b>13.5%</b>
<b>Total 1(10) fb<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>45% (22%)</b>	<b>22% (10%)</b>

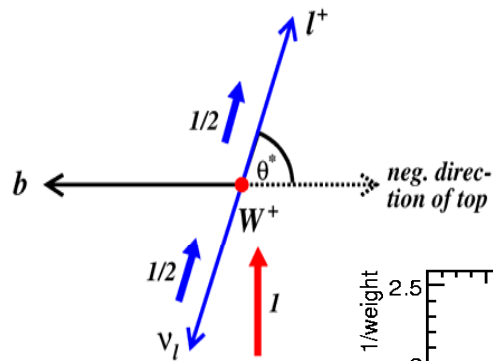
**→  $\Delta|V_{tb}|/|V_{tb}| \sim 12\%$**



**Leptonic Top mass  $M(lvb)$**

# Top quark decay: W polarization measurements.

- $F_0, F_-,$  and  $F_+ :=$  fractions of W-bosons produced from Top decays with the 3 helicity states: “longitudinal”, “right-handed” and “left-handed” ( $F_0 + F_- + F_+ = 1$ )

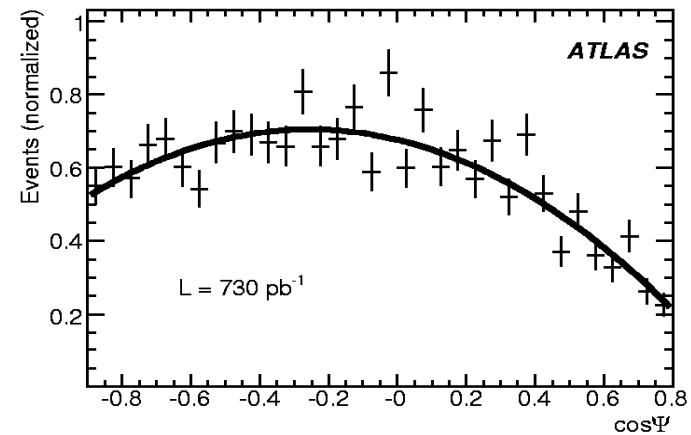
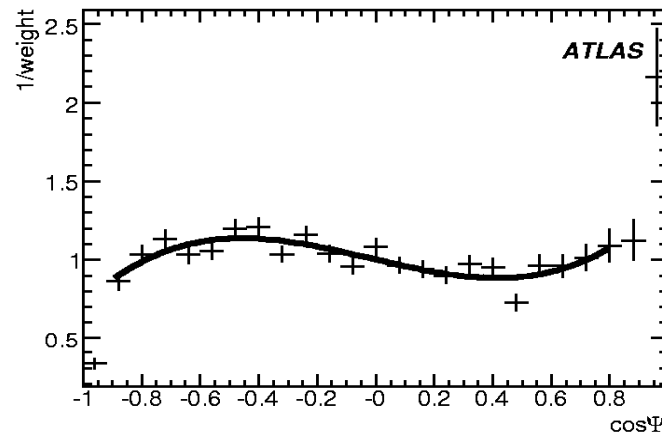


$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{d \cos \psi} = \frac{3}{2} \left[ F_0 \left( \frac{\sin \Psi}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + F_L \left( \frac{1 - \cos \Psi}{2} \right)^2 + F_R \left( \frac{1 + \cos \Psi}{2} \right)^2 \right]$$

SM:  $F_0=0.7$

$F_L=0.3$

$F_R=0$



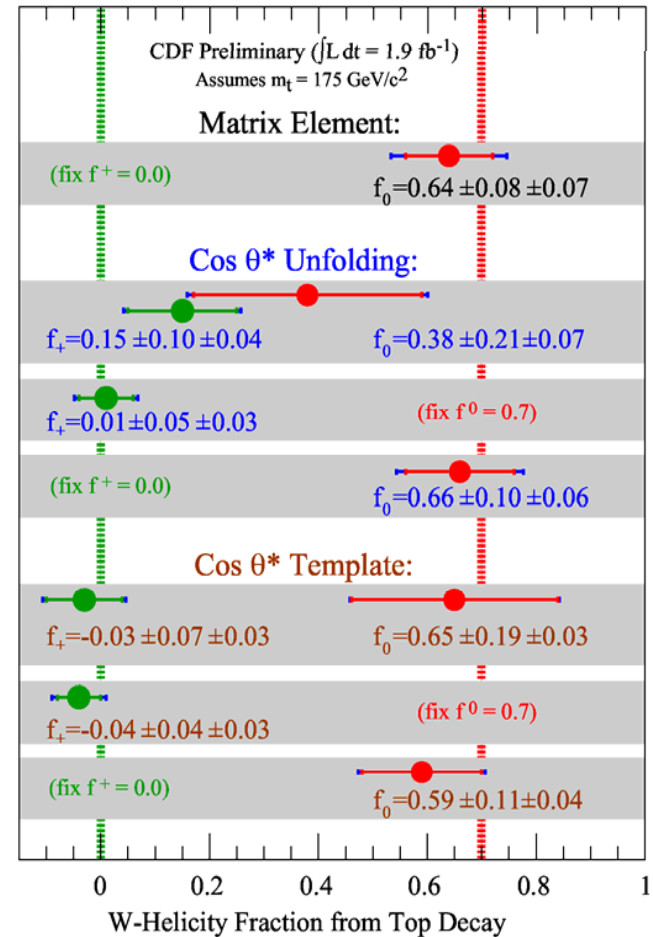
Fit 3rd pol.  $-0.9 < \cos \Psi < 0.9 \rightarrow$  derive event-by-event correcting weight

- Correction to recover parton level after background subtraction is necessary.
- Particle radiation, quark fragmentation and hadronization, and final event reconstruction dominate the resolution of the reconstructed objects in the decay  $t \rightarrow W(\rightarrow l\nu)b$



# W polarization: ATLAS prospects vs TEVATRON status.

ATLAS prospects L= 1 fb <sup>-1</sup>			
Source of uncertainty	F <sub>L</sub>	F <sub>0</sub>	F <sub>+</sub>
Factorisation	0.000	0.001	0.001
Structure function	0.003	0.003	0.004
ISR	0.001	0.002	0.001
FSR	0.009	0.007	0.002
b-fragmentation	0.001	0.002	0.001
Hadronization scheme	0.010	0.016	0.006
Pile-up (2.3 evt)	0.005	0.002	0.006
M <sub>top</sub> (2 GeV)	0.015	0.011	0.004
b-tagging efficiency (5%)	0.007	0.002	0.005
b-jet energy scale (5%)	0.02	0.002	0.002
S/B scale (20%)	0.004	0.002	0.001
Total systematic	0.03	0.02	0.02
Total statistical	0.02	0.04	0.02
Expected precision	12%	5%	0.03



CDF Combination L=2 fb<sup>-1</sup>  
 $F_0 = 0.66 \pm 0.16 \rightarrow \Delta F_0 / F_0 \sim 24\%$   
 $F_+ = -0.03 \pm 0.07$

# W polarization and anomalous Wtb couplings.

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

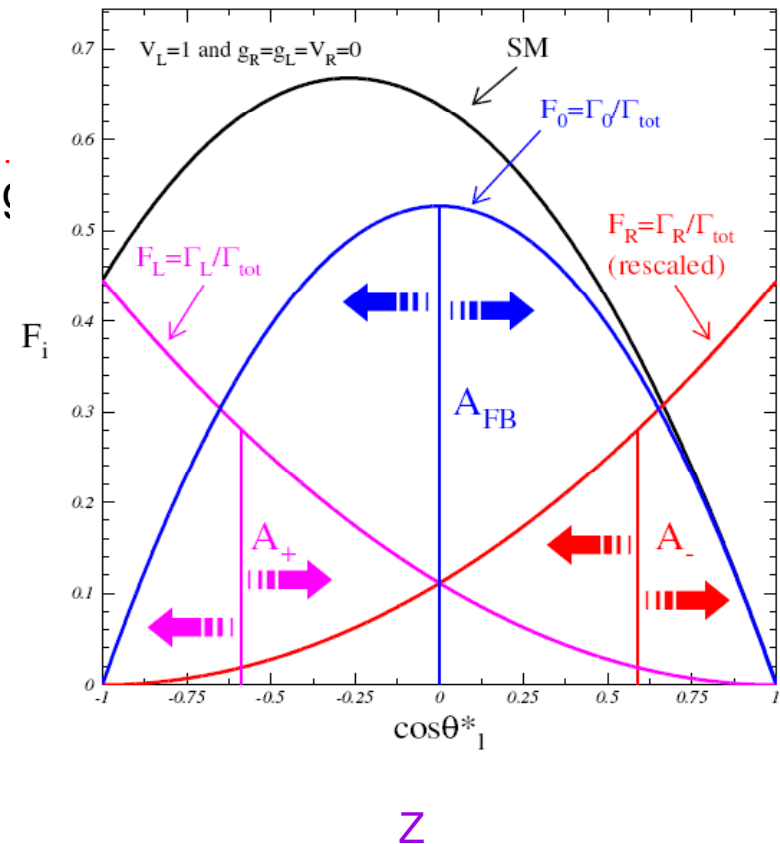
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- W polarisation sensitive to new anomalous couplings ( $V_L, V_R, g_L, g_R$ )
  - (taken real if CP is conserved)
- In SM:  $V_L \equiv V_{tb} \approx 0.999$  and ( $V_R, g_L, g_R$ ) vanish.
- Variables more sensitive to anomalous coupling
  - $\rho_{R,L} \equiv F_{+,-} / F_0$
- Simpler variables:

$$A_t = \frac{N(x>t) - N(x<t)}{N(x>t) + N(x<t)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{FB} &= \frac{3}{4} [F_R - F_L], \\ A_+ &= 3\beta [F_0 + (1 + \beta)F_R], \\ A_- &= -3\beta [F_0 + (1 + \beta)F_L], \end{aligned}$$

$$A_{FB} [z=0] \quad A_\pm [z=\mp (2^{2/3}-1)]$$



# ATLAS PROSPECTS FOR ANOMALOUS $Wtb$ COUPLINGS

- $L = 1 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow$  Systematic uncertainties dominate all measurements:
  - Jet Energy Scale,  $M_{\text{TOP}}$ , background method, ISR+FSR, MC generator, Pile-up...

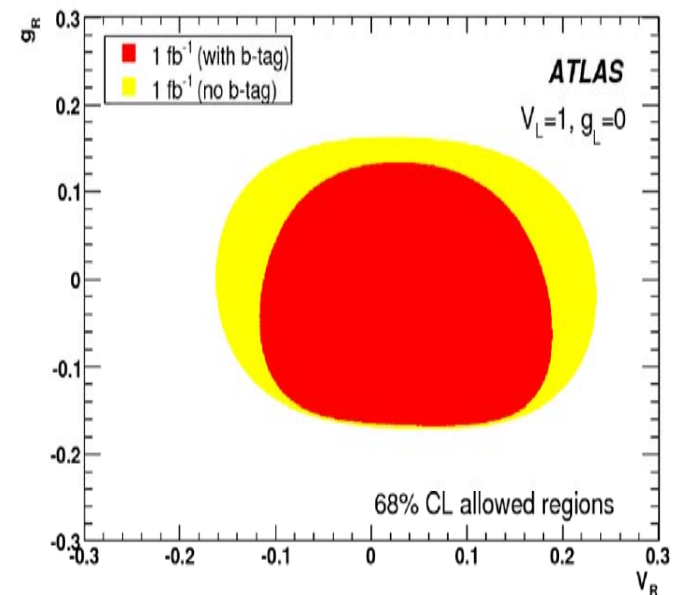
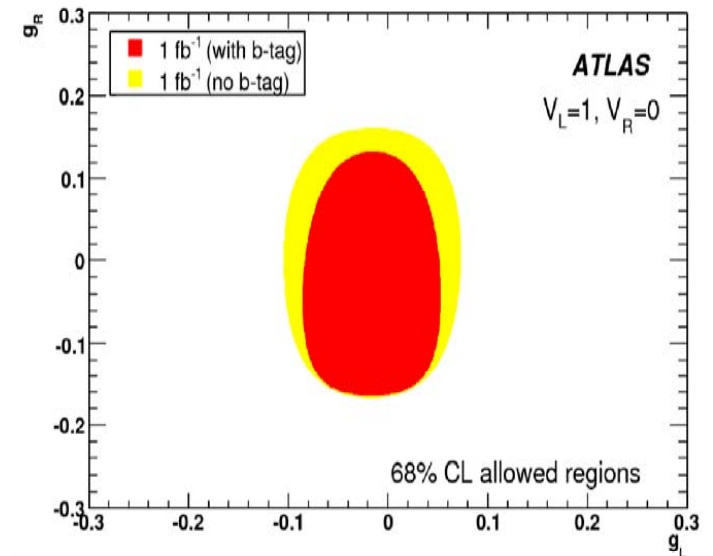
Source	$\rho_L$	$\rho_R$	$A_{\text{FB}}$	$A_+$	$A_-$
Expected value	0.453	0.004	0.229	0.542	0.830
Total systematic	0.163	0.012	0.033	0.052	0.027
Statistical error	0.048	0.007	0.026	0.028	0.014
			19%	11%	4%

•  $\rho_L, \rho_R, A_{\text{FB}}, A_+, A_-$  set bounds to  $(V_L, V_R, g_L, g_R)$  using TopFit program

• J.A. Aguilar-Saavedra et al. *Eur.Phys. J. C*50: 519-533, 2007.

• Expected precision in anomalous couplings:

•  $\Delta V_R / V_R \approx 0.15, \Delta g_L / g_L \approx 0.07, \Delta g_R / g_R \approx 0.15$

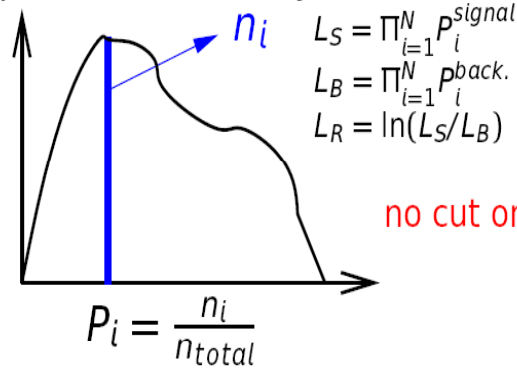


# TOP QUARK FCNC DECAYS

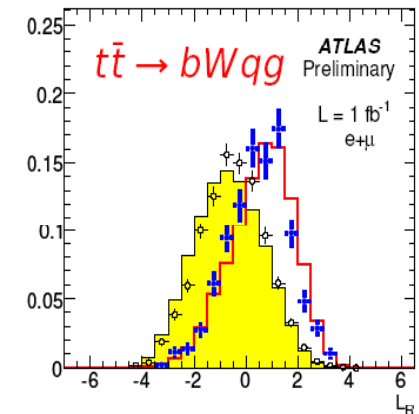
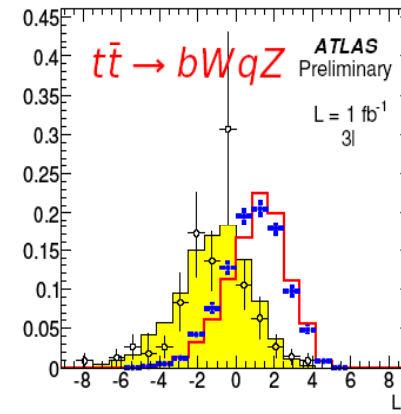
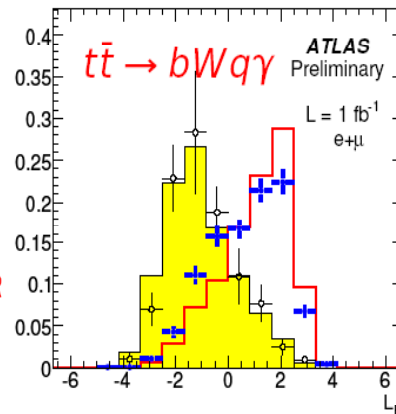
- SM: Top quark FCNC decays highly suppressed  $O(10^{-14})$
- BSM: SUSY models and Two Higgs doublet models:  $BR(t \rightarrow FCNC) \sim O(10^{-4})$

$L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$t \bar{t} \rightarrow bW(\rightarrow lv) q\gamma$ ( $=1l, \geq 2j, =1\gamma, E_T^{\text{miss}}$ )	$t \bar{t} \rightarrow bW(\rightarrow lv) qg$ ( $=1l, =3j, E_T^{\text{miss}}$ )	$t \bar{t} \rightarrow bW(\rightarrow lv) qZ(\rightarrow ll)$ ( $=3l, \geq 2j, E_T^{\text{miss}}$ )
$N_{\text{evt}}$ (Bkgr) tt-bar, W+jets, Z+jets	$650 \pm 66$	$19253 \pm 359$	$125 \pm 56$
Signal Eff (%)	$7.6 \pm 0.2$	$7.6 \pm 0.2$	$2.9 \pm 0.1$
Discriminating variables	$M_t^{\text{FCNC}}, p_T^\gamma, M_{b\gamma}$	$M_t^{\text{FCNC}}, M_{qb}, M_{lvj}$	$M_t^{\text{FCNC}}, M_{ll}^{\text{min}}, M_{bZ}$

probabilistic analysis:



no cut on  $L_R$



— Signal ATLFAST

+ Signal FullSim

■ Background ATLFAST

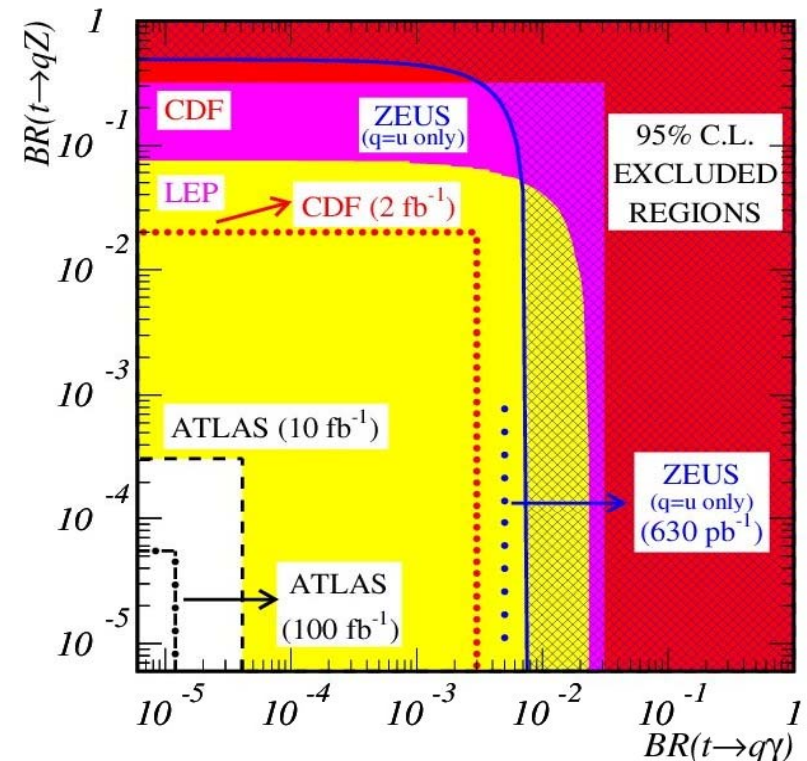
⊕ Background FullSim

# ATLAS prospects for Top quark FCNC decays ( $L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

- Expected 95% CL limits

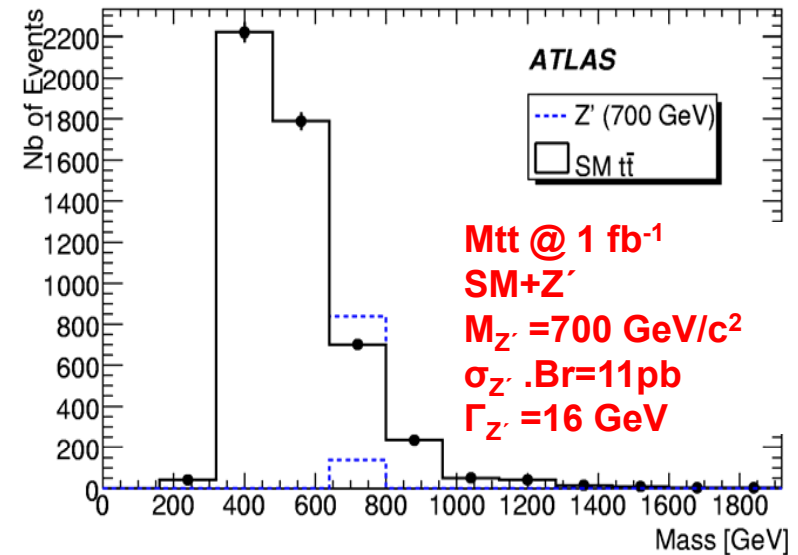
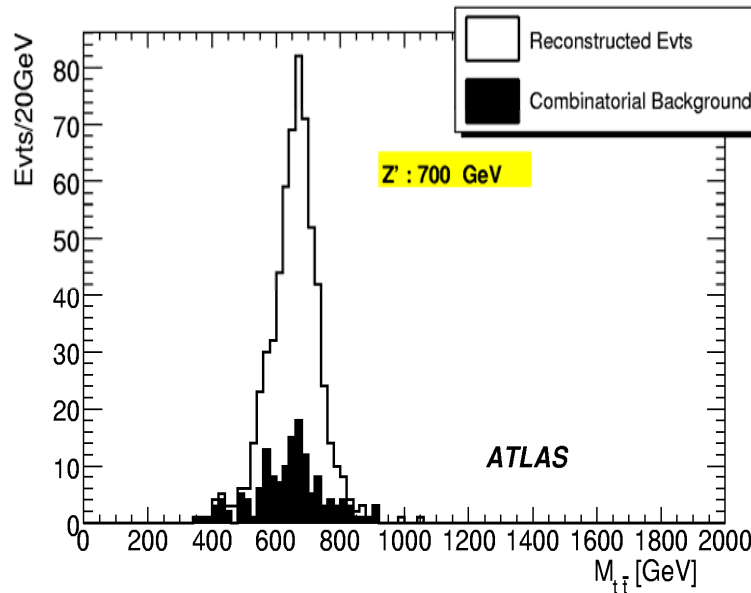
	ATLAS $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow q\gamma)$	$10^{-3}$
$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow Zq)$	$10^{-3}$
$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow qg)$	$10^{-2}$

Source	$t \rightarrow q\gamma$	$t \rightarrow qZ$	$t \rightarrow qg$
Jet energy calibration	2%	5%	4%
Luminosity	10%	6%	10%
Top mass	6%	12%	5%
Background $\sigma$	7%	12%	15%
ISR/FSR	17%	7%	9%
Pile-up	22%	0%	13%
Generator	4%	14%	4%
$\chi^2$	4%	7%	9%
Total systematic.	32%	25%	27%

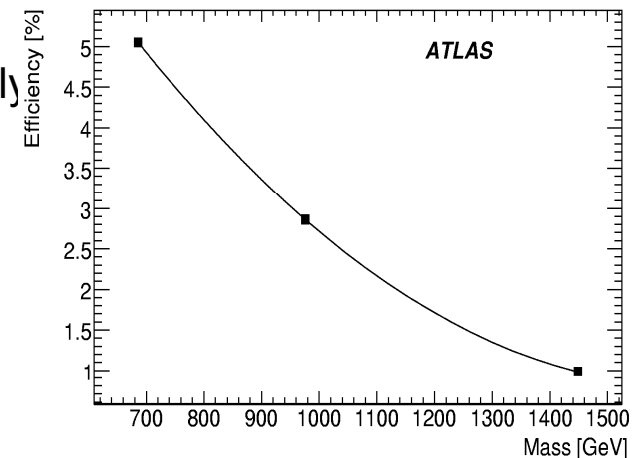


# SEARCH FOR $tt$ -bar RESONANCES in ATLAS

- Search for deviations in  $d\sigma/dM_{tt}$ -bar using a counting method with sliding window:
  - Window width is twice the detector resolution.

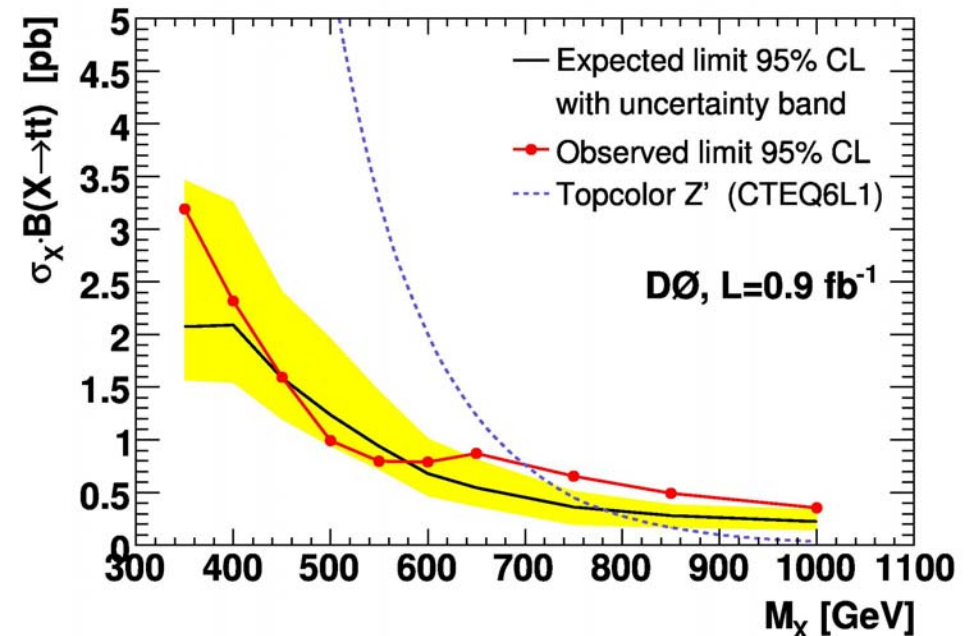
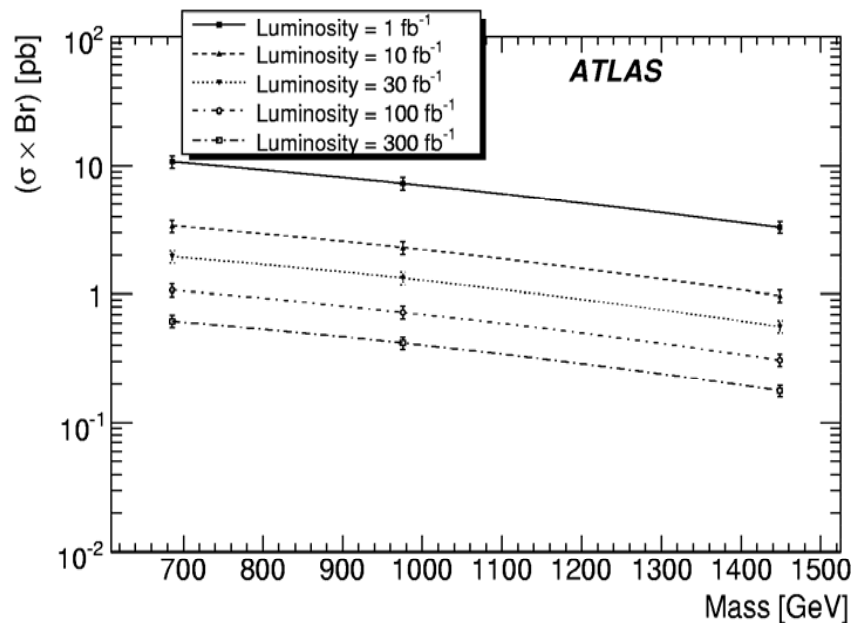


- Standard reconstruction  $tt$ -bar efficiency decreases with  $M_{Z'}$ .
  - At  $M_{Z'} > 1 \text{ TeV}$ , boosted top quarks decaying hadronically produce collimated jets
- New reconstruction techniques for hadronic top “monojets” in development.
  - Access to jet sub-structure with  $K_T$  algorithm.
  - Adequate  $b$ -tagging performance for high  $p_T$  jets.



# ATLAS SENSITIVITY TO RESONANT TOP PAIR PRODUCTION.

- $5\sigma$  (stat+syst) sensitivity:
  - Limit on  $\sigma_{Z'}$  vs  $M_{Z'}$ 
    - $\sigma_{Z'} \cdot \text{Br} > 11$  pb for  $M_{Z'} = 700$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup> @  $L = 1$  fb<sup>-1</sup>
- **Main systematic on the discovery potential:**
  - The reconstruction efficiency of  $Z'$  and  $t\bar{t}$  background.
- **Application to a specific model:**
  - $D\emptyset$  (CDF): In a top-color-assisted technicolor model, a leptophobic  $Z'$  with  $M_{Z'} < 760$  GeV is excluded @ 95% CL



# CONCLUSIONS

- Top Quark physics will play an important role in the early days of data taking of the ATLAS experiment at the LHC.
- With  $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 
  - $\sigma(\text{tt-bar})$  can be measured with an uncertainty (5-10)% dominated by **systematics**, apart from the luminosity uncertainty.
  - ATLAS will get this early data probably at  $\sqrt{s}=10 \text{ TeV}$ , or perhaps even lower: prospects are being reevaluated.
  - Moch and Uwer (Phys. Rev. 2008, D78, 034003 [arXiv : 0807.2794])

$M_{\text{TOP}}(\text{GeV})$	$\sigma_{\text{tt}} (10 \text{ TeV}) \text{ pb}$	$\sigma_{\text{tt}} (14 \text{ TeV}) \text{ pb}$
172.5	401.6	883.90

- W+jets: roughly, 30% lower cross section.
- With  $L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ :
  - **t channel** is the most promising one for **single top observation** at the LHC. Observation with  $5\sigma$  may be possible.
  - If **JES** uncertainty is in the range **1-5%** then a **precision of 1-3.5 GeV** should be achievable in  **$M_{\text{TOP}}$  measurement**.
  - The study of top properties (W polarization,  $d\sigma/dM_{\text{tt-bar}}$ ..) may provide a hint of new physics.



# BACKUP