



# Top Quark Production and Mass

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# Plan for the Lectures

- Introduction, top quark production and mass:  
Efe Yazgan
- Top quark properties: Maria Moreno-Llacer

Example results/plots taken from top quark public pages of Tevatron and LHC experiments:

ATLAS: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/TopPublicResults>

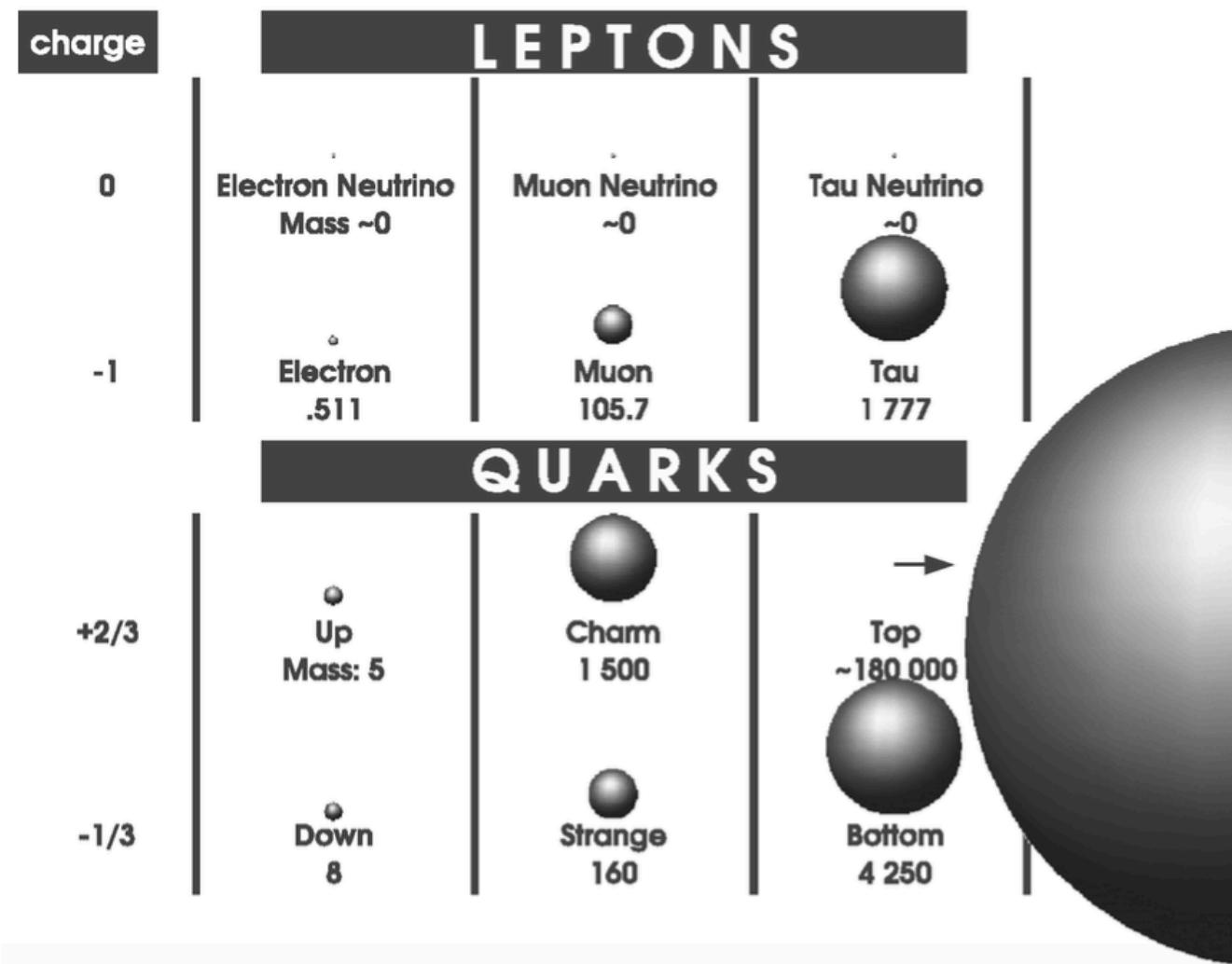
CMS: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsTOP>

CDF: <http://www-cdf.fnal.gov/physics/new/top/top.html>

D0: [http://www-d0.fnal.gov/Run2Physics/top/top\\_public\\_web\\_pages/](http://www-d0.fnal.gov/Run2Physics/top/top_public_web_pages/)

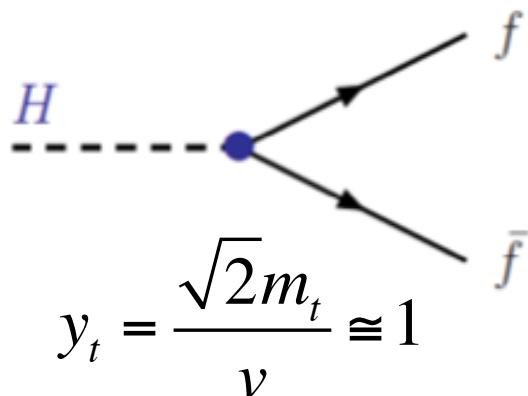
# The Top Quark

- The most massive particle known to date ( $m_t \sim 173$  GeV).



# The Top Quark

- Very short lifetime ( $\alpha M_t^{-3}$ ) < hadronization time scale  $\sim 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ 
  - $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ 
    - typical scale for which  $\alpha_s$  becomes very strong
    - $\sim 1 \text{ fm} \sim$  typical scale of a hadron (proton radius).
  - No hadronic bound states.
  - Quark properties are “directly” accessible.



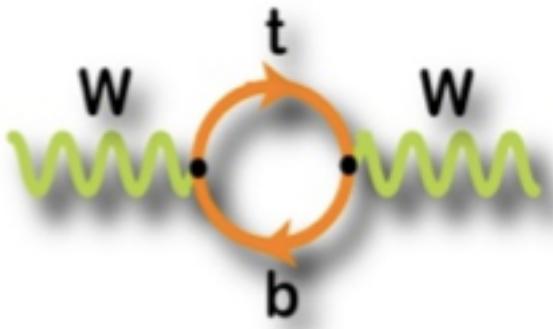
→ The largest Yukawa couplings among the fermions.  
→ Top quark might have a natural relation to EWSB.

The only elementary high mass particle that has color → EWK, QCD and flavor physics.

# Quantum Fluctuations Predicting the Existence of Top and Higgs

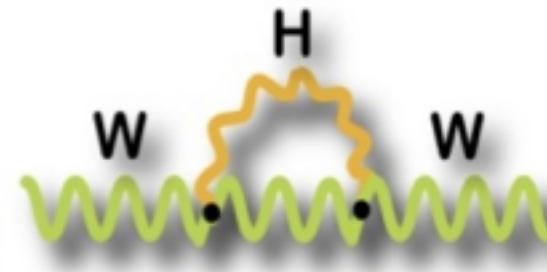
- **Heisenberg uncertainty principle** → Particles can be created from nothing (for a very short period of time) w/o the necessary energy supply (virtual or off-mass-shell particle).
- Top quark and the Higgs boson modify tree level SM processes through radiative corrections.
- Indirect effect of the top quark (and Higgs) observable even if the collider energy is not sufficient to create the real particle.

e.g.



$$\Delta\rho = (\rho - 1) \propto m_t^2$$

Propagator for fermions  $\propto 1/q$   
(Dirac equation)



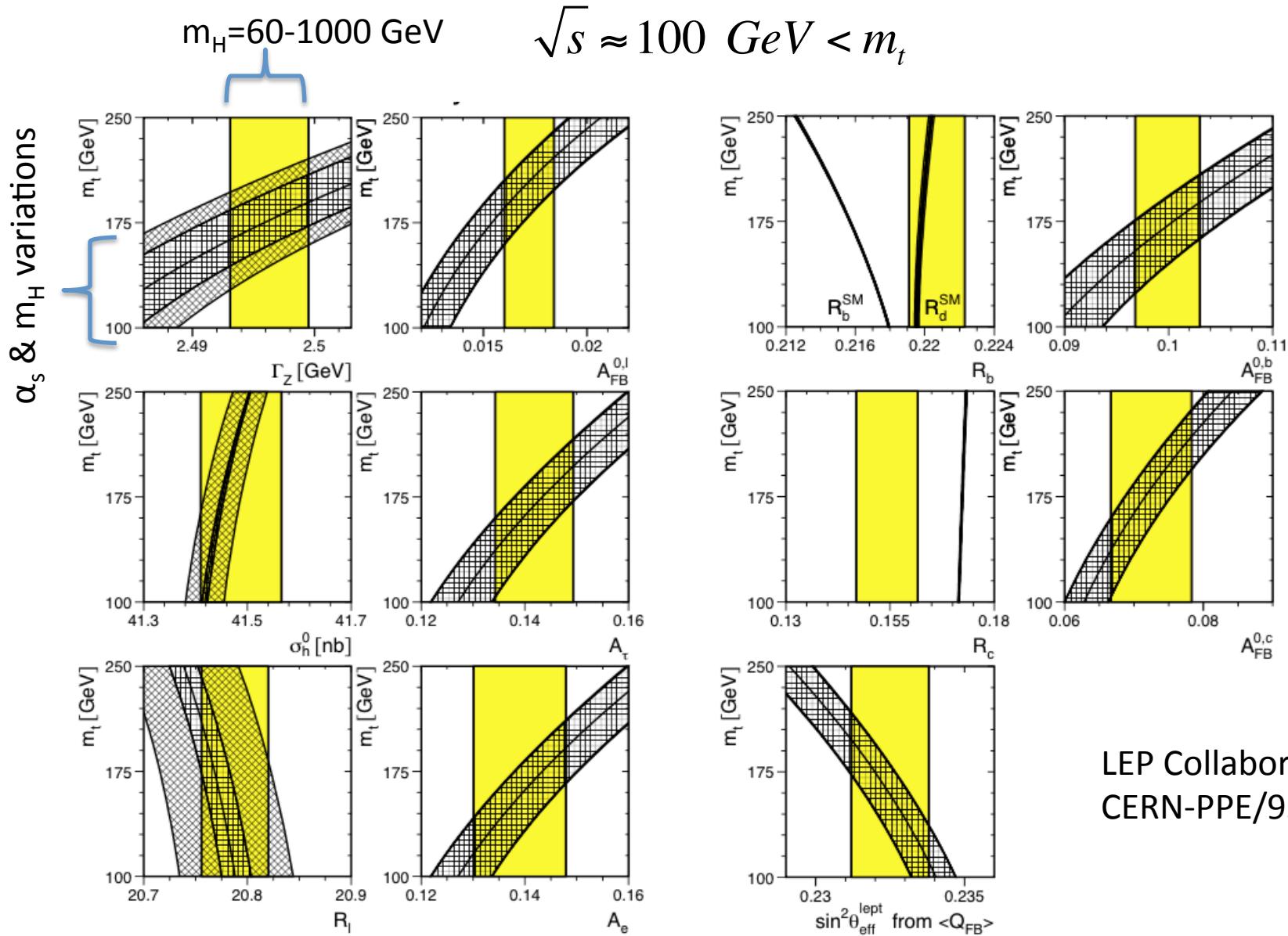
$$\Delta\rho \propto \ln(m_H)$$

Propagator for boson  $\propto 1/q^2$   
(Klein-Gordon equation)

$$M_W^2 = \rho (M_W^{tree-level})^2 \quad w/ \quad \rho = 1 + \Delta\rho_t + \Delta\rho_H$$

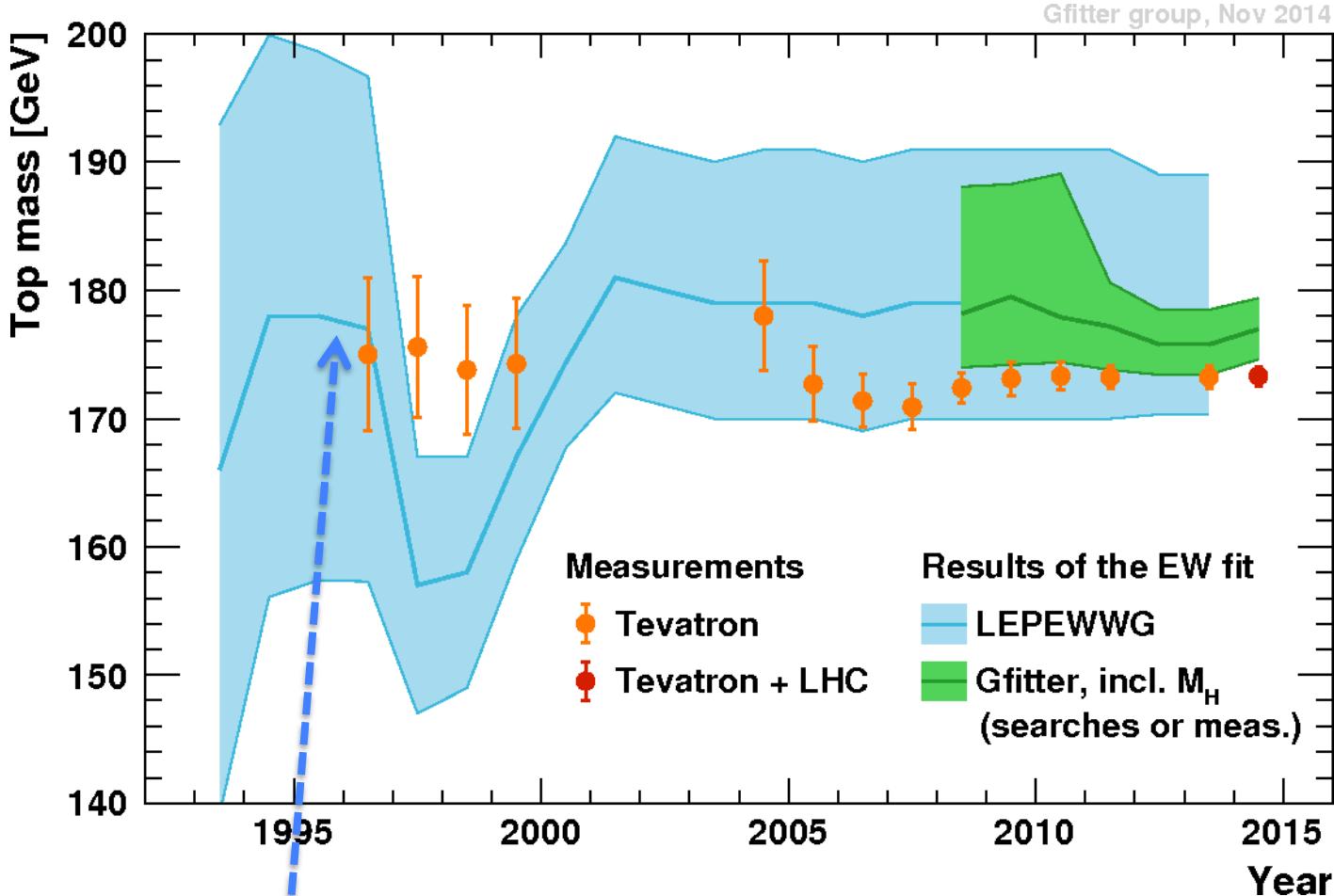
Veltman,  
NPB 123, 89 (1977)

# LEP (1995) vs SM predictions



LEP Collaborations  
CERN-PPE/95-172

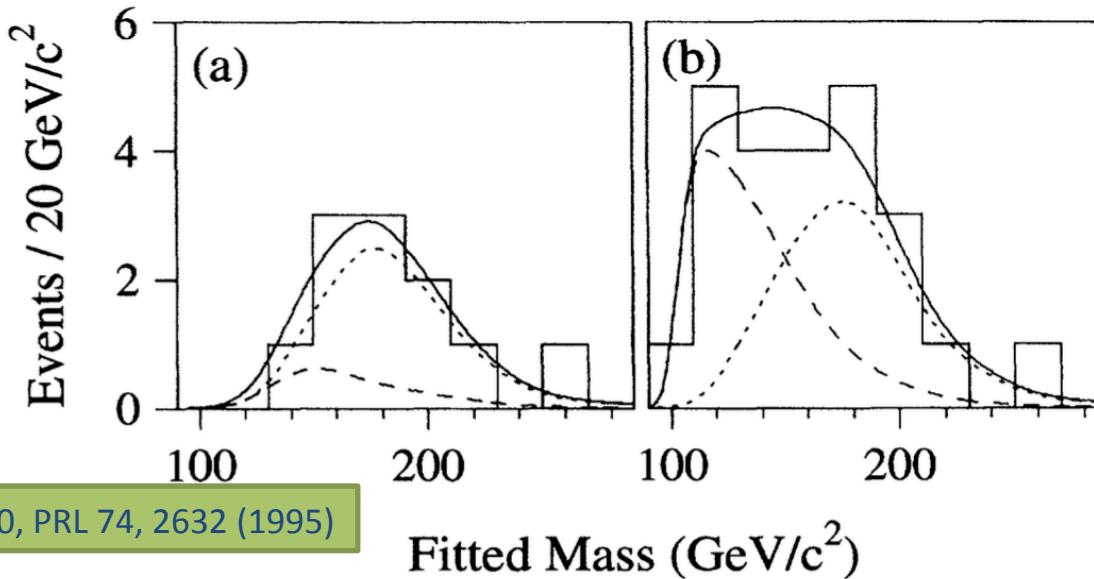
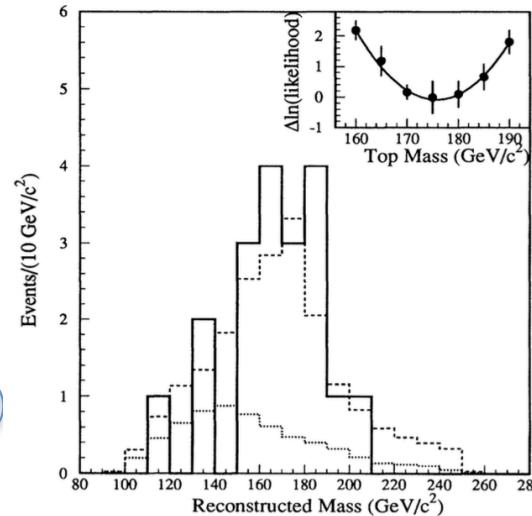
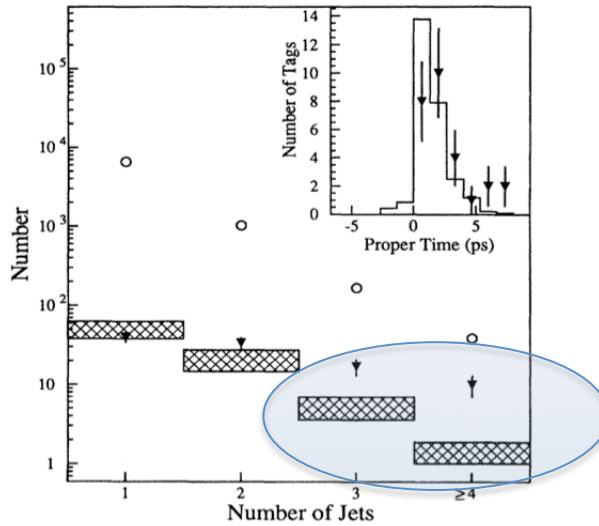
- Z boson line shape and asymmetries compared to SM measurements vs top mass.
- LEP 1 prediction  $m_t = 173 + 13 - 10 \text{ GeV}$



- Quantum fluctuations showed the existence of the top quark and predicted its mass precisely before it was discovered. → Triumph of the SM.

# The Discovery of the Top Quark

CDF, PRL 74, 2626 (1995)



D0, PRL 74, 2632 (1995)

Discovery at the Tevatron  
with O(10) events.

Signal consistent with  
 $t\bar{t} \rightarrow W^+ b W^- \bar{b}$   
and inconsistent w/ the  
background prediction.

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{CDF} = 6.8^{+3.6}_{-2.4} pb$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{D0} = 6.4 \pm 2.2 pb$$

$$m_t^{CDF} = 176 \pm 8(\text{stat.}) \pm 10(\text{syst.}) \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_t^{D0} = 199^{+19}_{-21}(\text{stat.}) \pm 22(\text{syst.}) \text{ GeV}$$

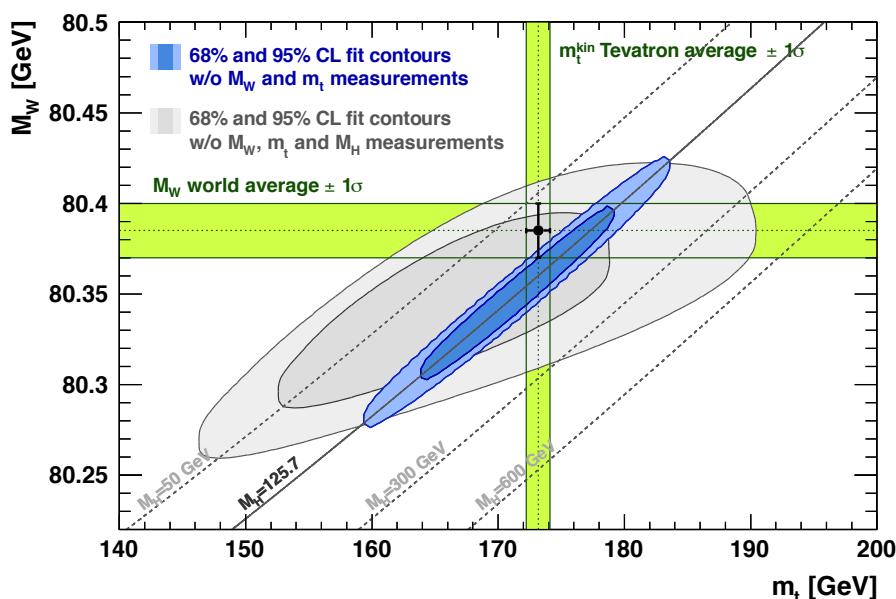
# The Top Quark Mass

Electroweak fit before  
Higgs discovery:

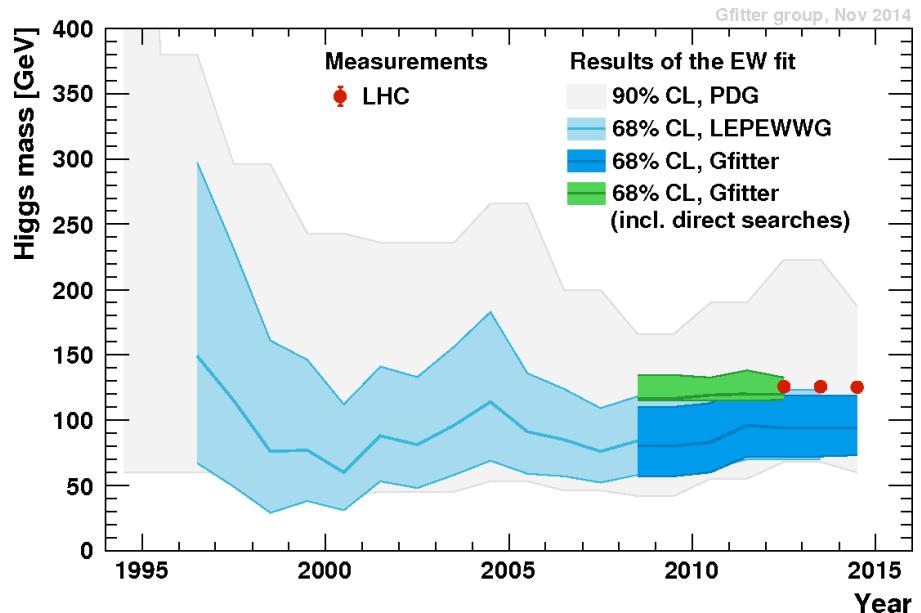
$$m_H = 94^{+25}_{-22} \text{ GeV}$$

consistent with measured  $m_H$  within  $1.3\sigma$ .

The Gfitter Group, M. Baak et al., EPJC 72, 2205 (2012)



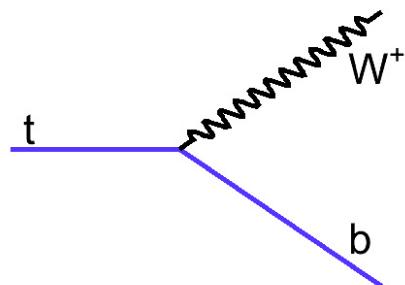
<http://project-gfitter.web.cern.ch/project-gfitter/History/>



Quantum fluctuations showed the existence of the Higgs boson and predicted its mass precisely before it was discovered. → One of the most critical tests of the standard model!

# Top Quark Decays

Only quark with  $m > m_W$  and decays exclusively to Wb pairs.

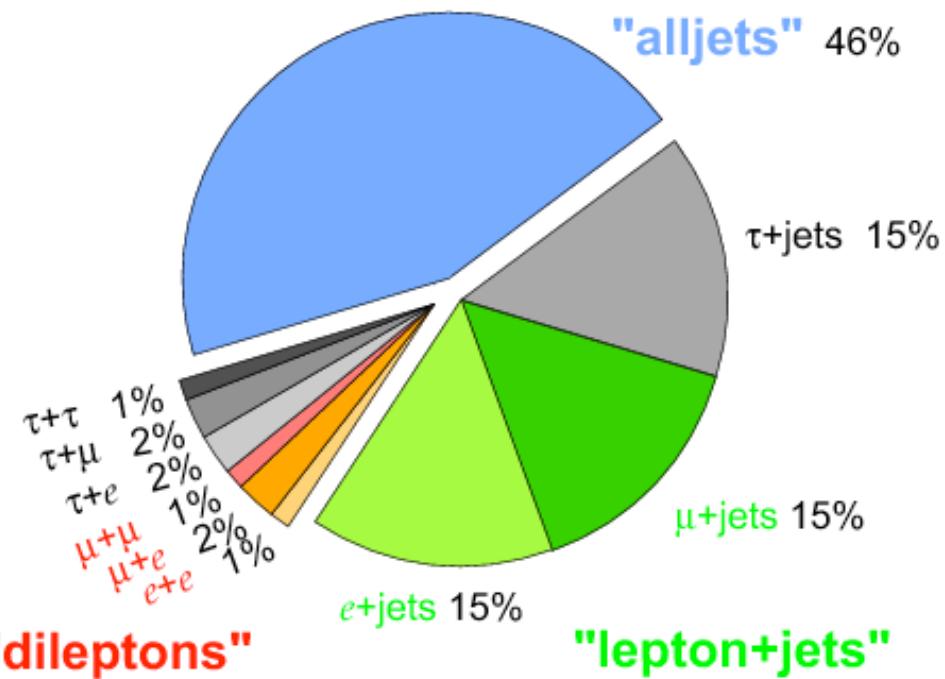


**Top Pair Decay Channels**

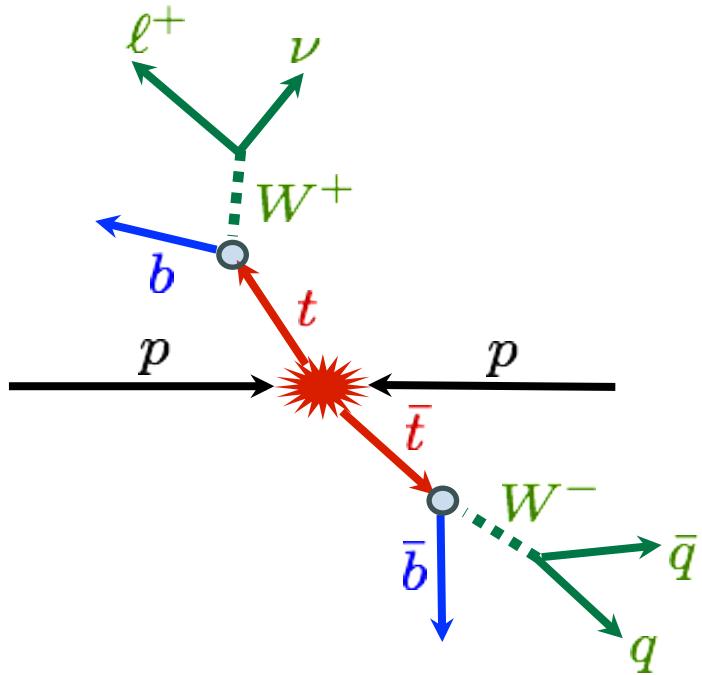
$\bar{c}s$	electron+jets	muon+jets	tau+jets	all-hadronic		
$\bar{u}d$						
$\tau^-\tau^+$	$e\tau$	$\mu\tau$	$\tau\tau$	tau+jets		
$\mu^-\mu^+$	$e\mu$	$\mu\tau$	$\mu\tau$	muon+jets		
$e^-e^+$	$ee$	$e\mu$	$e\tau$	electron+jets		
$W$ decay	$e^+$	$\mu^+$	$\tau^+$	$u\bar{d}$	$c\bar{s}$	

- $t\bar{t}$  decay channels are categorized by the  $W$  boson decay modes.

**Top Pair Branching Fractions**

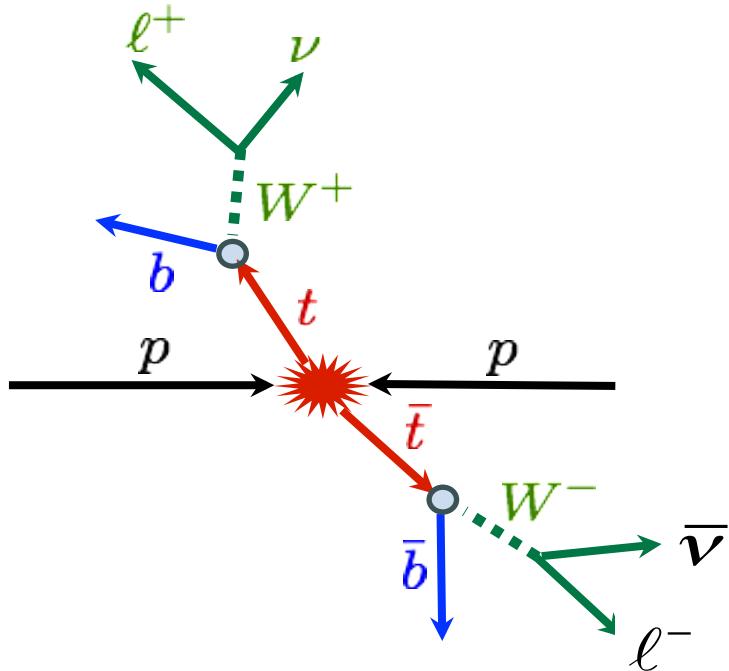


# Top Quark Signatures and Backgrounds



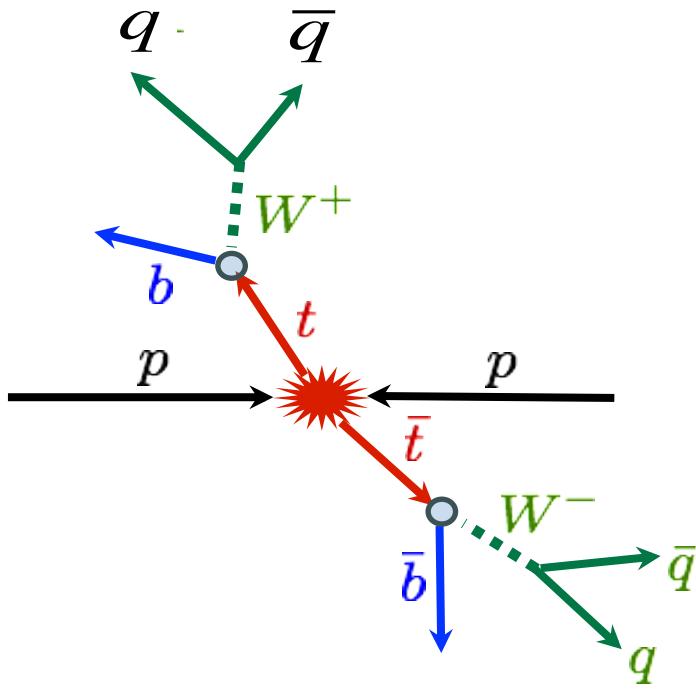
- Lepton+jets channel
  - ◆ A high  $p_T$  lepton
  - ◆  $\geq 4$  high  $p_T$  jets (2 of which are jets from  $b$ -decays)
  - ◆ Missing transverse energy
- Main backgrounds:
  - ◆  $t\bar{t}$  other, Single top,  $W$ +jets

# Top Quark Signatures and Backgrounds



- Dilepton channel
    - ◆ Two high  $p_T$  leptons
    - ◆  $\geq 2$  high  $p_T$  jets (2 of which are from  $b$ -decays)
    - ◆ Missing transverse energy
  - Main backgrounds:
    - ◆  $t\bar{t}$  other
    - ◆ Single top
    - ◆  $W/Z+jets$
- Fever number of events  
→ But purer  
→ Best channel:  $e\mu$

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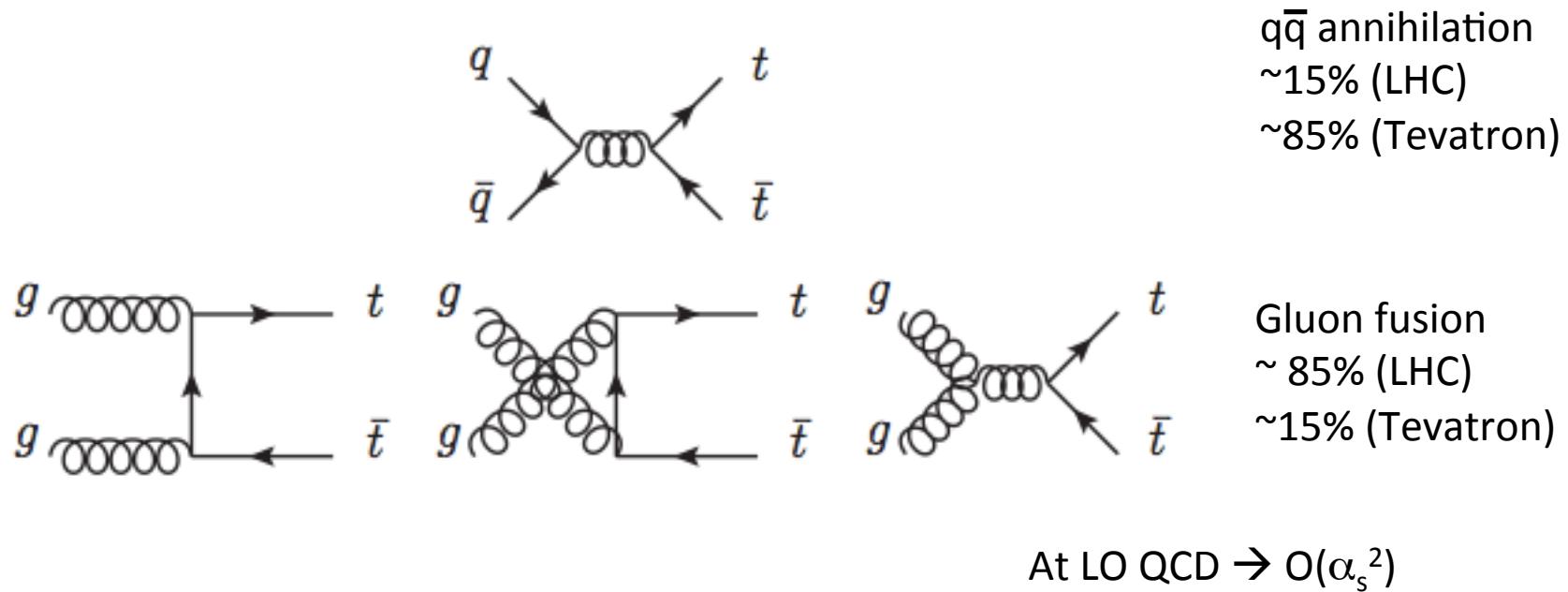


- Main backgrounds:
  - ◆ QCD multijets

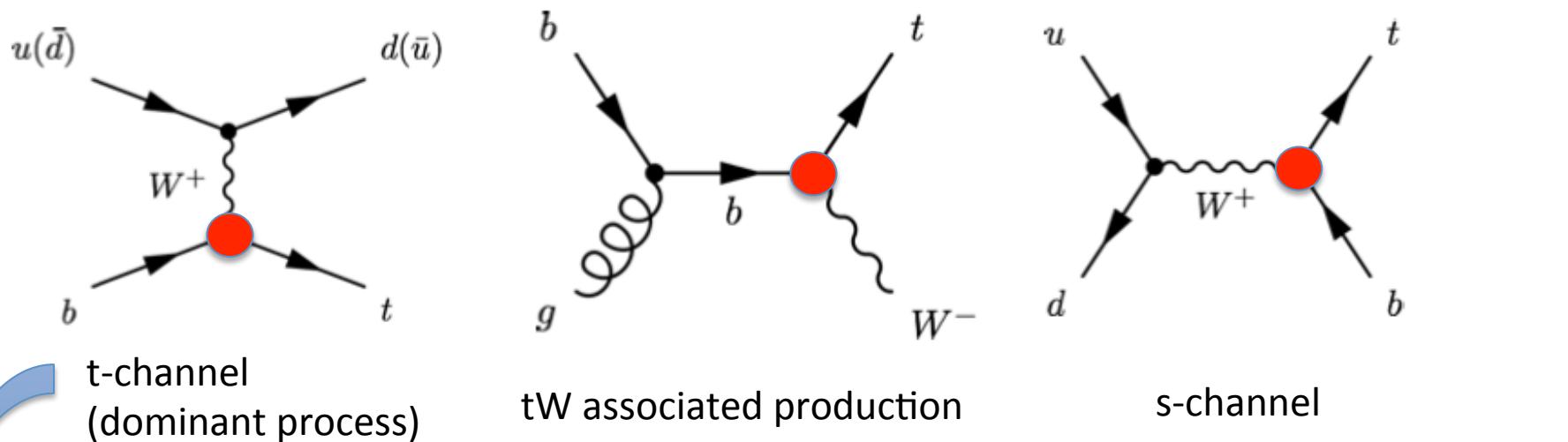
- All-hadronic channel
    - ◆  $\geq 6$  high  $p_T$  jets (2 of which are from b-decays)
- Possible to fully reconstruct the event (i.e. no neutrinos)  
→ But larger uncertainties compared to other channels due to multiple jets  
→ Jet energy scale and b-tagging.

# Top Quark Pair Production

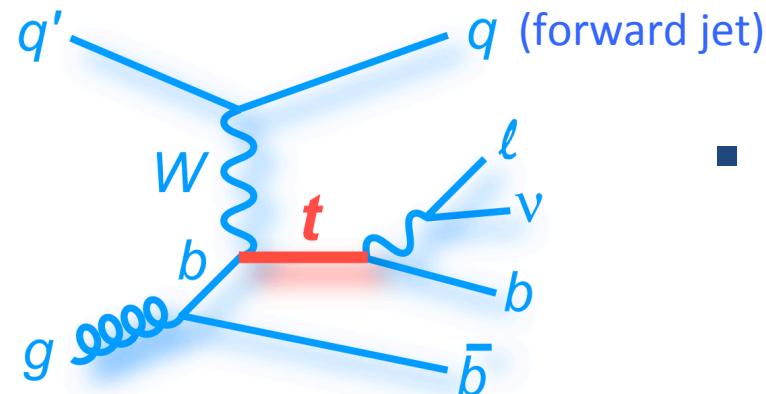
- $t\bar{t}$  pair production through QCD interactions: Dominant mechanism at hadron colliders.



# Single Top Quark Production

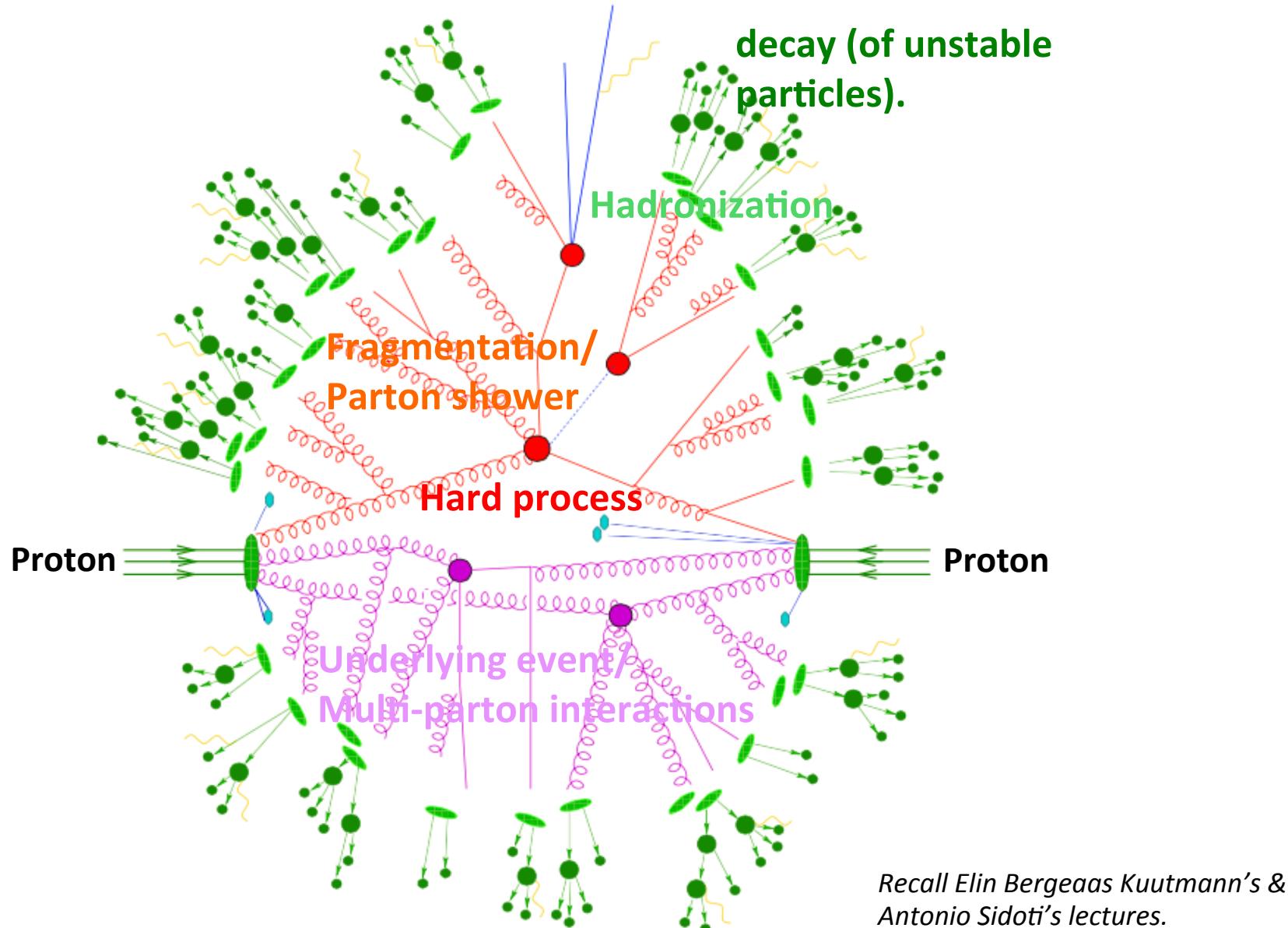


- Single top quarks are produced through the electroweak interaction.
- First observed in 2009 by both Tevatron experiments (PRL 103 092002, PRL103 092001) using multivariate techniques.
- All production modes established now.

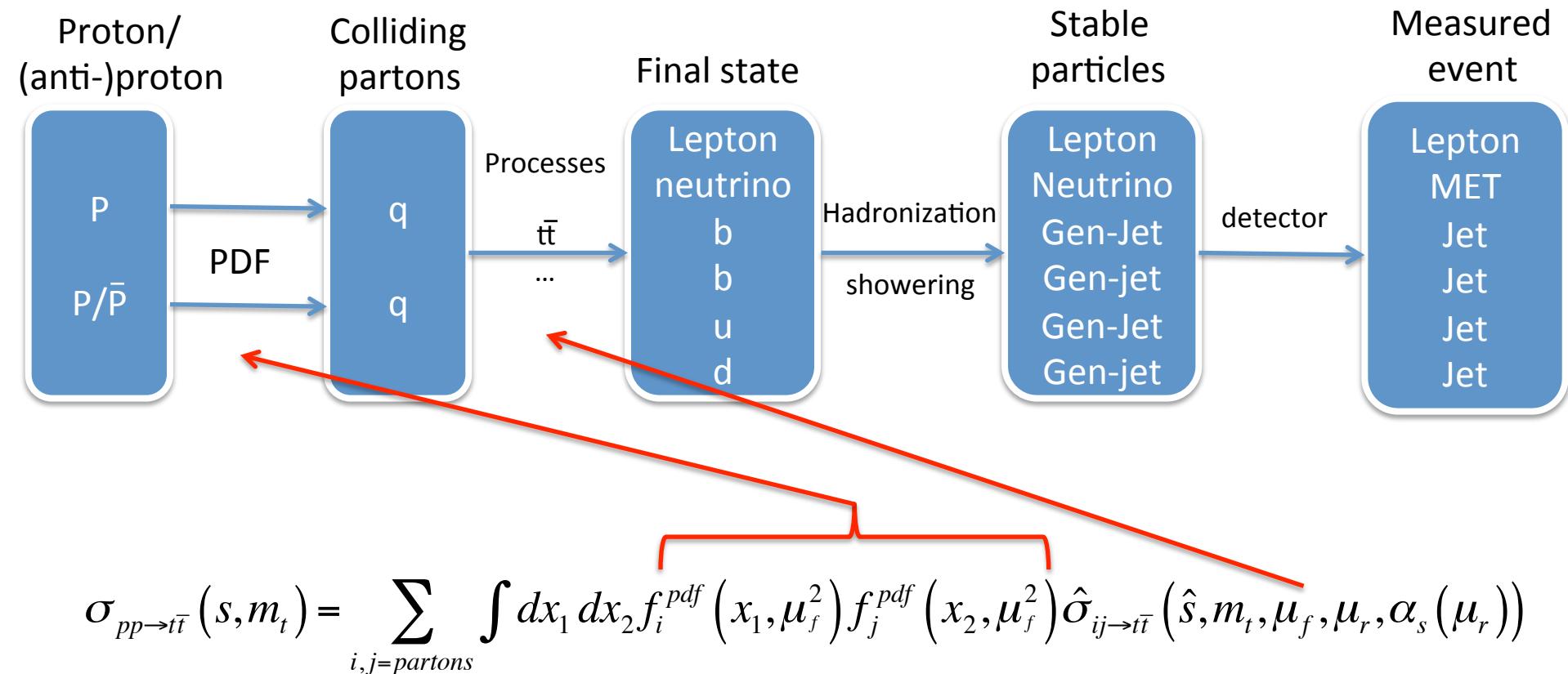


- t-channel
  - ◆ Main backgrounds:  $W+jets$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ , QCD multijet

# Top Quark Event Modeling



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$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}}(s, m_t) = \sum_{i,j=partons} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_i^{pdf}(x_1, \mu_f^2) f_j^{pdf}(x_2, \mu_f^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}}(\hat{s}, m_t, \mu_f, \mu_r, \alpha_s(\mu_r))$$

⊕ showering/  
& hadronization

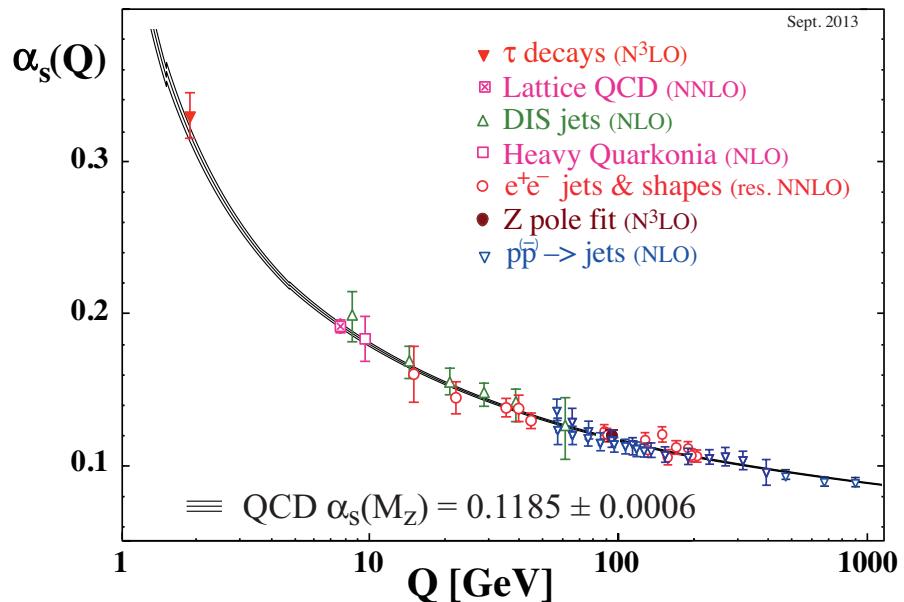
Non-perturbative  
factorization →  $PDFs(x, \mu_f^2) \otimes \hat{\sigma}(\hat{s}, m_t, \mu_f, \mu_r, \alpha_s(\mu_r))$

$p_T^{\text{parton}} < \mu_F$        $p_T^{\text{parton}} > \mu_F$

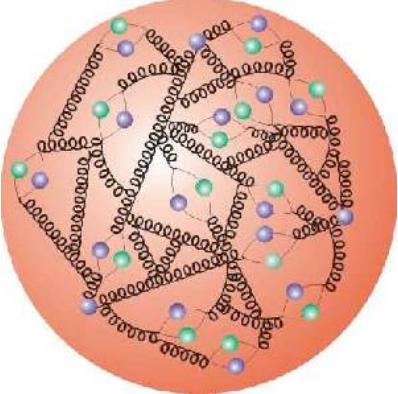
Recall Elin Bergeaas Kuutmann's &  
Antonio Sidoti's lectures.

$$\mu_f \sim Q \sim \sqrt{\hat{s}} \sim \sqrt{x_1 x_2 s} \quad (Q: \text{energy scale of the hard process})$$

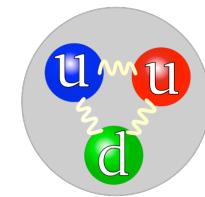
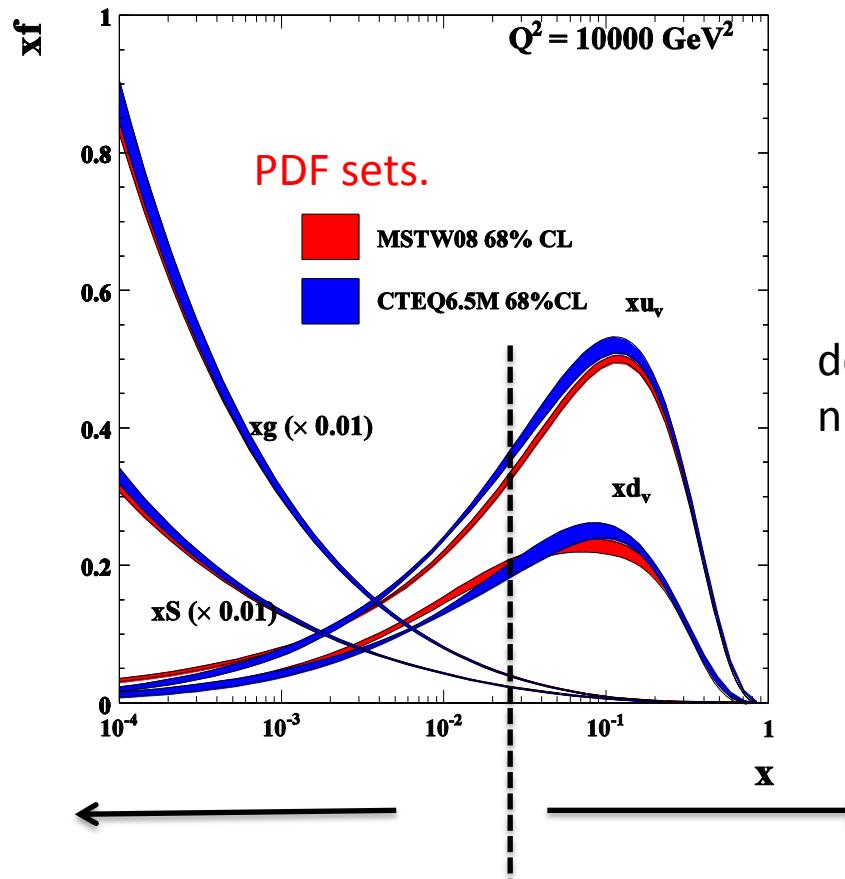
→ inputs:  $m_t$ ,  $\alpha_s$ ,  
and PDFs



# Nucleon Structure



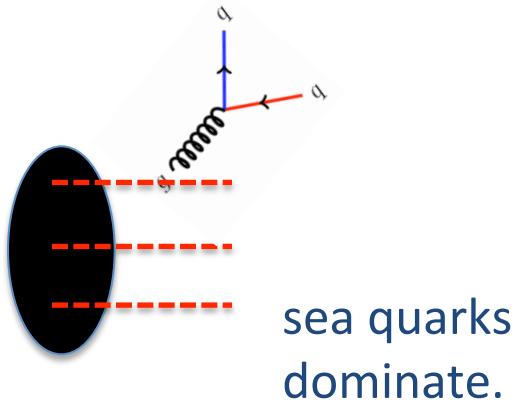
- Hadron collider = parton collider
- $f_i(x, Q^2)$  probability to find a parton to carry the fraction  $x$  of the longitudinal hadron momentum at the energy scale  $Q^2$ .
  - ◆ Intrinsic property of the nucleon → process independent.
  - ◆ Parametrized by PDF sets.



determine the quantum numbers of the hadron.

## The quark sea:

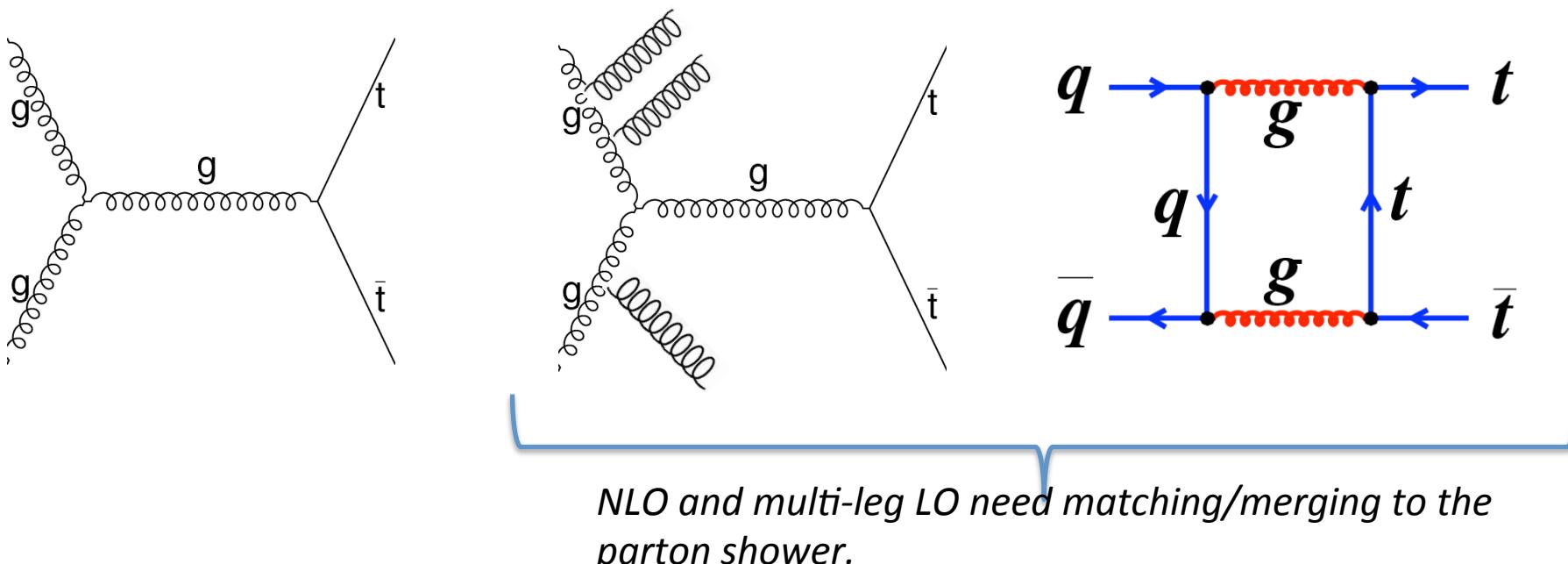
Valence quarks emit gluons that in turn split into quark-antiquark pairs.



Valence quarks dominate.

# Hard Process

- Calculation in perturbative QCD
  - ◆ LO  $\rightarrow$  LO ME + Radiation from parton shower.
  - ◆ Multi-leg LO  $\rightarrow$  LO + Additional partons in the hard process but no loops + radiation from parton shower.
  - ◆ NLO  $\rightarrow$  LO + Additional partons in the hard process including loops (+ parton shower).



# Cross section Extraction

Total Inclusive cross section  
→ count signal events:

$$\sigma = \frac{N_{obs} - N_{bkg}}{(A \times \varepsilon) \times B \times L}$$

A: Acceptance (depends on PDF, and other modeling uncertainties, e.g. renormalization and factorization scales)

$\varepsilon$ : Selection efficiency for events in acceptance (affected by the errors in triggers and reconstruction)

L: Integrated luminosity

B: Branching ratio

Differential cross sections:

*“Unfolded” to correct for detector effects (bin-to-bin migration) and acceptance*

→ To particle or parton level  
→ In full or fiducial phase space

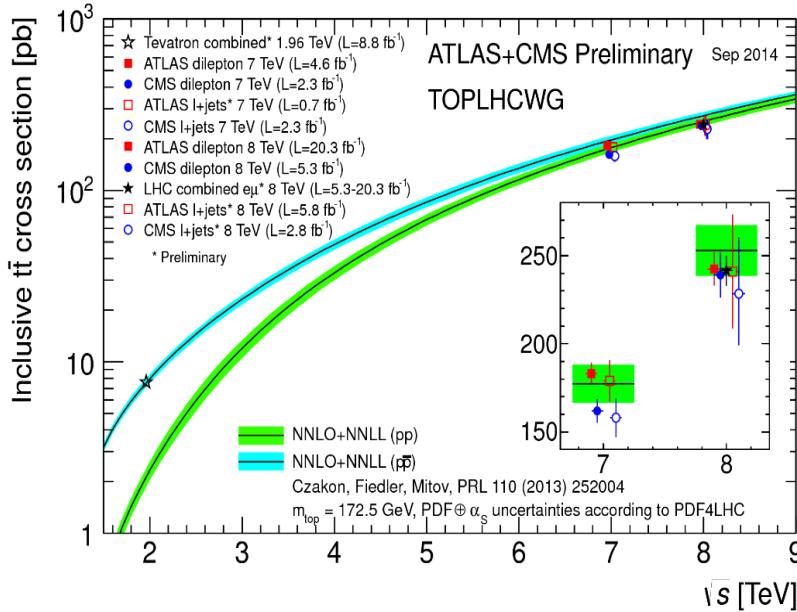
Response matrix

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma_i}{dX} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_j R_{ij}^{-1} [N_{obs,j} - N_{bkg,j}]$$

$\Delta_i^X (A \times \varepsilon)_i$

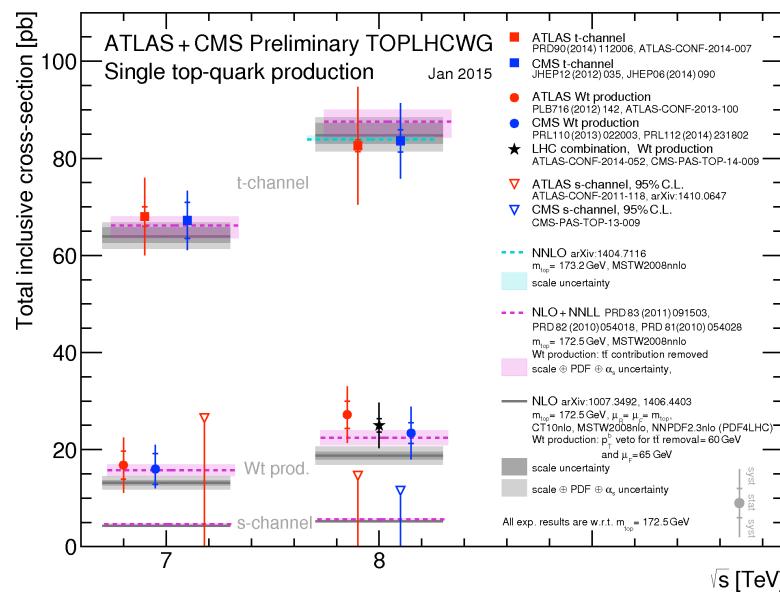
Bin width

# Top Quark Production – Current Status



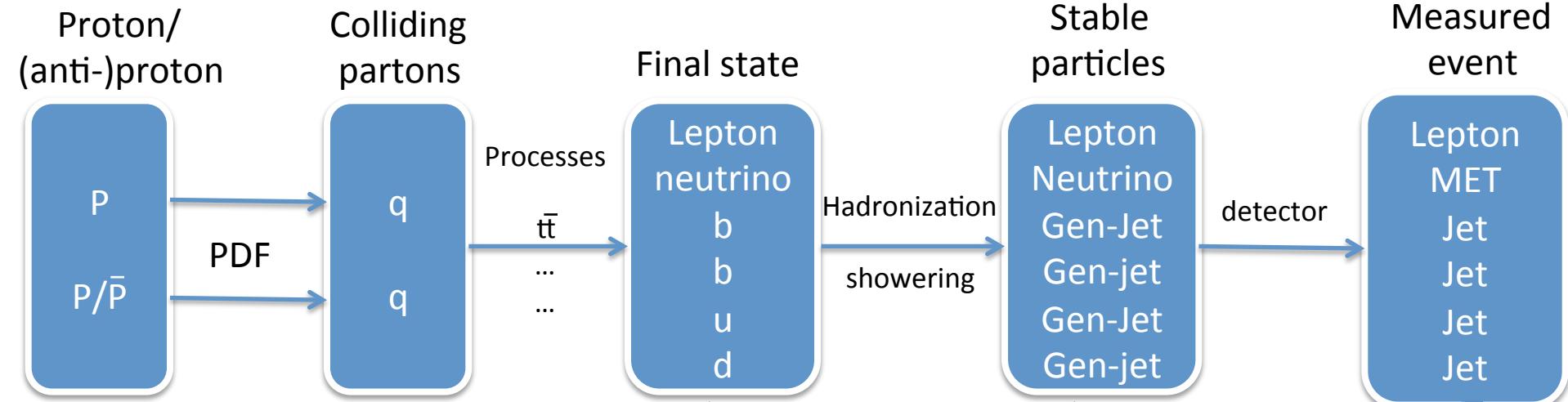
- Top pair cross sections at NNLO precision

$$\delta_{NNLO-theory} = 5.7\% > \delta_{e\mu} = 3.5\%$$



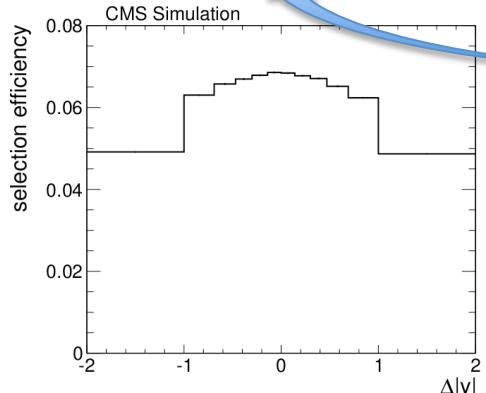
- Single top t-channel cross section at NNLO precision
  - theory uncertainty  $\sim 1\%$
  - Measurement uncertainty  $\sim 10\%$

# Unfolding

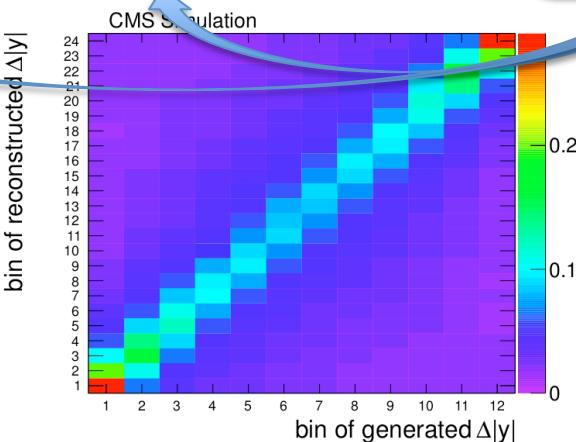


The goal is to compare to theory predictions (at the particle/parton level).

Commonly used unfolding methods:  
iterative D'Agostini, SVD



selection efficiency  
→ diagonal matrix

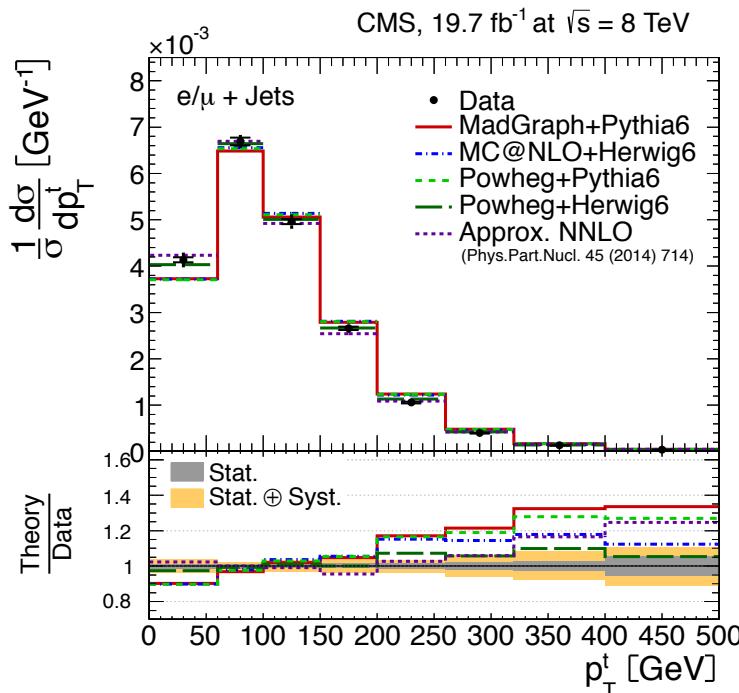
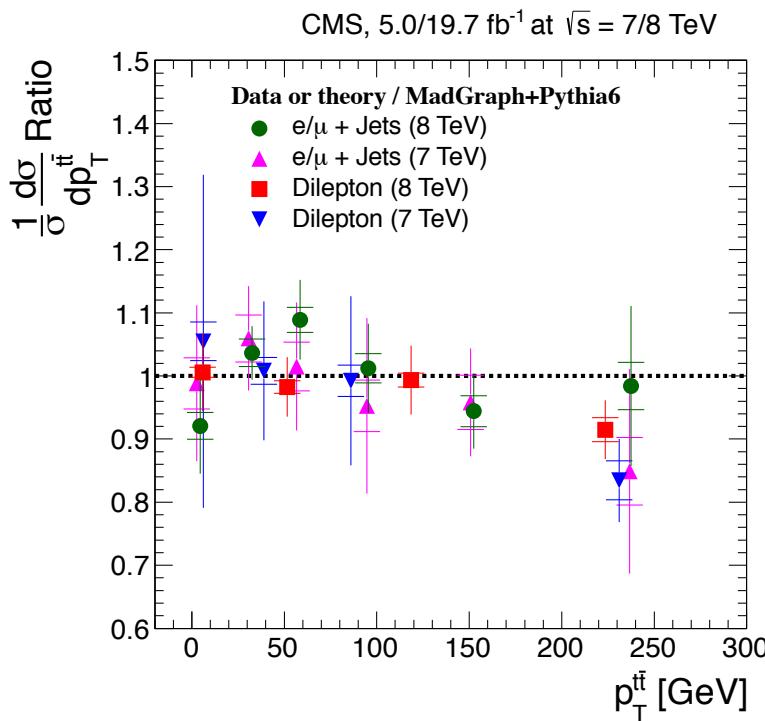


(non-diagonal)  
bin migration matrix

e.g., CMS-PAS-TOP-12-033

# Top Pair Differential Cross Sections

- Test various levels of pQCD approximations for top quark production in different phase space regions.
- Test and tune MC models
- Test/improve PDF sets.
- Differential distributions from data are described reasonably well except top  $p_T$ .
- For all distributions trend is the same for 7 & 8 TeV and in lepton+jets and dilepton measurements.

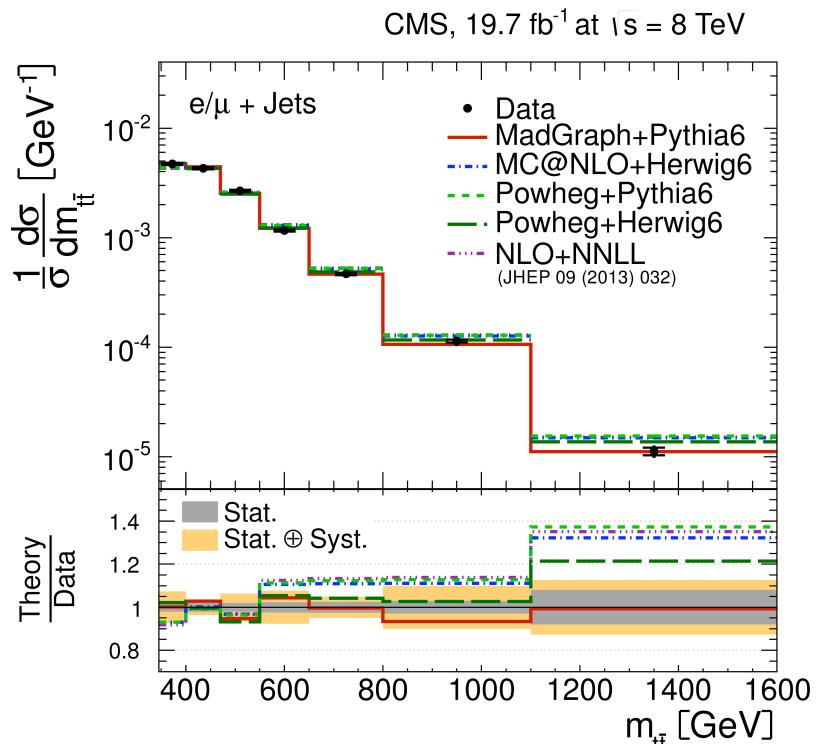


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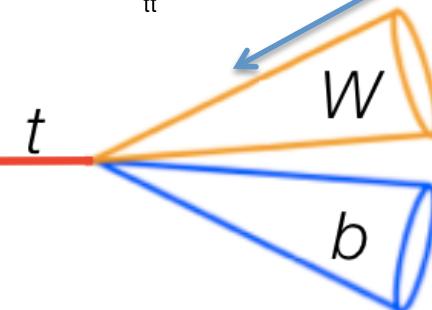
# Top Pair Differential Cross Sections

## ■ $M(t\bar{t}) \rightarrow \text{resonances}$

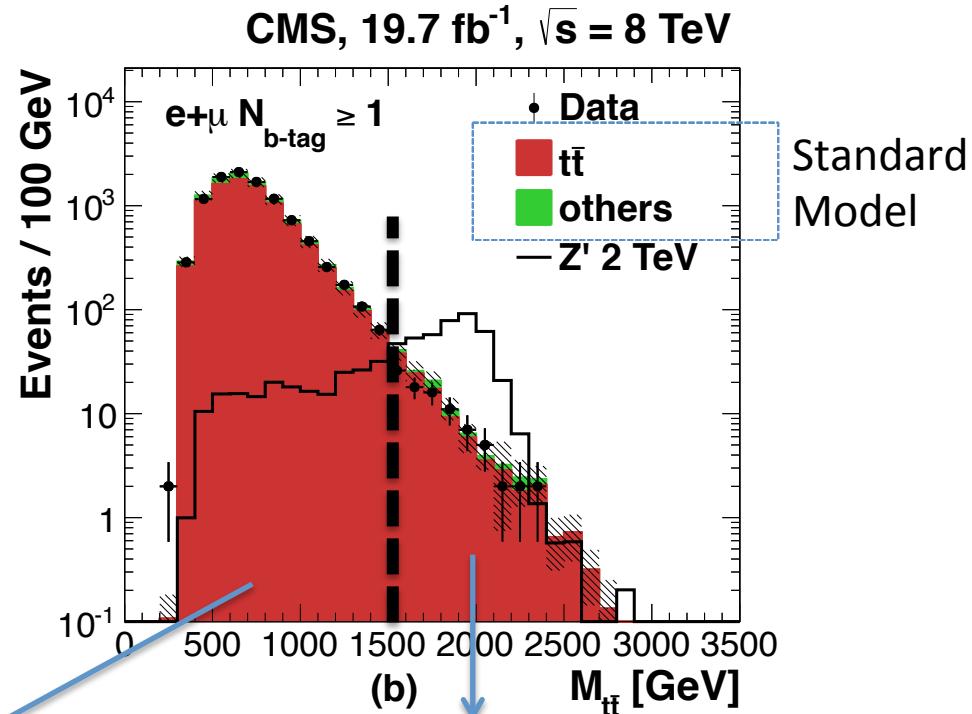
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Resolved topology:  
Each parton matched to  
A single jet.



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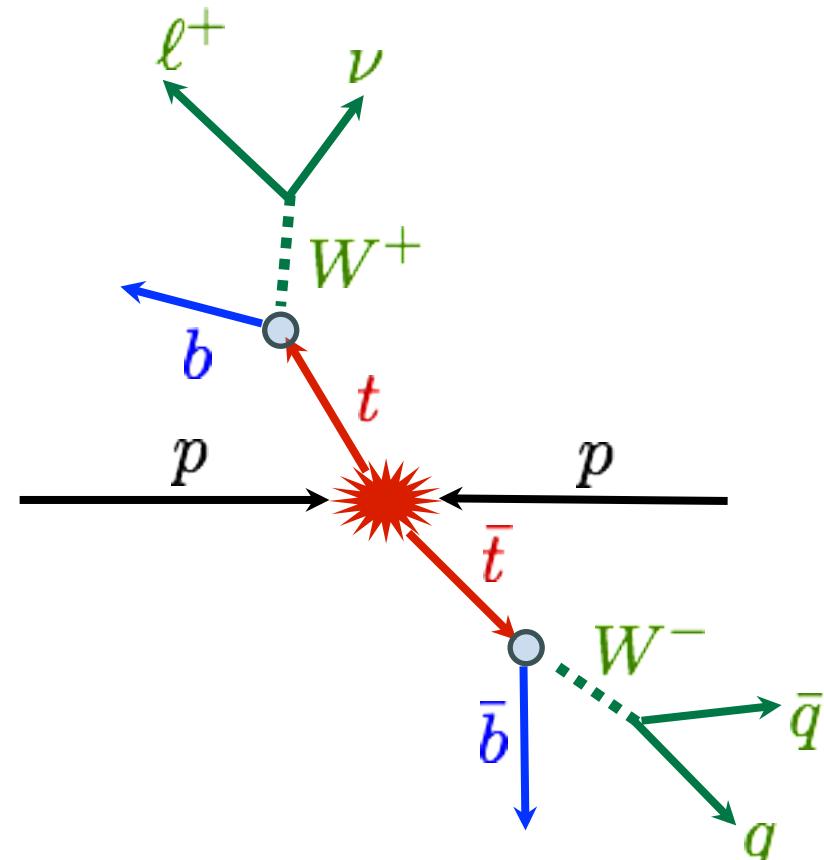


Boosted topology:  
Each top quark is highly lorentz boosted  
→ Decay products collimated



# Top Mass Measurements

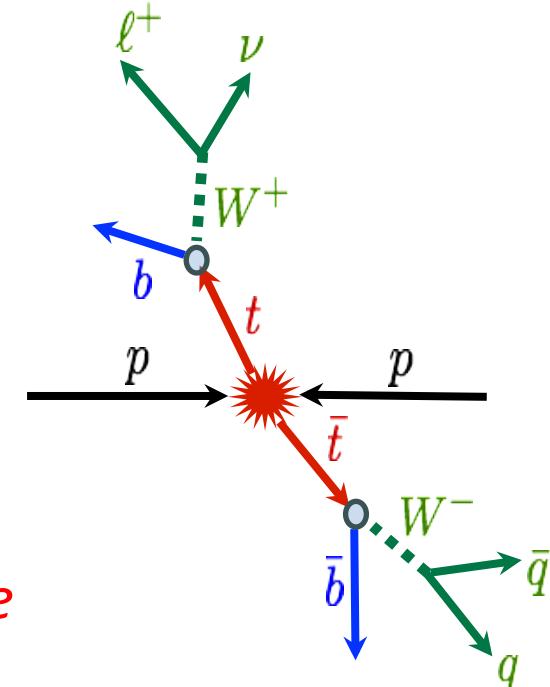
- Basic methods
  - ◆ Full invariant mass reconstruction → The most powerful and standard
  - ◆ Partial reconstruction using a variable correlated to top mass → less powerful but different systematic uncertainties
  - ◆ Indirect measurement through  $t\bar{t}$  and  $t\bar{t}+jet$  cross sections, ... → top quark pole mass



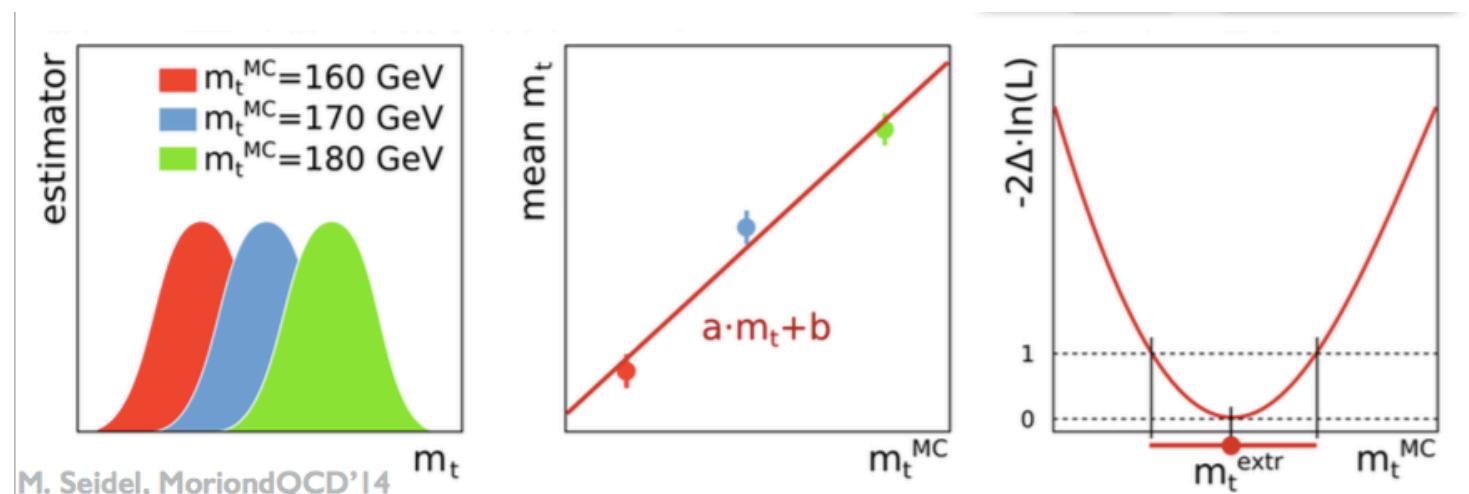
# Full Mass Reconstruction

- General features:

- Assign each jet to a top decay product (constrained kinematic fits)
- Calibration of the method based on  $m_t^{\text{MC}} = m_t^{\text{meas}}$
- Determination of  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$  (and JES simultaneously) from data.



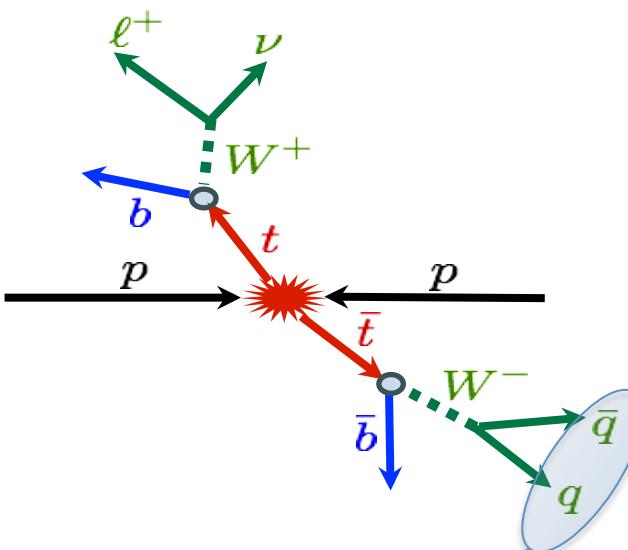
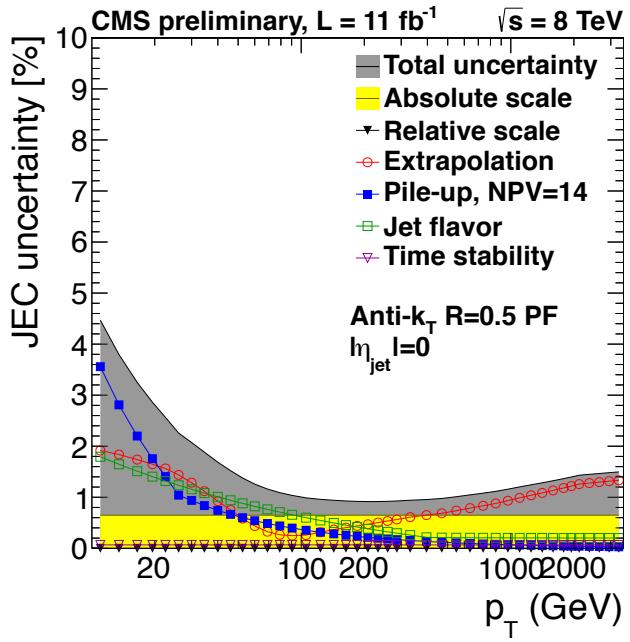
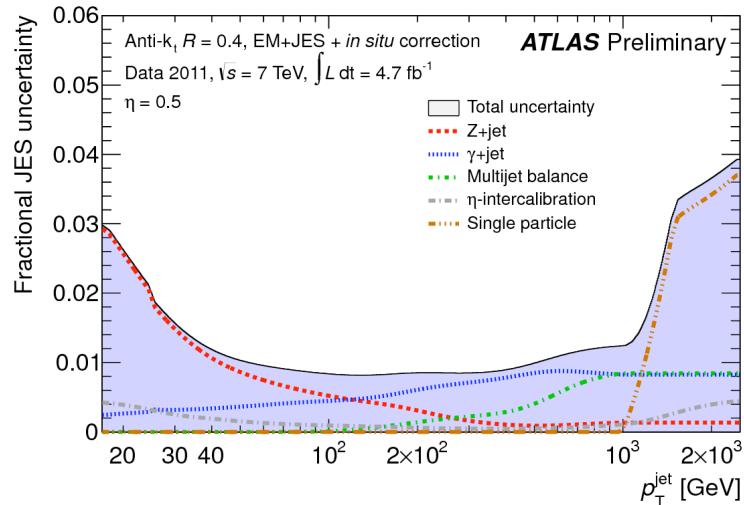
Main challenge: Jet reconstruction, Jet energy scale uncertainties, modeling.



# Full Mass Reconstruction Methods (Tevatron → LHC)

- Template Method → Simple and relatively fast
  - ◆ Compare data to MC distributions with different top mass values.
- Matrix element method → The most precise, but relatively slow, and only at leading order.
  - ◆ Event likelihood calculated from  $t\bar{t}$  matrix element integrated in the full phase-space using the full event information.
- Ideogram method (lepton+jets/all-hadronic channels)  
→ Very precise and fast
  - ◆ Combines the matrix element (in an approximate way) and template approaches
  - ◆ Analytical event likelihoods based on templates from simulation.
- + Dilepton Channel
  - ◆ Solve the under-constrained  $t\bar{t}$  system

# Jet Energy Scale Uncertainties



- JES calibration with dijet and  $\gamma/Z$ +jet events → ~1-3%
- <1% when complemented with *in-situ* JES calibration.
  - 2D method (Tevatron, CMS): fit JES factor (JSF) using  $W \rightarrow jj$  (remaining uncertainty from different jet-flavors)
  - 3D method (ATLAS): 2D + fit relative b-to-light-jet scale (bJSF).

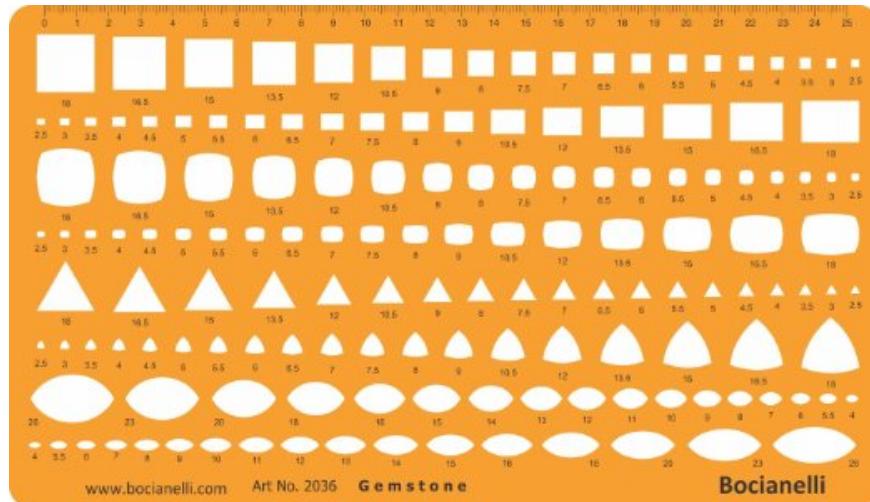
# Systematic Uncertainties

	$\delta m_t^{2D}$ (GeV)	$\delta_{JSF}$	$\delta m_t^{1D}$ (GeV)
Experimental uncertainties			
Fit calibration	0.10	0.001	0.06
$p_T$ - and $\eta$ -dependent JES	0.18	0.007	1.17
Lepton energy scale	0.03	<0.001	0.03
MET	0.09	0.001	0.01
Jet energy resolution	0.26	0.004	0.07
b tagging	0.02	<0.001	0.01
Pileup	0.27	0.005	0.17
Non-tt background	0.11	0.001	0.01
Modeling of hadronization			
Flavor-dependent JSF	0.41	0.004	0.32
b fragmentation	0.06	0.001	0.04
Semi-leptonic B hadron decays	0.16	<0.001	0.15
Modeling of the hard scattering process			
PDF	0.09	0.001	0.05
Renormalization and factorization scales	0.12±0.13	0.004±0.001	0.25±0.08
ME-PS matching threshold	0.15±0.13	0.003±0.001	0.07±0.08
ME generator	0.23±0.14	0.003±0.001	0.20±0.08
Modeling of non-perturbative QCD			
Underlying event	0.14±0.17	0.002±0.002	0.06±0.10
Color reconnection modeling	0.08±0.15	0.002±0.001	0.07±0.09
Total	0.75	0.012	1.29

# Template Method

ATLAS-CONF-2013-046

- 3D template method in the lepton +jets channel
- Kinematic fit (for top reconstruction and jet-parton combinations).



Simultaneously fit to the templates of

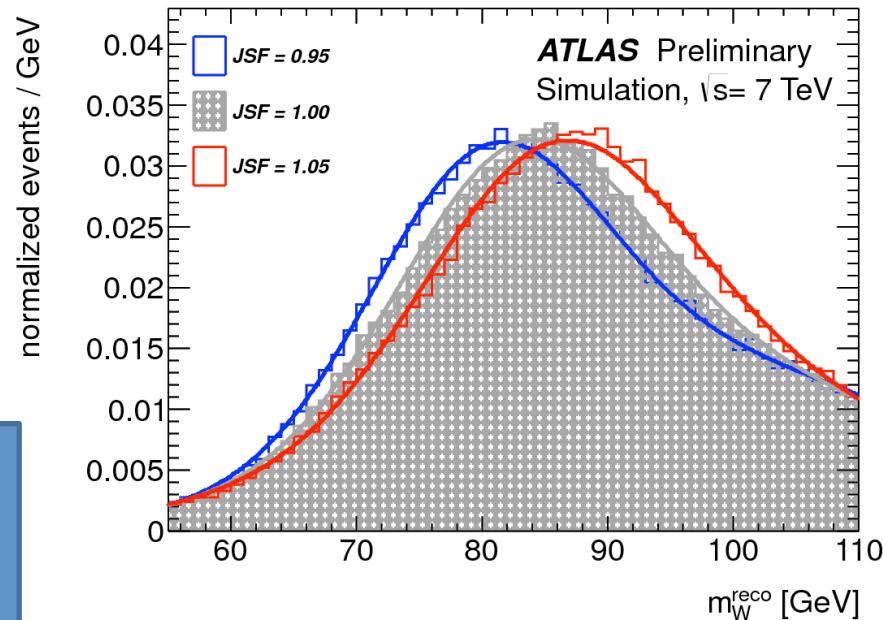
$$m_W^{reco}, R_{lb}^{reco} = \frac{p_T^{b_{had}} + p_T^{b_{lep}}}{p_T^{W_{jet1}} + p_T^{W_{jet2}}}, m_t$$



overall jet scale  
factor (JSF)



constrain overall relative  
bjet to light jet scale factor  
(bJSF)



# Matrix Element Method

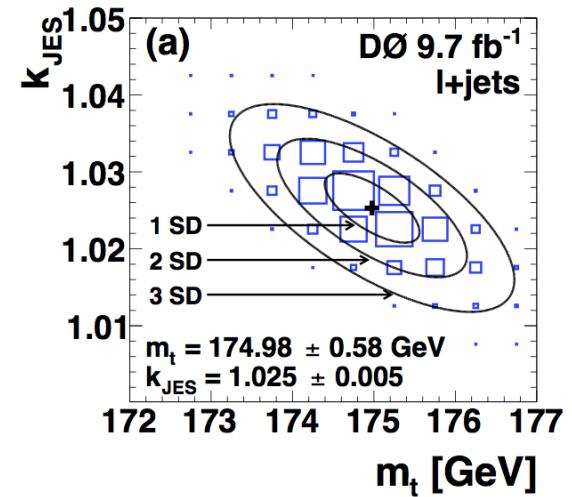
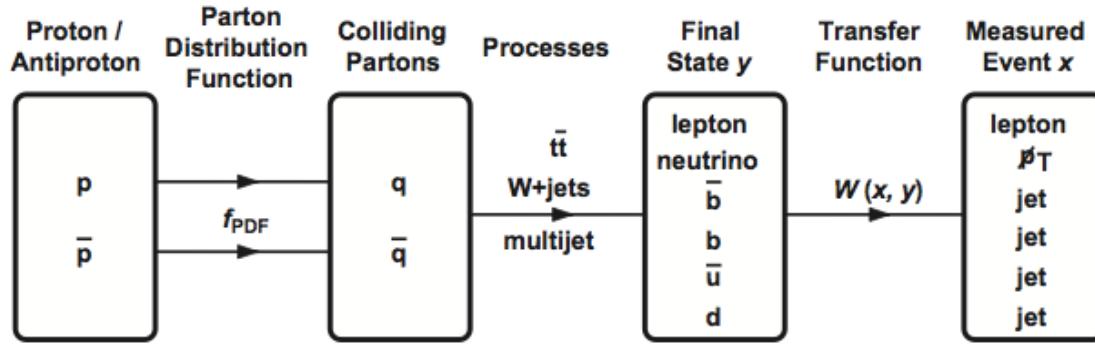
- The probability (or weight) of the observed event ( $x$ ) to be produced and observed following the hypothesis  $H$ :

$$P(x|H) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{obs}} \int f_{pdf}(q_1) f_{pdf}(q_2) dq_1 dq_2 \frac{(2\pi)^4 |M(y)|^2}{q_1 q_2 s} W(x, y, k_{JES}) d\Phi(y)$$

e.g.  $m_t$

constrain using  $m_W$

F. Fiedler et al. / Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 624 (2010) 203–218



PRL 113, 032002 (2014)  
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1405.1756v2>

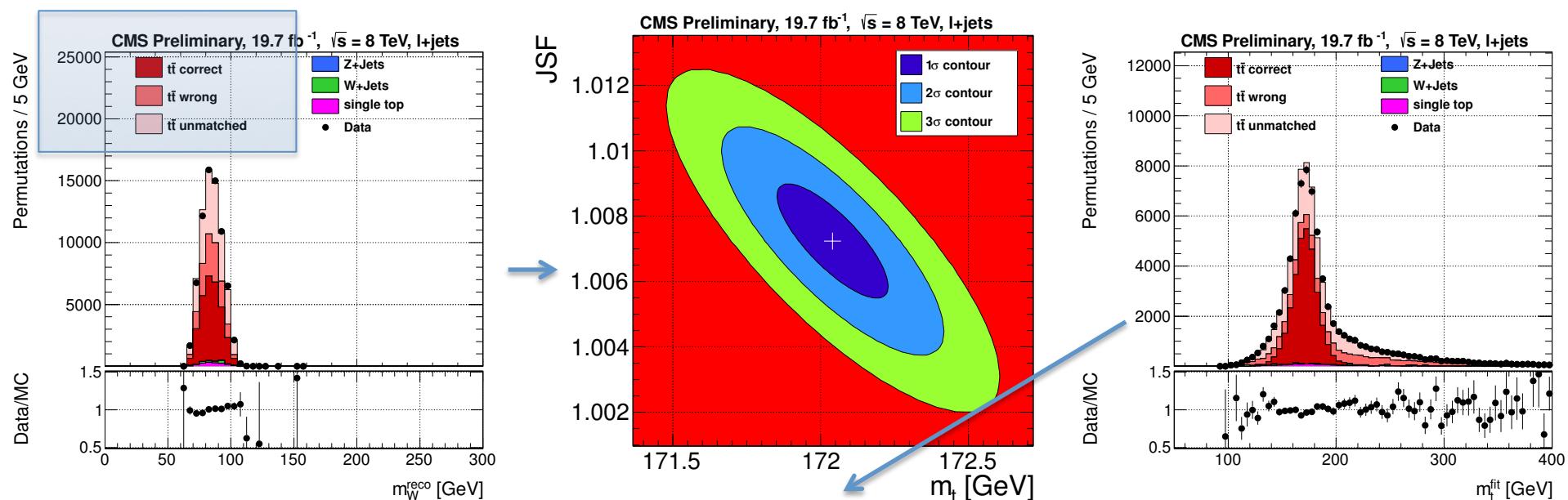
$$m_t = 174.98 \pm 0.58 (\text{stat + JES}) \pm 0.49 (\text{sys}) \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_t = 174.98 \pm 0.76 \text{ GeV}$$

# The Ideogram Method

- Template method with multiple permutations (correct, wrong, unmatched) per event.
- All different permutations taken into account with weights + include b-quark tagging.
- Kinematic fit → improve mass reconstruction.

Determine  $m_t$  simultaneously with jet energy scale factor in a joint likelihood fit.



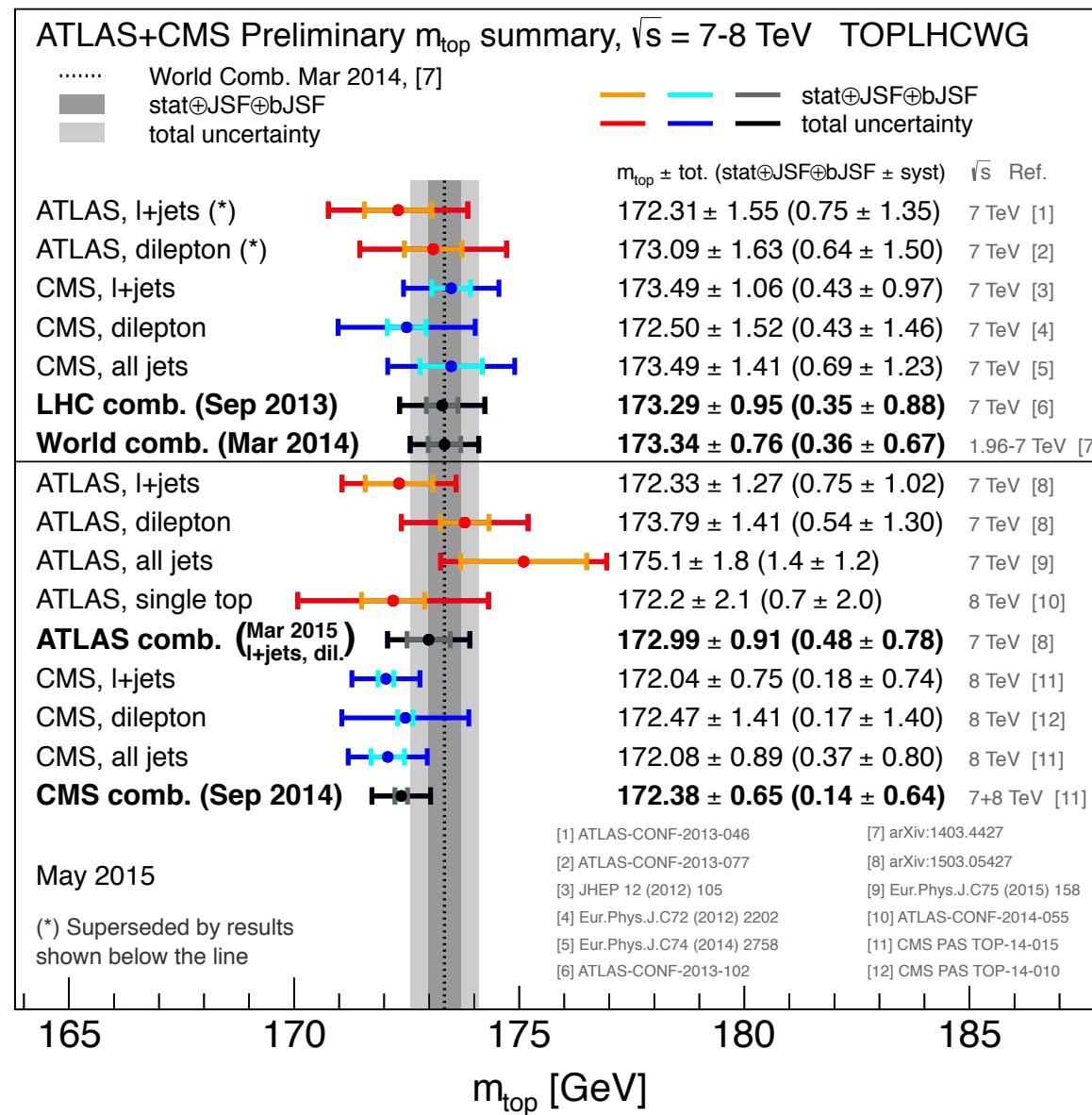
$$m_t = 172.04 \pm 0.19 \text{ (stat.+JSF)} \pm 0.75 \text{ (syst.) GeV},$$

$$\text{JSF} = 1.007 \pm 0.002 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.012 \text{ (syst.)}.$$

→ First single measurement with < 1 GeV precision.

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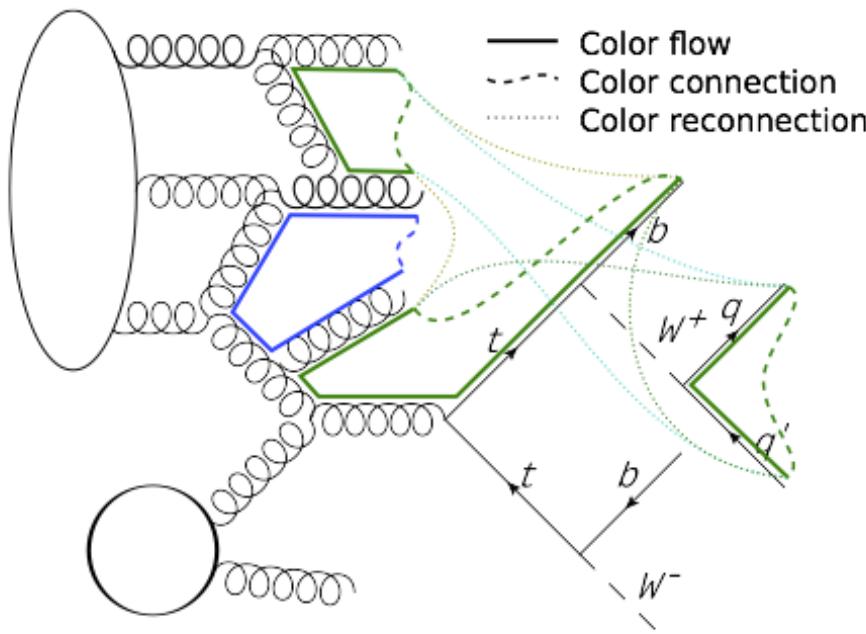
# Top Quark Mass – Direct Measurements Summary



# Dependence of Top Mass on Event Kinematics

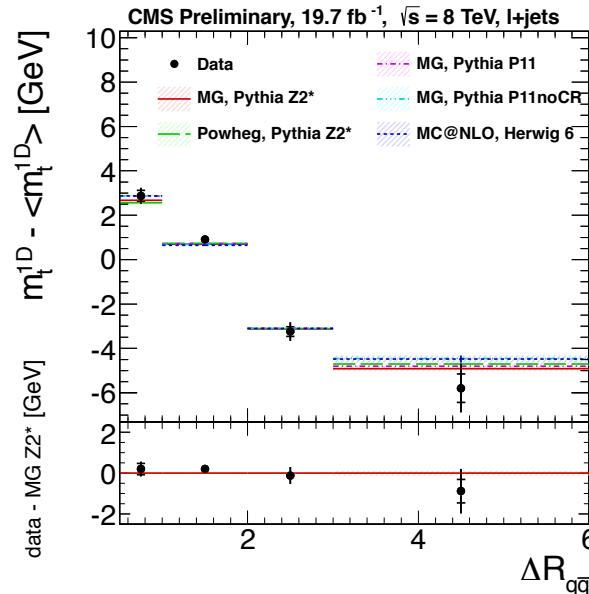
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- Interpretation of the top mass measurements is not straightforward for  $\delta m_t \sim < 1 \text{ GeV} \sim \Gamma_t$ .
- Study model uncertainties.
  - ◆ some (non-)perturbative effects have different kinematic dependences.
  - ◆ Difficult to define a pole mass for an unstable and colored particle.



No mis-modeling of data.

- Study variables sensitive to
  - ◆ color connection,
  - ◆ ISR/FSR,
  - ◆ b-quark kinematics.



# Alternative Top Quark Mass Measurements (CMS)

- Measurements with different/independent systematic uncertainties or with different  $m_t$  definitions.
- Top mass from
  - ◆ B-hadron lifetime [CMS-PAS-TOP-12-030]
  - ◆ b-jet kinematics from  $J/\psi$  [CMS-PAS-TOP-13-007]
  - ◆ kinematic endpoints [EPJC 73 (2013) 2494]
  - ◆  $t\bar{t}$  cross section [PLB 728, 496 (2014)]
  - ◆  $t\bar{t}+1$  jet [ATLAS-CONF-2014-053]
  - ◆  $M_{lb}$  [CMS-PAS-TOP-14-014]
  - ◆ Single top quark event in t-channel [ATLAS-CONF-2014-055]
  - ◆ ....

# Top Quark Mass - Definitions

- Free quarks not observable (confining property of QCD)
- All quarks except the top quark hadronize → Top quark mass theoretical framework dependent.
- Two common definitions:
  - ◆ Pole mass (See e.g. arXiv:9612329)
    - Perturbatively defined
    - Position of the pole in the renormalized quark propagator
    - “intuitive mass”
    - Suffers from ambiguities due to non-perturbative corrections.
  - ◆ “Running mass” ( $m_t^{\overline{MS}}$ )
    - Renormalization scale dependent.

*The two definitions can be related analytically:*

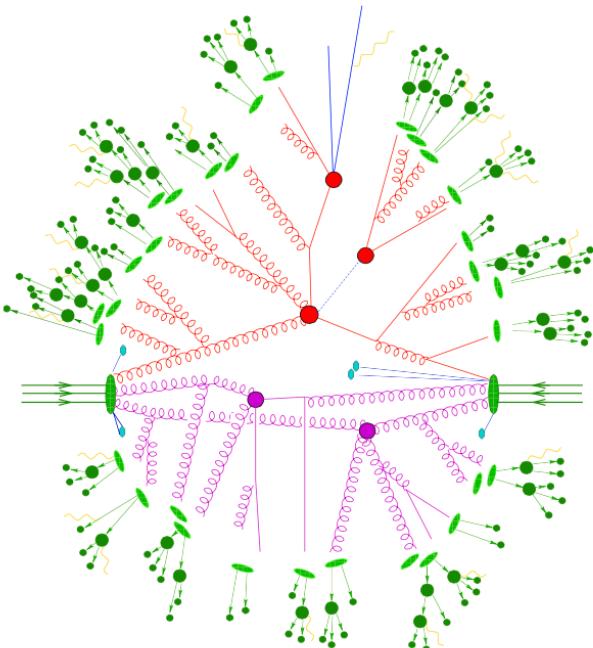
*e.g. see PLB482 (2000), 99; arXiv:1212.4319*

Ambiguity of  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$

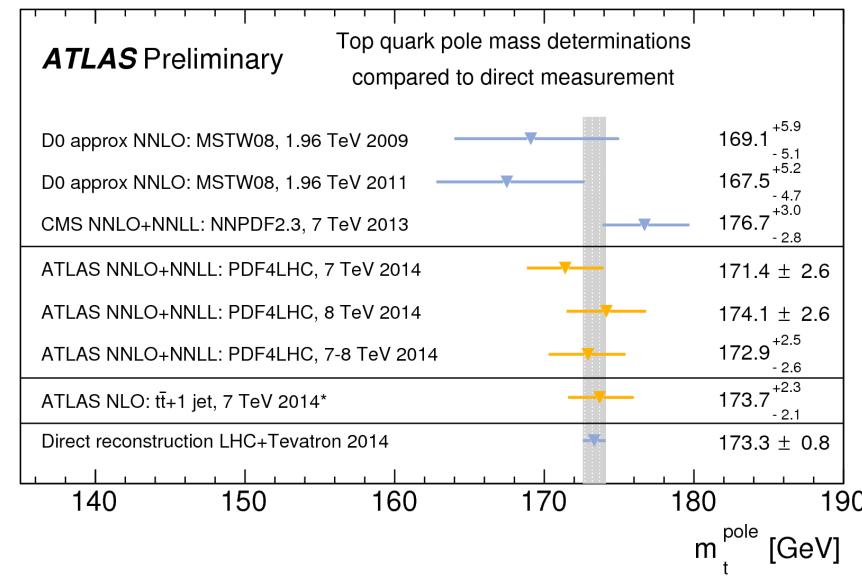
# Top Quark Mass Definitions

## ◆ Monte Carlo Mass

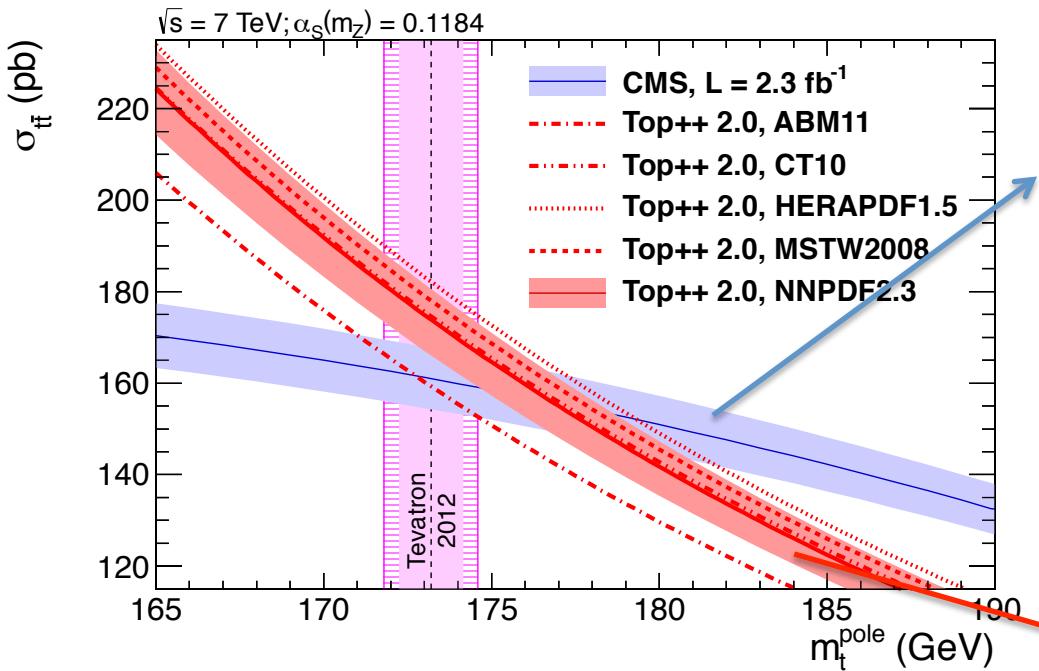
- No straightforward definition in ***direct top mass measurements***
- Direct top quark measurements rely on the complicated relation between the experimental observable and  $m_t$ .
- MEs at fixed order (LO or NLO) QCD + higher orders by parton showers



$$m_t^{MC} \neq m_t^{pole} \neq m_t^{MS} \neq m_t^{XX}$$
$$m_t^{pole} - m_t^{MC} \approx 1 \text{ GeV}$$



# Fix $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ and PDF $\rightarrow$ Determine $m_t^{\text{pole}}$



Dependence due to efficiency and acceptance depending on  $m_t$ .

$$\text{Recall: } \sigma = \frac{N_{obs} - N_{bkg}}{(A \times \varepsilon) \times B \times L}$$

It is harder to produce heavier particles.

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}}(s, m_t) = \sum_{i,j=\text{partons}} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_i^{pdf}(x_1, \mu_f^2) f_j^{pdf}(x_2, \mu_f^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow t\bar{t}}(\hat{s}, m_t, \mu_f, \mu_r, \alpha_s(\mu_r))$$

$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = 176.7^{+3.0}_{-2.8} \text{ GeV}$$

→ Top mass at NNLO QCD.

PLB 728, 496 (2014)  
 arXiv:1307.1907v3

Also see  
 ATLAS, EPJ-C74  
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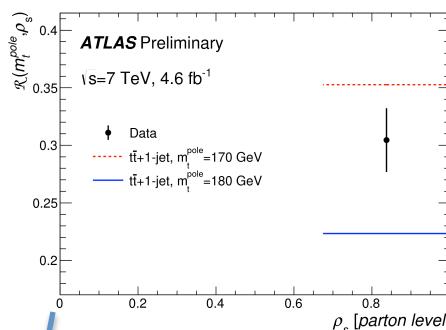
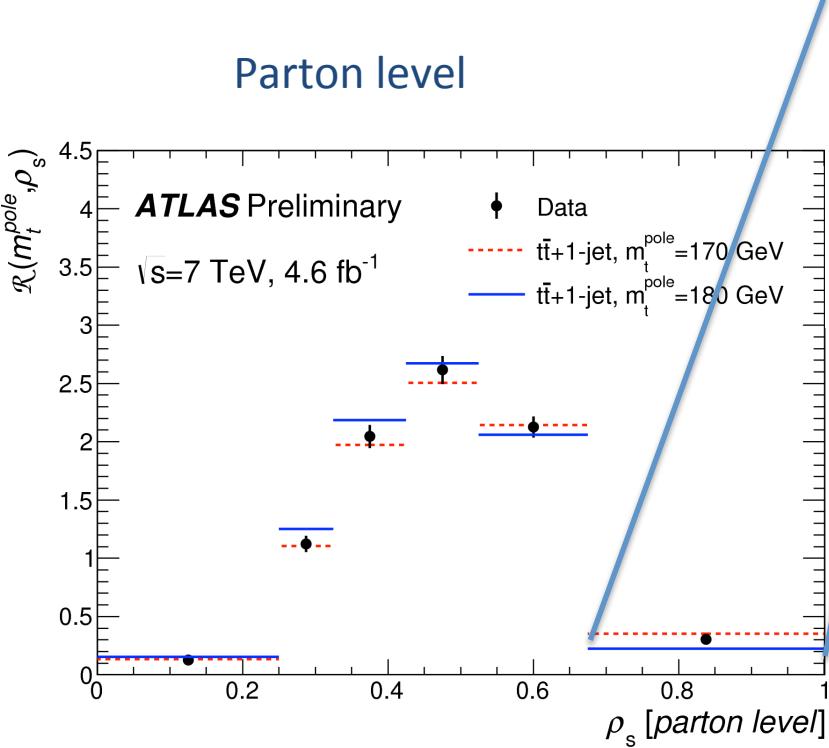
Dominant systematic uncertainties:  
 measured  $t\bar{t}$  cross-section and PDF.

# Top Quark Pole Mass Determination from $t\bar{t}+1$ Jet Events

- $t\bar{t}+1$  jet system  $\rightarrow$  gluon radiation depends on the quark mass.
- Pole mass at NLO from normalized cross section vs the invariant mass of the  $t\bar{t}+1$ jet system.

$$\mathcal{R}(m_t^{\text{pole}}, \rho_s) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{t\bar{t}+1\text{-jet}}} \frac{d\sigma_{t\bar{t}+1\text{-jet}}}{d\rho_s}(m_t^{\text{pole}}, \rho_s),$$

where  $\rho_s$  is defined as



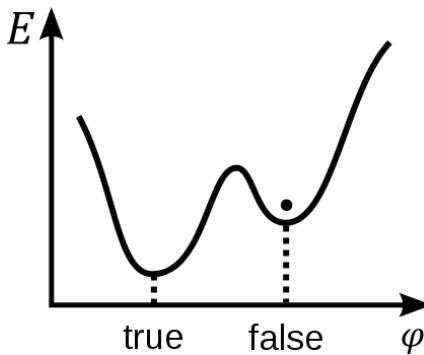
$$\rho_s = \frac{2m_0}{\sqrt{s_{t\bar{t}j}}},$$

$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = 173.7^{+2.3}_{-2.1} \text{ GeV}$$

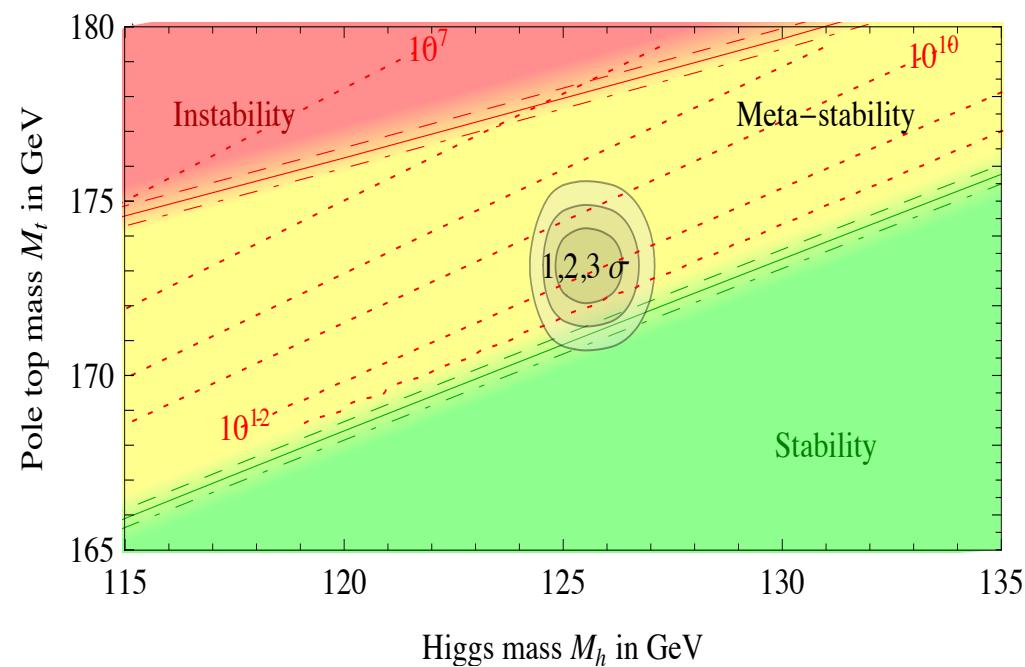
- No dependence on the input MC mass.
- Main systematic uncertainty sources:
  - ◆ Jet energy scale, QCD scales, ISR/FSR.

# The Top Quark Mass and Vacuum Stability (Fate of the Universe)

- Input to theoretical studies of electroweak vacuum stability.



Degassi, et. al. arXiv:1205.6497  
JHEP 08 (2012) 098



Measured top and Higgs masses  
→ SM valid up to the Planck scale?

# Summary

- Top quark plays an important role in testing and understanding QCD, electro-weak, flavor and searches for new physics.
- Precise inclusive and differential cross section predictions and measurements.
- Top quark mass < 1 GeV precision.
  - ◆ Measurements pushing the limits of our understanding of the mass of the heaviest colored elementary particle.
  - ◆ Eventually (full LHC Run II data or a future electron-positron collider) top quark mass might tell us whether we are in a stable or a meta-stable universe.
- Almost all LHC Run I measurements dominated by systematics uncertainties.
  - ◆ LHC Run II focusing on
    - reducing these uncertainties through new type of measurements, improving modeling and theoretical calculations → better understand QCD and improve new physics searches using top quarks.
    - Single top and tt+X differential distributions.
    - tails of differential distributions (esp. with boosted top quarks).

# Additional Slides

# The Top Quark

Citation: K.A. Olive *et al.* (Particle Data Group), Chin. Phys. C**38**, 090001 (2014) (URL: <http://pdg.lbl.gov>)

**t**

$$I(J^P) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$$

$$\text{Charge} = \frac{2}{3} e \quad \text{Top} = +1$$

Mass (direct measurements)  $m = 173.21 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.71$  GeV [a,b]  
 Mass ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$  from cross-section measurements)  $m = 160^{+5}_{-4}$  GeV [a]  
 Mass (Pole from cross-section measurements)  $m = 176.7^{+4.0}_{-3.4}$  GeV  
 $m_t - m_{\bar{t}} = -0.2 \pm 0.5$  GeV (S = 1.1)  
 Full width  $\Gamma = 2.0 \pm 0.5$  GeV  
 $\Gamma(W b)/\Gamma(W q(q = b, s, d)) = 0.91 \pm 0.04$

## t-quark EW Couplings

$$\begin{aligned} F_0 &= 0.690 \pm 0.030 \\ F_- &= 0.314 \pm 0.025 \\ F_+ &= 0.008 \pm 0.016 \\ F_{V+A} &< 0.29, \text{ CL} = 95\% \end{aligned}$$

t DECAY MODES	Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )	Confidence level	(MeV/c) <sup>p</sup>
$W q(q = b, s, d)$	—	—	—
$W b$	—	—	—
$\ell \nu_\ell$ anything	[c,d] $(9.4 \pm 2.4)$ %	—	—
$\gamma q(q=u,c)$	$[e] < 5.9 \times 10^{-3}$	95%	—
<b><math>\Delta T = 1</math> weak neutral current (T1) modes</b>			
$Z q(q=u,c)$	$T1 [f] < 2.1 \times 10^{-3}$	95%	—

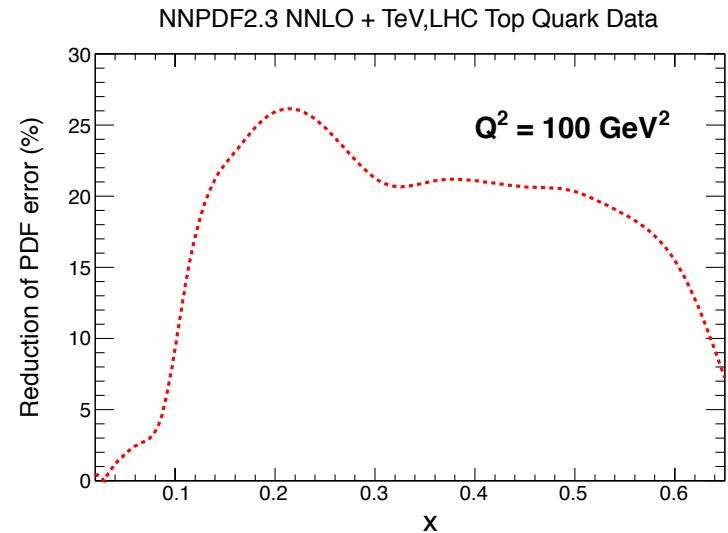
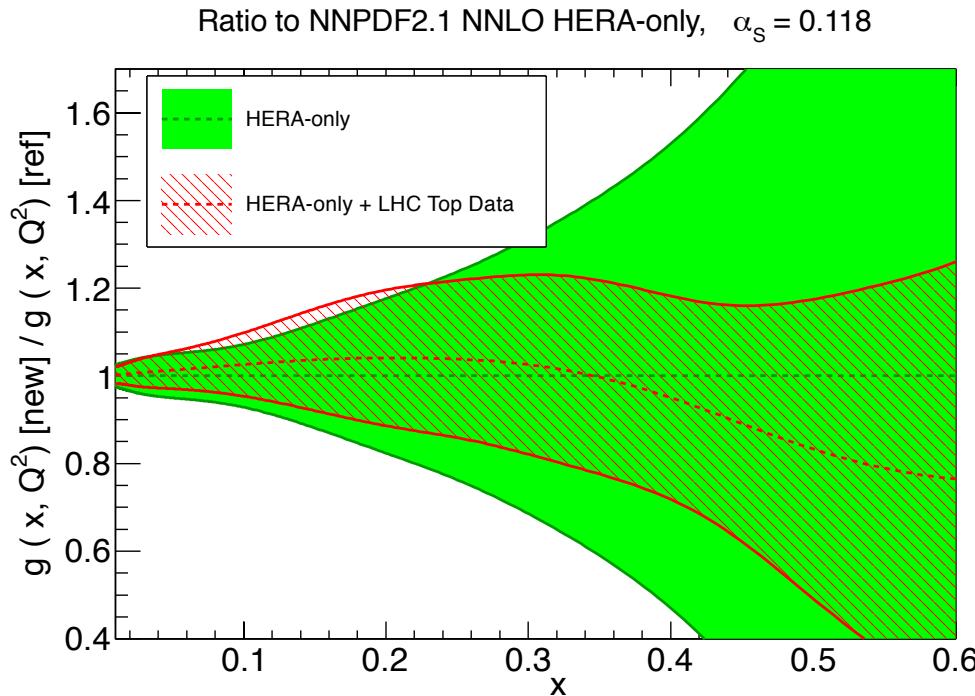
→ First observed at Tevatron proton-antiproton collider Run I (1992-1996) by CDF and D0 experiments.

→ All properties obtained from colliders.

**Top-Z boson coupling established.**  
**Top-Higgs boson coupling hasn't been directly observed yet.**

# Constraints on the gluon PDF from Top Pair Production

Czakon et al.  
arXiv:1303.7215



Relative reduction of error due to the inclusion of top data in the PDF fit.

- LHC top quark production cross section data already providing significant constraints on gluon PDF at large x.
- Significant impact on predictions for the scalar boson, and BSM predictions (dominated by gg processes).

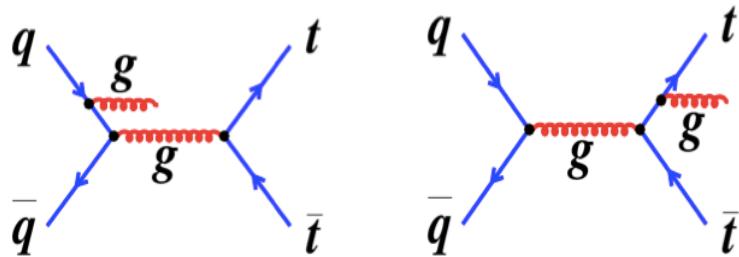
# Top Pair Differential Distributions - Systematic Uncertainties

Table 1: Breakdown of typical systematic uncertainties for the normalized differential cross sections. The uncertainty on the jet-parton matching threshold is indicated as “ME-PS threshold”. The medians of the distribution of uncertainties over all bins of the measurement are quoted. For the  $\ell$ +jets channels, the background from Z+jets is negligible and included in the “Background (all other)” category.

Source	Relative systematic uncertainty (%)			
	Lepton and b jet observables		Top quark and $t\bar{t}$ observables	
	$\ell$ +jets	dileptons	$\ell$ +jets	dileptons
Trigger eff. & lepton selec.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Jet energy scale	2.3	0.4	1.6	0.8
Jet energy resolution	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3
Background (Z+jets)	—	0.2	—	0.1
Background (all other)	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.4
b tagging	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.2
Kinematic reconstruction	—	<0.1	—	<0.1
Pileup	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
Fact./renorm. scale	1.1	0.7	1.8	1.2
ME-PS threshold	0.8	0.5	1.3	0.8
Hadronization	2.7	1.4	1.9	1.1
Top quark mass	1.5	0.6	1.0	0.7
PDF choice	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5

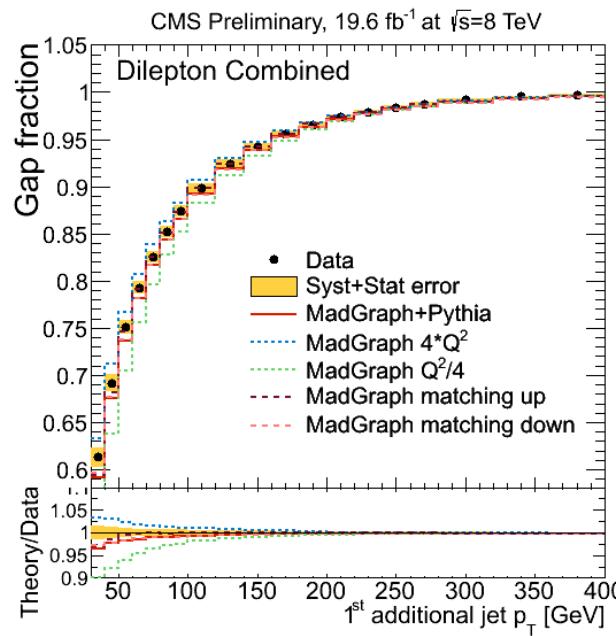
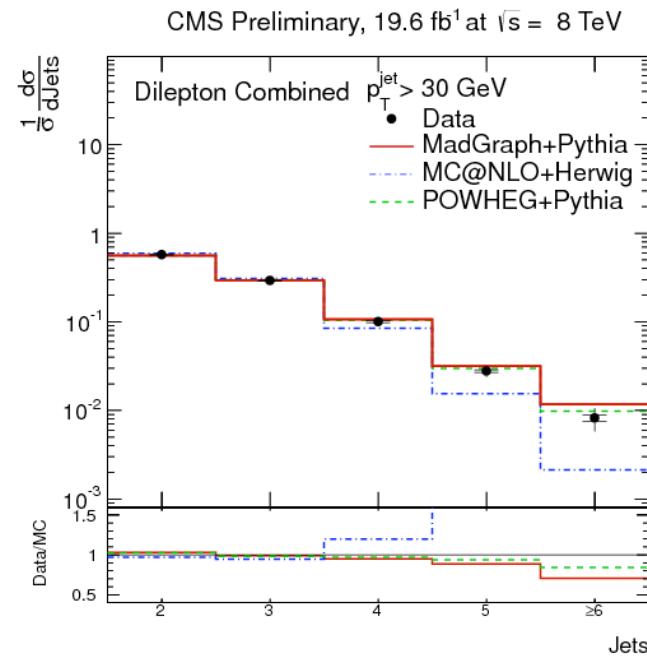
# $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$

- At the LHC,  $t\bar{t}$  events are usually accompanied by additional hard jets from initial or final state QCD radiation (ISR/FSR).
  - Test higher-order QCD calculations (ISR parameters, QCD scales, ..)
  - Improve model choices and uncertainties for coming measurements.



- $t\bar{t} + 1$  and  $2$  jet calculations are available at NLO.
- $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$ : background to  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ , ...

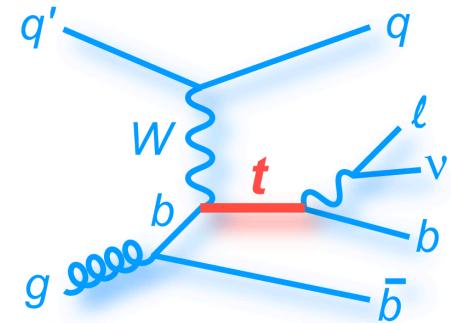
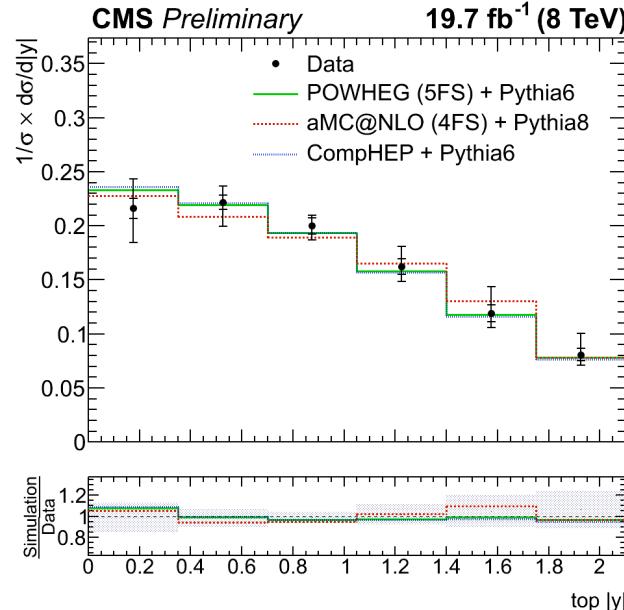
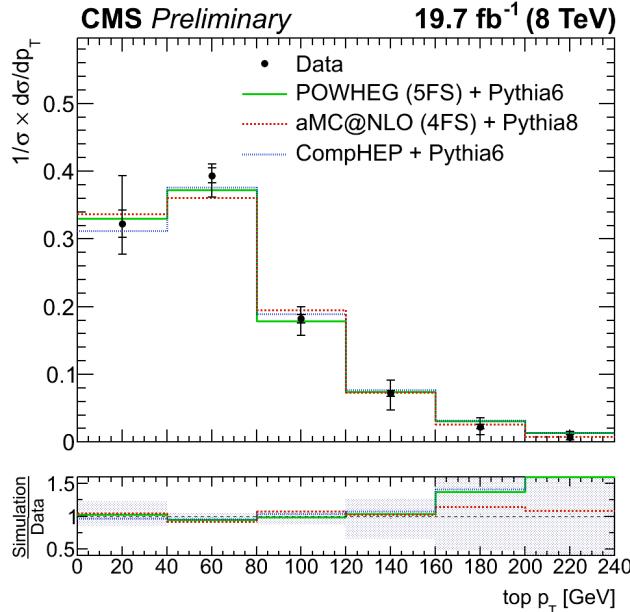
arXiv:1404.3171, CMS-PAS-TOP-12-041



- “Gap fraction”: fraction of events w/o additional jets above a threshold.
  - Alternative way to investigate jet activity from QCD radiation.

# Differential Measurements in the single top t-channel

- Different implementations for b-quark modeling in the initial state for NLO generators.
- CompHep: combination of  $2 \rightarrow 2$  and  $2 \rightarrow 3$  processes based on the  $p_T$  spectrum of the second b quark (as an NLO approximation).
- Data distributions (corrected to parton level) are described well by both NLO and LO MCs + Pythia6.



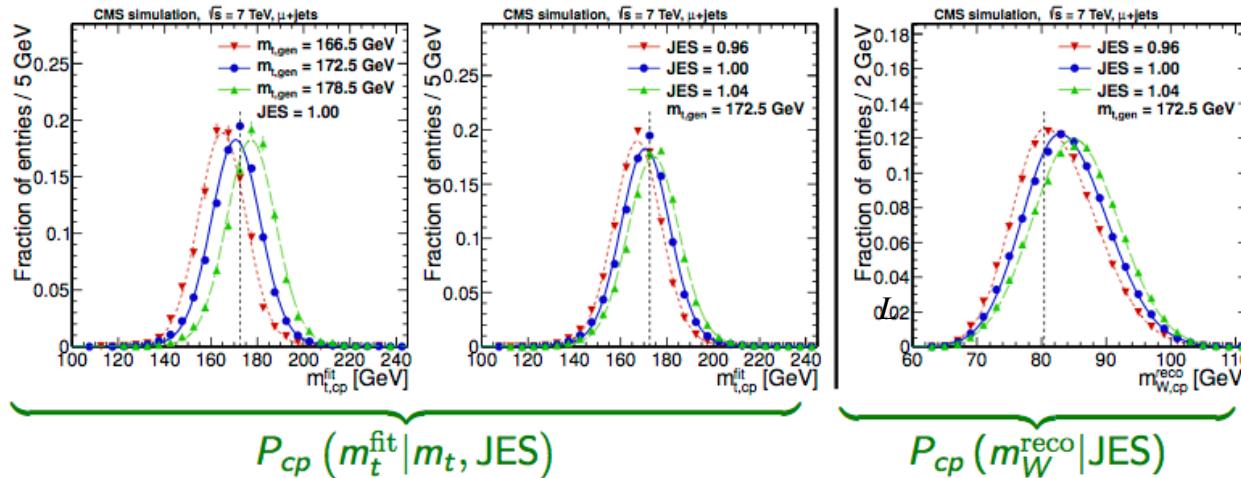
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# The Ideogram Method

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- Kinematic fit → improve mass reconstruction.

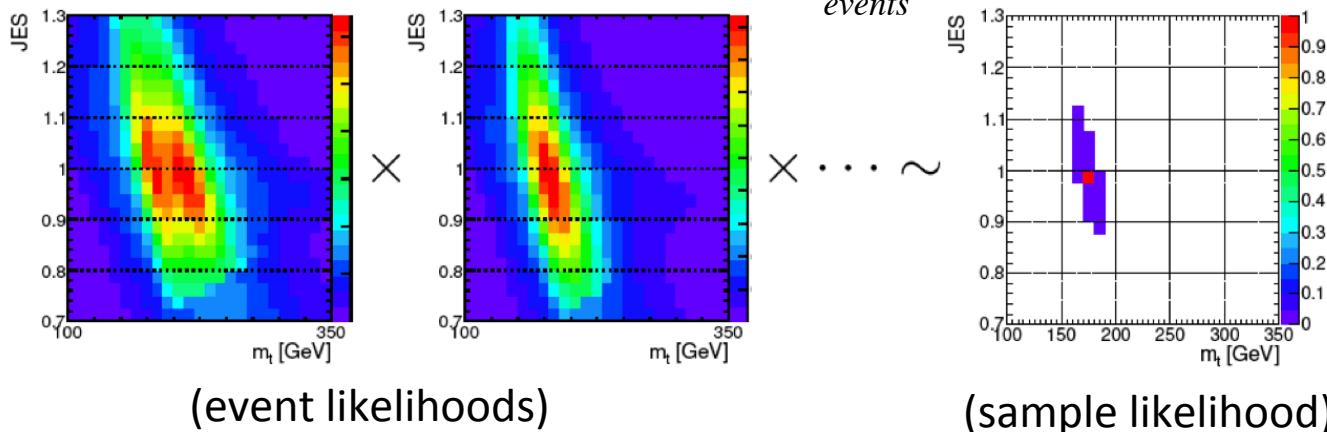
e.g., correct permutations:

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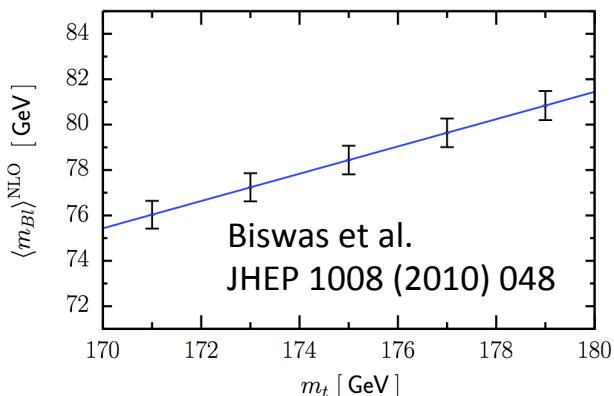


- Fits to analytical expressions
- Parameters of the fitted functions parameterized linearly in  $m_t$ , JES, and  $m_t \times \text{JES}$ .

$$\text{Maximize } L(m_t, \text{JES} | \text{sample}) \sim \prod_{\text{events}} L(\text{event} | m_t, \text{JES})^{w(\text{event})}$$



# Top quark mass from lepton-bjet Invariant Mass



$$m_{lb}^2 = \frac{m_t^2 - m_W^2}{2} (1 - \cos \theta_{lb})$$

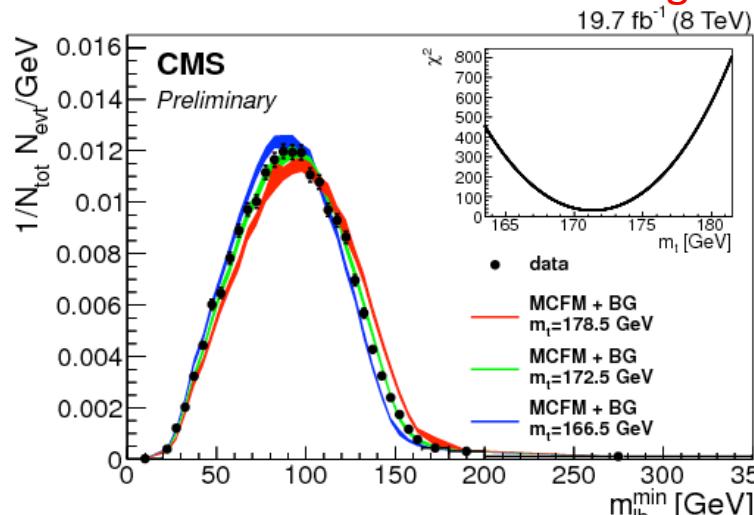
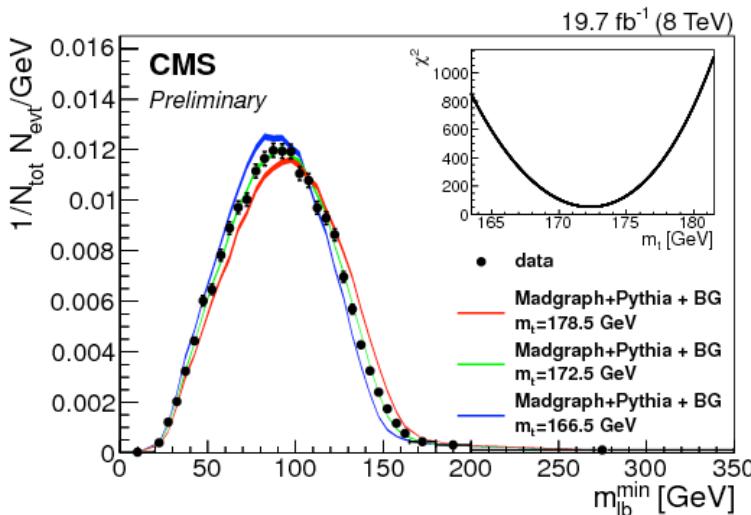
Endpoint at  $\max(m_{lb}) \approx \sqrt{m_t^2 - m_W^2}$ .

- $M_{lb}$  reconstructed and fitted to theory from MC simulation and fixed order QCD prediction  $\rightarrow$  unambiguously defined pole mass.
- $e\mu$  channel for high precision.
- Select the permutation that minimizes the  $m_{lb}$  in each event.

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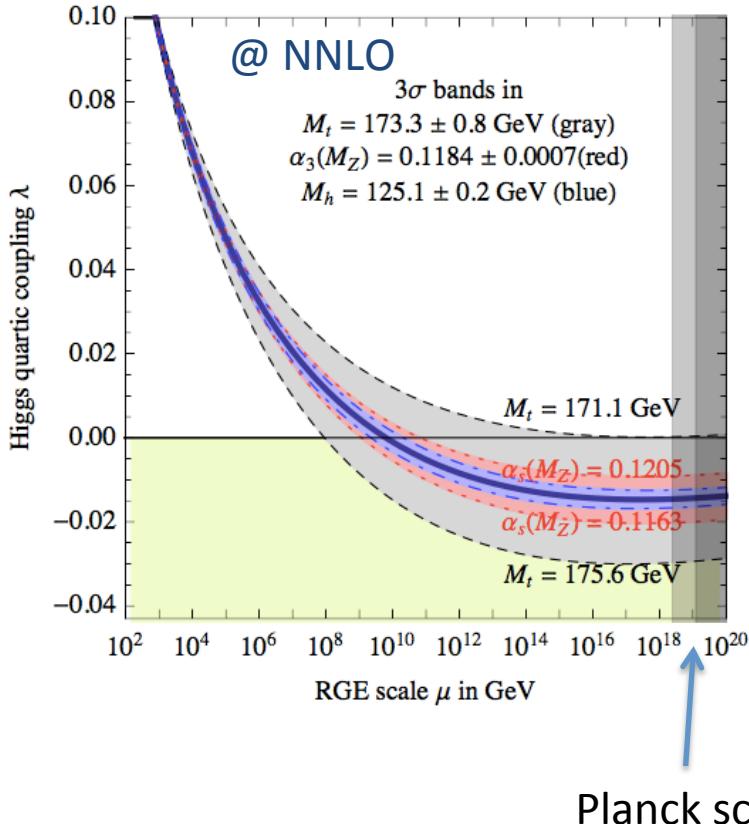
Prediction	Fit method	Fitted $m_t$ [GeV]
		from $m_{lb}^{\min}$
MADGRAPH+PYTHIA	shape+rate	$173.1^{+1.9}_{-1.8}$
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MADGRAPH+PYTHIA	shape	$172.3^{+1.3}_{-1.3}$
MCFM (LO)	shape	$171.5^{+1.1}_{-1.1}$
MCFM (NLO)	shape	$171.4^{+1.0}_{-1.1}$

Main uncertainty sources:  
renorm. x factor. scales and b-fragmentation.



# The Top Quark Mass and Vacuum Stability (Fate of the Universe)

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- Measured  $m_H \rightarrow \lambda$  (the quartic scalar coupling)

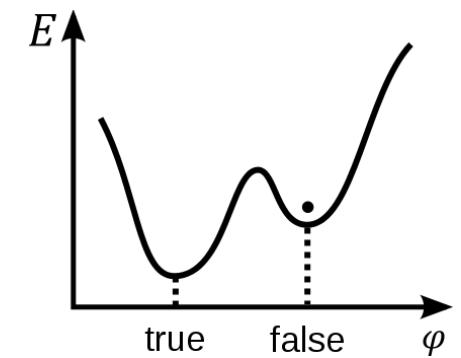
$$V^{\text{eff}} \approx -\frac{1}{2}m^2(\mu)\phi^2(\mu) + \lambda(\mu)\phi^4(\mu) \sim \lambda(\mu)\phi^4(\mu)$$

for  
 $\phi(\mu) \gg v$

→ stability

→ meta-stability

$v$ : electroweak minimum



Measured top and Higgs masses  
→ SM valid up to the Planck scale?