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Kinematic Extraction of Short Distance Top Mass at the LHC

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The top quark mass is one of the most important standard model parameters. The most precise method for top mass extraction comes from kinematic extraction. However, there's an O(1) GeV theory uncertainty associated with the fact these methods rely on Monte Carlo simulations which do not have a fully specified field theoretic mass scheme definition. I will describe our proposal for using a 2-jettiness variable with a boosted top sample to extract the top mass at the LHC. This variable obeys a factorization theorem which allow the associated cross section to be calculated with a well defined top mass scheme, and has the same strong sensitivity as the currently used template method.

Summary

I describe our proposal for a 2-jettiness variable which allows us to extract top mass in a well defined short mass distance scheme using a boosted top sample at the LHC.

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