

# *Calibration of the top-quark Monte-Carlo mass*

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## *Based on work done in collaboration with:*

- *Calibration of the Top-Quark Monte-Carlo Mass*  
J. Kieseler, K. Lipka and S. M. [arXiv:1511.00841](#)
- *High precision fundamental constants at the TeV scale (Procs. MITP workshop)*  
S. M., S. Weinzierl et. al. [MITP workshop procs.](#) [arXiv:1405.4781](#)
- *A new observable to measure the top-quark mass at hadron colliders*  
S. Alioli, P. Fernandez, J. Fuster, A. Irles, S. M., P. Uwer and M. Vos  
[arXiv:1303.6415](#)
- *The top quark and Higgs boson masses and the stability of the electroweak vacuum*  
S. Alekhin, A. Djouadi and S. M. [arXiv:1207.0980](#)
- *Measuring the running top-quark mass*  
U. Langenfeld, S. M. and P. Uwer [arXiv:0906.5273](#)
- Many more papers with friends ...

# *Top-quark mass*

*What is the value of the top-quark mass ?*

$$m_t = ?$$

# Quantum field theory

## QCD

- Classical part of QCD Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_b^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{\text{flavors}} \bar{q}_i (\mathrm{i} \not{D} - m_q)_{ij} q_j$$

- field strength tensor  $F_{\mu\nu}^a$  and matter fields  $q_i, \bar{q}_j$
- covariant derivative  $D_{\mu,ij} = \partial_\mu \delta_{ij} + \mathrm{i} g_s (t_a)_{ij} A_\mu^a$
- Formal parameters of the theory (no observables)
  - strong coupling  $\alpha_s = g_s^2 / (4\pi)$
  - quark masses  $m_q$
- Parameters of Lagrangian have no unique physical interpretation
  - radiative corrections require definition of renormalization scheme

## Challenge

- Suitable observables for measurements of  $\alpha_s, m_q, \dots$ 
  - comparison of theory predictions and experimental data

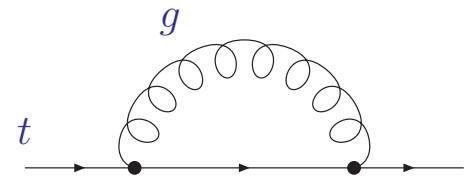
# Quark mass renormalization

- Heavy-quark self-energy  $\Sigma(p, m_q)$

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## QCD

- QCD corrections to self-energy  $\Sigma(p, m_q)$ 
  - dimensional regularization  $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$
  - one-loop: UV divergence  $1/\epsilon$  (Laurent expansion)



$$\Sigma^{(1),\text{bare}}(p, m_q) = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{m_q^2} \right)^\epsilon \left\{ (\not{p} - m_q) \left( -C_F \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \text{fin.} \right) + m_q \left( 3C_F \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \text{fin.} \right) \right\}$$

- Relate bare and renormalized mass parameter  $m_q^{\text{bare}} = m_q^{\text{ren}} + \delta m_q$

$$\text{---} \circlearrowleft \Sigma^{\text{ren}}(p, m_q) = \text{---} \rightarrow + \text{---} \circlearrowleft \text{---} + \text{---} \times \text{---} + \dots$$

$$(Z_\psi - 1)\not{p} - (Z_m - 1)m_q$$

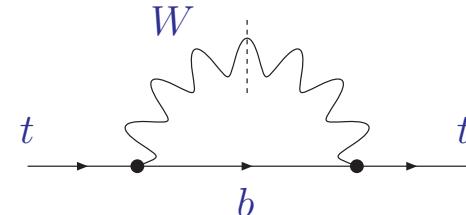
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## EW sector

- EW corrections to top-quark self-energy
  - on-shell intermediate (virtual)  $W$ -boson
  - $m_t$  complex parameter with imaginary part  $\Gamma_t = 2.0 \pm 0.7 \text{ GeV}$
  - $\Gamma_t > 1 \text{ GeV}$ : top-quark decays before it hadronizes



# Mass renormalization scheme

## Pole mass

- Based on (unphysical) concept of top-quark being a free parton
  - $m_q^{\text{ren}}$  coincides with pole of propagator at each order

$$\not{p} - m_q - \Sigma(p, m_q) \Big|_{\not{p}=m_q} \rightarrow \not{p} - m_q^{\text{pole}}$$

- Definition of pole mass ambiguous up to corrections  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{QCD})$ 
  - heavy-quark self-energy  $\Sigma(p, m_q)$  receives contributions from regions of all loop momenta – also from momenta of  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{QCD})$
- Bounds:
  - lattice QCD  $\Delta m_q \geq 0.7 \cdot \Lambda_{QCD} \simeq 200 \text{ MeV}$  Bauer, Bali, Pineda '11
  - perturbative QCD:  $\Delta m_q \simeq 70 \text{ MeV}$  Beneke, Marquard, Nason, Steinhauser '16

## $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme

- $\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass definition: for example one-loop minimal subtraction

$$\delta m_q^{(1)} = m_q \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} 3C_F \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \gamma_E + \ln 4\pi \right)$$

- $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme induces scale dependence:  $m(\mu)$

# Running quark mass

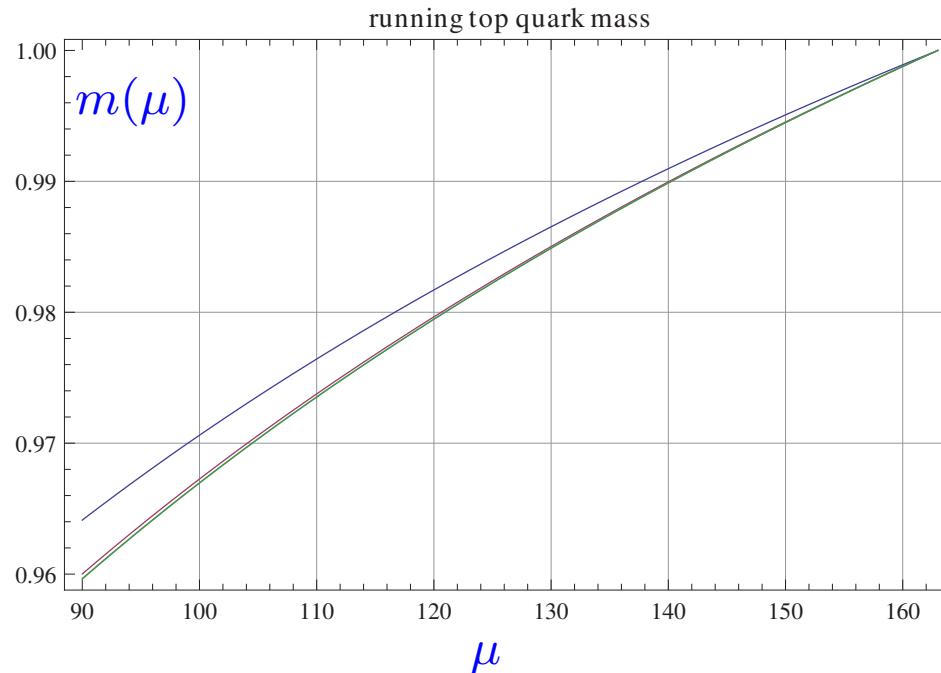
## Scale dependence

- Renormalization group equation for scale dependence
  - mass anomalous dimension  $\gamma$  known to four loops

Chetyrkin '97; Larin, van Ritbergen, Vermaseren '97

$$\left( \mu^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu^2} + \beta(\alpha_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_s} \right) m(\mu) = \gamma(\alpha_s) m(\mu)$$

- Plot mass ratio  $m_t(163\text{GeV})/m_t(\mu)$



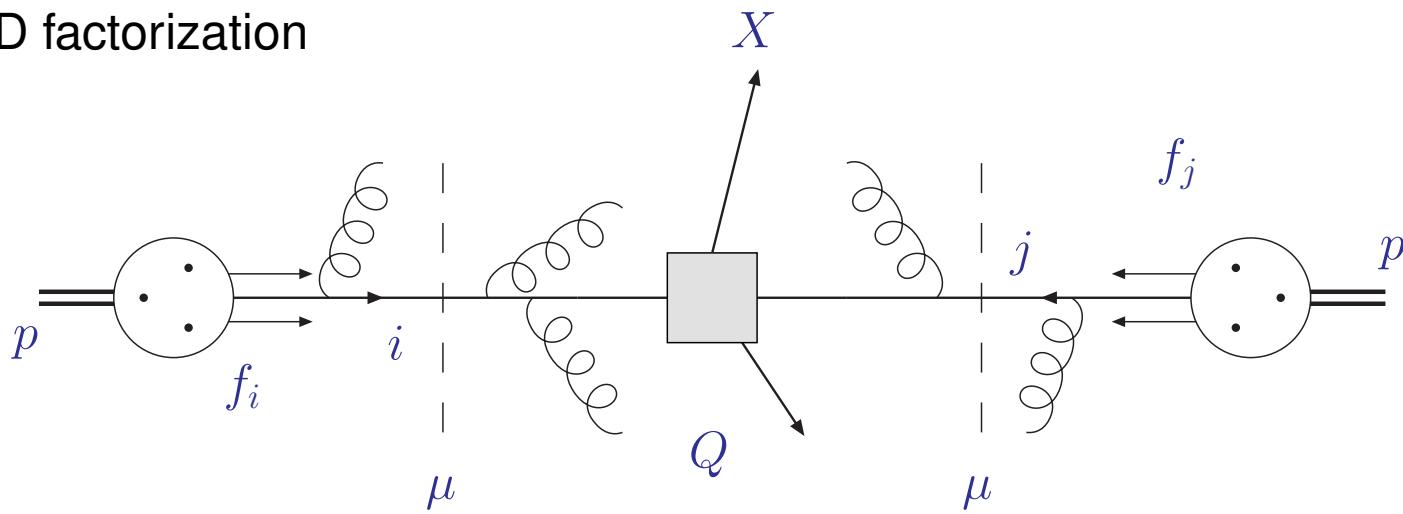
# Scheme transformations

- Conversion between different renormalization schemes possible in perturbation theory
- Relation for pole mass and  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass
  - known to four loops in QCD Gray, Broadhurst, Gräfe, Schilcher '90; Chetyrkin, Steinhauser '99; Melnikov, v. Ritbergen '99; Marquard, Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser '15
  - EW sector known to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{EW}} \alpha_s)$  Jegerlehner, Kalmykov '04; Eiras, Steinhauser '06
  - example: one-loop QCD

$$m^{\text{pole}} = m(\mu) \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{4\pi} \left( \frac{4}{3} + \ln \left( \frac{\mu^2}{m(\mu)^2} \right) \right) + \dots \right\}$$

# Top mass from cross sections

- QCD factorization



$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow X} = \sum_{ij} f_i(\mu^2) \otimes f_j(\mu^2) \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow X} (\alpha_s(\mu^2), Q^2, \mu^2, m_X^2)$$

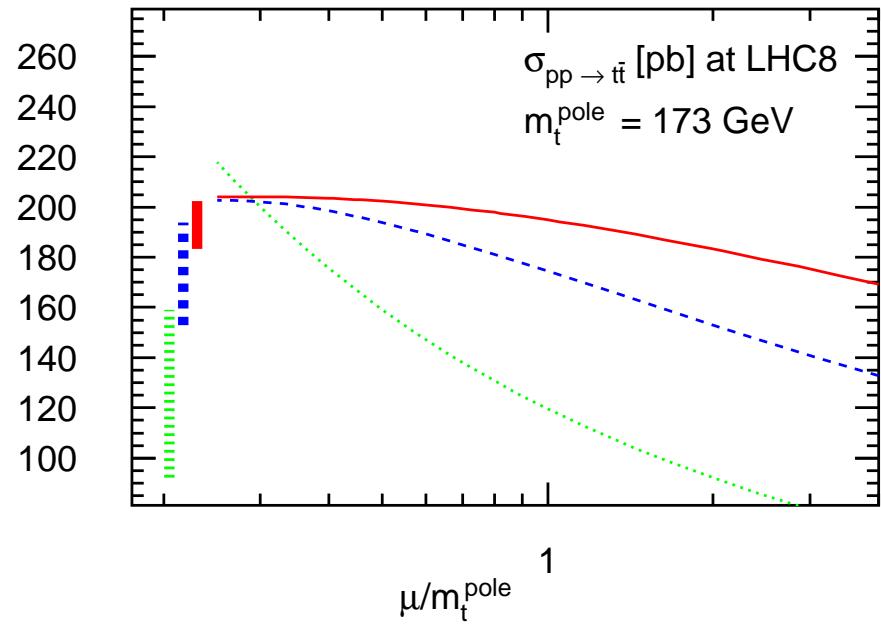
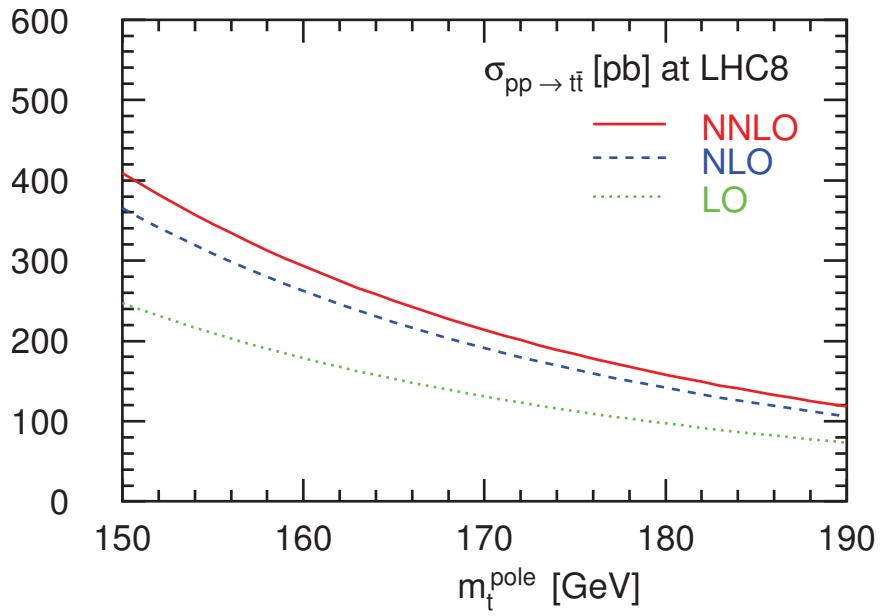
- Joint dependence on non-perturbative parameters:  
parton distribution functions  $f_i$ , strong coupling  $\alpha_s$ , masses  $m_X$
- Total cross section: intrinsic limitation in through sensitivity  $\mathcal{S} \simeq 5$

$$\left| \frac{\Delta \sigma_{t\bar{t}}}{\sigma_{t\bar{t}}} \right| \simeq \mathcal{S} \times \left| \frac{\Delta m_t}{m_t} \right|$$

# Total cross section

Exact result at NNLO in QCD

Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov '13

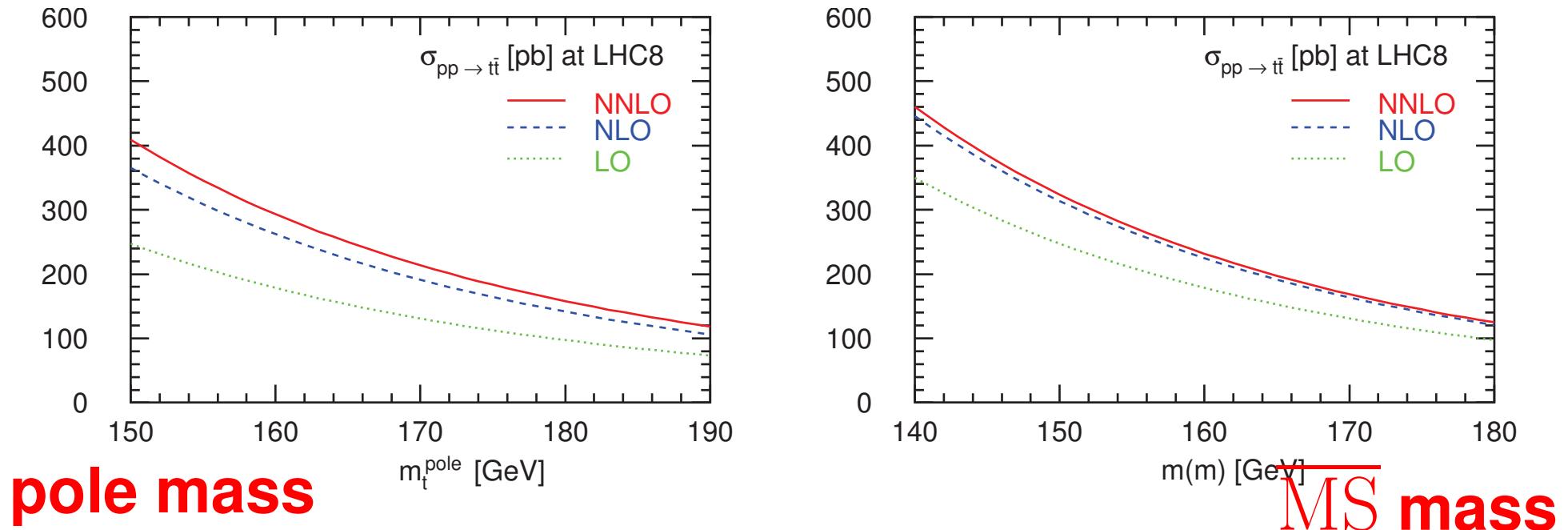


- NNLO perturbative corrections (e.g. at LHC8)
  - $K$ -factor ( $\text{NLO} \rightarrow \text{NNLO}$ ) of  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$
  - scale stability at NNLO of  $\mathcal{O}(\pm 5\%)$

# Total cross section with running mass

## Comparison pole mass vs. $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass (I)

Dowling, S.M. '13

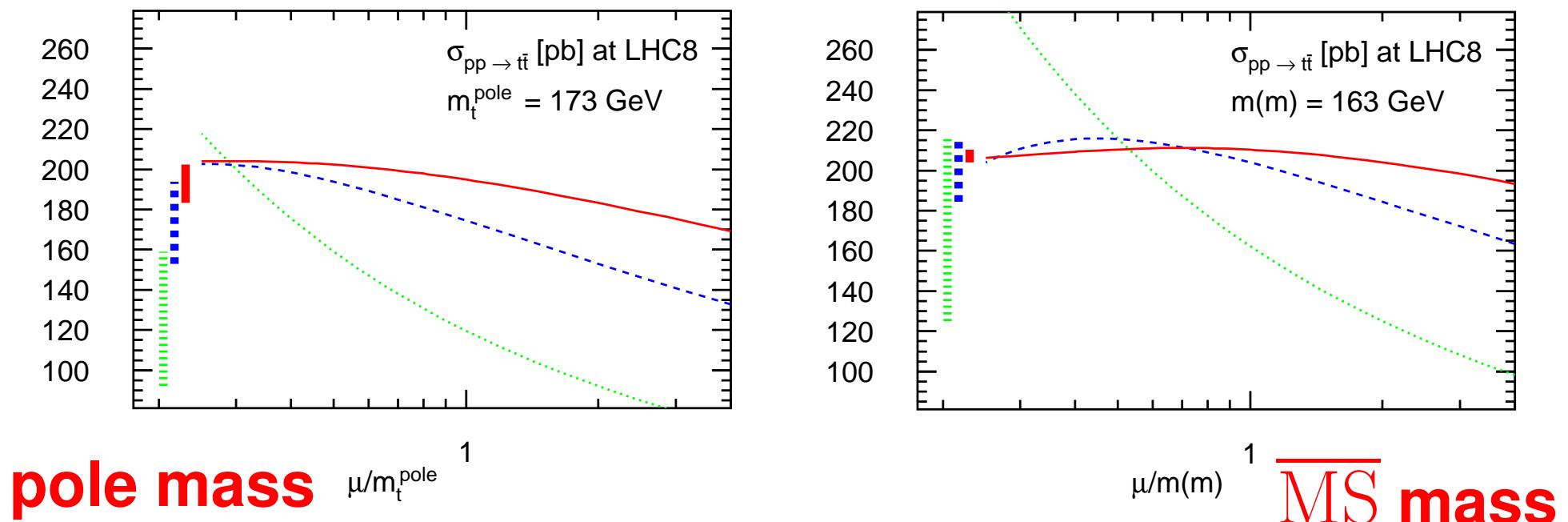


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# Top-quark mass determination

- Cross section measurement ATLAS arXiv:1406.5375

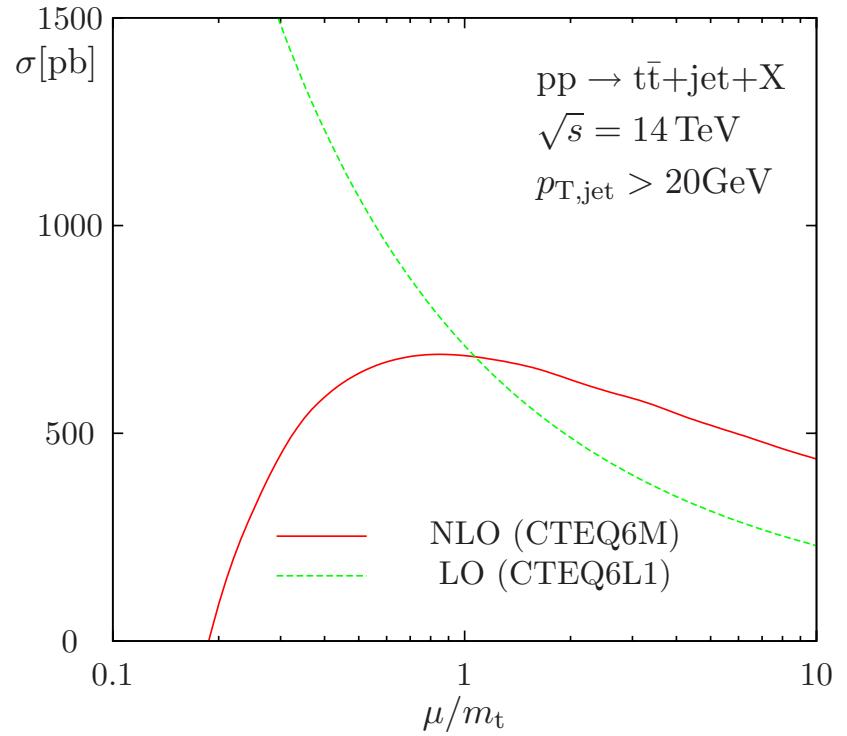
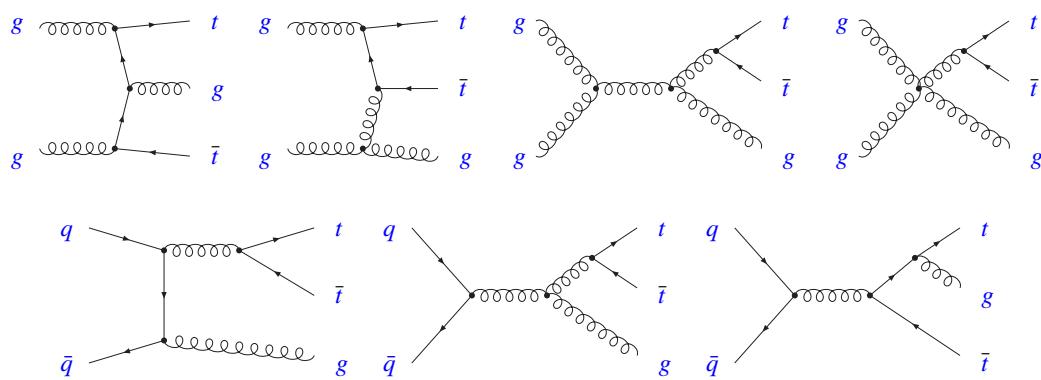
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 242.4 \pm 9.5 \text{ pb}$$

	$m^{\text{pole}} + \Delta^{\text{exp}} + \Delta^{\text{th+PDF}}$	$m(m) + \Delta^{\text{exp}} + \Delta^{\text{th+PDF}}$	$m_{1\text{lp}}^{\text{pl}}$	$m_{2\text{lp}}^{\text{pl}}$	$m_{3\text{lp}}^{\text{pl}}$
ABM12	$166.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 2.1$	$159.1 \pm 1.2 \pm 1.2$	166.2	167.8	168.4
CT14	$173.8 \pm 1.3 \pm 2.2$	$165.9 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.3$	173.5	175.4	176.0
MMHT	$173.7 \pm 1.3 \pm 2.0$	$165.8 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.0$	173.4	175.2	175.9
NNPDF3.0	$173.5 \pm 1.3 \pm 2.0$	$165.6 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.0$	173.2	175.0	175.7

- $m_t$  from total cross section sensitive to PDFs
  - pole mass from  $\overline{MS}$  mass  $m_t(m_t)$  gives spread  
 $m^{\text{pole}} = 168.4 \dots 176.0 \text{ GeV}$
  - Scale uncertainty from range  $m_t/2 \leq \mu_r, \mu_f \leq 2m_t \text{ GeV}$

# Top-quark pairs with one jet

- LHC: large rates for production of  $t\bar{t}$ -pairs with additional jets
- NLO QCD corrections for  $t\bar{t} + 1\text{jet}$  Dittmaier, Uwer, Weinzierl '07-'08
  - scale dependence greatly reduced at NLO
  - corrections for total rate at scale  $\mu_r = \mu_f = m_t$  are almost zero



- Additional jet raises kinematical threshold
  - invariant mass  $\sqrt{s_{t\bar{t}+1\text{jet}}}$

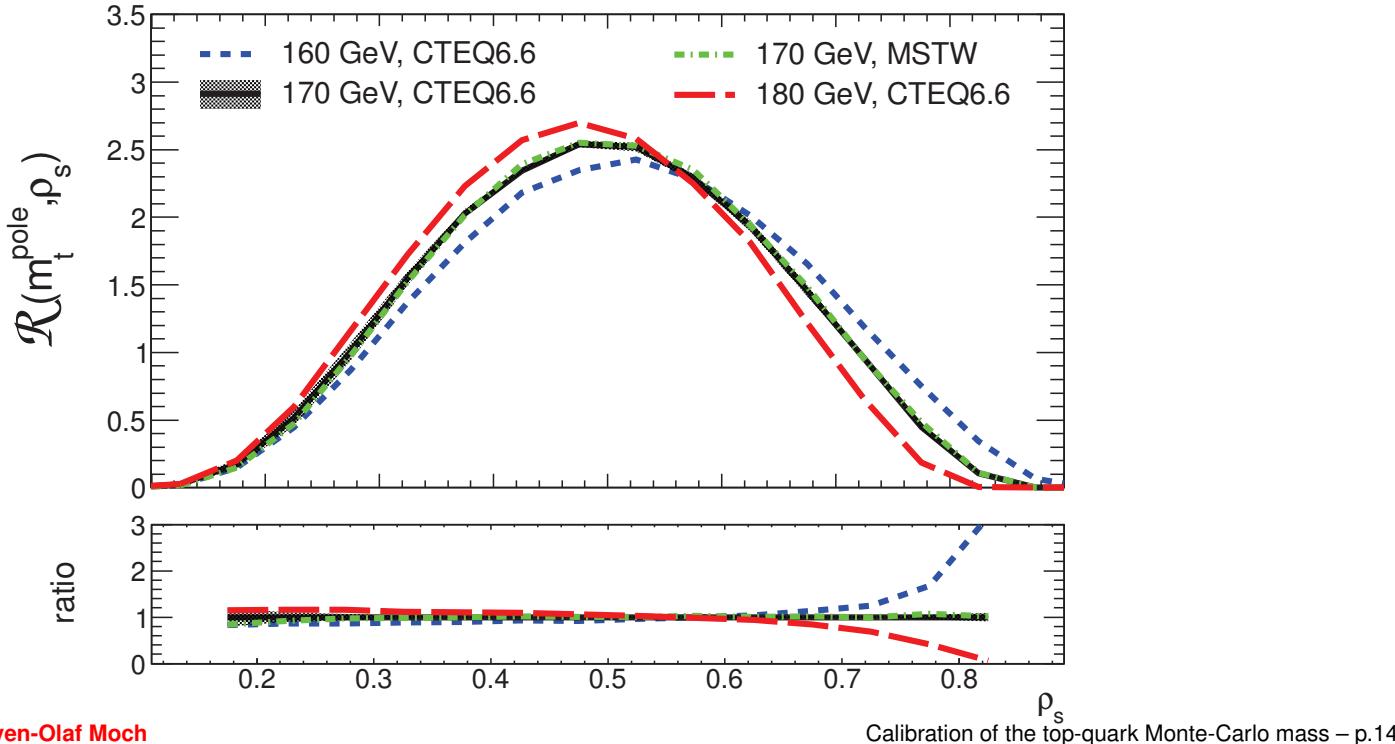
# Top mass with $t\bar{t} + \text{jet-samples}$

- Normalized-differential  $t\bar{t} + \text{jet}$  cross section

Alioli, Fernandez, Fuster, Irles, S.M., Uwer, Vos '13

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

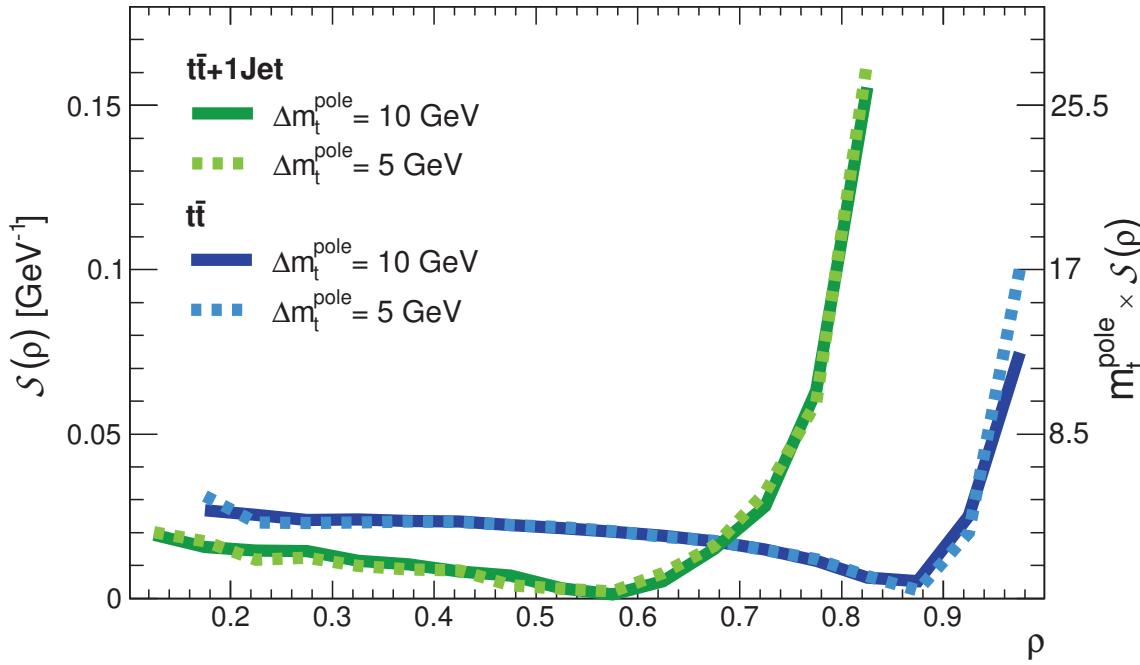
- variable  $\rho_s = \frac{2 \cdot m_0}{\sqrt{s_{t\bar{t}+1\text{jet}}}}$  with invariant mass of  $t\bar{t} + 1\text{jet}$  system and fixed scale  $m_0 = 170 \text{ GeV}$
- Significant mass dependence for  $0.4 \leq \rho_s \leq 0.5$  and  $0.7 \leq \rho_s$



# Mass sensitivity of $t\bar{t}$ + jet-samples

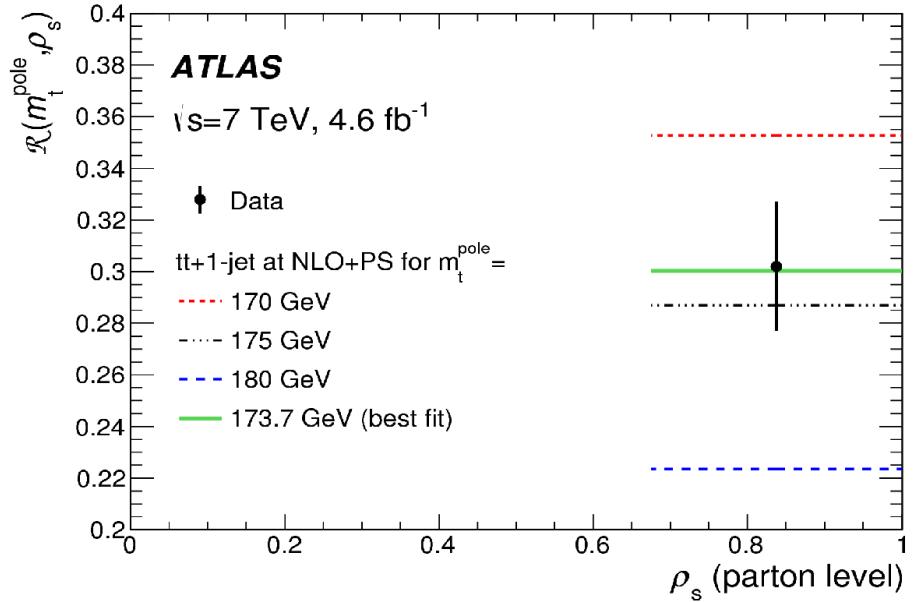
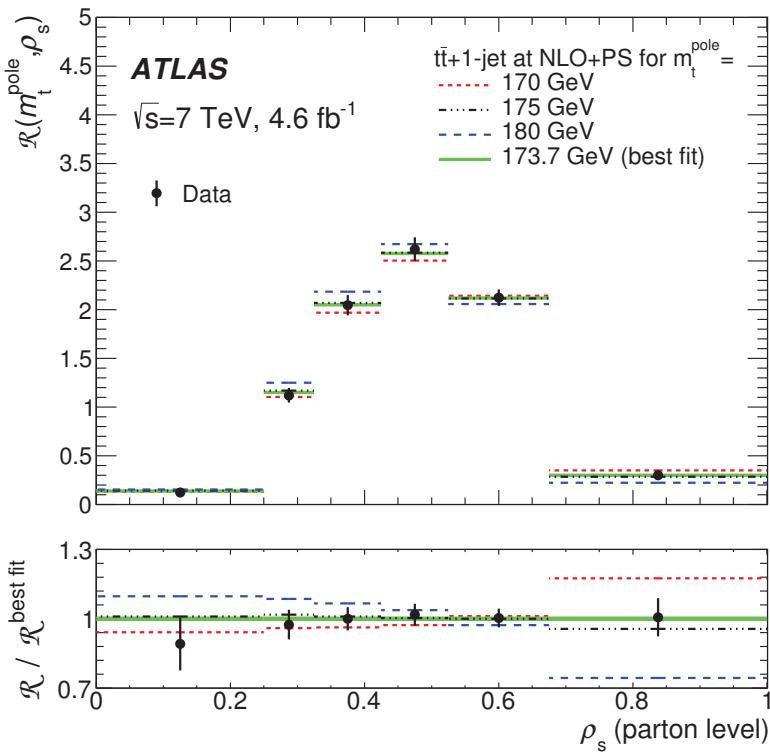
- Differential cross section  $\mathcal{R}(m_t, \rho_s)$ 
  - good perturbative stability, small theory uncertainties, small dependence on experimental uncertainties, ...
- Increased sensitivity for system  $t\bar{t}$  + jet compared

$$\left| \frac{\Delta \mathcal{R}}{\mathcal{R}} \right| \simeq (m_t S) \times \left| \frac{\Delta m_t}{m_t} \right|$$



# LHC analyses

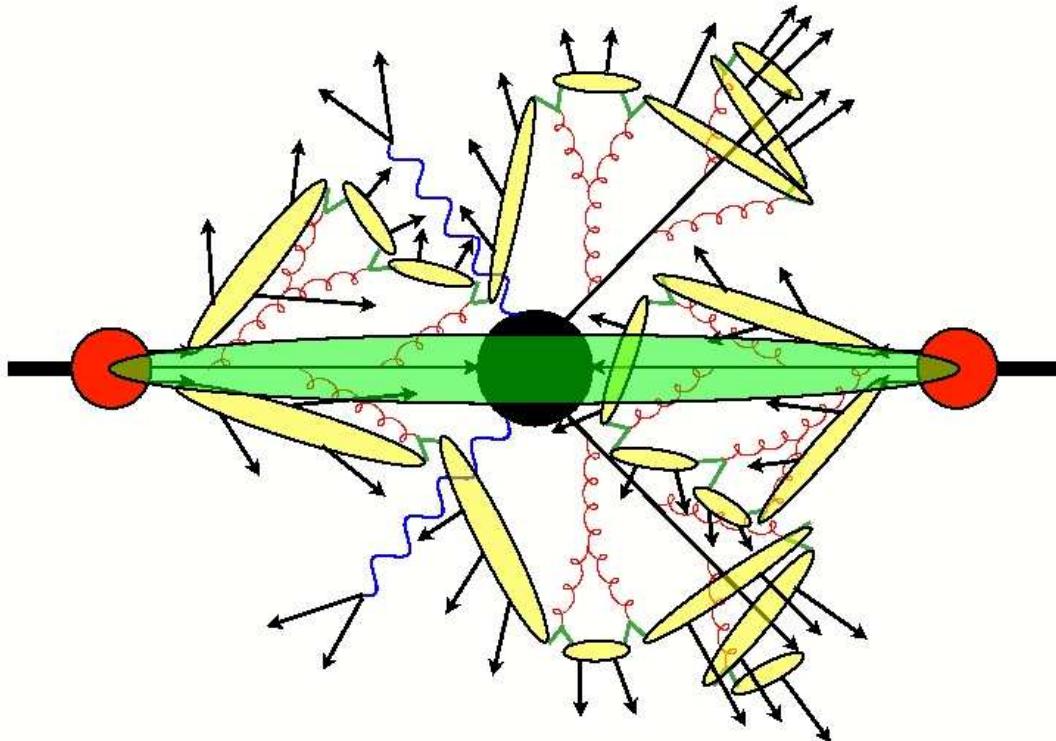
- High precision data in threshold region  $0.7 \leq \rho_s$
- Cancellation of systematics in the normalized distribution
- ATLAS measurement [ATLAS arxiv:1507.01769](#)  
top-quark pole mass  $m_{\text{pole}} = 173.7 \pm 1.5(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.4(\text{syst.})^{+1.0}_{-0.5}(\text{theo.})$



- CMS measurement [CMS-PAS-TOP-13-006](#)  
top-quark pole mass  $m_{\text{pole}} = 169.9 \pm 1.1(\text{stat.})^{+2.5}_{-3.1}(\text{syst.})^{+3.6}_{-1.6}(\text{theo.})$

# Monte Carlo mass

- Hard interaction and parton emission in QCD followed by hadronization
- Top-quark decays on shell (e.g. leptonic decay  $t \rightarrow bW \rightarrow bl\bar{\nu}_l$ )

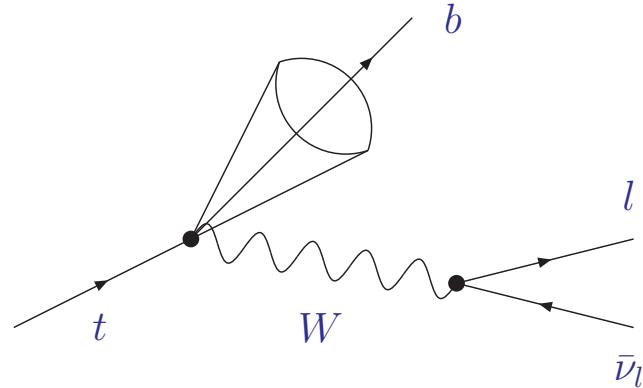


[picture by B.Webber]

- Intuition: Monte Carlo mass identified with pole mass due to kinematics
$$m_q^2 = E_q^2 - p^2$$
- Caveat: heavy quarks in QCD interact with potential due to gluon field

# Kinematic reconstruction

- Current methods based on reconstructed physics objects
  - jets, identified charged leptons, missing transverse energy
  - $m_t^2 = (p_{W\text{-boson}} + p_{b\text{-jet}})^2$

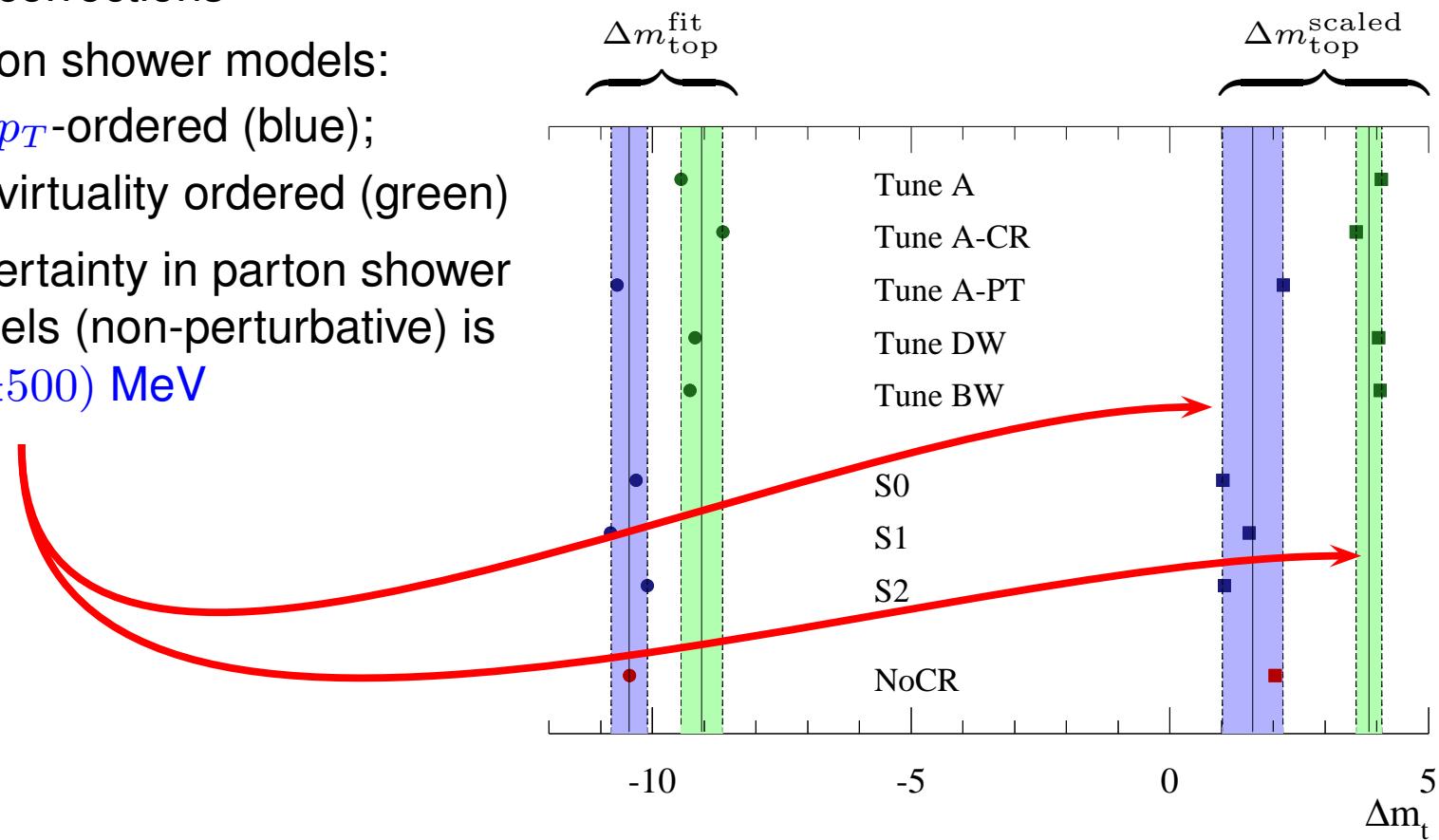


## Template method

- Distributions of kinematically reconstructed top mass values compared to templates for nominal top mass values
  - distributions rely on parton shower predictions
  - uncertainties from variation of Monte Carlo parameters

# Non-perturbative corrections

- Simulation of top mass measurement Skands, Wicke '07
  - test of different Monte Carlo tunes for non-perturbative physics / colour reconnection
  - calibration offsets before/after scaling with jet energy scale corrections
- Parton shower models:
  - $p_T$ -ordered (blue);
  - virtuality ordered (green)
- Uncertainty in parton shower models (non-perturbative) is  $\mathcal{O}(\pm 500)$  MeV



# Calibration of Monte-Carlo Mass (I)

Idea Kieseler, Lipka, S.M. '15

- Simultaneous fit of  $m^{\text{MC}}$  and observable  $\sigma(m_t)$  sensitive to  $m_t$ , e.g., total cross section, differential distributions, ...
- Observable  $\sigma$  does not rely on any prior assumptions about relation between  $m_t$  and  $m^{\text{MC}}$
- Extraction of  $m_t$  from  $\sigma(m_t)$  calibration of  $m^{\text{MC}}$ , e.g. pole mass

$$\Delta_m = m_t^{\text{pole}} - m^{\text{MC}}$$

Implementation [J. Kieseler, DESY-THESIS-2015-054]

- Confront  $N^d$  reconstructed events to  $N^p$  simulated ones

- model parameters  $\vec{\lambda}$

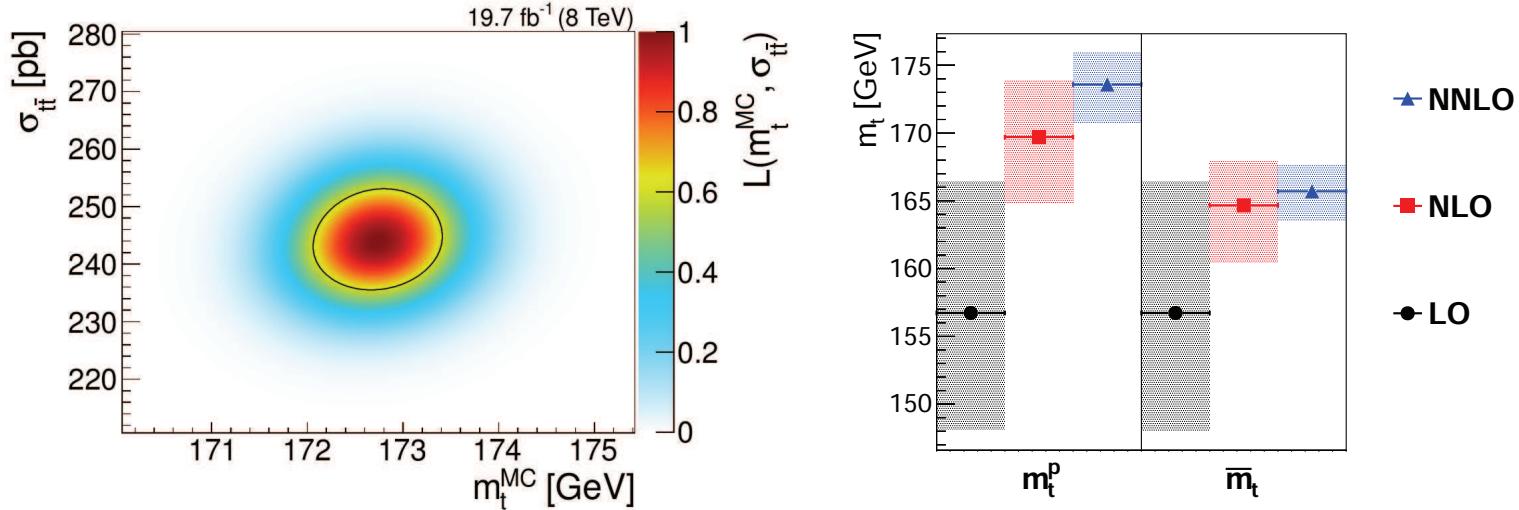
$$N^p = \underbrace{\mathcal{L} \cdot \epsilon(m^{\text{MC}}, \vec{\lambda})}_{\text{efficiency}} \cdot \underbrace{\sigma}_{\text{observable}} \cdot \underbrace{n^p(m^{\text{MC}}, \vec{\lambda})}_{\text{predicted shape contribution}} + \underbrace{N^{bg}(\vec{\lambda})}_{\text{background}}$$

- shape of distribution constrains  $m^{\text{MC}}$ , normalization determines  $\sigma$

# Top-Quark Monte-Carlo Mass (II)

## Likelihood fit [J. Kieseler, DESY-THESIS-2015-054]

- Correlations between  $m^{\text{MC}}$  and  $\sigma$  present in  $\epsilon(m^{\text{MC}}, \vec{\lambda})$ 
  - minimize in  $m^{\text{MC}}$  dependence in efficiency
- Reduce contribution of  $m^{\text{MC}}$  to total uncertainty of  $\sigma$ 
  - constrain  $m^{\text{MC}}$  in predicted events  $n^p(m^{\text{MC}}, \vec{\lambda})$



- Cross section measurement CMS at  $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ :  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 243.9 \pm 9.3 \text{ pb}$   
J. Kieseler, DESY-THESIS-2015-054
- Calibration of  $m^{\text{MC}}$  with uncertainty of approximately 2 GeV on  $\Delta_m = m_t^{\text{pole}} - m^{\text{MC}}$  possible

# Top-Quark Monte-Carlo Mass (III)

## Results

- Determination of  $m_t(m_t)$  or of  $m_t^{\text{pole}}$  from total cross section at NNLO
  - conversion of  $m_t(m_t)$  to pole mass  $m_t^{\text{pole,c}}$
- Results strongly dependent on parton luminosity and  $\alpha_s$

	$\alpha_s(M_Z)$	$m_t(m_t)$ [GeV]	$m_t^{\text{pole}}$ [GeV]	$m_t^{\text{pole,c}}$ [GeV]
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- Calibration of  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass ( $\bar{\Delta}_m$ ), pole mass ( $\Delta_m^p$ ), and pole mass from conversion ( $\Delta_m^{p,c}$ )

	$\bar{\Delta}_m$ [GeV]	$\Delta_m^p$ [GeV]	$\Delta_m^{p,c}$ [GeV]
ABM12	$-14.3 \pm 1.4$	$-6.1 \pm 1.7$	$-4.7 \pm 1.5$
NNPDF3.0	$-7.6 \pm 1.3$	$1.3 \pm 1.6$	$2.4 \pm 1.5$
MMHT2014	$-7.3 \pm 1.3$	$1.5 \pm 1.6$	$2.6 \pm 1.5$
CT14	$-7.2 \pm 1.7$	$1.6 \pm 1.9$	$2.7 \pm 1.8$

# Summary

## Top-quark mass

- Top-quark mass is parameter of Standard Model Lagrangian
- Measurements of  $m_t$  require careful definition of observable
- Quality of perturbative expansion depends on scheme for top-quark mass
- Monte-Carlo mass  $m^{\text{MC}}$  needs calibration with data
  - current calibration of  $m^{\text{MC}}$  with uncertainty of approximately 2 GeV

## Future tasks

- Joint effort theory and experiment