# **Top Quarks & (Boosted) Jets**

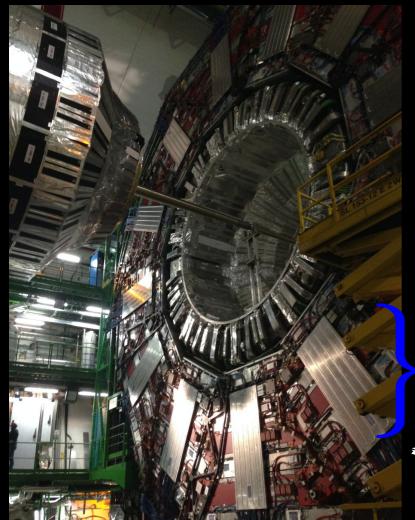
what are they & how do we observe them?

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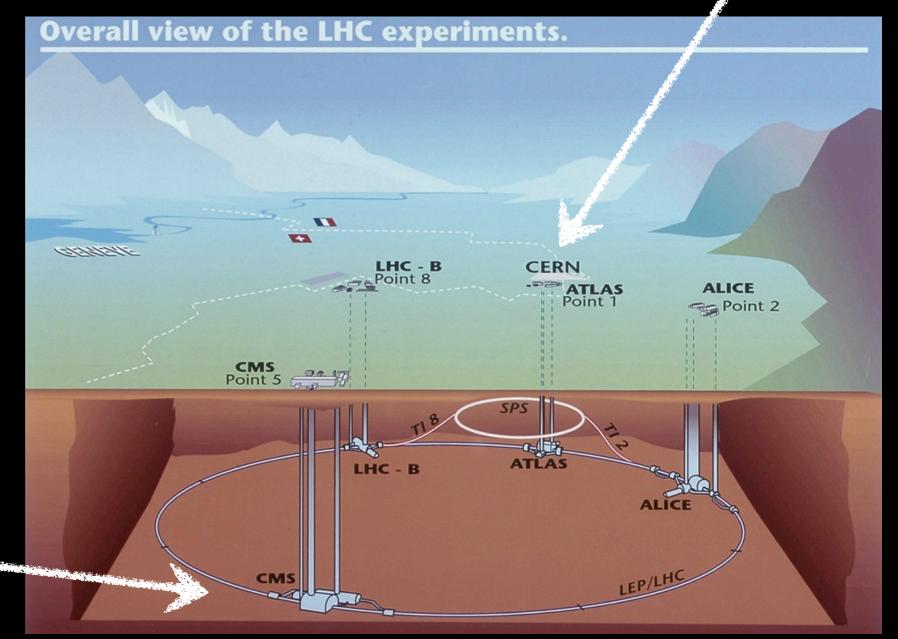


# **Large Hadron Collider**

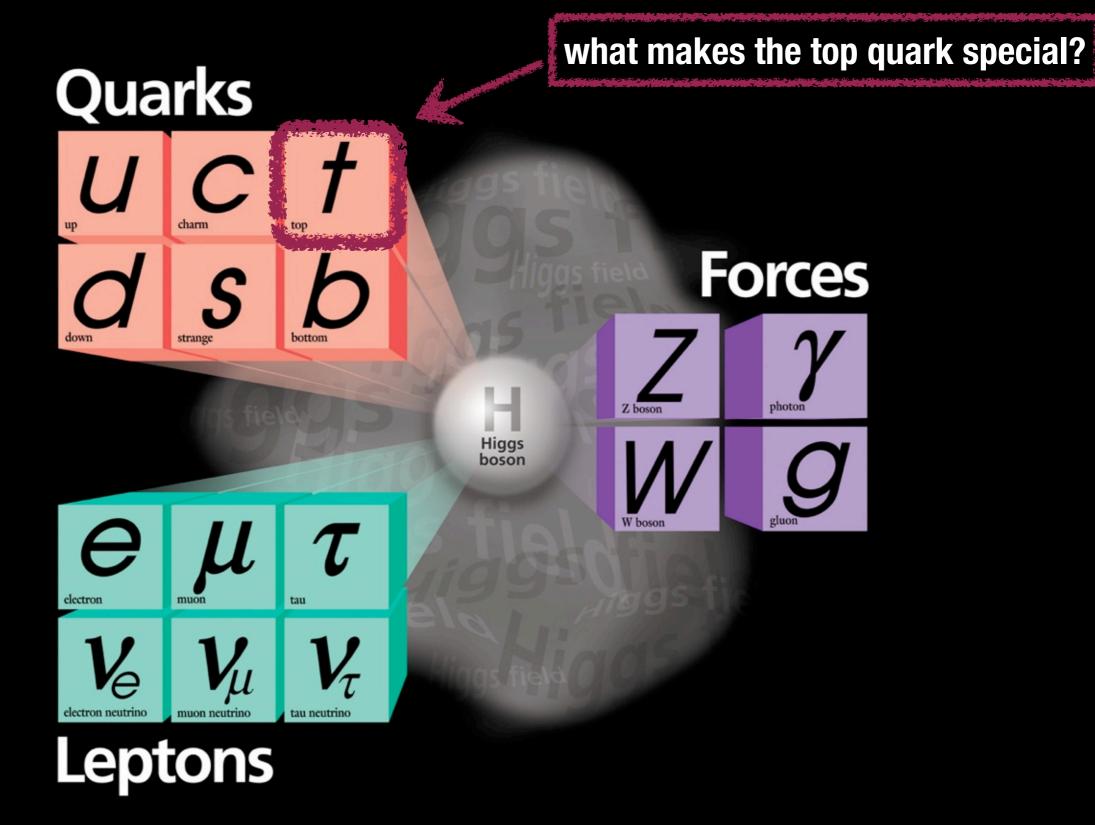




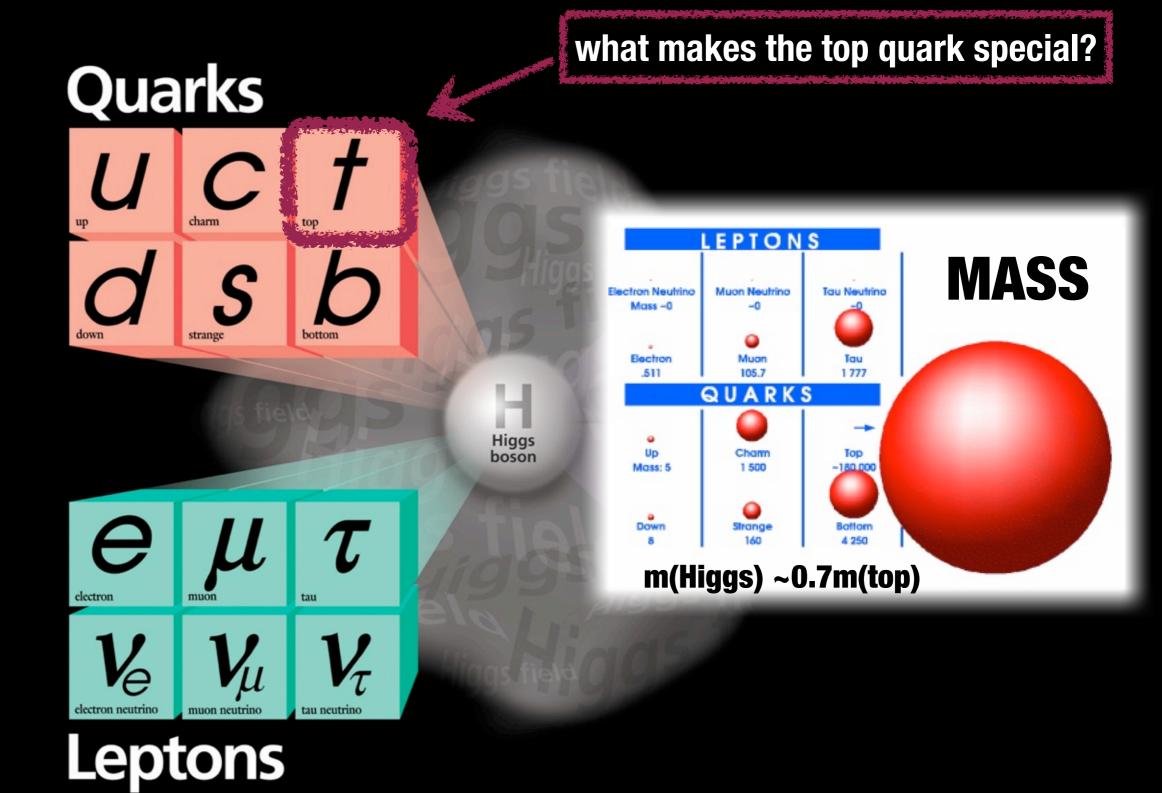




### **The Standard Model**



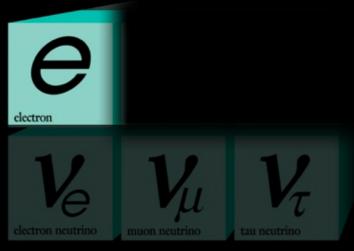
## **The Standard Model**



#### **Stable Particles**

#### Quarks

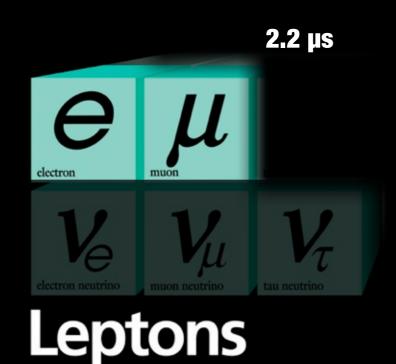






#### **Stable Particles**

#### Quarks





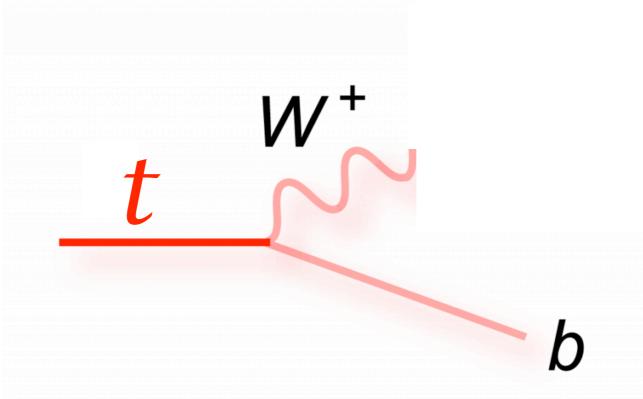
#### **Composite particles**

Neutron15 minProton≥1032 years

### how can we then see something like a top quark?

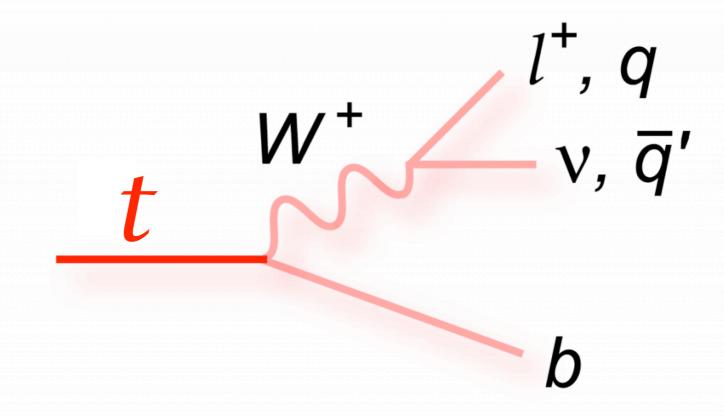
# **Top Quark Decay**

top quark lifetime ~ $10^{-25}$  seconds near 100% of tops decay to W+b electric change = 2/3e



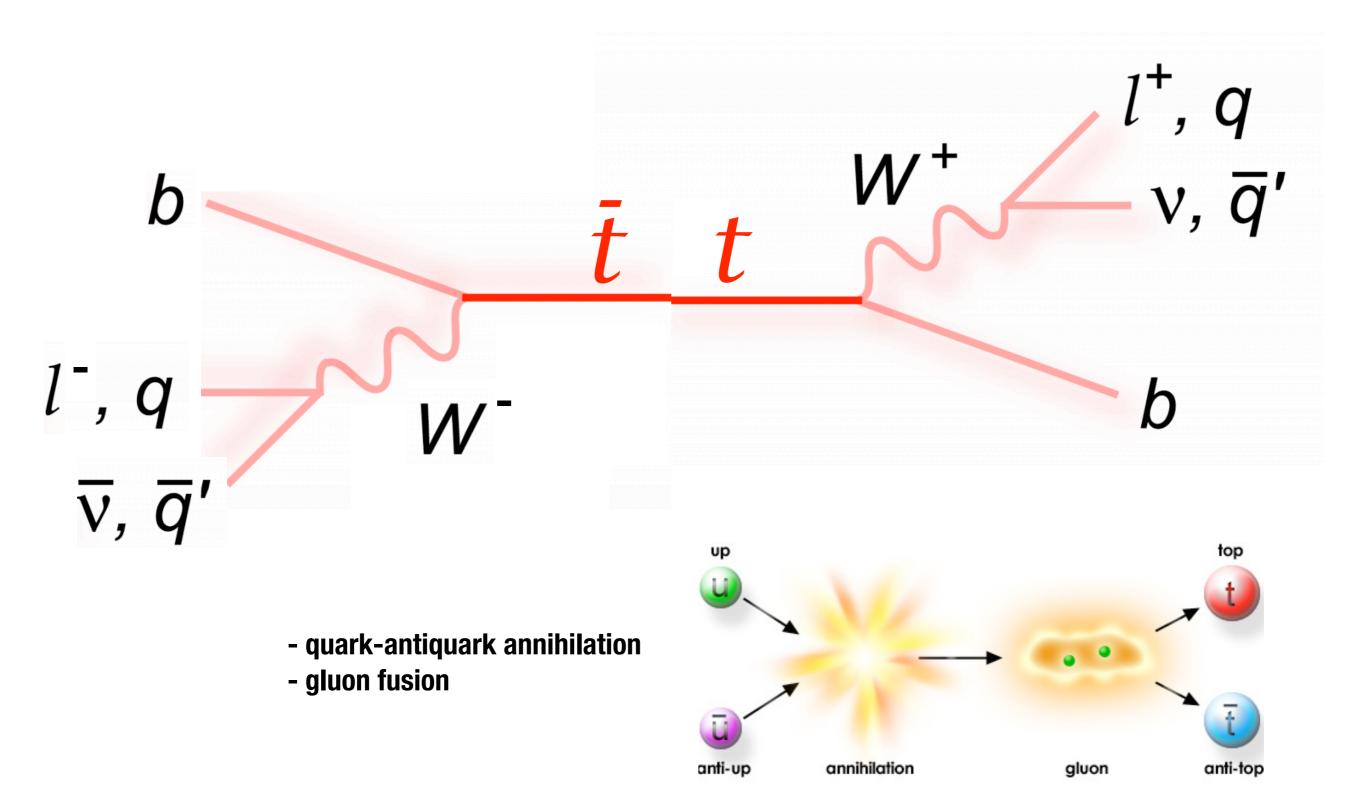
# **Top Quark Decay**

W boson lifetime ~3x10<sup>-25</sup> s W's decay to leptons/quarks



# **Top Quark Decay**

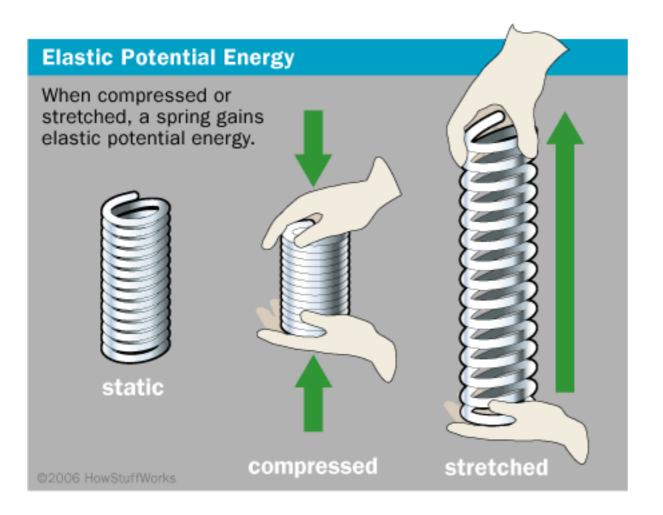
at LHC, top quarks most often pair-produced

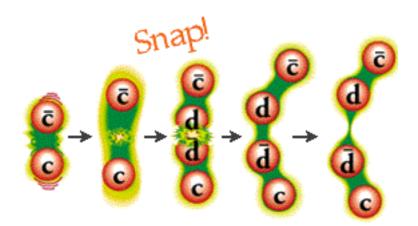


#### can we see a quark?

# Quarks - Hadrons - Jets

- Quarks cannot exist as free particles!
  - Spring-like strong force prevents quarks from separating
  - To force quarks apart we have to add energy which in turn creates more quarks
- Hadronization forming *hadrons* from quarks & gluons



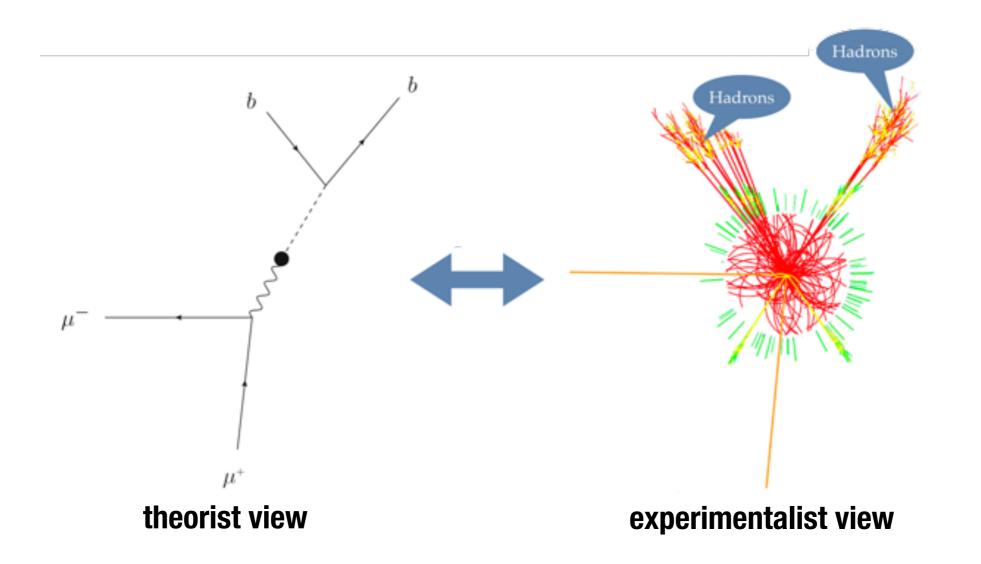


hadronization happens after  $\sim 10^{-24}$  s reminder: top quark lifetime  $\sim 10^{-25}$  s

# Quarks - Hadrons - Jets

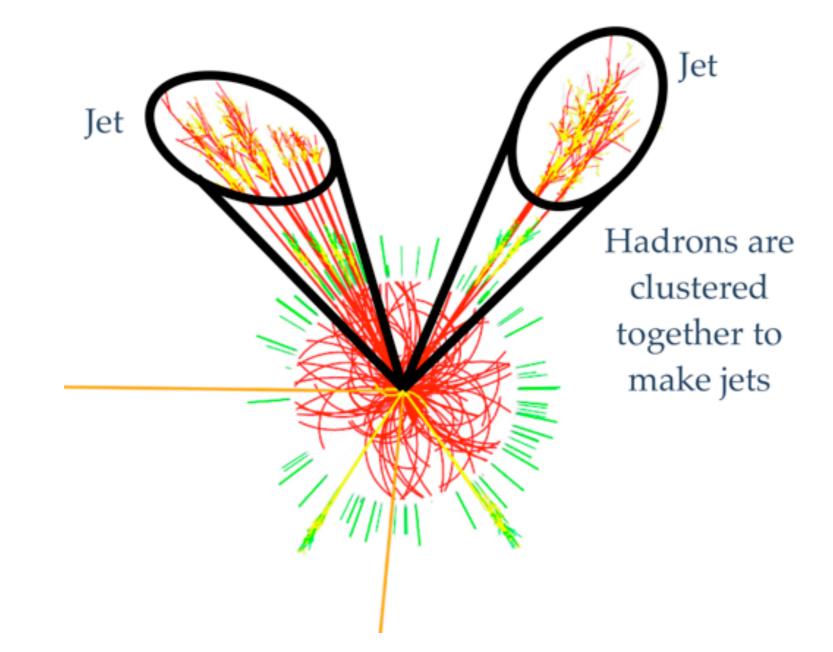
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mesons: quark+antiquark baryons: 3-quark states



# Quarks - Hadrons - Jets

- Hadronization result in clusters of neutral & charged particles which can be observed in the detector
- These clusters are called *"jets"*

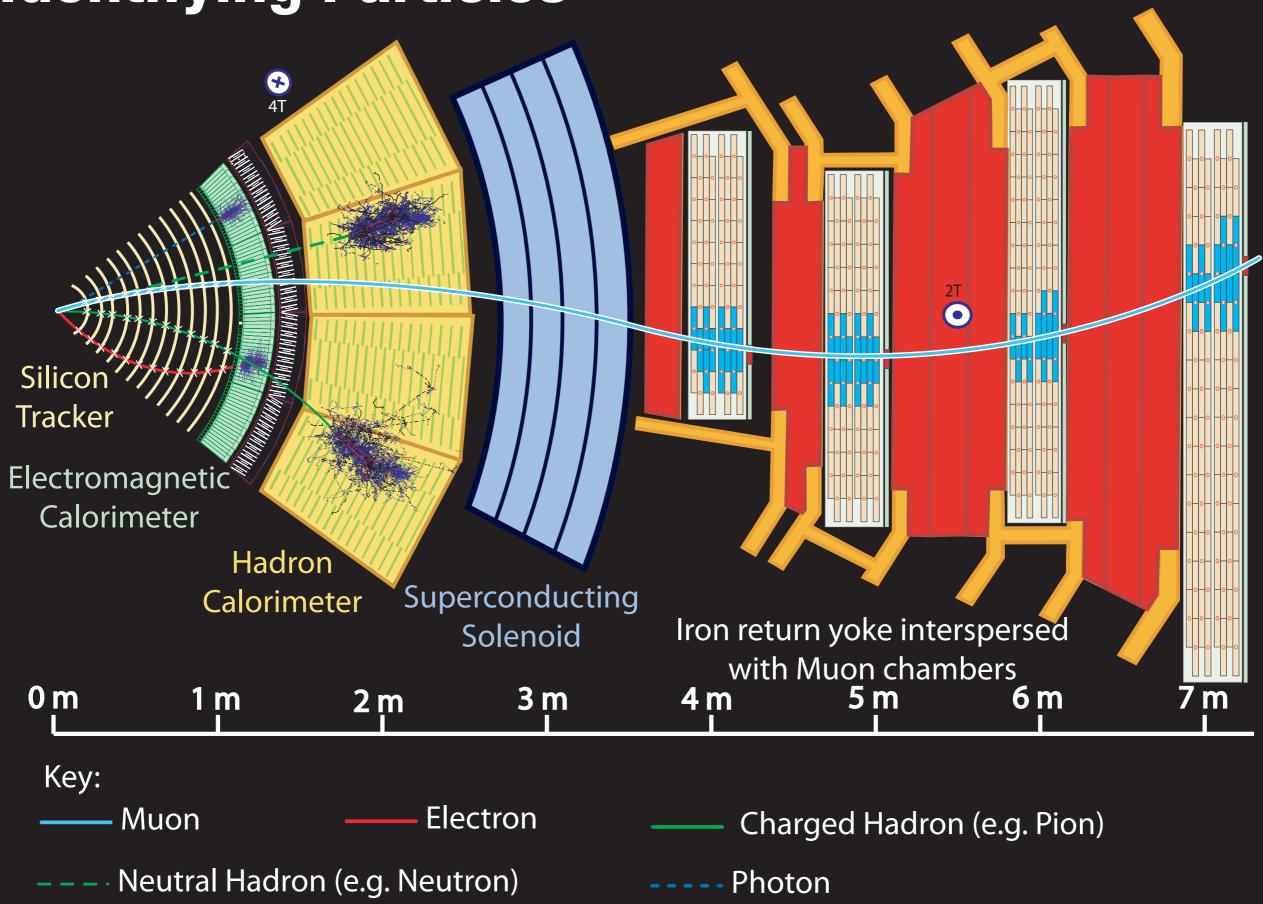


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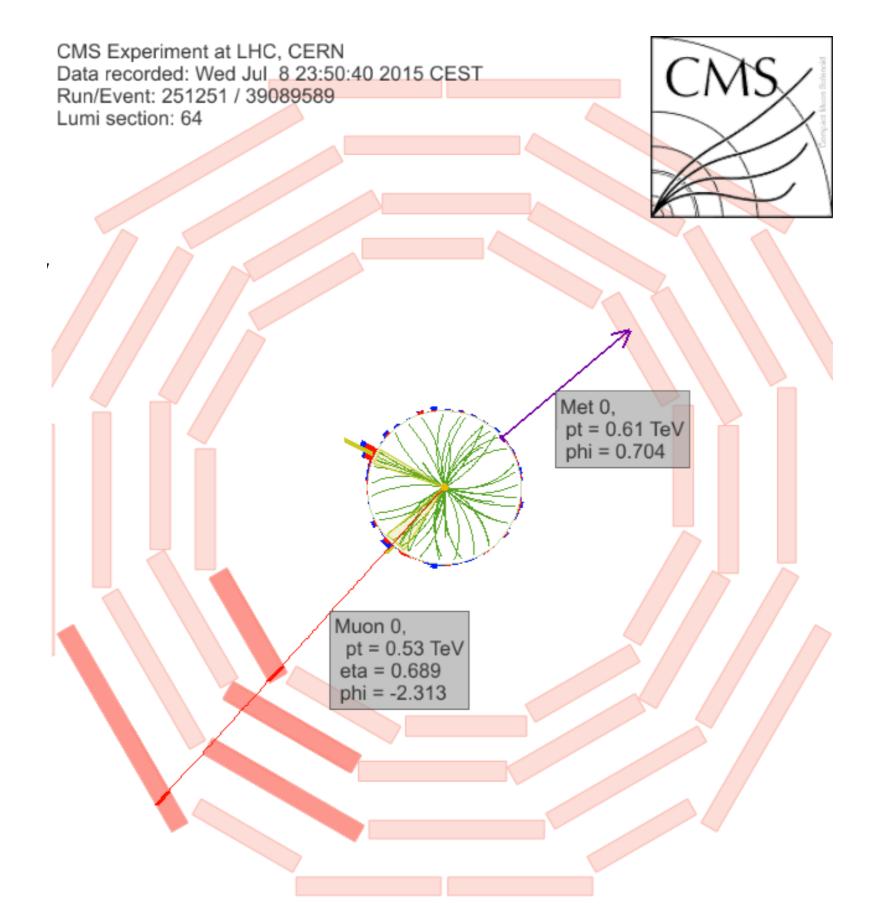
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# **Identifying Particles**

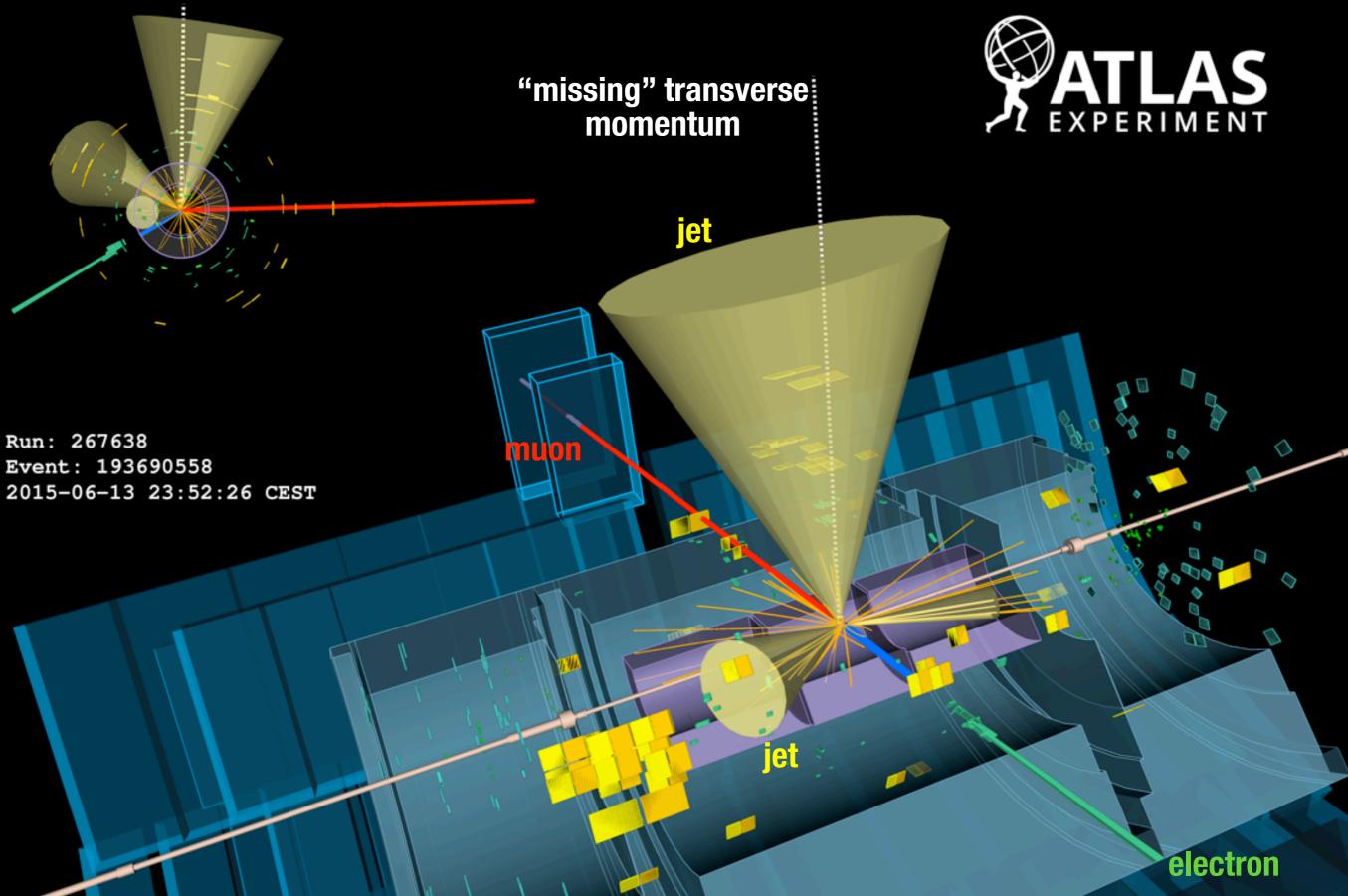


#### how do we "see" a neutrino?

### **Momentum Conservation!**



# Real Top Quark Pair (...probably!)

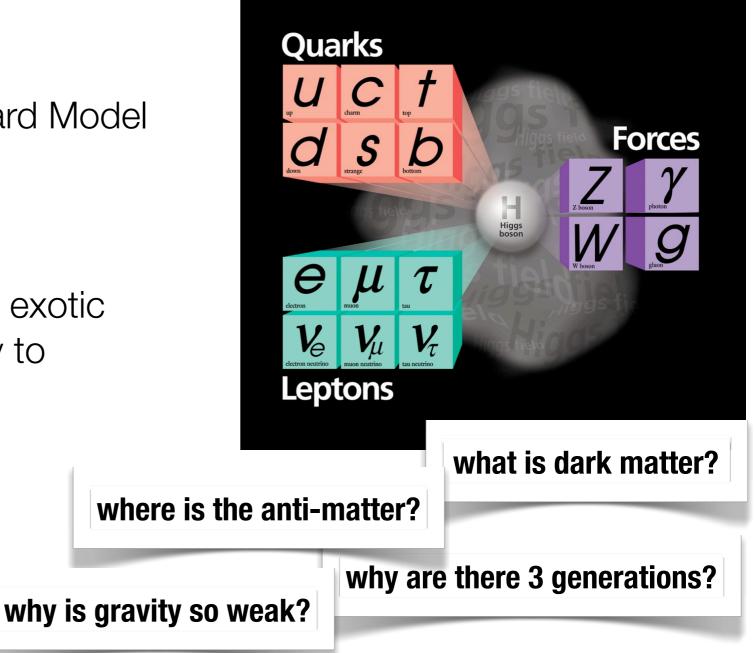


# Why Top Quarks?

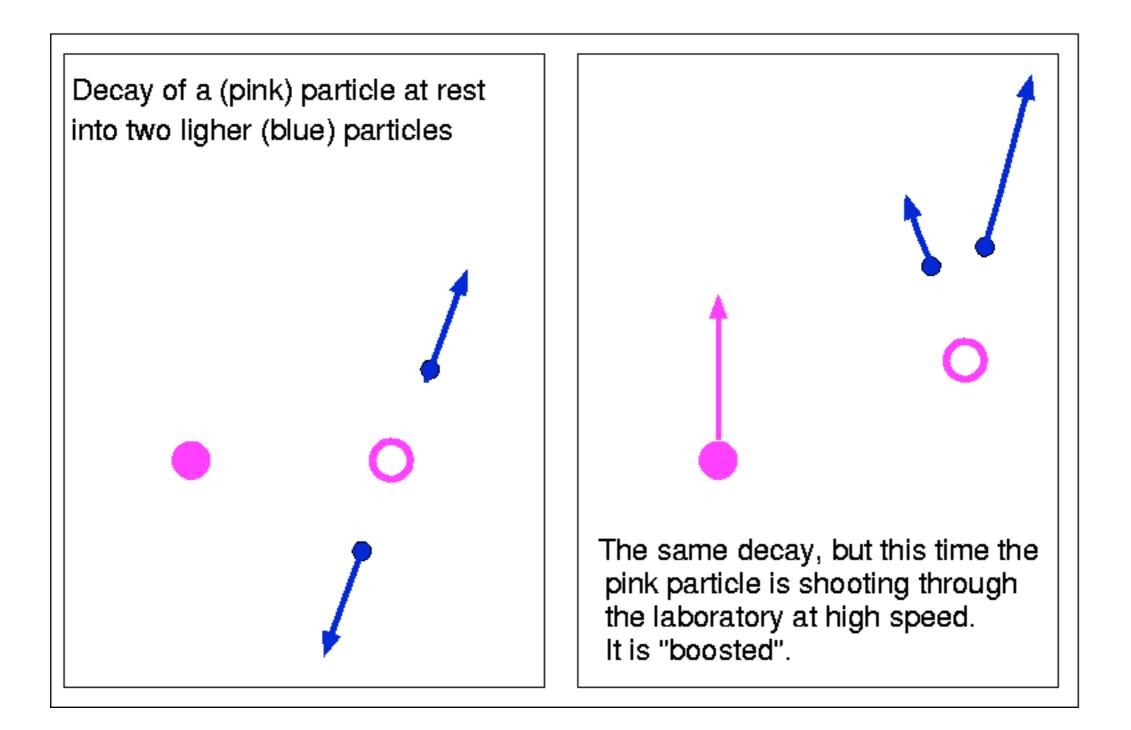
- Heaviest known elementary particle
- Short-lived enough to decay before hadronizing

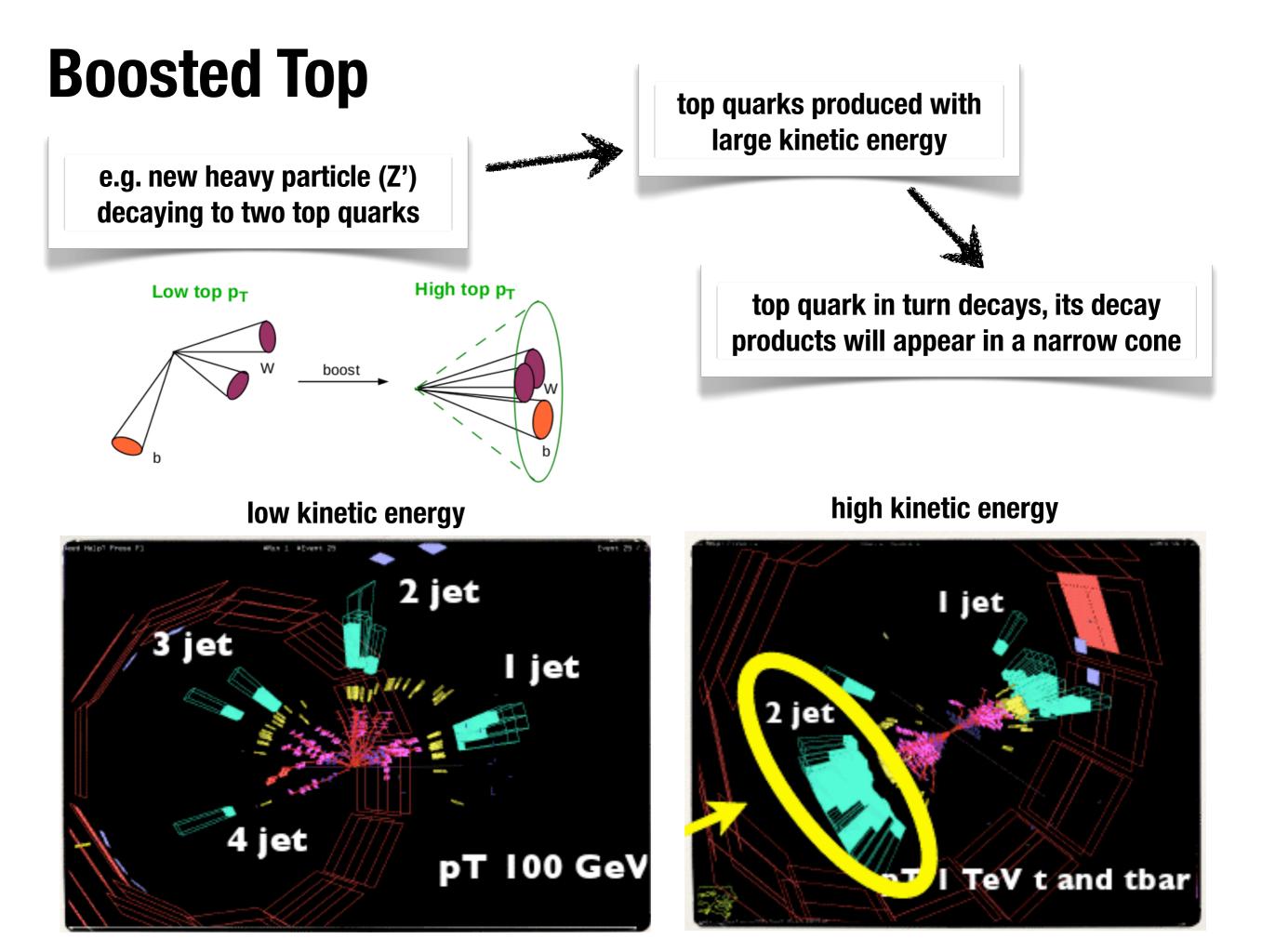
- Precise measurements of Standard Model properties using top quarks
- Window to "new physics" -- new exotic particles may decay preferentially to top quarks !

#### Is there physics beyond the SM?



# To make things more complicated ... Boosted Particles



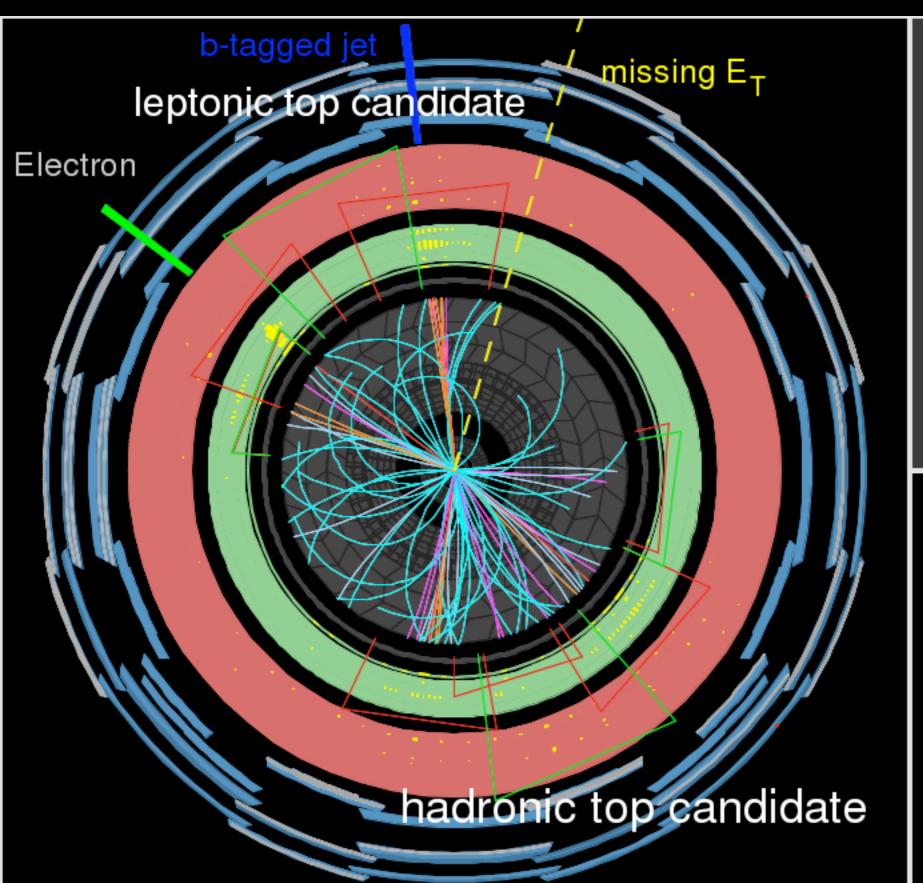


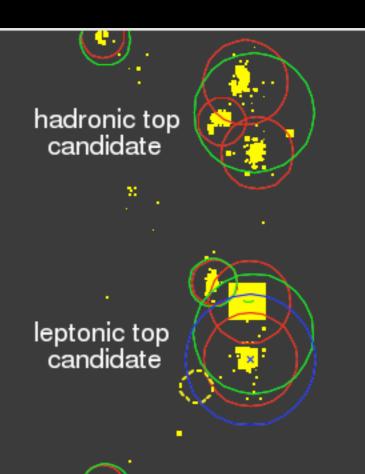
# Real Boosted Top Quark Pair (...probably!)

Run: 271516 Event: 7786087 2015-07-13 09:38:38 CEST



# **Boosted Top - Structure Within**







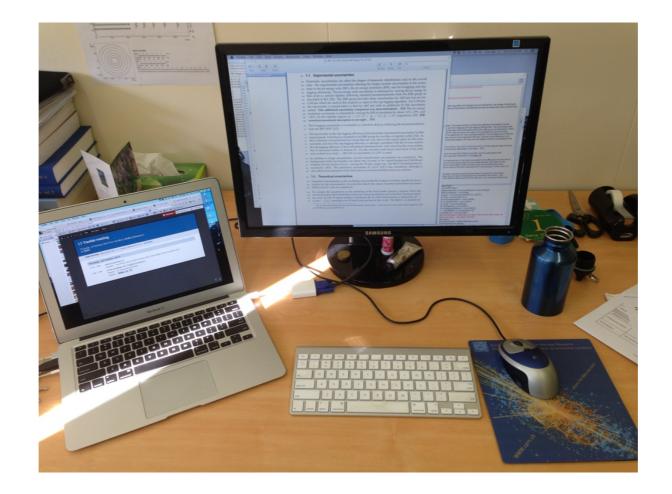
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## Analyses

Use detailed simulation to predict what we should observe

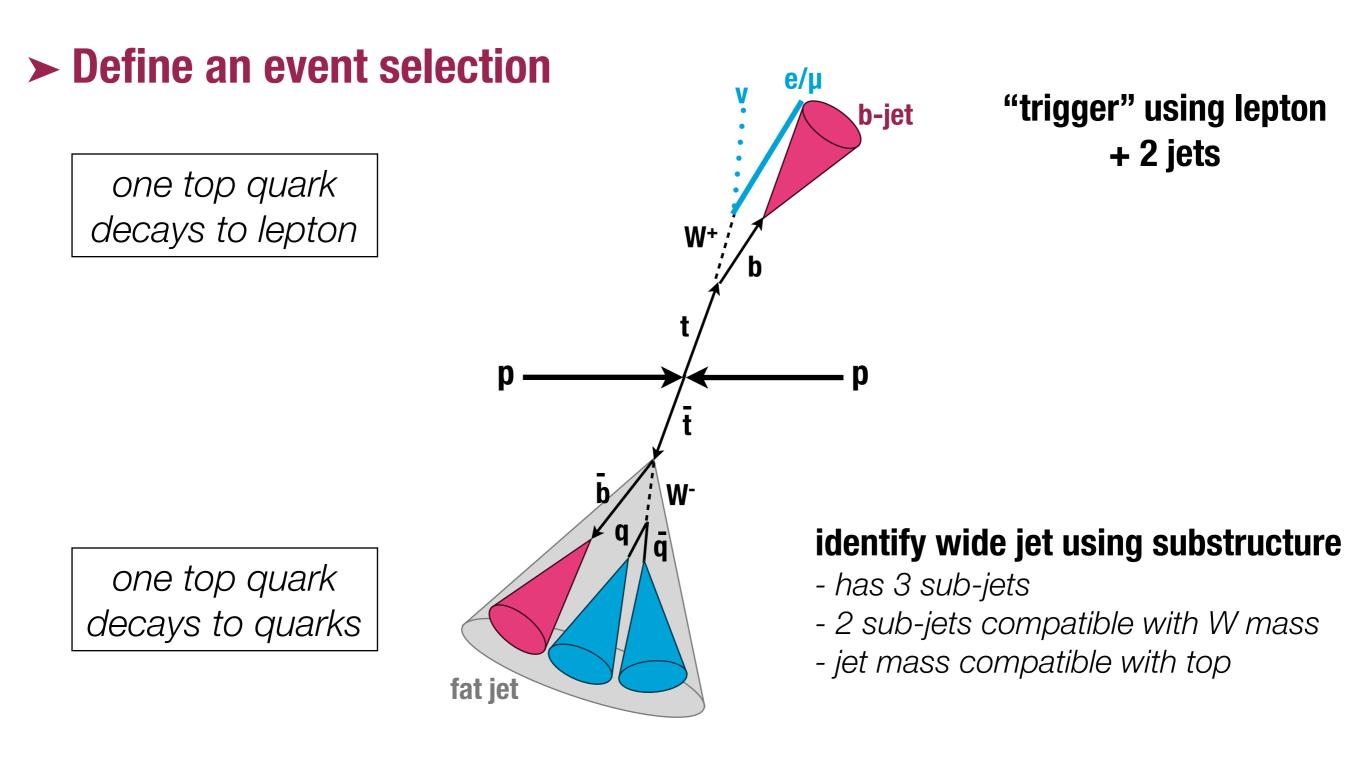
Look for patterns in the data

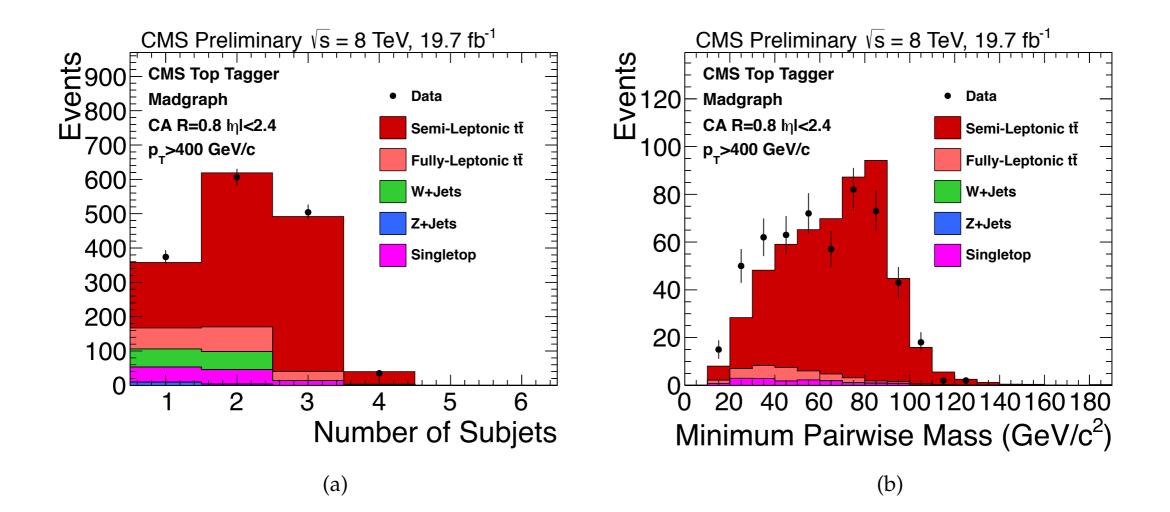
Measure a known process vs search for unobserved phenomena

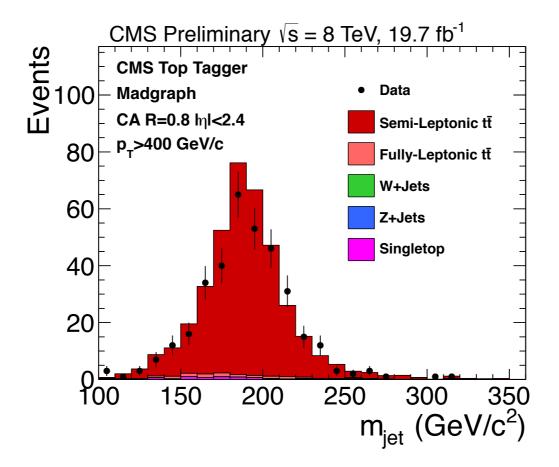


# **Boosted Top Measurement**

Measure how often top quarks are produced with high momentum





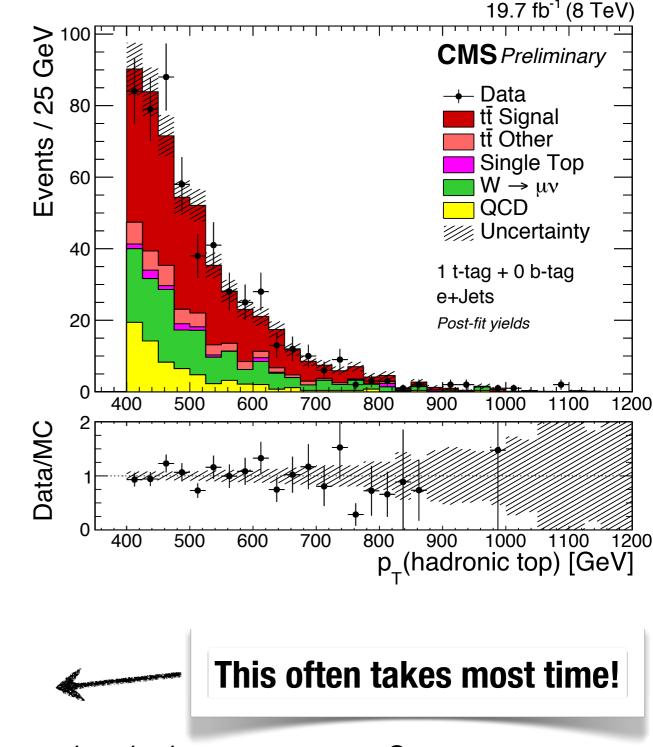


# **Boosted Top Measurement**

Estimate rate of other processes producing similar events

Estimate the uncertainties

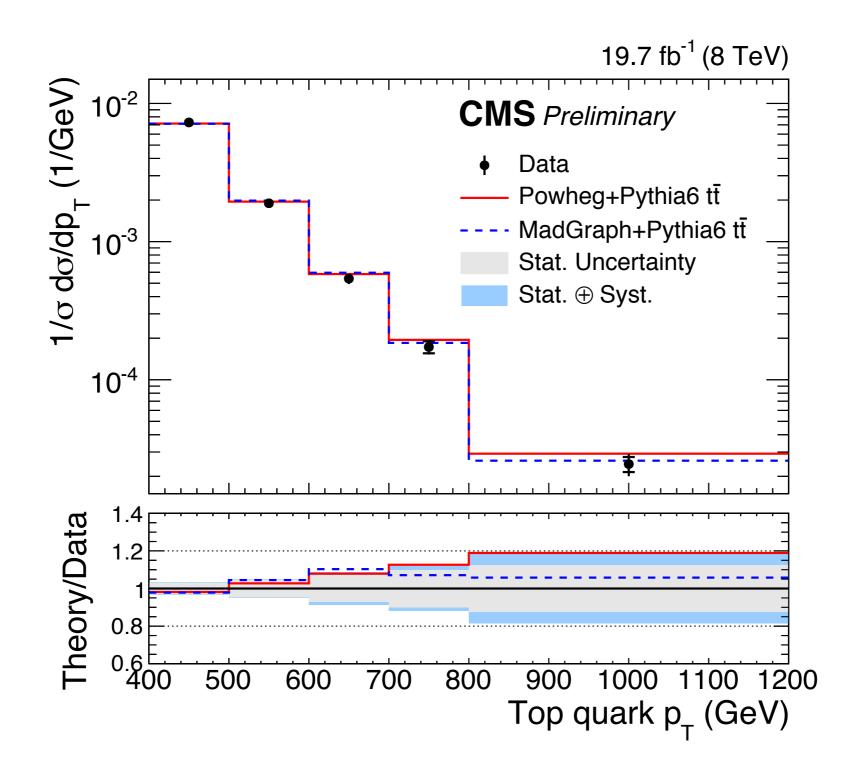
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To what precision do we know the measured calorimeter energy? How well do we know how much data we had?

### **Boosted Top Measurement**

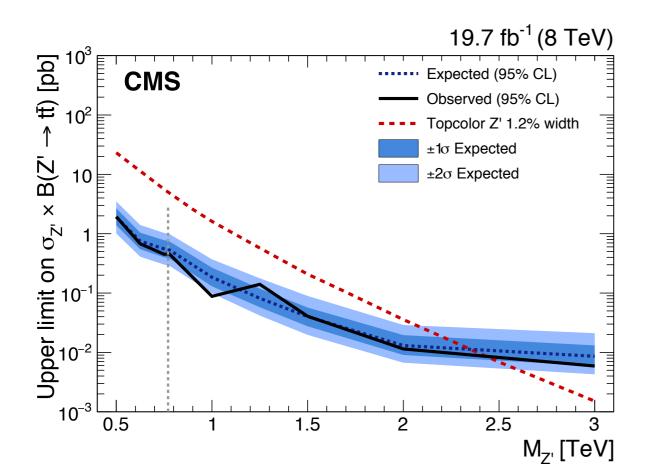
#### ► Put it all together ...

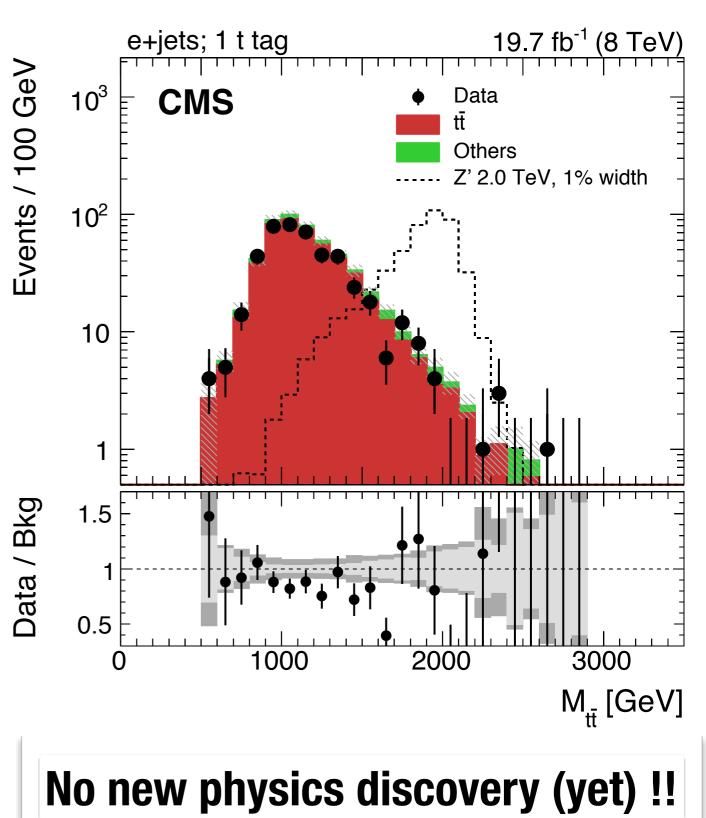


# **Search with Boosted Top**

Many models for physics beyond the Standard Model predict new gauge bosons: Z'

"Bump-hunt" search



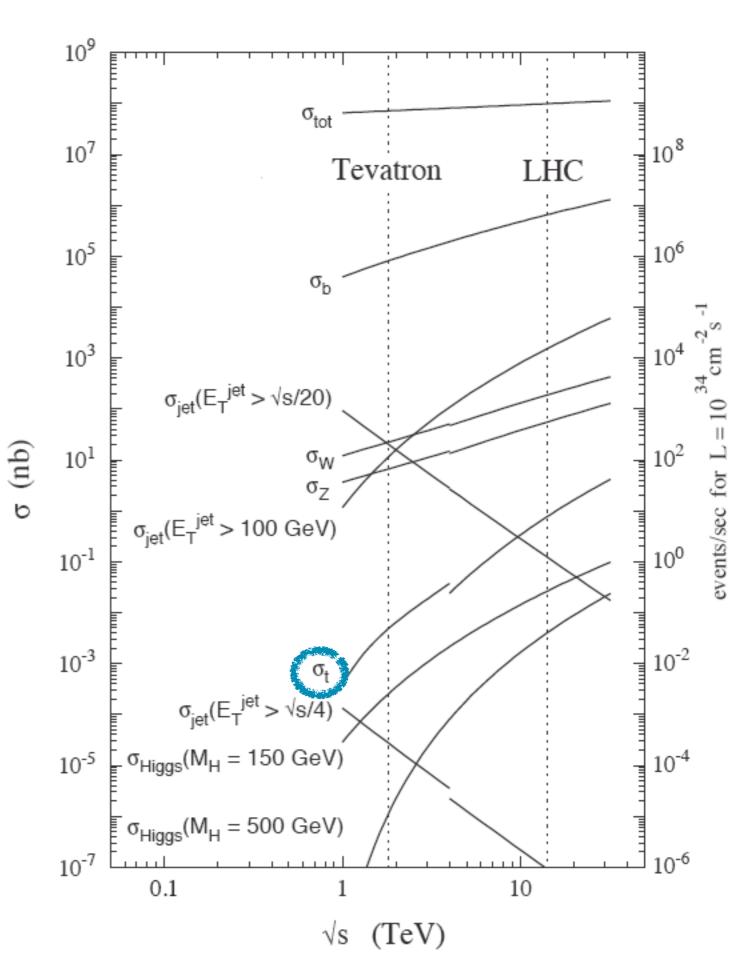


#### complications



# **Some Numbers**

- Collisions every 0.00000025s
- Top quarks & Higgs bosons: rare!
- Huge amount of info produced
  - A collision event ≈ 1MB
    ≈ 500 page book
  - ... 40 million times / second
- Must reduce to manageable rates → TRIGGER



# **Upgrade of LHC**

- Planned upgrade of the LHC to have even higher intensities in the collisions
- High Luminosity LHC (2023-2025)

$$L = fn \frac{N_1 N_2}{A}$$

where

f is the revolution frequency

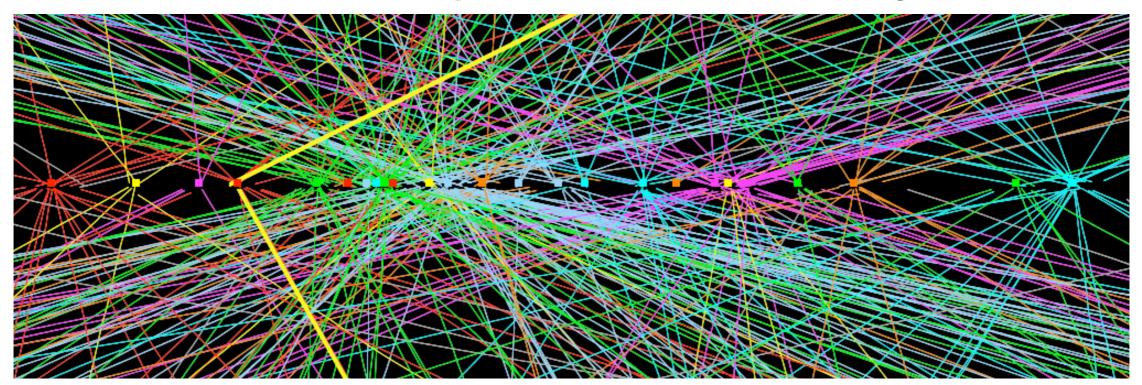
n is the number of bunches in one beam in the storage ring.

 $N_i$  is the number of particles in each bunch

A is the cross section of the beam.

• Challenging for both accelerator & detectors, e.g. triggering

#### **PILEUP** = multiple collisions in same crossing



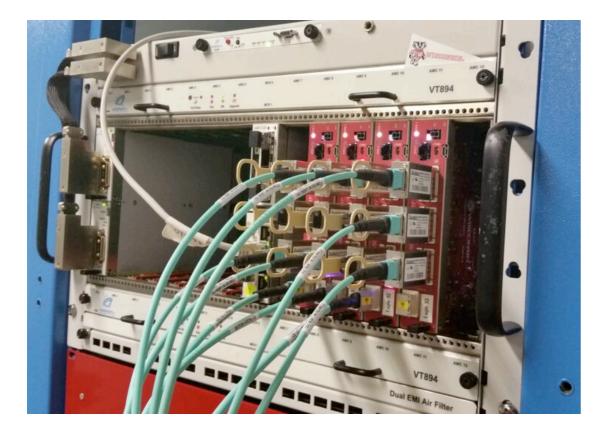
## Outlook

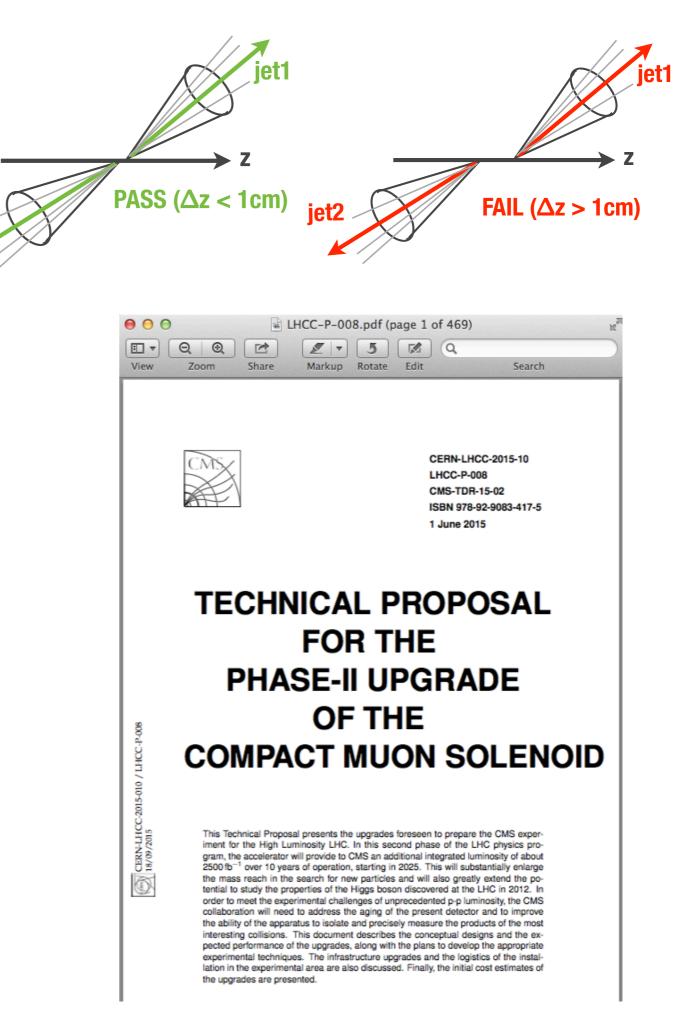
Find tracks as part of first filtering step

# Outlook

Look inside jet cone for tracks Use tracks to associate jets to common production point -discard pileup events

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# OUTLOOK

#### Some resources

http://home.web.cern.ch/students-educators/summer-student-programme http://www.particleadventure.org http://home.web.cern.ch/about



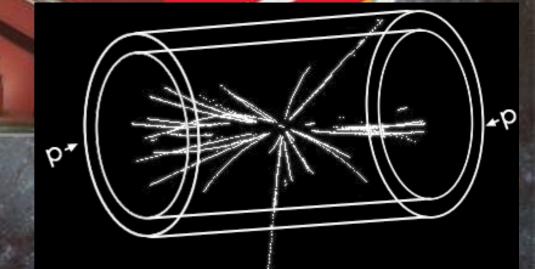
# Enjoy the rest of your visit!

# **BONUS SLIDES**

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#### Tracker

Finely segmented silicon sensors (strips and pixels) enable charged particles to be tracked and their momenta to be measured. They also reveal the positions at which long-lived unstable particles decay.



#### **Electromagnetic Calorimeter**

Nearly 80 000 crystals of lead tungstate (PbWO<sub>4</sub>) are used to measure precisely the energies of electrons and photons. A 'preshower' detector, based on silicon sensors, helps particle identification in the endcaps.

EM interaction of photon/electron, cascade of secondary electrons & photons

#### **Hadron Calorimeter**

Layers of dense material (brass or steel) interleaved with plastic scintillators or quartz fibres allow the determination of the energy of hadrons, that is, particles such as protons, neutrons, pions and kaons.

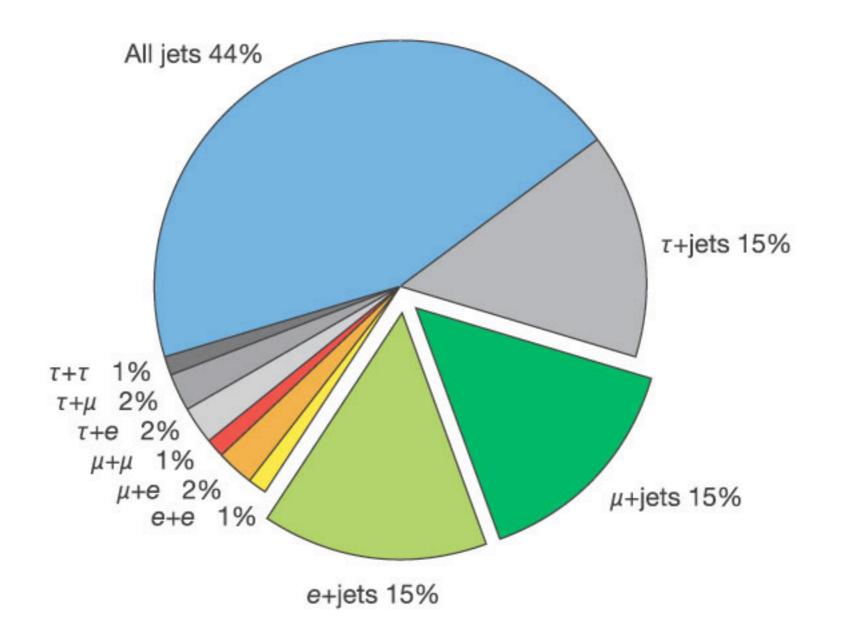


#### **Muon Detectors**

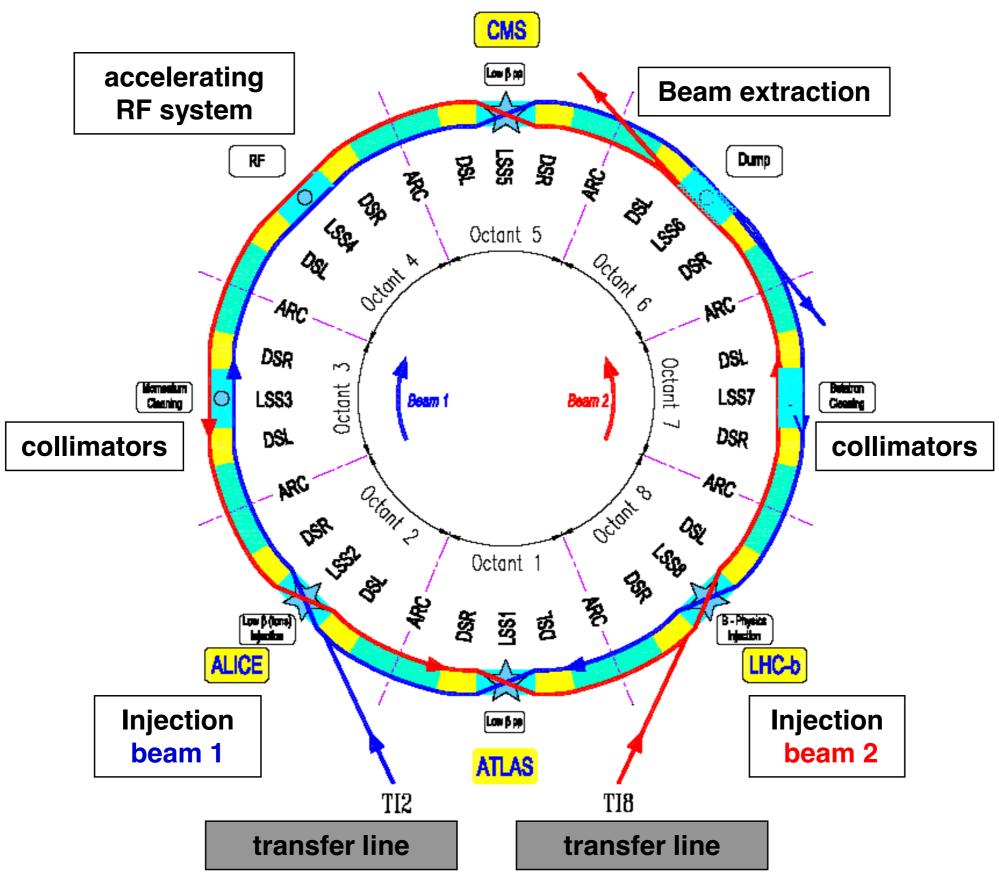
To identify muons (essentially heavy electrons) and measure their momenta, CMS uses three types of detector: drift tubes, cathode strip chambers and resistive plate chambers.

# **Top Quark Pair -- Detector Signature**

classify depending on "final state"







# Trigger, Step 1: Quick & Dirty

-4µs

Use coarse information from muon detectors & calorimeters

40,000,000 → 100,000 events/s

# Trigger, Step 2: More Precise

Still quick but using information from full detector

 $100,000 \rightarrow 1,000 \text{ events/s}$ 

# **Triggering & Tracking**

Number of muons (real & fake) produced / second as function of transverse momentum

