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# What Top Mass is Measured at Hadron Colliders (?)

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# Outline

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- Why the question is relevant.
- Where is the point to tackle the problem.
- 2 (yet) incomplete answers:
  - Factorization Theorem
  - Fixing up the top mass in MC's
- Outlook and Conclusions



# Top Quark is Special !

- Heaviest known quark (related to SSB?)  $m_t = 173.1 \pm 1.3 \text{ GeV}$
- Important for quantum effects affecting many observables
- Very unstable, decays “before hadronization” ( $\Gamma_t \approx 1.5 \text{ GeV}$ )

## Combination of CDF and DØ Results on the Mass of the Top Quark

The Tevatron Electroweak Working Group<sup>1</sup>  
for the CDF and DØ Collaborations

### Abstract

We summarize the top-quark mass measurements from the CDF and DØ experiments at Fermilab. We combine published Run-I (1992-1996) measurements with the most recent preliminary Run-II (2001-present) measurements using up to  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data. Taking correlated uncertainties properly into account the resulting preliminary world average mass of the top quark is  $M_t = 170.9 \pm 1.1(\text{stat}) \pm 1.5(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}/c^2$ , which corresponds to a total uncertainty of  $1.8 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ . The top-quark mass is now known with a precision of 1.1%.

~~$m_t = 172.4 \pm 1.2 \text{ GeV}$~~

~~$m_t = 172.6 \pm 1.4 \text{ GeV}$~~

~~$M_t = 170.9 \pm 1.8 \text{ GeV}/c^2$~~

<1% precision !

How shall we theorists judge  
the error ?

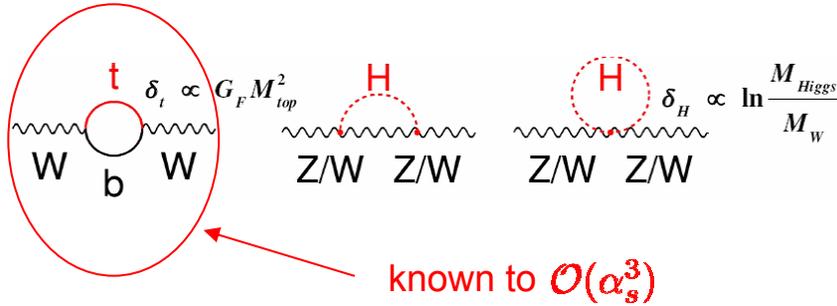
What is the theoretical error ?

What mass is it ?



# Need for a precise Top mass

## Fit to electroweak precision observables



$$\sin \theta_W \times \left( 1 + \delta(m_t, m_H, \dots) \right)$$

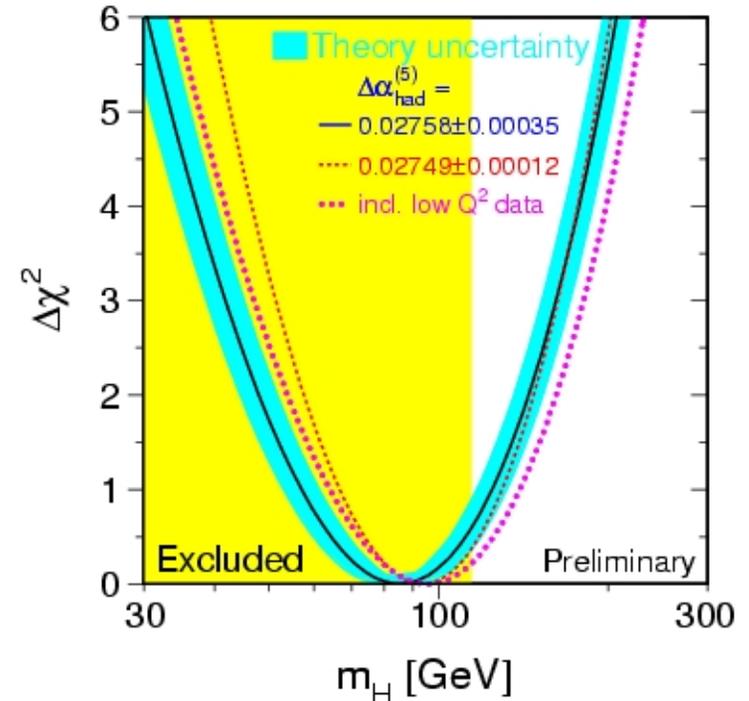
$$= 1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2}$$

$$m_H = 76_{-24}^{+33} \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_H < 182 \text{ GeV (95\%CL)}$$

$$m_t = 170.9 \pm 1.8 \text{ GeV}$$

2 GeV error: 15% change in  $m_H$



# Need for a precise Top mass

## Mass of Lightest MSSM Higgs Boson

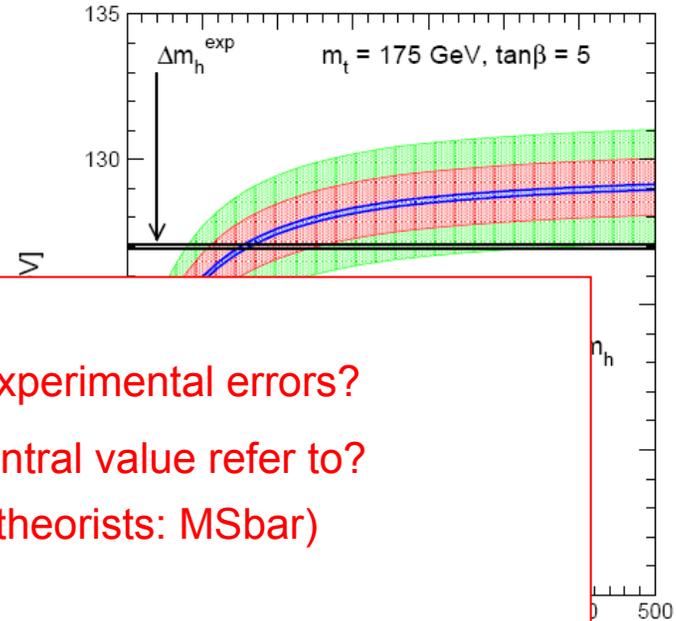
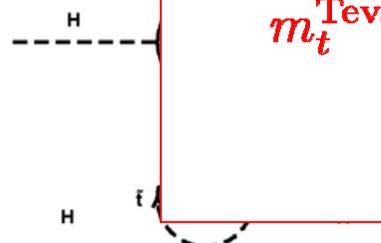
### 5 Higgs bosons:

$m_h$  (scalar, neutral)

$m_H$  (scalar)

$m_A$  (scalar)

$m_{H^\pm}$  (charged)



- How to reduce theoretical and experimental errors?
- What mass scheme does the central value refer to?  
(preferred mass scheme for NP-theorists: MSbar)

$$m_t^{\text{Tevatron}} = m_t^{\text{pole?}} \quad m_t^{1S?}$$

$$\overline{m}_t(\mu)? \quad m_t^{\text{PS}}(\mu)? \quad m_t^{\text{kin}}(\mu)?$$

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  corrections known



# Top Quark Pole Mass

- Based on (unphysical) concept of top quark being a free parton

$$p - m_t - \Sigma(p, m_t) \Big|_{p^2 = m_t^2}$$

contains loop momenta down to **zero**, where pert..th. does not apply

- No physical quantity exists that is tied to the pole mass scheme., also not the peak of the top invariant mass distribution.
- Pole mass renormalization condition introduces artificially large corrections.

$\overline{m}_t(\overline{m}_t)$ [GeV]	$M_t^{\text{pole}}$ [GeV]		
	1-loop	2-loop	3-loop
160.00	167.44	169.05	169.56
165.00	172.64	174.28	174.80
170.00	177.84	179.52	180.05

$$\alpha_s(M_z) = 0.119$$

1.6 GeV

- Pole mass measurements are:
  - order-dependent
  - strongly correlated to other theory parameters



# Main Methods at Tevatron

## Template Method

- Principle: per mass event b

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=\ell, A, jets} \frac{(p_T^{i,fit} - p_T^i)^2}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{(M_{\ell\nu} - M_W)^2}{\Gamma_W^2}$$

Usually pick

## Dynamics

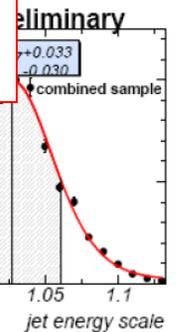
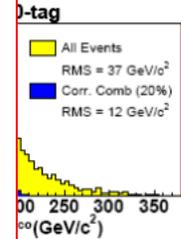
- Principle: co a function o objects in th Maximize s

Lepton+jets ( $\geq 1$  b-tag); Signal-only templates

### Method: Reconstruction

### What mass is measured?: The Pythia Mass!

- What is the Pythia mass parameter?
- It's not the pole mass !
- How reliable is the MC in the first place?
- How can we approach the issue?
- Should we be worried concerning top physics at LHC ?

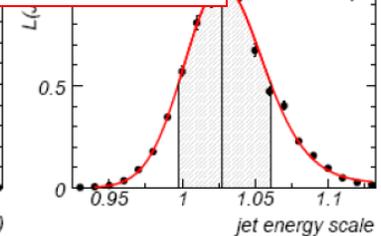
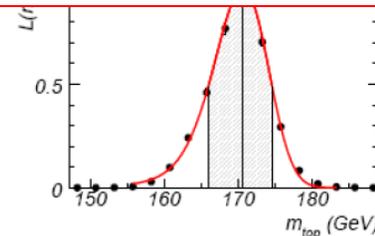


$$P(x; m_t) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \int d^n \sigma(y; m_t) dq_1 dq_2 f(q_1) f(q_2) W(x|y)$$

parton distribution functions

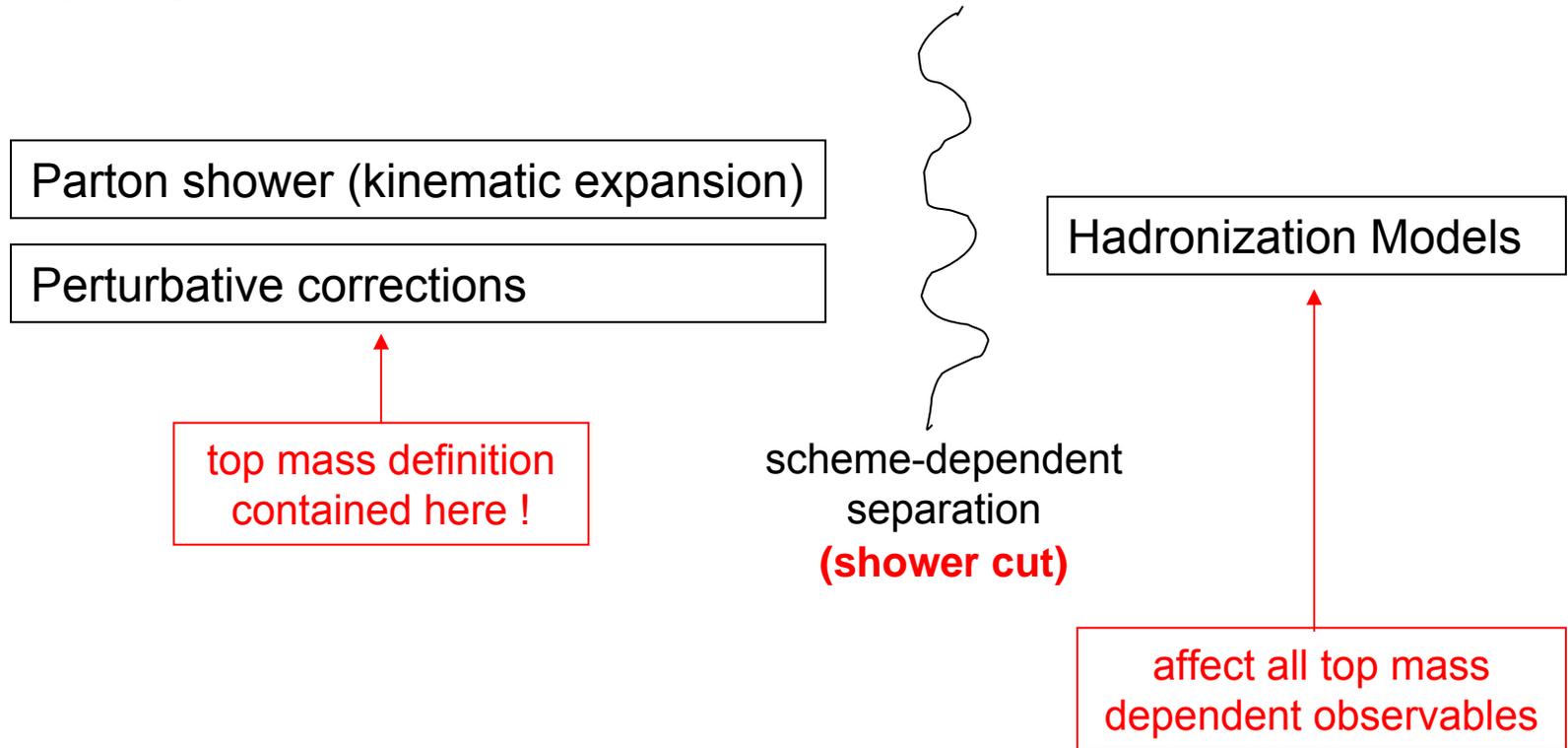
differential cross section (LO matrix element)

transfer function: mapping from parton-level variables (y) to reconstructed-level variables (x)



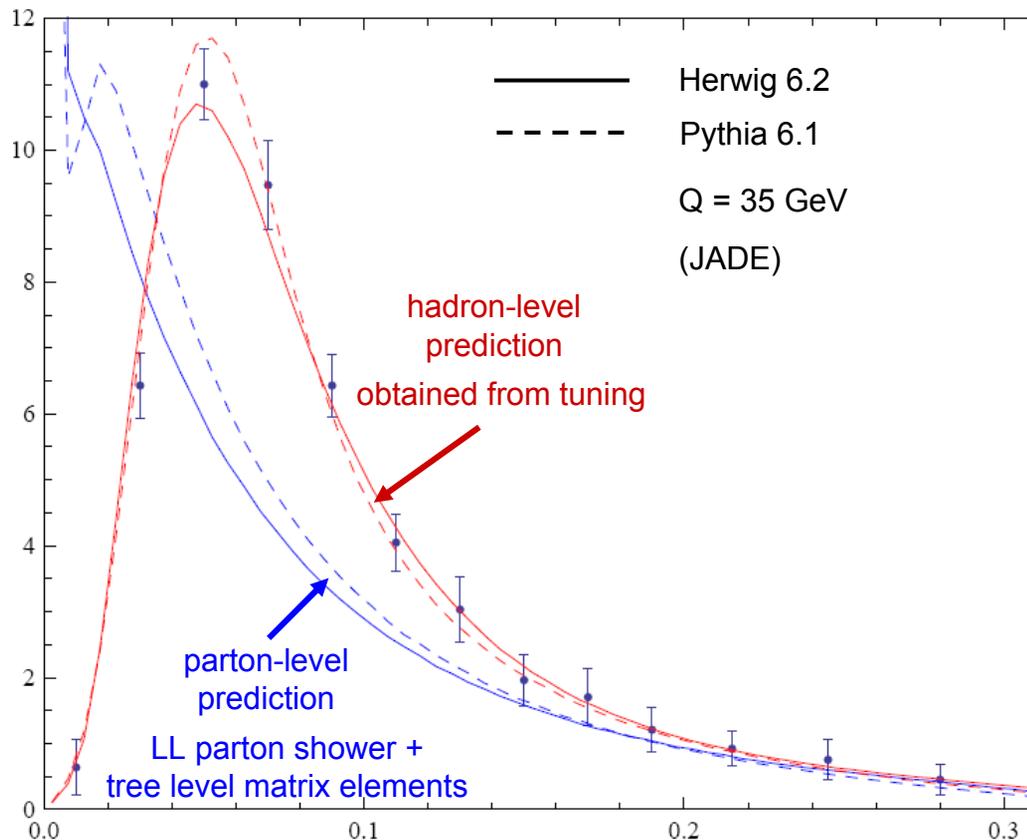
# MC and the Top Mass

- MC is a good tool to describe many **physical** cross sections.
- Concept of mass in the MC depends on the **structure and reliability of the perturbative part** and the **interplay of perturbative and nonperturbative part** in the MC.



# ... a similar story

## Task: Precision Measurement of $\alpha_s$ from event-shapes with MCs

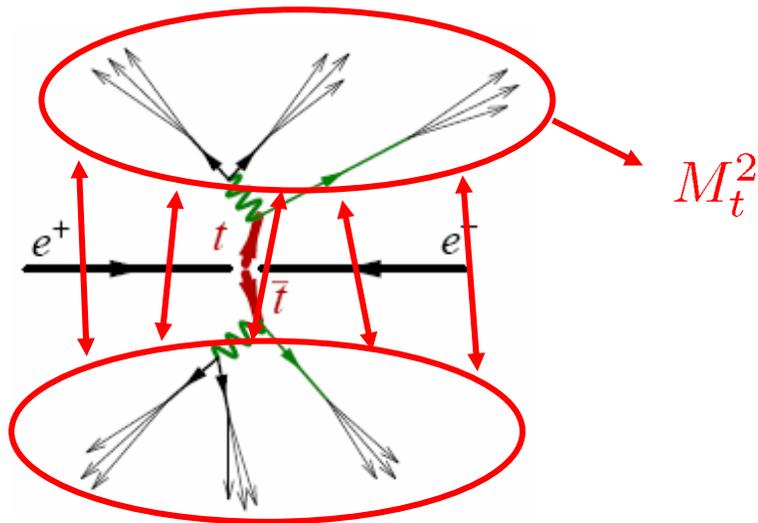


- excellent description of data
- $\alpha_s$  contained in parton level prediction
- parton-level contains no tool to estimate theory error
- only error source: differences between Pythia and Herwig
- Conceptual error hard to estimate without theory input.

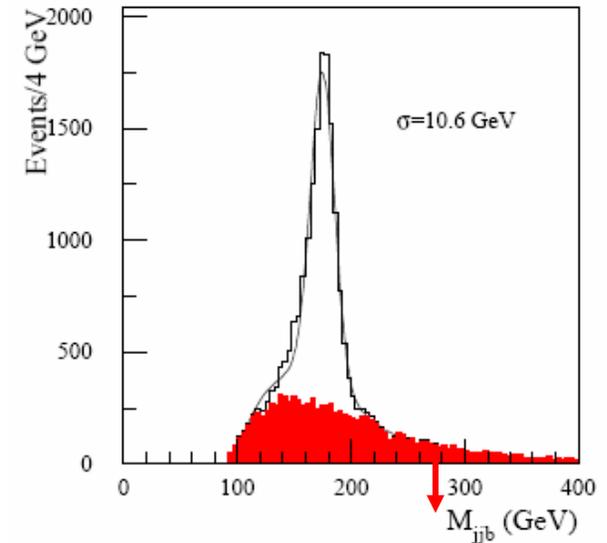
This task is actually more difficult because  $\alpha_s$  affects everything.



# Reconstruction



- Relation: quark masses  $\leftrightarrow$  resonance mass
- Finite lifetime of top quark
- Mass-scheme dependence (best convergence)
- Higher order radiative corrections
- Essential: consistent separation of
  - perturbative effects
  - non-perturbative effects



# 2 ways to go...

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## Factorization Theorems:

- Derive and compute factorization theorems for the invariant mass distribution
- Achieve independence of the MC's (as much as poss.)
- needs as much as possible inclusive definition (hadron event shape) → restricted set of applications
- conceptually clear and systematic
- full analytic control over perturbative and non-perturbative contribution and the top mass scheme
- new challenging problems to resolve (e.g. underlying events)

## Define the top mass in MC's:

- Determine which mass definition is in the MC's.
- Seems to be the most convenient resolution.
- Relies on how much MC's are indeed systematic tools to do QCD computations.
- Could require a new generation of MC's.



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# Factorization Theorems

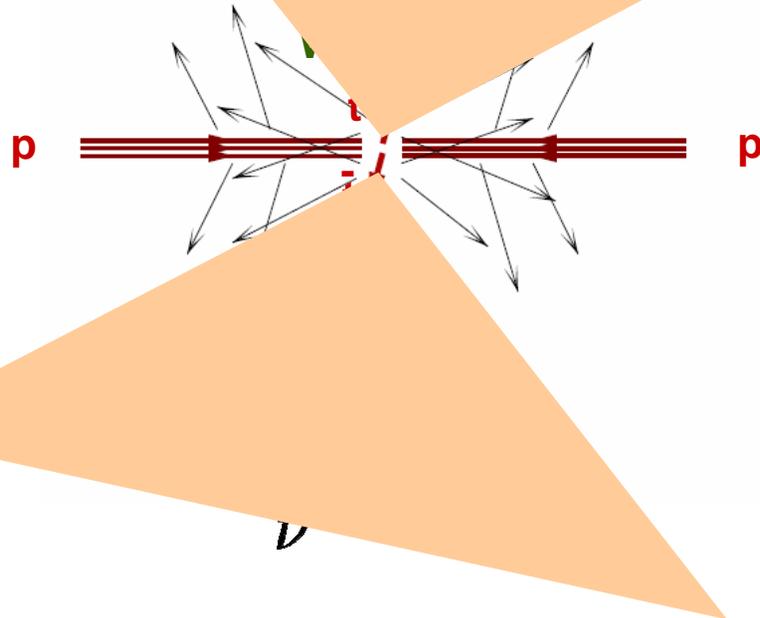
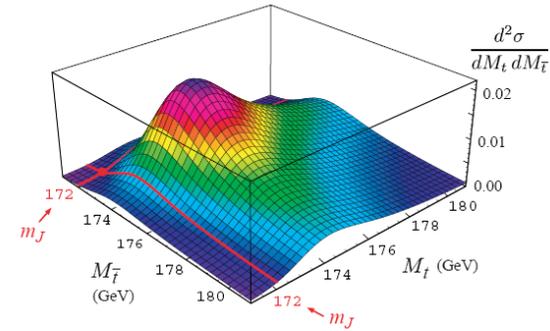


# Large- $p_T$ Method at the LHC

LHC:

$$M_t^2 = \left( \sum_{i \in b} p_i^\mu \right)^2$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dM_t^2 dM_{\bar{t}}^2}$$



$$p_T \gg m_t$$

Tevatron: no large  $p_T$  events !



# Top Production at the ILC

Electron

positron

thrust axis

- No beam remnant : all soft radiation can be assigned to top or anti-top
  - $k_T$  jet algorithm
  - hemisphere prescription

$$Q \gg m_t$$

- Avoids : Underlying Events & Initial State Radiation
- Event-shape: complete event characterized/controlled by a few IR-safe variables



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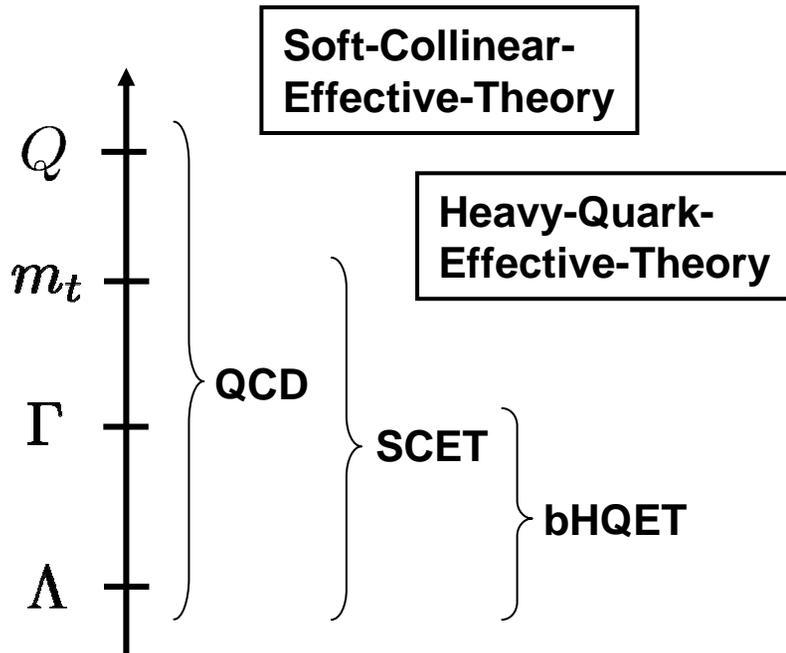
$$Q \gg m_t$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma}{dT} = \int_0^\infty dM_t^2 \int_0^\infty dM_{\bar{t}}^2 \delta\left(\tau - \frac{M_t^2 + M_{\bar{t}}^2}{Q^2}\right) \frac{d^2\sigma}{dM_t^2 dM_{\bar{t}}^2}$$

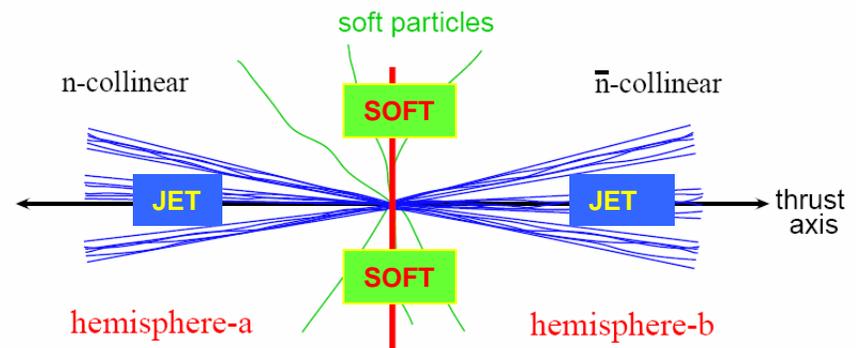


# Factorization Theorem

Fleming, Mantry, Stewart, AH  
 PRD77, 074010 (2008)  
 PRD77, 114003 (2008)



$$\hat{s} = \frac{M_t^2 - m_t^2}{m_t} \ll m_t$$



**LO factorization theorem for the double resonance region**

$$\left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{dM_t^2 dM_{\bar{t}}^2} \right)_{\text{hemi}} = \sigma_0 H_Q(Q, \mu_m) H_m\left(m, \frac{Q}{m}, \mu_m, \mu\right) \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dl^+ dl^- B_+\left(\hat{s}_t - \frac{Ql^+}{m}, \Gamma, \mu\right) B_-\left(\hat{s}_{\bar{t}} - \frac{Ql^-}{m}, \Gamma, \mu\right) S_{\text{hemi}}(l^+, l^-, \mu)$$

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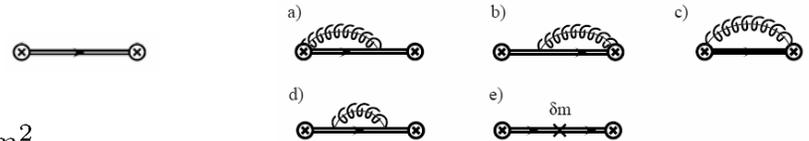
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**Jet functions:**  $B_+(2v_+ \cdot k) = \frac{-1}{8\pi N_c m} \text{Disc} \int d^4x e^{ik \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \{ \bar{h}_{v_+}(0) W_n(0) W_n^\dagger(x) h_{v_+}(x) \} | 0 \rangle$

- perturbative, any mass scheme
- depends on  $m_t, \Gamma_t$
- Breit-Wigner at tree level

$$B_\pm(\hat{s}, \Gamma_t) = \frac{1}{\pi m_t} \frac{\Gamma_t}{\hat{s}^2 + \Gamma_t^2} \quad \hat{s} = \frac{M^2 - m_t^2}{m_t}$$



**Soft function:**  $S_{\text{hemi}}(\ell^+, \ell^-, \mu) = \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{X_s} \delta(\ell^+ - k_s^{+a}) \delta(\ell^- - k_s^{-b}) \langle 0 | \bar{Y}_{\bar{n}} Y_n(0) | X_s \rangle \langle X_s | Y_n^\dagger \bar{Y}_{\bar{n}}^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle$

- non-perturbative (fragment. fct.)
- dep. on treatment of soft radiation
- also governs massless dijet thrust and jet mass event distributions

Korshemsky, Sterman, et al.  
Bauer, Manohar, Wise, Lee



**Short distance top mass can (in principle) be determined to better than  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ .**



# NLL Numerical Analysis

Double differential invariant mass distribution:

$$Q = 5 \times 172 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 1.43 \text{ GeV}$$

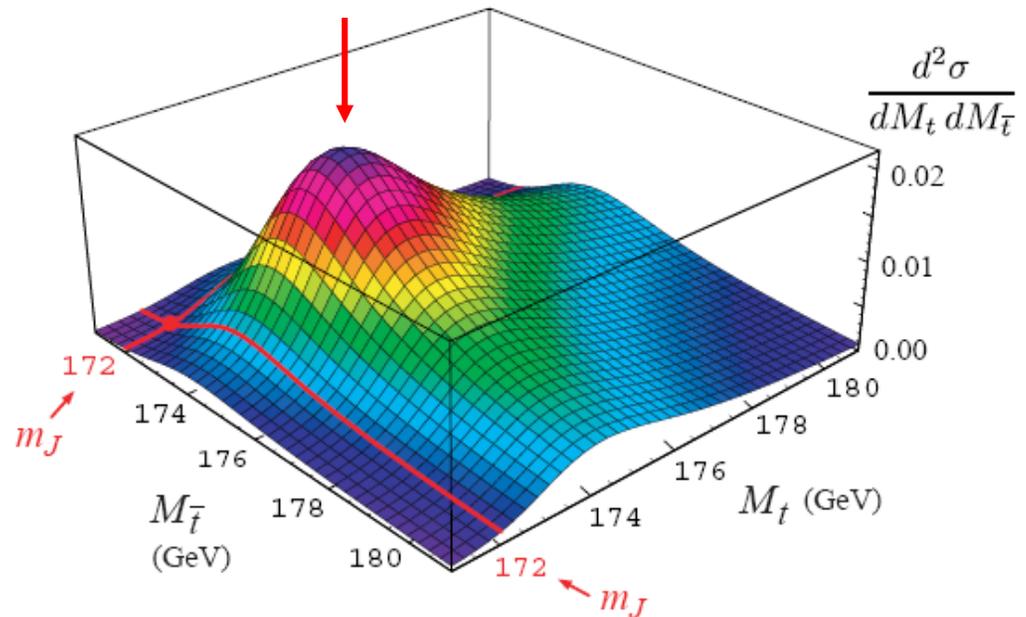
$$m_J(2 \text{ GeV}) = 172 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\mu_\Gamma = 5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\mu_\Lambda = 1 \text{ GeV}$$

$$a = 2.5, \quad b = -0.4$$

$$\Lambda = 0.55 \text{ GeV}$$



Non-perturbative effects **shift** the peak by +2.4 GeV  
and **broaden** the distribution.



# NLL Numerical Analysis

## Peak Position in any Mass Scheme:

$$M^{\text{peak}} = m + \Gamma_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_s^2 + \dots) + \frac{Q\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{m}$$

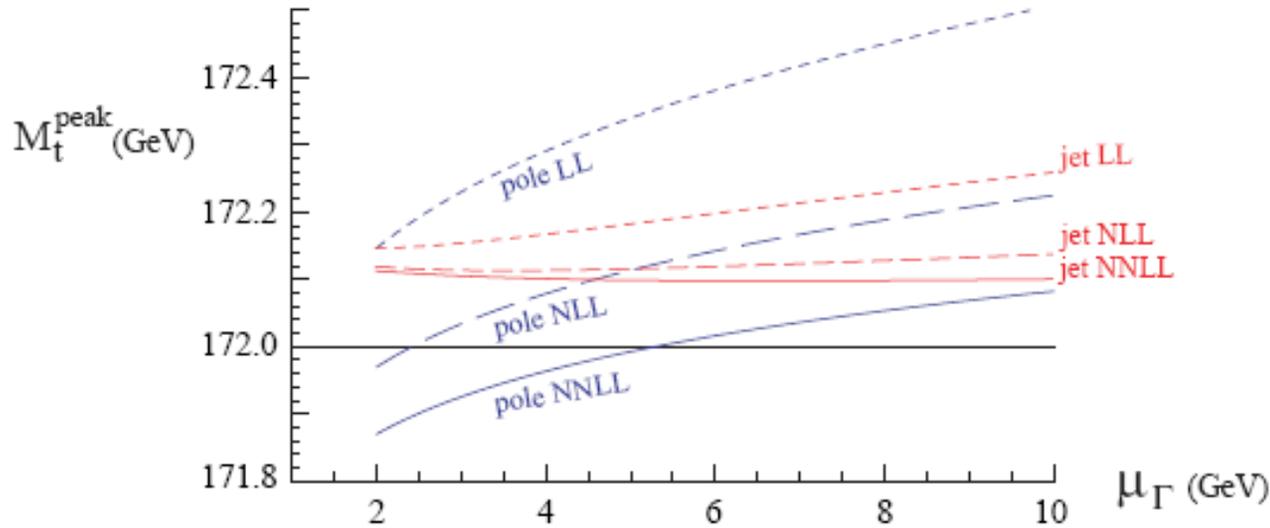
The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the peak position equation. Three red boxes labeled "scheme dependent" are positioned below the terms  $m$ ,  $\Gamma_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_s^2 + \dots)$ , and  $\frac{Q\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{m}$ . Red arrows point from each box to its corresponding term in the equation. A large red curly bracket spans the three boxes, with a red box labeled "scheme independent" centered below it, indicating that the entire expression is independent of the mass scheme.

- Good mass scheme: has well behaved perturbative series.
- Jet mass scheme: small momentum contribution of the jet function are absorbed into the mass



# NLL Numerical Analysis

## Scale-dependence of peak position



- Jet mass scheme: significantly better perturbative behavior.
- Renormalon problem of pole scheme already evident at NLL.

$$m_{\text{pole}} = m_J(\mu) + e^{\gamma_E} R \frac{\alpha_s(\mu) C_F}{\pi} \left[ \ln \frac{\mu}{R} + \frac{1}{2} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

$$R \sim \Gamma_t$$



# Theory Issues for $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + X$

★ definition of jet observables → Hadron event shapes

$$T_{\perp,g} \equiv \max_{\vec{n}_T} \frac{\sum_i |\vec{q}_{\perp i} \cdot \vec{n}_T|}{\sum_i q_{\perp i}}$$

★ initial state radiation

Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi

★ final state radiation

• underlying events → Soft function ?

★ **Can be addressed in the framework of a LC.**

★ color reconnection & soft gluon interactions

★ **Requires extensions of LC concepts and other known concepts**

★ beam remnant

★ parton distributions

★ summing large logs  $Q \gg m_t \gg \Gamma_t$

★ relation to Lagrangian short

distance mass



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# The Monte Carlo Top Mass



# MC Top Mass

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→ Use analogies between MC set up and factorization theorem

## Final State Shower

- Start: at transverse momenta of primary partons, evolution to smaller scales.
- Shower cutoff  $R_{sc} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$
- Hadronization models fixed from reference processes

## Additional Complications:

Initial state shower, underlying events, combinatorial background, etc

## Factorization Theorem

- Renormalization group evolution from transverse momenta of primary partons to scales in matrix elements.
- Subtraction in jet function that defines the mass scheme
- Soft function model extracted from another process with the same soft function

Let's assume that these aspects are treated correctly in the MC



# MC Top Mass

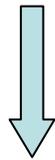
## Conclusion:

$$m_t^{\text{MC}}(R_{sc}) = m_t^{\text{pole}} - R_{sc} c \left[ \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right] \pm \Delta m^{\text{conc.}}$$

constant of order unity  
↓

## Determination of the MSbar mass:

$$m_t^{\text{TeV}} = m_t^{\text{MC}}(R_{sc}) = 172.6 \pm 0.8(\text{stat}) \pm 1.1(\text{syst}) \pm \Delta m^{\text{conc.}}$$



3-loop R-evolution  
equation

AHH, Jain, Scimemi, Stewart  
PRL 101,151602(2008)

$$\bar{m}_t(\bar{m}_t) = 163.0 \pm 1.3^{+0.6}_{-0.3} \text{ GeV} \quad (c = 3^{+6}_{-2}) \pm \Delta m^{\text{conc.}}$$

$(\Delta m^{\text{conc.}})^{\text{TeV}} \neq (\Delta m^{\text{conc.}})^{\text{LHC}}$       “top mass anomaly”



# Outlook & Conclusion

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## Plans:

- Determine top mass in Pythia(e+e-) using the factorization theorem
- Derivation of factorization theorem for large  $p_T$  top events at LHC
- Hadron event shapes
- “More systematic” MC’s, e.g. GenEva framework →  $\Delta m^{\text{conc.}}$
- NNLL event shape analysis of LEP data: soft function &  $\alpha_s$  &  $m_b$

## Conclusion:

- I find it scary that this simple question isn’t answered, while so many very smart new physics models are just waiting to be pulled out of the drawers, if the top mass anomaly is found to be large.
- Bottom line: MC need to be turned from pure tools to describe collider observables into QCD precision tools.
- The least thing to achieve: reliable error estimate. →  $\Delta m^{\text{conc.}}$

