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Boosted tops and the time-structure of the QCD medium

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Lifetimes [W's and tops]

Tops and W's have finite lifetimes - and decay into jets

top quark at rest	$\sim 0.15 \text{ fm}/c$
W boson at rest	$\sim 0.10 \text{ fm}/c$

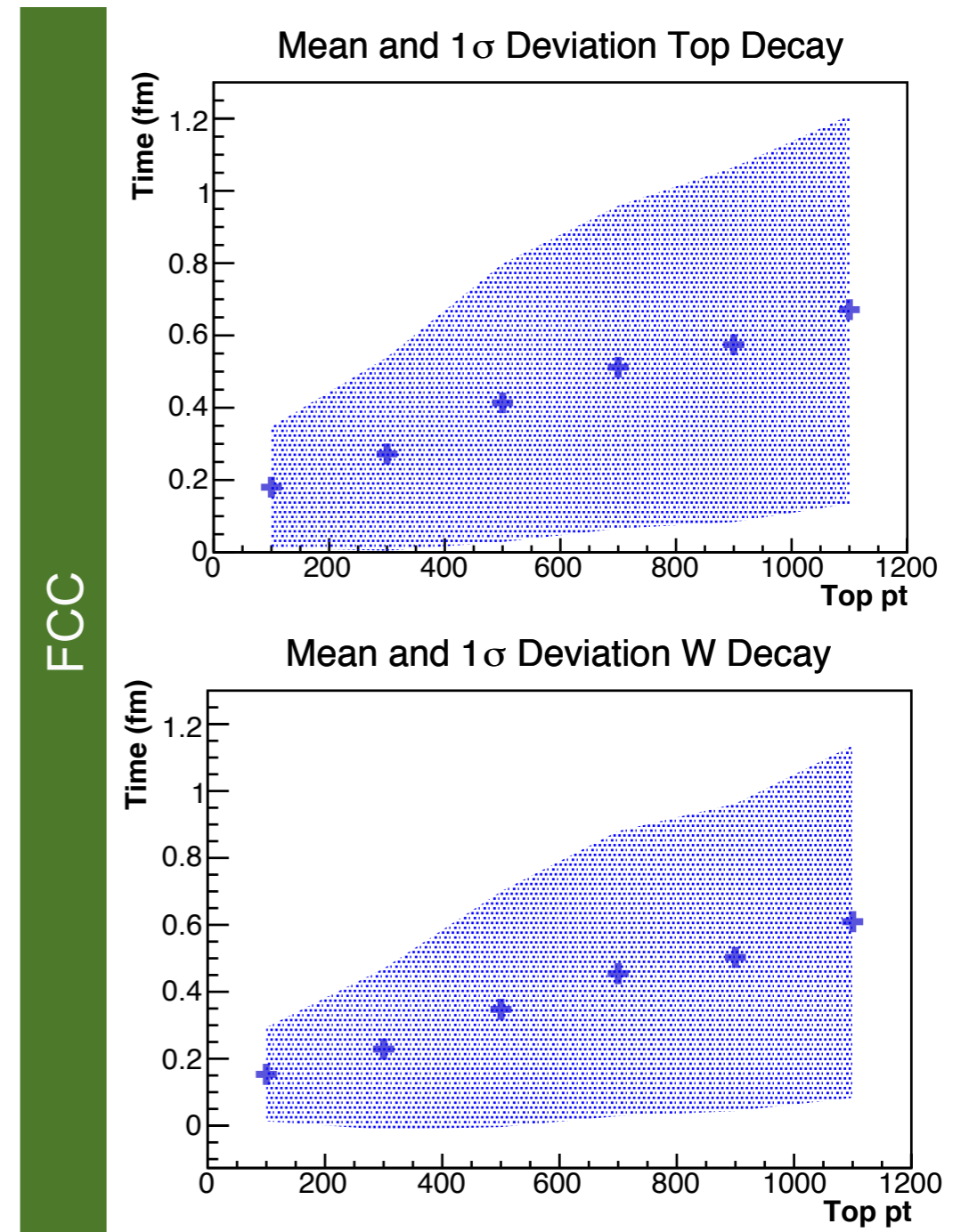
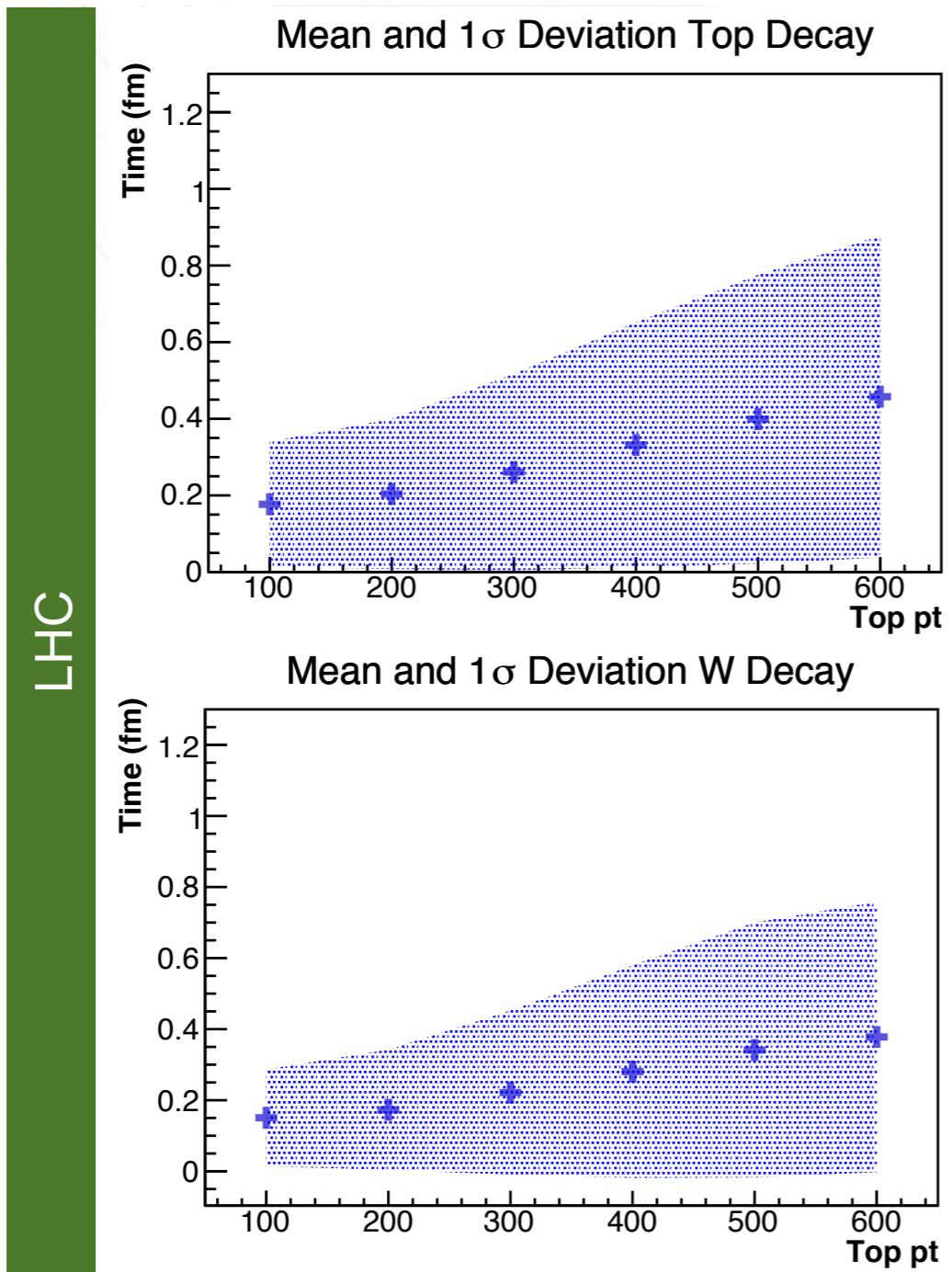
- ▶ Enhance these times **by boost** - high-pT top/W
- ▶ **Color coherence** - color singlet object for longer time



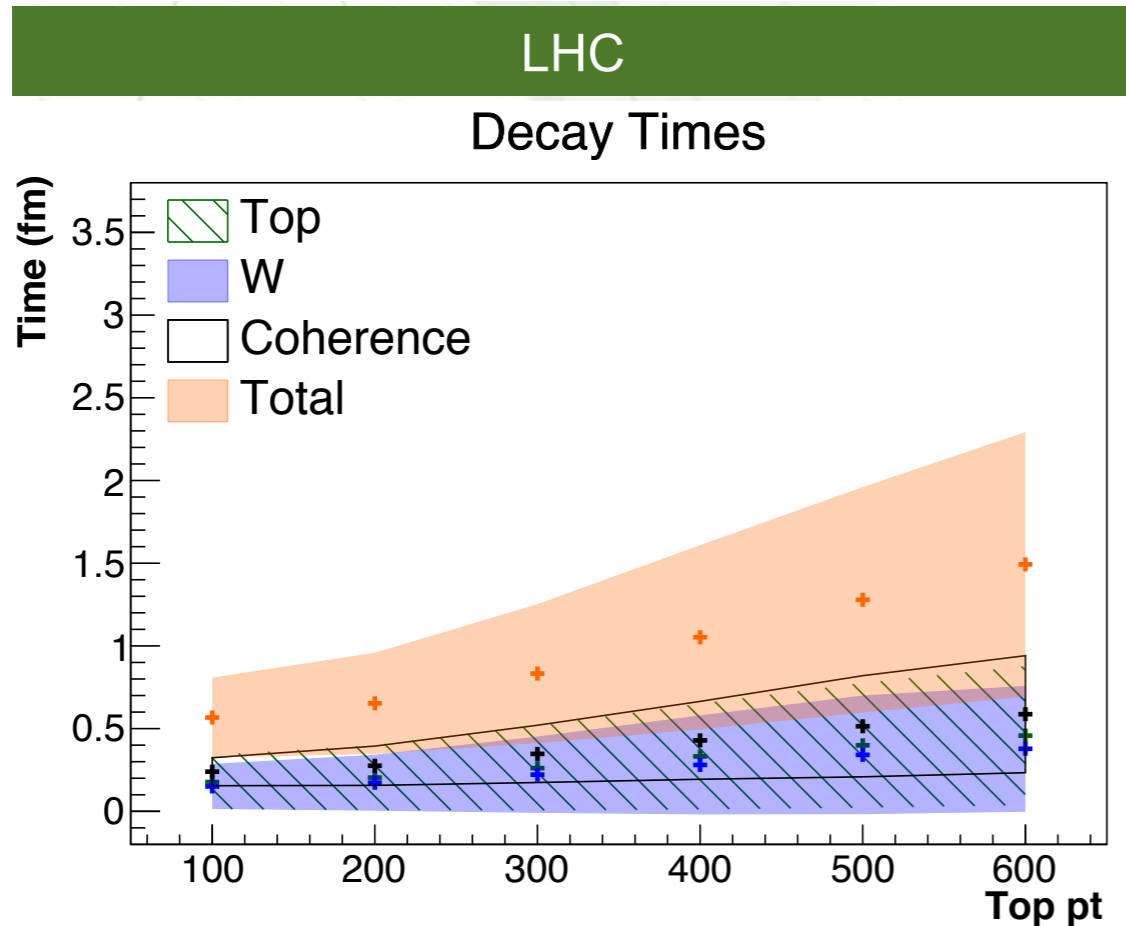
$$t_d \sim \left[\frac{12}{g_{99}^2} \right]^{1/3}$$

[Mehtar-Tani, Salgado, Tywoniuk; Casalderrey-Solana, Iancu]

Yoctosecond cronometer

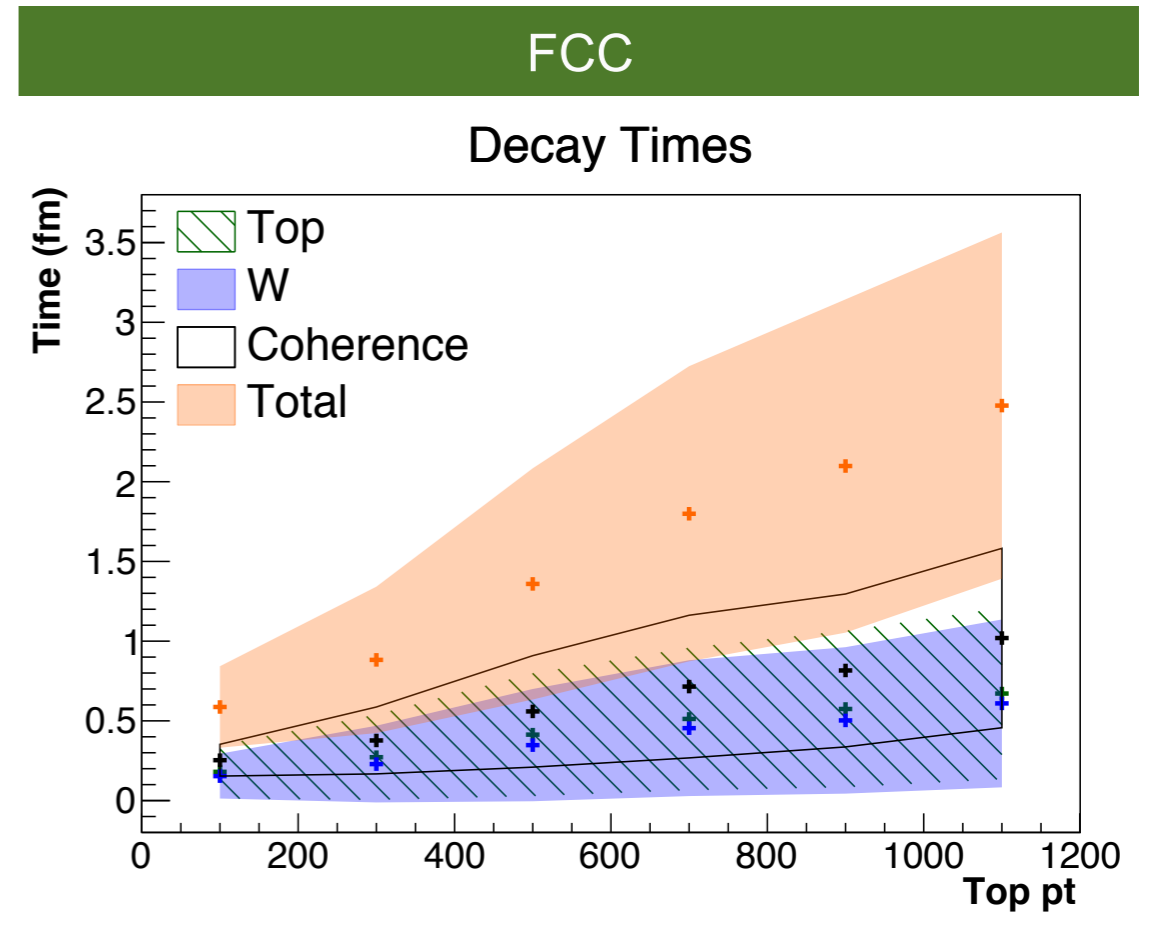


Boosted lifetimes



\rightarrow not enough statistics

Probe $0.4 < t < 1.2$ fm



(Here most of the results for FCC)

Probe $0.5 < t < 3.5$ fm

Proof of principle analysis

Simulation by POWHEG (hard event) + PYTHIA 8 (parton shower)

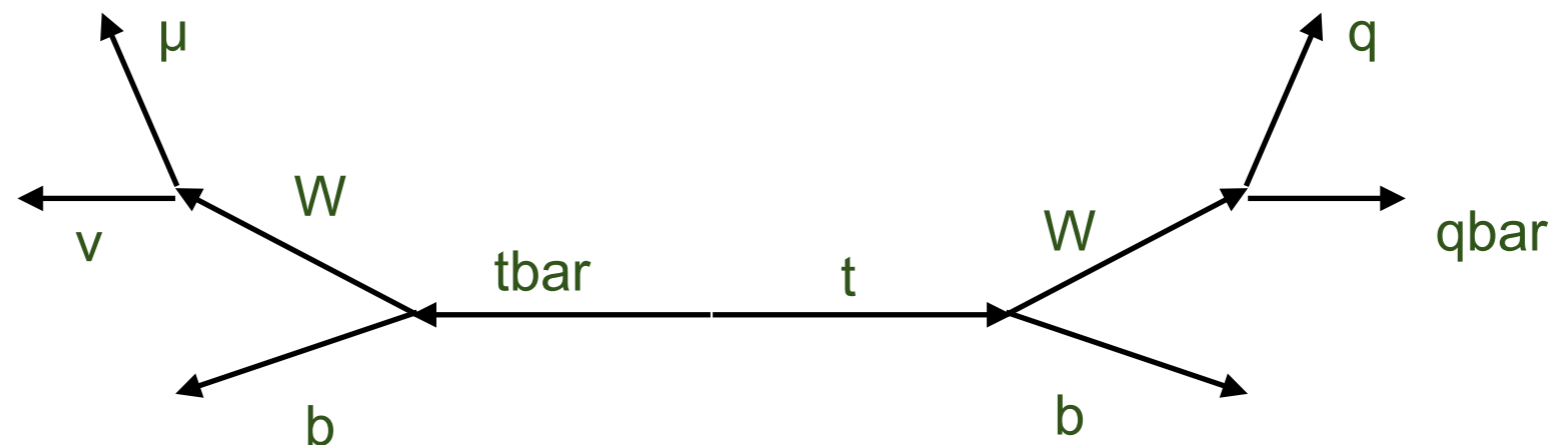
LHC - HL	FCC
5.5 TeV/nucleon	39 TeV/nucleon
Lint = 10 nb ⁻¹	Lint=30 nb ⁻¹
A=208 (Pb)	A=208 (Pb)
0-10% centrality (42% of ttbar events)	0-10% centrality (42% of ttbar events)

For this proof of principle analysis we **do not include**
HI background or detector effects

Reconstruction method

Event with at least

- 1 muon, $p_T > 25$, $|\eta| < 2.5$ (in real world require MET?)
- 2 b-jets (assumed 70% efficiency)
- 2 or more jets

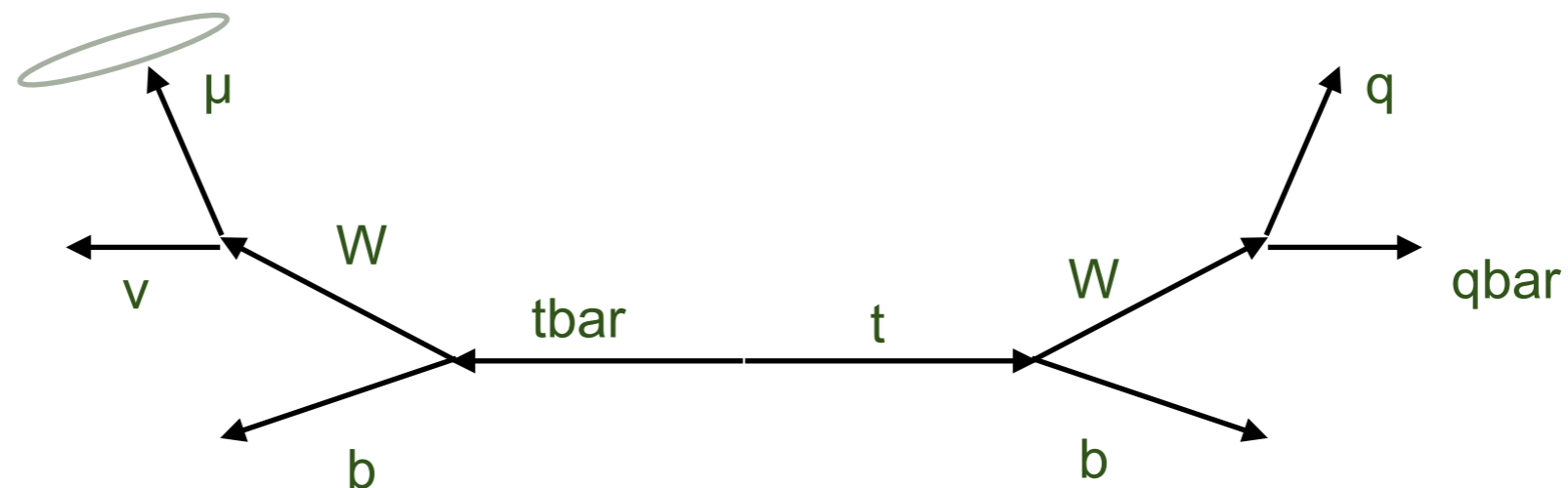


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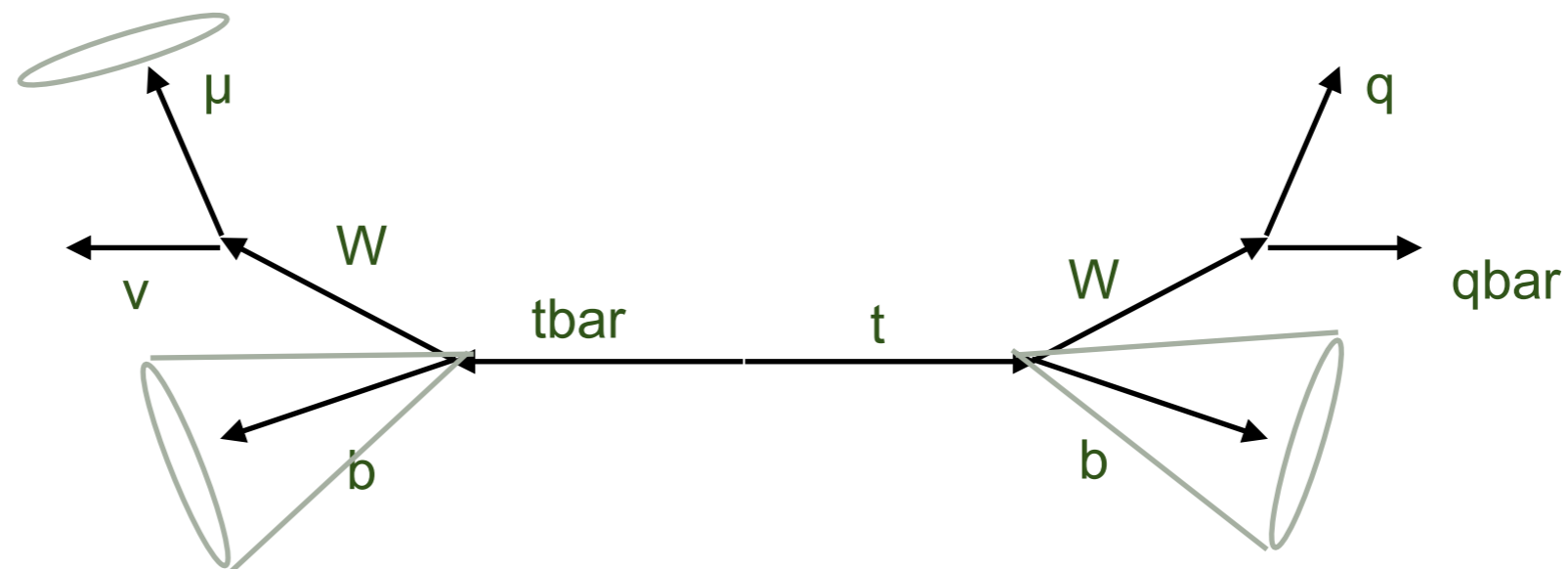


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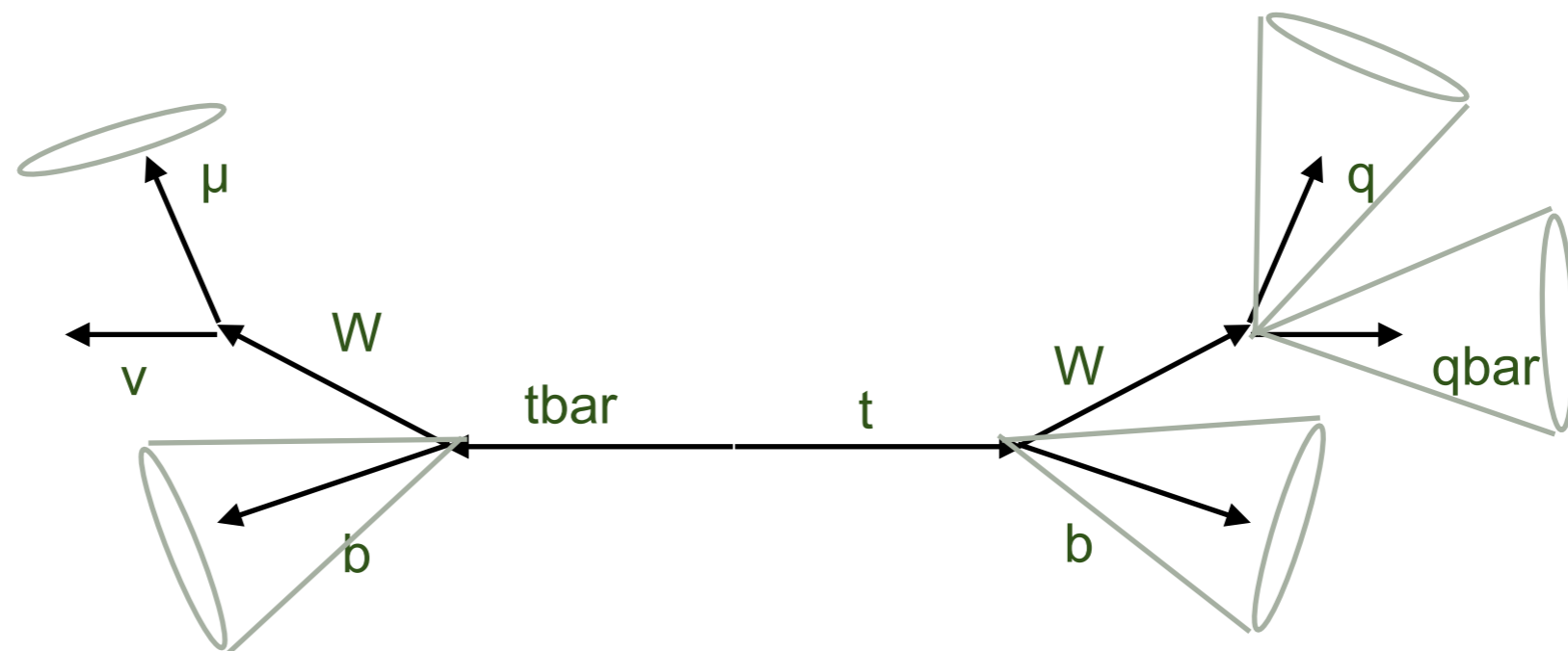


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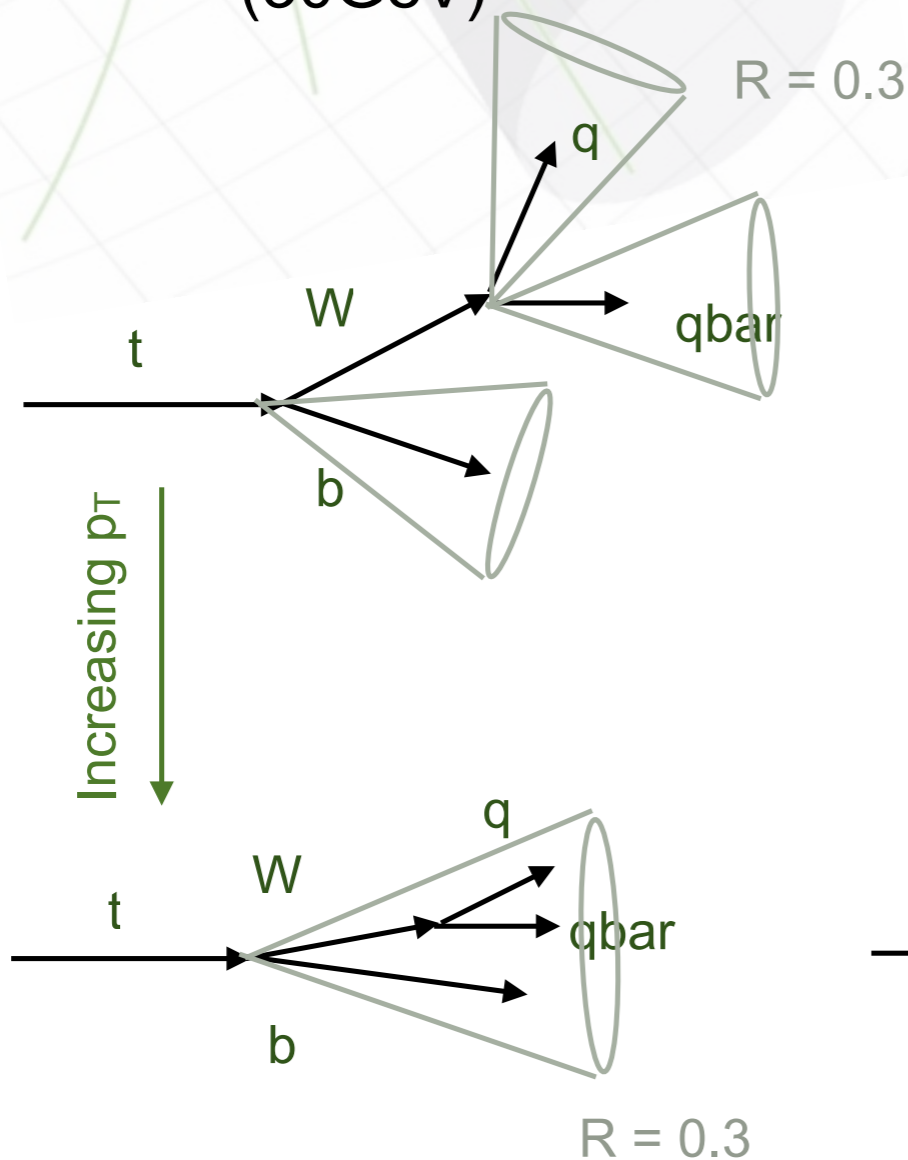
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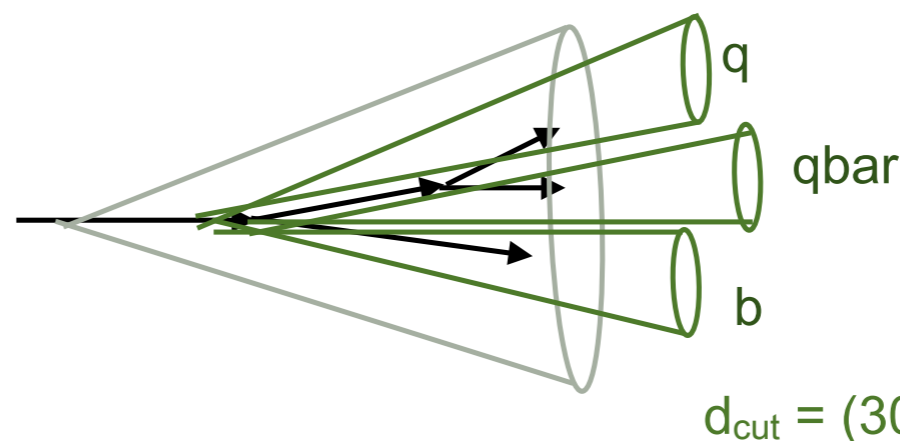
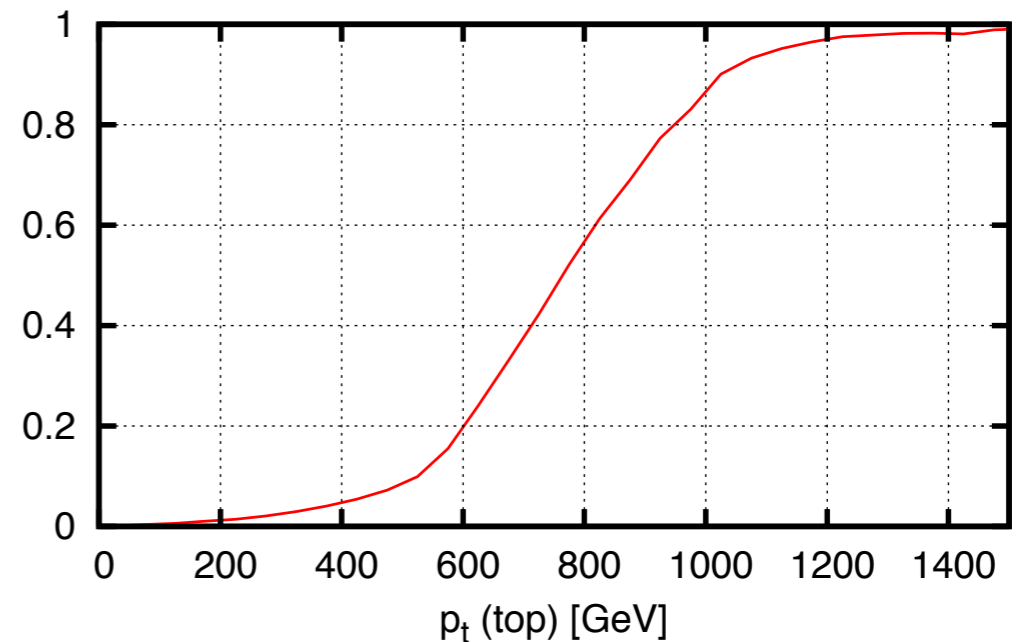
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Reconstruction method

- ◆ Anti- k_T jets with $R = 0.3$, $p_T > 30$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$.
- ◆ Recluster with k_T algorithm, $R = 1.0$ and decluster with $d_{\text{cut}} = (30\text{GeV})^2$

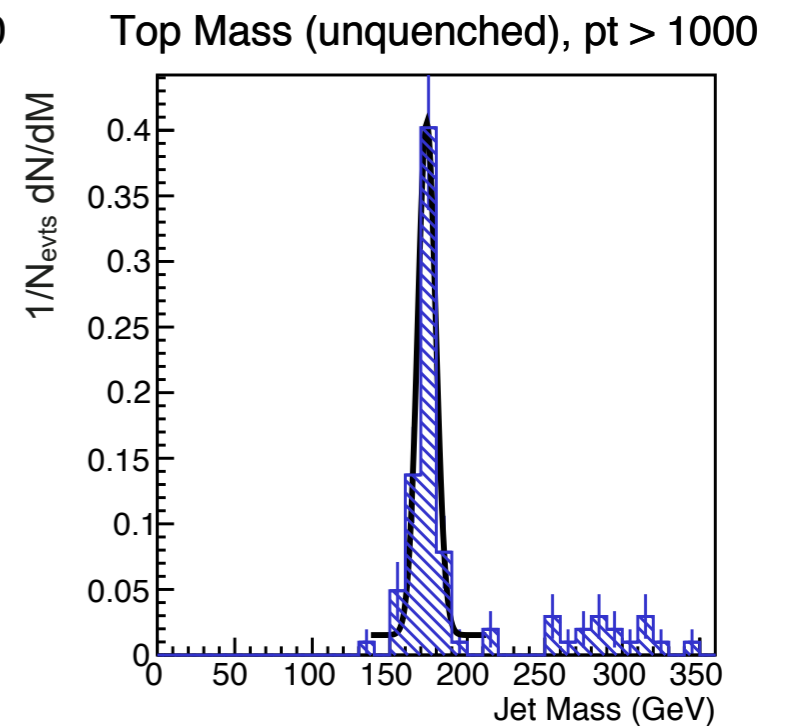
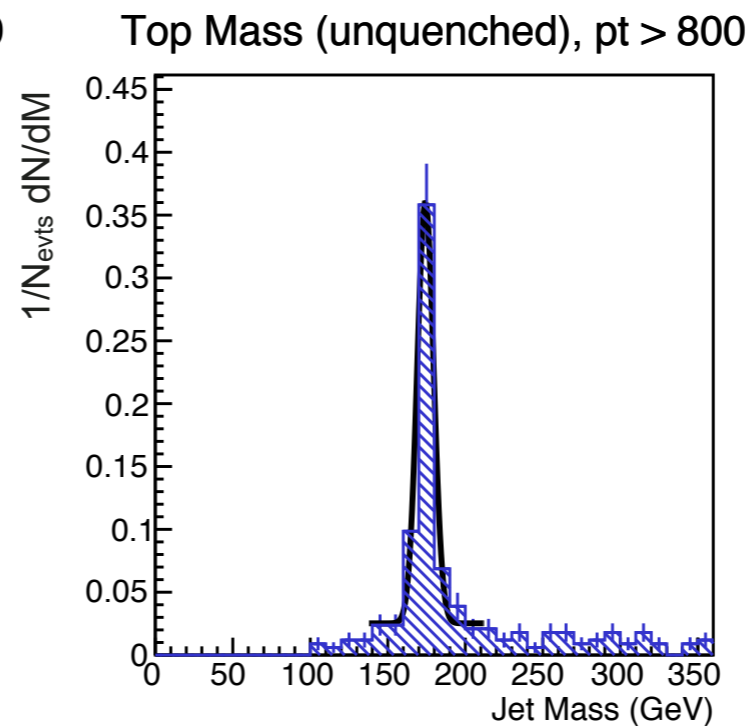
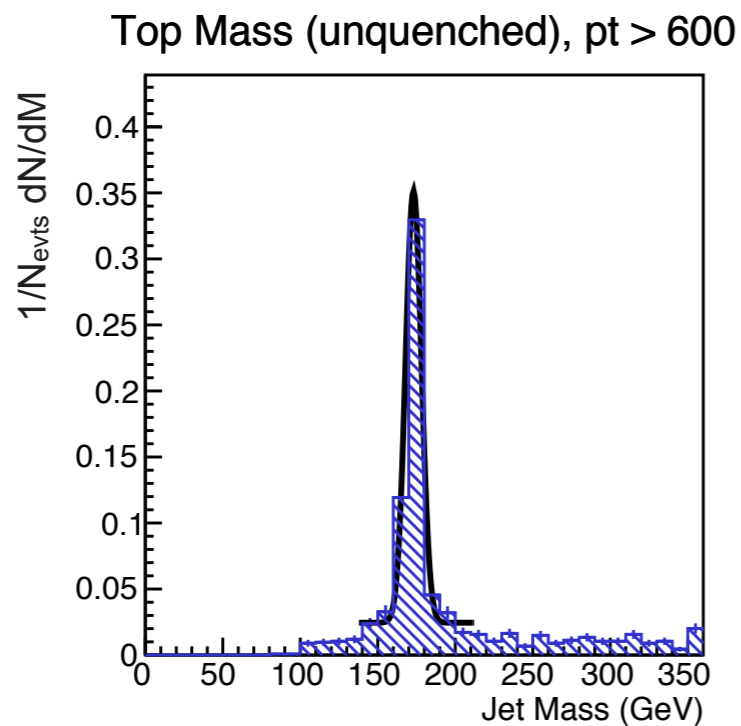
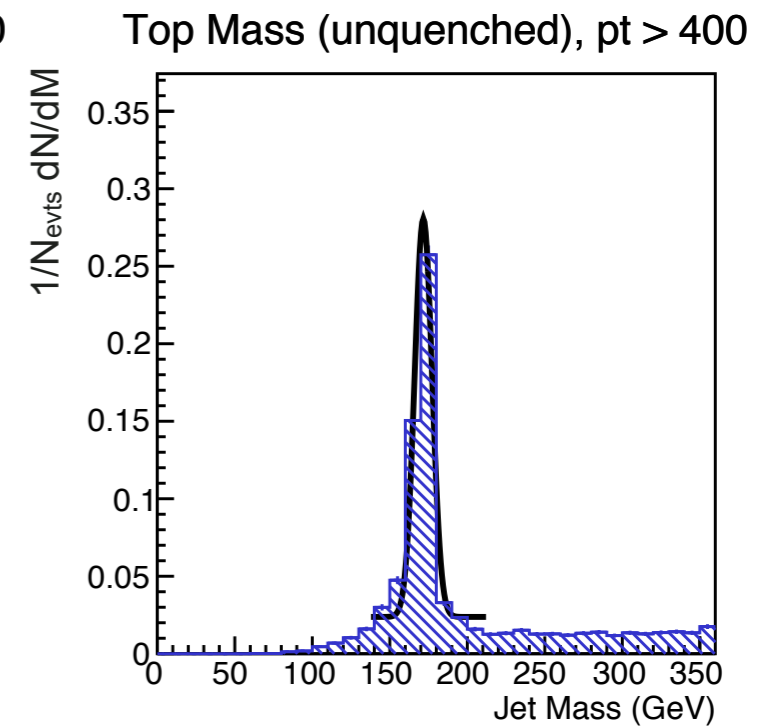
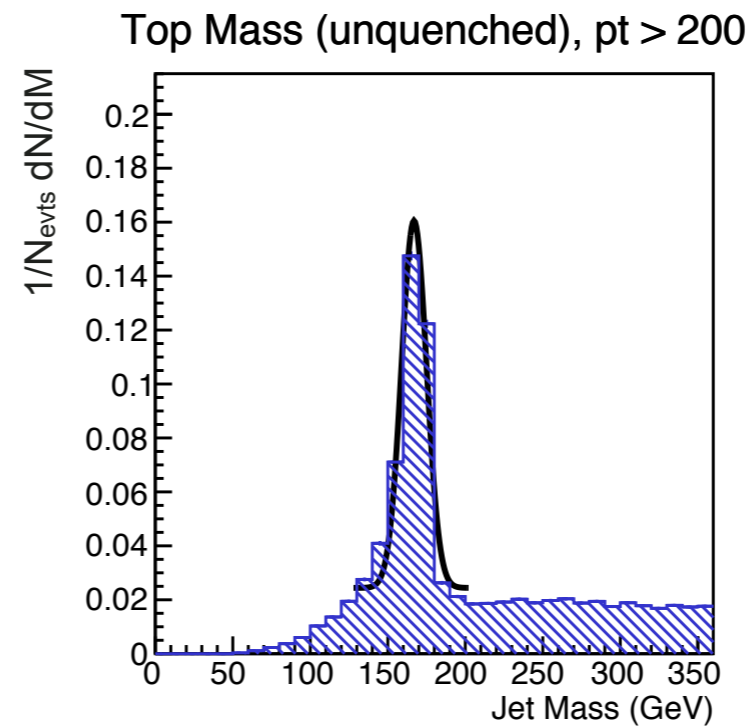
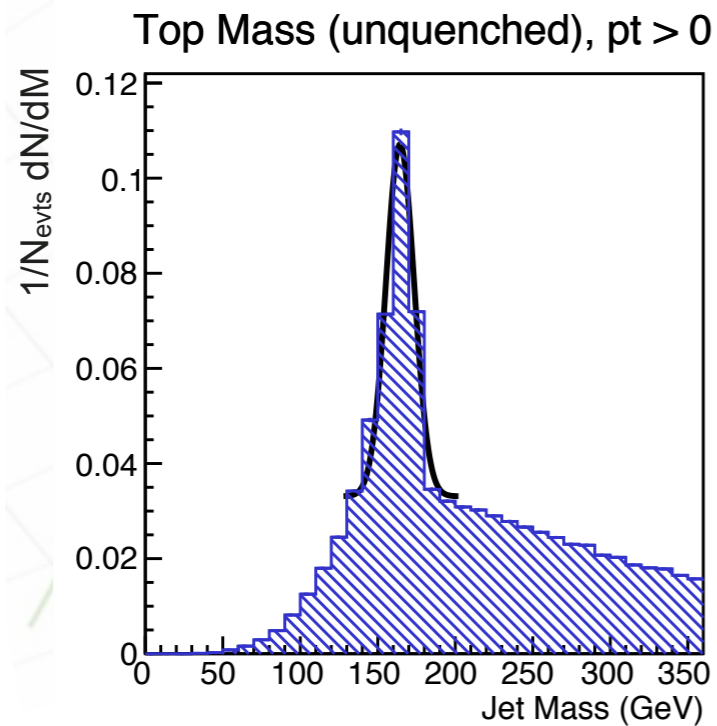


top-decay-product merging prob ($R=0.3$) at fcc39 PbPb

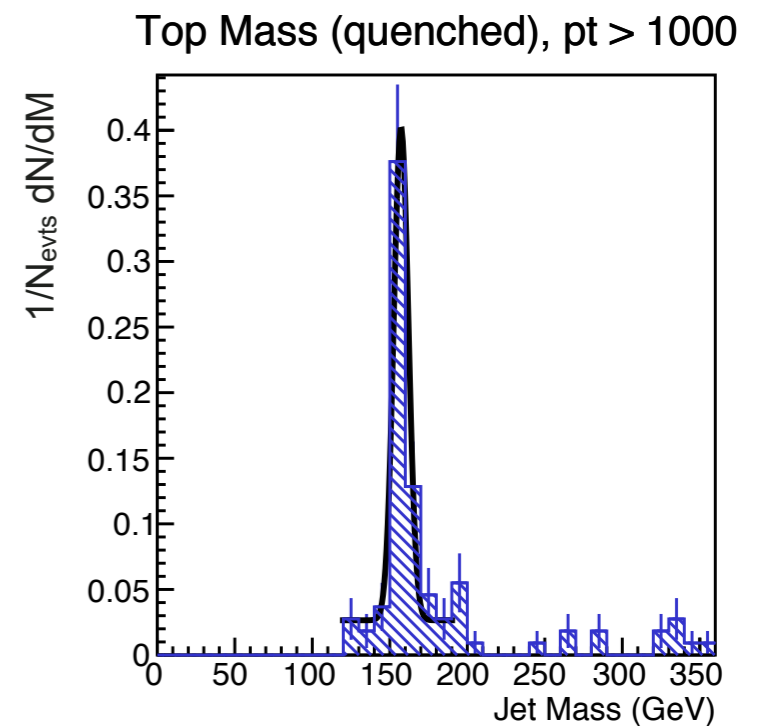
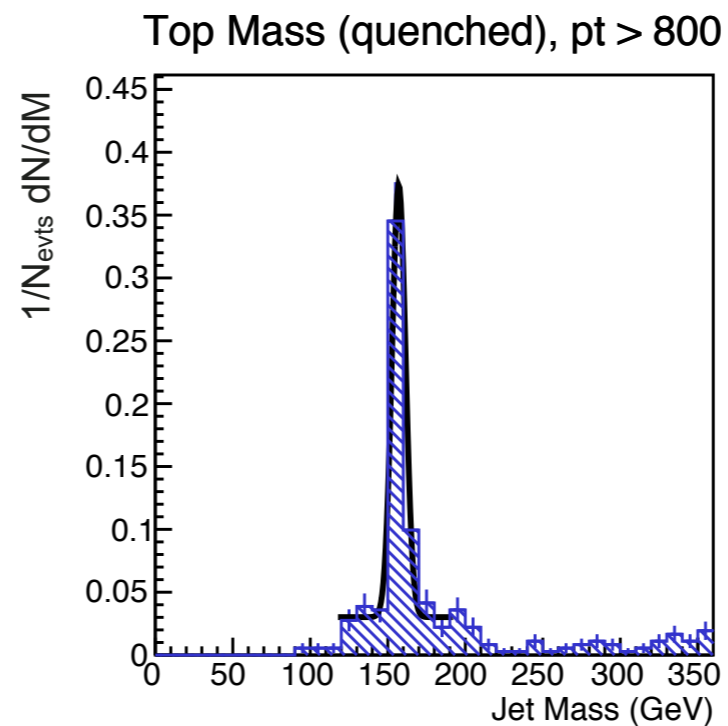
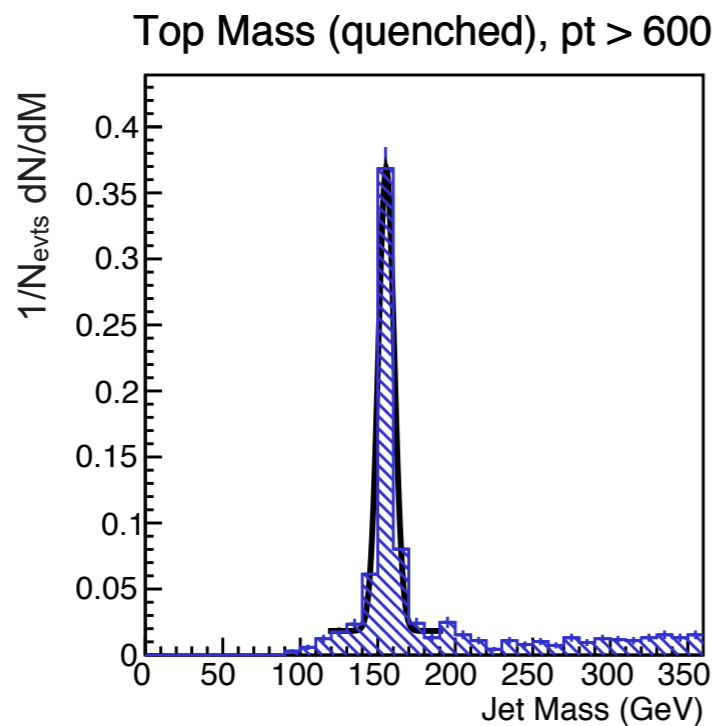
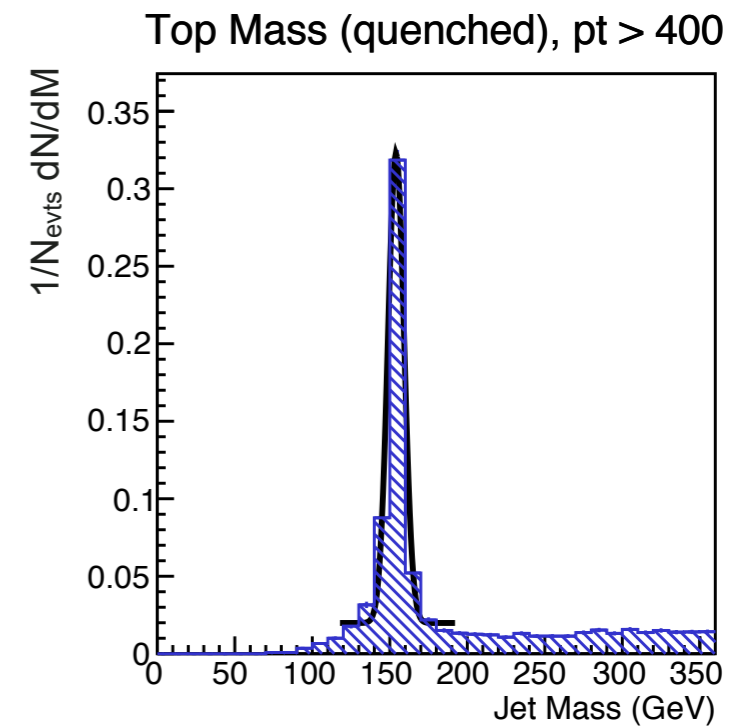
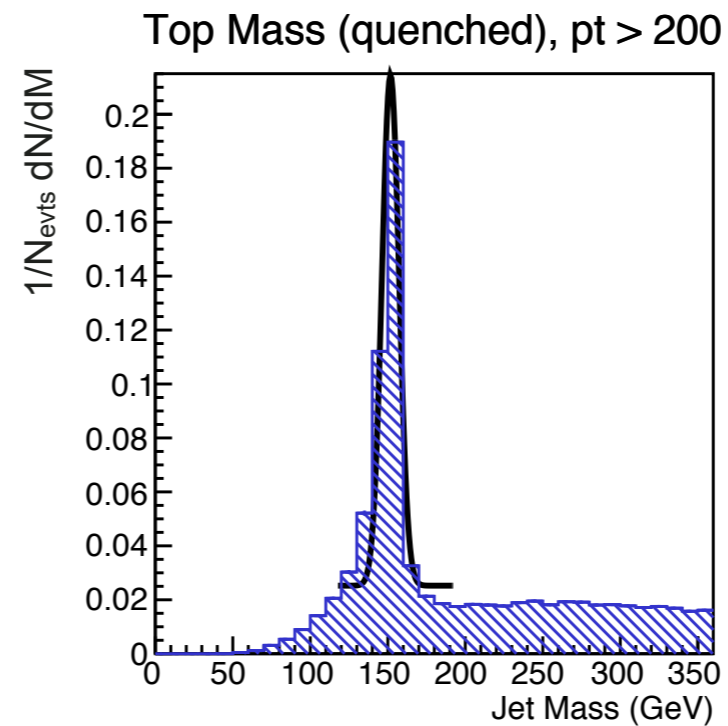
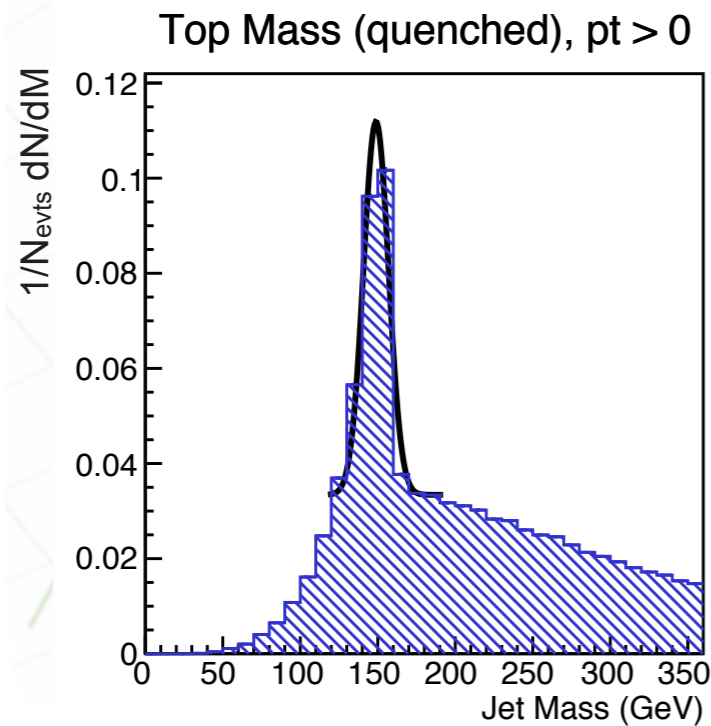


Reclusters with larger R and find sub-jets with $p_{T,rel} > \sqrt{d_{\text{cut}}}$

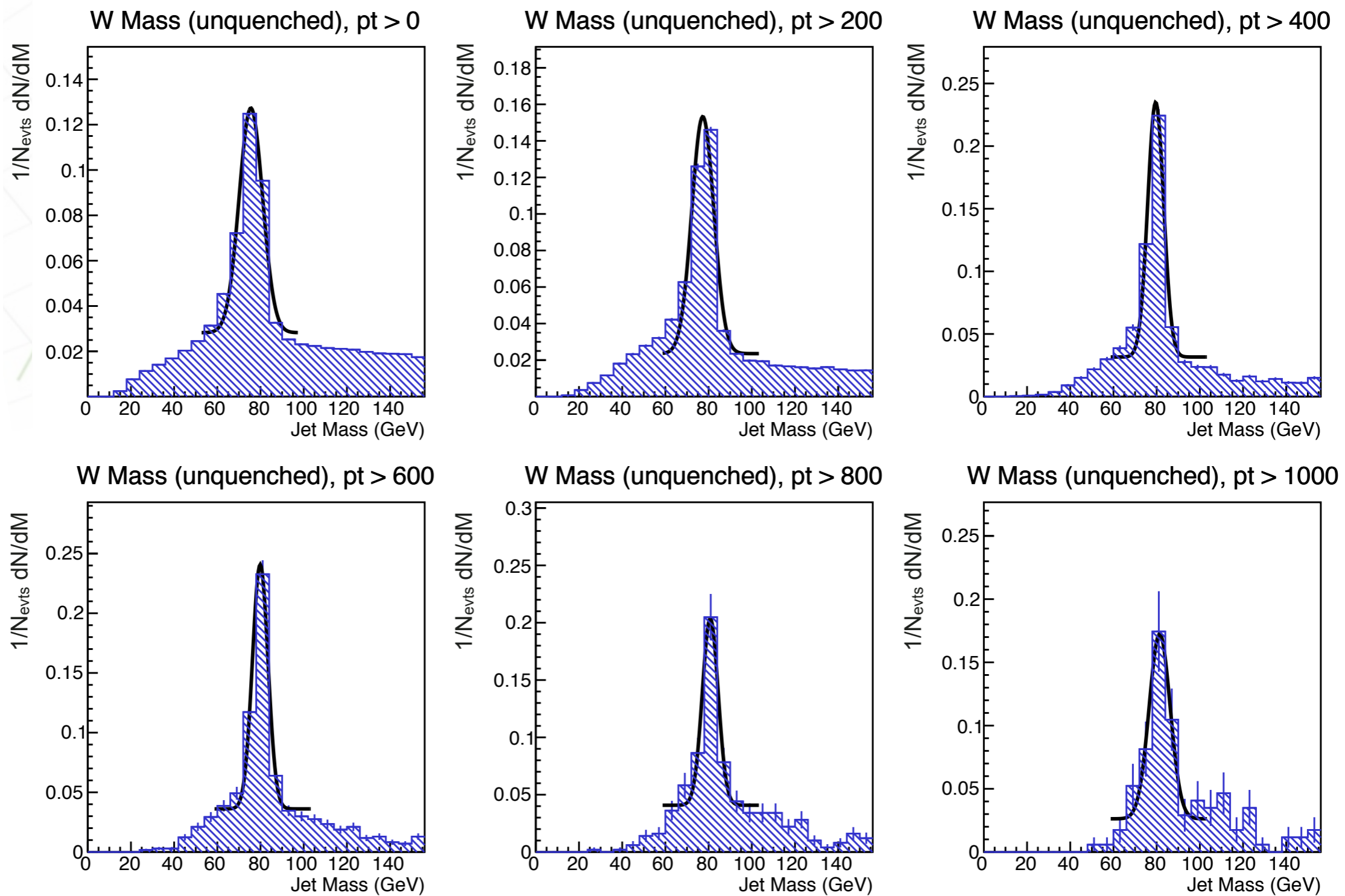
Reconstructed top mass



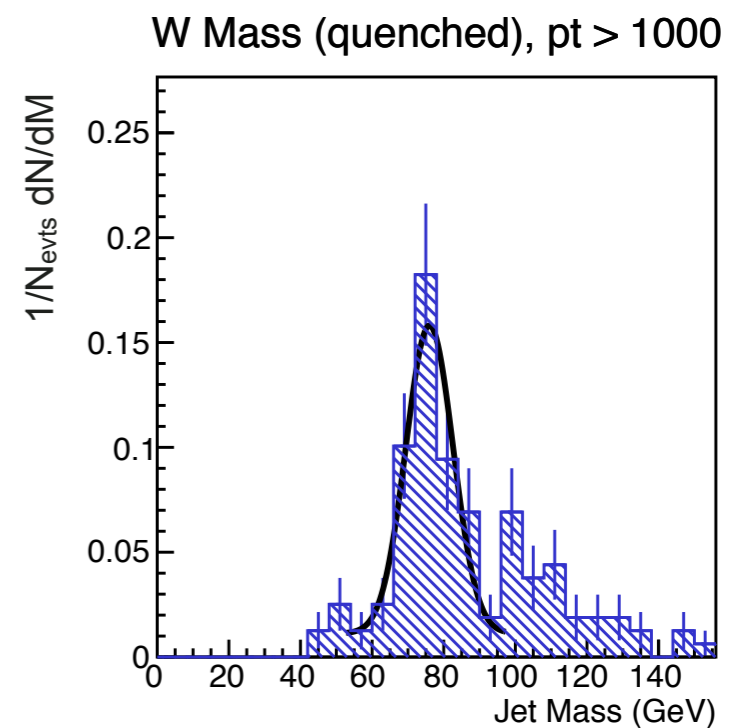
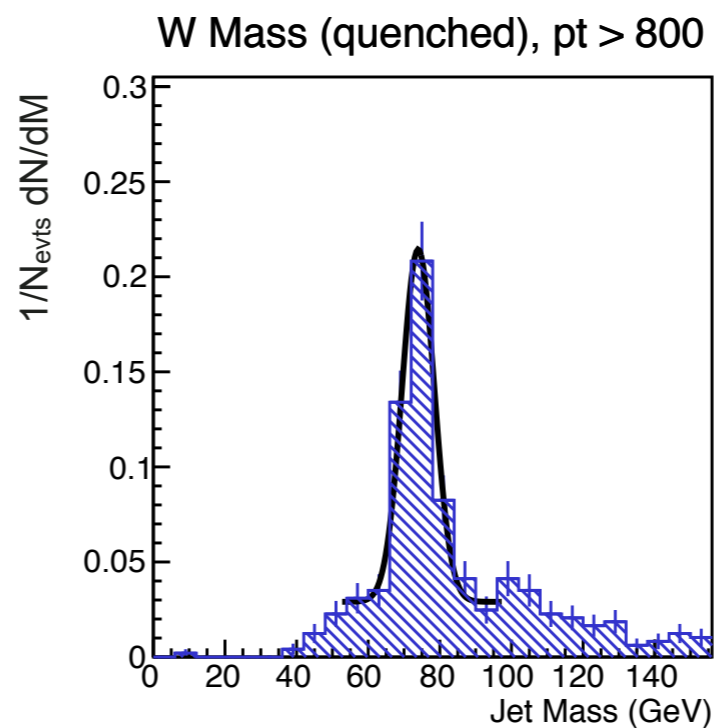
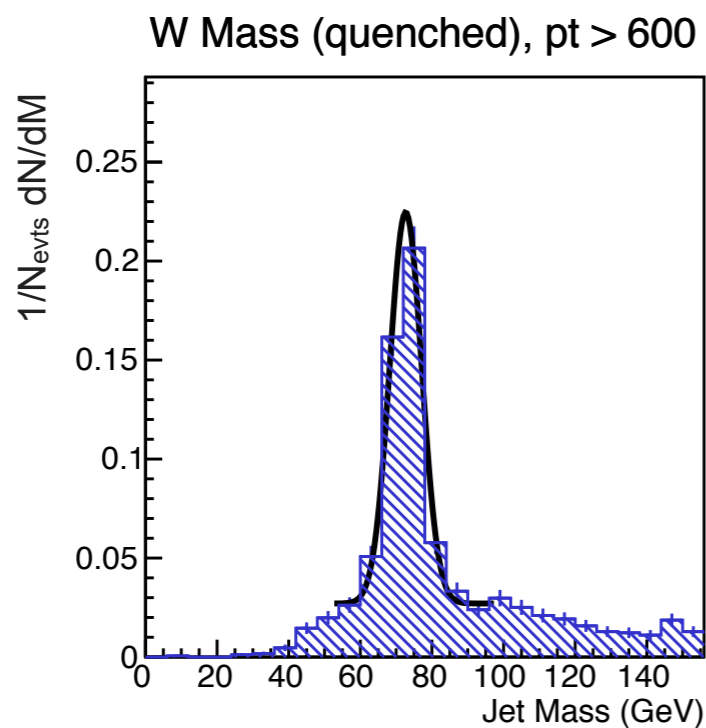
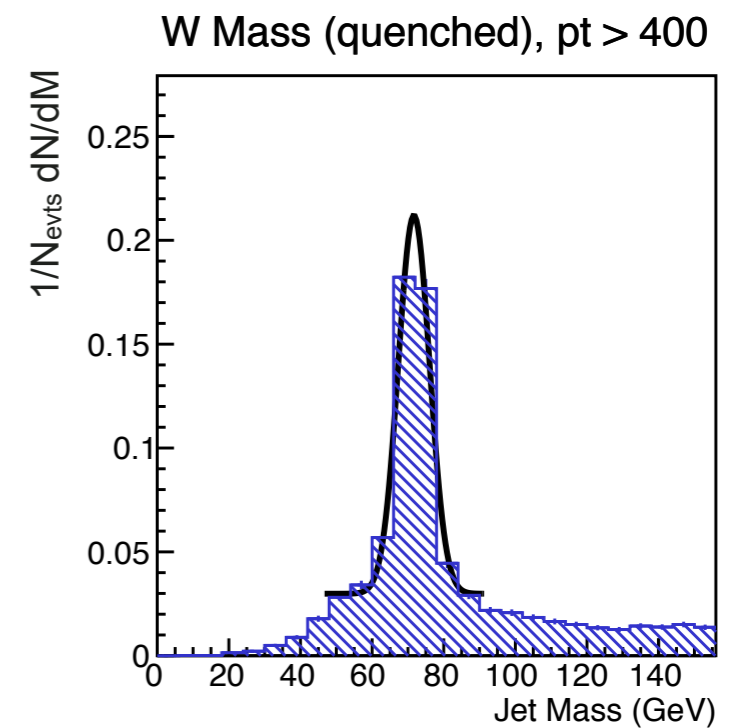
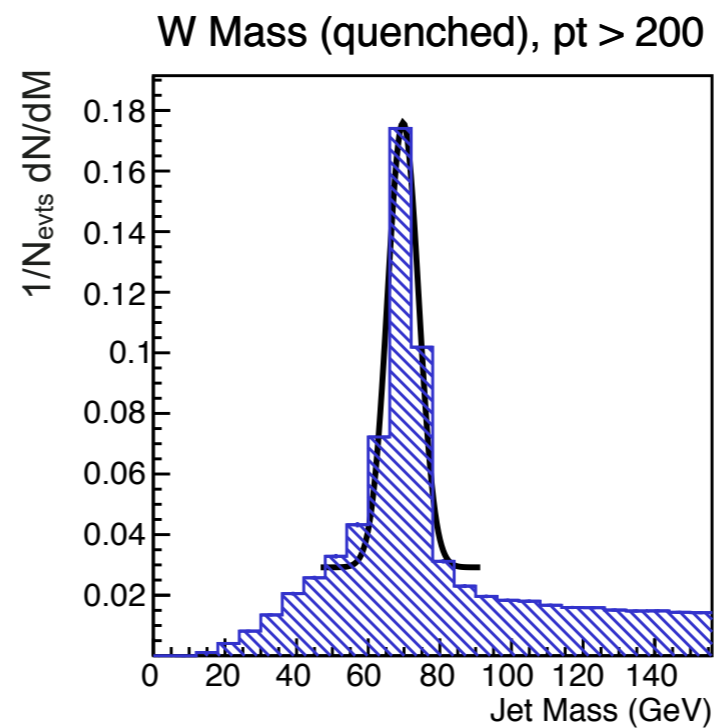
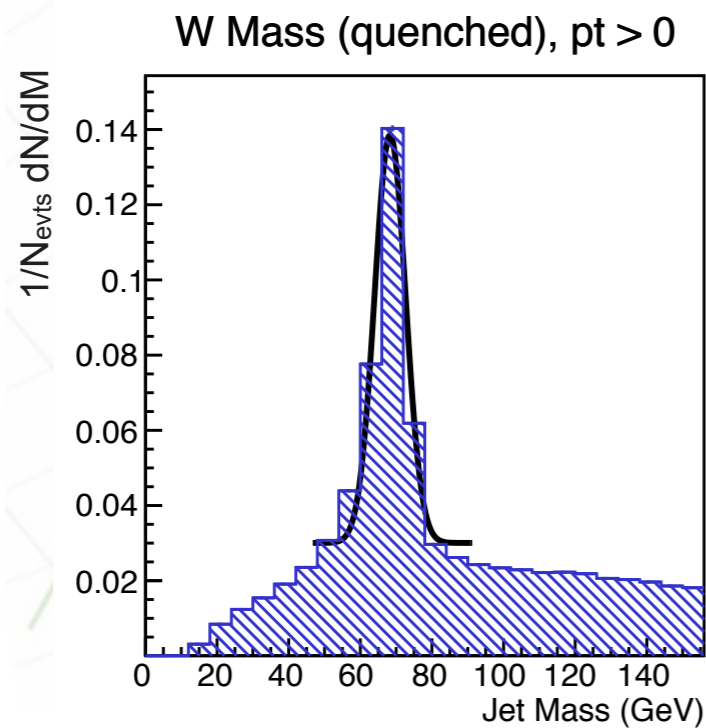
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Reconstructed W mass

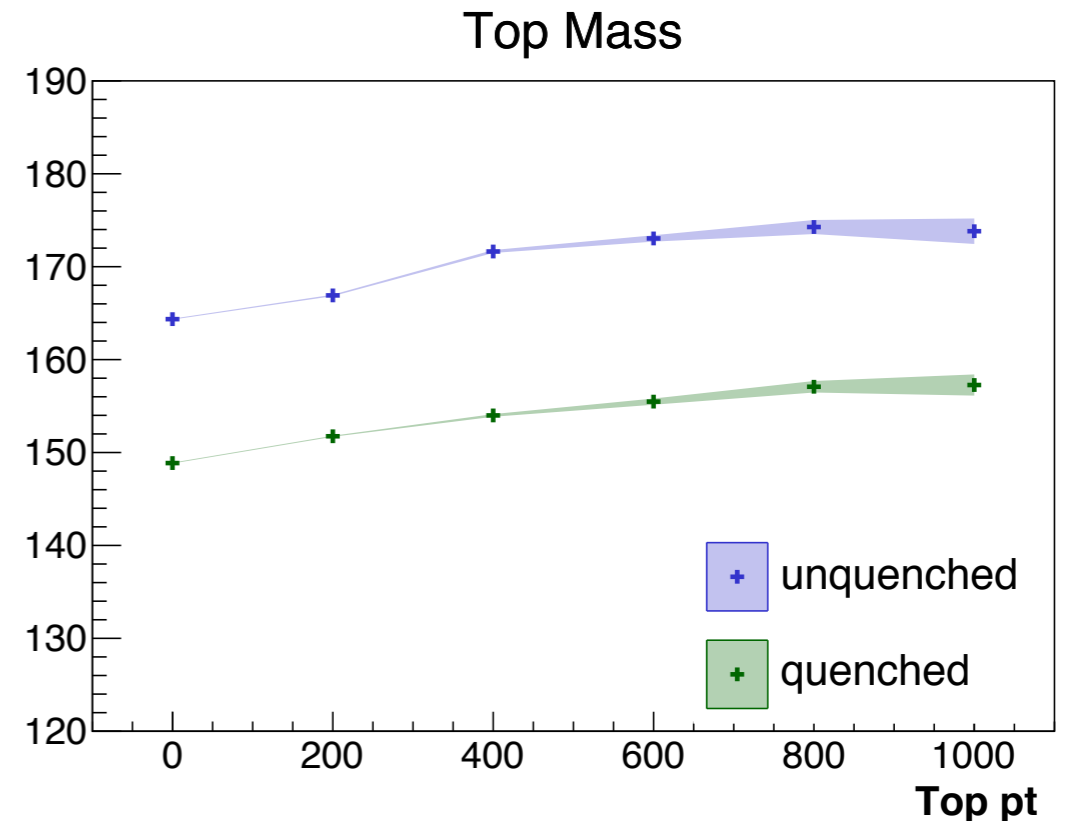
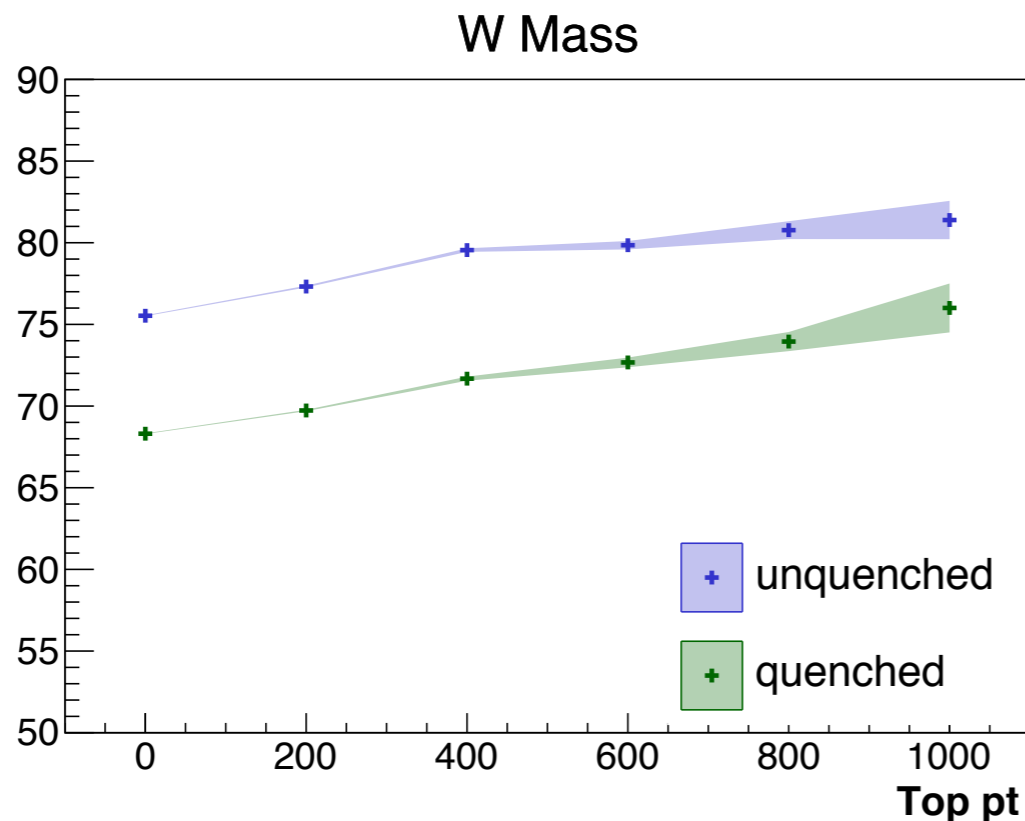


Reconstructed W mass



Rec masses vs Energy loss

All partons lose a 10% of energy

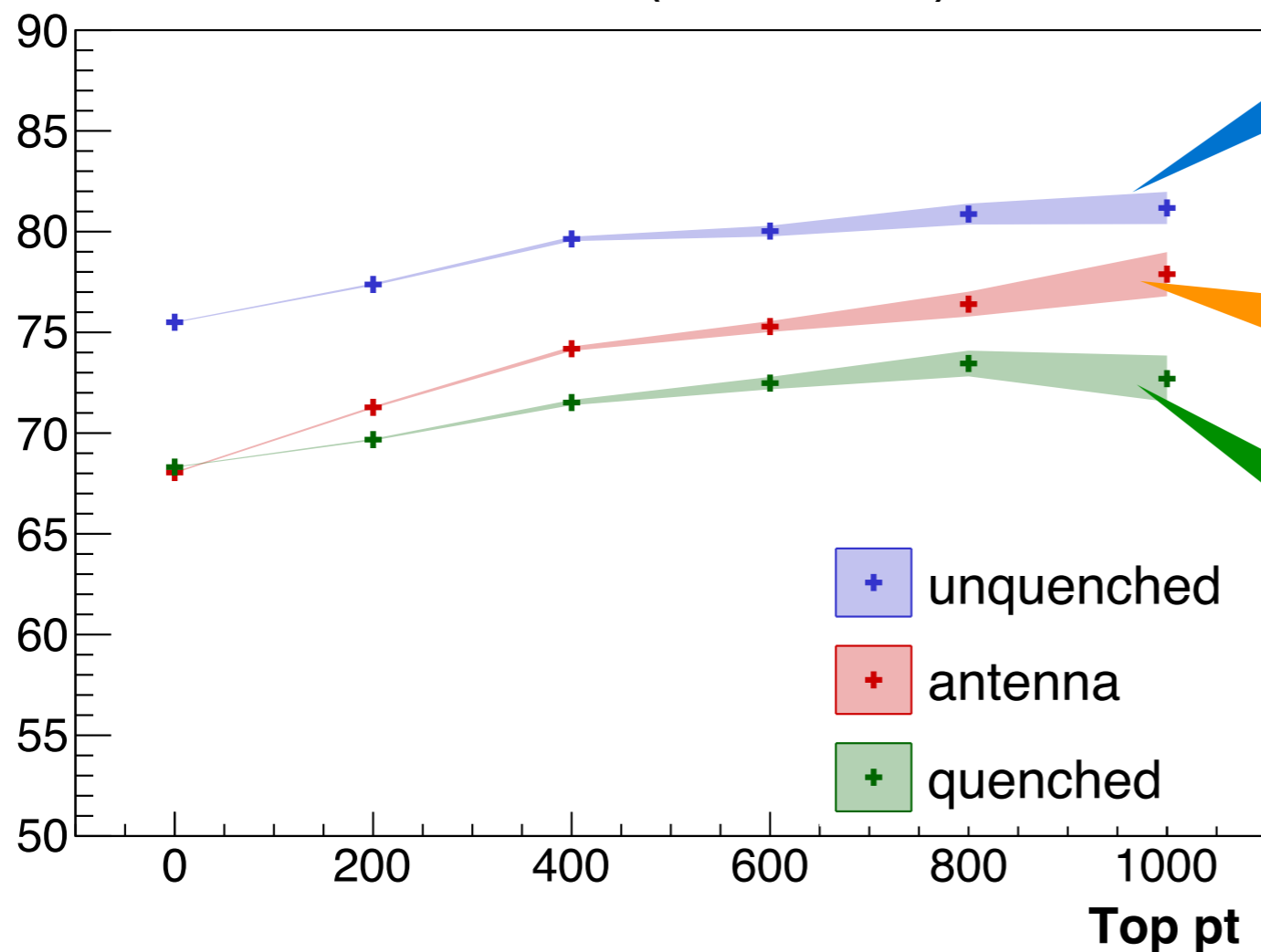


A very simplified energy loss scenario
but reconstructed masses clearly different with jet quenching

Color coherence

Simplified implementation
of color coherence

W Mass ($\tau = 5.0$ fm)



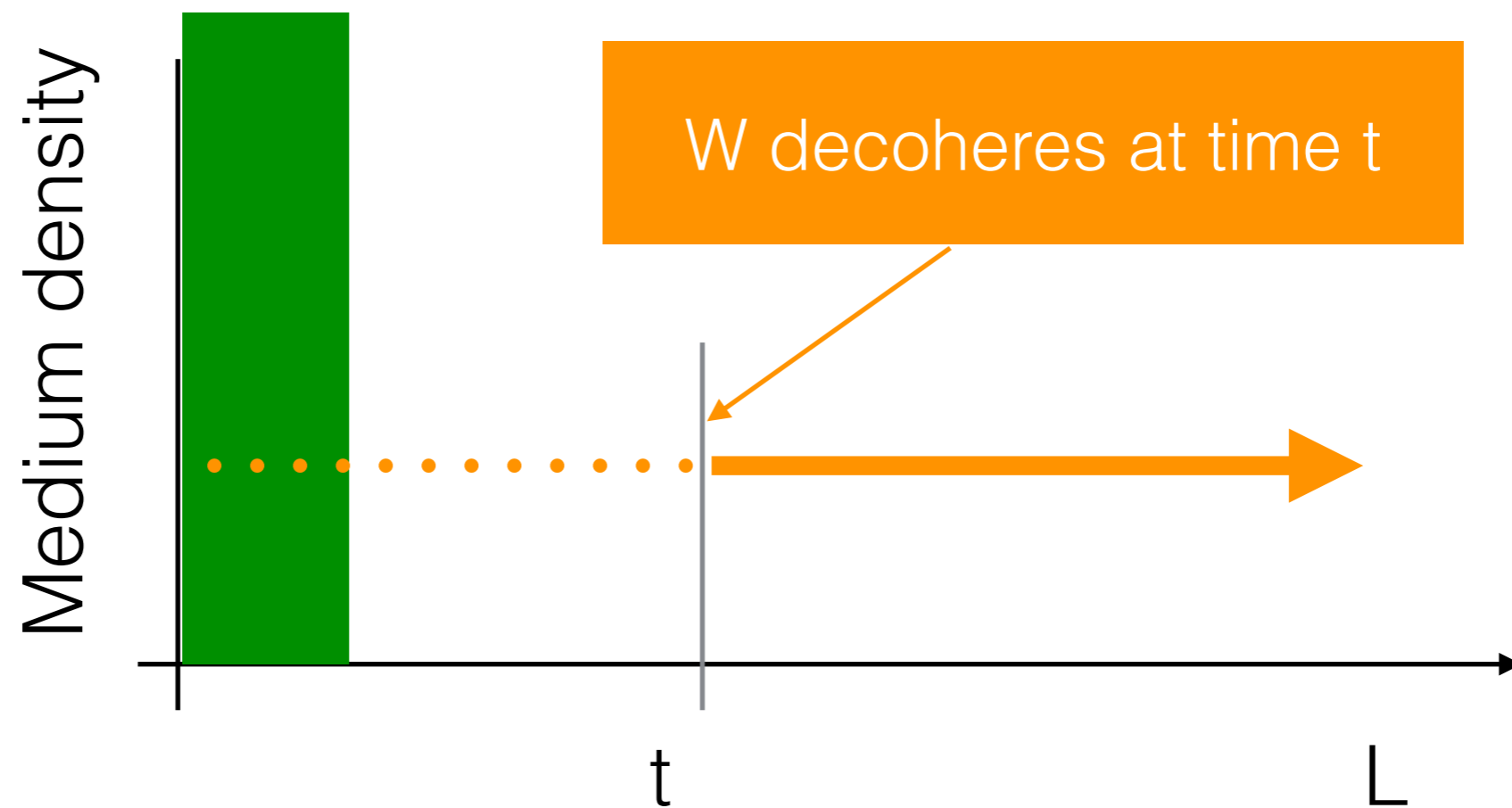
Unquenched

Partons from the decay of the W do not lose energy (totally coherent singlet antenna). All other 10% Energy loss

All partons 10% Energy loss

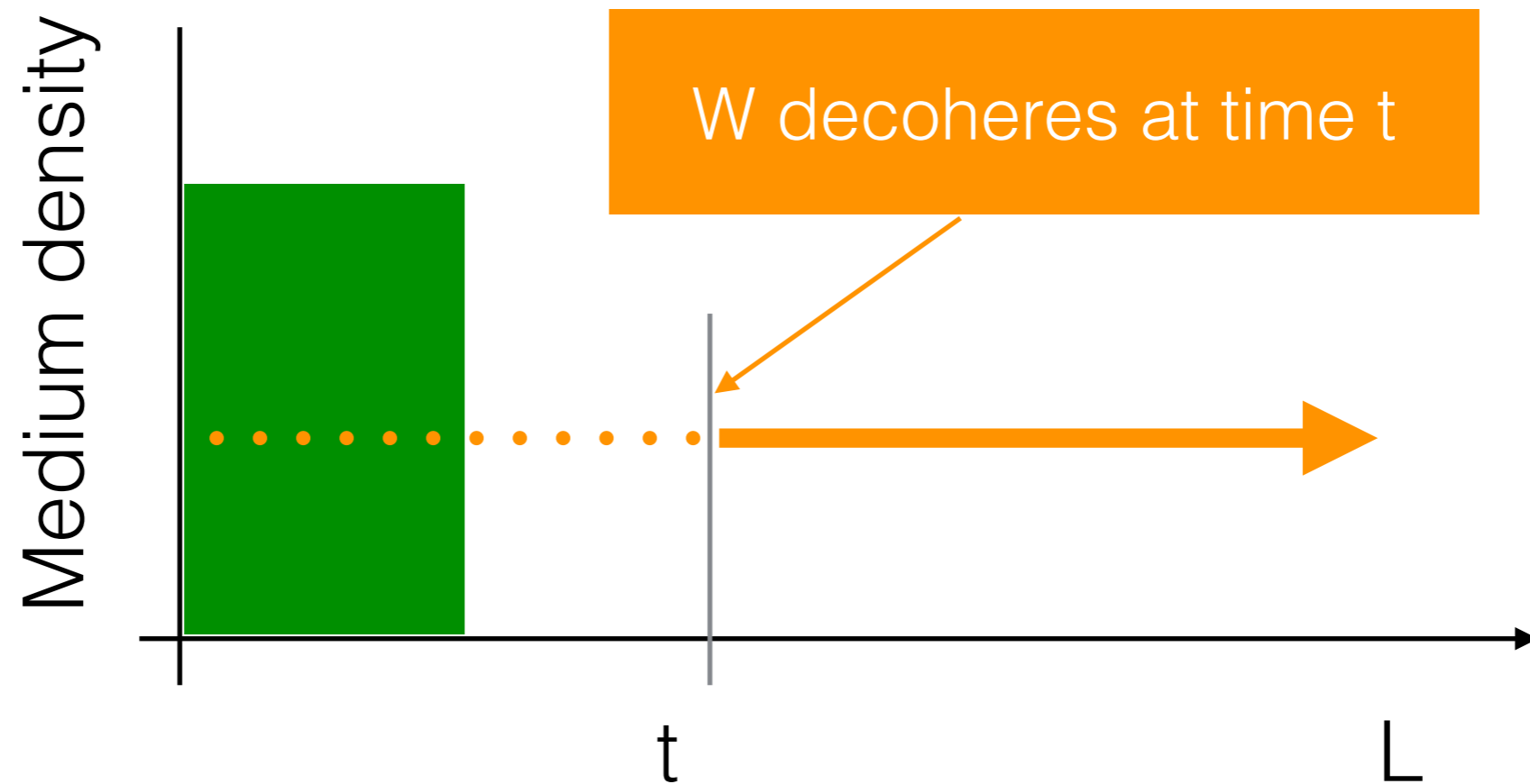
Time-dependent Eloss

Toy model to study the effect of “switching-off” the jet interaction for some time t



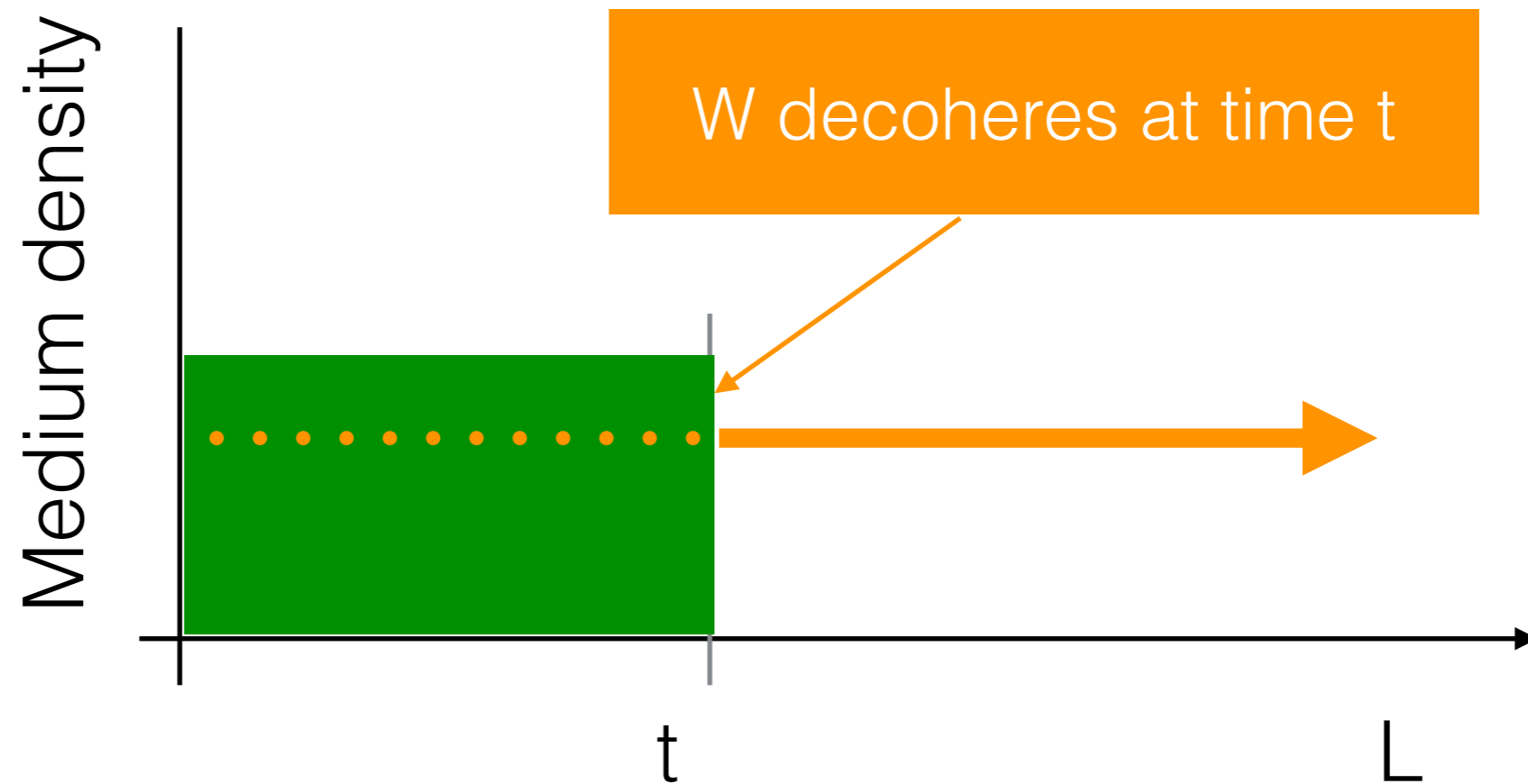
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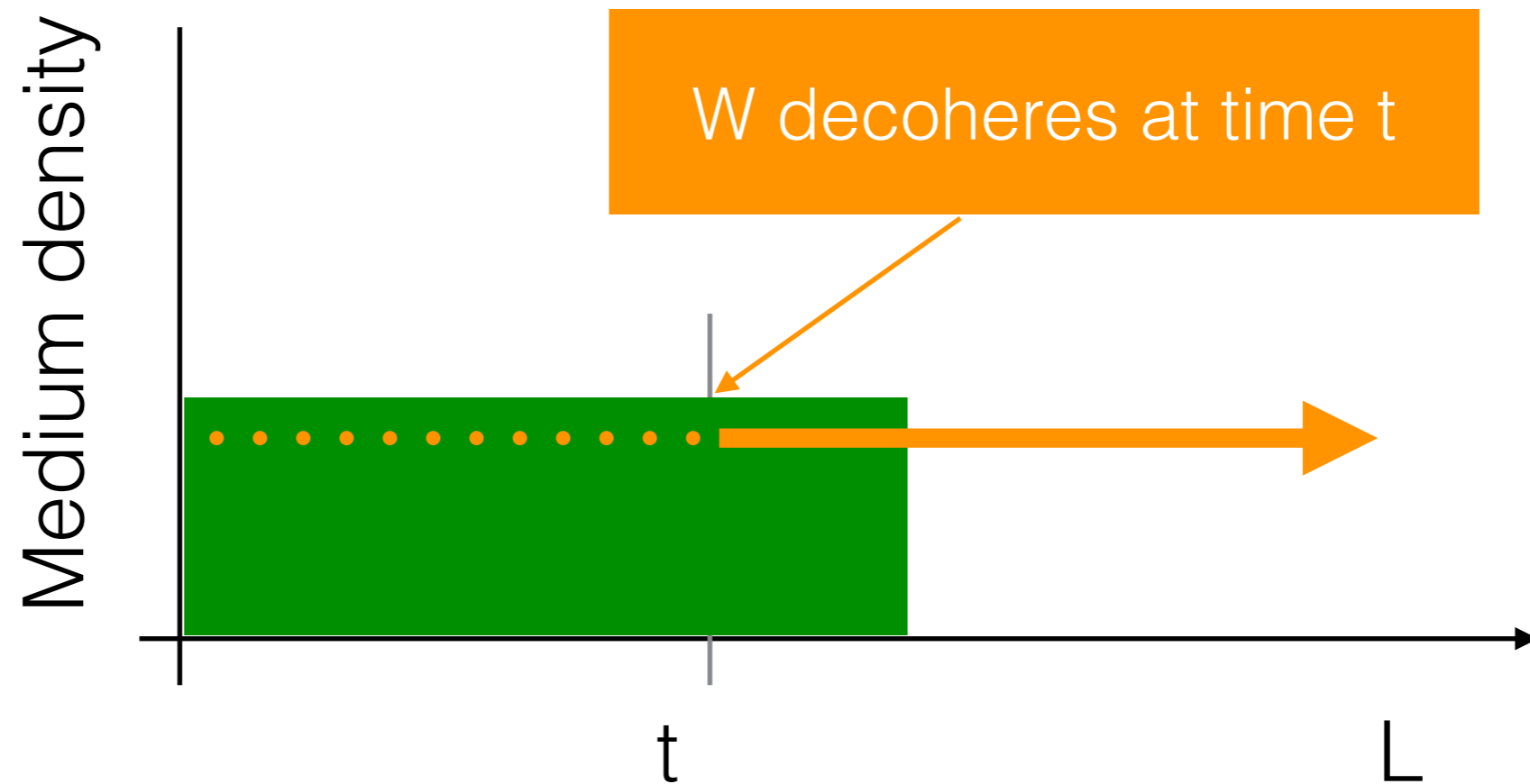
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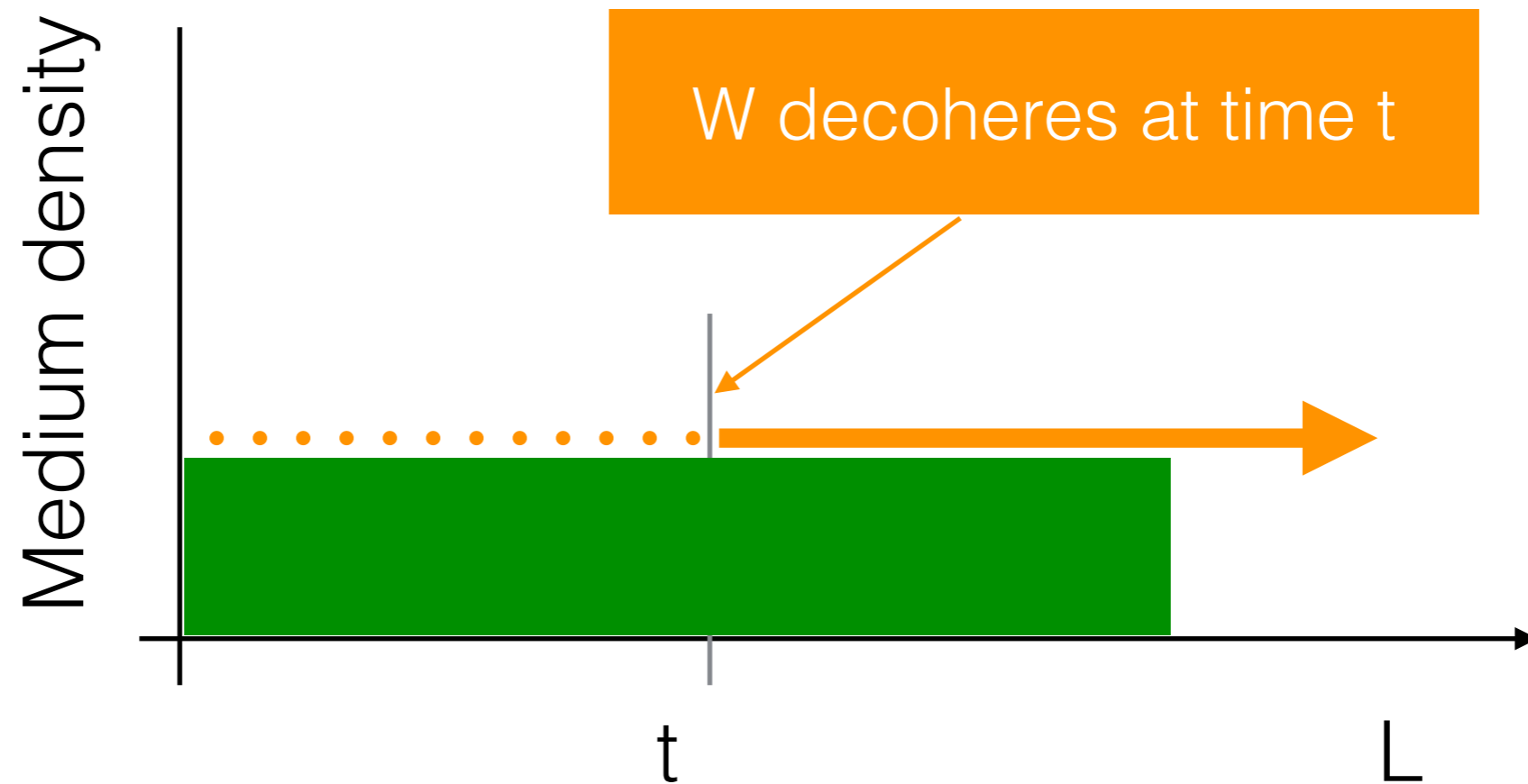
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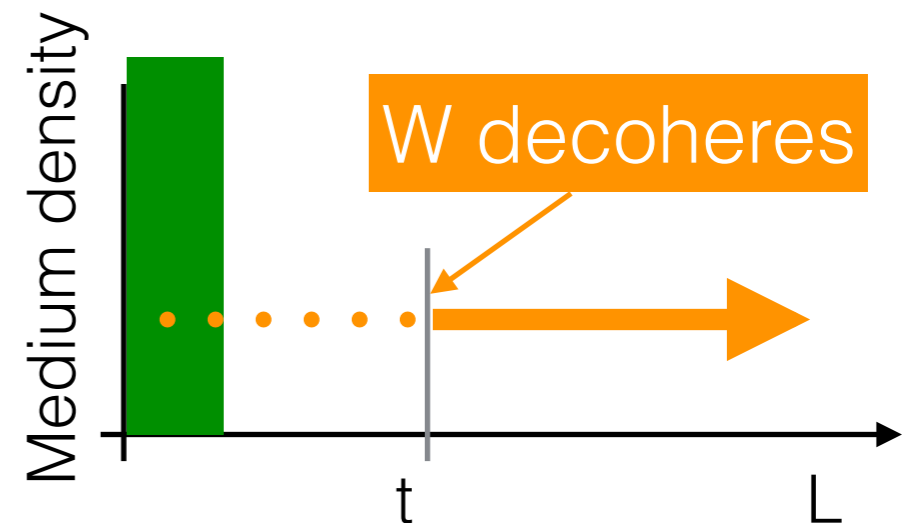
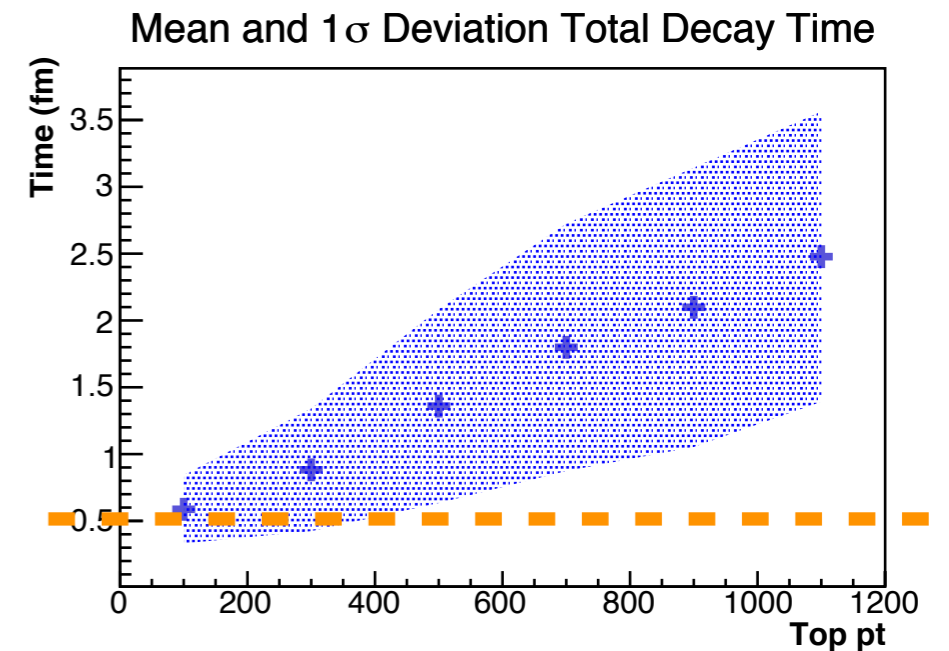
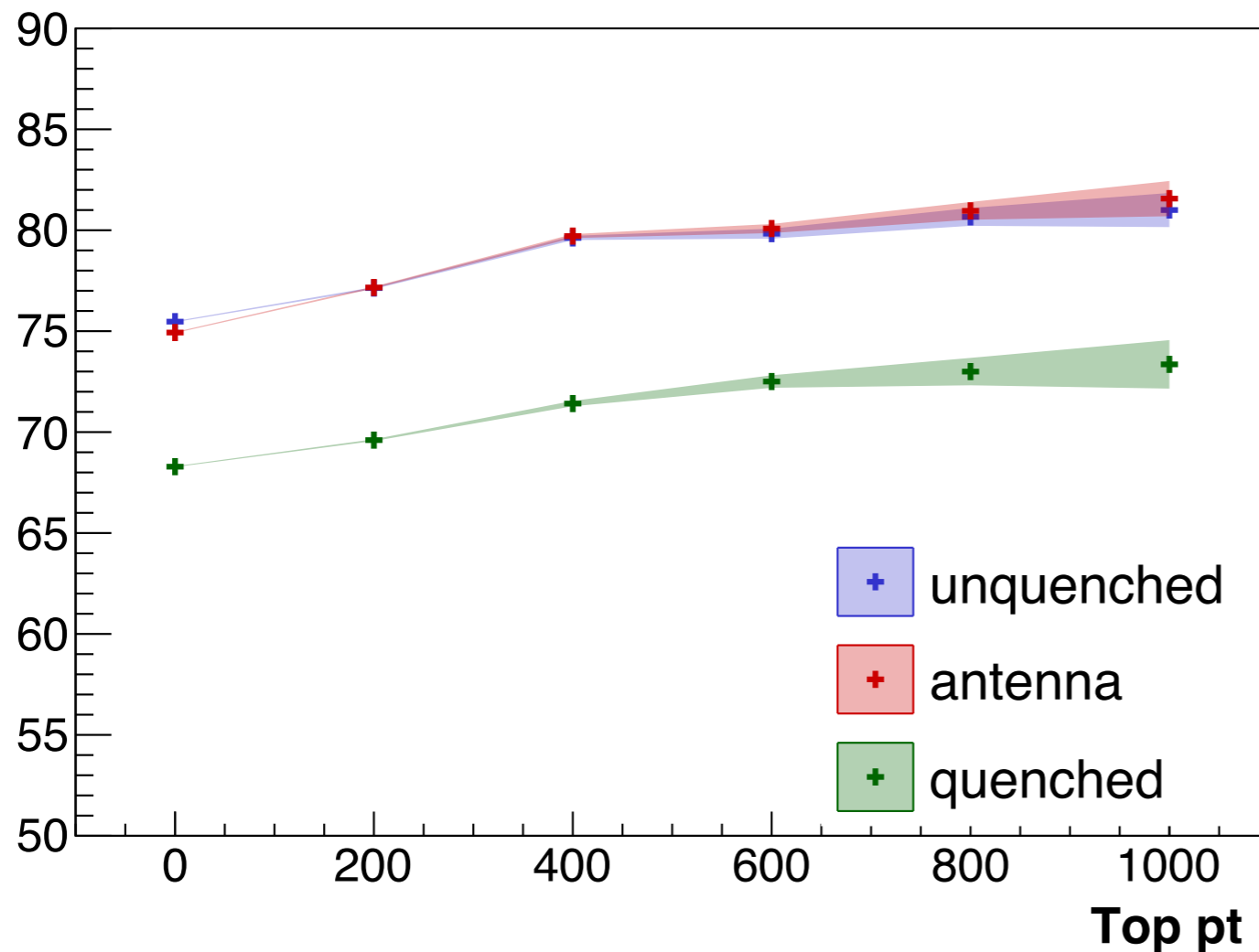


Time-dependent Eloss

Simple form:

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{L-t}{L} \approx 10\%$$

W Mass ($\tau = 0.5$ fm)

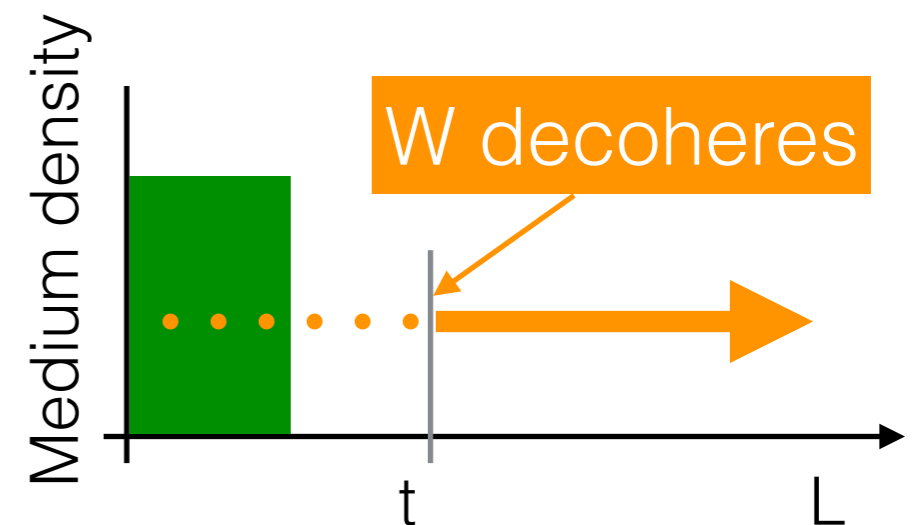
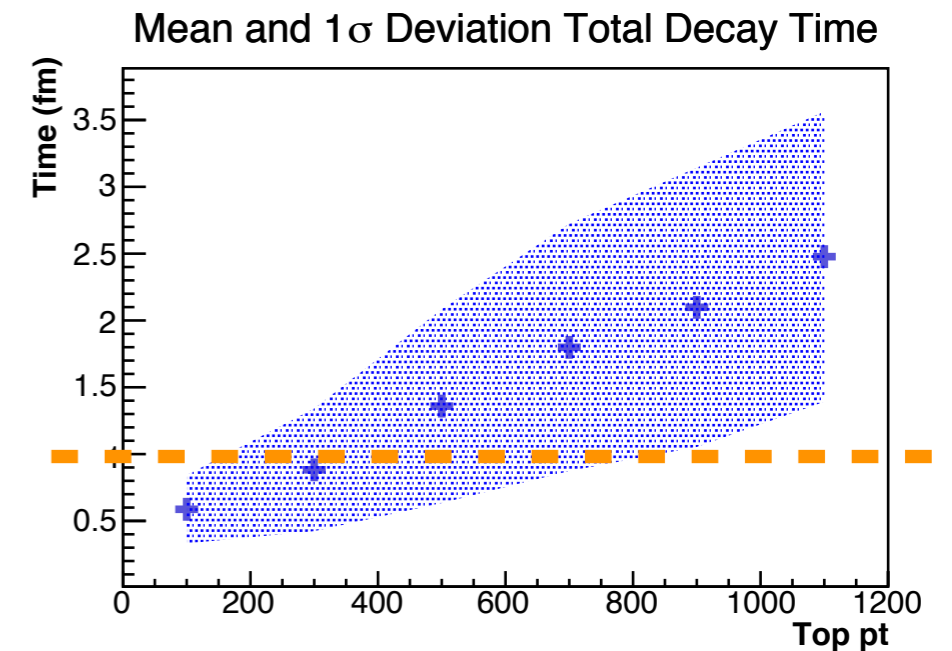
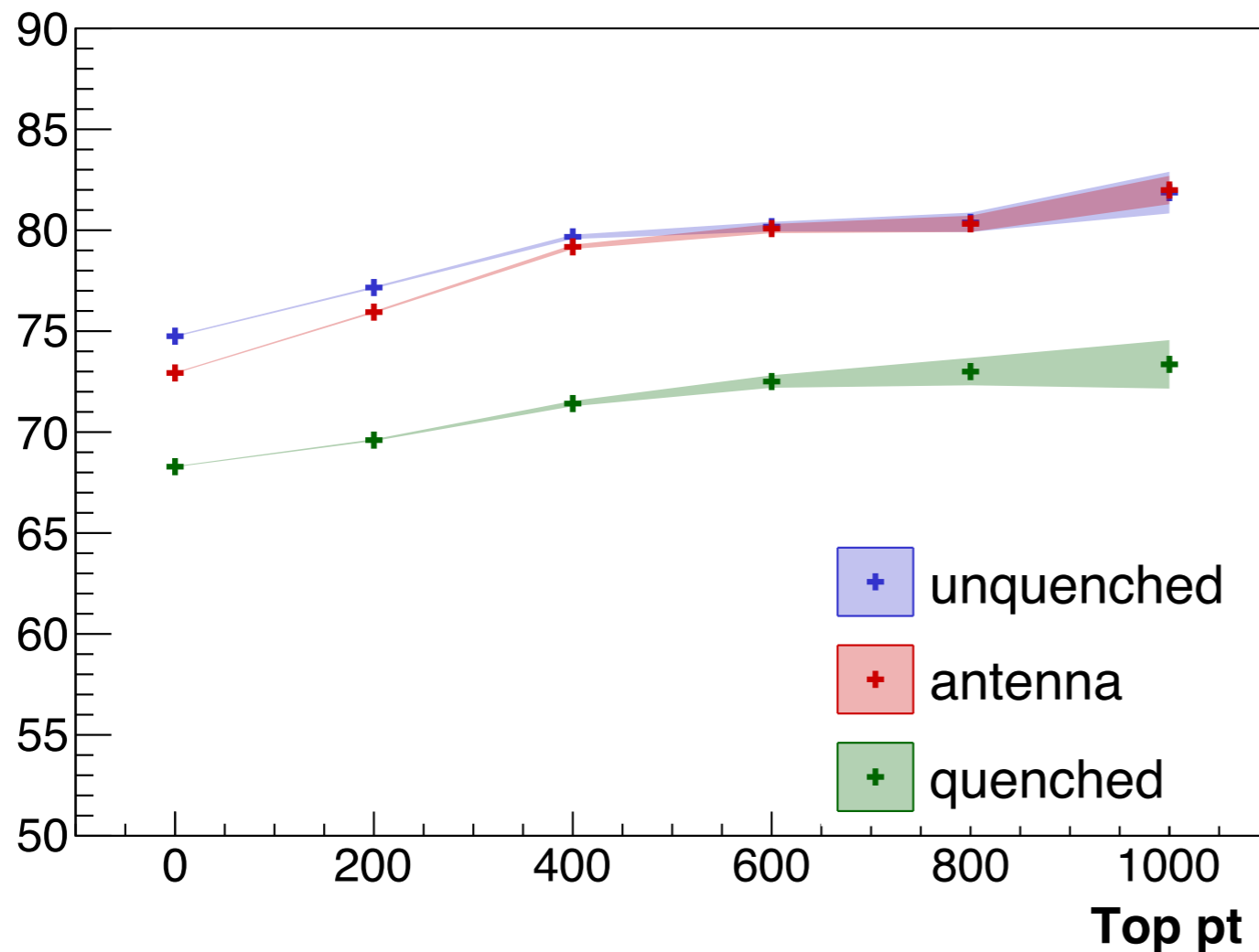


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W Mass ($\tau = 1.0$ fm)

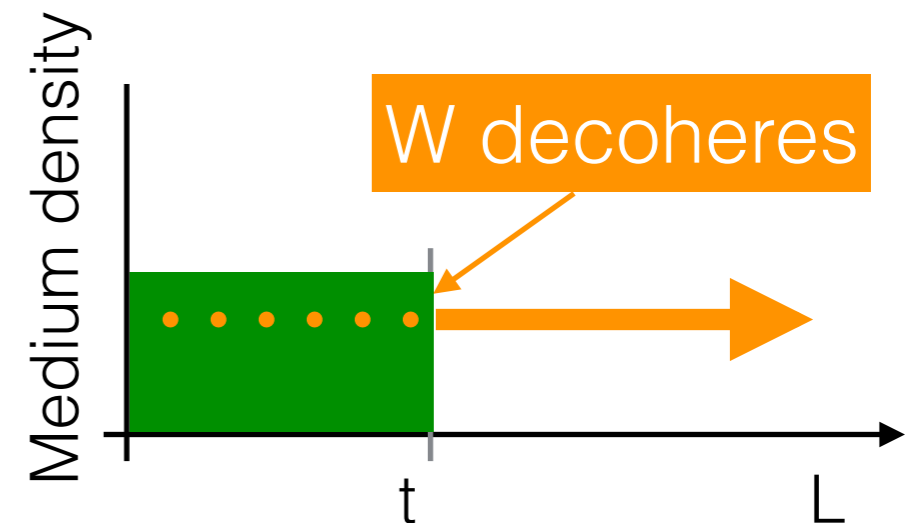
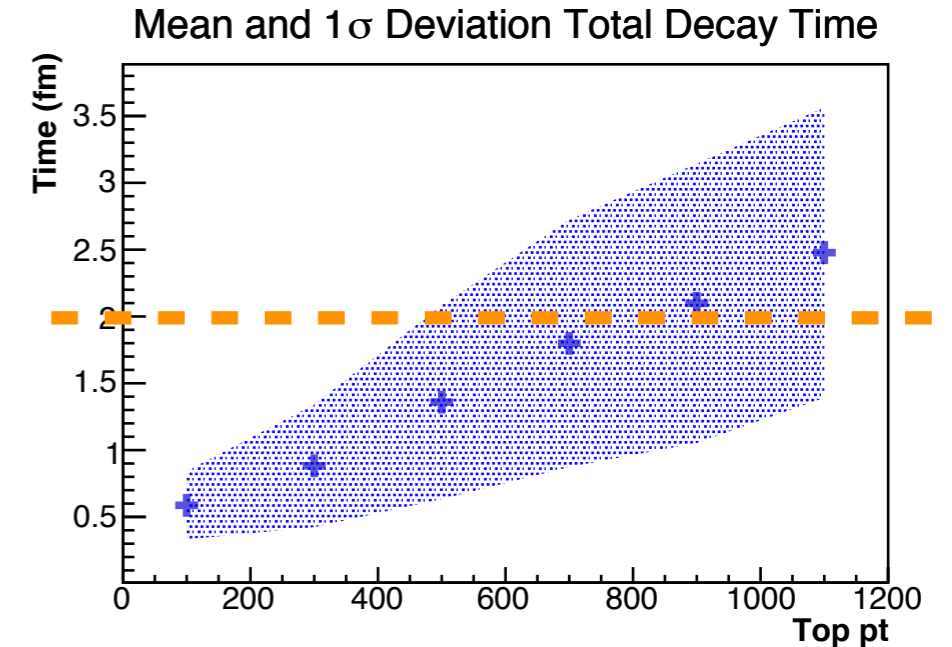
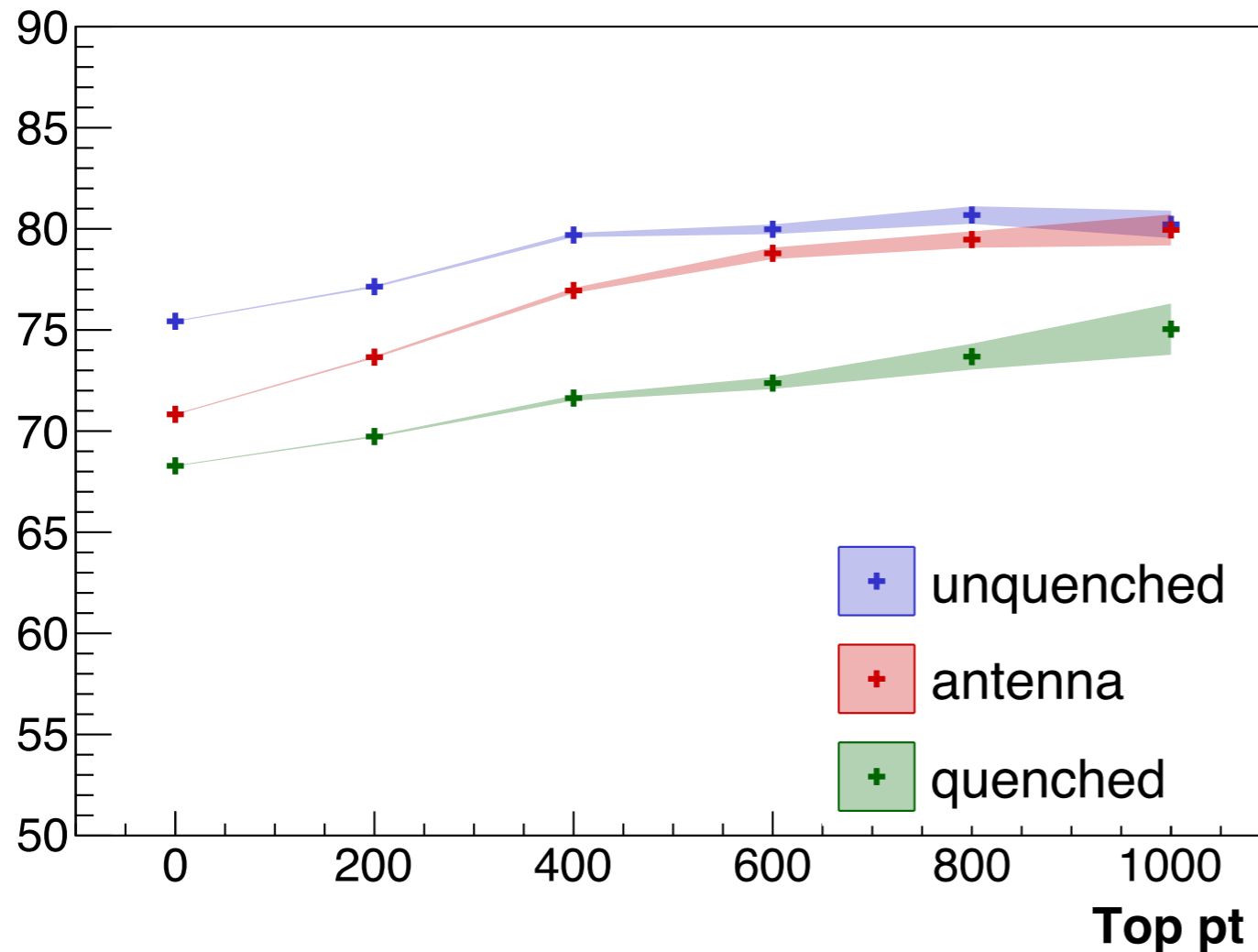


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W Mass ($\tau = 2.0$ fm)

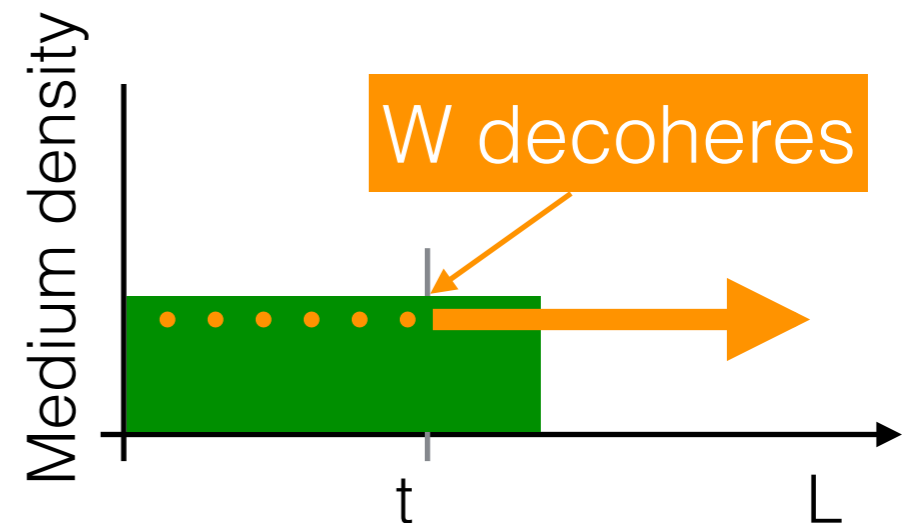
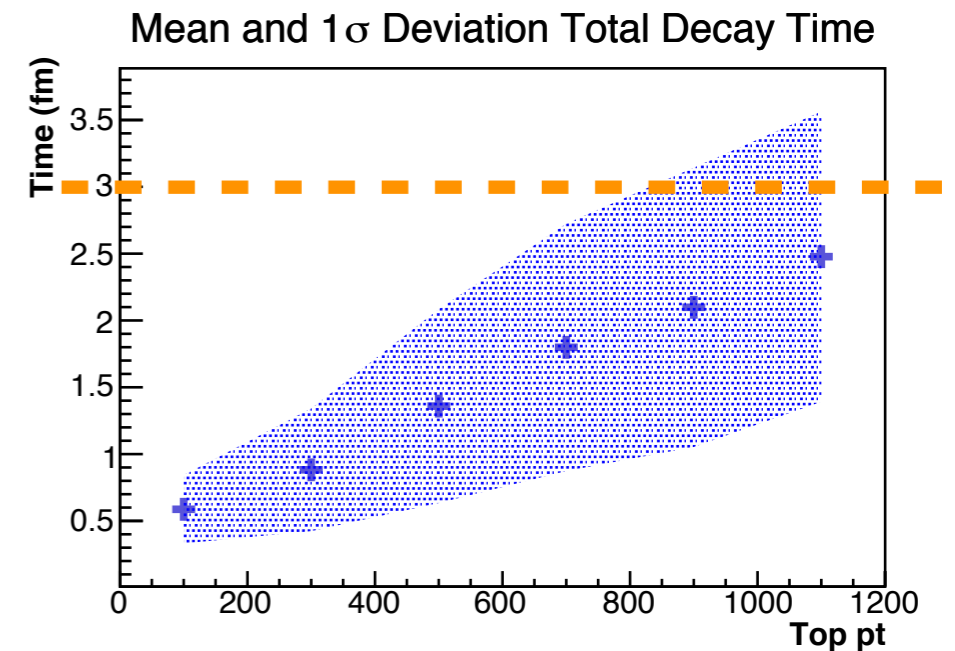
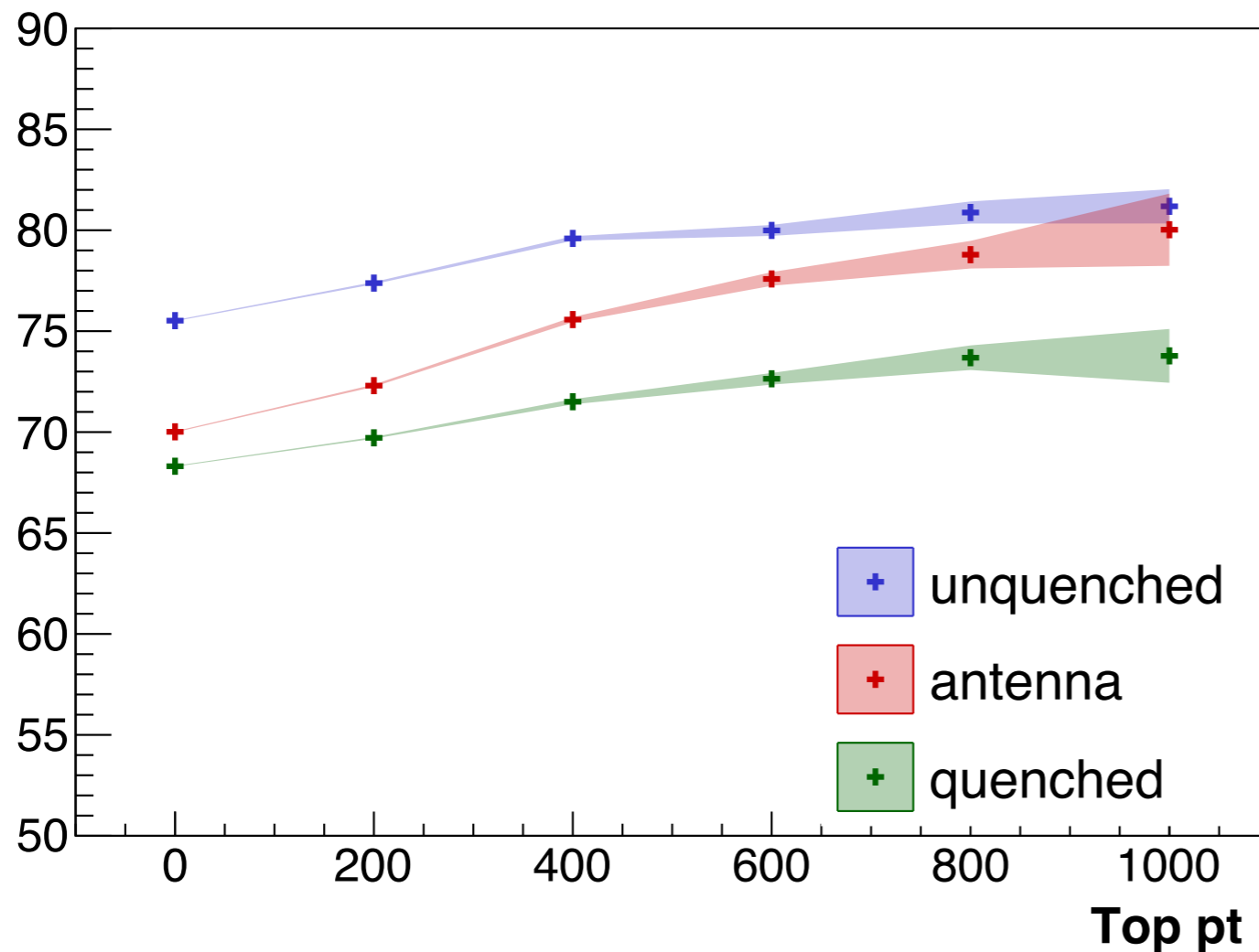


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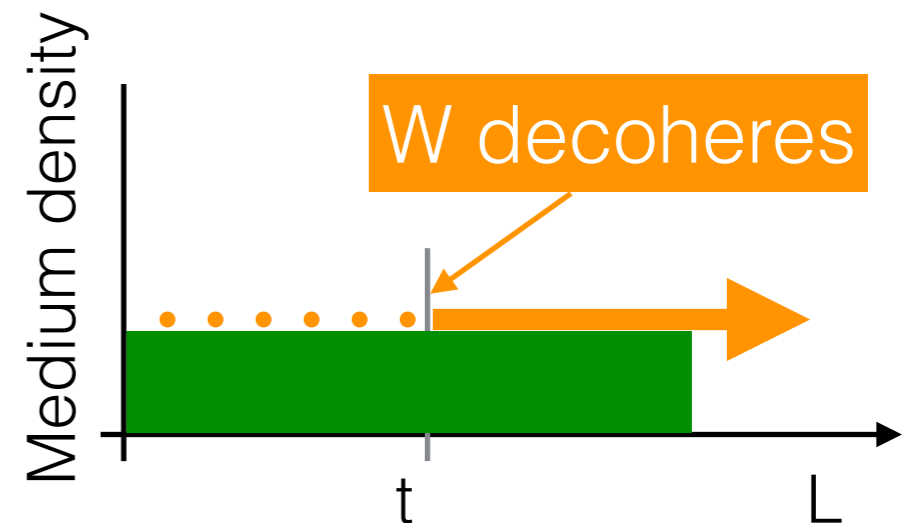
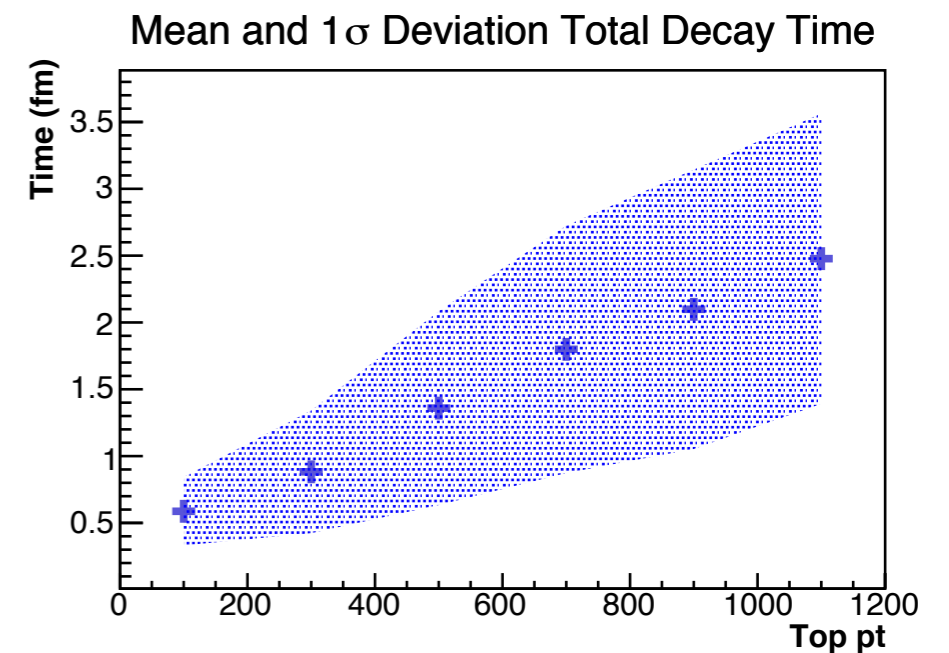
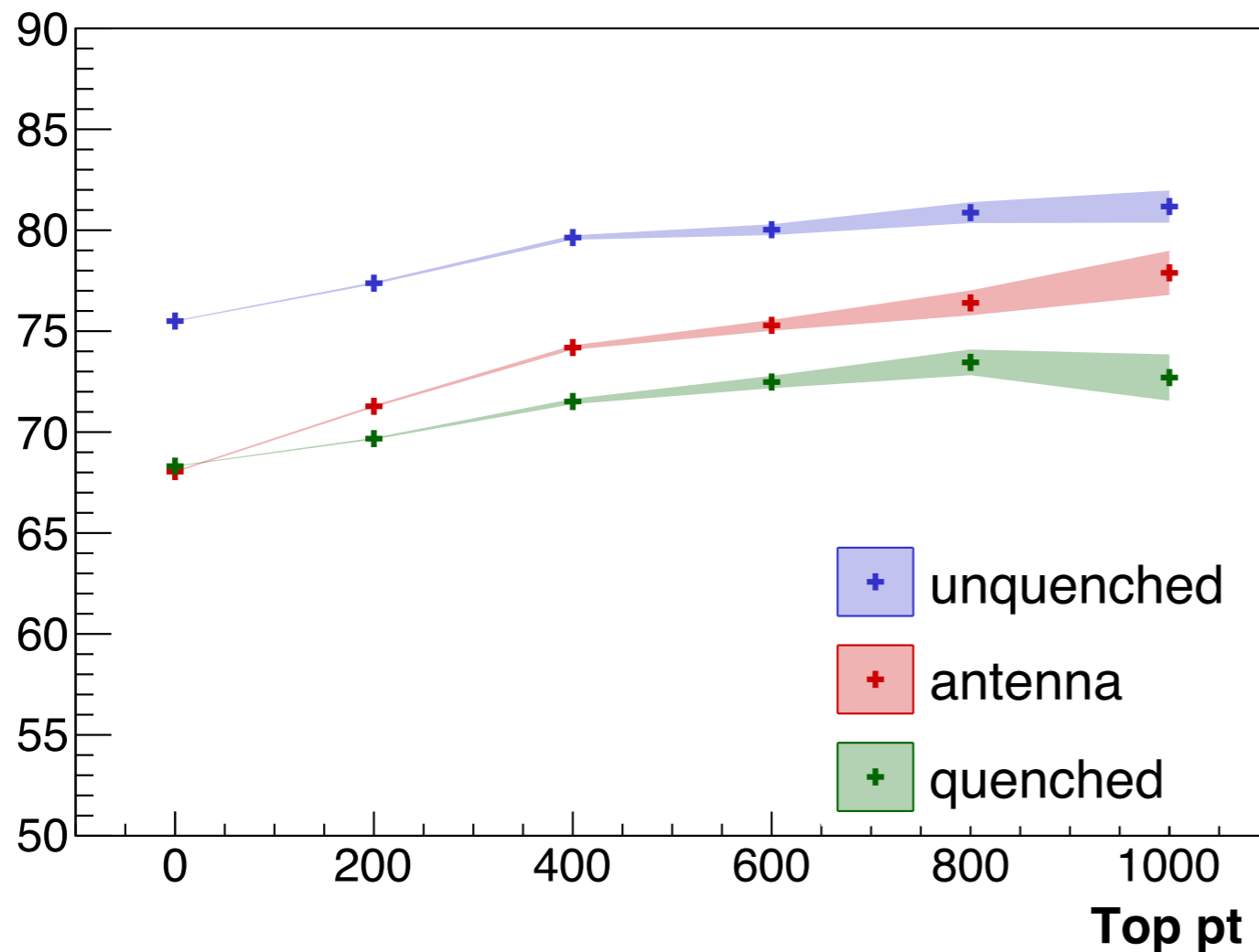


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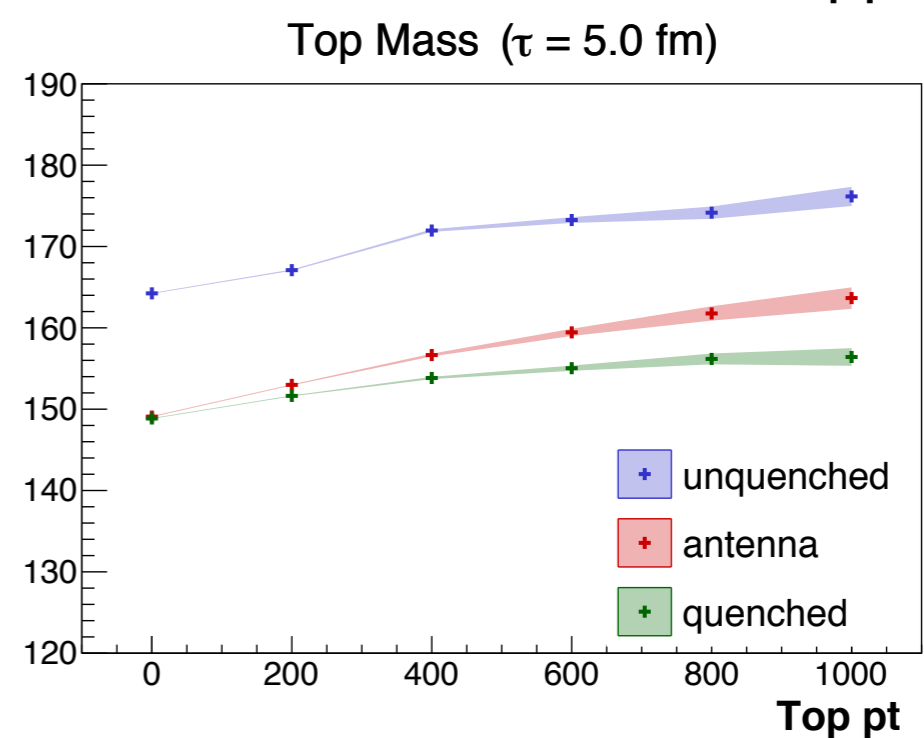
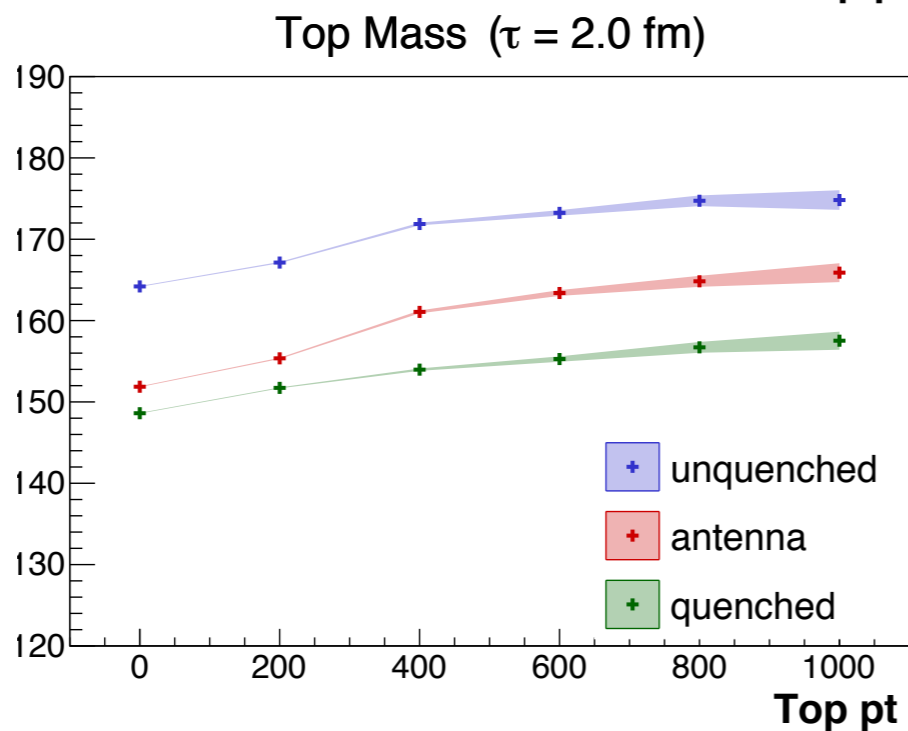
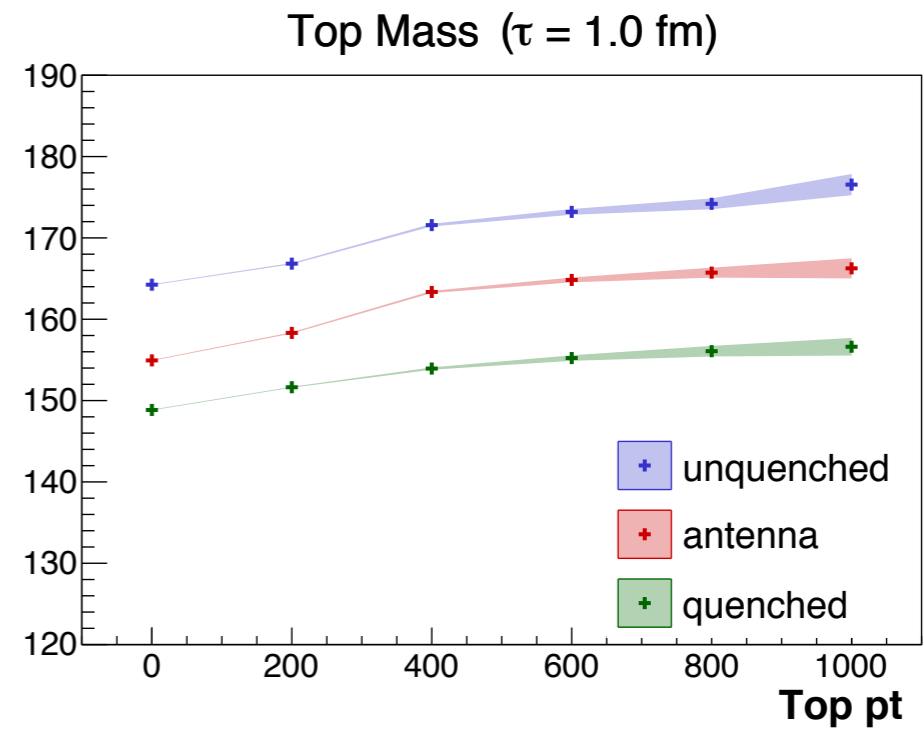
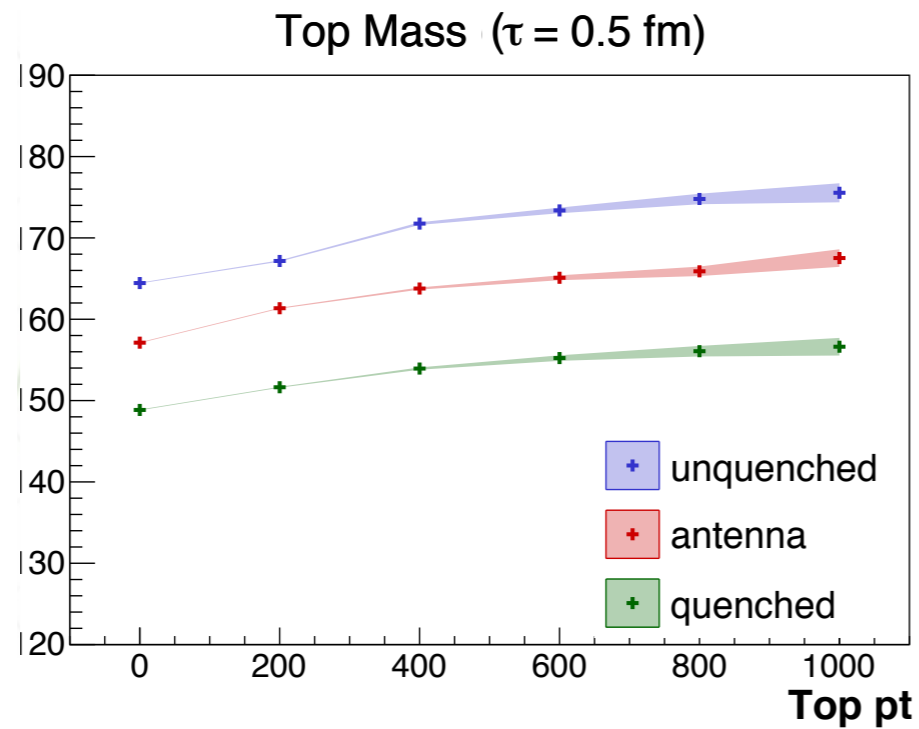
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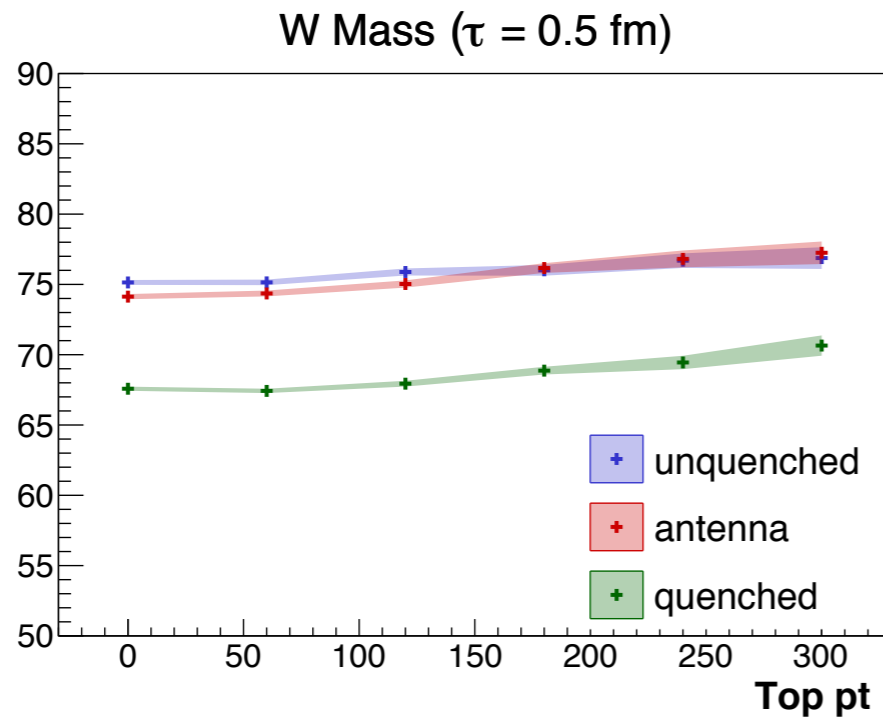
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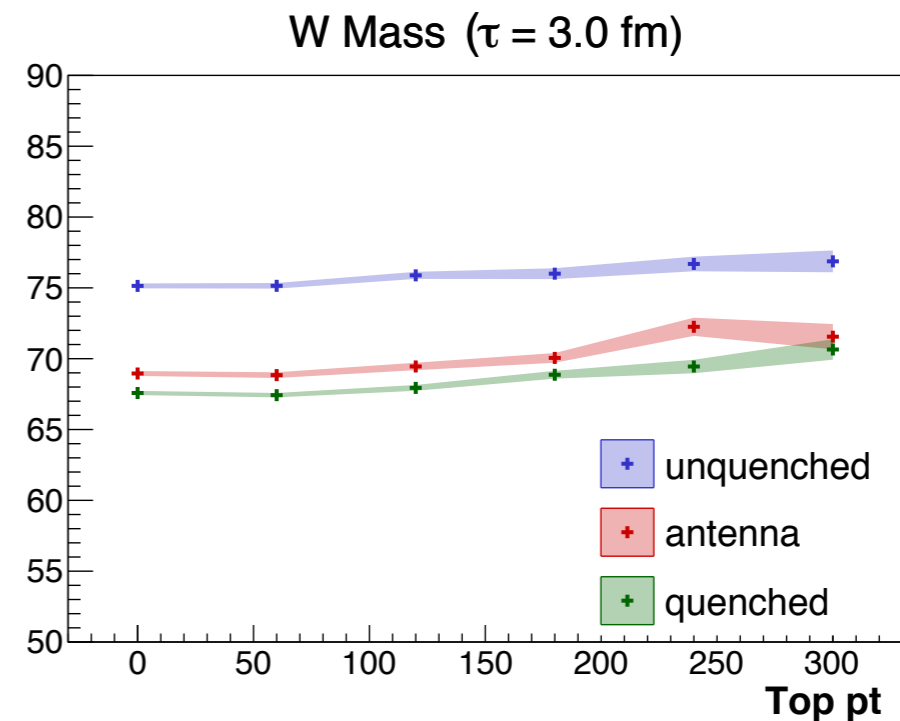
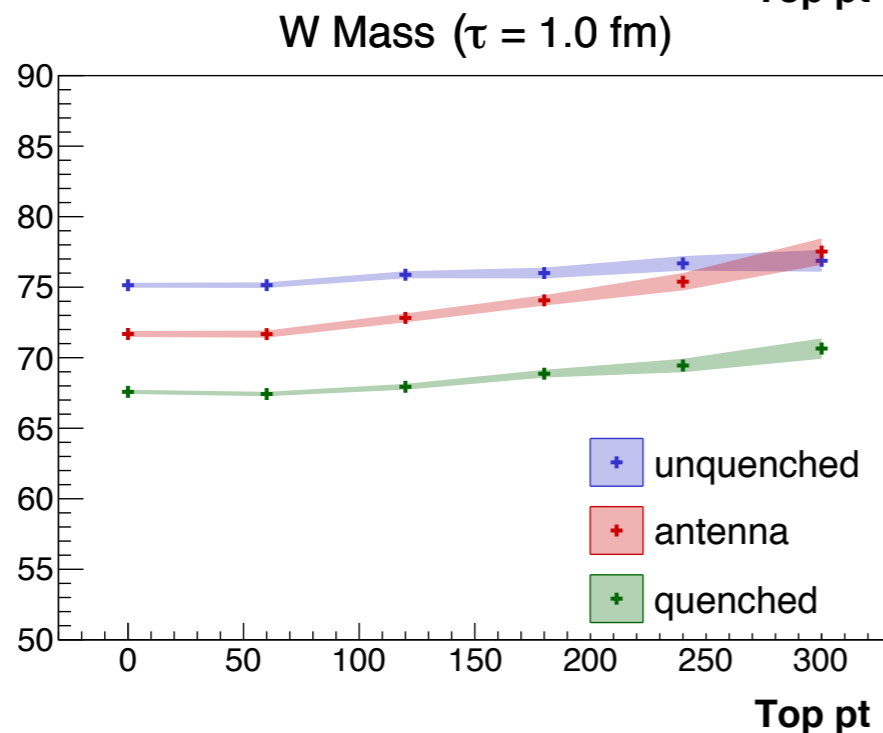
Top masses



HighLuminosity-LHC



Statistics limit the range of times
to $t \sim 1.2$ fm/c
($p_T < 200-300$ GeV)



Conclusions

- ▶ First proof-of-principle analysis of boosted tops in HI
- ▶ Different boosts measure different evolution times
 - Quenching is modified
- ▶ Large boosts effectively “***switch-off the medium***” for some fm - color singlet $W+qq\bar{q}$ antenna
 - Controls when jets start to interact with medium
- ▶ Access to **both small and large times** of the medium evolution with jet quenching

0.5 < t < 3.5 fm/c @ FCC

0.4 < t < 1.5 fm/c @ HL-LHC