

Top Quark Physics at LHC

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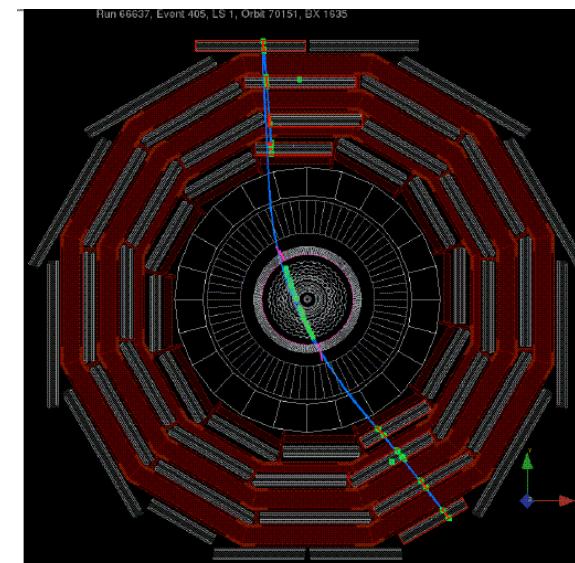
ATLAS and CMS at LHC

Multipurpose complexe detectors dedicated to particles properties measurements : good muon identification and momentum resolution, good electromagnetic identification and γ/e energy resolution, performant calorimetry for hadrons, precise and efficient inner tracking (inc. vertex capabilities), good jet and MissE_T resolution

pp collisions at LHC. Goal: $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$, $L = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

2009-2010: $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$, $L = 10^{31} - 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$, $\int L dt \approx 200 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

Detector comissionning with cosmics events
 $O(100M)$ events ->
 Tests of reco/analysis chain, tracker operation and alignment, muon detector resolution and efficiency



$\geq 95\%$ pixel detector operational

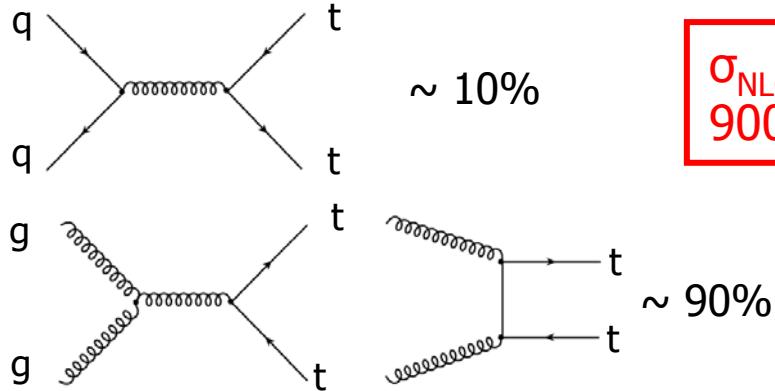
CMS

ALL results presented from simulations at $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$

Top Quark production and decay at LHC

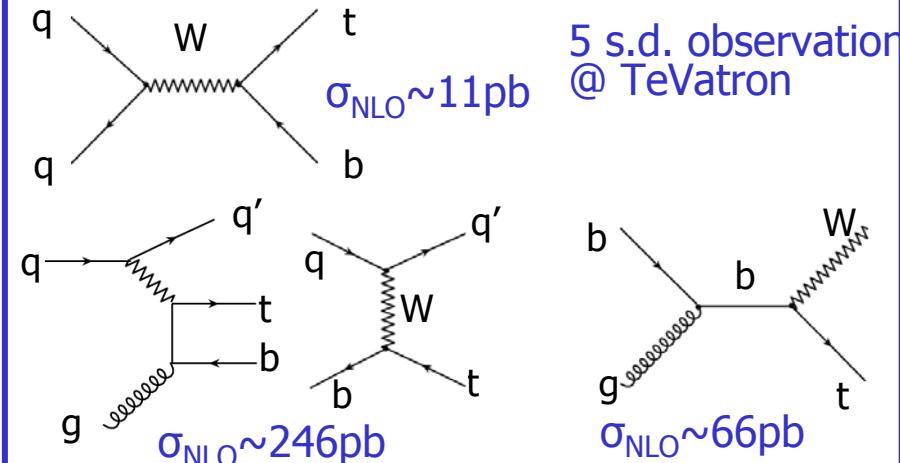


Strong interaction: tt pair



$\Delta \text{Th/Th} : \sim 6\text{-}9\%$

Weak interaction: single t / \bar{t}



$\Delta \text{Th/Th} : \sim 5\text{-}10\%$

$\sigma(t) \neq \sigma(\bar{t})$

$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow Wb) \sim 100\%, \text{ no top hadronization (SM)}$

tt final states (produced, 1 fb^{-1}) :

Full hadronic: 6 jets (2b) $\sim 400 \text{ K events}$

Semileptonic: 1 ν + 4 jets (2b) $\sim 270 \text{ K events}$

Dileptonic: 2 ℓ 2 ν + 2b $\sim 68 \text{ K events}$

LHC=Top factory : High P_T lepton(s)+ MissE_T +multijets (with $\geq 1 \text{ b}$)

$W \rightarrow e/\mu\nu, qq$

Single top final states (produced, 1 fb^{-1}) :

t-channel: 1 ν + 2 jets (1b) $\sim 50 \text{ K events}$

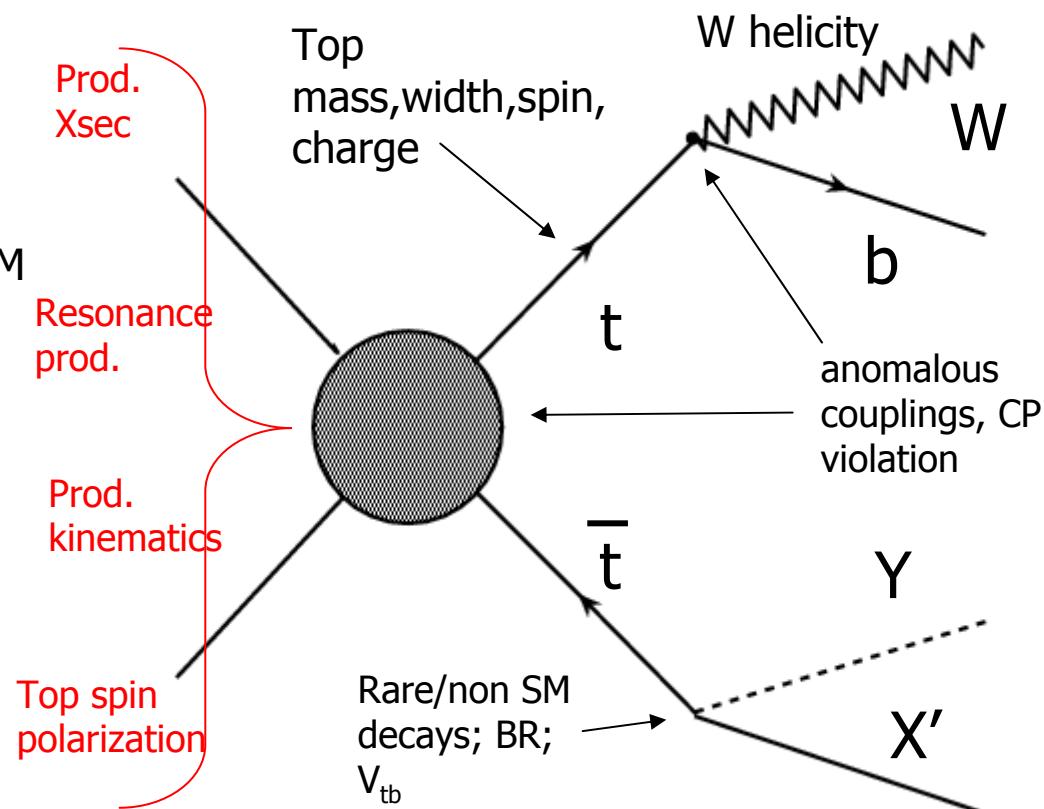
tW: 1 ν + 3 jets (1b) $\sim 20 \text{ K events}$

s-channel: 1 ν + 2 jets (2b) $\sim 2 \text{ K events}$

Motivations for top quark physics at the LHC

1/ Measurements

- Xsections
 - Rediscovering ($O(10\text{pb}^{-1})$), basic ($O(100\text{pb}^{-1})$), precise ($\geq 1\text{fb}^{-1}$)
 - Main bckg for searches beyond SM
- Top mass determination
 - fundamental parameter (highest mass in SM)
 - Higgs mass constraint
- Top properties
 - charge, spin pol., decays, couplings, rare/FCNC decays



2/ Top=Tool for understanding/calibration of the detector

- Jet energy scale, B-tagging

Start at $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$ instead of $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$

-> $t\bar{t}$ Xsec reduced by a factor ~ 2

-> Z/W+jets down by $\sim 25\%$, (Higgs(200GeV) $\sim 50\%$)

Top pairs production (rediscovering $O(10\text{pb}^{-1})$)

Remarkable topology: t and t central, back to back in transverse plane

Dilepton selection (ee, $\mu\mu$, e μ incl. $\tau \rightarrow \text{lepton}$):

2 isolated high P_T ($>20\text{GeV}$) leptons, loose elId

2 central jets ($E_T > 30\text{GeV}$)

Miss $E_T > 20\text{GeV}$ ($e\mu$), 30GeV (ee, $\mu\mu$)

Bckgd = Z+jets, tt semil(+fake), W+jets

Semileptonic (μ) selection:

1 central isolated high P_T ($>30\text{GeV}$) μ

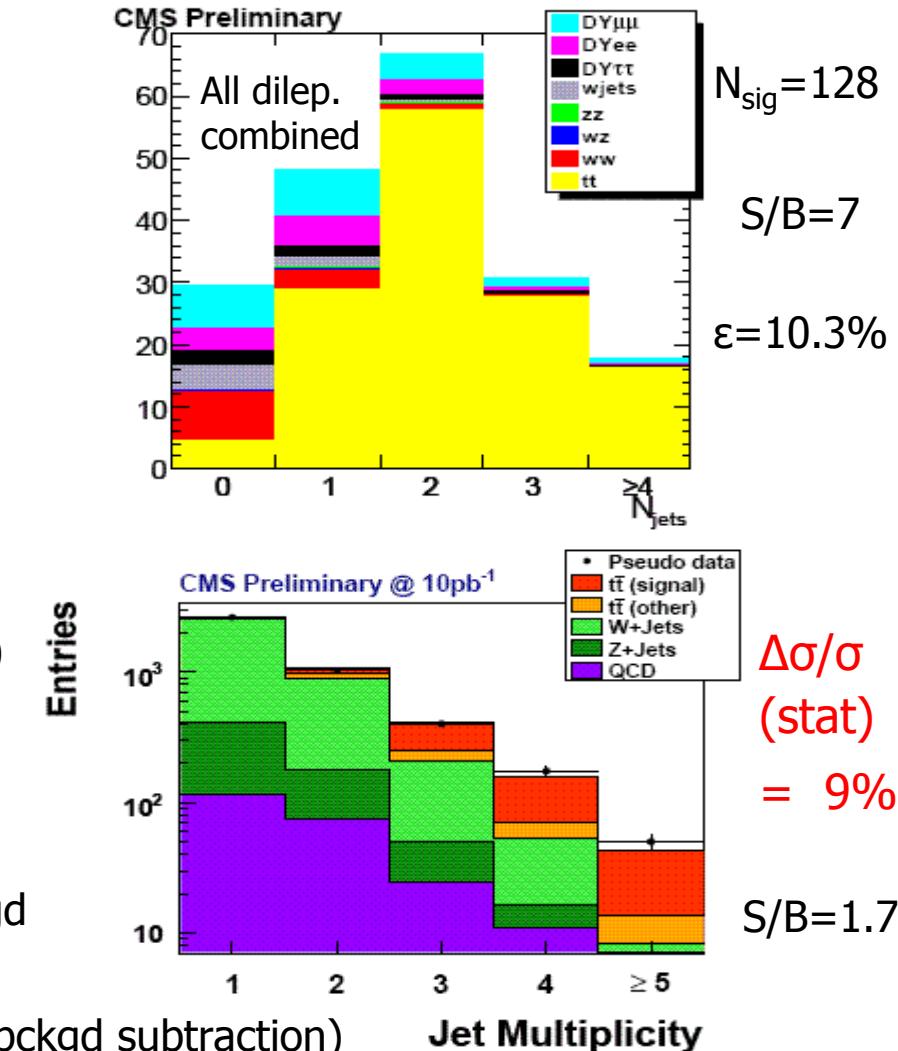
≥ 4 central high P_T jets ($>40\text{GeV}$, $E_T^{\text{lead,jet}}(>65\text{GeV})$)

Isolation cuts ($E_{\text{cone}}^{\text{Calo/Tracker}}$, $\Delta R(\mu, \text{closest jet})$)

Bckgd = W+jets, tt(other decay channels), QCD

NO B-tagging, Data-driven methods to control bckgd being investigated

Robust counting method: $\sigma \cdot \text{BR} = (N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{bckgd}}) / \varepsilon \int L$ (bckgd subtraction)



Top pairs (measurement with $\geq 100\text{pb}^{-1}-1\text{fb}^{-1}$)



Dilepton final states

Selection similar to $O(10\text{pb}^{-1})$: 2 isolated high P_T l^+l^- ($l=e,\mu$), $e l \text{Id}$, MissE_T , M_Z veto

Xsection extraction from:

- Robust counting method:

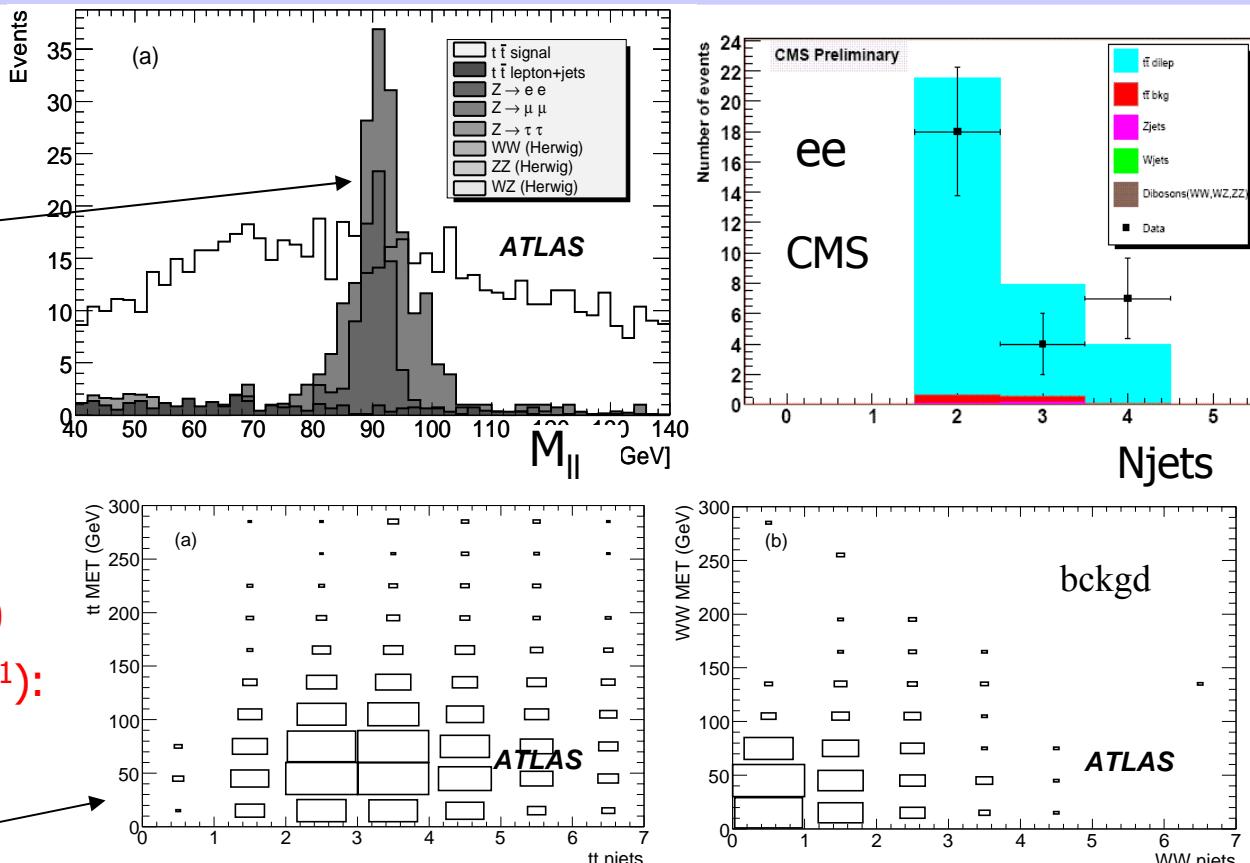
ATLAS: $\Delta\sigma/\sigma(100\text{pb}^{-1}) =$

$4(\text{stat}) - 2 + 5(\text{sys}) \pm 2(\text{pdf})\%$

CMS(+B-tag): $8(\text{stat})\%$, Bckgd ~ 0

CMS(+B-tag, M_W constraint, 10fb^{-1}):

$0.9(\text{stat}) \pm 11\%$



- 2D binned likelihood fit in $(\text{MissE}_T, N_{\text{jet}})$ space (ATLAS): $\Delta\sigma/\sigma(100\text{pb}^{-1}) = 4(\text{stat}) \pm 4(\text{sys}) \pm 2(\text{pdf})\%$
- Likelihood fit to angular variables $(|\Delta\phi(\text{lepton1}, \text{MissE}_T)|)$ (ATLAS): $\Delta\sigma/\sigma(100\text{pb}^{-1}) = 5(\text{stat}) - 5 + 8(\text{sys}) \pm 0.2(\text{pdf})\%$
+ Lumi error = 5%

Top pairs (measurement with $\geq 100\text{pb}^{-1}$ - 1fb^{-1})



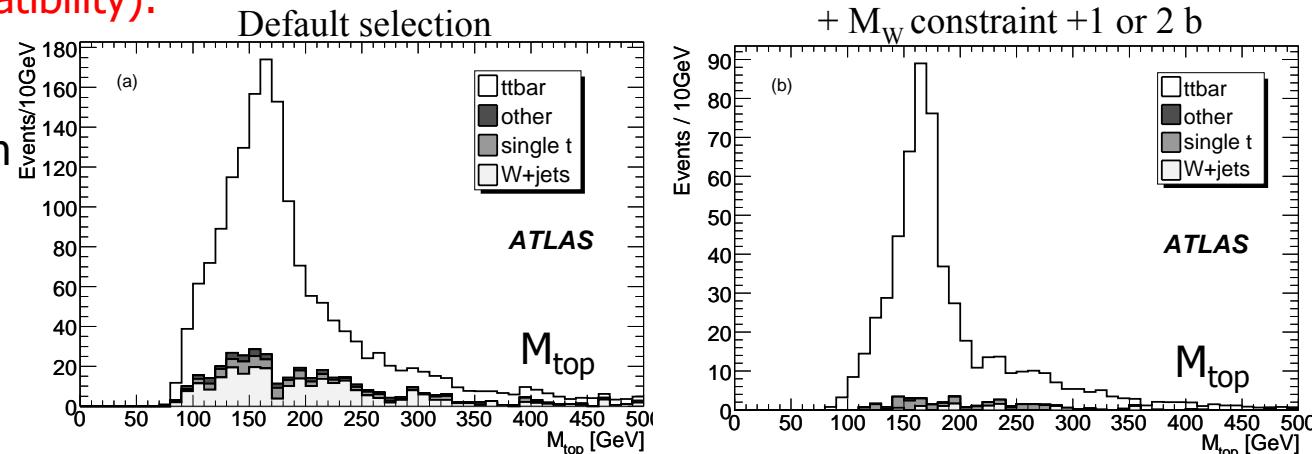
Semileptonic final states

- 1 isolated high P_T ($>20\text{GeV}$) e/μ , ≥ 4 jets ($P_T > 20-40\text{GeV}$), hadronic top mass reconstruction

Event reconstruction (tt compatibility):

- ATLAS: = $\text{MissE}_T > 20\text{GeV}$, purification with $M_{jjj} = M_{\text{TopHad}}$, $\{jjj\} = 3$ jets combinaison with highest transverse sum.

Additional constraint: at least one $M_{jj} = \text{consistent with } M_W$
(1 or 2 additional b-tags possible)



- CMS: 2 b-tagged jets, convergence requirement of a kine fit with $M_{jj} = M_W$ constraint

Xsection determination: Counting method, llhood fit to M_{jjj} shape

ATLAS: $\Delta\sigma/\sigma(100\text{pb}^{-1}, \text{no b-tag}) = 3(\text{stat}) \pm 16(\text{sys}) \pm 3(\text{pdf})\%$ (counting) $7 \pm 15 \pm 3(\text{llhood})$, +lumi=5%
main sys=JES

CMS: $\Delta\sigma/\sigma(1000\text{pb}^{-1}, \text{b-tag, } \mu \text{ channel}) = 1.2(\text{stat}) \pm 13.6(\text{sys+lumi})\%$ (counting)
main sys = B-tagging

Single top production (1)

$\sigma(t) \sim 300 \text{ pb} \sim 1/3 \sigma(t\bar{t})$, important bckgd \rightarrow more complexe to select/reconstruct/extract
 \rightarrow Multivariate statistical analyses (boosted decision trees, genetic algorithm, multiple likelihood)

t-channel

=qlvb(b), 1 light jet in forward/backward direction, low P_T additional b

Selection with sequential cuts on lepton, b-jet, MissE_T, forward jet and top mass

CMS (μ , optimization with genetic algo. + counting method):

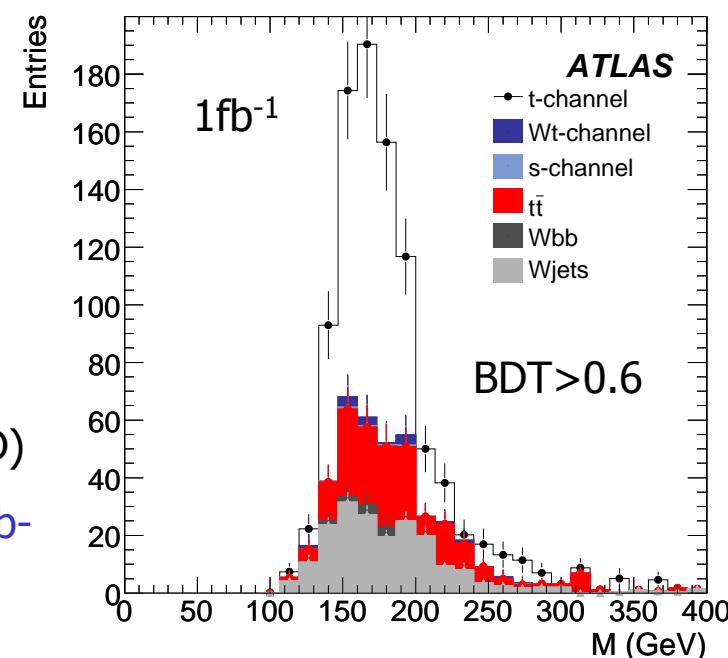
$$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(10\text{fb}^{-1}) = 2.7(\text{stat}) \pm 9.4(\text{sys})\%$$

ATLAS($e + \mu$): Additional rejection of bckgd ($t\bar{t}$, $W+jets$) by applying BDT (10 kinematic variables not too sensitive to JES) \rightarrow reduce sys. by a half :

$$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(10\text{fb}^{-1}) = 1.8(\text{stat}) \pm 10(\text{sys})\%$$

Need bckgd control (data-driven methods for $t\bar{t}$, $W+jets$, QCD)

AND excellent knowledge of detector performance (JES and b-tagging $\leq 5\%$ uncertainty level)



Single top production (2)

tW-channel

=qqlvb, lqlvb (close to tt with only 1 b-jet)

Selection with sequential cuts on kinematic variables (lepton P_T , ..., b-tagging)

CMS: Additionnal sophisticated bW pairing (Fisher discriminant)

-> $S/B = 0.37$ (0.18) for dileptonic (semileptonic) channel (10fb^{-1}) => Significance = $S/(S+B)^{1/2}$
 $= 6$ (dilep.+semil.), tt dominant bkg

ATLAS: Several Boosted Decision
Trees built from 25 variables ->
reduce sys. by a half :

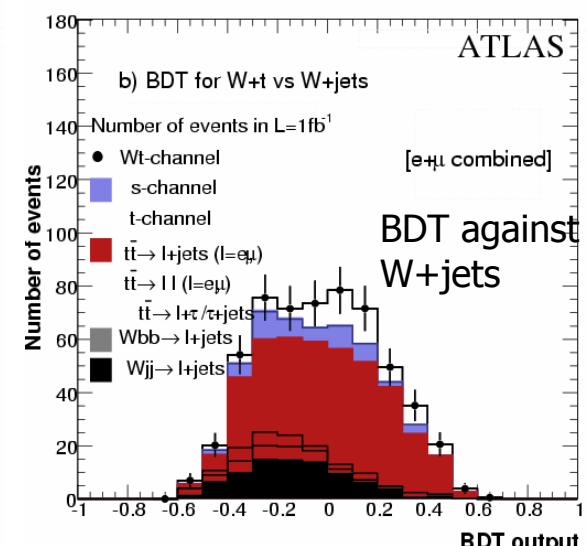
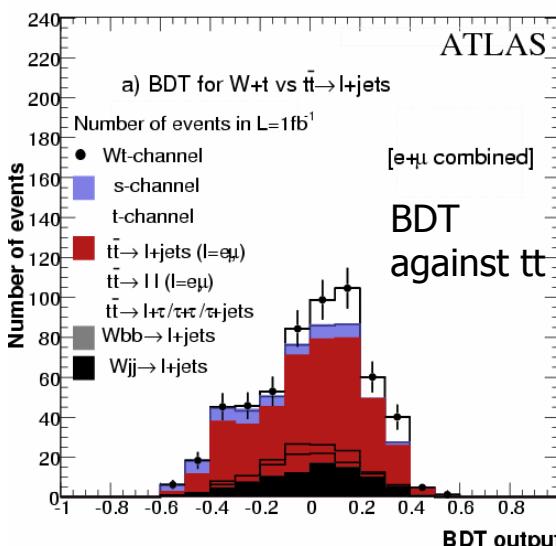
3 σ evidence with $O(1\text{fb}^{-1})$,
 $\Delta\sigma/\sigma(10\text{fb}^{-1}) \sim 20\%$

Main sys. = JES, B-tagging

s-channel

= lqlbb The most difficult, a challenge

CMS: $\Delta\sigma/\sigma(10\text{fb}^{-1}) = 18(\text{stat}) \pm 31(\text{sys})\%$, ATLAS: 3 σ evidence with 30 fb^{-1}



Top mass measurements (1)

$$M_{Top} = 173.1 \pm 1.2 \text{ GeV (CDF+D0, arXiv:0903.2503)}$$

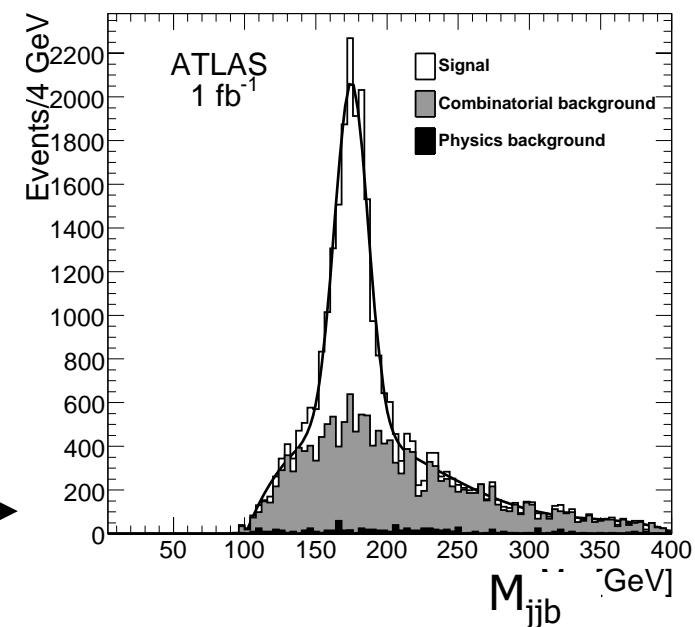
Direct measurement: the Lepton+jet “golden” channel

Event selection: mainly semil. selection for Xsec ($e + \mu$ for ATLAS, μ for CMS) with 2 b-tagged jets (optional relaxed procedure studied (0/1 b-tagged jet for ATLAS)), then

Several steps (ATLAS≠CMS):

ATLAS

- Hadronic W mass reconstruction M_{jj} ($j=\text{light}$) from 2 methods:
 - with χ^2 minimization event by event (M_W constraint + in-situ jet energy calibration)
 - geometric method : closest jet pair in space
- Top quark reconstruction
 - choose the closest b to $\{jj\}$
- Top quark mass measurement from χ^2 kinematic fit (incl. $\{|v\rangle$ reconstruction)
 - > $\Delta M_{Top}(\text{stat}) \leq 0.4 \text{ GeV}$ for 1 fb^{-1}



dominated by systematics (mostly (b)JES): 1-3.5 GeV if $\Delta \text{JES}/\text{JES} \sim 1-5\%$

Top mass measurements (2)

CMS

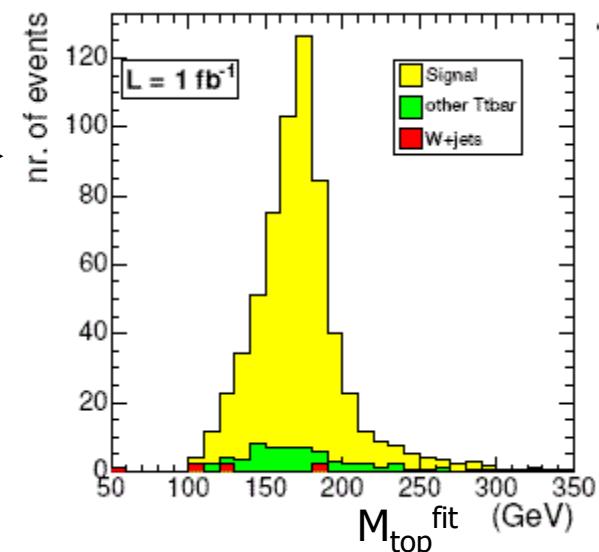
- Hadronic Top quark reconstruction
 - Pair of anti b-tagged jets combined with b-tagged jets according to largest llhood -> purity $\sim 82\%$
- 3 Top quark mass estimator investigated :
 - Simple gaussian fit on reconstructed mass spectrum \longrightarrow
 - Convolution of the theoretical expected pdf $P(M_t | M_T^{\text{true}})$ with gaussian resolution function :

$$R \sim \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{M_t - M_t^{\text{fit}}}{\sigma_{M_t^{\text{fit}}}}\right)^2\right)$$

- Convolution with a full parametrization (incl. Breit-Wigner shape, combinatorial, residual bckgd)

=> A llhood variable L is reconstructed reflecting the signal probability: $\text{Max}(L) = M_{\text{Top}}$

ΔM_{Top} (GeV)	Total Systematical uncertainty	9.21	1.27	1.13
	Statistical Uncertainty (10 fb^{-1})	0.32	0.36	0.21
	Total Uncertainty	9.23	1.32	1.15



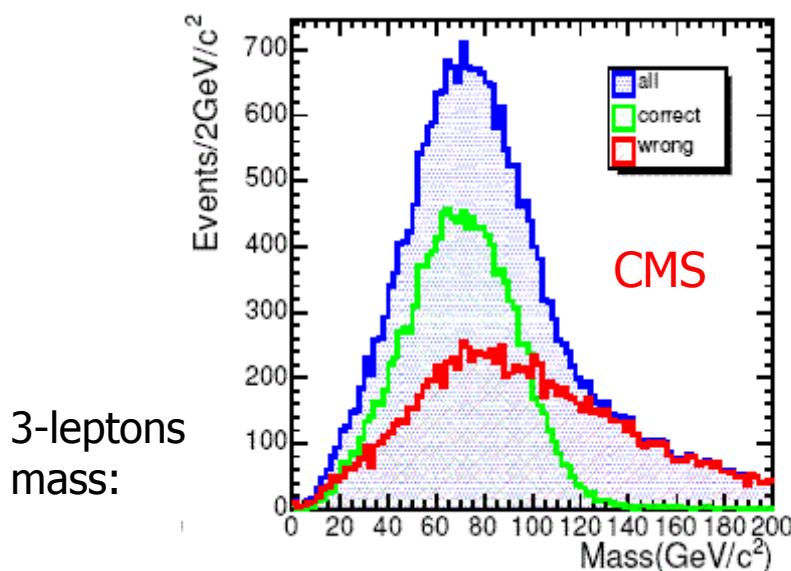
<1.2GeV if
 $\Delta \text{JES}/\text{JES} \sim 1.5\%$

Top mass measurements (3)

Other methods

- Other W decay channels:
 - Dilepton: $\Delta M_{\text{Top}} \sim 2.9 \text{ GeV}$ for $\leq 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ CMS, (b-JES dominates)
 - Fully hadronic: challenging! $\Delta M_{\text{Top}} \sim 4.2 \text{ GeV}$ (1 fb^{-1}) limited by QCD, JES
- From $t \rightarrow \text{lepton} + \text{J}/\psi + X$ decays, with $\text{J}/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

Easy to identify (clean samples) but $\text{BR}(\text{overall in } tt) \sim 5.3 \cdot 10^{-5} \rightarrow 0(1000)$ signal events for 100 fb^{-1} after selection



Systematics dominated by **theoretical modeling of the events**, negligible JES

$$\Delta M_{\text{Top}} < 2 \text{ GeV for } 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

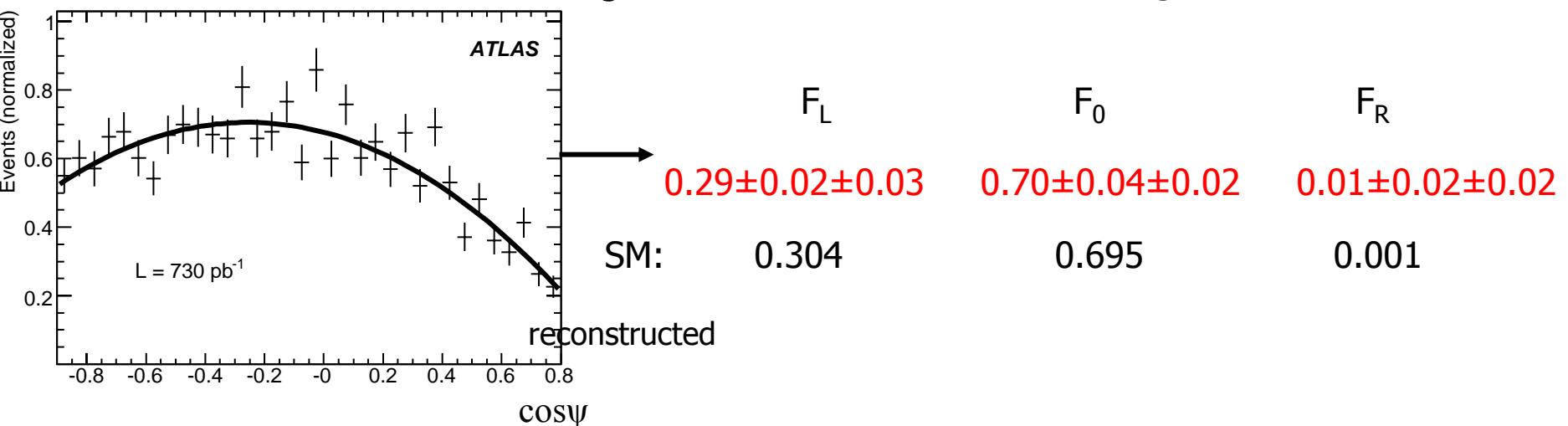
Top properties

Top : Large mass, large width => unique to top quark properties: tests of the V-A structure of top decays; top spin; $|V_{tb}|$; charge; couplings; rare decays

Semileptonic W decay -> distribution of $\psi = \text{angle}(\text{lepton}/W\text{-restframe}, W_{\text{top-restframe}})$

$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dcos\psi} = \frac{3}{2} \left(F_0 \left(\frac{\sin\psi}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + F_L \left(\frac{1 - \cos\psi}{2} \right)^2 + F_R \left(\frac{1 + \cos\psi}{2} \right)^2 \right)$$

polarized W -> longitudinal lefthanded righthanded



Top spin correlations in $t\bar{t}$ decays: accessible via an asymmetry measurement

$$A = \frac{N(t\bar{t}, \text{same helicity}) - N(t\bar{t}, \text{opp. helicity})}{N(t\bar{t}, \text{same helicity}) + N(t\bar{t}, \text{opp. helicity})} \rightarrow$$

ATLAS precision ~O(50%)
 (730pb^{-1})
 CMS precision ~O(20%) (10fb⁻¹)

Anomalous top production and rare top decays

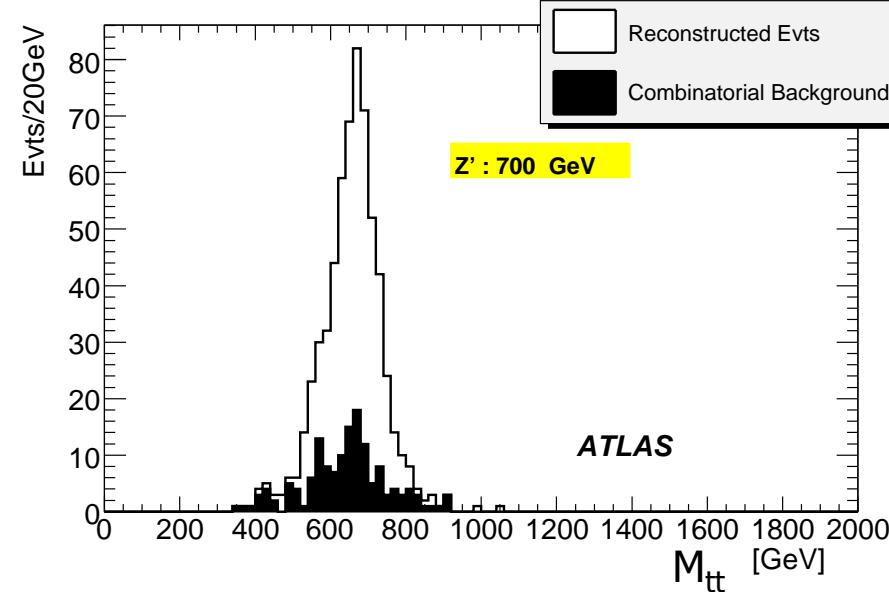


Large Yukawa coupling (~ 1) => Significant potential to discover new physics (top resonances, Z' , Kaluza-Klein modes, Susy)

Resonance $Z' \rightarrow tt$
 $\rightarrow l\nu qqbb$

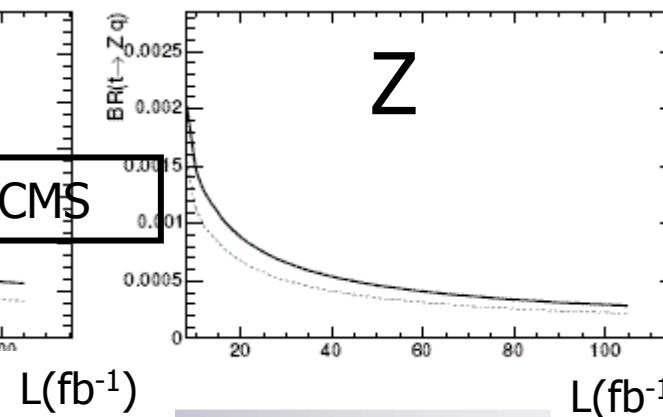
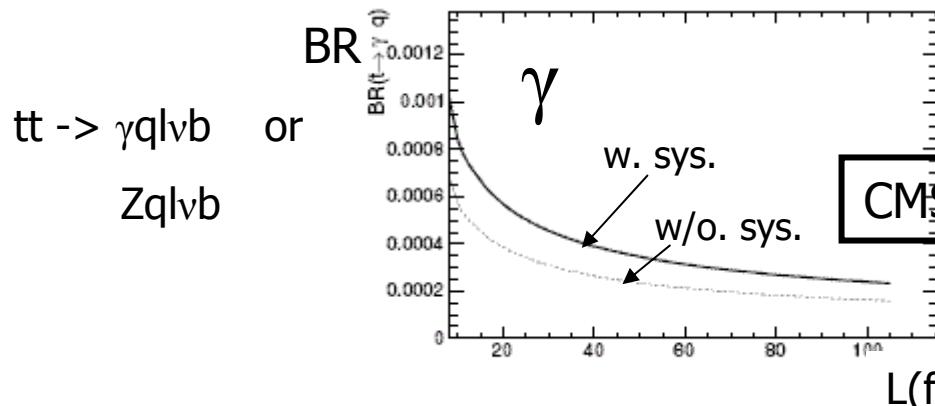
ATLAS: **5 σ discovery with 1fb^{-1} for $700\text{GeV } Z'$** →

$(\sigma \cdot \text{BR}(Z' \rightarrow tt) = 11\text{pb})$



tt mass spectrum →

FCNC rare decays ($t \rightarrow (Z, \gamma, g)q$) can be investigated



5 σ significance level (10fb^{-1}):

$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow \gamma q) = 5.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$ (w/o sys.)
 $\text{BR}(t \rightarrow Z q) = 11.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$

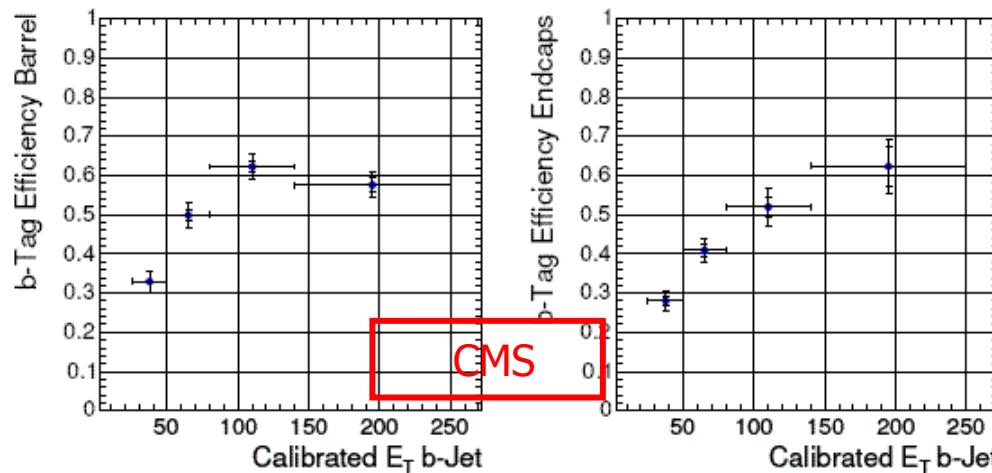
Top as calibration tool (1)

B-tagging

$t\bar{t}$ events used to isolate a highly enriched b-jet sample -> exploited to calibrate jet algorithm and extract b-tagging efficiency ε_b for energetic jet

Selection of lepton+jets or dileptons final states :

- Counting method (0,1, ≥ 2 b-tagged jets) -> $\Delta \varepsilon_b / \varepsilon_b \sim 4\text{-}5\%$ (semil. - dilep. resp., ATLAS, 100pb^{-1})
- From an enriched sample (topological/kinematic selection) , $\varepsilon_b = (\text{Ftag} - \varepsilon_b (1 - P_b)) / P_b$, Ftag = measured fraction of jet tagged, P_b = b purity -> get ε_b versus E_T and η of the jet



-> CMS: $\Delta\varepsilon_b/\varepsilon_b \sim 6/10\%$ (barrel/endcap) for 1fb^{-1}

Main sys = ISR/FSR, event selection and purity

-> ATLAS: $\Delta\varepsilon_b/\varepsilon_b \sim 8\%$ for 200pb^{-1} of semil. events

Top as calibration tool (2)

Jet Energy Scale (JES)

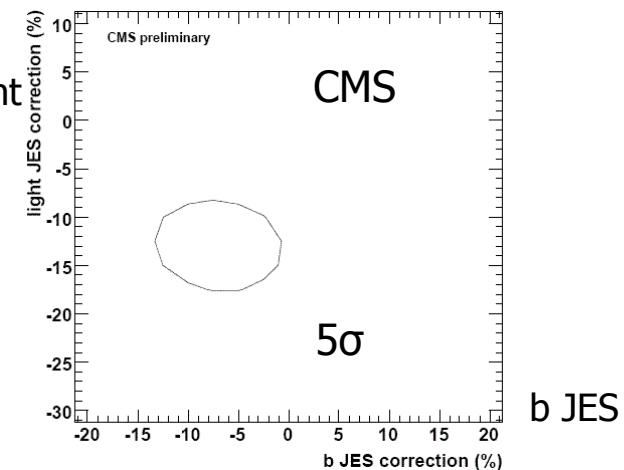
Selection of $t\bar{t} \rightarrow l\nu b\bar{b}j\bar{j}$ final states and identification of hadronic top system {jjb}; Use of the B-tagging

- ATLAS: 2 complementary methods

- χ^2 fit of M_{jj} mass with template distributions(light JES,JEResolution) -> **Precision of 2% for bare JES (all P_T) with 50pb^{-1}** , no sys. error source > 0.5% identified
- Iterative rescaling of M_{jj} with scale factor derived from M_{W}^{PDG} w/ M_{jj}^{FITTED} constraint in bins of $E_{T\text{jet}}$, n_{jet} (for the selected sample , $P_{T\text{jet}} > 40\text{GeV}$) -> **2% on light JES (E,η) with 1fb^{-1}**

- CMS:

- Rescale each jet with relative shifts $\{\Delta E(\text{light-jet}), \Delta E(\text{b-jet})\}$, remake/refit W had. Mass and had. top (bW) mass spectra, solve the equation
 $M(\text{top},W;\{\Delta E\}) = M(\text{top},W)^{\text{PDG}}$ -> best estimate of $\{\Delta E\}$
 $\rightarrow \sim 1\%$ on b-JES and light-JES with 100pb^{-1}



Conclusion

Top quark physics plays an essential role in the LHC program:

- unique laboratory : large amount of quark top production (for both $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV and 10 TeV) => measurement limitations from systematics. Complete tool for testing lepton, jet (incl. B), MissE_T .

At $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV and low integrated luminosity, ATLAS and CMS can:

- Rediscover the top at the start-up ($\sim \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ pb}^{-1})$)
- Provide basic measurements with $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ pb}^{-1})$: tt pair production via strong interaction ($\sim 10\text{-}20\%$); B-tagging efficiency ($\sim 5\text{-}10\%$);

Need to develop data-driven methods to calibrate, control backgrounds

Beyond ($\mathcal{O}(1\text{-}10 \text{ fb}^{-1})$),

- access to precise measurements: M_{TOP} ($\sim 1\text{-}3 \text{ GeV}$), single top production (10-20%) , Jet Energy Scale

Hint for new physics can be found through top signature (rare decays, resonances, backgrounds for SUSY searches ...)



Backup slides



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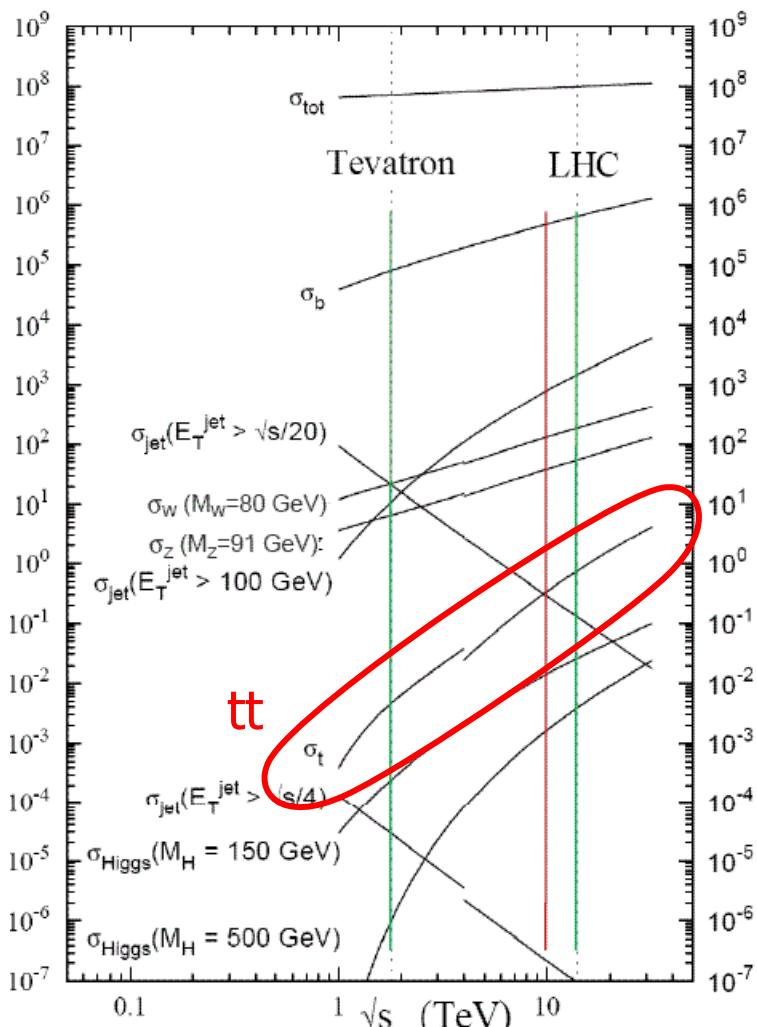
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ATLAS/CMS



	ATLAS	CMS
MAGNET (S)	Air-core toroids + solenoid in inner cavity Calorimeters outside field 4 magnets	Solenoid Calorimeters inside field 1 magnet
TRACKER	Si pixels+ strips TRD → particle identification $B=2T$ $\sigma/p_T \sim 5 \times 10^{-4} p_T \oplus 0.01$	Si pixels + strips No particle identification $B=4T$ $\sigma/p_T \sim 1.5 \times 10^{-4} p_T \oplus 0.005$
EM CALO	Pb-liquid argon $\sigma/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$ uniform longitudinal segmentation	$PbWO_4$ crystals $\sigma/E \sim 2-5\%/\sqrt{E}$ no longitudinal segmentation
HAD CALO	Fe-scint. + Cu-liquid argon (10λ) $\sigma/E \sim 50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.03$	Brass-scint. ($> 5.8 \lambda$ +catcher) $\sigma/E \sim 100\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.05$
MUON	$Air \rightarrow \sigma/p_T < 10 \% \text{ at } 1 \text{ TeV}$ standalone; larger acceptance	$Fe \rightarrow \sigma/p_T \sim 5\% \text{ at } 1 \text{ TeV}$ combining with tracker

LHC statistics



SM parameter measurements will be dominated by systematics errors :

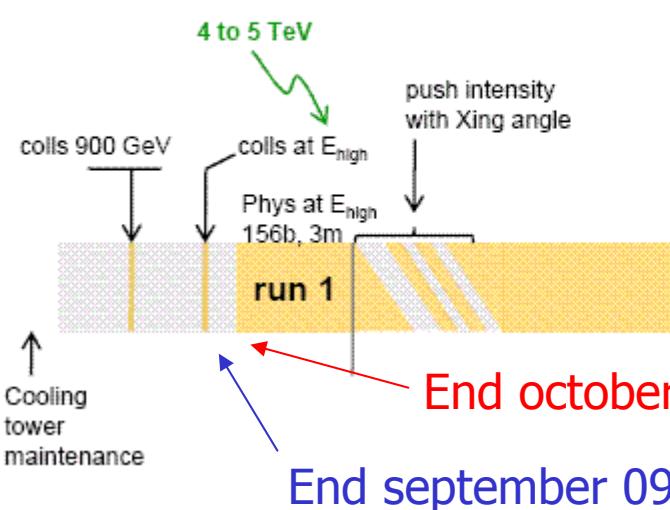
- from instrumental effects, luminosity
- from MonteCarlo :ISR/FSR, PDF,

SM Process	$\sigma(\text{pb})$	Evts/1fb $^{-1}$ for 14TeV
Minimum biais	10^{11}	$\sim 10^{14}$
bb	$5 \cdot 10^8$	$\sim 10^{12}$
tt	414 908	$\sim 9 \cdot 10^5$
single t	164 323	$\sim 3 \cdot 10^5$
W->lv	$46 \cdot 10^3$ $68 \cdot 10^3$	$\sim 70 \cdot 10^6$
Z->ll	4200 8000	$\sim 8 \cdot 10^6$
	10TeV 14TeV	

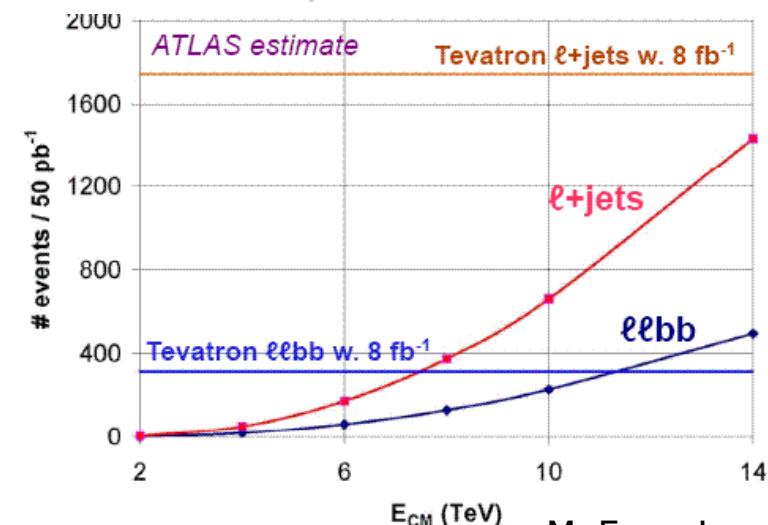
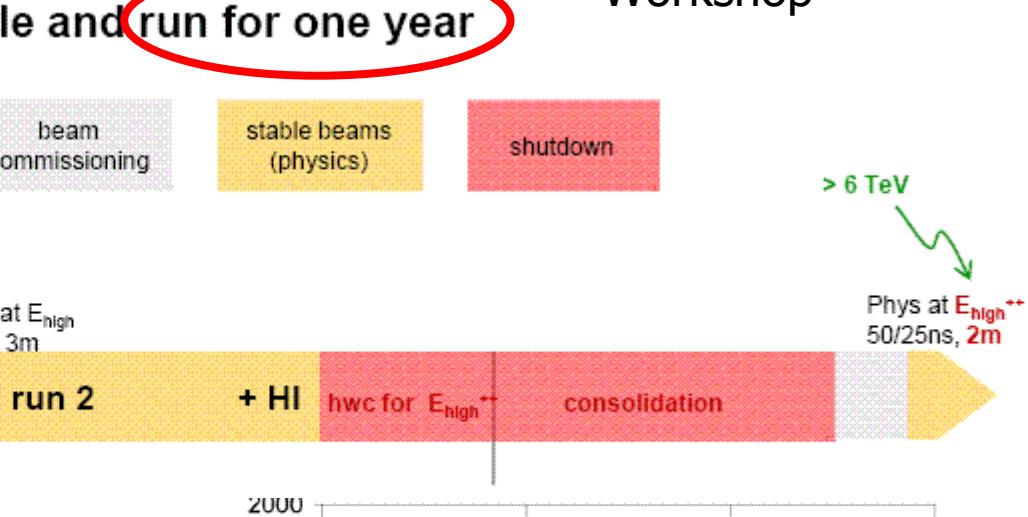
LHC schedule

The preferred scenario:

Start the LHC as soon as possible and run for one year



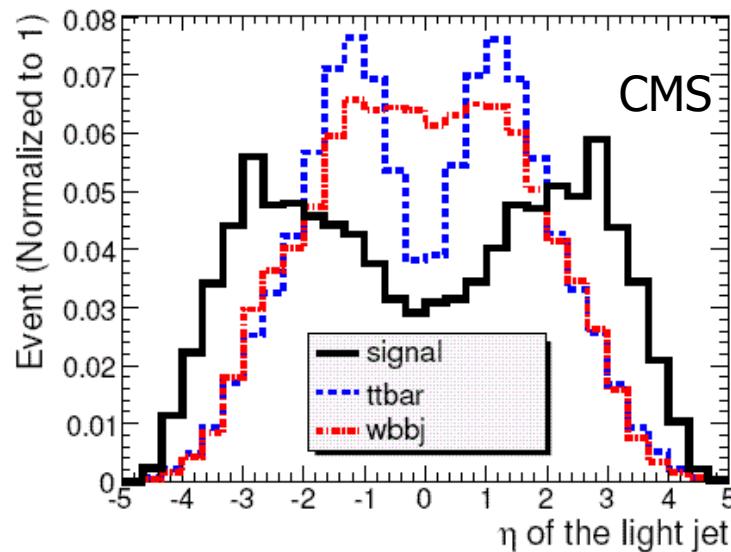
$t\bar{t}$: Competing with Tevatron with
 $\sim 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$



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Single top (details)

t-channel



Details of sys. errors for singletop t-channel →

Source	Analysis of 10 fb^{-1}		
	Variation	Cut-based	BDT
Data Statistics		1.6%	1.8 %
MC Statistics		2.0 %	2.5%
Luminosity	3%	10.9 %	5.2%
b-tagging	3%	10.9%	3.9%
JES	1%	4.4 %	2.0%
Lepton ID	0.2%	0.6 %	0.3%
Trigger	1.0%	3.6 %	1.7%
Bkg x-section		6.9 %	2.5%
ISR/FSR	+2.2 -3.2%	2.7 %	2.5%
PDF	+1.38 -1.07%	12.3 %	3.2%
MC Model	4.2%	4.2 %	4.2%
Total		22%	10%

Top mass reconstruction, systematics

Semileptonic channel (for 1-10 fb^{-1})

ATLAS :

Systematic uncertainty	χ^2 minimization method	geometric method
Light jet energy scale	0.2 GeV/%	0.2 GeV/%
b jet energy scale	0.7 GeV/%	0.7 GeV/%
ISR/FSR	$\simeq 0.3$ GeV	$\simeq 0.4$ GeV
b quark fragmentation	≤ 0.1 GeV	≤ 0.1 GeV
Background	negligible	negligible
Method	0.1 to 0.2 GeV	0.1 to 0.2 GeV

CMS :

	Standard Selection		
	Gaussian Fit Δm_t (GeV/c^2)	Gaussian Ideogram Δm_t (GeV/c^2)	Full Scan Ideogram Δm_t (GeV/c^2)
Pile-Up (5%)	0.32	0.23	0.21
Underlying Event	0.50	0.35	0.25
Jet Energy Scale (1.5%)	2.90	1.05	0.96
Radiation (Λ_{QCD}, Q_0^2)	0.80	0.27	0.22
Fragmentation (Lund b, σ_q)	0.40	0.40	0.30
b-tagging (2%)	0.80	0.20	0.18
Background	0.30	0.25	0.25
Parton Density Functions	0.12	0.10	0.08
Total Systematical uncertainty	3.21	1.27	1.13
Statistical Uncertainty (10 fb^{-1})	0.32	0.36	0.21
Total Uncertainty	3.23	1.32	1.15

Anomalous couplings

General effective Lagrangian for the tbW vertex:

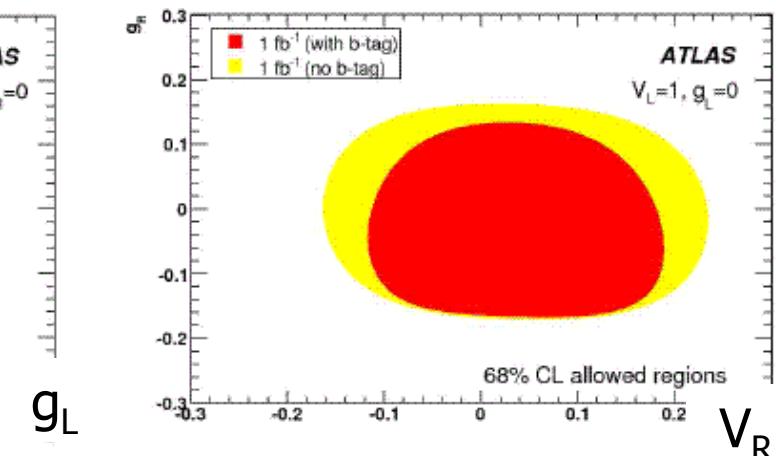
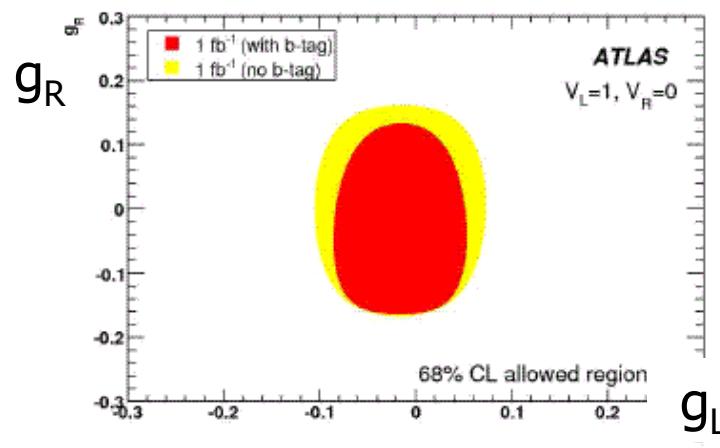
$$L = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (V_L P_L + V_R P_R) t W_\mu^+ - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_\mu^+ (+h.c.)$$

where $P_{R/L} = (1 \pm \gamma^5)/2$: usual right and left handed projector, vector-like $V_{R/L}$ and tensor-like $g_{R/L}$ are top couplings. In SM: $V_L = V_{tb}$, others are anomalous.

The W polarization is sensitive to V and g couplings associated to tbW vertex => helicity fractions (F_L, F_0, F_R) as well as helicity ratios $F_{R,L}/F_0$ are sensitive to them

Can extract tbW vertex info from angular asymmetries involving angle ψ (between charged lepton in W rest-frame and W direction in the top rest frame), ex: forward-backward asymmetry $A_{FB} = \frac{3}{4}(F_R - F_L)$ ($=-0.223$ in SM). (No need to fit an angular distribution)

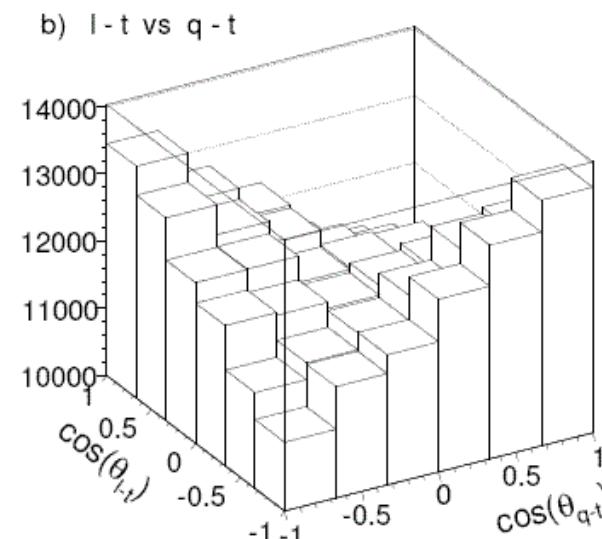
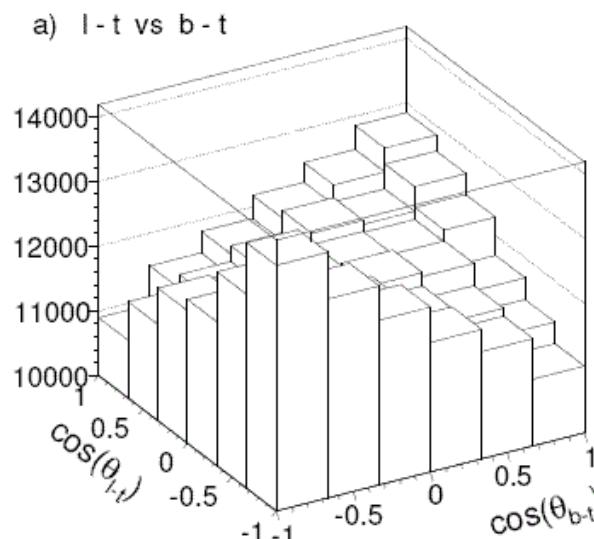
ATLAS
(1fb⁻¹)



Spin correlations

Top itself is expected to be produced essentially unpolarized but there are correlations between the spins of the 2 tops in the same events (close to the threshold, in gluon gluon fusion , top pairs are produced in a 1S_0 state

Spin correlations accessible via double differential angular distributions : angle θ_1 between t decay product 1 in the t rest frame and the t in the tt rest frame, same θ_2 for $t\bar{t}$



$$\Theta_1 = \theta_{|t-t|}, \Theta_2 = \theta_{b-t\bar{t}}$$

$$\Theta_1 = \theta_{|t-t|}, \Theta_2 = \theta_{q-t\bar{t}}$$

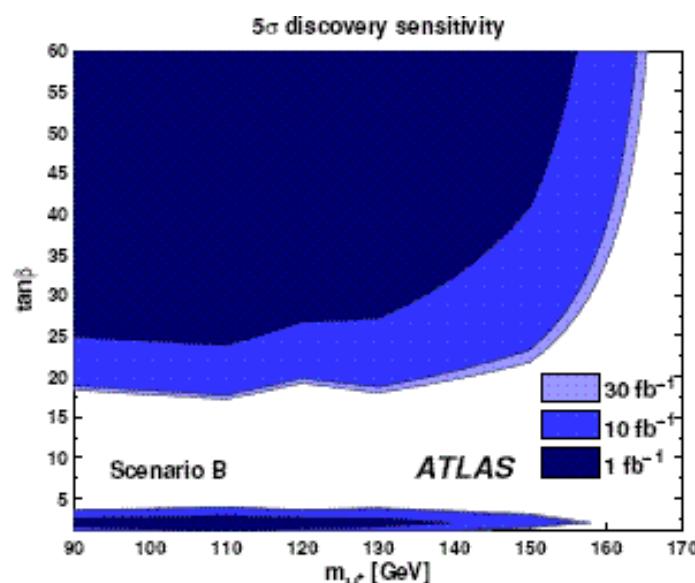
Top beyond SM (Susy)

Appears in H^\pm searches (H^\pm boson in MSSM, non-minimal Higgs models):

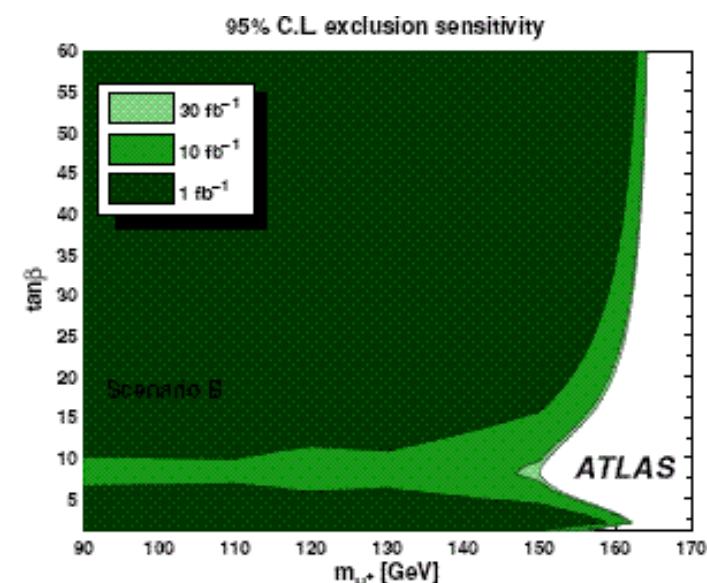
In MSSM: if $M_H < M_{top}$: $t \rightarrow H^\pm b$, $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu$ (dominant decay) \Rightarrow signature = (Hb)(Wb)

For example ($\tau \rightarrow \text{had.}$) $\nu W b\bar{b}$ decays that can be directly searched (or indirectly (decrease of the number of SM $t\bar{t}$ decays)):

High P_T isolated
leptons vetoed



5 σ significance discovery contour

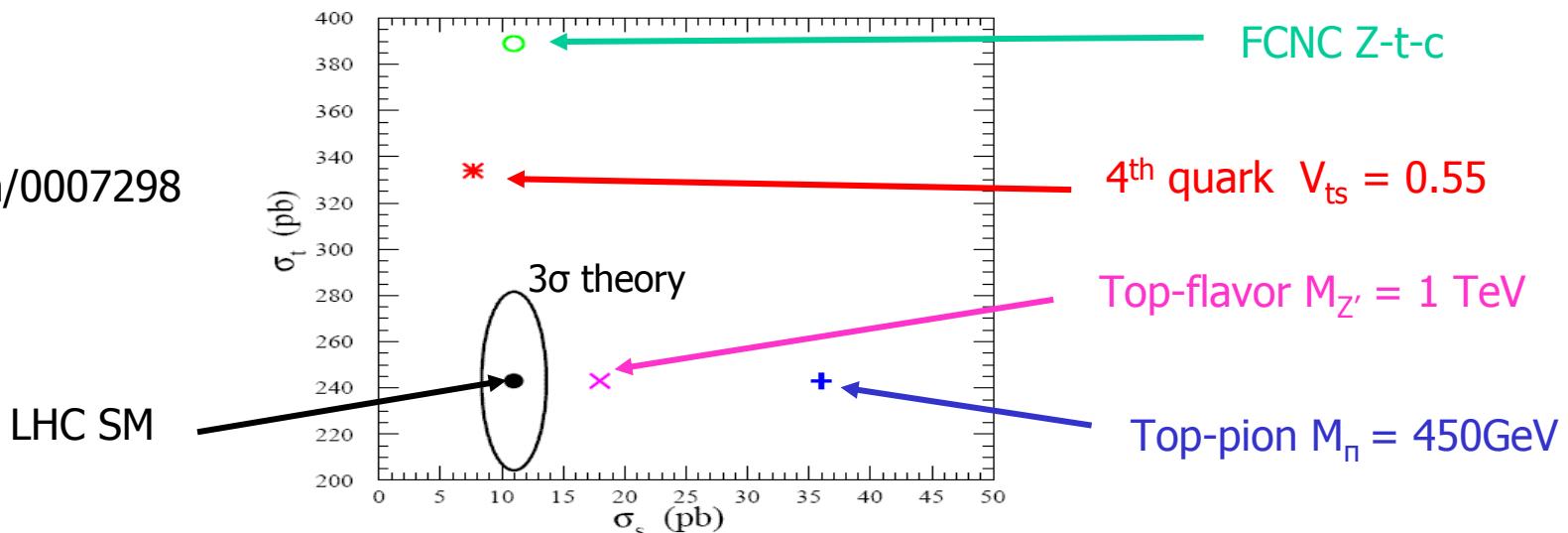


95% CL exclusion contour

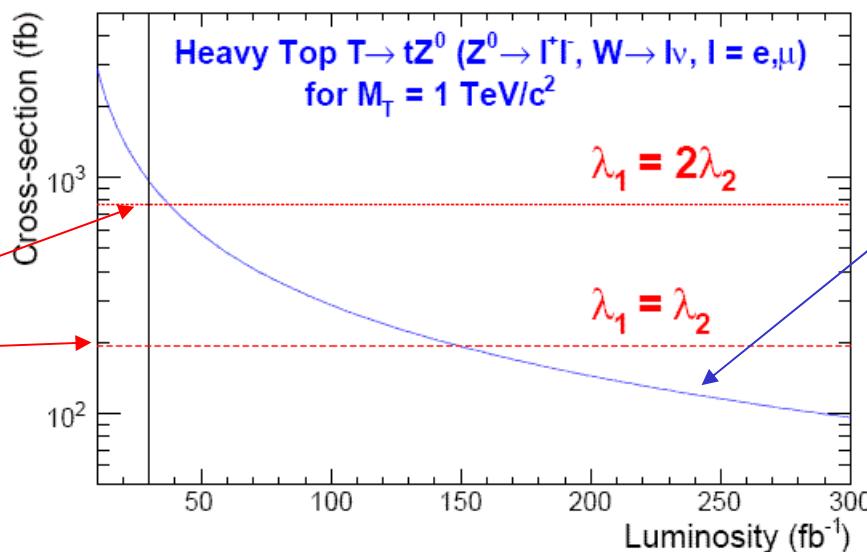
if $M_H > M_{top}$: $gb \rightarrow tH^\pm$, $H^\pm \rightarrow tb$ (dominant decay)

Top beyond SM (single top & heavy top)

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Xsection values for
2 cases, λ =Yukawa
couplings/gauge
groups



CMS, minimum Xsection
required for a 5 σ
discovery