
The Top Quark Mass - Theoretical Aspects -

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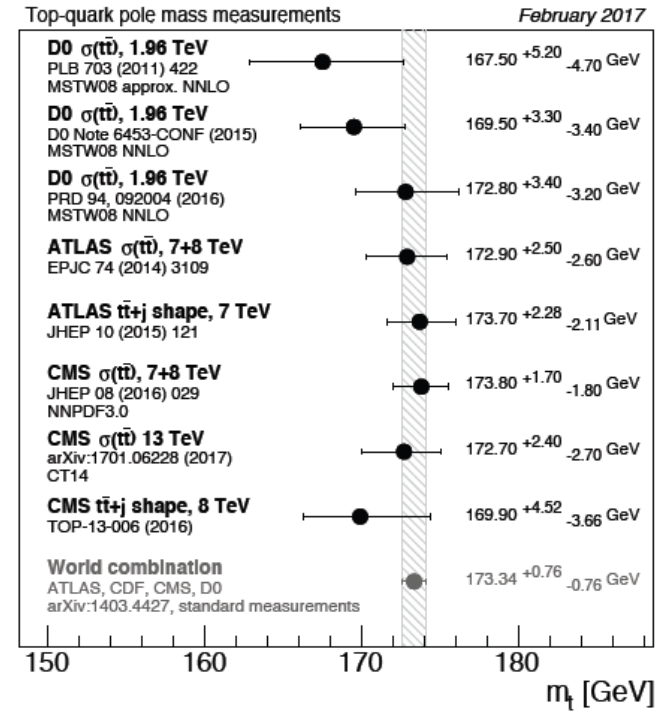
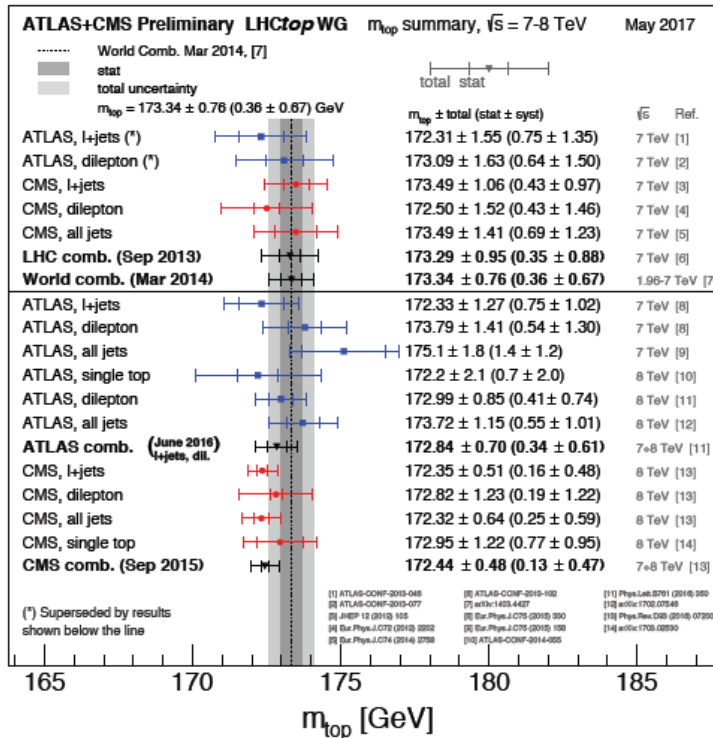


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Content

- Introduction / status of experimental top mass determinations
- Recent theoretical work
- Reminder why the issue is non-trivial / controversial
- Recent quantitative studies of the generator top quark mass
- Shower cut in angular ordered parton showers
- Conclusions

Status of Top Mass Measurements



- Most precise measurements from **direct reconstruction** (uncertainties < 1 GeV):
→ m_t^{MC} measurements
- Less precise measurements based on NLO and NNLO pQCD calculations of $\sigma(t\bar{t}, t\bar{t}j)$:
→ “pole mass measurements”, but uncertainties larger than for direct method
- Alternative methods ($M_{\text{Bl}}, M_{\text{bl}}, E_{\text{B}}, E_{\text{l}}, T_2, \dots$):
→ Simulations studies indicate: All result in uncertainties larger than for direct method

Direct Measurement

Most precise method: Direct Reconstruction

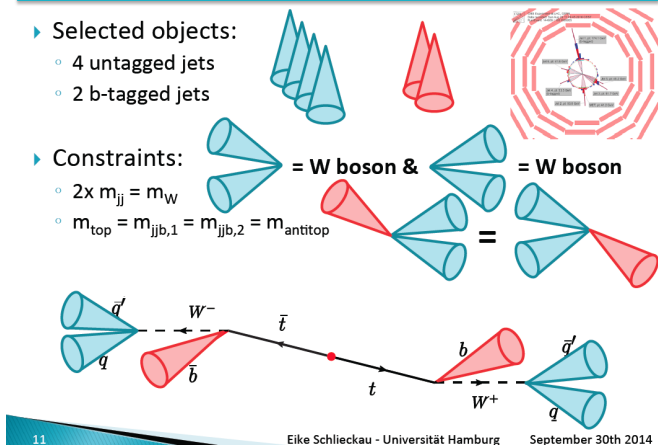
Kinematic Fit

Selected objects:

- 4 untagged jets
- 2 b-tagged jets

Constraints:

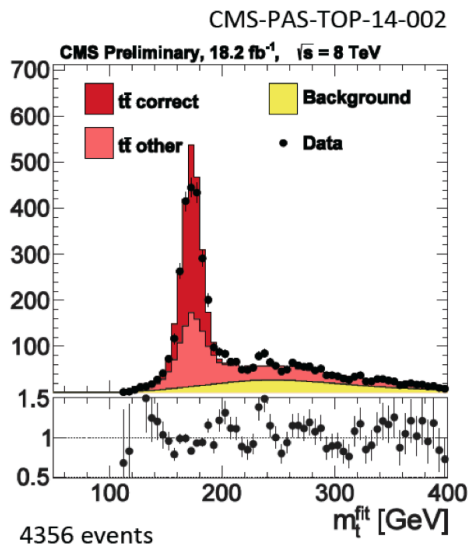
- $2 \times m_{jj} = m_W$
- $m_{top} = m_{jib,1} = m_{jib,2} = m_{antitop}$



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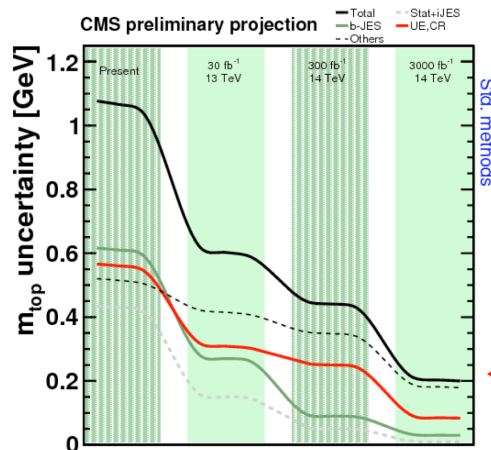
kinematic mass determination

Determination of the best-fit value of the Monte-Carlo top quark mass parameter m_t^{MC}



- ⊕ High top mass sensitivity
- ⊕ Mass closely related to pole of top propagator

- $m_t^{MC} = 174.34 \pm 0.64$ (Tevatron final, 2014)
- $m_t^{MC} = 172.44 \pm 0.49$ (CMS Run-1 final, 2015)
- $m_t^{MC} = 172.84 \pm 0.70$ (ATLAS Run-1 final, 2016)



- ⊖ Precision of MC ?
- ⊖ Meaning of m_t^{MC} ?

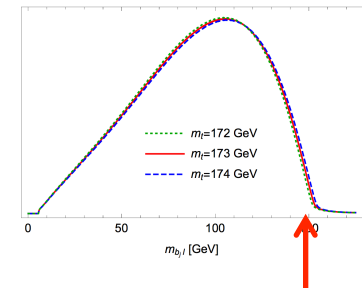
Recent Work

[Ravasio, Jezo, Nason, Oleari, arXiv: 1801.03944](#) (m_t^{MC} from direct reconstruction)

- POWHEG study: NLO corrections in various approximations (production, decay, full off-shell) leads to small numerical differences (hva , $t\bar{t}dec$, $b\bar{b}4\ell$)
- Numerical effects on the observed end point (e.g. peak position of reconstr. inv. Mass) MC dependent (Pythia (smaller) compared to Herwig (larger))

[Corcella, Franceschini, Kim, arXiv: 1712.05801](#) (m_t^{MC} from alternative methods)

- Dependence of m_t^{MC} determination from kinematic decay distributions on fragmentation parameters in Pythia 8 and Herwig 6
- Hadronization model parameters cannot be determined precise enough such that alternative fragmentation based methods (exclusive observables, m_{B1} , E_B) can compete with direct mass measurements.
- Endpoints not sensitive to hadronization model variations** (fragmentation)



[Heinrich, Maier, Nisius, Schlenk, Schulze, Winter: 1709.08615](#) (alternative methods)

- Effects of off-shell top production compared to narrow width approximation ($M_{j_b\ell}$)
- Effects related to off-shell effects as large as 0.5 – 1 GeV for m_t^{MC} determination

Monte-Carlo Top Quark Mass Parameter

Why is there a non-trivial issue in the interpretation of m_t^{MC} ?

- Picture of “**top quark particle**” does not apply (non-zero color charge!)
 - m_t is a scheme-dependent parameter of a perturbative computation
 - In which scheme do MC event generators calculate ?
 - **Hadronization effects** (affect all methods in a similar way, particularly important for direct method)
 - **Relation of m_t^{MC} to any field theory mass** definition can be affected by different contributions: (let's consider pole mass just for convention)

$$m_t^{\text{MC}} = m_t^{\text{pole}} + \Delta_m^{\text{pert}} + \Delta_m^{\text{non-pert}} + \Delta_m^{\text{MC}}$$

pQCD contribution:

- Perturbative correction
- Depends on MC parton shower setup

Non-perturbative contribution:

- Effects of hadronization model
- May depend on parton shower setup

Monte Carlo shift:

- Contribution arising from systematic MC uncertainties
- E.g. color reconnection, b-jet modeling, finite width, ...
- Should be covered by ‘MC uncertainty’ or better negligible

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- There is general agreement that Δ_m^{pert} and $\Delta_m^{\text{non-pert}}$ can exist, but has been a controversy how important and relevant they are.

Discussions have been qualitative over many years:

[View B:](#) Δ_m 's can be at the level of 0.5 GeV, $\Delta_m^{\text{pert}} \sim Q_0 \alpha_s(Q_0)$ [Q_0 = shower cut]

AHH, Stewart, arXiv:0808.0222; AHH. arXiv:1412.3649

[View C:](#) Δ_m^{pert} likely negligible, $\Delta_m^{\text{non-pert}} \sim \Delta_{\text{QCD}}$ Nason, arXiv:1712.02796

Monte-Carlo Top Quark Mass Parameter

Quantitative examinations of m_t^{MC}

- [Butenschoen, Dehnadi, Hoang, Mateu, Preisser, Stewart \(2017\), arxiv:1608.01318](#)

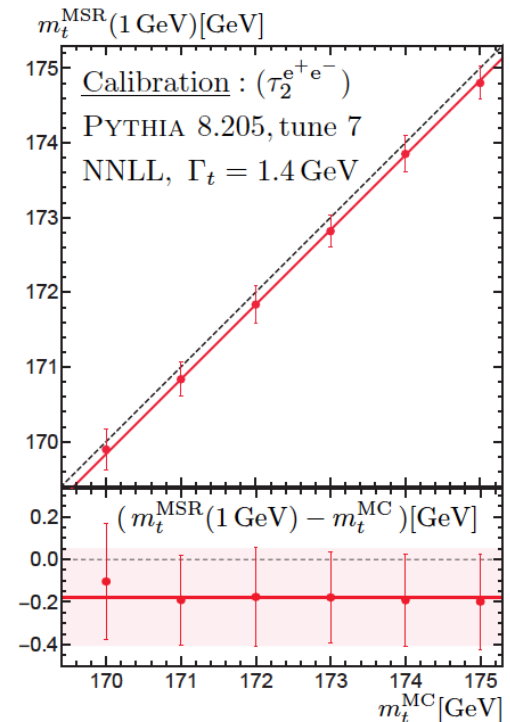
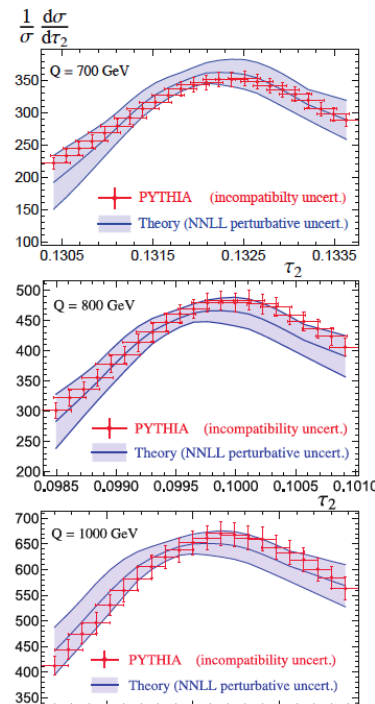
▶ numerical relation between Pythia MC top mass and MSR mass using 2-jettiness in e^+e^- in the resonance region from calibration fits

▶ $m_t^{\text{MC}} = m_t^{\text{MSR}}(1 \text{ GeV}) + (0.18 \pm 0.22) \text{ GeV}$

$m_t^{\text{MC}} = m_t^{\text{pole}} + (0.57 \pm 0.28) \text{ GeV}$

▶ universality conjectured but not proven

- Fits of NNLL+NLO+had.corr. theory predictions with Pythia 8.205
- Good agreement between Pythia and analytic calculation
- “MC top mass calibration”



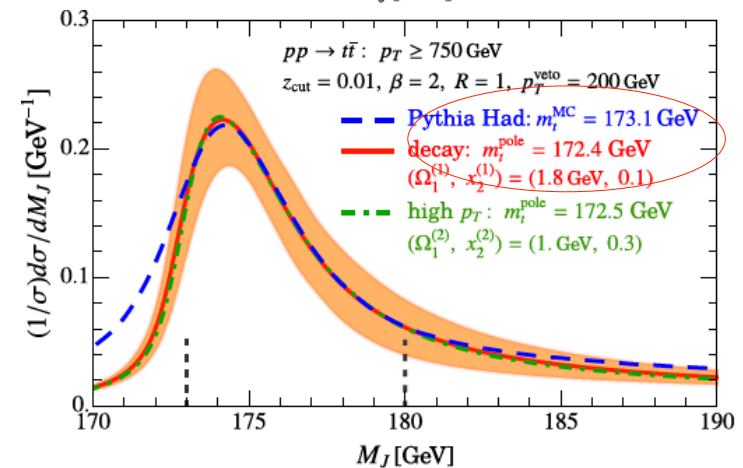
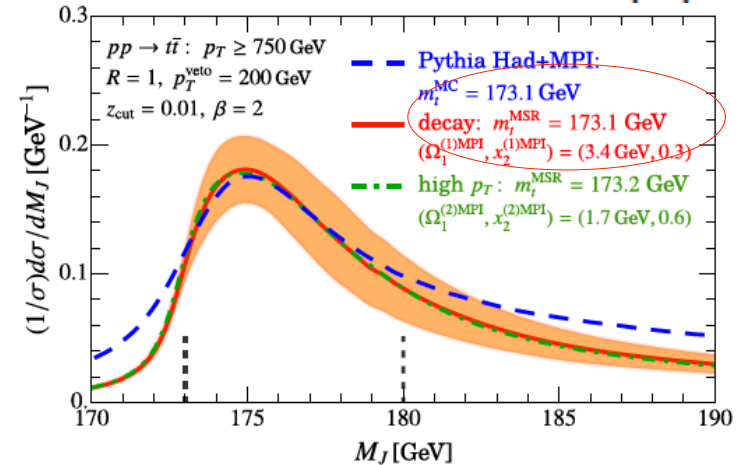
Monte-Carlo Top Quark Mass Parameter

Quantitative examinations of m_t^{MC}

- [Hoang, Mantry, Pathak, Stewart \(2017\), arxiv:1708.02586](#)

- ▶ extension of the framework to groomed jet masses at the LHC for boosted top quarks
- ▶ results consistent with e^+e^- calibration
- ▶ full calibration analysis still to be done

- Comparison of NLL+had.corr. theory predictions with Pythia 8.205
- Good description of Pythia output.



e^+e^- Calibration Result: Top Width Dependence

Plätzer, Preisser, Samitz, AHH, w.i.p.

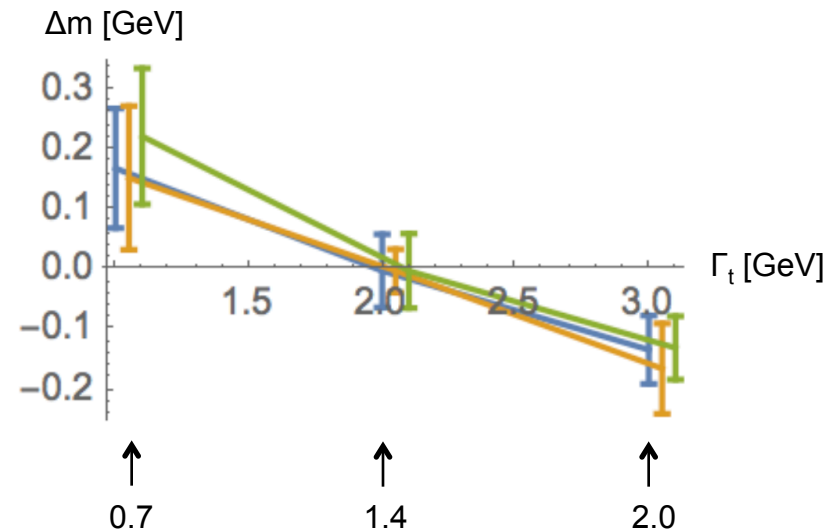
Top width dependence

$$\Delta m = m_t^{\text{MSR}}[\Gamma_t] - m_t^{\text{MSR}}[\Gamma_t=1.4]$$

- Sensitivity to top width value.
- Pythia resonance peak position does not depend on value of Γ_t
- Theory resonance peak position increases with Γ_t

$$\alpha_s(M_Z)=0.118$$

$$m_t^{\text{MC}}=173$$

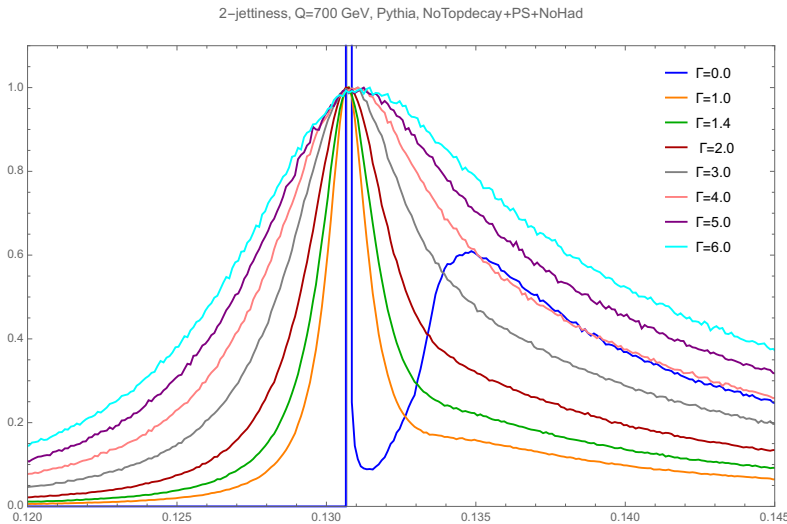


- Three colors: tunes 1, 3, 7
- Error bars: standard deviation of best mass value distribution in 500 profile function fits

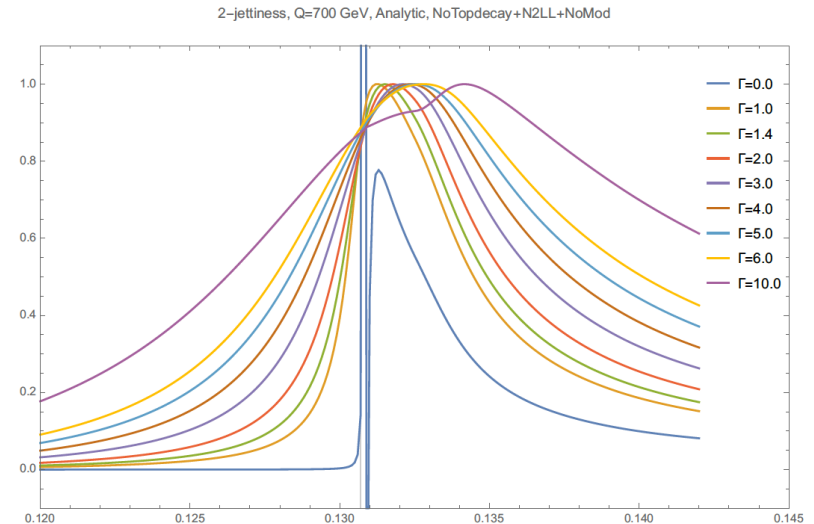
Top Resonance: factorization vs. Pythia

Plätzer, Preisser, Samitz, AHH, w.i.p.

Pythia



QCD Factorization



- **Pythia does not describe the top width dependence in a way compatible with theory.**
- MC generators themselves need to be scrutinized and understood thoroughly in order to fix the relation of the MC top quark mass to field theory masses.

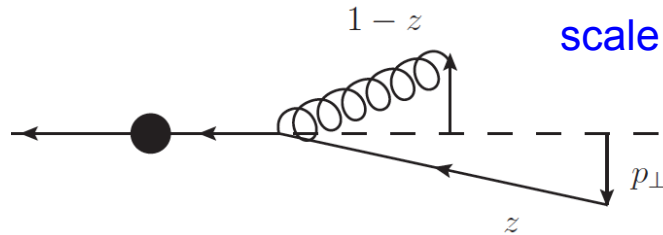
$$m_t^{\text{MC}} = m_t^{\text{pole}} + \Delta_m^{\text{pert}} + \Delta_m^{\text{non-pert}} + \Delta_m^{\text{MC}}$$

Numerical calibration cannot distinguish the three contributions

Cutoff in Angular Ordered Parton Showers

Catani, Marchesini, Webber 1991
Gieseke, Stephens, Webber, 2003

→ Coherent branching: (basis of the Herwig parton shower)



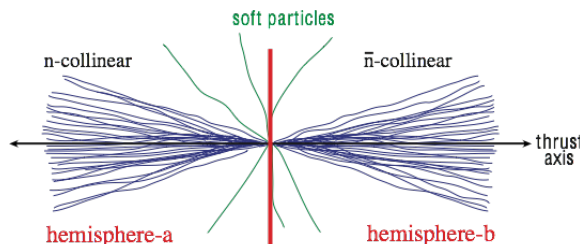
scale in α_s : $\mu^2 = p_{\perp}^2 + (1 - z)^2 m^2$ cutoff: $p_{\perp}^2 > Q_0^2$

Usually not present in analytic QCD !

2-Jettiness τ_2 distribution In the peak region (for e^+e^- and boosted tops) can be analytically computed in QCD factorization (SCET) at NLL+NLO and coherent branching (CB).

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

Fleming, Mantri, Stewart, AHH, 2007



↑
Ultra-collinear radiation

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Large-angle soft radiation

Plätzer, Samitz, AHH; arXiv:1807.06617

Cutoff in Angular Ordered Parton Showers

Δ_m^{pert} can be systematically examined at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ for τ_2 in the resonance region:

- Parton level (with common shape function)
- Boosted top quarks (factorization and shower algorithm reliable)
- Narrow width approximation (no systematic shower algorithm for non-res. effects)

$Q_0=0$: (strict perturbation theory in $\alpha_s(Q)$)

- Equivalence of CB and SCET at NLL order for $Q_0=0$ (massive quark case new!)
- Generator mass m_t is the pole mass m_t^{pole}

But MC parton showers require $Q_0 \gtrsim 1$ GeV, so it is mandatory to include the finite shower cut !

Plätzer, Samitz, AHH; arXiv:1807.06617

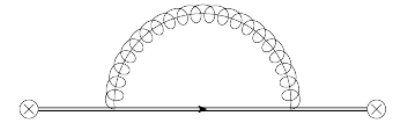
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$Q_0 > 0$:

- Pole of the top quark propagator = $m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) \neq m_t^{\text{pole}}$ (**coherent branching mass**)

$$m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) = m_t^{\text{pole}} - \frac{2}{3} Q_0 \alpha_s(Q_0) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s(Q_0)^2)$$



- In the presence of the shower cut the **ultra-collinear radiation** generated by CB produces exactly the mass scheme change correction that is required so that the generator mass is exactly the coherent branching mass $m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0)$.

$$\sigma(m_1, Q, \dots) = \sigma(m_2, Q, \dots) + \delta m \times \left. \frac{d}{dm} \sigma(m, Q, \dots) \right|_{m=m_1} + \dots$$

$$\delta m = m_2 - m_1$$

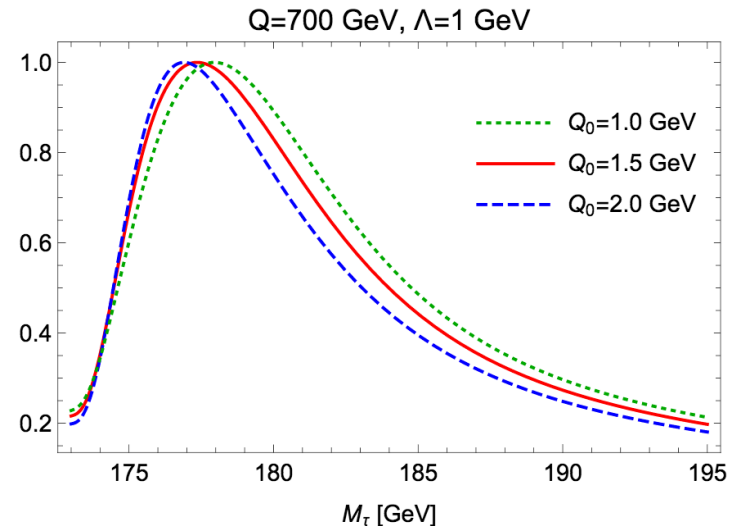
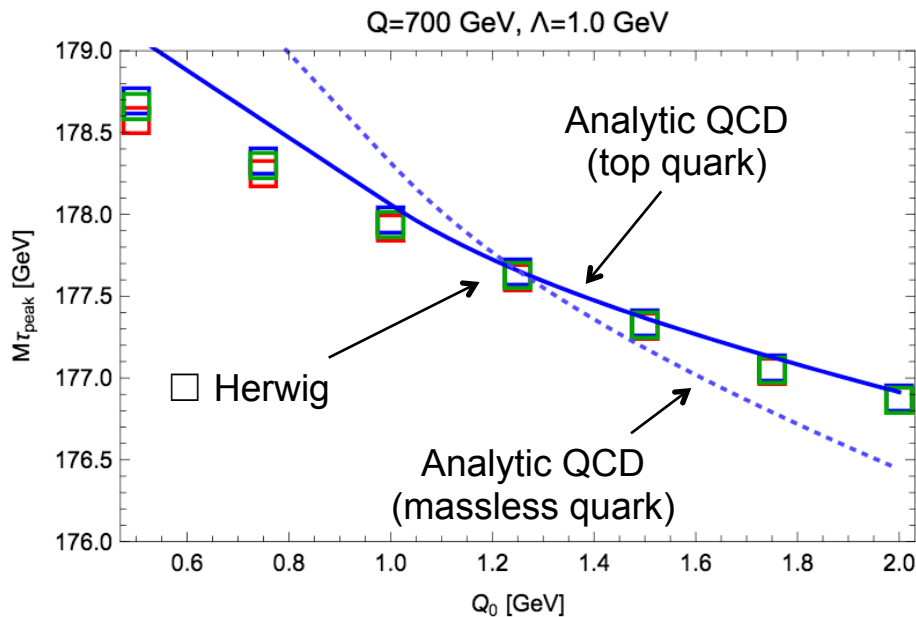
← Scheme change correction

- The shower cut also affects **large-angle soft radiation**. The corresponding effects are directly tied to the amount of hadronization effects that are fixed by tuning
- All conclusions explicitly cross checked by correspondence between analytic QCD factorization calculations and analytic solutions of the CB algorithm.

Q_0 Dependence: Herwig vs analytic QCD

Peak position of $M_\tau = \frac{Q^2 \tau_2}{2m_t}$ ($Q = E_{cm}$)

- Depends on value of Q_0 (while keeping hadronization effects unchanged)
- Relative Q_0 dependence of hadronization and the top mass depends on Q



- Herwig simulations in full agreement with analytic calculation for CB algorithm
- M_{bl} endpoint and M_{bW} resonance position show compatible Q_0 behavior.

Relation of $m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0)$ to other Masses

Herwig 7: $Q_0 = 1.25 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow m_t^{\text{Herwig}} = m_t^{\text{CB}}(1.25 \text{ GeV})$

MSR Mass

$$m_t^{\text{MC}} = m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) = m_t^{\text{pole}} - \frac{2}{3} Q_0 \alpha_s(Q_0) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) = m_t^{\text{pole}} - 0.67 Q_0 \alpha_s(Q_0) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

$$m_t^{\text{MSR}}(Q_0) = m_t^{\text{pole}} - \frac{4}{3\pi} Q_0 \alpha_s(Q_0) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) = m_t^{\text{pole}} - 0.42 Q_0 \alpha_s(Q_0) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

$$\rightarrow m_t^{\text{MSR}}(Q_0) - m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) = 0.24 Q_0 \alpha_s(Q_0) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

$$m_t^{\text{MSR}}(Q_0) - m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) = (0.190 \pm 0.070) \text{ GeV}$$

$$\alpha_s^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(M_Z) = 0.118$$

- CB and MSR masses do not suffer from the $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$ renormalon \rightarrow good convergence
- Uncertainty estimated from difference between α_s in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ and MC schemes
- MSR mass can be related to $\overline{m}_t(\overline{m}_t)$ with uncertainty of 15 MeV.
- Precision sufficient for all possible applications at the LHC
- Two-loop corrections to $m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) - m_t^{\text{pole}}$ needed for ILC top quark physics

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Pole Mass

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$$m_t^{\text{pole}} - m_t^{\text{MSR}}(Q_0) = (0.350 \pm 0.250) \text{ GeV}$$

$$\rightarrow m_t^{\text{pole}} - m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) = (0.540 \pm 0.260) \text{ GeV}$$

Lepenik, Preisser, AHH 2017
[$\pm 110 \text{ MeV}$: Beneke, Marquard,
Nason, Steinhauser 2017]

All order relation!

- Pole mass suffers from the $O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$ renormalon \rightarrow irreducible ambiguity 250 MeV
- **Pole mass around 0.5 GeV larger than Herwig top generator mass.**
Shift as large as current experimental uncertainty from direct methods.

Conclusions / Outlook

- For angular order partons showers (Herwig MC) one can derive the **perturbative** contributions to the relation between generator mass and pole mass (Δ_m^{pert})

$$m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) = m_t^{\text{pole}} - \frac{2}{3}Q_0\alpha_s(Q_0) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s(Q_0)^2)$$

- Current Restrictions:
 - Boosted top quarks
 - Narrow width approximation
 - Top production (2-jettiness)
- Needed to remove restriction
 - Parton shower algorithm for slow tops
 - Parton shower for unstable top quark
 - Factorized predictions including top decay
- There are good prospects that all three restriction can be addressed in near future (w.i.p.). But for all three new conceptual developments are required.
- Study of **non-perturbative** contributions to the relation between generator and pole mass ($\Delta_m^{\text{non-pert}}$) can be carried out by dedicated MC simulations (w.i.p.)
- Numerical calibration still important tool for consistency checks.