



## Top physics at hadron colliders

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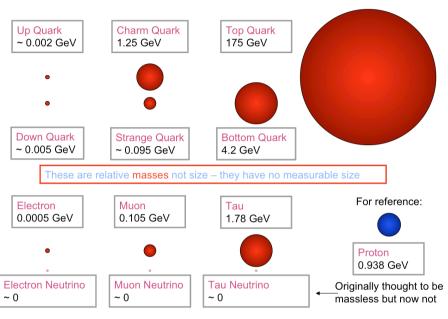


- Top quark properties
- Top quark production
- Top pair production
- Top quark decays
- Top mass measurement
- Single-top measurements
- Search for new physics with top



#### Top: the heaviest quark

- Top is by far the heaviest quark, and the heaviest particle ever observed
  - As heavy as a Au atom!
- Top mass is close to the Electroweak scale
- Unlike all other quarks, it's heavier than W, so it
   can decay into a real W: t→Wq
- Decay time faster than typical hadronization time
  - Top decays before it can hadronize, so it's a unique opportunity to study "bare" quark properties

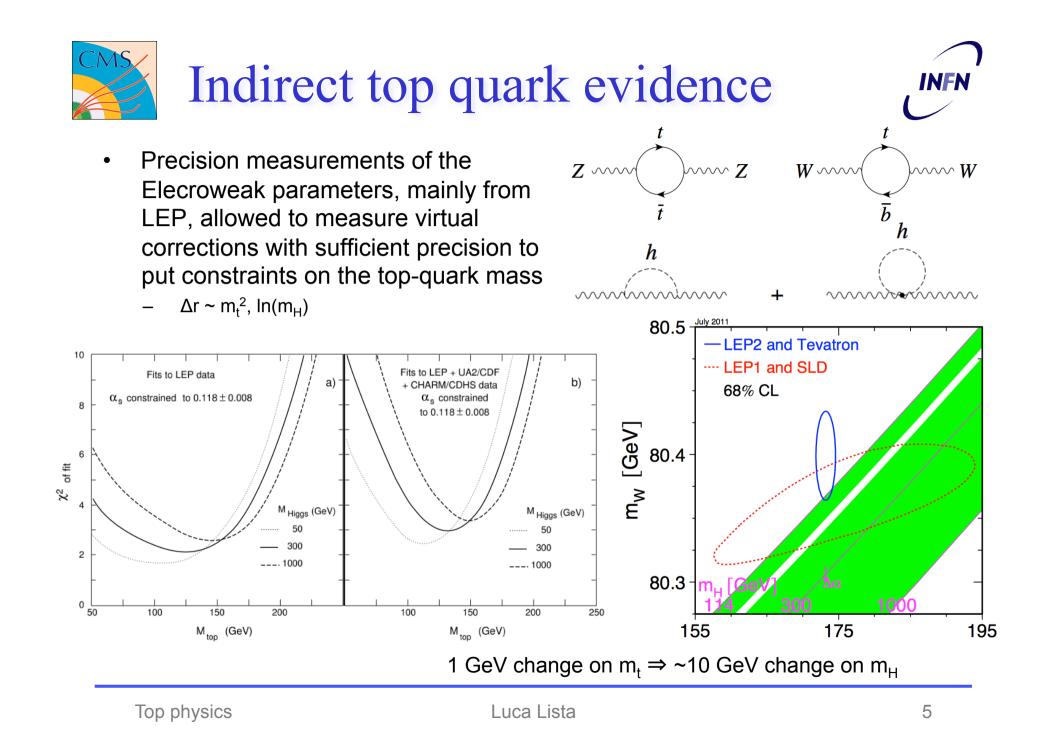






- 1977 b-quark discovered at FNAL, top quark hypothesizes as weak isospin partner and 6<sup>th</sup> quark to complete the three SM generations
- Direct search in e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> colliders, increasing limits on the top mass
- ~1990– indirect estimate of quark mass from precision EWK measurements (LEP)
- 1995 discovered at FNAL by CDF and D0 in direct top-pair production

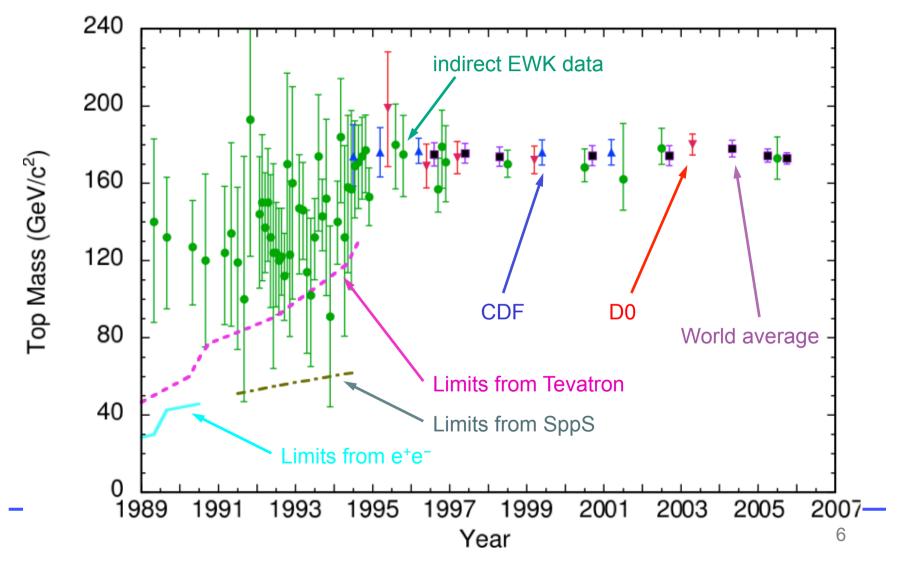
Year	Collider	Particles	References	Limit on $m_t$
1979-84	Petra (Desy)	$e^+e^-$	[45]-[58]	$> 23.3  { m GeV/c^2}$
1987-90	Tristan (Kek)	$e^+e^-$	[59]-[63]	$> 30.2 \text{ GeV/c}^2$
1989-90	SLC (SLAC), LEP (CERN)	$e^+e^-$	[64]-[67]	$> 45.8  { m GeV/c^2}$
1984	$Sp\bar{p}S$ (Cern)	$par{p}$	[70]	$> 45.0  \text{GeV/c}^2$
1990	$\mathrm{Sp}\bar{\mathrm{p}}\mathrm{S}$ (Cern)	$par{p}$	[71, 72]	$> 69 \text{ GeV/c}^2$
1991	Tevatron (Fnal)	$par{p}$	[73]-[75]	$> 77 \text{ GeV/c}^2$
1992	Tevatron (Fnal)	$par{p}$	[76, 77]	$> 91 \text{ GeV/c}^2$
1994	TEVATRON (FNAL)	$par{p}$	[79, 80]	$> 131  \text{GeV/c}^2$
1995	TEVATRON (FNAL)	$par{p}$	[37]	$= 174 \pm 10^{+13}_{-12} \text{ GeV/c}^2$
			[38]	$= 199^{+19}_{-21} \pm 22~{ m GeV/c^2}_{-21}$







• Limits or estimate vs time

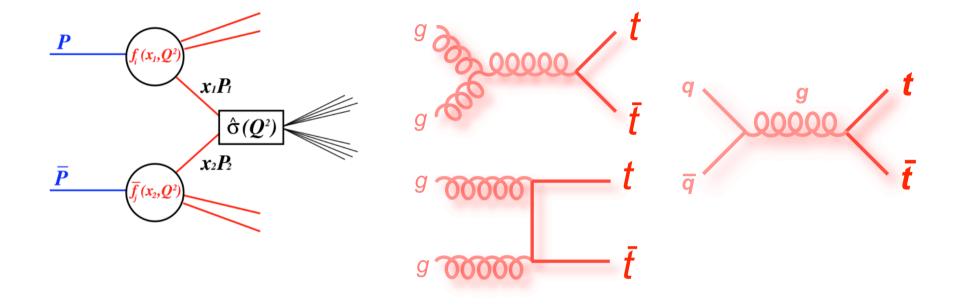






# Top quark production

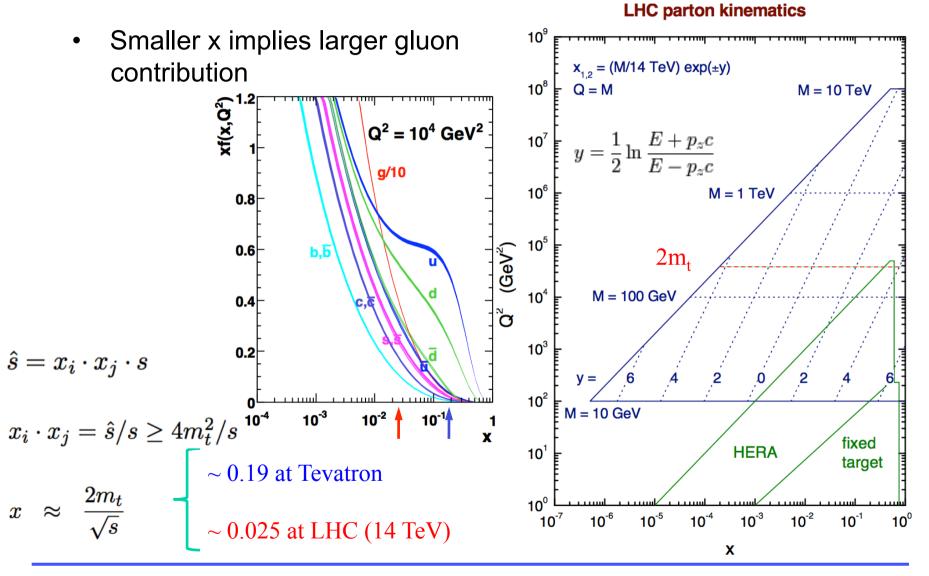


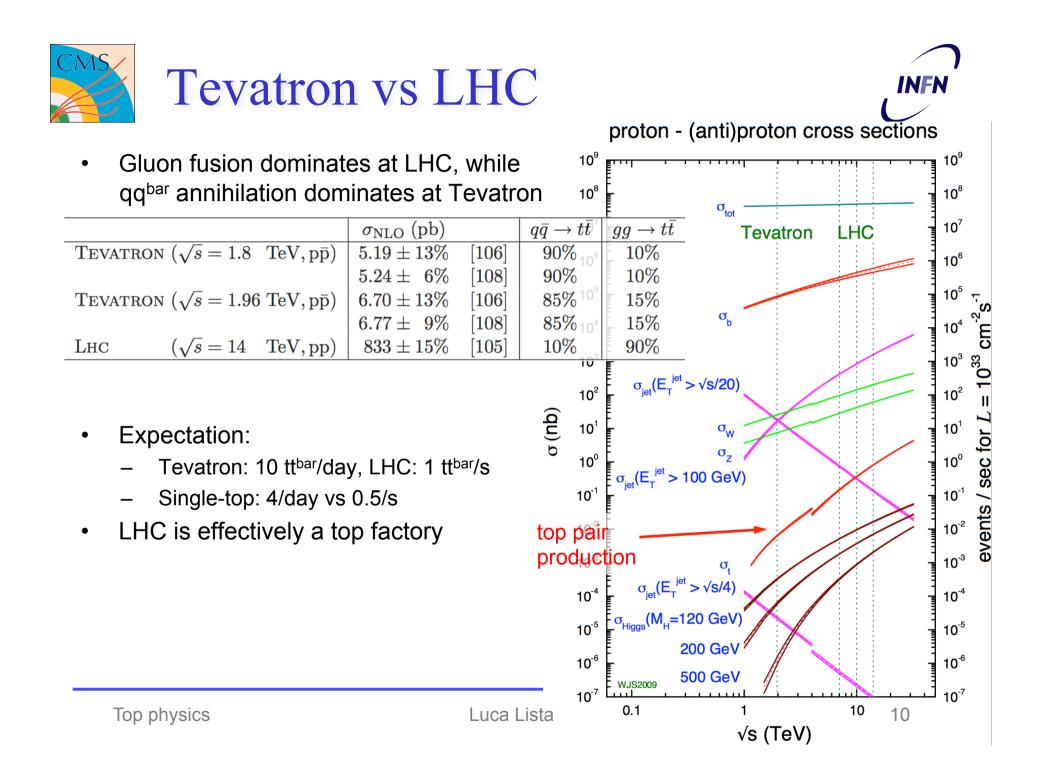


$$\sigma^{tar{t}}(\sqrt{s}, m_t) \;\;=\;\; \sum_{i,j=q,ar{q},g} \int dx_i \, dx_j \, f_i(x_i, \mu^2) \cdot ar{f}_j(x_j, \mu^2) \cdot \hat{\sigma}^{ij o tar{t}}\left(
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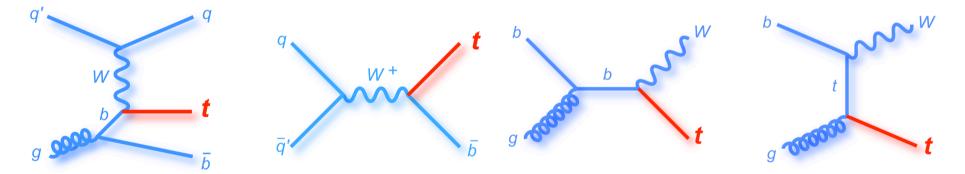








- Single top quark production is possible via the mediation of a W
- Three possible processes: t, s channels, tW

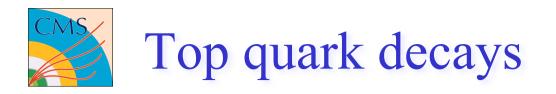


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Tevatron pp @1.96 TeV	1.04	<b>0.22</b> (arxiv.org/pdf/0909.0037)	2.08
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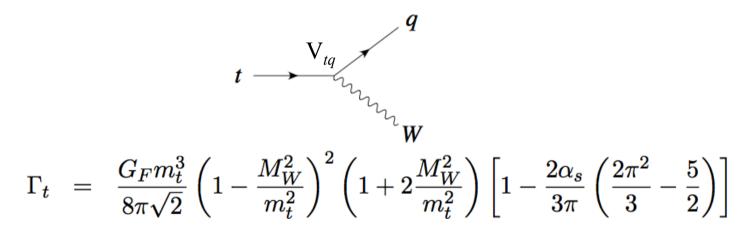


# Top quark decay





• Main top decay:  $t \rightarrow Wb (|V_{tb}| \sim 1)$ 



- Top lifetime is ~ 0.5×10<sup>-24</sup>s, smaller than typical hadronization time (1/Λ<sub>QCD</sub> ~ 3×10<sup>-24</sup>s)
  - Top decays too quickly to produce top hadrons, so no top spectroscopy is possible





- The signature of top events is dictated by the decay mode of the W boson in t $\rightarrow$ Wb **W<sup>+</sup> DECAY MODES** Fraction  $(\Gamma_i/\Gamma)$
- Possible decay modes:
  - Dileptons (e,  $\mu$ ): ~5%
  - Leptons + jets: ~30%
  - All hadronic: ~45%

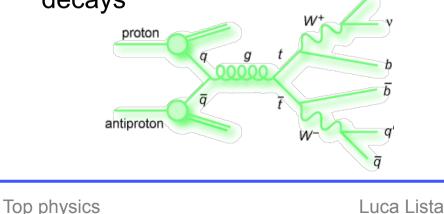
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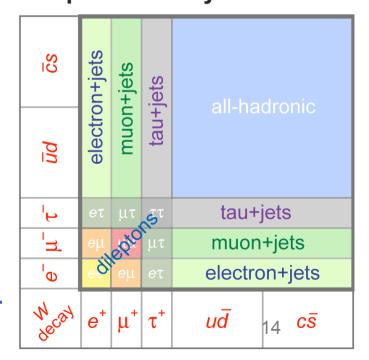
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- $(10.80 \pm 0.09)$  %
- $\tau^+ \nu$

hadrons

- (10.75± 0.13) %  $(10.57 \pm 0.15)$  %
- (11.25± 0.20) %
- (67.60± 0.27) %
- Two b-jets at leas are present in the event **Top Pair Decay Channels**
- Neutrinos are present when the W decays leptonically
- Non-b jets are present in W hadronic decays







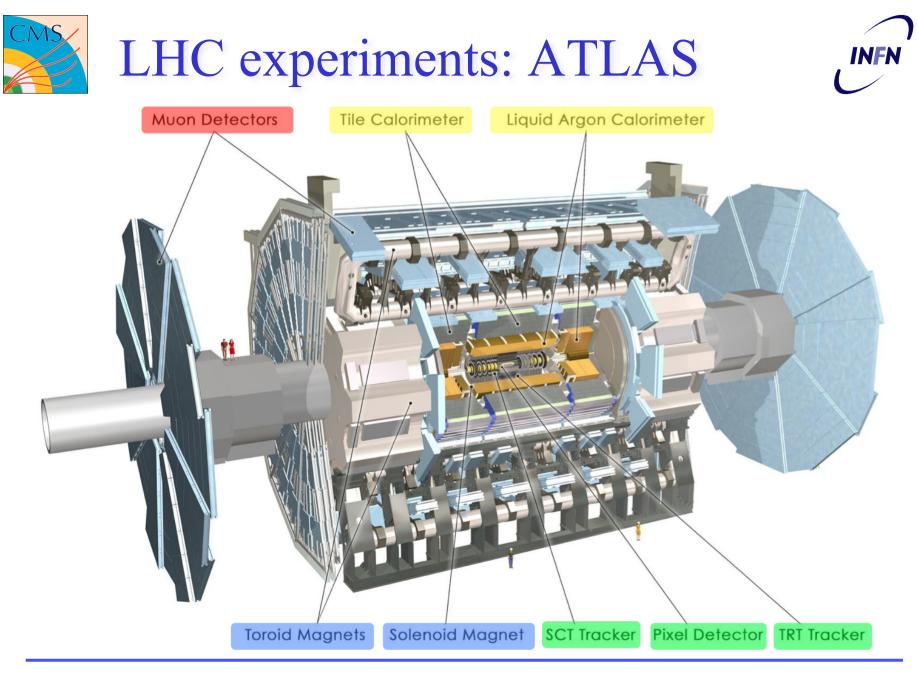


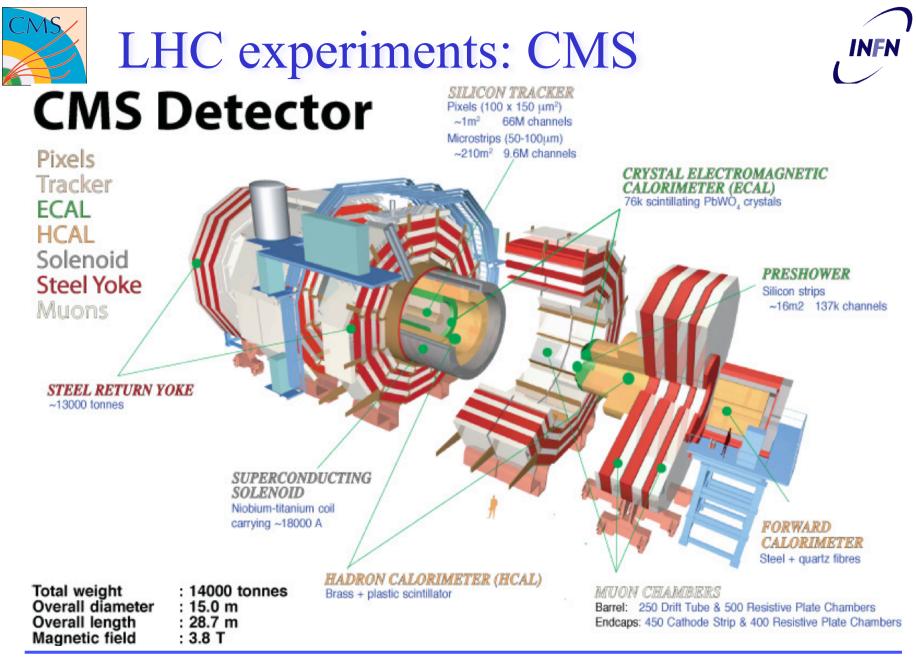
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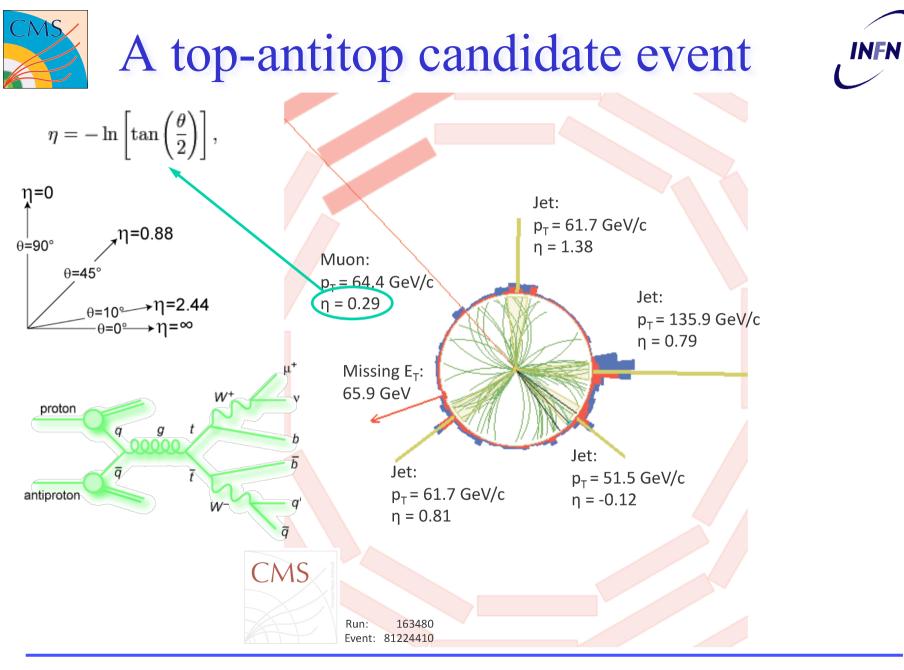
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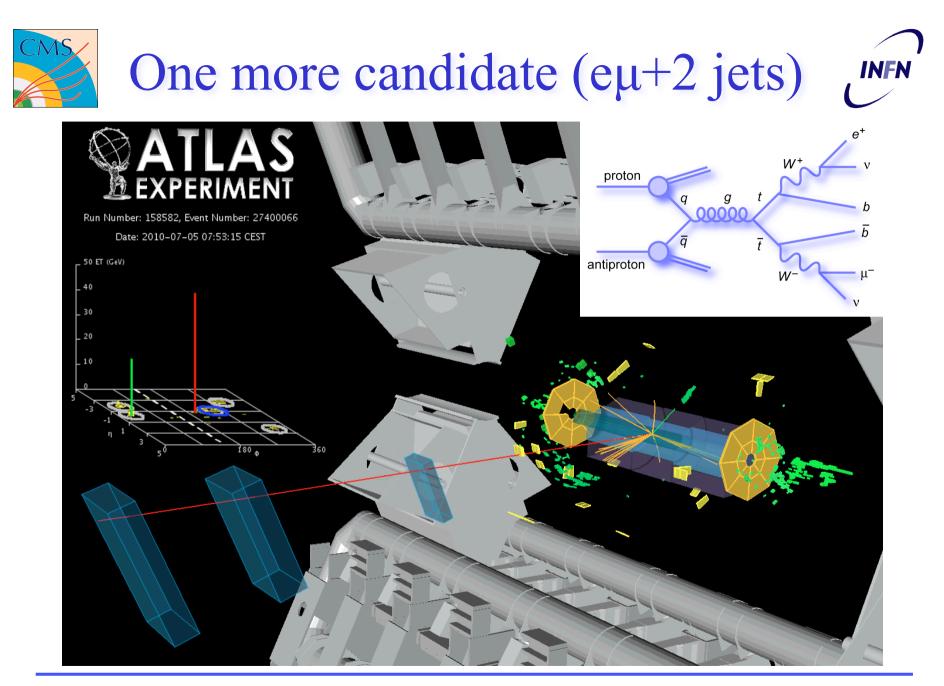


- Top events can be recognized and discriminated from the background using several detector information
- Lepton identification
- Hadronic jet reconstruction
- Identification of b-jets (b tagging)
- Reconstruction of neutrinos as missing energy
  - in the transverse plane only at hadron colliders
- Further background reduction can be achieved using kinematic variables, depending on the specific channel









## Identifying the b jet: "tagging"

Primar Vertex (PV)

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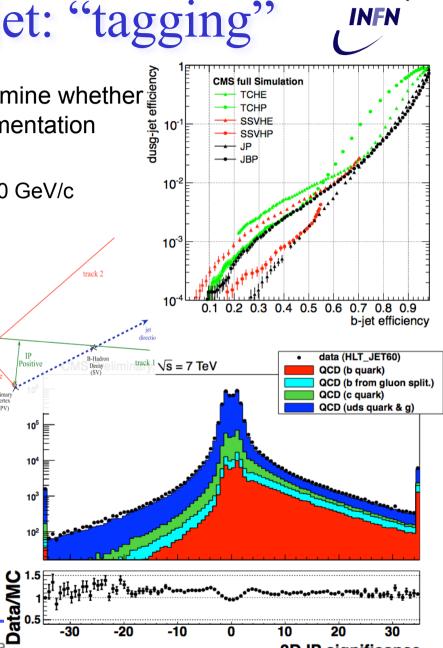
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**3D IP significance** 

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- Different algorithms are used to determine whether a jet is produced from a b-quark fragmentation
- b mesons/barions have long lifetimes
  - τ~1.5ps, ct ~ 450μm, l~1.8mm at p=20 GeV/c
  - Impact parameter reconstruction can detect long-lived tracks
- Semileptonic branching ratio is larger than non-b jets
  - ~11%, ~20% including cascade decays
- Harder b frabmentation
  - Some difference in kinematics
  - Larger  $p_{T}$  of tracks w.r.t. the jet direction
- Different information can be combined into a single tagger algorithm







## tt<sup>bar</sup> cross section





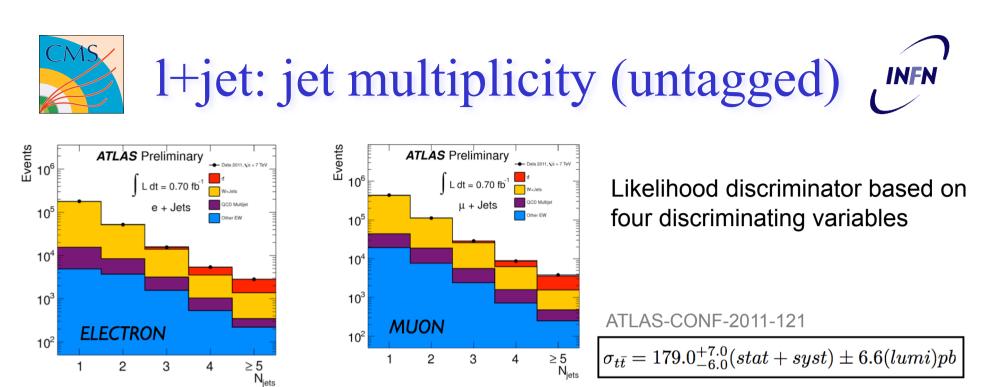
• Typical event selection for lepton + jets

ATLAS	Electron	Muon	
Trigger	p⊤ > 20 GeV	p <sub>T</sub> > 18 GeV	
Jets	Anti-Kt 0.4, p <sub>T</sub> > 20 GeV,  η  < 2.5, ΔR(jet, electron) < 0.2		
Electron	E <sub>T</sub> > 25 GeV,  η  < 2.5, E <sub>T</sub> (cone 0.2) < 3.5 GeV		
Muon	$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV},  \eta  < 2.1,$ $E_T$ (cone 0.3) < 4 GeV & $P_T$ (cone 0.3) < 4 GeV, $\Delta R$ (muon,jet ( $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$ ) ) < 0.4		
Missing E <sub>T</sub>	> 35 GeV	> 25 GeV	
m <sub>T</sub> (W <sub>lep</sub> )	> 25 GeV	$E_T + m_T (W_{lep}) > 60 \text{ GeV}$	

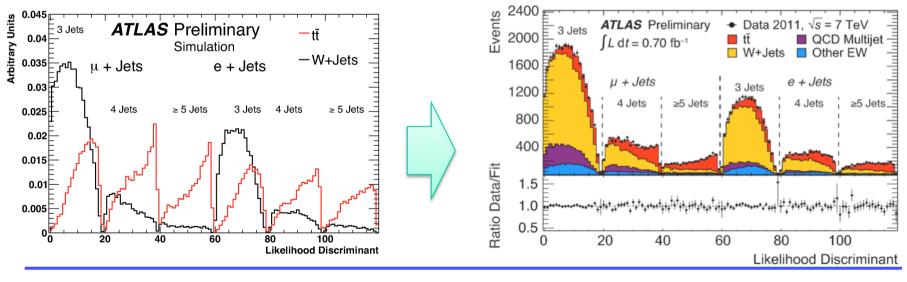
CMS	Electron	Muon	
Trigger	p⊤ > 22 GeV	p⊤> 15 GeV	
Jets	Anti-Kt 0.5, $p_T$ > 30 GeV, $ \eta $ < 2.4 $\Delta R$ (jet, muon    electron) < 0.3		
Electron	E <sub>T</sub> > 30 GeV,  η  < 2.5 I <sub>rel</sub> (cone 0.3) < 0.1		
Muon	p⊤> 20 GeV,  η <2.1, I <sub>rel</sub> (cone 0.3) < 0.05		
Missing E <sub>T</sub>	Missing E <sub>T</sub> no cut on missing E <sub>T</sub> as is used in likelihood		

$$m_T(W)=\sqrt{2p_T^lp_T^
u(1-\cos(\phi^l-\phi
u))}$$

$$I_{rel} = (I_{charged} + I_{neutral} + I_{photon})/p_T$$



Likelihood discriminant based on kinematical quantities

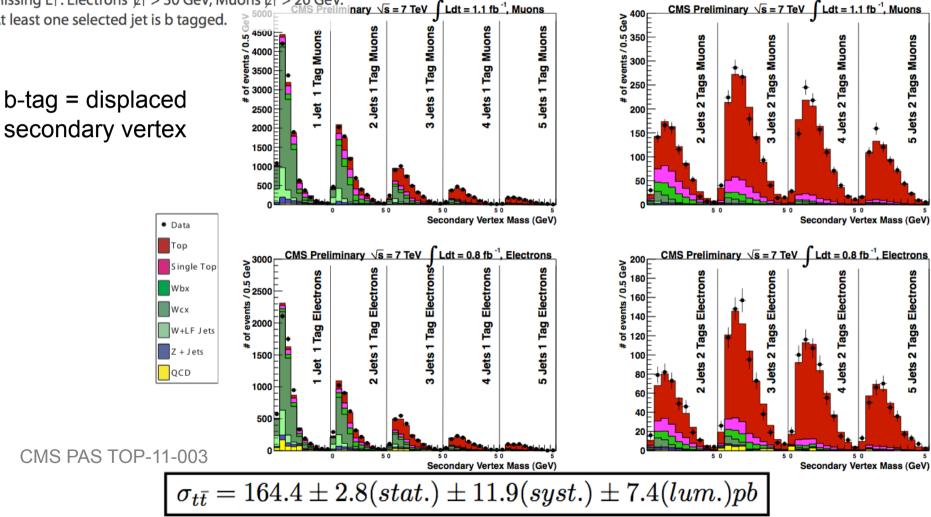




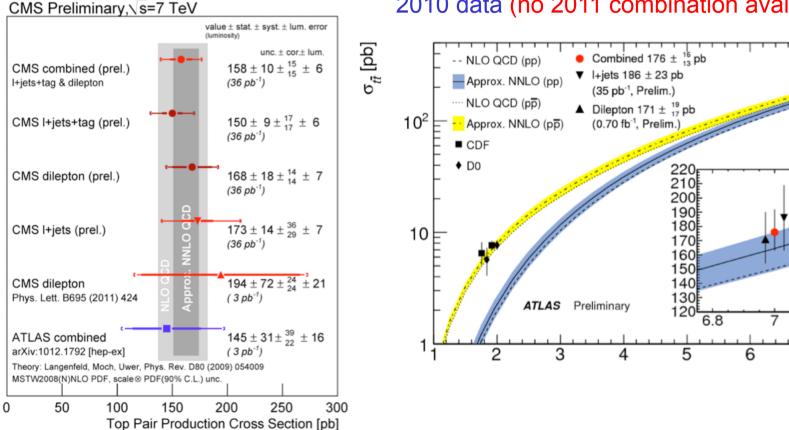


Lepton  $p_T$ : Electron  $p_T > 45$  GeV, Muons  $p_T > 35$  GeV. Missing  $E_T$ : Electrons  $E_T > 30$  GeV, Muons  $E_T > 20$  GeV.

At least one selected jet is b tagged.







#### 2010 data (no 2011 combination available yet!)

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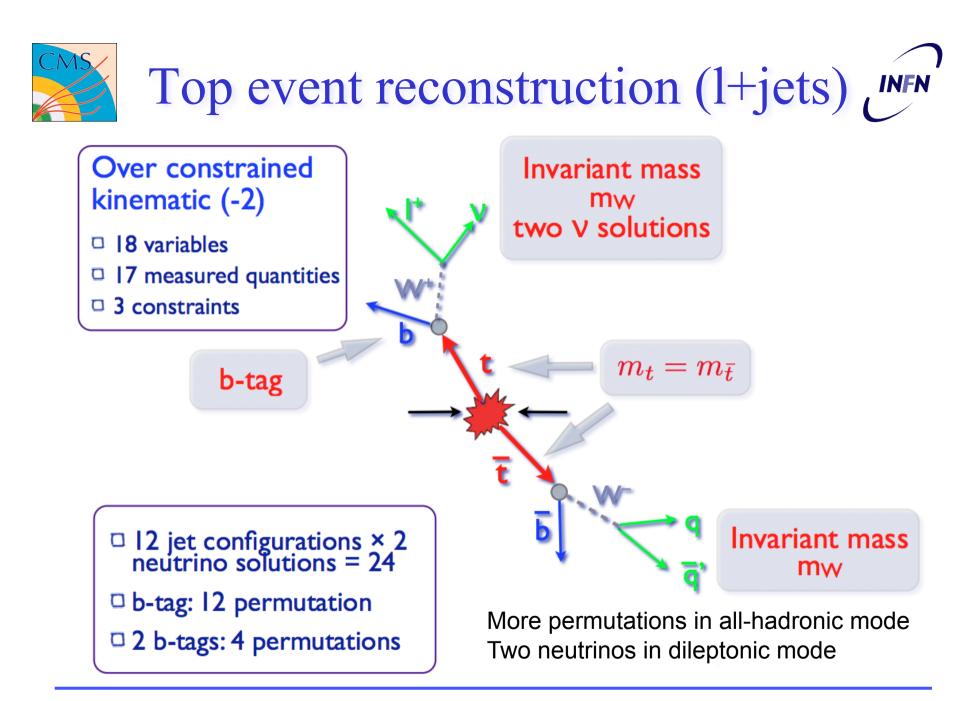
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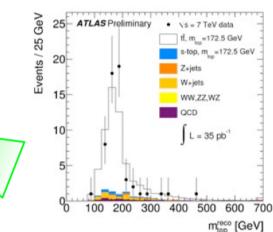
## Top mass measurement



### Reconstruct the top mass



Simple reconstruction - hadronic top



take three highest pT jets to build top mass

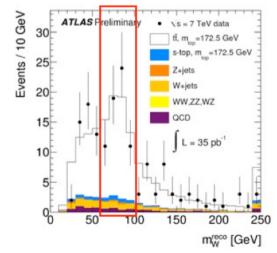
#### W mass window cut: 60<mw<100 GeV</p>

45%(36%) of correctly reconstructed W(top)

 if I b-tag in triplet take two jets with no b-tag to build W mass

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- if 2 b-tags in triplet drop the event
- $\label{eq:alpha} \Box \mbox{ if no b-tag take two jets} \\ \mbox{ with min } \Delta R \\ \mbox{ }$



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- Mass resolution improves if kinematical constraints are applied
- Chi-squared minimization problem
  - Gaussian approximation for Breit-Wigner shapes

$$\begin{split} \chi^2 &= \frac{(m_{jj} - M_W)^2}{\Gamma_W^2} + \frac{(m_{\ell\nu} - M_W)^2}{\Gamma_W^2} + \frac{(m_{jjb} - m_t^{rec})^2}{\Gamma_t^2} + \frac{(m_{\ell\nu b} - m_t^{rec})^2}{\Gamma_t^2} \\ &+ \sum_{i=\ell, 4jets} \frac{(p_T^{i,fit} - p_T^{i,meas})^2}{\sigma_i^2} + \sum_{j=x,y} \frac{(p_j^{UE,fit} - p_j^{UE,meas})^2}{\sigma_{UE^2}} \end{split}$$



-0.5

-1.5

**¥** Fitted Values

166 168

-Ln(L/L\_\_\_) = 4.5

-Ln(L/L\_\_\_) = 2.0

-Ln(L/L ) = 0.5

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**Energy Scale** 

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Simultaneous determination of Jet

and m<sub>t</sub> from the same sample

improves overall resolution

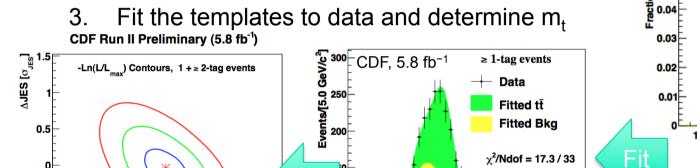
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M<sub>top</sub> [GeV/c<sup>2</sup>]

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#### Template method

- Generate m<sub>t</sub>-dependent observable (e.g.: 1. reconstructed top mass)
- 2. Generate template distributions at different m<sub>t</sub> (Monte Carlo)



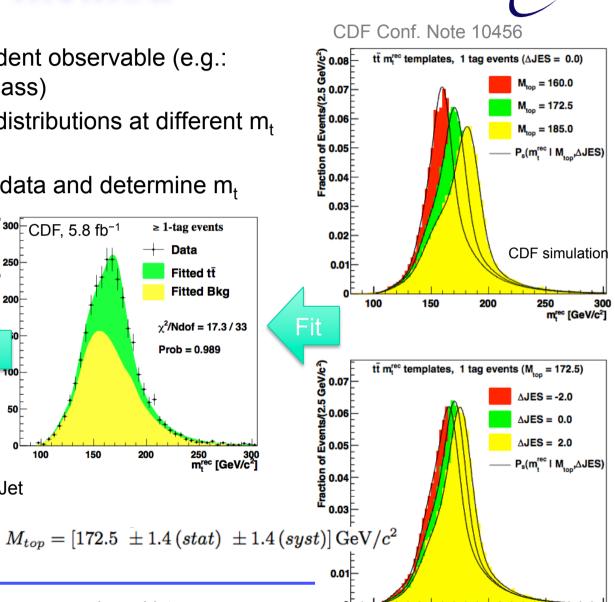
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m<sup>rec</sup> [GeV/c<sup>2</sup>]

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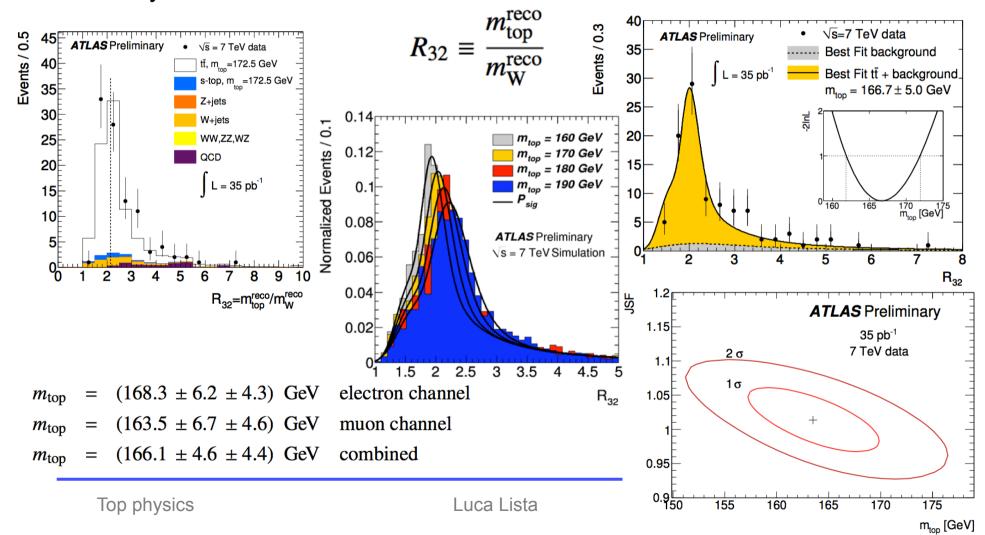
Prob = 0.989

250 300 m<sup>rec</sup> [GeV/c<sup>2</sup>]





 Similar method, different discriminating variable to reduce systematic uncertainties





#### Matrix element method



1. Compute the event probability density as:

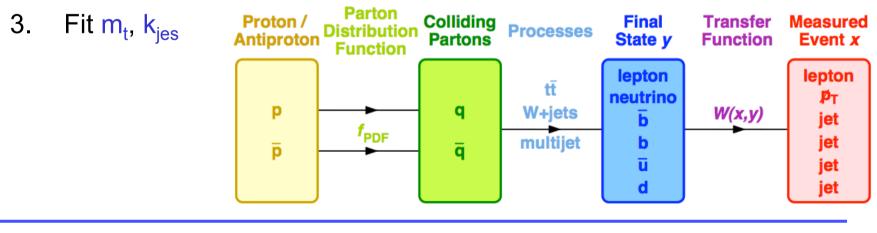
 $P_{\text{evt}}(x_{\text{evt}}; m_{\text{t}}, k_{\text{jes}}) = f_{\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}} P_{\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}}(x_{\text{evt}}; m_{\text{t}}, k_{\text{jes}}) + (1 - f_{\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}}) P_{\text{bkg}}(x_{\text{evt}}; m_{\text{t}}, k_{\text{jes}})$ 

where:

$$P_{\mathrm{t}\bar{\mathrm{t}}}(x;m_{\mathrm{t}},k_{\mathrm{jes}}) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathrm{t}}(m_{\mathrm{t}})} \int \sum_{\mathrm{flav.}} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma(y;m_{\mathrm{t}})}{\mathrm{d}y} f_{1}(q_{1}) f_{2}(q_{2}) W(x,y;k_{\mathrm{jes}}) \mathrm{d}q_{1} \mathrm{d}q_{2} \mathrm{d}y$$

2. Determine sample likelihood

$$\mathcal{L} = \prod_{\text{evt}} P_{\text{evt}}(x_{\text{evt}}; m_{\text{t}}, k_{\text{jes}})$$



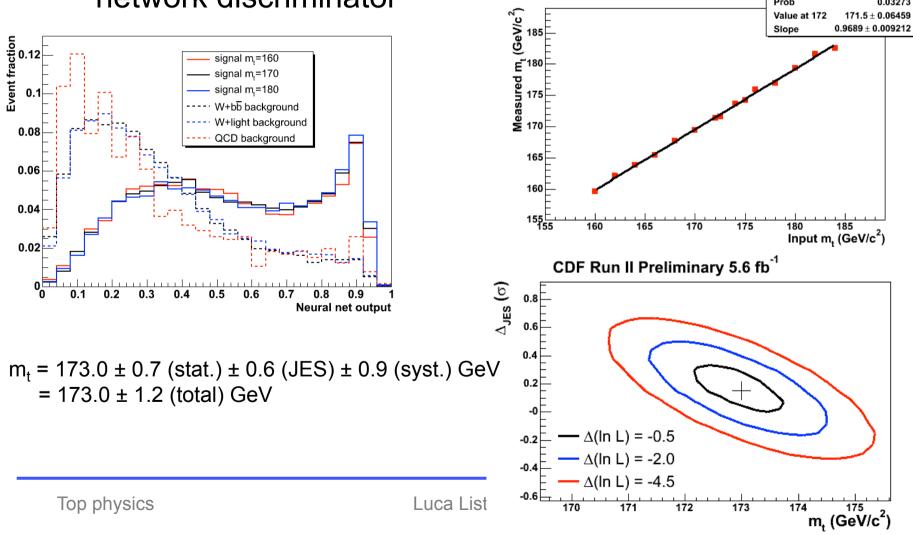




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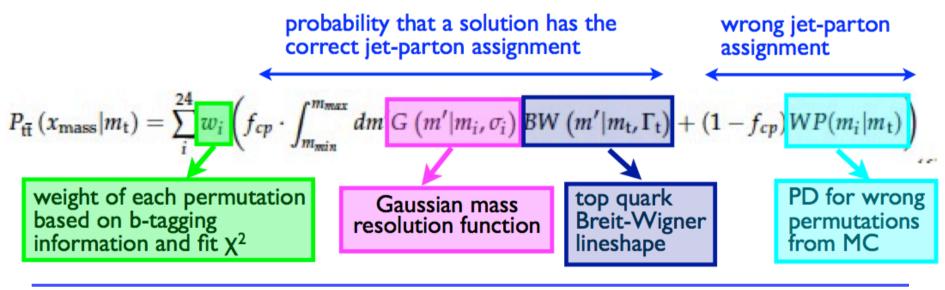
Signal and background classified using a neural network discriminator  $\chi^2$  / ndf Prob







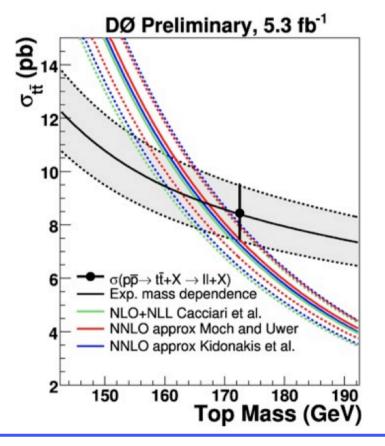
- Some similarities with Matrix Element method: perevent probability, overall data sample likelihood
- Top mass per event extracted from a kinematic constrained fit
- Resolution and m<sub>t</sub> shape included in the model
- Probability of wrong assignment taken into account

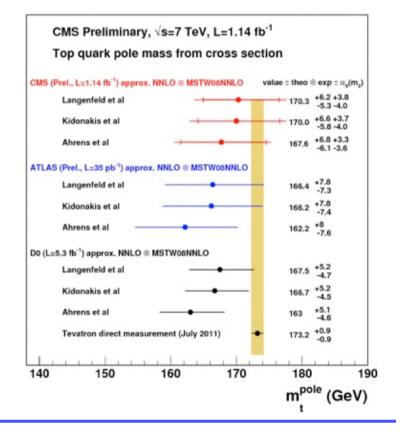






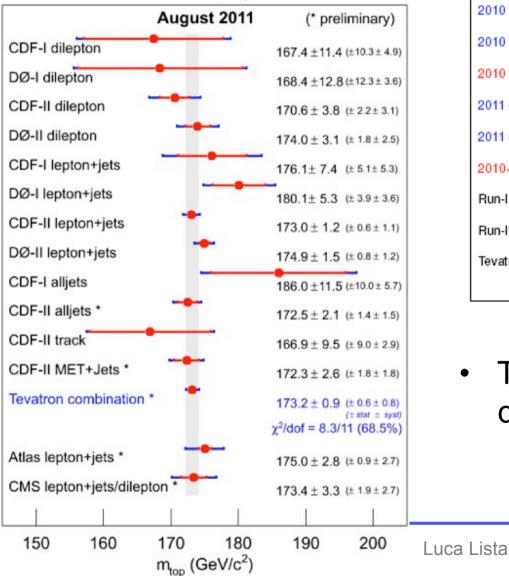
- Renormalization scheme subtlety: pole mass or MS mass...
- The smallest uncertainty in  $\sigma$  does not imply smallest uncertainty on  $m_t$

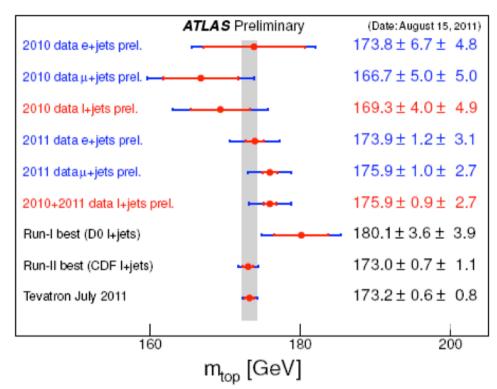






#### Mass of the Top Quark





#### Tevatron precision still dominates



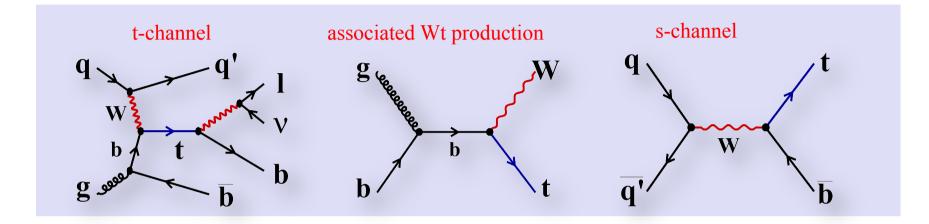


# Single top

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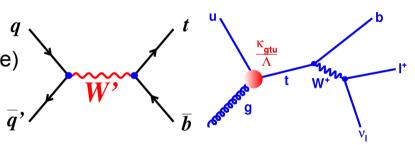




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- 1. Test of the SM prediction.
  - Does it exist?
  - Establish different channels separately
  - Cross section ∝ |V<sub>tb</sub>|<sup>2</sup> Test unitarity of the CKM matrix, .e.g. Hints for existence of a 4<sup>th</sup> generation ?
  - Test of b-quark PDF
- 2. Search for non-SM phenomena
  - Search W' or H<sup>+</sup> (Wt or s-chan. signature)
  - Search for FCNC, e.g.  $ug \rightarrow t$
  - ...
- 3. Single top as an experimental benchmark
  - Object identification: lepton fake rates, QCD background estimates, b-quark jet identification, ...
  - Redo measurements of top properties in different environment, for example, m<sub>t</sub>, W polarization in top decay, …

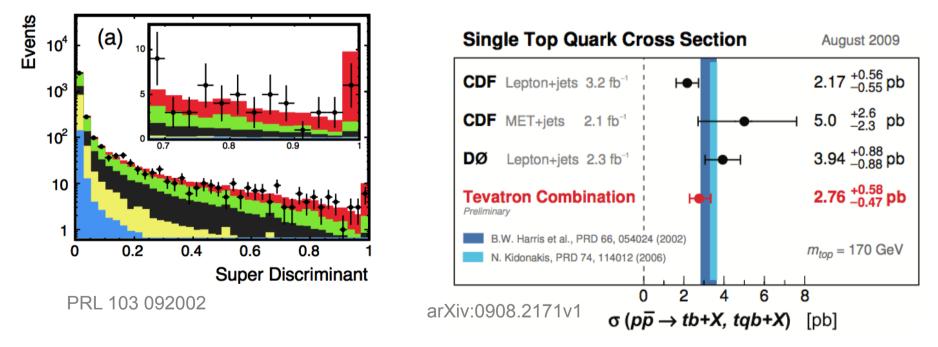


 $V_{ub}^2 + V_{cb}^2 + V_{tb}^2 \stackrel{?}{=} 1$ 





- Sum of s and t channel cross sections measured
- Hard to assess experimental significance, analysis heavily relying on multivariate techniques



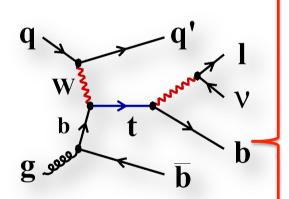
Claim: 5.9 standard deviations significance,  $|V_{tb}| = 0.91 \pm 0.11(exp.) \pm 0.07(th.)$ 





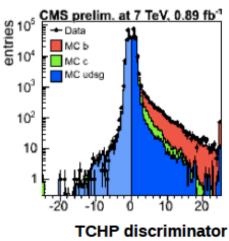
- Largest cross section of single-top processes
- Improved S/B ratio (≈10%) compared to Tevatron (≈7%)

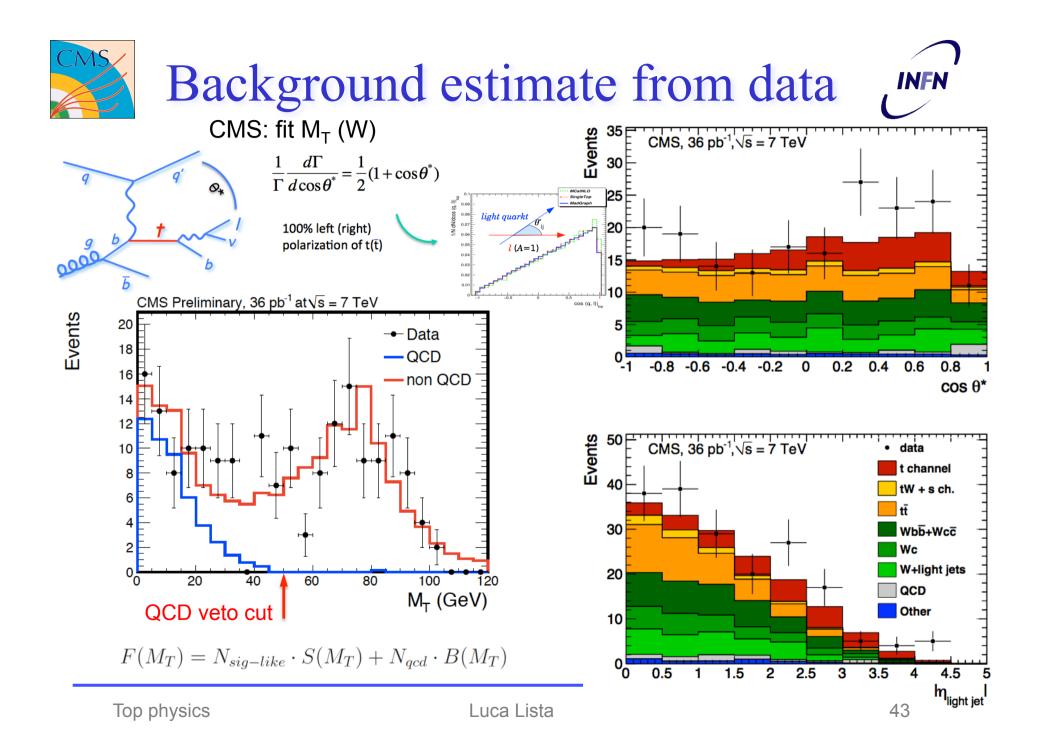
E.g.: CMS selection



- Select only events with leptonic W decays, to suppress QCD-multijets background.
- Some acceptance due to W → TV decays.

- Data sets defined by single lepton (e / µ) or lepton + jet triggers
- Charged lepton selection (electron / muon):
  - p<sub>T</sub> (μ) > 20 GeV, E<sub>T</sub>(e) > 30 GeV
  - |η(e)| < 2.5, |η(μ)| < 2.1</li>
  - Relative isolation
- Jet selection
  - 2 jets, b tagging/veto
- QCD multijet veto
  - M<sub>T</sub>(W) > 50 GeV





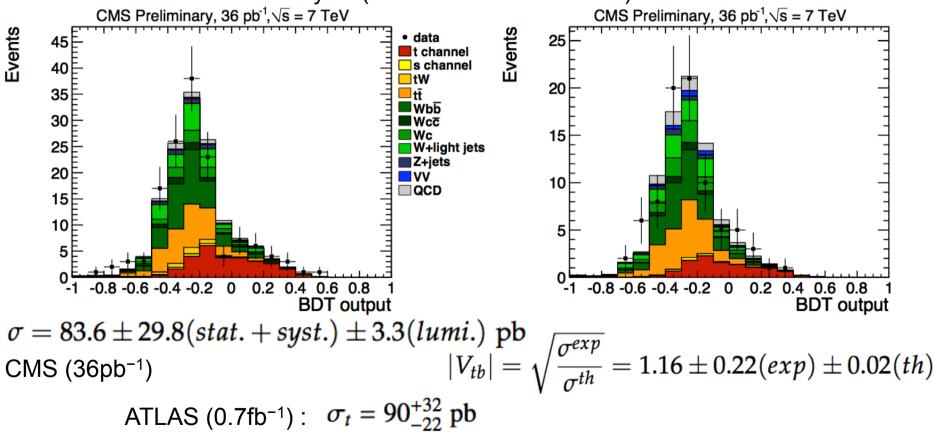




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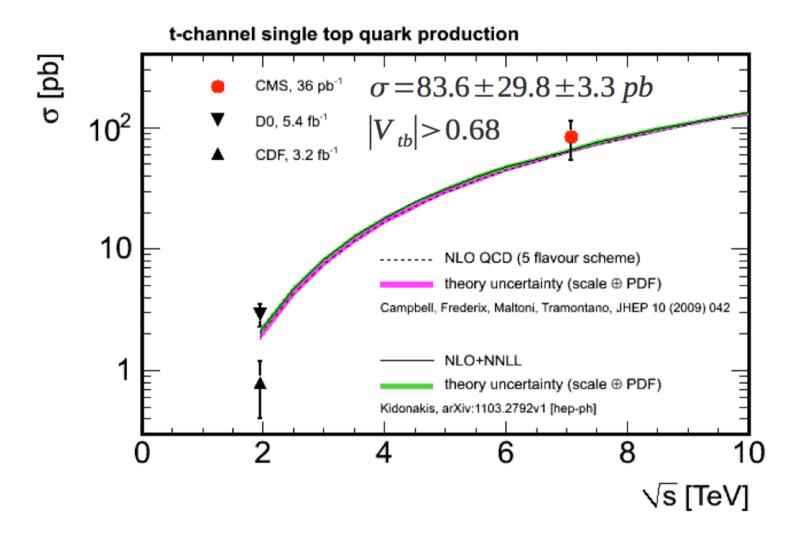
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- Complementary approaches adopted:
  - 2D maximum likelihood method ( $\cos\theta^*$ ,  $|\eta_{lq}|$ )
  - Multivariate analysis (Boosted Decision Trees)





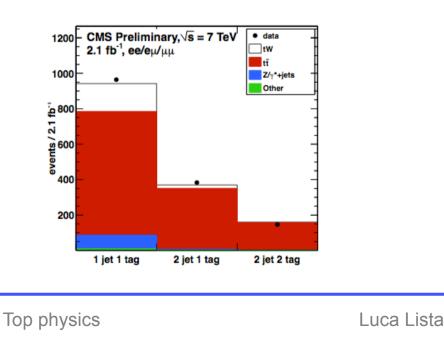


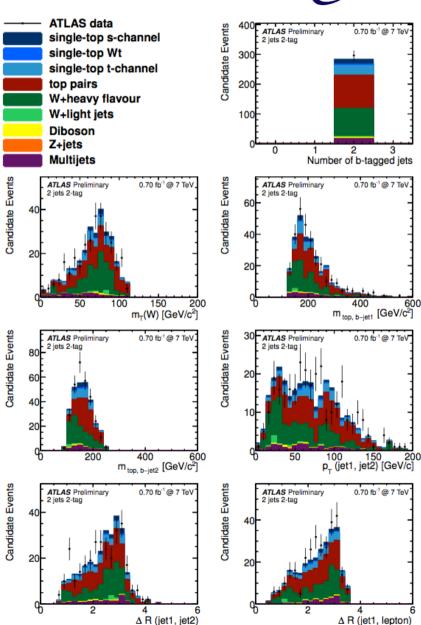




### More single top channels

- tW measurement by CMS (CMS PAS TOP-11-022, 2.1fb<sup>-1</sup>)
  - $-\sigma_{tW} = 22^{+9}_{-7}$ pb (2.7 $\sigma$  signif.)
  - SM:  $\sigma_{tW}$  = 15.6pb
- s-channel: limit presented by ATLAS (ATLAS-CONF-2011-027, 35pb<sup>-1</sup>, cut-based):
  - σ<sub>s-ch.</sub> < 26.5pb (95% CL)
  - But in SM  $\sigma_{s-ch.}$  = 4.6pb!





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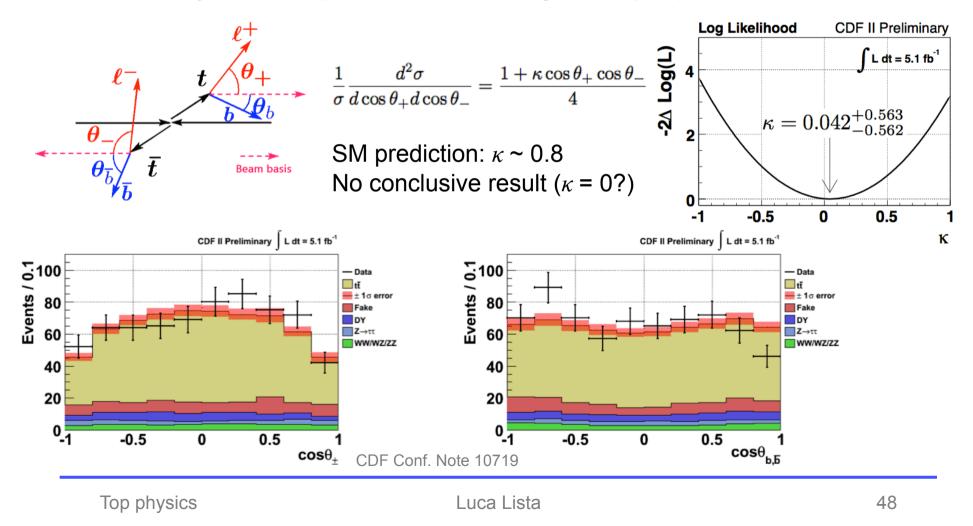
## More top properties

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 top and anti-top are produced with their spins correlated and decay as bare quarks before losing their spin polarizations

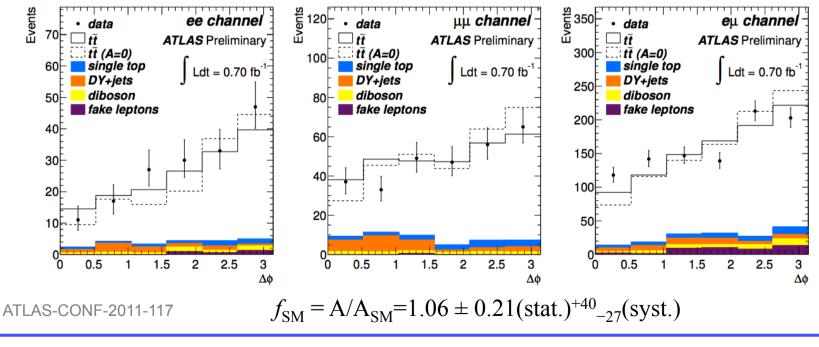


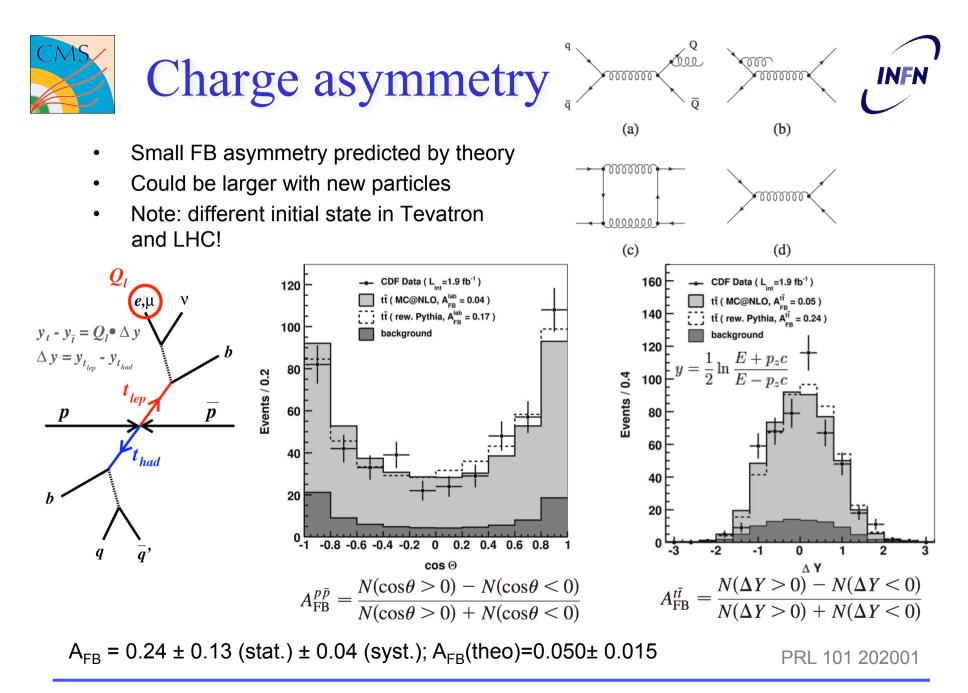




- Top pairs produced mainly via gluon fusion (LHC) or quark-antiquark annihilation (Tevatron)
- V-A structure of top decay

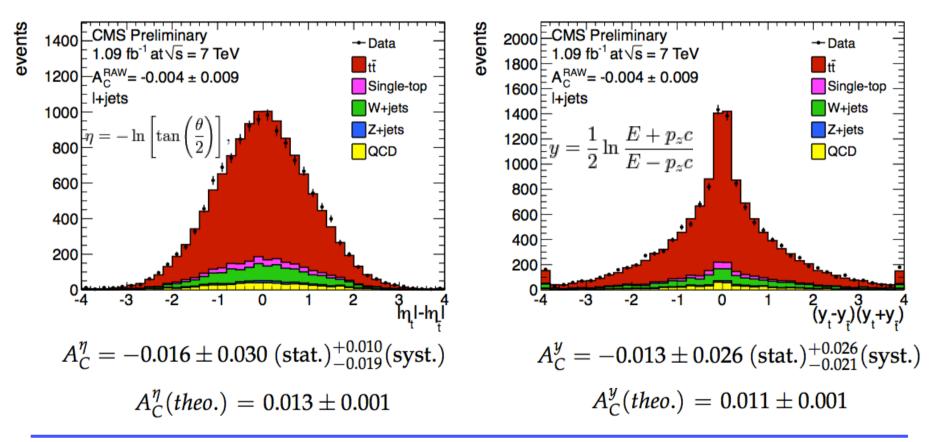
 $A = \frac{N_{like} - N_{unlike}}{N_{like} + N_{unlike}} = \frac{N(\uparrow\uparrow) + N(\downarrow\downarrow) - N(\uparrow\downarrow) - N(\downarrow\uparrow)}{N(\uparrow\uparrow) + N(\downarrow\downarrow) + N(\uparrow\downarrow) + N(\downarrow\uparrow)}$ 







- LHC has a symmetric initial state
- Charge asymmetry measured at Tevatron turns into an angular asymmetry





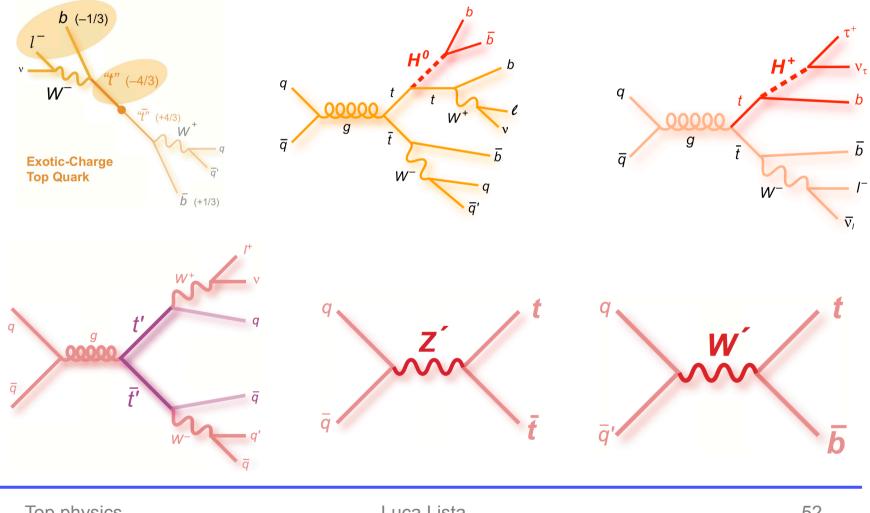
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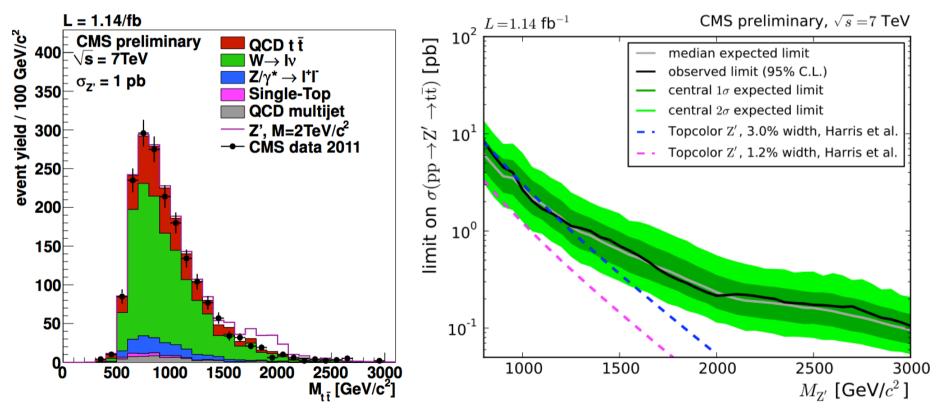
Top processes are suitable to study exotic physics







 CMS measured the tt<sup>bar</sup> invariant mass spectrum in (µvb)(qqb) decays

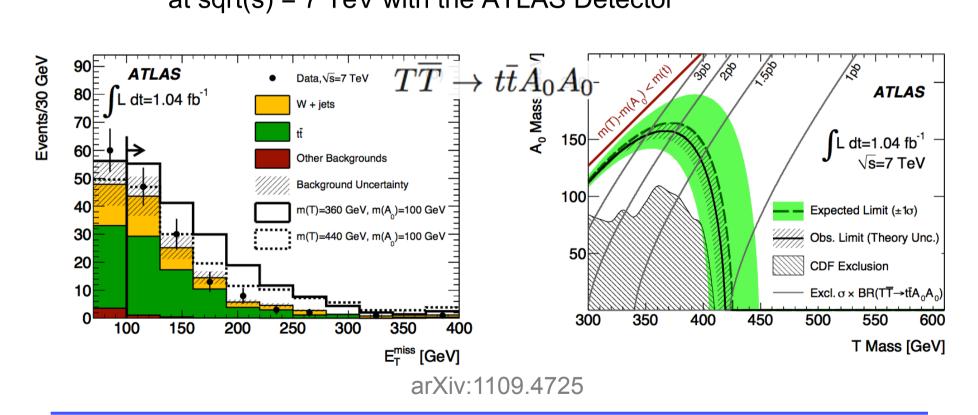


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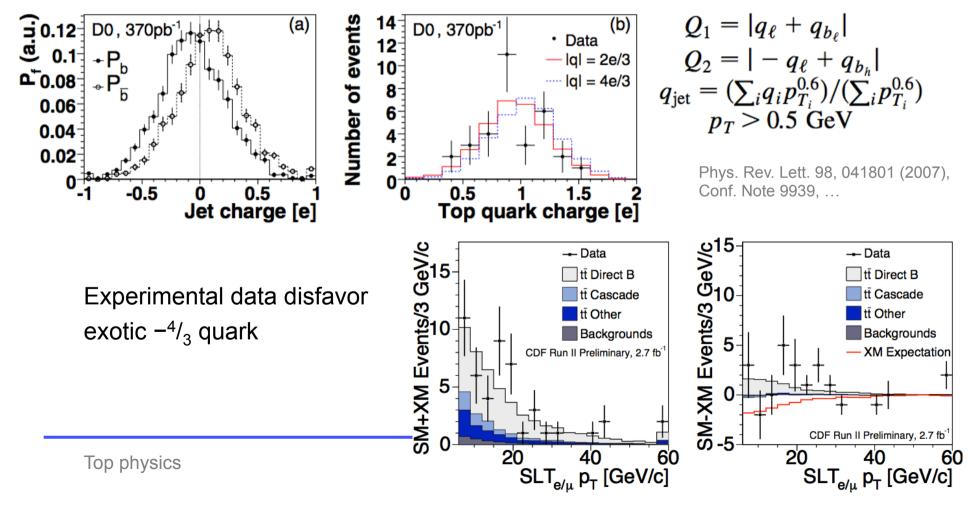
- ATLAS:
  - Search for New Phenomena in ttbar Events with Large Missing Transverse Momentum in Proton-Proton Collisions at sqrt(s) = 7 TeV with the ATLAS Detector







- Some models predict an exotic -4/3 particle, the true SM top (q= +2/3) quark being heavier and undetected
- b flavour has to be identified (b or <sup>bbar)</sup>, Jet charge or lepton tag







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