

Collider Particle Physics

- Chapter 9 -

**Tevatron: top discovery and W mass measurement;
top properties**



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Chapter Summary

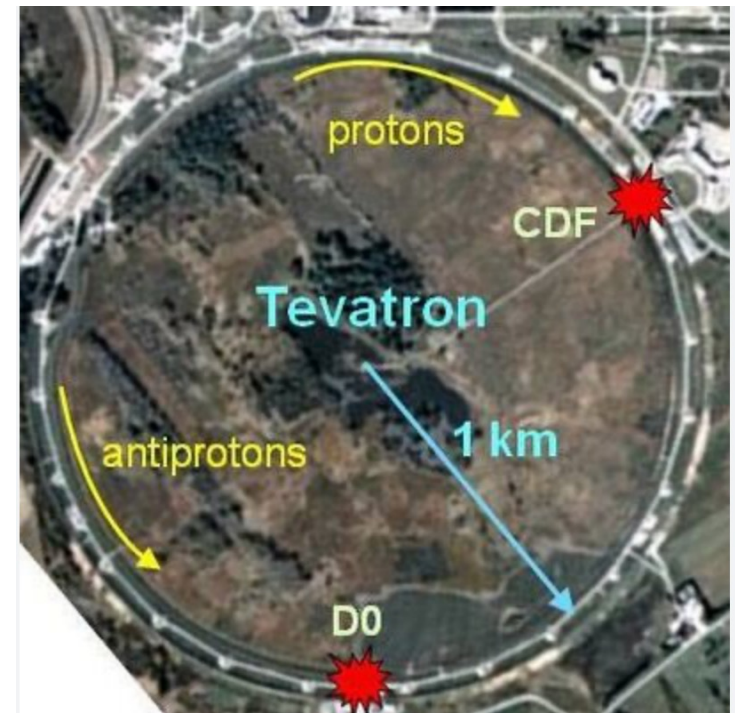
- Fermilab and the accelerator complex
- Top discovery
- W mass measurement at the Tevatron
- Top properties
- Top mass measurement (from LHC data)

The accelerator

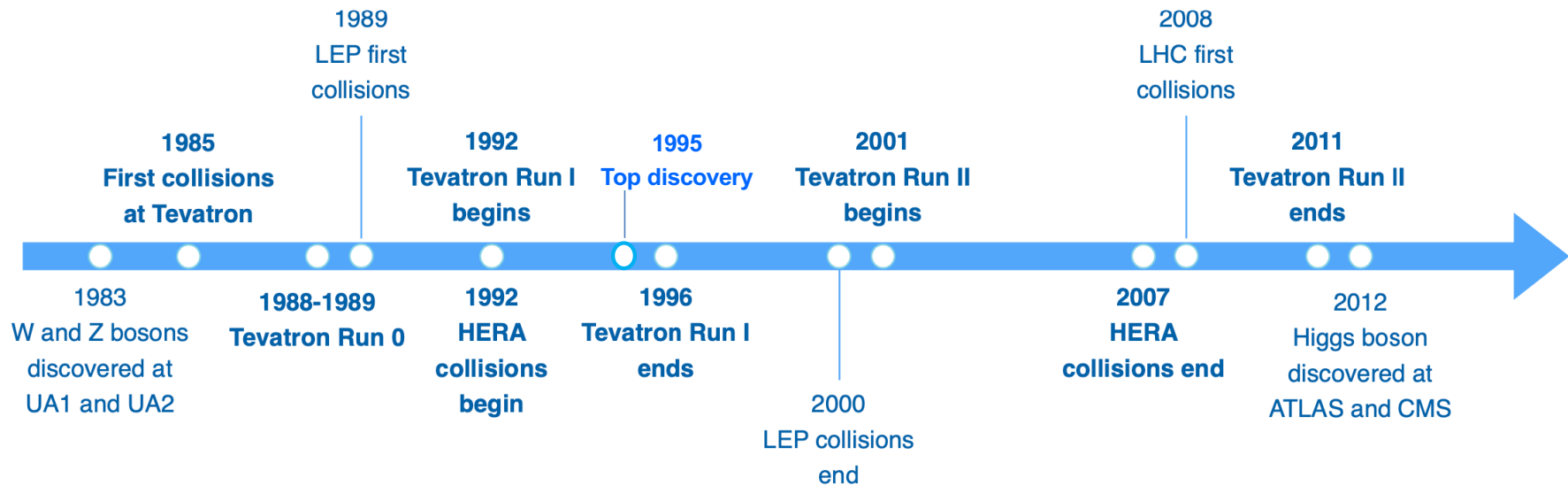
Fermilab and the accelerator complex

Fermilab and accelerators

- **National Accelerator Laboratory** founded 1967
 - Named after **Enrico Fermi** and dedicated (“Fermilab”) in 1974
- Central facility: proton synchrotron “Main Ring”
 - 2π km circumference and initial energy of 200 GeV (1972)
 - Used for fixed target experiments
- Higher energy with **superconducting magnets**
 - **First** superconducting synchrotron
 - Initial name “Energy Doubler” or “Energy Saver”. **512 GeV** (1983) ; then **800 GeV** (1984) and **900 GeV** (1986)
- **Antiproton source** added in 1985
 - Stochastic cooling **built on success of SppS at CERN**
 - First **collisions** at 1.6 TeV in 1985, 1.8 TeV in 1986: **TeVatron**
- **Run II (2001 – 2011)**
 - beam energy: **980 GeV**
 - main ring in another tunnel



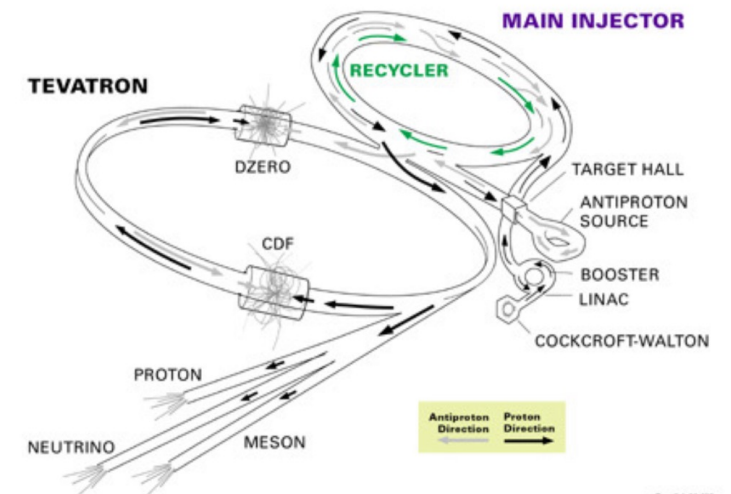
Timeline



Tevatron (Run II)

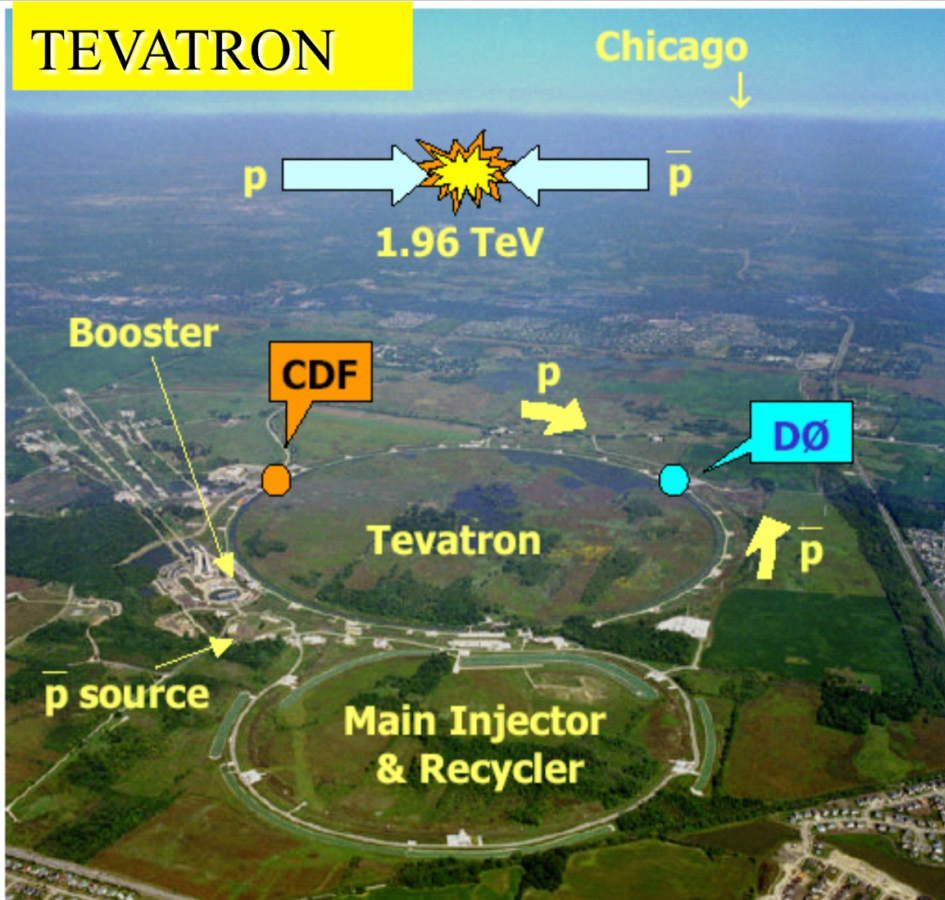


FERMILAB'S ACCELERATOR CHAIN



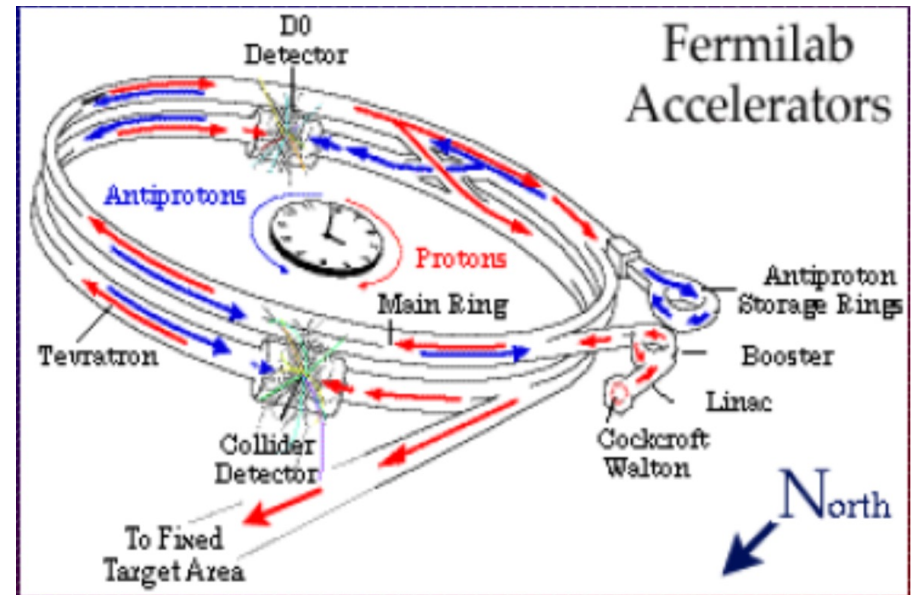
Fermilab is placed in natural areas, which are designated as a National Environmental Research Park. It is a federal area.

The Tevatron



RUN-2 Collider Upgrade

RUN-1 Collider: 1.8 TeV



Main Ring and Collider in the same tunnel

Some of Fermilab inhabitants

Fermilab's first director brought bison to the lab in 1969 as a symbol of the history of the Midwestern prairie and the laboratory's research at the frontiers of particle physics.



How to get to Fermilab !

Directions to Fermilab

Fermilab's main entrance is located at the intersection of Kirk Road and Pine Street in Batavia, Illinois, about 45 miles west of Chicago.

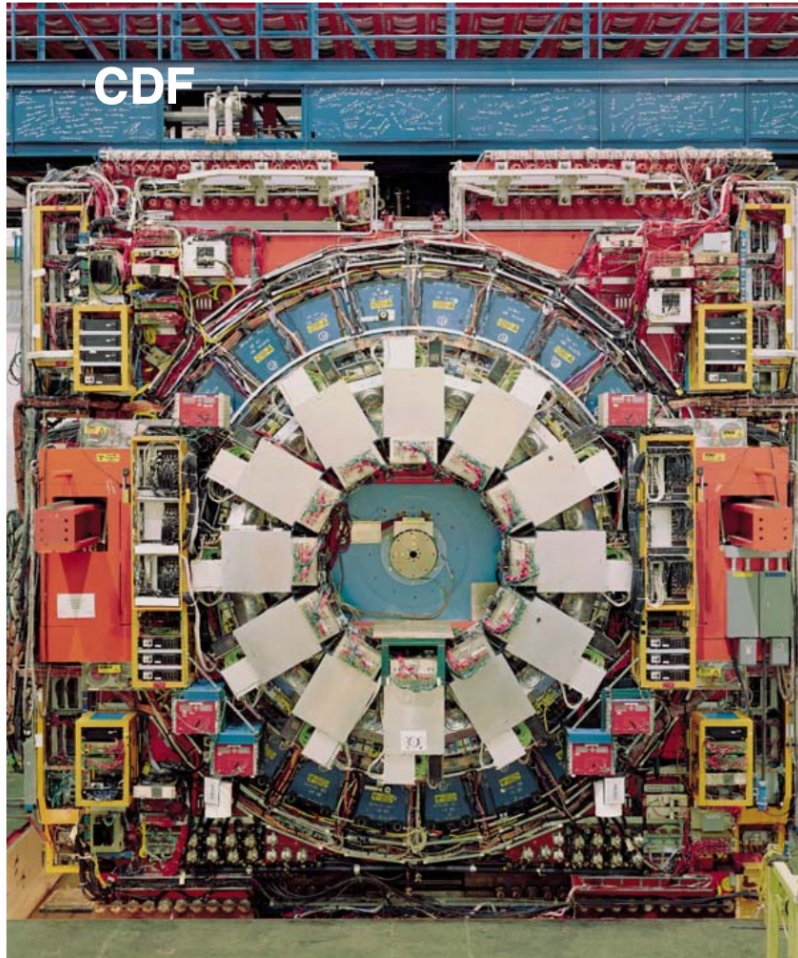
From Chicago

From Chicago, travel west on the Eisenhower (I-290) to I-88 (80 cents). Exit I-88 at the Farnsworth exit, north or right (60 cents).

Farnsworth becomes Kirk Road. Follow Kirk Road to Pine Street. Turn right at Pine Street, Fermilab's main entrance.



Tevatron experiments: CDF and D0



Early Tevatron results

New York Times 19-Jul-1988

- Tevatron first run 1988-1989
 - Retroactively named "Run 0"
 - 4 pb⁻¹ lumi delivered to CDF
 - DØ still under construction at this time
- Ability to measure W and Z bosons?
 - Precision measurements *seemed* well out of reach
 - Limiting factor: calorimeter energy resolution
 - Breakthrough: **calibrating with E/p** (including tracker)
- SLC starting up around the same time
 - Who would be first to see Z bosons in the Western Hemisphere?

Search Quickens for Ultimate Particles

Two new American colliders start up, with a European one soon to follow.

By MALCOLM W. BROWNE

FOR the first time in five years, high-energy physicists in the United States are poised to seize a commanding lead from colleagues in Europe as they bring powerful new particle accelerators to bear on mysteries shrouding the ultimate basis of matter.

Full-scale experiments have begun at America's two largest accelerator laboratories, in California and Illinois, both of which recently completed machines even more powerful than European counterparts.

The Stanford Linear Collider (S.L.C.) in California, the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center's new entry in the high-energy physics race, began its ambitious experimental program last month. The machine hurls clusters of negatively charged electrons into oncoming clusters of their antimatter counterparts, positrons. Scientists at Stanford hope these collisions will soon produce large numbers of Z⁰ or Z-zero, particles — ephemeral particles whose properties illuminate some of the enigmas that underlie material existence.

At America's other leading high-energy accelerator, the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) in Batavia, Ill., scientists are also expecting important results soon. "We have just started our first real series of experiments using the new Tevatron collider," said Dr. Leon M. Lederman, its director.

One object of their work is to make progress toward testing the theory that everything in nature is made up of some combination of 16 ingredients: four classes of vector particles, six massless leptons and six heavier quarks, one of which, called the top quark, has not yet been detected.

"We think we will soon have the top quark in the bag; that's the missing quark physicists have been looking for," he said. "But in this business you learn to keep your fingers crossed."

But the technological supremacy the S.L.C. and Tevatron offer may be short-lived. A Western European scientific consortium is nearing completion of an underground accelerator 17 miles in circumference, by far the largest such machine in the world. Last Wednesday scientists successfully tested the first two-mile segment of the European Large Electron-Positron collider, prompting acclaim from scientists at competing institutions in the United States. The LEP will not be ready for experiments until 1990, however, and until then physicists in the United States are pressing their temporary advantage.

Much farther down the road, Amer-



Aerial view of Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois, showing circular main accelerator.

ican physicists hope to build an accelerator about 52 miles in circumference, the Superconducting Super Collider, which would dwarf even the European LEP ring. The cost of the S.S.C. is so daunting, however, that even some of its proponents have begun to express doubts that it will ever be paid for. Meanwhile, the leaders of American laboratories are focusing on current developments.

"This will be a very interesting summer but a very tense one," Dr. Burton Richter, director of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center and winner of a Nobel prize in physics, said in an interview. "In the next few weeks we hope to start producing Z⁰ particles, one of the types of particle

the S.L.C. was designed to make, but you never can be certain of a result until you achieve it."

"While we wait," he added with a laugh, "I've asked my department directors to go to a synagogue or a church to pray for divine help."

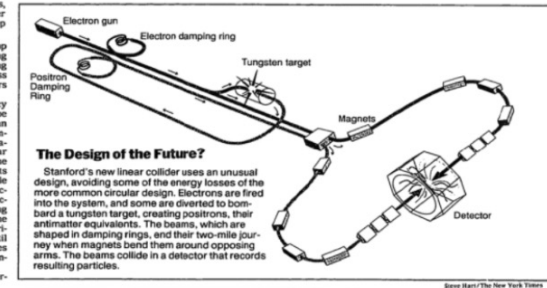
Dr. Richter's uneasiness stems from the fact that his S.L.C. represents an accelerator design that has never been tried: A conventional particle collider spins counter-rotating clusters of particles around a ring. In the machine Dr. Richter conceived and built, however, the opposing particle beams, each one much thinner than a human hair, are initially accelerated together down a straight, two-mile-long linear accelerator. At the

end of the line, the two beams diverge and are ducted around two semi-circular arms resembling crab claws. The tips of the claws point toward each other, aiming the two beams directly at each other.

The Z⁰ particle that scientists hope the S.L.C. will soon produce in large numbers is a very heavy, short-lived particle that conveys the weak nuclear force from one subnuclear particle to another. (The weak force is responsible for one form of radioactive nuclear decay.)

Five years ago, physicists in Europe created and observed Z⁰ particles and two other carriers of the weak force, the W⁺ (W-plus) and W⁻ (W-minus) particles.

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John Hart/The New York Times

Tevatron Run I (1992-1996): “top” result

- 140 pb⁻¹ of 1.8 TeV collisions delivered to both experiments
 - DØ fully online in 1992
- The top quark
 - Evidence in 1994
 - **Discovery** by both experiments in 1995

Elusive Atomic Particle Found by Physicists

By MALCOLM W. BROWNE
Special to The New York Times

BATAVIA, Ill., March 2 — Culminating nearly a decade of intense effort, two rival groups of physicists announced today that they had found the elusive top quark — an ephemeral building block of matter that probably holds clues to some of the ultimate riddles of existence.

The announcements brought sustained applause and a barrage of questions from an overflow audience of physicists at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, where the work was done. Fermilab has the

One of the teams, the CDF Collaboration (standing for Collider Detector at Fermilab) reported last April that it had found evidence of the quark's existence. But at the time, the group lacked enough statistical evidence to claim discovery, and the competing group, the DØ (for D-Zero) Collaboration, which had even less evidence of its own, branded the CDF announcement as premature.

The achievement claimed today by both teams leaves virtually no room for doubt, however, and the discovery was hailed as a landmark

in science. Hazel O'Leary, who as Secretary of Energy heads the Federal agency providing most of the money for research at Fermilab, called the discovery a "major contribution to human understanding of the fundamentals of the universe."

The finding confirms a prediction based on a theory known as the Standard Model that nature has provided the universe with six types of quarks; the other five, the up, down, strange, charm and bottom quarks had all been known or discovered by

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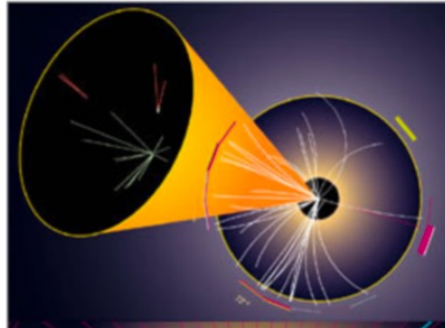


Fermilab director John Peoples with CDF and DØ spokespersons



Top Quark Discovery: February 24th 1995

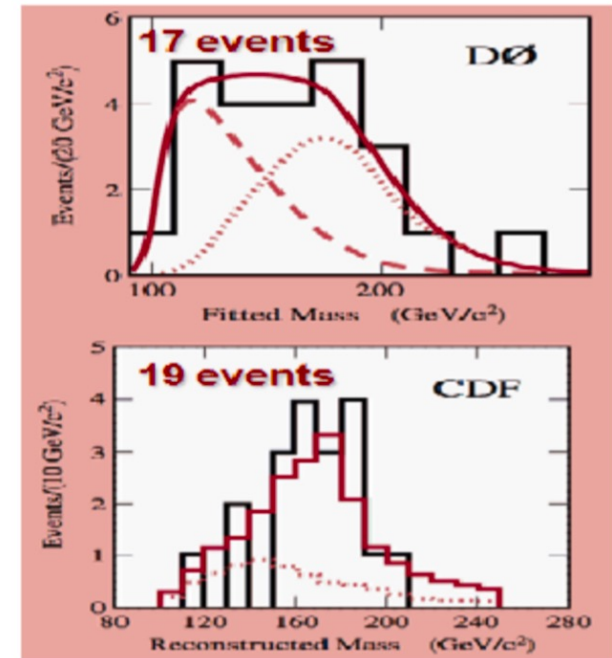
- February 24th, 1995: Simultaneous submission of “top-quark discovery” papers by CDF and D0 @ Tevatron, Fermilab
 - ★ Luminosity collected at D0 50 pb^{-1}
 - ★ $m_{\text{top}} = 199 \pm 30 \text{ GeV}$
 - ★ $\sigma_{\text{tt}} = 6.4 \pm 2.2 \text{ pb}$
 - ★ Background-only hypothesis rejected at 4.6σ
 - ★ Luminosity collected at CDF 67 pb^{-1}
 - ★ $m_{\text{top}} = 176 \pm 13 \text{ GeV}$
 - ★ $\sigma_{\text{tt}} = 6.8^{+3.6}_{-2.4} \text{ pb}$
 - ★ Background-only hypothesis rejected at 4.8σ



CDF: the big cone is an electron from a W decay.



D0: two muons (in blue, one inside a jet), 4 jets and the neutrino (pink) identified as missing p_T



1995, CDF and D0 experiments, Fermilab

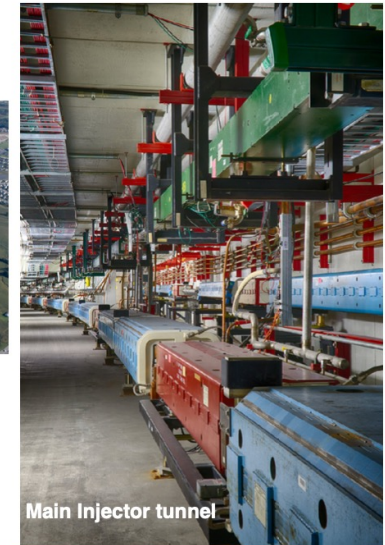
Top reconstructed mass



Tevatron Run II

- Major upgrade after Run I ended (1996)
 - Increase in peak luminosity from $10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ to over $4 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 - Increase of beam energy from 900 GeV to **980 GeV**
- Construction of **Main Injector**
 - New 150 GeV accelerator stage
 - Essential in increase in luminosity
 - Still used at Fermilab for neutrino experiments
- Significant upgrades to both CDF and DØ
 - e.g. upgraded trackers and triggers
 - Solenoid magnet in DØ
- Run II delivered data from **2001-2011**
 - **12 fb^{-1}** to each experiment

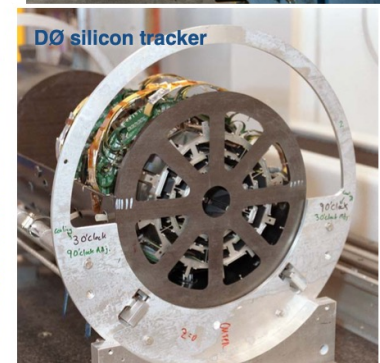
Main Injector



Main Injector tunnel



CDF Central Outer Tracker installation



DØ silicon tracker

M_W at CDF

(chapter 1, second part in LHC slides)

W boson mass: toward unprecedented precision

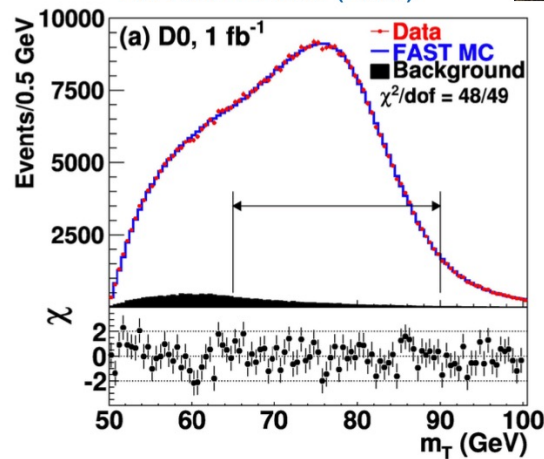
- LEP set the standard by 2004
 - Uncertainty: 33 MeV combined (51 MeV single best)
- CDF/DØ goals
 - Exceed single best LEP measurement
 - $\sim 0.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ CDF, $\sim 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ DØ
 - Exceed world average with single measurement
 - $\sim 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ CDF, $\sim 5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ DØ

First Run II measurements
 $80413 \pm 48 \text{ MeV}$ (CDF, 2006)
 $80401 \pm 43 \text{ MeV}$ (DØ, 2009)

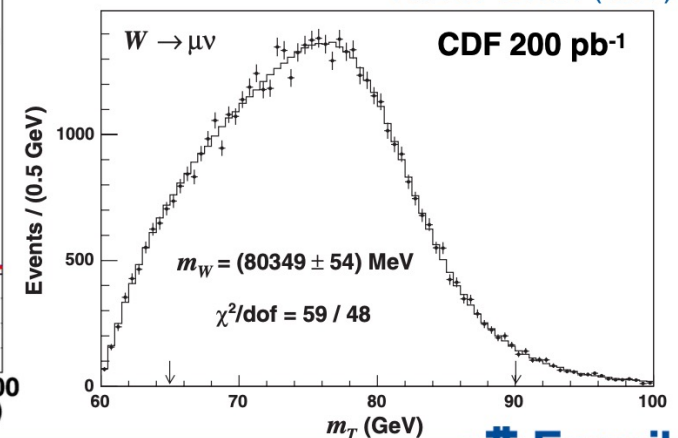
nb. CDF $e+\mu$, DØ e only



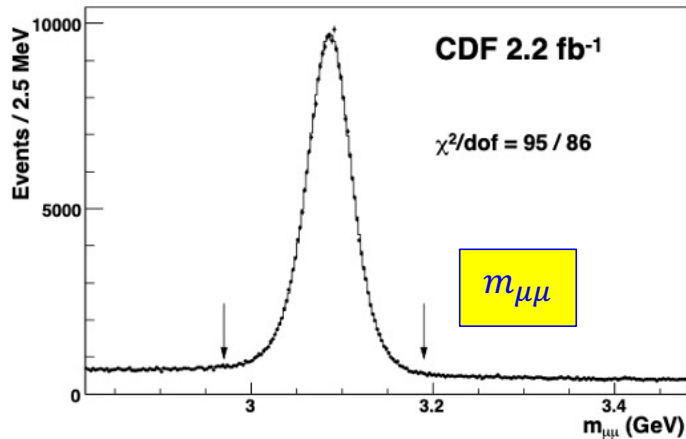
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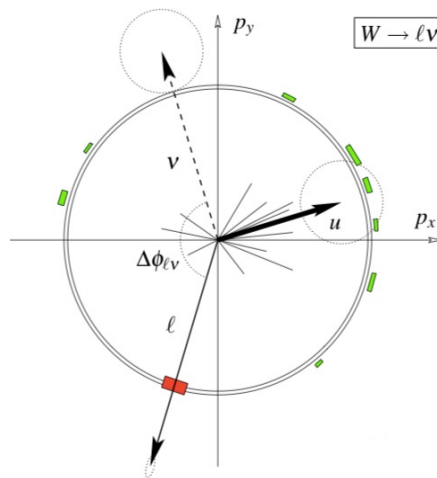
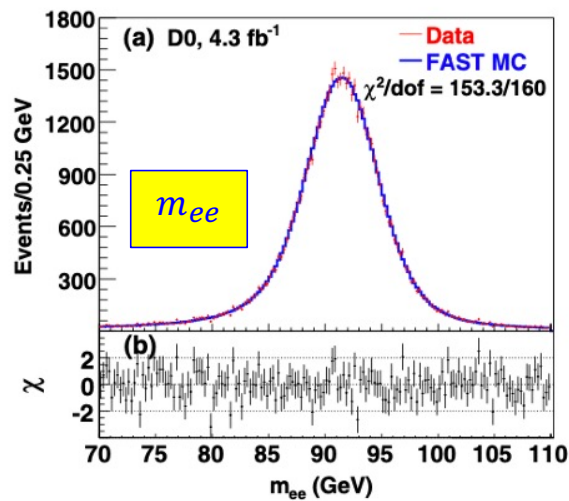
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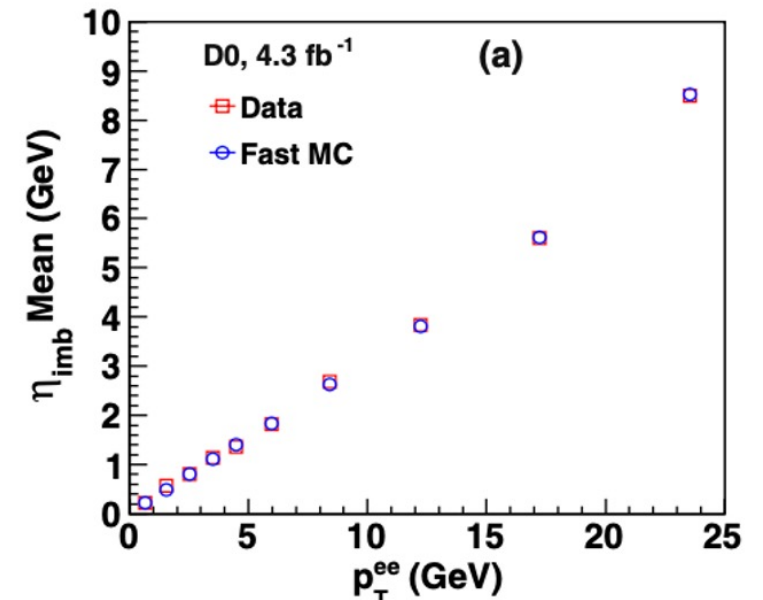
W boson mass: calibration of the energy scale



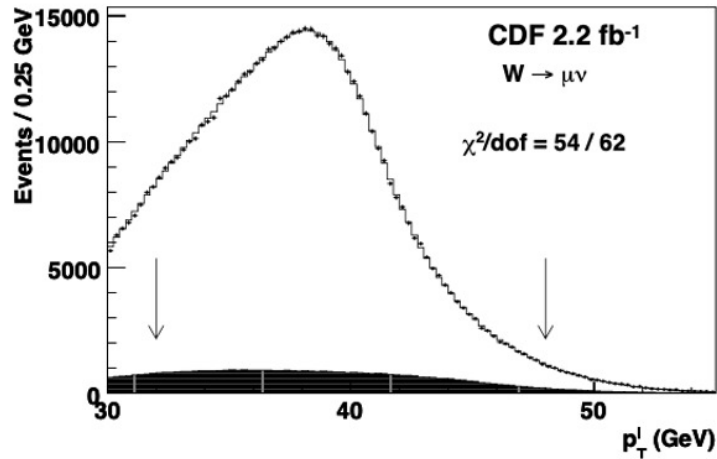
Calibrating with well-know resonances: J/ Ψ , Y, Z at CDF; Z at D0



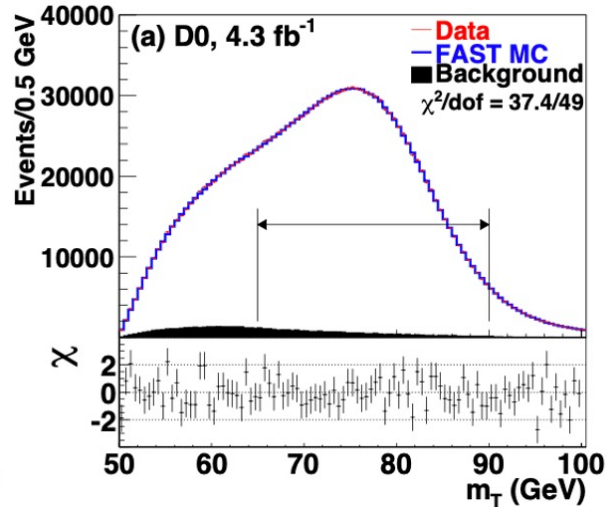
Calibrating hadronic recoil with Z (no neutrino)



W boson mass: achieving unprecedented precision

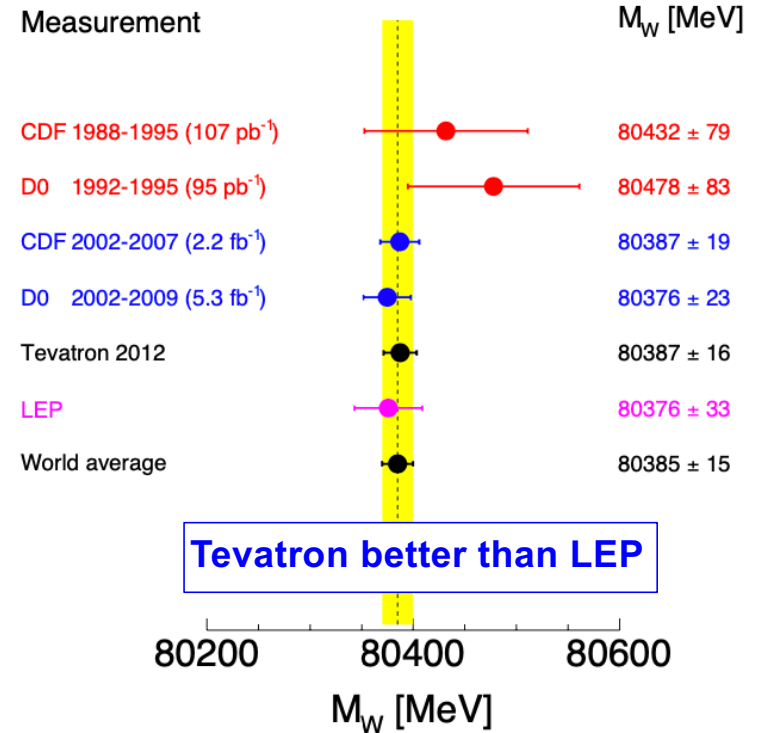


Lepton transverse momentum



Invariant transverse mass

Mass of the W Boson



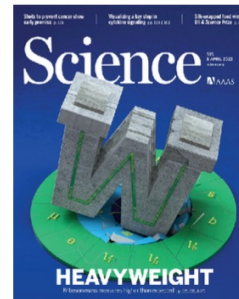
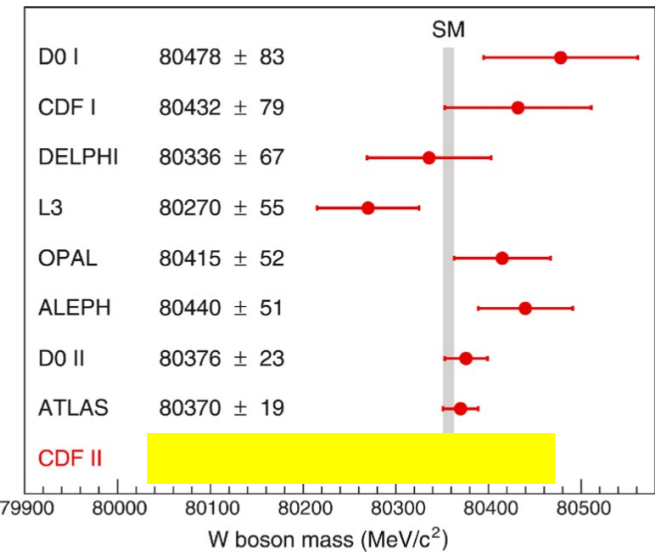
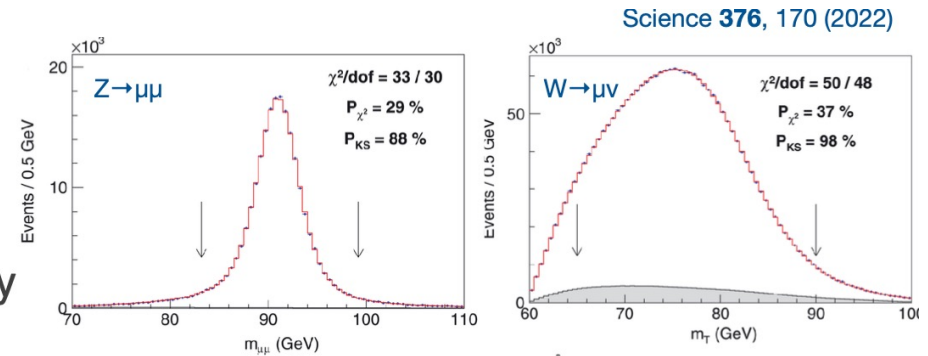
CDF: PRD **89**, 072003 (2014)
 DØ: PRD **89**, 012005 (2014)
 CDF+DØ: PRD **88**, 052018 (2013)

W boson mass: one final surprise?

- CDF goal with the **full Tevatron dataset**
 - Once again exceed world average precision
 - < 10 MeV total uncertainty
 - Nearly every systematic uncertainty constrained by data

- Powerful validation: independent Z mass
 - $M_Z = 91192.0 \pm 7.5$ MeV (muons)
 - Single most precise hadron collider measurement!

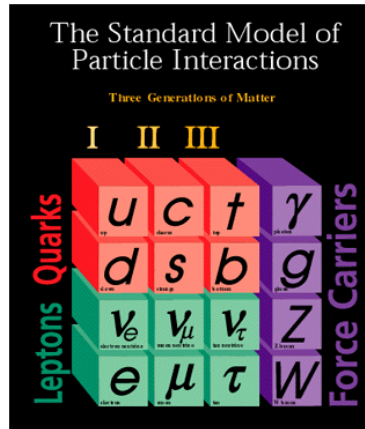
- $M_W =$ Wait for the LHC lectures



Top properties

Experimental results come from LHC data

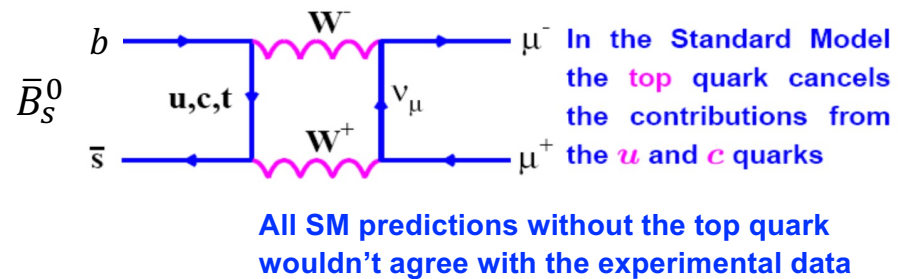
The "needs" for top quark



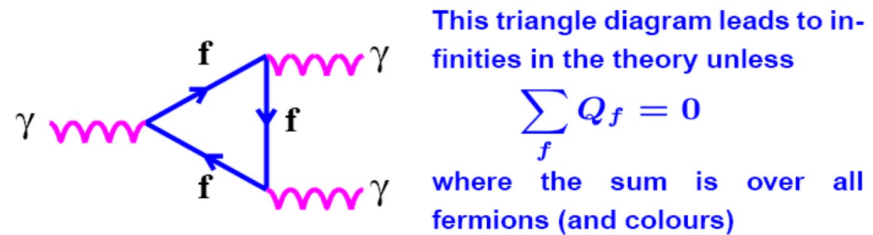
The existence of the Top Quark is predicted by the SM and it is required to explain a number of observations.

Top quark has been discovered at the Tevatron in 1995

Example: negligible BR of the decays $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



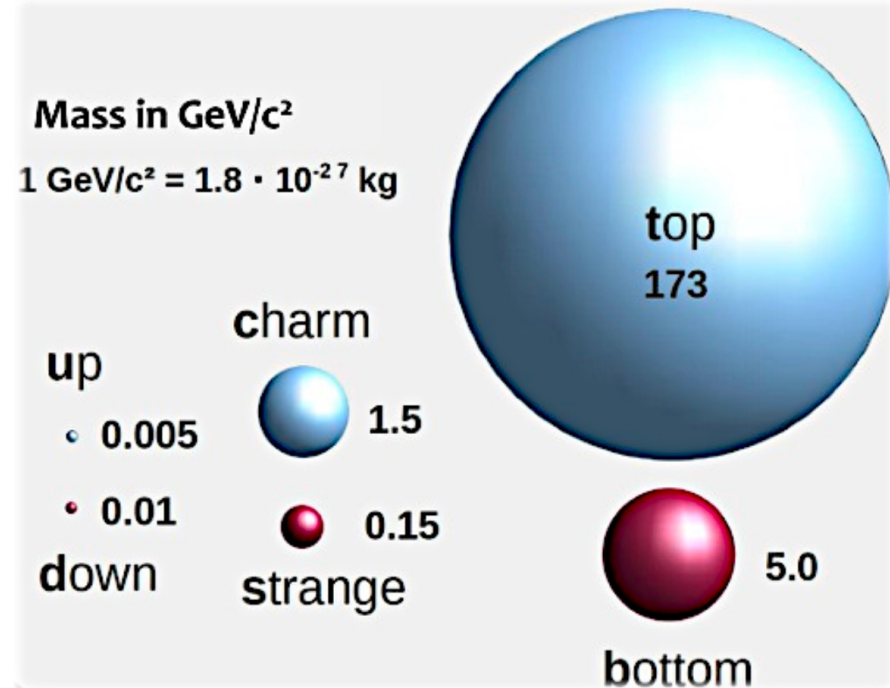
Example: Electro-magnetic anomalies



$$\sum_f Q_f = [3 \times (-1)] + [3 \times 0] + [3 \times 3 \times \frac{2}{3}] + [3 \times 3 \times (-\frac{1}{3})] = 0$$

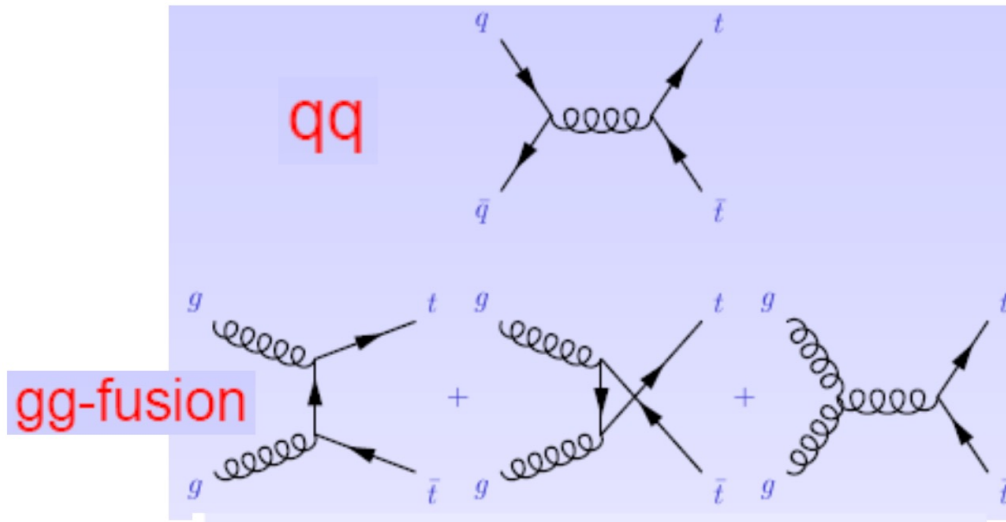
Top quark mass

- The top quark is the heaviest known elementary particle, $m_{\text{top}} \approx 173 \text{ GeV}$
- It is outperforming the Higgs mass by $\sim 40\%$
- But also for comparison:
 $M_W = 80.425 \pm 0.038 \text{ GeV}$
 $M_{Z^0} = 91.1876 \pm 0.0021 \text{ GeV}$
 $M_g = 0$
 $M_\gamma \approx 0$ i.e. 6×10^{-26}



- It has a mass comparable to the mass of a gold atom

Top (pair) production at the hadron colliders



Old calculation ... just for comparison

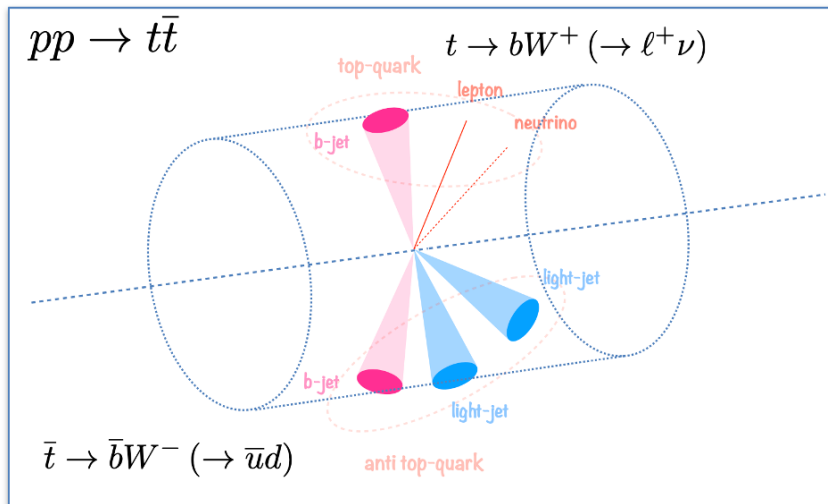
	Run 1 1.8 TeV	Run II 1.96 TeV	LHC 14 TeV
qq	90%	85%	5%
gg	10%	15%	95%
σ (pb)	5 pb	7 pb	600 pb

At LHC the gluon fusion is the dominant channel

No competition in term of number of top pairs produced between LHC and Tevatron.
In what follows all results about top properties are coming from LHC.

top pair signature

- A $t\bar{t}$ events contains:
 - ★ At least 2 b-quark jets
- and
 - ★ Either 2 charged lepton and missing transverse energy (E_T^{miss}) (neutrinos)
 - ★ Or 1 charged lepton, E_T^{miss} and at least 2 more jets
 - ★ Or at least 4 more jets
- All detector components used to identify the above leptons (mostly electrons and muons), jets, b-quark jets, E_T^{miss}



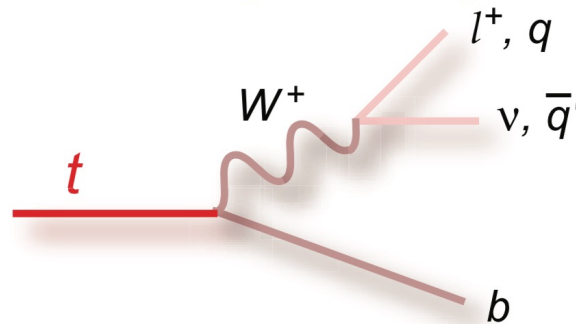
Example: semi-leptonic topology

Reconstruction level typical selection

- One identified and isolated lepton (electron or muon) $E_T/p_T > 25$ GeV and with in $|\eta| < 2.5$.
- Missing transverse momentum in excess of 20 GeV.
- Four jets with $E_T > 35$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.5$.
- Two jets tagged as b-jets.

Top quark physics

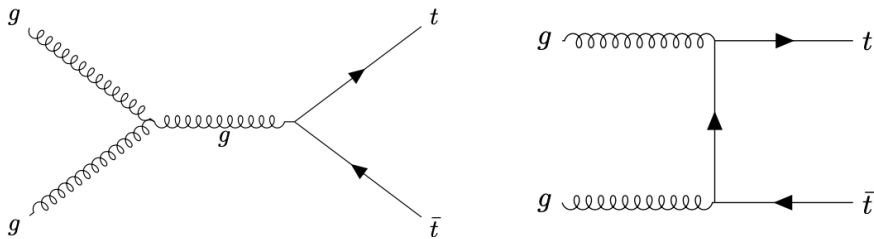
- **Top proprieties**
 - ★ Mass, width, charge, spin, ...
- **Top production**
 - ★ $t\bar{t}$ cross-section, production dynamics, spin polarization
- **Top decay**
 - ★ V_{tb} , branching ratios, rare decays, W helicity



- Top quark allows tests of the participating forces
- Top quark plays an important role in the search for new physics beyond the SM (BSM) (new particles decaying to top quark)
- Top quark events are background to many physics processes

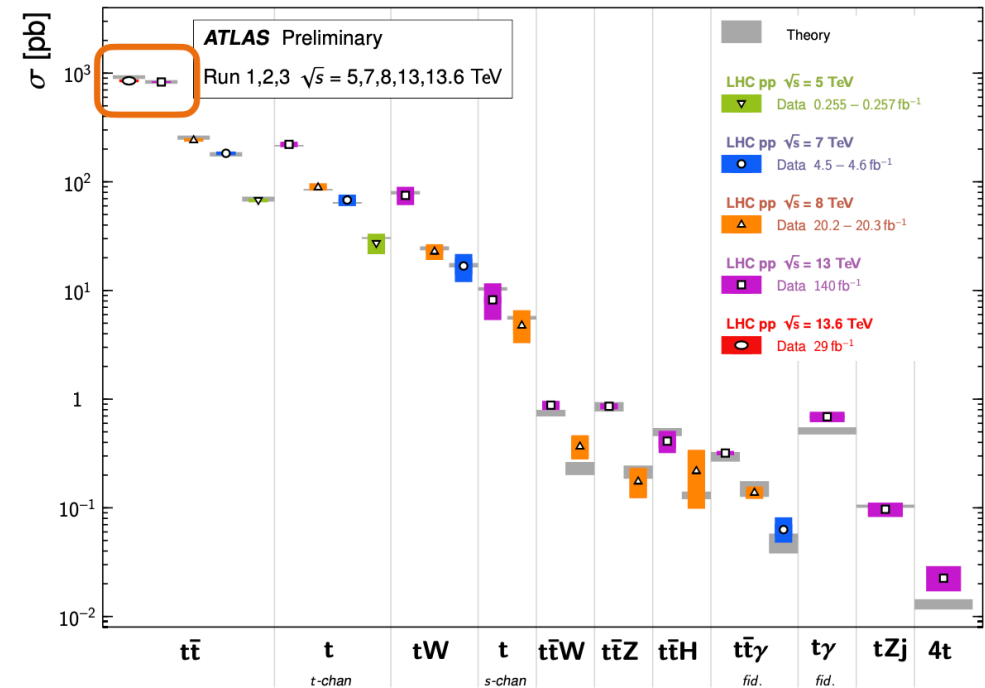
Top pair production cross section at LHC

- LHC is a top-quark factory
 - $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} \sim 834 \text{ pb}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ (Run-2)
 - $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} \sim 924 \text{ pb}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6 \text{ TeV}$ (Run-3)
- O(100) million top-quark pairs produced in Run 2!!
- Dominant production channel at the LHC: gluon fusion



Top Quark Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: May 2025

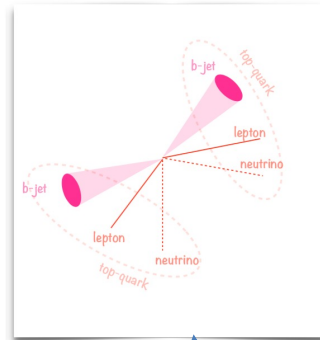
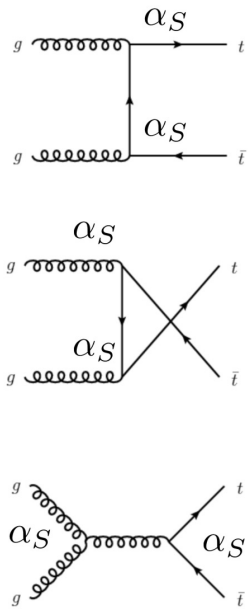


[ATLAS Top Cross section summary plots](#)

Top pair production cross section measurements

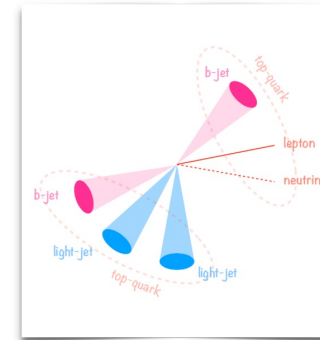
Main production diagrams
At tree level leading order

$$O(\alpha_S^2)$$



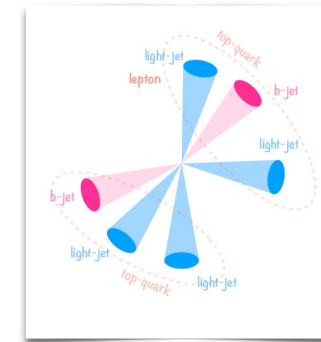
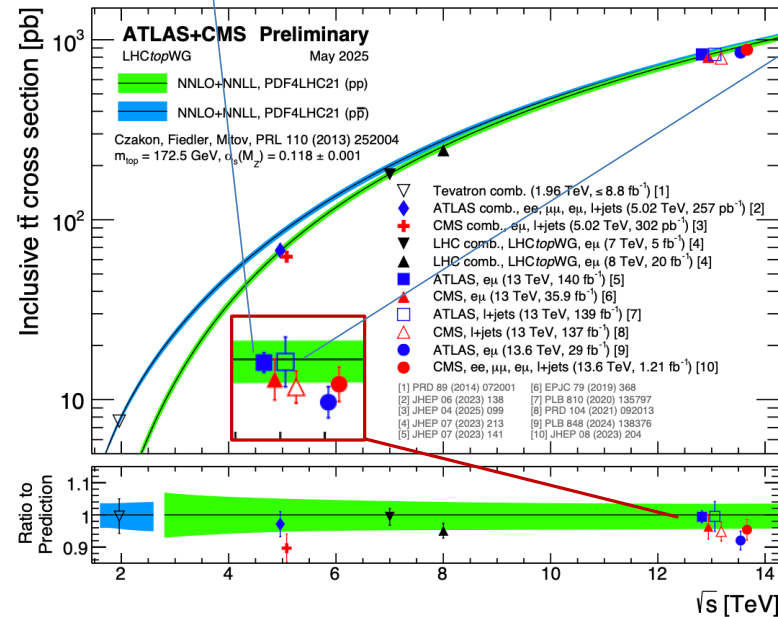
Di-lepton topology:

Precise determination of cross section in the different flavour electron-muon channel in particular. Excellent signal to background ratio. Lower stats (4%).



Semi-leptonic topology:

Best compromise between statistics (30%) and signal to background ratio.



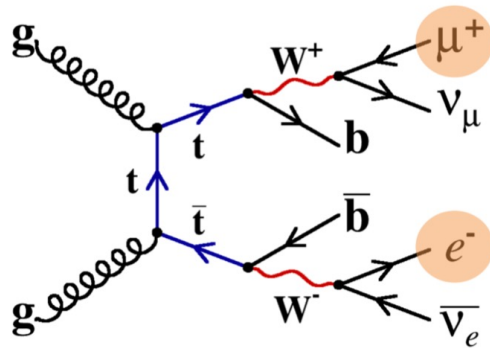
Full hadronic topology:

Largest stats (50%) but larger multi-jet background and large combinatorial.

Top pair production cross section measurements

$$t\bar{t} \rightarrow bW^+\bar{b}W^- \rightarrow b\mu^+\nu_\mu\bar{b}e^-\bar{\nu}_e$$

Ideal channel: very little background and enough statistics

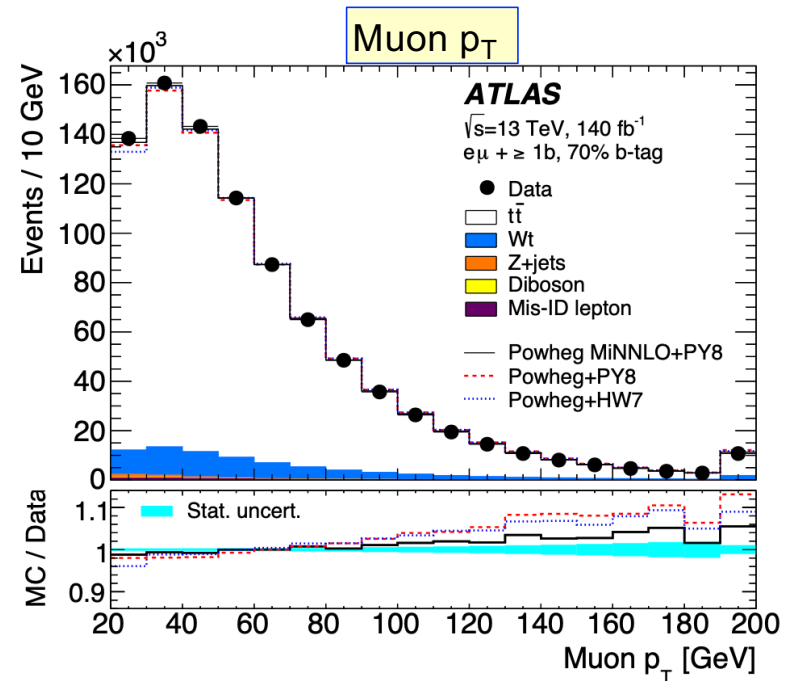


Final state

2 b-jets plus one electron and one muon with **opposite** charge

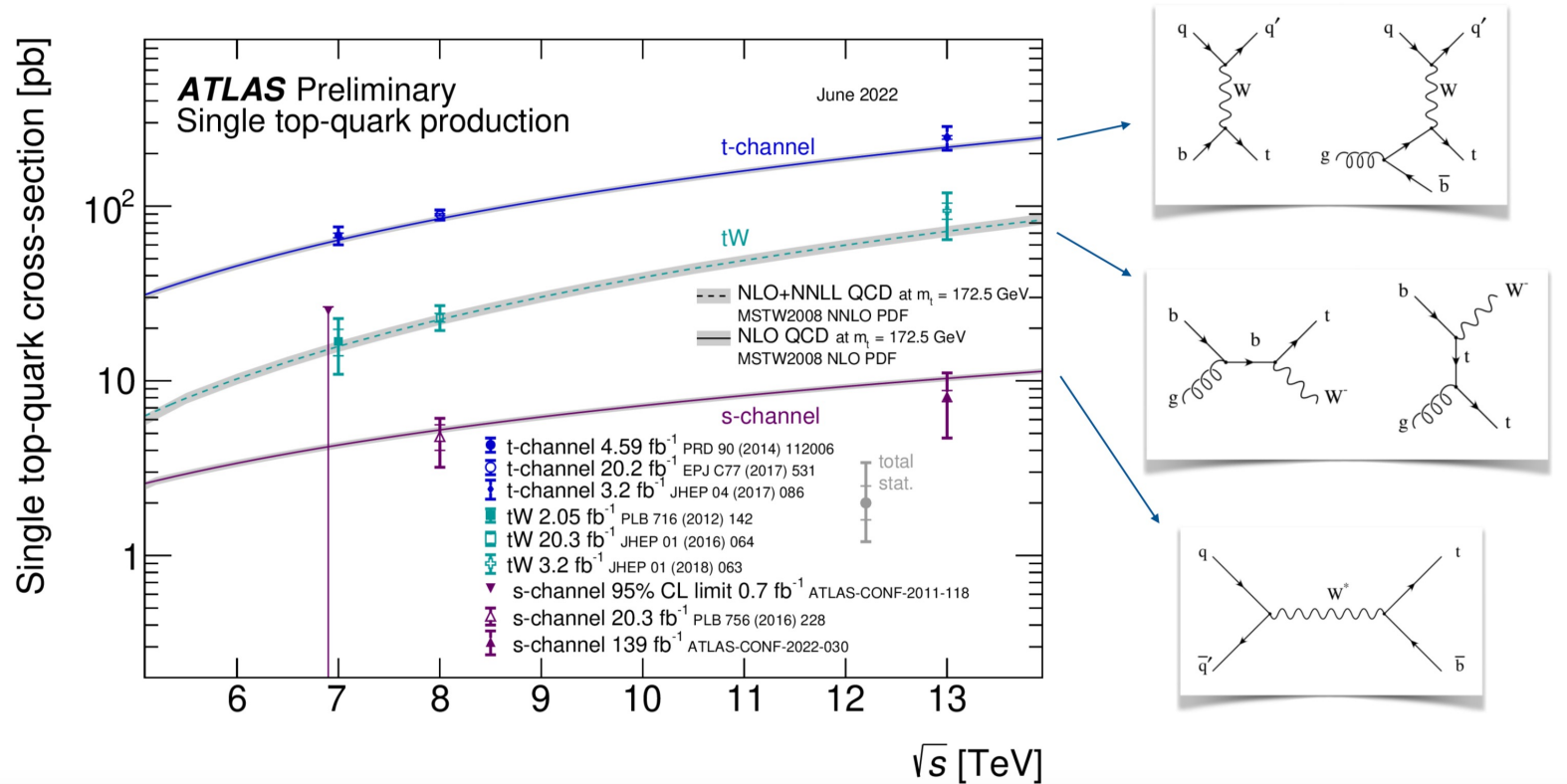
Event selection

- Pick events using single-lepton triggers
 - Leading lepton p_T ranging from 21 to 27 GeV in 2015-2018 data
 - Relaxed sub-leading lepton $p_T > 20$ GeV — increase acceptance
- Reconstruct jets with anti- k_T algorithm with $R=0.4$
 - $p_T > 25$ GeV, b-tagging using DL1r algorithm (70% b-efficiency)



most precise 13 TeV measurement by
 ATLAS in the $e\mu$ final state ([JHEP 07 \(2023\) 141](#))
 $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 829 \pm 1$ (stat) ± 13 (syst) ± 8 (lumi) ± 2 (beam) pb

Single top production cross section



- Can be used to measure $|V_{tb}|$
 - * Example: $|V_{tb}| = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\text{meas}}}{\sigma_{\text{theo.}}(V_{tb}=1)}}$
 - * $|V_{tb}| = 1.02 \pm 0.4(\text{meas.}) \pm 0.02(\text{theo.})$

top mass measurement

Experimental results come from LHC data

top mass definition

□ Direct measurement:

- rely on parton shower simulation;
- build templates that depend on the top quark mass (m_t) parameter in the simulation
- yield small uncertainties
- relation to a theoretically well defined mass has an uncertainty of $O(0.1 - 1 \text{ GeV})$

□ Indirect measurement through cross section measurement:

- any quantitative statement about the value of a quark mass requires a precise reference to the mass scheme in which the mass is defined;
- the most used is the pole-mass scheme, where the renormalised top-quark mass coincides with the pole of the top quark propagator: m_t^{pole}

$$\frac{i}{\not{p} - m_0} \Rightarrow \frac{i}{\not{p} - \underbrace{m_0(\Lambda)}_{\text{'bare' mass}} - \underbrace{\delta m_0(\Lambda)}_{\text{divergent}} - \underbrace{\Sigma' m_0(\Lambda)}_{\text{finite}}} := \frac{i}{\not{p} - m^{pole}}$$

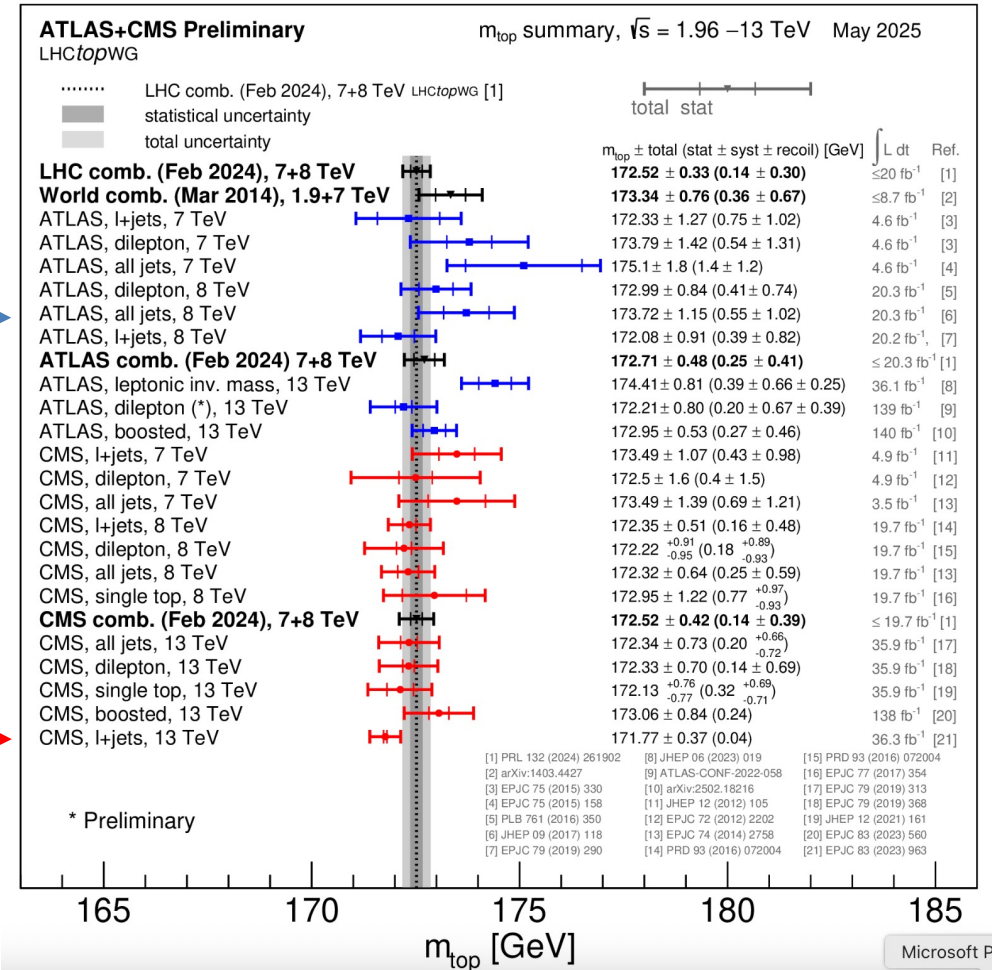
- it is extracted via differential cross sections
- non perturbative corrections must be added
- unfolding procedure yield typically bigger uncertainty than direct measurement

Direct top quark mass summary

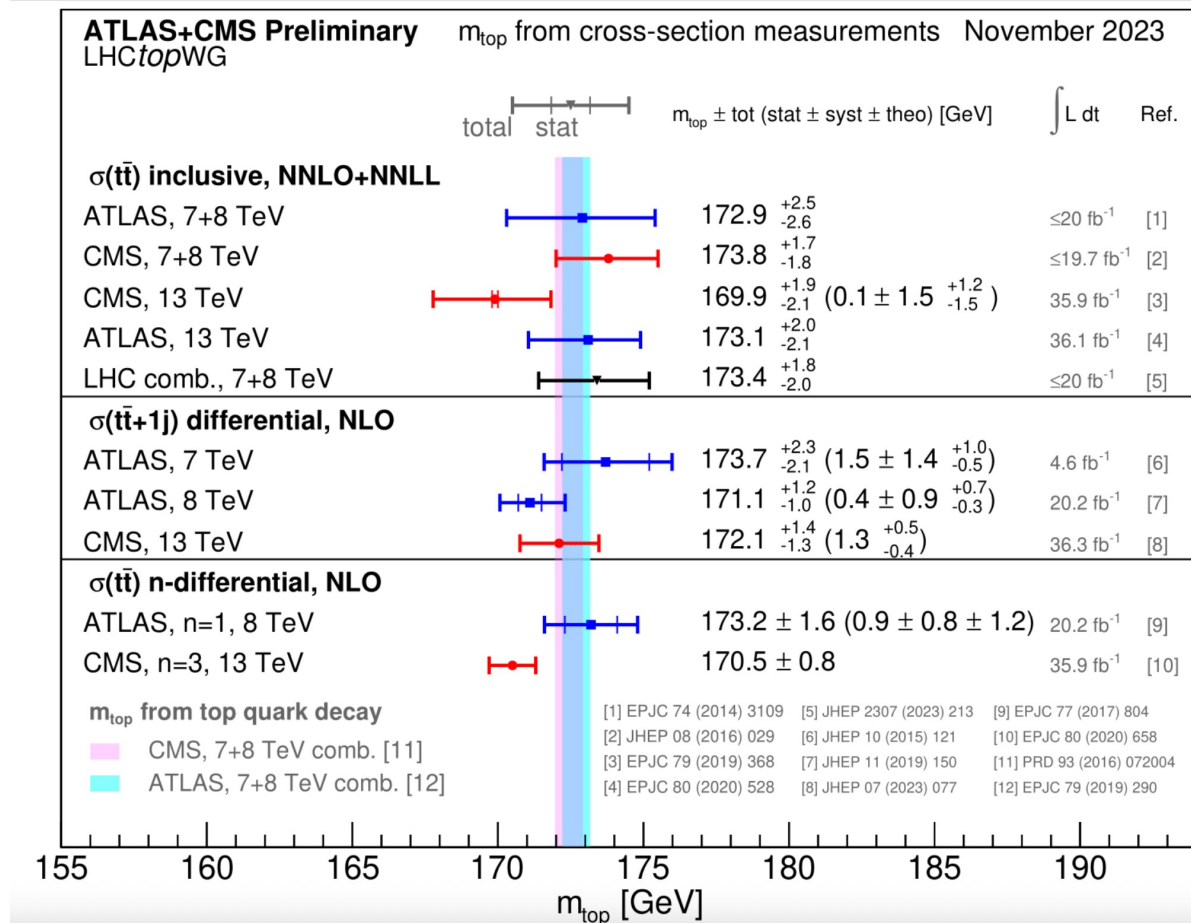
- LHC combination (7 + 8 TeV) : 172.52 ± 0.33 GeV
- ATLAS comb. (7 + 8 TeV): 172.71 ± 0.48 GeV
- CMS comb. (7 + 8 TeV) : 172.52 ± 0.42 GeV

I'll show an example of the Atlas measurement with all jets in the final state

Best single measurement is coming from CMS 13 GeV (Run2) data with lepton + jets in the final state.



Top quark mass from tt cross-section summary



Measurements from cross sections will be limited by prediction uncertainties and luminosity error.

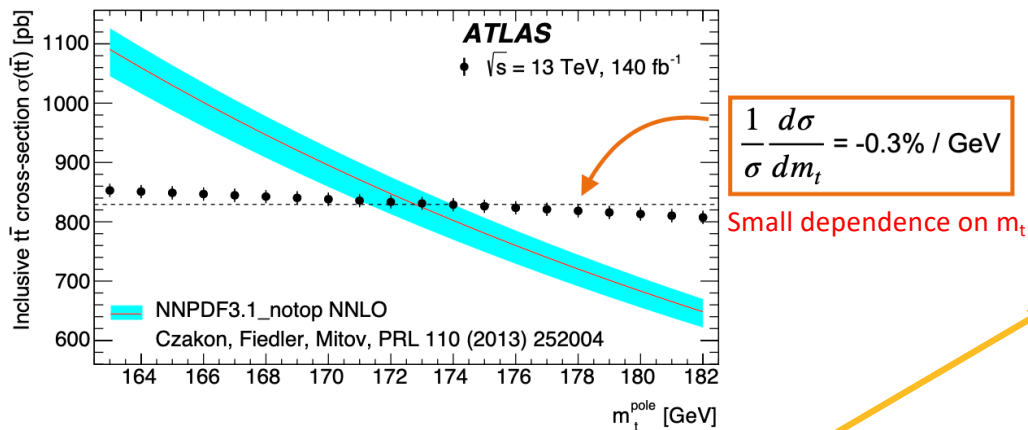
Some of the uncertainties can be reduced by measuring the differential cross section of the tt production in association with a jet in the final state. This is a promising channel for the top mass measurement.

Top quark pole mass determination

Inclusive cross-section results

Top-quark pole mass (m_t^{pole}) extraction

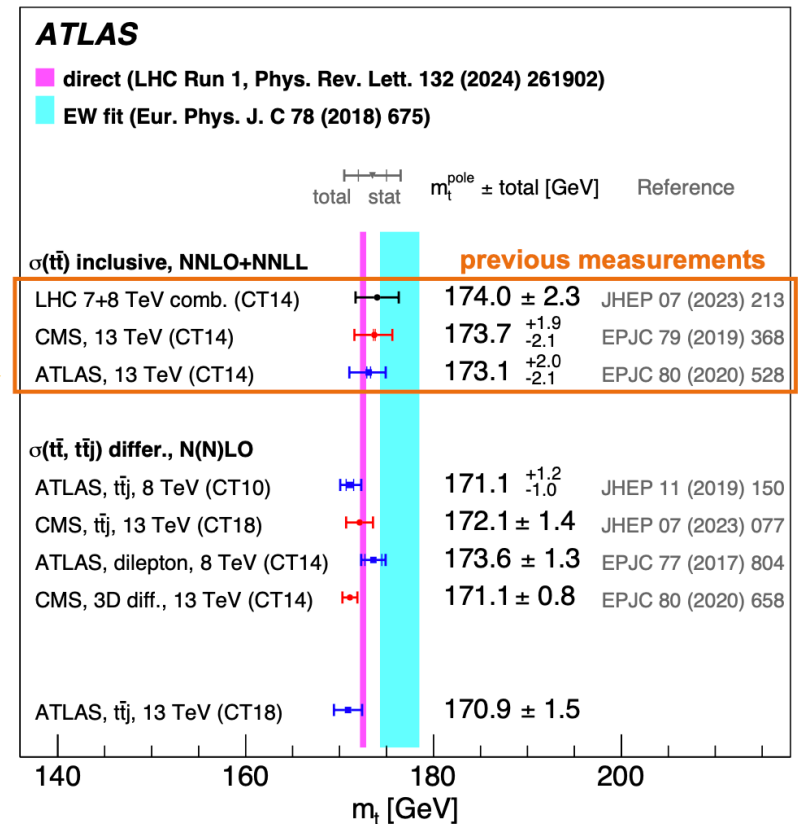
Predicted $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ depends strongly on top quark mass



PDF set	NNPDF3.1_notop	CT14
Result [GeV]	$172.79^{+1.52}_{-1.70}$	$173.00^{+1.84}_{-2.04}$
Experimental	0.55	0.55
PDF+ α_s	+1.00 -0.89	+1.50 -1.48
QCD scales	+1.00 -1.48	+1.01 -1.49

Most precise m_t^{pole} measurement from **inclusive cross-section**
(from a very recent Atlas result on the $t\bar{t}$ cross-section)

Plot from [arXiv:2507.02632](https://arxiv.org/abs/2507.02632)

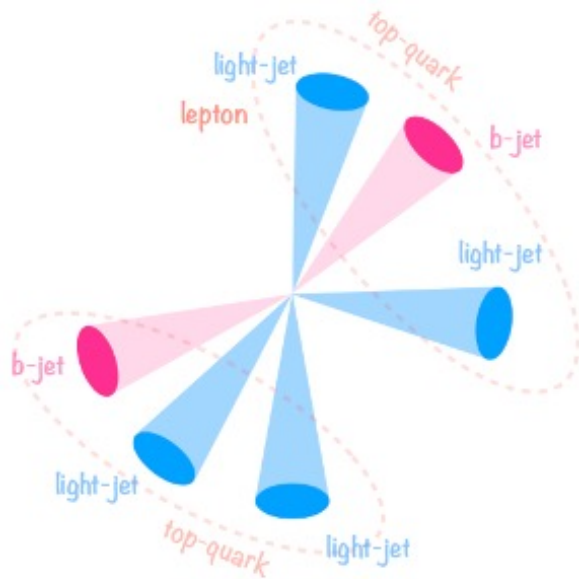


Atlas top mass direct measurement: event selection

Example taken from:

Top-quark mass measurement in the all-hadronic $t\bar{t}$ decay channel at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV with the ATLAS detector (published in 2017)

Fully hadronic final state



$$\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2}$$

Cut	Event yields (thousands)	
	Data	$t\bar{t}$ all-hadronic (MC)
Initial	850450	2338 ± 1
$N_{PV > 4 \text{ tracks}}$ & no isolated e/μ <i>At least 5 tracks in the primary vertex</i>	33476	308.7 ± 0.6
Trigger: 5 jets with $p_T > 55$ GeV & ≥ 6 good jets	16110	241.4 ± 0.5
No 2 good jets (j_i, j_k) within $\Delta R(j_i, j_k) < 0.6$ <i>Only isolated jets</i>	7646	142.9 ± 0.4
≥ 5 good jets with $p_T > 60$ GeV	3303	51.4 ± 0.2
$E_T^{\text{miss}} < 60$ GeV <i>No neutrinos</i>	3021	46.3 ± 0.2
$\Delta\phi(b_i, b_j) > 1.5$ <i>Angular separation between the 2 b-jets</i>	1737	30.9 ± 0.2
$\chi^2 < 11$ <i>See next slide</i>	645.8	22.3 ± 0.1
$N_{b\text{tag}} \geq 2$ <i>At least 2 b-jets</i>	21.9	6.61 ± 0.08
$\langle \Delta\phi(b, W) \rangle < 2$ <i>Angular separation between b and W</i>	12.9	4.40 ± 0.07

Final purity: $(58.8 \pm 0.2)\%$

Reconstruction of the final state top-antitop

- ❑ In the final state we have six jets, among which two must be b-jets: $t\bar{t} \rightarrow bWbW \rightarrow b_1j_1j_2 b_2j_3j_4$.
- ❑ In order to associate 3 jets to a top and the others to the second top, a χ^2 is built:

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(m_{b_1j_1j_2} - m_{b_2j_3j_4})^2}{\sigma_{\Delta m_{bjj}}^2} + \frac{(m_{j_1j_2} - m_W^{\text{MC}})^2}{\sigma_{m_W^{\text{MC}}}^2} + \frac{(m_{j_3j_4} - m_W^{\text{MC}})^2}{\sigma_{m_W^{\text{MC}}}^2}.$$

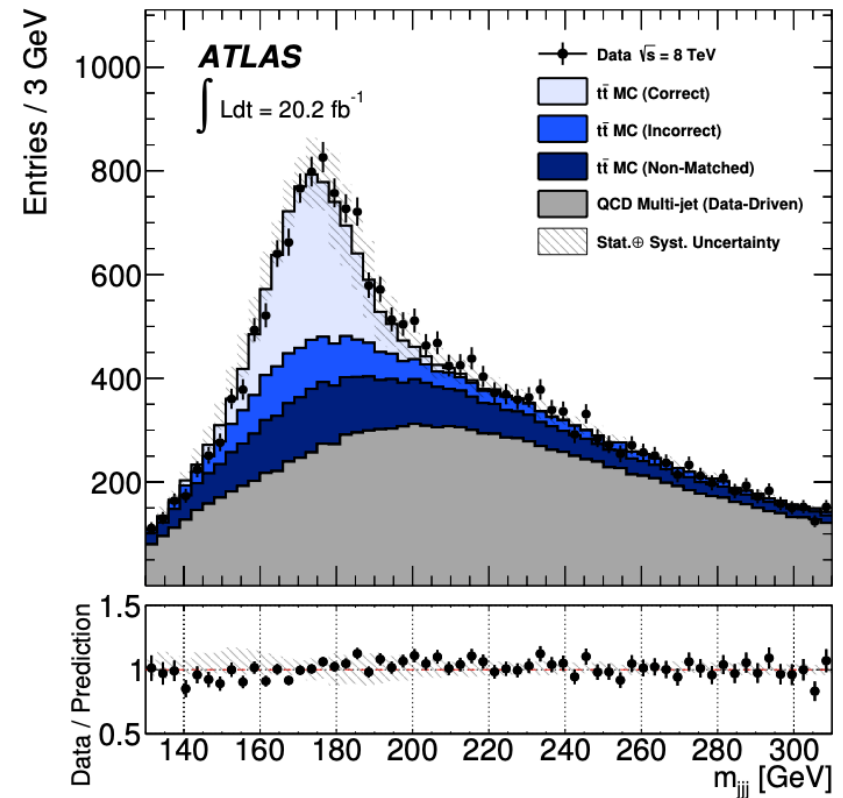
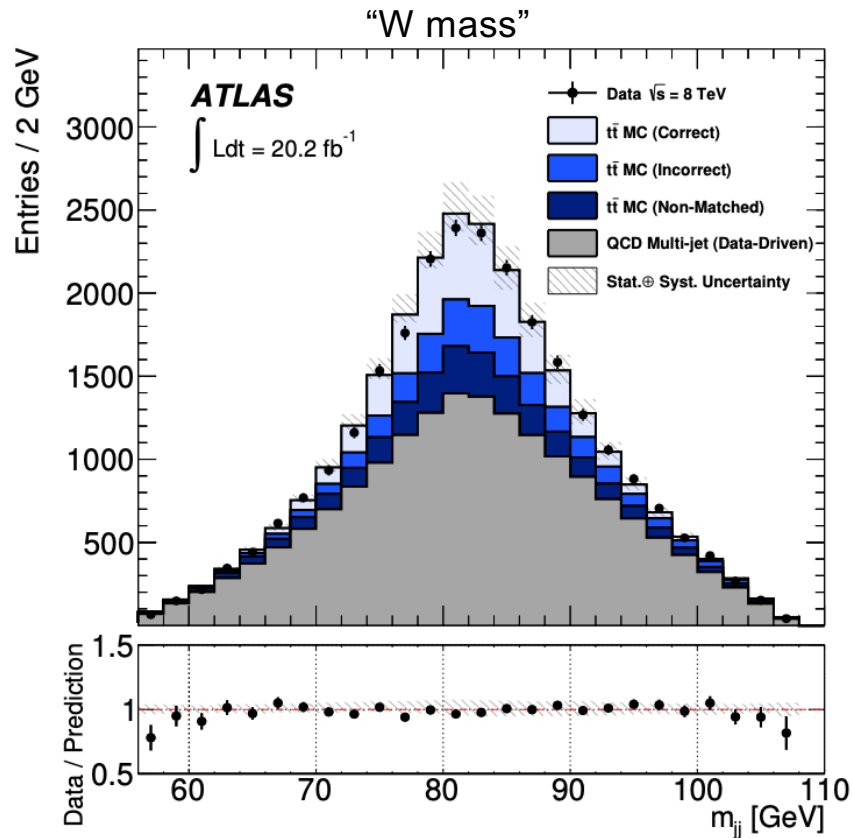
- ❑ Here, two of the jets are associated with the b-quarks from the top decays (b_1 and b_2), the other four are assumed to be light quarks from the W decays. No explicit b-tagging information is used.

$$\Delta m_{bjj} = m_{b_1j_1j_2} - m_{b_2j_3j_4} \quad \text{where } m_{b_2j_3j_4} \text{ is the invariant mass of the three jets}$$

- ❑ This method considers all possible permutations of the six (or more) reconstructed jets in each event. The one resulting in the lowest χ^2 is kept. A low χ^2 value indicates a permutation of jets consistent with the $t\bar{t}$ hypothesis.
- ❑ In each combination the reconstructed mass of the two jets from the W decays are compared with the mean value of the mass distribution of correctly reconstructed W in simulated signal MC events (M_W^{MC}).
- ❑ The widths are obtained from a fit to the MC signal events:

$$\sigma_{\Delta m_{bjj}} = 21.60 \pm 0.16 \text{ (stat.) GeV} \quad \sigma_{m_W^{\text{MC}}} = 7.89 \pm 0.05 \text{ (stat.) GeV} \quad \text{and} \quad M_W^{\text{MC}} = 81.18 \pm 0.04 \text{ (stat.) GeV}$$

Di-jet and three-jet mass distributions



MC correct means that the three jets assignment to a top decay is correct, otherwise is said to be incorrect. If at least a quark is not matched to any jet, it is said Non-Matched.

The $t\bar{t}$ simulation corresponds to $m_{\text{top}} = 172.5 \text{ GeV}$.

Top quark mass determination

❑ The top mass is NOT equal to the three jet invariant mass:

- large error due to the jet energy resolution;
- large error due to the jet energy scale

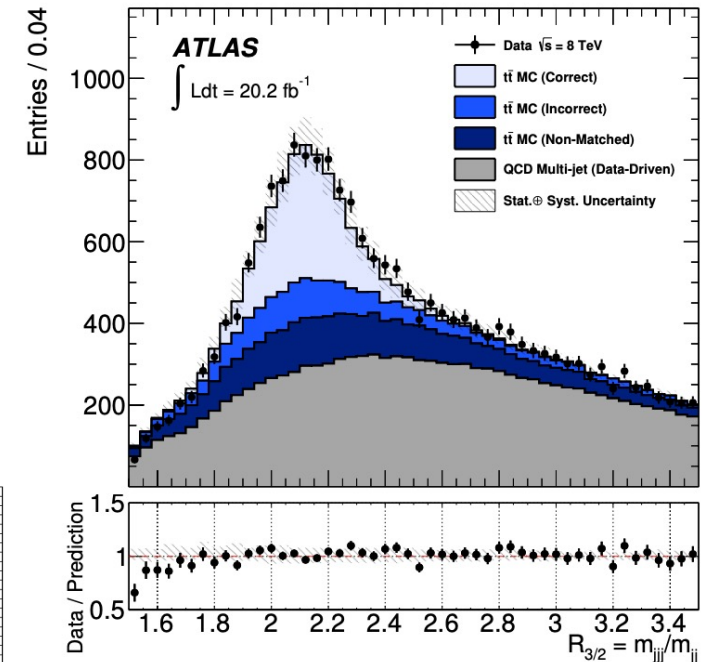
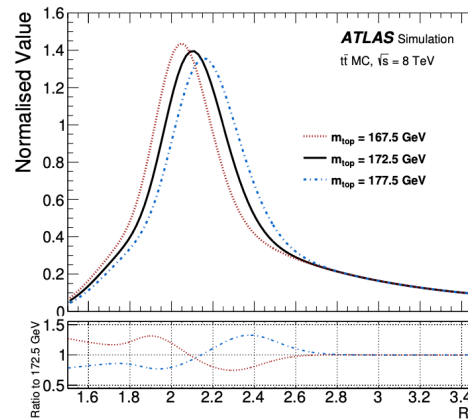
❑ It is obtained from a comparison data - Montecarlo of the quantity:

$$R_{3/2} = \frac{m_{jjj}}{m_{jj}} \quad \begin{array}{l} m_{jjj} = \text{three jet invariant mass (top mass)} \\ m_{jj} = \text{di-jet invariant mass (W mass)} \end{array}$$

❑ In the ratio many systematics uncertainties cancel.

❑ To extract a measurement of the top quark mass, a template method with a minimum χ^2 approach is employed:

- the data distribution is compared with MC distributions generated with three top mass: 167.5, 172.5 and 175 GeV;
- then an interpolation is used to obtain the top mass with the best agreement with the data.



Top quark mass measurement: pdf function

- ❑ The top quark contribution to the histogram is parameterised by a probability distribution function (pdf) which is the sum of a Novosibirsk function for the signal and a Landau function that describes the combinatorial background.
- ❑ The 6 parameters of the distributions depend on the top value, in particular the peak and width of the N. function.

The Novosibirsk function is a continuous probability density function that is used to model asymmetric peaks in high-energy physics.

$$f(x; \sigma, x_0, \Lambda) = \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\ln q_y)^2}{\Lambda^2} + \Lambda^2 \right]$$

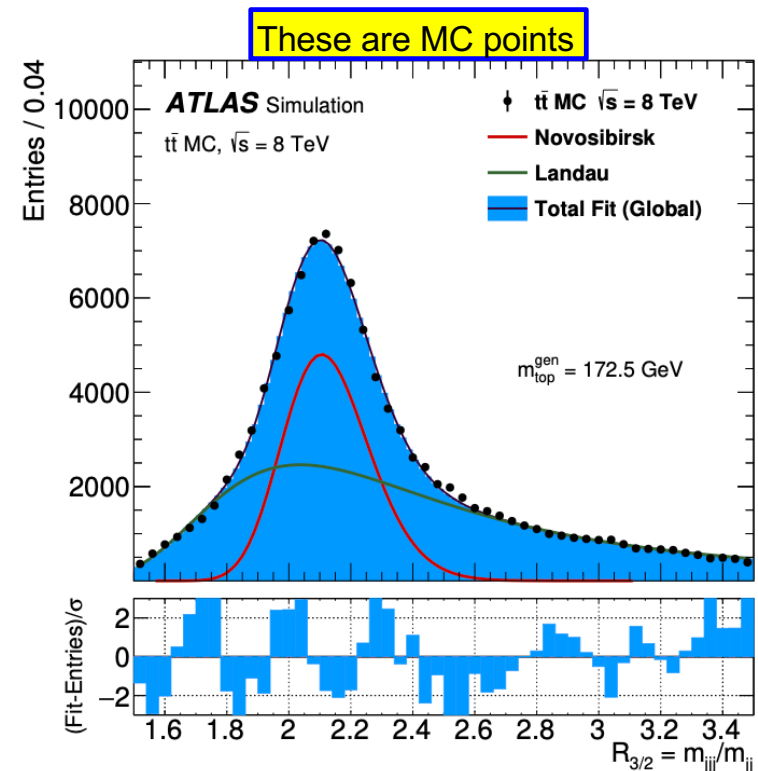
$$q_y(x; \sigma, x_0, \Lambda) = 1 + \frac{\Lambda(x - x_0)}{\sigma} \times \frac{\sinh(\Lambda\sqrt{\ln 4})}{\Lambda\sqrt{\ln 4}}$$

x_0 : peak position; σ : width, Λ : tail, plus a normalisation constant N

Landau distribution

$$f(x; \mu, c) = \frac{1}{\pi c} \int_0^\infty \exp(-t) \cos \left(t \left(\frac{x - \mu}{c} \right) + \frac{2t}{\pi} \log \left(\frac{t}{c} \right) \right) dt$$

The location parameter μ is the location of the distribution, while the scale parameter [c] determines the width of the distribution,



Top quark mass measurement: fit procedure

- ❑ The fit is done in two steps, first the $R_{3/2}$ distributions from $t\bar{t}$ simulation samples are fitted separately to determine the six parameters for each template mass. The MC simulation shows that each of these parameters depends linearly of the input m_{top} .
- ❑ In the next step, the parameters are fitted to obtain the offsets and slopes of the linear m_{top} dependencies.
- ❑ These values are then used as inputs to a combined, simultaneous fit to determine the pdf, namely the probability P_S and P_B to have the signal and the background in a given bin of the $R_{3/2}$ distribution of the data.
- ❑ The final (simplified) χ^2 function to extract m_{top} is the following:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{bin } i}^{N_{\text{bin}}} \frac{(n_i - \mu_i)^2}{n_i}$$

N_{bin} : number of bins in the data distribution
 n_i : number of data in the bin i
 μ_i : number of expected data from MC in the bin i

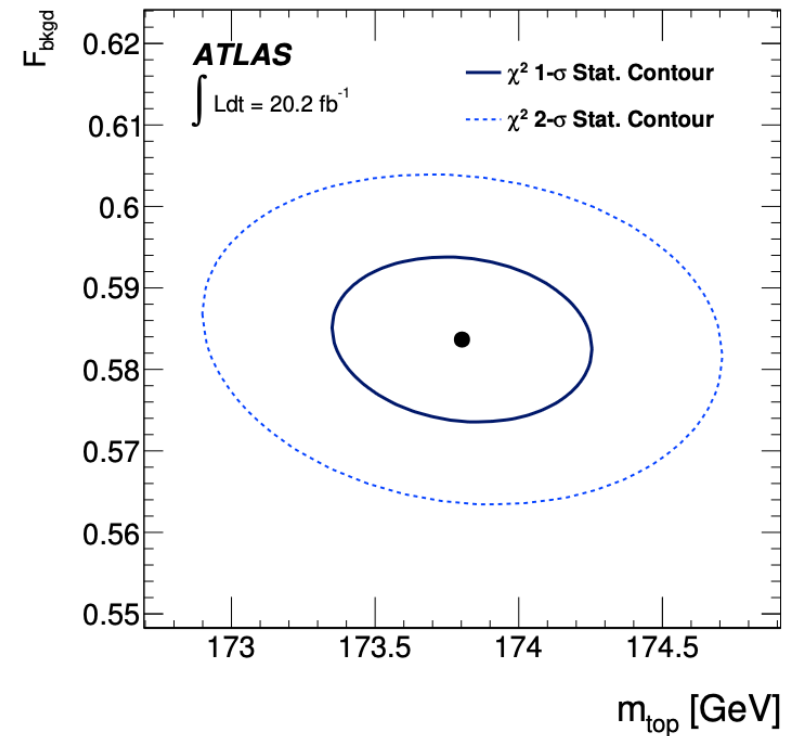
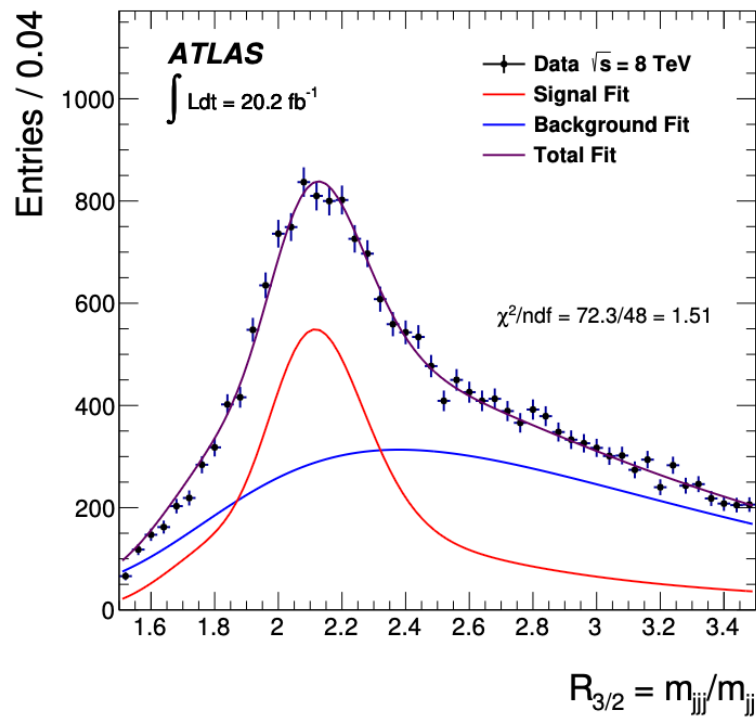
$$\mu_i(m_{\text{top}}, F_{\text{bkgd}}) = w_{\text{bin}} N_d [(1 - F_{\text{bkgd}}) P_S(R_{3/2,i}|m_{\text{top}}) + F_{\text{bkgd}} P_B(R_{3/2,i})]$$

background fraction
bin width
Total number of data
Signal probability
background probability

- ❑ The mass of the top and the background fraction are fitted simultaneously.

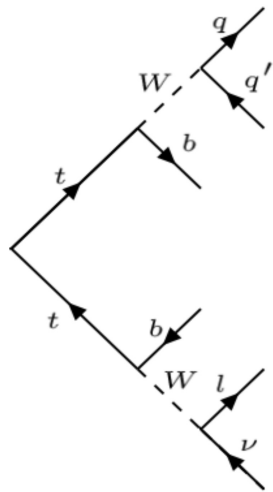
Top quark mass measurement: result

$$m_{\text{top}} = 173.72 \pm 0.55 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.01 \text{ (syst.) GeV.}$$

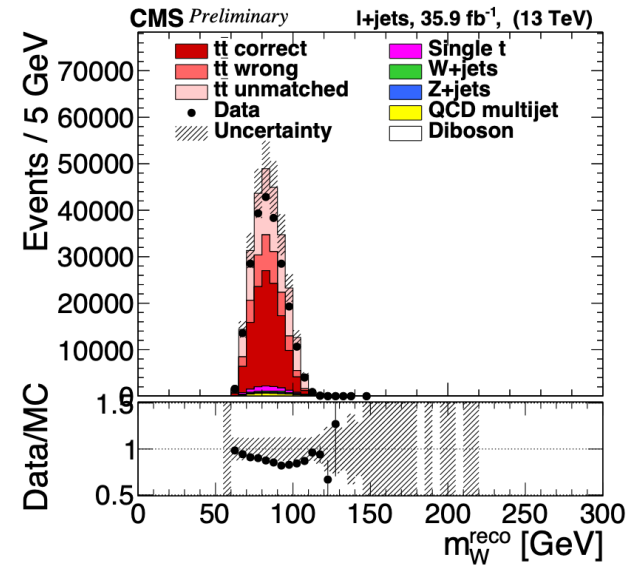
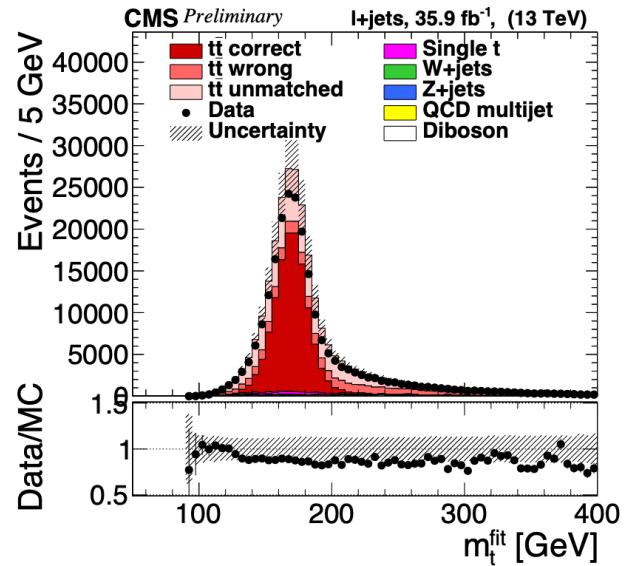


CMS direct measurement: l + jets final state

Event selection



- ▶ 36 fb^{-1} of $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ pp-collision data recorded by CMS in 2016
- ▶ trigger on single isolated muons and electrons
- ▶ anti- $k_t^{R=0.4}$ jets with $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.4$
- ▶ at least two b-tagged jets via DeepJet (WP: 1% mis-tag)



- ▶ m_t^{fit} main observable
- ▶ m_W^{reco} reduces jet energy correction (JEC) uncertainties

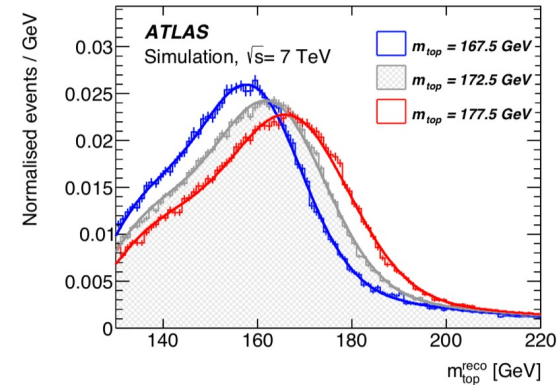
The fitting procedure is similar to what has been described for the Atlas measurement

$$m_t^{MC} = 171.77 \pm 0.38 \text{ GeV}, \text{ this includes } \sigma_{\text{stat}} = 0.04 \text{ GeV}$$

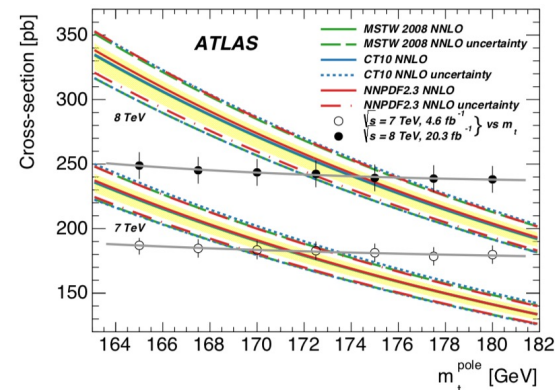
Top quark mass measurement: recap

- Direct m_{top} measurements:
 - ★ Reconstruct $t\bar{t}$ events in data and MC
 - ★ Reduce backgrounds to obtain a clean sample
 - ★ Reconstruct the final state
 - ★ Use sophisticated technique to extract the m_{top} , using e.g. a kinematic fit
- Indirect $m_{\text{top}}^{\text{pole}}$ measurements
 - ★ Instead of fitting to MC distributions “folded” with the detector response unfold the data to e.g parton-level
 - ★ Caveat: Larger uncertainties on both theory and experiment
 - ★ Measure cross section as function of $m_{\text{top}}^{\text{pole}}$ in LO, NLO and NNLO and determine $m_{\text{top}}^{\text{pole}}$

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Digression on the mass measurement

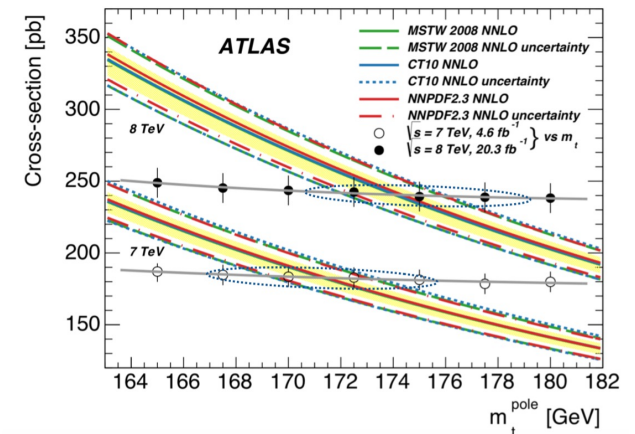
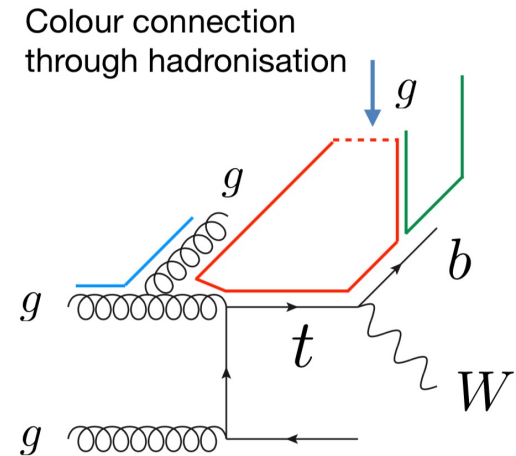
The relation between the Monte Carlo template used to fit the mass spectrum and the Field Theoretical parameter of the pole mass is not straightforward.

The top is coloured, so it is impossible to unambiguously associate every object in the final state to it!

These ambiguities lead to an uncertainty on the top mass measurement varying between 1 GeV and 200 MeV.

The pole mass can be measured using observables that are not dependent on the detailed reconstruction of the top system.

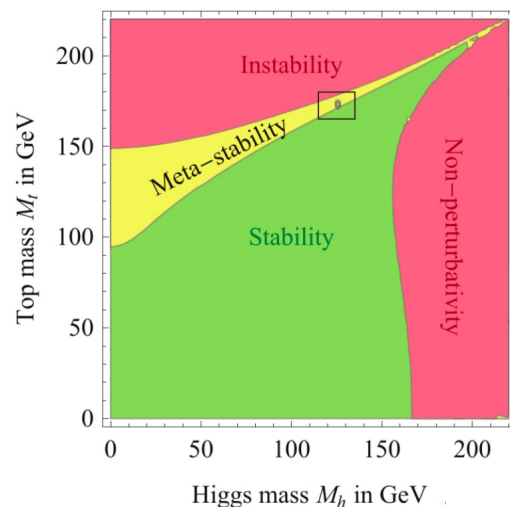
e.g. the pole mass can be measured using the top production cross section (at the cost of introducing a dependence on the production prediction).



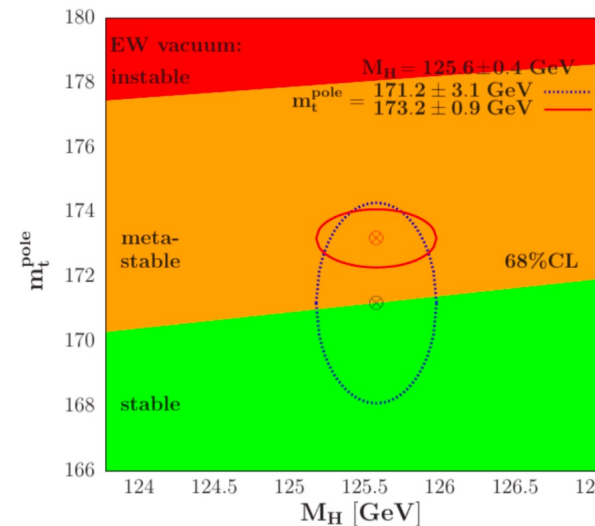
Top quark mass ... and the Universe

- The top-quark mass, m_{top} , is a fundamental parameter of the Standard Model (SM)
- Precise determinations of the SM parameters (m_{top} , m_W , m_H , ...) allow to challenge consistency tests of the SM and to look for signs of new physics beyond the SM (BSM)
- Plots show: (left) Regions of absolute stability, meta-stability and instability of the SM vacuum in the top-quark pole mass and the Higgs mass, $m_{\text{top}}^{\text{pole}} - m_H$, plane; (right) ellipses for the 1σ uncertainties in the $m_{\text{top}}^{\text{pole}} - m_H$ plane confronted with the SM vacuum expectations;

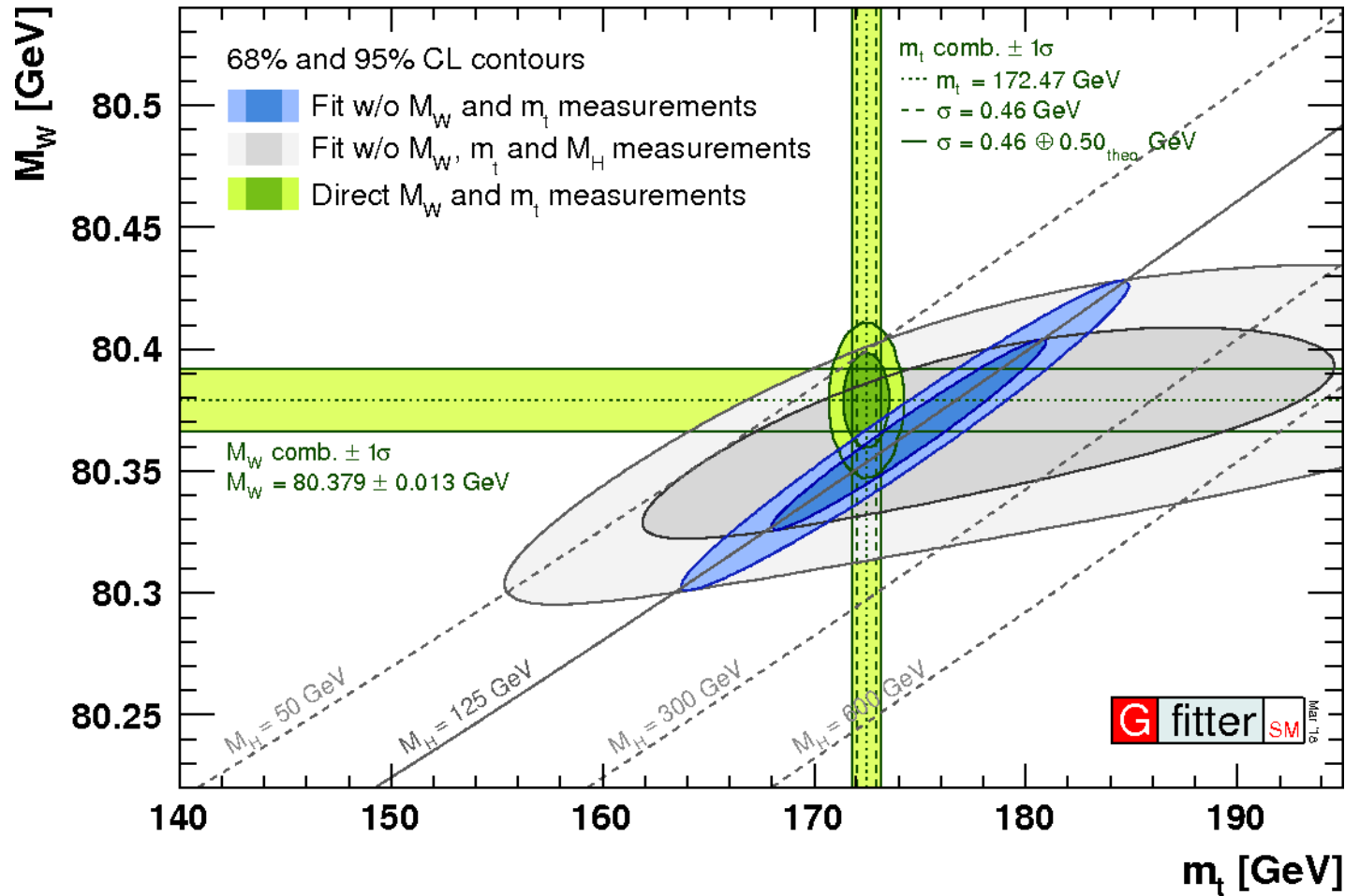
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