

From Discoveries to Precision Physics: 20 Years of Top Quark Physics

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Discovery

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Discovery

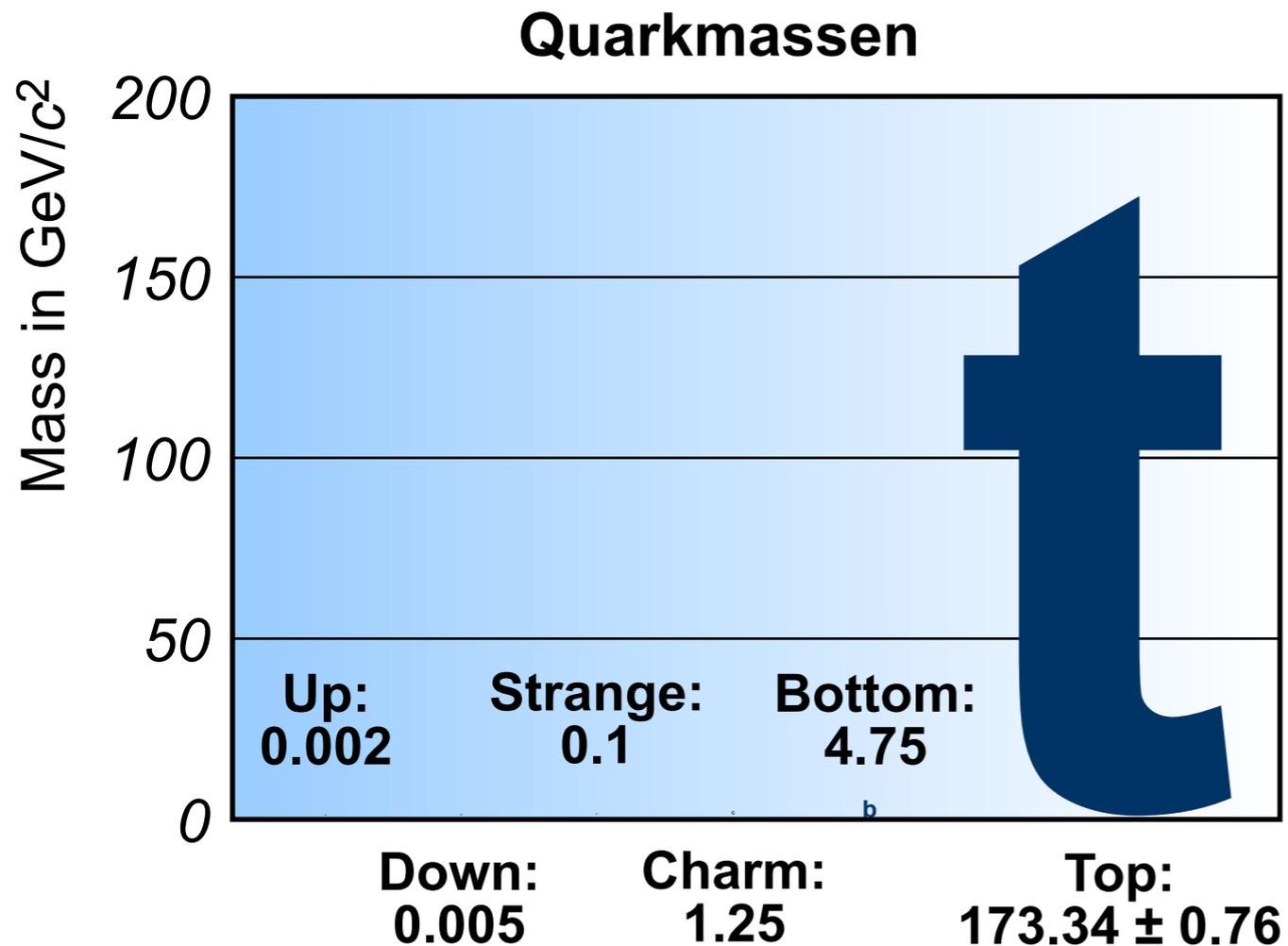
Precision

Physicist = Horologist
Every detail matters.

[R. Baumgarten]

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Masses of Elementary Particles



- Fermion masses via **Yukawa coupling** to Higgs field
- Six quarks of the standard model: **vastly different masses**, individual mass values unexplained
- Top quark sticks out: about **40 times heavier** than bottom quark

Top Quark Properties?
Role in Electroweak Symmetry Breaking?

Top – The Special One



The Special One?
 [Pick n stick Ltd]

The Special One!

- Large mass: $m_t \approx 173 \text{ GeV}$
- Close to scale of **electroweak symmetry breaking**
- Lagrangian for top Yukawa coupling
 ($v \approx 246 \text{ GeV}$: Higgs vacuum expectation value)

$$\mathcal{L}_{Y,t} = y_t \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{t}_L t_R \equiv m_t \bar{t}_L t_R$$

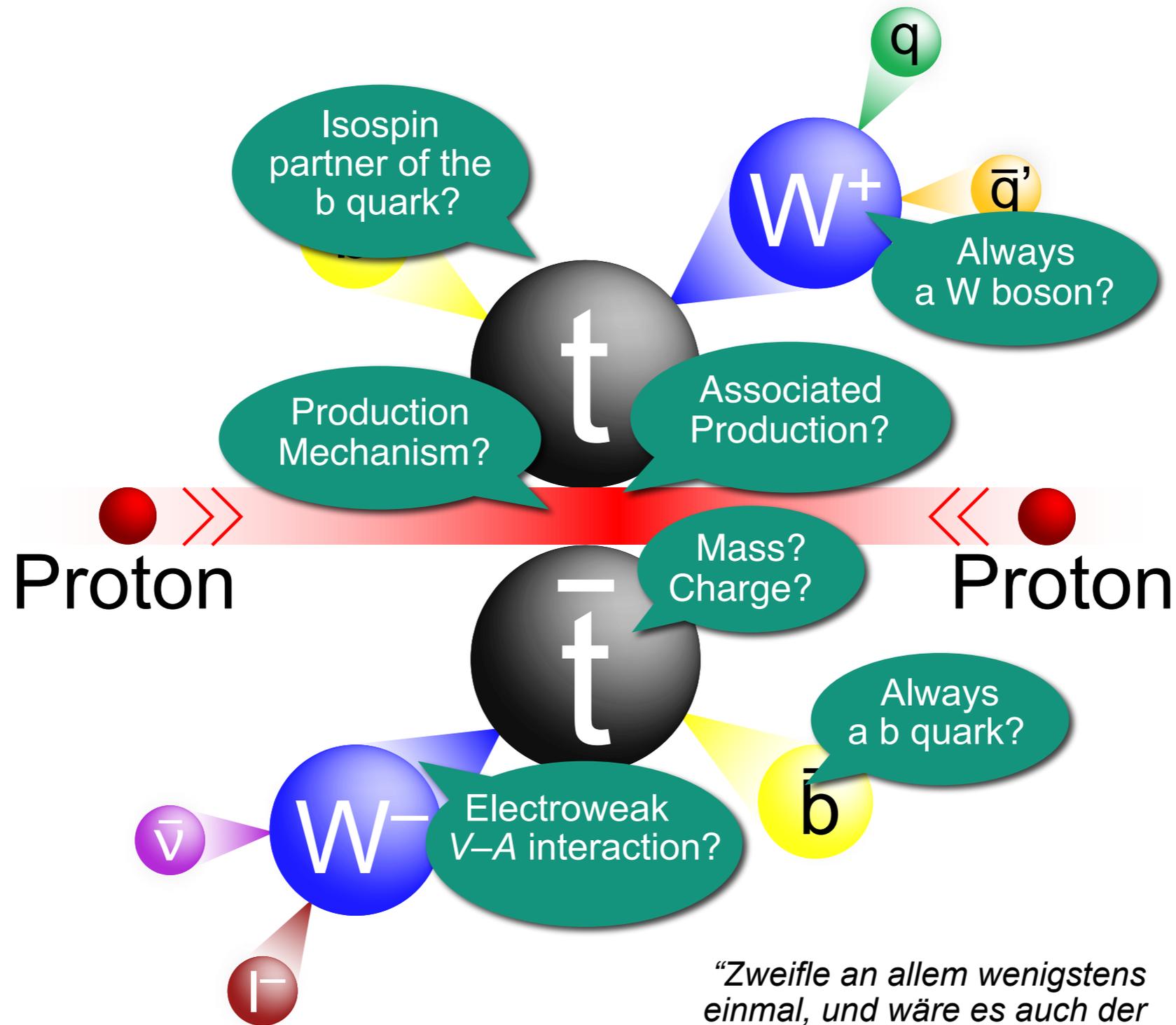
→ $y_t \approx 1$: the only “**normal quark**”?

- Top – the only “**free**” quark:
 life time much smaller than hadronization time

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\Gamma} \approx (1.5 \text{ GeV})^{-1} < \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} \approx (0.2 \text{ GeV})^{-1}$$

- (almost) no bound states
- spin transferred to decay products

Questions in Top Quarks Physics



*“Zweifelle an allem wenigstens einmal, und wäre es auch der Satz: zwei mal zwei ist vier”
(G. F. Lichtenberg)*

The Road to the Top

Top Quark Production

Top + “Something Else”

Top Properties & New Physics

The Road to the Top: A Brief History of Top Quark Physics

The Road to the Top

GIM mechanism: a fourth quark is required

Weak Interactions with Lepton-Hadron Symmetry*

S. L. GLASHOW, J. ILIOPoulos, AND L. MAIANI†
Lyman Laboratory of Physics, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
 (Received 5 March 1970)

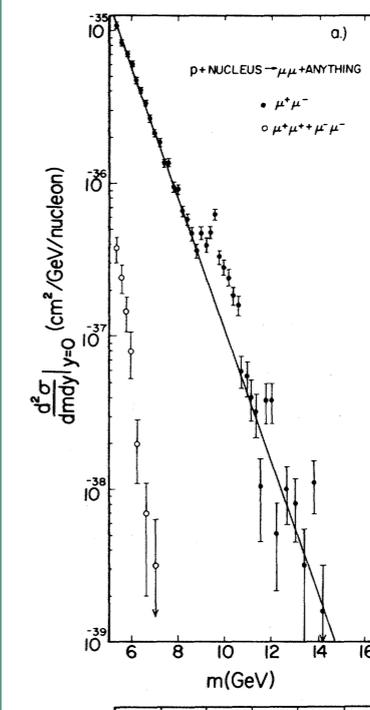
We propose a model of weak interactions in which the currents are constructed out of four basic quark fields and interact with a charged massive vector boson. We show, to all orders in perturbation theory, that the leading divergences do not violate any strong-interaction symmetry and the next to the leading divergences respect all observed weak-interaction selection rules. The model features a remarkable symmetry between leptons and quarks. The extension of our model to a complete Yang-Mills theory is discussed.

J/ψ discovery: the fourth quark is found



Υ discovery: the first quark of the third generation

LETTERS 1 AUGUST 1977



CKM matrix: CP violation only with three generations

Progress of Theoretical Physics, Vol. 49, No. 2, February 1973

CP-Violation in the Renormalizable Theory of Weak Interaction

Makoto KOBAYASHI and Toshihide MASKAWA

Department of Physics, Kyoto University, Kyoto

(Received September 1, 1972)

In a framework of the renormalizable theory of weak interaction, problems of CP-violation are studied. It is concluded that no realistic models of CP-violation exist in the quark scheme without introducing any other new fields. Some possible models of CP-violation are also discussed.

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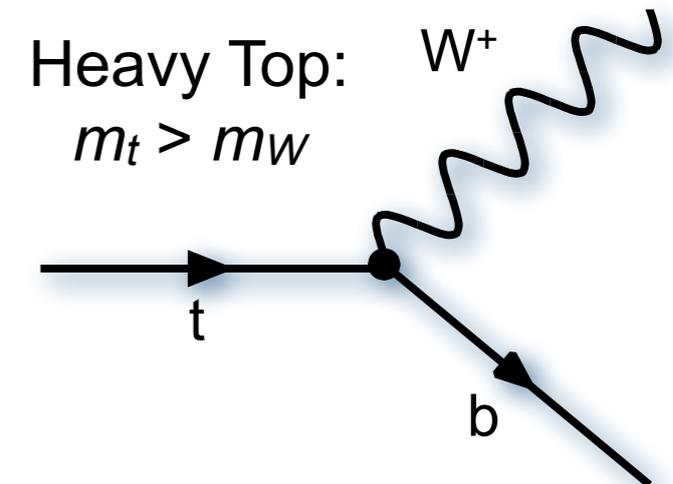
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The Road to the Top

PETRA (DESY): e^+e^- , $\sqrt{s} \leq 45 \text{ GeV}$
 $m_t > 23 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

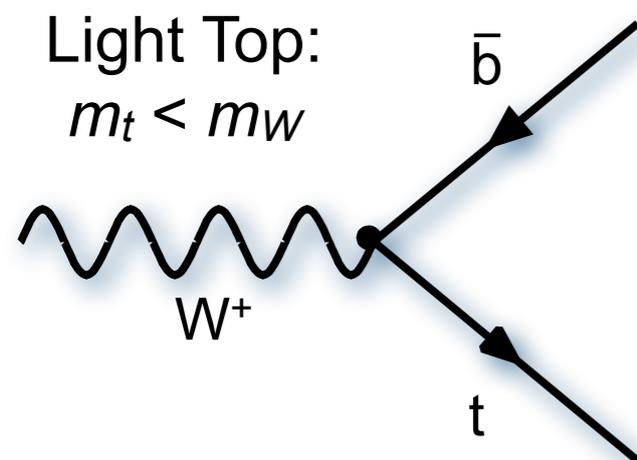
Sp \bar{p} S (CERN): $p\bar{p}$, $\sqrt{s} \leq 630 \text{ GeV}$
 $m_t > 70 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



CDF Run 0 (FNAL)
 $m_t > 70 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

LEP I (CERN): e^+e^- , $\sqrt{s} = 90 \text{ GeV}$
 $m_t = 173 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ (EW fit)

Tevatron Run I:
Discovery



Lepton Colliders

Hadron Colliders



The Last Mile

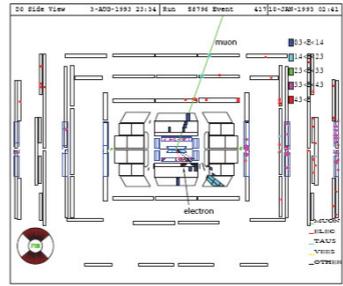
DØ Event 417 The Gold Plated Top Event*

- 1992: Tevatron Run I starts
- January 1993: "Event 417" (DØ)
- August 1993: **Evidence** for top (CDF, published September 1994)
- March 2, 1995: **Discovery** officially announced (CDF, DØ)

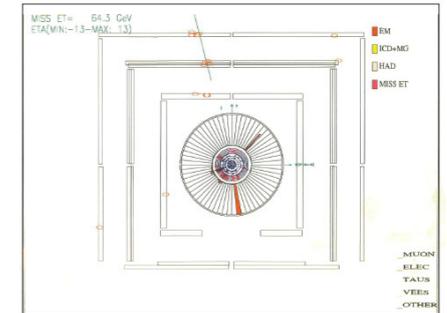
Finding a "Golden" Event



In 1993, while scanning the express stream, Boaz Klima found event 417, which had an very high E_T electron, a high p_T muon, 3 jets and large missing E_T , making it an outstanding candidate for a top event, since expected backgrounds are small.



Event has Spurious A Layer Hits
Event 417 failed the original top selection because spurious muon A-layer hits gave the muon track very low momentum. This can be seen in the end view (below). Other aspects of this event were checked by many experts to see that all other systems worked properly.



Muon Track Hits

Dave Hedin blew up the view of the muon hits to about 10 feet. He measured the track with meter sticks on his basement floor at home. He also redid the alignment. He calculated the momentum with and without the A layer hits. The fit with the A layer needed large multiple scatters in the calorimeter and magnet iron and had low probability.



Muon

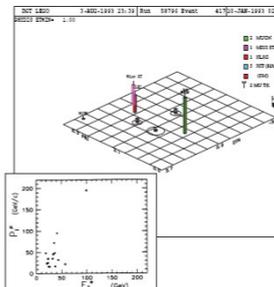
Daria Zieminska and Dave Hedin exchanged ~30 e-mail messages on the fits for this track to determine the muon momentum more precisely. Using fits by hand and prototype computer code they determined the muon momentum to be greater than 100 GeV/c.



Events/(10 GeV/c²)

Kinematic Parameters of Event 417

$E_T^e = 98.8 \pm 1.6$ GeV
 $p_T^\mu = 195$ GeV/c
 (>40 GeV/c at 95% CL)
 $E_{1,2}^j = 24.9 \pm 4.3$ GeV
 $E_{3,4}^j = 22.3 \pm 5.6$ GeV
 $E_{5,6}^j = 6.7 \pm 3.6$ GeV
 Missing $E_T = 102$ GeV



This event survived the final Run 1 cuts, since it has such high momentum and missing E_T .

Background Probabilities

Suman Beri, Puspha Bhat, Jim Cochran, and Harrison Prosper were among those who worked on calculating the probabilities for this event to be produced by various background processes. The probability was 10 to 1 that this event was top. Event 417, which was the world's first observed top event, was presented at conferences in 1993.



Top Quark Mass from Event 417

Ulrich Heintz, Raja, and Mark Strovink worked on a likelihood calculation, based on a method inspired by Dalitz, Goldstein, and Kondo, which determined that the event was consistent with top masses of 100-200 GeV/c². The likelihood was maximized at mass(top) = 145 GeV/c². Later, Harrison Prosper calculated the top mass for event 417 using a new kinematic method. He estimated that the mass(top) = 163 ± 36 GeV/c².



Publication

The parameters of Event 417 and likelihood mass determination was submitted for publication at the end of 1993 and appeared in a PRL article entitled "Search for the Top Quark" in April, 1994. This event also survived later, tighter cuts, and was included in the final DØ Run I dilepton results, published in 1998.

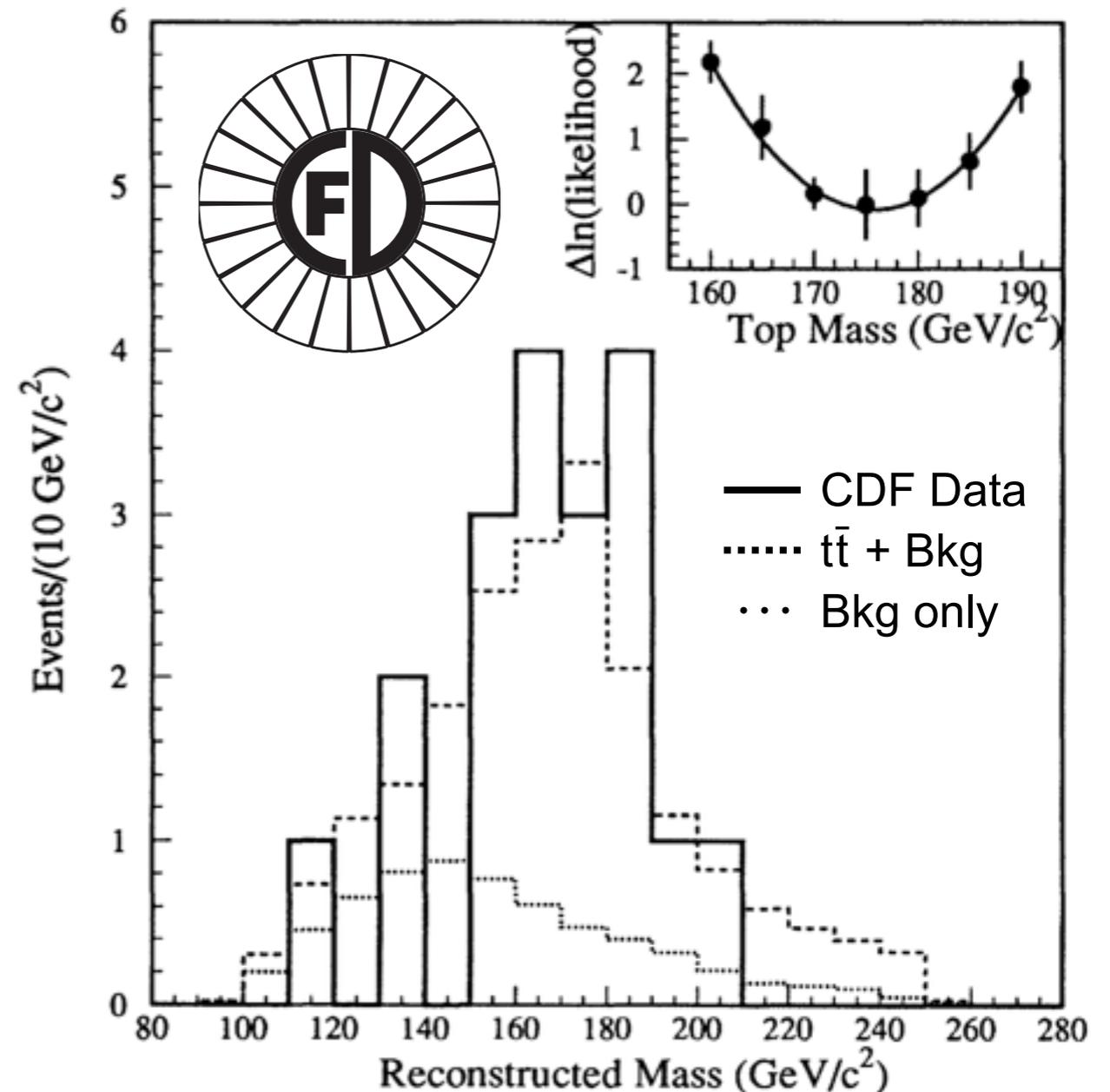
*Note: This is a personal view of finding and interpreting aspects of the most spectacular top candidate event in DØ. The full task of assembling and analyzing the complete top quark sample required the dedicated talents of a much broader group of people.
Sharon Hagopian

Sample Logbook Pages: (First two pages from the logbook of Dave Hedin and last three pages are from the logbook of Harrison Prosper.)

[http://home.fnal.gov/~klima]

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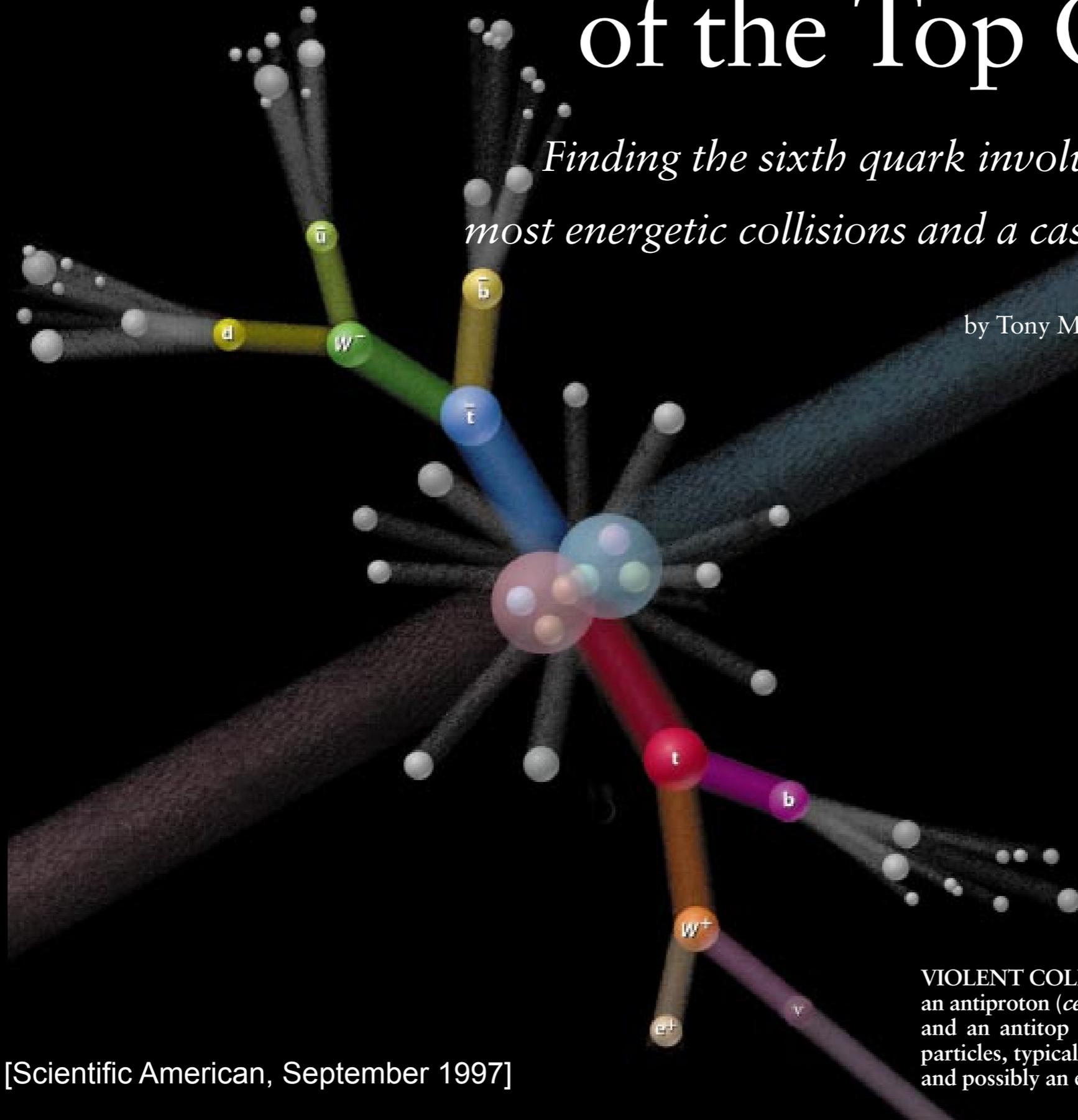


[PRL 74 (1995) 2626]

The Discovery of the Top Quark

Finding the sixth quark involved the world's most energetic collisions and a cast of thousands

by Tony M. Liss and Paul L. Tipton



VIOLENT COLLISION between a proton and an antiproton (*center*) creates a top quark (*red*) and an antitop (*blue*). These decay to other particles, typically producing a number of jets and possibly an electron or positron.

[Scientific American, September 1997]

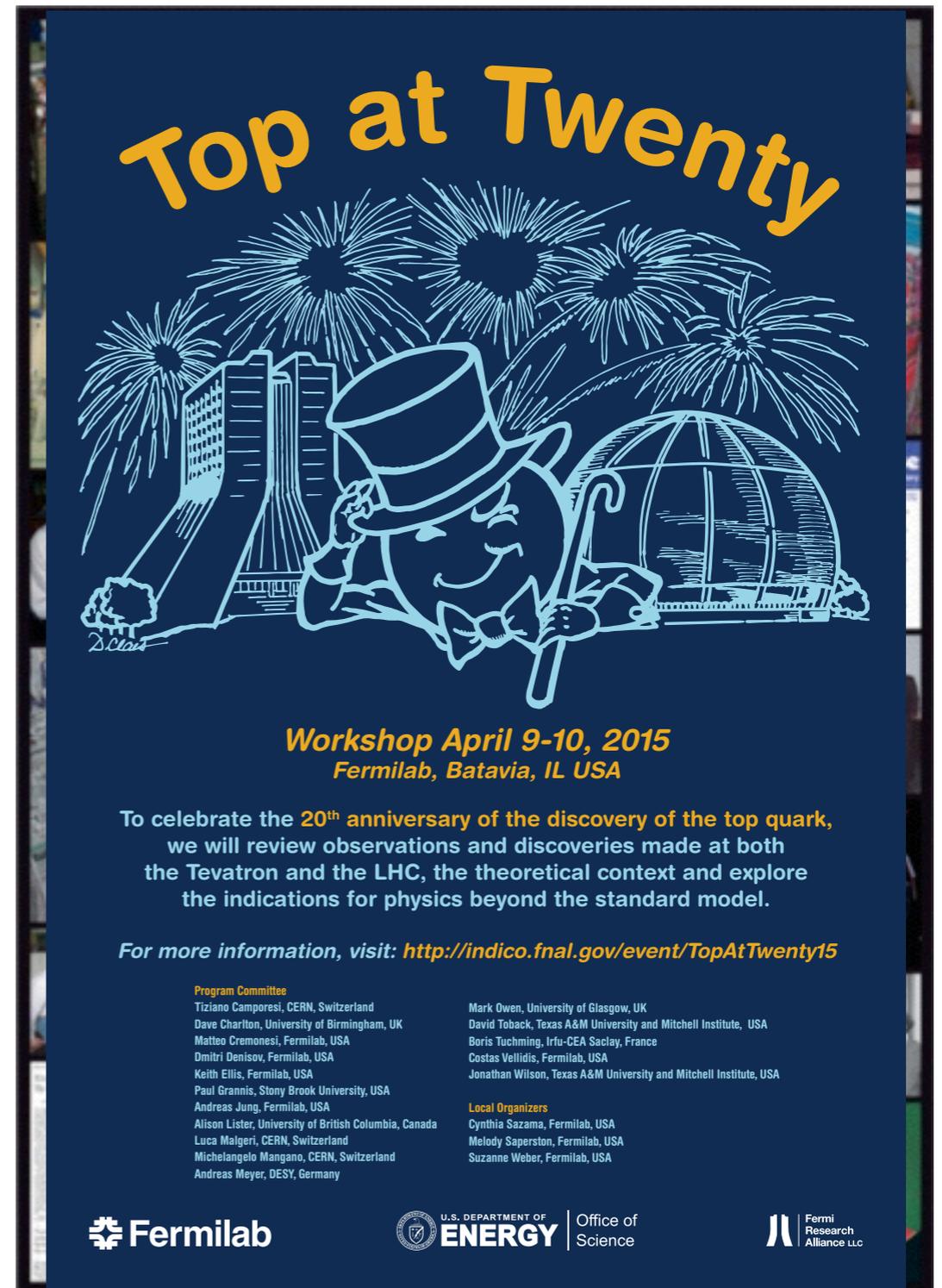
Top Turns Ten

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→ improved detectors, new ideas
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Top at Twenty

*Workshop April 9-10, 2015
Fermilab, Batavia, IL USA*

To celebrate the **20th anniversary of the discovery of the top quark**, we will review observations and discoveries made at both the Tevatron and the LHC, the theoretical context and explore the indications for physics beyond the standard model.

For more information, visit: <http://indico.fnal.gov/event/TopAtTwenty15>

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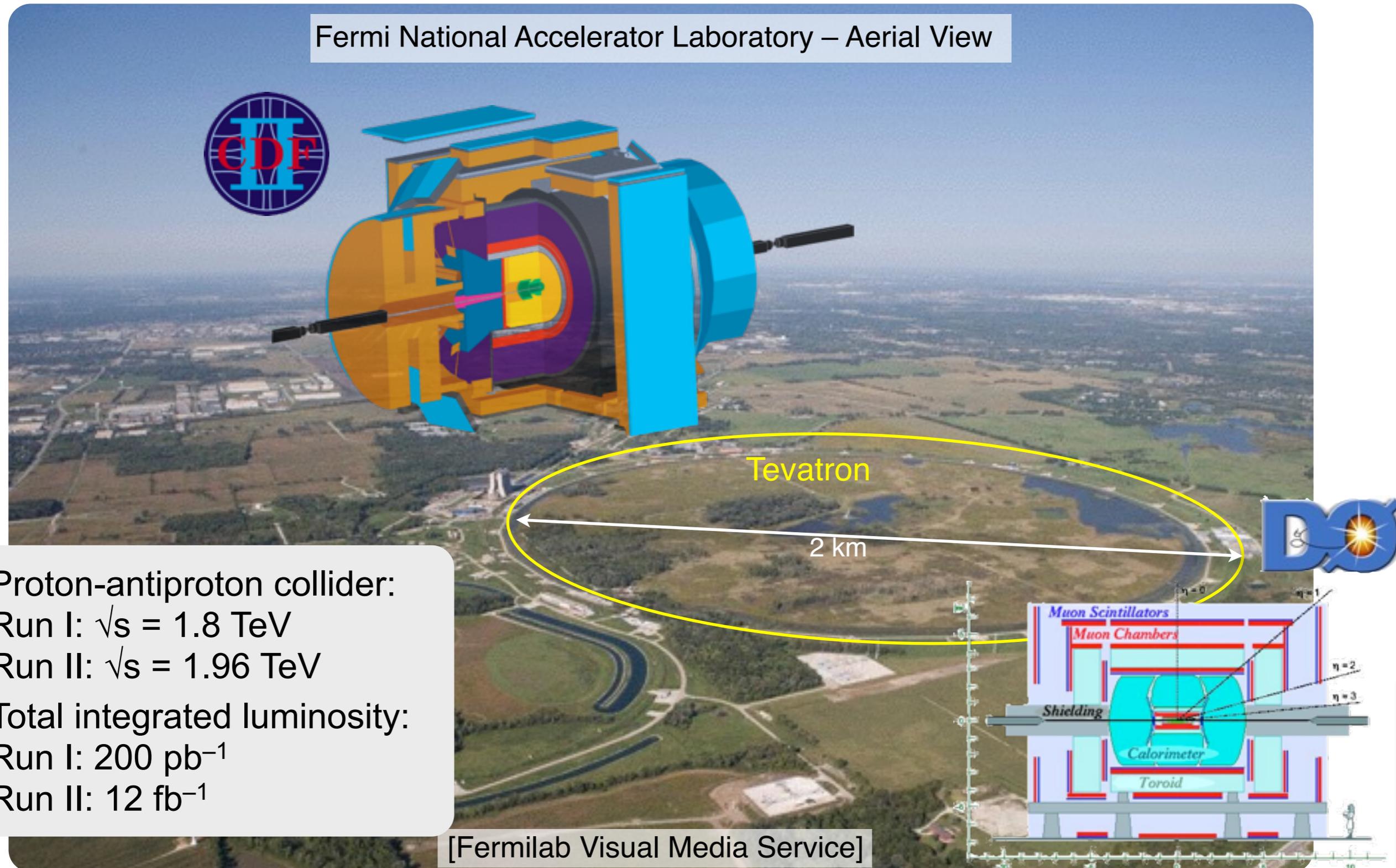
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Fermilab Tevatron: 1985–2011

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory – Aerial View

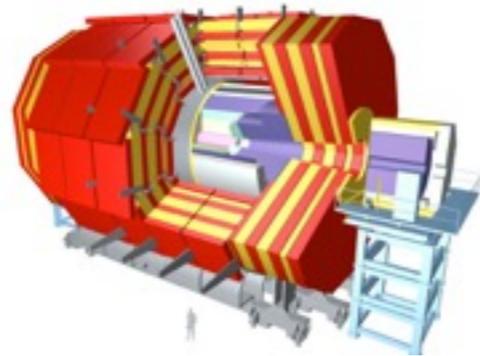


- Proton-antiproton collider:
Run I: $\sqrt{s} = 1.8 \text{ TeV}$
Run II: $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$
- Total integrated luminosity:
Run I: 200 pb^{-1}
Run II: 12 fb^{-1}

[Fermilab Visual Media Service]

LHC – the Large Hadron Collider

CMS Experiment

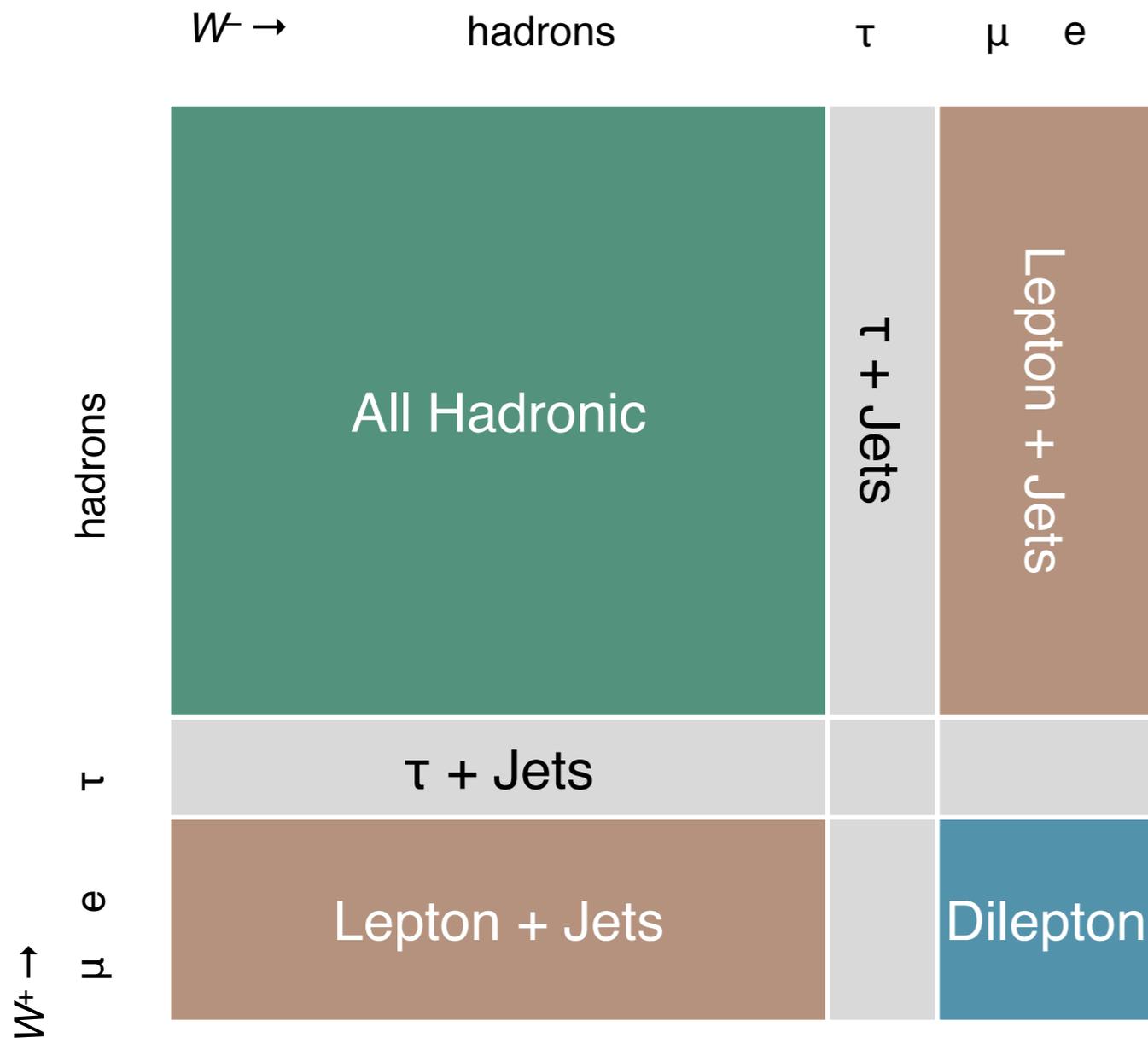


- Proton-proton collider
- LHC Run I: 2010–2013
 - 2010/2011: approx. 5 fb^{-1} at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$
 - 2012: approx. 20 fb^{-1} at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$
- LHC Run II:
from 2015, $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{-}14 \text{ TeV}$

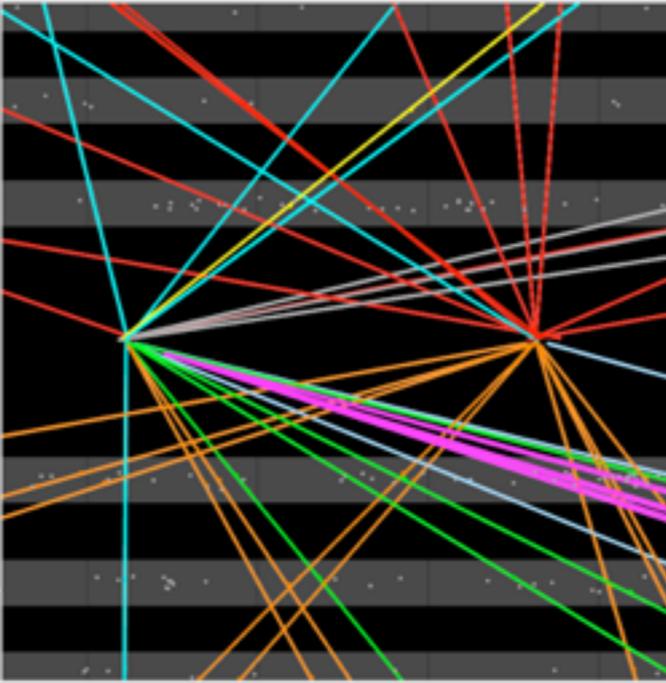
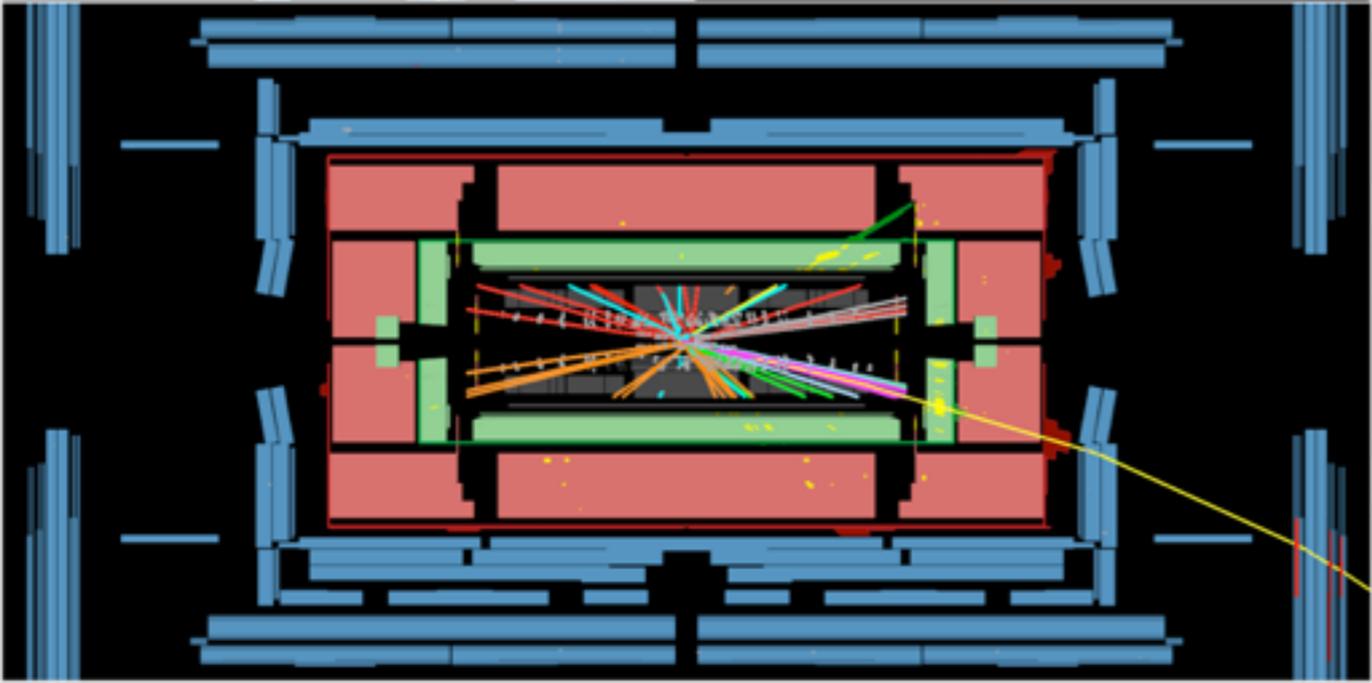
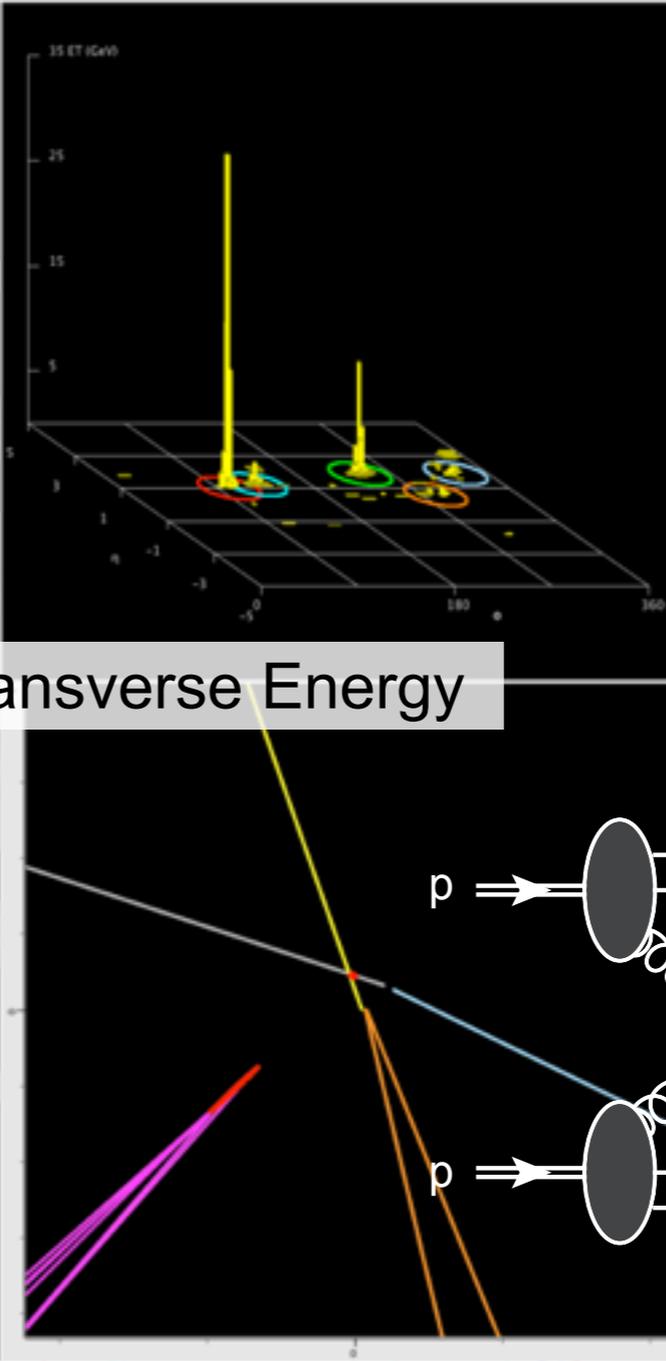
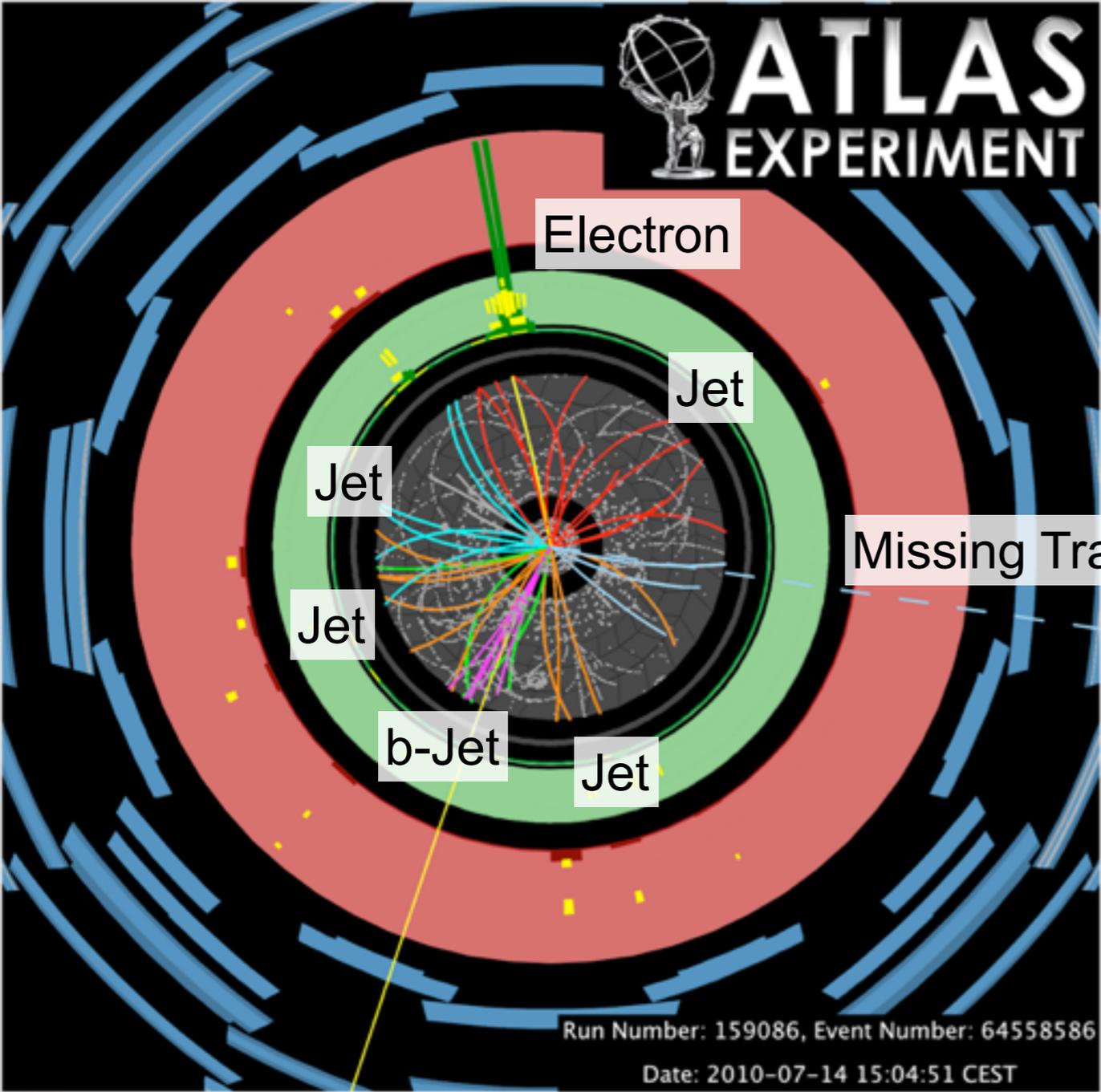
ATLAS Experiment



Analyzing Top Quark Events

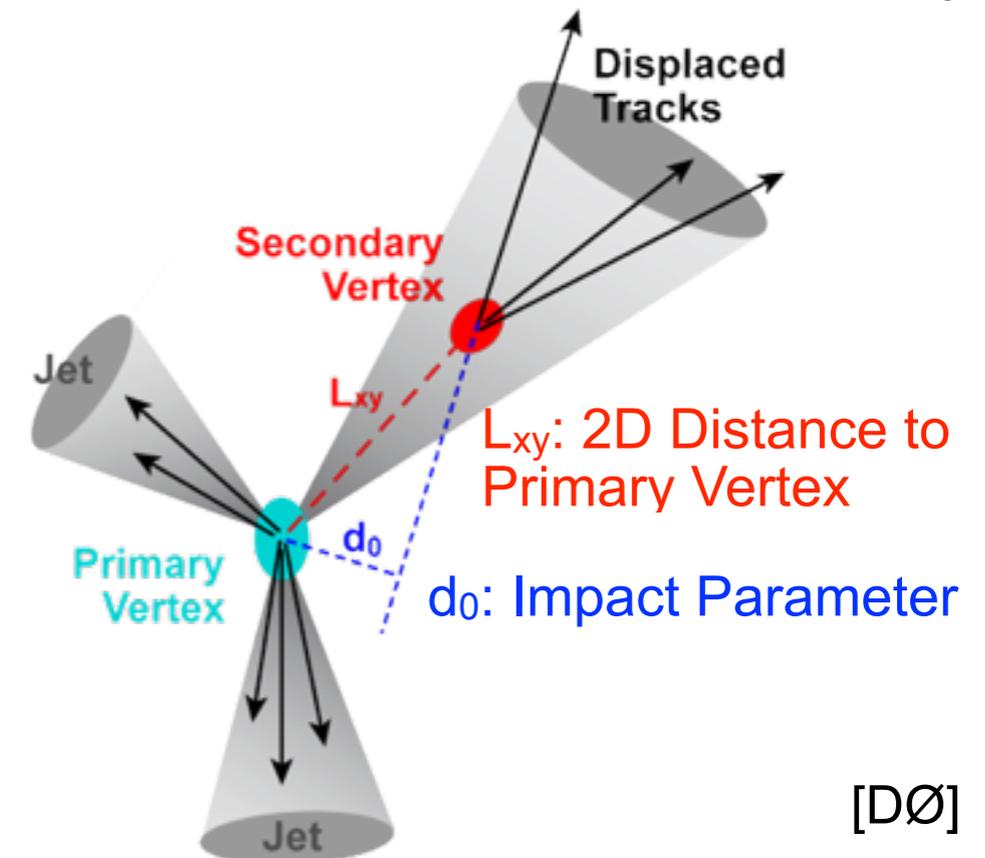


- Top decay in the standard model: $\mathbf{B(t \rightarrow Wb) \approx 100\%}$
- $t\bar{t}$ decay signatures characterized by **W decays**:
 - **All-Hadronic**: 45% of all decays, large QCD background
 - **Lepton+Jets**: 30% of all decays, moderate backgrounds
 - **Dilepton**: 5% of all decays, very clean, but small branching fraction
- **Challenging signature**: multiple leptons & (b-)jets, missing transverse energy



Key Technology: Vertex Detectors

- Reconstruction of top quark signatures requires **entire detector**
- Important experimental technique: identification of **jets with B-hadrons**, (mainly) based on long B-hadron lifetimes → **b-tagging**
- Most important detector technology for b-tagging: **vertex detectors**
 - UA2 experiment (Sp \bar{p} S): silicon pad detector on beam pipe
 - Tevatron experiments: silicon **microstrip vertex detectors**
 - LHC experiments: silicon **pixel** and **strip** detectors



From the Tevatron to the LHC

	Authors	Silicon Detectors	Tops Produced (per Experiment)	Tops Reconstructed (Lepton+Jets, 1 b-Tag)
Tevatron Run I	400	0.7 m ² 46k Channels	1200	25 
Tevatron Run II	600	6 m ² 720k Channels	70.000	2000
LHC Run I	2500	200 m ² 75M Channels	6 million	150.000
LHC Run II			<i>50–100 million/ year</i>	

LHC: Top Factory
Excellent Detectors – Unprecedented Statistics

Top Quark Production: The Race for Ultimate Precision

Top Production Cross Section

- **Master formula** for cross section measurements:

$$\sigma = \frac{N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{bkg}}}{\epsilon \int L dt}$$

- Challenges for **experiment**

- N_{bkg} : best possible determination of **background** rate
- $\int L dt$: most precise measurement of integrated **luminosity**
- ϵ : best possible **modeling of detector geometry**, excellent **calibration**

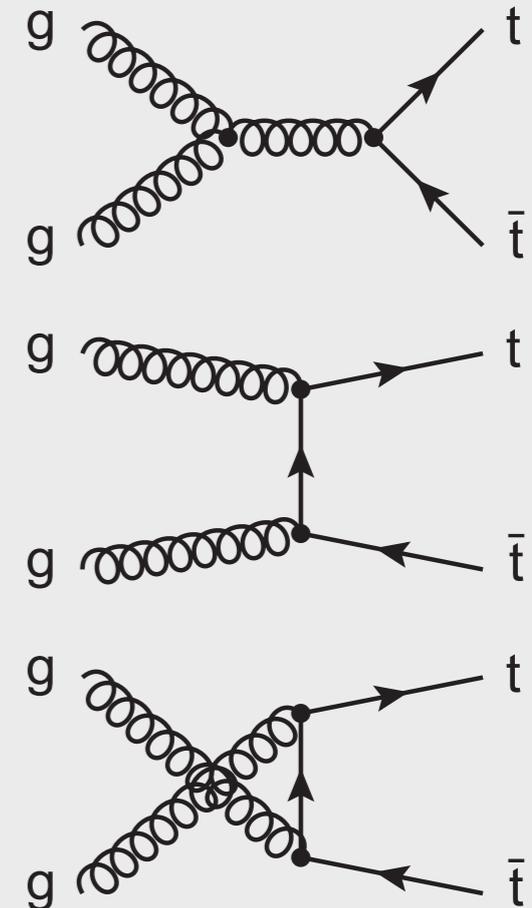
- Challenges for **theory**

- σ : most accurate cross section calculation to compare with measurement
- ϵ : best possible **modeling of signal efficiency**

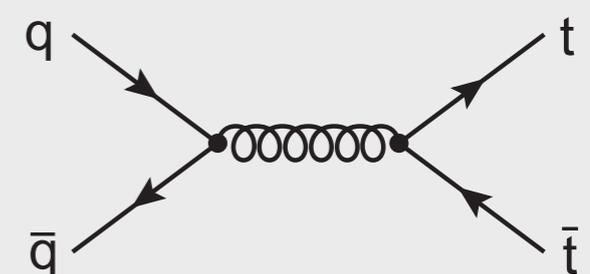
Top Quark-Antiquark Production

- Typical **heavy quark production** process
 - Quantum chromodynamics (QCD)
 - Gluon fusion and $q\bar{q}$ annihilation
- Theoretical calculations
 - Leading order QCD by far not sufficient, **large corrections**
 - Types of corrections: **higher orders** in α_s , **resummation** of large logarithms
 - State of the art (Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov, 2013): **NNLO + NNLL** (next-to-next-to-leading order and next-to-next-to-leading logarithms)

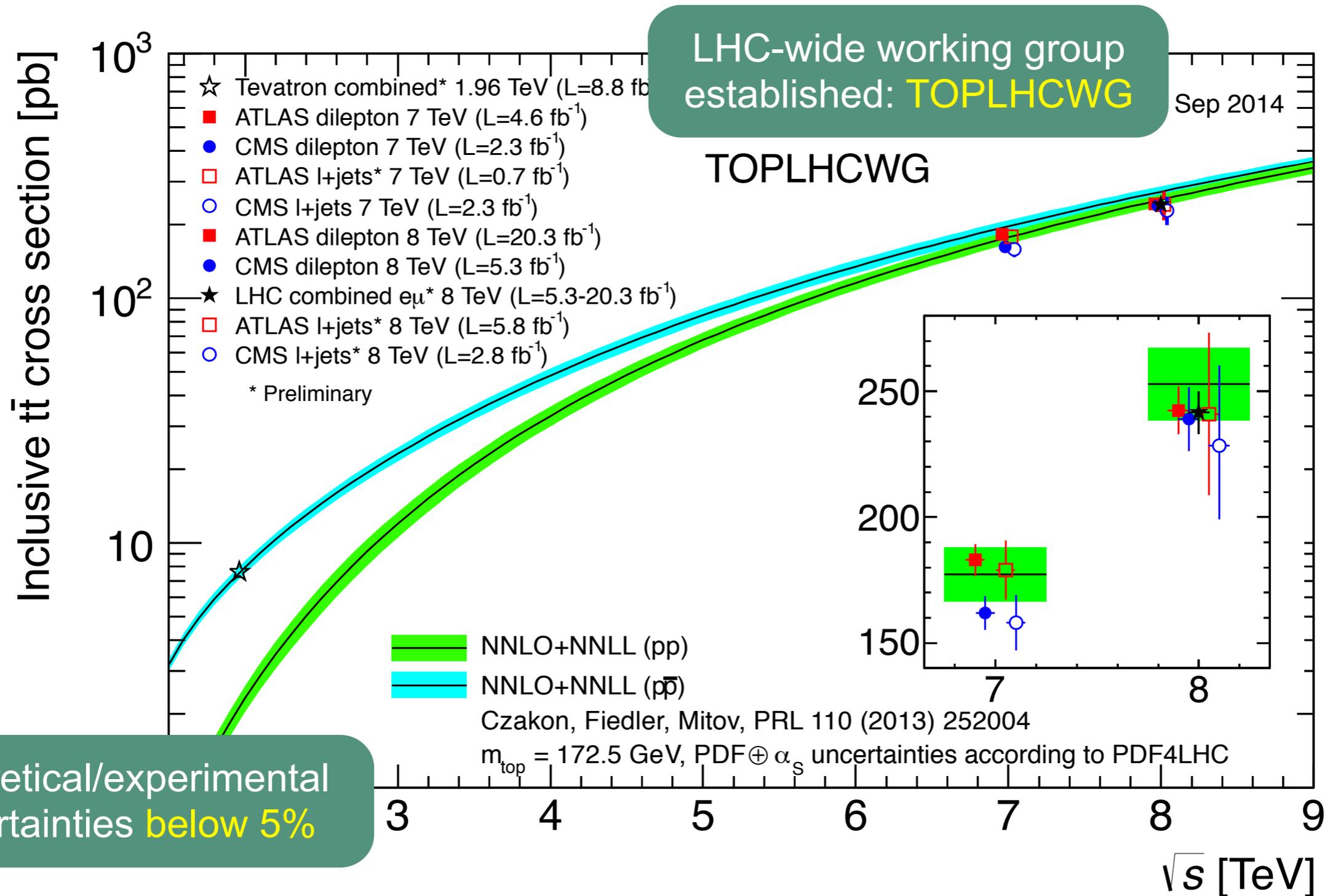
Gluon-Gluon-Fusion (LHC: 80–90%)



Quark-Antiquark-Annihilation (LHC: 20–10%)

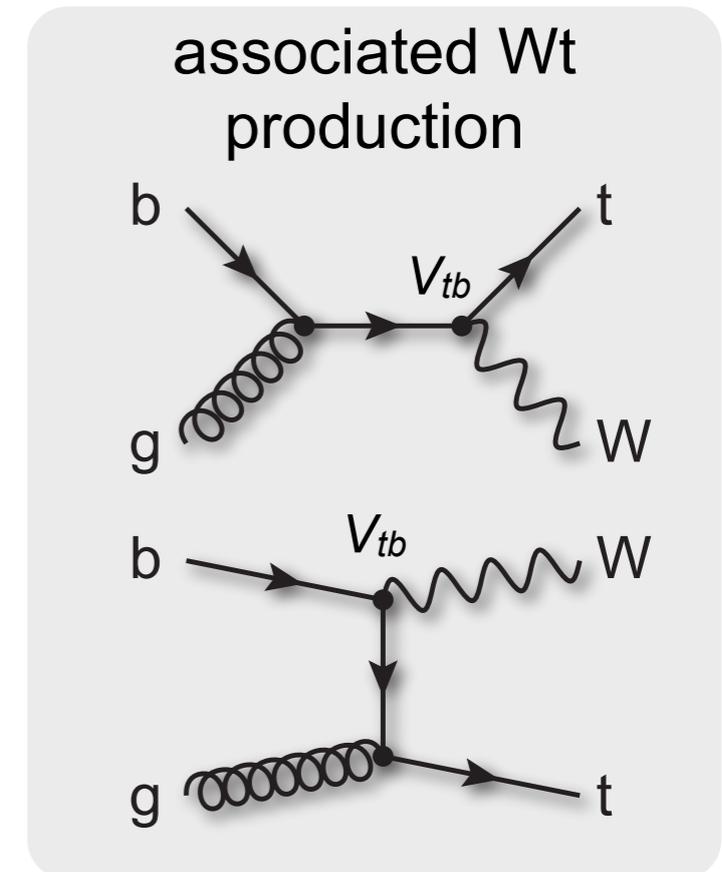
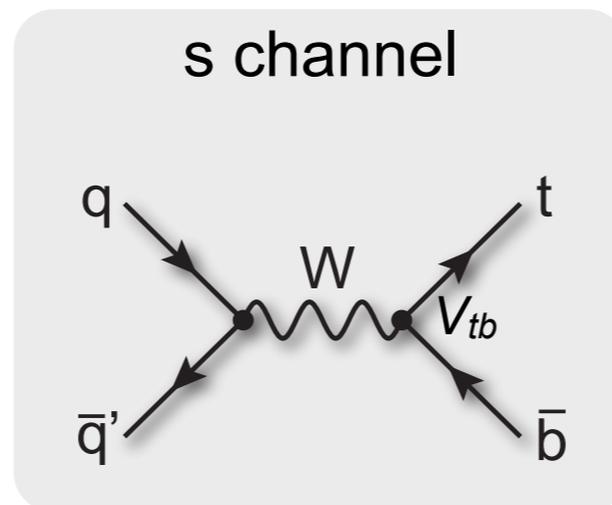
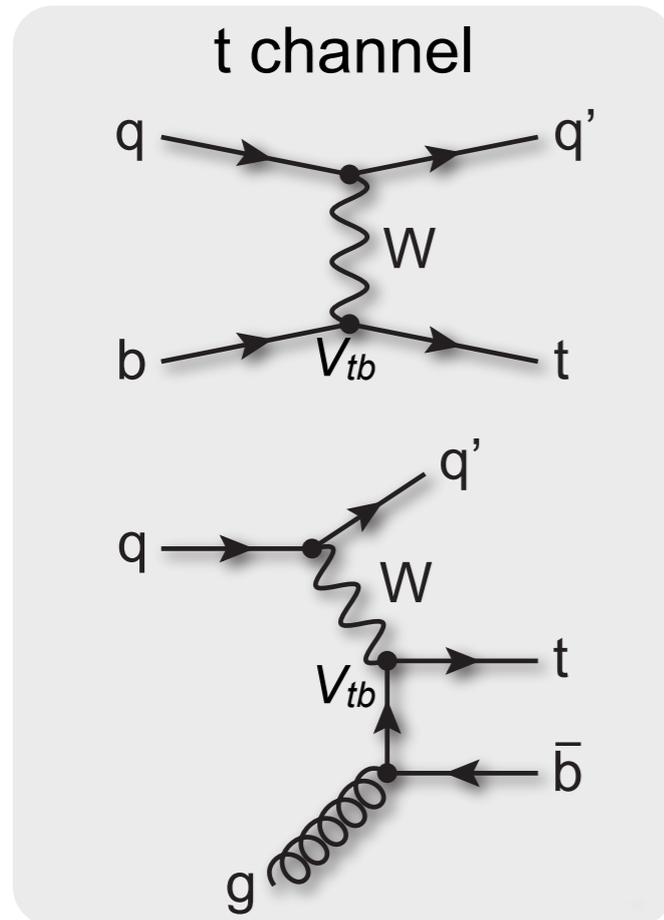


Top Pair Production: Summary



[<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsTOPSummaryFigures>]

Electroweak Single Top Production

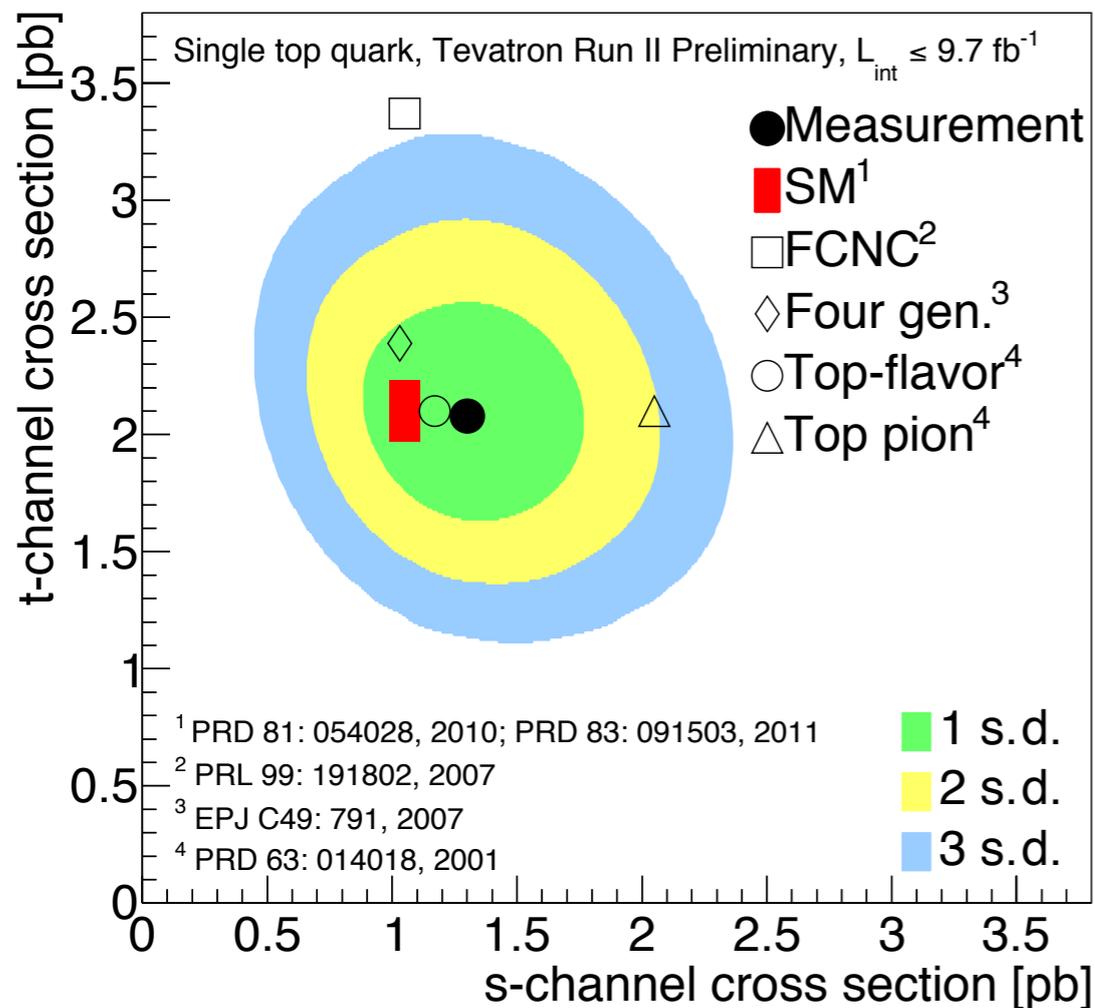


- **Direct** measurement of CKM matrix element $|V_{tb}|$
- Production via W boson exchange: **100% polarized** top quarks
- **PDF constraints** via t/\bar{t} charge ratio
- Access to **BSM physics** (e.g. anomalous couplings)

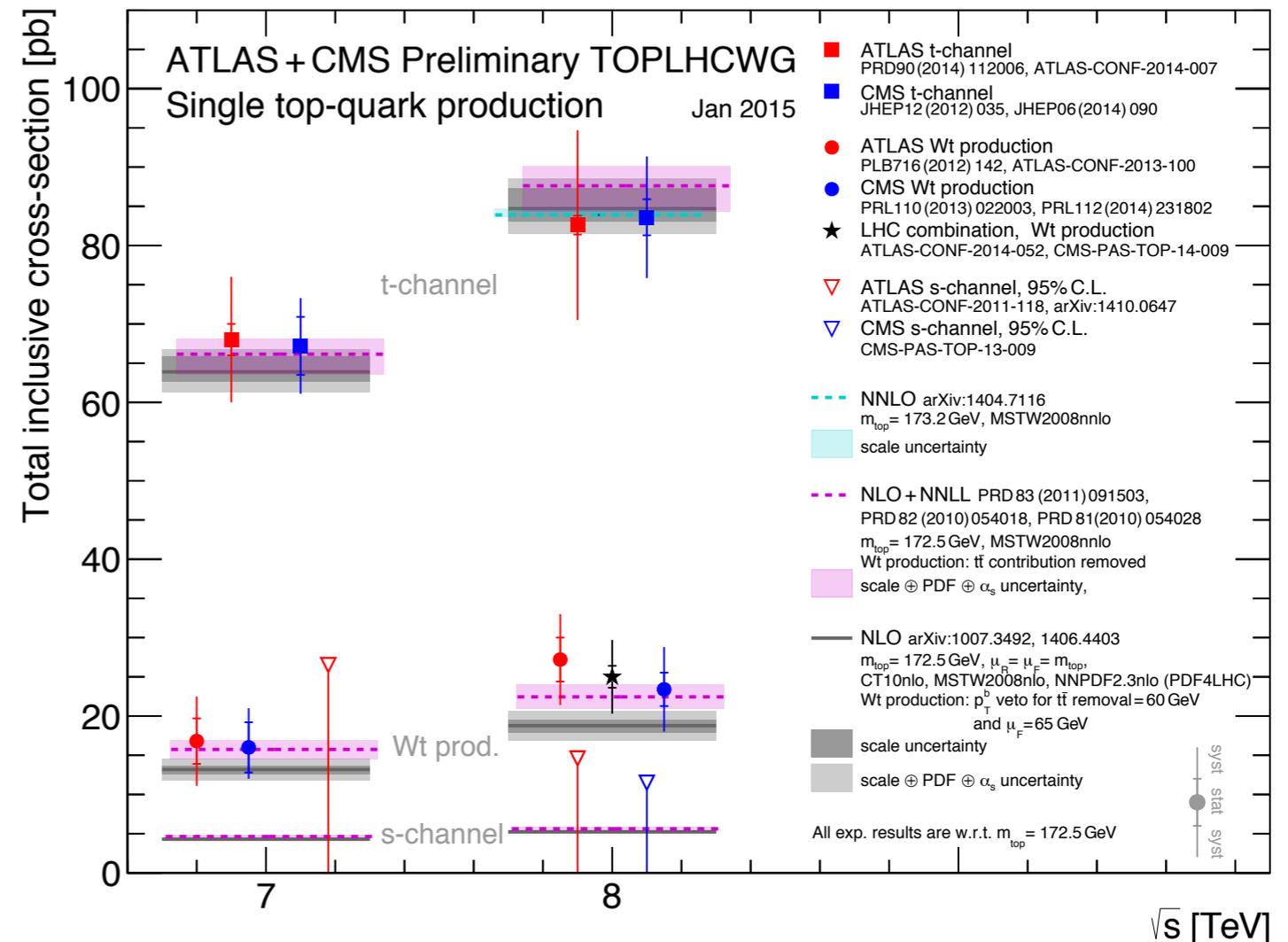
Single Top Production: Summary

- First measurements: **very small** signals → first extensive use of **multivariate analysis techniques** (neural networks etc.) at the Tevatron

Tevatron: s and t channel established



LHC: t channel and Wt established, s channel limits



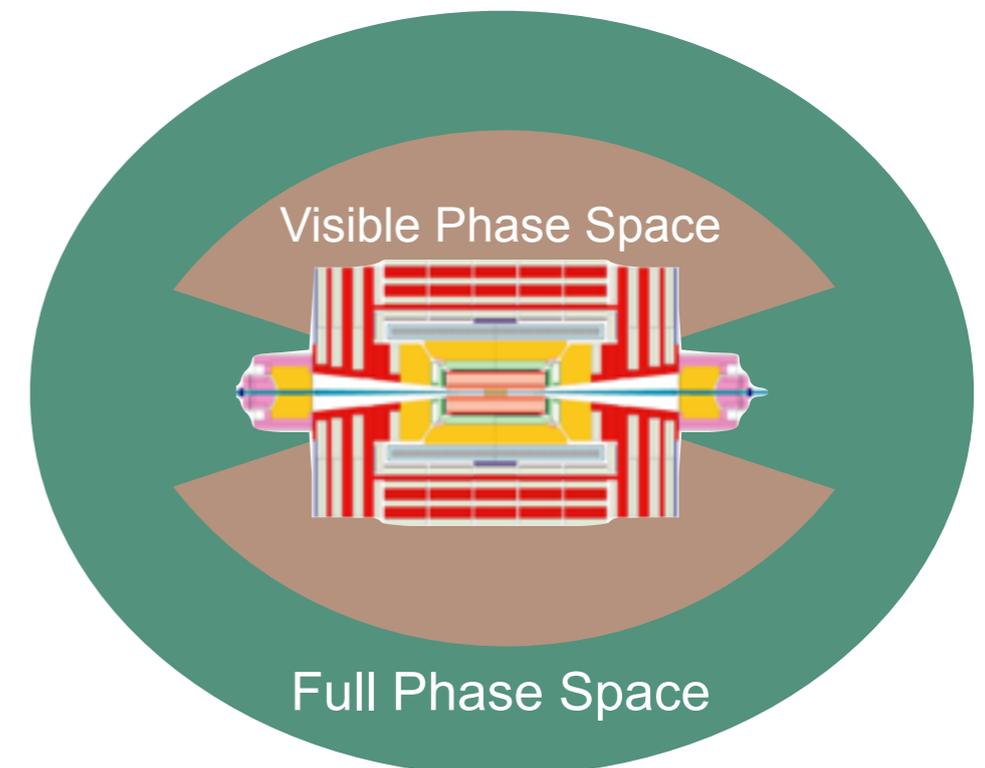
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Towards Higher Precision

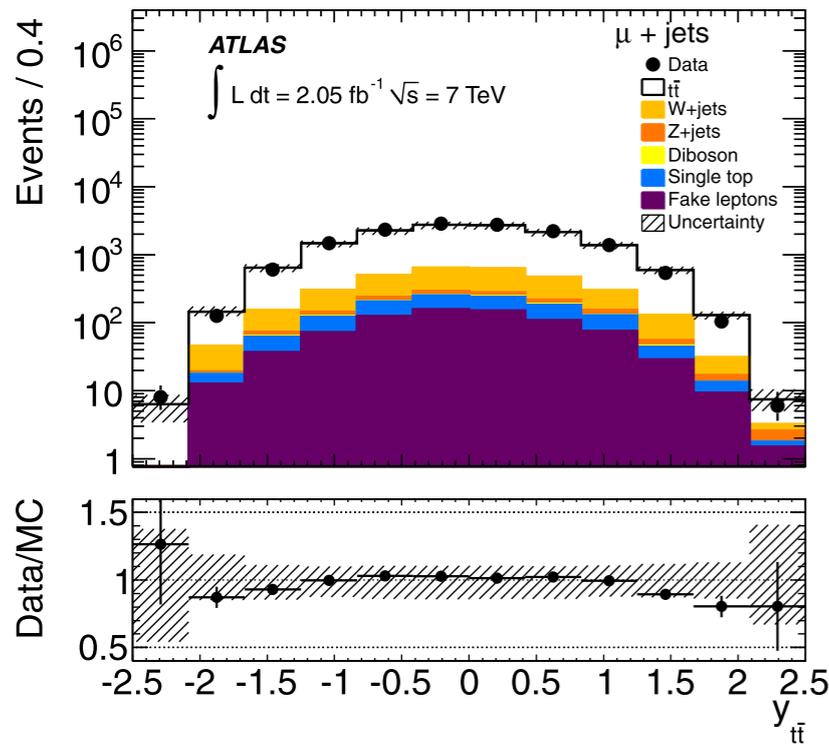
- Various **changes and improvements** over the last 20 years
 - **Changing roles** of decay channels: **dilepton** as the new gold-plated channel in LHC era → large data samples, almost background-free
 - **Technical** improvements, e.g. **in-situ constraints** of systematic uncertainties (profile likelihood ratio)
 - **Conceptual** progress, e. g. clearer **separation of sources of uncertainty**: detector vs. signal vs. background modeling

- Current limitation for inclusive cross section measurements: extrapolation to **full phase space** with theory/simulation tools
 - Cross sections measured in **visible phase space** (aka. fiducial cross sections)
 - reduced dependence of measurement on signal/background modeling
 - **Differential** cross sections: closer look at decay kinematics



Differential Cross Sections

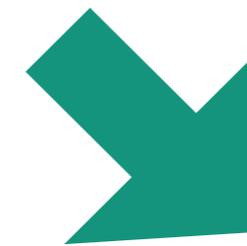
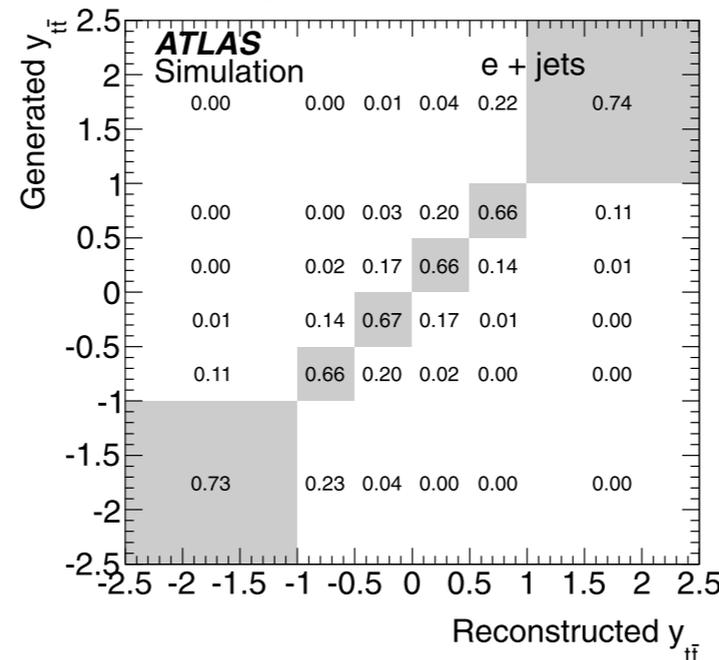
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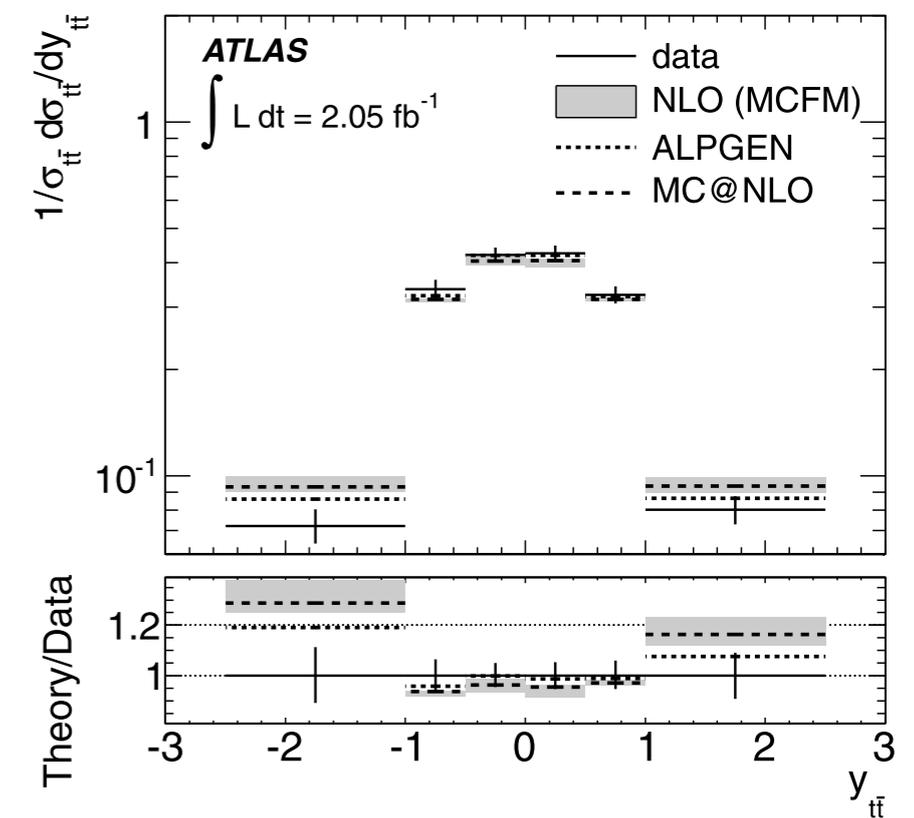
$$\text{Rapidity: } y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}$$



Migration Matrix



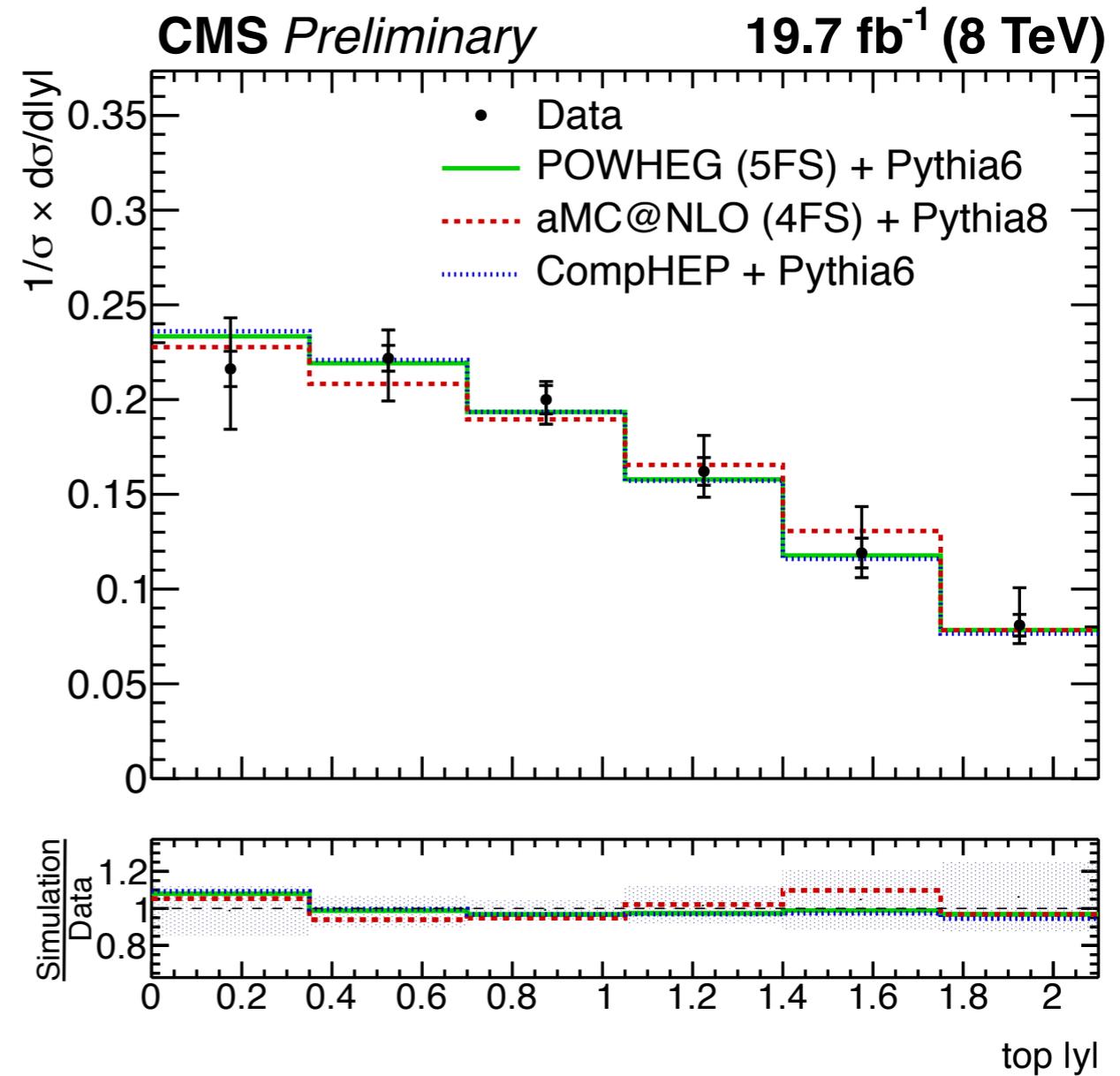
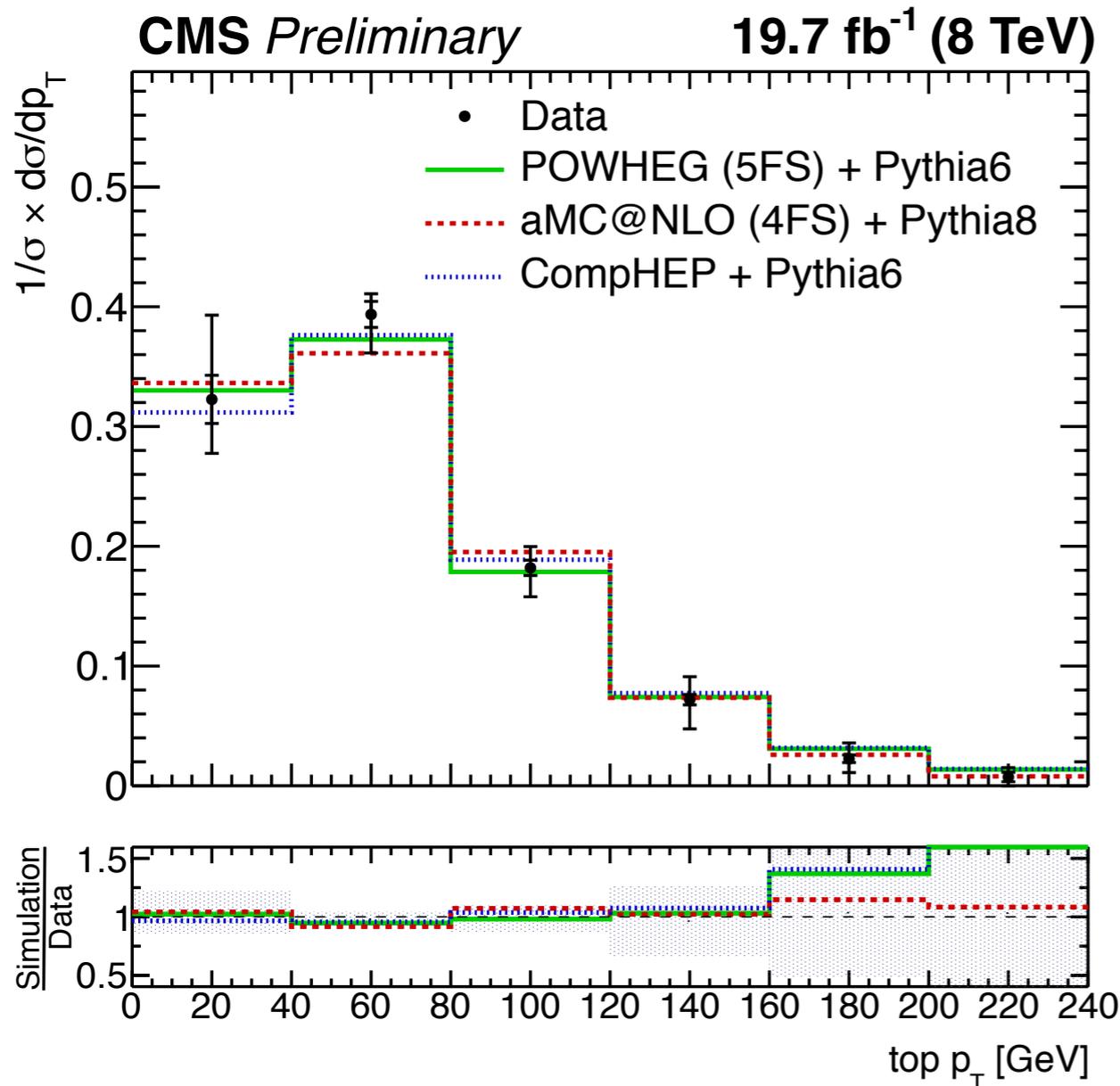
Unfolded Distribution



- **Unfolding** of reconstructed quantities to parton or particle level (often in fiducial volume)
 → **comparison** with other experiments & theory
- **Conceptual question:** Top partons = oversimplified leading-order picture? Connection to observables?

[Eur. J. Phys. C73 (2013) 2261]

Example: Single Top p_T and y



[CMS-PAS-TOP-14-004]

Transverse Momentum: $p_T = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$

Rapidity: $y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}$

Producing Top Quarks + “Something Else”

Top + “Something Else”: Overview

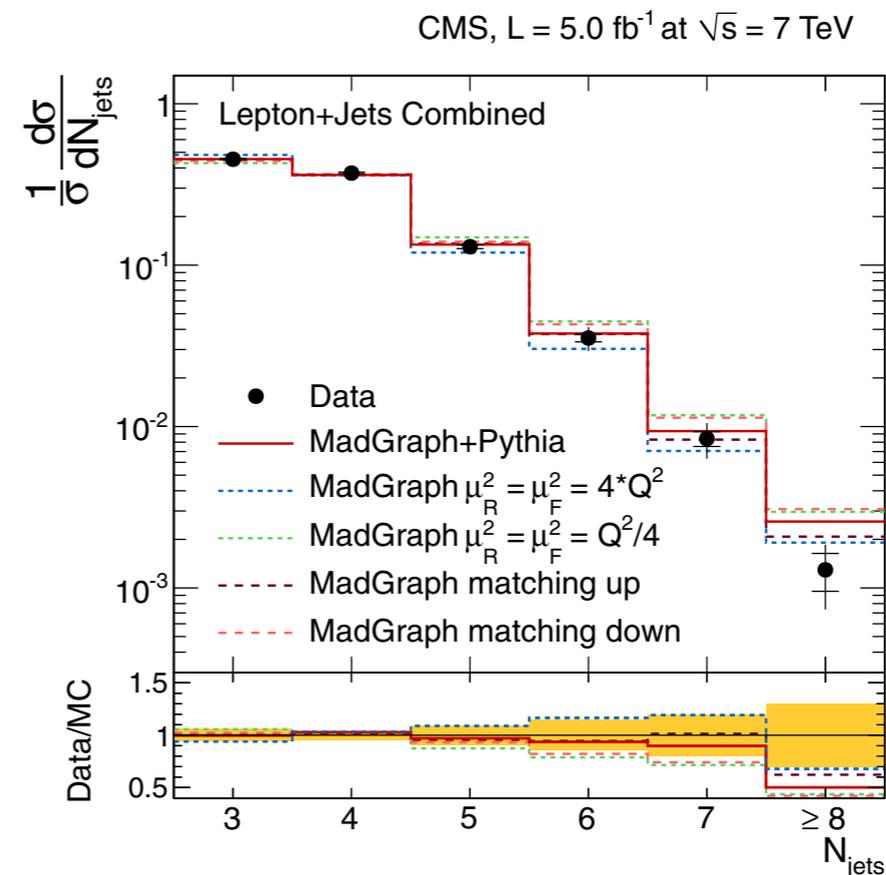
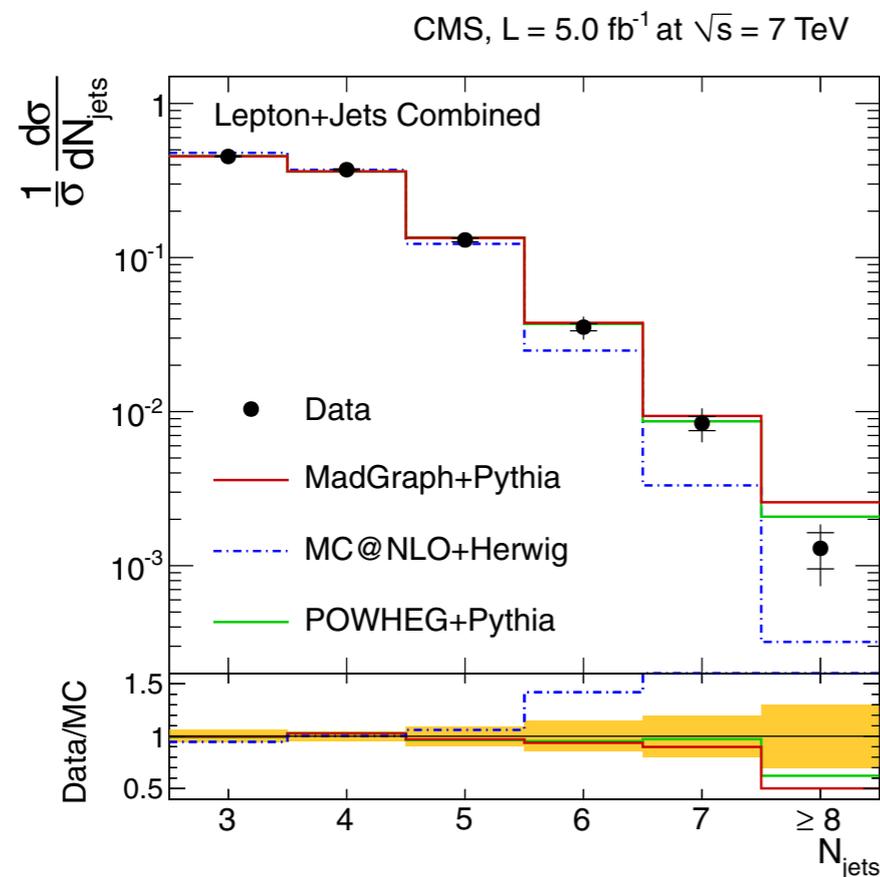
Signature	Impact
$t\bar{t}$ + (heavy flavor) jets	QCD test Background to Higgs and BSM searches
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Top + Jets

- Jet multiplicity in $t\bar{t}$ events: **Test** of perturbative QCD and “engineering” measurement of important **background** to many searches

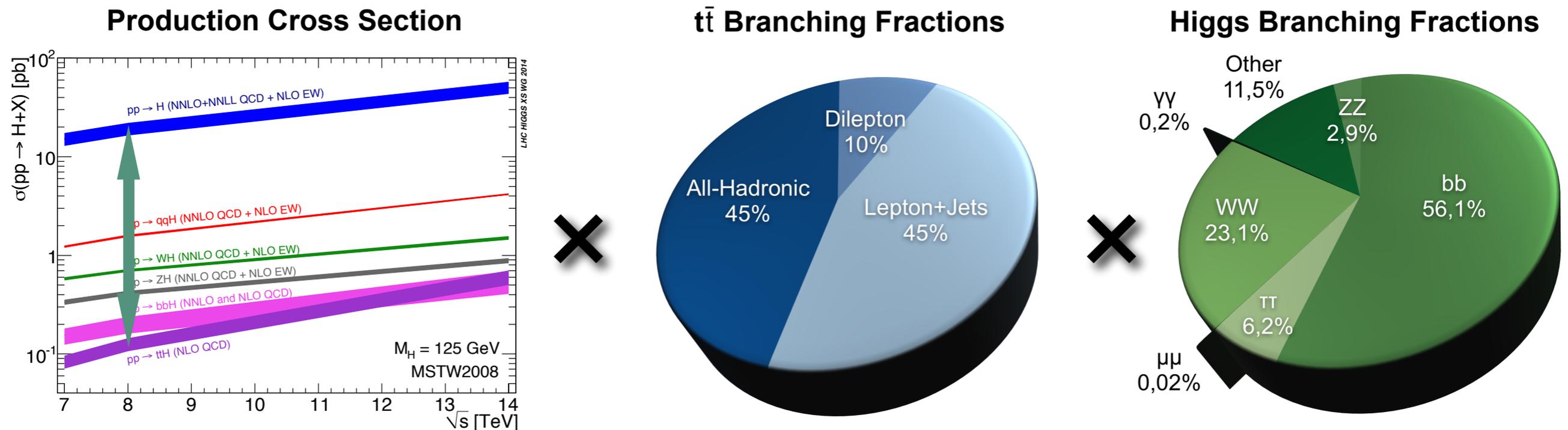


[EPJ C74 (2014) 3014]

- Main results so far:
 - Generally **good agreement** with standard Monte Carlo generators
 - Renormalization/factorization scale uncertainties seem **too conservative**
 - Now exploring **new next-to-leading order** multi-jet MC codes

Associated Top+Higgs Production

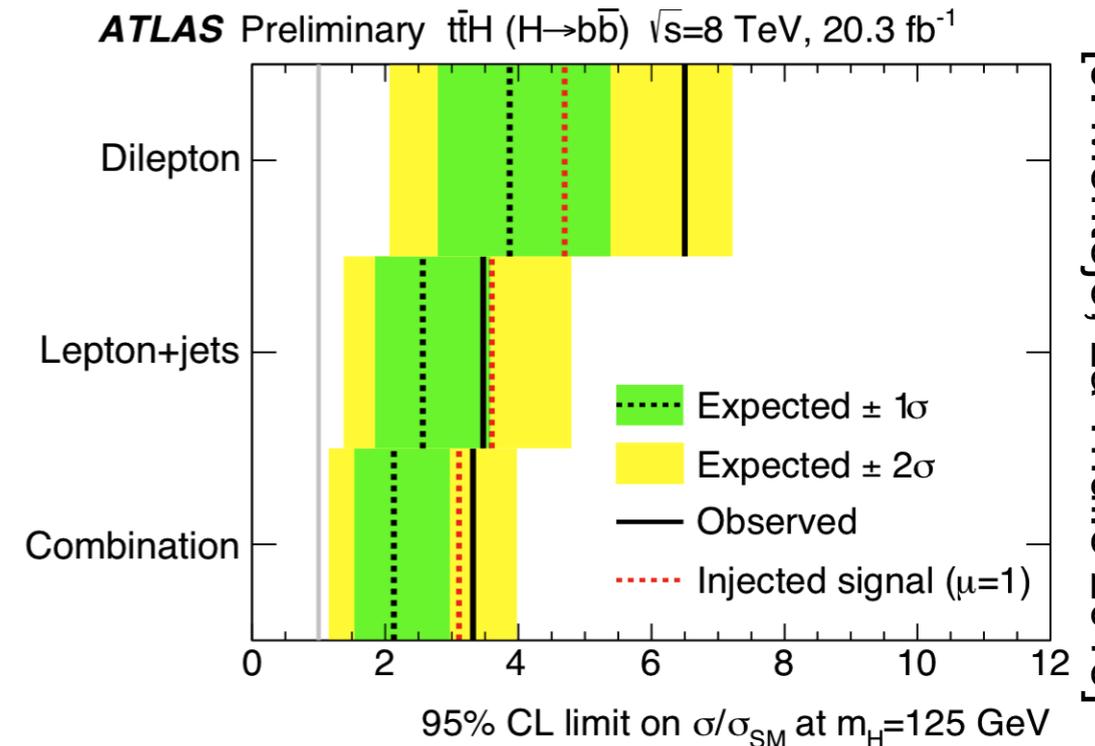
- Top = heaviest SM particle → **largest Yukawa coupling y_t** to the Higgs



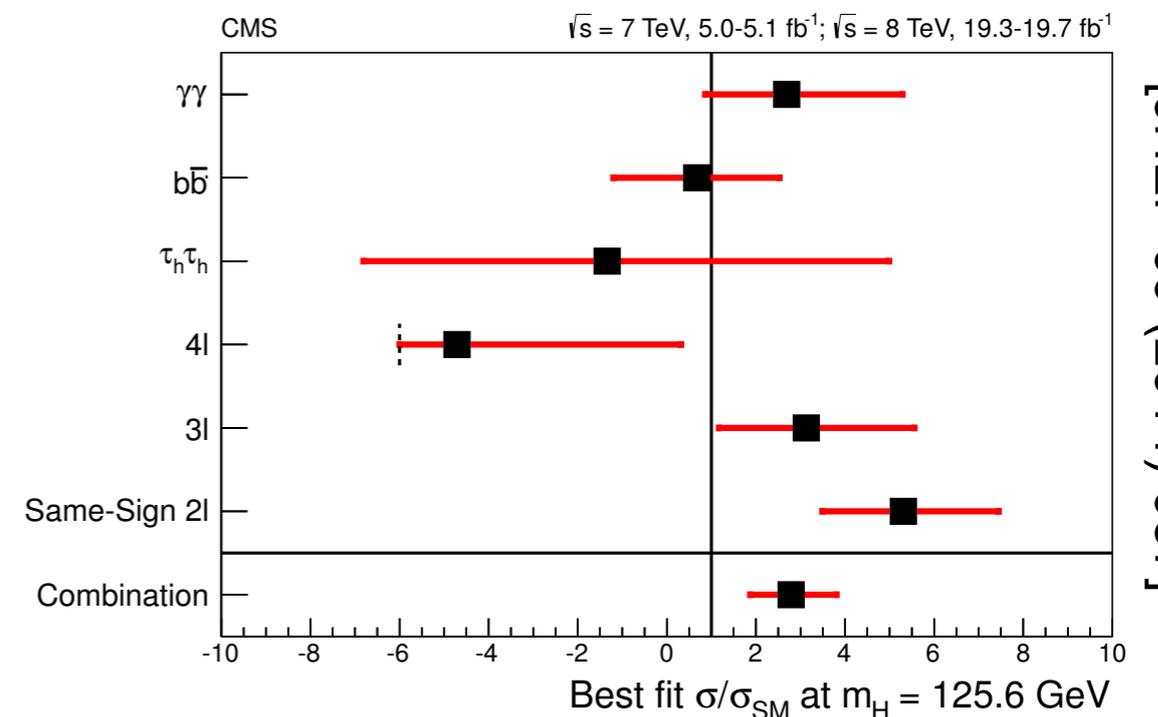
- Very small expected signal and large irreducible backgrounds → extensive use of **multivariate** techniques

$t\bar{t}H$ Status at the LHC

- Single most sensitive channel **matrix element method** in $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
 - ATLAS: production cross section smaller than **3.4 times SM** (2.2 expected)
 - CMS: **3.3 times SM** (2.9 expected)
- Many decay channels **combined**: (prior to matrix element results) 2 standard deviations excess over SM (driven by same-sign dileptons)
- Looking forward to **LHC Run II**: 3–4 times larger $t\bar{t}H$ production cross section



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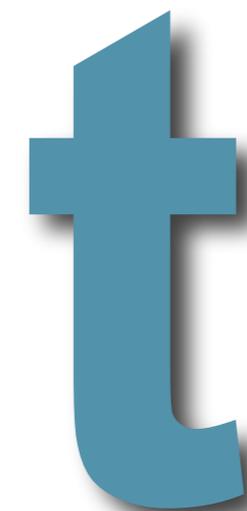
Top Properties & New Physics

Top Properties: Then and Now



- Guiding question at the Tevatron: is the top quark really the **6th quark of the SM?**
→ Yes, within the uncertainties.

- Next step: **more precision**
 - High-precision top quark **mass**
 - Lots of physics information in **polarization** observables
 - Searches for **new physics**



Top Mass: Tevatron

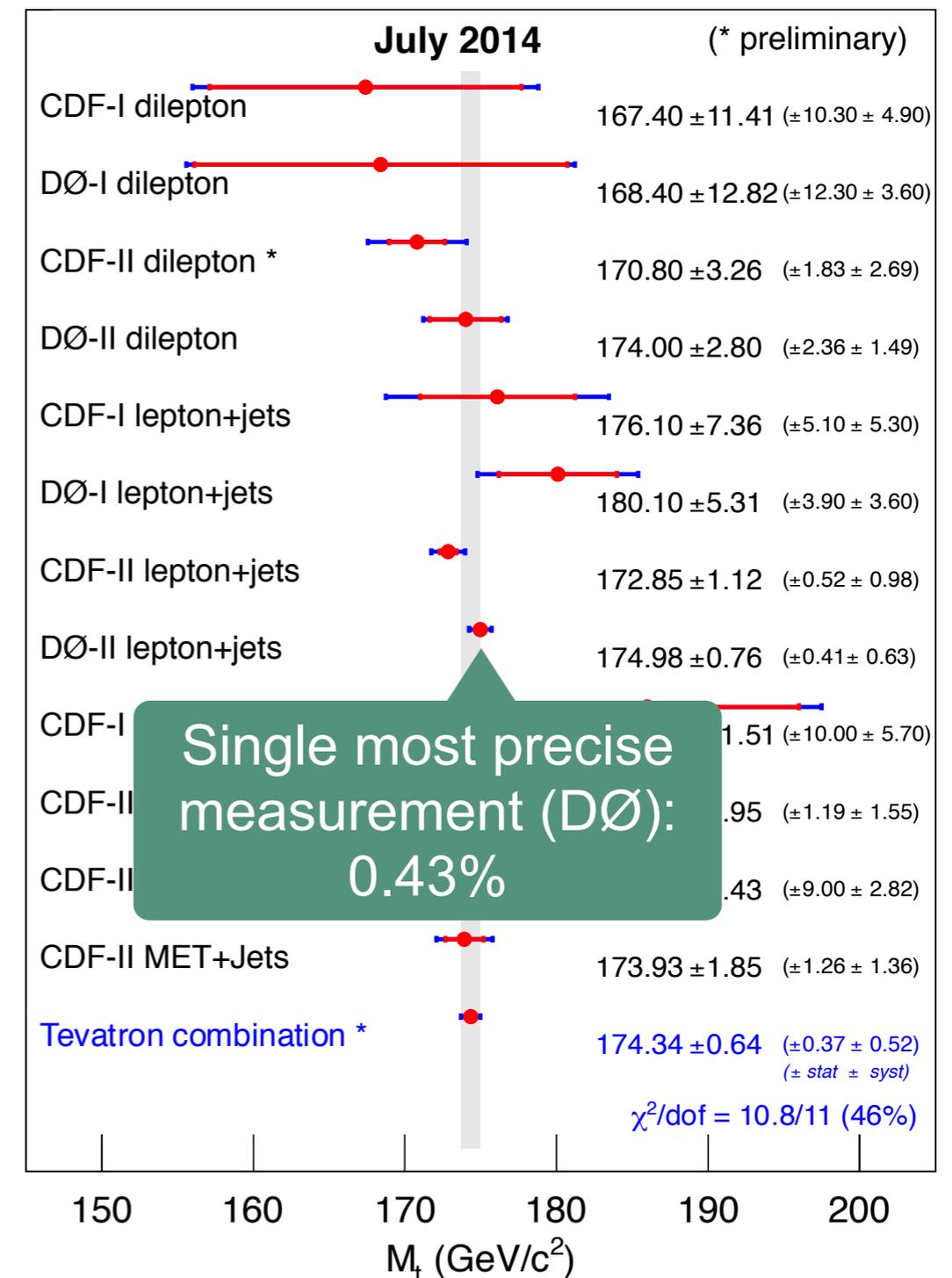
■ Combination of Tevatron results on top quark mass

- Data from Tevatron Run I and Run II
- All top quark decay channels, various techniques

■ Results:

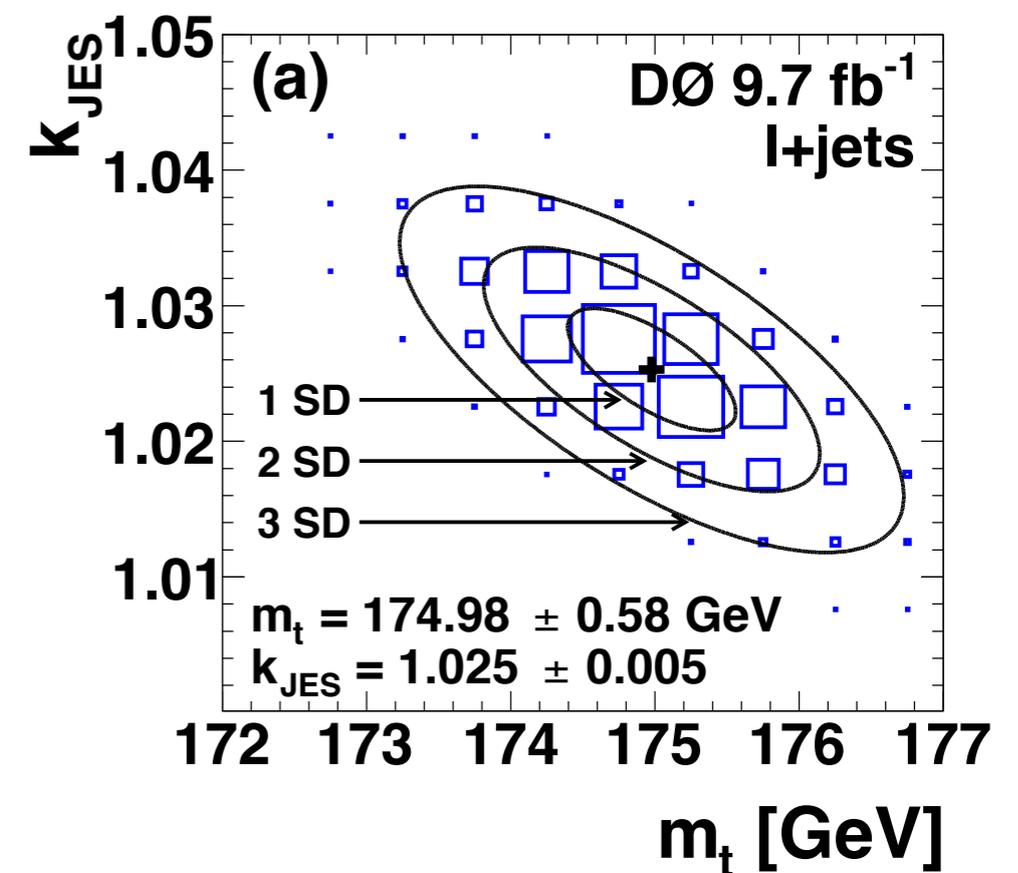
- All results **consistent** within uncertainties
- Detailed understanding of all **uncertainties** and their **correlations**
- Combined uncertainty (2014): **0.4%**

Mass of the Top Quark



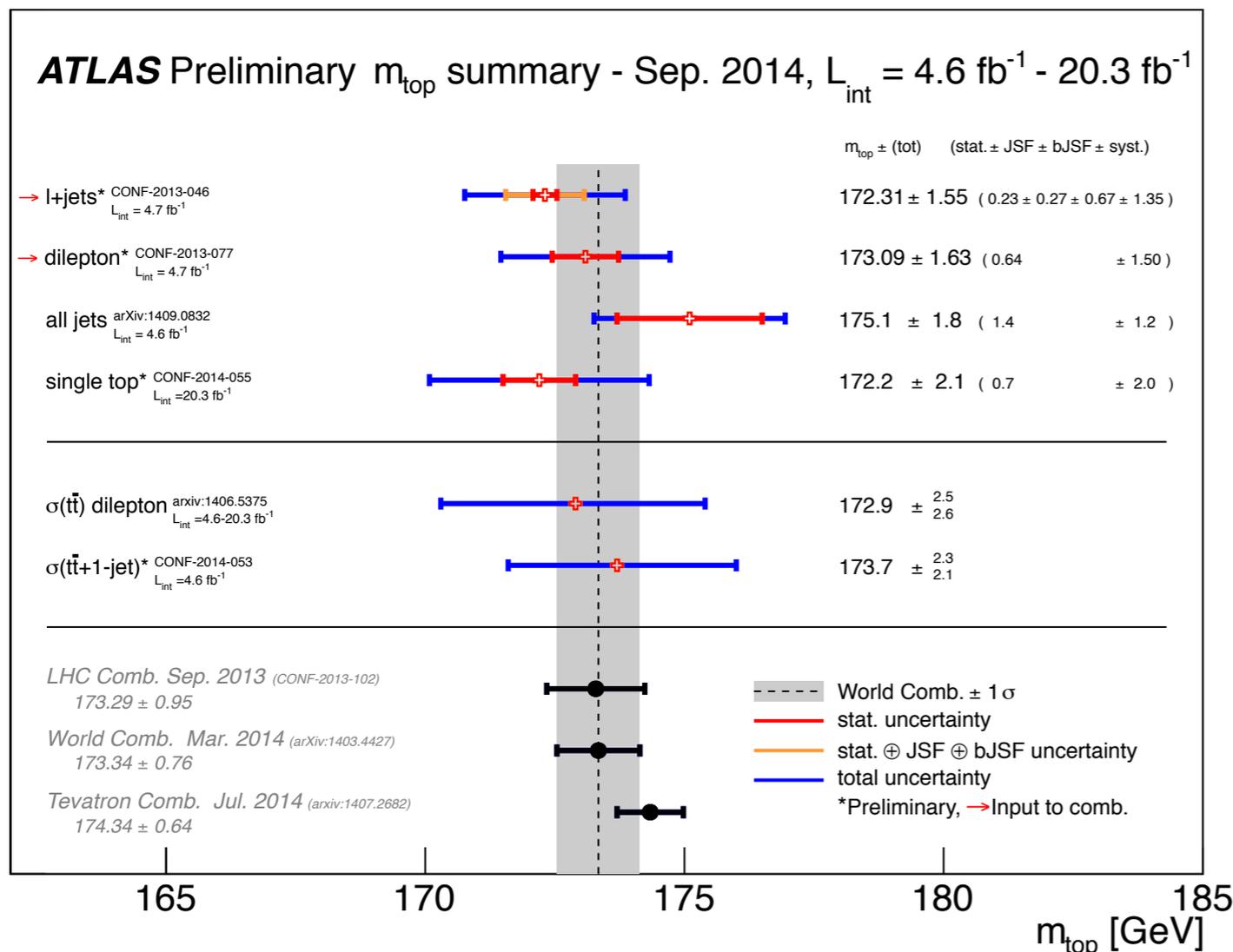
Top Mass: Technology

- Many of today's analysis methods **spear-headed at the Tevatron**
- **Matrix-element method (2003/4):**
 - Classification of events with likelihood ratio using **(leading order) matrix element**
 - Exploit full (LO) event information
 - Computationally **expensive**
- **In-situ JES (2006/7):**
 - **W boson mass known** with high precision
 - Lepton+jets (all-hadronic) top decays:
1 (2) hadronic W decays
 - Calibration of jet energy scale (JES) factor k_{JES} with hadronic W decays

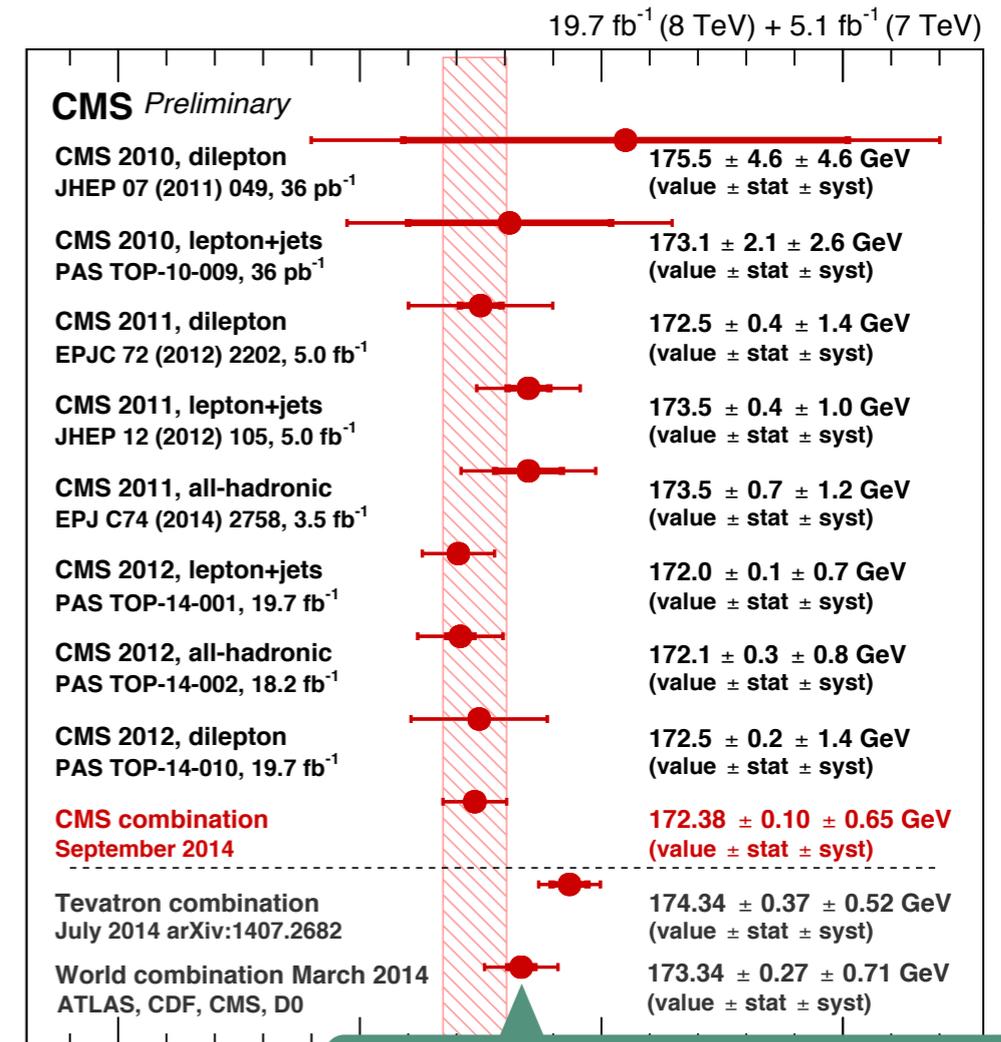


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Top Mass: LHC



<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CombinedSummaryPlots/TOP>



First world combination (March 2014)

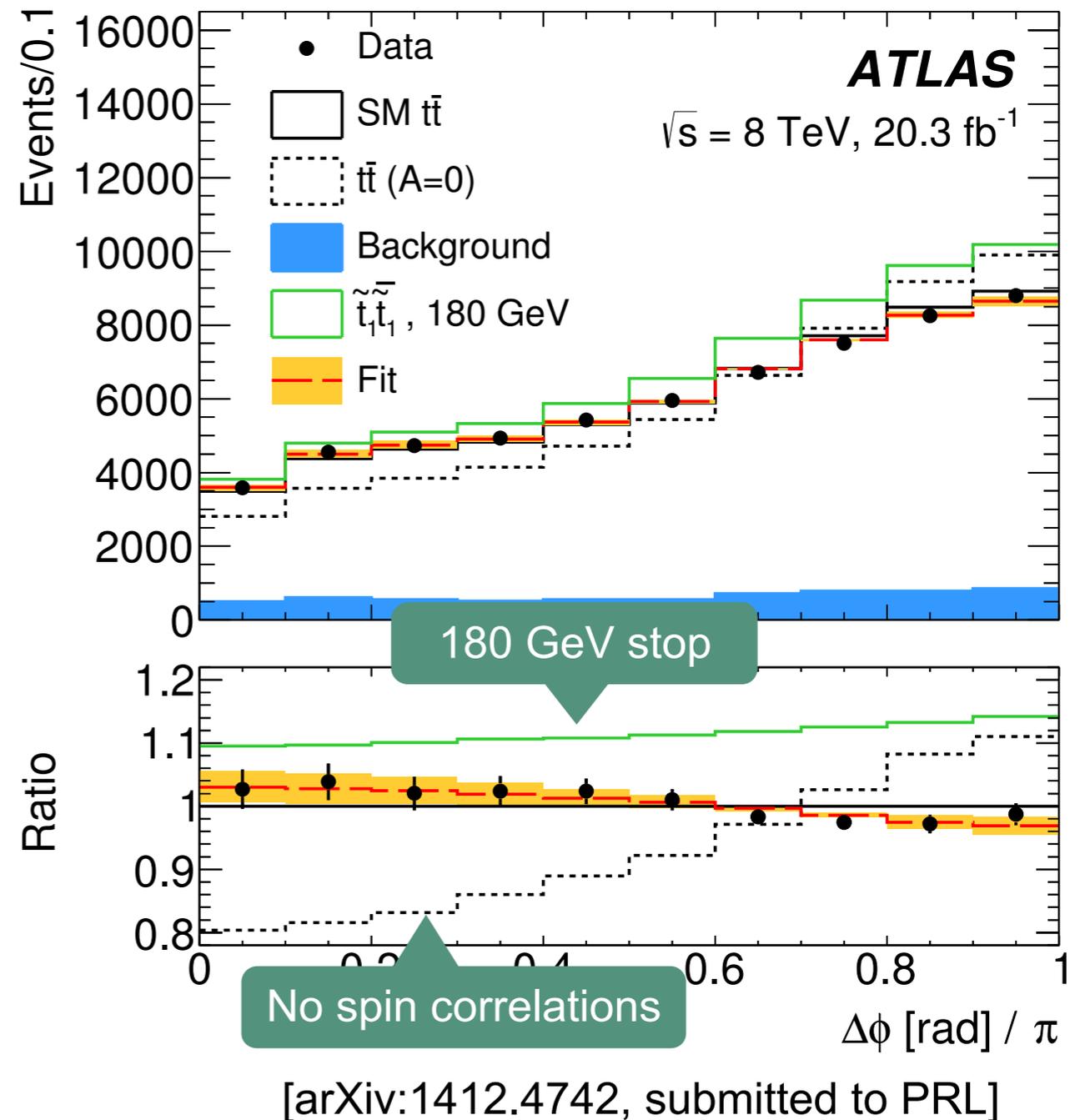
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- LHC has **caught up quickly**: central top mass value and uncertainty comparable to Tevatron \rightarrow around 0.4% uncertainty
- Long and difficult discussion: pole mass vs. mass in MC simulation? \rightarrow **alternative** mass measurements, e.g. based on cross section

Polarization Observables

- Relevance:
 - **No hadronization** → top quark spin “easily” accessible
 - Standard model: $t\bar{t}$ spins correlated
 - Expect **imprint of BSM physics**, e.g. supersymmetric top partners (“stops”)

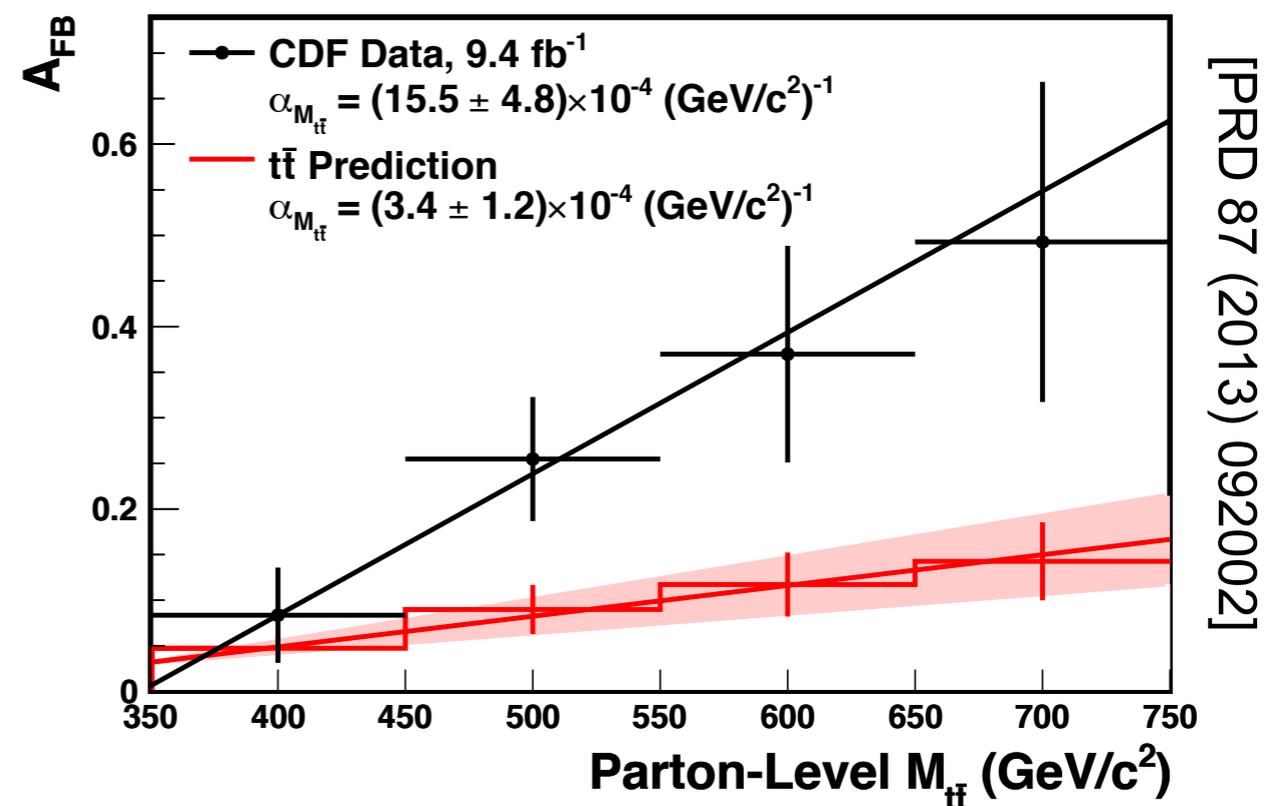
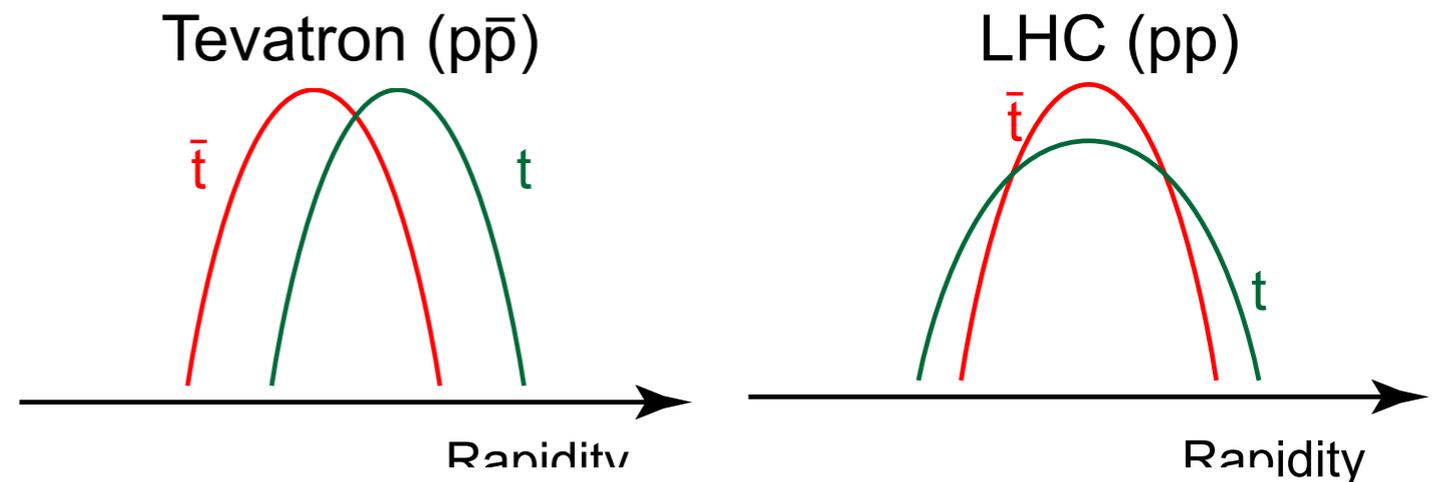
- Example: **spin correlations**
 - Observable **leptonic asymmetry**: difference of lepton polar angles $\Delta\phi$
 - Limit on production of **stops** with masses **close to the top mass** (difficult to obtain in other searches)



Charge Asymmetry

- $t\bar{t}$ production asymmetries:
 - SM: small effect, contributes first at **NLO** (Kühn, Rodrigo)
 - Tevatron ($p\bar{p}$): tops like to move forward (= in proton direction)
 - LHC (pp): t rapidity distribution wider than \bar{t}

- **Excitement** at the Tevatron:
 - Asymmetries **significantly larger** than predicted in SM
 - Many possible explanations, e.g. axigluons



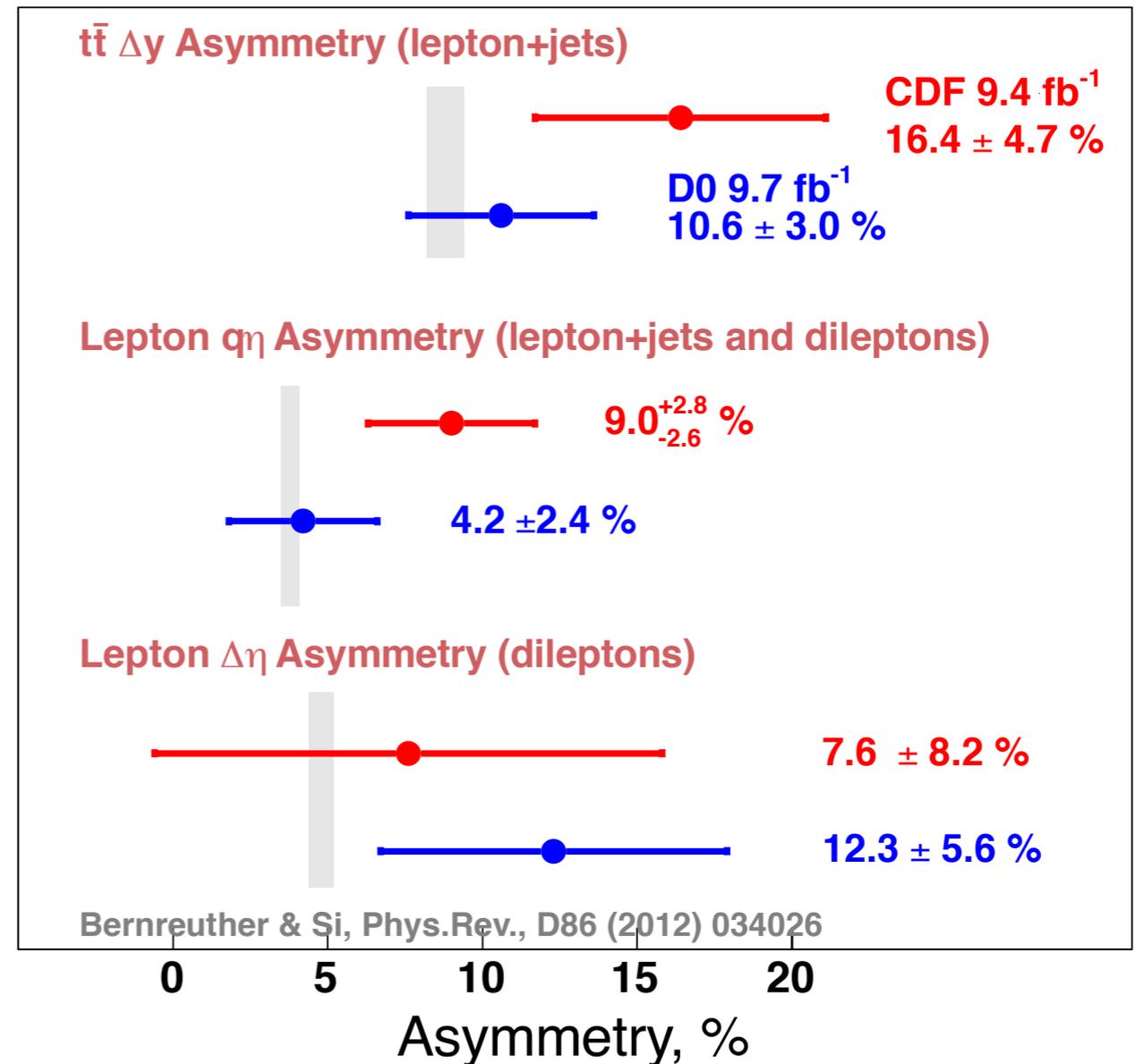
$$A_{FB} = \frac{N(\Delta y > 0) - N(\Delta y < 0)}{N(\Delta y > 0) + N(\Delta y < 0)}$$

Charge Asymmetry

- Recent developments:
 - Improved theory predictions
 - Full Tevatron dataset analyzed

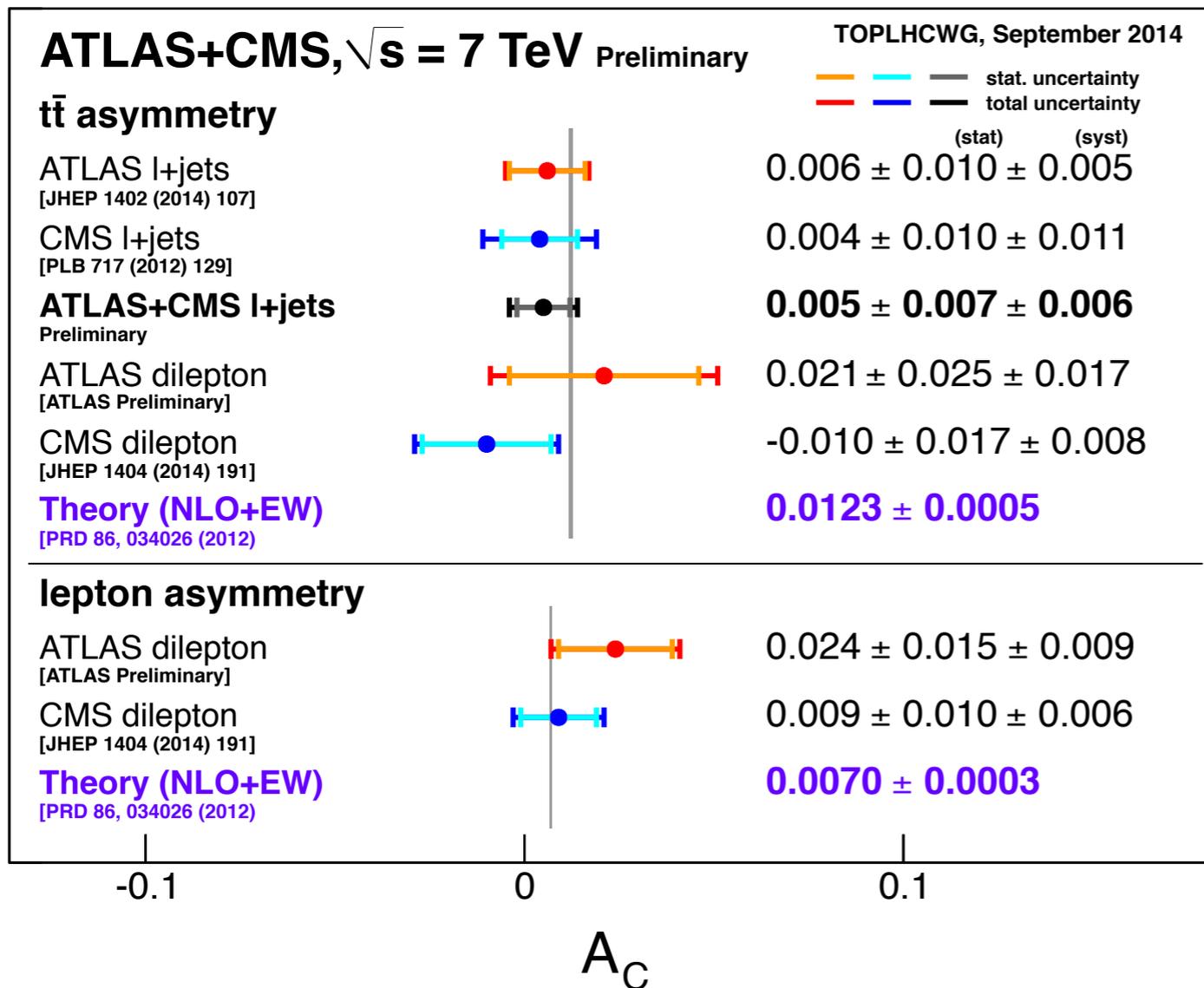
- **Leptonic** asymmetries (Bernreuther, Si): **cleaner** both theoretically and experimentally

- Larger asymmetries predicted at **NNLO** (Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov)



http://www-d0.fnal.gov/Run2Physics/top/top_public_web_pages/top_public.html

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- LHC: all asymmetry measurements **compatible** with SM predictions (and zero)
- Difficult to find models that explain deviation at the Tevatron and agreement with SM at the LHC

To summarize ...

There is Much More...

- ... than I could present in a one-hour talk
 - Many more top properties measurements
 - Searches for heavy top quark partners
 - New techniques, e.g. reconstruction of “boosted tops”
 - Top physics at future e^+e^- colliders
 - ...

- Check out the LHC and Tevatron experiments’ public material
 - CDF: <http://www-cdf.fnal.gov/physics/new/top/top.html>
 - DØ: http://www-d0.fnal.gov/Run2Physics/top/top_public_web_pages/top_public.html
 - ATLAS:
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 - TOPLHCWG: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/TopLHCWG>

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Conclusions

- Tevatron: top legacy measurements being finalized
- LHC Run I: 6 million tops on tape
 - Mass and cross sections: towards precision top physics
 - Top properties: exploring connection to Higgs and BSM physics
- LHC Run II: 100M tops per year → the best is yet to come