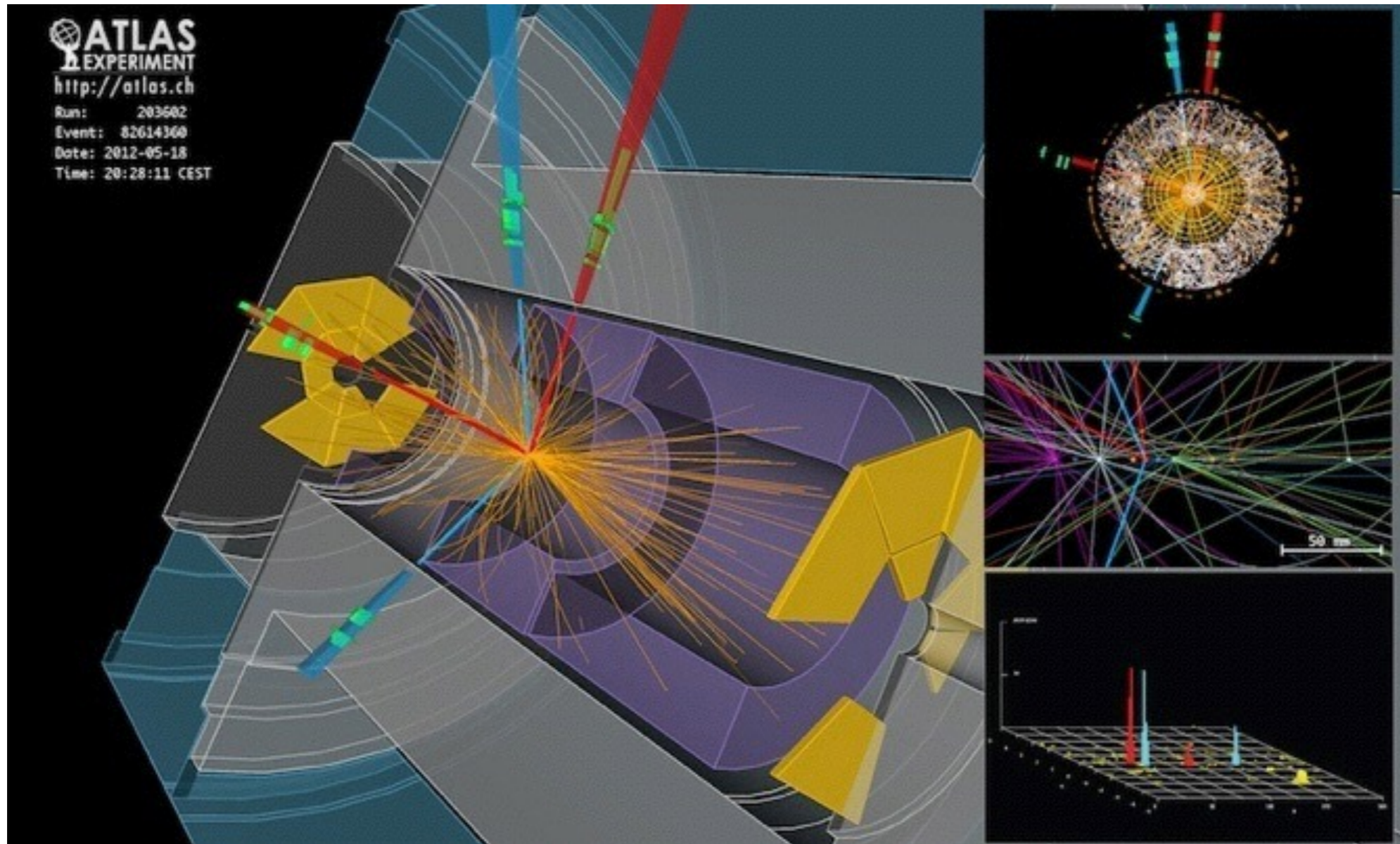


# Teilchenphysik mit höchstenergetischen Beschleunigern (Higgs & Co)



## 11. Top Physics

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The time & date for the exam is flexible

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# Overview

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- Introduction: The Top quark in the Standard Model
- Production and decay
  - Pair production and single top production
  - Classification of decay modes
  - Experimental signatures
- Top production
  - Measurement of the pair production cross section
  - First measurements of single top at LHC
- Top properties: Mass

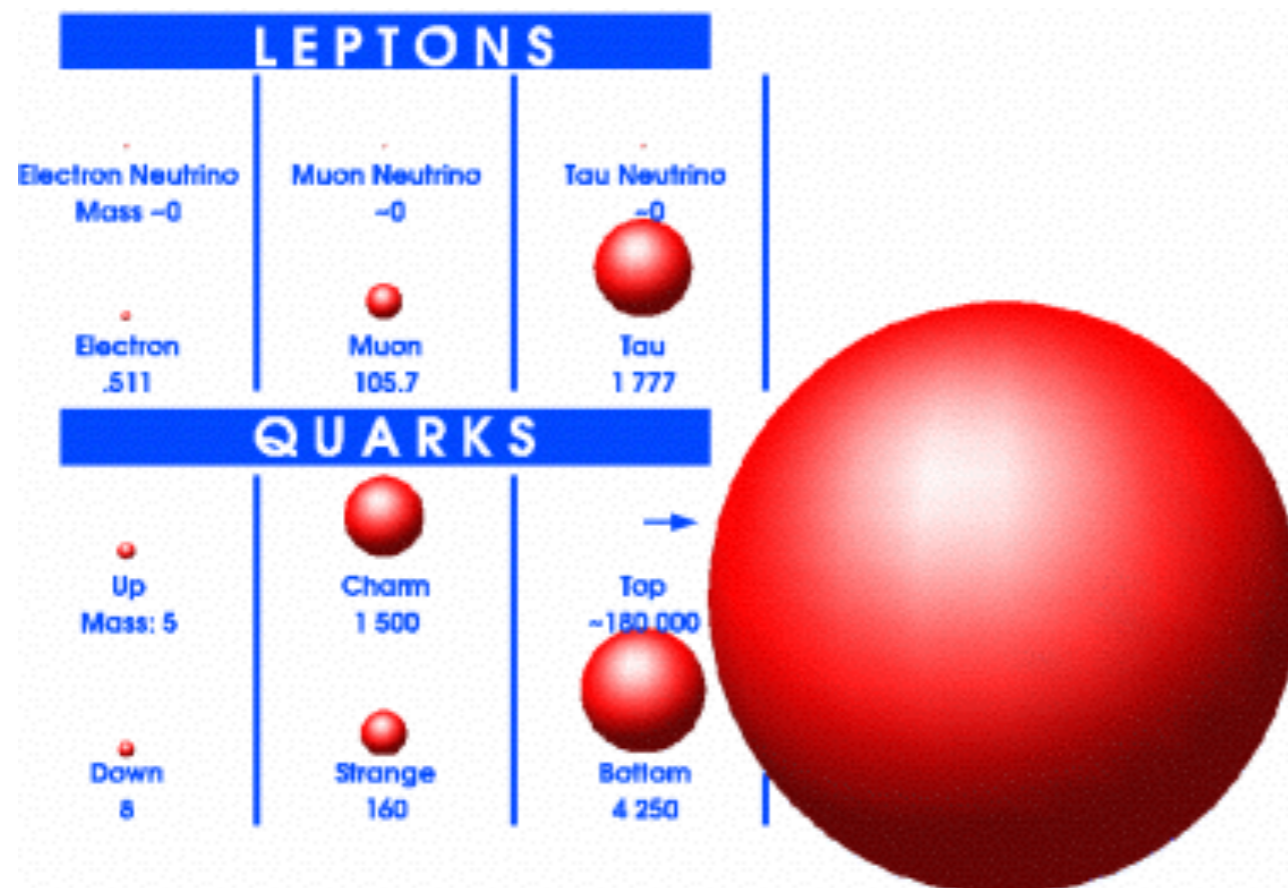
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# Top: A Special Case in the Standard Model

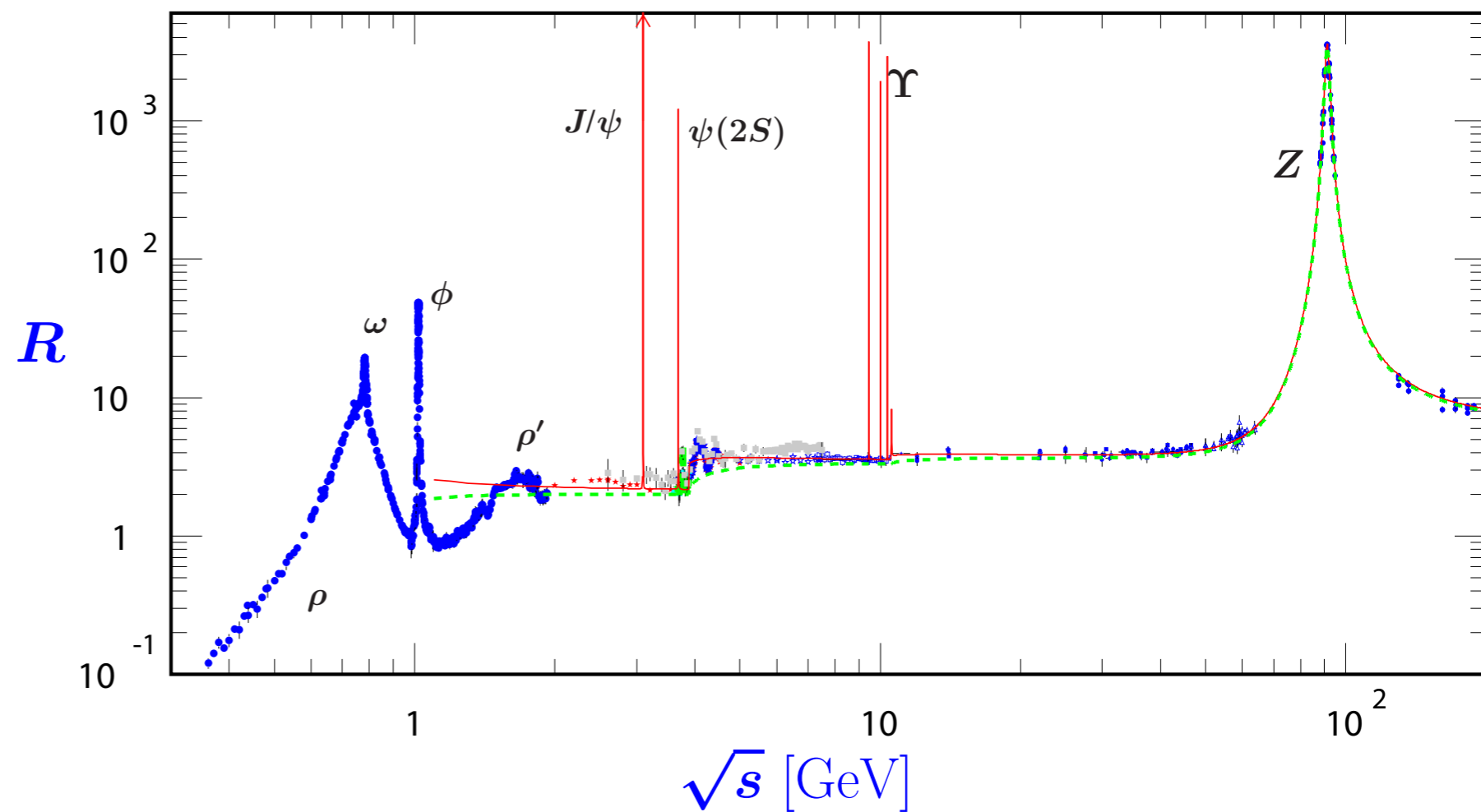
- The Top quark has a special role in the Standard Model
  - It is the heaviest particle, and by far the heaviest Fermion
  - Its mass is comparable to the electroweak scale - The top quark could be a window to new physics!
  - Its life time is shorter than the hadronization time - it does not form bound states



The Questions:

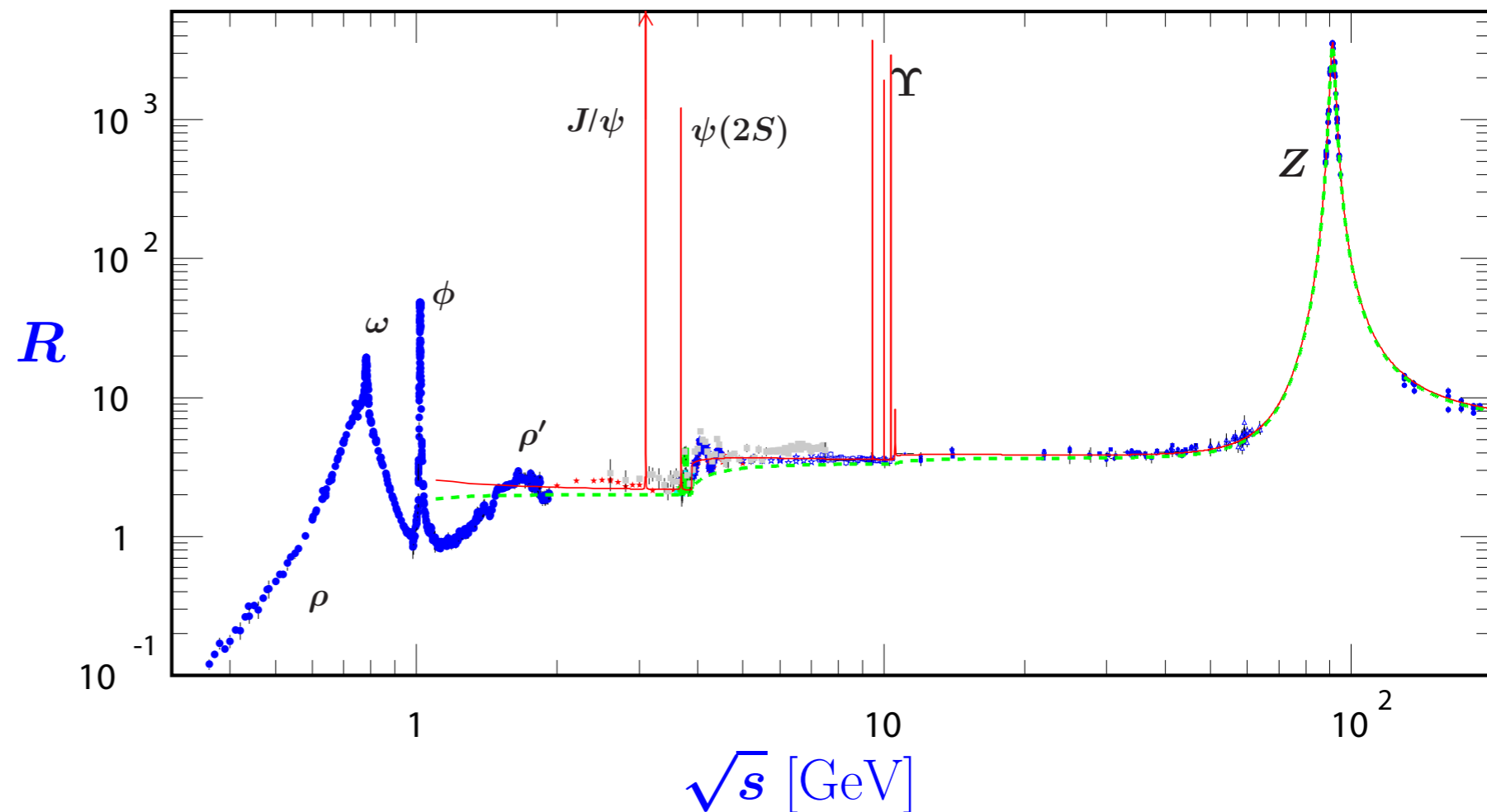
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- How do they decay?
  - both compared to the SM expectation
- What is the mass of the top quark?

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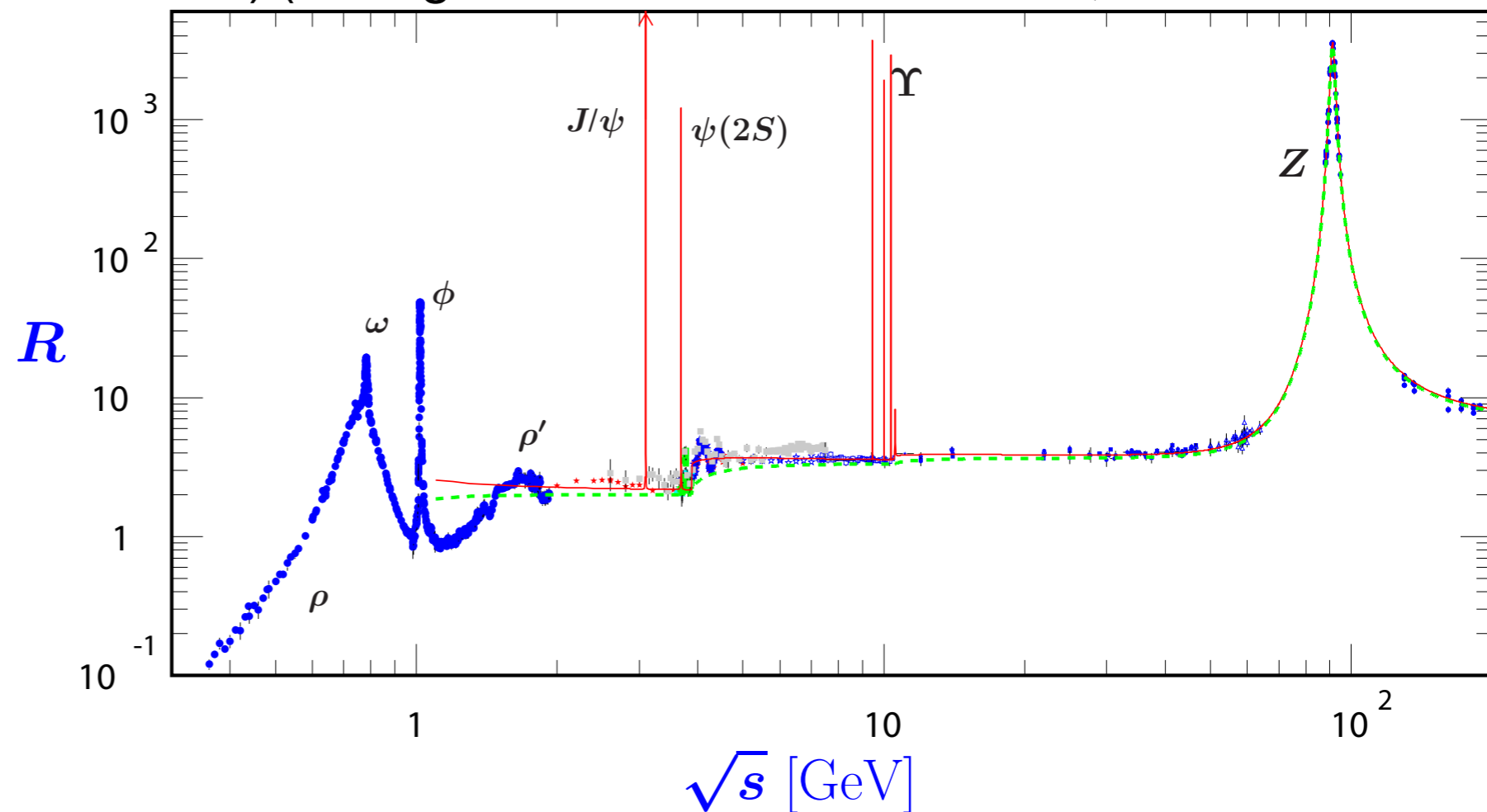
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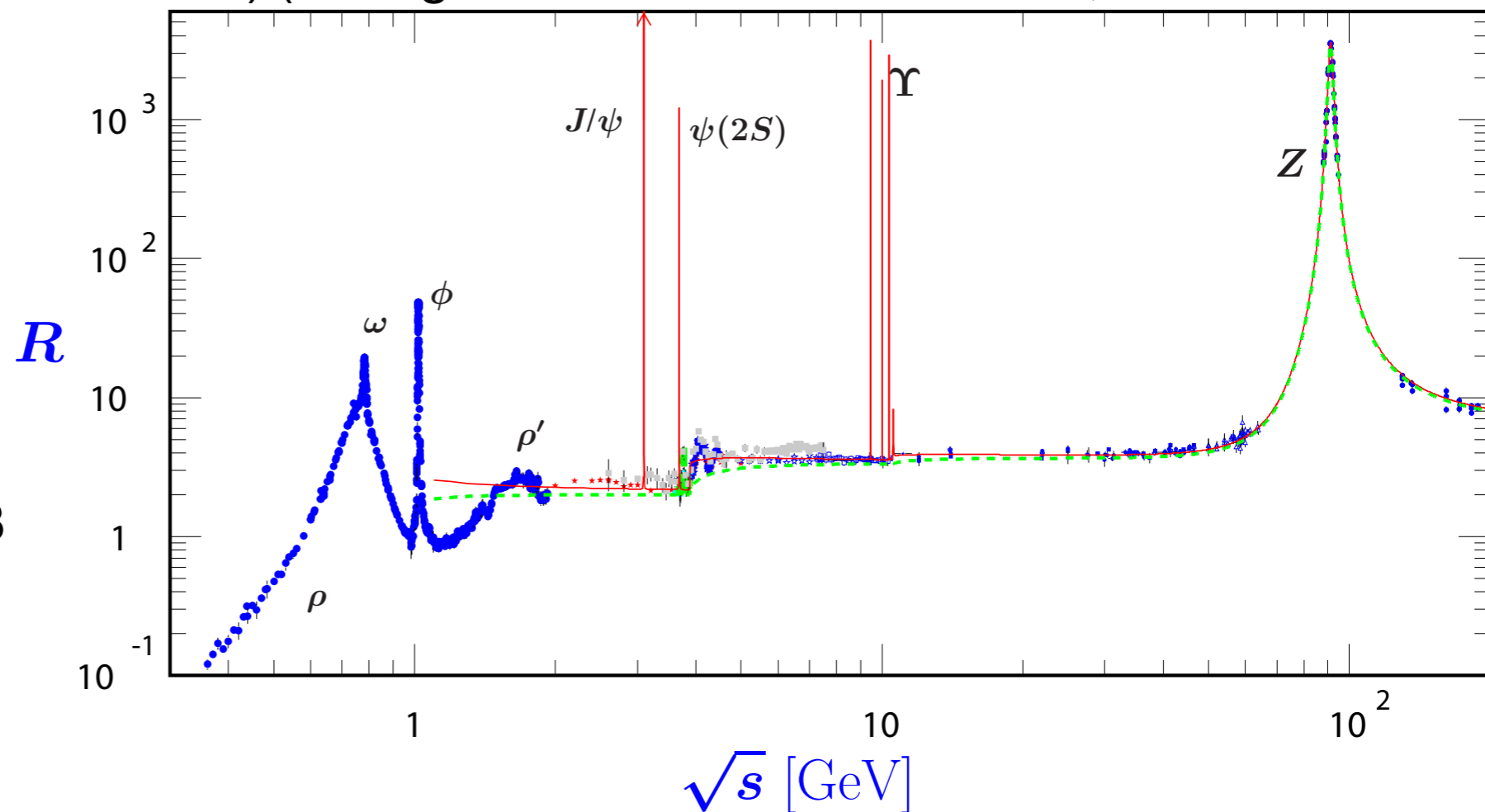
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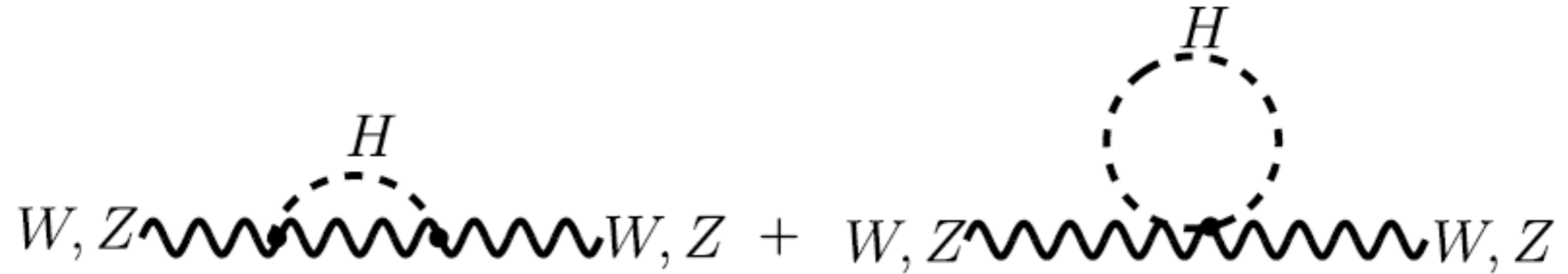
The influence of single top loops:

$$\Delta r^{top} = -\frac{3\sqrt{2}G_F \cot^2\theta_W}{16\pi^2} m_t^2$$

for  $m_t \gg m_b$

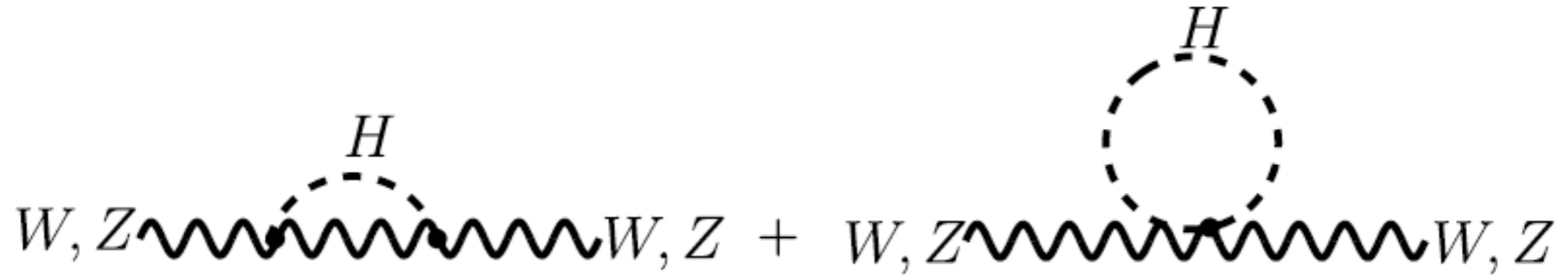
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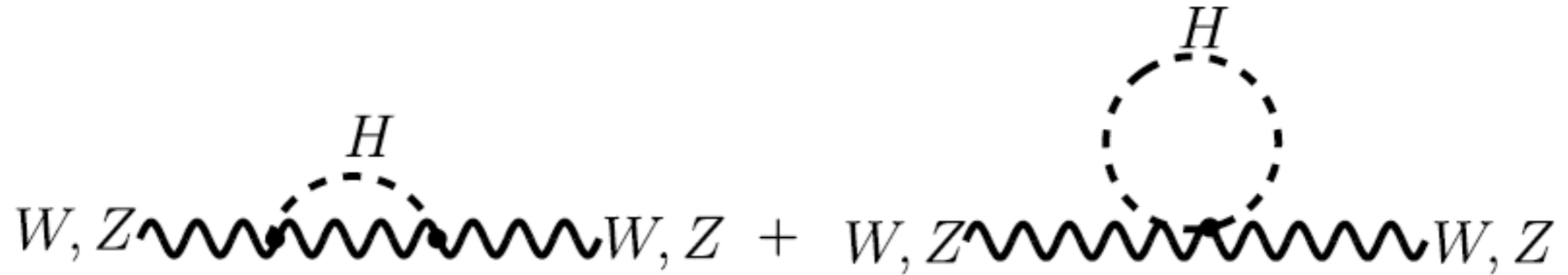
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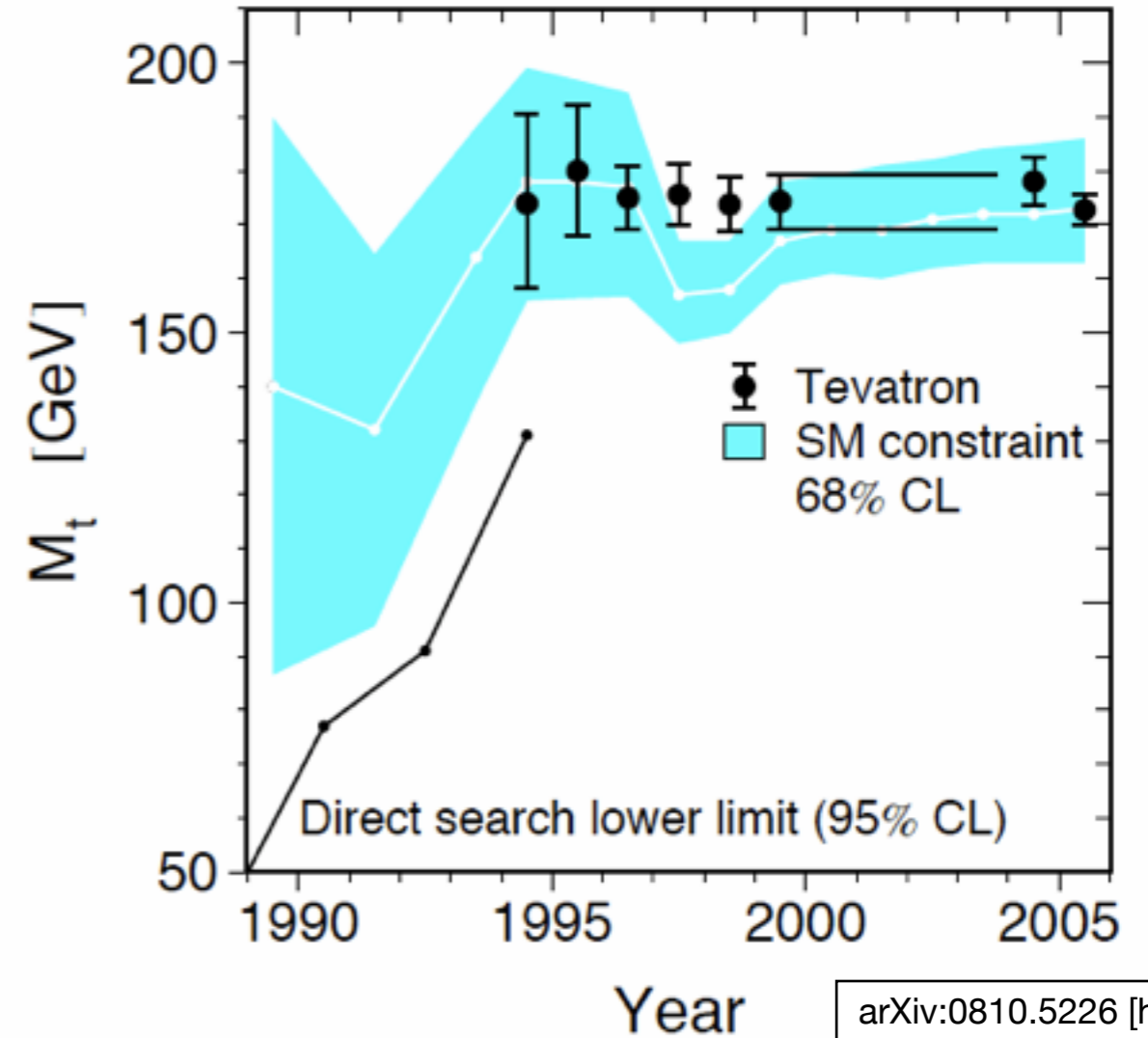
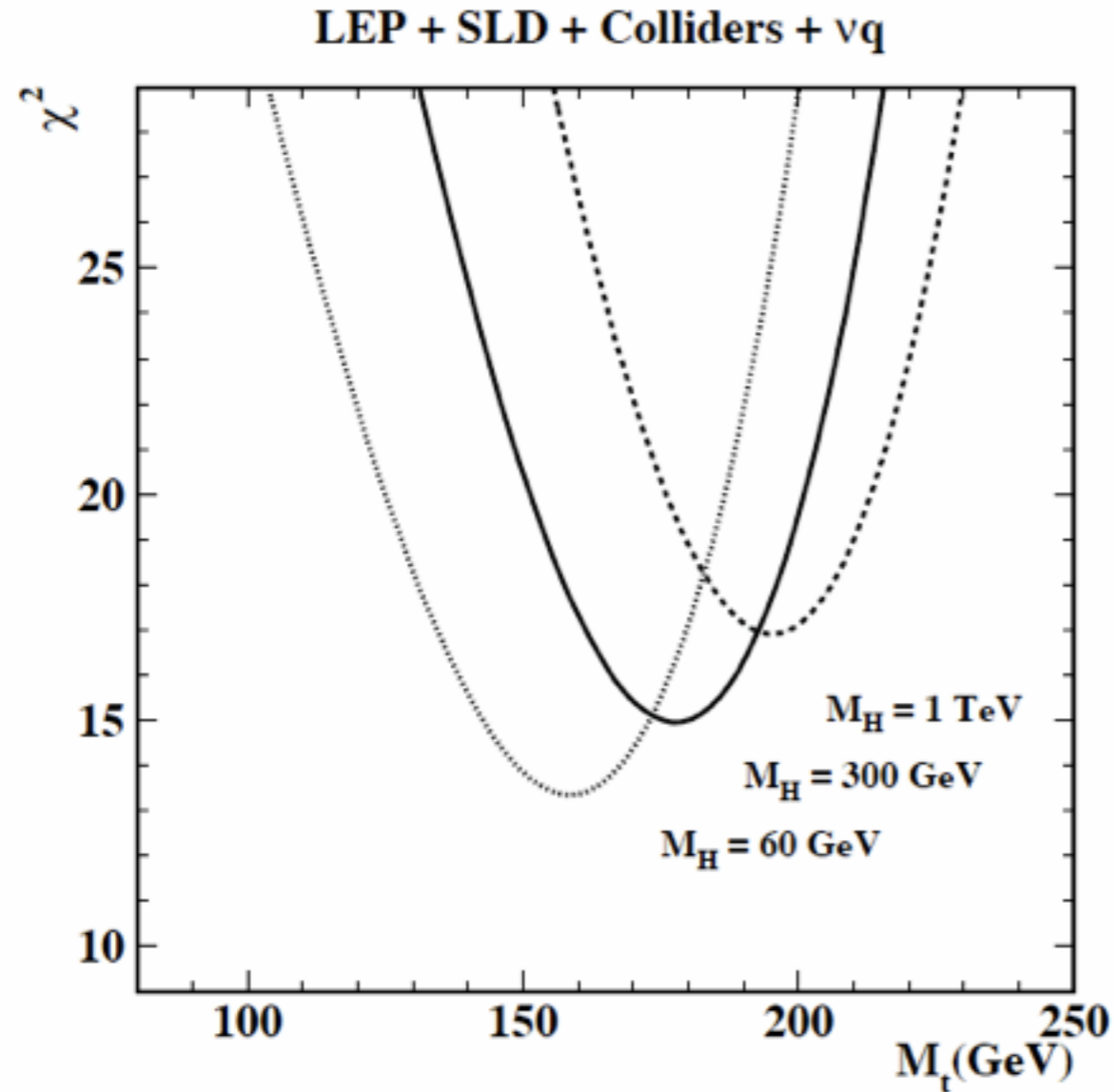


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- ▶ With a precise knowledge of the top mass the Higgs mass can be constrained
  - But: only logarithmic dependence on  $m_H$  (quadratic in  $m_T$ )

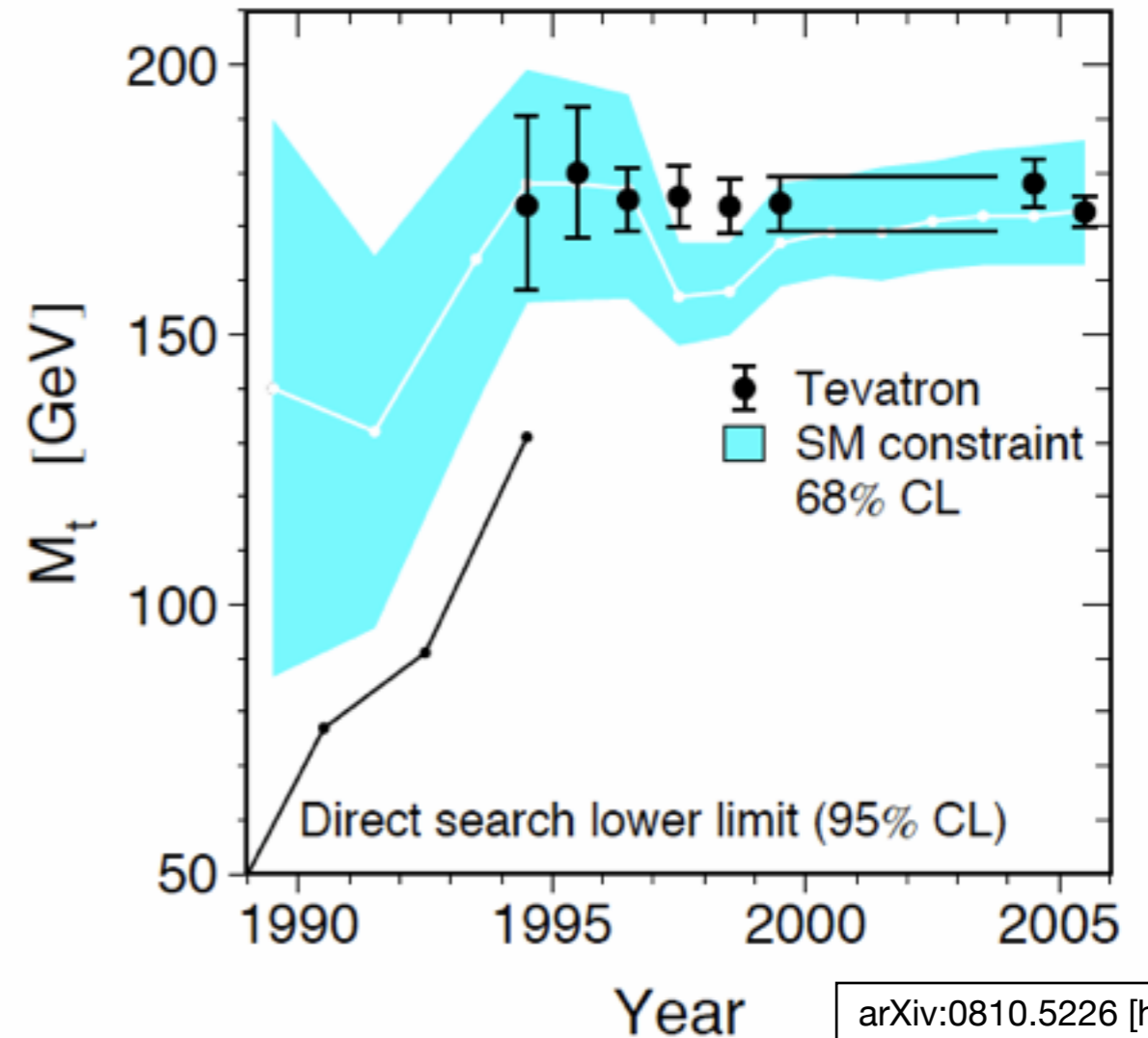
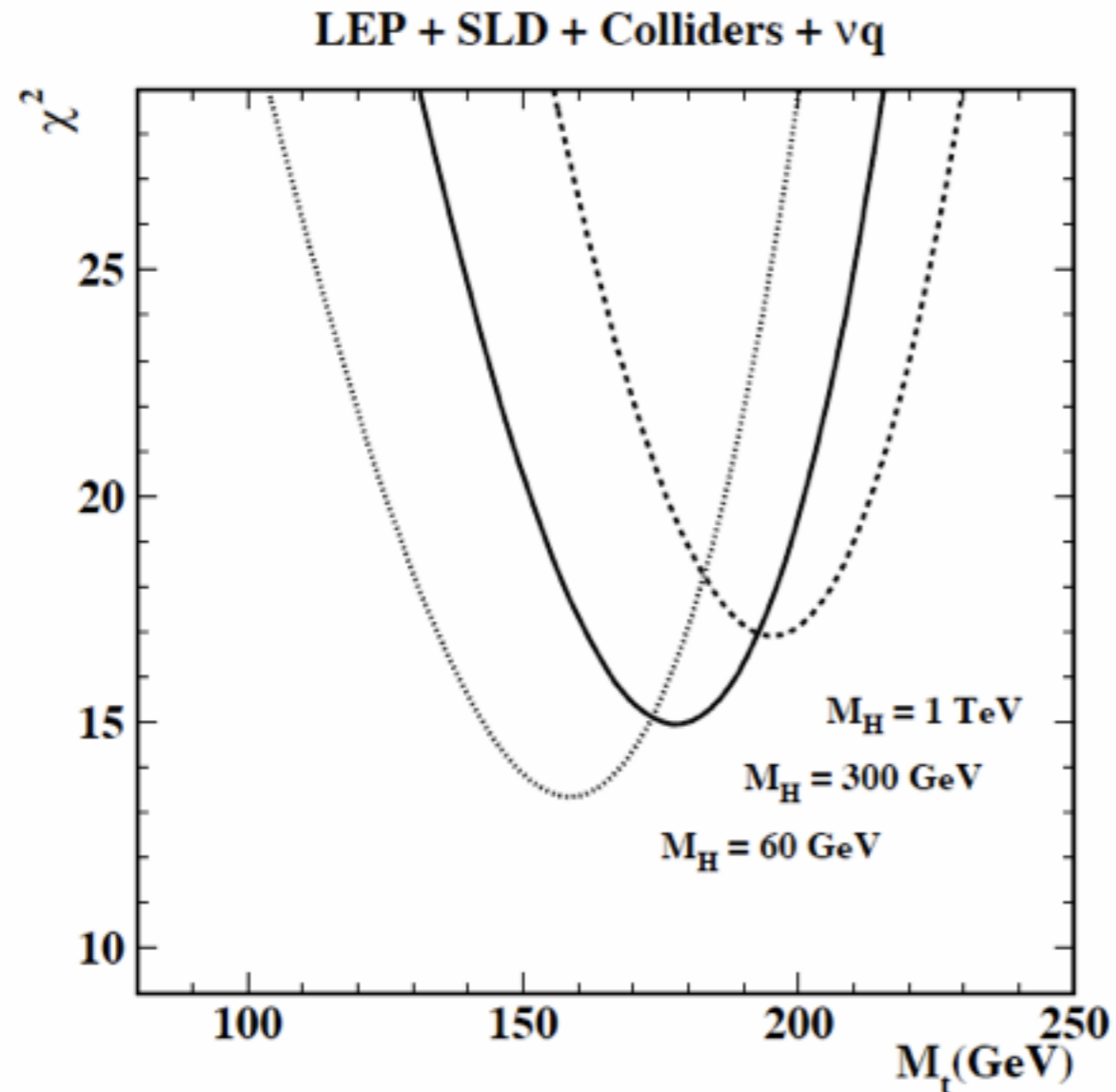
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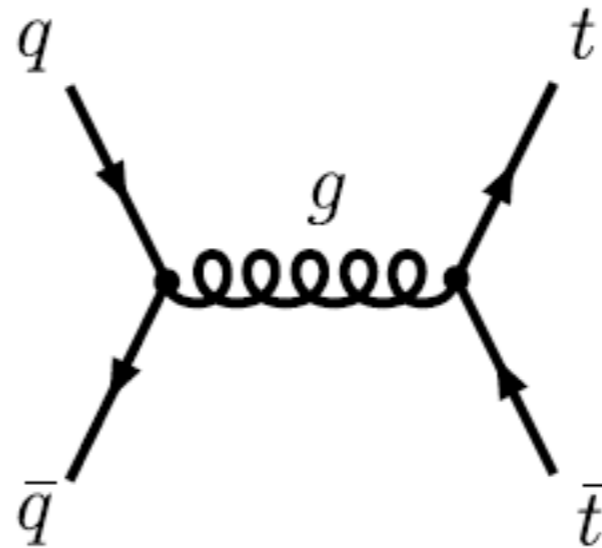
⇒ Discovery of the top quark in 1995 at the Tevatron, 18 years after the b

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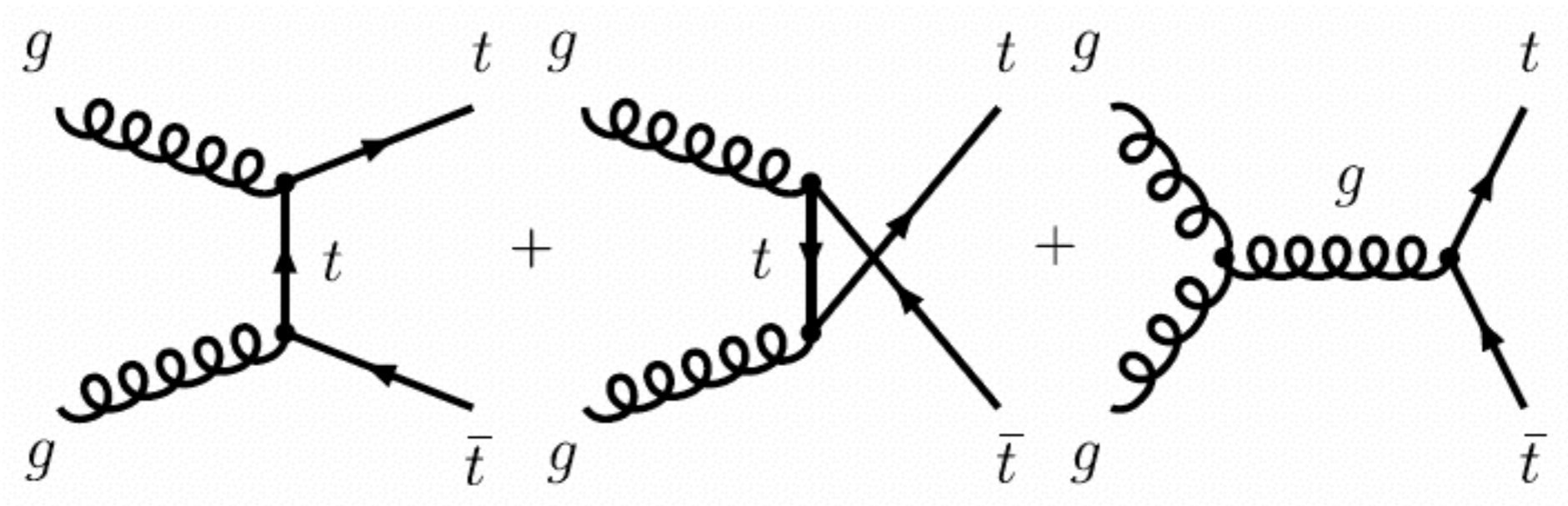
# Top Pair Production

- Two important production mechanisms via the strong interaction

Quark-AntiQuark annihilation:



Gluon-Gluon fusion:

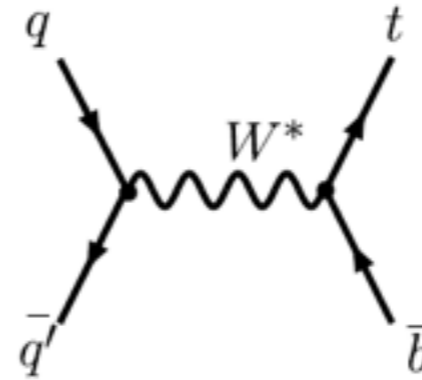




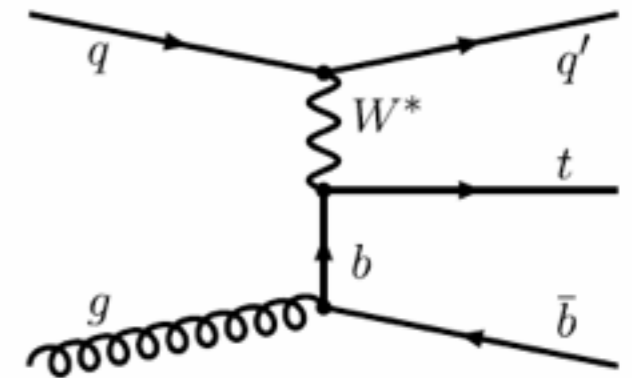
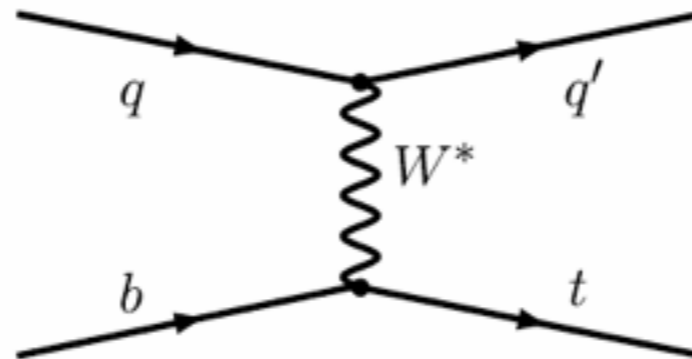
# Production of Single Top Quarks

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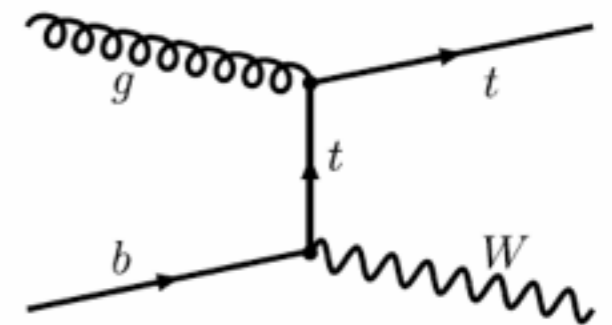
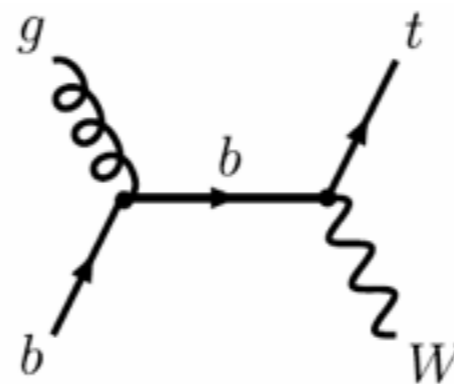
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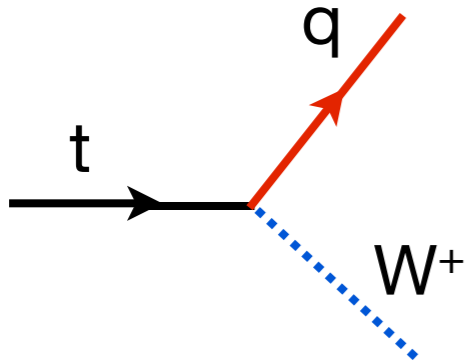


associated production of W and t quark



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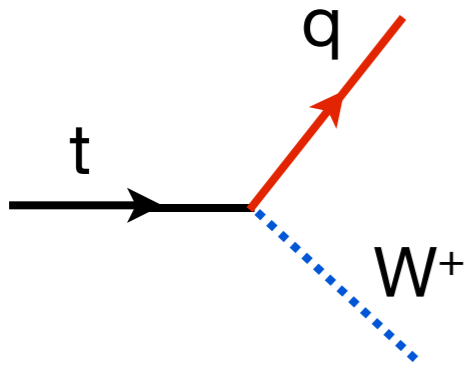
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⇒ Top quarks decay almost exclusively into a W boson and a b quark

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⇒ Top quarks do not form bound states, they decay as free quarks

(Still there are influences from the strong interaction, for example via the interaction of the t quarks with the proton remnants in hadron collisions (effects increase with energy), interactions of the decay products from the two quarks in pair production, ...)

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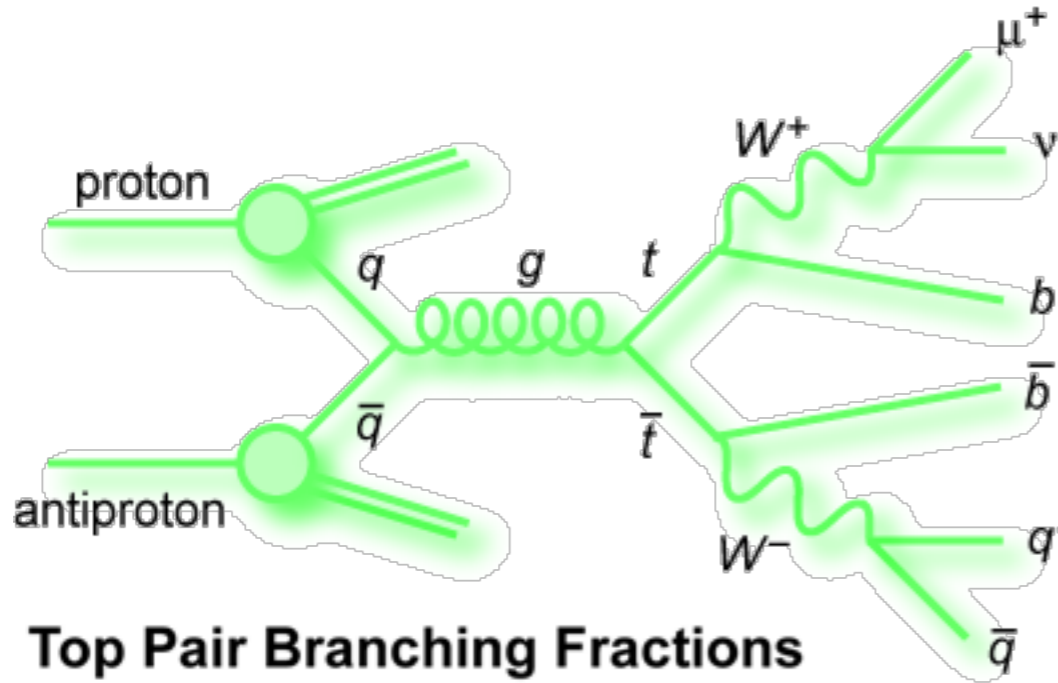
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- ▶ couples to left-handed fermions, right-handed anti-fermions, always with the same strength
  - ▶ Quarks have a three-fold weight: 3 colors!
  - ▶ Example  $W^+$ :

$$W^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e : \mu^+ \nu_\mu : \tau^+ \nu_\tau : u \bar{d}' : c \bar{s}'$$
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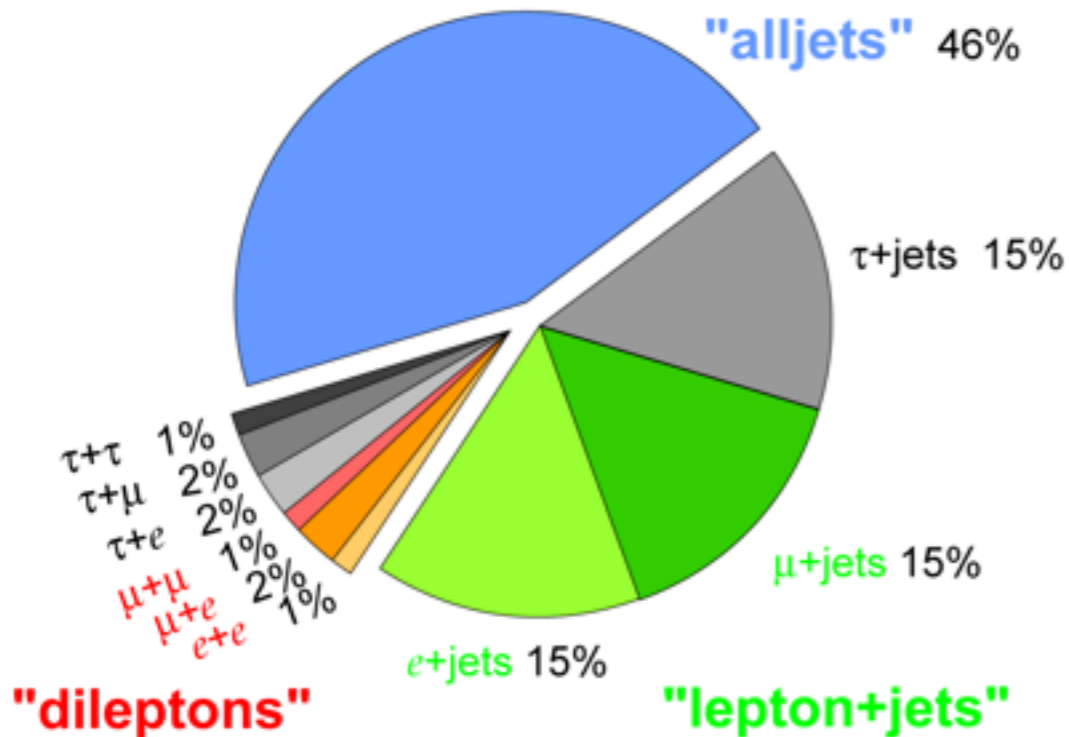
- The types of the W decay determine the different top decay signatures

# Top Quark Pair Decays - Classification

- Classified according to W decay (since basically 100%  $t \rightarrow bW$ )



Top Pair Branching Fractions

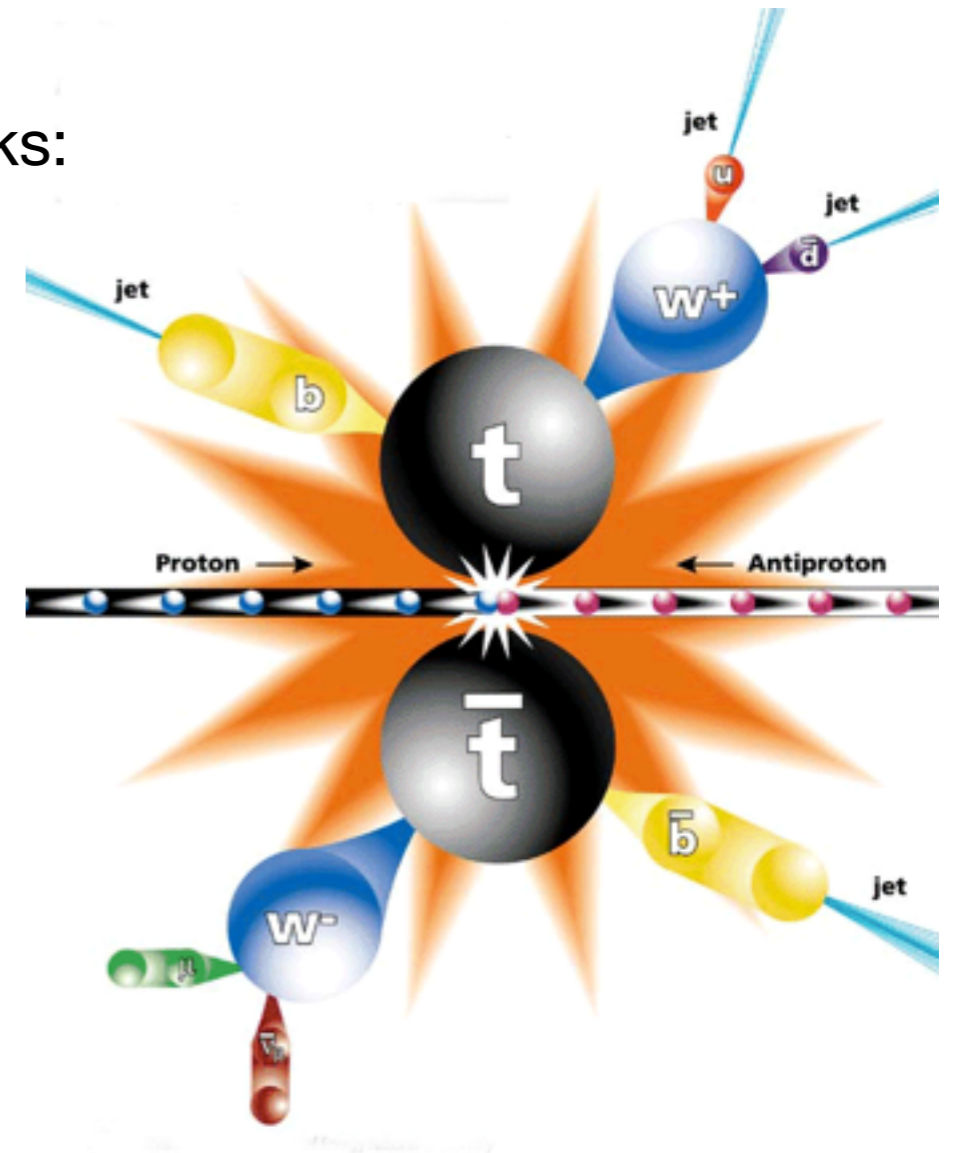


## Top Pair Decay Channels

$c\bar{s}$	electron+jets	muon+jets	tau+jets	all-hadronic	
$u\bar{d}$					
$\tau^-$	$e\tau$	$\mu\tau$	$\tau\tau$	tau+jets	
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$e^-$	$ee$	$e\mu$	$e\tau$	electron+jets	
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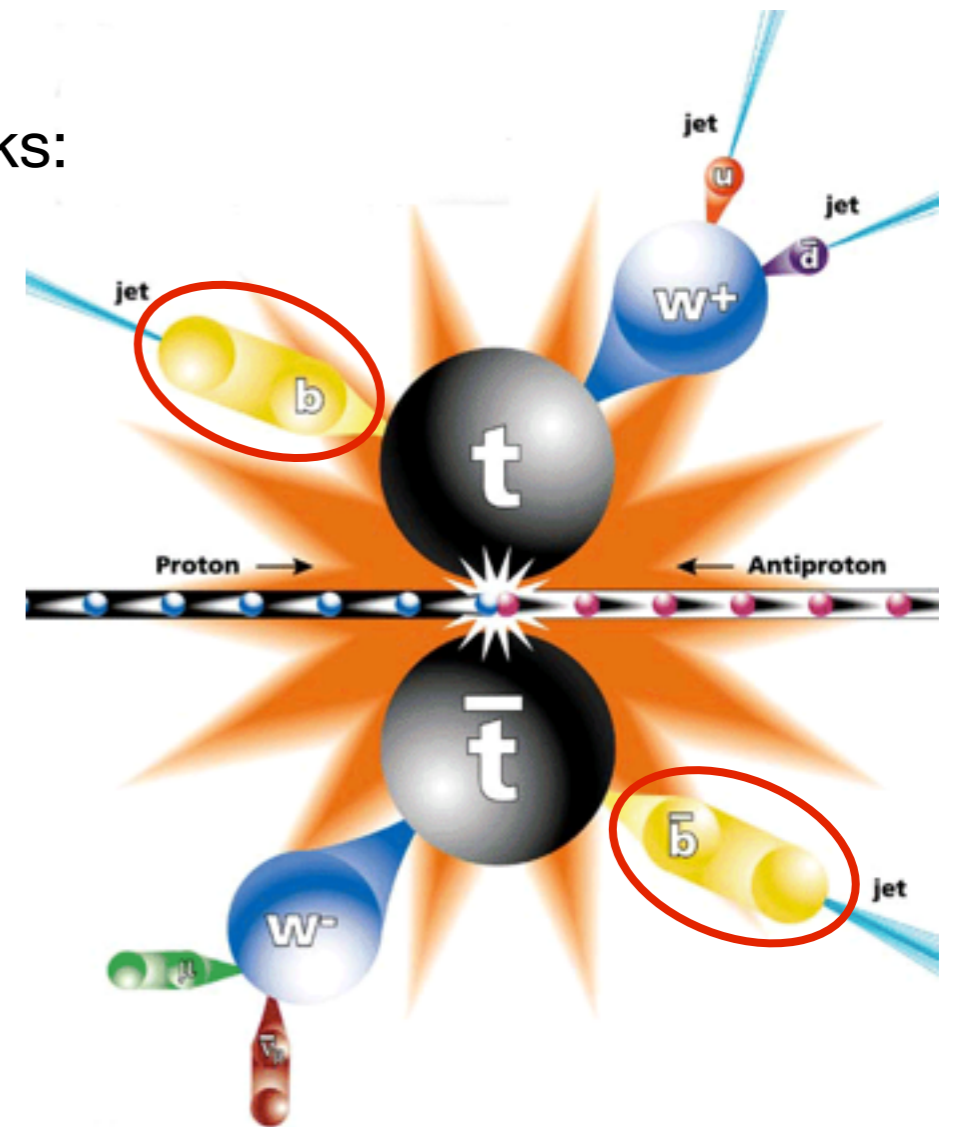


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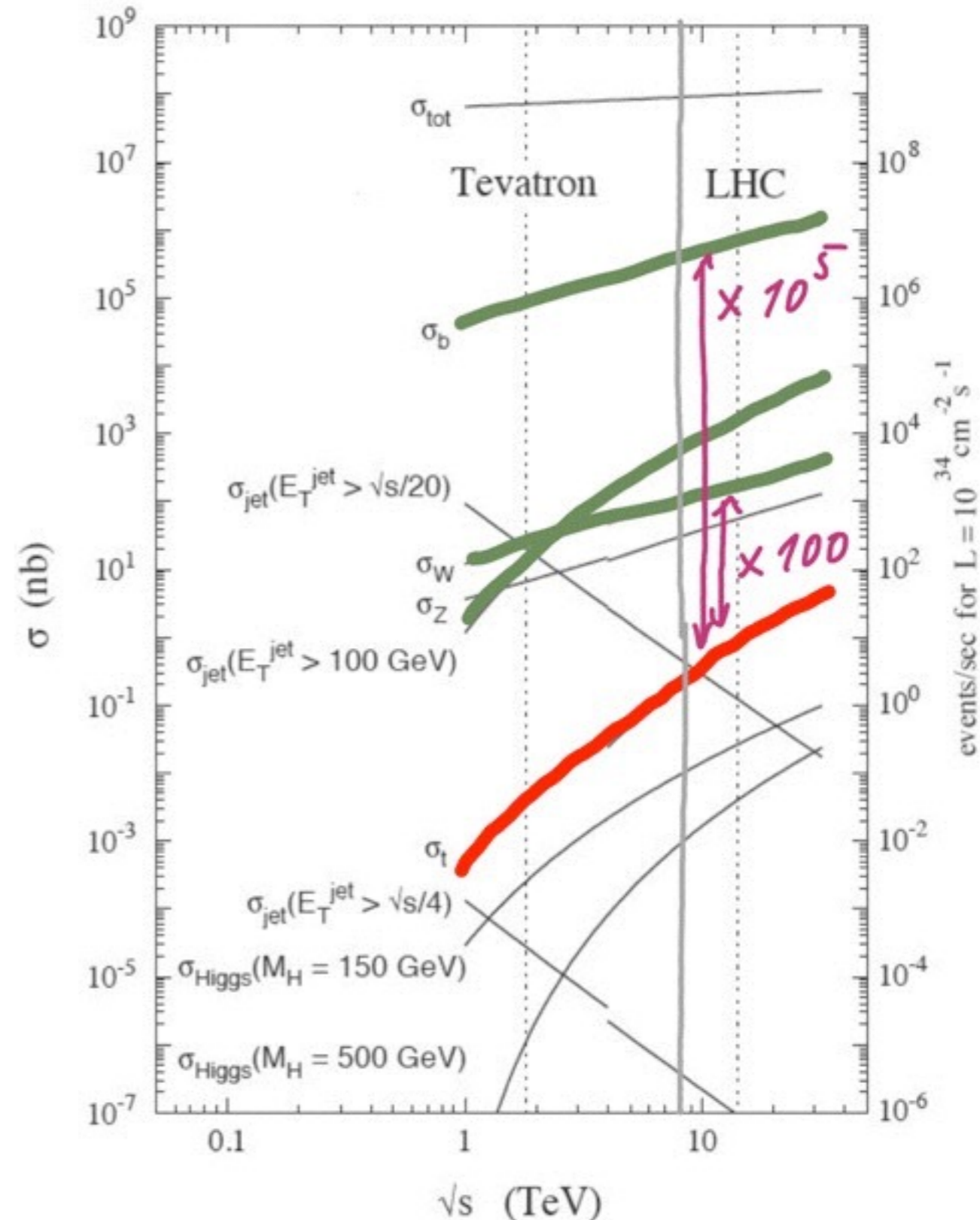
- Relatively long life time of mesons containing  $b$  quarks ( $c\tau (B^0) \sim 460 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $c\tau (B^\pm) \sim 490 \mu\text{m}$ )
- ▶ Identification of a displaced secondary vertex in a jet
- ▶ Jet is “tagged” as a  $b$  jet



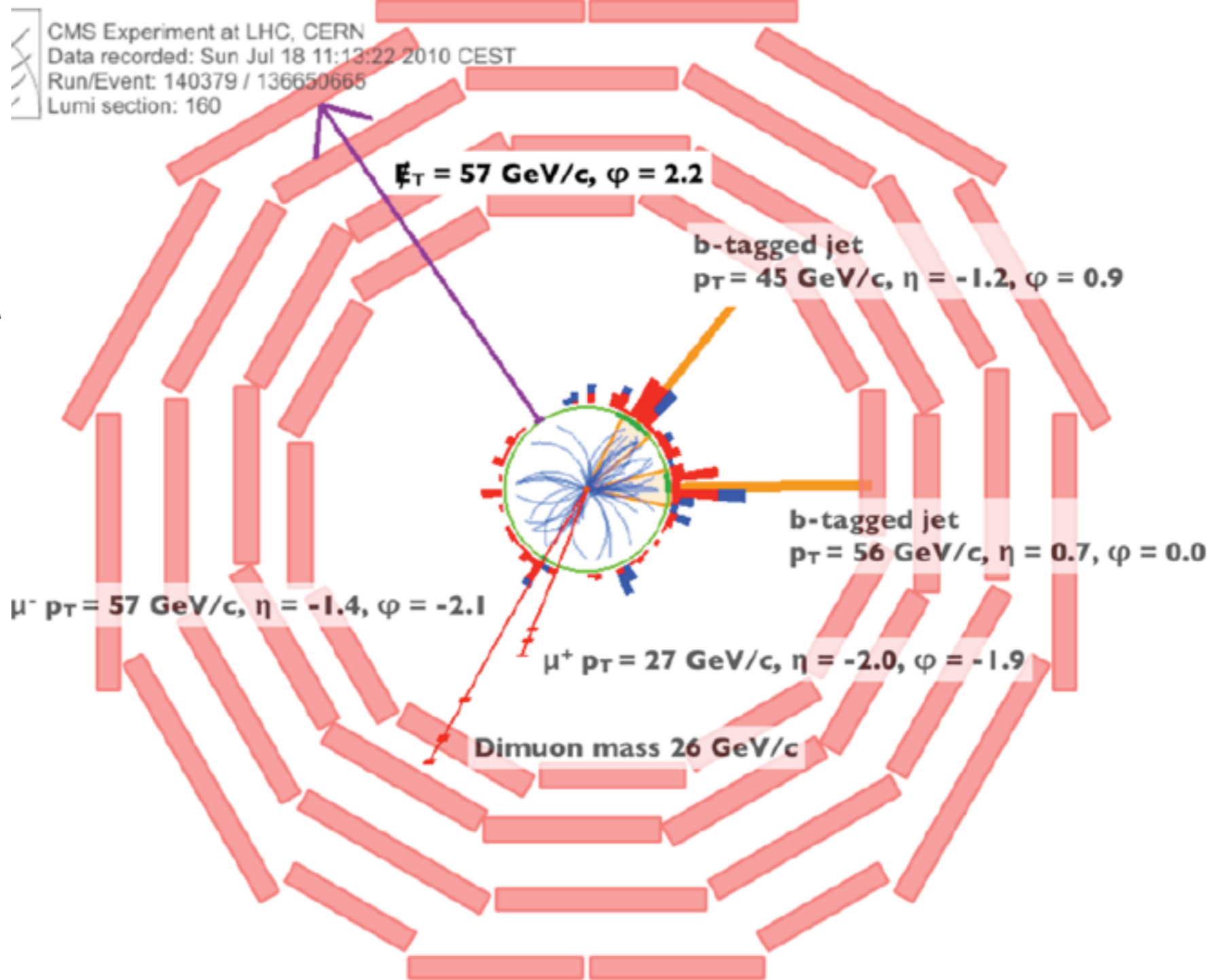
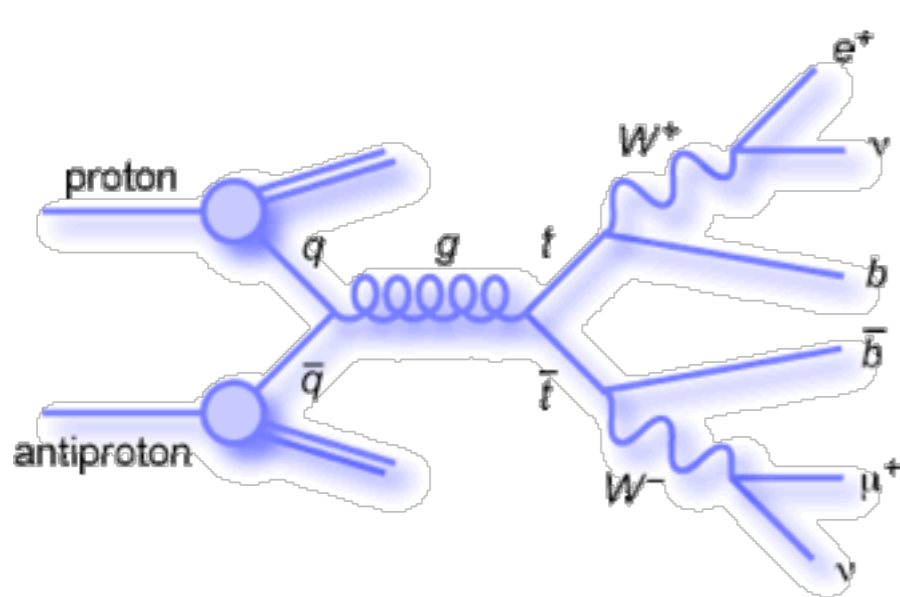


# The Challenge: Background

- Top production is only a very small part of the total pp cross section
- ▶ High background, in particular for hadronic decays of the W
  - ▶ all-hadronic: QCD multi-jet background (very high!)
  - ▶ lepton+jets: W + jets and QCD multi-jet background (ok)
  - ▶ di-lepton: Z + jets and di-boson background (low)

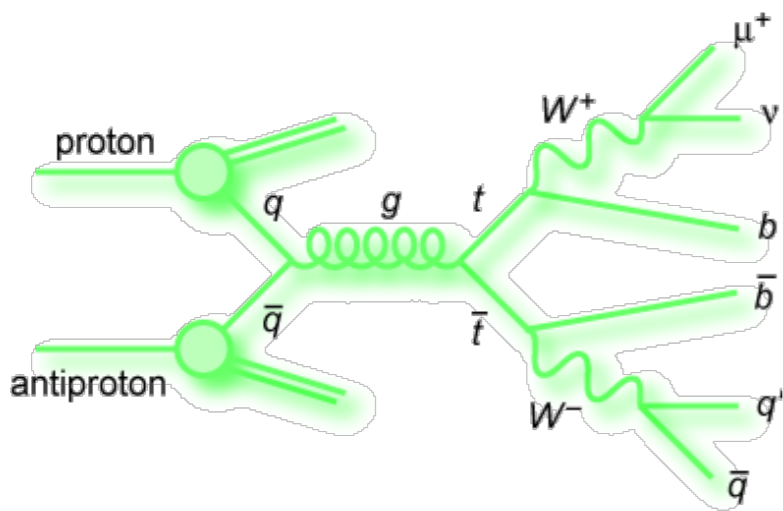


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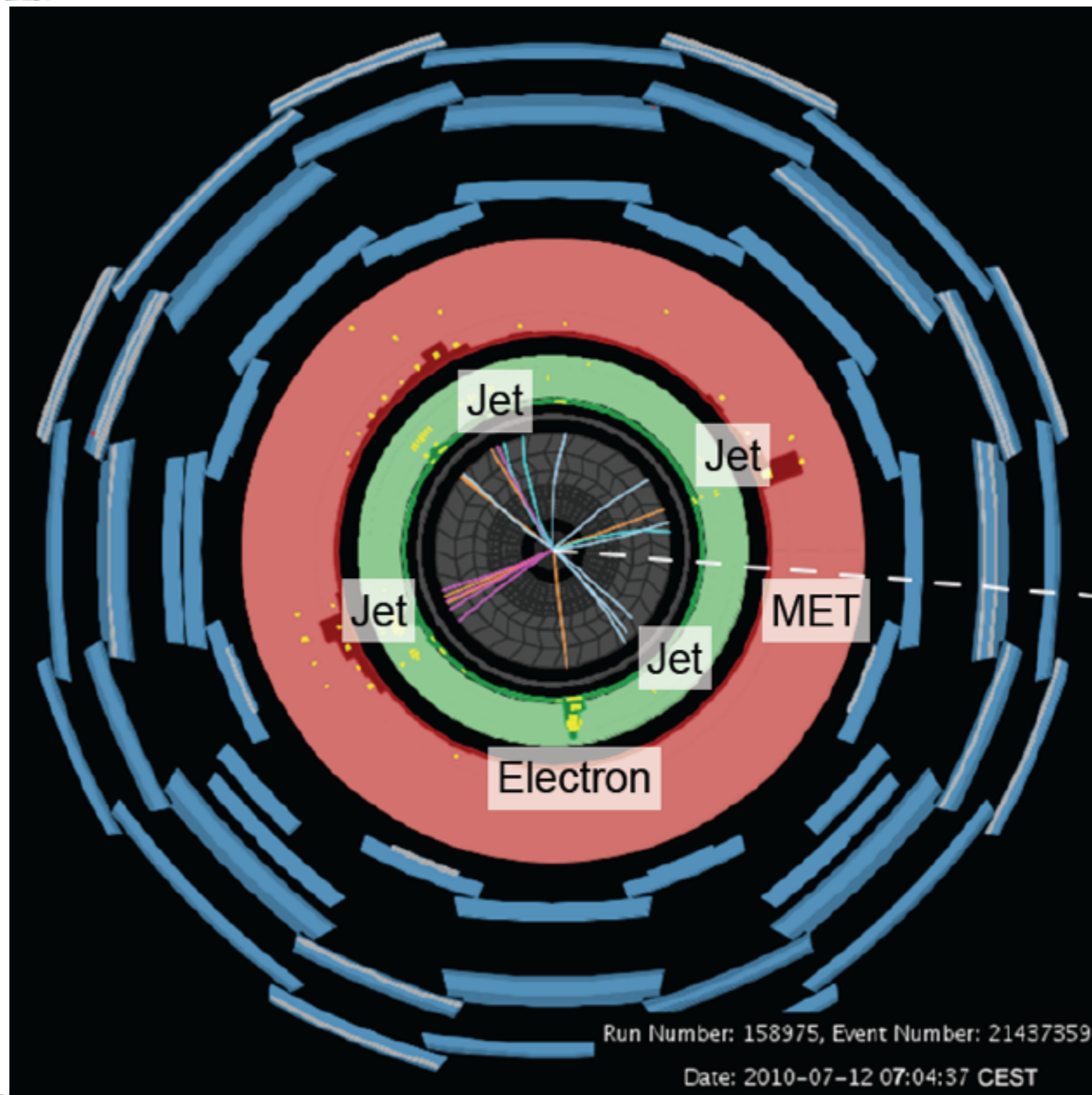


- Clear, clean signature
- missing information from two (undetected) neutrinos
- small branching ratio, low statistics
- Background: mainly  $W + X$

# Experimental Detection: Lepton + Jets



- Relatively clean due to the leptonic decay of one  $W$ 
  - Signature: Isolated lepton, highly energetic jets and missing energy
- missing information from neutrino
- high statistics (BR 30%)
- Background: Mainly  $W + \text{jets}$





# Top Pairs and Single Top: Cross Section

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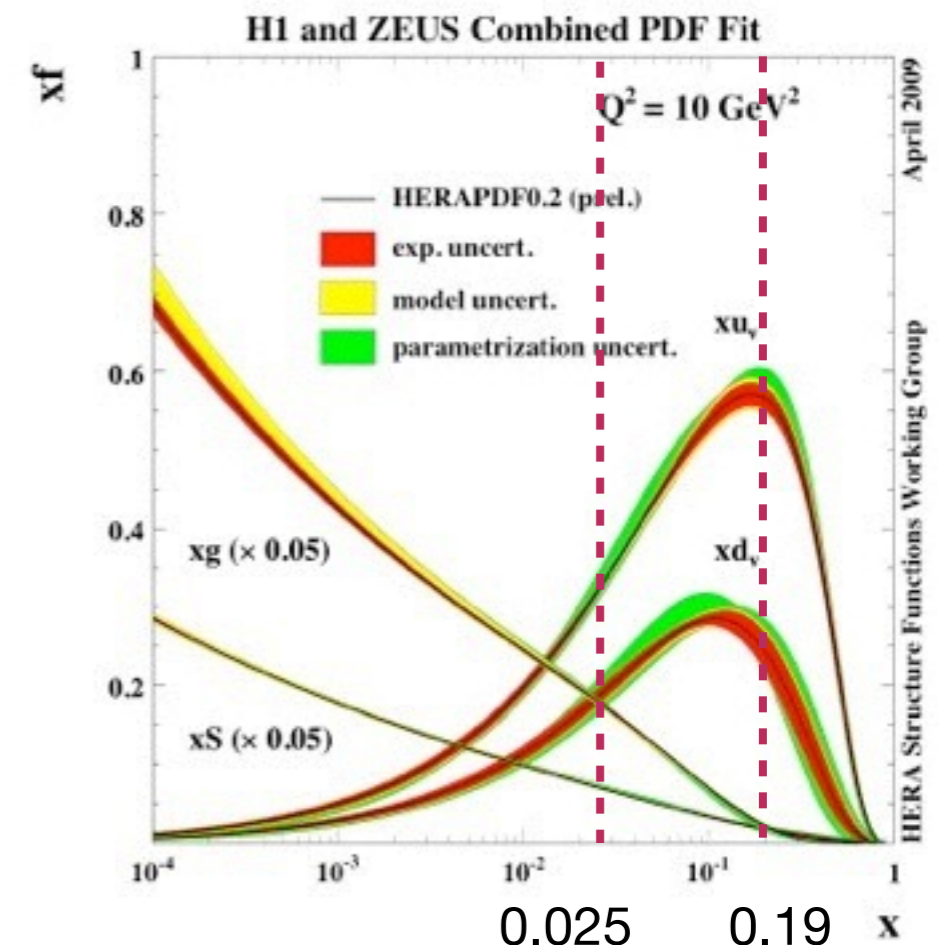
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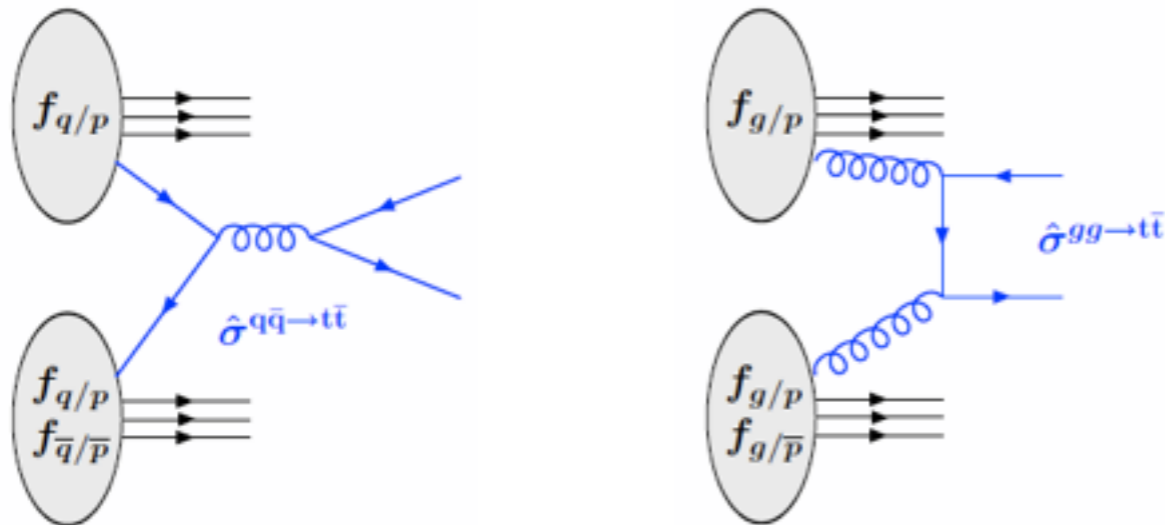
- ▶ Mix of the production processes is energy dependence:

- ▶ Tevatron: high  $x$ , dominated by valence quarks:  
Big advantage of proton - anti-proton collisions
- ▶ LHC: lower  $x$ , dominated by gluons



# Top Quark Pair Production at Hadron Colliders II

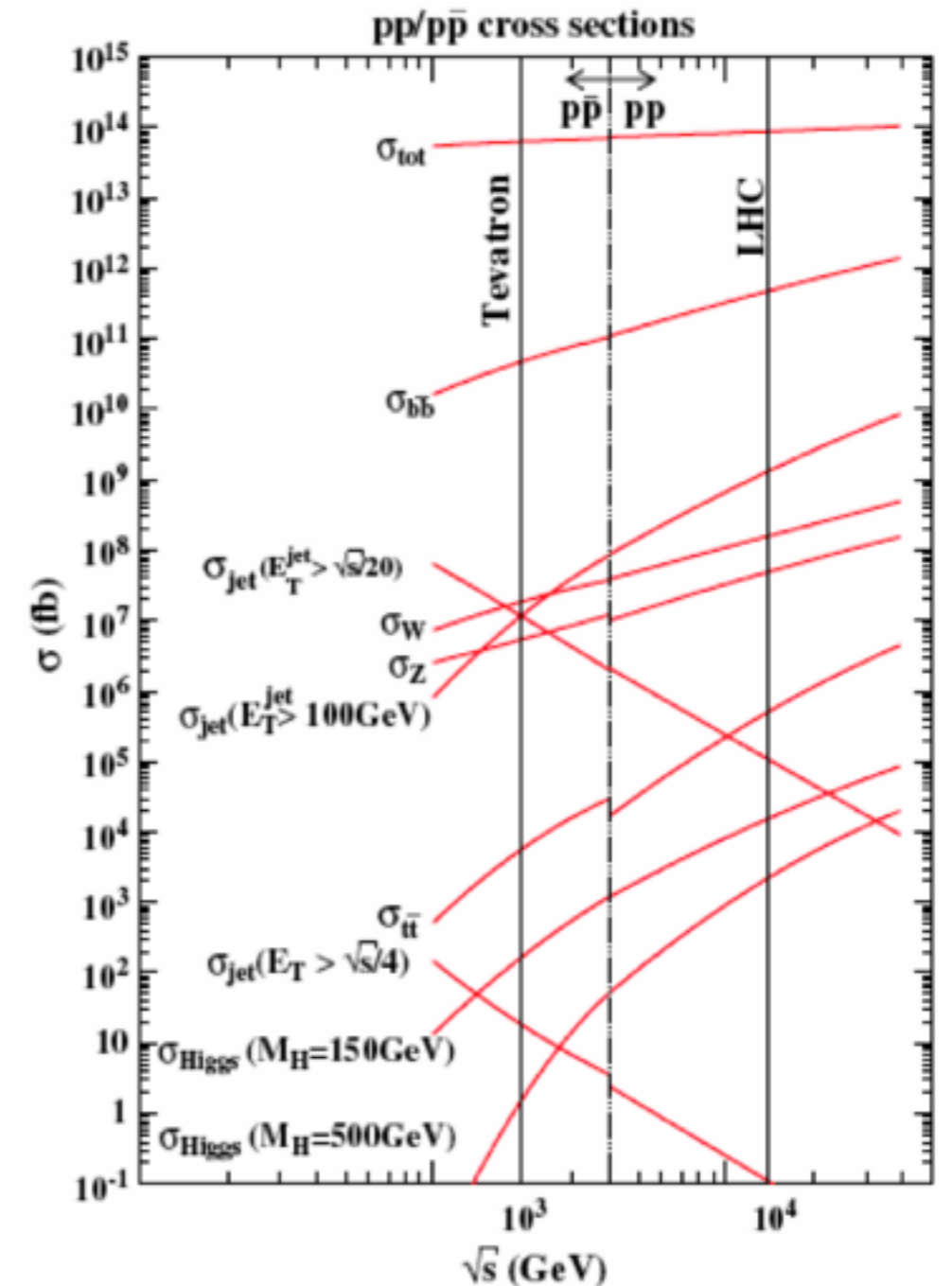
- Production mechanisms: Quark - anti-quark vs gluon-gluon



Hadron Collider	Processes	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ [pb]	Group
Tevatron Run I ( $p\bar{p}$ , $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ TeV)	90% $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$5.19^{+0.52}_{-0.68}$	Cacciari et al. [117]
	10% $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$5.24 \pm 0.31$	Kidonakis et al. [119]
Tevatron Run II ( $p\bar{p}$ , $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV)	85% $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$6.70^{+0.71}_{-0.88}$	Cacciari et al. [117]
	15% $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$6.77 \pm 0.42$	Kidonakis et al. [119]
LHC ( $pp$ , $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV)	10% $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$833^{+52}_{-39}$	Bonciani et al. [118]
	90% $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$873^{+2}_{-28}$	Kidonakis et al. [120]

arXiv:0810.5226 [hep-ex]

NLO QCD calculations



LHC: Gluon dominated, Tevatron: quark dominated

G. Weiglein et al.  
Physics Reports 426 (2006) 47–358

# Measuring Cross-Sections

- Important for the measurement: event selection, understanding of background
- Choose decay channels that can be selected with high purity  
Initially: Leptonic decays of W bosons (downside: small BR)  
Meanwhile also Lepton + Jets and all-hadronic decays: large BRs
- Event selection: High-energy leptons, jets from b quarks, missing energy (neutrino!)
- Determining the cross section based on:

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = \frac{N - B}{A\epsilon \int \mathcal{L} dt}$$

N: Number of selected events

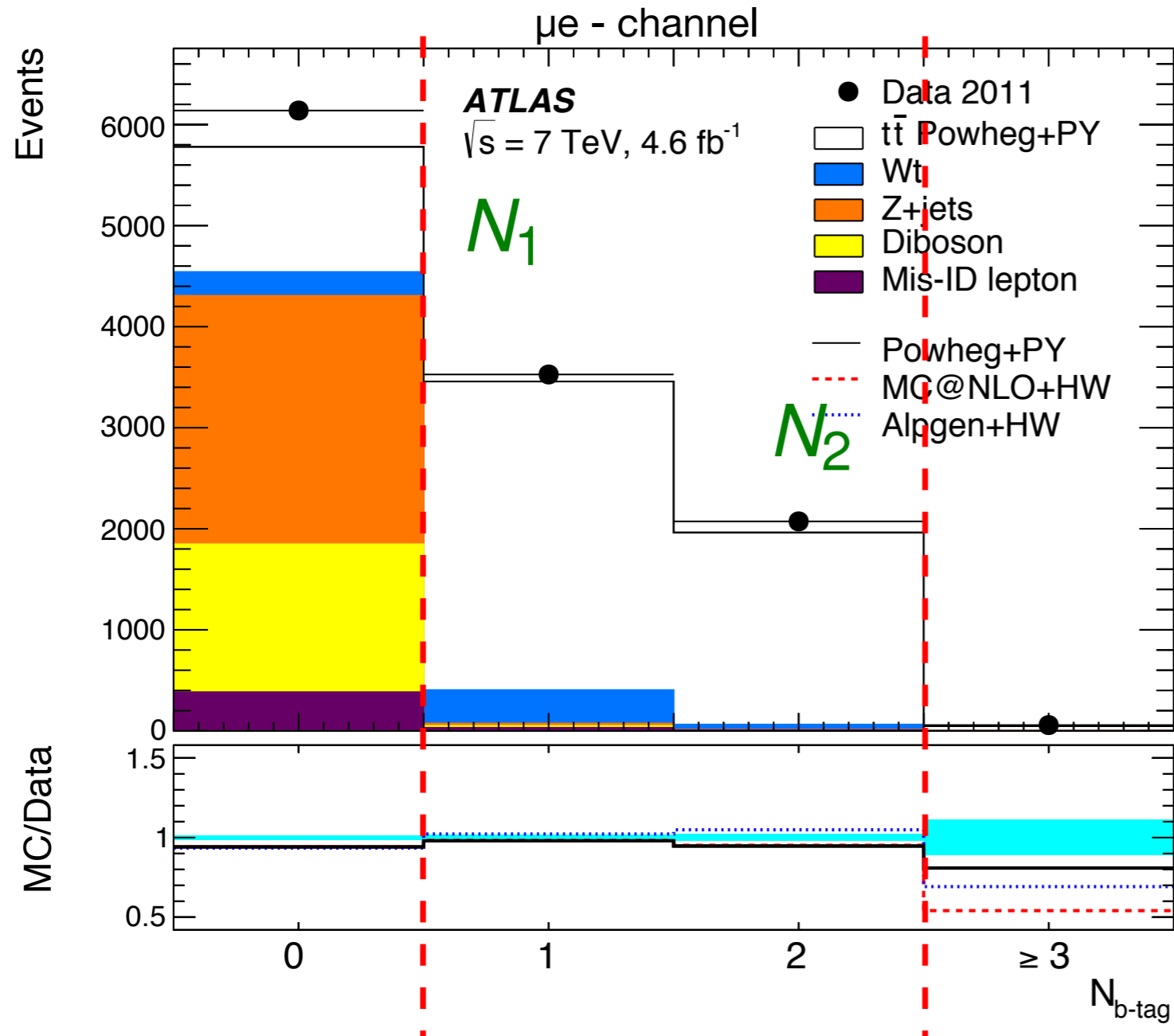
B: Estimation of background events

A: acceptance correction: kinematic and geometric acceptance of the detector

$\epsilon$ : event selection efficiency

# Example: ATLAS Di-Leptons

- B-Tagging important: A real top pair event contains two b quarks



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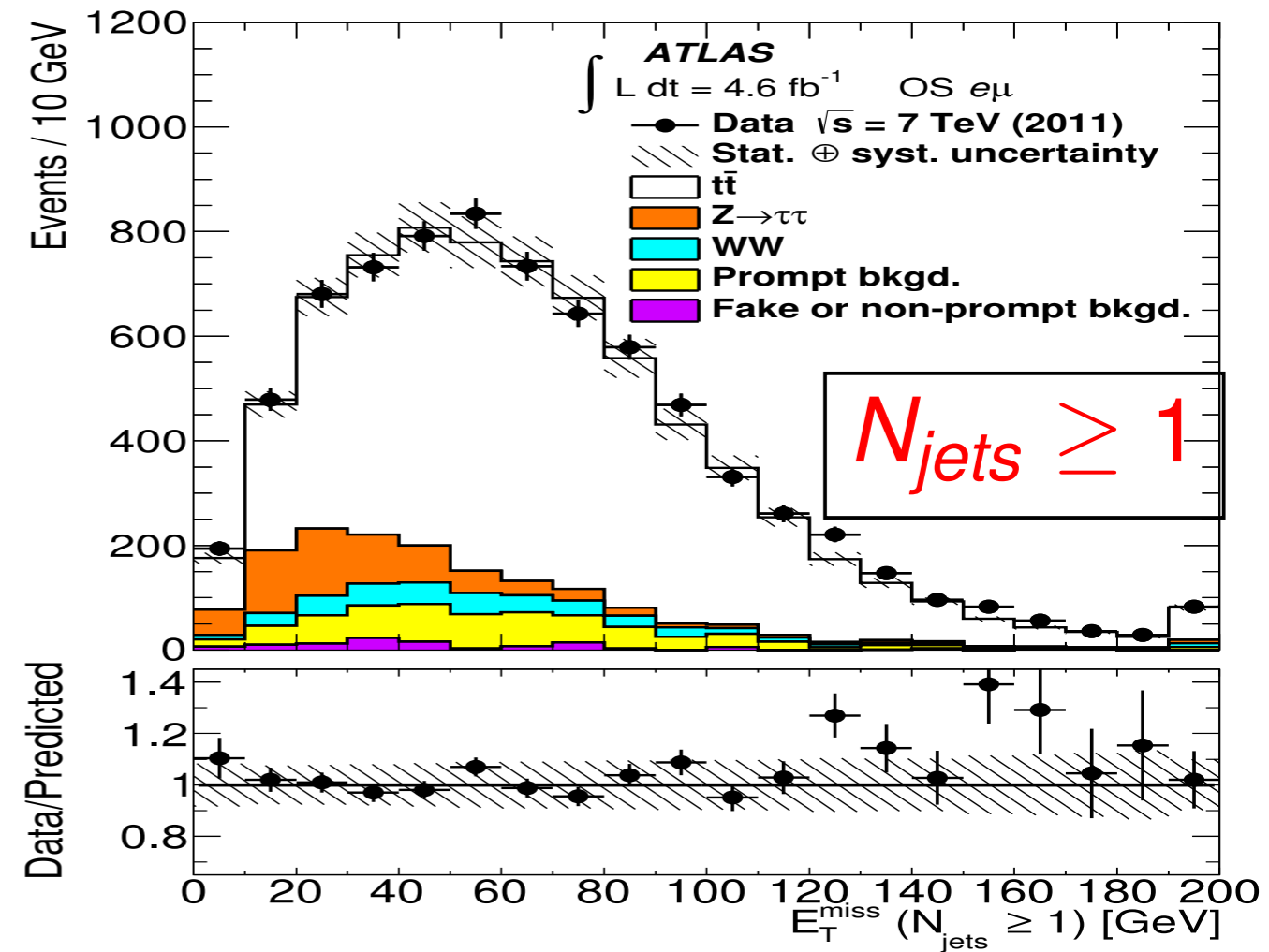
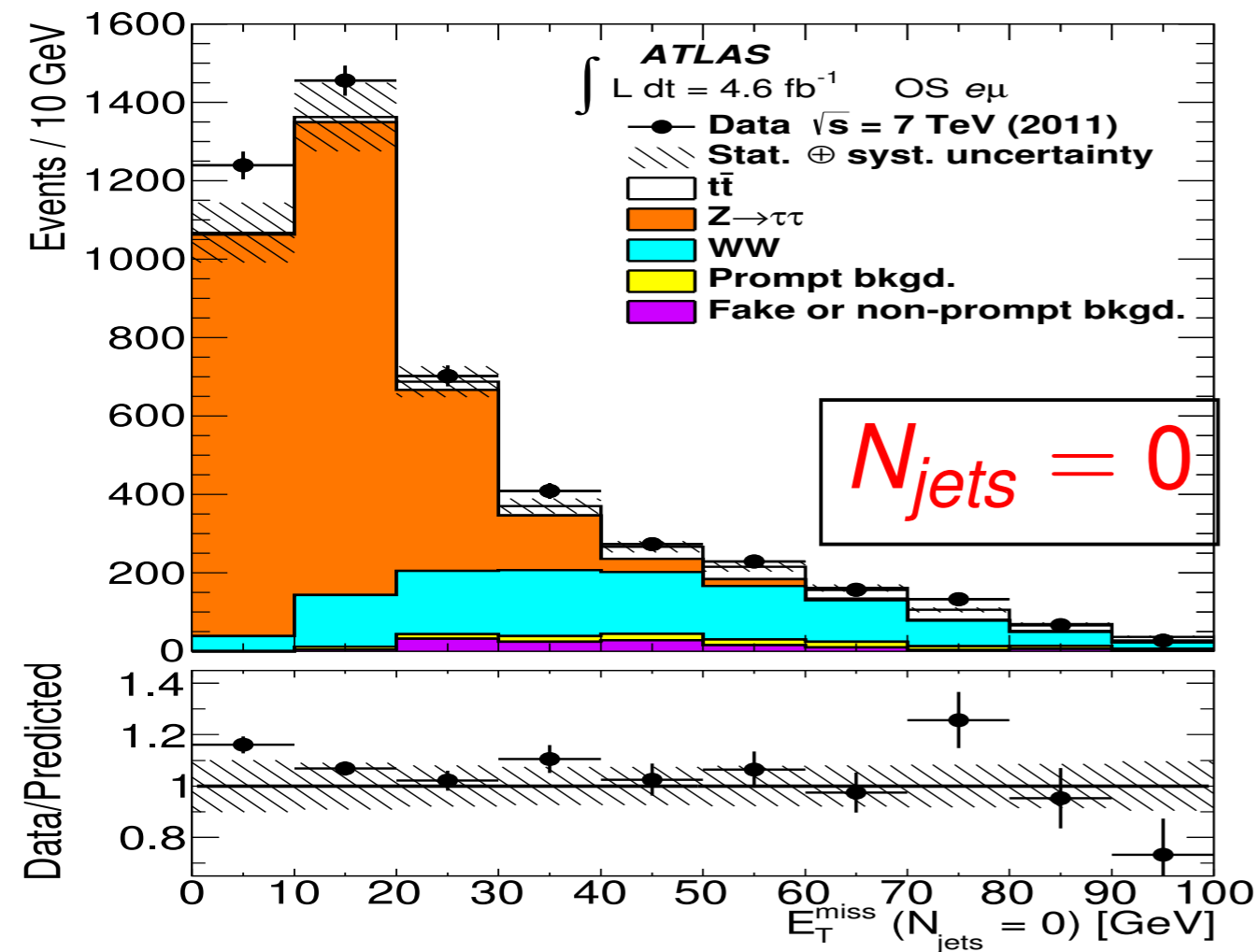
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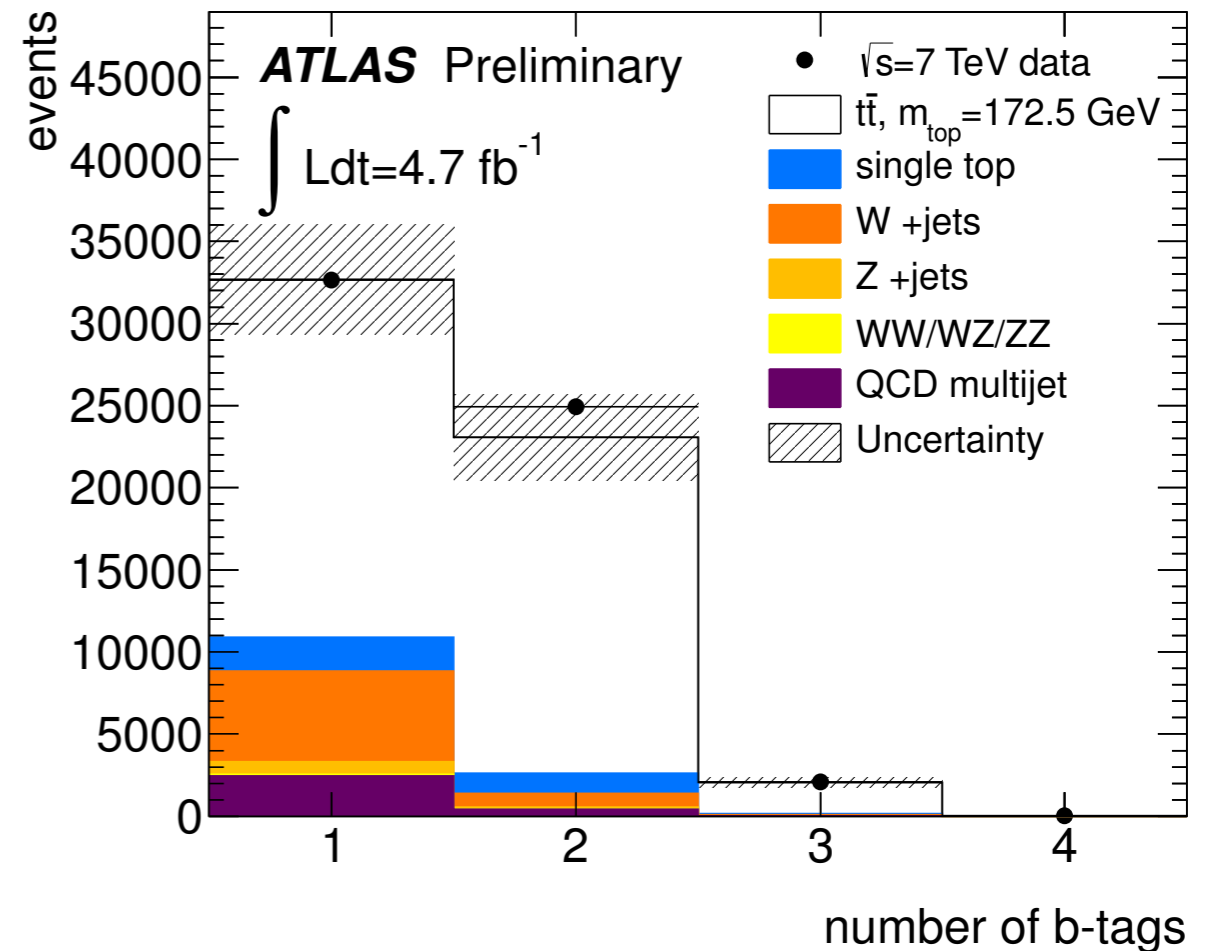
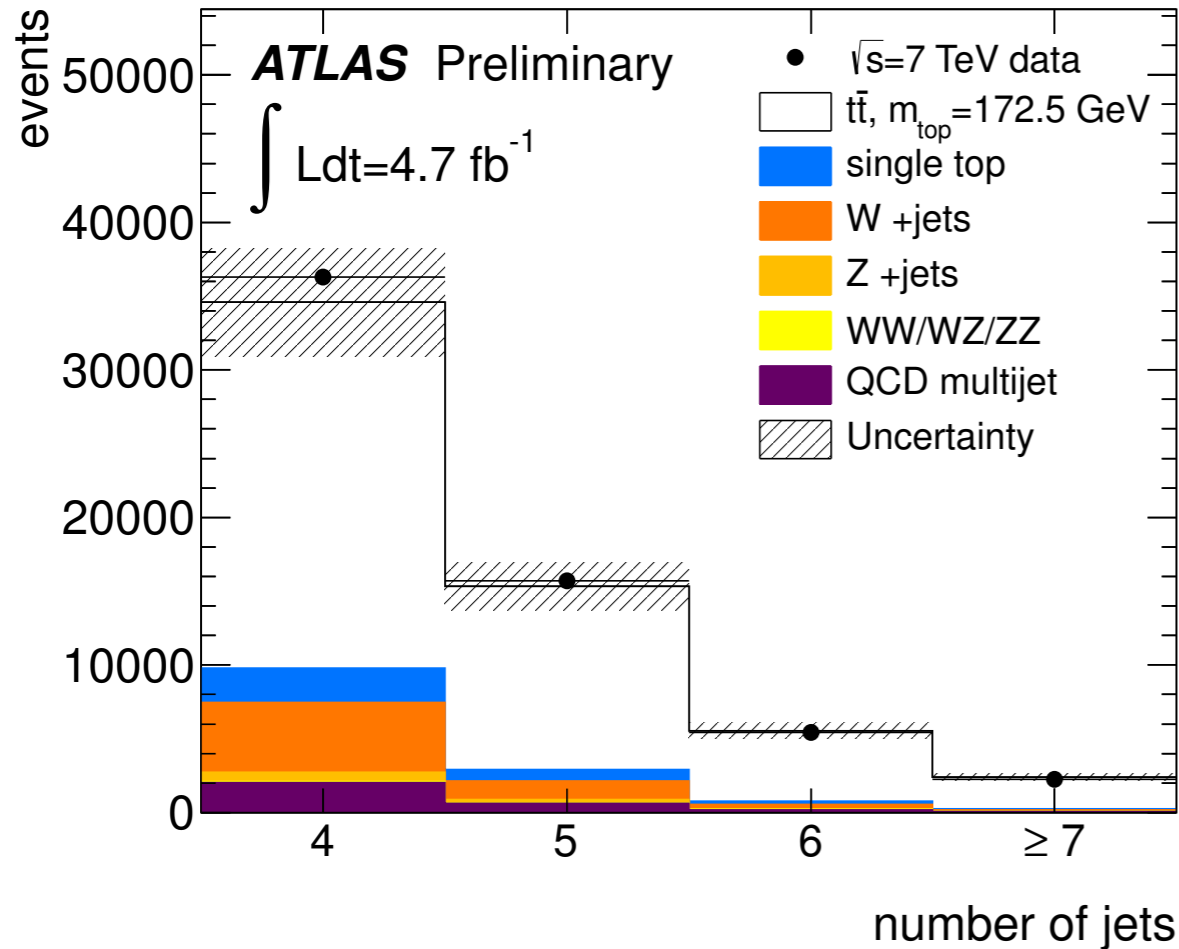
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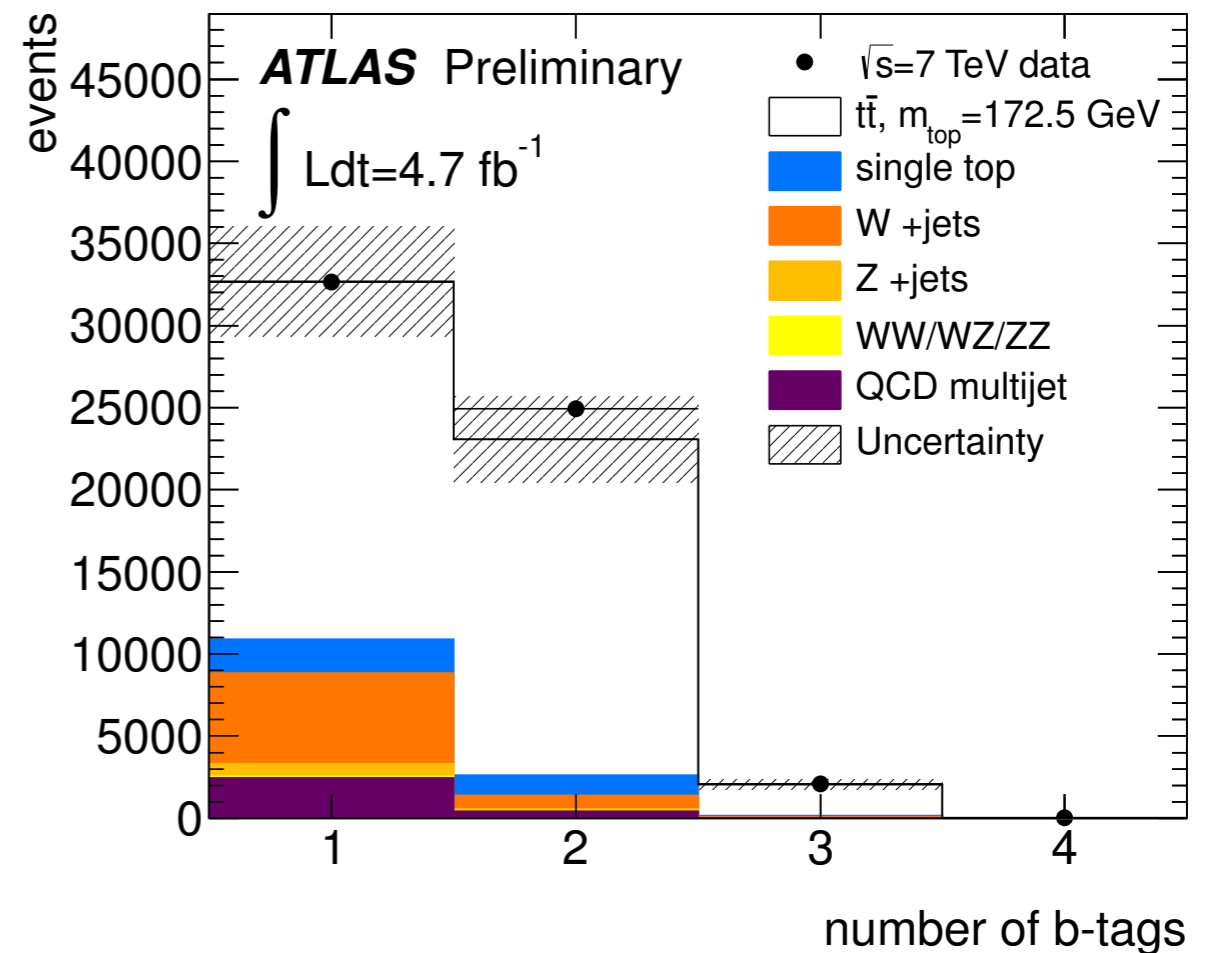
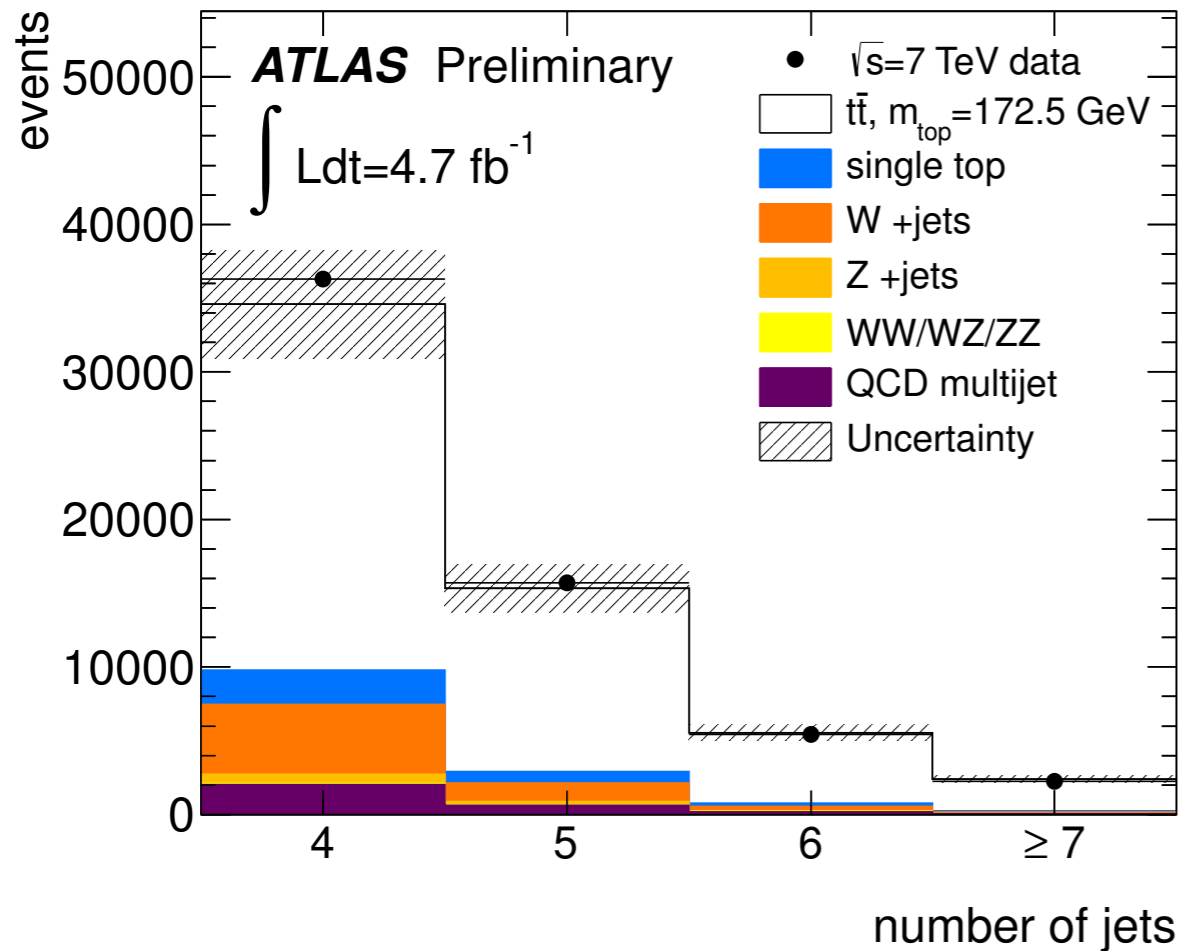
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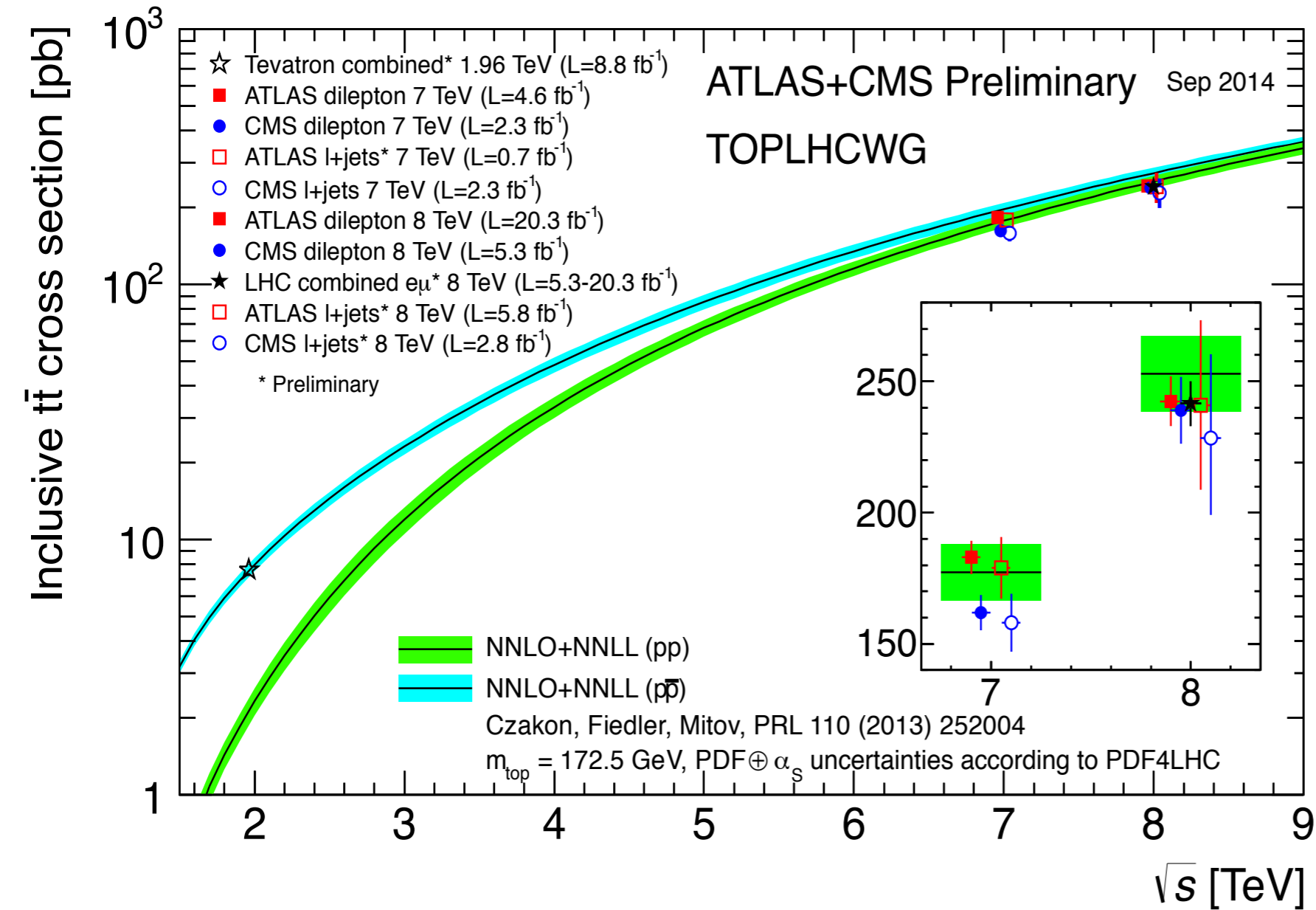
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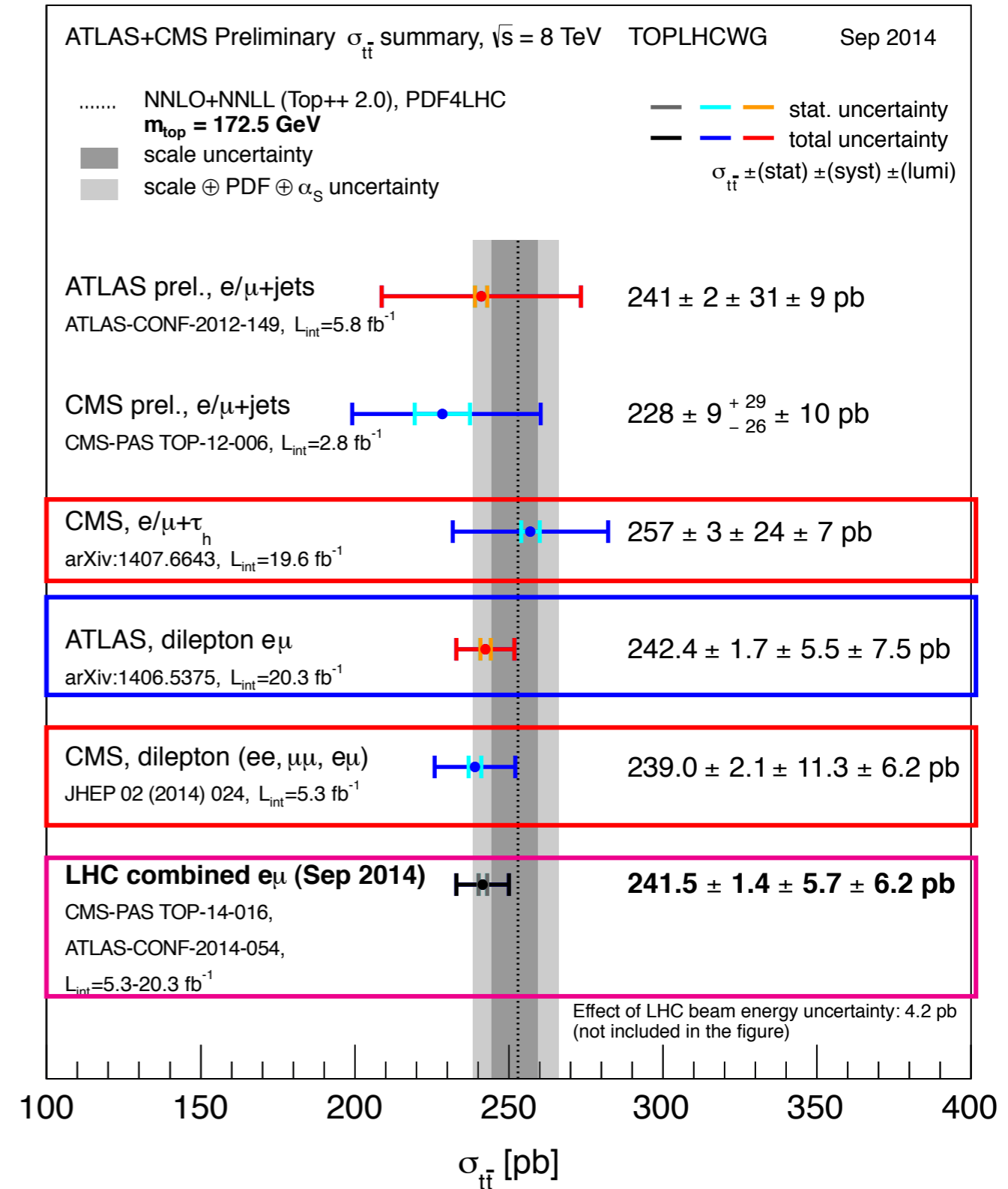
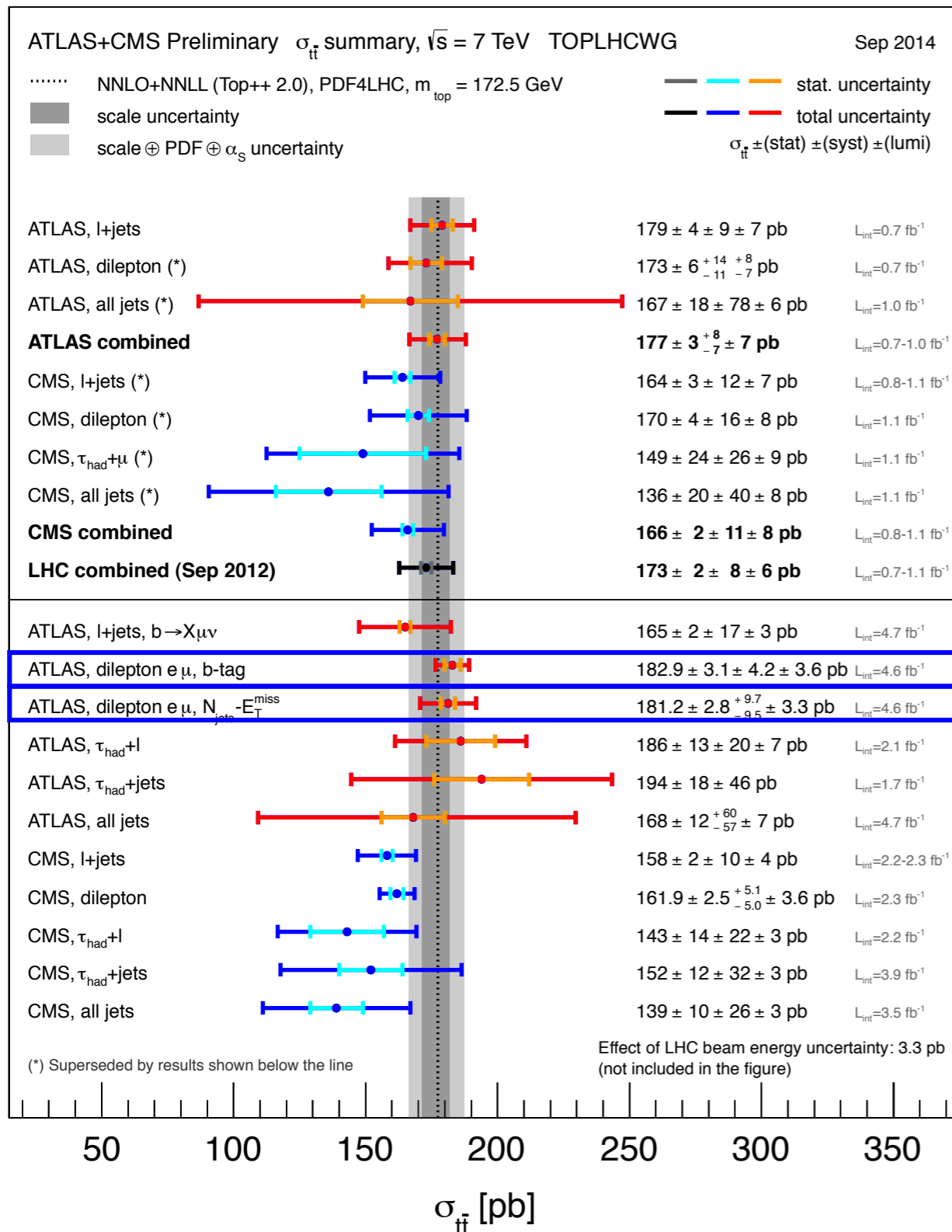


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# Top Cross Section at LHC

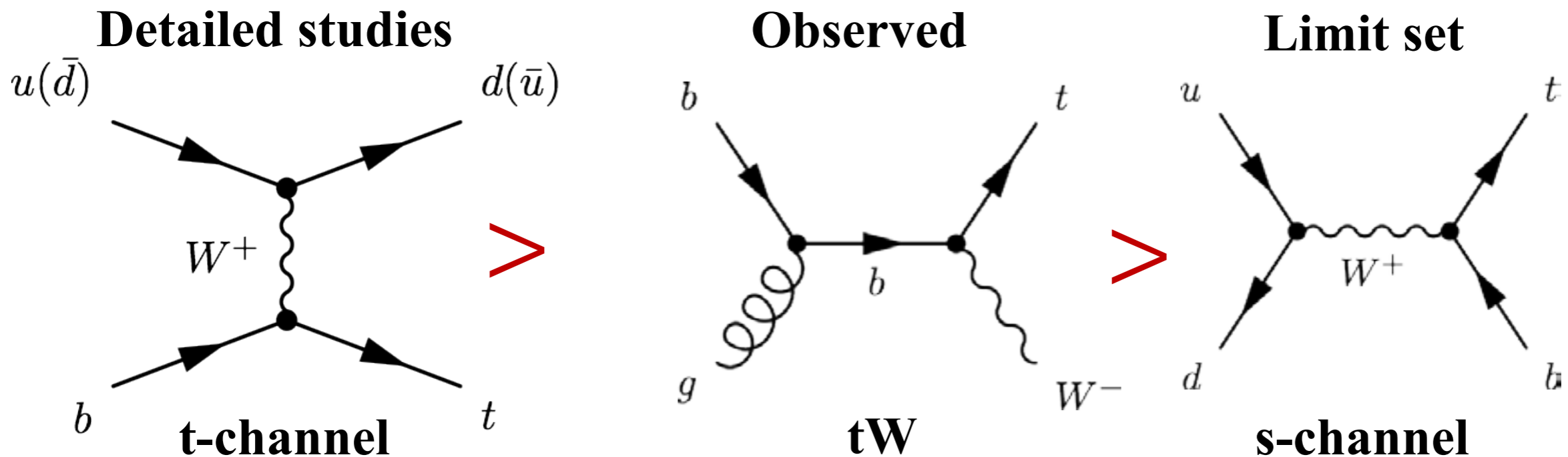


# Top Cross Section at LHC



# Single Top Production

- Production of single top quarks via weak interaction - expectation:  
 $\sigma(\text{single top}) \sim 0.4 \times \sigma(\text{top pair})$
- ▶ Direct access to  $Wtb$  - vertex of the weak interaction!

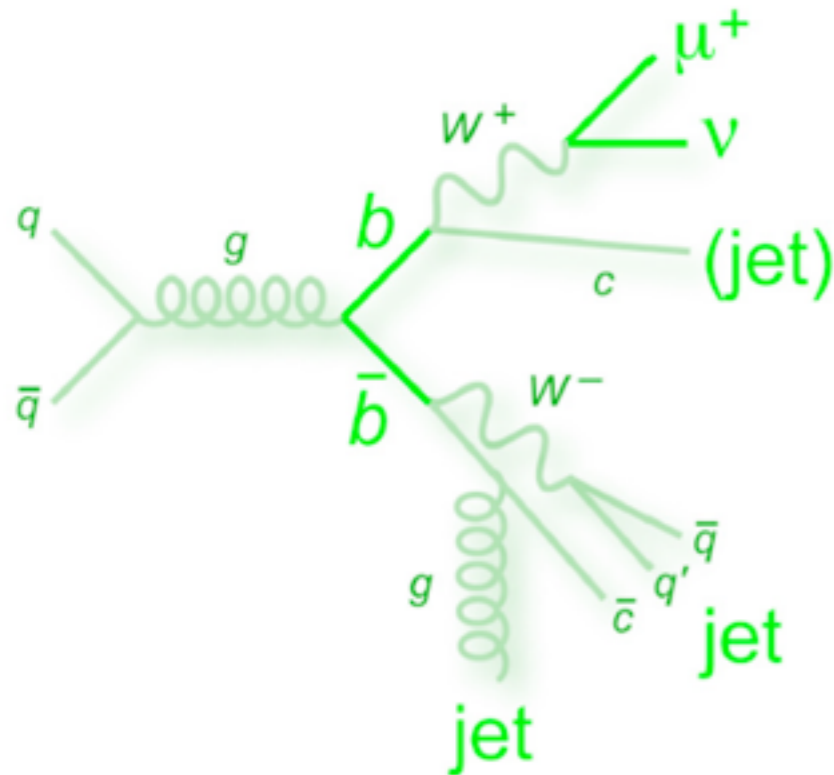


Only one t quark in the final state: Less “spectacular” events than top pair production: Separation from background more difficult!

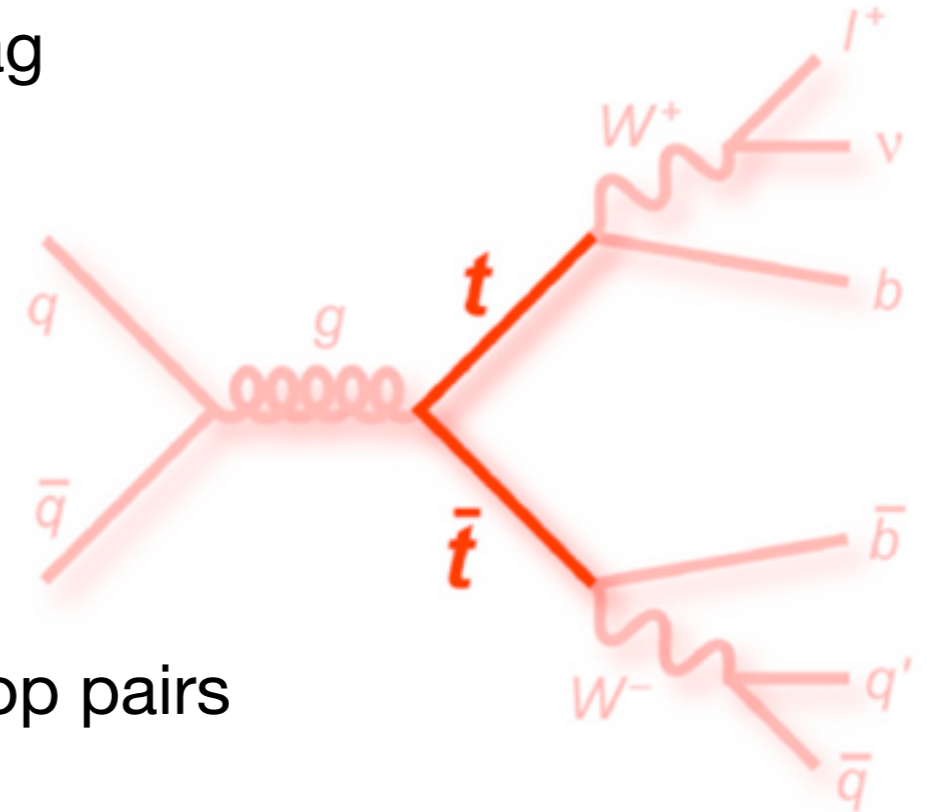


# Background in Single Top Measurements

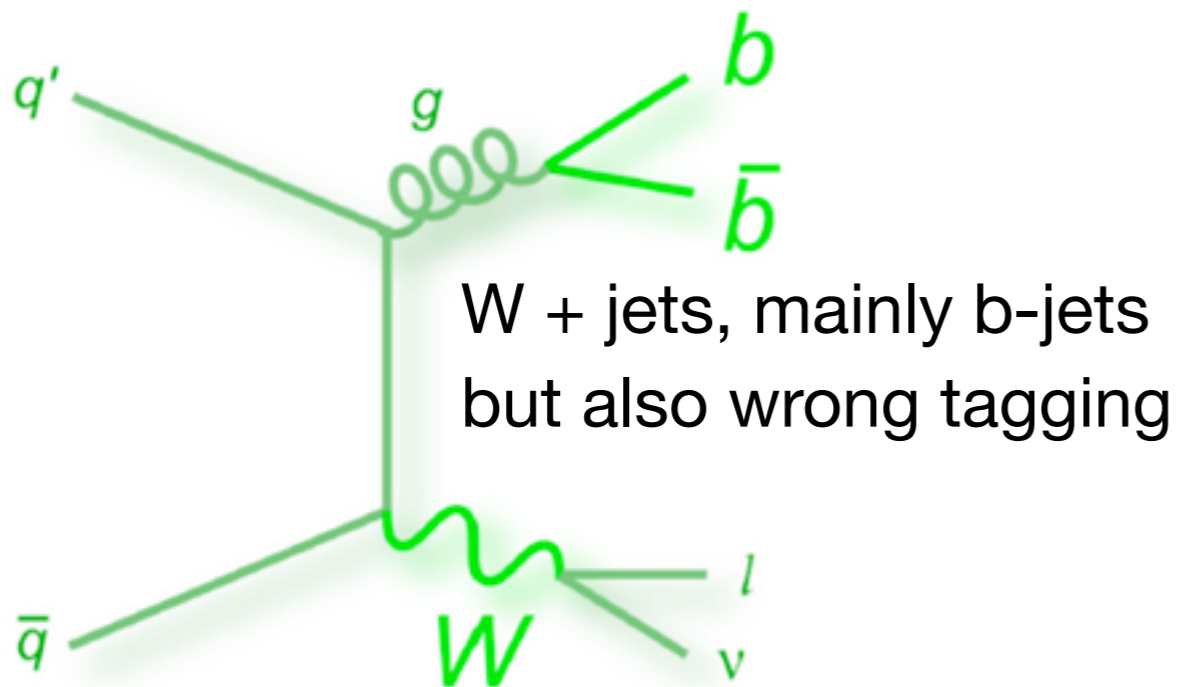
- Events with a W and one or more jets with a b-tag



multi-jet production



mis-identified top pairs



W + jets, mainly b-jets  
but also wrong tagging

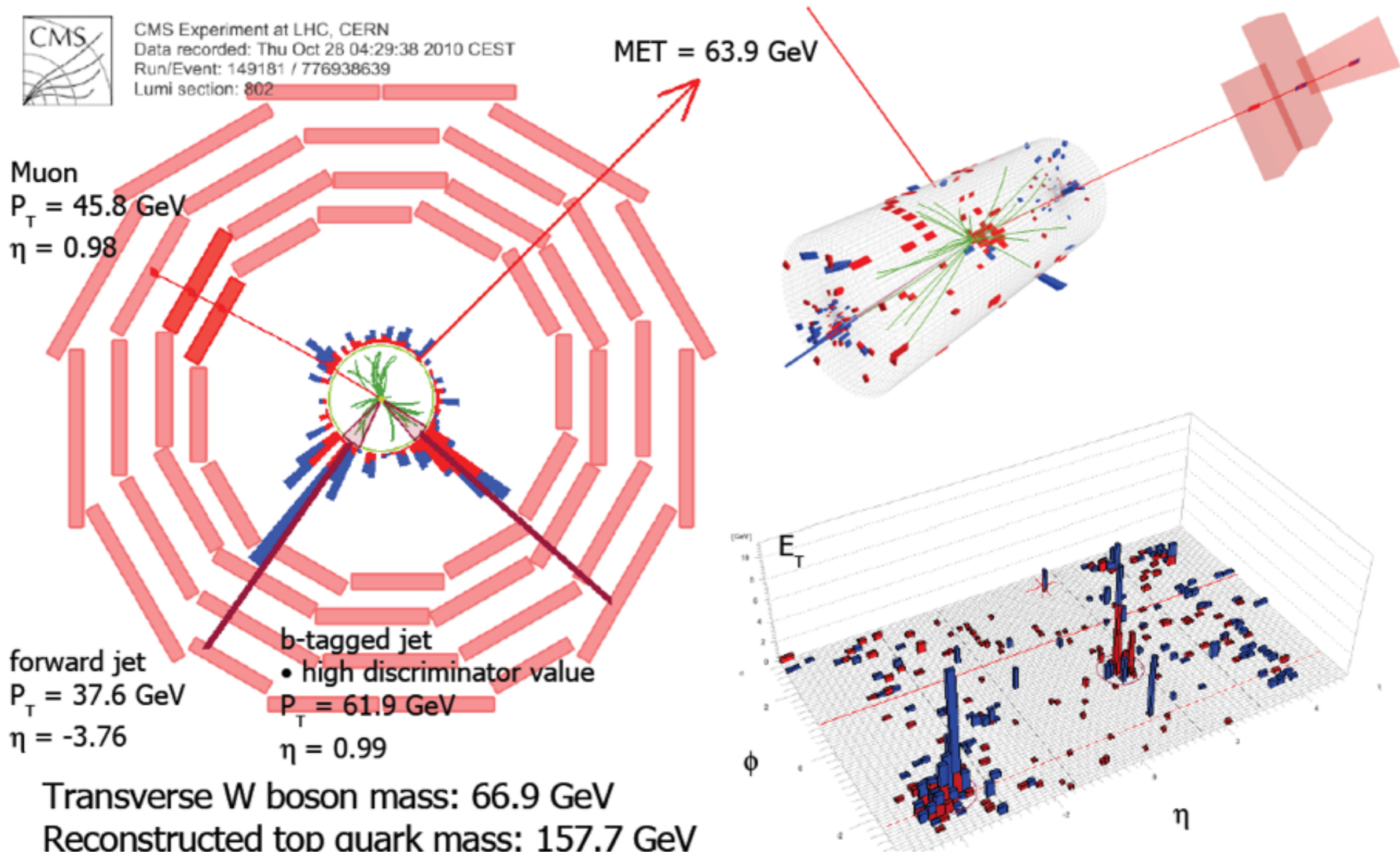
All in all: Modern analysis techniques are needed to reduce the background:

- Neural networks
- Boosted decision trees
- ...

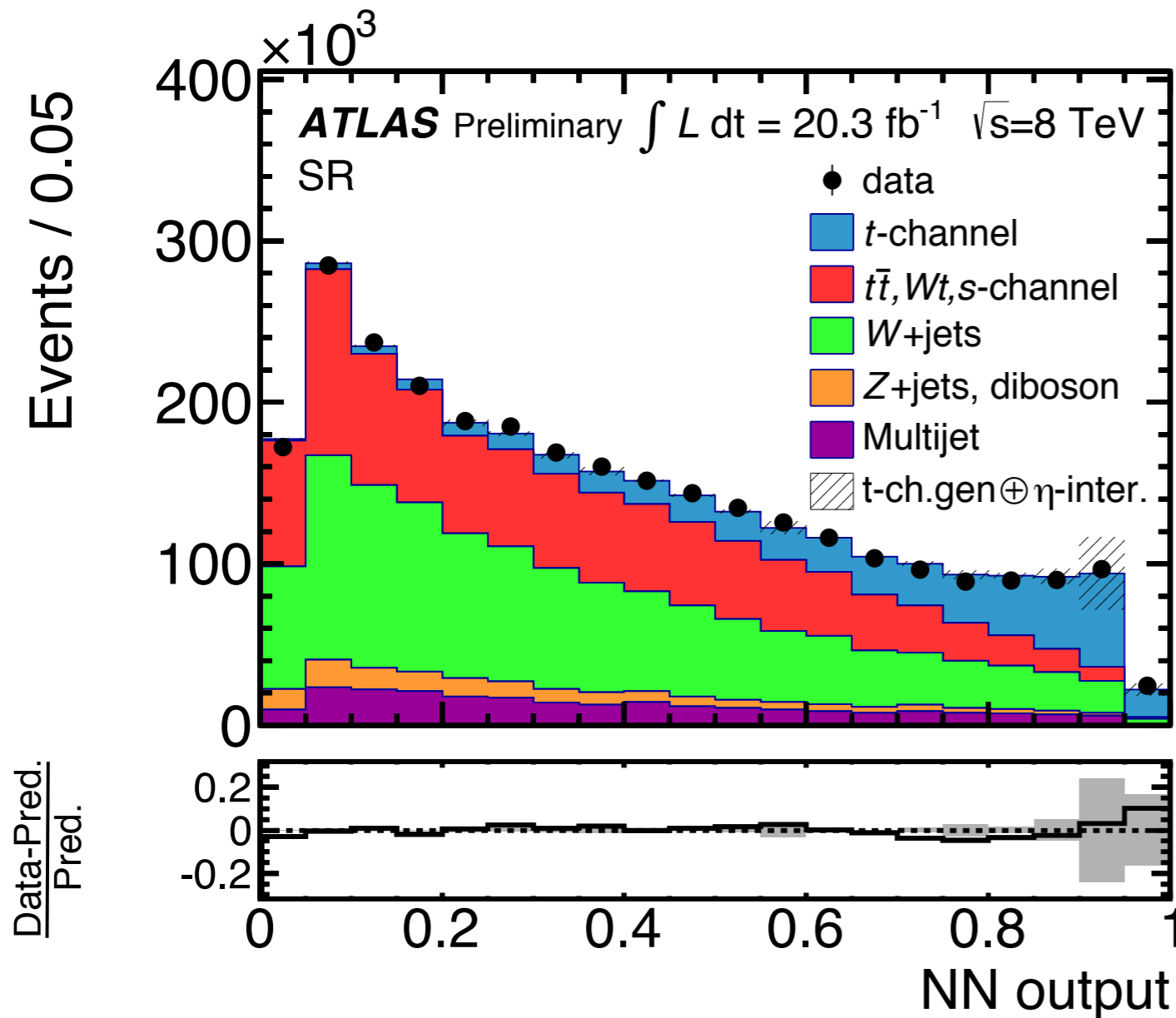


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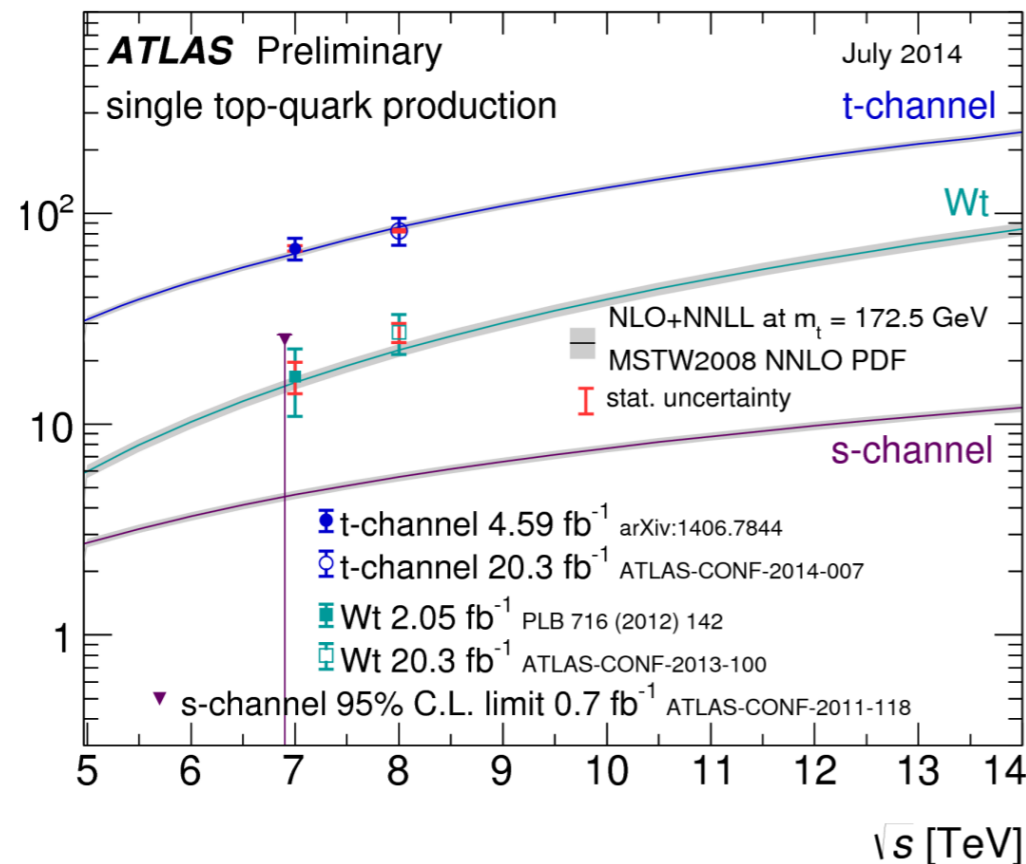
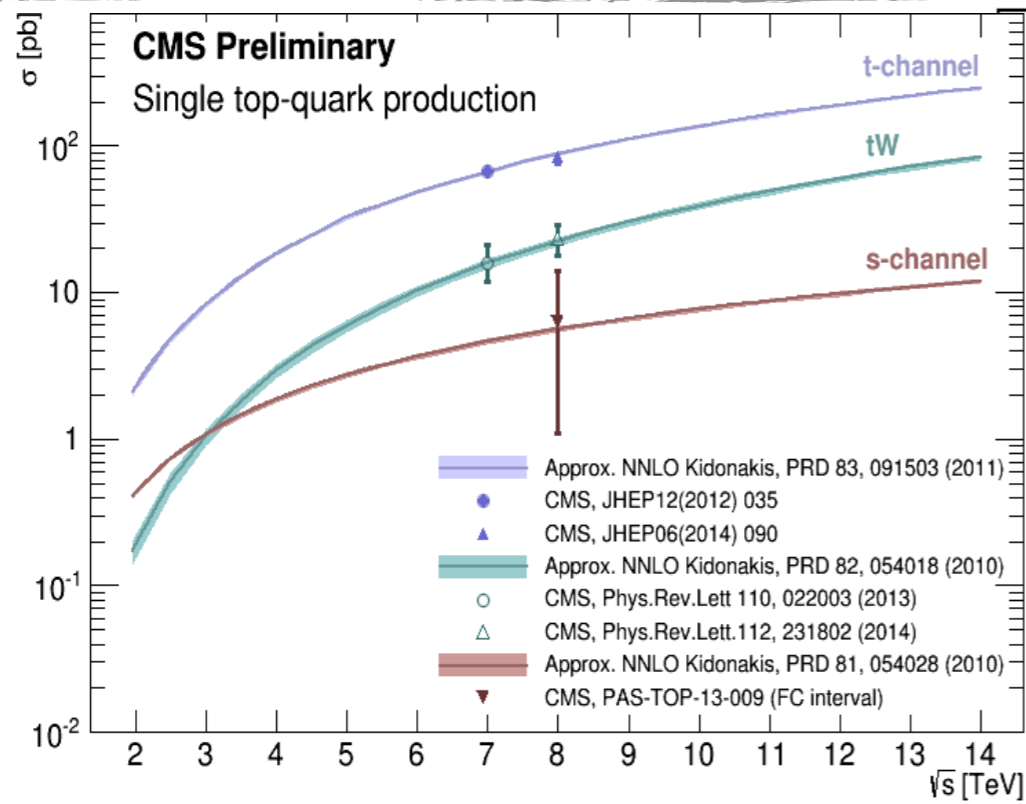


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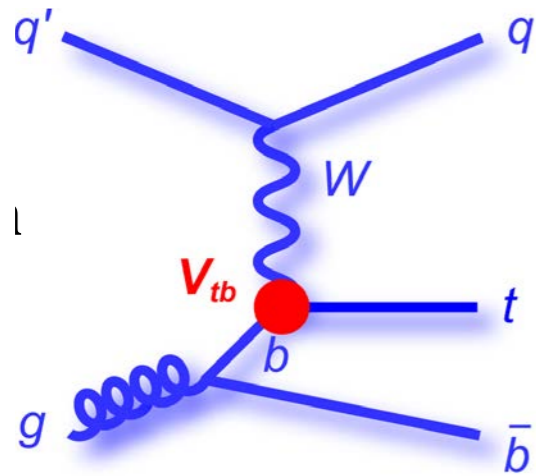
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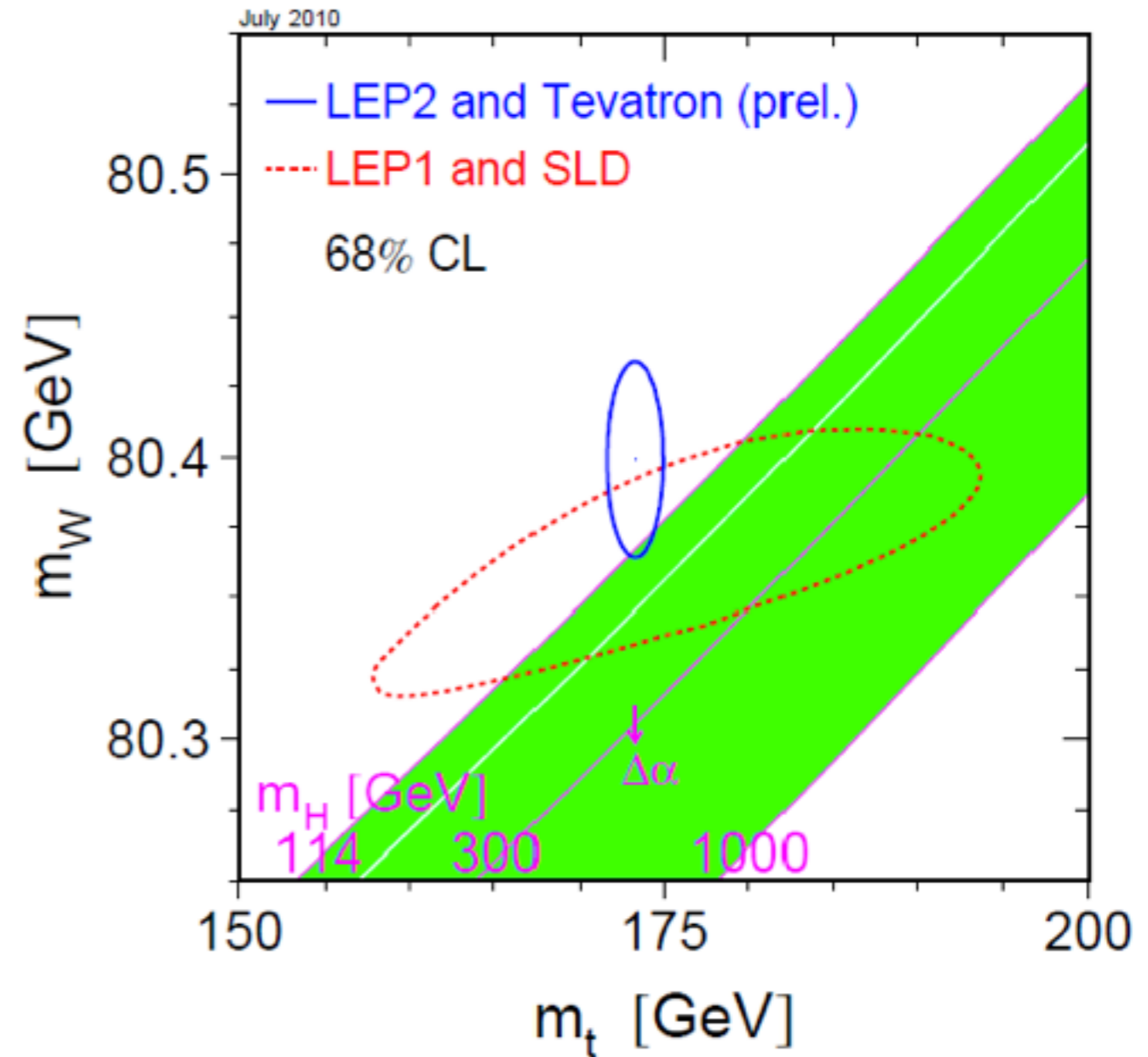
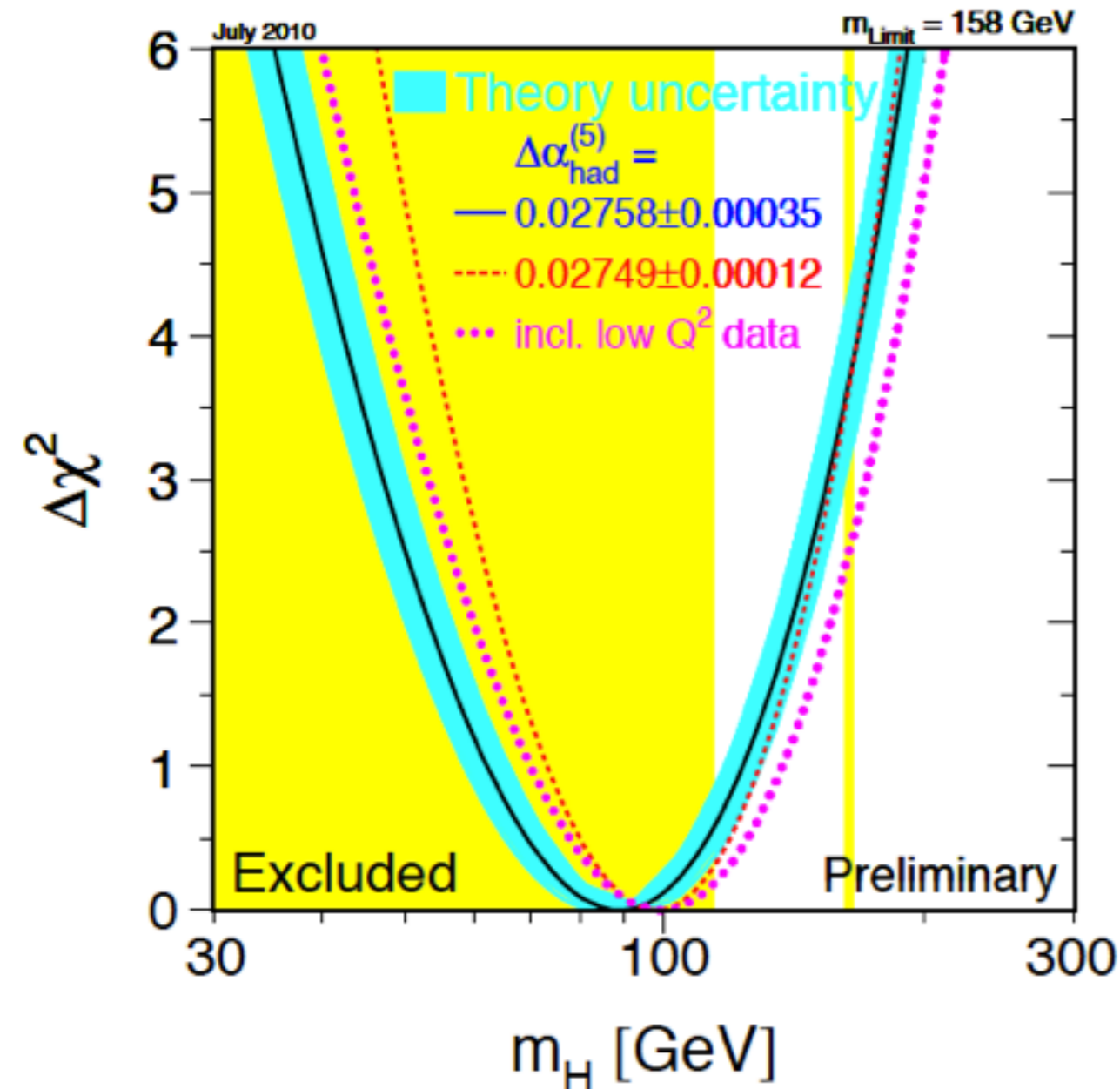
**ATLAS:**  $|V_{tb}| = 1.02 \pm 0.07$   
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**CMS:**  $|V_{tb}| = 1.020 \pm 0.049$   
 $|V_{tb}| < 1 \Rightarrow 0.92 < |V_{tb}| \leq 1 @ 95\% \text{ C.L.}$

# Top Quark Properties: Mass



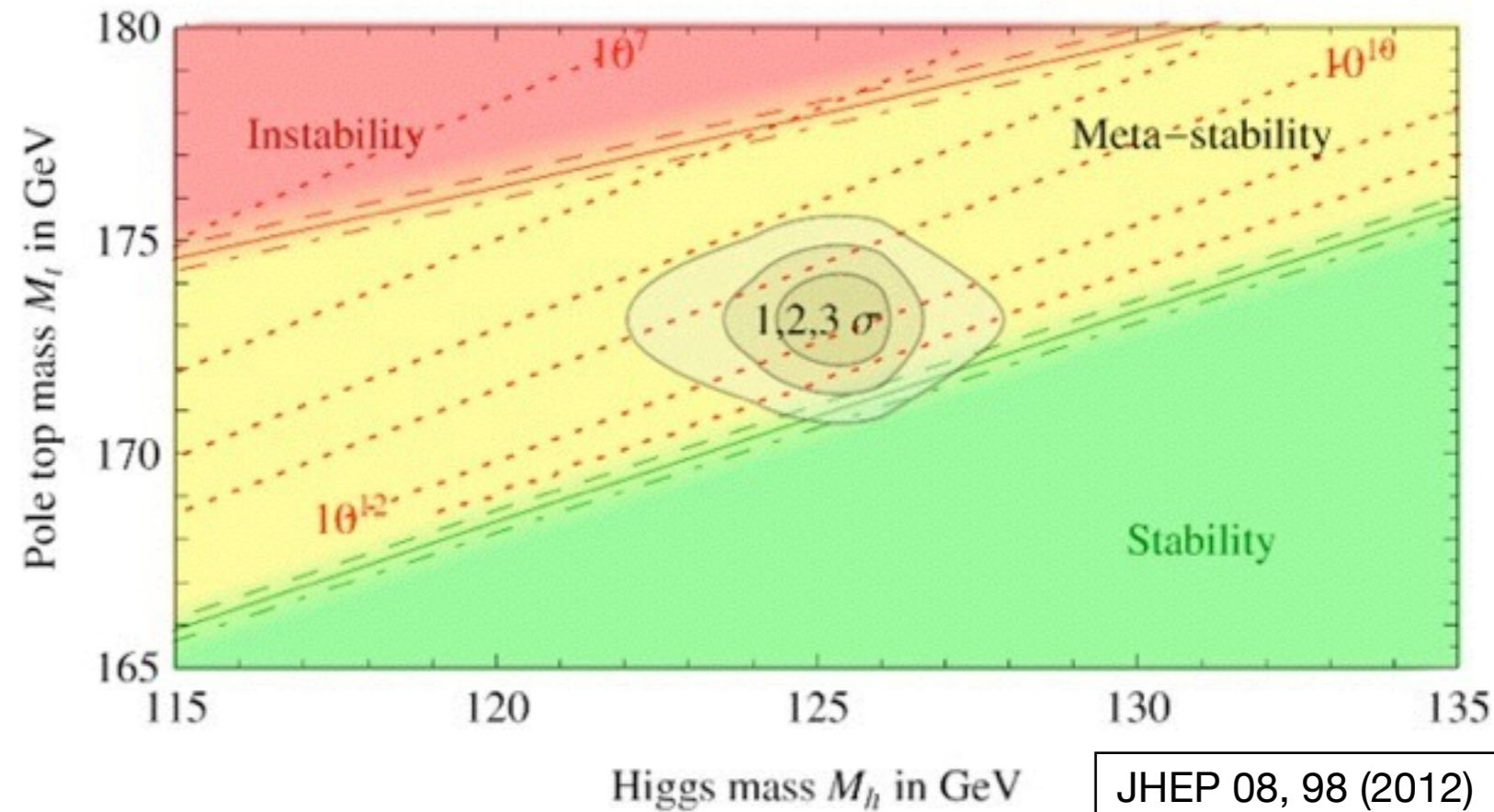
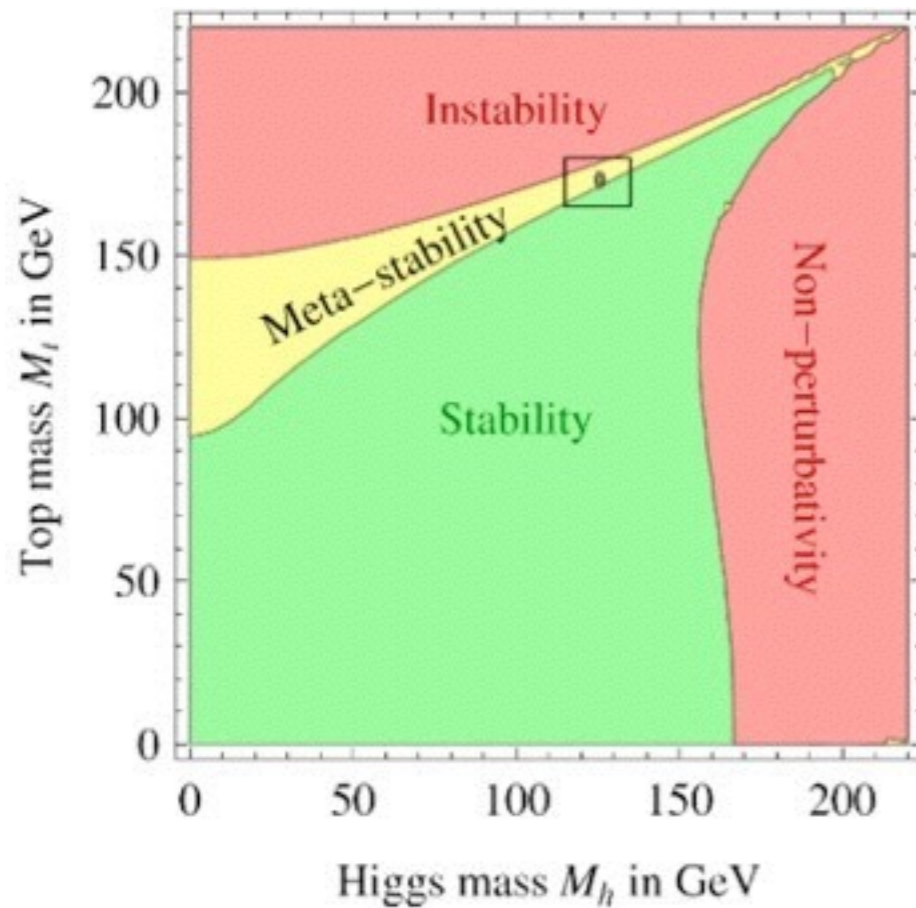
# Reminder: Top Mass in the Standard Model



- Precise determination of the top mass provides information on the Higgs!
- ▶ Already before the discovery in 2012 it was known that the (SM) Higgs has to be light ( $< \sim 160 \text{ GeV}$ )



# The Top Quark and the Fate of the Universe



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- Top mass, together with Higgs mass and strong coupling, provides key information on the stability of the SM vacuum at higher scales
  - Possible validity of the SM up to the Planck scale?
  - Impact on evolution of the early universe (Higgs inflation models, ...) & physics beyond the SM

Leading uncertainty: Top Mass!

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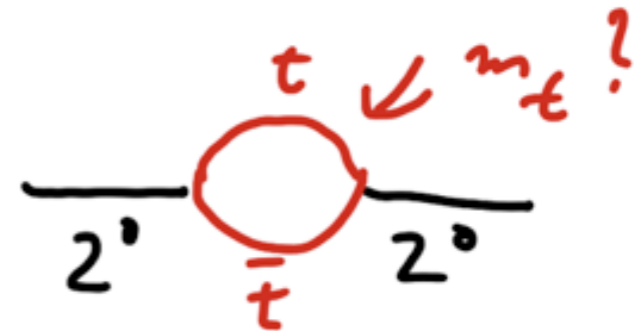
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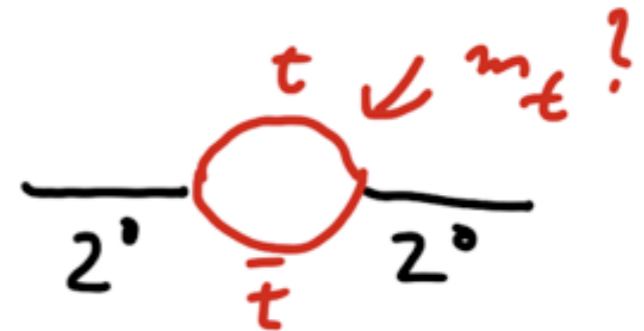


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Defining the mass of the top is not trivial - it is influenced by QCD corrections at higher orders

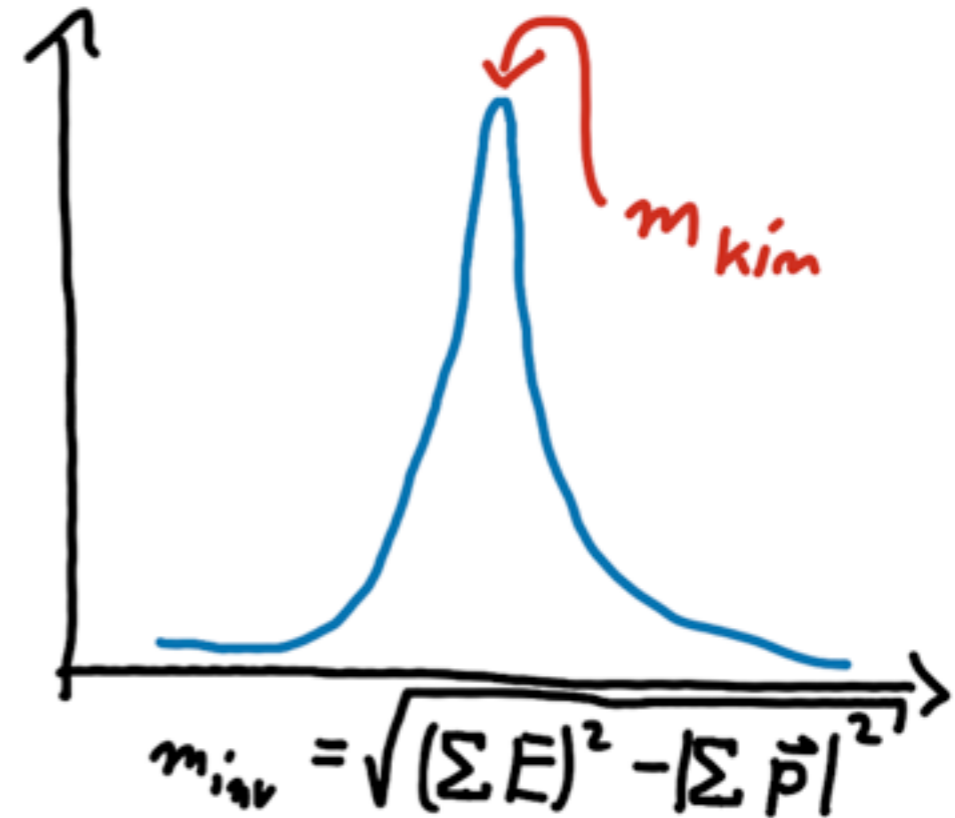
$$\begin{array}{c} t \\ \longrightarrow \\ m_t^{\text{pole}} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{[Loop with } \Sigma_i \text{]} \\ \longrightarrow \\ \delta m_t \end{array} + \dots$$

Several definitions exist in theory, depending on the need of the calculations - They can typically be converted with high precision with higher order calculations - Uncertainties on the **100 MeV** level

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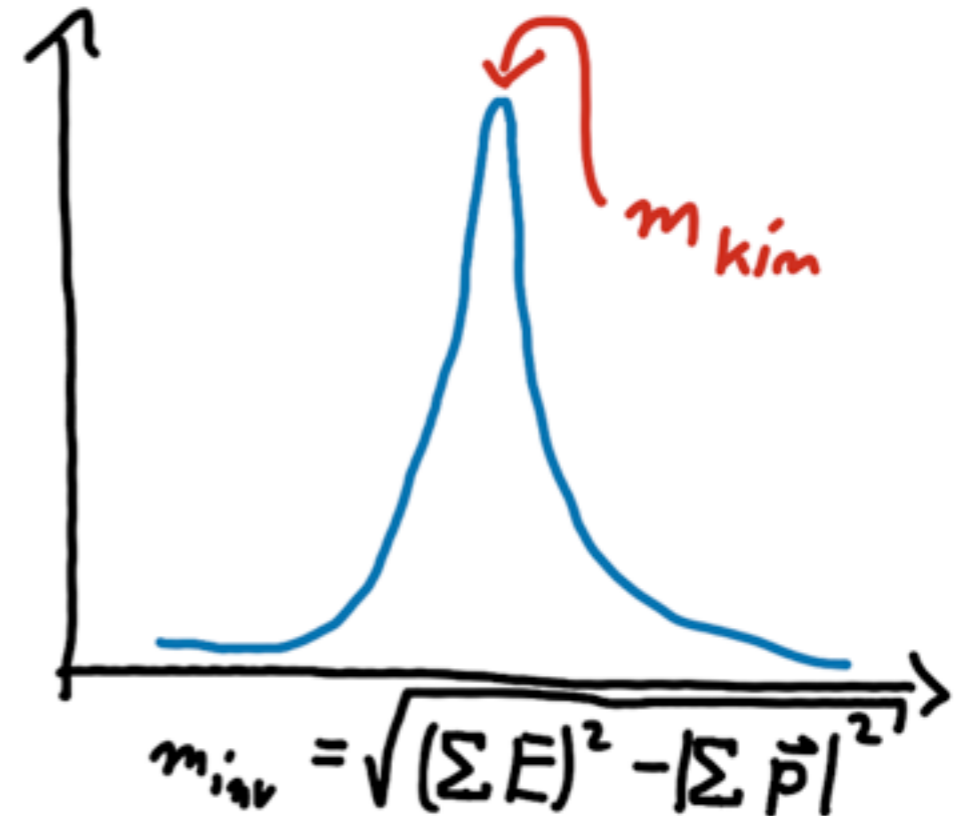




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Uncertainties on the **GeV** level - comparable to experimental precision of current experiments, will become critical for future top mass measurements!



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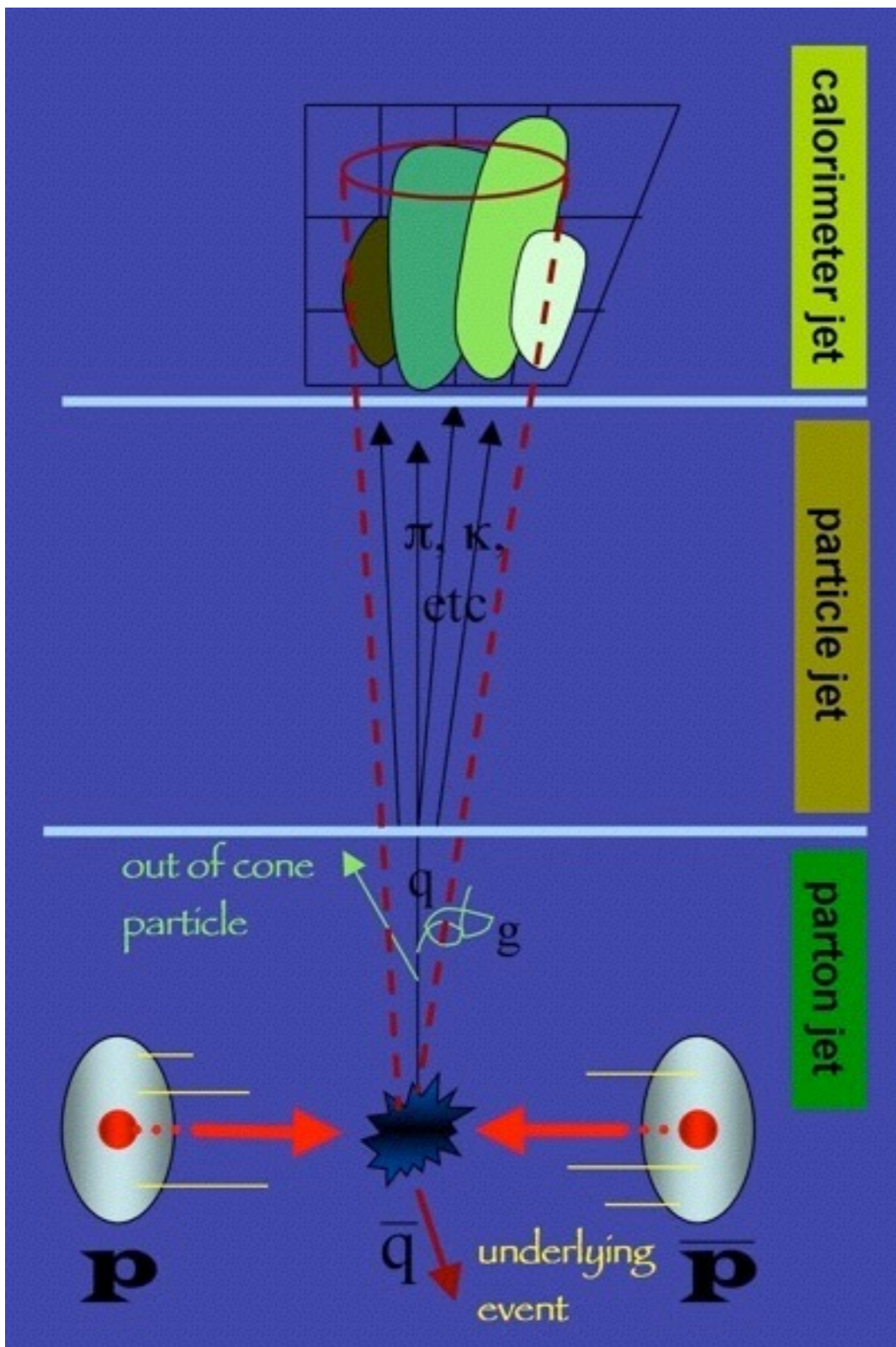
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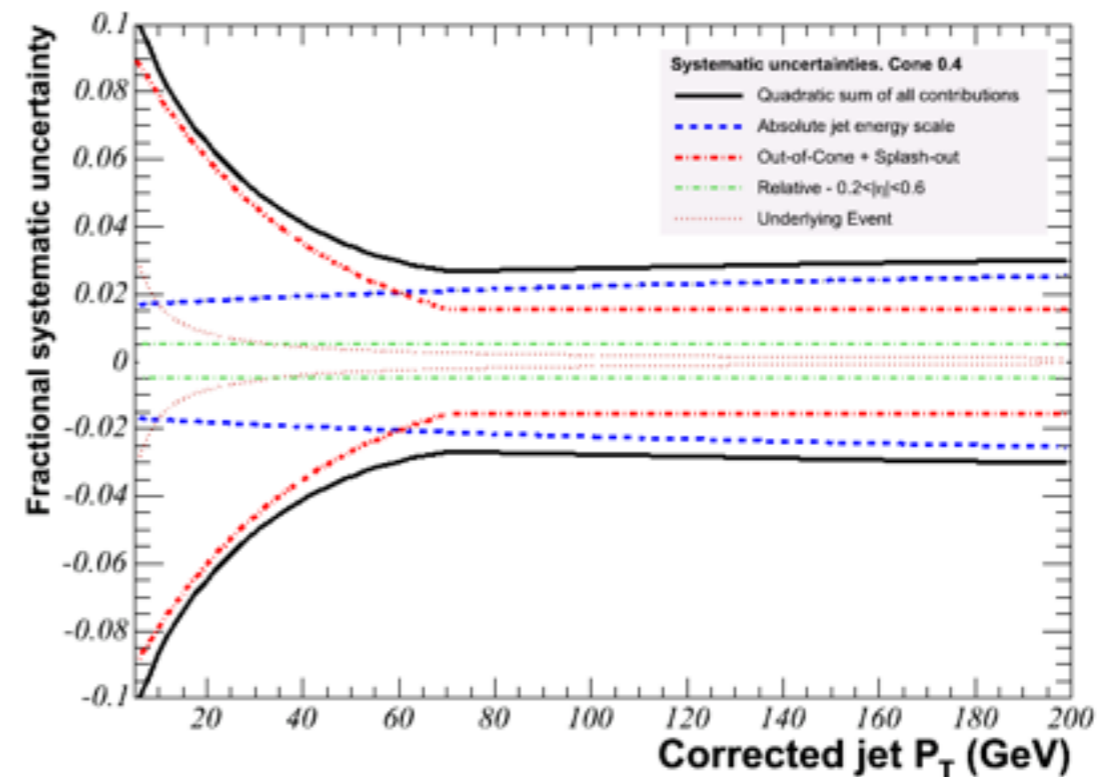
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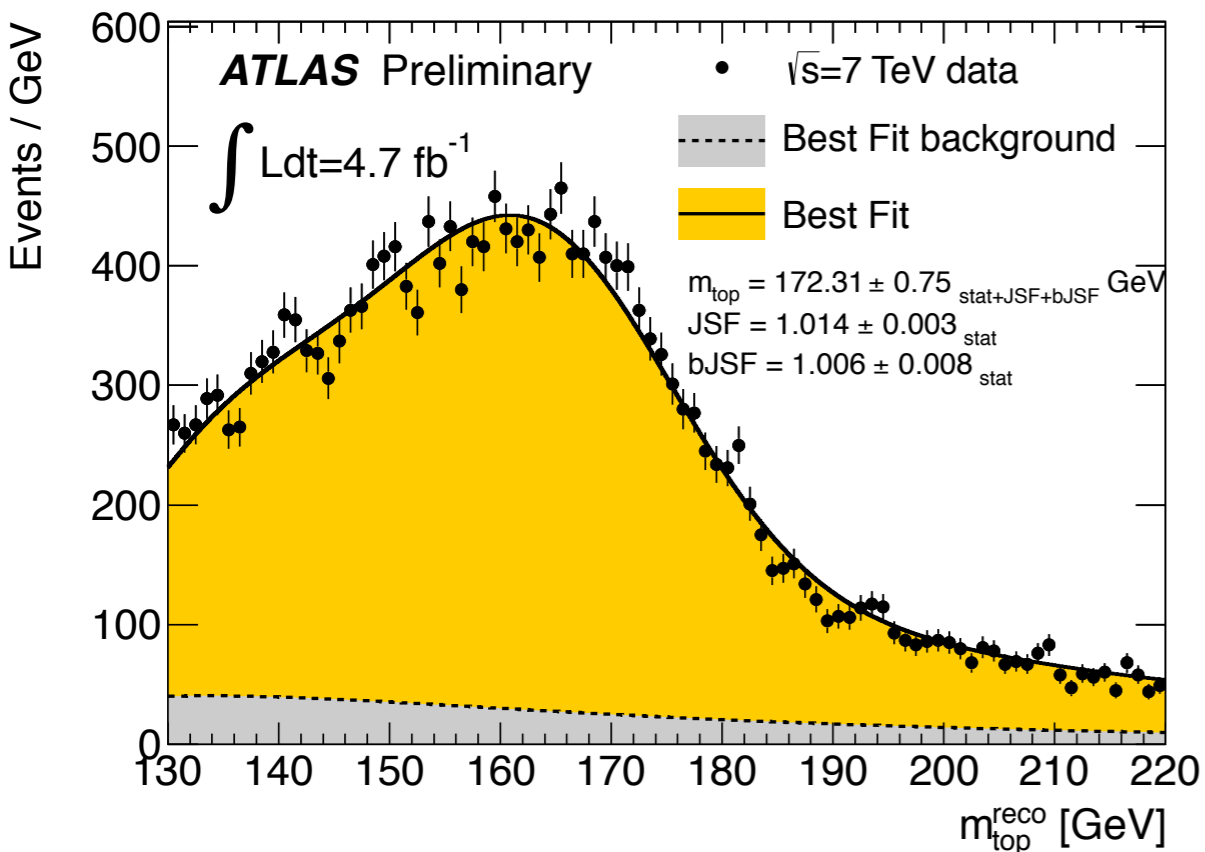
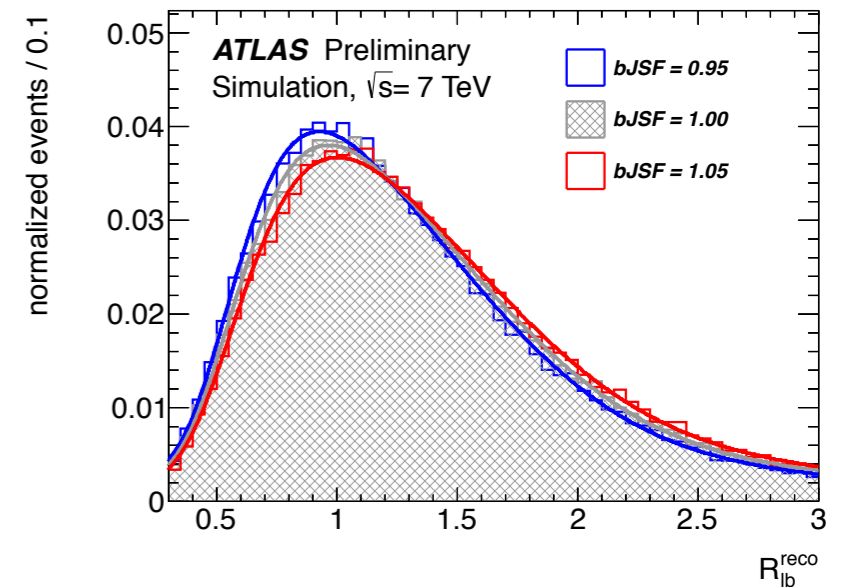
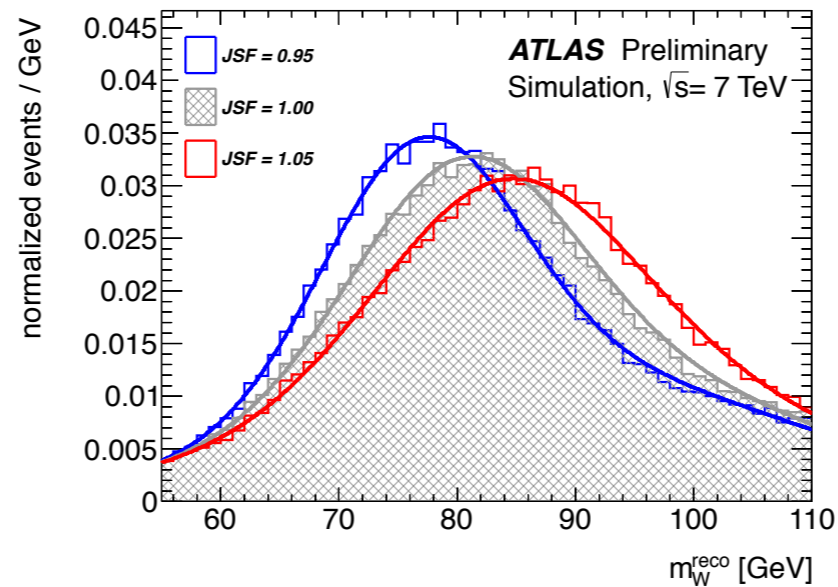
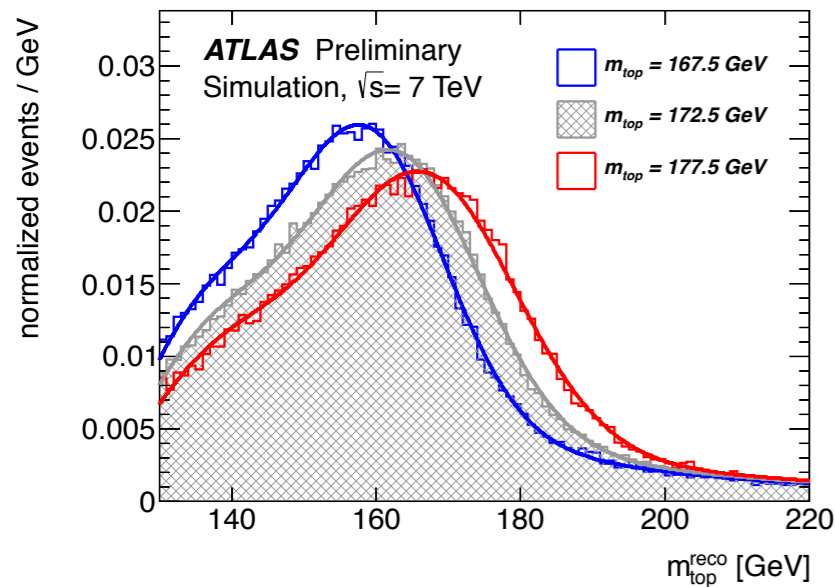
- The measurement of a jet:
  - Energy in a cone with a certain radius (various definitions in use) typically in the calorimeters (more sophisticated approaches also use tracks)
- The physics observable:
  - Energy of the original parton
- ▶ The energy scale corrects from the measured jet energy to the energy of the parton
- ▶ Uncertainties from energy calibration, jet structure, ...



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# One Example: Lepton + Jets in ATLAS

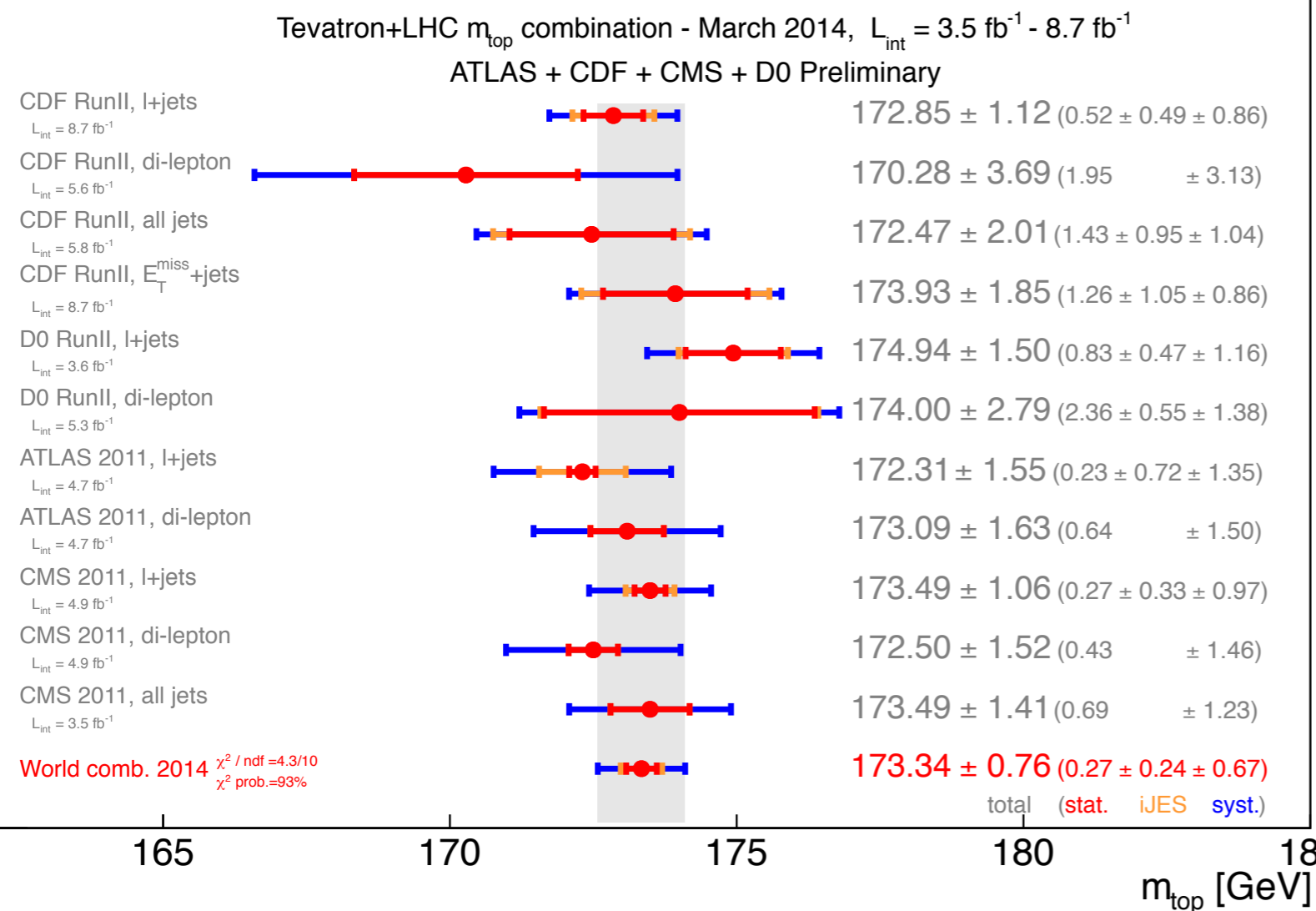
- 3D Template fit to extract mass, JES and specific b-Jet energy scale



3D fitting substantially reduces systematics (-40% compared to previous technique!)

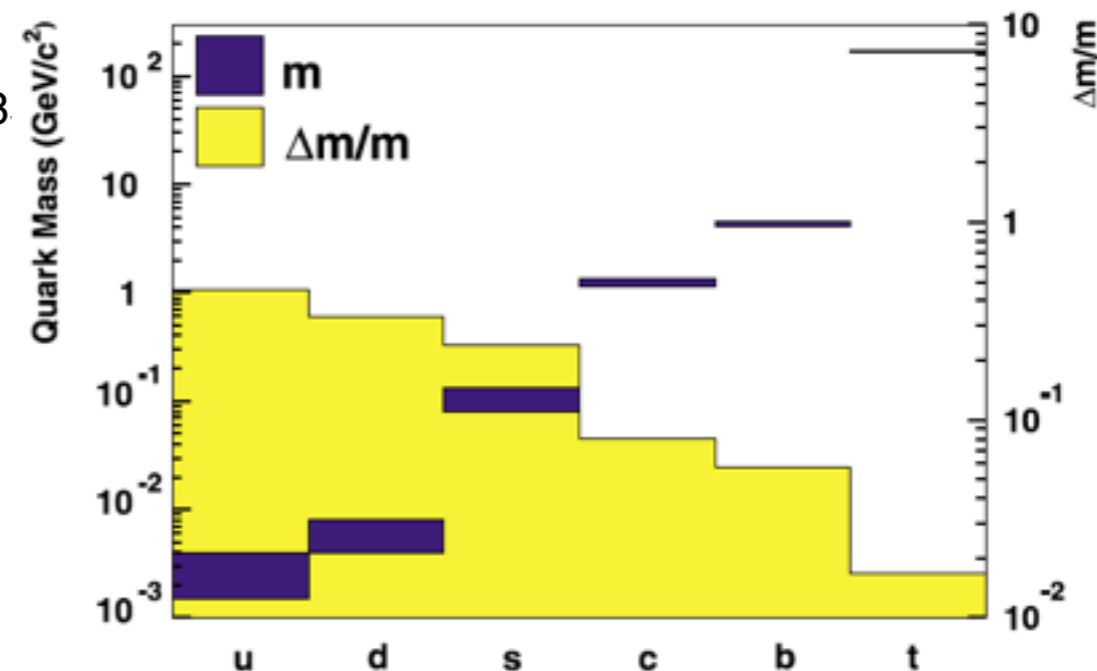
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# Top-Mass: Current Status (March 2014)



first-ever LHC - Tevatron combination

- Both LHC and Tevatron have measurements in all channels
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By far the best-known quark mass!

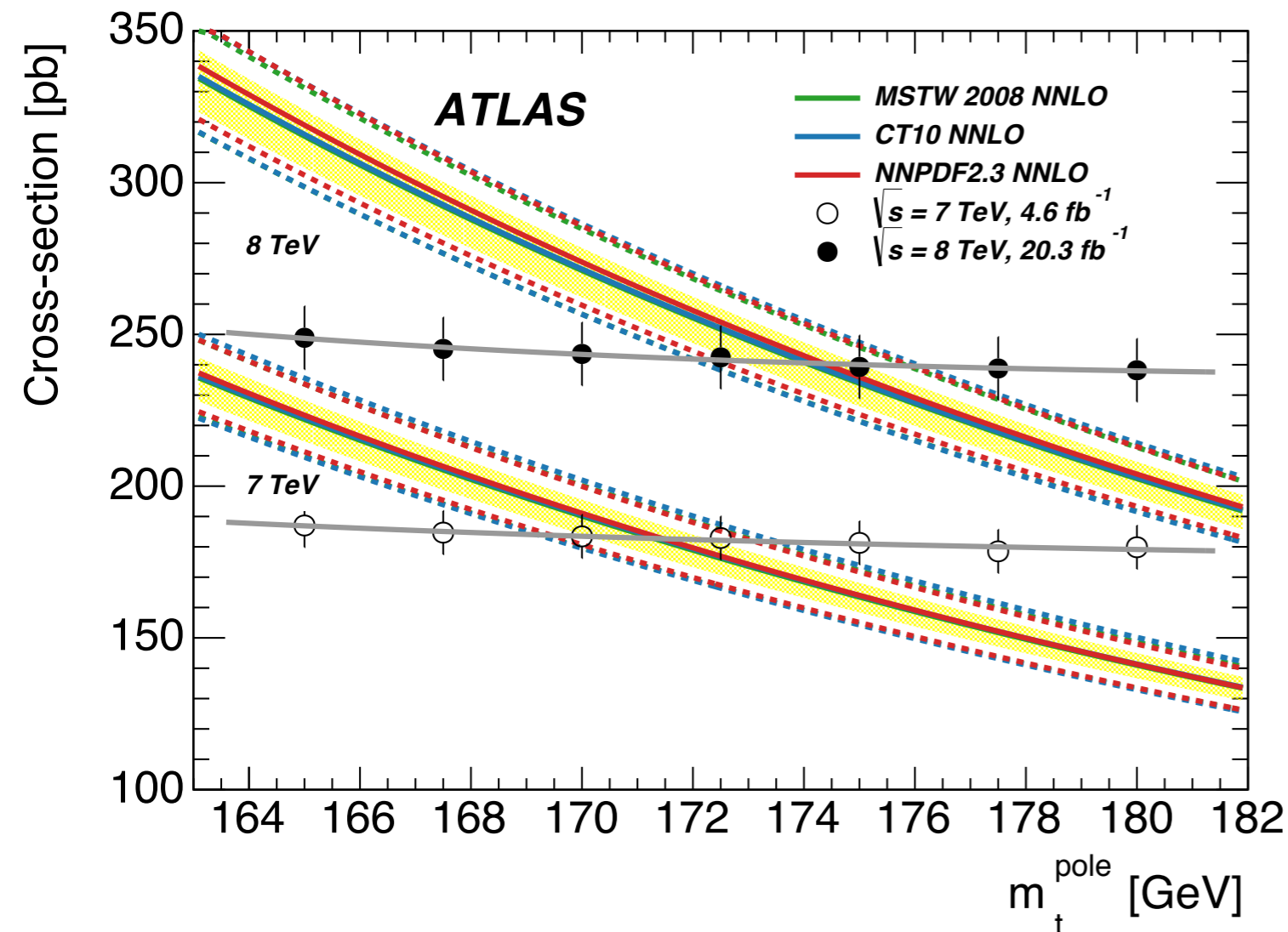


A. Quadt, EPJC 48, 835 (2006)



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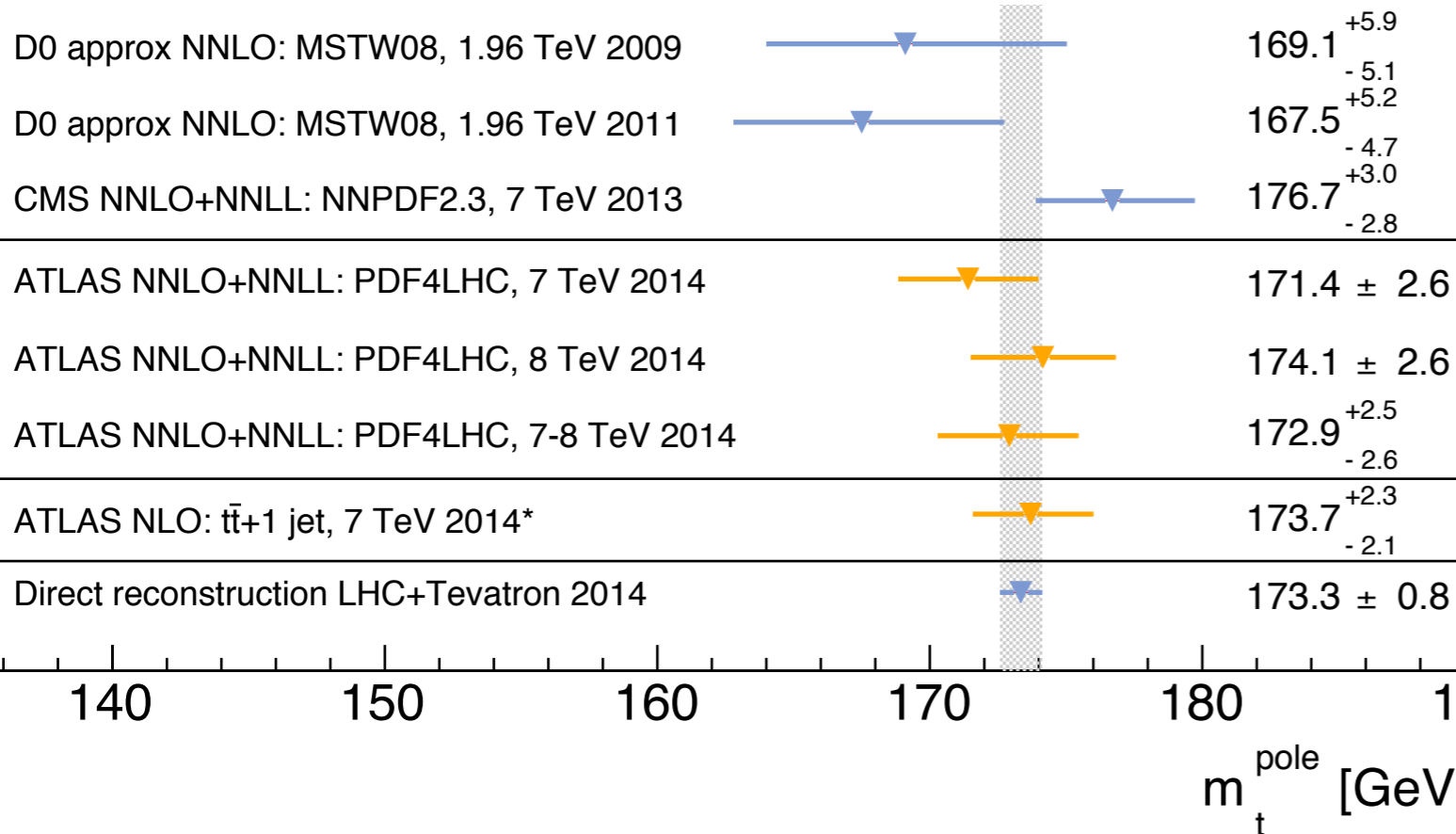
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**ATLAS Preliminary**

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# Zeitplan

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3.	Teilchendetektoren an Tevatron und LHC (II)	20.10.
4.	Hadronenbeschleuniger: Tevatron und LHC	27.10.
5.	Monte Carlo Generatoren und Detektor Simulation	03.11.
6.	Trigger, Datennahme und Computing	10.11.
7.	Standard-Modell Tests	17.11.
8.	QCD, Jets, Strukturfunktionen	24.11.
9.	Higgs I	01.12.
10.	Higgs II	08.12.
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12.	Supersymmetry	12.01.
13.	Exotica / LHC Pläne	19.01.
14.	Future Collider Projects	26.01.

