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Top Quark Mass measurements at the LHC - standard methods -



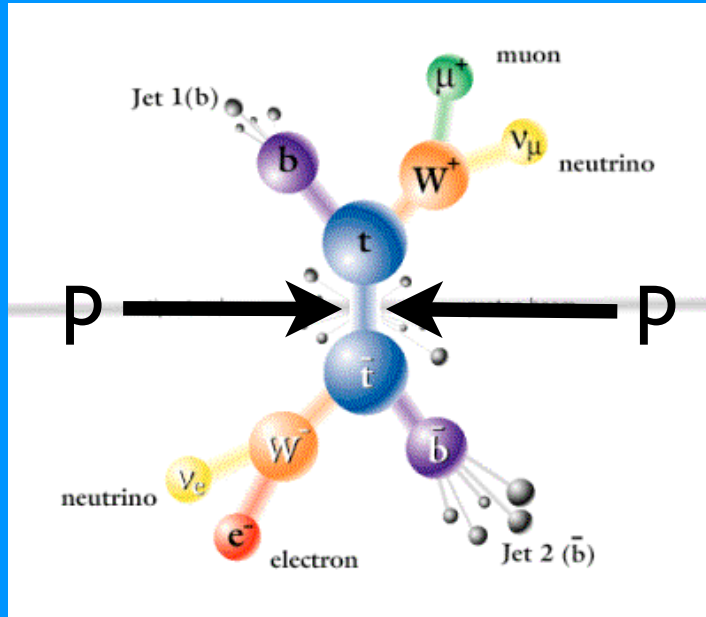
On behalf of ATLAS and CMS collaborations



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The top quark at LHC

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow W^+bW^-\bar{b}$$



Physics objects:

- isolated energetic e or μ
- energetic jets
- b-tagged jets
- momentum imbalance (MET)

- LHC is a top factory (≈ 5 million pairs per experiment in 2012), each t decays $\approx 100\%$ to W+b
- Characterized by leptons from W decays:
 - 2 \Rightarrow dilepton: DIL, BR(DIL) $\approx 5\%$, low yield, high purity
 - 1 \Rightarrow lepton + jets: LJ, BR(LJ) $\approx 30\%$, golden channel, good yield and good S/B
 - 0 \Rightarrow all-jets: AJ, BR(AJ) $\approx 45\%$, max yield, large bkgd
- + single top EWK production

All of them useful for completeness and with (some) uncorrelated systematics

Why measure M_t ?

1) M_t free parameter of SM

- measurement strongly pursued in past 20 years

*Indeed t is the most accurately measured quark
(better than 0.5% - 2014 world average)*

- t decays well before hadronizing \Rightarrow measure M_t
directly from decay products

*We compare to Monte Carlo expectations, so what
we really measure is M_t^{MC} parameter.*

For theoretical interpretations see G. Corcella's talk

Why measure M_t ?

2) Participates in quantum loop radiative corrections to M_W together with M_H

⇒ assessment of self-consistency within SM

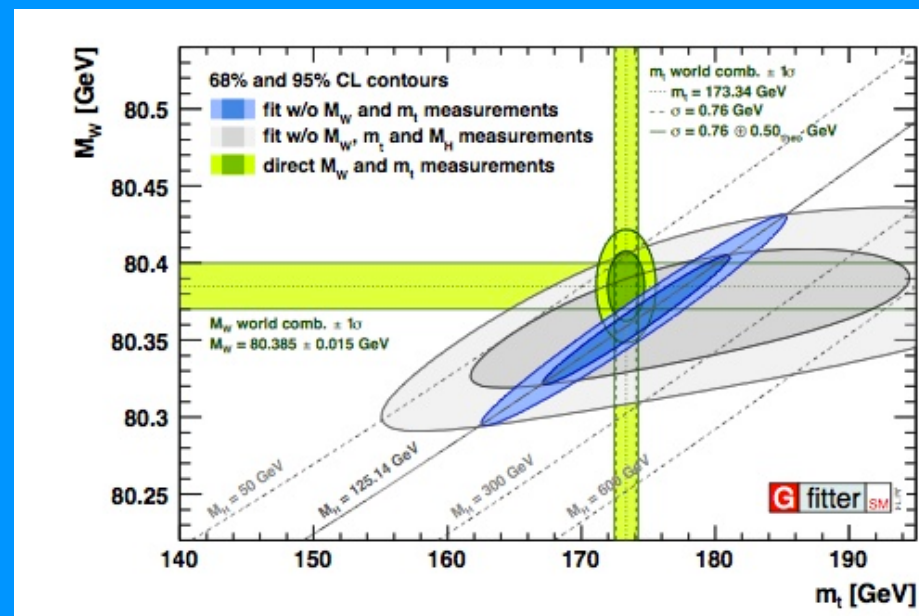
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$$\Delta M_W \propto M_t^2$$

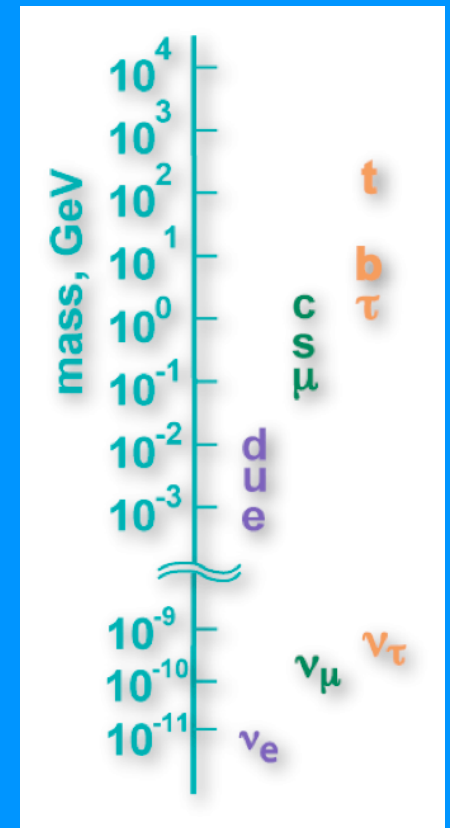
$$\Delta M_W \propto \ln M_H$$

M_W vs M_t correlations not shown



Why measure M_t ?

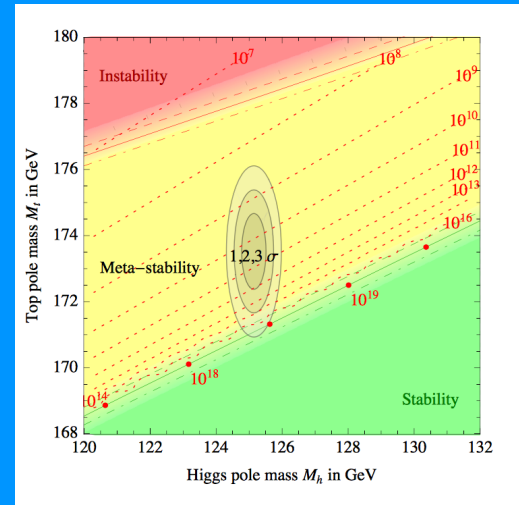
3) M_t is close to scale of EWSB, so t might play a special role, or in new physics like topcolor models for EW dynamical breaking



4) M_t related with M_H and vacuum stability of SM (and of Universe): near criticality of M_H



[arXiv:1307.3536](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.3536)

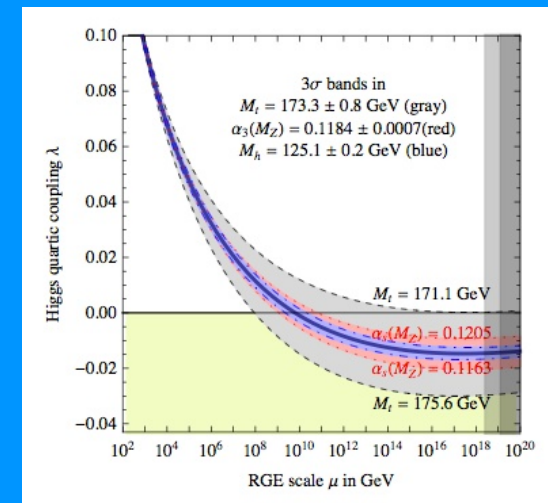


When λ becomes negative, Higgs potential becomes unbounded from below



See *J. Espinosa's talk*

[arXiv:1307.3536](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.3536)



Measuring M_t

M_t measurement:

- different techniques with complementary features
- starting point: reconstruction of

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow W^+bW^-\bar{b}$$

Important issues:

- choice of final state topology
- event selection
- mapping of physics objects to leptons/quarks in LO final state (combinatorial ambiguities)
- dependence on detector modeling (e.g. energy calibration)
- unknown quantities (neutrino p_z or the sharing of MET between multiple ν 's) \rightarrow underconstrained kinematics for DIL channel

Methods for measuring M_t

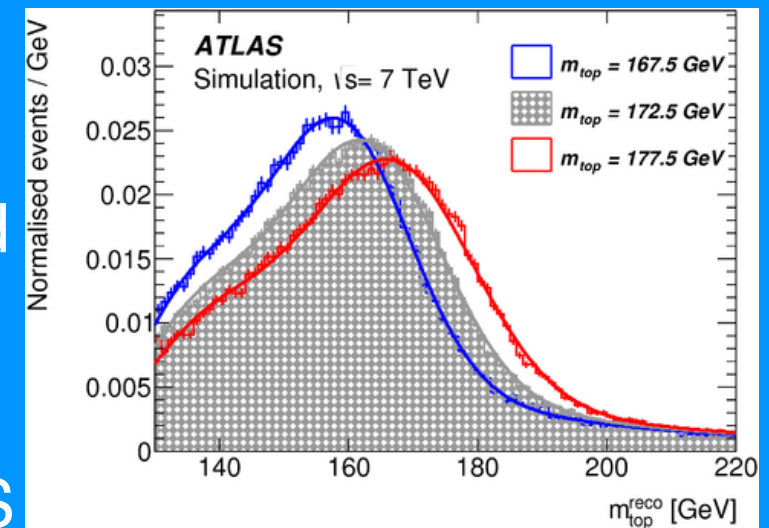
1) *Template method*: distributions of variables sensitive to M_t , e.g., reconstructed M_t^{reco} from χ^2 fit to $WbWb$

Pdf's derived for MC events assuming different M_t^{MC} ; parametrized vs M_t

Likelihood from pdf's; outcome calibrated for biases (pull-mean and pull-width of pseudo-experiments)

M_W templates for in-situ calibration of JES

Possible to add constraints on b-jet JES



Relatively simple, fast, but non optimal statistical uncertainty

Methods for measuring M_t

- 2) *Ideogram method*: modification of template method using multiple permutations with different weights
 Starts from kinematical reconstruction, then computes event likelihood as a function of M_t
 Different pdf's used for different jet-quark assignments
 Event likelihoods (ideograms) are given by

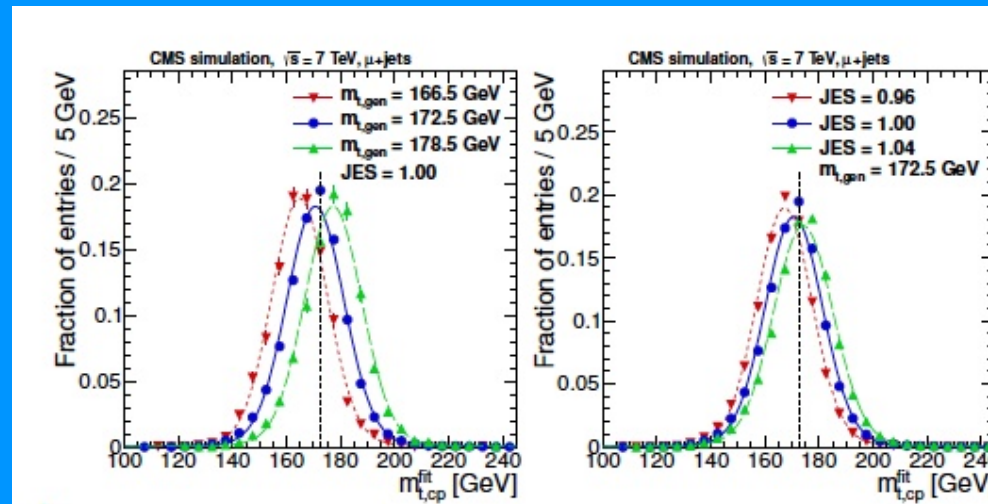
$$\mathcal{L}(\text{event}|m_t, \text{JSF}) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_{\text{gof}}(i) \left\{ f_{\text{sig}} P_{\text{sig}}(m_{t,i}^{\text{fit}}, m_{W,i}^{\text{reco}}|m_t, \text{JSF}) + (1 - f_{\text{sig}}) P_{\text{bkg}}(m_{t,i}^{\text{fit}}, m_{W,i}^{\text{reco}}) \right\}$$

$$P_{\text{gof}} = \exp(-\chi^2/2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\text{sample}|m_t, \text{JSF}) = \prod_{\text{events}} \mathcal{L}(\text{event}|m_t, \text{JSF})^{w_{\text{event}}}$$

$$w_{\text{event}} = \sum P_{\text{gof}}(i)$$

$$P_{\text{sig}}^{\text{cp}}(m_t^{\text{fit}}|M_t, \text{JSF})$$



Methods for measuring M_t

3) *Analytical Matrix Weighting technique*: (used for DIL)

- a given M_t used to constrain the $t\bar{t}$ system (1 GeV increments in range 100-600 GeV)

- inferring p^ν from MET and assuming values for unobserved quantities

- multiple solutions for each assignment, and weights assigned to solutions

The mass with highest sum weight becomes the mass estimator (AMWT mass)

Templates are built from the AMWT mass

... and then there are alternative methods, see talk by M. Vos

Systematic uncertainties

Statistical uncertainties becoming smaller and smaller
⇒ **systematic uncertainties become dominant**

Different sources of systematics, related to:

- Experimental effects
- Signal modeling
- Background modeling
- Features of the method

For every source, measurements performed (usually with pseudo-experiments) with modified parameters; change of M_t ⇒ syst. uncertainty

Systematic uncertainties

Experimental (i.e. imperfect knowledge of):

- Jet Energy Scale (JES)
- b-Jet Energy Scale (bJES)
- jet energy resolution and reconstruction
- MET scale
- b-tagging scale factor
- lepton energy scale and reconstruction
- pileup
- trigger

Background modeling (i.e. uncertainty on):

- MC normalization and shape
- normalization and shapes of data-driven backgrounds

Signal modeling (i.e. imperfect knowledge of theory regarding):

- MC generator
- hadronization
- amount of ISR/FSR
- flavor-dependent hadronization
- b-quark fragmentation and BRs
- renormaliz./factoriz. scales
- PDF's
- Color reconnection
- Underlying event

Features of the method (i.e. dependence on):

- parametrization of pdf's
- calibration
- MC statistics

Agreement between ATLAS and CMS is essential

See A. Maier's talk

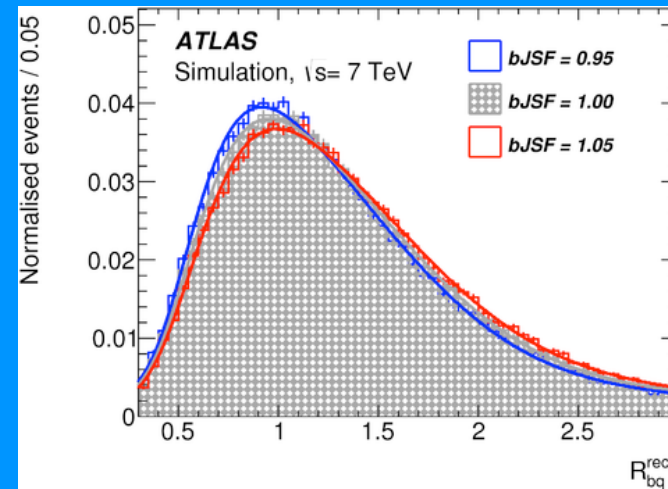
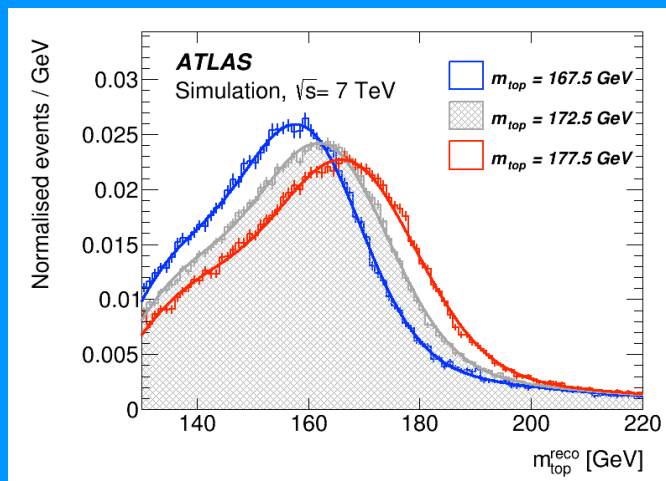


M_t with ATLAS: lepton + jets

3D *Template* (m_t^{reco} , m_W^{reco} , R_{bq})
 also *in situ* *bJSF*! (7 TeV, 4.6 fb^{-1})

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$$R_{bq}^{\text{reco,1b}} = \frac{p_T^{b_{\text{tag}}}}{(p_T^{W_{\text{jet1}}} + p_T^{W_{\text{jet2}}})/2}$$

$$R_{bq}^{\text{reco,2b}} = \frac{p_T^{b_{\text{had}}} + p_T^{b_{\text{lep}}}}{p_T^{W_{\text{jet1}}} + p_T^{W_{\text{jet2}}}}$$

m_t^{reco} strongly depends on *bJSF* (i.e. residual difference between light-jets and b-jets, after JES corrections)

Large systematic uncertainty unless *bJSF* calibrated in-situ
 Calibration based on R_{bq} i.e. b/W p_T balance

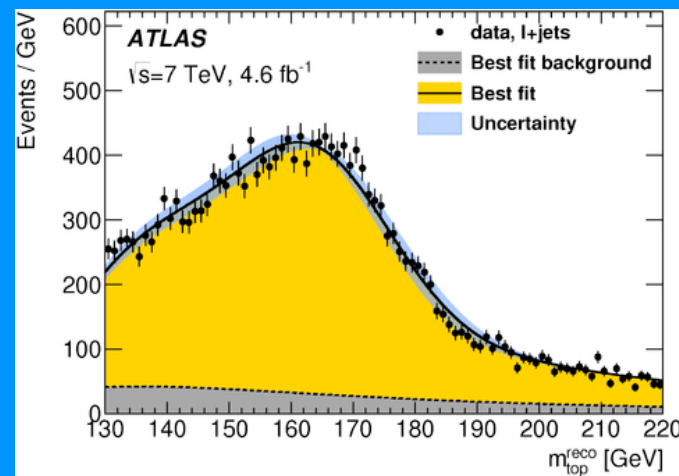
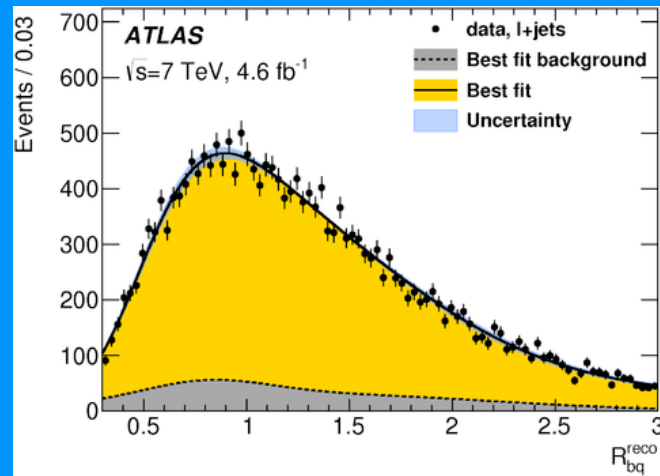


M_t with ATLAS: lepton + jets

3D Template (m_t^{reco} , m_W^{reco} , R_{bq})
w. *in situ* JSF and bJSF (7 TeV, 4.6 fb^{-1})

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syst	GeV
JES	0.58
b-tagging	0.50
ISR/FSR	0.32

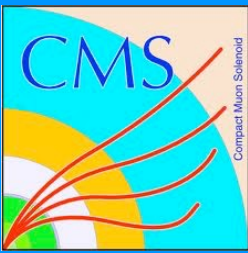
$M_t = 172.33 \pm 0.75(\text{stat}) \pm 1.02(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$

$M_t = 172.33 \pm 1.27 \text{ GeV} \quad (\pm 0.73\%)$

ATLAS single best measurement!

JSF = $1.019 \pm 0.003(\text{stat})$

bJSF = $1.003 \pm 0.008(\text{stat})$



M_t with CMS: lepton + jets

*Ideogram method (m_t^{reco} , m_W^{reco})
w. in situ JSF (8 TeV, 19.7 fb⁻¹)*

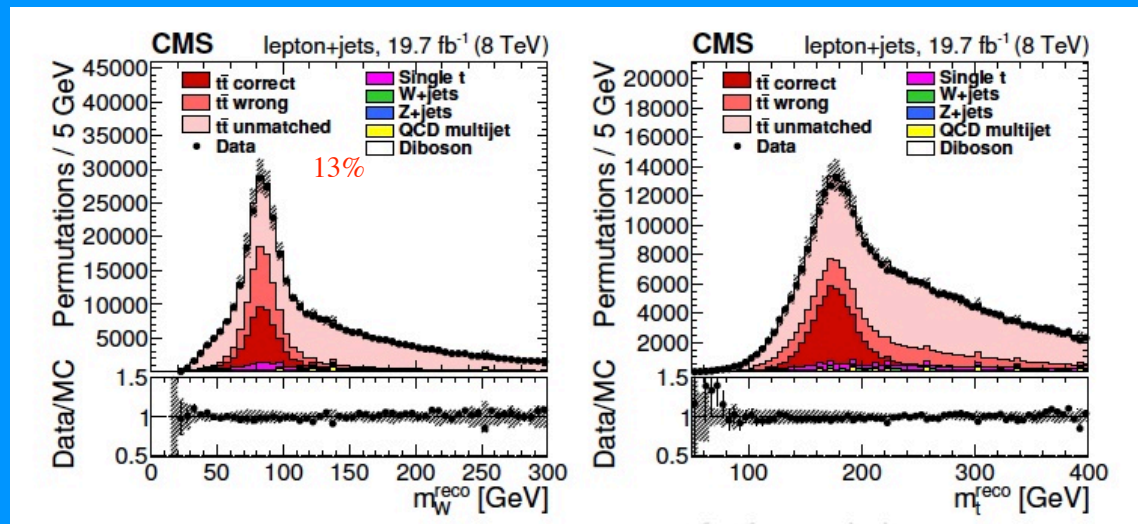
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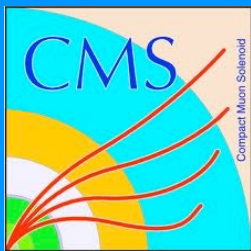
Possible combinations treated separately:

- correct: 4 jets match the 4 quarks correctly
- wrong: wrong permutation
- unmatched: at least one quark does not match any jet



- 2D or 1D fit: w. or w/o JSF calibration

- Hybrid fit: JSF with Gaussian constraint incorporating JES prior knowledge

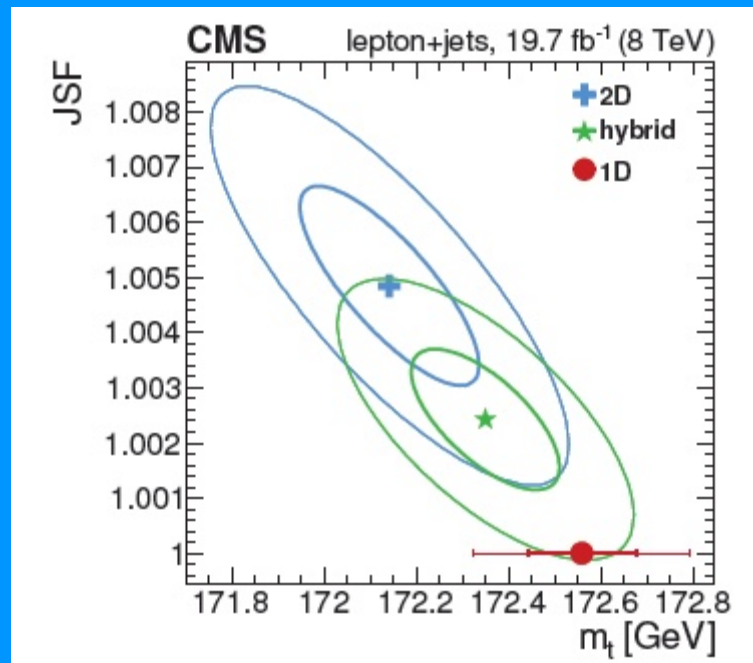
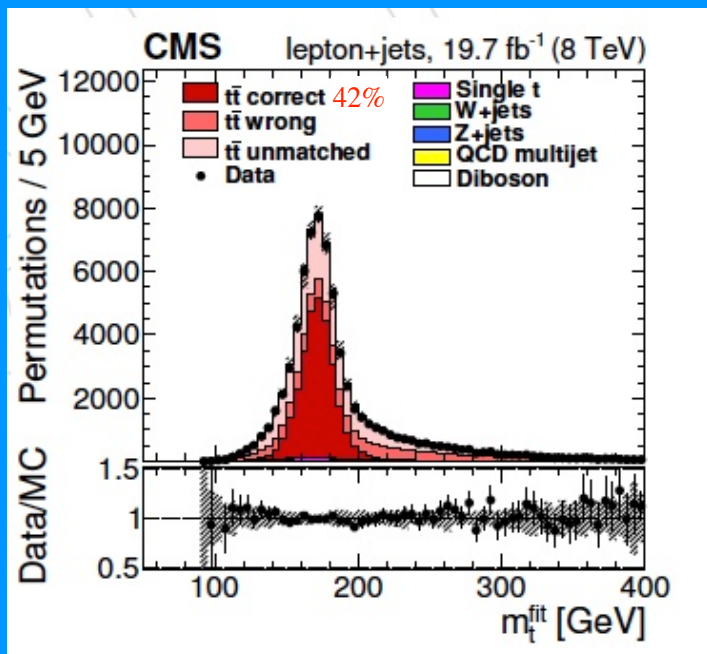


M_t with CMS: lepton + jets

Ideogram method ($m_t^{\text{reco}}, m_W^{\text{reco}}$)
w. in situ JSF (8 TeV, 19.7 fb⁻¹)

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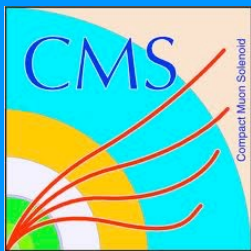


syst	GeV
bJES	0.32
ME generator	0.12
underlying evt	0.11

weighting by $P_{\text{gof}} = \exp(-\chi^2/2)$

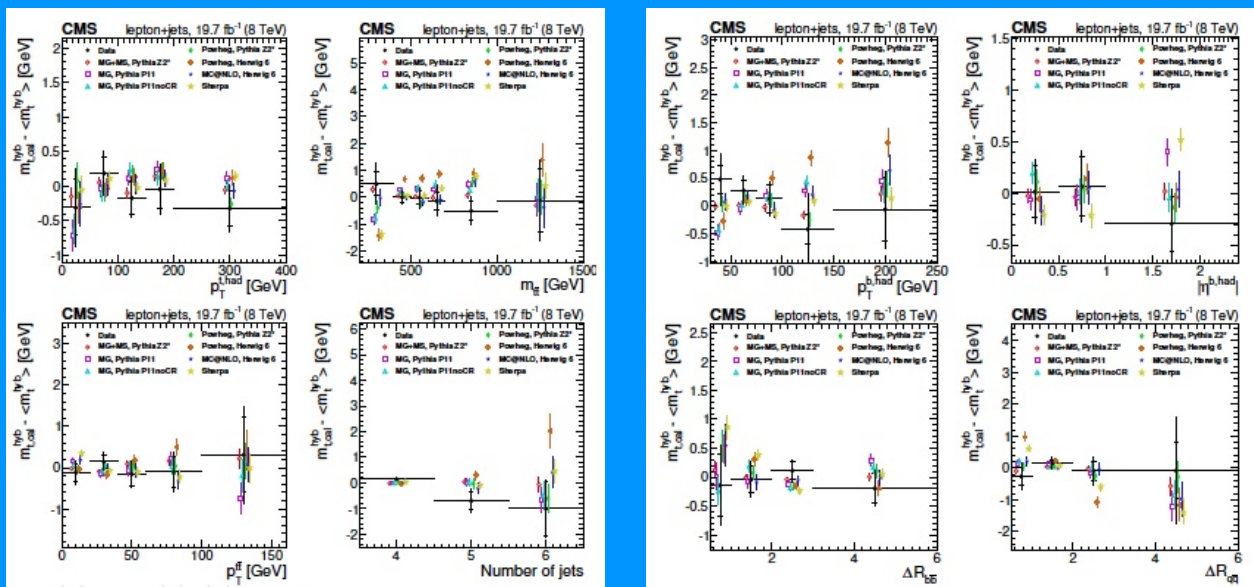
$P_{\text{gof}} = \exp(-\chi^2/2) > 0.2$

Hybrid fit
 $M_t = 172.35 \pm 0.16(\text{stat+JSF}) \pm 0.48(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$
 $M_t = 172.35 \pm 0.51 \text{ GeV} \quad (\pm 0.29\%)$
CMS single best measurement!



M_t with CMS: lepton + jets

Ideogram method (m_t^{reco} , m_W^{reco})
w. *in situ* JSF (8 TeV, 19.7 fb⁻¹)



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Simulation	χ^2	Standard deviations
MG + PYTHIA 6 Z2*	17.55	0.10
MG + PYTHIA 6 P11	37.68	1.73
MG + PYTHIA 6 P11noCR	31.57	1.15
POWHEG + PYTHIA 6 Z2*	19.70	0.20
POWHEG + HERWIG 6	76.48	4.84
MC@NLO + HERWIG 6	20.47	0.24
SHERPA	46.79	2.56

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data well described by models
possible exception
POWHEG+HERWIG

Kinematic quantities sensitive to modeling
comparison of differential measurements
with simulations, looking for biases

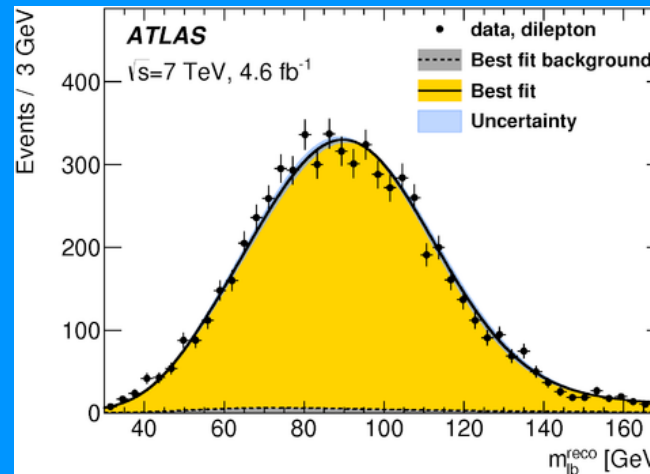
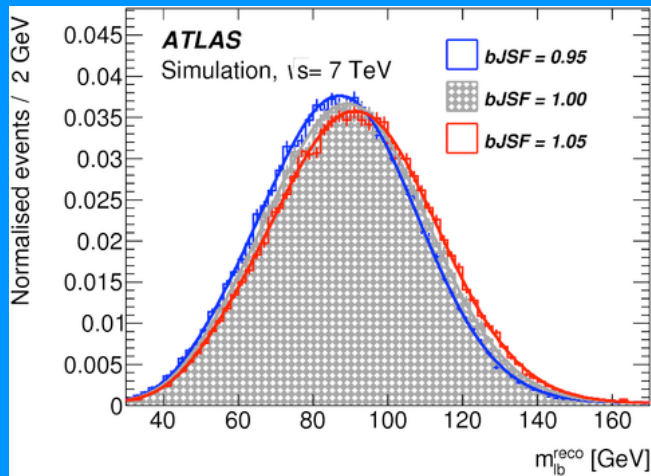


M_t with ATLAS: dilepton

Template ($m_{\ell b}$)
(7 TeV, 4.6 fb⁻¹)

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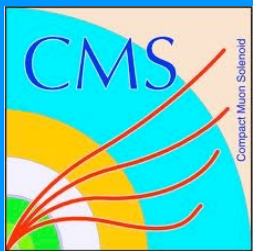


syst	GeV
JES	0.75
bJES	0.68
hadronization	0.53

Underconstrained so the M_t -sensitive quantity is the ℓ -b invariant mass

$$M_t = 173.79 \pm 0.54(\text{stat}) \pm 1.30(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_t = 173.79 \pm 1.41 \text{ GeV} \quad (\pm 0.81\%)$$

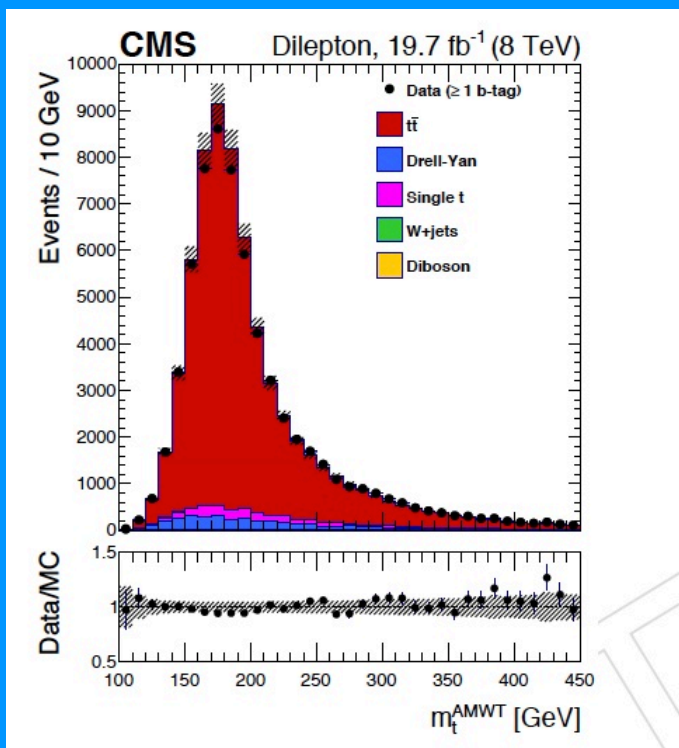


M_t with CMS: dilepton

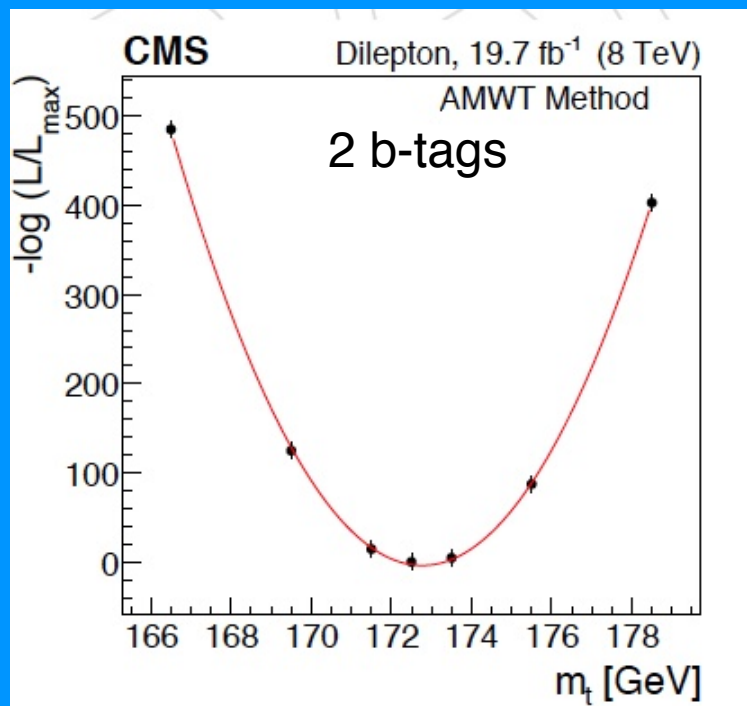
AMWT method
(8 TeV, 19.7 fb⁻¹)

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data (≥ 1 b-tag) well described by simulations



syst	GeV
scales	0.75
b-frag	0.69
bJES	0.34

$M_t = 172.82 \pm 0.19(\text{stat}) \pm 1.22(\text{syst})$ GeV

$M_t = 172.82 \pm 1.23$ GeV ($\pm 0.71\%$)

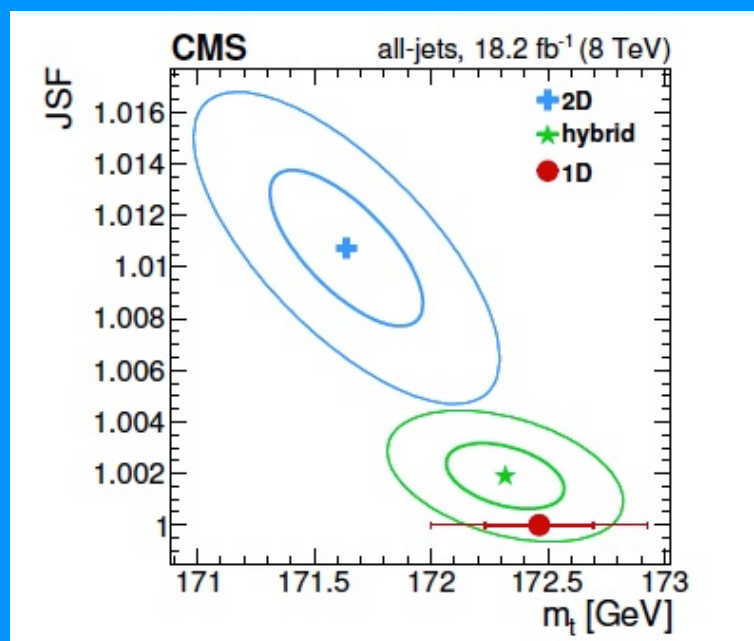
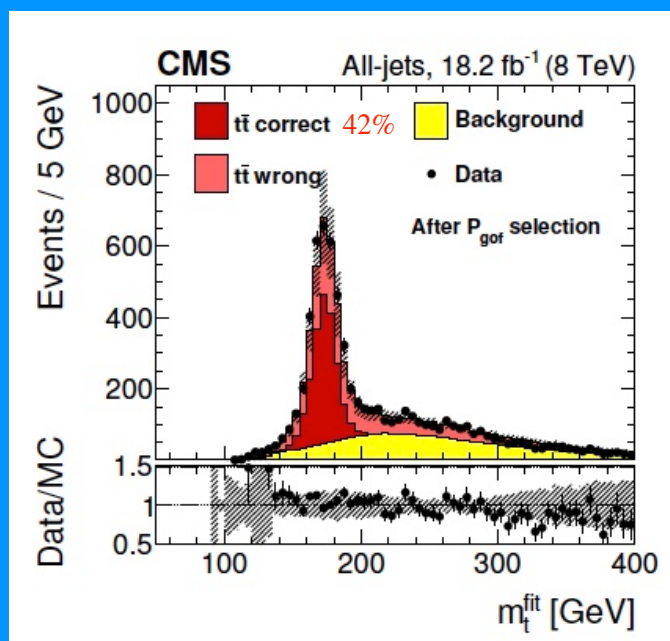


M_t with CMS: all-jets

Ideogram method (m_t^{reco} , m_W^{reco})
w. in situ JSF (8 TeV, 18.2 fb⁻¹)

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syst	GeV
bJES	0.29
JES	0.26
bckgd	0.20

- $P_{\text{gof}} = \exp(-\chi^2/2) > 0.1$
- $\Delta R(\text{bb}) > 2.0$

Hybrid fit

$M_t = 172.32 \pm 0.25(\text{stat} + \text{JSF}) \pm 0.59(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$

$M_t = 172.32 \pm 0.64 \text{ GeV} \quad (\pm 0.37\%)$

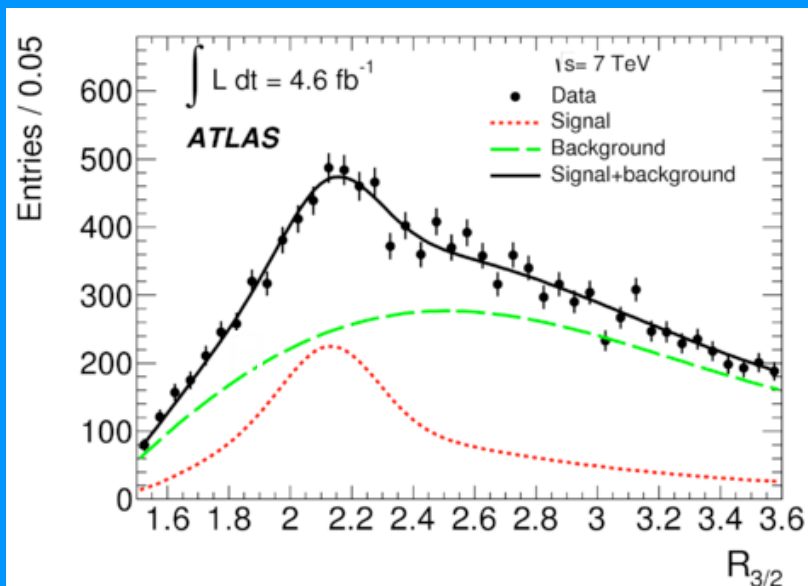
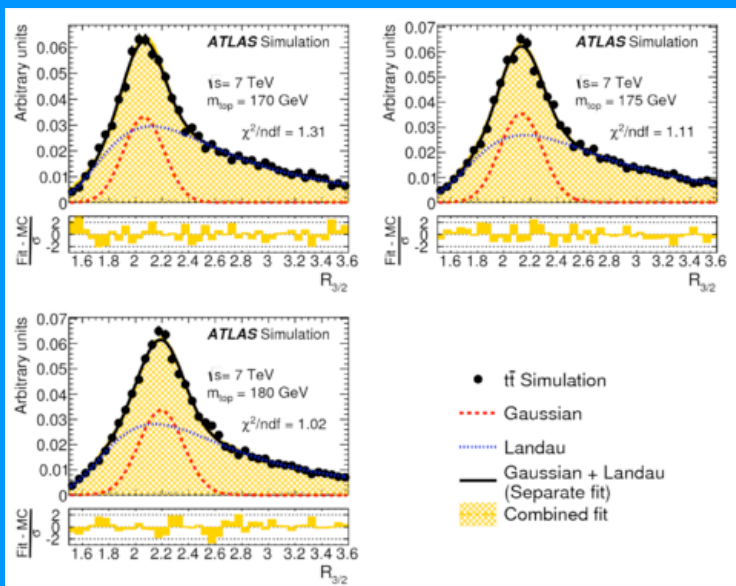


M_t with ATLAS: all-jets

Template (R_{3/2})
(7 TeV, 4.6 fb⁻¹)

[EPJC 75 \(2015\) 158,](#)

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syst	GeV
bJES	0.62
JES	0.51
hadronization	0.50

R_{3/2}=m_t^{reco}/m_W^{reco} templates:

- Gaussian for correct combinations
- Landau for combinatorial bckgd

Data-driven bckgd using control regions in
P_T^{6th-jet} and N_{btag}

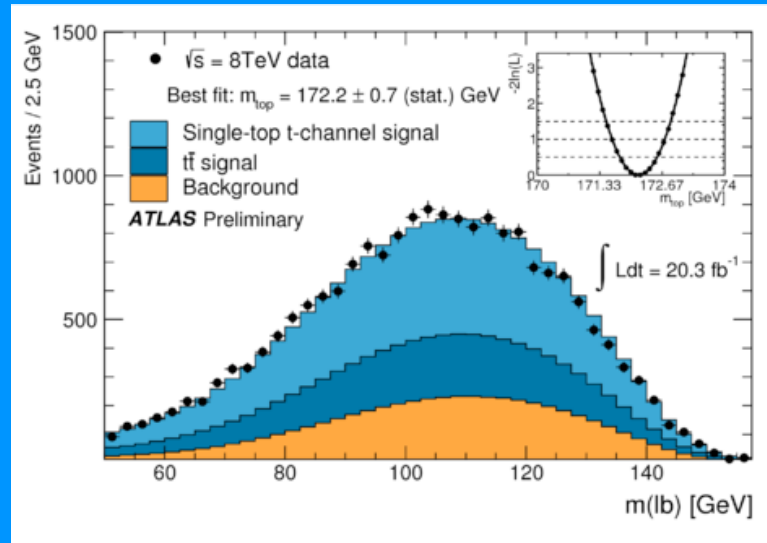
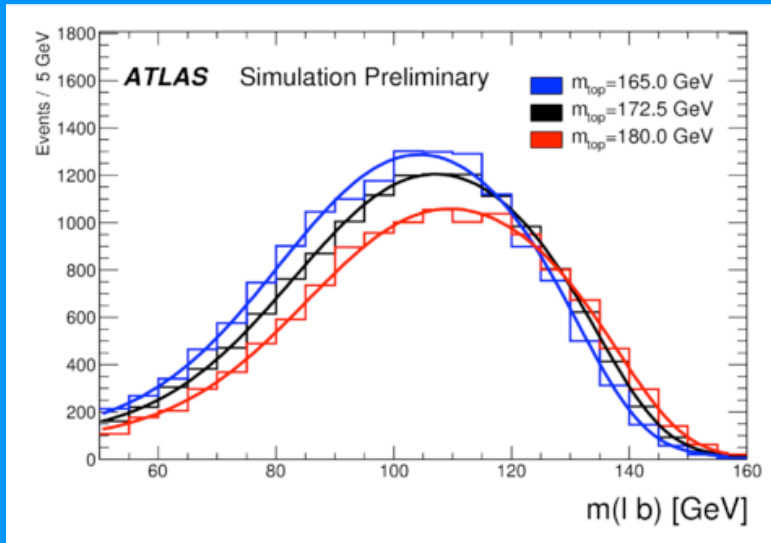
M_t=175.1±1.4(stat)±1.2(syst) GeV
M_t=175.1±1.8 GeV (±1.05%)



M_t with ATLAS: single top

Template (m_{lb})
(8 TeV, 20.3 fb⁻¹)

ATLAS-CONF-2014-055



syst	GeV
JES	1.5
hadronization	0.7
W+jets bckgd	0.4

Use t-channel ($\sigma=84$ pb)
 - 1 high- p_T lepton, large MET
 - ≥ 2 high- p_T jets, 1 btag
 Neural Network selection

$M_t = 172.2 \pm 0.7$ (stat) ± 2.0 (syst) GeV

$M_t = 172.2 \pm 2.1$ GeV ($\pm 1.24\%$)



ATLAS 7 TeV combination

Combination of LJ+DIL (7 TeV) results computed with the Best Linear Unbiased Estimator, accounting for correlations ρ in the systematics
(ρ signs are relevant for large systematics)

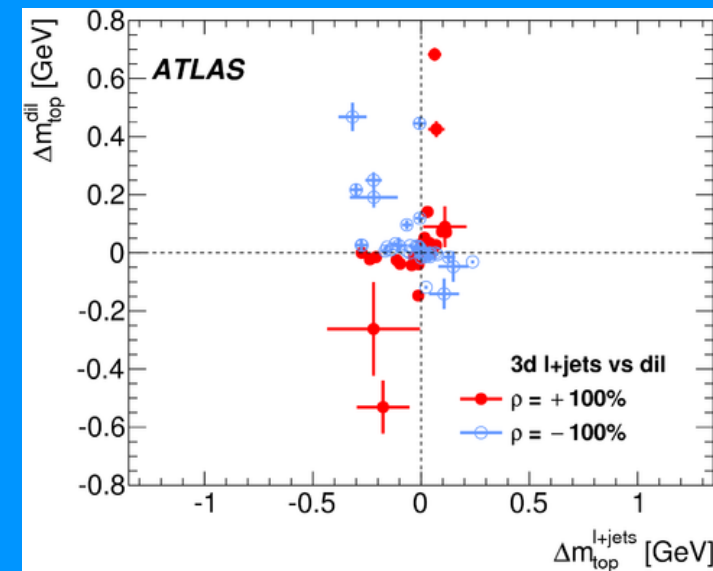
March 2015 value:

$$M_t = 172.99 \pm 0.48(\text{stat}) \pm 0.78(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$$

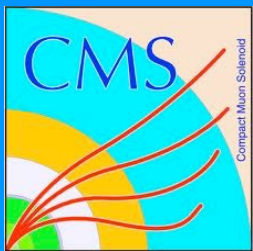
$$M_t = 172.99 \pm 0.91 \text{ GeV} \quad (\pm 0.52\%)$$

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Allowing for anti-correlations
reduces effect of systematics



CMS Run1 combination

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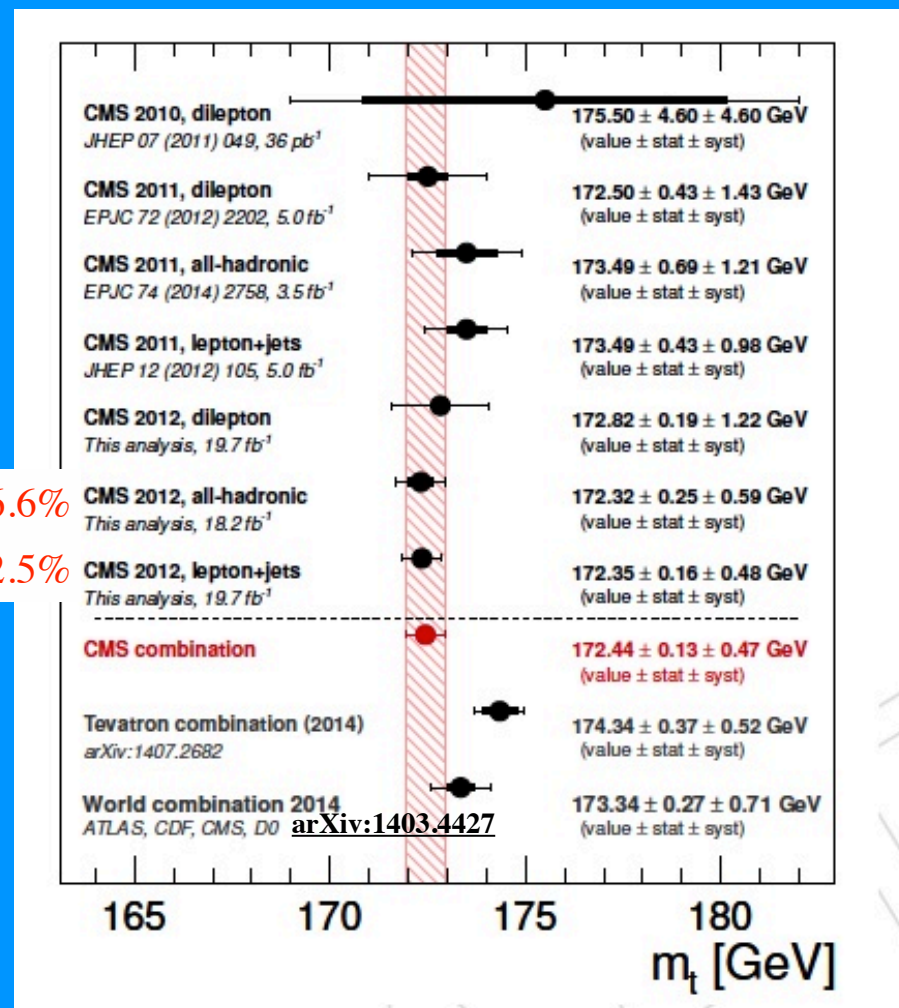
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Fine break-down of systematics and study of correlations ρ
 Combination computed with BLUE, accounting for correlations and possible anti-correlations

wgt=16.6%

wgt=72.5%



September 2015 value:
 $M_t = 172.44 \pm 0.13(\text{stat}) \pm 0.47(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$
 $M_t = 172.44 \pm 0.49 \text{ GeV} \quad (\pm 0.28\%)$

Conclusions

Level of precision reached ($<0.3\%$) in measuring M_t
impressive but comes from 20 years of continuous
improvements

Even better precision expected from Run2

Help to explore fundamental issues like:

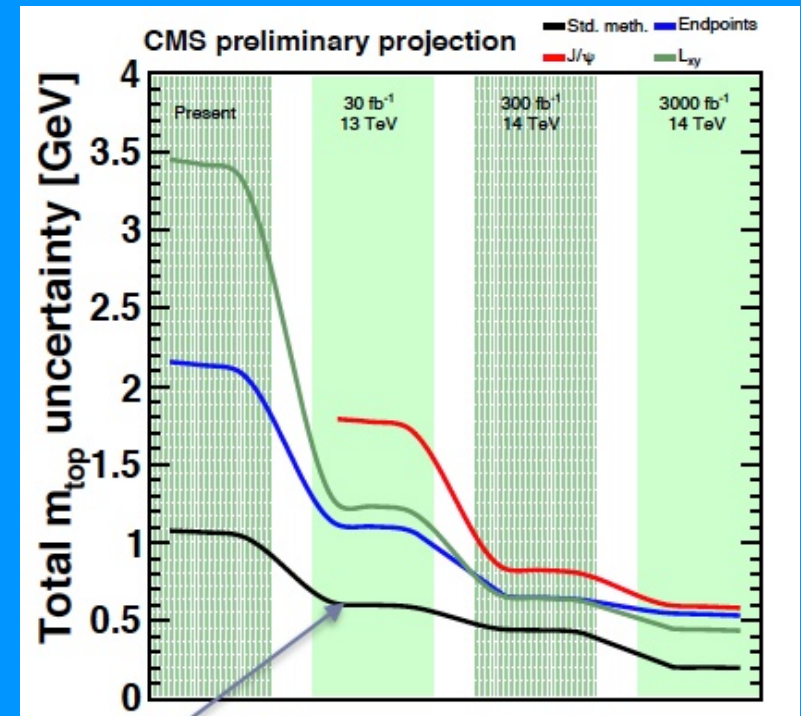
- cosmological models for inflation
- vacuum stability of SM
- physics beyond SM

Important to work on reducing systematics
e.g. those related to theory and signal modeling

Outlook

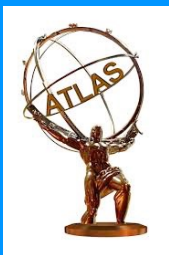
Run1 legacy measurements of M_t being completed
⇒ published soon

Ultimate precision of few hundreds MeV expected merging measurements/experiments, accounting for correlations and taking advantage of improvements in MC modelling



Differences between M_t^{MC} and theoretical definitions (pole mass, lagrangian mass): important issue to deal with

Backup



ATLAS event selection

Lepton+jets:

- one isolated e (μ) with $E_T > 25$ ($p_T > 20$) GeV, $|\eta| < 2.1$
- ≥ 4 jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$
- at least 1 b-tagged jet
- $MET > 30$ (20) GeV for e (μ) + M_t^W

Dilepton:

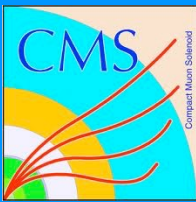
- two oppositely-charged isolated e (μ) with $E_T > 25$ ($p_T > 20$) GeV, $|\eta| < 2.1$
- $M_{ll} > 15$ GeV and $|M_{ll} - M_Z| > 10$
- ≥ 2 jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$
- 1 b-tagged jet
- $MET > 60$ GeV for $ee/\mu\mu$
- $HT > 130$ GeV for $e\mu$

All-jets:

- no high- P_T lepton, no MET
- ≥ 5 jets with $p_T > 55$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$; ≥ 6 with $p_T > 30$ GeV
- $C = \sum p_T / M_{\text{all-jets}} > 0.6$
- 2 b-tagged jets among the 4 leading jets

Single top:

- one isolated e (μ) with $p_T > 25$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$
- 2 jets with $p_T > 30$ GeV, $|\eta| < 4.5$
- 1 b-tagged jet
- $MET > 30$ GeV
- Neural Network discriminant



CMS event selection

Lepton+jets:

- one isolated e (μ) with $p_T > 33$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.1$
- ≥ 4 jets with $p_T > 30$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.4$
- 2 b-tagged jets (medium)

All-jets:

- no high- P_T lepton
- 4 jets with $p_T > 60$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.4$
- 2 more jets with $p_T > 30$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.4$
- 2 b-tagged jets (tight)

Dilepton:

- two oppositely-charged isolated e or μ with $p_T > 20$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$ (2.4) for e (μ)
- ≥ 2 jets with $p_T > 30$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.4$
- at least one b-tagged jets (loose)
- $MET > 40$ GeV for ee and $\mu\mu$

Methods for measuring M_t

4) The *Matrix Element* method computes the probability to obtain the observed set \mathbf{x} of variables given an assumed top quark mass and a generated set \mathbf{y} of variables

The full event information is used and compared to what derived from the matrix elements, the PDF's and the transfer functions $W(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$

$$P(t\bar{t}; M_t) \propto \int \sum_{flavors} dq_1 dq_2 \frac{d\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow y; M_t)}{dy} f(q_1) f(q_2) W(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$$

An event probability is defined in terms of $P(t\bar{t})$ and $P(\text{bkg})$, then a total likelihood is computed and maximized

What mass are we measuring ?

The mass measured so far is the mass used as input in the MC generation (typically LO or NLO) and is affected by several perturbative/non-perturbative sub-1% uncertainties

The increasing level of accuracy requires to relate this to theory-based quantities like:

- the *pole mass*, universal but theoretically ambiguous by amounts $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$ due to soft gluon radiation (*infrared renormalon problem*)
- lagrangian masses, theoretically unambiguous but not universal, like the \overline{MS} mass which is defined only in perturbation theory

These masses can be derived from a comparison of the measured cross section to theoretical predictions of σ_{tt} on M_t

Of course one has to make assumptions on what M_t^{MC} is equal to