

# Hot TOPics

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# Introduction

# The Top Quark

- Heaviest known elementary particle:

$$m_t \sim 173 \text{ GeV}$$

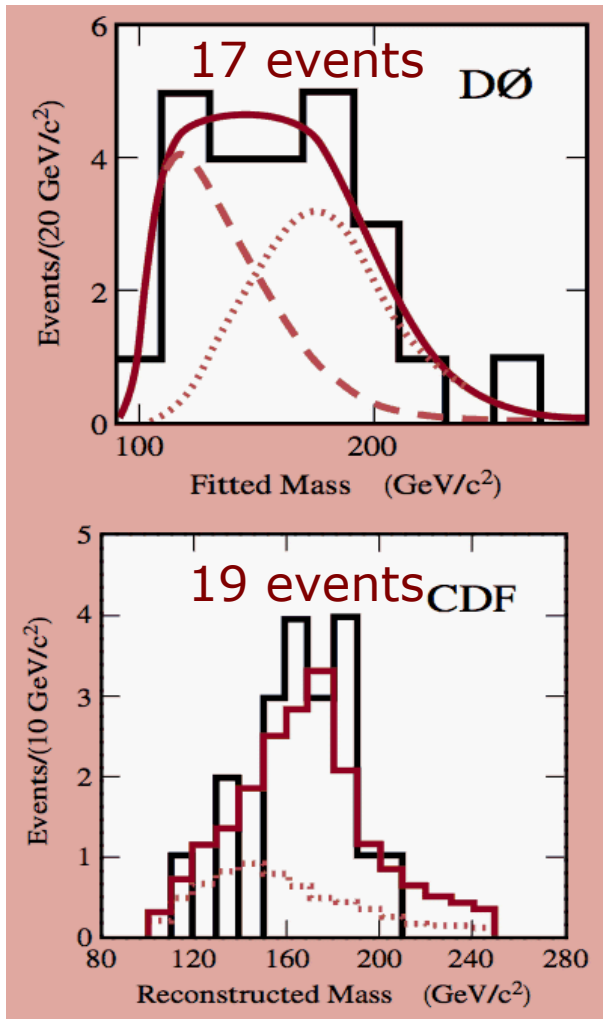
- Standard Model:

- Single or pair production
- Electric charge  $+2/3 e$
- Short lifetime  $0.5 \times 10^{-24} \text{ s}$ 
  - Bare quark - no hadronisation
- $\sim 100\%$  decay into  $Wb$
- Large coupling to SM Higgs boson



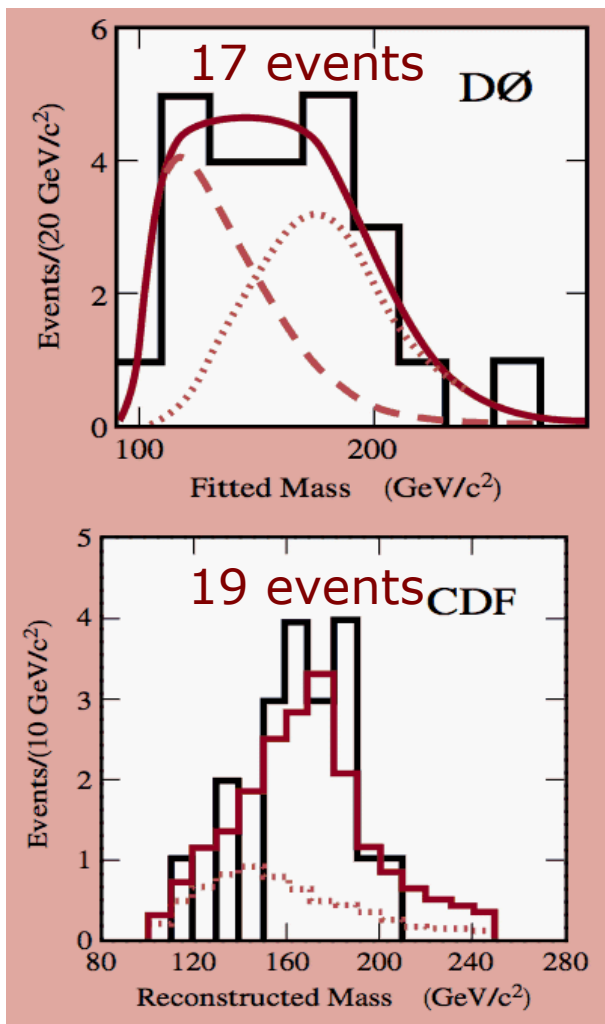
# Top: From Discovery...

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# ...to Precision

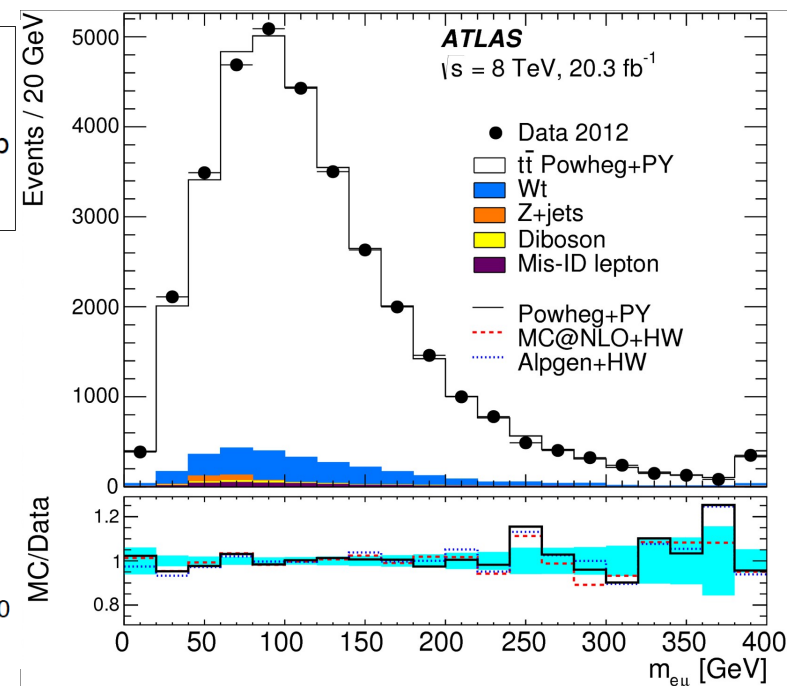
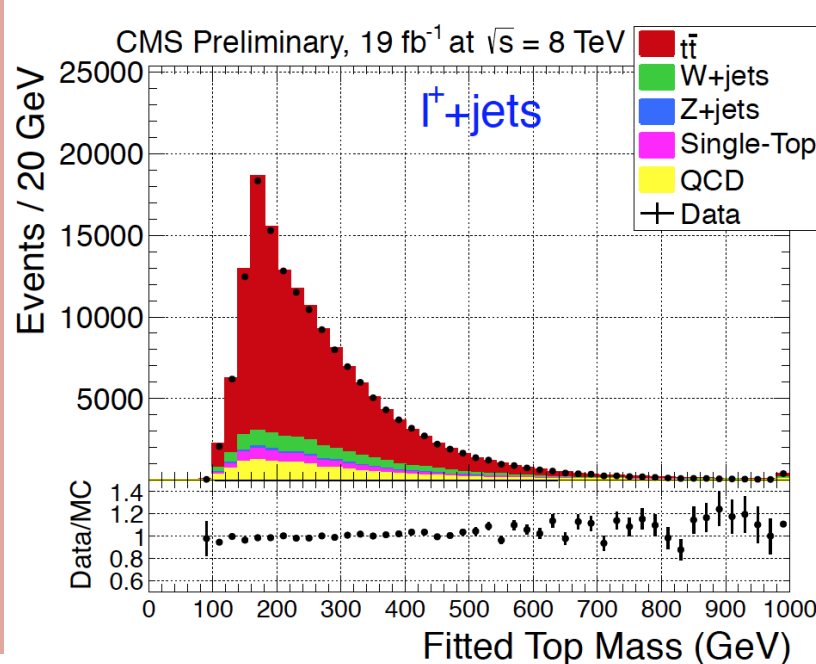
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Situation today:

LHC → top quark factory!

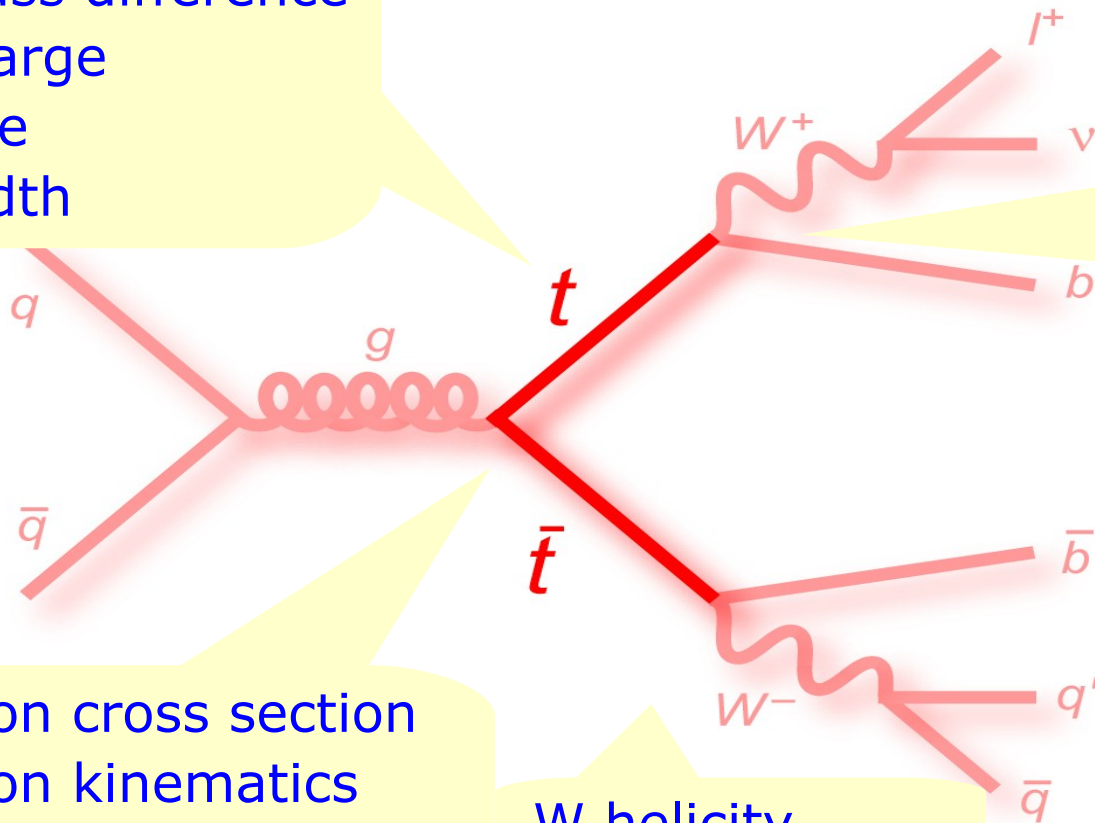
- Many precision measurements possible!



# Top Studies: Overview

Top mass  
Top mass difference  
Top charge  
Lifetime  
Top width

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 $|V_{tb}|$   
Anomalous coupling  
New/Rare decays



Production cross section  
Production kinematics  
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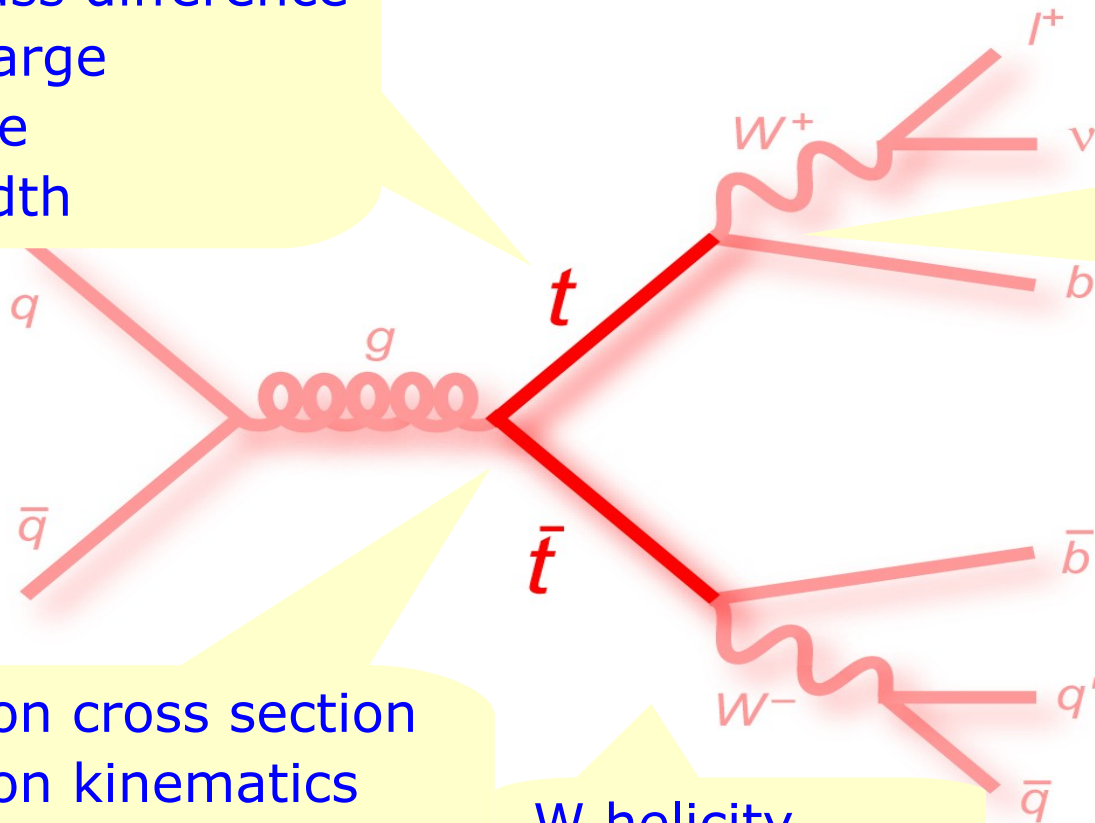
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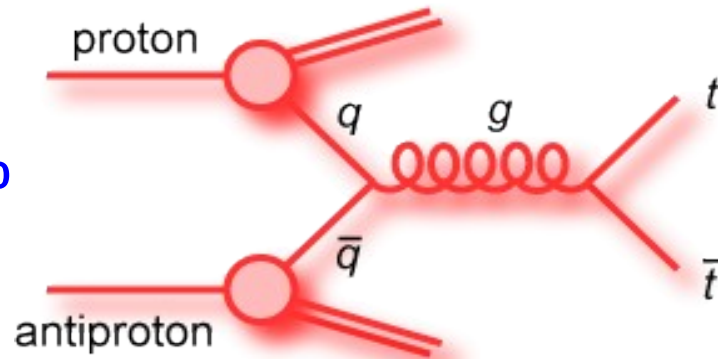
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# Top Quark Pair Production

At the Tevatron:

85%



+ 15%



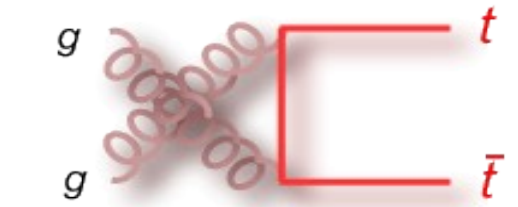
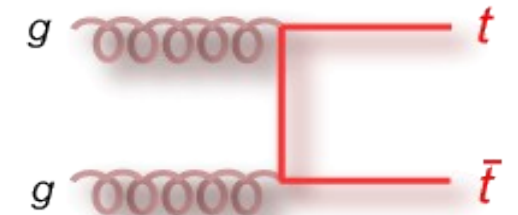
At LHC:

14 TeV: 10%

7 TeV: 30%

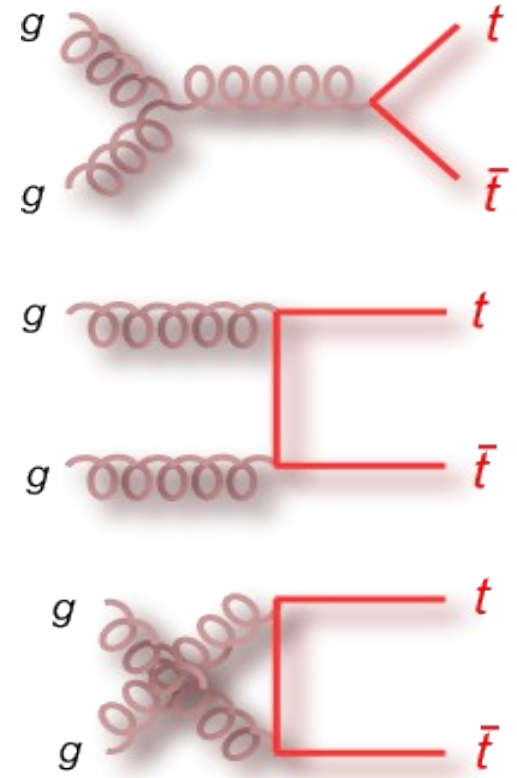
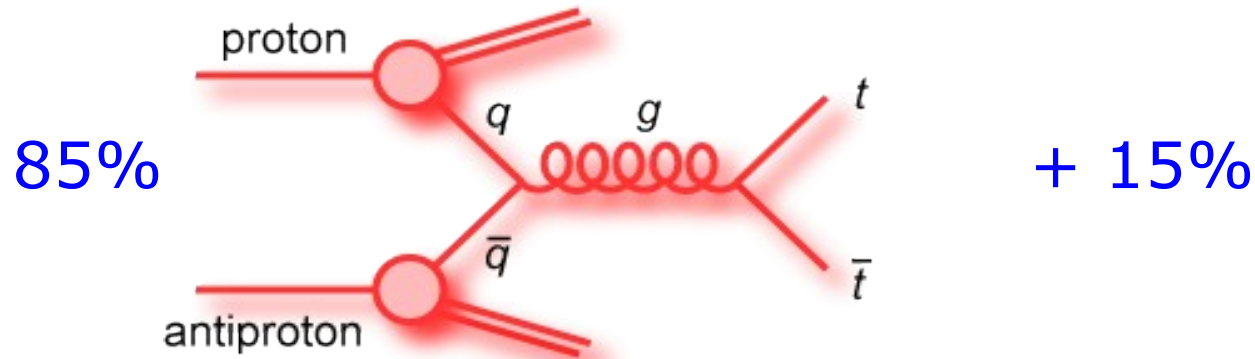
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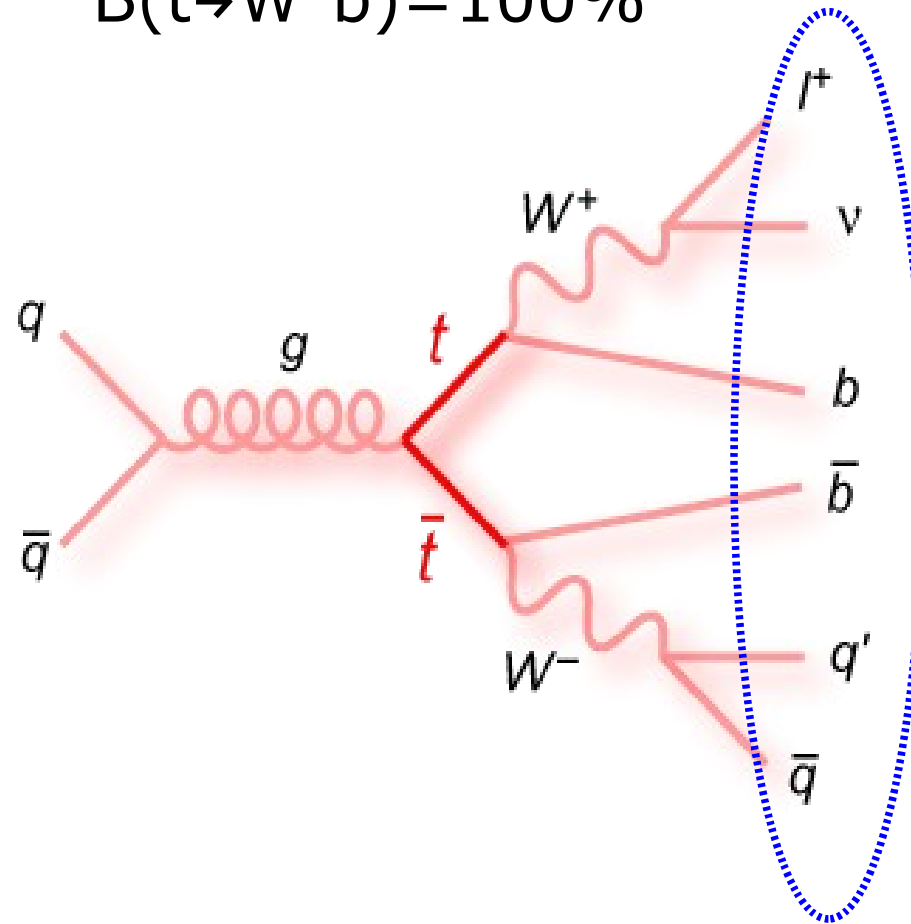
Collider	Cross section [pb]
Tevatron (1.96 TeV)	$7.35^{+0.23}_{-0.27}$
LHC (7 TeV)	$177.3^{+10.1}_{-10.8}$
LHC (8 TeV)	$252.9^{+13.3}_{-14.5}$
LHC (13 TeV)	$831.8^{+40.3}_{-45.6}$

M. Czakon et al. arXiv:1112.5675

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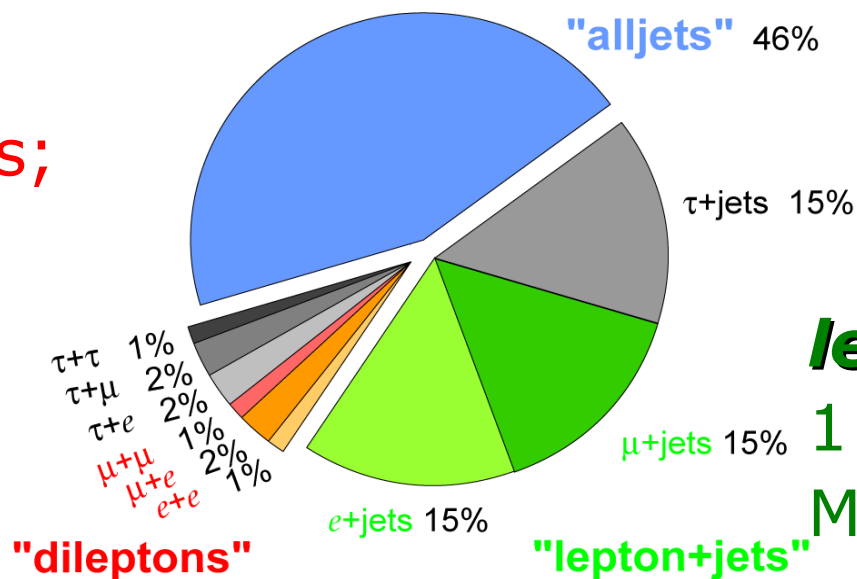
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Top Pair Branching Fractions



**dilepton:**

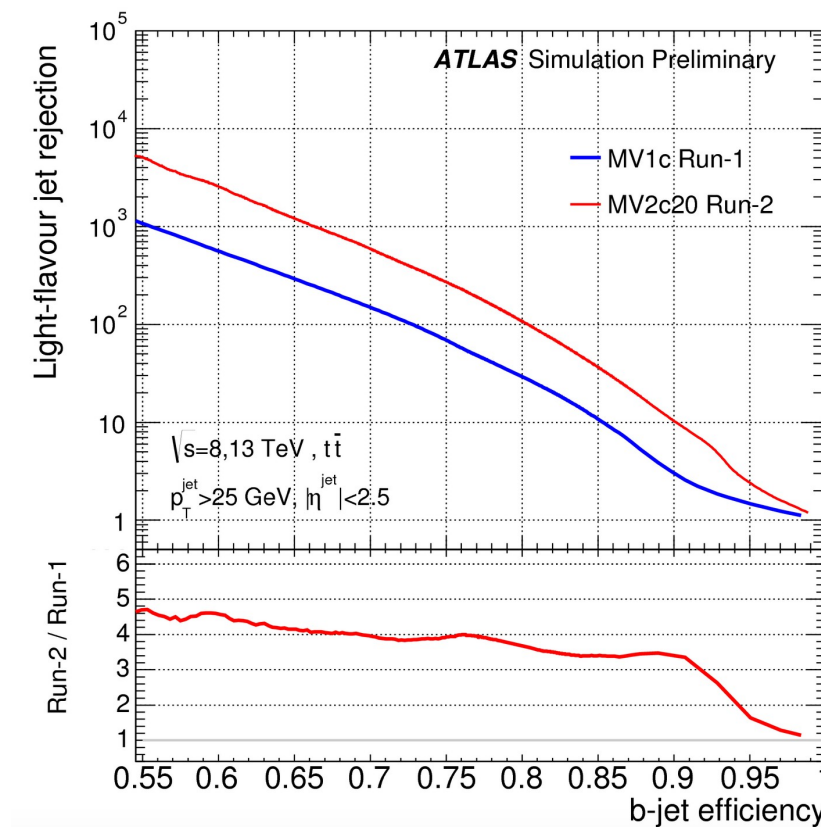
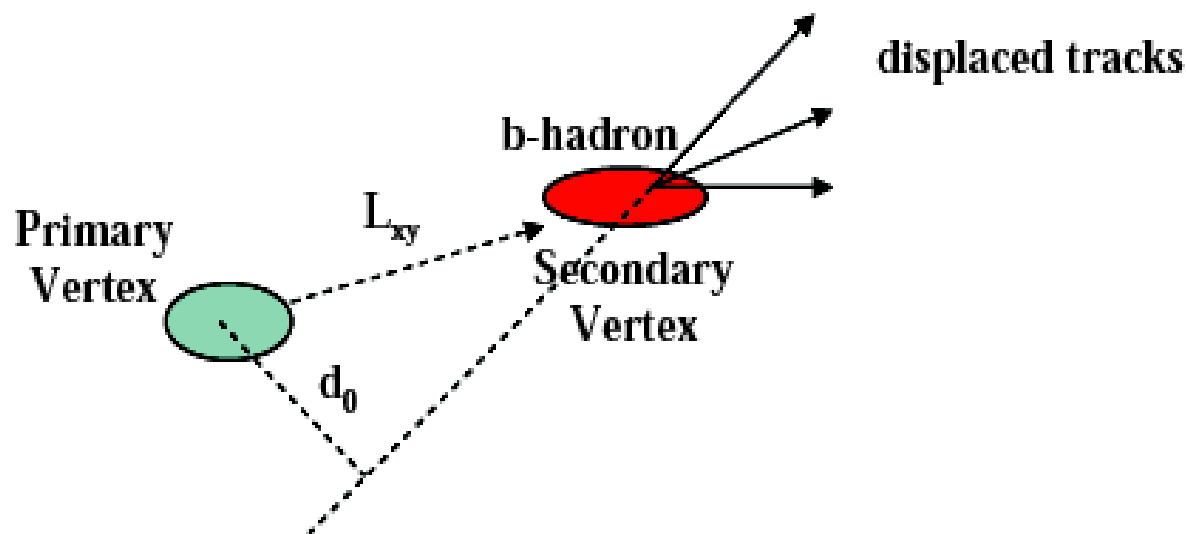
2 isolated leptons;  
High missing  $E_T$   
from neutrinos;  
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**lepton+jets:**

1 isolated lepton;  
Missing  $E_T$  from neutrino;  
 $\geq 4$  jets (2 b-jets)

# Identification of b-Jets

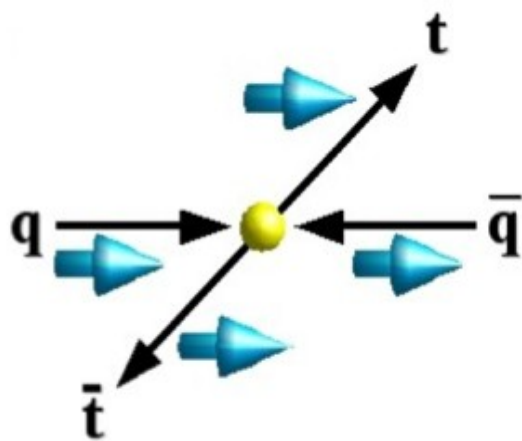
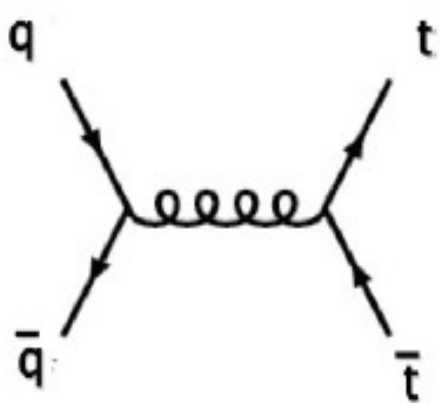
- Important tool to increase  $t\bar{t}$  purity
- **b-hadron**: travels some millimeters before it decays
- **Neural Network (MV1)**  
combines properties of displaced tracks and displaced vertices



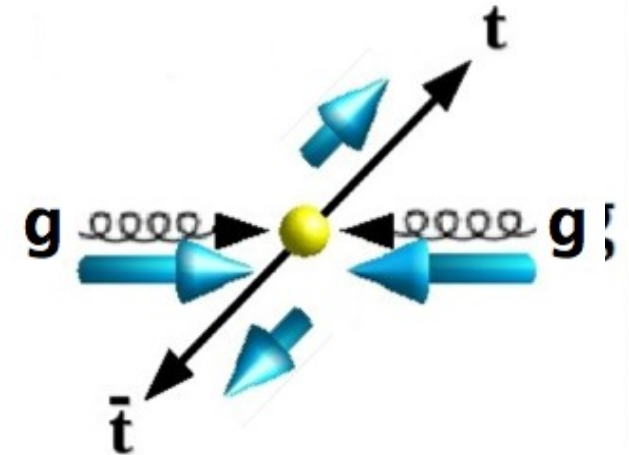
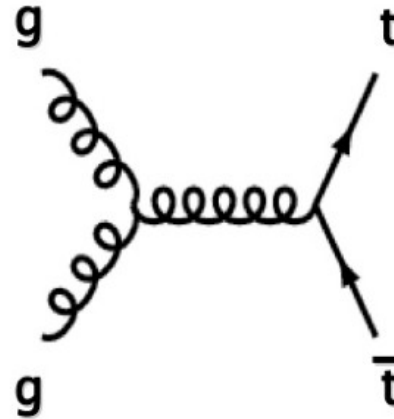
# Angular Distributions

# Spin Correlations & Polarization

- Top quarks decay before fragmentation
  - Spin information is preserved
- Hadron colliders: top quarks produced un-polarized, but
  - New physics (NP) could induce polarization
    - e. g. NP causing forward-backward  $t\bar{t}$  asymmetry → more left-handed tops
  - Correlation between top and antitop spin can be extracted



Dominant spin correlation at Tevatron

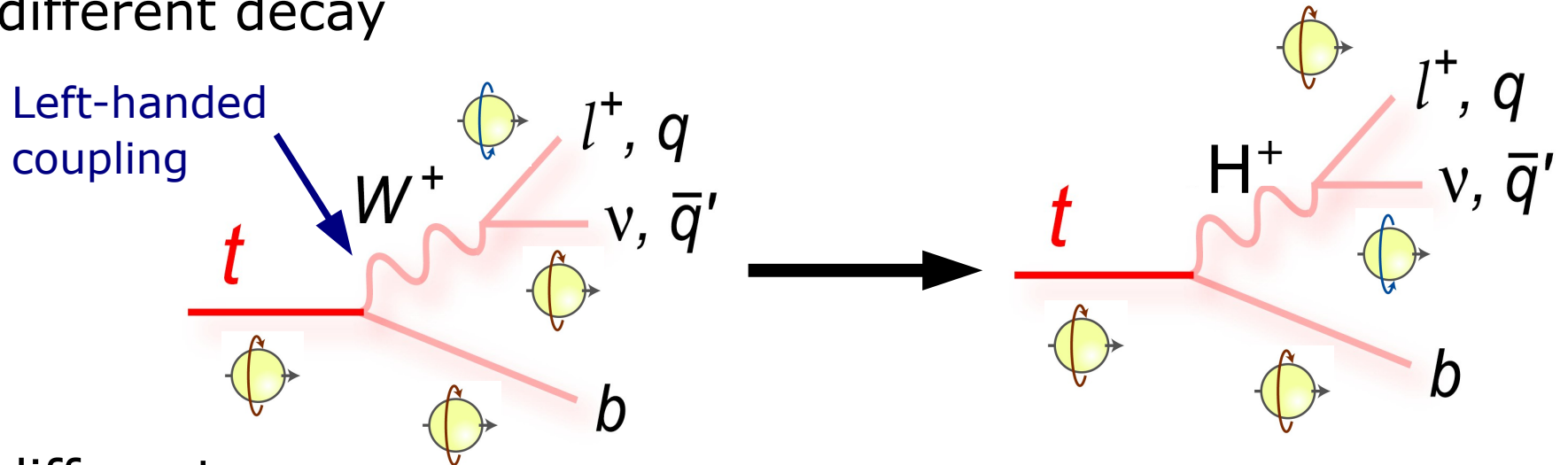


Dominant spin correlation at LHC

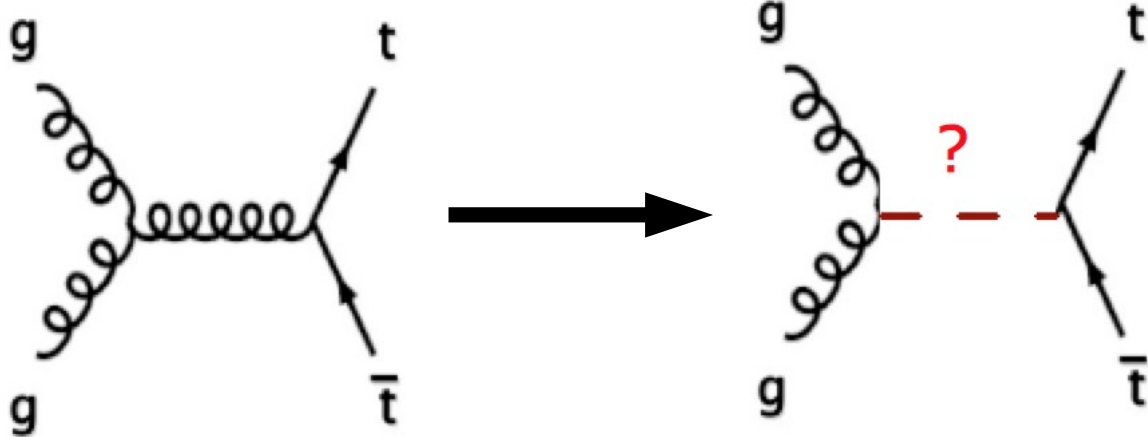
# Spin Correlations & Polarization

- **Measured** spin correlation can change

- Due to different decay



- Due to different production



- Spin correlation: **test the full chain from production to decay!**

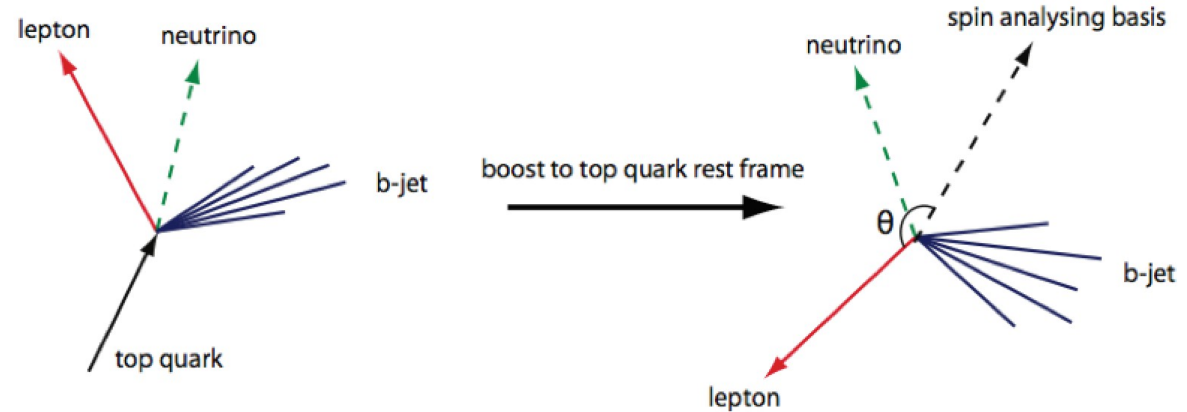


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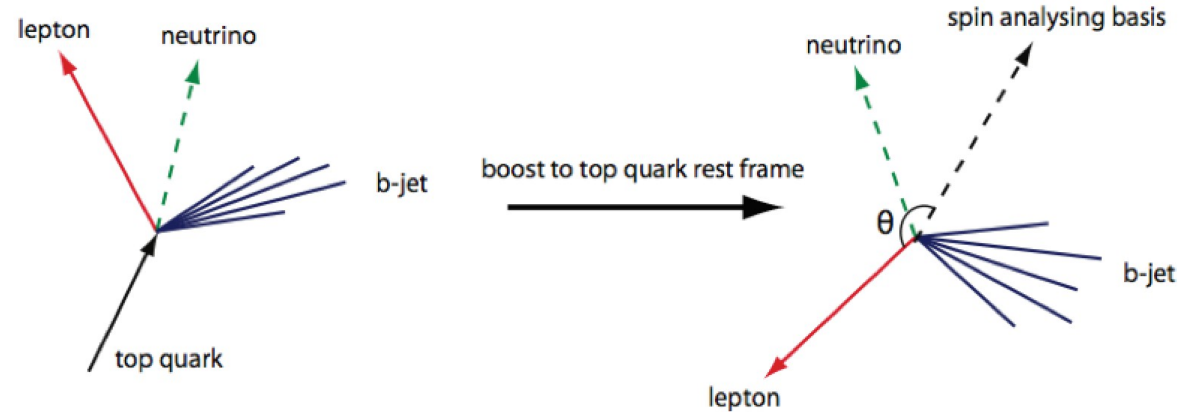


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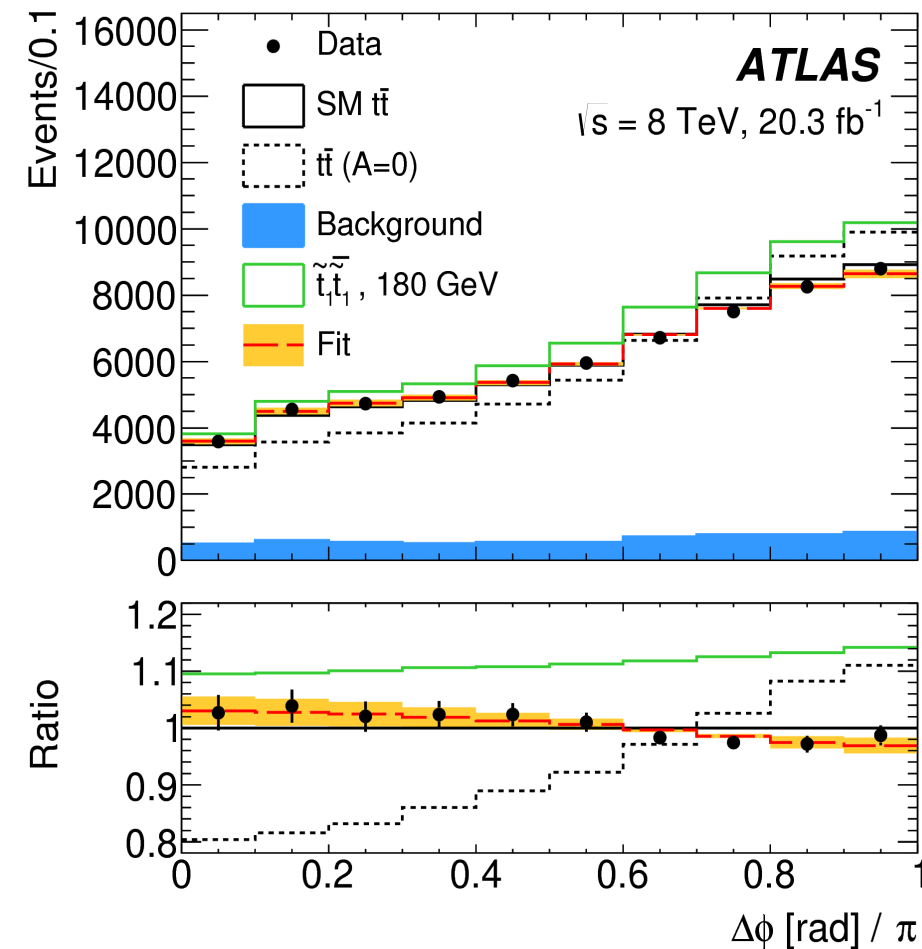
	<b>b</b>	<b>lepton</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>u</b>
$\alpha_{i/j}$ (LO)	-0.41	1.00	1.00	-0.31
$\alpha_{i/j}$ (NLO)	-0.39	0.998	0.93	-0.31

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

# Spin Correlations: Stop

- Simple azimuthal angle:  $\Delta\phi = |\varphi_1 - \varphi_2|$ 
  - No kinematic reconstruction needed!
- Extract spin correlation using MC with SM spin correlation, and without spin correlation
  - Extract  $f_{SM}$  with template fit to different observables
- Result:

$$f_{SM} = 1.20 \pm 0.14 (stat + syst)$$



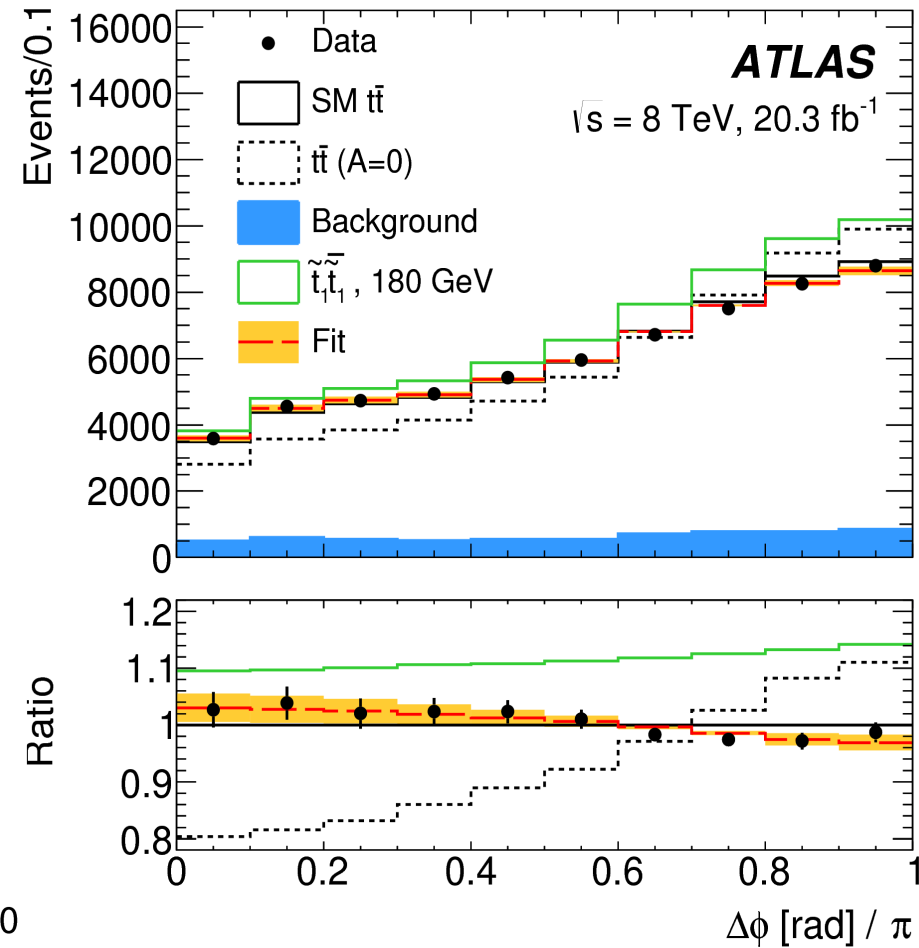
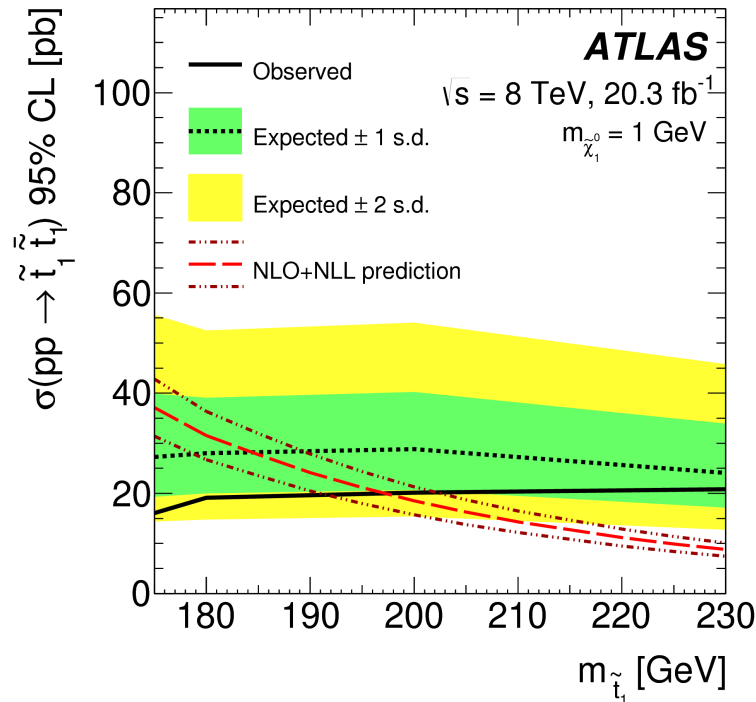
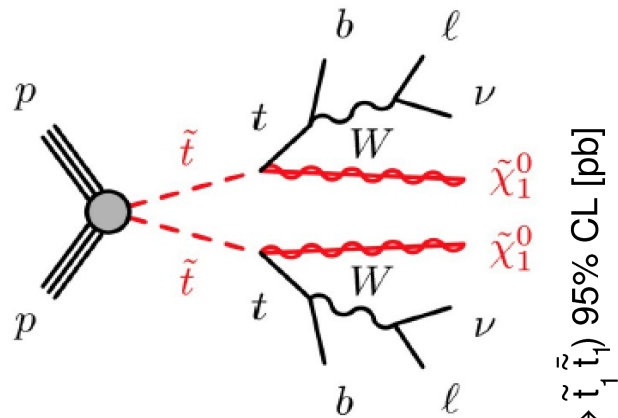
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- Test also stop pair production

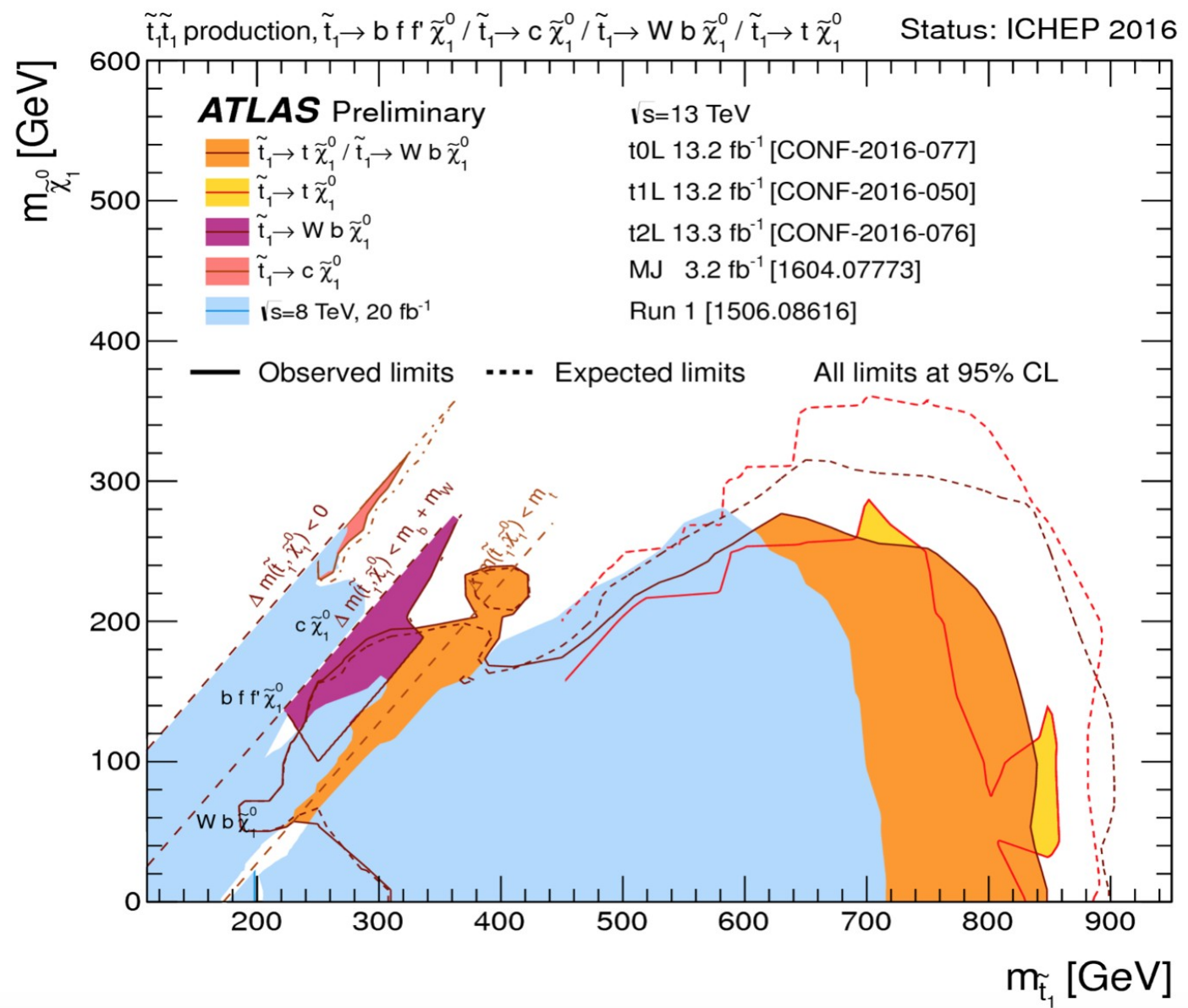
- For  $m_{\text{stop}} \sim m_{\text{top}}$

- Looks like no-correlation  $t\bar{t}$

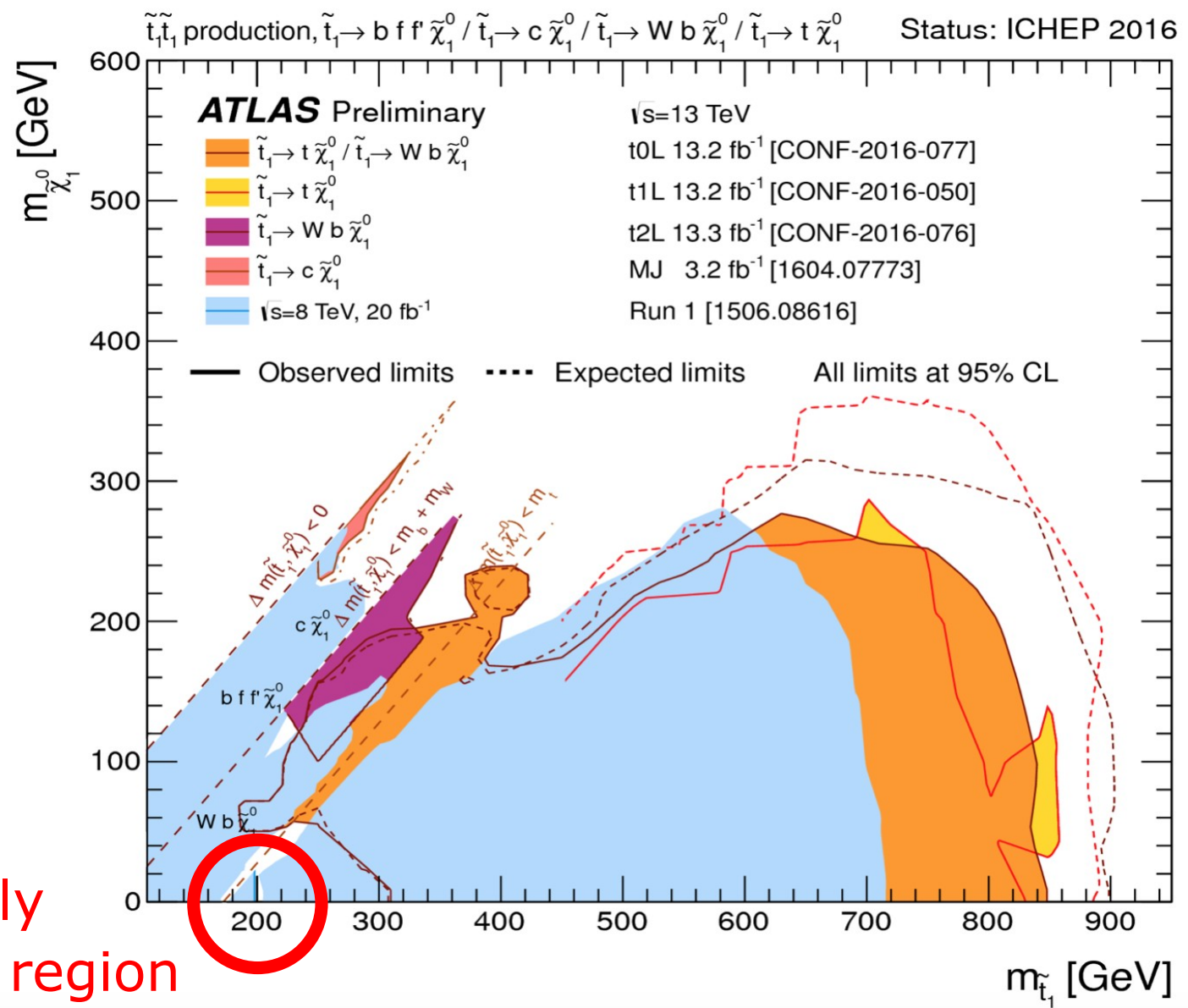


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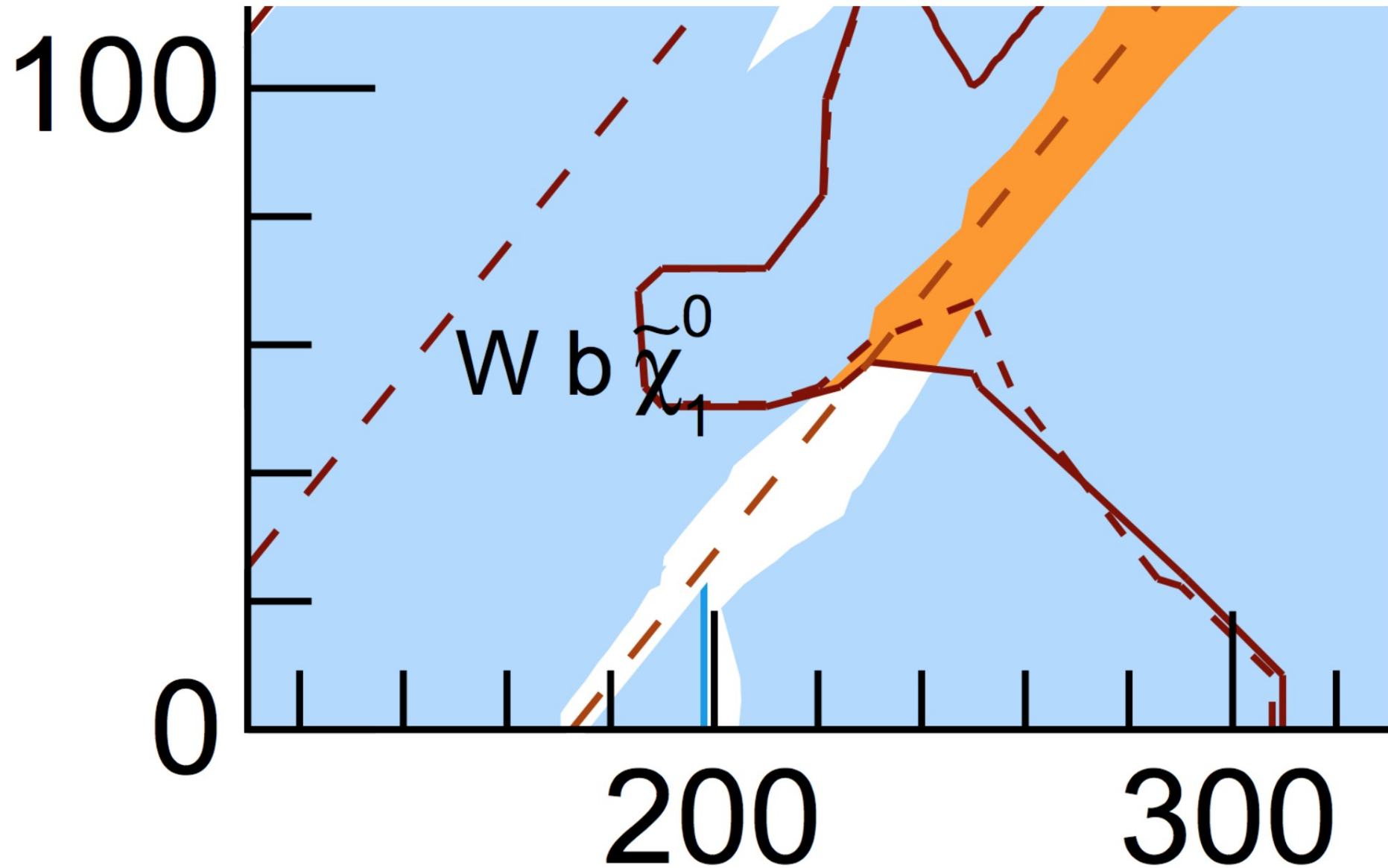


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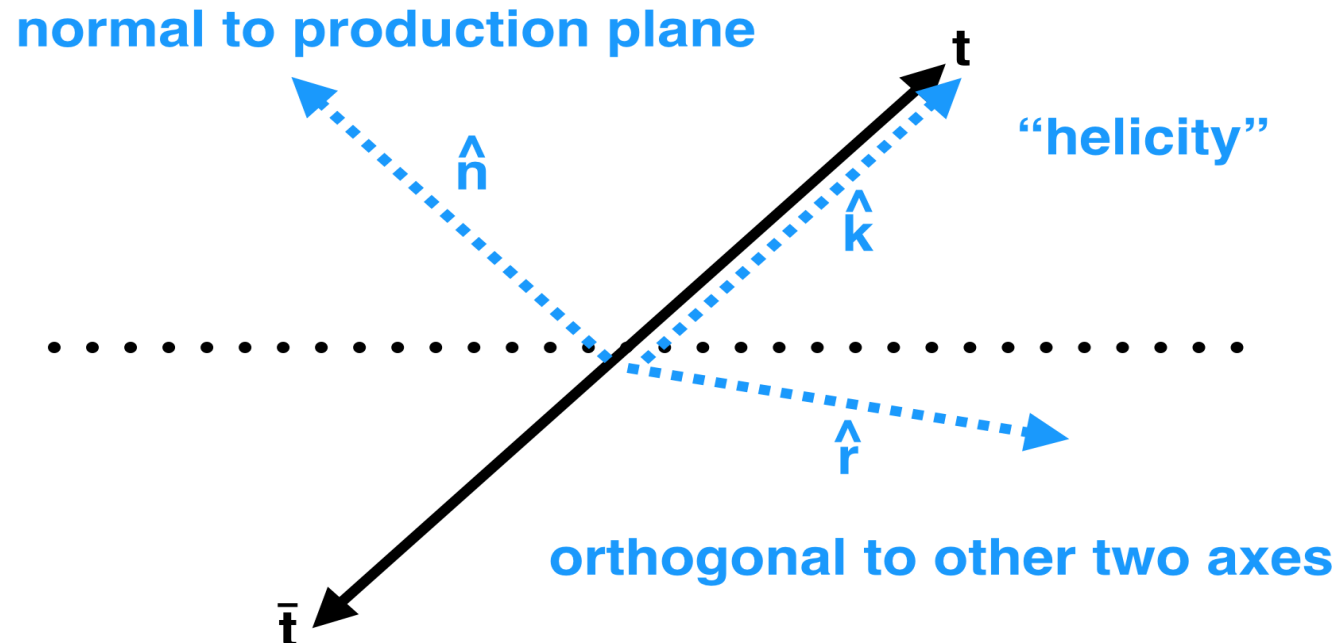
Kinematically challenging region

# Spin Correlations: Stop



# Spin Density Matrix

- Many more spin correlation and polarization results by Tevatron experiments, ATLAS and CMS
  - Issue: no 1-to-1 correspondence to spin density matrix
- Construct **system of orthogonal axes** → extract polarization, spin correlations and cross correlations



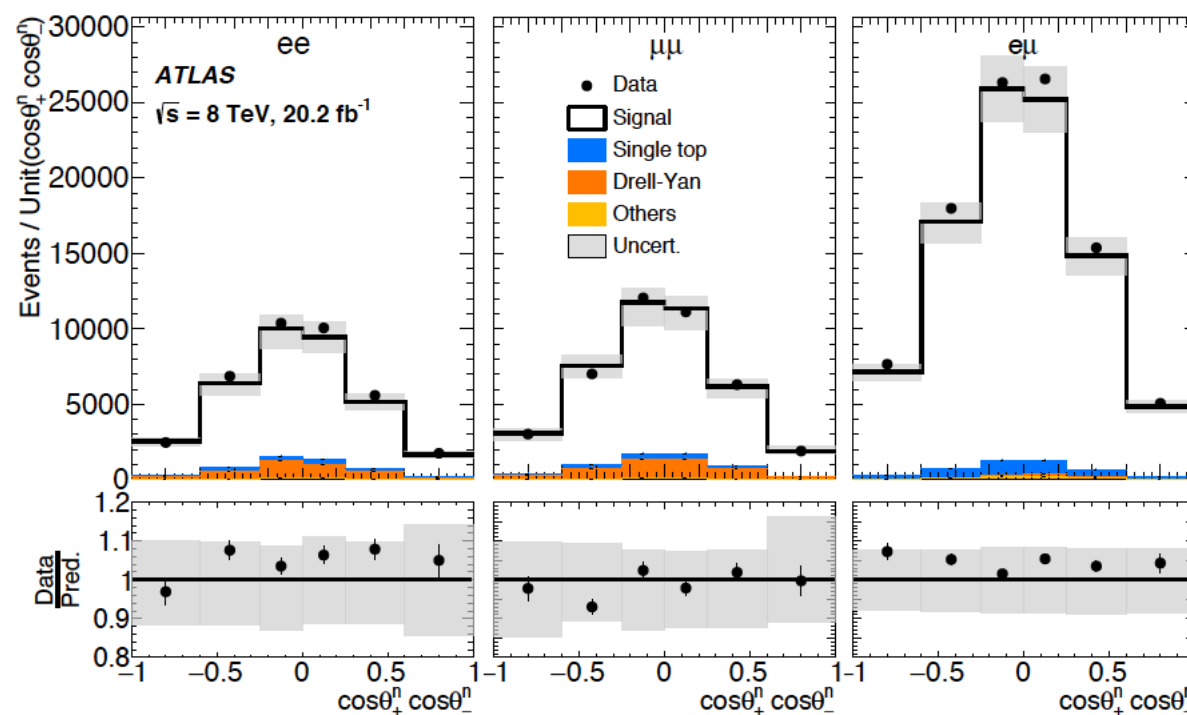


# Spin Density Matrix

	Expectation values	NLO predictions	Observables
polarization	$B_+^k$	$0.0030 \pm 0.0010$	$\cos \theta_+^k$
	$B_-^k$	$0.0034 \pm 0.0010$	$\cos \theta_-^k$
	$B_+^n$	$0.0035 \pm 0.0004$	$\cos \theta_+^n$
	$B_-^n$	$0.0035 \pm 0.0004$	$\cos \theta_-^n$
	$B_+^r$	$0.0013 \pm 0.0010$	$\cos \theta_+^r$
	$B_-^r$	$0.0015 \pm 0.0010$	$\cos \theta_-^r$
Spin correlation	$C(k, k)$	$0.318 \pm 0.003$	$\cos \theta_+^k \cos \theta_-^k$
	$C(n, n)$	$0.332 \pm 0.002$	$\cos \theta_+^n \cos \theta_-^n$
	$C(r, r)$	$0.055 \pm 0.009$	$\cos \theta_+^r \cos \theta_-^r$
Cross correlations	$C(n, k) + C(k, n)$	0.0023	$\cos \theta_+^n \cos \theta_-^k + \cos \theta_+^k \cos \theta_-^n$
	$C(n, k) - C(k, n)$	0	$\cos \theta_+^n \cos \theta_-^k - \cos \theta_+^k \cos \theta_-^n$
	$C(n, r) + C(r, n)$	0.0010	$\cos \theta_+^n \cos \theta_-^r + \cos \theta_+^r \cos \theta_-^n$
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	$C(r, k) + C(k, r)$	$-0.226 \pm 0.004$	$\cos \theta_+^r \cos \theta_-^k + \cos \theta_+^k \cos \theta_-^r$
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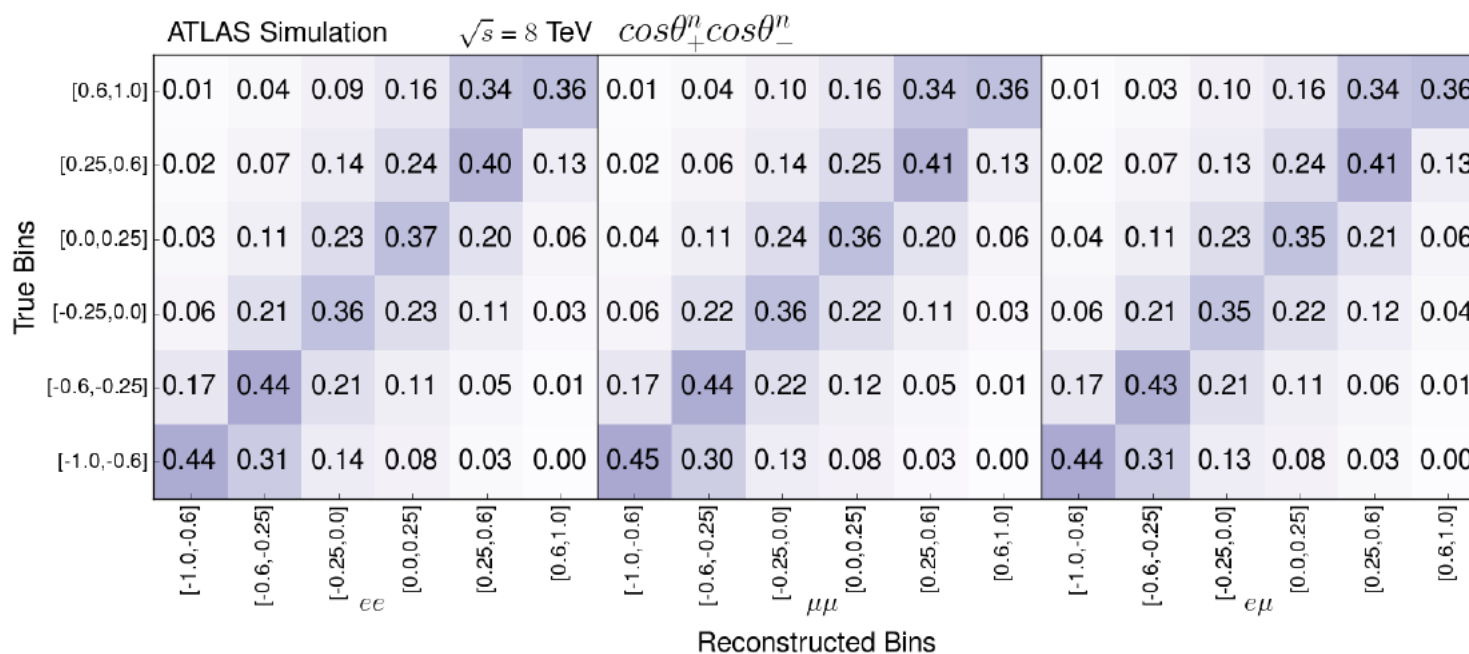
- Analysis in dilepton final state
- Unfolding to particle and parton level



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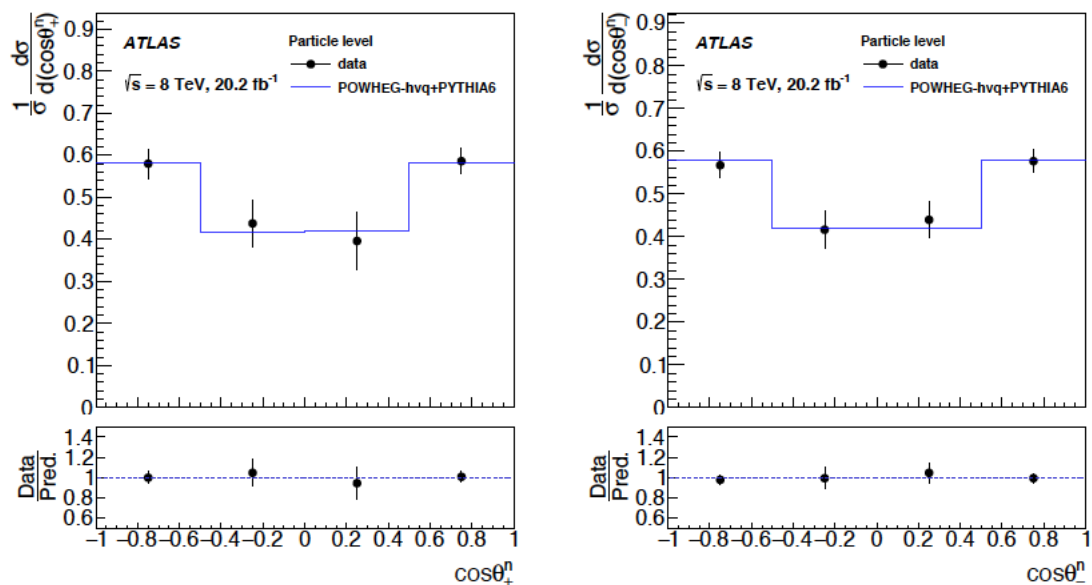
- Unfolding using fully bayesian unfolding
- Example response matrix for unfolding to parton level
  - Bin optimization taking into account expected statistical uncertainty and bias



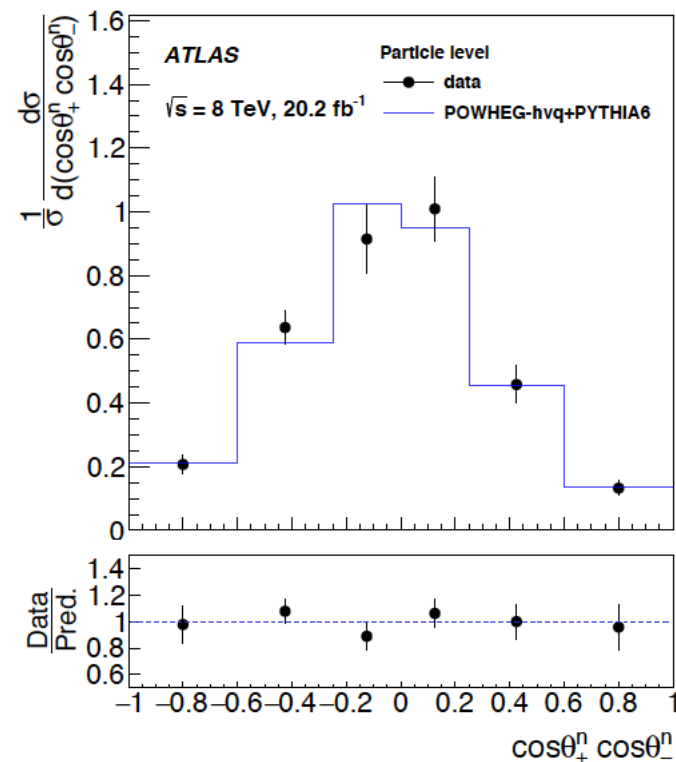
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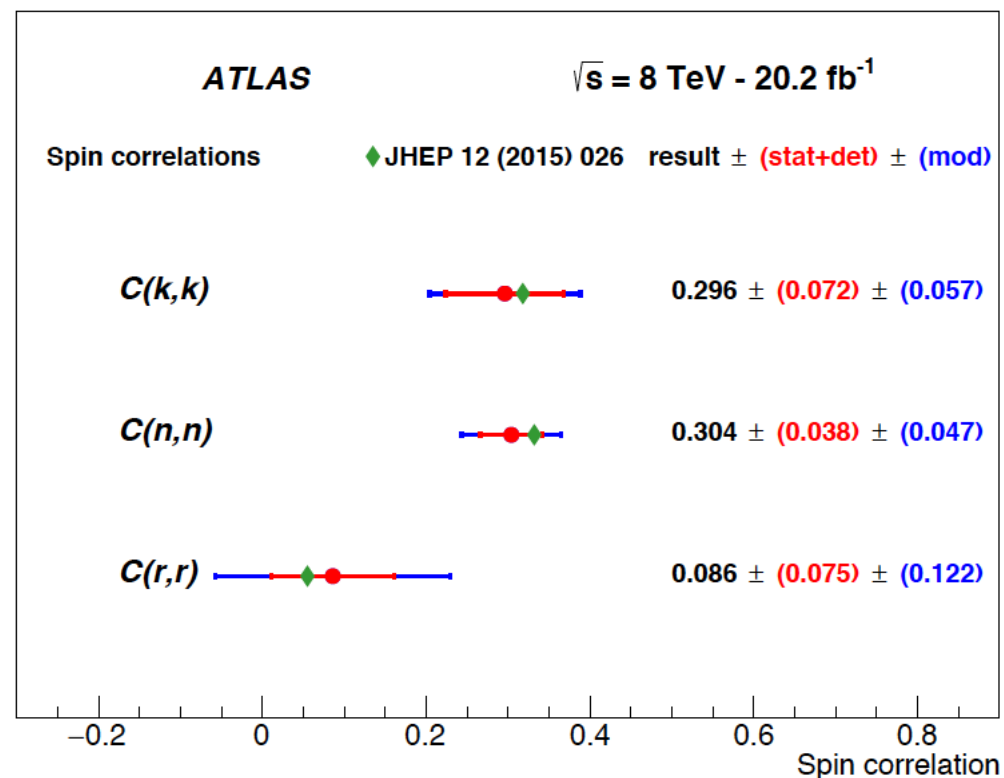
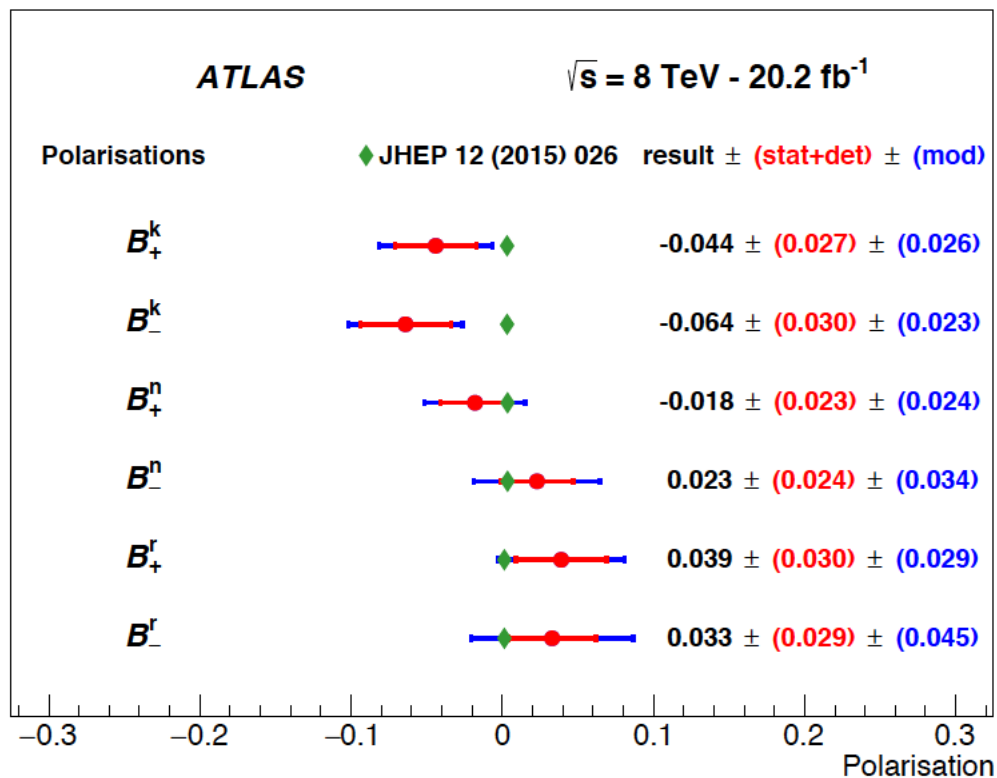
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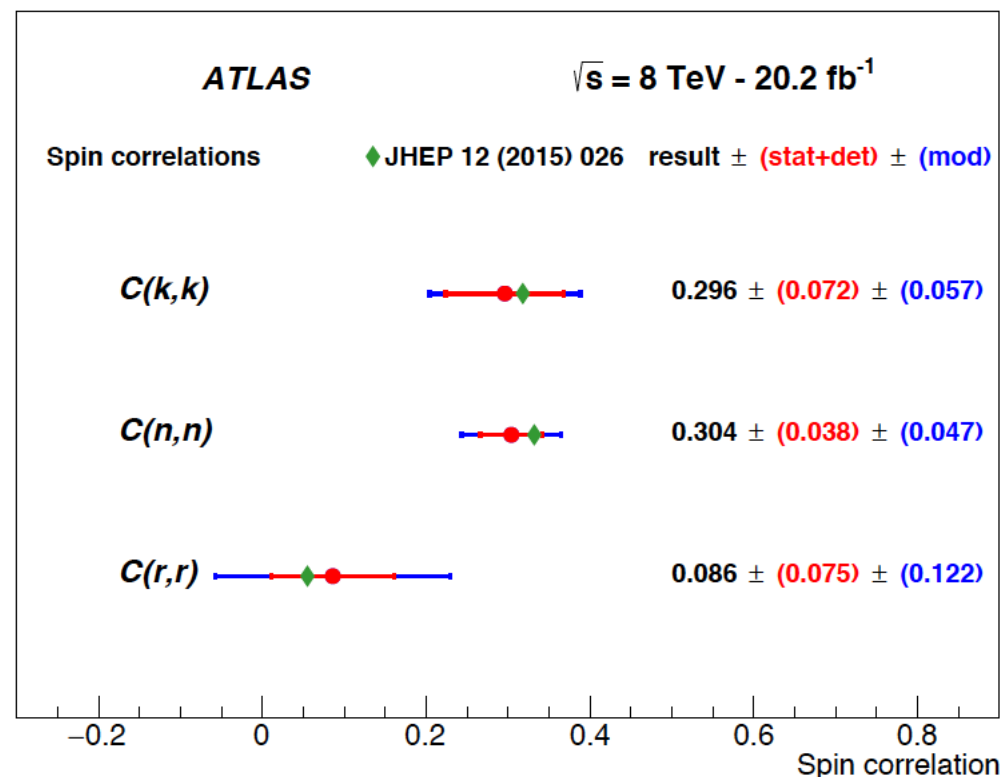
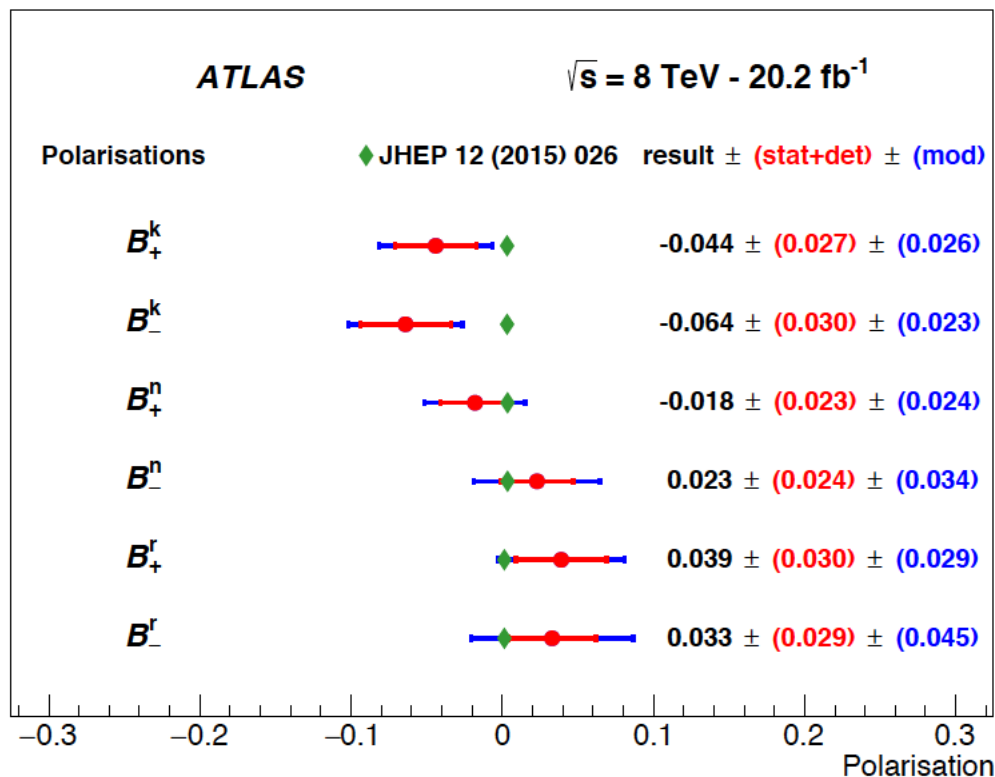
## Transverse spin correlations



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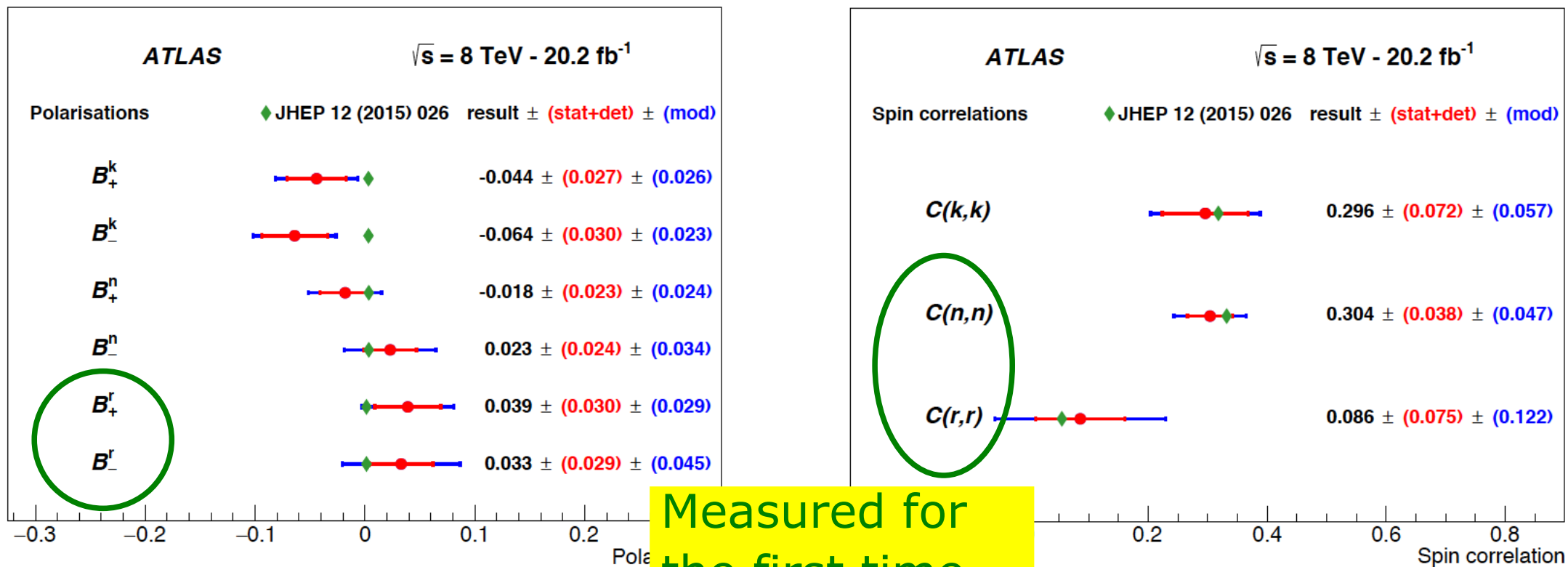


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ATLAS [12]	7 TeV	Unfolding	-	-	$0.315 \pm 0.078$	-	-
D0 [17]	1.96 TeV	Template fit	$-0.102 \pm 0.061$	-	-	$0.040 \pm 0.034$	-

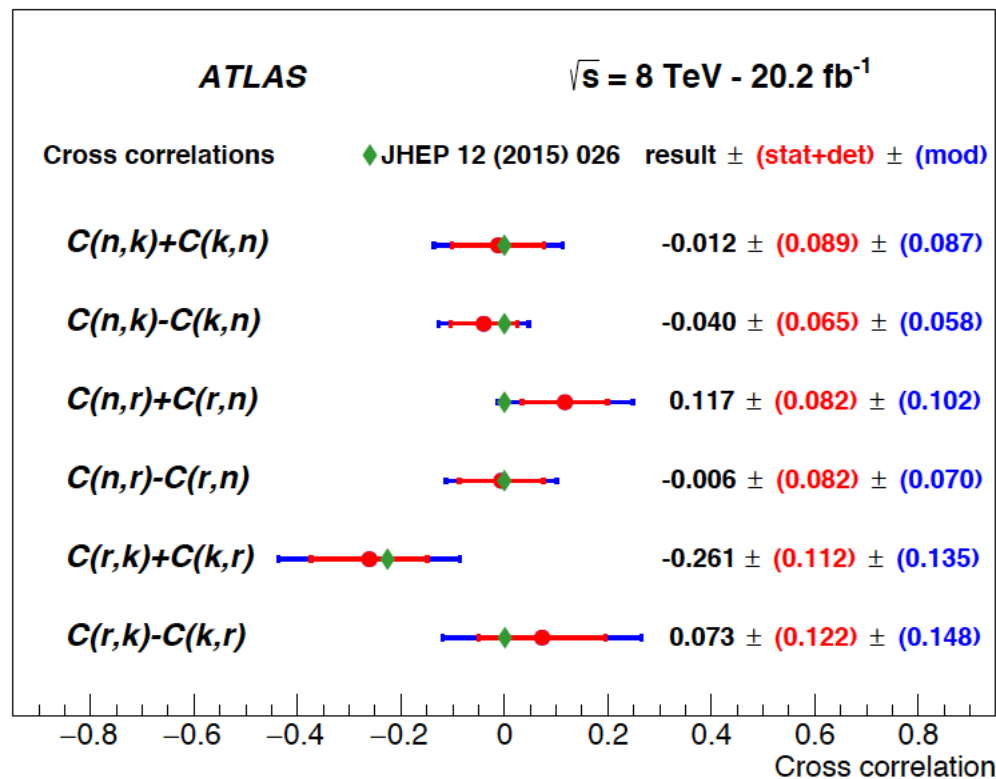
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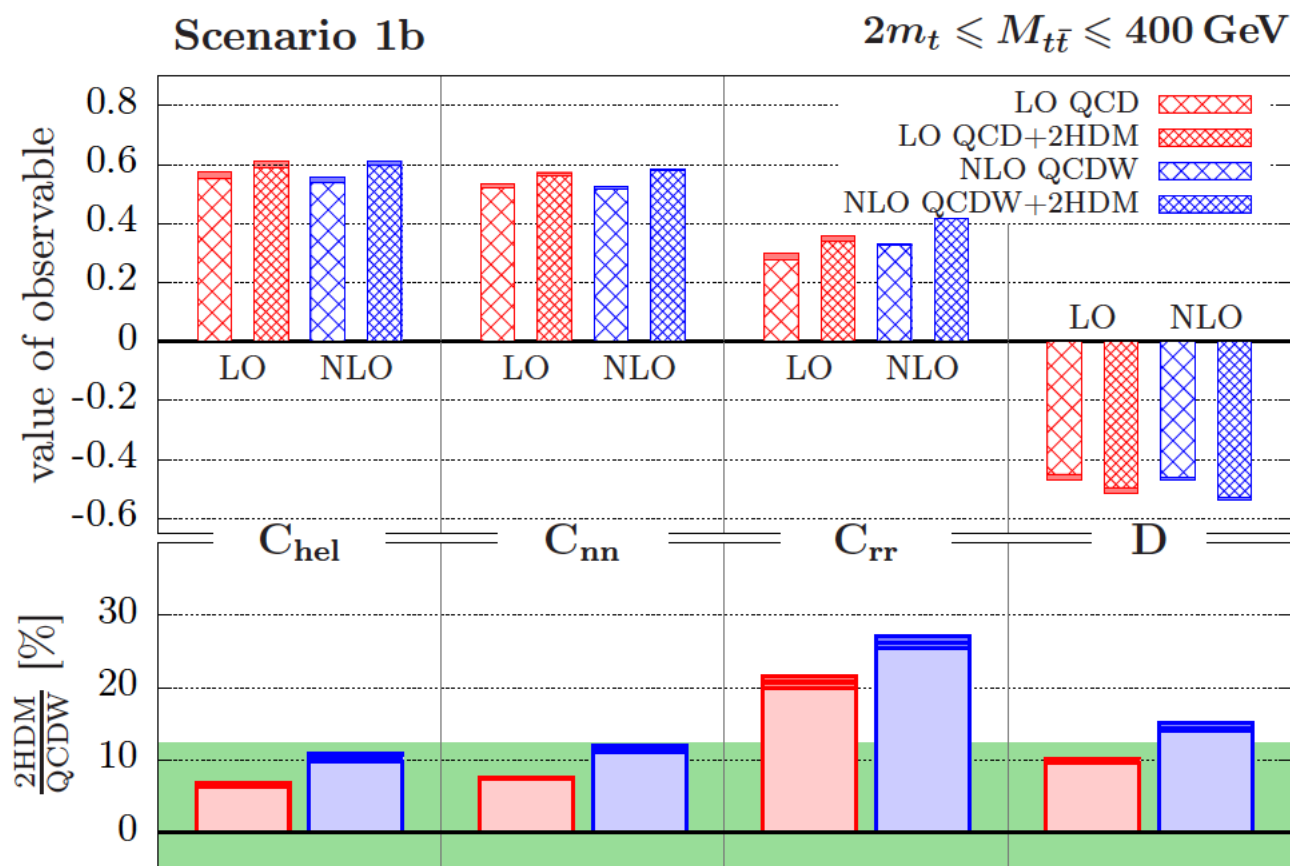


- Overall agreement with the SM
- Sensitive to different NP effects (e.g. CP-violating effects)



# Spin Correlations & 2HDM

- Spin observables can be used to search for heavy Higgs bosons (for example)

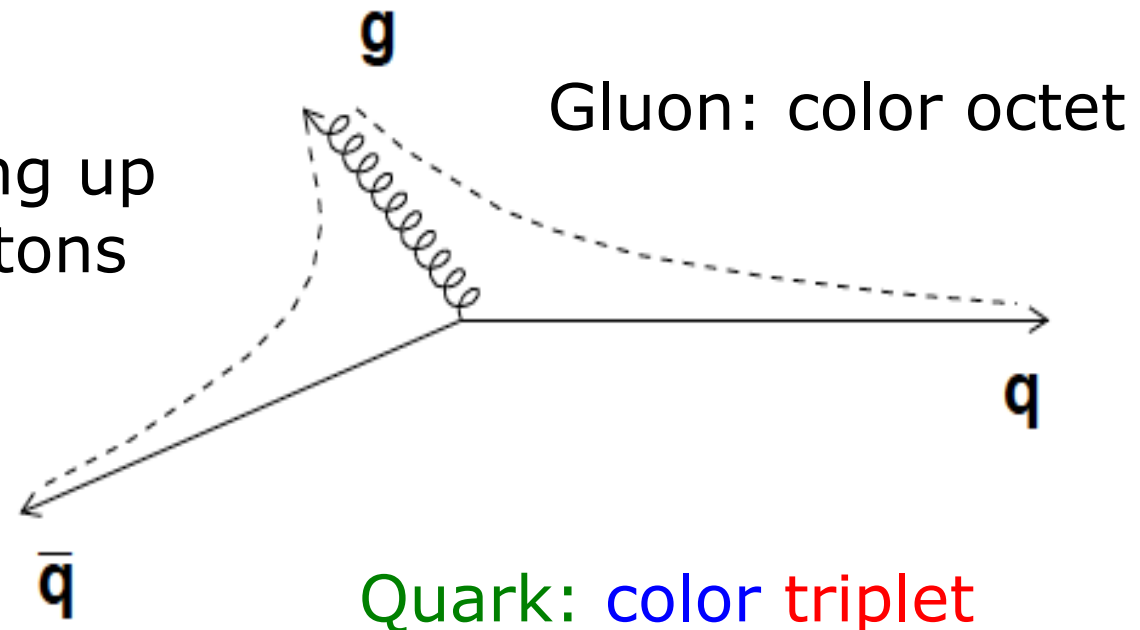


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# Top Events as a Laboratory

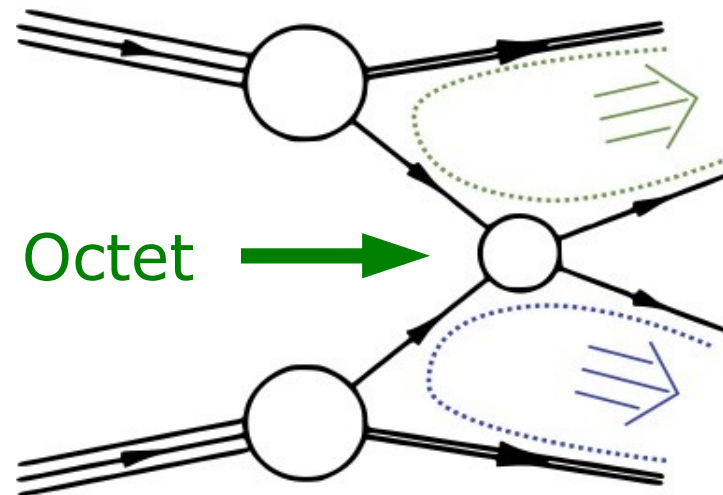
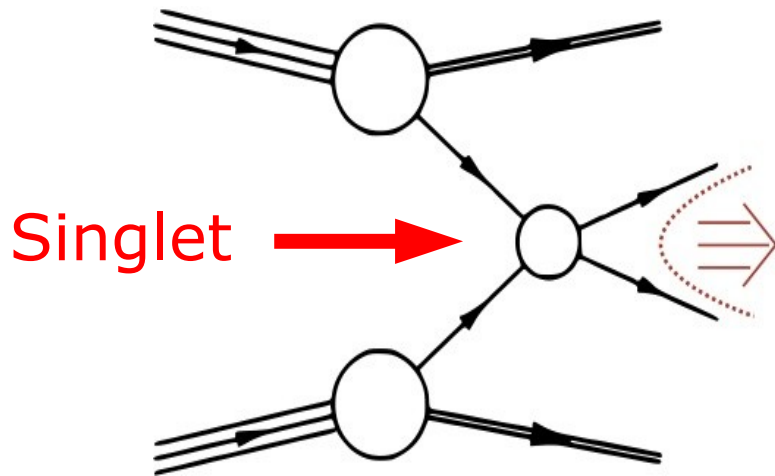
# Introduction to Colour Connection and Hadronization

- Quarks carry QCD color charge
  - But only colour singlets can be observed
    - For example W, Z, or bound states like hadrons
- Partons carrying color are **color connected** to partons with anti-colour
- **Hadronization:** Particles building up between colour-connected partons



# Color Flow between Jets

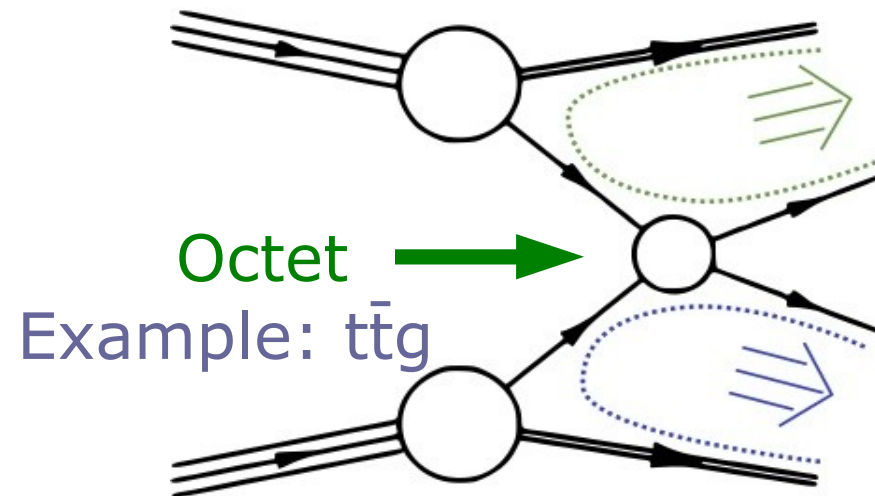
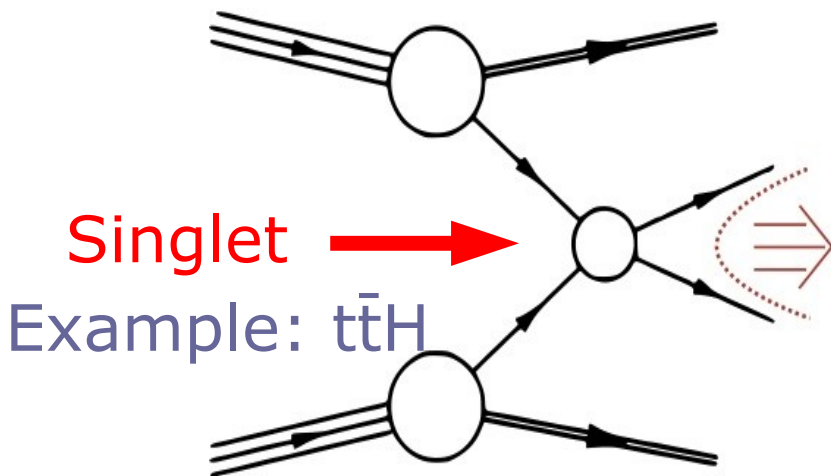
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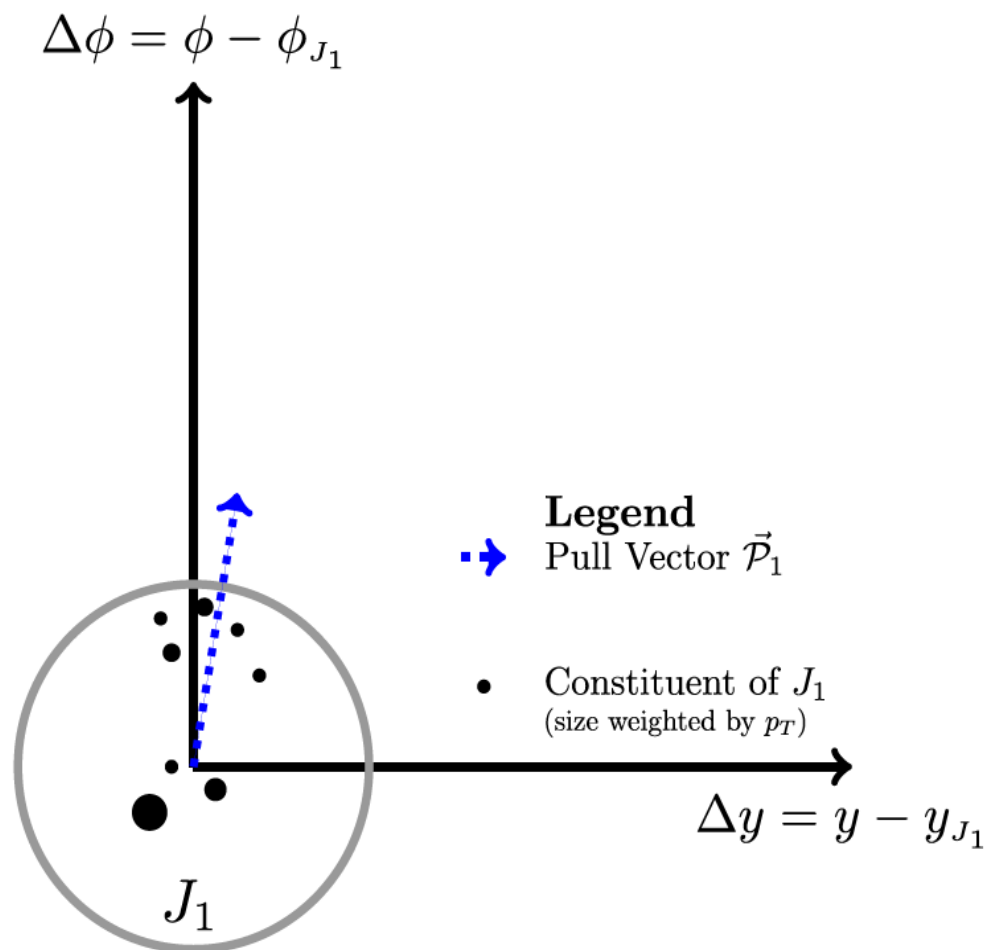
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- $\vec{r}_i$ : position of jet component  $i$  relative to center of jet
- $E_T^i$ : transverse energy of component  $i$
- $E_T^{\text{jet}}$ : transverse energy of jet



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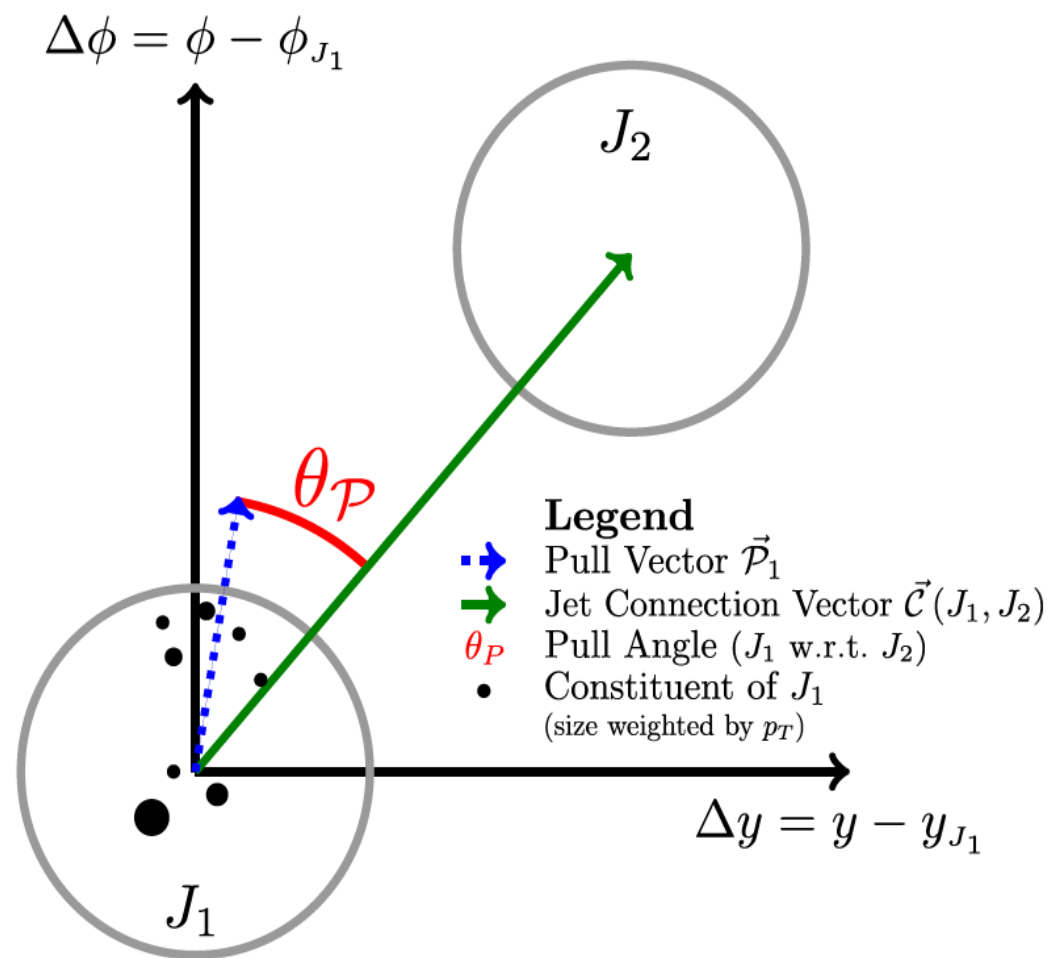
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- $p_T^i$ : transverse momentum of component  $i$
- $p_T^{\text{jet}}$ : transverse momentum of jet

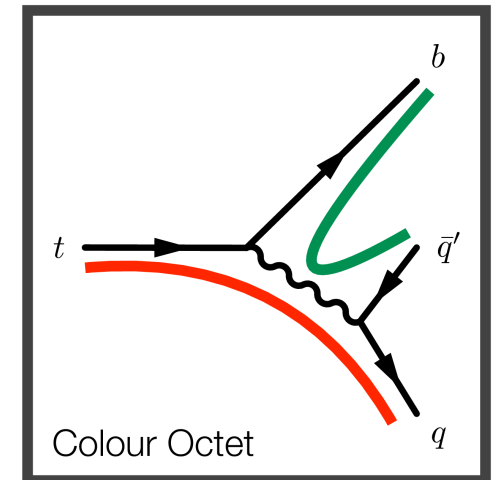
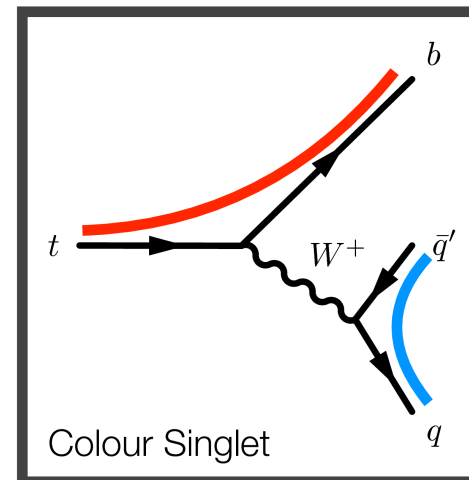


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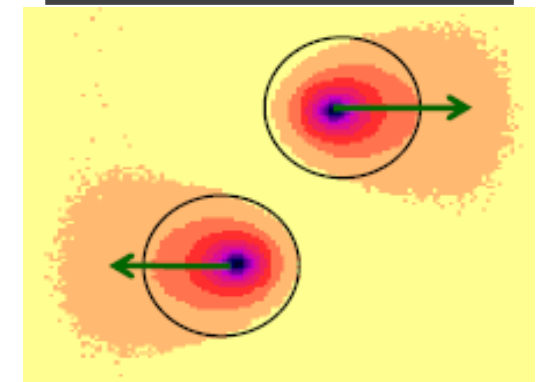
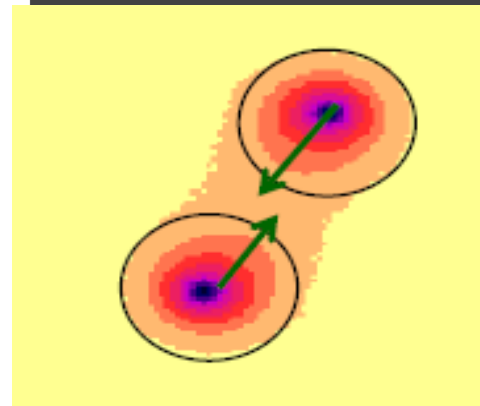
# Colour Flow in Top

- Top events as laboratory to test new tools
- Jets carry color, and are thus **color connected** to each other
  - Pairing of connection depends on nature of decaying particles

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Jet pull: vectorial sum of components within each jet  
 → **jet pull angle**: angle wrt. connection line of pair of jets

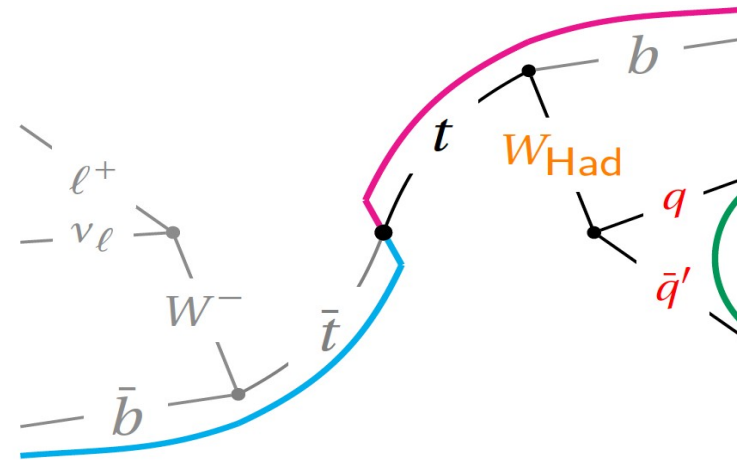




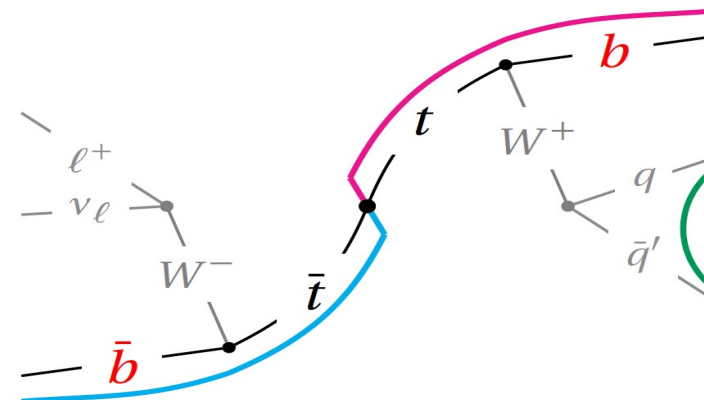
# Colour Flow in Top

- Consider 4 variables in semileptonic  $t\bar{t}$  events ( $>1$  b-tagged jet)

- Two non-b-tagged jets:
  - Relative jet pull angles
  - Jet pull magnitude

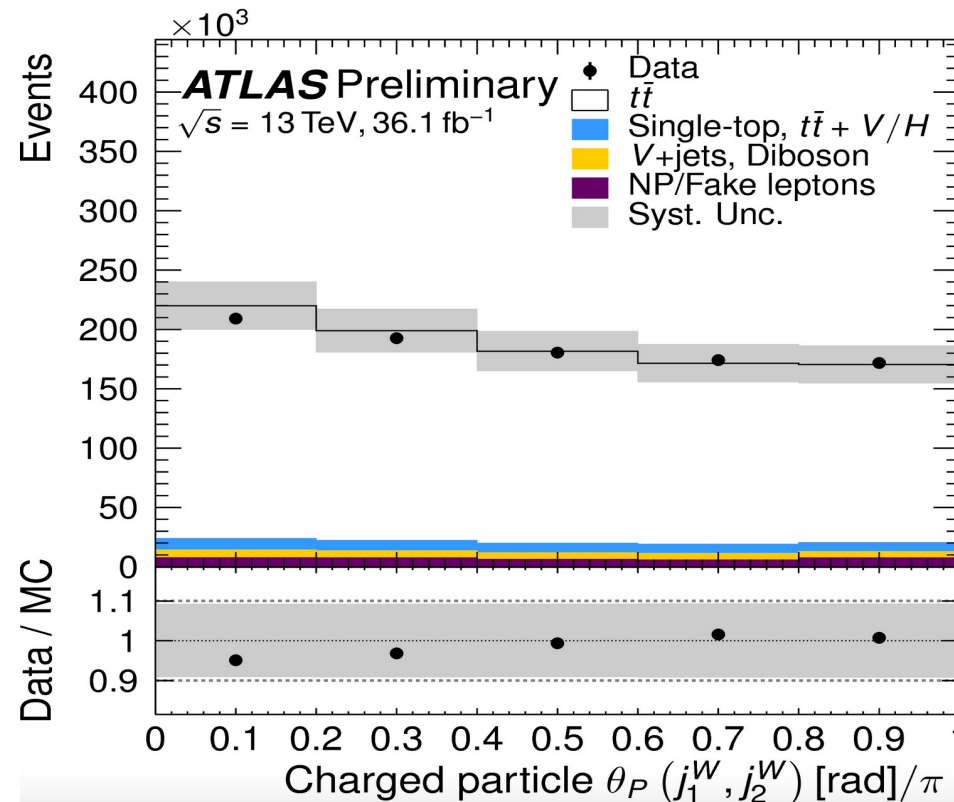


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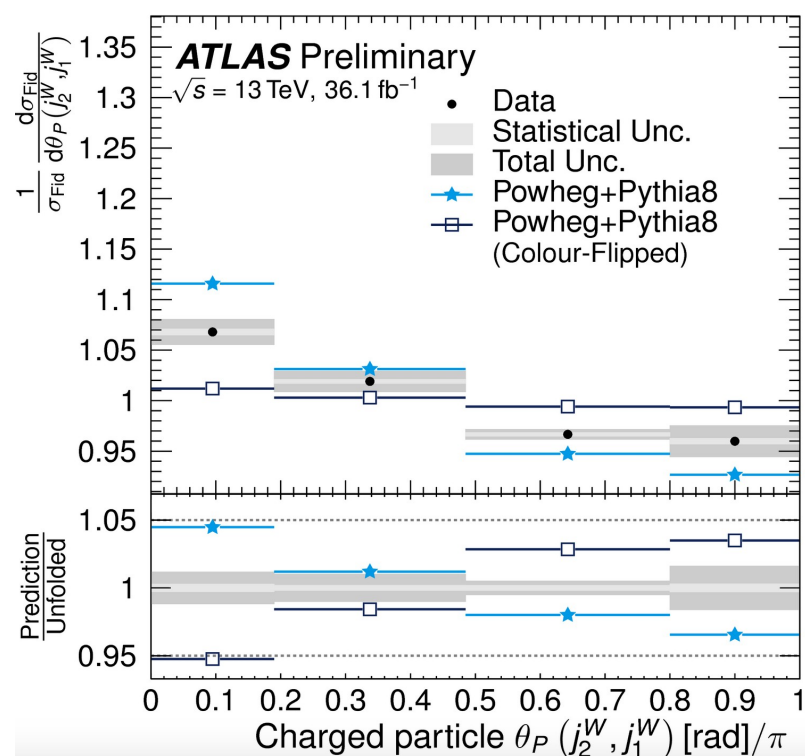
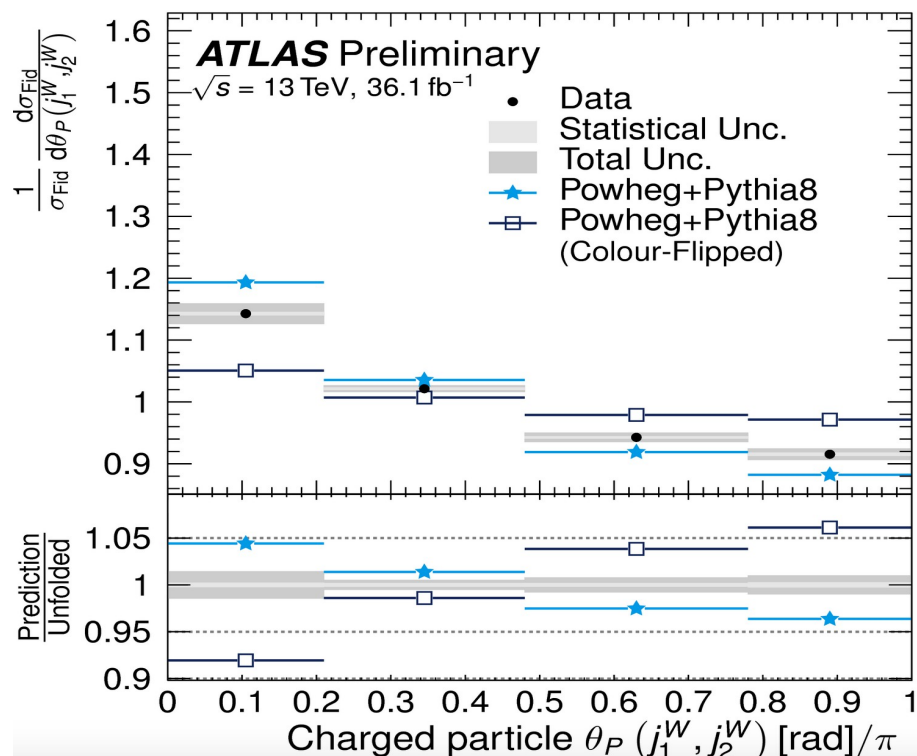
# Analysis

- Correct distributions for detector effects
- 13 TeV analysis: use only track-jets
  - Have shown to have better resolution than calorimeter jets in 8 TeV analysis [PLB 750, 475-493 \(2015\)](#)



# Results for W daughters

- Correction to stable particle-level (iterative Bayesian unfolding)

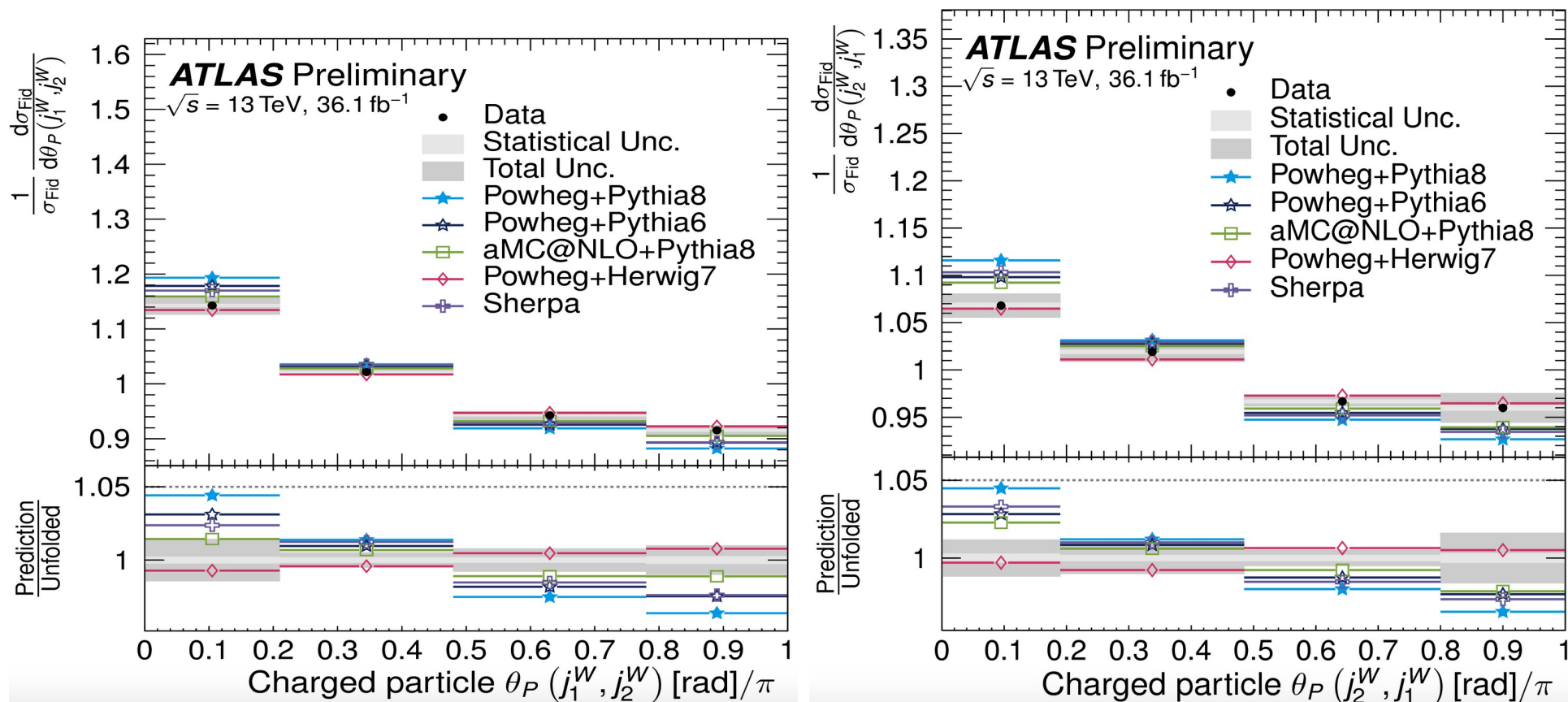


- Relative jet pull angles for jets from W boson
- Colour-flipped model disfavoured by the data

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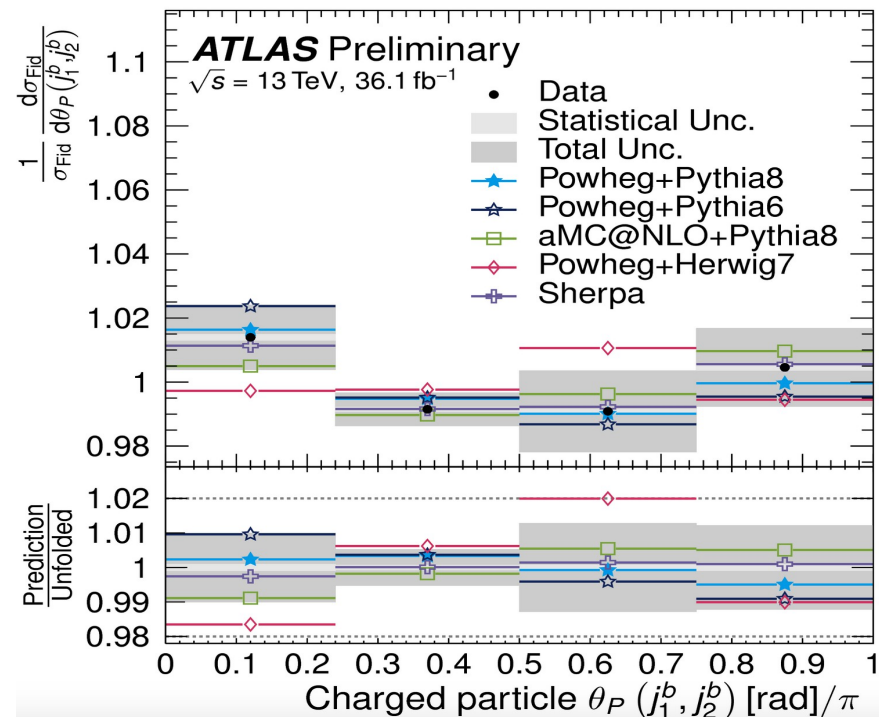
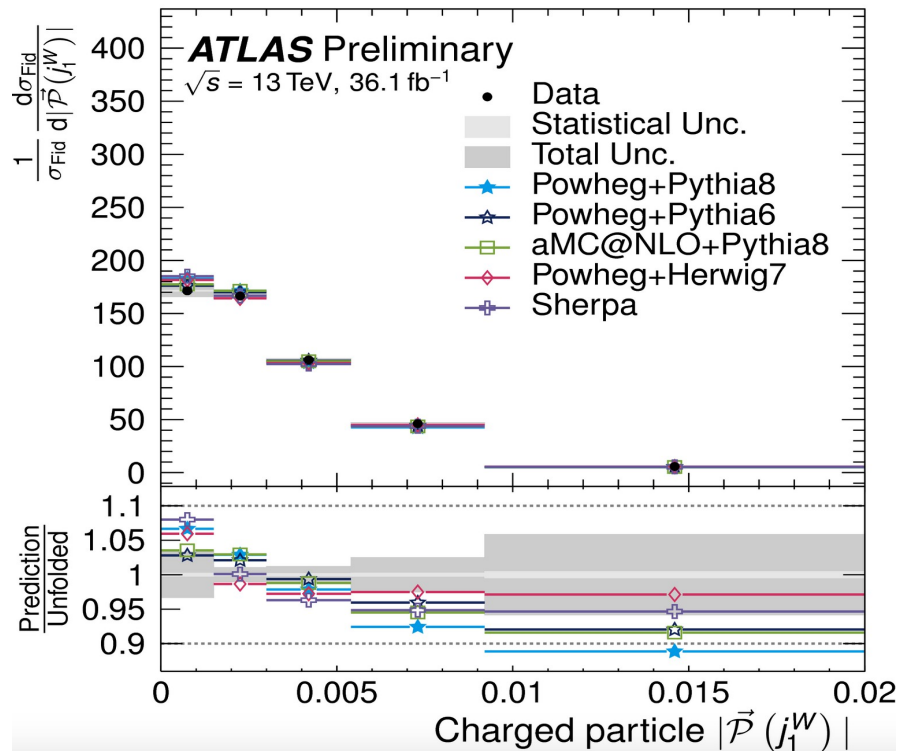
- Correction to stable particle-level (iterative Bayesian unfolding)



- MC modeling quite poor for these observables

# Results for Magnitude and b-Pull

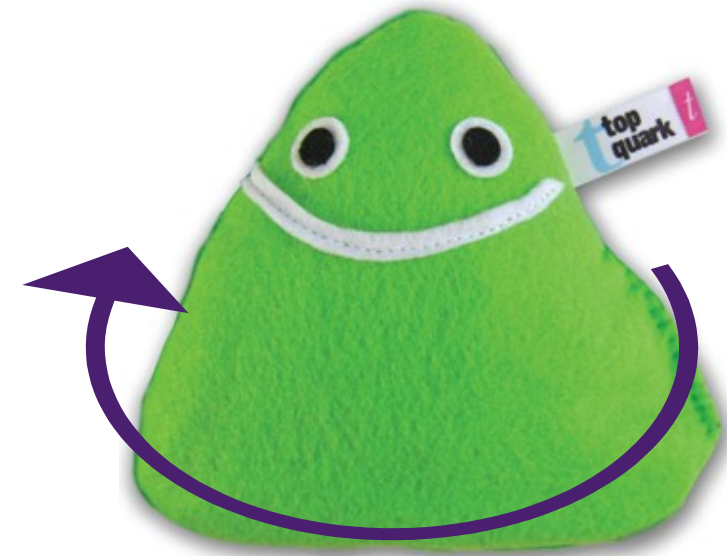
- Jet pull magnitude and pull angle of b-jets:



- Data seems to favor “wider” jets
- Jet pull: potential to search for NP
  - Mc modeling required?!

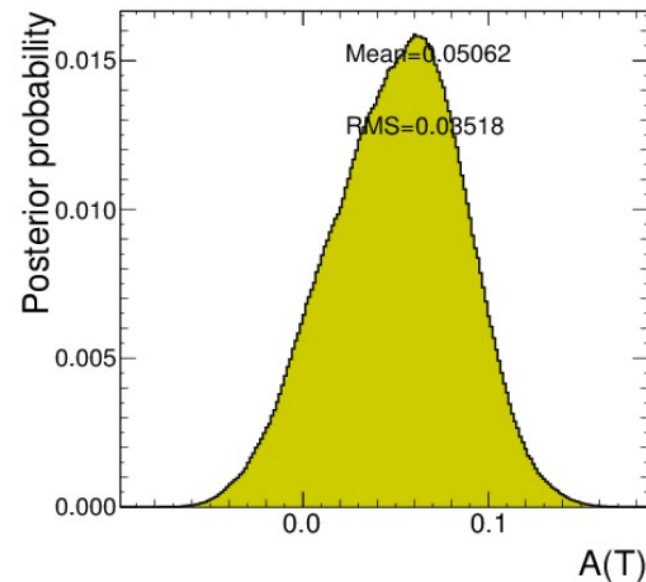
# Summary

- Top Quark Physics: Probing the heaviest known elementary particle!
  - Precision measurements of polarization and spin correlations
    - probing **the full top production and decay chain ever more precise**
  - Jet pull: accessing colour-flow information between jets  
→ information on colour-nature of mother particle
  
- Everything compatible with SM so far
  
- Tops were, are and stay awesome  
→ much to learn about the SM and beyond



**BACKUP**

- FBU principle: apply Bayes theorem and give posterior probability for different possible spectra
- Elements needed:
  - input:  $\Delta|y|$  distribution in background subtracted data
  - efficiency and response matrix taken from the signal sample (Powheg)
  - output: posterior distribution for the asymmetry
- We take the mean as central value and the smallest interval covering 68% of the integral as the uncertainty.





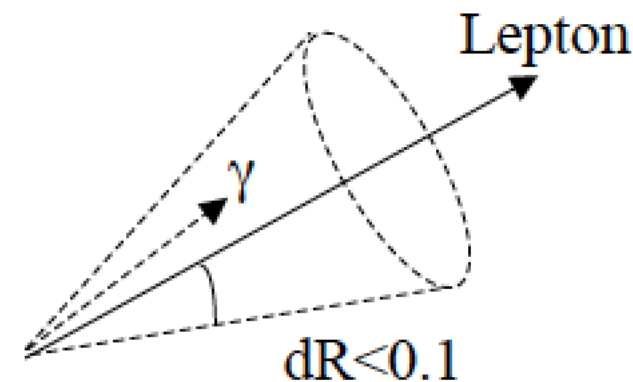
# Differential

- Define “pseudo-tops” on particle level

- In fiducial region
- Easy to reproduce for theorists!

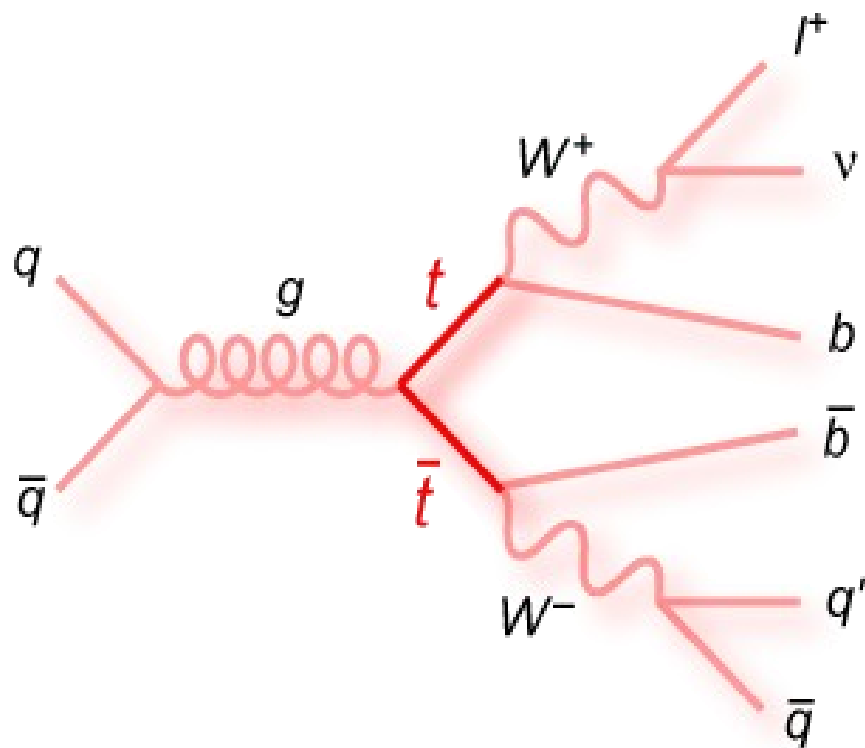
- Pseudo-top:

- Use particles with mean lifetime  $> 3 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{s}$
- Leptons: use “dressed lepton”:  
leptons are used together with photons in their vicinity
- Jets: anti- $k_T$  with  $R=0.4$  applied on stable particles (not leptons or neutrinos)
  - Presence of b-hadron with  $p_T > 5 \text{GeV}$ : jet is taken as a b-jet



# Differential

- l+jets channel: selection



Exactly 1 lepton (e or  $\mu$ )

e:  $p_T > 25\text{GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.47$  &  $\!(1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52)$

$\mu$ :  $p_T > 25\text{GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.5$

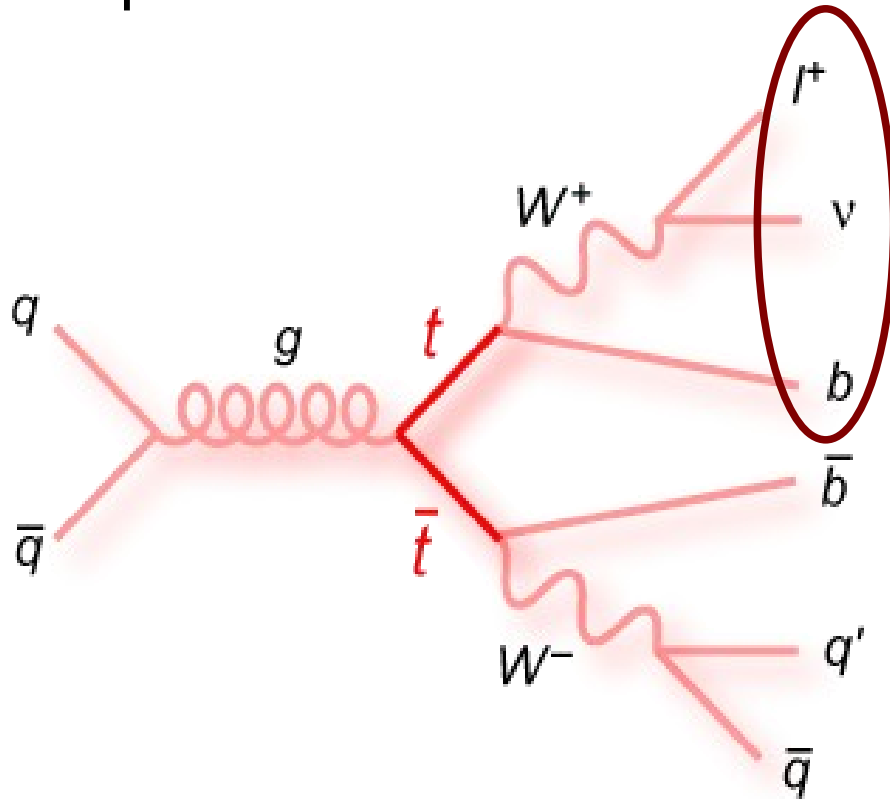
Missing  $p_T$  for neutrino ( $\cancel{E}_T$ ):  $> 30\text{GeV}$

$\geq 4$  jets with  $p_T > 25\text{GeV}$ ;  $|\eta| < 2.5$

$\geq 2$  jets b-tagged

# Differential

## ■ Top reconstruction

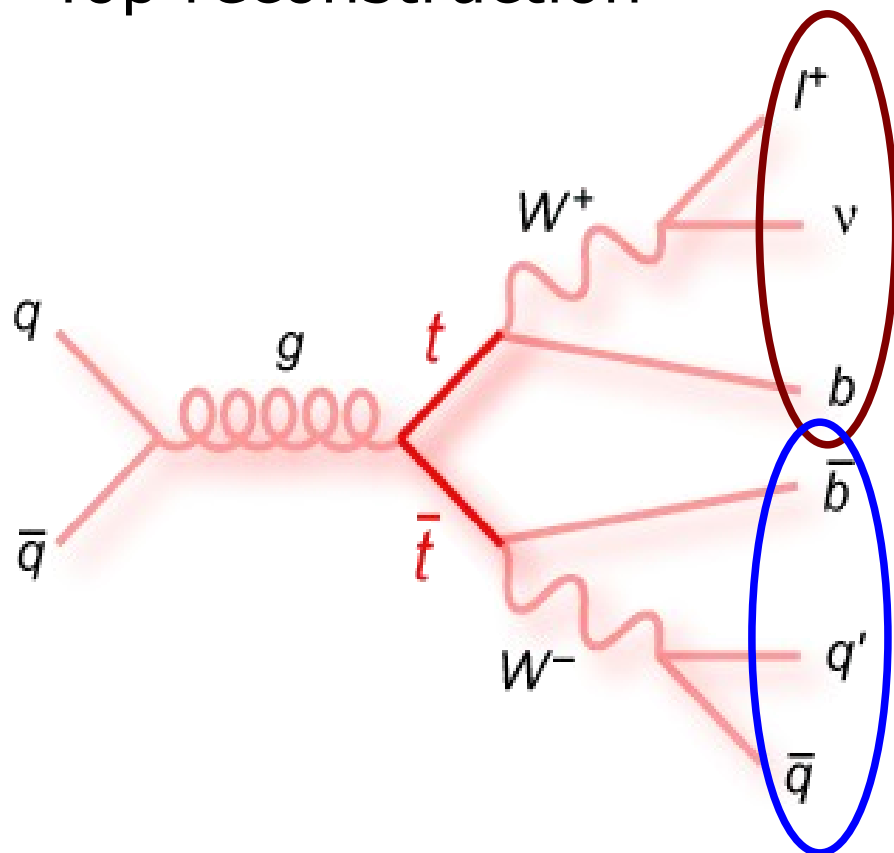


### Leptonic pseudo-top:

- construct leptonically decaying  $W$  from lepton and  $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$
- b-jet with smallest  $\Delta R$  to lepton

# Differential

## ■ Top reconstruction



### Leptonic pseudo-top:

- construct leptonically decaying  $W$  from lepton and  $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$
- b-jet with smallest  $\Delta R$  to lepton

### Hadronic pseudo-top:

- construct  $W$  from remaining two highest- $p_{\text{T}}$  jets
- use remaining b-jet

# Colour Flow: Systematics

$\Delta\theta_P (j_1^W, j_2^W)$ [%]	$\theta_P (j_1^W, j_2^W)$			
	0.0 – 0.21	0.21 – 0.48	0.48 – 0.78	0.78 – 1.0
Hadronisation	0.63	0.22	0.27	0.09
Generator	0.37	0.24	0.50	0.06
Colour Reconnection	0.11	0.26	0.03	0.53
<i>b</i> -Tagging	0.35	0.12	0.20	0.31
Non-Closure	0.25	0.07	0.08	0.30
ISR / FSR	0.32	0.12	0.15	0.01
Other	0.25	0.20	0.11	0.18
JER	0.12	0.13	0.21	0.03
JES	0.13	0.06	0.13	0.07
Tracks	0.09	0.04	0.05	0.07
Syst.	0.97	0.52	0.68	0.72
Stat.	0.22	0.18	0.17	0.26
Total	0.99	0.55	0.71	0.76