

$t\bar{t}$ Asymmetries



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The Top Quark

- Heaviest known elementary particle:

$$m_t = 173.2 \pm 0.9 \text{ GeV}$$

arXiv:1107.5255

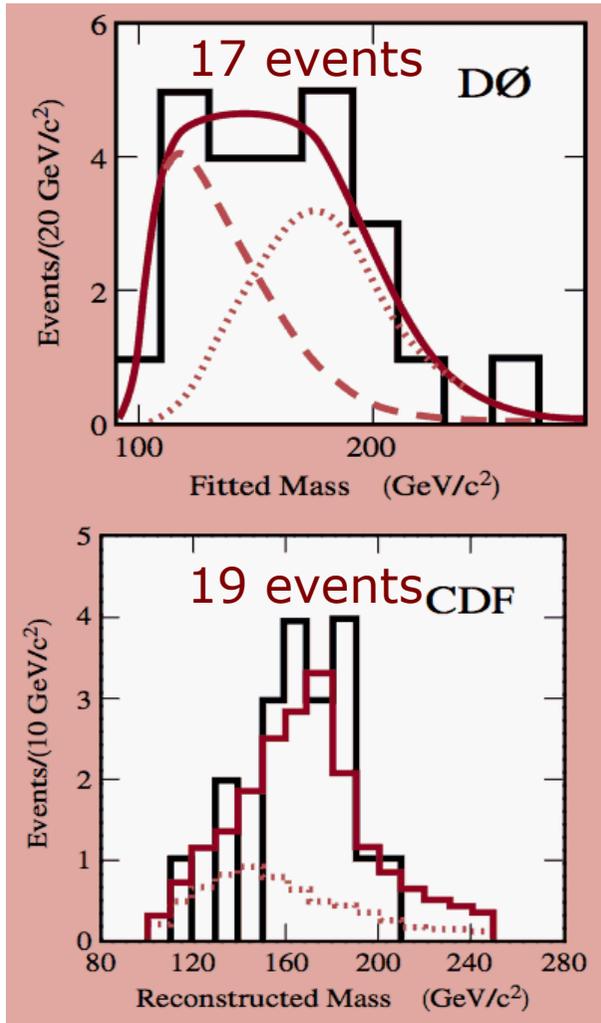
- Standard Model:

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



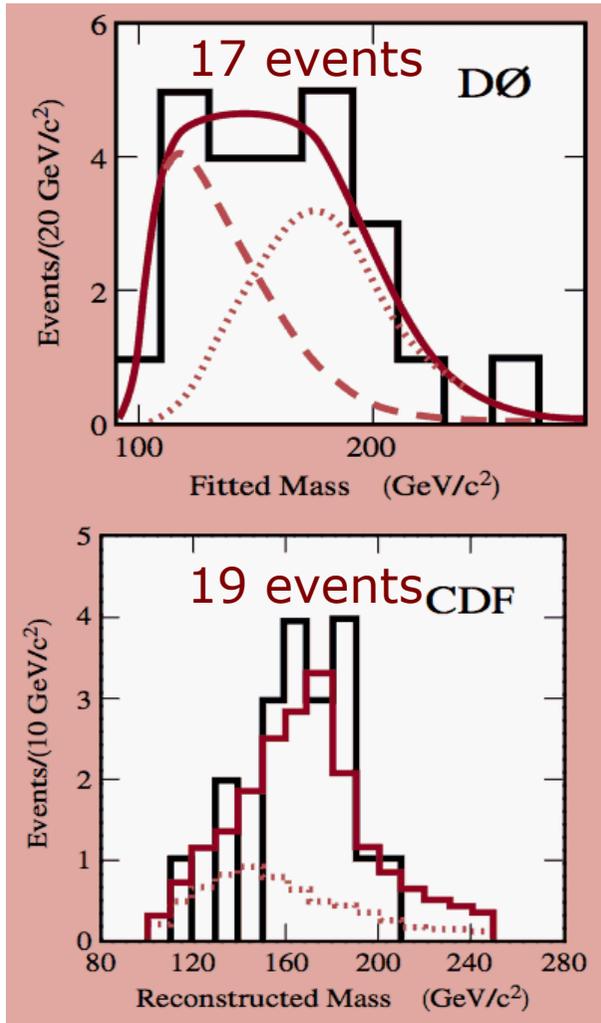
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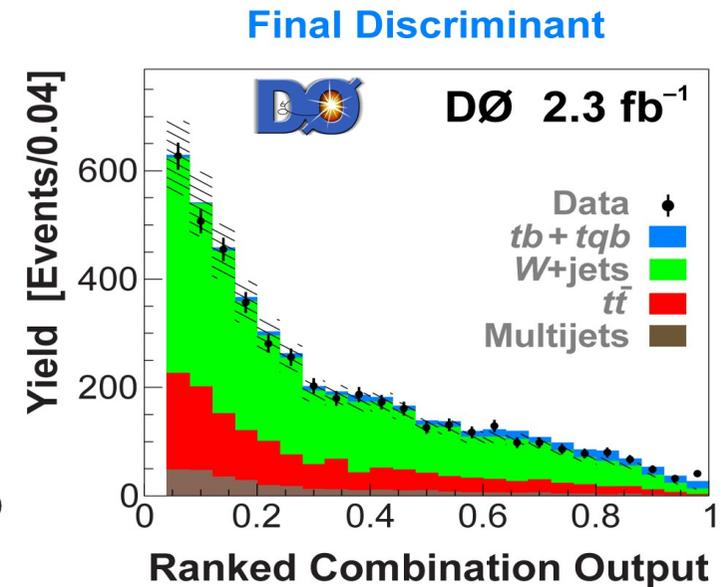
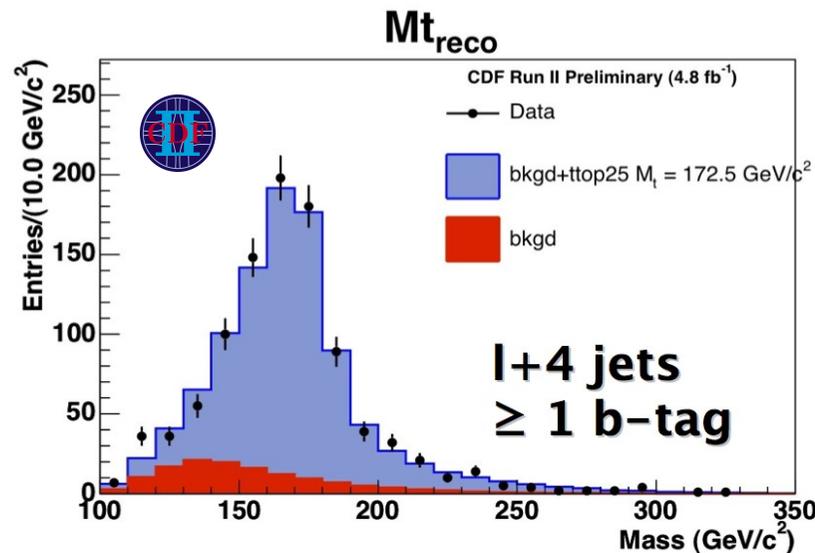
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Situation today:

1000s of events!

Rediscovered in 2009 in single top production

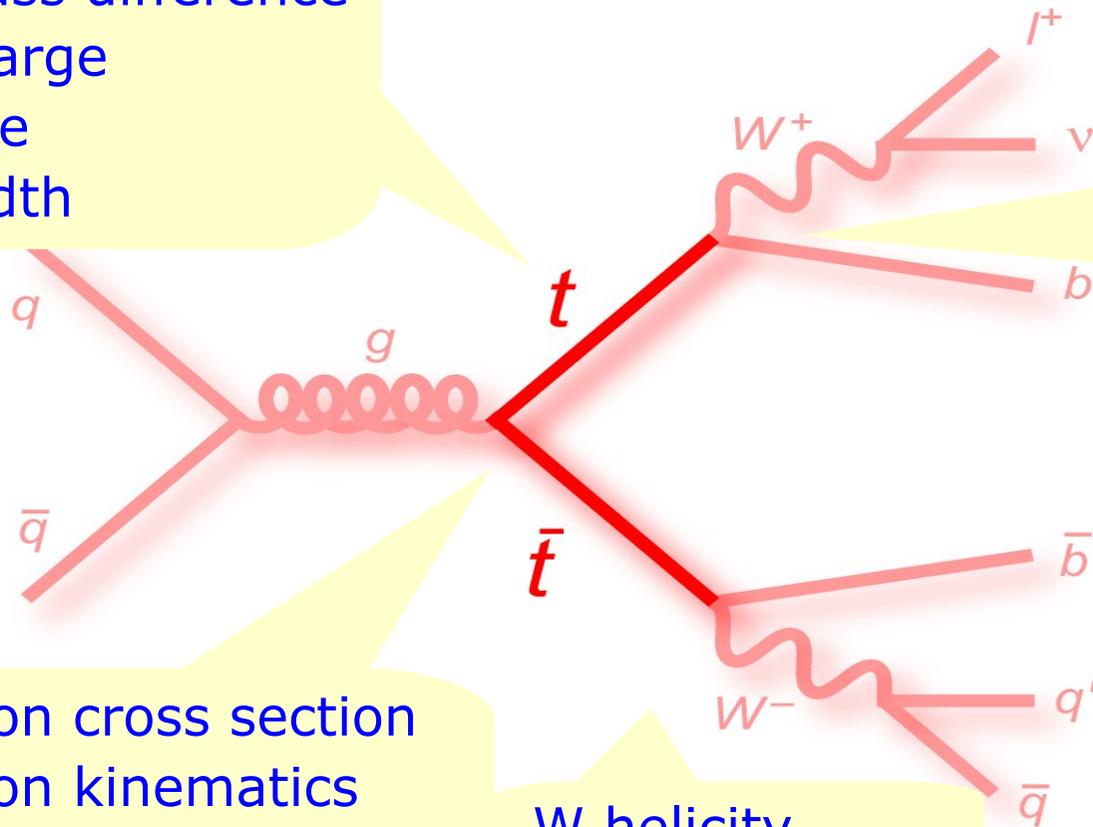


Since 2010 LHC operating → top quark factory

All we study about the Top

Top mass
Top mass difference
Top charge
Lifetime
Top width

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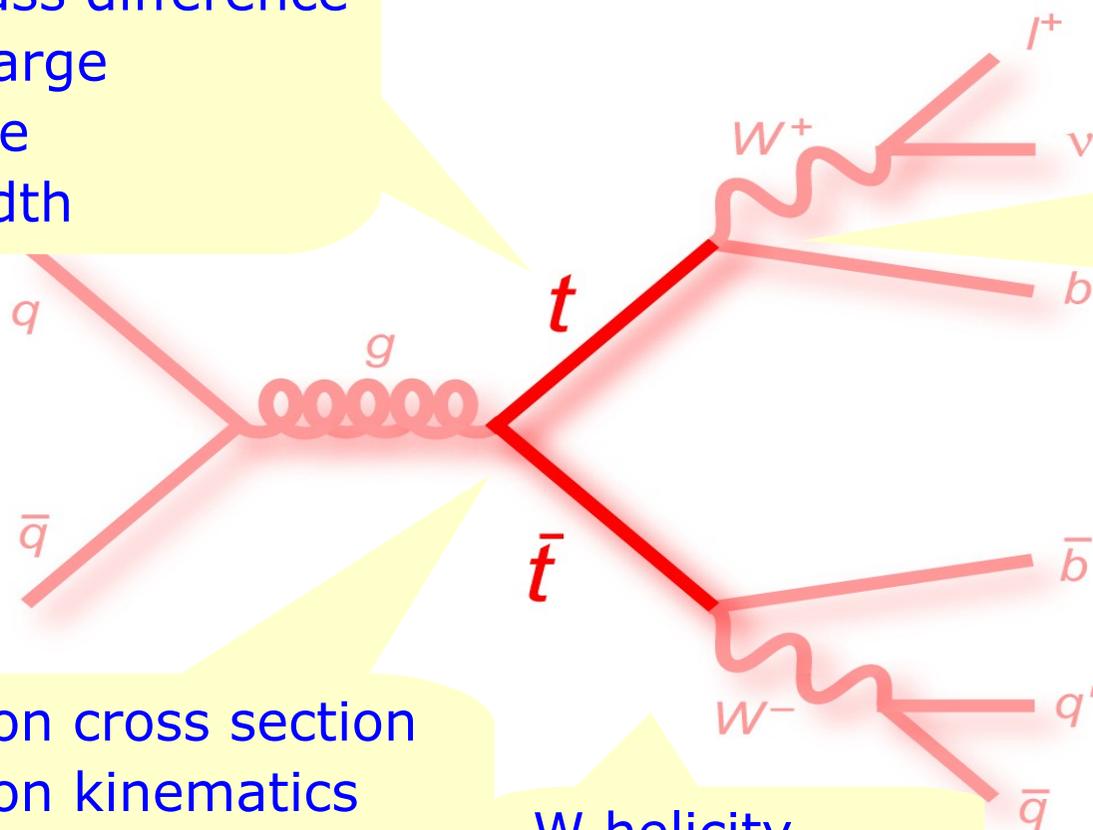
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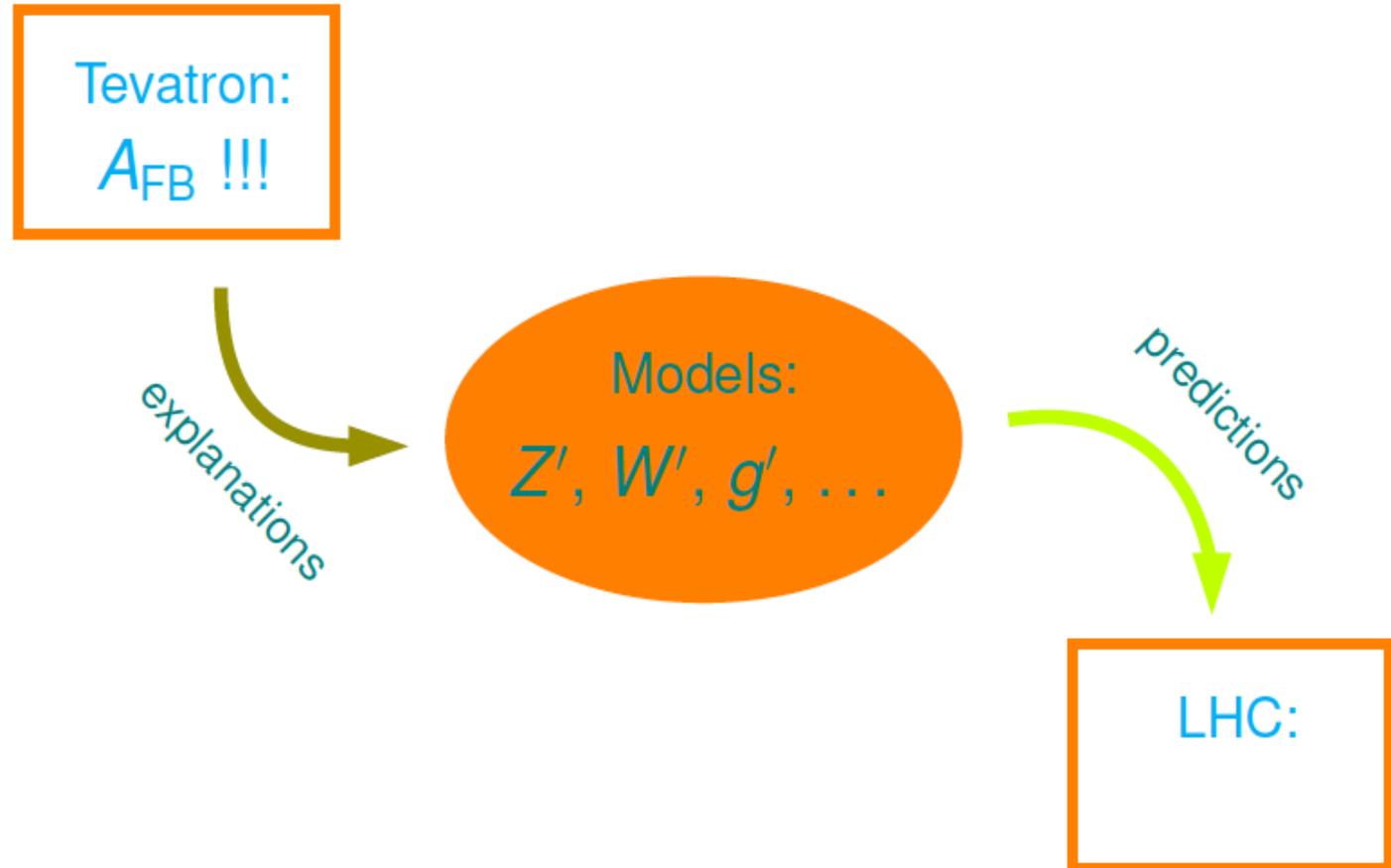
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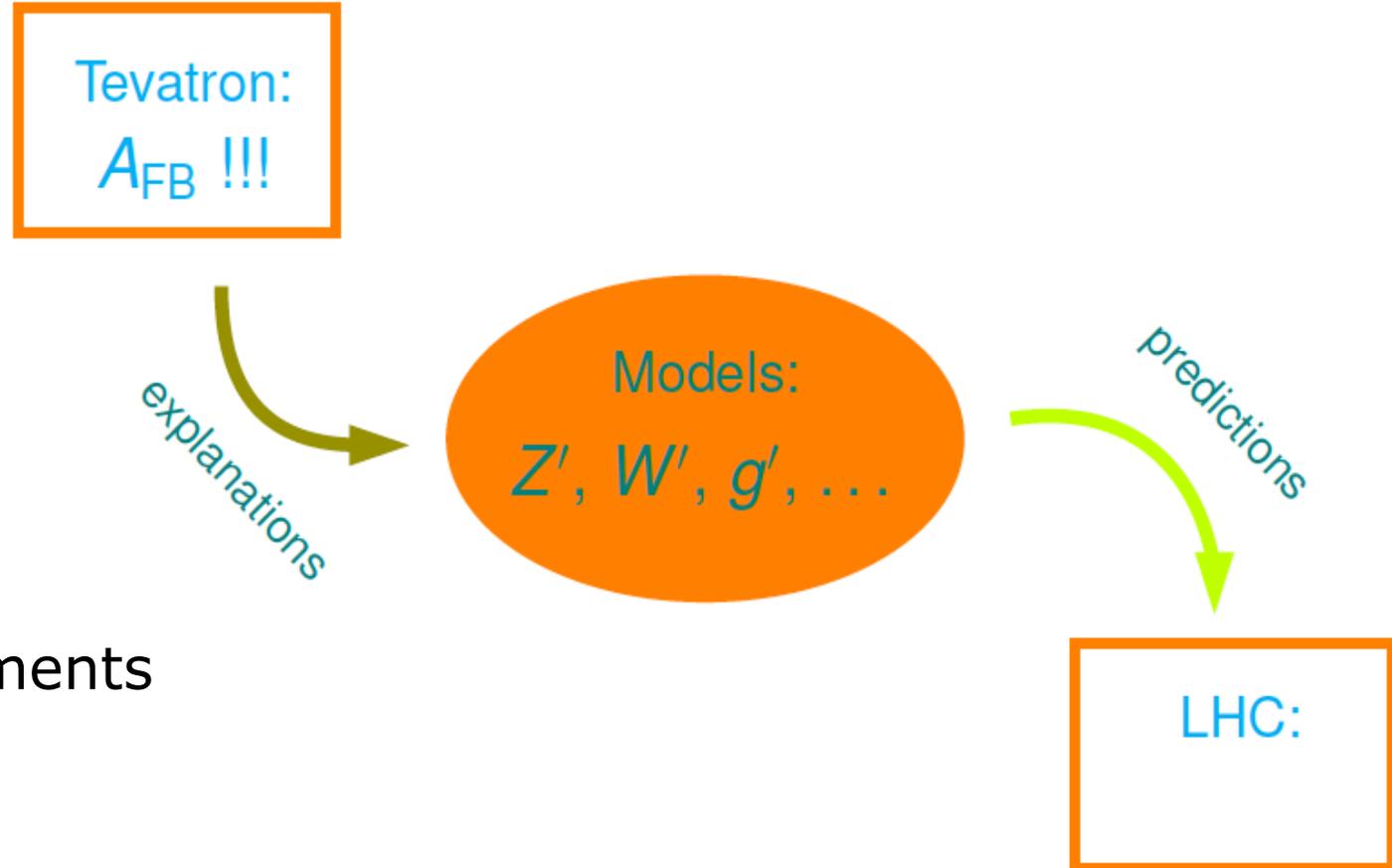
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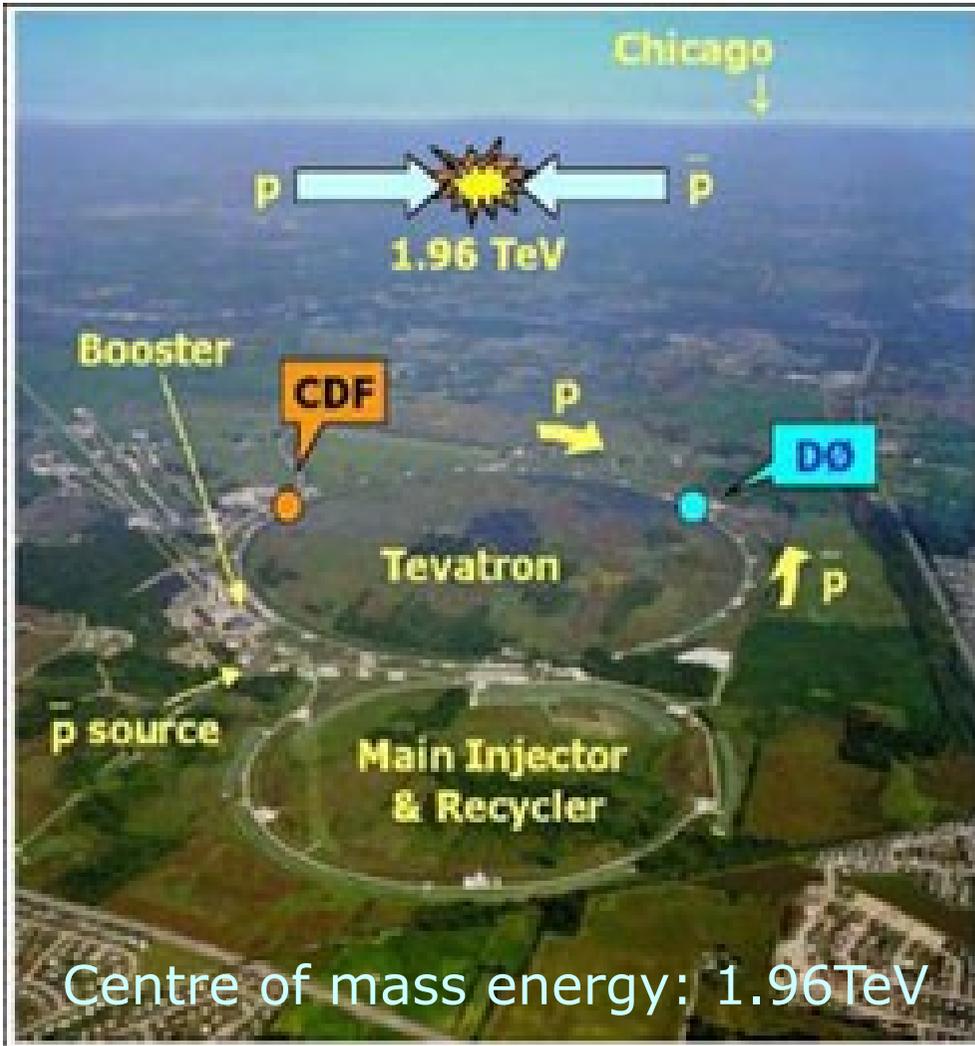
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- Asymmetry definitions
- Asymmetry @ Tevatron
- Theory:
 - SM
 - new physics models
- Asymmetry @ LHC
- Other related measurements
- Conclusion

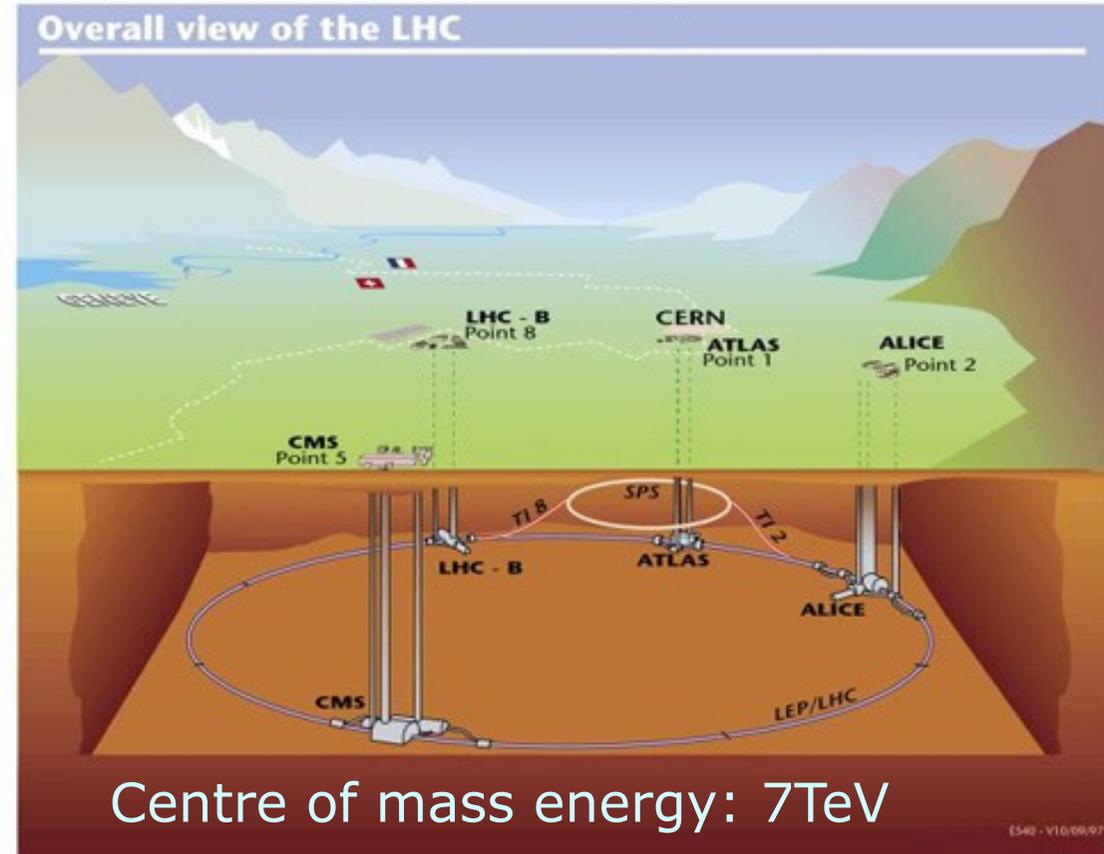


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Tevatron and LHC



$p\bar{p}$ collider



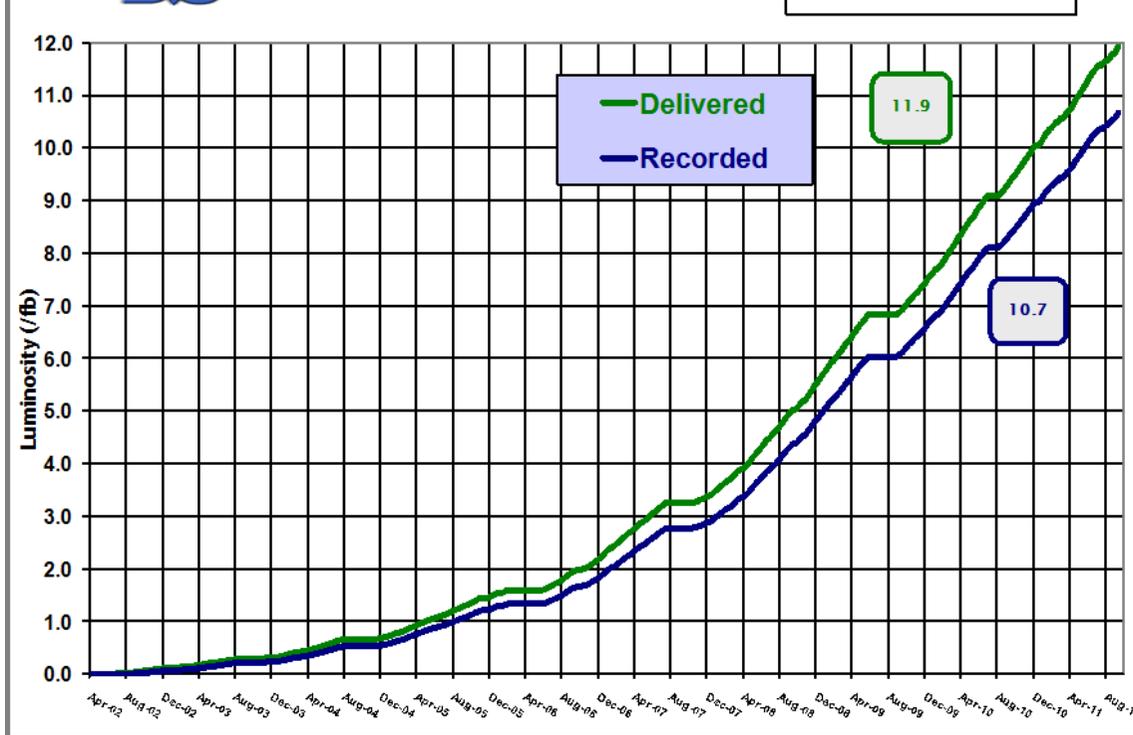
pp collider

How much Data we collected

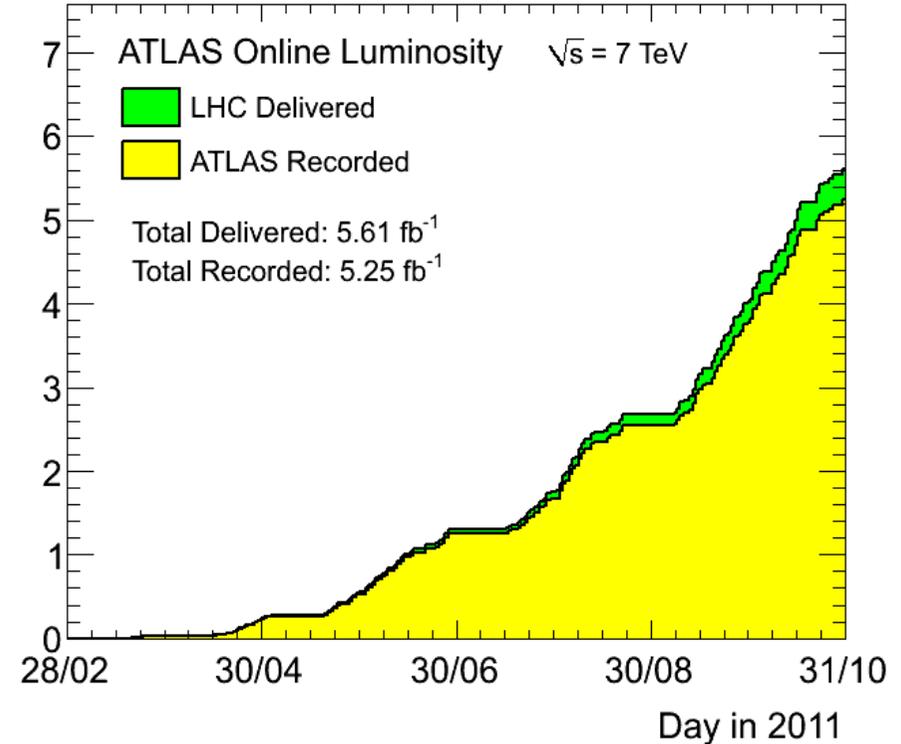


Run II Integrated Luminosity

19 April 2002 - 30 September 2011



Total Integrated Luminosity [fb⁻¹]



~11.5fb⁻¹ delivered
 >10fb⁻¹ on disk per experiment
 Tevatron ended operation on
 30.9.2011

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Some $t\bar{t}$ Basics

- Most properties measured in $t\bar{t}$ events

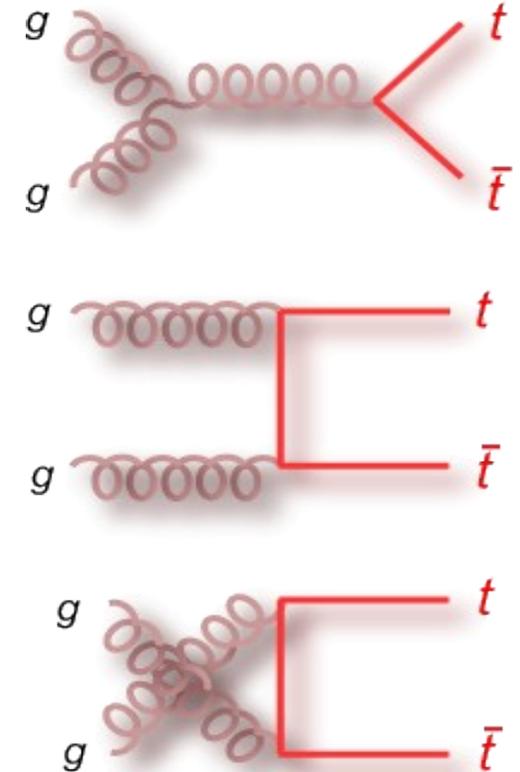
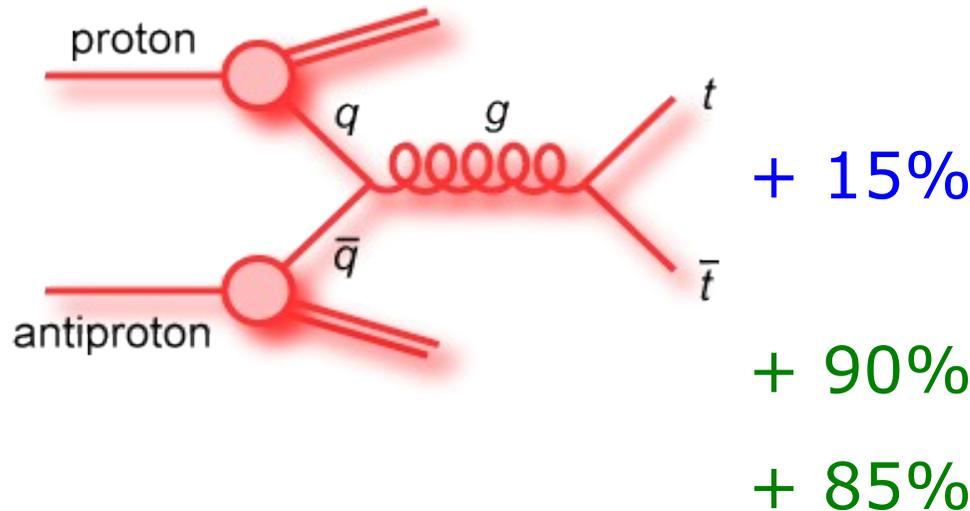
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Moch, Uwer, PRD 78, 034003 (2008)

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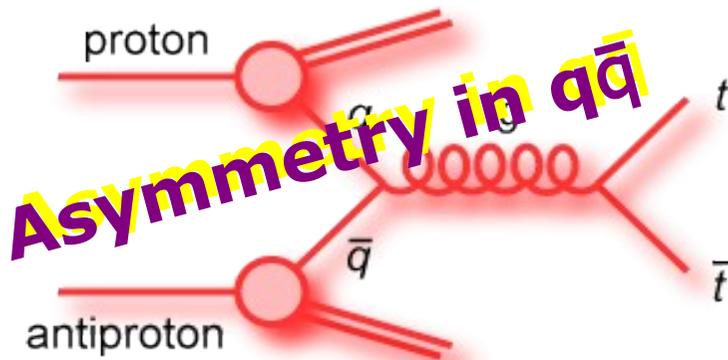
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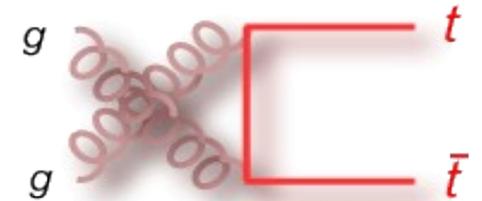
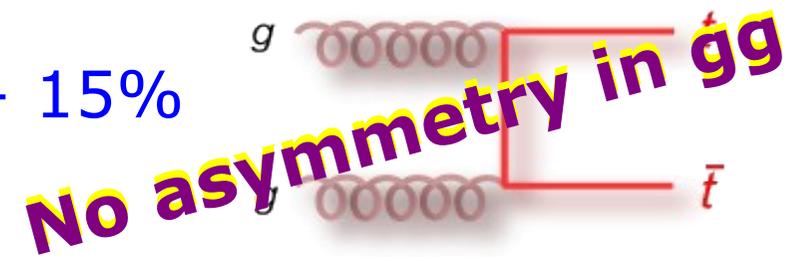
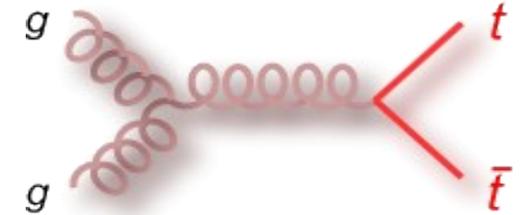
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+ 15%

+ 90%

+ 85%



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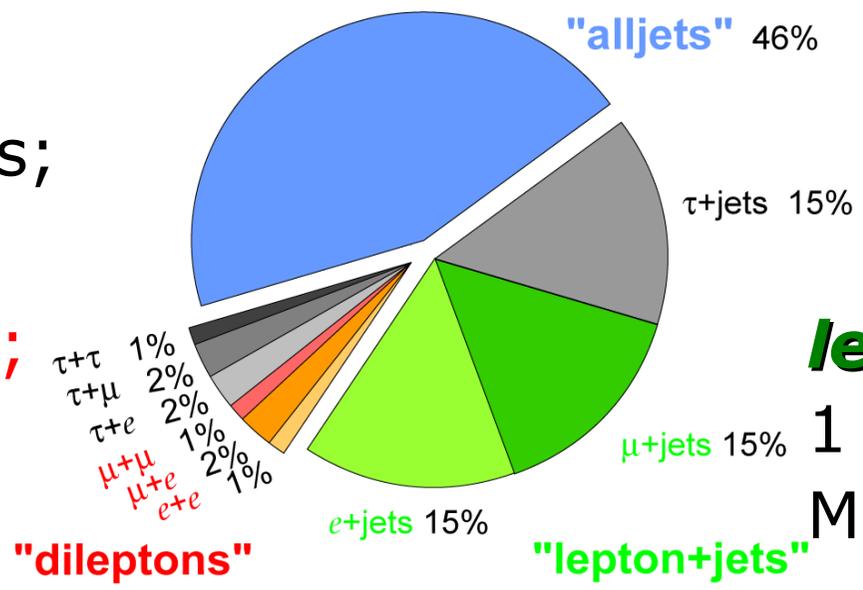
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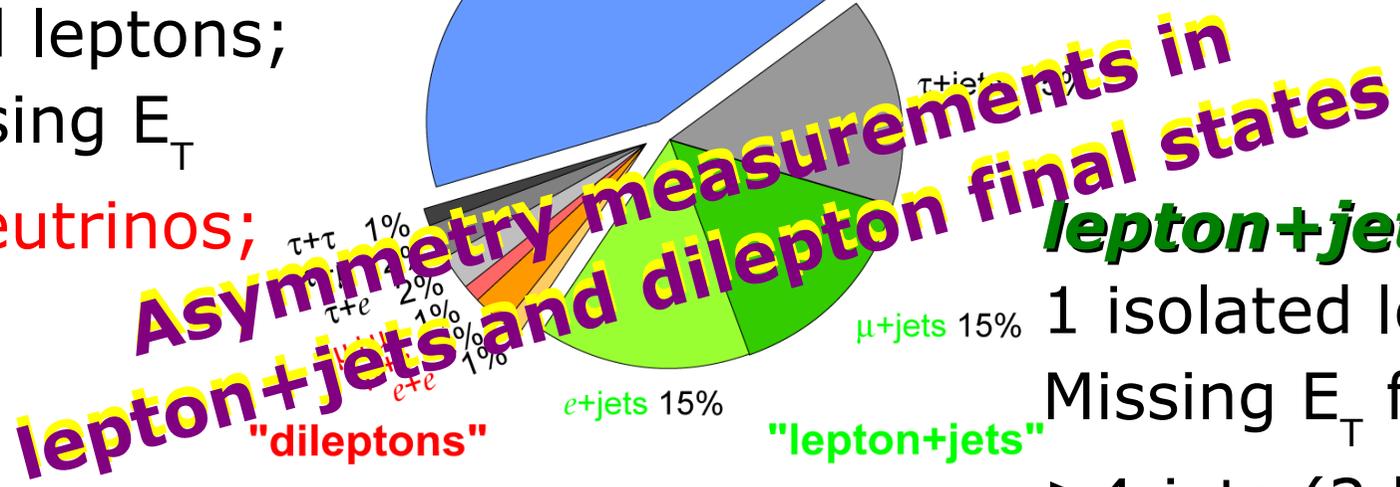
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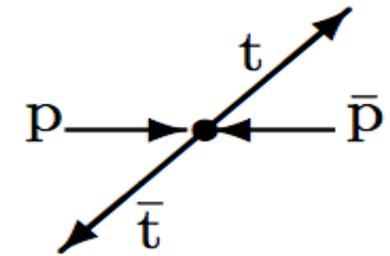


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Definitions and Introduction

Do top quarks follow preferentially the initial quark or antiquark direction?



Several asymmetry definitions can be studied

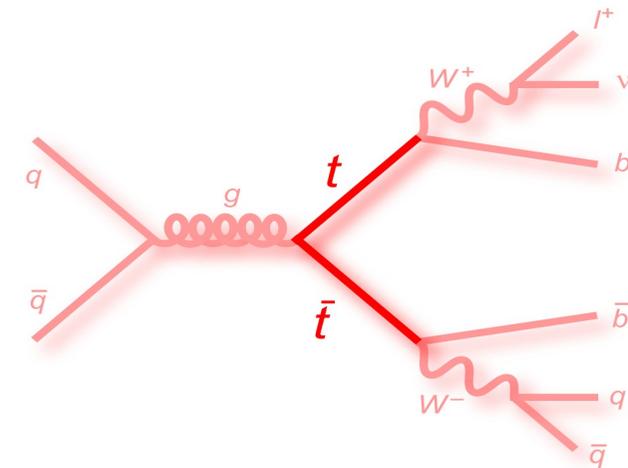
- $t\bar{t}$ Forward backward asymmetry

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

- Lepton based asymmetry

$$A_{FB}^l = \frac{N(q_l y_l > 0) - N(q_l y_l < 0)}{N(q_l y_l > 0) + N(q_l y_l < 0)}$$

$$\Delta y = y_t - y_{\bar{t}}$$

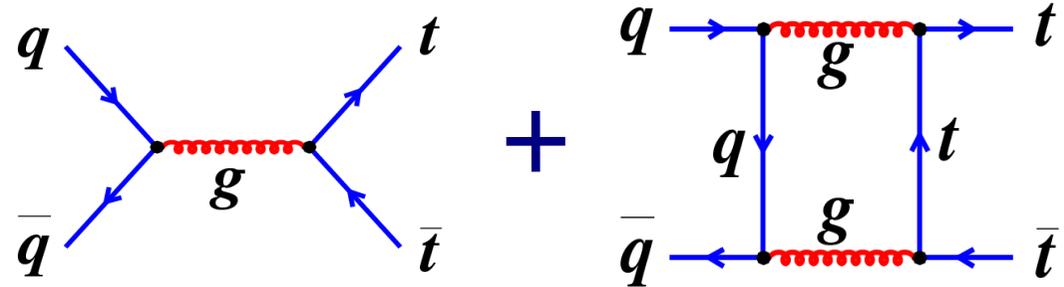
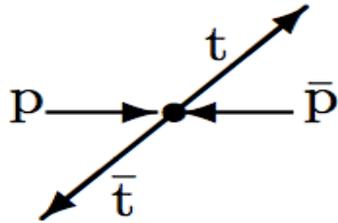


$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \right)$$

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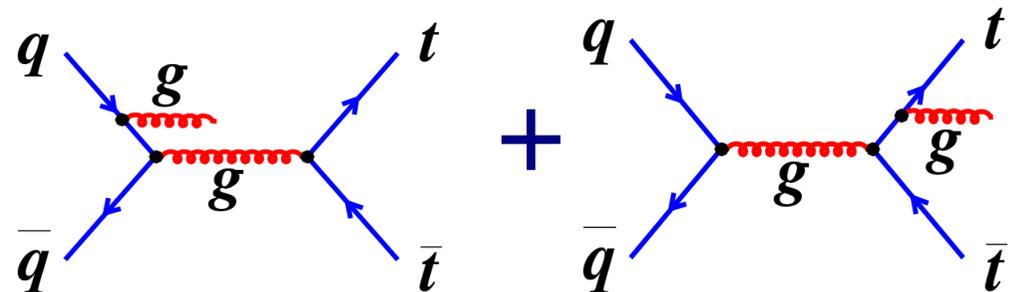
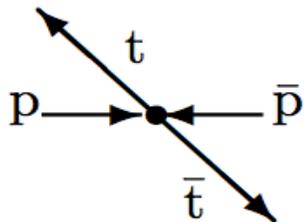
- LO: No charge asymmetry expected
- NLO QCD: Interference between $q\bar{q}$ diagrams
- Tree level and box diagrams:

- Positive asymmetry



- Initial and final state radiation:

- Negative asymmetry



Definitions at Tevatron and LHC

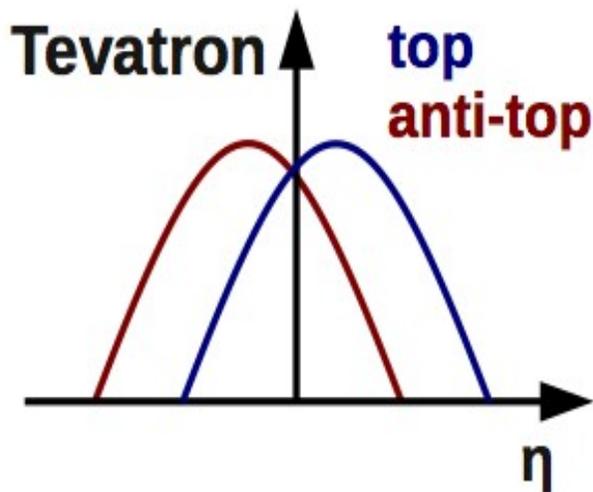
- Tevatron: $p\bar{p}$ is CP eigenstate \rightarrow pp (LHC) is not
 \rightarrow different way to measure the effect at Tevatron and LHC
- LHC: Charge asymmetry (other possibilities: discussed later)

Tevatron

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

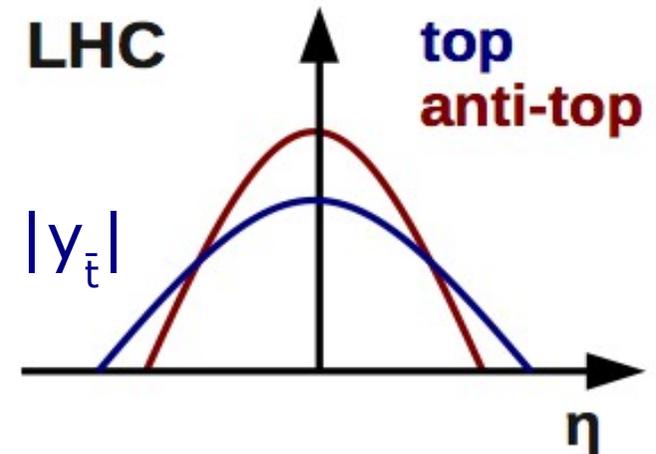
LHC

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



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$$\Delta y = y_t - y_{\bar{t}}$$

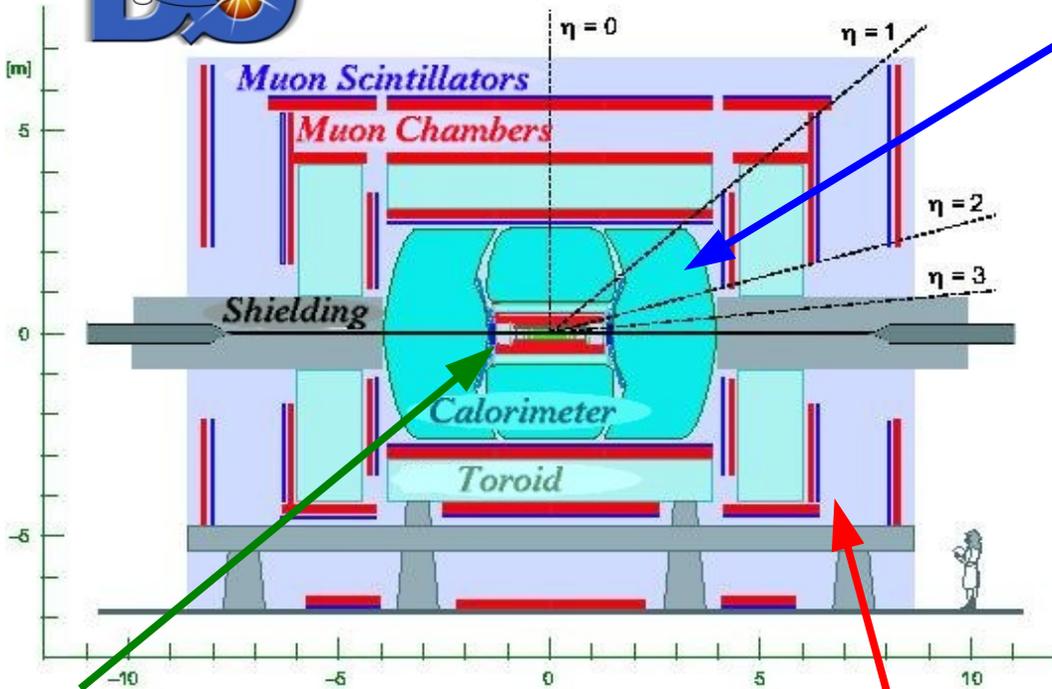


$$\Delta |y| = |y_t| - |y_{\bar{t}}|$$

Measurements at the Tevatron

- Reconstruction
- Measurements in lepton+jets & dilepton
- Dependencies of the asymmetry
- Modeling concerns

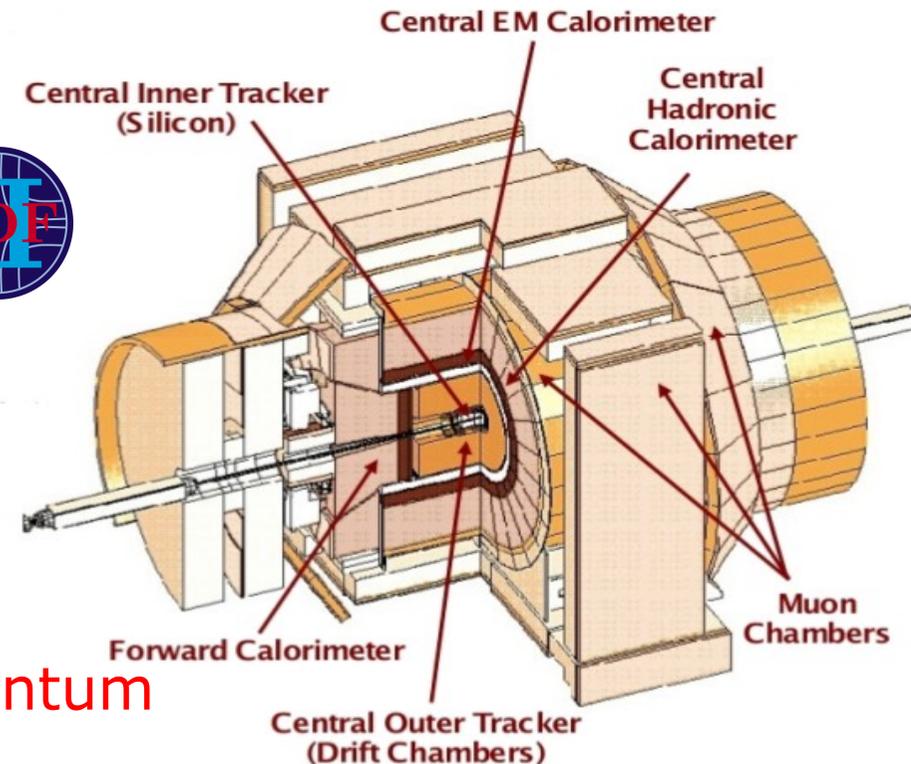
The CDF & DØ Detectors



Calorimeter:
Identification and energy measurement of jets and electrons

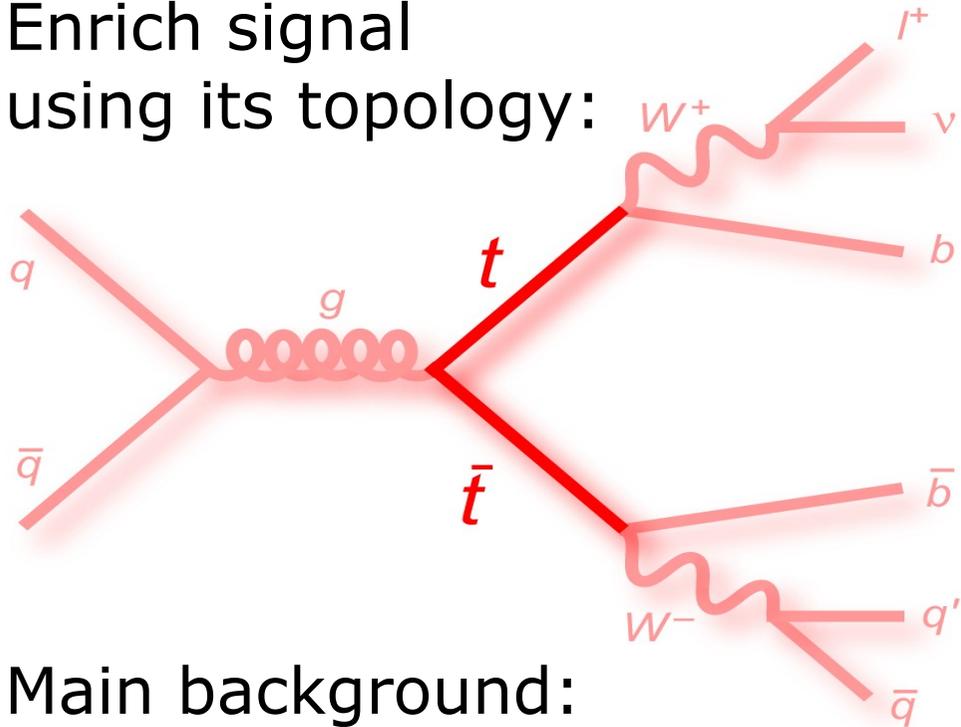
Tracker: Detection and momentum measurement for charged particles

Muon chamber:
Identification and momentum measurement of muons



Event Selection l+jets

- Enrich signal using its topology:



1 lepton (e or μ) with $p_T > 20\text{GeV}$; $|\eta| < 1.1$
(DØ: $|\eta_\mu| < 2.0$)

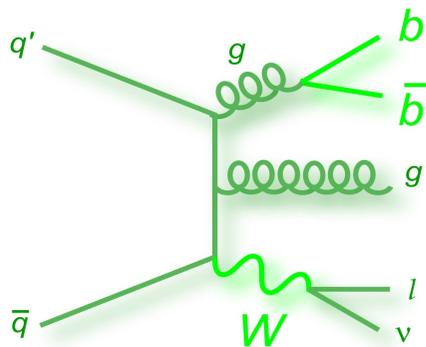
Missing p_T for neutrino (E_T): $> 20\text{GeV}$

≥ 4 jets with $p_T > 20\text{GeV}$;
CDF: $|\eta| < 2.0$; DØ: $|\eta| < 2.5$

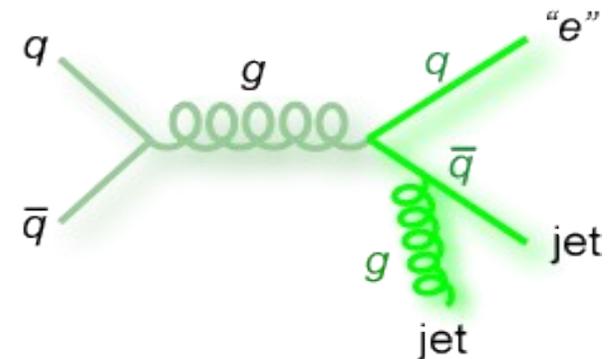
≥ 1 jet b-tagged

- Main background:

W+jets

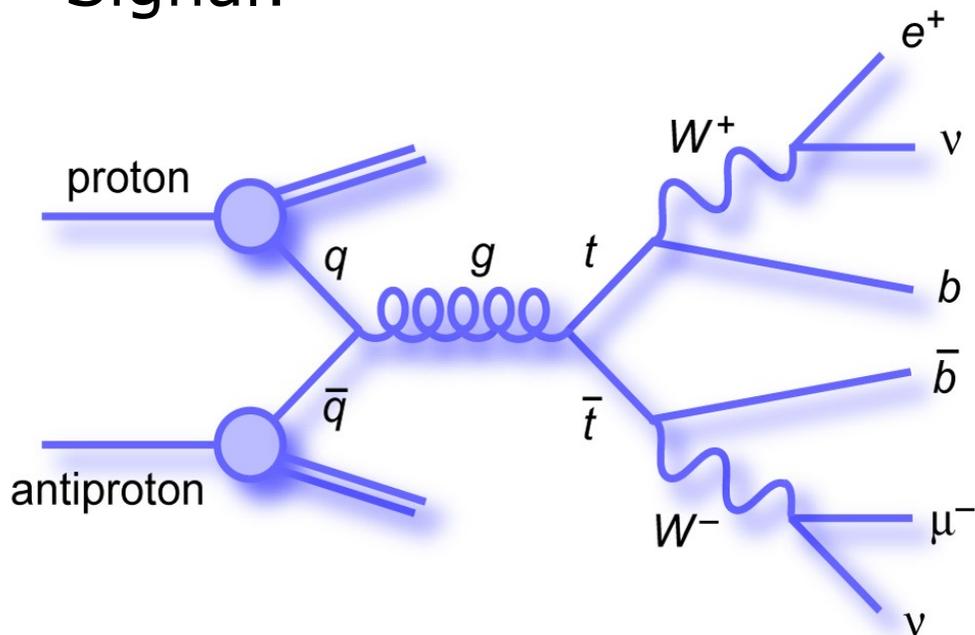


and QCD multijets



Event Selection dilepton

Signal:



2 leptons (e or μ) with $p_T > 20\text{GeV}$; $|\eta_e| < 1.1$
or $1.2 < |\eta_e| < 2.8$; $|\eta_\mu| < 1.1$

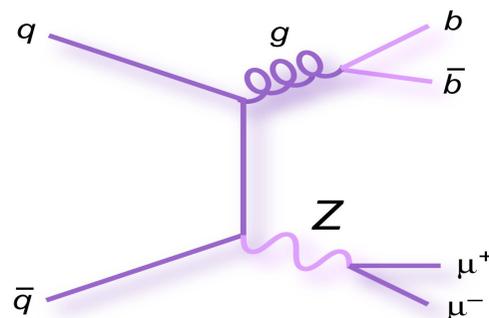
$\cancel{E}_T > 25$ or 50GeV (depending on angle between \cancel{E}_T
direction and closest lepton or jet)

≥ 2 jets with $p_T > 15\text{GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 2.5$

H_T (scalar sum of lepton & jet p_T & \cancel{E}_T) $> 200\text{GeV}$

Main background:

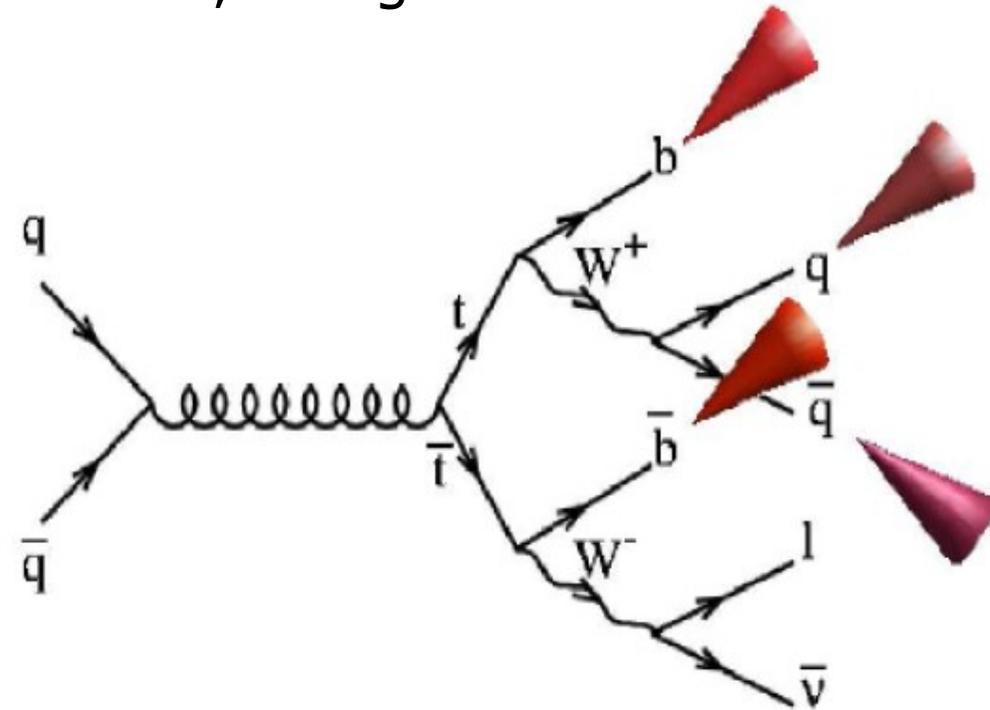
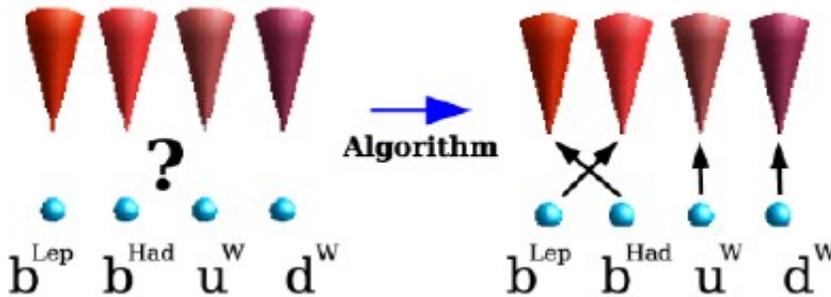
Z+jets



and QCD multijets

$t\bar{t}$ Reconstruction

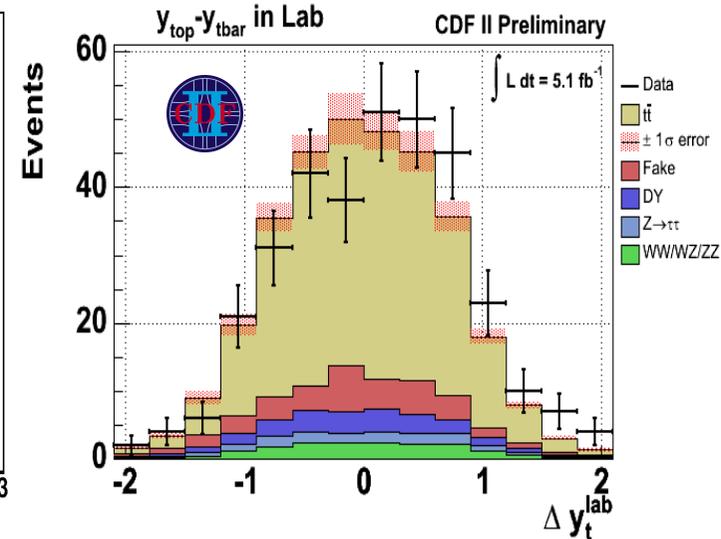
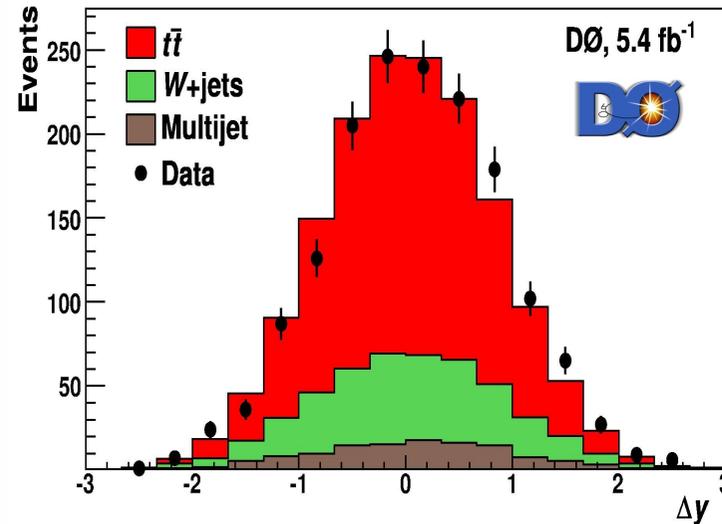
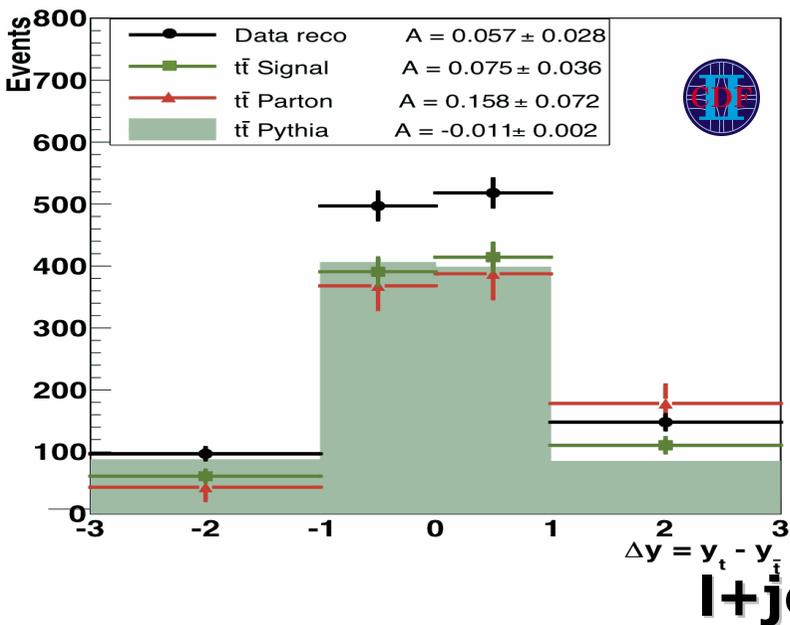
- **L+jets**: kinematic fit to reconstruct full event, using
 - Fixed top mass
 - Two jets have to have $m_{jj} = m_W$
 - B-jet identification
- Experimental resolutions taken into account



- **Dilepton**: also kinematic fitter, but more dof (2 neutrinos) \rightarrow use a priori probability distributions as input, calculate probability

Extracting the raw Asymmetry

- Subtract background from Data
 - DØ: Background fitted with likelihood discriminant
 - CDF: Background from MC prediction



CDF: $A_{\text{FB}}^{t\bar{t}} = 7.5 \pm 3.7\%$ (MC@NLO prediction: $2.4 \pm 0.5\%$)

DØ: $A_{\text{FB}}^{t\bar{t}} = 9.2 \pm 3.7\%$ (MC@NLO prediction: $2.4 \pm 0.7\%$)

dilepton

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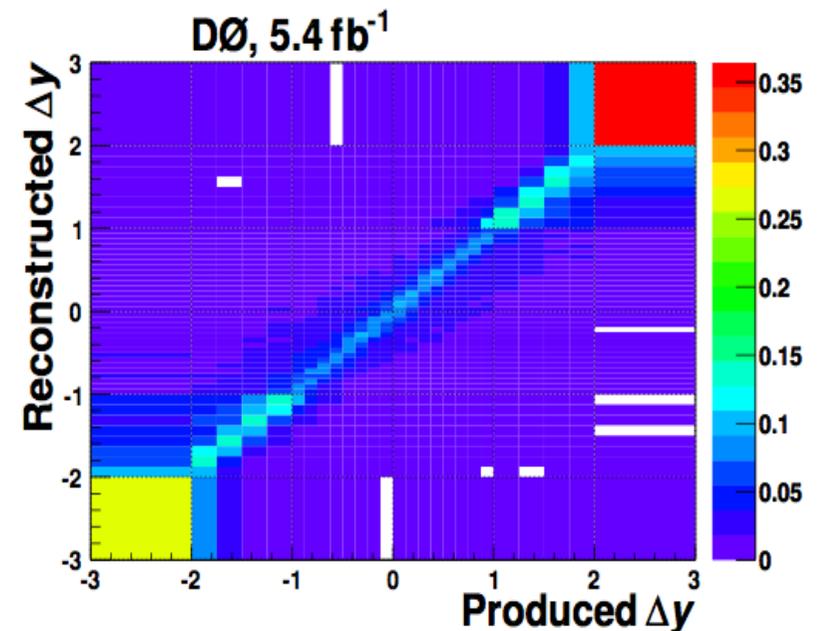
- Different acceptance cuts and detector effects → not comparable!

Unfolding

- Correct for acceptance & resolution effects back to production level
- Different unfolding methods used by CDF and DØ
- CDF: 4 bin matrix inversion in Δy (edges: -3, -1, 0, 1, 3)

$$\vec{n}_{production} = A^{-1} S^{-1} \vec{n}_{reco}$$

- A : (diagonal) acceptance matrix
 - S : migration matrix
- DØ: regularized unfolding using TUnfold from ROOT (50 \rightarrow 26 bins in Δy)
 - Better statistical strength than 4 bin matrix inversion



Production Level Asymmetries

■ $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$ after unfolding for DØ (l+jets)
& CDF (l+jets and dilepton)
→ Measurements higher than prediction

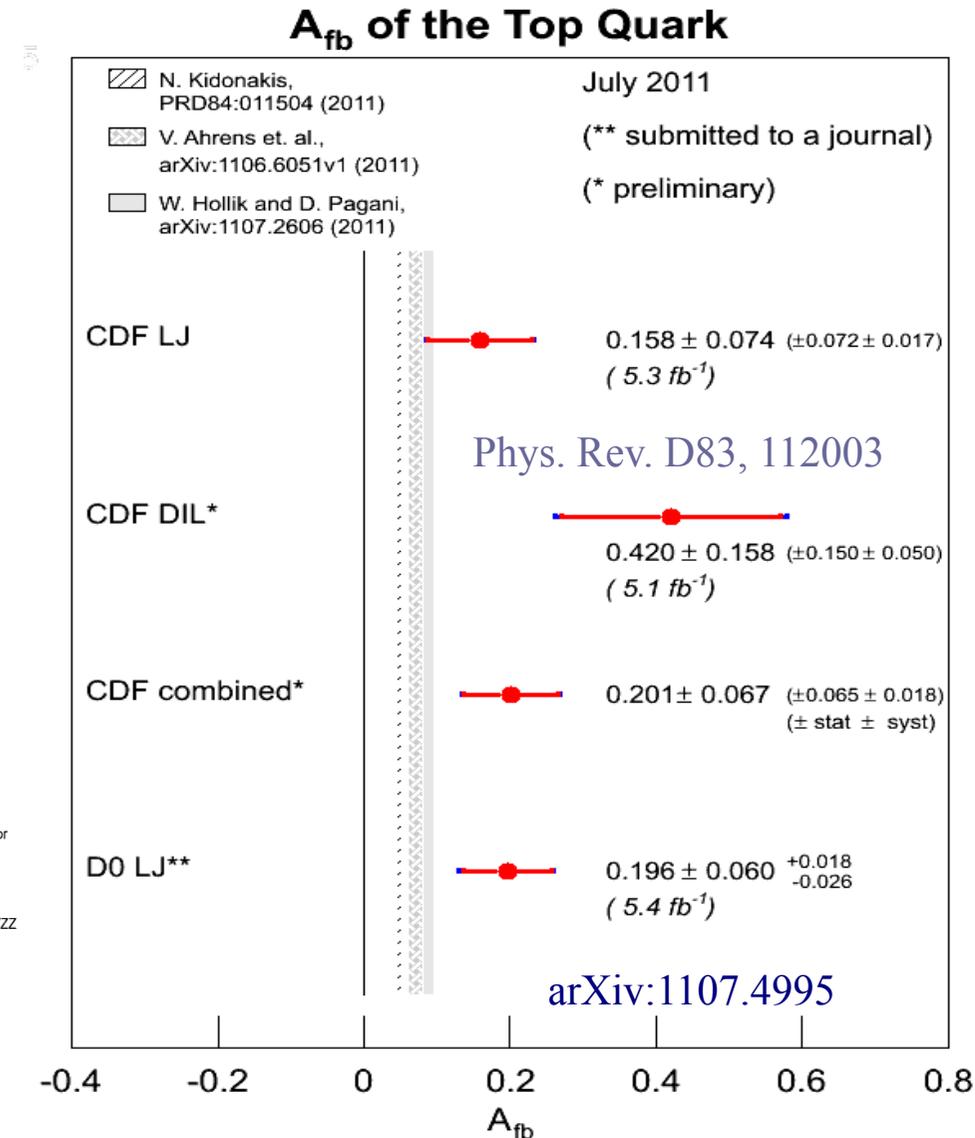
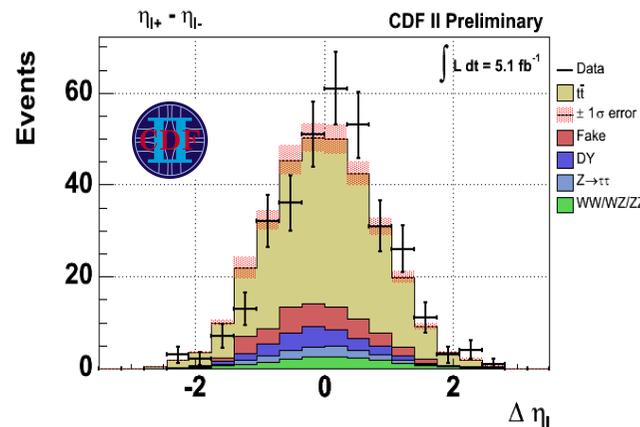
■ Lepton-based asymmetries:

■ Very good resolution → unfolding easy

■ DØ (l+jets): $A_{FB}^l = 14.2 \pm 3.8\%$
(MC@NLO pred: $0.8 \pm 0.6\%$)

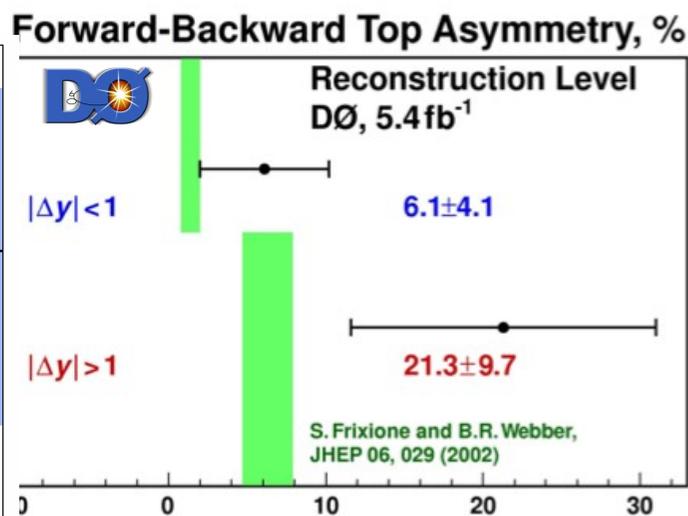
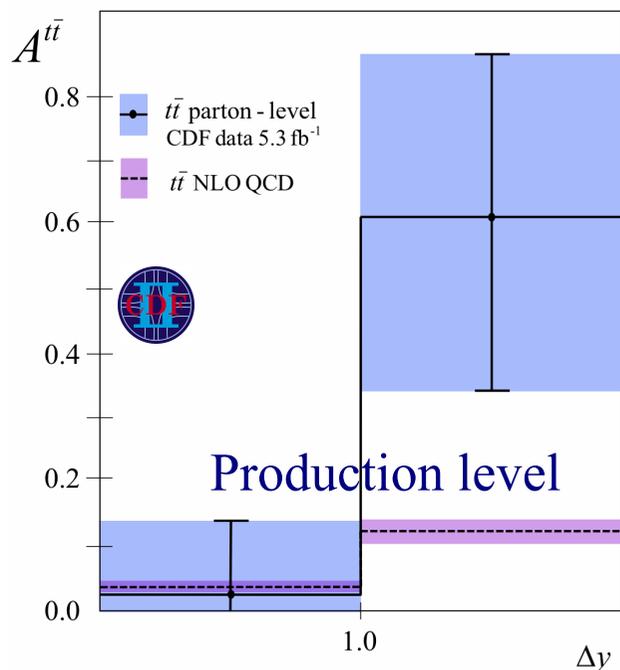
→ ~3 sigma away from prediction!

■ CDF (dilepton):
 $A_{FB}^{\Delta\eta(l)} = 21 \pm 7\%$

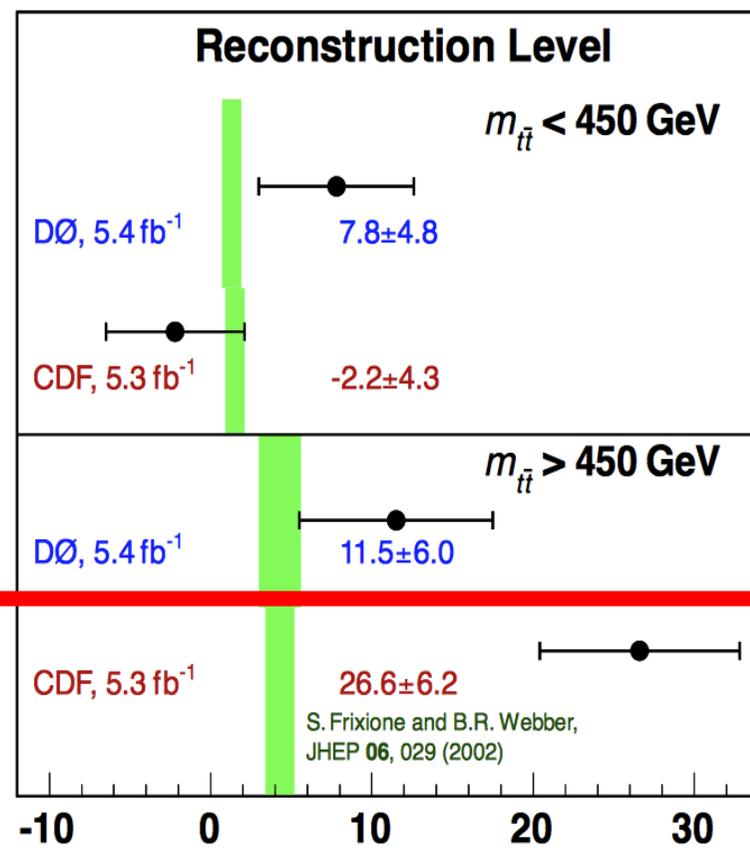


Dependencies

- Asymmetry depends on several variables ($m_{t\bar{t}}$, rapidity, etc.)
 - BSM could show a different mass dependence than in SM
- CDF & DØ: study $m_{t\bar{t}}$ & Δy dependence



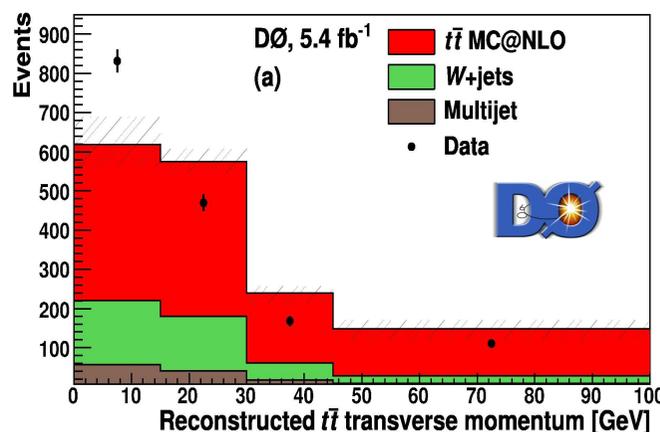
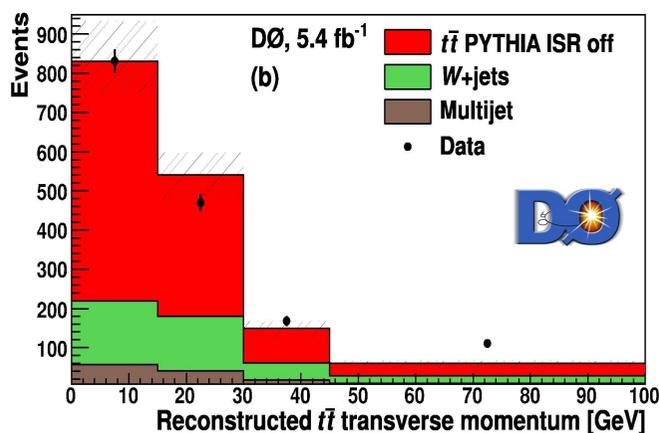
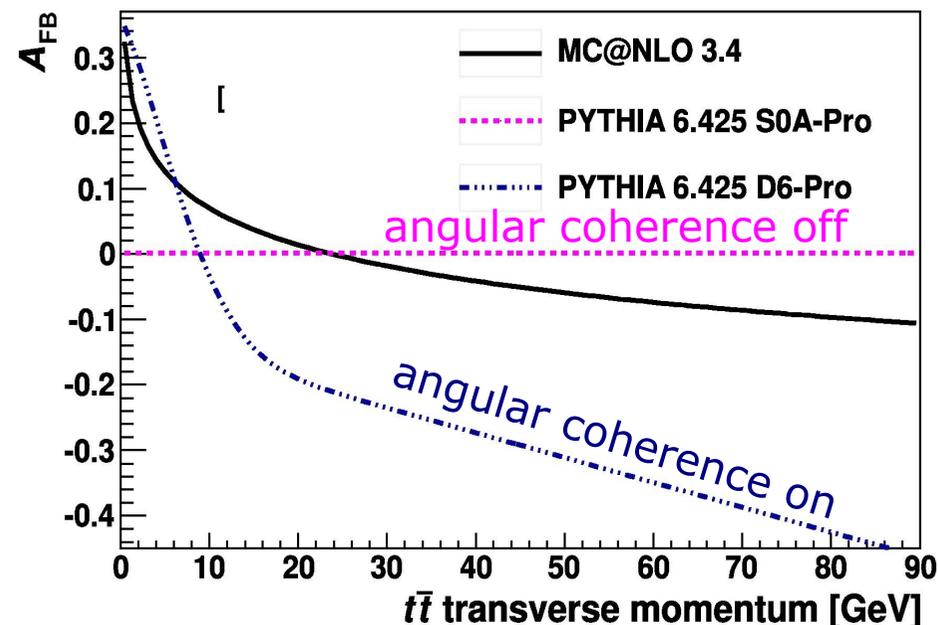
Forward-Backward Top Asymmetry, %



$\sim 3\sigma$ away
from MC@NLO
prediction

Modeling Issues

- Sensitivity of asymmetry prediction to modeling studied at $D\bar{0}$
- Noted a dependence on $p_T^{t\bar{t}}$
 - e. g. when switching angular coherence between top and initial parton shower on/off
 - Effect included as systematic uncertainty for now (1.6%)
- Top pair p_T difficult to model in data



→ better understanding needed (dedicated measurement)

Theory Intermezzo

- SM predictions
- New Physics models
- Constraints on the models

SM Predictions

- Top quark asymmetry in frame i:

$$A_{\text{FB}}^i = \frac{N_t(y_t^i > 0) - N_t(y_t^i < 0)}{N_t(y_t^i > 0) + N_t(y_t^i < 0)} \equiv \frac{\sigma_A^i}{\sigma_S^i}$$

is the ratio of asymmetric (σ_A) and symmetric (σ_S) cross section

- QCD calculation:

$$\frac{\sigma_A}{\sigma_S} = \frac{\left[\int_{y_t > 0} \frac{d\sigma}{dy_t} - \int_{y_t < 0} \frac{d\sigma}{dy_t} \right]}{\left[\int_{y_t > 0} \frac{d\sigma}{dy_t} + \int_{y_t < 0} \frac{d\sigma}{dy_t} \right]} = \frac{\alpha_s^3 \sigma_A^{(0)} + \alpha_s^4 \sigma_A^{(1)} + \dots}{\alpha_s^2 \sigma_S^{(0)} + \alpha_s^3 \alpha_s \sigma_S^{(1)} + \dots}$$

Pecjak, Top2011

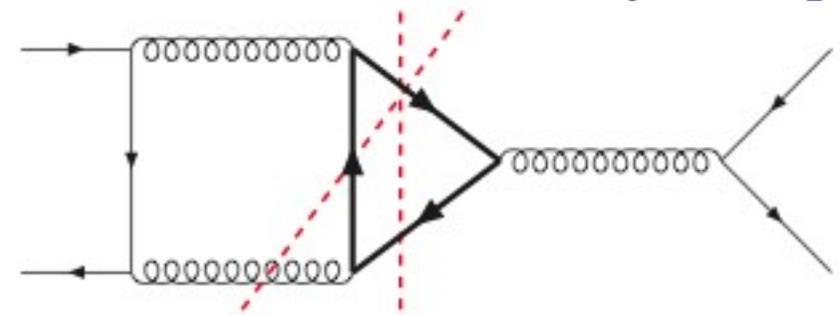
- Numerator starts at α_s^3
- NLO calculations for cross section are NOT NLO for asymmetry

SM Predictions: QCD

Asymmetry in QCD:

- Interference of $C=1$ and $C=-1$ amplitudes are odd under $t \leftrightarrow \bar{t}$
→ cause asymmetry

Kuhn, Rodrigo, PRL 81 (1998)



- Dominant contribution from $q\bar{q}$, but also from gq channels; none from gg

Higher order QCD contributions

- Estimated with soft-gluon resummation
 - NLO+NNLO by Ahrens et al.; arXiv:1106.6051
 - Approximative NNLO by Kidonakis

SM Predictions: QED

- Additionally: QED contributions enhance the asymmetry

Kuhn, Rodrigo, 2011; Hollik, Pagani 2010; Bernreuther, Si 2010

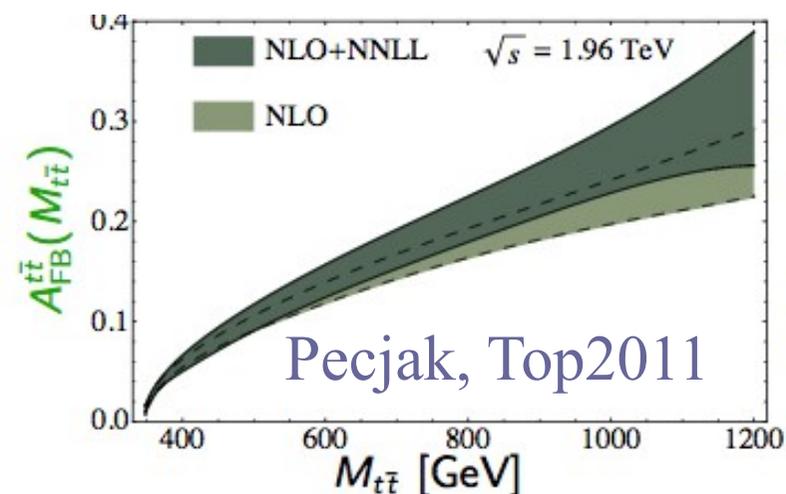
Pecjak, Top2011	$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$ [%]	$A_{FB}^{p\bar{p}}$ [%]
NLO	$7.32^{+0.69+0.18}_{-0.59-0.19}$	$4.81^{+0.45+0.13}_{-0.39-0.13}$
NLO+NNLL [Ahrens et. al.'11]	$7.24^{+1.04+0.20}_{-0.67-0.27}$	$4.88^{+0.20+0.17}_{-0.23-0.18}$
NNLO _{approx} [Kidonakis '11]		$5.2^{+0.0}_{-0.6}$
EW'/NLO' ($\mu = m_t$) [Bernreuther, Si '10]	0.05	0.04
EW/NLO ($\mu = m_t$) [Hollik, Pagani '10]	0.22	0.22

$b\bar{b} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ included
Extra photonic corrections

- In SM: no large $m_{t\bar{t}}$ dependence seen

$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$ [%]	$M_{t\bar{t}} < 450$ GeV	$M_{t\bar{t}} > 450$ GeV
NLO	$5.3^{+0.3+0.1}_{-0.4-0.1}$	$10.6^{+1.1+0.3}_{-0.8-0.1}$
NLO+NNLL [Ahrens et al]	$5.2^{+0.7+0.1}_{-0.5-0.0}$	$11.1^{+1.9+0.3}_{-1.0-0.0}$
EW/NLO ($\mu = m_t$) [Hollik et al]	–	0.23

Pecjak, Top2011



SM Predictions: $t\bar{t}j$

- Asymmetry considered so far: inclusive

- But: prediction different for $t\bar{t}0j$ versus $t\bar{t}1j$

- NLO calculation in $t\bar{t} \rightarrow$ LO in $t\bar{t}j$!

- $t\bar{t}X$ +jet at NLO: $A_{FB}^{p\bar{p}} = -1.8^{+0.6}_{-0.3} \%$

Dittmaier, Uwer, & Weinzierl, arXiv:hep-ph/0703120v1

Melnikov, Schulze, 2010

- Asymmetry in 4 jets (approx. $t\bar{t}0j$) and 5 jets (approx. $t\bar{t}1j$), e. g. from $D\emptyset$:

	$l+\geq 4$ jets	$l+4$ jets	$l+\geq 5$ jets
Raw $N_{\Delta y > 0}$	849	717	132
Raw $N_{\Delta y < 0}$	732	597	135
$A_{FB}(\%)$	9.2 ± 3.7	12.2 ± 4.3	-3.0 ± 7.9
MC@NLO $A_{FB}(\%)$	2.4 ± 0.7	3.9 ± 0.8	-2.9 ± 1.1

SM Predictions: $t\bar{t}j$ and $p_T^{t\bar{t}}$

- First calculation of $p_T^{t\bar{t}}$ at NLO & influence of parton shower on A_{FB} (for $t\bar{t}j$) → significant influence of parton shower can be seen

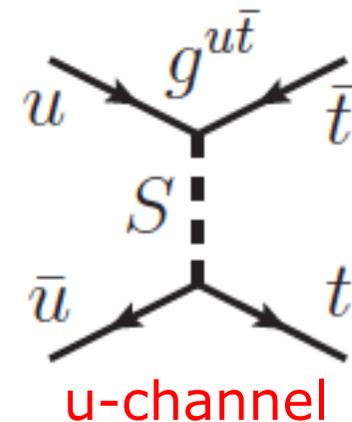
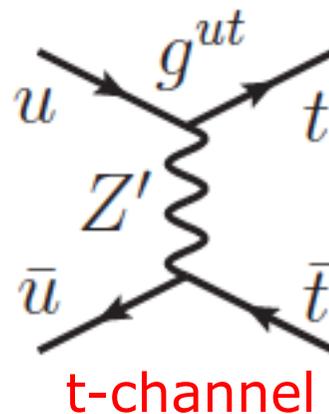
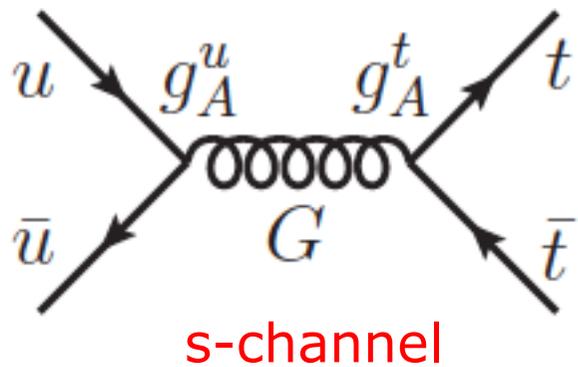
Tevatron 1.96 TeV	NLO [%]	LHEF [%]	POW+HER [%]	POW+HER+UE [%]
$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$ total	-4.40 ± 0.04	-4.34 ± 0.05	-2.80 ± 0.11	-2.54 ± 0.11
$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}, \Delta y_{t\bar{t}} < 1.0$	-2.70 ± 0.04	-2.62 ± 0.05	-1.71 ± 0.11	-1.91 ± 0.11
$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}, \Delta y_{t\bar{t}} \geq 1.0$	-19.48 ± 0.18	-19.54 ± 0.22	-10.52 ± 0.52	-9.75 ± 0.51
$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}, m_{t\bar{t}} < 450$ GeV	-3.59 ± 0.06	-3.51 ± 0.06	-2.67 ± 0.14	-2.36 ± 0.13
$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}, m_{t\bar{t}} \geq 450$ GeV	-5.70 ± 0.06	-5.66 ± 0.08	-3.03 ± 0.19	-2.88 ± 0.18
$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}, p_T^{t\bar{t}} \geq 10$ GeV	-4.35 ± 0.04	-4.32 ± 0.05	-3.98 ± 0.06	-3.86 ± 0.06
$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}, p_T^{t\bar{t}} \geq 20$ GeV	-3.71 ± 0.05	-4.29 ± 0.05	-4.22 ± 0.05	-4.18 ± 0.05
$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}, p_T^{t\bar{t}} \geq 35$ GeV	-5.72 ± 0.06	-5.52 ± 0.05	-5.16 ± 0.06	-5.17 ± 0.06
$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}, p_T^{t\bar{t}} \geq 50$ GeV	-6.25 ± 0.07	-6.11 ± 0.06	-5.70 ± 0.07	-5.74 ± 0.07
$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}, p_T^{t\bar{t}} \geq 75$ GeV	-6.62 ± 0.08	-6.45 ± 0.08	-5.99 ± 0.09	-5.94 ± 0.09

Alioli, Moch, Uwer, arxiv:1110.5251 (2011)

LHEF: NLO fixed order + POWHEG after first emission

NP Models

- Within SM: higher orders calculated, show large differences in prediction
- Other possibility for deviation of measurement from prediction: **New Physics!**
- Several models proposed
 - That do not change total $t\bar{t}$ cross section significantly
 - New particle in s-, t- or u-channel:

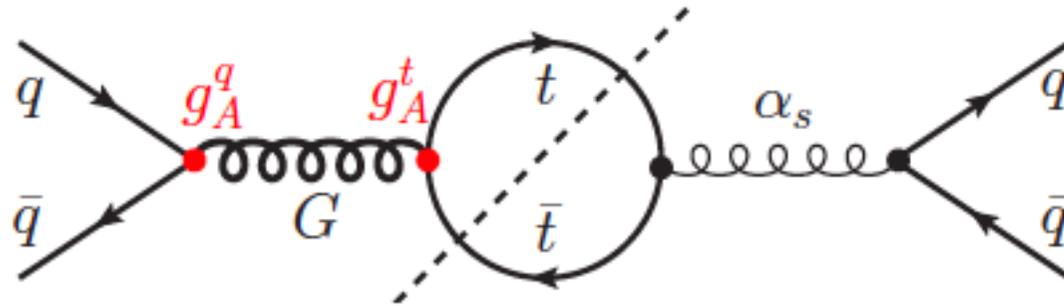


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- More general approach if new particle heavy: “effective theory”

NP Models: s-channel

- Color-octet vector (axigluon)



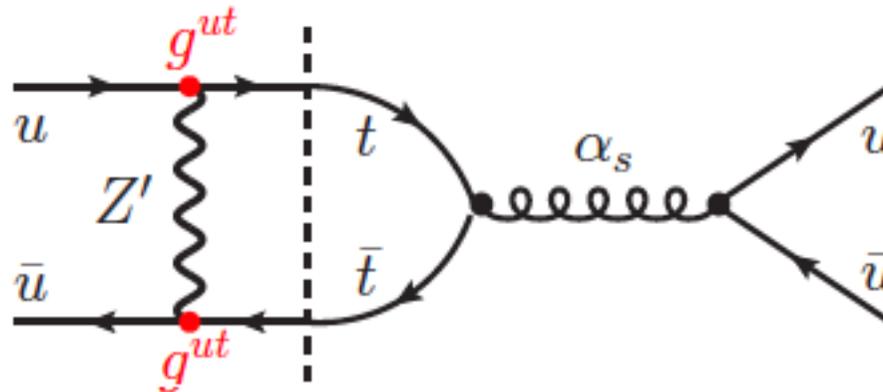
- Several requirements & problems with measurements:

- Must have small coupling to $u\bar{u}$ and $d\bar{d} \rightarrow$ otherwise dijet production
- Distinctive feature: bump in $m_{t\bar{t}}$ spectrum
 \rightarrow non observation: axigluon must be heavy
- FCNC would occur at tree level

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NP Models: t-channel

- Color-singlet vectors (Z' , W')

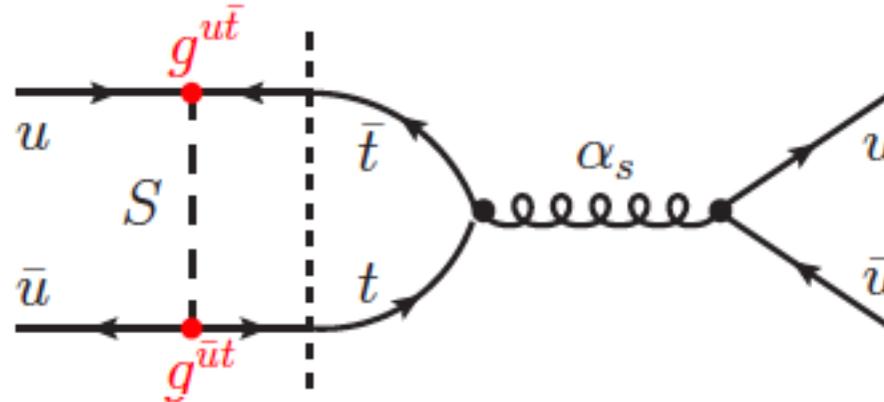


- Requirements:

- Z' : requires large coupling to get asymmetry positive
- Z' : Constraint from same sign top production

NP Models: u-channel

- Color-triplet & color-sextet scalars:



- Requirements:

- Large mass for asymmetry to be positive
- Color-sextet ruled out by constraints on dijet production

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Constraints on the Models

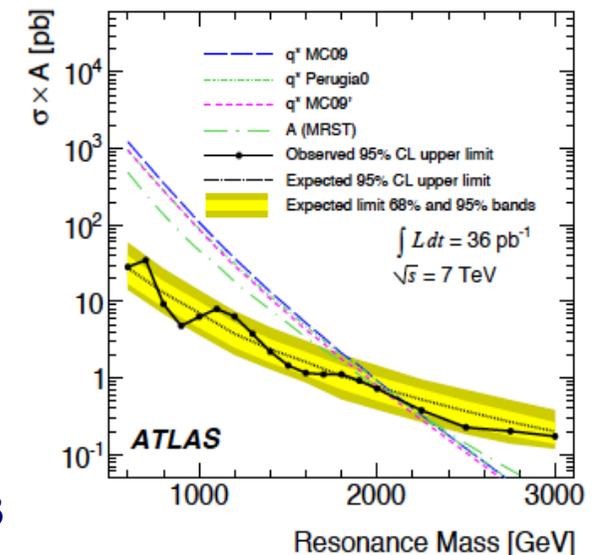
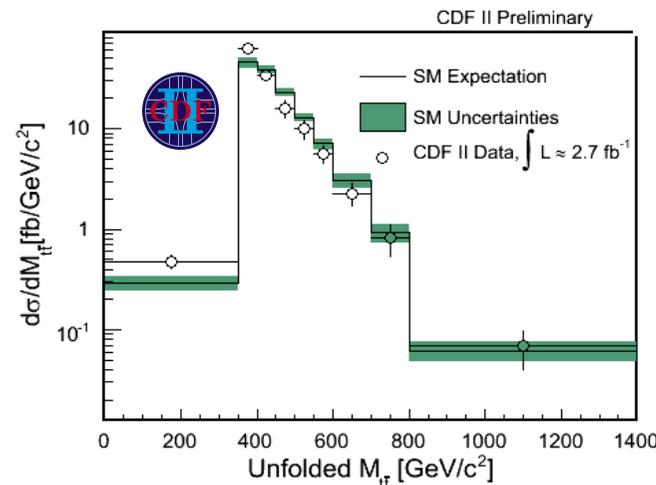
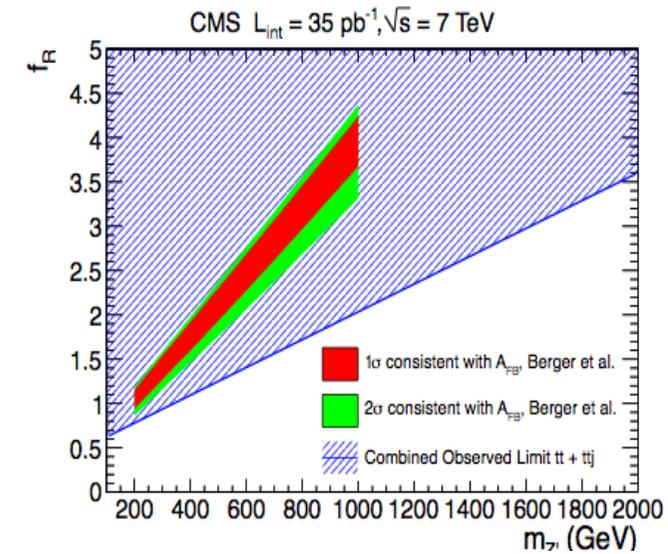
Same sign top production:

- CDF: $\sigma(\bar{t}\bar{t}+tt) < 0.7 \text{ pb}$ PRL.102:041801,2009
- CMS: limits on $\sigma(\bar{t}\bar{t}+tt)$ excludes Z'

Dijet: only large masses allowed for axigluon

No bumps in $m_{t\bar{t}}$ distribution found so far

- Several models would cause a resonance in $m_{t\bar{t}}$



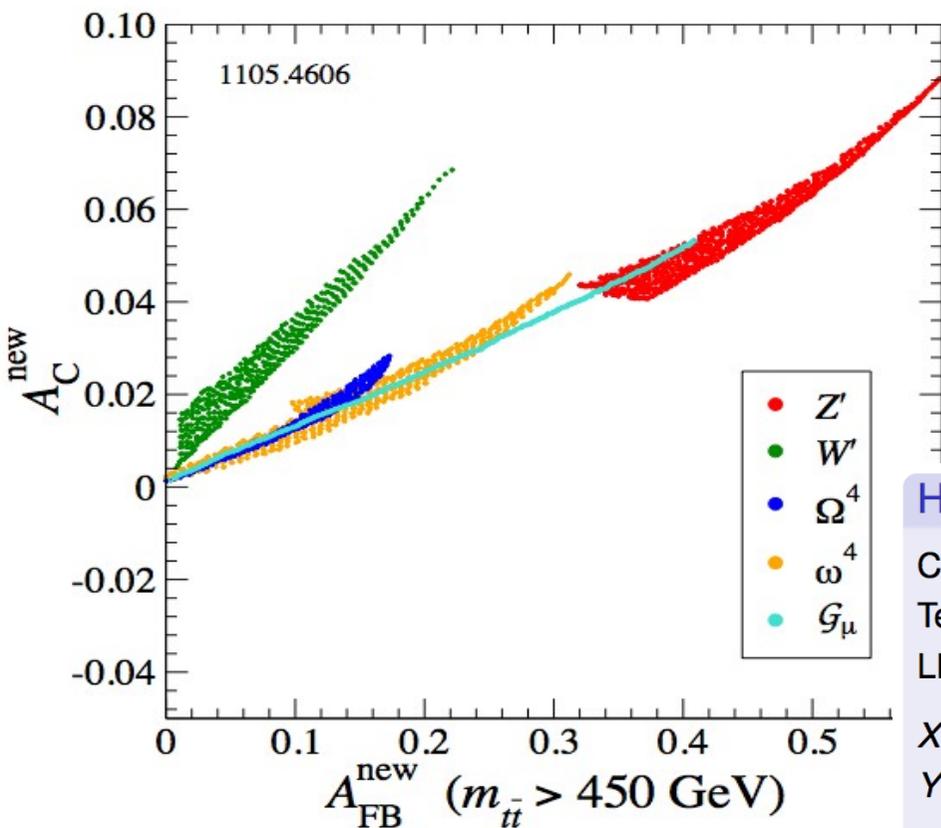
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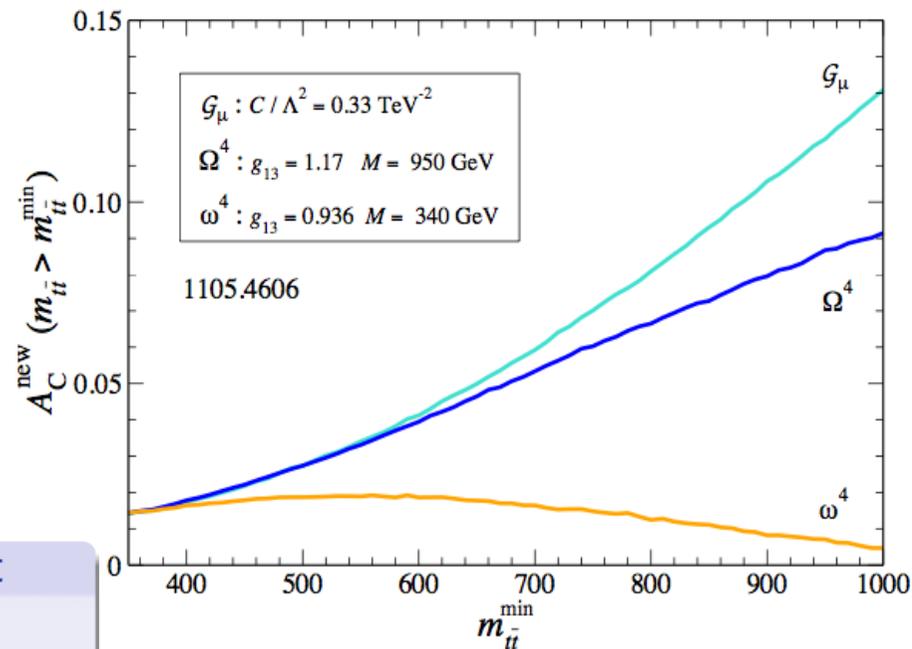
Constraints on the Models

- What about LHC asymmetry measurements?
- Many models require positive A_C & enhancement with $m_{t\bar{t}}$



How to read the plot

Coloured regions:
 Tevatron $t\bar{t}$ xsec within 1σ
 LHC $t\bar{t}$ tail not too large
 X: Tevatron high-mass A_{FB}
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 (only NP contributions)



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Measurements at the LHC

- Tevatron-LHC difference
- Asymmetry measurements at Atlas and CMS

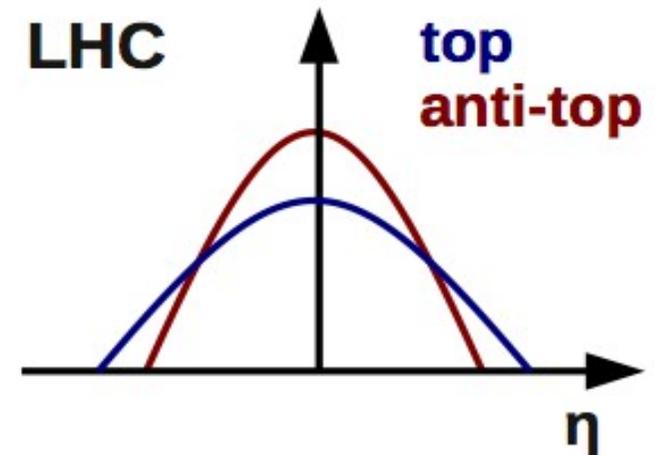
Asymmetry: Tevatron versus LHC

- Asymmetry mainly in $q\bar{q}$ BUT LHC: pp collider
 - Quarks valence quarks, antiquark always from the sea
 → antitop less boosted and more central than top in case of asymmetry

- Define asymmetries accordingly, e. g.

- Cut-dependent:

$$A_C = \frac{N(|y_t| > |y_{\bar{t}}|) - N(|y_t| < |y_{\bar{t}}|)}{N(|y_t| > |y_{\bar{t}}|) + N(|y_t| < |y_{\bar{t}}|)}$$



- Use the knowledge about the boost to extract q and \bar{q} direction:

$$A^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N(0 < \hat{\theta}_t < \pi/2) - N(\pi/2 < \hat{\theta}_t < \pi)}{N(0 < \hat{\theta}_t < \pi/2) + N(\pi/2 < \hat{\theta}_t < \pi)}$$

θ_t : production angle of top in $t\bar{t}$ frame wrt boost of $t\bar{t}$ system

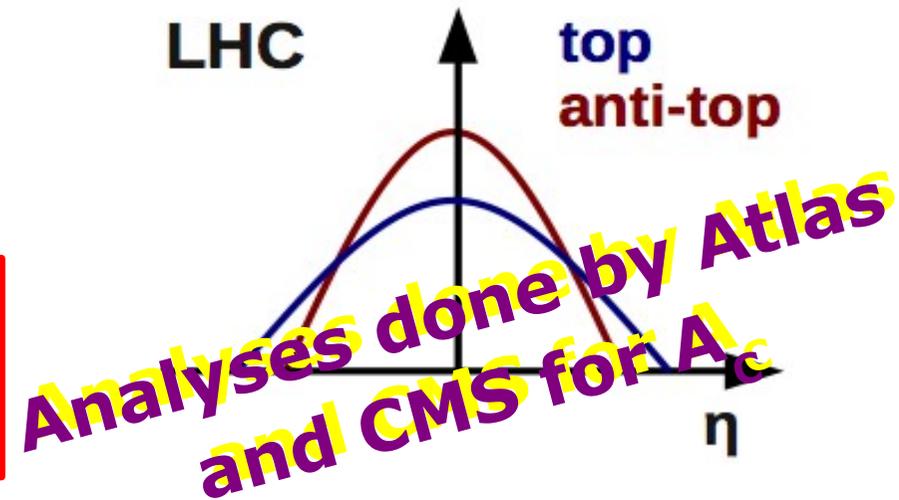
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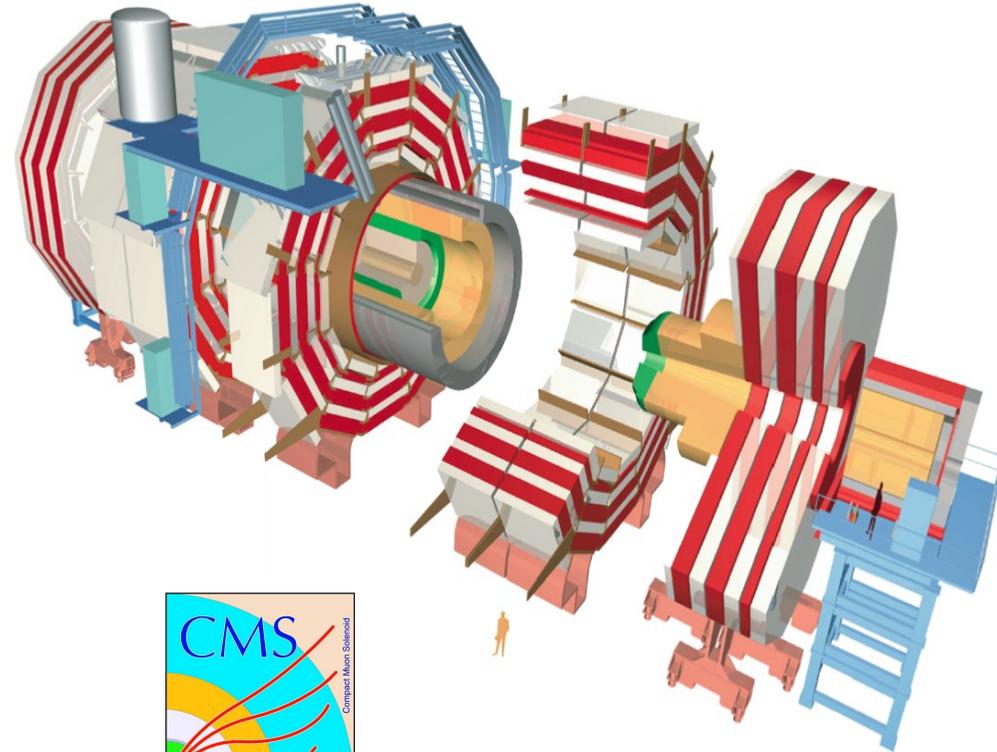
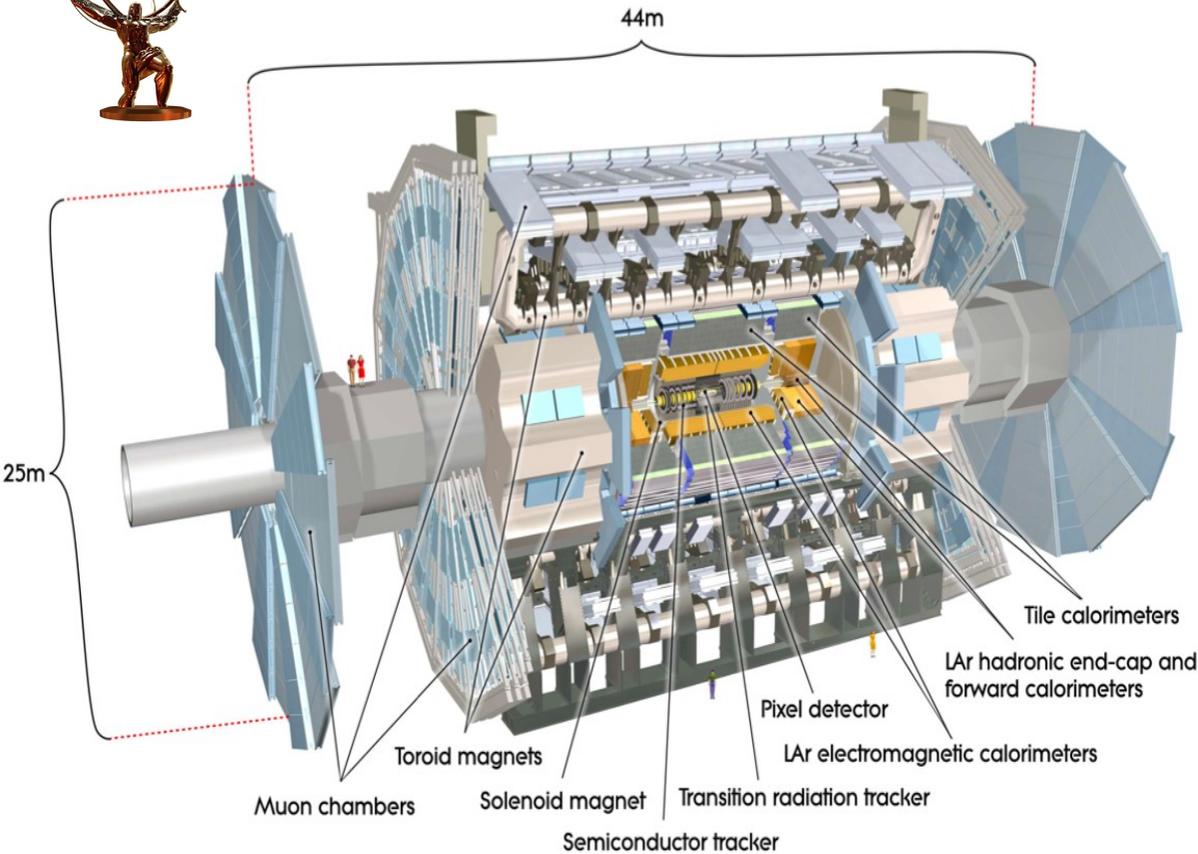


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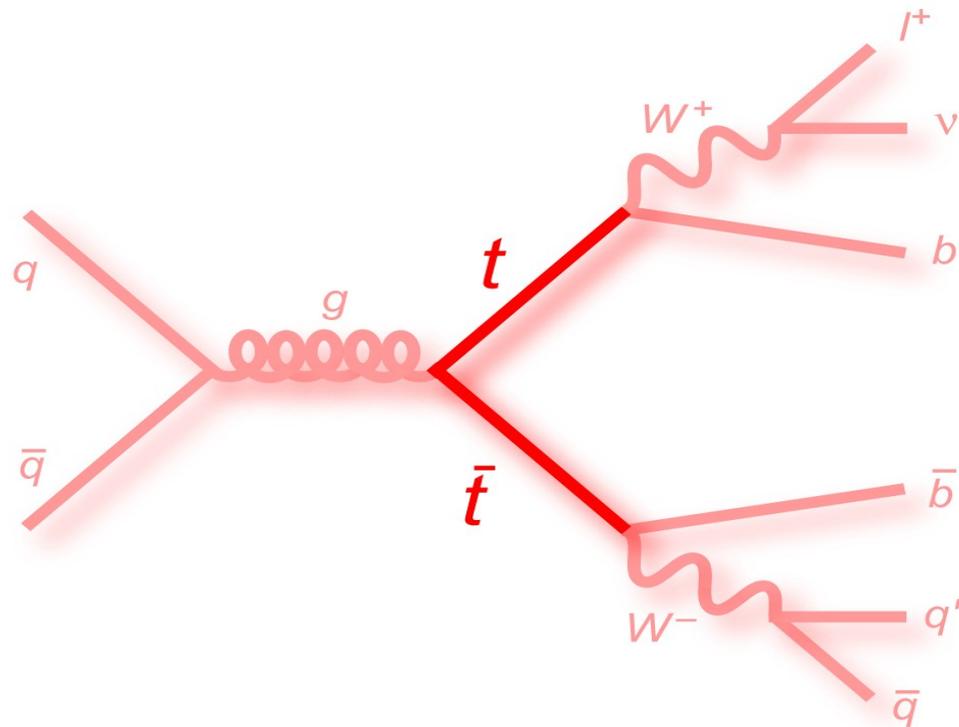
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CMS & Atlas Detectors



Selection & Reconstruction

■ Selection: $t\bar{t}$ l+jets selection



1 lepton (e or μ) with $p_T > 30\text{GeV}$ (Atlas: 25GeV for e, 20GeV for μ); $|\eta| < 2.5$

Missing p_T for neutrino (\cancel{E}_T): no cut for CMS; Atlas: $> 35\text{GeV}$

≥ 4 jets with $p_T > 30\text{GeV}$ (Atlas: $> 25\text{GeV}$); CMS: $|\eta| < 2.4$; Atlas: $|\eta| < 2.5$

≥ 1 jet b-tagged

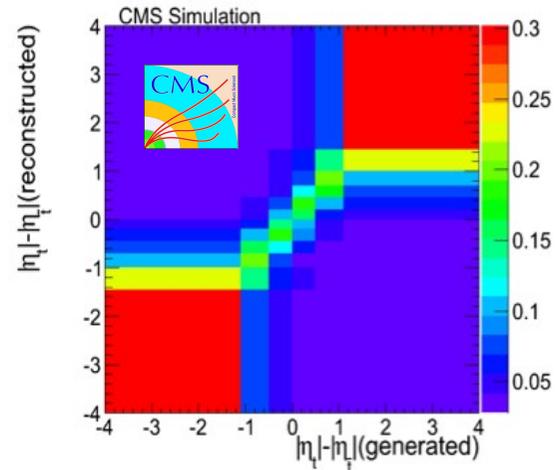
■ Reconstruction of $t\bar{t}$ system:

- Atlas: likelihood to assign the right combination
- CMS: χ^2 test

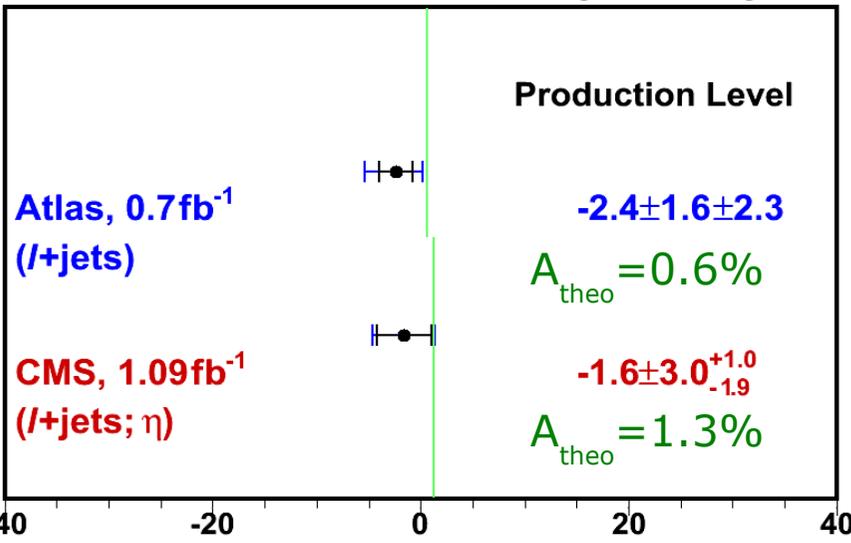
Results

Measurements at LHC already becoming systematics limited

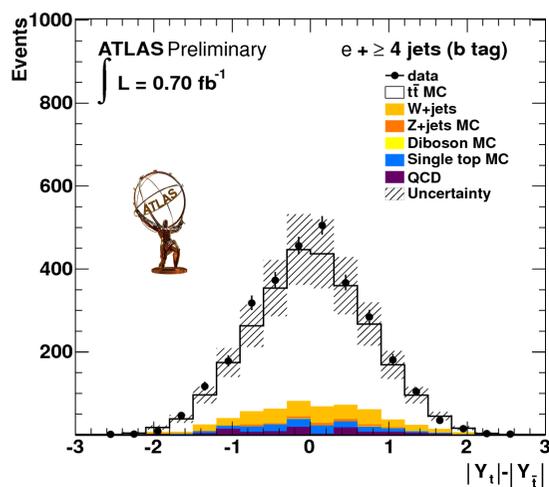
- Mainly modeling of signal
- Unfolding: CMS: regularized unfolding; Atlas: iterative Bayesian
- CMS: using η instead of y



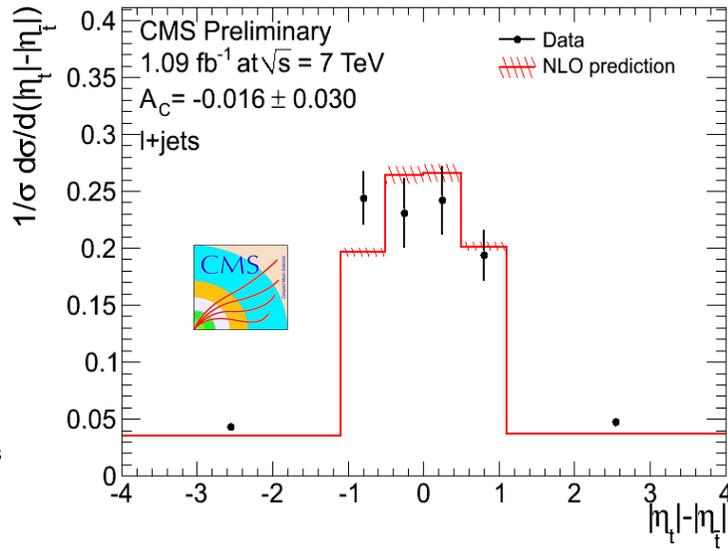
Forward-Backward Top Asymmetry, %



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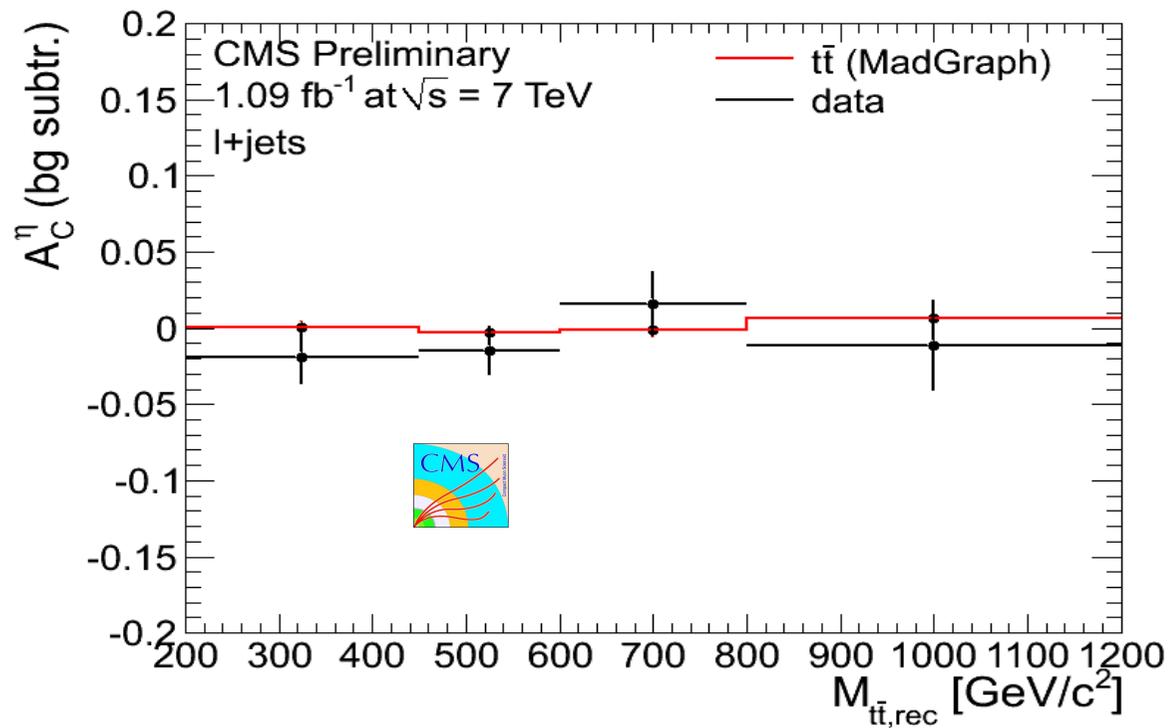


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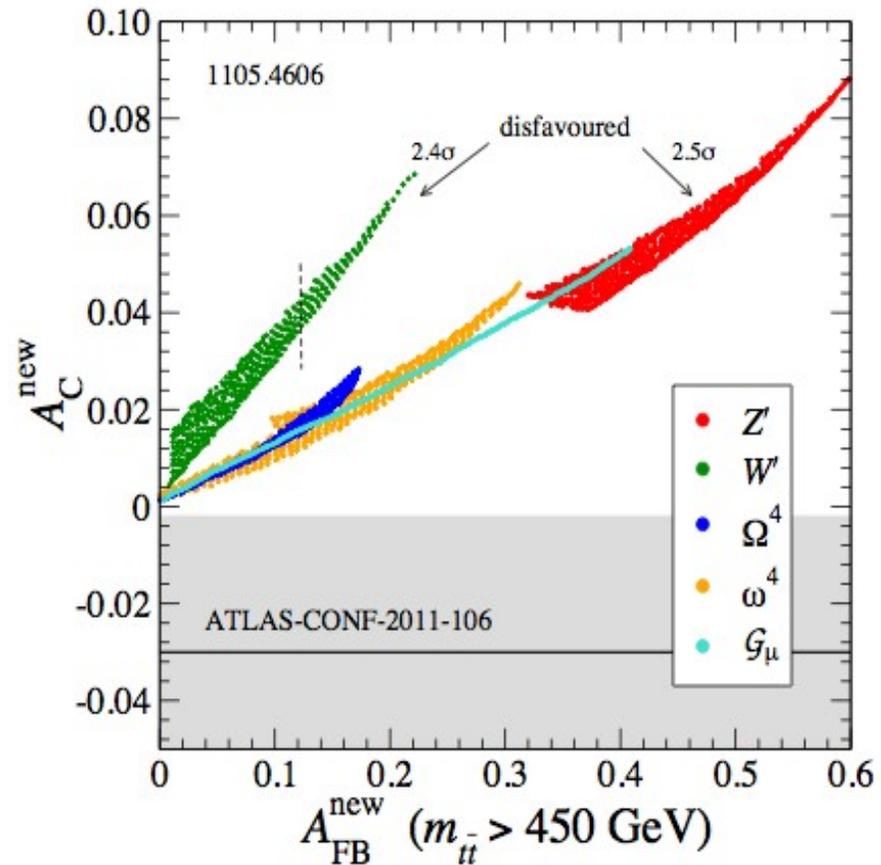
- CMS studied dependency of asymmetry on $m_{t\bar{t}}$



- No visible tendency/ $m_{t\bar{t}}$ dependence

Coming back to the NP Models...

- LHC measurements disfavor several models
 - Z' : outside the measurement
 - Other models: tension with CDF's mass dependence



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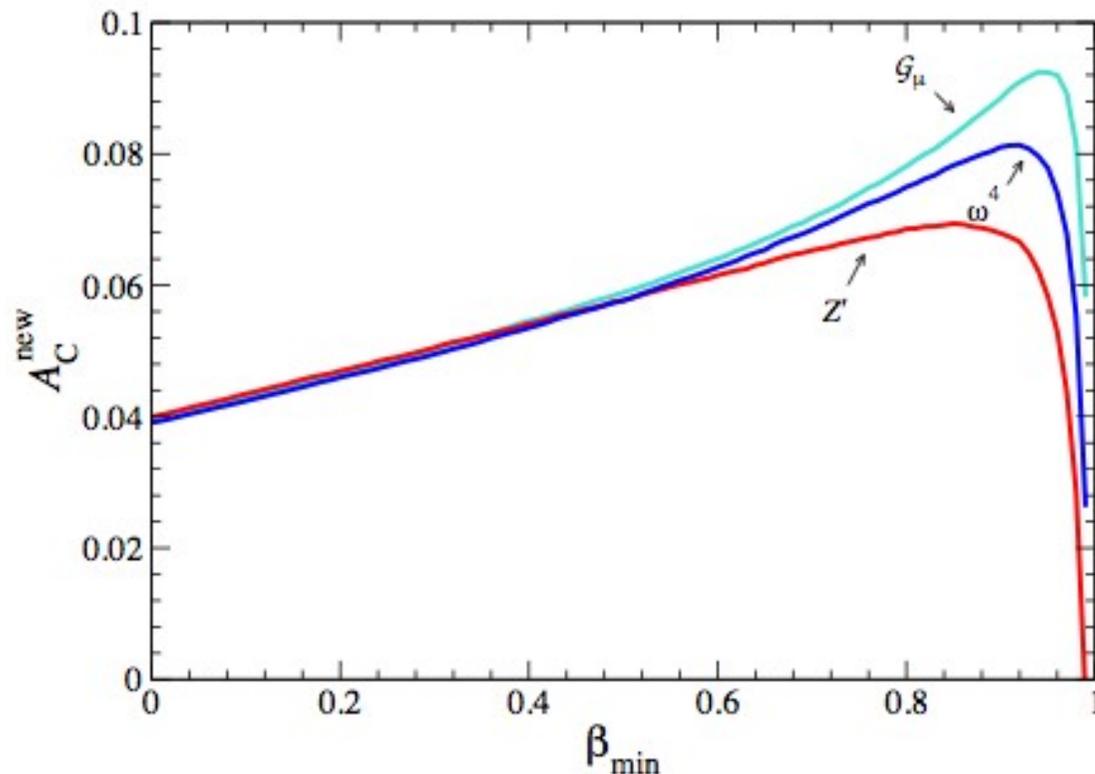
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Measurements to be done at Tevatron and LHC

- How to further discriminate the models
 - Cuts
 - Asymmetries
 - Polarization

How to further discriminate the Models

- Several ideas float around on what measurements can be done
- Enhance the $q\bar{q}$ fraction \rightarrow cut on velocity of CM in lab frame $\beta = \frac{p_t^z + p_{\bar{t}}^z}{E_t + E_{\bar{t}}}$
- For example: cut on $\beta > 0.6$ discriminates models (for A_C)



How to read the plot

Asymmetry as a function of the cut β_{\min}

G_μ : s-channel

Z' : t-channel

ω^4 : u-channel

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How to further discriminate the Models

- Extract A^l and $t\bar{t}$ asymmetry
→ many models predict different behavior of both

Krohn et al, arxiv:1105.3743

- Example: different axigluon models & W'

frame and mass range	$t\bar{t}$ asymmetry	Lepton asymmetry	stat. sig. (5.3 fb^{-1})
G_A lab, sel. cuts	1 %	4 %	1.1
lab, high mass	1 %	9 %	1.9
CM , sel. cuts	12 %	6 %	1.7
CM , high mass	19 %	12 %	2.4
G_L lab, sel. cuts	0 %	-3 %	0.9
lab, high mass	1 %	-1 %	0.2
CM , sel. cuts	13 %	-4 %	1.4
CM , high mass	20%	-3 %	0.6
G_R lab, sel. cuts	0 %	12 %	3.9
lab, high mass	-1 %	18 %	5.0
CM , sel. cuts	9 %	16 %	3.5
CM , high mass	15 %	22 %	4.4
W' lab, sel. cuts	0 %	13 %	3.9
lab, high mass	1 %	22 %	4.9
CM , sel. cuts	20 %	16 %	4.4
CM , high mass	31 %	26 %	5.3

How to further discriminate the Models

■ Measure the lepton **asymmetry at threshold**: measures the relative contribution of $q_L \bar{q}_L$ and $q_R \bar{q}_R$ of $t\bar{t}$ production (at threshold)

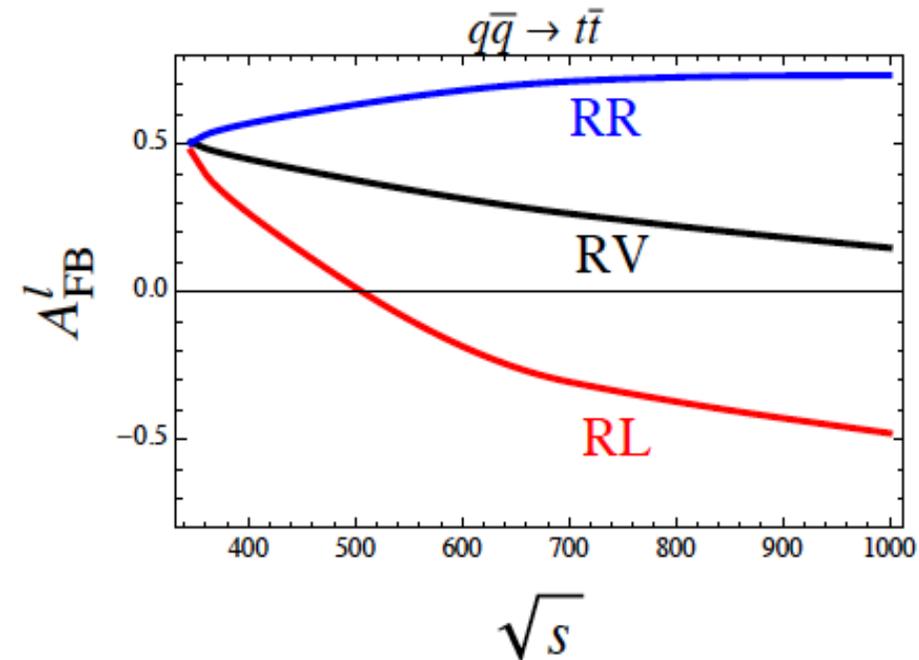
→ many models enhance one of these fractions

- SM: $A_{FB}^l(\sqrt{s}=2mt) = +50\%$ for $q_R \bar{q}_R$ and -50% for $q_L \bar{q}_L$ → net asymmetry $A_{FB}^l(\sqrt{s}=2mt) = 0$

■ Example: chiral gluon with purely right-handed coupling to light quarks, and **left-handed (RL)**, **right-handed (RR)** or vector (RV) coupling to the top quark

→ in this model $A_{FB}^l(\sqrt{s}=2mt) = 50\%$

Falkowski et al, arxiv:1110.3796



To be done measurements

■ Constraints from b quark coupling from precision flavor observables
 → many models for A_{FB} couple only to right-handed top quarks

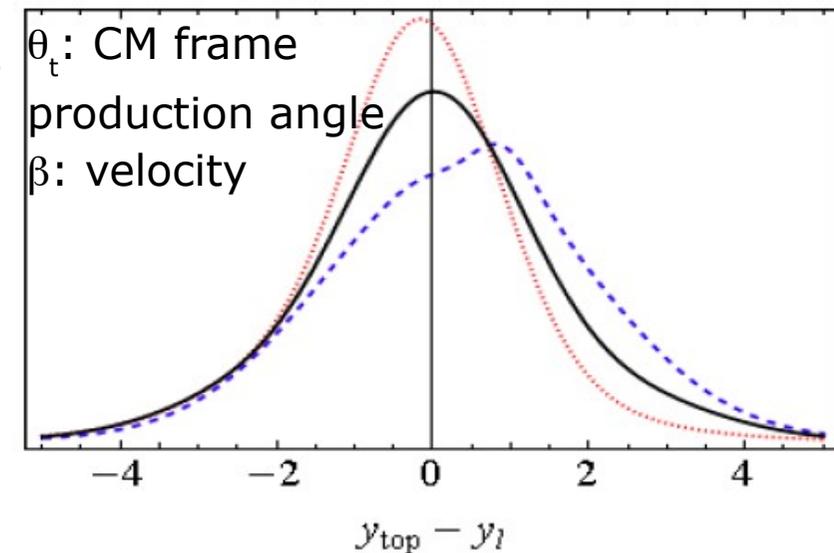
→ **predict large top polarization!**

Krohn et al, arxiv:1105.3743

■ Top decay in top rest frame:
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_{i,n}} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \mathcal{P}_n \kappa_i \cos \theta_{i,n})$$

- \mathcal{P}_n : polarization; κ_i : spin analyzing power of decay product i ;
 θ_i : direction of daughter wrt. chosen axis

■ Lepton asymmetry:
 related to top polarization

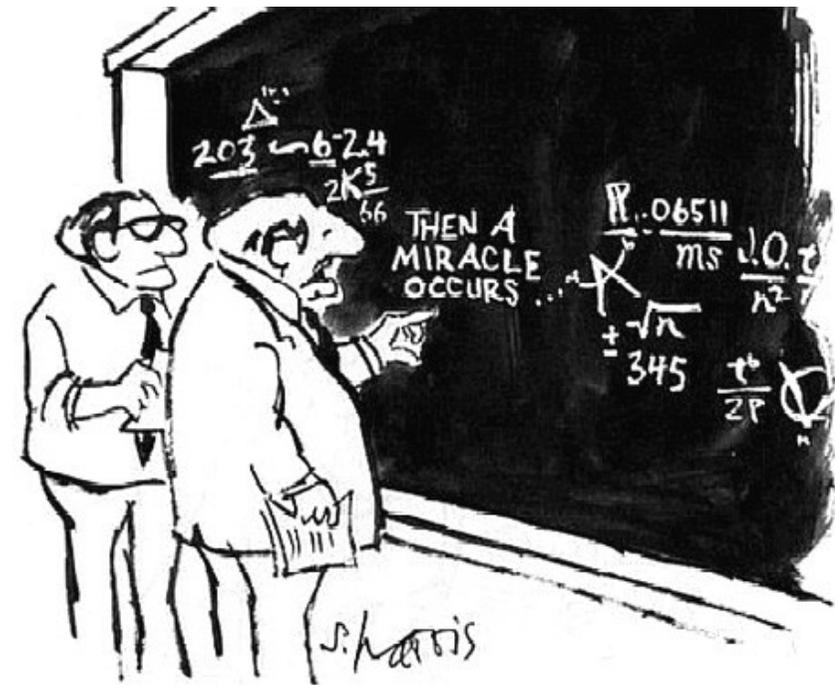


black: unpolarized top
 Red: right-handed top
 Blue: left-handed top

(a) $\beta_t = 0.5, \cos \theta_t = 0.4$

Summary and Outlook

- Asymmetry measurements larger than theory prediction at Tevatron
→ hint for **new physics?**
- Many attempts to understand where the **difference** comes from
 - Higher order SM calculations
 - Modeling
 - Potential new physics models
- First asymmetry measurements at LHC
 - No deviation from prediction
- **Additional measurements** needed to distinguish models and ensure proper modeling
→ $p_T^{t\bar{t}}$, polarization, Asymmetries in $b\bar{b}$
- Thanks to A. Harel for support on the talk



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

from *What's so Funny about Science?* by Sidney Harris (1977)

Backup

Reminder of some Basics: Final States in $t\bar{t}$

$t\bar{t} \rightarrow W^+ b W^- \bar{b}$: Final states are classified according to W decay

$$B(t \rightarrow W^+ b) = 100\%$$

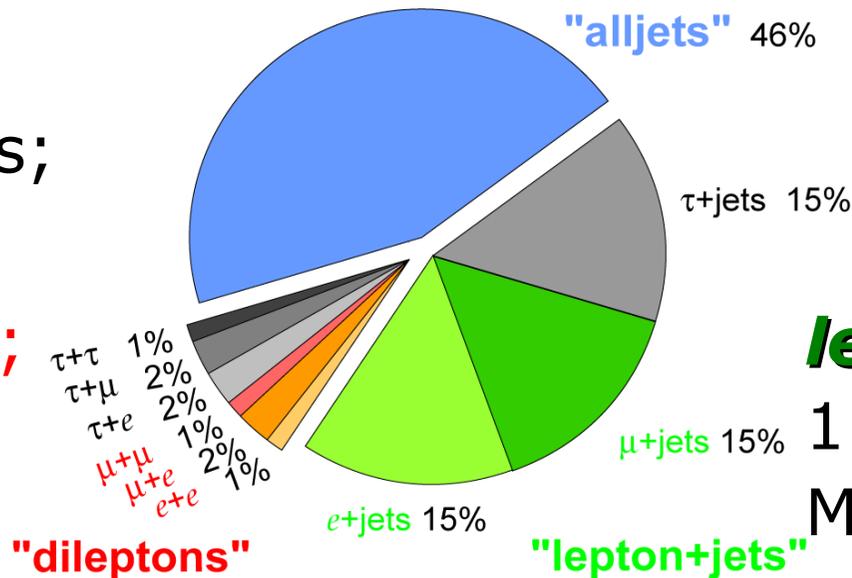
pure hadronic:
 ≥ 6 jets (2 b-jets)

Top Pair Branching Fractions

dilepton:

2 isolated leptons;
High missing E_T

from 2 neutrinos;
2 b-jets



lepton+jets:

1 isolated lepton;
Missing E_T from neutrino;
 ≥ 4 jets (2 b-jets)

More on ISR

- Even though ISR off improves description of $t\bar{t}$ p_T
 → N_{jet} distribution gets worse

