Single top quark physics at the Tevatron and the LHC

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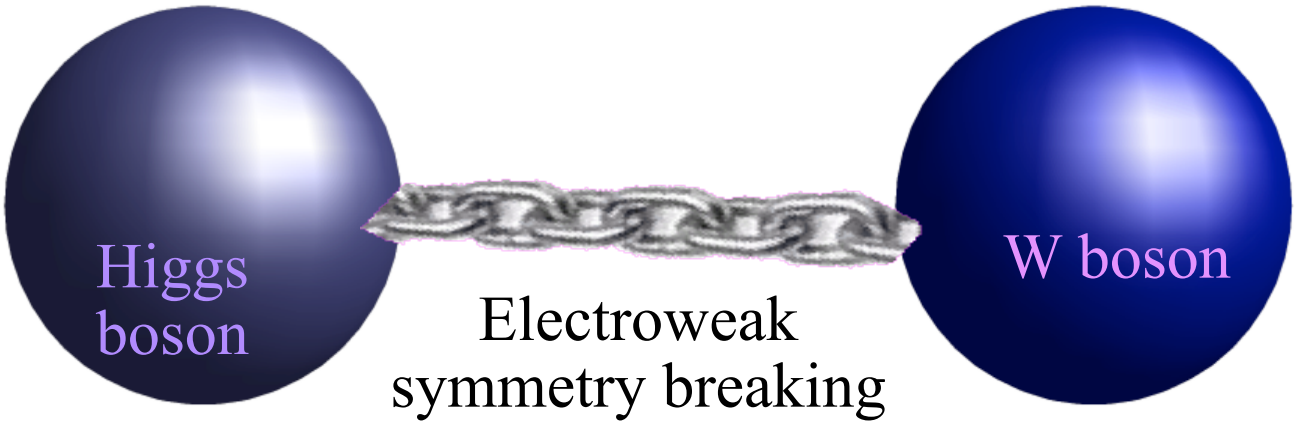
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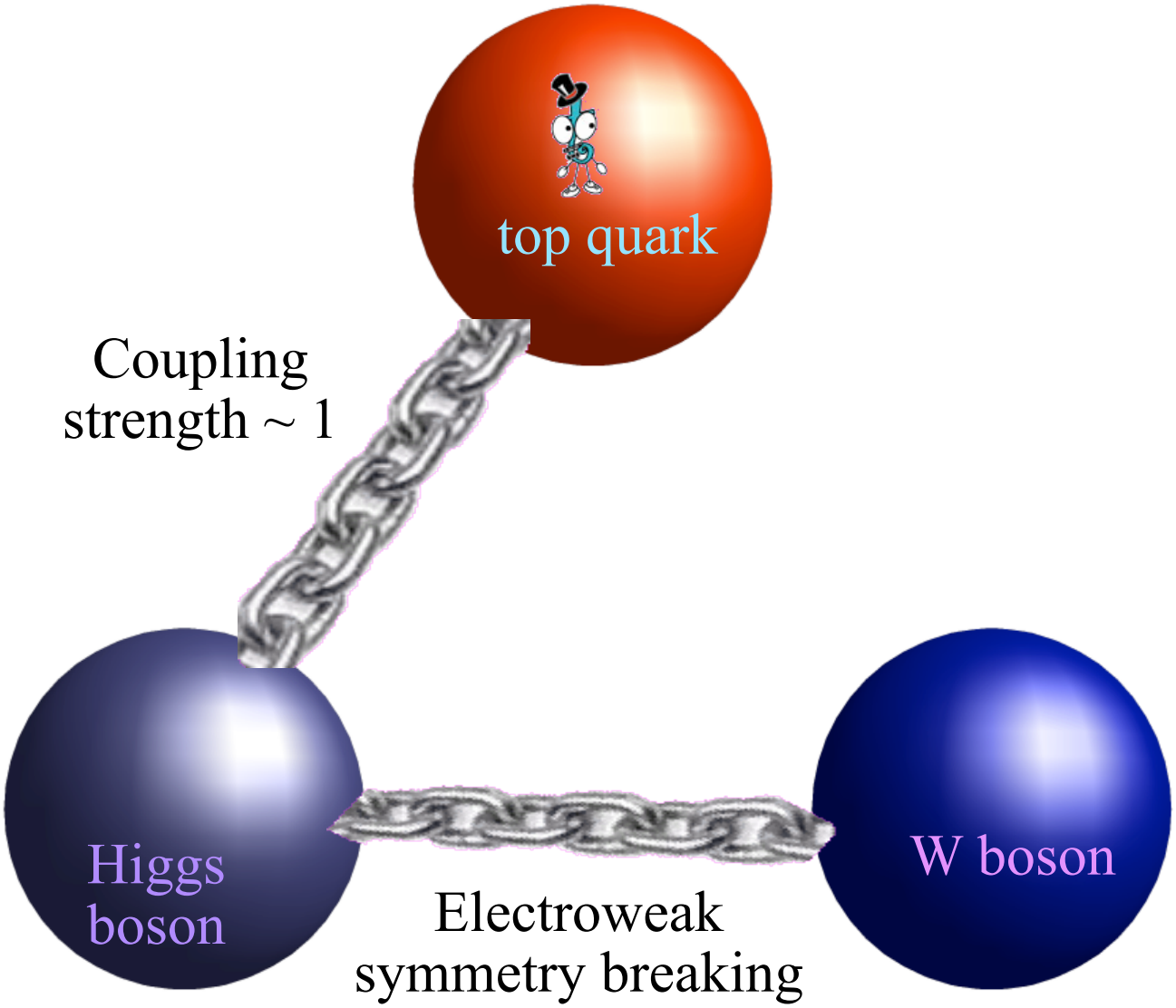
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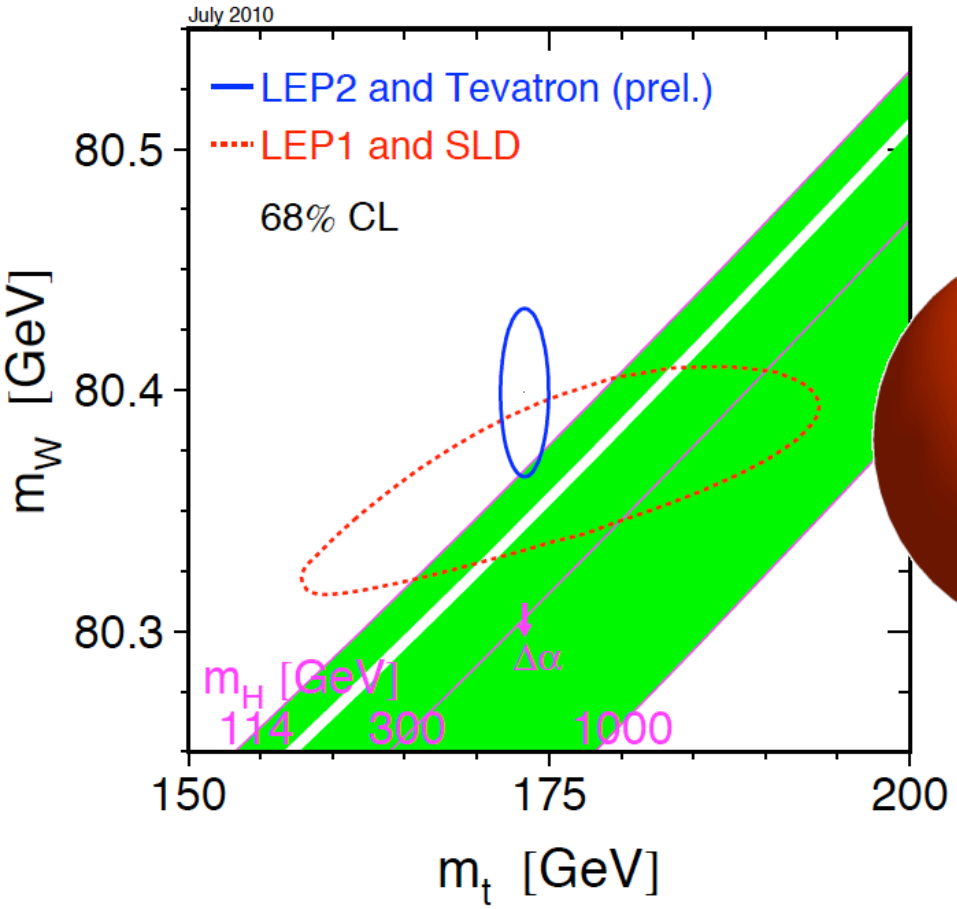
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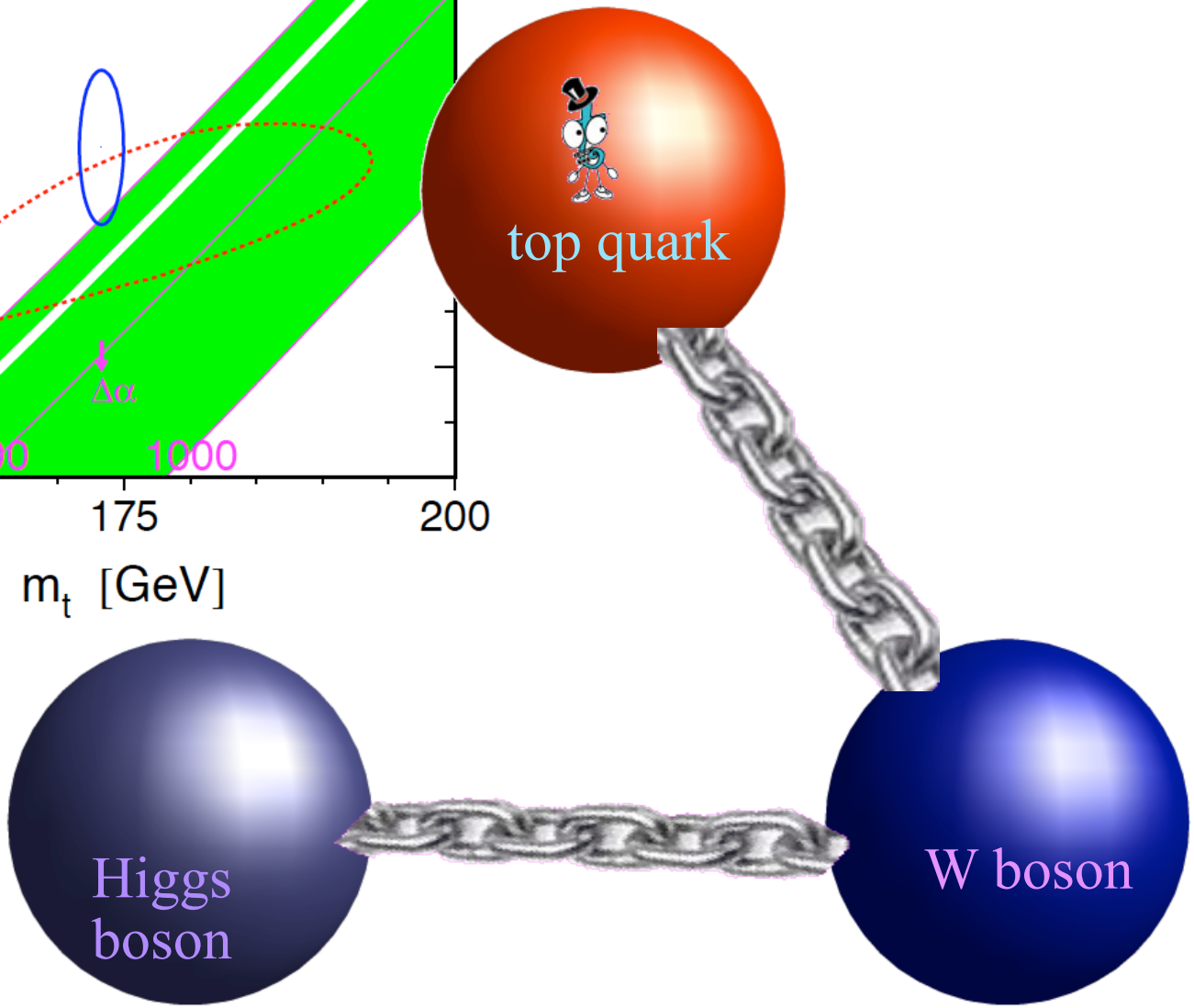
LEP2 and Tevatron (prel.)
LEP1 and SLD
68% CL
80.5
80.4
80.3
m_W [GeV]
m_H [GeV]
114
300
1000
$\Delta\alpha$
150
175
200
m_t [GeV]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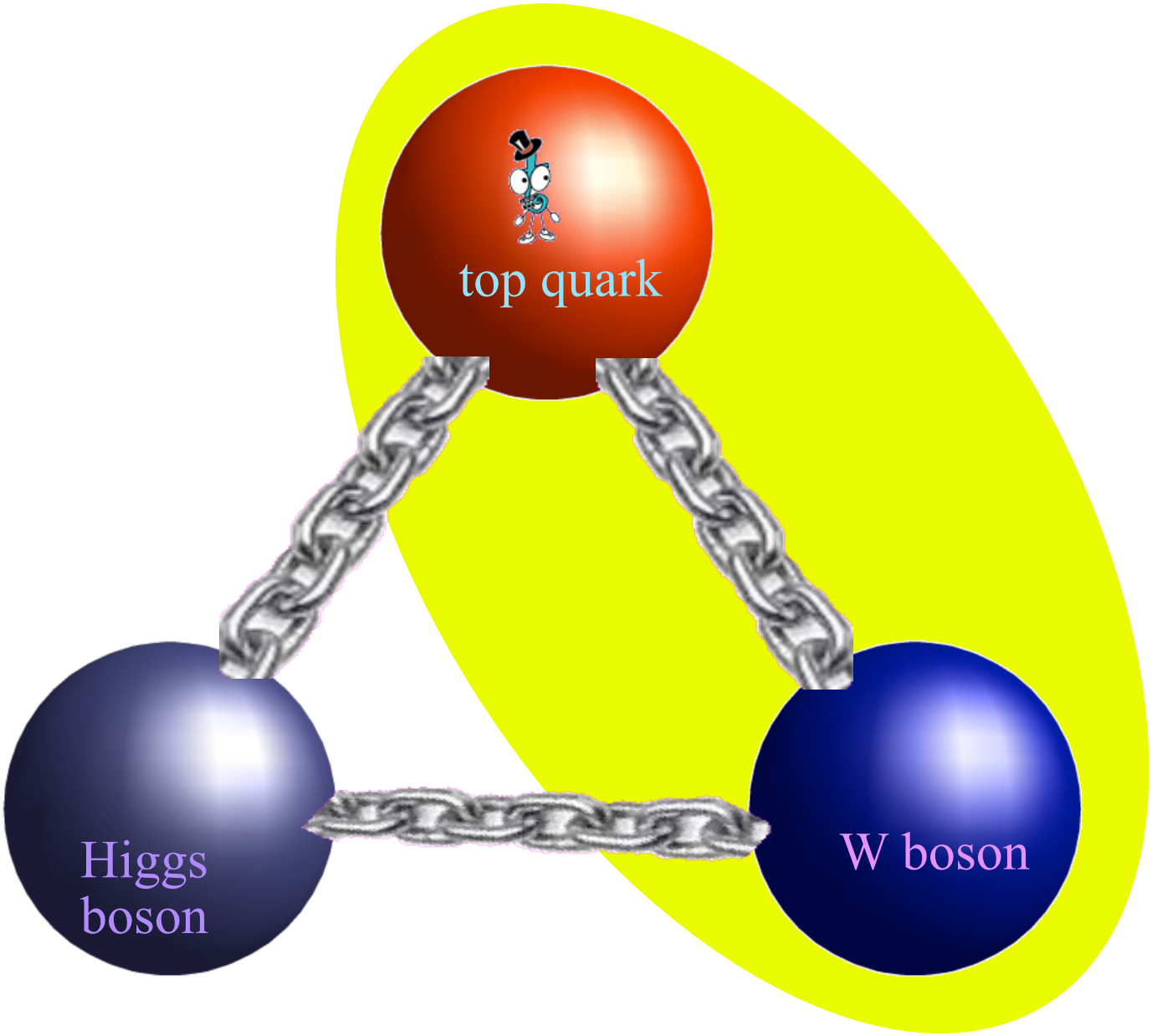
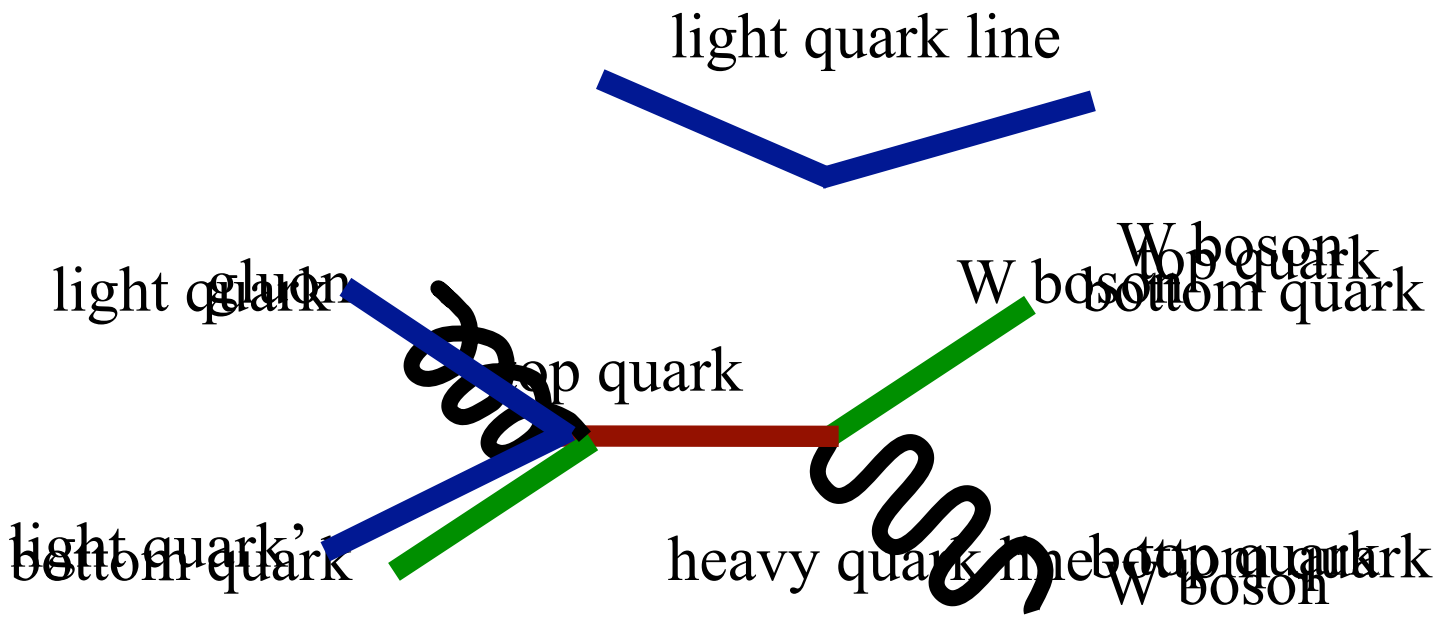
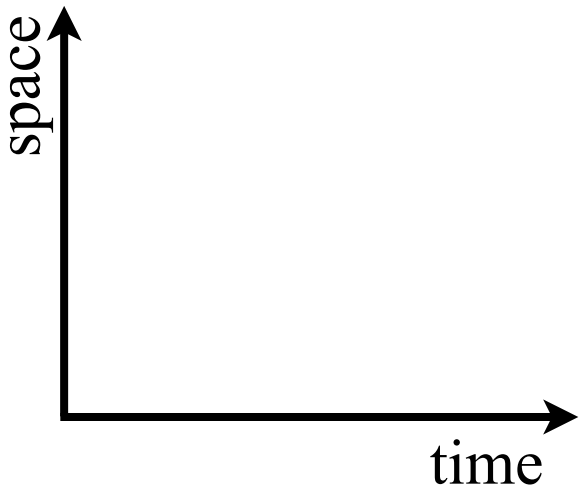
Key to electroweak symmetry breaking



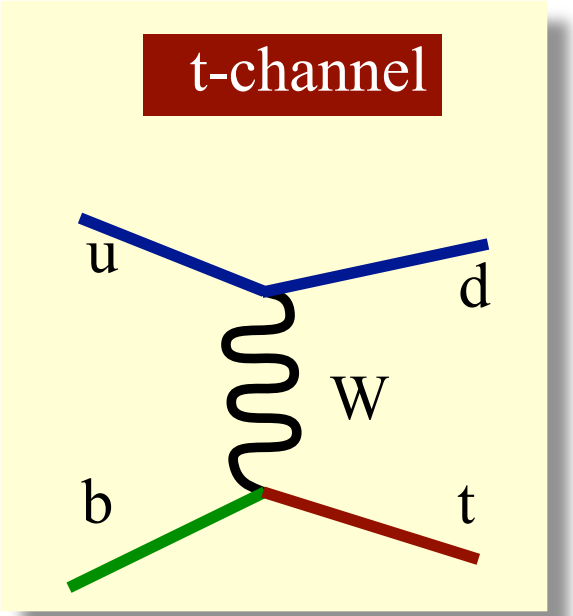
Top quark decay

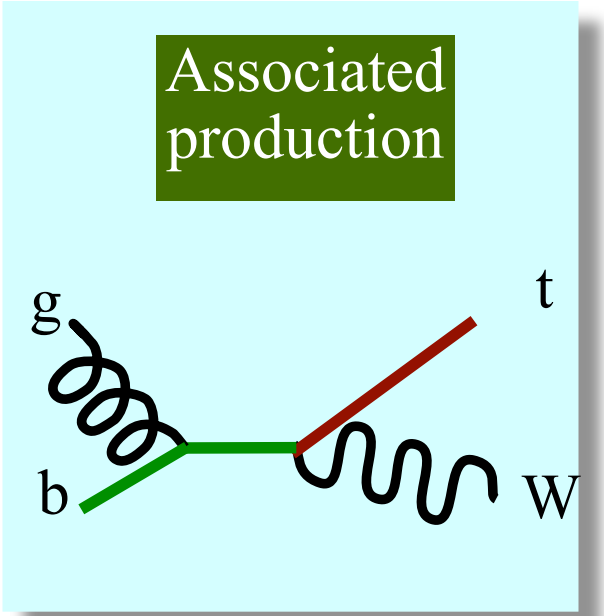
t-channel single top production

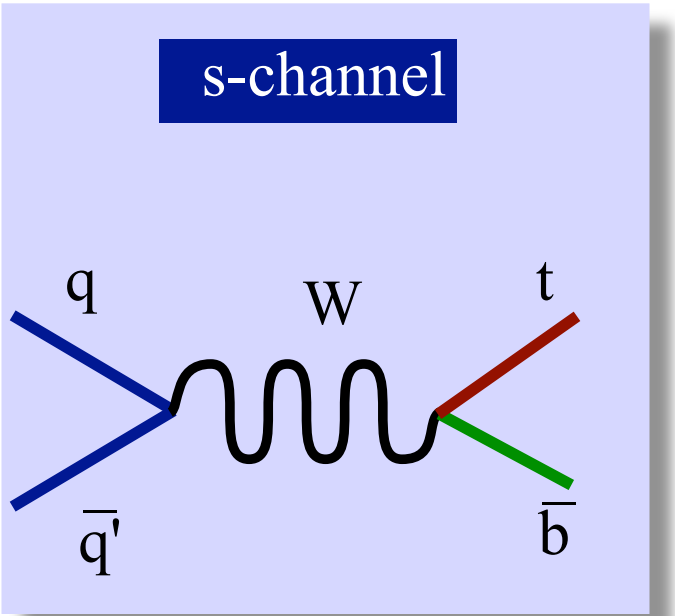




SM single top quark production







Tevatron: $\sigma_{tot} = 3$ pb

LHC: **(7 TeV)** $\sigma_{tot} = 76$ pb

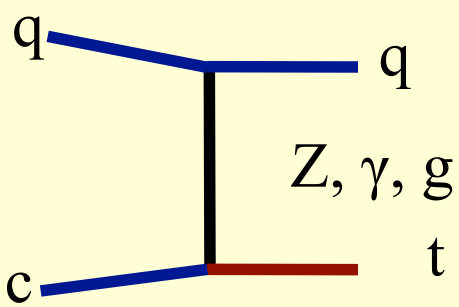
LHC: **(14 TeV)** $\sigma_{tot} = 326$ pb

SM tasks:

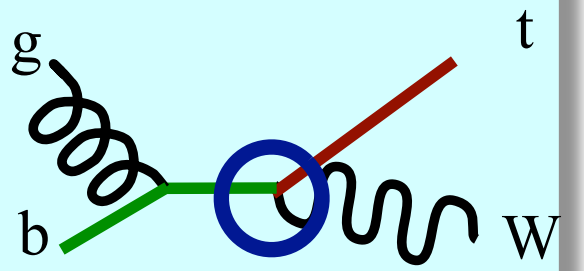
- Weak interaction of bare quarks
- Measure total cross section → CKM matrix element $|V_{tb}|$
- Top polarization, PDFs

New physics in single top

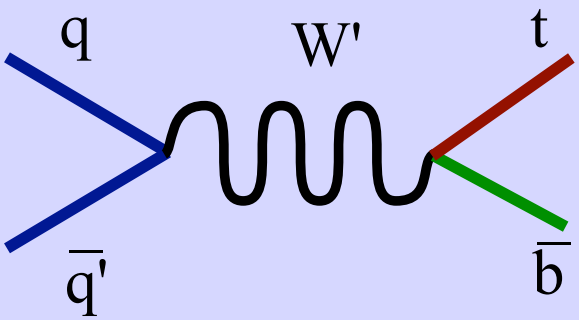
New interactions: FCNC



New coupling: modified Wtb coupling or anomalous CKM matrix



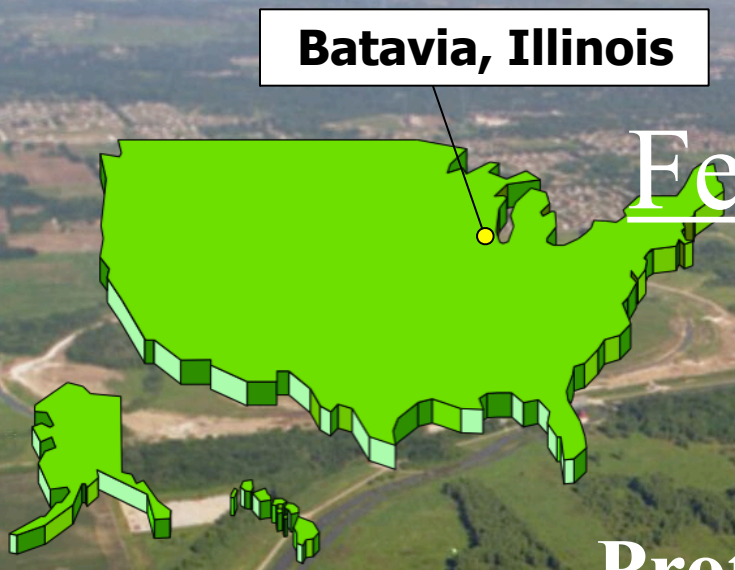
New particles: heavy boson or charged Higgs or T′ or B′



New physics tasks:

- measure individual cross sections → different modes sensitive to different new physics
- look for specific new physics scenarios
  - W’, fourth generation quarks, charged Higgs
  - gluon FCNC
  - anomalous Wtb couplings

Experimental setup: Fermilab Tevatron in Run II



Proton-antiproton collider

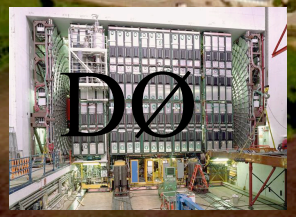
CM energy 1.96 TeV

→ ***Energy frontier - until a year ago***

Instantaneous luminosity >4E32 $cm^{-2}s^{-1}$

– >5 interactions per crossing, 1.7M crossing per second

→ ***Proton-antiproton luminosity frontier***



Fermilab single top history

Publication history

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	· W':	PLB 641, 423 (2006)
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	· W':	PRL 100, 211802 (2007)
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	· Wtb:	PRL 101, 221801 (2008)
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	· Observation:	(PRL) arXiv:0903.0850
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	. t-chan meas.	PLB 682, 363 (2010)
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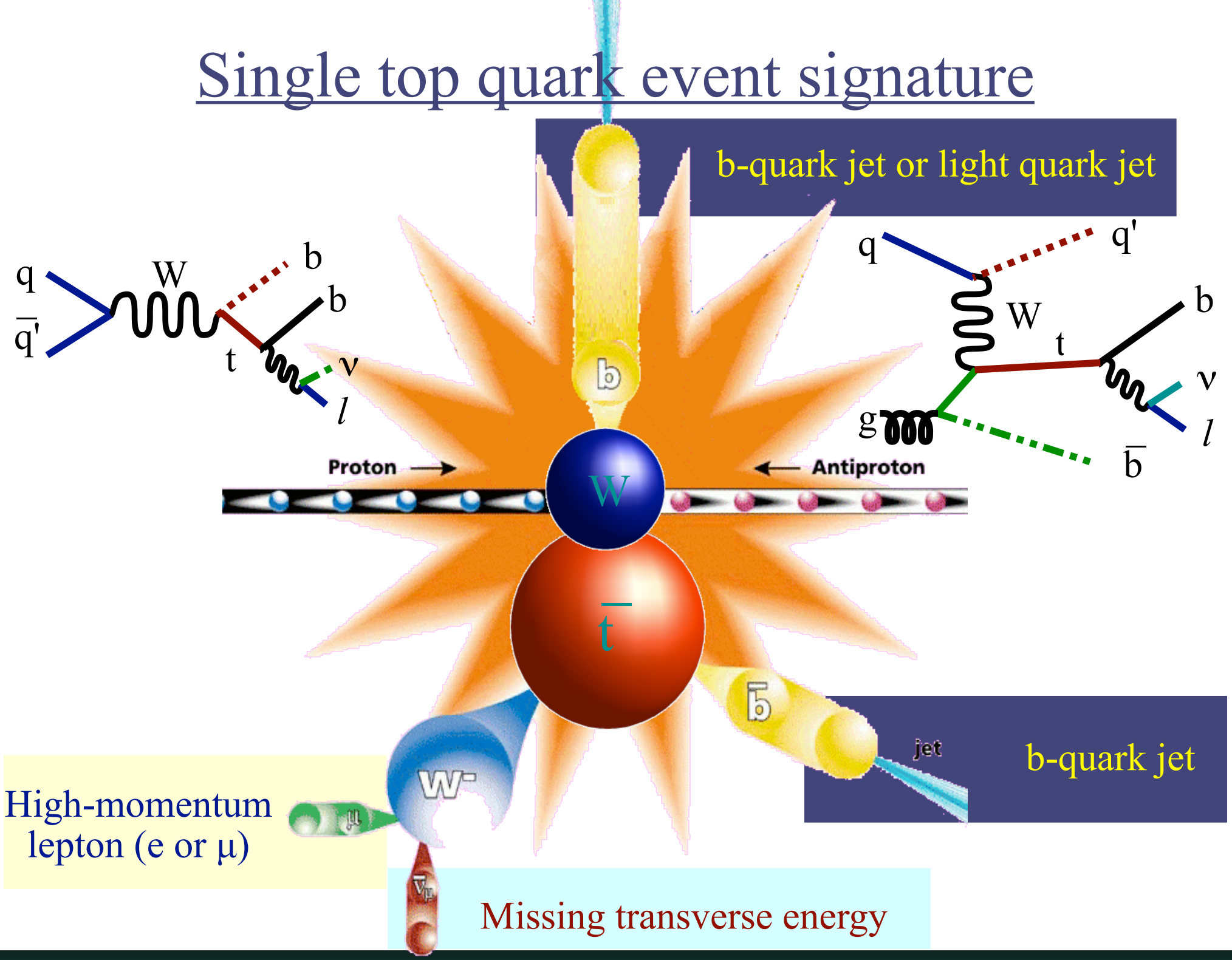
Single top quark event signature



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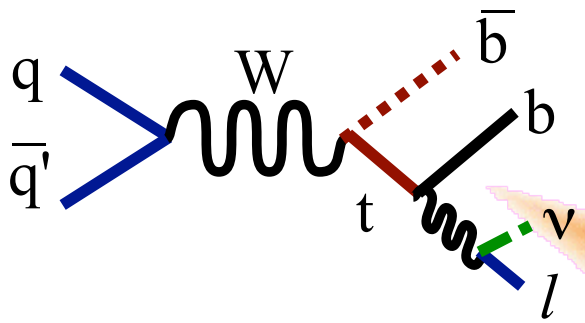

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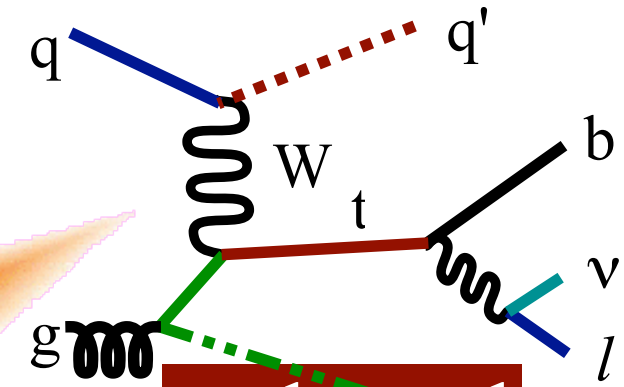

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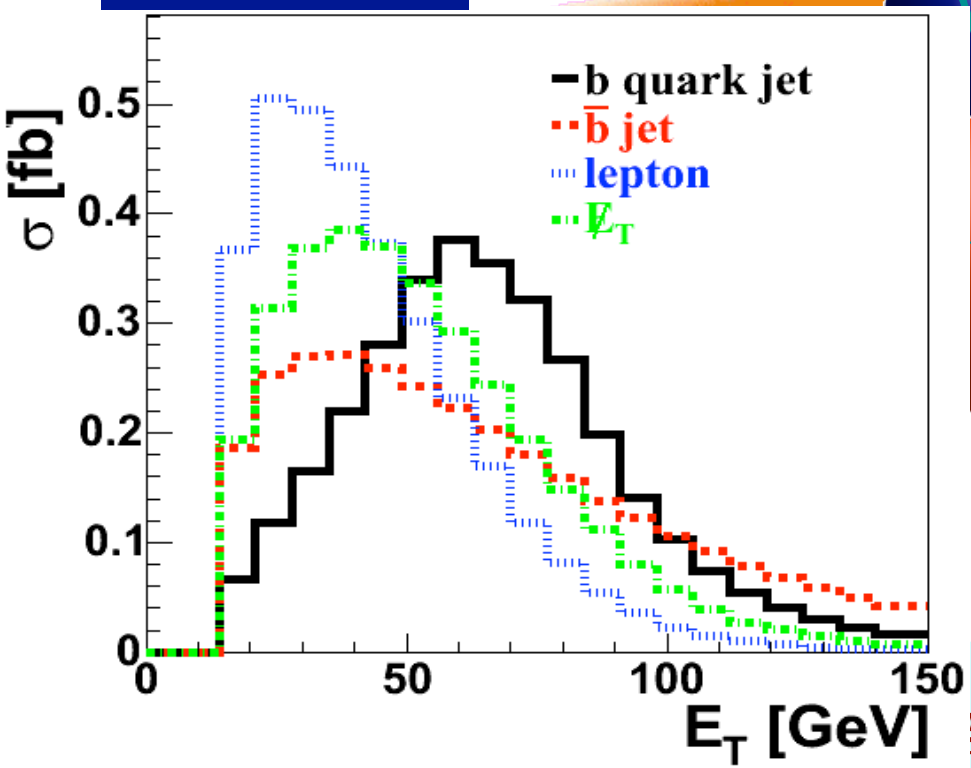

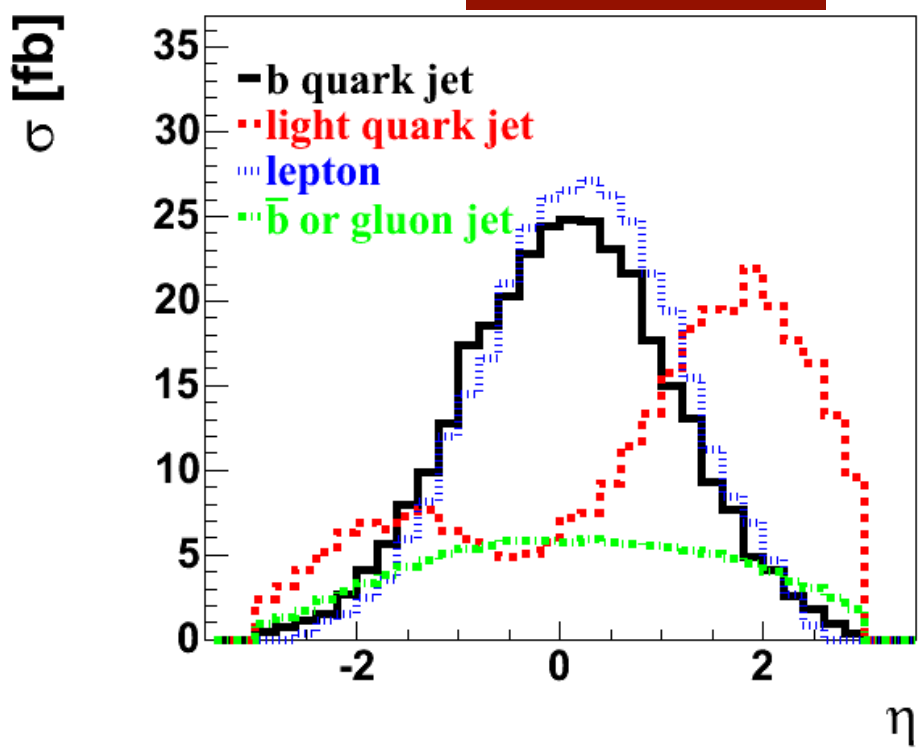

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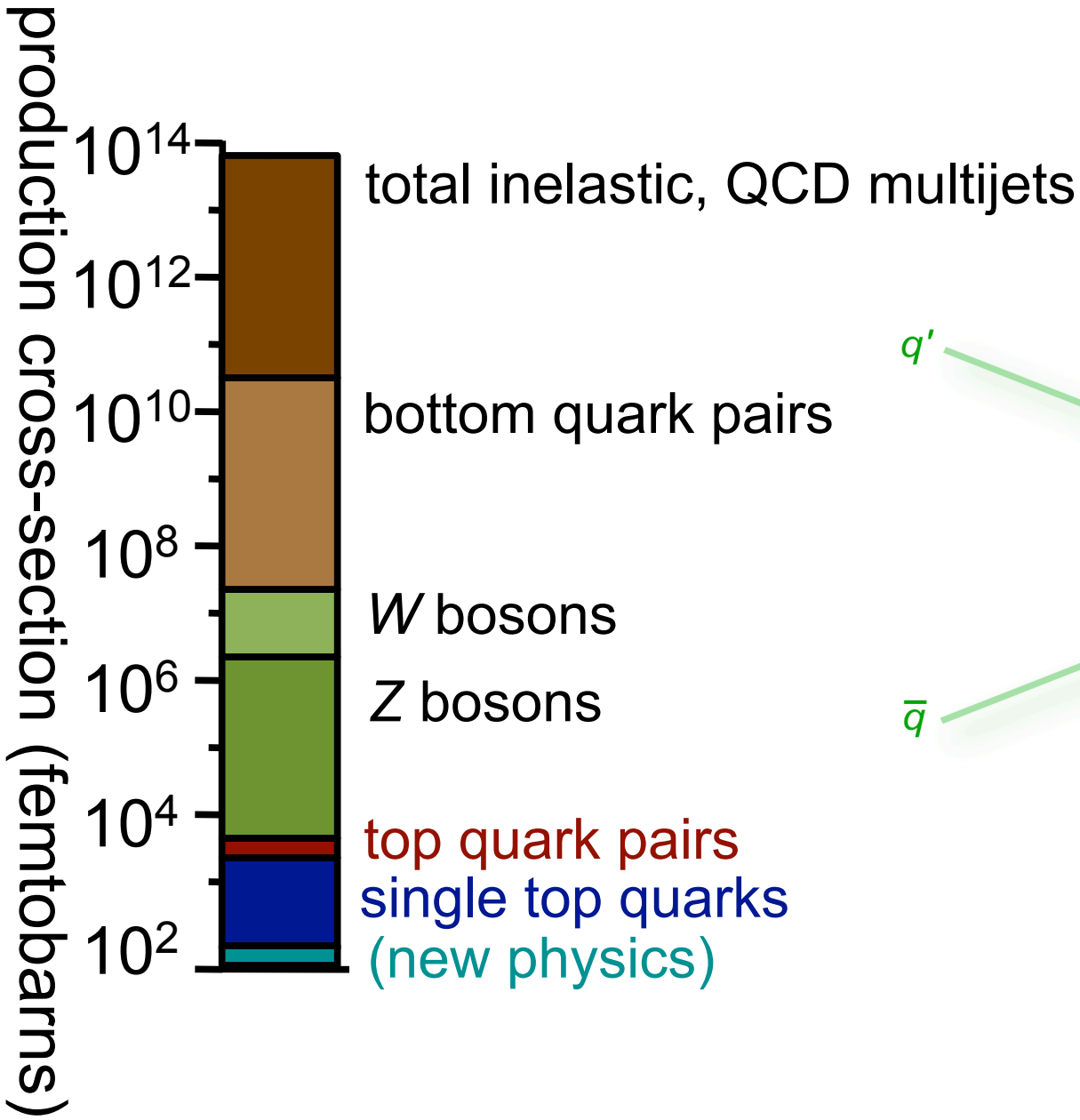

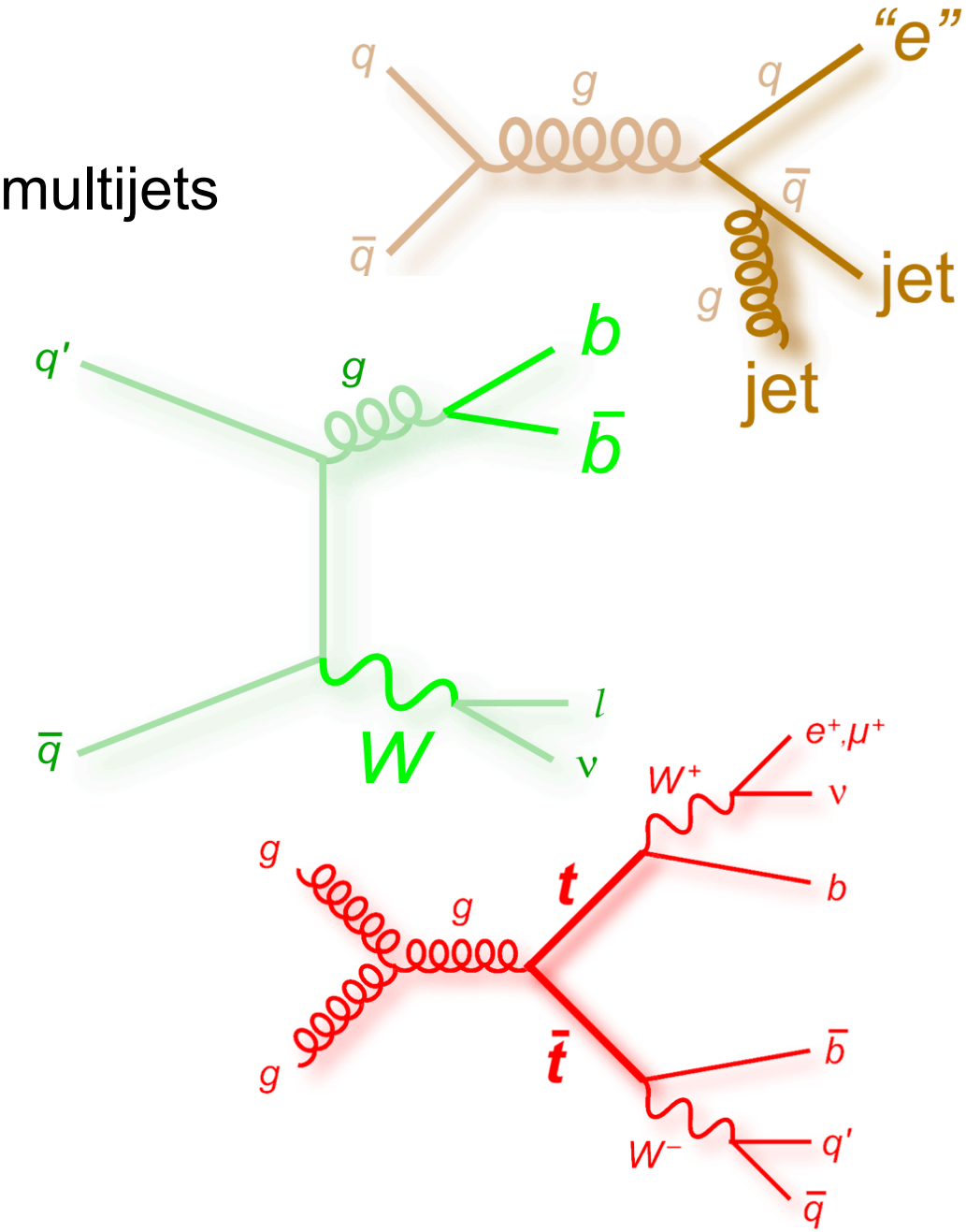

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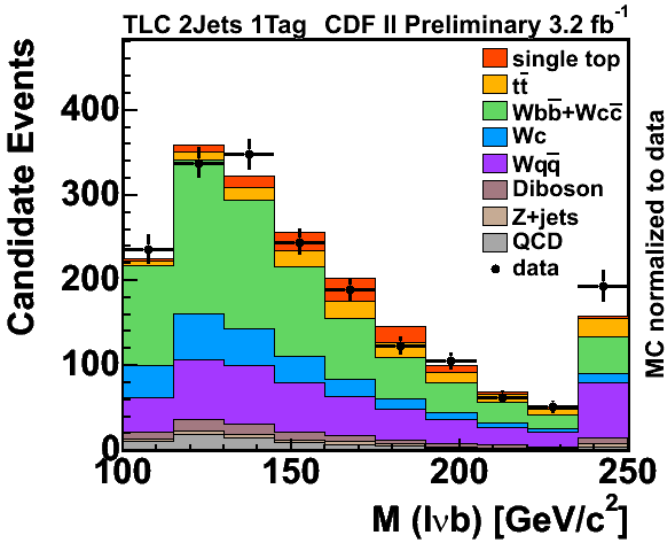

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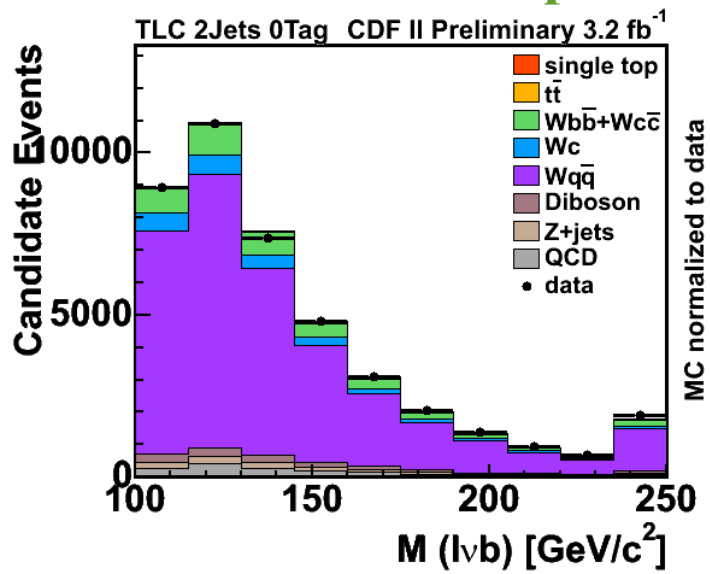

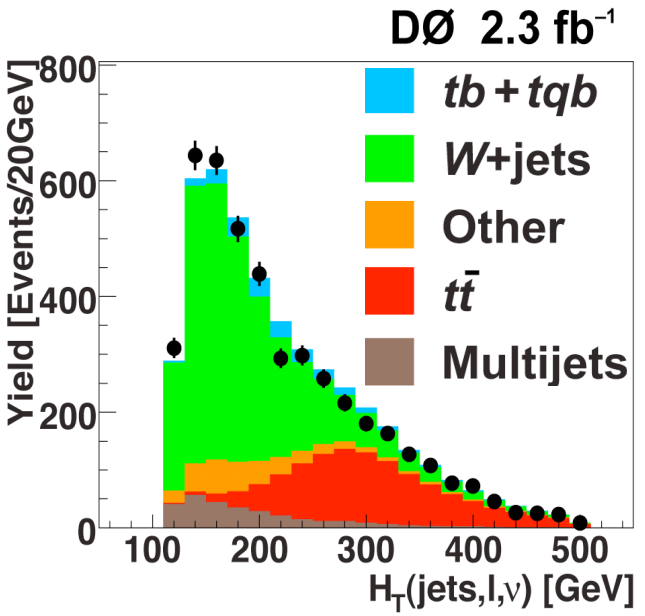

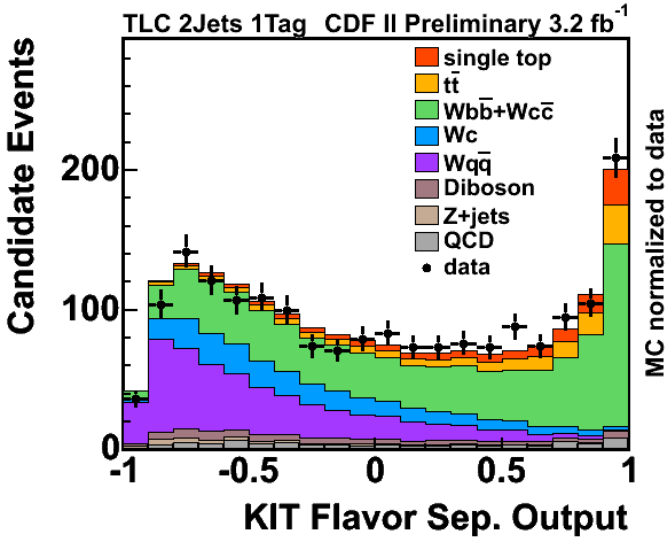

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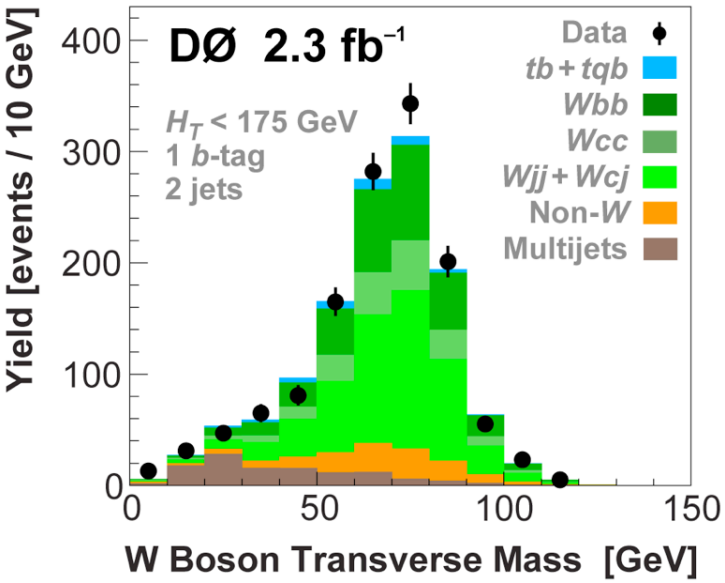

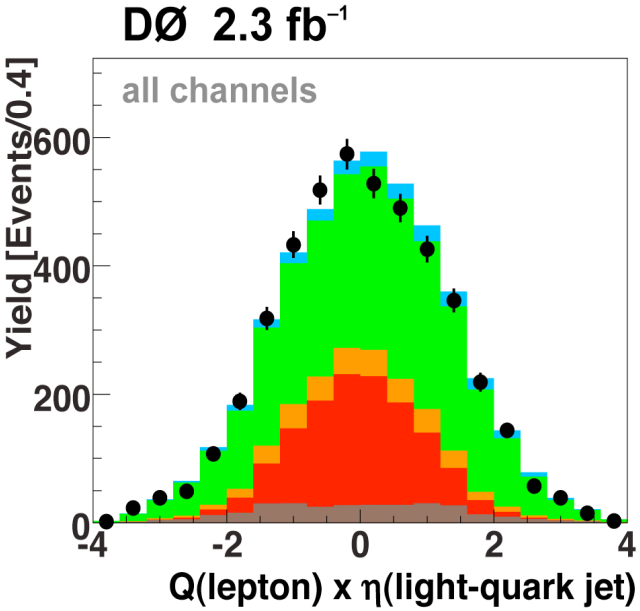

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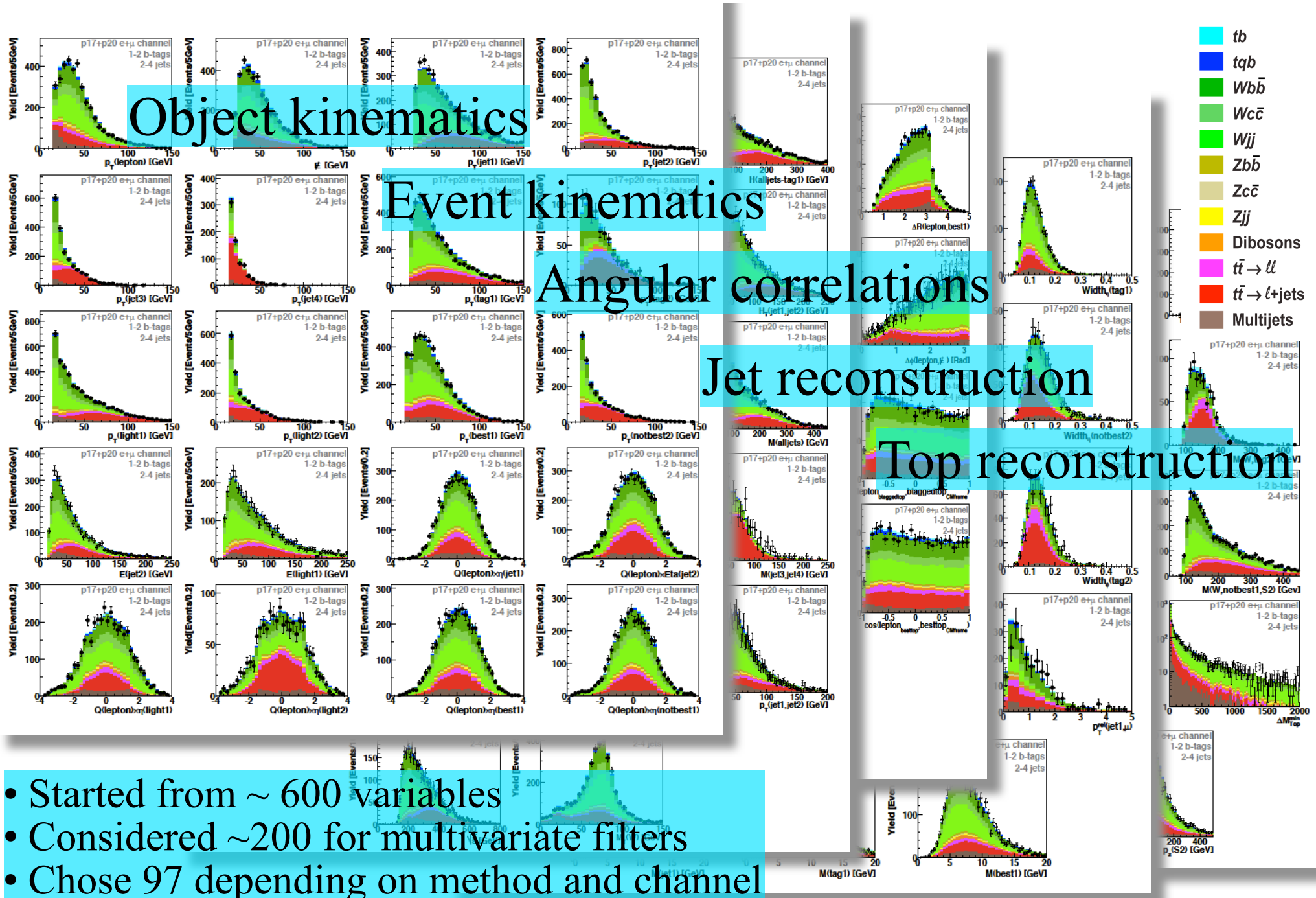
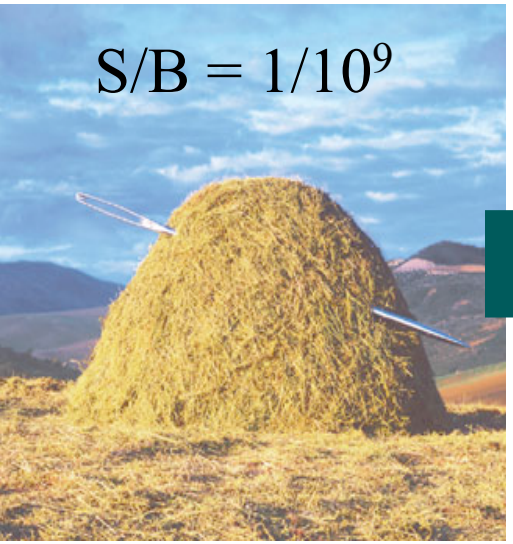


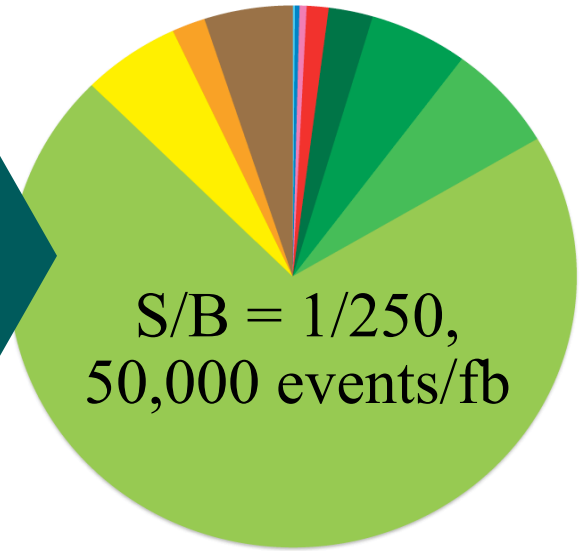
- Started from ~ 600 variables
- Considered ~200 for multivariate filters
- Chose 97 depending on method and channel

Tevatron analysis outline

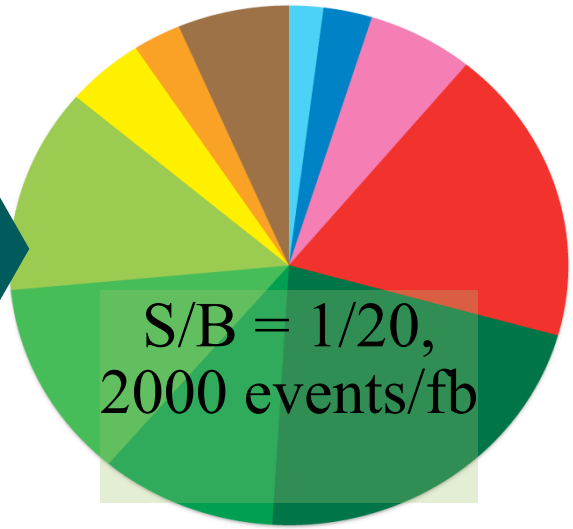
Trigger selection



Single top event kinematics



b-quark tagging



Multivariate techniques

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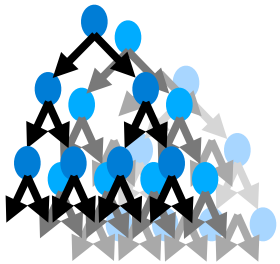

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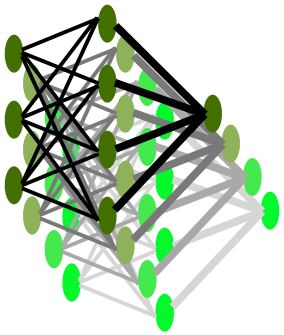

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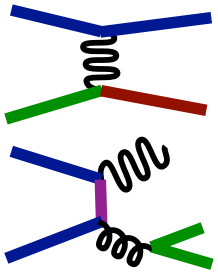

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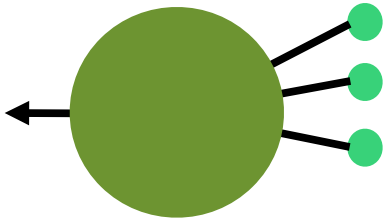

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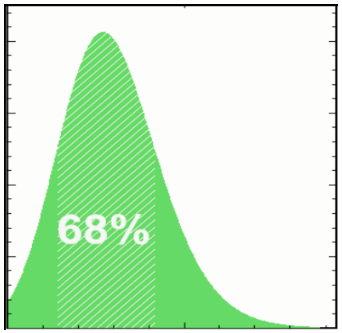
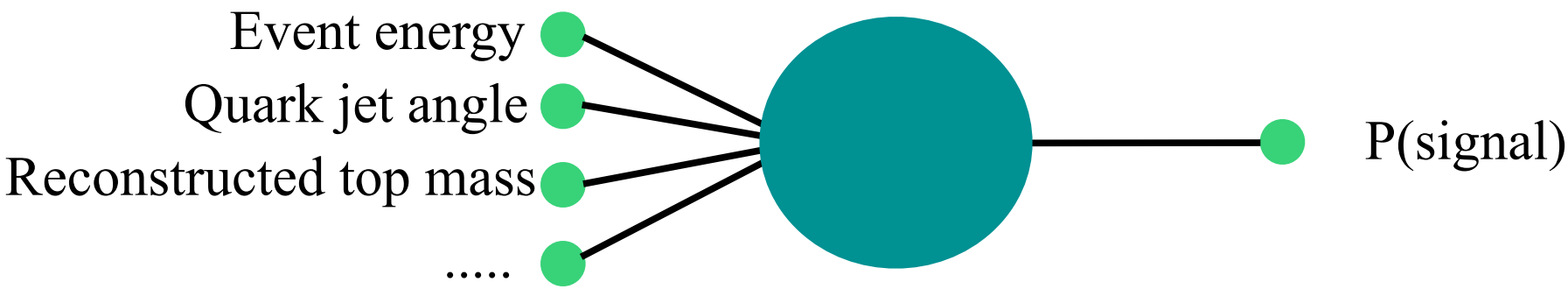


Multivariate methods

Input:
discriminating variables

Method:
multivariate analysis

Output:
signal likelihood



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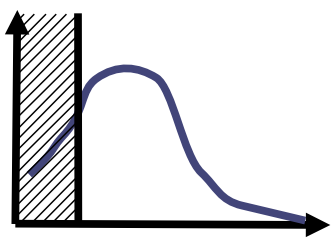
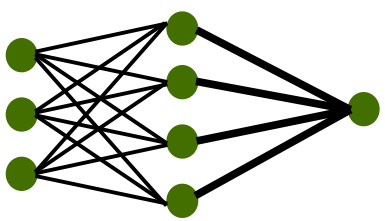
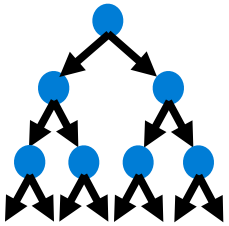


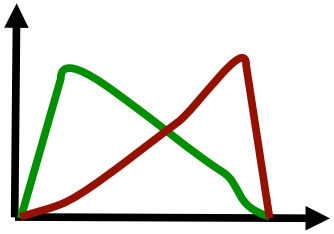
Neural networks



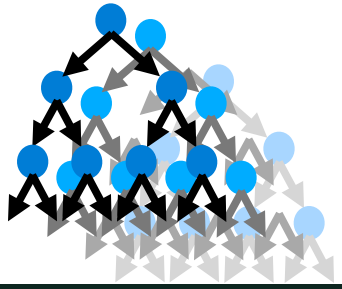
Decision trees



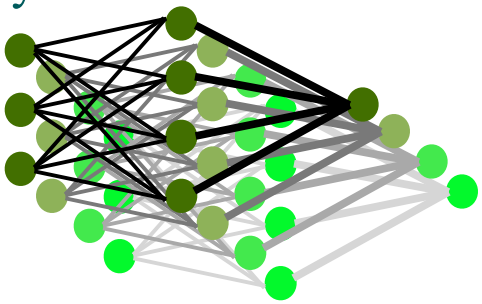
Likelihood



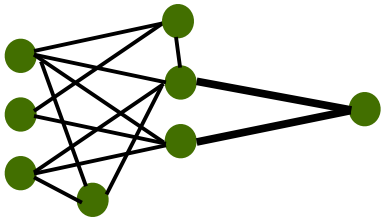
Boosted decision trees



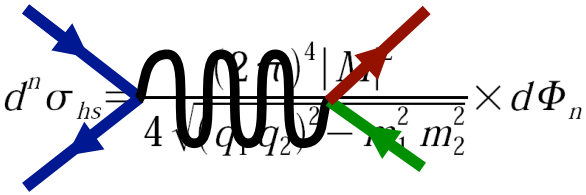
Bayesian neural networks



Neuro evolution



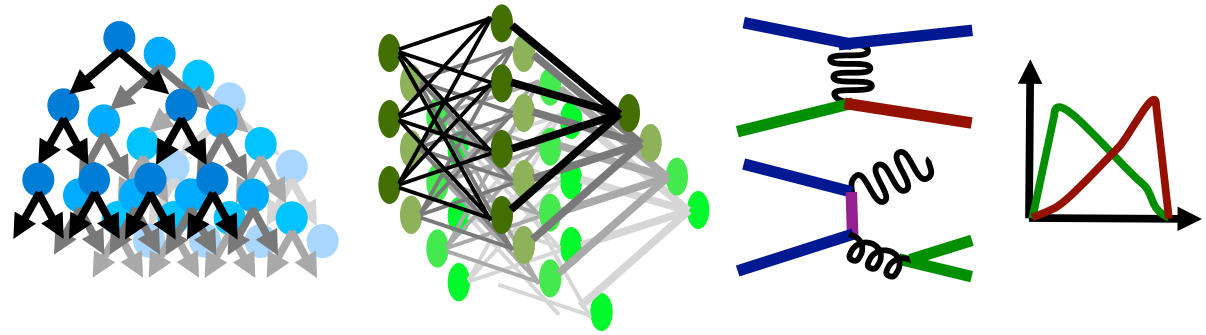
Matrix Elements

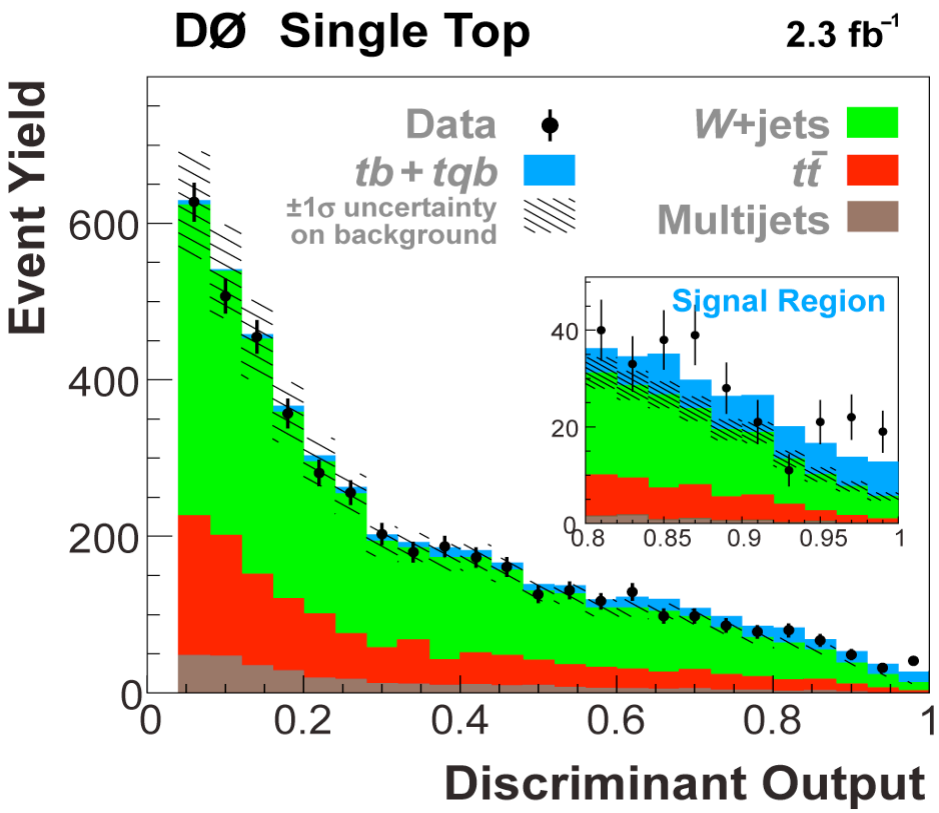


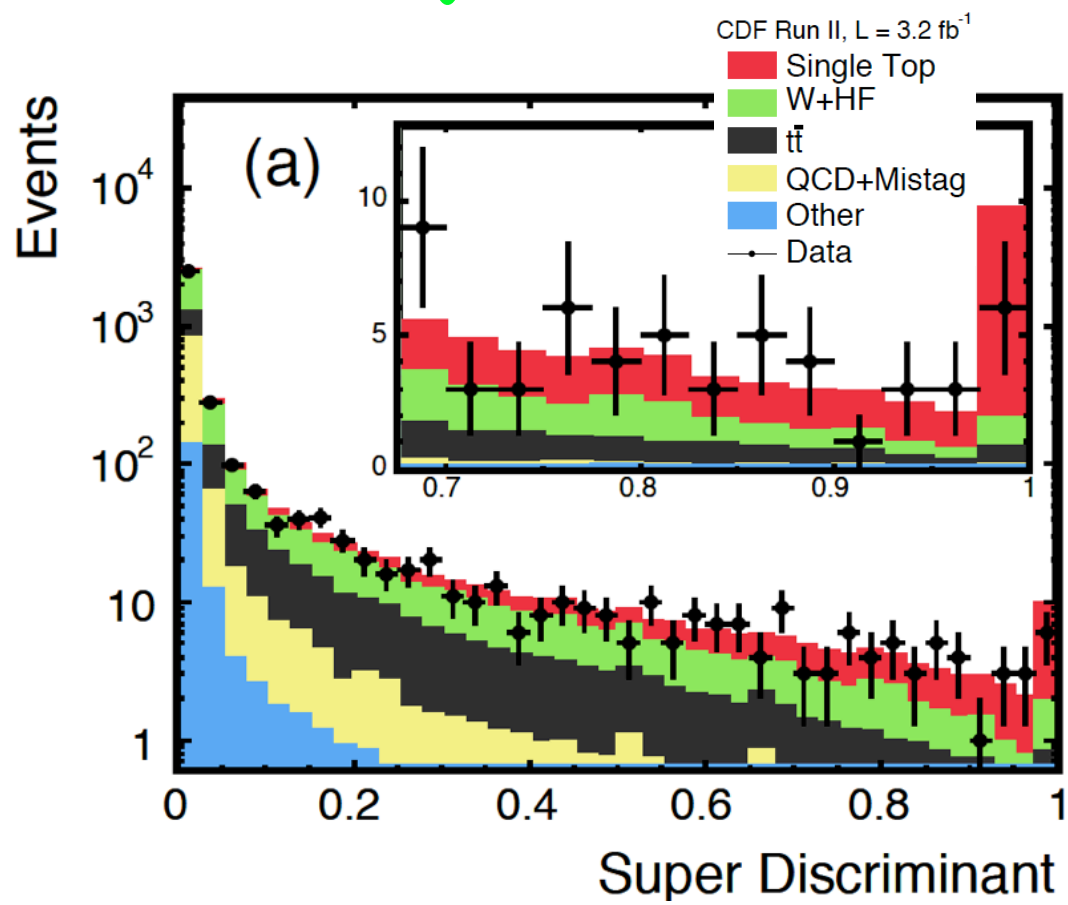
Single top production cross section

- Several multivariate filters combined in one final discriminant
  - BNN (DØ)
  - NEAT (CDF)

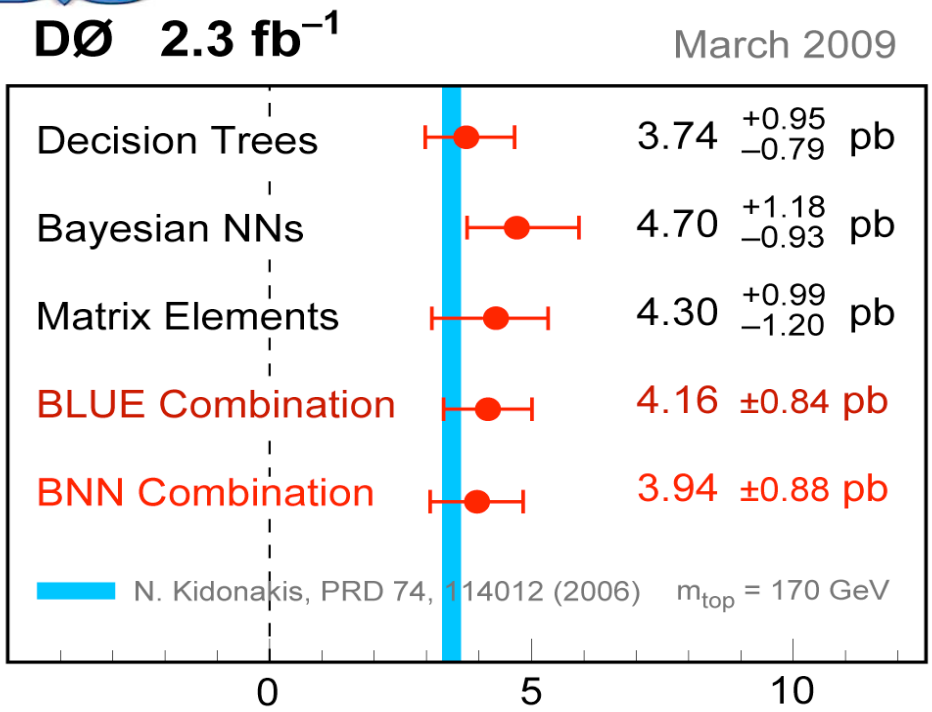
Boosted Decision Trees | **Neural Networks** | **Matrix Elements** | **Likelihood**

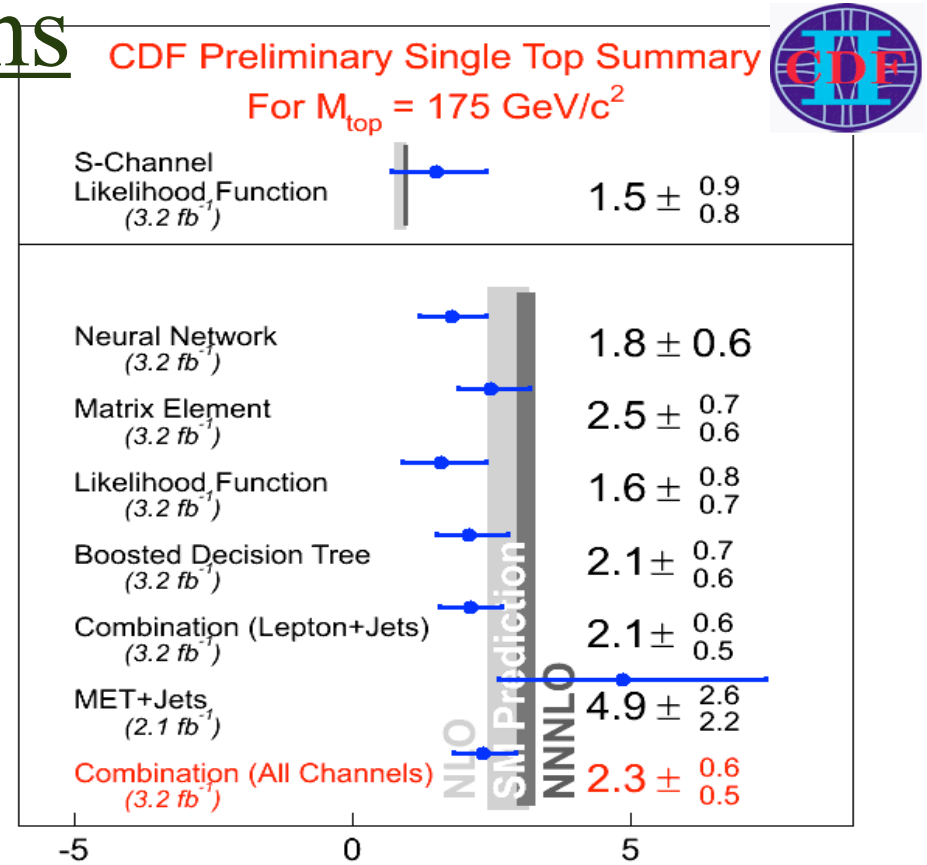


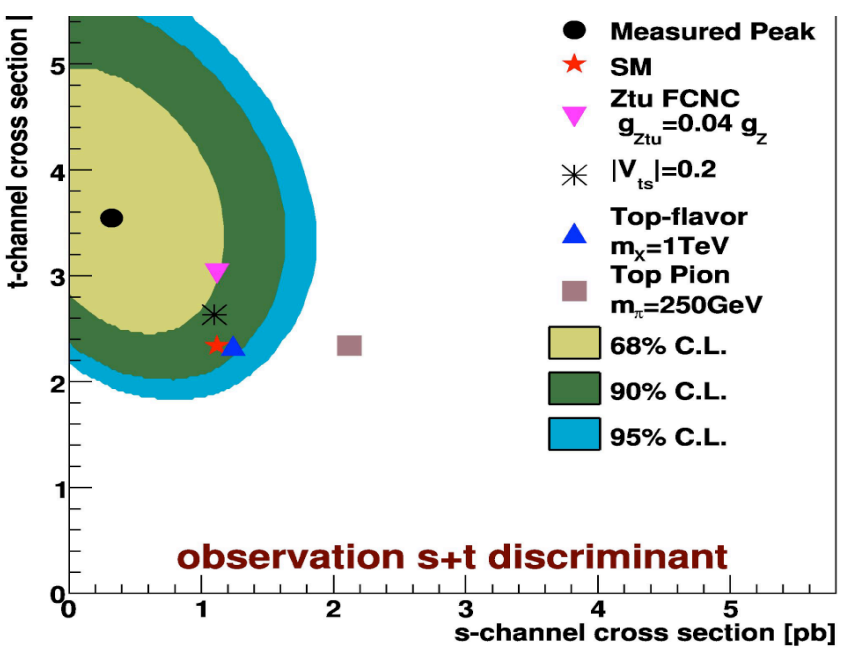


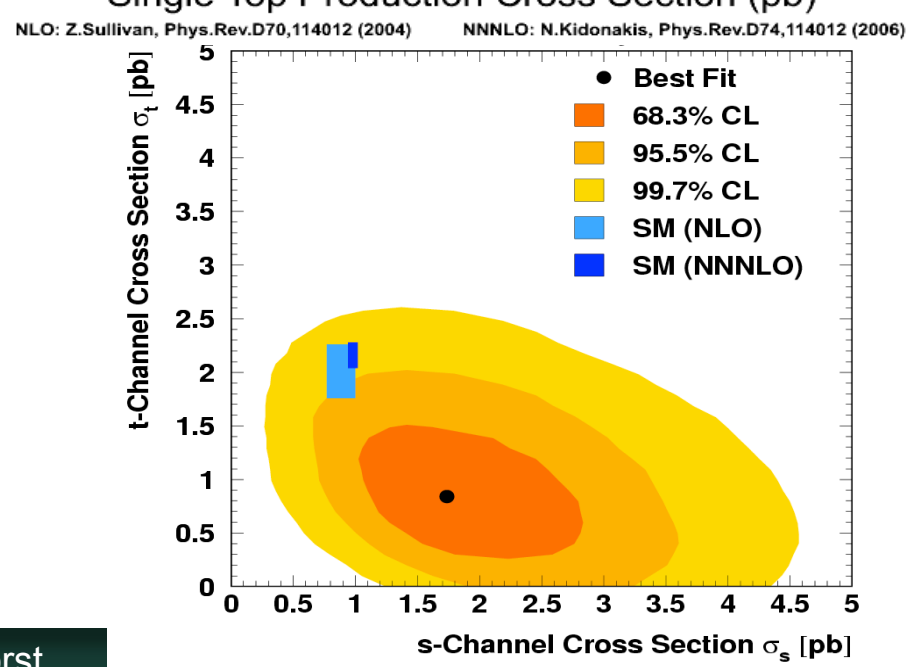


Cross sections



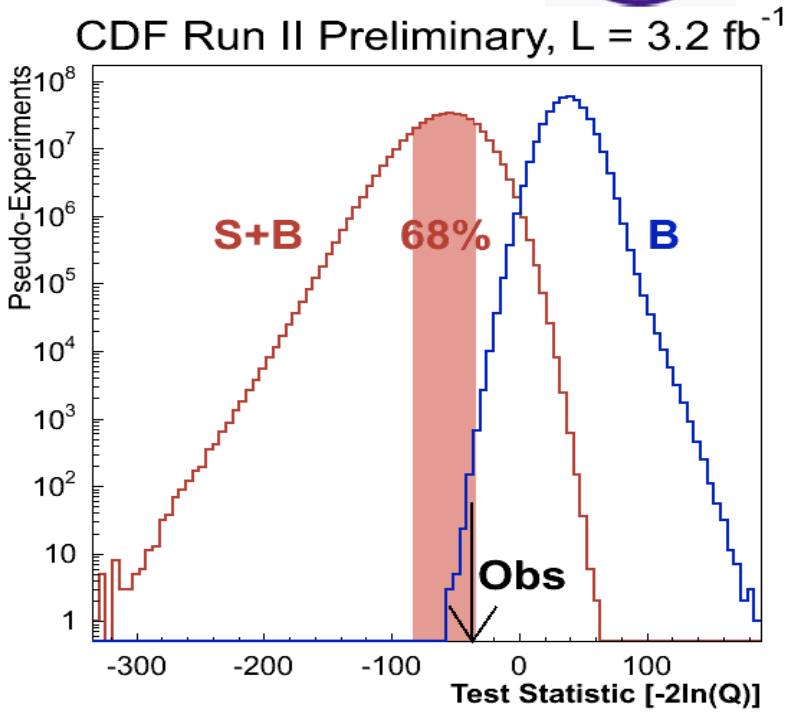


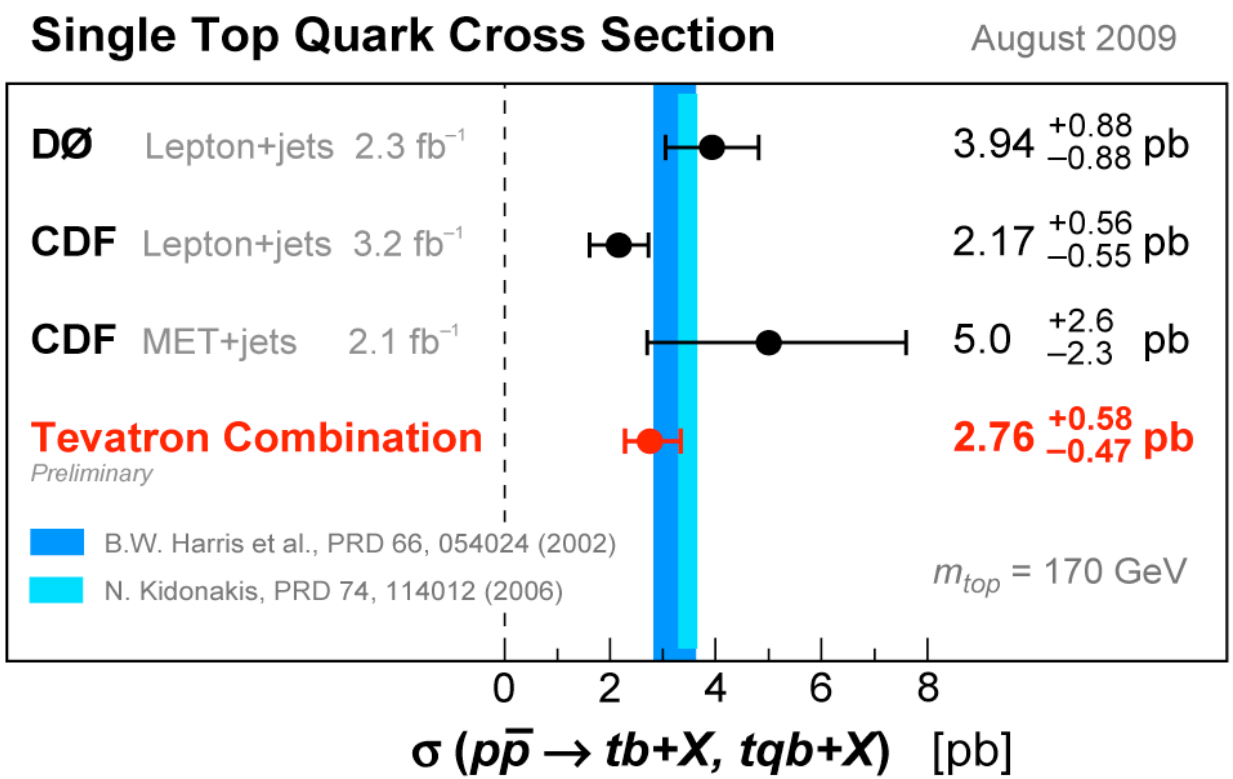


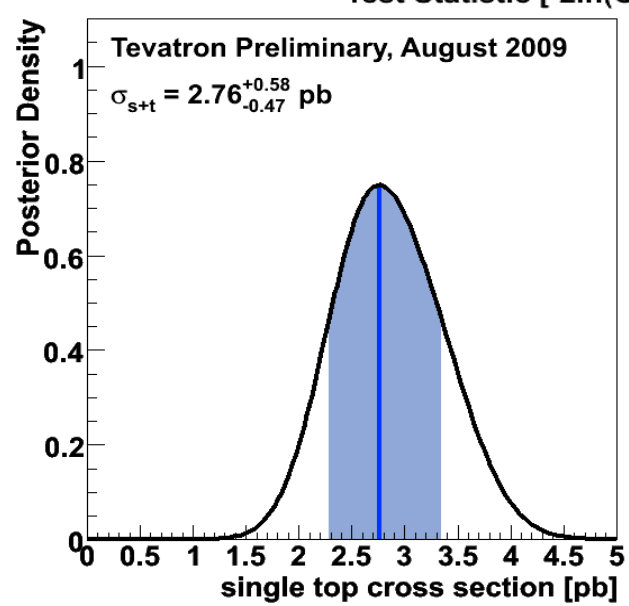


Tevatron combination

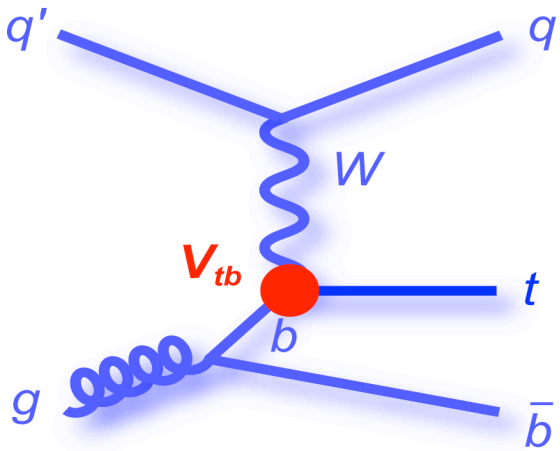
- Each experiment observes 5 σ significance
- DØ and CDF measurements are consistent to 1.6 σ
- Combination of MVA distributions
  - Bayesian statistical analysis
  - Taking all uncertainty correlations into account

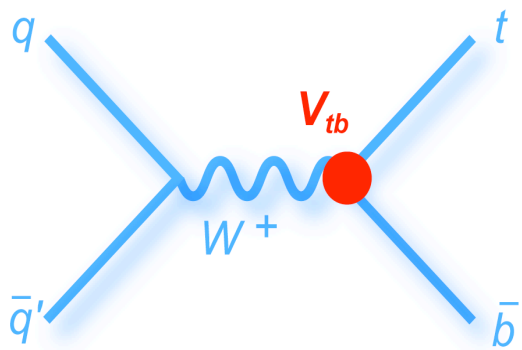






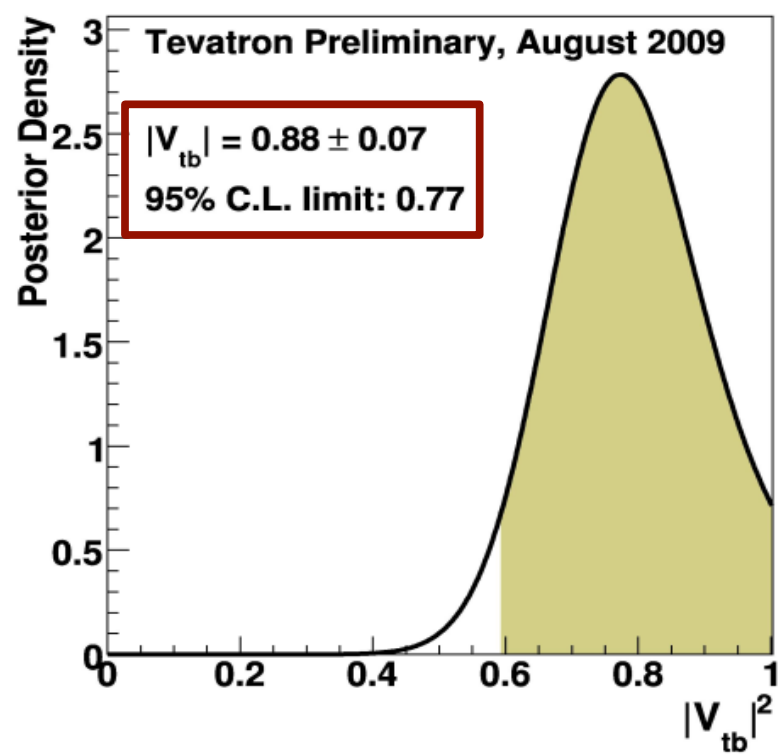
CKM matrix element Vtb





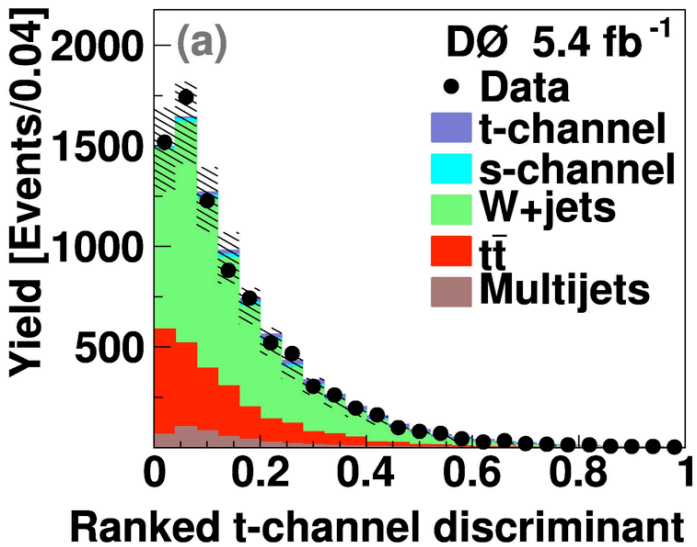
$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

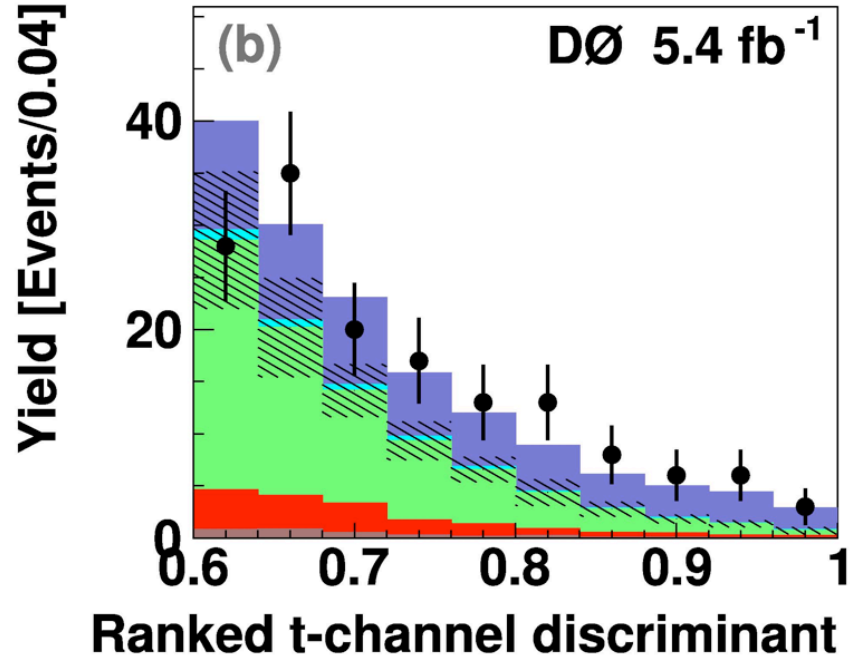
- Cross section ∝ $|V_{tb}|^2$
  - Assume SM top quark decay: $|V_{td}|^2+|V_{ts}|^2 \ll |V_{tb}|^2$
  - Pure V-A and CP conserving Wtb vertex
- No assumption on number of families or unitarity



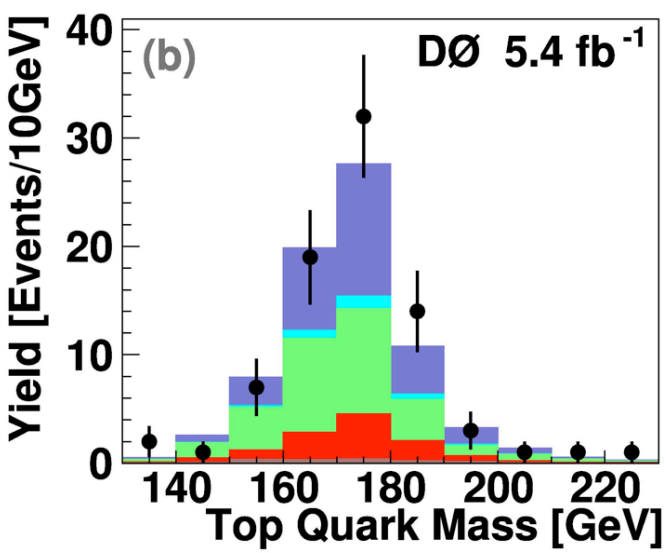
t-channel production

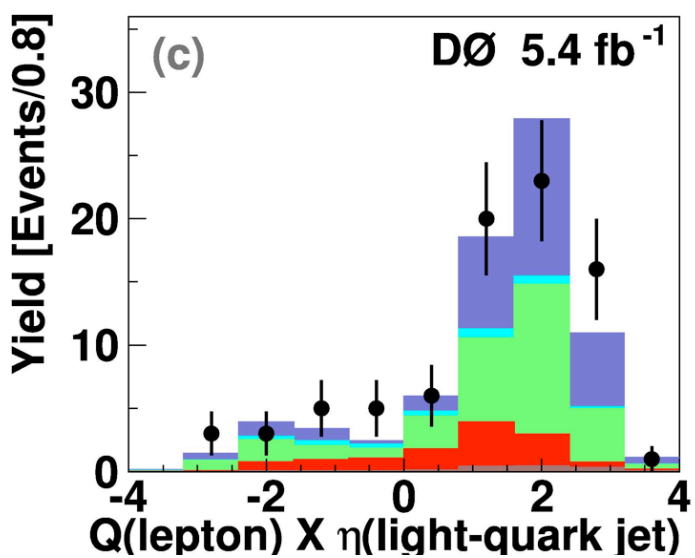
- New analysis with 5.4 fb^{-1}
- Dedicated t-channel filter
- No assumption about s-channel

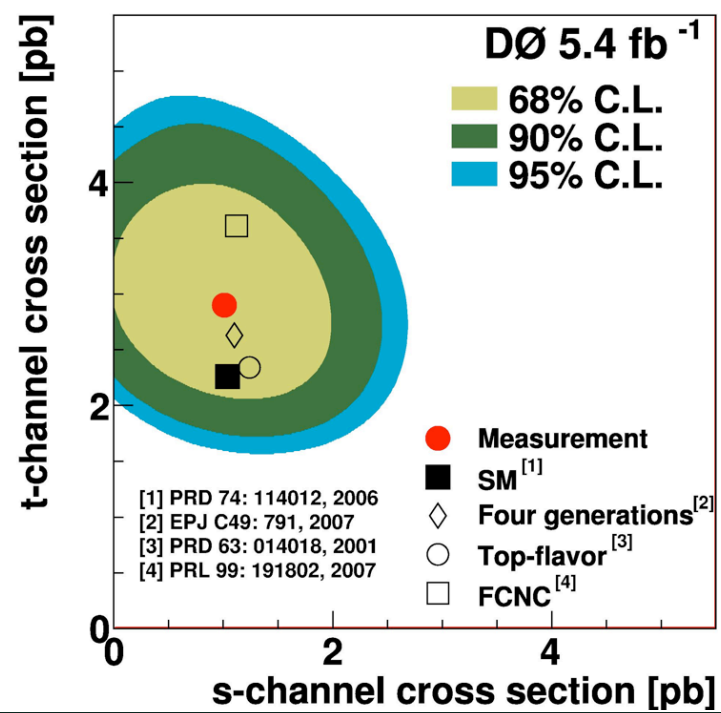




- 5.5 σ significance

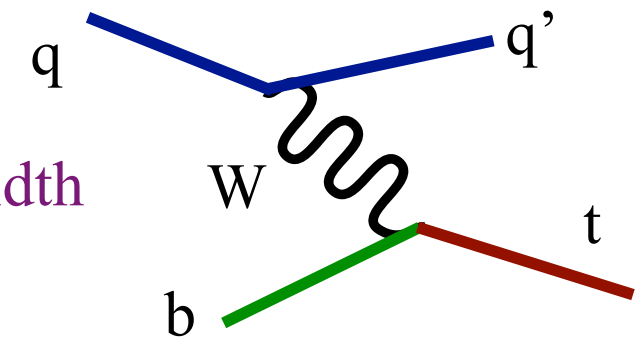






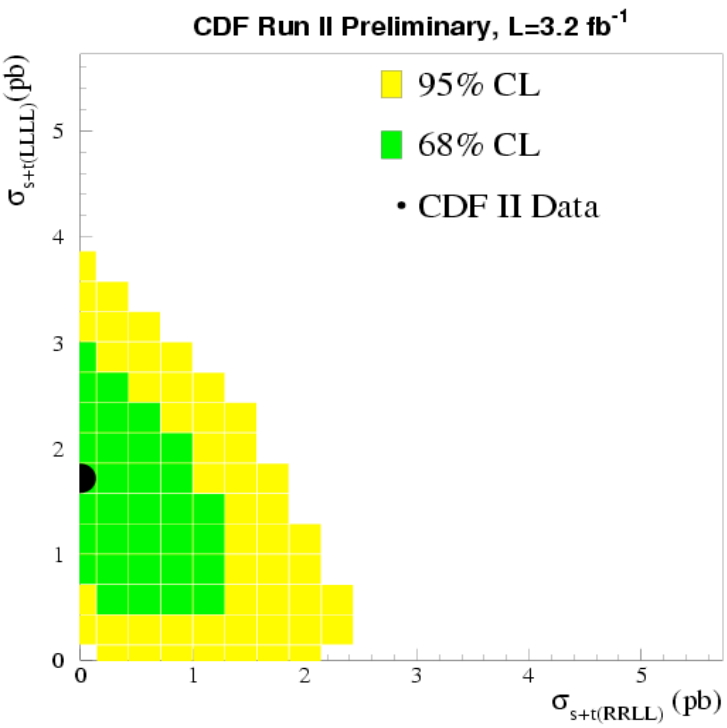
Top quark properties

- top quark width from t-channel cross section
  - use R=B(t→Wb)/B(t→Wx) to obtain full width

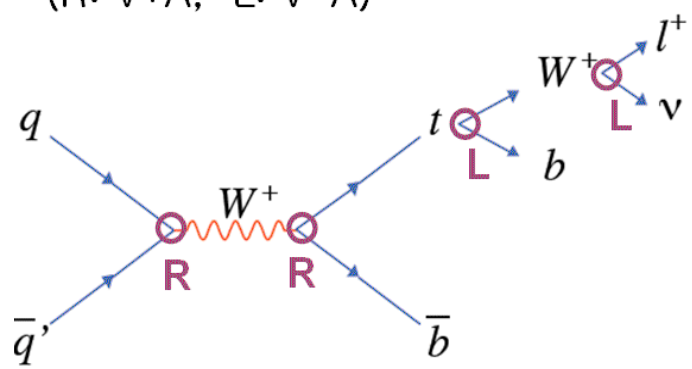


$$\Gamma_t = 2.05^{+0.57}_{-0.52}\ \text{GeV} \qquad \tau_t = (3.2^{+1.1}_{-0.7}) \times 10^{-25}\ \text{s}$$

- Top quark polarization from spin correlation



(R: V+A, L: V−A)



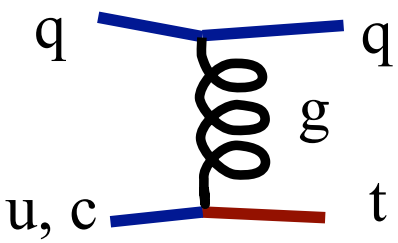
- Analysis using likelihood function
- Test for right-handed coupling in top production

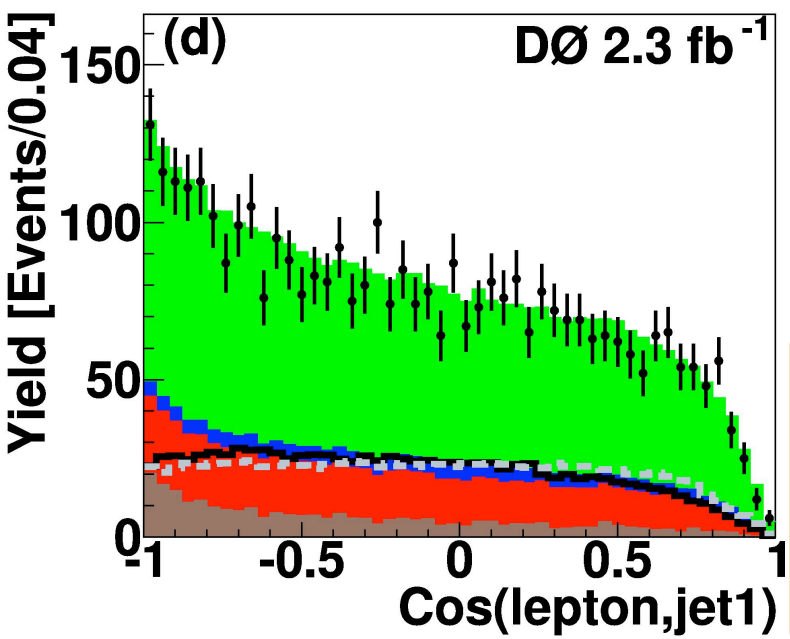
$$polarization = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} = -1^{+1.5}_{-0}$$

Tevatron new physics searches

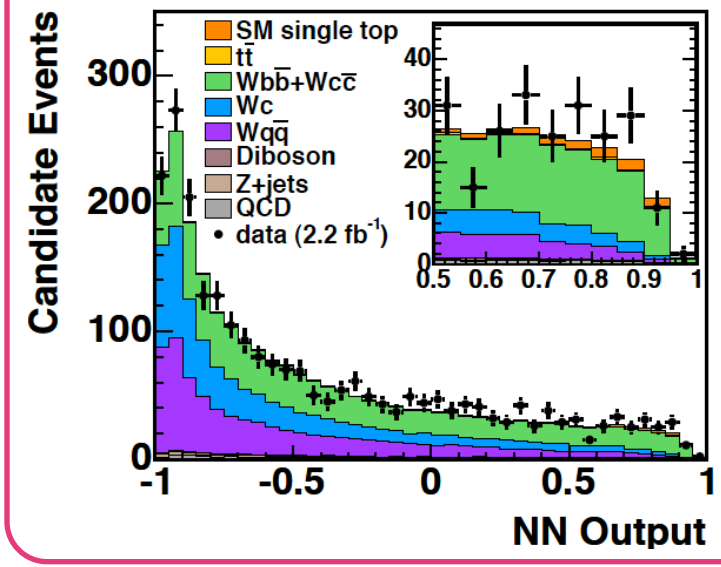
Gluon-FCNC in single top

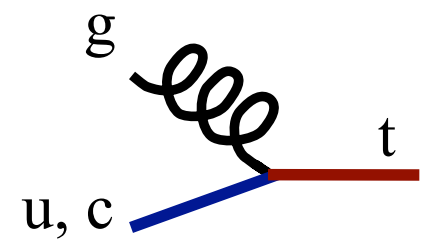
- D0: 2→2 process
  - ★Same final state as t-channel
  - ★multivariate analysis using BNN





- CDF: 2→1 process
  - ★multivariate analysis using NN





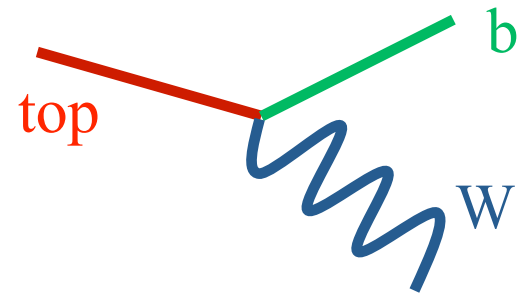
$$\frac{\kappa_{gtu}}{\Lambda} < 0.025\ \mathrm{TeV}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\kappa_{gtc}}{\Lambda} < 0.105\ \mathrm{TeV}^{-1}$$

95% CL limits:	tgu	tgc
Cross section	0.20 pb	0.27 pb
κ_{tgf}/Λ	0.013 TeV^{-1}	0.057 TeV^{-1}
$\mathcal{B}(t \to qg)$	2.0×10^{-4}	3.9×10^{-3}

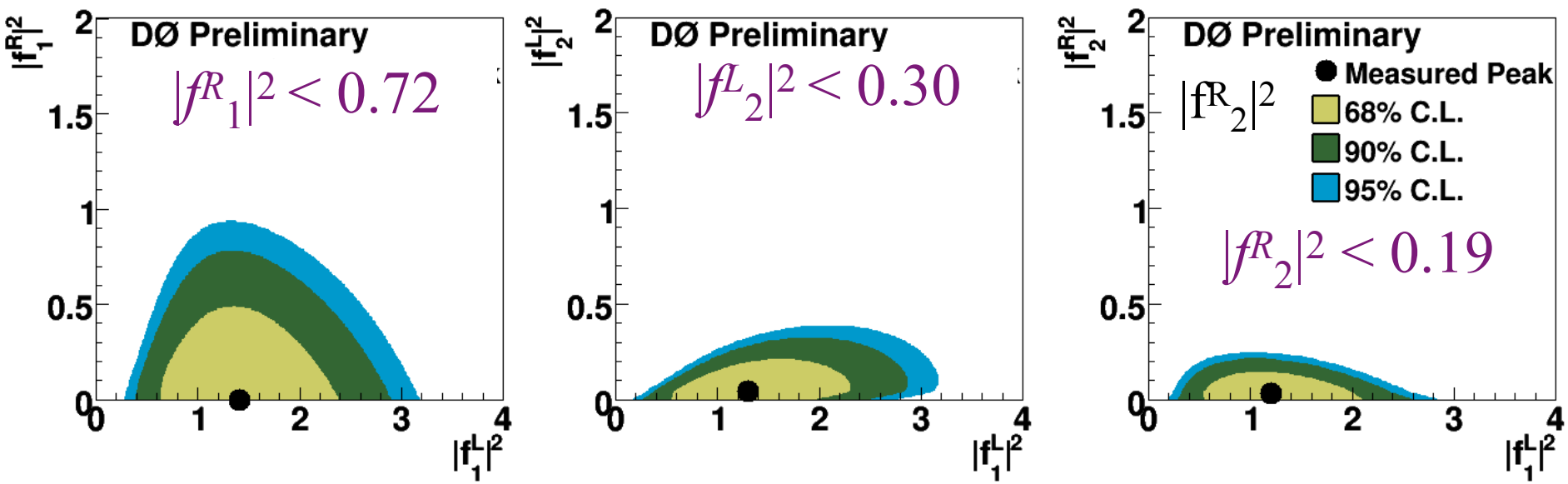
Single top anomalous coupling

- Left-vector (f^L_1, =1 in SM), right-vector (f^R_1), left-tensor (f^L_2), right-tensor (f^R_2)

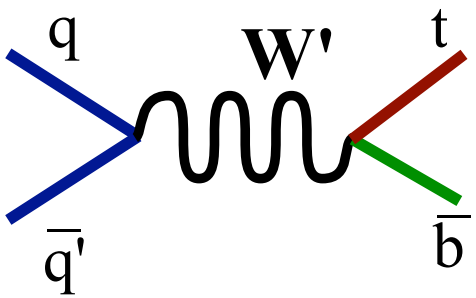


$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\bar{b}\gamma^\mu V_{tb}(f_1^L P_L + f_1^R P_R)tW_\mu^- - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\bar{b}\frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_\nu}{M_W}(f_2^L P_L + f_2^R P_R)tW_\mu^- + h.c.$$

- Single top is sensitive to magnitude (PRL 101, 221801 (2008))
- ttbar to ratios of couplings (W helicity, PRL 100, 062004 (2008))
- Best sensitivity through combination (PRL 102, 092002 (2009))



Search for W' boson



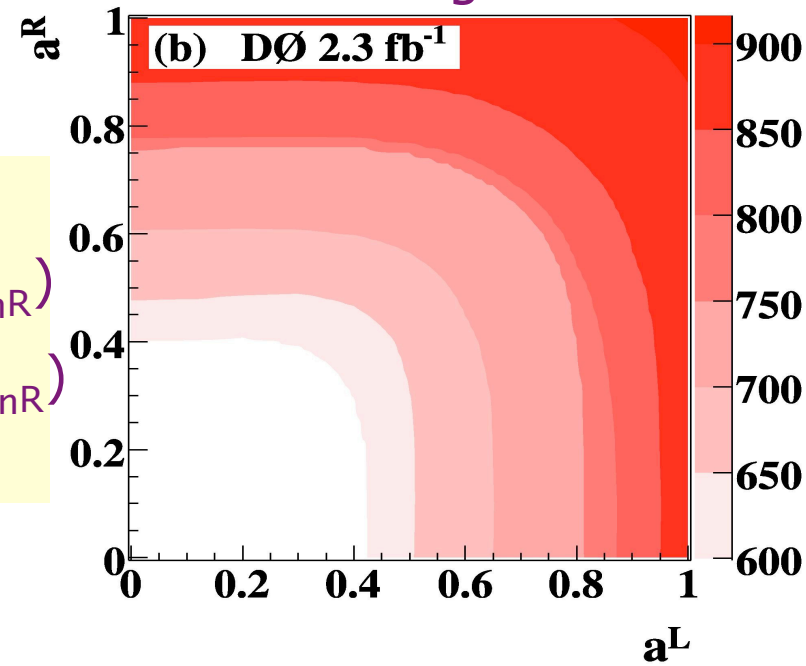
- Explore simultaneously left-handed and right-handed couplings
- 95% CL limits:

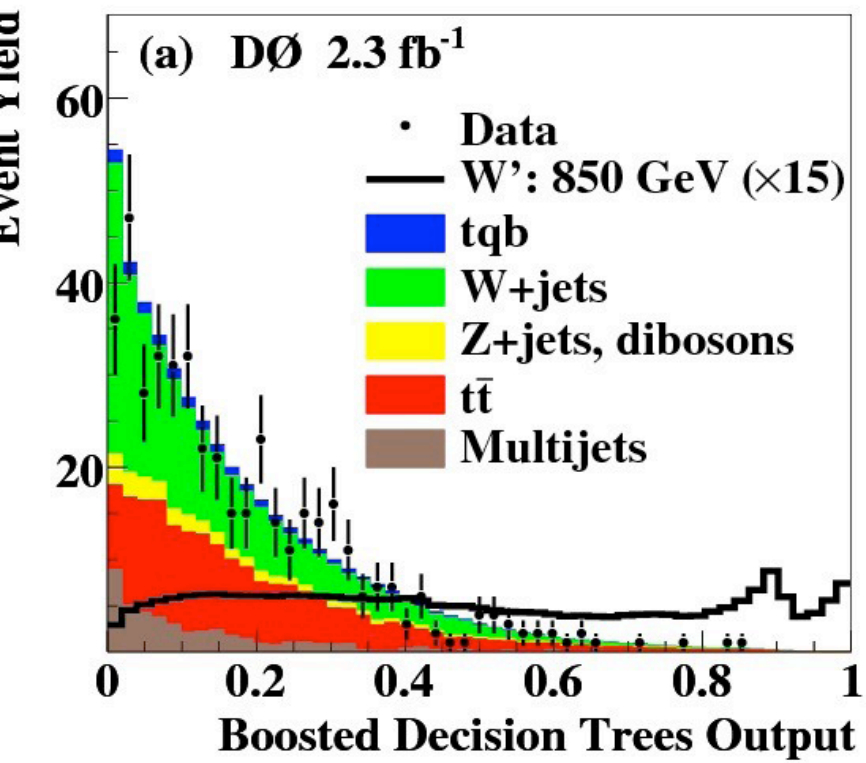
$M_{W'}$ > 863 GeV (L only)

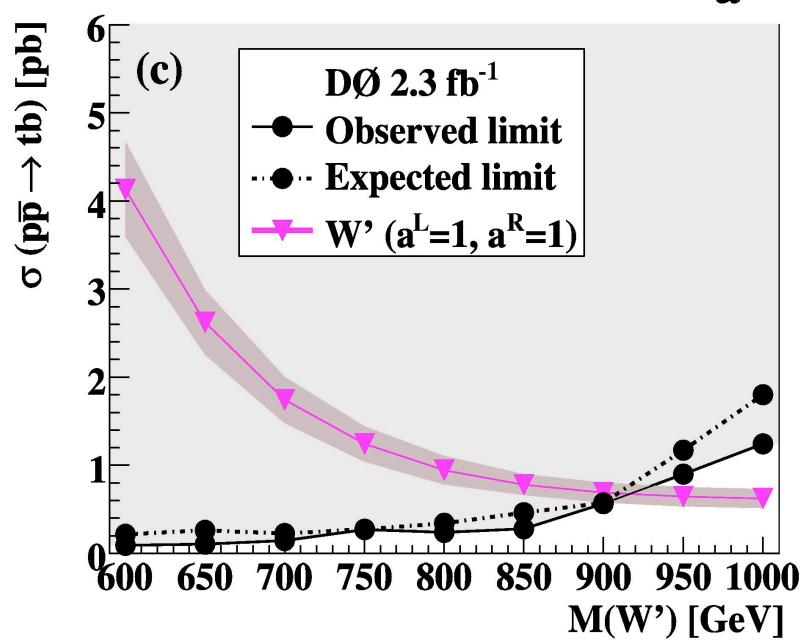
$M_{W'}$ > 885 GeV (R, $M_{W'}$< m_{nR})

$M_{W'}$ > 890 GeV (R, $M_{W'}$ > m_{nR})

$M_{W'}$ > 916 GeV (L+R)







Experimental setup: LHC at CERN

Proton-proton collider

CM energy 7 TeV

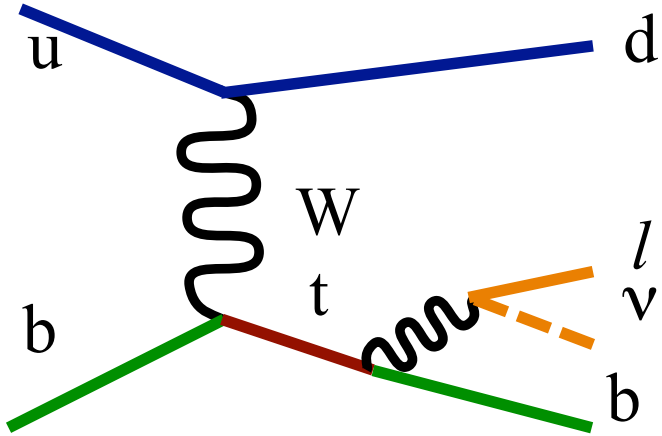
→ ***Energy frontier***

Instantaneous luminosity > 6E32 $cm^{-2}s^{-1}$

– >8 interactions per crossing, 1.7M crossing per second

→ ***Luminosity frontier***

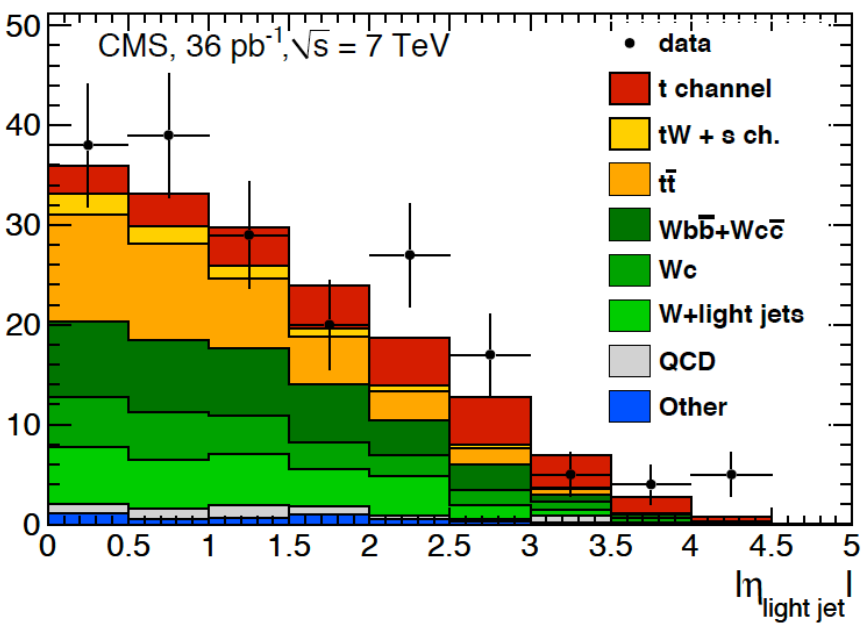
Measurement of t-channel production



- 36 pb^{-1} of 2010 data

Event selection:

- 1 electron or muon
  E_T (p_T) > 30/20 GeV
- M_T (W) > 50/40 GeV
- = 2 jets (p_T > 30 GeV), ≥1 b-tag
- fewer channels than Tevatron, tighter cuts



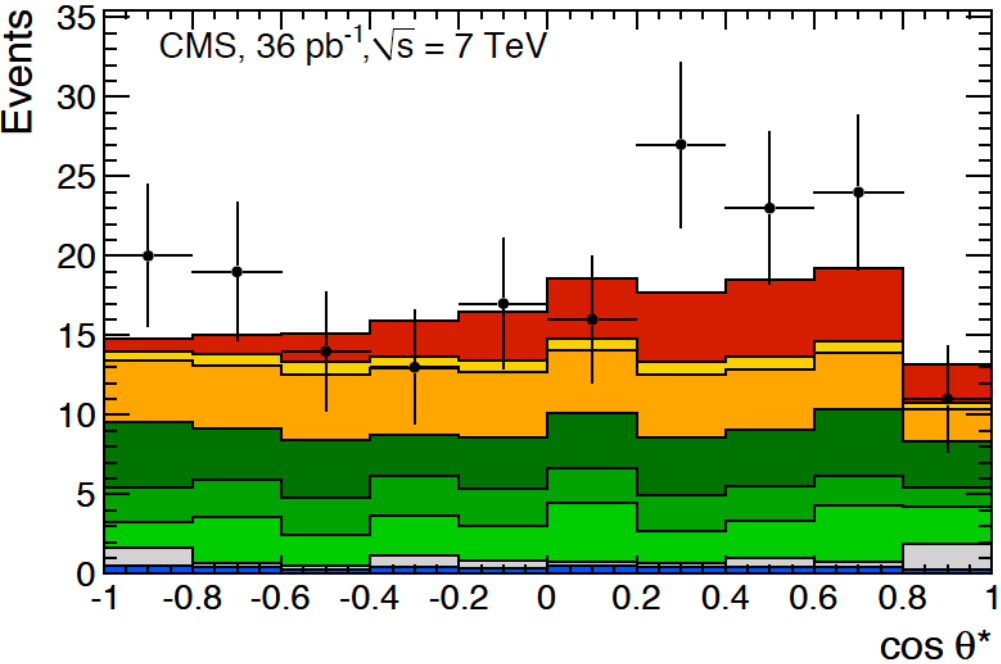
Background modeling:

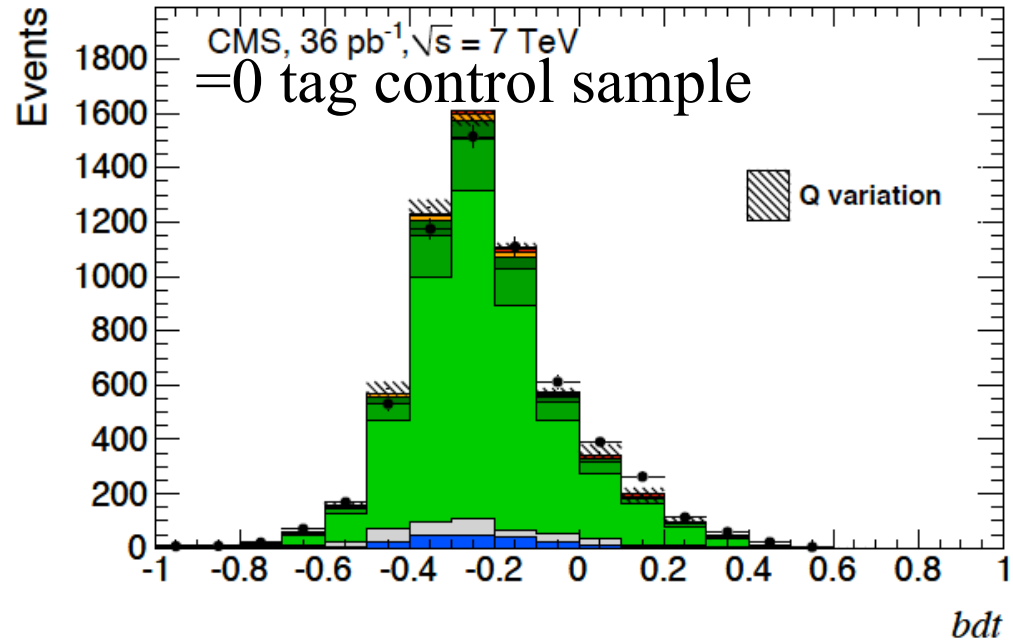
- normalize W+jets and QCD to data
- top background to theory

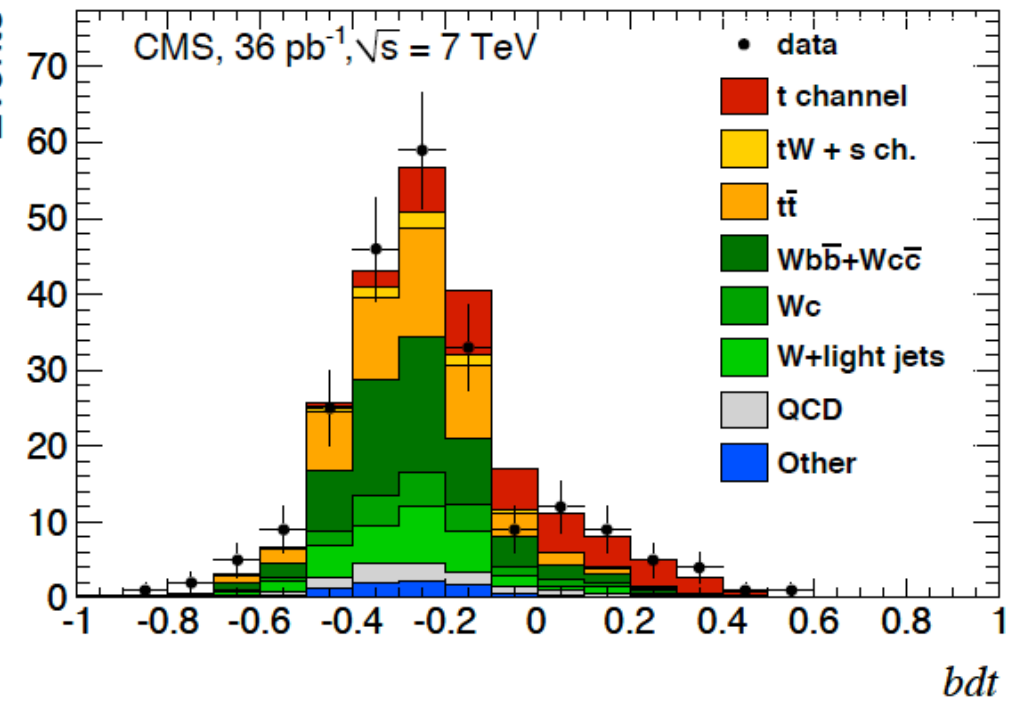
Analysis procedure:

- BDT with 37 variables
- 2-d fit to light jet η and spin correlation

t-channel result







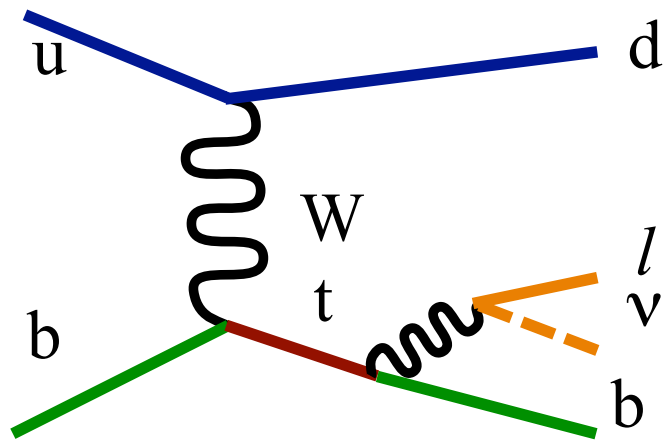
- Combination using BLUE

combined: observed cross section:
$\sigma_t = 83.6 \pm 29.8$ pb

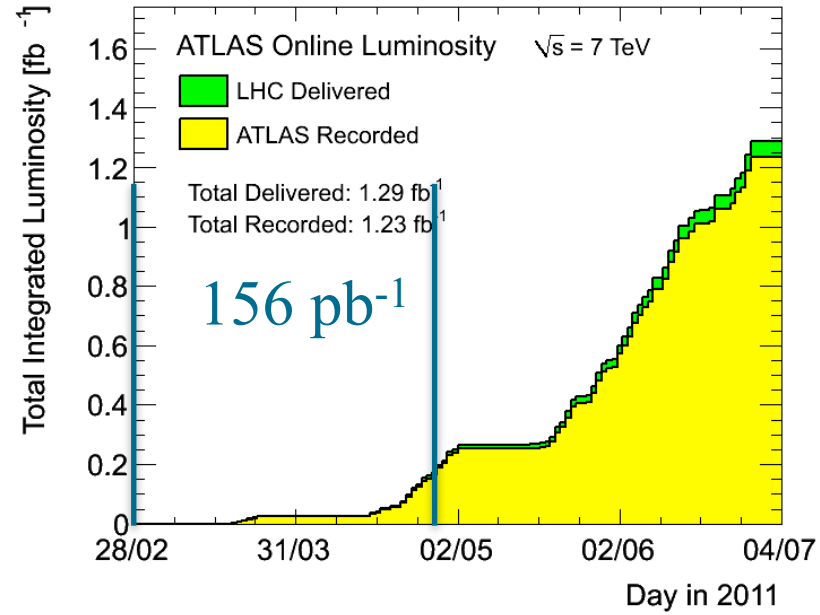
Observed significance: 3.5 σ
Observed |Vtb| > 0.68 at 95% CL

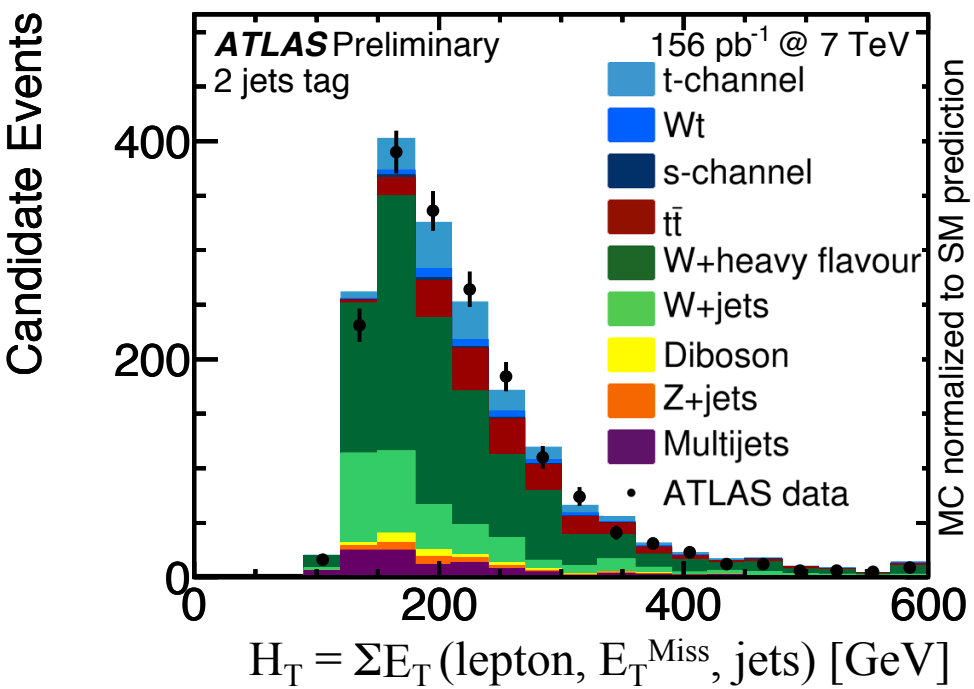
arXiv:1106.3052 [hep-ex]

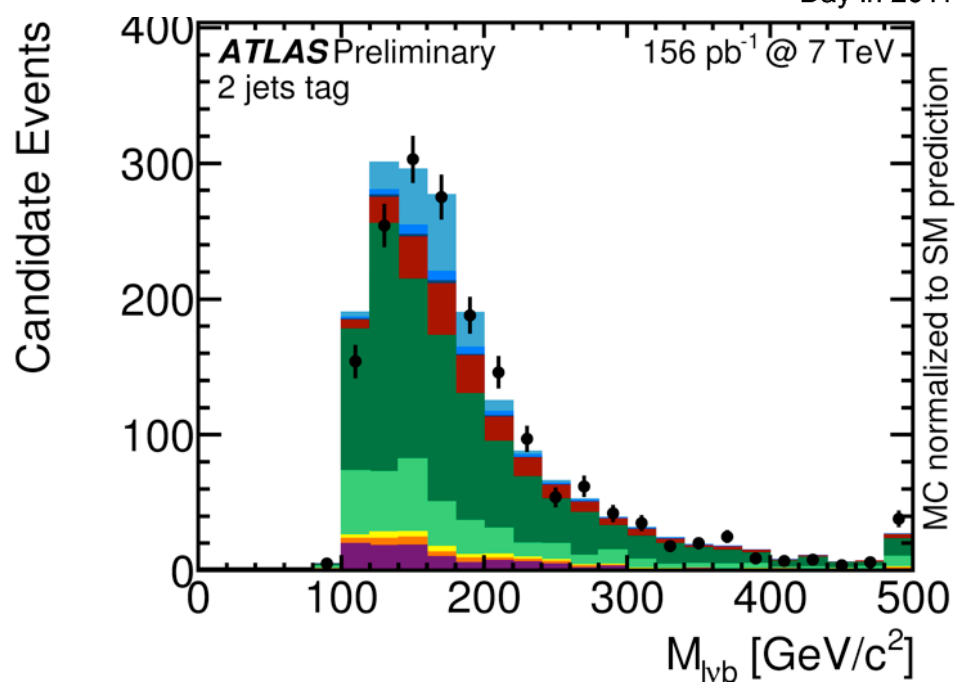
Measurement of t-channel production



- 156 pb^{-1} of 2011 ATLAS data

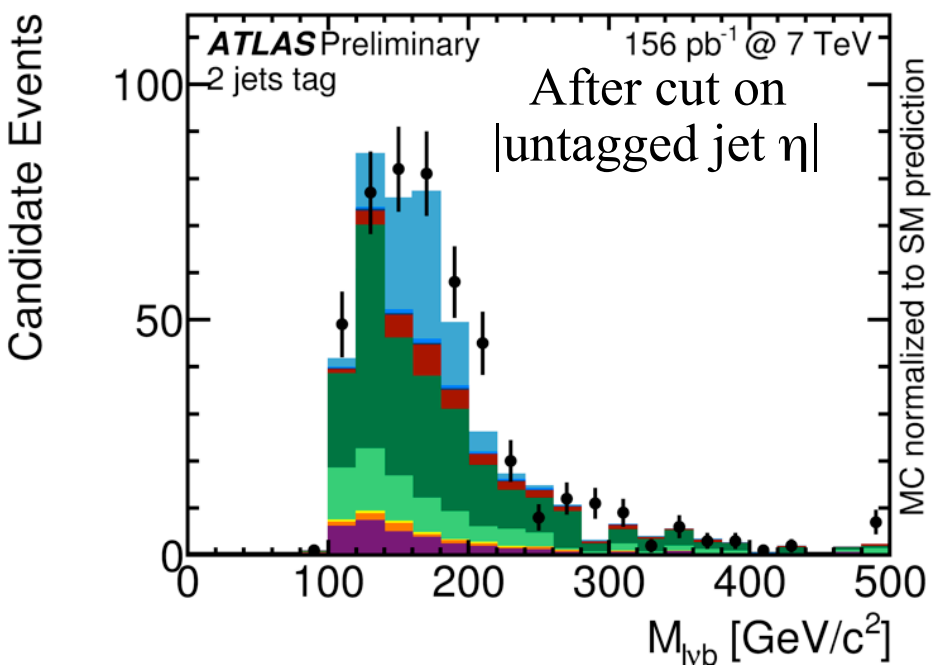


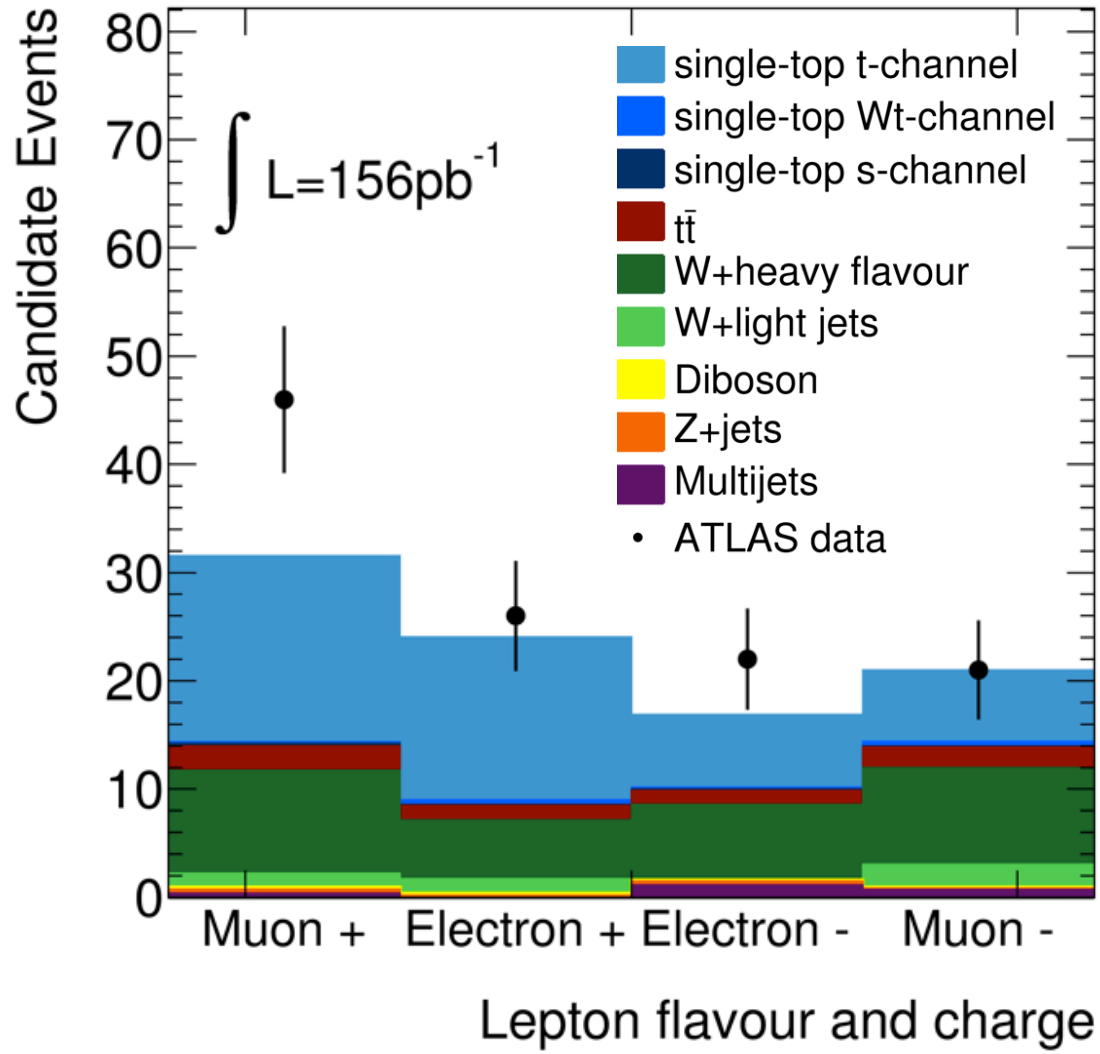




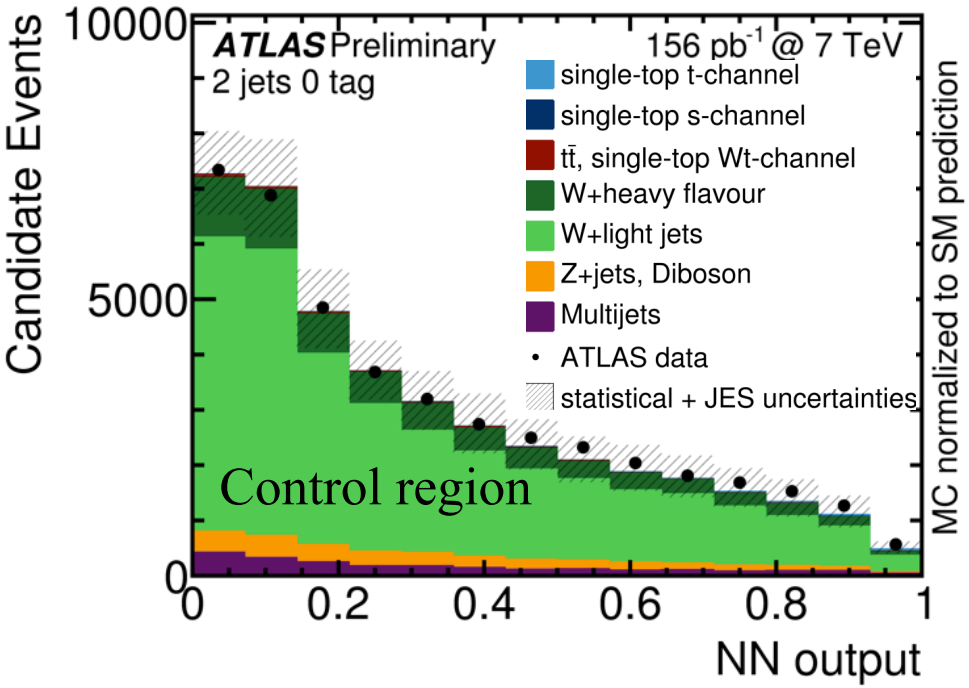
Cut-based t-channel analysis

- | untagged jet η | > 2.0
- 140 GeV < top quark mass < 190 GeV
- $|\Delta\eta$(lepton, b-tagged jet)| < 1.5
- | b-tagged jet η | < 2.0
- H_T > 180 GeV
- separate by lepton flavor and top charge

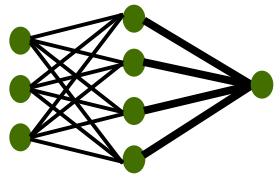


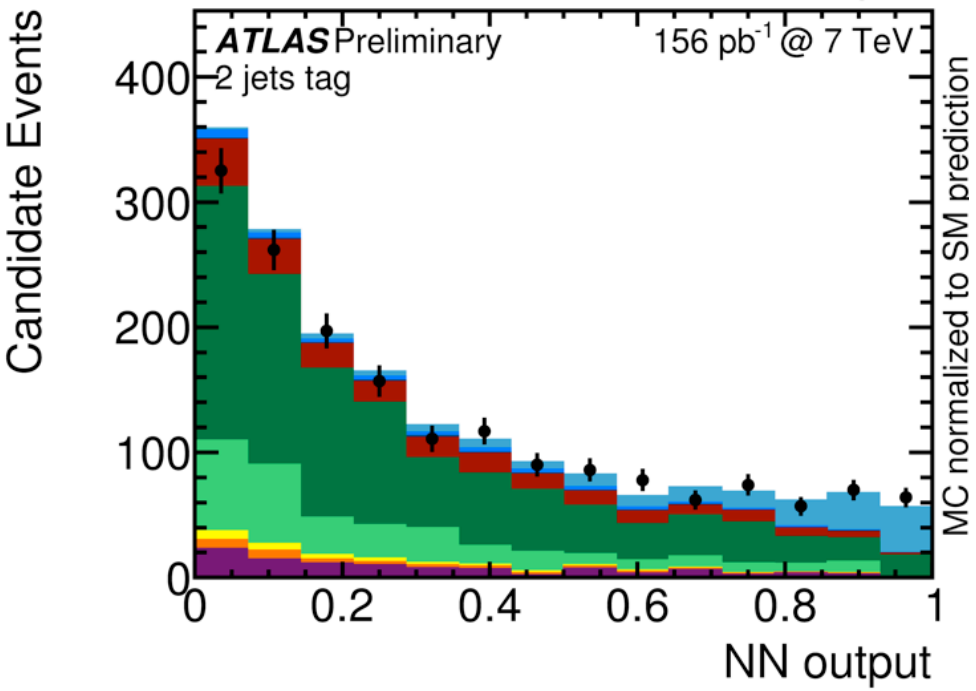


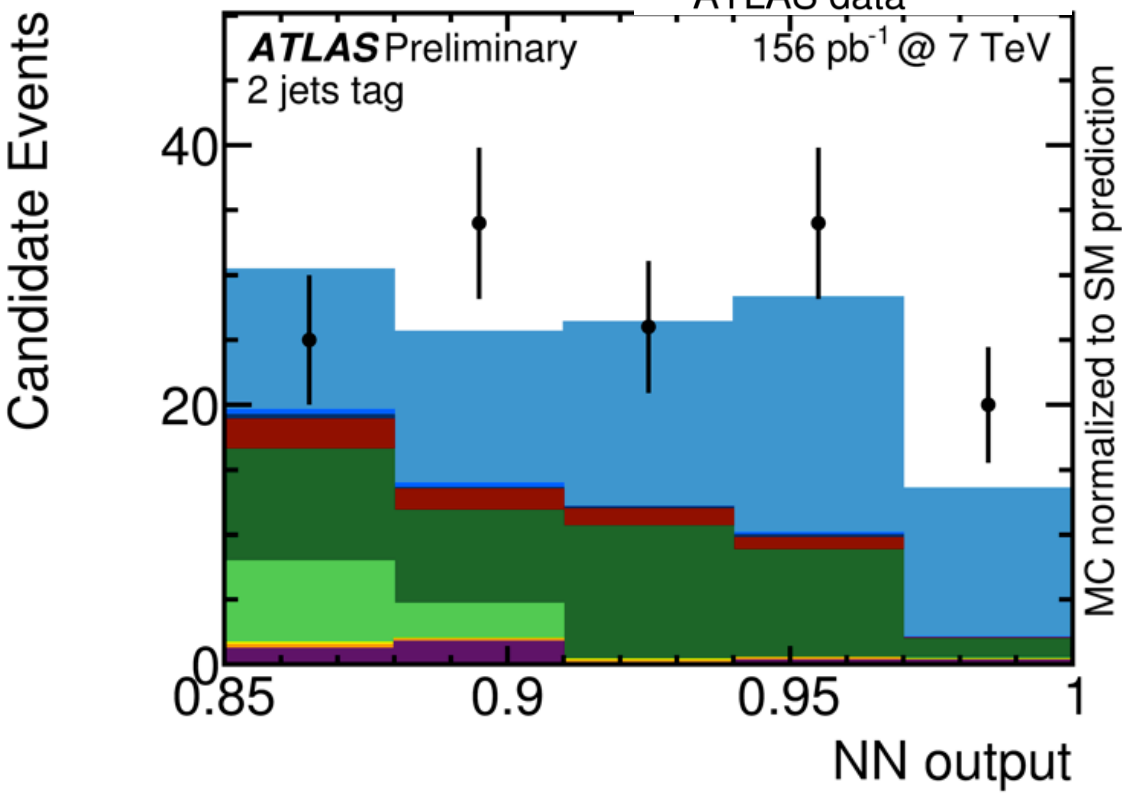
Neural network result



- 22 input variables



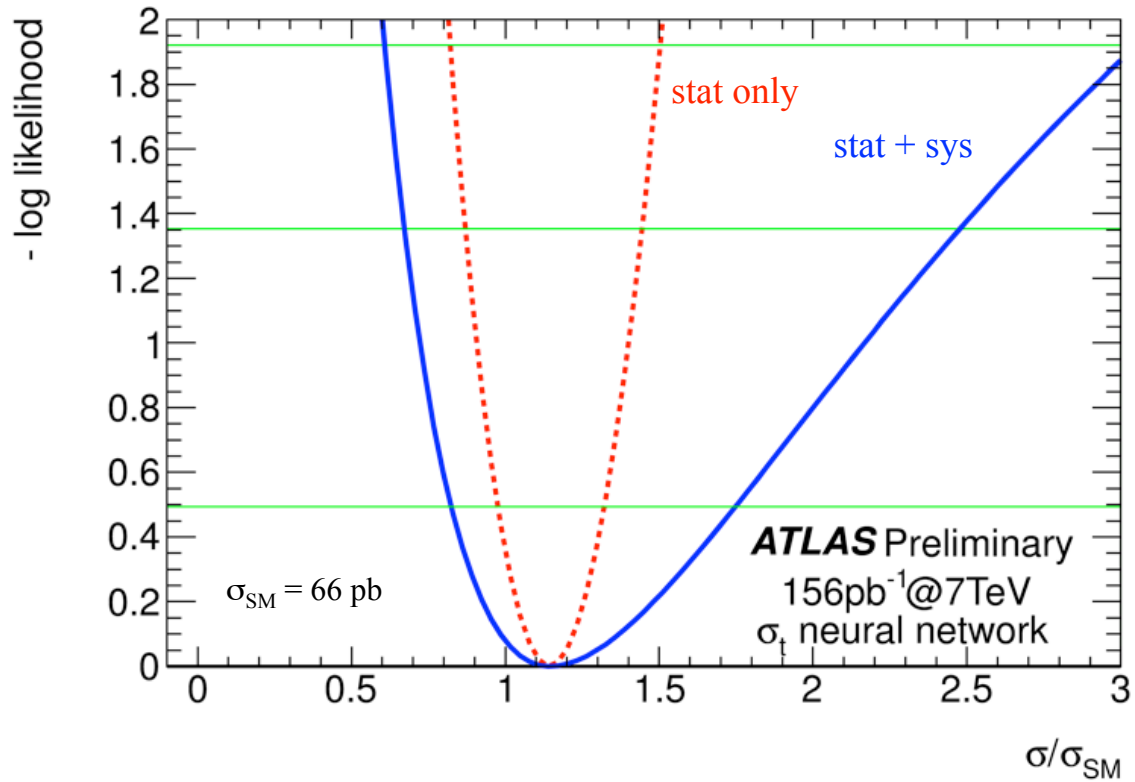




t-channel result

- Simple event-counting
- Expected cross section systematic uncertainties
  - B-tagging ~ 12%
  - MC statistics ~ 11%
  - ISR/FSR ~ 6%
  - Signal modeling $^{+36}_{-20}$%
  - Total systematics $^{+55}_{-29}$%
- Statistical uncertainty 17%

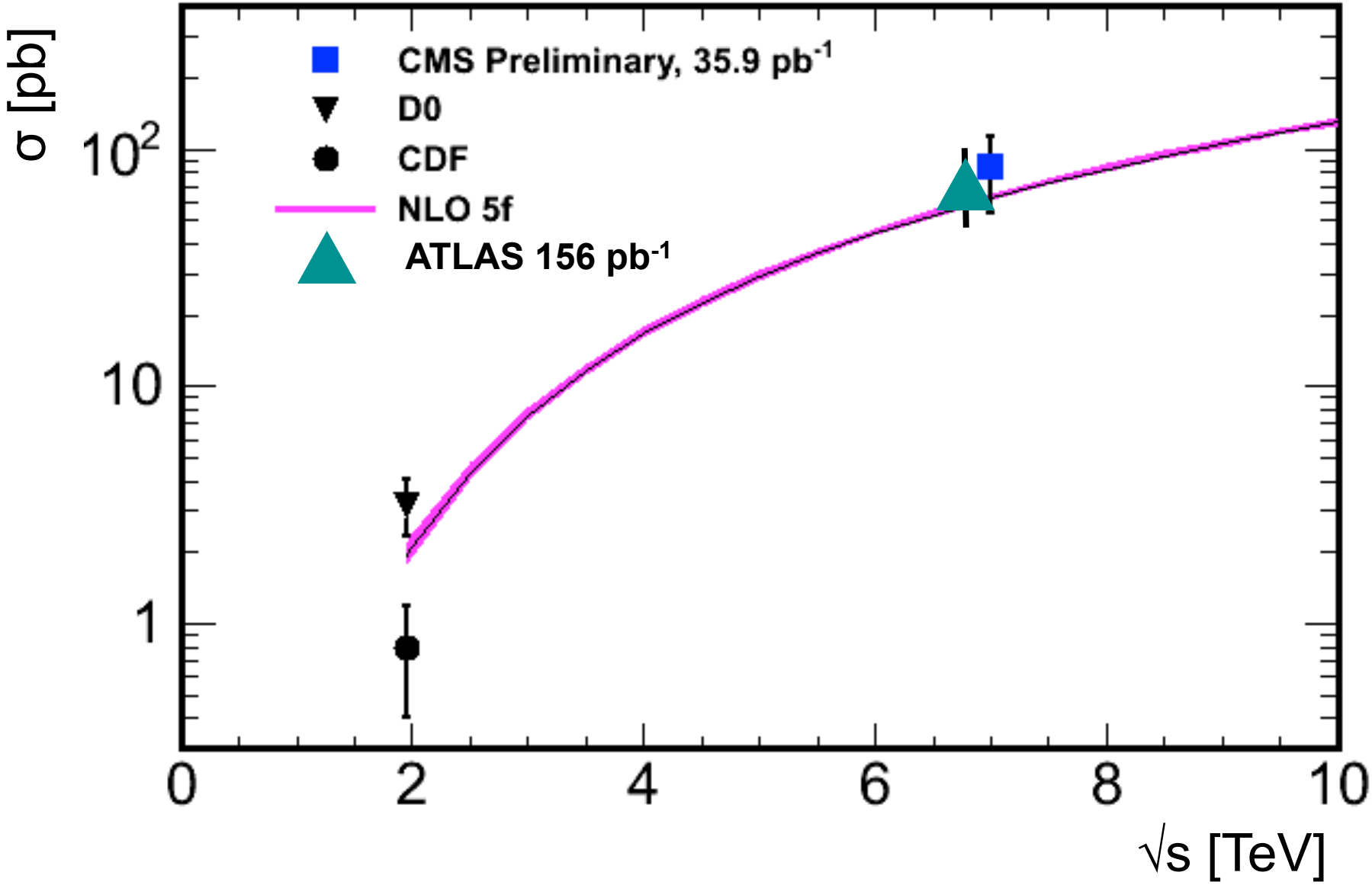
Cut-based: Observed cross section:
$\sigma_t = 97\ ^{+54}_{-30}$ pb
Observed (expected) significance:
6.3 (4.5) σ



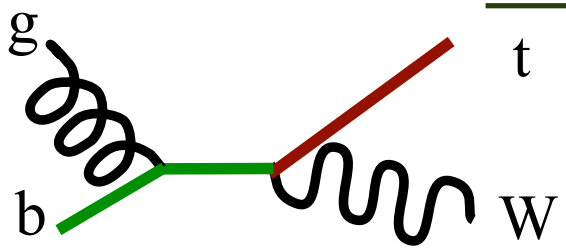
NN: Observed cross section:
$\sigma_t = 76\ ^{+41}_{-21}$ pb

Observed (expected) significance:
6.2 (5.7) σ

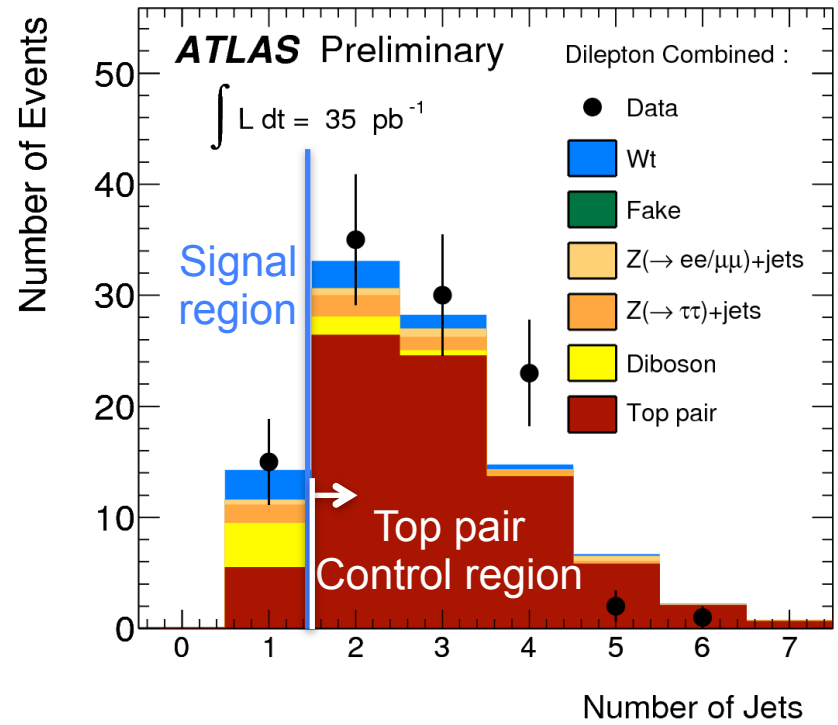
t-channel summary



Wt associated production



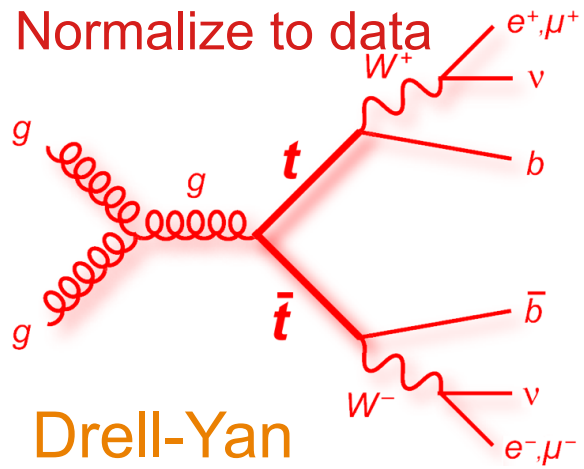
- Never before seen
- Search in lepton+jets and di-leptons



Dilepton backgrounds:

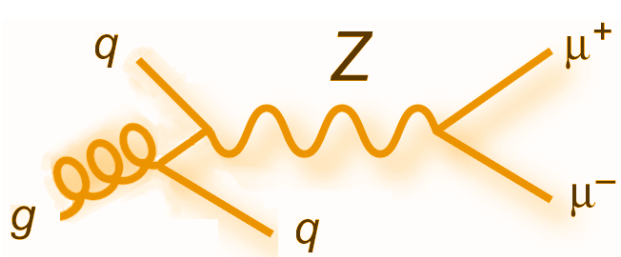
Top quark pairs

- Model using MC@NLO
- Normalize to data



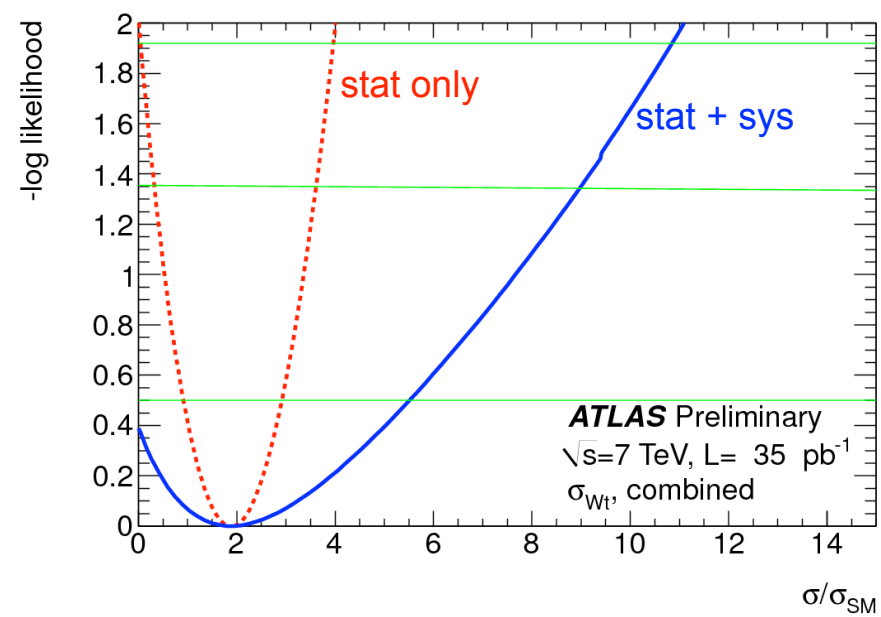
Drell-Yan

- Model using Alpgen
- Normalize to data



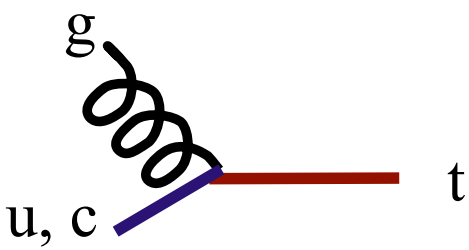
Smaller backgrounds from $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$, dibosons, W+jets, multijets

- Set limit of 158 pb ($10 \times \sigma_{Wt}^{SM}$)

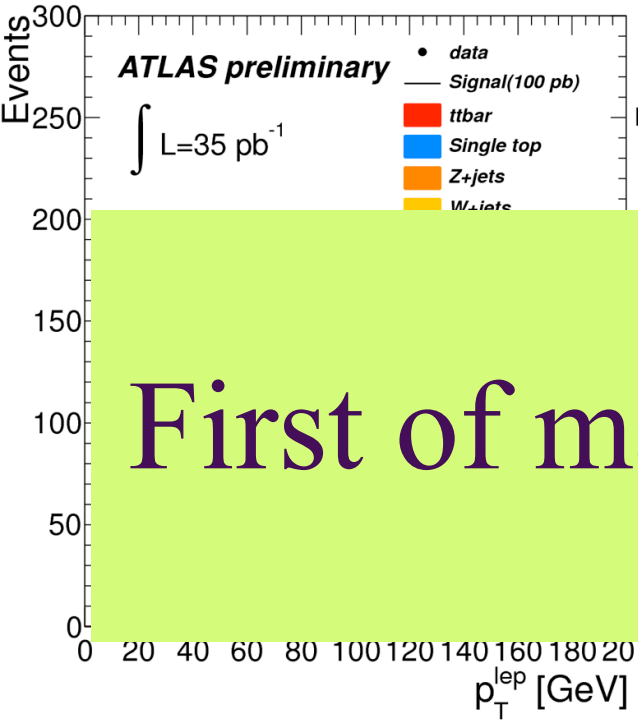


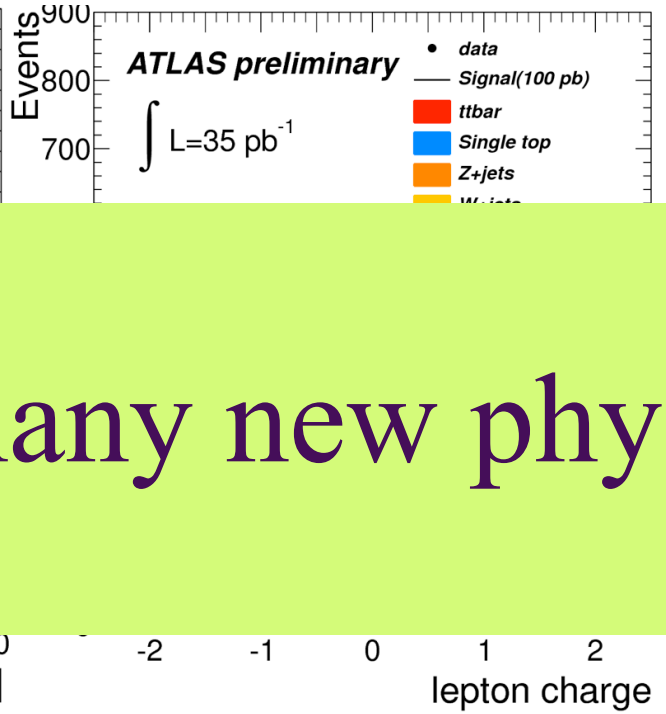
LHC new physics searches

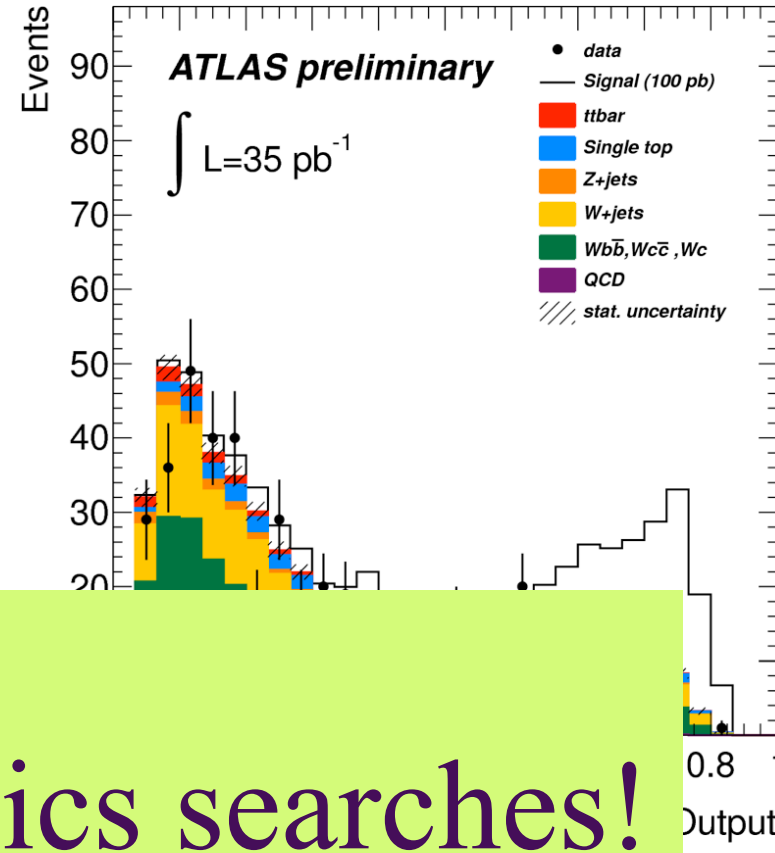
ATLAS FCNC search



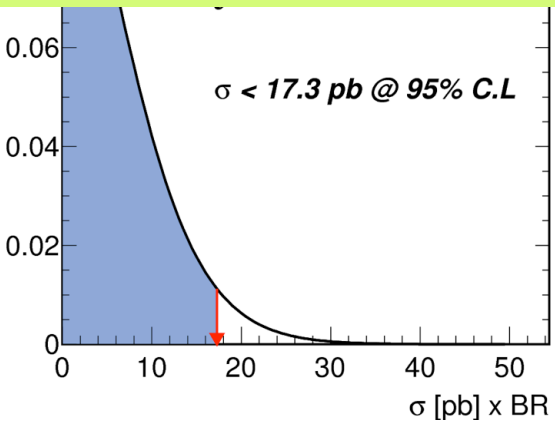
- first single top new physics search
- single-top production







First of many new physics searches!

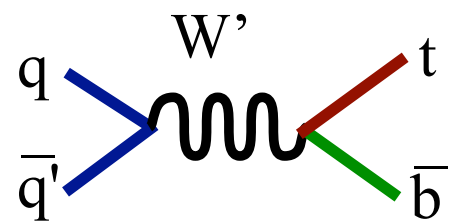


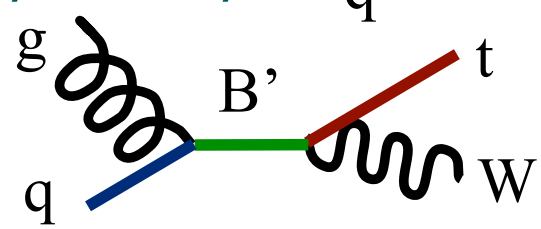
Many more new physics searches

- Anomalous couplings - magnitude, complex phase, CKM

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\bar{b}\gamma^{\mu}V_{tb}(f_1^L P_L + f_1^R P_R)tW_{\mu}^{-} - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\bar{b}\frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}}{M_W}(f_2^L P_L + f_2^R P_R)tW_{\mu}^{-} + h.c.$$

  - In single top and in combination with ttbar
- Resonance searches
  - New heavy boson W'
    - With anomalous couplings?
    - With different CKM matrix - ttbar asymmetry?
    - Charged Higgs decaying to tb
  - Fourth generation quarks
    - B' or T' decaying to single top





- New particles produced together with single top
  - Charged Higgs
- If discoveries are made elsewhere first?
  - Measure coupling to top

Summary/Outlook

- Single top production observed at Tevatron and LHC
  - Tevatron s-channel+t-channel observation in 2009
  - Tevatron t-channel isolation in 2011
  - LHC t-channel observation in 2011
  - LHC first limit on Wt
  - Next: Wt and s-channel observation
  - Single top as background to Higgs and other searches

- Single top as a tool to look for new physics
  - Tevatron: W′, FCNC, H+, anomalous couplings
  - LHC: FCNC
  - Next: many more LHC new physics searches

Larger LHC datasets will bring separate observation of all single top processes and many new physics searches