

**“Top Physics studies at LHC
in SM and BSM with the ATLAS detector”**

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OUTLINE

- ATLAS PROSPECTS ON (1) :
 - SM:
 - $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$: $\sigma(pp \rightarrow tt)$.
 - $L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$: M_{TOP} , $\sigma(\text{single top})$.
 - BSM: $L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 - W polarization and Wtb anomalous couplings.
 - Rare Top quark decays FCNC
 - Resonant tt-bar production $Z' \rightarrow tt$
- Brief current status from TEVATRON (2) and (3)

(1) ATLAS Collaboration, Expected Performance of the ATLAS Experiment, Detector, Trigger and Physics, CERN-OPEN-2008-020, Geneva, 2008, to appear.

(*) All the information presented in this talk is **PRELIMINARY**.

(**) All results presented here evaluated at $\sqrt{s}=14 \text{ TeV}$

(2) <http://www-cdf.fnal.gov/physics/new/top/top.html> (CDF Top quark Physics results)

(3) http://www-d0.fnal.gov/Run2Physics/top/top_public_web_pages/top_public.html (DØ Top quark Physics results)

σ_{tt} (SINGLE LEPTON CHANNEL) $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

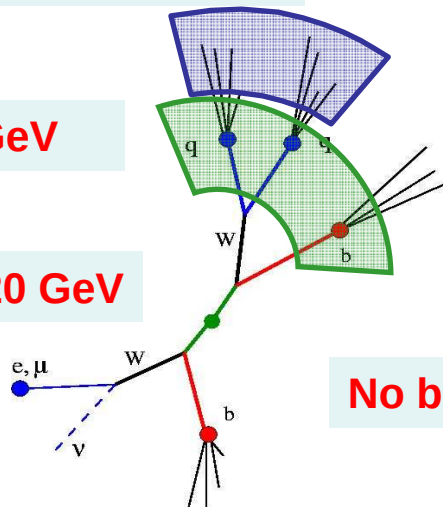
$\sigma_{tt}(\text{LHC}) = 883.90 \text{ pb}$ (Phys. Rev. 2008, D78, 034003)

- Triggers: e/μ isolated & high p_T
- Dominant backgrounds: W +jets & Single top
- Excellent sample for:
 - Commissioning of b -tagging algorithms.
 - Determination of the light jet energy scale using the decay $W \rightarrow jj$.

$\geq 4 \text{ jets } p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
 $\& \geq 3 \text{ jets } p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$

$P_T(\text{lep}) > 20 \text{ GeV}$

Missing $E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$



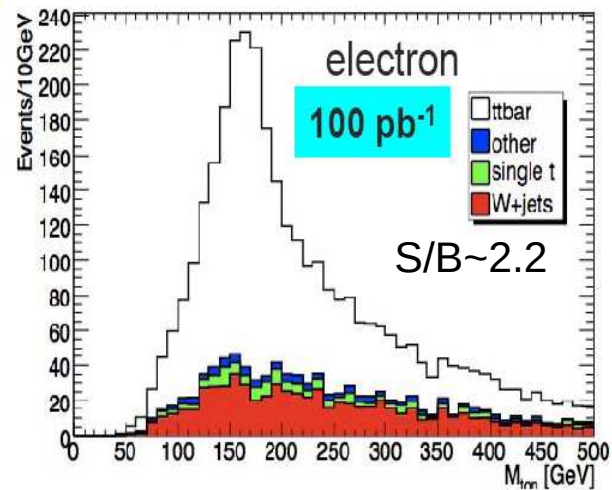
No b -tagging

$L = 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	$e+\text{jets}$	$\mu+\text{jets}$
$tt\text{-bar}$ (signal)	3274	2555
Eff(%)	18.2%	23.6%
Hadronic $tt\text{-bar}$	35	11
W +jets	1052	761
Single top	227	183
$Z \rightarrow ll$ +jets	78	107
$Wbb\text{-bar}$	25	17
$Wcc\text{-bar}$	26	19
WW	4	4
WZ	3	2
ZZ	0.4	0.3
Total Background	1446	1104
S/B	2.3	2.3

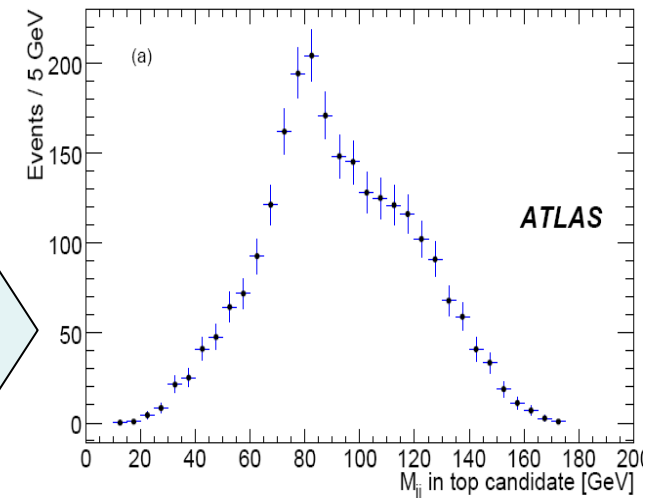
σ_{tt} (SINGLE LEPTON CHANNEL) $t\bar{t}$ -BAR RECONSTRUCTION

Hadronic Top Candidate:

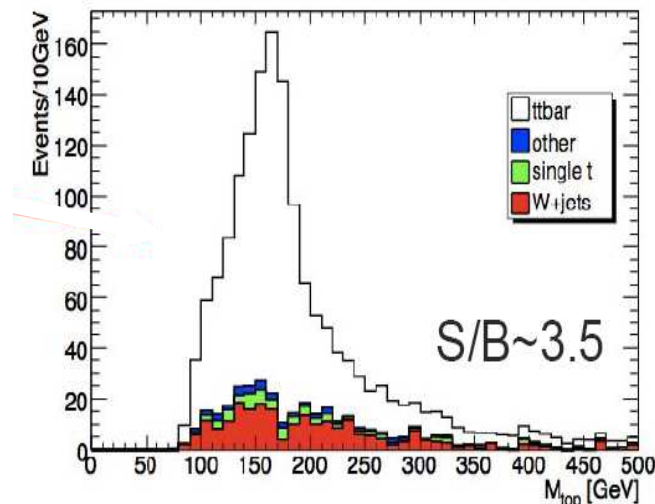
$$j_1, j_2, j_3 / \Sigma p_T^{\max}$$



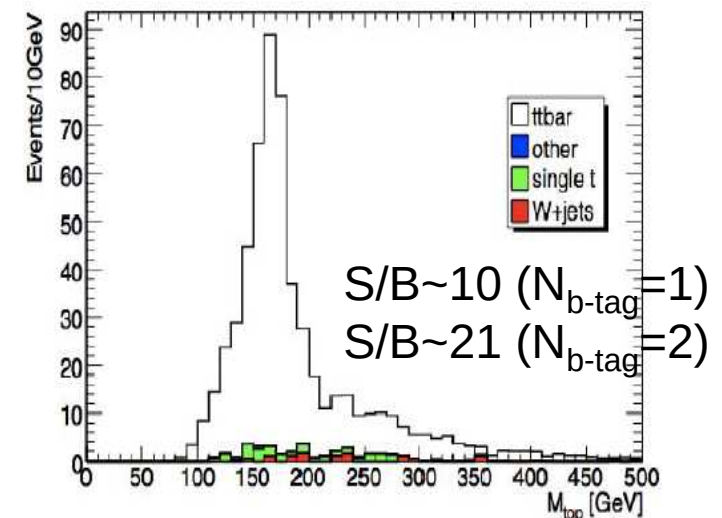
Hadronic W
candidate:
 $j_1, j_2 / \Sigma p_T^{\max}$



$$|m(jj) - m_W| < 10 \text{ GeV}$$



$N_{b\text{-tag}} = 1, 2$



σ_{tt} (SINGLE LEPTON CHANNEL) METHODS AND SYSTEMATICS

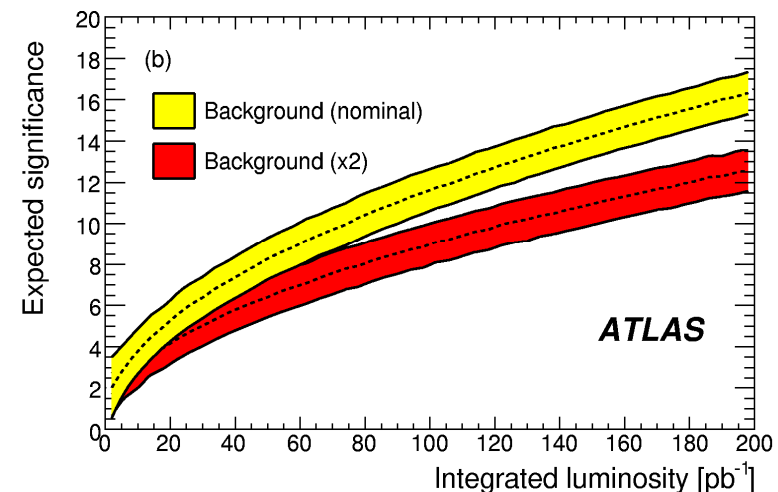
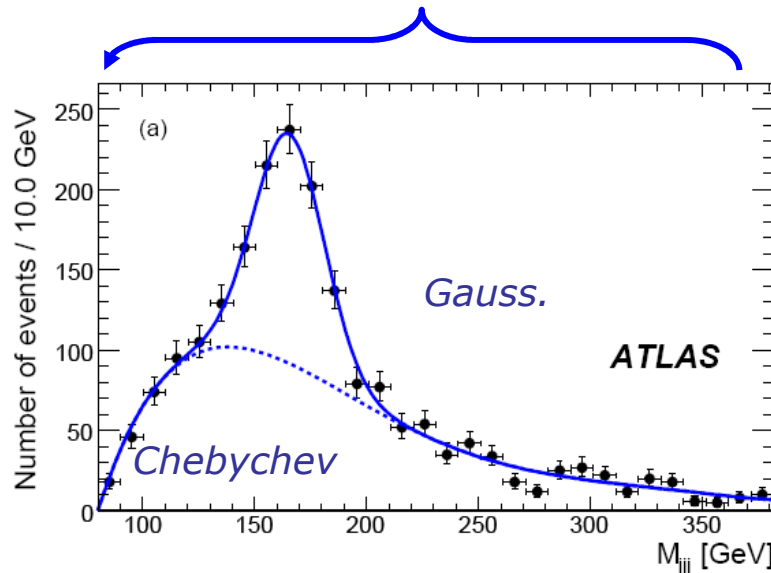
- **Counting method:**

- Very sensitive to the uncertainty in the total background rate, specially W +jets background estimate.
- Jet energy scale is a significant systematic.

- **Likelihood fit method:** m_{jjj} of hadronic top candidate

- Sensitive to the uncertainty in the $t\bar{t}$ -bar reconstruction efficiency.
- Dominant uncertainties are statistical and shape of fit function.

$$\sigma_{tt} = \frac{N_{DATA} - N_{BKG}}{Eff \times L}$$



σ_{tt} (DI-LEPTON CHANNEL) $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$: 3 METHODS.

2 high p_T identified leptons (e/μ): opposite signed and isolated.

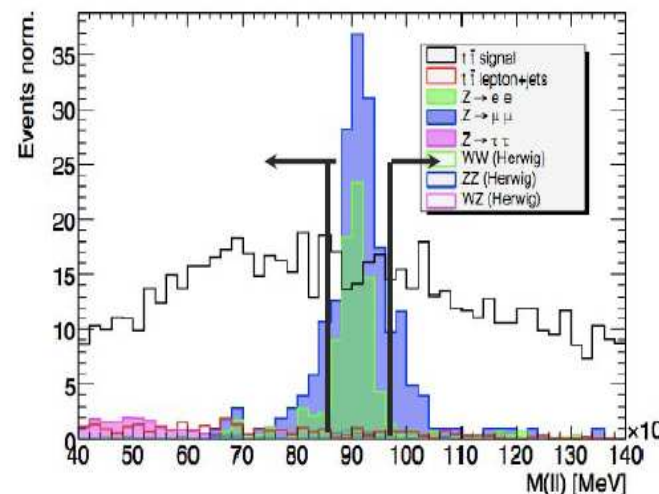
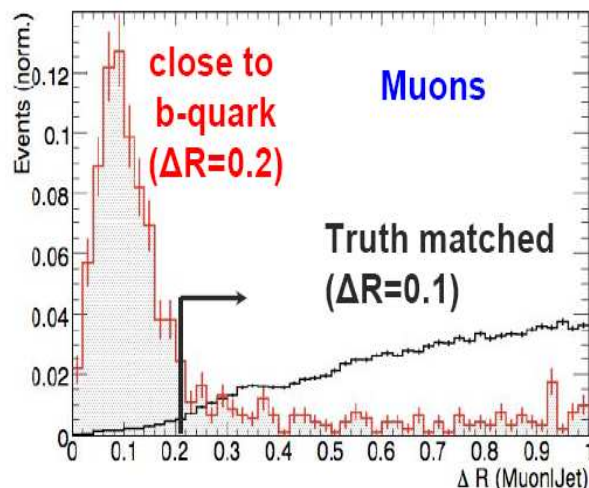
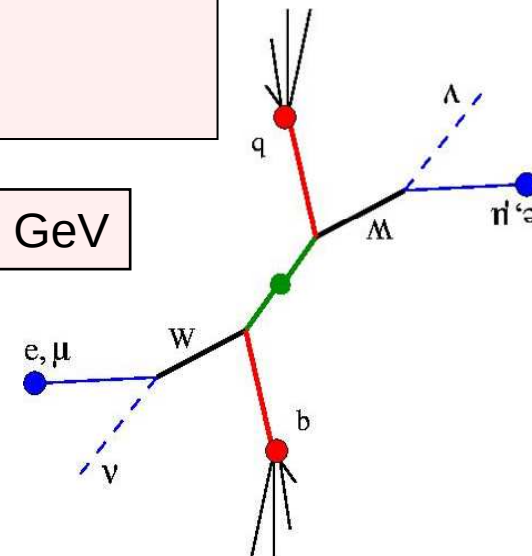
MAIN BACKGROUNDS:

$Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu/\tau\tau$, (57%) $t\bar{t}$ bar(semileptonic)(17%)

$W(\rightarrow e/\mu+\nu)$ +jets, WW , WZ , ZZ , single top.

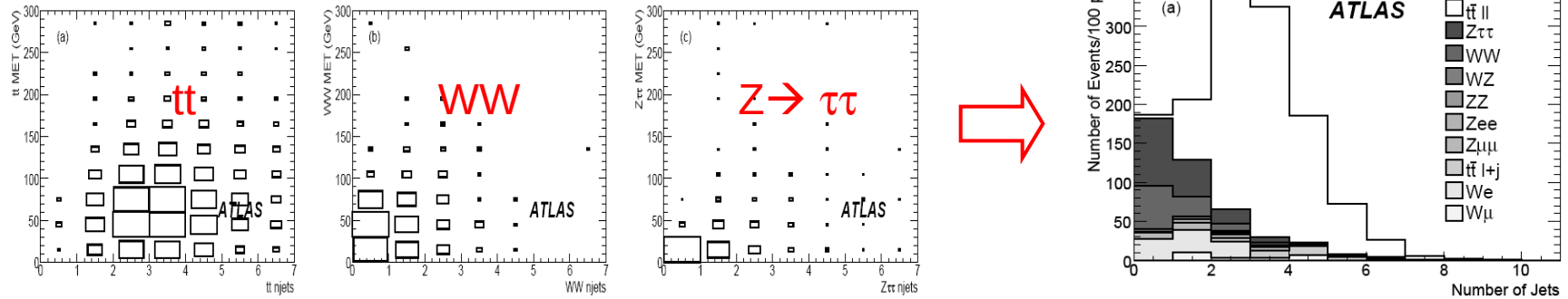
“CUT & COUNT” METHOD: $E_t^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $85 < M_{ll} < 96 \text{ GeV}$

dataset	$e\mu$	ee	$\mu\mu$	all channels
$t\bar{t}$ (signal)	555	202	253	987
ϵ [%]	20.2	14.7	18.3	17.9
Total bkg.	86	36	73	228
S/B	6.3	5.6	3.4	4.3

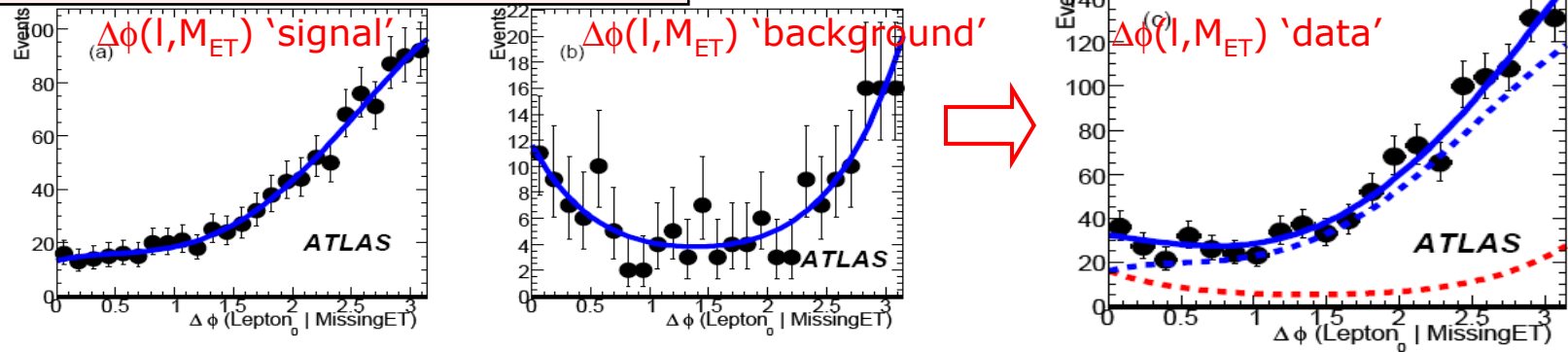


σ_{tt} (DI-LEPTON CHANNEL) $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$: SYSTEMATICS.

“INCLUSIVE TEMPLATE” METHOD: 2D binned likelihood: E_t^{miss} vs N_{jets}



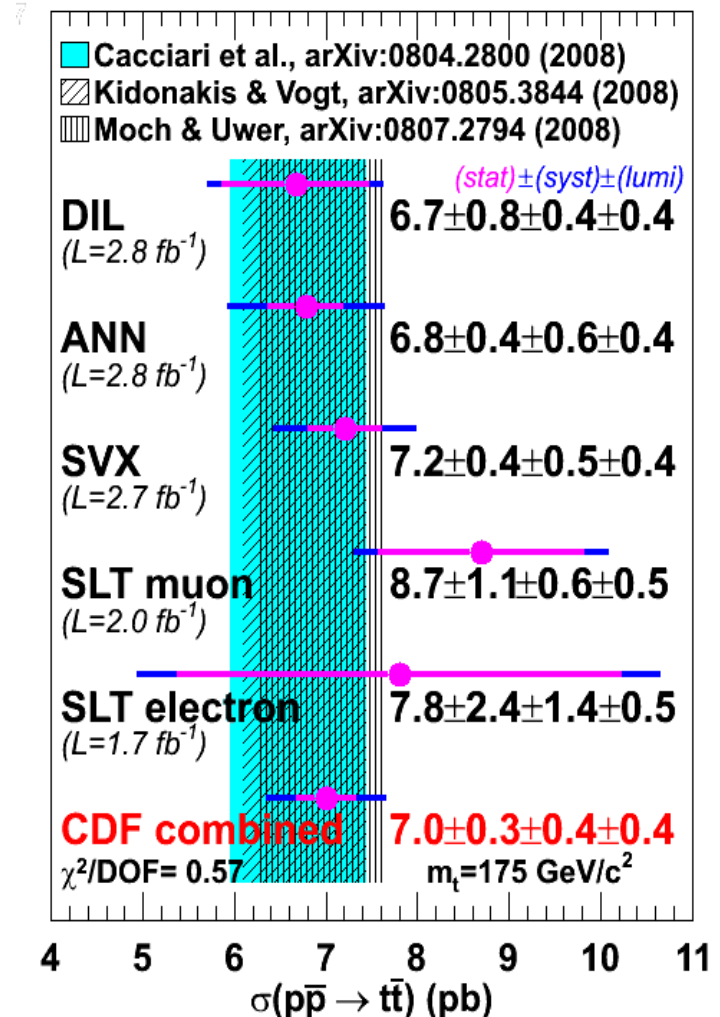
“LIKELIHOOD METHOD”: $\Delta\phi(l, E_t^{\text{miss}})$



- Systematic uncertainties
 - Jet energy scale largest contributor
 - Others: PDF, ISR/FSR, shape of fit function.

$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ ATLAS PROSPECTS $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ VS CDF $L=2.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\text{stat})$	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\text{syst})$	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\text{pdf})$	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\text{lumi})$
Di-lepton "Cut & Count"			
4%	$+5_{-2} \%$	2%	20-30%
Di-lepton Template			
4%	$\pm 4\%$	2%	20-30%
Di-lepton Likelihood			
5%	$+8_{-5} \%$	0.2%	20-30%
Single lepton Likelihood			
7%	15%	3%	20-30%
Single lepton Counting			
3%	16%	3%	20-30%

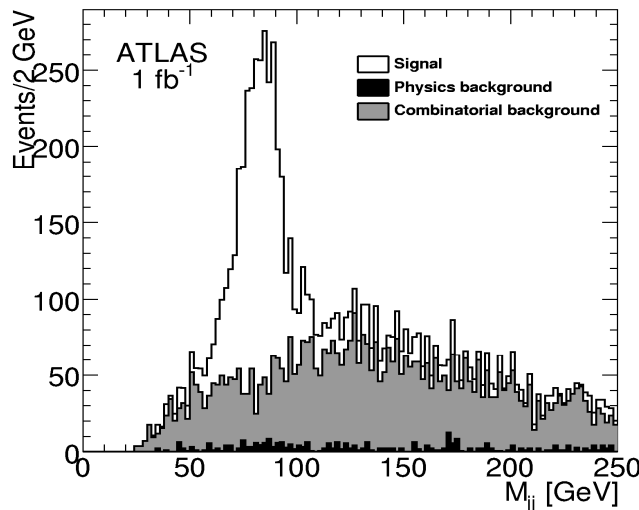


CDF $L=2.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 $\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\text{stat})=4\%$ $\Delta\sigma(\text{syst})/\sigma=6\%$ $\Delta\sigma(\text{lumi})/\sigma=6\%$
 $\Delta\sigma/\sigma=9\%$

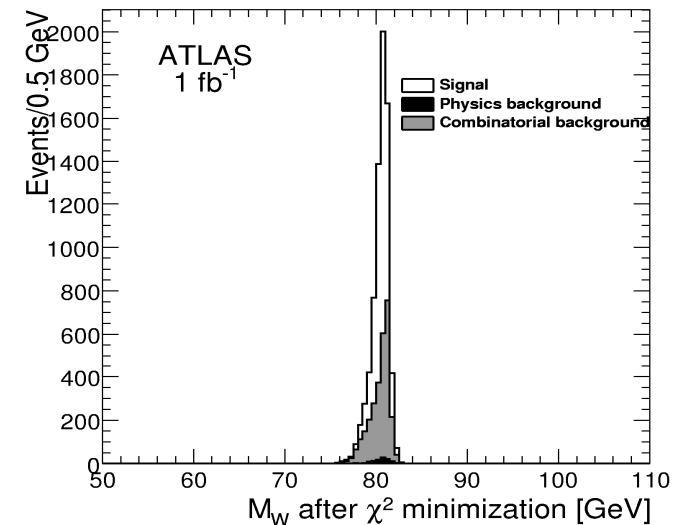
M_{TOP} ATLAS $L=1\text{fb}^{-1} \rightarrow \chi^2$ minimization method (I)

- Single lepton channel: at least 4 jets with $p_T > 40$ GeV, 2 b-jets.
- **Select the hadronic W candidate** within a mass window of $\pm 3 \sigma(M_{jj})$ (30 GeV) around the peak value of the dijet mass distribution in events with only two light jets.
- For each preselected light jet pair in the event, perform a χ^2 minimization:

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(M_{jj}(\alpha_{E_{j1}}, \alpha_{E_{j2}}) - M_W^{PDG})^2}{(\Gamma_W^{PDG})^2} + \frac{(E_{j1}(1 - \alpha_{E_{j1}}))^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(E_{j2}(1 - \alpha_{E_{j2}}))^2}{\sigma_2^2} \quad \sigma_E = E * \sqrt{(a^2 / E) + b^2}$$
- For each event, the hadronic W boson candidate is taken as the pair of light jets with minimum χ^2 .



Hadronic W reconstruction:
 χ^2 minimization

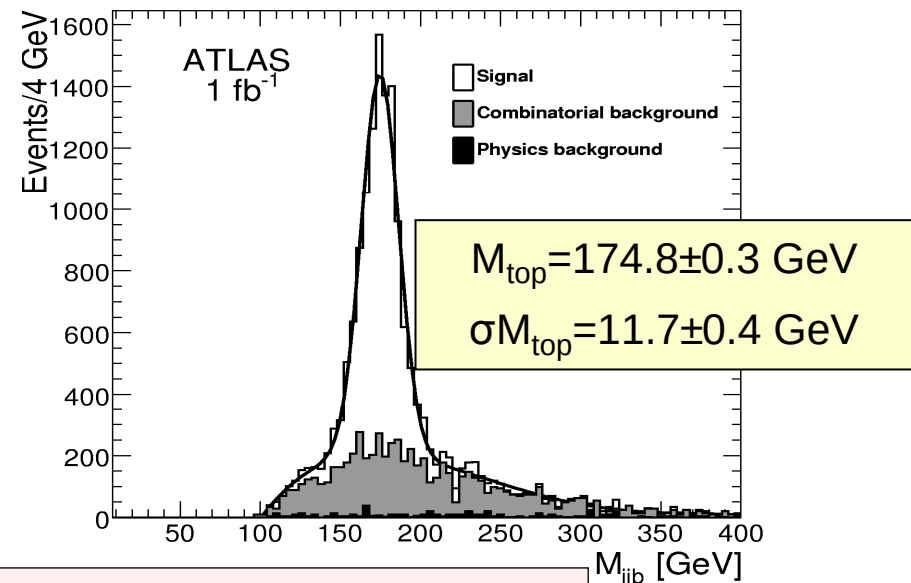
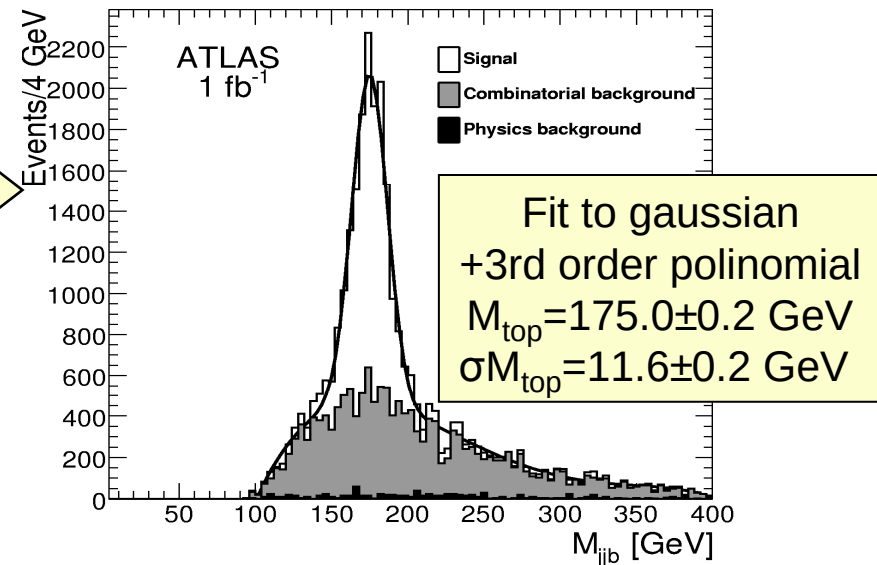


M_{TOP} ATLAS $L=1\text{fb}^{-1} \rightarrow \chi^2$ minimization method (II)

Hadronic Top reconstruction:
b-jet closest to the hadronic W boson

- Combinatorial background rejection:
 - Increases the purity of M_{TOP} for high luminosity.
 - C1: $M(W_{\text{had}}, b_{\text{lep}}) > 200 \text{ GeV}$
 - C2: $M(\text{lepton}, b_{\text{lep}}) < 160 \text{ GeV}$

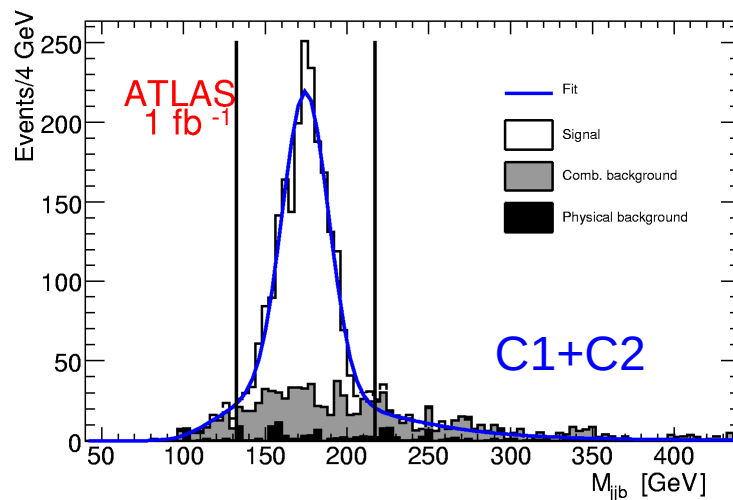
	Efficiency(%)	Top Purity
χ^2 Method.	2.22 ± 0.03	40.2 ± 0.8
+C1+C2	1.25 ± 0.04	56.5 ± 0.8



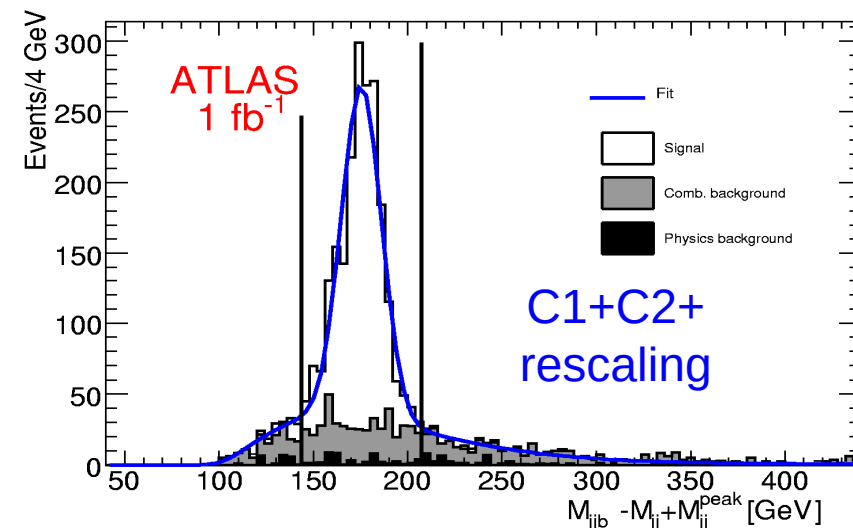
MC tt-bar with $M_{TOP}=175 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

M_{TOP} ATLAS $L=1\text{fb}^{-1} \rightarrow$ Geometric method

- Hadronic W boson reconstruction:
 - Choose the light jet pair with the smallest angular distance $\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$
 - Keep only events within a mass window of $\pm\sigma_{M_{jj}}$ (20 GeV) the peak value of the M_{jj} distribution.
- Rescaling: $M_{jlb} - M_{jj} + M_{jj}^{\text{peak}}$ to remove at 1st order the contribution of light jets to the top mass resolution.



Fit to gaussian + threshold function
 $M_{top} = 174.6 \pm 0.5 \text{ GeV}$ $\sigma M_{top} = 11.1 \pm 0.5 \text{ GeV}$

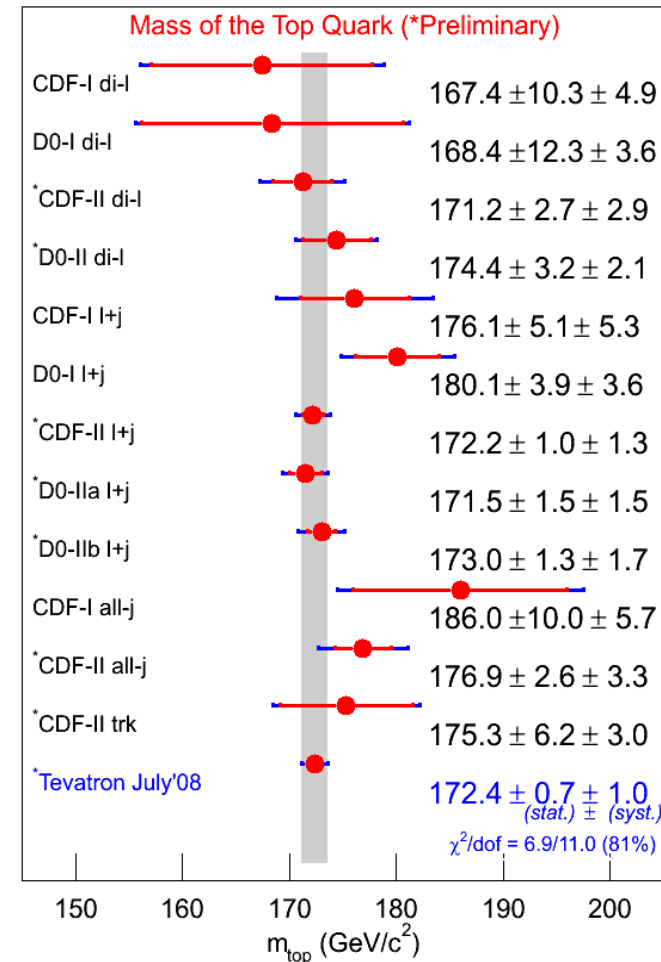


$M_{top} = 175.4 \pm 0.4 \text{ GeV}$ $\sigma M_{top} = 10.6 \pm 0.4 \text{ GeV}$

MC tt-bar with $M_{TOP} = 175 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

CONCLUSIONS M_{TOP} ATLAS $L=1\text{fb}^{-1}$ vs TEVATRON

- Two methods developed:
 - The best estimator of M_{TOP} is the invariant mass of the hadronic top candidate in the single lepton channel.
- In-situ determination of the light jet energy scale using the sample of hadronic W candidate extracted from the $t\bar{t}$ -bar sample.
 - The systematic uncertainty will come from the b-jet energy scale, measured using data driven methods.
- In high luminosity scenario:
 - Stringent selection requirements to reduce combinatorial background and thus systematics.
- With $L=1\text{ fb}^{-1}$, if JES uncertainty is in the range 1-5% then a precision of 1-3.5 GeV should be achievable in M_{TOP} .
- RUN I & II TEVATRON (CDF+DØ)
arXiv:0898.1089v1

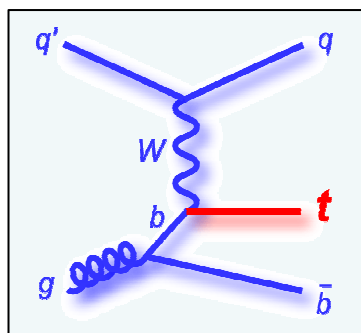


$$M_{\text{TOP}} = 172.4 \pm 1.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$\Delta M_{\text{TOP}} / M_{\text{TOP}} \sim 0.7\%$$

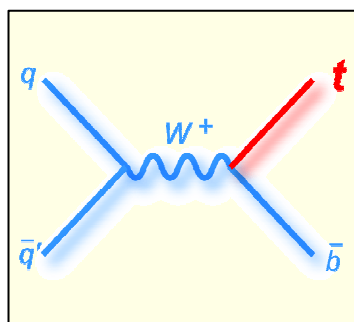
SINGLE TOP PRODUCTION: FROM TEVATRON TO LHC

t-channel



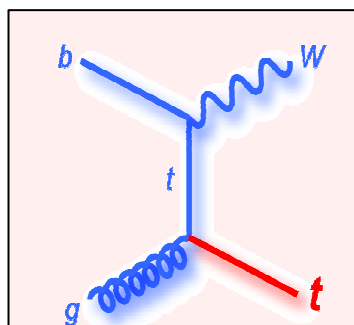
- Tevatron presented evidence for electroweak single top production:
 - DØ: $L=0.9 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 3.4\sigma$ (Phys.Rev.Lett.98:181802,2007.)
 - CDF: $L=2.7 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 3.8 \sigma$ (5 σ expected significance) (Neural Network, most sensitive analysis)
 - (see John Parsons 's contribution Parallel Session A. Parallel Session A. CP violation in the SM and beyond-I)
 - 5 σ observation by Tevatron is around the corner: but measurements statistically limited.

s-channel



- LHC will have higher statistics to study top properties and to perform new physics searches: charged Higgs, W' etc.

Wt



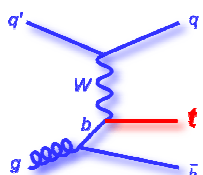
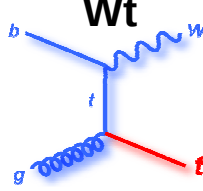
	σ_{TEVATRON}	σ_{LHC}		
t-channel	$1.98 \pm 0.25 \text{ pb}$	$246 \pm 12 \text{ pb}$ (1)	x 120	Similar S/B
s-channel	$0.88 \pm 0.11 \text{ pb}$	$11 \pm 1 \text{ pb}$ (1)	x 11	S/B / 10
Wt	$\sim 0.1 \text{ pb}$ (NOT USED)	$66 \pm 2 \text{ pb}$ (2)	x 660	S/B x 6
Top pairs	$6.7 \pm 0.8 \text{ pb}$	$833 \pm 100 \text{ pb}$ (3)	x 120	
W+jets	$\sim 2 \text{ nb}$	$\sim 20 \text{ nb}$	x 10	

(1) Sullivan,Z.,PRD 70 (2004)114012, Campbell et al. PRD 70(2004)094012

(2) Campbell, Tramontano, Nucl. Phys. B726(2005) 109-130

(3) Moch and Uwer (Phys. Rev. 2008, D78, 034003 [arXiv : 0807.2794])

EVENT YIELD: Sequential CUT versus MVA (1fb^{-1})

	 t-channel 1 high P_T b-jet 1 lepton, missing E_T 2 forward jets: b,j		 Wt 1 high P_T b-jet 1 lepton, missing E_T 2 light jets	
	"Cut"	BDT	"Cut"	BDT
Signal ST	1460±56	542	639.0±19.5	85.5 ±7.1
Other ST	148 ±9	18	1417.6 ± 50.0	13.3 ±4.5
Top pairs	2816±65	184	3022.0 ± 58.2	113.5 ±10.9
W+jets +Wbb	942±37	211	3384.0 ± 80.9	99.4 ± 9.0
Total Bkg	3906±75	413	7823.6 ± 111.5	226.2 ± 14.9
S/B	37%	1.31	8.1%	37%
S/ $\sqrt{B}$	23.4	26.6	7.2	5.6

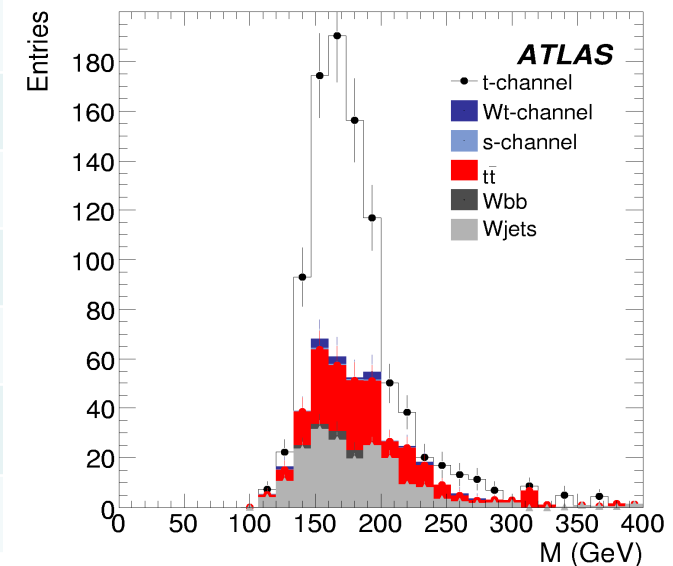
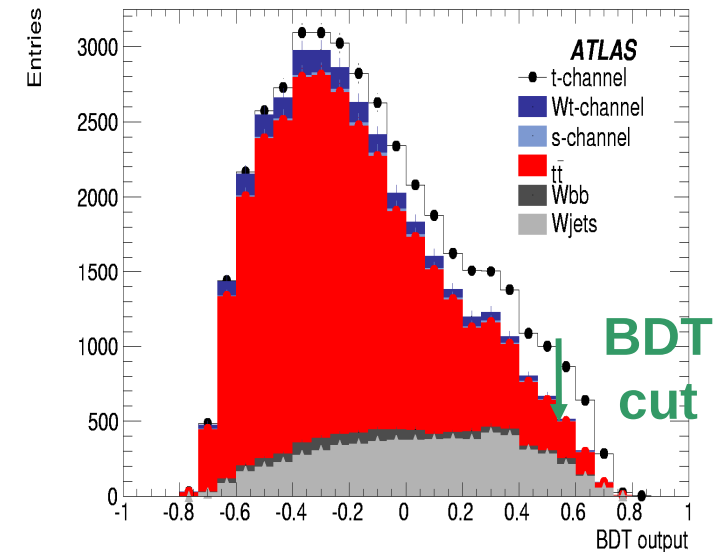
- t channel is the most promising one for single top observation at the LHC.
- Statistical significance is good for t-channel and Wt
- S/B is better than unity: t-channel and BDT.

T-channel: MVA technique BDT

- M.V.A techniques to reduce W+jets background at low p_T and $t\bar{t}$ -bar background at high p_T
- Specific BDT against $t\bar{t}$ -bar with variables less sensitive to JES, for instance:
 - p_T and $\cos(\theta^*)$ of leading jet
 - $\Delta R(j1,j2), \Delta R(j1,lep), \Delta R(j1non-b,l)$

Source	$\delta\sigma/\sigma$ cut-based	$\delta\sigma/\sigma$ BDT
Stat. error	5.0%	5.7%
MC stat.	6.5%	7.9%
Luminosity	18.3%	8.8%
B-tag efficiency	18.1%	6.6%
Jet energy scale	21.6%	9.9%
Lepton ID, trigger	2.3%	1.8%
Theory (xs, PDF, ISR/FSR...)	28.1%	13.5%
Total 1(10) fb ⁻¹	45% (22%)	22% (10%)

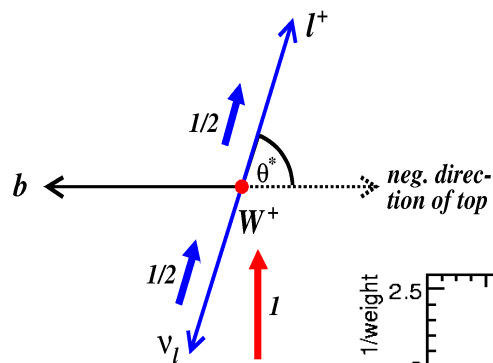
→ $\Delta|V_{tb}|/|V_{tb}| \sim 12\%$



Leptonic Top mass $M(lvb)$

Top quark decay: W polarization measurements.

- F_0, F_- and $F_+ :=$ fractions of W-bosons produced from Top decays with the 3 helicity states: “longitudinal”, “right-handed” and “left-handed” ($F_0 + F_- + F_+ = 1$)

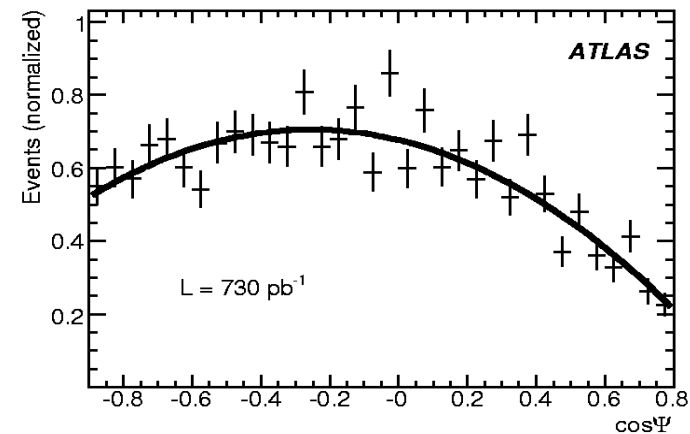
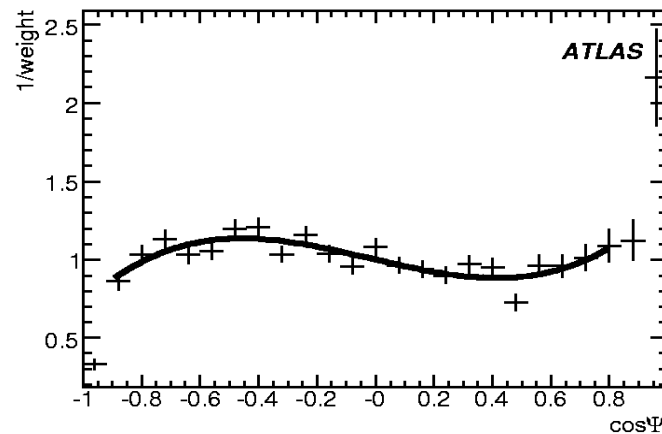


$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{d \cos \psi} = \frac{3}{2} \left[F_0 \left(\frac{\sin \Psi}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + F_L \left(\frac{1 - \cos \Psi}{2} \right)^2 + F_R \left(\frac{1 + \cos \Psi}{2} \right)^2 \right]$$

SM: $F_0=0.7$

$F_L=0.3$

$F_R=0$

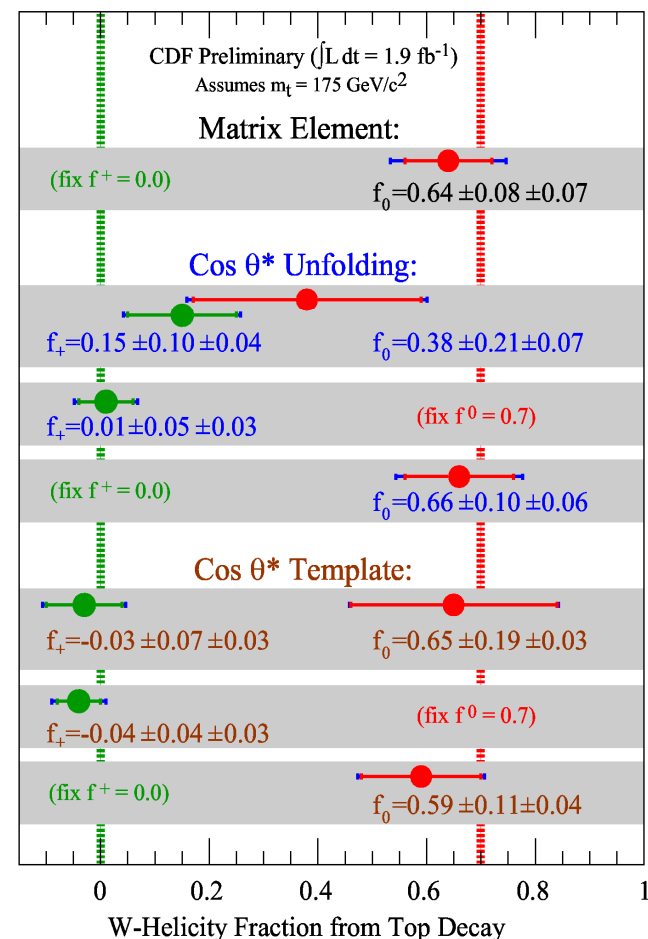


Fit 3rd pol. $-0.9 < \cos \Psi < 0.9 \rightarrow$ derive event-by-event correcting weight

- Correction to recover parton level after background subtraction is necessary.
- Particle radiation, quark fragmentation and hadronization, and final event reconstruction dominate the resolution of the reconstructed objects in the decay $t \rightarrow W(\rightarrow l\nu)b$

W polarization: **ATLAS** prospects vs **TEVATRON** status.

ATLAS prospects $L = 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$			
Source of uncertainty	F_L	F_0	F_+
Factorisation	0.000	0.001	0.001
Structure function	0.003	0.003	0.004
ISR	0.001	0.002	0.001
FSR	0.009	0.007	0.002
b-fragmentation	0.001	0.002	0.001
Hadronization scheme	0.010	0.016	0.006
Pile-up (2.3 evt)	0.005	0.002	0.006
M_{top} (2 GeV)	0.015	0.011	0.004
b-tagging efficiency (5%)	0.007	0.002	0.005
b-jet energy scale (5%)	0.02	0.002	0.002
S/B scale (20%)	0.004	0.002	0.001
Total systematic	0.03	0.02	0.02
Total statistical	0.02	0.04	0.02
Expected precision	12%	5%	0.03



CDF Combination $L = 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 $F_0 = 0.66 \pm 0.16 \rightarrow \Delta F_0 / F_0 \sim 24\%$
 $F_+ = -0.03 \pm 0.07$

W polarization and anomalous Wtb couplings.

$$L = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (V_L P_L + V_R P_R) t W_\mu^- - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_\mu^- + h.c.$$

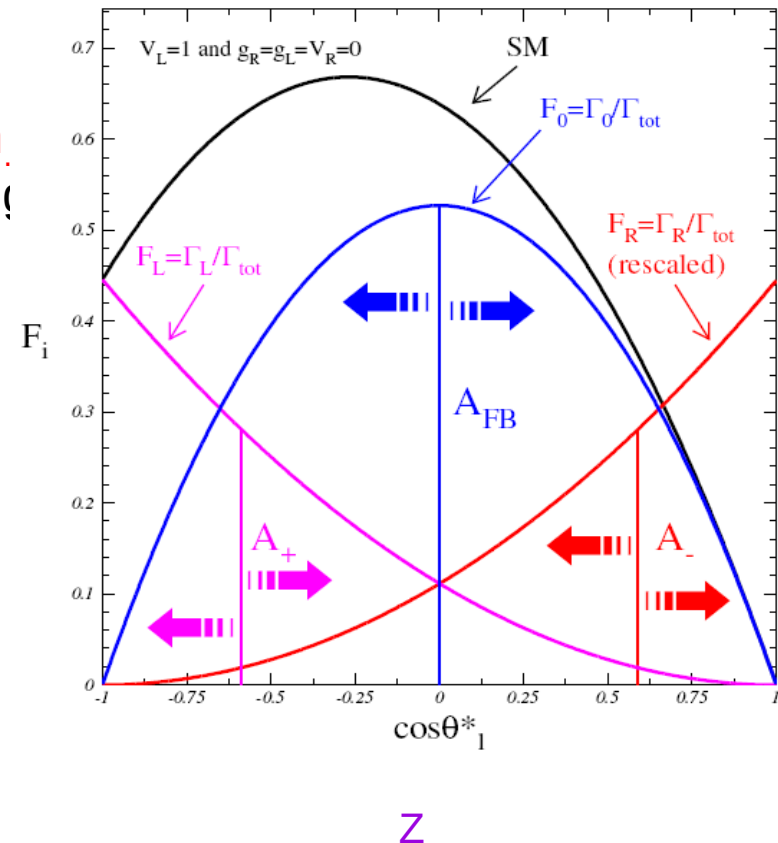
Phys. Rev. D67 (2003) 014009; Eur. Phys. J. C50 (2007) 519

- W polarisation sensitive to new anomalous couplings (V_L, V_R, g_L, g_R)
 - (taken real if CP is conserved)
- In SM: $V_L \equiv V_{tb} \approx 0.999$ and (V_R, g_L, g_R) vanish.
- Variables more sensitive to anomalous coupling
 - $\rho_{R,L} \equiv F_{+,-} / F_0$
- Simpler variables:

$$A_t = \frac{N(x>t) - N(x<t)}{N(x>t) + N(x<t)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{FB} &= \frac{3}{4} [F_R - F_L], \\ A_+ &= 3\beta [F_0 + (1 + \beta)F_R], \\ A_- &= -3\beta [F_0 + (1 + \beta)F_L], \end{aligned}$$

$$A_{FB} [z=0] \quad A_{\pm} [z=\mp (2^{2/3}-1)]$$



ATLAS PROSPECTS FOR ANOMALOUS Wtb COUPLINGS

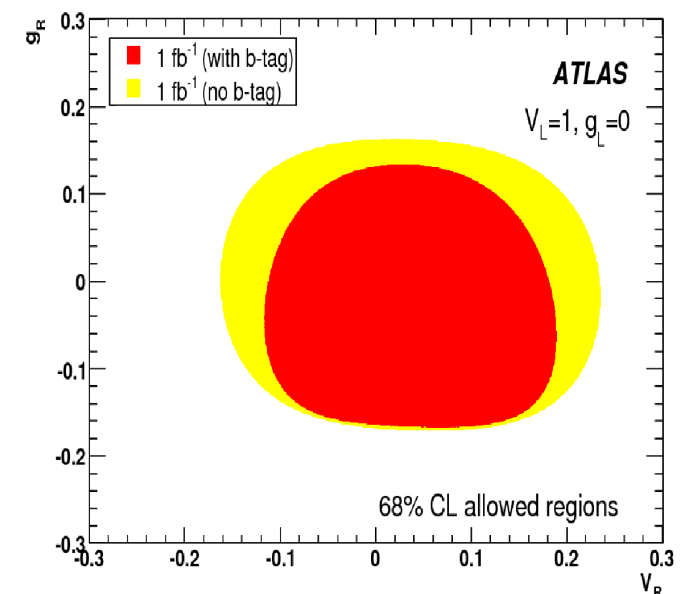
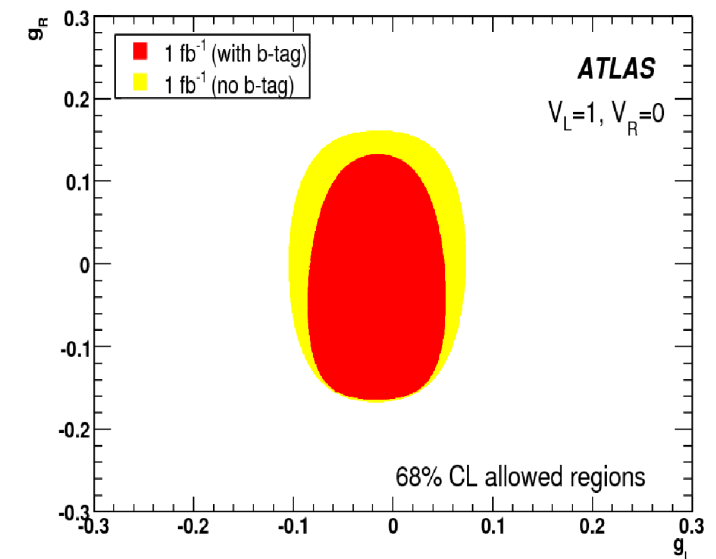
- $L = 1 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow$ Systematic uncertainties dominate all measurements:
 - Jet Energy Scale, M_{TOP} , background method, ISR+FSR, MC generator, Pile-up...

Source	ρ_L	ρ_R	A_{FB}	A_+	A_-
Expected value	0.453	0.004	0.229	0.542	0.830
Total systematic	0.163	0.012	0.033	0.052	0.027
Statistical error	0.048	0.007	0.026	0.028	0.014
			19%	11%	4%

- $\rho_L, \rho_R, A_{\text{FB}}, A_+, A_-$ set bounds to (V_L, V_R, g_L, g_R) using TopFit program

• J.A. Aguilar-Saavedra et al. Eur.Phys. J. C50: 519-533,2007.

- Expected precision in anomalous couplings:
 - $\Delta V_R / V_R \approx 0.15, \Delta g_L / g_L \approx 0.07, \Delta g_R / g_R \approx 0.15$

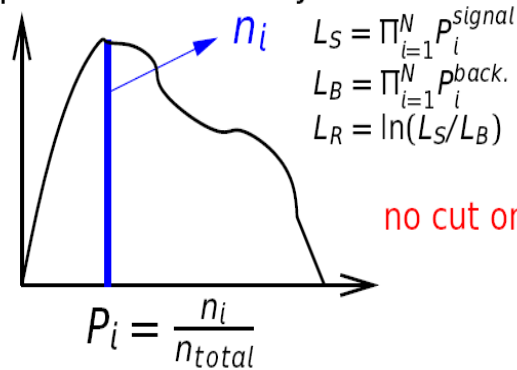


TOP QUARK FCNC DECAYS

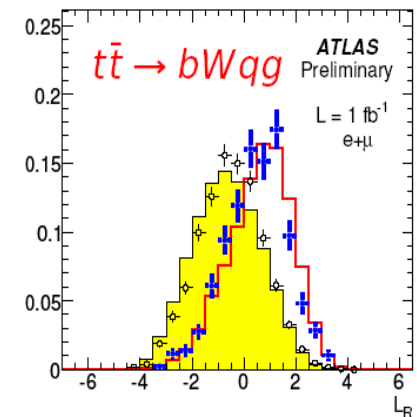
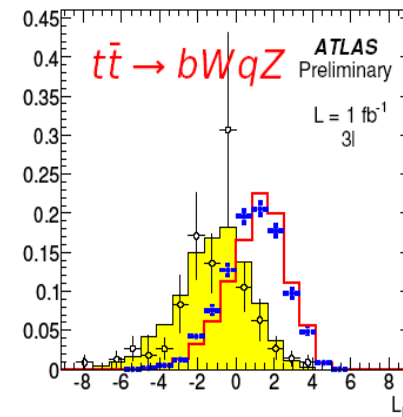
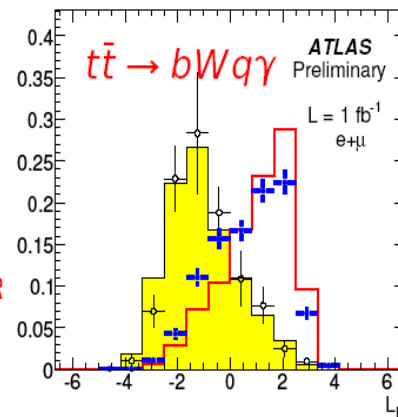
- SM: Top quark FCNC decays highly suppressed $O(10^{-14})$
- BSM: SUSY models and Two Higgs doublet models: $BR(t \rightarrow FCNC) \sim O(10^{-4})$

$L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$t \bar{t} \rightarrow bW(\rightarrow l\nu) q\gamma$ ($=1l, \geq 2j, =1\gamma, E_T^{\text{miss}}$)	$t \bar{t} \rightarrow bW(\rightarrow l\nu) qg$ ($=1l, =3j, E_T^{\text{miss}}$)	$t \bar{t} \rightarrow bW(\rightarrow l\nu) qZ(\rightarrow ll)$ ($=3l, \geq 2j, E_T^{\text{miss}}$)
N_{evt} (Bkgr) tt-bar, W+jets, Z+jets	650 ± 66	19253 ± 359	125 ± 56
Signal Eff (%)	7.6 ± 0.2	7.6 ± 0.2	2.9 ± 0.1
Discriminating variables	$M_t^{\text{FCNC}}, p_T^\gamma, M_{b\gamma}$	$M_t^{\text{FCNC}}, M_{qb}, M_{lvj}$	$M_t^{\text{FCNC}}, M_{ll}^{\text{min}}, M_{bZ}$

probabilistic analysis:



no cut on L_R



— Signal ATLFast

+ Signal FullSim

■ Background ATLFast

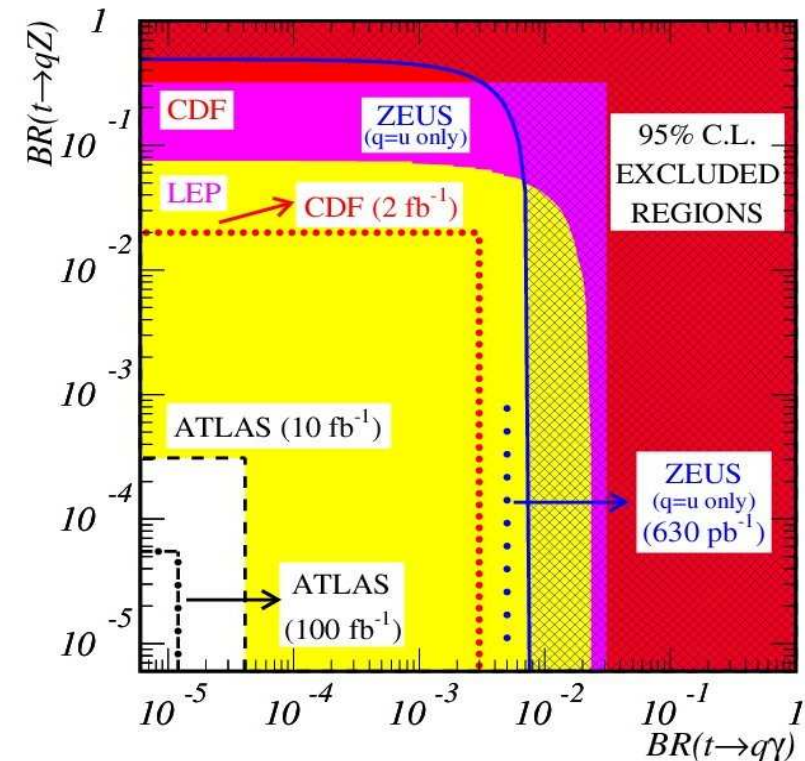
⊗ Background FullSim

ATLAS prospects for Top quark FCNC decays ($L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

- Expected 95% CL limits

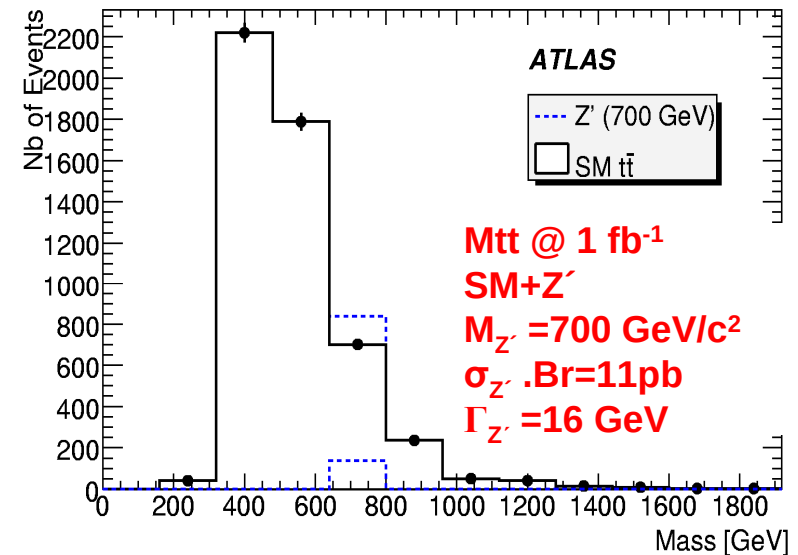
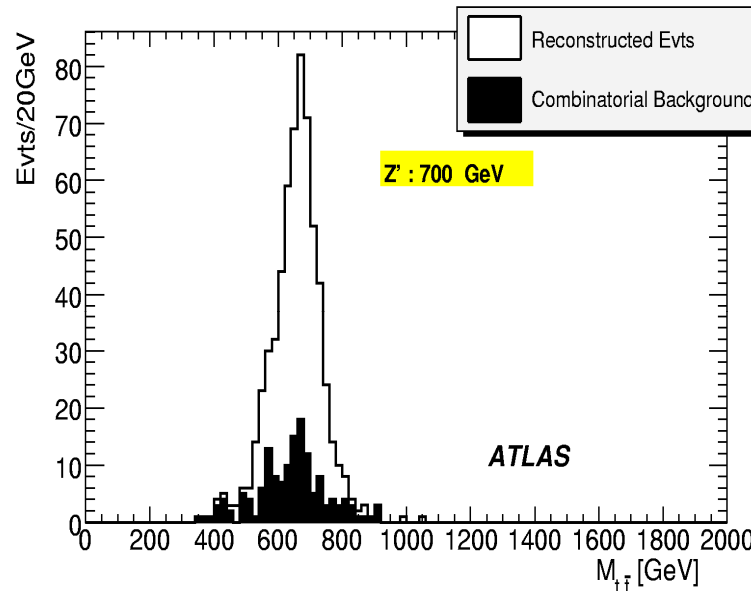
	ATLAS 1 fb^{-1}
$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow q\gamma)$	10^{-3}
$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow Zq)$	10^{-3}
$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow qg)$	10^{-2}

Source	$t \rightarrow q\gamma$	$t \rightarrow qZ$	$t \rightarrow qg$
Jet energy calibration	2%	5%	4%
Luminosity	10%	6%	10%
Top mass	6%	12%	5%
Background σ	7%	12%	15%
ISR/FSR	17%	7%	9%
Pile-up	22%	0%	13%
Generator	4%	14%	4%
χ^2	4%	7%	9%
Total systematic.	32%	25%	27%

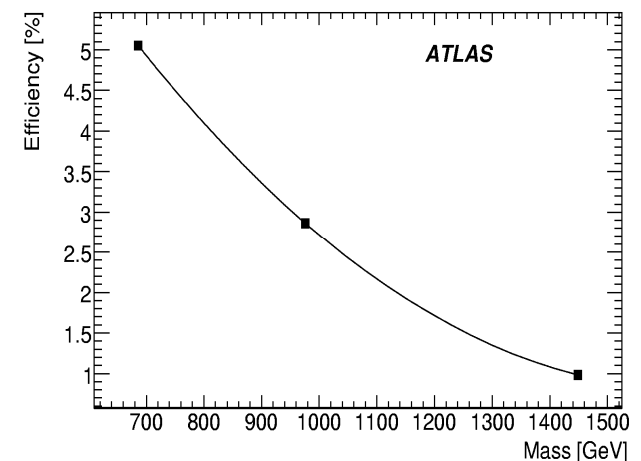


SEARCH FOR $t\bar{t}$ RESONANCES in ATLAS

- Search for deviations in $d\sigma/dM_{t\bar{t}}$ using a counting method with sliding window:
 - Window width is twice the detector resolution.

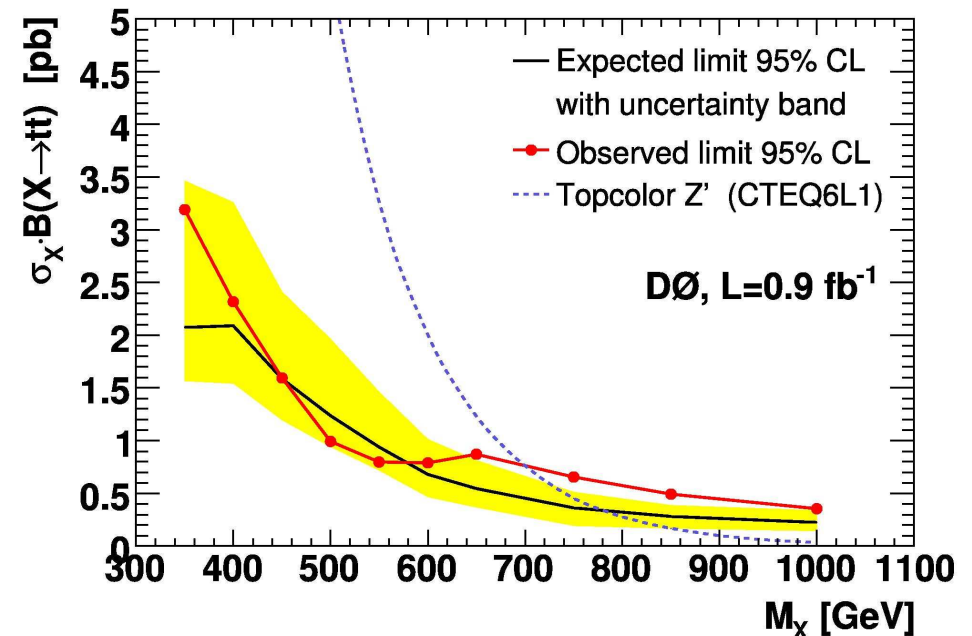
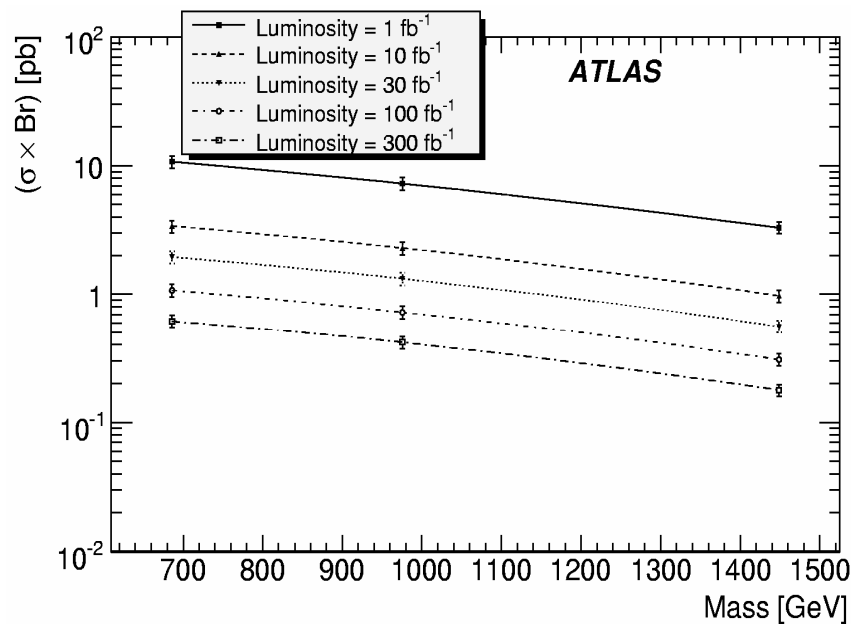


- Standard reconstruction $t\bar{t}$ efficiency decreases with $M_{Z'}$.
 - At $M_{Z'} > 1 \text{ TeV}$, boosted top quarks decaying hadronically produce collimated jets
- New reconstruction techniques for hadronic top “monojets” in development.
 - Access to jet sub-structure with K_T algorithm.
 - Adequate b -tagging performance for high p_T jets.



ATLAS SENSITIVITY TO RESONANT TOP PAIR PRODUCTION.

- 5σ (stat+syst) sensitivity:
 - Limit on $\sigma_{Z'}$ vs $M_{Z'}$
 - $\sigma_{Z'} \cdot \text{Br} > 11 \text{ pb}$ for $M_{Z'} = 700 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ @ $L = 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Main systematic on the discovery potential:
 - The reconstruction efficiency of Z' and $t\bar{t}$ background.
- Application to a specific model:
 - DØ (CDF): In a top-color-assisted technicolor model, a leptophobic Z' with $M_{Z'} < 760 \text{ GeV}$ is excluded @ 95% CL



CONCLUSIONS

- Top Quark physics will play an important role in the early days of data taking of the ATLAS experiment at the LHC.
- With $L=100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
 - $\sigma(\text{tt-bar})$ can be measured with an uncertainty (5-10)% dominated by systematics, apart from the luminosity uncertainty.
 - ATLAS will get this early data probably at $\sqrt{s}=10 \text{ TeV}$, or perhaps even lower: prospects are being reevaluated.
 - Moch and Uwer (Phys. Rev. 2008, D78, 034003 [arXiv : 0807.2794])

$M_{\text{TOP}}(\text{GeV})$	$\sigma_{\text{tt}} (10 \text{ TeV}) \text{ pb}$	$\sigma_{\text{tt}} (14 \text{ TeV}) \text{ pb}$
172.5	401.6	883.90

- W+jets: roughly, 30% lower cross section.
- With $L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$:
 - **t channel** is the most promising one for single top observation at the LHC. Observation with 5σ may be possible.
 - If JES uncertainty is in the range 1-5% then a precision of 1-3.5 GeV should be achievable in M_{TOP} measurement.
 - The study of top properties (W polarization, $d\sigma/dM_{\text{tt-bar}}$..) may provide a hint of new physics.