

DESY LHC Physics Discussion

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## **Extraction of top quark mass and strong coupling constant from inclusive $t\bar{t}$ cross section**

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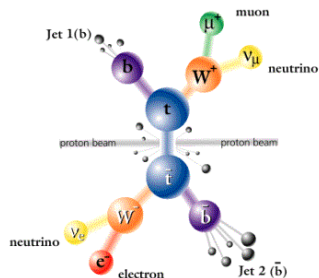
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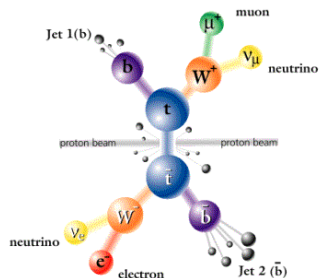
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calculations of  $t\bar{t}$  production depend on:

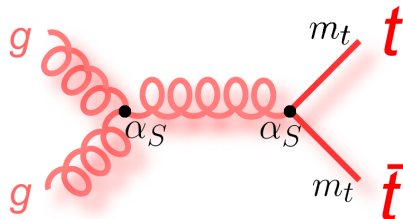
- 1 strong coupling  $\alpha_S$
- 2 top quark mass  $m_t$
- 3 gluon (quark) PDF in the proton

→ measurements of  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  can be used to constrain these parameters

## strong coupling

- $\alpha_S$  known with sub-percent precision
- significant contribution to uncertainty for several QCD predictions
- can be measured at NNLO from  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  (NLO for hadronic jet production)

→ **NB:**  $\alpha_S$  and  $m_t$  cannot be determined simultaneously from inclusive  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$



## top quark mass

- consistency test of Standard Model
- can be determined in well defined scheme ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ , on-shell) from  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$
- avoid interpretation problems of  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$

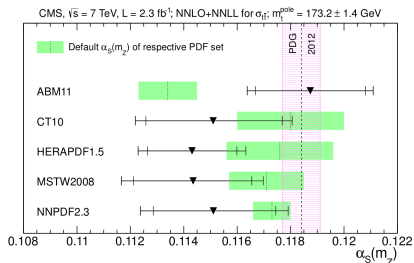
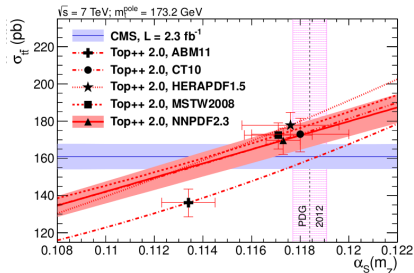
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- using CMS measurement at 7 TeV in dilepton channel with  $2.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 4.1% accuracy (JHEP 11 (2012) 067)
- theory prediction with Top++ 2.0, NNLO+NNLL precision
- several different PDF sets considered

- $\alpha_S(M_Z)$  varied consistently in calculation and PDF
- experimental dependence of  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  on  $\alpha_S(M_Z)$  found to be negligible
- assumed  $m_t^{\text{pole}} = 173.2 \pm 1.4 \text{ GeV}$  (Tevatron average  $\oplus 1 \text{ GeV}$  to account for difference between  $m_t^{\text{pole}}$  and  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$ )

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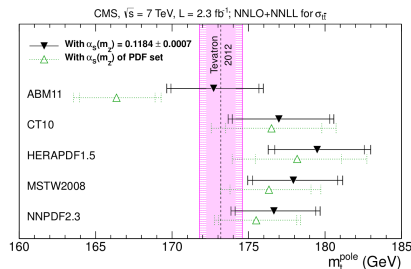
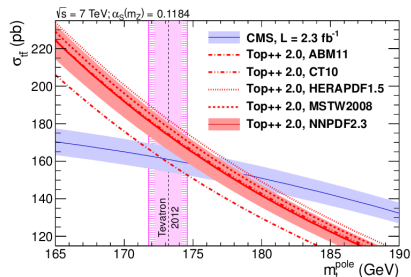
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- same procedure used to extract  $m_t^{\text{pole}}$
- assumed world average strong coupling:  $\alpha_S(M_Z) = 0.1184 \pm 0.0007$
- measured  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  depends on  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$  through acceptance corrections
- effect has to be taken into account

**assumption:**  $m_t^{\text{pole}} = m_t^{\text{MC}} \pm 1 \text{ GeV}$

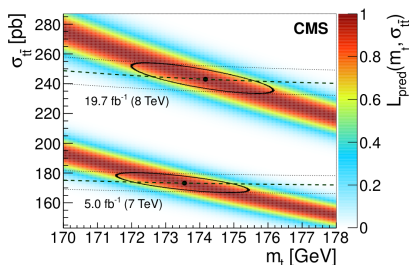
- additional uncertainty corresponding to 1 GeV added to measured  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$

$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = 176.7^{+3.0}_{-2.8} \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{NNPDF2.3})$$



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- simultaneous measurement of  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  at 7 and 8 TeV with template fit of final state distributions
- similar  $m_t^{\text{pole}}$  determination as in 7 TeV measurement
- $m_t^{\text{pole}}$  determined separately from  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  at 7 and 8 TeV
- results combined taking correlations into account



|          | $m_t$ [ GeV ]         |
|----------|-----------------------|
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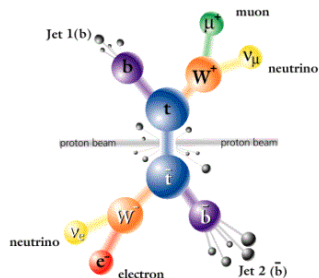
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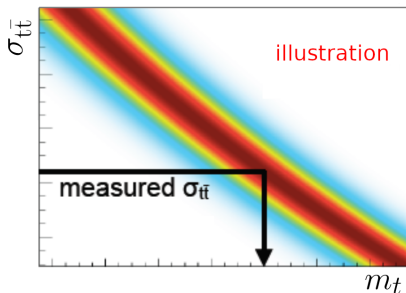
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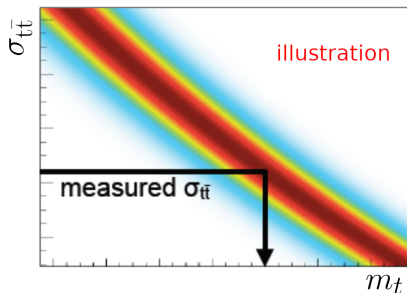
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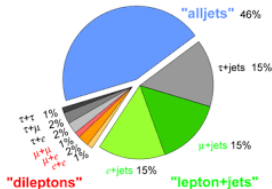
# top pair production cross section: general procedure

- measurement is performed in the visible phase space where a **fiducial cross section**  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{vis}}$  is measured (systematic uncertainties can be constrained)
- observed  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{vis}}$  is extrapolated to full phase space to get **total cross section**  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$   
→ introduces model dependence

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{vis}} = \frac{N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{bkg}}}{\epsilon_{\text{sel}} \cdot L_{\text{int}}}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = \frac{\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{vis}}}{A_{\text{sel}} \cdot \text{BR}}$$

Top Pair Branching Fractions



"golden" decay channels for  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  measurement

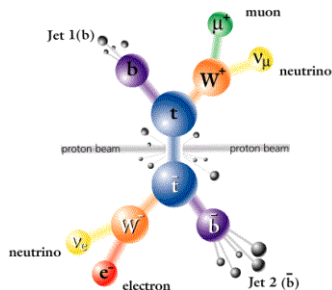
- di-leptonic channels, in particular  $e\mu$
- $l+\text{jets}$  channels ( $l = e, \mu$ )

→ all-hadronic channel penalized by JES, modelling and b-tagging uncertainties

**triggers:** dilepton OR single lepton

## offline selection

- at least two opposite-charge leptons:  
 $p_{T1} > 25 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_{T2} > 20 \text{ GeV}$   
 $|\eta| < 2, 4$ ,  $m_{ll} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- jets:  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|\eta| < 2.4$
- b-tagging: CSVv2 Tight WP  
(0.1% mis-identification, 40% efficiency)



→ events classified in mutually-exclusive categories according to lepton flavour, b-tag and jet multiplicity

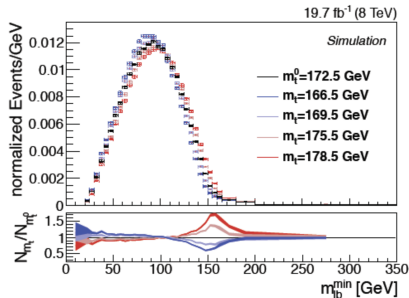
method: **template fit** to distributions of final state observables

- systematic uncertainties treated as **nuisance parameters** and constrained in the visible phase space (with exception of luminosity)
- events categorized in **bins of jet and b-tag multiplicities** in order to constrain modelling uncertainties and b-tagging efficiencies
- result extrapolated to full phase space

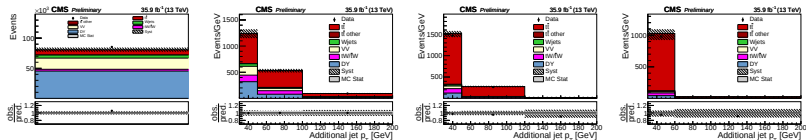
① jet  $p_T$  spectra are used to constrained JEC uncertainties

②  $m_{lb}^{\min}$  distribution used to constrain  $m_t^{MC}$

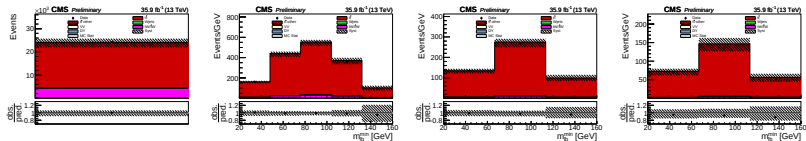
$m_{lb}^{\min}$  = minimum invariant mass between reconstructed lepton and b-jet (sensitive to  $m_t^{MC}$  through end point of spectrum)



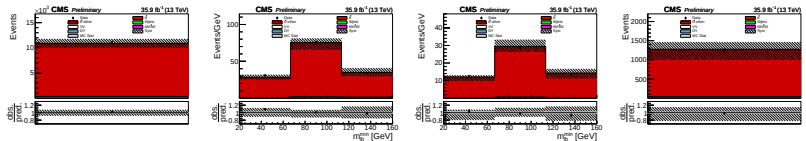
## 0 b-tags: 0,1,2,3 additional jets



## 1 b-tag: 0,1,2,3 additional jets



## 2 b-tags: 0,1,2,3 additional jets



# Poisson likelihood and b-tagging efficiencies

## binned Poisson Likelihood

$$L = \prod_i \exp[\mu_i] \mu_i^{n_i} / n_i! \cdot \prod_m \pi(\lambda_m)$$

$$\mu_i = s_i(\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{vis}}, \vec{\lambda}) + \sum_k b_{k,i}^{\text{MC}}(\vec{\lambda})$$

- $\vec{\lambda}$  is a set of nuisance parameters
- $\pi(\lambda_m)$  parametrizes the prior knowledge of  $m^{\text{th}}$  parameter

**b-tagging efficiencies** determined *in situ* by exploiting the  $t\bar{t}$  topology:

$$s_{1b} = \mathcal{L}\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{vis}} \epsilon_{\ell\ell} \cdot 2\epsilon_b(1 - C_b\epsilon_b)$$

$$s_{2b} = \mathcal{L}\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{vis}} \epsilon_{\ell\ell} \cdot \epsilon_b^2 C_b$$

$$s_{\text{other}} = \mathcal{L}\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{vis}} \epsilon_{\ell\ell} \cdot (1 - 2\epsilon_b(1 - C_b\epsilon_b) - C_b\epsilon_b^2)$$

- $\epsilon_{\ell\ell}$  is the efficiency if the di-lepton selection
- $\epsilon_b$  is the b-tagging efficiency
- $C_b$  represents the residual correlation of tagging the two b-jets

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- statistics of simulation (360 MeV)

| Name                             | Contribution [%]  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Trigger                          | 0.4               |
| Lepton ID/isolation              | 2.2               |
| Electron energy scale            | 0.2               |
| Muon energy scale                | 0.2               |
| Jet energy scale                 | 0.7               |
| Jet energy resolution            | 0.5               |
| b tagging                        | 0.3               |
| Pileup                           | 0.3               |
| $t\bar{t}$ ME scale              | 0.5               |
| $t\bar{t}$ W ME scale            | 0.7               |
| DY ME scale                      | 0.2               |
| NLO generator                    | 1.2               |
| PDF                              | 1.1               |
| $m_t^{\text{MC}}$                | 0.4               |
| Top quark $p_T$                  | 0.5               |
| ME/PS matching                   | 0.2               |
| UE tune                          | 0.3               |
| $t\bar{t}$ ISR scale             | 0.4               |
| $t\bar{t}$ W ISR scale           | 0.4               |
| $t\bar{t}$ FSR scale             | 1.1               |
| $t\bar{t}$ W FSR scale           | 0.2               |
| B-Fragmentation                  | 1.0               |
| B-hadron BF                      | 0.2               |
| Colour reconnection              | 0.4               |
| DY background                    | 0.8               |
| $t\bar{t}$ W background          | 1.1               |
| Diboson background               | 0.3               |
| W+jets background                | 0.3               |
| $t\bar{t}$ background            | 0.2               |
| Statistical                      | 0.2               |
| Luminosity                       | 2.5               |
| MC Statistical                   | 1.2               |
| Total vis                        | 4.2               |
| $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ (13 TeV) vis | 12.86 pb          |
| $t\bar{t}$ ME scale (extr)       | $\pm_{0.1}^{0.4}$ |
| PDF (extr)                       | $\pm_{0.6}^{0.8}$ |
| Top quark $p_T$ (extr)           | $\pm_{0.3}^{0.6}$ |
| $t\bar{t}$ ISR scale (extr)      | $\pm_{0.1}^{0.2}$ |
| $t\bar{t}$ FSR scale (extr)      | $\pm_{0.1}^{0.1}$ |
| UE tune (extr)                   | $\pm_{0.1}^{0.1}$ |
| $m_t^{\text{MC}}$ (extr)         | $\pm_{0.3}^{0.4}$ |
| Total                            | $\pm_{1.2}^{1.3}$ |
| $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ (13 TeV)     | 815 pb            |

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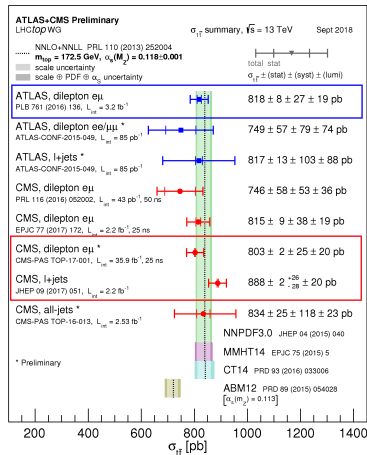
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| Muon energy scale     | 0.03                |
| Jet energy scale      | 0.57                |
| Jet energy resolution | 0.09                |
| b tagging             | 0.12                |
| Pileup                | 0.09                |
| $t\bar{t}$ ME scale   | 0.18                |
| tW ME scale           | 0.02                |
| DY ME scale           | 0.06                |
| NLO generator         | 0.14                |
| PDF                   | 0.05                |
| $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$   | 0.09                |
| Top quark $p_T$       | 0.04                |
| ME/PS matching        | 0.16                |
| UE tune               | 0.03                |
| $t\bar{t}$ ISR scale  | 0.16                |
| tW ISR scale          | 0.02                |
| $t\bar{t}$ FSR scale  | 0.07                |
| tW FSR scale          | 0.02                |
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| Statistical           | 0.14                |
| Total Stat+Syst       | $\pm_{0.64}^{0.57}$ |
| MC Statistical        | 0.36                |
| Total                 | $\pm_{0.73}^{0.68}$ |
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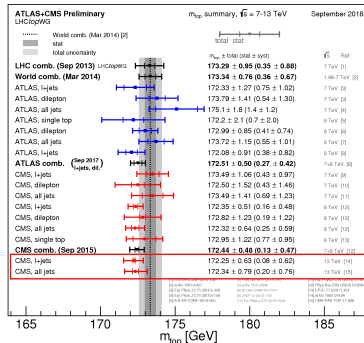
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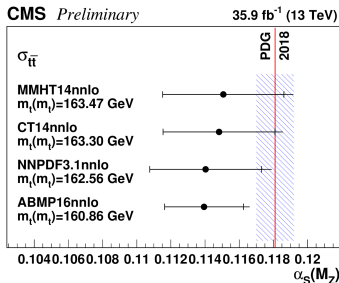
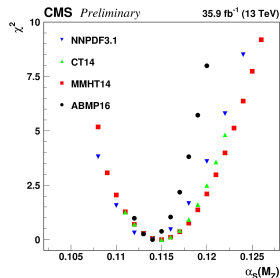
## uncertainties

- experimental: from  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  measurement
- PDF: from eigenvectors
- independent  $\mu_r$ ,  $\mu_f$  variations by factor 2

## results

- challenging precision on  $\alpha_S(M_Z)$ , most precise from hadronic processes to date
- better precision with ABMP16

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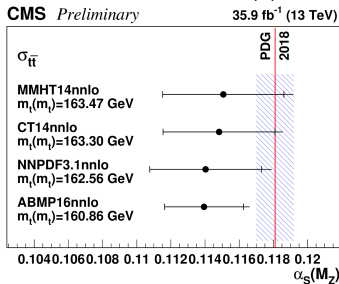
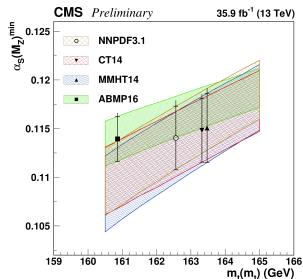
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- dependence of extracted  $\alpha_S$  vs  $m_t$  investigated  $\rightarrow$  linear
- somehow flatter in case of ABMP16



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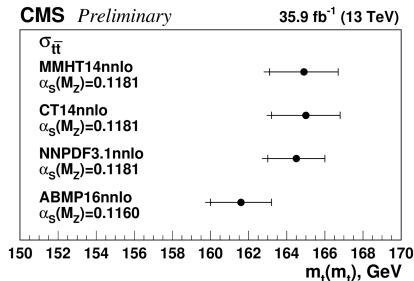
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- same procedure used to extract top mass in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme,  $m_t(m_t)$
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## results

- first consistent determination of  $m_t(m_t)$  (uncertainty  $\simeq 1.2\%$ )
- lower  $m_t$  result with ABMP16 due to lower  $\alpha_S(M_Z)$  in PDF determination

$$m_t(m_t) = 161.6^{+1.6}_{-1.9} \text{ GeV (ABMP16)}$$



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- same procedure used to extract top mass in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme,  $m_t(m_t)$
- $\alpha_S(M_Z)$  fixed at native values of PDF

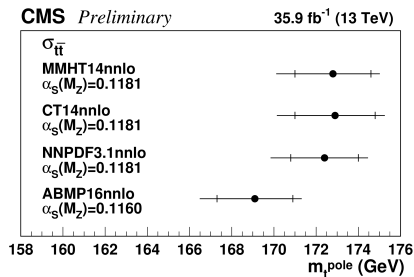
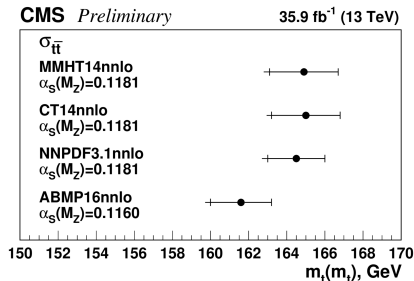
## results

- first consistent determination of  $m_t(m_t)$  (uncertainty  $\simeq 1.2\%$ )
- lower  $m_t$  result with ABMP16 due to lower  $\alpha_S(M_Z)$  in PDF determination

$$m_t(m_t) = 161.6^{+1.6}_{-1.9} \text{ GeV (ABMP16)}$$

## pole mass $m_t^{\text{pole}}$

- missing soft gluon resummation  
 $\Rightarrow$  for **illustration** purposes only
- results consistent with previous measurements



## CMS results at 7 and 8 TeV

- $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  measured at fixed mass  $\Rightarrow$  dependence on  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$  has to be considered
- assumption:  $m_t^{\text{MC}} = m_t^{\text{pole}} \pm 1 \text{ GeV}$

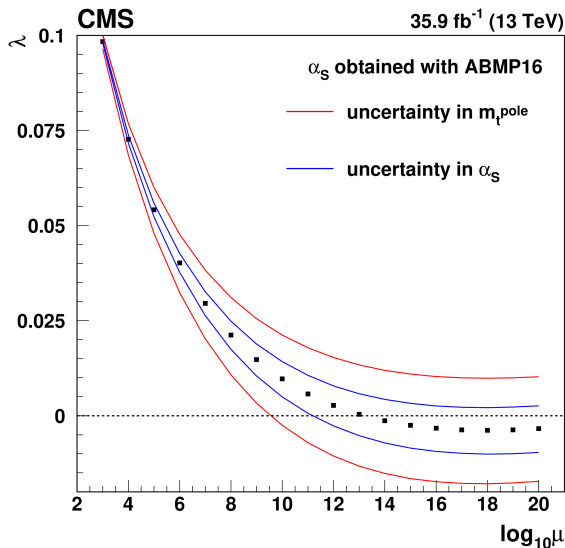
## CMS preliminary results at 13 TeV (CMS-PAS-TOP-17-001)

- $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  determined at optimal mass point through simultaneous fit with  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$
- uncertainty on  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  contains contribution from  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$
- top quark mass treated in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme  $\rightarrow$  faster perturbative convergence
- first consistent determination of  $m_t(m_t)$  with  $\simeq 1.2\%$  precision

extracted  $\alpha_S$  and  $m_t$  used to predict stability of EW vacuum at higher scales

prediction obtained with **mr** (Matching and Running) program ([link](#))

stability up to  $\mu \simeq 10^{13}$  GeV



# Thank you for your attention

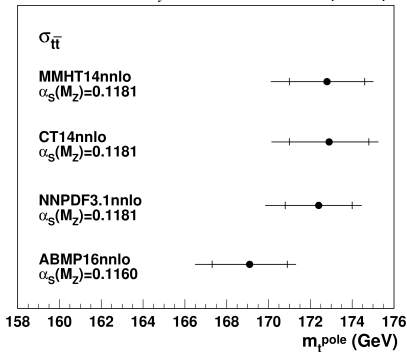


# determination of $m_t^{\text{pole}}$ from $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ at 13 TeV



**CMS Preliminary**

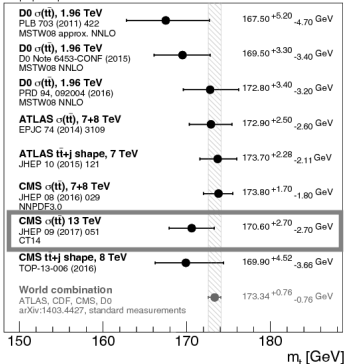
**35.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)**



$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = 172.9^{+2.4}_{-2.8} \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{CT14})$$

Top-quark pole mass measurements

March 2018



- results consistent with previous measurements at Tevatron and LHC

top quark mass in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme

| PDF set (NNLO) | $\alpha_S^{\min}(M_Z)$                                         |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| ABMP16         | $0.1139 \pm 0.0023$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0014}_{-0.0001}$ (scale) |
| NNPDF3.1       | $0.1140 \pm 0.0033$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0021}_{-0.0002}$ (scale) |
| CT14           | $0.1148 \pm 0.0032$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0018}_{-0.0002}$ (scale) |
| MMHT14         | $0.1151 \pm 0.0035$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0020}_{-0.0002}$ (scale) |

## top quark mass in on-shell scheme

| PDF set (NNLO) | $\alpha_S^{\min}(M_Z)$                                         |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| ABMP16         | $0.1164 \pm 0.0021$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0024}_{-0.0014}$ (scale) |
| NNPDF3.1       | $0.1184 \pm 0.0027$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0037}_{-0.0021}$ (scale) |
| CT14           | $0.1186 \pm 0.0028$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0034}_{-0.0019}$ (scale) |
| MMHT14         | $0.1205 \pm 0.0029$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0037}_{-0.0021}$ (scale) |

top quark  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass

| PDF set (NNLO) | $m_t(m_t)$ [ GeV ]                                                            |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ABMP16         | $161.6 \pm 1.6$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+0.1}_{-1.0}$ (scale)            |
| NNPDF3.1       | $164.5 \pm 1.5$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+0.1}_{-1.0}$ (scale)            |
| CT14           | $165.0 \pm 1.7$ (fit + PDF) $\pm 0.6$ ( $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+0.1}_{-1.0}$ (scale) |
| MMHT14         | $164.9 \pm 1.7$ (fit + PDF) $\pm 0.5$ ( $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+0.1}_{-1.1}$ (scale) |

## top quark pole mass

| PDF set (NNLO) | $m_t^{\text{pole}}$ [ GeV ]                                                   |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ABMP16         | $169.1 \pm 1.8$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+1.3}_{-1.9}$ (scale)            |
| NNPDF3.1       | $172.4 \pm 1.6$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+1.3}_{-2.0}$ (scale)            |
| CT14           | $172.9 \pm 1.8$ (fit + PDF) $\pm 0.7$ ( $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+1.4}_{-2.0}$ (scale) |
| MMHT14         | $172.8 \pm 1.7$ (fit + PDF) $\pm 0.6$ ( $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+1.3}_{-2.0}$ (scale) |

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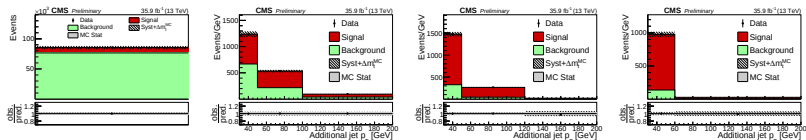
| PDF set (NNLO)      | ABMP16      | NNPDF3.1    | CT14        | MMHT14      |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| $m_t^{\text{pole}}$ | 170.37 GeV  | 172.5 GeV   | 173.3 GeV   | 174.2 GeV   |
| RunDec conversion   | 3 loops     | 2 loops     | 2 loops     | 3 loops     |
| $m_t(m_t)$          | 160.86 GeV  | 162.56 GeV  | 163.30 GeV  | 163.47 GeV  |
| $\alpha_S(m_Z)$     | 0.116       | 0.118       | 0.118       | 0.118       |
| $\alpha_S$ range    | 0.112–0.120 | 0.108–0.124 | 0.111–0.123 | 0.108–0.128 |

# combined $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ and $m_t^{\text{MC}}$ results: post-fit distributions

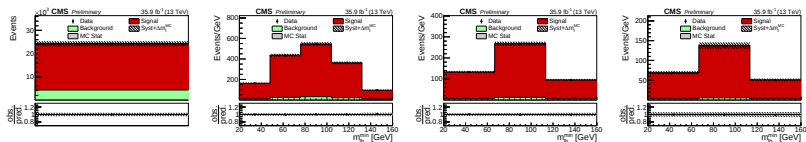


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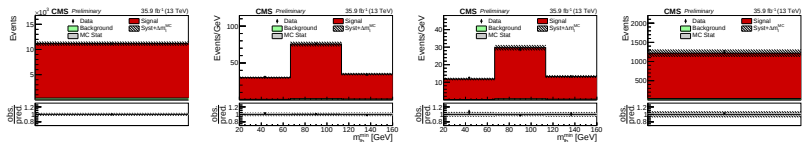
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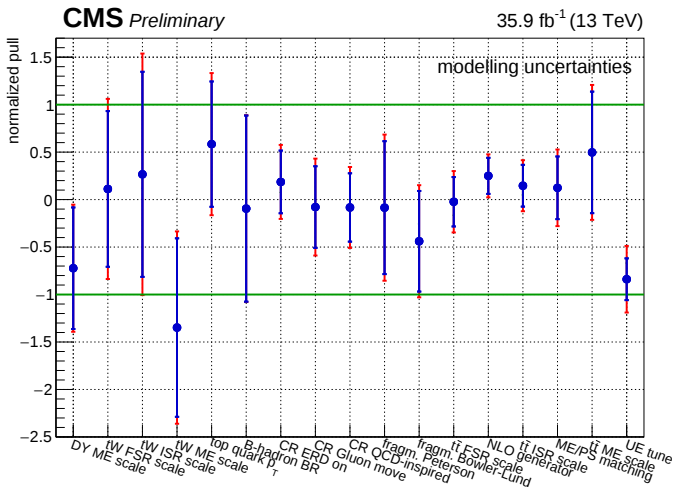
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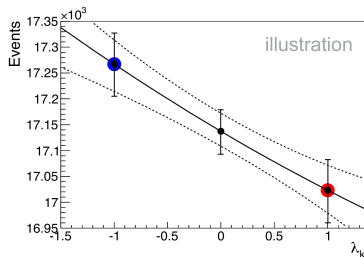
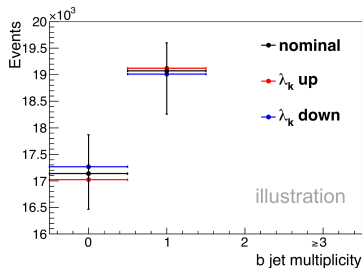
## 2 b-tags: 0,1,2,3 additional jets



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- templates corresponding to systematic variations are derived by varying parameters in analysis within their prior uncertainty or by using alternative samples
- in each bin, the dependency on the nuisance parameters is modelled with a second order polynomial
- if the variation is one-sided (comparison between two alternative models) a linear dependence is assumed
- nominal, up and down variations correspond to  $\lambda_k = 0, +1$  and  $-1$  respectively



# procedure to assess impact of MC statistics

**general idea:** effect of systematics on fit distributions is modelled with templates obtained either

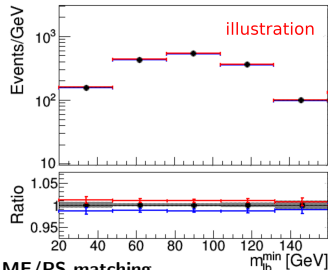
- by re-weighting events (e.g. ME scale)
- with alternative MC samples (e.g. ME/PS matching)

- 1 **re-weighting:** stats of nominal templates and varied templates are fully correlated
- 2 **alternative samples:** fully uncorrelated

## procedure

- produce **toy templates** where each bin is Poisson-smeared according to its MC stats
- fully consistent treatment of correlations between statistical uncertainties in the MC
  - throw individual toys for nominal and alternative samples and re-derive template dependencies
- **simultaneously for all the nuisance parameters**
- repeat fit to data points and assess effect on results (mass, cross section) and nuisances
- **estimates the impact of any possible MC fluctuation**

## ME scale



## ME/PS matching

