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Running of the top quark mass from proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

results from [arXiv:1909.09193](https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.09193)
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running of α_S is described by renormalization group equation (RGE)

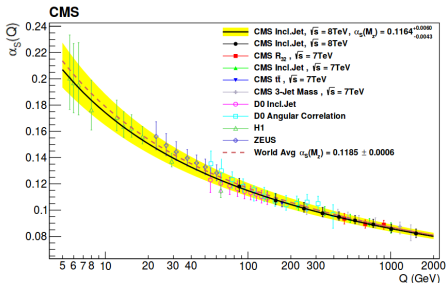
$$\alpha_S(\mu) = \frac{\alpha_S(\mu_0)}{1 + \alpha_S(\mu_0) \frac{11n_c - 2n_f}{12\pi} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_0^2}} \quad (1 \text{ loop})$$

typical procedure to measure α_S running:

- extract $\alpha_S(m_Z)$ from some final state observable in limited scale range (e.g. $\mu = \text{jet } p_T$)
- convert $\alpha_S(m_Z)$ to $\alpha_S(\mu)$ using RGE, w. appropriate choice of μ in each bin

N.B. this is equivalent to extracting $\alpha_S(\mu)$ directly (RGE implicitly assumed)

CMS summary plot



- **well-established procedure**
- experimentally verified on a very wide range of scales, at different experiments

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- similar procedure can be used to extract running of heavy quark masses

short distance $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass can be expressed in terms of pole mass

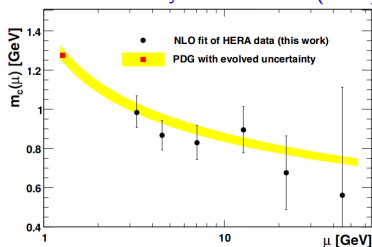
$$m_q(m_q) = m_q^{\text{pole}} \left[1 - \frac{4}{3\pi} \alpha_S(m_q) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2) \right]$$

and evolved to an arbitrary scale μ

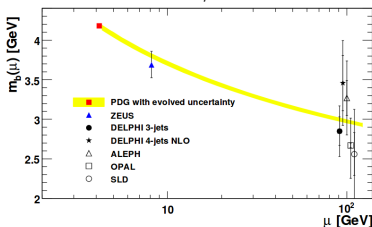
$$m_q(\mu) = m_q(m_q) \left[1 - \frac{\alpha_S(\mu)}{\pi} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_q^2} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2) \right]$$

- running of m_c has been experimentally determined at HERA experiments
- running of m_b determined with data from different experiments

→ **running of m_t investigated for the first time**, using LHC data at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$

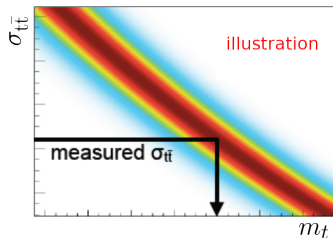
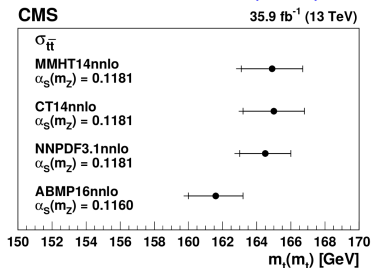


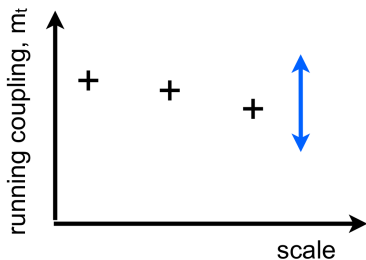
review, [arXiv:1506.07519](https://arxiv.org/abs/1506.07519)



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- simultaneous determination of $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ and m_t^{MC} from likelihood fit to multi-differential distributions
- mitigates experimental dependence of $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ on m_t^{MC}
- measured $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ used to extract $m_t(m_t)$ @NNLO using Hathor predictions in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme





strategy: measure $m_t(\mu)$ as a function of scale $\mu = m_{t\bar{t}}$

- perform precise measurement of $d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/dm_{t\bar{t}}$ (likelihood fit)
- extract $m_t(\mu)$ by comparing to differential theory predictions in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme

	TOP-17-001	TOP-19-007
experimental input	inclusive $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$	$d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/dm_{t\bar{t}}$ at parton level
theory input	incl. $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ @NNLO, $\overline{\text{MS}}$	$d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/dm_{t\bar{t}}$ @NLO, $\overline{\text{MS}}$
output	$m_t(m_t)$ @NNLO	$m_t(\mu)$ @NLO, $\mu = m_{t\bar{t}}$

dataset: 2016 data, 35.9 fb^{-1}
triggers: dilepton OR single lepton

offline selection

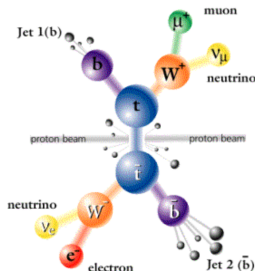
- one electron and one muon of OS ($e^\mp \mu^\pm$)
 $p_{T1} > 25 \text{ GeV}$, $p_{T2} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- jets with $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ considered
- b-tagging: CSVv2 Tight WP
 \rightarrow only used to classify events

analytic kinematic reconstruction in events with at least two jets

the kin. reco. assumes:

- 1 MET solely originates from neutrinos
- 2 certain values for M_W , $m_t (=m_t^{\text{kin}})$

\rightarrow introduces dependence on assumed m_t^{kin}

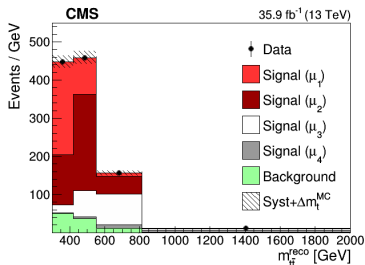


mitigation of the effect:

- kin reco repeated with different values of m_t^{kin} , and varying $m_t^{\text{MC}} = m_t^{\text{kin}}$
- **dependence propagated to the fit**, where m_t^{MC} is a free parameter

- $t\bar{t}$ signal split into 4 subsamples in bins of parton-level $m_{t\bar{t}}$ (before radiation)
- each bin treated as independent signal, and corresponds to a bin in $d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/dm_{t\bar{t}}$
- binning reflects $m_{t\bar{t}}$ resolution ($\simeq 13\%$)

Bin	$m_{t\bar{t}}$ [GeV]	μ_k [GeV]
1	< 420	384
2	420-550	476
3	550-810	644
4	> 810	1024

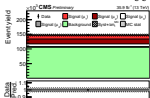


- a representative scale μ_k is assigned to each signal
- $\mu_k =$ centre-of-gravity of bin k in $m_{t\bar{t}}$ (table)

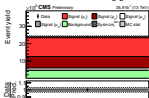
- cross section of signal μ_k :

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{(\mu_k)} = \int_{m_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{low},k}}^{m_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{high},k}} \frac{d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}}{dm_{t\bar{t}}} dm_{t\bar{t}}$$

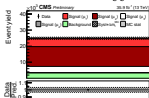
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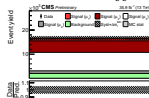
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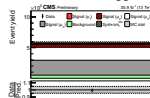
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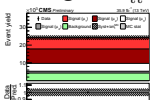
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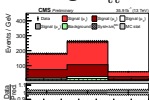
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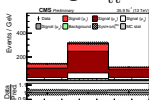
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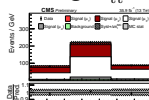
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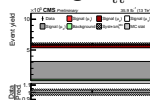
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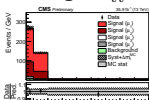
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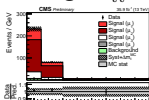
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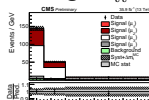
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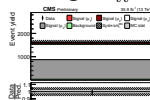
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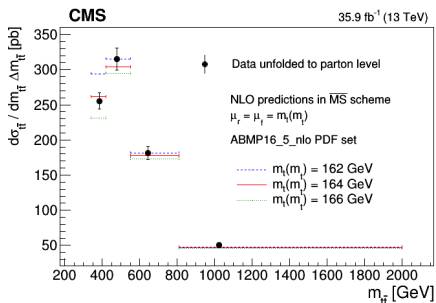


“no m_{tt}^{reco} ” =
events with less
than 2 jets

- fit performed in categories of b-jet multiplicity and bins of $m_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{reco}}$
- systematic uncert. constrained within visible phase space
- dependence on m_t^{MC} fully incorporated in the fit

response matrix embedded in the likelihood \Rightarrow maximum likelihood unfolding to parton-level

- $m_t(m_t)$ extracted in each bin of $m_{t\bar{t}}$ independently via χ^2 fit of theory predictions to data
- $m_t(m_t)$ converted to $m_t(\mu_k)$ using one-loop RGE solutions ($n_f = 5$)



NLO differential calculations obtained with version of MCFM where m_t is treated in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme ([EPJ C74 \(2014\) 3167](#))

running $r(\mu)$ is defined as ratio of $m_t(\mu)$ to reference mass $m_t(\mu_{\text{ref}})$

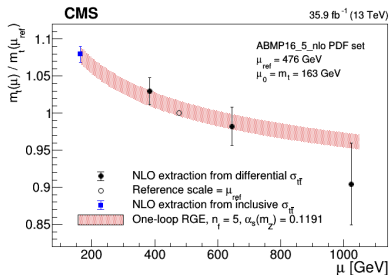
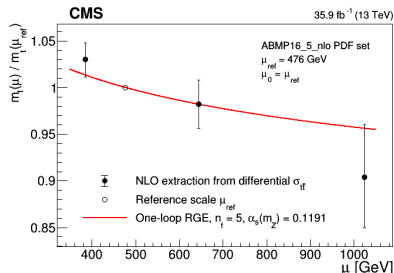
th: $r(\mu) = m_t(\mu)/m_t(\mu_{\text{ref}})$

exp: $r_k = m_t(\mu_k)/m_t(\mu_{\text{ref}})$

- $r(\mu)$ depends solely on RGE
- r_k benefits from cancellation of correlated uncertainties

→ choice: $\mu_{\text{ref}} = \mu_2 = 476 \text{ GeV}$

- result compared to value of $m_t(m_t)$ extracted at NLO from inclusive $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$
- good agreement with RGE on a wide range of scales, up to $\mu > 1 \text{ TeV}$



observed running parametrized as

$$f(x, \mu) = x [r(\mu) - 1] + 1$$

such that

- $f(1, \mu) = r(\mu) \rightarrow$ RGE running
- $f(0, \mu) = 1 \rightarrow$ no running

x_{\min} extracted from χ^2 fit to r_{k2} :

- correlations in extracted ratios studied with toy experiment procedure
- correlations fully taken into account in estimate of x_{\min}

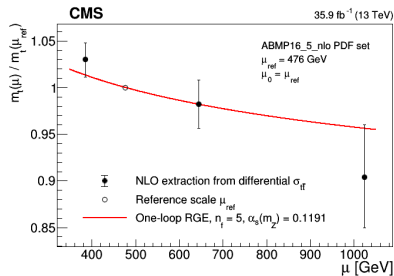
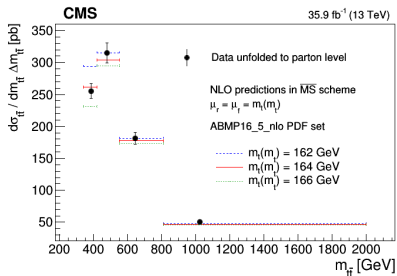
$$x_{\min} = 2.05 \pm 0.61 \text{ (fit)} \begin{matrix} +0.31 \\ -0.55 \end{matrix} \text{ (PDF} + \alpha_S) \begin{matrix} +0.24 \\ -0.49 \end{matrix} \text{ (extr)}$$

\rightarrow compatible with RGE within 1.1σ

\rightarrow no-running hp excluded above 95% CL

- first experimental investigation of running of the top quark mass
- good agreement with RGE, up to $\mu > 1$ TeV
- looking forward to NNLO calculations in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme to probe the running at two-loops precision

Thank you for your attention!



BACKUP



b-tagging efficiencies are determined *in situ* by exploiting the $t\bar{t}$ topology, separately in each bin of $m_{t\bar{t}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{1b}^k &= \mathcal{L}\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{(\mu_k)} A_{\text{sel}}^k \epsilon_{\text{sel}}^k 2\epsilon_b^k (1 - C_b^k \epsilon_b^k) \\
 S_{2b}^k &= \mathcal{L}\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{(\mu_k)} A_{\text{sel}}^k \epsilon_{\text{sel}}^k C_b^k (\epsilon_b^k)^2 \\
 S_{\text{other}}^k &= \mathcal{L}\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{(\mu_k)} A_{\text{sel}}^k \epsilon_{\text{sel}}^k [1 - 2\epsilon_b^k (1 - C_b^k \epsilon_b^k) - C_b^k (\epsilon_b^k)^2]
 \end{aligned}$$

- ϵ_{sel}^k is the efficiency of the full selection in $m_{t\bar{t}}$ bin k
- ϵ_b^k is the b-tagging efficiency in $m_{t\bar{t}}$ bin k
- C_b^k represents the residual correlation of tagging the two b-jets

→ all parameters are derived by the simulation and depend on the systematic uncertainties

binned Poisson Likelihood

$$L = \prod_i \frac{e^{-\nu_i} \nu_i^{n_i}}{n_i!} \prod_j \pi(\omega_j) \prod_m \pi(\lambda_m)$$
$$\nu_i = \sum_{k=1}^4 s_i^k(\sigma_{\text{tt}}^{(\mu_k)}, \vec{\lambda}, m_t^{\text{MC}}) + \sum_j b_j^i(\omega_j, \vec{\lambda})$$

- $\vec{\lambda}$ is the set of nuisance parameters
- ω_j is the normalization of background source j
- $\pi(\lambda_m)$ and $\pi(\omega_j)$ parametrize the prior knowledge of m^{th} nuisance parameter and j^{th} background normalization

- differential predictions @NLO obtained with version of MCFM where m_t treated in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme ([Eur. Phys. J. C74 \(2014\) 3167](#))
- only theory calculation available with top mass in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme
- scale choice: $\mu_r = \mu_f = m_t(m_t)$
- interfaced with ABMP16_5_nlo PDF set: only available PDF set with m_t in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme, consistently with calculation

essence of this measurement: extract slope of NLO running, taking $m_t(\mu_2) = m_t(\mu_{\text{ref}})$ as reference

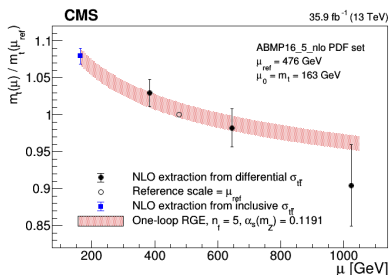
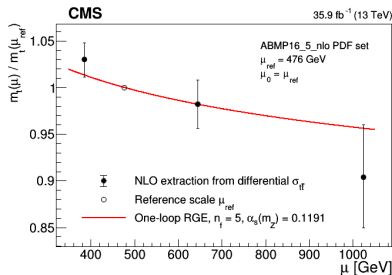
- $r(\mu) = m_t(\mu)/m_t(\mu_2)$
- $r_{k2} = m_t(\mu_k)/m_t(\mu_2)$, $k = 1, 3, 4$

advantages

- slope $r(\mu)$ directly related to RGE prediction
- ratios r_{k2} benefit from partial cancellation of correlated uncertainties
- $\mu_{\text{ref}} = \mu_2$ to minimize correlations between extracted ratios

uncertainties in the ratios

- fit and extrapolation
- PDF and α_S from ABMP eigenvectors
- scale variations in MCFM not meaningful here, as scale dependence is being investigated
- all correlations properly taken into account



→ observed running consistent with RGE

$$r_{12} = m_t(\mu_1)/m_t(\mu_2) = 1.030 \pm 0.018 \text{ (fit)} \begin{matrix} +0.003 \\ -0.006 \end{matrix} \text{ (PDF + } \alpha_S) \begin{matrix} +0.003 \\ -0.002 \end{matrix} \text{ (extr)}$$

$$r_{32} = m_t(\mu_3)/m_t(\mu_2) = 0.982 \pm 0.025 \text{ (fit)} \begin{matrix} +0.006 \\ -0.005 \end{matrix} \text{ (PDF + } \alpha_S) \begin{matrix} +0.004 \\ -0.004 \end{matrix} \text{ (extr)}$$

$$r_{42} = m_t(\mu_4)/m_t(\mu_2) = 0.904 \pm 0.050 \text{ (fit)} \begin{matrix} +0.019 \\ -0.017 \end{matrix} \text{ (PDF + } \alpha_S) \begin{matrix} +0.017 \\ -0.013 \end{matrix} \text{ (extr)}$$