Top Quark Production and Properties at the Tevatron (Excluding Top Mass)

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Why Study the Top Quark?

Its mass makes the top quark special among the fermions

- see George Velev's talk on top mass measurements

Questions to ask the top quark:

"Do you really behave (only) like the Standard Model top quark?"

"If so, what can you tell us about the Standard Model?"

Obtaining answers:

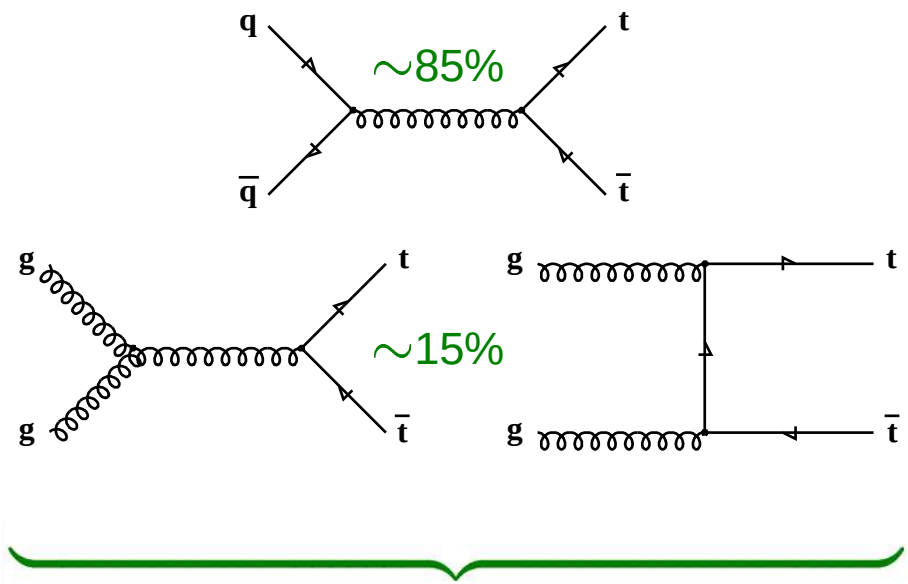
Tevatron experiments CDF & DØ: currently the only experiments where the top quark can be studied

- total $\mathrm{t\bar{t}}$ production cross-section ($\rightarrow$ test perturbative QCD $\rightarrow$ new physics?)
- differential cross-sections, top quark properties, decay branching ratios, ... ($\rightarrow$ new physics in $\mathrm{t\bar{t}}$ production / top decay?)
- single top production ($\rightarrow$ V_{tb} / new physics)

Standard Model Top Production at the Tevatron

top pair production (strong interaction)

Feynman diagrams (LO):



$\sigma \sim 6\,\mathrm{pb}$

single top quark production (electroweak interaction)

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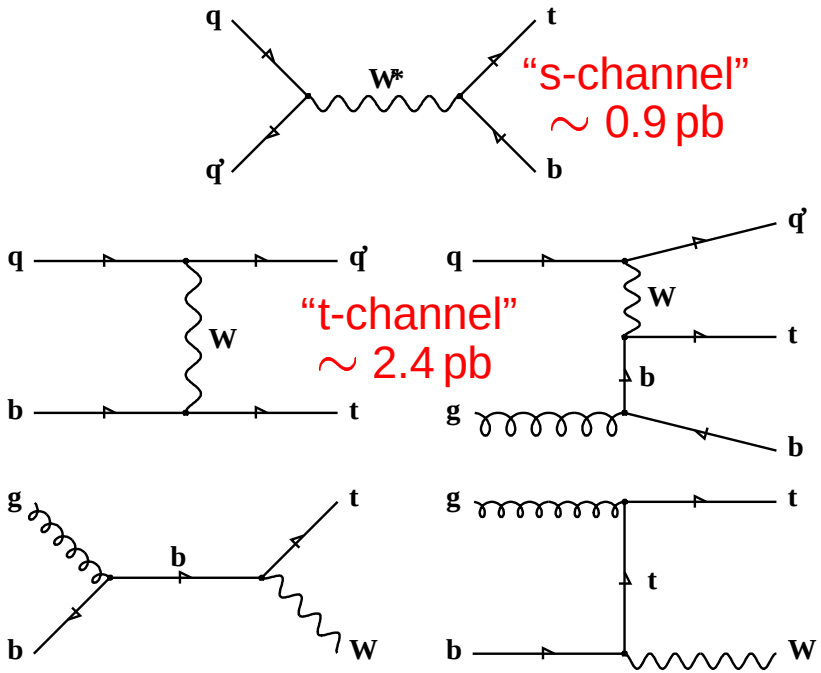
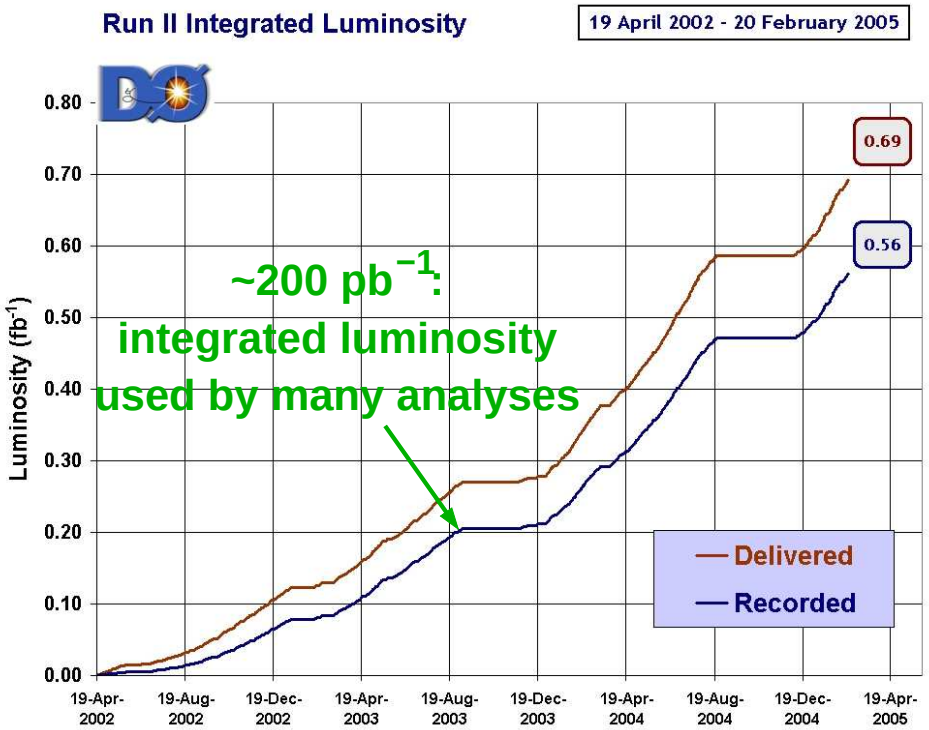


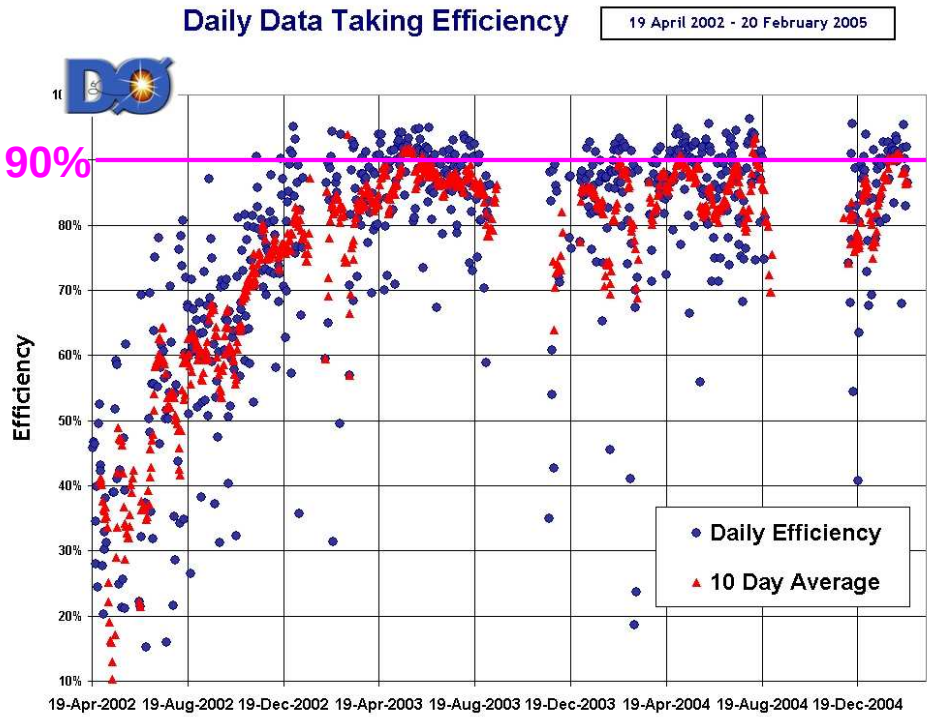
t+W associated production
~ 0.12 pb

Tevatron Data Taking Performance

Tevatron performance



DØ data taking efficiency

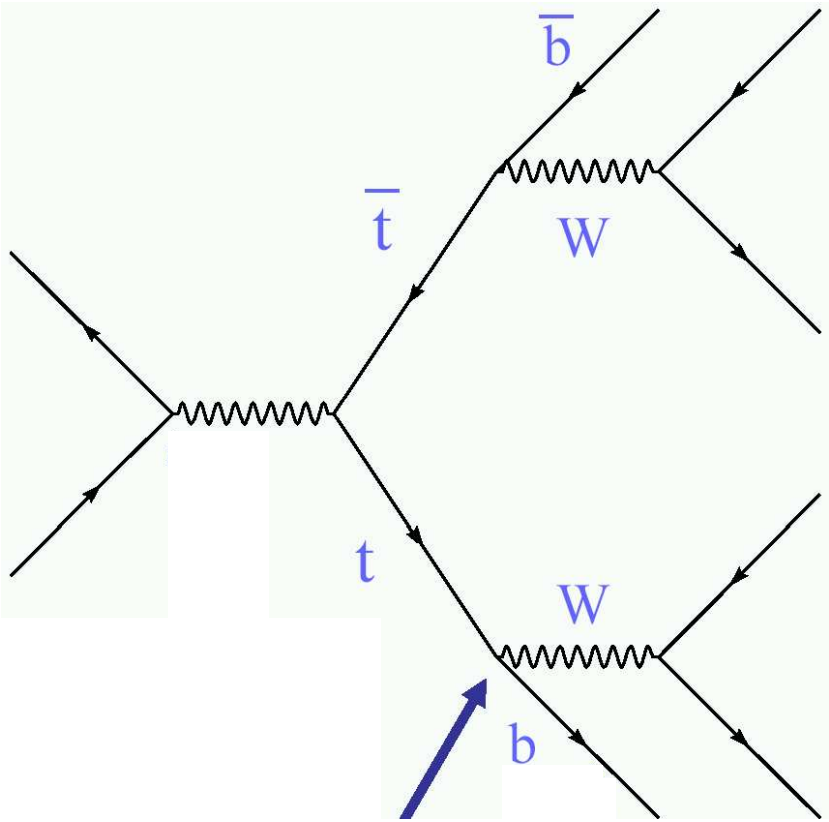


$\Rightarrow$ similar numbers for CDF

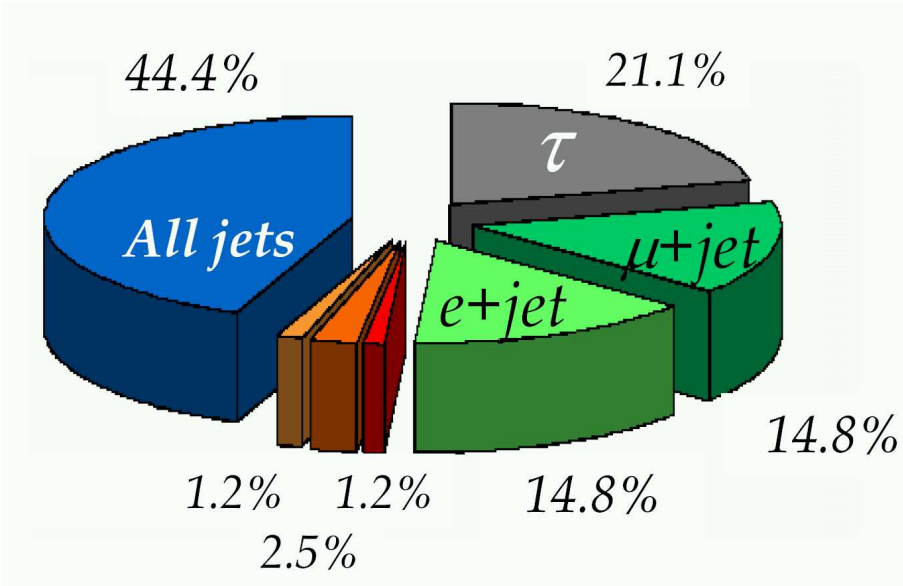
$\Rightarrow$ already surpass Run I integrated luminosity by a factor >5

$\Rightarrow$ physics analyses typically use $\leq 200\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$ so far

$t\bar{t}$ Event Topologies (I)



$$|V_{tb}| >> |V_{ts}|, |V_{td}|$$
$$\Rightarrow \mathrm{Br}(\mathrm{t} \rightarrow \mathrm{Wb}) \sim 100\%$$



topology determined by W decays:

- 5% dilepton events
- 30% lepton+jets events
- 44% hadronic events
- 21% events with τ leptons

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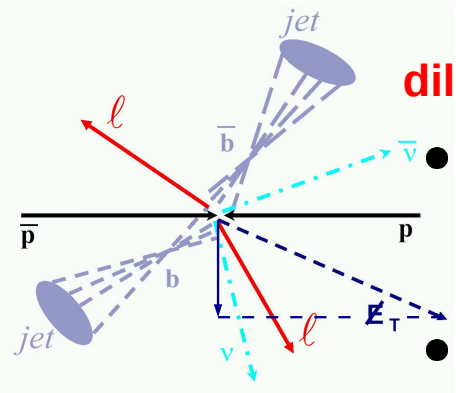
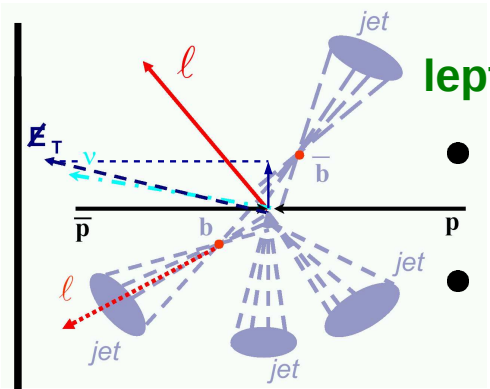


dilepton events: 5%

- 2 energetic, isolated leptons of opposite charge
- 2 energetic b jets
- missing transverse energy

- lepton(+jets) trigger

→ small but pure sample



lepton+jets events: 30%

- 1 energetic, isolated lepton
- 4 energetic jets (of which 2 b jets)
- missing transverse energy

- lepton(+jets) trigger

→ large event sample, still good purity

hadronic events: 44%

- 6 energetic jets (of which 2 b jets)
- event balanced in transverse plane
- only jet based triggers

→ large background (⇒b identification!)

events with τ leptons: 21%

- additional neutrino(s) from τ decay
- challenging to reconstruct

→ interesting for new physics searches (e. g. $t \to H^+ b$)

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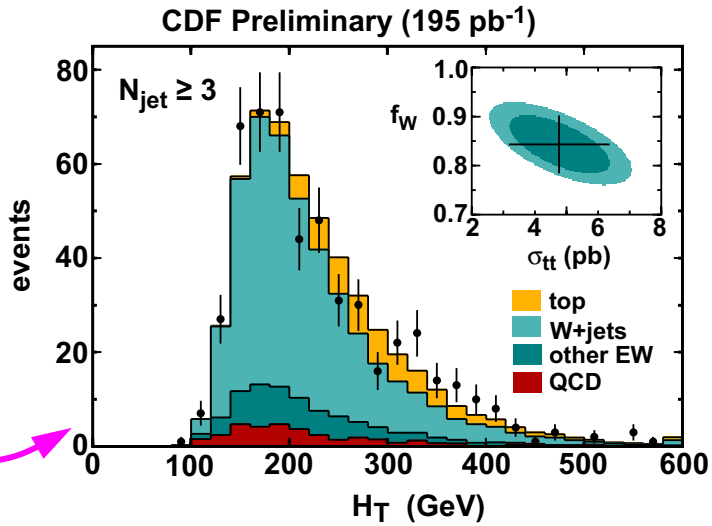
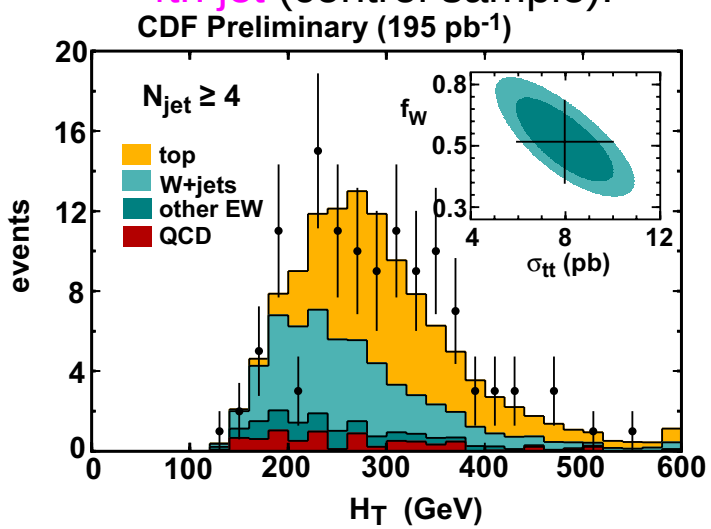
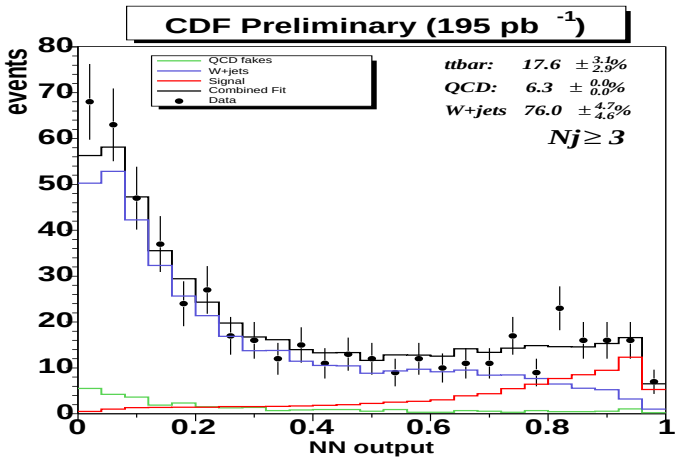
- $\geq$3 jets ($E_T > 15\,\mathrm{GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.0$)



+ 4th jet (control sample):





H_T distribution, $\geq$3 jets:

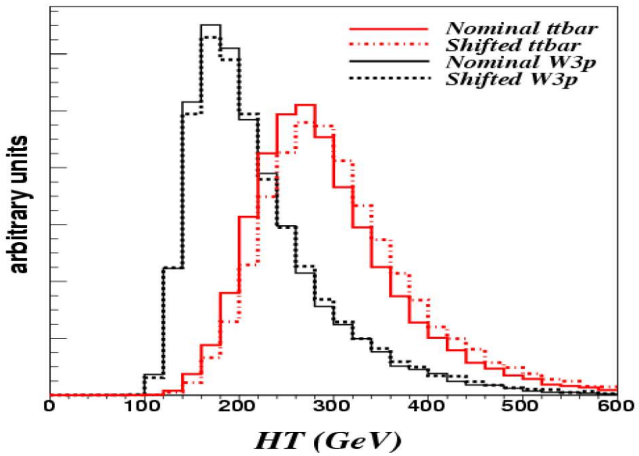
$$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (4.7 \pm 1.6 \pm 1.8)\,\mathrm{pb}$$

NN output distribution, $\geq$3 jets:

$$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (6.7 \pm 1.1 \pm 1.6)\,\mathrm{pb}$$

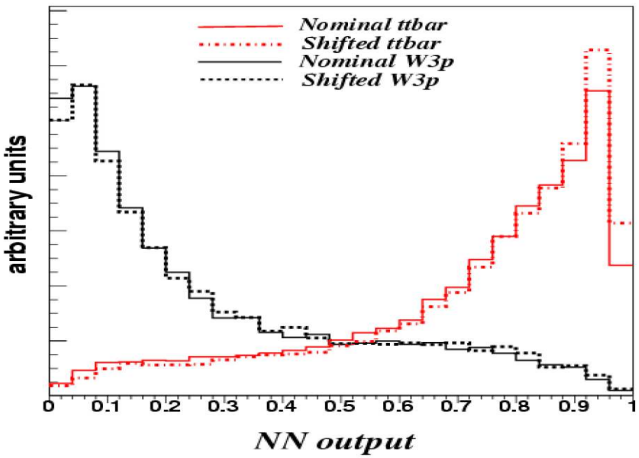
Lepton+Jets, CDF Topological Analyses (II)

- neural network inputs chosen to optimise total error
- both analyses: main systematic error from **jet energy scale**



analysis using H_T distribution only:

jet energy scale:	$\pm 30\%$
total systematic error:	$\pm 39\%$
statistical error:	$\pm 34\%$



optimised analysis using neural network:

jet energy scale:	$\pm 16\%$
total systematic error:	$\pm 22\%$
statistical error:	$\pm 16\%$

Lepton+Jets, DØ Topological Analysis (I)

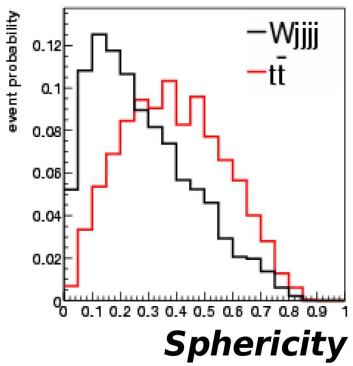
Event selection:

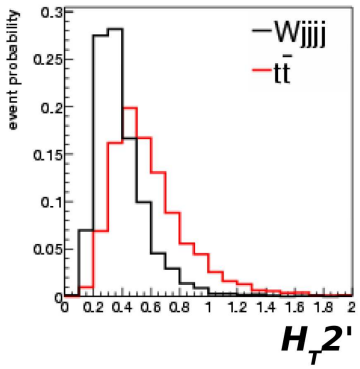
- 1 isolated energetic lepton ($p_T > 20\,\mathrm{GeV}$)
- missing transverse energy ($\not\!\!E_T > 17\,\mathrm{GeV}$)
- at least 4 jets ($E_T > 15\,\mathrm{GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.5$)

Determination of the $\mathrm{t\bar{t}}$ content:

- avoid dependence on absolute energy scale for first analysis

$\rightarrow$ construct a likelihood discriminant using angular variables and ratios of energy dependent variables, like:



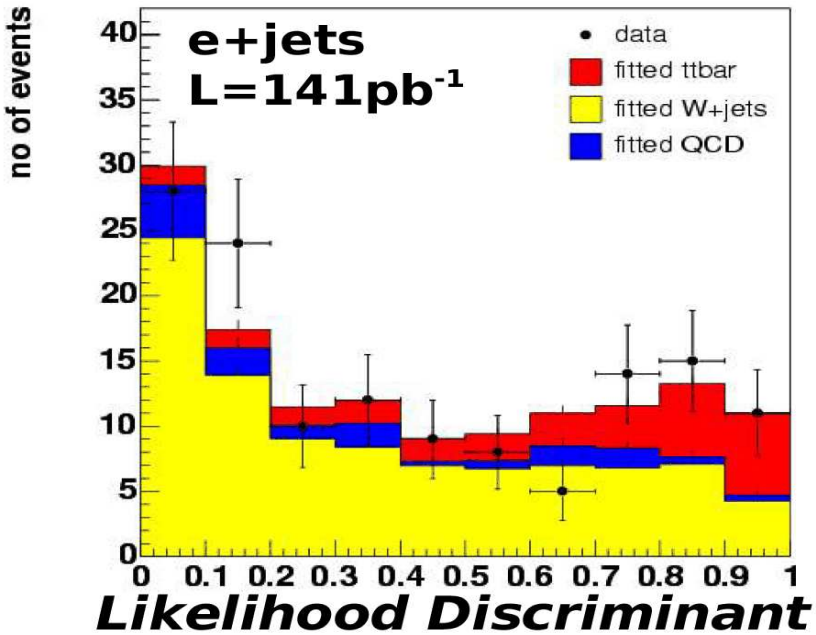


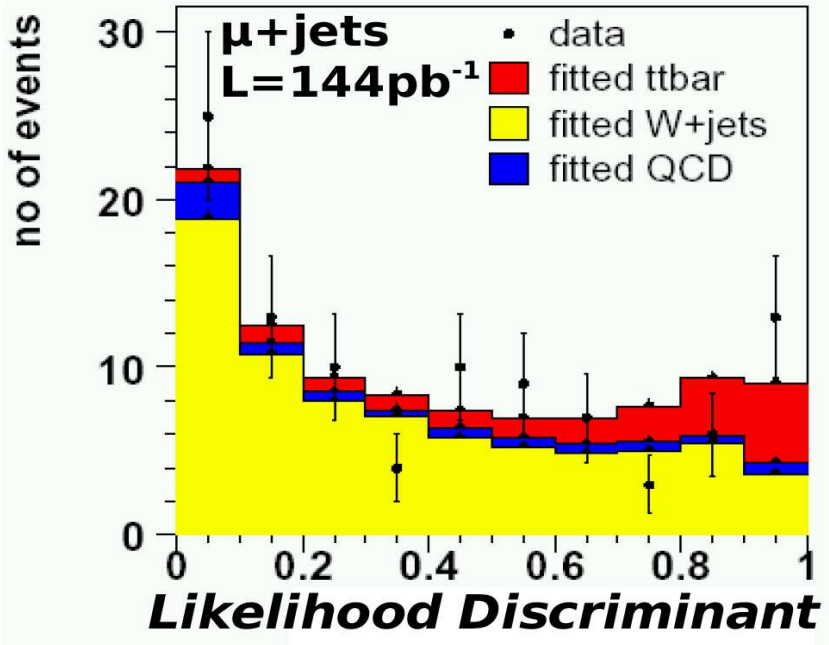
sphericity: $\mathcal{S} = 3/2(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)$
λ_i: eigenvalues of normalised momentum tensor
dijet event $\rightarrow S \sim 0$, isotropic event $\rightarrow S \sim 1$

$\boldsymbol{H'_{T2} = H_{T2}/H_z}$: measures event centrality
H_{T2}: scalar jet p_T sum, excluding leading jet
H_z: scalar $|p_z|$ sum of jet, lepton, and neutrino

Lepton+Jets, DØ Topological Analysis (II)

Likelihood distributions (separately for e+jets and μ+jets events):





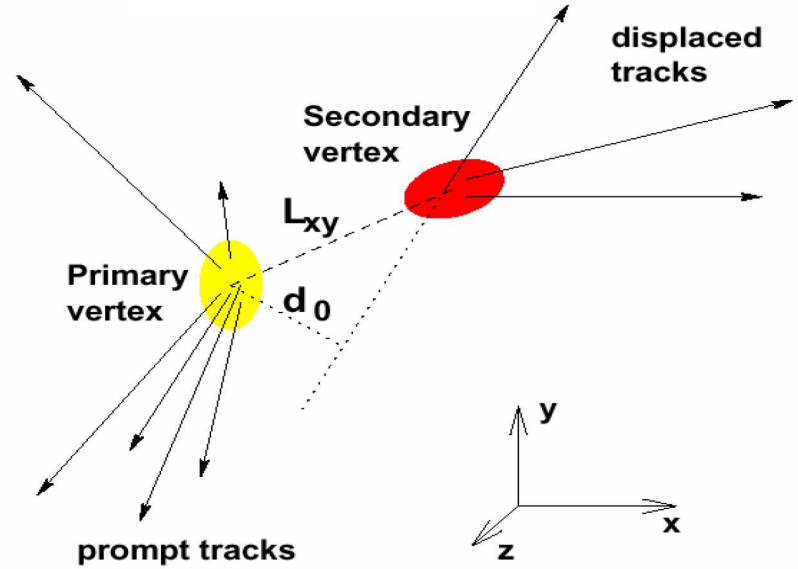
Result (combined):

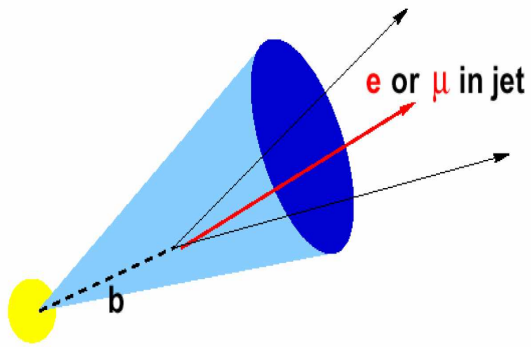
$$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (7.2^{+2.6}_{-2.4}(\text{stat})\,^{+1.6}_{-1.7}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.5(\text{lumi}))\,\text{pb}$$

B Tagging

- every $t\bar{t}$ event contains 2 b-jets ($Br(t \to Wb) \approx 100\%$ in the SM)

$\rightarrow$ improve signal/background ratio by b-tagging:





- tracks with large impact parameter
- secondary vertices

example: DØevent tagging probabilities:
$\varepsilon(t\bar{t}) \sim 60\,\%$, $\varepsilon(W+\text{jets}) \sim 4\,\%$
(events with $\geq$3 jets, 1 tag)

- soft leptons (muons) from semileptonic decays

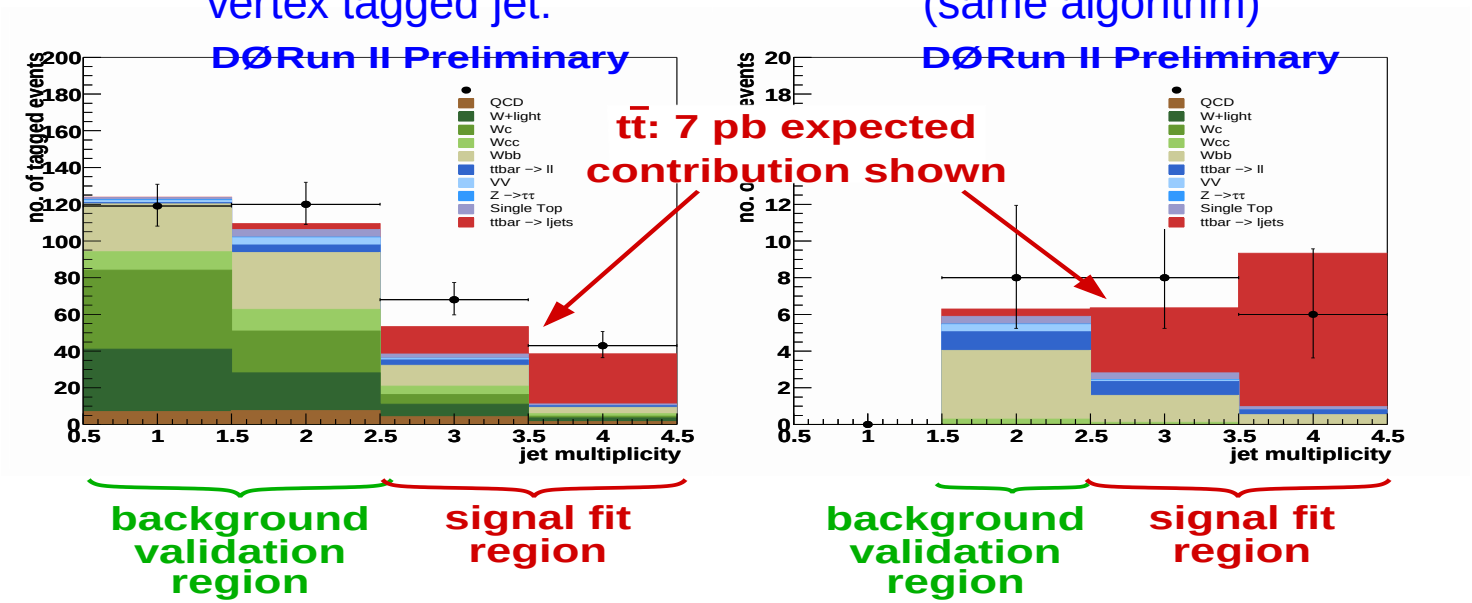
example: CDF event tagging probabilities:
$\varepsilon(t\bar{t}) \sim 16\,\%$, $\varepsilon(W+\text{jets}) \sim 3\,\%$
(events with $\geq$3 jets, 1 tag)

Lepton+Jets, DØ B-Tagging Analyses

- Select events with 1 lepton ($p_T > 20\,\mathrm{GeV}$), missing E_T ($\not\!\!E_T(e{+}\mathrm{jets}) > 20\,\mathrm{GeV}$, $\not\!\!E_T(\mu{+}\mathrm{jets}) > 17\,\mathrm{GeV}$), n jets ($E_T > 15\,\mathrm{GeV}$), and ...

exactly one secondary vertex tagged jet:

$\geq$2 tagged jets (same algorithm)



secondary vertex b tagging (158–$169\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$):

$$\boxed{\sigma(\mathrm{t\bar{t}}) = (8.2 \pm 1.3^{+1.9}_{-1.6} \pm 0.5)\,\mathrm{pb}}$$

impact parameter b tagging, similar analysis (158–$169\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$):

$$\boxed{\sigma(\mathrm{t\bar{t}}) = (7.2^{+1.3}_{-1.2}\,{}^{+1.9}_{-1.4} \pm 0.5)\,\mathrm{pb}}$$

Lepton+Jets, CDF Vertex B-Tag Analyses

- Select events with 1 lepton ($p_T > 20\,\mathrm{GeV}$), $\not{E}_T > 20\,\mathrm{GeV}$, and $\geq$ 3 jets ($E_T > 15\,\mathrm{GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.0$)

- require at least one secondary vertex tagged jet
- n_{jet} distribution:

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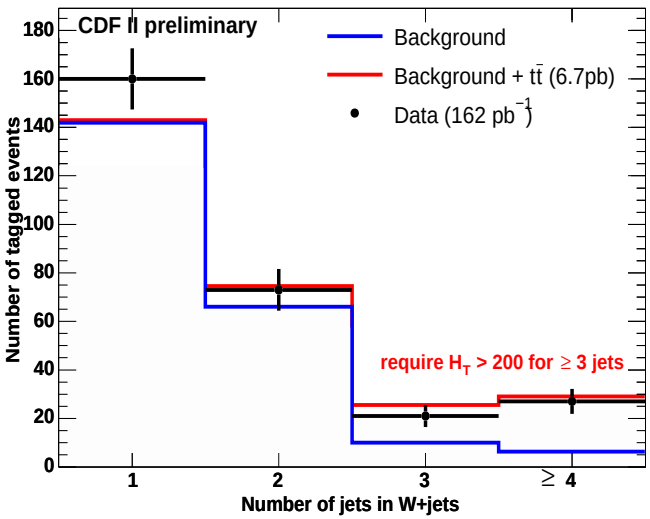

- result ($162\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$):

$$\boxed{\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (5.6^{+1.2}_{-1.1}{}^{+0.9}_{-0.6})\,\mathrm{pb}}$$

- require exactly one secondary vertex tagged jet
- $t\bar{t}$ fraction from leading jet E_T spectrum
- background shape from data (events w/o b-tag)

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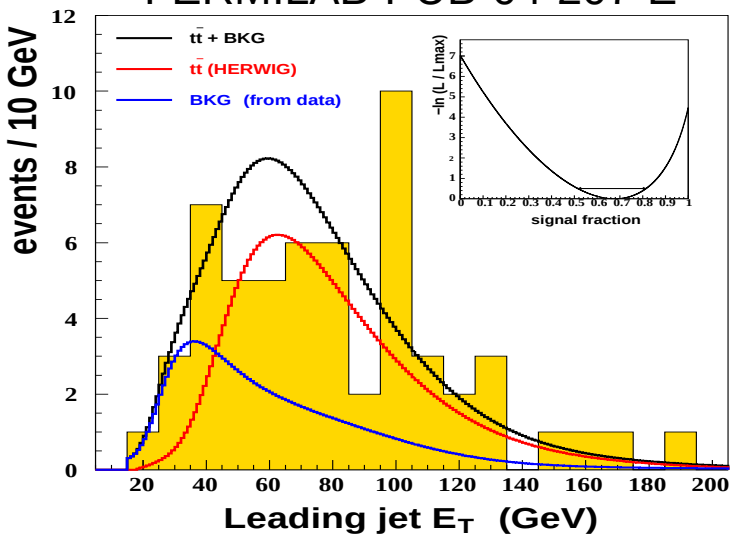
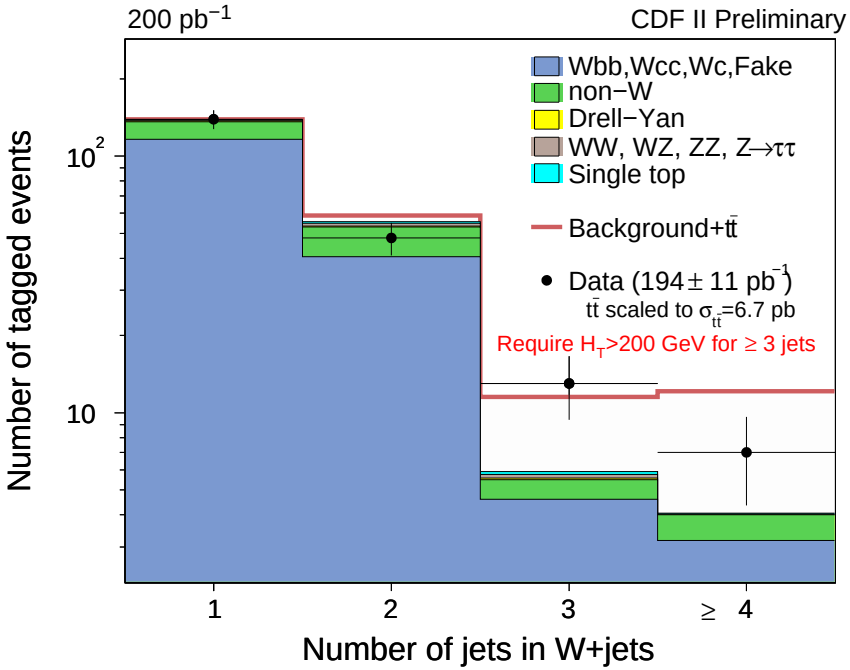


- result ($162\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$):

$$\boxed{\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (6.0 \pm 1.6 \pm 1.2)\,\mathrm{pb}}$$

Lepton+Jets, CDF Analysis, Soft Muon Tagging

- Select events with 1 lepton ($p_T > 20\,\mathrm{GeV}$), $\not{E}_T > 20\,\mathrm{GeV}$, and $\geq$ 3 jets ($E_T > 15\,\mathrm{GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.0$)
- require one jet to be b-tagged by the presence of a soft muon inside a jet from a semimuonic b or c decay



- Result ($200\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$):

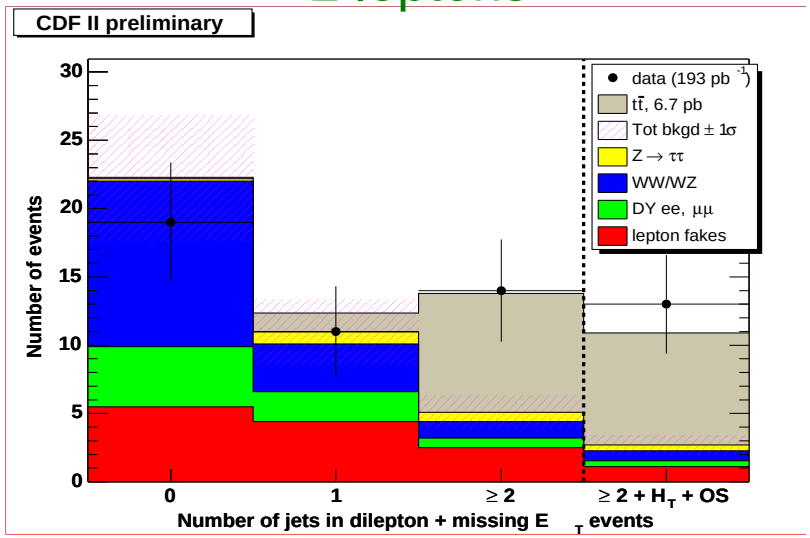
$$\boldsymbol{\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (5.2^{+2.9}_{-1.9}\,{}^{+1.3}_{-1.0})\,\mathrm{pb}}$$

Dilepton Analyses (I)

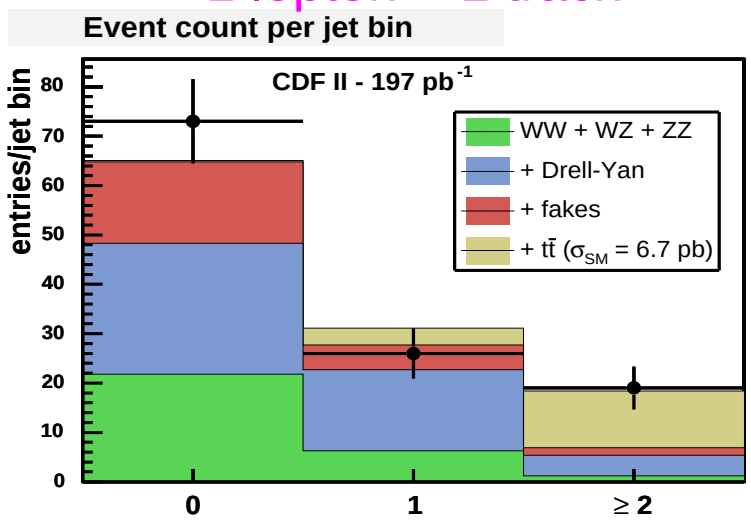
CDF measurements ($\sim 200\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$):

- events with 2 isolated tracks ($p_T > 20\,\mathrm{GeV}$), $\not\!\!E_T > 25\,\mathrm{GeV}$, and n jets

2 leptons



1 lepton + 1 track



- combined result ($200\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$):

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (7.0^{+2.4}_{-2.1}\,^{+1.6}_{-1.1} \pm 0.4)\,\mathrm{pb}}$$

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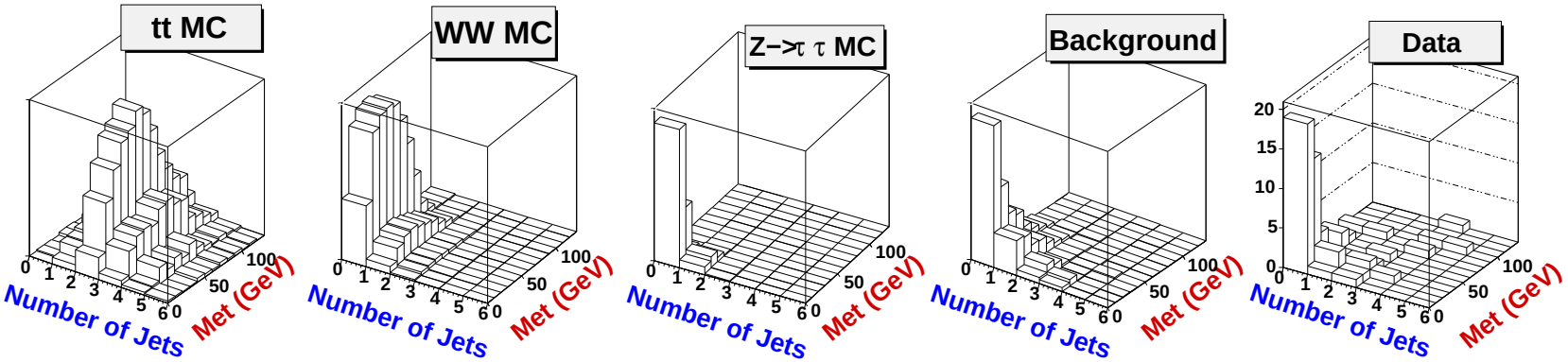
similar DØ measurement (140–$156\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$):

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (14.3^{+5.1}_{-4.3}\,^{+2.6}_{-1.9} \pm 0.9)\,\mathrm{pb}}$$

Dilepton Analyses (II)

Variations of the $t\bar{t}$ dilepton analysis:

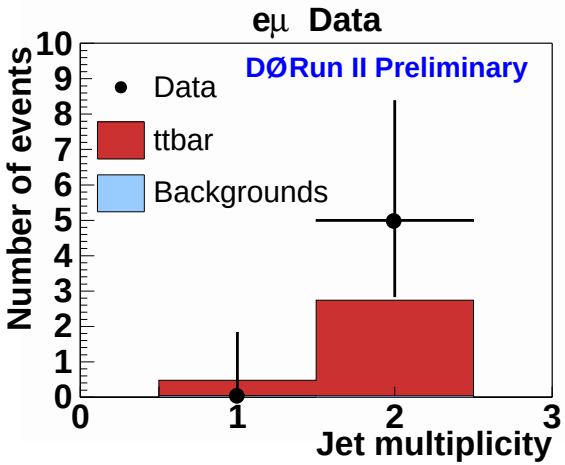
- measure $t\bar{t}$, WW, and $Z \to \tau\tau$ production (CDF, $200\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$):

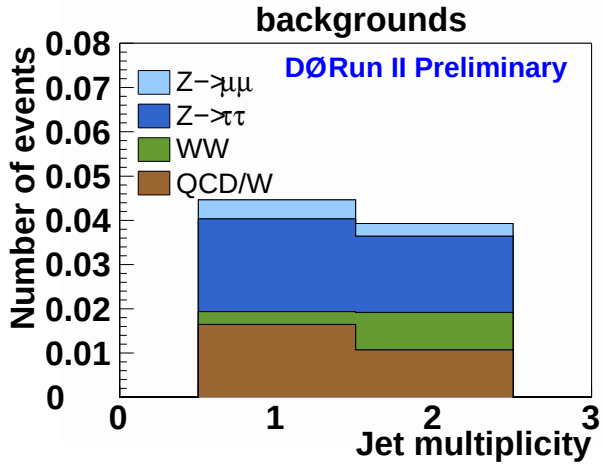


$$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (8.6^{+2.5}_{-2.4} \pm 1.1)\,\mathrm{pb}$$

$$\sigma(WW) = (12.6^{+3.2}_{-3.0} \pm 1.2)\,\mathrm{pb}$$

- apply b-tagging (DØ, $158\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$):



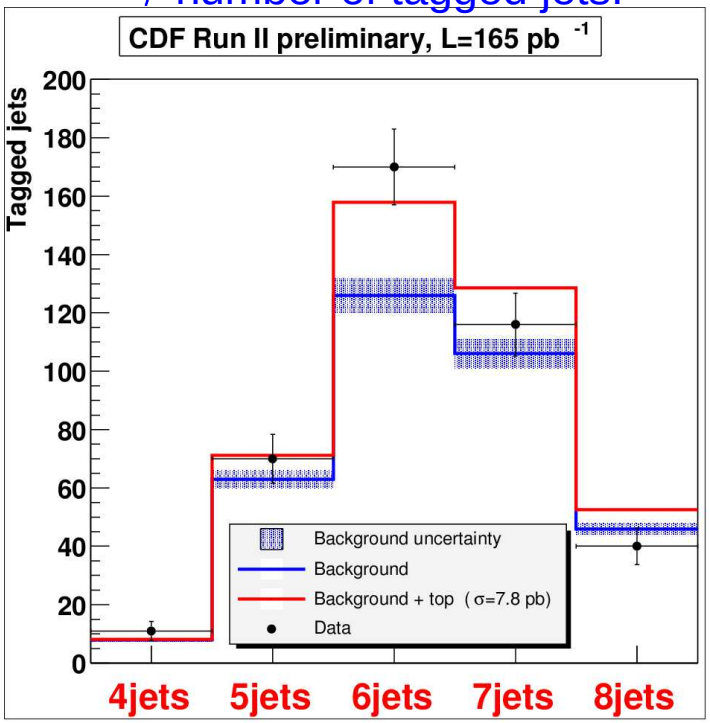


$$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (11.1^{+5.8}_{-4.3} \pm 1.4 \pm 0.7)\,\mathrm{pb}$$

Alljets Analyses

- Need b-tagging + tight kinematic criteria to see a signal:
  - 6 to 8 jets (signal region)
  - no isolated leptons
  - kinematic cuts

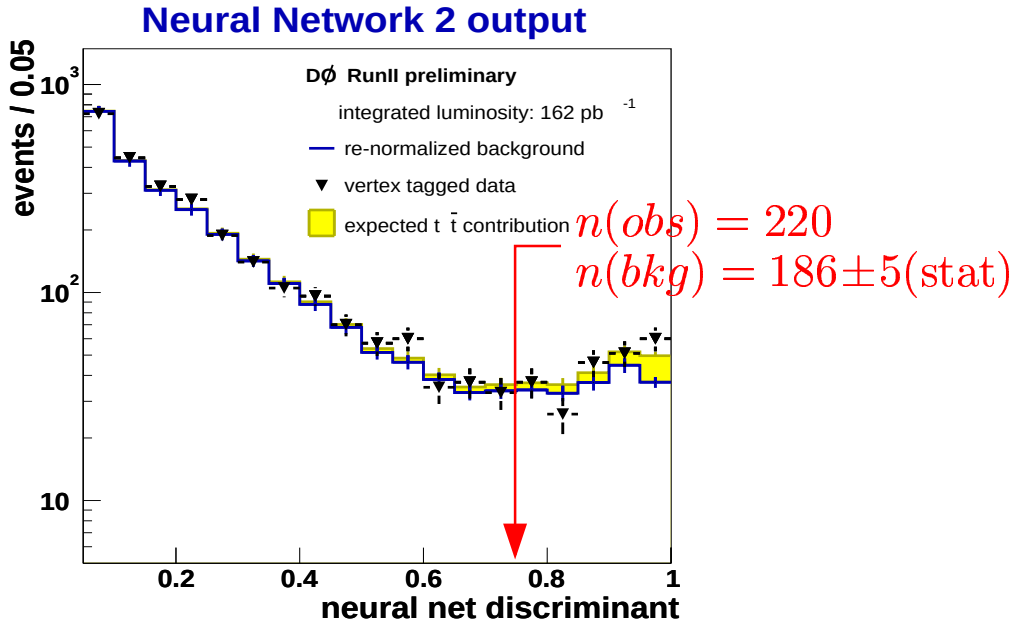
  $\longrightarrow$ number of tagged jets:



$$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (7.8 \pm 2.5^{+4.7}_{-2.3})\ \mathrm{pb}$$

  - $\geq$6 jets
  - exactly 1 b-tagged jet
  - kinematic neural network

  $\longrightarrow$ second neural network including reconstructed masses:



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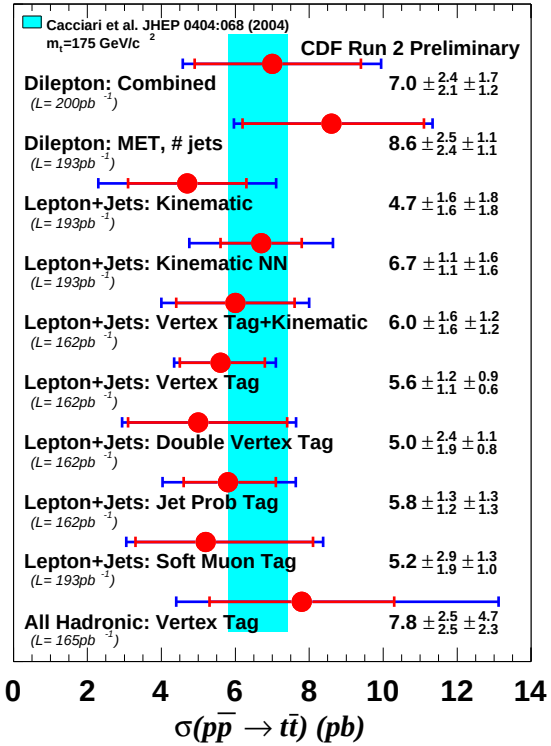
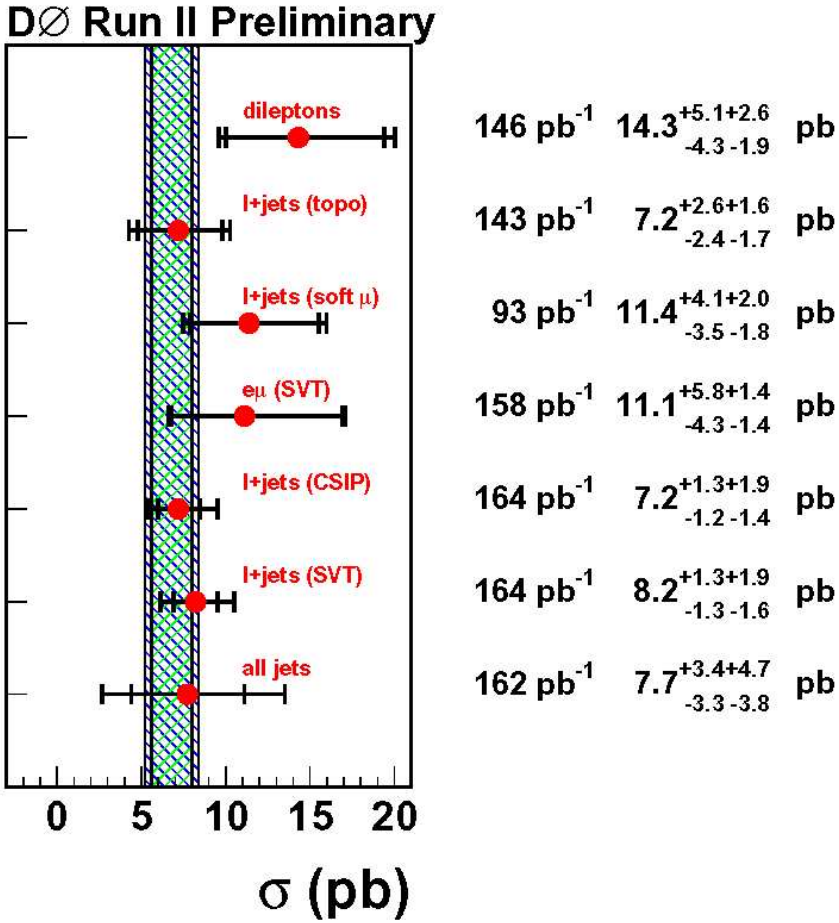
The $t\bar{t}$ Production Cross-Section

- Production cross-section $\sigma(p\bar{p}) \to t\bar{t} + X$

CDF Run II Preliminary





$\Rightarrow$ all results consistent so far (detectors and SM work ok)

$\Rightarrow$ consistent combination in progress

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Anomalies in $t\bar{t}$ Production? (I)

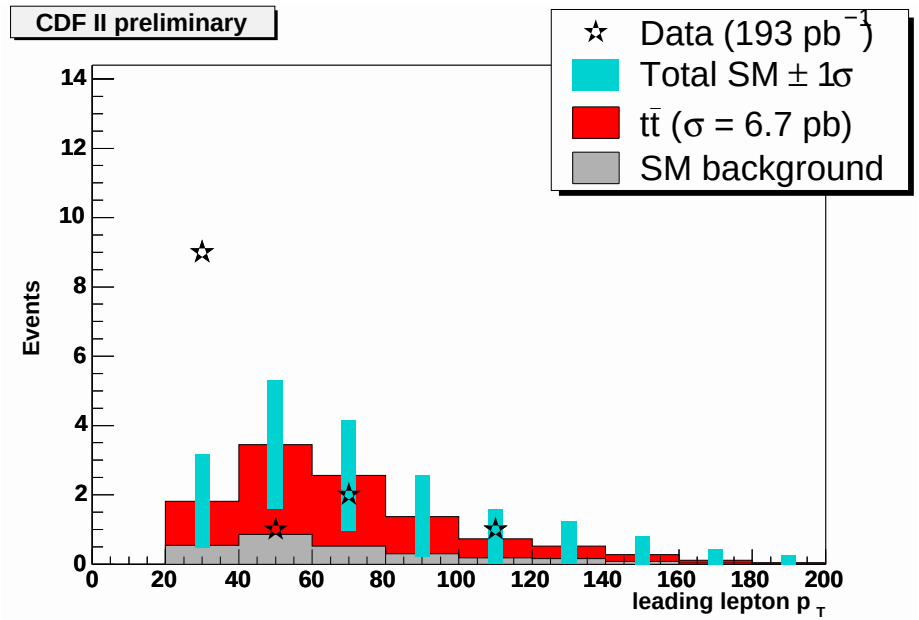
Measured $t\bar{t}$ production in a large variety of channels

$\longrightarrow$ Any room for physics beyond the Standard Model?

(I) Model independent analyses:

- Compare cross-sections in different channels (CDF, $125\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$):
  $\sigma(\mathrm{dilepton})/\sigma(\ell + \mathrm{jets}) = 1.45\,^{+0.83}_{-0.55}$

- CDF $t\bar{t}$ dilepton events:
  - look at four kinematic distributions (chosen a priori)
  - three of four distributions look $\sim$ as expected
  - most significant deviation from expectation: leading lepton p_T spectrum $\longrightarrow$



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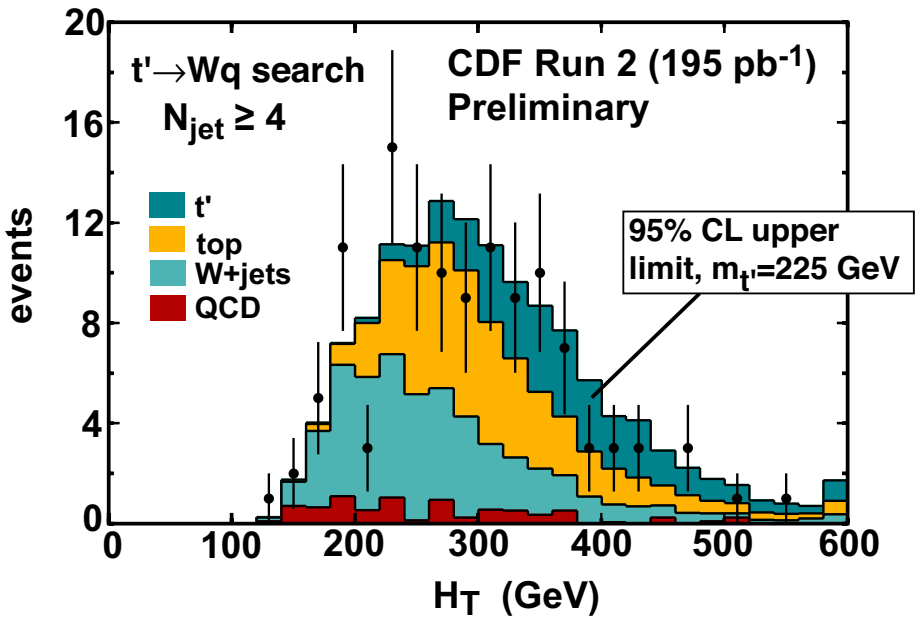
- overall 1.0–4.5% compatibility with the SM prediction ($193\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$)

Anomalies in $t\bar{t}$ Production? (II)

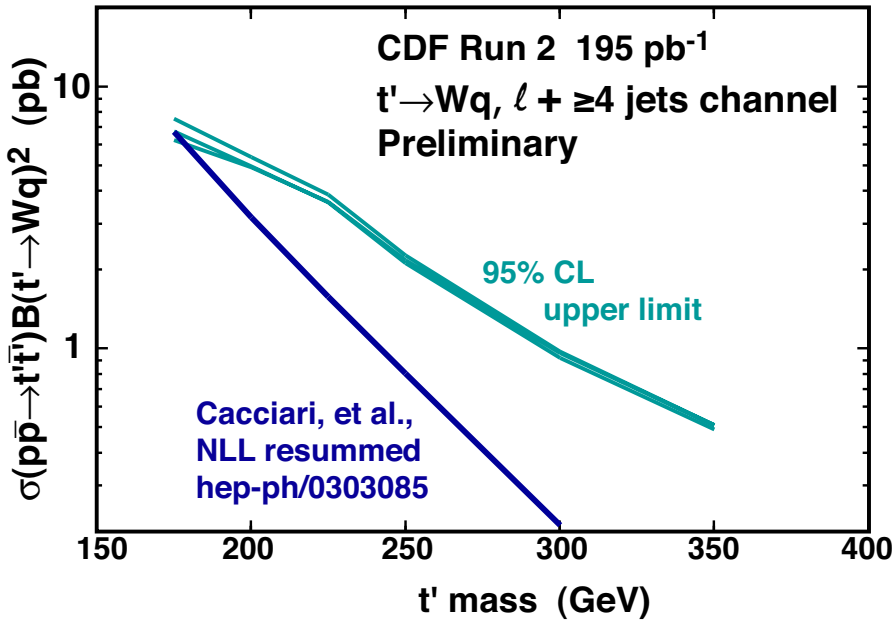
(II) Model dependent analysis:

- search for $t' \to Wq$ decays

excess of events at large H_T?



limit as a function of assumed t' mass:



Anomalies in Top Decays? – Overview

Expect to see only $t \to Wb$ decays at the Tevatron

$\to$ anything else would indicate new physics

(I) Is the "W" we measure the W we expect?

- W helicity measurements
- measurement of $t \to \tau\nu b$
- search for charged Higgs bosons in top decay

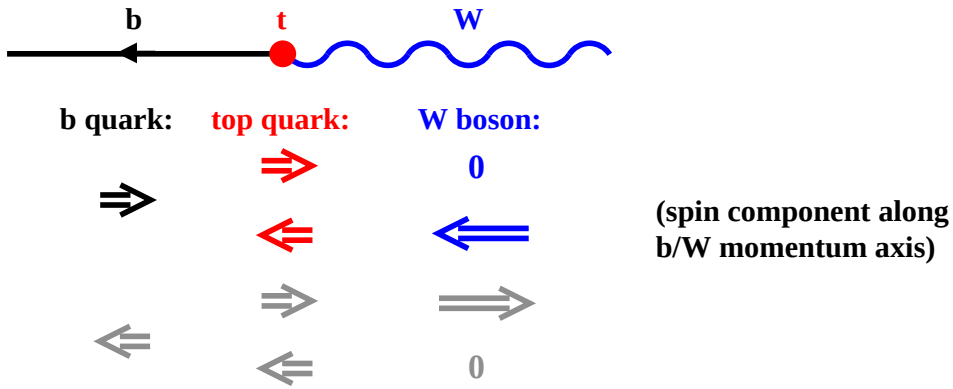
(II) Is the "b" we measure the b we expect?

- measurement of $Br(t \to Wb)/Br(t \to Wq)$

W Helicity in Top Decays (I)

- (V–A) structure of the weak interaction

⇒ spins of top decay products:



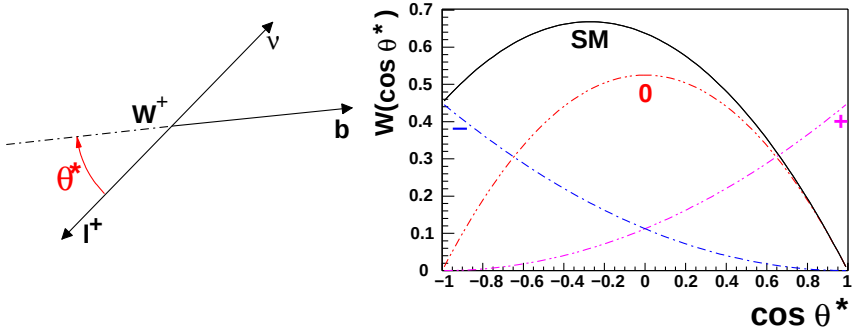
⇒ SM predictions: fraction of top decays with a...

longitudinal W boson $F_0 = \frac{1}{1+2m_W^2/m_t^2} \approx 0.70$

left-handed W boson $F_- = 1 - F_0 \approx 0.30$

right-handed W boson $F_+ = 0$

⇒ distributions of decay angle θ^* in W rest frame for different W helicities:



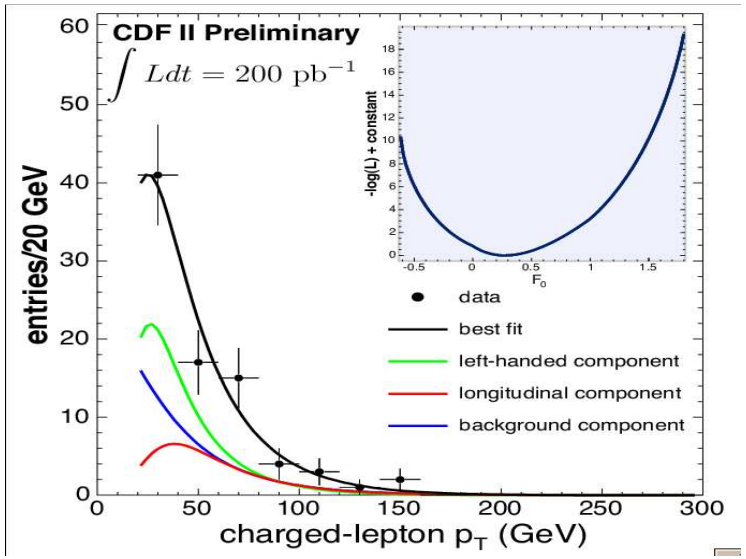
W Helicity in Top Decays (II)

Measurement strategies at Tevatron Run II:

- lepton p_t from leptonically decaying W (CDF)
- explicit reconstruction of decay angle $\cos\theta^*$ (CDF & DØ)

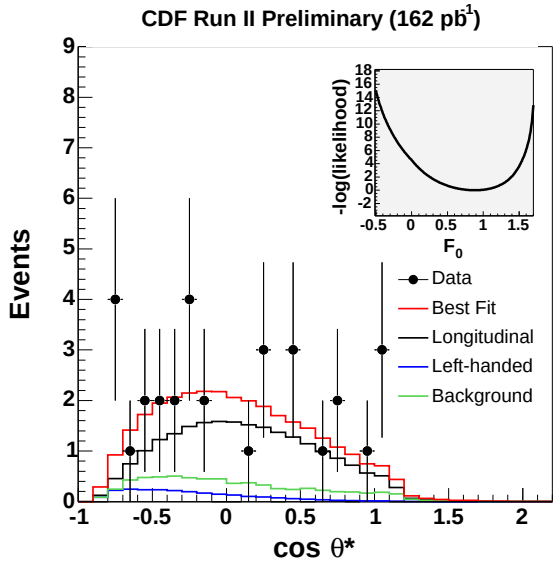
CDF Run II measurements:

lepton p_t spectrum:



$$F_0 = 0.27\,^{+0.35}_{-0.24}$$

decay angle:



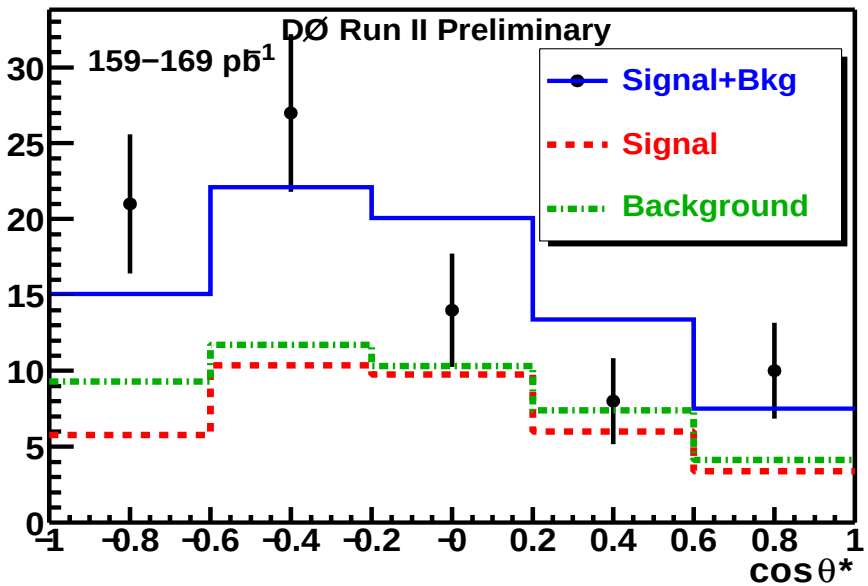
$$F_0 = 0.89\,^{+0.30}_{-0.34}(\mathrm{stat}) \pm 0.17(\mathrm{syst})$$

DØ Run I: extended matrix element (cf. m_{t} measurement) $\rightarrow F_0 = 0.56 \pm 0.31$

W Helicity in Top Decays (III)

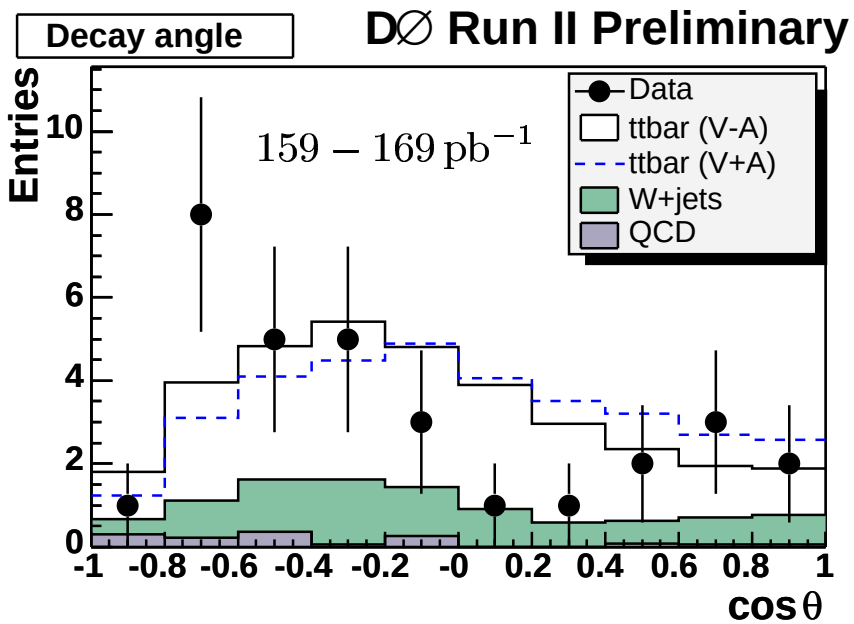
DØ Run II measurements:

decay angle, topological selection:



$F_+ < 0.24$ at 90% C.L.

decay angle, b-tagged events:



$F_+ < 0.24$ at 90% C.L.

CDF Run I measurement:

$m_{\ell b}$ (similar to $\cos\theta^*$) & lepton p_t: $F_+ < 0.18$ at 95% C.L.

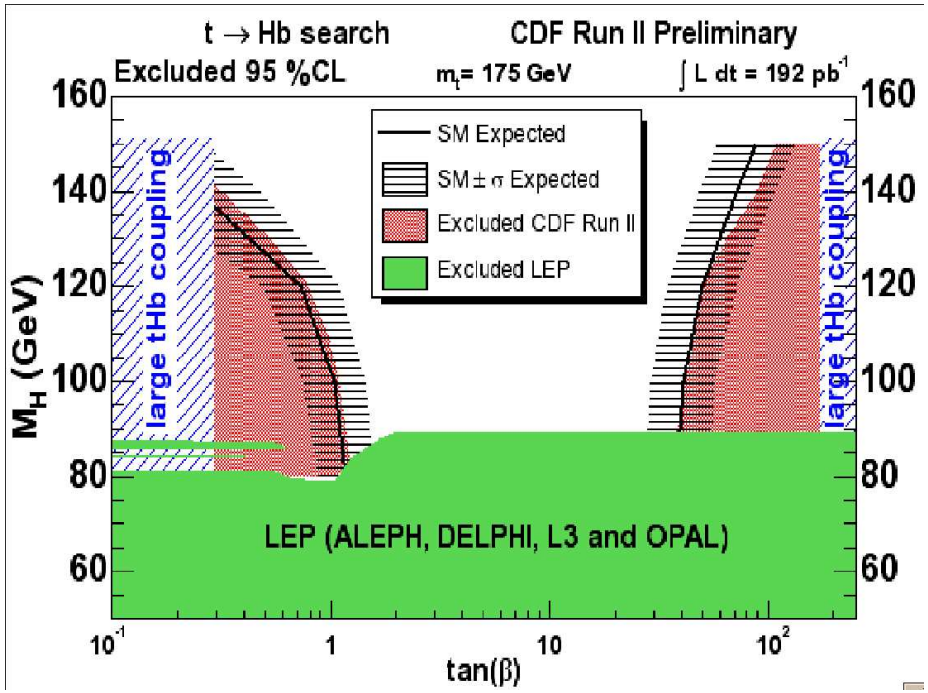
Charged Higgs Search

charged Higgs with $m_{\mathrm{H}^\pm} < m_{\mathrm{t}}$?

$\rightarrow$ subtle changes in event topology according to $H^\pm$ decay:

large $\tan\beta$: $\mathrm{H}^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu$ excess of τ decays in $\mathrm{t\bar{t}}$ events

small $\tan\beta$: $\begin{cases} \mathrm{H}^+ \rightarrow \mathrm{c\bar{s}} & \text{excess of fully hadronic } \mathrm{t\bar{t}} \text{ events} \\ \mathrm{H}^+ \rightarrow \mathrm{Wb\bar{b}} & \text{2 extra b jets in } \mathrm{t\bar{t}} \text{ events} \end{cases}$



inputs to CDF analysis:

- $\sigma(\mathrm{t\bar{t}} \rightarrow \mathrm{dilepton})$
- $\sigma(\mathrm{t\bar{t}} \rightarrow \ell + \mathrm{jets})$
- $\dfrac{\sigma(\mathrm{t\bar{t}} \rightarrow \ell + \tau)}{\mathrm{SM\ expectation}} < 5.0$ at 95% C.L.

Top Decays

Does the top quark decay to other quarks than b quarks?

- compare $t\bar{t}$ event rates with 0 (CDF only), 1, and 2 b-tagged jets

$$\frac{Br(t \to Wb)}{Br(t \to Wq)} = \begin{cases} 1.11 \quad {}^{+0.21}_{-0.19}(\mathrm{stat+syst}) & \mathrm{CDF},\ 162\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1} \\ 0.65\,{}^{+0.34}_{-0.30}(\mathrm{stat})\,{}^{+0.17}_{-0.12}(\mathrm{syst}) & \mathrm{D\emptyset},\ \mathrm{imp.\ par.},\ 158-169\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1} \\ 0.70\,{}^{+0.27}_{-0.24}(\mathrm{stat})\,{}^{+0.11}_{-0.10}(\mathrm{syst}) & \mathrm{D\emptyset},\ \mathrm{sec.\ vtx.},\ 158-169\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1} \end{cases}$$

Note: Cannot measure $|V_{\mathrm{tb}}|$ in top decays:

$$\frac{Br(t \to Wb)}{Br(t \to Wq)} = \frac{|V_{\mathrm{tb}}|^2}{|V_{\mathrm{td}}|^2 + |V_{\mathrm{ts}}|^2 + |V_{\mathrm{tb}}|^2} = \frac{|V_{\mathrm{tb}}|^2}{1}\ \mathrm{in\ the\ SM}$$

$$= \frac{|V_{\mathrm{tb}}|^2}{?}\ \mathrm{for} > 3\ \mathrm{generations}$$

$\Rightarrow$ single top production: SM cross-section $\sim |V_{\mathrm{tb}}|^2$!

+ sensitivity to new physics...

Top Quark Production and Properties at the Tevatron (Excluding Top Mass)

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Overview:

- Introduction: top quarks at the Tevatron
- The total $t\bar{t}$ production cross-section
- Further $t\bar{t}$ measurements
- Single top quark production
- Conclusions

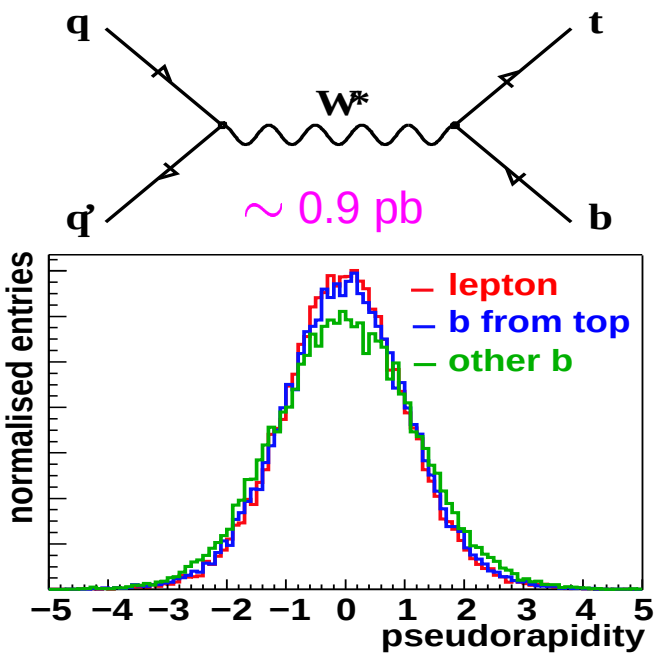
many Tevatron Run II results are preliminary!
updates imminent for most of the measurements!

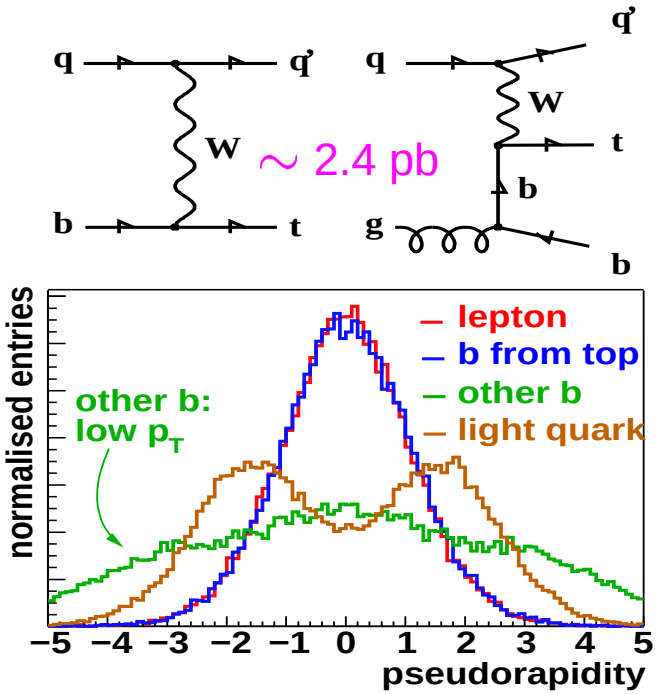
Reconstruction of Single Top Events (I)

Concentrate on s and t channel production (t+W not feasible at the Tevatron)

Expected event topology: (only consider leptonic W decays)

- top decay products: lepton, $\not{E}_T$, one energetic b jet
- **s-channel:** another energetic b jet
- **t-channel:** other b jet at large $|\eta|$, low p_T
  additional light quark jet



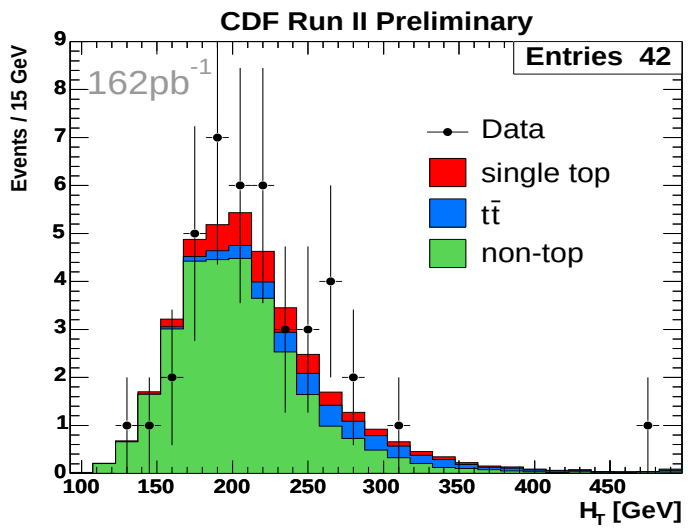


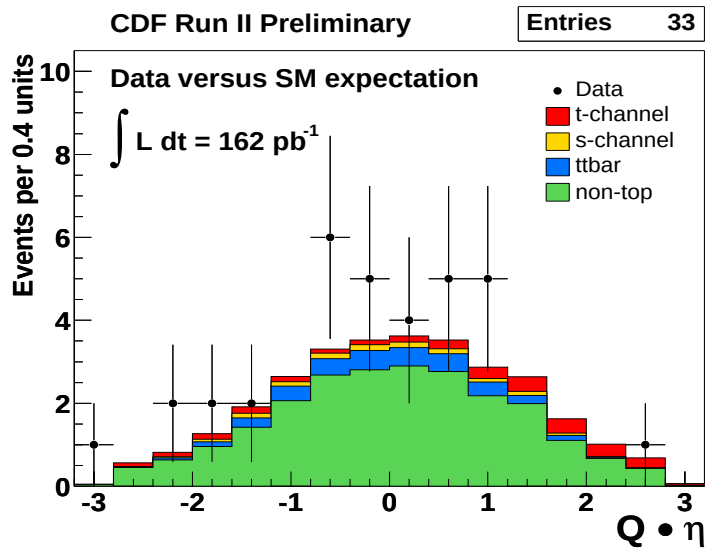
Challenge: large W+jets background

Reconstruction of Single Top Events (II)

Selection of single top events at DØ/CDF:

- energetic isolated charged lepton, $Z \to \ell\ell$ veto
- missing transverse energy
- 2–4 / 2 jets, at least one b-tagged jet
- H_T cut / reconstructed top mass: $140 < m_{b\ell\nu} < 210\,\mathrm{GeV}$
- $Q_{\mathrm{lepton}} \cdot \eta_{\mathrm{b\,jet}}$ distribution to disentangle s and t channels





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Single Top Results

- $\sigma(\text{single top}) <$ ...

	s channel	t channel	s+t channel
CDF	13.6 pb	10.1 pb	17.8 pb
DØ	19 pb	25 pb	23 pb

$\Rightarrow$ limits from Run II better than from Run I

- compare with expected t-channel cross-section of $\sim$2.4 pb: corresponds to $|V_{\text{tb}}| < 2.1 \Rightarrow$ need more integrated luminosity
- new, refined analyses with more data on their way...
- expect to see (SM) single top production with a few fb^{-1} (...hope to find new physics...)

Conclusions

Top physics at Tevatron Run II:

- **$t\bar{t}$ cross-section** measured in many channels: consistent with SM
  $\longrightarrow$ next steps: work on systematic errors (jet energy scale!)
  combination of channels
- **more $t\bar{t}$ measurements**:
  differential cross-sections, W helicity measurements,
  search for rare top decays
  $\longrightarrow$ great potential with increasing data samples
- **Single top production** ($\longrightarrow |V_{tb}|$):
  Run II limits surpass Run I results
  looking forward to more data, and:
  $\longrightarrow$ working towards the discovery of single tops at the Tevatron!
- **Top mass**: see George Velev's presentation

Backup Slides

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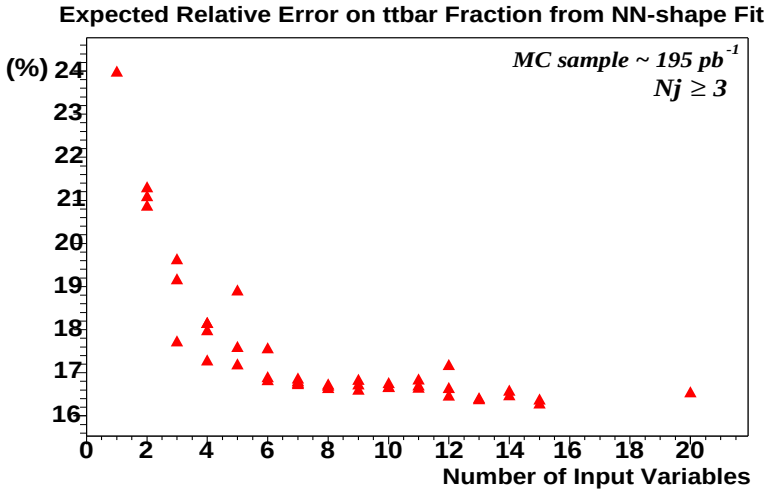
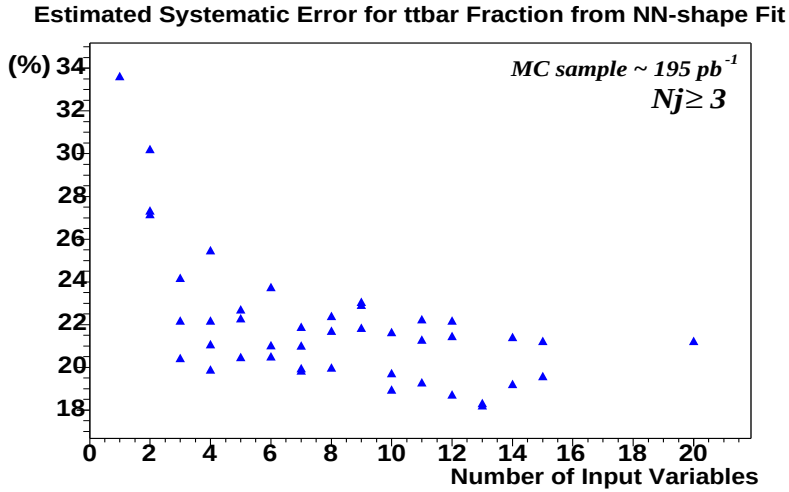
Lepton+Jets, CDF Topological Selection

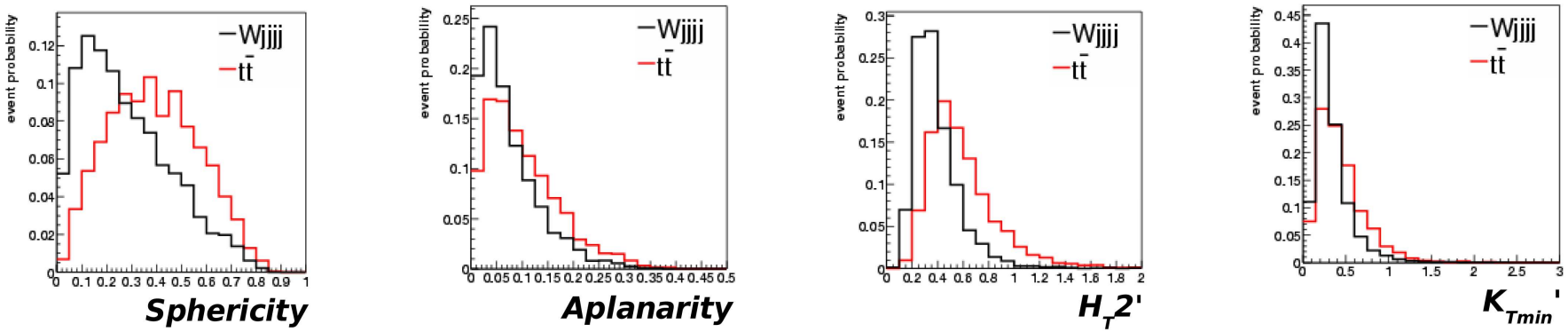




optimum choice:

- scalar sum of transverse energies, H_T
- aplanarity, $\mathcal{A}$
- minimum di-jet mass, $\min(m_{jj})$
- maximum jet rapidity, $\eta_{\max}$
- minimum di-jet separation, $\min(\Delta R_{jj})$
- sum of jet transverse energies excluding the two leading jets, $\sum_{i=3}^{5} E_T^i$
- sum of jet longitudinal momenta divided by sum of jet transverse energies, $(\sum p_z)/(\sum E_T)$

Lepton+Jets, DØ Topological Selection



normalised momentum tensor $M_{ij} = \frac{\sum_k p_k^i p_k^j}{\sum_k |\vec{p}_k|^2}$, eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3$, $\sum \lambda_i = 1$

- sphericity: $\mathcal{S} = 3/2(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)$
- aplanarity: $\mathcal{A} = 3/2 \cdot \lambda_3$
- $H'_{T2} = H_{T2}/H_z$: measures event centrality
  H_{T2}: scalar jet p_T sum, excluding leading jet
  H_z: scalar $|p_z|$ sum of jet, lepton, and neutrino
- $K'_{T\min}$: measure of minimum relative jet p_T
  take the minimum dijet separation, multiply by the smaller of the two jet E_T values
  divide by $E_T(W \to \ell\nu)$ to reduce jet energy scale dependence
  tends to have small values for main background

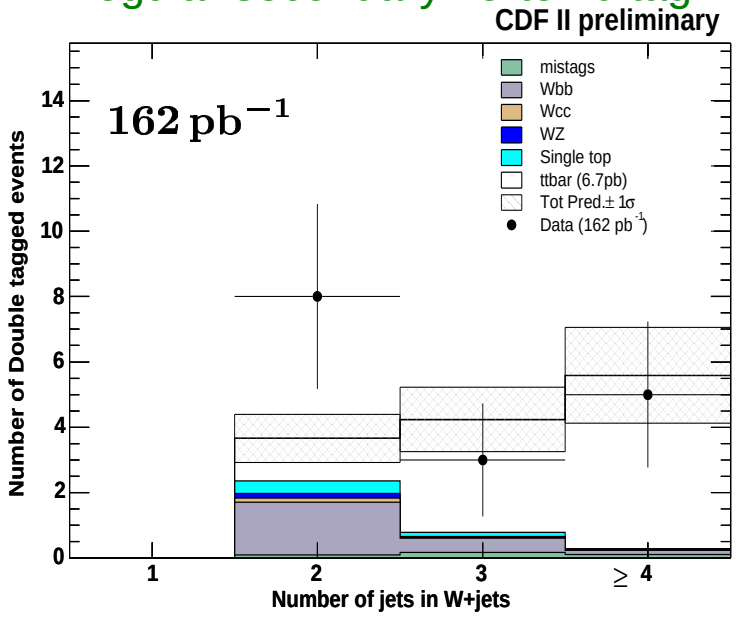
Lepton+Jets, CDF Double Vertex B-Tag Analyses

- select events with 1 lepton, missing E_T, and $\geq$ 3 jets
- require two jets to be secondary vertex b-tagged

$\Rightarrow$ reduced systematic error from background cross-sections

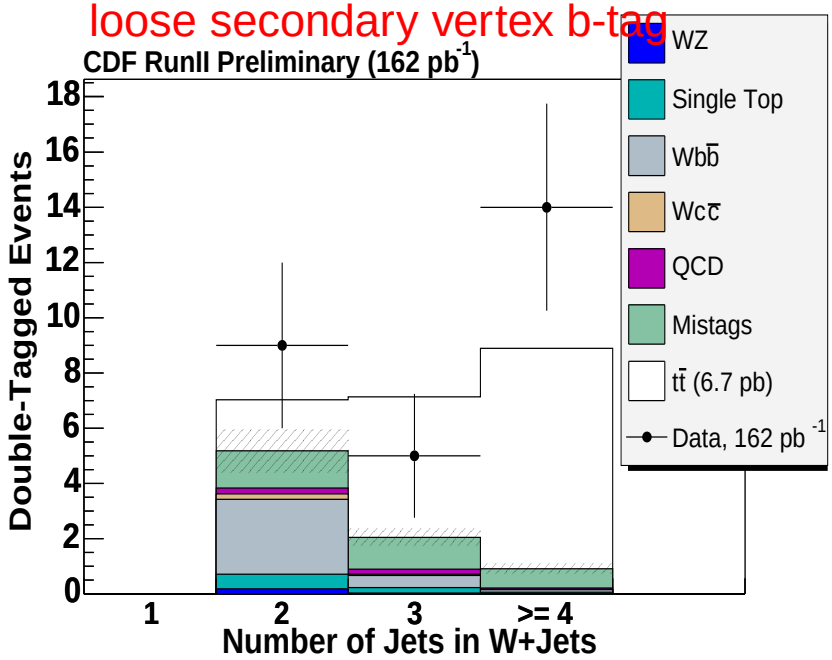
$\Rightarrow$ but b-tagging efficiencies "count twice"

regular secondary vertex b-tag



$$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (5.4^{+2.4}_{-1.9}(\mathrm{stat})\,^{+1.1}_{-0.9}(\mathrm{syst}))\,\mathrm{pb}$$

loose secondary vertex b-tag



$$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = (8.2^{+2.4}_{-2.1}(\mathrm{stat})\,^{+1.8}_{-1.0}(\mathrm{syst}))\,\mathrm{pb}$$

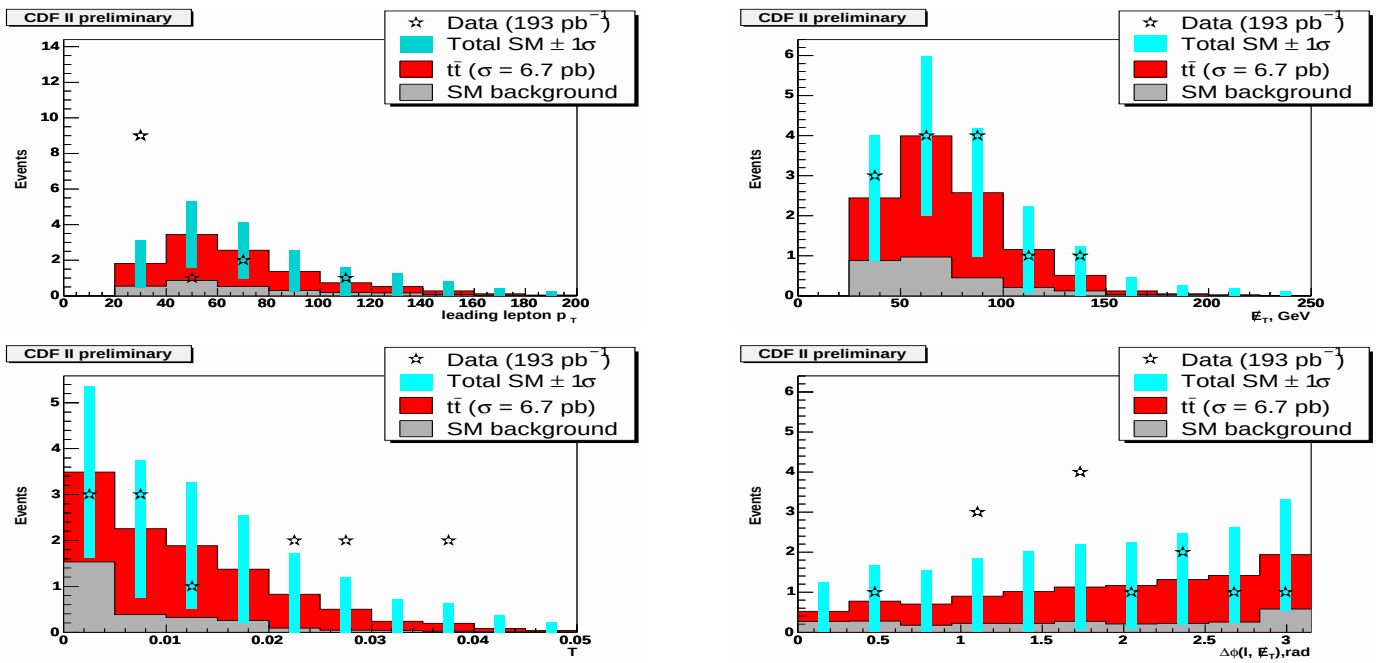
CDF Analysis Looking for Anomalies in Dilepton Events

Look at four kinematic variables in dilepton events

Quantities chosen a priori:

lepton transverse momentum

$$T = \int \exp\left\{ -\frac{(\vec{\not{E}}_T^{\text{predicted}} - \vec{\not{E}}_T^{\text{measured}})^2}{2\sigma^2_{\not{E}_T}} \right\} \mathrm{d}\vec{\not{E}}_T^{\text{predicted}}$$

missing transverse energy

$$\Delta\phi(\ell, \vec{\not{E}}_T)$$