

# Rencontres de Moriond EW

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# Single top physics at the Tevatron

- ▶ Electroweak production of top quarks
- ▶ Signal and selection
- ▶ Recent CDF and DØ results
  - CDF s+t measurement ( $7.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
  - DØ s+t, and t-channel observation ( $5.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- ▶ Top quark properties from single top
  - Top width
  - Top polarization
- ▶ Searches for anomalous Wtb couplings
- ▶ Summary

# Electroweak top quark production

Main production mechanism is  $t\bar{t}$  via the strong interaction:

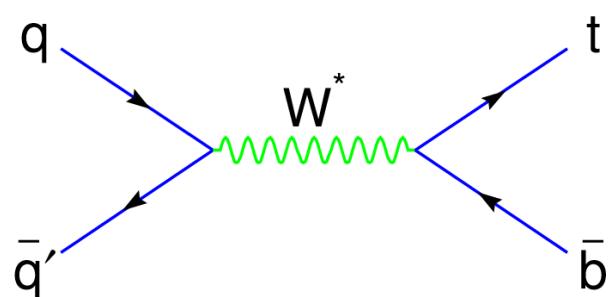
$$\sigma(t\bar{t}) \sim 7.1 \text{ pb} @ \text{TeV} \quad \sigma(t\bar{t}) \sim 234 \text{ pb} @ \text{LHC8}$$

Top quarks can be produced alone via the weak interaction:

$$\sigma(t) \sim 3.2 \text{ pb} @ \text{TeV} \quad \sigma(t) \sim 115 \text{ pb} @ \text{LHC8}$$

- ▶ 3 production processes: different topologies and properties
- ▶ Offers direct access to  $|V_{tb}|$ , test V-A nature of SM, probes b PDF
- ▶ Window to new physics: new particles, anomalous couplings
- ▶ LHC w.r.t TeV: s-channel x5, t-channel x20, tW x40,

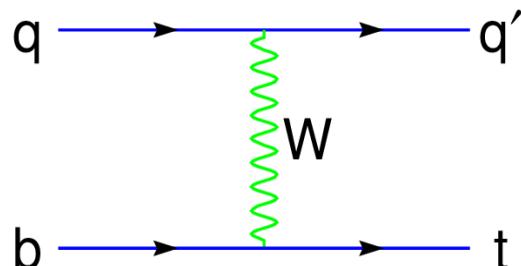
**TeV:  $1.04 \pm 0.06 \text{ pb}$**



**LHC8:  $5.6 \pm 0.2 \text{ pb}$**

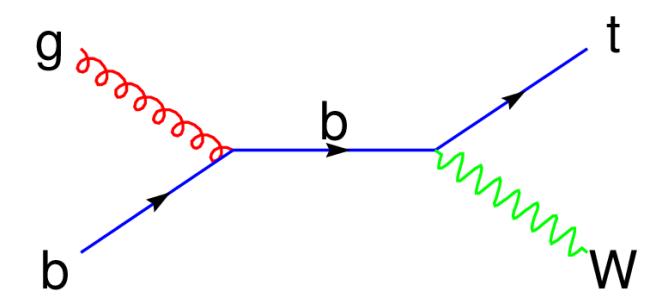
**$2.1 \pm 0.1 \text{ pb}$**

**$87 \pm 3 \text{ pb}$**



**$0.1 \text{ pb}$**

**$22 \pm 2 \text{ pb}$**



Kidonakis, MSTW2008, NNLO approximation, for  $m_t = 173 \text{ GeV}$

# Experimental status

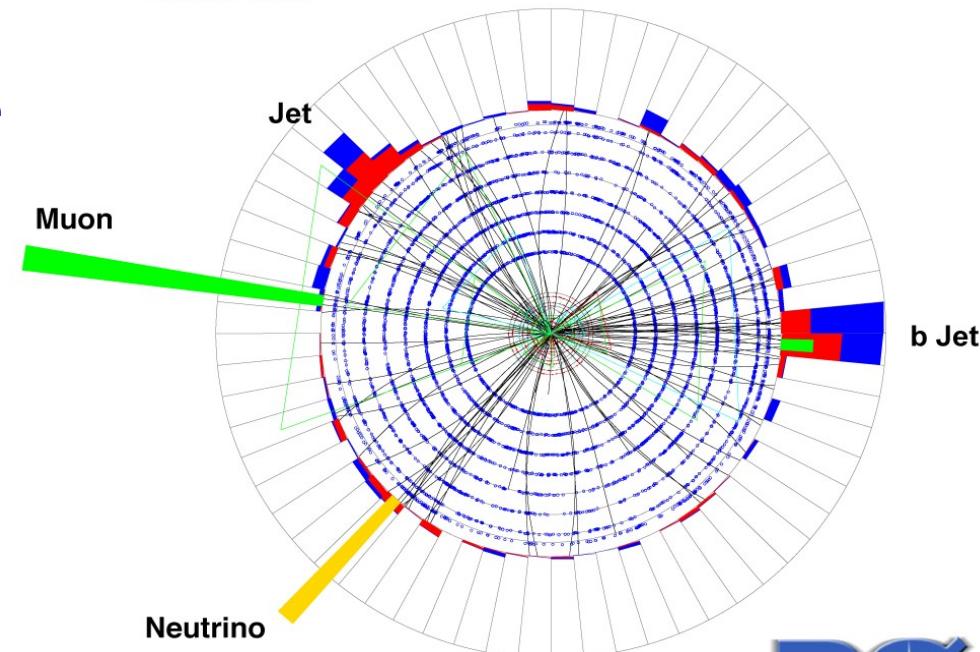
- ▶ DØ ( $2.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) and CDF ( $3.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) observed s+t in 2009
- ▶ DØ observed t-channel alone in 2011 ( $5.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- ▶ ATLAS and CMS have observed t-channel and have evidence for tW, upper limits on s-channel
- ▶ Tevatron now focusing on final measurement with complete dataset, and s-channel measurement

## Challenging measurement

- ▶ Extract small signal out of a large background with large uncertainties
- ▶ Lower cross section:  $\sigma_t \sim 1/2 \sigma_{tt}$
- ▶  $\ell + \text{MET} + 2 \text{ jets}$  (harder environment)
- ▶ Test bed for Higgs searches

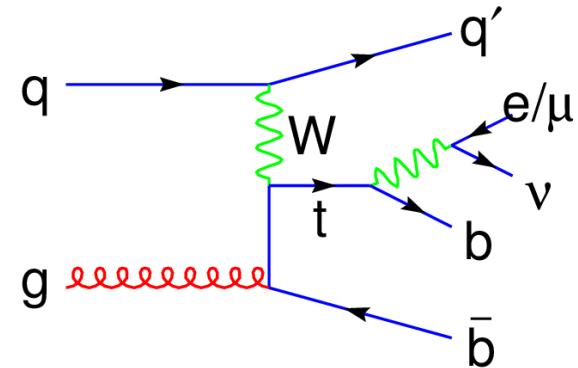
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ET scale: 19 GeV



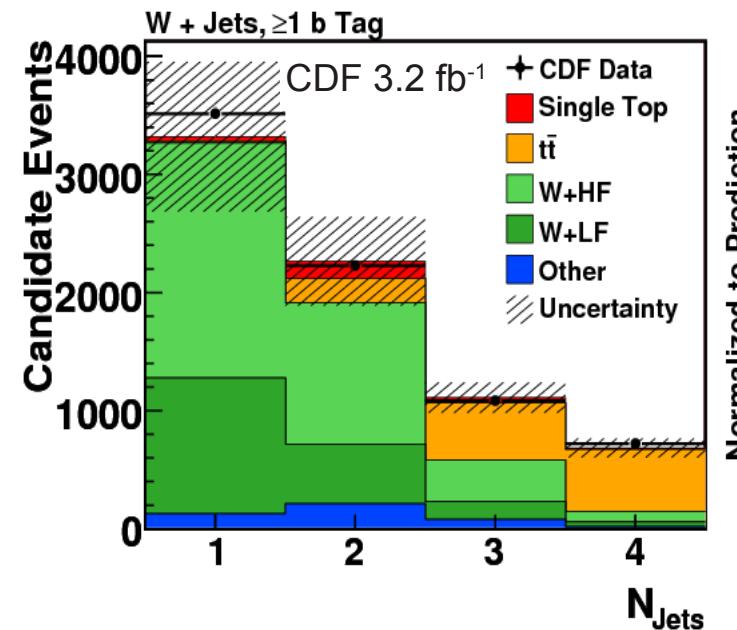
# Signal selection

- ▶ Selection designed to be as open as possible:  
describe backgrounds well
  - Only one isolated  $\ell$ ; 2, 3 (4) jets; 1,2 b-tags; MET
- ▶ S/B  $\sim 1/200$  before b-tagging
- ▶ Best S/B  $\sim 1/10$  after b-tagging
- ▶ Dominated by W+jets backgrounds
  - 2 jet: W $b\bar{b}$  27%, W $c\bar{c}$ +cj 23%, W+lf 24% of total yield
  - 3 jet: W $b\bar{b}$  16%, W $c\bar{c}$ +cj 12%, W+lf 14% of total yield

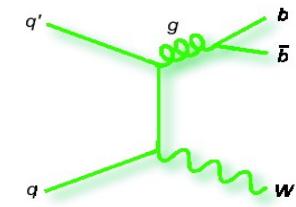


CDF 7.5 fb<sup>-1</sup>

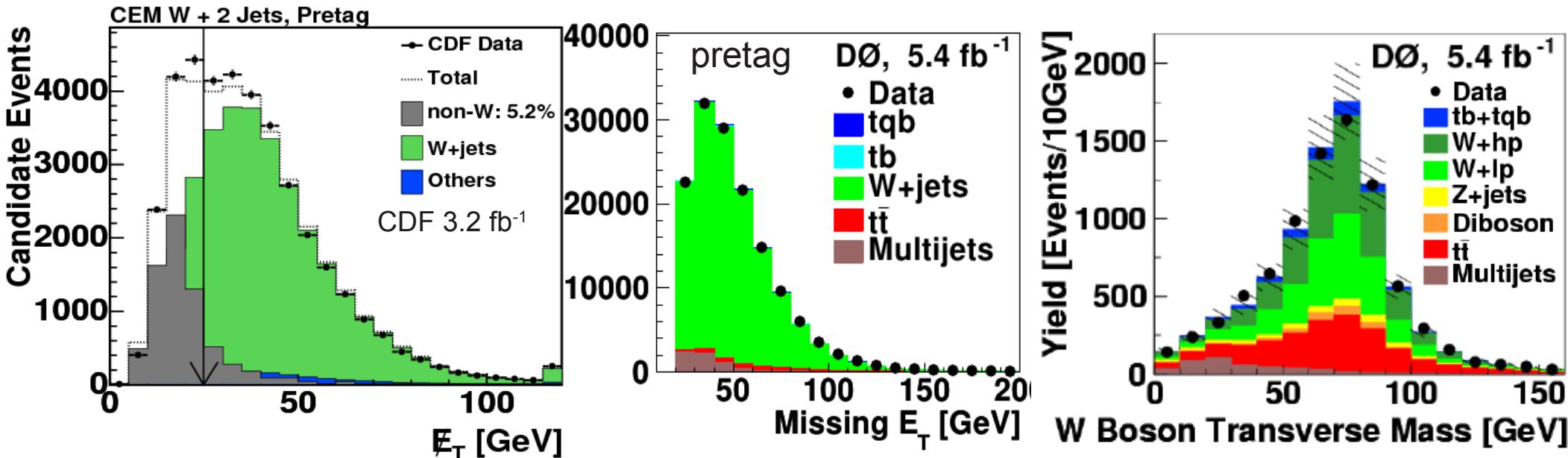
Process	2 jets 1 b-tag	3 jets 1 b-tag	2 jets 2 b-tags	3 jets 2 b-tags
W/Z+jets	$4378 \pm 547$	$1295 \pm 164$	$213 \pm 56$	$84 \pm 20$
t $t$	$474 \pm 49$	$1067 \pm 109$	$98 \pm 14$	$284 \pm 42$
Diboson	$203 \pm 22$	$62.7 \pm 7$	$10 \pm 1$	$4 \pm 1$
Non-W	$316 \pm 126$	$141 \pm 57$	$7 \pm 4$	$3 \pm 3$
t-channel	$193 \pm 25$	$84 \pm 11$	$6 \pm 1$	$15 \pm 2$
s-channel	$128 \pm 11$	$43 \pm 4$	$32 \pm 4$	$12 \pm 2$
Wt-channel	$16 \pm 4$	$26 \pm 7$	$1 \pm 0$	$2 \pm 1$
<b>Total</b>	$5707 \pm 877$	$2719 \pm 293$	$367 \pm 66$	$403 \pm 53$
<b>Observed</b>	5533	2432	335	355



# Background modeling

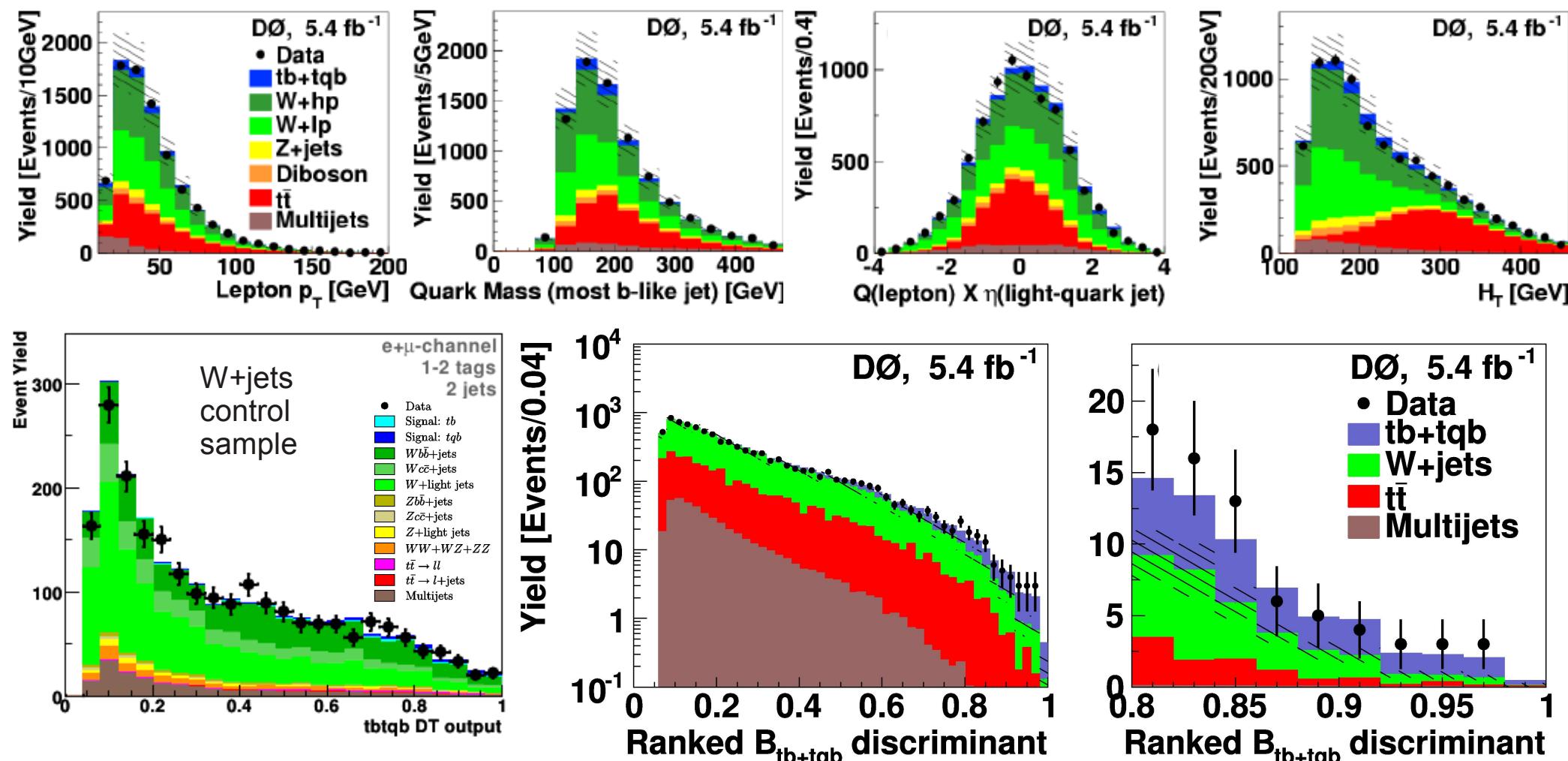


- ▶ Diboson, Z+jets,  $t\bar{t}$  normalized to SM cross section
- ▶ Multijets from data with non-isolated lepton (DØ) or antilepton (CDF)
- ▶ W+jets from Alpgen (Wjj, Wb $\bar{b}$ , Wc $\bar{c}$ , Wcj)
  - Correct angular distributions jet  $\eta$  and  $\Delta R(j_1, j_2)$  before b-tagging
- ▶ W+jets and multijets (QCD) are normalized to data before b-tagging
  - CDF fits templates of W+jets and non-W in MET
    - W+light and W+hf from tag rates in control data
  - DØ uses several variables iteratively:  $p_T(\ell)$ , MET,  $M_T(W)$ 
    - Evaluate W+hf fraction in 0-tag sample (cross check with b-ID output fits)



# DØ multivariate analysis $5.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

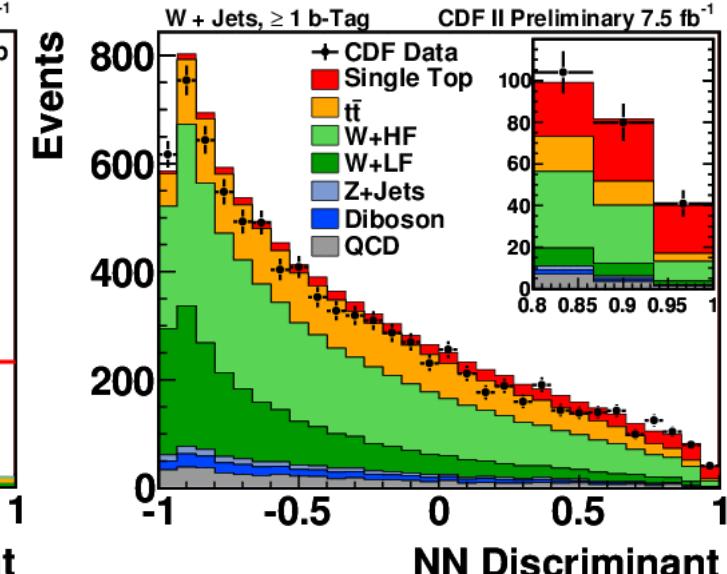
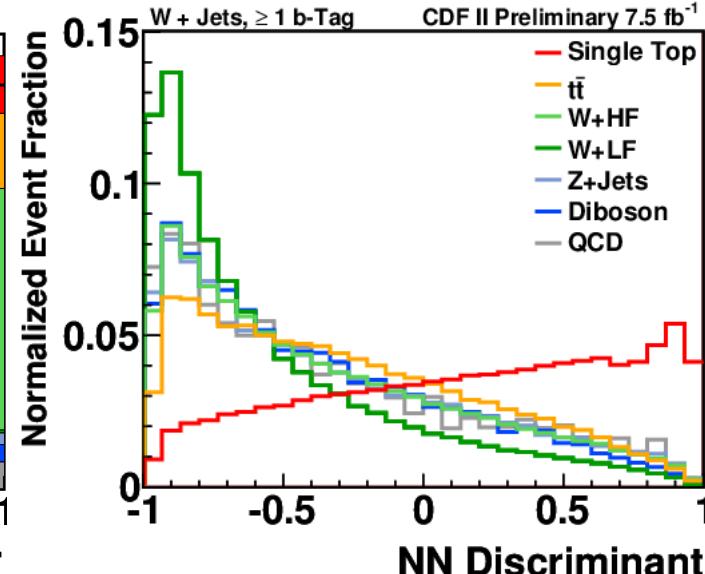
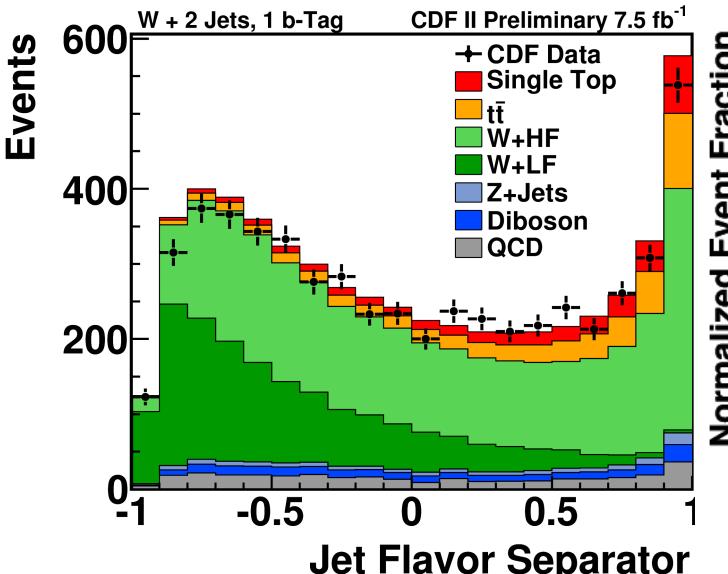
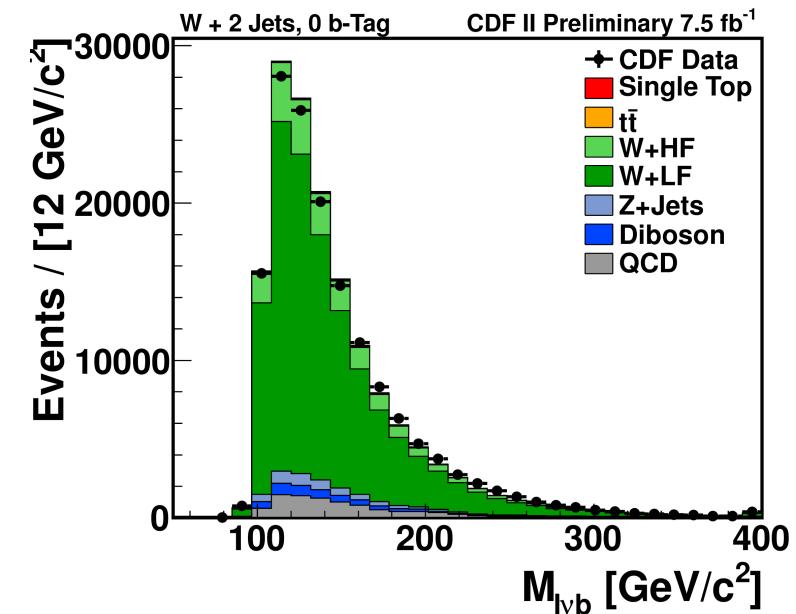
- No single kinematic variable good enough to discriminate
- DØ has used three different techniques: BDT, BNN, NEAT



- Obtain separate cross section measurements on same data
- Each method selects different event kinematics
- Around 60-90% correlation → Combination improves significance

# CDF NN analysis $7.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- ▶ Added new lepton category
  - ISOTRK → 15% gain in acceptance
- ▶ Train NN with 11-14 variables
  - Use s-channel only in 2 jet 2 tag, t-channel for the rest
  - Use admixture of systematics shifted samples → 3% improvement
  - Validate data-background agreement in 0-tag sample



# S+t cross section results

- CDF 7.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> ( $m_t=172.5$  GeV) Note 10793

$$\sigma(s+t) = 3.0^{+0.6}_{-0.5} \text{ pb} \quad (\pm 19\%)$$

- DØ 5.4 fb<sup>-1</sup> ( $m_t=172.5$  GeV) PRD 84, 112001

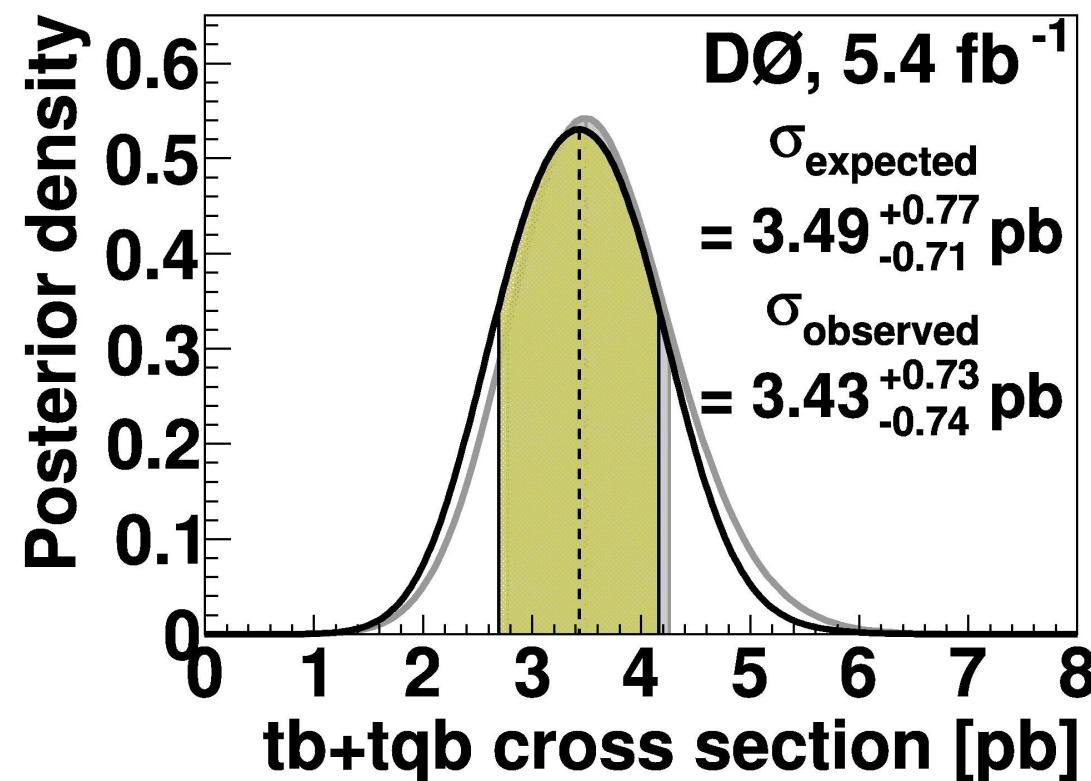
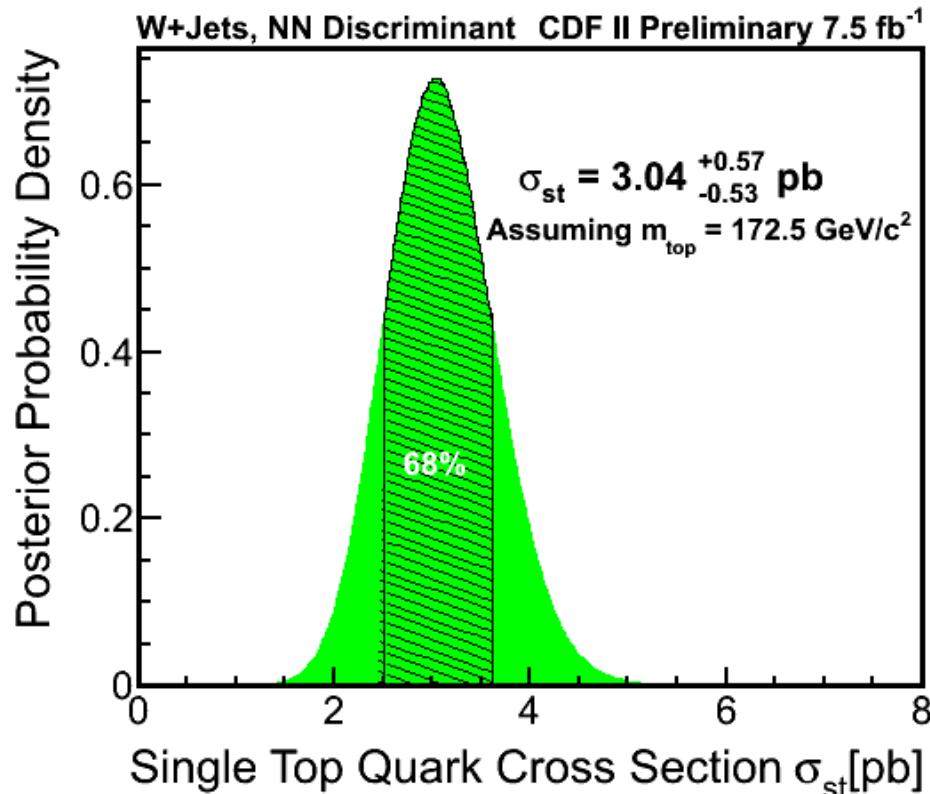
$$\sigma(s+t) = 3.4 \pm 0.7 \text{ pb} \quad (\pm 21\%)$$

- Previous Tevatron combination (3.2+2.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>):

$$\sigma(s+t) = 2.76^{+0.58}_{-0.47} \text{ pb} \quad (\pm 21\%)$$

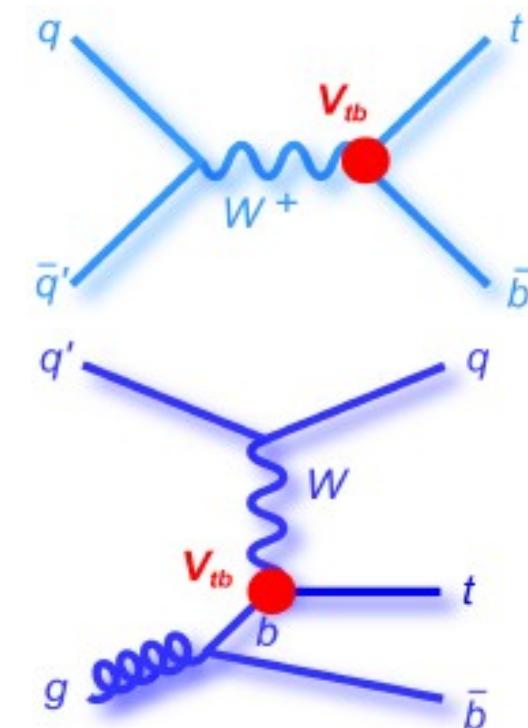
Main systematics:

- B-tagging
- W+jets normalization
- Jet energy scale / resolution



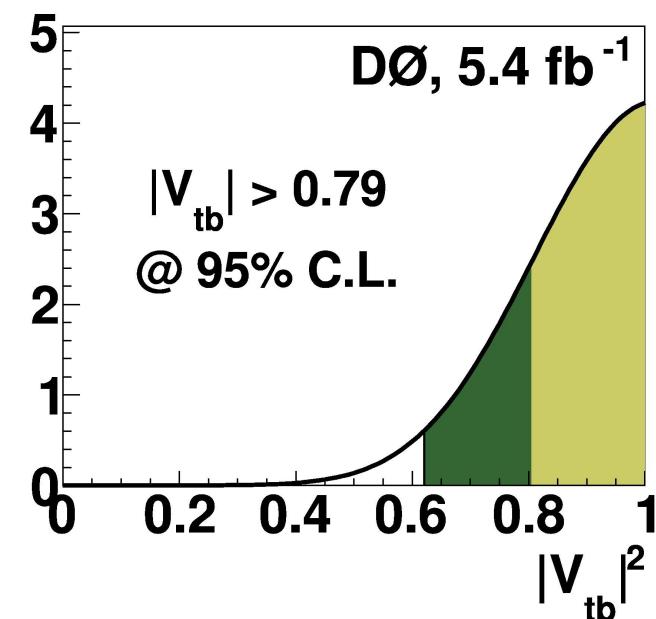
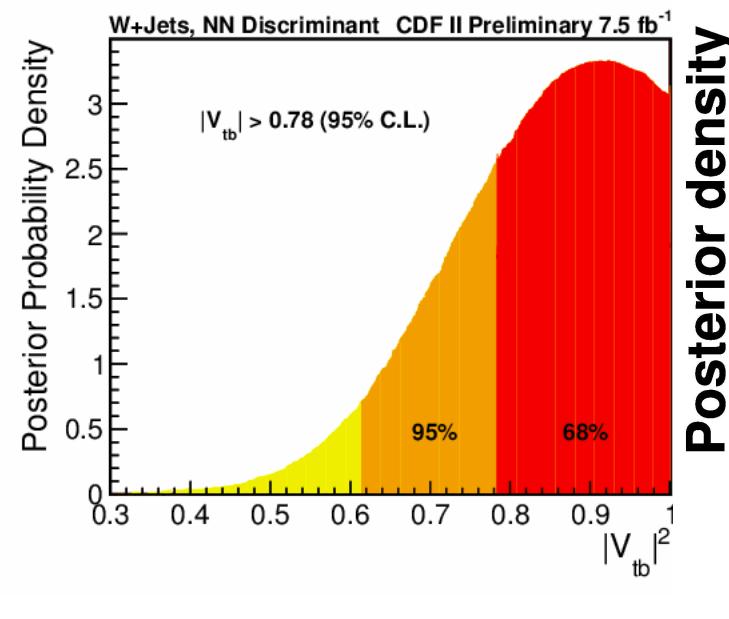
# Constraining $V_{tb}$

- ▶ Single top allows to study  $V_{tb}$  at production
- ▶  $\sigma(s,t) \propto |V_{tb}|^2 \rightarrow$  calculate posterior pdf in terms of  $|V_{tb}|^2$
- ▶ To transform  $\sigma(s+t)$  measurement into  $V_{tb}$ , assume:
  - SM top quark decay:  $|V_{td}|^2 + |V_{ts}|^2 \ll |V_{tb}|^2$
  - Pure V-A and CP conserving  $Wtb$  vertex
- ▶ No assumption on number of families or unitarity
- ▶ Complementary with  $t\bar{t}$  decay measurements of R and W helicity



CDF 7.5  $\text{fb}^{-1}$ :  
 $|V_{tb}| = 0.92^{+0.10}_{-0.08} \pm 0.05(\text{theory})$

DØ 5.4  $\text{fb}^{-1}$ :  
 $|V_{tb}|^{f_L} = 1.02^{+0.10}_{-0.11}$



# SM-independent 2D measurements

## ► Relax s:t SM ratio in posterior

- DØ 5.4 fb<sup>-1</sup>:

$$\sigma_s = 0.98 \pm 0.63 \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_t = 2.90 \pm 0.59 \text{ pb} \quad (\pm 20\%)$$

- CDF 7.5 fb<sup>-1</sup>:

$$\sigma_s = 1.81 \pm 0.63 \text{ pb} \quad (\pm 33\%)$$

$$\sigma_t = 1.49 \pm 0.47 \text{ pb}$$

## ► New physics can alter ratio

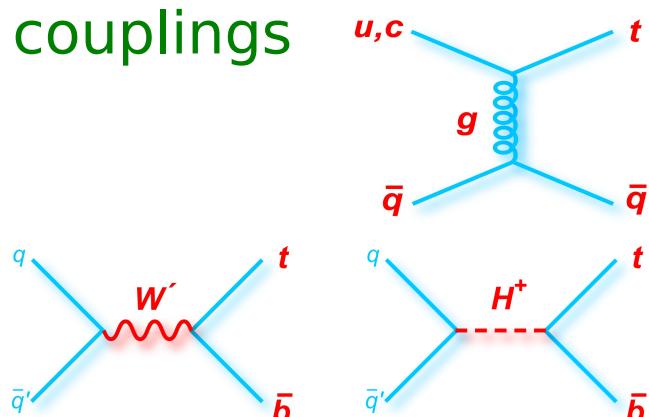
## ► Specialized searches in single top by DØ and CDF:

- Anomalous couplings

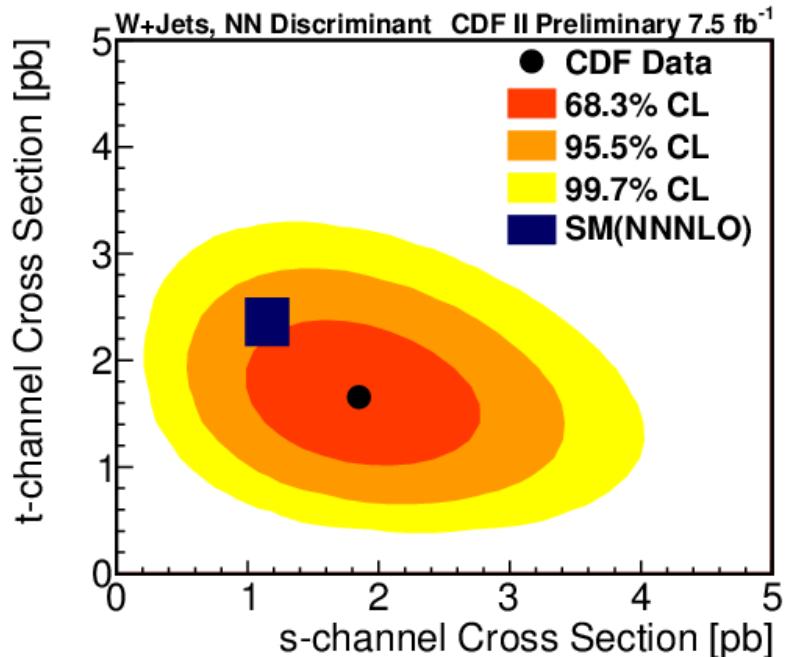
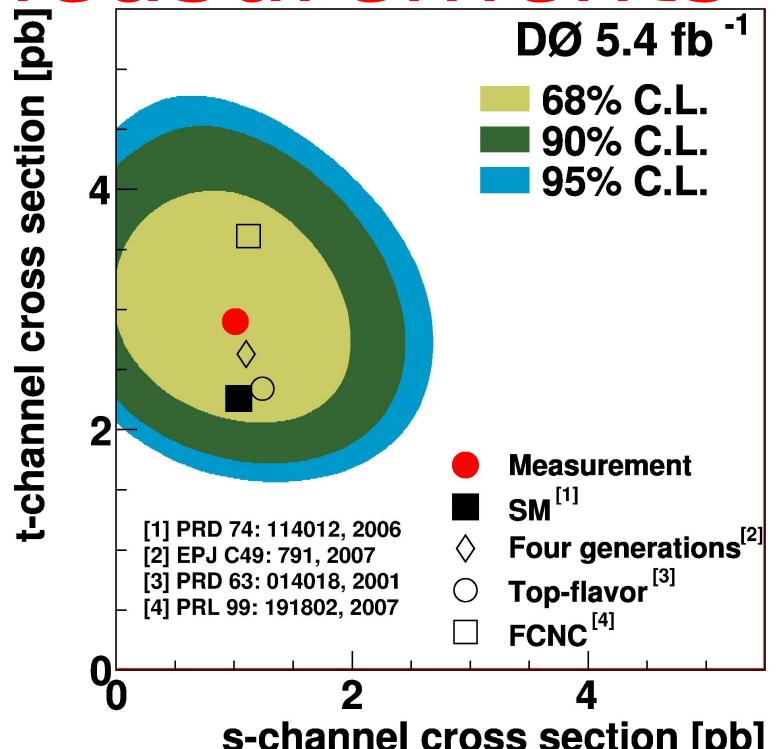
- FCNC

- $W'$

- $H^\pm$

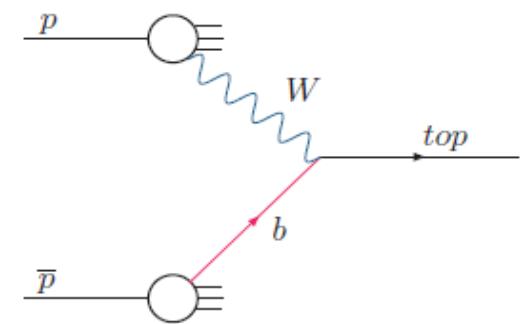


Single top at the t-channel



# Top quark width

- Direct measurements limited by  $m_t$  resolution
- Suggested by C.P. Yuan in 1995 (hep-ph/9509208)



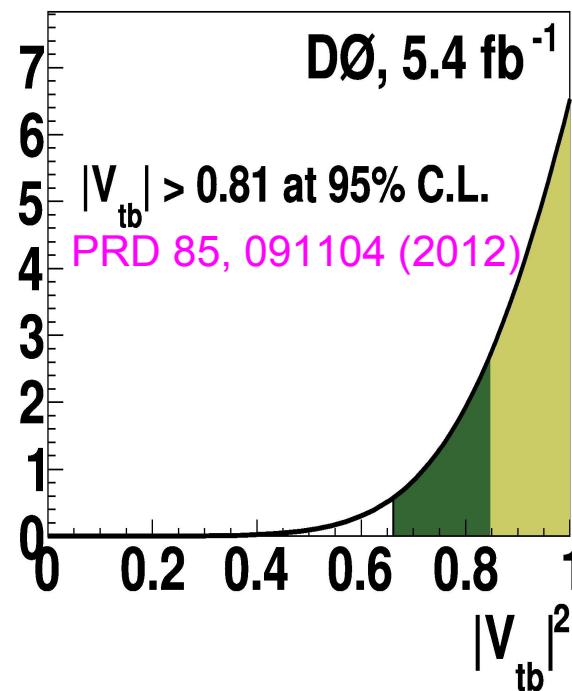
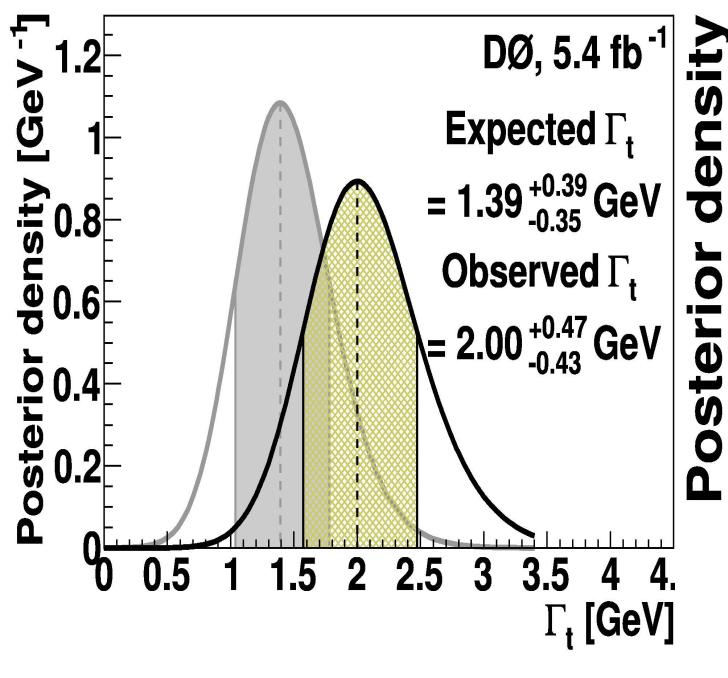
$$\Gamma_t = \frac{\Gamma(t \rightarrow Wb)}{B(t \rightarrow Wb)} = \frac{\sigma(t\text{-channel}) \frac{\Gamma(t \rightarrow Wb)_{SM}}{\sigma(t\text{-channel})_{SM}}}{B(t \rightarrow Wb)}$$

$$\sigma(t)B(t \rightarrow Wb) = 2.90 \pm 0.59 \text{ pb}$$

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$$R = \frac{B(t \rightarrow Wb)}{B(t \rightarrow Wq)} = 0.90 \pm 0.04$$

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SM NLO:  $\Gamma_t = 1.3 \text{ GeV}$

**For  $m_t = 172.5 \text{ GeV}$ :**

$\Gamma_t = 2.0^{+0.5}_{-0.4} \text{ GeV}$

$\tau_t = (3.3^{+0.9}_{-0.6}) \cdot 10^{-25} \text{ s}$

Assumes:

- production by  $W$ - $b$  fusion
- top decays into any  $Wq$
- $B(t \rightarrow Wq) = 1$

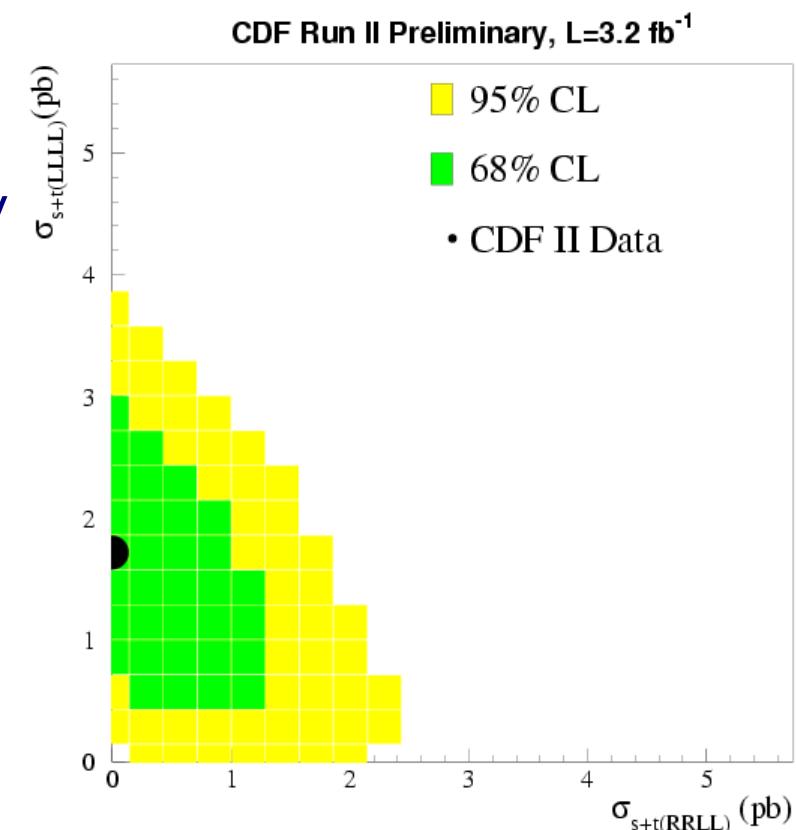
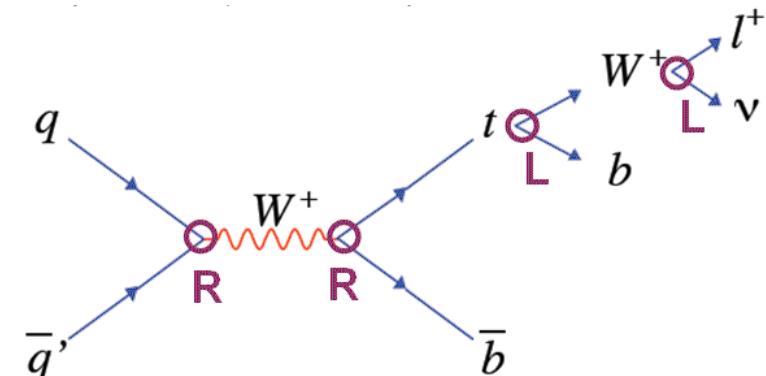
**Most precise determination**

# Top quark polarization

- ▶ Single top quarks are produced  $\sim 100\%$  left-handed polarized in the SM (V-A)
- ▶ Non-SM contributions ( $W'$ ,  $H^\pm$ , FCNC) can change polarization of top quarks
- ▶ Consider right-handed coupling in production and SM left-handed in decay
- ▶ Discriminant variable: angle between the lepton and the b quark in the top rest frame
- ▶ Train two likelihood discriminants separately for SM (LLLL) and RRLL
- ▶ Fit 2D plane of SM  $\sigma_L$  and RRLL  $\sigma_R$

Best fit:  $\sigma_L = 1.72 \text{ pb}$  ;  $\sigma_R = 0.0 \text{ pb}$

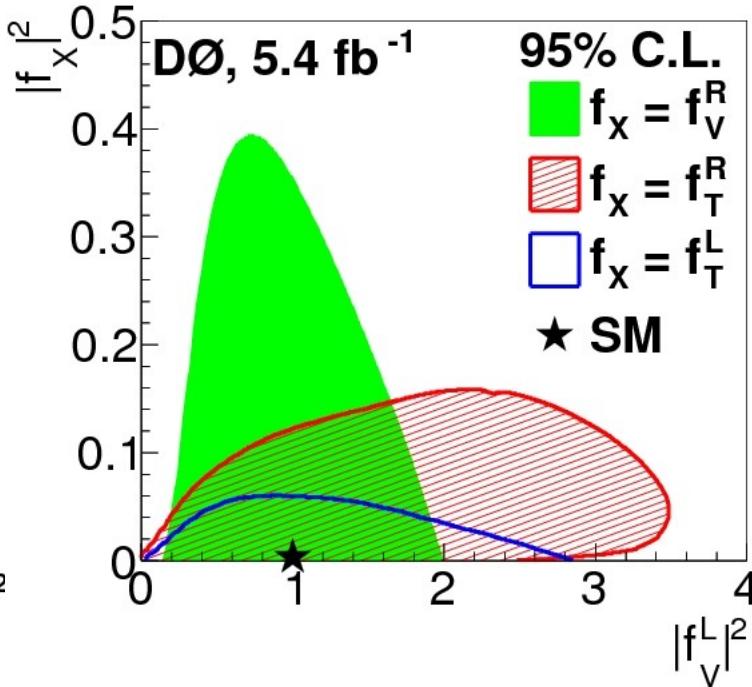
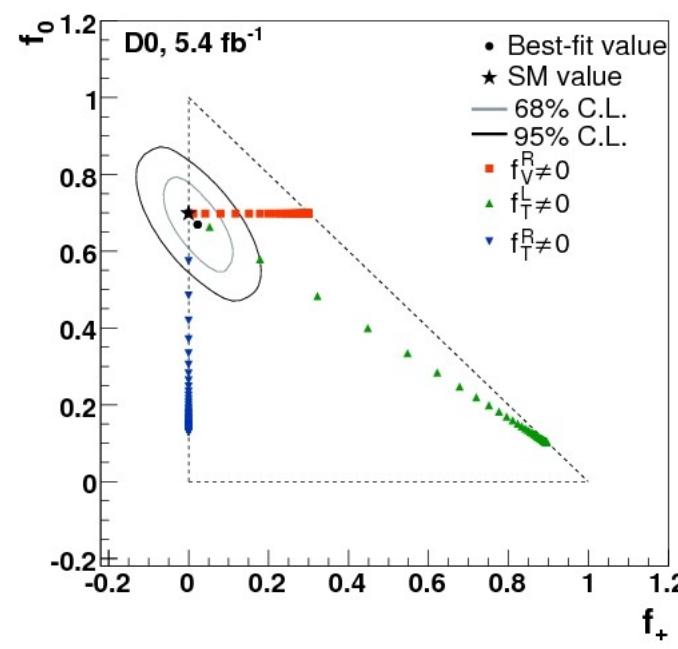
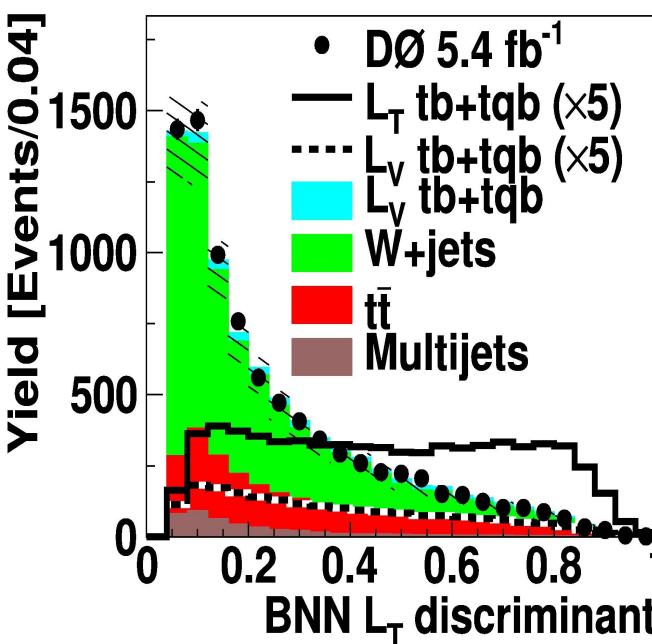
$$\mathcal{P} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} = -1.0^{+1.5}_{-0}$$



# W helicity and anomalous Wtb couplings

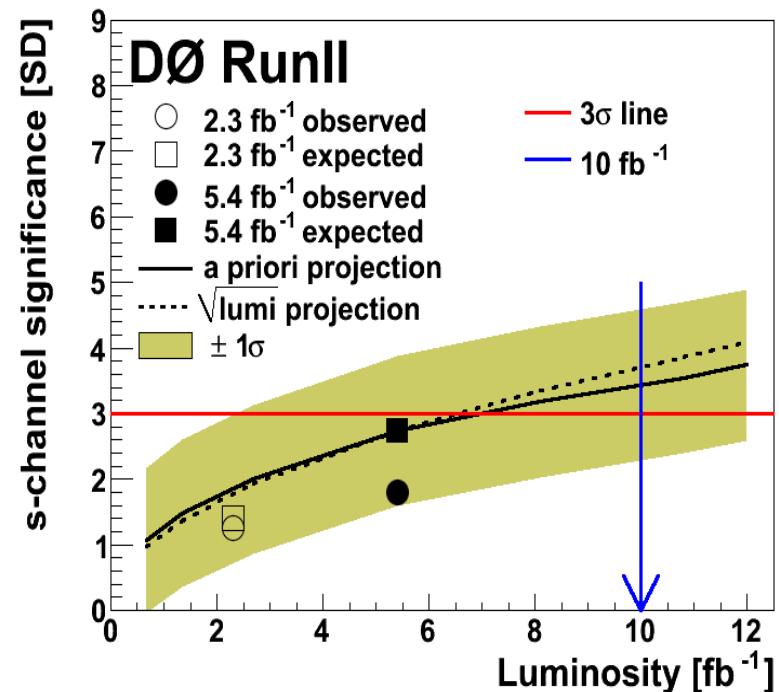
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu V_{tb} (\cancel{f}_V^L P_L + \cancel{f}_V^R P_R) t W_\mu^- - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} V_{tb} (\cancel{f}_T^L P_L + \cancel{f}_T^R P_R) t W_\mu^-$$

- ▶ In SM:  $f_v^L = 1$  and  $f_v^R = f_T^L = f_T^R = 0$
- ▶ Change rate and kinematics of single top production
  - Assume Wtb production and  $|V_{td}|^2 + |V_{ts}|^2 \ll |V_{tb}|^2$
  - Train BNN discriminant against each separate signal
- ▶ Change  $f_-$ (30%),  $f_0$ (70%),  $f_+$ (0%) rates in W helicity from  $t\bar{t}$  decays
  - Use  $\cos\theta^*$  as discriminant (angle between  $l$  and  $t$  in W rest frame)



# Conclusions

- ▶ Very rich single top physics program
  - Top width:  $\Gamma_t = 2.0^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$  GeV
  - Polarization: consistent with -1
  - $W'$ :  $W'_L > 863$  GeV @ 95% C.L.
  - FCNC:  $B(t \rightarrow g u) < 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$
  - $H^+$ : Type I 2HDM ( $m_H, \tan\beta$ ) exclusion
  - Anomalous couplings
- ▶  $\sigma(s+t)$  measured with 19% precision
- ▶  $\sigma(t)$  measured with 20% precision
- ▶  $|V_{tb}|$  measured to ~8% precision (DØ+CDF)
- ▶ Important to measure s and t separately
- ▶ Single top observation will be a legacy measurement from the Tevatron
- ▶ Final results with  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  coming soon!
  - Planning CDF+DØ combination

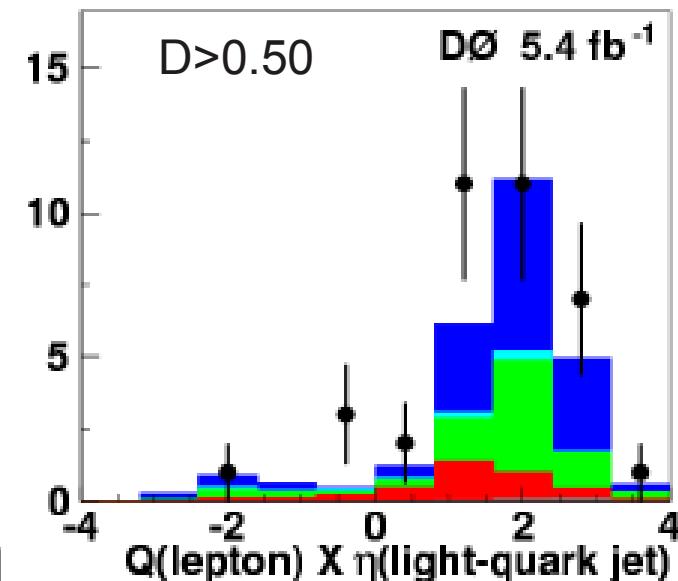
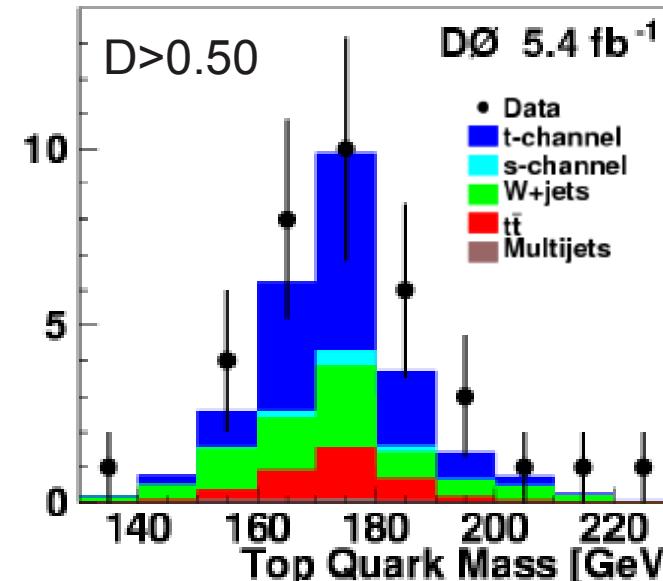
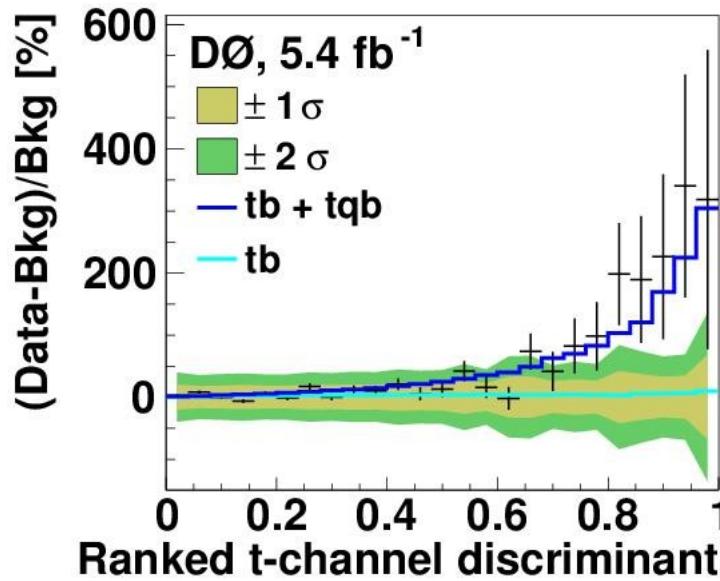
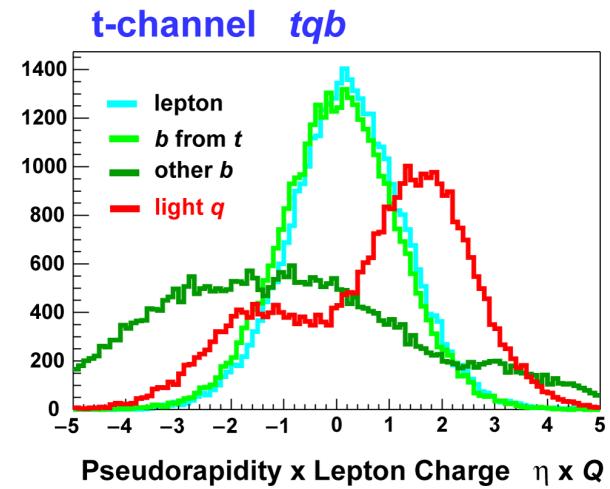
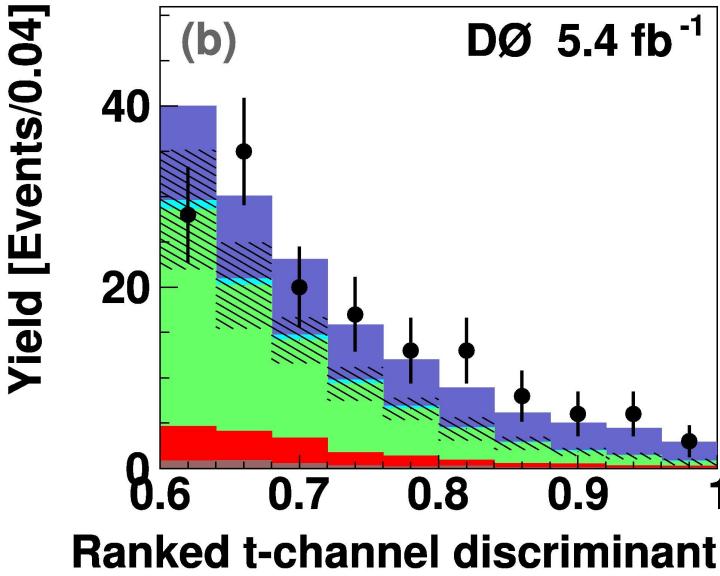


# Extras

# DØ separate s and t channel

► Train same discriminants but for s or t only

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Source of Uncertainty	Rate	Shape	Processes affected
Jet energy scale	0–8%	X	all
Initial and final state radiation	0–6%	X	single top, $t\bar{t}$
Parton distribution functions	0–1%	X	single top, $t\bar{t}$
Acceptance and efficiency scale	1–7%		single top, $t\bar{t}$ , diboson, $Z/\gamma^* + \text{jets}$
Luminosity	6%		single top, $t\bar{t}$ , diboson, $Z/\gamma^* + \text{jets}$
Jet flavor separator		X	all
Mistag model		X	$W + \text{light}$
Non- $W$ model		X	Non- $W$
Factorization and renormalization		X	$Wb\bar{b}$
Jet $\eta$ and $\Delta R$ distribution		X	$W + \text{light}$
Non- $W$ normalization	40%		Non- $W$
$Wb\bar{b}$ and $Wc\bar{c}$ norm	30%		$Wb\bar{b}, Wc\bar{c}$
$Wc$ normalization	30%		$Wc$
Mistag normalization	10–20%		$W + \text{light}$
$t\bar{t}$ normalization	8%		$t\bar{t}$
Monte Carlo generator	3–7%		single top, $t\bar{t}$
Single top normalization	7%		single top
Top mass	2–12%	X	single top, $t\bar{t}$

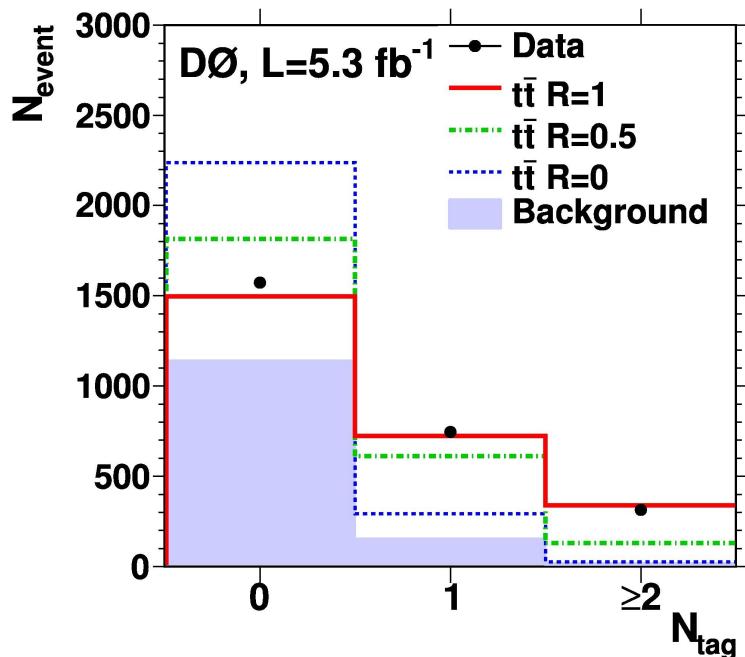
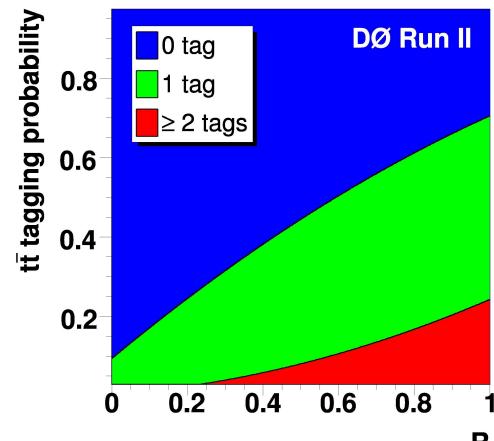
\* X indicates the sources of uncertainty from shape variation

\* Sources listed below double line are used only in  $|V_{tb}|$  measurement

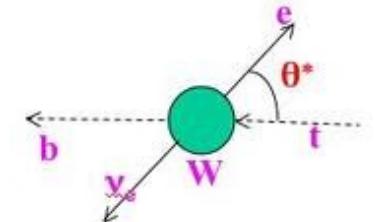
Top mass [GeV]	cross sections [pb]	
	t-channel	s-channel
170	2.80 -0.61	+0.57 -0.74
172.5	2.90 -0.59	+0.59 -0.63
175	2.53 -0.57	+0.58 -0.50
0.98 -0.63	1.31 -0.74	+0.77 -0.51

## R measurement

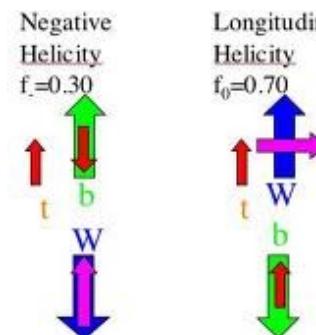
$$P_{total}^n(t\bar{t}) = R^2 A(bb) P_t^n(bb) + 2R(1-R)A(bql)P_t^n(bql) + (1-R)^2 A(q_lq_l)P_t^n(q_lq_l),$$



## W helicity



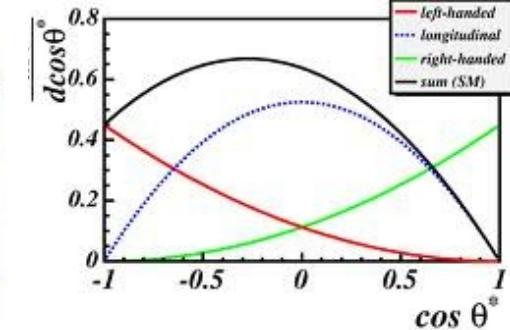
Negative Helicity  
 $f_- = 0.30$



Longitudinal Helicity  
 $f_0 = 0.70$



Positive Helicity  
 $f_+ = 0$



$$|f_V^L| = 1 + |C_{\phi q}^{(3,3+3)}| \frac{v^2}{V_{tb}\Lambda^2},$$

$$|f_V^R| = \frac{1}{2}|C_{\phi\phi}^{33}| \frac{v^2}{V_{tb}\Lambda^2},$$

$$|f_T^L| = \sqrt{2}|C_{dW}^{33}| \frac{v^2}{V_{tb}\Lambda^2},$$

$$|f_T^R| = \sqrt{2}|C_{uW}^{33}| \frac{v^2}{V_{tb}\Lambda^2},$$

$$f_- = \frac{2(1+x_m)}{a_t^2(1+x_0) + 2(1+x_m+x_p)}$$

$$f_0 = \frac{a_t^2(1+x_0)}{a_t^2(1+x_0) + 2(1+x_m+x_p)}$$

$$f_+ = \frac{2x_p}{a_t^2(1+x_0) + 2(1+x_m+x_p)}$$

$$a_t = m_t/m_W$$

$$x_m = (f_1^L + a_t f_2^R)^2 - 1$$

$$x_o = (f_1^L + f_2^R/a_t)^2 + (f_1^R + f_2^L/a_t)^2 - 1$$

$$x_p = (f_1^R + a_t f_2^L)^2.$$

