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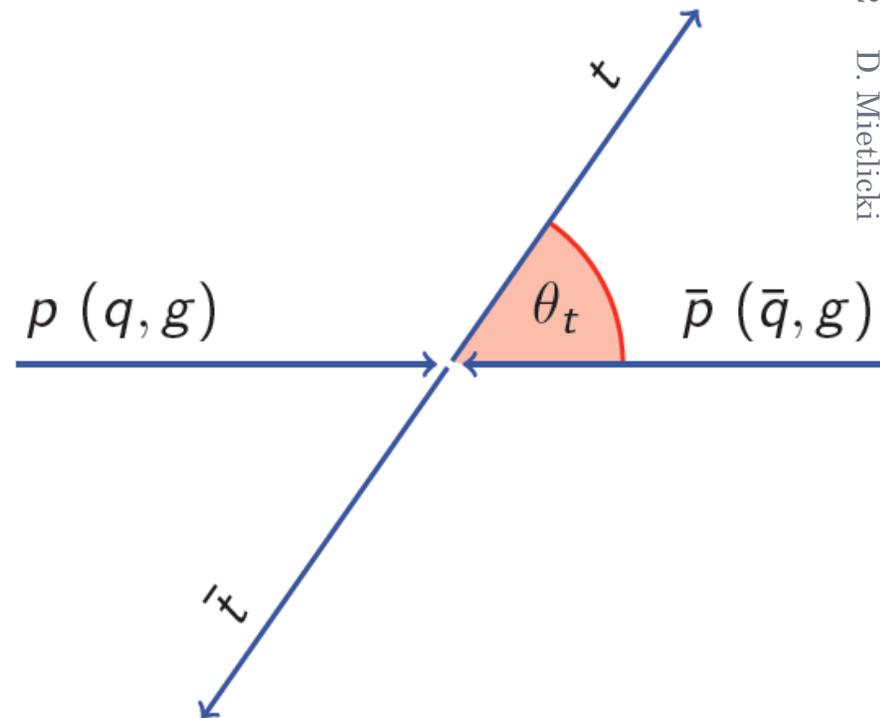
# THE TOP PAIR FORWARD- BACKWARD ASYMMETRY WITH THE FULL CDF DATASET

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# THE TOP QUARK

- Top was the last quark to be discovered
- Top quarks are very heavy
  - Special role in electroweak symmetry breaking?
  - Enhanced coupling to new physics?
- Top pair production specified by:
  - $\alpha_s$ : strong coupling
  - $q^2$ : energy scale
  - $s$ : spin/polarization
  - $\theta$ : production angle ( $A_{\text{FB}}$ !)
- Recent measurements of  $A_{\text{FB}}$  give moderate excesses above SM prediction



# MEASURING THE TOP ASYMMETRY

- In proton-antiproton collisions, a **charge asymmetry** is equivalent to a **forward-backward asymmetry** in the production angle
- Use  $\Delta y$  as a proxy for production angle
  - Same variable as previous analyses
  - Invariant to boosts along the beamline
    - $A_{FB}$  measured in top pair rest frame
  - Inclusive  $A_{FB}$  is the same in  $\Delta y$  and  $\cos \theta$
- **$A_{FB}$  measurement is unique to the Tevatron**
  - LHC experiments can see a top pair charge asymmetry
  - But it requires different techniques and the expected magnitude is much smaller

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \right)$$

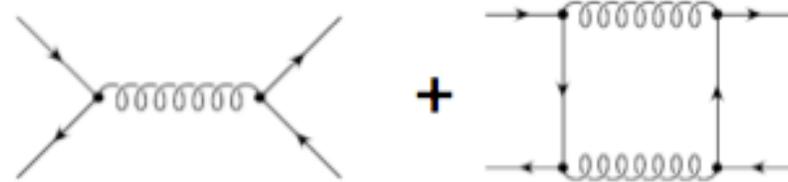
$$\Delta y = y_t - y_{\bar{t}}$$

$$A_{FB} = \frac{N_{\Delta y > 0} - N_{\Delta y < 0}}{N_{\Delta y > 0} + N_{\Delta y < 0}}$$

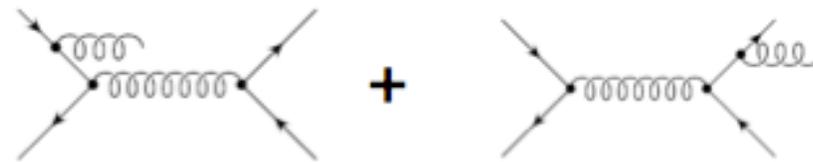
# THE STANDARD MODEL PREDICTION

- **Leading order:** no asymmetry
- **Next-to-leading order:** interference terms generate small asymmetry
- Some uncertainty regarding theory predictions
  - E.g., use LO or NLO cross-section for  $A_{FB}$  denominator?
- **Predictions shown today are from NLO Monte Carlo generator POWHEG**
  - No theory uncertainty quoted
    - Compare to one particular well-defined calculation
  - **POWHEG (NLO) denominator**
  - **Flat correction of 26% for  $\Delta y$  asymmetries for electroweak contributions**

Born + Box Interference  
Positive Contribution to  $A_{FB}$



ISR/FSR Interference  
Negative Contribution to  $A_{FB}$



$$A_{FB}^{NLO} = 6.6\%$$

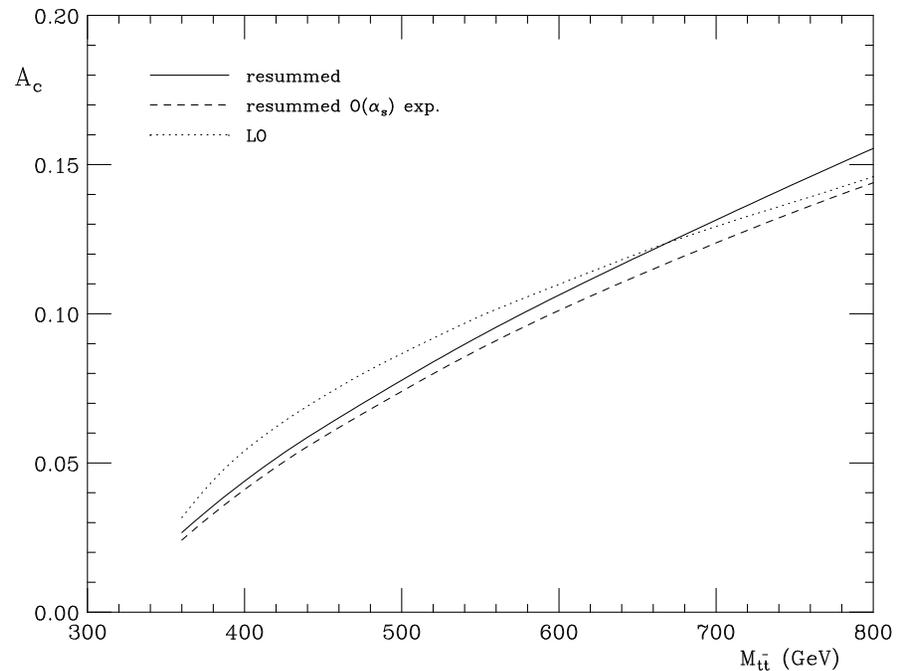
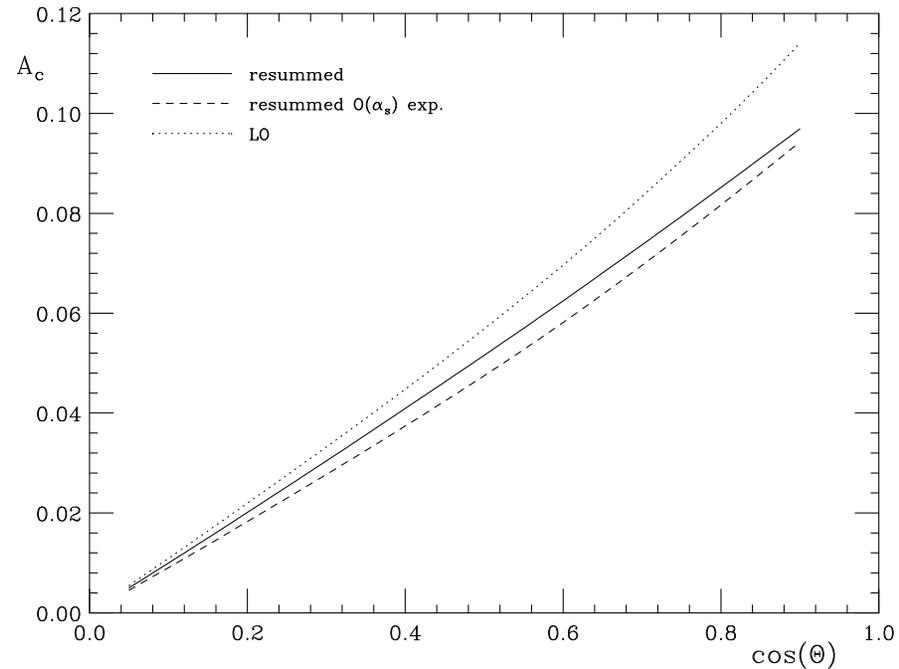
*POWHEG*: JHEP **0709**, 126 (2007)

*EW Corrections*: Phys. Rev. D **84**, 093003 (2011); JHEP **1201**, 063 (2012); arXiv:1201.3926[hep-ph]

# DIFFERENTIAL ASYMMETRIES

- Expected standard model dependence of  $A_{FB}$  on  $\cos \theta$  (top) and  $M_{t\bar{t}}$  (bottom)

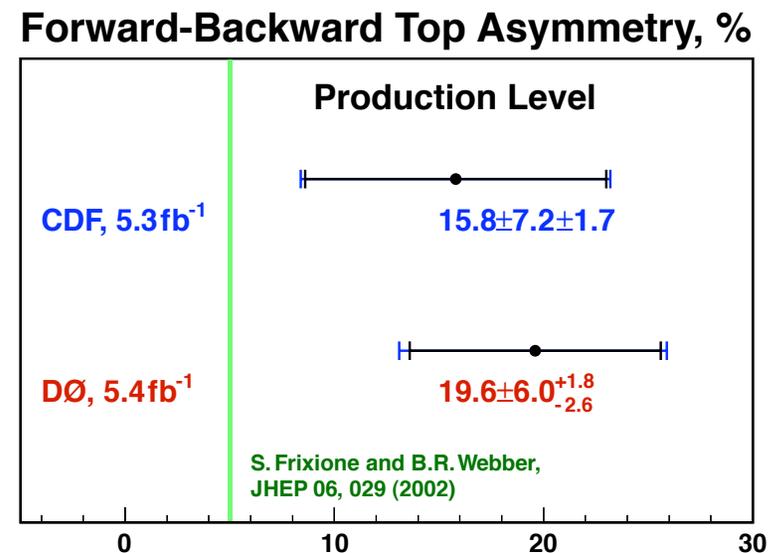
- Plots from L. Almeida, G. Sterman, and W. Vogelsang, Phys. Rev. D **78**, 014008 (2008).



# THE ASYMMETRY IN $\sim 5 \text{ FB}^{-1}$

- Both CDF and D0 measure large inclusive  $A_{\text{FB}}$ 
  - $\sim 3\sigma$  from no asymmetry
  - $\sim 1.5\text{-}2\sigma$  above SM prediction
  - Good consistency between measurements

| Measurement                                      | Parton Level<br>$A_{\text{FB}}$ (%) |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <sup>1</sup> CDF Lep+Jets, $5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | $15.8 \pm 7.4$                      |
| <sup>2</sup> CDF Dilepton, $5.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | $42 \pm 16$                         |
| <sup>3</sup> CDF Combined                        | $20.1 \pm 6.7$                      |
| <sup>4</sup> D0 Lep+Jets, $5.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  | $19.6 \pm 6.5$                      |
| Informal Combination*                            | $19.8 \pm 4.7$                      |
| NLO (QCD+EW)                                     | 6.6                                 |



\*NOT an official result – just a simple weighted average of the D0 lepton+jets and the combined CDF results (correlations of systematics NOT included)

<sup>1</sup>Phys. Rev. D **83**, 112003 (2011). <sup>2</sup>CDF Conference Note 104367.

<sup>3</sup>CDF Conference Note 10584. <sup>4</sup>Phys. Rev. D **84**, 112005 (2011).

# MASS AND RAPIDITY DEPENDENCE

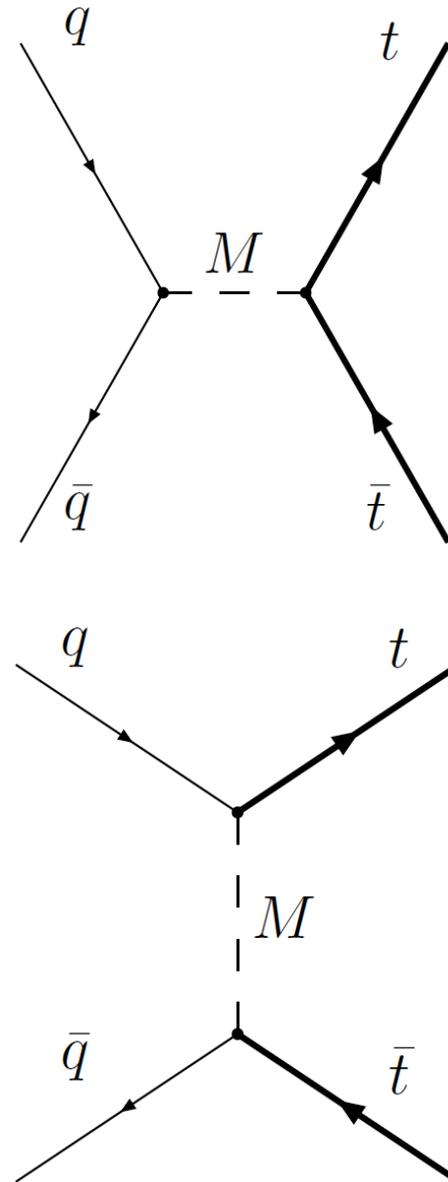
- Mass and rapidity dependence studied in **only 2 bins of  $M_{tt}$  and  $\Delta y$**  – results are somewhat ambiguous
  - Large mass dependence at CDF, no significant effect at D0
    - Consistent at  $\sim 1.7\sigma$  level
  - CDF observes large rapidity dependence, smaller at D0
    - Consistent within  $1\sigma$

| Background-Subtracted $A_{FB}$ (%) | D0 Lep+Jet, $5.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | CDF Lep+Jet, $5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | Informal Combination* |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| $M_{tt} < 450 \text{ GeV}/c^2$     | $7.6 \pm 4.8$                     | $-2.2 \pm 4.3$                     | $2.1 \pm 3.2^*$       |
| $M_{tt} \geq 450 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  | $11.5 \pm 6.0$                    | $26.6 \pm 6.2$                     | $18.6 \pm 4.3^*$      |
| $ \Delta y  < 1.0$                 | $6.1 \pm 4.1$                     | $2.9 \pm 4.0$                      | $4.5 \pm 2.9^*$       |
| $ \Delta y  \geq 1.0$              | $21.3 \pm 9.7$                    | $29.1 \pm 9.6$                     | $25.2 \pm 6.8^*$      |

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# THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING $A_{FB}$

- $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   $A_{FB}$  measurements moderately exceeded SM prediction
  - Largest deviation (CDF, high mass)  $> 3\sigma$
  - Much theoretical work followed
    - SPIRES: 190 citations of  $5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  CDF PRD
- Do we need better understanding of SM?
  - Refined calculations
    - EW corrections
    - NNLO calculations in progress
  - SM prediction increased, but not yet enough to match observed data
- Could it be new physics?
  - Two main classes of models:
    - s-channel mediator (e.g., axigluon)
    - t-channel flavor changing mediator (e.g.,  $W'$ ,  $Z'$ )
  - Mass/rapidity dependence can untangle new physics from QCD
  - For a review, see, e.g., M. Gresham, I.-W. Kim, and K. Zurek, Phys. Rev. D **83**, 114027 (2011).



# WHAT'S NEW IN THE LATEST CDF ANALYSIS?

- Increase luminosity to  $8.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and include new data stream (“loose muons”)
  - Full CDF dataset with entire detector including silicon
  - Sample size (2498 events) is doubled
    - 1260 events in  $5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- NLO generator POWHEG now used for signal modeling
  - $5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  analysis used PYTHIA (LO)
  - NLO model includes the small SM asymmetry
  - Better modeling of acceptances in events with extra jets
- New regularized unfolding method used for corrections to parton level
  - Properly treat multi-bin distributions for differential  $A_{\text{FB}}$
- Improvements allow verification of the inclusive asymmetry and more robust study of the mass and rapidity dependence

# SELECTING TOP PAIR EVENTS

- Top pairs produced by two main processes at Tevatron:
  - Quark-antiquark annihilation (~85%)
  - Gluon fusion (~15%)
    - Symmetric initial state, no contribution to  $A_{\text{FB}}$

- Lepton+ jets decay channel:

$$t\bar{t} \rightarrow (W^+ b)(W^- \bar{b}) \rightarrow (l\nu)(q\bar{q}')b\bar{b}$$

- CDF also has a measurement where both W's decay leptonically
- Trigger on a central high  $P_{\text{T}}$  lepton or events with large missing  $E_{\text{T}}$  and at least 2 jets
  - Latter events (loose muons) new compared to  $5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Selection requirements:
  - Exactly one central electron (muon) with  $E_{\text{T}} (P_{\text{T}}) > 20 \text{ GeV (GeV/c)}$
  - At least four jets with  $E_{\text{T}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ 
    - At least one tagged as a  $b$  jet
  - Missing  $E_{\text{T}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
  - Total transverse energy  $H_{\text{T}} > 220 \text{ GeV}$
- 2498 total candidate events

# SAMPLE COMPOSITION

- Top signal modeled with NLO POWHEG
- Electroweak backgrounds from Monte Carlo
  - Diboson: PYTHIA
  - Single Top: MADEVENT
  - Z+jets: ALPGEN
- W+jets shape modeled by ALPGEN
- QCD shape from data
- W+jets and QCD normalizations determined from fit to the missing  $E_T$  spectrum
- 505 predicted background events

| Source                    | Predicted Event Count, $8.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ |
|---------------------------|--|
| W + Heavy Flavor          | $241 \pm 78$                                 |
| Non-W (QCD)               | $98 \pm 51$                                  |
| W + Light Flavor          | $96 \pm 29$                                  |
| Single Top                | $33 \pm 2$                                   |
| Diboson                   | $19 \pm 3$                                   |
| Z + Jets                  | $18 \pm 2$                                   |
| <b>Total Background</b>   | <b><math>505 \pm 123</math></b>              |
| <b>Top Pairs (7.4 pb)</b> | <b><math>2037 \pm 277</math></b>             |
| <b>Total Prediction</b>   | <b><math>2542 \pm 303</math></b>             |
| <b>Data</b>               | <b>2498</b>                                  |

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# RECONSTRUCTING TOP PAIR EVENTS

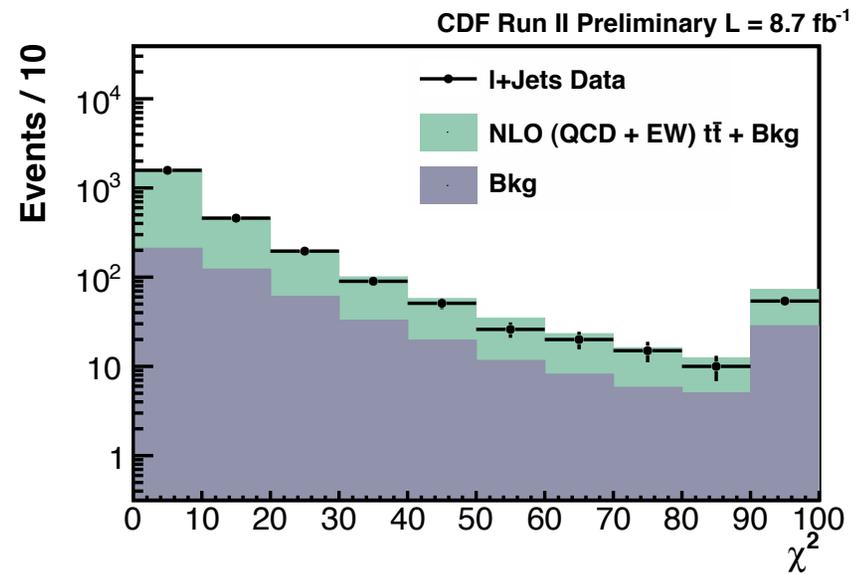
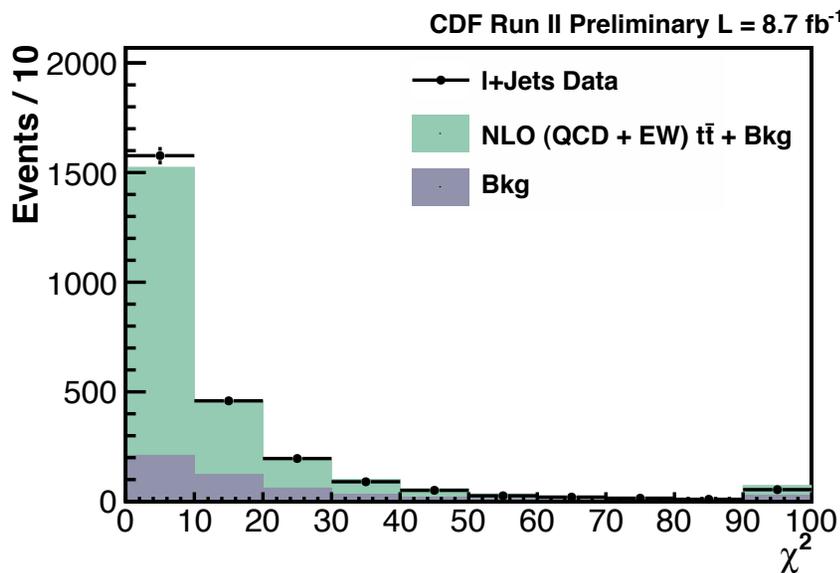
- Match observed jets to top decay products:  $\chi^2$ -based kinematic fit to top-antitop hypothesis
  - $M_t = 172.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
  - $M_W = 80.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=l, \text{jets}} \frac{(p_T^{i,fit} - p_T^{i,meas})^2}{\sigma_i} + \sum_{j=x,y} \frac{(p_j^{Unc.Energy,fit} - p_j^{Unc.Energy,meas})^2}{\sigma_j} + \frac{(M_{jj} - M_W)^2}{\Gamma_W^2} + \frac{(M_{lv} - M_W)^2}{\Gamma_W^2} + \frac{(M_{bjj} - M_t)^2}{\Gamma_t^2} + \frac{(M_{blv} - M_t)^2}{\Gamma_t^2}$$

- Four leading jets enter the fit
- Measured energies float within uncertainties
- Choose solution with the smallest  $\chi^2$
- Determine top and antitop four-vectors from decay product momenta
- Lepton charge used to assign the charge of all final state objects

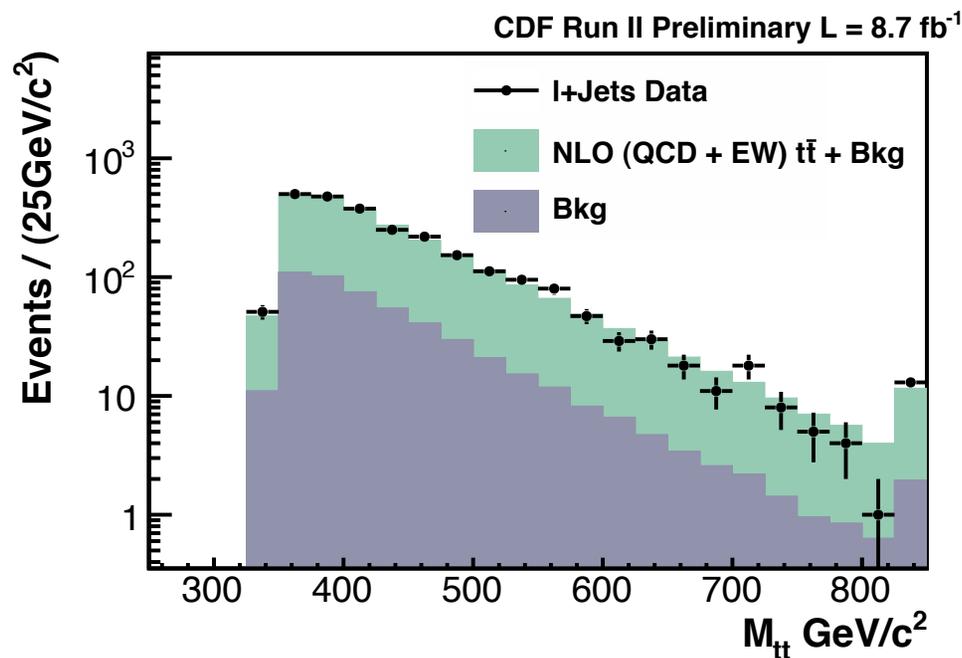
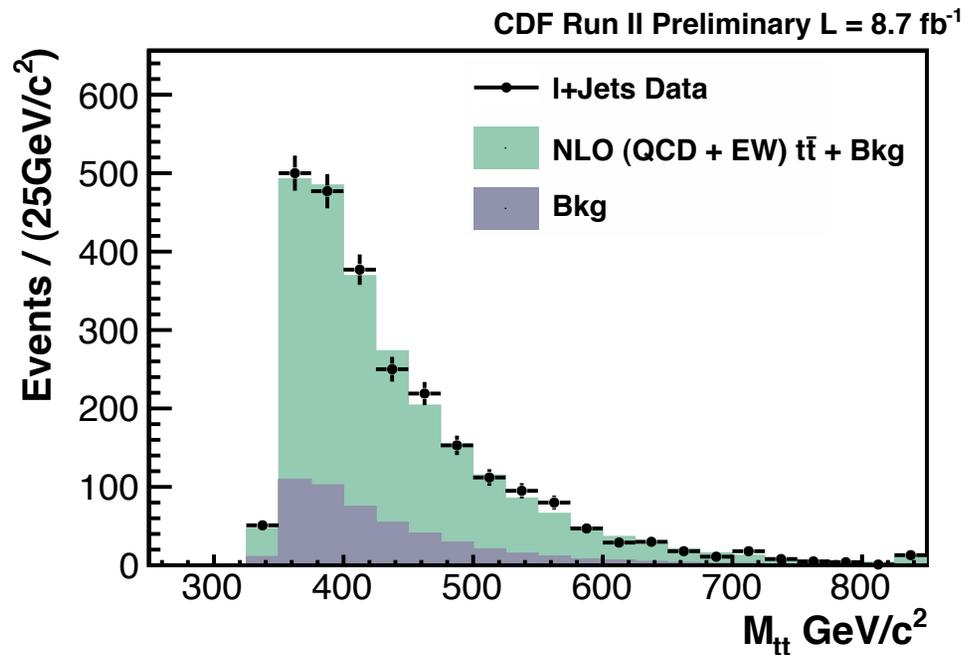
# THE $\chi^2$ DISTRIBUTION

- Plots:  $\chi^2$  for the best solution from the kinematic reconstruction
- Well-modeled by signal + background prediction,
  - Even for events with large  $\chi^2$



Blue: background prediction  
Green: NLO POWHEG signal  
— Stacked with backgrounds  
Black: observed data

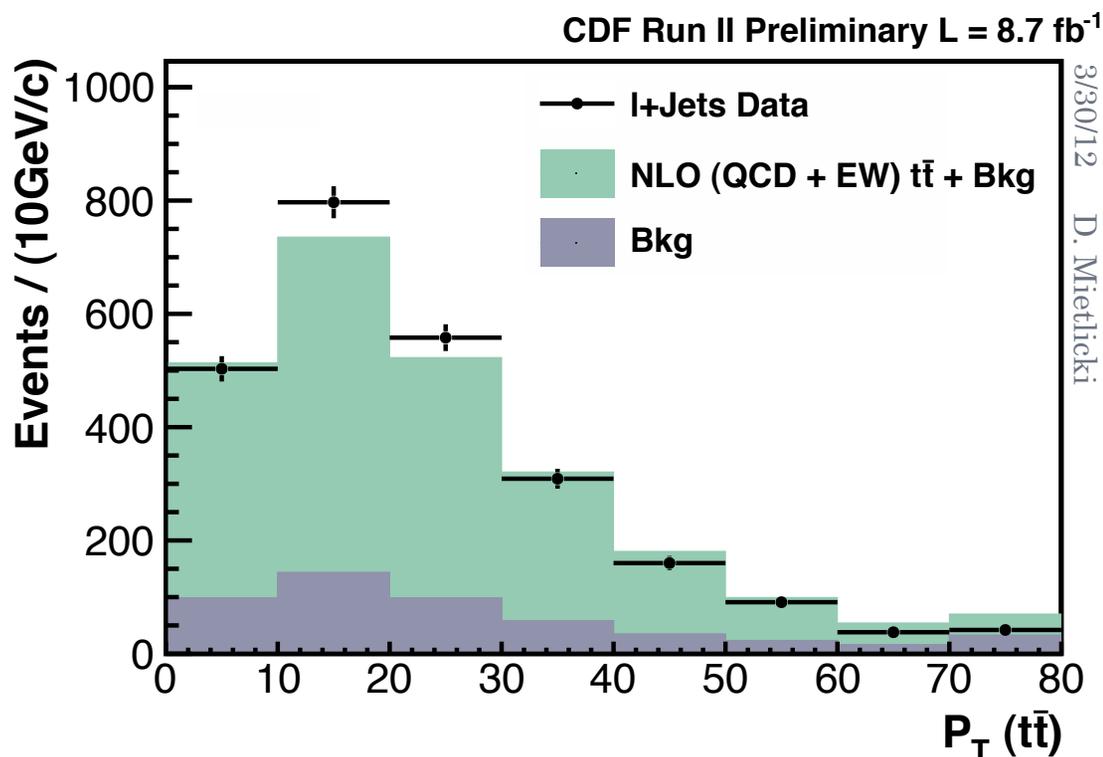
# THE TOP-PAIR MASS DISTRIBUTION



- Reconstructed invariant mass of top-antitop system also well-modeled

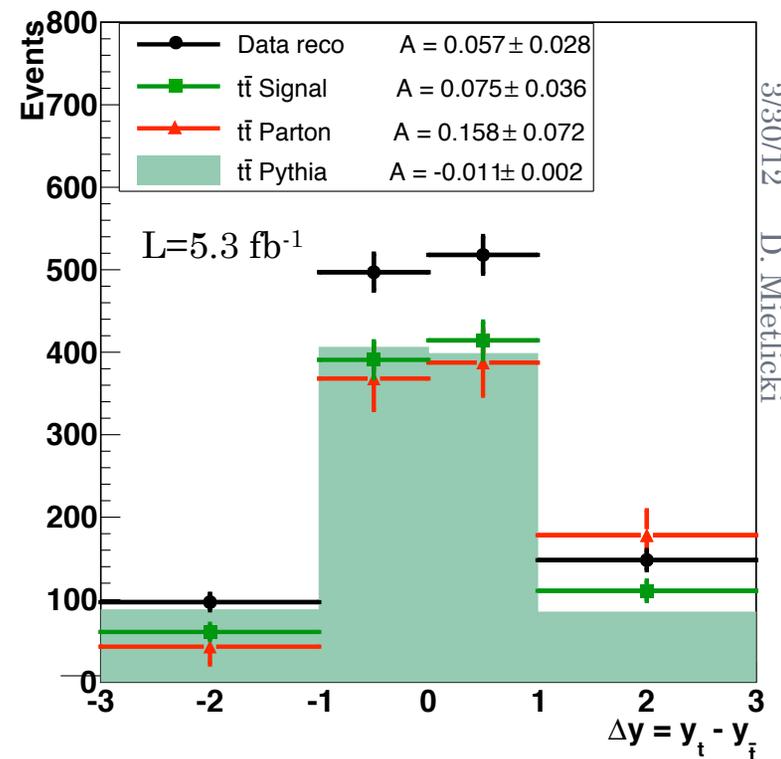
# THE TOP PAIR $P_T$

- Transverse momentum of top pair is a good check of background model, event reconstruction
  - Sensitive to soft jets
  - Correlated with  $A_{FB}$ 
    - ISR/FSR give negative contribution to asymmetry
- Good agreement between data and NLO MC + background prediction



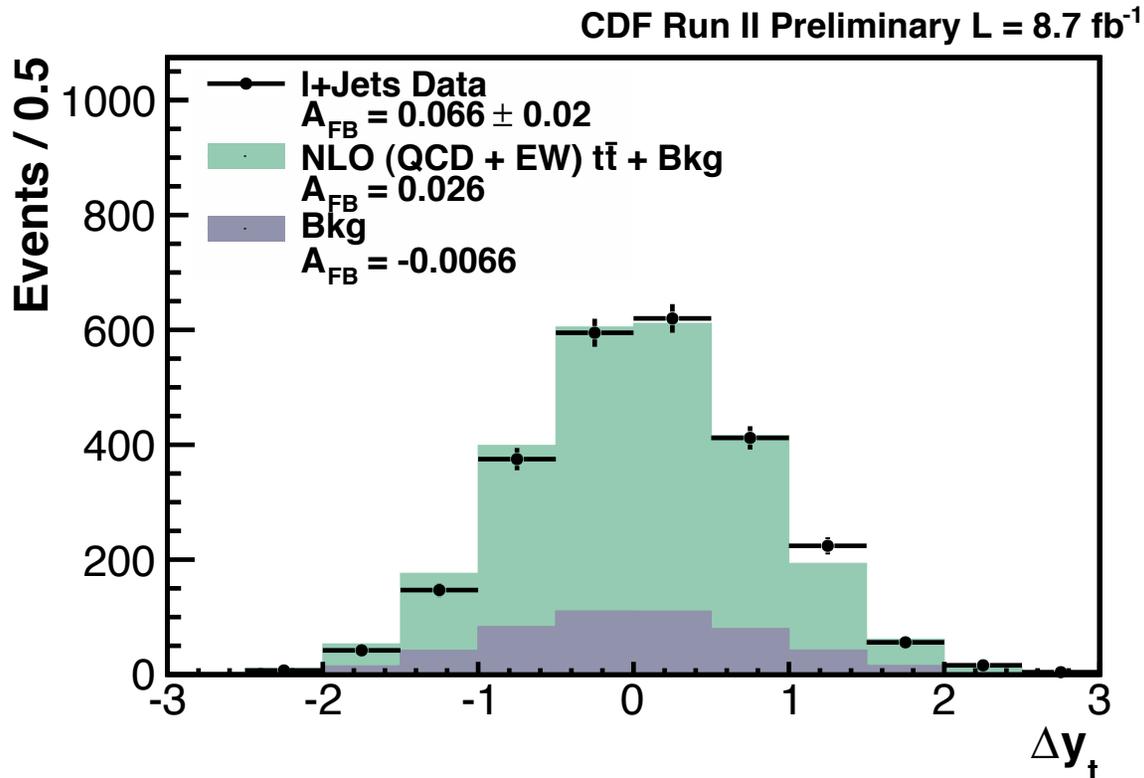
# THREE MEASUREMENT LEVELS

- Measure  $A_{\text{FB}}$  at three levels of correction:
  - **Reconstruction (Raw Data) Level:**
    - Observed data, no additional correction
    - Includes background contributions
    - \*NLO  $A_{\text{FB}}$  (with backgrounds): 2.6%
  - **Background Subtracted (Signal) Level:**
    - Remove predicted backgrounds
    - Pure top sample, but includes effects of event selection and reconstruction
    - \*NLO  $A_{\text{FB}}$ : 3.3%
  - **Parton Level:**
    - Correct for acceptances and reconstruction effects
    - Direct comparison to theoretical models
    - \*NLO  $A_{\text{FB}}$ : 6.6%



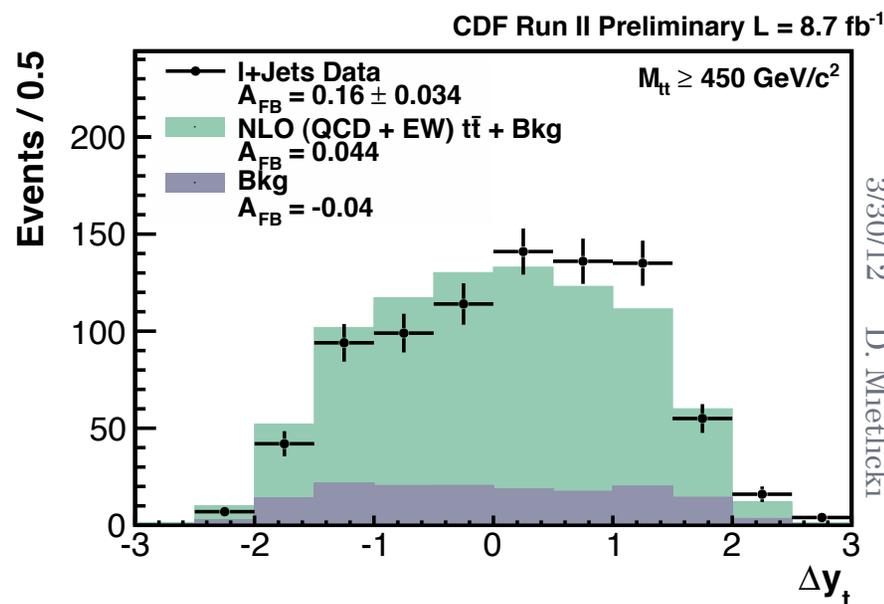
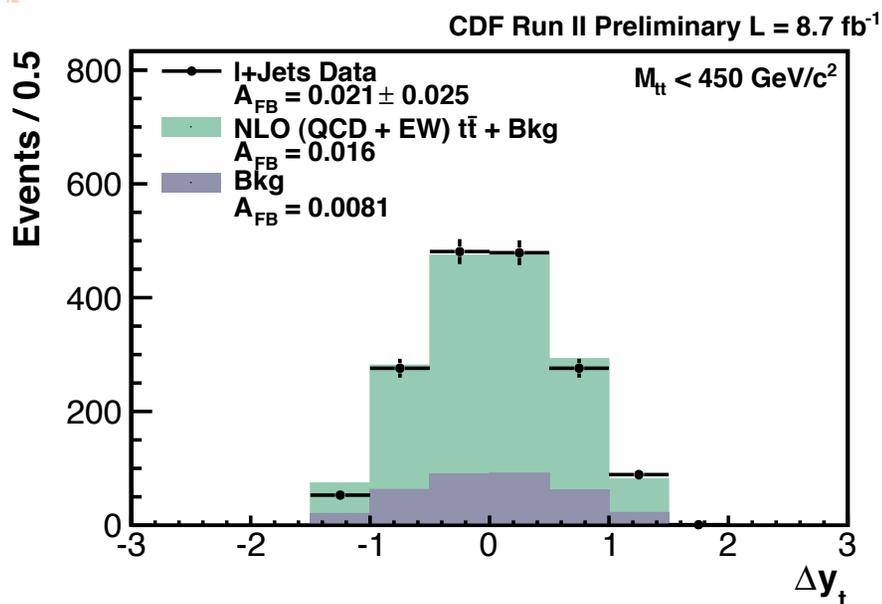
\*NLO predictions in this talk always include flat 26% correction to POWHEG for electroweak contributions

# RECONSTRUCTION LEVEL $\Delta y$ IN $8.7 \text{ FB}^{-1}$



- NLO signal plus backgrounds predict  $A_{\text{FB}} = 2.6\%$ 
  - Signal prediction includes reweighting for electroweak contributions
- **Observed inclusive asymmetry is  $(6.6 \pm 2.0)\%$** 
  - $> 3\sigma$  from no asymmetry
- For large and small  $\Delta y$ :
  - $A_{\text{FB}}(|\Delta y| < 1.0) = (3.1 \pm 2.2)\%$
  - $A_{\text{FB}}(|\Delta y| \geq 1.0) = (21.0 \pm 4.4)\%$

# $\Delta y$ AT HIGH AND LOW MASS

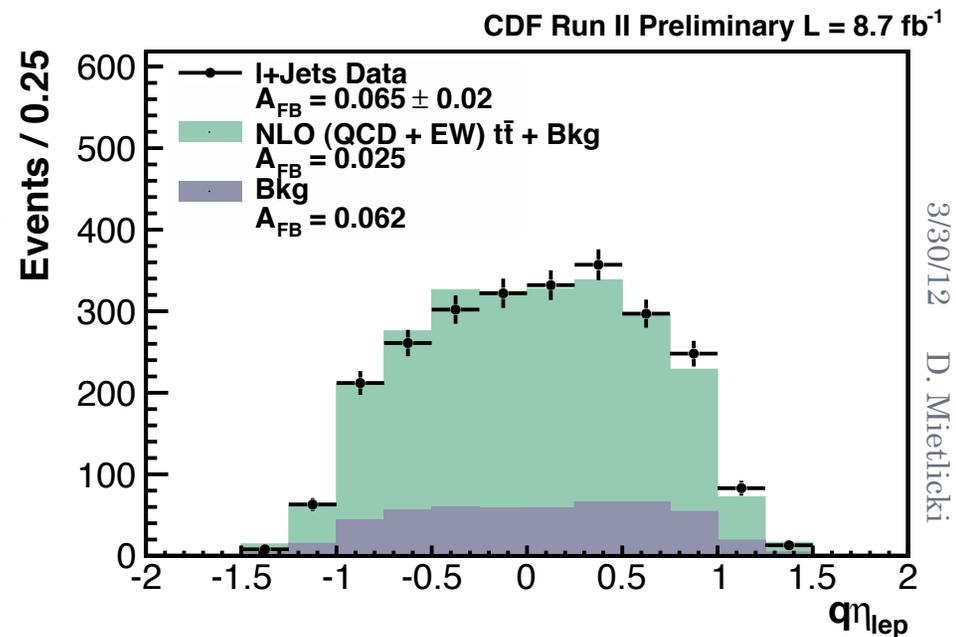


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- $\Delta y$  distribution for  $M_{t\bar{t}}$  above and below 450 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
  - Cut-off defined in 5.3 fb<sup>-1</sup> analysis
- Low mass consistent with expectation
- Large asymmetry at high mass: (15.5 ± 3.4)%
  - 4.5  $\sigma$  from no asymmetry, 3.3  $\sigma$  from prediction
  - Consistent in events with positive (15.5 ± 4.8)% and negative (15.6 ± 4.8)% leptons

# THE LEPTONIC ASYMMETRY

- Could  $A_{FB}$  be an artifact of the reconstruction?
- Lepton allows independent measurement of the asymmetry
  - Direction of motion correlated with parent top quark
  - Measurement of lepton direction does not require event reconstruction
- Find asymmetry in  $q \times \eta_{lep}$
- $A_{FB}$  exceeds signal + background prediction
  - Significance similar to that of  $\Delta y A_{FB}$



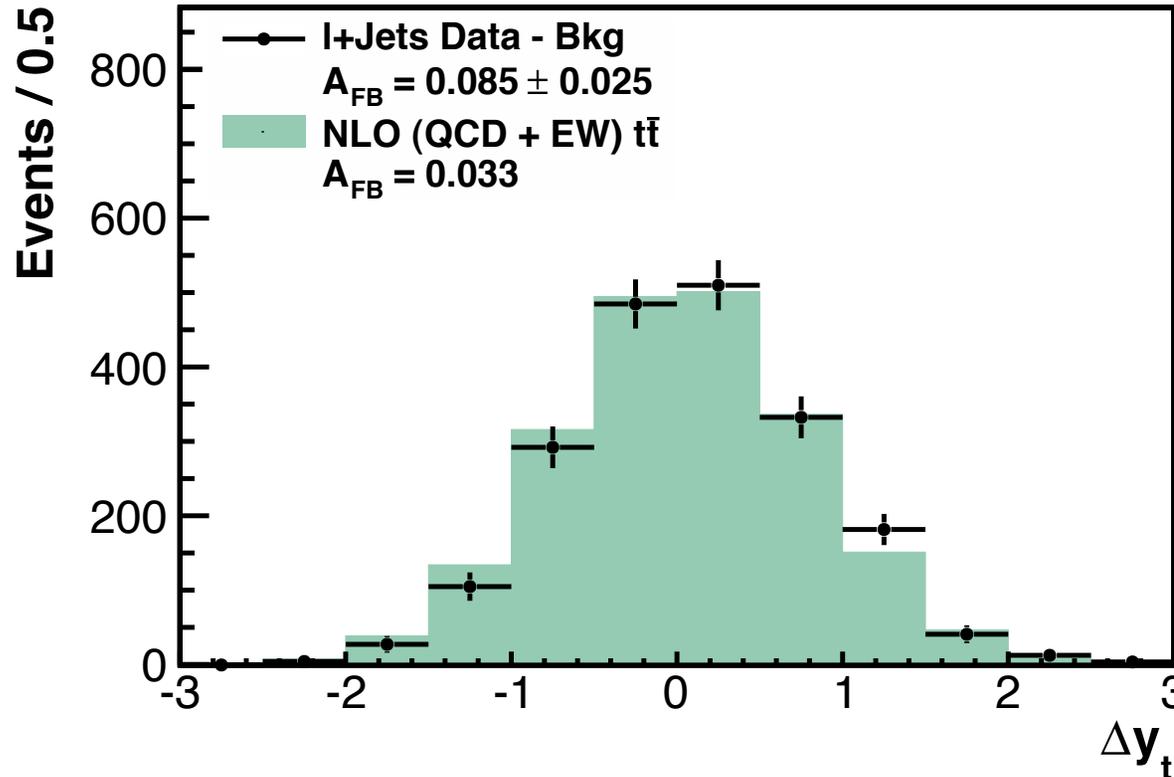
| Sample                                  | Predicted $A_{FB}$ (%) | Observed $A_{FB}$ (%) |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Inclusive                               | 2.5                    | $6.5 \pm 2.0$         |
| $M_{t\bar{t}} < 450 \text{ GeV}/c^2$    | 2.3                    | $4.7 \pm 2.5$         |
| $M_{t\bar{t}} \geq 450 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ | 3.3                    | $10.1 \pm 3.4$        |

# REMOVING THE BACKGROUNDS

- ~20% of selected sample is composed of events from background sources
  - Dominant sources: W+jets, QCD multi-jet events
  - For  $\Delta y$ , the backgrounds have small inherent asymmetry, but dilute any  $A_{FB}$  in the top signal
- Remove background contribution by subtracting the predicted background distribution from the observed data
- Results include systematic uncertainties on the predicted background shape and normalization
  - $\sigma_{\text{syst}} < \sim 20\%$  of  $\sigma_{\text{stat}}$  in general
    - Uncertainties still dominated by statistics

# $\Delta y$ AFTER BACKGROUND SUBTRACTION

CDF Run II Preliminary L = 8.7 fb<sup>-1</sup>

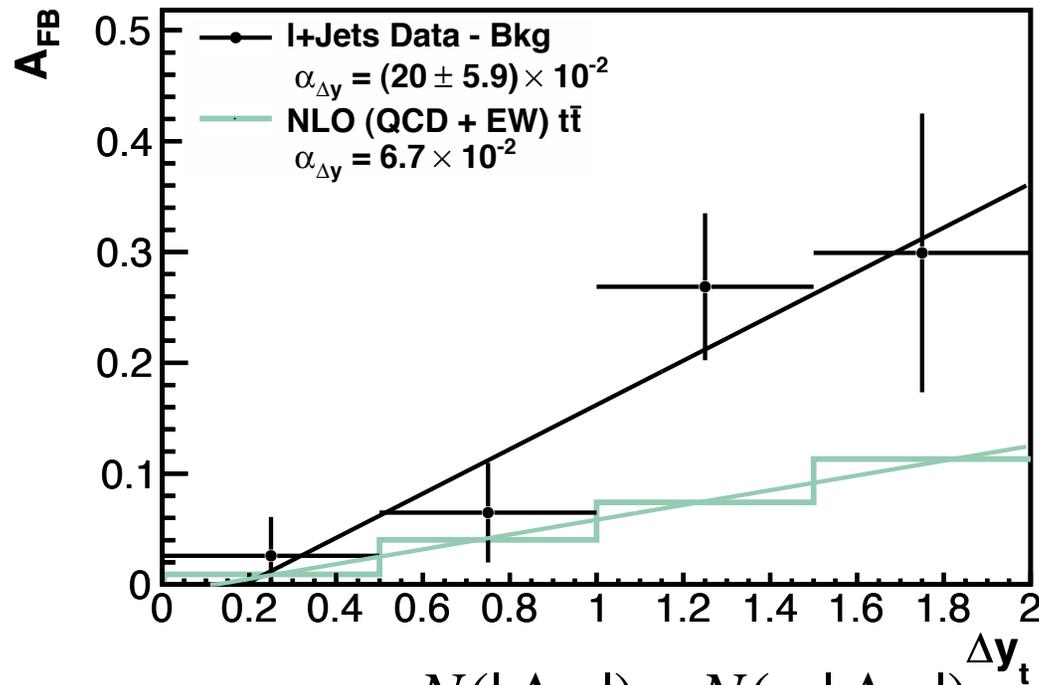


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- Observed asymmetry after background subtraction is  $(8.5 \pm 2.5)\%$
- NLO POWHEG predicts 3.3%
  - Observation is  $3.4 \sigma$  from no  $A_{FB}$ ,  $2.1 \sigma$  from prediction

# RAPIDITY-DEPENDENT DIFFERENTIAL $A_{FB}$

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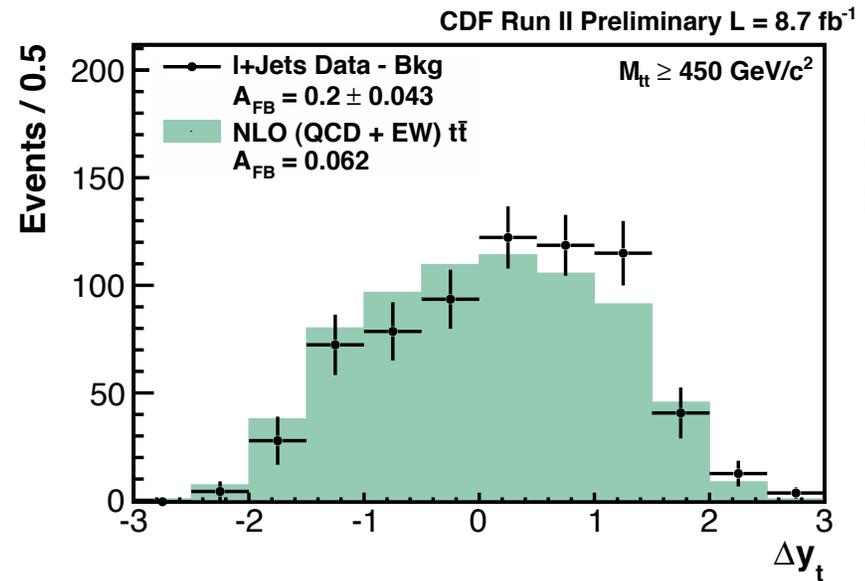
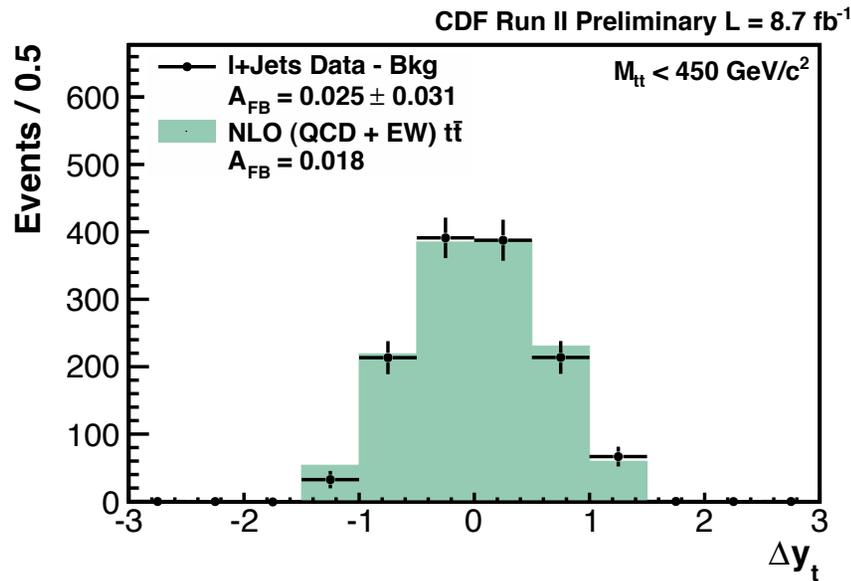


$$A_{FB}(|\Delta y|) = \frac{N(|\Delta y|) - N(-|\Delta y|)}{N(|\Delta y|) + N(-|\Delta y|)}$$

- Observed  $A_{FB}$  as a function of  $|\Delta y|$  well-described by linear ansatz

- Determine best-fit slope – easily compare data to prediction
- $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 1.0$ , significant non-zero slope
- Slope is not a specific theoretical parameter
  - Linear fit motivated by approximate linearity of SM prediction

# BACKGROUND-SUBTRACTED $\Delta y$ AT HIGH AND LOW MASS



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- Low mass distribution consistent with NLO prediction
- The large asymmetry predominantly arises at high mass –  $(19.8 \pm 4.3)\%$ 
  - $4.6\sigma$  from no asymmetry
  - NLO POWHEG predicts 6.2% at high mass

# COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS BACKGROUND-SUBTRACTED MASS-DEPENDENT RESULTS

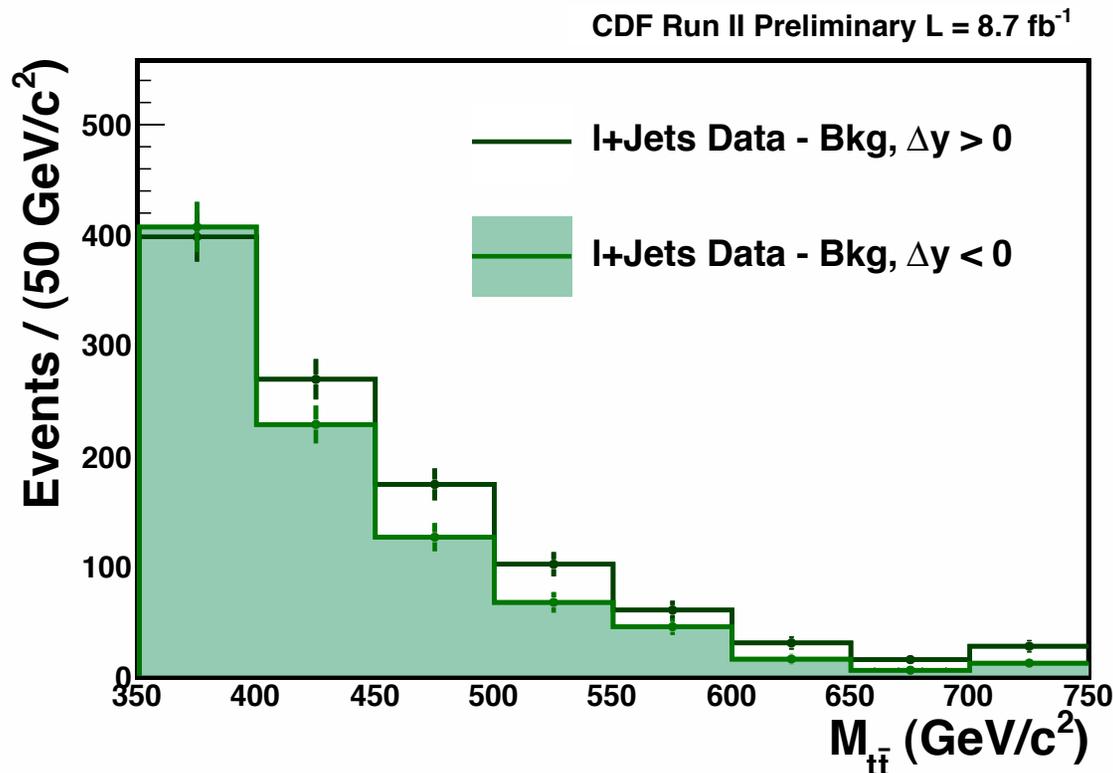
| Background-Subtracted $A_{FB}$ (%) | D0 Lep+Jet, $5.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | CDF Lep +Jet, $5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | Informal $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ Combination* | CDF Lep +Jet, $8.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| $M_{tt} < 450 \text{ GeV}/c^2$     | $7.6 \pm 4.8$                     | $-2.2 \pm 4.3$                      | $2.1 \pm 3.2^*$                           | $2.5 \pm 3.1$                       |
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- Two-bin mass dependence statistically consistent among the D0 measurement and both CDF results
  - Very good agreement of new CDF data with simple weighted average of previous CDF and D0 results

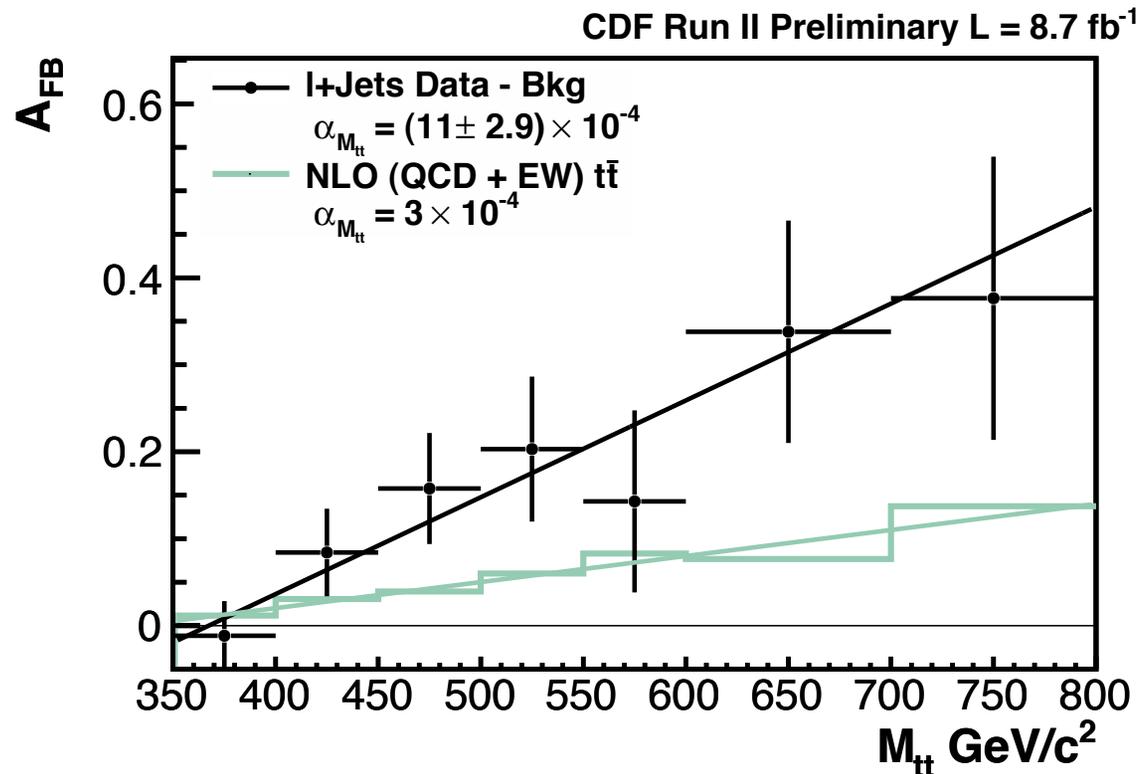
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# THE INVARIANT MASS DISTRIBUTION FOR FORWARD AND BACKWARD EVENTS



- Compare the  $M_{t\bar{t}}$  distributions for events with positive and negative  $\Delta y$ 
  - Approximately equal at lowest masses, but excess of forward events at higher mass

# MASS-DEPENDENT DIFFERENTIAL $A_{FB}$



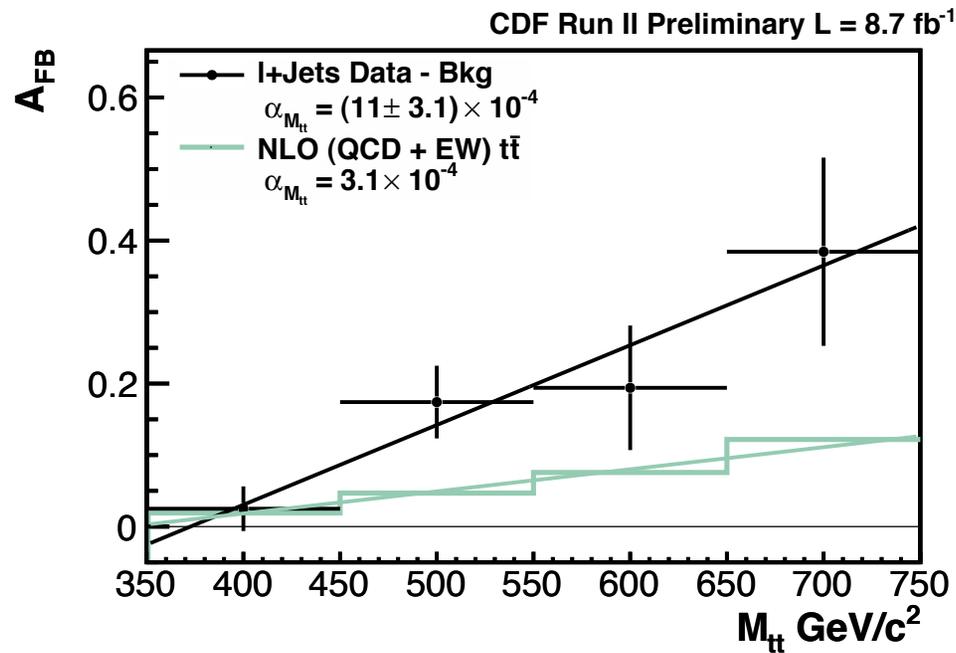
$$A_{FB}(M_{tt}) = \frac{N_F(M_{tt}) - N_B(M_{tt})}{N_F(M_{tt}) + N_B(M_{tt})}$$

- Determine  $A_{FB}$  as a function of  $M_{tt}$  with finer binning
- Again well-described by linear ansatz
  - Determine best-fit slope for data and prediction
  - $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 0.3$

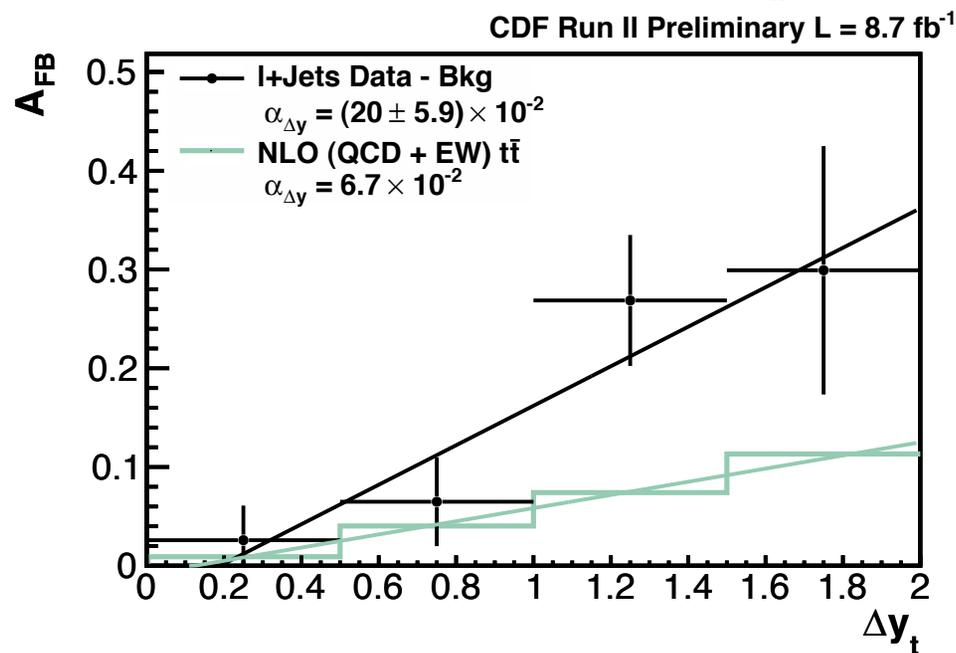
## DETERMINING THE SIGNIFICANCE

- How significant is the discrepancy between the POWHEG SM prediction and observed differential  $A_{\text{FB}}$ ?
  - Evaluate at background-subtracted level – avoid any complications from the parton-level correction procedure
    - Correction assumes standard model acceptances and resolution
- Quantify by comparing best-fit slopes to find p-value
- Start with the nominal POWHEG prediction, perform simulated experiments with Poisson fluctuations on this prediction
  - No theory uncertainty included – compare specifically to the NLO POWHEG calculation (with EW corrections)
- p-value: fraction of experiments where  $\alpha_{\text{NLO}} \geq \alpha_{\text{data}}$

# P-VALUES FOR DATA SLOPES VS. PREDICTION



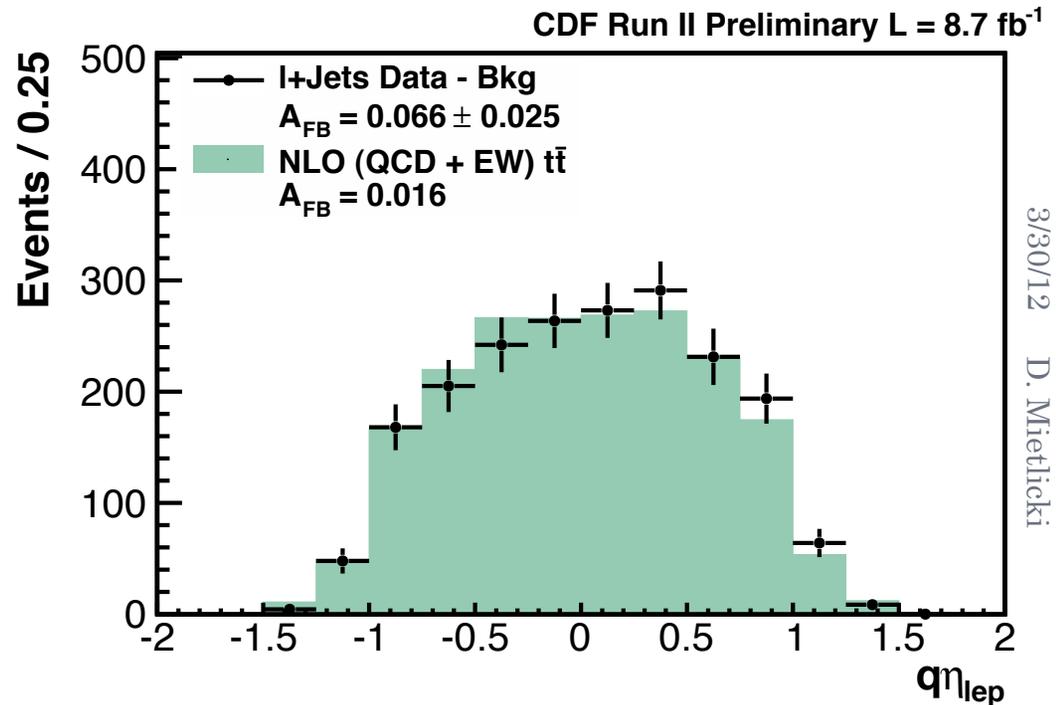
$\alpha(M_{tt})$  p-value:  $6.46 \times 10^{-3}$



$\alpha(\Delta y)$  p-value:  $8.92 \times 10^{-3}$

# BACKGROUND-SUBTRACTED LEPTONIC $A_{FB}$

- Lepton-only  $A_{FB}$  also measured after background subtraction
  - Significant positive leptonic  $A_{FB}$  (from  $W$ +jets) is removed by background subtraction



| Sample                                  | Predicted $A_{FB}$ (%) | Observed $A_{FB}$ (%) |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Inclusive                               | 1.6                    | $6.6 \pm 2.5$         |
| $M_{t\bar{t}} < 450 \text{ GeV}/c^2$    | 0.7                    | $3.7 \pm 3.1$         |
| $M_{t\bar{t}} \geq 450 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ | 3.2                    | $11.6 \pm 4.2$        |

# CORRECTING TO THE PARTON LEVEL

- Background-subtracted results study  $A_{\text{FB}}$  in a background-free top sample
- Data cannot yet be directly compared to most theoretical predictions
  - Limited detector acceptance removes some signal events
  - Finite detector resolution results in bin migration between the true and observed distributions
  - Theory predictions must go through a full detector simulation before being compared to background-subtracted results
- Develop correction procedure to account for these effects and measure the differential cross-section and parton level  $A_{\text{FB}}$

# THE CORRECTION PROCEDURE

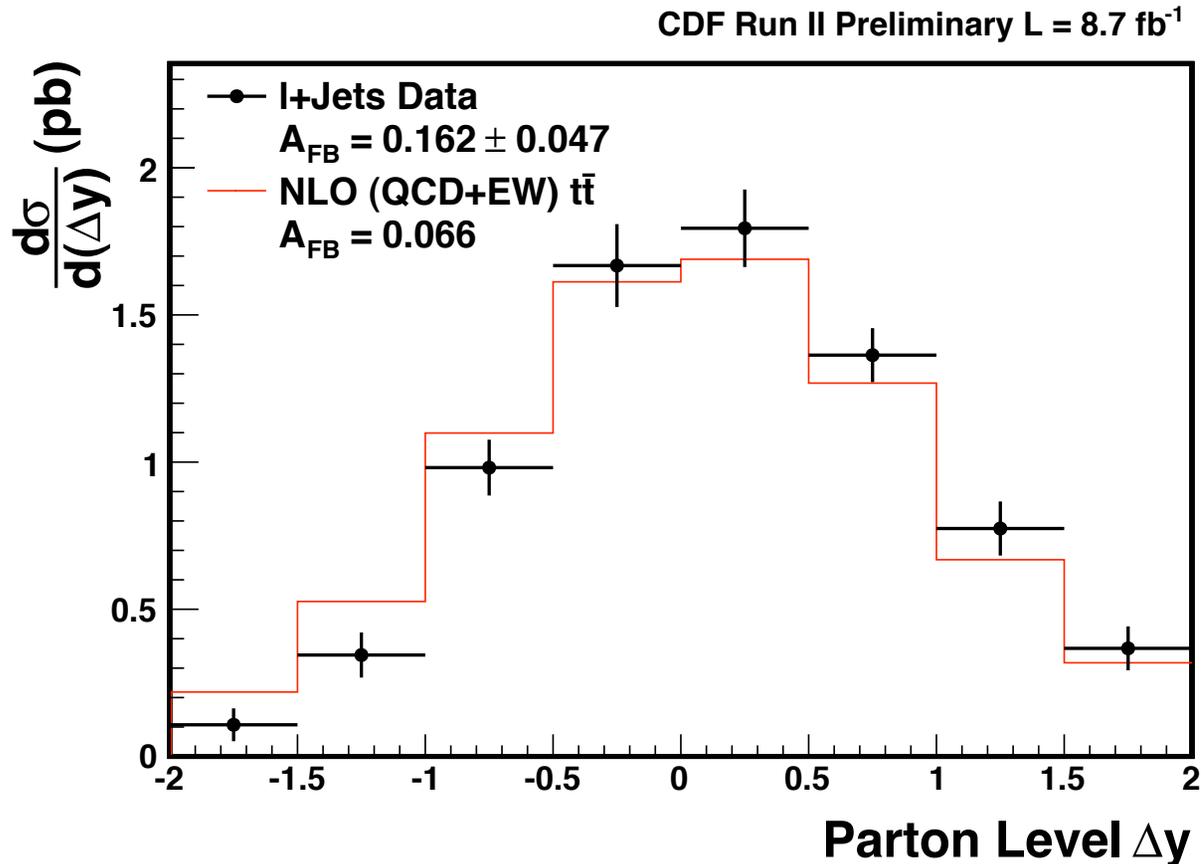
- $x_i^{Parton} = A_{ij}^{-1} S_{jk}^{-1} x_k^{Bkg.Sub.}$
- **Unsmearing Correction:**
  - Account for bin-to-bin migration via regularized unfolding
    - Inversion of the detector response matrix  $S$
  - Singular value decomposition algorithm
    - Höcker and Kartvelishvili, NIM A **372**, 496 (1996)
    - Implemented in RooUnfold software package
  - Matrix inversion with regularization term
    - Control statistical fluctuations with “smoothness” condition
- **Acceptance Correction:**
  - Multiplicative correction to each bin
    - Inversion of acceptance matrix  $A$
- Procedure is tested by correcting distributions created from SM and various BSM Monte Carlo samples

# SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES

- Correction procedure introduces systematic uncertainties related to the signal model, in addition to the background uncertainties discussed previously
  - Total is small compared to the statistical uncertainty

| Source                        | Uncertainty (%) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Background Shape              | 1.4             |
| Background Normalization      | 1.1             |
| Parton Showering              | 1.0             |
| Jet Energy Scale              | 0.5             |
| Initial/Final State Radiation | 0.5             |
| Color Reconnection            | 0.1             |
| Parton Distribution Functions | 0.1             |
| Correction Procedure          | 0.3             |
| Total Systematic Uncertainty  | 2.2             |
| Statistical Uncertainty       | 4.1             |
| Total Uncertainty             | 4.7             |

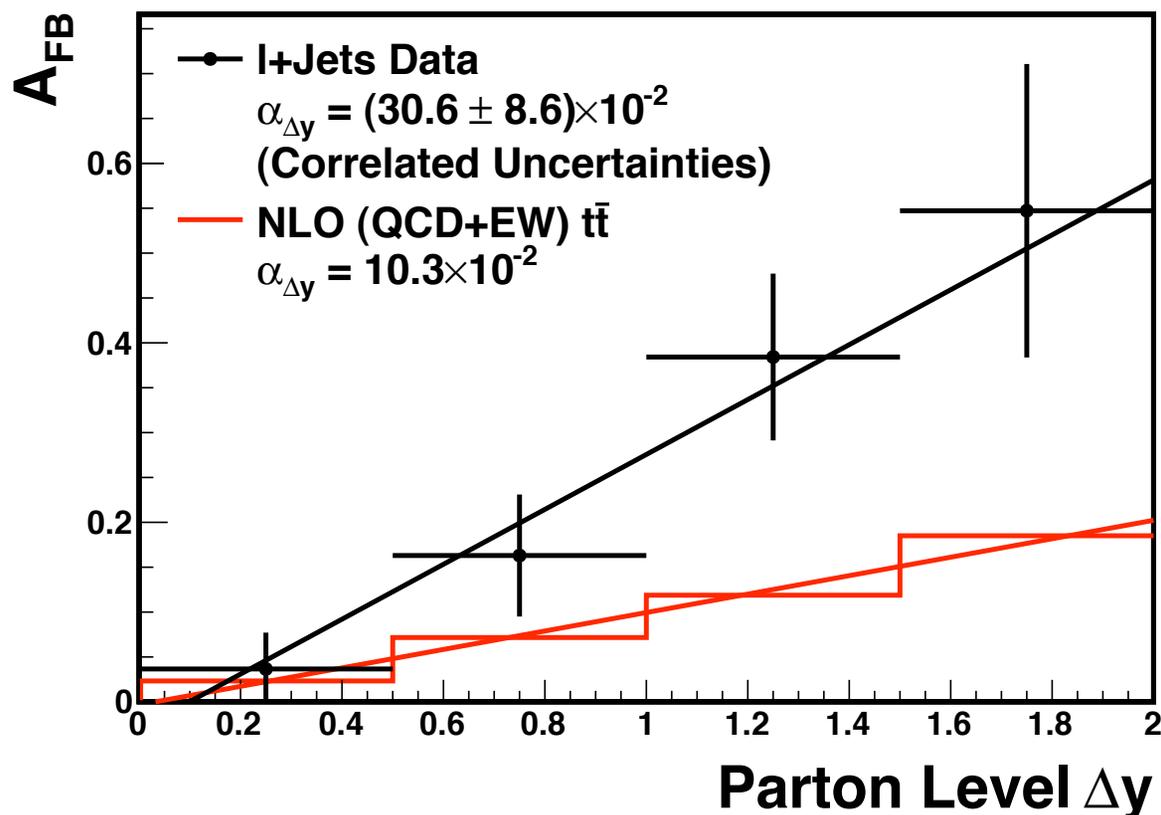
# THE DIFFERENTIAL CROSS-SECTION $d\sigma/d(\Delta y)$



- Parton-level  $\Delta y$  distribution normalized to  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 7.4$  pb
  - Result is  $d\sigma/d(\Delta y)$
- Measured inclusive asymmetry is  $(16.2 \pm 4.7)\%$ 
  - $3.4\sigma$  from null asymmetry
  - NLO prediction: 6.6%

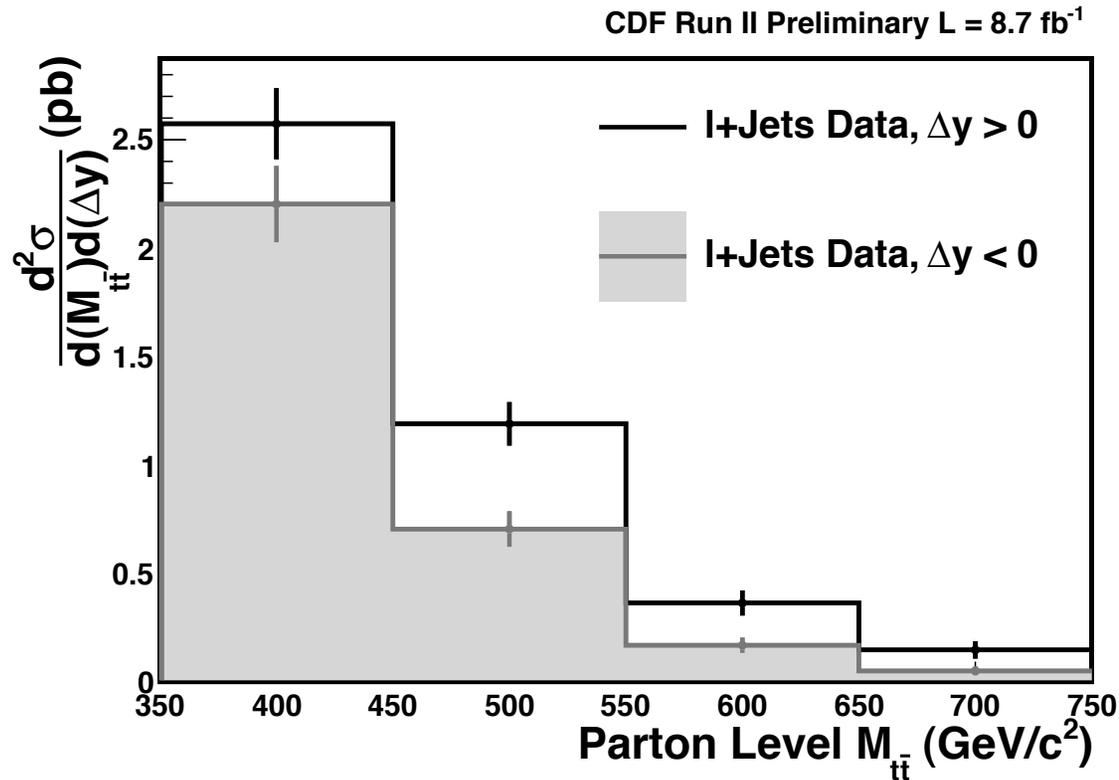
# RAPIDITY DEPENDENCE

CDF Run II Preliminary L = 8.7 fb<sup>-1</sup>



- Linear ansatz applies also to parton level  $A_{FB}$  as a function of  $|\Delta y|$ 
  - $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f} = 0.3$
- After correction, bins are correlated – use full covariance matrix in performing the  $\chi^2$  fit

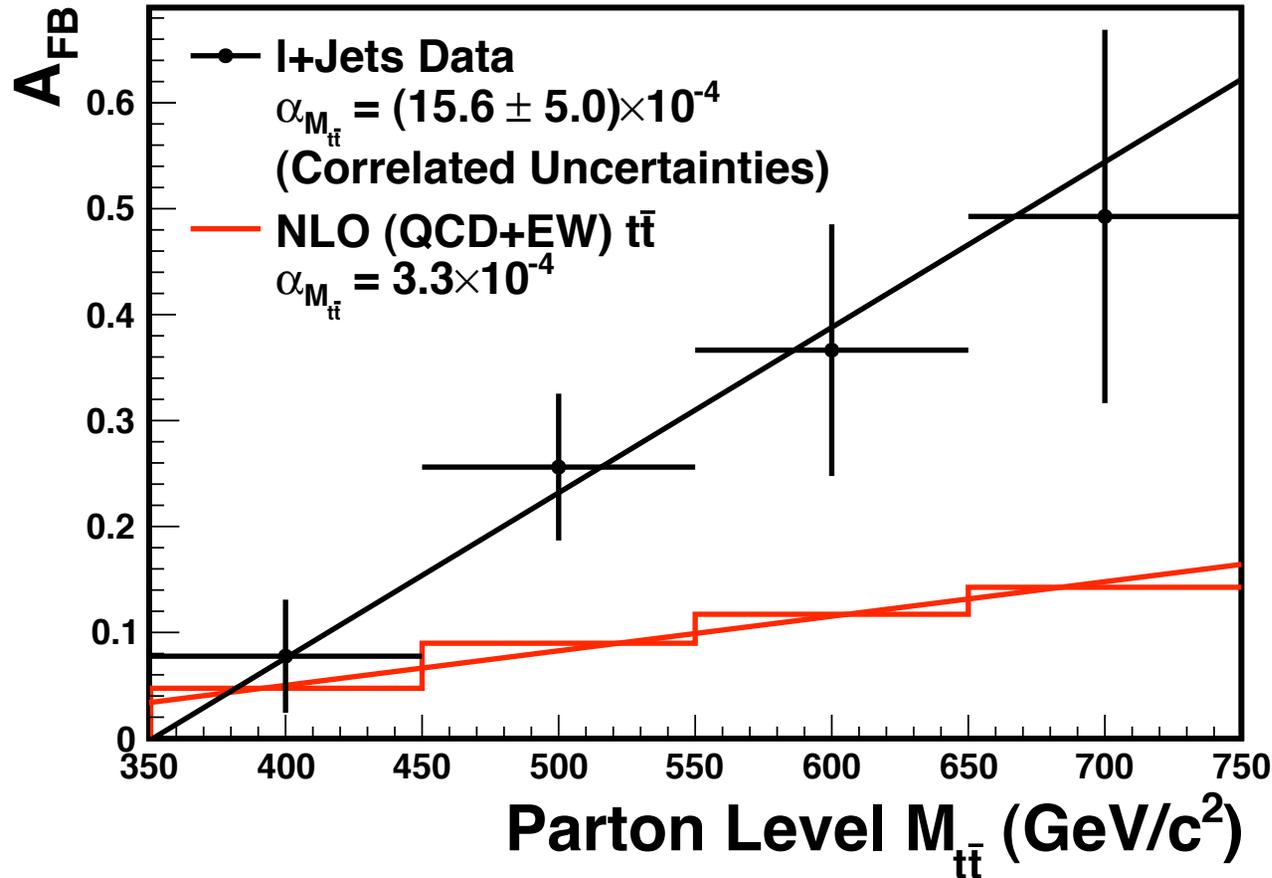
# MASS DISTRIBUTIONS FOR FORWARD AND BACKWARD EVENTS



- Parton-level  $M_{t\bar{t}}$  distributions for events with positive and negative  $\Delta y$
- These distributions are then combined to find the differential asymmetry

# MASS-DEPENDENT DIFFERENTIAL $A_{FB}$

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- $A_{FB}$  vs.  $M_{t\bar{t}}$  well-described by a line with slope larger than NLO prediction
  - $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f} = 0.1$

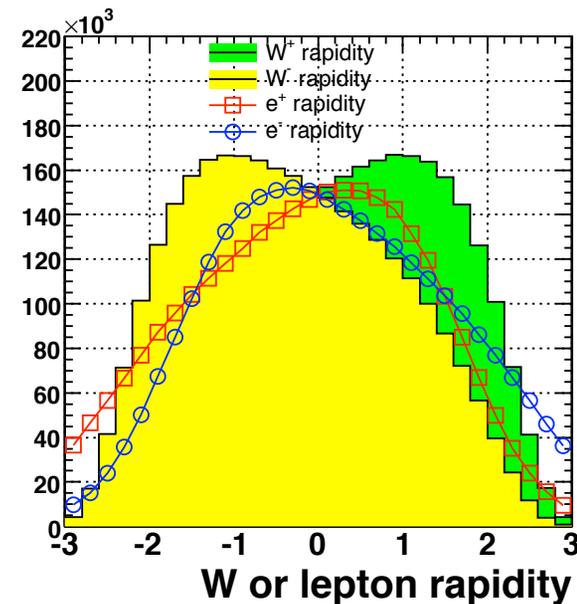
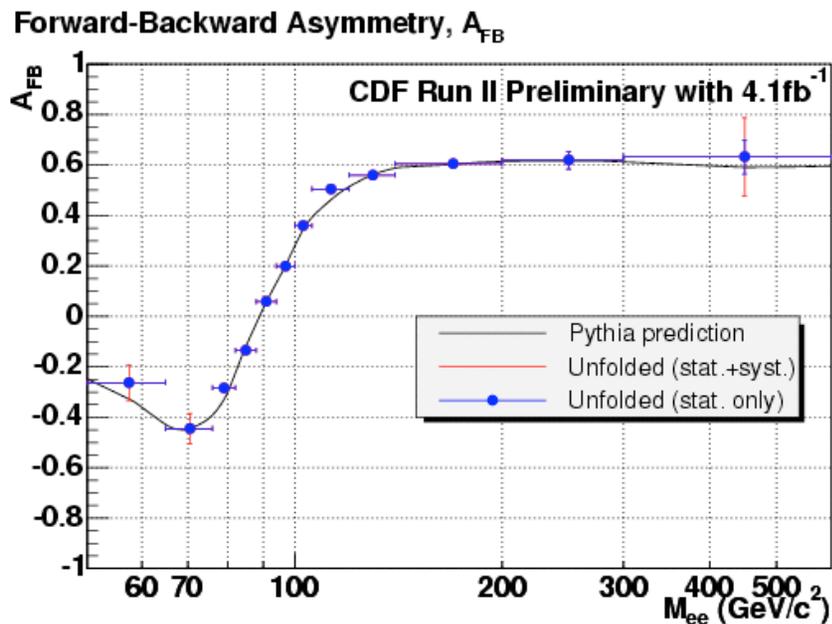
# CONCLUSIONS

- CDF has measured the top pair  $A_{\text{FB}}$  using the full dataset
- Inclusive  $A_{\text{FB}}$  remains significant
  - Parton level  $A_{\text{FB}} = (16.2 \pm 4.7)\%$ 
    - $3.4\sigma$  from no asymmetry,  $2\sigma$  from NLO POWHEG prediction
- Mass and rapidity dependence from  $5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  confirmed in full dataset
  - Behavior is well-described by a linear ansatz
    - Slopes are non-zero at  $>3\sigma$  level
    - p-values (after background subtraction) relative to POWHEG of  $6.46 \times 10^{-3}$  for  $A_{\text{FB}}$  vs.  $M_{\text{tt}}$  and  $8.92 \times 10^{-3}$  for  $A_{\text{FB}}$  vs.  $|\Delta y|$
  - Correct to parton-level for comparison to theory expectations
- CDF has several additional  $A_{\text{FB}}$  analyses coming soon
  - Exploring new kinematic variables in the lepton+jets analysis
  - Analyzing the full CDF dataset in the dilepton channel
  - Measuring  $A_{\text{FB}}$  in bottom-antibottom pairs

# BACKUP SLIDES

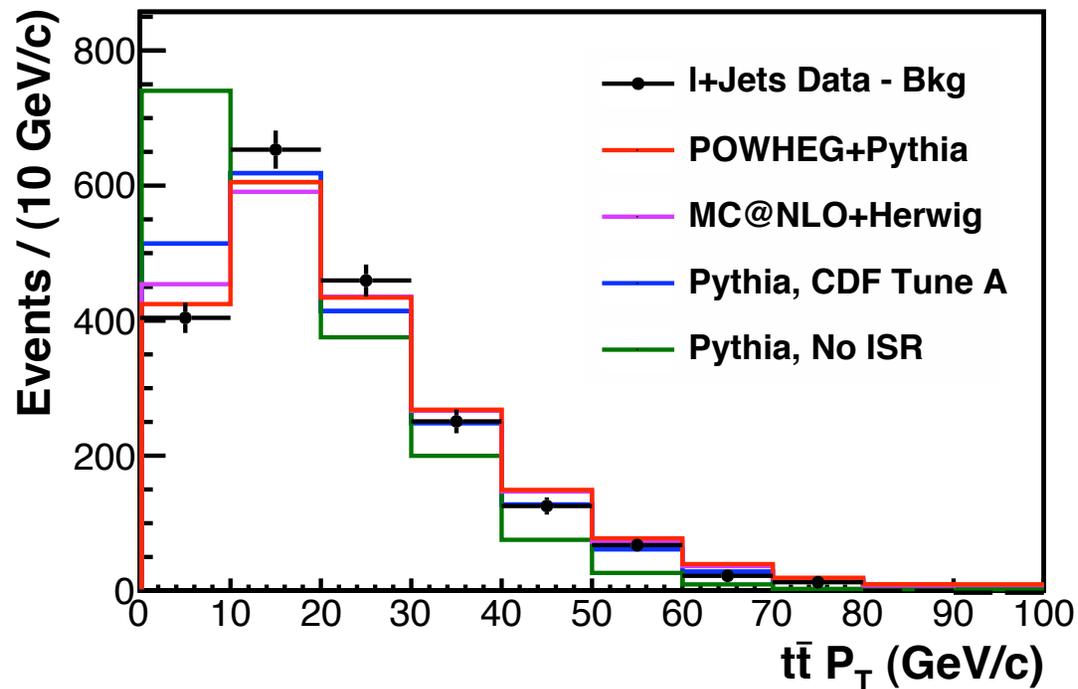
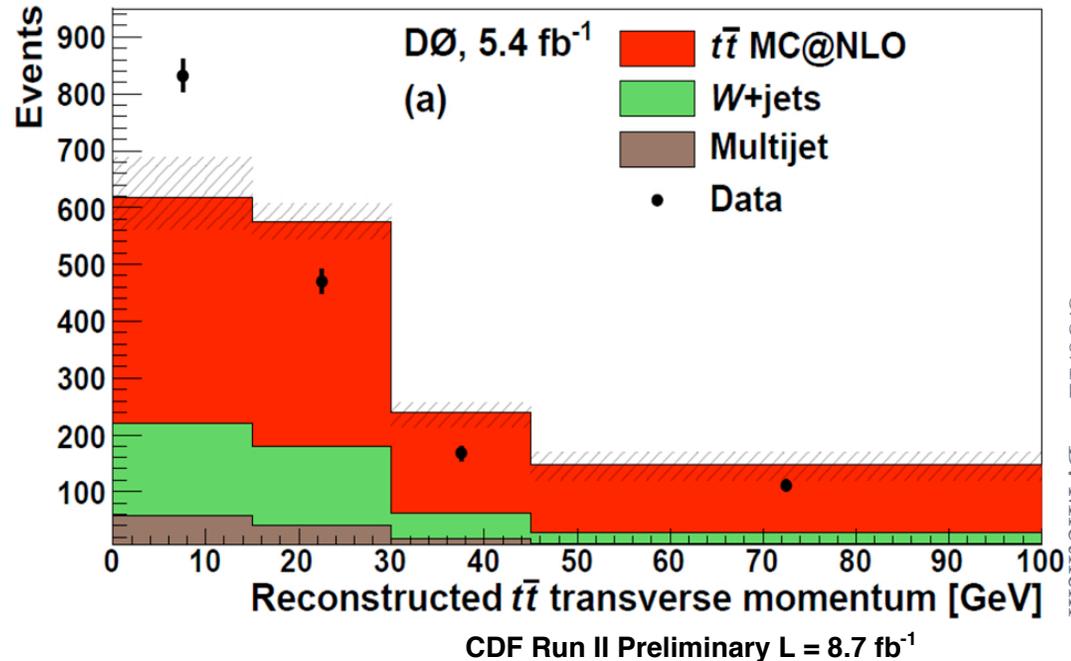
# OTHER ASYMMETRY MEASUREMENTS AT CDF

- The standard model is based on symmetries, but asymmetries arise naturally
  - Interference terms
  - Asymmetric initial states can produce asymmetric final states
- CDF has studied production asymmetries in various systems – not just top quarks!
  - Usually there is good agreement with the SM prediction
  - **Left:  $A_{FB}$  in  $Z/\gamma$  decays to  $e^+e^-$** 
    - Arises from Z couplings and Z/ $\gamma$  interference terms, changes sign at  $M_Z$  pole
  - **Right: charge asymmetry in W production**
    - Arises from asymmetries in the parton distribution functions

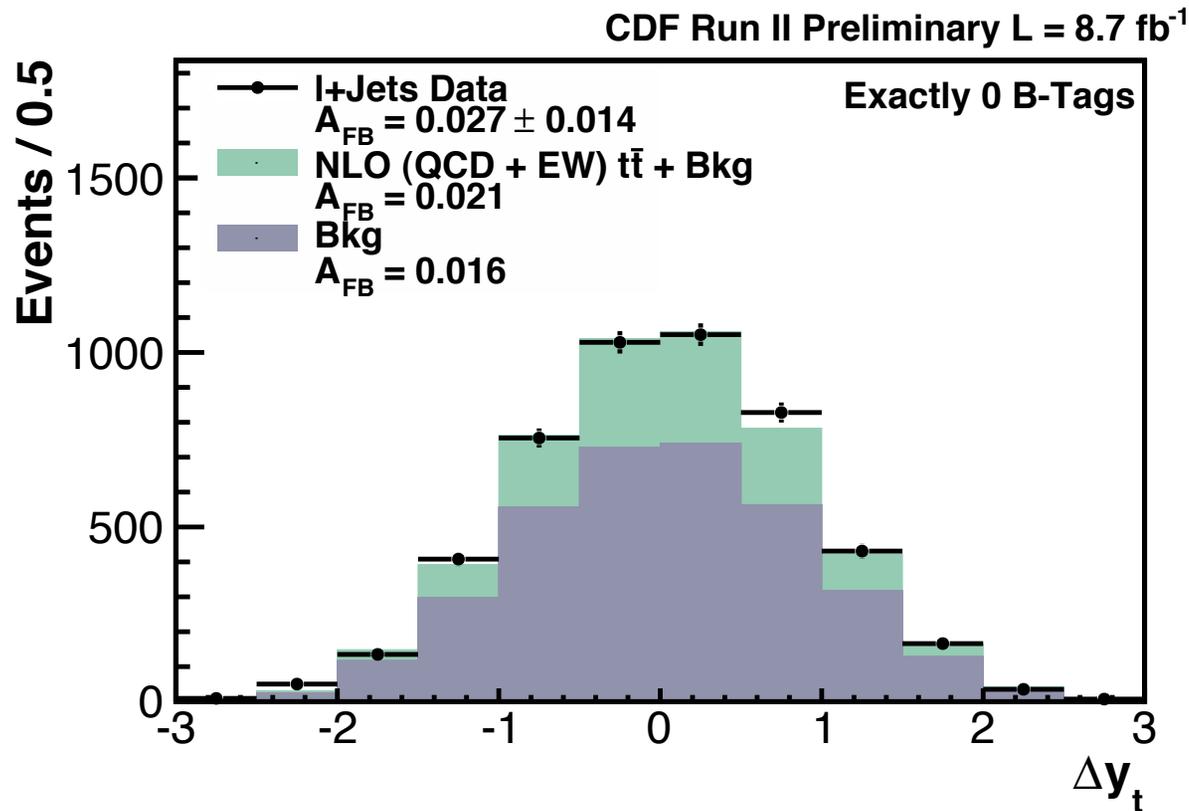


# THE TOP PAIR $P_T$

- D0 5.4 fb<sup>-1</sup> analysis observed mis-modeling at low  $P_T$  (top)
- CDF finds agreement with NLO predictions of POWHEG and MC@NLO (bottom)



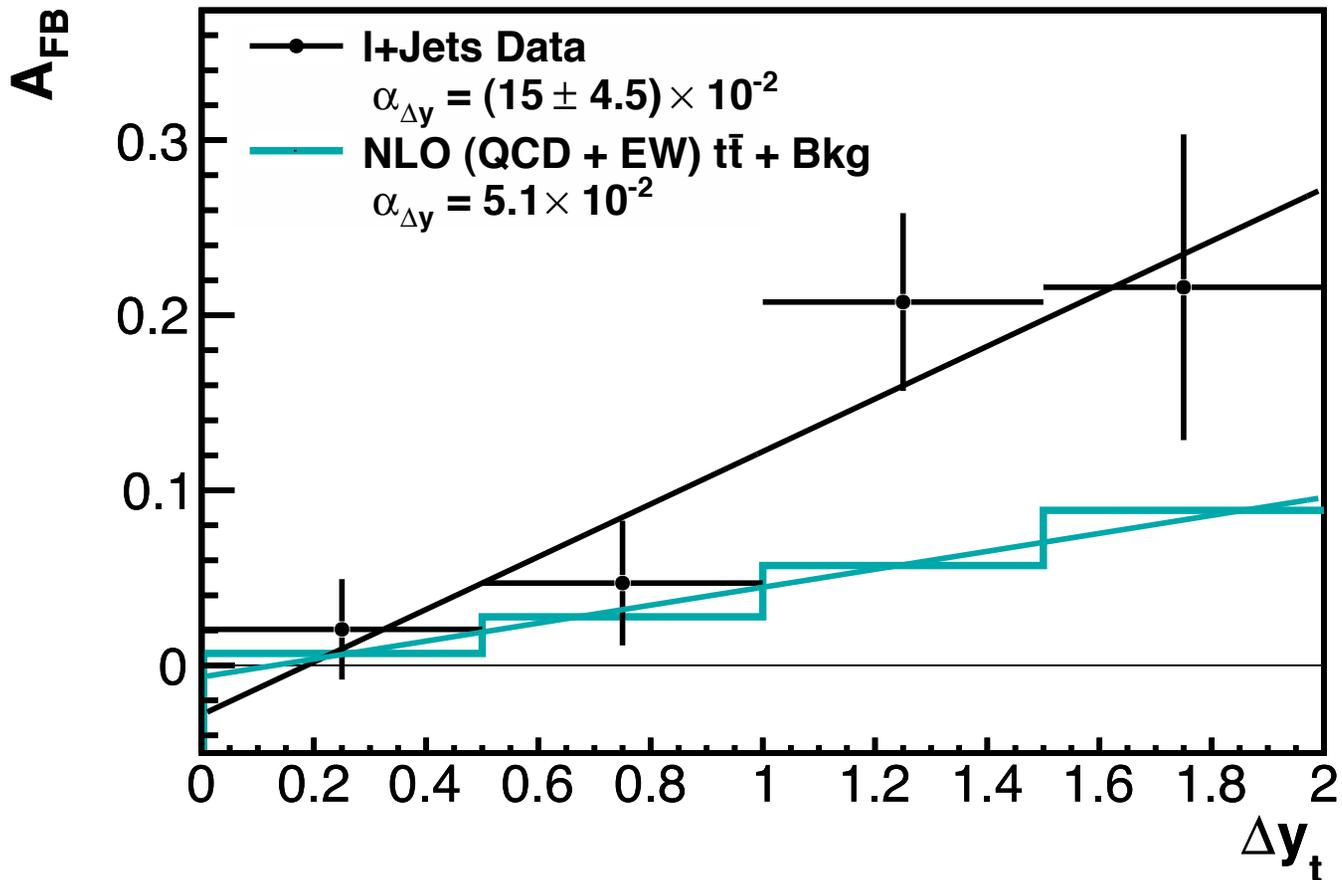
# $\Delta y$ IN EVENTS WITH NO $b$ -TAGS



- Check background prediction in background-dominated region
- Events pass all selection requirements except they do not have any  $b$ -tagged jets
- Good agreement between data and expectation

# RECONSTRUCTION LEVEL RAPIDITY DEPENDENCE

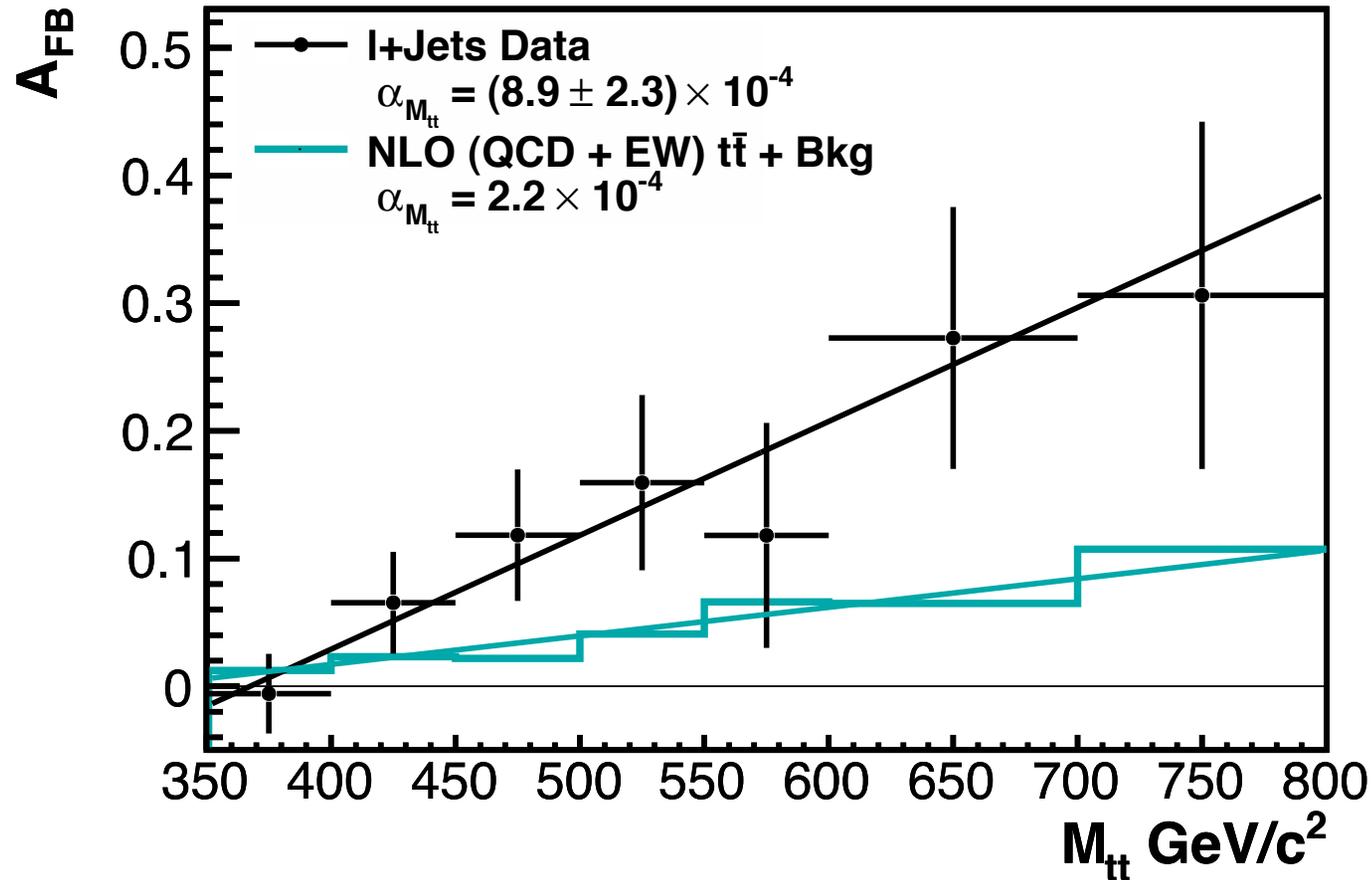
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- Linear ansatz holds even at reconstruction level before any background subtraction
  - $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 1.1$

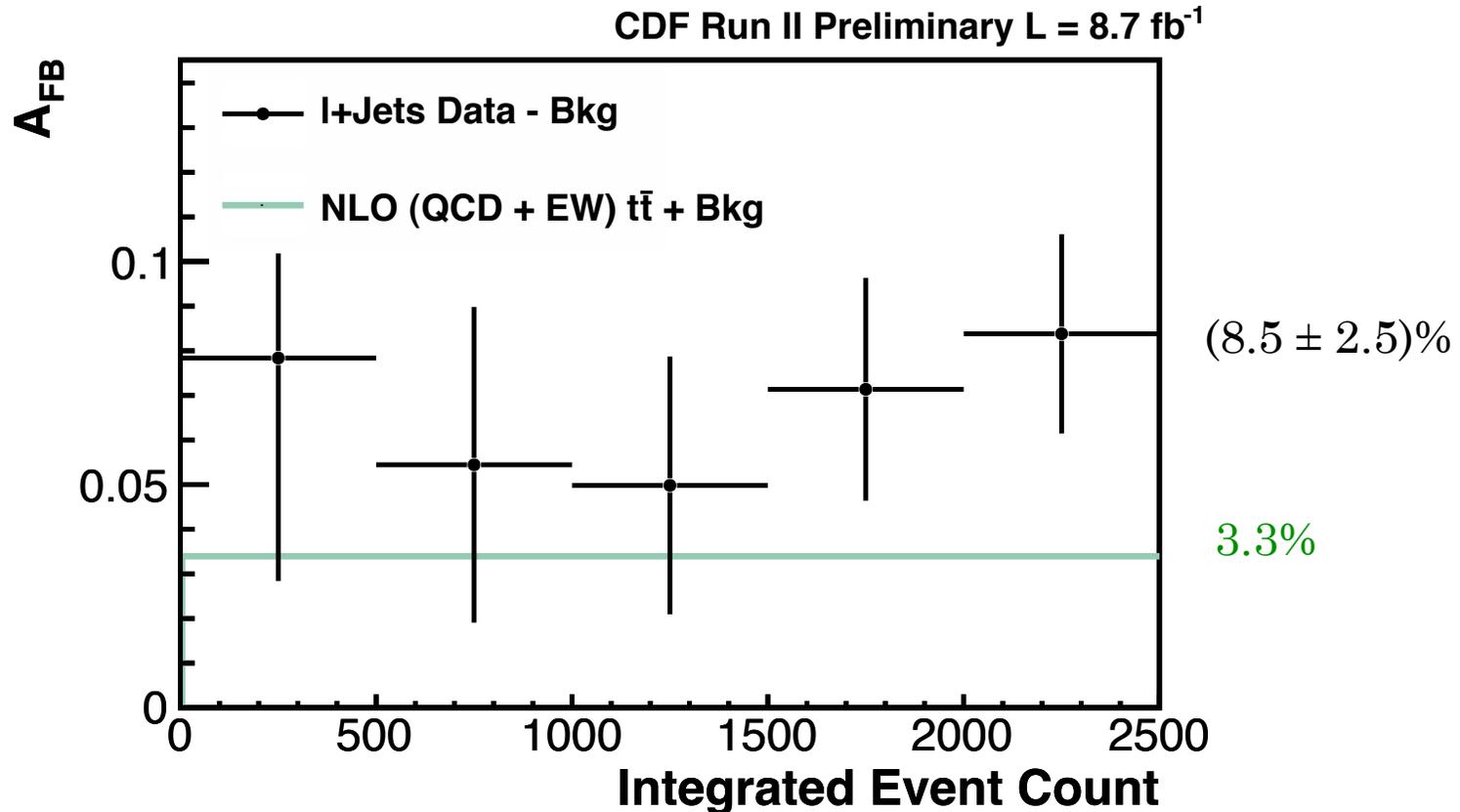
# RECONSTRUCTION LEVEL MASS DEPENDENCE

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- $A_{FB}$  as a function of  $M_{t\bar{t}}$  at reconstruction level also well-described by linear ansatz
  - $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 0.2$

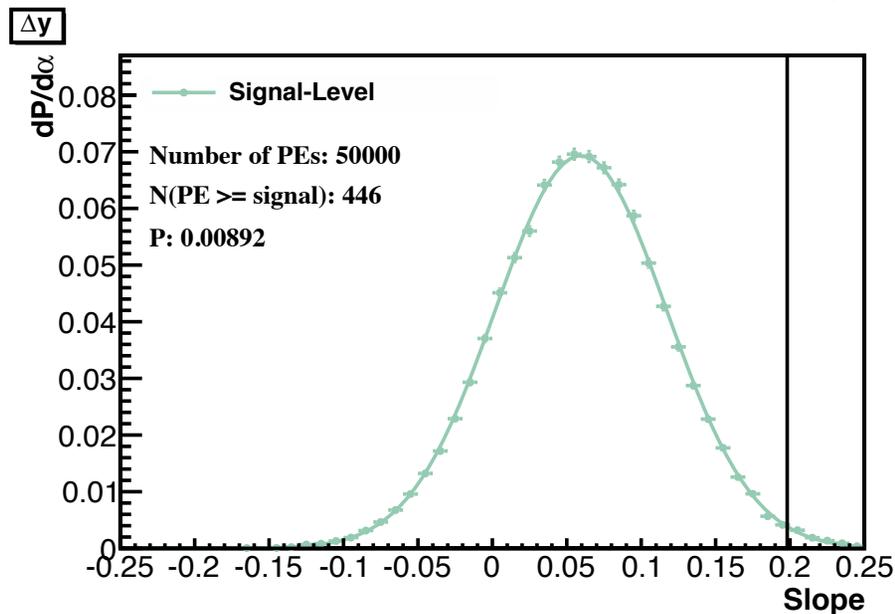
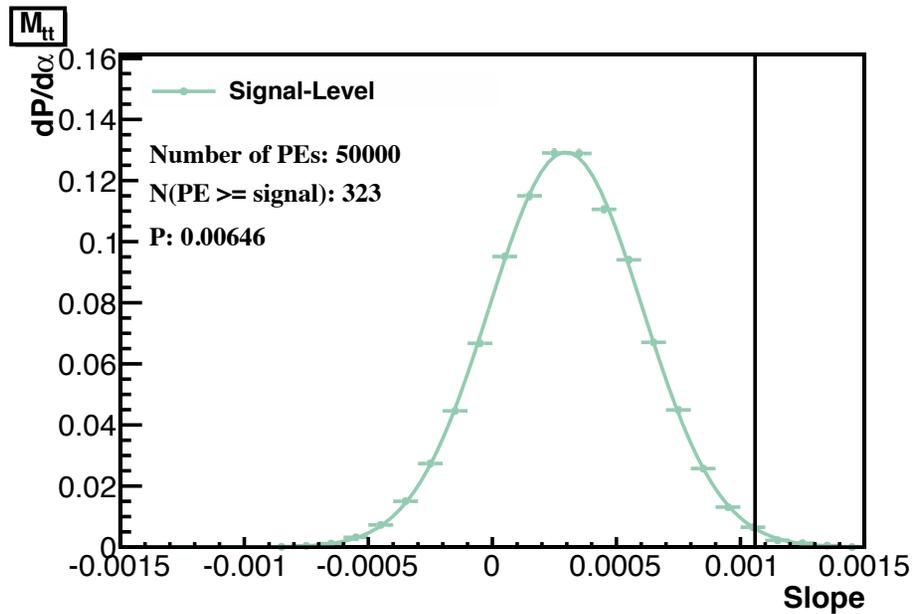
# THE BACKGROUND-SUBTRACTED $A_{FB}$ OVER TIME



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- Could the asymmetry result from a temporary detector effect, mis-calibration, etc.?
  - Measure  $A_{FB}$  as a function of the total number of observed events in the data sample
- $A_{FB}$  constant within uncertainties through the entire course of Run II data taking

# P-VALUE DETERMINATION



- Plots show slopes for  $A_{FB}$  vs.  $M_{tt}$  (top) and  $A_{FB}$  vs.  $\Delta y$  (bottom) measured from fluctuations on NLO prediction at the background-subtracted level

- p-value: fraction of experiments in which  $\alpha_{NLO} \geq \alpha_{Data}$

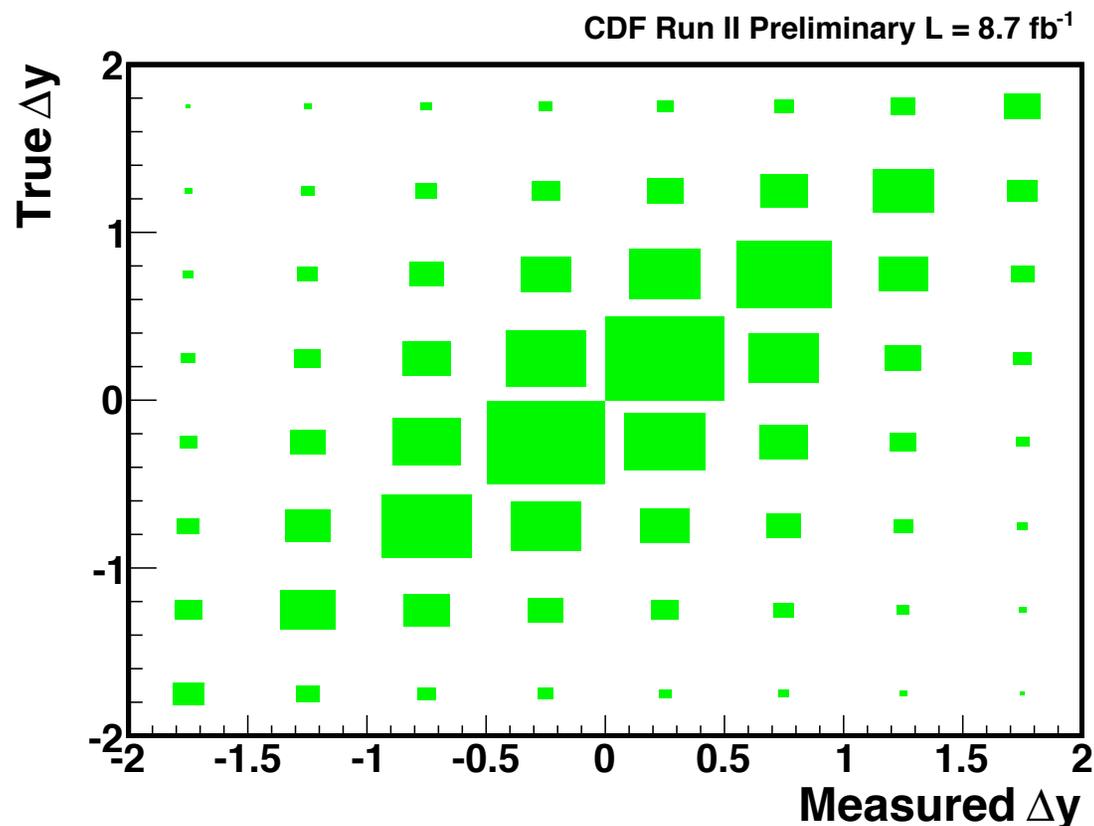
# COMPARISON TO THE 5 FB<sup>-1</sup> RESULTS

| Selection                         | Prediction | CDF, 5.3 fb <sup>-1</sup> | D0, 5.4 fb <sup>-1</sup>           | CDF, 8.7 fb <sup>-1</sup> |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Inclusive                         | 6.6        | 15.8 ± 7.4                | 19.6 ± 6.5                         | 16.2 ± 4.7                |
| $M_{tt} < 450 \text{ GeV}/c^2$    | 4.7        | -11.6 ± 15.3              | 7.8 ± 4.8<br>(Bkg.<br>Subtracted)  | 7.8 ± 5.4                 |
| $M_{tt} \geq 450 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ | 10.0       | 47.5 ± 11.2               | 11.5 ± 6.0<br>(Bkg.<br>Subtracted) | 29.6 ± 6.7                |
| $ \Delta y  < 1.0$                | 4.3        | 2.6 ± 11.8                | 6.1 ± 4.1<br>(Bkg.<br>Subtracted)  | 8.8 ± 4.7                 |
| $ \Delta y  \geq 1.0$             | 13.9       | 61.1 ± 25.6               | 21.3 ± 9.7<br>(Bkg.<br>Subtracted) | 43.3 ± 10.9               |

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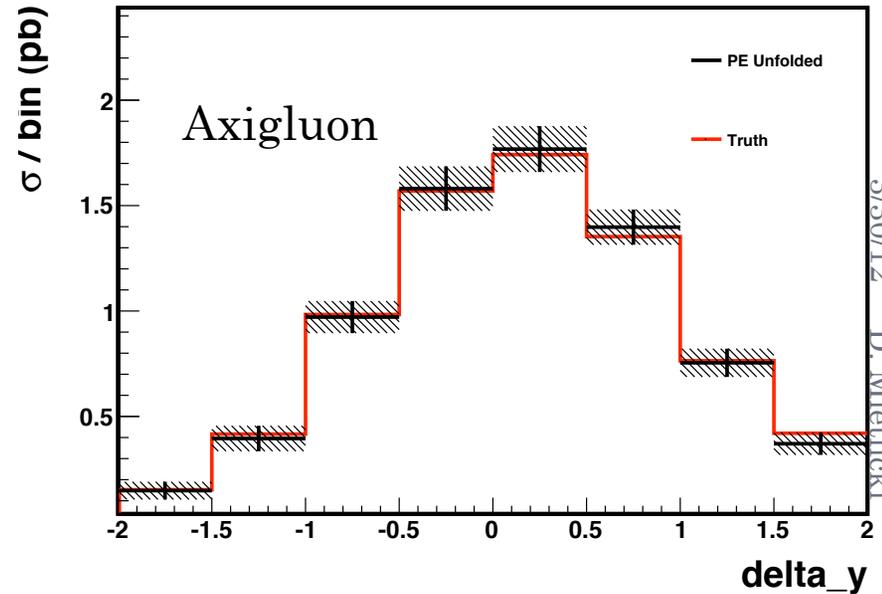
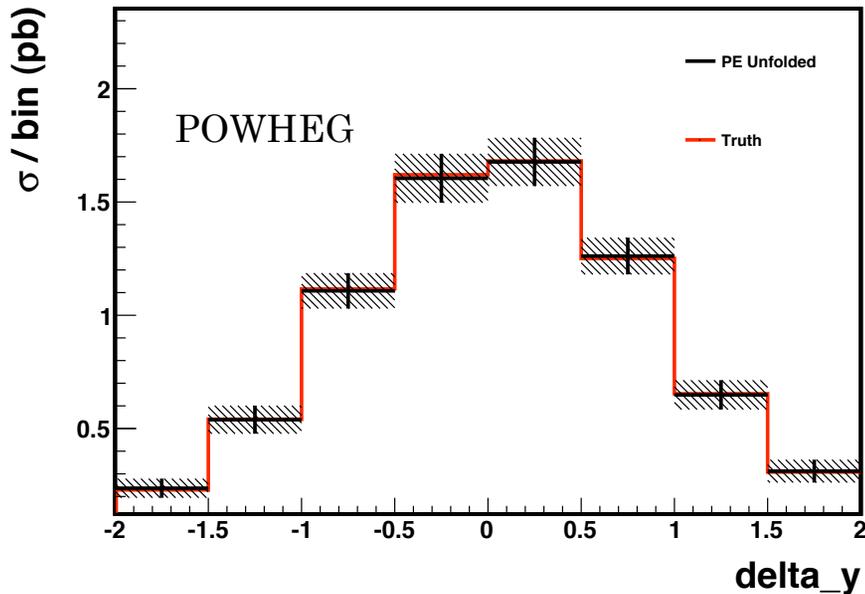
- Parton level asymmetries in two bins of  $M_{tt}$  and  $|\Delta y|$  for direct comparison to previous results

# THE DETECTOR RESPONSE MATRIX



- Plot shows detector response matrix used for regularized unfold of  $\Delta y$ 
  - Box sizes proportional to bin contents
  - Does not include acceptances (acceptance matrix is diagonal, simply a multiplicative correction to each bin)
- Predominantly diagonal (good resolution) and symmetric (no bias for forward or backward events)

# BIAS TESTS



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| <i>Inclusive <math>A_{FB}</math></i> | <i>Value</i> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| True $A_{FB}$                        | 5.2          |
| Average Meas. $A_{FB}$               | 5.5          |
| Average Uncertainty                  | 4.0          |

| <i>Inclusive <math>A_{FB}</math></i> | <i>Value</i> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| True $A_{FB}$                        | 15.6         |
| Average Meas. $A_{FB}$               | 16.2         |
| Average Uncertainty                  | 3.9          |

- Check the correction procedure in simulated experiments based on Monte Carlo samples
- Plots show average corrected results compared to true MC distributions in POWHEG (left) and an example new physics (axigluon) sample (right)