

Indirect determinations of the top quark mass

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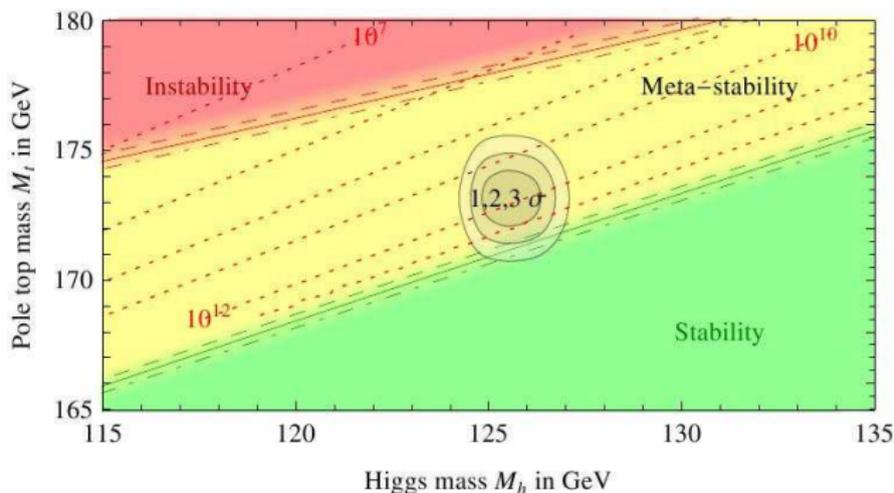
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The role of M_t in particle physics and cosmology

- **A more precise determination of $M_t = v y_t$ will add important information to our knowledge of particle physics and cosmology. Since y_t is sizeable, it plays a crucial role in the predictions of the SM at the quantum level.**
 - ▶ **Stability of the EW vacuum:** if no NP modifies the short-distance behaviour of the SM, top-quark loops destabilise the Higgs potential even for $\delta M_t \sim 2$ GeV.
 - ▶ **Inflation:** small changes in M_t have important effects in the evolution of the universe at the inflationary epoch and determine the viability of scenarios of Higgs inflation.



- **The most precise quoted value of the top-quark pole mass comes from the combination of LHC and Tevatron measurements** [LHC & Tevatron '14]

$$(M_t)_{\text{pole}} = 173.34 \pm 0.76 \text{ GeV}$$

- ▶ **M_t is not a physical observable**: Its extraction is done through final-state invariant masses, kinematic distributions, total rates especially sensitive to M_t .
 - ▶ **“Monte-Carlo mass”**: In the context of hadron colliders, the extraction of M_t suffers from a variety of effects linked to hadronization like bound-state effects of the $t\bar{t}$ pairs, parton showering, and other non-perturbative corrections. The extraction of M_t relies on modelling based on Monte-Carlo generators.
- **More robust determination of M_t** : through observables calculable in terms of $(M_t)_{\text{run}}$ in perturbative QCD such as the total inclusive $t\bar{t}$ cross section. $(M_t)_{\text{run}}$ is then translated into $(M_t)_{\text{pole}}$ by a relation now known at four-loops in QCD.

$$(M_t)_{\sigma_{t\bar{t}}} = \begin{cases} 172.9 \pm 2.6 \text{ GeV} & \text{ATLAS} \\ 176.7 \pm 2.9 \text{ GeV} & \text{CMS} \end{cases}$$

- **e^+e^- collider operating at the $t\bar{t}$ threshold**: scans of the $t\bar{t}$ pair production would reach a statistical accuracy on the mass measurement of about 20–30 MeV [Seidel et al,'13]. Recent N³LO calculations can relate such measurements to a well-defined M_t , with a theoretical uncertainty below about 50 MeV [Beneke et al.,'15].

- **Sensitivity of observables to M_t :** the large y_t enable us to infer M_t from SM quantum effects. The observables that are more sensitive to M_t are identified working in the heavy-top limit $M_t \gg M_W, M_Z$ [Barbieri et al.,'92].
- **Gauge-less theory:** theory with massive quarks, the Higgs boson h , and 3 Goldstone bosons $\vec{\chi}$ related by the equivalence theorem to the longitudinal components of the W and Z

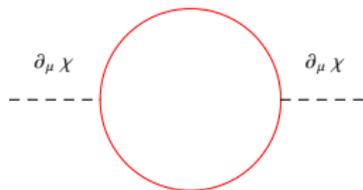
$$L = y_t \bar{t}_R H^T \begin{pmatrix} V_{ti} d_{iL} \\ -t_L \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.}, \quad H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\vec{\sigma}\cdot\vec{\chi}/v} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L = - \frac{y_t}{\sqrt{2}} (\cos |\vec{\chi}|/v) (v + h) \bar{t}t + y_t \left(\frac{\sin |\vec{\chi}|/v}{|\vec{\chi}|/v} \right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{v} \right) \left[\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \chi^0 \bar{t} \gamma_5 t + (\chi^+ \bar{t}_R V_{ti} d_{iL} + \text{h.c.}) \right],$$

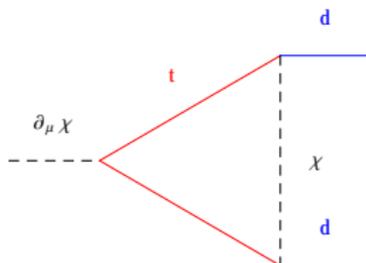
- **Top-less effective theory:** the next step is to integrate out the top quark and this will generate a set of effective operators whose coefficients describe the leading top-mass dependence in the large M_t limit.

Observables sensitive on M_t

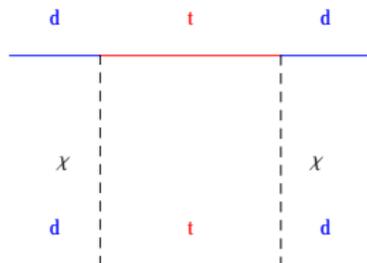
$$\Delta\rho \propto y_t^2$$



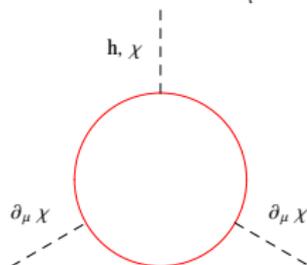
$$A(Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}, B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-, K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}) \propto \frac{y_t^3}{M_t}$$



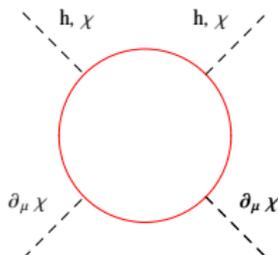
$$\Delta m_B, \epsilon_K \propto \frac{y_t^4}{M_t^2}$$



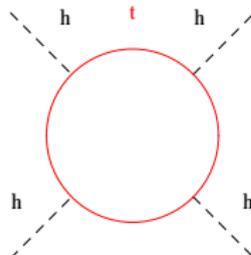
$$g_{hZZ}, g_{hWW}, g_{ZWW} \propto \frac{y_t^3}{M_t}$$



$$A(WW \rightarrow WW) \propto \frac{y_t^4}{M_t^2}$$



$$A(hh \rightarrow hh) \propto y_t^4$$



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- $\Delta\rho$ is generated by the dim-4 operator $(\partial_\mu\chi)^2$ and therefore $\Delta\rho \propto y_t^2$

$$\Delta\rho = \frac{3y_t^2}{32\pi^2} = \frac{3G_F M_t^2}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2}$$

- $Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$, $K \rightarrow \pi\nu\bar{\nu}$ and $B_s \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ arise from the dim-5 operator $(\bar{d}_L\gamma^\mu d_L)(\partial_\mu\chi^0)$ with coefficient of order $|V_{td}|^2 y_t^3 / (16\pi^2 M_t)$.

$$\frac{g}{c_W} \bar{d}_i \left[(g_L + \Delta g_L)^{ij} P_L + g_R^{ij} P_R \right] \not{Z} d_j, \quad \Delta g_L^{ij} = \frac{V_{ti}^* V_{tj} y_t^2}{32\pi^2},$$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}) = \frac{\rho G_F M_Z^3}{\pi\sqrt{2}} \left[(g_L^{bb} + \Delta g_L^{bb})^2 + (g_R^{bb})^2 \right]$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{K \rightarrow \pi\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\text{eff}} = \frac{\Delta g_L^{sd}}{2v^2} (\bar{s}_L\gamma^\mu d_L)(\bar{\nu}_L^\ell\gamma_\mu\nu_L^\ell) + \text{h.c.},$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{B_s \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-}^{\text{eff}} = -\frac{\Delta g_L^{bs}}{2v^2} (\bar{b}_L\gamma^\mu s_L)(\bar{\ell}_L\gamma_\mu\ell_L) + \text{h.c.}$$

- Δm_{B_q} and ϵ_K arise from dim-6 operator involving four d_L fields.

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Delta F=2}^{\text{eff}} = \frac{y_t^2 (V_{ti}^* V_{tj})^2}{256\pi^2 v^2} (\bar{d}_{iL}\gamma^\mu d_{jL})(\bar{d}_{iL}\gamma_\mu d_{jL}) + \text{h.c.}$$

- **Triple gauge boson vertices and WW scattering:** dim-5 or dim-6 operators such as $h(\partial_\mu\chi)^2$, $\chi(\partial_\mu\chi)^2$, $h^2(\partial_\mu\chi)^2$, and $\chi^2(\partial_\mu\chi)^2$ sensitive on M_t^2 .
Experimental sensitivity too poor to allow for any significant determination of M_t .
- **$hh \rightarrow hh$ scattering:** it receives a correction $\mathcal{O}(y_t^4/16\pi^2)$. This explains the importance of the top-mass measurement for vacuum stability considerations.
- **$B \rightarrow X_s\gamma$:** the coefficient of the dim-6 operator $m_b\bar{s}_L\sigma^{\mu\nu}b_R F_{\mu\nu}$ is estimated to be $(eV_{tb}V_{ts}^*/16\pi^2) \times (y_t^2/M_t^2)$ with no power sensitivity on M_t .

$$BR(B \rightarrow X_s\gamma) \propto M_t^{0.38}$$

- **$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \gamma Z$:** is induced by the operators $hF_{\mu\nu}^2$, $hF_{\mu\nu}Z_{\mu\nu}$, $h(\partial_\mu\chi^0)\partial_\nu F_{\mu\nu}$, with coefficients of order $(e^2/16\pi^2) \times (y_t/M_t)$ for the first two dim-5 operators and $(e/16\pi^2) \times (y_t^2/M_t^2)$ for the third dim-6 operator.

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \propto M_t^{0.037}, \quad \Gamma(h \rightarrow Z\gamma) \propto M_t^{0.014}$$

- **$h \rightarrow WW^*, ZZ^*$:** comes from the dim-5 operator $h(\partial_\mu\chi)^2$ with coefficient $\mathcal{O}(y_t^3/16\pi^2 M_t)$. Even a futuristic measurement of the branching ratio at 1% could not determine M_t with an error better than 50 GeV.

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma(h \rightarrow WW^*, ZZ^*)}{\Gamma(h \rightarrow WW^*, ZZ^*)} = -\frac{5y_t^2}{32\pi^2}$$

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} |V_{ud}| & |V_{us}| & |V_{ub}| \\ |V_{cd}| & |V_{cs}| & |V_{cb}| \\ |V_{td}| & |V_{ts}| & |V_{tb}| \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} n \begin{array}{c} e^- \\ \bar{\nu} \\ p \end{array} & K \begin{array}{c} \ell^- \\ \bar{\nu} \\ \pi \end{array} & B \begin{array}{c} \ell^- \\ \bar{\nu} \\ \pi \end{array} \\ \hline D \begin{array}{c} \ell^- \\ \bar{\nu} \\ \pi \end{array} & D \begin{array}{c} \ell^- \\ \bar{\nu} \\ K \end{array} & B \begin{array}{c} \ell^- \\ \bar{\nu} \\ D \end{array} \\ \hline B^0 \begin{array}{c} \ell^- \\ \bar{\nu} \\ B^0 \end{array} & B_s \begin{array}{c} \ell^- \\ \bar{\nu} \\ \bar{B}_s \end{array} & t \begin{array}{c} W \\ b \end{array} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **New Physics Unitary Triangle fit:** when searching for NP, the four CKM parameters are determined by tree-level observables which are expected to be not affected by NP effects.
- **Standard Model Unitary Triangle fit:** if we assume the SM to be the true theory, the best determination of the CKM comes from the loop-induced processes ΔM_d , $\Delta M_d/\Delta M_s$, ϵ_K and $\sin 2\beta$
- **Hybrid Unitary Triangle fit:** assuming the SM to be exactly valid the extraction of M_t from flavour processes is done fixing the four CKM parameters from the most precise measurements independent on M_t , even if they arise at loop level.

$$|V_{us}|, \quad |V_{cb}|, \quad \gamma, \quad \beta$$

- For our analysis we will need the following combinations (where $\lambda_i = V_{id} V_{is}^*$)

$$|V_{td} V_{tb}^*| = |V_{us}| |V_{cb}| \frac{\sin \gamma}{\sin(\gamma + \beta)} \left[1 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4) \right]$$

$$|V_{ts} V_{tb}^*| = |V_{cb}| \left[1 - \frac{\lambda^2 \sin(\gamma - \beta)}{2 \sin(\gamma + \beta)} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4) \right]$$

$$\text{Re} \lambda_t = -|V_{cb}|^2 |V_{us}| \frac{\sin \gamma \cos \beta}{\sin(\gamma + \beta)} \left[1 + \lambda^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sin \gamma}{\cos \beta \sin(\gamma + \beta)} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4) \right]$$

$$\text{Re} \lambda_c = -|V_{us}| \left[1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4) \right],$$

$$\text{Im} \lambda_t = -\text{Im} \lambda_c = |V_{cb}|^2 |V_{us}| \frac{\sin \gamma \sin \beta}{\sin(\gamma + \beta)} \left[1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4) \right]$$

- SM predictions for flavour observables are often expressed in terms of the running $\overline{\text{MS}}$ top quark mass $\overline{m}_t(m_t)$, related to the pole top mass M_t by

$$\frac{M_t}{\overline{m}_t} = 1 + 0.4244 \alpha_s + 0.8345 \alpha_s^2 + 2.375 \alpha_s^3 + (8.49 \pm 0.25) \alpha_s^4 = 1.060302(35)$$

Present values and future uncertainties

Observable	Now (2015)	Error 2020	Error 2025
$M_W(\text{GeV})$	80.385(15)	8	5
$\sin^2 \theta_W$	0.23116(13)	13	1.3
$\alpha_s(M_Z)$	0.1184(7)	?	?
$ V_{cb} \times 10^3$	40.9(11)	4	3
$ V_{ub} \times 10^3$	3.81(40)	10	8
$\sin 2\beta$	0.679(20)	16	8
γ	$(73.2^{+6.3}_{-7.0})^\circ$	3°	1°
$\Delta m_{B_d}(\text{ps}^{-1})$	0.510(3)	–	–
$\Delta m_{B_s}(\text{ps}^{-1})$	17.757(21)	–	–
$B(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \times 10^9$	2.8(7)	3	1.3
$B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) \times 10^{11}$	$17.3^{+11.5}_{-10.5}$	0.8	0.4
$B(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) \times 10^{11}$	–	2	0.3
$ \epsilon_K \times 10^{-3}$	2.228(11)	–	–
η_B	0.55(1)	0.5	0.2
$f_{B_s}(\text{MeV})$	226(5)	2	1
\hat{B}_{B_s}	1.33(6)	2	0.7
f_{B_s}/f_{B_d}	1.204(16)	10	5
$\hat{B}_{B_s}/\hat{B}_{B_d}$	1.03(8)	2	0.5

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- Δm_{B_s} : SM prediction 2015

$$\Delta m_{B_s} = \frac{16.9 \pm 1.4}{\text{ps}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\hat{B}_{B_s}} f_{B_s}}{261 \text{ MeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{M_t}{173.34 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{1.52} \left(\frac{|V_{ts} V_{tb}^*|}{0.0400} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\eta_B}{0.55} \right)$$

- Error budget 2015

$$\delta(\Delta m_{B_s}) = \left(\pm 1.04 \hat{B}_{B_s}^{1/2} f_{B_s} \pm 0.91 |V_{cb}| \pm 0.31 \eta_B \right) \text{ps}^{-1}$$

- Error budget 2025

$$\delta(\Delta m_{B_s}) = \left(\pm 0.17 \hat{B}_{B_s}^{1/2} f_{B_s} \pm 0.25 |V_{cb}| \pm 0.06 \eta_B \right) \text{ps}^{-1}$$

- M_t prediction: 2015

$$(M_t)_{\Delta m_{B_s}} = (179 \pm 10) \text{ GeV}$$

- M_t prediction: 2020 & 2025

$$\delta(M_t)_{\Delta m_{B_s}} \approx \begin{cases} \pm 3.6 \text{ GeV} & (2020) \\ \pm 2.1 \text{ GeV} & (2025) \end{cases}$$

- Δm_{B_d} : SM prediction 2015

$$\Delta m_{B_d} = \frac{0.54 \pm 0.08}{\text{ps}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\hat{B}_{B_d}} f_{B_d}}{214 \text{ MeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{M_t}{173.34 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{1.52} \left(\frac{|V_{td} V_{tb}^*|}{0.0088} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\eta_B}{0.55} \right),$$

- Error budget 2015

$$\delta(\Delta m_{B_d}) = \left(\pm 0.056_{\hat{B}_{B_d}^{1/2} f_{B_d}} \pm 0.029_{|V_{cb}|} \pm 0.001_{\beta} \pm 0.047_{\gamma} \pm 0.009_{\eta_B} \right) \text{ps}^{-1}$$

- Error budget 2015

$$\delta(\Delta m_{B_d}) = \left(\pm 0.007_{\hat{B}_{B_d}^{1/2} f_{B_d}} \pm 0.008_{|V_{cb}|} \pm 0.001_{\beta} \pm 0.007_{\gamma} \pm 0.002_{\eta_B} \right) \text{ps}^{-1}$$

- M_t prediction: 2015

$$(M_t)_{\Delta m_{B_d}} = (167 \pm 16) \text{ GeV}$$

- M_t prediction: 2020 & 2025

$$\delta(M_t)_{\Delta m_{B_d}} \approx \begin{cases} \pm 6.5 \text{ GeV} & (2020) \\ \pm 2.7 \text{ GeV} & (2025) \end{cases}$$

- $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$: SM prediction 2015

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.35 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-9} R_{t\alpha} R_s$$

$$R_{t\alpha} = \left(\frac{\alpha_s(M_Z)}{0.1184} \right)^{-0.18} \left(\frac{M_t}{173.34 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{3.06}$$

$$R_s = \left(\frac{f_{B_s}}{226 \text{ MeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{|V_{cb}|}{0.0409} \right)^2 \left(\frac{|V_{ts} V_{tb}^* / V_{cb}|}{0.980} \right)^2 \frac{\tau_H^s}{1.607 \text{ ps}}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.35 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-9} \left(\frac{M_t}{173.34 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{3.06}$$

- Error budget

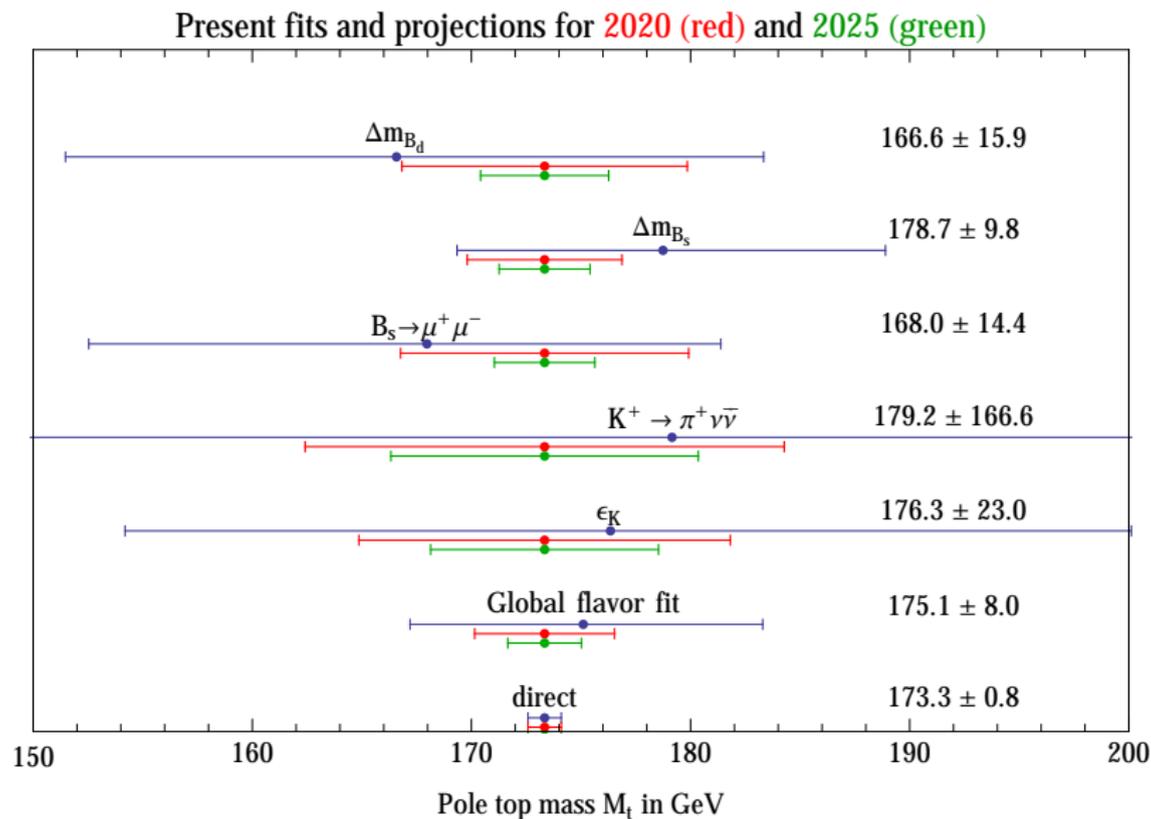
$$\delta \mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (\pm 0.05_{t\alpha} \pm 0.14_{f_{B_s}} \pm 0.17_{|V_{cb}|}) \times 10^{-9} \quad (2015)$$

$$\delta \mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (\pm 0.01_{t\alpha} \pm 0.03_{f_{B_s}} \pm 0.05_{|V_{cb}|}) \times 10^{-9} \quad (2025)$$

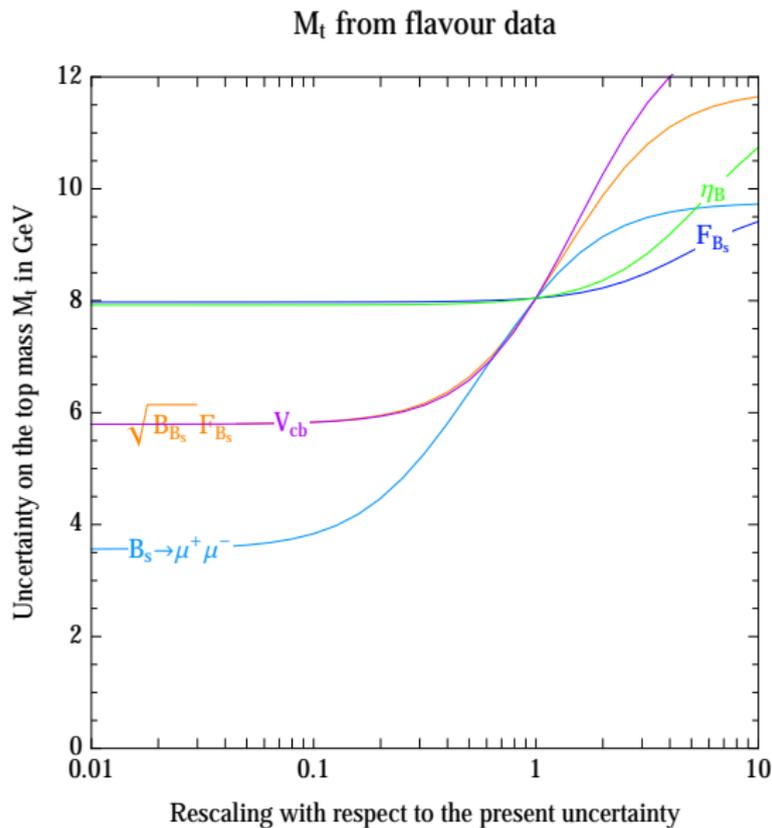
- M_t predictions

$$(M_t)_{B_s \mu \mu} = (167 \pm 14) \text{ GeV} \quad (2015)$$

$$\delta(M_t)_{B_s \mu \mu} \approx \begin{cases} \pm 5.9 \text{ GeV} & (2020) \\ \pm 2.5 \text{ GeV} & (2025) \end{cases}$$

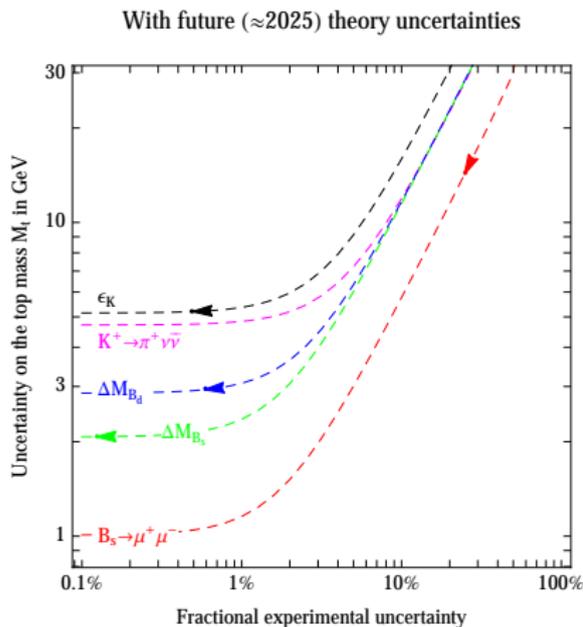
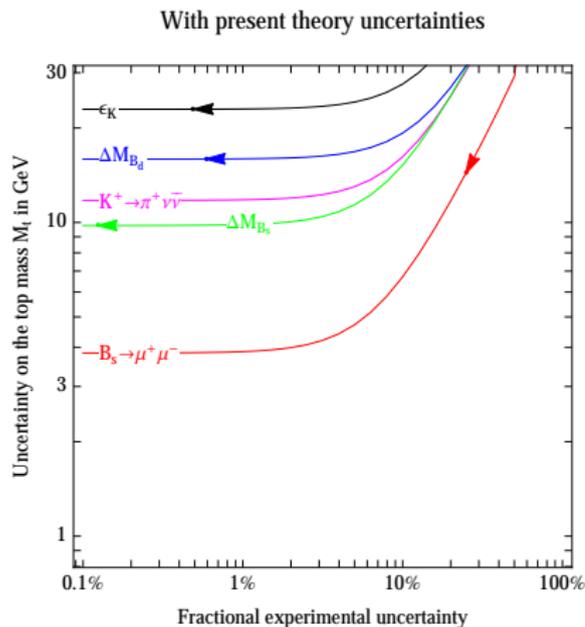


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Impact of experimental improvements on the flavor fit



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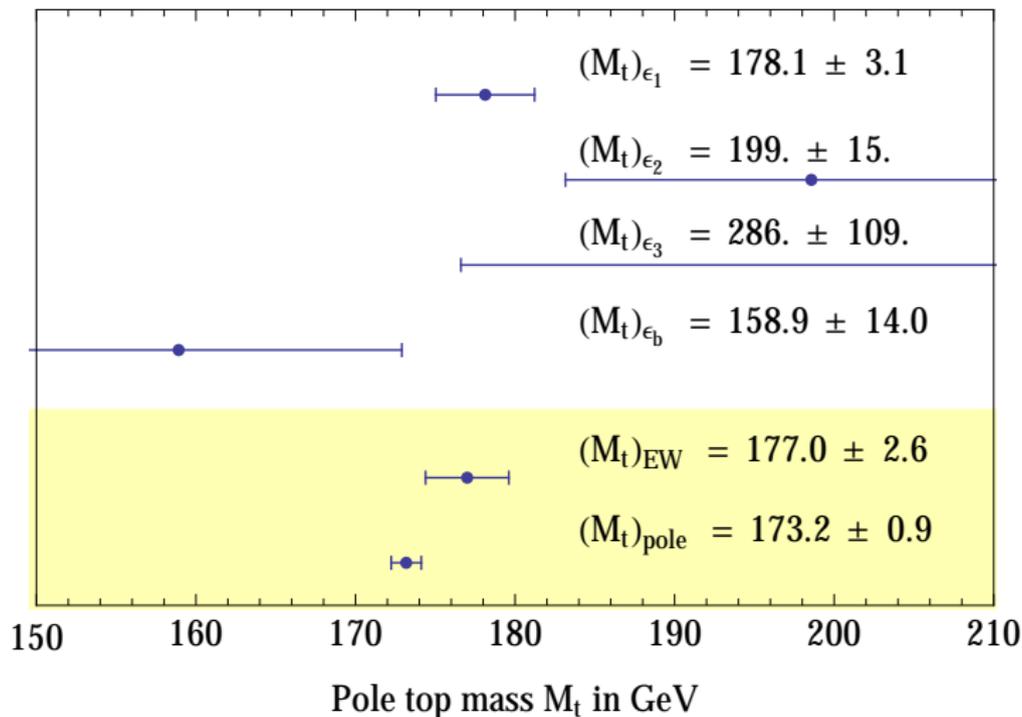
- **EW fit:** EW observables depend on M_t only through the $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$ parameters describing corrections to the tree-level propagators of W^\pm, Z , and through the ϵ_b parameter that describes corrections to the $Zb\bar{b}$ vertex [Altarelli & Barbieri, '92].
- **SM prediction of ϵ_j :**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon_1 = +5.22 \times 10^{-3} (M_t/173.34 \text{ GeV})^{3.15} (M_h/125.15 \text{ GeV})^{-0.15} \\ \epsilon_2 = -7.32 \times 10^{-3} (M_t/173.34 \text{ GeV})^{-0.69} (M_h/125.15 \text{ GeV})^{-0.03} \\ \epsilon_3 = +5.28 \times 10^{-3} (M_t/173.34 \text{ GeV})^{-0.01} (M_h/125.15 \text{ GeV})^{0.11} \\ \epsilon_b = -6.95 \times 10^{-3} (M_t/173.34 \text{ GeV})^{2.18} \end{array} \right.$$

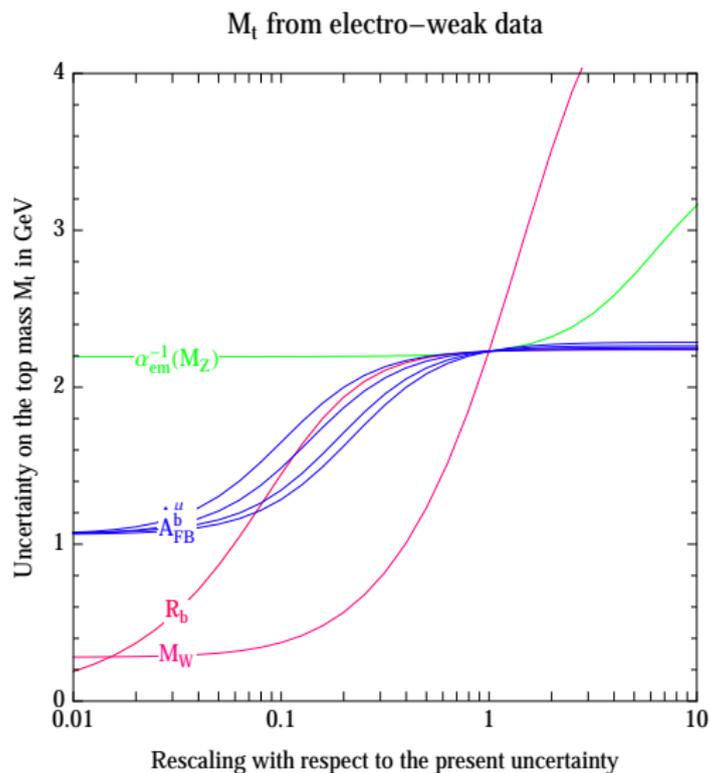
- In the large M_t limit the one-loop corrections to $\epsilon_1 = \Delta\rho$ and $\epsilon_b = -2\Delta g_L^{bb}$ grow as M_t^2 , while ϵ_2 and ϵ_3 only have a milder $\ln M_t$ dependence.
- **Experimental measurement of ϵ_j :**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon_1 = +(5.6 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-3} \\ \epsilon_2 = -(7.8 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-3} \\ \epsilon_3 = +(5.6 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-3} \\ \epsilon_b = -(5.8 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-3} \end{array} \right.$$

Determination of M_t from EW data



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- M_W plays the key role, since $\delta M_t/M_t = 69 \delta M_W/M_W$. Measuring M_W with a precision of 5 MeV can lead to $\delta M_t \sim 0.7$ GeV.
- The measurements of the various asymmetries have to be improved by more than a factor of 3 to improve the uncertainty on M_t .
- The uncertainty on M_t would be affected by $\alpha_{\text{em}}(M_Z)$ only if its error were underestimated by more than a factor of 2.
- We can extract M_t using M_W as the only input quantity by means of Δr_W defined as the ratio of two determinations of the weak angle

$$\Delta r_W \equiv 1 - \frac{\pi \alpha_{\text{em}}(M_Z) / \sqrt{2} G_F M_Z^2}{M_W^2/M_Z^2 (1 - M_W^2/M_Z^2)} = (-25.4 \pm 0.95 M_W \pm 0.10 \alpha_{\text{em}}) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta r_W &= -\tan^{-2} \theta_W \varepsilon_1 + (\tan^{-2} \theta_W - 1) \varepsilon_2 + 2 \varepsilon_3 \\ &= -24.0 \times 10^{-3} \left(\frac{M_t}{173.34 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{2.50} \left(\frac{M_h}{125.15 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-0.14} \end{aligned}$$

- M_t prediction from Δr_W

$$(M_t)_{M_W} = (177.7 \pm 2.8) \text{ GeV}$$

- Indirect determinations of M_t are very important especially in view of the theoretical ambiguities in the extraction of M_t from collider experiments.
- The Gauge-less limit of the SM allows to identify flavour and EW observables with power sensitivity on M_t at the quantum level.
- Flavour data determine $M_t = (175.1 \pm 8.0)$ GeV with Δm_{B_s} and $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ being the best probe of M_t . Since they require only V_{cb} as CKM input, a complete joint fit with all CKM parameters is not necessary.
- Better measurements of $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$, better lattice computations of the hadronic parameters relevant for Δm_{B_s} and $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ and improved calculations of short-distance effects will bring δM_t down to 3 GeV (1.7 GeV) by 2020 (2025).
- EW data determine $M_t = (177.0 \pm 2.6)$ GeV and M_W is the best toppometer. The present uncertainty on M_W should be reduced by a factor of 3 by LHC experiments bringing M_t to a precision of about 0.7 GeV.

A global fit of all indirect determinations of M_t , from both EW and flavour data, will provide very significant information.