

# ATLAS + CMS TOP CROSS SECTIONS

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# WHY MEASURE $\bar{t}t$ & SINGLE TOP CROSS SECTIONS?

- Test QCD over a wide range of  $Q^2$
- Constrain:
  - parton distribution functions in the proton (and heavy nuclei).
  - $\alpha_s$  and the top quark pole mass.
  - four-quark interactions at the  $\bar{t}t$  and single top production vertices.
  - EFT parameters of the  $Wtb$  and  $g\bar{t}t$  vertices in global fits.
  - supersymmetric models and other models of new physics.

# 7 AND 8 TEV $\bar{t}t$ CROSS SECTION



- Measurements using  $e^\pm\mu^\pm$  using dilepton events from ATLAS, CMS at 8 TeV are the **most precise**.
- **ATLAS/CMS combination** achieves 25%(28%) reduction of uncertainty at 7 (8) TeV.
- Theory predictions depend on  $\alpha_s$  and the PDF's

PDF set	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV})$ [pb]	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV})$ [pb]	$R_{8/7}$
CT14	$181.7^{+10.6}_{-10.3}$	$258.9^{+13.8}_{-14.3}$	$1.425^{+0.007}_{-0.008}$
MMHT14	$181.2^{+9.6}_{-10.3}$	$258.1^{+12.8}_{-14.1}$	$1.424^{+0.005}_{-0.004}$
NNPDF3.1_a	$178.8^{+7.8}_{-8.8}$	$255.3^{+10.6}_{-12.2}$	$1.428^{+0.005}_{-0.004}$

- **Double-tag method:**

$$N_1 = \mathcal{L}\sigma_{t\bar{t}}\epsilon_{e\mu}2\epsilon_b(1 - C_b\epsilon_b) + N_1^{bkg}$$

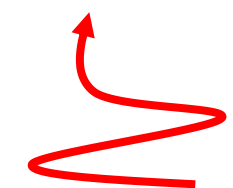
$$N_2 = \mathcal{L}\sigma_{t\bar{t}}\epsilon_{e\mu}C_b\epsilon_b^2 + N_2^{bkg}$$

$N_{1,2}$  event count, 1 or 2 b tags.  
 $\mathcal{L}$  luminosity  
 $\epsilon_{e\mu}$  selection efficiency  
 $\epsilon_b$  b-tag efficiency  
 $N_{1,2}^{bkg}$  event count, bkg  
 $C_b$ : see JHEP 07 (2023) 213

- Extract  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  and  $\epsilon_b$ .
- ATLAS varying the nuisance parameters in Eur. Phys. J **74** (2014)3109
- CMS profiling over nuisance parameters in JHEP 08 (2016) 029

Nuisance parameters

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} U & \kappa^T \\ \kappa^T & M \end{pmatrix}$$



Cross sections

# SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES

Total uncertainties  
comparable between  
ATLAS/CMS.

Both dominated by  
Luminosity uncertainty.

CMS	Uncertainty [%]	
	7 TeV	8 TeV
Trigger	1.3	1.2
Lepton (mis-)ID/isolation	1.5	1.5
Lepton energy scale	0.2	0.1
JES total	0.8	0.9
Jet energy resolution	0.1	0.1
<i>b</i> -jet ID	0.5	0.5
<i>b</i> -jet mis-ID	0.2	0.1
Pile-up	0.3	0.3
<i>tW</i> background	1.0	0.6
Drell–Yan background	1.4	1.3
Non- <i>eμ t</i> $\bar{t}$	0.1	0.1
<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ V background	0.1	0.1
Diboson background	0.2	0.6
<i>W</i> +jets/QCD background	0.1	0.2
<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ scale choice	0.3	0.6
ME/PS matching	0.1	0.1
ME generator	0.4	0.5
Hadronisation (JES)	0.7	0.7
Top-quark $p_T$ modelling	0.3	0.4
Colour reconnection	0.1	0.2
Underlying event	0.1	0.1
PDF	0.2	0.3
Integrated luminosity	2.2	2.6
Statistical	1.2	0.6
<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ scale choice (extrapolation)	+0.1 -0.4	+0.2 -0.1
ME/PS matching (extrapolation)	+0.1 -0.1	+0.3 -0.3
Top-quark $p_T$ (extrapolation)	+0.5 -0.3	+0.6 -0.3
PDF (extrapolation)	+0.1 -0.1	+0.1 -0.1
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	<b>+3.6 -3.5</b>	<b>+3.7 -3.5</b>

ATLAS	Merged uncertainty [%]	
	7 TeV	8 TeV
Trigger	0.2	0.2
Lepton (mis-)ID/isolation	0.9	0.8
Lepton energy scale	0.3	0.5
JES flavour composition/specific response	0.2	0.4
JES modelling	0.04	0.2
JES central/forward balance	0.03	0.1
JES pile-up	0.03	0.2
Other JES	0.03	0.2
Jet energy resolution	0.3	0.5
<i>b</i> -jet ID	0.4	0.4
<i>b</i> -jet mis-ID	0.02	0.02
<i>tW</i> background	0.8	0.8
Drell–Yan background	0.05	0.02
Diboson background	0.1	0.1
<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ scale choice	0.3	0.3
<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ generator modelling	1.4	1.2
PDF	1.0	1.1
Integrated luminosity	2.0	2.1
Statistical	1.7	0.7
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>

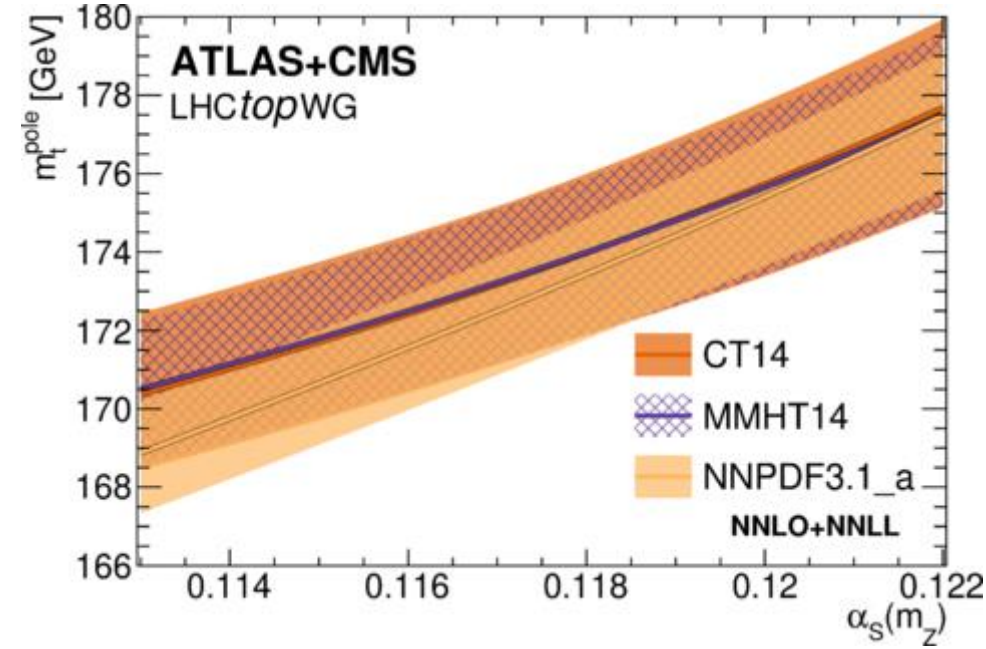
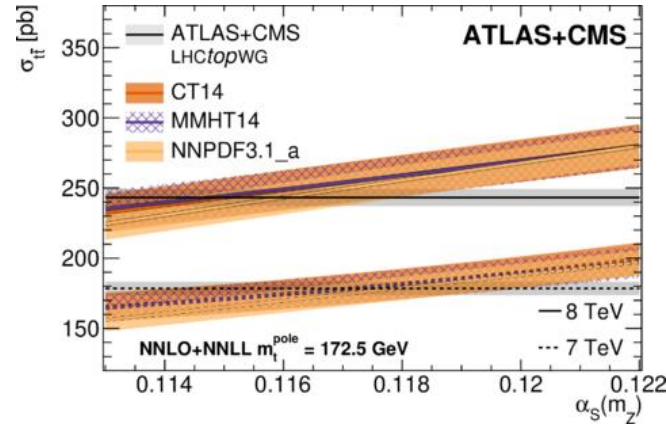
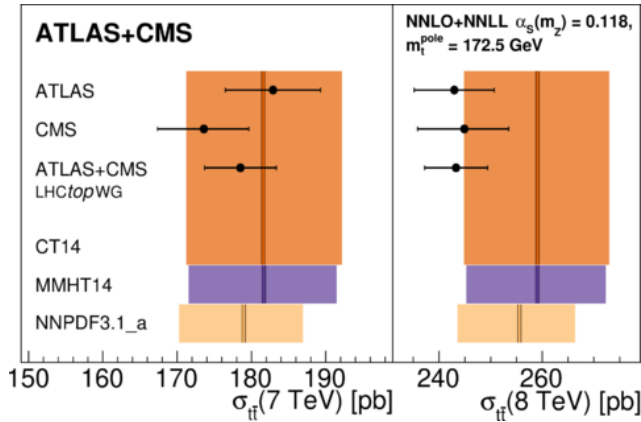


# COMBINED RESULTS

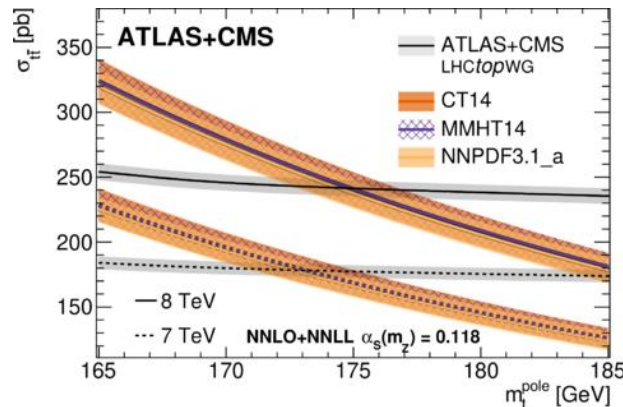
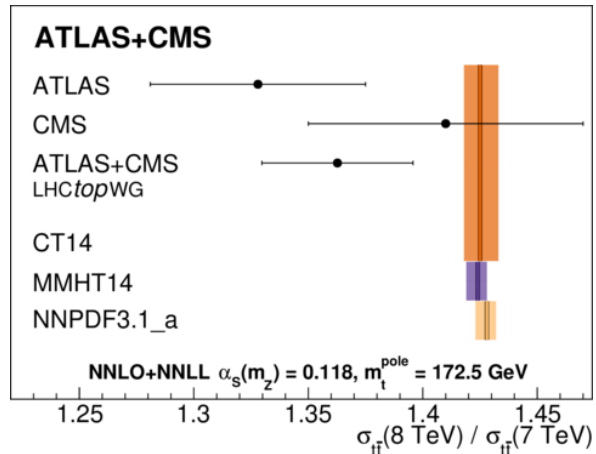
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}) = 178.5 \pm 4.7 \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 243.3^{+6.0}_{-5.9} \text{ pb},$$

Correlation:  $\rho = 41\%$

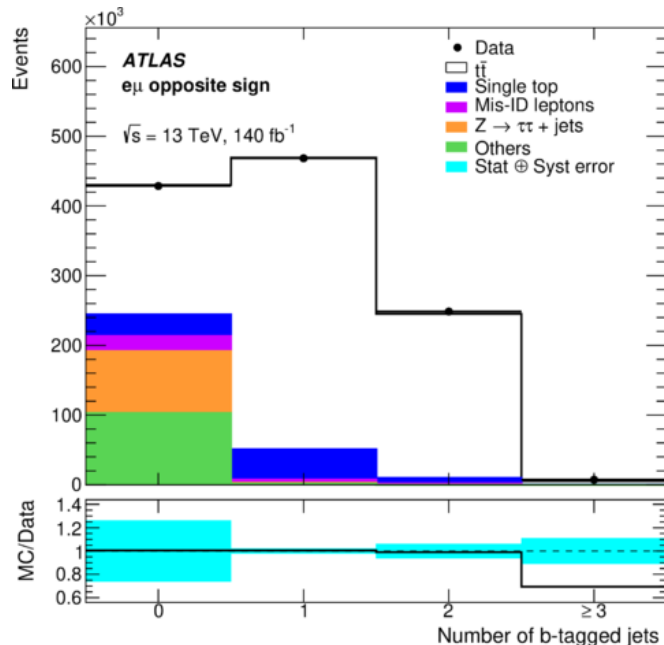
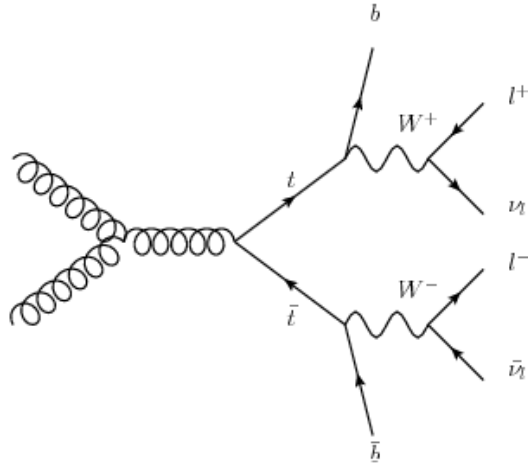


$$R_{8/7} = 1.363 \pm 0.015 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.028 \text{ (syst.)},$$



PDF set	$m_t^{\text{pole}}$ ( $\alpha_s = 0.118 \pm 0.001$ )	$\alpha_s(m_Z)$ ( $m_t = 172.5 \pm 1.0 \text{ GeV}$ )
CT14	$174.0^{+2.3}_{-2.3} \text{ GeV}$	$0.1161^{+0.0030}_{-0.0033}$
MMHT2014	$174.0^{+2.1}_{-2.3} \text{ GeV}$	$0.1160^{+0.0031}_{-0.0030}$
NNPDF3.1_a	$173.4^{+1.8}_{-2.0} \text{ GeV}$	$0.1170^{+0.0021}_{-0.0018}$

# $t\bar{t}$ CROSS SECTION, 13 TEV, $e^\pm\mu^\mp$ EVENTS



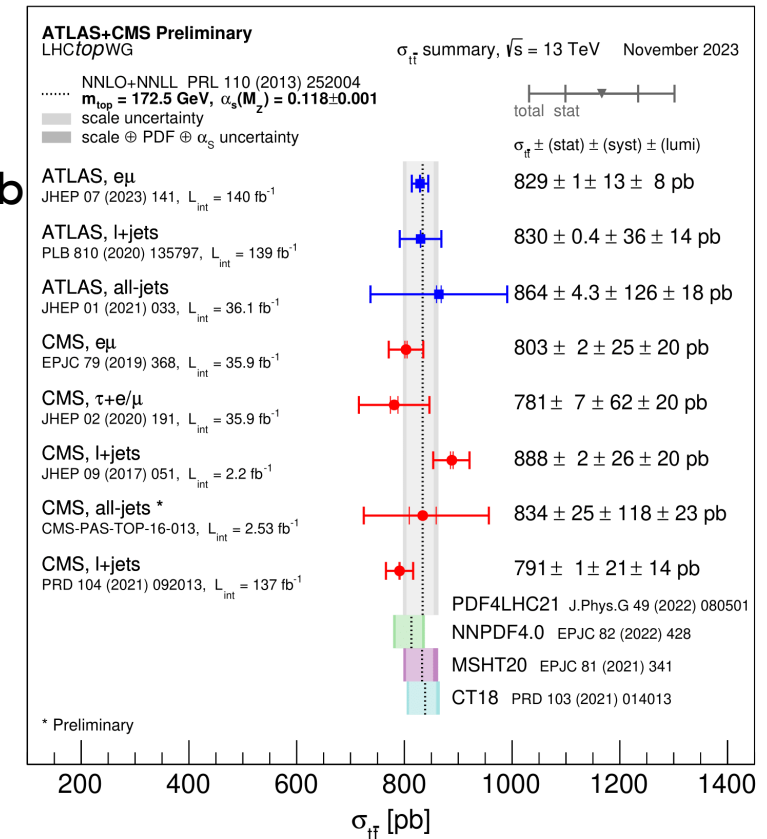
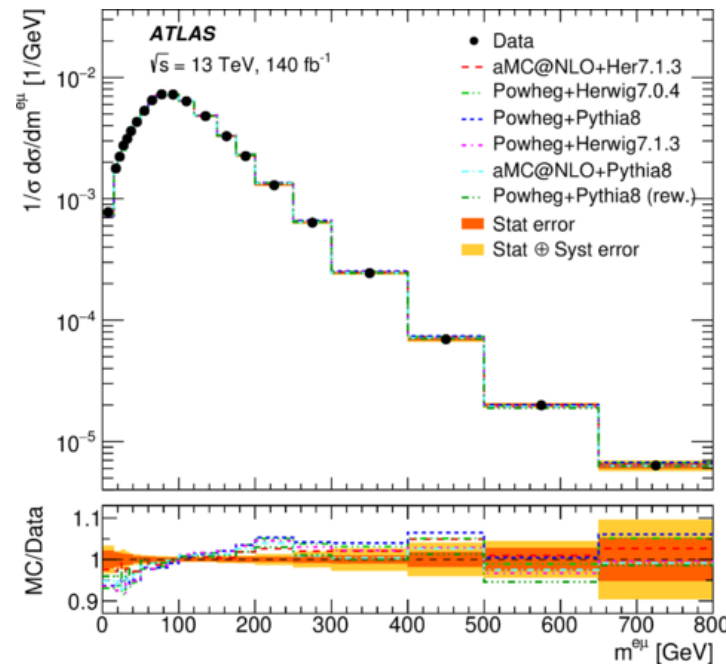
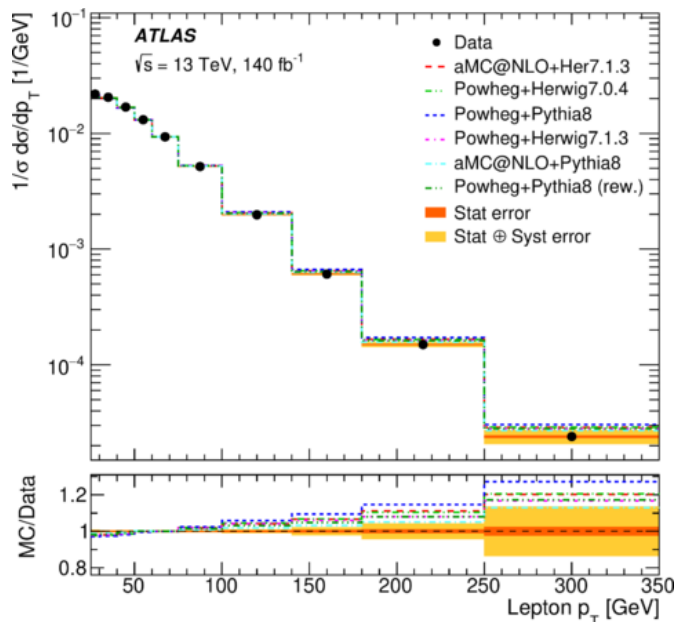
## Event selection:

- Isolated electron, muon, and at least one b-tagged jet.
- The plot shows the number of b-tagged jets.
- Opposite sign  $e\mu$  pairs in the second two bins of this distribution constitute the signal.
  - Backgrounds from single top,  $Z \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ , multijets
  - Background levels are 11% and 4% in these bins.
- Improvement of luminosity using Van der Meer scans
- ATLAS Run 2:  $\Delta \mathcal{L}/\mathcal{L} = 0.83\%$
- CMS 2016:  $\Delta \mathcal{L}/\mathcal{L} = 1.2\%$

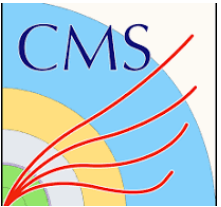
Source of uncertainty	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{fid}}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{fid}}$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ [%]
Data statistics	0.15	0.15
MC statistics	0.04	0.04
Matrix element	0.12	0.16
$h_{\text{damp}}$ variation	0.01	0.01
Parton shower	0.08	0.22
$t\bar{t}$ + heavy flavour	0.34	0.34
Top $p_T$ reweighting	0.19	0.58
Parton distribution functions	0.04	0.43
Initial-state radiation	0.11	0.37
Final-state radiation	0.29	0.35
Electron energy scale	0.10	0.10
Electron efficiency	0.37	0.37
Electron isolation (in situ)	0.51	0.51
Muon momentum scale	0.13	0.13
Muon reconstruction efficiency	0.35	0.35
Muon isolation (in situ)	0.33	0.33
Lepton trigger efficiency	0.05	0.05
Vertex association efficiency	0.03	0.03
Jet energy scale & resolution	0.10	0.10
$b$ -tagging efficiency	0.07	0.07
$t\bar{t}/Wt$ interference	0.37	0.37
$Wt$ cross-section	0.52	0.52
Diboson background	0.34	0.34
$t\bar{t}V$ and $t\bar{t}H$	0.03	0.03
$Z$ + jets background	0.05	0.05
Misidentified leptons	0.32	0.32
Beam energy	0.23	0.23
Luminosity	0.93	0.93
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>

# RESULTS $e^\pm \mu^\mp$ EVENTS

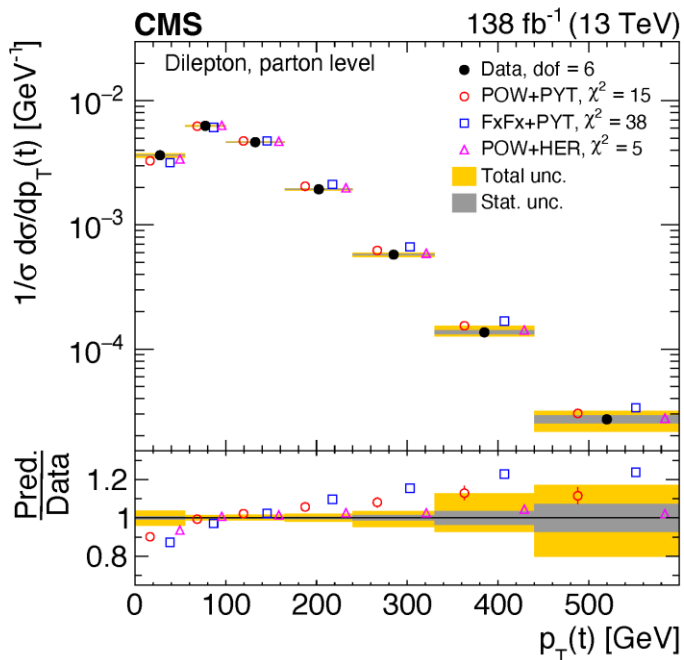
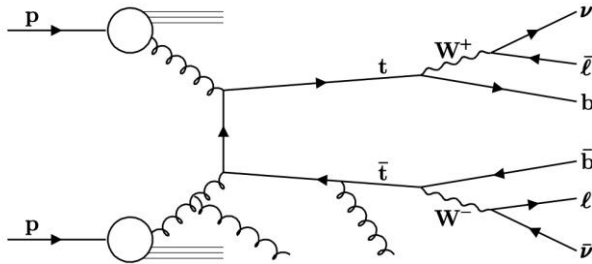
- Fiducial cross section and inclusive cross sections at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV
  - $\sigma_{\bar{t}t}^{fid} = 10.53 \pm 0.02(\text{stat}) \pm 0.13(\text{syst}) \pm 0.10(\text{lumi}) \pm 0.02$  (beam) pb
  - $\sigma_{\bar{t}t} = 829 \pm 1(\text{stat}) \pm 13(\text{syst}) \pm 8(\text{lumi}) \pm 2$  (beam) pb
  - This is the most precise measurement at 13 TeV



- Normalized differential particle-level cross sections in the variables  $p_T^l, |\eta^l|, m^{e\mu}, p_T^{e\mu}, |y^{e\mu}|, E^e + E^\mu, p_T^e + p_T^\mu$ , and  $|\Delta\phi^{e\mu}|$ .
- Typical precision of 1%
- *No single generator describes all distributions with prob > 1%.*



# DIFFERENTIAL DISTRIBUTIONS IN DILEPTON EVENTS WITH ADDITIONAL JETS



More than 250 single and double differential cross sections are reported on at particle and parton level.

Tabulated data available in HEPData.

Observable is	Predicted at NLO to be
$p_T$ of $t$ and $\bar{t}$ quarks	harder than
rapidity of $t$ and $\bar{t}$ quarks	more central than
mass of $t\bar{t}$ system	consistent with
rapidity of $t\bar{t}$ system	consistent with
$p_T$ of $t\bar{t}$ system	inconsistent with
	the data

Cross section variables	$p$ -values of $\chi^2$ (in %)		
	POW+PYT (w. unc.)	FxFx+PYT	POW+HER
$p_T(t)$	2 (10)	<1	51
$p_T(\bar{t})$	5 (16)	<1	41
$y(t)$	<1 (2)	<1	1
$y(\bar{t})$	<1 (<1)	<1	<1
$p_T(t\bar{t})$	<1 (32)	<1	<1
$y(t\bar{t})$	51 (74)	7	73
$m(t\bar{t})$	56 (77)	30	70
$ \Delta\phi(t, \bar{t}) $	82 (97)	15	7
$ y(t) - y(\bar{t}) $	3 (22)	<1	6
$p_T(t)/m(t\bar{t})$	<1 (<1)	<1	3
$p_T(\bar{t})/m(t\bar{t})$	3 (62)	<1	<1
$\log(\xi_1)$	9 (26)	3	15
$\log(\xi_2)$	24 (54)	<1	51



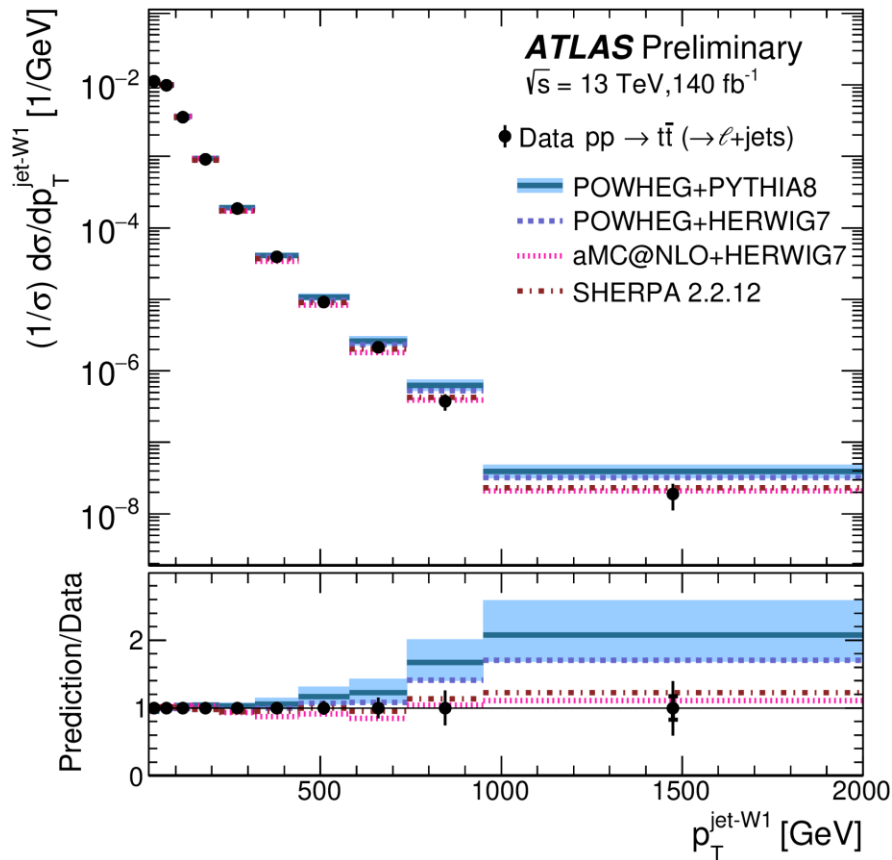
# $t\bar{t}$ DIFFERENTIAL CROSS SECTIONS, LEPTON+ JETS

- The lepton+jets channel allows full reconstruction of production and decay kinematics.
- Various approaches to “going differential” in  $t\bar{t}$  production.
- Find the magic variable with sensitivity to parameter(s) of interest.
- Carry out multi-differential analyses.
- Slice the kinematics in multiple ways.
- CMS (Phys. Rev D 104 092013) and ATLAS (ATLAS-CONF-2023-068, [plots on following slides](#)) measure differential cross sections in  $t\bar{t}$  events at 13 TeV.
- CMS: more that 250 figures showing differential distributions at the particle and parton level, compared to NLO and NNLO calculations. Also in HEPData.
- ATLAS compares kinematic quantities at particle level,
  - Focusing on jet variables,
  - In inclusive  $t\bar{t}$  events
  - $t\bar{t}$  events with 1 extra jet
  - $t\bar{t}$  events with 2 extra jets
  - ...to NLO and NNLO [PRL 127 (2021) 062001] calculations.

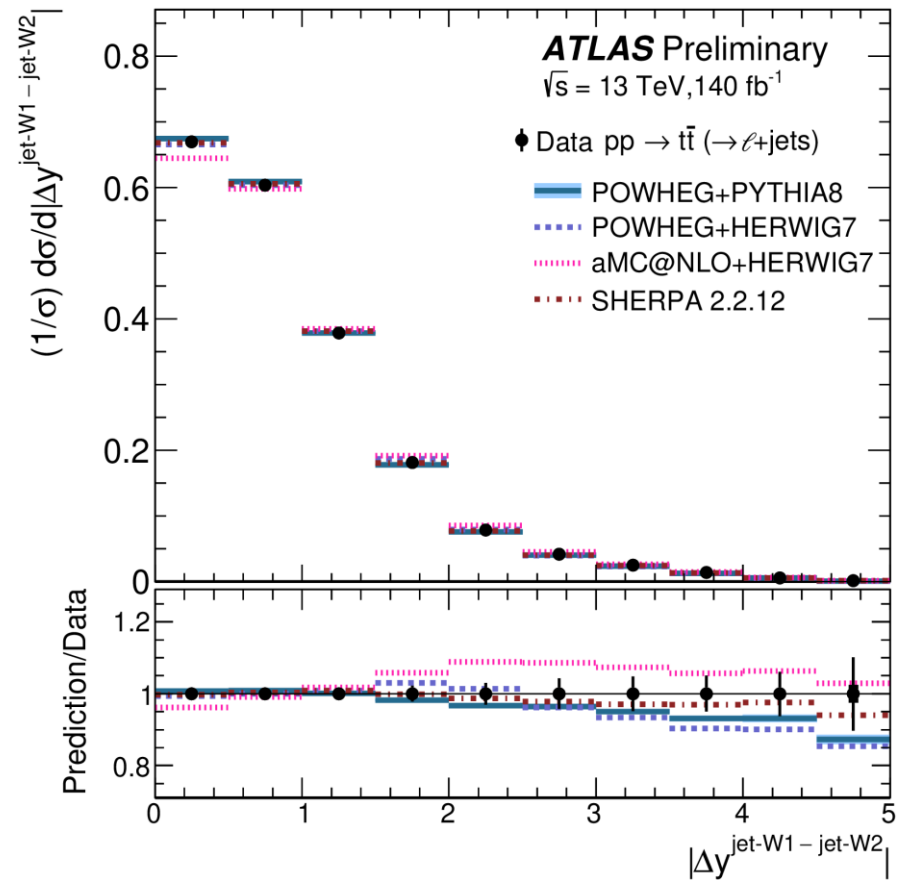
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*Normalized differential distributions, jets from W boson decay on the hadronic side,  $t\bar{t}$  inclusive events compared to NLO simulation*

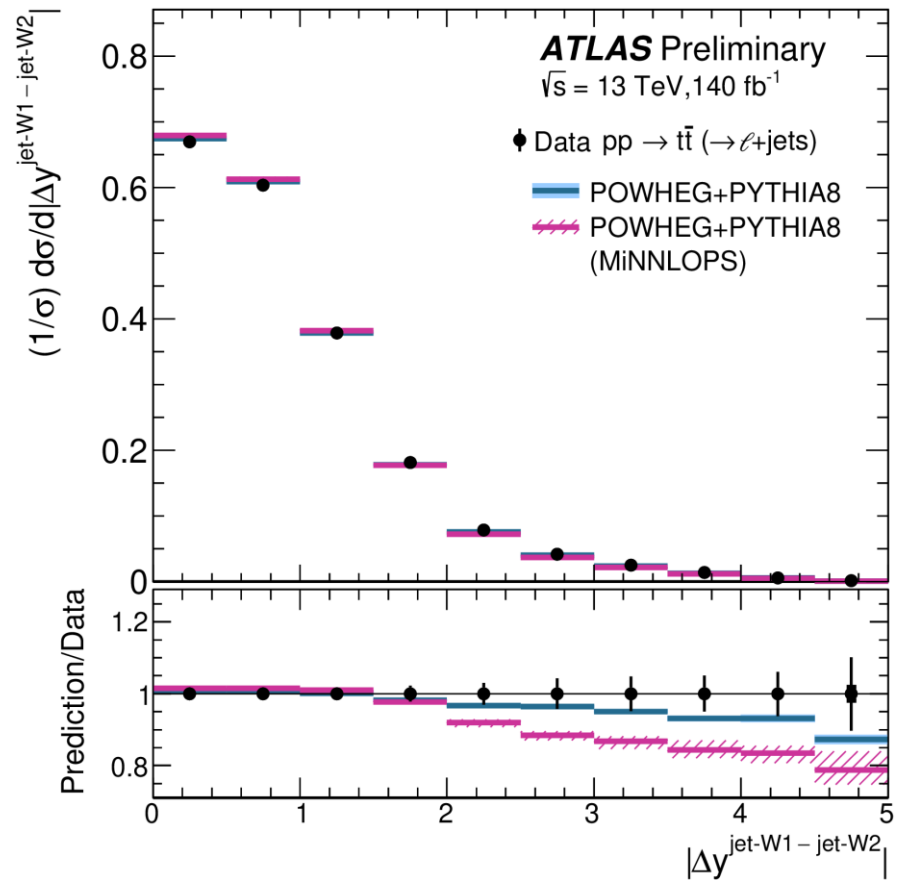
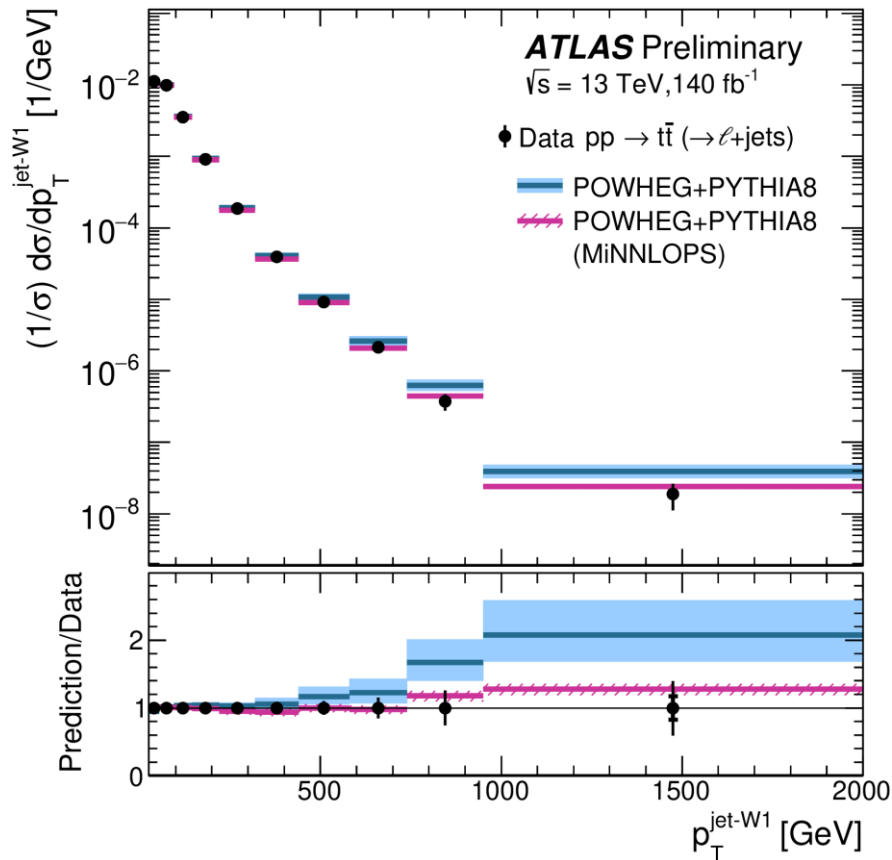


- Example: transverse momentum up to 1.5 TeV, leading jet from  $W$  decay.
- Varies over five orders of magnitude.
- Only SHERPA gives a good description above 500 GeV



- Example: rapidity difference  $\Delta y$  between leading and subleading jet from  $W$  decay

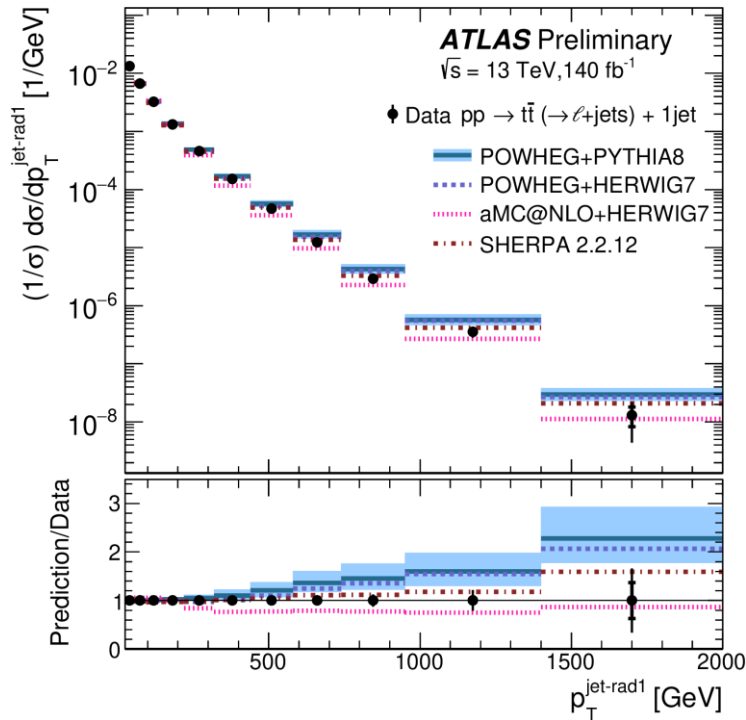
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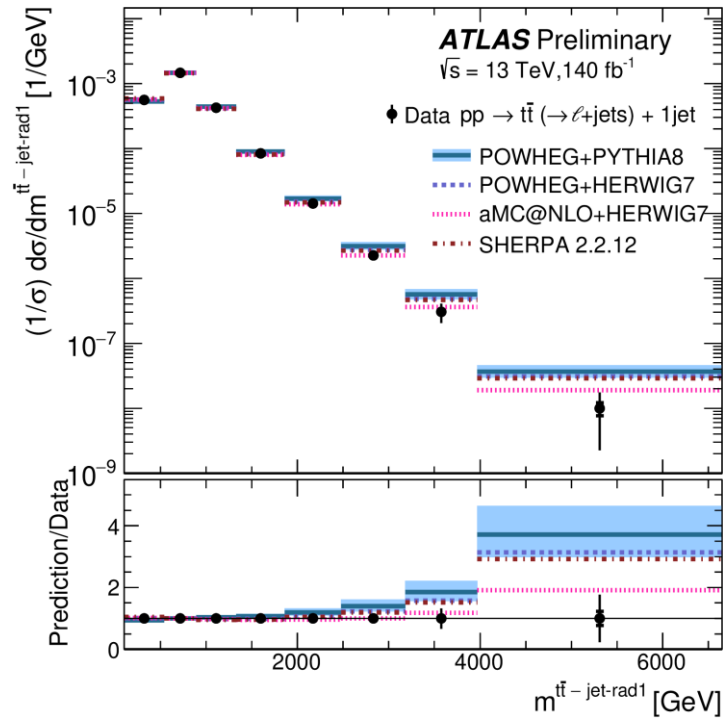
- NNLO gives a more precise prediction and better agreement with the data..

- However shows discrepancy with the  $\Delta y$  distribution.

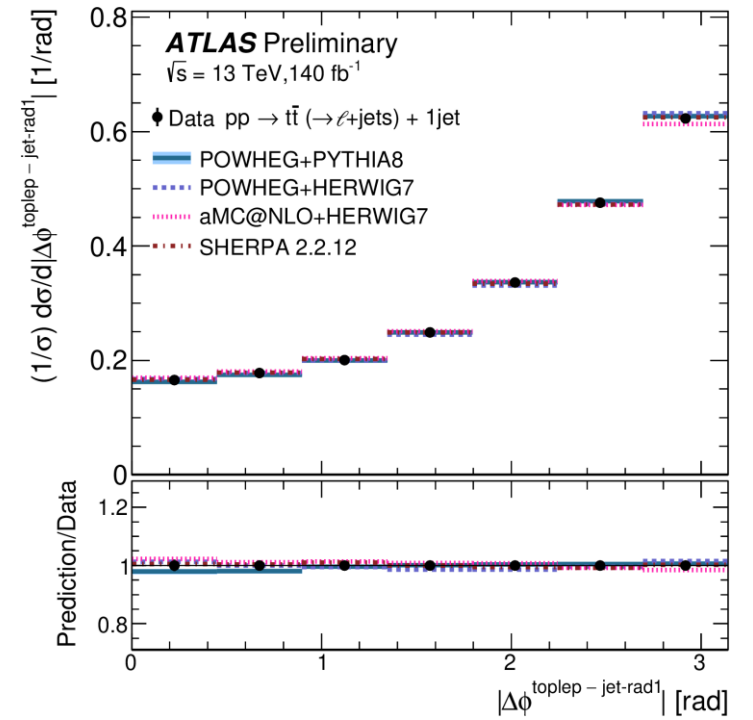
## Normalized differential distributions, extra gluon jet, $t\bar{t} + 1$ jet events compared to NLO simulation



- Example: transverse momentum up radiated jet.
- Varies over six orders of magnitude.
- POWHEG+PYTHIA8 gives poor description above 500 GeV

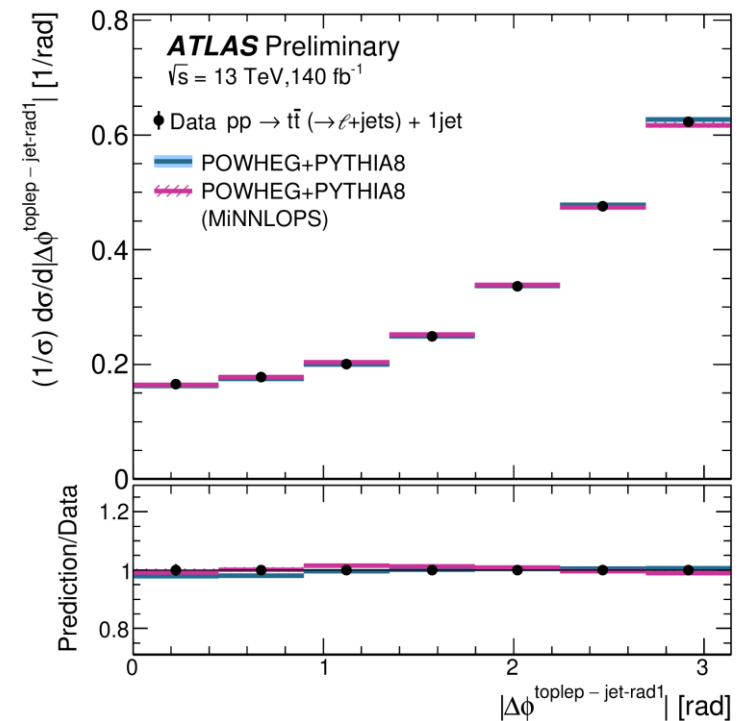
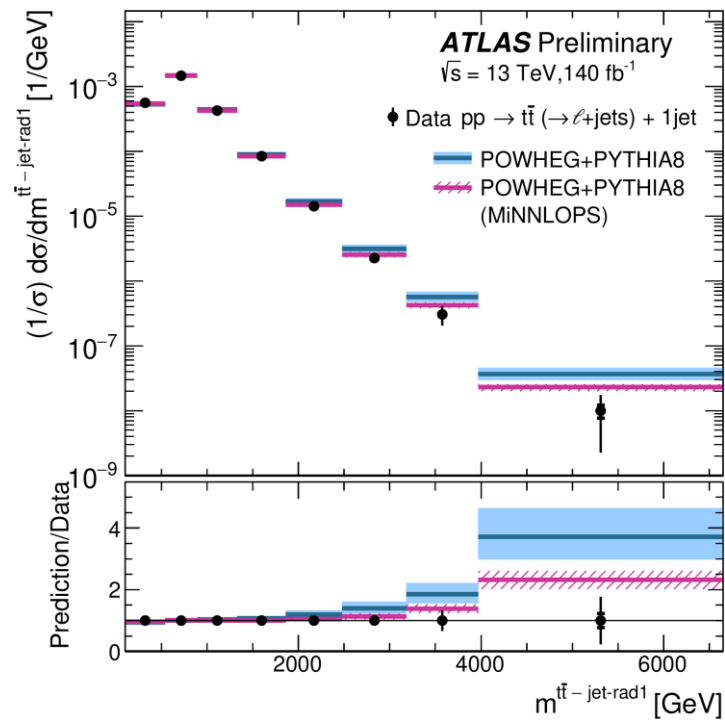
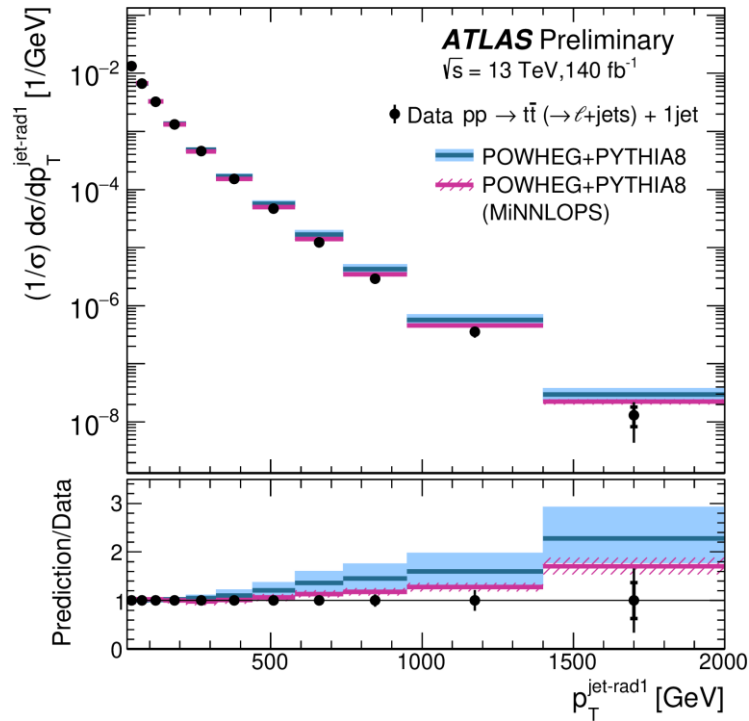


- Example: mass of the (top + jet) system
- Varies over five orders of magnitude

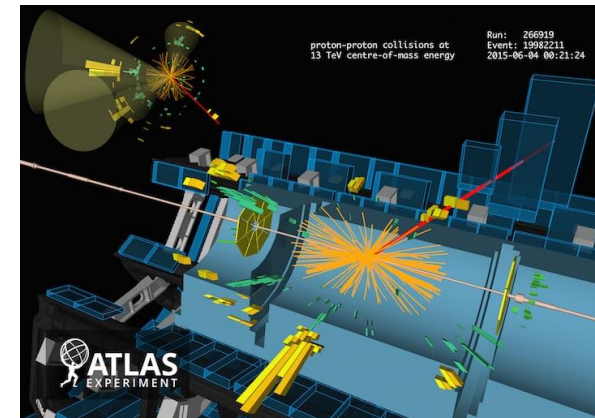


- Example: difference in azimuth  $\Delta\phi$  between lepton from  $W$  and radiated jet.

# Normalized differential distributions, extra gluon jet, $t\bar{t} + 1$ jet events compared to NLO and NNLO simulation



- NNLO gives a more precise prediction and better agreement with the data..
- And one learns that gluon radiation tends to arise far from the lepton from  $W$  decay



# RUN 3: $\sqrt{s}=13.6$ TEV

- Run 3  $\sigma(t\bar{t})$  at  $\sqrt{s}=13.6$  TeV is the highest energy measurement of top quark pair production cross section.
- Theory expectation: increase of 12% in the cross section between 13 and 13.6 TeV.

The very precise  $e^{\pm}\mu^{\mp}$  channel is used, the usual double-counting technique applied.

Also the ratio  $\sigma(t\bar{t})/\sigma(Z)$  is measured, in which systematic uncertainties due to luminosity measurement cancel.

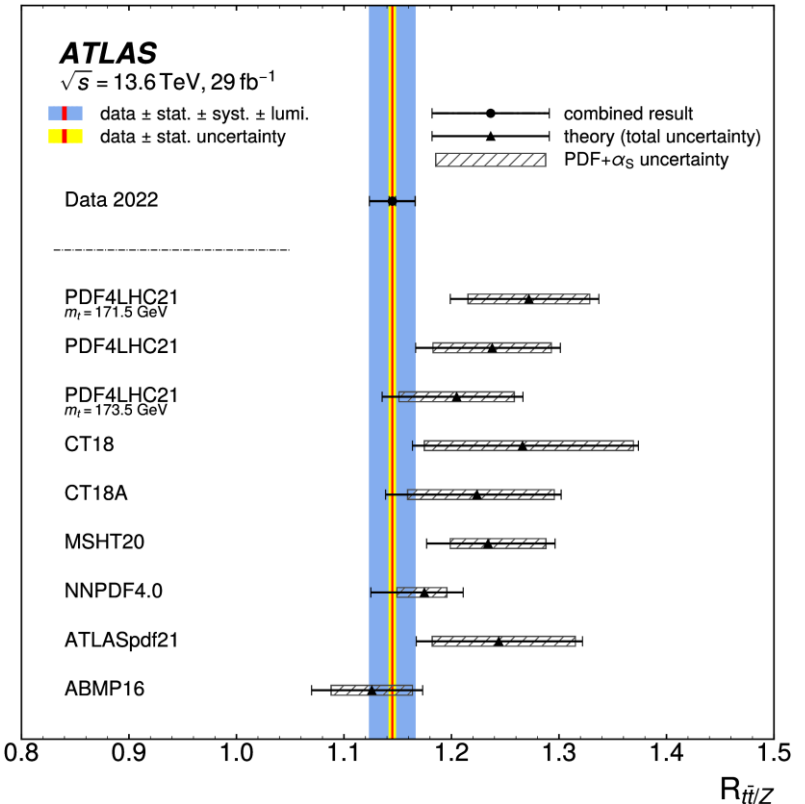
$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = 850 \pm 3(\text{stat}) \pm 18(\text{syst}) \pm 20(\text{lumi})$  pb. (ATLAS)  
 $\sigma(t\bar{t}) = 881 \pm 23(\text{stat, syst}) \pm 20(\text{lumi})$  pb. (CMS, 1.21 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

$R_{t\bar{t}/Z} = 1.145 \pm 0.03(\text{stat}) \pm 0.021(\text{syst}) \pm 0.002(\text{lumi})$

Cf. Theory:  $\sigma(t\bar{t}) = 924^{+32}_{-40}$  pb

Cf. Theory:  $R_{t\bar{t}/Z} = 1.238^{+0.063}_{-0.071}$

Category		Uncertainty [%]		
		$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$	$\sigma_{Z \rightarrow \ell\ell}^{\text{fid.}}$	$R_{t\bar{t}/Z}$
$t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}$ parton shower/hadronisation	0.9	< 0.2	0.9
	$t\bar{t}$ scale variations	0.4	< 0.2	0.4
	$t\bar{t}$ normalisation	-	< 0.2	-
	Top quark $p_T$ reweighting	0.6	< 0.2	0.6
Z	Z scale variations	< 0.2	0.4	0.3
	Bkg.	0.6	< 0.2	0.6
Bkg.	Single top modelling	0.6	< 0.2	0.6
	Diboson modelling	< 0.2	< 0.2	0.2
	$t\bar{t}V$ modelling	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2
	Fake and non-prompt leptons	0.6	< 0.2	0.6
Lept.	Electron reconstruction	1.2	1.0	0.4
	Muon reconstruction	1.4	1.4	0.3
	Lepton trigger	0.4	0.4	0.4
Jets/tagging	Jet reconstruction	0.4	-	0.4
	Flavour tagging	0.4	-	0.3
PDFs		0.5	< 0.2	0.5
Pileup		0.7	0.8	< 0.2
Luminosity		2.3	2.2	0.3
Systematic uncertainty		3.2	2.8	1.8
Statistical uncertainty		0.3	0.02	0.3
Total uncertainty		3.2	2.8	1.9



# RUN 2: $\sqrt{s}=5.02$ TeV



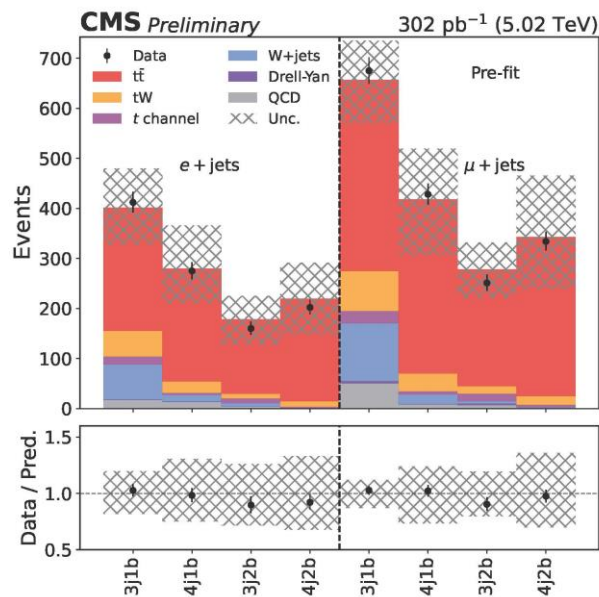
- 302 pb<sup>-1</sup> of data at  $\sqrt{s}=5$  TeV was collected during Run 2.
- $q\bar{q}$  initiated events are 25% of the cross section (Cf. 11% at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV)
- Expected cross section (NNLO+NNLL)  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 69.5_{-3.1}^{+2.9}$  pb
- This is a *low statistics* measurement; using only  $e^\pm\mu^\mp$  events CMS selected:→**

Process	Event yield
tW	8 ± 2
Nonprompt leptons	2 ± 1
DY	10 ± 4
VV	4 ± 1
Total background	24 ± 4
t $\bar{t}$	187 ± 9
Data	194

New cross section measurement at 5 TeV from CMS:

- \* uses lepton+jets (CMS-PAS-TOP-23-005)
- \* combines with  $e^\pm\mu^\mp$  (JHEP 04 (2022) 144)

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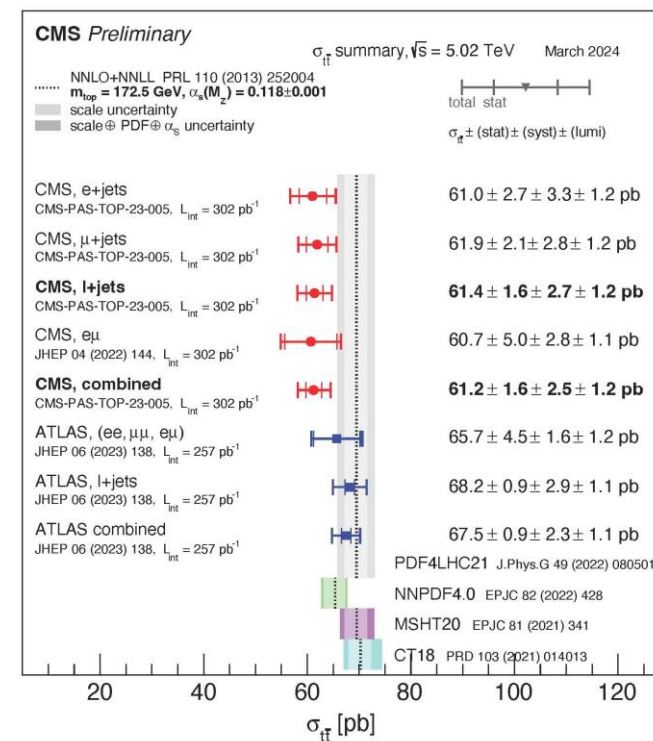


Lepton+jets (CMS-PAS-TOP-23-005)

$$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = 61.4 \pm 1.6(\text{stat})_{-2.6}^{+2.7}(\text{syst}) \pm 1.2(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$$

Combined with  $e^\pm\mu^\mp$  from JHEP 04 (2022) 144

$$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = 61.2_{-1.5}^{+1.6}(\text{stat})_{-2.3}^{+2.6}(\text{syst}) \pm 1.2(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$$



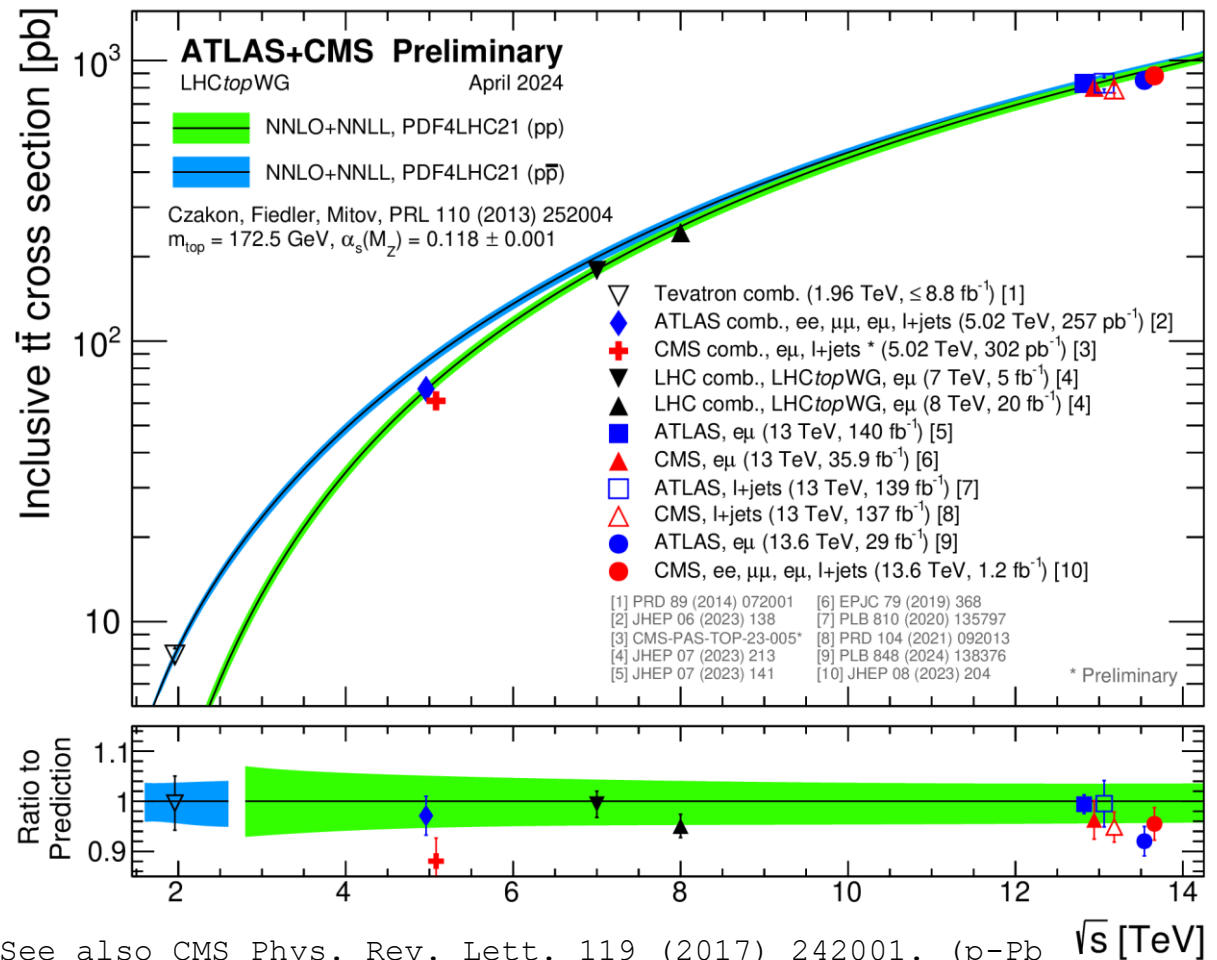
# SUMMARY $\sigma(t\bar{t})$ VS. $\sqrt{s}$

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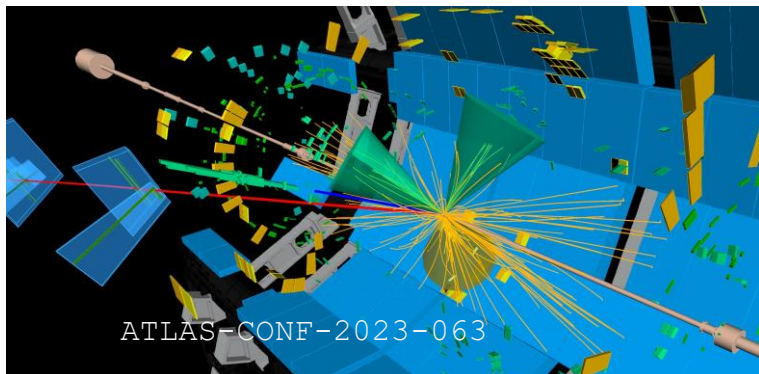
LHC Top working group combinations are published at 7 and 8 TeV

All measurements in agreement with the standard model. (The ATLAS measurement at 13.6 TeV is low by 1.5 sigma; CMS measurement at 5.02 by about 1.8 sigma).

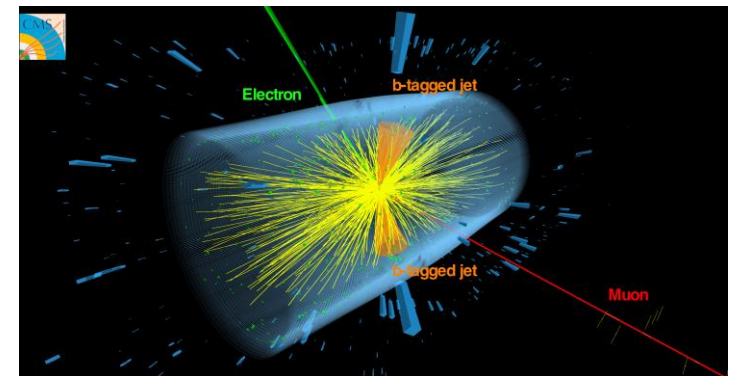
Also noteworthy: measurement of  $\sigma(t\bar{t})$  in p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=8.16$  TeV (both experiments).



See also CMS Phys. Rev. Lett. 119 (2017) 242001. (p-Pb collisions)

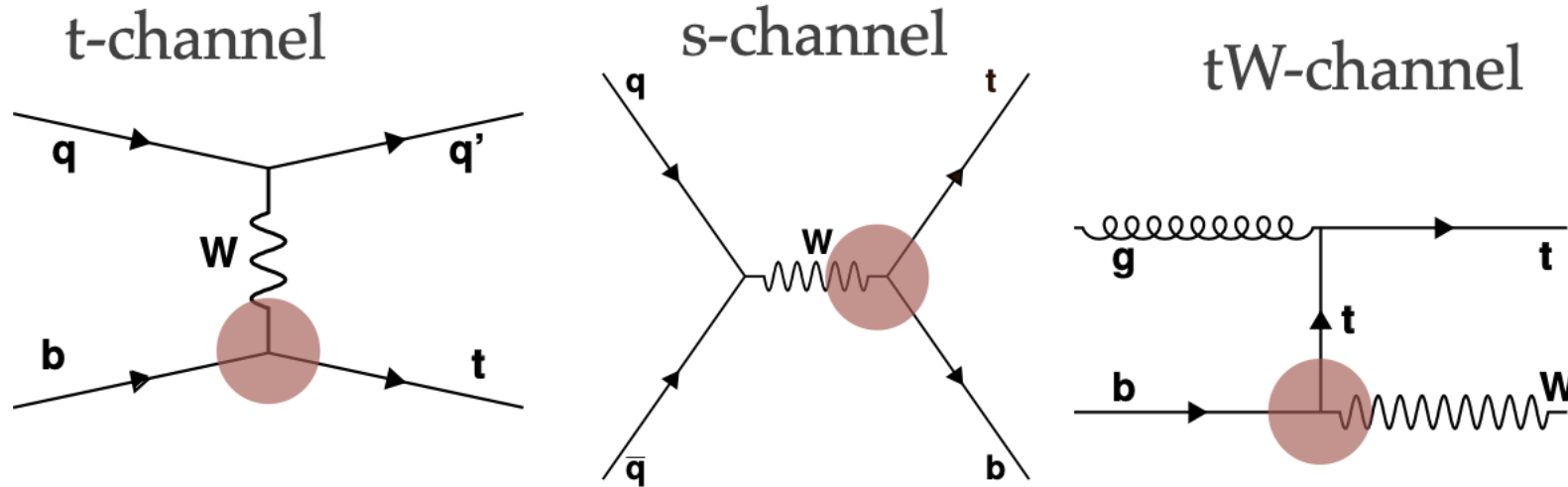


And note that CMS has observed top quark pair production in Pb-Pb collisions! Phys Rev. Lett. 119 (2017) 242001





# ELECTROWEAK PRODUCTION OF SINGLE TOP QUARKS

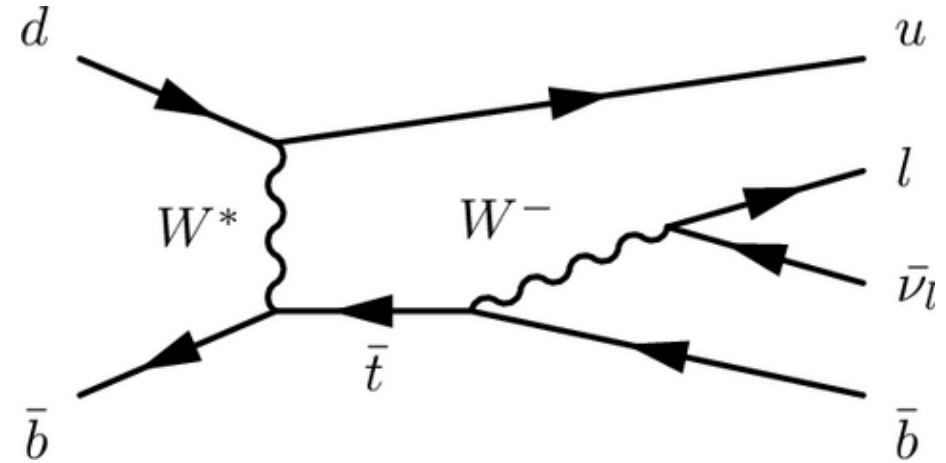
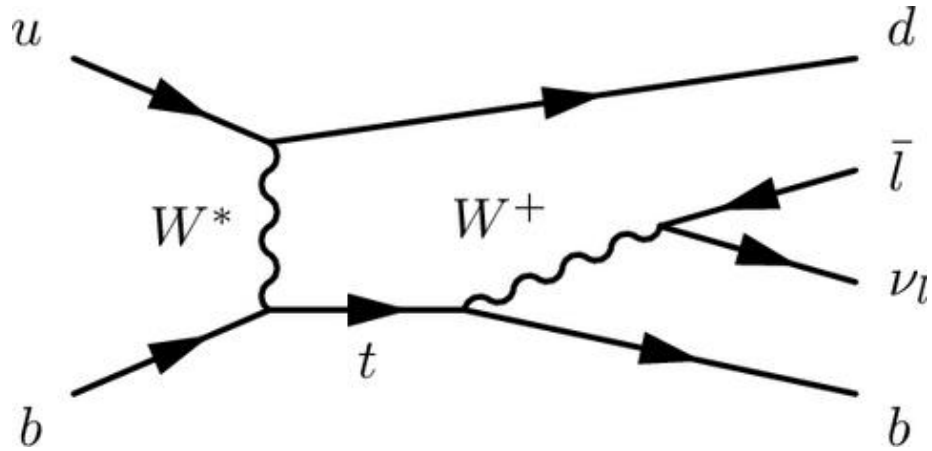


- The production and decay is via the  $Wtb$  vertex
- Sensitive to  $V_{tb}$

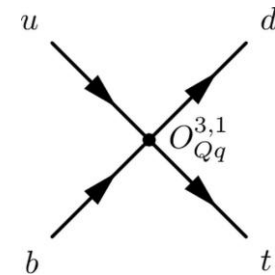
At 13 TeV:

- Cross section for  $t$ -channel production is 25% that of  $t\bar{t}$
- for  $tW$  production is 10% that of  $t\bar{t}$
- for  $s$ -channel production, 1.2% that of  $t\bar{t}$
- Signals are noisier than for  $t\bar{t}$ , imposing data-driven estimation of  $W$ +jets,  $t\bar{t}$  backgrounds

# SINGLE-TOP T-CHANNEL PRODUCTION



- $t$ -channel production from up and down quarks leads to more top than antitop in this channel.
- This depends on the u/d quark fractions in the proton
- $Wtb$  vertex mediates both the production and decay process
- Four quark interactions or extra Higgs couplings can also be lurking
- They are parameterized in EFT coefficients  $C_{Qq}^{3,1}$  and  $C_{\phi Q}^3$



# $t$ -CHANNEL CROSS SECTION @ 13 TEV



2 signal regions by lepton charge.

2 control regions defined by inverting the  $E_T^{miss} > 30$  cut for:

- Electrons in Barrel
- Electrons in Endcap

Event counts in these regions considered in fit.

2 control regions defined by inverting angular cut between jet and muon for:

- Muons

$\Delta\phi(\mu, p_T^{miss})$  considered in fit.

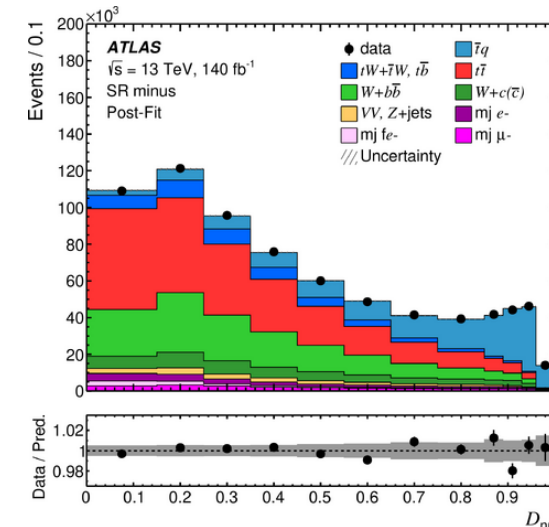
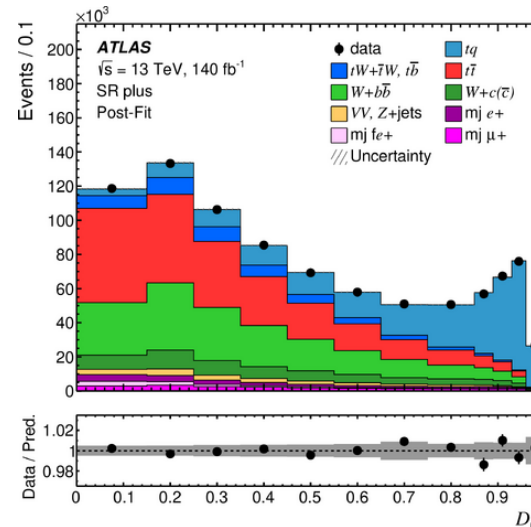
$$\sigma(tq) = 137 \pm 8 \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(\bar{t}q) = 84_{-5}^{+6} \text{ pb}$$

$$R_t = 1.636_{-0.034}^{+0.036}$$

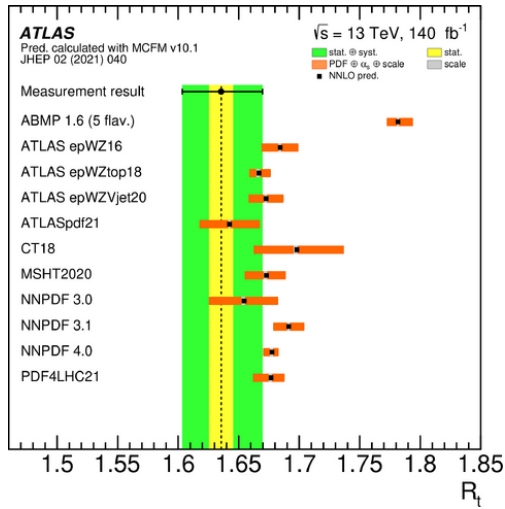
$$f_{LV}|V_{tb}| = 1.015 \pm 0.031$$

(improved precision of 30%, relative to Run 1 ATLAS+CMS in JHEP 05 (2019) 088)

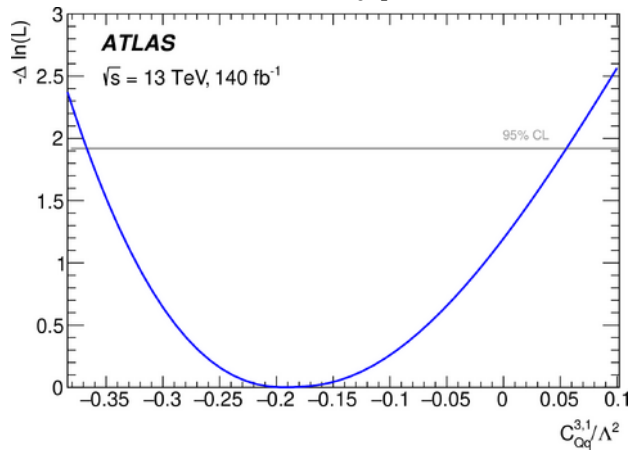


# INTERPRETATION

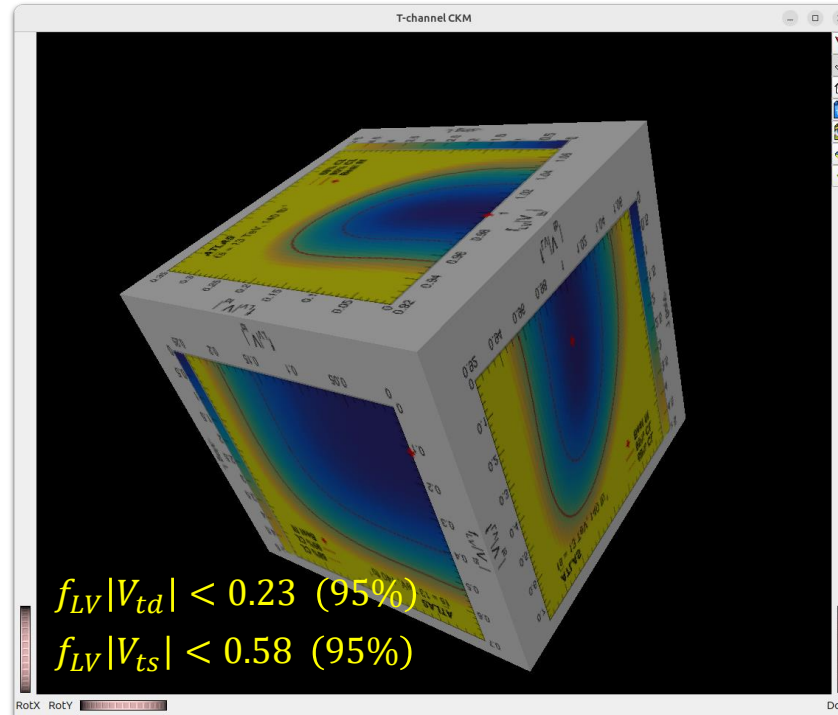
Constrain PDF's  
(u/d ratio in proton)



set limits on four-quark  
operator  $C_{Qq}$



Constrain CKM matrix elements  
 $V_{ts}, V_{td}, V_{tb}$

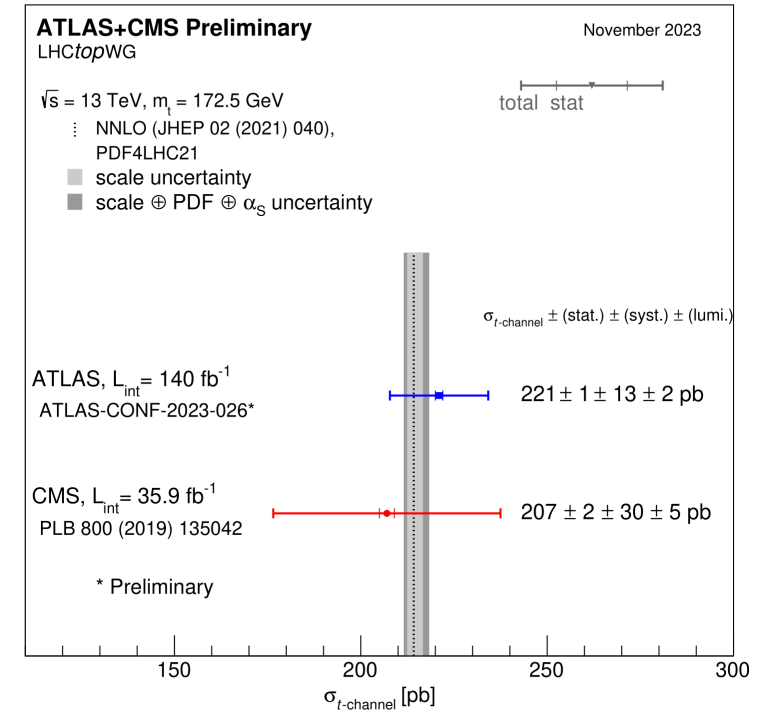


$$f_{LV} |V_{td}| < 0.23 \text{ (95\%)} \\ f_{LV} |V_{ts}| < 0.58 \text{ (95\%)}$$

Limits on EFT coefficients

$$-0.37 < C_{Qq}^{3,1} < 0.06 \\ -0.87 < C_{\phi Q}^3 < 1.42$$

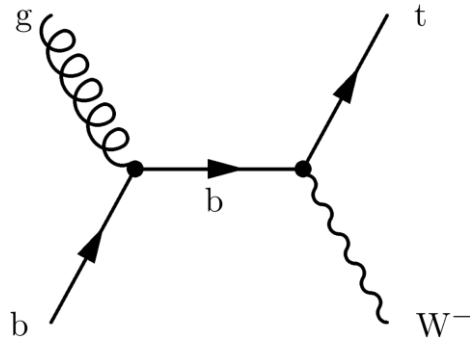
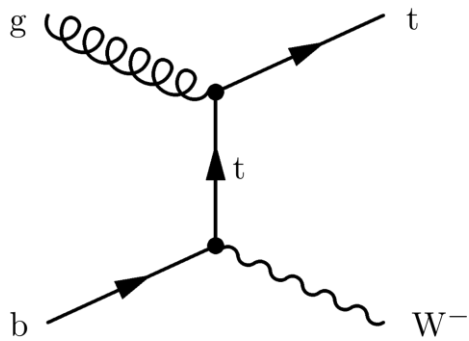
Summary, ATLAS & CMS  
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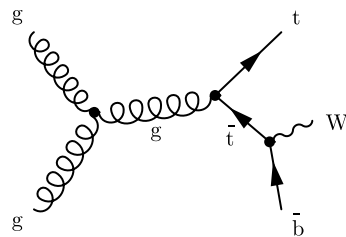
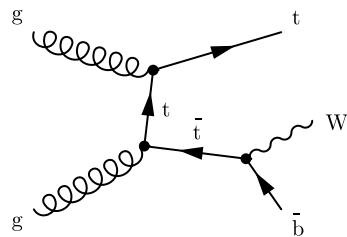
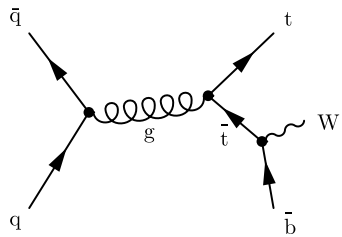
[LHC top working group summary plots](#)

# SINGLE TOP PRODUCTION, $tW$ CHANNEL

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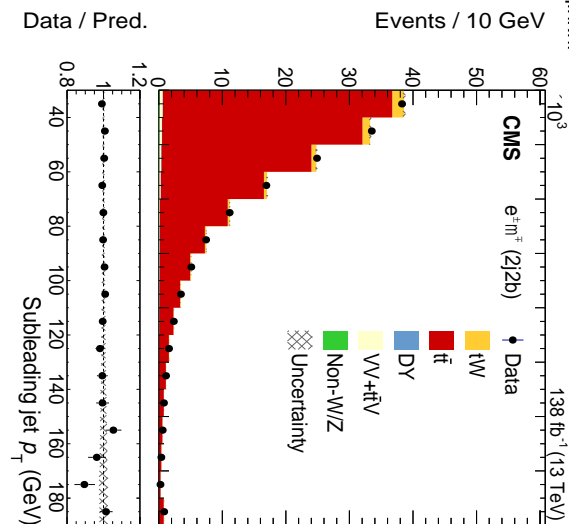
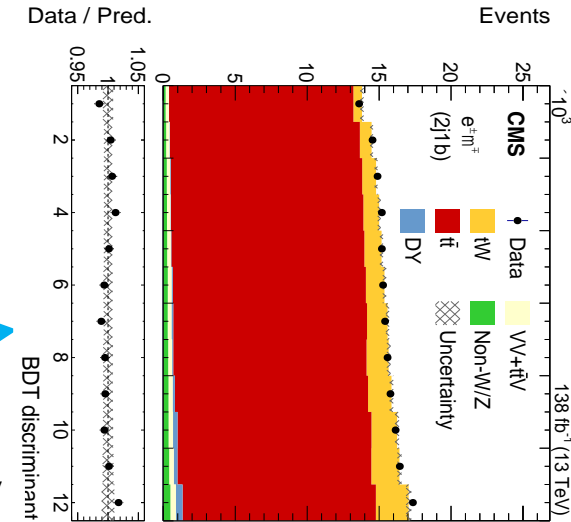
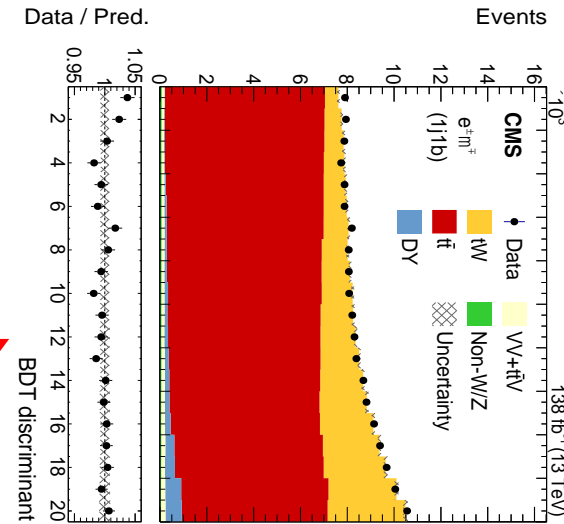
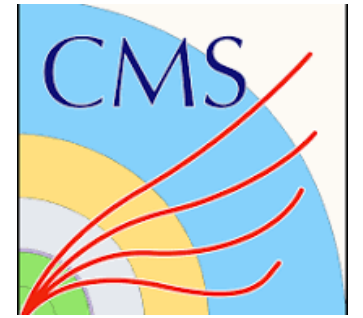
- $tW$  channel is not observed at the Tevatron
- Both strong and weak processes are involved.
- $\bar{t}t$  production interferes with the signal; two schemes may be employed to remove the effect:
  - Diagram removal (DR)
  - Diagram subtraction (DS)
- *Alternately, study the  $\bar{b}b\nu\ell^+\ell^-$  final state with all interference effects accounted for.*



(Diagrams which are/ interfere with  $\bar{t}t$  production)

# $tW$ CHANNEL IN CMS 13 TEV

- 138 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data in Run II used
- Dilepton  $e^\pm\mu^\mp$  events are used
- Three regions defined
  - 1 jet, 1 b-tagged jet with significant signal fraction
  - 2 jets, 1 b-tagged jet with significant signal fraction
  - 2 jets, 2 b-tagged jets with little signal, constrains the  $t\bar{t}$  background.

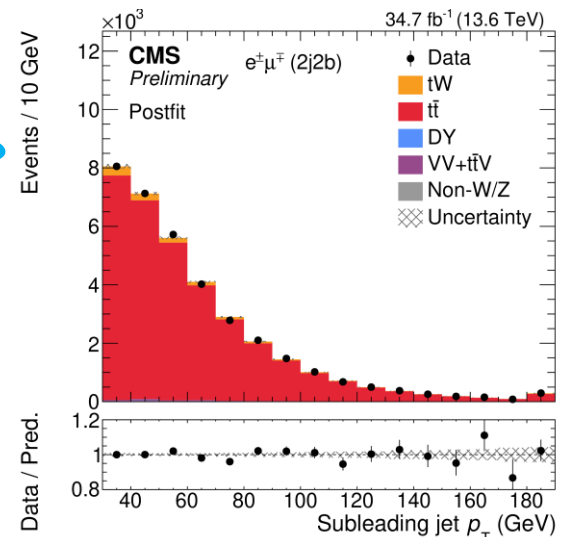
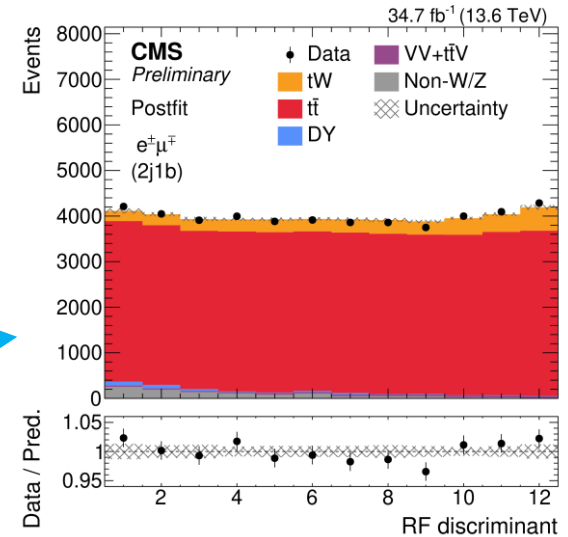
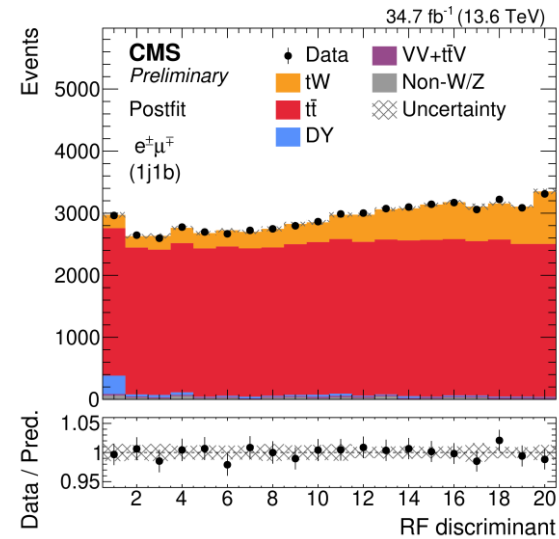
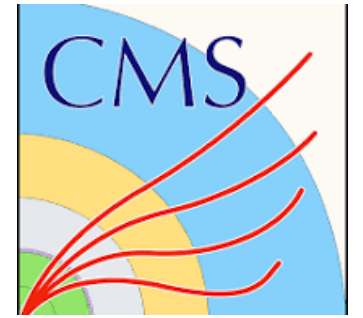


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# $tW$ CHANNEL IN CMS

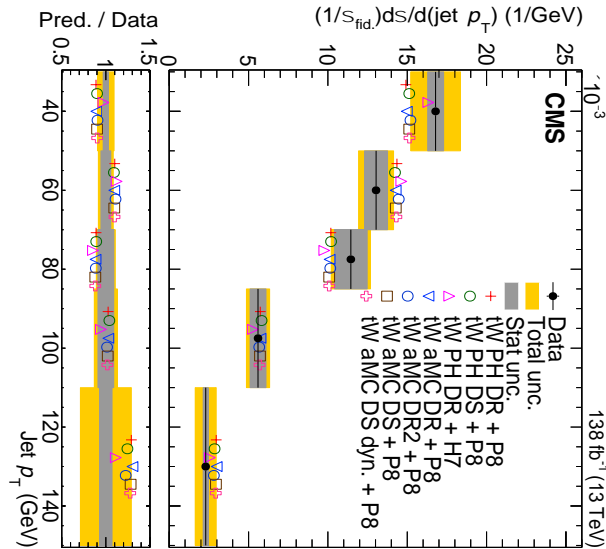
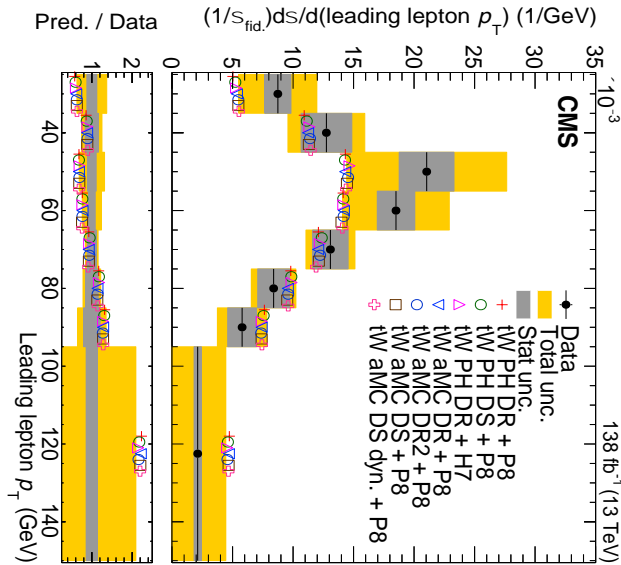
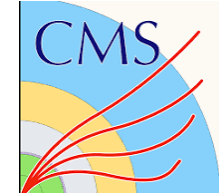
## 13.6 TEV

- 34.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data in Run 3 used
- Dilepton  $e^\pm\mu^\mp$  events are used
- Three regions defined
  - 1 jet, 1 b-tagged jet with significant signal fraction
  - 2 jets, 1 b-tagged jet with significant signal fraction
  - 2 jets, 2 b-tagged jets with little signal, constrains the  $t\bar{t}$  background.



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# $tW$ ASSOCIATED PRODUCTION AT $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TEV

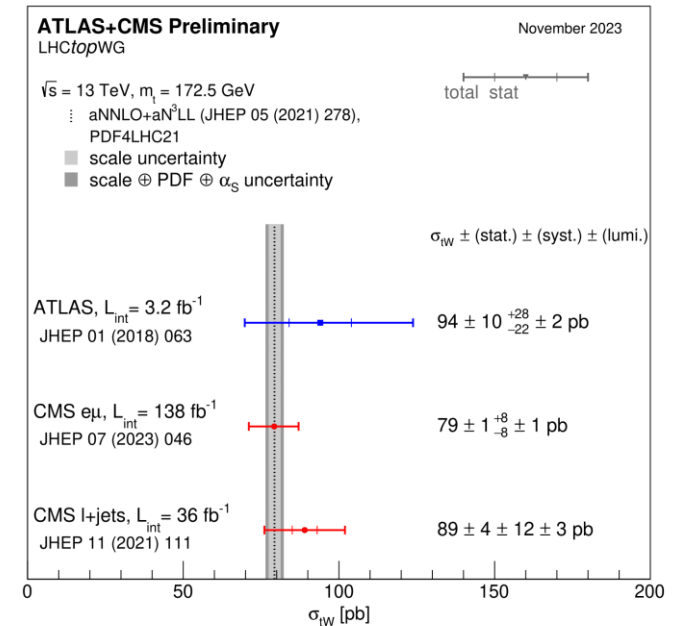


$$\sigma(tW) = 79.2 \pm 0.9(\text{stat})_{-8.0}^{7.7}(\text{syst}) \pm 1.2(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\text{Cf. Theory } \sigma(tW) = 71.7 \pm 1.8(\text{scale}) \pm 3.4(\alpha_S, \text{PDF}) \text{ pb [aNLO+aN}^3\text{LL]}$$

## P-values for differential distributions:

Variable	PH DR + P8	PH DS + P8	PH DR + H7
Leading lepton $p_T$	0.02	0.01	0.03
Jet $p_T$	0.14	0.27	0.01
$\Delta\phi(e^\pm, \mu^\mp)/\pi$	0.26	0.29	0.32
$p_z(e^\pm, \mu^\mp, j)$	0.70	0.77	0.82
$m_T(e^\pm, \mu^\mp, j, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$	0.54	0.60	0.59
$m(e^\pm, \mu^\mp, j)$	0.03	0.02	0.28



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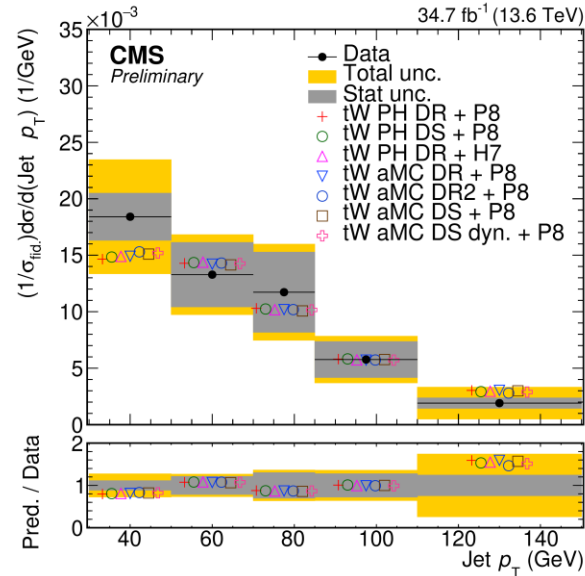
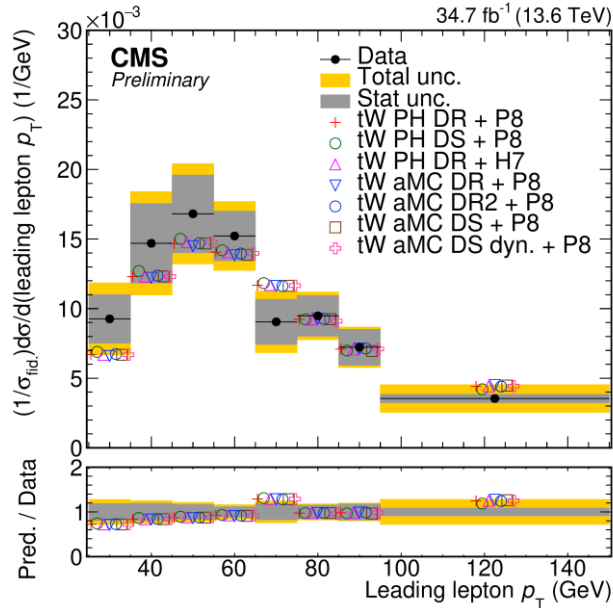
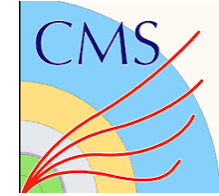
$tW$  XS

13 TeV

138 fb<sup>-1</sup>



# $tW$ ASSOCIATED PRODUCTION AT $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TEV



$$\sigma(tW) = 84.1 \pm 2.1(\text{stat})_{-10.2}^{+9.8}(\text{syst}) \pm 3.3(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\text{Cf. Theory } \sigma(tW) = 87.9_{-1.9}^{+2.0}(\text{scale}) \pm 2.4(\alpha_s, \text{PDF}) \text{ pb [aNNLO+aN}^3\text{LL]}$$

## P-values for differential distributions:

Variable	PH DR + P8	PH DS + P8	PH DR + H7
Leading lepton $p_T$	0.96	0.98	0.96
Jet $p_T$	0.96	0.97	0.97
$\Delta\phi(e^\pm, \mu^\mp)/\pi$	0.94	0.94	0.93
$p_z(e^\pm, \mu^\mp, j)$	0.96	0.96	0.96
$m_T(e^\pm, \mu^\mp, j, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$	0.78	0.75	0.79
$m(e^\pm, \mu^\mp, j)$	0.95	0.93	0.95

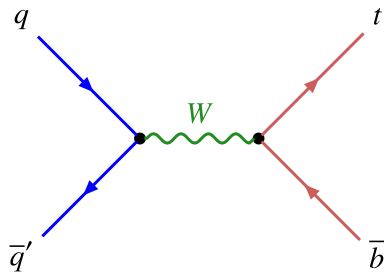
CMS-PAS-TOP-23-008

tW XS

13.6 TeV

34.7 fb<sup>-1</sup>

# S-CHANNEL ELECTROWEAK PRODUCTION



- Low expected cross section at LHC ( $\sigma^{SM} = 10.32_{-0.36}^{+0.40}$  pb @ 13 TeV)
  - Anomalies could indicate  $W'$ ,  $b'$  or  $H^+$  production or modified couplings
- But favorable conditions at the Tevatron led to observation in 2014 [Phys. Rev. Lett. **112** (2014) 231803]
- Previously measured at  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV (CMS), 8 TeV (CMS, ATLAS)
  
- At 13 TeV, ATLAS measures the cross section using the lepton+jets final state
  - Main backgrounds are  $t\bar{t}$  and  $W$ +jets
  - A Matrix Element based discriminant is used to separate signal (based on calculable probability densities)
  - Normalization of the  $W$ +jets background and  $t\bar{t}$  background is determined from control regions.

# CROSS SECTION MEASUREMENT:

Discriminant is based on likelihood for process  $H_{proc} \in \{\text{signal}, \bar{t}t, W+\text{jets}\}$ , conditional on final state particle kinematic quantities  $X$ , those being  $p_T$  and  $\eta$

$$\mathcal{P}(X | H_{proc}) = \int d\Phi \frac{1}{\sigma_{H_{proc}}} \frac{d\sigma_{H_{proc}}}{d\Phi} T_{H_{proc}}(X | \Phi) .$$

$$\sigma = 8.2^{+3.5}_{-2.9} \text{ pb}$$

Parton-level cross sections  $d\sigma/d\theta$  from analytic calculation.

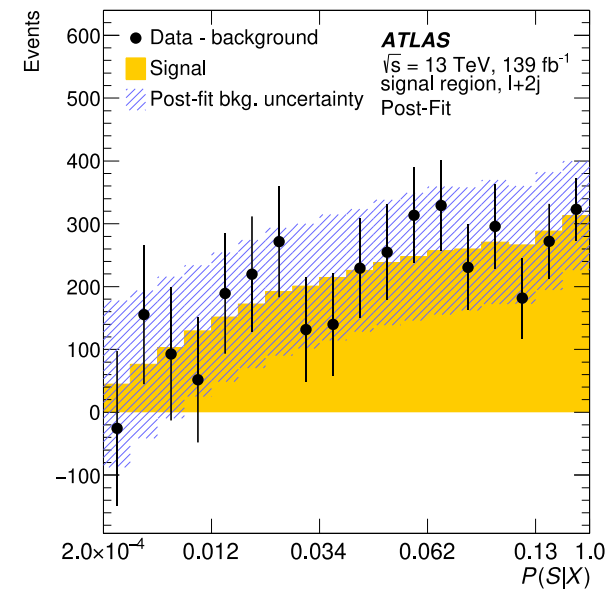
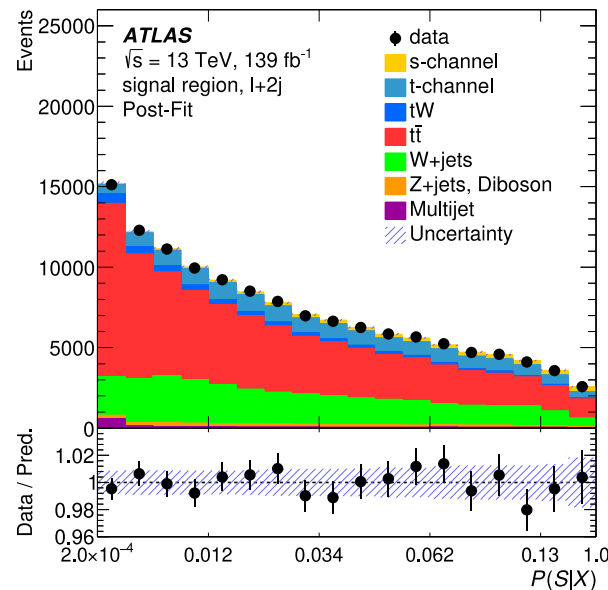
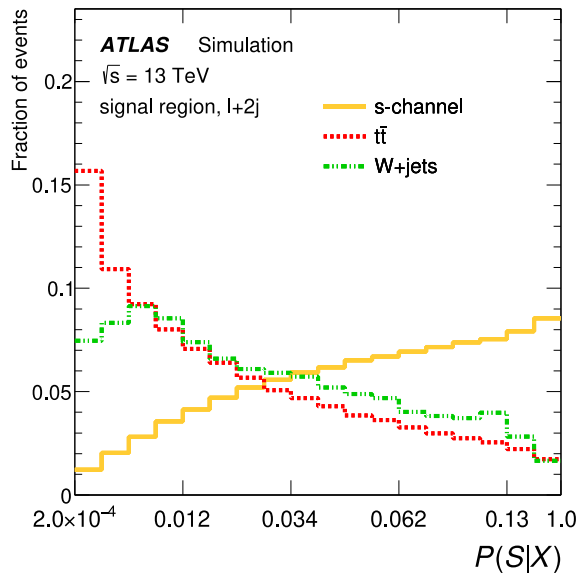
Transfer functions  $T$  from simulation

Computed for signal, top and  $W+\text{jets}$  backgrounds.

The likelihood ratio is used as the discriminant,  $P(S|X)$

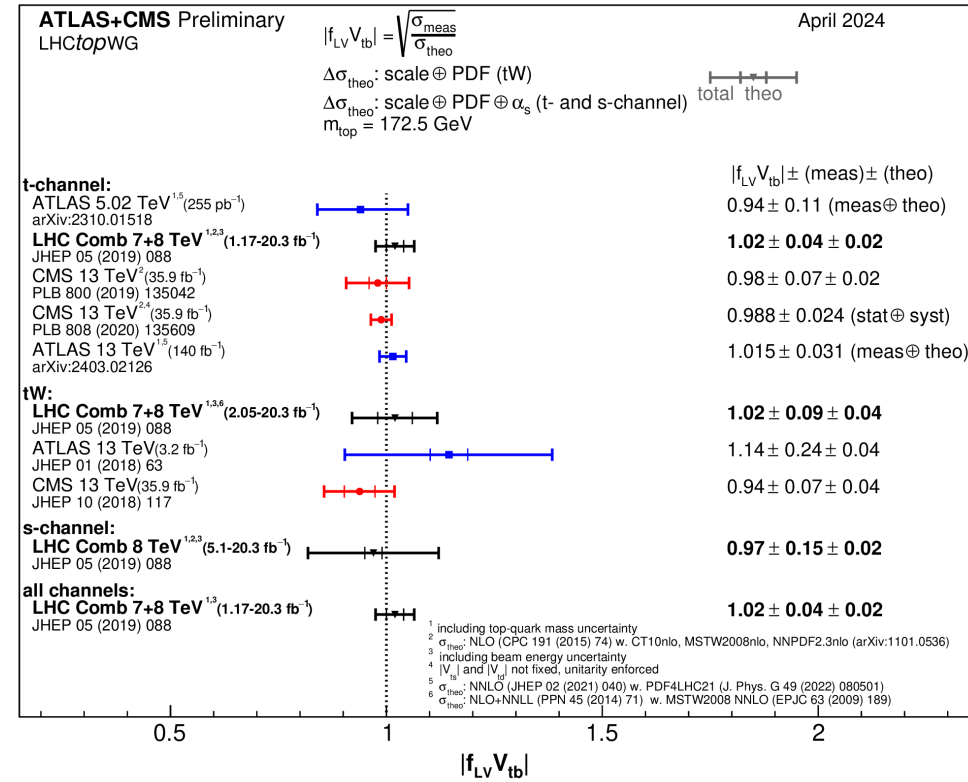
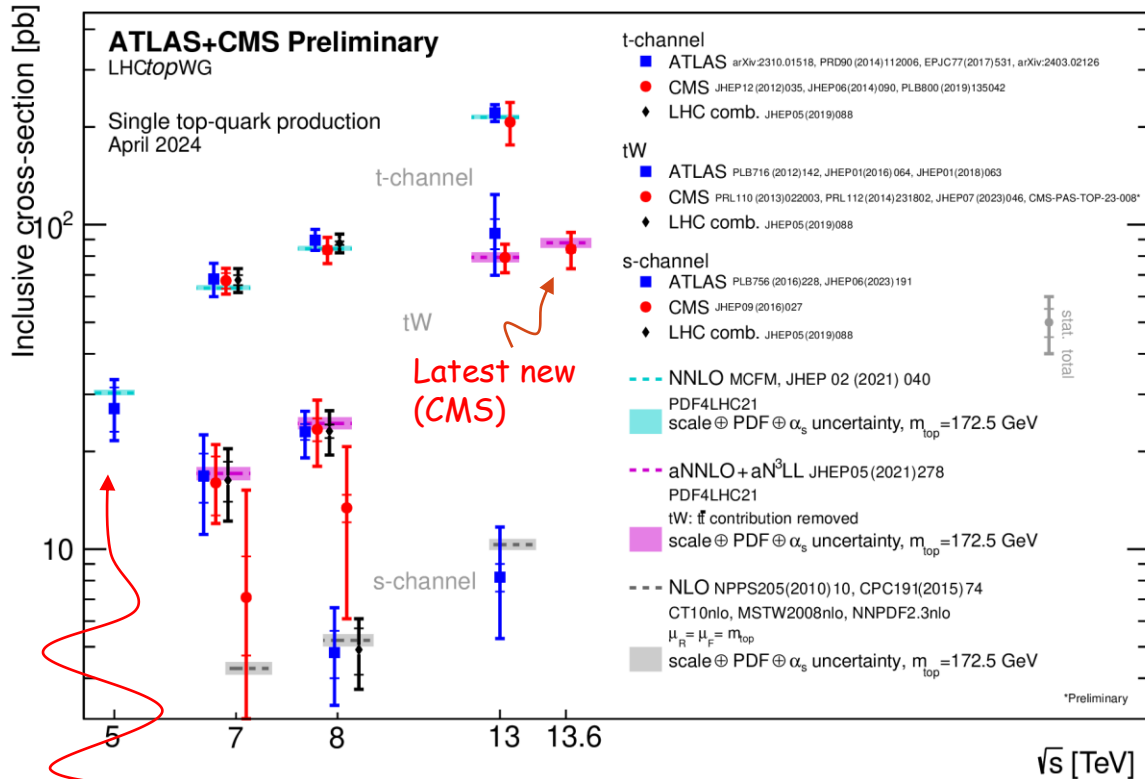
Cf. NLO Prediction

$$\sigma = 10.32^{+0.40}_{-0.36} \text{ pb}$$



# SUMMARY OF SINGLE TOP QUARK PRODUCTION CROSS SECTIONS

LHC top working group summary plots  
and ATL-PHYS-PUB-2024-006



New point from ATLAS@ 5 TeV, arXiv:2310.01518

# CONCLUSIONS

- Cross section measurements of  $t\bar{t}$  and single top  $t$ ,  $tW$ , and s-channel production have been carried out at 5, 7, 8, 13, and 13.6 GeV in pp collisions and also p-Pb collisions at 8 TeV.
- These measurements are in agreement with the standard model.
  - Uncertainties of less than 2% have been obtained, thanks to improvements in lumi measurement.
  - Dominant uncertainty is still luminosity, whose error has reached sub-percent level.
  - Differential measurements indicate softer  $p_T$  distributions than NNLO predictions
- The most common interpretation of these results is in terms of  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ , the top quark pole mass  $m_T^{pole}$ , and PDF parameters (for strong production of  $t\bar{t}$ ).
- Single top production measures  $|f_{LV}V_{tb}|$  (for electroweak production of single top), with further interpretation in terms of EFT coefficients, CKM matrix elements, four-quark interactions.
- Top production cross sections in  $p - Pb$  collisions are described in ATLAS-CONF-2023-063 and in Phys. Rev. Lett. 119 (2017) 242001

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Experiment	Reference	Description	Energy [TeV]	$\int \mathcal{L} dt$ [fb <sup>-1</sup> ]	Slide #
ATLAS, CMS, TOP WG	JHEP 07 (2023) 213	$\bar{t}t$ XS, ATLAS CMS combination	7, 8	5, 20	3-5
ATLAS	JHEP 07 (2023) 141	$\bar{t}t$ XS, dilepton, differential	13	140	6-7
CMS	arXiv:2402.08486	$\bar{t}t$ XS, dilepton, differential	13	138	8
ATLAS	ATLAS-CONF-2023-068	$\bar{t}t$ Diff cross sections $\ell$ +jets	13	140	10-13
ATLAS	Phys. Lett. B 848 (2024) 138376	$(\bar{t}t \text{ XS}) / (Z \text{ XS})$	13.6	29	14
CMS	CMS-PAS-TOP-23-005	$\bar{t}t$ XS	5.02	0.302	15
ATLAS, CMS	ATLAS-CONF-2023-063; Phys. Rev. Lett. 119 (2017) 242001	$\bar{t}t$ XS, PB collisions	8.16	$165 \times 10^{-6}$ $174 \times 10^{-6}$ P+Pb	15
ATLAS	arXiv:2403.02126	$t$ -channel XS	13	140	19-20
ATLAS	arXiv:2310.01518	$t$ -channel XS	5.02	0.255	28
CMS	JHEP 07 (2023) 046	$tW$ XS	13	138	22, 24
CMS	CMS-PAS-TOP-23-008	$tW$ XS	13.6	34.7	23, 25
ATLAS	JHEP 06 (2023) 191	$s$ -channel	13	139	26

**BACKUP**

# DIGRESSION ON LUMINOSITY MEASUREMENT

- ATLAS uses LUCID II detector,
  - charge-integrating Cerenkov light detector 17m from IP
  - active material is the quartz fibers and the quartz photomultiplier windows.
  - Gain monitored with  $^{207}\text{Bi}$  sources for stability of relative luminosity measurement
  - The Run 2 Luminosity error is 0.83%. Cf. 1.9% (8 TeV)**

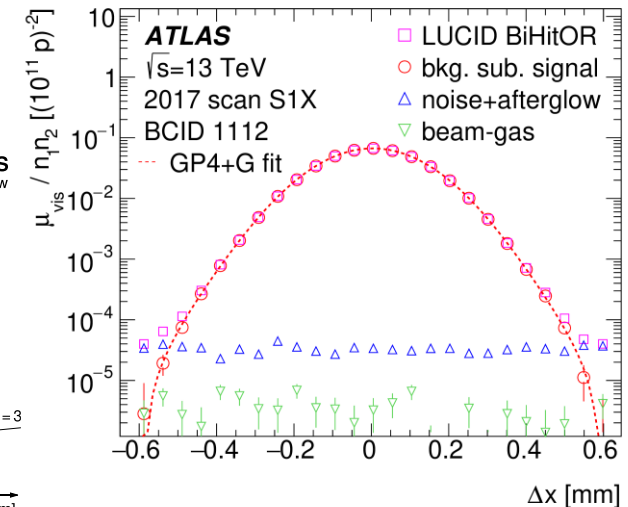
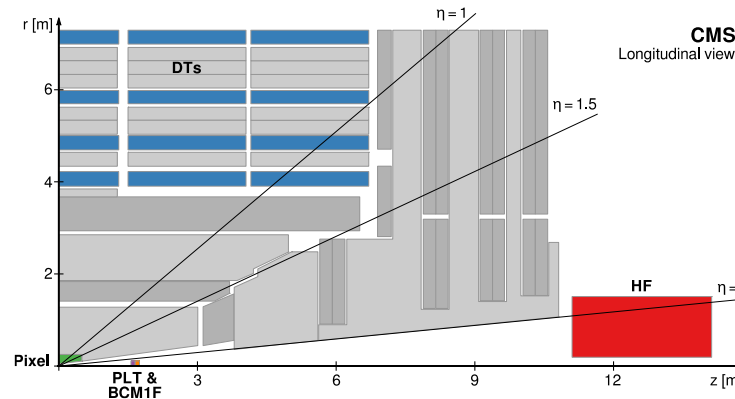
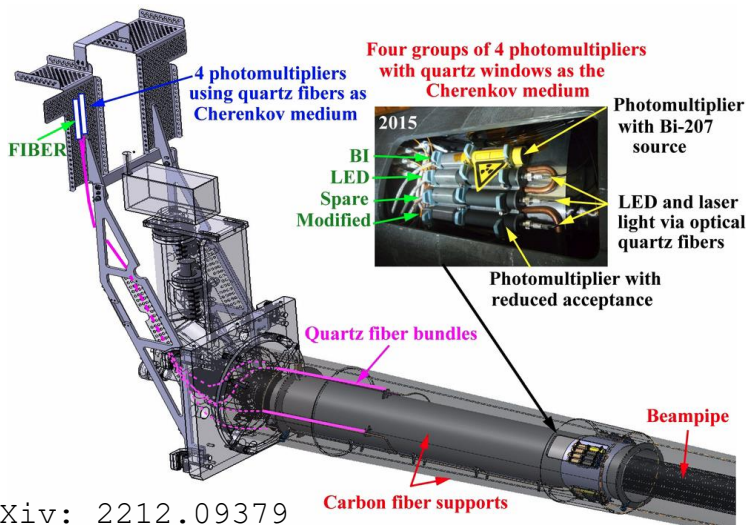
- CMS uses HF
  - Hadronic Forward Calorimeter
  - Steel w/ quartz fibers.
- And Pixel detector, Pixel Luminosity Telescope, and Fast Beam Conditions Monitor.
- Run 2 Luminosity of 1.2% precision achieved (Cf. 1.9% at 8 TeV)
- However stability issues, and beam-beam interactions may increase this to over 2%.

- Absolute luminosity determined through *Vandermeer scans* at low lumi.

40 Mhz ↘ ↘ from beam instrumentation

$$\mathcal{L}_b = \frac{f n_1 n_2}{2\pi \Sigma_x \Sigma_y}$$

Convolved Beam sizes ↘ From VDM scan

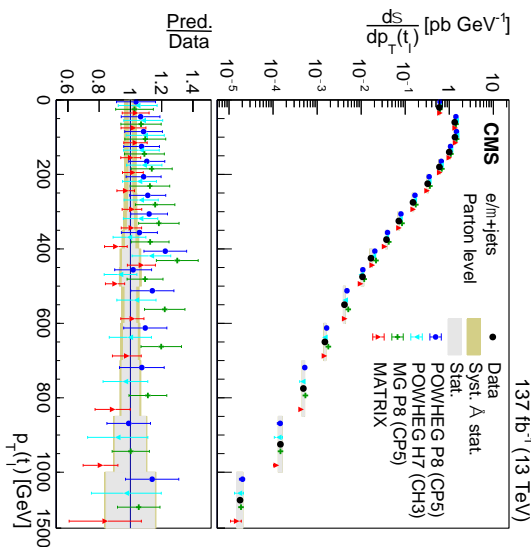
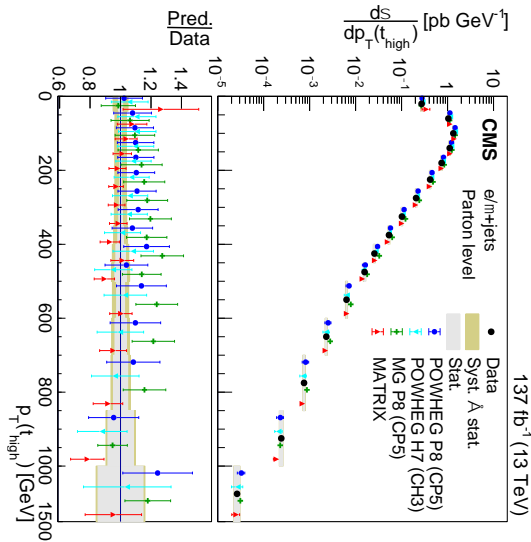
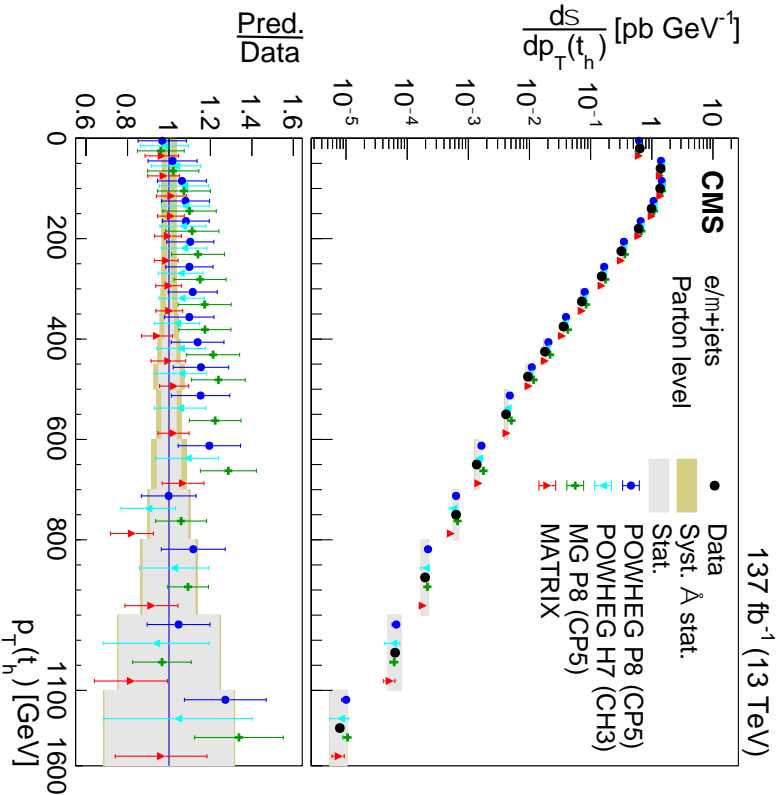
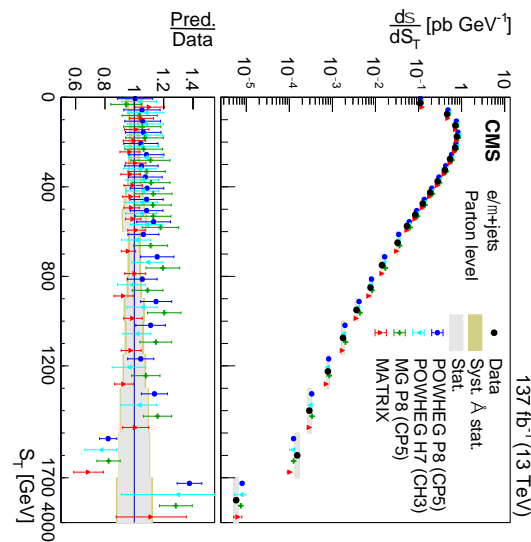
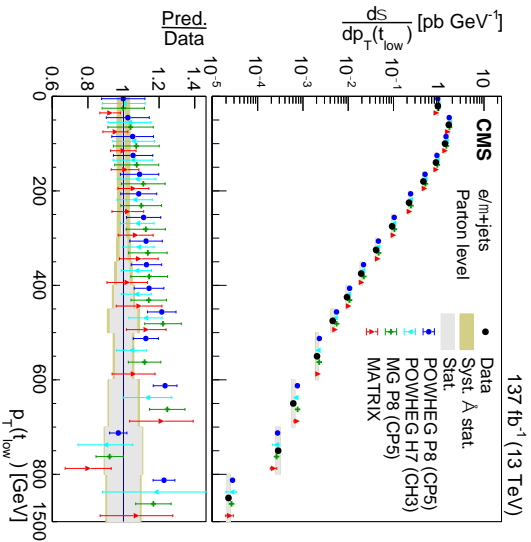




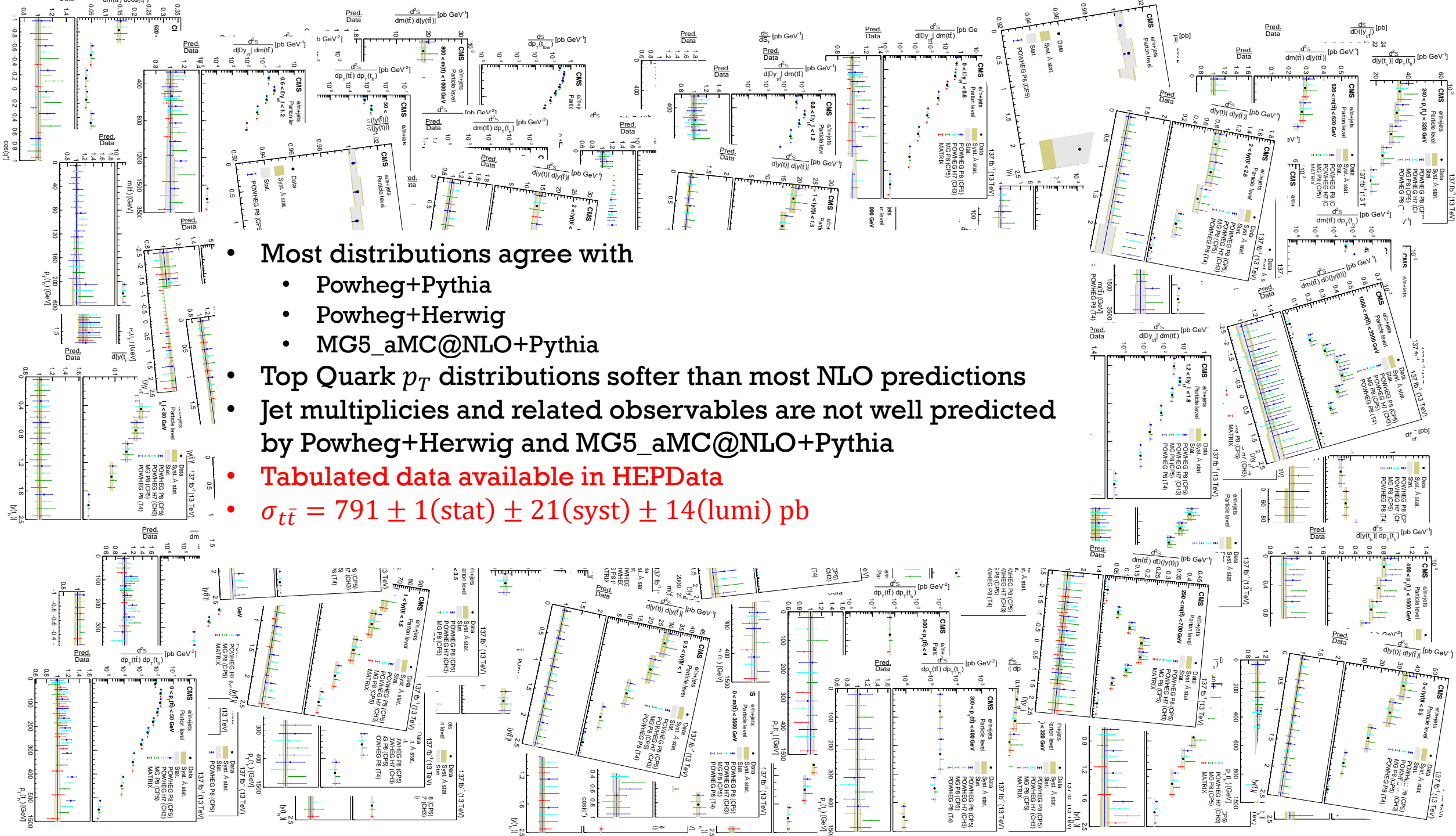


# Differential and double-differential cross sections in lepton+jets mode.

Parton level comparisons include POWHEG (NLO) and MATRIX (NNLO) w / significantly smaller errors.



- Most distributions agree with
  - Powheg+Pythia
  - Powheg+Herwig
  - MG5\_aMC@NLO+Pythia
- Top Quark  $p_T$  distributions softer than most NLO predictions
- Jet multiplicities and related observables are not well predicted by Powheg+Herwig and MG5\_aMC@NLO+Pythia
- **Tabulated data available in HEPData**
- $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 791 \pm 1(\text{stat}) \pm 21(\text{syst}) \pm 14(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$



# WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THIS WEALTH OF INFORMATION?



Lepton+jets mode, 35.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>  
of data at 13 TeV.

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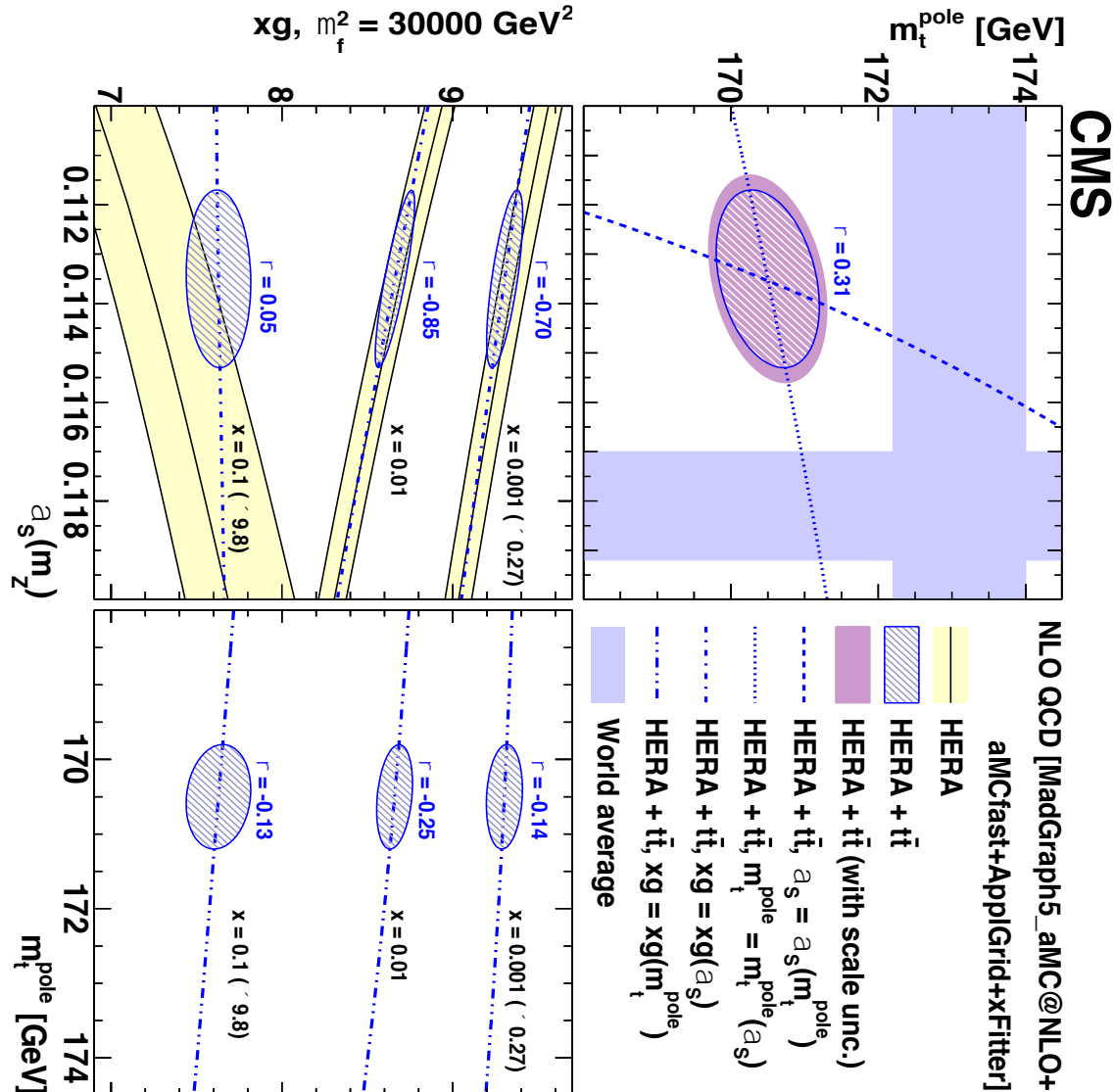
Double and triple-differential cross sections are analyzed.

From the triple-differential cross section in the variables  $M(t\bar{t})$ ,  $y(t\bar{t})$ , and  $N_{jets}$  CMS determines

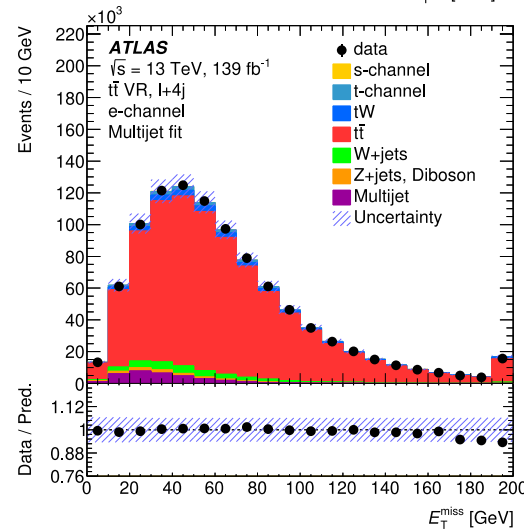
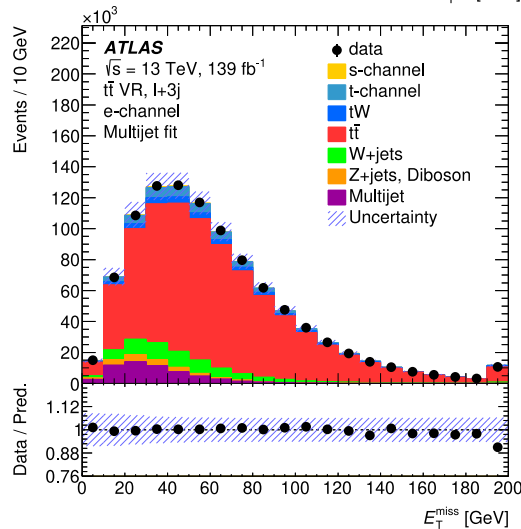
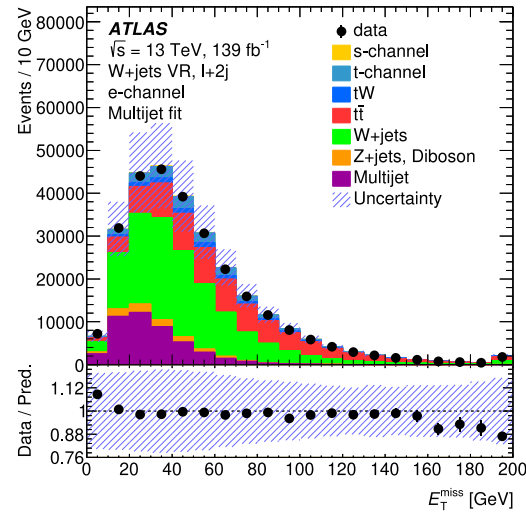
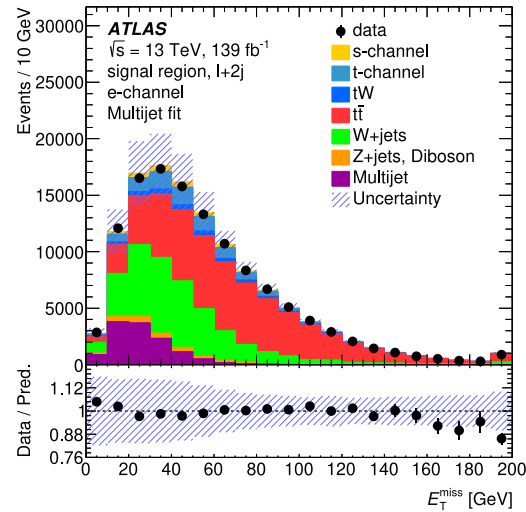
- $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1135^{+0.0021}_{-0.0017}$
- $m_t^{pole} = 170.5 \pm 0.8 \text{ GeV}$

High precision extractions

In CMS's Phys. Rev. D 104 (2021) 092013 (previous page), such interpretations are left to the theoretical community.



# MULTIJET BACKGROUND DETERMINATION



Multijet backgrounds estimated using

- “jet-electron” MC-based method for electrons.
- “anti—muon” data-based method for muons.
- Fits to  $E_T^{miss}$  (electron) or  $m_T^W$  (muon) used to set normalization.

← Shown for all four regions for electrons

Shown for signal region only for muons →

- Most bkg is removed by cuts.

