



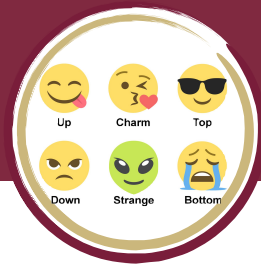
# Top-quark spin properties at LHC



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# Top quark physics

**Production time**

$$\frac{1}{m_t}$$

$\sim 10^{-27}$  s

**Decay time**

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_t}$$

$\sim 10^{-25}$  s

**Hadronisation time**

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$$

$\sim 10^{-24}$  s

**Spin-Decorr. time**

$$\frac{m_t}{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}$$

$\sim 10^{-21}$  s

## Why top quarks?

- heaviest known particle, only “bare” quark
- high statistics allows precision tests and search for new physics (Effective Field Theory frameworks)

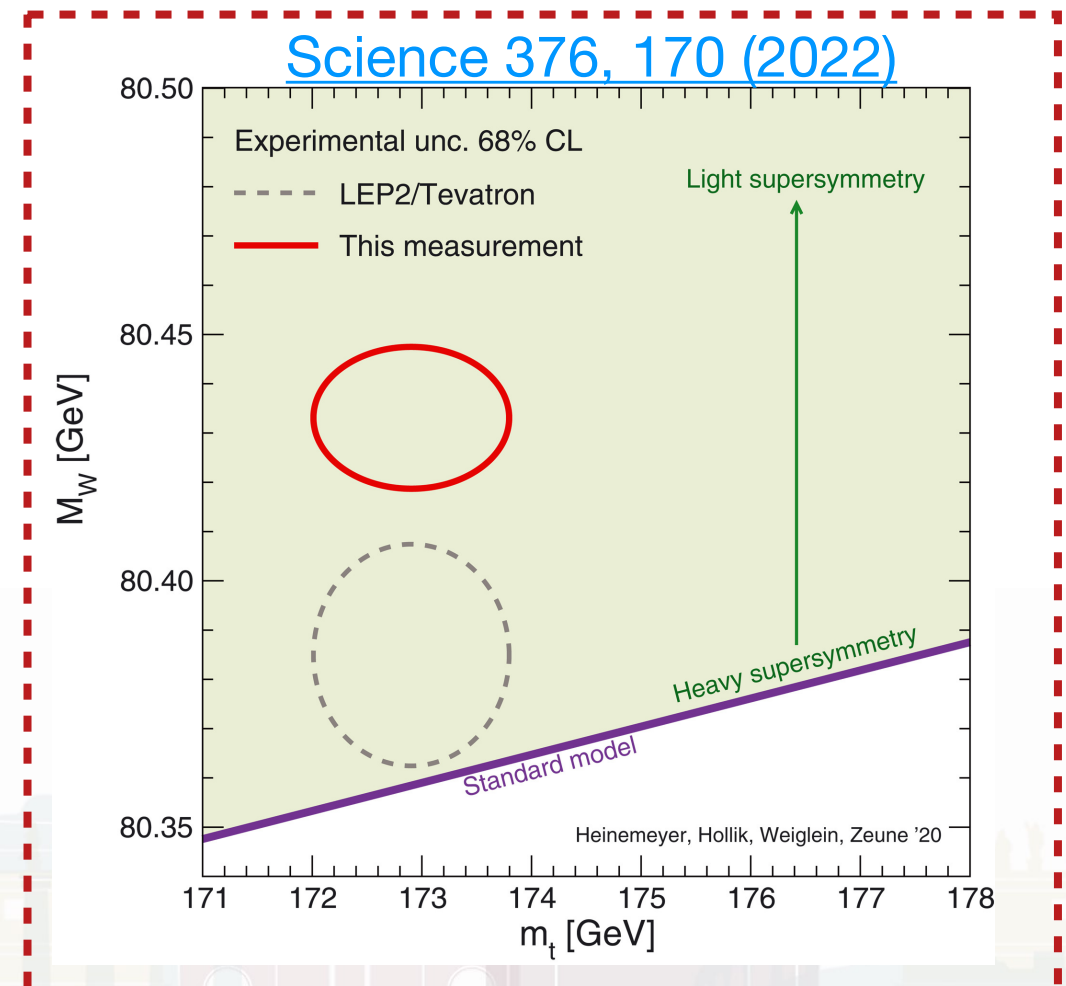
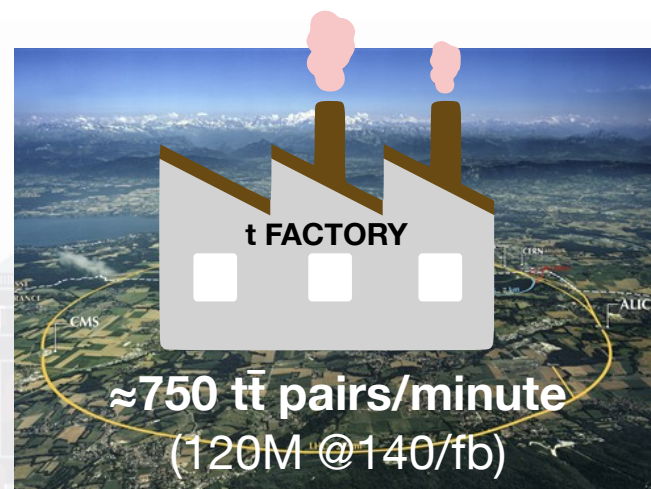
## Copious production at the LHC (top-factory):

- $\approx 140/\text{fb}$  @13TeV collected in Run 2 by ATLAS...

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \mathcal{L} \cdot \sigma_{t\bar{t}}$$

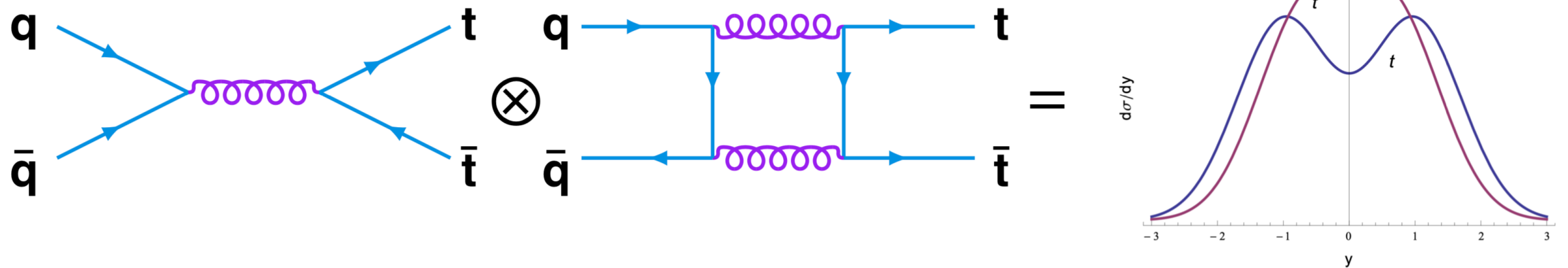
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} \approx 830 \text{ pb}, \implies$$

$$\mathcal{L} \approx 15 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$





# $t\bar{t}$ charge asymmetry



## $t\bar{t}$ central-forward charge asymmetry ( $A_C^{t\bar{t}}$ ) happens only at NLO

- gg initiated process remains charge symmetric to all orders
- higher orders interference in qg and  $q\bar{q}$ , and EW contributions lead to asymmetries
  - + also BSM physics can lead to enhancements
- challenging to measure at the LHC ( $q\bar{q} \sim 10\%$  of production fraction @13 TeV)
  - + **Extremely subtle precent-level (0.6%) effect** (one of the most precise SM tests in top physics)

$$A_C^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N(\Delta |y| > 0) - N(\Delta |y| < 0)}{N(\Delta |y| > 0) + N(\Delta |y| < 0)} \quad \Delta |y| = |y(t)| - |y(\bar{t})|$$





# $t\bar{t}$ charge asymmetry

arXiv:2208.12095 - Accepted by JHEP



Extracted from 139/fb @13TeV data using single lepton ( $e/\mu$ ) and dilepton channels

- l+jets: resolved+boosted ( $p_T(t) \geq 400$  GeV)

**Resolved:** BDT to assign the different jets to the top systems

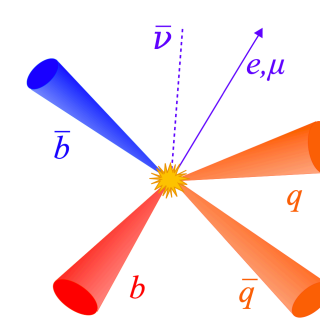
- using KL Fitter, masses of hadronic top and W, various angular variables
- best combination considered and only events with good reconstruction retained

**Boosted:** hadronic top reconstructed as a single large-R jet

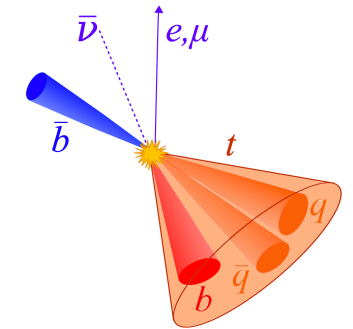
- mass and  $\tau_{32}$  used to “tag” hadronic tops
- leptonic side reconstructed from the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , lepton and a  $R=0.4$  jet

**Dilepton:** small-R jets and exactly 2 light leptons

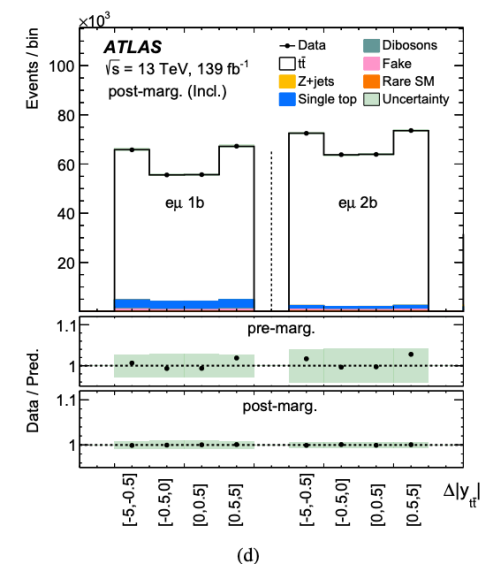
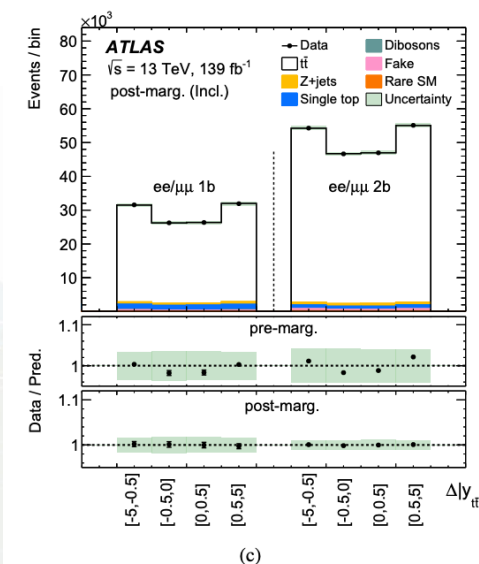
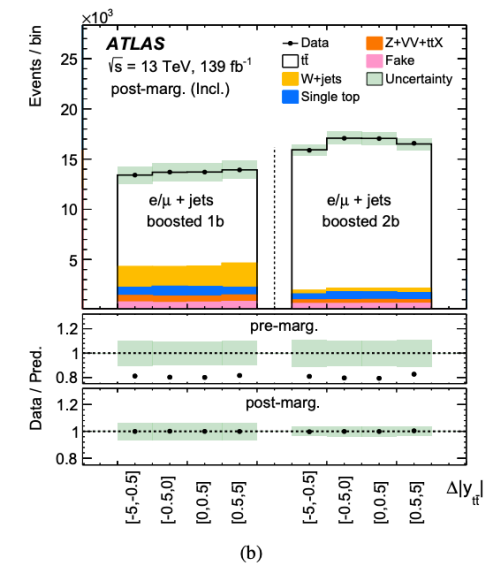
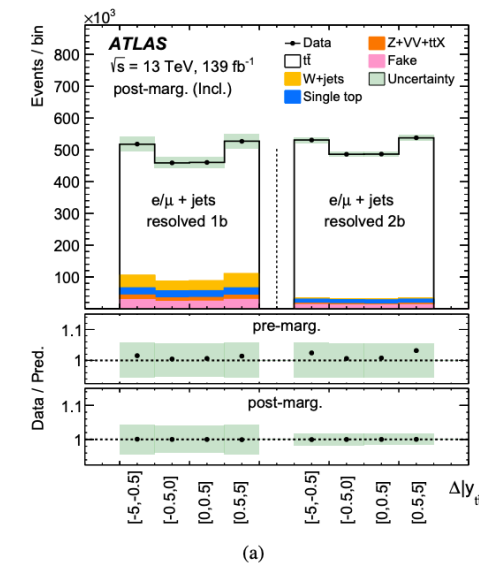
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Boosted







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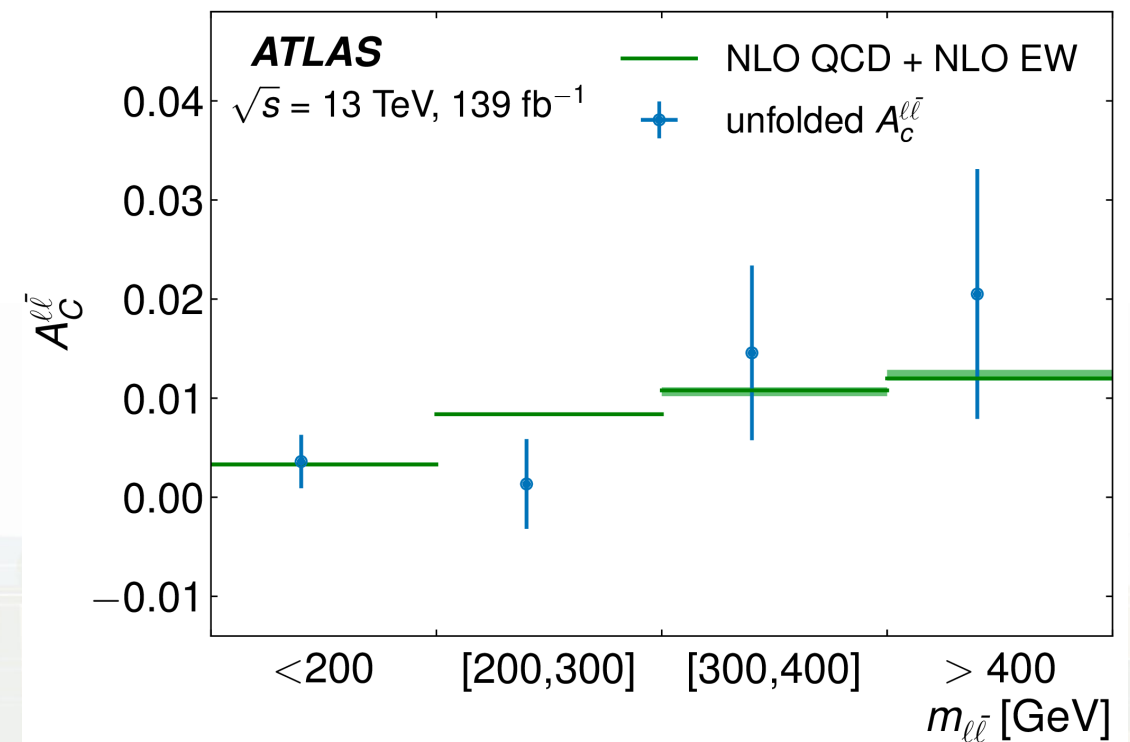
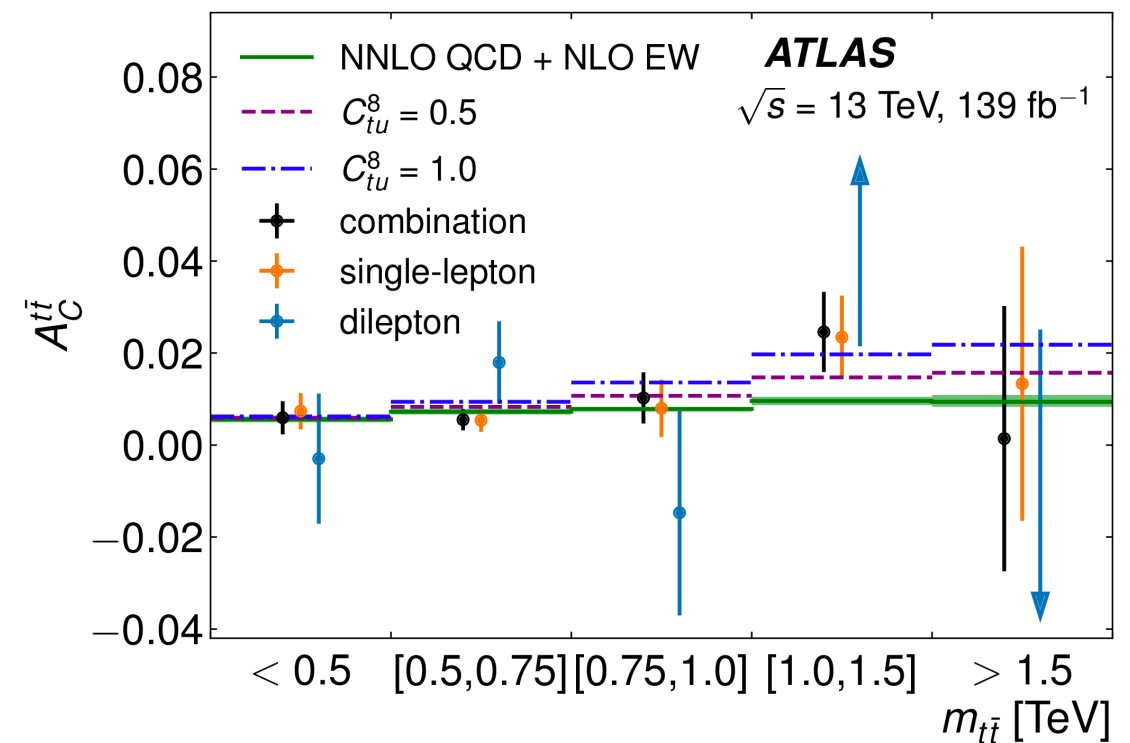
$|\Delta y|$  unfolded using a likelihood-based technique called “fully bayesian unfolding”

- inclusive and differential in bins of the  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  and  $\beta_{z,t\bar{t}}$  (absolute longitudinal boost of  $t\bar{t}$  system in the z-direction)
- systematic uncertainties are marginalised and can be constrained by the data

**Inclusive charge asymmetry  $A_C = (0.68 \pm 0.15)\%$**

- in agreement with NNLO QCD + NLO EW predictions
- **$4.7\sigma$  from no-asymmetry hypothesis**
- EFT limits based on the inclusive and  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  results

**First evidence for charge asymmetry in pp collisions!**





# $t\bar{t}$ charge asymmetry

arXiv:2208.12095 - A...



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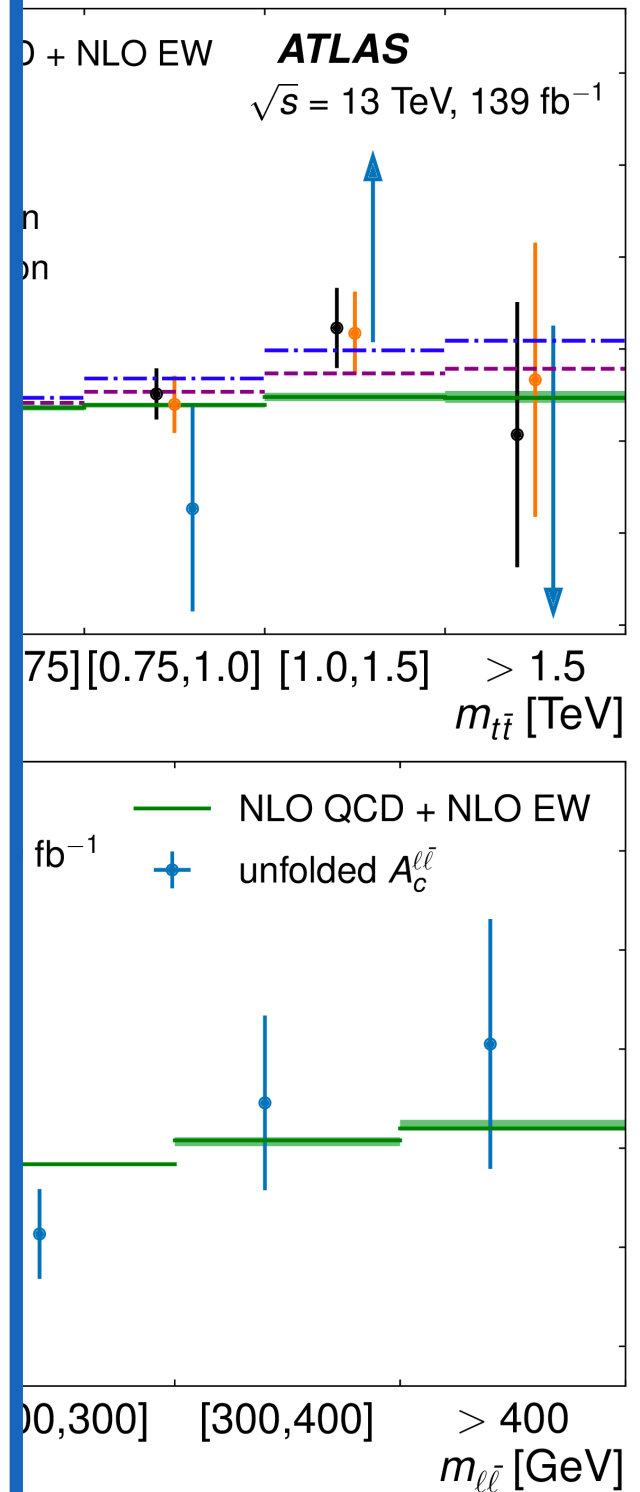
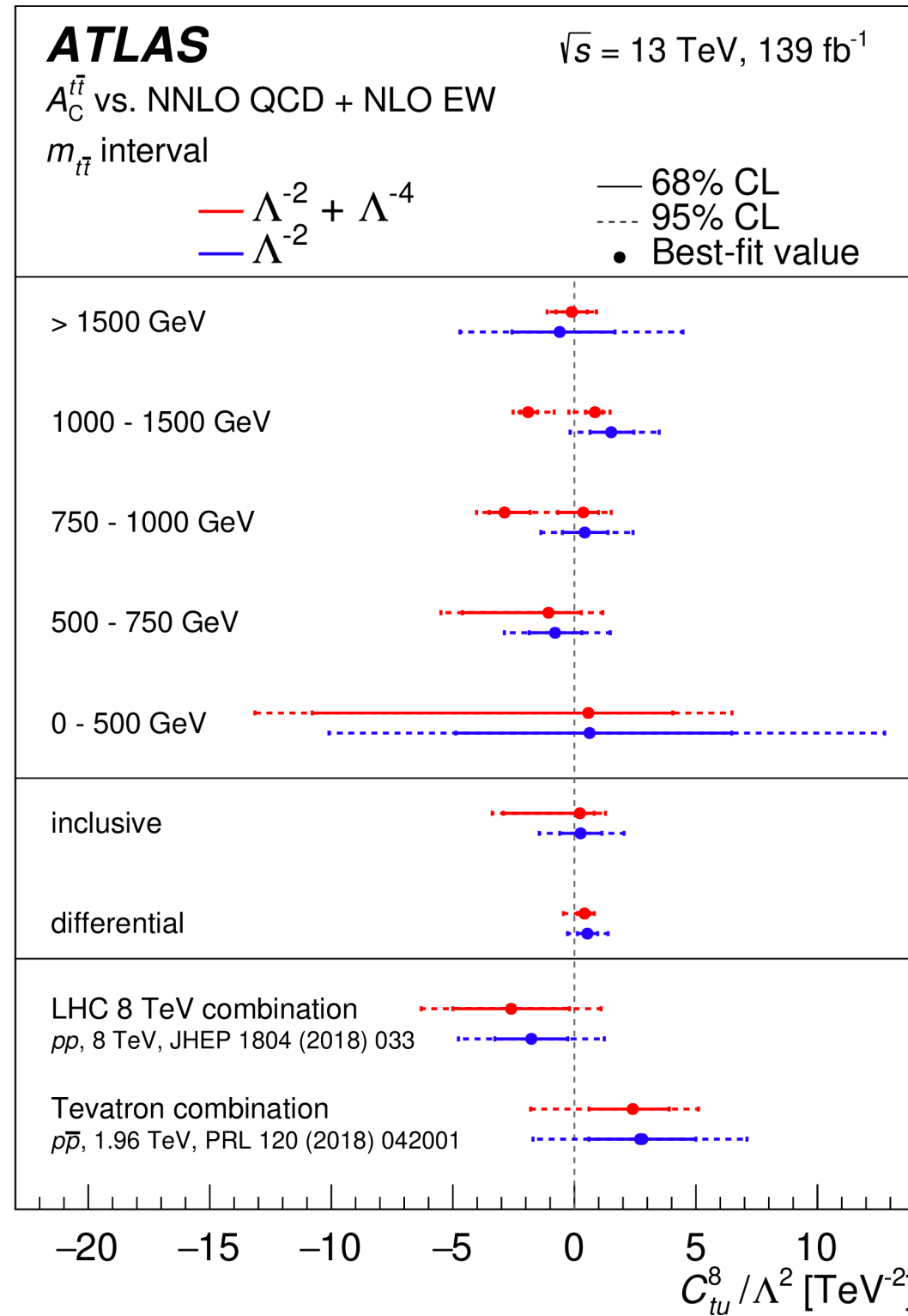
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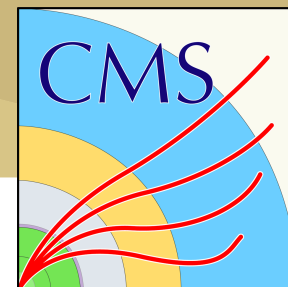
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**First evidence of charge asymmetry in  $t\bar{t}$  production**





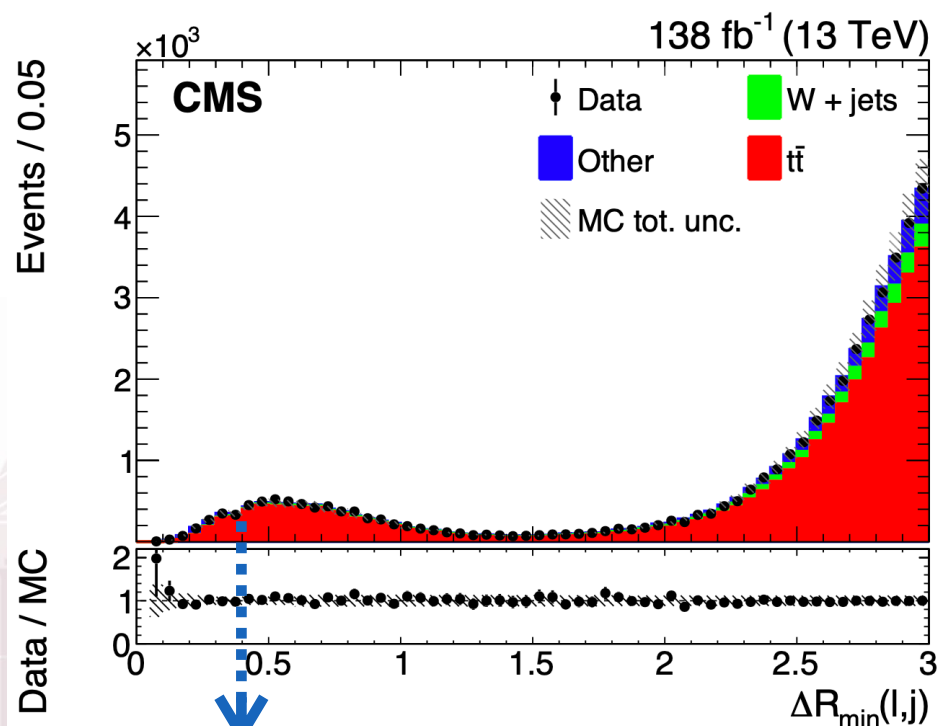
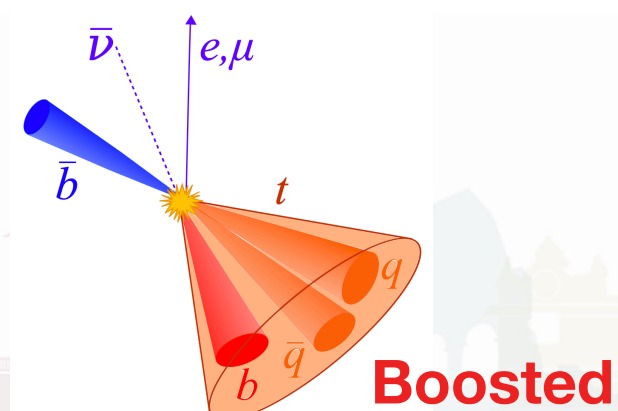
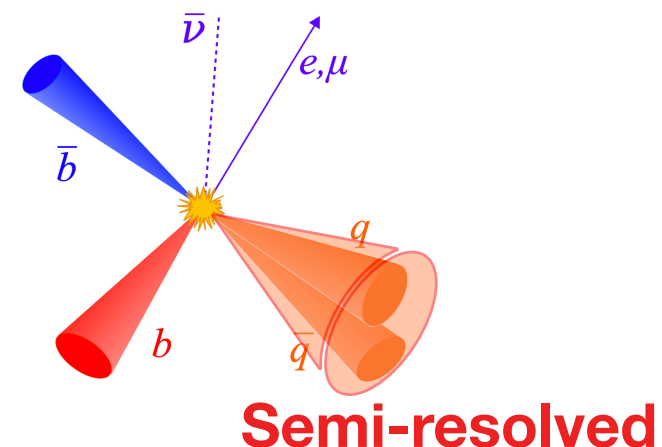
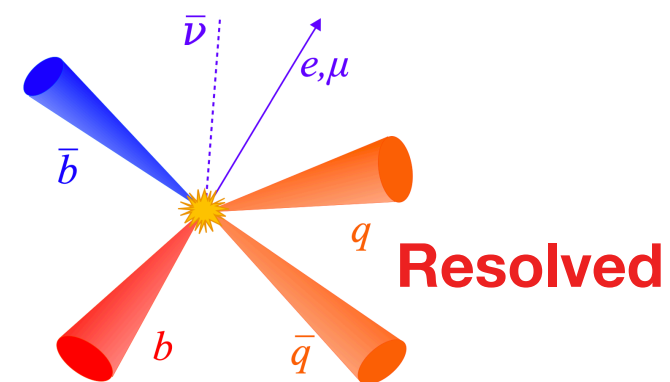
# $t\bar{t}$ charge asymmetry (boosted)



[arXiv:2208.02751](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.02751) - Submitted to PLB

## New CMS measurement of $A_C$ in $l+jets$ boosted events ( $m_{t\bar{t}} > 750$ GeV)

- in boosted environment  $qg$  or  $qq$  productions are enhanced  $\rightarrow$  larger  $A_C$
- top quarks produced with large Lorentz boosts  $\rightarrow$ 
  - + non isolated leptons, unlike previous CMS results
  - + overlapping jets
- three hadronic top categories: **resolved**, **semi-resolved** and **boosted**

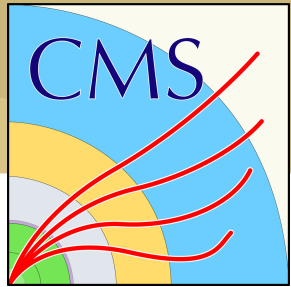


**partially overlapping**





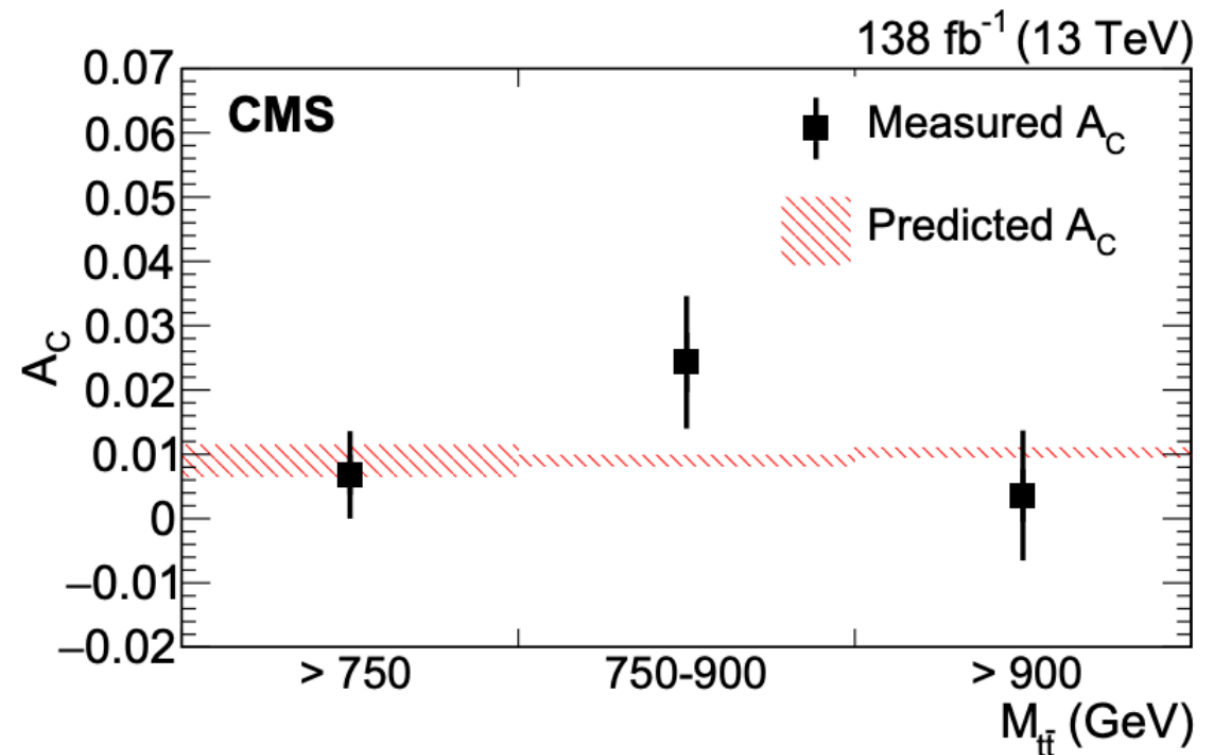
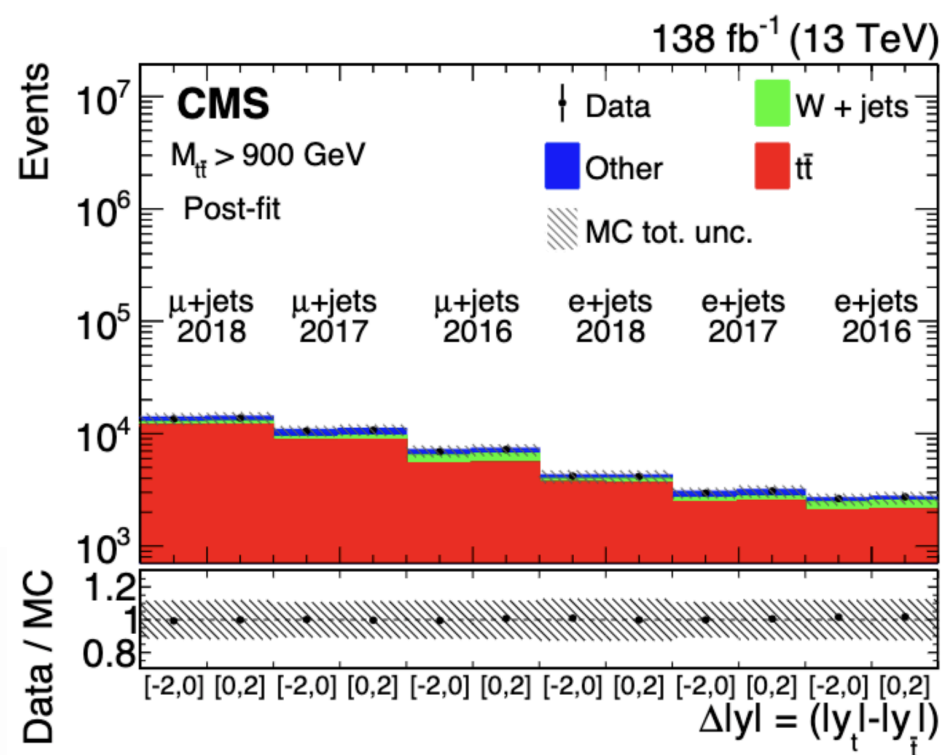
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Data unfolded with a binned maximum likelihood fit and compared to theoretical prediction with NNLO QCD and NLO EW corrections

- $A_C^{\text{meas}} = (0.69^{+0.65}_{-0.69})\%$  (error is dominated by the statistical component)
- results are in very good agreement with the SM prediction



**First charge asymmetry result  
in boosted regime**



# $t\bar{t}+W$ charge asymmetry

[arXiv:2301.04245](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.04245)

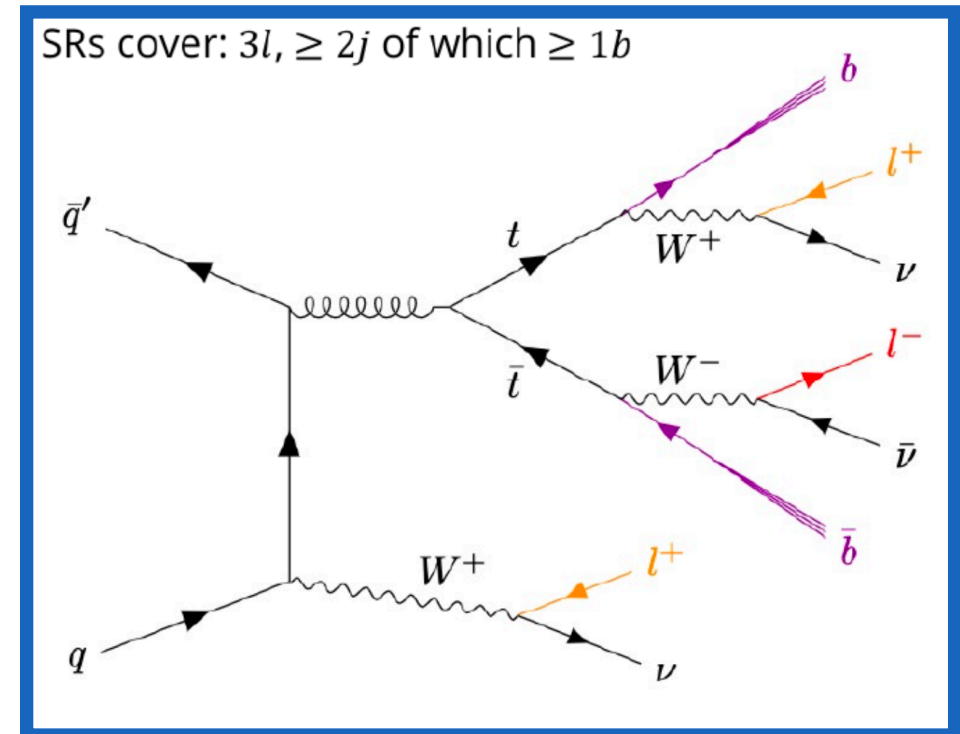


In  $t\bar{t}W$  production, the  $q\bar{q}'$  initial state leads to larger  $A_c$  than in  $t\bar{t}$  production

- the  $W$  in  $t\bar{t}W$  is radiated from initial  $q\bar{q}'$  state and acts as event polarization, enhancing the asymmetry between the  $t\bar{t}$

First measurement of  $A_c$  in  $t\bar{t}W$  using 139 /fb of ATLAS data at 13 TeV

- performed in the 3 charged leptons (e or  $\mu$ ) channel (3L)
- signal and control regions (SRs and CRs) defined by requirements on number of jets and b-tagged jets
- dedicated CRs to estimate the non-prompt lepton source from HF/LF decay or  $\gamma$ -conv.
- BDT trained to achieve the best “lepton–top–quark” association (71% efficient)



Odd lepton: always from (anti)top quark  
 Even leptons: need to select the correct one

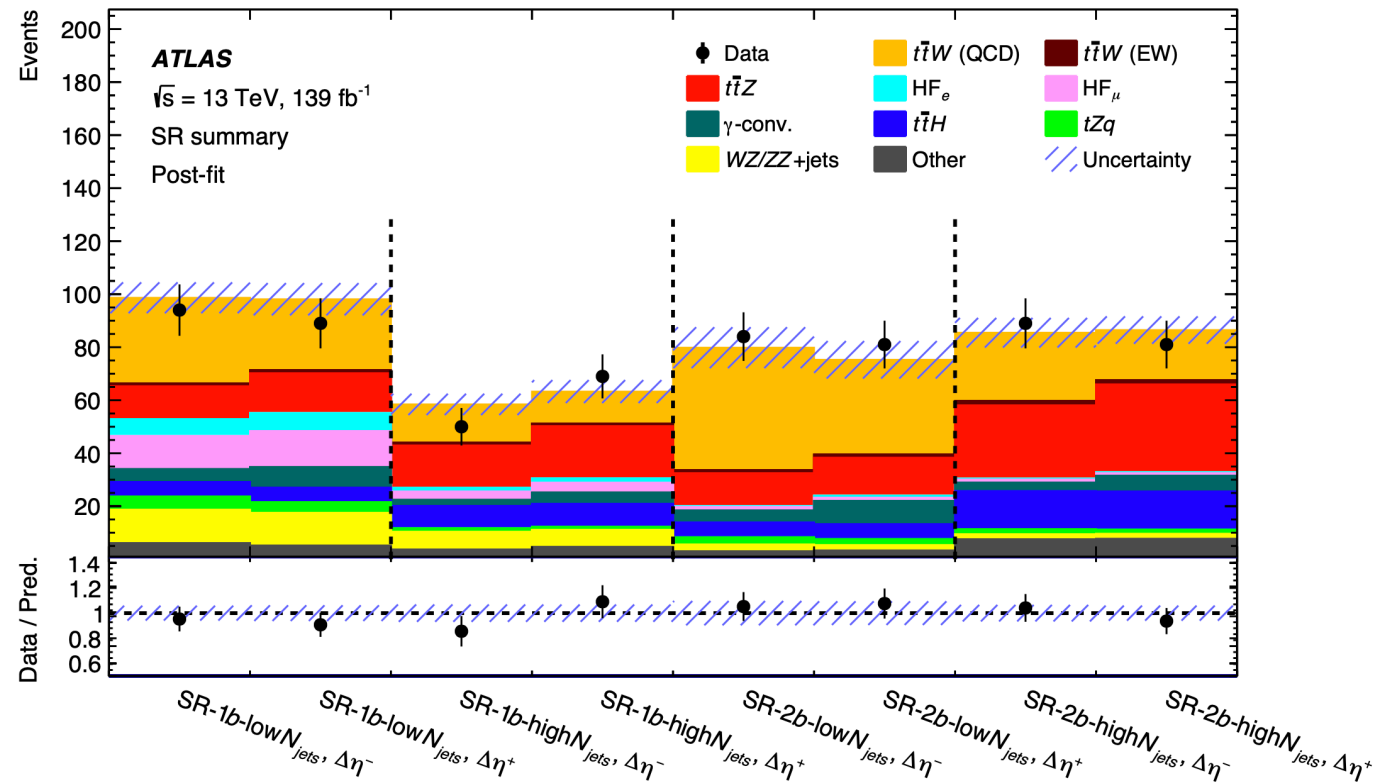


# $t\bar{t}+W$ charge asymmetry

arXiv:2301.04245



## Simultaneous fit to the numbers of observed events in the SRs



### At reconstruction level:

$$- A_C^{\ell\ell} = (-12.3 \pm 13.6 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 5.1 \text{ (syst.)}) \%$$

$$A_{CSM}^{\ell\ell} = (-8.4_{-0.3}^{+0.5} \text{ (scale)} \pm 0.6 \text{ (MC stat.)}) \%$$
 from SHERPA

### After unfolding at particle level and fiducial phase space:

$$- A_C^{\ell\ell} = (-11.2 \pm 17.0 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 5.5 \text{ (syst.)}) \%$$

$$(A_{CSM}^{\ell\ell} = (-6.3_{-0.4}^{+0.7} \text{ (scale)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (MC stat.)}) \%$$
 from SHERPA

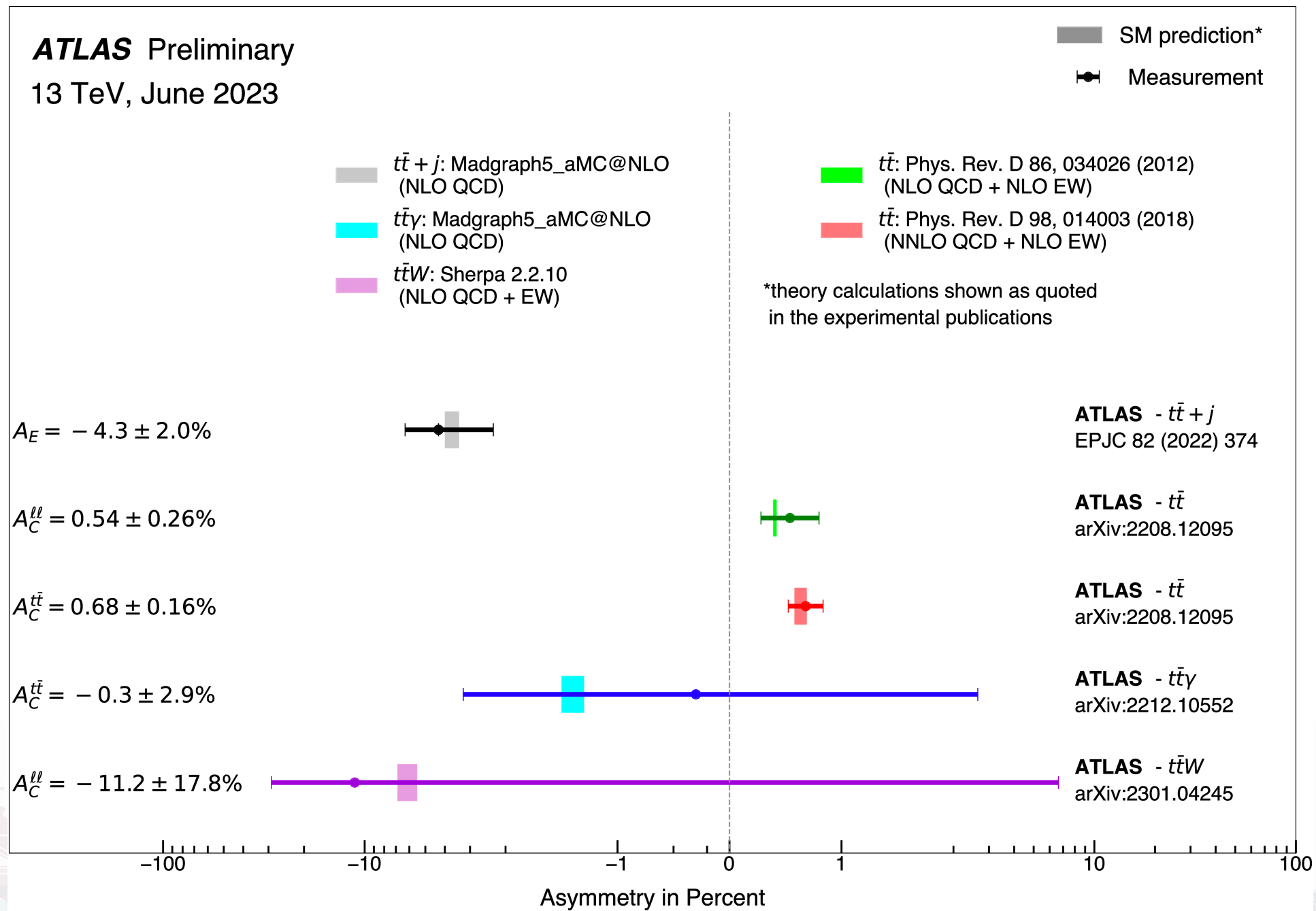
**Statistically dominated.  
In agreement with SM  
predictions**





# Overview of $t\bar{t}(+X)$ asymmetries

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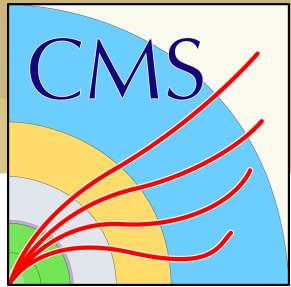


**All asymmetries in good agreement with the most precise SM calculations**



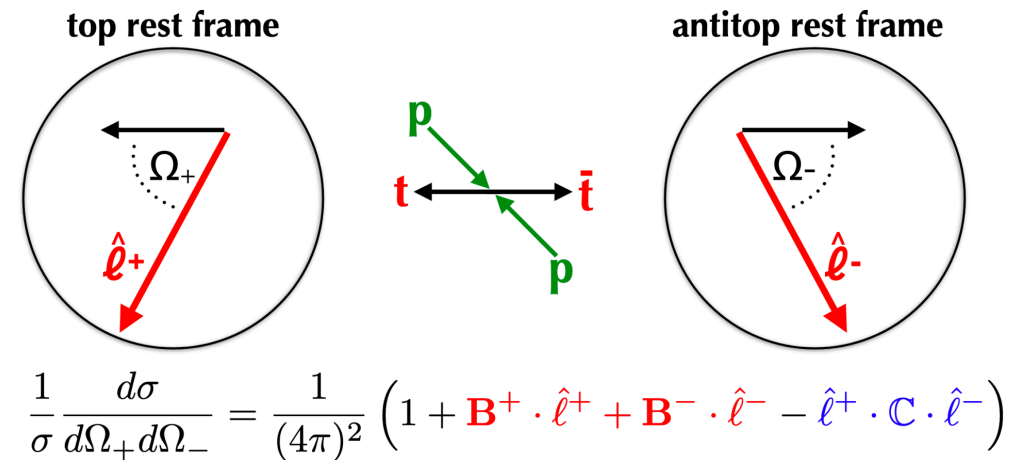
# $t\bar{t}$ spin correlation

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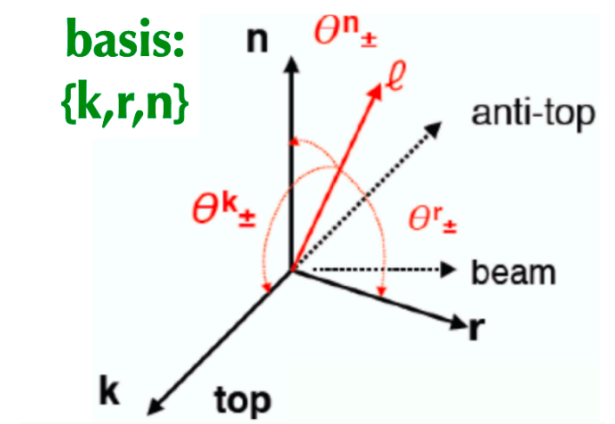
**In  $t\bar{t}$  production, top quarks produced unpolarised because of QCD parity conservation**

- $\rightarrow$  correlated spins between top pairs
- accessible via  $|\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}|$ , in dilepton  $t\bar{t}$  decays, no top reconstruction required

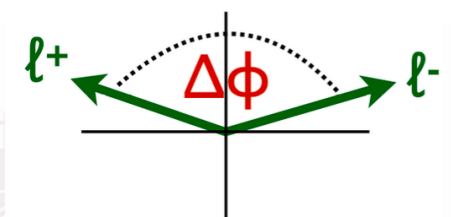


**Most recent CMS measurement of top-quark polarisation and  $t\bar{t}$  spin correlation in dilepton events at 13 TeV**

- Relative lepton directions follow 3x3 matrix C of spin correlation coefficients
- 15 coefficients ( $B_i^\pm, C_{ij}$ ) characterize spin dependence of production
- each coefficient probed by measuring 1D angular distribution at parton level



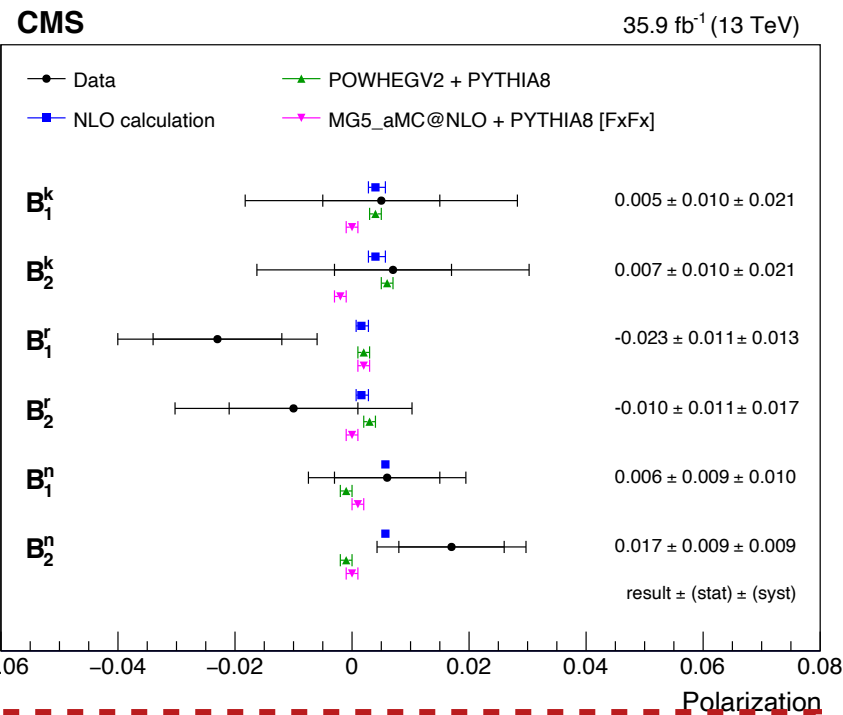
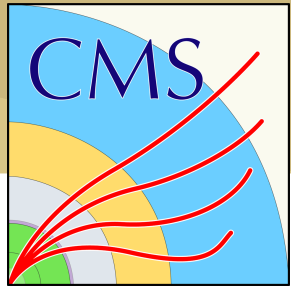
- spin decorrelation  $D$  measured indirectly by  $\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \phi_{\ell\ell}} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - D \cos \phi_{\ell\ell})$



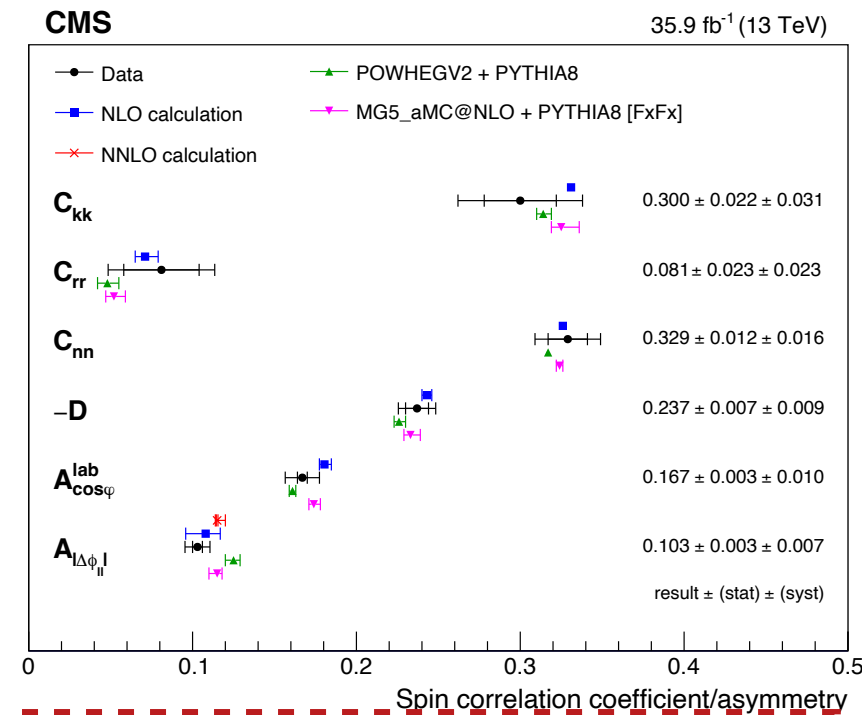


# $t\bar{t}$ spin correlation

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**Top quark polarization (six B coefficients) consistent with zero**

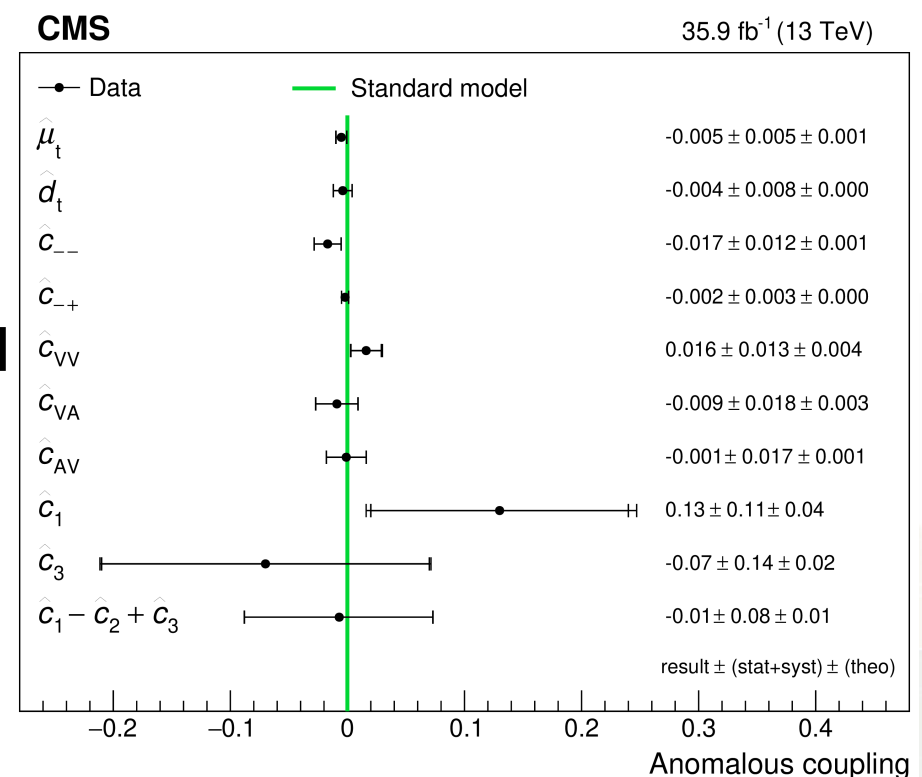


**Spin diagonal coefficients (C<sub>ii</sub>) consistent with expectations**

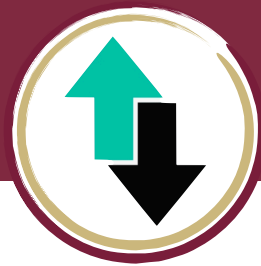
**Observations are consistent with the SM predictions**

**Results used to set constraints on top quark chromomagnetic, chromoelectric dipole moments (CMDM and CEDM) and anomalous couplings**

- CMDM:  $-0.24 < C_{tG}/\Lambda^2 < 0.07 \text{ TeV}^{-2} @ 95\% \text{ C.L.}$
- CEDM:  $-0.33 < C_{tG}^I/\Lambda^2 < 0.20 \text{ TeV}^{-2} @ 95\% \text{ C.L.}$







# W helicity

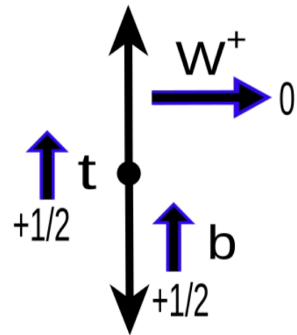
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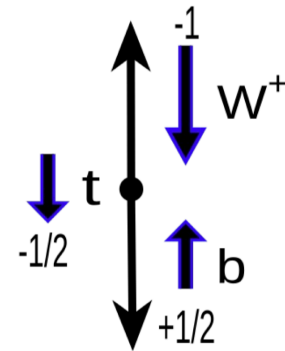
## Wtb properties in $t\bar{t}$ events determined by structure of weak interaction

- W bosons polarised mostly longitudinally ( $F_0$ ) or left-handed ( $F_L$ ) in the SM ( $F_0 + F_L + F_R = 1$ )
- sensitive to anomalous Wtb couplings (any significant  $F_R =$  new physics!)

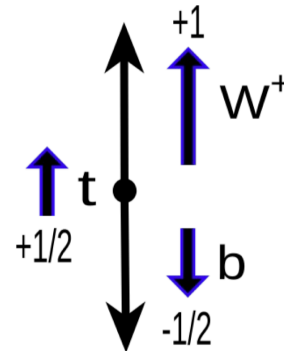
Longitudinal W



L-handed W



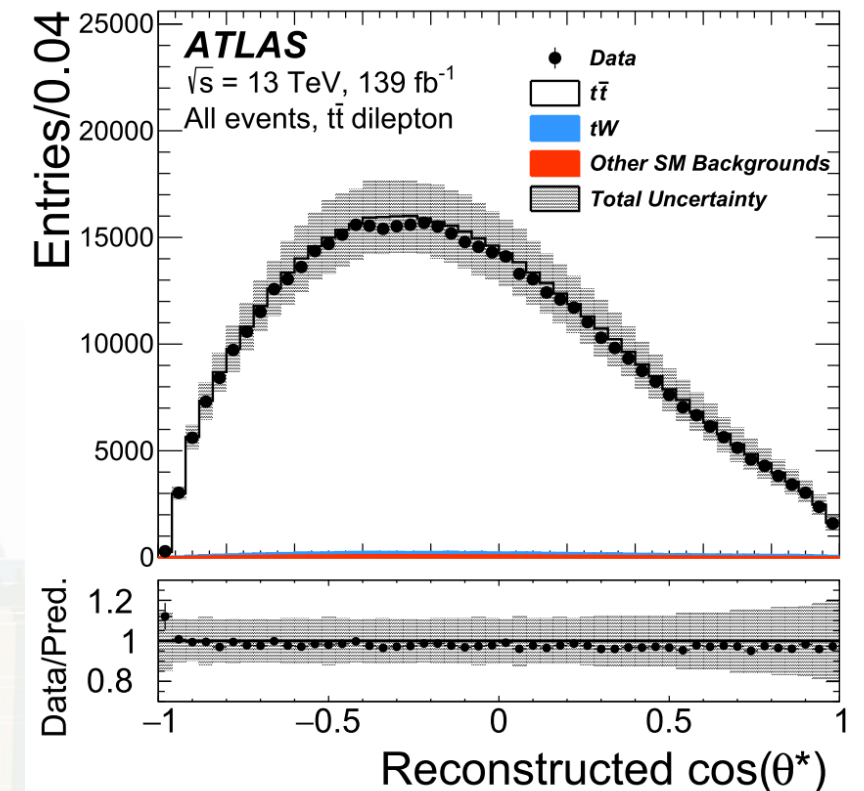
R-handed W

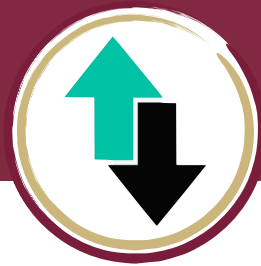


$$\rightarrow \begin{aligned} F_L &= 0.311 \pm 0.005 \\ F_0 &= 0.687 \pm 0.005 \\ F_R &= 0.0017 \pm 0.0001 \end{aligned}$$

## Measurement performed using 139 /fb of ATLAS data at 13 TeV

- opposite-sign dilepton channel extremely pure in  $t\bar{t}$  events (>97%)
- Neutrino Weighting (NW) algorithm to remove events with poorly reconstructed kinematics





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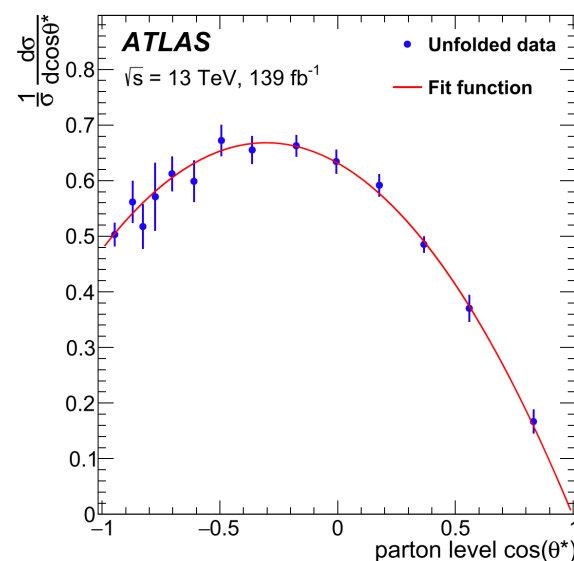
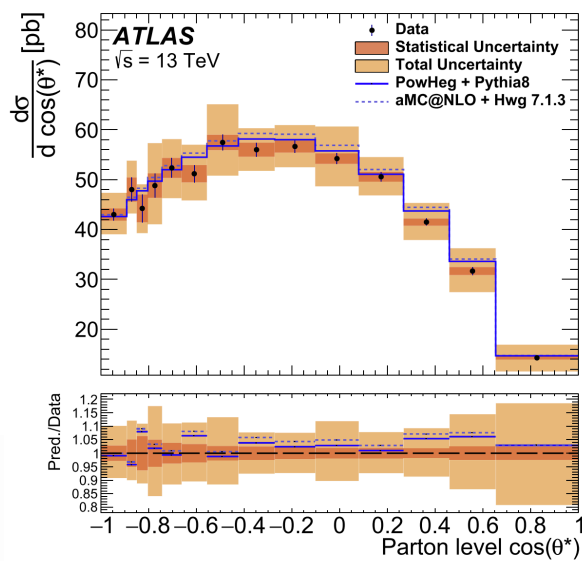
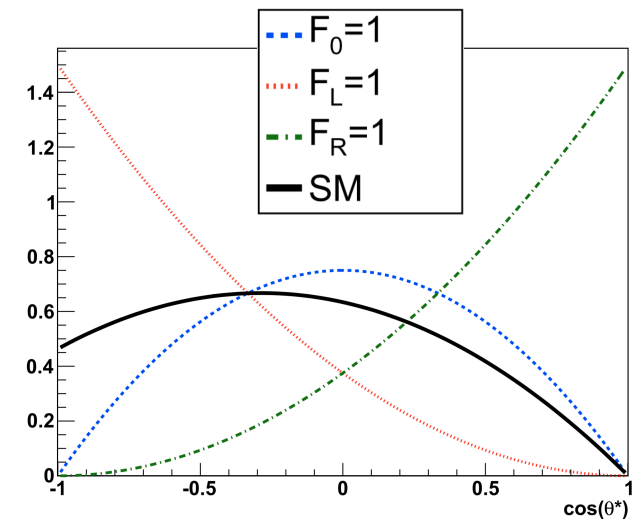
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The differential decay rate of top quarks considering the angle  $\theta^*$  is given by

- normalized angular distribution of charged lepton decay from the W unfolded to particle level using an iterative Bayesian unfolding (IBU) method

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta^*} = \frac{3}{4} (1 - \cos^2 \theta^*) F_0 + \frac{3}{8} (1 - \cos \theta^*)^2 F_L + \frac{3}{8} (1 + \cos \theta^*)^2 F_R$$



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Theory (NNLO QCD)  
PRD 81 (2010) 111503 (R)

ATLAS 2011,  $\geq 1$  lepton,  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV,  $L_{int}=1.04 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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CMS 2011 single lepton,  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV,  $L_{int}=5.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

JHEP 10 (2013) 167

LHC combination,  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV ATLAS-CONF-2013-033, CMS-PAS-TOP-12-025

CMS 2012 single top,  $\sqrt{s}=8$  TeV,  $L_{int}=19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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CMS 2012 dilepton,  $\sqrt{s}=8$  TeV,  $L_{int}=19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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CMS 2012 single lepton,  $\sqrt{s}=8$  TeV,  $L_{int}=19.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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ATLAS 2012, single lepton,  $\sqrt{s}=8$  TeV,  $L_{int}=20.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

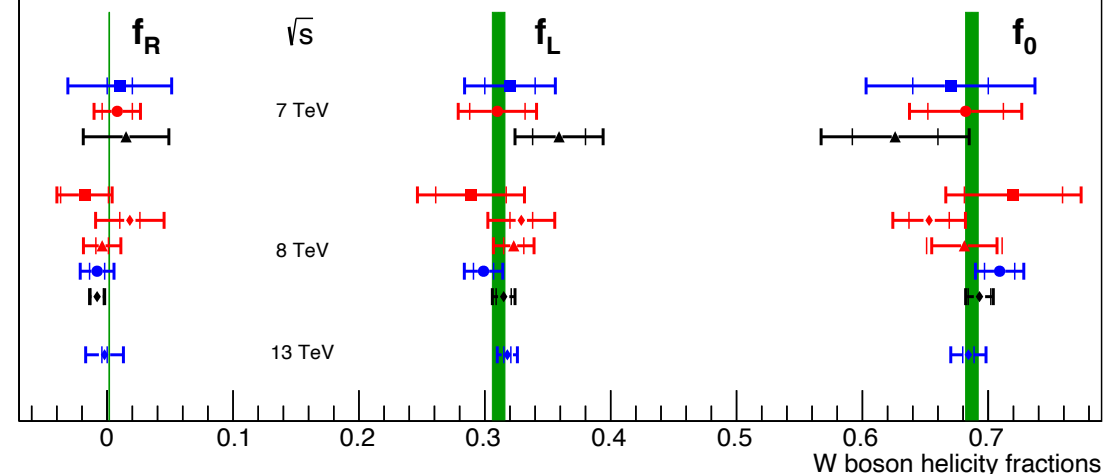
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LHC combination,  $\sqrt{s}=8$  TeV

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ATLAS 2022, di-lepton,  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV,  $L_{int} = 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

arXiv:2209.14903



$F_0 = 0.684 \pm 0.005$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.014$  (syst.)  
 $F_L = 0.318 \pm 0.003$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.008$  (syst.)  
 $F_R = -0.002 \pm 0.002$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.014$  (syst.)

In agreement with SM calculation at NNLO(QCD)



# Top-quark polarisation

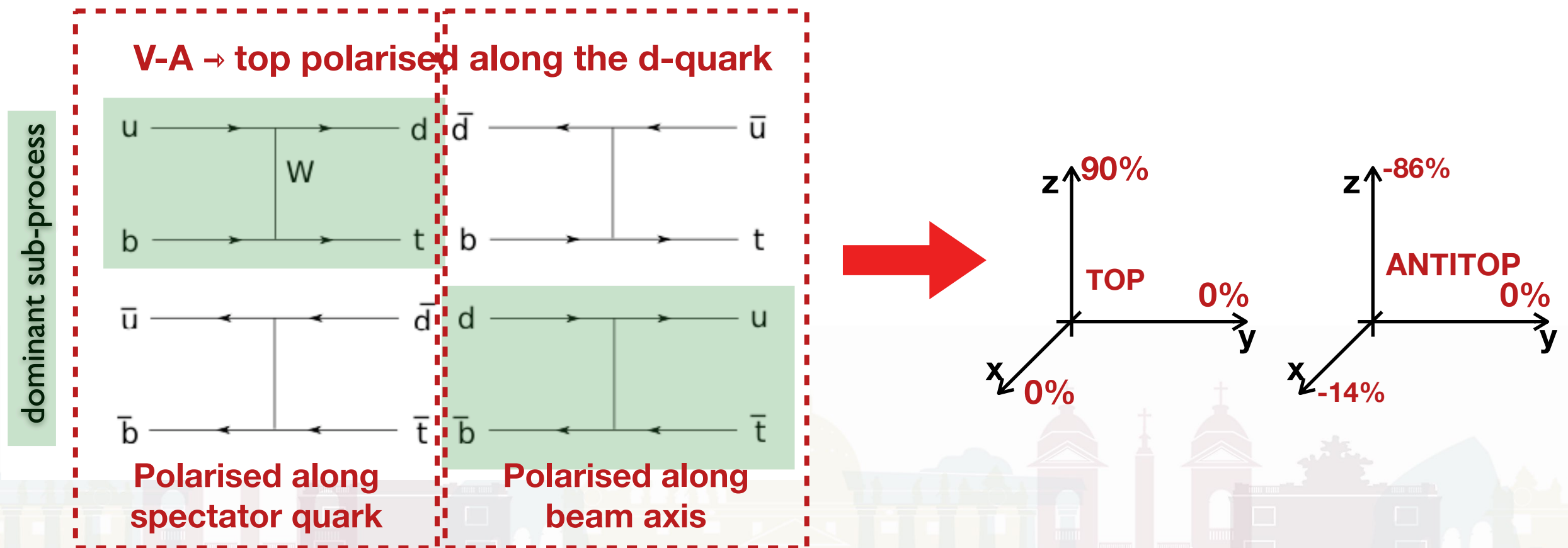
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## At the LHC (pp collisions)...

- EW production: highly polarised top quarks due to V-A nature
- detectable: accessible via angular distributions (in top rest frame)
- spin polarisation: depends upon specific top-/antitop- sample and chosen basis

$$+ P_i = \frac{N(\uparrow) - N(\downarrow)}{N(\uparrow) + N(\downarrow)}, \quad \uparrow / \downarrow \text{ w.r.t. } i$$







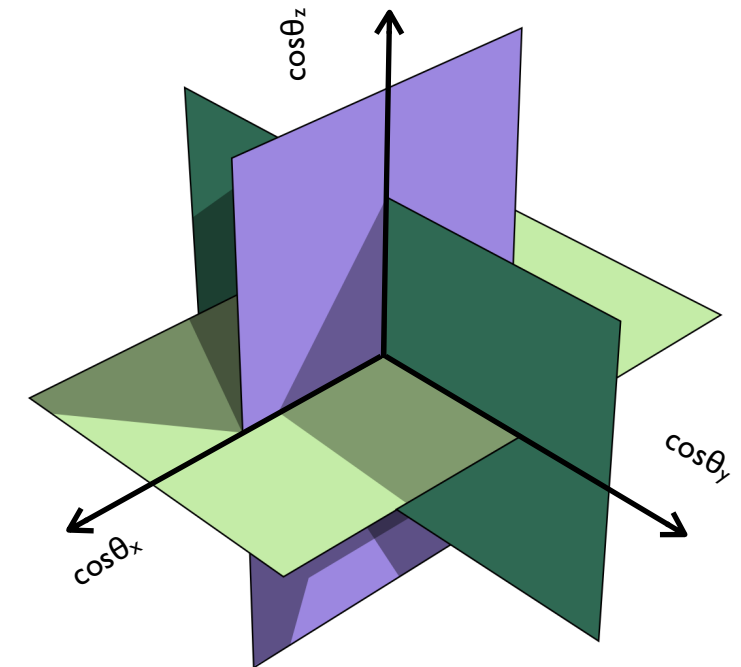
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- template fit: measurement of top quark and anti-quark polarisations at reco. level within a fiducial region
- unfolding: normalised differential measurements ( $\cos\theta_{x/y/z}$ ) unfolded at particle level
- EFT interpretation of the unfolded results



## $\ell$ +jets channel and profile likelihood fit of polarisations:

- 4 regions: 2 SRs (top, anti-top) + 2 CRs ( $W$ +jets,  $t\bar{t}$ )
- 6 polarisations  $P(t)=\{P_x^t, P_y^t, P_z^t\}$  and  $P(\bar{t})=\{P_x^{\bar{t}}, P_y^{\bar{t}}, P_z^{\bar{t}}\}$
- Octant distribution “Q” to fit in SR ( $\cos\theta_x / \cos\theta_y / \cos\theta_z$ )



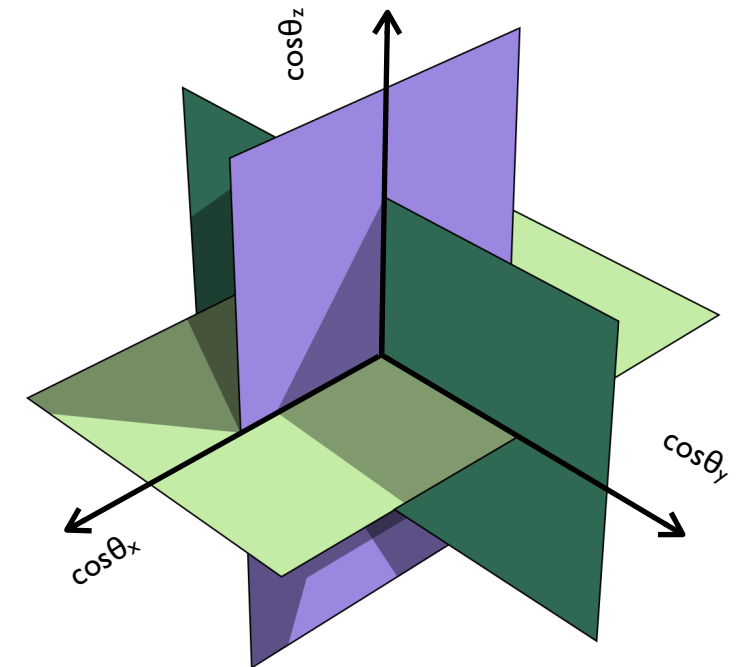
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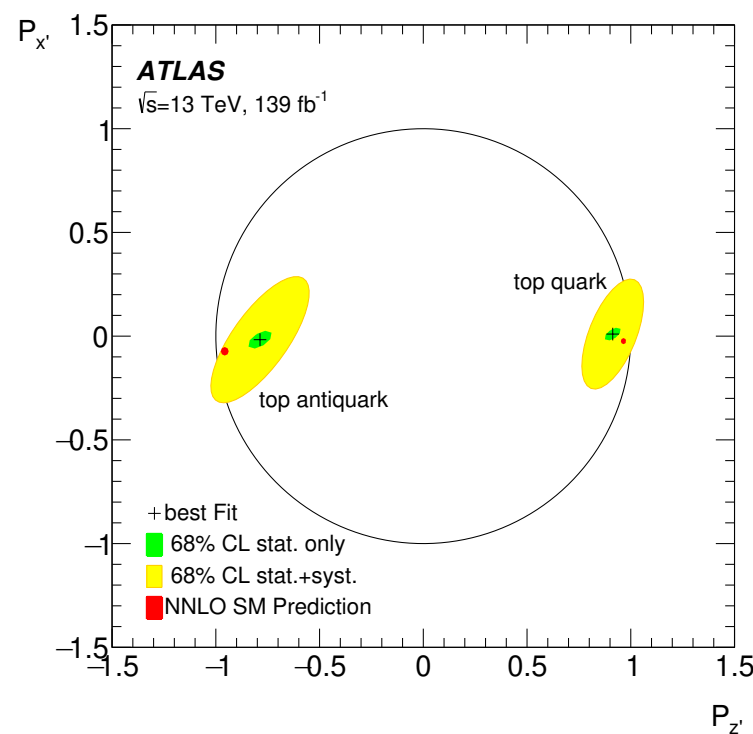
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## $\ell$ +jets channel and profile likelihood fit of polarisations:

Parameter	Extracted value	(stat.)
t-channel norm.	$+1.045 \pm 0.022$	( $\pm 0.006$ )
W+jets norm.	$+1.148 \pm 0.027$	( $\pm 0.005$ )
$t\bar{t}$ norm.	$+1.005 \pm 0.016$	( $\pm 0.004$ )
$P_{x'}^t$	$+0.01 \pm 0.18$	( $\pm 0.02$ )
$P_{x'}^{\bar{t}}$	$-0.02 \pm 0.20$	( $\pm 0.03$ )
$P_{y'}^t$	$-0.029 \pm 0.027$	( $\pm 0.011$ )
$P_{y'}^{\bar{t}}$	$-0.007 \pm 0.051$	( $\pm 0.017$ )
$P_{z'}^t$	$+0.91 \pm 0.10$	( $\pm 0.02$ )
$P_{z'}^{\bar{t}}$	$-0.79 \pm 0.16$	( $\pm 0.03$ )



**Very good agreement with NLO SM**  
 $P_y \approx 0 \rightarrow$  no CP violation  
 Largest uncertainty from jet-energy resolution (JER)



# Top-quark polarisation

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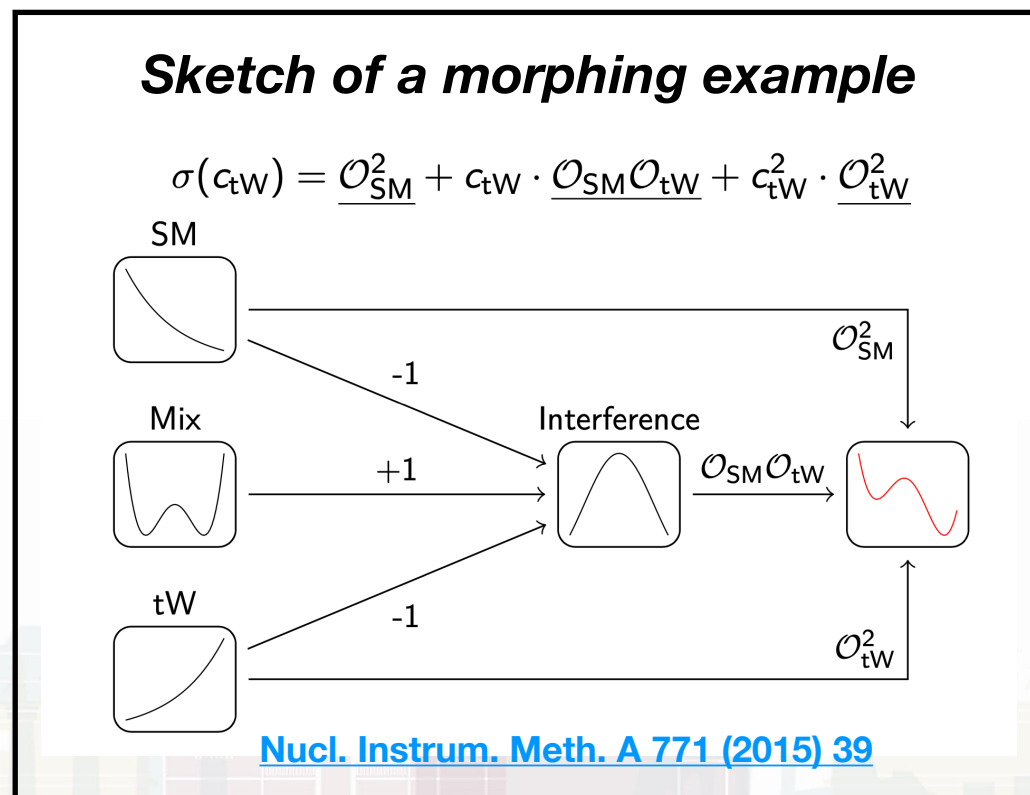


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	$C_{tW}$		$C_{itW}$	
	68% CL	95% CL	68% CL	95% CL
All terms	[-0.3, 0.8]	[-0.9, 1.4]	[-0.5, -0.1]	[-0.8, 0.2]
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Order $1/\Lambda^2$	[-0.3, 0.8]	[-0.8, 1.5]	[-0.6, -0.1]	[-0.8, 0.2]





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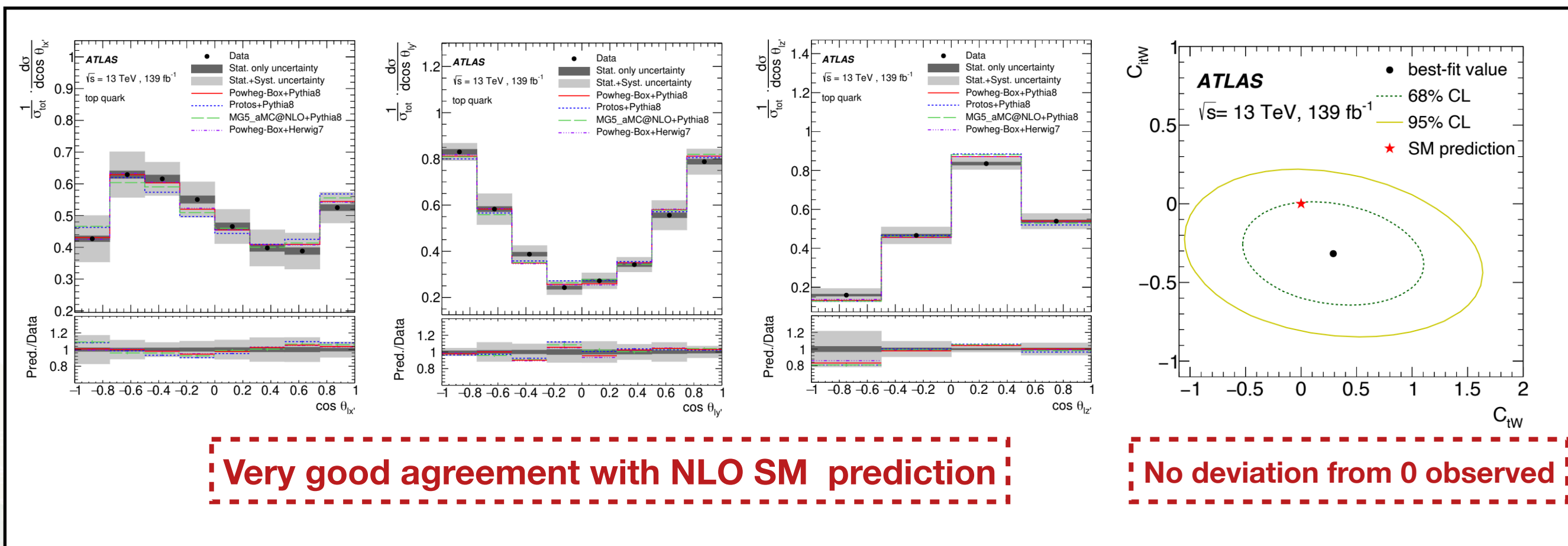


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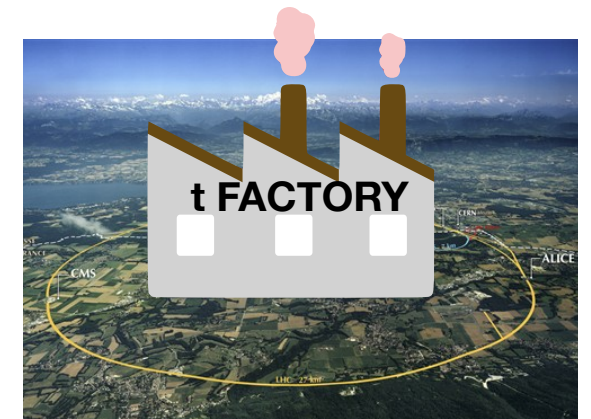




# Conclusion

**The top quark has come a long way since 1995 (discovery)**

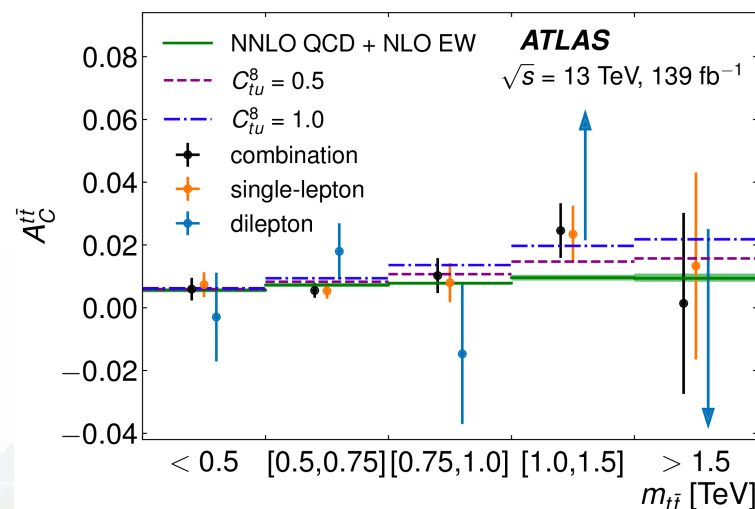
- back then: missing quark, similar to other quarks
- today: know that top quark is special



**In precision era, top-quark spin is key to an abundance of different research areas**

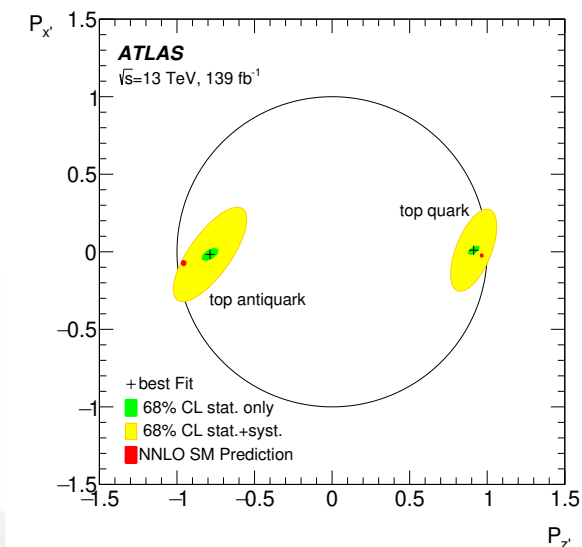
- so far, Standard Model describes data extremely well
- more results with the Run 2 dataset in the pipeline
- Run 3 (and beyond) promise even larger datasets

**Many more exciting top physics results still to come!**



**Other charge asymmetry measurements in  $t\bar{t}+X$**

**$t\bar{t}$  spin polarisations and correlation measurement**



**Evidence of charge asymmetry in pp collisions and first result in boosted regime!**

**Most precise W helicity measurement so far**

**First top (anti-top) polarisation measurement at 13 TeV**



# Backup





# Charge asymmetry

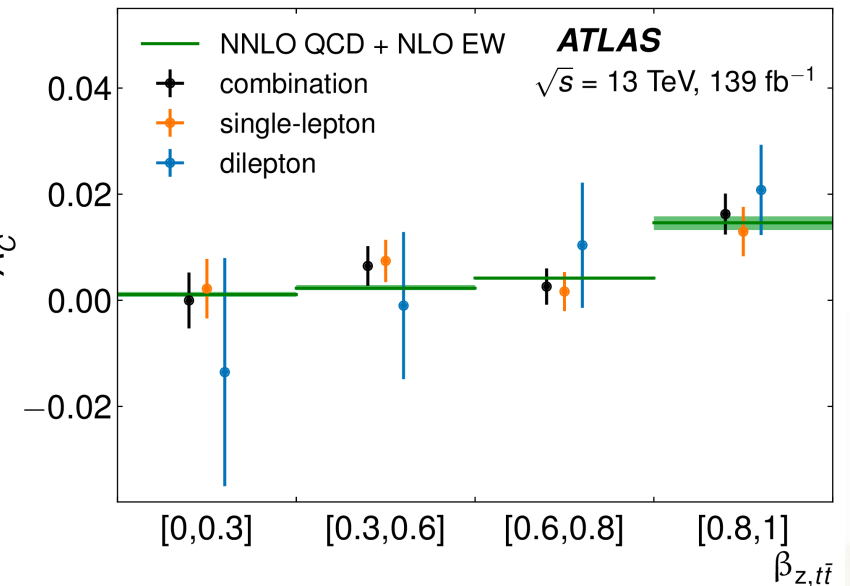
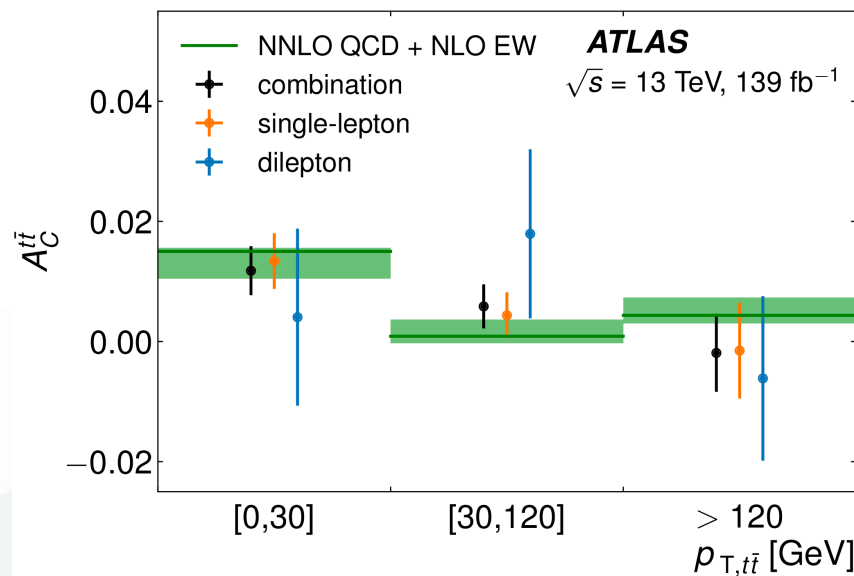
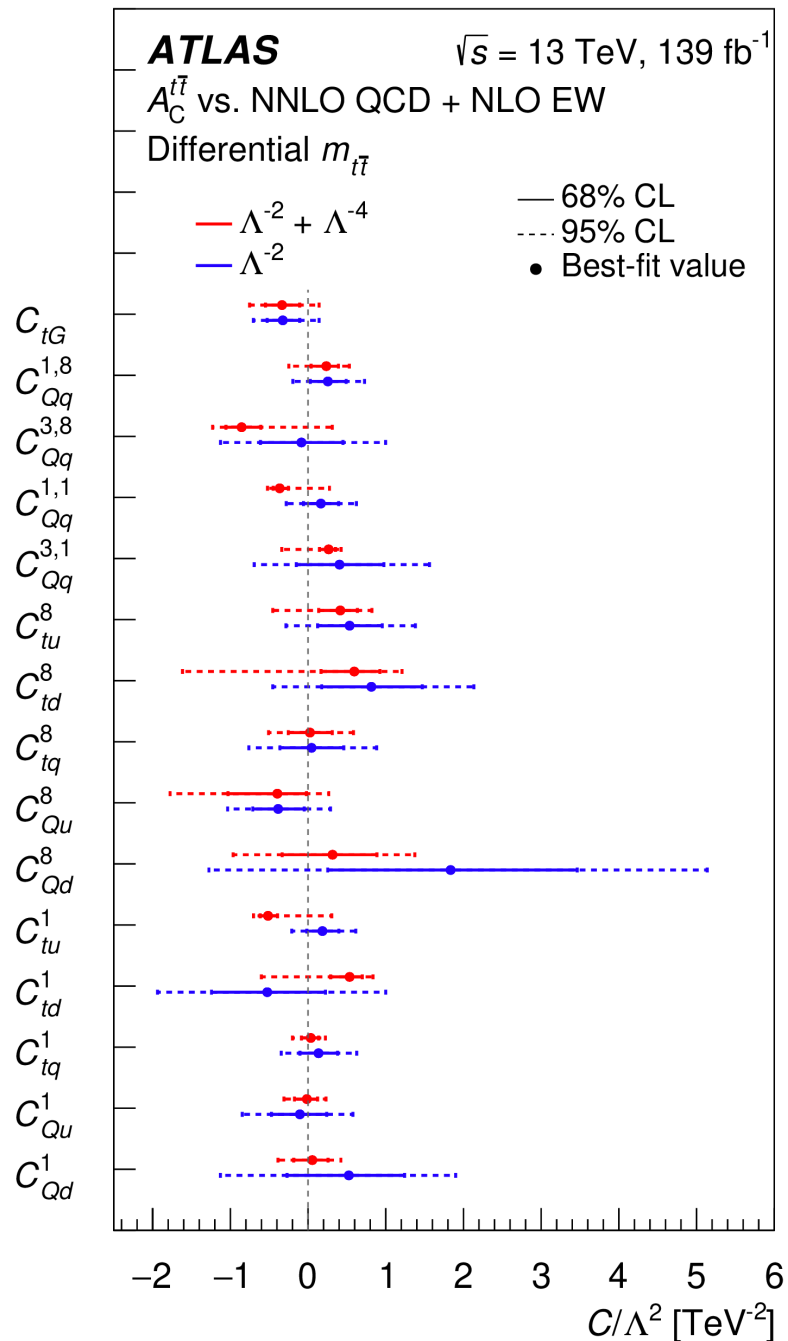
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Measurements reinterpreted in EFT

- $C^-$  = 4-fermion operator assuming flavour conservation and equal  $u$ - $d$  type couplings (maps onto axi-gluon)
- theory paper: [JHEP03\(2011\)125](#)

Inclusive and differential results surpass ATLAS+CMS Run I combination

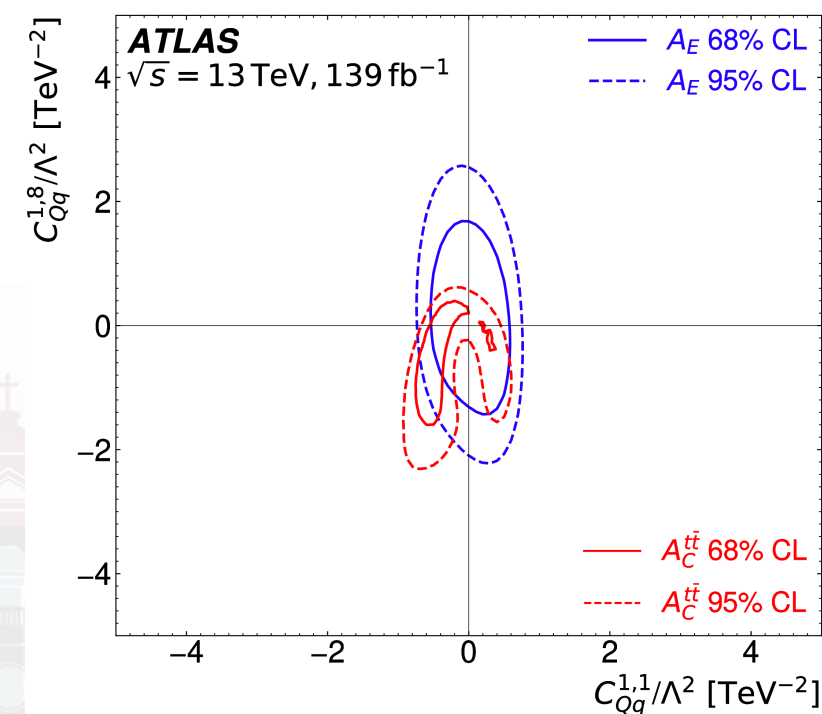
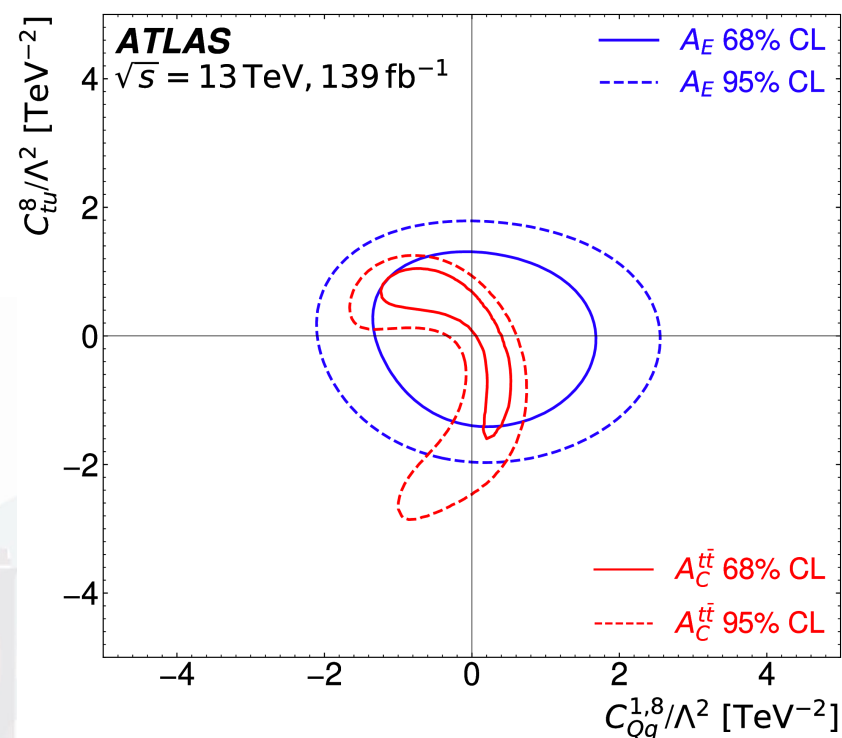
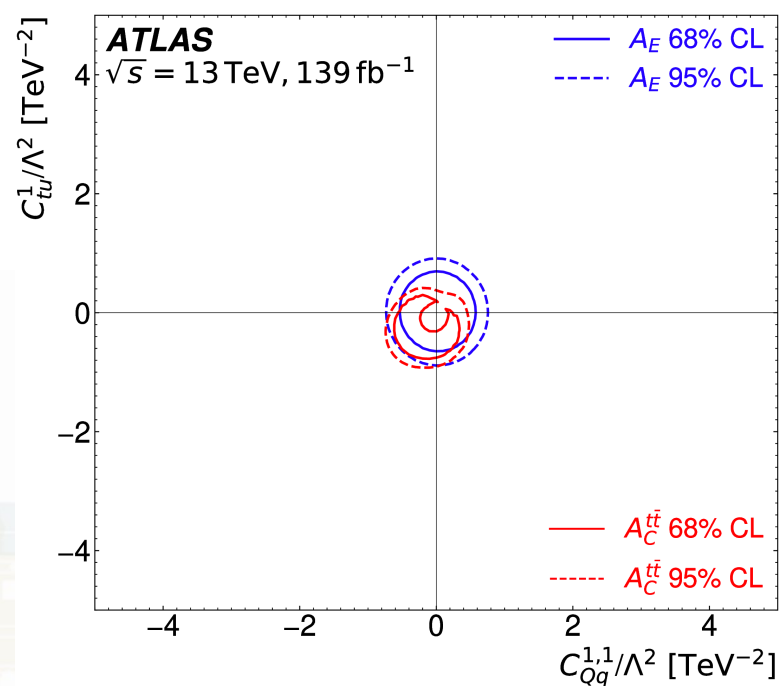
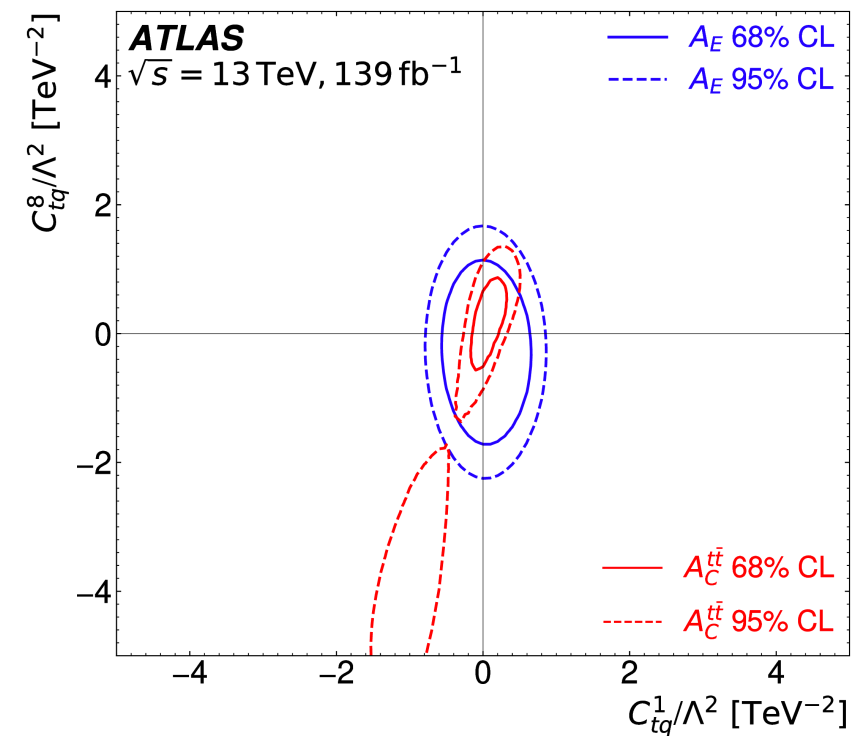
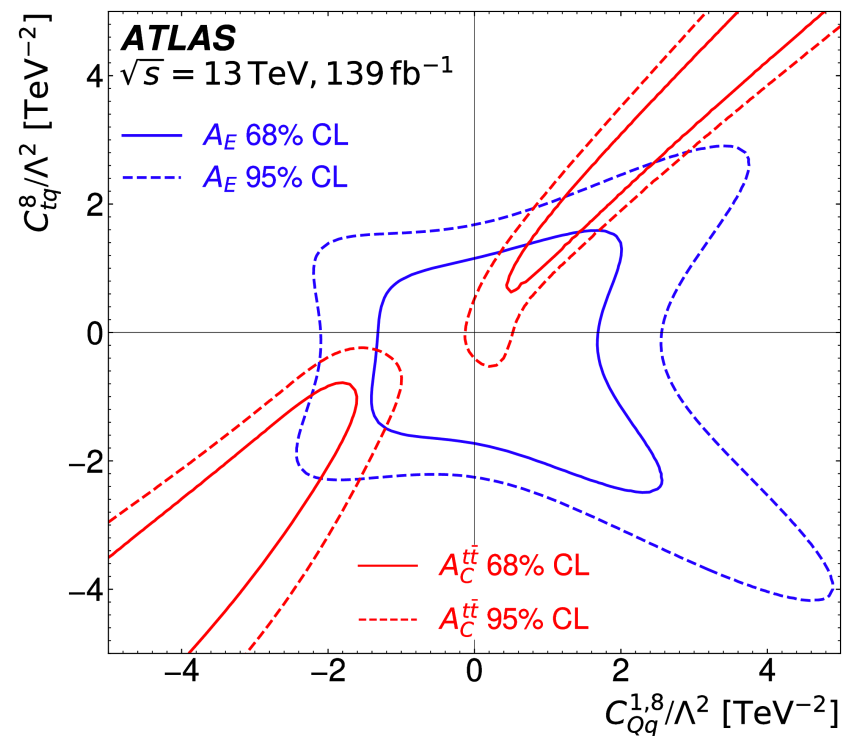
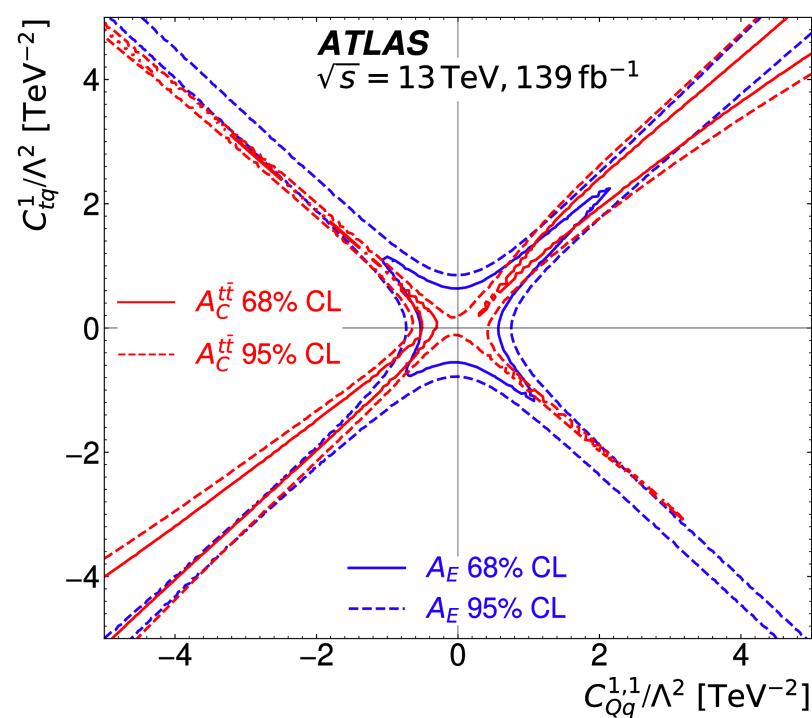
- no large dependence on quadratic terms
- dimension 6 approach is stable and appropriate







# Charge asymmetry



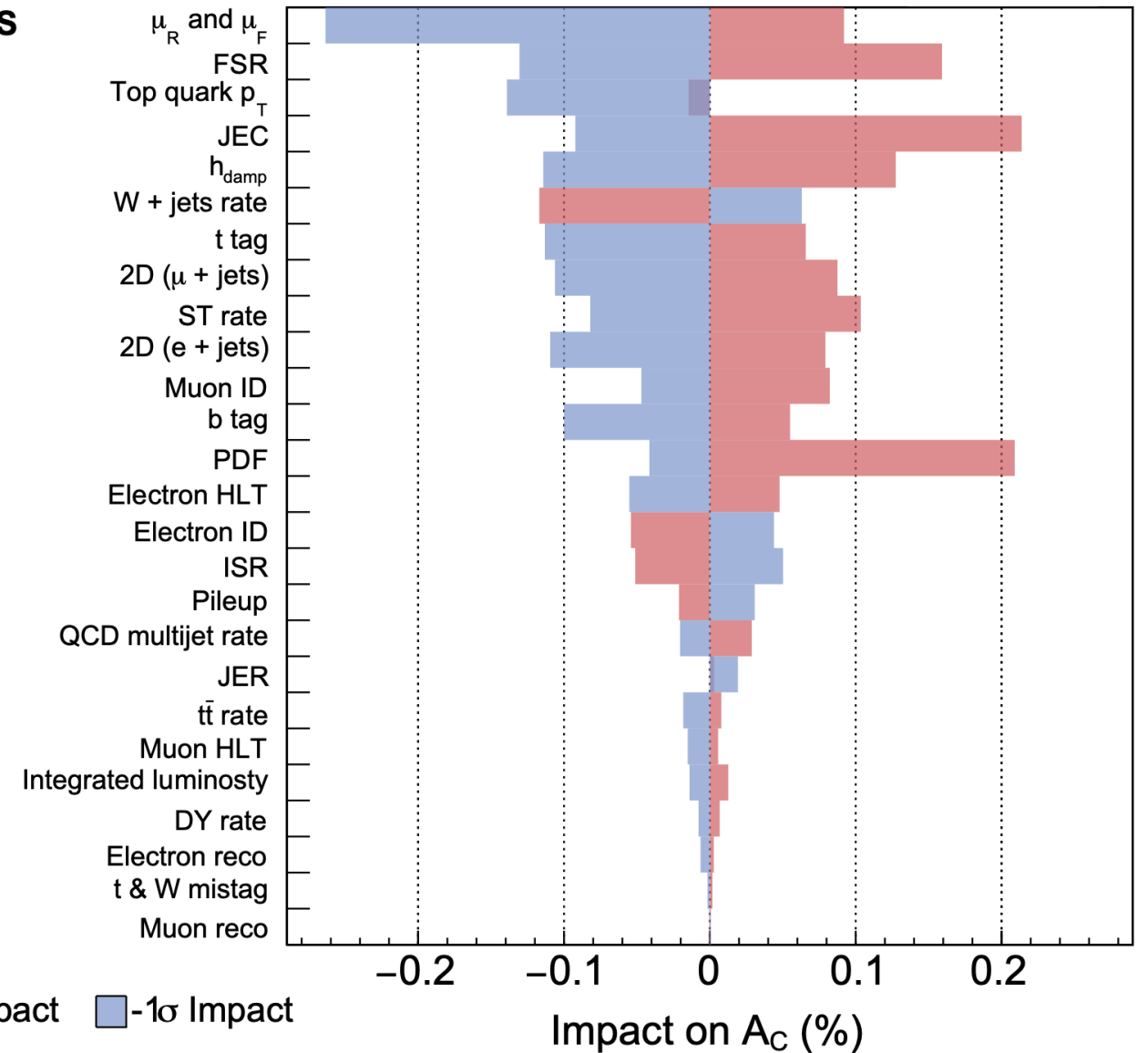


# Charge asymmetry (boosted)

138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)

$M_{t\bar{t}}$ (GeV)	$A_C$ (%)					Theory
	Measured	Stat	Syst	MC stat	Total	
Fiducial phase space ( $A_C^{\text{fid}}$ )						
> 750	0.22	± 0.44	+0.34 -0.43	± 0.32	+0.64 -0.69	0.72 <sup>+0.64</sup> <sub>-0.61</sub>
750 – 900	0.39	+0.66 -0.65	+0.39 -0.56	+0.43 -0.44	+0.88 -0.96	0.60 <sup>+0.97</sup> <sub>-0.91</sub>
> 900	1.18	± 0.58	+0.55 -0.75	± 0.41	+0.90 -1.03	0.83 <sup>+0.85</sup> <sub>-0.82</sub>
Full phase space ( $A_C$ )						
> 750	0.69	± 0.44	+0.34 -0.42	± 0.32	+0.65 -0.69	0.94 <sup>+0.05</sup> <sub>-0.07</sub>
750 – 900	2.43	± 0.65	+0.29 -0.64	+0.45 -0.43	+0.84 -1.01	0.87 <sup>+0.06</sup> <sub>-0.08</sub>
> 900	0.37	± 0.58	+0.55 -0.72	+0.41 -0.40	+0.90 -1.01	1.01 <sup>+0.06</sup> <sub>-0.07</sub>

CMS





# $t\bar{t} + \gamma$ charge asymmetry



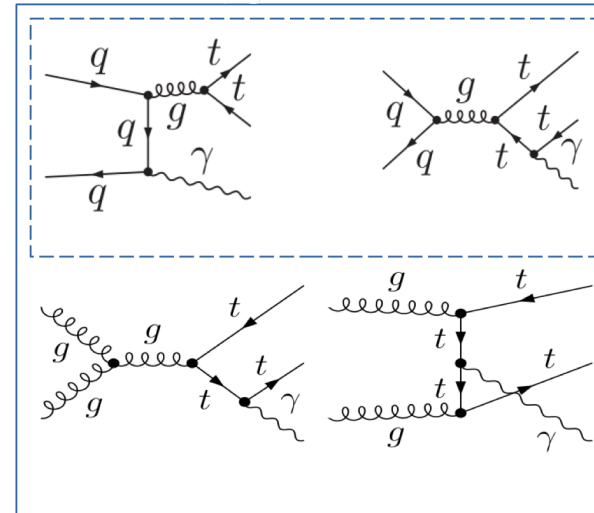
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$t\bar{t} + \gamma$  has enhanced  $q\bar{q}$  initiated production

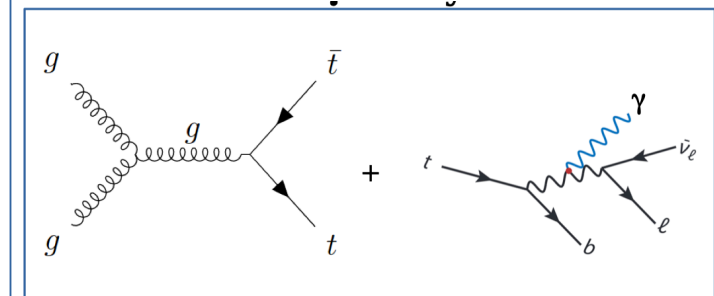
→ perfect playground for tests of  $A_C^{t\bar{t}}$

- enhancement only for events where the photon is radiated by initial state partons (a.k.a. “ $t\bar{t} + \gamma$  production”)

## $t\bar{t} + \gamma$ production



## $t\bar{t} + \gamma$ decay

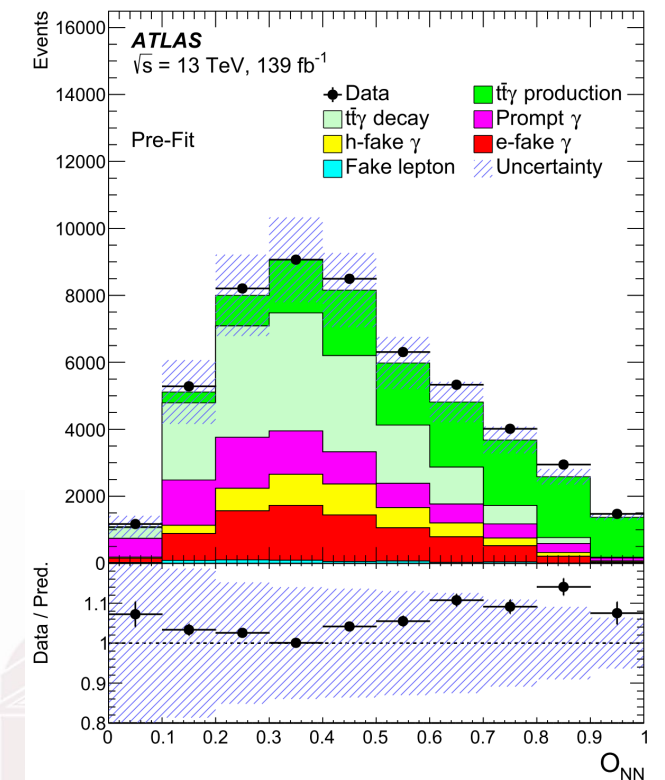


$t + \gamma + \text{jets}$  selection with Run II data:

- kinematic likelihood fit (KLFitter) to reconstruct  $t\bar{t}$  system
- Neural Network to separate signal ( $t\bar{t} + \gamma$  prod) vs. backgrounds
  - + “ $t\bar{t} + \gamma$  decay” as irreducible background
  - + two regions  $NN < 0.6$  and  $NN > 0.6$

**Main backgrounds: prompt  $\gamma$ , jet- and e-faking  $\gamma$**

- $t\bar{t} + \gamma$  decay (30%) and prompt- $\gamma$  (15%) estimated with MC
- data-driven e-faking  $\gamma$  (16%) using tag-and-probe  $Z \rightarrow ee/e\gamma$  events
- data-driven jet-faking  $\gamma$  (7%) using ABCD method ( $\gamma$ -iso and  $\gamma$ -ID)





# $t\bar{t} + \gamma$ charge asymmetry

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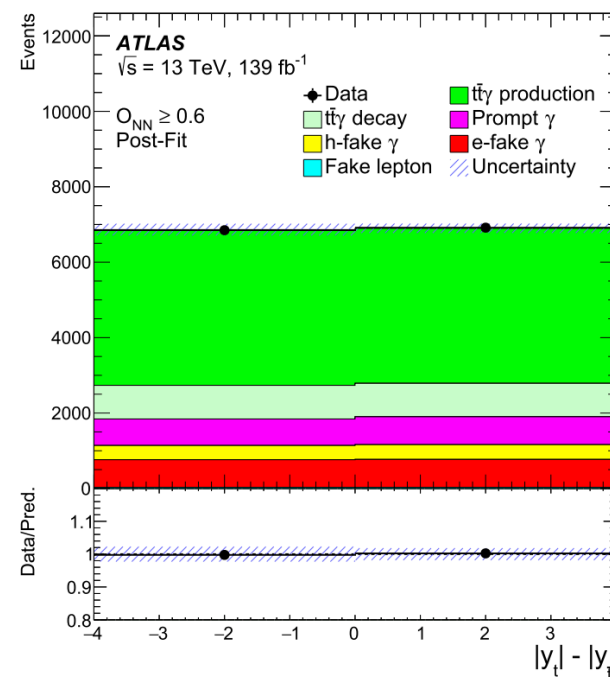
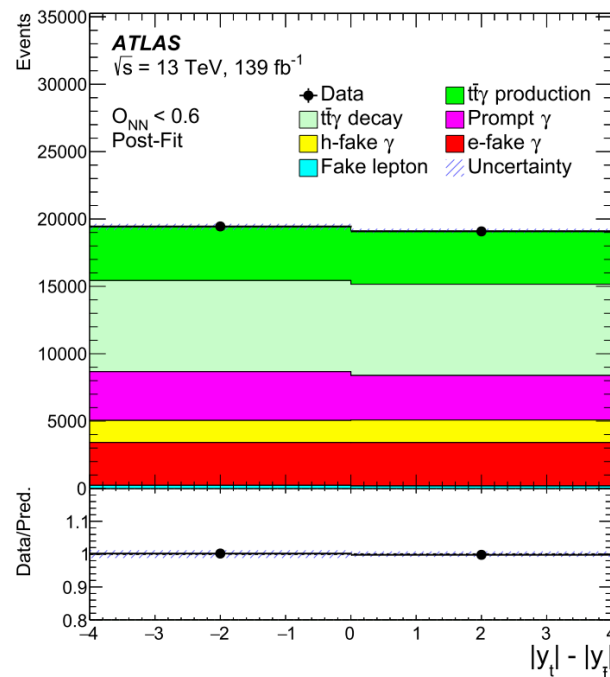


## $A_C^{t\bar{t}}$ extraction by Profile Likelihood Unfolding (PLU)

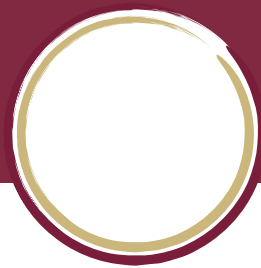
- $A_C^{t\bar{t}} = -0.003 \pm 0.029 = -0.003 \pm 0.024(\text{stat}) \pm 0.017(\text{syst})$
- precision is limited by the statistical uncertainty

**Consistent with SM prediction**  
 **$A_C^{t\bar{t}} = -0.014 \pm 0.001$  (MadGraph NLO)**

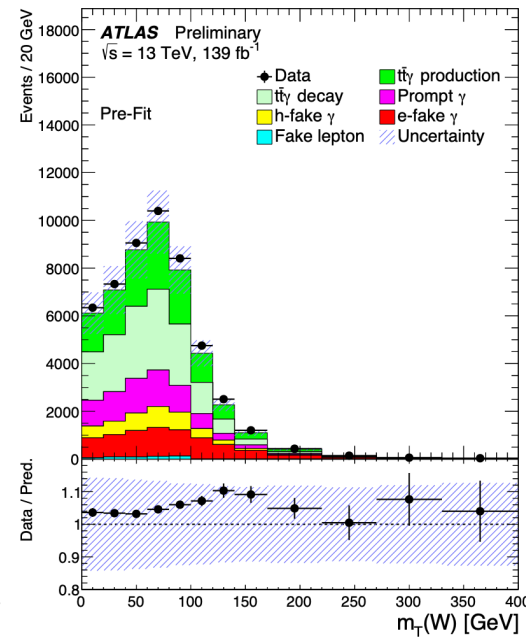
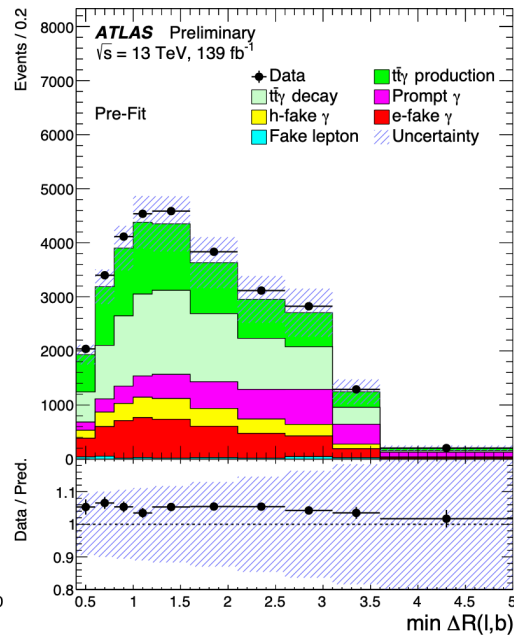
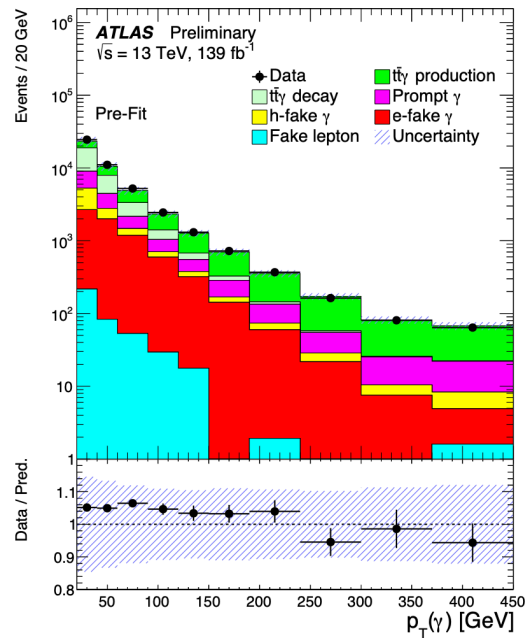
Total uncertainty	0.029
Statistical uncertainty	0.024
MC statistical uncertainties	
Background processes	0.008
$t\bar{t}\gamma$ production	0.004
Modelling uncertainties	
$t\bar{t}\gamma$ production modelling	0.003
Background modelling	0.002
Prompt background normalisation	0.002
Experimental uncertainties	
Jet	0.009
Fake-lepton background estimate	0.005
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	0.005
Fake-photon background estimates	0.003
Photon	0.001
$b$ -tagging	0.001
Other experimental	0.004



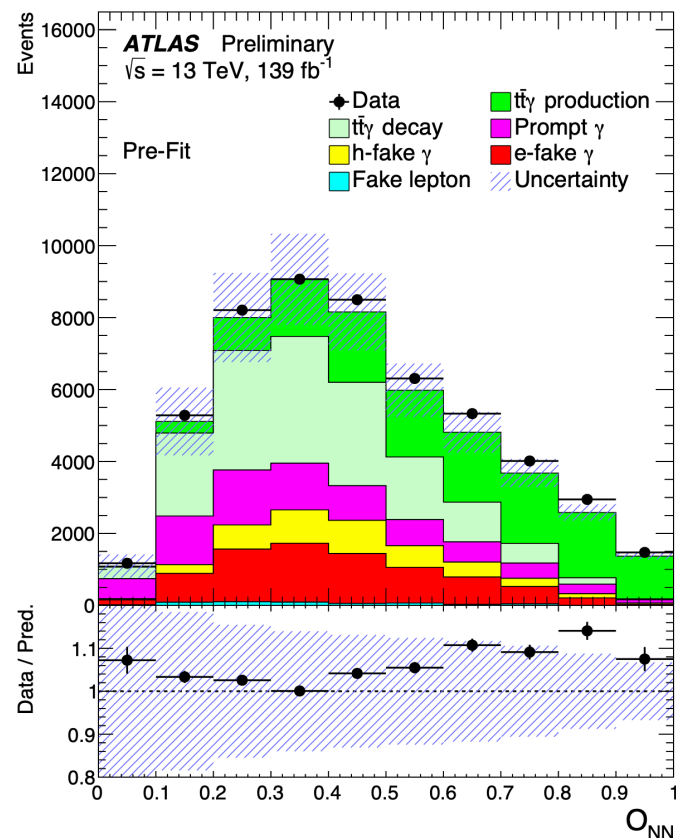




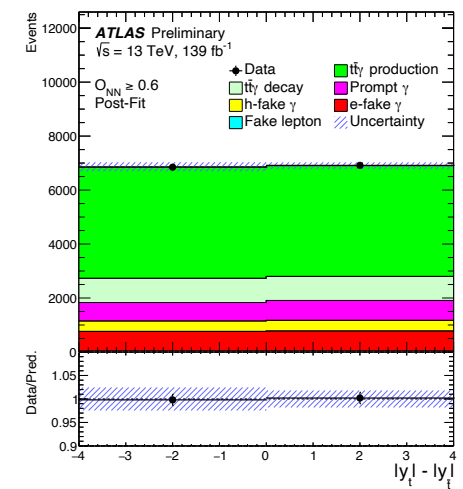
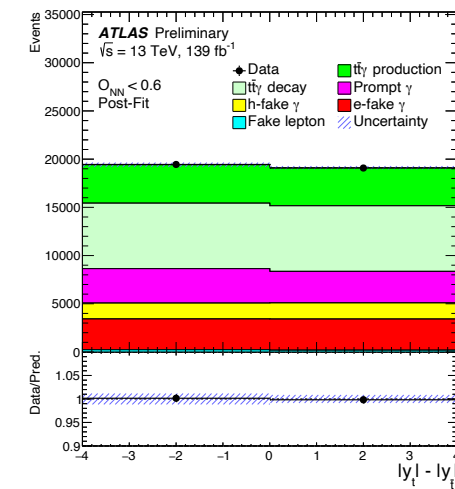
# $t\bar{t} + \gamma$ charge asymmetry

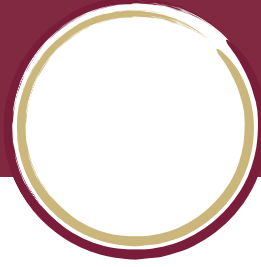


	$O_{NN} < 0.6$	$O_{NN} \geq 0.6$
$t\bar{t}\gamma$ prod (signal)	$6660 \pm 350$	$6910 \pm 340$
$t\bar{t}\gamma$ decay	$14\,100 \pm 3100$	$1900 \pm 560$
h-fake $\gamma$	$3400 \pm 1400$	$790 \pm 360$
e-fake $\gamma$	$6420 \pm 860$	$1480 \pm 260$
prompt $\gamma$	$6400 \pm 2000$	$1300 \pm 400$
lepton fake	$410 \pm 110$	$57 \pm 35$
Total	$37\,400 \pm 4500$	$12\,400 \pm 1100$
Data	38527	13763

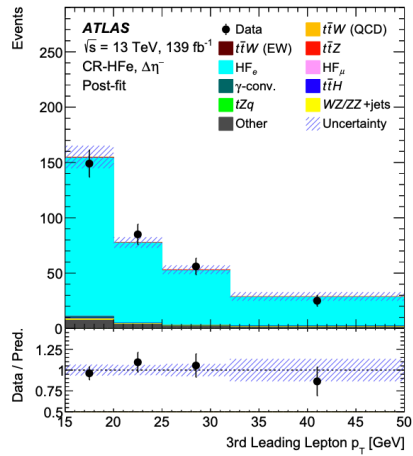


<b>Total uncertainty</b>	<b>0.030</b>
<b>Statistical uncertainty</b>	<b>0.024</b>
<b>MC statistical uncertainties</b>	
$t\bar{t}\gamma$ production	0.004
Background processes	0.008
<b>Modelling uncertainties</b>	
$t\bar{t}\gamma$ production modelling	0.003
Background modelling	0.002
Prompt background normalisation	0.003
<b>Experimental uncertainties</b>	
Jet and $b$ -tagging	0.010
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$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	0.009
Fake photon background estimates	0.004
Photon	0.003
Other experimental	0.004

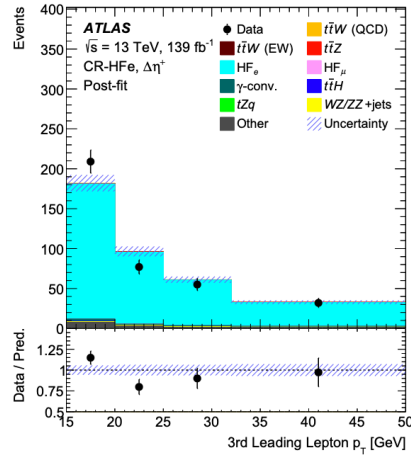




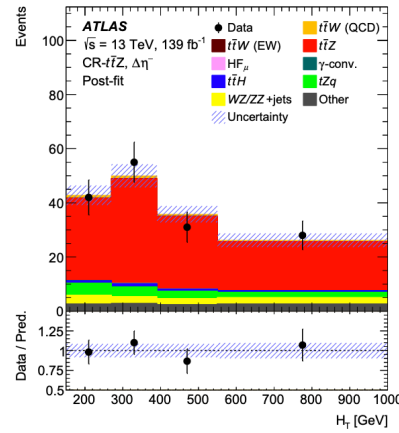
# $t\bar{t}W$ charge asymmetry



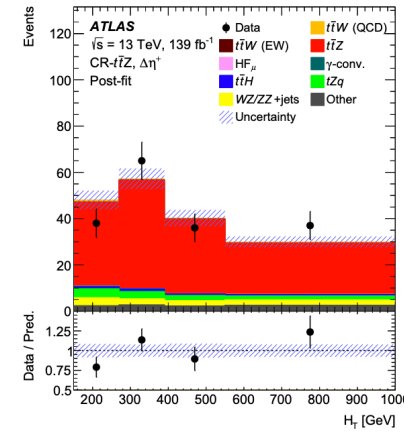
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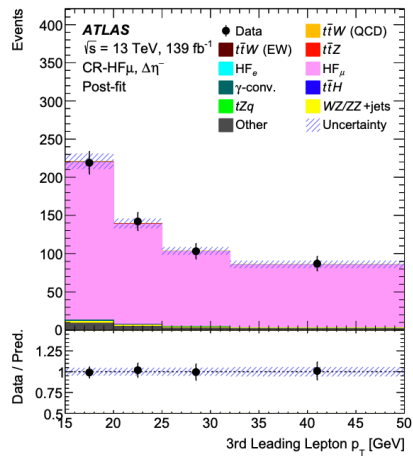
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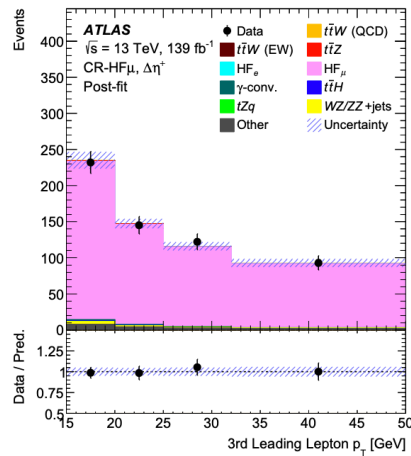
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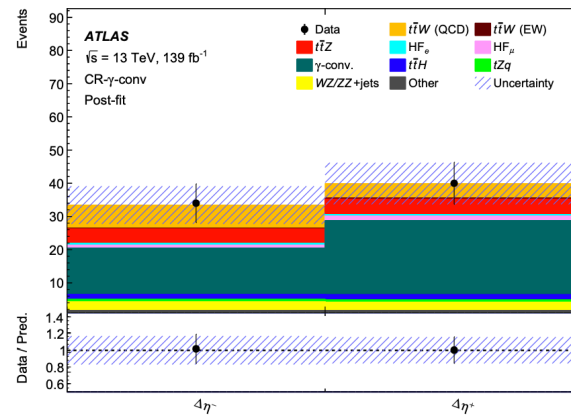
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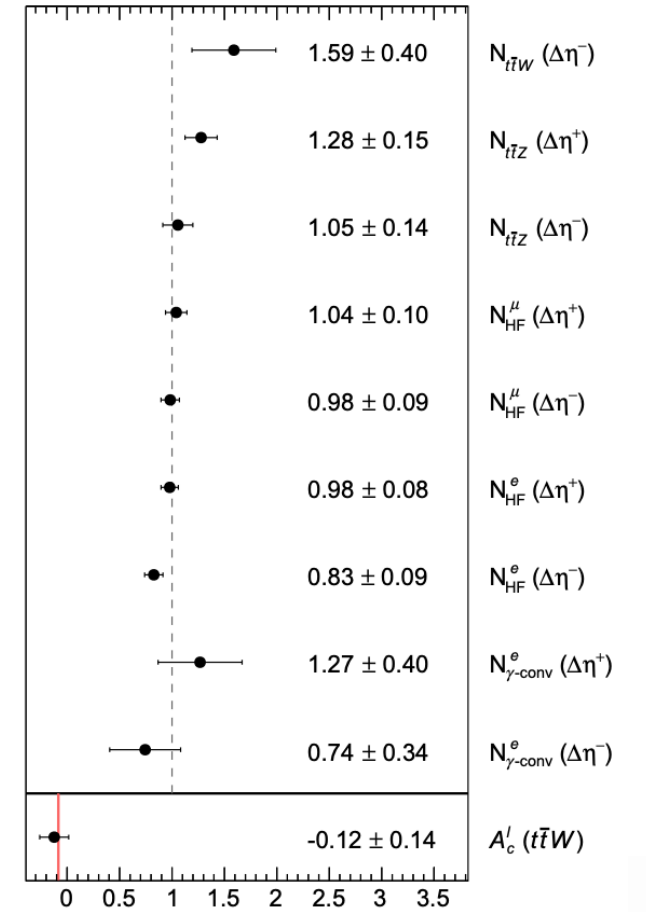


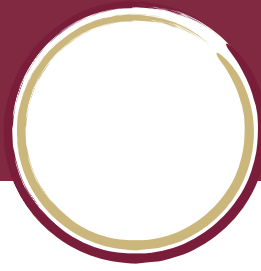
(d)



(c)

ATLAS  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$





# $t\bar{t}W$ charge asymmetry

Preselection				
$N_\ell (\ell = e/\mu)$	= 3			
$p_T^\ell$ (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> )	$\geq 30$ GeV, $\geq 20$ GeV, $\geq 15$ GeV			
Sum of lepton charges	$\pm 1$			
$m_{\ell\ell}^{\text{OSF}}$	$\geq 30$ GeV			
Region-specific requirements				
	SR-1b-low $N_{\text{jets}}$	SR-1b-high $N_{\text{jets}}$	SR-2b-low $N_{\text{jets}}$	SR-2b-high $N_{\text{jets}}$
$N_{\text{jets}}$	[2, 3]	$\geq 4$	[2, 3]	$\geq 4$
$N_{b\text{-jets}}$	= 1	= 1	$\geq 2$	$\geq 2$
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$\geq 50$ GeV	$\geq 50$ GeV	-	-
$N_{Z\text{-cand.}}$	= 0			
Lepton criteria	TTT			
$e/\gamma$ ambiguity-cuts	satisfy all			
	CR- $t\bar{t}Z$	CR-HF $_e$	CR-HF $_\mu$	CR- $\gamma$ -conv
$\ell$ 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	$lll$	$lle$	$ll\mu$	$lle, lel, ell$
$N_{\text{jets}}$	$\geq 4$	$\geq 2$	$\geq 2$	$\geq 2$
$N_{b\text{-jets}}$	$\geq 2$	= 1	= 1	$\geq 1$
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	-	< 50 GeV	< 50 GeV	< 50 GeV
$N_{Z\text{-cand.}}$	= 1	= 0	= 0	= 0
Lepton criteria	TTT	TT $\bar{T}$	TT $\bar{T}$	TTT
$e/\gamma$ ambiguity-cuts	satisfy all	satisfy all	satisfy all	$\geq 1$ fail

	$\Delta A_c^\ell(t\bar{t}W)$
<b>Experimental uncertainties</b>	
Jet energy resolution	0.013
Pile-up	0.007
$b$ -tagging	0.005
Leptons	0.004
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	0.004
Jet energy scale	0.0032
Luminosity	0.0006
<b>MC modelling uncertainties</b>	
$t\bar{t}W$ modelling	0.013
$t\bar{t}Z$ modelling	0.010
HF $_{e/\mu}$ modelling	0.006
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling	0.005
<b>Other uncertainties</b>	
$\Delta\eta^\pm$ CR-dependency	0.05
<b>MC statistical uncertainty</b>	0.019
<b>Data statistical uncertainty</b>	0.14
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	0.15

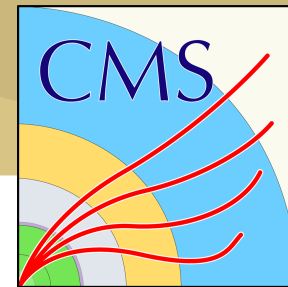
	$\Delta A_c^\ell(t\bar{t}W)^{\text{PL}}$
<b>Experimental uncertainties</b>	
Leptons	0.014
Jet energy resolution	0.011
Pile-up	0.008
Jet energy scale	0.004
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	0.0015
Luminosity	0.0011
Jet vertex tagger	0.00027
<b>MC modelling uncertainties</b>	
$t\bar{t}W$ modelling	0.022
$t\bar{t}Z$ modelling	0.017
HF $_{e/\mu}$ modelling	0.015
Others modelling	0.015
$WZ/ZZ$ + jets modelling	0.014
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling	0.006
<b>Other uncertainties</b>	
Unfolding bias	0.004
$\Delta\eta^\pm$ CR-dependency	0.04
<b>MC statistical uncertainty</b>	0.027
<b>Response matrix</b>	0.009
<b>Data statistical uncertainty</b>	0.17
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	0.18





# $t\bar{t}$ spin correlation

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$$\tilde{B}_i^\pm = b_k^\pm \hat{k}_i + b_r^\pm \hat{r}_i + b_n^\pm \hat{n}_i,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}_{ij} = & c_{kk} \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j + c_{rr} \hat{r}_i \hat{r}_j + c_{nn} \hat{n}_i \hat{n}_j \\ & + c_{rk} (\hat{r}_i \hat{k}_j + \hat{k}_i \hat{r}_j) + c_{nr} (\hat{n}_i \hat{r}_j + \hat{r}_i \hat{n}_j) \\ & + c_{kn} (\hat{k}_i \hat{n}_j + \hat{n}_i \hat{k}_j) + c_n (\hat{r}_i \hat{k}_j - \hat{k}_i \hat{r}_j) \\ & + c_k (\hat{n}_i \hat{r}_j - \hat{r}_i \hat{n}_j) + c_r (\hat{k}_i \hat{n}_j - \hat{n}_i \hat{k}_j). \end{aligned}$$

## spin decorrelation D

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \varphi} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - D \cos \varphi).$$

TABLE I. Observables and their corresponding measured coefficients, production spin density matrix coefficient functions, and  $P$  and  $CP$  symmetry properties. For the laboratory-frame asymmetries shown in the last two rows, there is no direct correspondence with the coefficient functions.

Observable	Measured coefficient	Coefficient function	Symmetries
$\cos \theta_1^k$	$B_1^k$	$b_k^+$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_2^k$	$B_2^k$	$b_k^-$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_1^r$	$B_1^r$	$b_r^+$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_2^r$	$B_2^r$	$b_r^-$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_1^n$	$B_1^n$	$b_n^+$	$P$ -even, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_2^n$	$B_2^n$	$b_n^-$	$P$ -even, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_1^{k*}$	$B_1^{k*}$	$b_k^+$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_2^{k*}$	$B_2^{k*}$	$b_k^-$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_1^{r*}$	$B_1^{r*}$	$b_r^+$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_2^{r*}$	$B_2^{r*}$	$b_r^-$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_1^k \cos \theta_2^k$	$C_{kk}$	$c_{kk}$	$P$ -even, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_1^r \cos \theta_2^r$	$C_{rr}$	$c_{rr}$	$P$ -even, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_1^n \cos \theta_2^n$	$C_{nn}$	$c_{nn}$	$P$ -even, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_1^r \cos \theta_2^k + \cos \theta_1^k \cos \theta_2^r$	$C_{rk} + C_{kr}$	$c_{rk}$	$P$ -even, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_1^r \cos \theta_2^k - \cos \theta_1^k \cos \theta_2^r$	$C_{rk} - C_{kr}$	$c_n$	$P$ -even, $CP$ -odd
$\cos \theta_1^n \cos \theta_2^r + \cos \theta_1^r \cos \theta_2^n$	$C_{nr} + C_{rn}$	$c_{nr}$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_1^n \cos \theta_2^r - \cos \theta_1^r \cos \theta_2^n$	$C_{nr} - C_{rn}$	$c_k$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -odd
$\cos \theta_1^n \cos \theta_2^k + \cos \theta_1^k \cos \theta_2^n$	$C_{nk} + C_{kn}$	$c_{kn}$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -even
$\cos \theta_1^n \cos \theta_2^k - \cos \theta_1^k \cos \theta_2^n$	$C_{nk} - C_{kn}$	$-c_r$	$P$ -odd, $CP$ -odd
$\cos \varphi$	$D$	$-(c_{kk} + c_{rr} + c_{nn})/3$	$P$ -even, $CP$ -even
$\cos \varphi_{\text{lab}}$	$A_{\cos \varphi}^{\text{lab}}$	...	...
$ \Delta \phi_{\ell\ell} $	$A_{ \Delta \phi_{\ell\ell} }$	...	...

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d^2\sigma}{d \cos \theta_1^i d \cos \theta_2^j} \\ = \frac{1}{4} (1 + B_1^i \cos \theta_1^i + B_2^j \cos \theta_2^j - C_{ij} \cos \theta_1^i \cos \theta_2^j), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta_1^i} &= \frac{1}{2} (1 + B_1^i \cos \theta_1^i), \\ \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta_2^j} &= \frac{1}{2} (1 + B_2^j \cos \theta_2^j), \\ \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2} (1 - C_{ij}x) \ln \left( \frac{1}{|x|} \right), \\ x &= \cos \theta_1^i \cos \theta_2^j. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dx_\pm} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{C_{ij} \pm C_{ji}}{2} x_\pm \right) \cos^{-1} |x_\pm|, \\ x_\pm &= \cos \theta_1^i \cos \theta_2^j \pm \cos \theta_1^j \cos \theta_2^i. \end{aligned}$$

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# $t\bar{t}$ spin correlation

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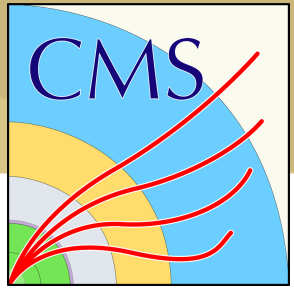
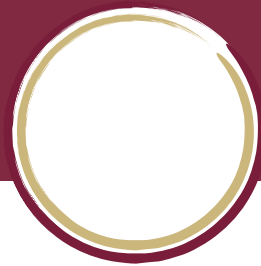


TABLE III. Measured coefficients and asymmetries and their total uncertainties. Predicted values from simulation are quoted with a combination of statistical and scale uncertainties, while the NLO calculated values are quoted with their scale uncertainties [3,4]. The NNLO QCD prediction for  $A_{|\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}|}$ , with scale uncertainties, is  $0.115^{+0.005}_{-0.001}$  [69].

Coefficient	Measured	POWHEGv2	MG5_aMC@NLO	NLO calculation
$B_1^k$	$0.005 \pm 0.023$	$0.004^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.000^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$4.0^{+1.7}_{-1.2} \times 10^{-3}$
$B_2^k$	$0.007 \pm 0.023$	$0.006^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$-0.002^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$4.0^{+1.7}_{-1.2} \times 10^{-3}$
$B_1^r$	$-0.023 \pm 0.017$	$0.002^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.002^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$1.6^{+1.2}_{-0.9} \times 10^{-3}$
$B_2^r$	$-0.010 \pm 0.020$	$0.003^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.000^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$1.6^{+1.2}_{-0.9} \times 10^{-3}$
$B_1^n$	$0.006 \pm 0.013$	$-0.001^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.001^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$5.7^{+0.5}_{-0.4} \times 10^{-3}$
$B_2^n$	$0.017 \pm 0.013$	$-0.001^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.000^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$5.7^{+0.5}_{-0.4} \times 10^{-3}$
$B_1^{k*}$	$-0.016 \pm 0.018$	$-0.001^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.000^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$<10^{-3}$
$B_2^{k*}$	$0.007 \pm 0.019$	$0.001^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.003^{+0.002}_{-0.001}$	$<10^{-3}$
$B_1^{r*}$	$0.001 \pm 0.017$	$0.000^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.000^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$<10^{-3}$
$B_2^{r*}$	$0.010 \pm 0.017$	$0.001^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.001^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$<10^{-3}$
$C_{kk}$	$0.300 \pm 0.038$	$0.314^{+0.005}_{-0.004}$	$0.325^{+0.011}_{-0.002}$	$0.331^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$
$C_{rr}$	$0.081 \pm 0.032$	$0.048^{+0.007}_{-0.006}$	$0.052^{+0.007}_{-0.005}$	$0.071^{+0.008}_{-0.006}$
$C_{nn}$	$0.329 \pm 0.020$	$0.317^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.324^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.326^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$
$C_{rk} + C_{kr}$	$-0.193 \pm 0.064$	$-0.201^{+0.004}_{-0.003}$	$-0.198^{+0.004}_{-0.005}$	$-0.206^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$
$C_{rk} - C_{kr}$	$0.057 \pm 0.046$	$-0.001^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.004^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	0
$C_{nr} + C_{rn}$	$-0.004 \pm 0.037$	$-0.003^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.001^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$1.06^{+0.01}_{-0.01} \times 10^{-3}$
$C_{nr} - C_{rn}$	$-0.001 \pm 0.038$	$0.002^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.001^{+0.003}_{-0.002}$	0
$C_{nk} + C_{kn}$	$-0.043 \pm 0.041$	$-0.002^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.003^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$2.15^{+0.04}_{-0.07} \times 10^{-3}$
$C_{nk} - C_{kn}$	$0.040 \pm 0.029$	$-0.001^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$-0.001^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	0
$D$	$-0.237 \pm 0.011$	$-0.226^{+0.003}_{-0.004}$	$-0.233^{+0.004}_{-0.006}$	$-0.243^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$
$A_{\cos\phi}^{\text{lab}}$	$0.167 \pm 0.010$	$0.161^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.174^{+0.004}_{-0.003}$	$0.181^{+0.004}_{-0.003}$
$A_{ \Delta\phi_{\ell\ell} }$	$0.103 \pm 0.008$	$0.125^{+0.004}_{-0.005}$	$0.115^{+0.003}_{-0.005}$	$0.108^{+0.009}_{-0.012}$

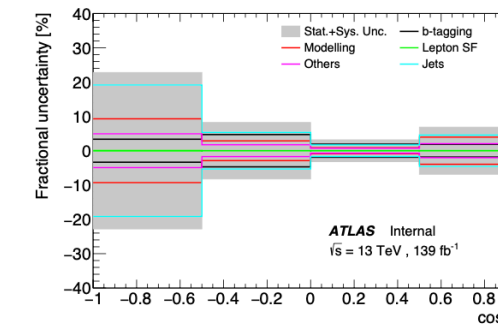
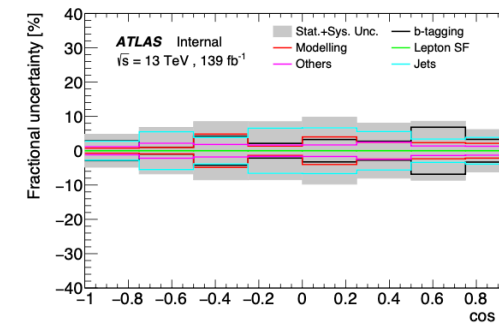
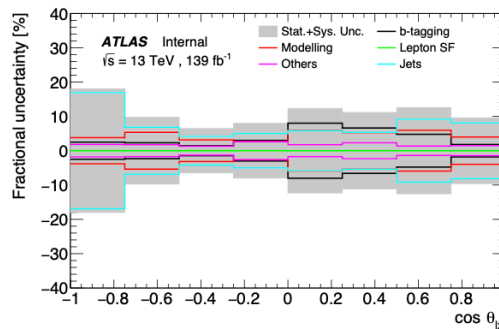
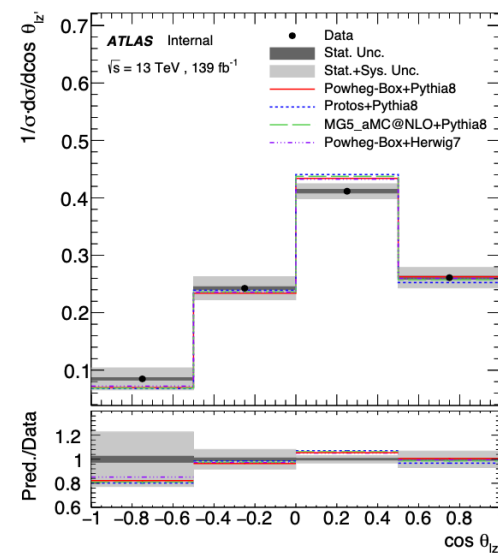
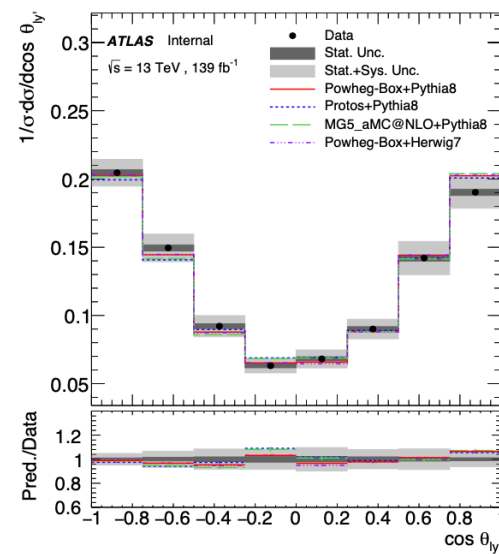
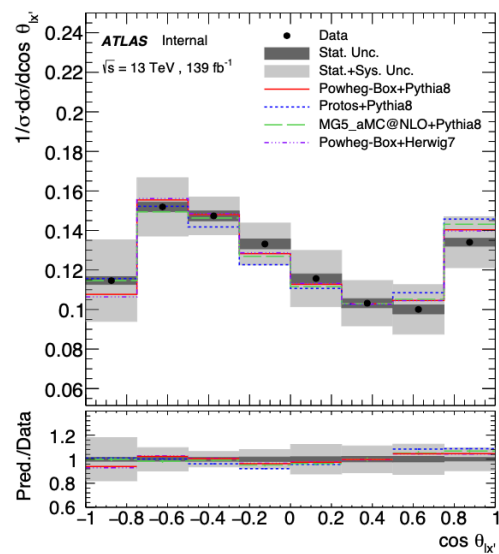
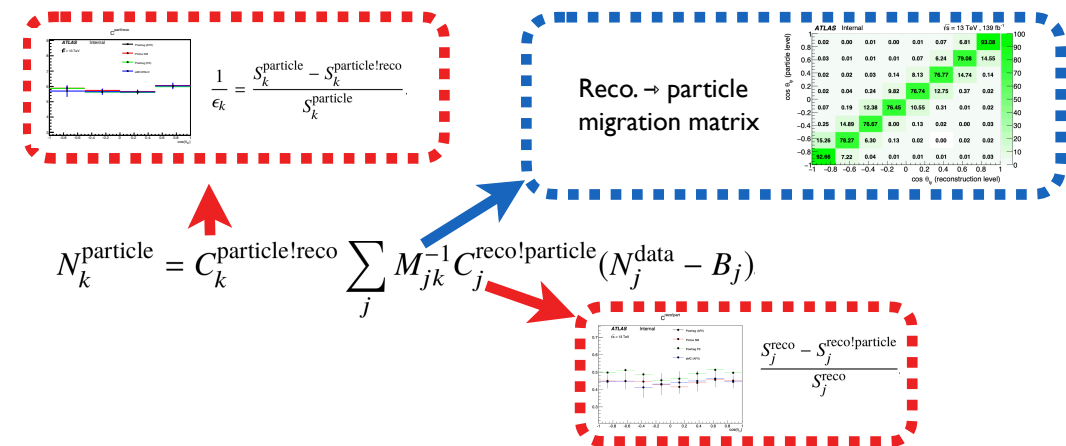
TABLE V. Summary of the systematic, statistical, and total uncertainties in the extracted  $t\bar{t}$  spin correlation coefficients and asymmetries. An ellipsis ( $\dots$ ) is shown where the values are  $<0.0005$ .

Source	Uncertainty											
	$C_{kk}$	$C_{rr}$	$C_{nn}$	$C_{rk} + C_{kr}$	$C_{rk} - C_{kr}$	$C_{nr} + C_{rn}$	$C_{nr} - C_{rn}$	$C_{nk} + C_{kn}$	$C_{nk} - C_{kn}$	$D$	$A_{\cos\phi}^{\text{lab}}$	$A_{ \Delta\phi_{\ell\ell} }$
Trigger	0.001	0.001	...	0.002	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.001	...
Lepton ident./iso.	0.001	0.001	...	0.001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kinematic reco.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pileup	0.002	...	0.001	0.004	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001	...	0.001
$b$ tagging	0.004	0.001	0.002	0.005	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	...	...
JES	0.012	0.009	0.005	0.022	0.011	0.011	0.009	0.012	0.012	0.007	0.002	...
Unclust. energy	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.004	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001	...	0.001
JER	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.004	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.001	...	...	...
Scales	0.012	0.006	0.007	0.026	0.011	0.007	0.014	0.011	0.007	0.003	0.002	0.003
ME/PS matching	0.004	0.003	0.001	0.009	0.016	0.011	0.001	0.012	0.009	0.002	0.002	0.004
Color reconnect.	0.005	0.013	0.006	0.013	0.011	0.014	0.017	0.009	0.008	0.002	0.001	0.001
Underlying event	0.008	0.002	0.002	0.004	0.010	0.007	0.005	0.007	0.002	0.003	0.001	0.001
$b$ quark fragment.	0.014	0.002	0.005	0.017	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.003	...	0.001
$b$ had. semilep. d.	...	0.001	0.001	0.002	...	0.001	...	...	...	0.001	...	...
PDF	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.002	...	...	...	...	...	0.001	0.003	0.001
Top quark mass	0.001	0.002	0.006	0.006	0.009	0.002	0.002	0.009	0.001	0.002	0.001	...
Top quark $p_T$	0.008	0.011	0.005	0.019	...	0.001	...	0.001	...	0.004	0.003	0.005
Background	0.017	0.009	0.008	0.025	0.006	0.004	0.004	0.007	0.003	0.004	0.008	0.002
Total systematic	0.031	0.023	0.016	0.053	0.029	0.024	0.025	0.026	0.016	0.009	0.010	0.007
Data statistical	0.018	0.019	0.010	0.029	0.029	0.024	0.025	0.025	0.020	0.006	0.003	0.003
Signal sim. stat.	0.007	0.007	0.004	0.011	0.011	0.009	0.009	0.010	0.008	0.002	0.001	0.001
Bkg. sim. stat.	0.010	0.010	0.005	0.018	0.017	0.012	0.010	0.015	0.012	0.003	0.002	0.002
Total statistical	0.022	0.023	0.012	0.035	0.035	0.028	0.028	0.031	0.025	0.007	0.003	0.003
Total	0.038	0.032	0.020	0.064	0.046	0.037	0.038	0.041	0.029	0.011	0.010	0.008



# Top polarisation

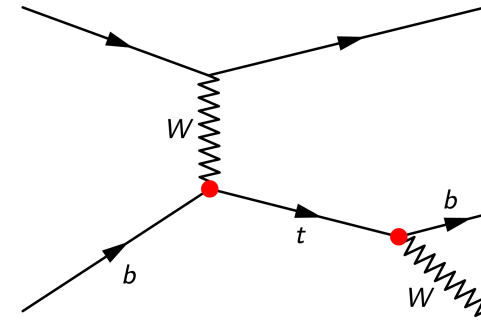
Uncertainty source	$\Delta P_{x'}^t$	$\Delta P_{x'}^{\bar{t}}$	$\Delta P_{y'}^t$	$\Delta P_{y'}^{\bar{t}}$	$\Delta P_{z'}^t$	$\Delta P_{z'}^{\bar{t}}$
<b>Modelling</b>						
Modelling ( $t$ -channel)	$\pm 0.037$	$\pm 0.051$	$\pm 0.010$	$\pm 0.015$	$\pm 0.061$	$\pm 0.061$
Modelling ( $t\bar{t}$ )	$\pm 0.016$	$\pm 0.021$	$\pm 0.004$	$\pm 0.016$	$\pm 0.003$	$\pm 0.016$
Modelling (other)	$\pm 0.013$	$\pm 0.031$	$\pm 0.003$	$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 0.026$	$\pm 0.043$
<b>Experimental</b>						
Jet energy scale	$\pm 0.045$	$\pm 0.048$	$\pm 0.005$	$\pm 0.007$	$\pm 0.033$	$\pm 0.025$
<b>Jet energy resolution</b>	<b><math>\pm 0.166</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.185</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.021</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.040</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.070</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.130</math></b>
Jet flavour tagging	$\pm 0.004$	$\pm 0.002$	$< 0.001$	$\pm 0.001$	$\pm 0.007$	$\pm 0.009$
Other experimental uncertainties	$\pm 0.015$	$\pm 0.029$	$\pm 0.002$	$\pm 0.007$	$\pm 0.014$	$\pm 0.026$
Multijet estimation	$\pm 0.008$	$\pm 0.021$	$< 0.001$	$\pm 0.001$	$\pm 0.008$	$\pm 0.013$
Luminosity	$\pm 0.001$	$\pm 0.001$	$< 0.001$	$< 0.001$	$< 0.001$	$< 0.001$
Simulation statistics	$\pm 0.020$	$\pm 0.024$	$\pm 0.008$	$\pm 0.015$	$\pm 0.017$	$\pm 0.031$
<b>Total systematic uncertainty</b>	<b><math>\pm 0.174</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.199</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.025</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.048</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.096</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.153</math></b>
<b>Total statistical uncertainty</b>	<b><math>\pm 0.017</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.025</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.011</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.017</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.022</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.034</math></b>





# Top polarisation

$$\sigma\left(\frac{c}{\Lambda^2}\right) = \underbrace{O_{SM}^2}_{\text{Pure SM}} + \frac{c}{\Lambda^2} \cdot \underbrace{O_{SM} O_{\text{dim6}}}_{\text{Interference term}} + \frac{c^2}{\Lambda^4} \cdot \underbrace{O_{\text{dim6}}^2}_{\text{Pure BSM}}$$



EFT operator can contribute to production and/or decay vertex

3 operators that interfere with SM:  $O_{\phi Q}$ ,  $O_{tW}$  and  $O_{qQ}$

- four couplings:  $C_{\phi Q}$ ,  $C_{tW}$ ,  $C_{itW}$  and  $O_{qQ}$
- $C_{tW}^* \neq C_{itW} \rightarrow$  CP Violation
- prediction @NLO available: [arXiv:1807.03576](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.03576)

**Interpretation of normalized  $\cos\theta_{X/Y}$  focuses on  $C_{tW}$  and  $C_{itW}$**

- $O_{\phi Q}$  affects only normalisation
- $\cos\theta_{X/Y}$  not sensitive to  $O_{qQ}$

Morphing reference: [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2015-047](https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.02889)

- Morphing works with any choice of templates
- Uncertainty does depend on this choice

	$C_{tW}$		$C_{itW}$	
	68% CL	95% CL	68% CL	95% CL
All terms	[-0.2, 0.9]	[-0.7, 1.5]	[-0.5, -0.1]	[-0.7, 0.2]
Order $1/\Lambda^4$	[-0.2, 0.9]	[-0.7, 1.5]	[-0.5, -0.1]	[-0.7, 0.2]
Order $1/\Lambda^2$	[-0.2, 1.0]	[-0.7, 1.7]	[-0.5, -0.1]	[-0.8, 0.2]





# IBU vs. FBU vs. SVD vs. PLU

[Reference: arxiv.org/1201.4612](https://arxiv.org/1201.4612)

FBU differs from D'Agostini's iterative unfolding (IBU) despite both using Bayes' theorem.

- In FBU the answer is not an estimator and its covariance matrix, but a posterior probability density defined in the space of possible spectra.
- FBU does not involve iterations, thus does not depend on a convergence criterion, nor on the first point of an iterative procedure, which in IBU is named "prior".
  - + If more than one answers are equally likely, as can happen when the reconstructed spectrum has fewer bins than the inferred one, then FBU reveals all of them, while IBU converges towards some of the possible solutions.
- Regularization is not done by interrupting iterations, but by choosing a prior which favours certain characteristics, such as smoothness.
  - + Thus, FBU offers intuition and full control of the regularizing condition, which makes the answer easy to interpret.

FBU differs significantly also from SVD unfolding.

- In FBU the migrations matrix is not distorted by singular value decomposition (SVD), therefore FBU assumes the intended migrations model.
- The answer of FBU is not an estimator plus covariance matrix, but a probability density function which does not have to be Gaussian, which is important especially in bins with small Poisson event counts.
- FBU does not involve matrix inversion and computation of eigenvalues, which makes it more stable numerically.
- SVD imposes curvature regularization, while FBU offers the freedom to use different regularization choices. This freedom becomes necessary when the correct answer actually has large curvature, or when the answer has only two bins, thus curvature is not even defined.

PLU is similar to FBU in terms of prior for regularisation, but it involves a Profile Likelihood fit too.