

Top quark production, properties and rare processes

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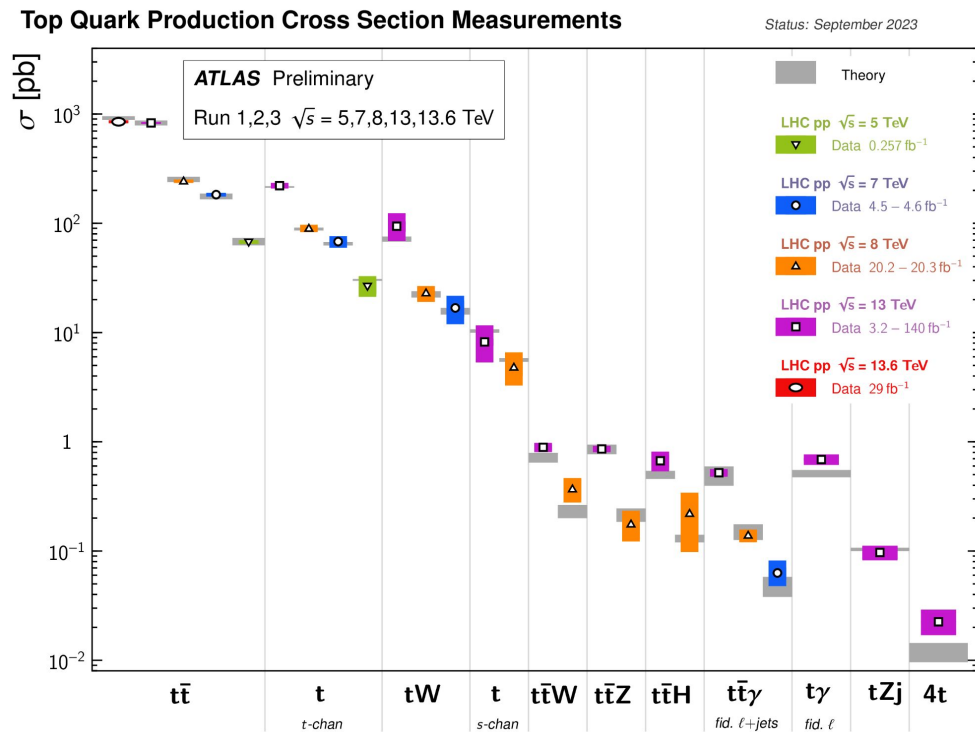
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Top quark

- It was discovered at Tevatron in 1995
- **Mass of 173 GeV** → the heaviest elementary particle
- **Decay width of 1.33 GeV** → decays before hadronization → the only quark appearing as a **pseudo-bare quark** in experiments
- Excellent perturbative object - produced at small distances with effective $\alpha_s = 0.1$ - good for precision QCD tests
- The top quark decays:
 - Leptonic (BR = 33 %)
 - Hadronic (BR = 67 %)

Top quark processes and their cross-sections

- The top quark production:
 - Pairs = $t\bar{t}$
 - Single-top = tq , tW ...
 - Associated production with other particles (tX , $t\bar{t}X$, 3 tops, 4 tops ...)
- Intensively studied by ATLAS and CMS experiments



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Inclusive $t\bar{t}$ cross-section at 13.6 TeV

- Published by CMS collaboration [[JHEP 08 \(2023\) 204](#)]
- Using 1.21 fb^{-1} of 13.6 TeV data, ℓ +jets and dilepton channels
- Using profile-likelihood fit on N_{jets} distribution in regions split by lepton flavor, number of leptons and number of b-jets
- Leading uncertainties: lepton ID, b-tagging and single-top modelling

ℓ +jets selection:

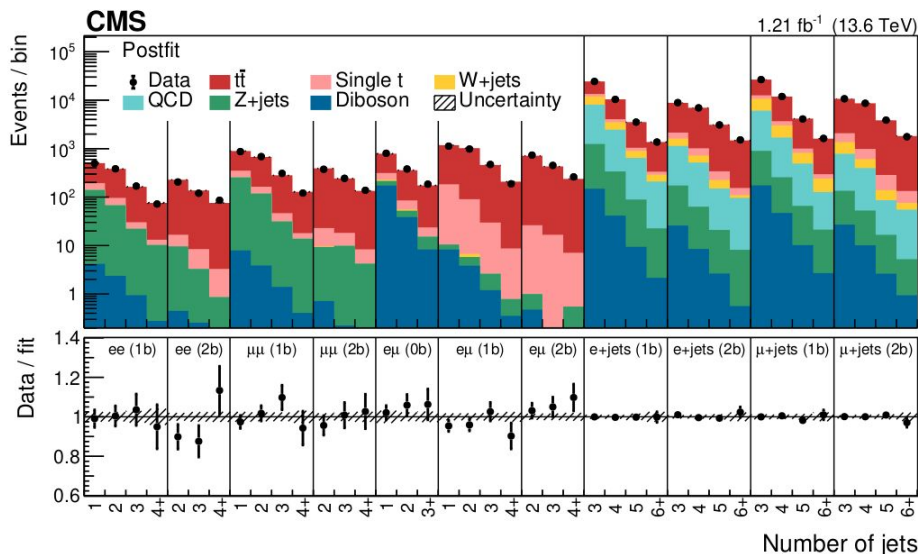
- $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell} > 35 \text{ GeV}$
- At least 3 jets
- 1 or 2 b-jets

e^+e^- and $\mu^+\mu^-$ selection:

- $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell} > 35 \text{ GeV}$
- $|m_{\ell\ell} - M_Z| > 15 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_{\ell\ell} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- At least 1 b-jet

$e^+\mu^\mp$ selection:

- $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell} > 35 \text{ GeV}$
- $|m_{\ell\ell} - M_Z| > 15 \text{ GeV}$
- At least 1 jet



$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{measured}} = 881 \pm 23 \text{ (stat + syst)} \pm 20 \text{ (lumi) pb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{NNLO+NNLL}} = 924_{-40}^{+32} \text{ pb} \text{ [[Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 \(2013\) 252004](#)]}$$

Measurement of $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ and $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/\sigma_{Z+\text{jets}}$ ratio at 13.6 TeV

- Published by ATLAS collaboration [[2308.09529v1](#)]
- Using 29 fb^{-1} of 13.6 TeV dilepton data from 2022
- 1b and 2b regions fitted separately - able to fit b-jet reconstruction and tagging efficiency
- $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ and $R_{t\bar{t}/Z}$ extracted from the same profile-likelihood fit
- Leading uncertainties:
 - $t\bar{t}$ modelling
 - lepton reconstruction

Selection (emu regions for $t\bar{t}$):

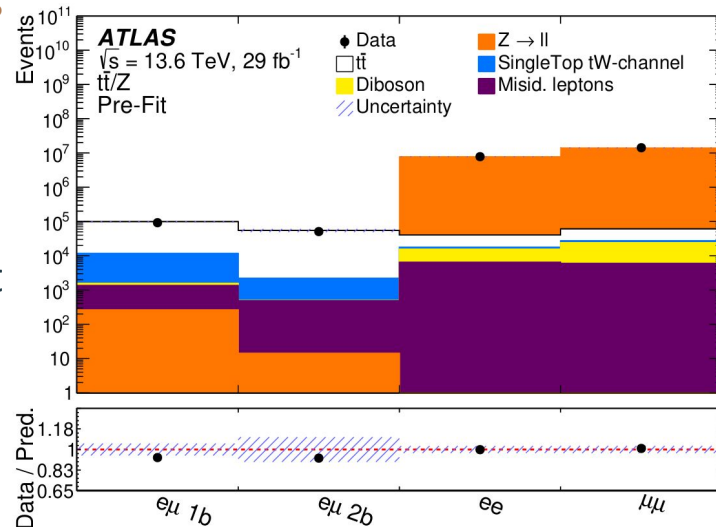
- Exactly two leptons: $e^+\mu^\mp$
- One or two b -jets

Same-flavor selection (Z):

- Exactly 2 leptons: e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$
- $66 \text{ GeV} < m_{ll} < 116 \text{ GeV}$

$$R_{t\bar{t}/Z}^{\text{measured}} = 1.145 \pm 0.003 (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.021 (\text{syst.}) \pm 0.002 (\text{lumi}) \quad R_{t\bar{t}/Z}^{\text{theory}} = 1.238^{+0.063}_{-0.071}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{measured}} = 850 \pm 3 (\text{stat.}) \pm 18 (\text{syst.}) \pm 20 (\text{lumi}) \text{ pb} \quad \sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{NNLO+NNLL}} = 924^{+32}_{-40} \text{ pb} \quad 5$$

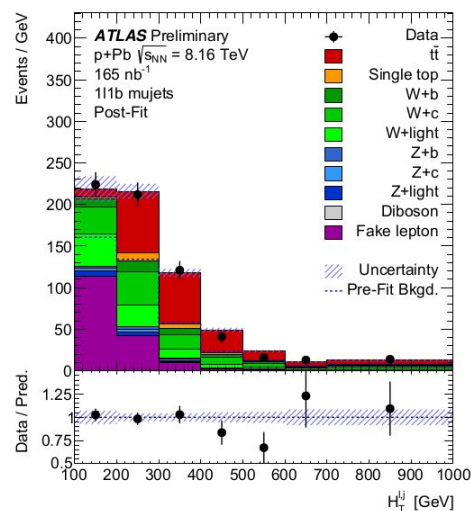
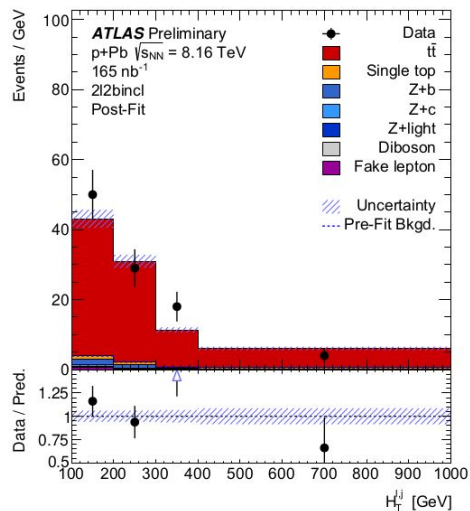


Theory: [[Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 \(2013\) 252004](#)]

Observation of $t\bar{t}$ in p+Pb collisions at 8.16 TeV

- Using 165 nb^{-1} of p+Pb ATLAS data from 2016
- Dilepton and ℓ +jets channels have been used
- Dominant backgrounds: fakes, W+jets, single-top and Z+jets
- Fitting H_T in 6 analysis regions to get $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$
 - **ℓ +jets regions:** e+jets 1b, μ +jets 1b, e+jets $\geq 2b$, μ +jets $\geq 2b$
 - **dilepton:** 1b and $\geq 2b$
- Leading systematic uncertainties:
 - Jet energy scale
 - $t\bar{t}$ modelling
 - Fake leptons

[[ATLAS-CONF-2023-063](#)]



$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 57.9 \pm 2.0 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+4.9}_{-4.5} \text{ (syst.) nb} = 57.9 {}^{+5.3}_{-4.9} \text{ (tot.) nb}$$

Inclusive and differential $t\bar{t}$ cross-section at 13 TeV

- Published by ATLAS collaboration [[JHEP07\(2023\)141](#)]
- Measured in **dilepton $e\mu$ channel** in full Run 2 dataset
- Backgrounds relatively small: mostly single-top
- Luminosity uncertainty significantly reduced due to the new luminosity measurement: [[2212.09379](#)]
- Bin-by-bin unfolding is used to measure differential, fiducial and total x-sections (the last 2 have one true-level bin)
- Differential x-section measured in the following variables:

$$p_T^\ell, |\eta^\ell|, m^{e\mu}, p_T^{e\mu}, |\eta^{e\mu}|, E^e + E^\mu, p_T^e + p_T^\mu \text{ and } |\Delta\Phi^{e\mu}|$$

- Four pairs used for double-differential:

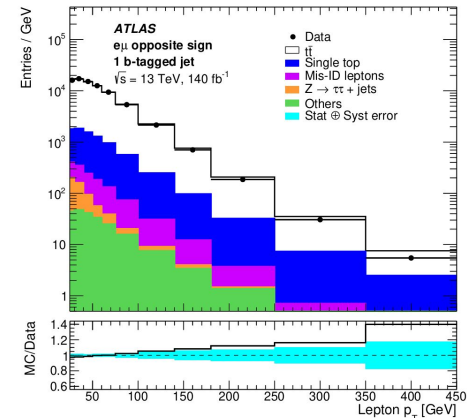
$$(|y^{e\mu}|, m^{e\mu}); (|\Delta\Phi^{e\mu}|, m^{e\mu}); (|\Delta\Phi^{e\mu}|, p_T^{e\mu}); (|\Delta\Phi^{e\mu}|, E^e + E^\mu)$$

Selection:

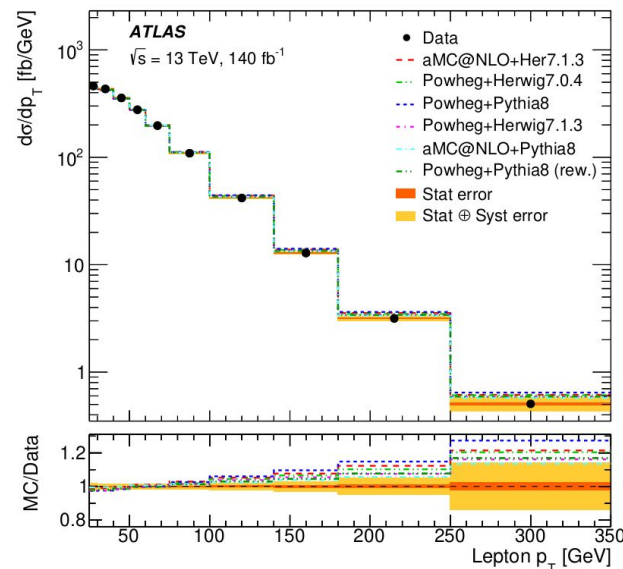
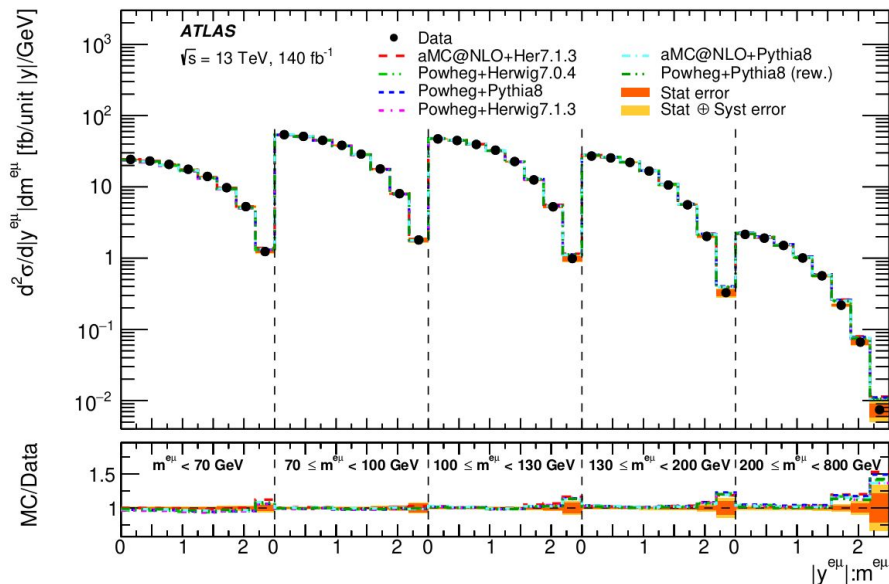
- Single-lepton trigger
- One electron and one muon
- One or two b-tagged jets
- $e^\pm\mu^\mp$ in signal regions
- $e^\pm\mu^\pm$ for DD fakes estimate

Fiducial volume (particle-level):

- $p_T^\ell > 27$ (25) GeV for the leading (sub-leading) lep.
- $|\eta^\ell| < 2.5$



Inclusive and differential $t\bar{t}$ cross-section at 13 TeV



The most precise inclusive measurement:

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{measured}} = 829 \pm 1 (\text{stat}) \pm 13 (\text{syst}) \pm 8 (\text{lumi}) \pm 2 (\text{beam}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}, \text{fid.}}^{\text{measured}} = 10.53 \pm 0.02 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.13 (\text{syst}) \pm 0.10 (\text{lumi}) \pm 0.02 (\text{beam}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{NNLO+NNLL}} = 832_{-29}^{+20} (\text{scale}) \pm 23 (m_t) \pm 35 (\text{PDF} + \alpha_S) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}, \text{fid.}}^{\text{Powheg+Pythia8}} = 10.57 \text{ pb}$$

[[Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 \(2013\) 252004](#)] 8

Differential $t\bar{t}$ and $t\bar{t}$ +jets cross-section in ℓ +jets

- Using full Run 2 ATLAS dataset, ℓ +jet channel [ATLAS-CONF-2023-068]
- Using events with 0, 1 or 2 additional jets, unfolding to particle level using Iterative Bayesian Unfolding
- First time using MiNNLOPS (better agreement with data)
- Measuring variables sensitive jet kinematics and topology:

$t\bar{t}$ inclusive

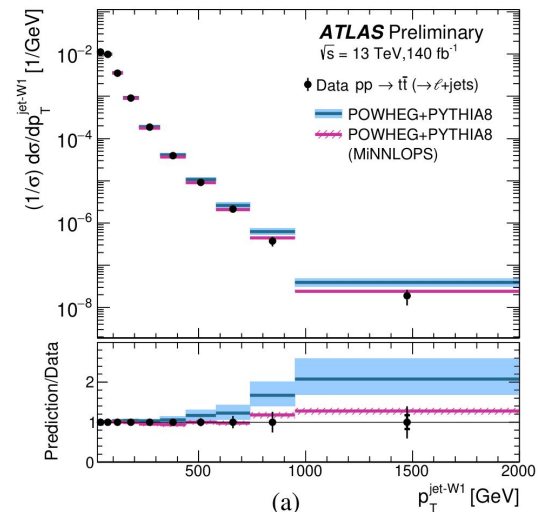
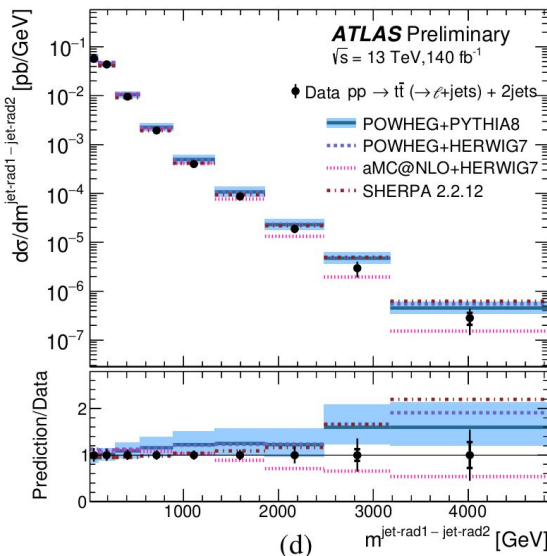
$$\begin{aligned}
 & p_T^{\text{jet-W1}} \\
 & |y^{\text{jet-W1}}| \\
 & p_T^{\text{jet-W2}} \\
 & |y^{\text{jet-W2}}| \\
 & |\Delta y^{\text{jet-W1} - \text{jet-W2}}| \\
 & |\Delta\phi^{\text{jet-W1} - \text{jet-W2}}|
 \end{aligned}$$

$t\bar{t}$ +1jet channel

$$\begin{aligned}
 & p_T^{\text{jet-rad1}} \\
 & |y^{\text{jet-rad1}}| \\
 & |\Delta\phi^{\text{toplep} - \text{jet-rad1}}| \\
 & |\Delta\phi^{\text{tophad} - \text{jet-rad1}}| \\
 & |\Delta\phi^{\text{jet-W1} - \text{jet-rad1}}| \\
 & m^{t\bar{t} - \text{jet-rad1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$t\bar{t}$ +2jets channel

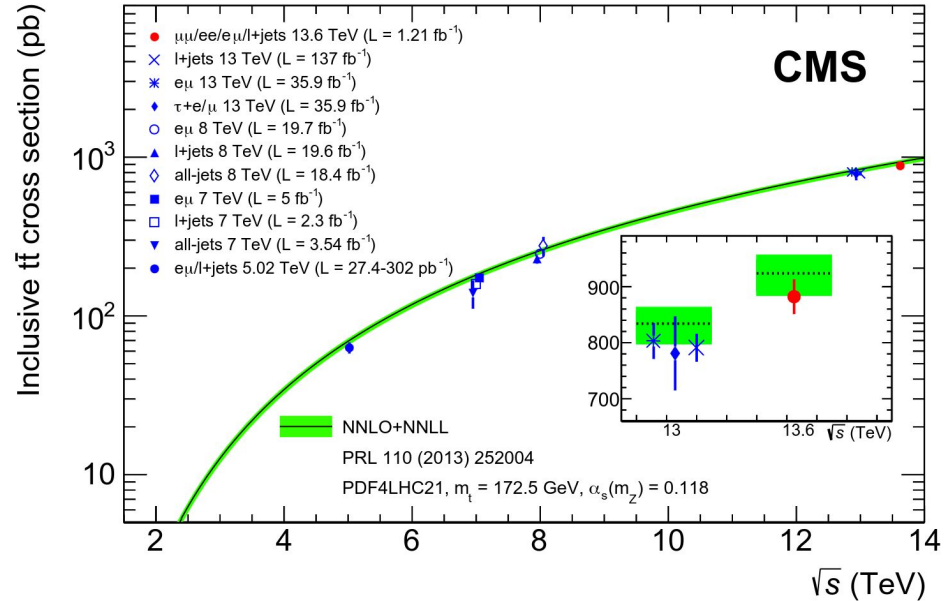
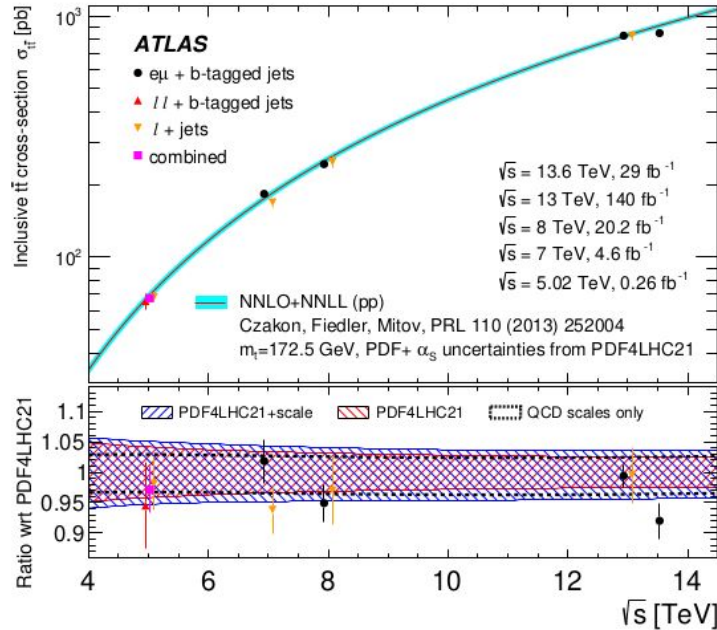
$$\begin{aligned}
 & p_T^{\text{jet-rad2}} \\
 & |y^{\text{jet-rad2}}| \\
 & |\Delta y^{\text{jet-rad1} - \text{jet-rad2}}| \\
 & |\Delta\phi^{\text{jet-rad1} - \text{jet-rad2}}| \\
 & |\Delta\phi^{\text{toplep} - \text{jet-rad2}}| \\
 & |\Delta\phi^{\text{jet-W1} - \text{jet-rad2}}| \\
 & m^{\text{jet-rad1} - \text{jet-rad2}}
 \end{aligned}$$



Leading systematic uncertainties:

- b-tagging
- Background modelling
- Statistical uncertainty

$t\bar{t}$ cross-section measurements - overview



- Measured in pp collisions at energies ranging from 5 TeV to 13.6 TeV.
- Excellent agreement between the theory and experiment is observed!

Differential $t\bar{t}$ in m_j^{top} and the top-mass measurement

- Published by CMS collaboration [[Eur. Phys. J. C 83 \(2023\) 560](#)]
- Using ℓ +jets $t\bar{t}$ events with boosted top in full Run 2 dataset
- Leading backgrounds (below 10%): single-top and W+jets
- Improvement in systematics wrt. previous measurement by measuring jet mass scale in hadronic W-decays and measuring distribution of N(subjets) to control FSR systematics
- Using TUnfold [[1205.6201](#)] algorithm (least squares method) with Tikhonov (second discrete derivative) regularization

Fiducial volume:

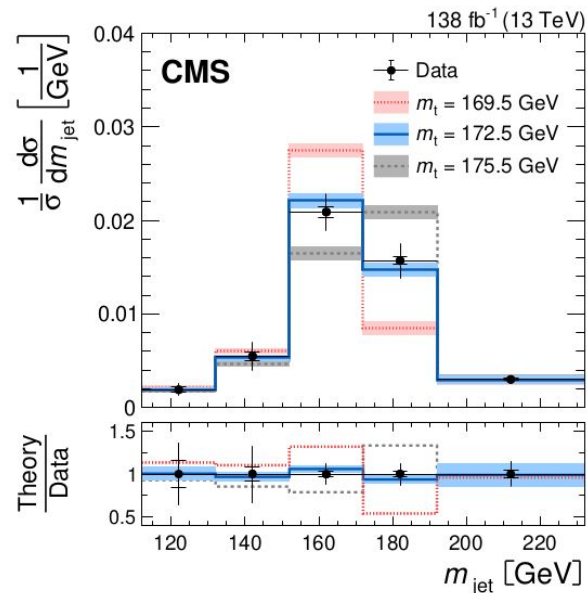
- One lepton, $p_T^\ell > 60$ GeV
- $p_T^{\text{top-jet}} > 400$ GeV, all subjets $p_T > 30$ GeV & $|\eta| < 2.5$
- $p_T^{2\text{nd jet}} > 10$ GeV
- $m^{\text{top-jet}} > m^{\ell + 2\text{nd jet}}$

Detector-level:

- Everything from fiducial
- At least one b-tag & $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 50$ GeV

Detector-level sideband region:

- $350 \text{ GeV} < p_T^{\text{top-jet}} < 400$ GeV
- $55 \text{ GeV} < p_T^\ell < 60$ GeV



$$m_t = 173.06 \pm 0.24 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.61 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.47 \text{ (model)} \pm 0.23 \text{ (theo)} \text{ GeV} = 173.06 \pm 0.84 \text{ GeV}$$

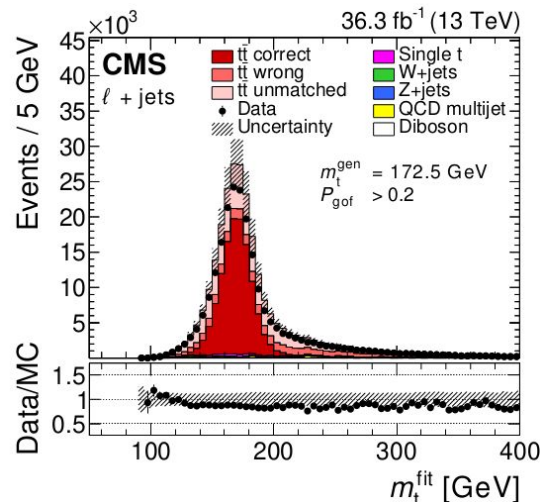
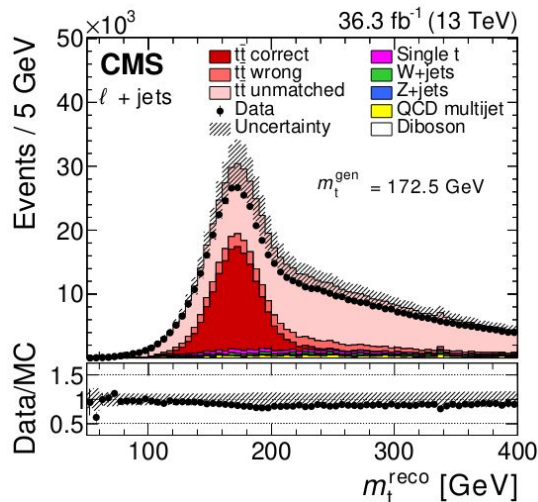
Top mass at 13 TeV in $t\bar{t} \rightarrow \ell + \text{jets}$ events

- By CMS with 2016 (36.3 fb^{-1}) $\ell + \text{jets}$ data [[2302.01967v1](#)]
- Kinematic fit used to assign jets to parton and extract m_t .
Three possible cases in simulation: correct, wrong, unmatched
- χ^2 and P_{gof} from fit used to define two regions: $P_{gof} < 0.2$ and $P_{gof} > 0.2$
- 5 variables used in the profile-likelihood fit to extract m_t and constrain systematics:

Selection:

- Exactly one lepton
- At least 4 jets, exactly two of them b-tagged

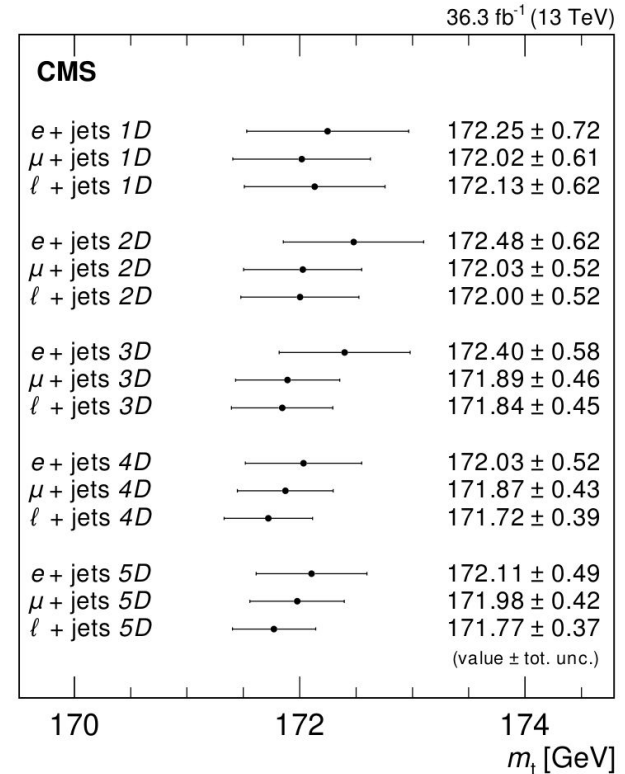
Observable	Histogram Category	Set label				
		1D	2D	3D	4D	5D
m_t^{fit}	$P_{gof} > 0.2$	×	×	×	×	×
m_W^{reco}	$P_{gof} > 0.2$		×	×	×	×
$m_{\ell b}^{\text{reco}}$	$P_{gof} < 0.2$			×	×	×
$m_{\ell b}^{\text{reco}} / m_t^{\text{fit}}$	$P_{gof} > 0.2$				×	×
$R_{bq}^{\text{reco}} = \frac{p_T^{b1} + p_T^{b2}}{p_T^{q1} + p_T^{q2}}$	$P_{gof} > 0.2$					×



Top mass at 13 TeV in $t\bar{t} \rightarrow \ell + \text{jets}$ events

- Events split based on lepton flavor.
- Leading uncertainties:
 - Jet energy correction
 - Final state radiation modelling
 - Color reconnection modelling

$$m_t^{5D} = 171.77 \pm 0.37 \text{ GeV}$$

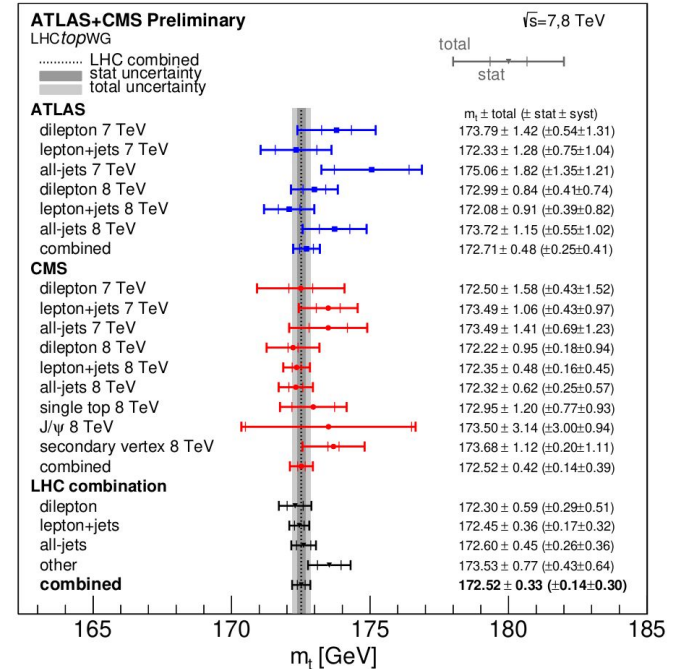


Top mass LHC combination (7 and 8 TeV)

ATLAS-CONF-2023-066

- Combining ATLAS and CMS data from 7 and 8 TeV
- All three decay channels (all-hadronic, ℓ +jets and dilepton) have been used
- BLUE method used to combine the measurements, $m_t = \sum_i w^i m_t^i$, optimal $w^i \rightarrow$ minimal uncertainty
- No statistical overlap between measurements
- 3 possibilities for systematic correlations: strong ($\rho=0.85$), partial ($\rho=0.5$), uncorrelated
- Leading systematic uncertainties:

Uncertainty category	Uncertainty impact [GeV]		
	LHC	ATLAS	CMS
LHC b-JES	0.18	0.17	0.25
b tagging	0.09	0.16	0.03
ME generator	0.08	0.13	0.14
LHC JES 1	0.08	0.18	0.06



$$m_t = 172.52 \pm 0.14 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.30 (\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$$

$$= 172.52 \pm 0.33 \text{ GeV}$$

Quantum entanglement in $t\bar{t}$ production

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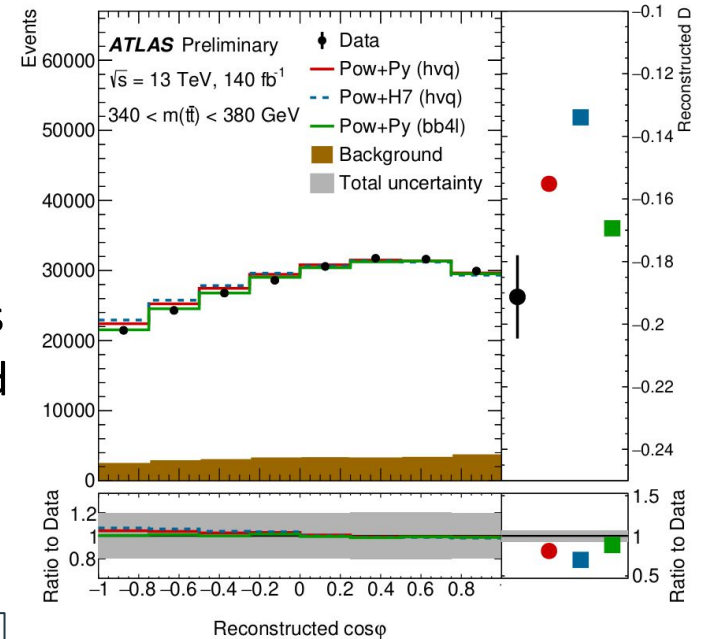
- Published by ATLAS with full Run 2 $e\mu$ data
- First $t\bar{t}$ entanglement observation [[CERNCOURIER](#)]
- Entangled particles = state of one cannot be described independently of the other
- Quantum entanglement in $t\bar{t}$ events \rightarrow correlations between spin of the top-quarks \rightarrow can be observed in angles between decay products
- φ = leptons are boosted to (anti-)top rest frame and the angle between them is calculated

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

$$D = -3 \cdot \langle \cos \varphi \rangle = \text{tr}[\mathbf{C}]/3$$

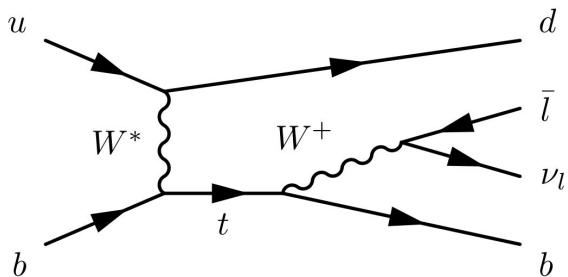
$$D = -0.547 \pm 0.002 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.021 \text{ (syst.) for } 340 < m_{t\bar{t}} < 380 \text{ GeV}$$

Dominant uncertainty: **signal modelling**



Single top t-channel cross-section measurement

- Using 255 pb⁻¹ of 5.02 TeV *pp* ATLAS data [\[2310.01518\]](#)
- Cross-section sensitive to V_{tb}
- BDT trained to separate signal from backgrounds (mostly W +jets and fake leptons)
- Extracting $\sigma(tq+\bar{t}q)$ and $R_t = \sigma(tq)/\sigma(\bar{t}q)$ from profile likelihood fit of the BDT output distribution in 2 regions split by lepton charge: ℓ^- +jets and ℓ^+ +jets

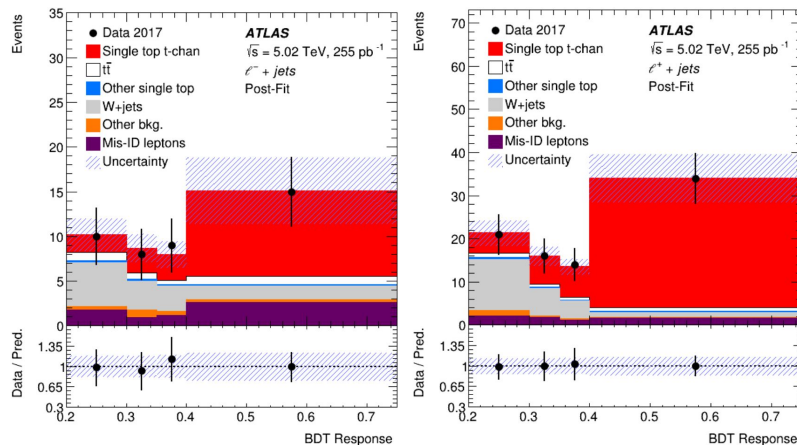


Dominant syst. uncertainties:

- MC stat. uncertainty
- Signal modelling:
 - Matrix element
 - Parton showering
- Fake lepton modelling

$$\sigma_{tq+\bar{t}q}^{\text{measured}} = 27.1_{-4.1}^{+4.4}(\text{stat.})_{-3.7}^{+4.4}(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}$$

$$R_T^{\text{measured}} = 2.73_{-0.82}^{+1.43}(\text{stat.})_{-0.29}^{+1.01}(\text{syst.})$$



Selection:

- Exactly one lepton (electron or muon)
- Exactly 2 jets, exactly 1 of them b-tagged
- $1.5 < |\eta^{\text{ligth-jet}}| < 4.0$ & $|\eta^{\text{ligth-jet}} - \eta^{\text{b-jet}}| > 1.5$
- $m_T^W > 35 \text{ GeV}$ & $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 15 \text{ GeV}$
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} + m_T^W > 70 \text{ GeV}$
- $H_T > 185 \text{ GeV}$
- $m(\ell, \text{b-jet}) < 165 \text{ GeV}$ & $M^W < 102 \text{ GeV}$
- $140 \text{ GeV} < m^{\text{top}} < 225 \text{ GeV}$

Inclusive and differential cross section of $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ by CMS

- Published by CMS with full Run 2 ℓ +jets data [[2309.14442](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.14442)]
- Leading backgrounds: $t\bar{t}+cc$, $t\bar{t}+light$
- **Inclusive x-section:** profile-likelihood fit on the region-specific variable: $|\eta(b_3)|$ in 5j3b, H_T^{light} in 6j3b3l, $|\eta(b_2^{extra})|$ in 6j4b and $|\Delta\phi(l_{j_1}^{extra}, b_{soft})|$ in 7j4b3l

Leading systematics:

- b-tagging
 - $t\bar{t}+bb$
 - $t\bar{t}+b$
 - $t\bar{t}$
- Renormalization scale:

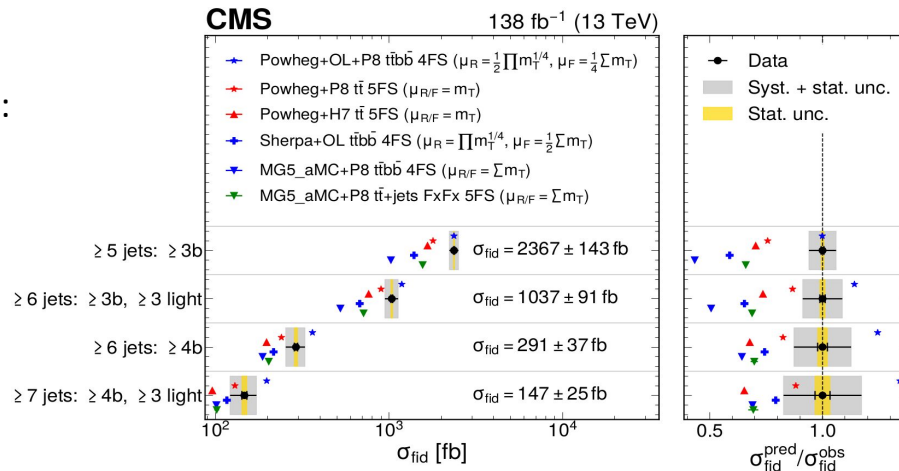
Selection (SR):

- Exactly one lepton
- At least 5 jets
- $\sum p_T^{jet} > 150$ GeV
- At least 3 medium (75-80% WP) b-tags

Split into 4 (overlapping) signal regions (detector and particle):

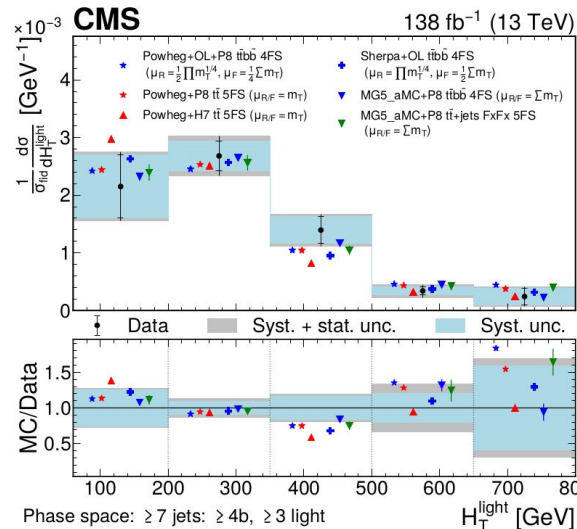
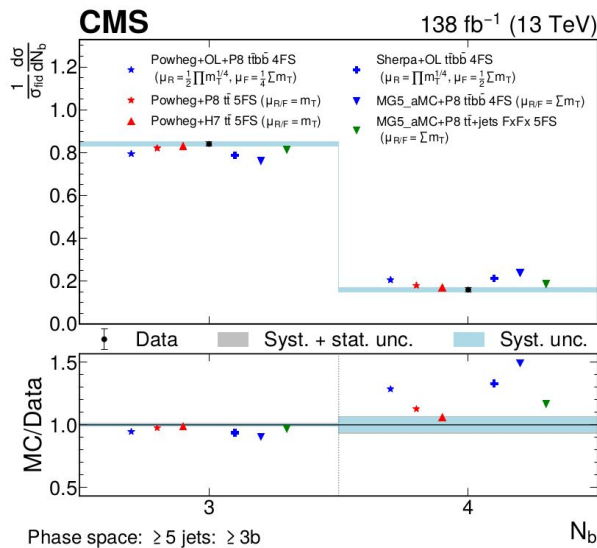
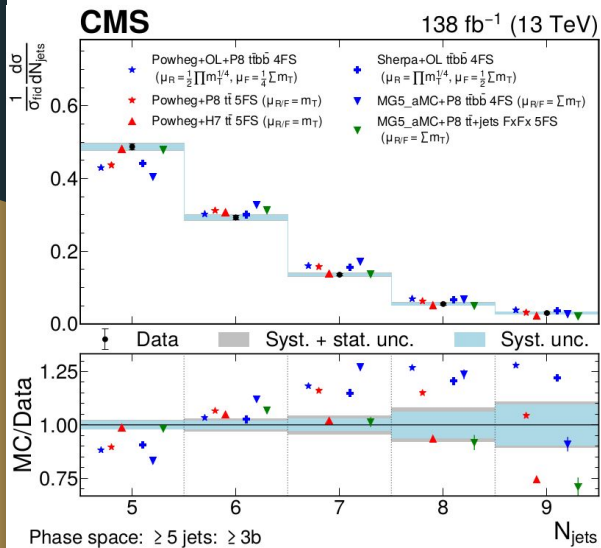
- 5j3b ($\geq 5j$ & $\geq 3b$)
- 6j4b ($\geq 6j$ & $\geq 4b$)
- 6j3b3l ($\geq 6j$ & $\geq 3b$ & $\geq 3l$)
- 7j4b3l ($\geq 7j$ & $\geq 4b$ & $\geq 3l$)

j = jet of any type
 b = medium b-jets
 l = light jet



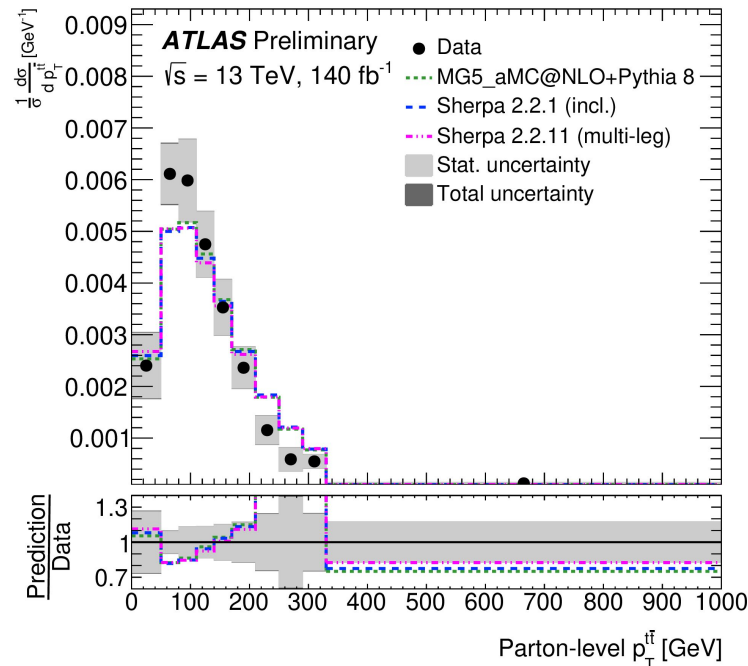
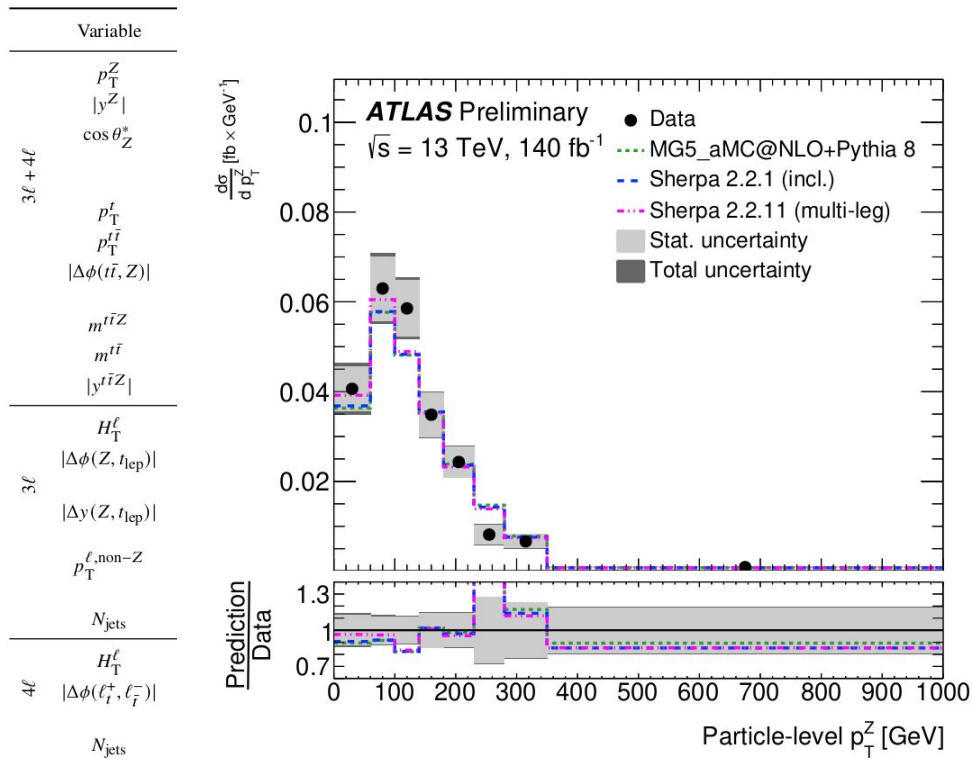
Inclusive and differential cross section of $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ by CMS

- Unfolding to particle-level using maximum likelihood unfolding
- Differential cross-section measured in 29 observables, such as number of jets, b-jets, kinematics of the b-jets, H_T^b , H_T^j , m_{bb}^{\max} , $\Delta R_{bb}^{\text{avg}}$...



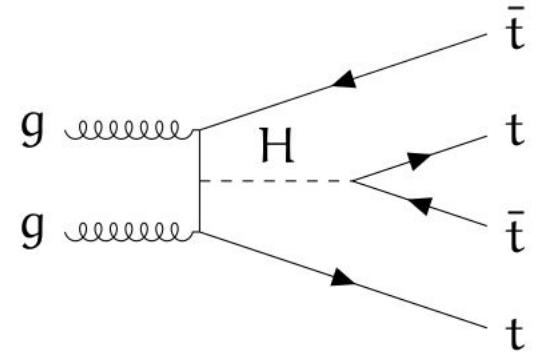
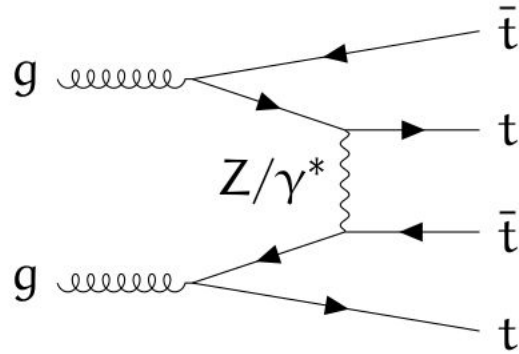
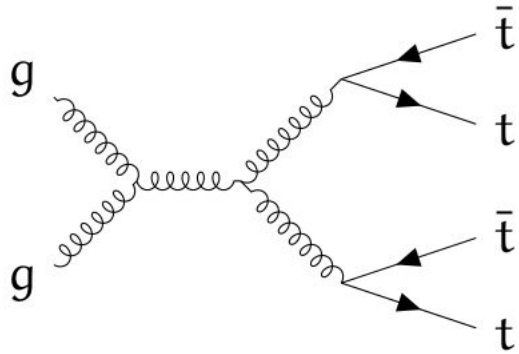
Differential and inclusive $t\bar{t}Z$ measurement

- Unfolding 9 variables in $3\ell+4\ell$ combination, 5 in 3ℓ and 3 in 4ℓ .



Four tops production

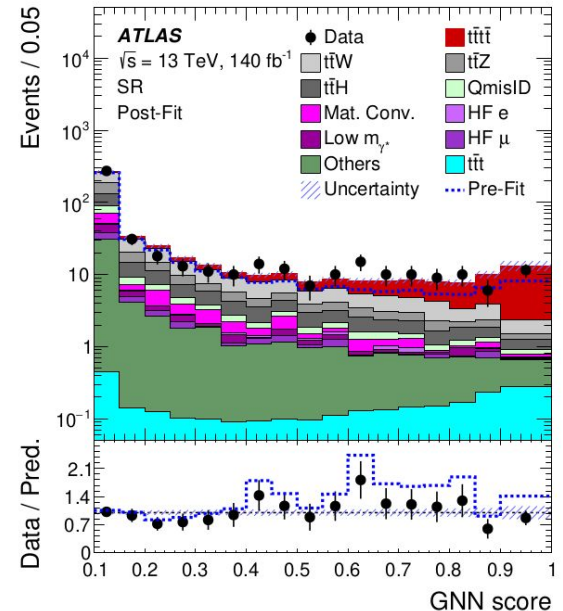
- Recently observed by both ATLAS [[EPJC 83 \(2023\) 496](#)] and CMS [[2305.13439v1](#)]
- Cross-section sensitive to top-quark Yukawa coupling, can be modified by BSM physics such as gluino pair production, heavy scalar boson + top production etc.
- Rare process in SM: $\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLO(QCD+EW)+NLL}'} = 13.37(2)_{-1.78}^{+1.04}$ fb at 13 TeV [[2212.03259](#)]
- Leading background processes: $t\bar{t}W$ and fake leptons
- Up to 4 leptons seen in detector



Four tops observation at 13 TeV by ATLAS

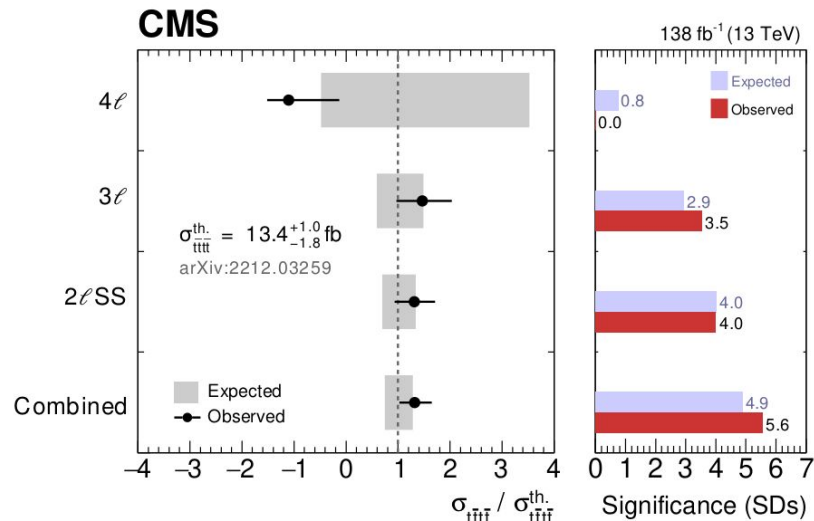
- Using 2ℓ SS, 3ℓ and 4ℓ channels with the full Run 2 dataset
- Graph Neural Network used to separate signal from backgrounds (mostly $t\bar{t}+X$)
- Profile likelihood fit is used to extract $\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}$ from distributions of GNN discriminant
- Normalizations of 4 fake-lepton background components, $t\bar{t}W^+$ and $t\bar{t}W^-$ are free floating and fitted simultaneously with the signal cross section
- Leading systematic uncertainties:
 - $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ modelling (matrix element and parton showering)
 - b -tagging and jet-related uncertainties
 - $t\bar{t}H$ modelling and $t\bar{t}W$ modelling
- **6.1σ significance** wrt. null hypothesis

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} = 22.5^{+4.7}_{-4.3} (\text{stat})^{+4.6}_{-3.4} (\text{syst}) \text{ fb} = 22.5^{+6.6}_{-5.5} \text{ fb}$$



Four tops observation at 13 TeV by CMS

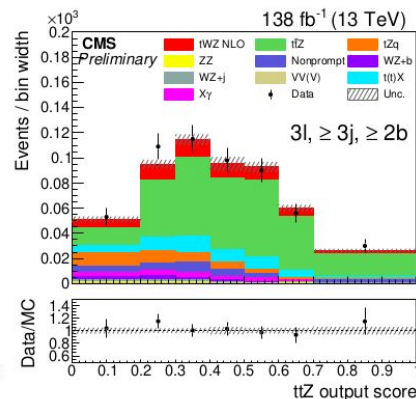
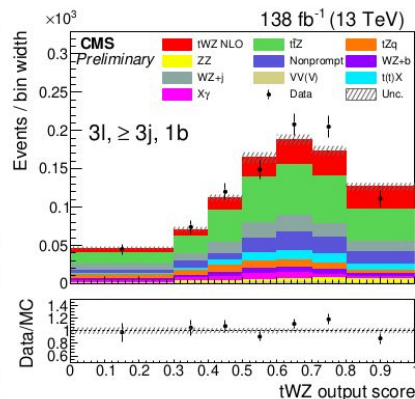
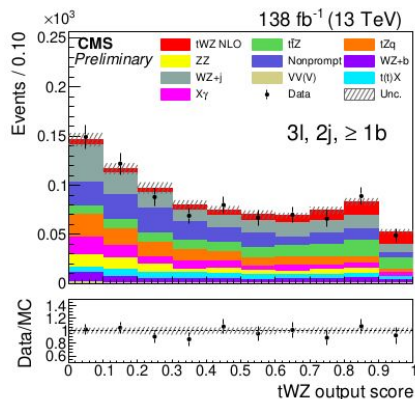
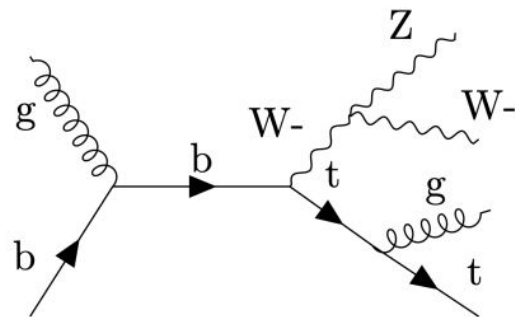
- Using 2ℓ SS, 3ℓ and 4ℓ channels with the full Run 2 dataset
- BDT used to separate signal from backgrounds (mostly $t\bar{t}+X$)
- Using profile likelihood fit: free floating signal strength, $t\bar{t}W$ and $t\bar{t}Z$ normalizations
- Fitting BDT output in signal regions. In control regions fitting N_{jets} and sum of lepton charges
- Leading systematic uncertainties:
 - $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ modelling (matrix element and parton showering)
 - DEEPIET correction factors and JES
 - Additional b-jets and jets modelling in $t\bar{t}W$
- **5.6σ significance** wrt. null hypothesis



$$\sigma(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) = 17.7^{+3.7}_{-3.5} \text{ (stat)}^{+2.3}_{-1.9} \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb} = 17.7^{+4.4}_{-4.0} \text{ fb}$$

Evidence of tWZ production at 13 TeV by CMS

- Using full Run II data [[CMS-TOP-22-008](#)]
- Targeting decays $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$, $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$, $t \rightarrow \text{anything}$ (3 or 4 leptons)
- 5 SRs: 3 low p_T : $SR_{3l,3j}$, $SR_{3l,2j}$ and SR_{4l} and 2 boosted: $SR_{had}^{Boosted}$, $SR_{lep}^{Boosted}$
- DNN used to suppress (mostly $t\bar{t}Z$) background in low- p_T SRs
- Leading systematic uncertainty: $t\bar{t}Z$ normalization
- Profile-likelihood fit of DNN output (low- p_T regions) and event yields (boosted regions)



Significance: 3.5σ

$$\sigma_{tWZ}^{\text{measured}} = 0.37 \pm 0.05 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.10 \text{ (syst)} \text{ pb}$$

Conclusions

- A lot of top-related measurements were published during the last year by both ATLAS and CMS collaborations
- The **$t\bar{t}$ production cross section** has been already measured at **13.6 TeV** by both ATLAS and CMS. Good agreement with the theory is seen
- **Multiple differential and inclusive $t\bar{t}$** cross-section measurements have been published
- Production of the **4 top-quarks** (very rare SM process) has been observed by both ATLAS and CMS
- Multiple measurements of the top quark produced with other particles (**top +X**, X=vector boson or $b\bar{b}$ pair) have been performed.
- Multiple measurements of the **top-quark mass** have been presented
- **Single-top** production was observed at **5.02 TeV**
- **Quantum entanglement** in $t\bar{t}$ production was observed at 13 TeV

Back-up slides

Top quark related measurements in the last year

Title	Link	Collab.
First measurement of the top quark pair production cross section in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV	HEP 08 (2023) 204	CMS
Measurement of the top quark mass using a profile likelihood approach with the lepton+jets final states in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV	2302.01967v1	CMS
Measurement of the differential tt production cross section as a function of the jet mass and extraction of the top quark mass in hadronic decays of boosted top quarks	Eur. Phys. J. C 83 (2023) 560	CMS
Inclusive and differential cross section measurements of ttbb production in the lepton+jets channel at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the CMS detector	2309.14442	CMS
Evidence for tWZ production in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV in multilepton final states	CMS-TOP-22-008	CMS
Observation of four top quark production in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV	2305.13439v1	CMS

Top quark related measurements in the last year

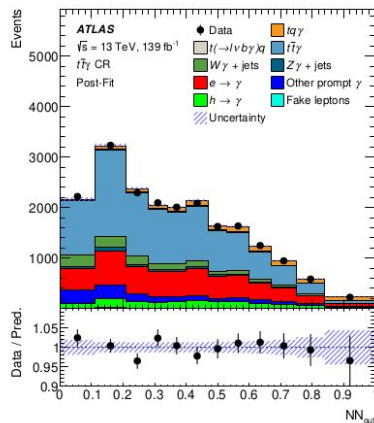
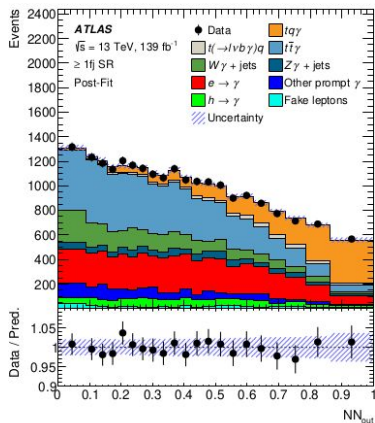
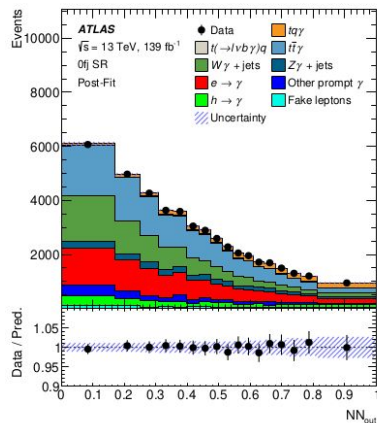
Title	Link	Collab.
Observation of four-top-quark production in the multilepton final state with the ATLAS detector	EPJC 83 (2023) 496	ATLAS
Measurement of the inclusive $t\bar{t}$ production cross section in the lepton+jets channel in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV with the ATLAS detector using support vector machines	Phys. Rev. D 108 (2023) 032014	ATLAS
Measurement of the charge asymmetry in top-quark pair production in association with a photon with the ATLAS experiment	Phys. Lett. B 843 (2023) 137848	ATLAS
Observation of single-top-quark production in association with a photon using the ATLAS detector	2302.01283v1	ATLAS
Inclusive and differential cross-sections for dilepton $t\bar{t}$ production measured in $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV pp collisions with the ATLAS detector	JHEP07(2023)141	ATLAS
Measurement of the $t\bar{t}$ cross section and its ratio to the Z production cross section using pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV with the ATLAS detector	2308.09529v1	ATLAS
Measurement of the total and differential cross-sections of $t\bar{t}W$ production in pp collisions at 13 TeV with the ATLAS detector	ATLAS-CONF-2023-019	ATLAS
Search for leptonic charge asymmetry in $t\bar{t}W$ production in final states with three leptons at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV	JHEP 07 (2023) 033	ATLAS
Measurement of jet substructure in boosted $t\bar{t}$ events with the ATLAS detector using 140 fb^{-1} of 13 TeV pp collisions	ATLAS-CONF-2023-027	ATLAS
Measurement of t-channel single-top-quark production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=5.02$ TeV with the ATLAS detector	2310.01518	ATLAS

Another very recent (last month) top-quark related results

Title	Link	Collab.
Combination of measurements of the top quark mass from data collected by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ and 8 TeV	ATLAS-CONF-2023-066	ATLAS+CMS
Observation of quantum entanglement in top-quark pair production using pp collisions of $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector	ATLAS-CONF-2023-069	ATLAS
Measurement of differential cross sections in $t\bar{t}$ and $t\bar{t}$ +jets production in the lepton+jets decay mode in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV using 140 fb^{-1} of ATLAS data	ATLAS-CONF-2023-068	ATLAS
Observation of $t\bar{t}$ production in lepton+jets and dilepton channels in p+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s} \text{ NN} = 8.16$ TeV with the ATLAS detector	ATLAS-CONF-2023-063	ATLAS
Inclusive and differential cross section measurements of $t\bar{t}Z$ production in pp $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector, including EFT and spin correlations	ATLAS-CONF-2023-065	ATLAS

Observation of $t\bar{t}\gamma$ by ATLAS

- Published by ATLAS with full Run II data [[2302.01283v1](#)]
- Only radiative photon production considered as the signal
- Leading backgrounds: $t\bar{t}\gamma$ and $W\gamma$
- Two NNs trained (one in $=0$ fj SR, one in ≥ 1 fj SR) to separate signal from background
- NN output used in profile-likelihood fit, with free floating $t\bar{t}\gamma$ and $W\gamma$ normalizations



Selection (SR):

- Exactly one lepton
 - Exactly one tight b-jet, no additional loose b-jet
 - At least one photon
 - $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30$ GeV
- 2 signal regions:
- No forward jet (fj)
 - ≥ 1 forward jet

$t\bar{t}\gamma$ control region:

- Additional b-jet

$W\gamma$ control region:

- Similar to SR, but different b-tagging requirements

9.3 σ significance

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}^{\text{measured}} = 688 \pm 23 \text{ (stat)} \pm_{-71}^{+75} \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}^{\text{theory, NLO}} = 515 \pm_{-42}^{+36} \text{ fb}$$

Charge asymmetry in $t\bar{t}\gamma$ at 13 TeV

- Published by ATLAS with full Run II data [[Phys. Lett. B 843 \(2023\) 137848](#)]
- Larger qq/gg fraction compared to $t\bar{t}$ -> higher asymmetry
- Due to QED ISR and FSR interference, top-quarks are produced more likely in the original anti-quark direction resulting in:
 - Forward-backward asymmetry in $p\bar{p}$ collisions
 - Central-forward asymmetry in pp collisions

$$A_C = \frac{N(|y_t| > |y_{\bar{t}}|) - N(|y_t| < |y_{\bar{t}}|)}{N(|y_t| > |y_{\bar{t}}|) + N(|y_t| < |y_{\bar{t}}|)}$$

- Asymmetry measured via profile-likelihood unfolding, 2 bins at truth-level
- NN trained to identify $t\bar{t}\gamma$ signal - 2 regions defined: $O_{NN} > 0.6$ and $O_{NN} < 0.6$
- Only radiative photon production considered as signal
- Leading backgrounds: radiative $t\bar{t}$ decay, photon fakes

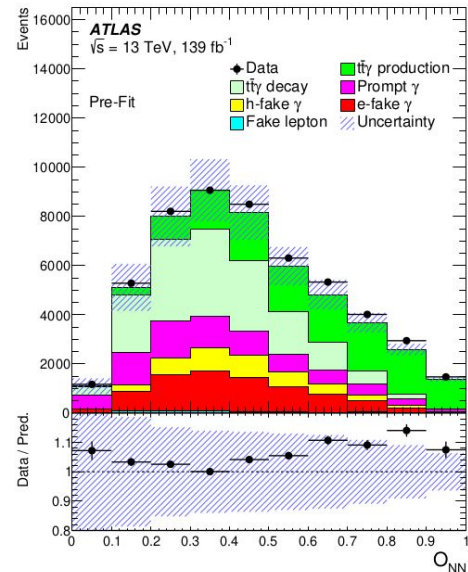
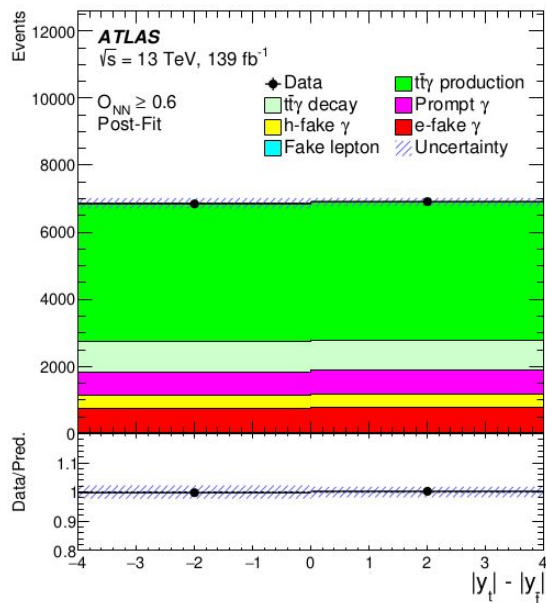
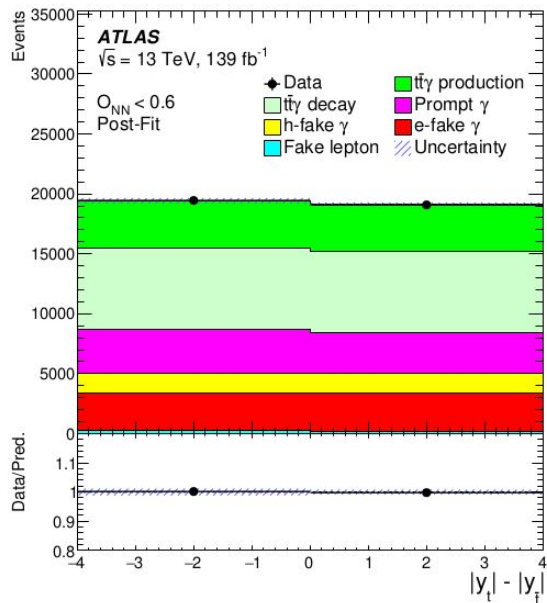
Selection:

- Exactly one lepton
- Exactly one photon
- At least 4 jets, at least one of them b-tagged
- $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$
- $|M_{\ell\gamma} - M_Z| > 5 \text{ GeV}$ (for electrons)

Fiducial:

- Exactly one lepton
- Exactly one prompt photon
- At least 4 jets, at least one of them b-jet

Charge asymmetry in $t\bar{t}\gamma$ at 13 TeV



$$A_c^{\text{NLO MC MG5 aMC@NLO+Pythia}} = -0.014 \pm 0.001$$

$$A_C^{\text{measured}} = -0.003 \pm 0.024 (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.017 (\text{syst}) = -0.003 \pm 0.029$$

Leading uncertainties:

- Background modelling
- Jet reconstruction
- Fake-lepton estimate
- E_T^{miss}