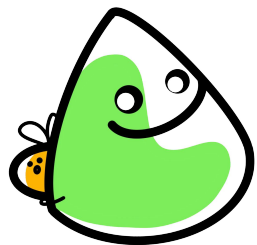




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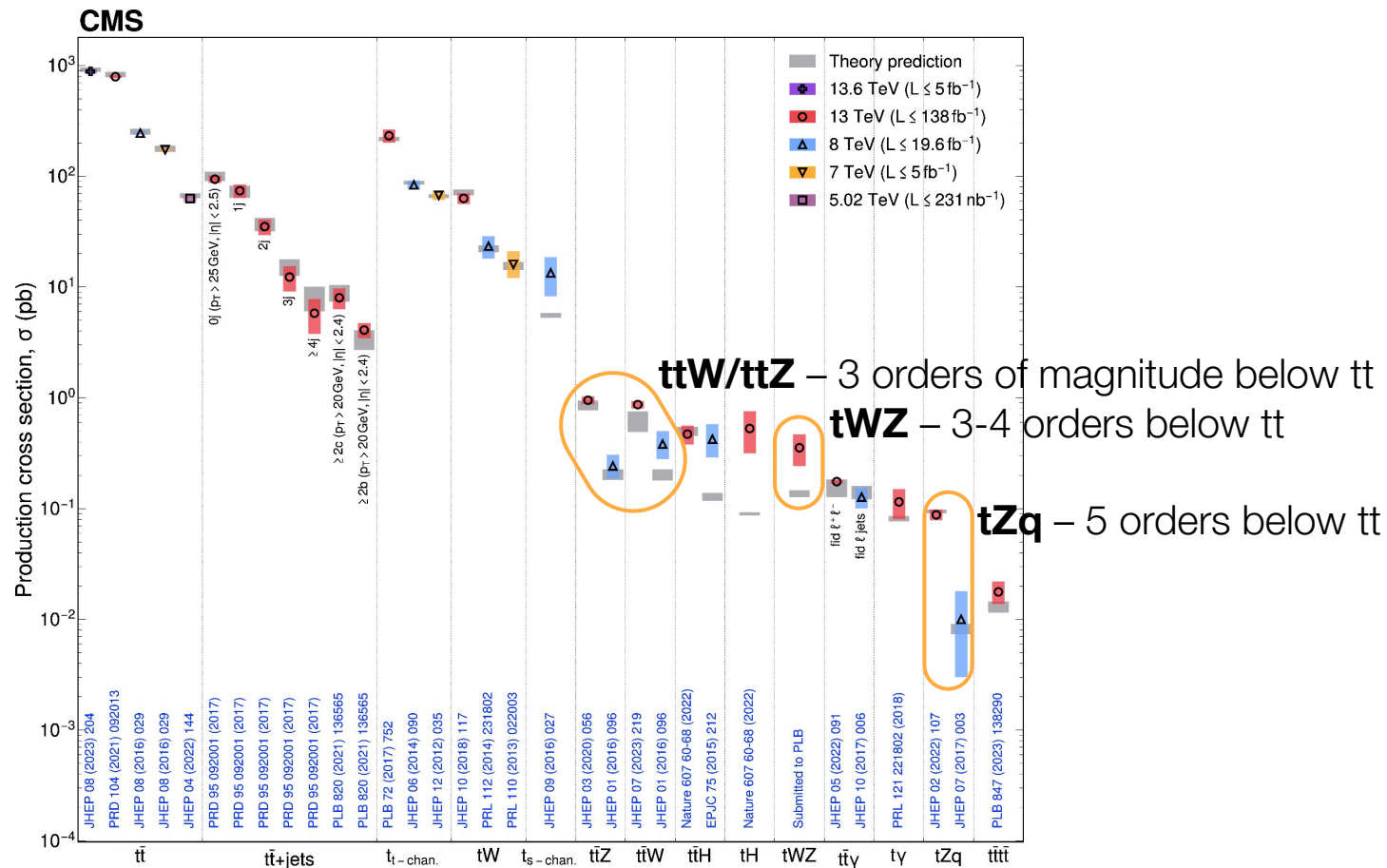
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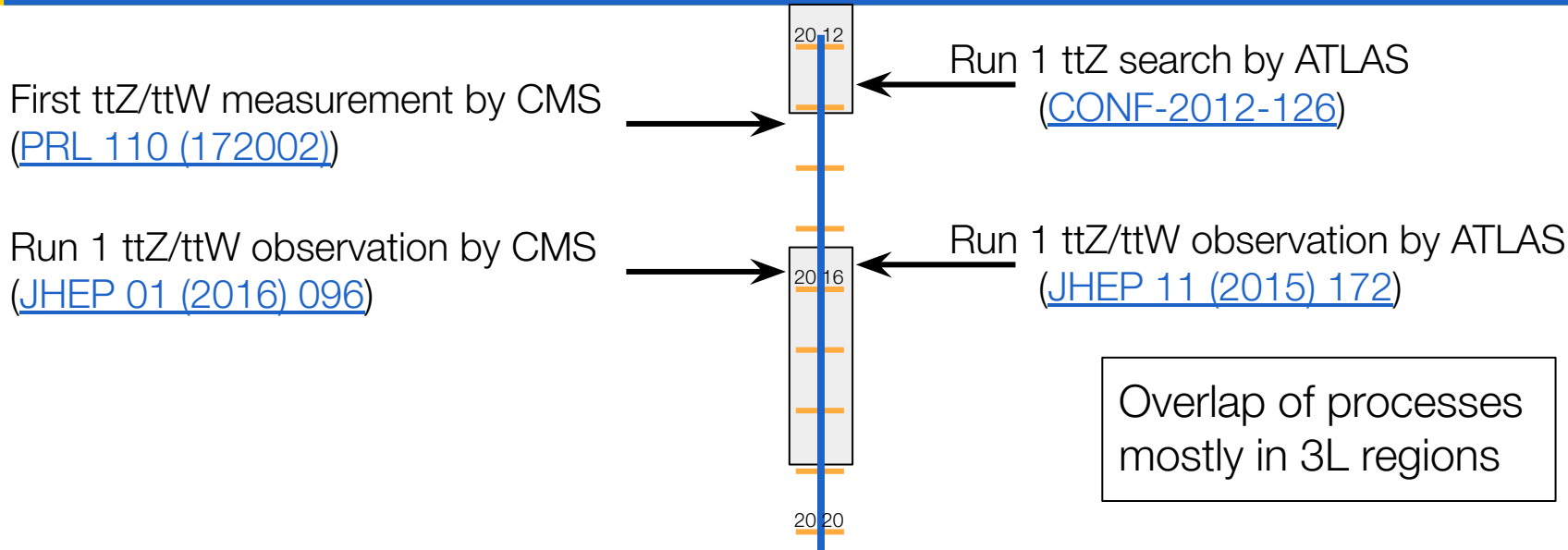
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# Historical analysis of $t+V$ measurements



**What did we achieve since the first  $t+V$  measurements in Run 1?**

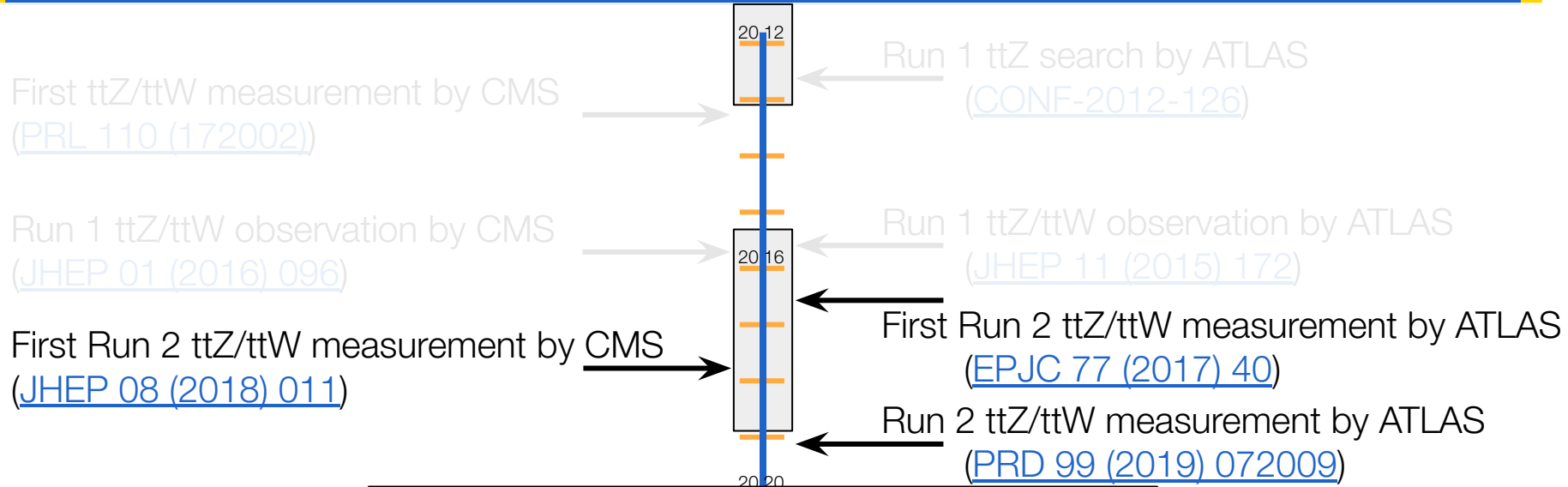
# Historical analysis of ttZ/ttW measurements



**Run 1 ttZ/ttW measurement precision**  
 23% / 30% ttZ  
 27% / 25% ttW

**ttW/ttZ analyses performed together**



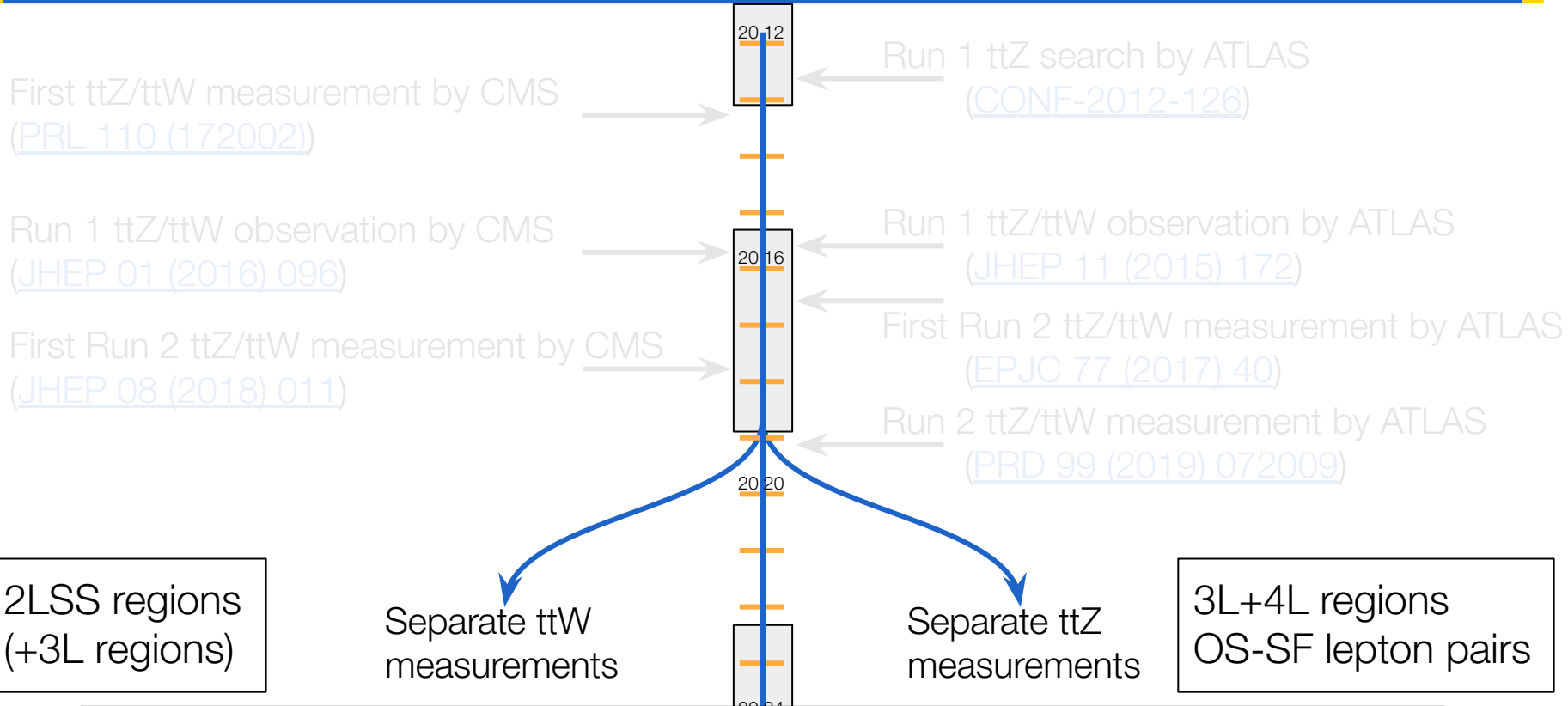


## 2016 ttZ/ttW measurement precision

12% / 13% ttZ  
14% / 22% ttW

Both measured cross sections tend to higher values than NLO predictions

# Historical analysis of ttZ/ttW measurements



**ttZ**



2012

**First differential  $ttZ$  measurements**  
8% CMS / 10% ATLAS  
  
Measurements ~10% higher than predictions

First  $ttZ/ttW$  meas  
([PRL 110 \(172002\)](#))

Run 1  $ttZ/ttW$  obs  
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2020

← First Run 2  $ttZ/ttW$  measurement by ATLAS  
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← Run 2  $ttZ/ttW$  measurement by ATLAS  
([PRD 99 \(2019\) 072009](#))

←  $ttZ$  differential measurement by ATLAS  
([EPJC 81 \(2021\) 737](#))

2024

2012

**Latest ttZ measurement precision**  
6% CMS (ttZ+tWZ) / 6% ATLAS

Compared to  
NLO QCD+EW (12% unc.)  
+NNLL corrections (10% unc.)

CMS measurement ~10% higher than predictions

[EPJC 79 \(2019\) 3](#)

First ttZ/ttW measurement by ATLAS  
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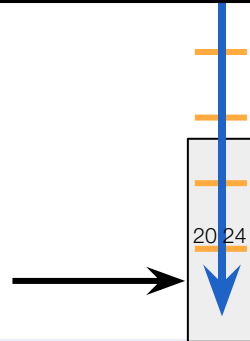
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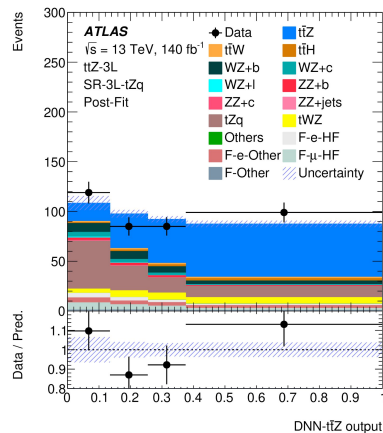
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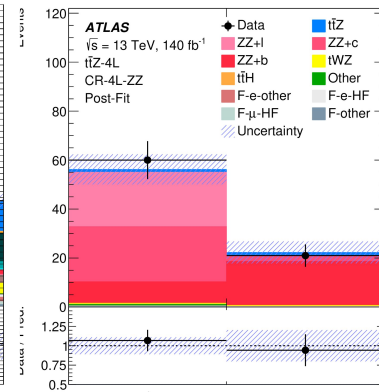
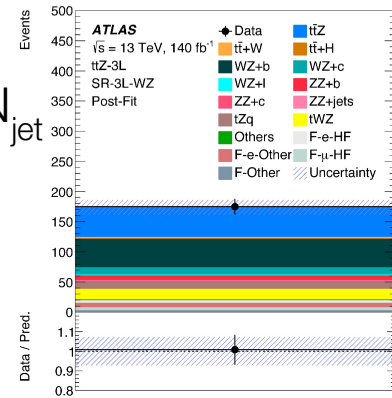


**Latest ATLAS measurements:** ~same dataset but improved precision (10% → 6%)

- **Dedicated tZq control region!**  
→ better bkg. control and estimation



- **Improved control of ZZ/WZ backgrounds**  
→ Unreliable prediction by simulation at high  $N_{jet}$   
→  $VV + b/c/light$  split, tagging bins

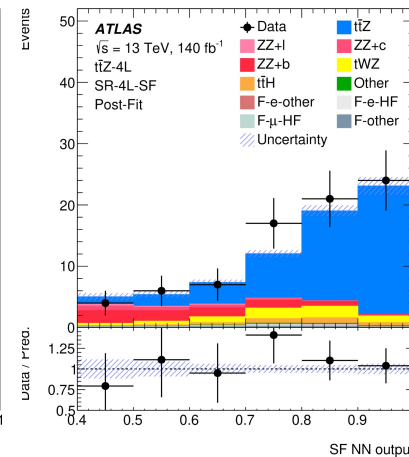
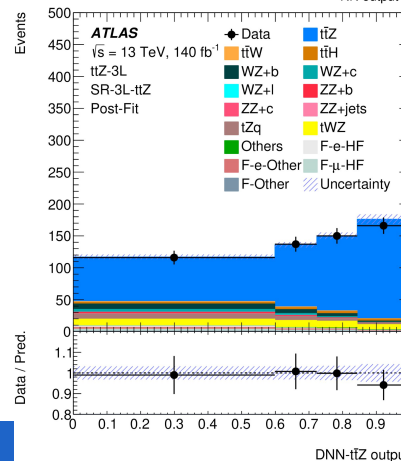
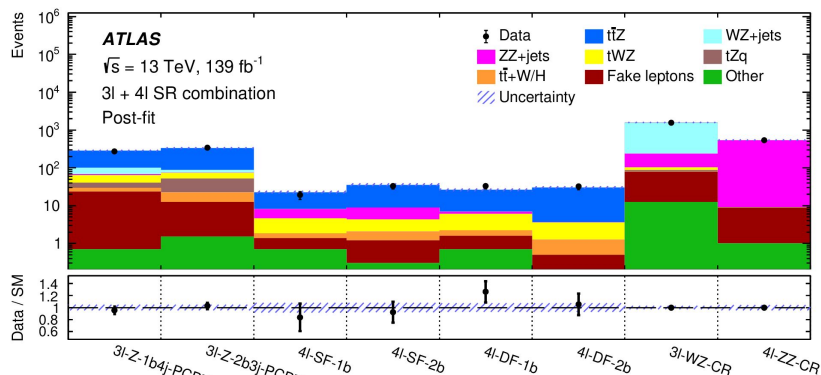
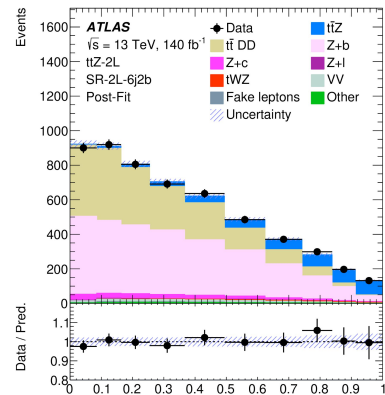


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- **Inclusion of 2L SR** (13% precision alone)  
→ Difficult prompt backgrounds

- **From fitting yields to DNN distributions**

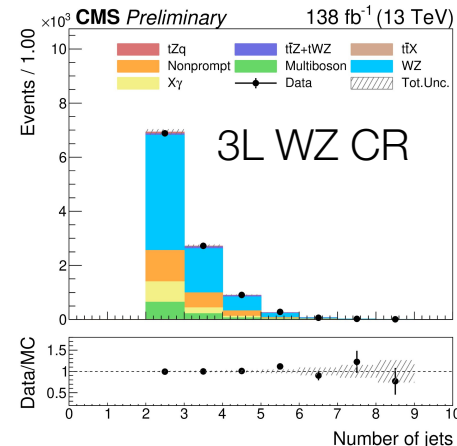
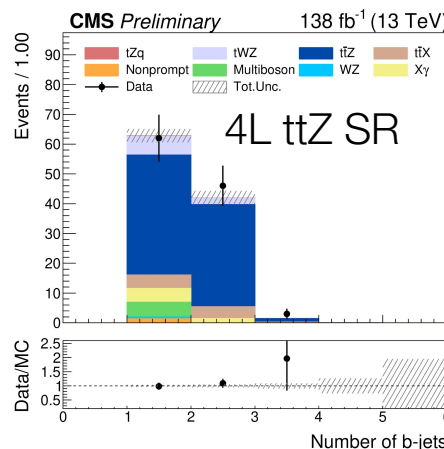
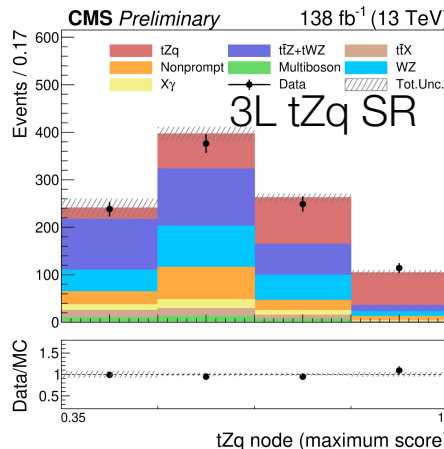
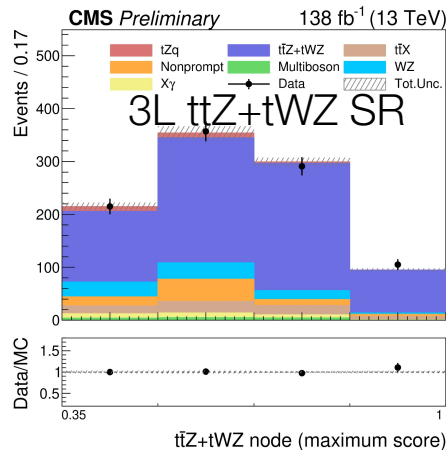
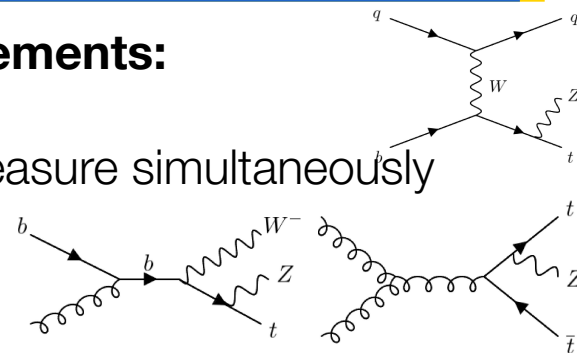


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# What improved in ttZ?

## CMS approach – simultaneous measurements:

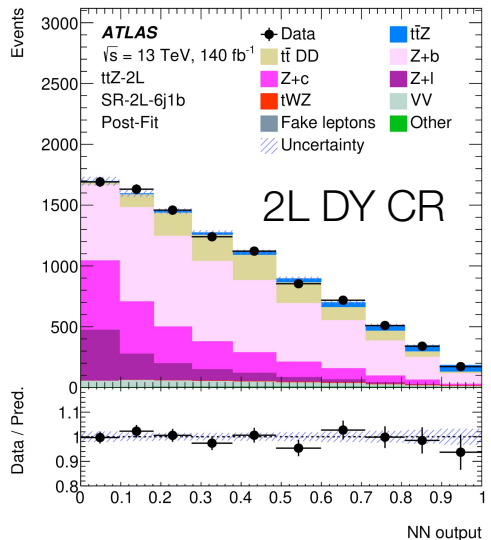
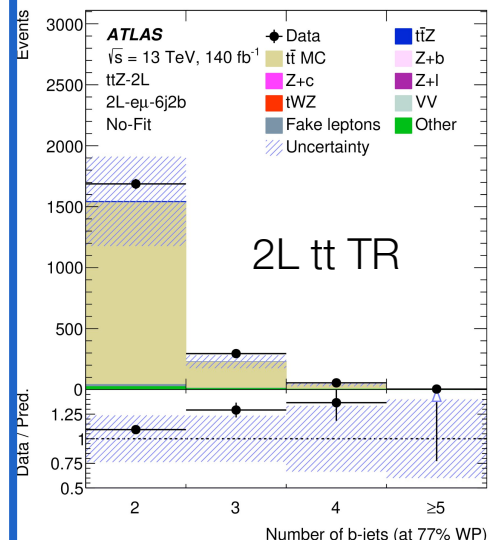
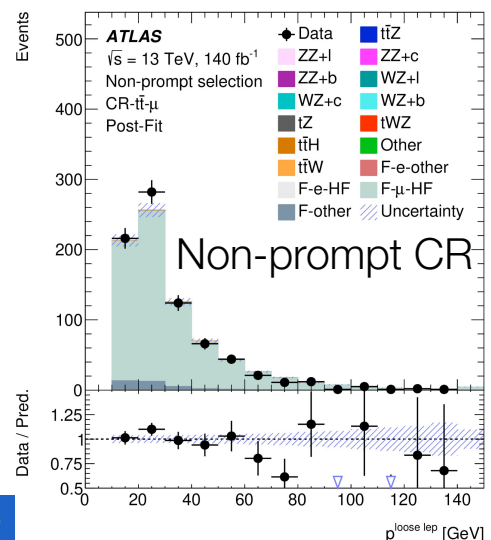
- In 3L: tWZ, tZq backgrounds large impact on results → Measure simultaneously
- DNN in 3L signal region → distinguish processes
  - + 4L region for more ttZ, binned in  $N_b$
  - + 3L0b control region for WZ, binned in jet multiplicity





## Common challenges:

- **Non-prompt background:** fake leptons from  $t\bar{t}$  and  $DY$ +jets events
  - Difficult to estimate well from simulation → **data-driven estimations**
- **2L prompt background from  $t\bar{t}$  and  $DY$ +jets** → also data-driven
  - Description of  $t\bar{t}$  and  $DY$  at high  $N_{jet}$  bad → do not want to rely on it
  - $t\bar{t}$ :  $e\mu$  transfer region;  $DY$ : free-floating parameter for  $Z+b/c/light$



## CMS combined results

$$\sigma(t\bar{t}Z + tWZ) = 1.14 \pm 0.05 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.04 \text{ (syst)} \text{ pb,}$$

$$\sigma(tZq) = 0.81 \pm 0.07 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.06 \text{ (syst)} \text{ pb.}$$

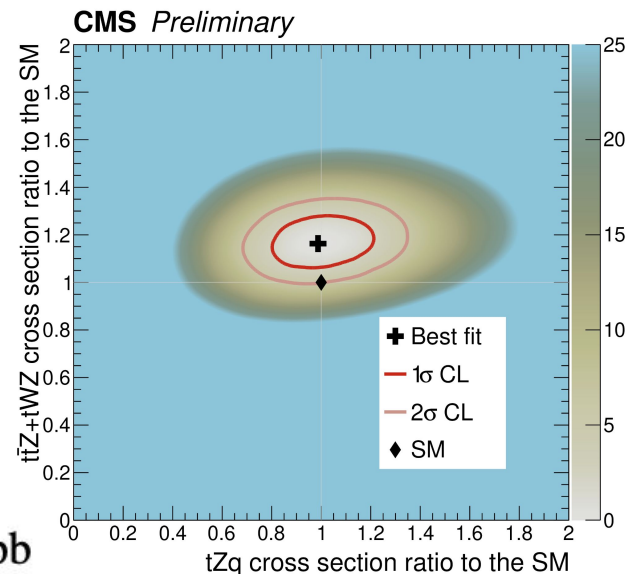
Impact of fitting one process without the other

- tZq, tWZ fixed + norm. unc.:  $ttZ = 0.99 \pm 0.07 \text{ pb}$
- tZq fixed, ttZ fixed + norm. unc.:  $tWZ = 0.39 \pm 0.16 \text{ pb}$
- tZq fixed + norm. unc.:  $ttZ+tWZ = 0.88 \pm 0.16 \text{ pb}$

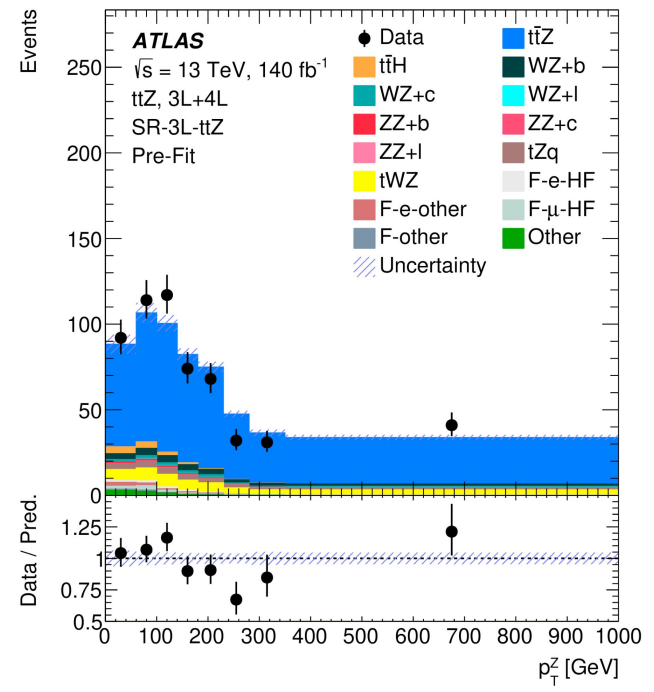
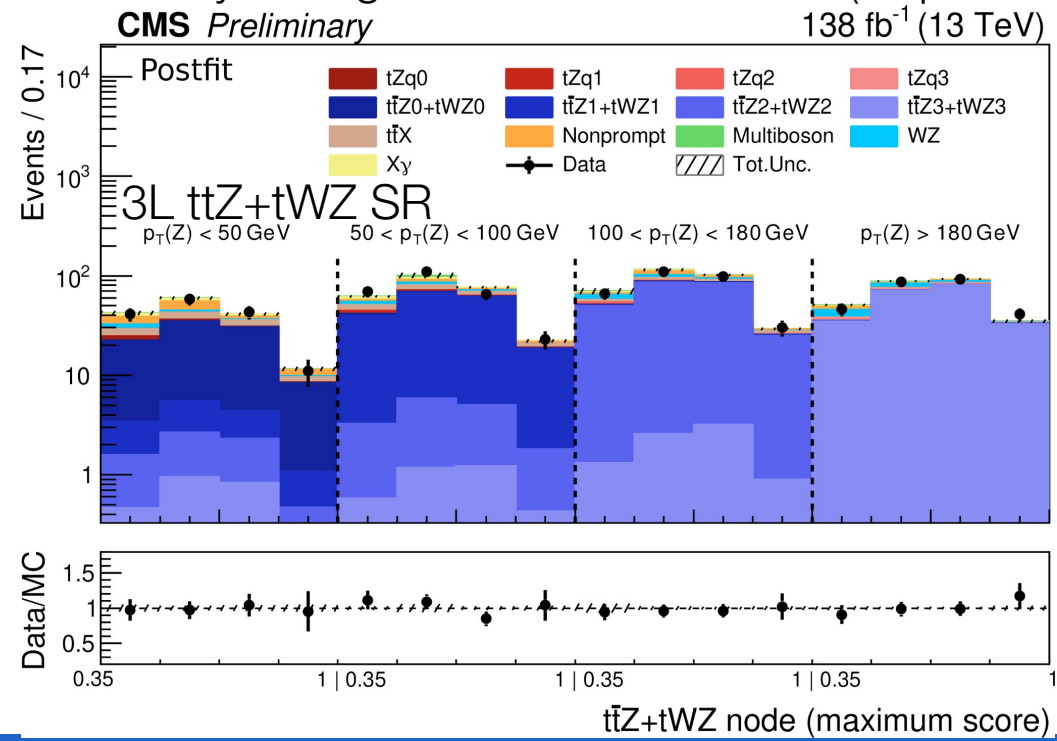
**ATLAS result**  $0.86 \pm 0.05 \text{ pb} = 0.86 \pm 0.04 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.04 \text{ (syst.)} \text{ pb}$

## Major limitations

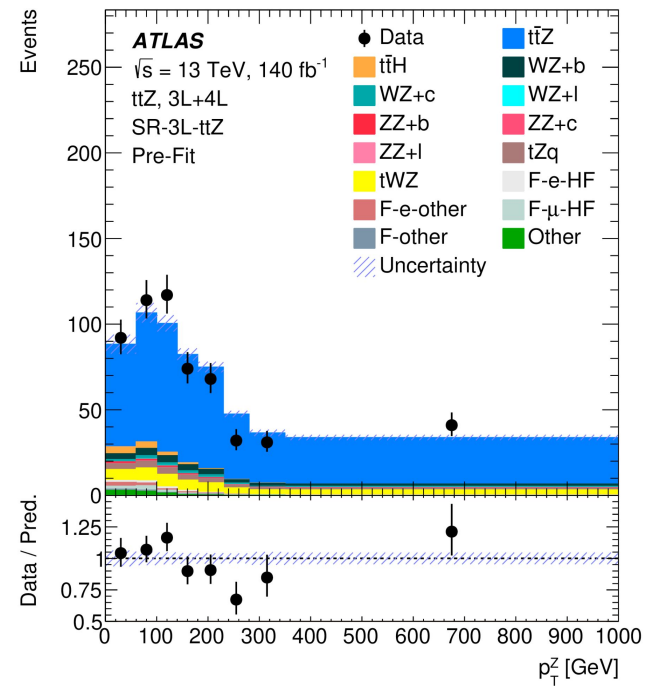
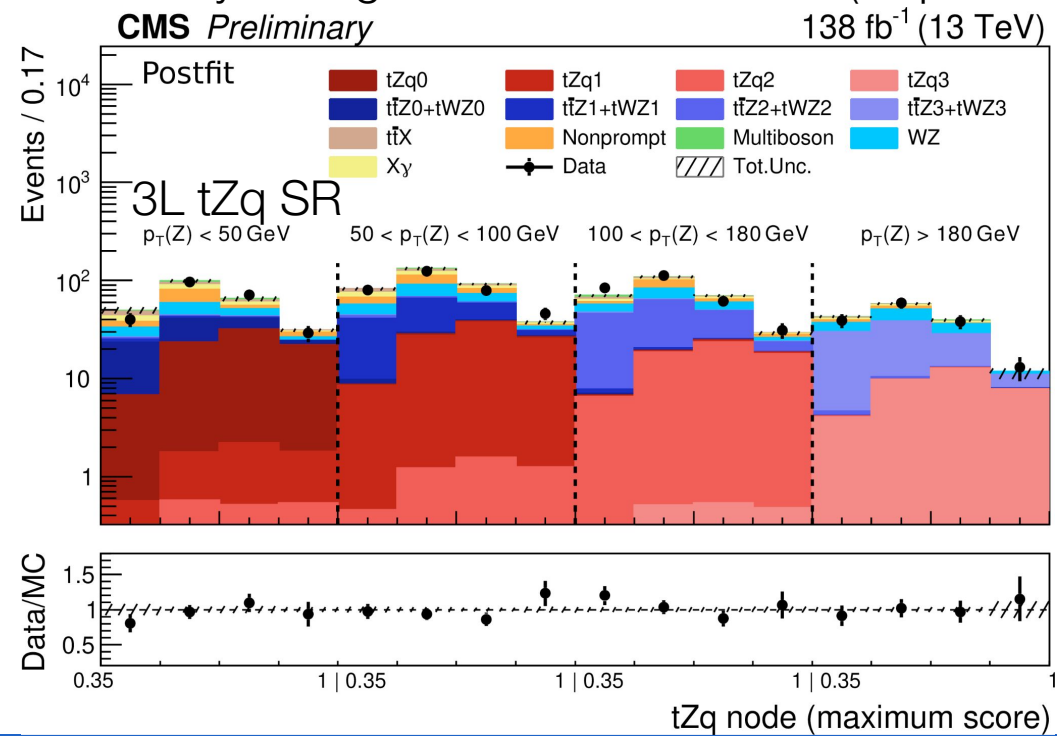
- Data statistics, luminosity
- Background normalizations+modeling, signal modeling
- Calibrations of jets, b-tagging, leptons



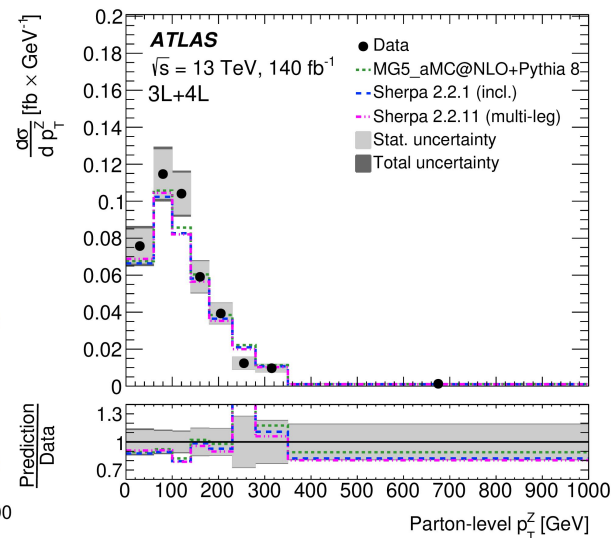
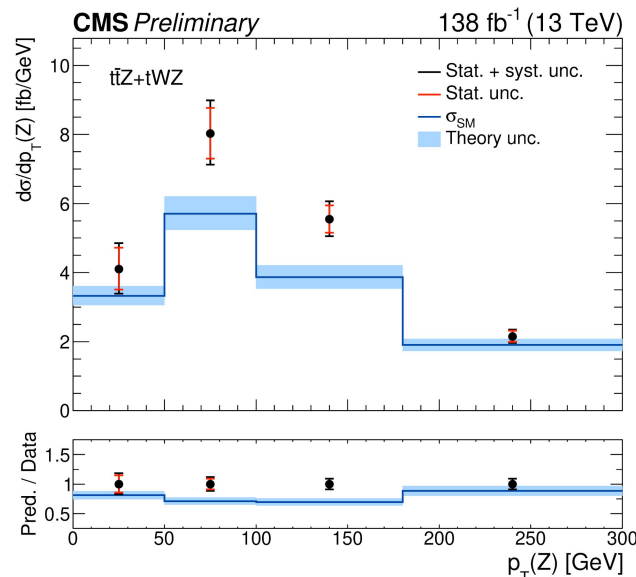
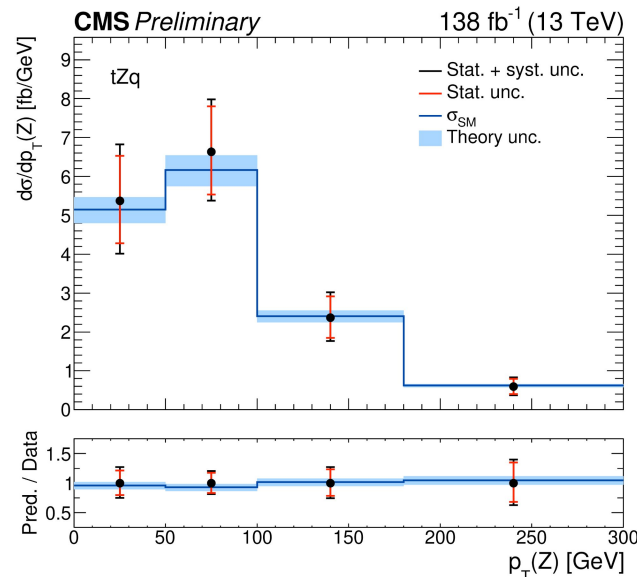
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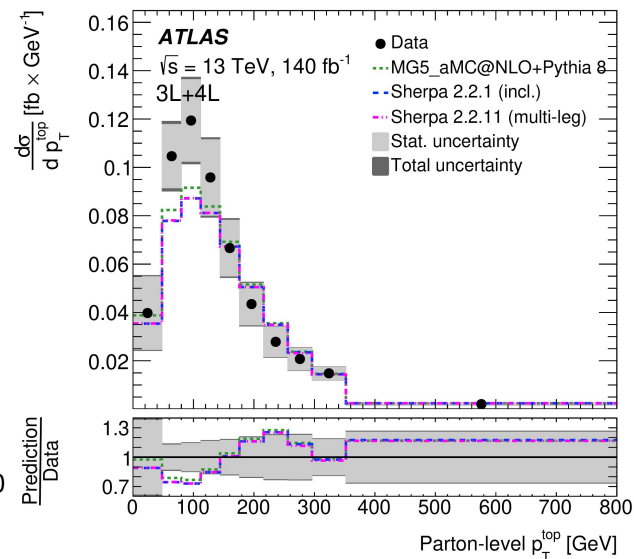
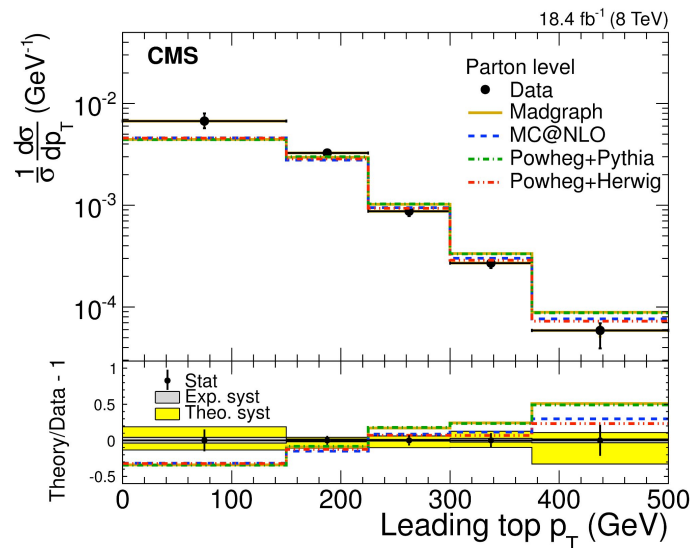
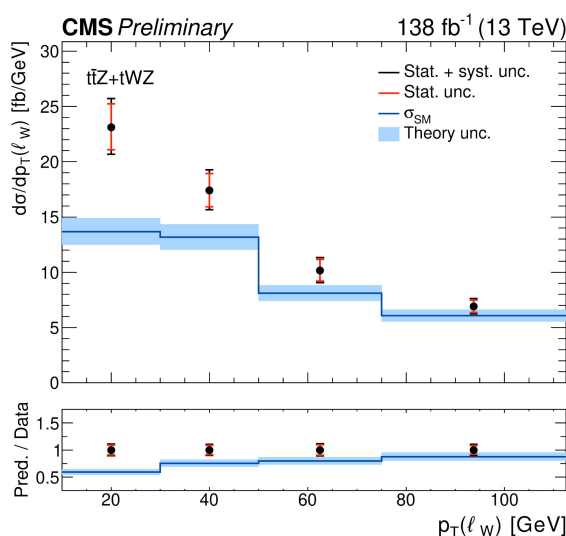
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    - Simultaneous  $t\bar{t}Z$  and  $tZq$  differential cross section extraction
      - fewer  $t\bar{t}Z$  bins limited by  $tZq$  binning, larger uncertainties



- First measurement of  $tt$  system in  $ttZ \rightarrow$  also observing **trends in  $p_T$  of top quarks?**
  - Uses  $\sim 550$  signal events in ATLAS measurement
  - Compare to first indication of  $tt$  differential  $p_T$  trends ( $\sim 3500$   $tt$  events)



Indirect access to  $p_T(\text{top})$  via  $p_T(\text{lep}_W)$

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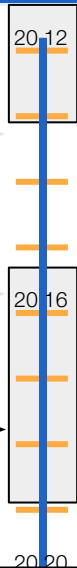
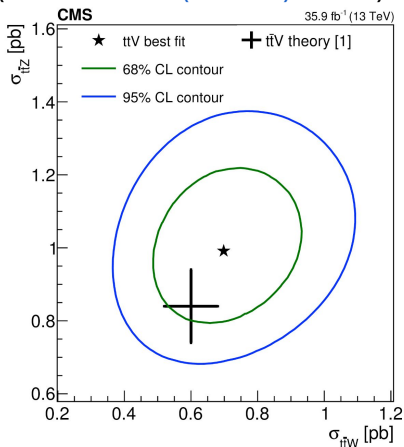


# Historical analysis of ttZ/ttW measurements

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Run 1 ttZ search by ATLAS  
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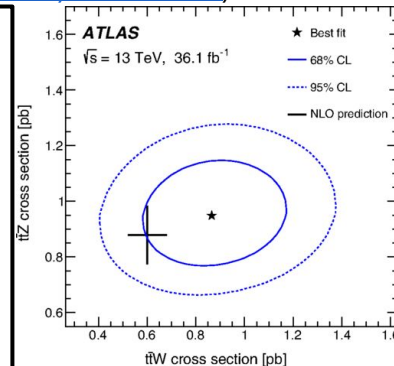
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# Historical analysis of $ttW$ measurements

2012

**$ttW$  measurement precision**  
8% CMS / 9% ATLAS

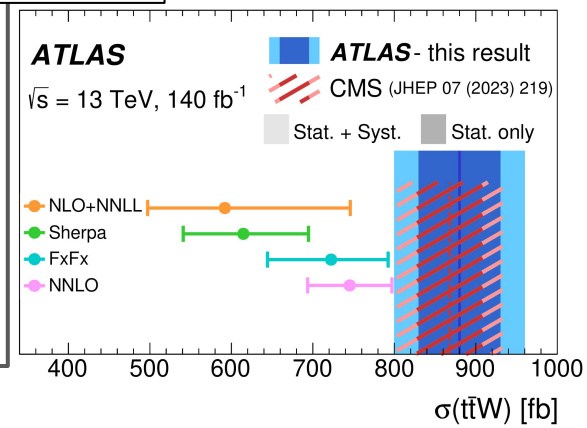
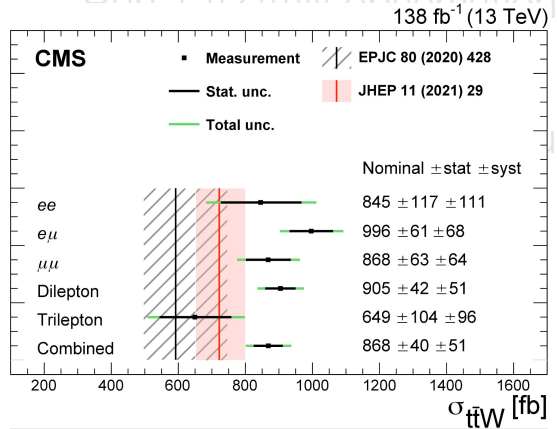
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Compared to  
NNLO QCD (7% unc.)  
NNLO QCD + NLO EW (7% unc.)

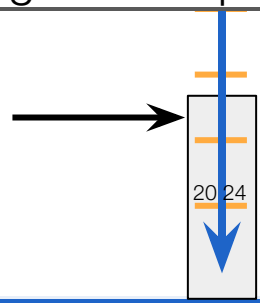
ATLAS / CMS  
measurements ~17/18%  
higher than predictions

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First  $ttW$  observation



$ttW$  measurement by CMS  
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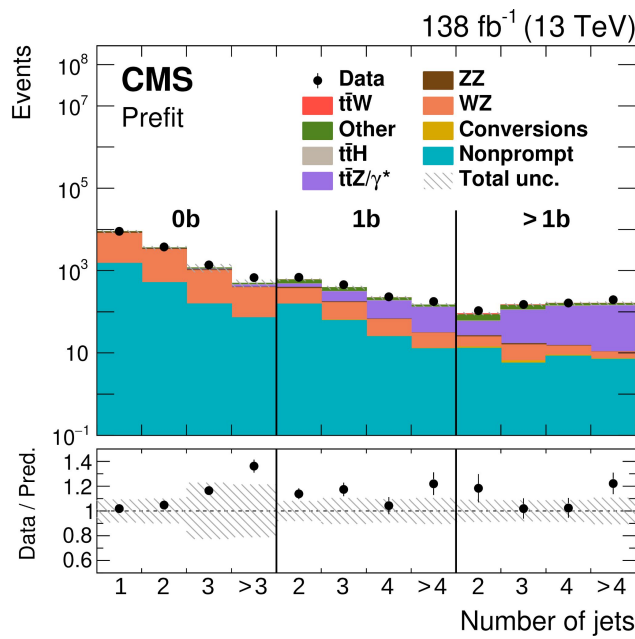
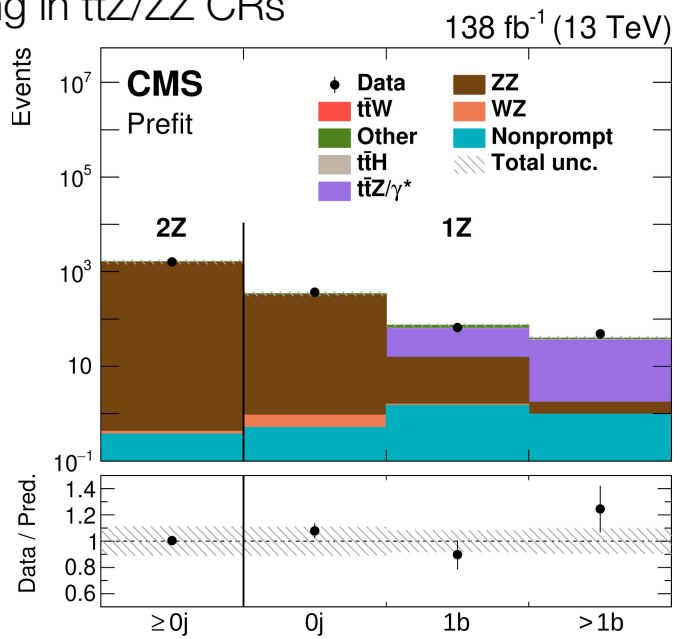
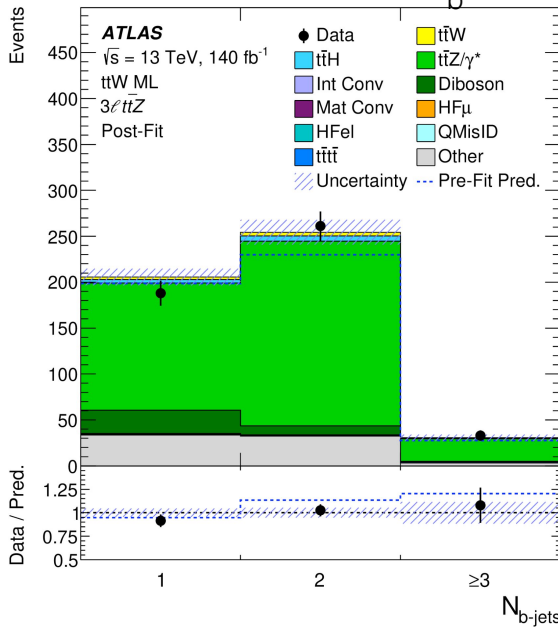


$ttW$  differential measurement by ATLAS  
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## Complicated backgrounds

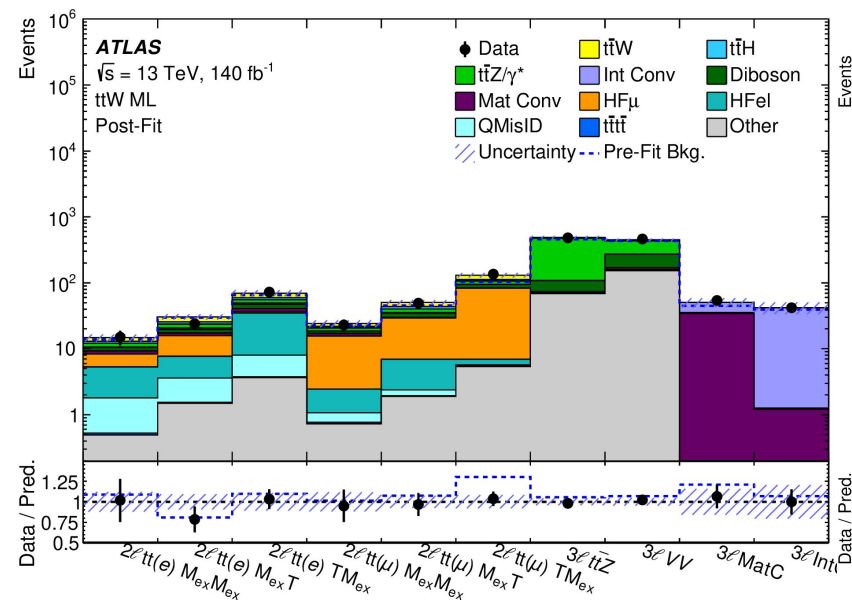
- $ttZ$  /  $ttH$  / diboson  
 →  $N_b$  /  $N_{jet}$  bins in CRs

$N_b$  binning in  $ttZ/ZZ$  CRs

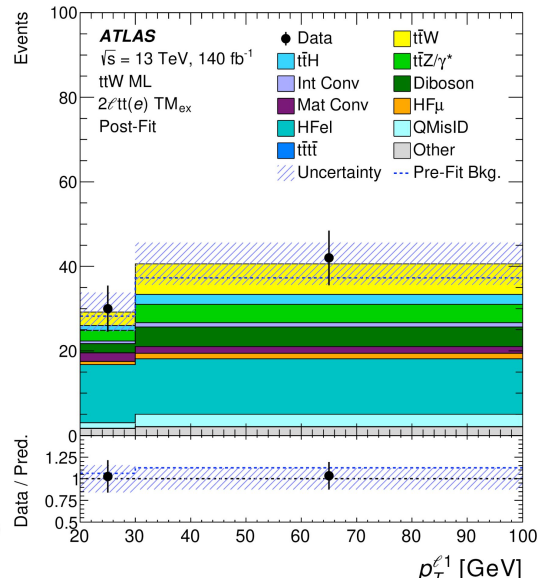
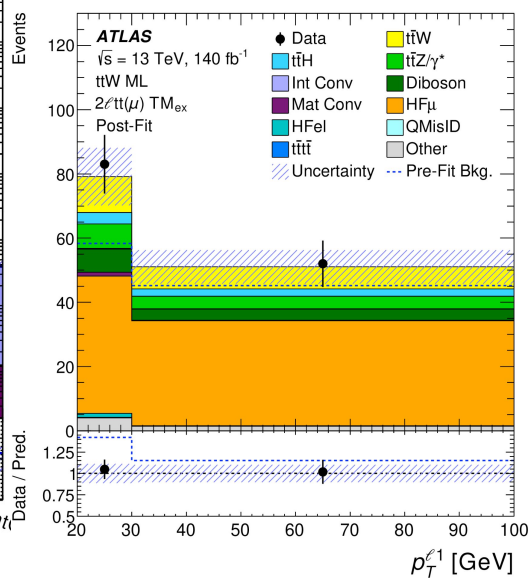


## Complicated backgrounds

- Non-prompt: fake leptons, photon conversions, etc
- Many control regions, data-driven corrections
- Most normalizations determined in situ



## Non-prompt lepton $p_T$



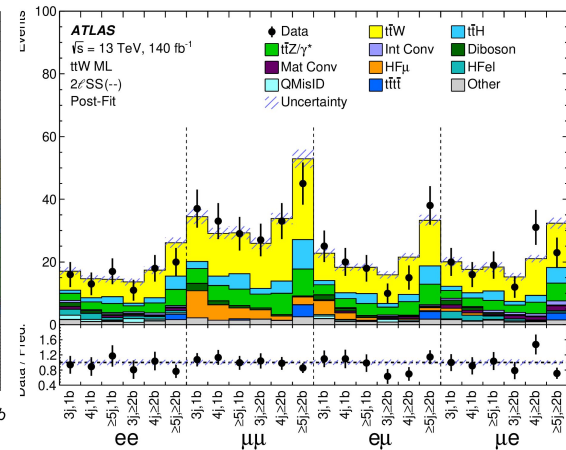
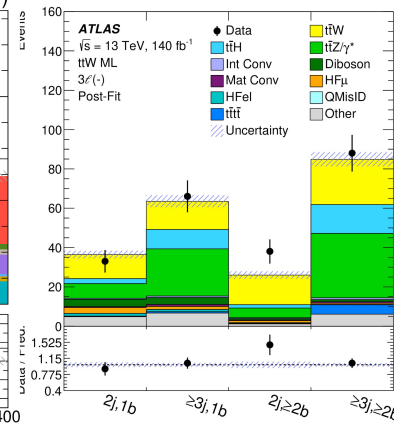
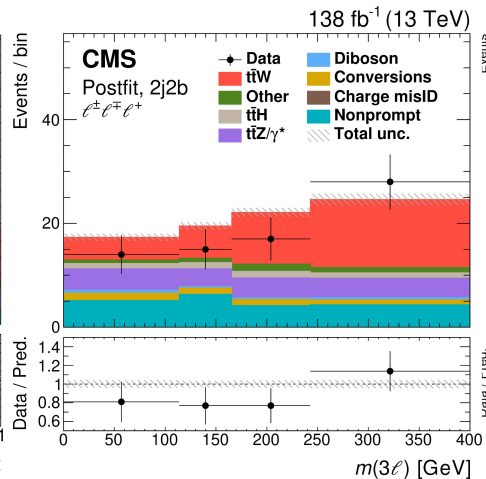
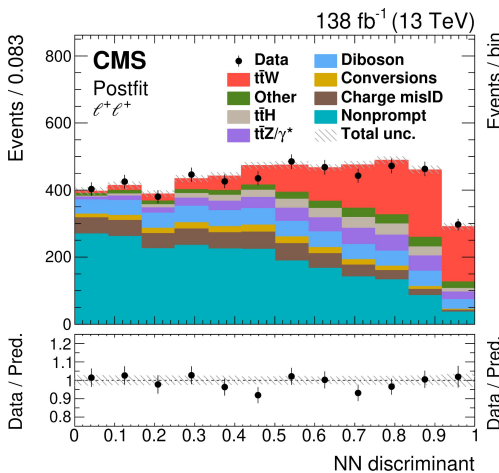
## CMS:

- Neural network in 2L SR, split by lepton charges
- $m(3L)$  in 3L, split by lepton charges and  $N_{jet}$

## ATLAS:

- $N_{jet}$ ,  $N_{bjet}$ , lepton charge bins in 2L and 3L
- Additional Lepton flavor bins in 2L

First individual ttW measurements  
 → Newly established measurement strategies



## CMS result

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}W} = 868 \pm 40 \text{ (stat)} \pm 51 \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb}$$

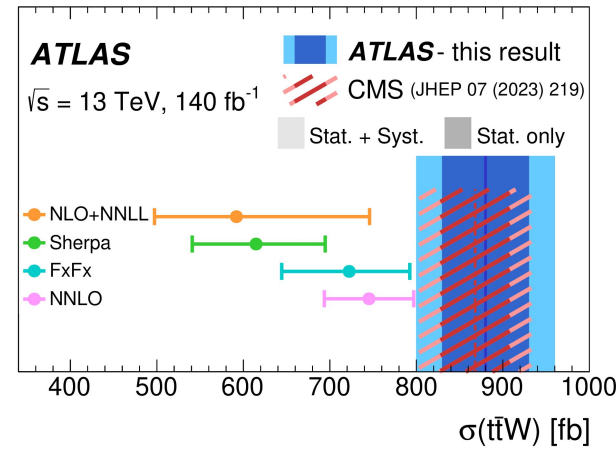
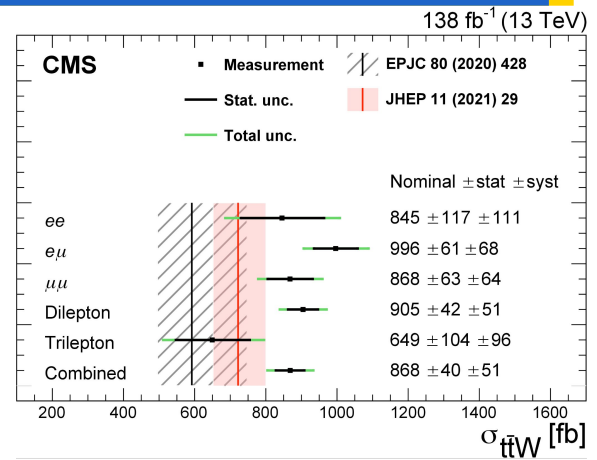
## ATLAS result

$$\sigma(t\bar{t}W) = 880 \pm 50 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 70 \text{ (syst.)} = 880 \pm 80 \text{ fb.}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}}(t\bar{t}W) = 20.9 \pm 1.1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.9 \text{ (syst.)} = 20.9 \pm 2.2 \text{ fb.}$$

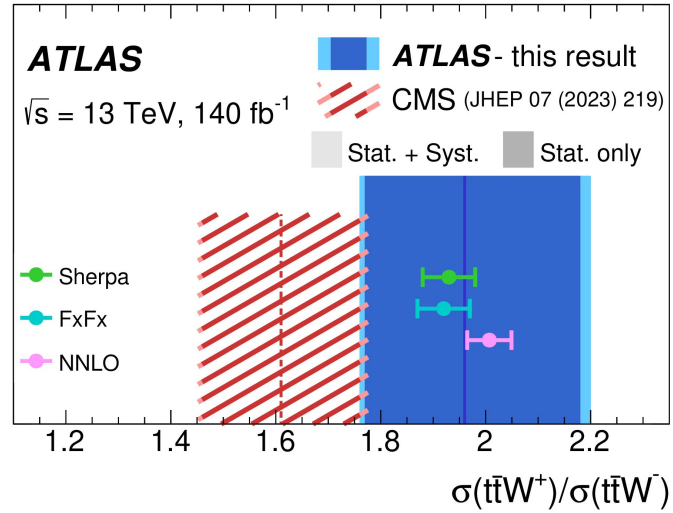
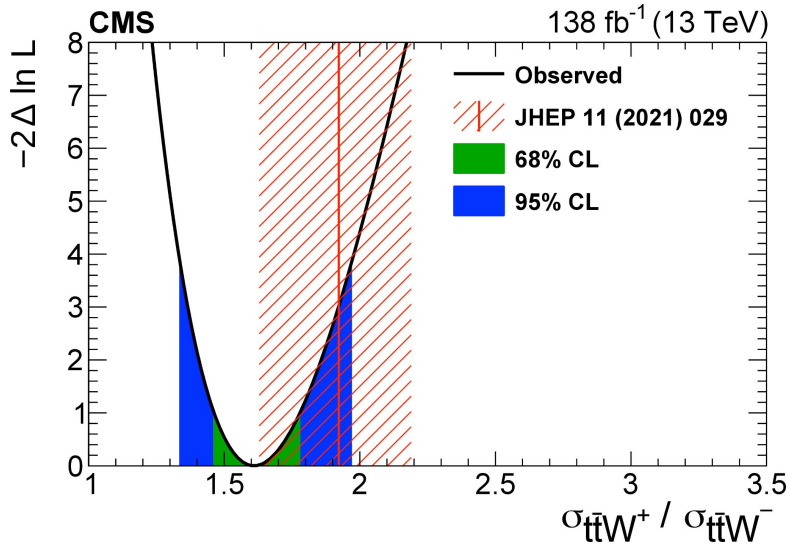
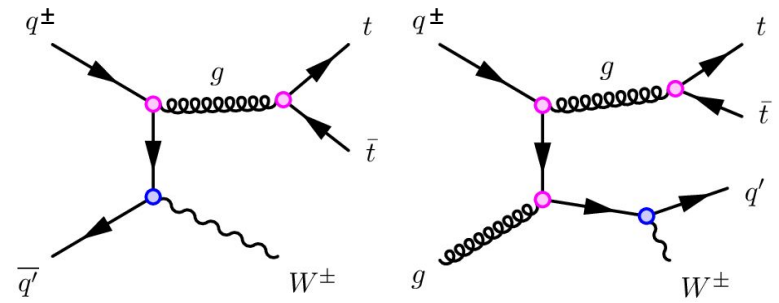
## Major limitations

- $t\bar{t}W$  modeling, background normalization+modeling
- Calibrations of leptons, (b-tagging, jets)



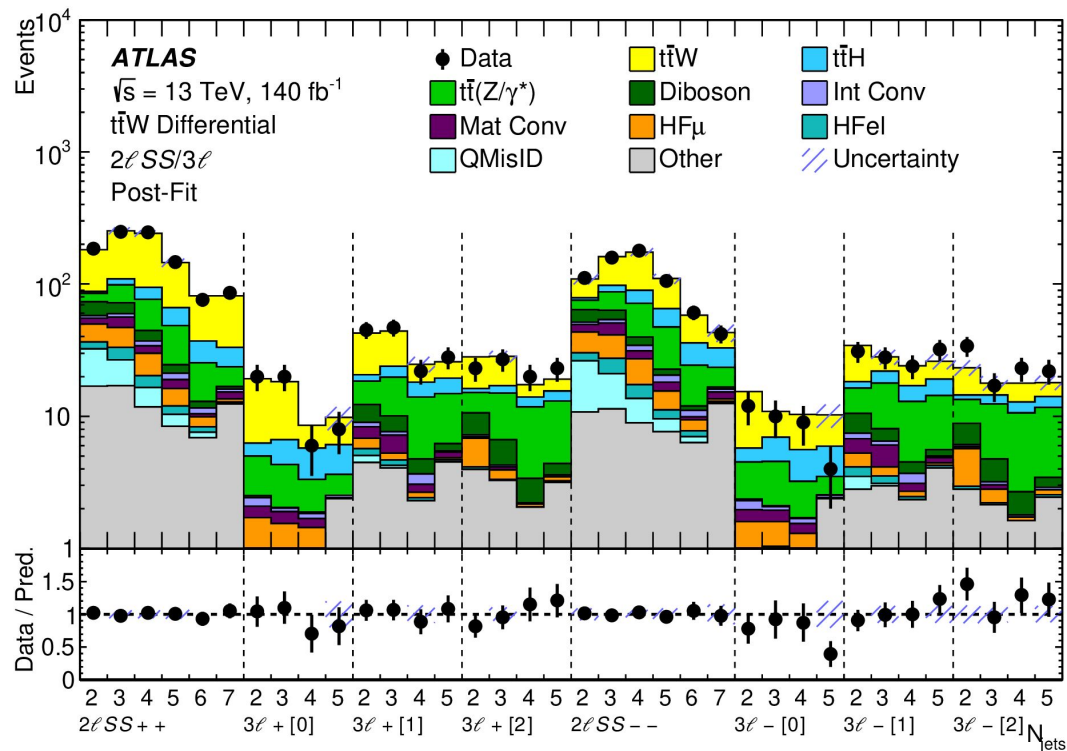
- Process has strong charge asymmetry → probes different valence quarks in pdf
- SM prediction:  $R = \sigma_{ttW^+} / \sigma_{ttW^-} \sim 2$

- Reparameterization of inclusive fit strategies
- CMS:  $R \sim 1.6$  (rather low)
- ATLAS:  $R \sim 1.96$  (good agreement)



# Differential cross section results (ATLAS)

- Simultaneous differential measurement in 2LSS and 3L regions
  - Distributions binned in observable, lepton charges, number OS-SF pairs in 3L

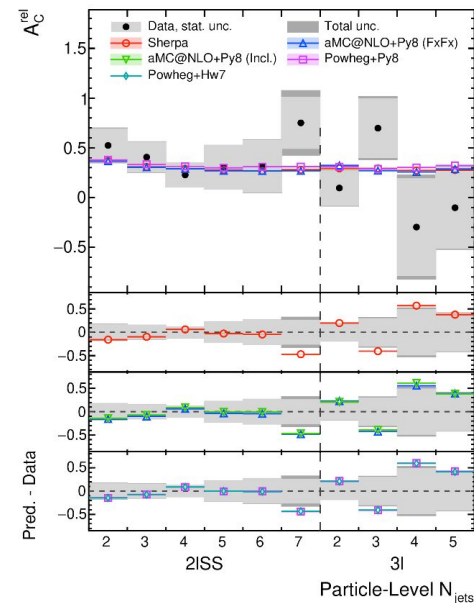
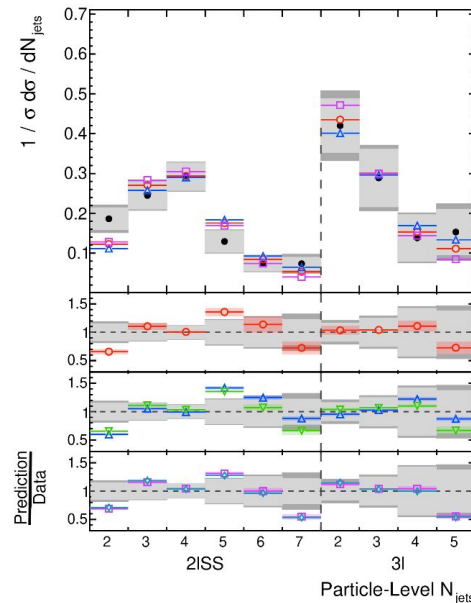
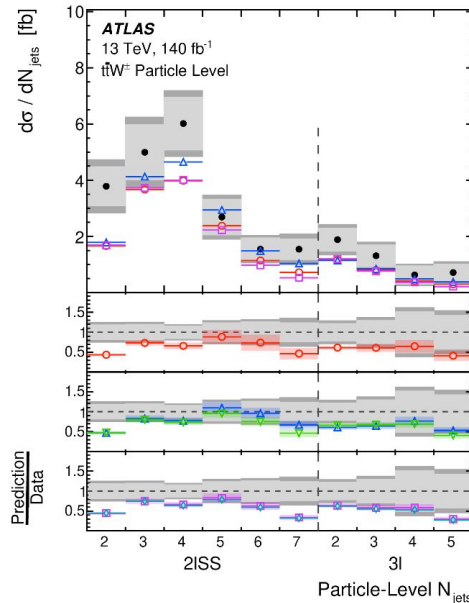


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- Simultaneous differential measurement in 2LSS and 3L regions
  - Provides **diff. XS**, **normalized diff. XS** and **diff. charge asymmetry**
- Comparison to a range of simulation approaches
  - Mostly the inclusive XS is off → differential distributions still limited in precision
  - $N_{\text{jet}}$  largest discrepancies at low  $N_{\text{jet}}$  → independent of add. partons and merging schemes

$$A_C^{\text{rel}} = \frac{\sigma(t\bar{t}W^+) - \sigma(t\bar{t}W^-)}{\sigma(t\bar{t}W^+) + \sigma(t\bar{t}W^-)}$$





## ttZ

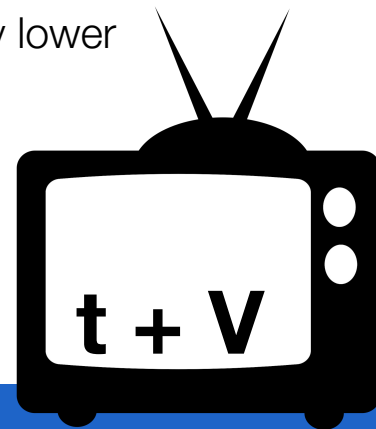
- Inclusive measurements at 6% level → surpass precision of predictions
- First combined ttZ, tWZ, tZq measurement by CMS
- Improvements in ZZ and WZ background estimations

**From**  
23% / 30% precision in Run 1  
**To**  
6% precision at end of Run 2

## ttW

- Inclusive measurements at 10% level → remain 1–2 sigma higher than predictions
- Differential XS by ATLAS start showing some (not yet very significant) differences to simulation
- Charge ratio of ATLAS agrees with PDF predictions, CMS ratio significantly lower

**From**  
27% / 25% precision in Run 1  
**To**  
8% / 9% precision at end of Run 2



A wide-angle photograph of a beach at low tide. The ocean is a vibrant turquoise color, meeting a clear blue sky. In the foreground, the wet sand is marked with large, hand-drawn letters 'M', 'A', and 'D' in a row. A group of five people stands on the left side of the 'M', and another group of three people stands on the right side of the 'A', both with their arms raised in celebration. Other people are scattered across the beach in the distance. The word 'Backup' is overlaid in large white text on the left side of the image.

# Backup

Source	$\sigma(\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{Z} + \text{tWZ})$	$\sigma(\text{tZq})$
Trigger	2%	2%
Trigger prefiring	<1%	2%
Lepton identification efficiencies	1%	2%
b tagging	1%	2%
Jet energy scale	1%	3%
Jet energy resolution	<1%	1%
Missing transverse momentum	<1%	3%
Nonprompt background	2%	3%
Pileup	<1%	1%
Luminosity	2%	2%
Statistical	3.7%	10%
Background modeling	2%	4%
Factorization scale	1%	1%
Renormalization scale	1%	2%
Parton shower	<1%	2%
PDF and $\alpha_S$	<1%	<1%
Underlying event and color reconnection	1%	2%
tWZ modeling	<1%	<1%
MC statistical	<1%	1%
Total	6%	13%

Uncertainty Category	$\Delta\sigma_{\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{Z}}/\sigma_{\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{Z}}$ [%]
Background normalisations	2.0
Jets and $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	1.9
b-tagging	1.7
$\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{Z}$ $\mu_{\text{f}}$ and $\mu_{\text{r}}$ scales	1.6
Leptons	1.6
Z+jets modelling	1.5
tWZ modelling	1.1
$\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{Z}$ showering	1.0
$\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{Z}$ A14 tune	1.0
Luminosity	1.0
Diboson modelling	0.8
tZq modelling	0.7
PDF (signal & backgrounds)	0.6
MC statistical	0.5
Other backgrounds	0.5
Fake leptons	0.4
Pile-up	0.3
Data-driven $\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}$	0.1

	Variable	Regularisation	$\tau^{\text{particle}}$	$\tau^{\text{parton}}$	Definition
3 $\ell$ + 4 $\ell$	$p_{\text{T}}^Z$	No	-	-	Transverse momentum of the Z boson
	$ y^Z $	No	-	-	Absolute rapidity of the Z boson
	$\cos \theta_Z^*$	No	-	-	Angle between the direction of the Z boson in the detector reference frame and the direction of the negatively charged lepton in the rest frame of the Z boson
	$p_{\text{T}}^t$	Yes	1.5	1.4	Transverse momentum of the top quark
	$p_{\text{T}}^{t\bar{t}}$	Yes	1.6	1.5	Transverse momentum of the $t\bar{t}$ system
	$ \Delta\Phi(t\bar{t}, Z) /\pi$	Yes	2.4	2.1	Absolute azimuthal separation between the Z boson and the $t\bar{t}$ system
	$m^{t\bar{t}Z}$	Yes	1.5	1.6	Invariant mass of the $t\bar{t}Z$ system
	$m^{t\bar{t}}$	Yes	1.5	1.4	Invariant mass of the $t\bar{t}$ system
	$ y^{t\bar{t}Z} $	Yes	1.5	1.5	Absolute rapidity of the $t\bar{t}Z$ system
3 $\ell$	$H_{\text{T}}^{\ell}$	No	-	-	Sum of the transverse momenta of all the signal leptons
	$ \Delta\Phi(Z, t_{\text{lep}}) /\pi$	No	-	-	Absolute azimuthal separation between the Z boson and the top (anti-top) quark featuring the $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ decay
	$ \Delta y(Z, t_{\text{lep}}) $	No	-	-	Absolute rapidity difference between the Z boson and the top (anti-top) quark featuring the $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ decay
	$p_{\text{T}}^{\ell, \text{non-Z}}$	No	-	-	Transverse momentum of the lepton that is not associated with the Z boson
	$N_{\text{jets}}$	No	-	-	Number of selected jets with $p_{\text{T}} > 25$ GeV and $ \eta  < 2.5$
4 $\ell$	$H_{\text{T}}^{\ell}$	No	-	-	Sum of the transverse momenta of all the signal leptons
	$ \Delta\Phi(\ell_t^+, \ell_{\bar{t}}^-) /\pi$	No	-	-	Absolute azimuthal separation between the two leptons from the $t\bar{t}$ system
	$N_{\text{jets}}$	No	-	-	Number of selected jets with $p_{\text{T}} > 25$ GeV and $ \eta  < 2.5$

**ATLAS measurements:** ~same dataset, improved precision (10% → 6%)

- tWZ/tZq, ttZ, WZ/ZZ modeling impacts all decrease with new analysis  
→ Improved simulations, more bins in fits, more detailed background estimation?
- Fake lepton impact decreased

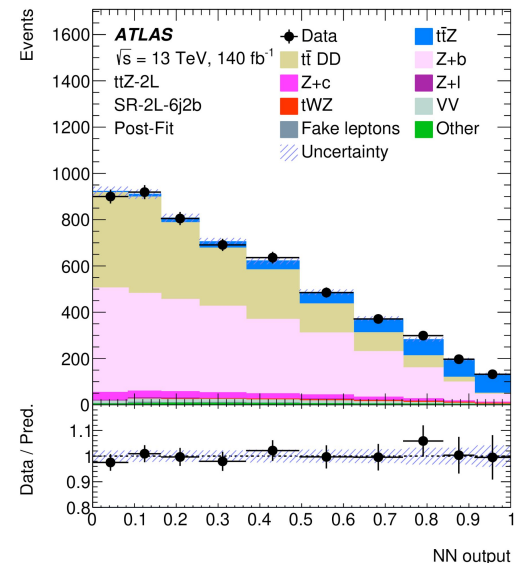
Uncertainty	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}$ [%]	Uncertainty Category	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}$ [%]
<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ Z parton shower	3.1	Background normalisations	2.0
<i>t</i> WZ modelling	2.9	Jets and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	1.9
<i>b</i> -tagging	2.9	<i>b</i> -tagging	1.7
WZ/ZZ + jets modelling	2.8	<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ Z $\mu_f$ and $\mu_r$ scales	1.6
<i>t</i> Z $q$ modelling	2.6	Leptons	1.6
Lepton	2.3	Z+jets modelling	1.5
Luminosity	2.2	<i>t</i> WZ modelling	1.1
Jets + $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	2.1	<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ Z showering	1.0
Fake leptons	2.1	<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ Z A14 tune	1.0
<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ Z ISR	1.6	Luminosity	1.0
<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ Z $\mu_f$ and $\mu_r$ scales	0.9	Diboson modelling	0.8
Other backgrounds	0.7	<i>t</i> Z $q$ modelling	0.7
Pile-up	0.7	PDF (signal & backgrounds)	0.6
<i>t</i> $\bar{t}$ Z PDF	0.2	MC statistical	0.5
Total systematic	8.4	Other backgrounds	0.5
Data statistics	5.2	Fake leptons	0.4
Total	10	Pile-up	0.3
		Data-driven <i>t</i> $\bar{t}$	0.1



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**ATLAS measurements:** ~same dataset, improved precision (10%  $\rightarrow$  6%)

- **3L** (11%  $\rightarrow$  8%) and **4L** (15%  $\rightarrow$  12%) channels **improved individually**
  - + **inclusion of 2L** channel for incl. measurement (13% precision)
    - Adds to the precision, but difficult tt and DY+hf-jets backgrounds
- Higher signal efficiency / background reduction
  - 3L SR: 370 events (62% signal fraction)
    - $\rightarrow$  440 events (75% signal fraction)
  - 4L SR: 100 events (70% signal fraction)
    - $\rightarrow$  75 events (70% signal fraction)
  - Improved calibrations (leptons + b-tagging)

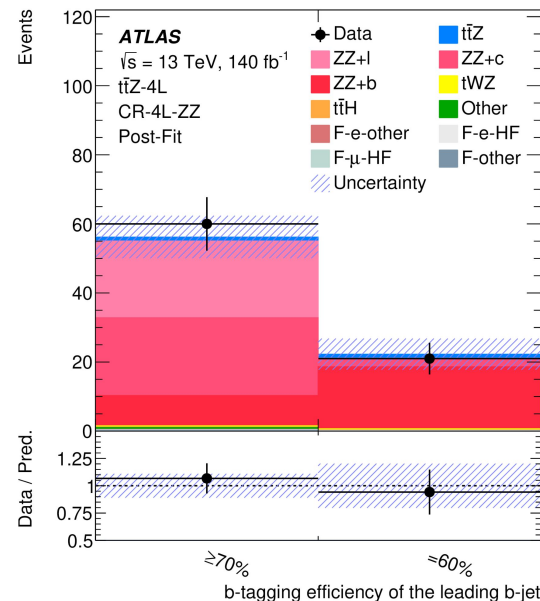
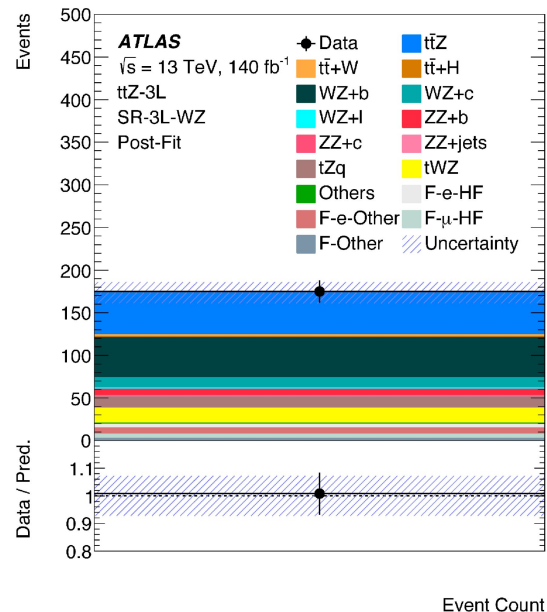


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- More involved treatment of diboson backgrounds (ZZ, WZ)
  - Especially WW+b/c/light backgrounds difficult (relatively bad predictions from sim.)
- Beyond TOP measurements → dedicated ZZ+b and WZ+b measurements?
  - Improve our knowledge of these backgrounds + potential for improved sim.?

Norm. factor	Value
$N_{ZZ+b}$	1.1 <sup>+0.4</sup> <sub>-0.4</sub>
$N_{WZ+b}$	0.9 <sup>+0.4</sup> <sub>-0.4</sub>
$N_{Z+b}$	1.08 <sup>+0.11</sup> <sub>-0.10</sub>
$N_{Z+c}$	0.61 <sup>+0.23</sup> <sub>-0.20</sub>
$N_{e, HF}$	0.89 <sup>+0.09</sup> <sub>-0.09</sub>
$N_{e, other}$	1.2 <sup>+0.4</sup> <sub>-0.4</sub>
$N_{\mu, HF}$	1.02 <sup>+0.08</sup> <sub>-0.08</sub>





## Spin correlation measurements

- ttZ has different tt spin correlation w.r.t. tt (different qq/qg fractions)  
→ good cross check
- + small longitudinal polarization induced by Z emission  
→ probe additional parameters which are 0 in tt

## Definition of observables (down-type $t \rightarrow W$ decay product carries top spin information)

- **4L**: all observables defined via leptons (but low yield)
- **3L**: requires down type quark ID  
→ s jet candidates in W decay: c jets more likely to be tagged than s jets  
→ 42% ID eff

- **Results mostly stat dominated**
- **Combination favors spin correlation hypothesis**

$$O = f_{SM} \cdot O_{\text{spin-on}} + (1 - f_{SM}) \cdot O_{\text{spin-off}}. \quad f_{SM}^{\text{obs.}} = 1.20 \pm 0.63 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.25 \text{ (syst.)} = 1.20 \pm 0.68 \text{ (tot.)}.$$



## A theorist's view...

- qq-induced at LO ( $\sim \alpha_s^2 \alpha$ )
- qg-induced at NLO ( $\sim \alpha_s^3 \alpha$ )
- qq-induced LO EW contributions ( $\sim \alpha^3$ )
- qg-induced NLO EW contributions ( $\sim \alpha^3 \alpha_s$ )
- virtual 2-loop contributions at NNLO difficult

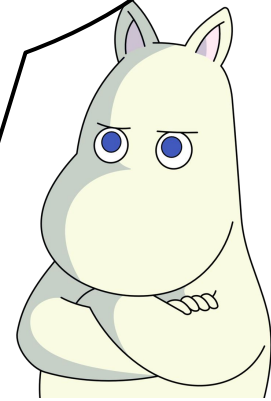
## NNLO QCD + NLO EWK

$$\sigma(ttW) = 745 \text{ fb} \pm 50 \text{ fb (scale)}$$

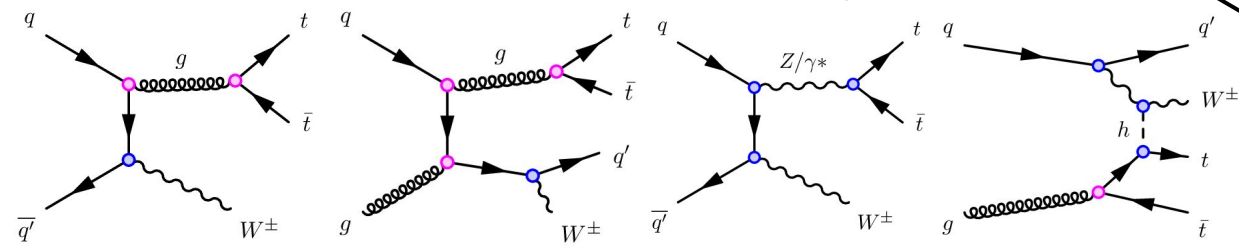
$$\pm 13 \text{ fb (2-loop approx.)}$$

$$\pm 19 \text{ fb (PDF, } \alpha_s)$$

ttW is absolutely disgusting. This process has so many external particles and internal masses, it's a shitshow. The cross section starts to converge with the inclusion of NNLO corrections, but we still don't have the NNLO 2-loop amplitudes...

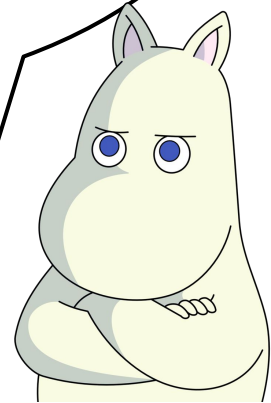


NLO QCD only: 711 fb, real NLO EW +5%, virtual EW -2.4%, remaining EW +7%

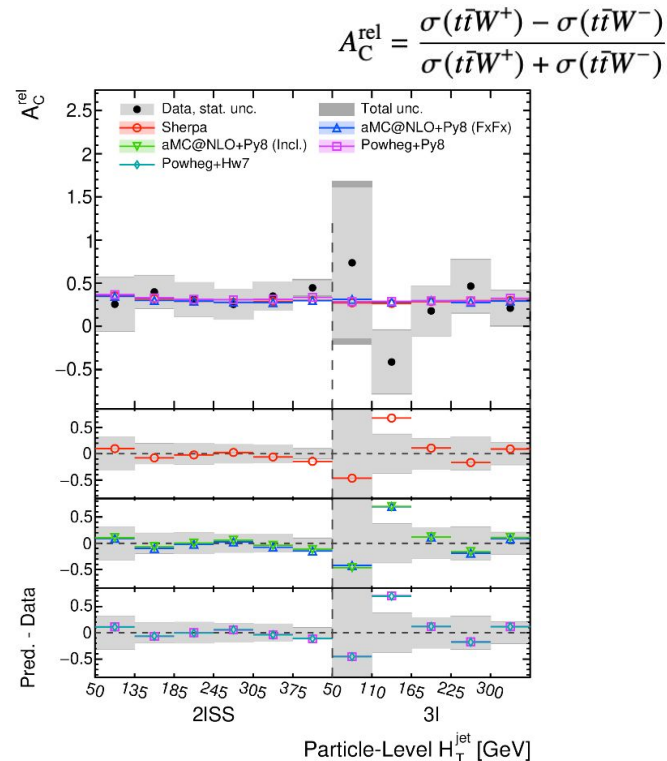
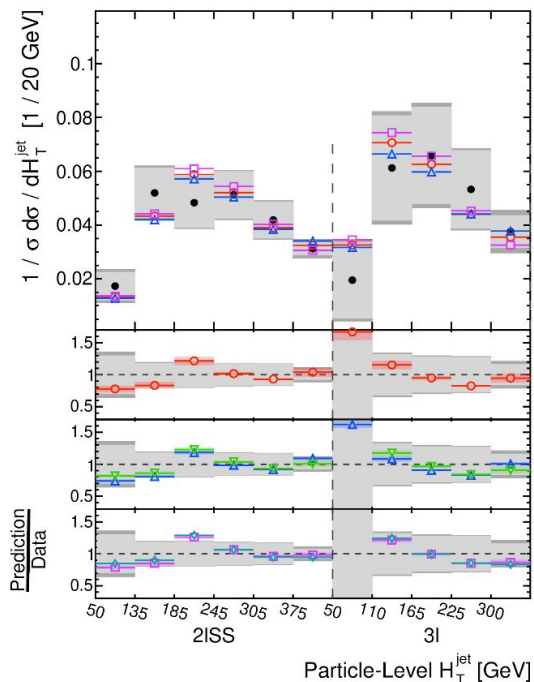
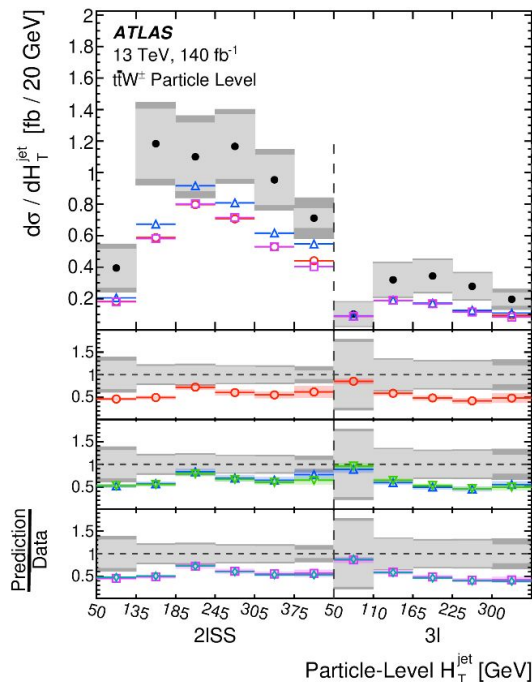


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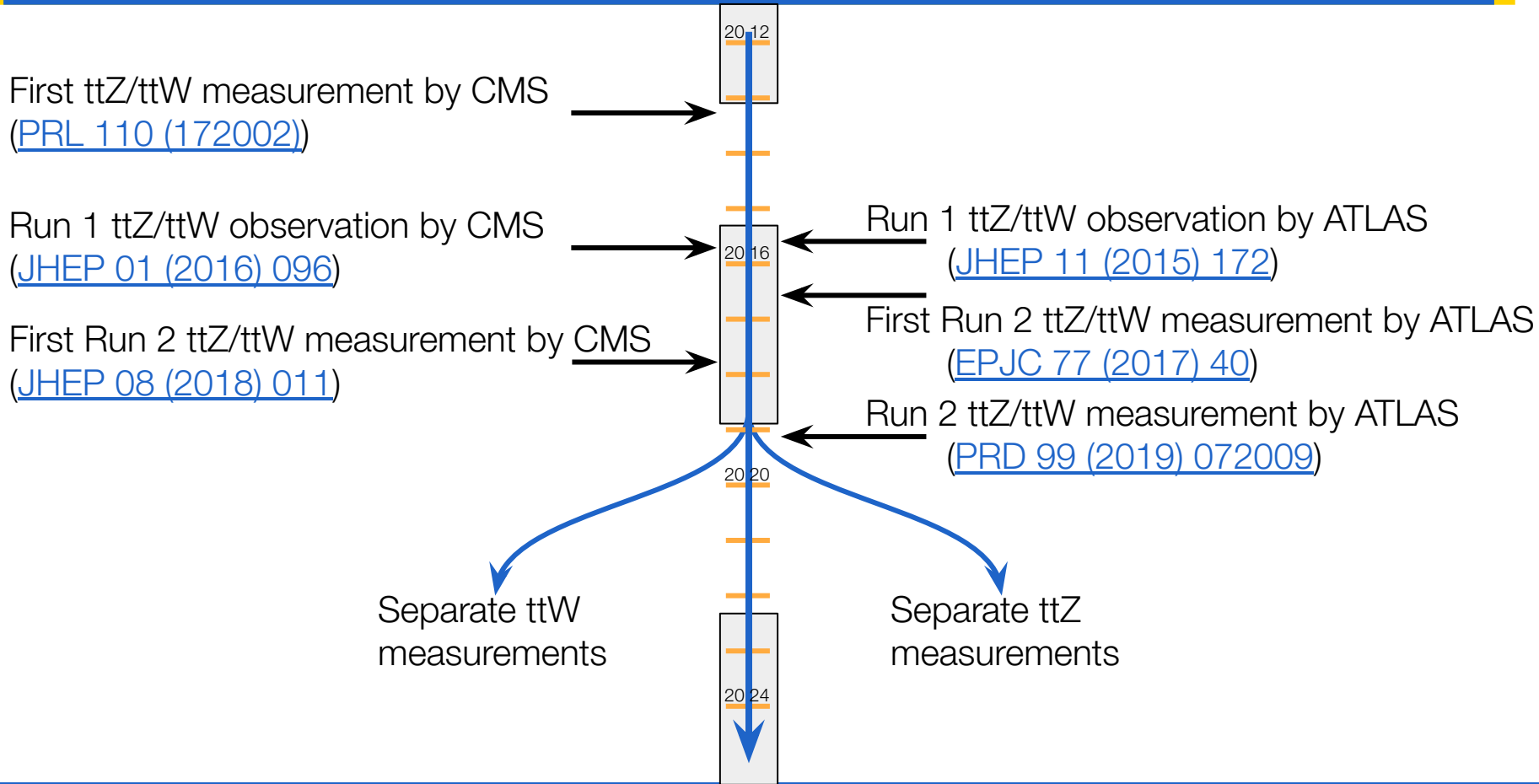
Also, experimentalists, please provide some full phase space parton level differential cross sections for me, so I can compare them to my calculations.



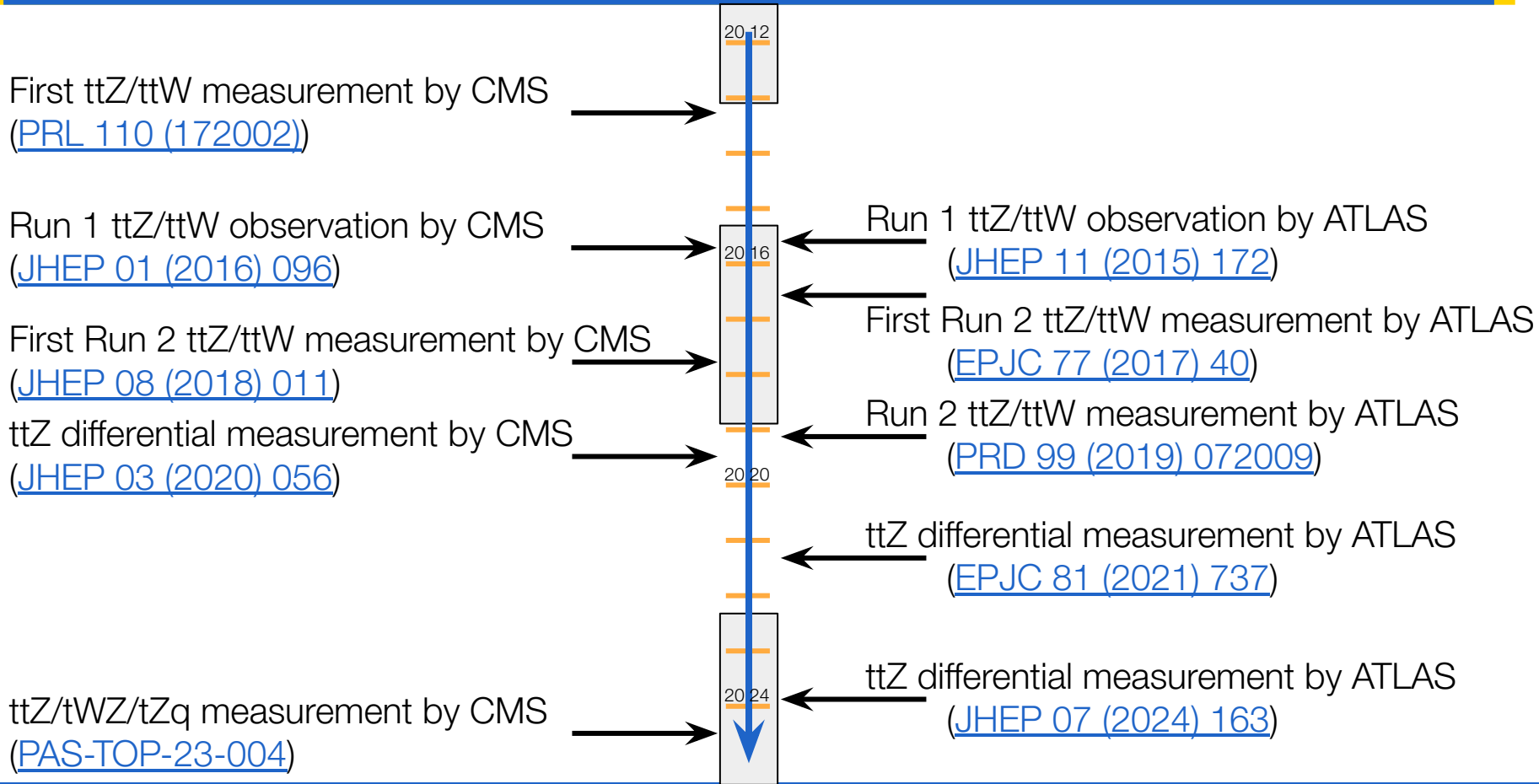
- Comparison to range of simulation approaches
  - Slight improvement at high  $H_T$  for FxFx merged simulation



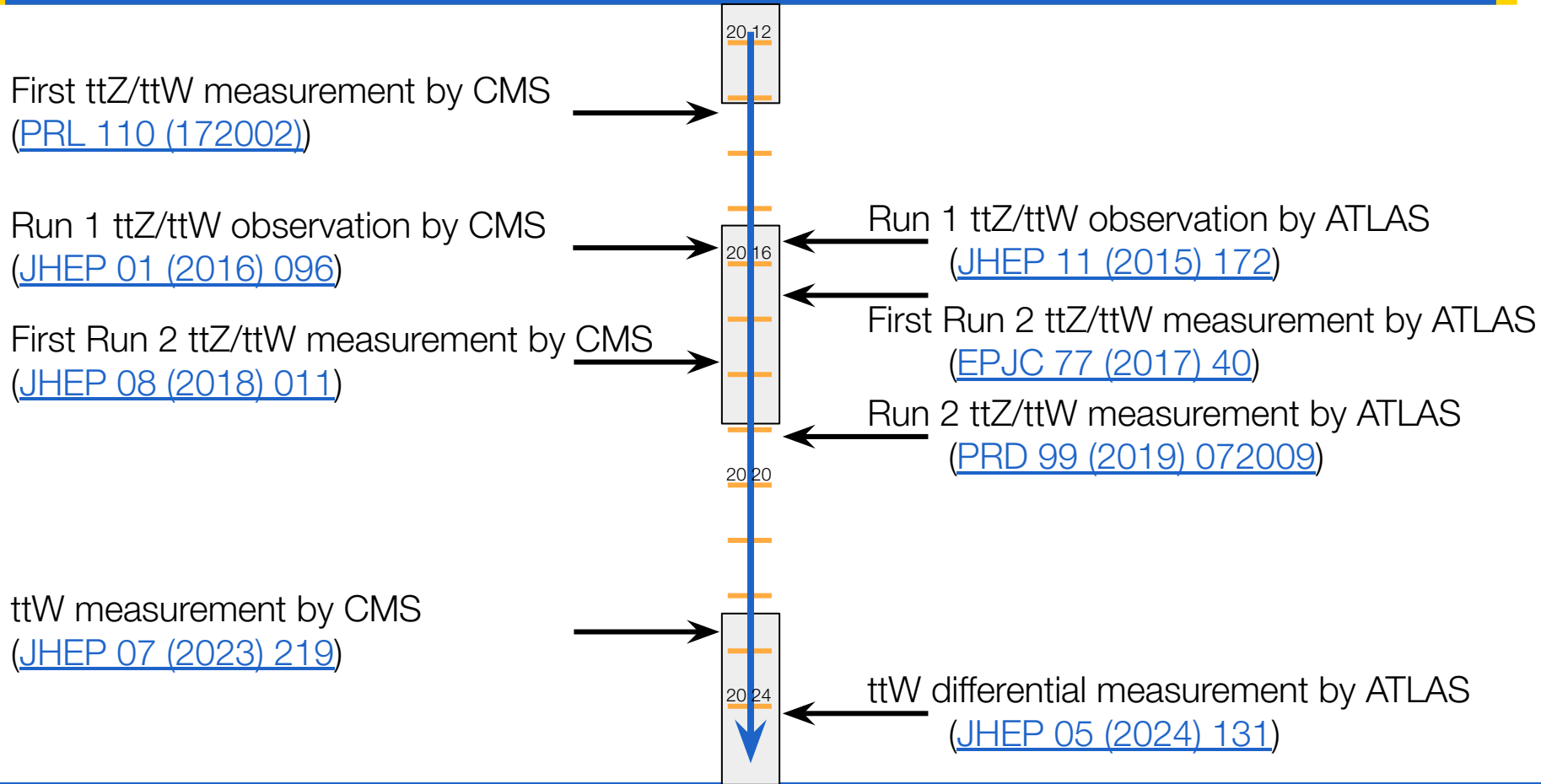
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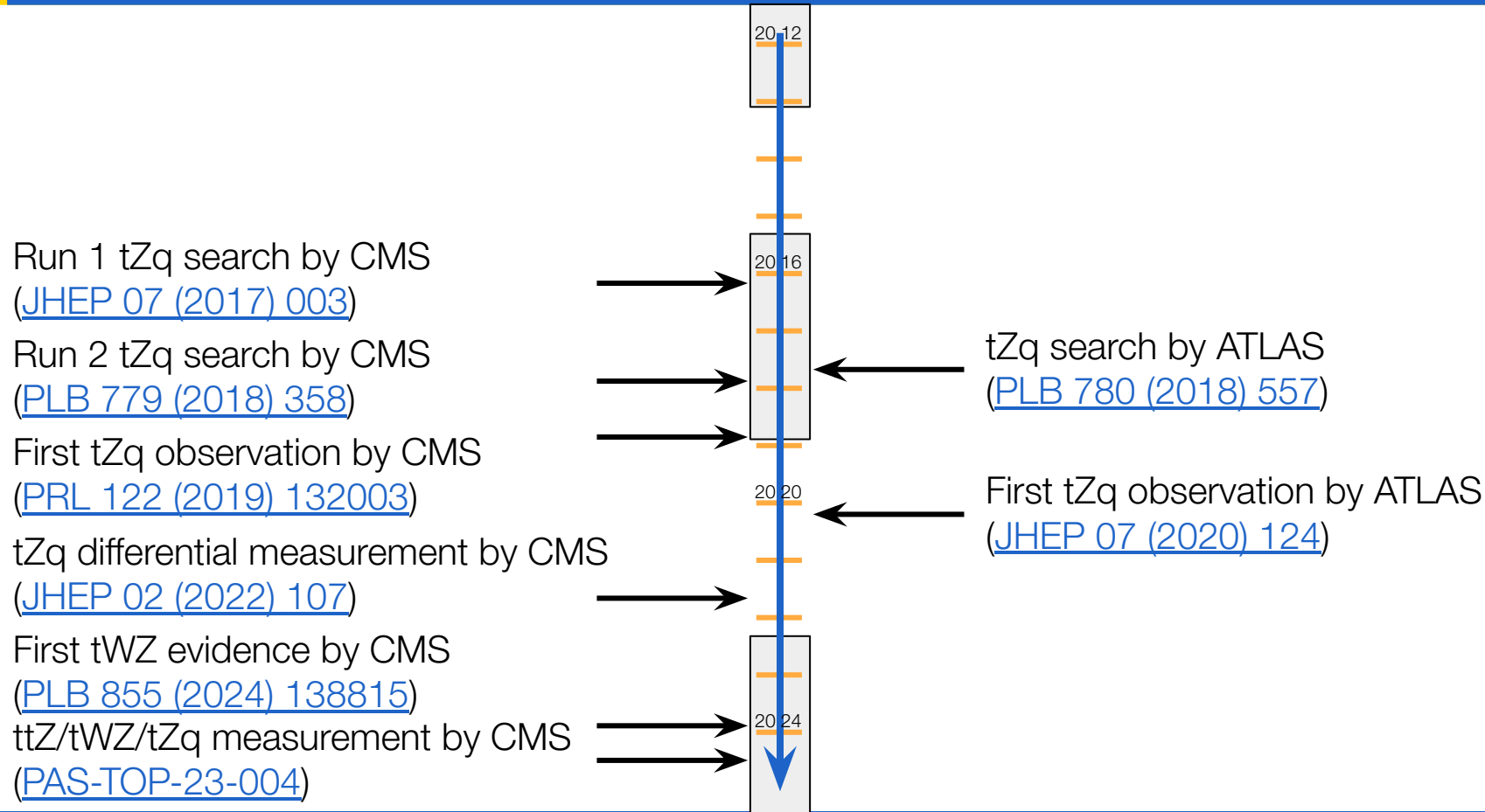
# Historical analysis of $ttZ$ measurements



# Historical analysis of ttW measurements



# Historical analysis of tZ measurements





# Historical analysis of $t\bar{W}$ measurements

Run 1  $t\bar{W}$  evidence by CMS  
[\(PRL 110 \(2013\) 022003\)](#)

Run 1  $t\bar{W}$  observation by CMS  
[\(PRL 112 \(2014\) 231802\)](#)

Run 2  $t\bar{W}$  observation by CMS  
[\(JHEP 10 \(2018\) 117\)](#)

Run 2  $t\bar{W}$  observation in 1L by CMS  
[\(JHEP 11 \(2021\) 111\)](#)

$t\bar{W}$  differential measurement by CMS  
[\(JHEP 07 \(2023\) 046\)](#)

Run 3  $t\bar{W}$  observation by CMS  
[\(PAS-TOP-23-008\)](#)

2012

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Run 1  $t\bar{W}$  evidence by ATLAS  
[\(PLB 716 \(2012\) 142\)](#)

Run 1  $t\bar{W}$  observation by ATLAS  
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First Run 2  $t\bar{W}$  measurement by ATLAS  
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Run 1  $t\bar{W}$  observation in 1L by ATLAS  
[\(EPJC 81 \(2021\) 720\)](#)

Run 2  $t\bar{W}$  measurement by ATLAS  
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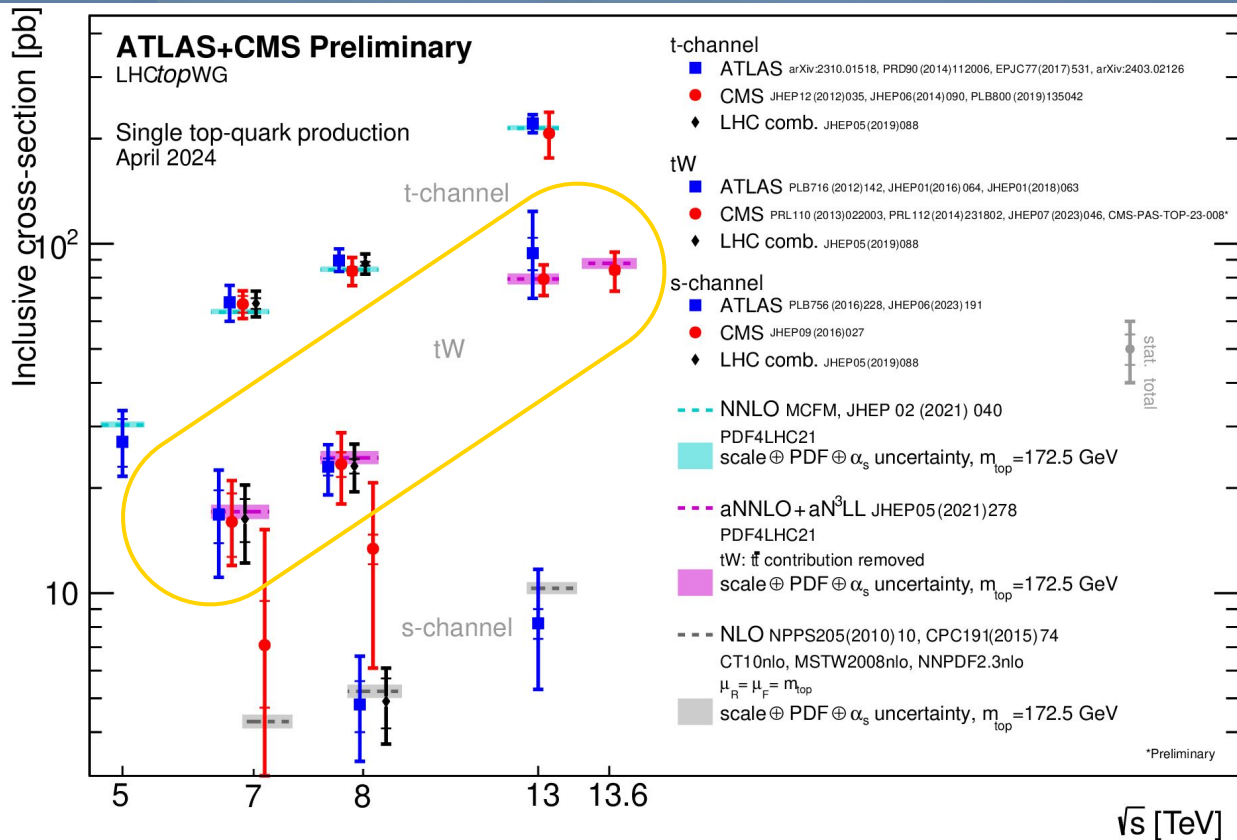
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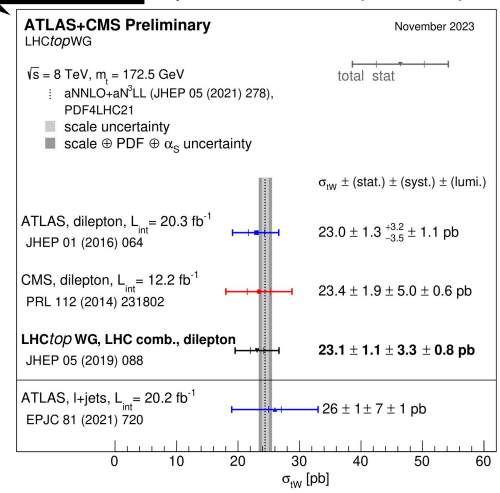
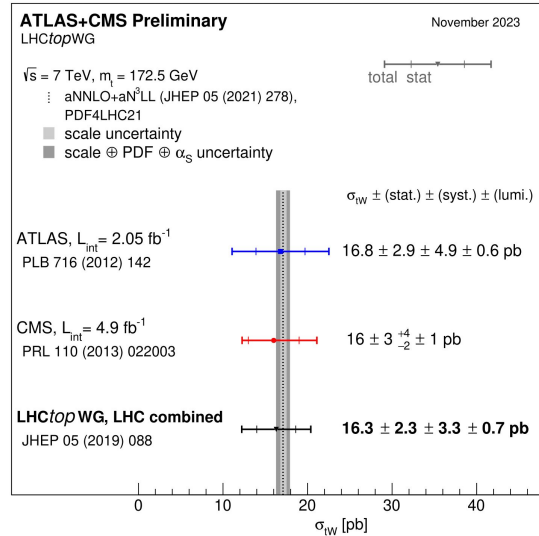
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Run 1  $t\bar{t}$  **observation** by ATLAS  
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**Run 1  $t\bar{t}$  measurement precision at 8 TeV**  
 23% CMS / 17% ATLAS

# Historical analysis of $t\bar{W}$ measurements

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[\(PRL 112 \(2014\) 231802\)](#)

Run 2  $t\bar{W}$  observation by CMS  
[\(JHEP 10 \(2018\) 117\)](#)



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[\(JHEP 01 \(2018\) 063\)](#)

Run 2  $t\bar{W}$  differential measurement by ATLAS  
[\(EPJC 78 \(2018\) 186\)](#)

**First Run 2  $t\bar{W}$  measurements**  
 (2016 dataset) 11% CMS / 26% ATLAS (2015 dataset)

Run 1  $tW$  evidence by CMS  
[\(PRL 110 \(2013\) 022003\)](#)

Run 1  $tW$  observation by CMS  
[\(PRL 112 \(2014\) 231802\)](#)

Run 2  $tW$  observation by CMS  
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Run 2  $tW$  observation in 1L by CMS  
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**Explorations of the 1L channel**

# Historical analysis of $tW$ measurements

**Full Run 2  $tW$  measurement precision**  
 10% CMS / 19% ATLAS

Compared to  
 aNNLO+aN<sup>3</sup>LL (4% unc.)

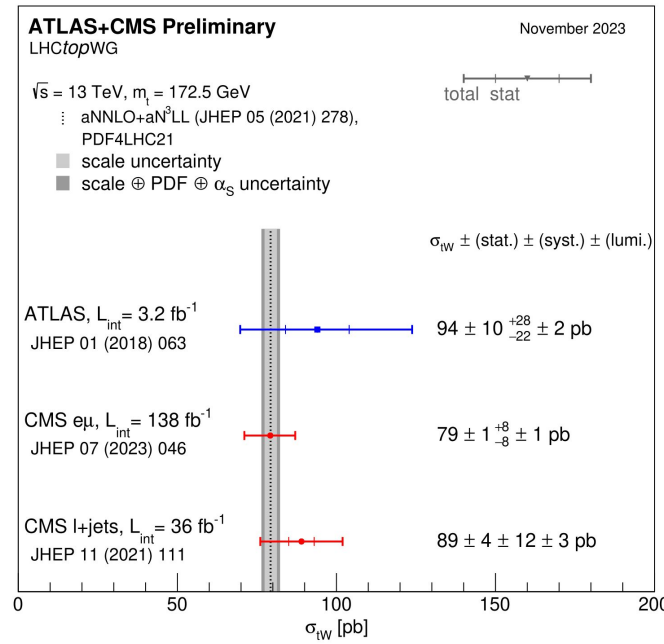
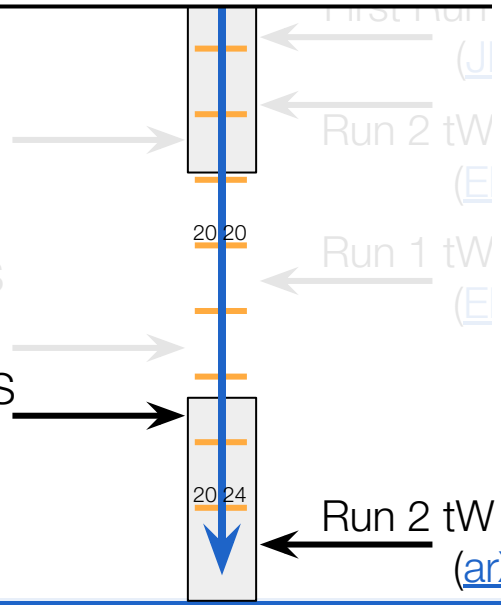
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$tW$  differential measurement by CMS  
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Run 2  $tW$  measurement by ATLAS  
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# Historical analysis of $t\bar{W}$ measurements

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Run 3  $t\bar{W}$  observation by CMS  
[\(arXiv:2409.06444\)](#)



Run 1  $t\bar{W}$  evidence by ATLAS  
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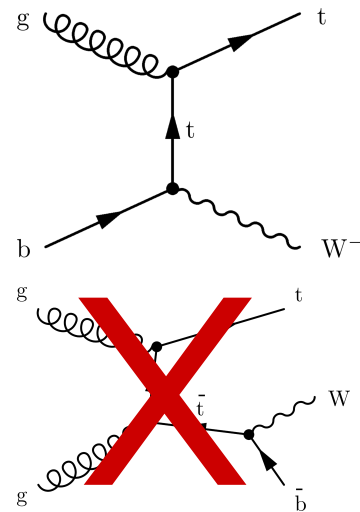
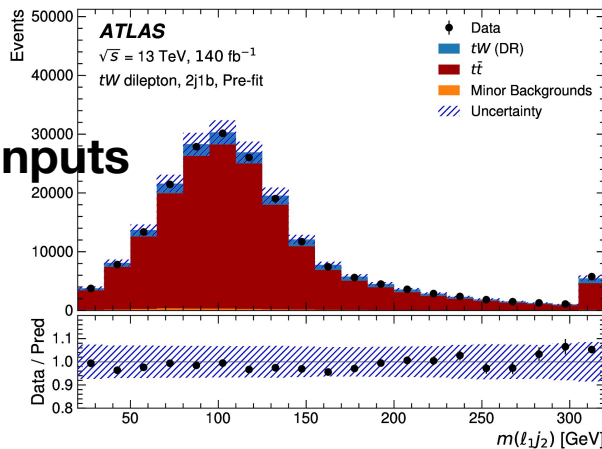
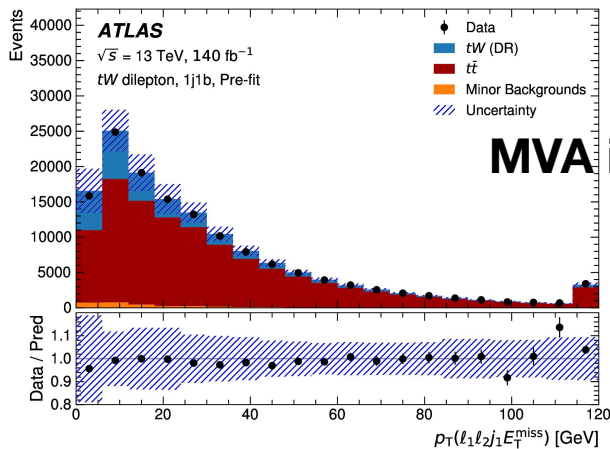
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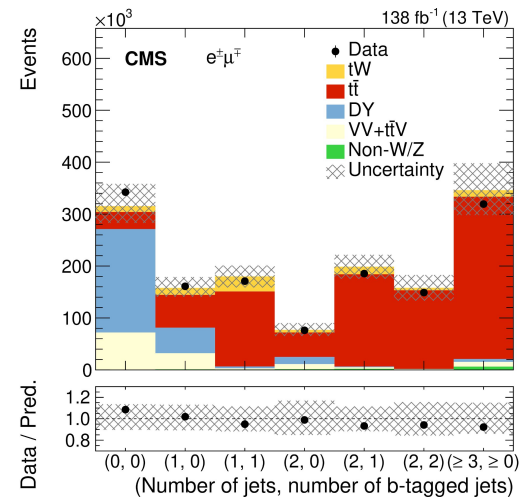
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## The challenges

- Overlap with  $t\bar{t}$  at NLO  $\rightarrow$  requires diagram removal / subtraction (DR/DS) schemes
  - More appropriate / the future: combined measurement of  $t\bar{t}+tW$   $\rightarrow$   $bb4l$  simulations
- $tW$  cross section 1 order of magnitude smaller and similar to  $t\bar{t}$   $\rightarrow$  difficult to isolate
  - Exploit small kinematic differences in some MVA





## Common features

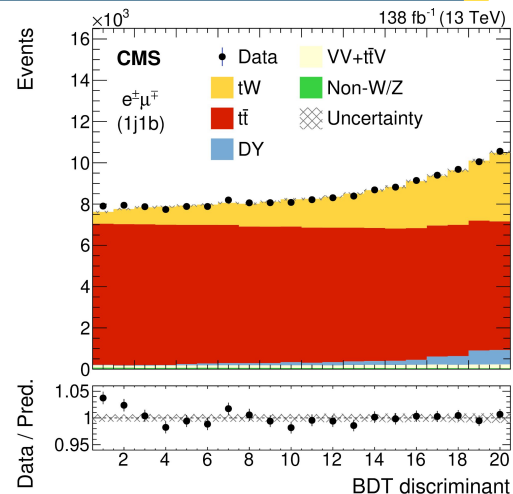
Analysis in  $e\mu$  channel (no Z background)

Separate jet / b-tag categories

BDT for  $tW$  /  $tt$  separation

Cross section agrees with predictions

Limited by  $tt$  modeling and jet energy corrections



## CMS

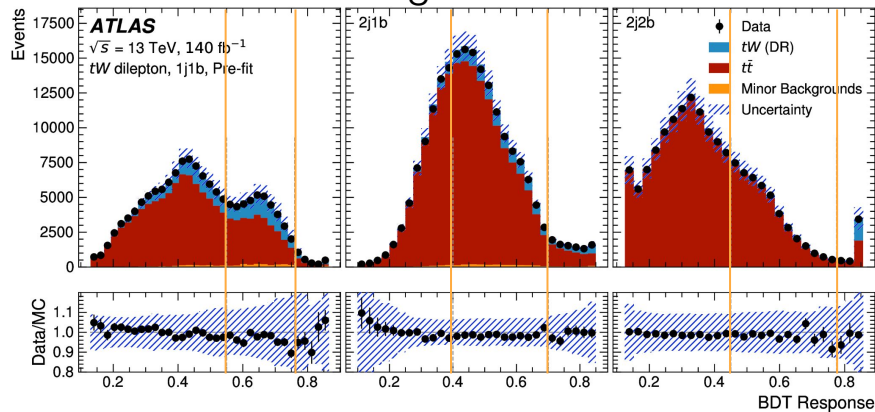
- Full range of BDT used in fit
- Only  $tW$  cross section extraction

## ATLAS

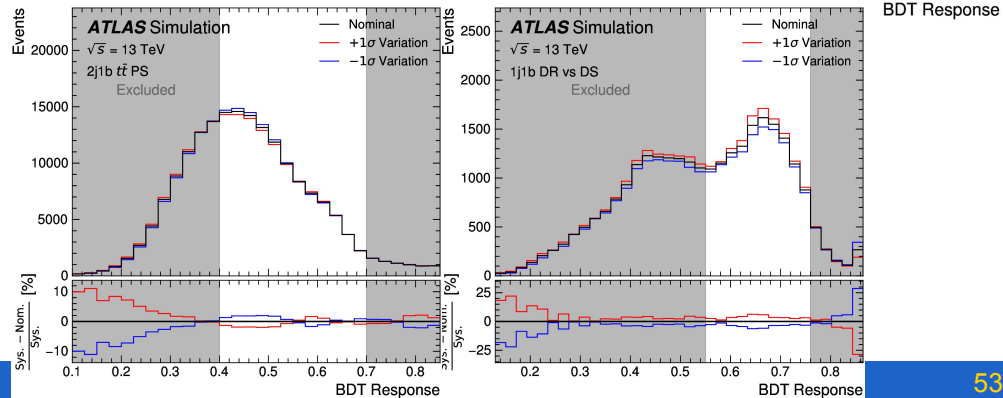
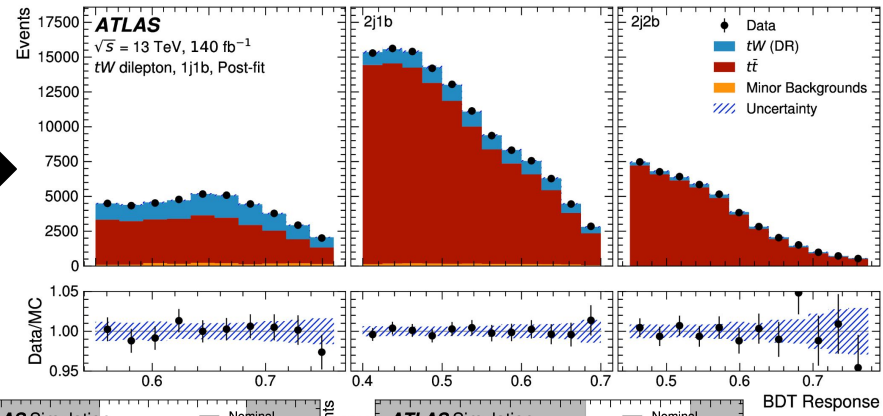
- Restrict BDT range to not constrain DR/DS uncertainties and  $tt$  PS uncertainties
- Simultaneous  $tW$  and  $tt$  cross section extraction

## ATLAS measurement strategy

- Full range of BDT distributions  $\rightarrow$  fit constrains DR/DS and  $t\bar{t}$  PS modeling parameters
- $\rightarrow$  Reduce fit range to relax constraints



- Increased  $t\bar{t}$  uncertainty:  
from 13%  $\rightarrow$  19%



[arXiv:2407.15594](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.15594)

# Common ancestry



## ATLAS+CMS Preliminary LHC *top*WG

$\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

April 2024

$\sigma_{t\bar{t} \text{ prod.}} \times 3 = 0.30^{+0.03}_{-0.03}(\text{tot.}) \text{ pb} \times 3$   
MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO  
NLO QCD

$\sigma_{t\bar{t}+W\gamma} \times 20 = 0.038^{+0.001}_{-0.002}(\text{tot.}) \text{ pb} \times 20$   
JHEP 10 (2018) 158  
NLO QCD

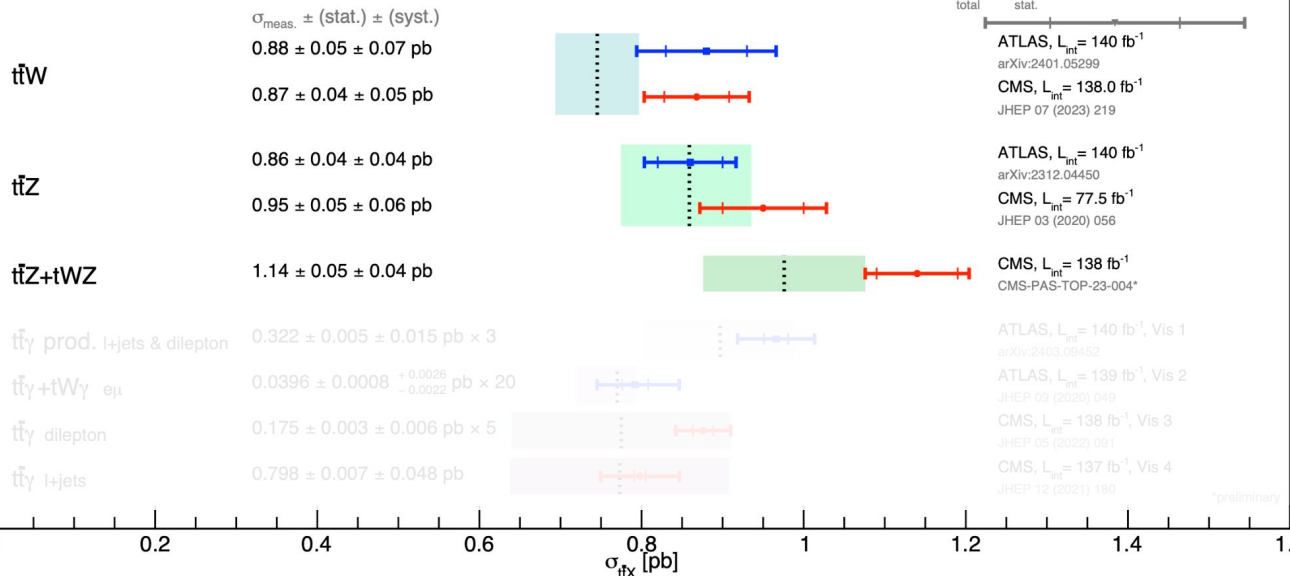
$\alpha_{tZ} = 0.75 \pm 0.05(\text{scale}) \pm 0.01(\text{PDF}) \text{ pb}$   
PRL 131 (2023) 231901  
NNLO(QCD)+NLO(EW)

$\alpha_{tZ} = 0.86^{+0.07}_{-0.08}(\text{scale}) \pm 0.02(\text{PDF}) \text{ pb}$   
EPJC 80 (2020) 428  
NLO(QCD+EW)+NNLL

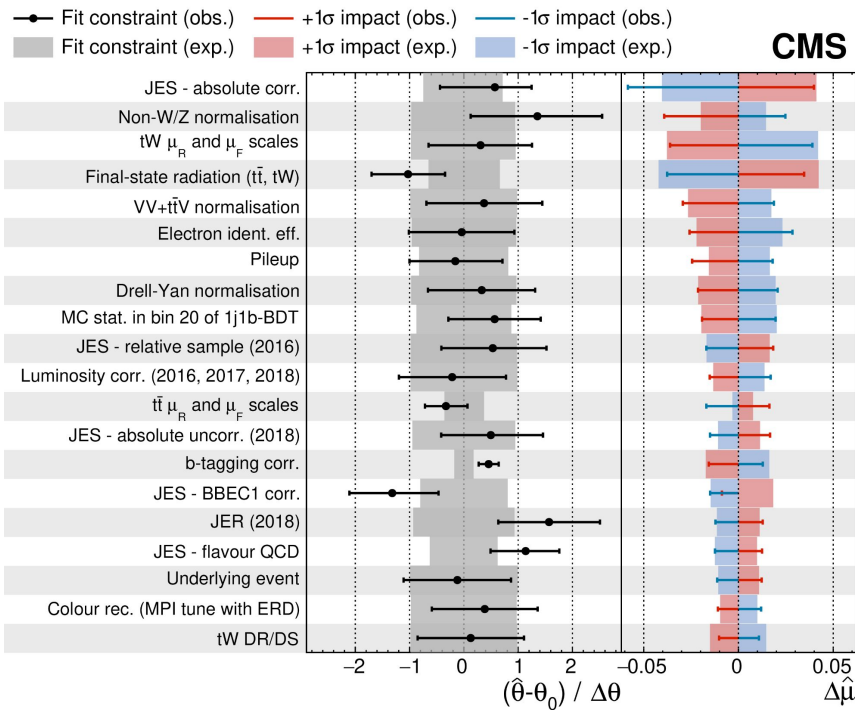
$\alpha_{tZ+iWZ} = 0.98 \pm 0.10(\text{tot.}) \text{ pb}$   
MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO  
NLO QCD

$\alpha_{t\gamma} \times 5 = 0.15 \pm 0.03(\text{tot.}) \text{ pb} \times 5$   
MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO  
NLO QCD

$\alpha_{t\gamma} = 0.77 \pm 0.14(\text{tot.}) \text{ pb}$   
MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO  
NLO QCD



# Comparison of $t\bar{t}$ leading impacts



Pre-fit impact on  $\mu$ :  
 $\square \theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\theta$      $\square \theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\theta$      $\Delta\mu$   
 .15 -0.1 -0.05 0 0.05 0.1 0.15

Post-fit impact on  $\mu$ :  
 $\square \theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\theta$      $\square \theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\theta$   
 —●— Nuis. Param. Pull

