



# Top quark production in the ATLAS detector of the LHC

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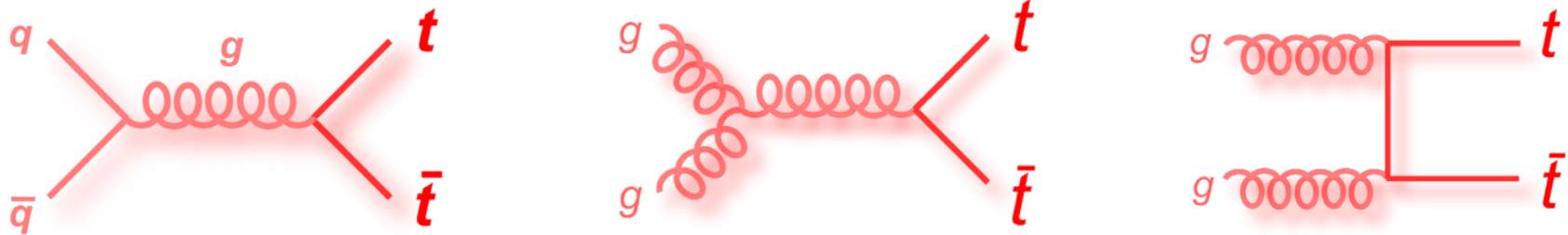
# Top quark pair production

Single-top production



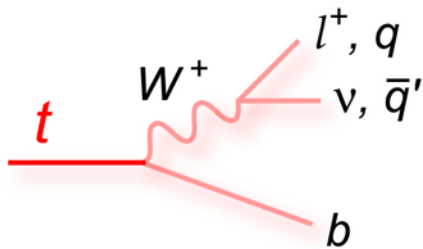
# Top quark pair production and decay

## Production



gg fusion  $\sim 87\%$  @ LHC 8 TeV

## Decay



$BR(t \rightarrow Wb)$  almost 100%

Top Pair Decay Channels

$\bar{c}s$	electron+jets	muon+jets	tau+jets	all-hadronic	
$\bar{u}d$					
$\tau^-$	$e\tau$	$\mu\tau$	$\tau\tau$	tau+jets	
$\mu^-$	$e\mu$	$\mu\mu$	$\mu\tau$	muon+jets	
$e^-$	$e\tau$	$e\mu$	$e\tau$	electron+jets	
$W$ decay	$e^+$	$\mu^+$	$\tau^+$	$u\bar{d}$	$c\bar{s}$

- **All hadronic** large sample  
Large background
- **Single lepton** medium sample  
Manageable background
- **Dilepton** smaller sample  
Clean signature
- Using  $\sim$ all measurable objects  
 $e, \mu, (b\text{-})\text{jets}, \text{missing } E_T, \tau\dots$



# Top quark pair production cross section

## ■ Motivations:

### ▶ Precise **tests of pQCD**

Comparison with recent theoretical calculations at NNLO + NNLL

[arXiv:1303.6254](https://arxiv.org/abs/1303.6254)

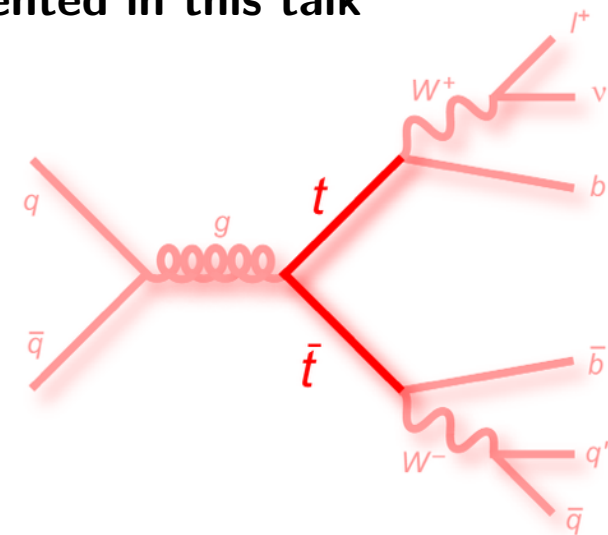
for  $m_t = 172.5$  GeV

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}) = 177.3_{-10.8}^{+10.1} \text{ pb} , \sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 252.9_{-14.5}^{+13.3} \text{ pb}$$

- ▶ **Significant background** for various analyses/searches ( $H \rightarrow bb$ , VLQ, stop)
- ▶ Indirect sensitivity to **new physics**
- ▶ Constraints on **PDF modeling and  $\alpha_s$**  with differential measurements

## ■ Measurements done in many decay channels, **four presented in this talk**

- ▶ Inclusive cross section
  - ▶ Single lepton @ 8 TeV
  - ▶ Dilepton @ 8 TeV
- ▶ Differential cross section (single lepton)
  - ▶  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(p_T(t))$ ,  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(m_{t\bar{t}})$ ,  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(y_{t\bar{t}})$  @ 7 TeV
  - ▶  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(n_{\text{jets}})$  @ 7 TeV



Single lepton channel

**Inclusive top quark pair cross section**



# Single lepton channel @ 8 TeV (5.8 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

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## Selection

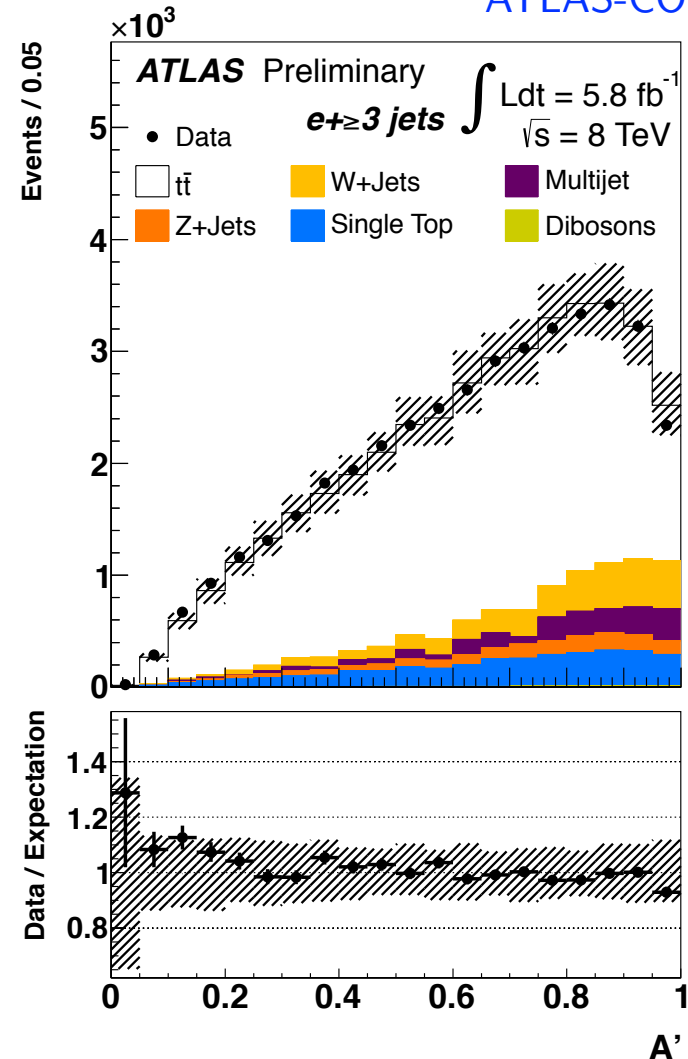
- ▶ 1 isolated e/ $\mu$   $p_T > 40$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
- ▶  $> 3$  jets with  $p_T > 25$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$  with at least 1 b-tagged
- ▶ e+jets:  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30$  GeV,  $m_T(W) > 30$  GeV
- ▶  $\mu$ +jets:  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$  GeV,  $m_T(W) + E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60$  GeV

## Analysis

- ▶ Measurement using a **likelihood discriminant template fit**
- ▶ Discriminant variables:  $\eta_{e,\mu}$ , **aplanarity (A')**
- ▶ **Data driven** W+jets (normalisation) and multijet background

## Results

- ▶ Main systematics: Signal modeling (11%) and jet uncertainties (5-6%)



$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 241 \pm 2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 31 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 9 \text{ (lumi) pb}$$

consistent with theory



# Dilepton channel @ 8 TeV ( $20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

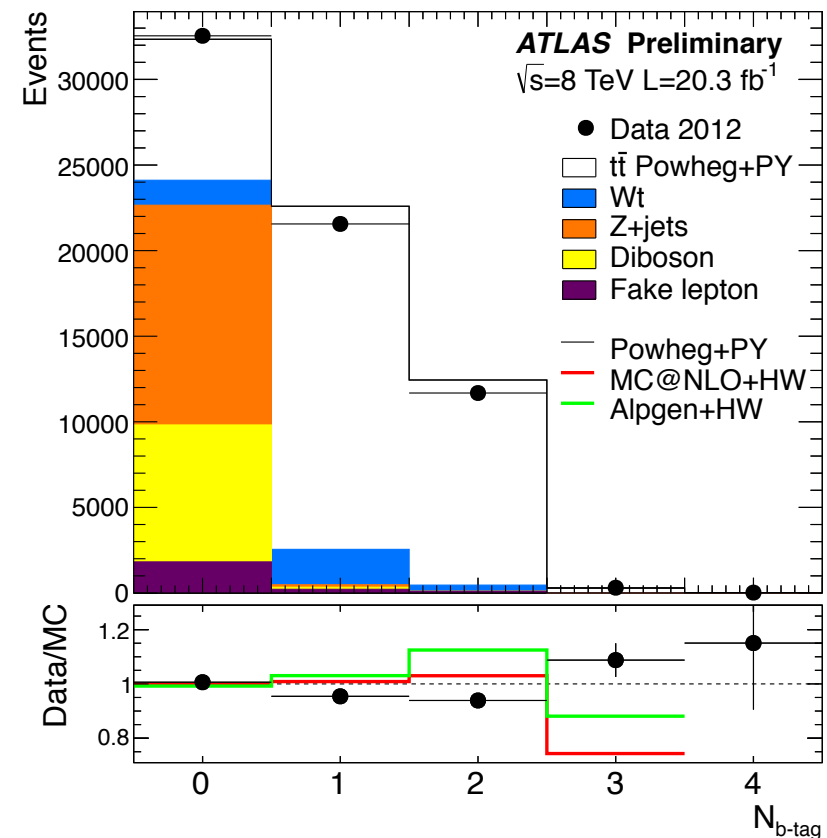
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## Selection ( $e\mu$ +jets)

- Exactly 1  $e\mu$  pair with opposite sign each isolated
- 1 or 2 b-tagged jets
- $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.5$  for all objects
- Very pure signal selection

## Analysis

- $t\bar{t}$  event counting in samples with exactly **one and two b-tagged jets**
- Simultaneous estimation of  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  and the **efficiency to reconstruct and b-tag jets**  
→ reduced jet and modeling uncertainties
- Fake lepton estimation using data and MC



## Results

- Main systematics: luminosity (3.1%), beam energy (1.7%), signal modeling (1.5%), electron ID (1.4%)

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 237.7 \pm 1.7 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 7.4 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 7.4 \text{ (lumi)} \pm 4.0 \text{ (beam energy) pb}$$

consistent with theory

# Differential top quark pair cross section

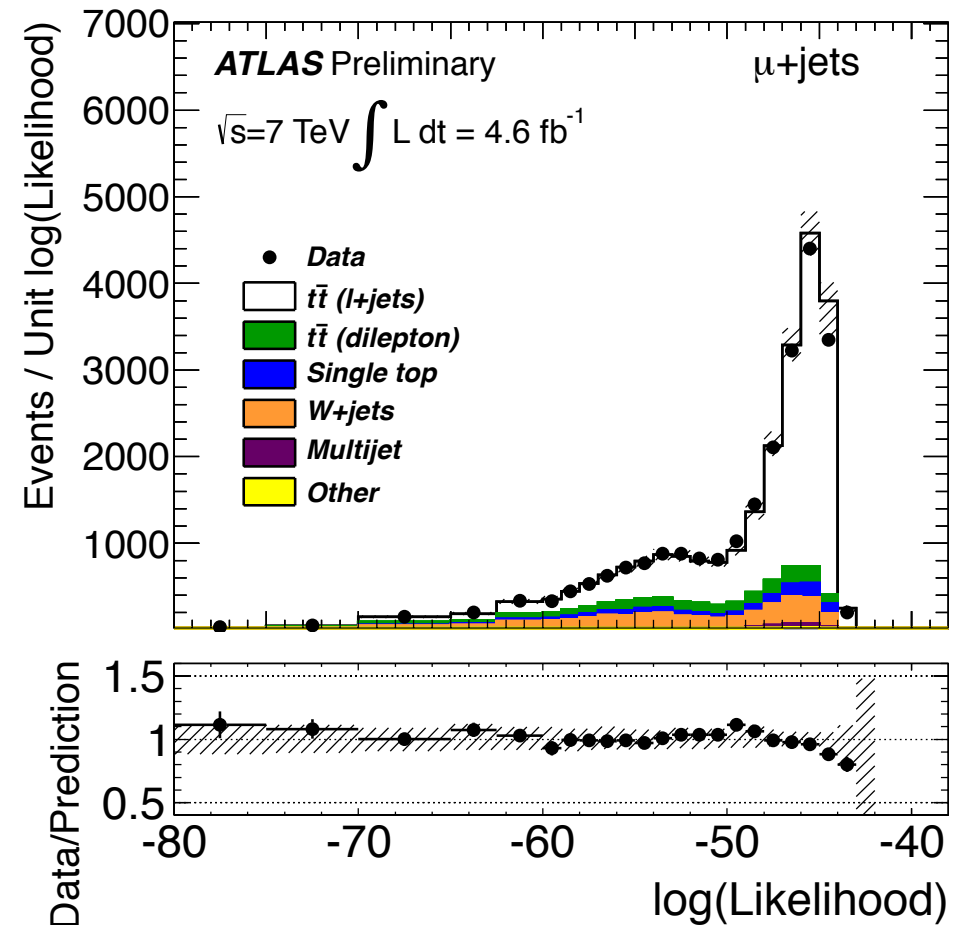




# $d\sigma_{tt}/dX @ 7 \text{ TeV} (4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1})$

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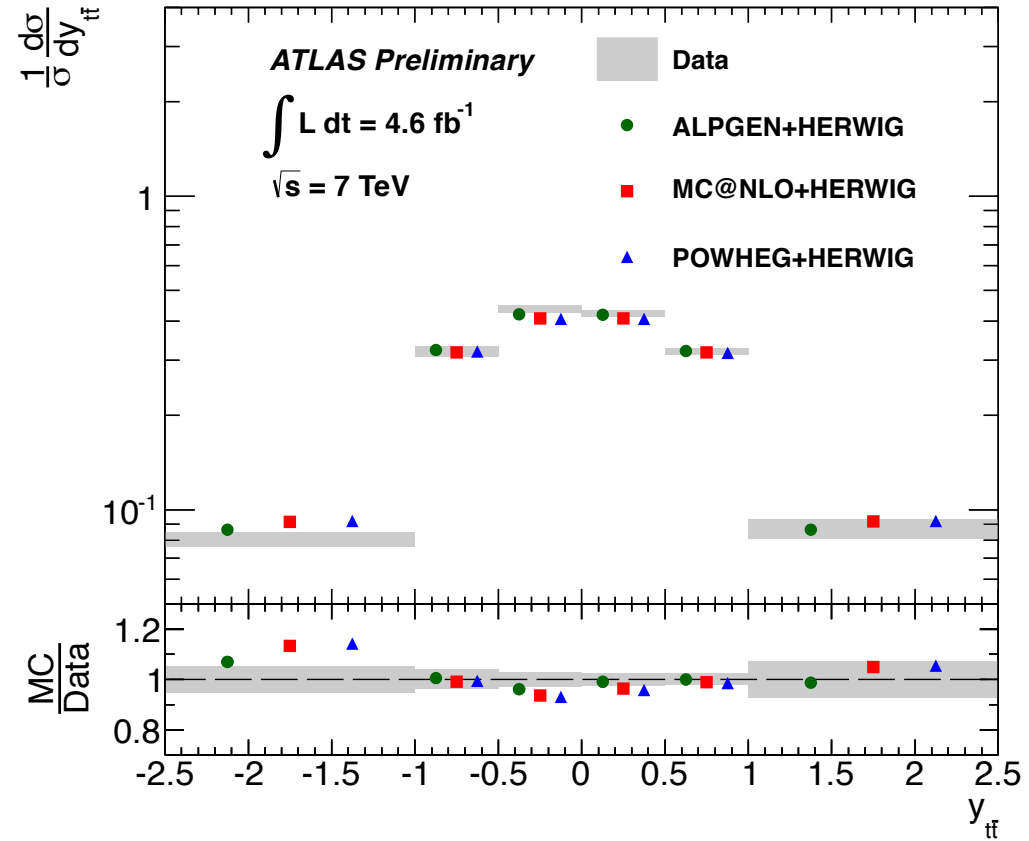
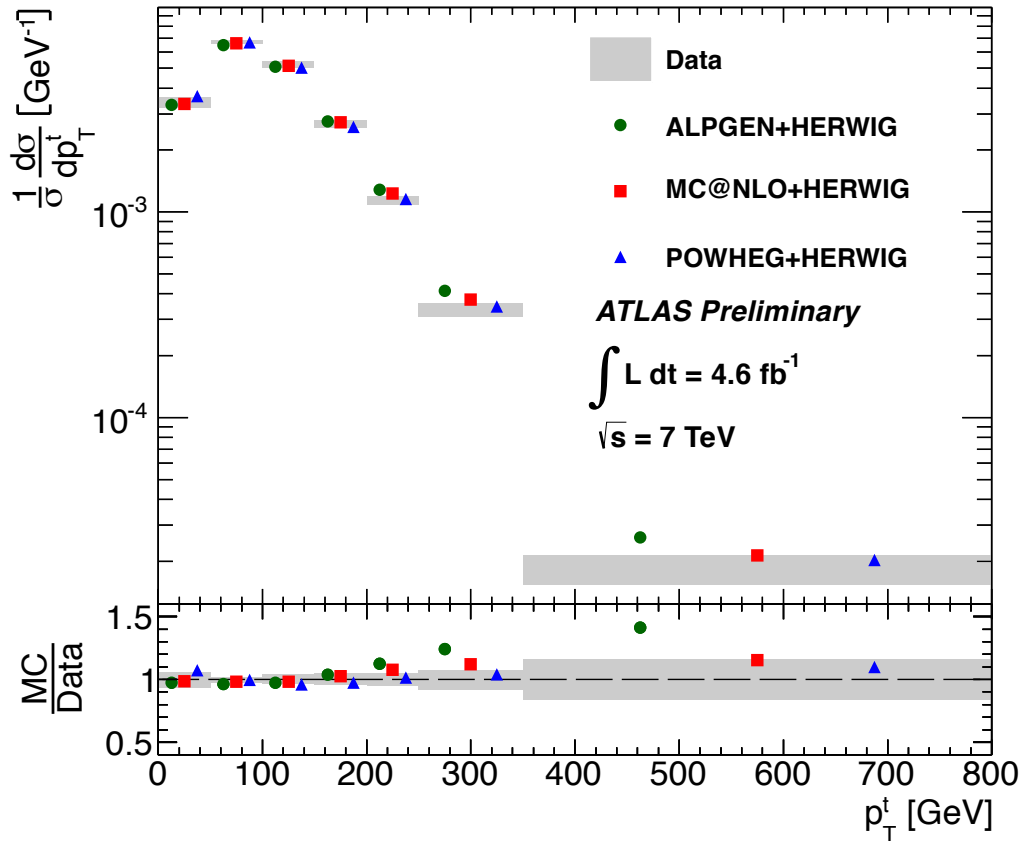
- **Lepton+jets selection**
- Measurement in bins of  $p_T^t$ ,  $m_{tt}$ ,  $y_{tt}$  and  $p_T^{tt}$
- $tt$  kinematics reconstructed using a **maximum likelihood fit** to the reconstructed objects
  - ▶ Relates measured objects to the parton level  $tt$  decay
  - ▶ Maximisation performed for each jet combination
- Reconstructed variables are **unfolded** after background subtraction
  - ▶ Correction for detector effects and acceptance through a migration matrix derived from simulation





# $d\sigma_{tt}/dX$ and MC generators

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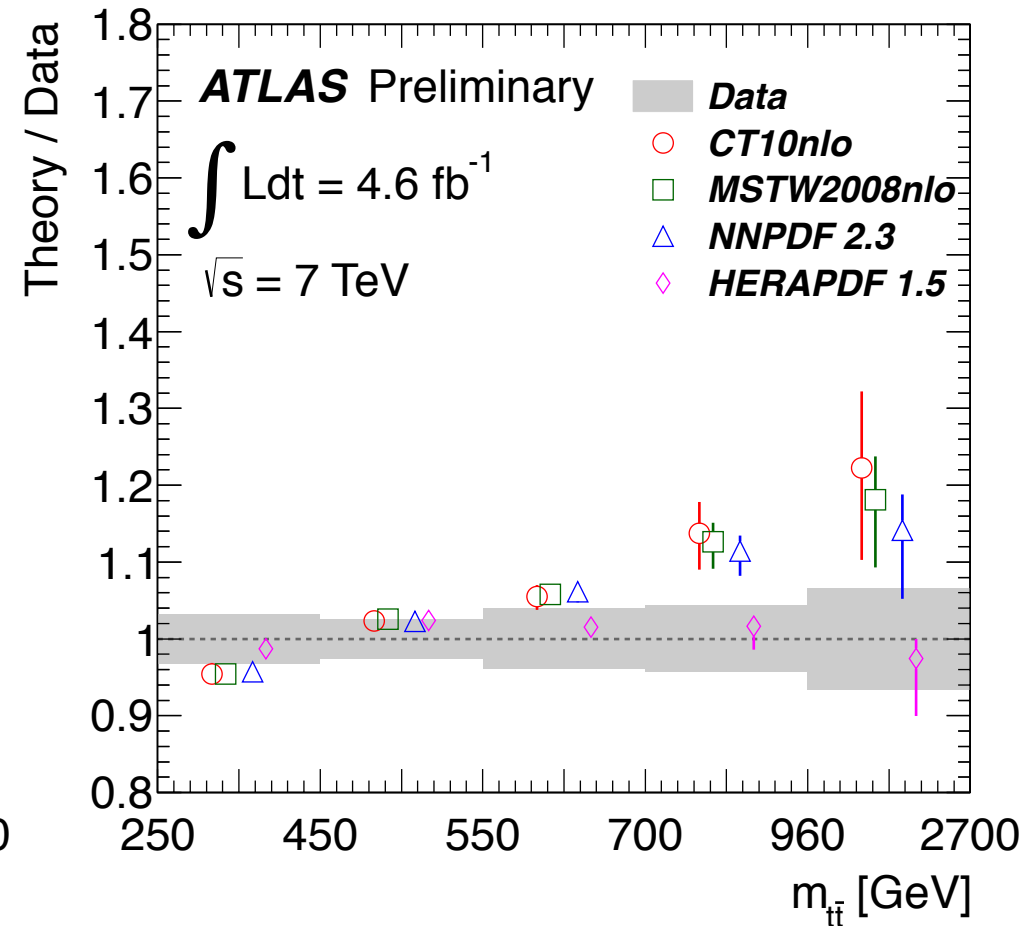
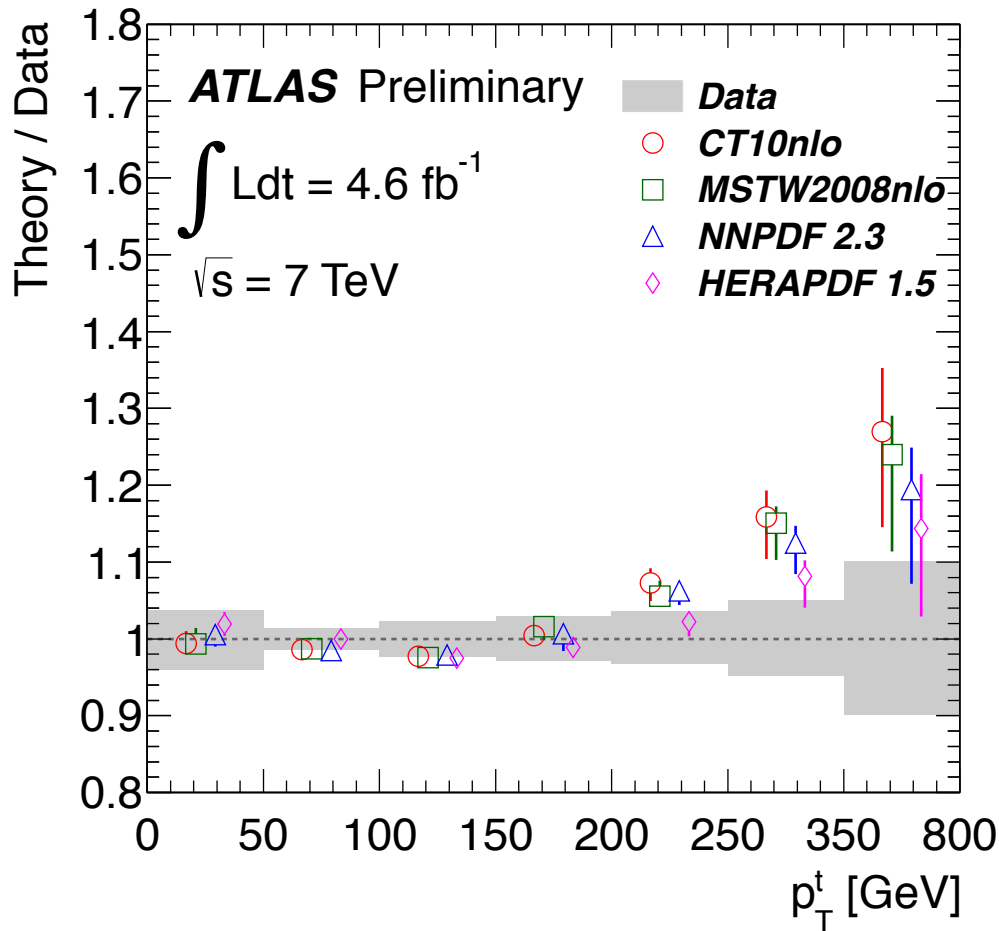


- Comparison with ALPGEN, MC@NLO and POWHEG
- $p_T^t$ : softer measured spectrum above 200 GeV
  - ▶ Best data description by POWHEG+HERWIG
- $y_{tt}$ : overestimation by MC@NLO and POWHEG for  $y < -1$ , underestimation for  $|y| < 0.5$ 
  - ▶ Best data description by ALPGEN+HERWIG



# $d\sigma_{tt}/dX$ and PDF sets

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- Comparison with CT10, MSTW2008, NNPDF and HERAPDF
  - ▶ From NLO theory calculation
- $p_T^t$ : Certain tension at high  $p_T$  for all predictions, need more data to gain significance
- $m_{tt}$ : Best data description by HERAPDF, deviation at high  $m_{tt}$  for others

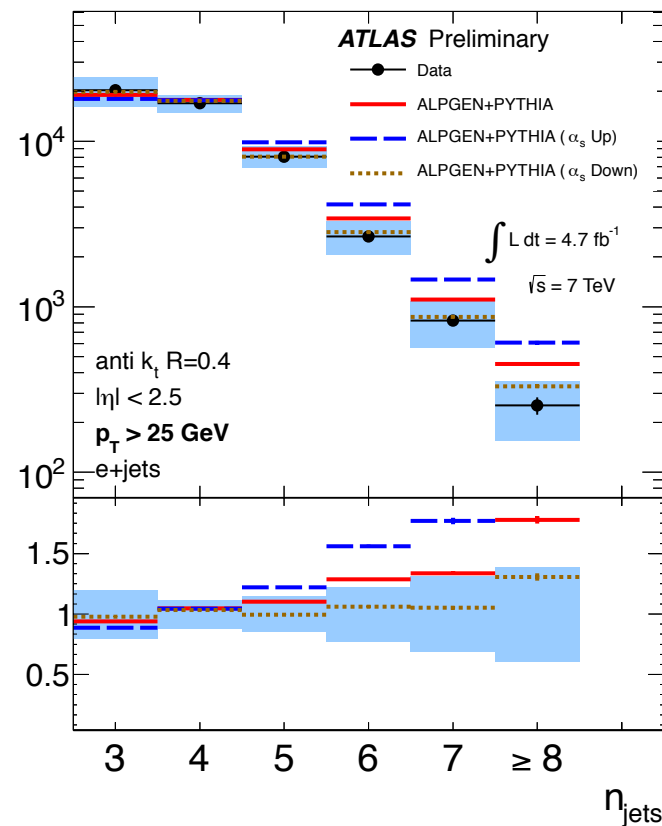
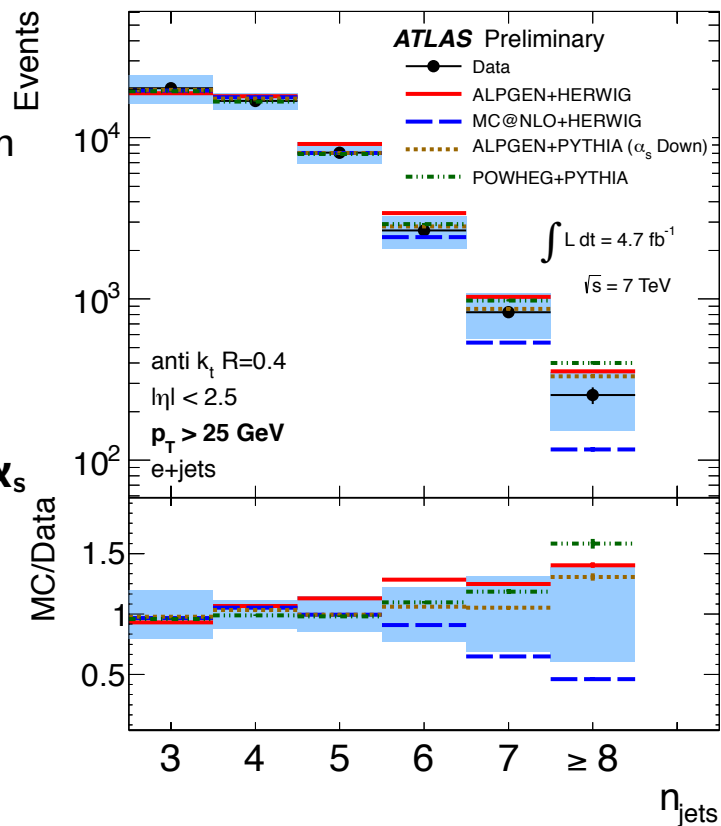


# $\sigma_{tt}$ vs jet multiplicity @ 7 TeV ( $4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

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- Jet multiplicity in  $tt$  events for different  $p_T$  thresholds (25, 40, 60, 80 GeV)
- Corrected for all detector effects within acceptance
- Comparison of data with **ALPGEN+HERWIG**, **MC@NLO+HERWIG**, **ALPGEN+PYTHIA** and **POWHEG+PYTHIA**

- MC@NLO** predicts fewer jets than measured spectra
  - Other generator predictions consistent with data
- Sensitive to scale settings of  $\alpha_s$** 
  - Best data compatibility: **ALPGEN+PYTHIA** with  $\alpha_s$  down variation



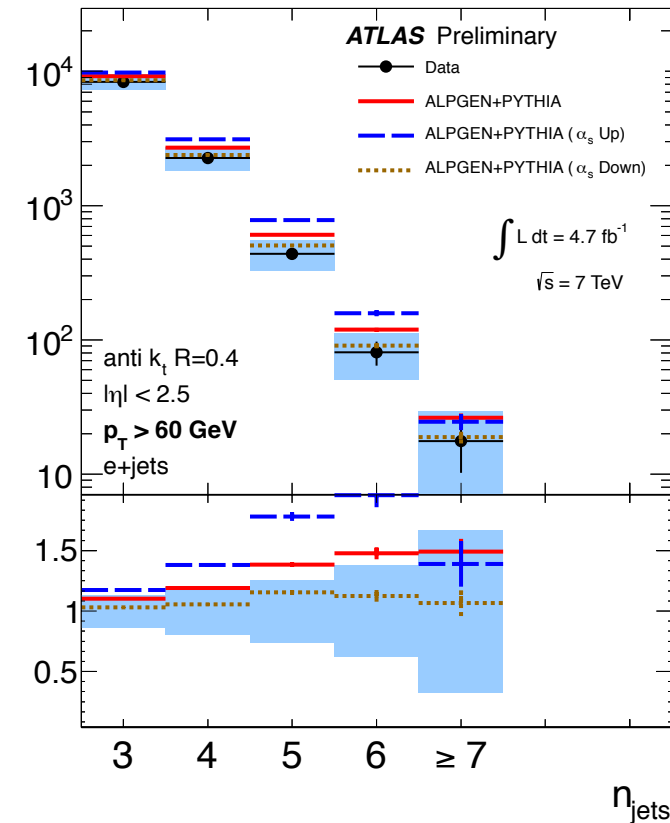
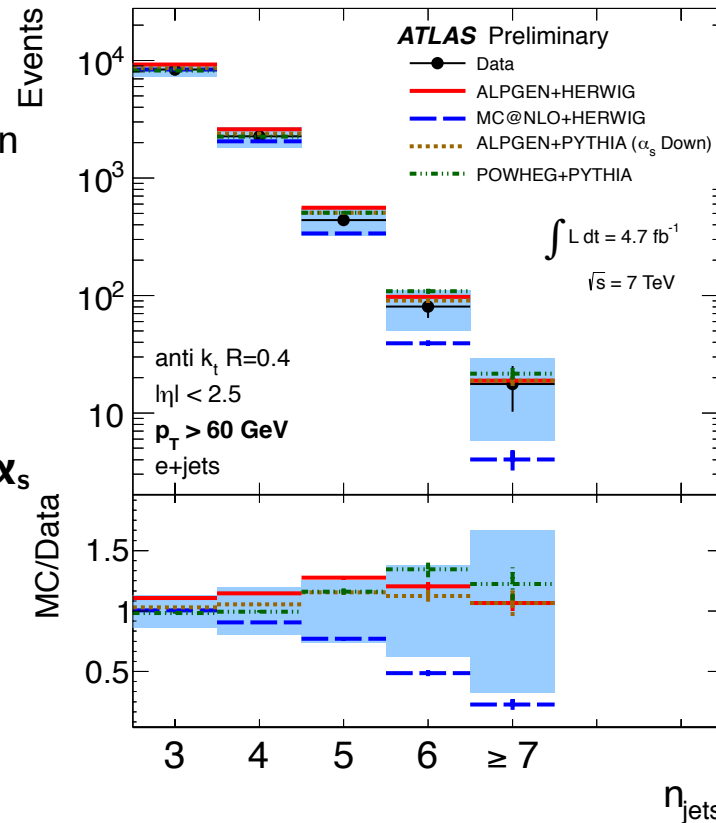


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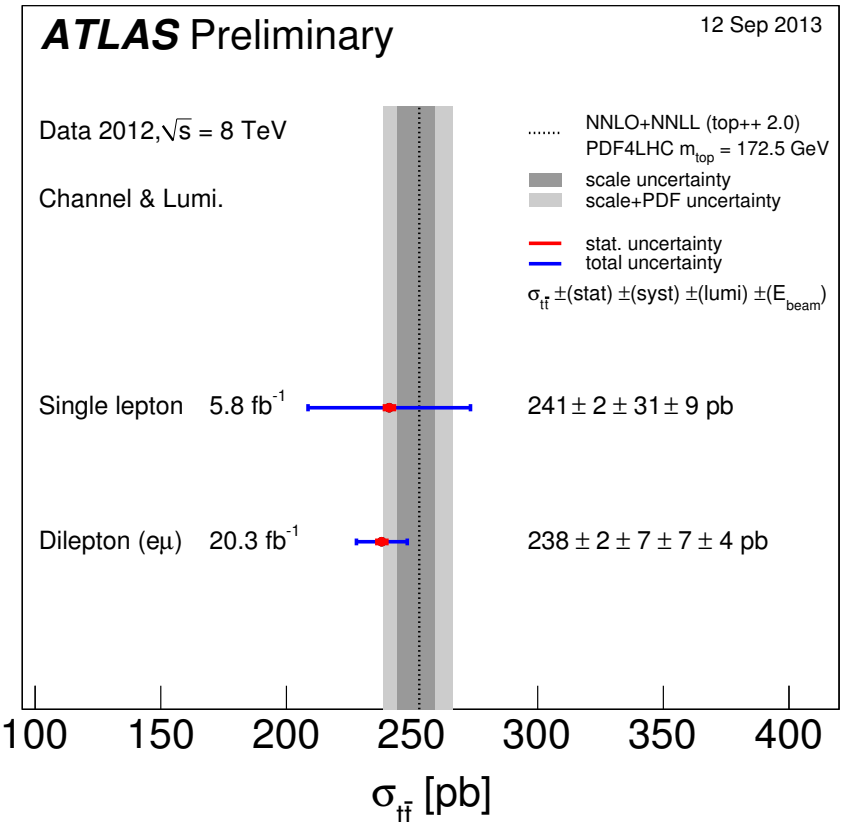
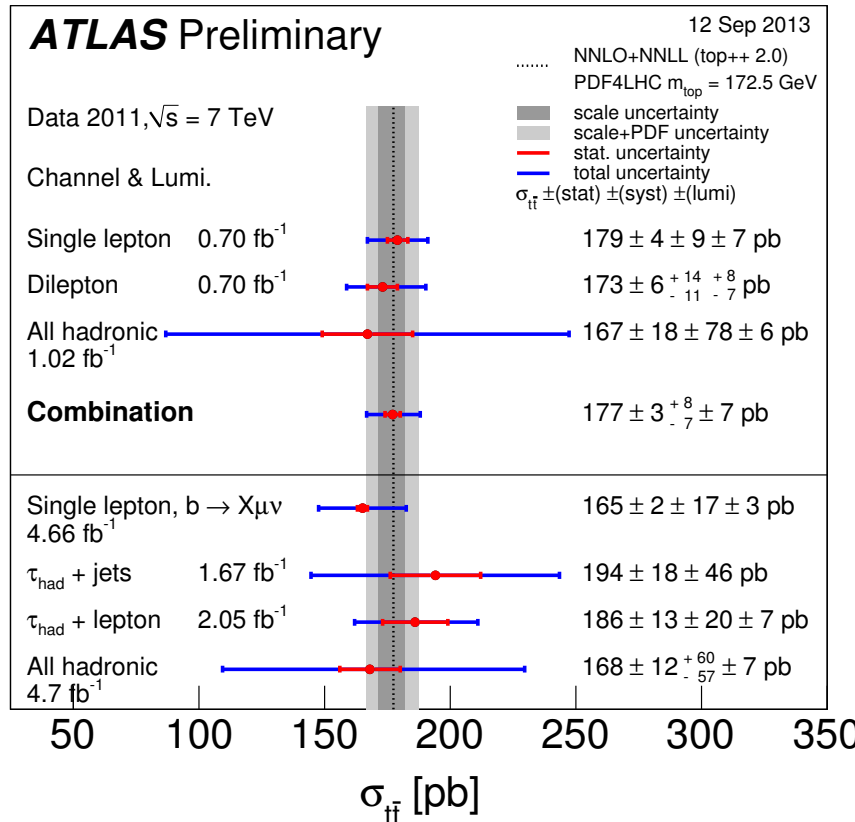
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# Top quark pair cross section summary



## Inclusive

- ▶ Broad range of measurements
- ▶ Major channels covered @ 7 TeV
- ▶ First measurements @ 8 TeV in semileptonic and dileptonic channel

## Differential

- ▶ Very important measurements to constraint SM modeling differences
- ▶ Done in fiducial range to avoid large extrapolations

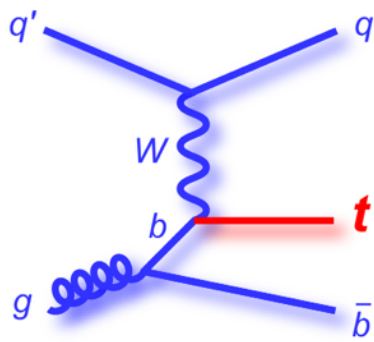
**All results consistent with SM expectations**

Top quark pair production

**Single top production**

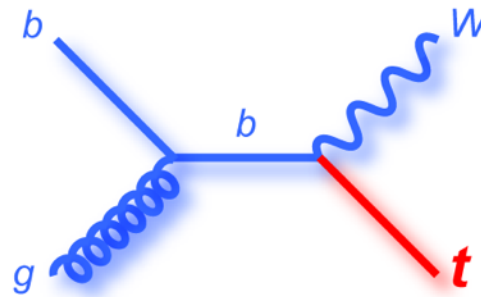


# Single top quark production



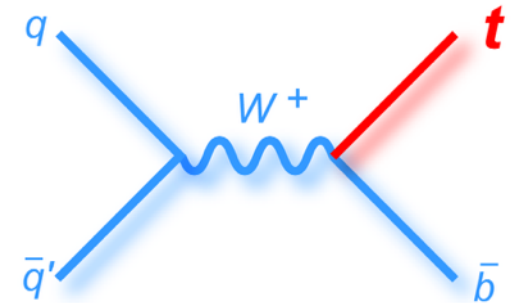
**t-channel**

approx. NNLO  
 $\sigma_t(7 \text{ TeV}) = 64.6_{-2.0}^{+2.7} \text{ pb}$   
 $\sigma_t(8 \text{ TeV}) = 87.8_{-1.9}^{+3.4} \text{ pb}$   
 Discovered at Tevatron



**Wt channel**

$\sigma_{Wt}(7 \text{ TeV}) = 15.7 \pm 1.1 \text{ pb}$   
 $\sigma_{Wt}(8 \text{ TeV}) = 22.4 \pm 1.5 \text{ pb}$   
 Observed at LHC



**s-channel**

$\sigma_s(7 \text{ TeV}) = 4.6 \pm 0.2 \text{ pb}$   
 $\sigma_s(8 \text{ TeV}) = 5.6 \pm 0.2 \text{ pb}$   
 Evidence at Tevatron

## Motivations

### Test of SM

### Probe W-t-b vertex

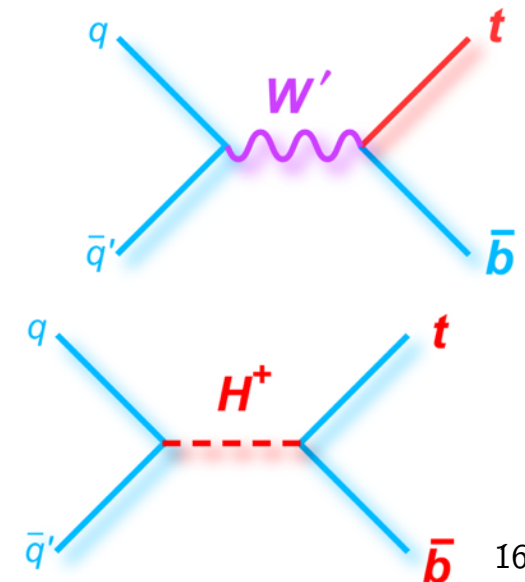
- ▶ Constraint on  $|V_{tb}|$
- ▶ Search for modified couplings
- ▶ Anomalous polarisation

### PDF constraints

- ▶ **u/d ratio**, b quark

### Direct sensitivity to new physics

- ▶ FCNC
- ▶ Excited quarks ( $b^*$ )
- ▶ Charged higgs ( $H^+$ )
- ▶  $W'$  covered in Madalina's talk



results presented in this talk



**Single top quark  
cross section measurements**



# t-channel @ 8 TeV ( $5.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

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## Selection

- ▶ W leptonic decay
- ▶ 1 isolated lepton  $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ 2 or 3 jets  $|\eta| < 4.5$ ,  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ 1 b-tagged jet
- ▶  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_T(W) > 50 \text{ GeV}$

## Analysis

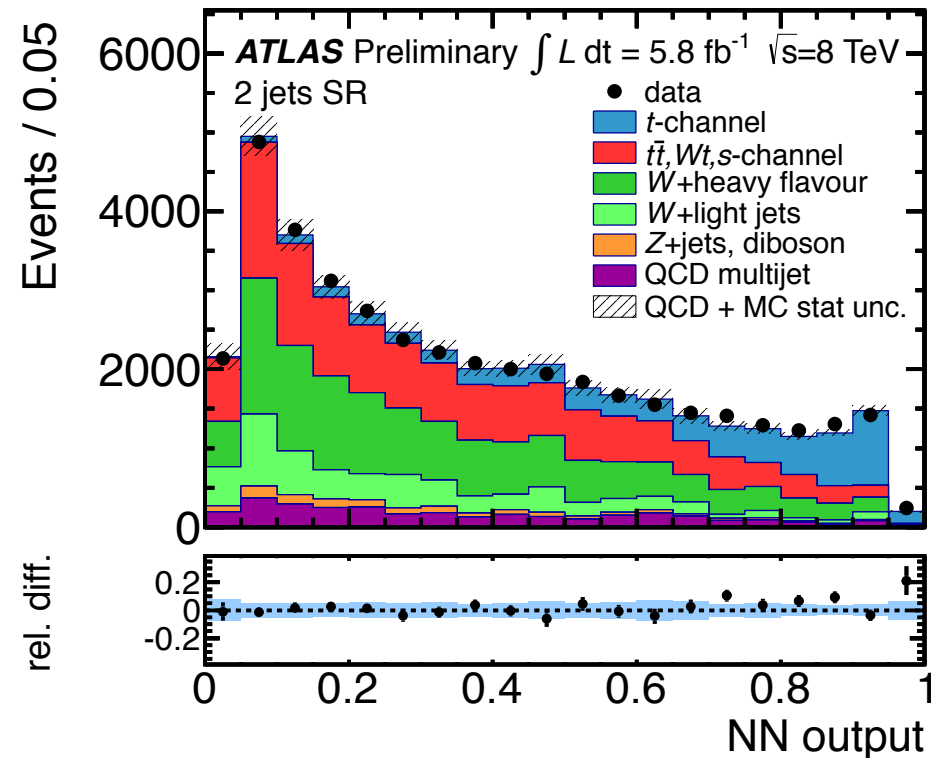
- ▶ Use of a **NN** for signal/background discrimination
- ▶ Measurement from **maximum likelihood fit** to NN distributions
- ▶ **Data driven** multijet and W+jets background estimations
- ▶ Other background estimated from simulation

## Results

- ▶ Main systematics: ISR/FSR (9.1%), b-tagging efficiency (8.5%) and jet energy scale (7.7%)

$$\sigma_t = 95 \pm 2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 18 \text{ (syst.) pb}$$

consistent with theory





# Wt channel @ 8 TeV (20.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

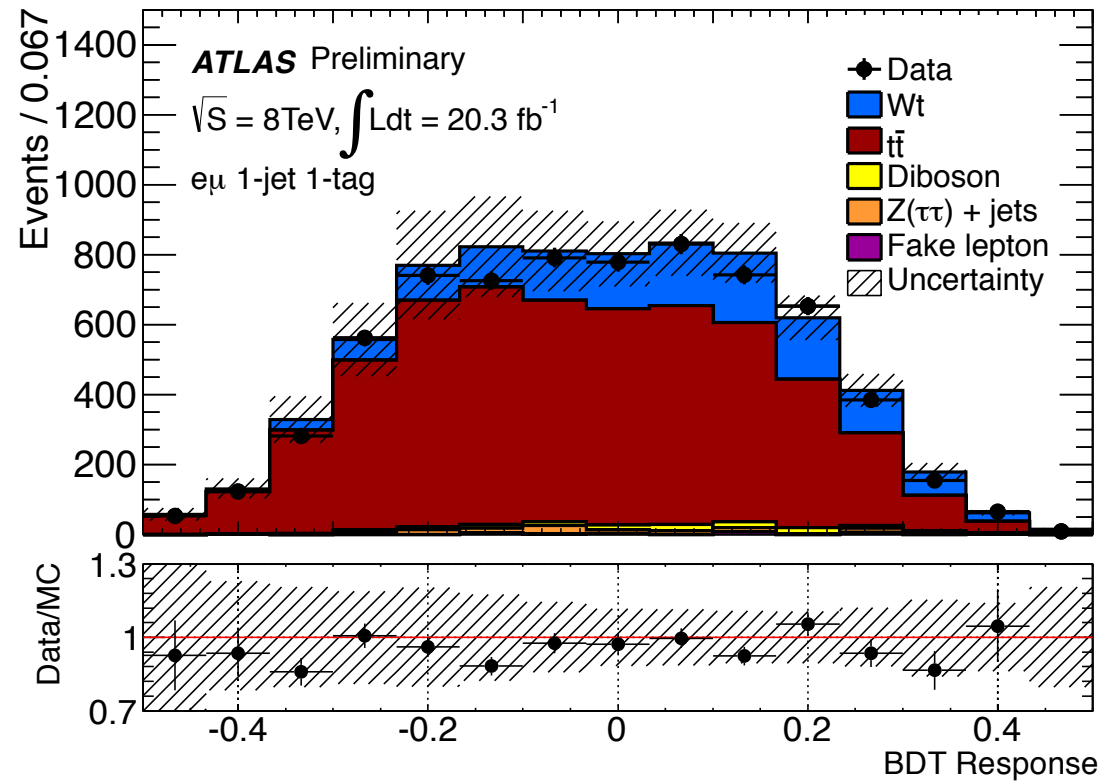
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## ■ Selection

- ▶ Leptonic W decays, eμ channel
- ▶ Two isolated leptons p<sub>T</sub> > 25 GeV of opposite charge
- ▶ 1 or 2 jets p<sub>T</sub> > 30 GeV, |η| < 2.5 with 1 b-tagged

## ■ Analysis

- ▶ Background discrimination using Boosted Decision Trees (BDT) in 1 and 2 jet samples
- ▶ Measurement using a **maximum likelihood fit on BDT distributions**
- ▶ Data driven fakes estimation



## ■ Results

- ▶ Main systematics: jet energy scale, b-tagging (~9%) and generator

$$\sigma_{Wt} = 27.2 \pm 2.8 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 5.4 \text{ (syst.) pb}$$

Significance: **4.2σ** (exp. 4.0σ)



# Direct $|V_{tb}|$ measurement (t and Wt channel)

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- Cross section proportional to  $|V_{tb} \cdot f|^2$ 
  - ▶ with f a coupling (=1 in SM)

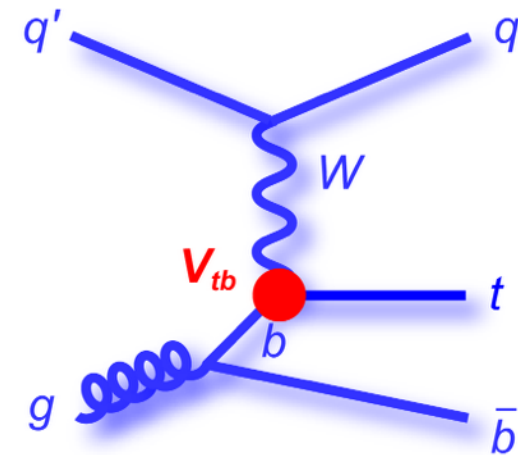
## ■ Measurement

$$|V_{tb} \cdot f|^2 = \frac{\sigma_t^{\text{exp}}}{\sigma_t^{\text{th}}}$$

- Independent of  $N_{\text{quark}}$  generation and CKM unitarity

## ■ Assumptions

- ▶ Left handed SM-like W-t-b interaction
- ▶  $|V_{tb}| \gg |V_{td}|, |V_{ts}|$



## Results (8TeV)

**t-channel**  $|V_{tb} \cdot f| = 1.04^{+0.10}_{-0.11}$   
 $> 0.80$  (95% CL)

**Wt**  $|V_{tb} \cdot f| = 1.10 \pm 0.12$   
 $> 0.72$  (95% CL)



# Top/antitop cross section ratio ( $R_t$ ) @ 7 TeV ( $4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

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■  $R_t = \sigma_{\text{top}}/\sigma_{\text{antitop}}$  sensitive to u/d quark PDF ratio

■ Similar W leptonic decay selection

## ■ Analysis

- ▶ Similar to inclusive cross section measurement
- ▶ Separate NN **depending on the lepton charge**

## ■ Results

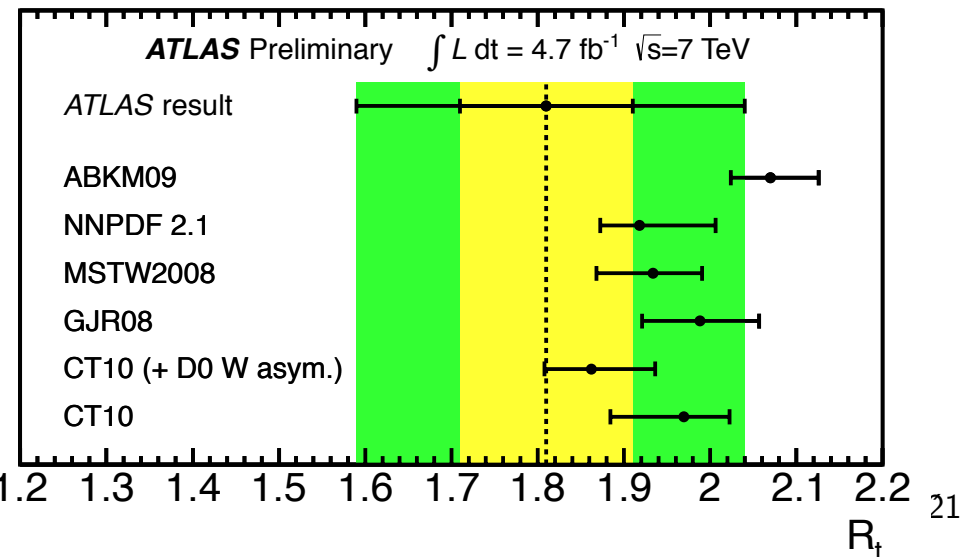
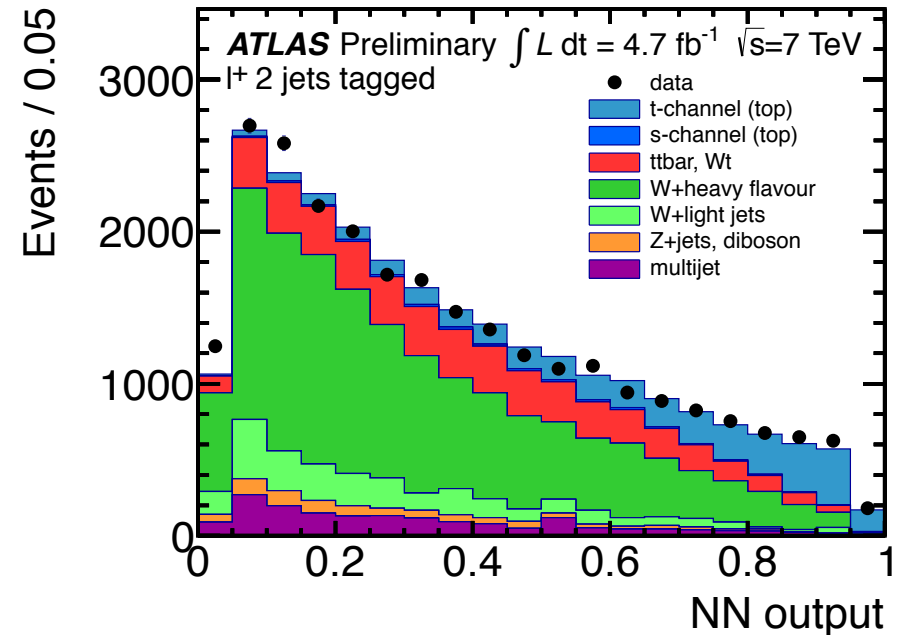
- ▶ Main systematics: ISR/FSR (4.2%),  
QCD background normalisation ( $\sim 3.8\%$ ),  
jet energy scale (3.7%)

$$R_t = 1.81 \pm 0.10 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.21 \text{ (syst.)}$$

$$\sigma_t(t) = 53.2 \pm 1.7 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 10.6 \text{ (syst.) pb}$$

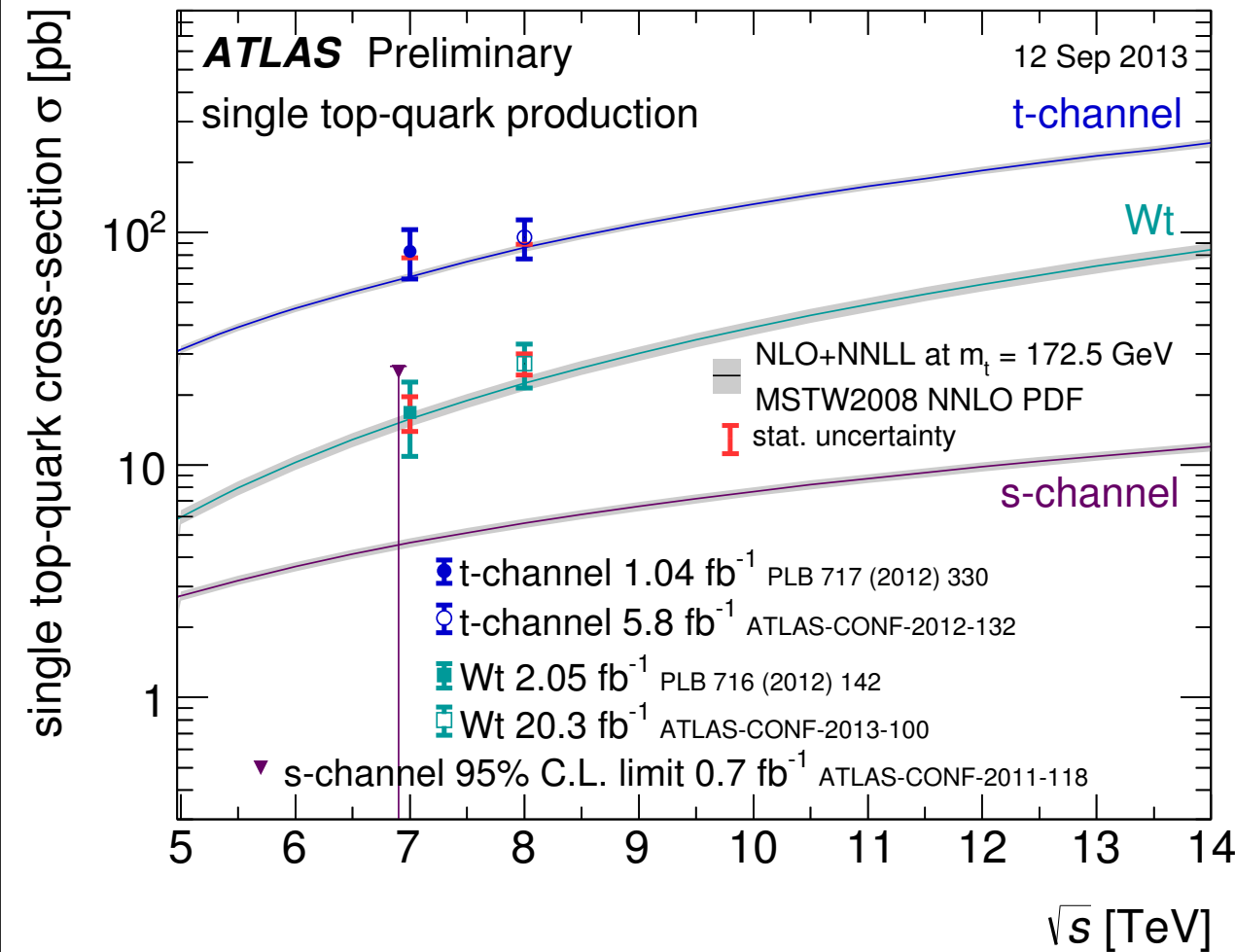
$$\sigma_t(\bar{t}) = 29.5 \pm 1.5 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 7.3 \text{ (syst.) pb}$$

agreement with predictions using various PDF sets





# Single top quark production summary



All results consistent with SM expectations

- Many results in the single top quark sector
  - Presented here:
    - t-channel cross section @ 8 TeV
      - Combination with CMS
- $\sigma_t = 85 \pm 4$  (stat.)  $\pm 11$  (syst.)  $\pm 3$  (lumi) pb  
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- Wt channel cross section @ 8 TeV
    - 4.2 $\sigma$  evidence
  - Direct measurement of  $|V_{tb}|$
  - Cross section ratio in t-channel
    - sensitive to u/d PDFs



# Summary and outlook

- All top quark production cross section measurements are **consistent with SM expectations**
- Differential cross section measurements important to constraint SM modeling differences
  - ▶ Current measurements **start to be discriminating**
- More measurements coming @ 8 TeV

All public results from the ATLAS top physics working group here  
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/TopPublicResults>

**Many new results ahead!**

**THANK YOU**



**BACKUP**



# Dilepton channel @ 8 TeV (20.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

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- **Cross section** and **b-tag/jet reconstruction efficiency** extracted from event counts in 1 and 2 b-tagged jets samples

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

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

- with:
  - ▶ L: integrated luminosity
  - ▶  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ : cross section
  - ▶  $\epsilon_{e\mu}$ : efficiency to pass  $e\mu$  preselection
  - ▶  $\epsilon_b$ : Probability for a jet from  $t \rightarrow Wq$  to be within acceptance, reconstructed as a jet and b-tagged
  - ▶  $C_b$ : correlations between two b-tagged jets
  - ▶  $N^{\text{bkg}}$ : number of background events



# $\tau$ +lepton channel @ 7 TeV (2.1 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

arXiv:1205.2067

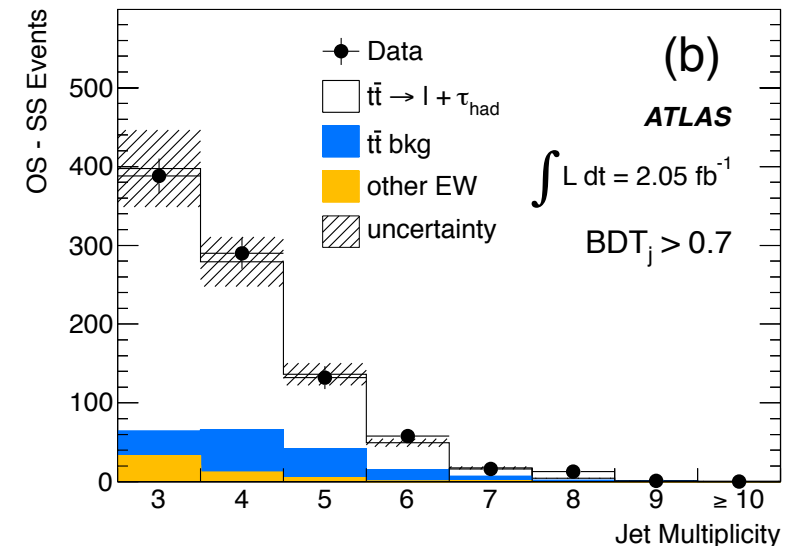
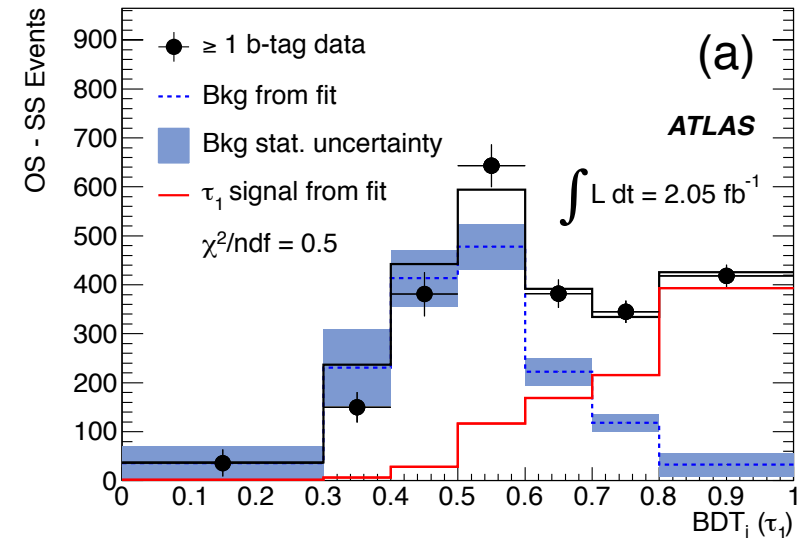
- Cross section measurement with  $\tau$  decaying hadronically
- Sensitive to non SM processes  $t \rightarrow bH^+ \rightarrow b\tau^+\nu_\tau$
- **$\tau$  reconstruction and ID**
  - ▶ 1-3 associated tracks  $p_T > 1$  GeV
  - $20 < E_T < 100$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.3$
  - ▶ Discrimination between  $\tau$  and misidentified electron and jets using **boosted decision trees (BDT)**
  - ID variables from tracking and calorimeter

## ■ Analysis

- ▶ Estimation on **opposite sign - same sign distribution** to suppress fake  $\tau$  from gluon jets and multijet background
- ▶  **$\chi^2$  fits** to the OS-SS BDT distributions on events with at least one b-jet
- ▶ Signal templates from MC, background templates from 0 b-jet sample

## ■ Results

- ▶ Main systematics: b-tagging, ISR/FSR,  $\tau$ -ID



$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 186 \pm 13 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 20 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 7 \text{ (lumi) pb}$$

consistent with  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{NNLO+NNLL}} = 177.3^{+10.1}_{-10.8} \text{ pb}$



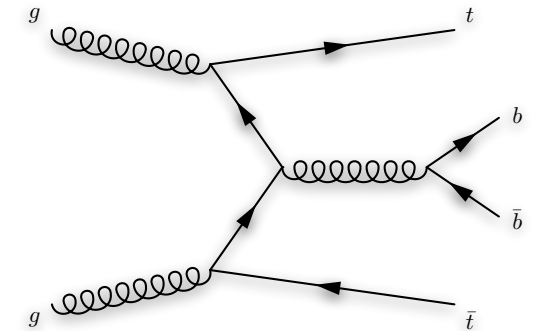
# tt + heavy flavor @ 7 TeV (4.7 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

arXiv:1304.6386

- Main irreducible background to  $t\bar{t} + H$  with  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
- Measurement of ratio  $R_{HF}$  to reduce systematic uncertainties

$$R_{HF} = \frac{\sigma_{fid}(t\bar{t} + HF)}{\sigma_{fid}(t\bar{t} + j)} \quad HF = b, c \quad j = \text{any flavor}$$

- Both  $\sigma_{fid}$  measured in a **kinematic fiducial region** within the detector acceptance
- Nominal  $t\bar{t}$  dilepton selection with a **third jet requirement**  
→ b-tagged for  $\sigma_{fid}(t\bar{t} + HF)$
- Main background for  $t\bar{t} + HF$  is  $t\bar{t} + \text{jet}$  with misidentified light jet
- Binned maximum likelihood fit to secondary vertex mass distribution to estimate heavy and light flavor content of the additional b-tagged jets

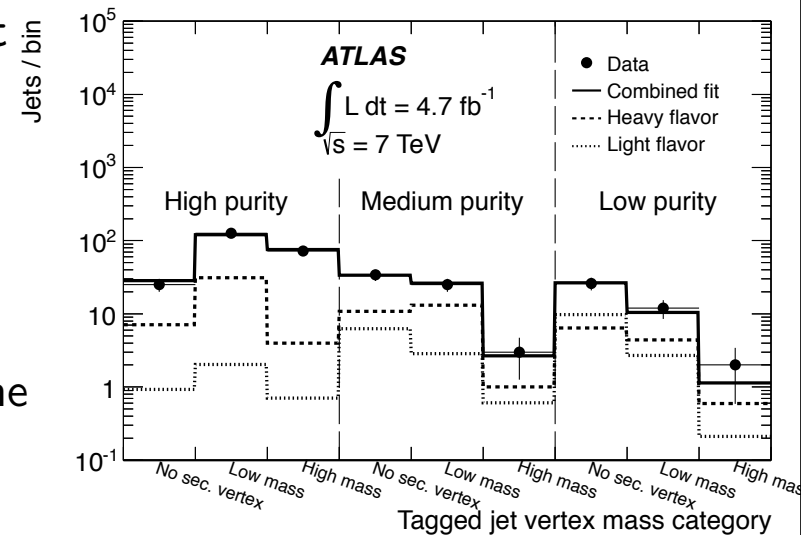


## Results

- Main systematics: fiducial flavor composition (+69%), c-jets tagging efficiency (~21%)

$$R_{HF} = [7.1 \pm 1.3 (\text{stat.})^{+5.3}_{-2.0} (\text{syst.})]\%$$

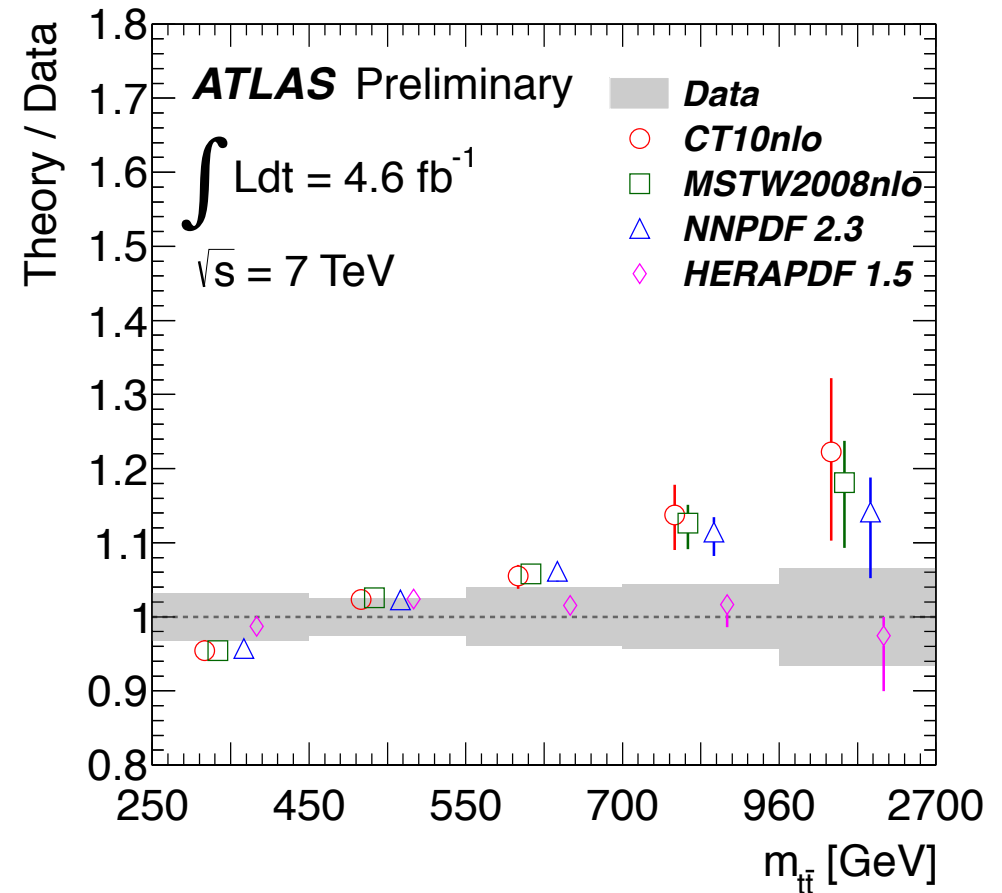
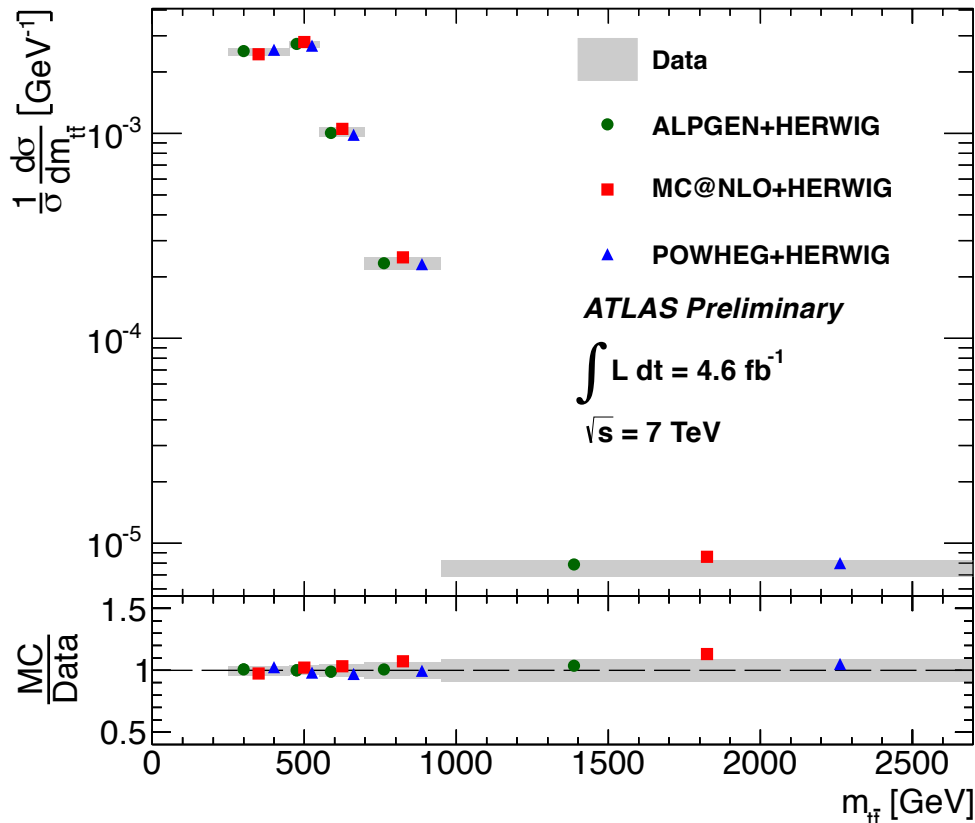
prediction ALPGEN+HERWIG (LO):  $R_{HF} = [3.4 \pm 1.1]\%$





# $d\sigma_{tt}/dm_{tt}$

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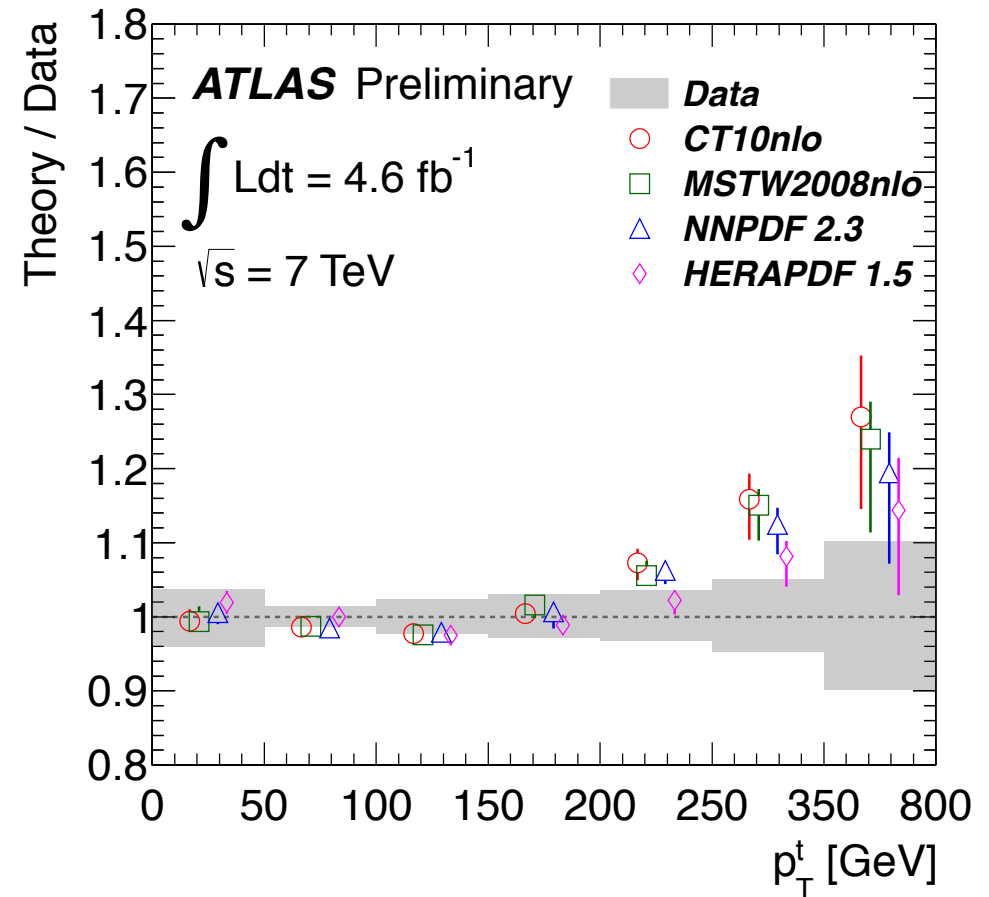
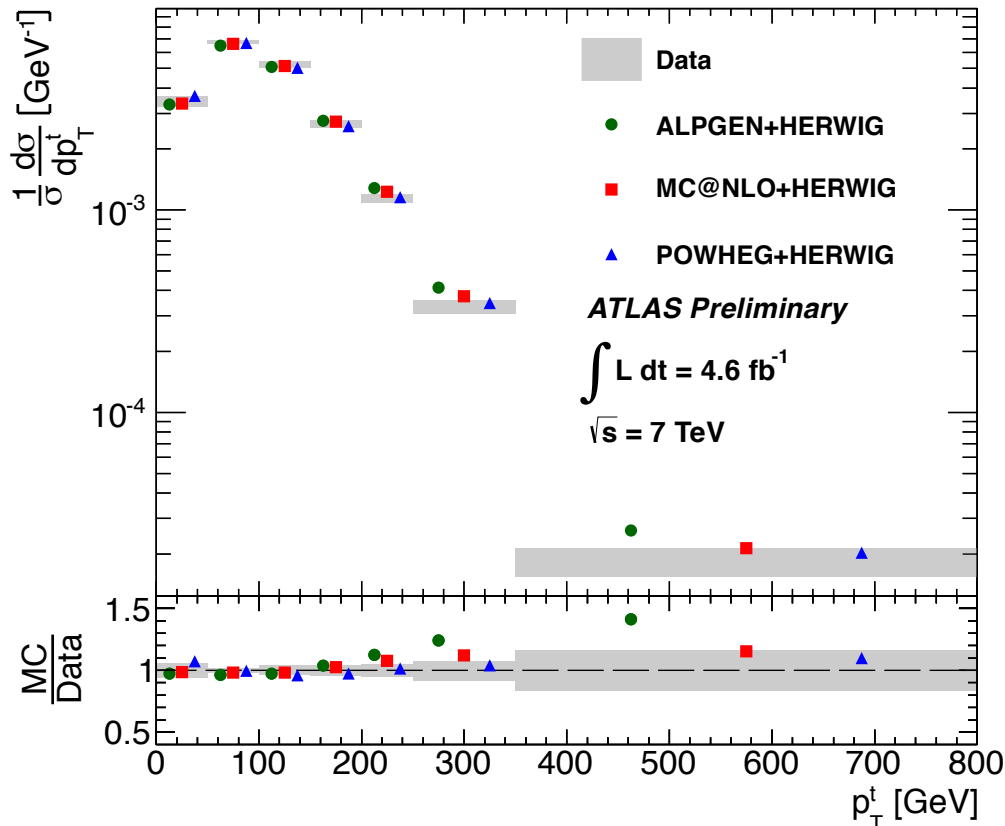


- **Generator:** good data/MC agreement
- **PDF:** best data description by HERAPDF, deviation at high  $m_{tt}$  for others



# $d\sigma_{tt}/dp_T^t$

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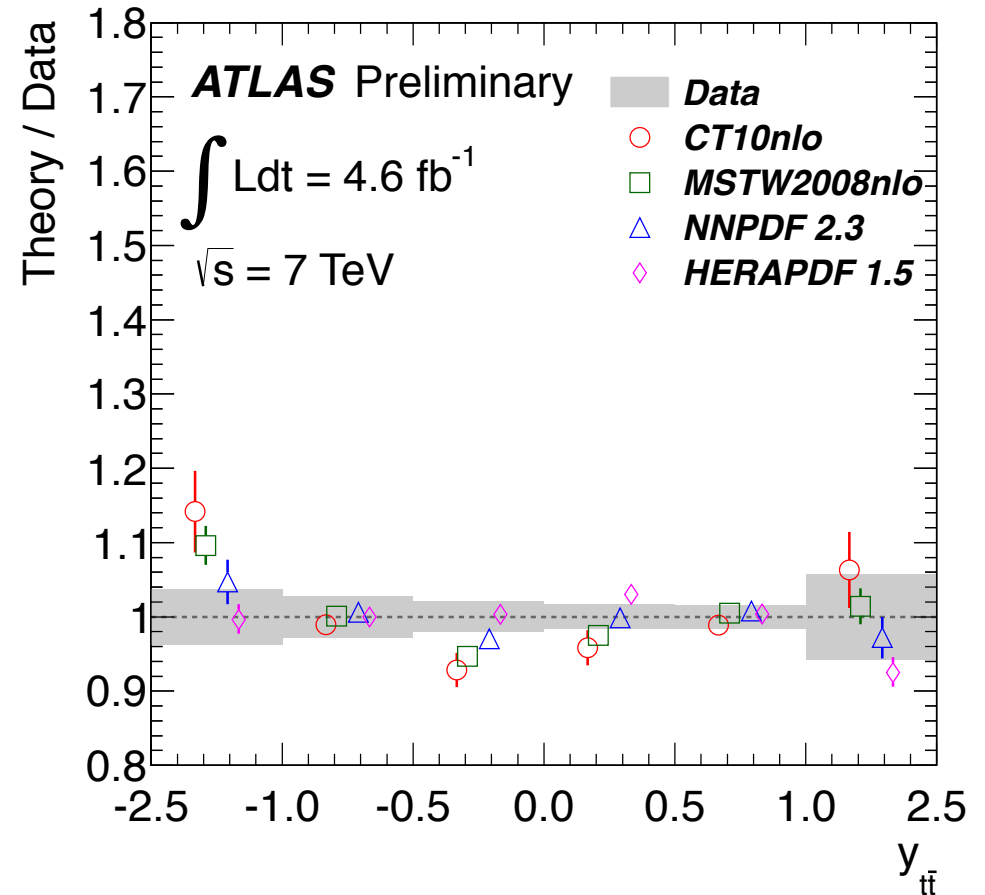
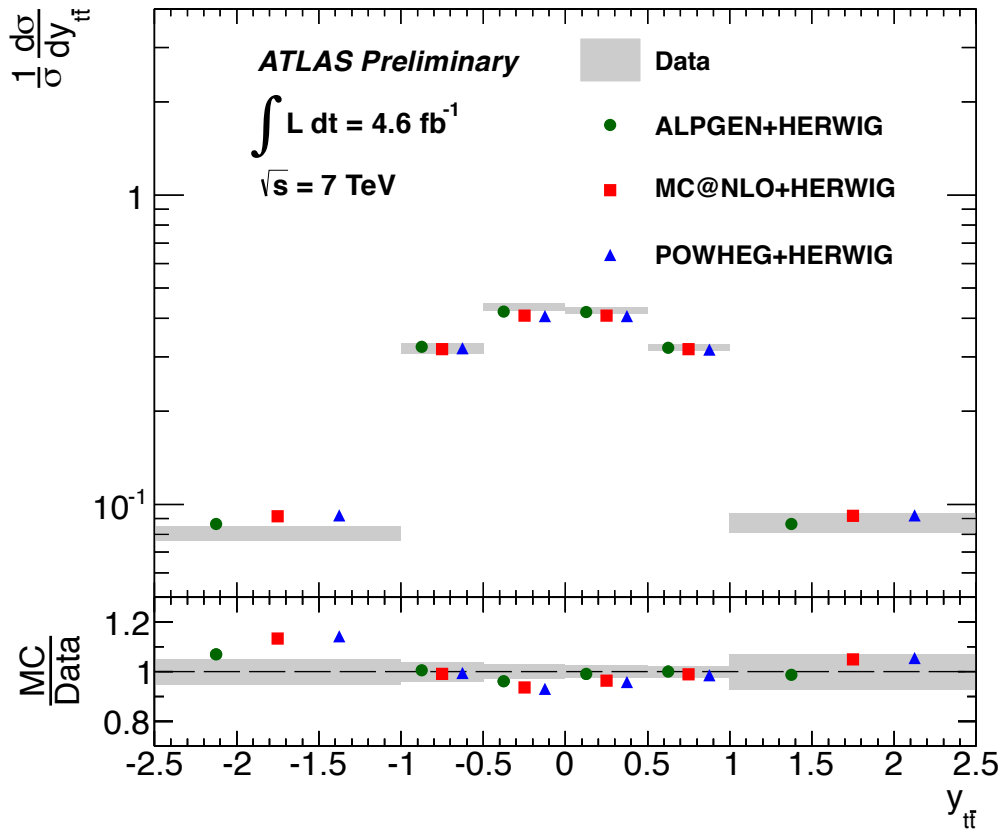


- **Generator:** softer measured spectrum above 200 GeV
  - ▶ Best data description by POWHEG+HERWIG
- **PDF:** certain tension at high  $p_T$  for all predictions



# $d\sigma_{tt}/dy_{tt}$

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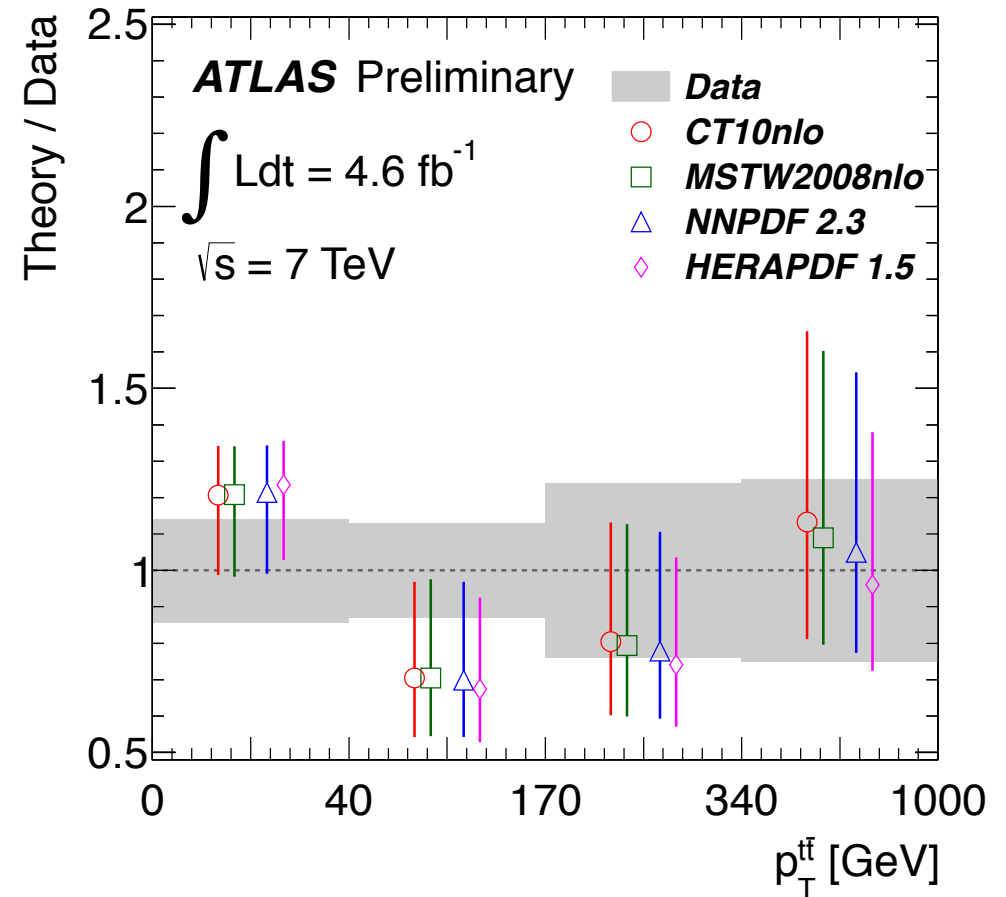
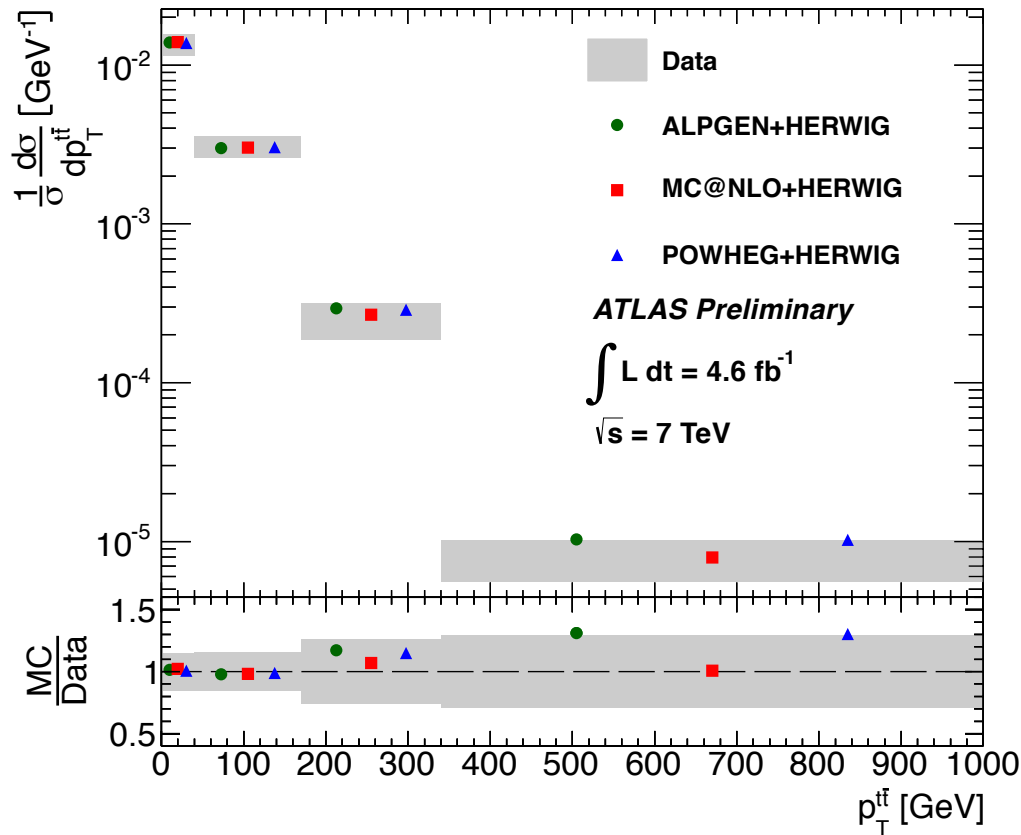


- **Generator:** overestimation by MC@NLO and POWHEG for  $y < -1$ , underestimation for  $|y| < 0.5$ 
  - ▶ Best data description by ALPGEN+HERWIG
- **PDF:** better agreement for NNPDF and HERAPDF



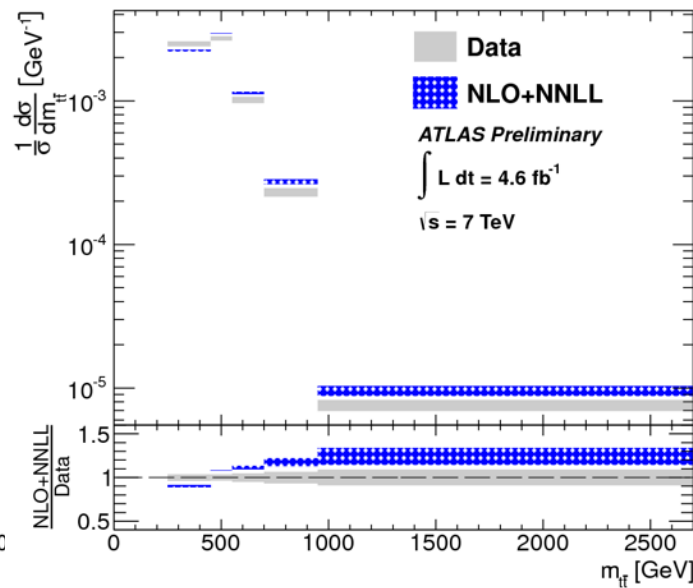
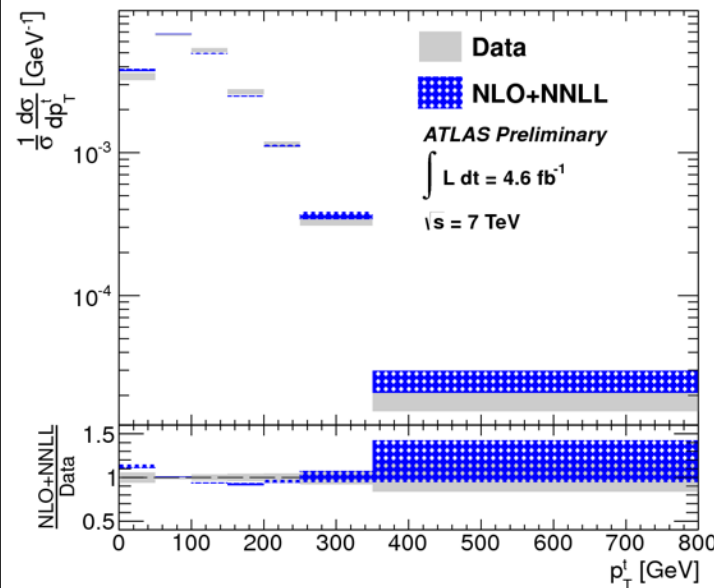
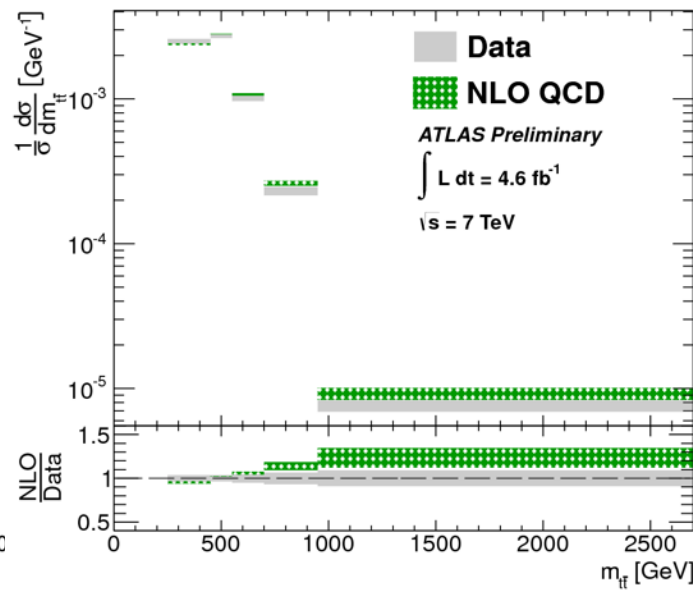
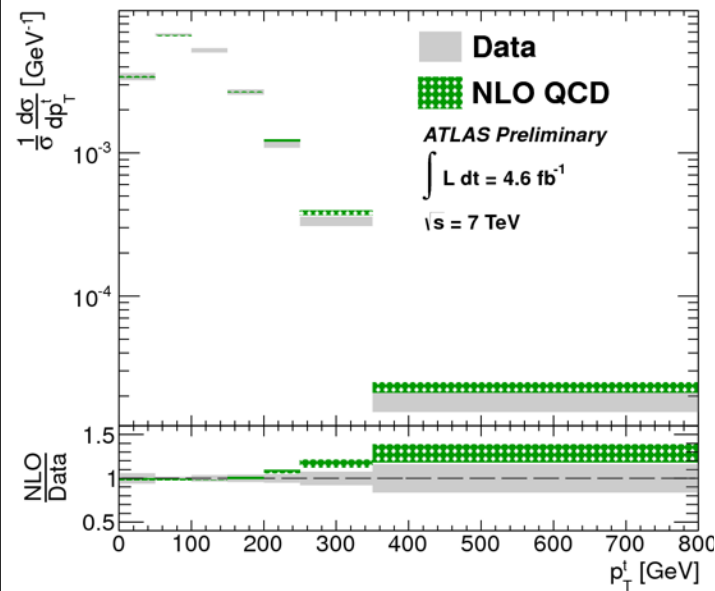
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- Compatibility MC/data and PDF/data within uncertainties



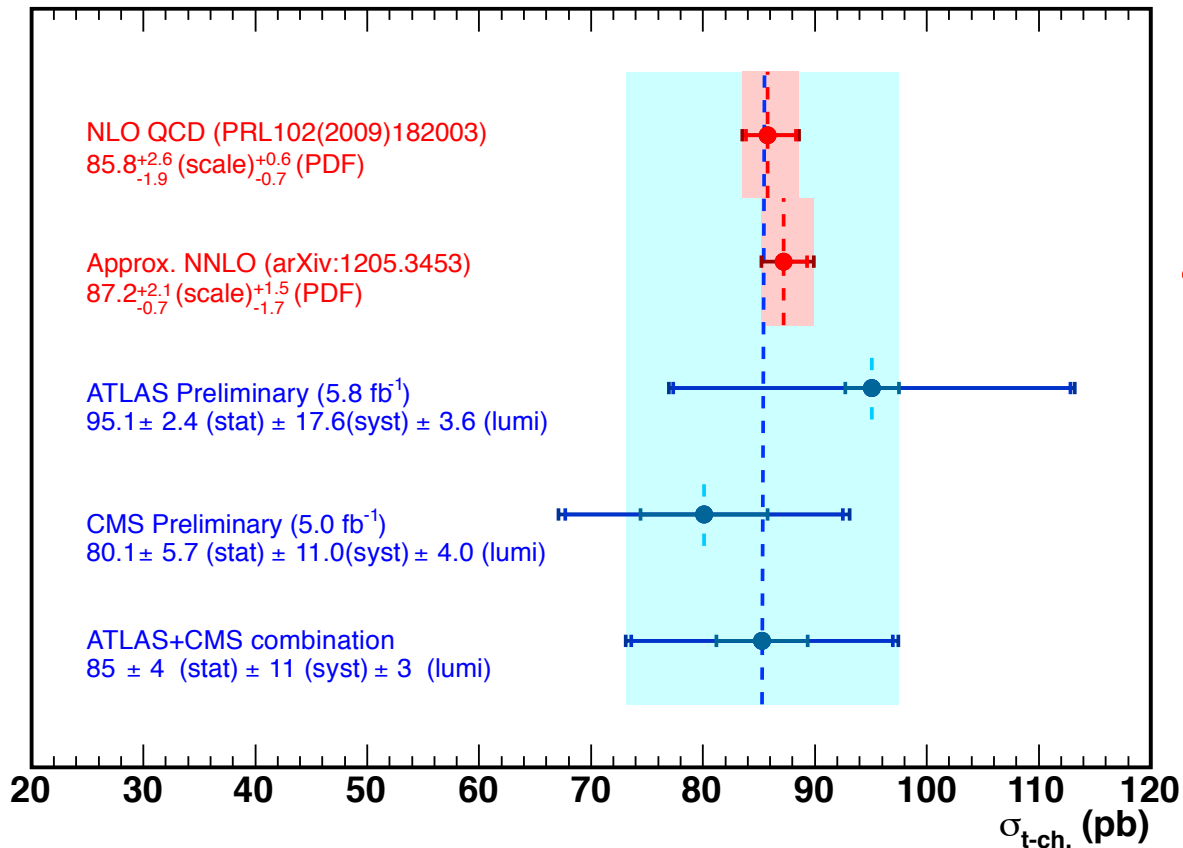


- Comparison with **MCFM** (NLO QCD) and **NLO+NNLL**
- Predictions do not include parton showering
- $p_T^t$ : Data a bit softer than both predictions
- $m_{tt}$ : Spectrum falls more quickly than both predictions → better agreement with NLO QCD

# t-channel LHC combination

- Combination using **best linear unbiased estimator (BLUE)**
  - Consider individual contributions to systematic uncertainties and their correlations

ATLAS+CMS Preliminary,  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV



Source	Uncertainty (pb)
Statistics	4.1
Luminosity	3.4
Simulation and modelling	7.7
Jets	4.5
Backgrounds	3.2
Detector modelling	5.5
Total systematics (excl. lumi)	11.0
Total systematics (incl. lumi)	11.5
Total uncertainty	12.2

$$\sigma_t = 85 \pm 4 (\text{stat.}) \pm 11 (\text{syst.}) \pm 3 (\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$$



# Wt channel @ 8 TeV - BDT variables

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## 1-jet sample

## 2-jet sample

### Variable

$p_T^{\text{sys}}$  variables

$p_T^{\text{sys}}(\text{lep1,lep2},E_T^{\text{miss}},\text{jet1})$

$p_T^{\text{sys}}(\text{lep1,lep2},\text{jet1})$

$p_T$ -related variables

$\Delta p_T((\text{lep1,lep2}), (E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jet1}))$

$\Delta p_T(\text{lep1}, E_T^{\text{miss}})$

$\sum E_T$

$H_T(\text{lep1,lep2}, E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jet1})$

Angular correlations

$\Delta\phi((\text{lep1,lep2}), \text{jet1})$

$\Delta R((\text{lep1,lep2}), \text{jet1})$

$\Delta\phi(\text{lep1}, \text{jet1})$

$\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jet1})$

Centrality(lep1,lep2)

Thrust

$\eta(\text{lep1,lep2})$

$m$  or  $m_T$  variables

$m_T(\text{lep2}, E_T^{\text{miss}})$

$m(\text{lep1,lep2}, \text{jet1})$

$m(\text{lep1}, \text{jet1})$

Object kinematics

$E_T^{\text{miss}}$

$E_T(\text{jet1})$

$\eta(\text{lep2})$

### Variable

$p_T^{\text{sys}}$  variables

$p_T^{\text{sys}}(\text{jet1}, \text{jet2})$

$p_T^{\text{sys}}(\text{lep1}, \text{lep2})$

$p_T^{\text{sys}}(\text{lep1,lep2}, E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jet1})$

$p_T^{\text{sys}}(\text{lep1}, E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jet2})$

$p_T$ -related variables

$\Delta p_T((\text{lep1,lep2}), (E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jet1}))$

$\Delta p_T(\text{jet1}, E_T^{\text{miss}})$

Angular correlations

$\Delta\phi((\text{lep1,lep2}), (E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jet1}))$

$\Delta\phi_{\text{MAX}}(\text{lep}, \text{jet1})$

$\Delta R((\text{lep1}, \text{jet2}))$

Centrality(lep2,jet1,jet2)

$\eta(\text{lep1}, \text{jet2})$

$m$  variables

$m(\text{lep1}, \text{jet2})$

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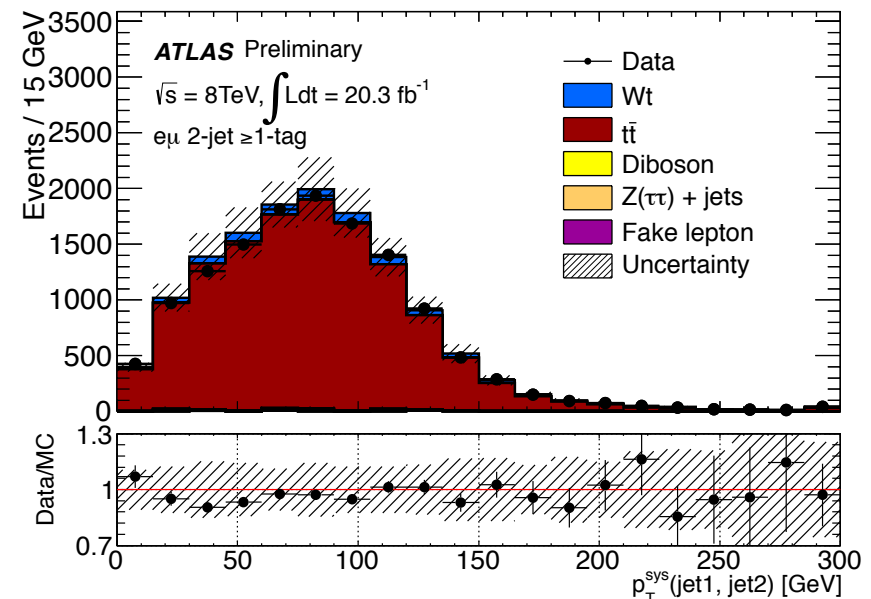
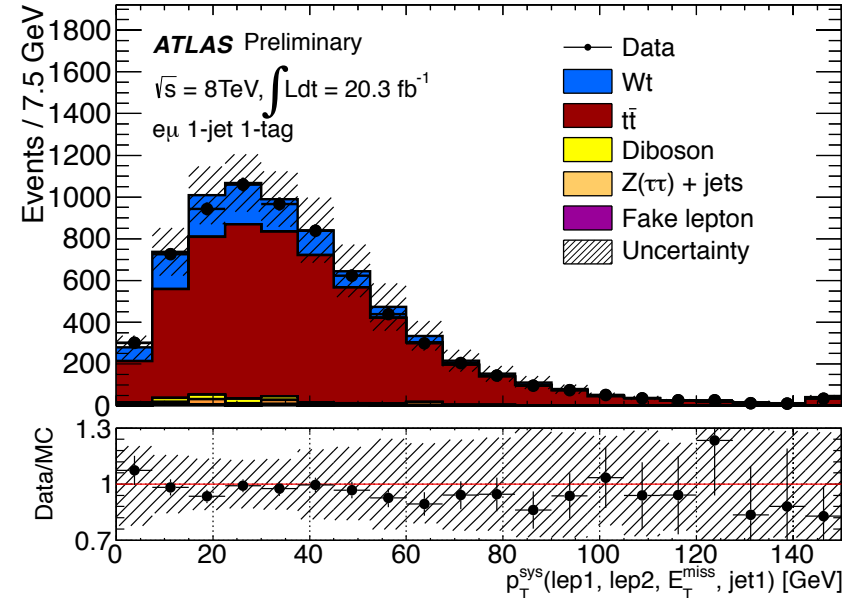
Object kinematics

$E_T^{\text{miss}}$

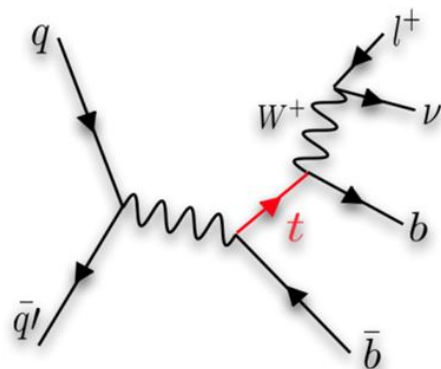
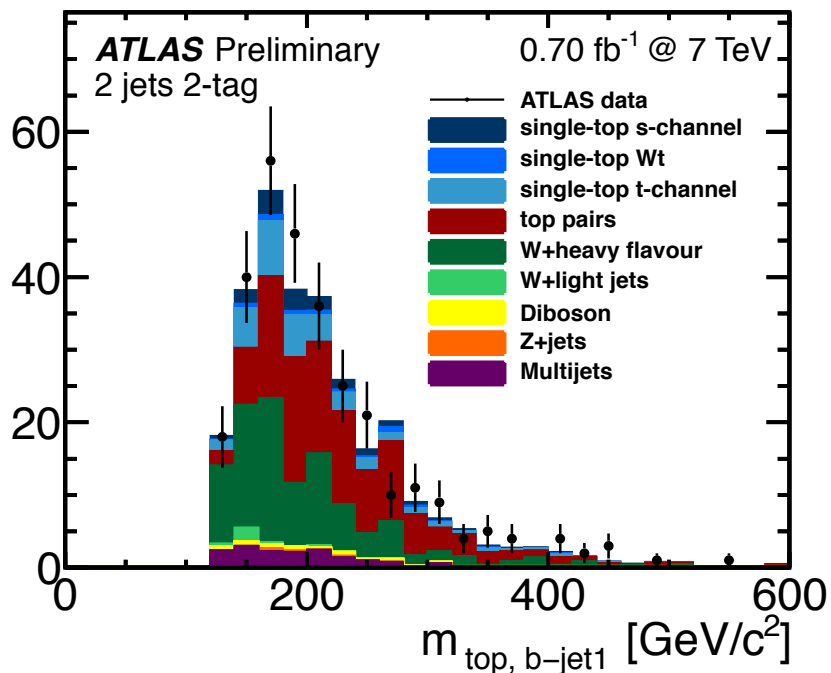
$E_T(\text{jet1})$

$E(\text{lep1})$

$E(\text{jet2})$



Candidate Events



## Preselection

- 1 isolated lepton  $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- 2 b-tagged jets  $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_T(W) > 60 \text{ GeV} - E_T^{\text{miss}}$

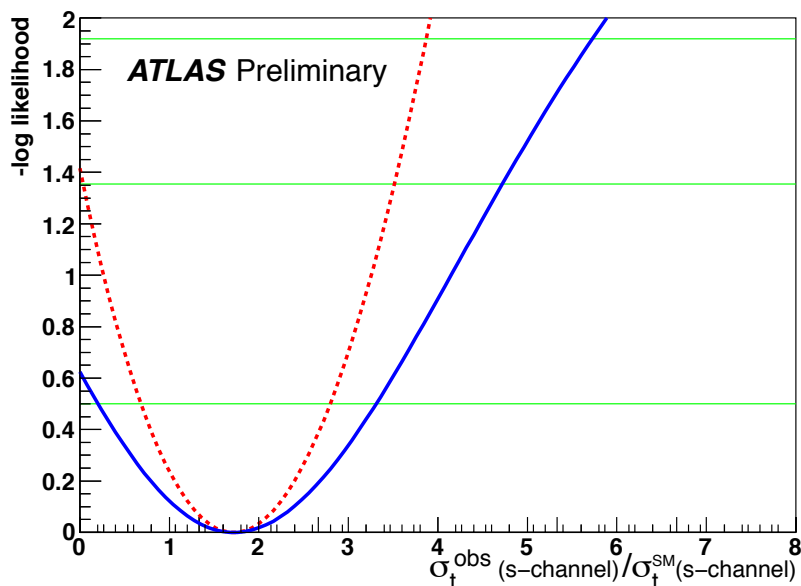
## Analysis

- Cut based signal extraction
- Data driven W+jets (normalisation) and multijet background
- Main backgrounds: tt and W+jets

## Results

- After selection: Expected signal:  $16 \pm 6$   
Data total: 296
- Limited by statistics

$$\sigma_s < 26.5 \text{ pb (20.5 exp) @ 95\% CL}$$



$$\sigma_s^{\text{NLO+NNLL}} = 4.6 \pm 0.3 \text{ pb}$$



# Single top FCNC production @ 8 TeV (14.2 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

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- FCNC in top decay  $B(t \rightarrow qV)$  with  $V = H, Z, \gamma, g$
- Highly suppressed by SM
  - Can be enhanced in some BSM models ( $B \sim 10^{-5} - 10^{-3}$ )
- $t \rightarrow qg$  difficult due to large QCD background
- Better sensitivity with  $qg \rightarrow t \rightarrow bW(\rightarrow l\nu)$

## Selection

1 isolated lepton , 1 b-tagged jet  
 $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$  ,  $m_T(W) > 50 \text{ GeV}$

## Analysis

- Binned likelihood fit to NN distribution
- Signal region: tight b-tag
- Control region: looser b-tag (more W+jets)
- Data driven multijet normalisation

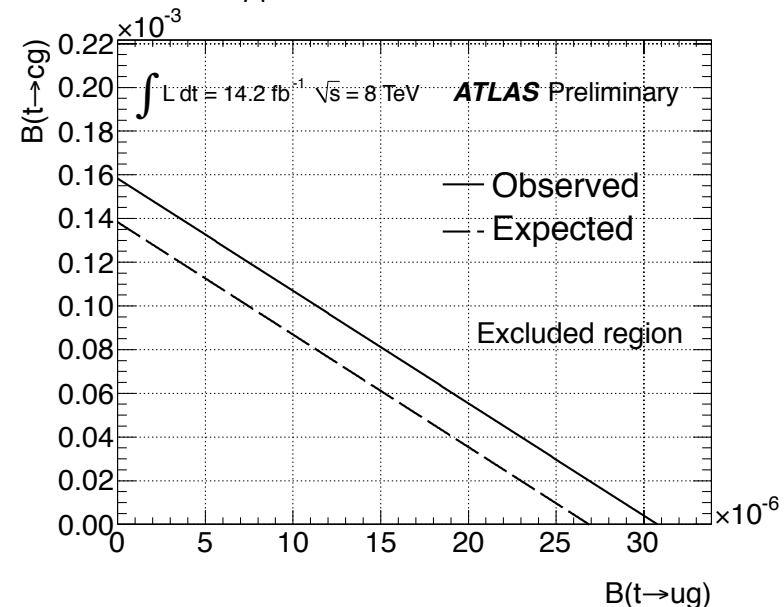
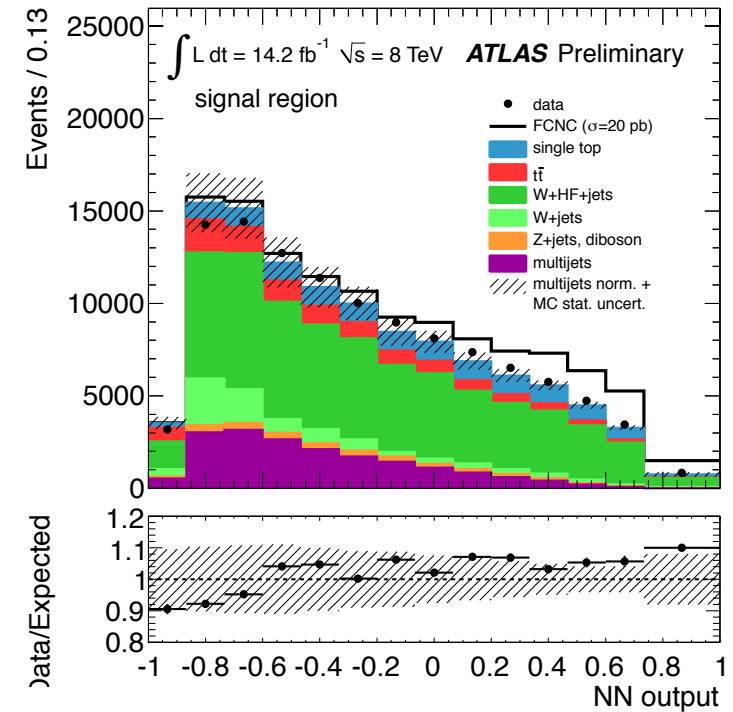
## Results

- No excess observed

$$\sigma_{\text{FCNC}} < 2.5 \text{ pb @ 95\% CL (2.2 exp.)}$$

$$B(t \rightarrow ug) < 3.1 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ if } B(t \rightarrow cg) = 0$$

$$B(t \rightarrow cg) < 1.6 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ if } B(t \rightarrow ug) = 0$$



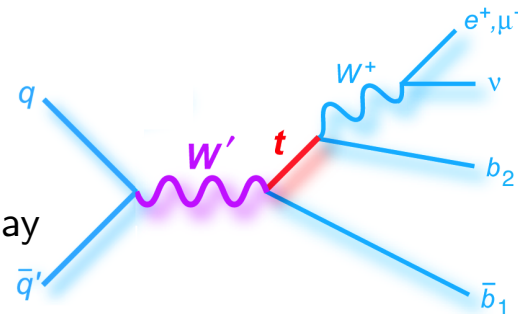


# $W' \rightarrow tb$ @ 8 TeV (14.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

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## Motivations

- ▶  $W'$  bosons introduced by many BSM approaches (KK excitations, L/R models...)
- ▶  $W' \rightarrow tb$  specificities
  - ▶ Explore more models than leptonic decay



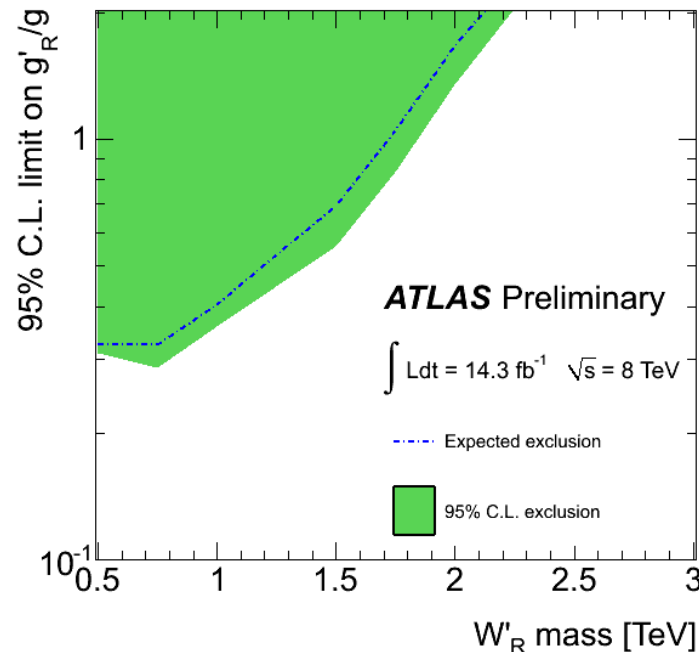
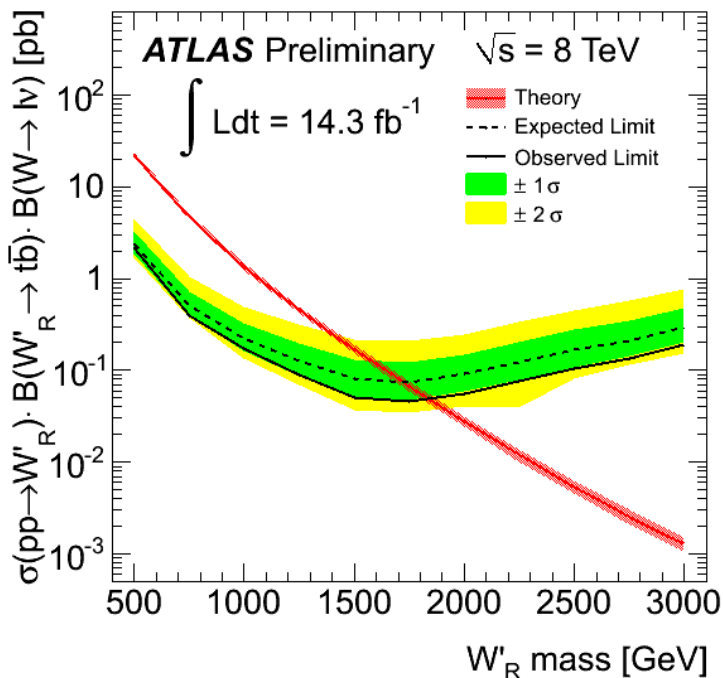
Selection with  $W$  leptonic decay

## Analysis

- ▶ Fit on **BDT distributions**
- ▶ **Data driven** multijet and  $W$ +jets normalisations
- ▶ Hypothesis testing using  $CL_s$

## Results

- ▶ **No excess observed**
- ▶ 95% CL exclusion limits on
  - ▶  $W'_{L/R}$  cross section
  - ▶  $g'_{L/R}/g$  coupling ratios
- ▶ Exclusion limits on  $W'$  mass



$$m_{W'_L} < 1.74 \text{ TeV}$$

$$m_{W'_R} < 1.84 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\text{exp. } m_{W'_L} < 1.56 \text{ TeV}$$

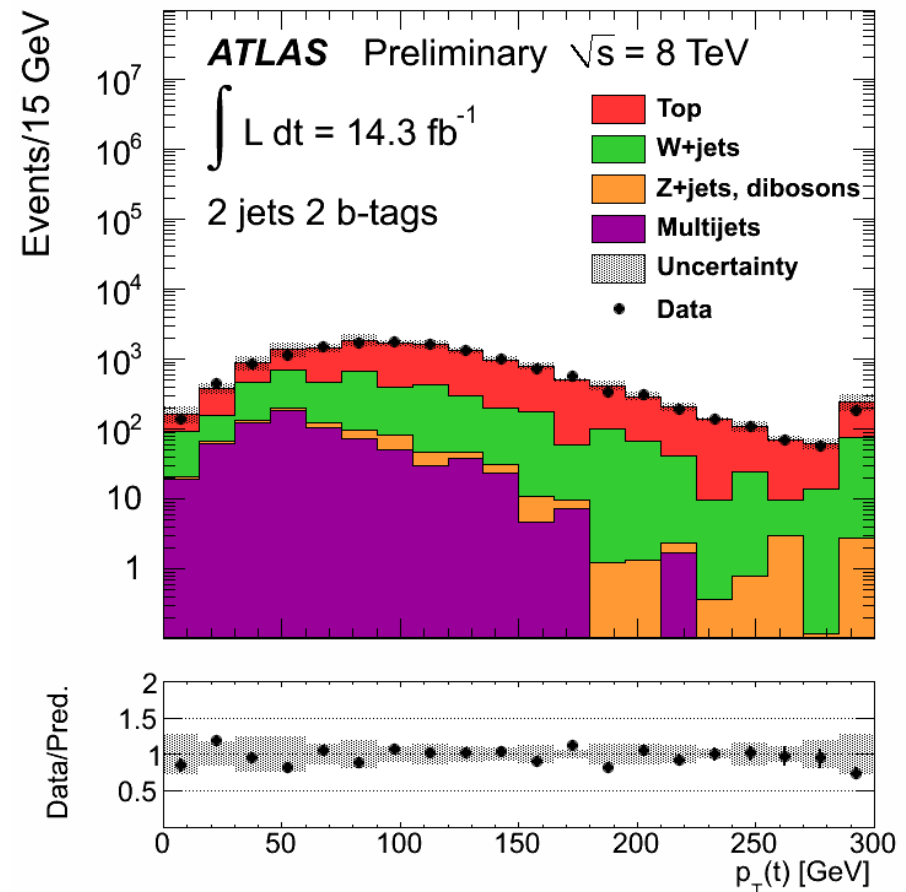
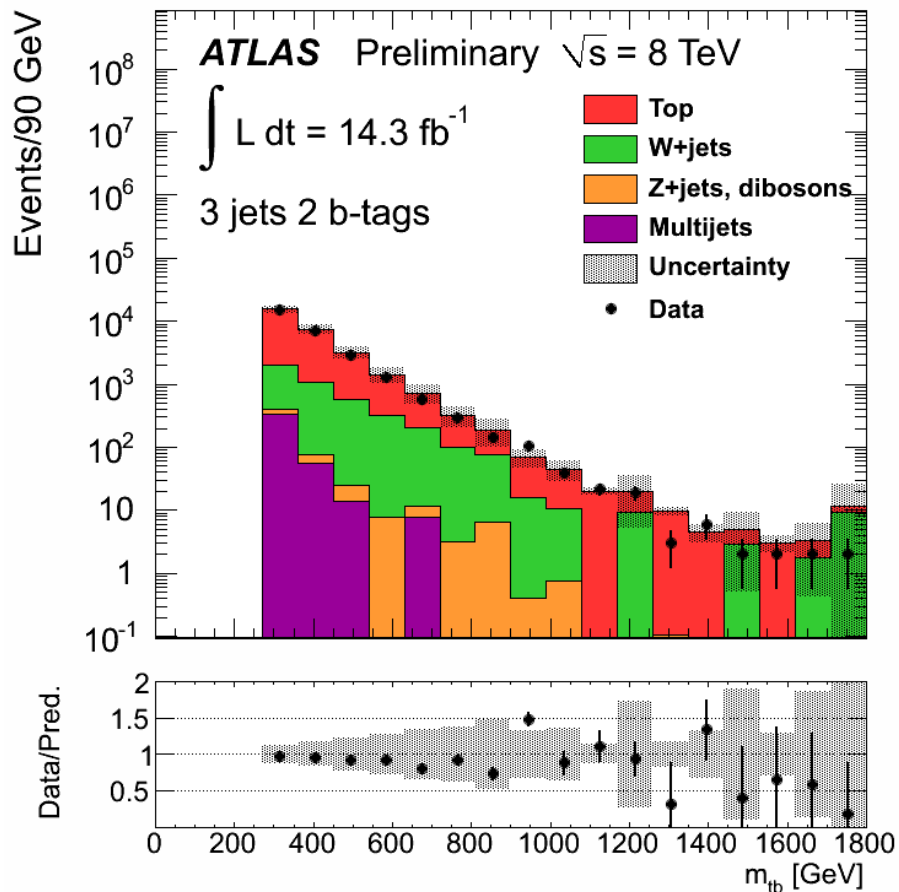
$$m_{W'_R} < 1.72 \text{ TeV}$$



# $W' \rightarrow tb$ @ 8 TeV - BDT variables

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- **2-jets sample:** 14 variables
  - ▶ Most discriminating:  $m_{tb}$ ,  $p_T(t)$  and  $\Delta R(l, b_2)$
- **3-jets sample:** 13 variables
  - ▶ Most discriminating:  $m_{tb}$ ,  $p_T(t)$  and **sphericity**





## More results

- More references (non exhaustive list)
  - ▶ **Top quark pair production**
    - ▶ Single lepton @ 7 TeV [ATLAS-CONF-2011-121](#)
    - ▶ Dilepton @ 7 TeV [ATLAS-CONF-2013-077](#)
    - ▶ All hadronic @ 7 TeV [ATLAS-CONF-2012-031](#)
    - ▶  $\tau$  + jets @ 7 TeV [ATLAS-CONF-2012-032](#)
    - ▶ Gap fraction @ 7 TeV [1205.5015](#)
    - ▶ tt resonances with boosted tops @ 7 TeV [1207.2409](#)
  - ▶ **Single top quark production**
    - ▶ t-channel @ 7 TeV [1205.3130](#)
    - ▶ Wt channel @ 7 TeV [1205.5764](#)
    - ▶ Single  $b^*$  production @ 7 TeV [1301.1583](#)
    - ▶ FCNC @ 8 TeV [ATLAS-CONF-2013-063](#)
    - ▶ ...

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