

# Top studies at LHCb

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**Implications of LHCb measurements and future prospects.**

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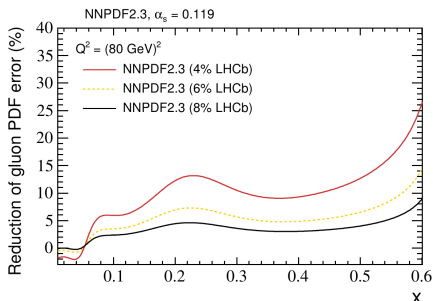
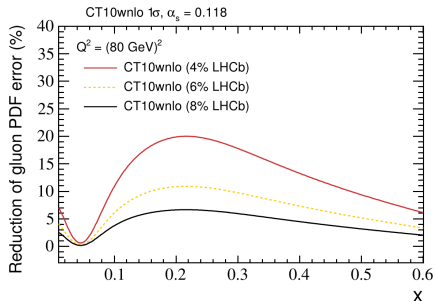
contributions from R. Gauld, I. Counts, P. Ilten, M. Williams, M. Rangel, C. Potterat, O. Augusto, K. Petridis, W. Barter, A. Bursche, H. Brown, V. Salustino, ...

# $t\bar{t}$ cross section in the forward region

Motivation

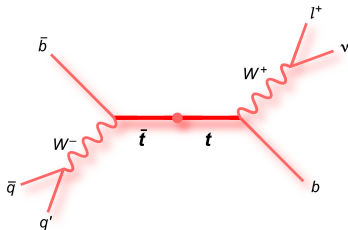
[JHEP(2014)126, Gauld]

- Top production dominated by gluon initiated process.
- Top production @ LHCb involve high- $x$  / low- $x$  gluon.
- Large uncertainty on the high- $x$  gluon PDFs.



# Top final states in LHCb

- [PRL(2011)107, Kagan, Kamenik, Perez, Stone]  
 $\ell b$  final states can be used for  $t\bar{t}$  asymmetry measurement.



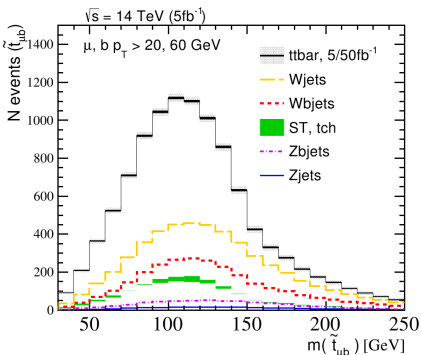
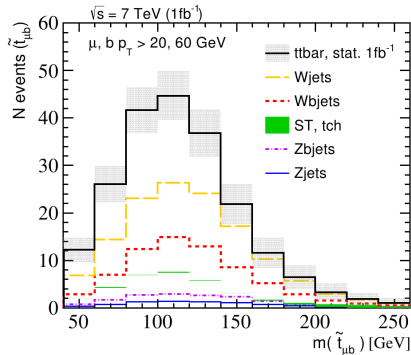
- $p_T \ell > 4 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_T b_j > 20 \text{ GeV}$  and  $2 < \eta_{\ell, b_j} < 4.5$ , [LHCb-PUB-2013-009]:

$d\sigma(\text{fb})$	7 TeV		8 TeV		14 TeV	
$lb$	285	$\pm 52$	504	$\pm 94$	4366	$\pm 663$
$lbj$	97	$\pm 21$	198	$\pm 35$	2335	$\pm 323$
$lbb$	32	$\pm 6$	65	$\pm 12$	870	$\pm 116$
$lbbj$	10	$\pm 2$	26	$\pm 4$	487	$\pm 76$
$l^+l^-$	44	$\pm 9$	79	$\pm 15$	635	$\pm 109$
$l^+l^-b$	19	$\pm 4$	39	$\pm 8$	417	$\pm 79$

- $lb$  and  $lbj$  more suited for Run I measurement.

# Backgrounds in $\mu b$ final state

- Assuming  $\epsilon_{b\text{-tag}} \sim 70\%$ ,  $\tau_{(c+\ell)\rightarrow b} \sim O(1\%)$ , and  $2 < \eta_{\mu,b} < 4.5$ .
- $p_{T\ \mu} > 20\text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_{T\ b} > 60\text{ GeV}$  to reduce the background.



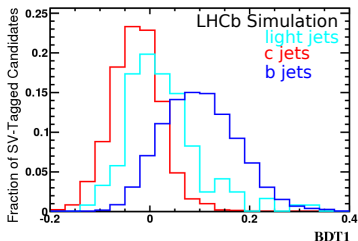
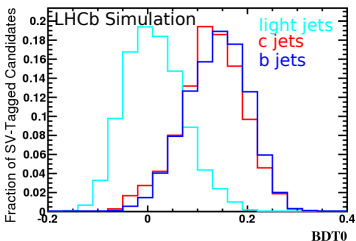
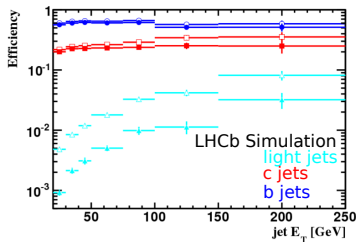
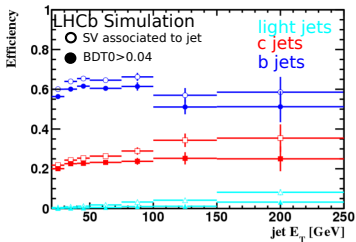
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- $t\bar{t}$  and single- $t$  considered together for Run I measurement.
- $b\bar{b}$  not considered here but need a careful treatment.

# b-tagging

New development

- SV / jet matching in  $A_C^{b\bar{b}}$  [PRL 113 \(2014\) 082003](#) and Z+b-jet [PAPER-2014-055](#).
- Since then improvement made on the inclusive SV reconstruction.
- SV based and jet based variables are inputs of 2 BDTs ( $\ell$  vs.  $b, c$  and  $c$  vs.  $b$ ):



# Backgrounds to $\ell b$ final state

Heavy flavour di-jet and V+jets

- Large background from heavy flavour di-jet production.
- high  $p_{T\mu}$  ( $> 20 - 30 \text{ GeV}$ ) and prompt  $\mu$  keeps the rate low.
- Isolation variable defined as  $p_{T\mu}/p_{T\mu\text{jet}}$ :

Further reduce it and control the contamination in the signal region.

- Z+jet measured in [JHEP01 \(2014\) 033](#) and Z+b-jet in [PAPER-2014-055](#)
- $W + (b, c, \ell)$ jets production ratios measurement in review.
- Main discrimination wrt. V+jets from  $p_{Tb} > 40 - 60 \text{ GeV}$ .
- Extra discrimination from  $p_{T\mu b}$ 
  - Used in  $W + (b, c, \ell)$ jets analysis to estimate top pollution.
- An extra jet with  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  in  $\sim 50\%$  of  $t\bar{t}$  events and  $\sim 10\%$  of W+jets events.

- All the experimental tool now in place (jet reconstruction, b-tagging).
- Main backgrounds have been measured.
- A lot in common with the  $W+(b,c,\ell)$  jets production ratio measurement.
- Now optimising the selection for forward top production observation and cross section measurement.
- Should think to what would be the more interesting for Run2:
  - Differential cross section
  - single top vs.  $t\bar{t}$
  - b jets property in top decay
  - Asymmetry

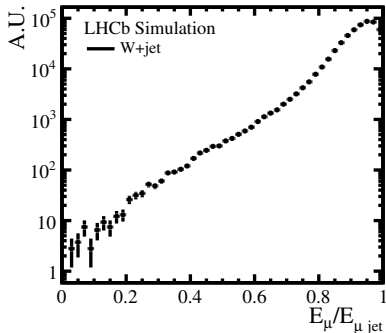
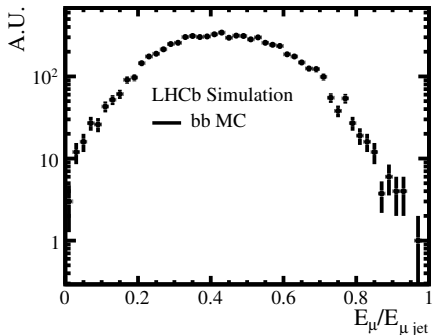




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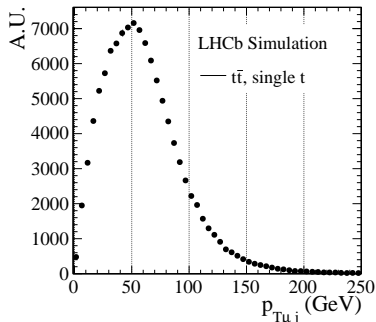
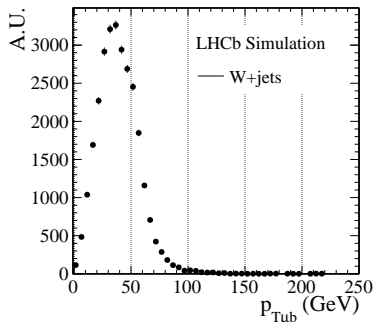
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- Isolation of the  $\mu$  defined as  $p_{T\mu}/p_{T\mu jet}$ .
- Control sample from  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and displaced  $\mu$ .
- Proof of principle in  $W + (b, c, \ell) - jets$  analysis.



# Backgrounds to $\ell b$ final state

V+jets

- Z background can be constrained from the case where the Z is fully reconstructed.
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# b-tagging

In  $A_C^{b\bar{b}}$  and Z+b-jets

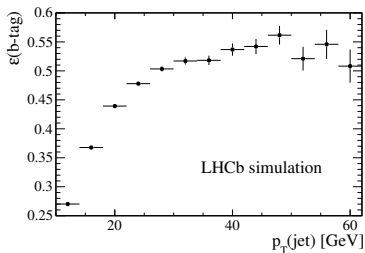
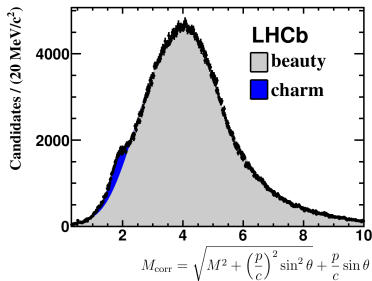
Based on SV made of 2, 3 or 4 displaced tracks matched with a jet.

$A_C^{b\bar{b}}$  PRL 113 (2014) 082003:

- Trigger on a displaced  $\mu$
- $\epsilon_{b-tag} \sim 60\%$  for the b-jet with  $\mu$ .
- $\epsilon_{b-tag} \sim 50\%$  for the other b-jet.
- non- $b\bar{b}$  contamination in final sample  $3.6 \pm 1.2\%$

Z+b-jet cross section, PAPER-2014-055:

- Trigger on the Z
- $\ell$ , c-jet contribution from template fit to  $M_{corr}$



# Z+jet production in $pp$ at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

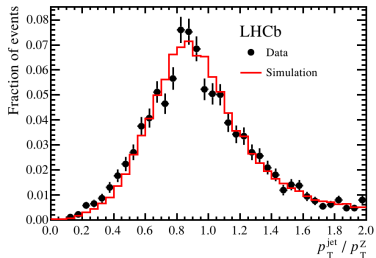
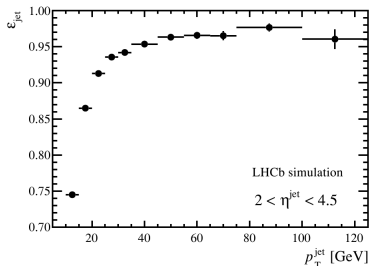
Jet reconstruction at LHCb

## Inclusive Z production

- In  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV ,  
[LHCb-CONF-2013-007](#)
- In  $pA$  collisions at  
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5$  TeV, [arXiv:1406.2885](#)

First measurement with jets at LHCb,  
[JHEP01 \(2014\) 033](#)

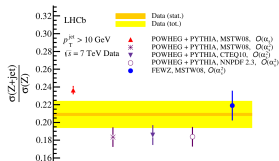
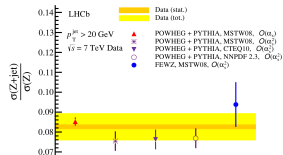
- Fiducial volume of the measurement:
  - $2 < \eta_{jet} < 4.5$ ,  $p_{T, jet} > 10(20)$  GeV
  - $60 < m_{\mu\mu} < 120$  GeV,  $\eta_{\mu}, p_{T, \mu}$ .
  - $\Delta R(\mu, jet) > 0.4$
- Jet reconstruction:
  - Anti- $k_T$  with  $R=0.5$ .
  - Inputs from particle flow algorithm.
  - Jet energy correction determined from MC (range from 0.9 - 1.1)
  - Validated on data, JES data vs. MC within 3%.
- Dominant uncertainties of the measurement
  - Jet energy scale, resolution
  - Jet reconstruction efficiency
  - Work on-going to improve these points.



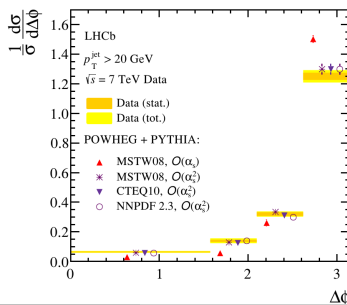
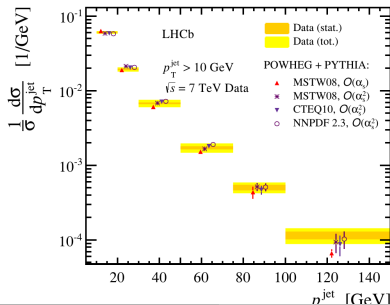
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Result

- Predictions from POWHEG+PYTHIA at  $O(\alpha_s)$  and  $O(\alpha_s^2)$  with different PDF sets.
- Predictions from FEWZ at  $O(\alpha_s^2)$  not corrected for hadronisation and underlying event.



- Not corrected for FSR
- Shapes in good agreement with NLO



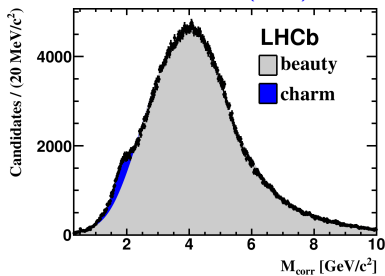
# Central forward $b\bar{b}$ asymmetry $A_{FC}^{b\bar{b}}$

Motivation

- Depending on new physics flavour structure, asymmetry could show up in the bottom sector. [\[arXiv:1108.3301, Kahawala et al.\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1108.3301)
- At LHC access to the forward central asymmetry.
- Expected to be  $O(1\%)$  from QCD with an extra  $O(1\%)$  in the Z mass region.

- Analysis performed with  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Pairs of b-jets with  $\Delta\phi(bb) > 2.6 \text{ rad.}$
- One of the b-jets charge is tagged with a muon.
- Purity of the charge tagging  $70.3 \pm 0.3\%$

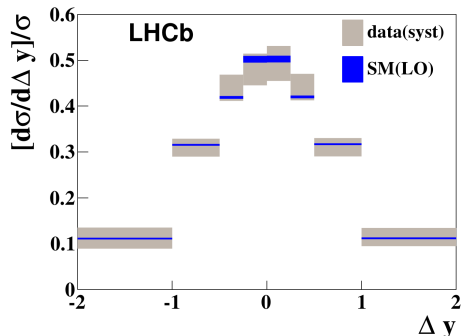
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# Central forward $b\bar{b}$ asymmetry $A_{FC}^{b\bar{b}}$

Result with 1  $fb^{-1}$

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$$A_{FC}^{b\bar{b}} = \frac{N(\Delta y > 0) - N(\Delta y < 0)}{N(\Delta y > 0) + N(\Delta y < 0)}$$

$$\Delta y = |y_b| - |y_{\bar{b}}|$$

In different  $m_{bb}$  bins:

- $A_{FC}^{b\bar{b}}(40, 75) = 0.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.3 \%$
- $A_{FC}^{b\bar{b}}(75, 105) = 2.0 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.6 \%$
- $A_{FC}^{b\bar{b}}(> 105) = 1.6 \pm 1.7 \pm 0.6 \%$

- No deviation from expectation with available statistics.
- Still 2  $fb^{-1}$  of the Run I data to be analysed.
- More efficient b-tagging available now.

# Gluon PDF error reduction

