

# Boosted production at ATLAS and CMS

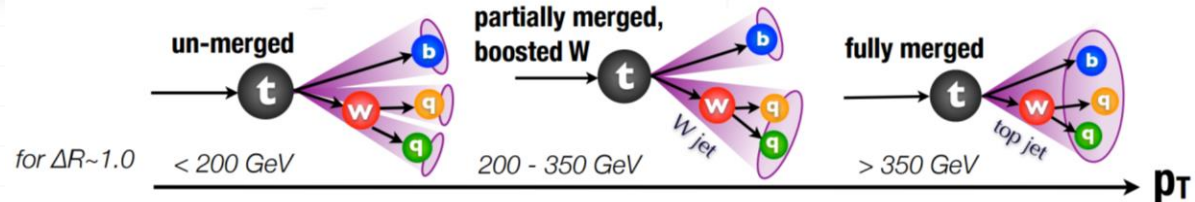
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# Introduction

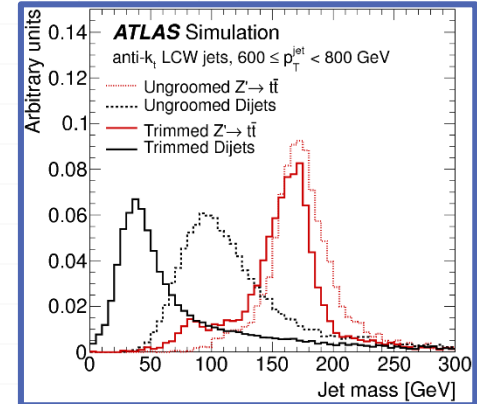
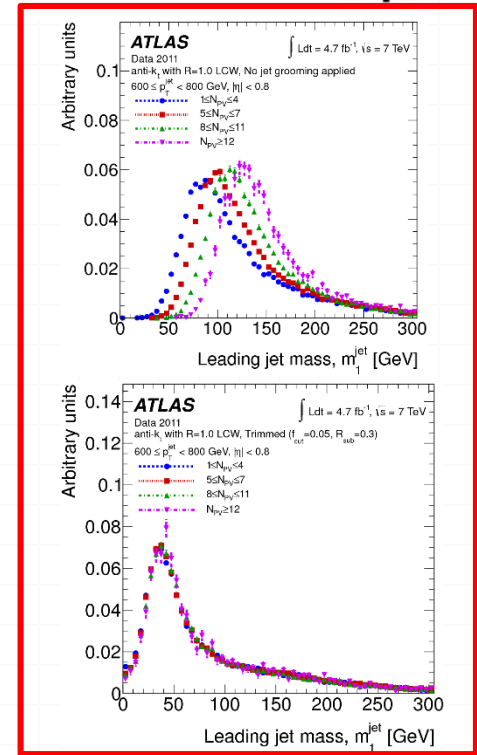


## Why boosted tops?

- o LHC is a 'top factory'
  - o Large center-of-mass energy combined with high luminosity
    - o  $O(10)$  increase in cross section passing from 8 to 13 TeV
  - o Access to phase space regions never explored before
- o Feasibility of differential measurements
  - o Stronger constraints to SM parameters
  - o Sensitivity to BSM processes

## A challenging topology...

- o Individual top decay products cannot be resolved
  - o Boosted tops appear as large-R jets
  - o Rule of thumb:  $R \sim 2M/p_T$
- o Mitigate pileup contamination
  - o **Jet grooming**: remove soft particles coming from pileup
- o **Top-tagging**: exploit substructure properties (like  $m_{jet}$ ) to reject jets originated by light partons



# Top tagging in ATLAS

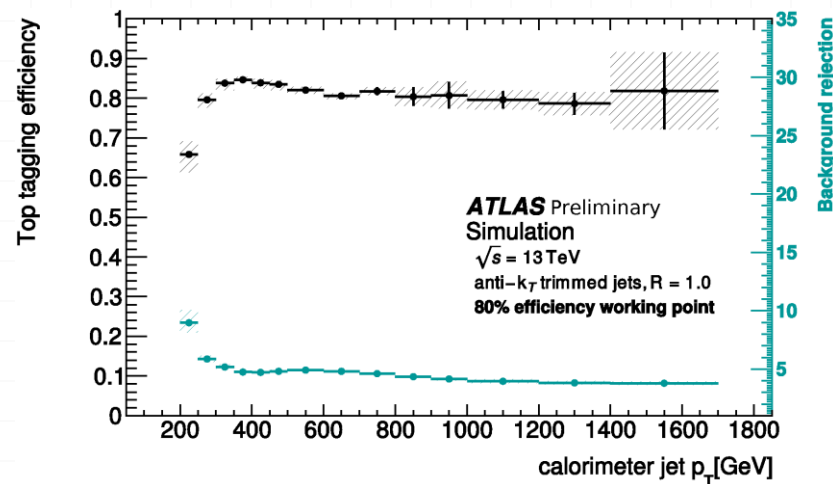
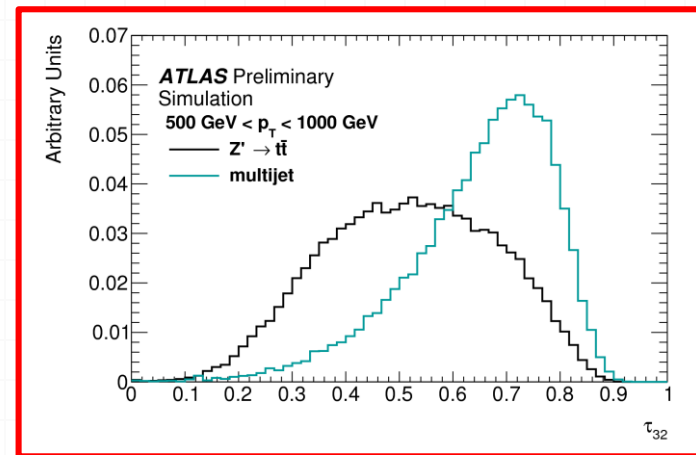
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## Large- $R$ jet reconstruction:

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## Top tagging based on substructure variables:

- Large- $R$  jet mass**
- N-subjettiness:** shape variable related to the hypothesis of having  $N$  subjets:
  - $\tau_{32}$  provides discrimination between jets originated by 3 body decays and 2 body decays
- Kt splitting scale:**  $\sqrt{d_{ij}} = \min(p_{T,i}, p_{T,j}) \cdot \Delta R_{ij}$ 
  - $\sqrt{d_{12}} \sim m_{top}/2$
  - Used only at 8 TeV



# Top tagging in CMS at 13 TeV

CMS-PAS-JME-16-003

o Large- $R$  jet reconstruction:

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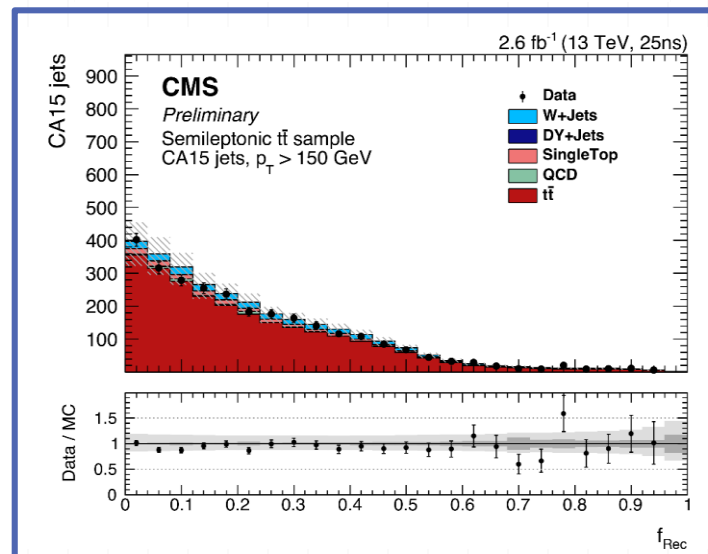
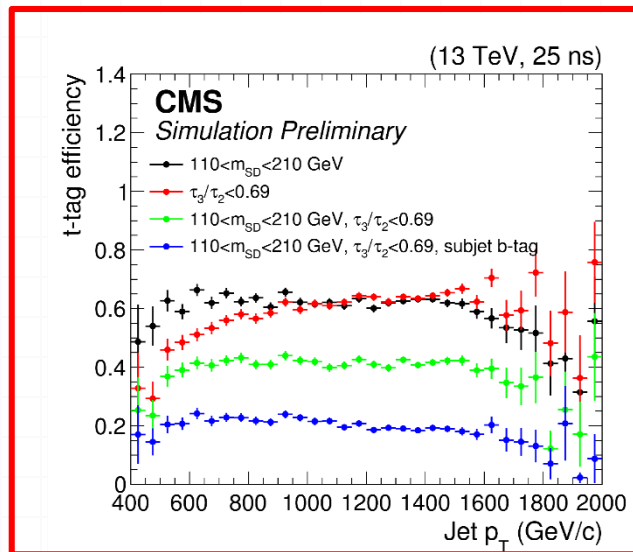
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  - o Reconstructed  $W$  to top mass double-ratio  $f_{Rec}$
- o  $N$ -subjettiness with AC15 jets after softdrop ( $\beta = 1, z = 0.2$ )

o  $b$ -tagging: Multivariate CSV algorithm

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# Top cross section measurements

# Differential cross section (l+jets) in ATLAS

- Precisely measure differential cross-section of top pair at high  $p_T$ :
  - Critical test of Standard Model.
  - Monte Carlo generator tuning, constraints to the PDF of the proton.
  - Sensitive to new physics search / background to BSM.

○ **8 TeV: Parton** and **particle** level *absolute* differential cross section  $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^t}\right)$

○ **13 TeV: Particle** level *absolute* and *relative* differential cross section as a function of  $p_T^t$  and  $|y_t|$

○ Semi-leptonic ( $e/\mu$ ) channel

○ Hadronic top tagging:

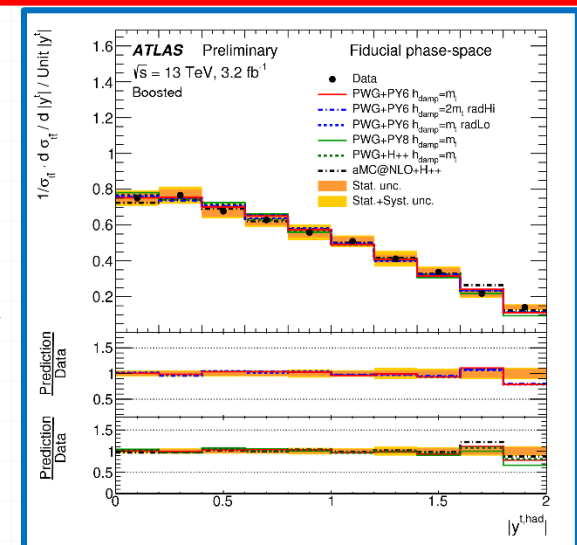
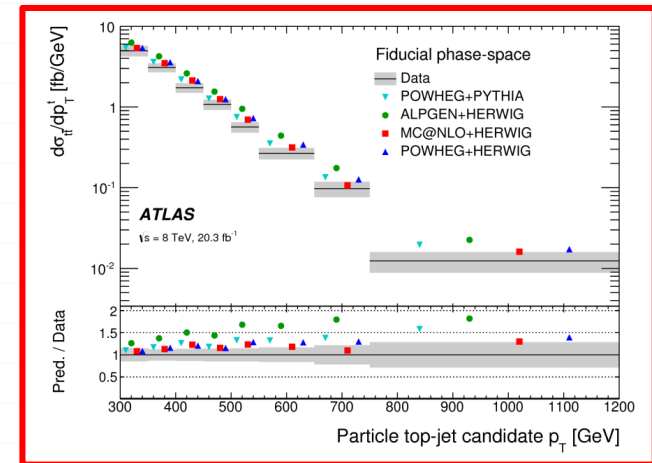
- 8 TeV:  $m_{jet} > 100$  GeV and  $\sqrt{d_{12}} > 40$  GeV
- 13 TeV: 80% WP based on  $m_{jet}$  and  $\tau_{32}$
- 13 TeV measurement already systematic-limited
  - main uncertainty: large- $R$  JES
  - 8 TeV: extrapolation to parton level affected by an increased signal modelling uncertainty

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$\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV,  $L = 20.3$  fb $^{-1}$

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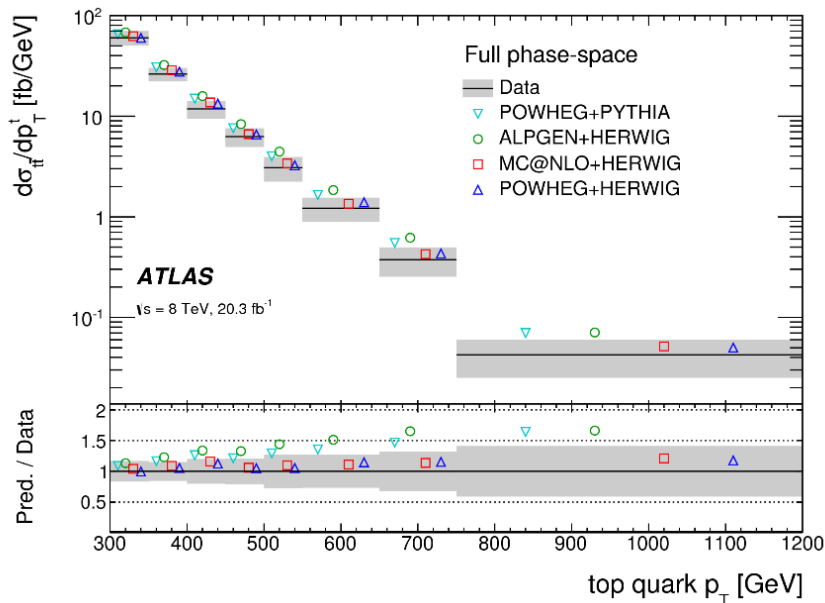
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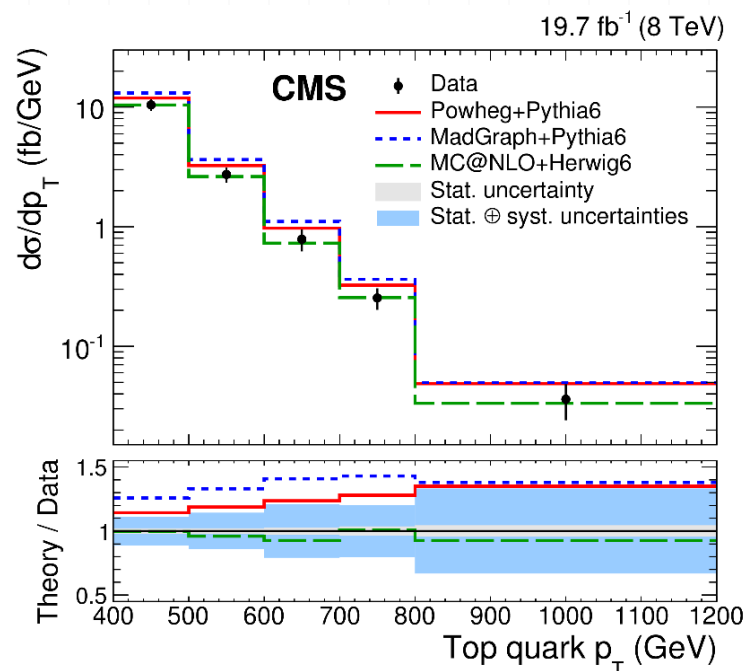
# Parton level $d\sigma/dp_T^t$ in ATLAS and CMS

Parton level measurements allow direct comparisons among experiments

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Compatible trends observed wrt different generators



# Differential cross section (full hadronic) in ATLAS

Relative differential cross section in the full had channel

Two large- $R$  jet ( $p_T^1 > 500$  GeV and  $p_T^2 > 350$  GeV, mass in [122.5, 222.5] GeV)

Top tagging WP @50%

At least two small- $R$  jet (used for  $b$ -tagging)

Main challenge: QCD background estimation

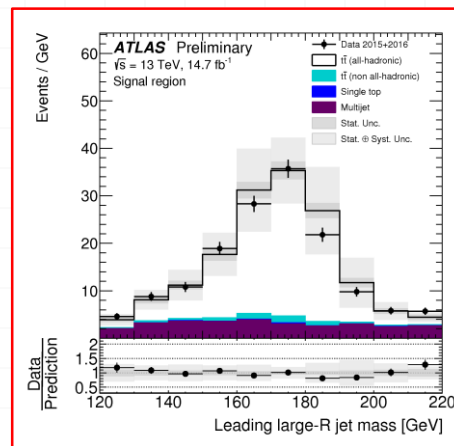
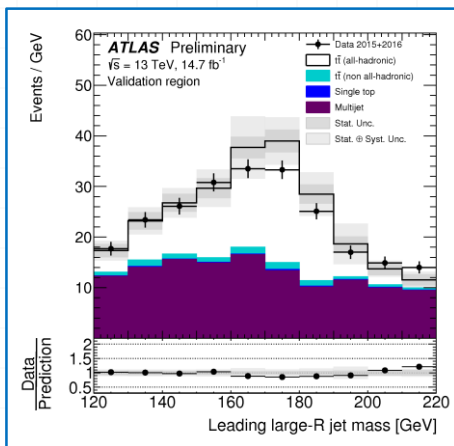
Data driven ABCD method

$$S_{QCD} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{G}{A} + \frac{H}{B} \right) \times C$$

Validated in region F

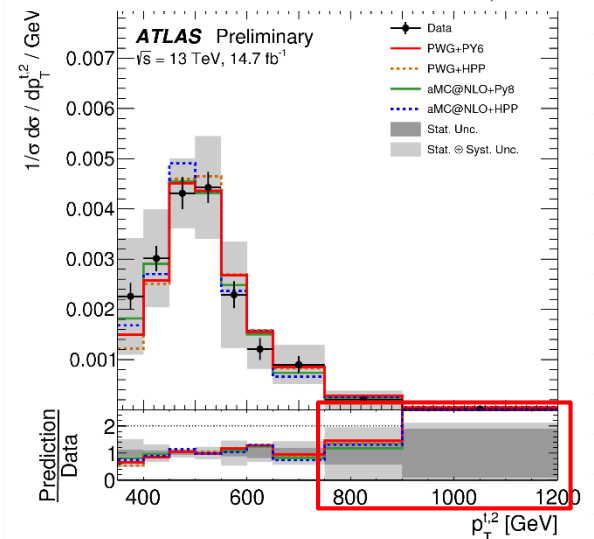
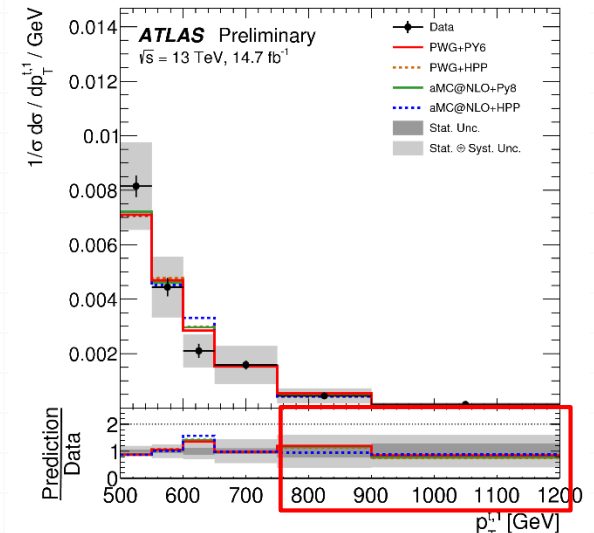
Main uncertainties: large- $R$  jets, signal modelling, btag

	0 $t$	1 $t$	2 $t$
0 $b$	A	D	G
1 $b$	B	E	H
2 $b$	C	F	S



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$\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV,  $L = 14.7$  fb $^{-1}$





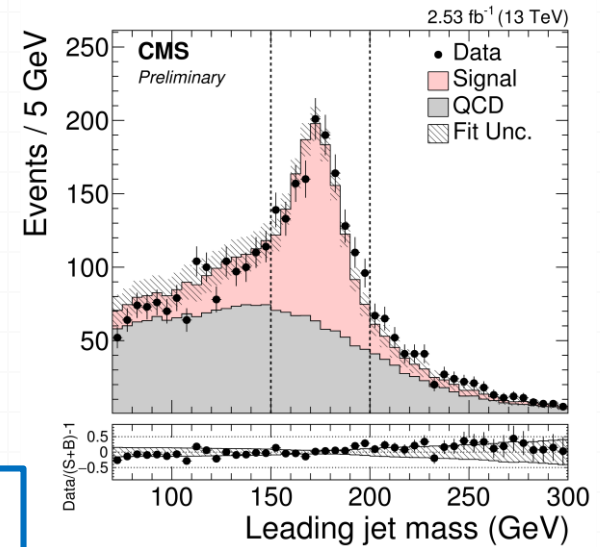
# Differential and inclusive cross section (full hadronic) in CMS

CMS-Top-16-013

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $L = 2.53 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

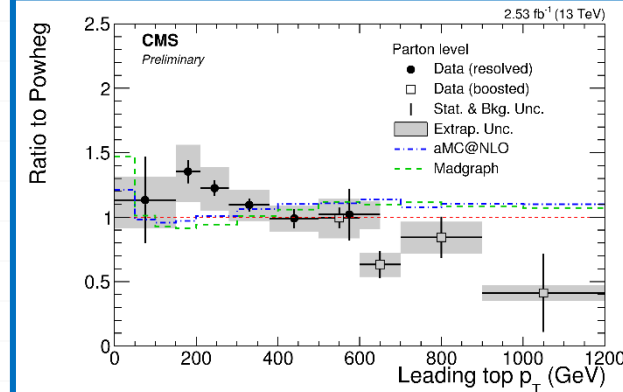
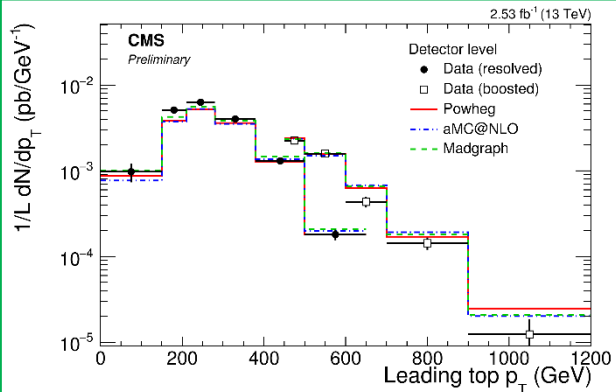
**Inclusive** cross section, *detector* and *parton* level differential cross section

- o Two anti- $kt$  ( $R=0.8$ ) jets ( $p_T^1 > 450 \text{ GeV}$  and  $p_T^2 > 200 \text{ GeV}$ ) containing a  $b$ -subjets
- o Top tagging:
  - o Leading jet soft-drop mass  $150 < m_{SD} < 200 \text{ GeV}$
  - o Event Fisher discriminant built from  $\tau_{21}$  and  $\tau_{32}$
- o Signal and QCD bkg extracted via a fit of  $m_{SD}$ 
  - o QCD templates built from data in control region and corrected with MC to the signal region
- o Limited by the statistical, QCD modelling (low  $p_T$ ), JES and  $b$ Tag uncertainties



$$\sigma_{tt} = 727 \pm 125 \text{ (stat+syst+lumi) pb}$$

$$\sigma_{tt}^{th} = 832_{-29}^{+20}(\text{scale}) \pm 35 \text{ (PDF}+\alpha_s) \text{ pb}$$



# Top properties measurements

# Charge asymmetry in ATLAS

$$A(\Delta) = \frac{N(\Delta > 0) - N(\Delta < 0)}{N(\Delta > 0) + N(\Delta < 0)}$$

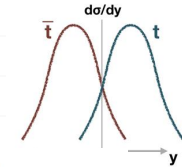
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$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, L = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

o Top pair production via  $q\bar{q}$  gives non-zero *forward-backward* asymmetry

o Measured at Tevatron ( $\Delta = y_t - y_{\bar{t}}$ ):

$$A_{FB} = 0.164 \pm 0.047, A_{FB}^{MCFM} = 0.073 \pm 0.022 \text{ (Phys. Rev. D 87, 092002)}$$



o FB asymmetry not defined at LHC (symmetric collider)

o  $A_C$  (charge asymmetry) can be measured instead ( $\Delta = |y_t| - |y_{\bar{t}}|$ )

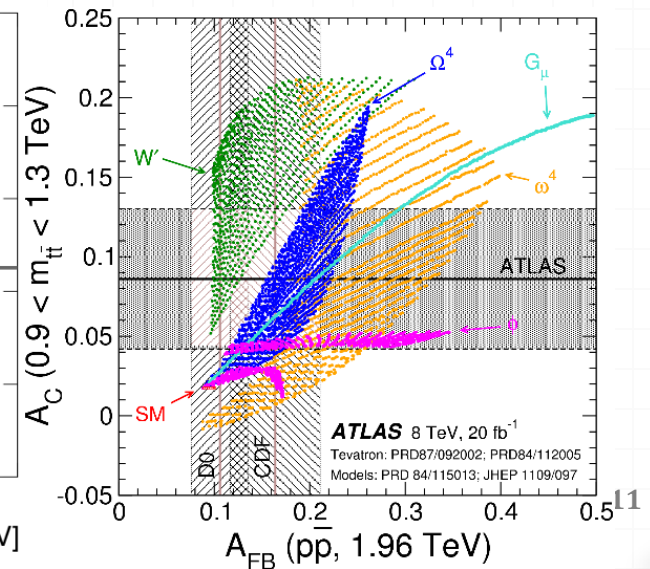
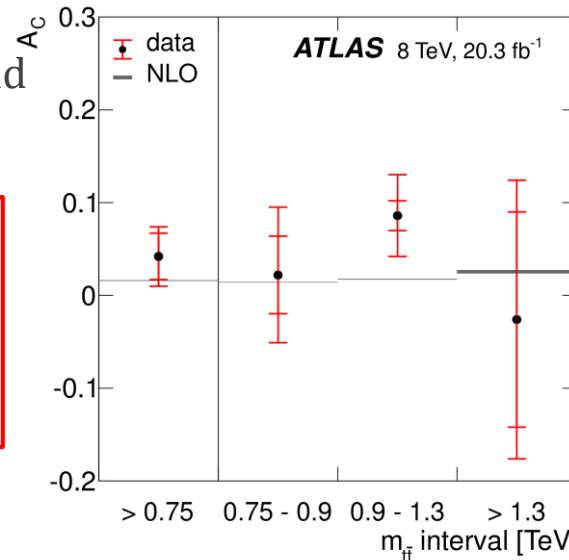
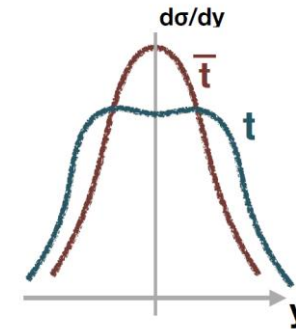
o Diluted by the dominant  $gg$  production

o ATLAS has measured  $A_C$  in the boosted l+jets topology

o Boosted tops can probe  $A_C$  at high invariant mass

o Sensitive to BSM effects

o Dominated by theoretical and large-R JES uncertainties



'Inclusive' measurement

( $m_{t\bar{t}} > 750 \text{ GeV}$ )

$$A_C = (4.2 \pm 3.2)\%$$

$$A_C^{NLO} = (1.60 \pm 0.04)\%$$

# Jet mass distribution in CMS

o A better modeling of jet mass  $m_{jet}$  distribution is crucial for measurements in the boosted topologies

o  $m_{jet}$  is very sensitive to the angular spread of the jet wrt the top  
(35% of Pwg+Py events have  $\Delta R(jet, top) > 1.2$ )

o  $m_{jet}$  is sensitive to the top mass  $\rightarrow$  additional way to measure  $m_t$

**Inclusive** and **differential**  $\frac{d\sigma}{dm_{jet}}$  cross section measurement

o Exactly two C/A ( $R = 1.2$ ) jets with  $p_T > 150$  GeV ( $p_T^1 > 400$  GeV)

o **No top tag**

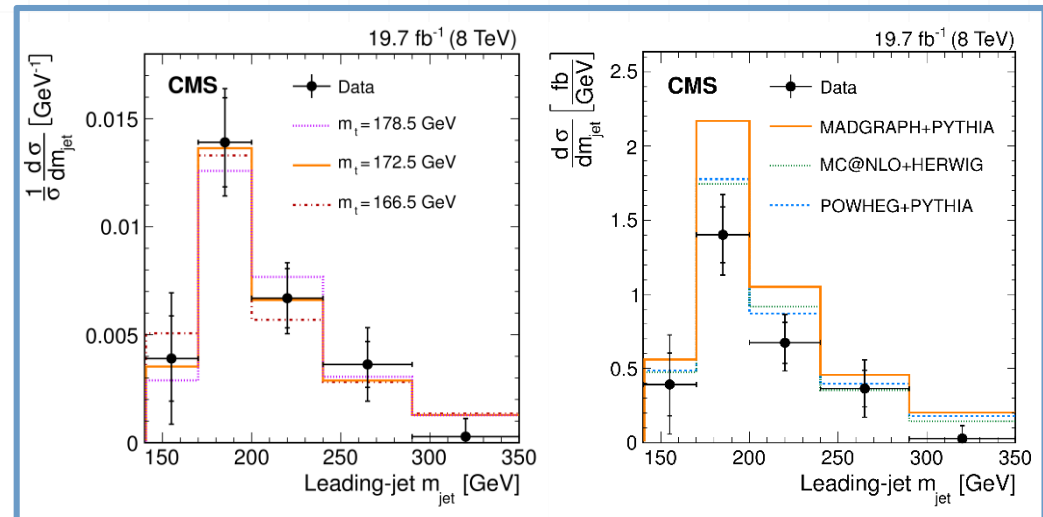
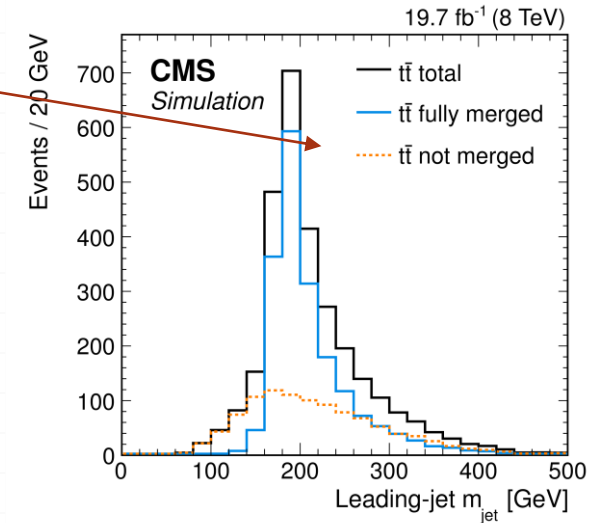
o Limited by the statistical uncertainty

o  $m_t$  extracted from a  $\chi^2$  fit of the *relative* differential cross section

o  $m_t = 171.8 \pm 9.5$  GeV

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Total cross section  
( $140 < m_{jet} < 350$  GeV)  
**Data:  $101 \pm 19$  fb**  
Powheg+Pythia:  $133^{+18}_{-28}$  fb  
Madgraph+Pythia:  $159^{+17}_{-18}$  fb

# Summary

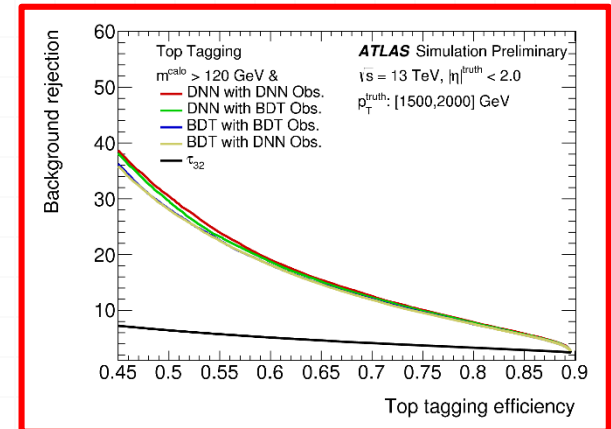
LHC offers a unique opportunity to explore extreme topologies through boosted tops

- Several boosted top reconstruction algorithms have been (**and are being**) developed by ATLAS<sup>(1)(2)</sup> and CMS<sup>(3)</sup>
  - Jet grooming procedures allow for stability in high pileup conditions
  - Use of substructure variables improves the background discrimination
- Boosted tops have been used in SM measurements and BSM searches (not presented in this talk)
  - Lepton+jets differential cross section in ATLAS<sup>(4)(5)</sup> and CMS<sup>(6)</sup>
  - Full hadronic differential and inclusive cross section in ATLAS<sup>(7)</sup> and CMS<sup>(8)</sup>
  - Lepton+jets charge asymmetry in ATLAS<sup>(9)</sup>
  - Jet mass distribution in CMS<sup>(10)</sup>

We are entering an era where data statistics is not the limiting factor

- Main uncertainties: **large- $R$  jets** and **signal modelling**
- The measurements are “**self improving**” → can be used to improve future analyses
  - By adding better **constraints to the generator parameters**
  - By improving the understanding of the **jet mass distribution**
  - Stay tuned for new and improved measurements using the full 13 TeV data!

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- (1) JHEP 1606 (2016) 093
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# Backup

# Top tagging in CMS at 13 TeV

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## High $p_T$ top tagging:

- $N$ -subjettiness and softdrop mass ( $\beta = 0, z = 0.1$ )
  - Recursive pair-wise declustering, rejecting the softer jets not satisfying  $\frac{\min(p_T^1, p_T^2)}{p_T^1 + p_T^2} > z \left( \frac{\Delta R_{12}}{R_0} \right)^\beta$

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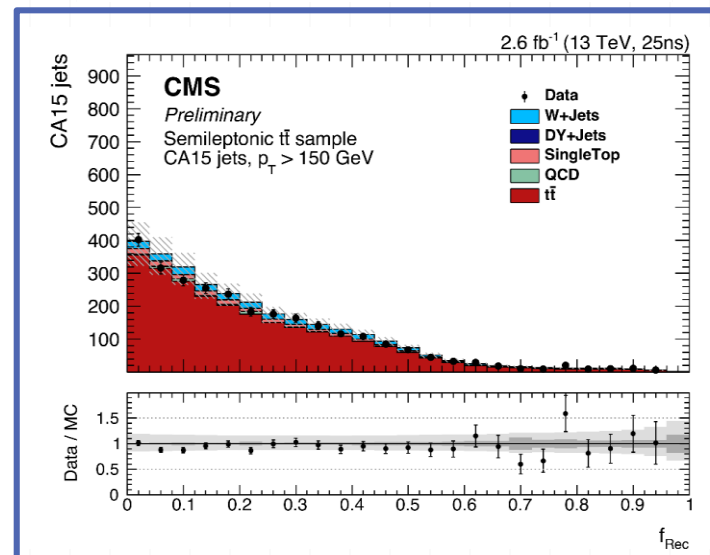
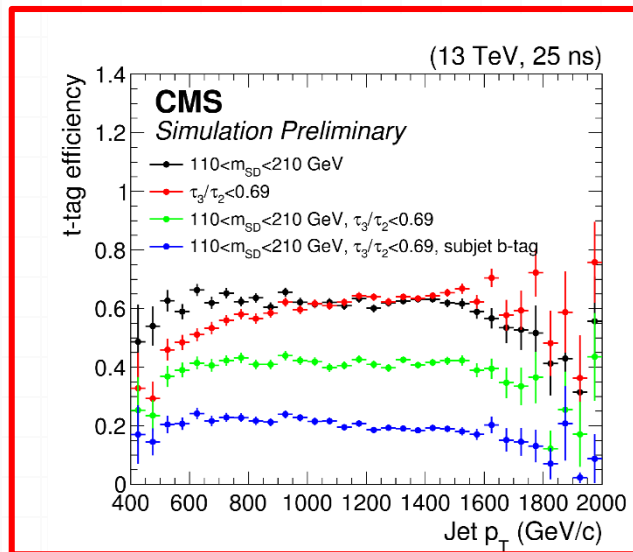
Reconstructed  $W$  to top mass ratio  $f_{Rec} = \min_{ij} \left| \frac{m_{ij}}{\frac{m_{123}}{m_W} - 1} \right|$

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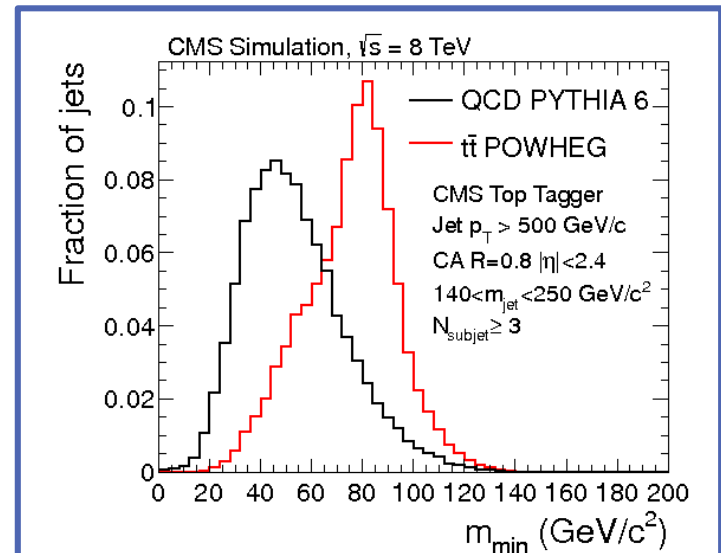
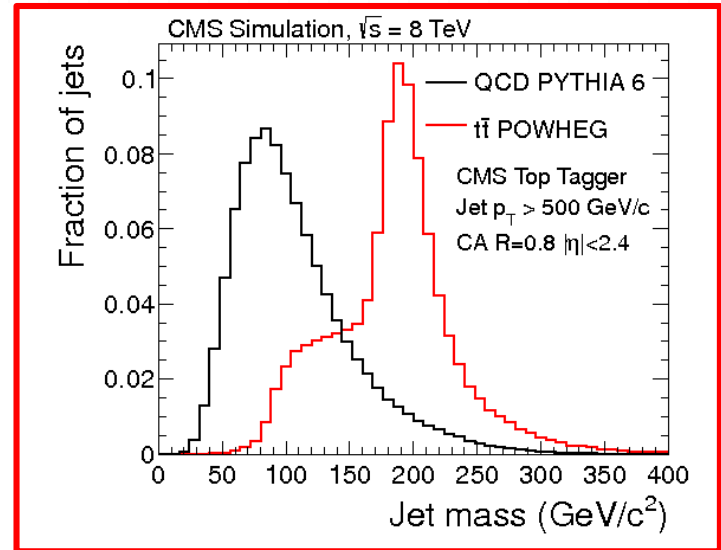
## Top tagging at 8 TeV based on subjets from primary and secondary decomposition





# Top tagging in CMS at 8 TeV

- Large- $R$  jet reconstruction:
  - Cambridge/Aachen (C/A) jets with  $R = 0.8$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ ,  $p_T > 350$  GeV
- Top tagging algorithm:
  - Primary decomposition: recursively declusters the jet to find two well separated hard subclusters
  - Secondary decomposition: declusters the previously found subclusters
- Top tagging based on subcluster variables:
  - **Jet mass**
  - **Number of subclusters**
  - **Minimum Pairwise Mass** among the three hardest subjets:
 
$$m_{min} = \min(m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{23})$$
- Other top tagging algorithms: N-subjettiness and HEP Top tagger



# Top tagging in ATLAS

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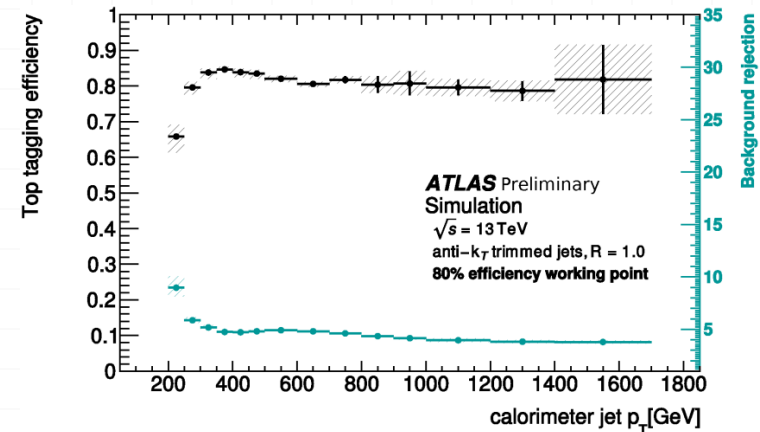
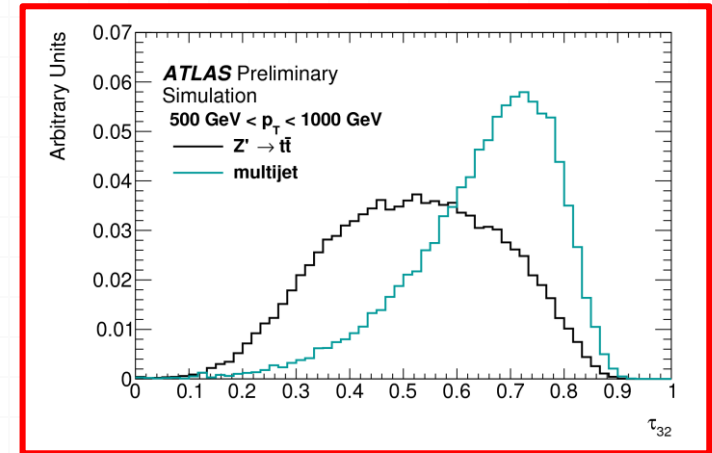
$$\tau_N = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{costituents}}} p_{T,i} \Delta R_i^{\min}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{costituents}}} p_{T,i} R}$$

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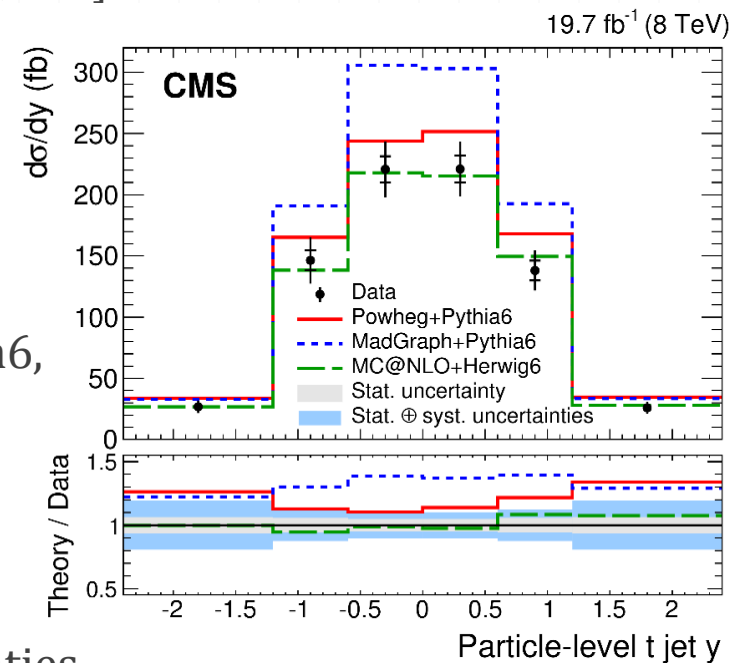
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# Differential and inclusive cross section

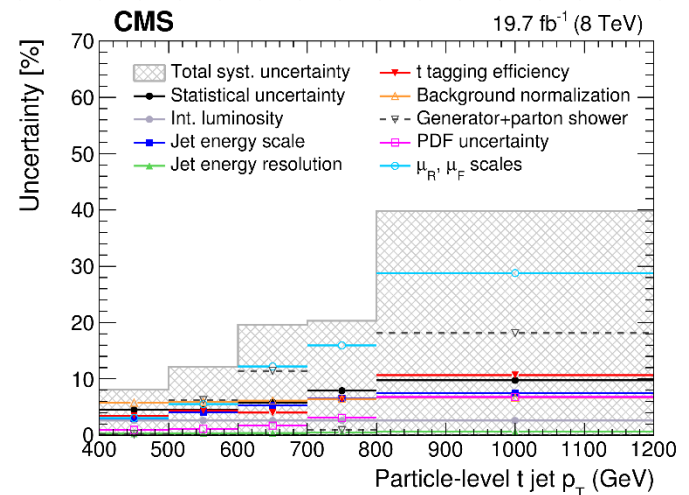
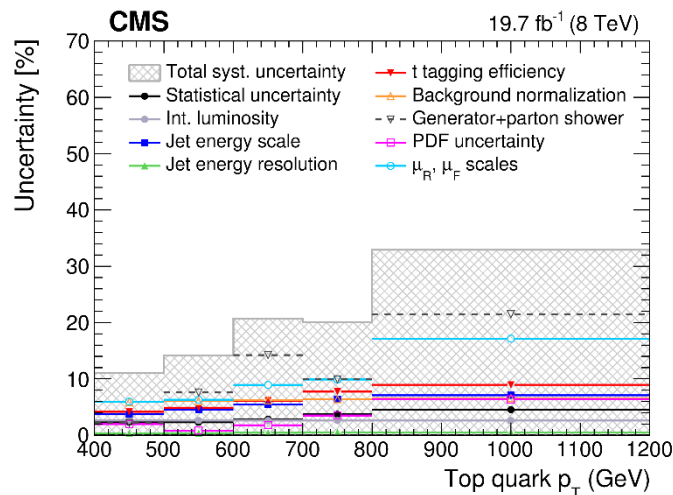
## (l+jets) in CMS Phys. Rev. D 94, 072002 (2016) $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ , $L = 19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- **Integrated** ( $p_T > 400 \text{ GeV}$ ) and **differential** ( $\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^t}$  and  $\frac{d\sigma}{dy^t}$ ) cross section at **particle** and **parton** level
- Event selection 1 lepton ( $e/\mu$ ) + jets
  - C/A large- $R$  jet ( $R = 0.8$ ),  $p_T > 400 \text{ GeV}$ ; mass  $\sim [140, 250] \text{ GeV}$
  - CMS Top Tagger
- Signal yield extracted via maximum likelihood fit in (0t, 1t+0b, 1t+1b) exclusive categories
  - Background normalizations and uncertainties treated as nuisance parameters
- Inclusive cross section compared to Powheg+Pythia6, normalized to NNLO total cross section
  - Parton level:  $\frac{\sigma_{meas}}{\sigma_{th}} = 0.86 \pm 0.19$
  - Particle level:  $\frac{\sigma_{meas}}{\sigma_{th}} = 0.86 \pm 0.16$
- Dominated by theoretical and top tagging uncertainties



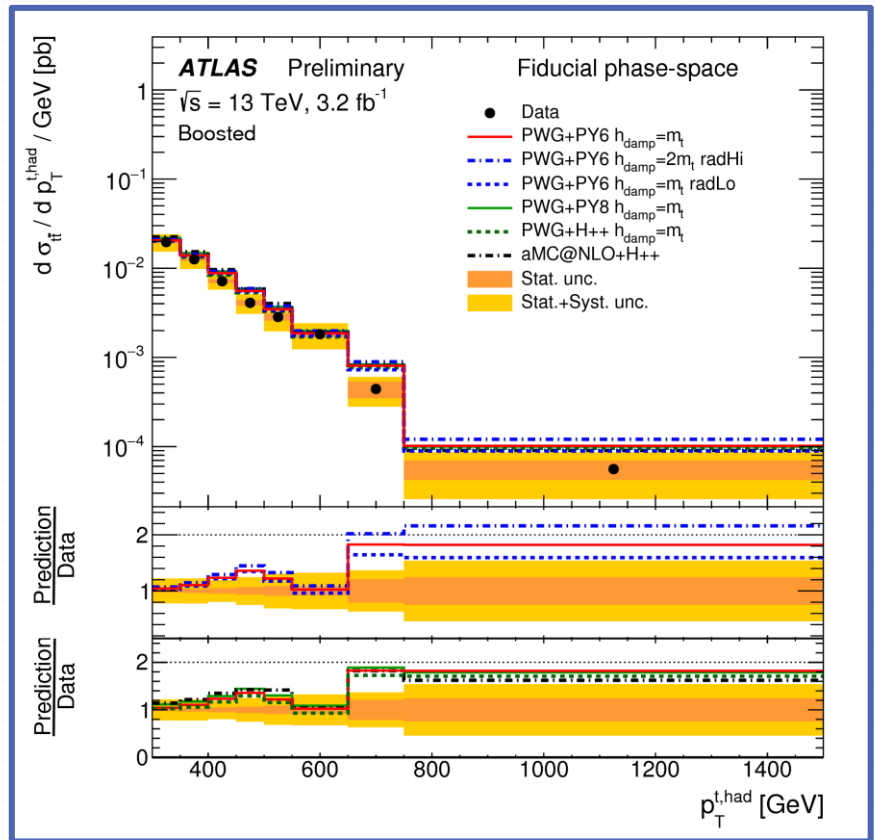
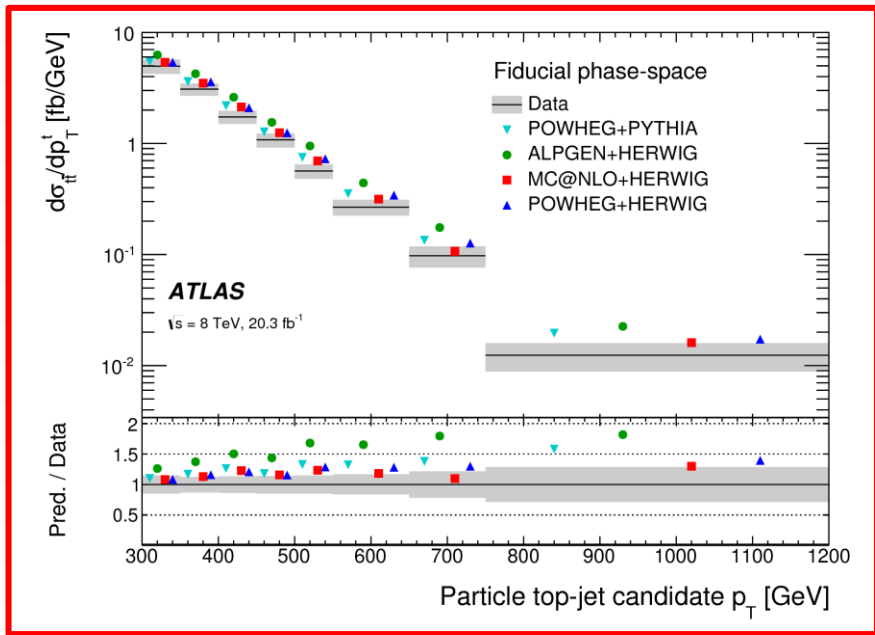
# Ljets differential cross section in CMS

- signal extraction - maximum likelihood fit in 3 categories based on top and b tag
  - Signal and all background yields determined by fit
  - Discriminant variables: lepton  $|\eta|$  used in (0t, 1t+0b), mvtx used in 1t+1b
  - Background normalizations and experimental uncertainties treated as nuisance parameters.
- Unfolding in 2 steps: reco  $\rightarrow$  particle, particle  $\rightarrow$  parton
  - Regularized unfolding (SVD)
  - Electron and muon channel unfolded separately and combined with weighted mean



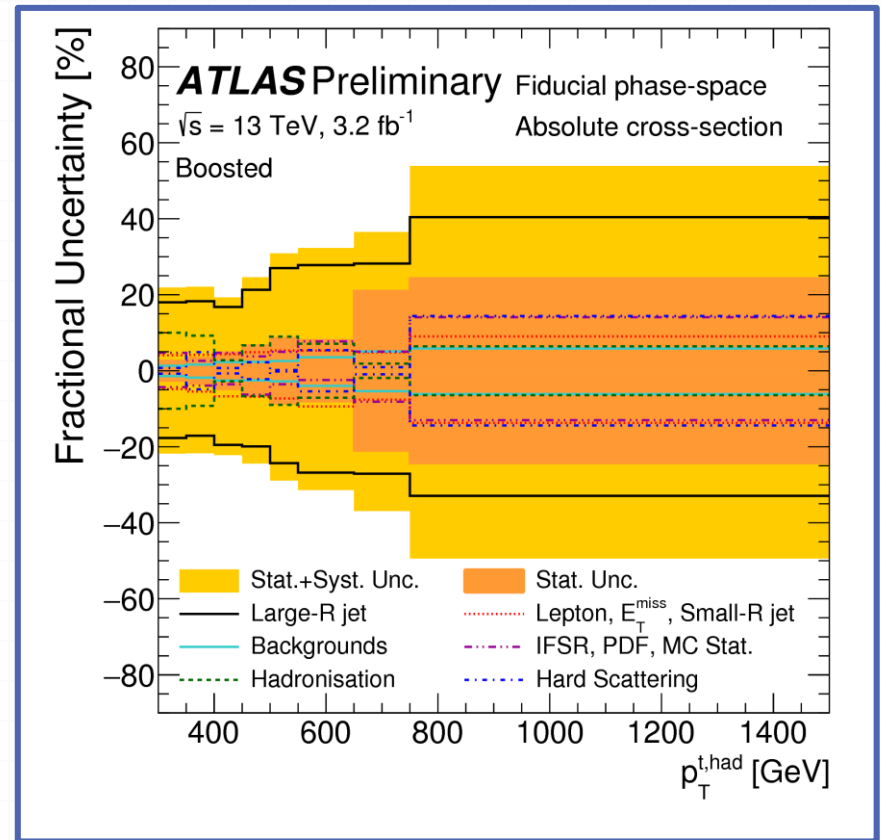
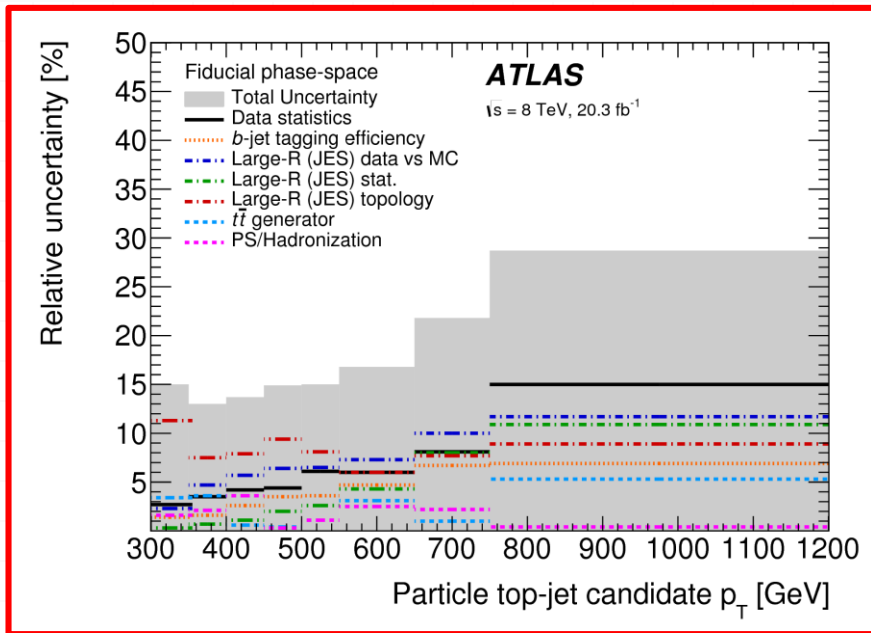
# Ljets differential cross section in ATLAS

o 8 TeV vs 13 TeV comparison



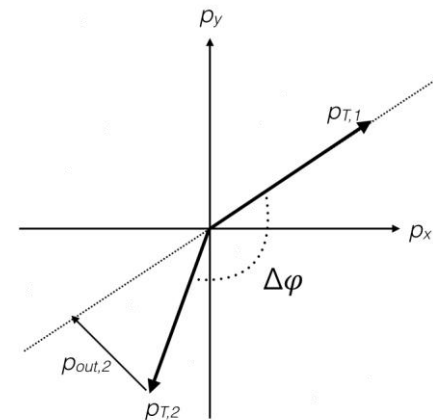
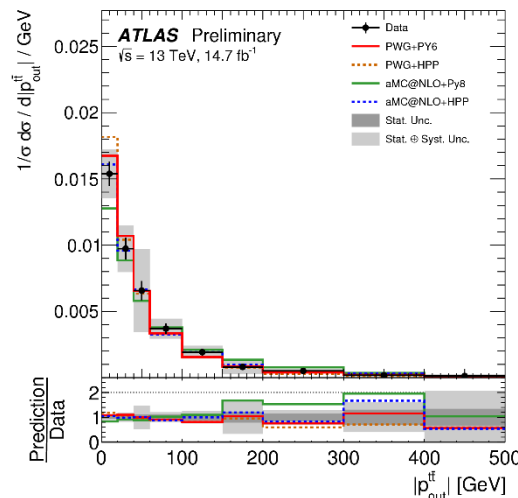
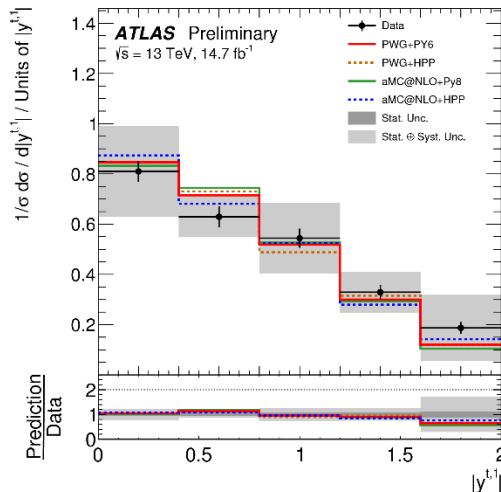
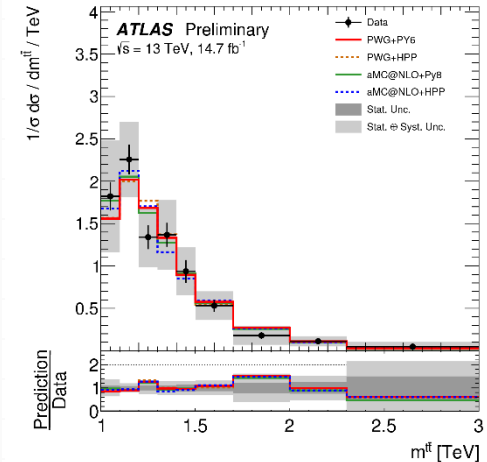
# Ljets differential cross section in ATLAS

o 8 TeV vs 13 TeV uncertainty comparison



# Full had cross section in ATLAS

- Differential cross section measurements performed as a function of several kinematic variables of the  $t\bar{t}$  system:
- $p_T, |y| (t_1, t_2, t\bar{t})$  and  $m(t\bar{t})$
- $\chi^{t\bar{t}} = \exp 2|y^*|$  ( $y^*$ : rapidity of the top in the  $t\bar{t}$  rest frame)
- $Y_B^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{1}{2}(y^{t_1} + y^{t_2})$ : longitudinal boost in the lab frame
- $\Delta\phi^{t\bar{t}}$  azimuthal angular separation between the tops
- $|p_{out}^{t\bar{t}}|$ : projection of top-quark momentum onto the direction perpendicular to a plane defined by the other top quark and the beam





# Forward-backward asymmetry at Tevatron

Definition:  $A_{\Delta} = \frac{N(\Delta>0) - N(\Delta<0)}{N(\Delta>0) + N(\Delta<0)}$

@ Tevatron leading production is  $q\bar{q}$  (asymmetric initial state)

At Tevatron  $\Delta_{FB} \equiv y_t - y_{\bar{t}}$

CDF measured  $A_{FB} = 0.158 \pm 0.074$

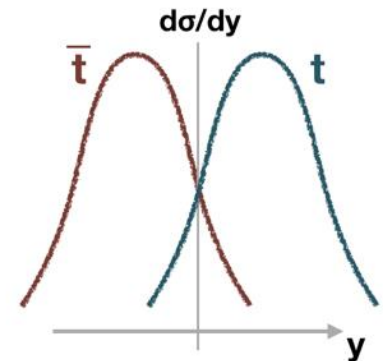
(both  $l$ +jets and di-leptonic channels)

$A_{FB}^{\text{MCFM}} = 0.058 \pm 0.009$  (agreement  $\sim 2\sigma$ )

Important features: dependence on  $m_{t\bar{t}}$ ,  $\Delta y$

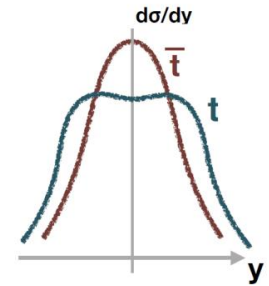
$m_{t\bar{t}} < 450$  GeV compatible with SM  $\sim 1.8$  sigma

$m_{t\bar{t}} > 450$  GeV difference  $> 3$  sigma



Superseded by  $A_{FB} = 0.160 \pm 0.045$   
 $A_{FB}^{\text{NNLO}} = 0.095 \pm 0.007$   
(CDF/ANAL/TOP/PUB/11161)

# Charge asymmetry at LHC



o @ LHC leading production channel is  $gg$  in *symmetric*  $pp$  collisions

o Forward-backward is not visible at the LHC, but we can measure  $A_Q$  (charge asymmetry) in the central and forward region

$$o A_Q = \frac{N(\Delta|y|>0) - N(\Delta|y|<0)}{N(\Delta|y|>0) + N(\Delta|y|<0)}$$

$$o A_{QF} = \frac{N_t(|y|>y_0) - N_{\bar{t}}(|y|>y_0)}{N_t(|y|>y_0) + N_{\bar{t}}(|y|>y_0)}$$

$$o A_{QC} = \frac{N_t(|y|<y_0) - N_{\bar{t}}(|y|<y_0)}{N_t(|y|<y_0) + N_{\bar{t}}(|y|<y_0)}$$

$A_Q$  was found to be the most sensitive variable to new physics effects

Tests performed using a parametrized BSM asymmetry:

$$1 - f(m_{tt}) \tanh \Delta y, f(m_{tt}) = \frac{m_{tt}}{200} - 2$$

<http://www.hep.phy.cam.ac.uk/theory/webber/MCEGforLHC.pdf>

# Introduction

## Why boosted tops?

- LHC is a 'top factory'
  - Large center-of-mass energy combined with high luminosity
    - The cross section in boosted phase space will benefit most from the energy increase
  - Access to phase space regions never explored before
- Feasibility of differential measurements in boosted topologies
  - Stronger constraints to SM parameters

This talk:

- Boosted top tagger algorithms in ATLAS and CMS
- ATLAS and CMS precision measurements with boosted quarks
  - Inclusive and differential cross sections at 8 and 13 TeV
  - Top properties: charge asymmetry and jet mass distribution
  - Exotic searches will not be covered

Cross section	8 TeV	13 TeV
Total	240.6 pb <sup>(1)</sup>	818 <sup>(3)</sup> pb
Boosted (pt>300GeV)	5.5pb <sup>(2)</sup>	O(10)x

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