

Top quark pair property measurements and $t\bar{t}+X$, using the ATLAS detector at the LHC

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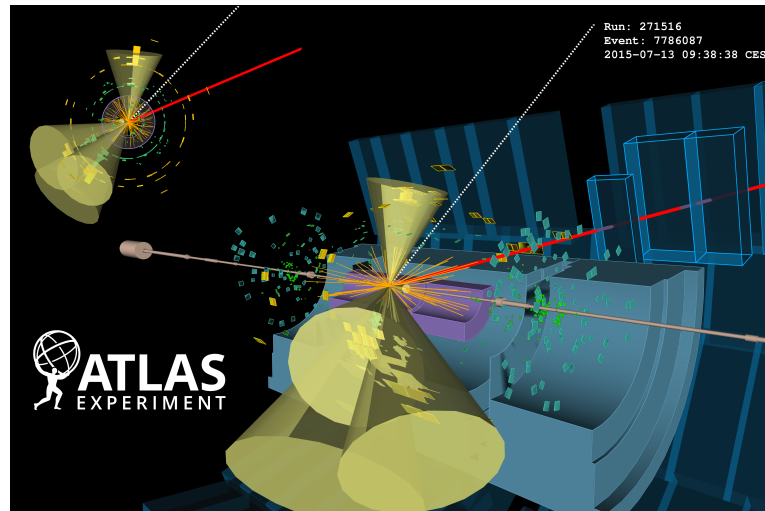
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- ~40 millions of $t\bar{t}$ events produced at the ATLAS detector
- Era of precision measurements for top quark physics
- Measurements of top quark properties as tests of Standard Model
- Possibility of probing new observables and extending existing analysis approaches



- 1) Measurements of **top quark spin observables** in $t\bar{t}$ events using **dilepton** final states in 8 TeV pp collisions with the ATLAS detector: [[JHEP 03 \(2017\) 113](#)]
- 2) Measurements of the **charge asymmetry** in top-quark pair production in the **dilepton** final state at 8 TeV with the ATLAS detector: [[Phys. Rev. D 94, 032006](#)]
- 3) Measurements of **charge and CP asymmetries in b -hadron decays** using top-quark events collected by the ATLAS detector in pp collisions at 8 TeV: [[JHEP02\(2017\)071](#)]
- 4) Measurement of the **W boson polarisation** in $t\bar{t}$ events from pp collisions at 8 TeV in the **lepton+jets** channel with ATLAS: *submitted to EPJC* [[arXiv:1612.02577](#)]
- 5) Measurement of the **$t\bar{t}Z$ and $t\bar{t}W$ production cross sections** in multilepton final states using 3.2 fb^{-1} of pp collisions at 13 TeV at the LHC: [[Eur. Phys. J. C \(2017\) 77: 40.](#)]

Top Quark Spin Observables (1)

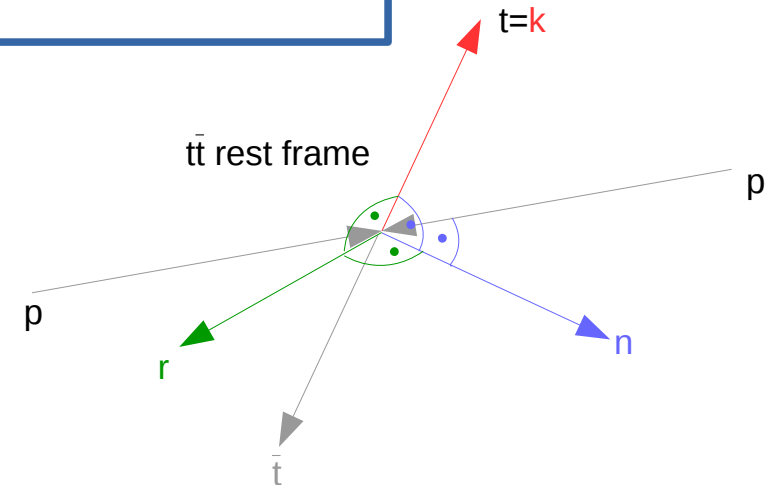
- 8 TeV, 20.2 fb⁻¹, dilepton channel of $t\bar{t}$ decays
- Top quark spin is correlated, strength quantified by quantisation axis and production process
- Spin information is transferred to decay products
 → use angular observables of decay products

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d^2\sigma}{d \cos \theta_+^a d \cos \theta_-^b} = \frac{1}{4} (1 + \underbrace{B_+^a \cos \theta_+^a + B_-^b \cos \theta_-^b}_{\text{6 polarisation coefficients}} - \underbrace{C(a,b) \cos \theta_+^a \cos \theta_-^b}_{\text{9 spin correlation coefficients}})$$

$B^a = 3 \langle \cos \theta^a \rangle$
 6 polarisation coefficients

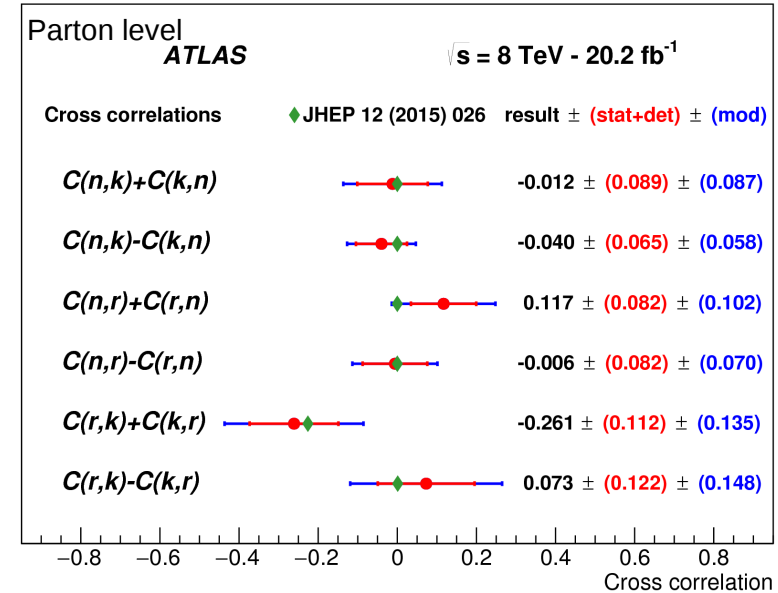
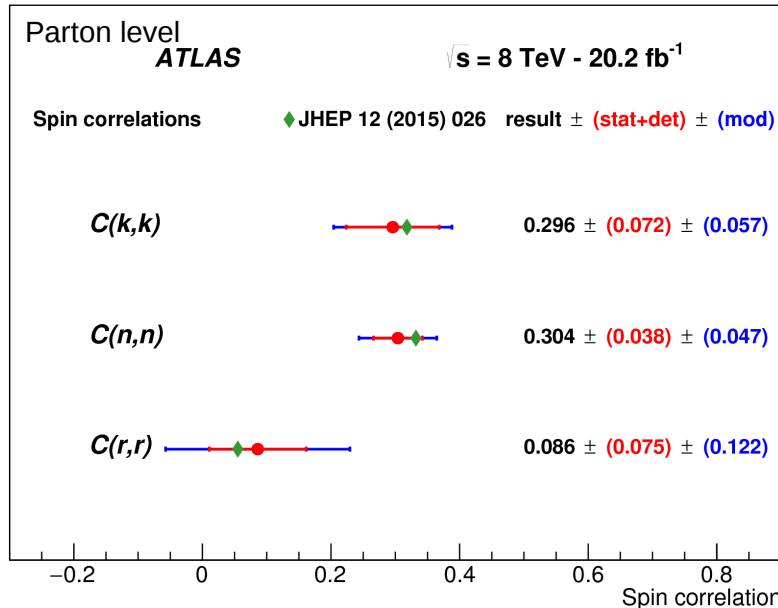
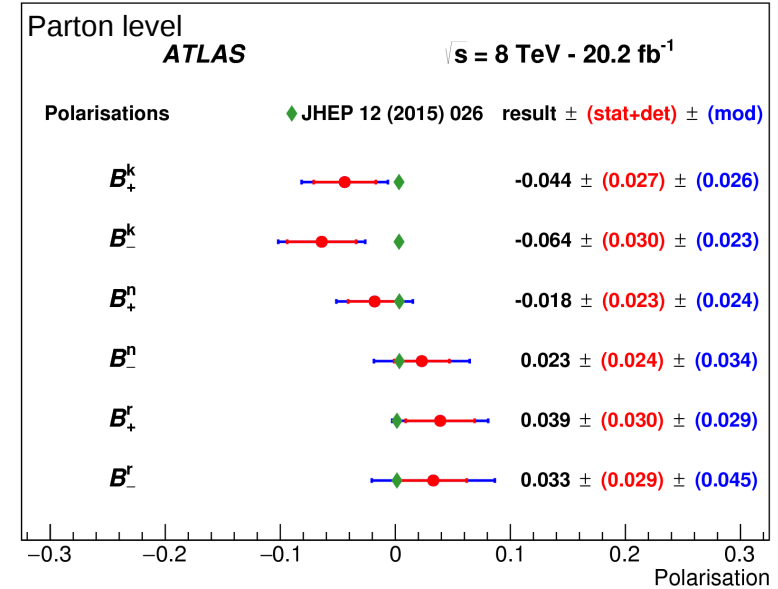
$C(a,b) = -9 \langle \cos \theta_+^a \cos \theta_-^b \rangle$
 9 spin correlation coefficients

10 measured for the first time!

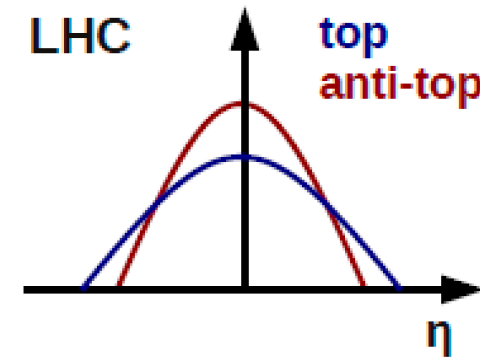


Top Quark Spin Observables (2)

- 2 different analyses:
 - parton level (full phase space)
 - stable particle level (fiducial space)
- $t\bar{t}$ reconstruction using neutrino weighting technique
- Fully Bayesian unfolding to deal with distortions due to cuts and detector resolution
- No significant deviation from SM
- Observation of $C(n,n)$ with 5.1σ



- 8 TeV, 20.3 fb^{-1} , dilepton channel of $t\bar{t}$ decays
- Asymmetries expected from valence quark – sea antiquark fusion
→ antitop more central than top



Leptonic asymmetries:

$$A_C^{\ell\ell} = \frac{N(\Delta|\eta| > 0) - N(\Delta|\eta| < 0)}{N(\Delta|\eta| > 0) + N(\Delta|\eta| < 0)}, \quad \Delta|\eta| = |\eta_{e^+}| - |\eta_{e^-}|$$

$t\bar{t}$ asymmetries:

$$A_C^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N(\Delta|y| > 0) - N(\Delta|y| < 0)}{N(\Delta|y| > 0) + N(\Delta|y| < 0)}, \quad \Delta|y| = |y_t| - |y_{\bar{t}}|$$

3 different measurements of both observables:

- inclusive measurements on parton level in the full phase space
- inclusive measurements on particle level in the fiducial region
- differential measurements:
inv. mass ($m_{t\bar{t}}$), $p_{T,t\bar{t}}$, and longitudinal boost ($\beta_{z,t\bar{t}}$) of $t\bar{t}$ system
in the fiducial regions and the full phase space

Charge Asymmetry in dilepton (2)

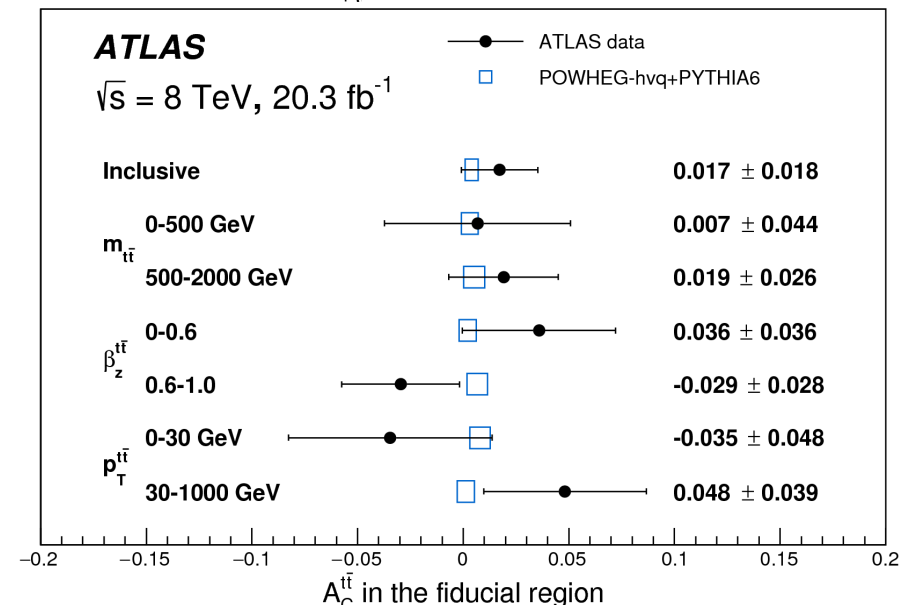
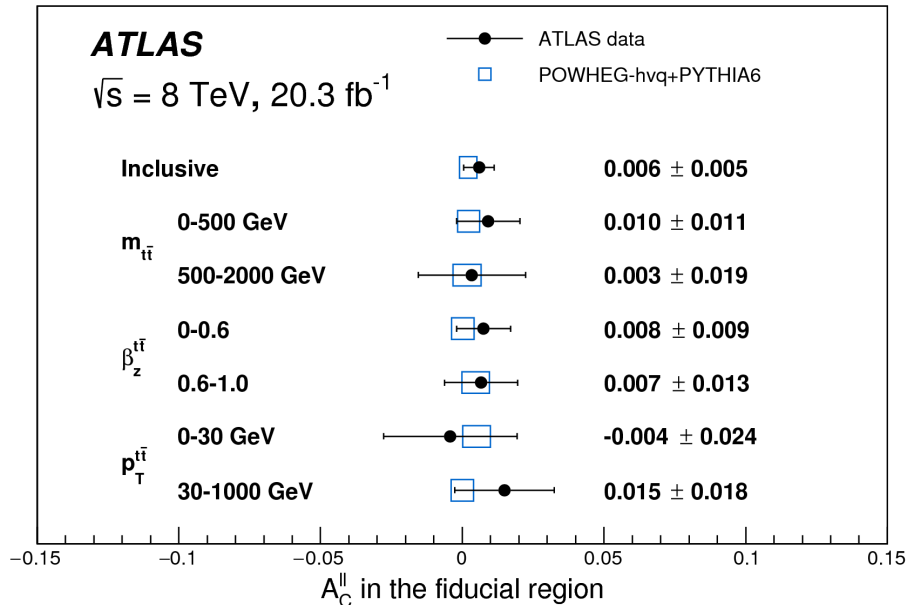
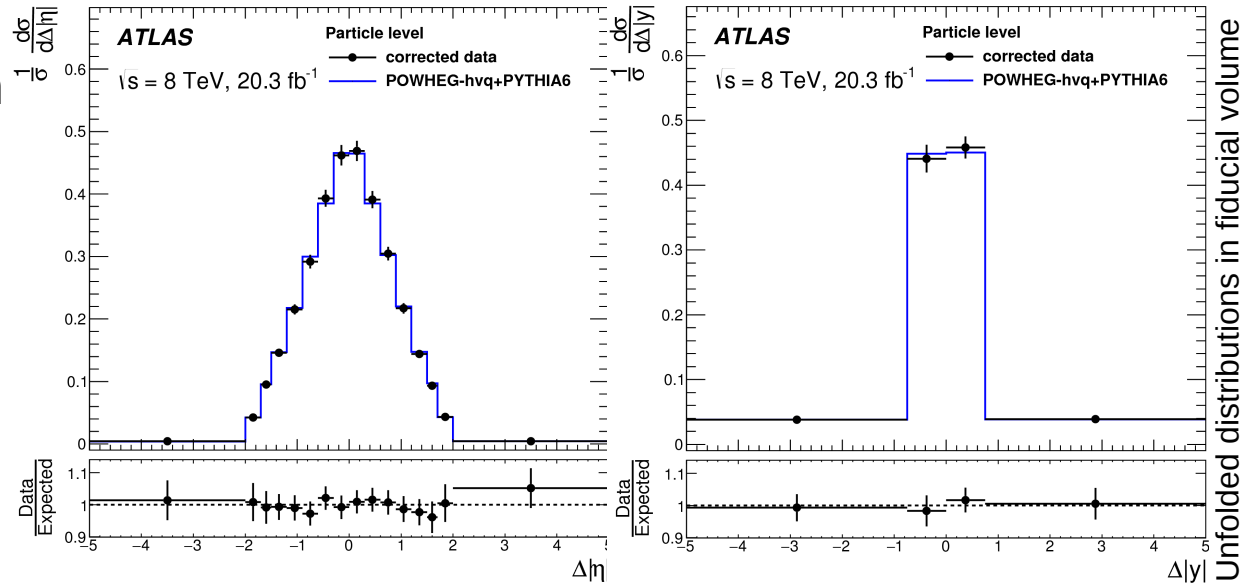
- Kinematic reconstruction of $t\bar{t}$ system
- Fully Bayesian unfolding
- Result:

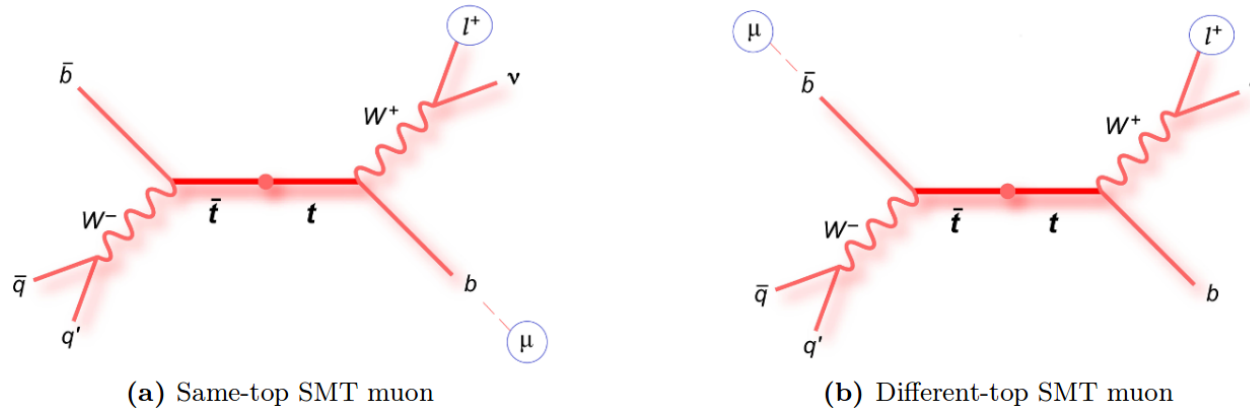
$$A_C^{\ell\ell} = 0.008 \pm 0.006$$

$$A_C^{t\bar{t}} = 0.021 \pm 0.016$$
- SM prediction:

$$A_C^{\ell\ell} = 0.0064 \pm 0.0003$$

$$A_C^{t\bar{t}} = 0.0111 \pm 0.0004$$





- 8 TeV, ℓ +jets, b decaying semileptonically to a soft muon
- 5 CP asymmetries, 2 charge asymmetries
- charge of lepton from W determines the charge of the produced b -quark
- charge of soft lepton determines the charge of b -quark at decay

Charge asymmetries

CP asymmetries: B_q - \bar{B}_q mixing

CP asymmetries: direct CP violation

$$A^{ss} = \frac{P(b \rightarrow \ell^+) - P(\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell^-)}{P(b \rightarrow \ell^+) + P(\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell^-)}$$

$$A_{\text{mix}}^{bl} = \frac{\Gamma(b \rightarrow \bar{b} \rightarrow \ell^+ X) - \Gamma(\bar{b} \rightarrow b \rightarrow \ell^- X)}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow \bar{b} \rightarrow \ell^+ X) + \Gamma(\bar{b} \rightarrow b \rightarrow \ell^- X)}$$

$$A_{\text{dir}}^{bl} = \frac{\Gamma(b \rightarrow \ell^- X) - \Gamma(\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell^+ X)}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow \ell^- X) + \Gamma(\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell^+ X)} \quad A_{\text{dir}}^{bc} = \frac{\Gamma(b \rightarrow c X_L) - \Gamma(\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} X_L)}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow c X_L) + \Gamma(\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} X_L)}$$

$$A^{\text{os}} = \frac{P(b \rightarrow \ell^-) - P(\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell^+)}{P(b \rightarrow \ell^-) + P(\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell^+)}$$

$$A_{\text{mix}}^{bc} = \frac{\Gamma(b \rightarrow \bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} X) - \Gamma(\bar{b} \rightarrow b \rightarrow c X)}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow \bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} X) + \Gamma(\bar{b} \rightarrow b \rightarrow c X)}$$

$$A_{\text{dir}}^{cl} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{c} \rightarrow \ell^- X_L) - \Gamma(c \rightarrow \ell^+ X_L)}{\Gamma(\bar{c} \rightarrow \ell^- X_L) + \Gamma(c \rightarrow \ell^+ X_L)}$$

- Soft muon heavy flavour tagging (SMT muons)
- Data is unfolded to well defined fiducial space
- CP result cannot disprove $D\bar{0}$ deviation in dimuon asymmetry
→ result both compatible with SM and $D\bar{0}$ results

	Data (10^{-2})		MC (10^{-2})		Existing limits (2σ) (10^{-2})		SM prediction (10^{-2})	
A^{ss}	-0.7	± 0.8	0.05	± 0.23	-		$< 10^{-2}$	[19]
A^{os}	0.4	± 0.5	-0.03	± 0.13	-		$< 10^{-2}$	[19]
A_{mix}^b	-2.5	± 2.8	0.2	± 0.7	< 0.1	[95]	$< 10^{-3}$	[96] [95]
A_{dir}^{bl}	0.5	± 0.5	-0.03	± 0.14	< 1.2	[94]	$< 10^{-5}$	[19] [94]
A_{dir}^{cl}	1.0	± 1.0	-0.06	± 0.25	< 6.0	[94]	$< 10^{-9}$	[19] [94]
A_{dir}^{bc}	-1.0	± 1.1	0.07	± 0.29	-		$< 10^{-7}$	[97]

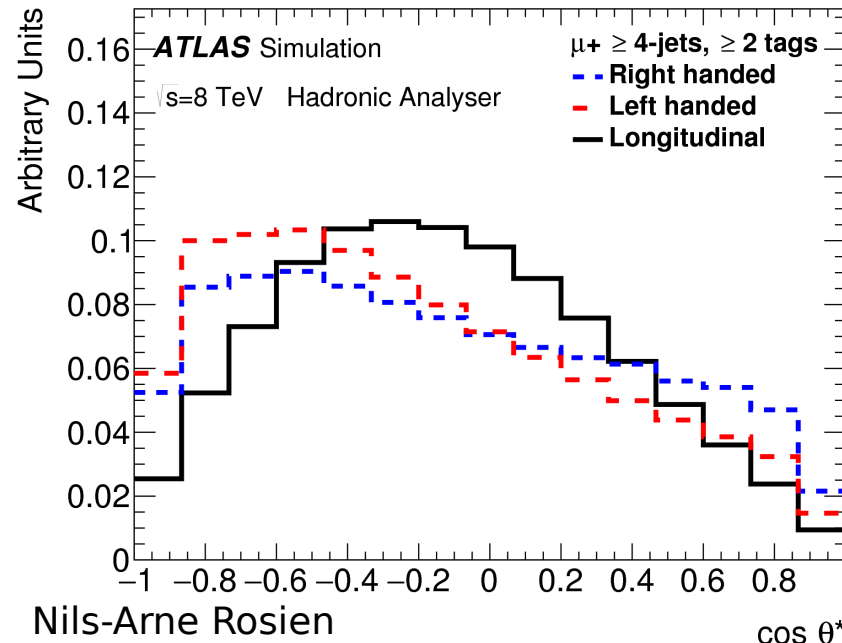
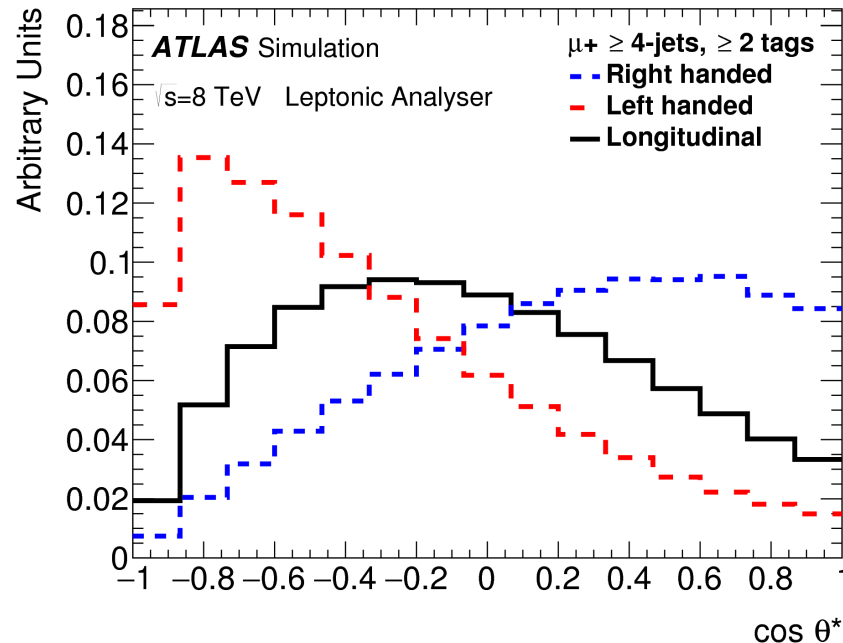
First direct measurements of direct CP violation in this context, improve existing limits of indirect measurements

W boson polarisation (1)

- 8 TeV, lepton+jets channel, 20.2 fb⁻¹
- Most precise W boson polarisation measurement to date
- Use orientation of analyser wrt. the b quark (inv. direction) in the W rest frame of top decay

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta^*} = \frac{3}{4} (1 - \cos^2 \theta^*) F_0 + \frac{3}{8} (1 - \cos \theta^*)^2 F_L + \frac{3}{8} (1 + \cos \theta^*)^2 F_R$$

- Take both charged lepton or down-type quark from W decay as analyser
- 3 reweighted $t\bar{t}$ samples for F_L , F_R , F_0 + bkg. samples



- KL Fitter $t\bar{t}$ reconstruction [Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 748 (2014) 18–25]
- Perform template fit
- Best fits (=smallest uncertainty):
 - two channel combination (ejets+mujets, $\geq 2b$) for leptonic analyser
 - four channel combination (ejets+mujets, $=1b$ and $\geq 2b$) for hadronic analyser

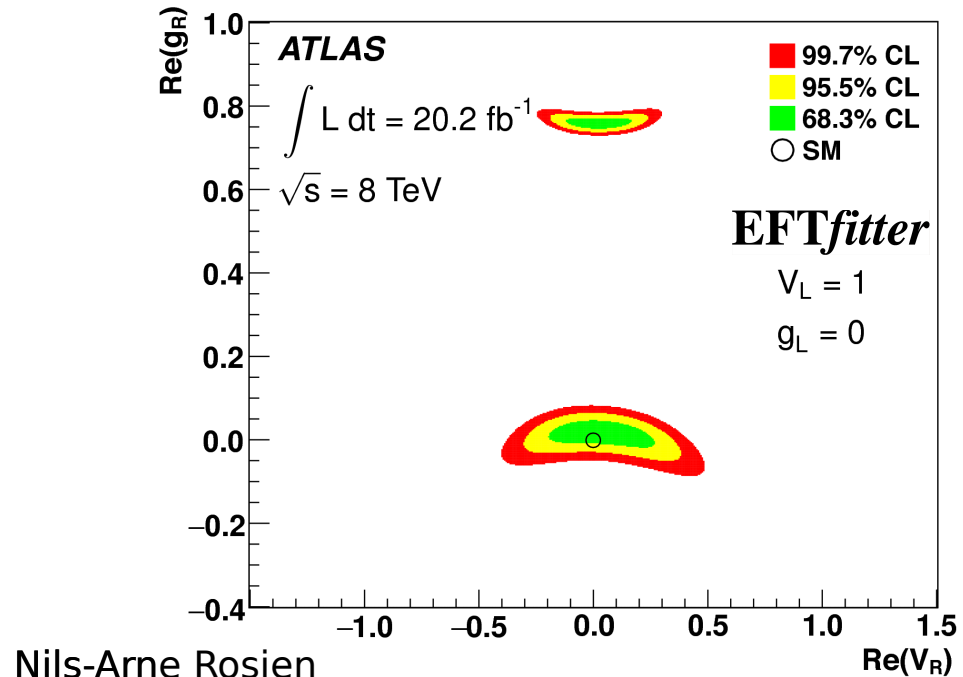
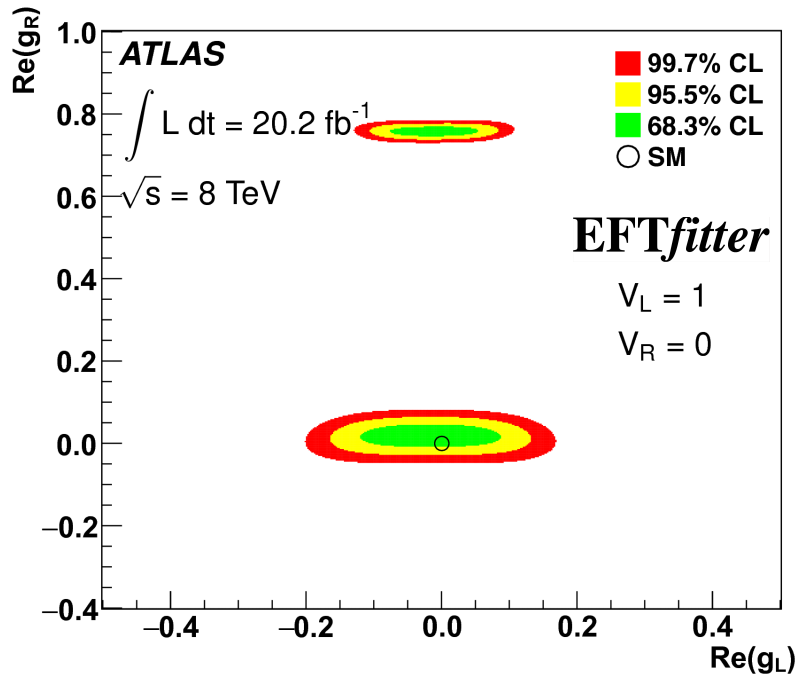
Leptonic analyser (≥ 2 b -tags)	Hadronic analyser (1 b -tag + ≥ 2 b -tags)
$F_0 = 0.709 \pm 0.012$ (stat.+bkg. norm.) $^{+0.015}_{-0.014}$ (syst.)	$F_0 = 0.659 \pm 0.010$ (stat.+bkg. norm.) $^{+0.052}_{-0.054}$ (syst.)
$F_L = 0.299 \pm 0.008$ (stat.+bkg. norm.) $^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$ (syst.)	$F_L = 0.281 \pm 0.021$ (stat.+bkg. norm.) $^{+0.063}_{-0.067}$ (syst.)
$F_R = -0.008 \pm 0.006$ (stat.+bkg. norm.) ± 0.012 (syst.)	$F_R = 0.061 \pm 0.022$ (stat.+bkg. norm.) $^{+0.101}_{-0.108}$ (syst.)

W boson polarisation (3)

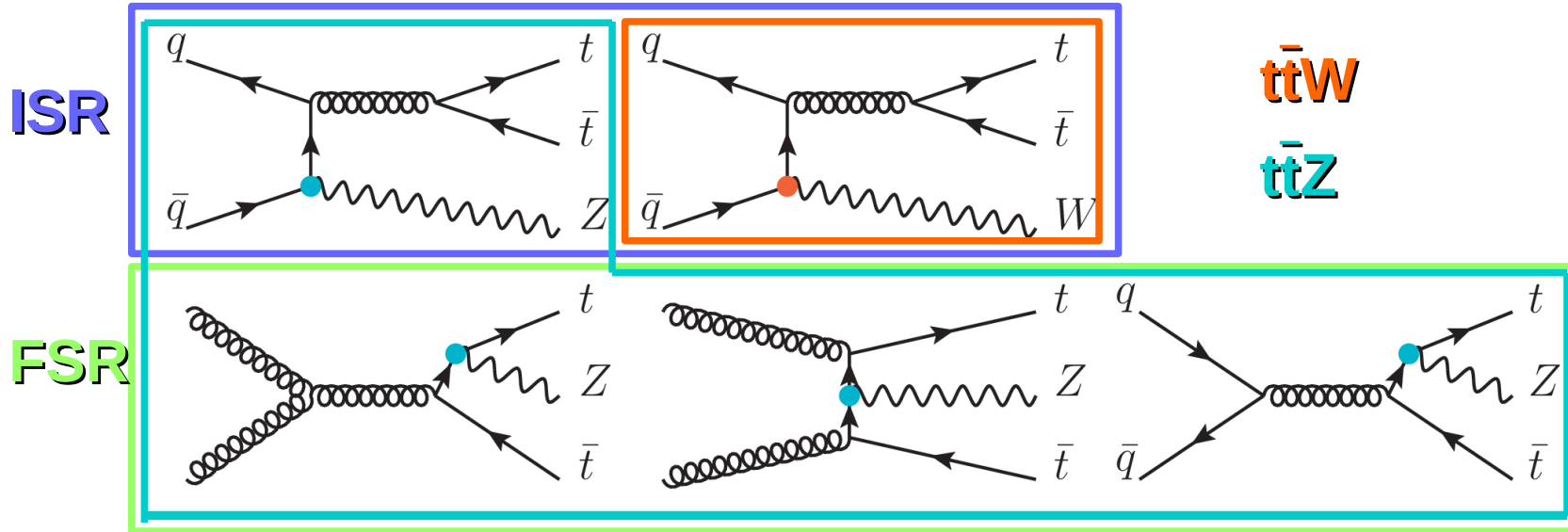
$$\mathcal{L}_{Wtb} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (\underline{V_L} P_L + \underline{V_R} P_R) t W_\mu^- - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{m_W} (\underline{g_L} P_L + \underline{g_R} P_R) t W_\mu^- + \text{h.c.}$$

- F_L, F_R, F_0 can constrain anomalous Wtb couplings
- Anomalous couplings are constrained using EFTfitter [[Eur. Phys. J. C \(2016\) 76: 432](#)]

Coupling	95 % CL interval
V_R	$[-0.24, 0.31]$
g_L	$[-0.14, 0.11]$
g_R	$[-0.02, 0.06], [0.74, 0.78]$



$t\bar{t}Z$ and $t\bar{t}W$ cross sections (1)



$$\mathcal{L}_{t\bar{t}Z} \propto \bar{t}\gamma^\mu (c_V^t - c_A^t \gamma^5) t Z_\mu$$

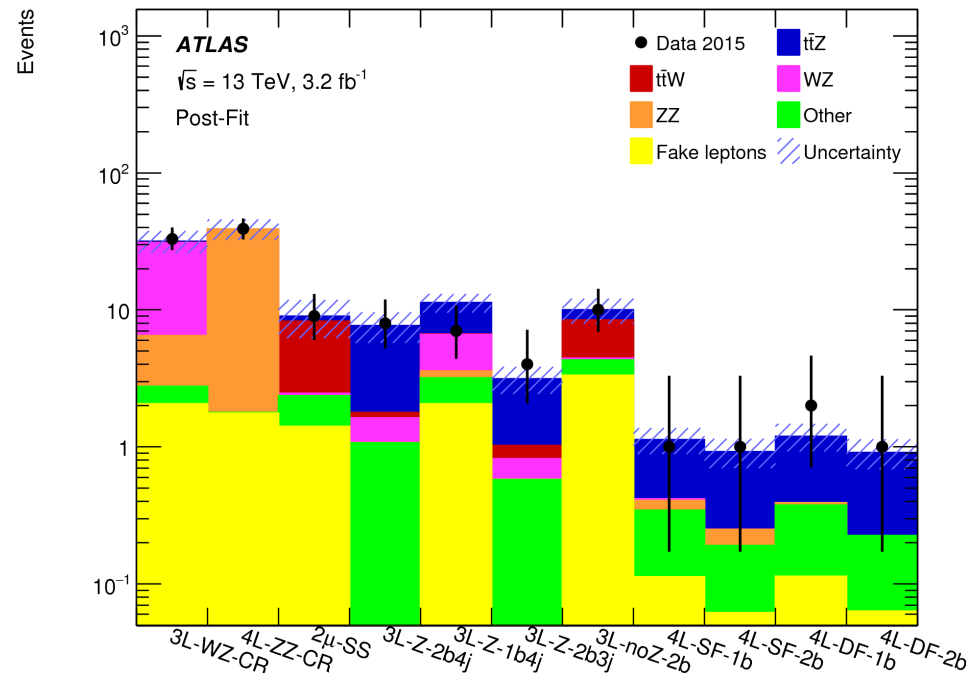
$$c_V^t = T_t^3 - 2Q_t \sin^2 \theta_W$$

$$c_A^t = T_t^3$$

- Access to the the third component of the **weak isospin of the top quark** (FSR)
- Access to **anomalous $t\bar{t}Z$ Couplings**
- Learn about **electroweak symmetry breaking** via interactions of W and Z
- **Indicator** for strongly coupled Higgs sector, technicolour, heavy top partners
- Important **background process** for $t\bar{t}H$ (multilepton channel), SUSY (multilepton, stop pairs) and others
- Possibility to test **PDFs** via $t\bar{t}W$ because of ISR

$t\bar{t}Z$ and $t\bar{t}W$ cross sections (2)

- Separation into 3 different regions:
 - 2 same sign muons ($2\mu_{SS}$) → sensitive to $t\bar{t}W$, dominant bkg: fake leptons
 - 3ℓ → sensitive to $t\bar{t}W$ and $t\bar{t}Z$, dominant bkg: WZ and fake leptons
 - 4ℓ → sensitive to $t\bar{t}Z$, dominant bkg: ZZ and fake leptons
- $2\mu_{SS}$ and the 3ℓ channel: fakes are estimated using fully data driven matrix method
- 4ℓ channel: fake estimation using FF method using shapes from MC



$t\bar{t}Z$ and $t\bar{t}W$ cross sections (3)

- Statistically limited
- First observation ($>5\sigma$) of this process for ATLAS (parallel to CMS at 8 TeV)

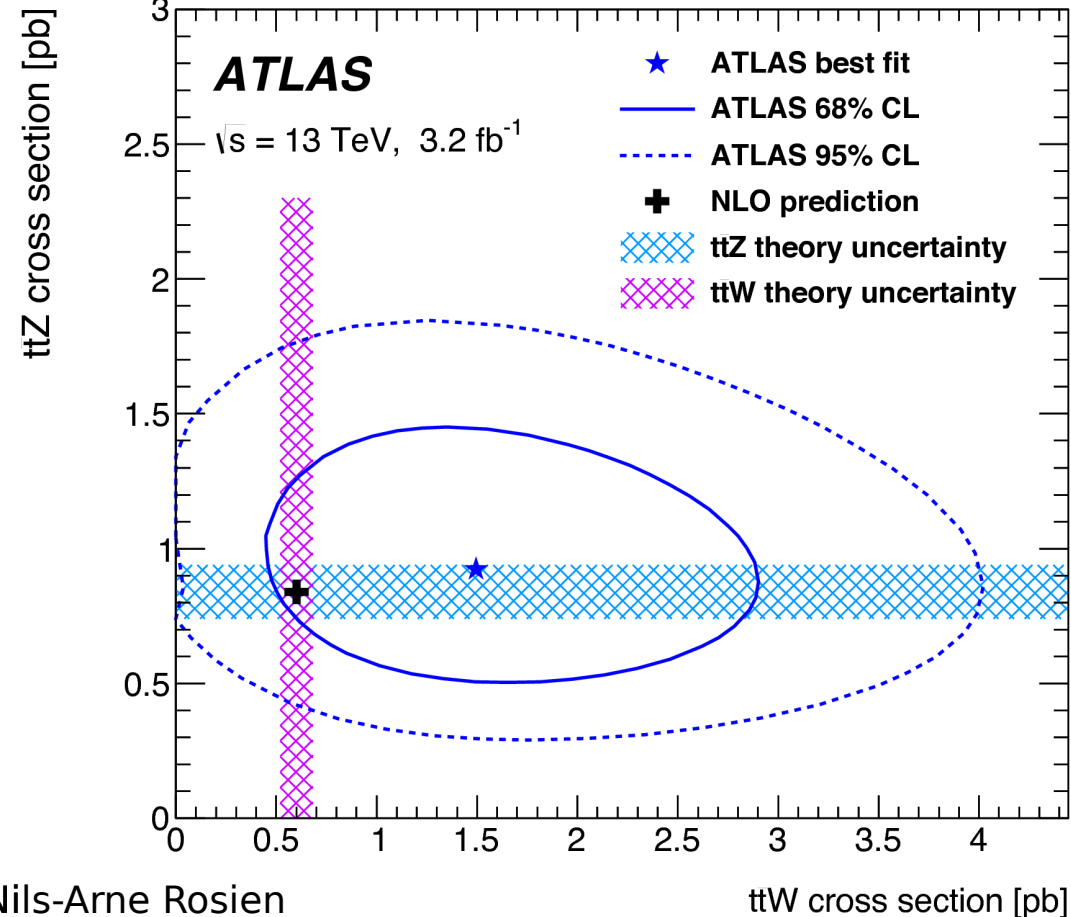
1D fit result

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}W} = 1.5 \pm 0.8 \text{ pb}$$
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z} = 0.9 \pm 0.3 \text{ pb}$$

NLO QCD

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}W} = 0.60 \pm 0.08 \text{ pb}$$
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z} = 0.84 \pm 0.09 \text{ pb}$$

2D fit result



- Top quark properties measurements at ATLAS in spin observables, charge and CP asymmetries, W boson polarisation and $t\bar{t}V$ cross section
- Some spin observables measured for the first time
- $t\bar{t}V$ observed for the first time at 8 TeV (parallel to CMS)
- No disagreements with the SM
- More measurements using 13 TeV data are right around the corner

Thank you very much
for your attention!