

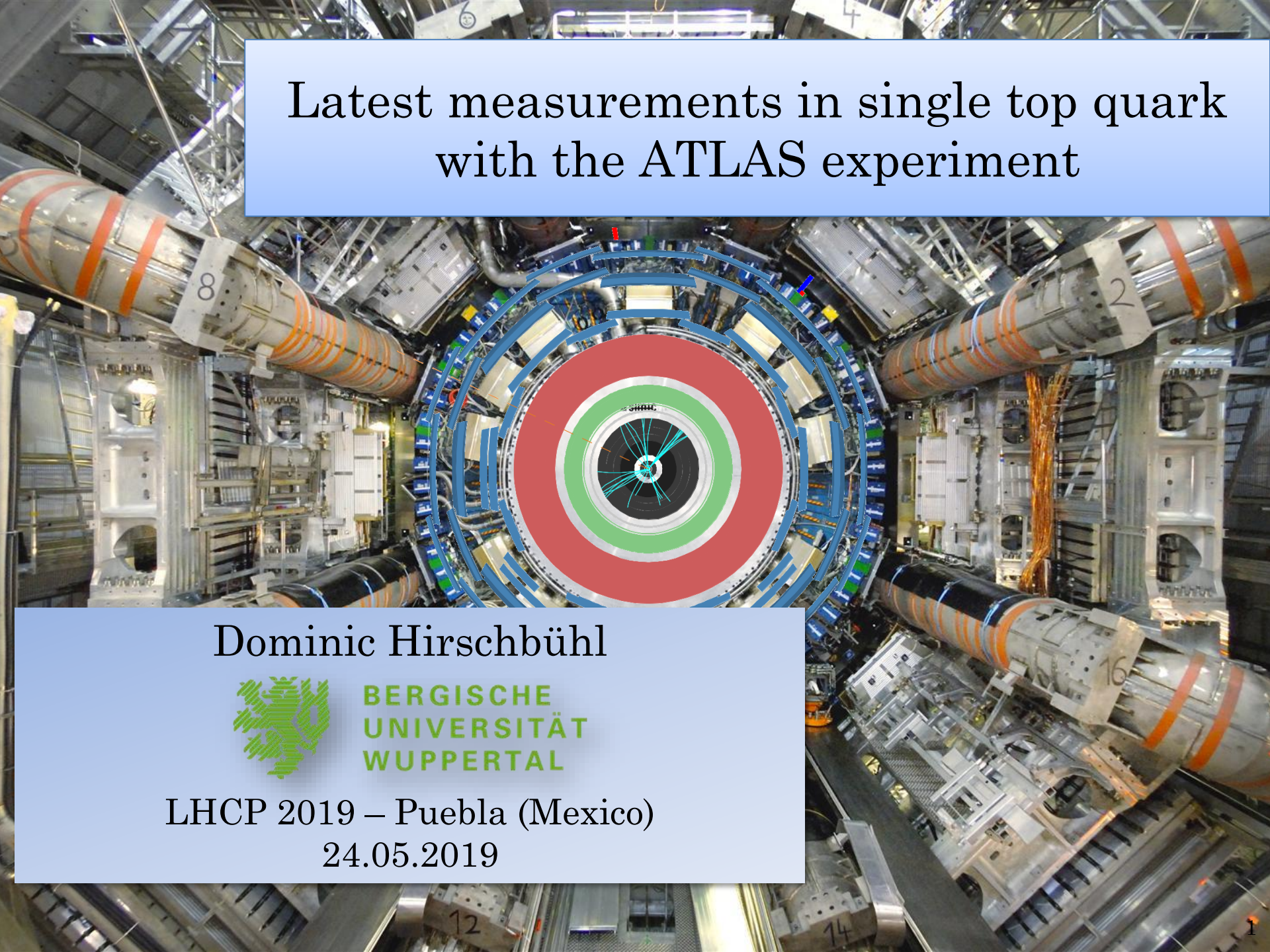
Latest measurements in single top quark with the ATLAS experiment

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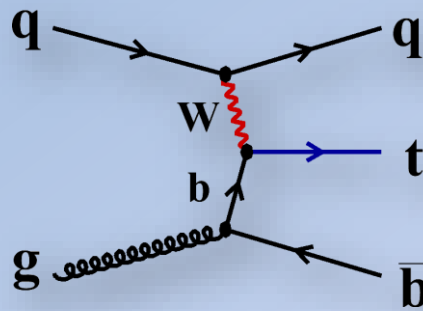


Single top quark production

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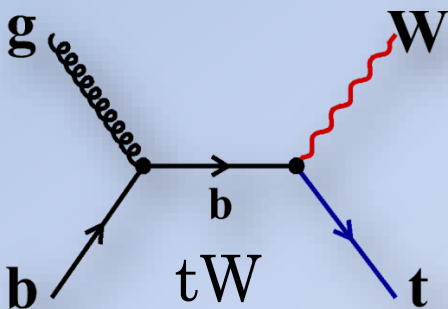


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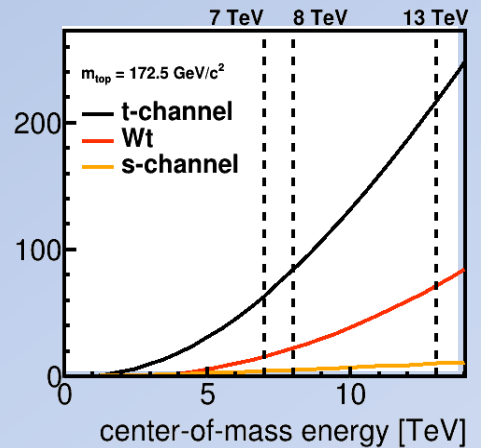
tW - cross sections

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at NLO + NNLL resummation

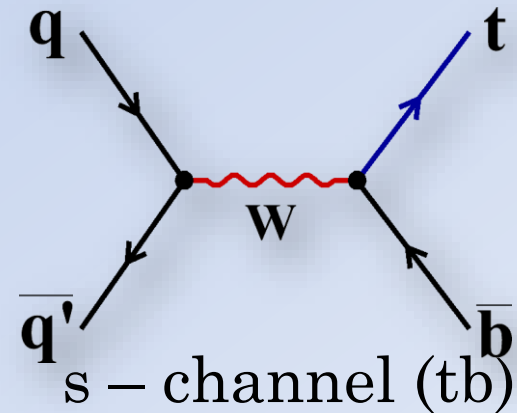


NLO cross-section [pb]



tb - cross sections

7 TeV	4.3 ± 0.2 pb
8 TeV	5.2 ± 0.2 pb
13 TeV	10.3 ± 0.4 pb

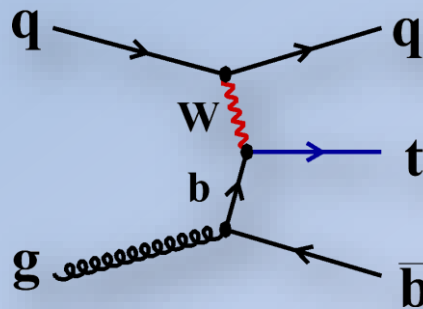


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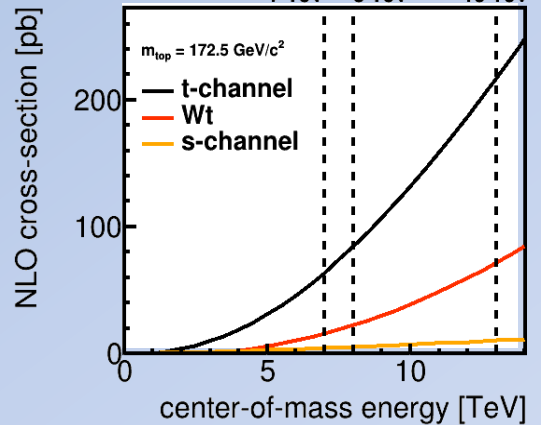
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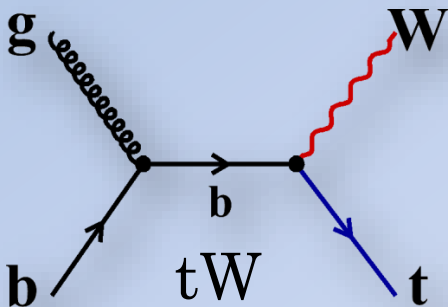
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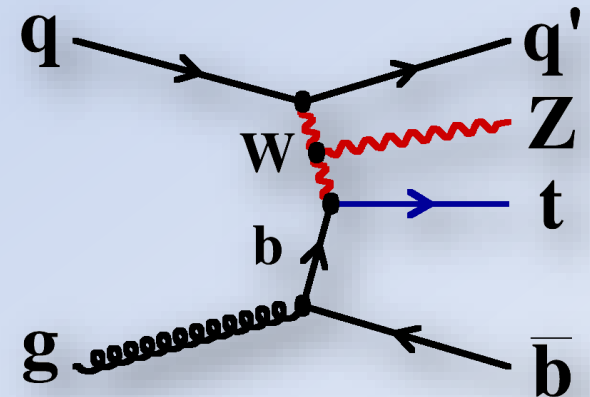


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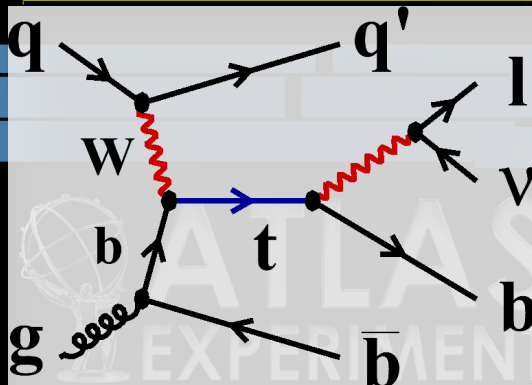
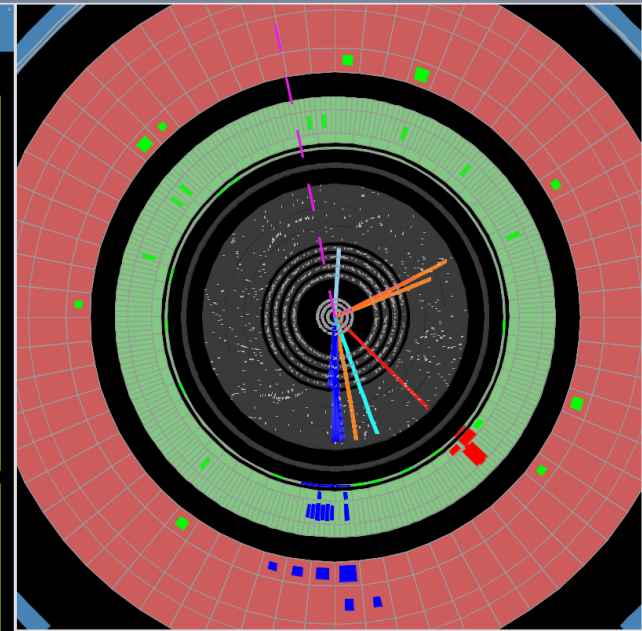
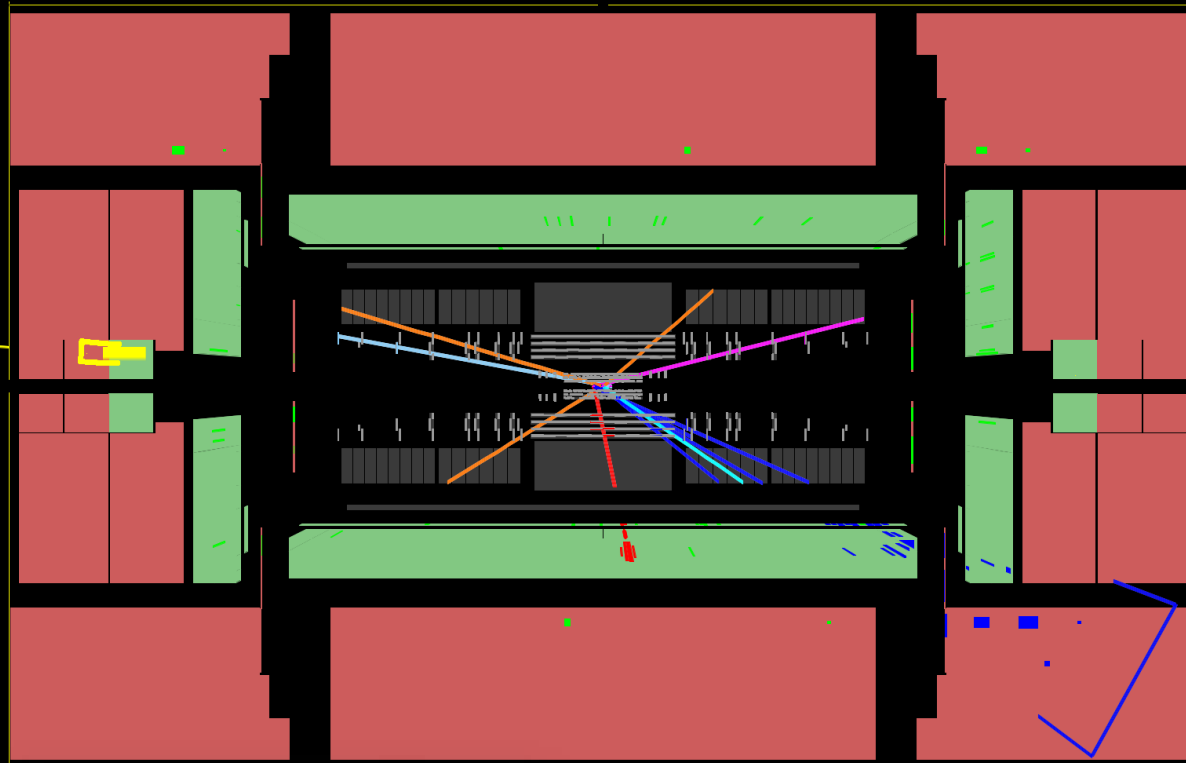


tZj - cross sections

13 TeV	0.80 ± 0.6 pb
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t-channel @ 8 TeV

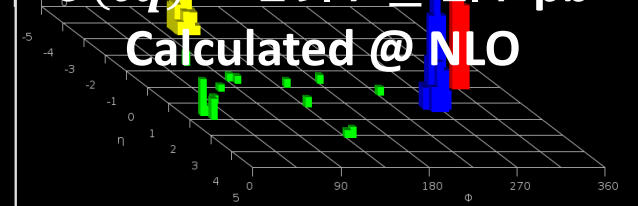


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$\sqrt{\hat{s}} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ $L_{\text{int}} = 20.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
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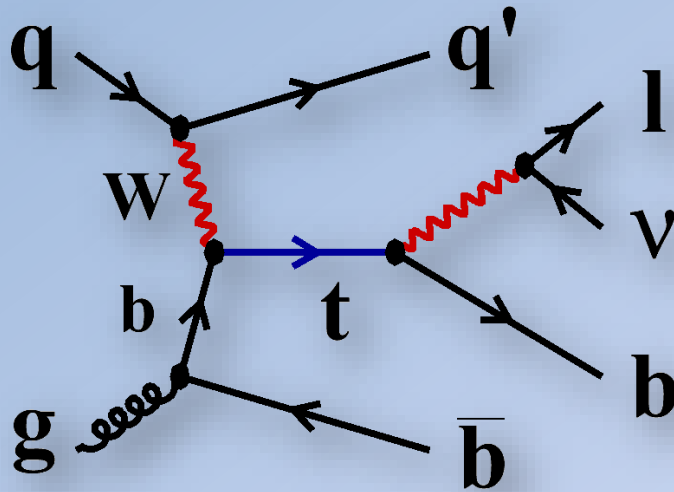
$\sigma(tq) = 54.9 \pm 2.3 \text{ pb}$
 $\sigma(\bar{t}q) = 29.7 \pm 1.7 \text{ pb}$
Calculated @ NLO



Why study t-channel single top?

Cross section $\propto |V_{tb}^2|$

→ test of the unitarity of the CKM Matrix



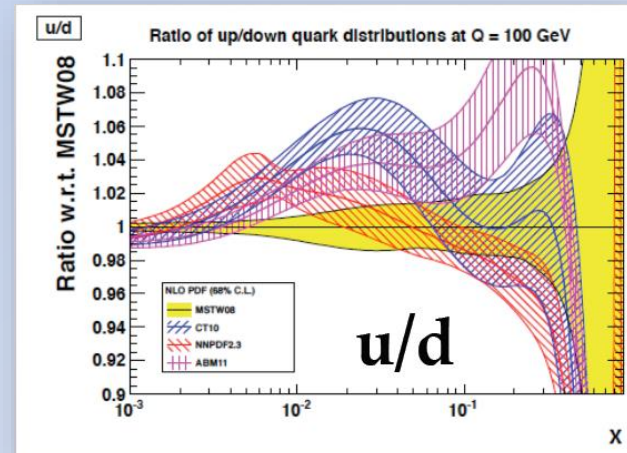
Test of the V-A structure of the Wtb vertex, e.g. using the top polarisation or W helicity

The cross-section ratio top-quark/top-antiquark production is sensitive to the u/d-quark ratio in the PDF sets.

Test of the b-quark PDF

Measurement of the top quark mass

- different color structure
- different energy scale



Multivariate Analyses

Selection:

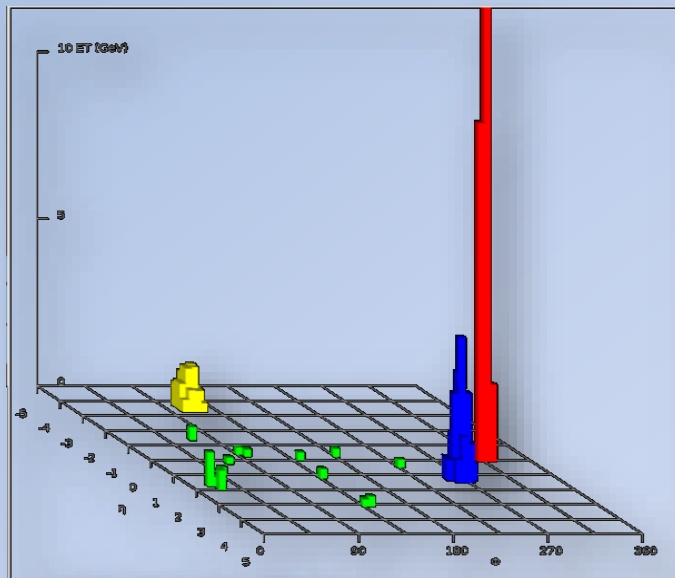
- Exactly one isolated lepton (e/μ)
- Two jets, including **forward** ($|\eta| < 4.5$) calorimeters!
- Identification of b-quark jets (including sufficient c-quark suppression)
- Missing transverse momentum
- Multijet veto

		# jets				
		1	+	2 -	+	3 -
# b-tags	0					
	1 loose		VR	VR		
	1		SR	SR		
	2		VR	VR		

Separated into + and - lepton charge!

+ channel: S/B \approx 26%

- channel: S/B \approx 17%

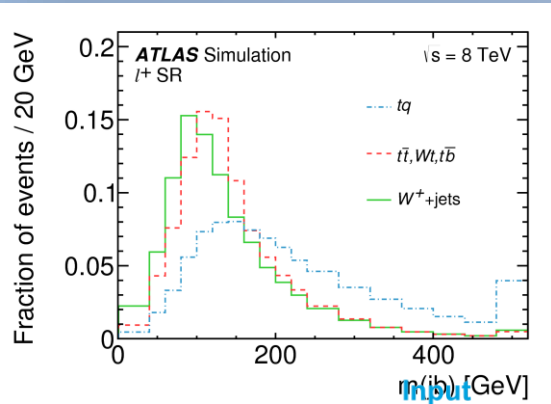


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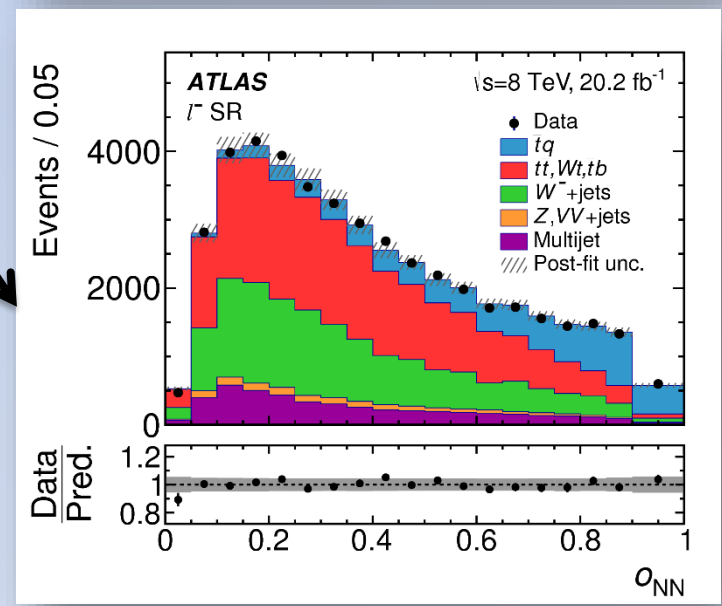
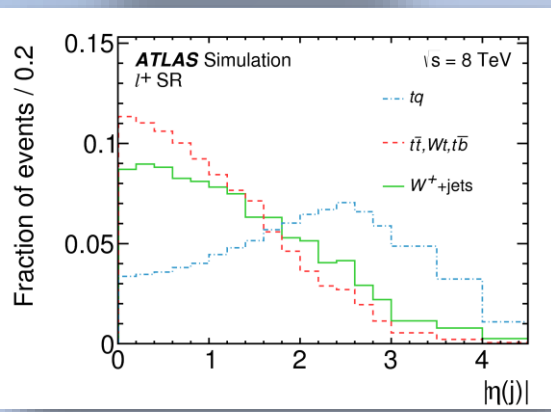
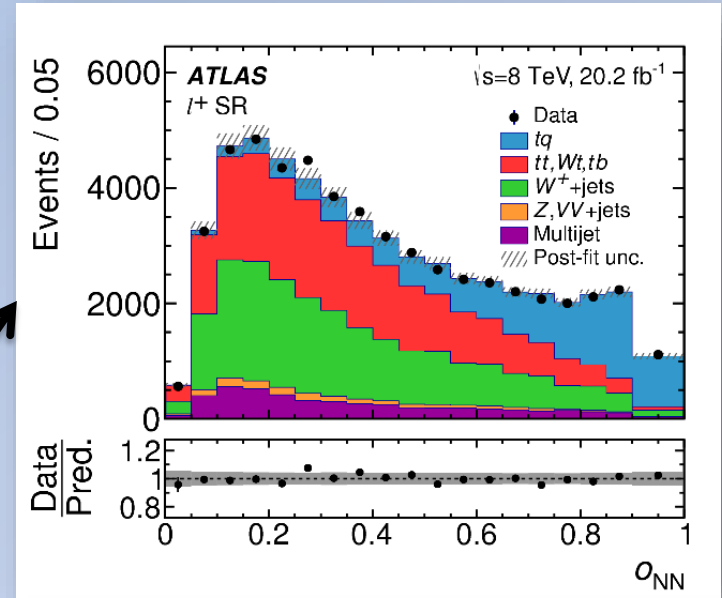
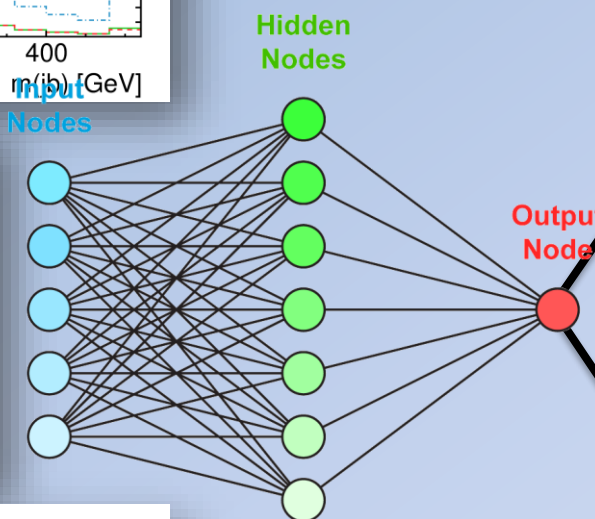
Process	ℓ^+ SR	ℓ^- SR
tq	11 400 \pm 470	17 \pm 1
$\bar{t}q$	10 \pm 1	6 290 \pm 350
$t\bar{t}, Wt, t\bar{b}/\bar{t}b$	18 400 \pm 1 100	18 000 \pm 1 100
W^+ + jets	18 700 \pm 3 700	47 \pm 10
W^- + jets	25 \pm 5	14 000 \pm 2 800
Z, VV + jets	1 290 \pm 260	1 190 \pm 240
Multijets	4 520 \pm 710	4 520 \pm 660
Total expected	54 300 \pm 4 000	44 100 \pm 3 100
Data	55 800	44 687



Multivariate Analyses

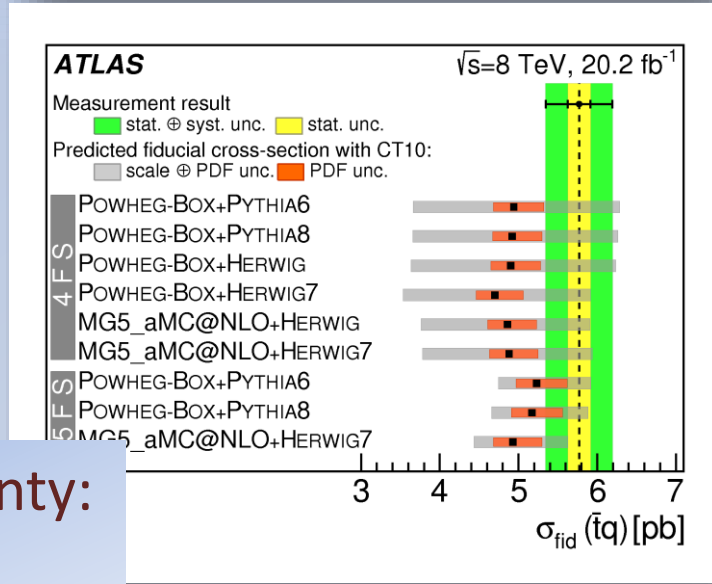
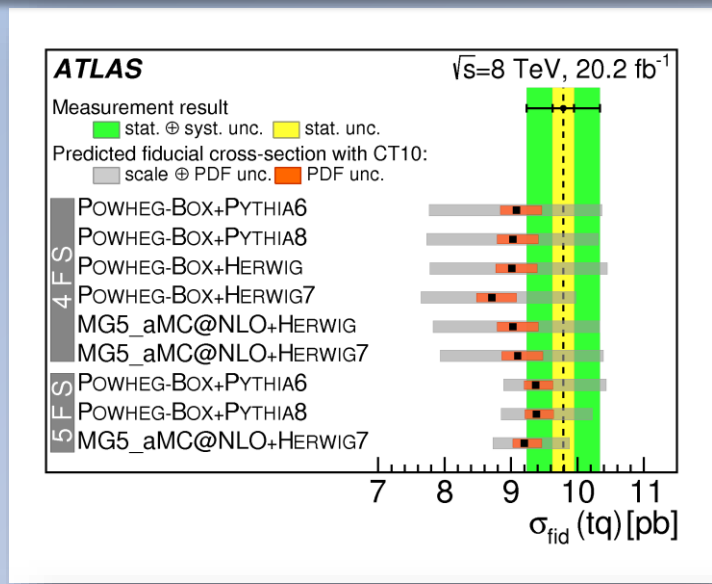


- $m(jb)$
- $|\eta(j)|$
- $m(\ell\nu b)$
- $m_T(\ell E_T^{\text{miss}})$
- $|\Delta\eta(\ell\nu, b)|$
- $m(\ell b)$
- $\cos\theta^*(\ell, j)$



Fiducial cross section result

Source	$\Delta\sigma_{\text{fid}}(tq) / \sigma_{\text{fid}}(tq)$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma_{\text{fid}}(\bar{t}q) / \sigma_{\text{fid}}(\bar{t}q)$ [%]
Data statistics	± 1.7	± 2.5
Monte Carlo statistics	± 1.0	± 1.4
Background normalisation	< 0.5	< 0.5
Background modelling	± 1.0	± 1.6
Lepton reconstruction	± 2.1	± 2.5
Jet reconstruction	± 1.2	± 1.5
JES	± 3.1	± 3.6
Flavour tagging	± 1.5	± 1.8
E_T^{miss} modelling	± 1.1	± 1.6
b/\bar{b} efficiency	± 0.9	± 0.9
PDF	± 1.3	± 2.2
$tq(\bar{t}q)$ NLO matching	± 0.5	< 0.5
$tq(\bar{t}q)$ parton shower	± 1.1	± 0.8
$tq(\bar{t}q)$ scale variations	± 2.0	± 1.7
$t\bar{t}$ NLO matching	± 2.1	± 4.3
$t\bar{t}$ parton shower	± 0.8	± 2.5
$t\bar{t}$ scale variations	< 0.5	< 0.5
Luminosity	± 1.9	± 1.9
Total systematic	± 5.6	± 7.3
Total (stat. + syst.)	± 5.8	± 7.8

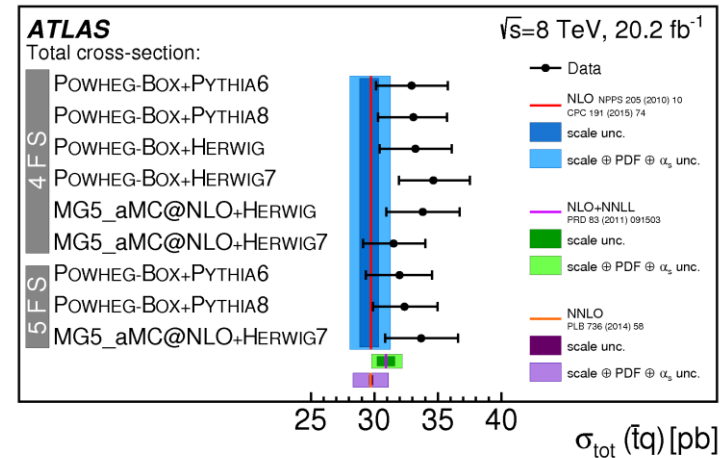
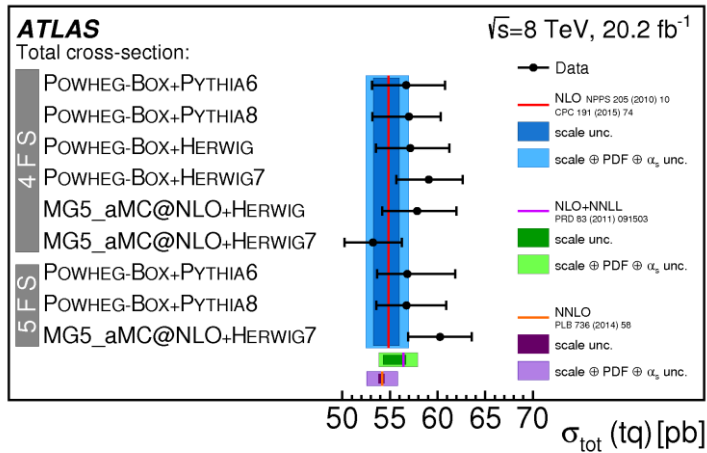


Several uncertainties are reduced for the fiducial cross-section w.r.t the total cross-section

Total uncertainty:
 $tq : 5.8\%$!
 $\bar{t}q : 7.8\%$



Extrapolated cross section



Measured cross section extrapolated to full phase space is calculated with:

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{1}{A_{fid}} \cdot \sigma_{fid}^{meas}$$

Taking into account in a correlated way theory uncertainties on A_{fid}

Measured extrapolated cross section using Powheg+Pythia6:

$$\sigma_{tot}(tq) = 56.7 \pm 0.8(\text{stat}) \pm 2.7(\text{exp}) \pm 3.0(\text{theo}) \pm 1.1(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$$

$$1.6\% \quad 4.8\% \quad 5.3\% \quad 1.9\%$$

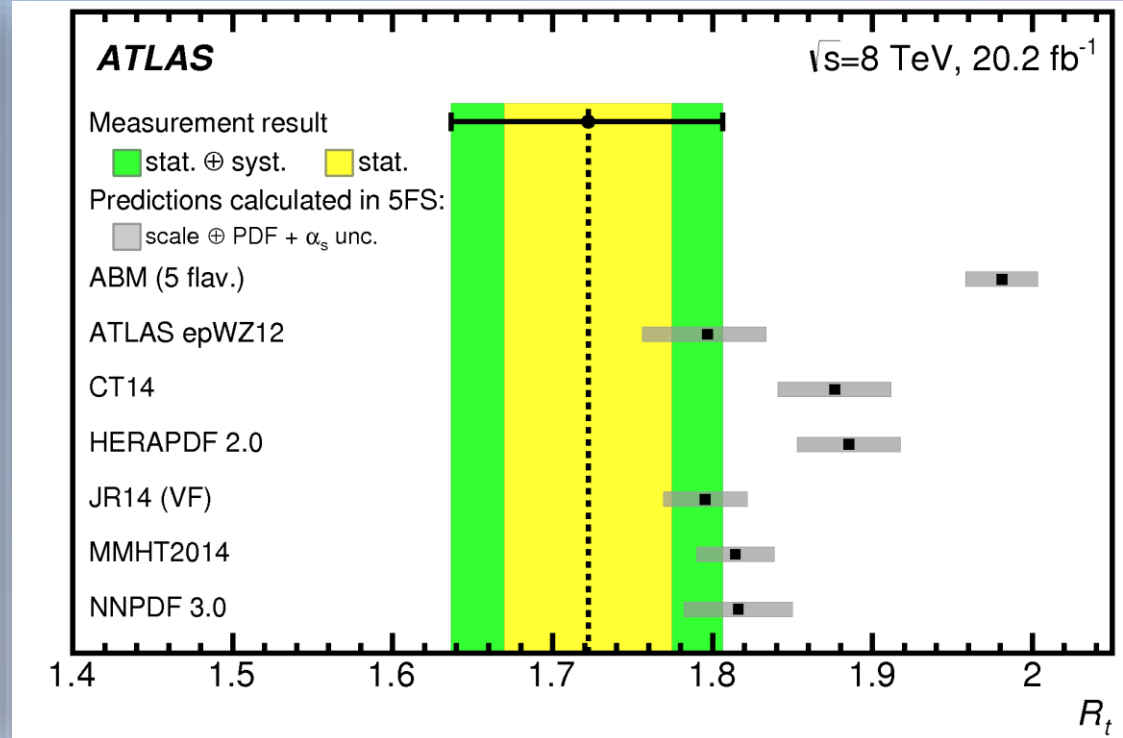
$$\sigma_{tot}(\bar{t}q) = 32.8 \pm 0.8(\text{stat}) \pm 2.2(\text{exp}) \pm 1.7(\text{theo}) \pm 0.6(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$$

$$2.4\% \quad 6.7\% \quad 5.2\% \quad 1.9\%$$

Cross section ratio

$$R_t = \sigma(t) / \sigma(\bar{t})$$

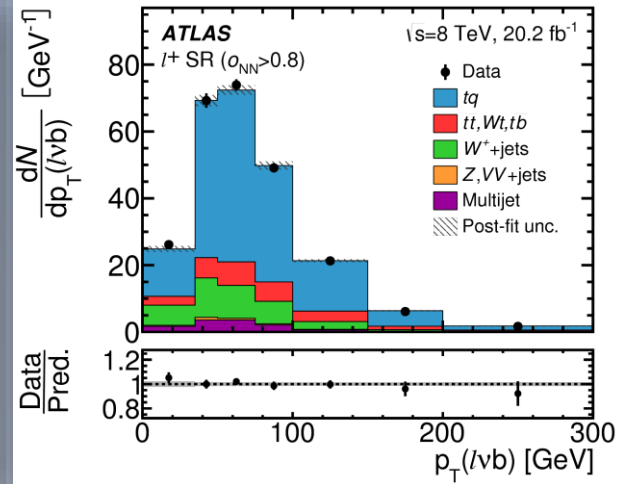
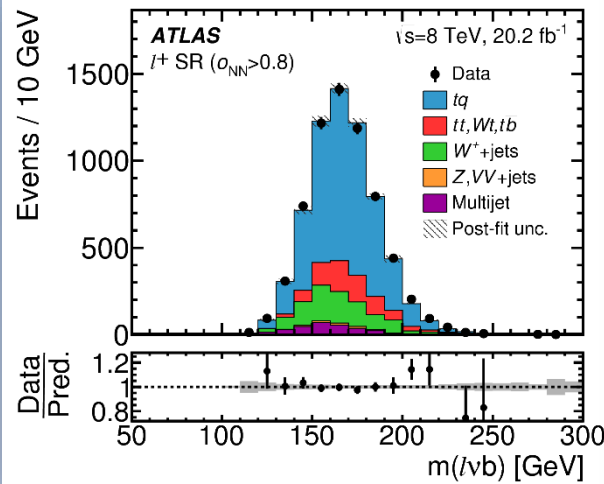
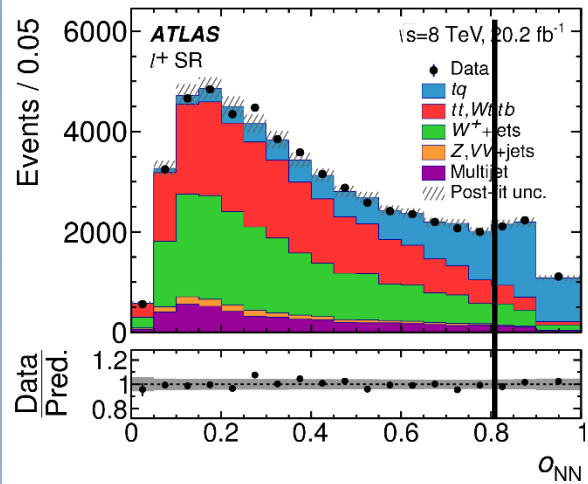
Source	$\Delta R_t / R_t$ [%]
Data statistics	± 3.0
Monte Carlo statistics	± 1.8
Background modelling	± 0.7
Jet reconstruction	± 0.5
E_T^{miss} modelling	± 0.6
tq ($\bar{t}q$) NLO matching	$-0.5 / +0.9$
$t\bar{t}$ NLO matching	± 2.3
$t\bar{t}$ parton shower	± 1.7
PDF	± 0.7
Total systematic	± 3.8
Total (stat. + syst.)	± 4.9



Using the extrapolated cross section:

$$R_t = 1.73 \pm 0.05 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.07 \text{ (syst)}$$

Differential cross sections



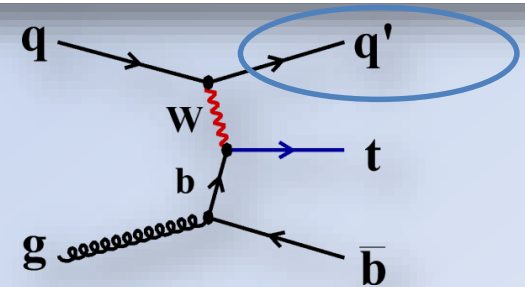
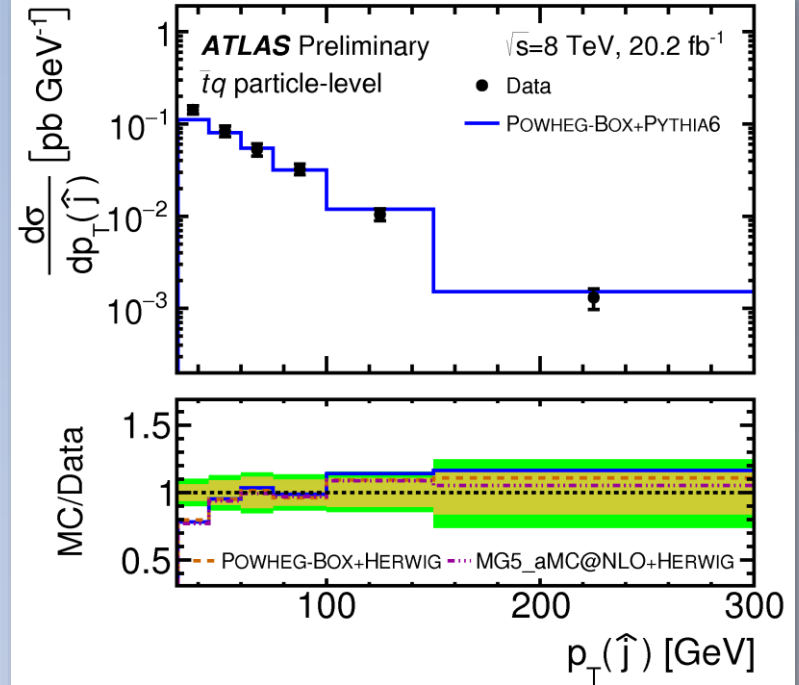
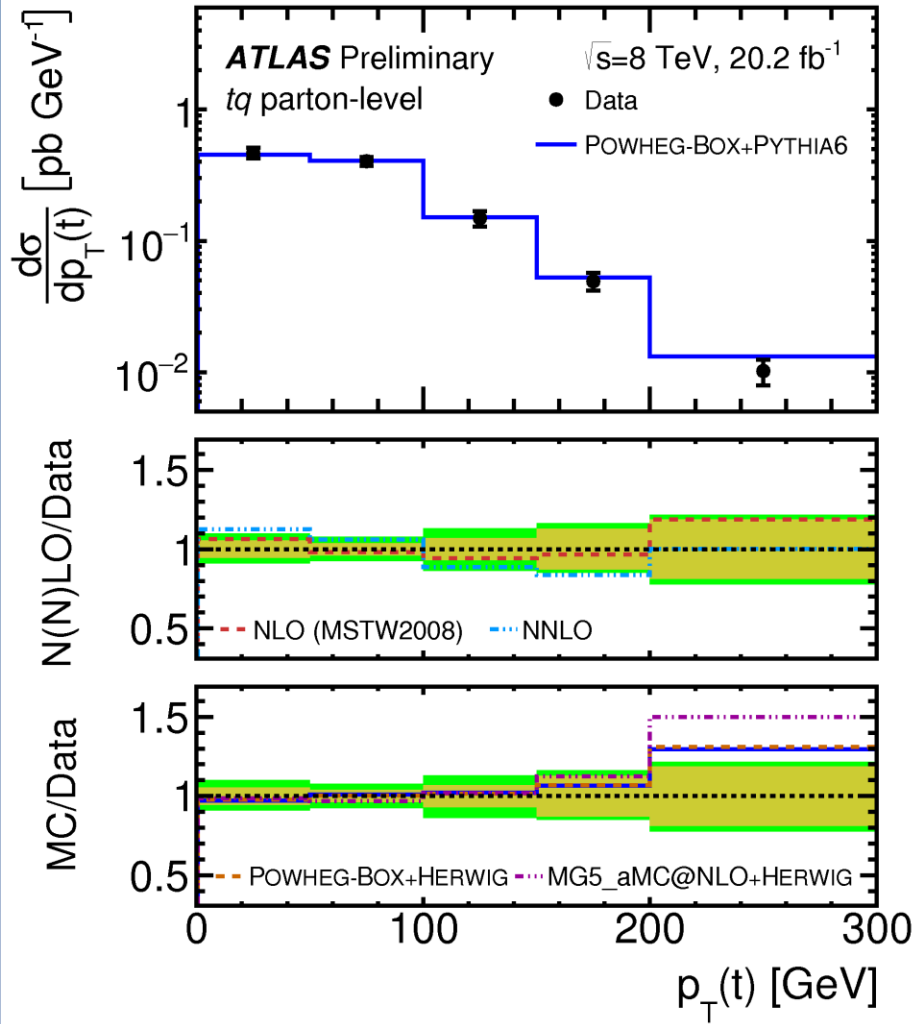
Cut on $o_{NN} > 0.8$

Process	ℓ^+ SR ($O_{NN} > 0.8$)	ℓ^- SR ($O_{NN} > 0.8$)
tq	4470 ± 180	5 ± 0
$\bar{t}q$	3 ± 0	2270 ± 130
$t\bar{t}, Wt, t\bar{b}/t\bar{b}$	754 ± 45	753 ± 45
$W^+ + \text{jets}$	960 ± 190	1 ± 0
$W^- + \text{jets}$	1 ± 0	610 ± 120
$Z, VV + \text{jets}$	52 ± 10	60 ± 12
Multijet	291 ± 46	267 ± 39
Total estimated	6540 ± 270	3960 ± 190
Data	6567	4007

+ channel: S/B \approx 2.2

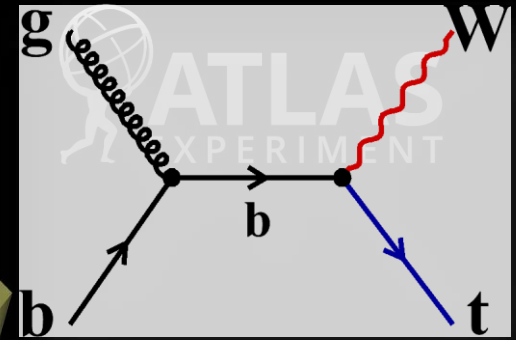
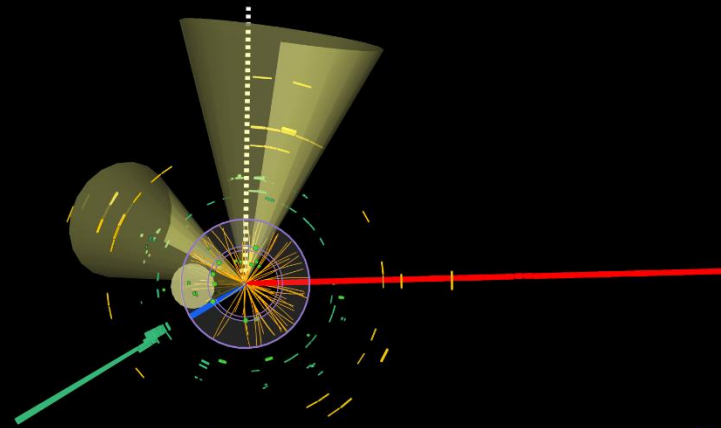
- channel: S/B \approx 1.34

Differential cross sections



- Use different NN - without $|\eta(j)|$
- Predictions are harder than the data

tW production



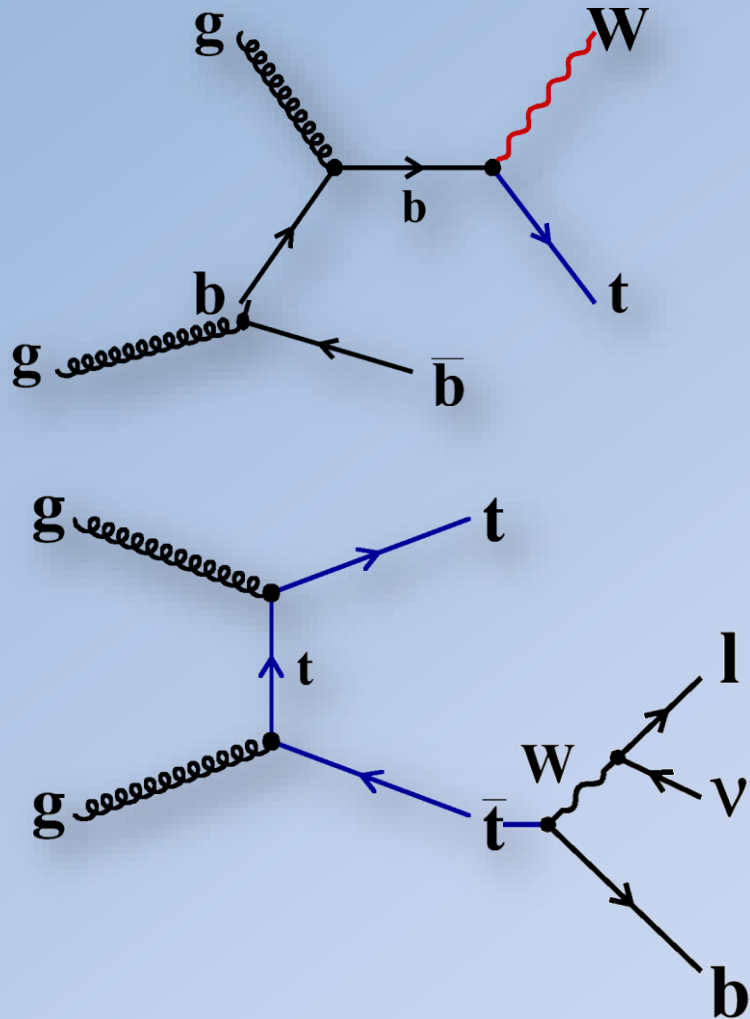
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$\sqrt{\hat{s}} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ $L_{\text{int}} = 36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
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SM: $\sigma(Wt) = 71.7 \pm 3.9 \text{ pb}$
Calculated @ NLO+NLL

Signal modelling – Traditional approach



NLO: interference between both processes

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{tot}} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{sr}} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{dr}},$$

$$|\mathcal{M}_{\text{tot}}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{\text{sr}}|^2 + 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_{\text{sr}} \cdot \mathcal{M}_{\text{dr}}^*) + |\mathcal{M}_{\text{dr}}|^2.$$

Different methods to define Wt @ NLO

Diagram removal:

Remove all double resonant diagrams on amplitude level ($M_{dr} = 0$)

Diagram removal 2:

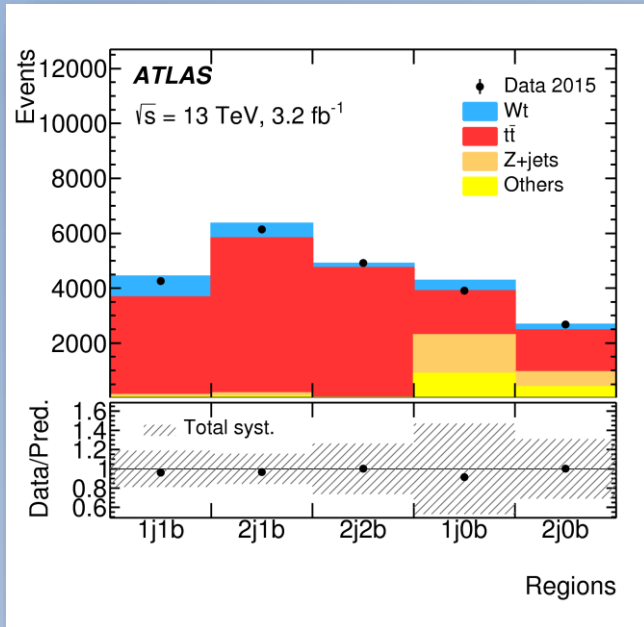
Remove all double resonant diagrams on amplitude level squared ($|\mathcal{M}_{dr}|^2 = 0$)

Diagram subtraction:

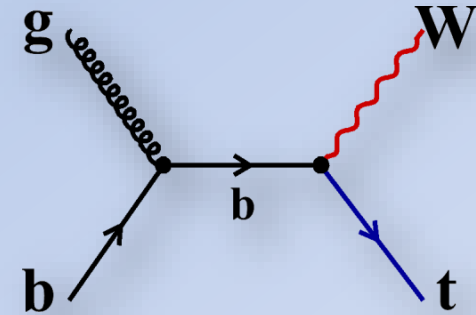
Modifies the NLO cross-section with subtraction terms to cancel locally the $t\bar{t}$ contribution

Wt production

Selection: Exactly two leptons

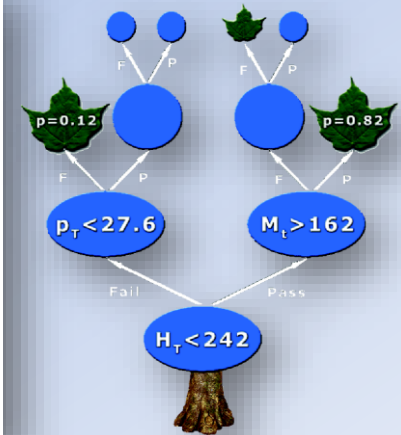


# b-tags	# jets	
	1	2
0	VR	VR
1	SR	SR
2		CR



In order to separate Wt and $t\bar{t}$ BDTs are used in the two signal regions

Variable	$S [10^{-2}]$
$p_T^{\text{sys}}(\ell_1 \ell_2 E_T^{\text{miss}} j_1)$	5.3
$\Delta p_T(\ell_1 \ell_2, E_T^{\text{miss}} j_1)$	2.9
$\sum E_T$	2.7
$\Delta p_T(\ell_1 \ell_2, E_T^{\text{miss}})$	1.2
$p_T^{\text{sys}}(\ell_1 E_T^{\text{miss}} j_1)$	0.9
$C(\ell_1 \ell_2)$	0.9
$\Delta p_T(\ell_1, E_T^{\text{miss}})$	0.8



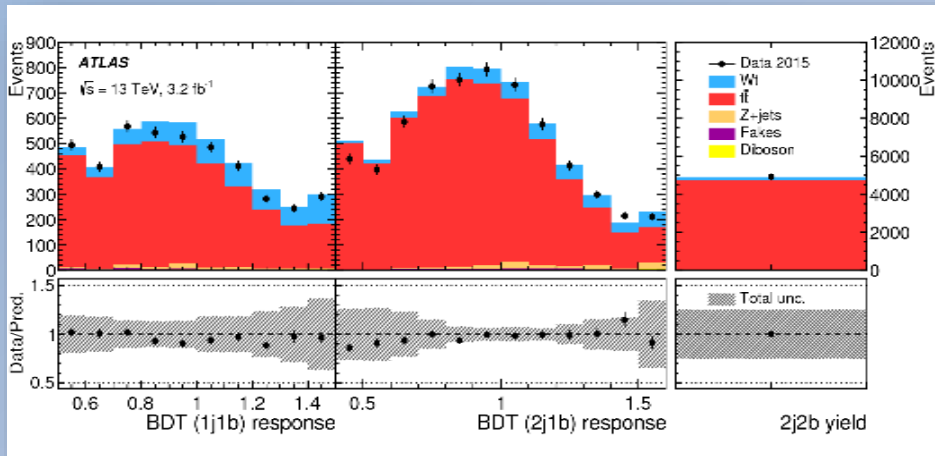
1j1b: S/B \approx 25%

2j1b: S/B \approx 10%

Wt production

Signal extraction:

Profile maximum likelihood fit



Measured cross section:

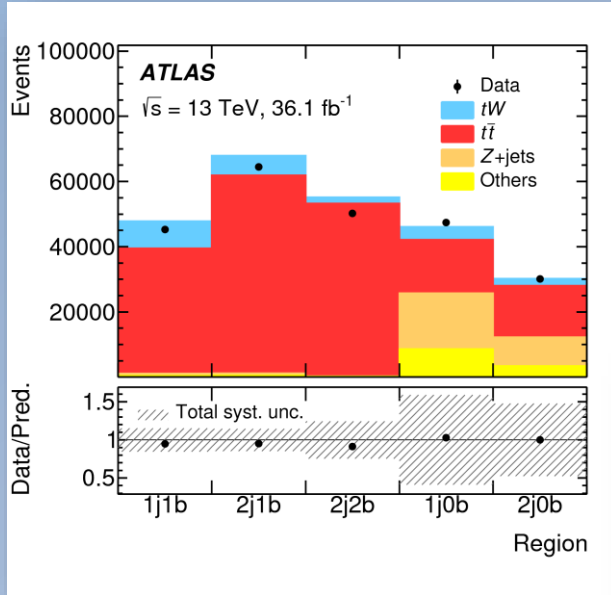
$$\sigma(Wt) = 94 \pm 10 \text{ (stat)}_{-22}^{28} \text{ (syst) pb}$$

$$\text{SM: } \sigma = 71.1 \pm 3.9 \text{ pb}$$

Source	$\Delta\sigma_{Wt}/\sigma_{Wt}[\%]$
Jet energy scale	21
Jet energy resolution	8.6
E_T^{miss} soft terms	5.3
b -tagging	4.3
Luminosity	2.3
Lepton efficiency, energy scale and resolution	1.3
NLO matrix element generator	18
Parton shower and hadronisation	7.1
Initial-/final-state radiation	6.4
Diagram removal/subtraction	5.3
Parton distribution function	2.7
Non- $t\bar{t}$ background normalisation	3.7
Total systematic uncertainty	30
Data statistics	10
Total uncertainty	31

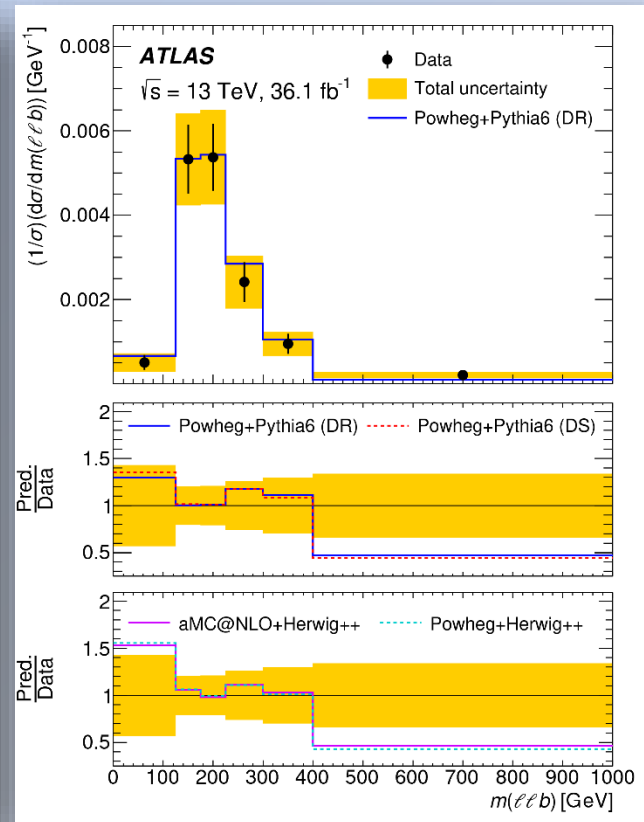
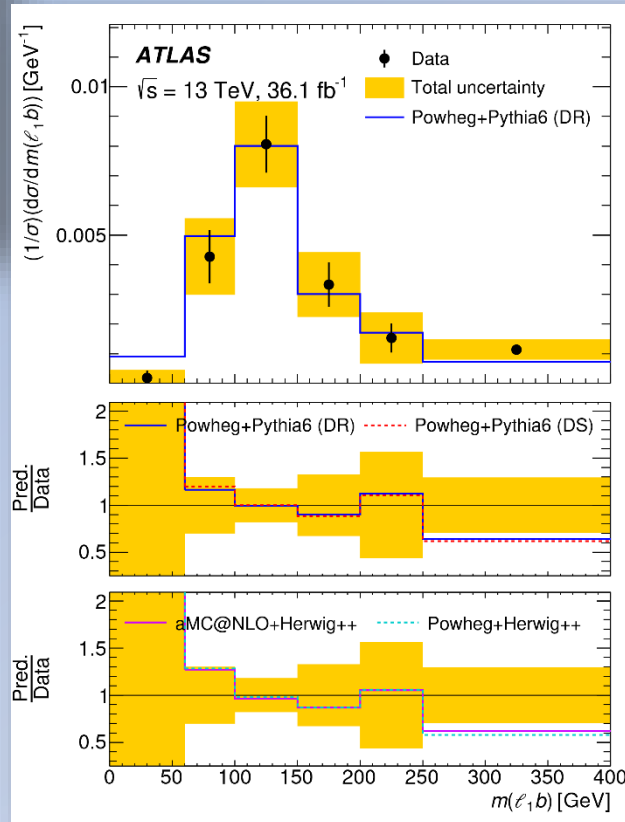
Differential cross sections

Measured in a fiducial phase space defined by the presence of two charged leptons and exactly one jet identified as containing b-hadrons.



Dominant uncertainties
 Data statistics, signal
 modelling, and $t\bar{t}$
 background modelling.

Good agreement with
 predictions from several
 MC event generators.



Determination of $|V_{tb}|$

Cross section is proportional to $|V_{tb}|^2$

- In the Standard Model with 3 quark generations one expects $|V_{tb}| \sim 1$ (unitarity):

$$|V_{tb}^{\text{obs}}| = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^{\text{obs}}}{\sigma^{\text{theo}}}}$$

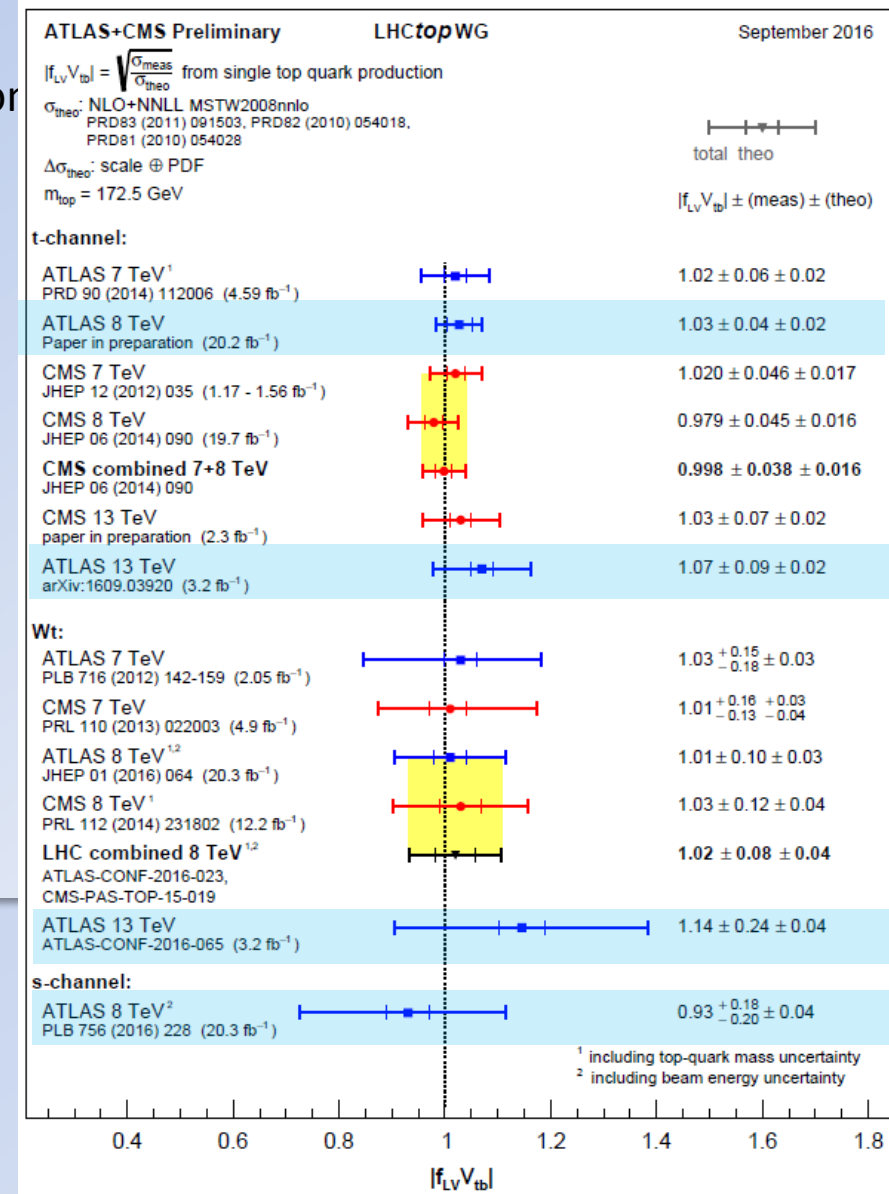
Assumptions for the extraction:

- Independence of 3 quark generations
- Left-handed weak interaction
- Top quark decays only into b quarks:
($|V_{td}|, |V_{ts}| \ll |V_{tb}|$)

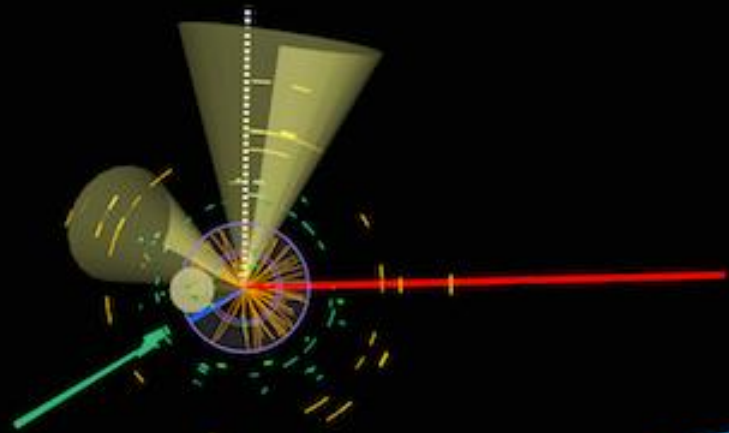
Can be done with all three single top processes

Highest precision for t-channel:

$\sim 5\%$

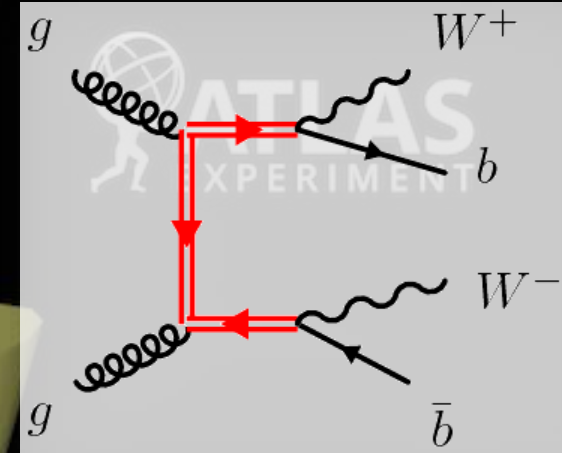


WbWb production



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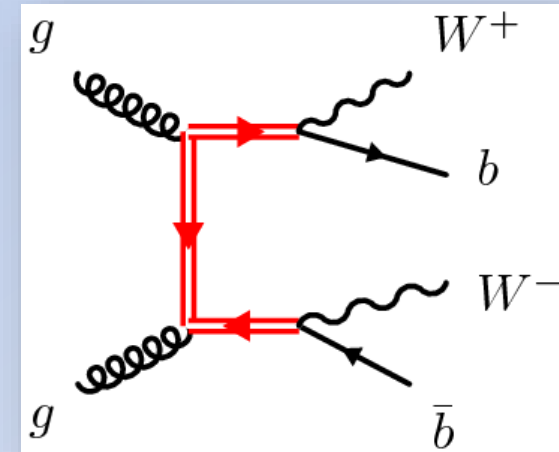
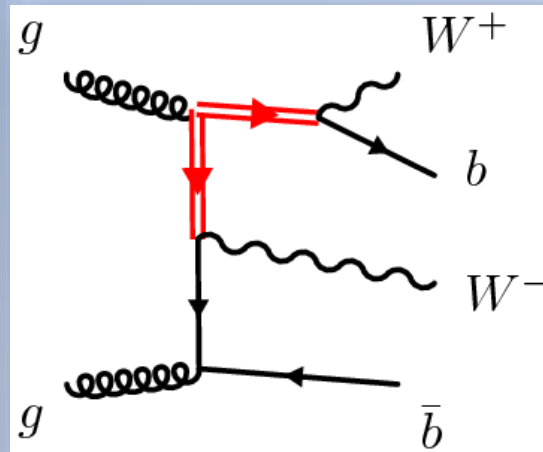
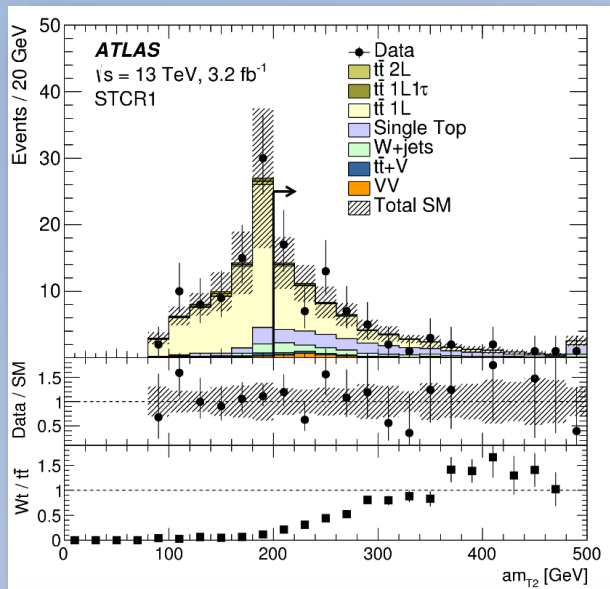
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Offshell $t\bar{t}$ production

- For direct searches Wt more or less well-defined
- Analysis typically done in non-resonant phase spaces
- SUSY searches do explore interference regions

Solution: $WbWb$ @ NLO



Single-Top
 Uncertainties
 in Signal
 Regions

source	SR1	SR2	SR3
Uncertainties on TF to SR [%]			
Radiation	3.66 ± 0.15	5.14 ± 0.23	5.76 ± 0.31
Had/Frag	-5.39 ± 0.45	-8.49 ± 0.78	-13.9 ± 1.49
Interference	-37.3 ± 3.97	-48.8 ± 5.58	-56.2 ± 7.58
Total	38	49	57

Offshell $t\bar{t}$ production

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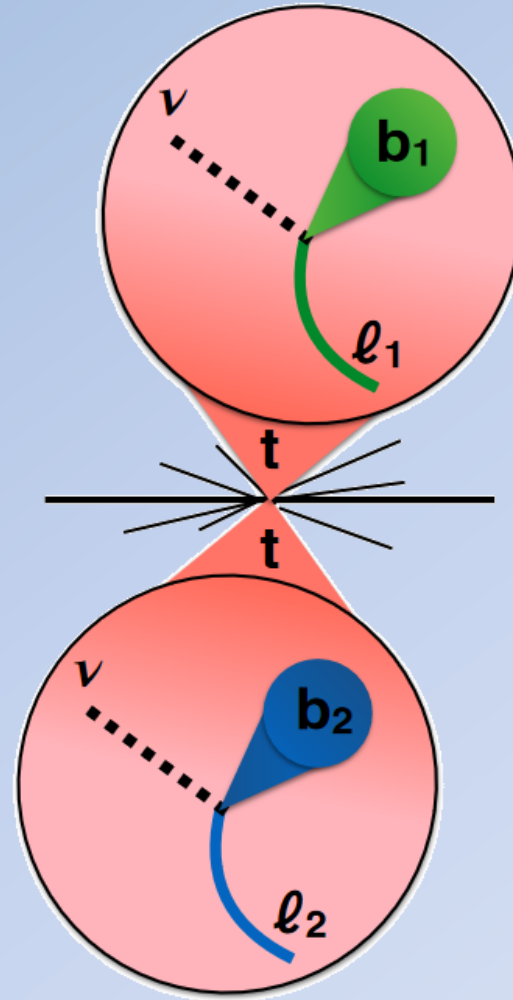
- One electron
- One muon,
- Exactly 2 b-tagged jets

Sensitive observable: \rightarrow

At parton level for $t\bar{t}$:

$$m_{bl}^{minimax} < \sqrt{m_t^2 - m_W^2}$$

\rightarrow high $m_{bl}^{minimax}$ has high tWb fraction



Two ways of pairing:

$$m(b_1, l_1)$$

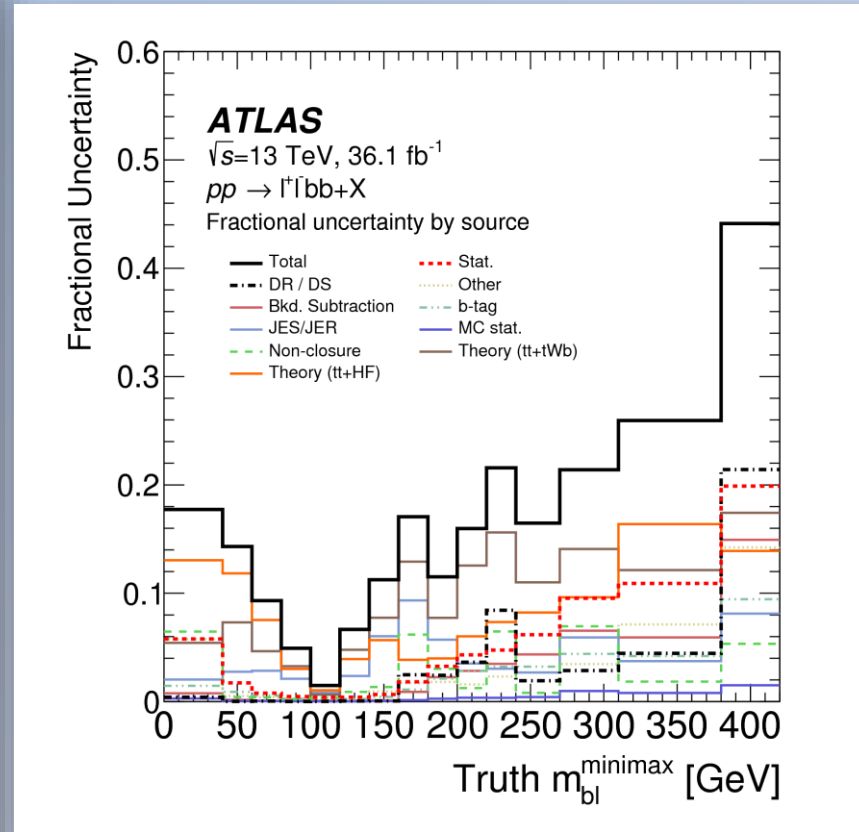
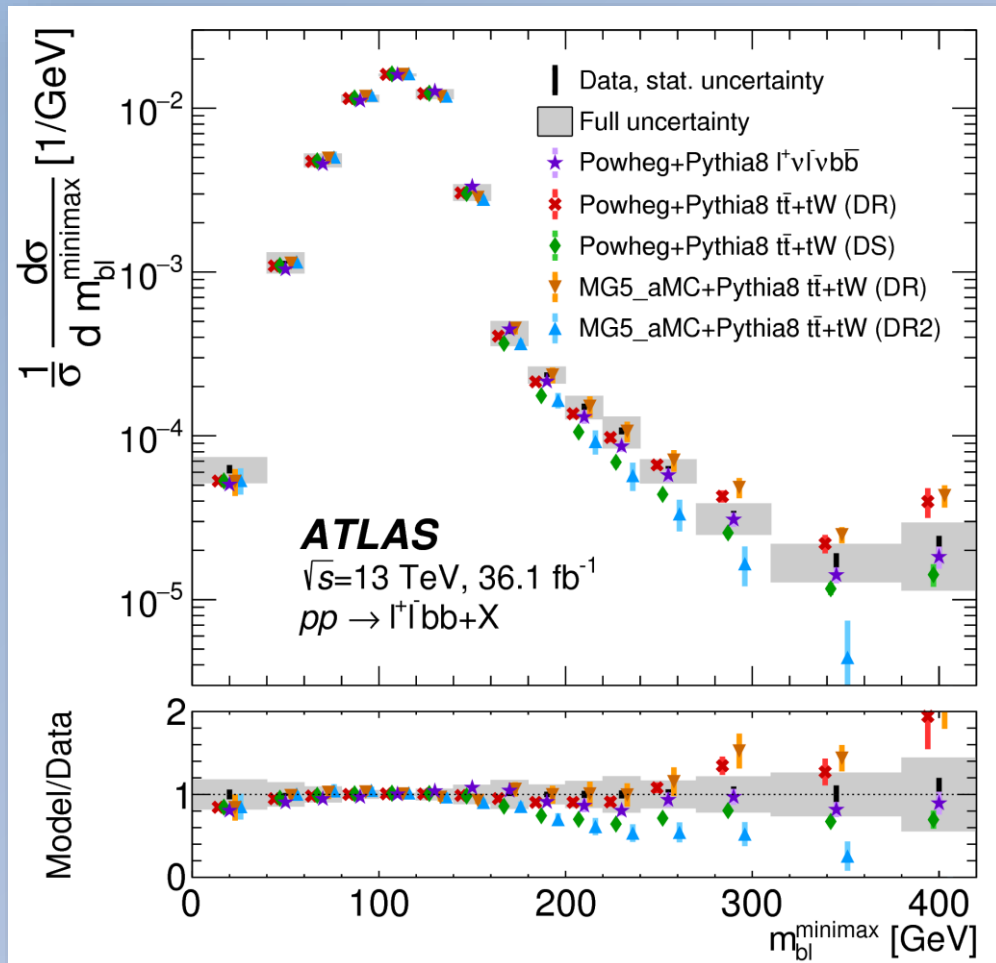
$$m(b_2, l_2)$$

$$m(b_1, l_2)$$

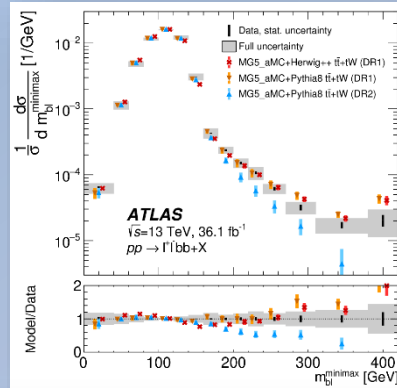
$$m(b_2, l_1)$$

$$m_{bl}^{minimax} = \min\{\max\{m_{b_1} l_1, m_{b_2} l_2\}, \max(m_{b_1} l_2, m_{b_2} l_1)\}$$

Offshell $t\bar{t}$ production

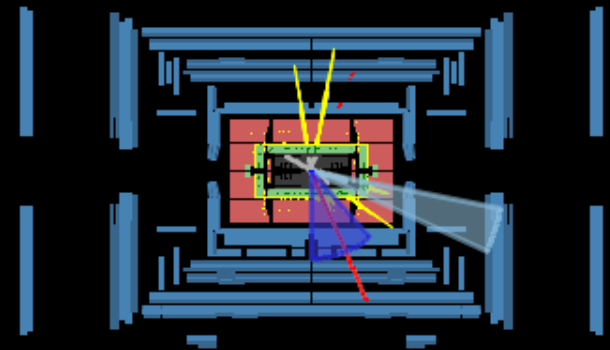
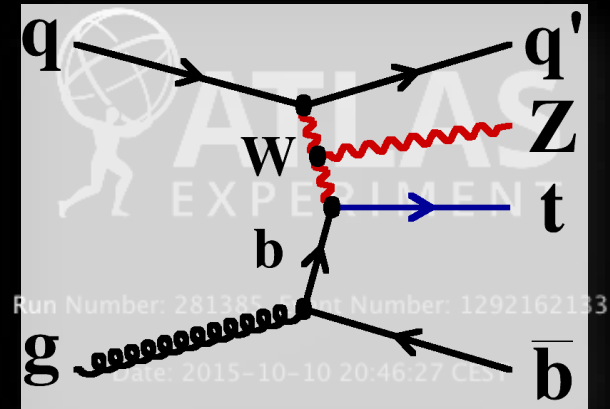
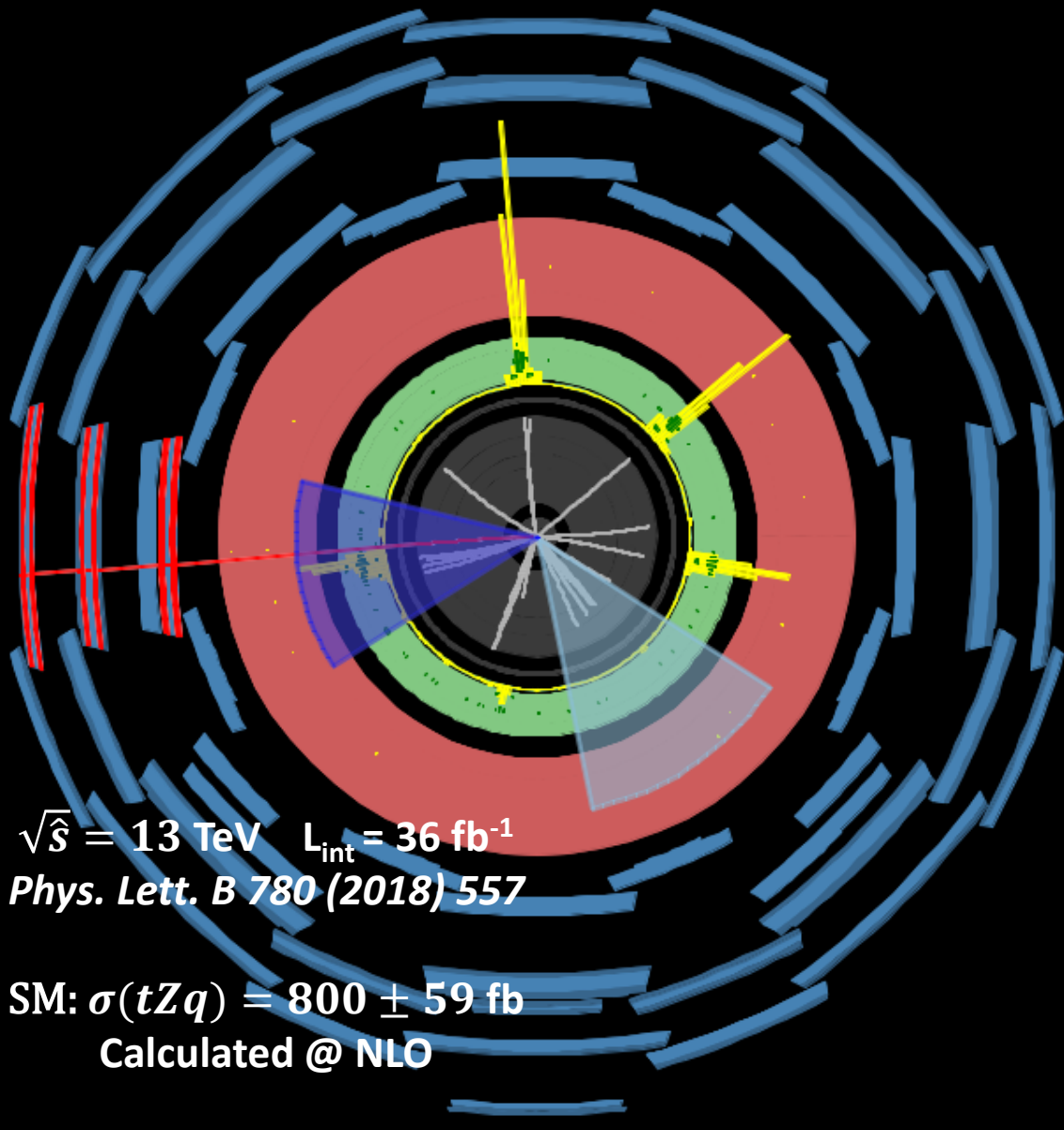


Offshell $t\bar{t}$ production



Model	Full Distribution		$m_{bl}^{\text{minimax}} > 160 \text{ GeV}$	
	χ^2 / nDOF	p -value	χ^2 / nDOF	p -value
Powheg+Pythia8 $t\bar{t} + tW$ (DR)	10 / 14	0.71	8.5 / 8	0.40
Powheg+Pythia8 $t\bar{t} + tW$ (DS)	10 / 14	0.77	6.6 / 8	0.56
Powheg+Pythia8 $l^+ \nu l^- \nu bb$	5.9 / 14	0.92	2.0 / 8	0.95
MG5_aMC+Pythia8 $t\bar{t} + tW$ (DR1)	26 / 14	0.14	13 / 8	0.17
MG5_aMC+Pythia8 $t\bar{t} + tW$ (DR2)	36 / 14	0.02	20 / 8	0.08
Powheg+Herwig++ $t\bar{t} + tW$ (DR)	26 / 14	0.07	7.3 / 8	0.48
MG5_aMC+Herwig++ $t\bar{t} + tW$ (DR)	30 / 14	0.04	11 / 8	0.23
Powheg+Pythia6 $t\bar{t} + tW$ (DR)	14 / 14	0.49	11 / 8	0.23
Powheg+Pythia6 $t\bar{t} + tW$ (DS)	14 / 14	0.49	10 / 8	0.32
MG5_aMC+Pythia8 (LO) $WWbb$	12 / 14	0.68	8.2 / 8	0.42
MG5_aMC+Pythia8 (LO) $WWbb$, no int.	28 / 14	0.05	22 / 8	0.005

tZq production



tZq analysis

Event selection:

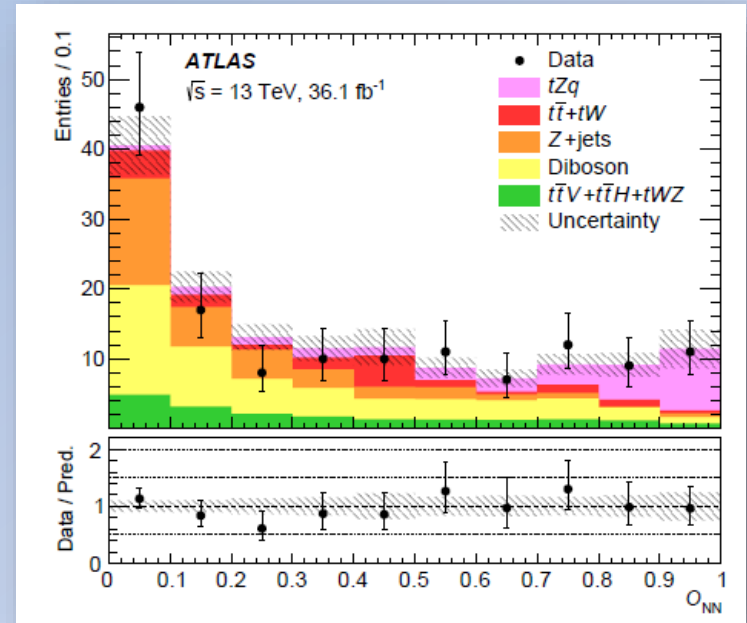
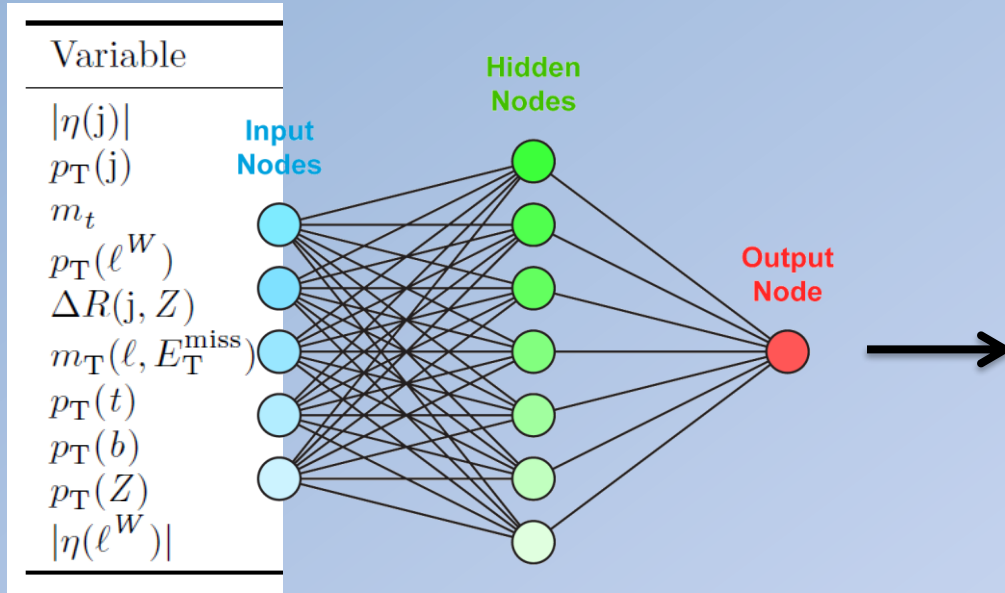
- 2 jets, 1 b-tag
- 3 isolated leptons, 2 forming Z mass
- Validate background predictions in data ($t\bar{t}$ + nonprompt enriched and WZ enriched regions)

Common selections			
Exactly 3 leptons with $ \eta < 2.5$ and $p_T > 15$ GeV			
$p_T(\ell_1) > 28$ GeV, $p_T(\ell_2) > 25$ GeV, $p_T(\ell_3) > 15$ GeV			
$p_T(\text{jet}) > 30$ GeV			
$m_T(\ell_W, \nu) > 20$ GeV			
SR	Diboson VR / CR	$t\bar{t}$ VR	$t\bar{t}$ CR
≥ 1 OSSF pair	≥ 1 OSSF pair	≥ 1 OSSF pair	≥ 1 OSDF pair
$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z < 10$ GeV	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z < 10$ GeV	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z > 10$ GeV	No OSSF pair
2 jets, $ \eta < 4.5$	1 jet, $ \eta < 4.5$	2 jets, $ \eta < 4.5$	2 jets, $ \eta < 4.5$
1 b-jet, $ \eta < 2.5$	—	1 b-jet, $ \eta < 2.5$	1 b-jet, $ \eta < 2.5$
—	VR/CR: $m_T(\ell_W, \nu) > 20/60$ GeV	—	—

Channel	Number of events	
	Asimov dataset	Data
tZq	35 ± 9	26 ± 8
$t\bar{t} + tW$	18 ± 7	17 ± 7
$Z + \text{jets}$	37 ± 11	34 ± 11
Diboson	53 ± 13	48 ± 12
$t\bar{t}V + t\bar{t}H + tWZ$	20 ± 3	19 ± 3
Total	163 ± 12	143 ± 11

S/B $\approx 27\%$

tZq analysis



Source	Uncertainty [%]
tZq radiation	± 10.8
Jets	± 4.6
b-tagging	± 2.9
MC statistics	± 2.8
tZq PDF	± 2.2
Luminosity	± 2.1
Leptons	± 2.1
E_T^{miss}	± 0.3

Measured cross section:

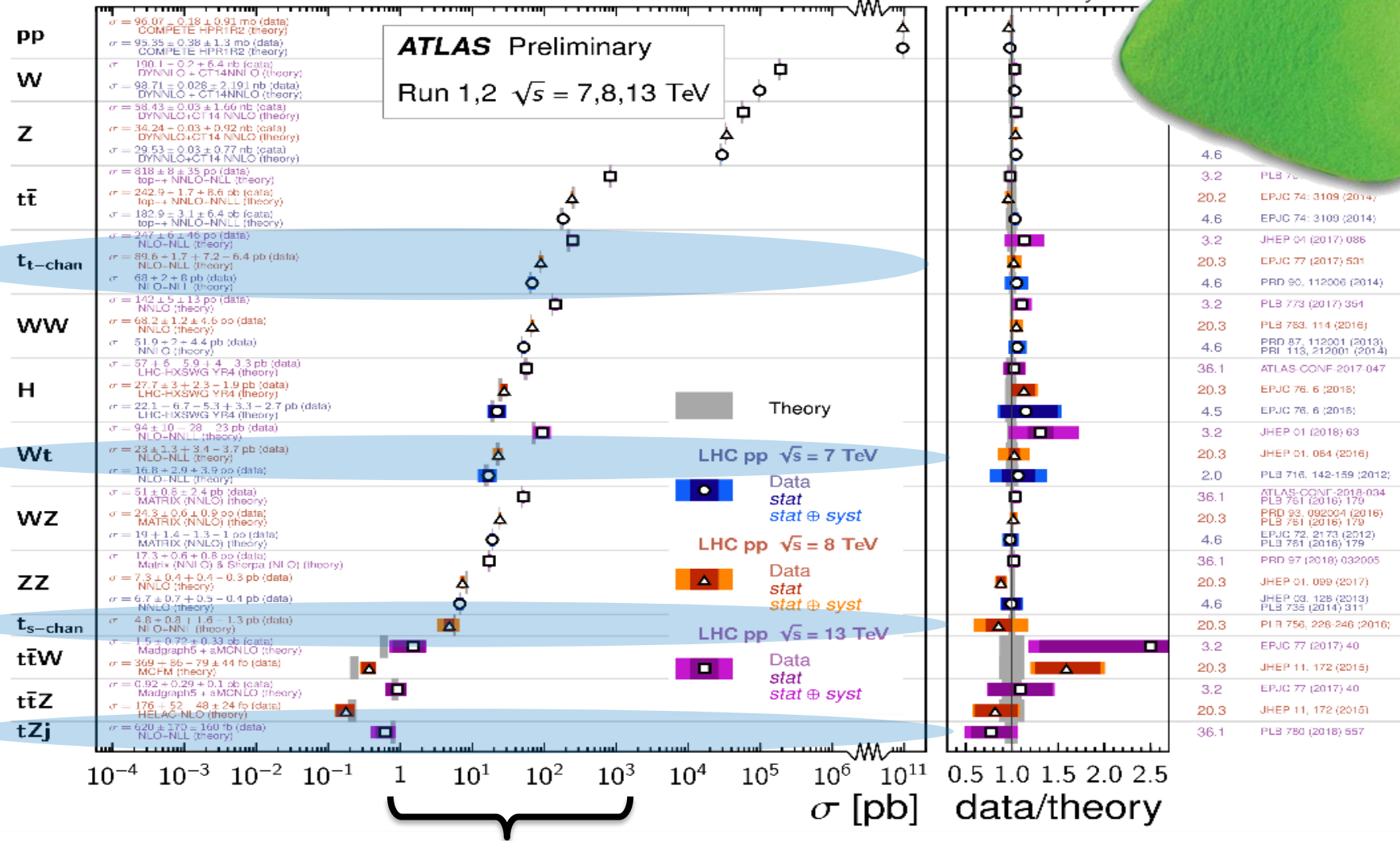
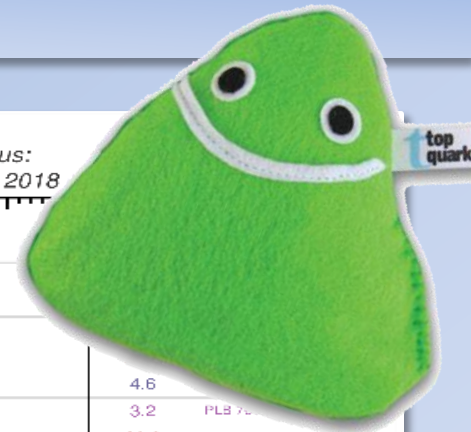
$$\sigma(tZ) = 600 \pm 170 \text{ (stat)} \pm 140 \text{ (syst) fb}$$

Significance: 4.2σ

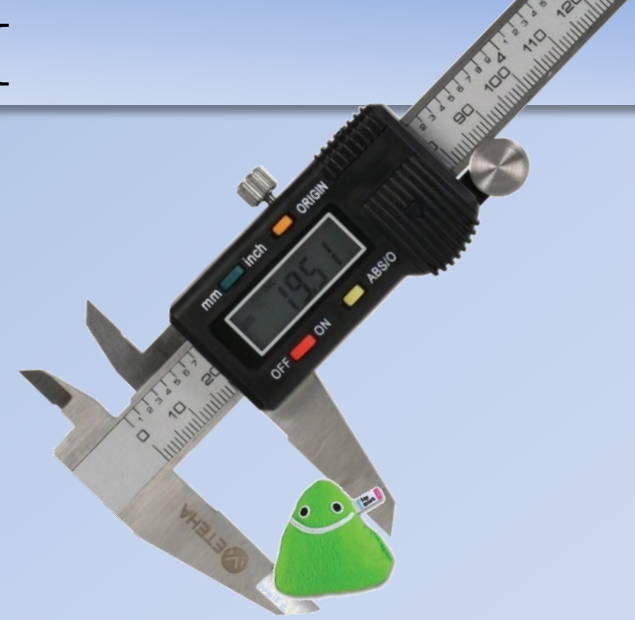
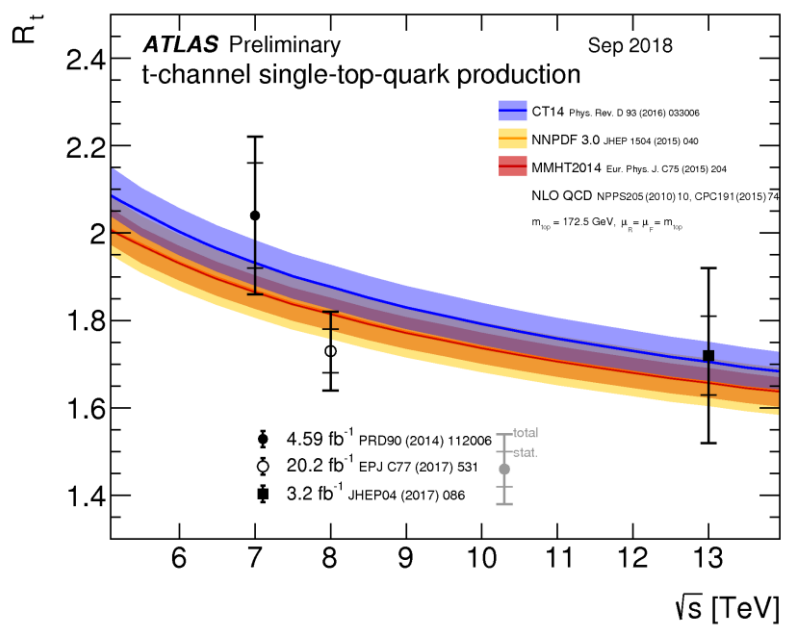
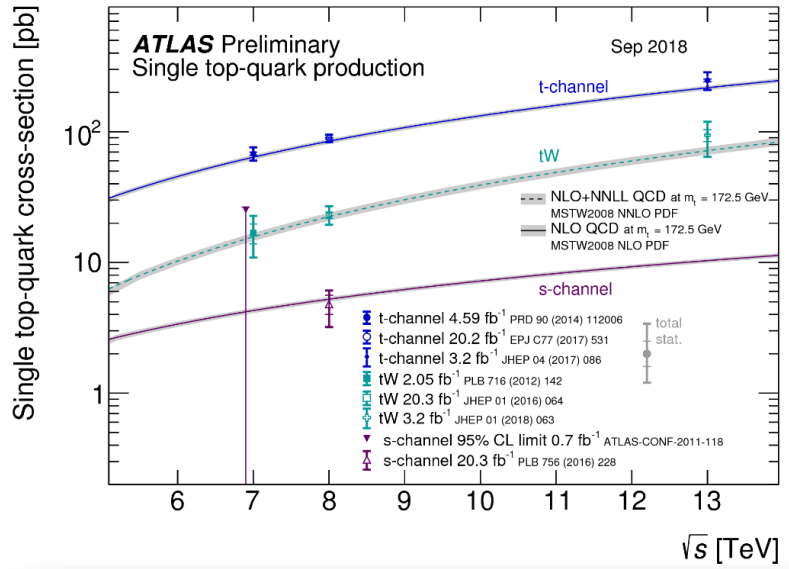
Summary I

Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status:
July 2018



Summary II



- Single top production measurements entered the precision measurement era.
- Differential cross section for main channels are available
- New rare processes started to be investigated (and discovered)