

Single-top-quark physics in ATLAS

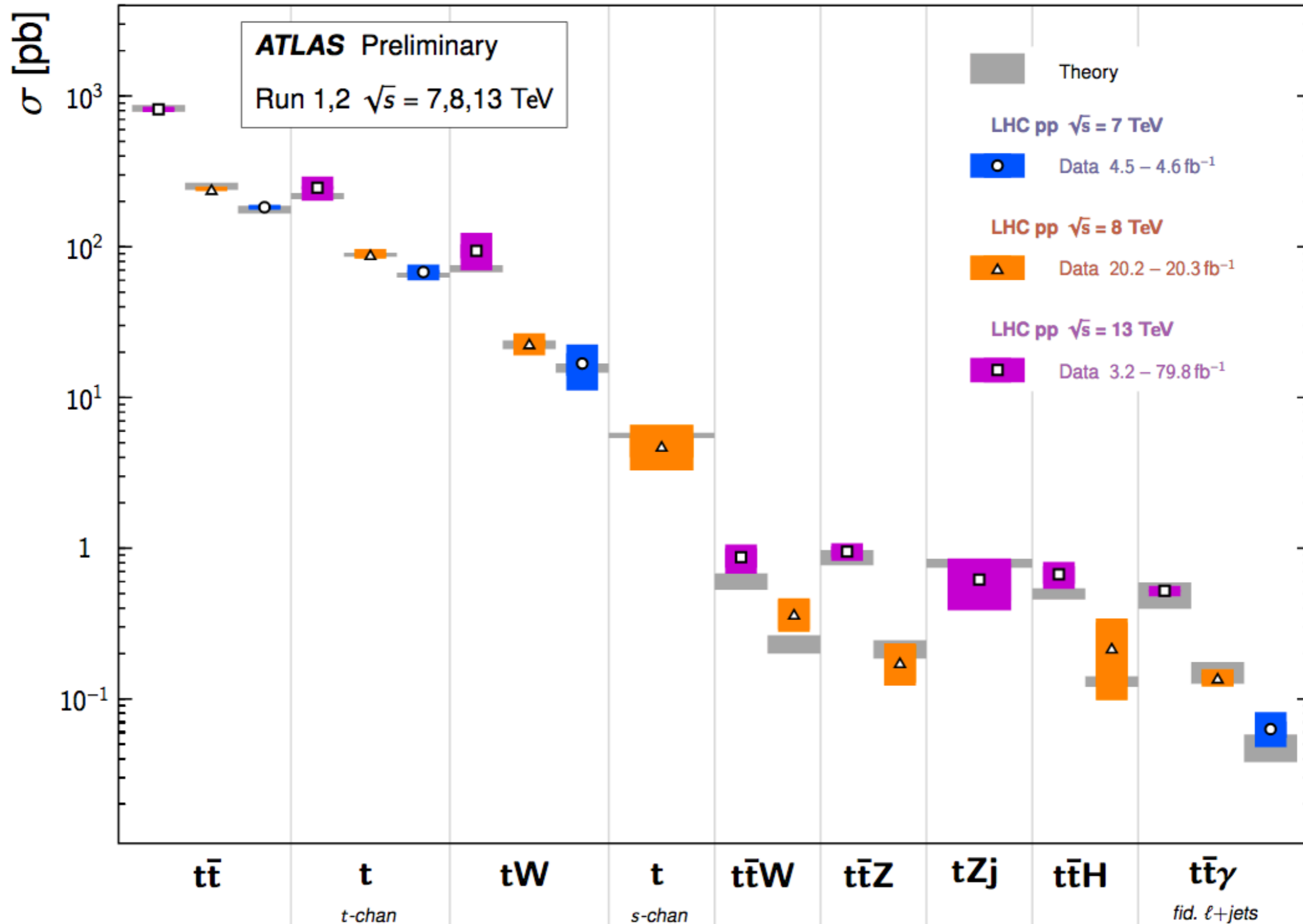
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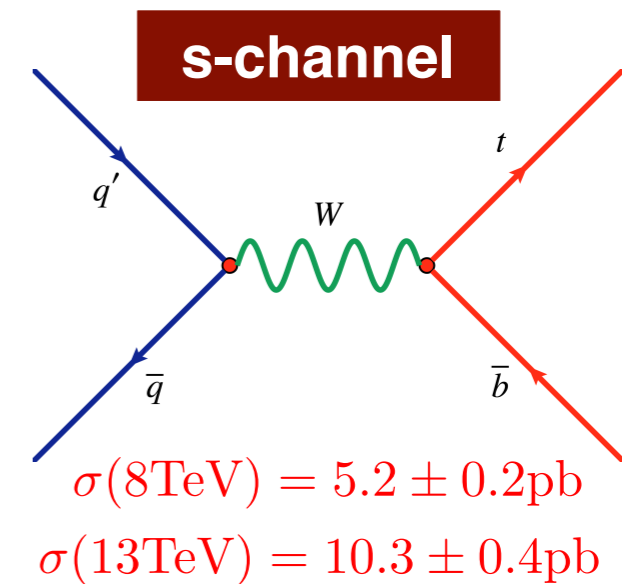
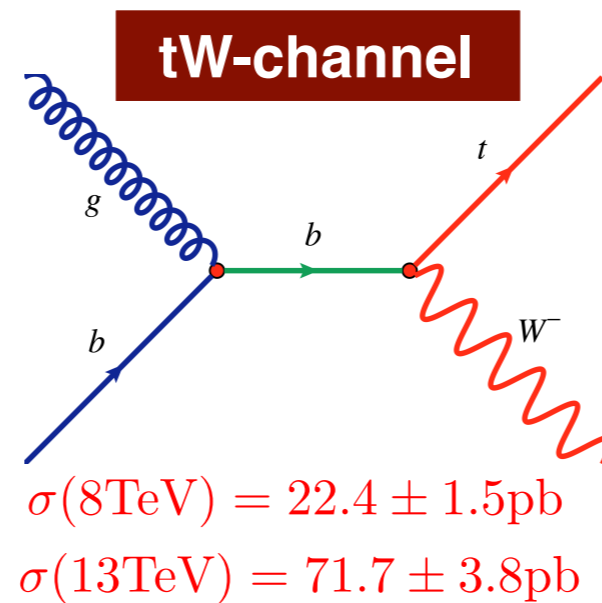
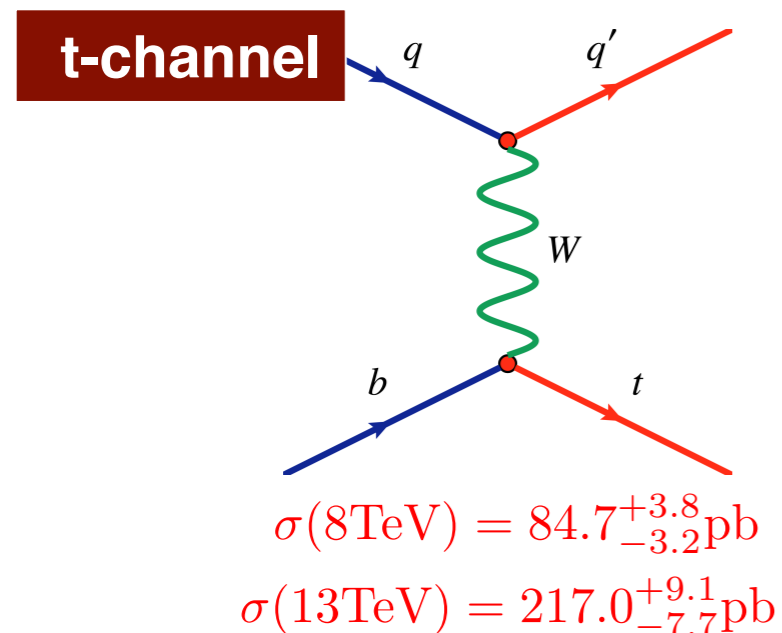
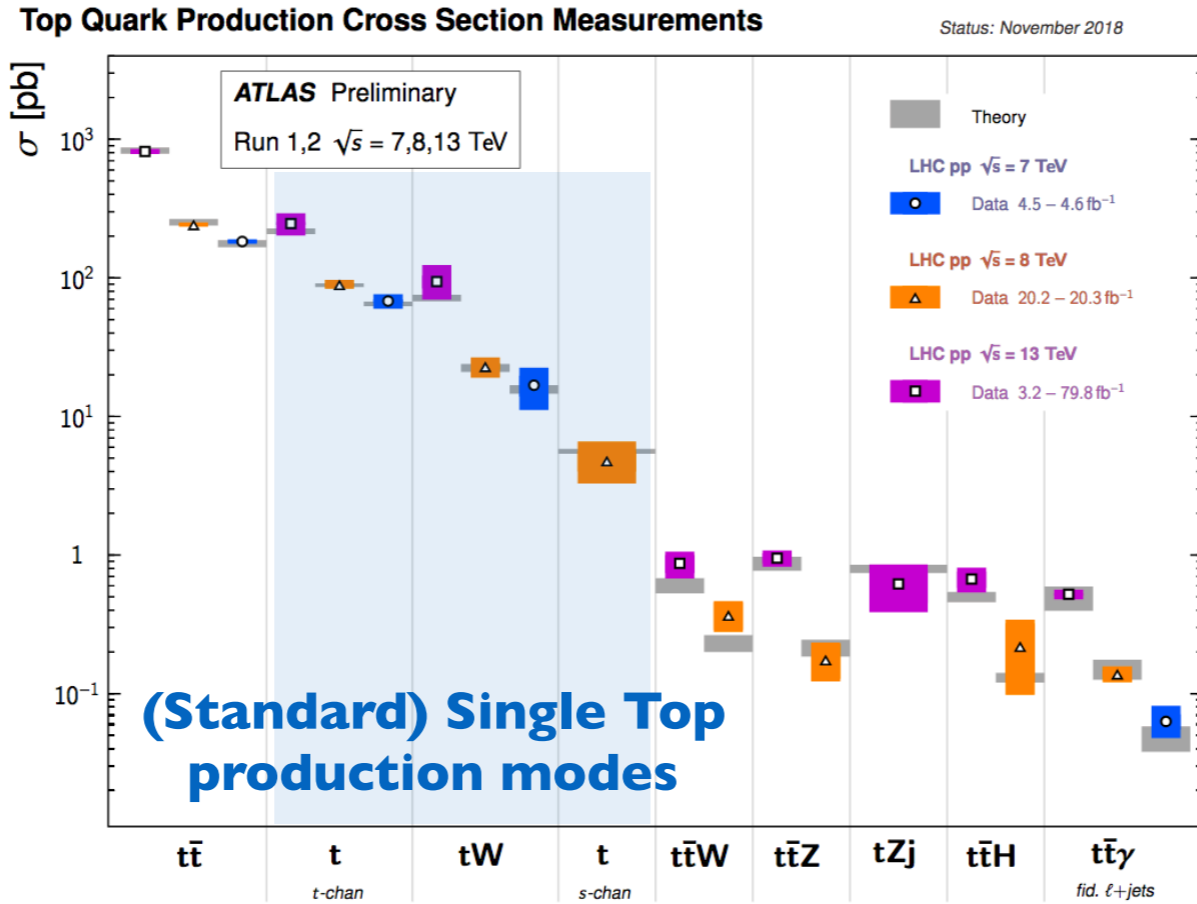
Top-quark physics

Top Quark Production Cross Section Measurements

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Single-top-quark production



Cross-sections from [LHCTopWG](#) (calculated @NLO)

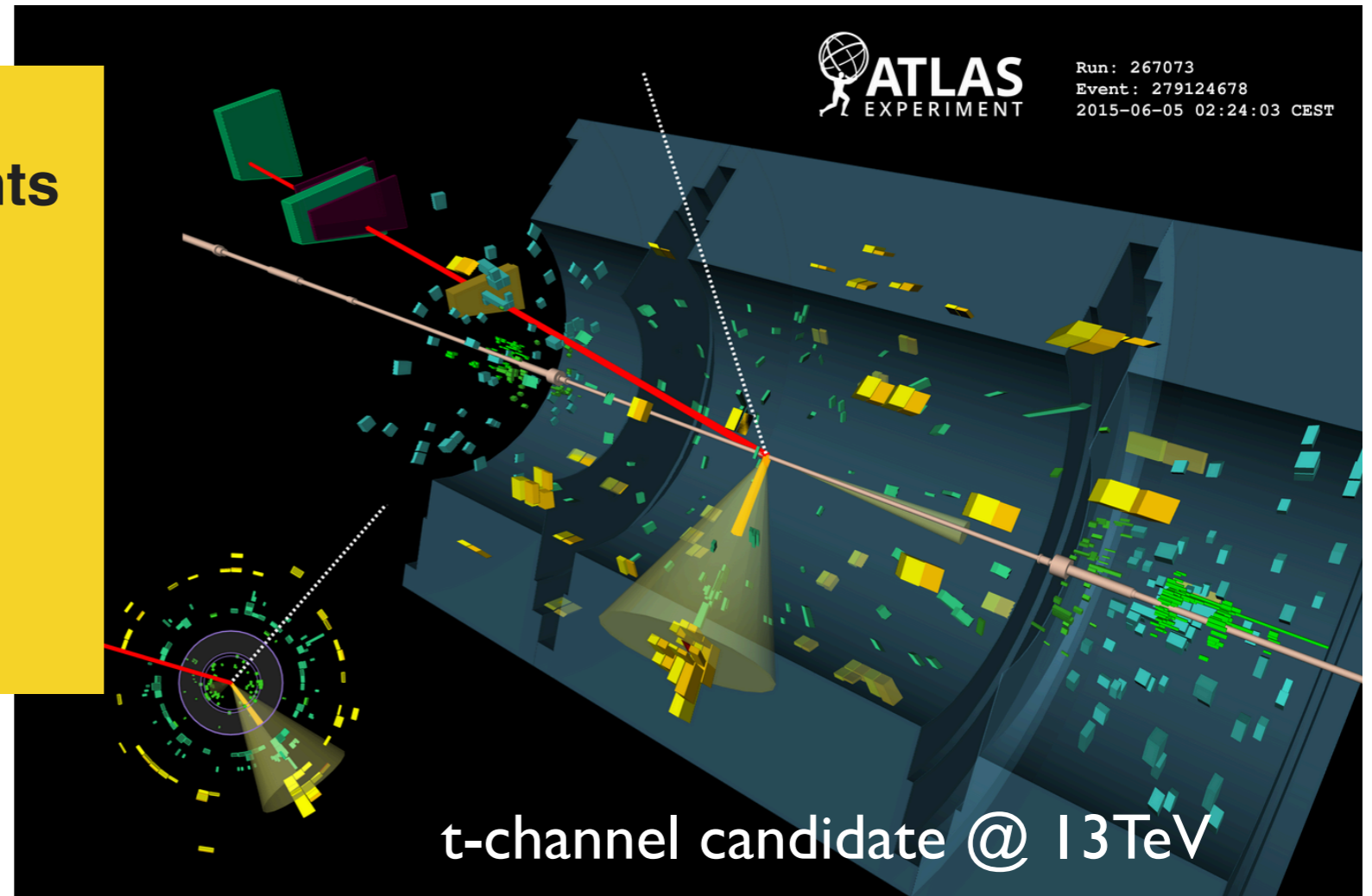
Single-top-quark production: **t-channel**

The single-top standard candle!

- ▶ Relatively large cross-section
- ▶ Good signal to background separation using MVA

Cross-section measurements

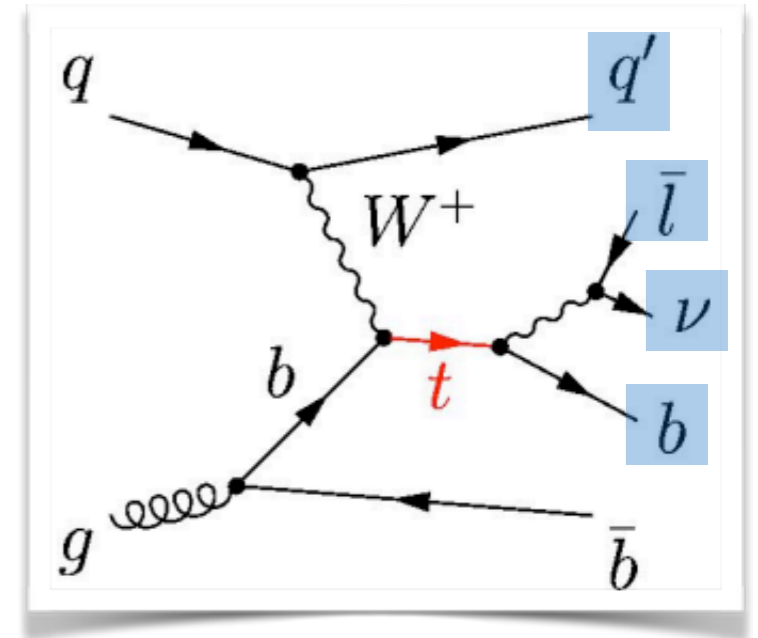
- ▶ Inclusive/fiducial/differential
- ▶ Constraint PDF (u/d-ratio)
- ▶ Tune MC generators
- ▶ Extraction of the $|V_{tb}|$
- ▶ Wtb anomalous couplings
- ▶ Top-quark mass



- ▶ Cross-section measurements @8TeV ([EPJC77\(2017\)531](#)) and @13TeV ([JHEP04\(2017\)086](#))

● **t-channel signature (single lepton decay):**

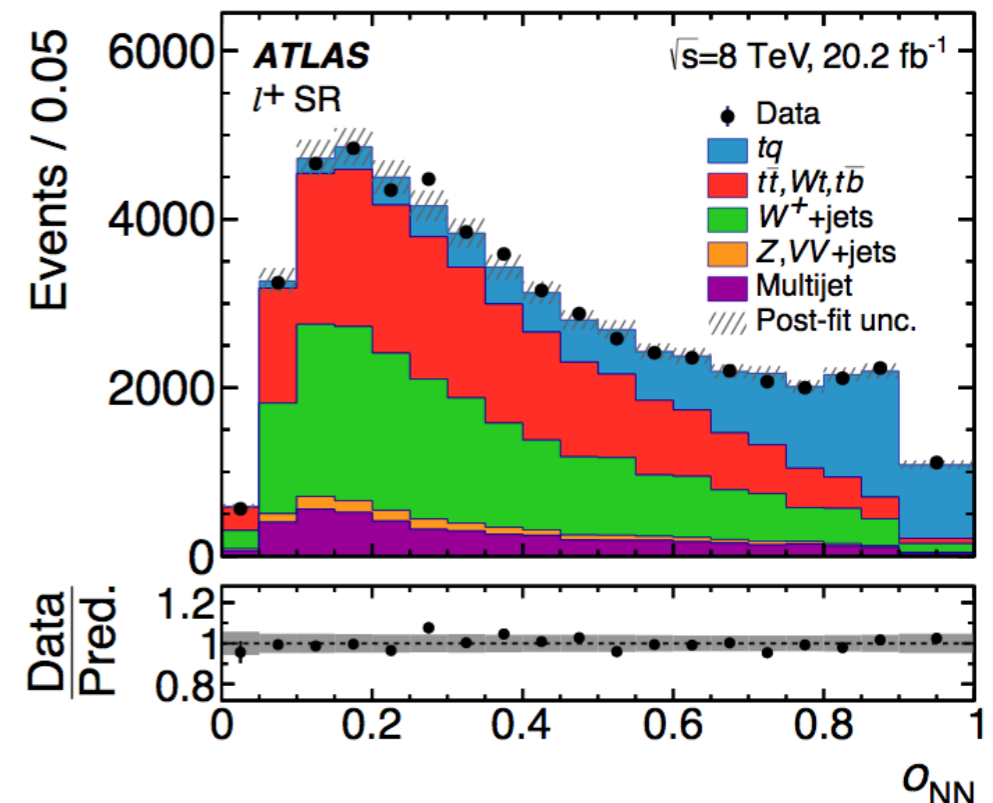
- ▶ One isolated **lepton**
- ▶ Missing transverse momentum ($\mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}$)
- ▶ Two high- p_T jets (one **forward** and one **b-tagged**)



● **Strategy:**

- ▶ Define three independent regions:
 - **SR (2j1b)**, **VR $t\bar{t}$ (3j2b)**, **VR W^+ +jets**
- ▶ NN to enhance S/B
 - Cross-section measured for ℓ^+ and ℓ^-
- ▶ Maximum likelihood fit in SR
- ▶ Measurement performed in a fiducial volume
(*stable particles selected close to the final selection*)

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = \frac{N_{\text{fid}}}{N_{\text{sel}}} \cdot \frac{\hat{\nu}}{L_{\text{int}}}$$



Fiducial cross-section

- Fiducial cross-section reduces syst. uncertainties from PDF and MC generators

$$\sigma_{fid}(tq) = 9.78 \pm 0.57 \text{ pb (5.8\%)}$$

$$\sigma_{fid}(\bar{t}q) = 5.77 \pm 0.45 \text{ pb (7.8\%)}$$

- Dominant systematic: JES, NLO matching $t\bar{t}$ and lepton reconstruction efficiency

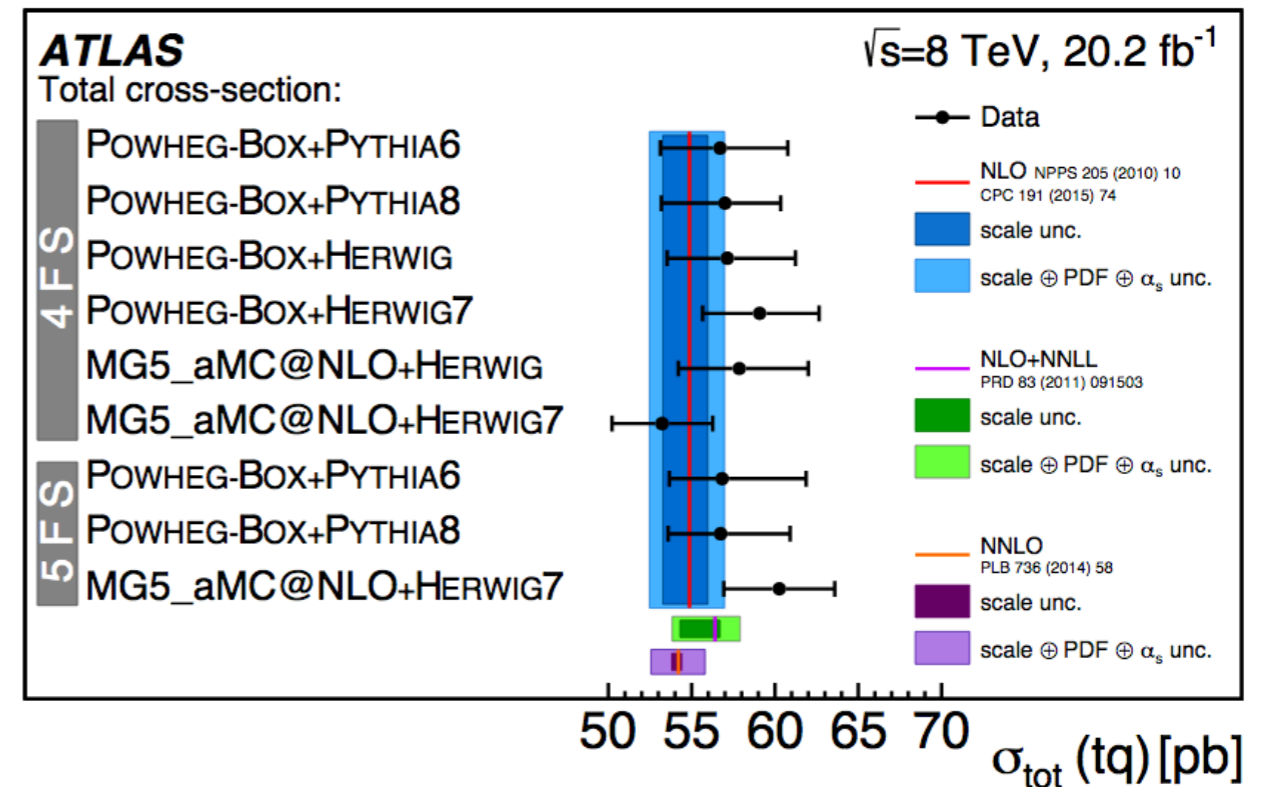
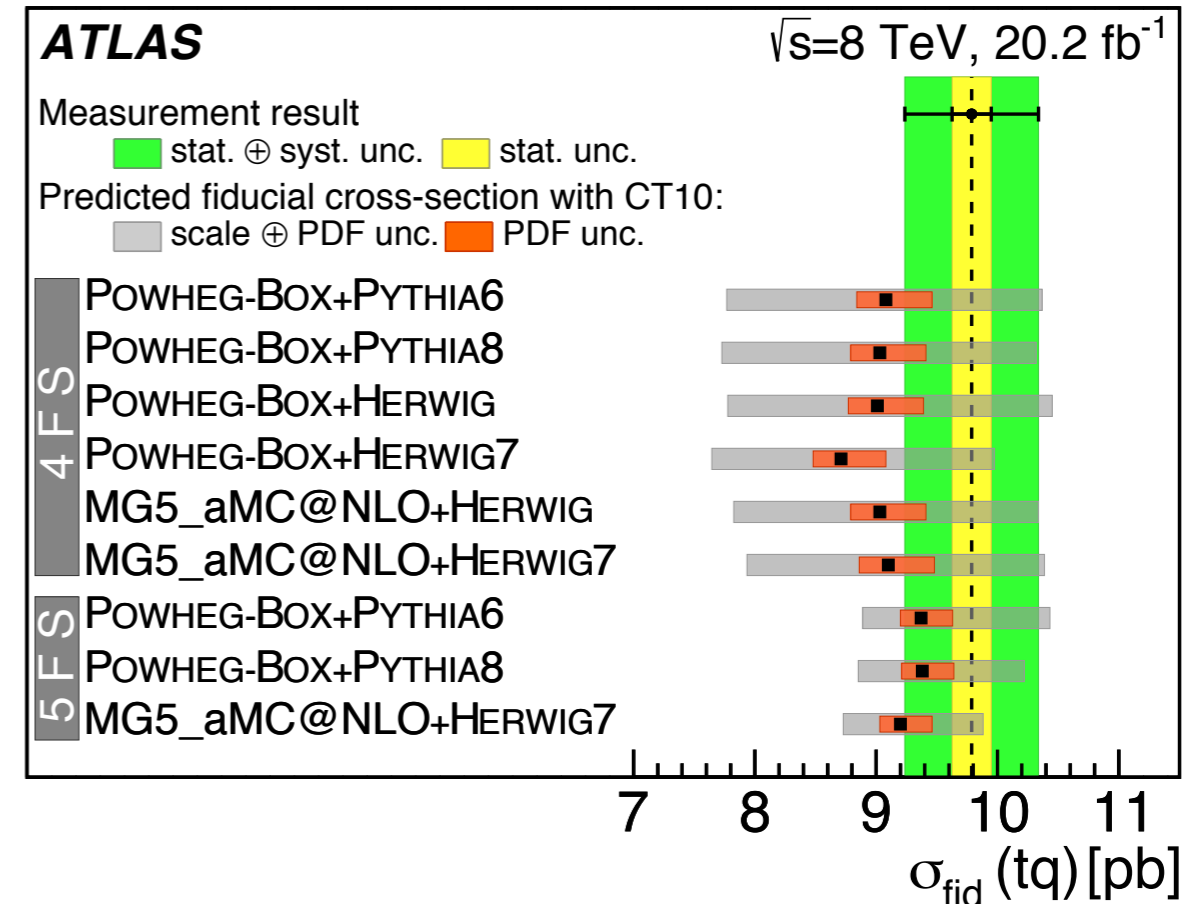
Inclusive cross-section

- Fiducial cross-section extrapolated to full phase space to get the full cross-section

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{N_{tot}}{N_{fid}} \cdot \sigma_{fid}$$

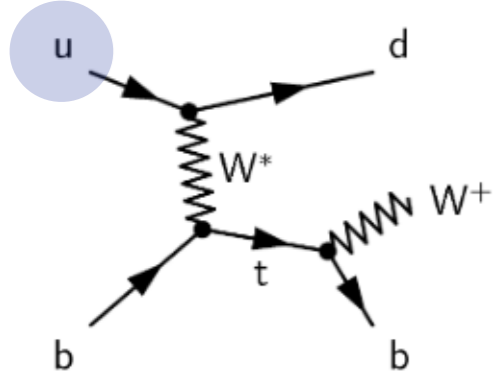
$$\sigma_{tot}(tq) = 56.7^{+4.3}_{-3.8} \text{ pb (+7.6\%/-6.7\%)}$$

$$\sigma_{tot}(\bar{t}q) = 32.9^{+3.0}_{-2.7} \text{ pb (+9.1\%/-8.4\%)}$$

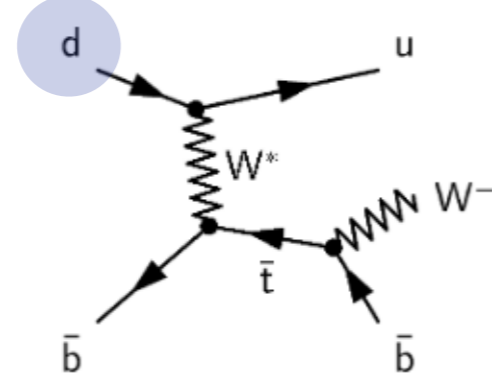


Ratio R_t

top-quark t-channel

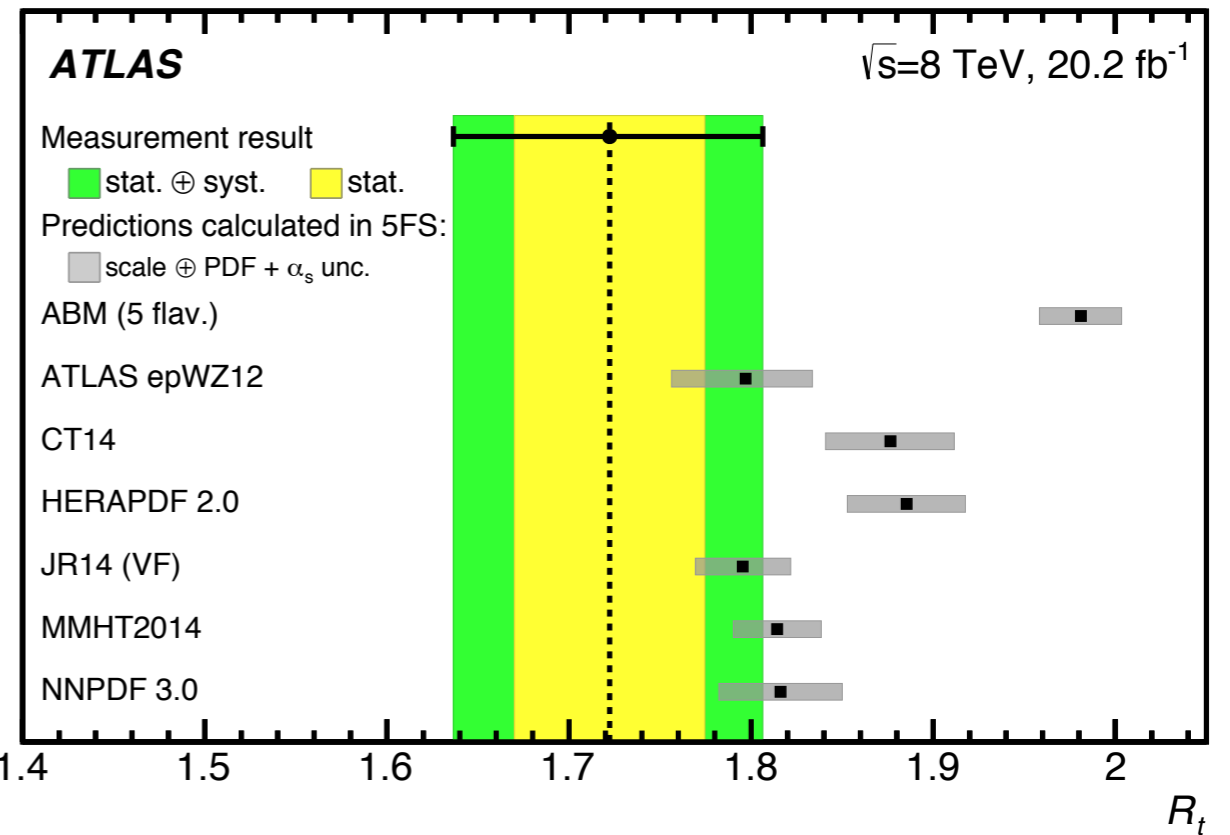


top-anti-quark t-channel



$$R_t = \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}(tq)}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\bar{t}q)}$$

$$R_t = 1.72 \pm 0.09$$



CKM matrix element V_{tb}

- ▶ Using the total cross-section

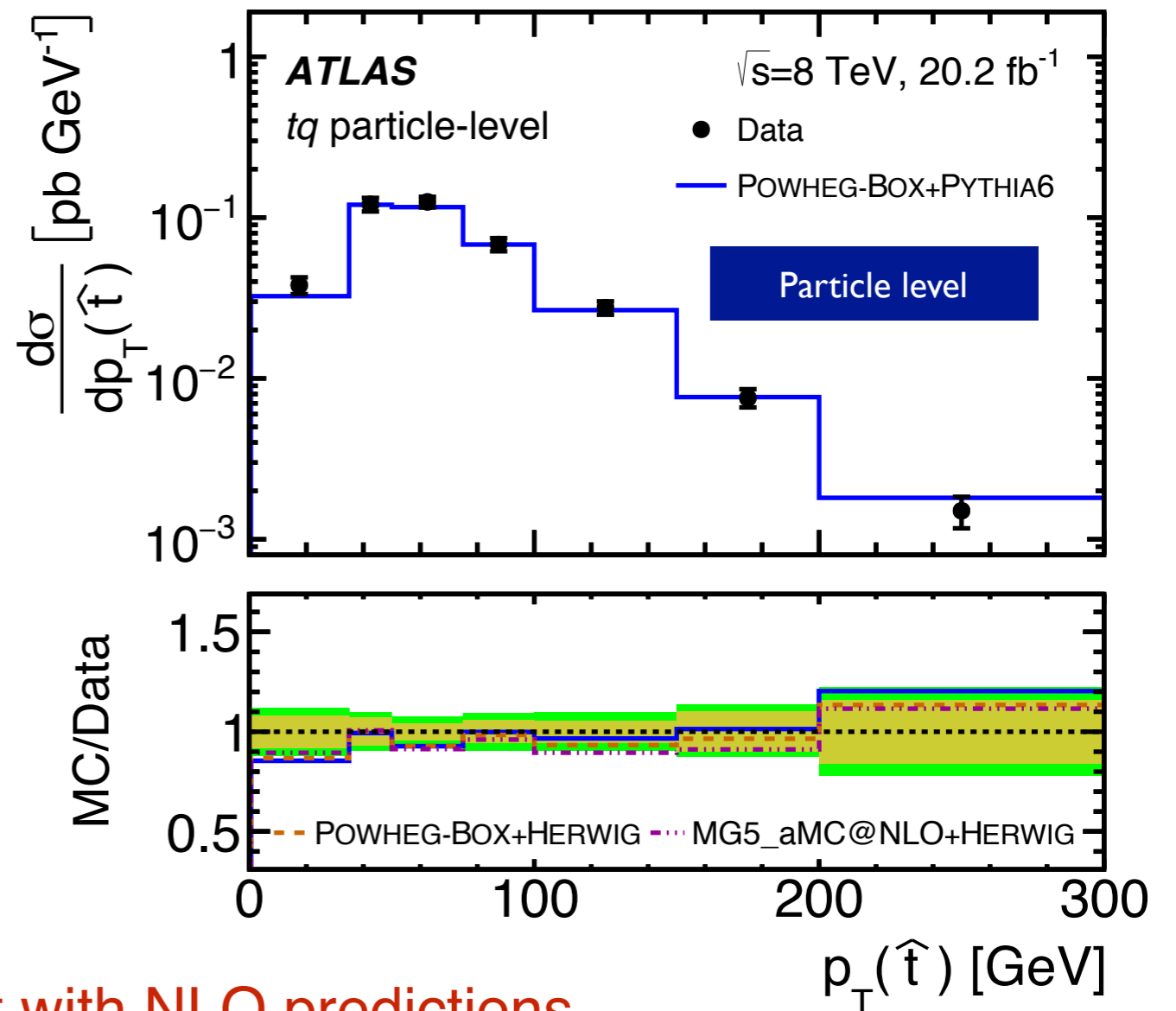
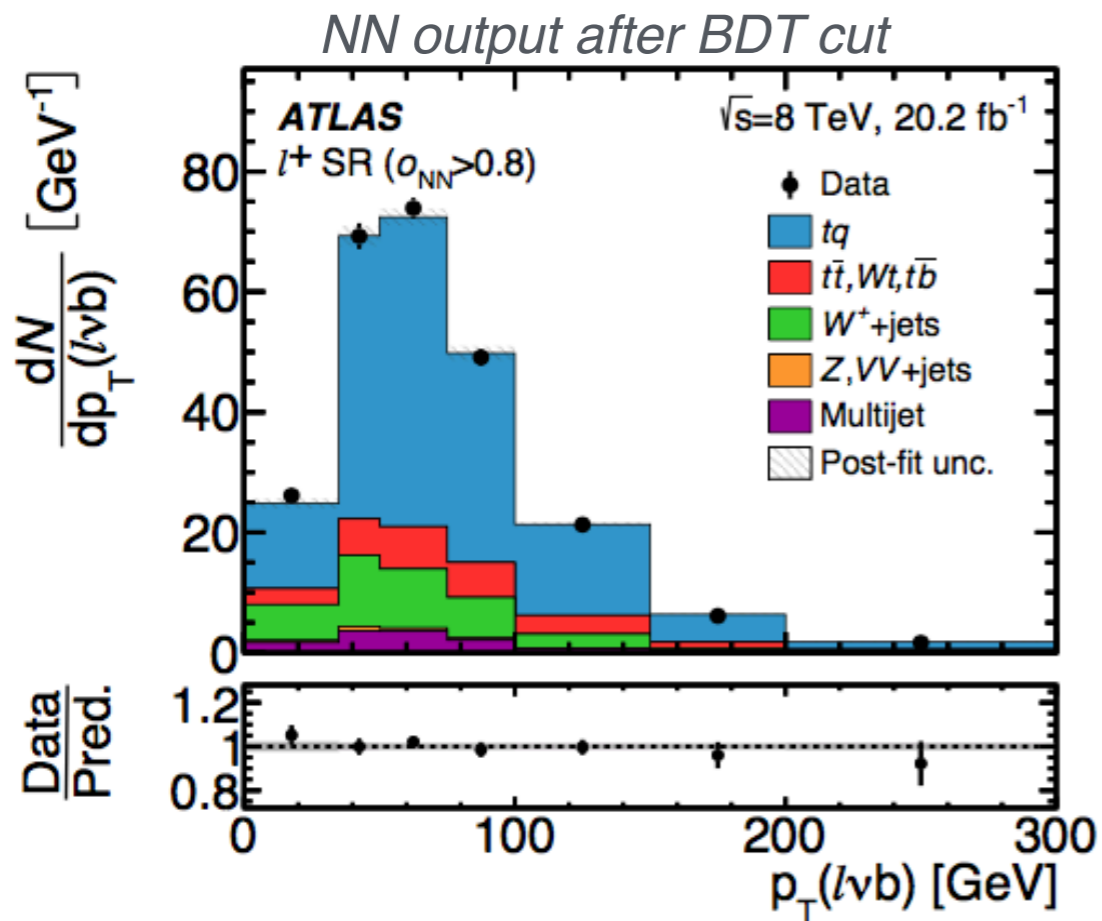
$$|f_{LV} V_{tb}| = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\text{meas.}}}{\sigma_{\text{theo.}}}}$$

f_{LV} form factor encapsulates effects from new physics

$$|f_{LV} \cdot V_{tb}| = 1.029 \pm 0.048$$

- ▶ Results @13TeV using 3.2 fb^{-1} [JHEP04\(2017\)086](#) (18-20% uncertainty)

- Differential cross-section measured as a function of:
 - ▶ $p_T(\mathbf{t})$ and $|\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{t})|$ for top and antitop at parton/particle level
 - ▶ $p_T(\mathbf{j})$, $|\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{j})|$ for the forward jet at particle level
(NN without η_j used here)
- BDT cut for $NN_{\text{output}} > 0.8$



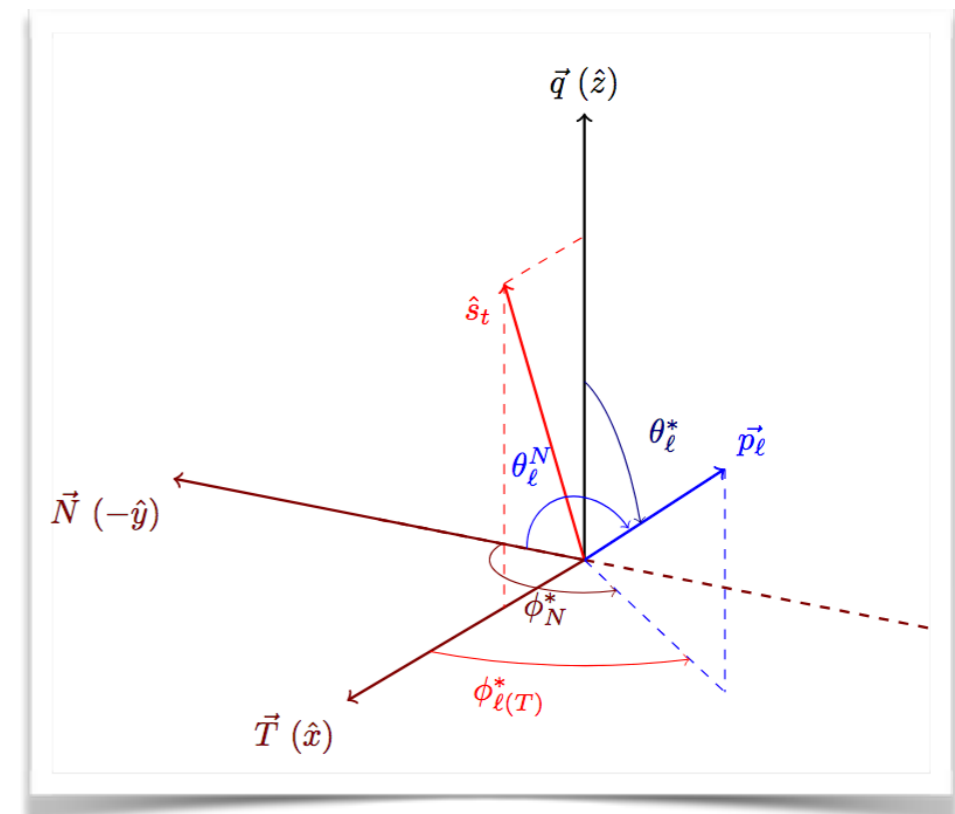
good agreement with NLO predictions

Single-top-quark: polarisation & anomalous couplings

- ◉ The SM predicts highly polarised tops in the direction of spectator quark
 $P(t) = 0.91$ and $P(\bar{t}) = -0.86$ (NLO)
- ◉ Polarisation observables can be extracted from **angular asymmetries**

$$A_{\text{FB}} = \frac{N(\cos \theta > 0) - N(\cos \theta < 0)}{N(\cos \theta > 0) + N(\cos \theta < 0)}$$

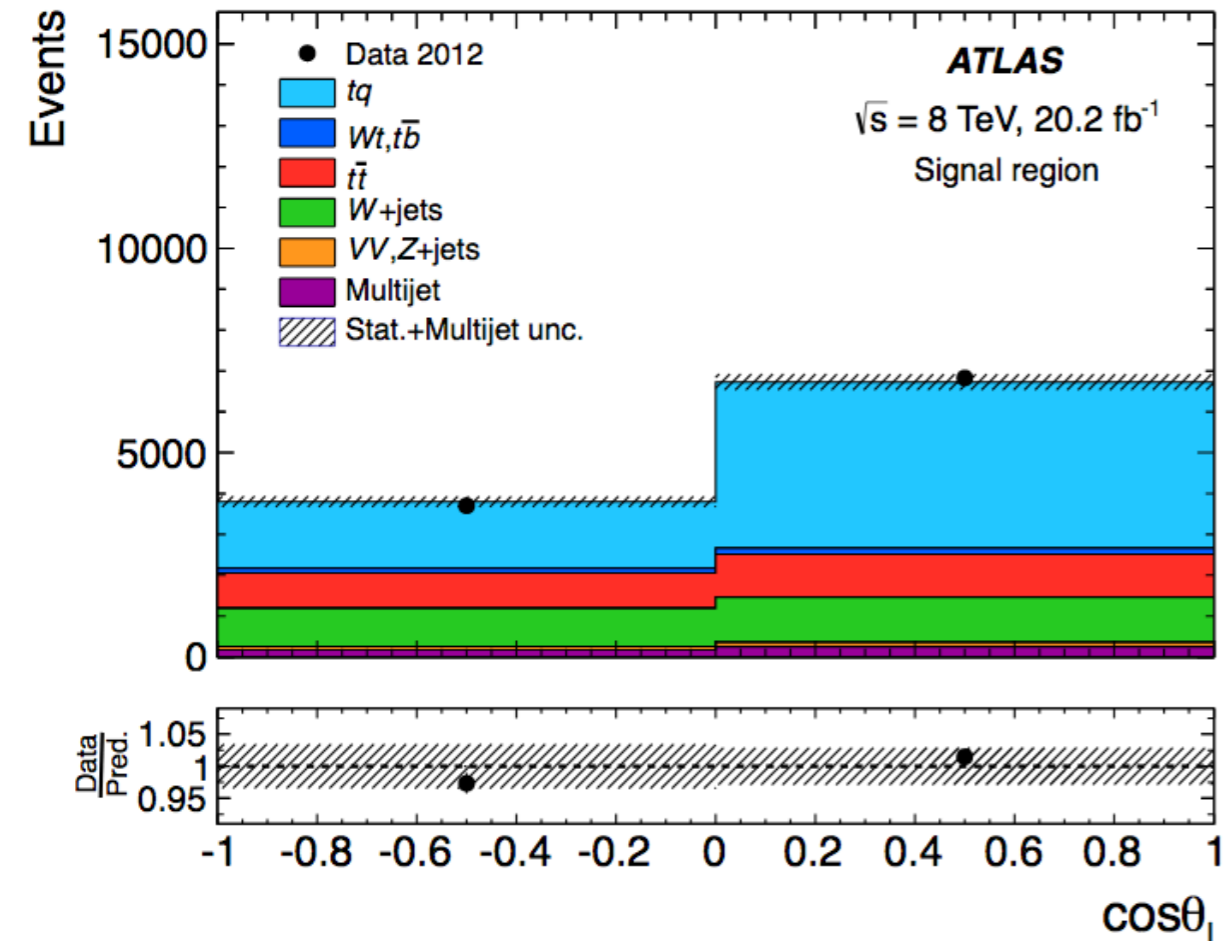
Asymmetry	Angular observable	Polarisation observable	SM prediction
A_{FB}^ℓ	$\cos \theta_\ell$	$\frac{1}{2} \alpha_\ell P$	0.45
A_{FB}^{tW}	$\cos \theta_W \cos \theta_\ell^*$	$\frac{3}{8} P (F_R + F_L)$	0.10
A_{FB}	$\cos \theta_\ell^*$	$\frac{3}{4} \langle S_3 \rangle = \frac{3}{4} (F_R - F_L)$	-0.23
A_{EC}	$\cos \theta_\ell^*$	$\frac{3}{8} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \langle T_0 \rangle = \frac{3}{16} (1 - 3F_0)$	-0.20
A_{FB}^T	$\cos \theta_\ell^T$	$\frac{3}{4} \langle S_1 \rangle$	0.34
A_{FB}^N	$\cos \theta_\ell^N$	$-\frac{3}{4} \langle S_2 \rangle$	0
$A_{\text{FB}}^{T,\phi}$	$\cos \theta_\ell^* \cos \phi_T^*$	$-\frac{2}{\pi} \langle A_1 \rangle$	-0.14
$A_{\text{FB}}^{N,\phi}$	$\cos \theta_\ell^* \cos \phi_N^*$	$\frac{2}{\pi} \langle A_2 \rangle$	0



◉ Strategy:

- ▶ Same three independent regions: **SR (2j1b)**, **CR $t\bar{t}$ (3j2b)**, **CR W +jets**
- ▶ Cut-based to enhance S/B
- ▶ Maximum likelihood fit to get normalisation factors
- ▶ Unfolded distributions @parton level

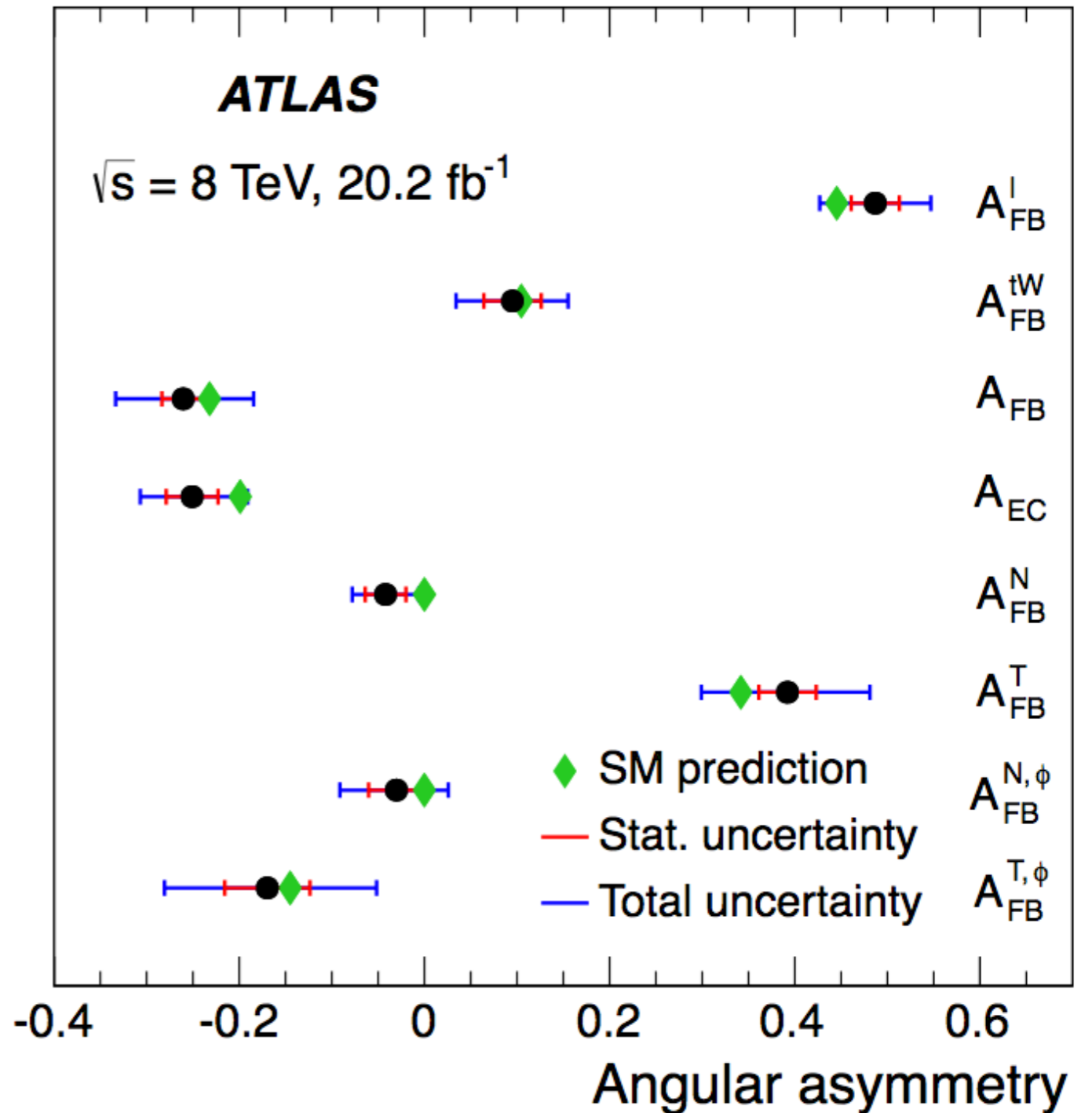
Single-top-quark: polarisation & anomalous couplings



► Dominant systematic:
 $t\bar{t}$ modelling, JES and MC statistics

$$A_{FB}^l = 0.49 \pm 0.03(\text{stat}) \pm 0.05(\text{syst})$$

$$\alpha_l P = 0.97 \pm 0.05(\text{stat}) \pm 0.11(\text{syst})$$



- New physics affecting the production or decay of the top quark can be parameterized with a set of effective couplings ($V_{L,R}$ and $g_{L,R}$):

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

- Normalised triple-differential $(\theta, \theta^*, \phi^*)$ decay rate of top-quarks:

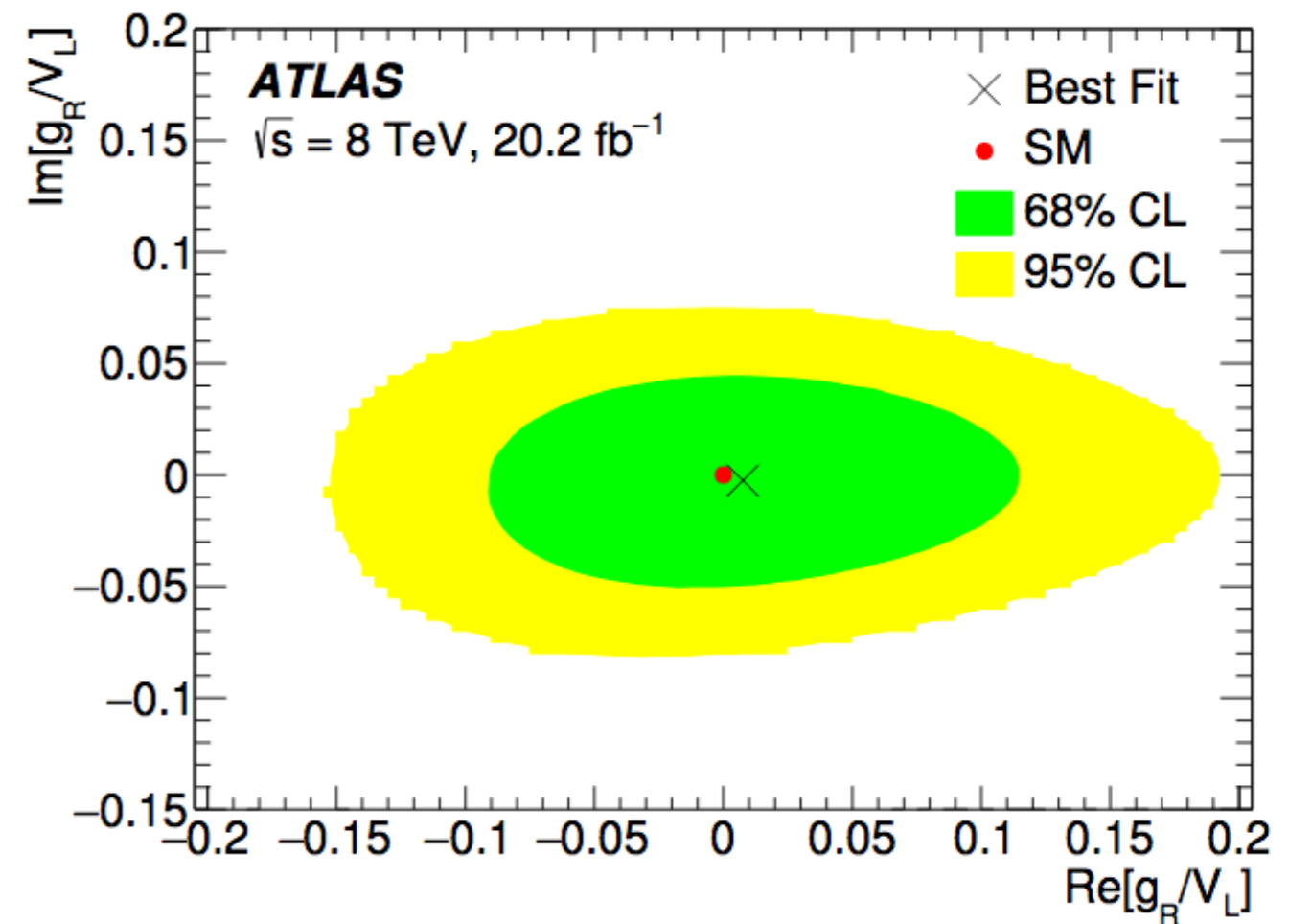
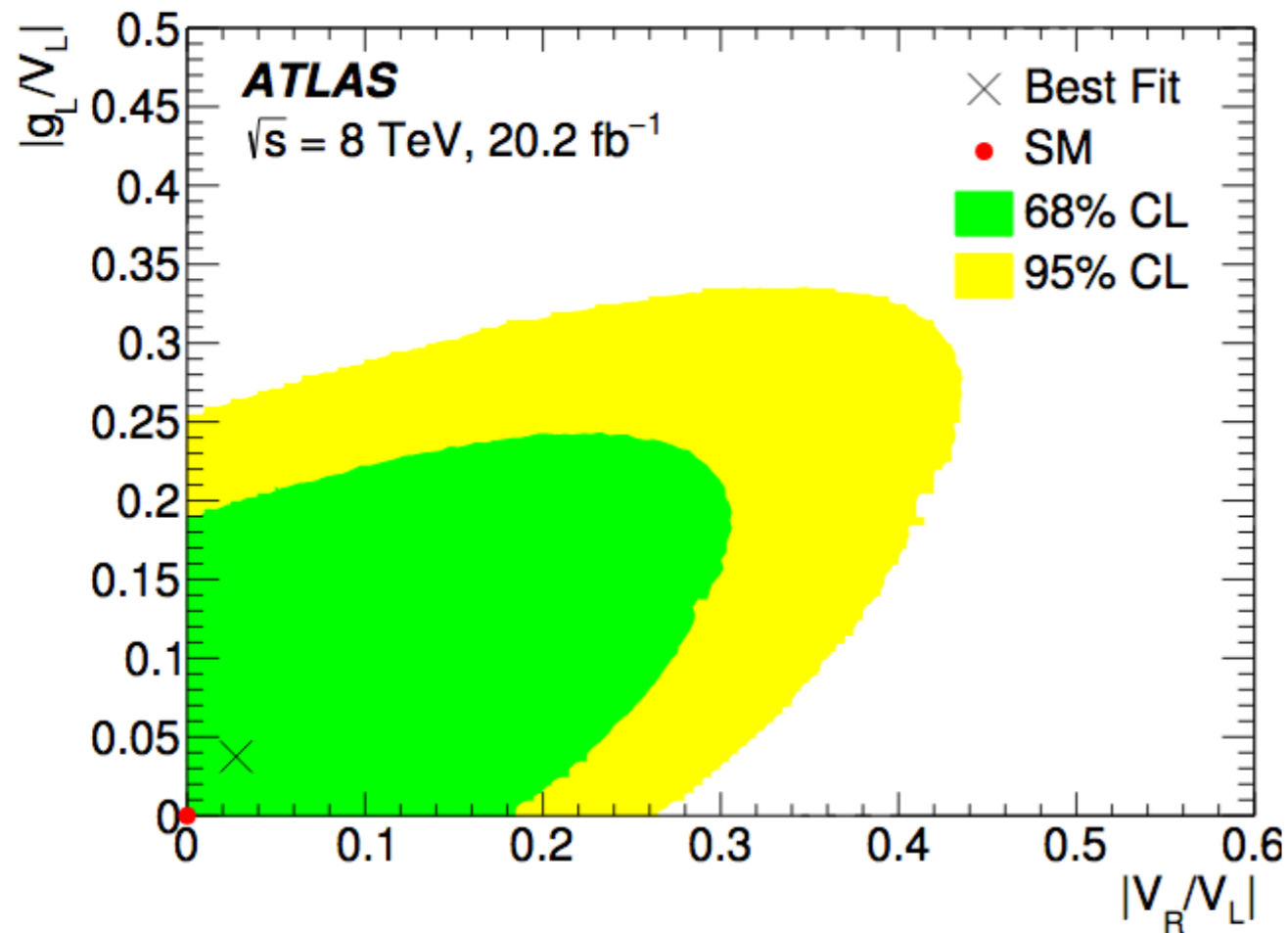
$$\begin{aligned} \varrho(\theta, \theta^*, \phi^*; P) &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{d\Omega d\Omega^*} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ \frac{3}{4} |A_{1, \frac{1}{2}}|^2 (1 + P \cos \theta)(1 + \cos \theta^*)^2 \right. \\ &+ \frac{3}{4} |A_{-1, -\frac{1}{2}}|^2 (1 - P \cos \theta)(1 - \cos \theta^*)^2 \\ &+ \frac{3}{2} \left(|A_{0, \frac{1}{2}}|^2 (1 - P \cos \theta) + |A_{0, -\frac{1}{2}}|^2 (1 + P \cos \theta) \right) \sin^2 \theta^* \\ &- \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} P \sin \theta \sin \theta^* (1 + \cos \theta^*) \text{Re} \left[e^{i\phi^*} A_{1, \frac{1}{2}} A_{0, \frac{1}{2}}^* \right] \\ &- \left. \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} P \sin \theta \sin \theta^* (1 - \cos \theta^*) \text{Re} \left[e^{-i\phi^*} A_{-1, -\frac{1}{2}} A_{0, -\frac{1}{2}}^* \right] \right\} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^1 \sum_{l=0}^2 \sum_{m=-k}^k a_{k,l,m} M_{k,l}^m(\theta, \theta^*, \phi^*), \end{aligned}$$

Helicity amplitudes (A_{λ_b, λ_W}) from the $t \rightarrow Wb$ transition (dependence on anomalous couplings)

From the helicity amplitudes, five physics parameters can be constructed, representing three amplitude fractions and two

phases. Observables:
 $\vec{\alpha} \equiv \{f_1, f_1^+, f_0^+, \delta_+, \delta_-, P\}$

- The generalised helicity fractions, phases and polarisation are determined simultaneously, including all correlations
- Interpretation in terms of anomalous couplings V_L , V_R , g_R and g_L



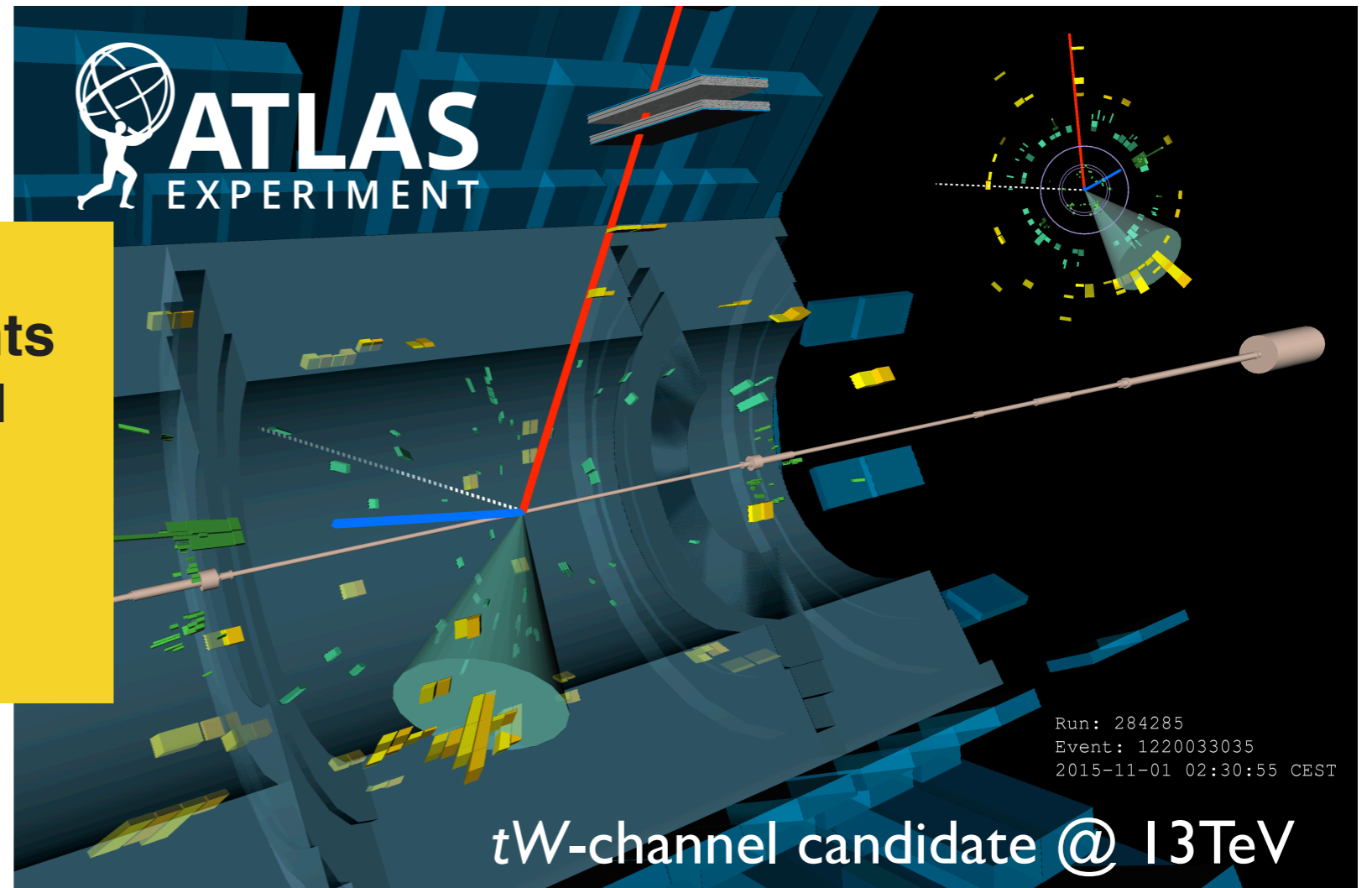
Single-top-quark production: **tW** associated production

Second largest cross-section

- ▶ Decent signal to background separation using MVA
- ▶ Suffering from $t\bar{t}$ huge background

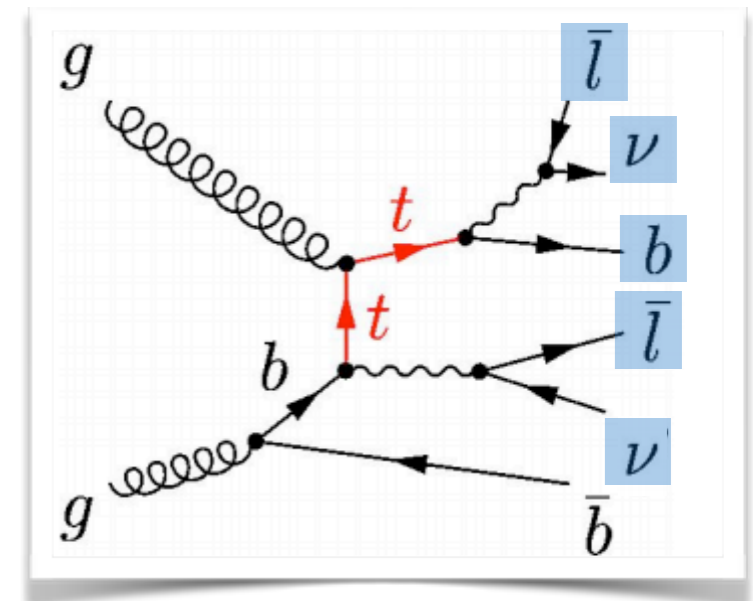
Cross-section measurements

- ▶ Inclusive/fiducial/differential
- ▶ Extraction of the IV_{tb}
- ▶ Tune MC generators
- ▶ Study tW - $t\bar{t}$ interference



- ▶ Cross-section measurements @8TeV ([JHEP01\(2016\)064](#)) and @13TeV ([JHEP\(2018\)2018:63](#), [EPJC78\(2018\)186](#), [arXiv:1806.04667](#))

- ⊙ tW -channel signature (dilepton decay):
 - ▶ Two opposite charged isolated **leptons** ($ee, \mu\mu, e\mu$)
 - ▶ Missing transverse momentum (E_T^{miss})
 - ▶ One central high- p_T jet (**b -tagged jet**)



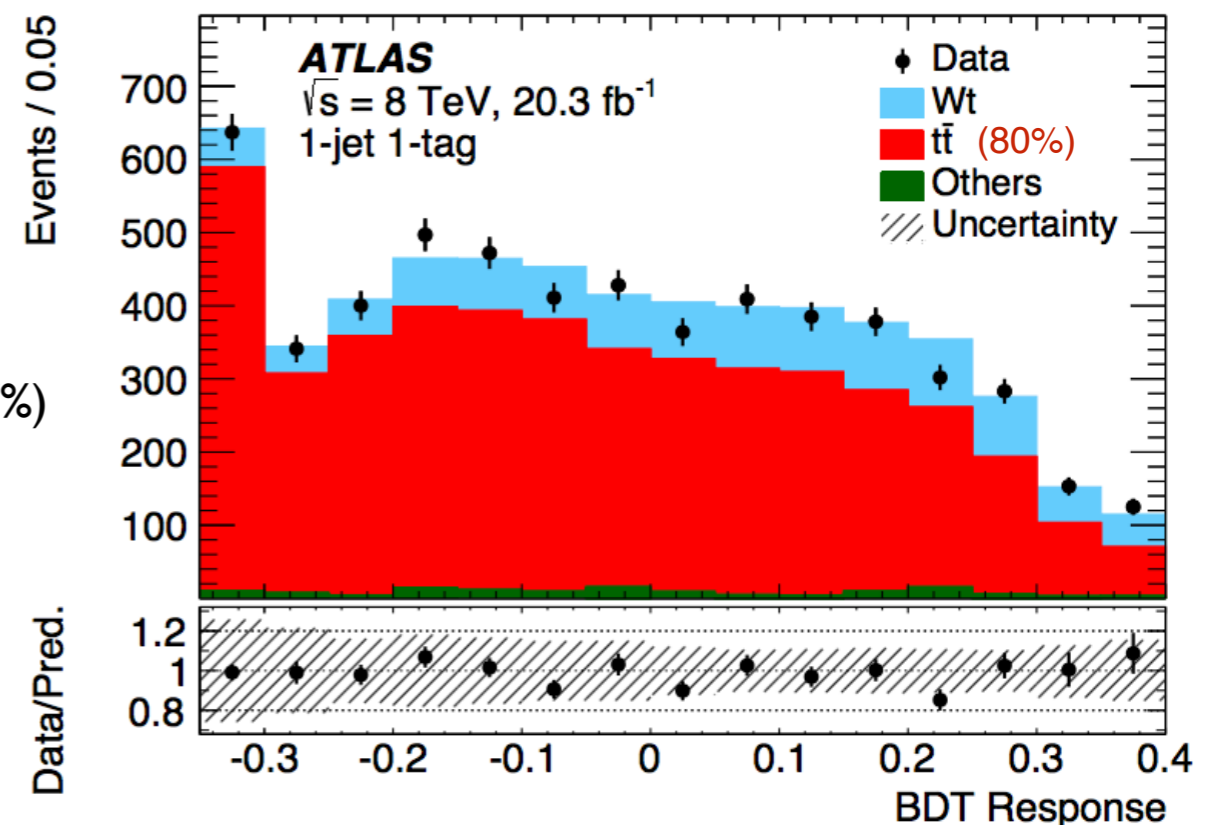
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- ▶ BDT to enhance S/B
- ▶ Maximum likelihood fit in SR & CR

$$\sigma_{Wt} = 23.0 \pm 1.3(\text{stat})_{-3.5}^{+3.2}(\text{sys}) \pm 1.1(\text{lumi}) \quad (17\%)$$

$$|V_{tb}| = 1.01 \pm 0.10$$

- ▶ Dominant syst. uncertainties: ISR/FSR, JES/JER, data statistics



Inclusive (3.2fb^{-1})

- Using similar strategy as @8TeV
- Dominant syst. uncertainties:
JES(21%), JER (9%), ME (18%), PS(7%)

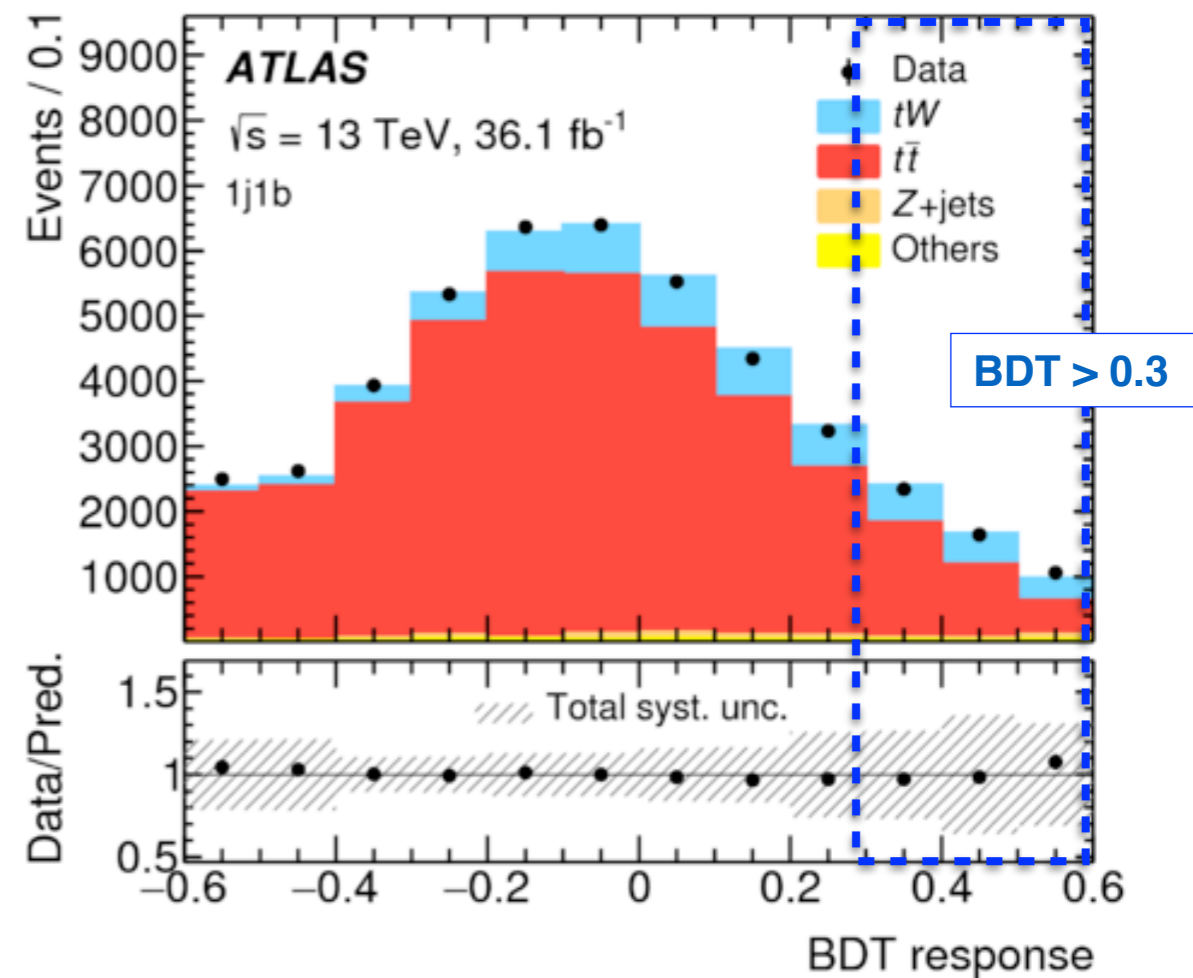
Differential (36fb^{-1})

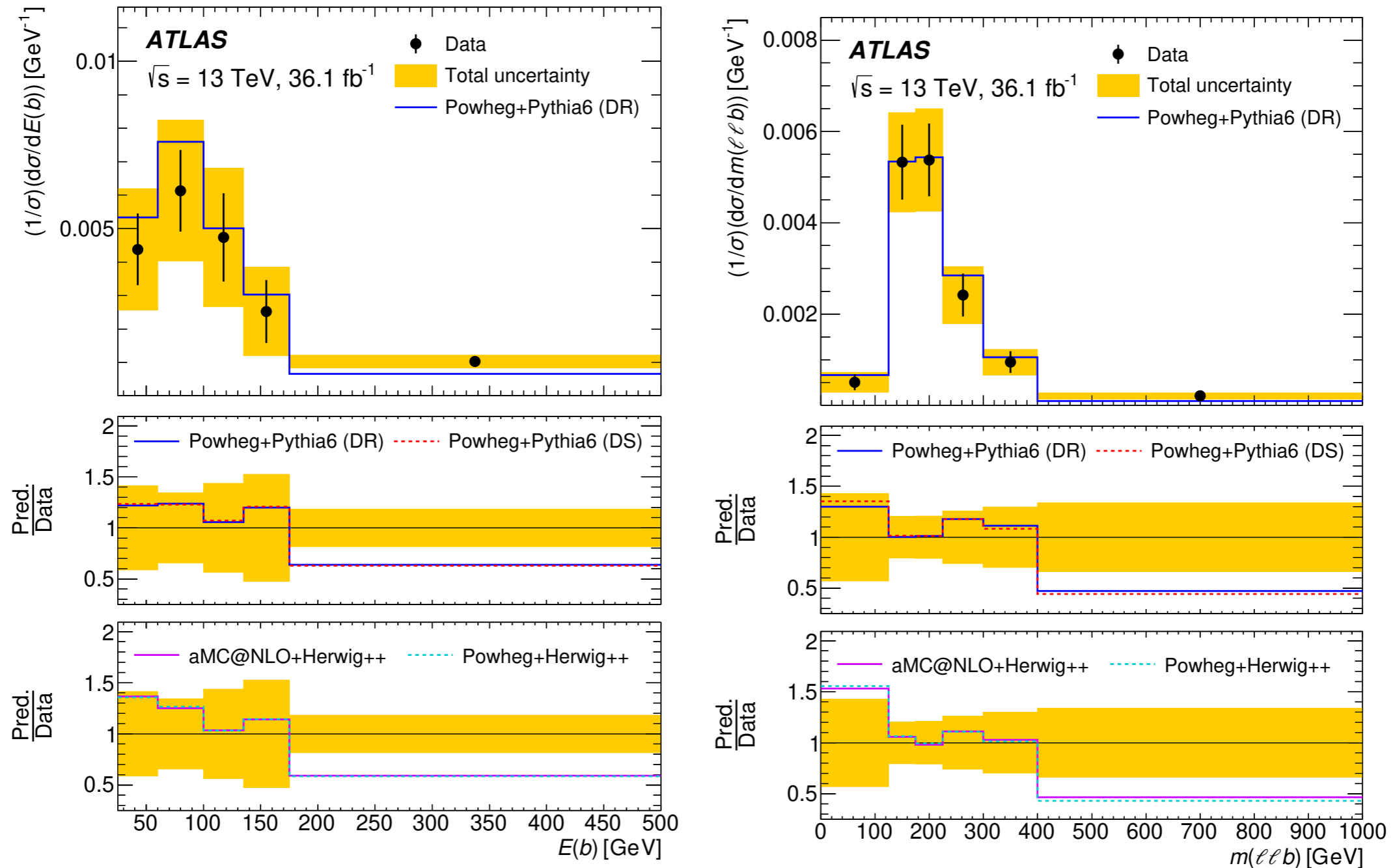
Strategy:

- Defined **SR** as **1j1b** (S:B=1:5)
- BDT to enhance S/B
 - $\text{BDT}_{\text{output}} > 0.3$ (S:B=1:2)
- Unfolded distributions @particle level:
 - $E(b)$, $m(l_1b)$, $m(l_2b)$
 - $E(llb)$, $m(llb)$, $m_T(llvzb)$
- Main uncertainties:
 - tW and $t\bar{t}$ modelling
 - statistics

$$\sigma_{Wt} = 94 \pm 10(\text{stat})_{-22}^{+28}(\text{sys}) \pm 2(\text{lumi})\text{pb}$$

(relative uncertainty of 30%)





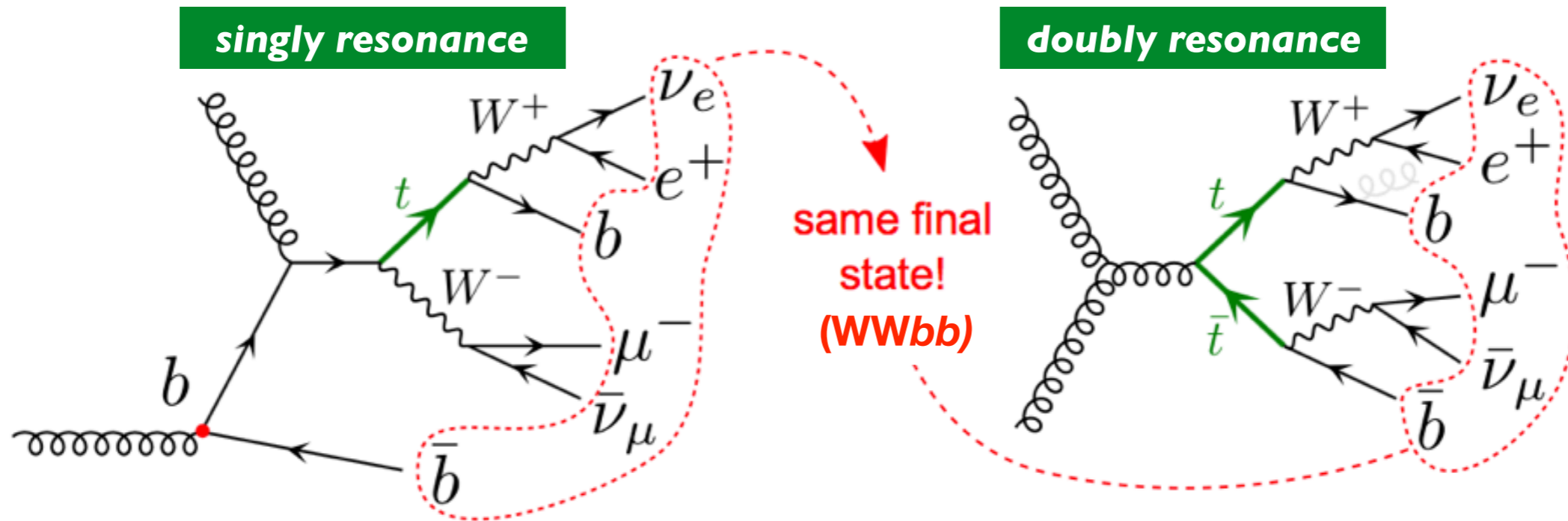
Overall good modelling

- Small differences in RadLo/RadHi, DR/DS.
- PW+HW++ disfavoured in some bins
- Negative on the slope of the ratio — MC tends to be softer than data

Single-top-quark production: tW - $t\bar{t}$ interference @13TeV

arXiv:1806.04667

- tW and top-quark pair processes interfere beyond LO:



$$|A_{tW}|^2 = |A_{t\bar{t}}|^2 + |A_{tWb}|^2 + 2\text{Re}\{A_{t\bar{t}}^* \cdot A_{tWb}\}$$

(NLO corrections to the LO tW amplitude)

tt @LO

tW@NLO

interference

What do we know about this interference?
 Different approaches to handle it @NLO (DR,DS,DR2...)
 Large impact on specific regions @high pT

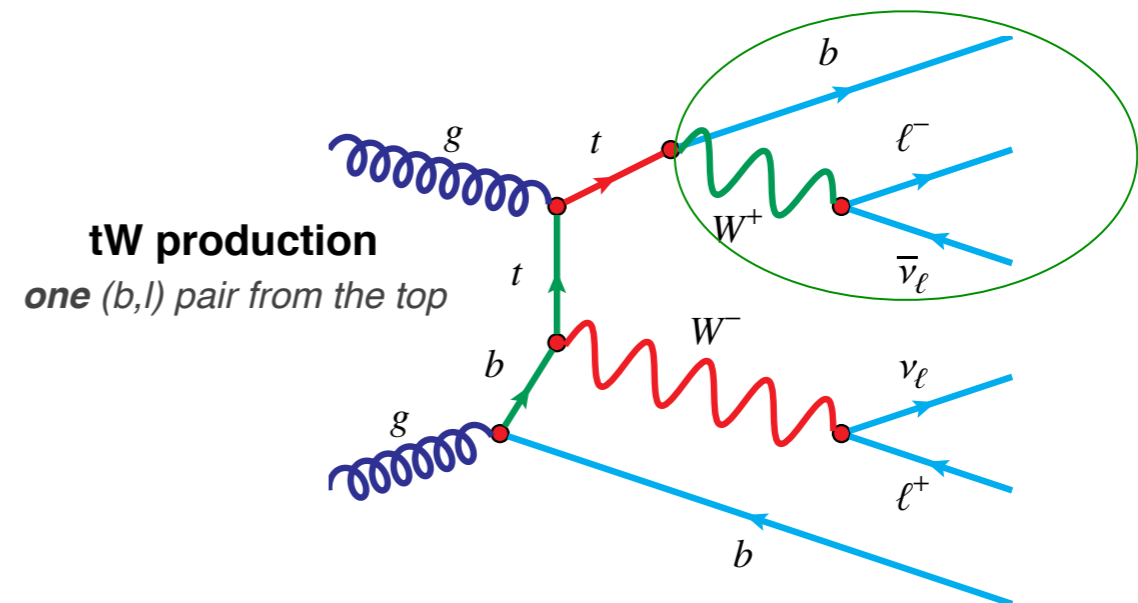
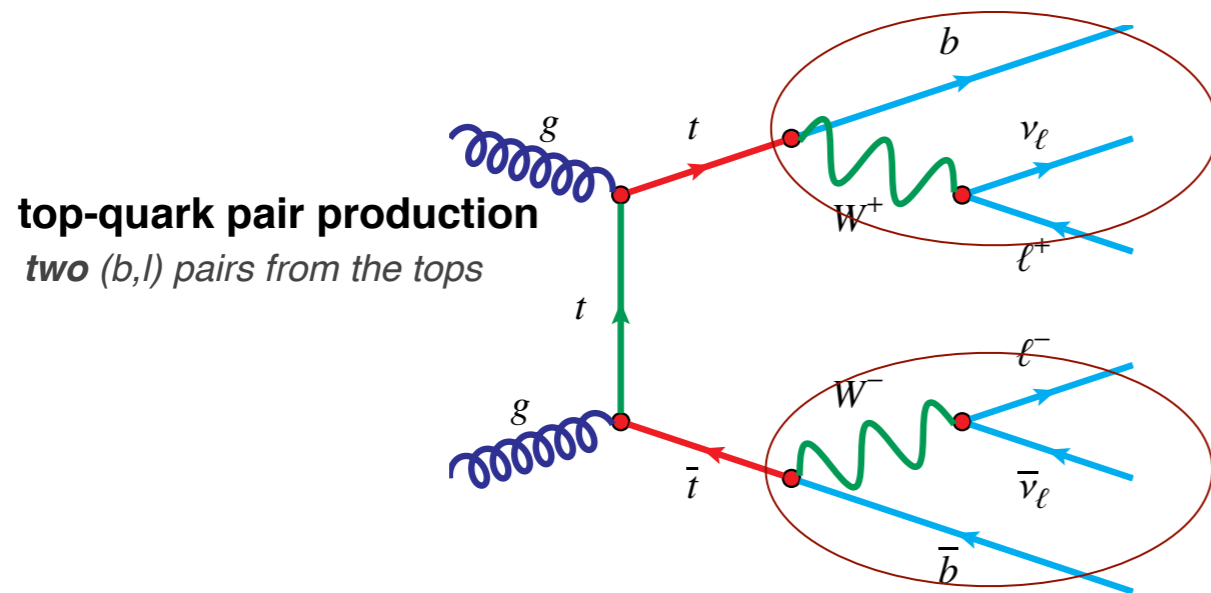


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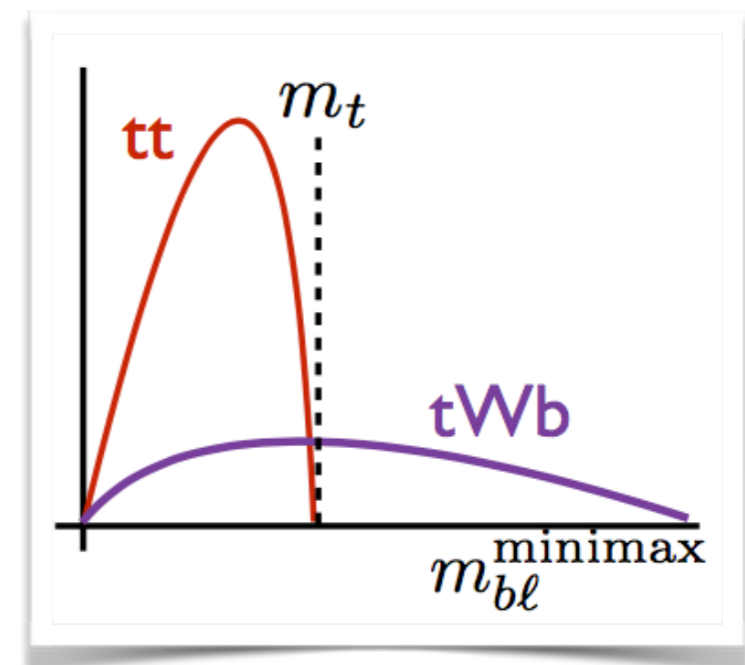
- New approach to test interference models in place
 - ▶ Discriminant to exploit the differences between $m(bW)$:
 - ▶ $t\bar{t}$ (doubly resonance) $m(bW) \sim m_{\text{top}}$
 - ▶ tWb (singly resonance) one pair is off from m_{top}



● Discriminant:

- ▶ Signal: $tWb + t\bar{t}$ in dilepton events
- ▶ Lepton used as a proxy for the W: $m(lW)$

$$\min\{\max\{m(b_1l_1), m(b_2l_2), \max\{m(b_1l_2), m(b_2l_1)\}\}$$

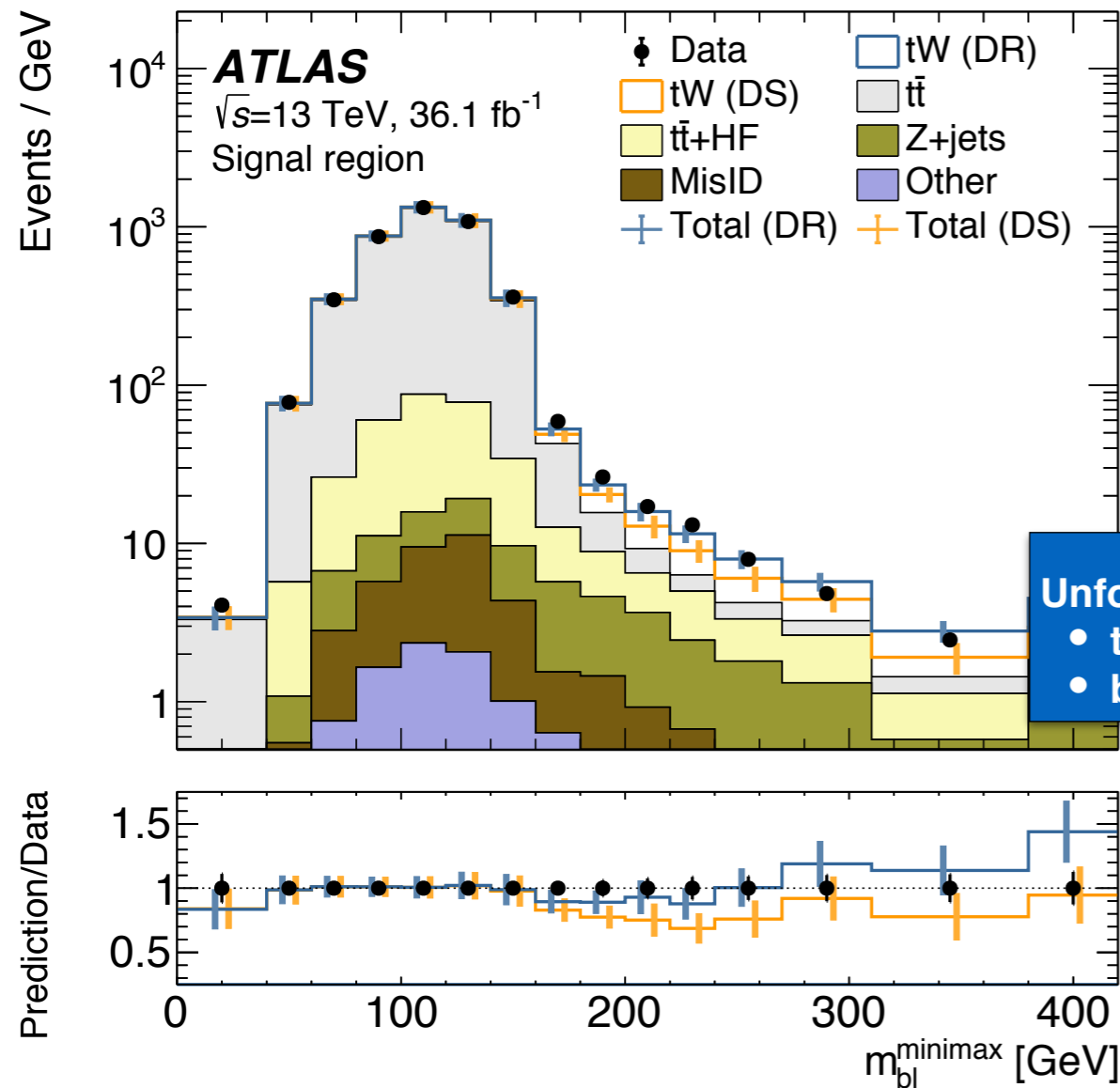


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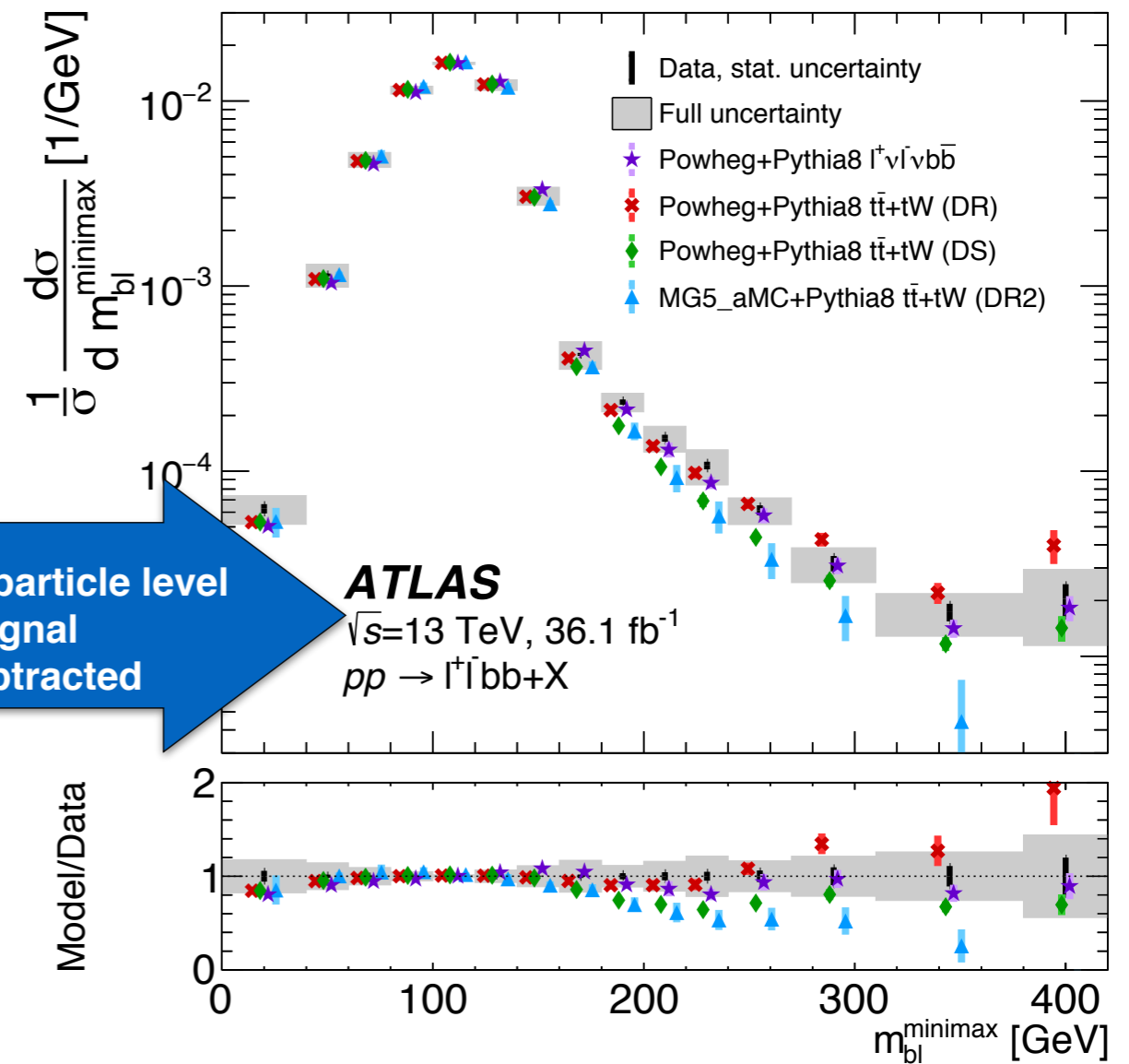
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- Final discriminant at reconstructed level and unfolded @particle level
 - More tW events in the tail
 - Prediction for both tW interference schemes (**DR** and **DS**) shown



Unfolded to particle level
 • $tWb+t\bar{t}$ signal
 • back. subtracted



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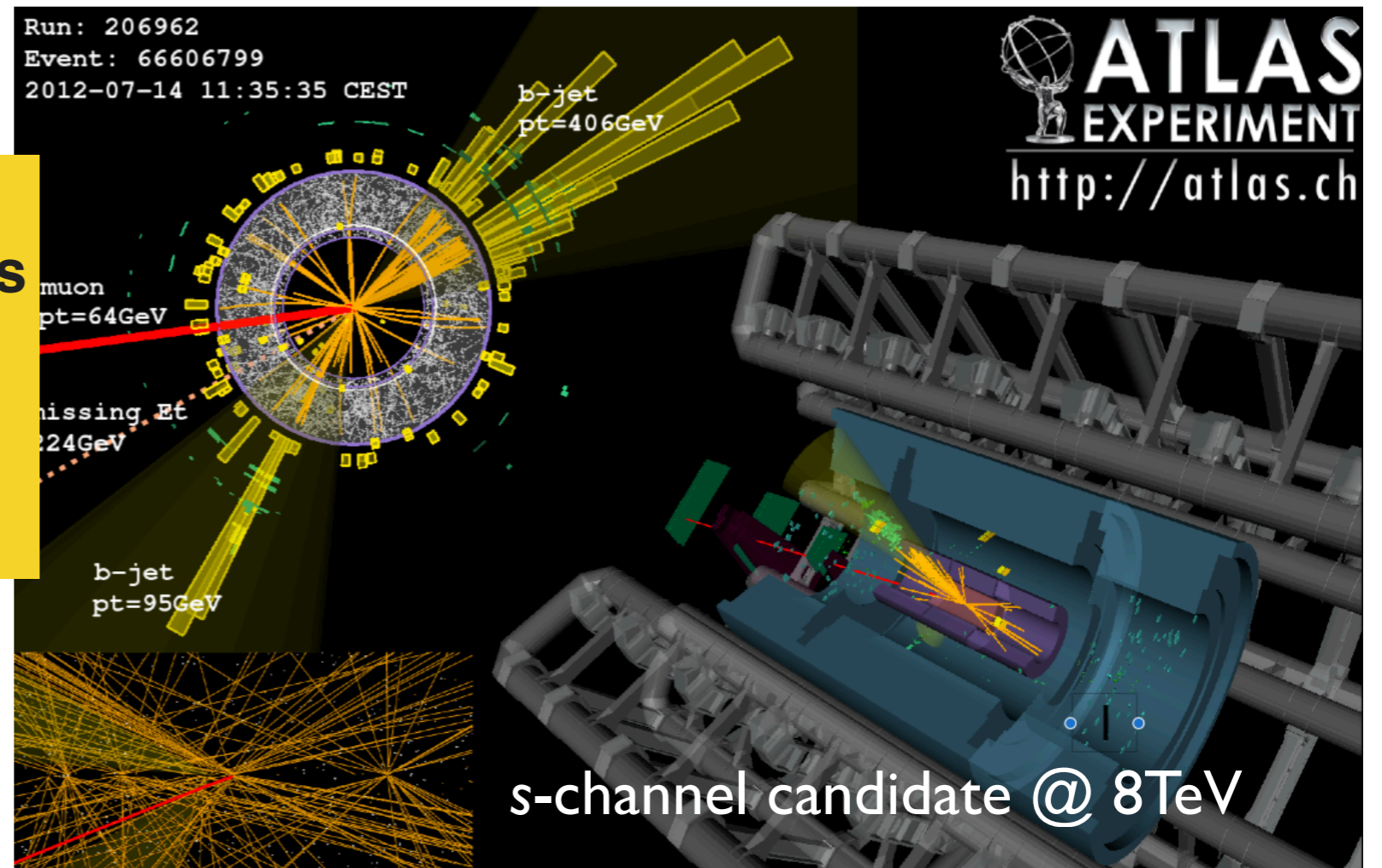
Single-top-quark production: s-channel

Challenging measurement @LHC

- ▶ A lot of effort to separate signal from backgrounds
- ▶ Backgrounds increase more than signal with higher \sqrt{s}

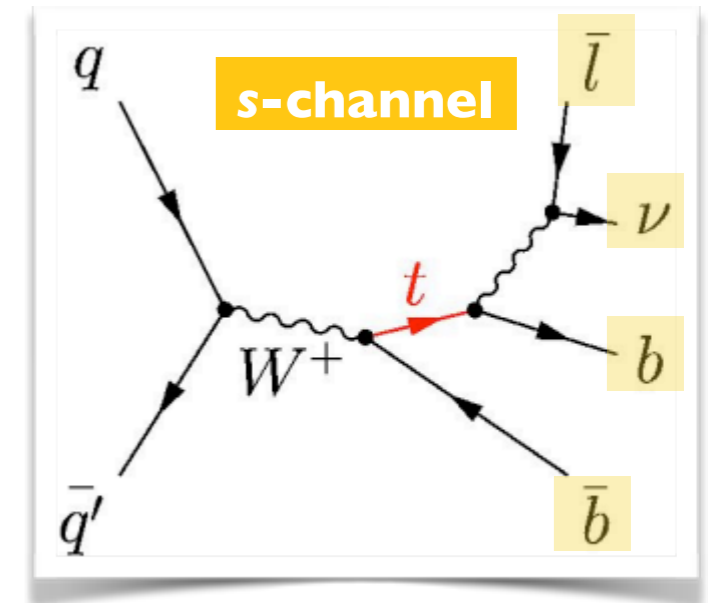
Cross-section measurements

- ▶ Inclusive
- ▶ Extraction of the $|V_{tb}|$
- ▶ Aiming for observation



▶ Cross-section analysis @8TeV ([PLB756\(2016\)228–246](#))

- ◉ s-channel signature (single lepton decay):
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 - ▶ Missing transverse momentum (E_T^{miss})
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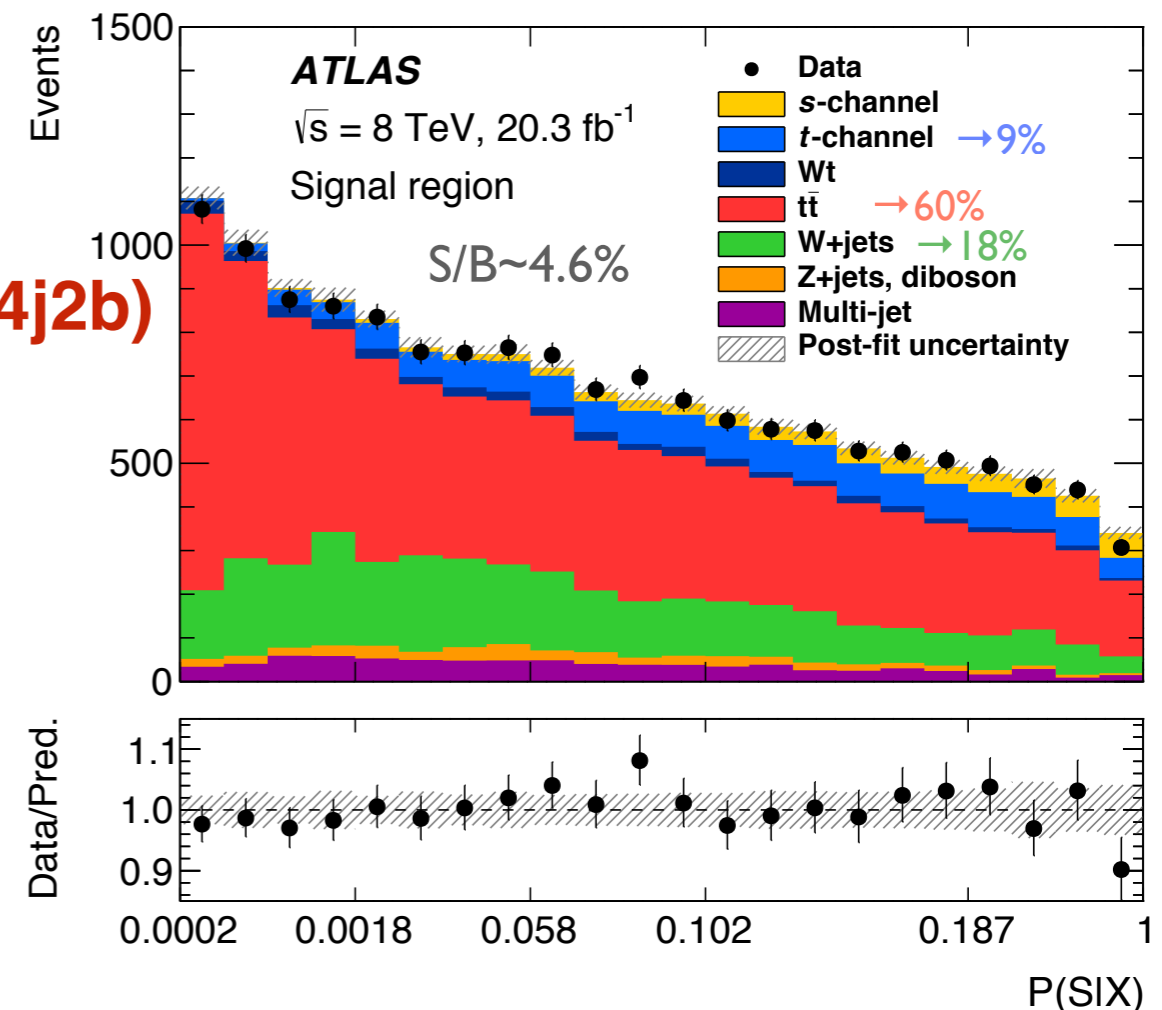
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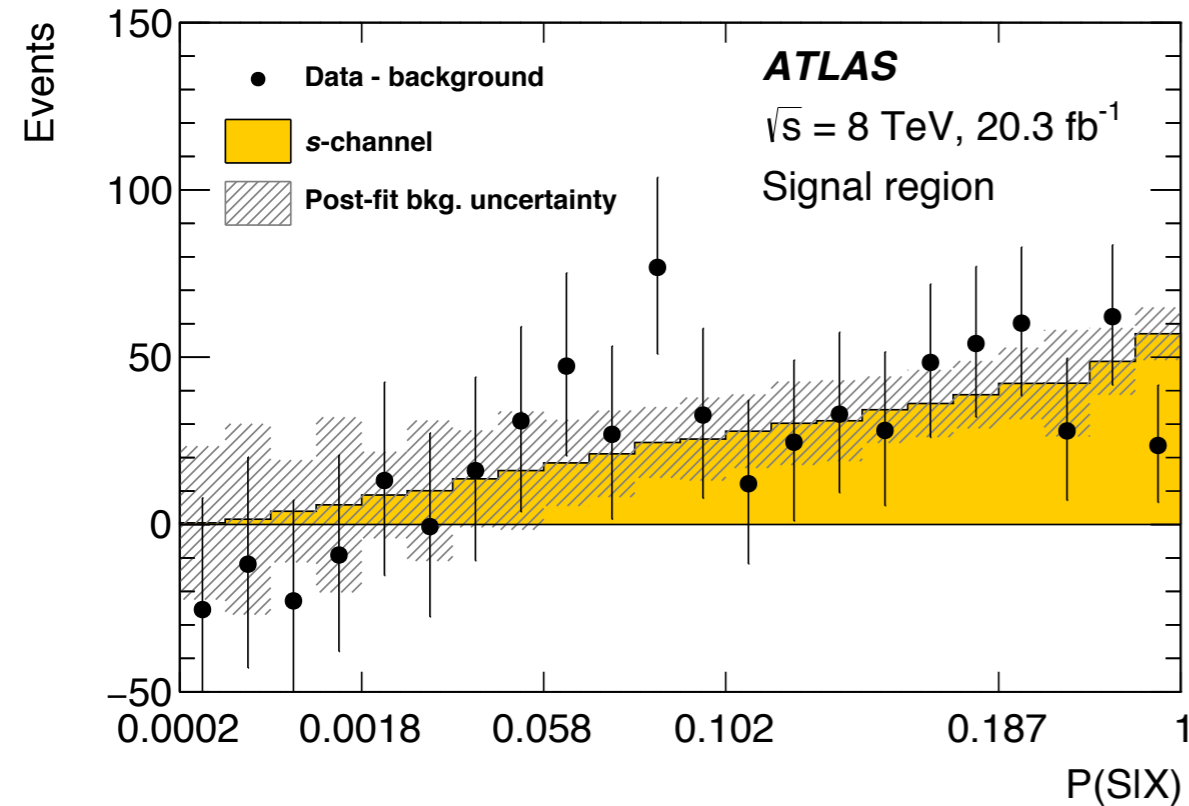
- ▶ Define five independent regions:
 - SR (2j2b)**, **CR W+jets (2j2b(loose))**, **VR $t\bar{t}$ (4j2b)**
 - ▶ ME to enhance S/B

$$P(S|X) = \frac{\sum_i \alpha_{S_i} \mathcal{P}(X|S_i)}{\sum_i \alpha_{S_i} \mathcal{P}(X|S_i) + \sum_j \alpha_{B_j} \mathcal{P}(X|B_j)}$$

probability of measured event (X) to be a signal event S

- ▶ Maximum likelihood fit in SR & CR



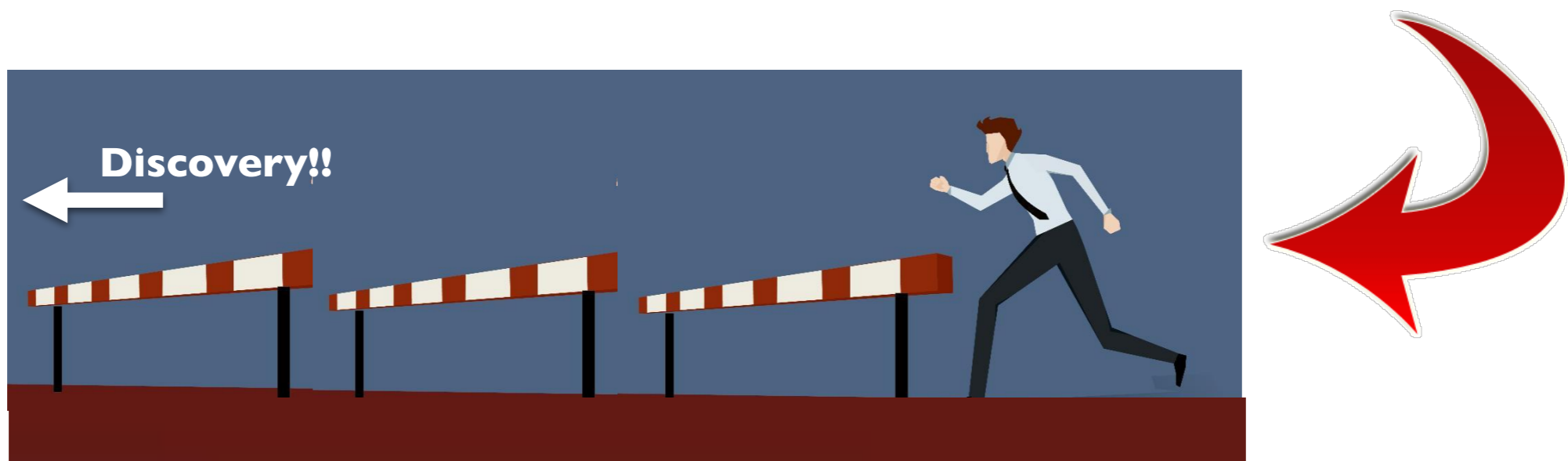


$$\sigma_s = 4.8 \pm 0.8(\text{stat})_{-1.3}^{+1.6}(\text{syst.}) (37\%)$$

$$|f_{LV} V_{tb}| = 0.93_{-0.20}^{+0.18}$$

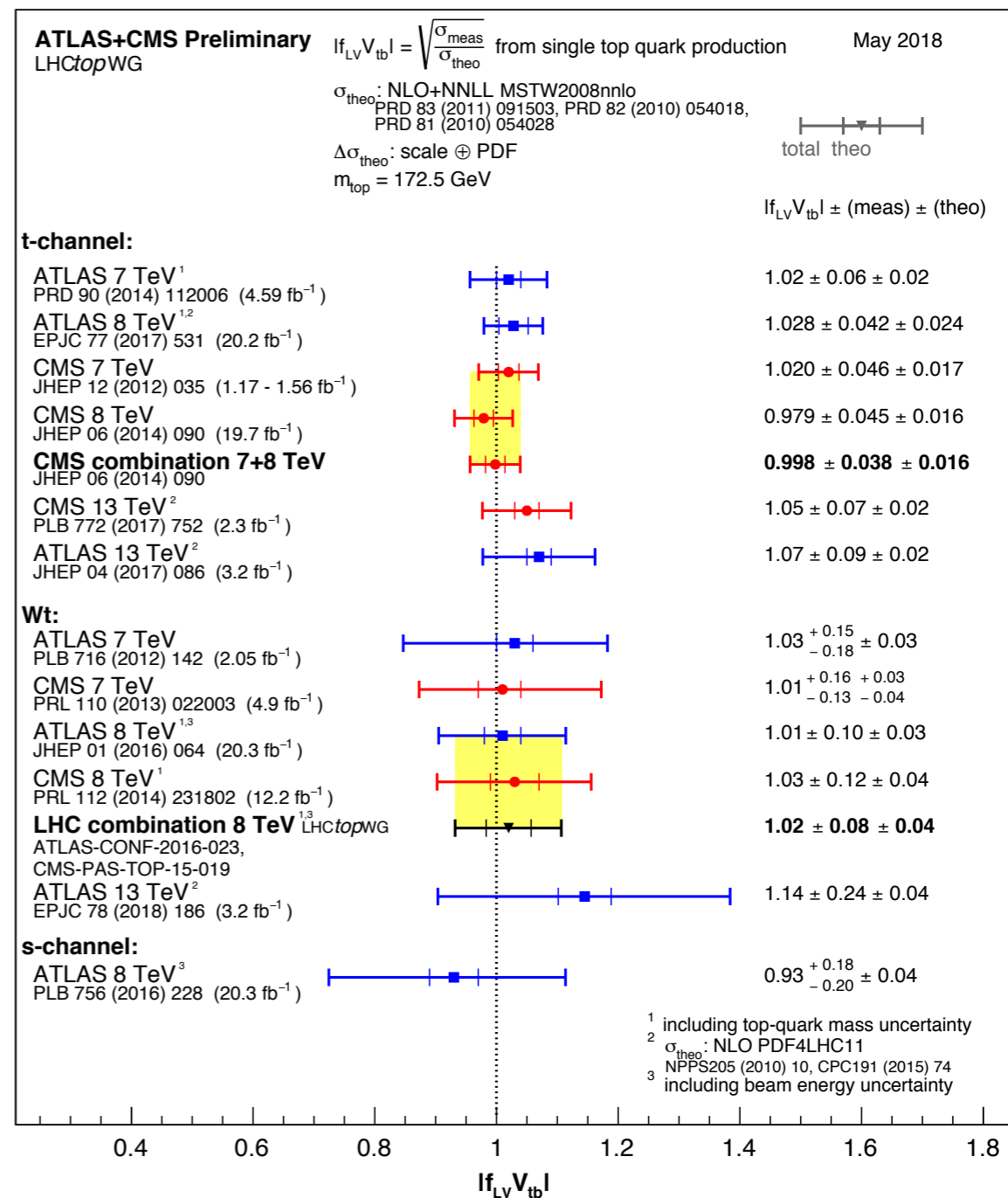
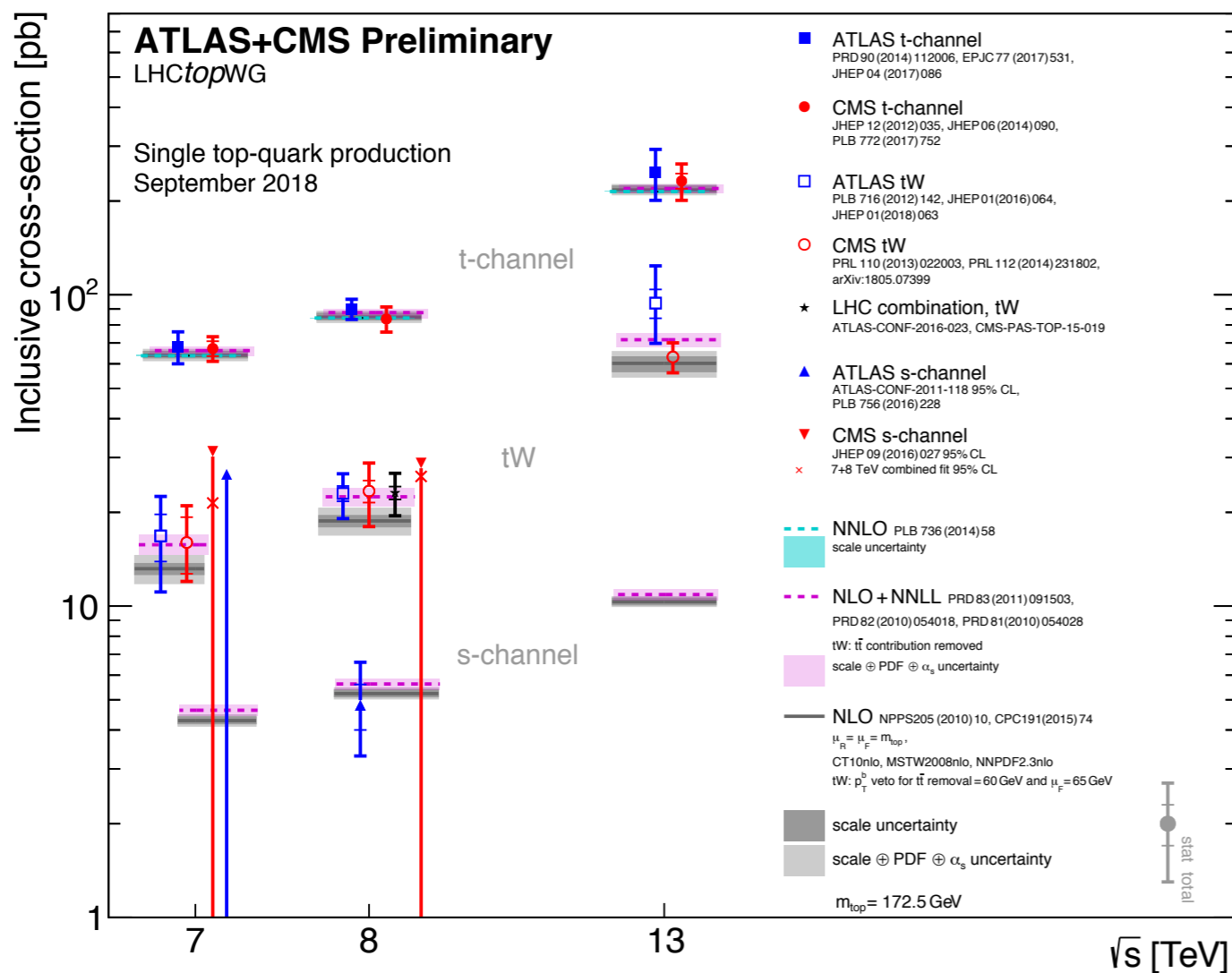
- ◉ Dominant systematics:
 - ▶ MC statistics (~12%)
 - ▶ JER (~12%)
 - ▶ *t*-channel generator (11%)

Evidence of s-channel! (observed significance of 3.2σ)



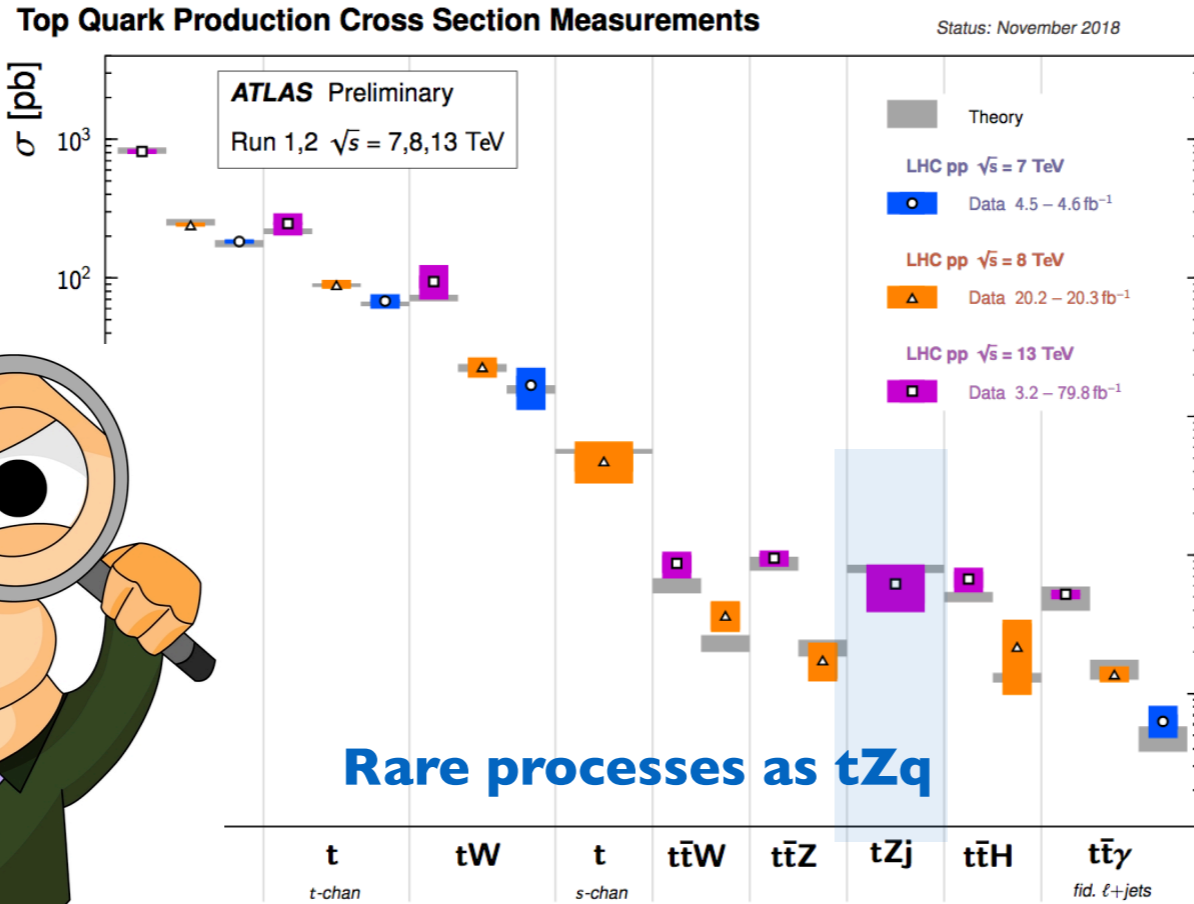
Cross-section summary and V_{tb} measurements

ATLAS+CMS combination ongoing



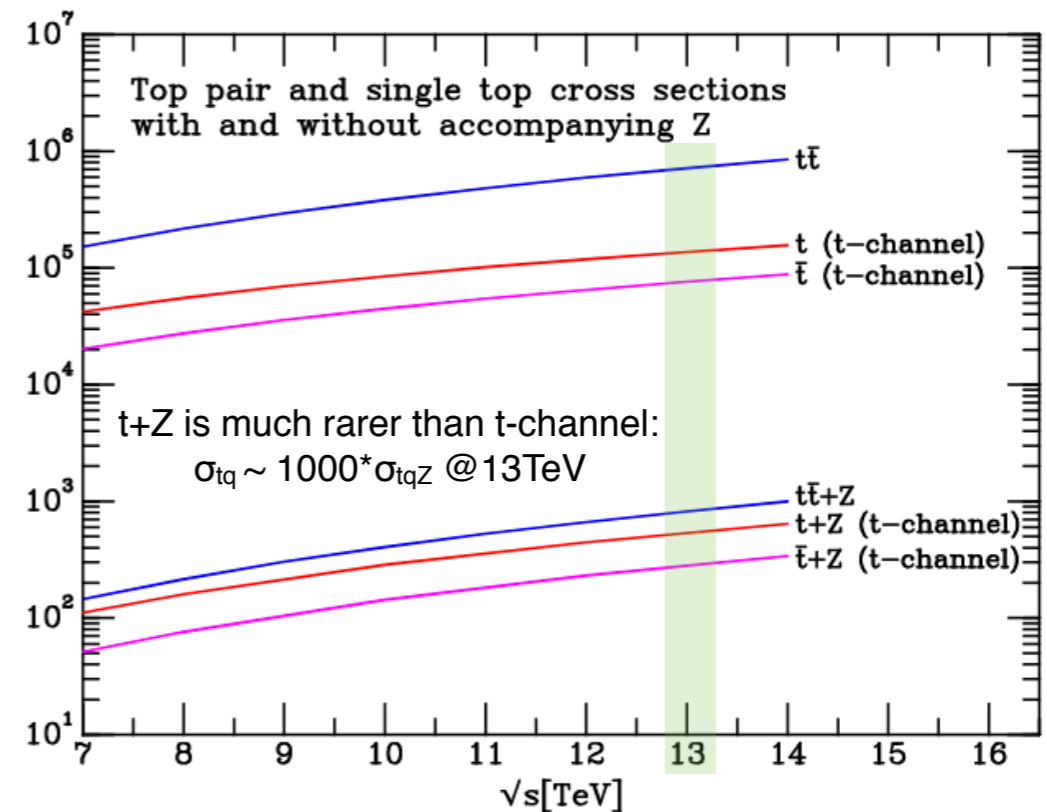
Cross-section and $|f_{LV}V_{tb}|$ results from all three single top-quark production processes are in agreement with the SM predictions

Single-top-quark production: rarer processes



Cross-section measurements

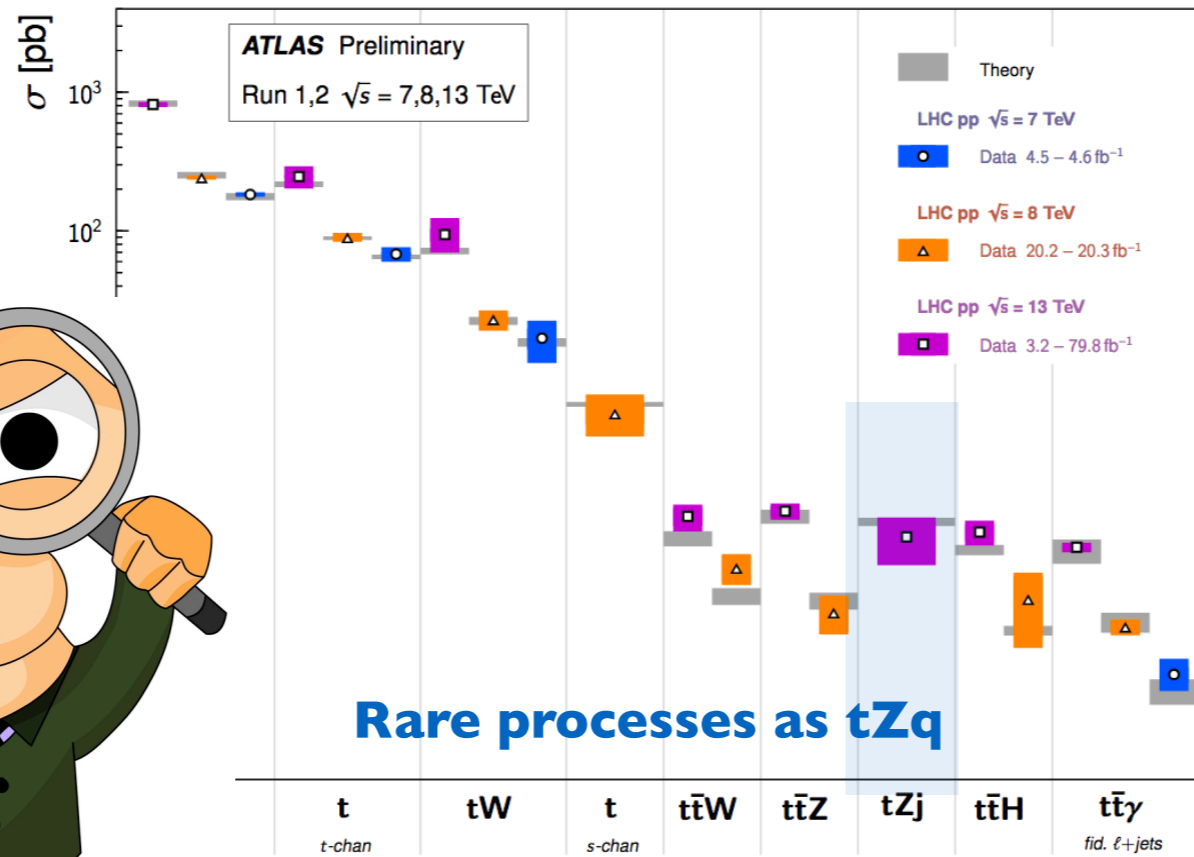
- ▶ Observation of these processes
- ▶ Inclusive/differential cross-section
- ▶ Study $t+V$ coupling



Single-top-quark production: **rarer processes**

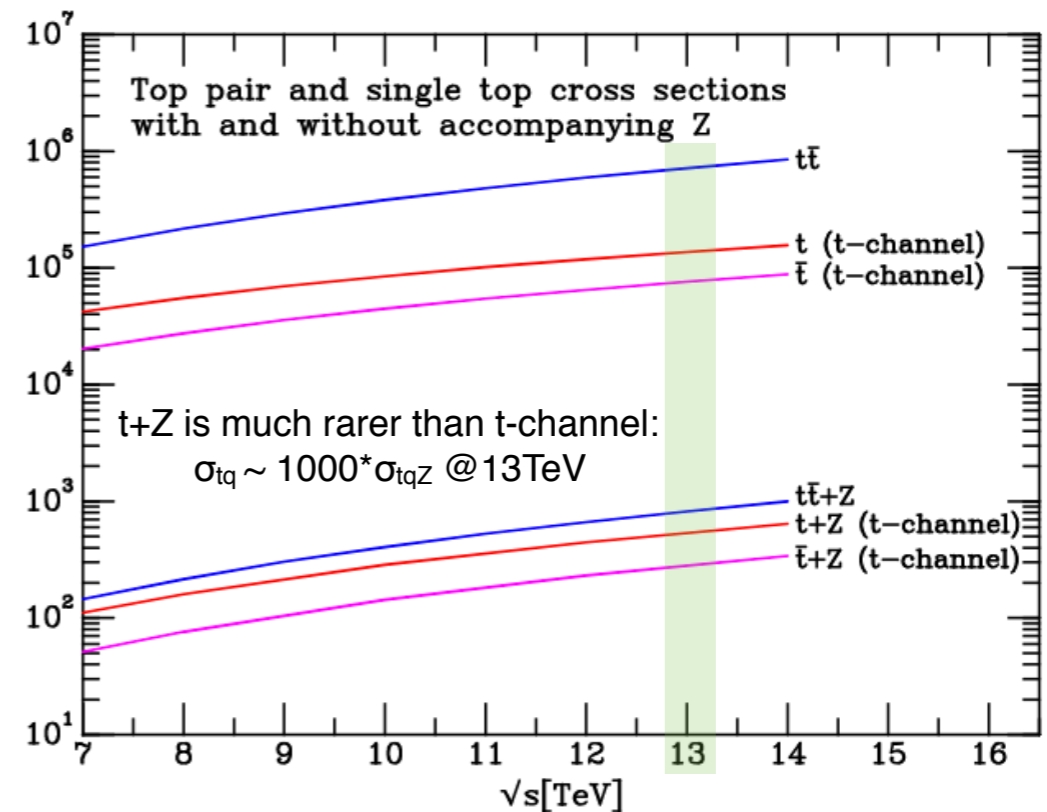
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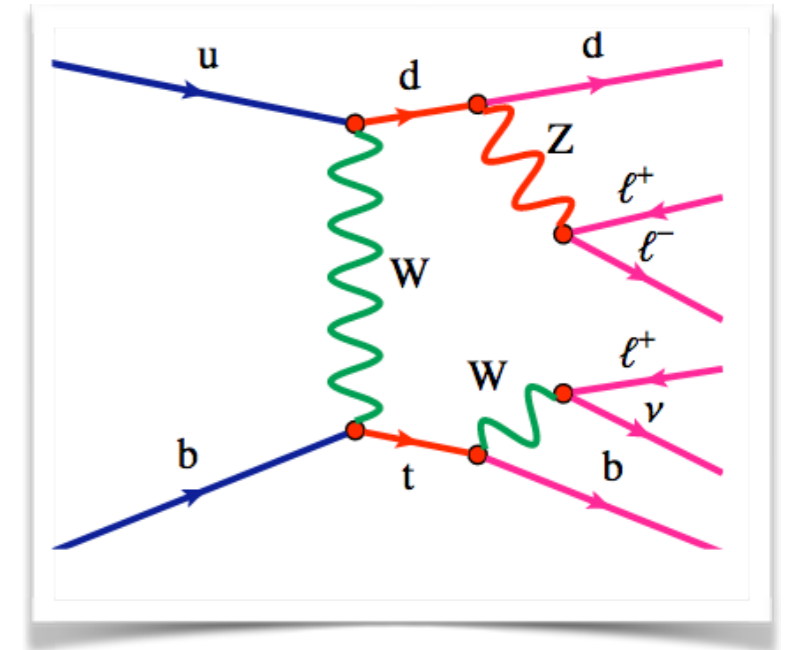
Congratulations!

to CMS for the observation!



Single-top-quark production: tZq

- tZq signature (multi-lepton channel):
 - ▶ Three isolated **lepton** (eee , $ee\mu$, $e\mu\mu$, $\mu\mu\mu$)
 - ▶ Missing transverse energy (E_T^{miss})
 - ▶ Two high- p_T jets (one **forward** and one **b -tagged**)

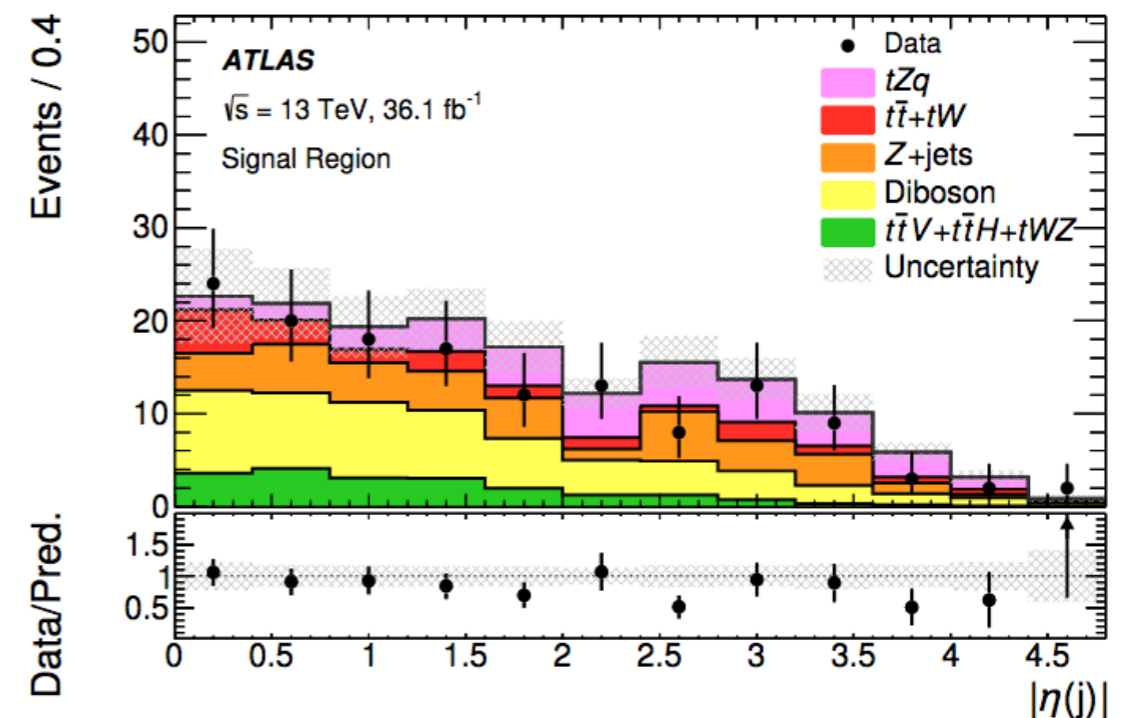


Strategy:

- ▶ Define 3 independent regions:
 - SR (2j1b), VR/CR DiBoson, VR/CR $t\bar{t}$
- ▶ NN to enhance S/B
- ▶ Maximum likelihood fit in SR

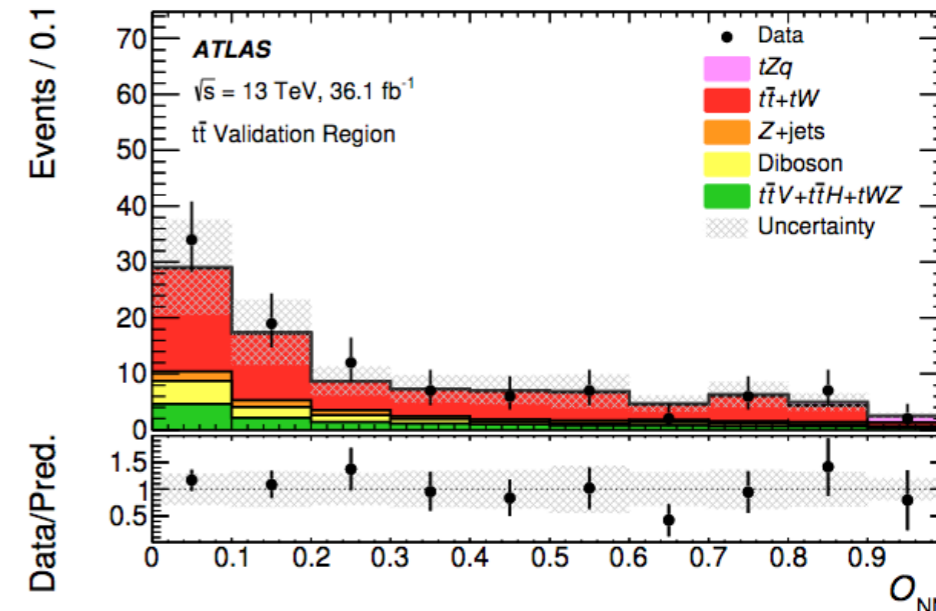
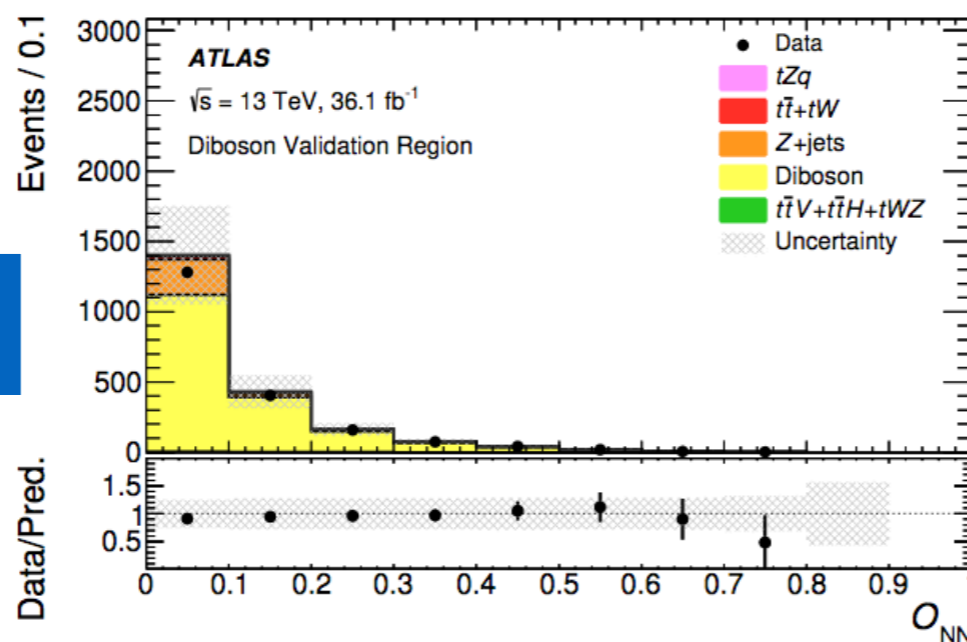
Table 1: Overview of the requirements applied for selecting events in the signal, validation and control regions.

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Single-top-quark production: tZq

Validation regions

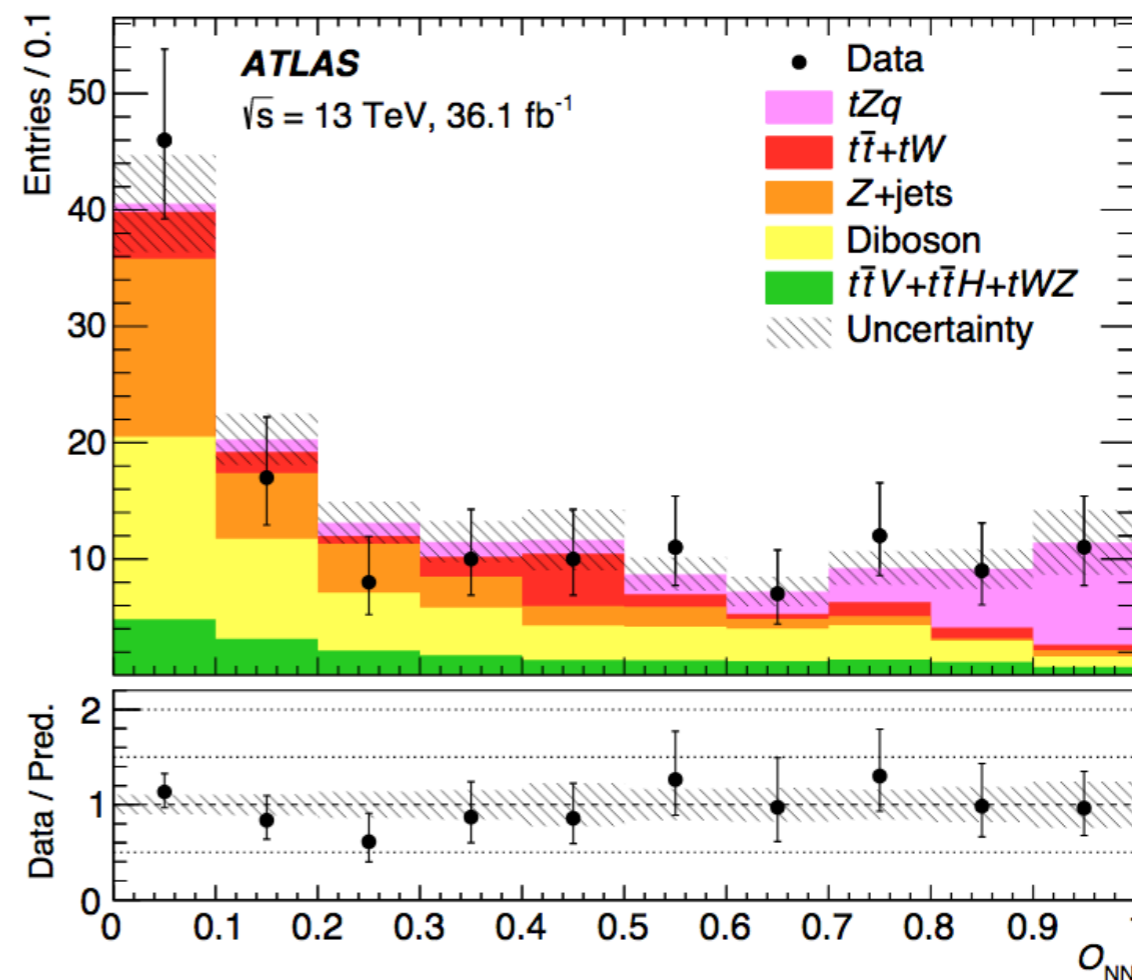


Obs. significance 4.2σ :

$$\sigma_{tZq} = 600 \pm 170(\text{stat.}) \pm 140(\text{syst.})\text{fb}$$

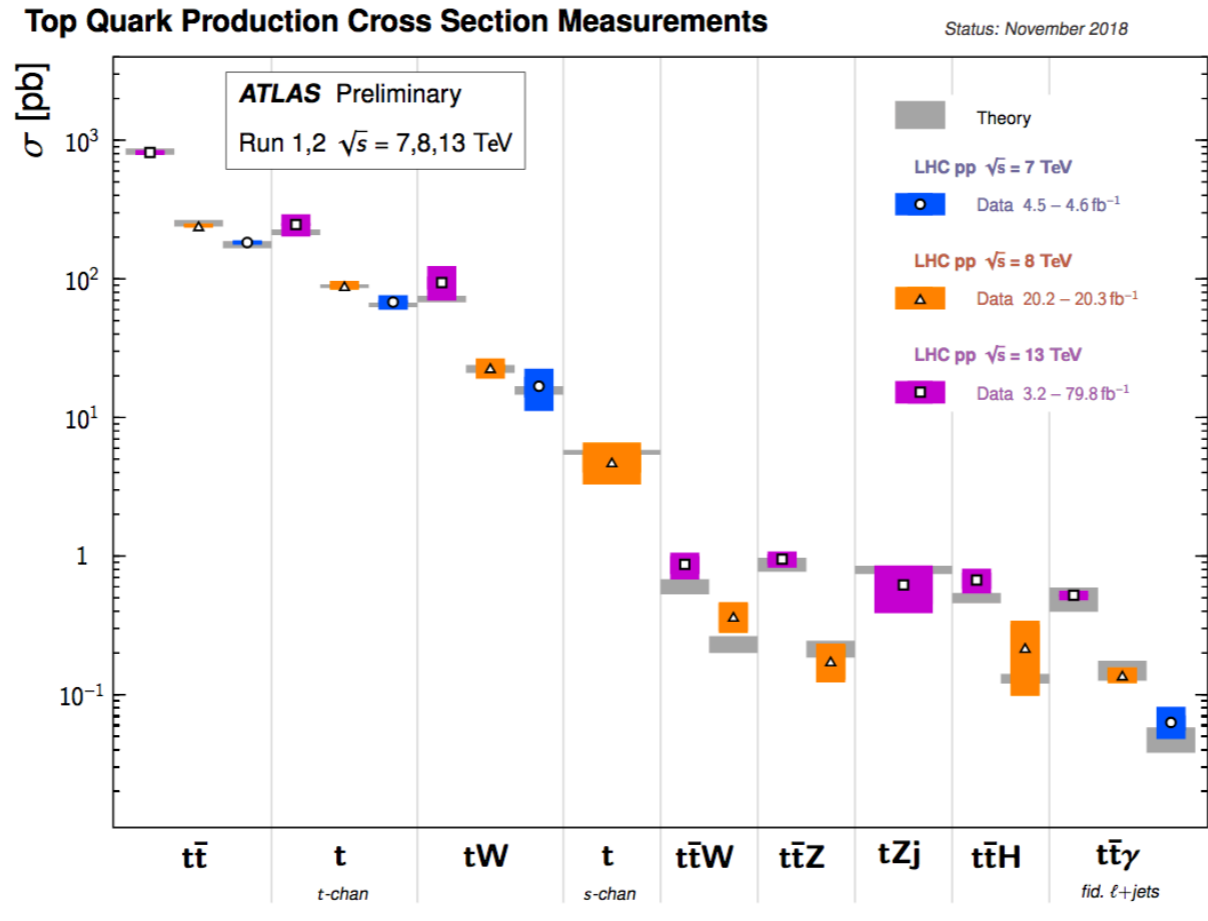
$$\sigma_{tZq} = 800 \text{ fb} + 6.1\% - 7.4\%(\text{theory})$$

Dominant systematics: tZq radiation

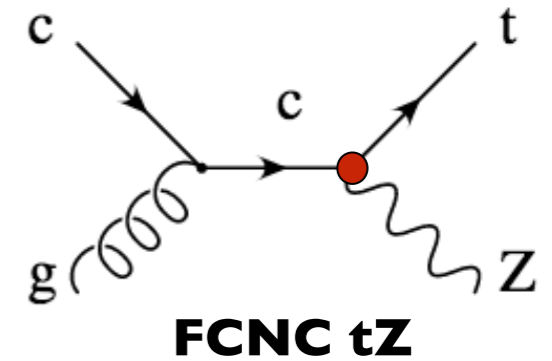
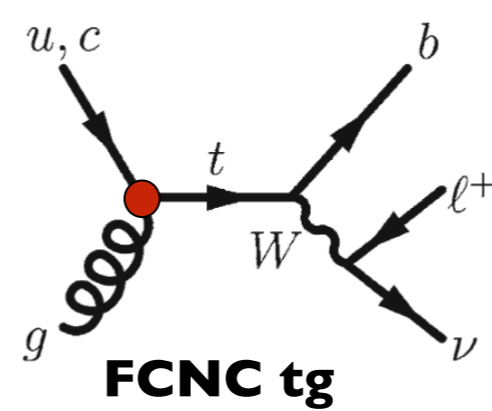
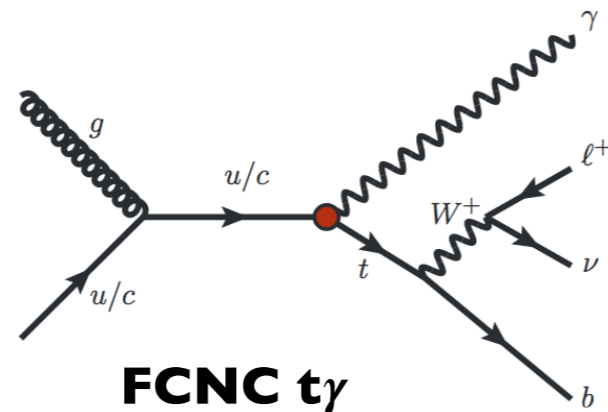
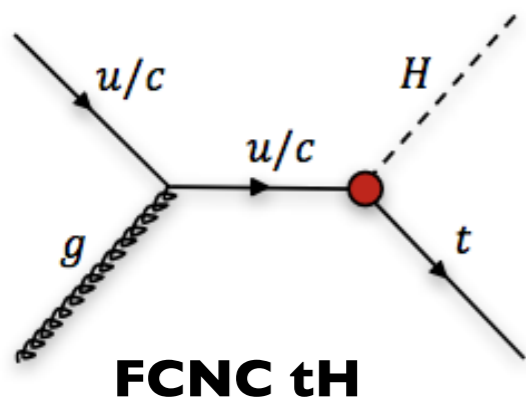


Single-top-quark production: FCNC

► An what else? FCNC

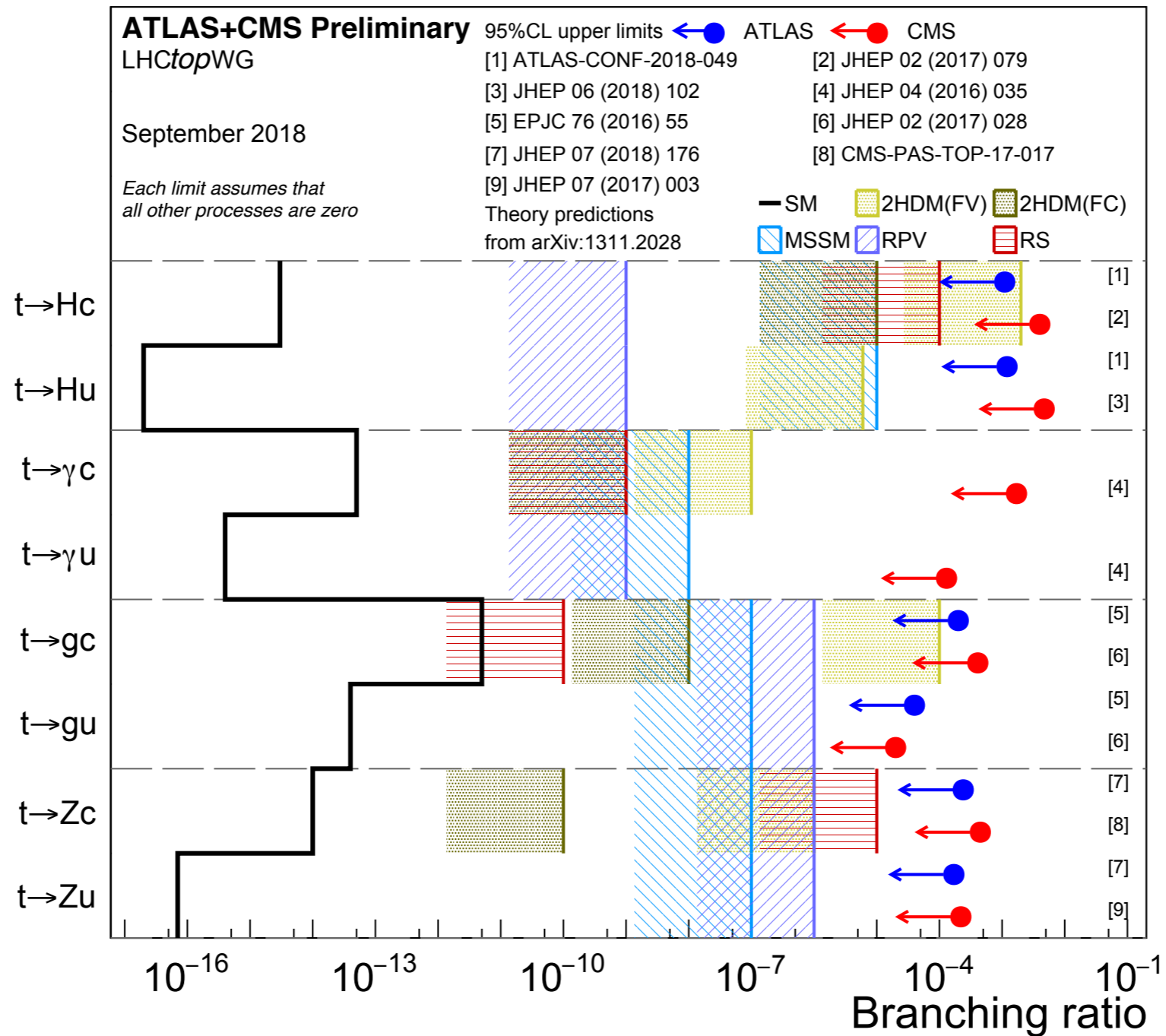


● FCNC can be studied in single-top processes



► Searches @8TeV ([EPJC76\(2016\)55](#))

Single-top-quark production: FCNC



● Run 2 analyses:

- ▶ Improve the current limits and covered all processes
- ▶ New analysis should combine signal in production and decay

Single-top-quark production: Limitations

► Limitations of the current analyses:

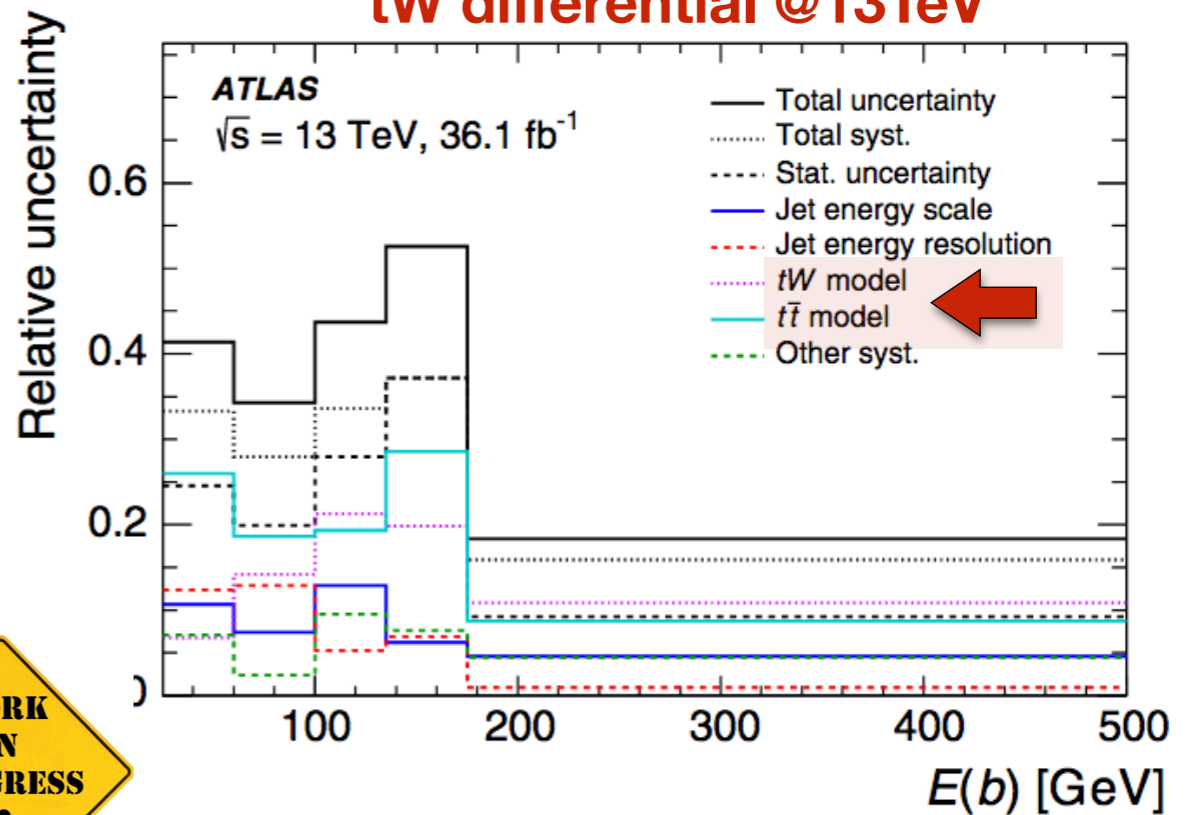
t-channel fiducial @8TeV

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tq ($\bar{t}q$) scale variations	± 2.0	± 1.7
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- $t\bar{t}$ and signal modelling
- MC statistics
- JES/JER
- background modelling

tW differential @13TeV



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Present and future

	tq	tW	tb	tZ	ty	tWZ	tH	rarer processes
Total cross-section	👍	👍	👍	👍				
Fiducial cross-section	👍	👍						
Differential cross-section	👍	👍						
study interference processes	—	👍						
polarisation	👍							
move to higher pT regime?								

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Increase complexity

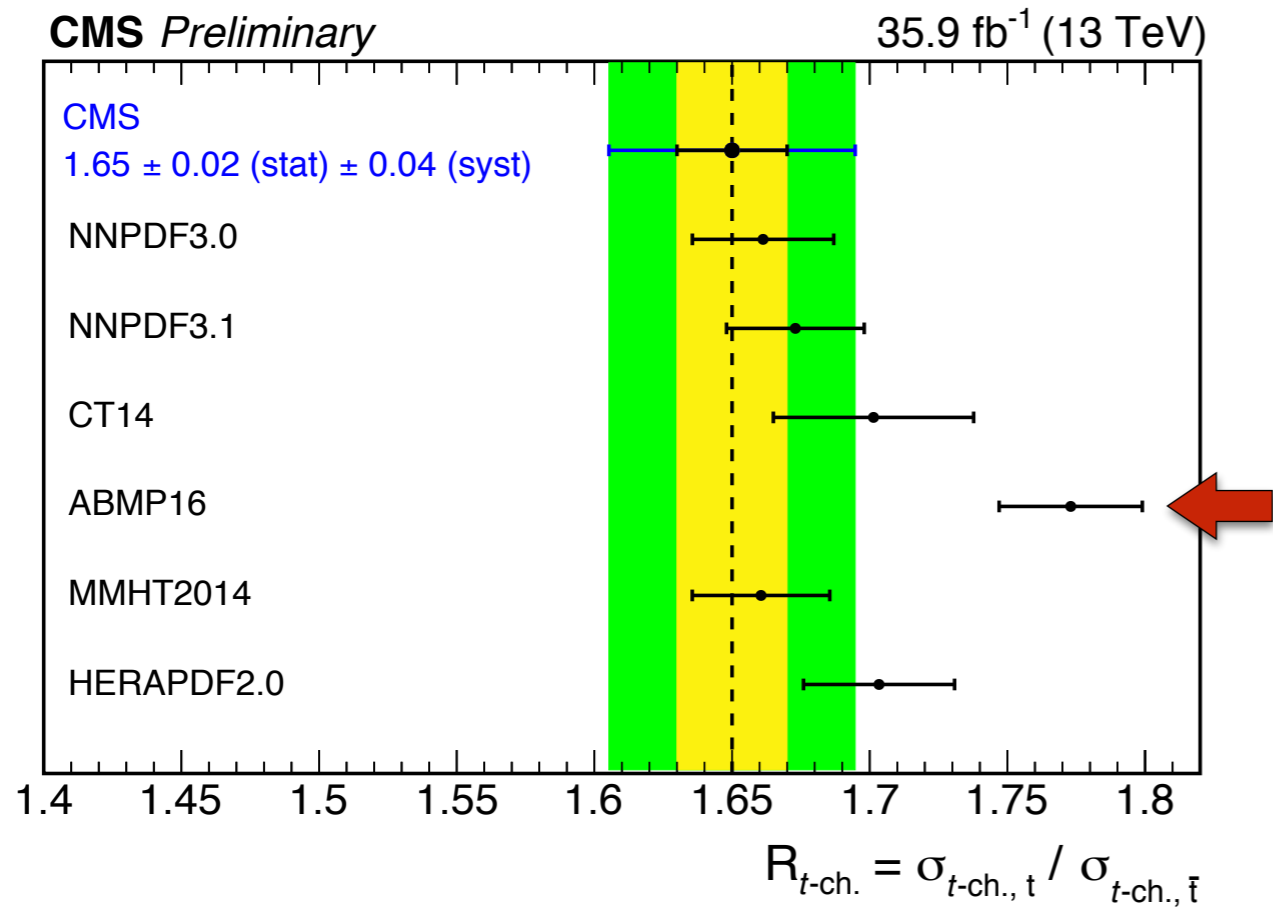
Interesting analyses ongoing and plenty of new possibilities



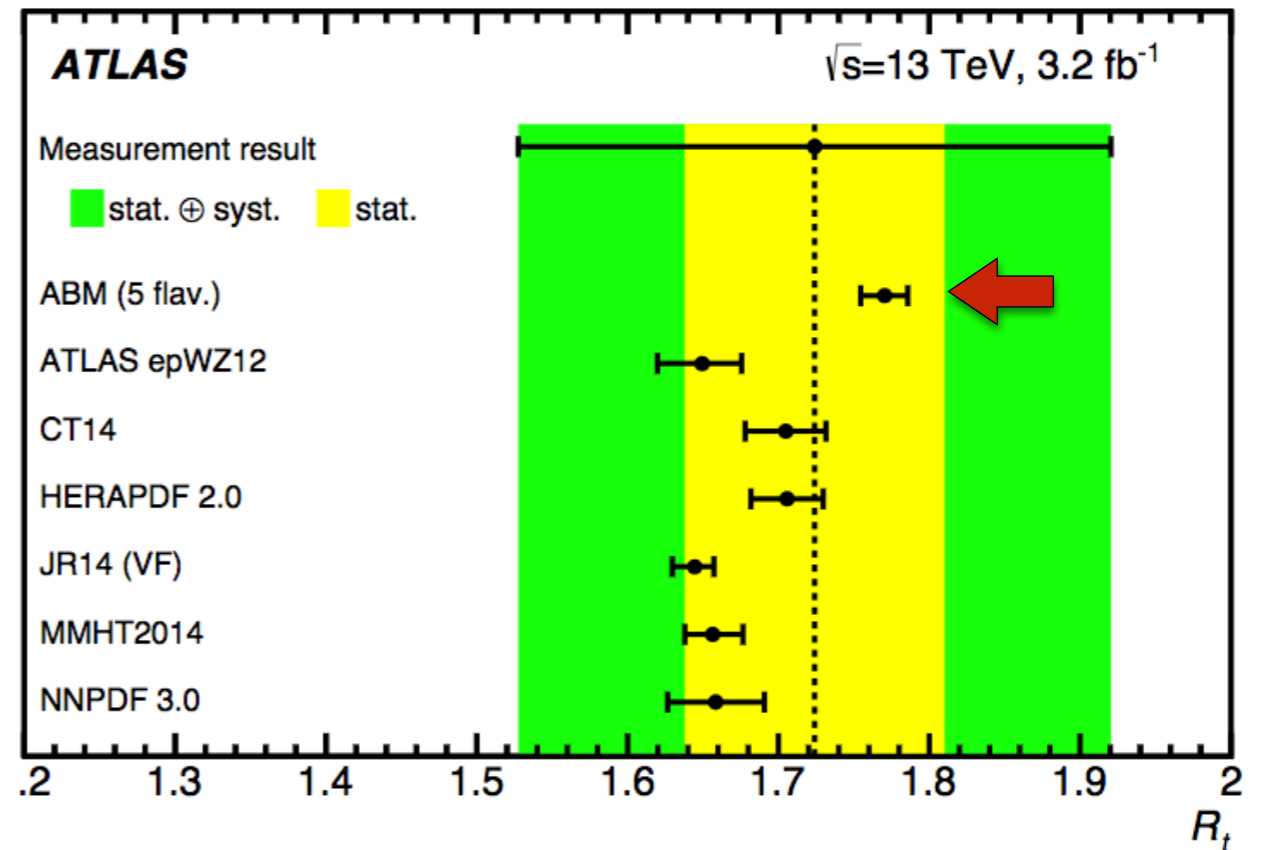
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Backup

CMS @ 13TeV



ATLAS @ 13TeV



Single-top-quark production: **tChannel systematics**

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Single-top-quark production: **tChannel**

from C.Escobar

Quadruple-differential $(\theta, \phi, \theta^*, \phi^*)$ decay rate of (polarised) top quarks using single top quark events.

- Simultaneously constrain of the full space of generalised helicity fractions and phases + 3 top-quark polarisation components (transverse polarisation components introduced in [PRD89 \(2014\) 114009](#)).

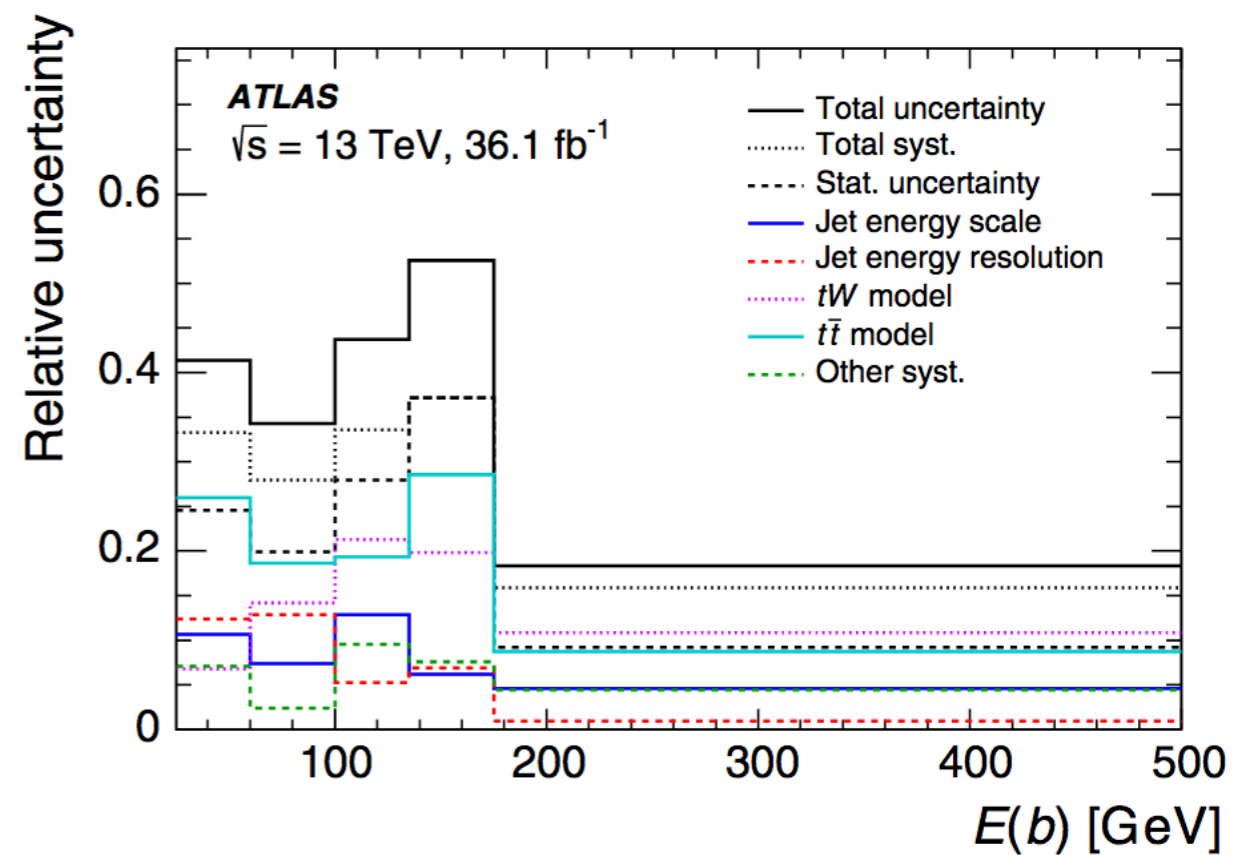
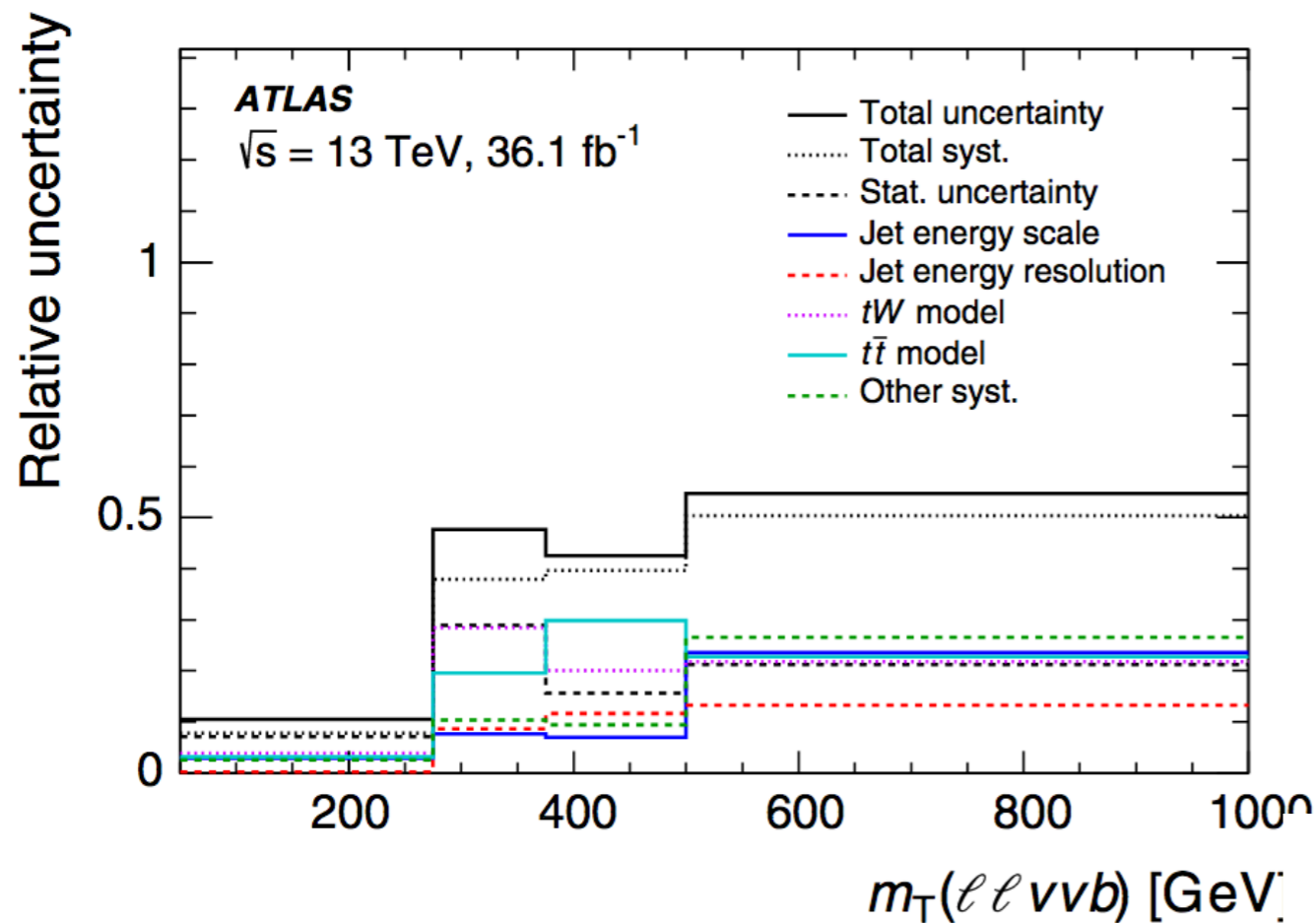
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\Omega d\Omega^*} = & \frac{3}{64\pi^2} \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \left\{ \left[|a_{1\frac{1}{2}}|^2 (1 + \lambda \cos \theta^*)^2 + 2|a_{0-\frac{1}{2}}|^2 \sin^2 \theta^* \right] (1 + \vec{P} \cdot \vec{u}_L) \right. \\ & + \left[2|a_{0\frac{1}{2}}|^2 \sin^2 \theta^* + |a_{-1-\frac{1}{2}}|^2 (1 - \lambda \cos \theta^*)^2 \right] (1 - \vec{P} \cdot \vec{u}_L) \\ & + \lambda 2\sqrt{2} \left[\text{Re}(a_{0\frac{1}{2}} a_{1\frac{1}{2}}^* e^{-i\phi^*}) (1 + \lambda \cos \theta^*) \right. \\ & + \left. \text{Re}(a_{-1-\frac{1}{2}} a_{0-\frac{1}{2}}^* e^{-i\phi^*}) (1 - \lambda \cos \theta^*) \right] \sin \theta^* \vec{P} \cdot \vec{u}_T \\ & + \lambda 2\sqrt{2} \left[\text{Im}(a_{0\frac{1}{2}} a_{1\frac{1}{2}}^* e^{-i\phi^*}) (1 + \lambda \cos \theta^*) \right. \\ & + \left. \text{Im}(a_{-1-\frac{1}{2}} a_{0-\frac{1}{2}}^* e^{-i\phi^*}) (1 - \lambda \cos \theta^*) \right] \sin \theta^* \vec{P} \cdot \vec{u}_N \left. \right\} = \sum_{j_1 j_2 m' m} c_{m' m}^{j_1 j_2} M_{m' m}^{j_1 j_2} \end{aligned}$$

Finite series of orthonormal M-functions
Where the M-functions are based on the Wigner D functions

Angular coefficients to be determined

- Angular coefficients related to various asymmetries and with W boson spin observables ([PRD93 \(2016\) 011301](#)) (as in [JHEP 12 \(2017\) 017](#)).
- Allows to produce MC samples with pure polarisation components.
- Interpretation in terms of either anomalous couplings or EFT with no assumptions on any parameter.

Single-top-quark production: **tW** systematics



Interference: tW and tt

- The NLO corrections to the LO tW amplitude:

$$|A_{tW}|^2 = |A_{t\bar{t}}|^2 + |A_{tWb}|^2 + 2\text{Re}\{A_{t\bar{t}}^* \cdot A_{tWb}\}$$

tt @LO

tW @NLO

interference

- Different alternative used to handle the interference @NLO

- ➔ **Diagram Removal (DR):**

- removes all tt diagram contributions (proportional to $|A_{tWb}|^2$)
- neglect interference effects, not gauge invariant

- ➔ **Diagram Subtraction (DS):**

- removes resonant tt contributions, gauge invariant
- includes interference

- ➔ **Diagram Removal 2 (DR2):**

- removes tt LO contribution (recent approach)
- proportional to $|A_{tWb}|^2 + 2\text{Re}\{A_{t\bar{t}}^* A_{tWb}\}$

- ➔ **4lbb (lvlvbb):**

- implemented in PowHeg, no narrow-width approximation
- interference is automatically handled

Note: reference for every scheme will be added

Single-top-quark production: **s-channel systematics**

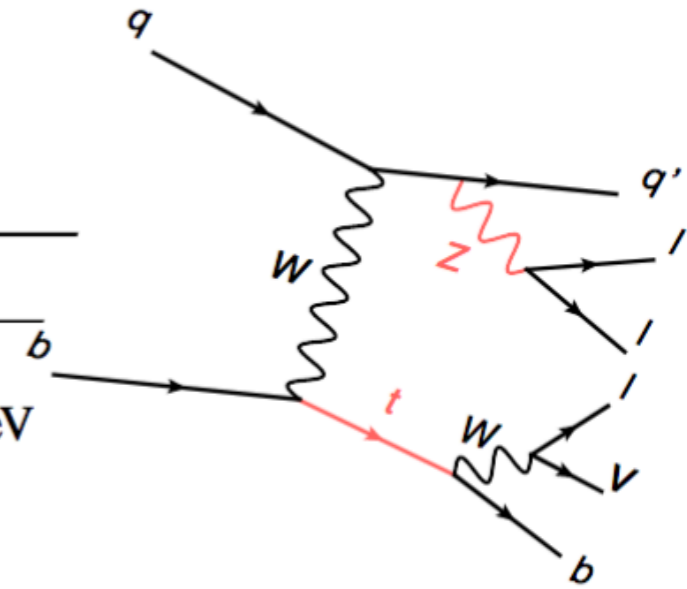
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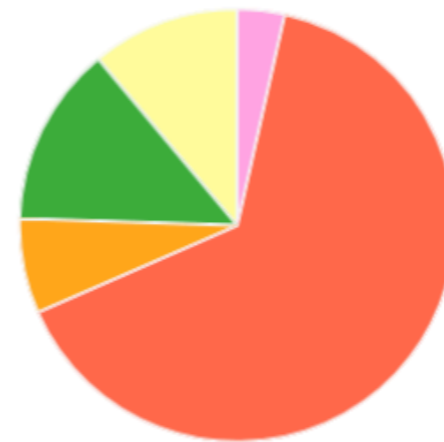
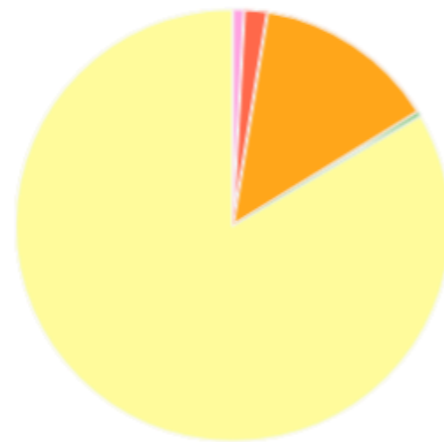
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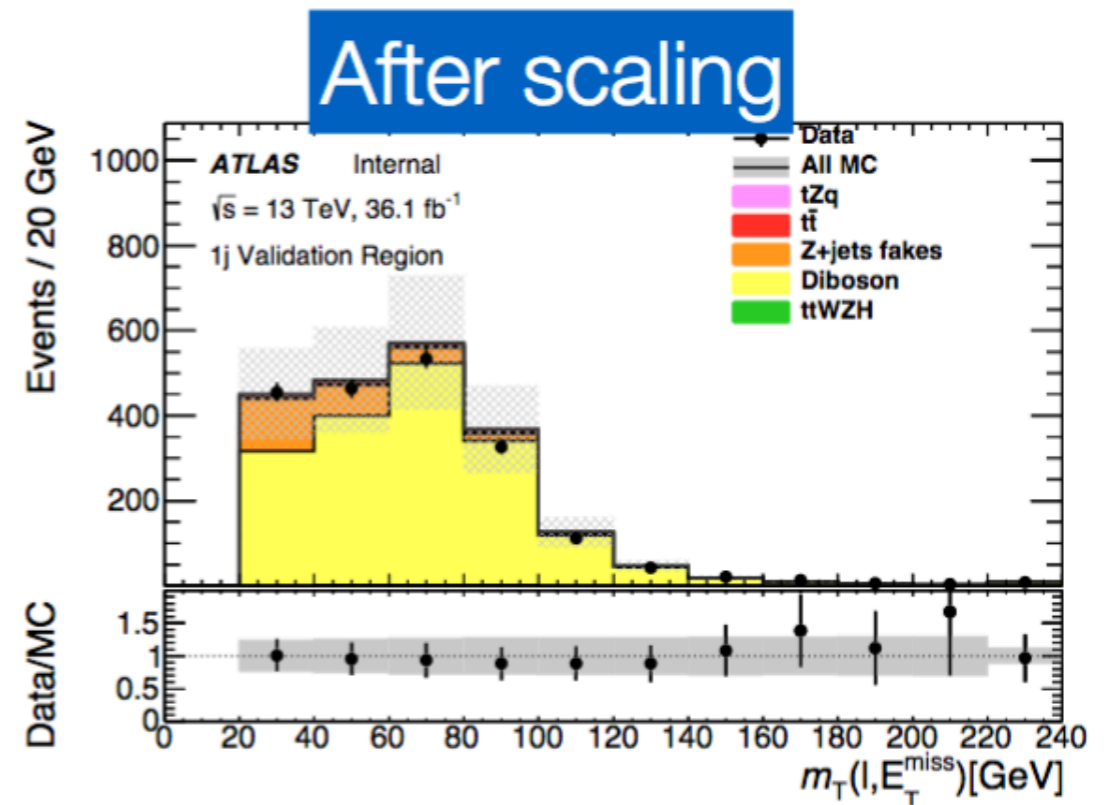
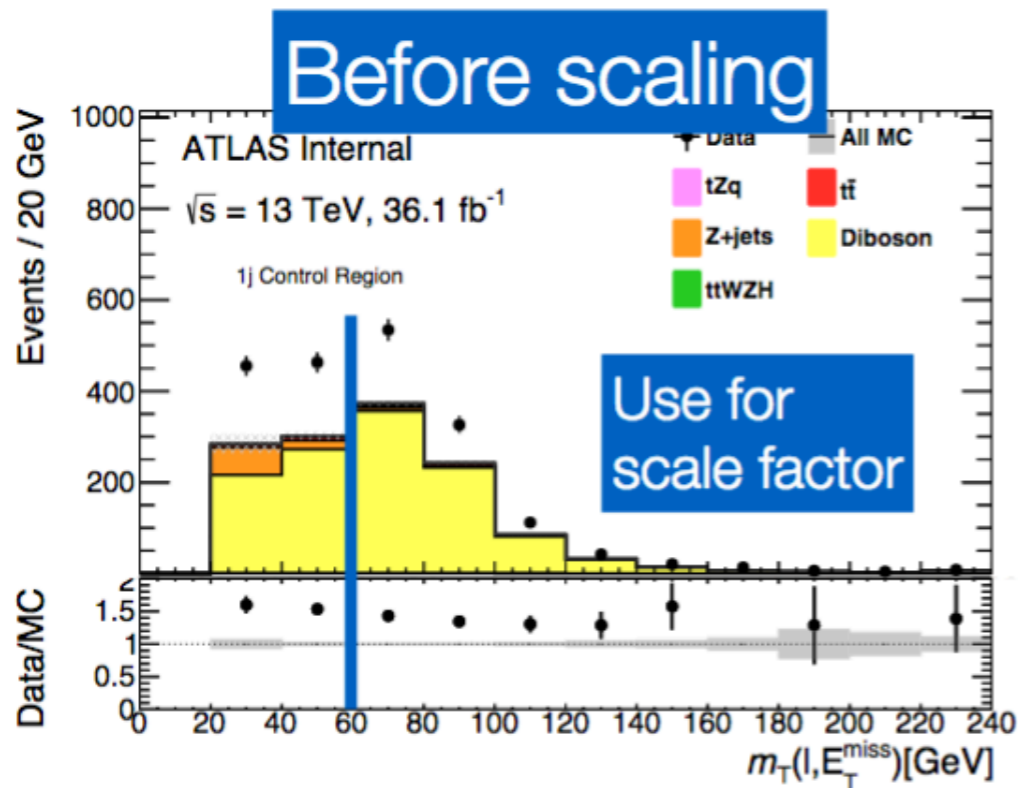
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- tZq
- $t\bar{t}+tW$
- Z+jets
- $ttV+ttH+tWZ$
- Diboson

Diboson

- Use $m_T(W)$ distribution to determine scale factor

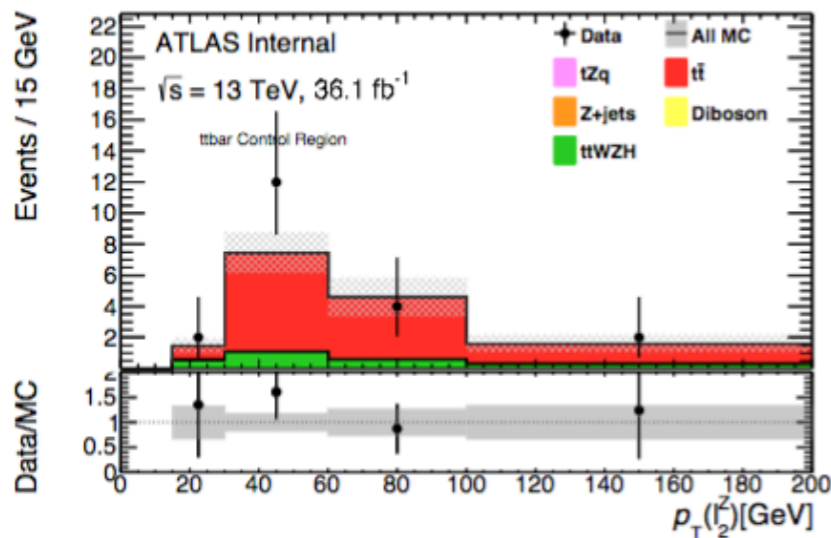


- Uncertainty on scale factor from:
 - variation of the requirement on $m_T(W)$
 - difference in SR between Sherpa and Powheg normalisations.

SF: 1.5 ± 0.4

Estimating the $t\bar{t}$ background

- Derive data/MC scale factor in a $t\bar{t}$ enriched region and apply it to the signal region



- $t\bar{t}$ fake leptons control region definition
 - 1 OSOF lepton pair (no OSSF pair allowed)
 - all other cuts identical to the SR
 - region is $t\bar{t}$ dominated ($\sim 80\%$) with no Z+jets contamination

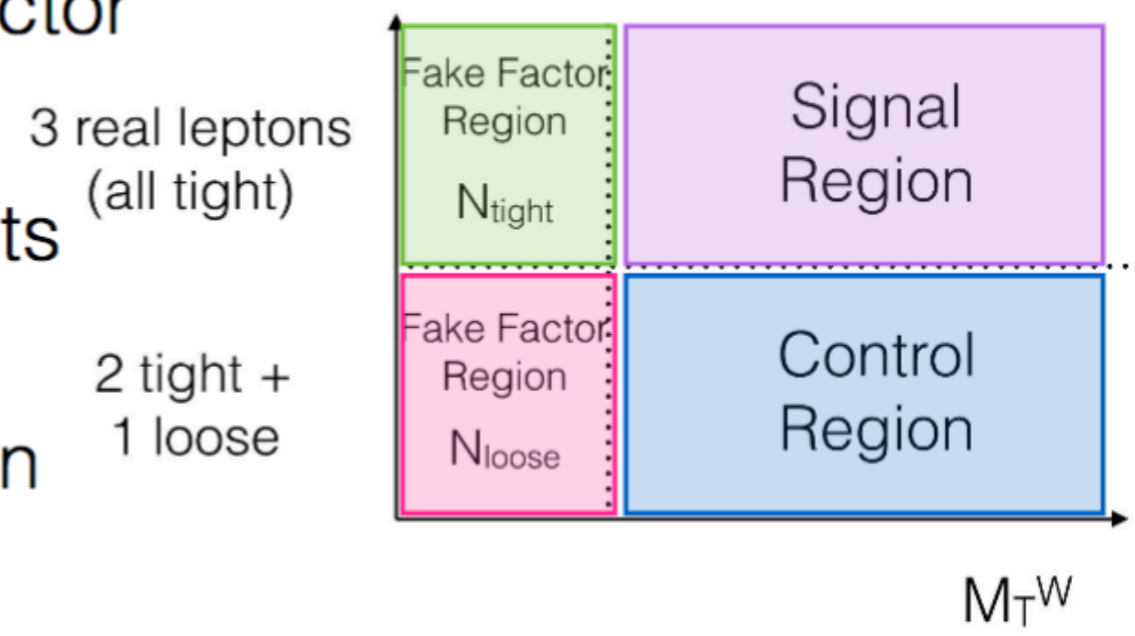
- Uncertainty on scale factor:
 - variation of the m_{ll} requirement
 - statistical uncertainty of the sample

$$SF_{\text{data/MC}} = \frac{N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{MC}}^{\text{all-}t\bar{t}}}{N_{\text{MC}}^{t\bar{t}}}$$

SF: 1.21 ± 0.51

Z+jets fake background estimation

- data-driven method using fake factor method
- separate factors derived for events with a fake muon and electron
- contributions with three real lepton backgrounds subtracted



$$F = \frac{N_{tight}^{FF}}{N_{loose}^{FF}}$$

Number of events with 3 tight leptons in fake factor region

Number of events with exactly 1 loose-not-tight lepton in fake factor region

$$F \times N_{loose}^{CR} = N^{SR}$$

Number of Z+jets estimated events in the SR

Number of events with exactly 1 loose-not-tight lepton in control region

Z+jets Estimation

- Fake factors are derived in bins of p_T of the lepton not associated to the Z boson
- Total number of Z+jets events: 36.9 ± 3.0
- Different sources of uncertainties investigated:
 - MC closure test
 - statistical uncertainties
 - change in diboson contribution
- Final assigned uncertainty, covering all these effects: 40%