



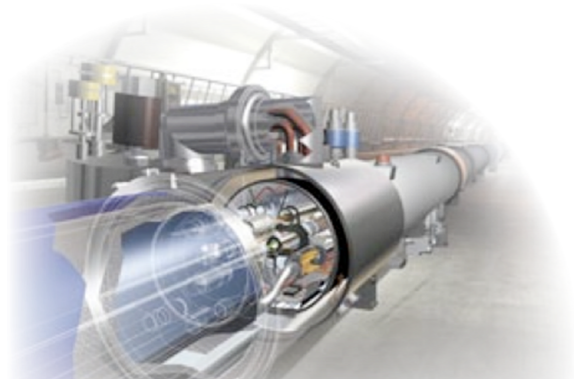
# Inclusive $t\bar{t}$ + single top (SM) cross-section measurements

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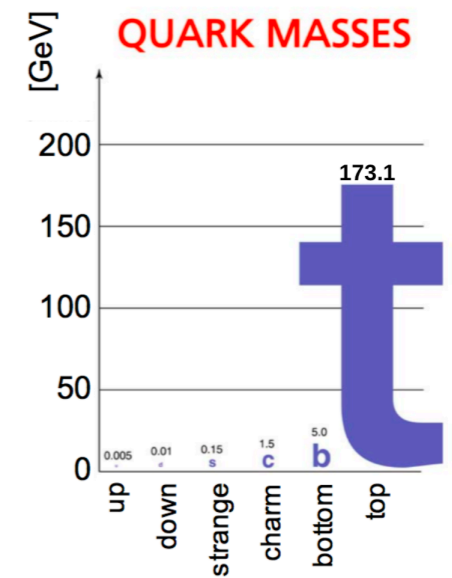
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The **top quark** is the heaviest known elementary particle.

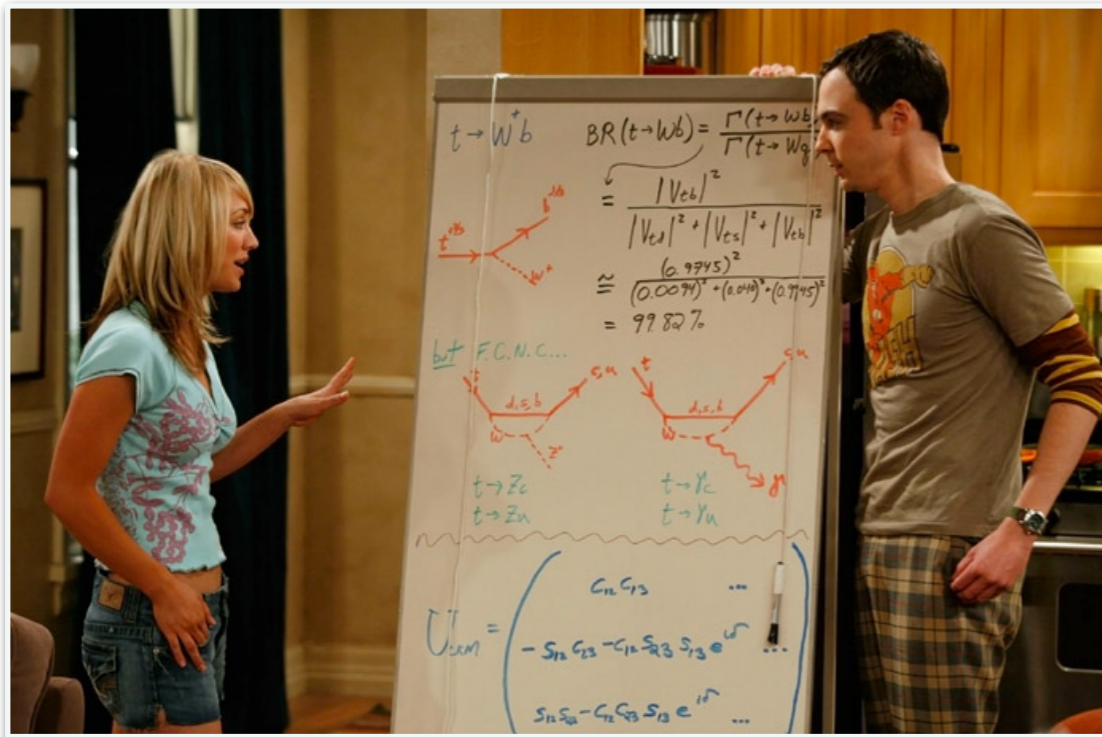
At hadron colliders, top quarks are produced:

- Predominantly in **pairs** ( $t\bar{t}$ ) via the flavour-conserving strong interaction.
- Alternatively, **singly** through the electroweak interaction.



The top quark was discovered by CDF/D0 at Tevatron in 1995 in  $t\bar{t}$  events.

- The single top-quark production was discovered in 2009 by CDF/D0 and observed in 2011 by ATLAS/CMS.





## Why is interesting?

- Unique quark:
  - Decays before hadronising.
  - Most of its properties can be directly measured.
- Allows to test pQCD at NNLO precision (fixed-order).
- Constrains proton PDFs,  $\alpha_s$ , top-quark pole mass.
- Window to New Physics.
- Main background in plenty of BSM searches.
- The  $tWb$  vertex can be studied at production and the decay (e.g. direct measurement of CKM element  $|V_{tb}|$ )

Will focus on most recent publications using Run 1 data (7 and 8 TeV) and Run 2 data (13 TeV)

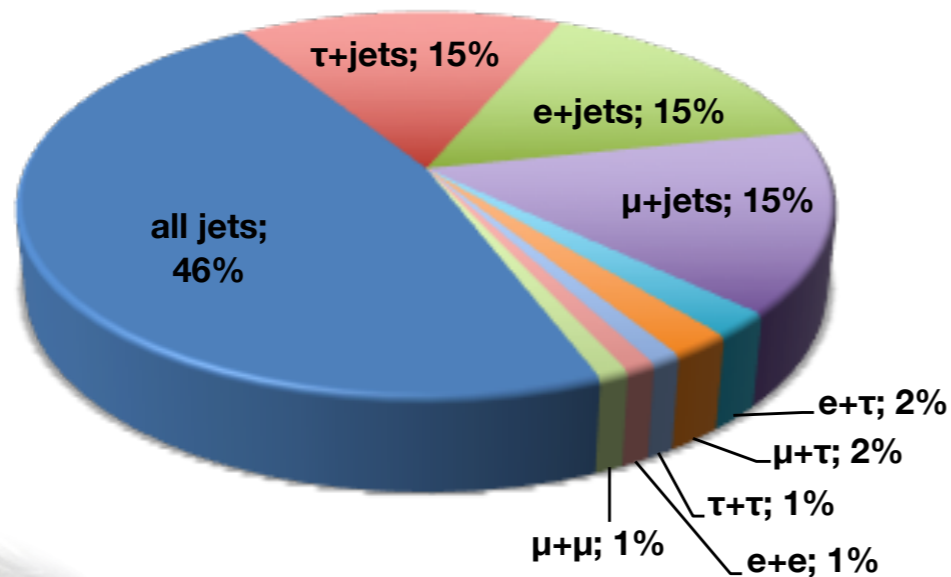
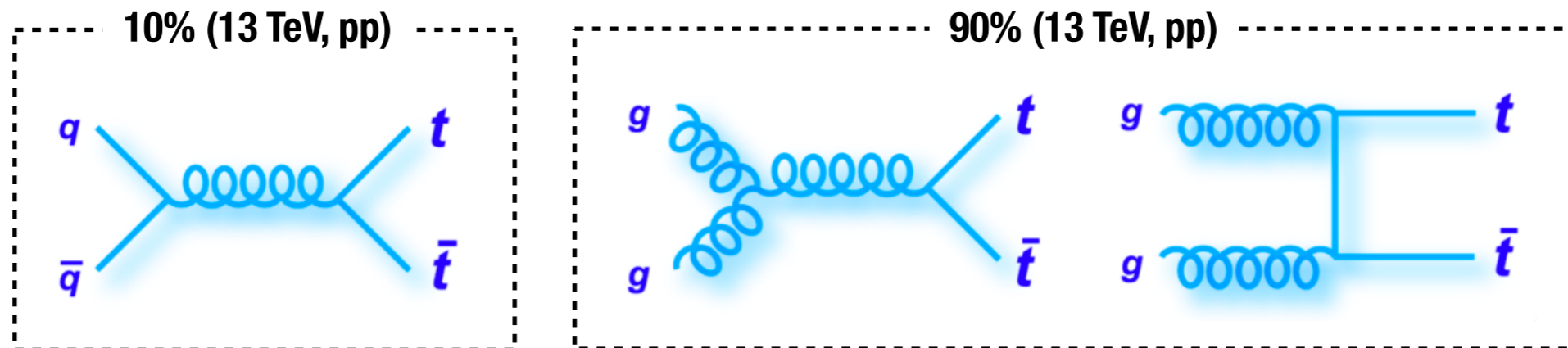
- **$t\bar{t}$  inclusive production cross-section analyses:**

- CMS  $t\bar{t}$  (dilepton) ([EPJC 79 \(2019\) 368](#))
- CMS  $t\bar{t}$  (lepton+ had.  $\tau$ ) ([CMS-PAS-TOP-18-005](#))
- ATLAS  $t\bar{t}$  (dilepton ( $e\mu$ )) at 13 TeV ([ATLAS-CONF-2019-041](#)) 
- ATLAS  $t\bar{t}$  (lepton+jets) at 13 TeV ([ATLAS-CONF-2019-044](#)) 

- **single top-quark inclusive production cross-section analyses:**

- ATLAS+CMS combinations of single top-quark production cross-section measurements and combinations of  $|f_{LV}V_{tb}|$  determinations from Run 1 ([JHEP 05 \(2019\) 088](#)).
- CMS t-channel at 13 TeV ([arXiv:1812.10514](#))
- ATLAS t-channel at 13 TeV ([JHEP 04 \(2017\) 086](#))
- CMS  $tW$  (dilepton) at 13 TeV ([JHEP 10 \(2018\) 117](#))

# Inclusive $t\bar{t}$ cross-section measurements



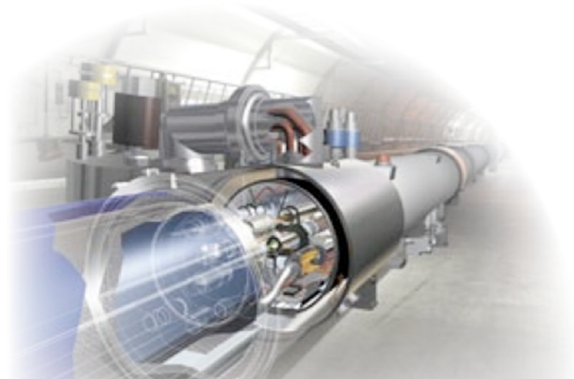
NNLO+NNLL

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} (7 \text{ TeV}) = 177.3^{+3.7}_{-3.2} \text{ pb} \quad 6.6\%$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} (8 \text{ TeV}) = 252.9^{+15.3}_{-16.3} \text{ pb} \quad 6.2\%$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} (13 \text{ TeV}) = 831.8^{+45.5}_{-49.9} \text{ pb} \quad 5.7\%$$

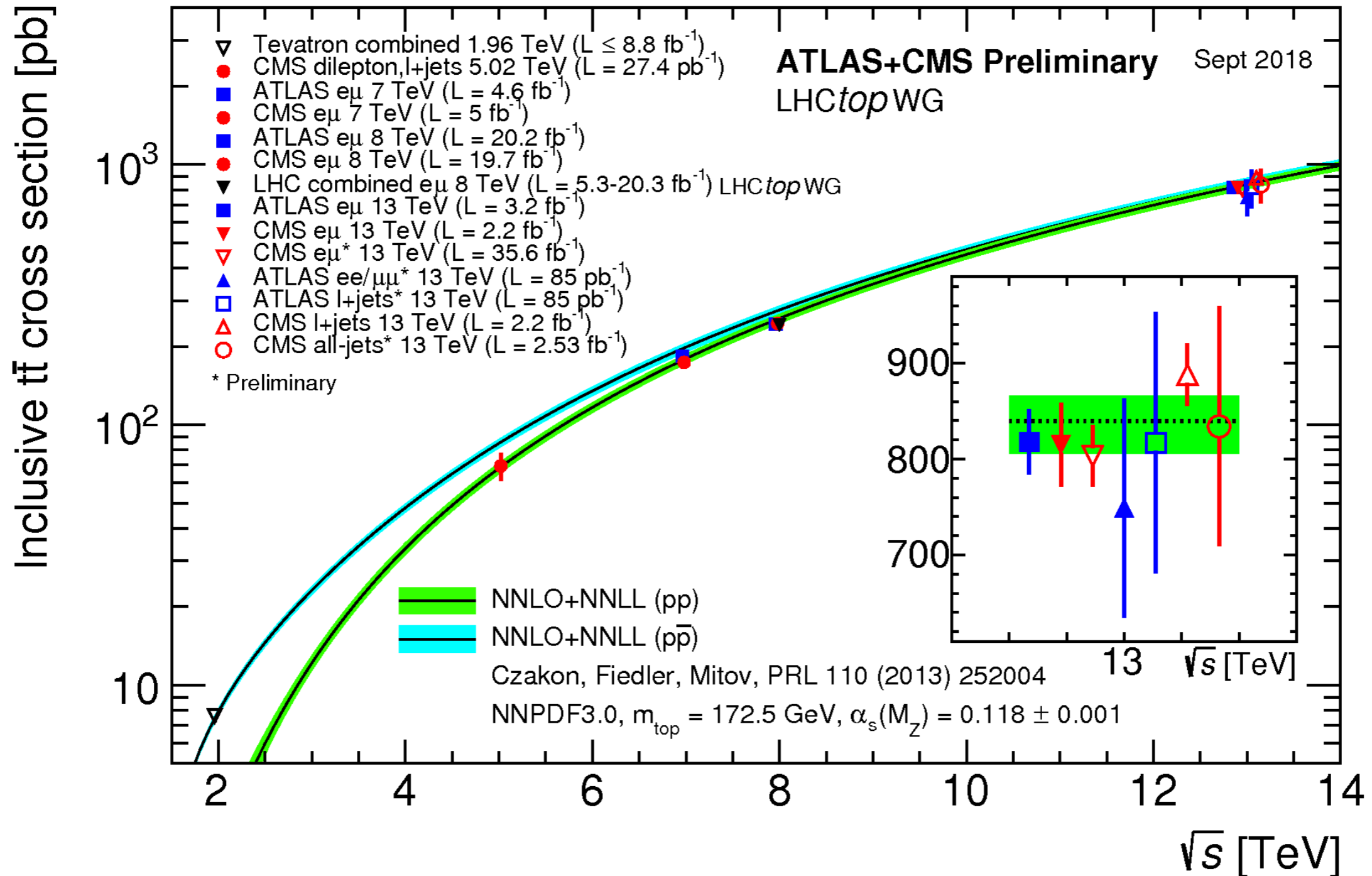
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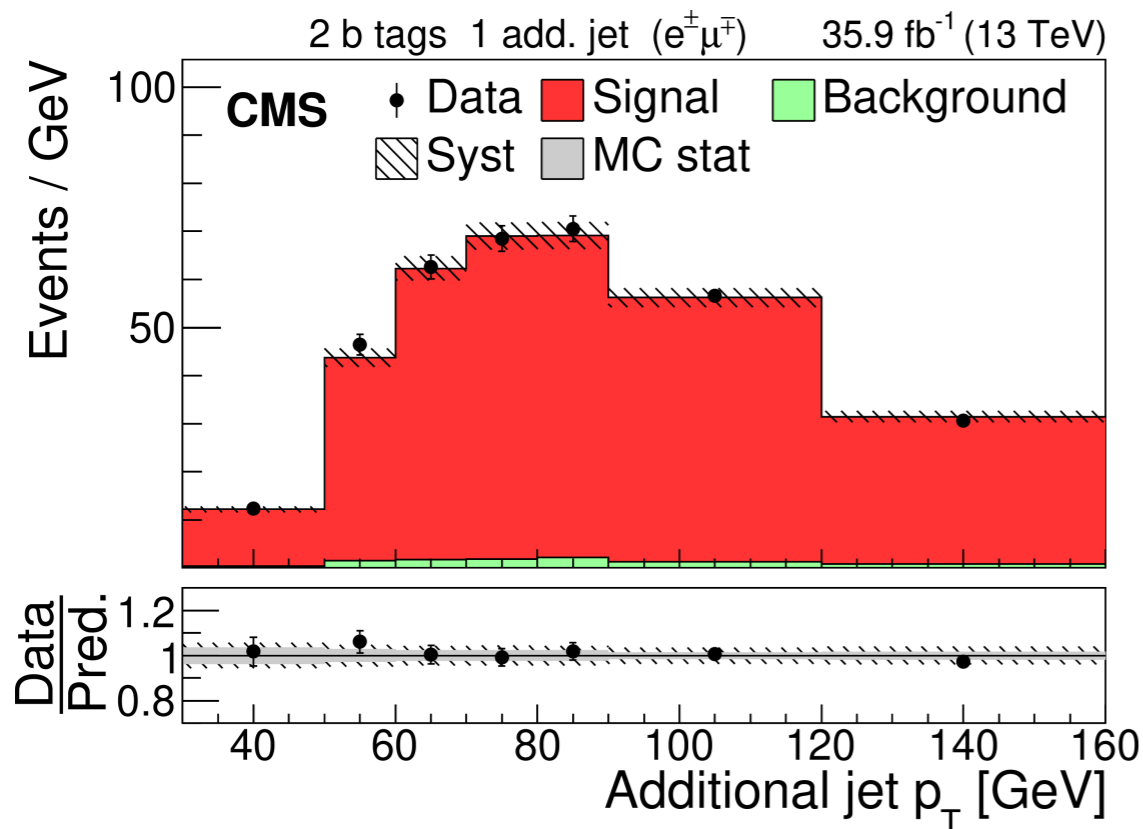
## Production cross-section measurements by ATLAS and CMS during Run 1 and 2 from $t\bar{t}$ process.

- Theory band: uncertainties due to  $\mu_R$  and  $\mu_F$  scale, PDF and the strong coupling.



- All measurements in agreement with the SM predictions.**

- Event selection: isolated opposite-sign dilepton pairs in ee/ $\mu\mu$ / $e\mu$  categories.
- Events classified according to the number of jets ( $N_{\text{jets}}$ ) and number of b-tagged jets ( $N_{\text{bjets}}$ ).
  - 12 regions in  $N_{\text{jets}}$  and  $N_{\text{bjets}}$  categories  $\rightarrow$  sensitivity to constrain modelling uncertainties.
- Profile likelihood fit (PLH) in the visible region and extrapolated to the full phase space.
  - Fitted distributions: jet  $p_T$  in regions of lepton flavour and jet and b-tag multiplicities.



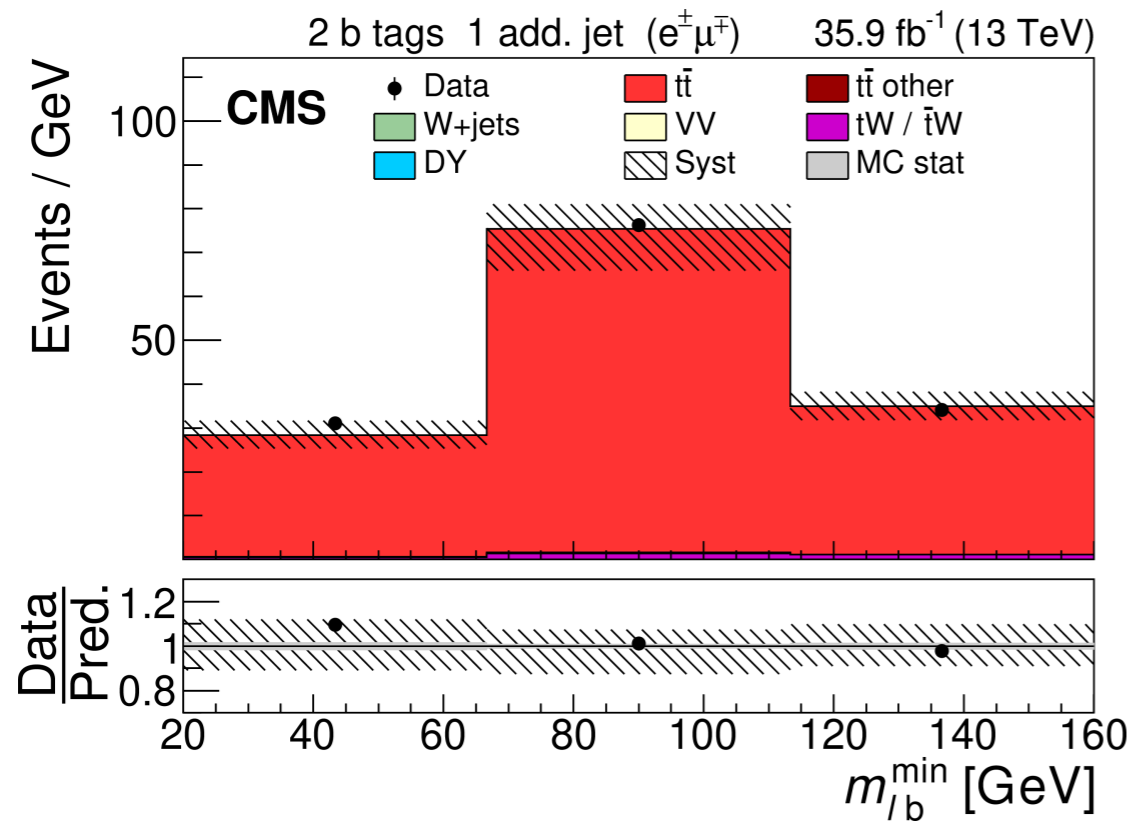
- Systematic uncertainties are taken as nuisance parameters and constrained in the fit.
- Dominant uncertainties:
  - Luminosity (2.5%).
  - Lepton id. and isolation (2.0%). **Constrained using ee/ $\mu\mu$ / $e\mu$  events**
  - PDF (1.1%).

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**Lepton isolation efficiencies directly measured  
in the  $t\bar{t}$  dominated  $e\mu$ +b-jet samples**

- Fit result ( $m_t^{\text{MC}} = 172.5$  GeV):  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\text{II}) = 803 \pm 2$  (stat.)  $\pm 25$  (syst.)  $\pm 20$  (lumi.) pb. **4.0%**
- **In agreement with the NNLO+NNLL prediction (unc. 5.7%).**

Additionally, another fit is performed to extract simultaneously the  $t\bar{t}$  cross-section and the  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$ .

- Same number of jets and number of b-tagged jets categories as in the main measurement.
- The distribution of  $m_{lb}^{\text{min}}$  is used to maximases the sensitivity to  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$ .



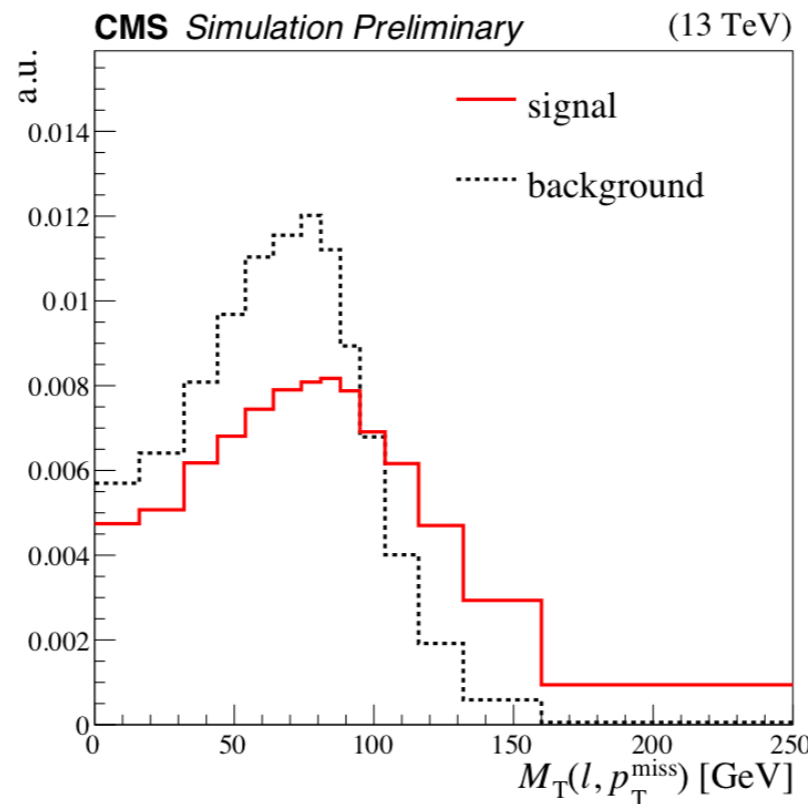
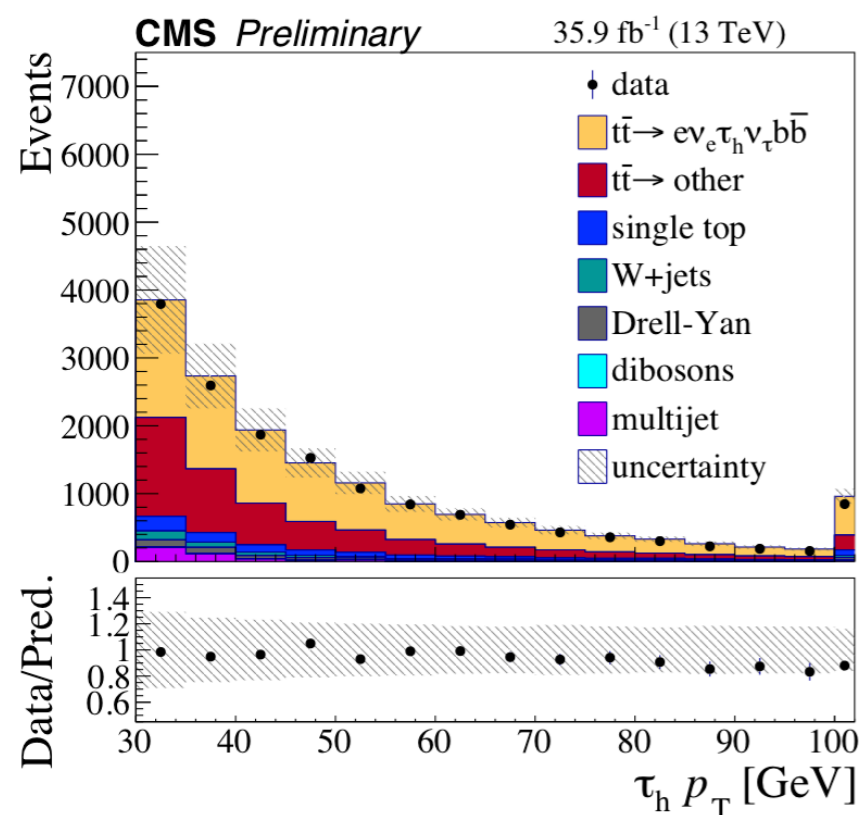
- Systematic uncertainties are taken as nuisance parameters and constrained in the fit.
- Dominant uncertainties:
  - Luminosity (2.5%).
  - Lepton id. and isolation (2.2%).
  - NLO generator modelling (1.2%).
  - MC statistics (1.2%).

4.3%

0.4%

- Fit result:  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\text{ll}) = 815 \pm 2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 29 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 20 \text{ (lumi.) pb}$  and  $m_t^{\text{MC}} = 172.33 \pm 0.14 \text{ (stat.)}^{+0.66}_{-0.72} \text{ (syst.) GeV}$ .
  - Correlation between  $t\bar{t}$  cross-section and  $m_t^{\text{MC}}$  is 12%.
  - Used to extract  $m_t$  and  $\alpha_s$  using fixed-order calculations (see [backup slides](#)).
- **In agreement with the NNLO+NNLL prediction (unc. 5.7%).**

- Event selection: 1 lepton (e or  $\mu$ ) and  $\geq 3$  jets ( $\geq 1$  b-jet + one is identified as a hadronically decaying  $\tau$  lepton).
- PLH to  $m_T(l, p_T^{\text{miss}})$  in the two lepton (e,  $\mu$ ) categories.



- Dominant uncertainties:
  - $\tau_{\text{had}}$ . jet identification (4.5%).
  - Luminosity (2.5%).
  - $t\bar{t}$  background norm. (2.3%).
  - Pile-up (2.3%).

- Fit result:  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} (\text{I}\tau_{\text{had}}) = 781 \pm 7$  (stat.)  $\pm 62$  (syst.)  $\pm 20$  (lumi.) pb. **8.4%**
- **In agreement with the NNLO+NNLL prediction (unc. 5.7%).**

Additionally...

- $R_{\text{I}\tau_{\text{had}}/\text{II}} = 0.973 \pm 0.009$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.066$  (syst.)
  - **Consistent with unity (lepton flavour universality).**
- $\Gamma_{t \rightarrow \tau \nu \tau b} / \Gamma_{\text{total}} (\text{II}) = 0.1050 \pm 0.0009$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.0071$  (syst.)
  - **Consistent with the SM expectation value.**

- Event selection: isolated opposite-sign  $e\mu$  pair and 1 or 2 b-jets.
- Cross-section measured by counting events:
  - Double-tagging technique suppress jet/b-tag uncertainties.

$$N_1 = L\sigma_{t\bar{t}}\epsilon_{e\mu}2\epsilon_b(1 - C_b\epsilon_b) + N_1^{\text{bkg}}$$

$$N_2 = L\sigma_{t\bar{t}}\epsilon_{e\mu}C_b\epsilon_b^2 + N_2^{\text{bkg}}$$

- Analyse 2015 and 2016 data separately
  - Combine using BLUE, taking into account uncorrelated uncertainties, in particular on luminosity
  - Combination gives 9% smaller uncertainty than that from all data treated as one sample

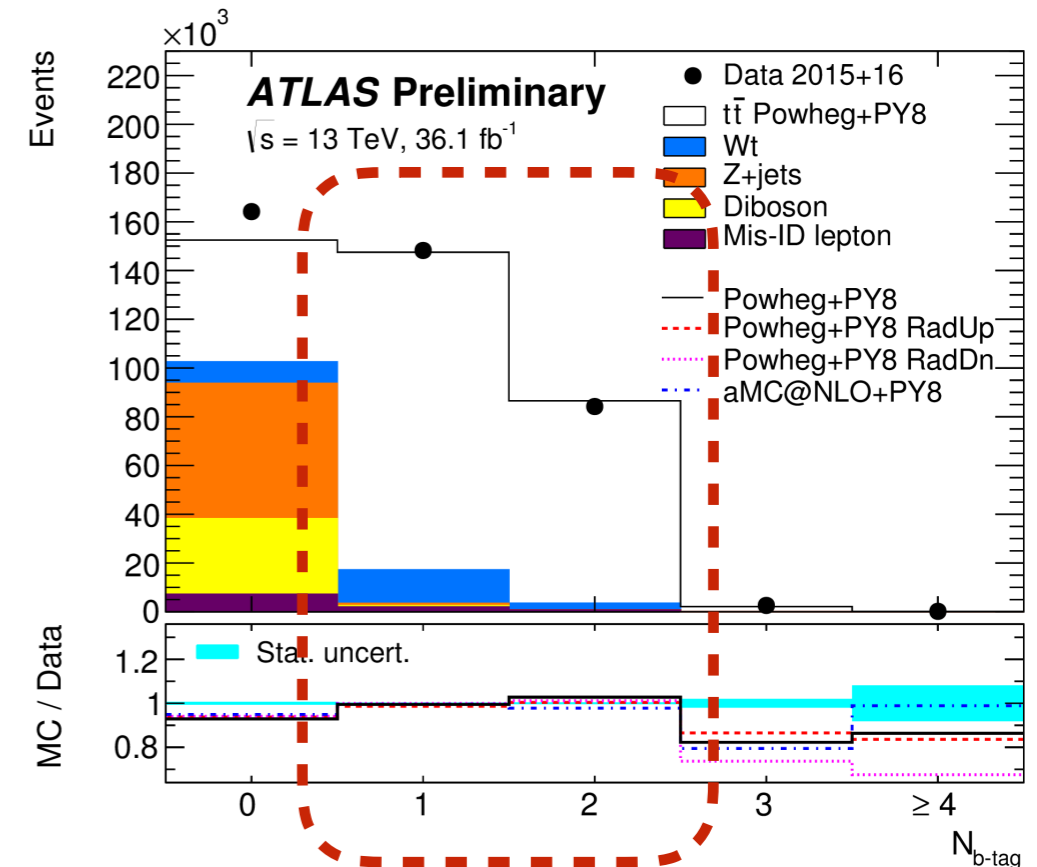
• Dominant systematics:

- Luminosity (1.9%).
- Background cross-section (single top-quark) (0.5%).
- $t\bar{t}$  shower/hadronisation modelling (0.5%).
- $t\bar{t}$  ISR/FSR modelling (<0.5%).

• Fit result:  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\text{II}) = 826 \pm 3.6 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 11.5 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 15.7 \text{ (lumi.)} \pm 1.9 \text{ (beam) pb. } 2.4\%$

• Also measure fiducial cross-section with same precision.

• **In agreement with the NNLO+NNLL prediction (unc. 5.7%).**

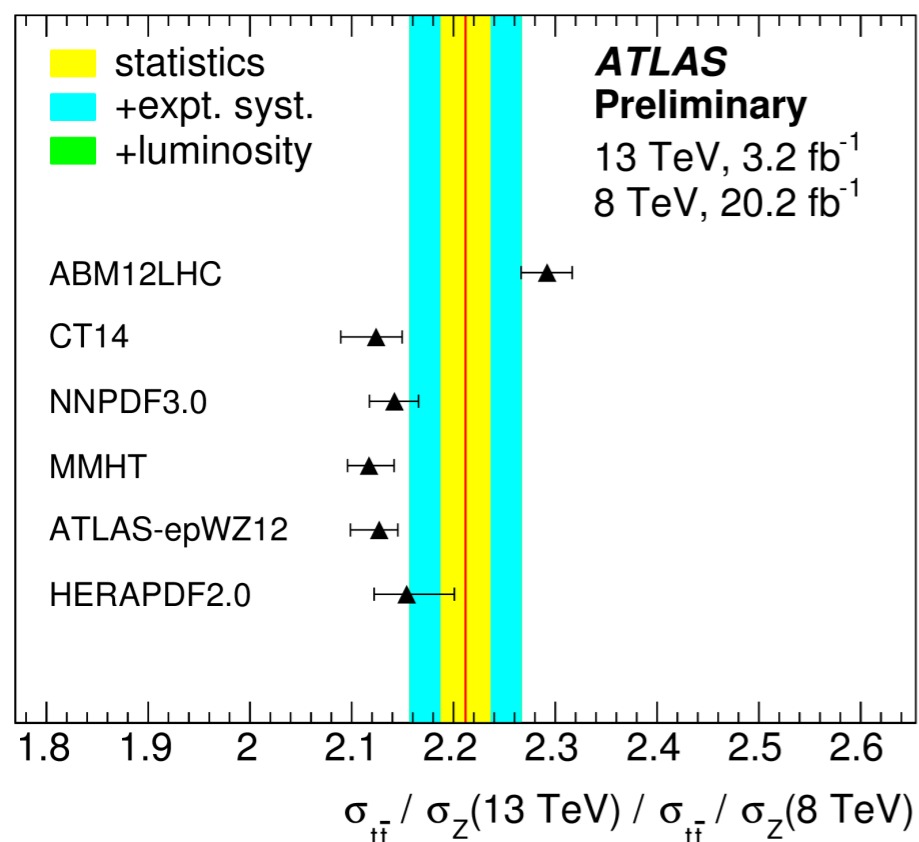
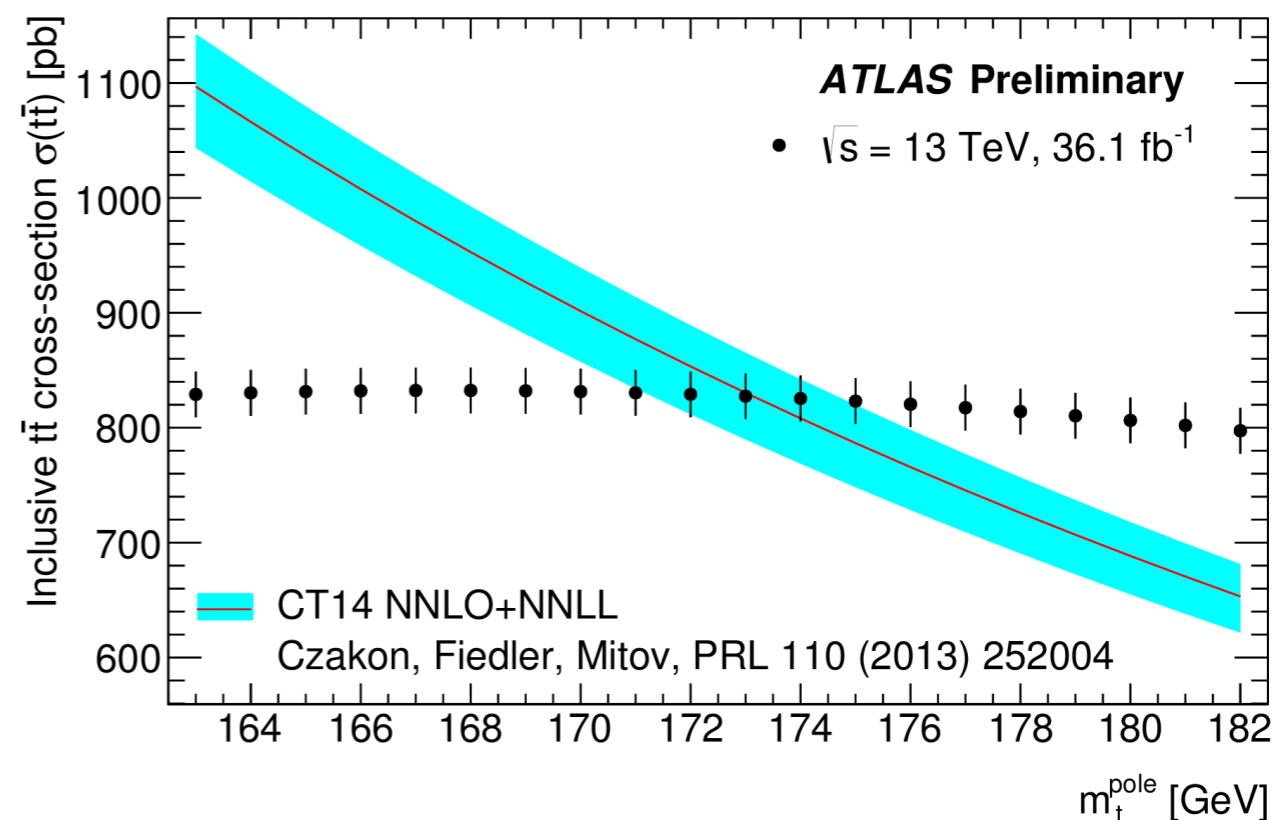




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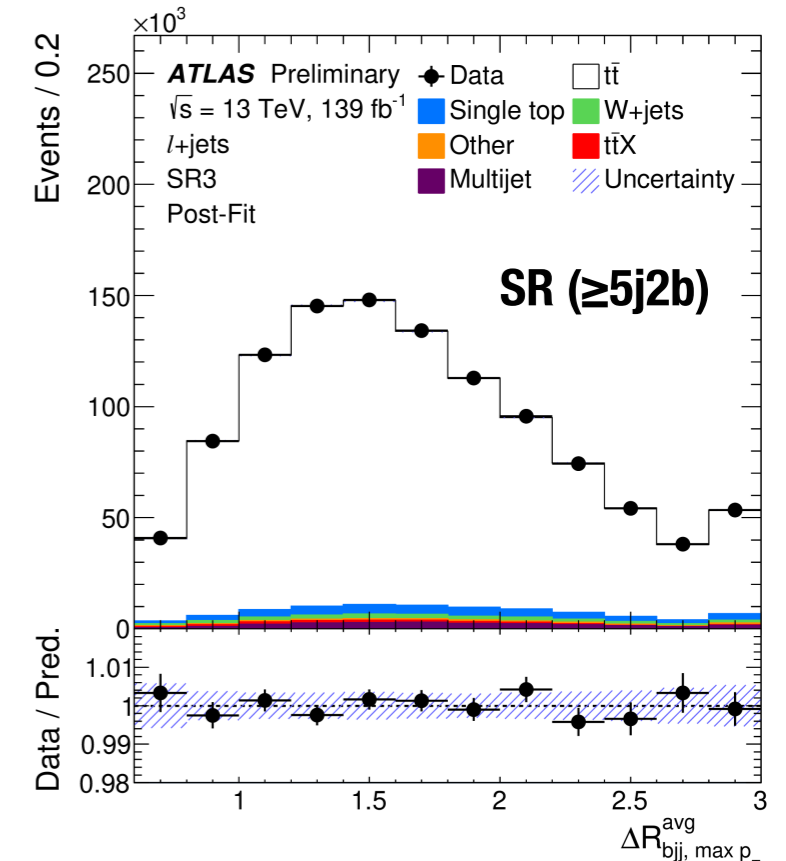
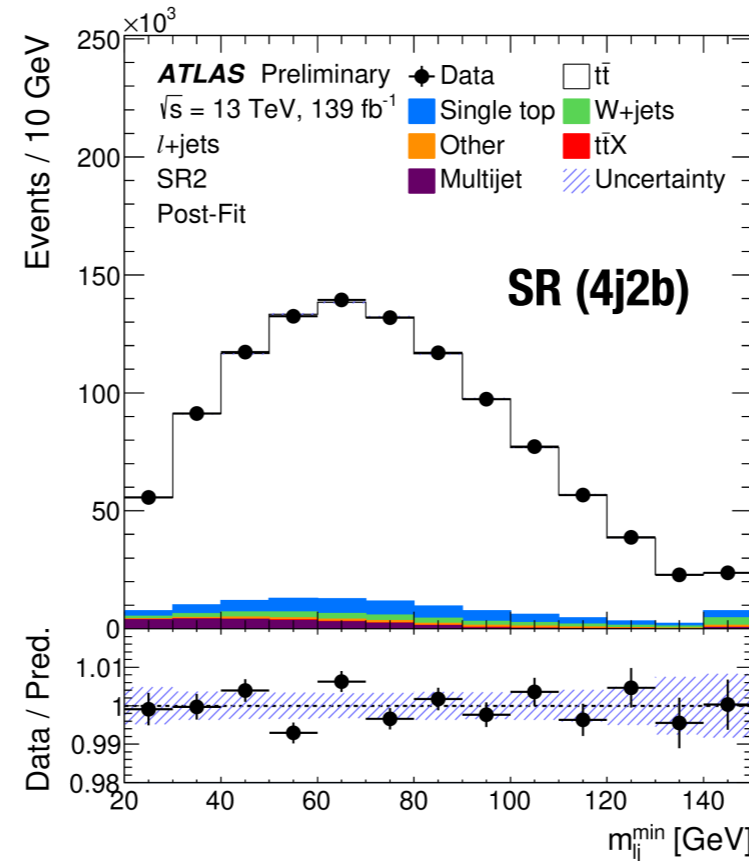
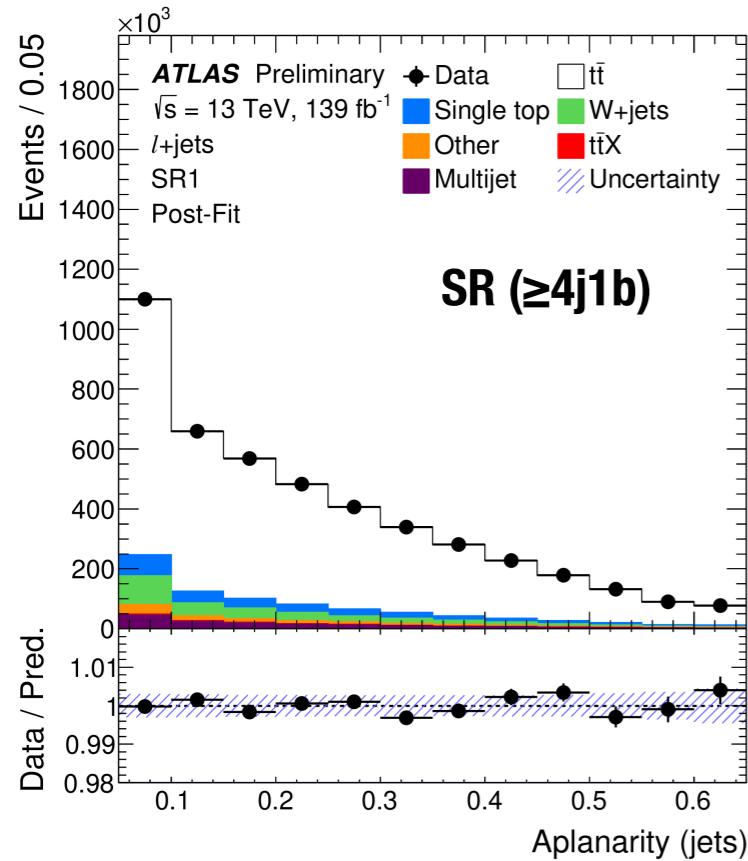
- Extraction of  $m_t^{\text{pole}}$  from  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  (II) using prediction with the CT14 PDF set:  $m_t^{\text{pole}} = 173.1^{+2.0}_{-2.1}$  GeV.  
**Experimental unc. ~1 GeV, rest due to prediction**

- Ratios of cross-sections at different energies (combined with previous measurements)



- $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(13/7)$  and  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(13/8)$  **3.9 and 3.6%**
- Double ratios  $t\bar{t}/Z$  (13/7 and 13/8) **3.0 and 2.5%**
- In agreement with all the predictions within two standard deviations, with the exception of ABM12LHC for  $R_{t\bar{t}/Z}$  (attributed to lower gluon density at high Bjorken-x in ABM12LHC compared to the other considered PDF sets)**

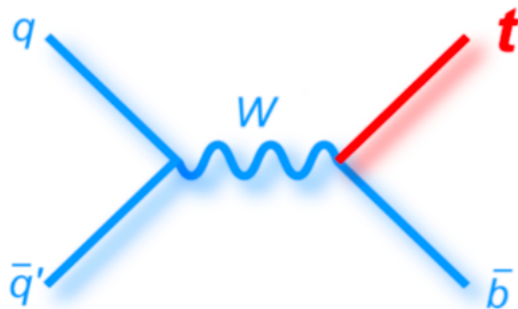
- Event selection: 1 lepton (e or  $\mu$ ) and  $\geq 4$  jets ( $\geq 1$  b-jet).
- PLH fit to different distributions (small sensitivity to  $t\bar{t}$  modelling unc.) in the 3 regions ( $\geq 4j1b$ ,  $4j2b$ ,  $\geq 5j2b$ ).



- Systematic uncertainties are taken as nuisance parameters and constrained in the fit.
- Dominant uncertainties:
  - $t\bar{t}$  shower/hadronisation modelling (2.7%).
  - $t\bar{t}$  scale variation (2.6%).
  - Jet reconstruction (2.4%).
- Fit result:  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\text{l+jets}) = 829.7 \pm 0.4 \text{ (stat.) }^{+35.3}_{-34.5} \text{ (syst.) pb. } 4.3\%$ 
  - Also measure fiducial cross-section (separate fit) and extrapolated to the full phase space with similar precision.
- **In agreement with the NNLO+NNLL prediction (unc. 5.7%).**

# Inclusive single top-quark cross-section measurements

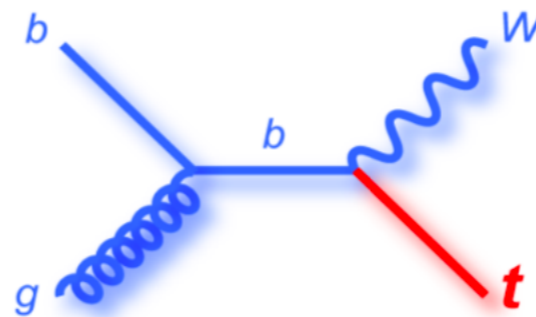
t-channel (~73% at LHC)  
Golden channel



NLO

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{t\text{-ch}} (7 \text{ TeV}) &= 63.9^{+2.9}_{-2.5} \text{ pb} & 4.5\% \\ \sigma_{t\text{-ch}} (8 \text{ TeV}) &= 84.7^{+3.7}_{-3.2} \text{ pb} & 4.4\% \\ \sigma_{t\text{-ch}} (13 \text{ TeV}) &= 217.0^{+9.0}_{-7.7} \text{ pb} & 4.1\% \end{aligned}$$

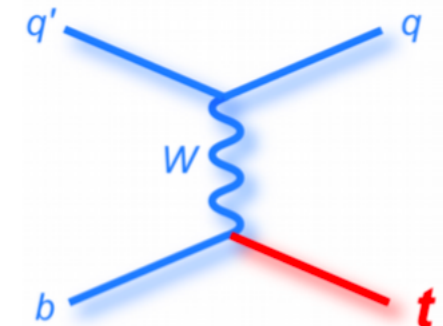
tW (~24% at LHC)  
Observed at the LHC



approx. NNLO

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{Wt} (7 \text{ TeV}) &= 15.7 \pm 1.2 \text{ pb} & 7.6\% \\ \sigma_{Wt} (8 \text{ TeV}) &= 22.4 \pm 1.5 \text{ pb} & 6.7\% \\ \sigma_{Wt} (13 \text{ TeV}) &= 71.7 \pm 3.8 \text{ pb} & 5.3\% \end{aligned}$$

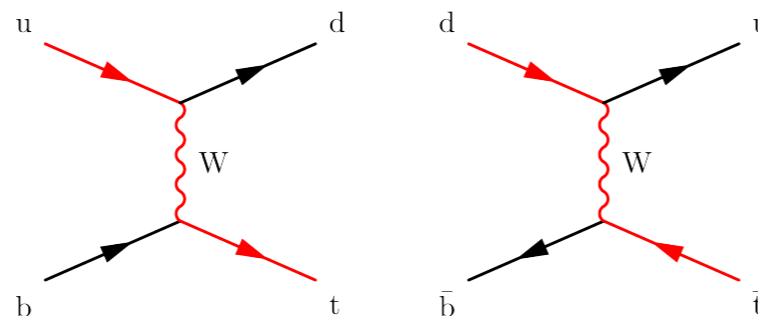
s-channel (~3% at LHC)  
Challenging at the LHC



NLO

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{s\text{-ch}} (8 \text{ TeV}) &= 4.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ pb} & 4.7\% \\ \sigma_{s\text{-ch}} (8 \text{ TeV}) &= 5.2 \pm 0.2 \text{ pb} & 3.9\% \\ \sigma_{s\text{-ch}} (13 \text{ TeV}) &= 10.3 \pm 0.4 \text{ pb} & 3.9\% \end{aligned}$$

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/SingleTopRefXsec>



- Different production rates for t and  $\bar{t}$  owing to proton PDF
- Direct sensitivity to  $V_{tb}$



## Combinations of cross-section measurements per production mode and per centre-of-mass energy.

- 10 input measurements from ATLAS and CMS at 7 and 8 TeV.
- Combinations done using the iterative BLUE method.
- Convergence reached when the central value and total uncertainty change by  $<1\%$  compared to the previous iteration.

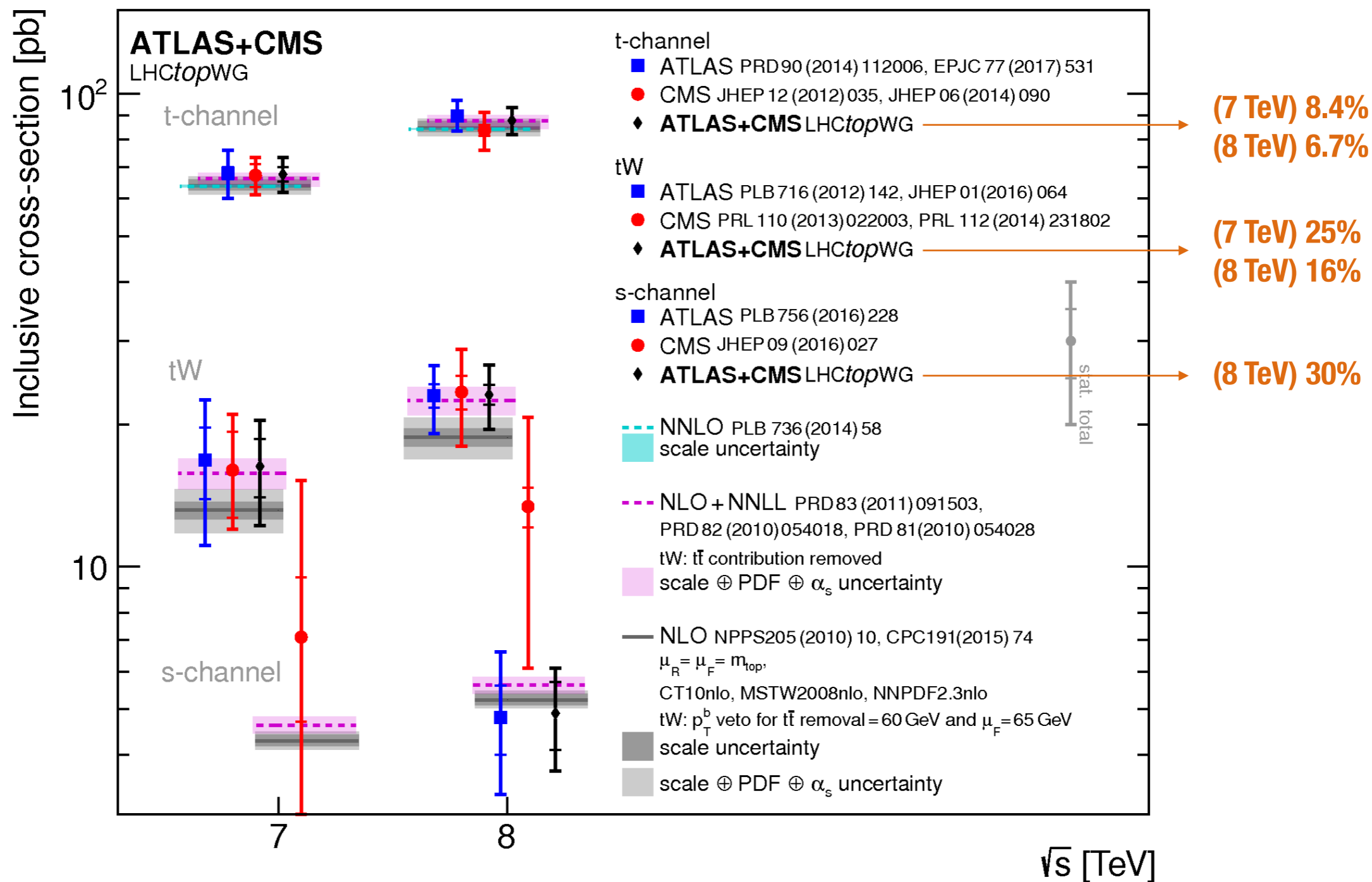
As an example...

$\sigma_{t\text{-chan.}}, \sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$		
<b>Combined cross-section</b>	87.7 pb	
Uncertainty category	Uncertainty	
	(%)	(pb)
Data statistics	1.3	1.1
Simulation statistics	0.6	0.5
Luminosity	1.7	1.5
Theory modelling	5.3	4.7
Background normalisation	1.2	1.1
Jets	2.6	2.3
Detector modelling	1.8	1.6
Total syst. unc. (excl. lumi.)	6.3	5.5
Total syst. unc. (incl. lumi.)	6.5	5.7
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	6.7	5.8

- Experimental systematic uncertainties and their correlations carefully taken into account.
- Uncertainty on the top-quark mass dependence not included in the combinations (but impact provided when possible).
- Dominant systematics:
  - Theory modelling.
  - Jets.
  - Detector modelling.
  - Data statistics (just for s-channel combination).

- The stability of the combinations with respect to the correlation assumptions checked for the dominant uncertainty contributions → very stable results.

Combinations of cross-section measurements for each production mode and per centre-of-mass energy.



- All combinations are consistent with their corresponding SM predictions.



## Combinations of $|f_{LV}V_{tb}|$ determinations for each production mode and full combination.

- Experimental and theoretical systematic uncertainties and their correlations carefully taken into account.
- Combining  $|f_{LV}V_{tb}|^2$  values since they are linear with the cross-section measurements.
- The term  $|f_{LV}V_{tb}|^2$  does not depend on the production mode or the centre-of-mass energy.

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

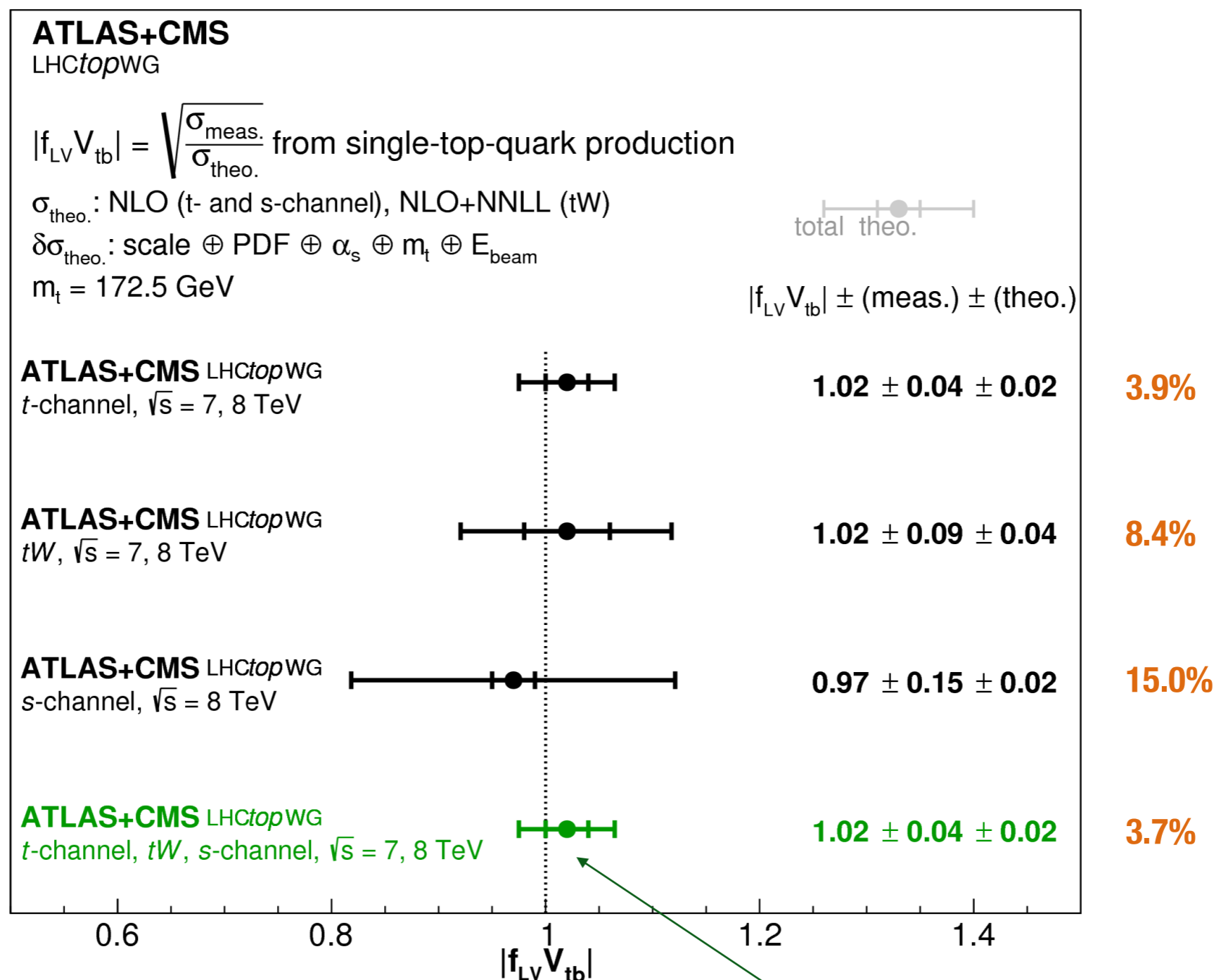
$f_{LV}$ : model-independent left-handed form factor that encapsulates non-SM contributions.

<b>Combined <math> f_{LV}V_{tb} ^2</math></b>	1.05	
Uncertainty category	Uncertainty	
	[%]	$\Delta f_{LV}V_{tb} ^2$
Data statistical	1.8	0.02
Simulation statistical	0.9	0.01
Integrated luminosity	1.3	0.01
Theory modelling	4.5	0.05
Background normalisation	1.3	0.01
Jets	2.6	0.03
Detector modelling	1.6	0.02
Top-quark mass	0.7	0.01
Theoretical cross-section	4.3	0.04
Total syst. unc. (excl. lumi.)	7.1	0.07
Total syst. unc. (incl. lumi.)	7.2	0.08
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>0.08</b>

- Uncertainties on the top-quark mass dependence included.
- Dominant systematics:
  - Theory modelling.
  - Theoretical cross-section.
  - Jets.

- The stability of the combinations with respect to the correlation assumptions is checked for the dominant uncertainty contributions → very stable results.

**Combinations of  $|f_{LV}V_{tb}|$  determinations for each production mode and full combination.**



- CMS s-channel analysis not used.
- Driven by t-channel measurements.

- **All combinations are consistent with the SM prediction.**



## Measuring t-channel production of single top quarks and antiquarks.



- Event selection: 1 e or μ, and multiple jets.
- Events classified by jet and b-jet multiplicity (2j1b, 3j1b, 3j2b) and BDT discriminators.
- Likelihood fit to BDT output in all categories.

- Systematic uncertainties are either taken as NP (profiled uncertainties) or using varied templates.

• Dominant uncertainties:

- t-channel PS scale (13%).
- t-channel PDF (8%).
- t-channel μ<sub>R</sub> and μ<sub>F</sub> scale (6%).

} **Nonprofiled uncertainties**

- Fit result: **16%**

$$\sigma_{t\text{-ch}}(t) = 136 \pm 1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 22 \text{ (syst.) pb,}$$

$$\sigma_{t\text{-ch}}(\bar{t}) = 82 \pm 1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 14 \text{ (syst.) pb.}$$

**17%**

- Event selection: 1 e or μ, and 2 jets (1 b-jet).
- Maximum likelihood fit to the NN output distribution.

- Systematic uncertainties are taken as nuisance parameters.

• Dominant uncertainties:

- t-channel shower/hadronisation modelling (14%).
- b-tagging efficiency (7%).
- Top-quark background NLO matching (7%).

- Fit result: **18%**

$$\sigma_{t\text{-ch}}(t) = 156 \pm 5 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 27 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 3 \text{ (lumi.) pb,}$$

$$\sigma_{t\text{-ch}}(\bar{t}) = 91 \pm 4 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 18 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 2 \text{ (lumi.) pb.}$$

**20%**

- **In agreement with the NLO prediction (unc. 4% for t; unc. 5% for  $\bar{t}$ ).**



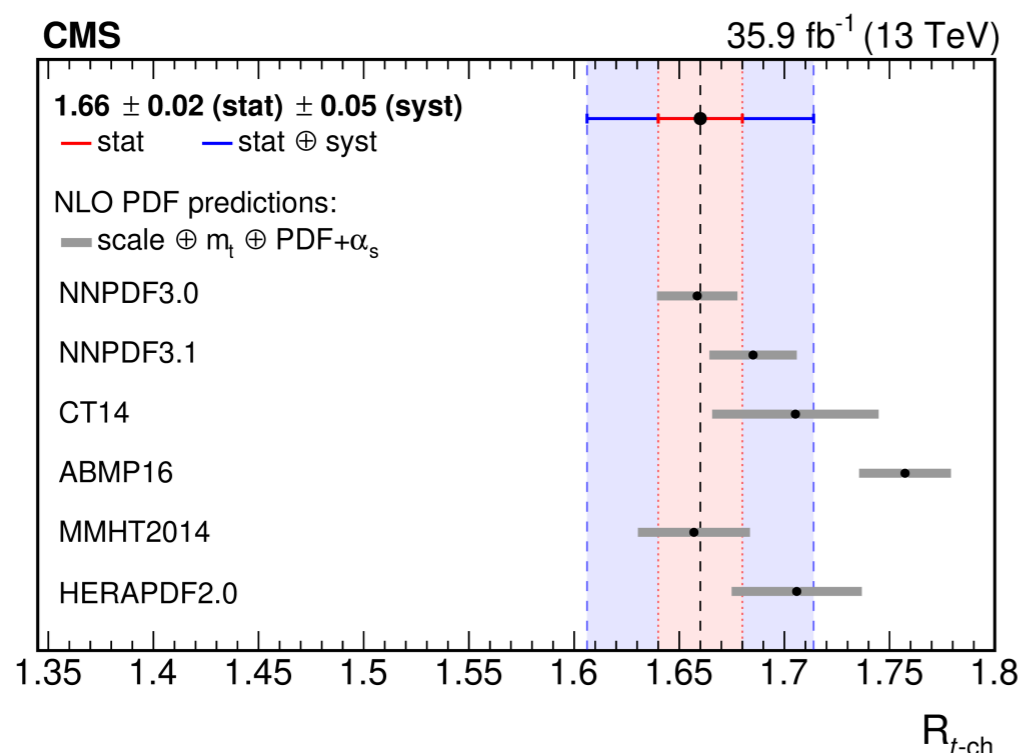
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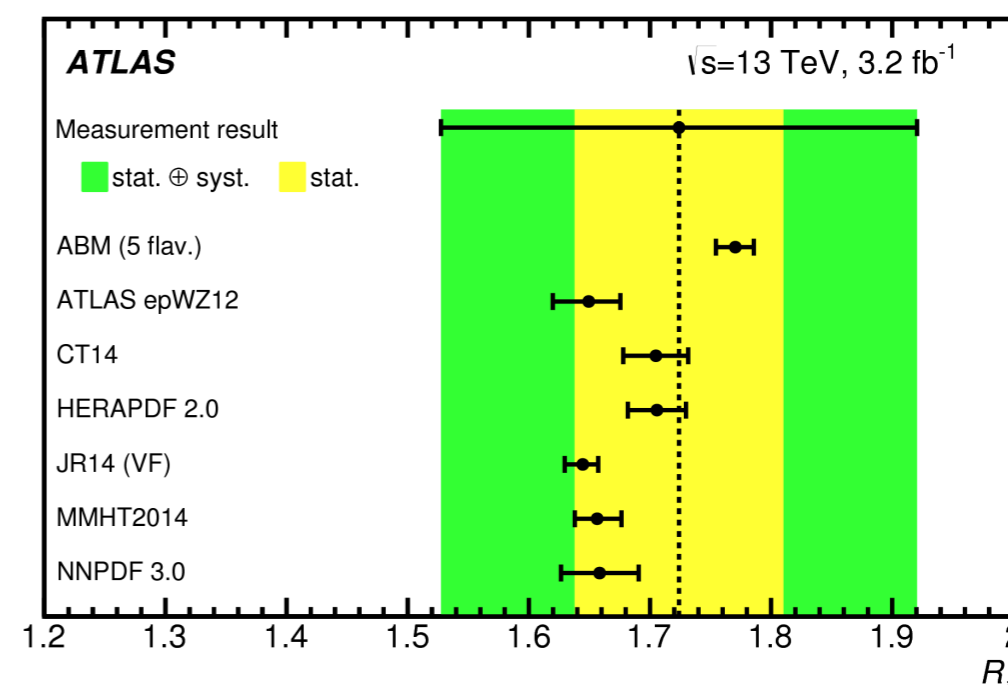
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3.2 fb<sup>-1</sup>, 13 TeV

- Total cross-section used to calculate  $V_{tb}$ :
- $|f_{L\nu}V_{tb}| = 1.00 \pm 0.08$  (exp.)  $\pm 0.02$  (theo.) **8.3%**
- $|f_{L\nu}V_{tb}| = 1.07 \pm 0.09$  (exp.)  $\pm 0.02$  (theo.) **8.4%**

• Ratio  $R_{t\text{-ch}} = \sigma_{t\text{-ch};t}/\sigma_{t\text{-ch};\bar{t}}$  measured for different PDF set:



- Dominant uncertainties:
  - MC sample size (2.6%). **Nonprofiled uncertainty**
  - t-channel PDF (2.4%). **Profiled uncertainty**
- $R_{t\text{-ch}} = 1.66 \pm 0.02$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.05$  (syst.) **3%**

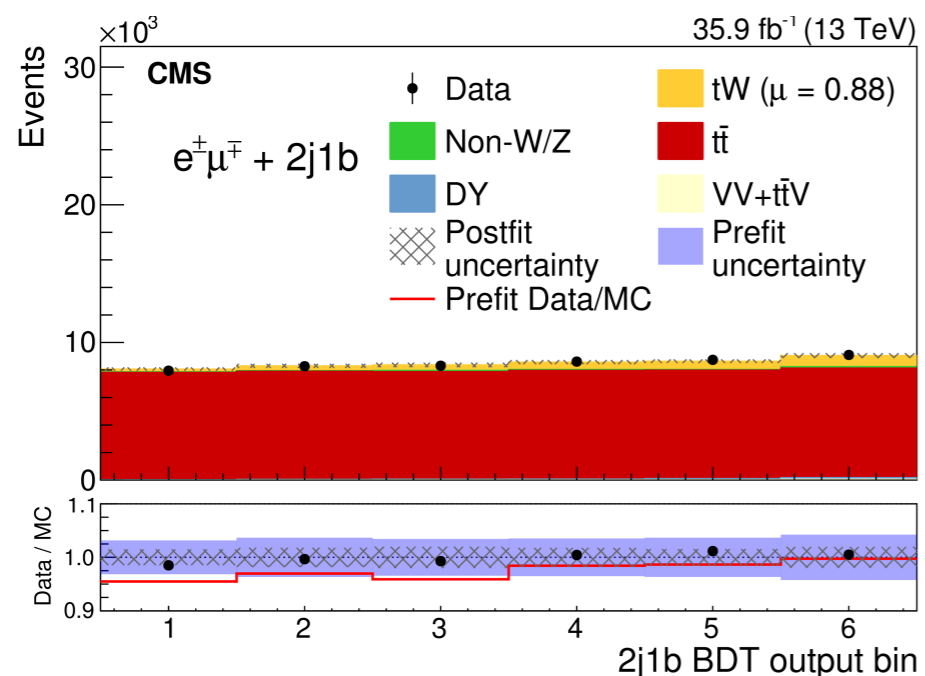
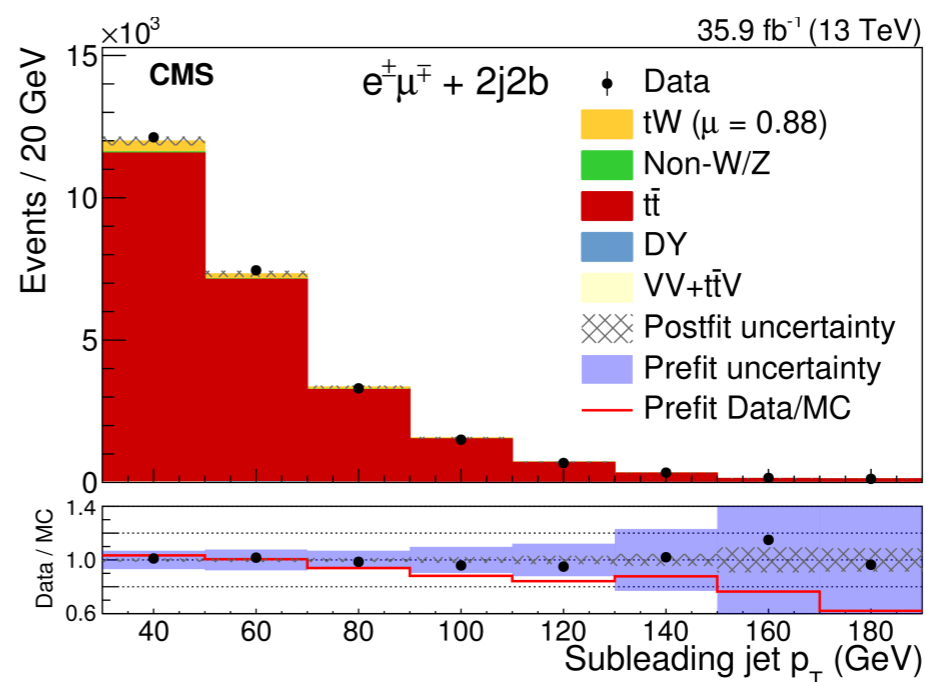
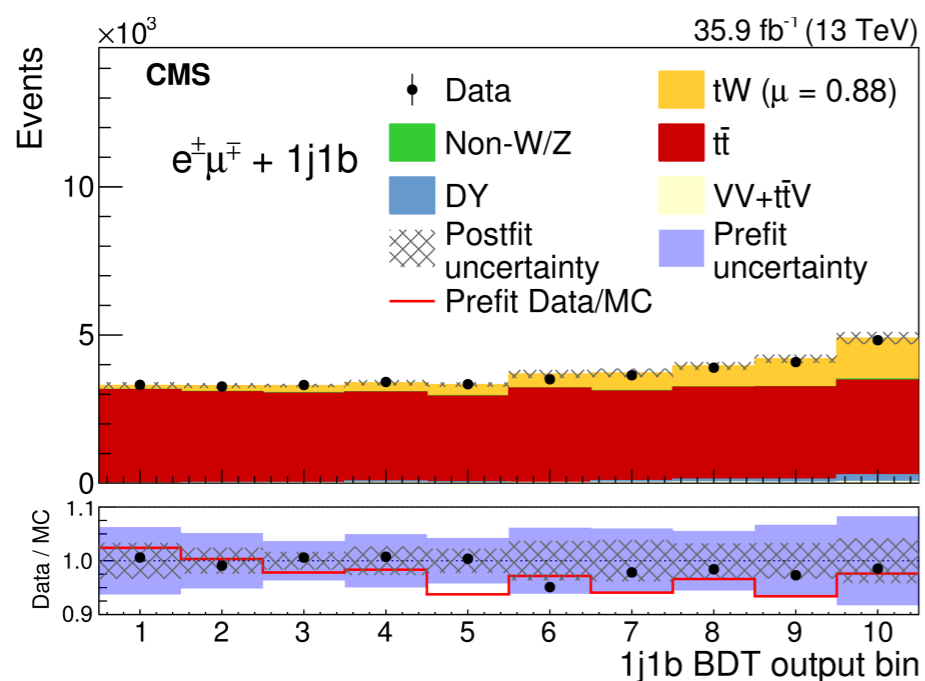


- Dominant uncertainties:
  - MC sample size (5.1%).
  - Data statistics (5.0%).
- $R_{t\text{-ch}} = 1.72 \pm 0.09$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.18$  (syst.) **11%**

• **Good agreement between the measurement and most predictions is found.**

Inclusive cross-section measurement requiring 1 lepton (e or μ) and at least one b-jet.

- Maximum likelihood fit to the distribution of a BDT in two of the categories + sub-leading jet p<sub>T</sub> in 2j2b.

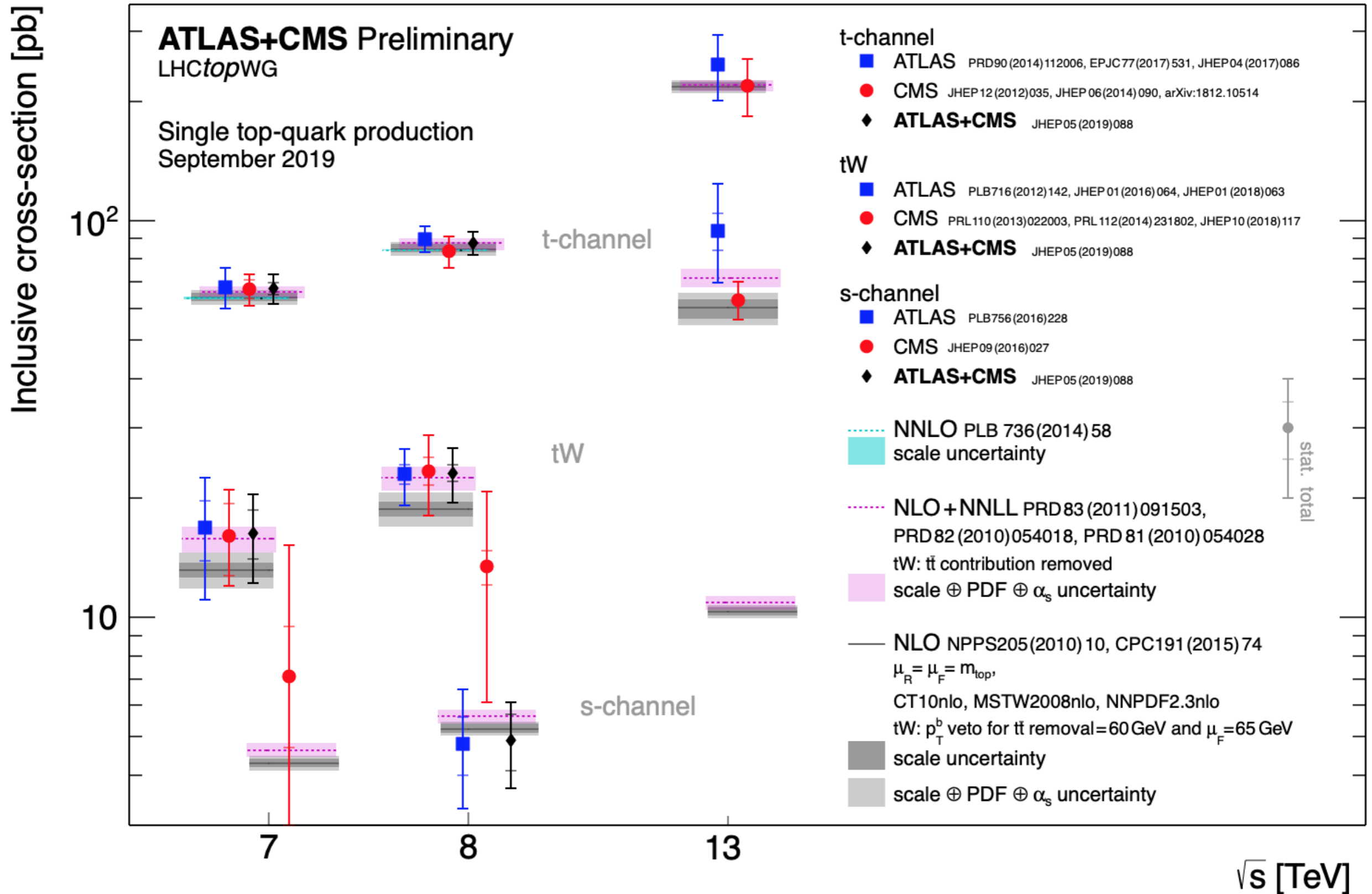


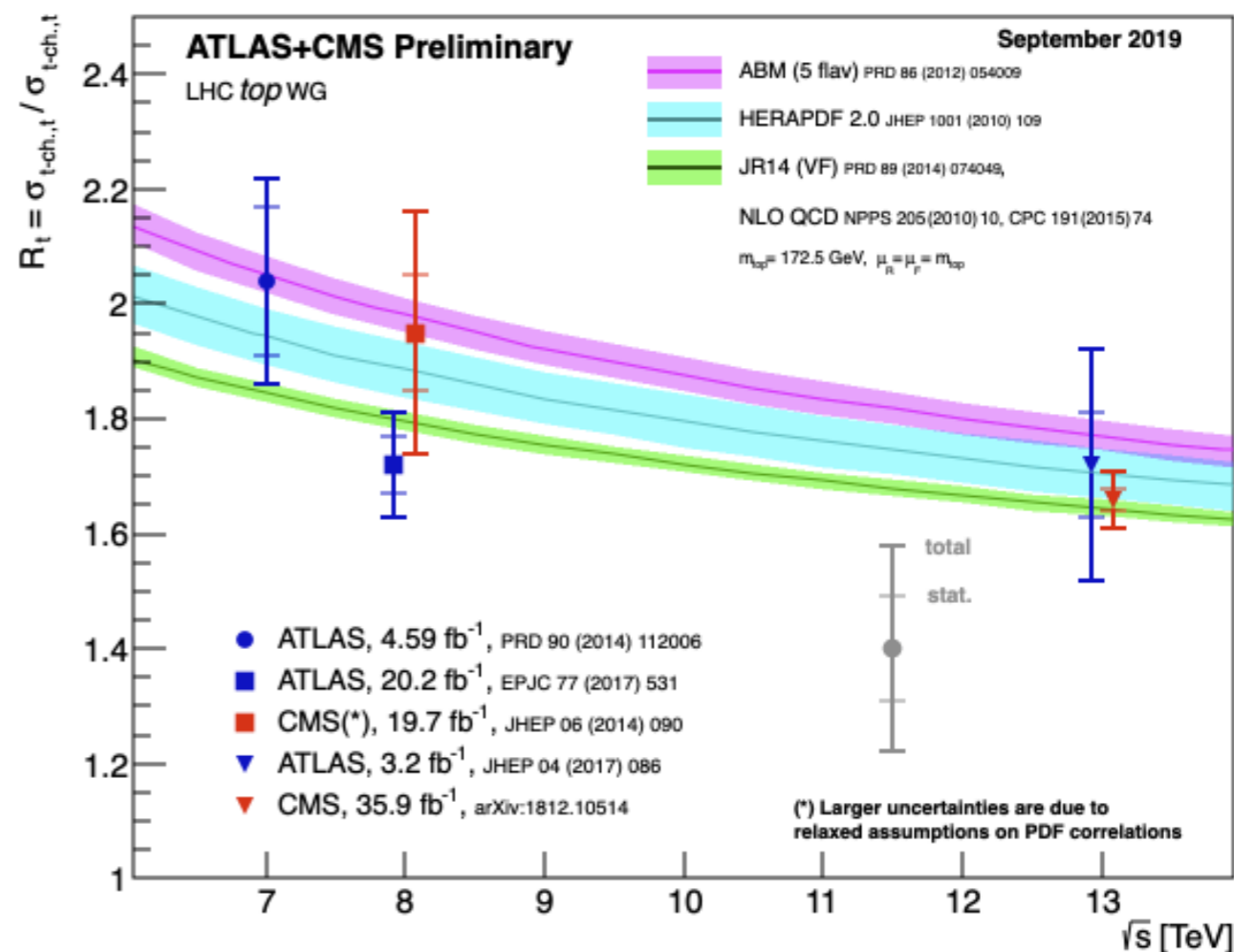
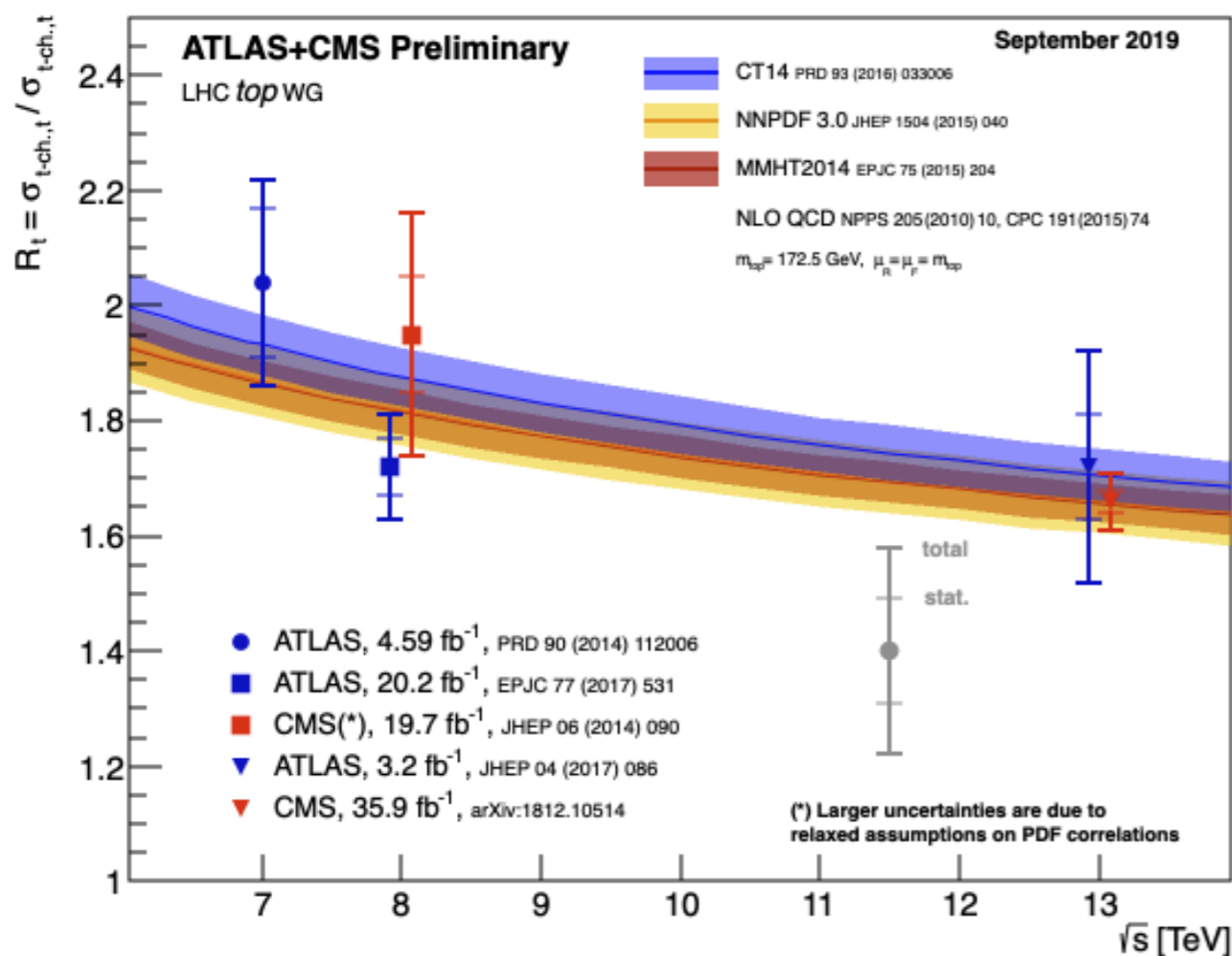
- DR used to account for tt̄ interference.
- Dominant uncertainties:
  - Lepton efficiencies (3.3%).
  - Pile-up (3.3%).
  - Data statistics (2.8%).
  - tt̄ background normalization (2.8%).

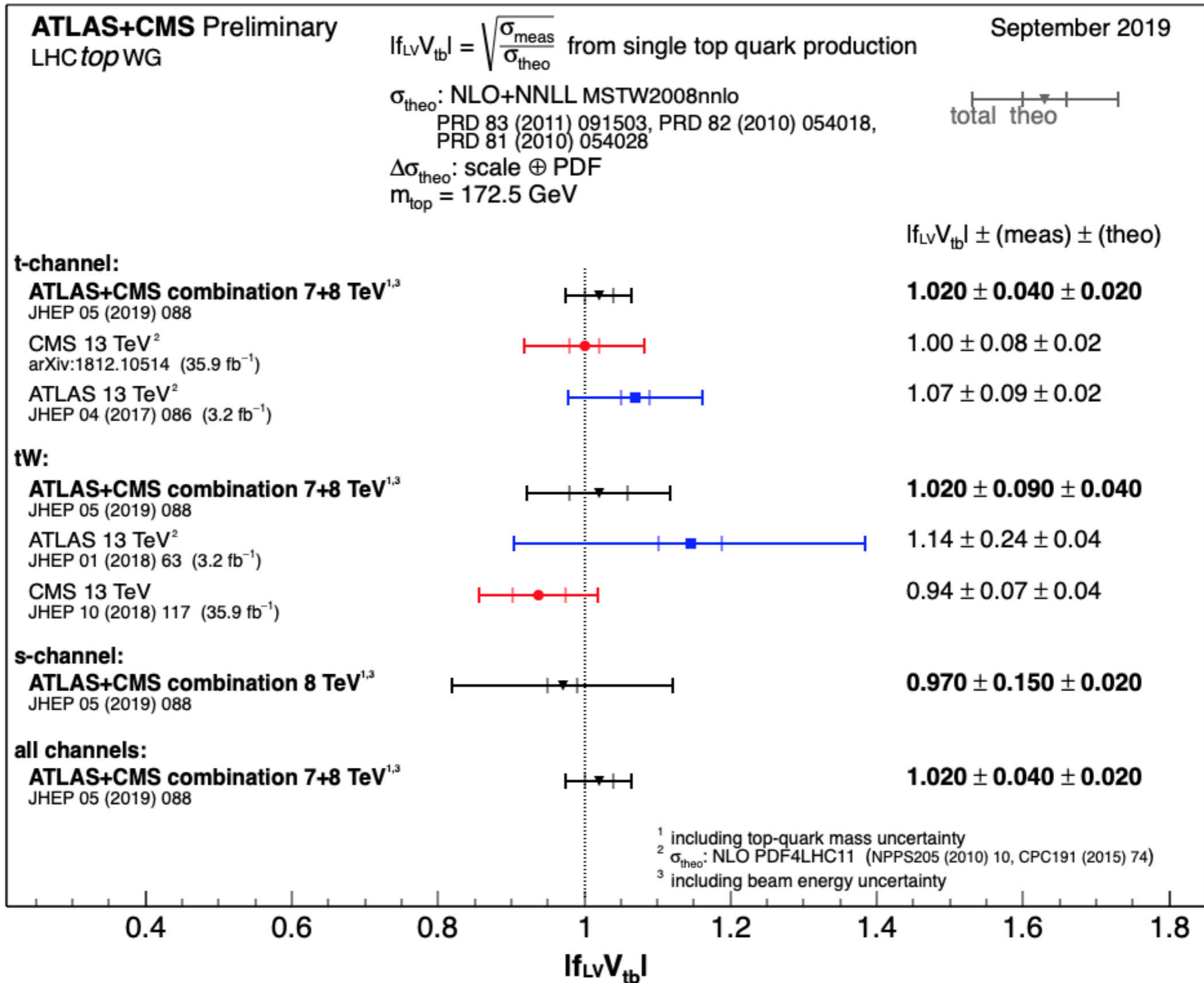
• Fit result:  $\sigma_{tW}(\text{II}) = 63.1 \pm 1.8 \text{ (stat)} \pm 6.4 \text{ (syst)} \pm 2.1 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ pb. } 11\%$

• **In agreement with NNLO prediction (5.3%).**









## Probing Nature with many measurements in top-quark sector with ATLAS and CMS.

- Combinations between ATLAS and CMS results using full Run 1 published.
- First measurements exploiting Run 2 data are now being published, achieving high-precision results.
- So far, all measurements are consistent with the SM predictions.
  - No sign of new physics yet with the achieved precision.
- Next generation of new exciting results to come with study of full Run2 data from LHC! Stay tuned!
  - ATLAS Top Physics Results: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/TopPublicResults>.
  - CMS Top Physics Results: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsTOP>.



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# ***BACKUP***

**Inclusive  $t\bar{t}$  + single top (SM)  
cross-section measurements**

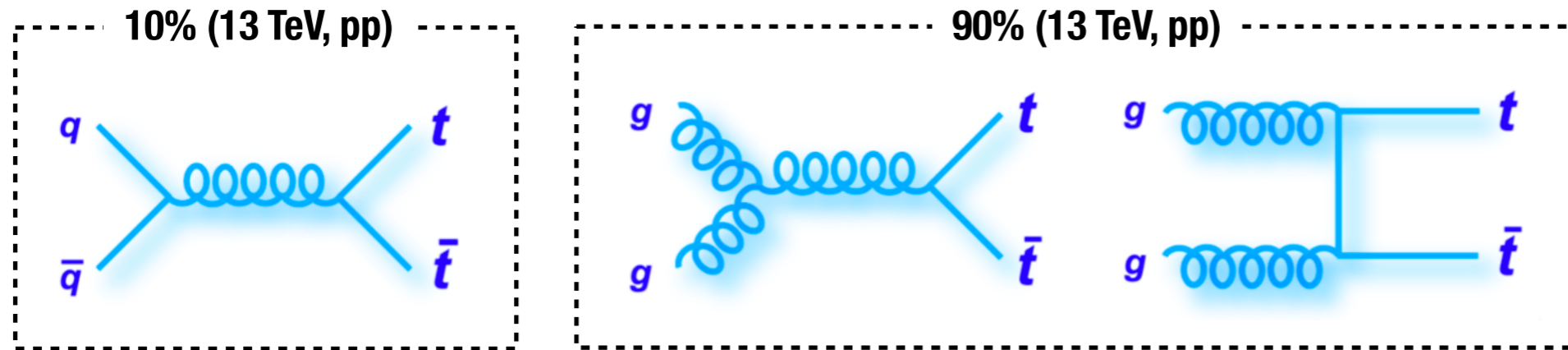
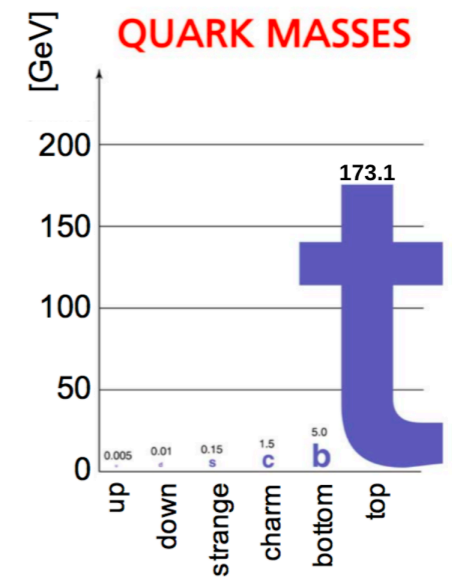




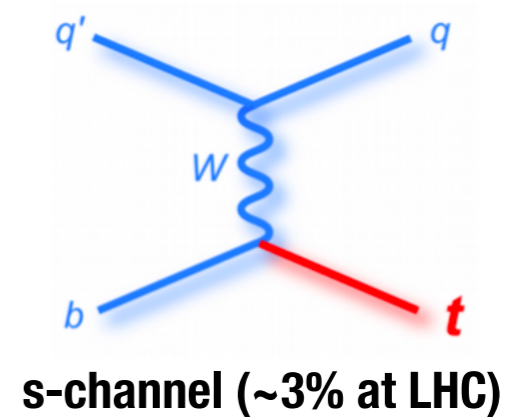
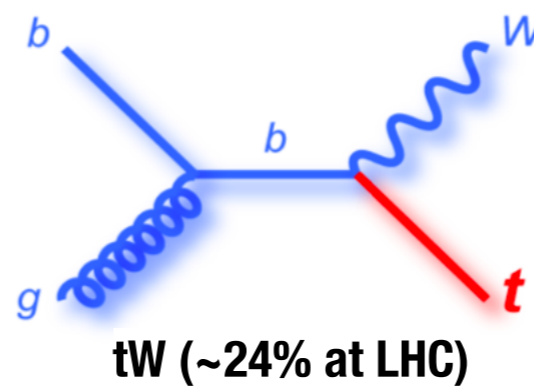
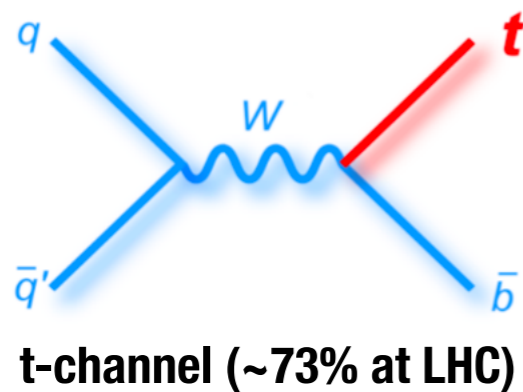
The **top quark** is the heaviest known elementary particle.

At hadron colliders, top quarks are produced:

- Predominantly in **pairs** ( $t\bar{t}$ ) via the flavour-conserving strong interaction.



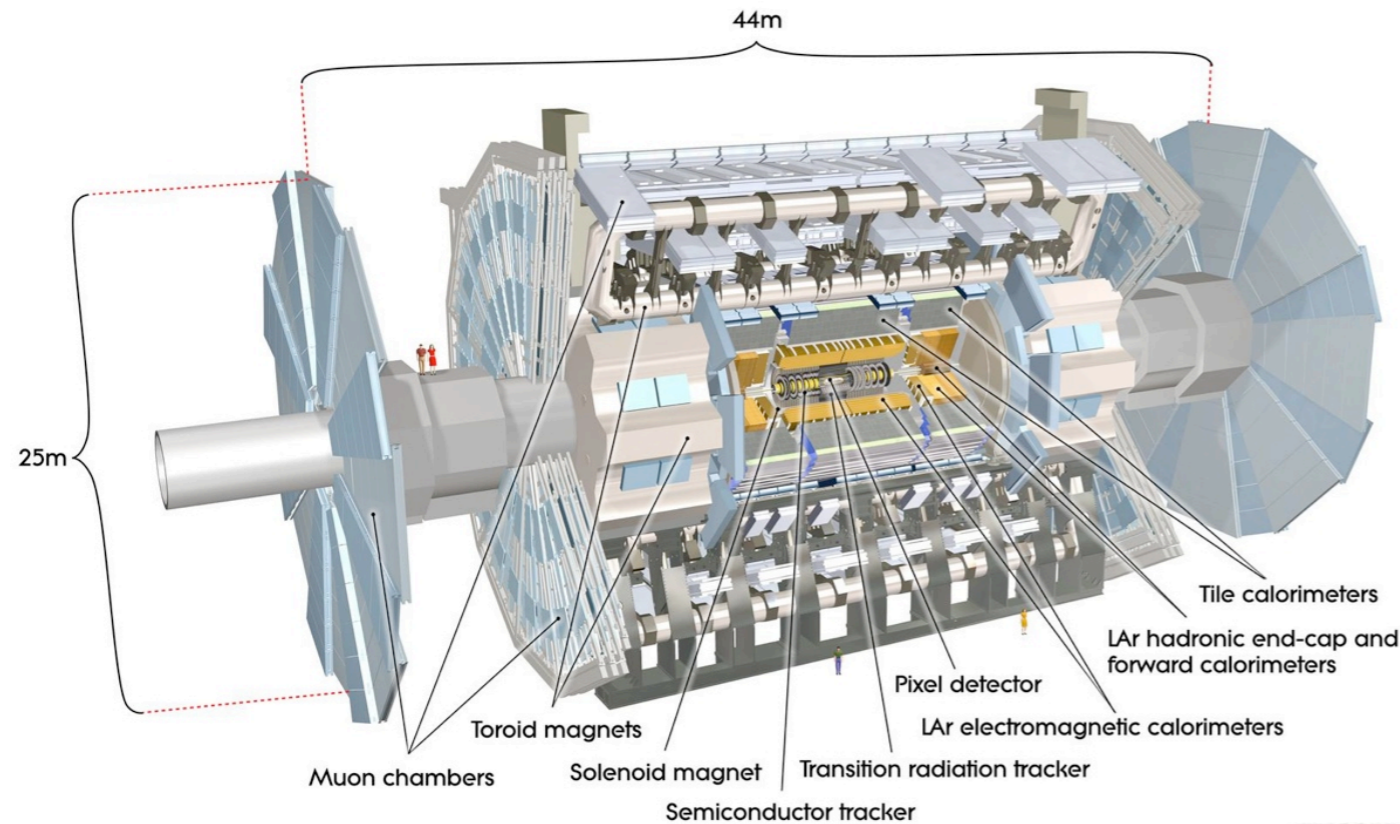
- Alternatively, **singly** through the electroweak interaction.



The top quark was discovered by CDF/D0 at Tevatron in 1995 in  $t\bar{t}$  events.

- The single top-quark production was discovered in 2009 by CDF/D0 and observed in 2011 by ATLAS/CMS.

## General purpose detectors at the LHC

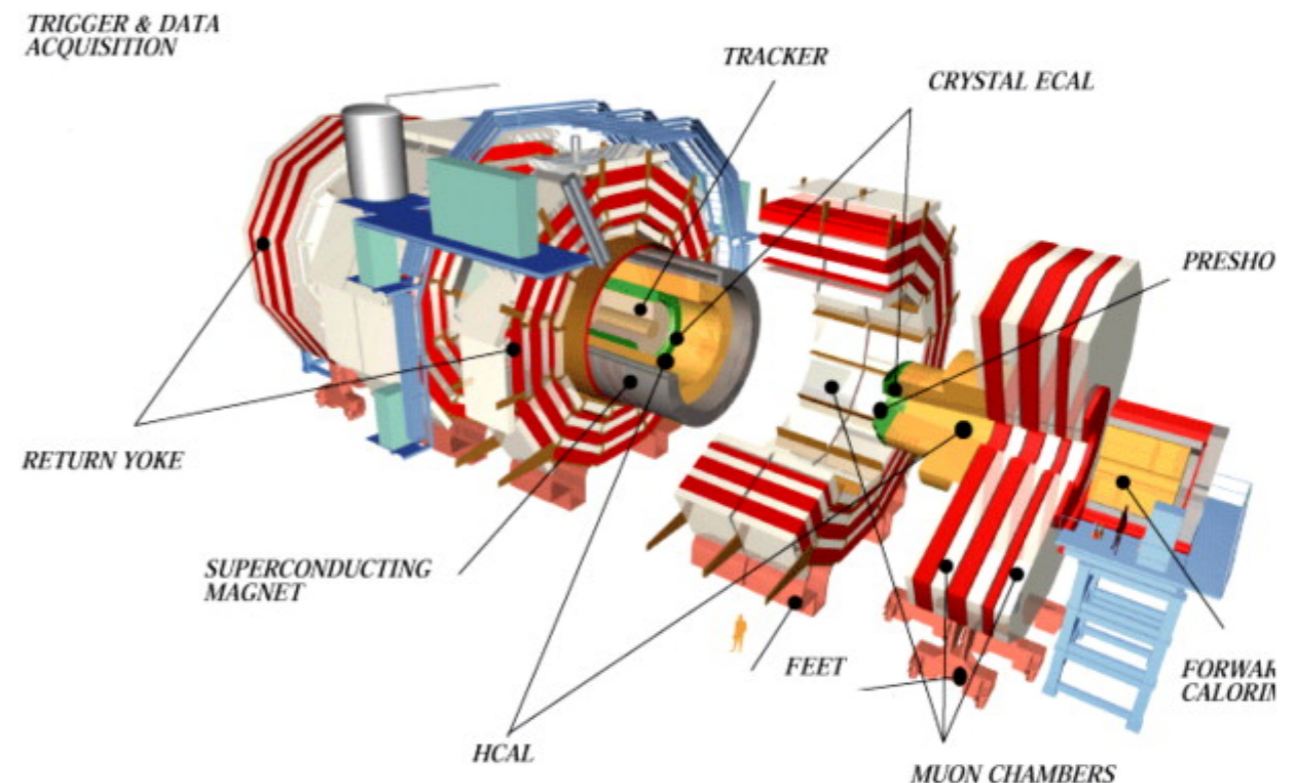


### ATLAS

- Length: 44 m, diameter: 25 m
- Mass: ~7.0 ktons
- Two magnet fields:
  - Solenoid (ID): 2 T
  - Toroid (Muon System): 2-8 Tm

### CMS

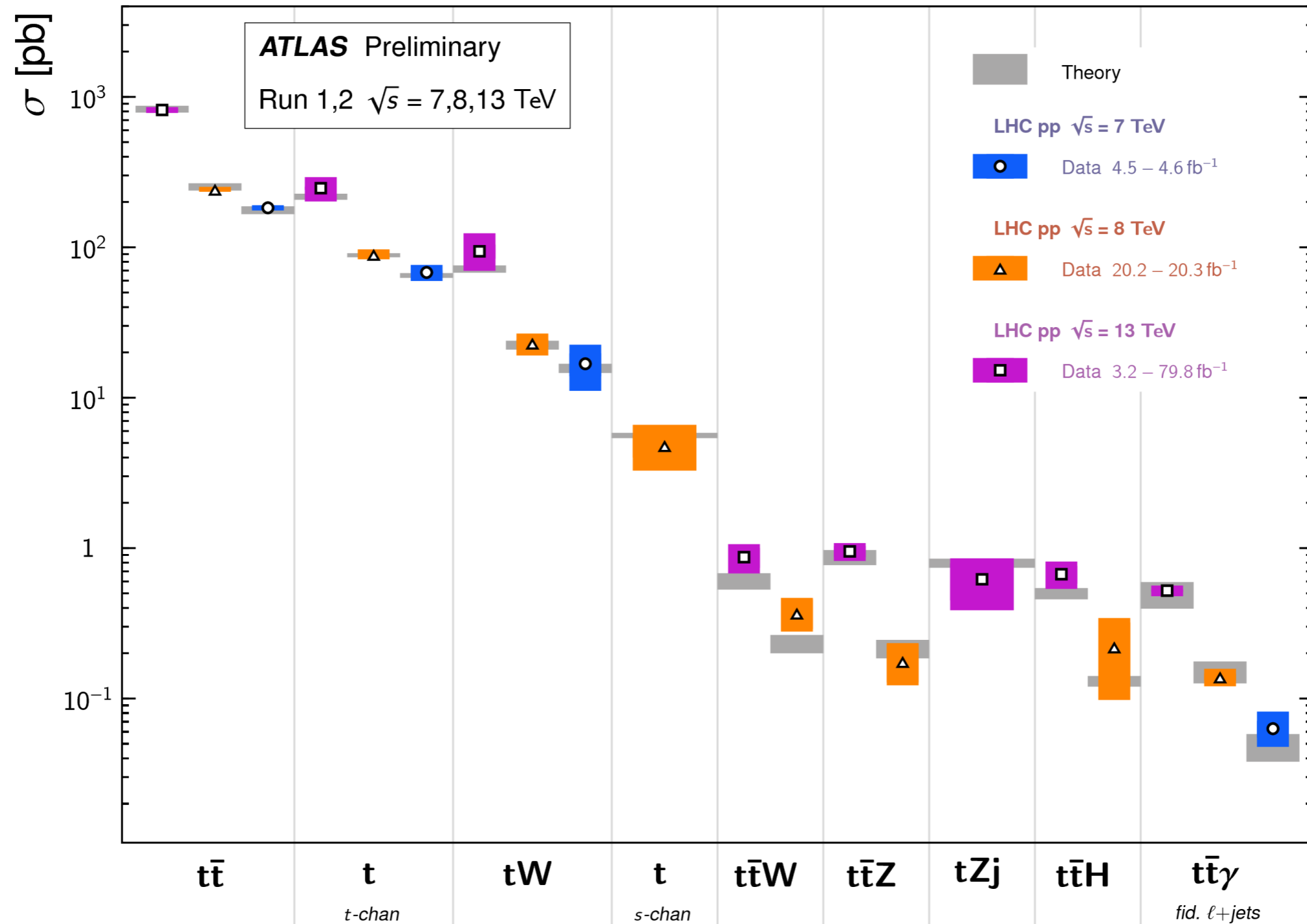
- Length: 21 m, diameter: 15 m
- Mass: ~ 12.5 ktons
- Solenoid: 4 T



Summary of several top-quark related production cross section measurements, compared to the corresponding theoretical expectations. All theoretical expectations were calculated at NLO or higher.

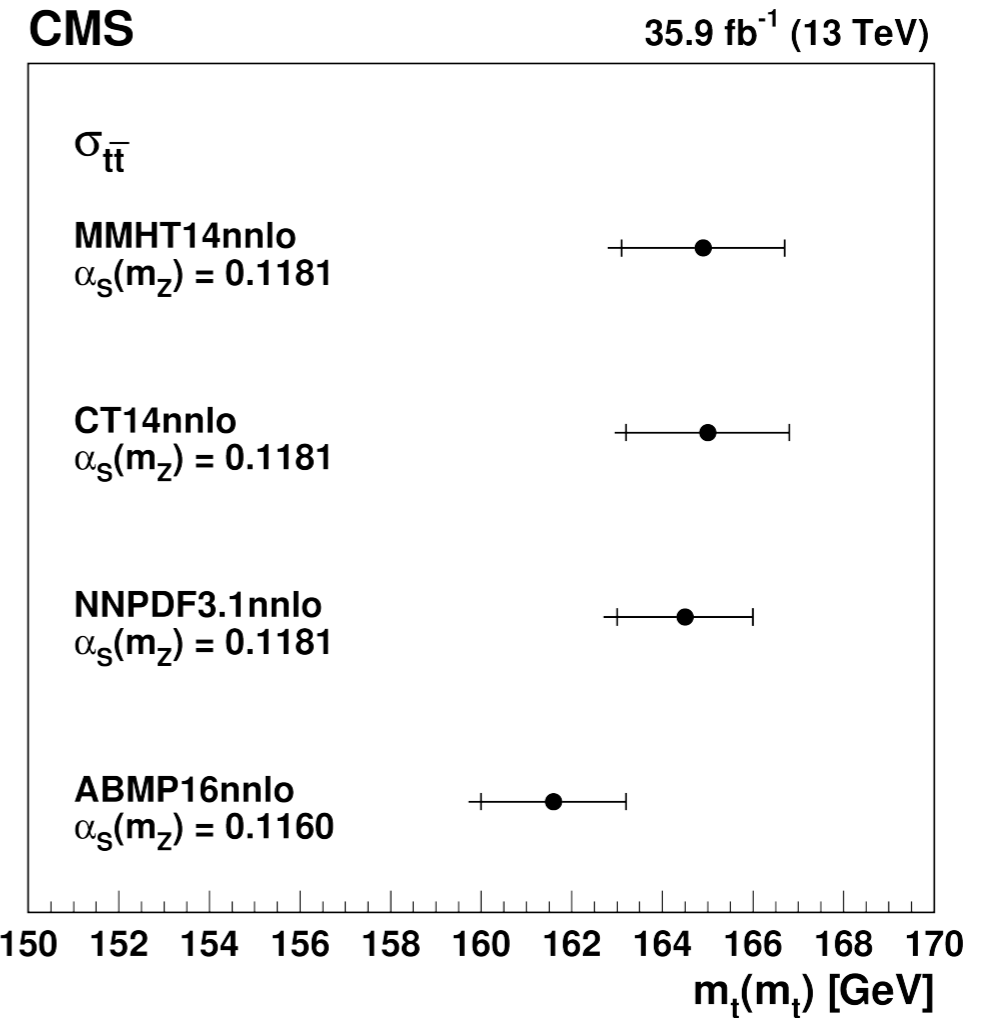
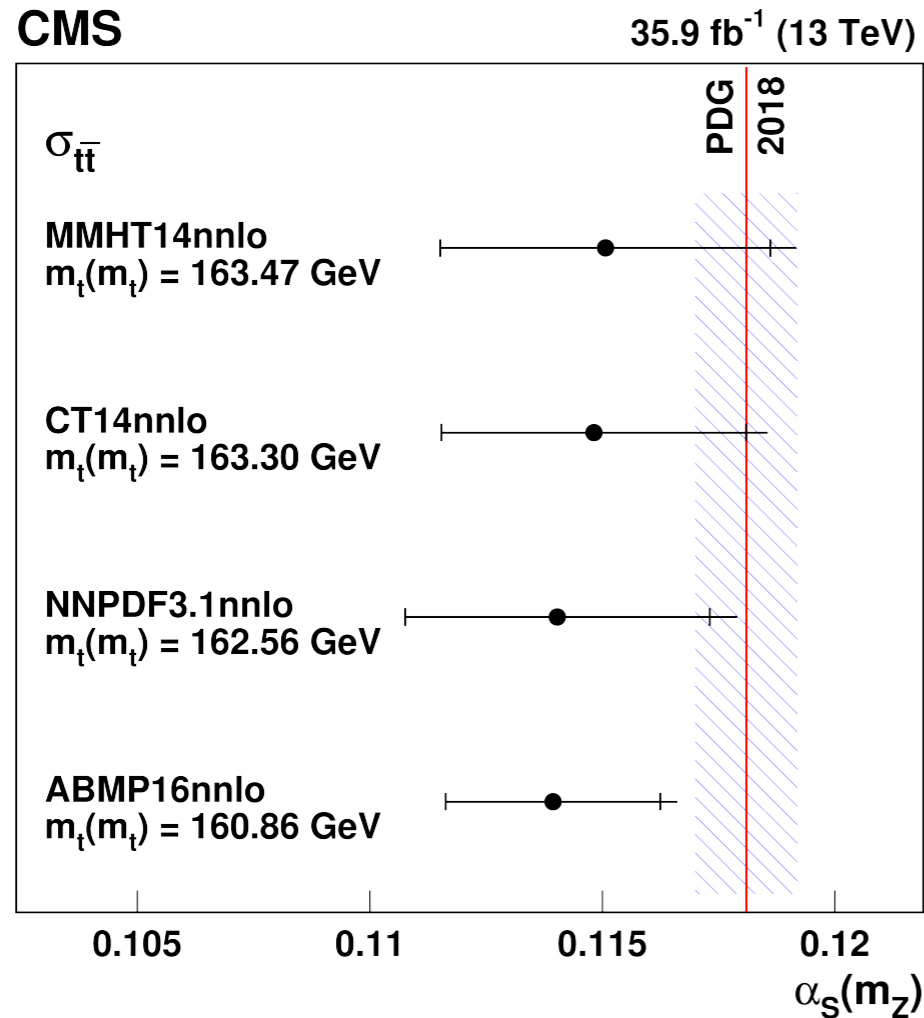
## Top Quark Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: November 2018



Additionally, another fit is performed to extract simultaneously the  $t\bar{t}$  cross-section and the  $m_t^{MC}$ .

- Allow the extracting  $m_t$  and  $\alpha_s$  using fixed-order calculations with different sets of PDFs.



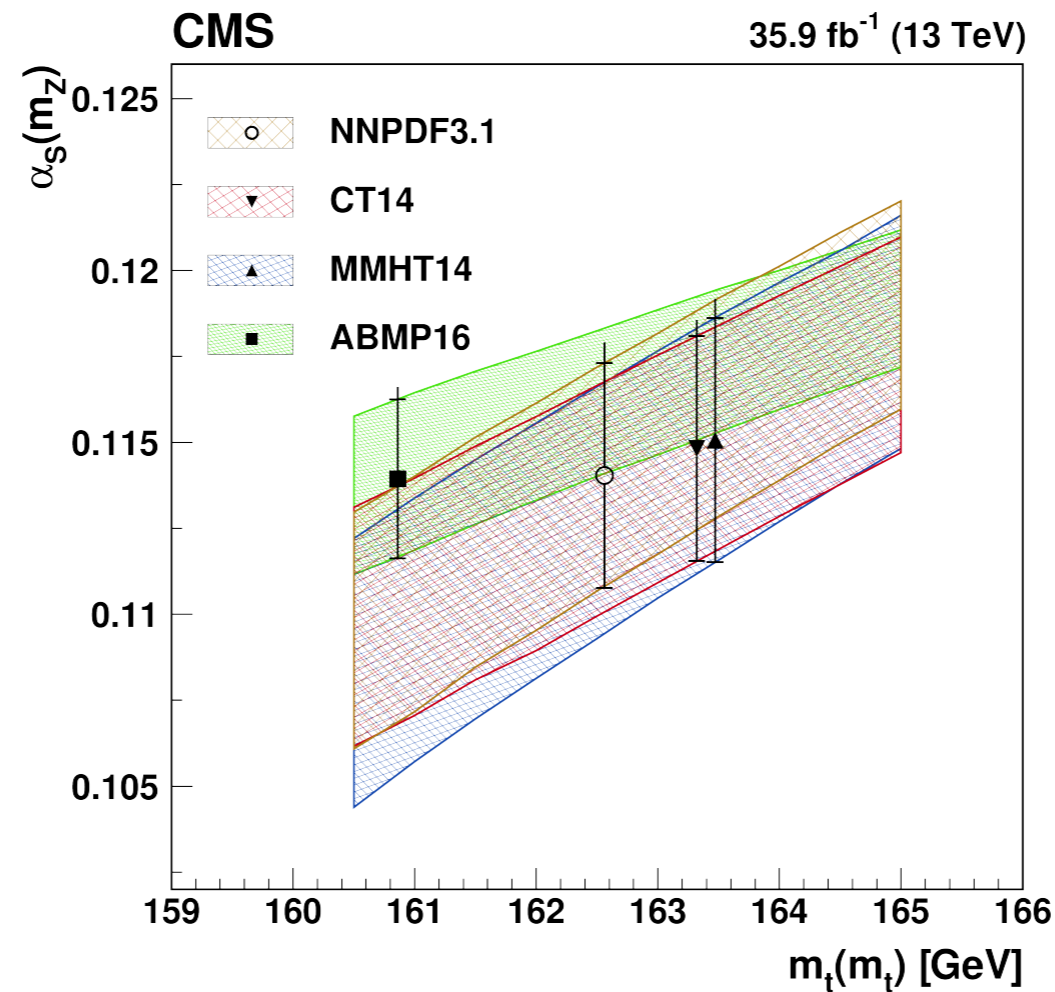
PDF set	$\alpha_s(m_Z)$
ABMP16	$0.1139 \pm 0.0023$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0014}_{-0.0001}$ (scale)
NNPDF3.1	$0.1140 \pm 0.0033$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0021}_{-0.0002}$ (scale)
CT14	$0.1148 \pm 0.0032$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0018}_{-0.0002}$ (scale)
MMHT14	$0.1151 \pm 0.0035$ (fit + PDF) $^{+0.0020}_{-0.0002}$ (scale)

PDF set	$m_t(m_t)$ [GeV]
ABMP16	$161.6 \pm 1.6$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_s$ ) $^{+0.1}_{-1.0}$ (scale)
NNPDF3.1	$164.5 \pm 1.6$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_s$ ) $^{+0.1}_{-1.0}$ (scale)
CT14	$165.0 \pm 1.8$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_s$ ) $^{+0.1}_{-1.0}$ (scale)
MMHT14	$164.9 \pm 1.8$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_s$ ) $^{+0.1}_{-1.1}$ (scale)



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- The extraction of  $m_t$  is repeated in the pole mass scheme using the Top++ 2.0 program using the NNLO+NNLL prediction.

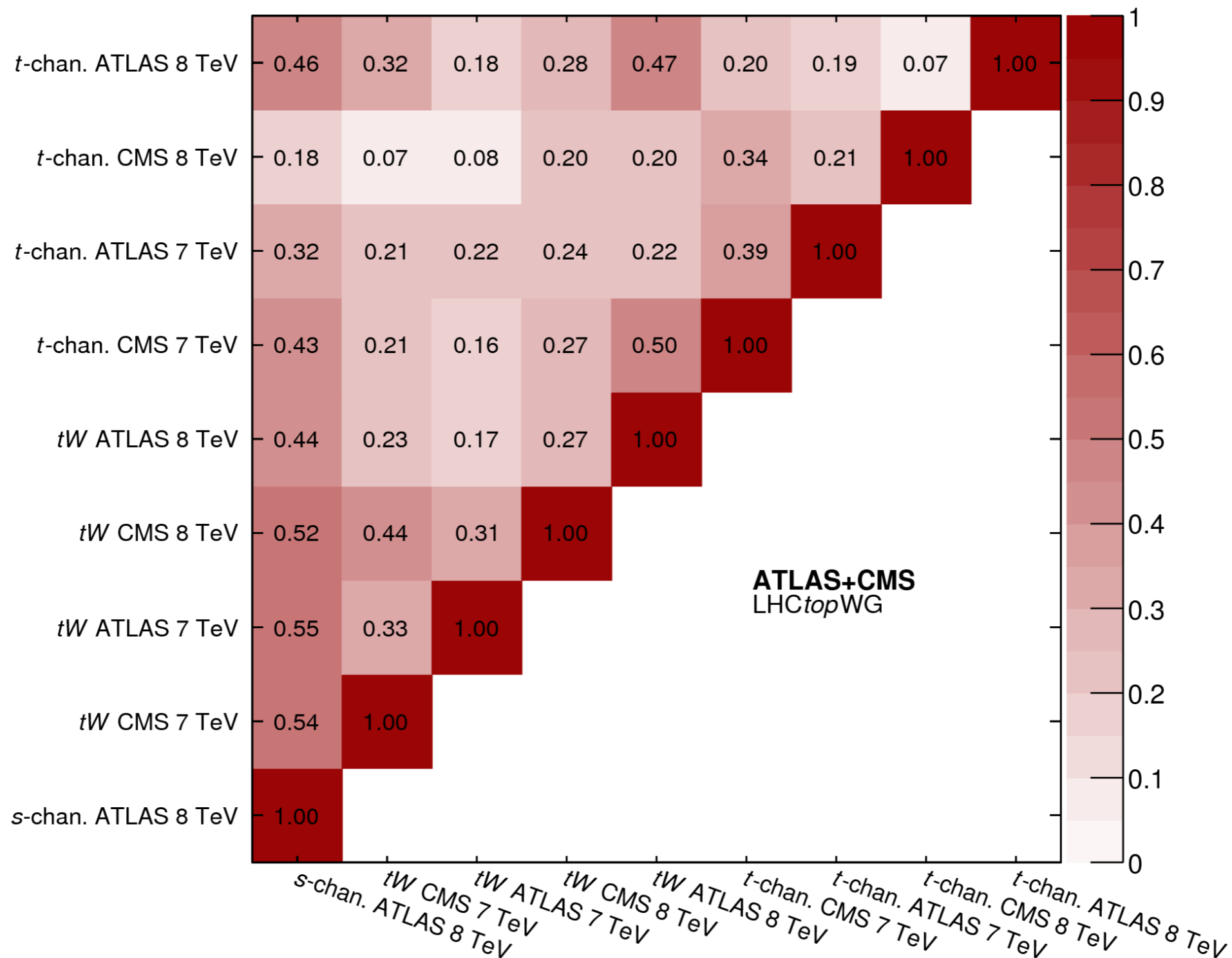
PDF set	$m_t^{\text{pole}}$ [GeV]
ABMP16	$169.9 \pm 1.8$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+0.8}_{-1.2}$ (scale)
NNPDF3.1	$173.2 \pm 1.9$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+0.9}_{-1.3}$ (scale)
CT14	$173.7 \pm 2.0$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+0.9}_{-1.4}$ (scale)
MMHT14	$173.6 \pm 1.9$ (fit + PDF + $\alpha_S$ ) $^{+0.9}_{-1.4}$ (scale)

Inputs: ATLAS and CMS individual  $|f_{LV}V_{tb}|^2$  determinations and their experimental uncertainties.

	<i>t</i> -channel ATLAS 8 TeV	<i>t</i> -channel CMS 8 TeV	<i>t</i> -channel ATLAS 7 TeV	<i>t</i> -channel CMS 7 TeV	<i>tW</i> ATLAS 8 TeV	<i>tW</i> CMS 8 TeV	<i>tW</i> ATLAS 7 TeV	<i>tW</i> CMS 7 TeV	<i>s</i> -channel ATLAS 8 TeV
$ f_{LV}V_{tb} ^2$	1.06	0.99	1.06	1.05	1.03	1.05	1.07	1.02	0.92
<b>Uncertainties:</b>									
<b>Data statistical</b>	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.18	0.21	0.15
<b>Simulation statistical</b>	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	–	0.11
<b>Integrated luminosity</b>	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.07	0.04	0.05
<b>Theory modelling</b>									
ISR/FSR, ren./fact. scale	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.09	0.13	0.05	0.03	0.06
NLO match., generator	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.03	–	0.11	–	0.10
Parton shower	0.02	–	–	0.01	0.02	0.15	0.16	0.10	0.02
PDF	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03
DS/DR scheme	–	–	–	–	0.04	0.02	–	0.06	–
Top-quark $p_T$ rew.	–	–	–	–	–	<0.01	–	–	–
<b>Background normalisation</b>									
Top-quark bkg.	<0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.05
Other bkg. from sim.	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.09	0.04	0.05
Bkg. from data	<0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	<0.01	–	0.02	–	0.01
<b>Jets</b>									
JES common	0.03	0.04	0.08	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.17	0.15	0.05
JES flavour	<0.01	–	0.02	–	0.02	–	–	–	0.01
JetID	<0.01	–	0.01	–	<0.01	–	0.05	–	0.01
JER	<0.01	0.01	0.02	<0.01	0.07	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.11
<b>Detector modelling</b>									
Leptons	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.02
HLT (had. part)	–	–	–	0.02	–	–	–	–	–
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ scale	<0.01	<0.01	0.03	<0.01	0.06	<0.01	–	0.03	0.01
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ res.	<0.01	–	–	–	<0.01	–	–	–	0.01
<i>b</i> -tag	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.01	–	0.02	0.07
Pile-up	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	0.01	0.03	<0.01	0.11	0.01	0.01
<b>Top-quark mass</b>	0.01	<0.01	0.01	–	0.05	0.05	–	–	–
<b>Theoretical cross-section</b>									
PDF+ $\alpha_s$	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.03
Ren./fact. scale	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02
Top-quark mass	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
$E_{\text{beam}}$	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
<b>Total systematic uncertainty</b>	0.09	0.09	0.13	0.10	0.18	0.23	0.34	0.24	0.24
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	0.09	0.10	0.13	0.12	0.19	0.24	0.38	0.32	0.28

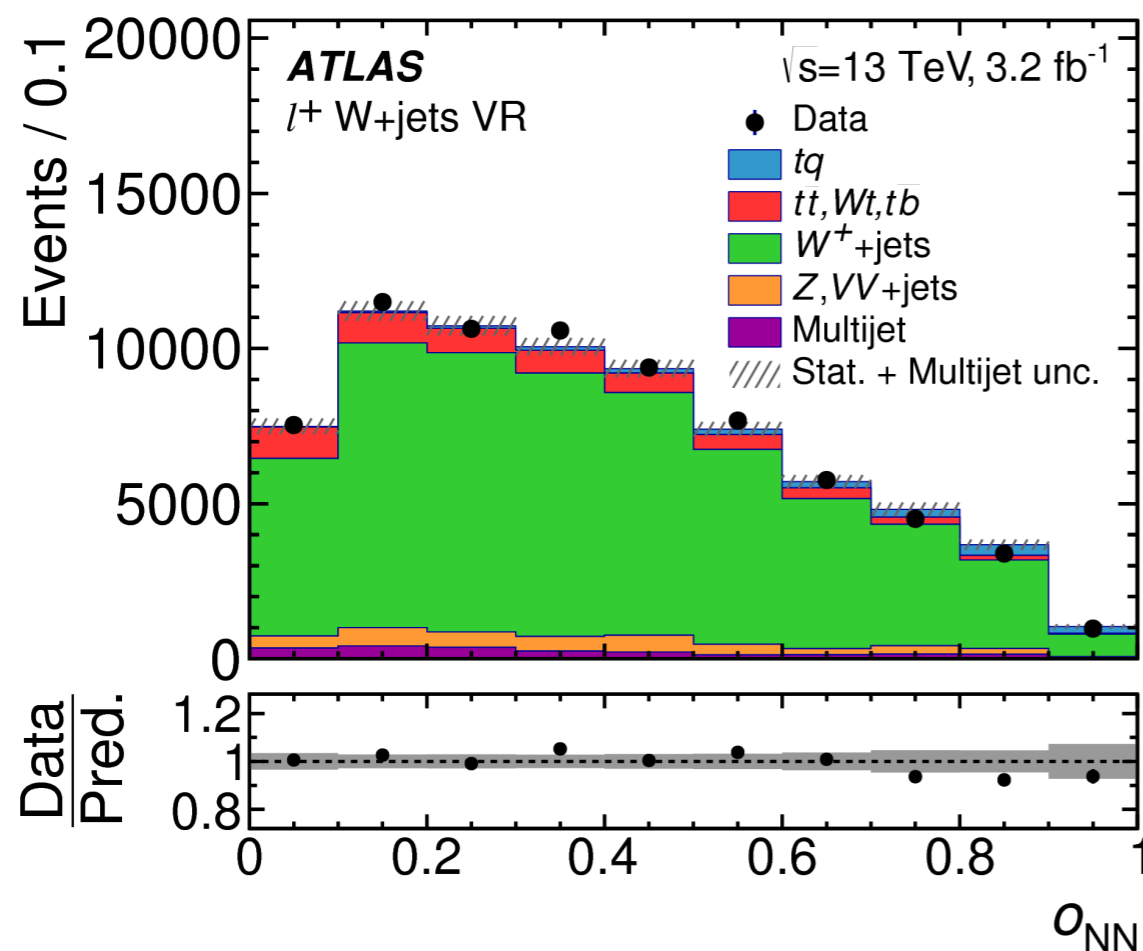


Correlation matrix of the overall  $|f_{LV}V_{tb}|^2$  combination. Each bin corresponds to a measurement in a given production mode, experiment, and at a given centre-of-mass energy.



## Measuring t-channel production of single top quarks and antiquarks.

- Event selection: 1 e or  $\mu$ , and 2 jets (1 b-jet).
- Maximum likelihood fit to the NN output distribution.



- Systematic uncertainties are taken as nuisance parameters.
- Dominant uncertainties:
  - t-channel shower/hadronisation modelling (14%).
  - b-tagging efficiency (7%).
  - $t\bar{t}$  and single top-quark NLO matching (<7%).

- Fit result:

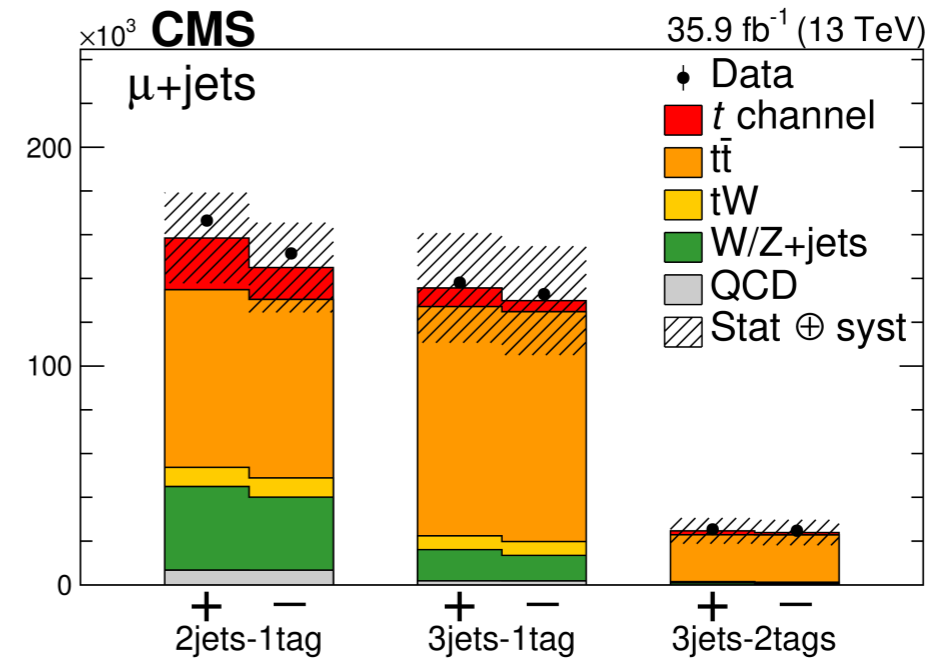
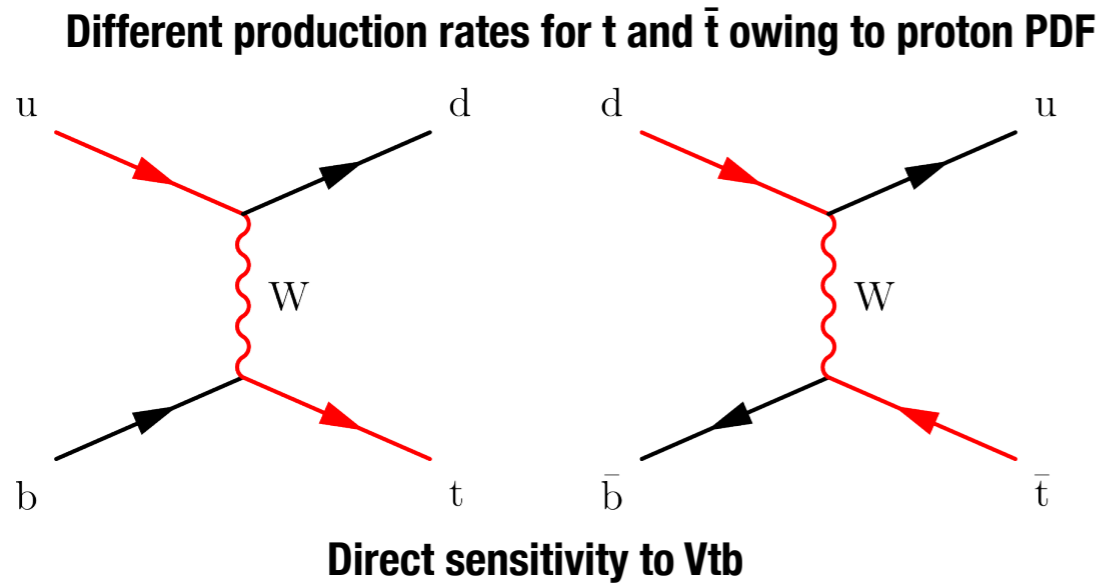
$$\sigma_{\text{t-ch}}(\mathbf{t}) = 156 \pm 5 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 27 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 3 \text{ (lumi.) pb, } \mathbf{18\%}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{t-ch}}(\bar{\mathbf{t}}) = 91 \pm 4 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 18 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 2 \text{ (lumi.) pb. } \mathbf{20\%}$$

- **In agreement with the NLO prediction (unc. 4% for  $\mathbf{t}$ ; unc. 5% for  $\bar{\mathbf{t}}$ ).**

**Measuring t-channel production of single top quarks and antiquarks.**

- Event selection: 1 e or μ, and multiple jets.
- Events classified by jet and b-jet multiplicity and BDT discriminators.



- Cross-sections measured from a likelihood fit to BDT output in all categories.
- Systematic uncertainties are either taken as nuisance parameters (profiled uncertainties) or using varied templates.

Dominant uncertainties:

- t-channel PS scale (~13%).
- t-channel PDF (~8%).
- t-channel  $\mu_R$  and  $\mu_F$  scale (~6%).

} **Nonprofiled uncertainties**

• Fit result:

$\sigma_{t\text{-ch}}(t) = 136 \pm 1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 22 \text{ (syst.) pb, } 16\%$

$\sigma_{t\text{-ch}}(\bar{t}) = 82 \pm 1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 14 \text{ (syst.) pb. } 17\%$

- **In agreement with the NLO prediction (unc. 4% for t; unc. 5% for  $\bar{t}$ ).**

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## Production cross-section measurements by ATLAS and CMS during Run 1 and 2 from $t\bar{t}$ process.

- The theory band represents uncertainties due to renormalisation and factorisation scale, PDF and the strong coupling.
- All measurements are in agreement with the SM predictions

