

# Top (+X) production: current bottlenecks and future prospects



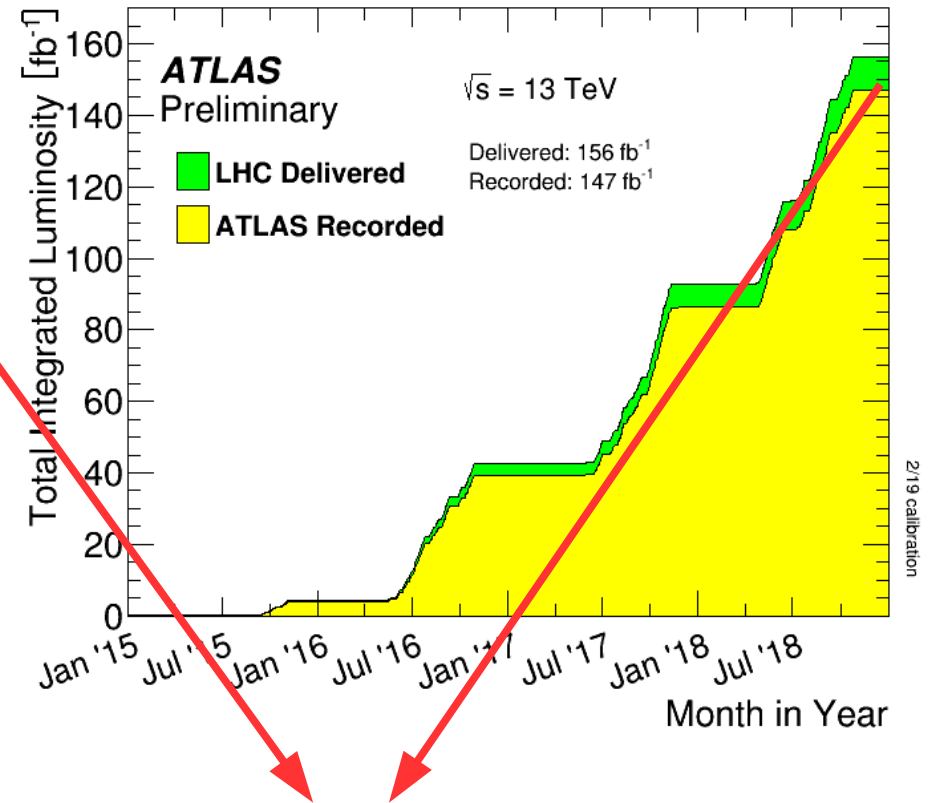
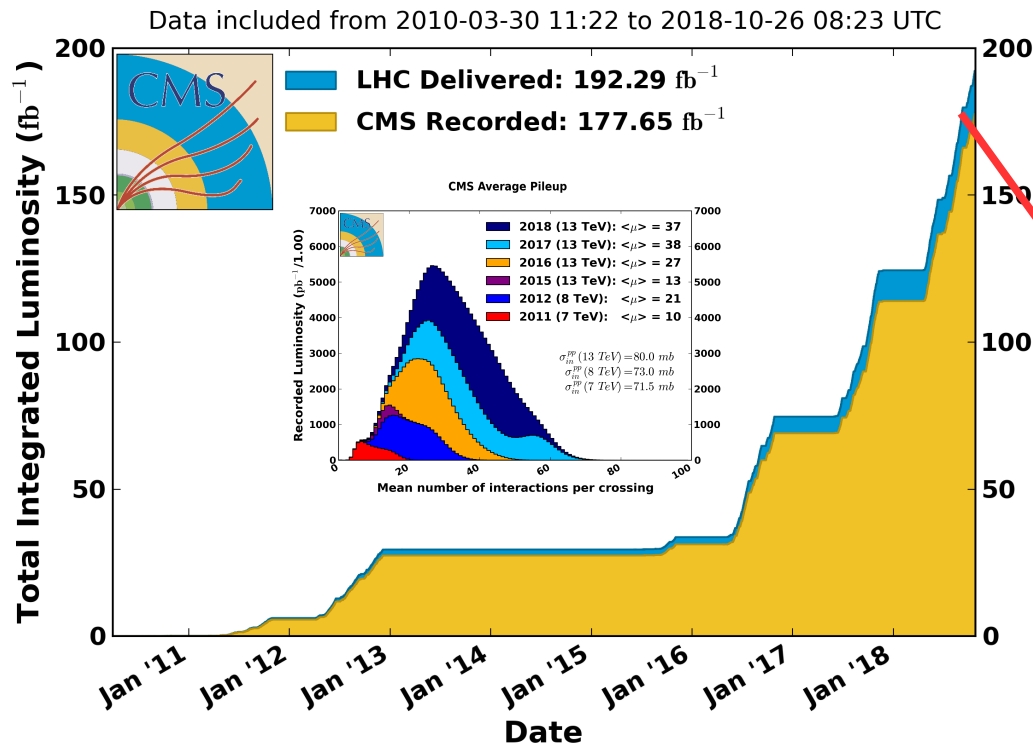
- Overview (very short and selective)
- Challenges ahead
- Opportunities
- Conclusions & Outlook

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# The present...LHC Run II

## CMS Integrated Luminosity, pp, $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8, 13$ TeV



## Many new results @LHCP

- **ATLAS**: ATLAS-CONF-2021-013, ATLAS-CONF-2021-003
- **ATLAS+CMS**: ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-16
- **CMS**: TOP-21-001, TOP-19-006, TOP-20-007, TOP-18-012, TOP-20-010

## Full Run II provides about

- ~ 120 million  $t\bar{t}$  pairs
- ~ 30 million single top
- ~ 120k  $t\bar{t}Z, tZ$
- ~ 30k  $t\bar{t}H$

# Challenges & Opportunities

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opinions!**

**BACK  
TO  
THE FUTURE**

## Challenges ahead:

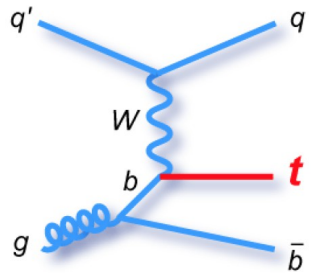
- Experimental systematic uncertainties
- More “global” approaches (kinematic ranges, EFT)
- Theory uncertainties

## Opportunities

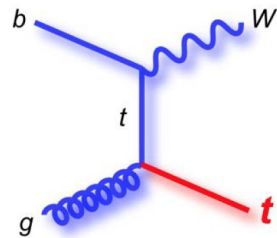
- Vast top quark sample...

# Single Top Quark Production

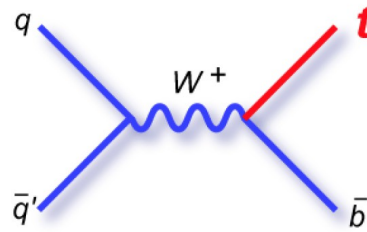
- Single top cross section as high as  $t\bar{t}$  at 8 TeV – large samples
- Single top production: Test of EW interactions



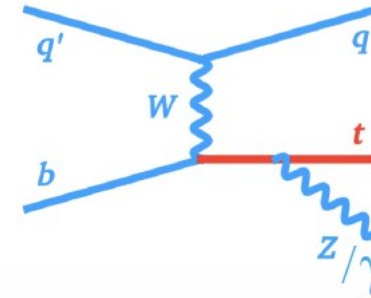
t-channel



tW-channel

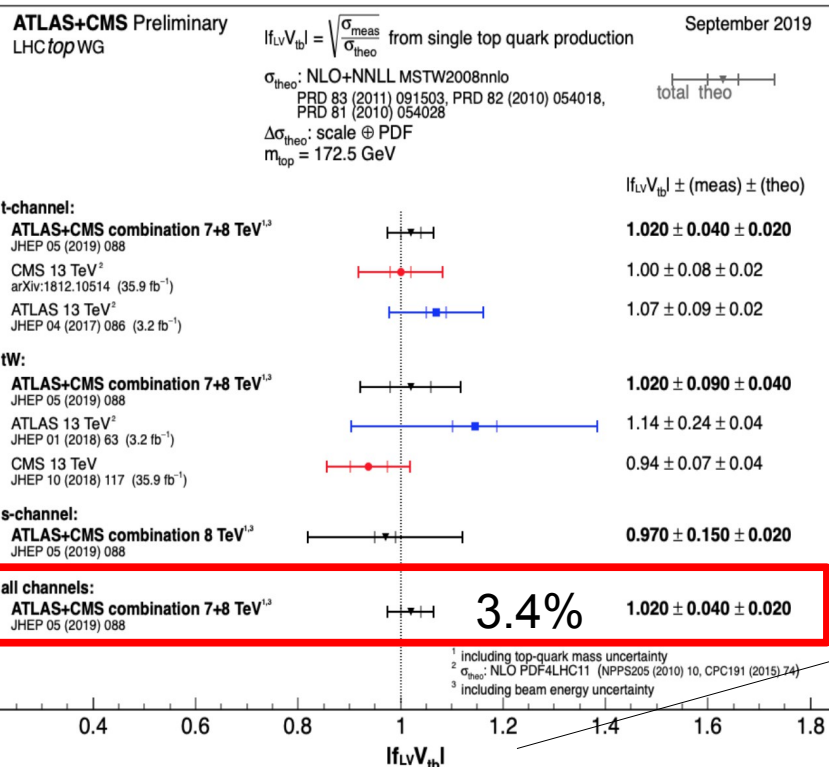


s-channel



tZ/ $\gamma$ -channel  
(rare process,  
< 1 pb)

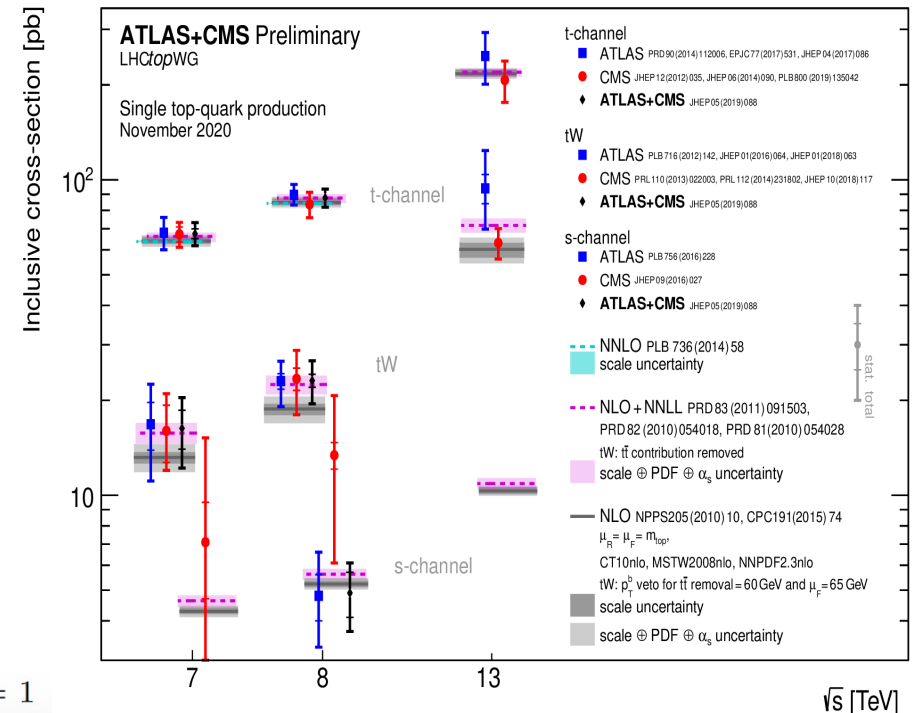
$$\cos \theta_{pol}^* = \frac{p_{q'}^* \cdot p_t^*}{|p_{q'}^*| |p_t^*|}$$



$$|V_{tb} \cdot f_{LV}|^2 = \frac{\sigma^{obs}}{\sigma^{theory}}$$

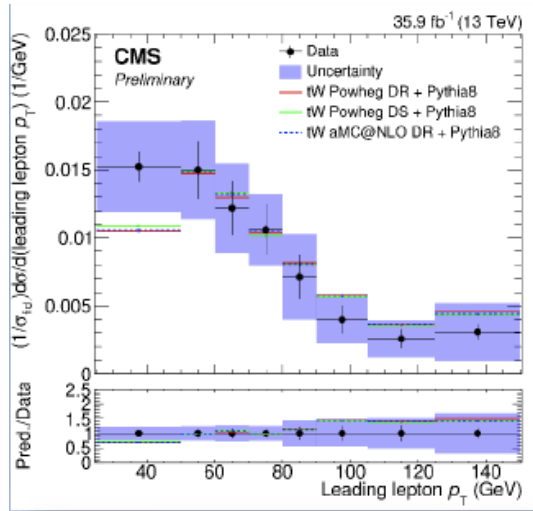
$f_{LV}$ : BSM form factor

Consistent with  $f_{LV} \cdot V_{tb} = 1$



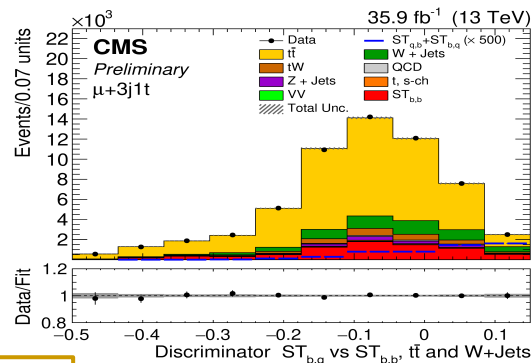
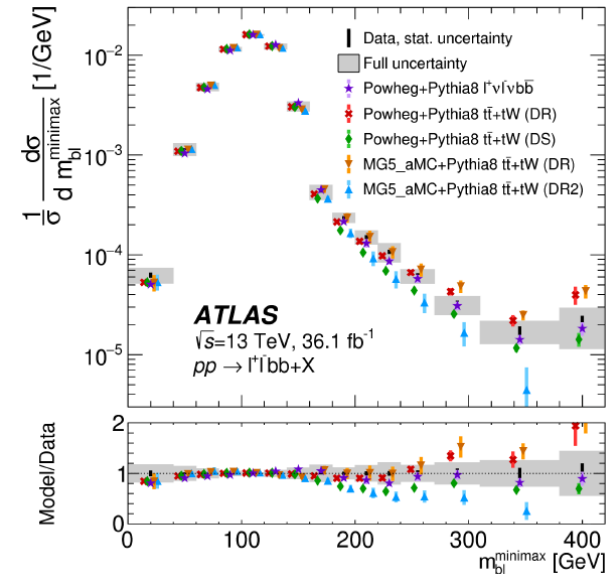
# Single Top Quark Production

## Challenges and Opportunities:



[CMS-PAS TOP-19-003]

- CMS: differential ratio of  $t$  vs.  $\bar{t}$  – sensitive to proton structure
- ATLAS:  $tW$  measurement requires  $tt + tW$  interference terms

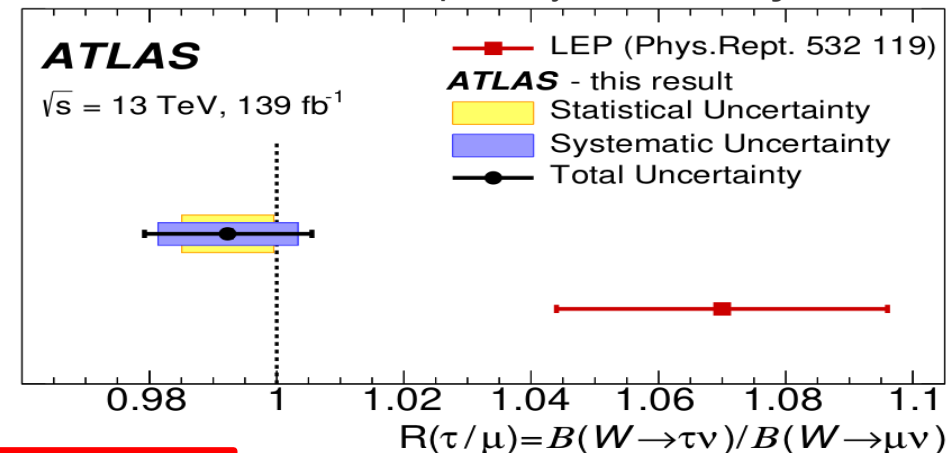


$$|V_{td}|^2 + |V_{ts}|^2 \leq 0.17 \text{ at } 95\% \text{ CL.}$$

$$|V_{tb}| = 1.00 \pm 0.01 \text{ (stat + syst)} \pm 0.03 \text{ (nonprofiled)}$$

Impressive amount of differential measurements in single top!  
 $tt+tW$  interference terms become relevant to describe data!

arXiv:2007.14040 accepted by Nature Physics

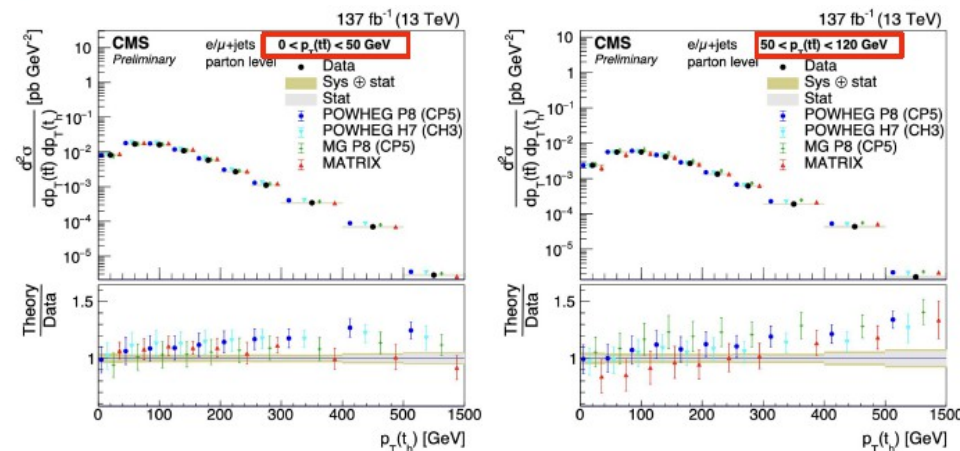
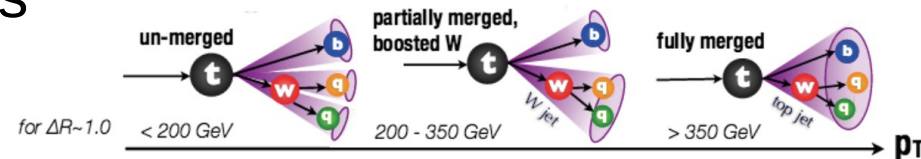
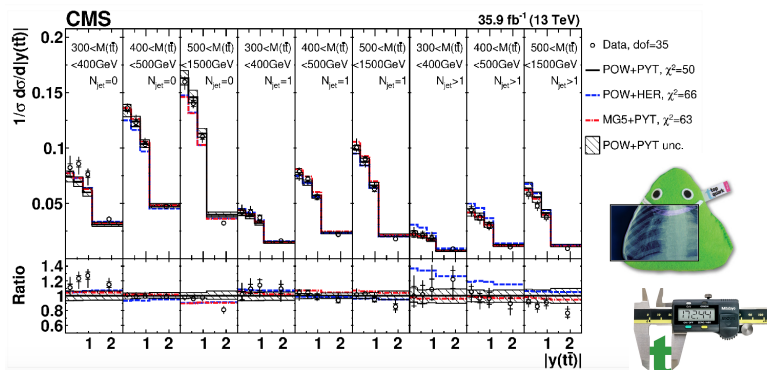


ATLAS: Lepton Universality

# Differential cross sections

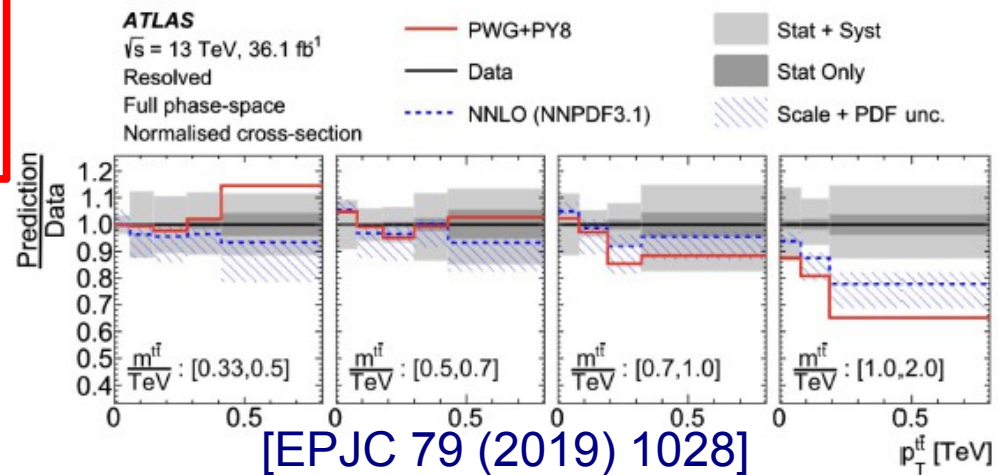
- Enormous amount of differential cross section measurements at ATLAS & CMS – impossible to summarize in 1 slide.
- Expect even more  $n$ -dimensional distributions

[CMS-PAS-TOP-20-001]



- Improve signal modeling, seen 1<sup>st</sup> triple and double differential measurements!
- Getting more precise in boosted regime
- On CMS site: 1<sup>st</sup> simultaneous measurement of resolved and boosted

(particle level ok @1D, deviations in 2D ↔ NNLO predictions improve descriptions at parton level compared to NLO+PS)

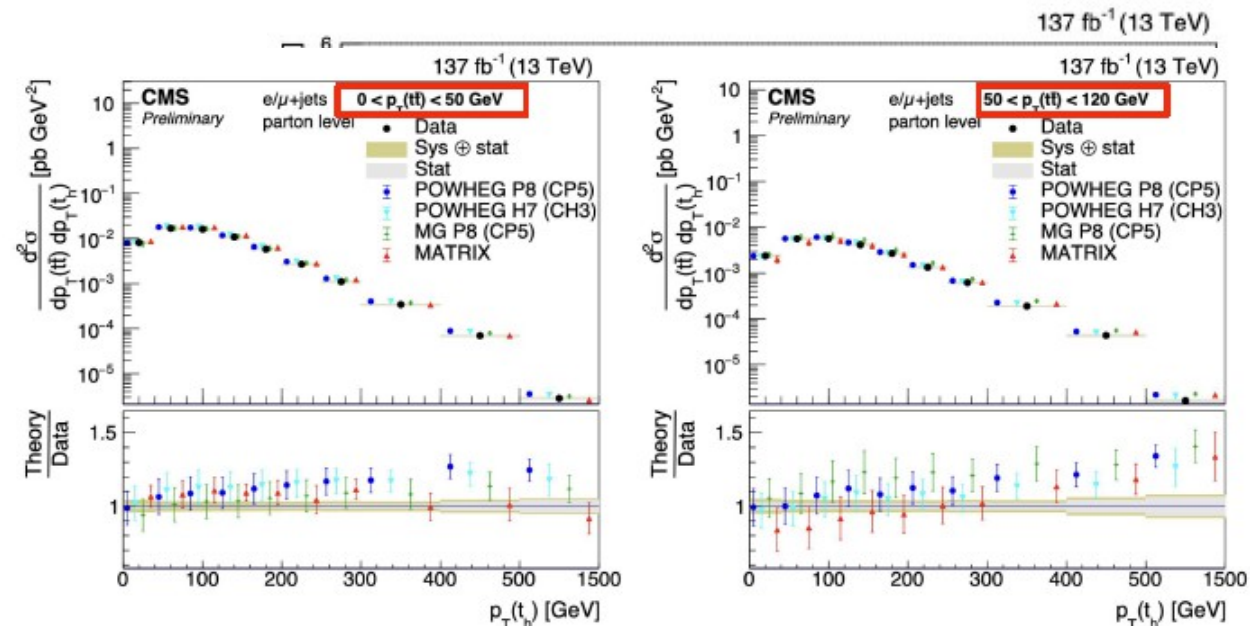
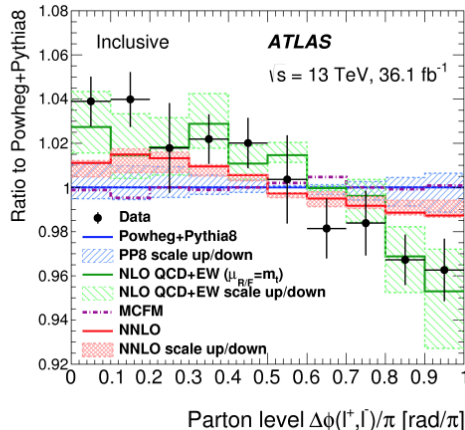
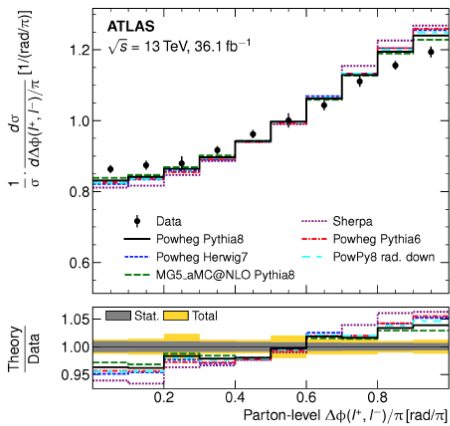
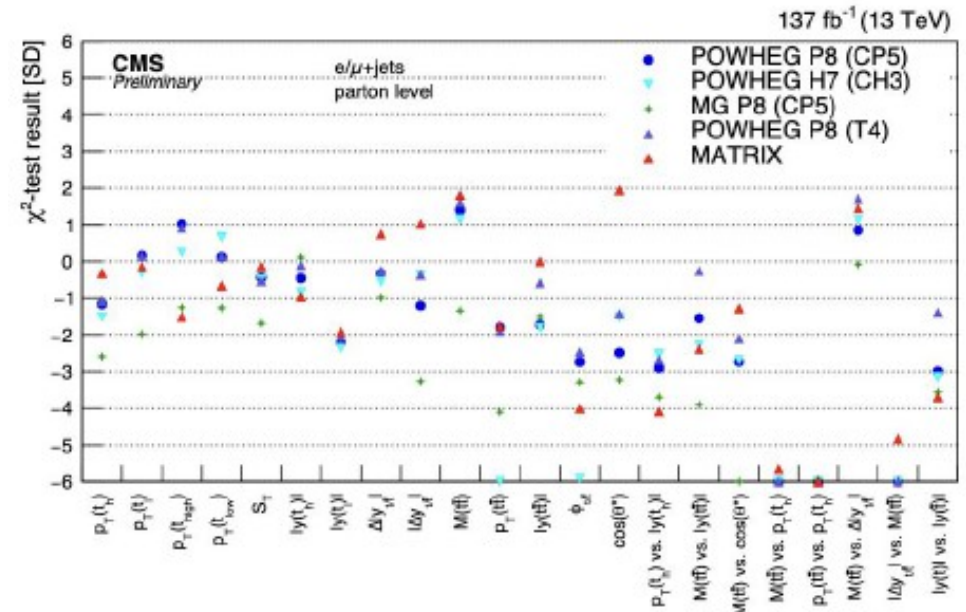


[EPJC 79 (2019) 1028]

# Challenges in multi-D x-sec's

- More global approach is needed to fully harvest the wealth of top data
  - Theory setup & uncertainties critical
  - As an example: MATRIX
    - Great tool, excellent to have
    - Struggling on CPU time/demands, 10k jobs on lxplus → 2% stat, 10x not doable as normal user. Even more of troubling for uncertainties

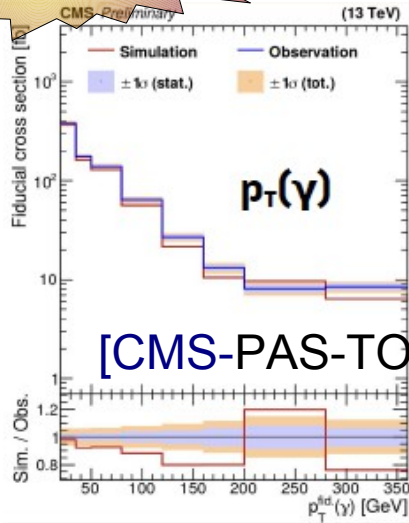
- Recent CMS multi-D measurement
  - Top pT spectra up to 1.5 TeV



# $t\bar{t}+X$ : Highlights

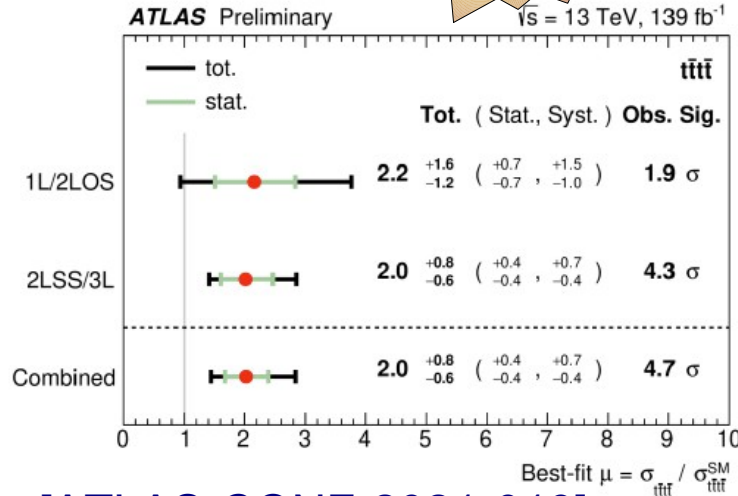
- $t\bar{t}Z/W$ : Most precise measurement, allowed for 1<sup>st</sup> differential cross sections
- $t\bar{t}\gamma$  : Differential  $t\bar{t}\gamma$  by CMS
- $t\bar{t}+t\bar{t}$ : Full Run 2 evidence at ATLAS
- $t\bar{t}+c\bar{c}$ : 1<sup>st</sup> by CMS

$t\bar{t}\gamma$

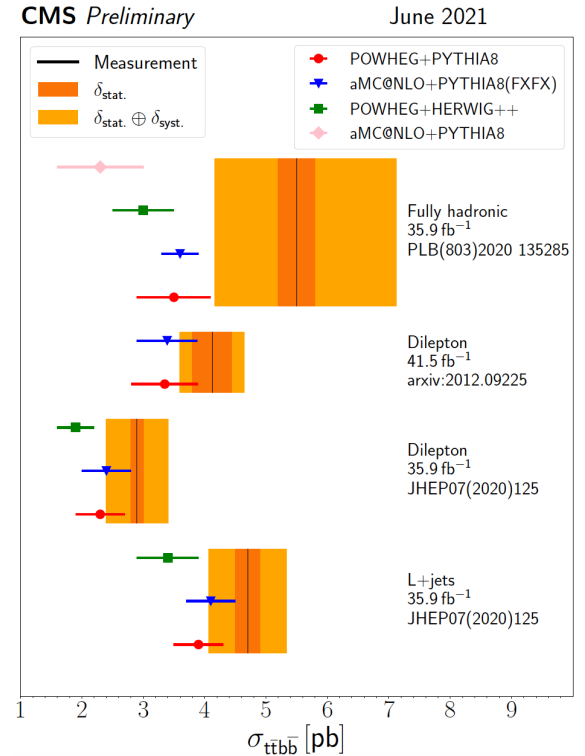


[CMS-PAS-TOP-18-010]

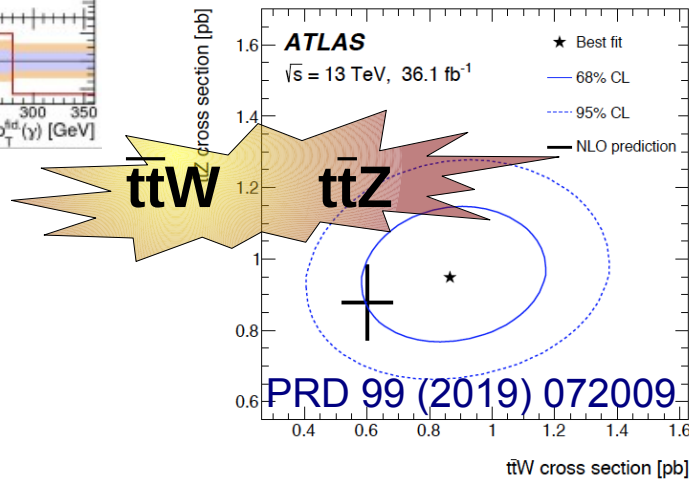
$t\bar{t}+t\bar{t}$



[ATLAS-CONF-2021-013]



[CMS-PAS-TOP-20-003]



$t\bar{t}W$   $t\bar{t}Z$

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- Details matter: SF's for  $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $t\bar{t}W$  and  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$  are not easily comparable (mind phase space & uncertainties)
- Picture emerging:  $t\bar{t}+X$  enters precision, poses demands on higher order corrections for theory predictions
- Signal modeling often limiting systematic

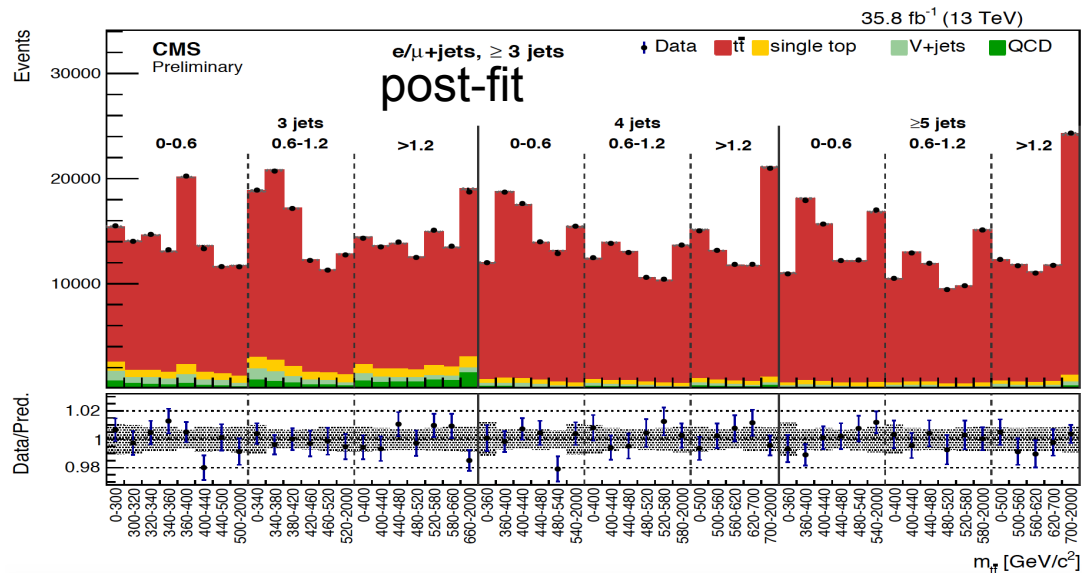


# Top quark threshold region

Recent experimental results  
Extract  $y_t$  from template fit:

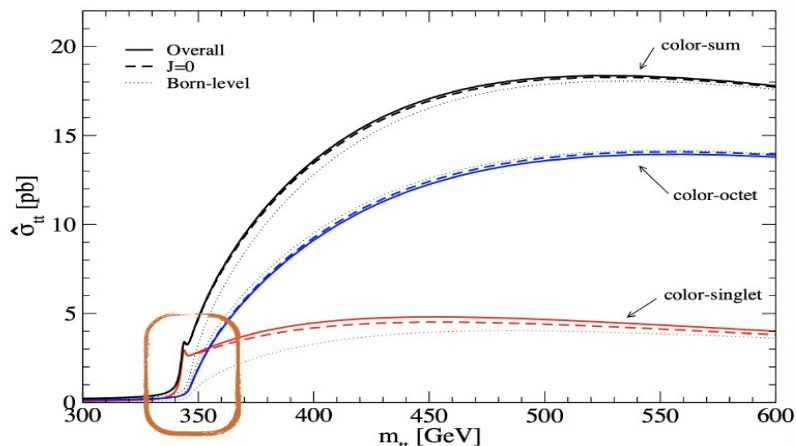
- CMS 13 TeV data,  $l+jets$
- Recover 3 jet bin and use 57 bins to fit
- Relies on threshold region

- Also relevant to search for toponium as presented at a joint LHCTopWG seminar by Fuks et al.



$$y_t^{\text{com}} = 1.07 + 0.34-0.43 \text{ (obs)} [1.00 + 0.35-0.48 \text{ (exp)}]$$

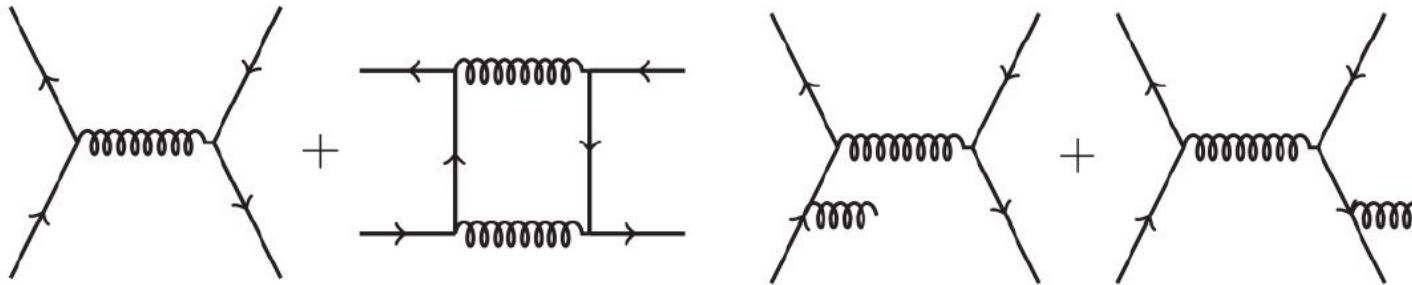
[ Sumino & Yokoya (JHEP'10) ]



- Threshold region is difficult to access at the experiments
- Modeling has impact on parameter extraction
- Future exciting searches rely on threshold region

# Top Quark Asymmetries

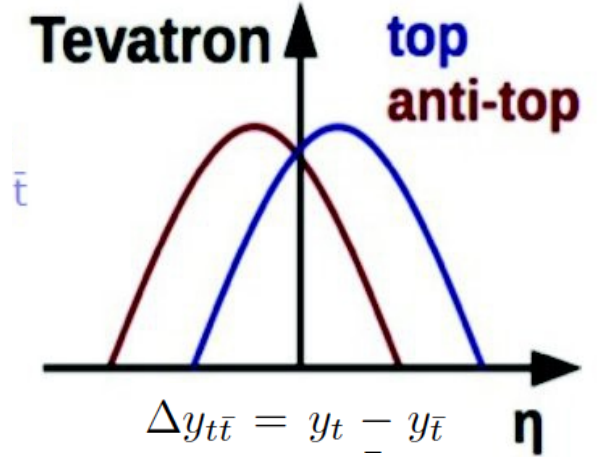
- Interference appears at NLO QCD:



Positive asymmetry

Negative asymmetry

→ Only occurs in qq initial state; gg is fwd-bwd symmetric



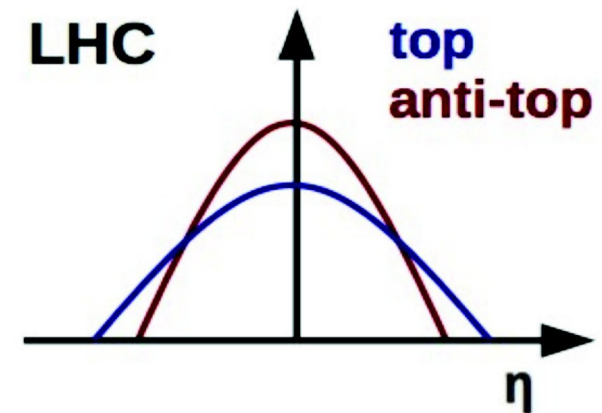
$$A_{\text{FB}}^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N(\Delta y_{t\bar{t}} > 0) - N(\Delta y_{t\bar{t}} < 0)}{N(\Delta y_{t\bar{t}} > 0) + N(\Delta y_{t\bar{t}} < 0)}$$

- This is a forward-backward asymmetry at Tevatron
- No valence anti-quarks at LHC → t more central

- SM predictions at NLO (QCD+EWK)

→ Tevatron: AFB ~ 10 % vs. LHC: AC ~ 1 %

(These are NNLO pQCD predictions, there is also the PMC approach)



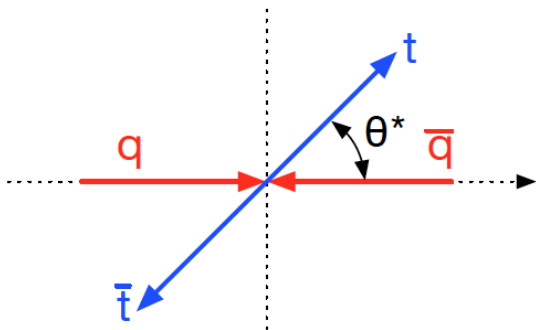
- Experimentally: Asymmetries based on decay leptons or fully reconstructed top quarks

*harder*  $A_C^{\text{lep}} = \frac{N(\Delta|\eta_e| > 0) - N(\Delta|\eta_e| < 0)}{N(\Delta|\eta_e| > 0) + N(\Delta|\eta_e| < 0)}$  *easier*

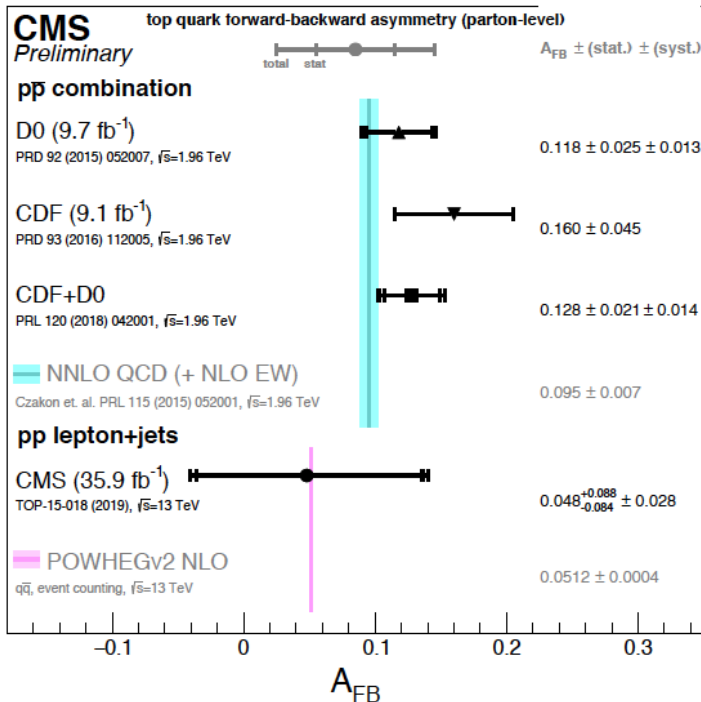
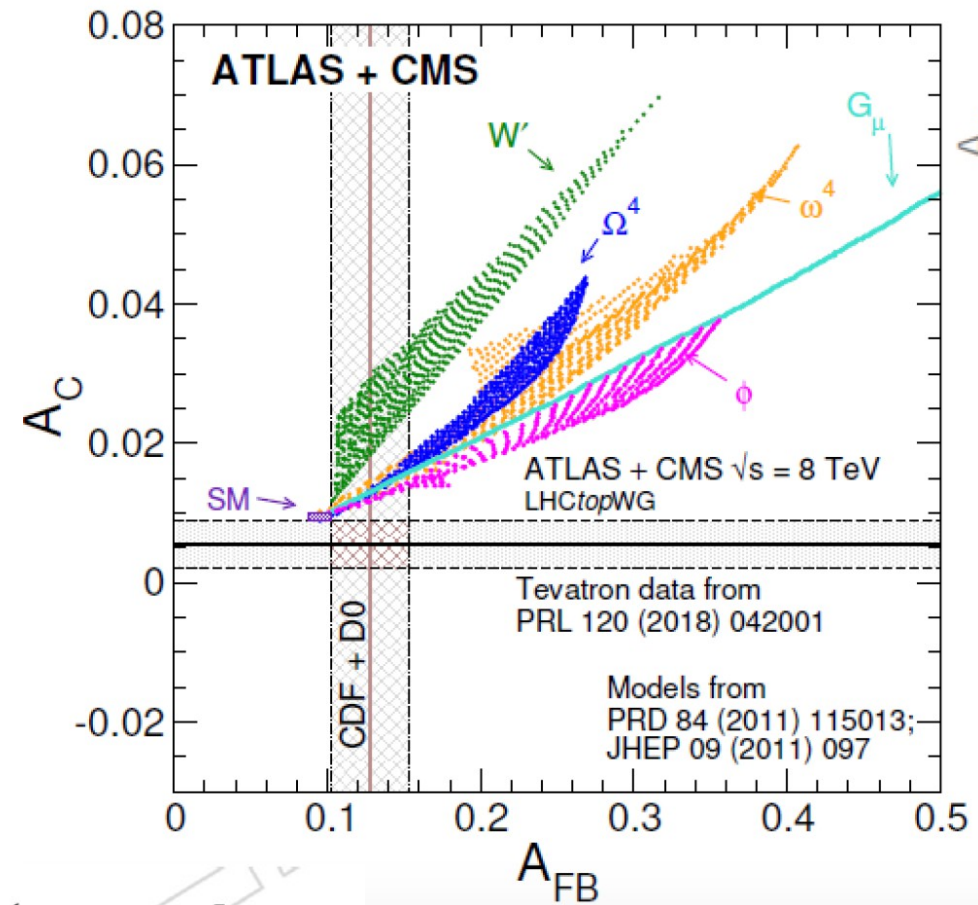
$$A_C = \frac{N(\Delta|y_t| > 0) - N(\Delta|y_t| < 0)}{N(\Delta|y_t| > 0) + N(\Delta|y_t| < 0)}$$

# Top Quark Properties...

- Production asymmetry due to NLO interferences
- Measure production angle  $c^* = \cos(\theta^*)$  to access asymmetry [arXiv:1912.09540](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.09540)



$$A_{FB} = \frac{\sigma(c^* > 0) - \sigma(c^* < 0)}{\sigma(c^* > 0) + \sigma(c^* < 0)}$$



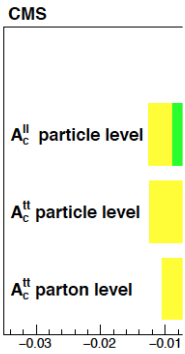
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dc^*}(q\bar{q}) \simeq f_{\text{sym}}(c^*) + \left[ \int_{-1}^1 f_{\text{sym}}(x) dx \right] c^* A_{FB}^{(1)}$$

→ Measurements of  $A_C$  difficult, new channels help  
 → CMS 1<sup>st</sup> measurement of  $A_{FB}$  at LHC (!)

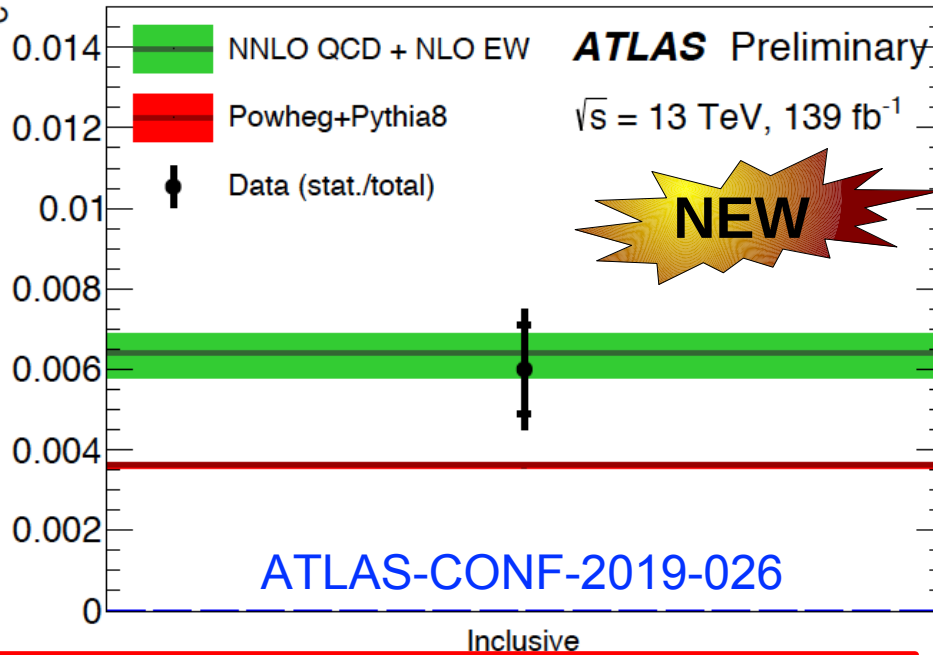


# Top Quark Properties...

## Production asymmetry due to NLO interferences



- Update by ATLAS
- Used 139 fb of data
- l+jets decay channel
- Inclusive and differential in  $m(t\bar{t})$
- Different from 0 with  $> 4$  SD, but
- Not yet a test of SM



$$A_C = 0.006 \pm 0.0015 \text{ (stat+syst)}$$

SM measurement soon ?

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**CMS** top quark forward  
Preliminary

pp combination

D0 (9.7 fb<sup>-1</sup>)  
PRD 92 (2015) 052007,  $\sqrt{s}=1.96$  TeV

CDF (9.1 fb<sup>-1</sup>)  
PRD 93 (2016) 112005,  $\sqrt{s}=1.96$  TeV

CDF+D0  
PRL 120 (2018) 042001,  $\sqrt{s}=1.96$  TeV

NNLO QCD (+ NLO EW)  
Czakon et. al. PRL 115 (2015) 052001,  $\sqrt{s}=1.96$  TeV

pp lepton+jets  
CMS (35.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>)  
TOP-15-018 (2019),  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV

POWHEGV2 NLO  
q $\bar{q}$ , event counting,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV

$A_{FB}$



# Top mass – direct methods

- Direct measurements combined using BLUE – consistent among methods/channels
- CMS & ATLAS reach  $\delta m_t/m_t = 0.28\%$

- CMS: all-jets + l+jets

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$$m_{\text{top}} = 172.26 \pm 0.61 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\delta m_t/m_t = 0.36\% (!)$$

- ATLAS: soft muon tag + displaced vertex, 13 TeV

ATLAS-CONF-2019-046

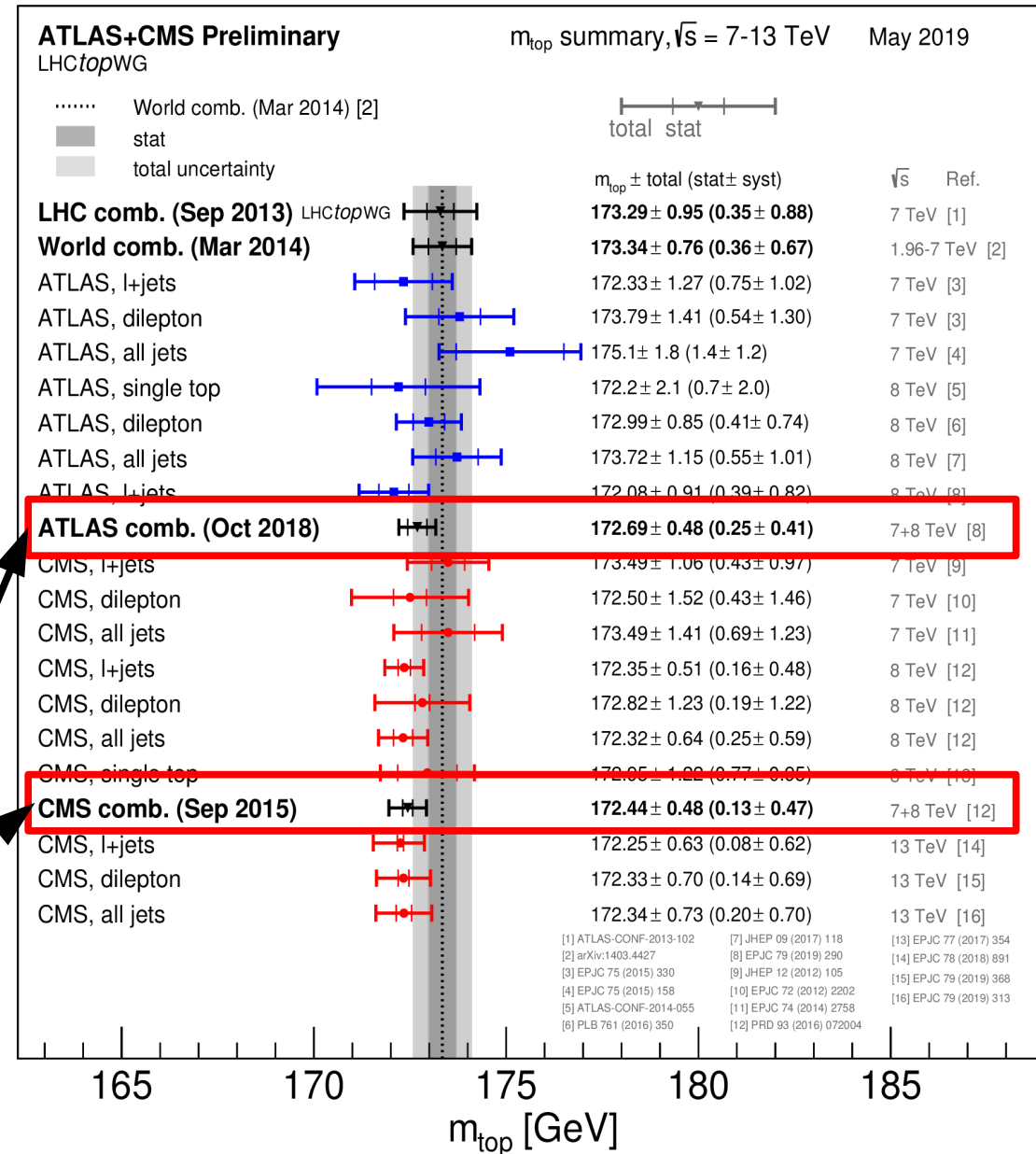
$$m_{\text{top}} = 174.48 \pm 0.78 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\delta m_t/m_t = 0.45\% (!)$$

In context of LHCTopWG

- Time for another LHC combination ?

World combination ?

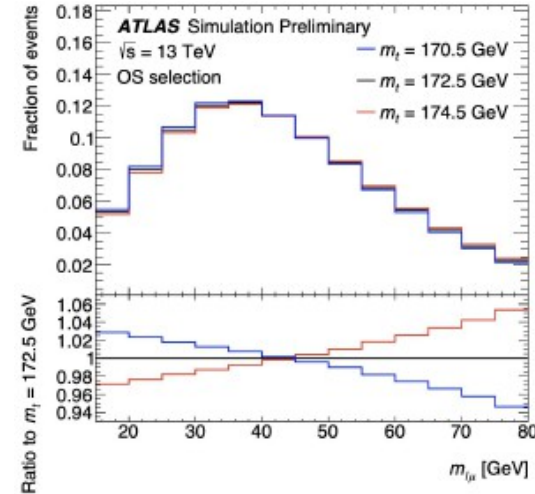


# Top mass – alternative

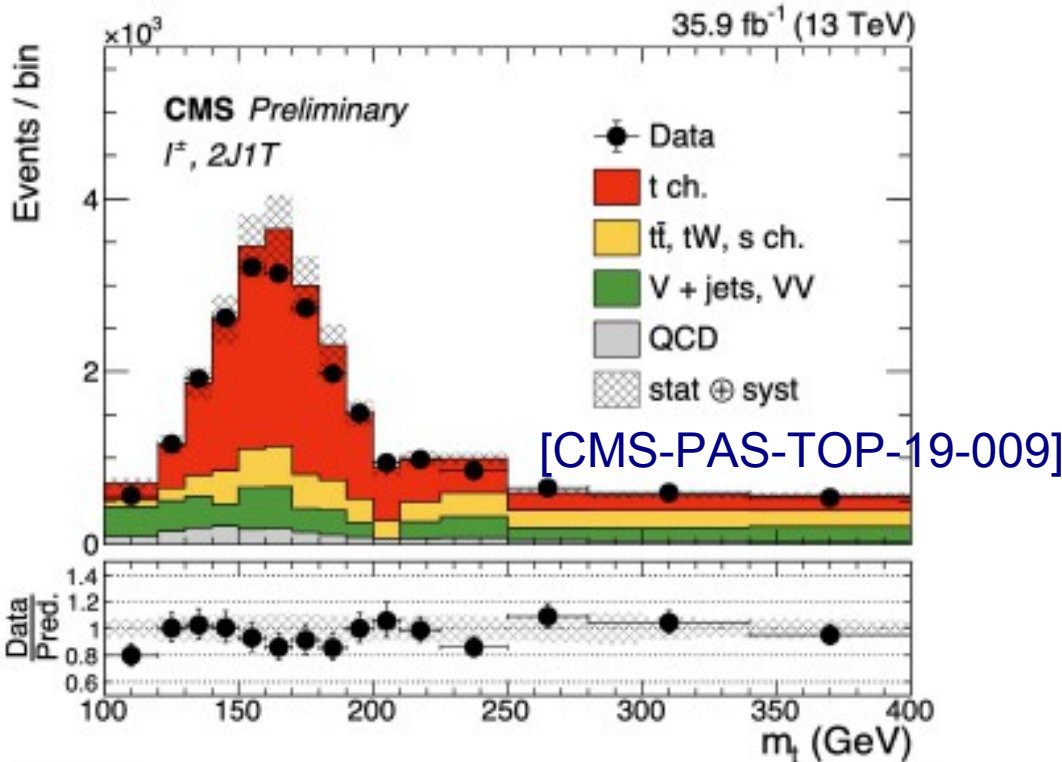
## Latest top mass measurements:

- ATLAS 13 TeV data, leptonic invariant mass
  - Limited by B hadron branching [ATLAS-CONF-2019-046]
- CMS mass in the t-channel
  - Combined and separate lepton categories, CPT

$$m_{\text{top}} = 172.1 \pm 0.8 \text{ (total) GeV} \quad \delta m_t / m_t = 0.47\% \text{ (!)}$$



$$m_{\text{top}} = 174.5 \pm 0.8 \text{ (total) GeV} \quad \delta m_t / m_t = 0.45\% \text{ (!)}$$



**ATLAS+CMS Preliminary**  
LHCtopWG

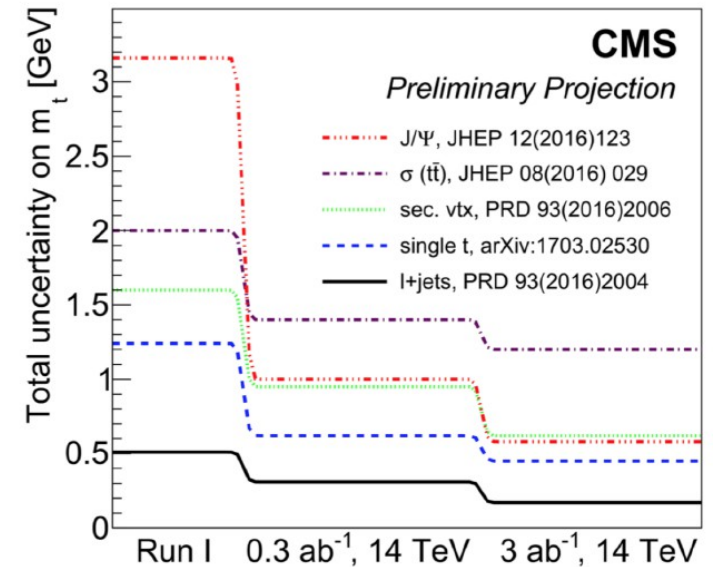
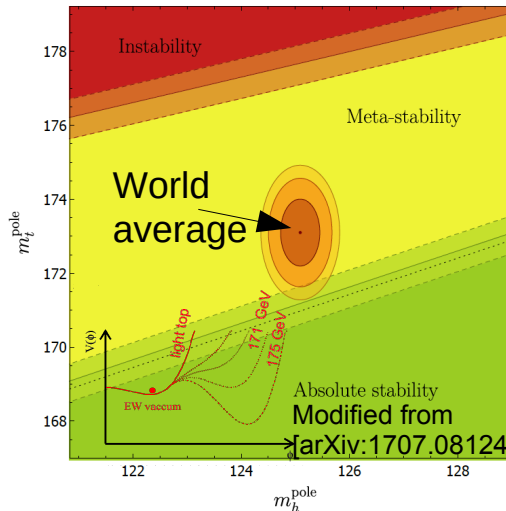
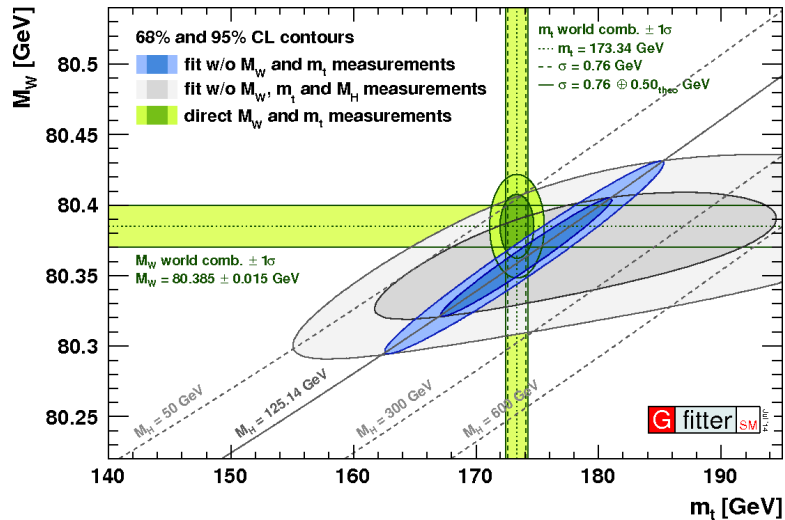
$m_{\text{top}}$  from cross-section measurements  
Sep 2019

	total	stat	$m_{\text{top}} \pm \text{tot (stat} \pm \text{syst} \pm \text{theo)}$	Ref.
<b><math>\sigma(t\bar{t})</math> inclusive, NNLO+NNLL</b>				
ATLAS, 7+8 TeV			$172.9^{+2.5}_{-2.6}$	[1]
CMS, 7+8 TeV			$173.8^{+1.7}_{-1.8}$	[2]
CMS, 13 TeV			$169.9^{+1.9}_{-2.1} (0.1 \pm 1.5^{+1.2}_{-1.5})$	[3]
ATLAS, 13 TeV			$173.1^{+2.0}_{-2.1}$	[4]
<b><math>\sigma(t\bar{t}+1j)</math> differential, NLO</b>				
ATLAS, 7 TeV			$173.7^{+2.3}_{-2.1} (1.5 \pm 1.4^{+1.0}_{-0.5})$	[5]
CMS, 8 TeV			$169.9^{+4.5}_{-3.7} (1.1^{+2.5}_{-3.1} \pm 3.6^{+0.7}_{-0.3})$	[6]
ATLAS, 8 TeV			$171.1^{+1.2}_{-1.0} (0.4 \pm 0.9^{+0.7}_{-0.3})$	[7]
<b><math>\sigma(t\bar{t})</math> n-differential, NLO</b>				
ATLAS, n=1, 8 TeV			$173.2 \pm 1.6 (0.9 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.2)$	[8]
CMS, n=3, 13 TeV			$170.9 \pm 0.8$	[9]
<b><math>m_{\text{top}}</math> from top quark decay</b>				
CMS, 7+8 TeV comb. [10]				[10]
ATLAS, 7+8 TeV comb. [11]				[11]

Legend for  $m_{\text{top}}$  from top quark decay:  
 [1] EPJC 74 (2014) 3109 [5] JHEP 10 (2015) 121 [9] arXiv:1904.05237 (2019)  
 [2] JHEP 08 (2016) 029 [6] CMS-PAS-TOP-13-006 [10] PRD 93 (2016) 072004  
 [3] EPJC 79 (2019) 368 [7] arXiv:1905.02302 (2019) [11] EPJC 79 (2019) 290  
 [4] ATLAS-CONF-2019-041 [8] EPJC 77 (2017) 804

# Latest weighing...

## EW vacuum stability



Beyond projections already (as usual),  
e.g. triple differential cross sections

- Self-consistency test of the SM & stability of the EW vacuum both rely/use pole mass – what we measure depends on the method
  - Indirect extractions → top quark pole mass
  - Direct methods → “MC” mass, close to pole mass
- Precise top mass from cross sections (CMS) or leptonic variables (ATLAS):
  - both at the level of 0.5% [\[arXiv:1904.05237\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.05237) [\[ATLAS-CONF-2019-046\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.05237)
  - Limited by B-hadron & Color reconnection
  - Exciting activities by theory community (parton showers, b jets/modeling)

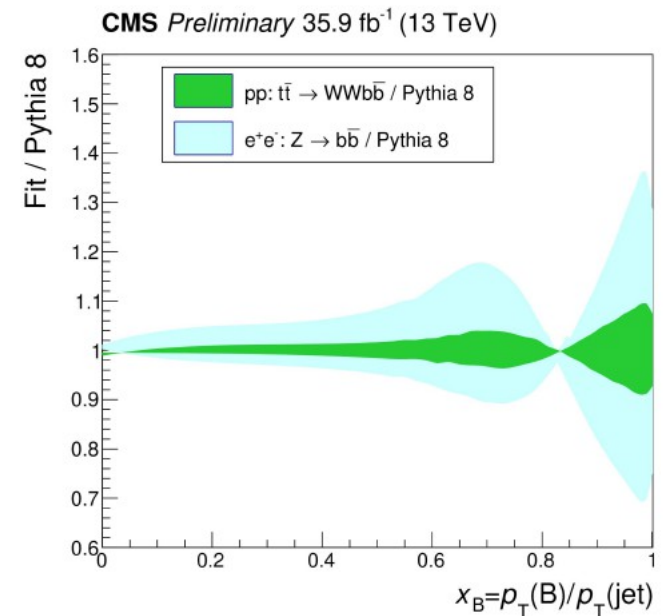
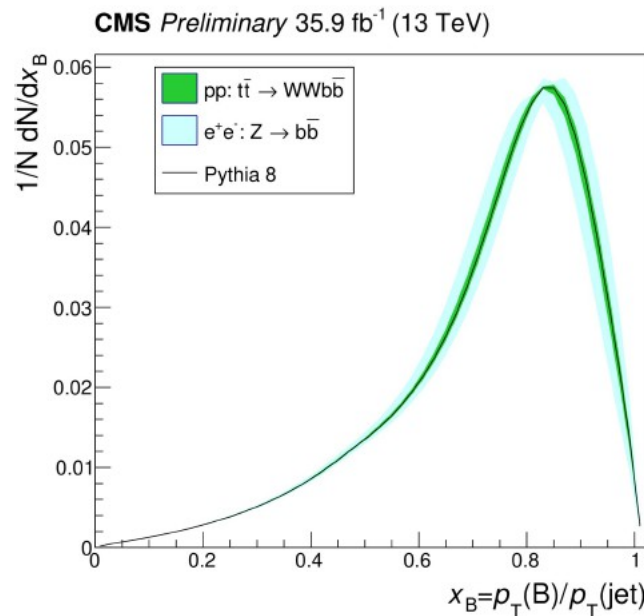
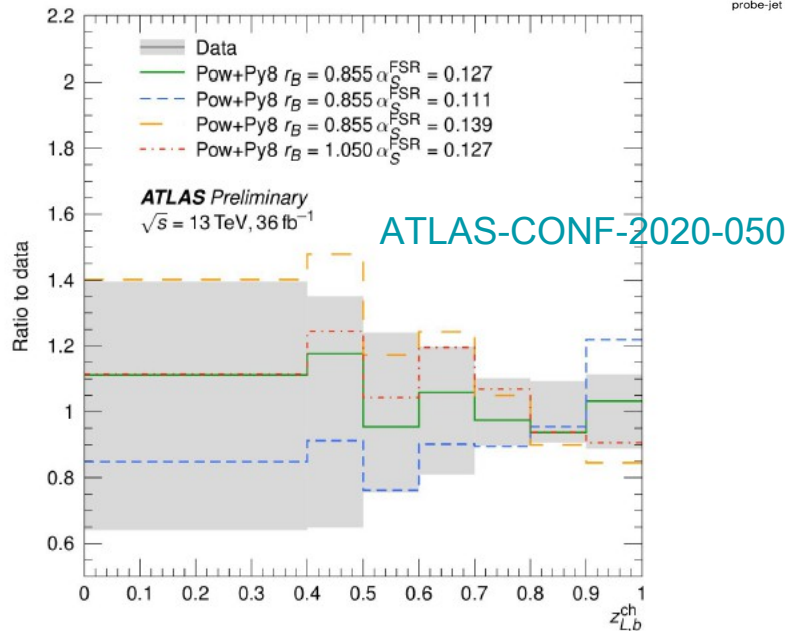
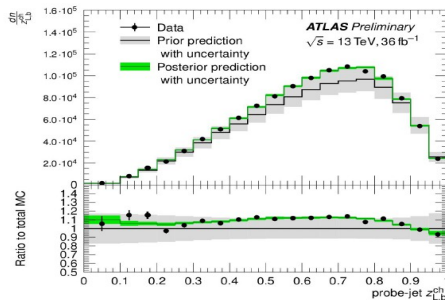
# B fragmentation

- Exciting activities by theory community (parton showers, b jets/modeling)
- Novel measurements directly measuring b-fragmentation

- CMS: Measurement with dileptonic and semileptonic tt events CMS-PAS-TOP-18-012
  - Charm mesons (D0, J/ψ) reconstructed inside b-quark jets by charged-particles
- ATLAS: dilepton events

$$r_b = 0.858 \pm 0.037(\text{stat}) \pm 0.031(\text{syst})$$

Pythia 8 (Monash tune):  $r_b = 0.855$



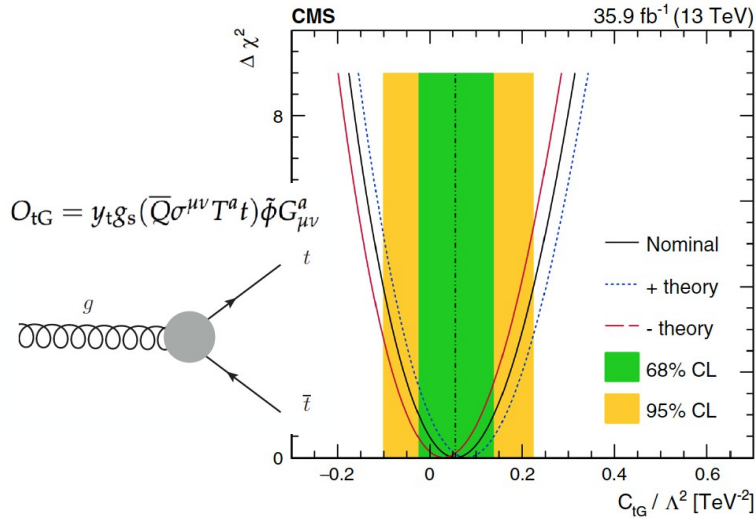
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# Effective field theory...

- EFT is now widely used to search for off-resonance effects due to BSM contributions

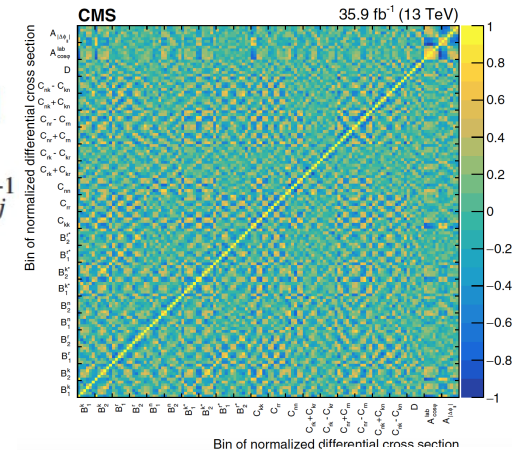
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2}$$



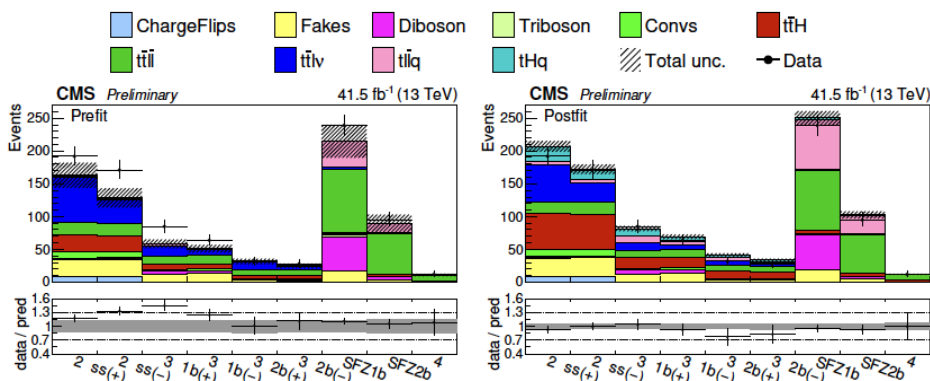
e.g. Spin correlations employs systematic correlation matrix used in 120-bin fit:

$$\chi^2(C_{tG}/\Lambda^2) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N [\text{data}_i - \text{pred}_i(C_{tG}/\Lambda^2)] \times [\text{data}_j - \text{pred}_j(C_{tG}/\Lambda^2)] \text{Cov}_{ij}^{-1}$$

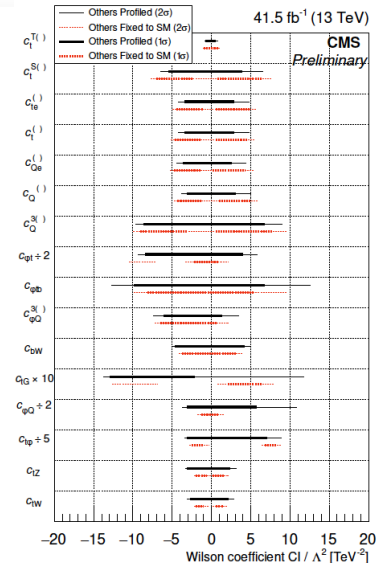
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- More global approaches to capture experimental correlations, EFT at particle level to boost sensitivities



- Associated top production to probe for BSM effects
  - Consistent treatment of experimental correlations
- [CMS-PAS-TOP-19-001]



# Effective field theory...

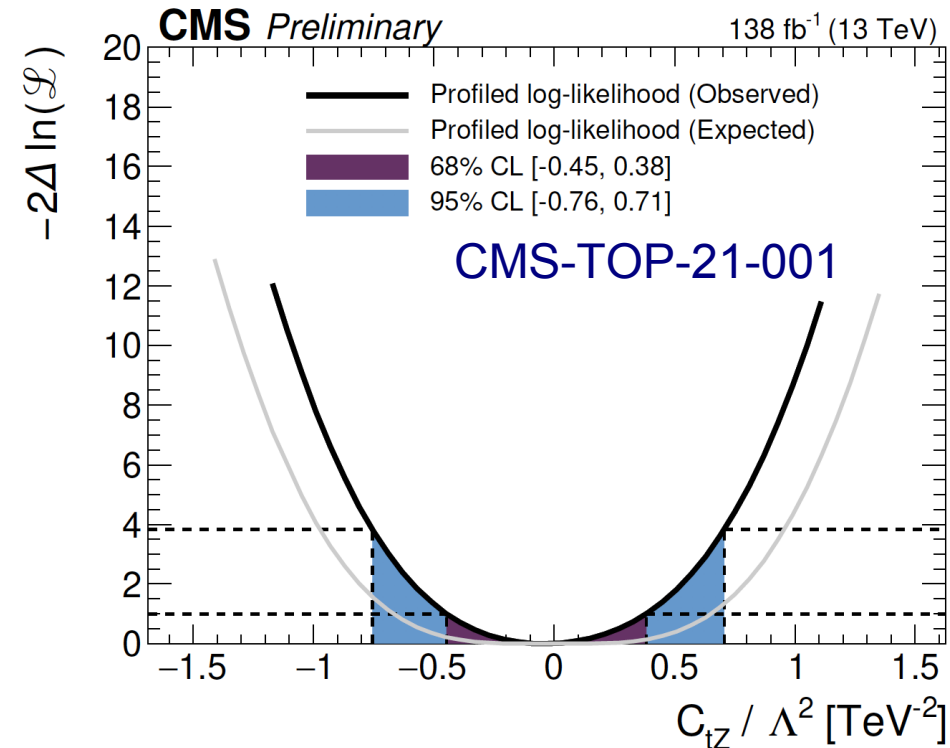
- Machine Learning pushes limits beyond of whats established as standard, e.g. tZq and C(tZ) coefficient.
- Improvements compared to associated top production with additional leptons

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## Challenges & Opportunities

- More global approaches to capture experimental correlations, EFT at particle level and ML to boost sensitivities
- Transitioning to NLO where possible
- Joined effort by experimentalists and theorists to advance and squeeze out all information

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2}$$

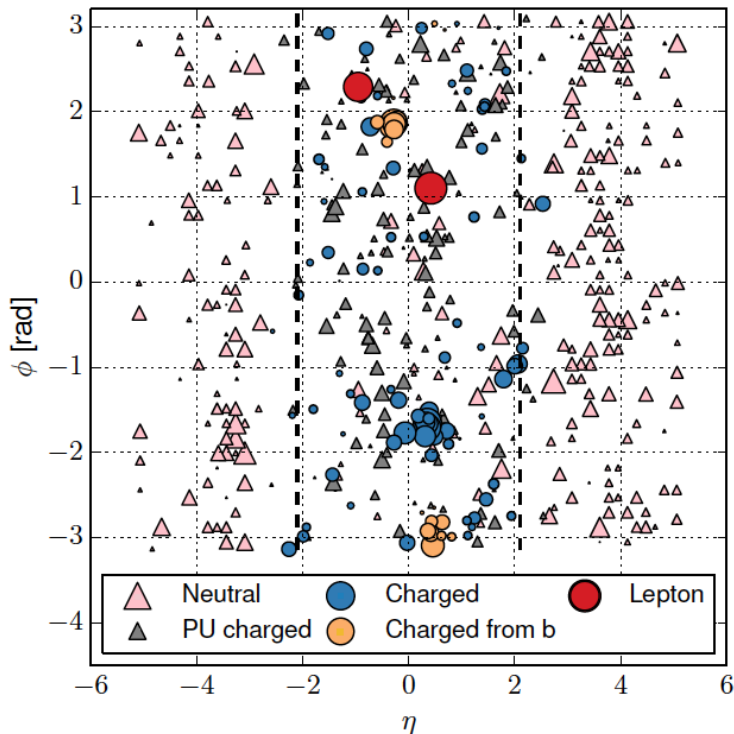


- Associated single top and Z (tZq) production to probe for BSM effects
- Exploits Machine Learning

# Modeling & Tuning

- Enormous amount of parameters to compare
- Modeling of  $t\bar{t}$  system is the **limiting uncertainty**

CMS Simulation  $t\bar{t} \rightarrow (e\nu b)(\mu\nu b)$  (13 TeV)



ATLAS Pythia8 A14 tunes @ 8TeV

Parameter	Definition	Sampling range
SpaceShower:pT0Ref	The $\alpha_s$ value at scale $Q^2 = M_Z^2$	0.12 - 0.15
SpaceShower:pT0Ref	ISR $p_T$ cutoff	0.75 - 2.5
SpaceShower:pTmaxFudge	Mult. factor on max ISR evolution scale	0.5 - 1.5
SpaceShower:pTmaxFudge	Factorisation/renorm scale damping	1.0 - 1.5
SpaceShower:alphaValue	ISR $\alpha_s$	0.10 - 0.15
TimeShower:alphaValue	FSR $\alpha_s$	0.10 - 0.15
BeamRemnants:primalordialKtHard	Hard interaction primordial $k_t$	1.5 - 2.0
MultipartonInteractions:pT0Ref	MPI $p_T$ cutoff	1.5 - 3.0
MultipartonInteractions:alphaValue	MPI $\alpha_s$	0.10 - 0.15
BeamRemnants:reconnectRange	CR strength	1.0 - 10.0

CMS Pythia8 CP tunes @ 13 TeV

Parameter description	Name in PYTHIA8	Range (GeV)
MPI threshold [GeV], pT0Ref, at $\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{s_0}$	MultipartonInteractions:pT0Ref	1.0-
Exponent of $\sqrt{s}$ dependence, $\epsilon$	MultipartonInteractions:vcemPow	0.0-
Matter fraction contained in the core	MultipartonInteractions:coreFraction	0.1-4
Radius of the core	MultipartonInteractions:coreRadius	0.1-
Range of color reconnection probability	ColorReconnection:range	1.0-

NNPDF3.1 LO/NLO/NNLO PDF sets and  $\alpha_s$  for ME as shower as inputs

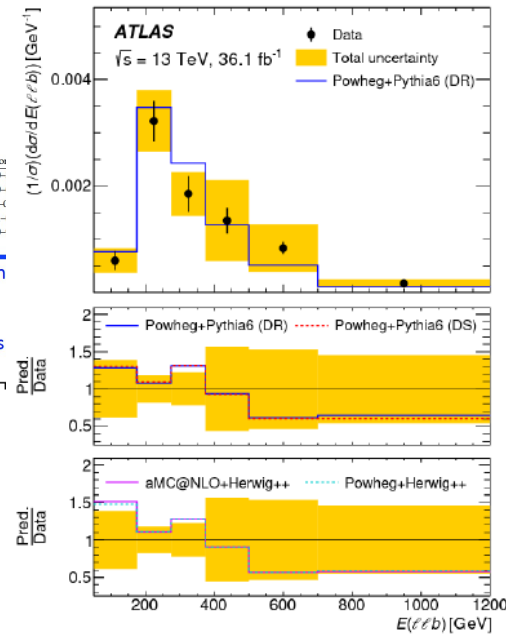
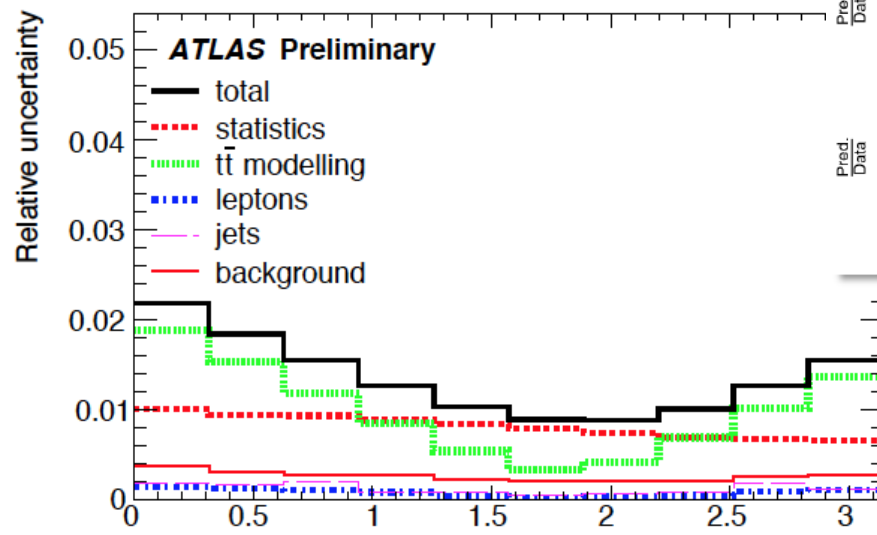
Extracted by varying 5 parameters

Fitting UE observables at 1.96, 7 & 13 TeV, min bias

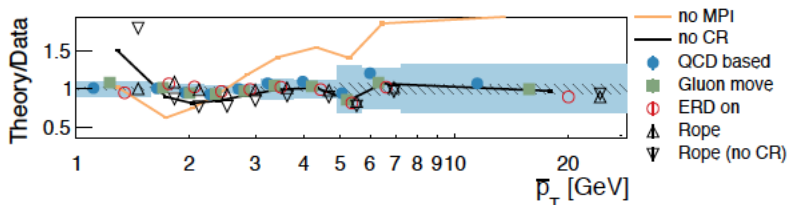
CTEQ, MSTW, NNPDF, HERA LO PDF sets

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- 1<sup>st</sup> measurement of UE modeling in dilepton channel  $\Delta\phi^{e\mu}$  [rad]
- MPI effects visible, **CR not quite yet**

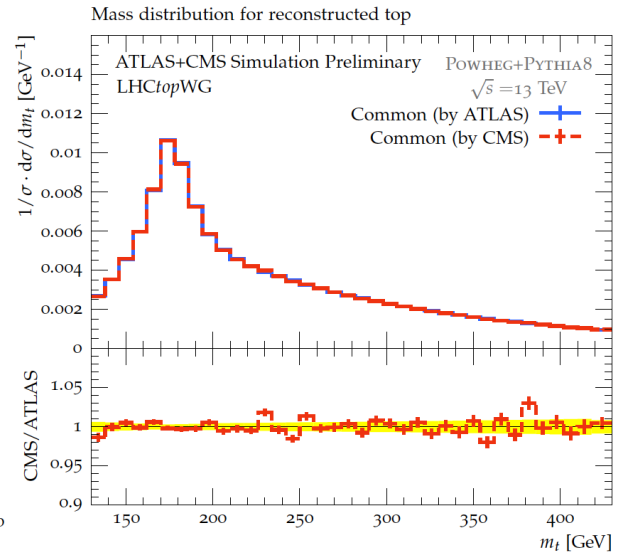
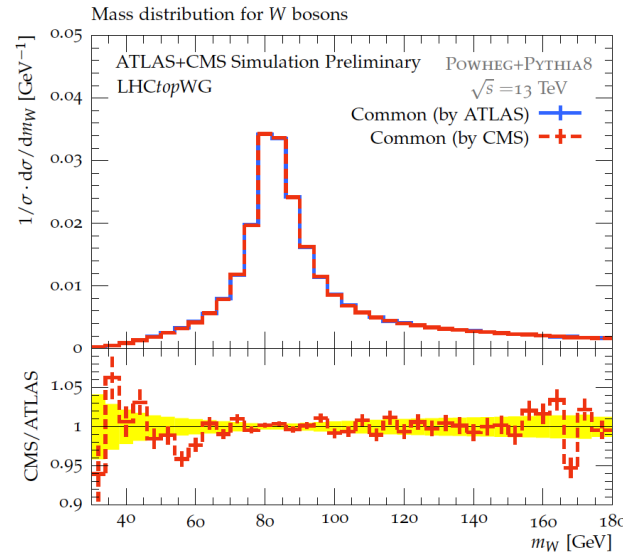
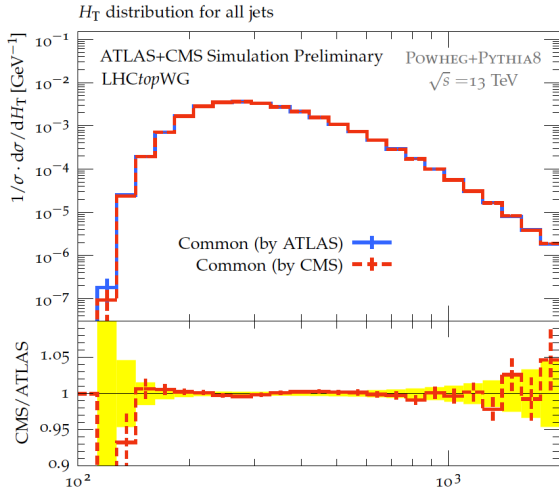


Enormous wealth of data available for studies - Are we squeezing out all information ?

- $t\bar{t}$  unfolded spectra: More data events at higher scales compared to models ?
- $t\bar{t}X$  spectra are often limited by modeling unc.

# Common MC

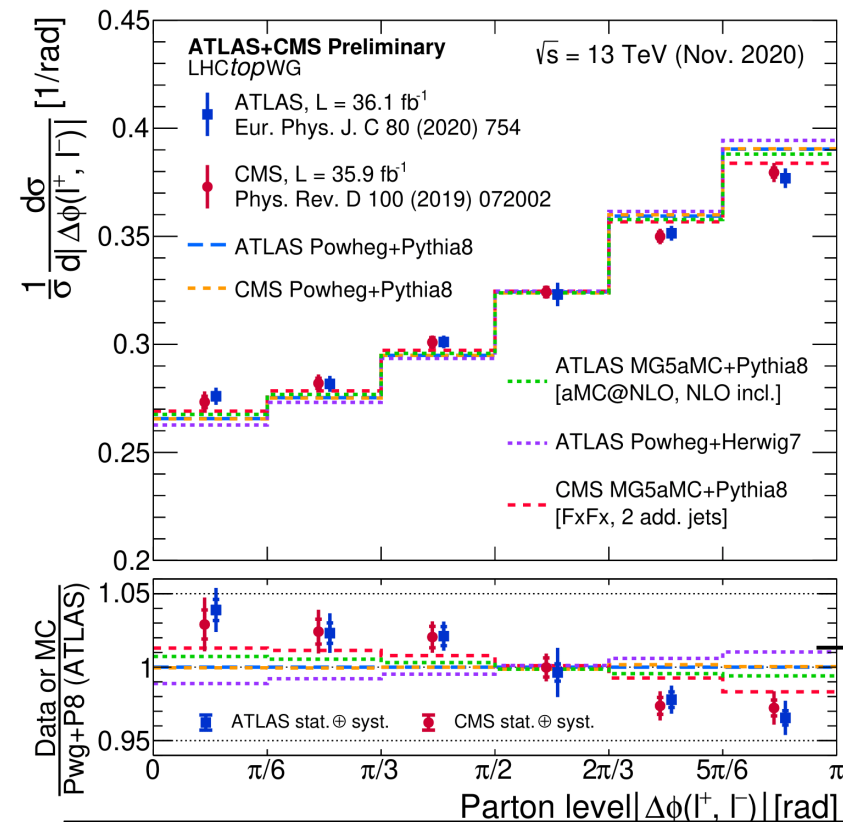
- Complex issue of different setups in ATLAS & CMS



- Facilitate future combinations, studies on systematic uncertainties, etc.
- Vital and critical for success of Run 3 (and beyond)
- Many details, please check:

[LHCtopWG: Common samples]

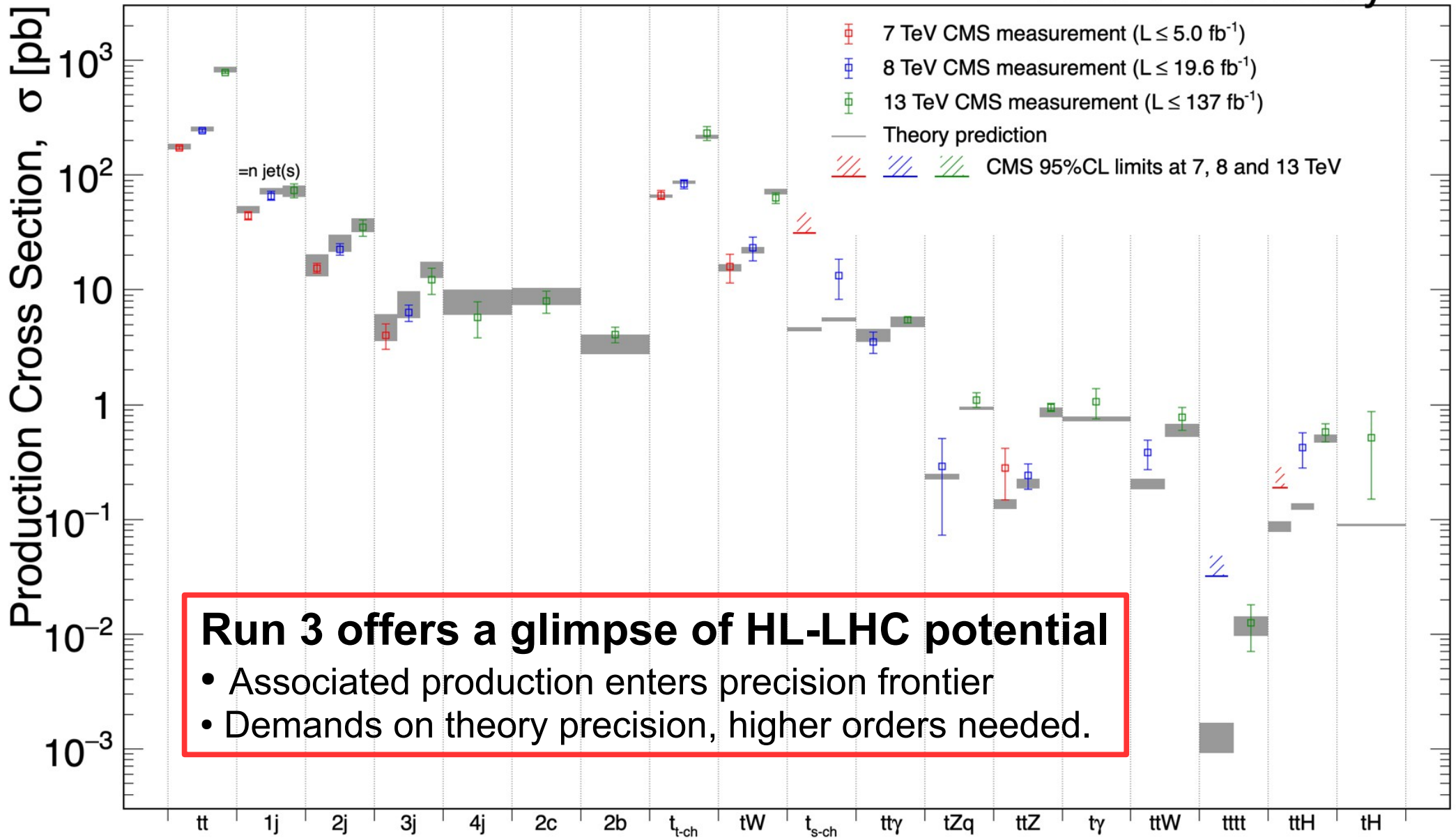
Towards common MC settings in ATLAS & CMS:  
ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-016 & CMS NOTE-2021/005



# A bright top quark future ahead

May 2021

CMS Preliminary



All results at: <http://cern.ch/go/pNj7>



# Conclusions

- Next year(s) will show what ~150 million  $t\bar{t}$  events tell us
  - Precision frontier of top quark physics

→ **Run 3: Center of mass energy + more tops to come**



Exciting times! Only seen 5% of the LHC data

- **Allows for multi-dimensional measurements of  $\sigma$ ,  $\alpha_s$ , PDFs and any properties, associated production as well**
- **FCNCs and other statistically limited processes improve**

Need all avenues to pin down BSM, challenges ahead:

- Theory uncertainties, Parton showers, common MC samples
- More global approaches (kinematic distributions, EFT)
- Use vast top sample as b-physics lab

# *Backup...*

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...even more distributions than shown so far...

# The top quark

- Top is the heaviest fundamental particle discovered so far  
 →  $m_t = 173.34 \pm 0.76 \text{ GeV}$  [arxiv:1403.4427]

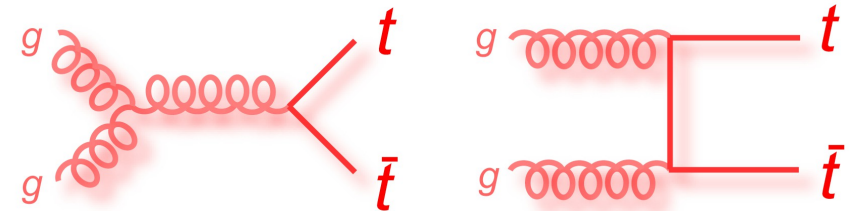
- Unique quark:

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{m_t}}_{\text{production } 10^{-27} \text{ s}} < \underbrace{\frac{1}{\Gamma_t}}_{\text{lifetime } 10^{-25} \text{ s}} < \underbrace{\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}}_{\text{hadronization } 10^{-24} \text{ s}} < \underbrace{\frac{m_t}{\Lambda^2}}_{\text{spin-flip } 10^{-21} \text{ s}}$$

→ **Observe bare quark properties**

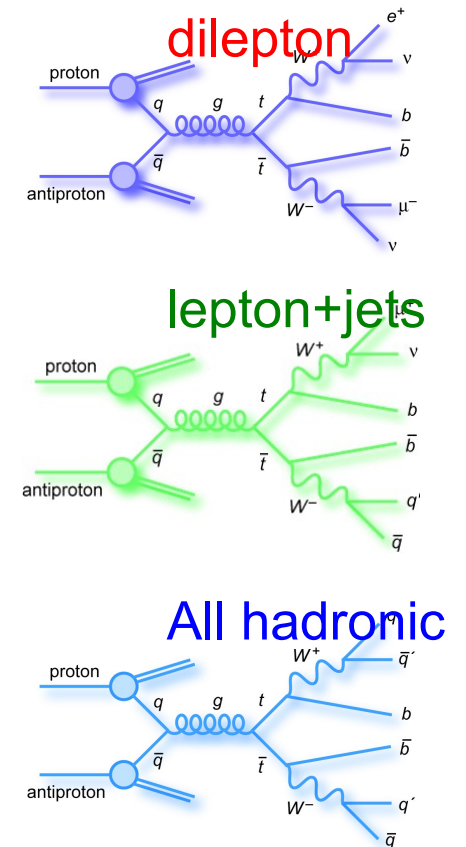
- Large Yukawa coupling to Higgs boson  
 →  $\lambda_t \sim 1$  **only  $m_t$  is natural mass**  
 Special role in EW symmetry breaking ?

- Production dominated by gg fusion:



- Decay channels:

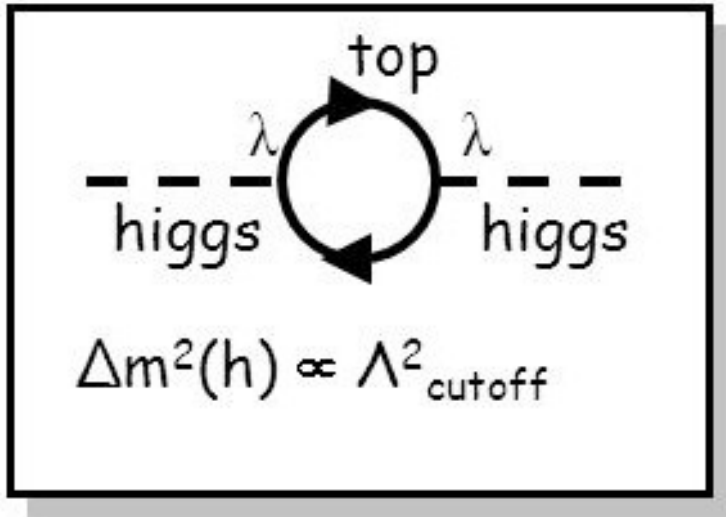
BR, bg increase





# Why top (and Higgs) ?

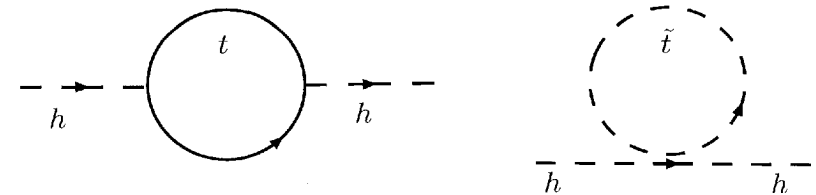
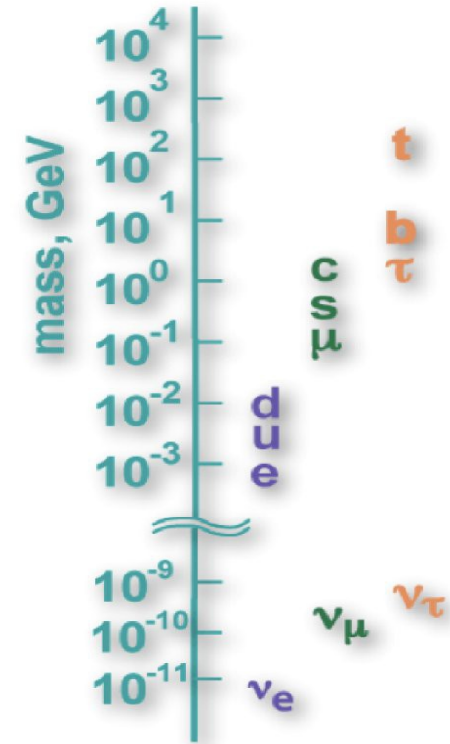
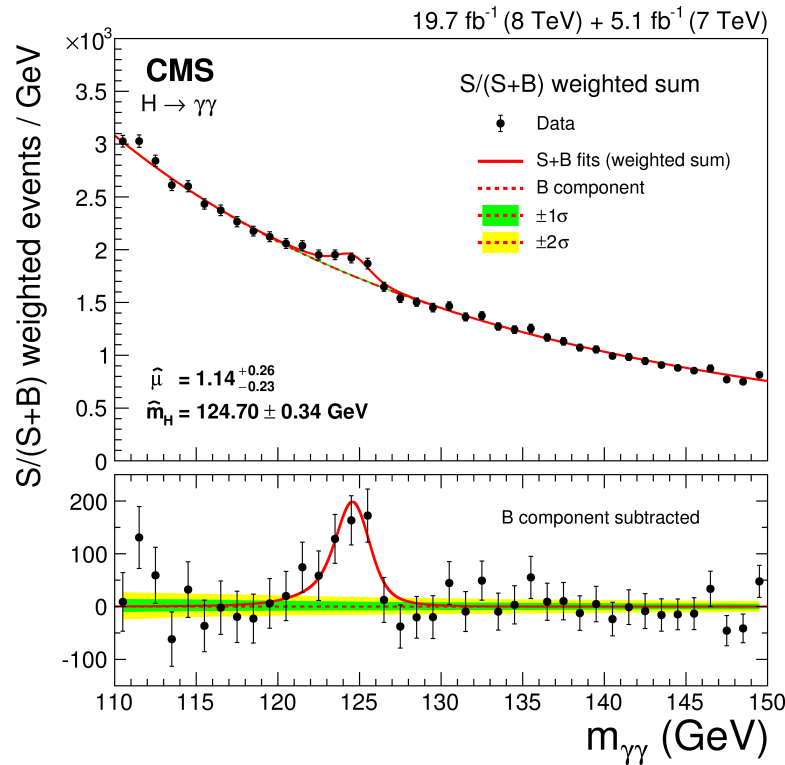
- If we could calculate the Higgs mass:
  - Large corrections to the Higgs mass from top quark “loops”



Loops are dominated by top quarks  
 Natural Higgs mass close to Planck scale of  $10^{19}$  GeV

## Higgs mass at ~ 125 GeV!

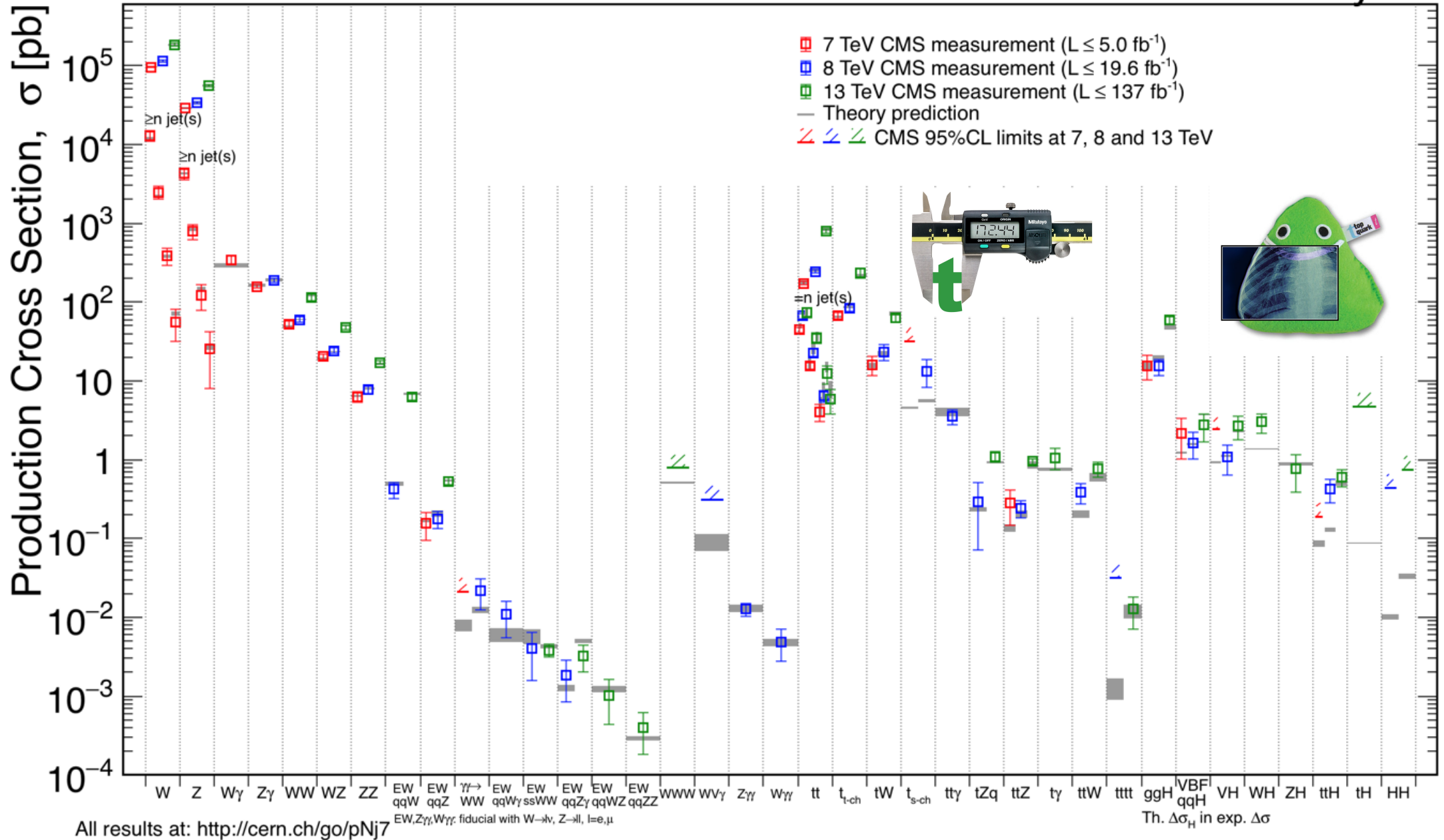
- New physics in loops ?
- Many BSM extensions include a **top quark partner**
- No fine-tuning if top quark partner exists



# The precision frontier

September 2019

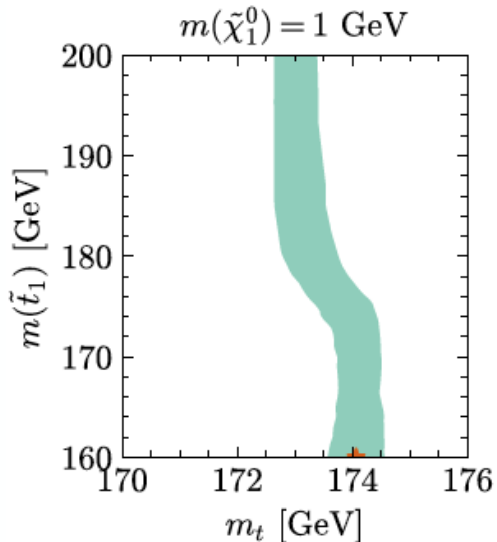
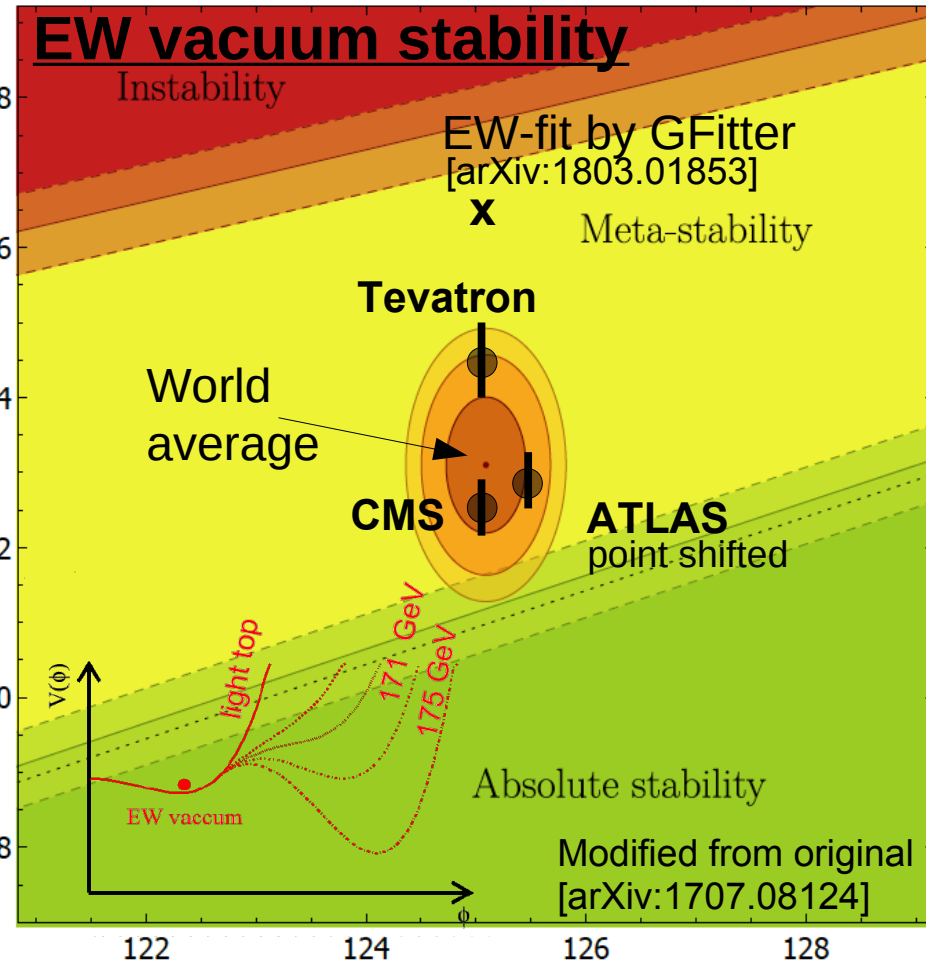
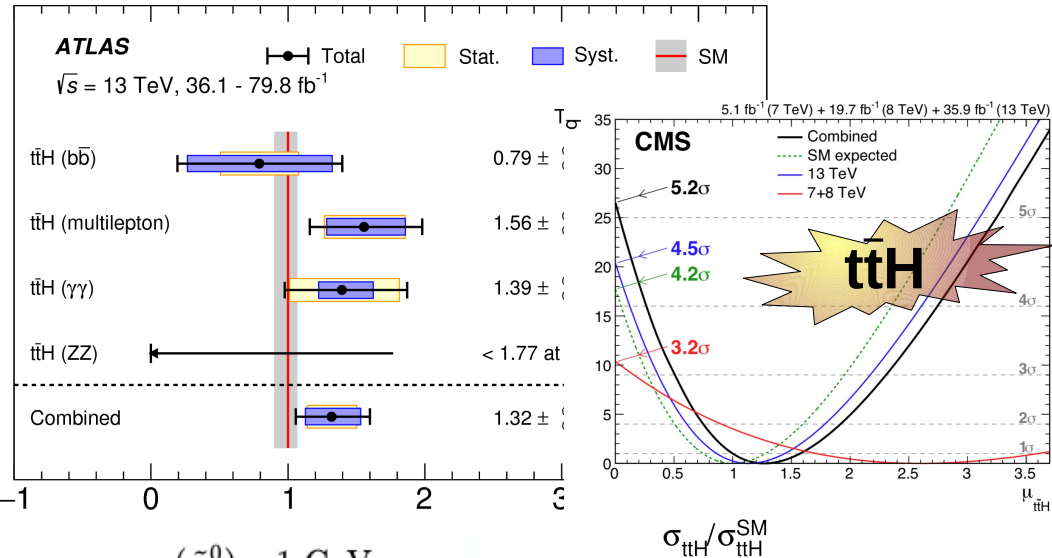
CMS Preliminary



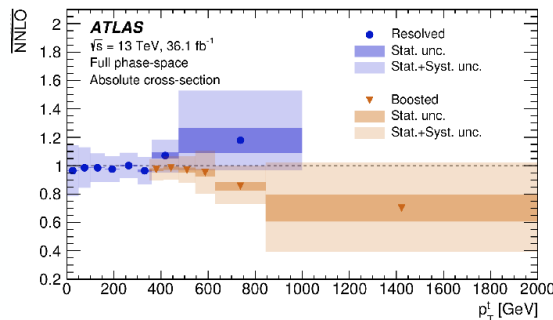
# Beyond the SM ?

- Very subjective but illustrative, latest results from LHC & Tevatron – SM true
- ***ttH* observation:**

GFitter:  $m_t = 176.4 \pm 2.1$  GeV



- Direct mass  $\leftrightarrow$  indirect mass
- Bias from a top partner ?
- top kinematics, spin corr's



## Caveat:

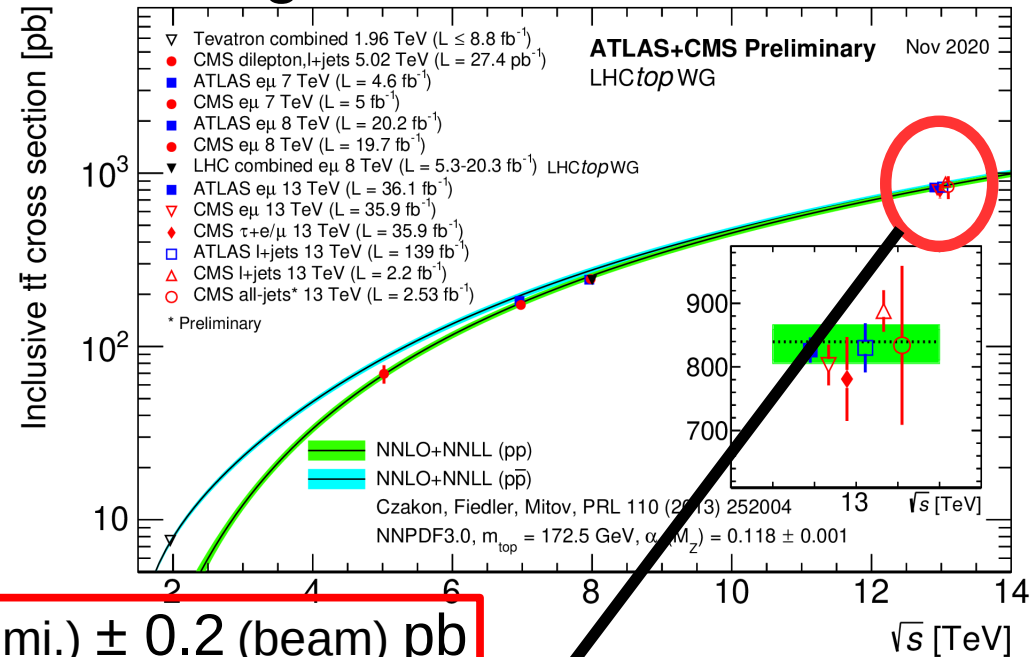
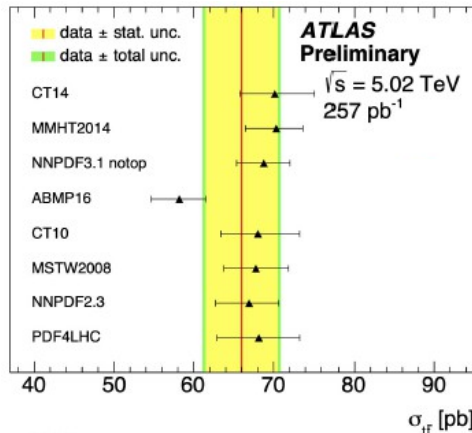
- New physics changes the vacuum stability, even if at Planck scale
- Theoretical uncertainties apply!

# Inclusive cross sections

- Measurements cover 2, 5, 8 and 13 TeV – agreement with the SM

ATLAS & CMS cross section at 5.02 TeV

[CMS-PAS-TOP-20-004] [ATLAS-CONF-2021-003]



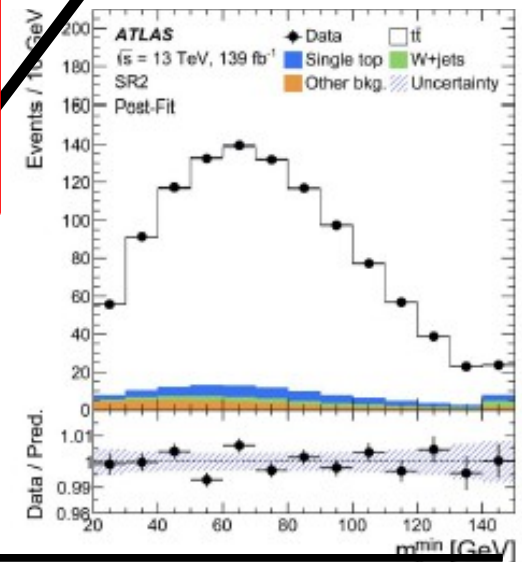
$\sigma = 66.0 \pm 4.5 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.6 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 1.2 \text{ (lumi.)} \pm 0.2 \text{ (beam) pb}$   
 $\delta\sigma/\sigma = 7.5\% \text{ [ATLAS]}$   
 $\sigma = 62.6 \pm 4.1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 3.0 \text{ (syst.+lumi.) pb}$   
 $\delta\sigma/\sigma = 8.1\% \text{ [CMS]}$

**NEW**

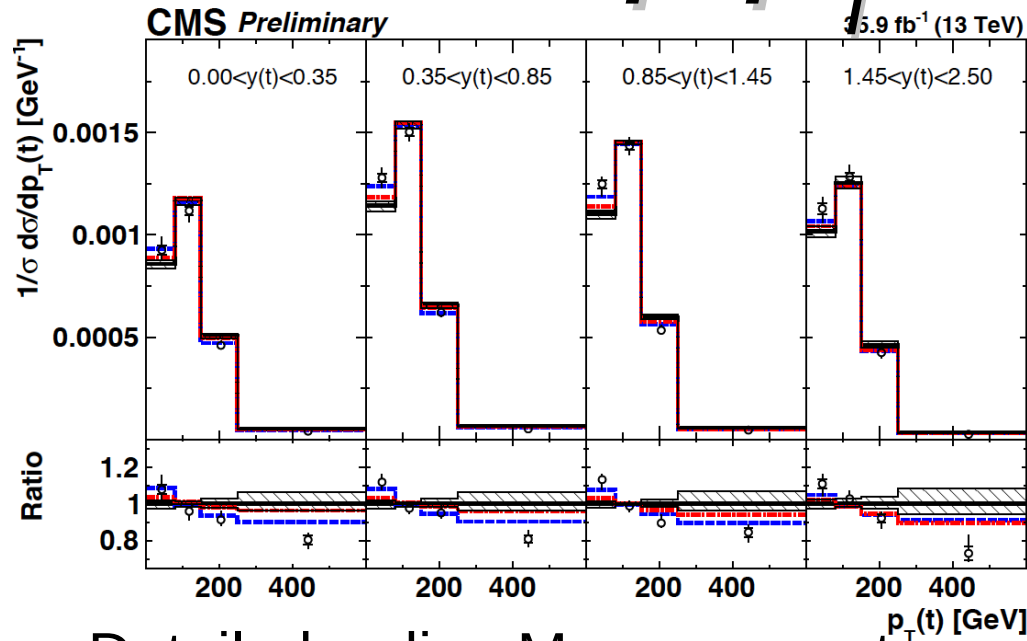
ATLAS cross section at 13 TeV  
 Full Run II data set

$\sigma = 830 \pm 0.4 \text{ (stat)} \pm 36 \text{ (syst)} \pm 14 \text{ (lumi) pb}$   
 $\delta\sigma/\sigma = 4.7\%$   
 [PLB 810 (2020) 135797]

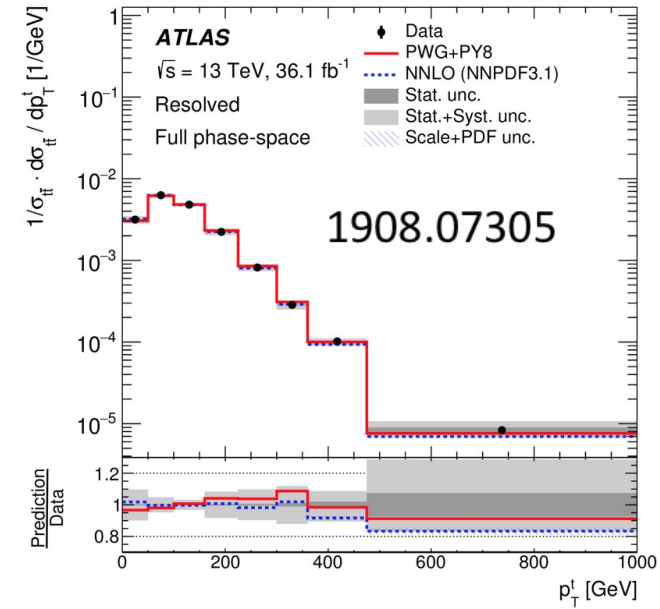
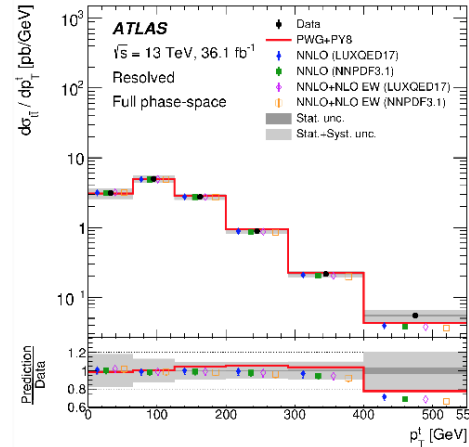
**NEW**



# The top $p_T$ saga...continues

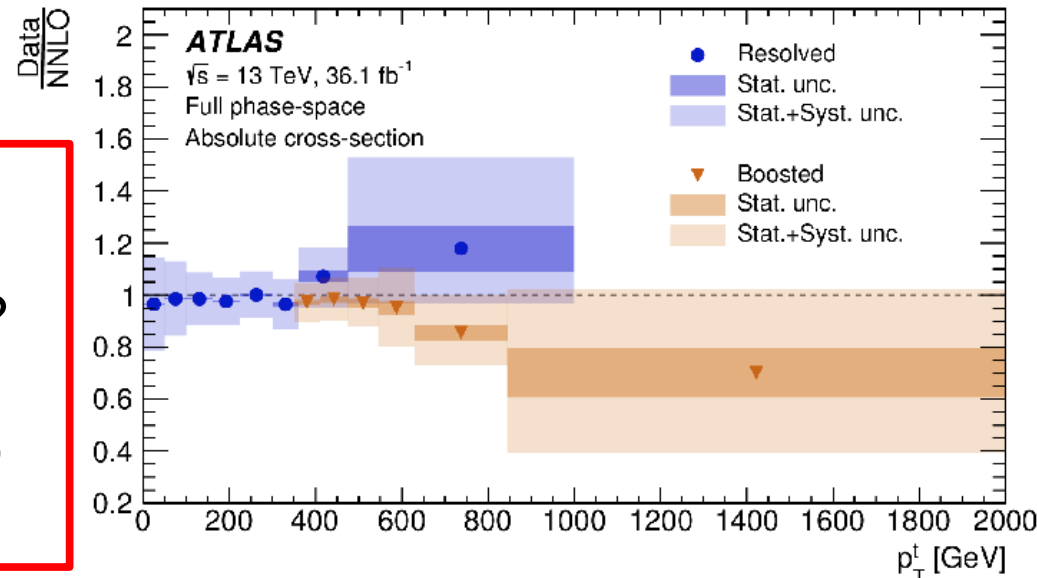


$\phi$  Data, dof=15  
 POW+PYT,  $\chi^2=57$   
 POW+HER,  $\chi^2=18$   
 FFX+PYT,  $\chi^2=35$   
 POW+PYT unc.



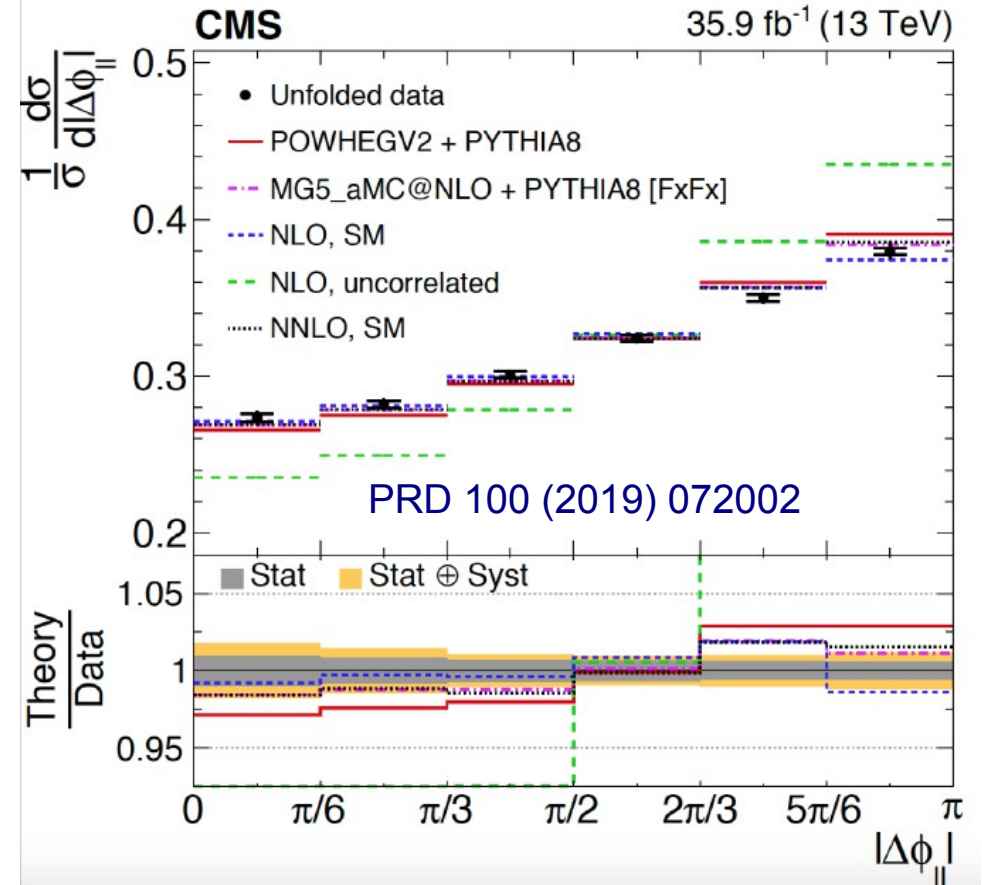
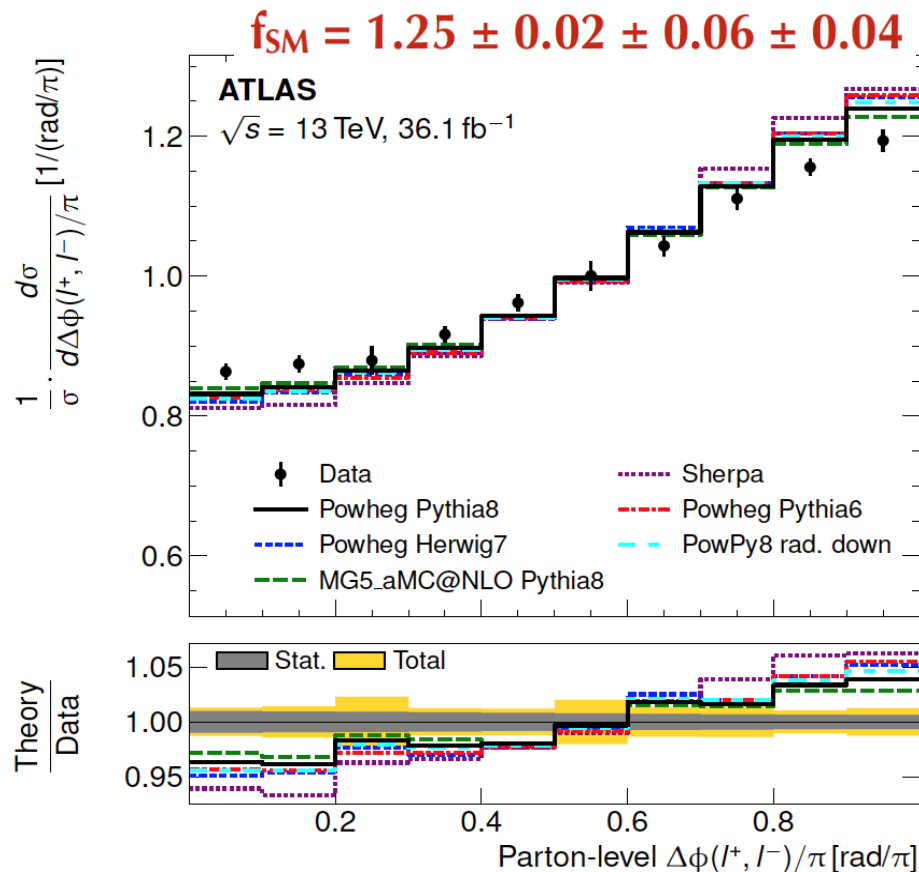
- Detailed  $n$ -dim. Measurements
- Common binning – study EW corrs.

- Slopes in 13 TeV ATLAS & CMS data
- Large systematic uncertainty – further understanding, common procedure?
  - Common MC clearly helps...
- Theory input: experiments are eager to use an “NNLO MC”



# Spin Correlations

- Opening angle  $\cos\varphi$  maximally sensitive to alignment of top quark spins
- **Most precise direct measurement** via  $\cos\varphi$  ← Opening angle between leptons in top parent rest frame:  
  - Systematic:  $p_T$  and BG modeling
$$f_{SM} = 0.97 \pm 0.05$$
- Indirect measurement via  $\Delta\phi$  shows about  $1\sigma$  discrepancy to NLO (CMS)



- All distribution agree with the SM, no deviations observed

# Spin Correlations

- Double-differential cross section allows to access spin correlation and polarization information in top quark events

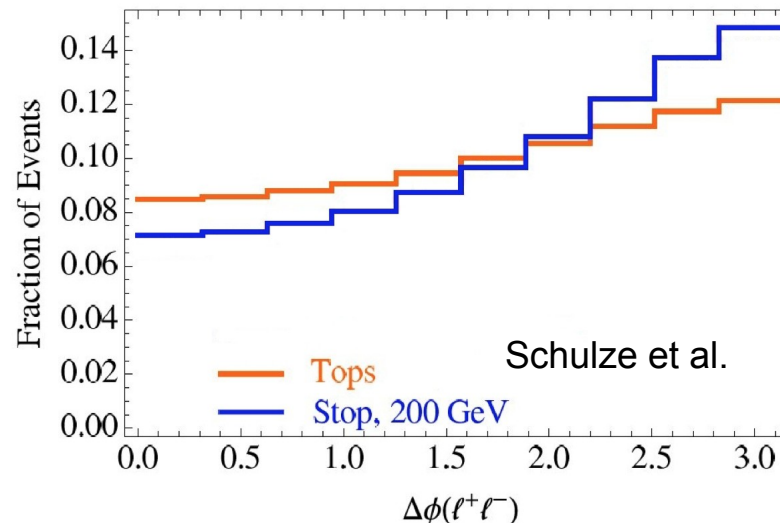
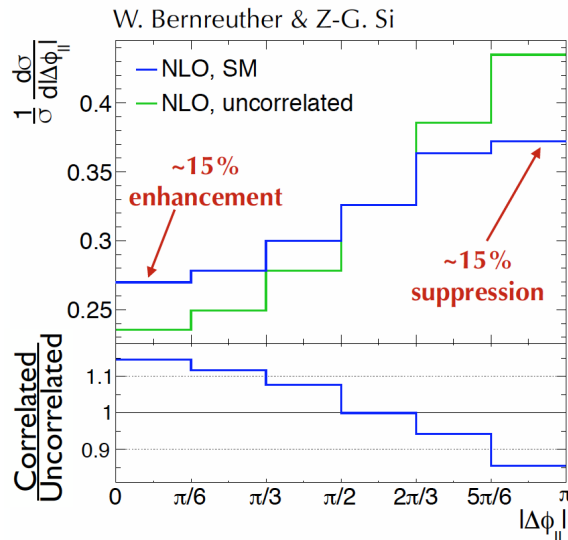
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Polarisation (0 in SM)

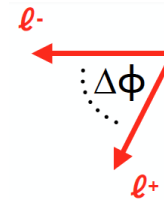
Spin Correlation

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d^2\sigma}{d \cos \theta_+^a d \cos \theta_-^b} = \frac{1}{4} (1 + B_+^a \cos \theta_+^a + B_-^b \cos \theta_-^b - C(a, b) \cos \theta_+^a \cos \theta_-^b)$$

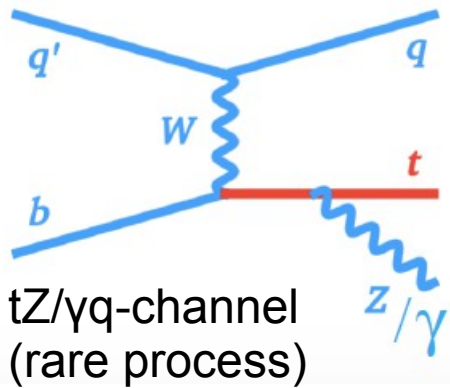
- Charged lepton is perfect spin analyzer, well reconstructed
- Sensitive to BSM physics (more spin corr's = s-channel dark matter; less spin corr's = new scalars)



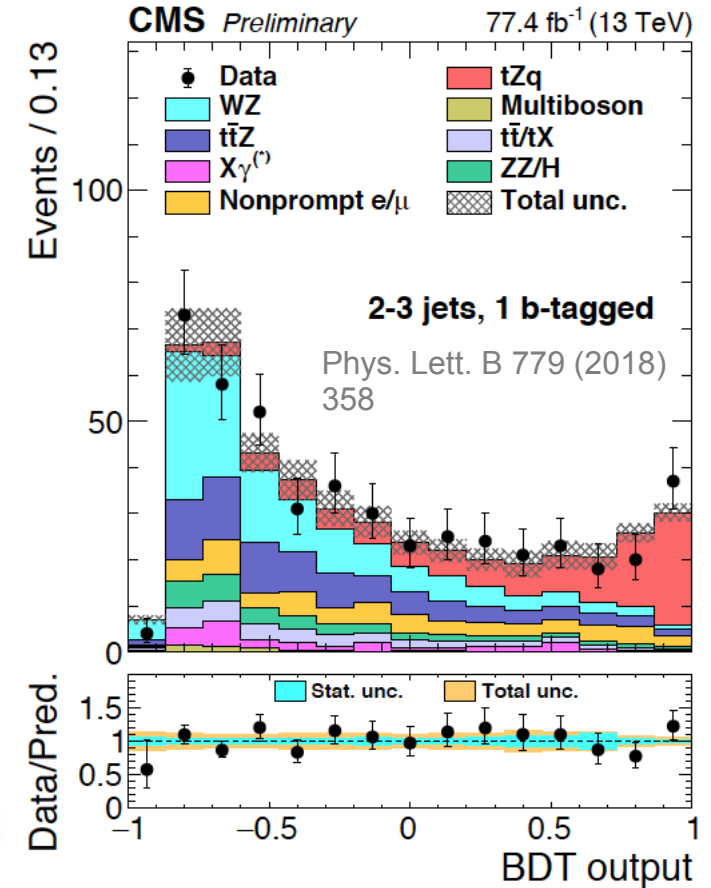
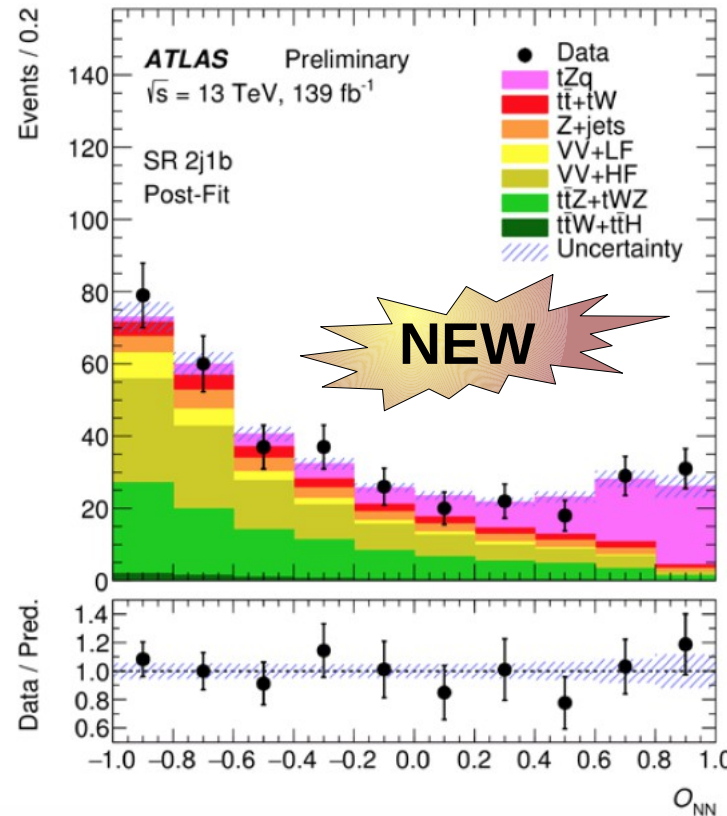
Angle between leptons in transverse plane



# Rare single top quark



SM NLO prediction:  
 $\sigma = 94.2 \pm 3.1 \text{ fb}$   
 Phys. Lett. B 779 (2018) 358



$\sigma(\text{tllq}) = 98 \pm 12 \text{ (stat)} \pm 8 \text{ (syst)} \text{ pb}, \quad 9.2 \text{ SD}$   
 (SM: 102 +5-2 fb) ATLAS-CONF-2019-043

- Heavy use of BDT to enhance sensitivity – multiple signal regions
- ATLAS & CMS measurement of **tZq single top** production @13 TeV

$\sigma = 111 \pm 13 \text{ (stat)} \pm 10 \text{ (syst)} \text{ pb}$  PRL122(2019)132003  
 obs. (exp.) significance: 8.2 (7.7) SD

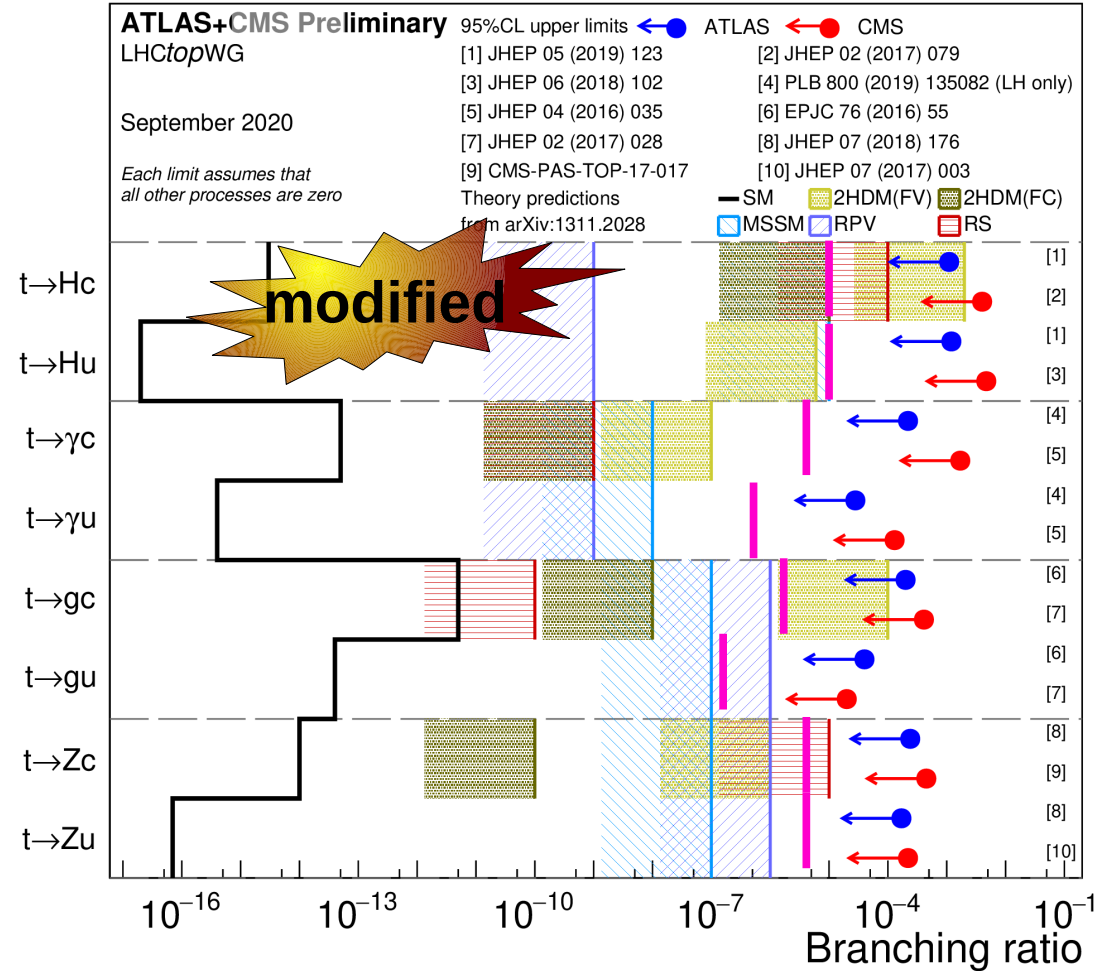
- Observation of tZq



## Flavor-changing neutral currents (FCNCs)

Extrapolations to HL-LHC:  
→ watch out for the bar:

Caveats: Some are “inclusive” ...and also, we tend to do (much) better than projections, so we can hope to challenge more of the potential SM extensions



$t \rightarrow gu$	$t \rightarrow gc$	$t \rightarrow qZ$	$t \rightarrow \gamma u$	$t \rightarrow \gamma c$	$t \rightarrow Hq$
$3.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.4 - 5.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.6 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.4 \times 10^{-5}$	$10^{-4}$

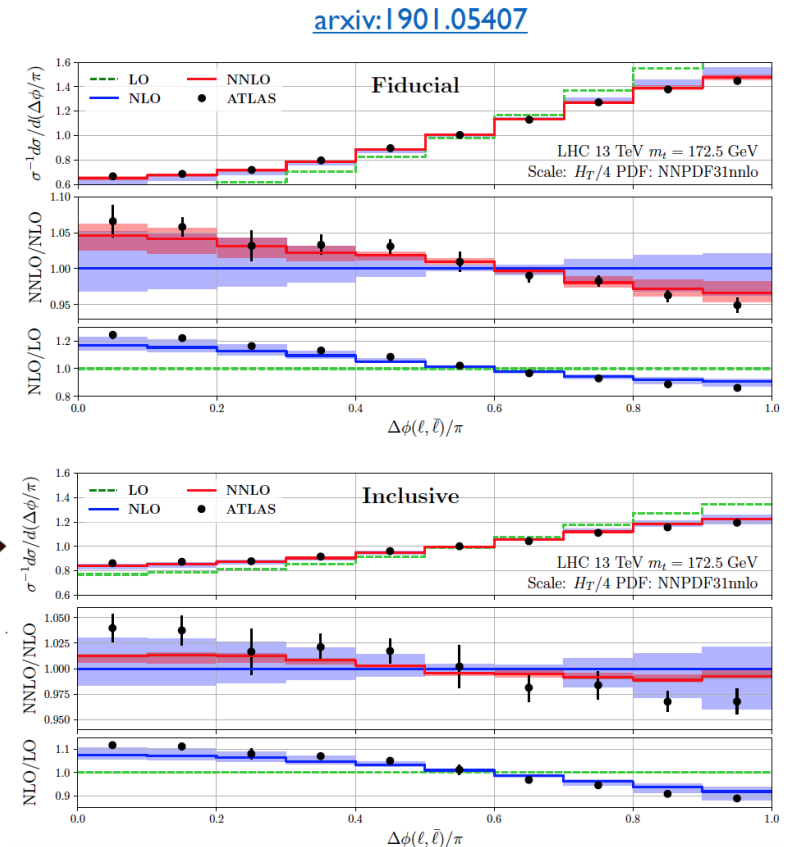
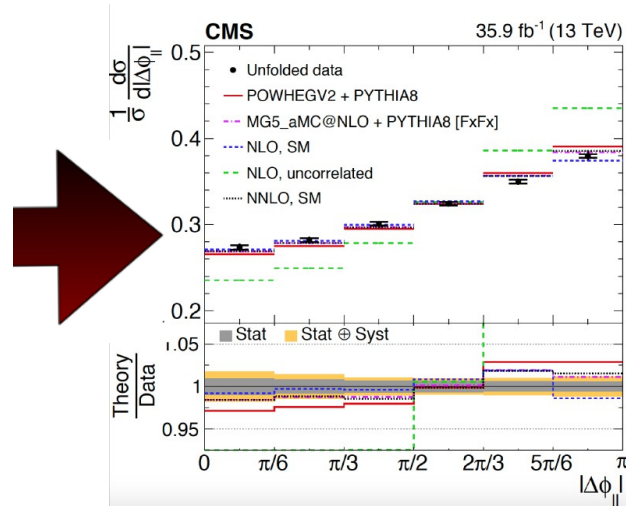
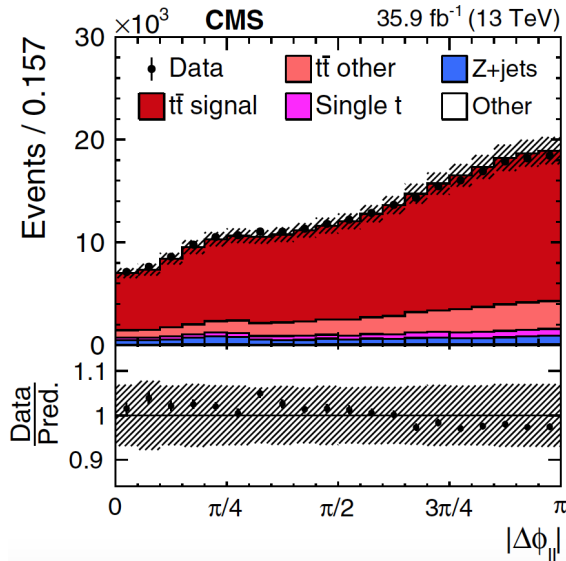
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# Challenges in multi-D x-sec's

“To fully correct the data or not” → always do both!

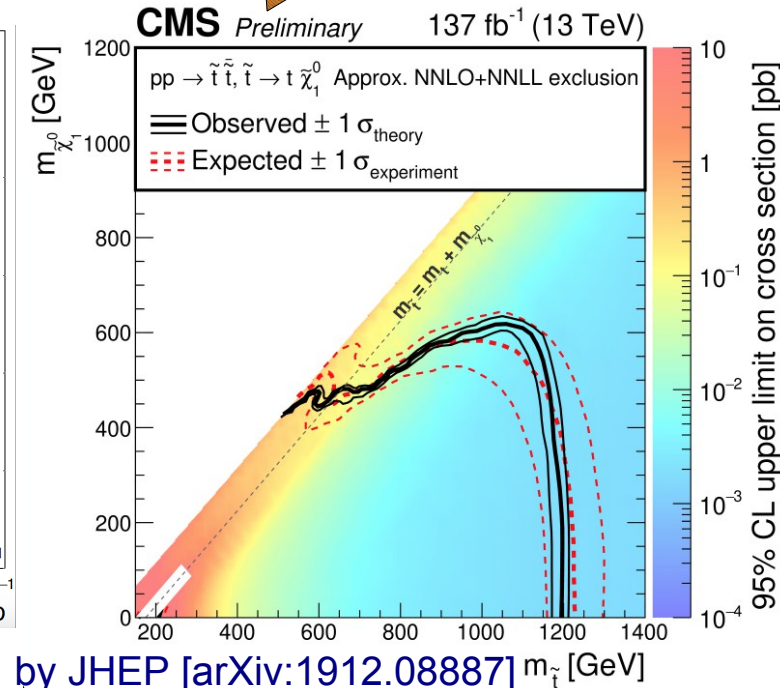
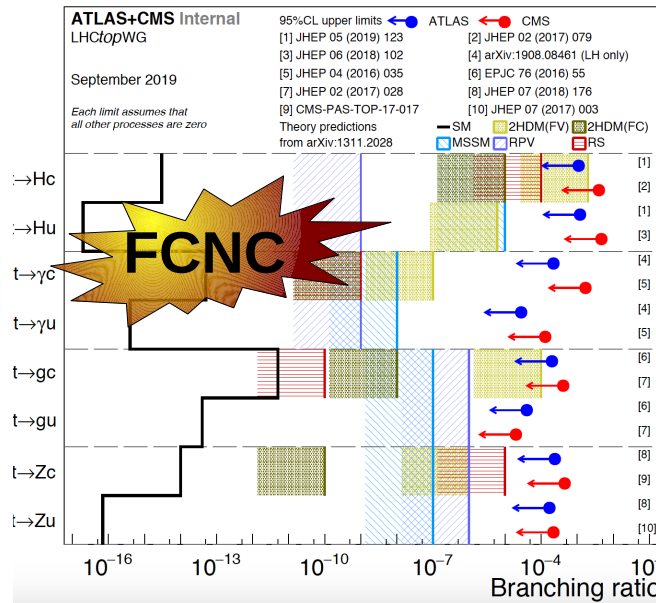
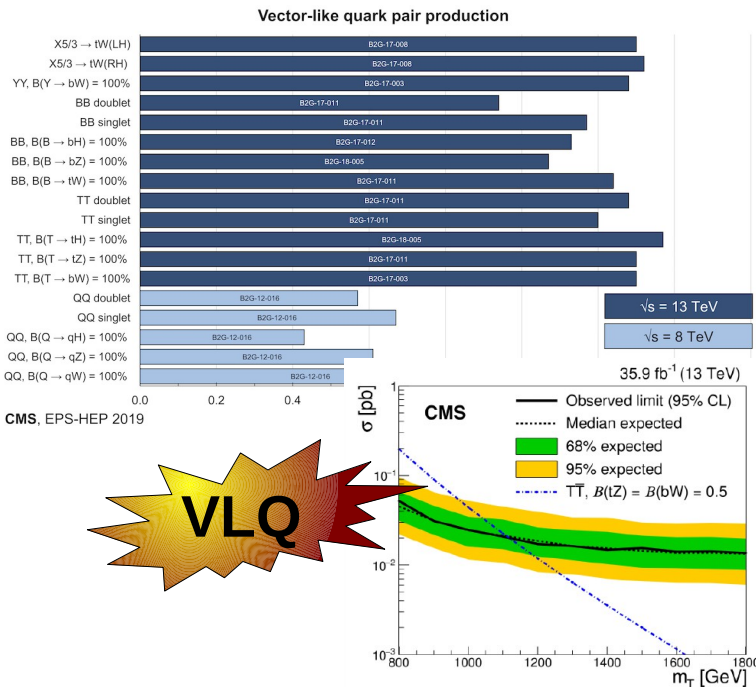
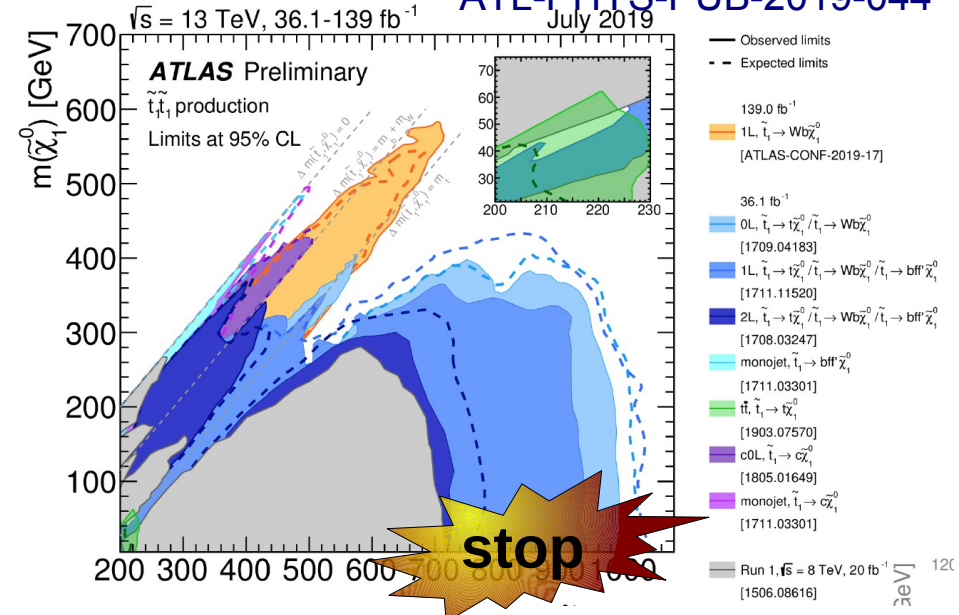
- Parton level correction:
  - More precise theoretical predictions ↔ larger extrapolation uncertainties
  - Global fits, any comparison, combinations
- Particle level: more precise

- Likelihood-based unfolding, including nuisance fit
- Rely on particle level to feed into effective field theories



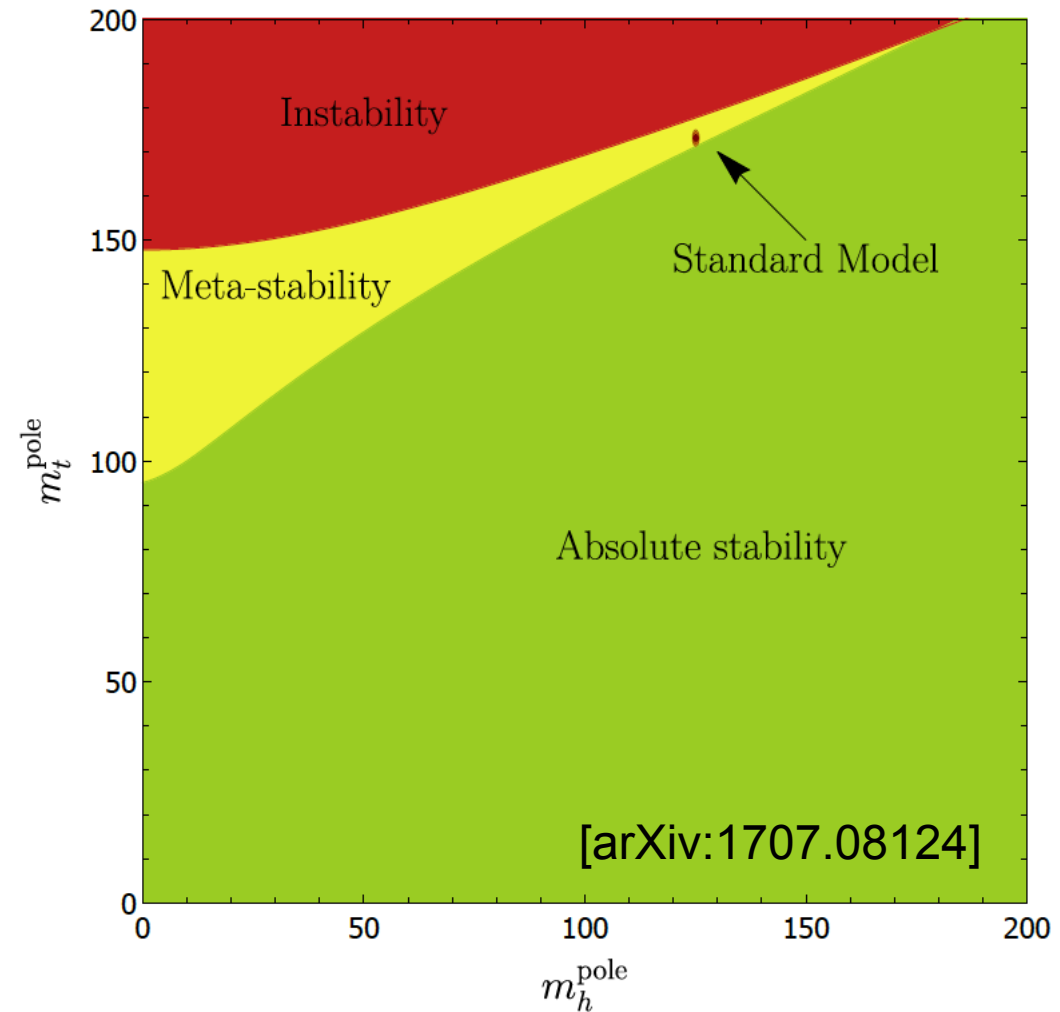
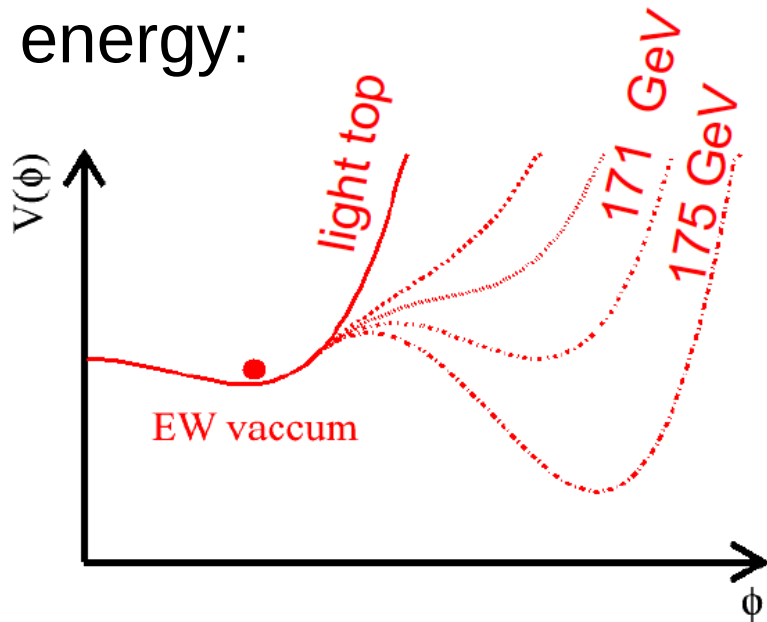
- “stealth” top region not yet fully excluded (mind BR of stop  $\rightarrow$  top+neutralino)
- $t\bar{t}$  modeling uncertainties dominate searches

- Danger of “over-tuning” ? Minimized by specific phase space / control regions
- SM measurements biased by stealthy top quark partner ?



# SM vacuum stability

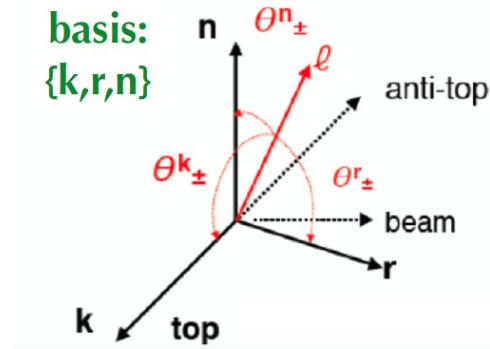
- A very fundamental question: What happens with the SM theory at highest physically allowed scales ? → extrapolate to  $10^{18}$  GeV
- In classical physics “stable” means minimum of potential energy:



**“Don't panic!”** (D. Adams)  
Lifetime is much much larger  
than current age of the  
universe:  $10^{80} - 10^{320} t_{\text{Universe}}$

# Spin Correlations

- 15 coefficients completely characterize spin dependence of top quark production, each probed by measuring a 1D differential distribution.
- Also measure opening angle of lepton in lab system
- Corrected to the parton level



Double diff. xsec

Polarisation (0 in SM)

Spin Correlation

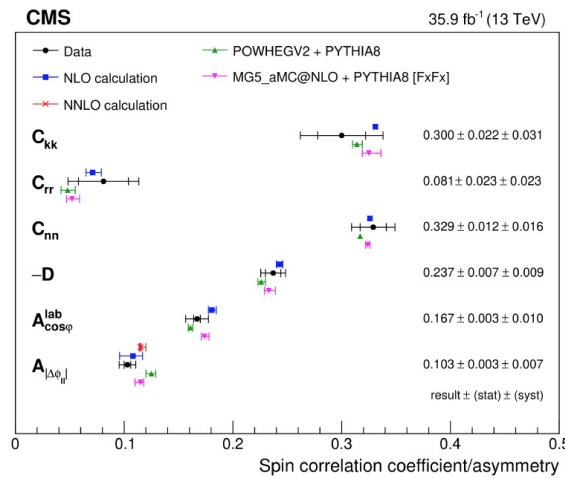
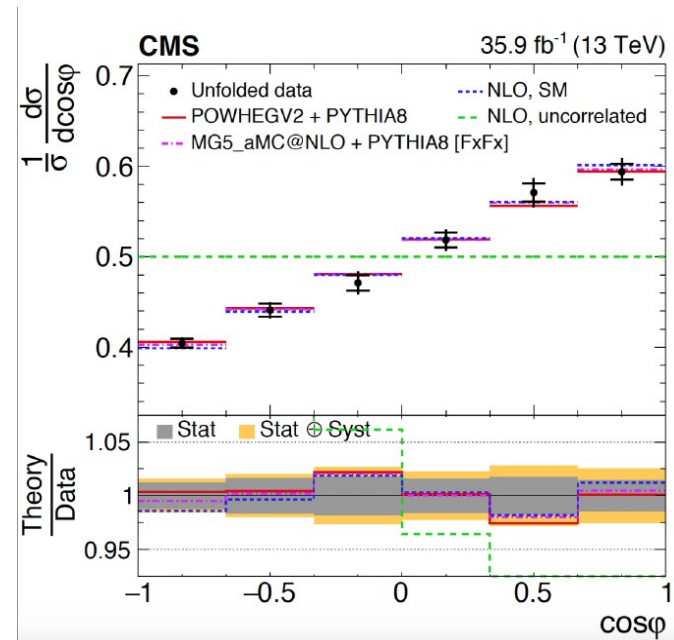
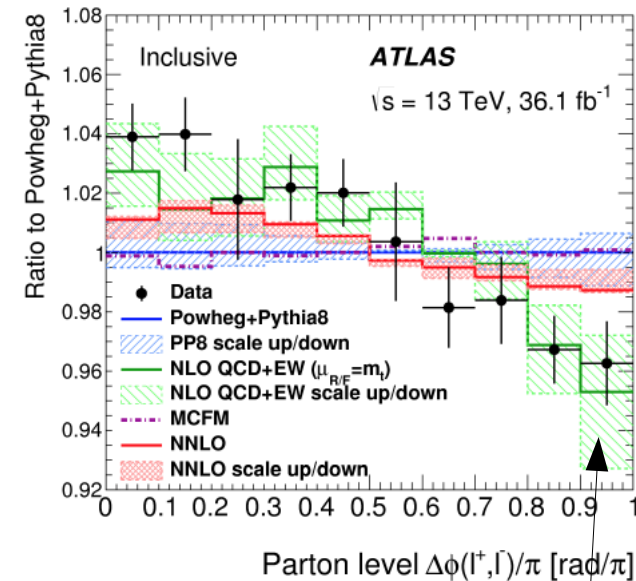
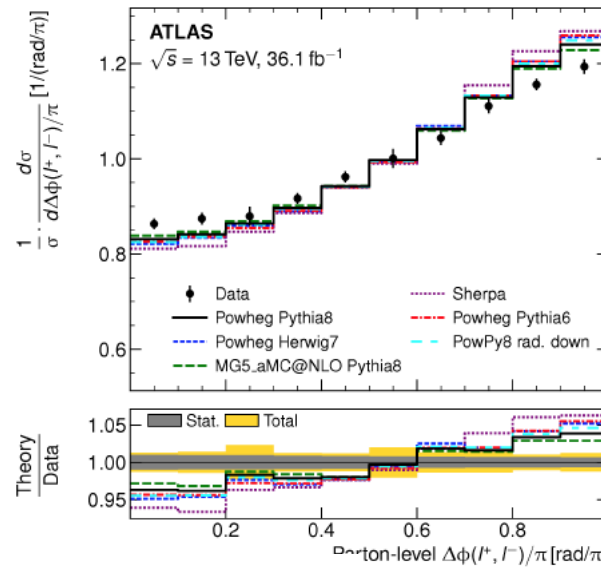
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Dilepton distribution probes top spin in 3 dimensions

- Leptons follow parent top spin (average polarisation given by 3-vectors  $B_{+/-}$ )
- Relative lepton directions follow 3x3 matrix  $C$  of spin correlation coefficients

# Top Quark Properties...

- ATLAS and CMS completed detailed studies of top quark's spin correlation, and polarization (CMS)
- Initial deviations of  $> 3$  SD seen by ATLAS, not confirmed by CMS (only  $\sim 1$ SD)
- Most precise variable  $\cos\varphi$



## ATLAS

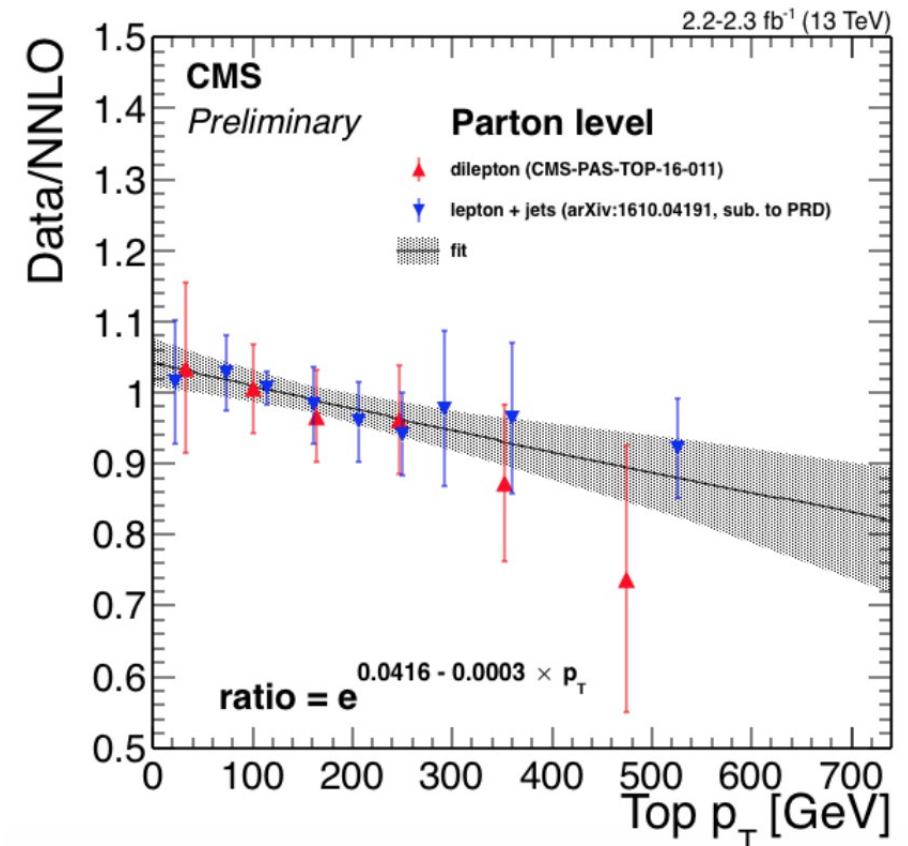
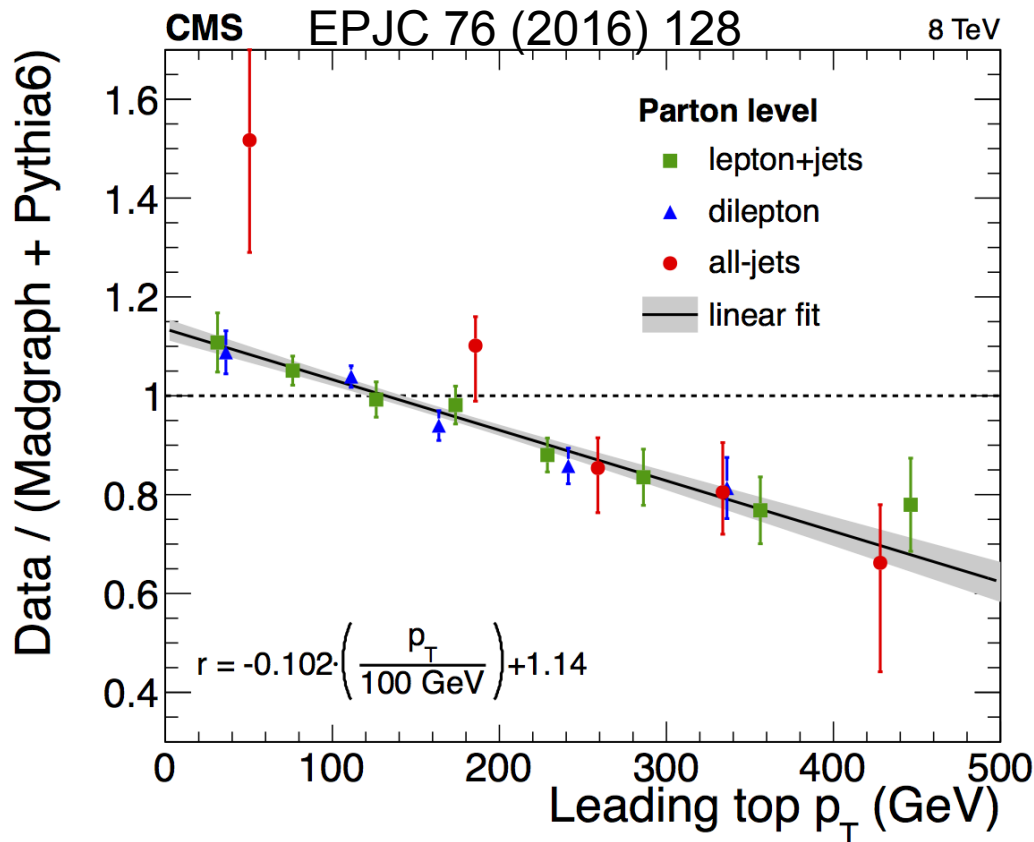
Region	$f_{\text{SM}} \pm (\text{stat.}, \text{syst.}, \text{theory})$
Inclusive	$1.249 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.061 \pm 0.040$
$m_{t\bar{t}} < 450$ GeV	$1.12 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.02$
$450 \leq m_{t\bar{t}} < 550$ GeV	$1.18 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.08$
$550 \leq m_{t\bar{t}} < 800$ GeV	$1.65 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.22$
$m_{t\bar{t}} \geq 800$ GeV	$2.2 \pm 0.9 \pm 2.5 \pm 0.7$

NLO theory slope and uncertainty appropriate ?

$$F_{\text{SM}} = 0.97 \pm 0.05 (\text{stat+syst})$$

# The top $p_T$ saga...

- Many Run I & Run II top  $p_T$  measurements at ATLAS/CMS not described by NLO and most MCs – pQCD calculation do a better job
- Data is more soft: consistently seen in all decay channels, also at 13 TeV



- The  $p_T$  spectra in 8 TeV are described by pQCD NNLO calculations, **but**
- Indications of a slope wrt NNLO in 13 TeV data