

Precision measurements of the Top quark with the ATLAS experiment

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for more detailed information check ATLAS top quark physics results
website: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/TopPublicResults>

The Top Quark

- First observed in 1995 by CDF and DØ (Tevatron);
[F Abe et al,PRL,74:2626-2631,1995; S. Abachi et al,PRL,74:2632-2637,1995]

	Fermions			Bosons	
Quarks	u up	c charm	t top	γ photon	Force carriers
	d down	s strange	b bottom	Z Z boson	
Leptons	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	W W boson	
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	g gluon	

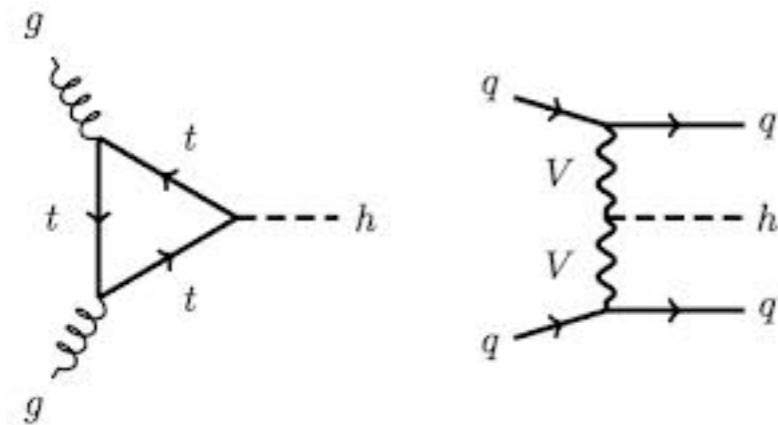
Source: AAAS

A diagram showing the particle content of the Standard Model. It is organized into two main sections: Fermions and Bosons. The Fermion section is further divided into Quarks and Leptons. The Quarks section contains three generations of quarks: up (u), charm (c), and top (t). The Leptons section contains three generations of leptons: electron (e), muon, and tau. The Boson section includes the photon (γ), Z boson, W boson, and gluon (g). A red dashed box highlights the Higgs boson at the bottom right.

- Completes the 3 family structure of SM;
- Electric charge = $2/3|e|$, Spin = $1/2$;
- Mass $\sim 173.34 \pm 0.76$ GeV [arXiv:1403.4427 [hep-ex]];
- Fast decay: $\tau \sim 4 \times 10^{-25}$ s ; $\Gamma = 1.42$ GeV;
- Dominant decay to $t \rightarrow W b$:
 $|V_{tb}| > 0.999 \Rightarrow BR(t \rightarrow W b) \sim 1$
 $BR(t \rightarrow sW) \leq 0.18\%$
 $BR(t \rightarrow dW) \leq 0.02\%$

Why the Top Quark ?

- **Heaviest of All Fundamental Particles in the Standard Model:**
 - Largest Mass \rightarrow Largest Coupling to SM Higgs



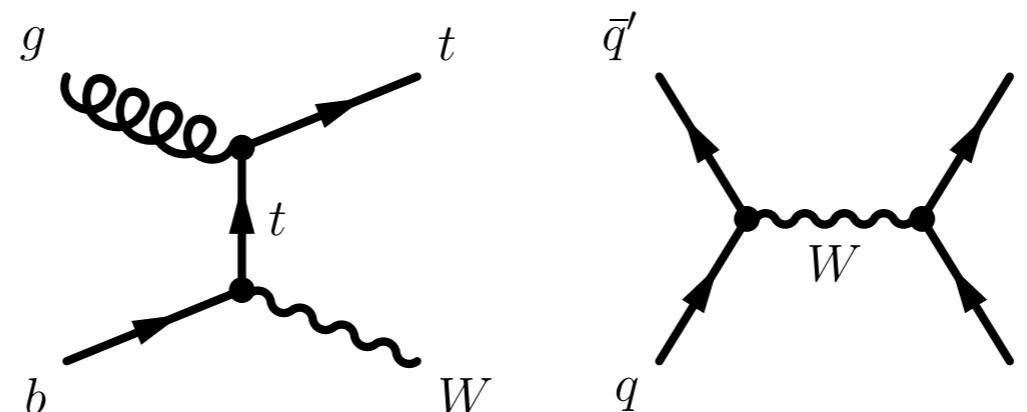
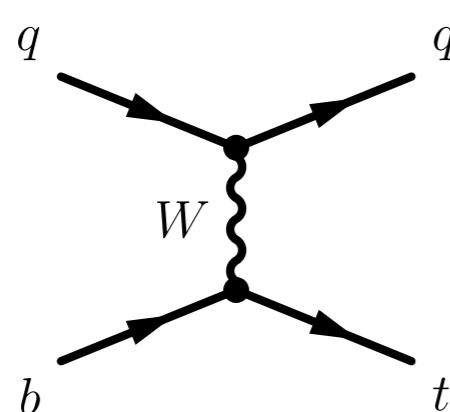
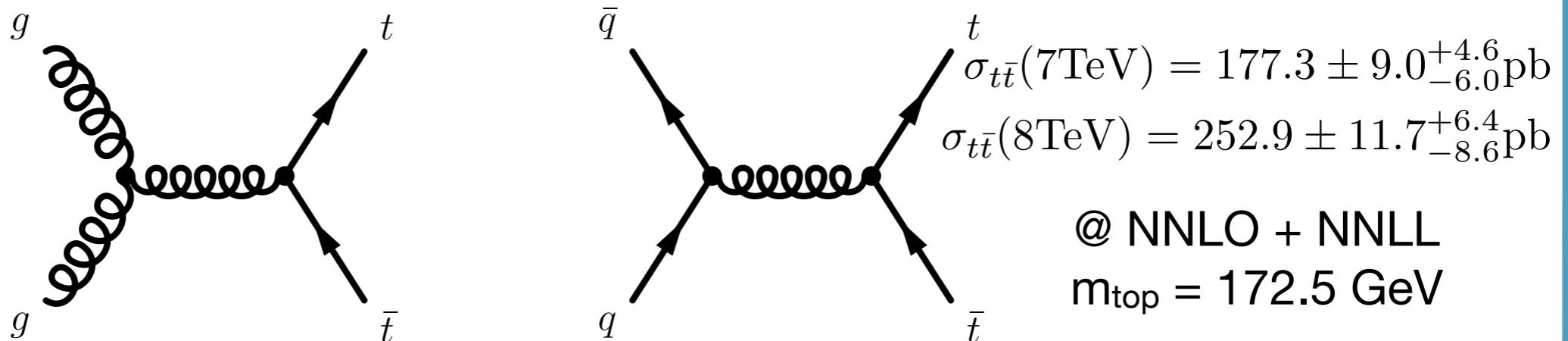
- m_{Top} must be a fundamental parameter in the SM!
- Allows for Self-Consistency Checks of SM Post Higgs Discovery
- Top Quark Mass \sim EW Symmetry Breaking Scale

- **Top Quark Events are Significant Background:**
 - e.g. $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$; $H \rightarrow WW$; $t\bar{t}H$ with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
 - Better understanding of Top \rightarrow Better results in these analyses!
- **Short Lifetime ($\sim 10^{-25}$ s):**
 - A Feynman diagram showing a top quark (t) decaying into a W^+ boson and a b quark. The W^+ boson decays into a lepton (l^+ , q) and a neutrino (ν , \bar{q}'). This allows for reconstruction of bare quarks before hadronization - unique among the quarks!
- **Hints of New Physics?**
 - Enhanced coupling to many new particles

Production Mechanisms

M.Cacciari et al., P.L. B 710 612(2012);
 P.Barnreuther et al., P.R.L. 109 132001(2012);
 M.Czakon and A.Mitov, J.H.E.P. 1212 054(2012);
 M.Czakon and A.Mitov, J.H.E.P. 1301 080(2013);
 M.Czakon, P.Fiedler and A.Mitov, P.R.L. 110 252004 (2013).

Top Pair Production



Single Top Production

@ NLO+NNLL
 $m_{\text{top}} = 172.5 \text{ GeV}$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \sigma_t(\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}) = 64.57^{+2.63}_{-1.74} \text{ pb} & \sigma_{Wt}(\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}) = 15.74^{+1.17}_{-1.21} \text{ pb} & \sigma_s(\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}) = 4.63^{+0.20}_{-0.18} \text{ pb} \\ \sigma_t(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 87.76^{+3.44}_{-1.91} \text{ pb} & \sigma_{Wt}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 22.37^{+1.52}_{-1.52} \text{ pb} & \sigma_s(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 5.61^{+0.22}_{-0.22} \text{ pb} \end{array}$$

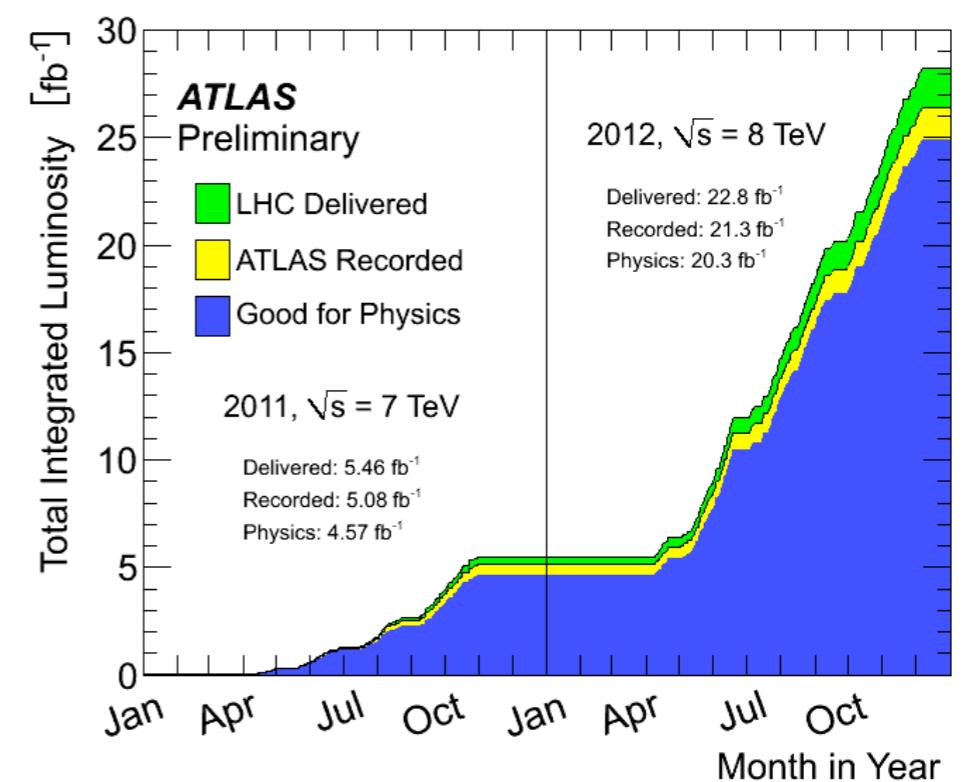
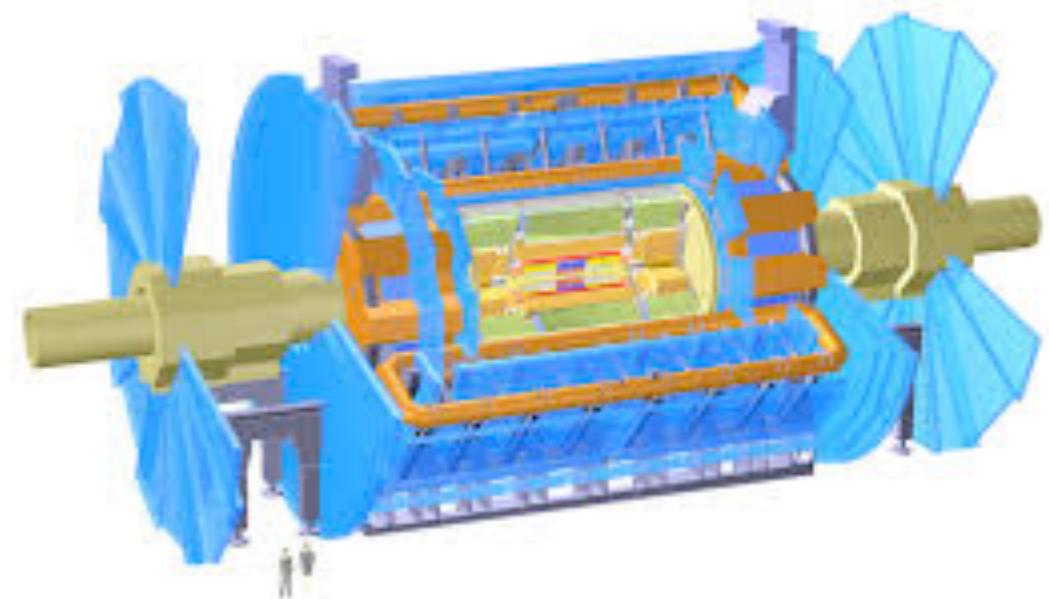
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 N.Kidonakis ,P.R. D 81, 054028 (2010)

Top Quark Production at the LHC

- At peak instantaneous luminosity @ ATLAS :
 - ~2 top pairs/sec
 - ~1 single top/sec

were produced during 2012 data-taking!

- **Overall ~ 15M top quarks produced in 2011 & 2012!**

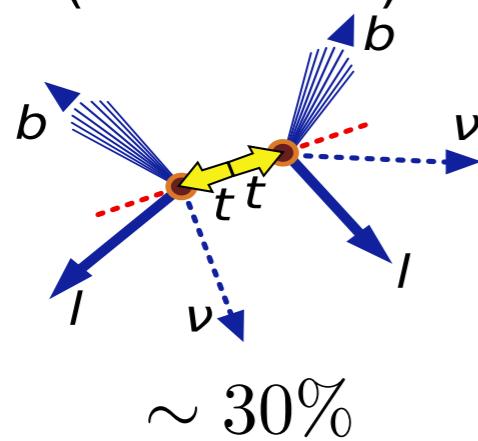


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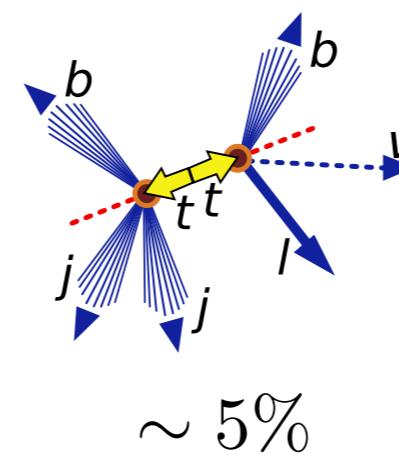
- **Top quark pair production ($t\bar{t}$) cross-sections:**

- Dilepton inclusive cross section measurement

(New result)



- Single lepton: Differential cross section measurement

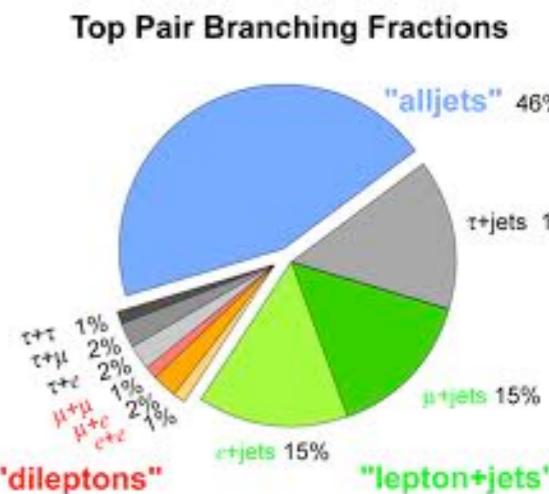


- Several Top reconstruction methods:
e.g. kinematic likelihood fit

- **Single top quark production cross-sections:**

- t-channel at 8 TeV (fiducial and inclusive)
- t-channel at 7 TeV (differential and inclusive) (New result)
- Wt-channel cross section measurement at both 7 and 8 TeV

Top Pair Decay Channels					
cs	electron+jets	muon+jets	tau+jets	all-hadronic	
ud					
t	et	jet	tt	tau+jets	
H	ee	jj	tt	muon+jets	
e	ee	ej	tt	electron+jets	
w decay	e ⁺	μ^+	τ^+	ud	c <bar>s</bar>



Cross-Section Measurements

Top Quark Pair Production ($t\bar{t}$)

- Dilepton $e\mu$ channel inclusive (7 and 8 TeV Combination)

NEW

arXiv 1406.5375 [hep-ex]

Using $L = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s}=8\text{TeV}$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 242.4 \pm 1.7(\text{stat.}) \pm 5.5(\text{syst.}) \pm 7.5(\text{lumi}) \pm 4.2(\text{beam en.}) \text{ pb}$$

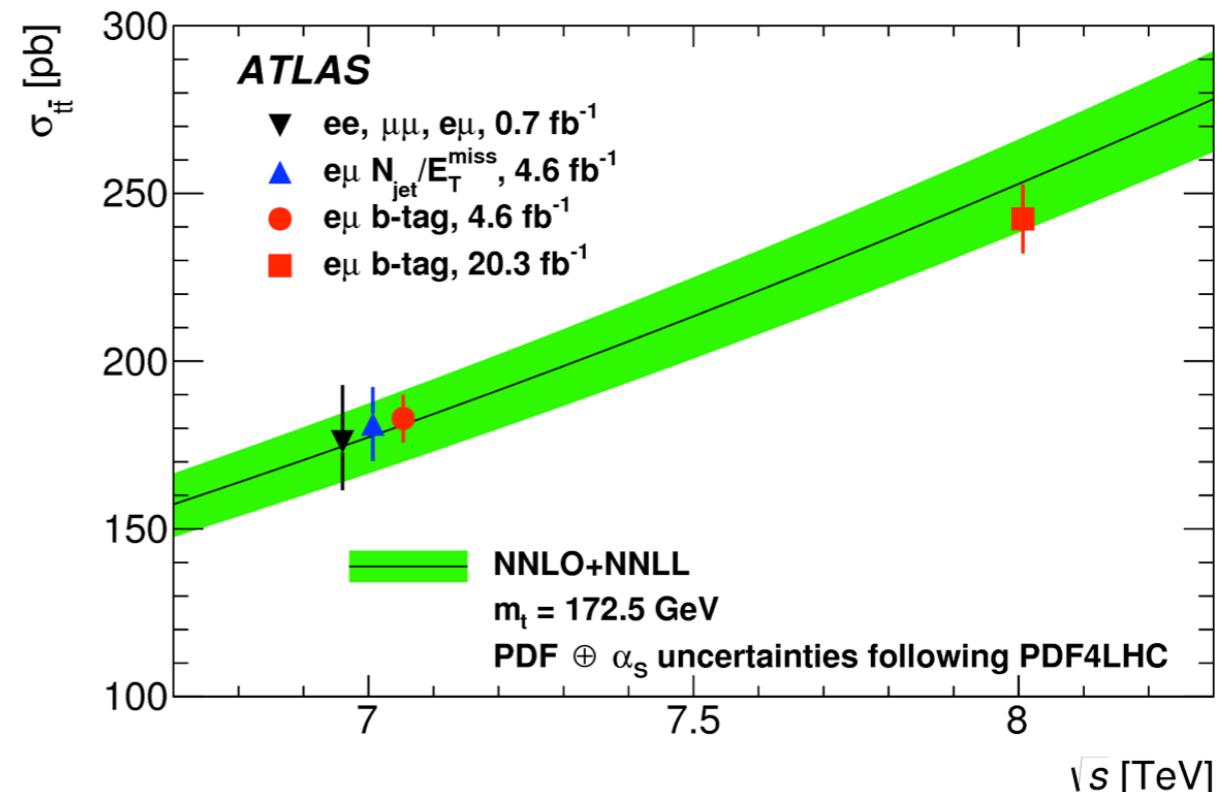
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Using $L = 4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s}=7\text{TeV}$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 182.9 \pm 3.1(\text{stat.}) \pm 4.2(\text{syst.}) \pm 3.6(\text{lumi}) \pm 3.3(\text{beam en.}) \text{ pb}$$

3.9%

- Analysis designed to be as least sensitive as possible to systematic uncertainties;
- b-tagging ID/reco/tagging derived from data;

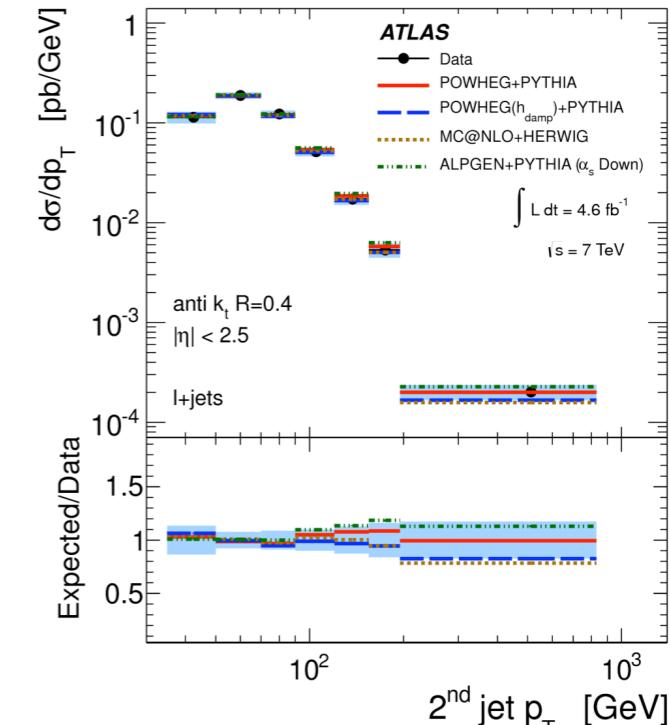
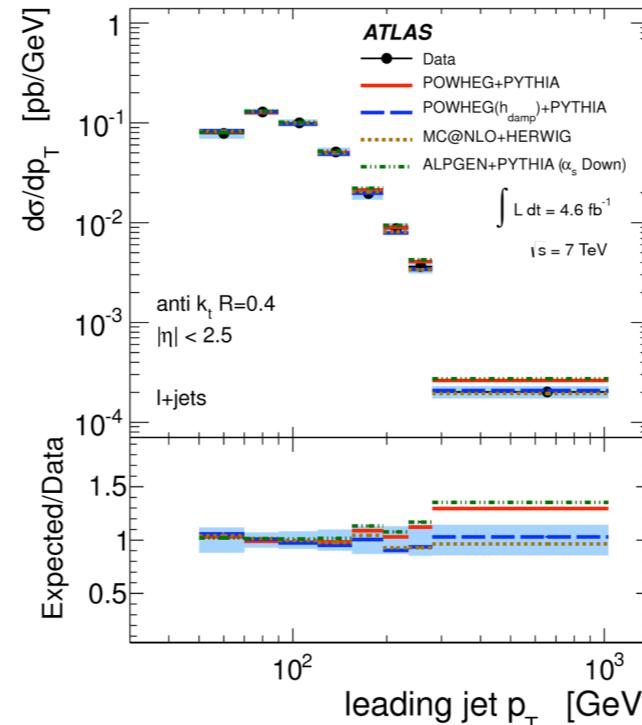
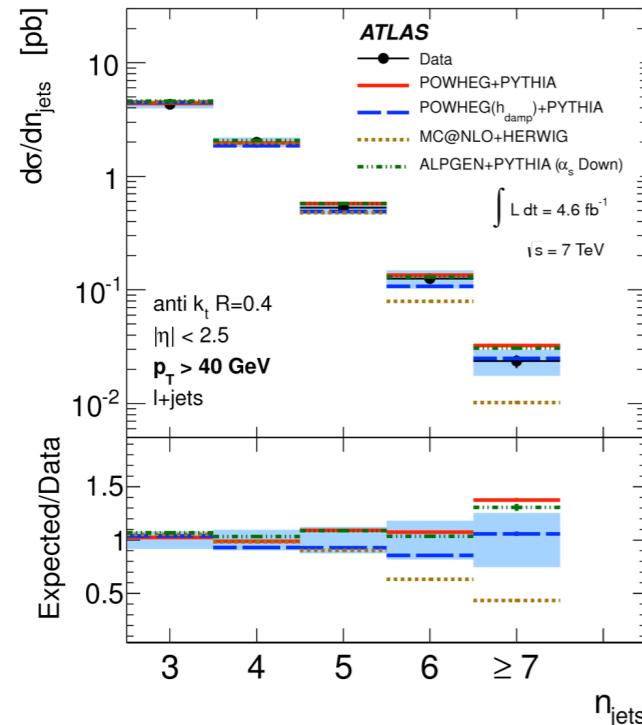


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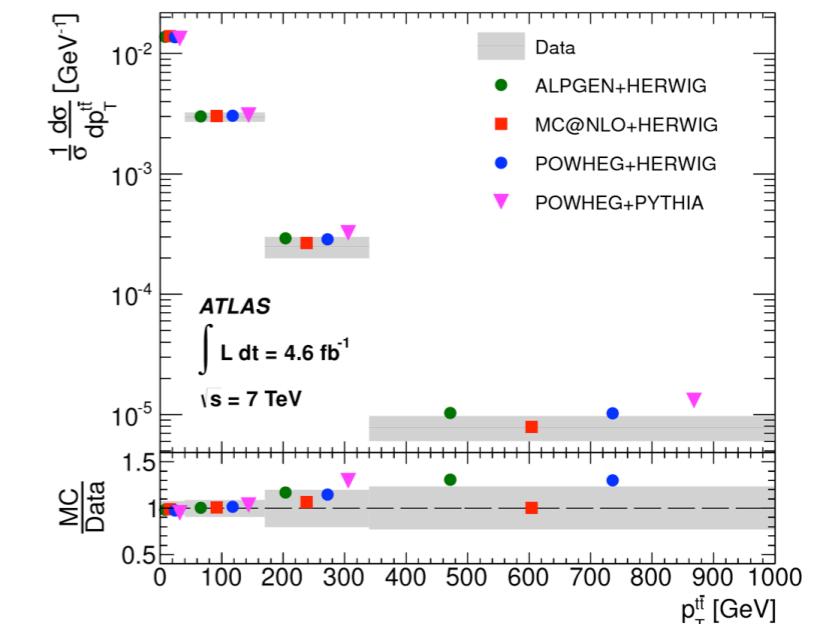
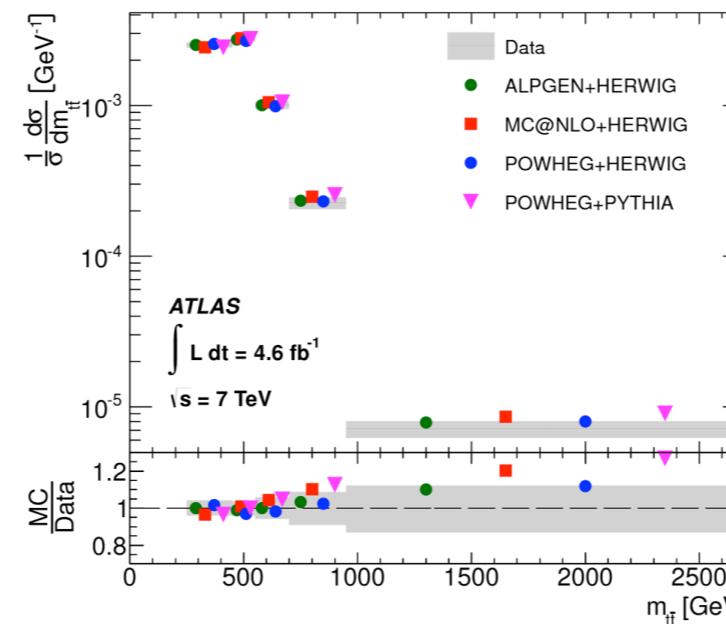
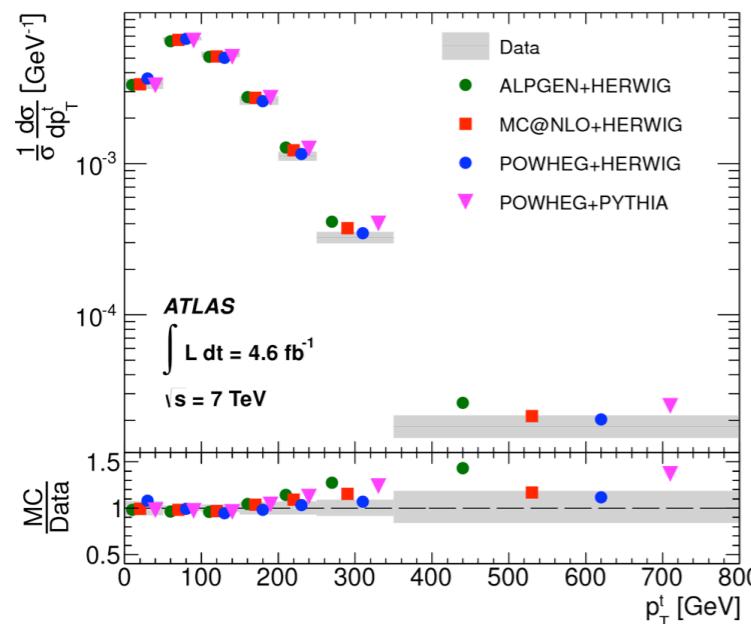
Top Quark Pair Production ($t\bar{t}$)

arXiv:1407.0891

- Fiducial Differential $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ as function of n_{jet} and $p_T^{\text{jet}} \text{ I+jets}$ @ 7 TeV (4.6 fb $^{-1}$)**

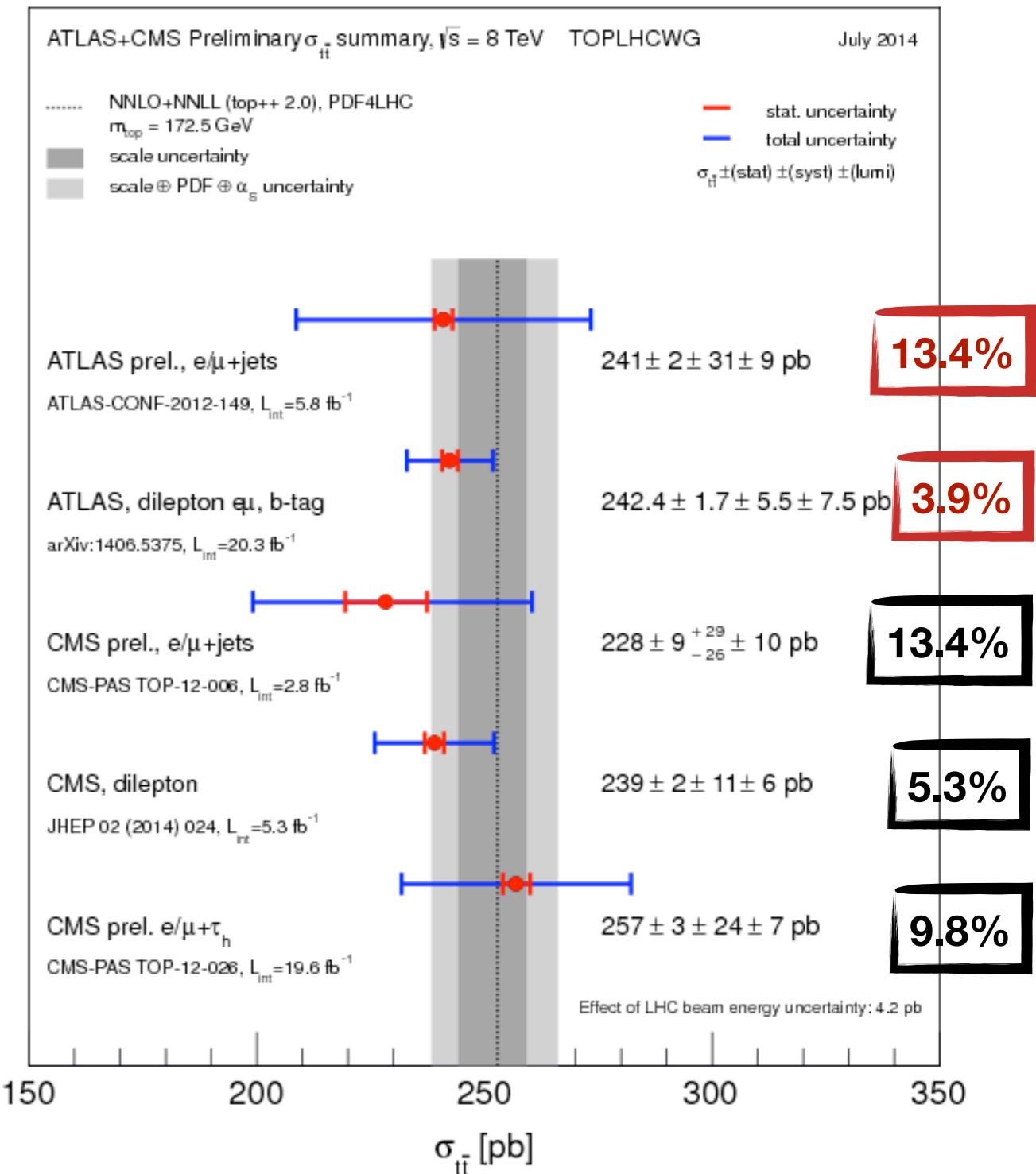
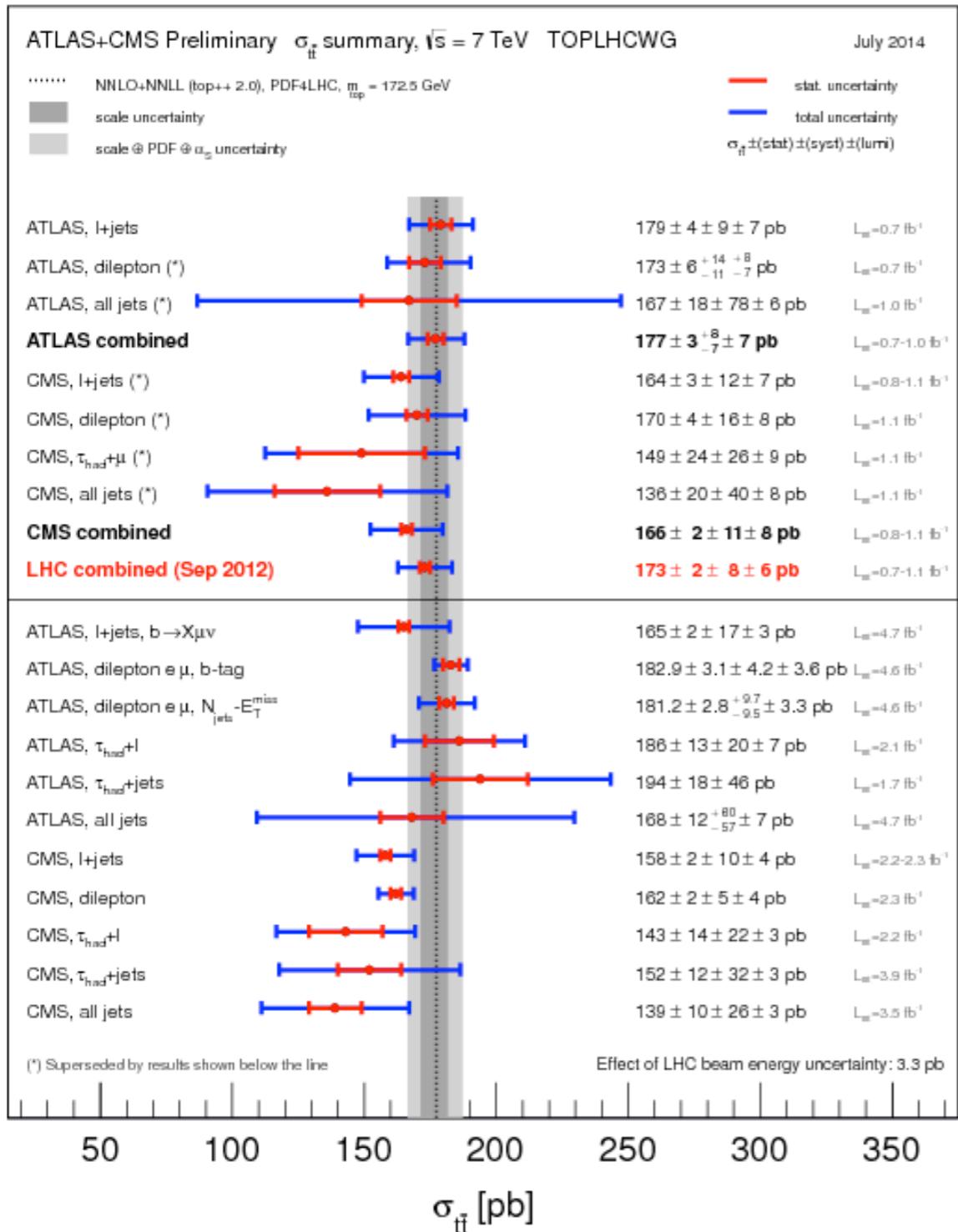


- Differential $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ as function of p_T^t , $m_{t\bar{t}}$, $p_T^{t\bar{t}}$ I+jets @ 7 TeV (4.6 fb $^{-1}$)**



Cross-Section Measurements

Top Quark Pair Production ($t\bar{t}$)



Cross-Section Measurements

Single Top Quark Production: t-channel

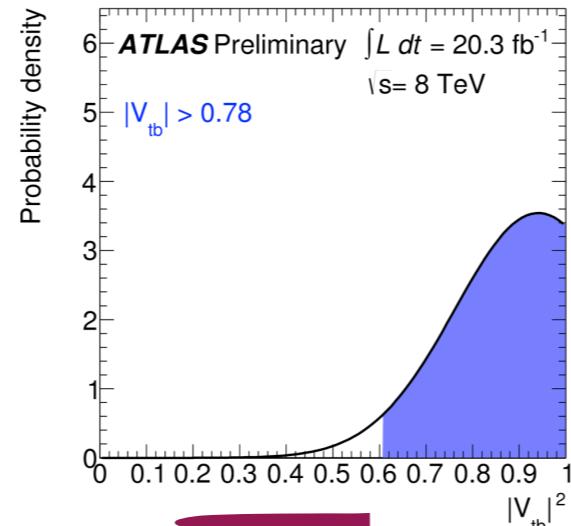
- Cross Section @ 8 TeV (20.3 fb^{-1})**

14.6%

$$\sigma_t = 82.6 \pm 1.2(\text{stat.}) \pm 11.4(\text{syst.}) \pm 3.1(\text{PDF}) \pm 2.3(\text{lumi.}) \text{ pb}$$

- Assuming CKM matrix obeys $|V_{tb}| \leq 1$ a lower limit is extracted (95% CL):**

Measured: $|V_{tb}| = 0.97^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$



- Cross Section @ 7 TeV (4.59 fb^{-1})**

$\sigma_{tq} = 46 \pm 1(\text{stat.}) \pm 6(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}$ **(13.2%)**

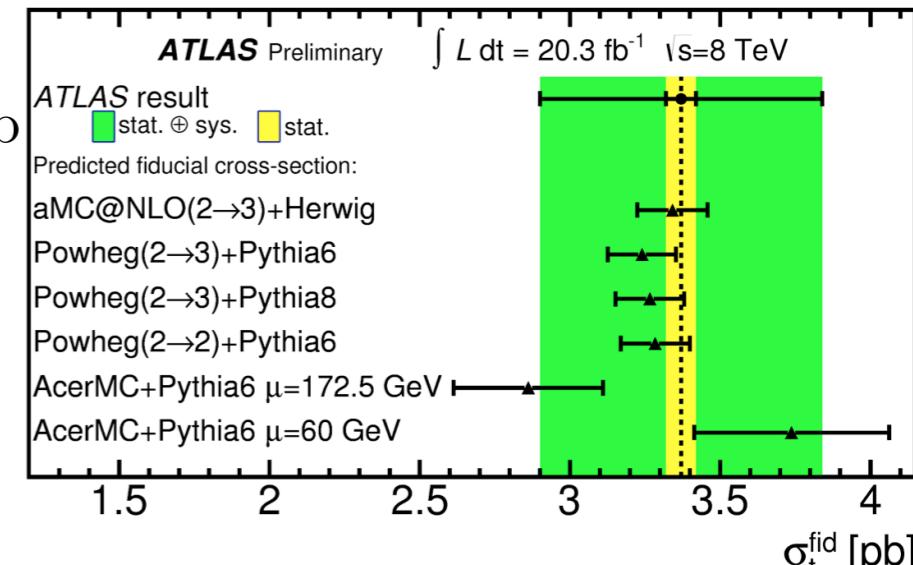
$\sigma_{\bar{t}q} = 23 \pm 1(\text{stat.}) \pm 3(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}$ **(21.7%)**

11.8%

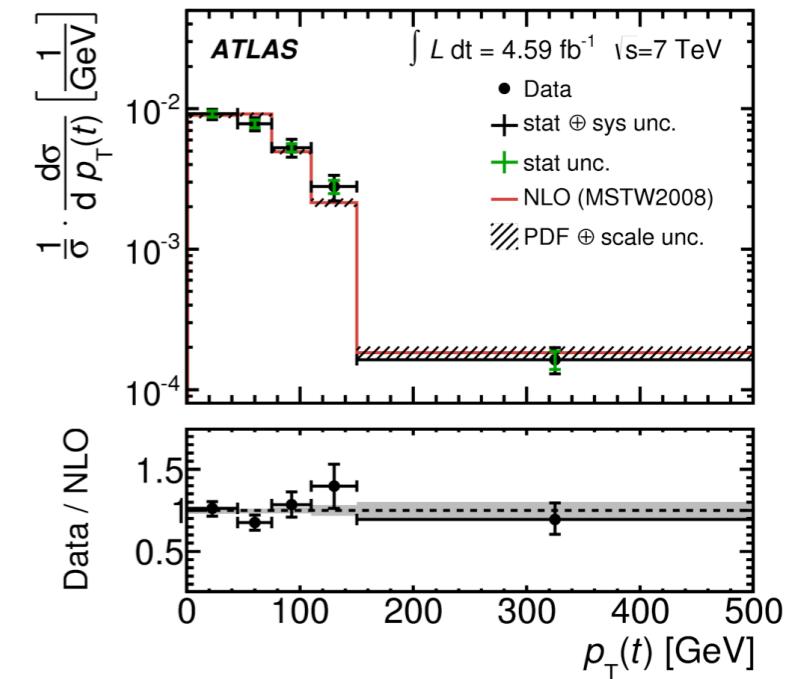
$\sigma_{(tq + \bar{t}q)} = 68 \pm 8 \text{ pb}$ consistent w/ SM expectation
($m_t = 172.5 \text{ GeV}$)

- Using $\sigma(tq + \bar{t}q)$ to its theoretical prediction and assuming $|V_{tb}| \gg |V_{ts}|$: Measured: $|V_{tb}| = 1.02 \pm 0.07$**

ATLAS-CONF-2014-007



arXiv 1406.7844 [hep-ex]



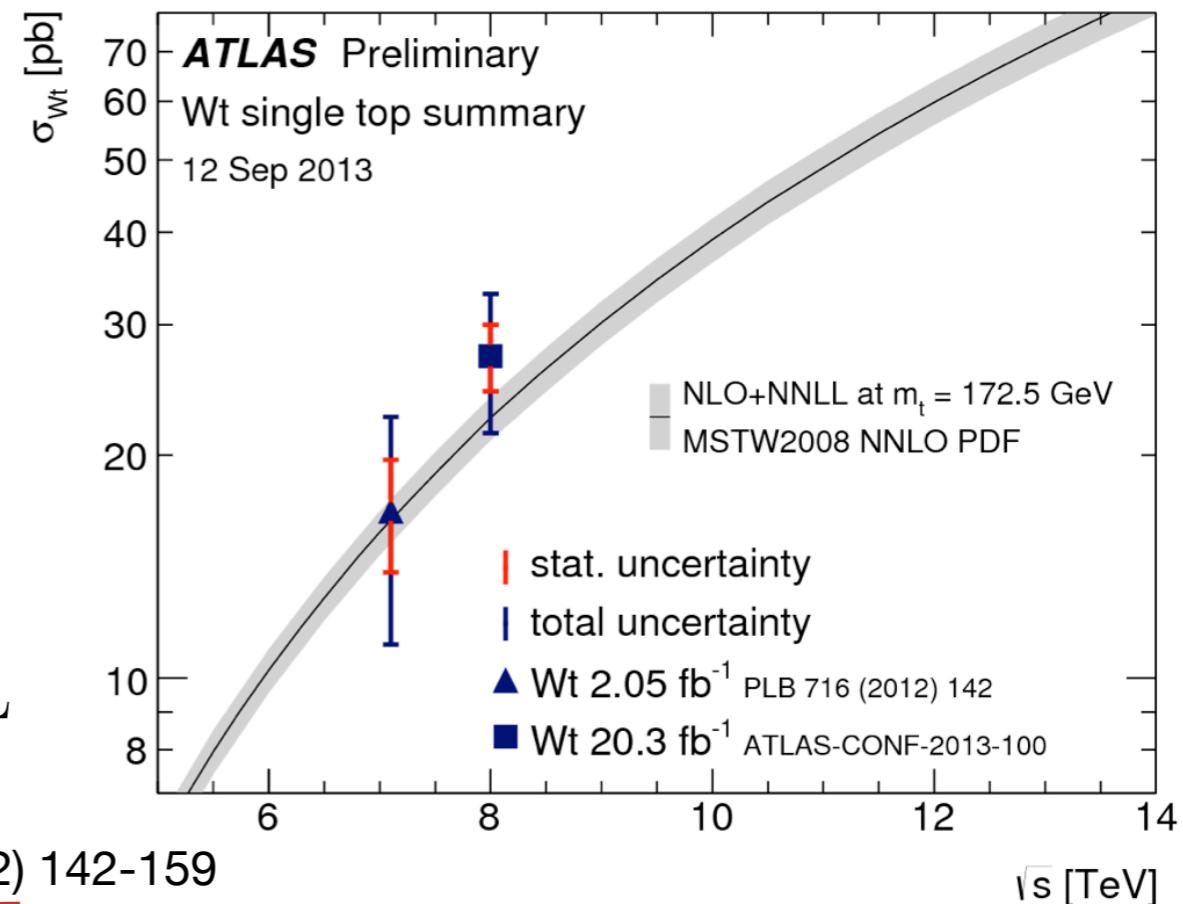
Cross-Section Measurements

Single Top Quark Production: Wt-channel

- **Cross Section @ 8 TeV (20.3 fb^{-1})** ATLAS-CONF-2013-100

$$\sigma_{Wt} = 27.2 \pm 2.8(\text{stat.}) \pm 5.4(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}$$

22.4%



- **$|V_{tb}|$ measurement assuming:**

- The Wtb interaction is left-handed;
- Wt-channel production & top quark decay through $|V_{ts}|$ and $|V_{td}| \ll |V_{tb}|$;
- The decay to a possible 4th generation quark is kinematically forbidden;

a lower limit is extracted: $|V_{tb}| > 0.72$ @ 95% CL

- **Cross Section @ 7 TeV (2.05 fb^{-1})** PLB 716 (2012) 142-159

$$\sigma_{Wt} = 16.8 \pm 2.9(\text{stat.}) \pm 4.9(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}$$

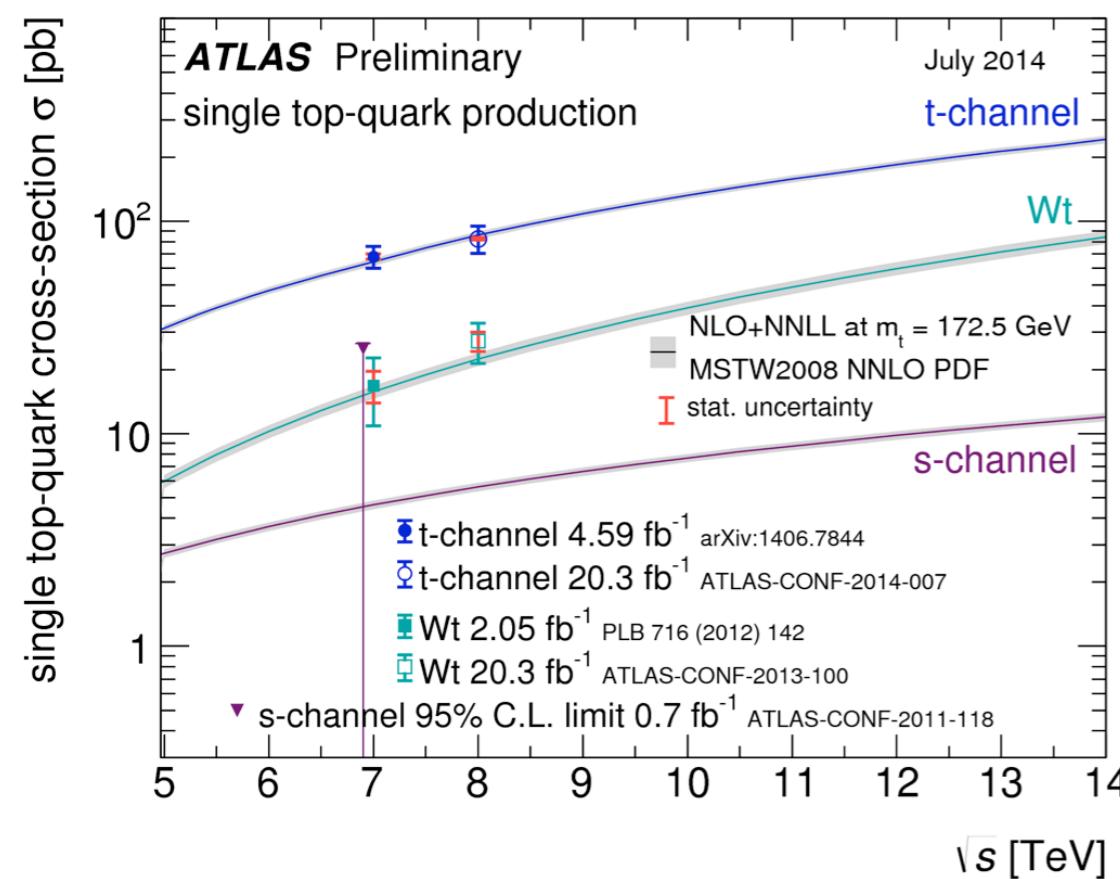
33.9%

- **Assuming $|V_{ts}|$ and $|V_{td}|$ are negligible:**

Measured: $|V_{tb}| = 1.03^{+0.16}_{-0.19}$ (using $\sigma_{Wt}^{theory} = 15.7(\pm 1.1) \times |V_{tb}|^2 \text{ pb}$)

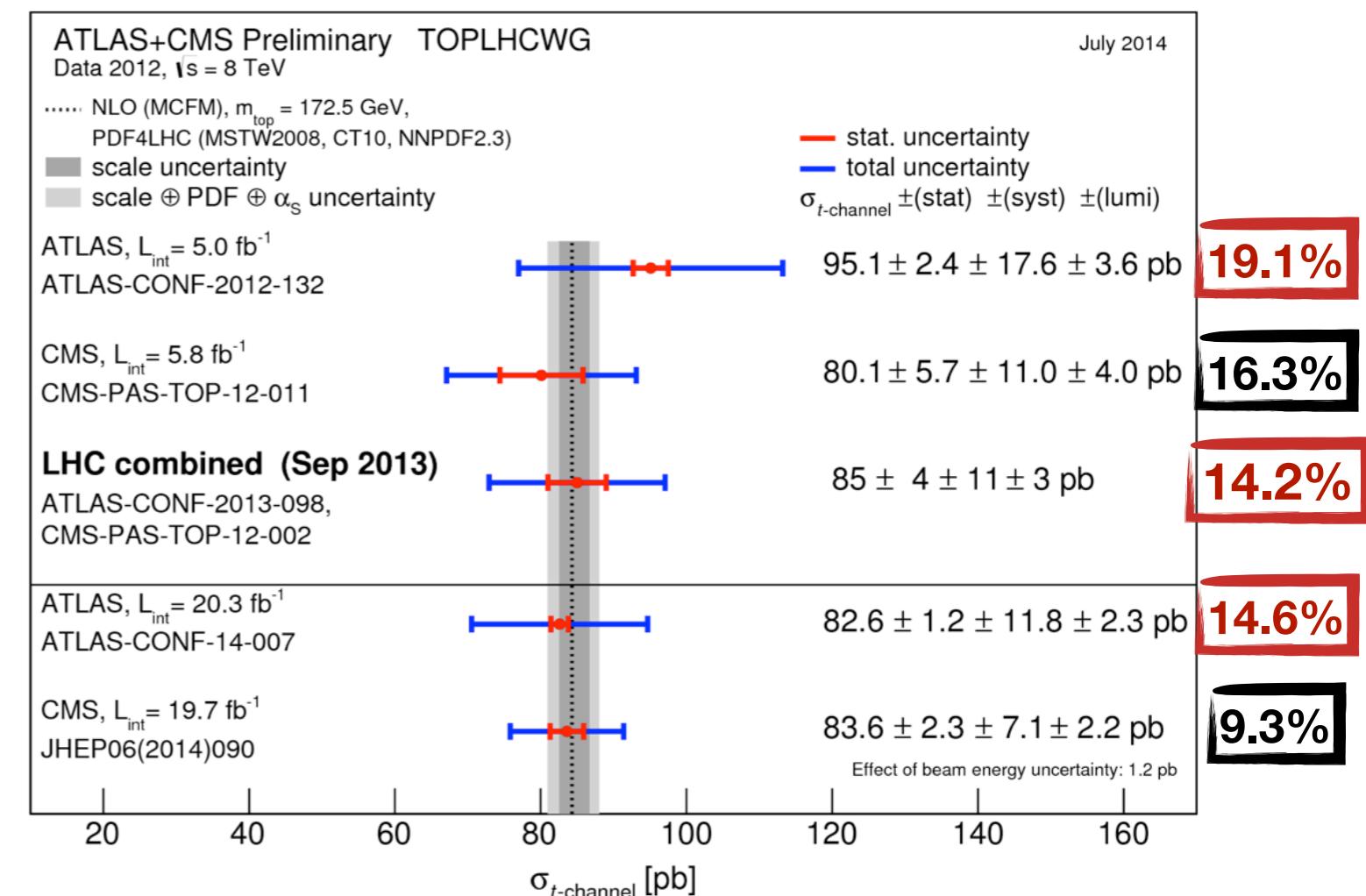
Cross-Section Measurements

Single Top Quark Production: Summary



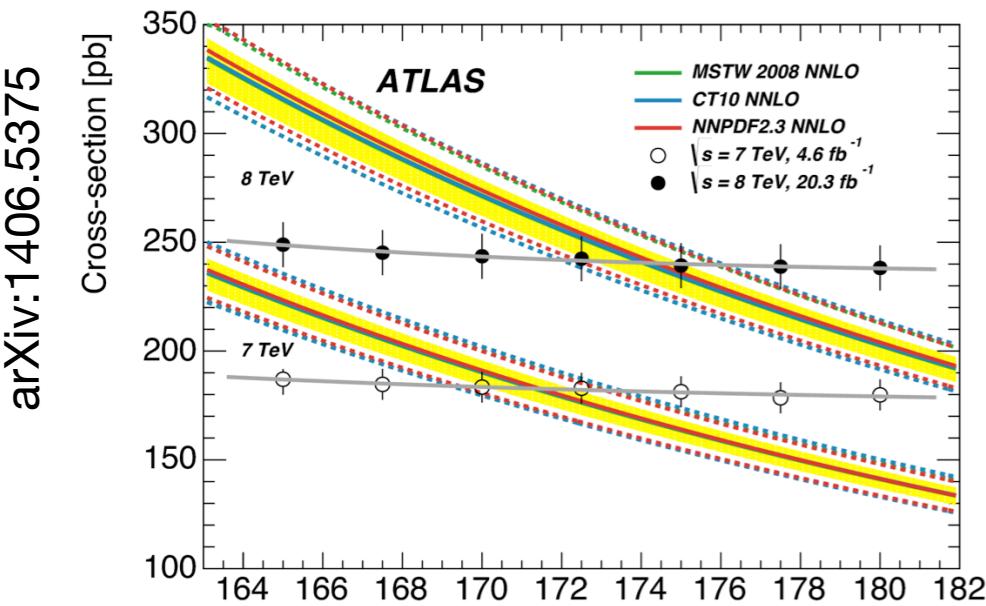
t-channel and Wt: cross-section measurements for 7 TeV and 8 TeV

s-channel: upper limit shown

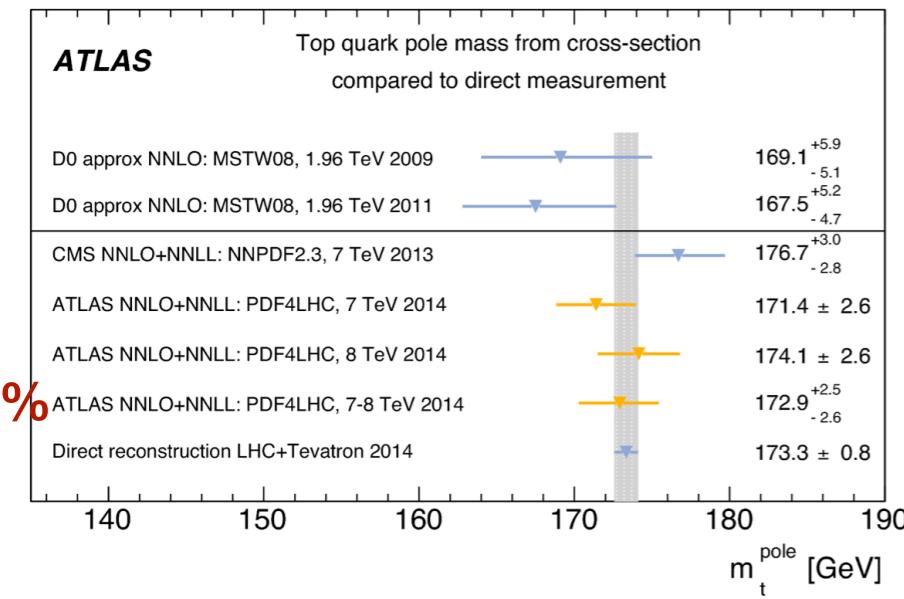


Top Quark Mass

- Pole Mass determined from:



$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{theo}}(m_t^{\text{ref}}) = \sigma(m_t^{\text{ref}}) \left(\frac{m_t^{\text{ref}}}{m_t^{\text{pole}}} \right)^4 (1 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2)$$

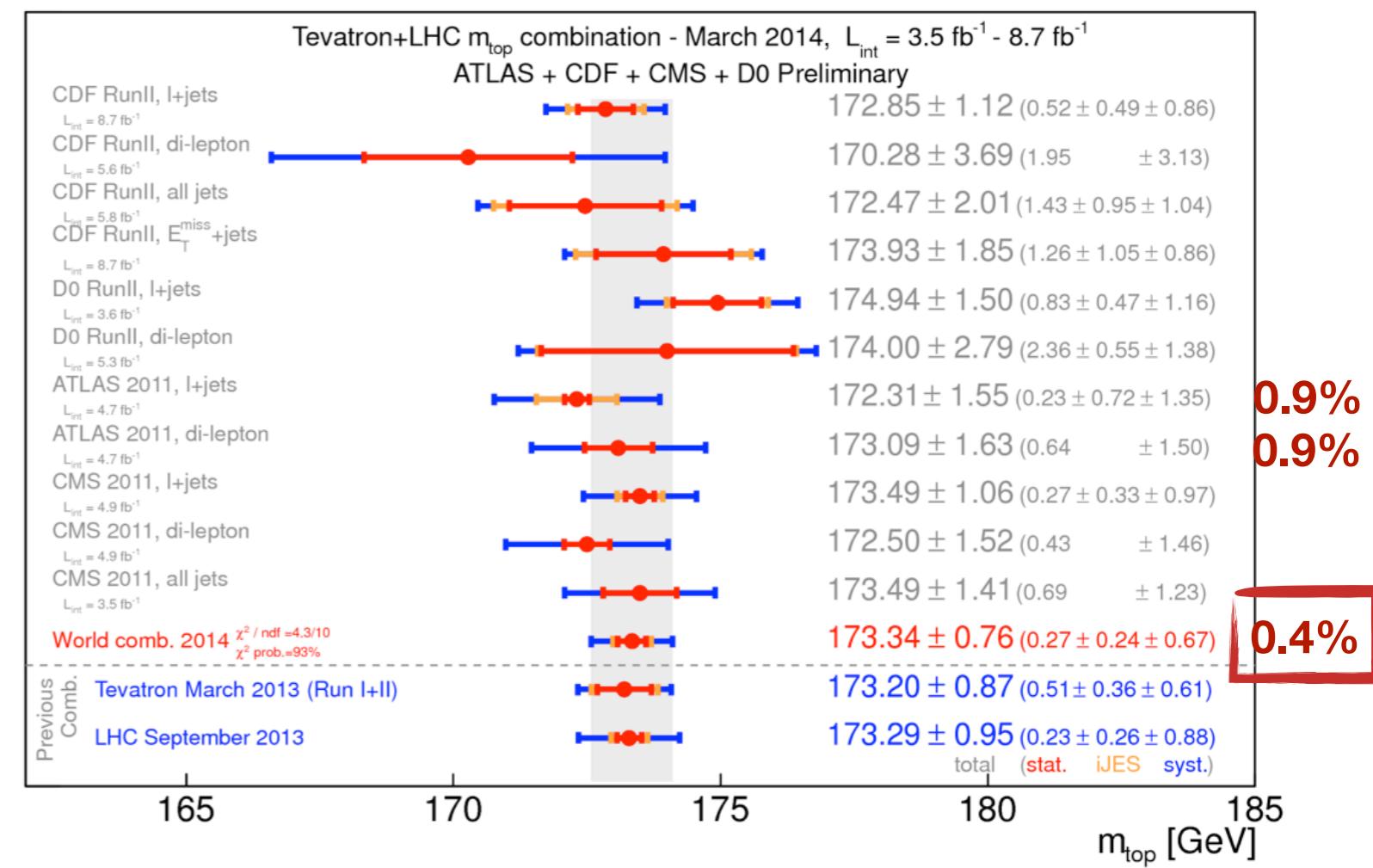


1.5%

- World combination of Top quark Mass :

$$m_{top} = 173.34 \pm 0.27(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.71(\text{syst.}) \text{ GeV}$$

0.4%



0.9%

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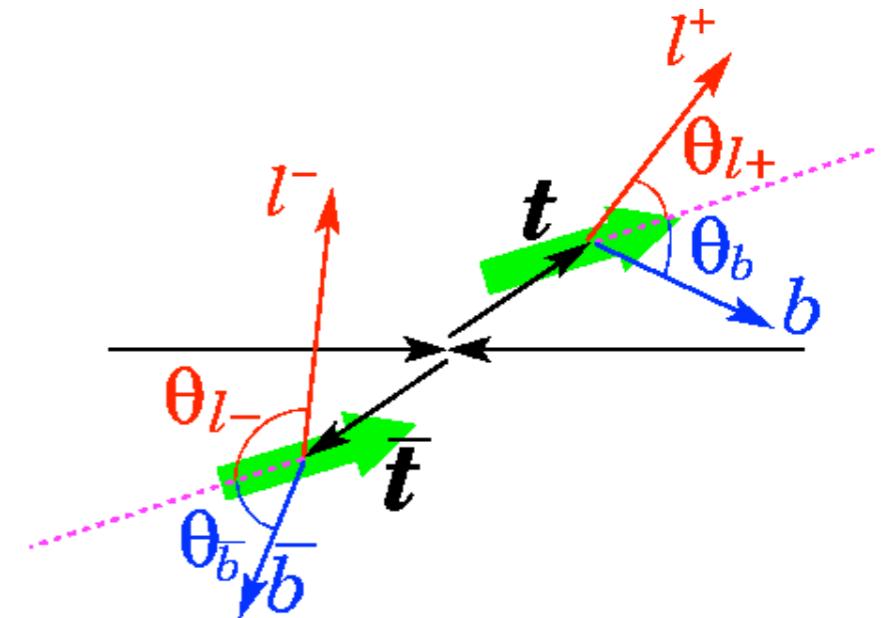
arXiv:1403.4427 [hep-ex]

Polarization and Spin Correlations

- $t\bar{t}$ pairs almost unpolarized in SM, but t and \bar{t} spins are correlated;
- BSM models can affect these properties through either top production or decay;

- Study the angles of the top decay products;

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta_1 d \cos \theta_2} = \frac{1}{4} (1 + \alpha_1 P_1 \cos \theta_1 + \alpha_2 P_2 \cos \theta_2 - C \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2)$$



- θ is the polar angle of the decay particles
- α is the spin analyzing power (~ 1 for charged leptons)
- C is the $t\bar{t}$ spin correlation: $C = -A\alpha_+ \alpha_-$,
with $A \equiv \frac{N(\uparrow\uparrow) + N(\downarrow\downarrow) - N(\uparrow\downarrow) - N(\downarrow\uparrow)}{N(\uparrow\uparrow) + N(\downarrow\downarrow) + N(\uparrow\downarrow) + N(\downarrow\uparrow)}$
- P_1 (P_2) is the degree polarization of t (\bar{t})

$$P = \frac{A_P}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{N(\cos \theta_1 > 0) - N(\cos \theta_1 < 0)}{N(\cos \theta_1 > 0) + N(\cos \theta_1 < 0)}$$

Polarization and Spin Correlations

Polarization of the Top Quark

10.1103/PhysRevLett.111.232002

- I+jets & dileptonic channels (4.6 fb^{-1} of 7 TeV):

extract αP from $\cos\theta_1$ fit on data distribution templates for two scenarios:

→ **CP conserving**: same αP for t and \bar{t}

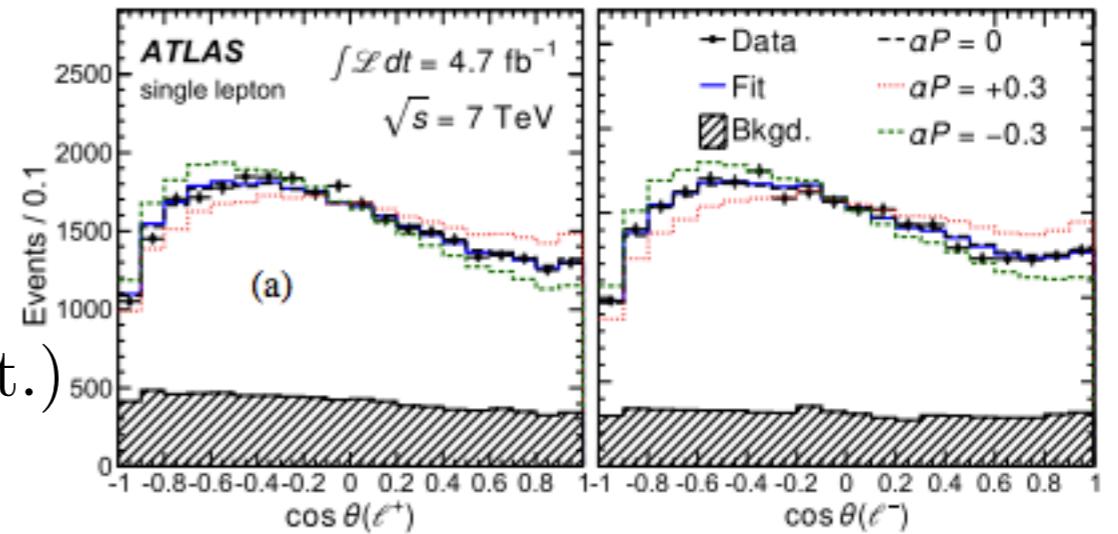
$$\alpha_l P_{\text{CPC}} = -0.035 \pm 0.014(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.037(\text{syst.})$$

→ **CP violating**: opposite αP for t and \bar{t}

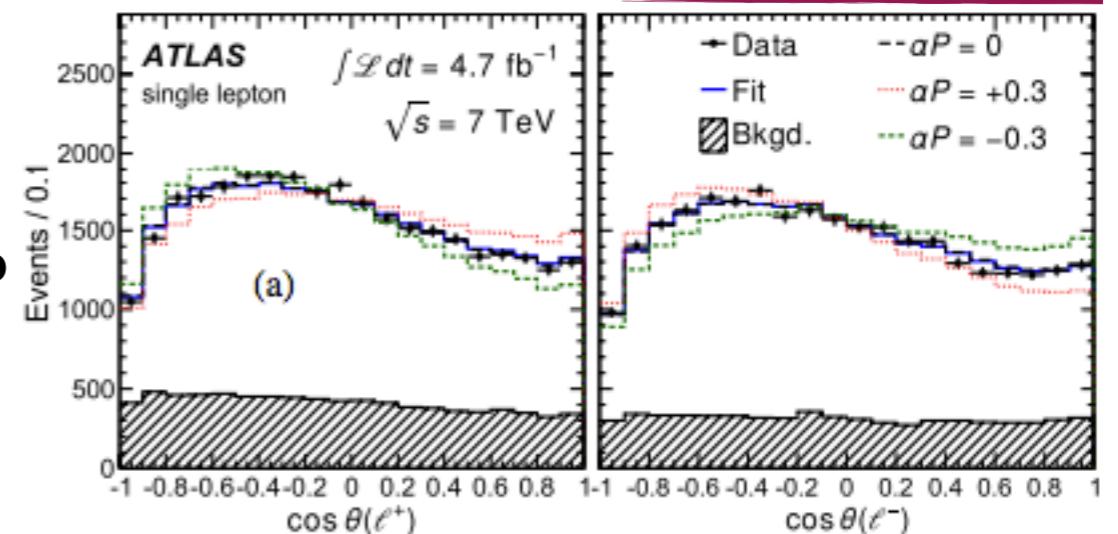
$$\alpha_l P_{\text{CPV}} = 0.020 \pm 0.016(\text{stat.})^{+0.013}_{-0.017}(\text{syst.})$$

- No deviation from the SM prediction of negligible polarization is observed for either the CP conserving or maximally CP violating scenario!**

CP Conserving



CP Violating



Polarization and Spin Correlations

Spin Correlations NEW

arXiv:1407.4314 [hep-ex]

- I+jets & dileptonic channels (4.6 fb^{-1} of 7 TeV):

In the SM, the polarization of the pair-produced top quarks in pp collisions is negligible:

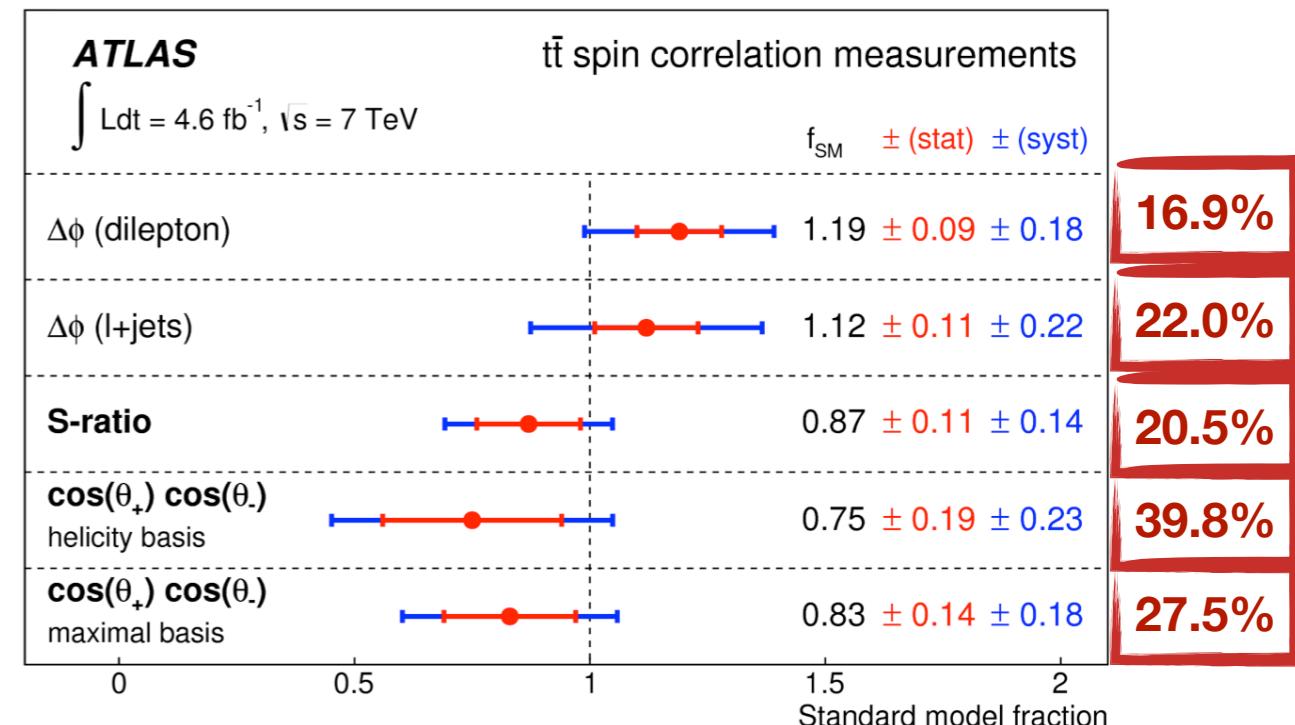
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos(\theta_+) d\cos(\theta_-)} = \frac{1}{4} (1 + A\alpha_+ \alpha_- \cos(\theta_+) \cos(\theta_-))$$

- Analysis performed with 4 observables:

- $\Delta\phi$ between the 2lep. (dilep.) or lep.-jet (W in I+jets)
- The “S-ratio” of matrix elements from the fusion of helicity-like gluons

$$S = \frac{(|\mathcal{M}|_{RR}^2 + |\mathcal{M}|_{LL}^2)_{\text{corr}}}{(|\mathcal{M}|_{RR}^2 + |\mathcal{M}|_{LL}^2)_{\text{uncorr}}} \\ = \frac{m_t^2 \{(t \cdot \ell^+)(t \cdot \ell^-) + (\bar{t} \cdot \ell^+)(\bar{t} \cdot \ell^-) - m_t^2(\ell^+ \cdot \ell^-)\}}{(t \cdot \ell^+)(\bar{t} \cdot \ell^-)(t \cdot \bar{t})}$$

Requires the full reconstruction of the system.



Basis	$\Delta\phi$	S -ratio	$\cos(\theta_+) \cos(\theta_-)$ helicity	$\cos(\theta_+) \cos(\theta_-)$ maximal
$A_{\text{helicity}}^{\text{measured}}$	$0.37 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.05$	$0.27 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.04$	$0.23 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.10$	—
$A_{\text{maximal}}^{\text{measured}}$	$0.52 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.07$	$0.38 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.06$	—	$0.36 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.09$

$$f_{SM} = \frac{N_{A=SM}}{N_{A=SM} + N_{A=0}}$$

$$A_{\text{basis}}^{\text{measured}} = f_{SM} A_{\text{basis}}^{\text{SM}}$$

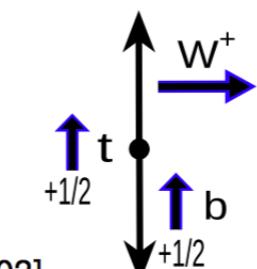
W Polarization in $t \rightarrow bW$ decays

- Testing a Standard Model prediction:

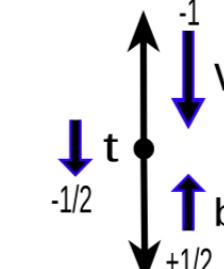
[Phys. Rev. D 45 (1992) 124]

$$(F_0 + F_L + F_R = 1)$$

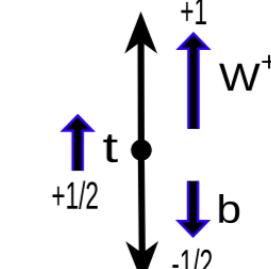
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longitudinal W
SM (NNLO): $F_0 = 0.687$



left-handed W
 $F_L = 0.311$



right-handed W
 $F_R = 0.0017$

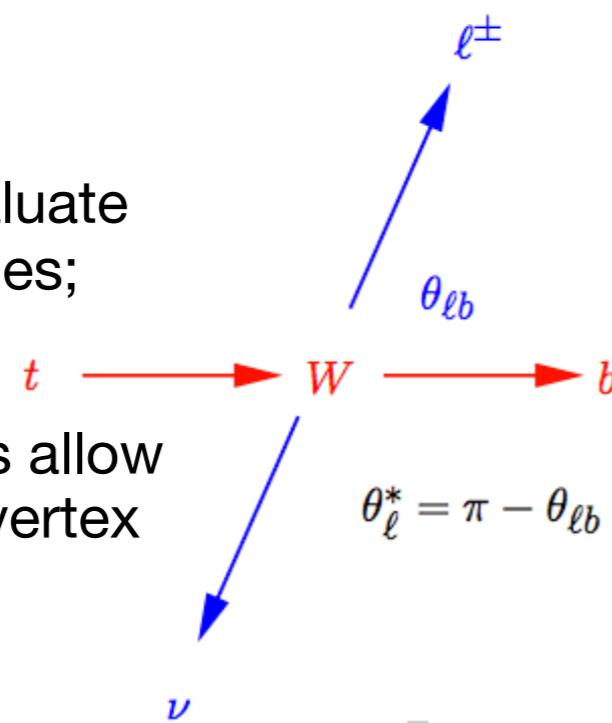
- How to measure the W helicity states?

$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{d \cos \theta_\ell^*} = \frac{3}{2} \left[F_0 \left(\frac{\sin \theta_\ell^*}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + F_L \left(\frac{1 - \cos \theta_\ell^*}{2} \right)^2 + F_R \left(\frac{1 + \cos \theta_\ell^*}{2} \right)^2 \right]$$

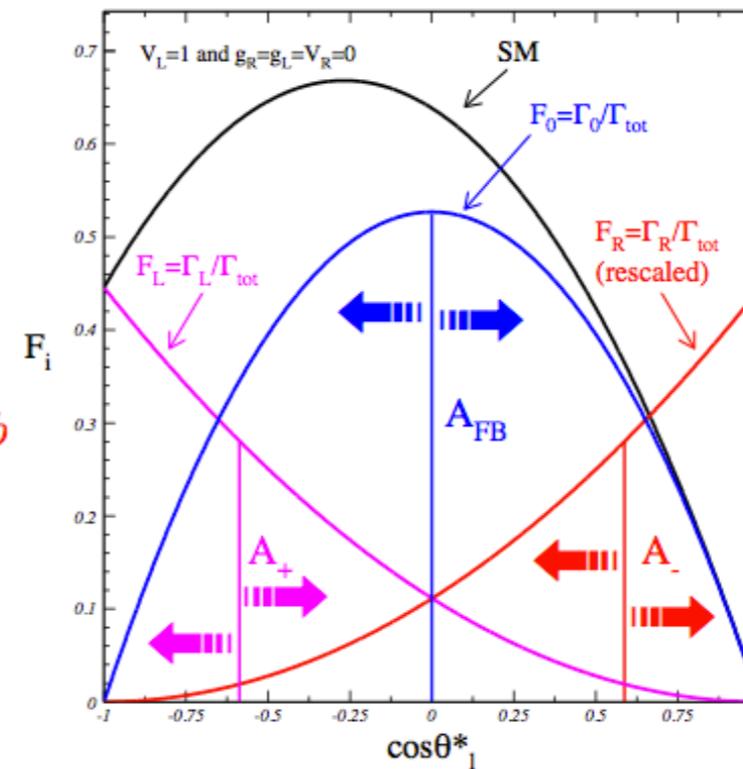
θ_ℓ^* → the angle between the ℓ (in W rest frame) and the W (in t rest frame)

- Full event reconstruction required (l+jets & dilepton);

- Fit the $\cos \theta^*$ with templates and evaluate angular asymmetries;



- These observables allow to probe the Wtb vertex and look for new physics;



Asymmetries (@ NNLO):

$$A_t = \frac{N(\cos \theta_\ell^* > t) - N(\cos \theta_\ell^* < t)}{N(\cos \theta_\ell^* > t) + N(\cos \theta_\ell^* < t)}$$

$$A_{FB} = -0.232 \pm 0.004$$

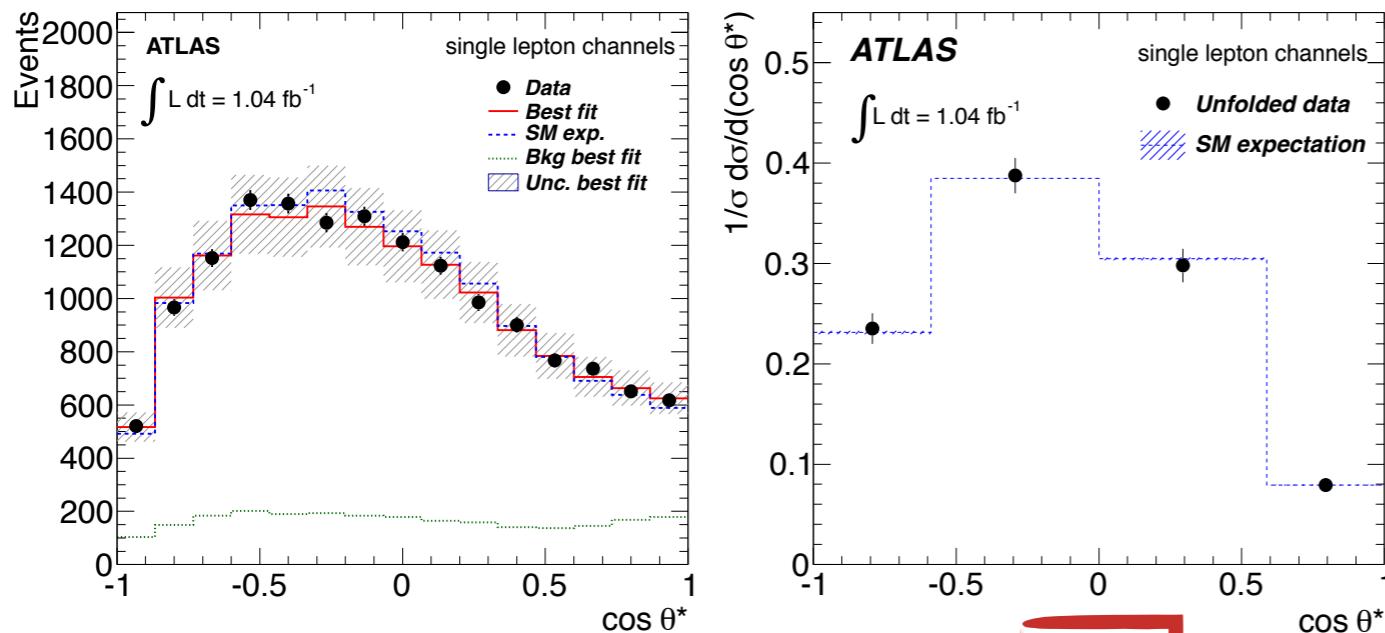
$$A_+ = 0.537 \pm 0.004$$

$$A_- = -0.841 \pm 0.006$$

W Polarization in $t \rightarrow bW$ decays

- W helicity states (l+jets & dilepton @ 1.04 fb⁻¹):

[JHEP 1206 (2012) 088]



$$F_0 = 0.67 \pm 0.03(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst.}) \boxed{10\%}$$

$$F_L = 0.32 \pm 0.02(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.03(\text{syst.}) \boxed{11\%}$$

$$F_R = 0.01 \pm 0.01(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.04(\text{syst.})$$

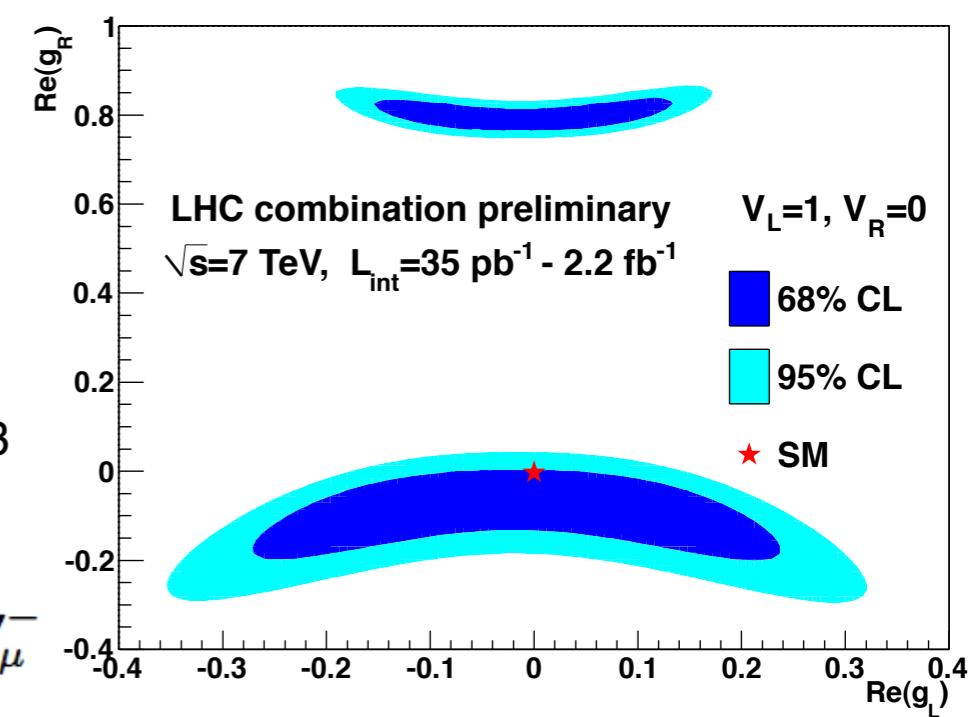
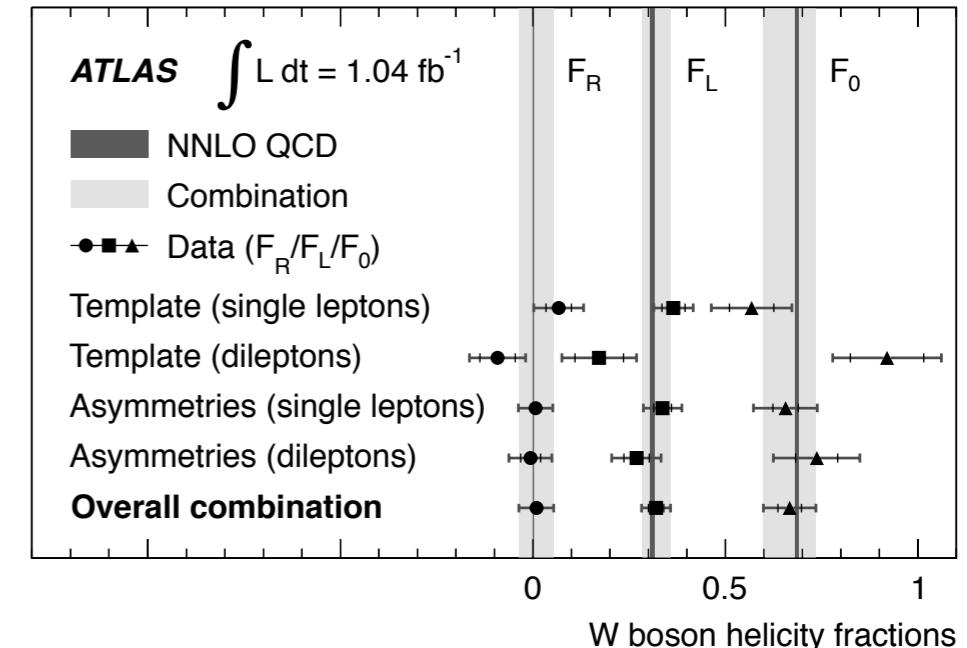
$$A_+ = 0.53 \pm 0.02 \boxed{3.8\%}$$

$$A_- = 0.84 \pm 0.02 \boxed{2.4\%}$$

- General Wtb vertex:

Eur.Phys.J. C50 (2007) 519-533

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (V_L P_L + V_R P_R) t W_\mu^- \\ & - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_\mu^- \end{aligned}$$



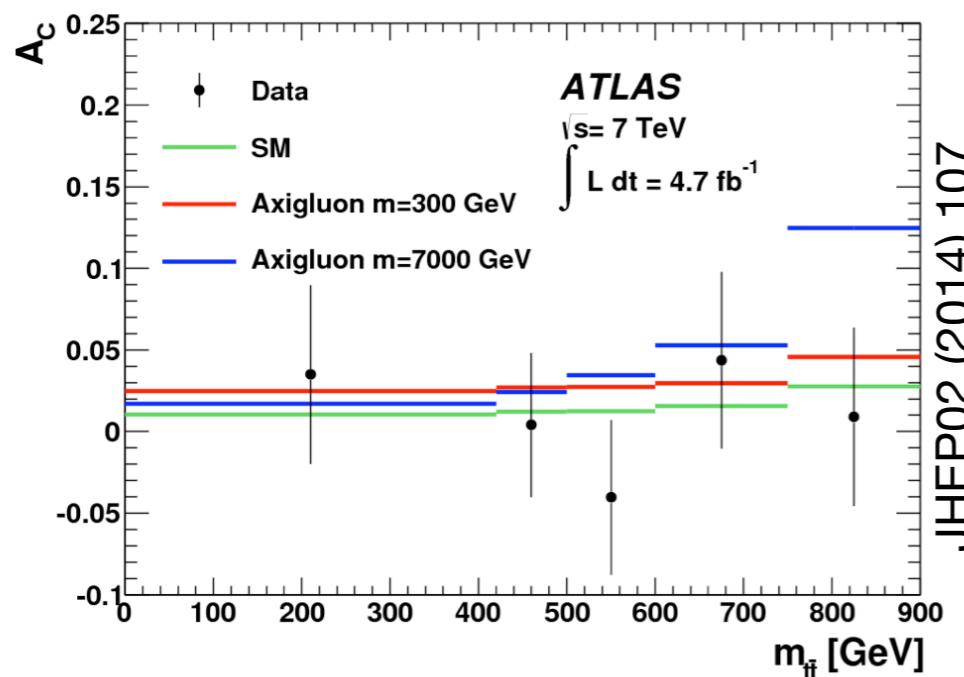
Electric Charge & Charge Asymmetry

- **Electric Charge Measured @ 7TeV:** JHEP11 (2013) 031

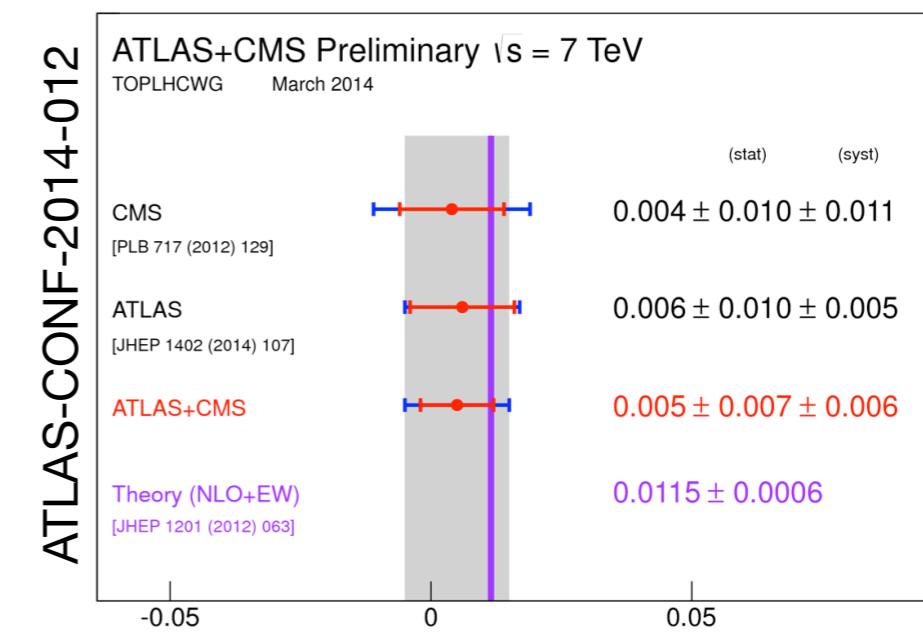
$$Q = 0.64 \pm 0.02(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.08(\text{syst.}) e \boxed{12.9\%} \quad Q = -\frac{4}{3}e \text{ excluded at } 8\sigma$$

- **Charge Asymmetry Measured I-jets @ 7TeV:** $A_C^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N(\Delta|y|>0)-N(\Delta|y|<0)}{N(\Delta|y|>0)+N(\Delta|y|<0)}$

- Small charge asymmetry in SM for : $A_C^{SM} = 0.0123 \pm 0.0005$
- BSM enhancement possible
- Anomalous A_{FB} measurements at the Tevatron



$$A_C^{t\bar{t}} = 0.006 \pm 0.010(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.005(\text{syst.})$$



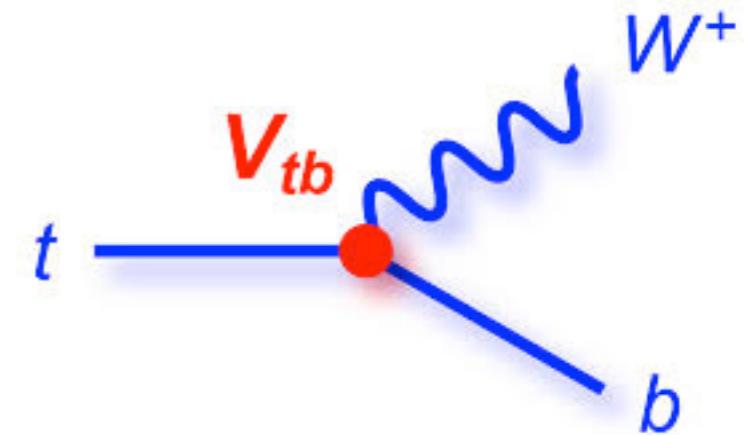
$$A_C^{t\bar{t}} = 0.005 \pm 0.007(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.006(\text{syst.})$$

V_{tb} Measurements

- Single top quark cross section is powerful to probe V_{tb}
- Allows to test BSM (FCNC in t-channel; W' in s-channel)
- **$|V_{tb}|^2$ is extracted from the observed single top-quark cross section**

$$|V_{tb, obs}|^2 = \frac{\sigma_{t, obs.}}{\sigma_{t, SM}} \times |V_{tb, SM}|^2$$

$|V_{tb}| \gg |V_{ts}|, |V_{td}|$ single top production through $|V_{ts}|, |V_{td}|$ is small;



Single-Top Channel	Measurement	
t-channel @ 7TeV (4.59 fb $^{-1}$) arXiv 1406.7844 [hep-ex]	$ V_{tb} = 1.02 \pm 0.07$	6.9%
t-channel @ 8TeV (20.3 fb $^{-1}$) ATLAS-CONF-2014-007	$ V_{tb} = 0.97^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$	9.8%
Wt-channel @ 7TeV (2.05 fb $^{-1}$) PLB 716 (2012) 142-159	$ V_{tb} = 1.03^{+0.16}_{-0.19}$	17%
Wt-channel @ 8TeV (20.3 fb $^{-1}$) ATLAS-CONF-2013-100	$ V_{tb} > 0.72$ @ 95% CL	

Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V(V = \gamma, Z, W, H)$

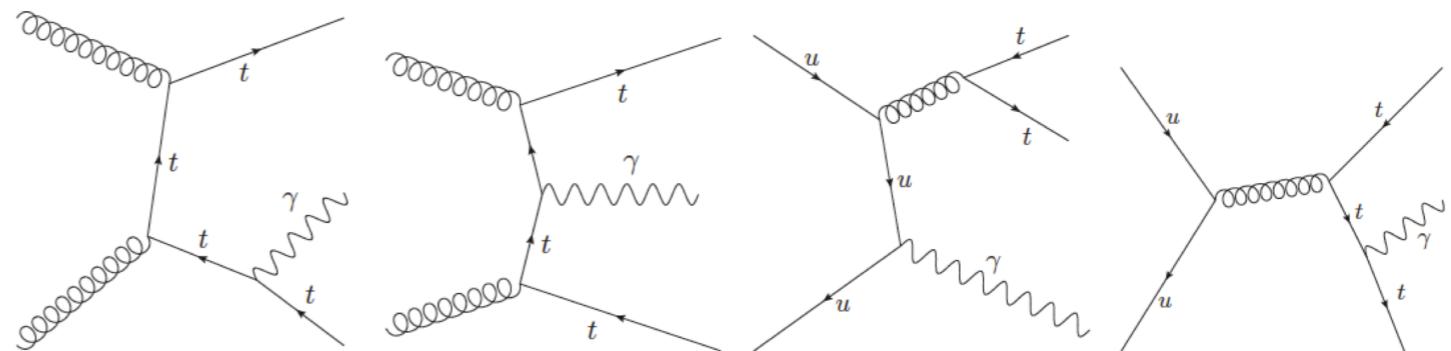
$t\bar{t}\gamma$

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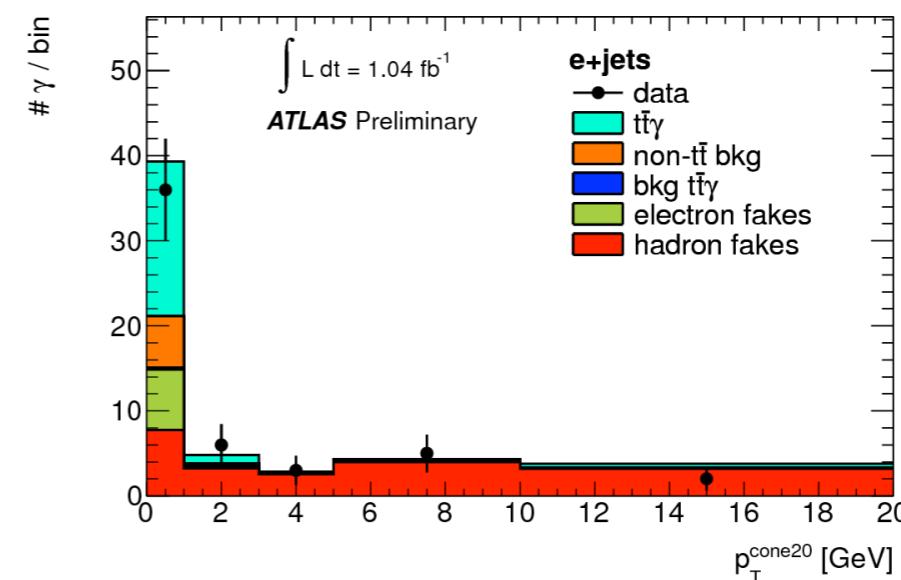
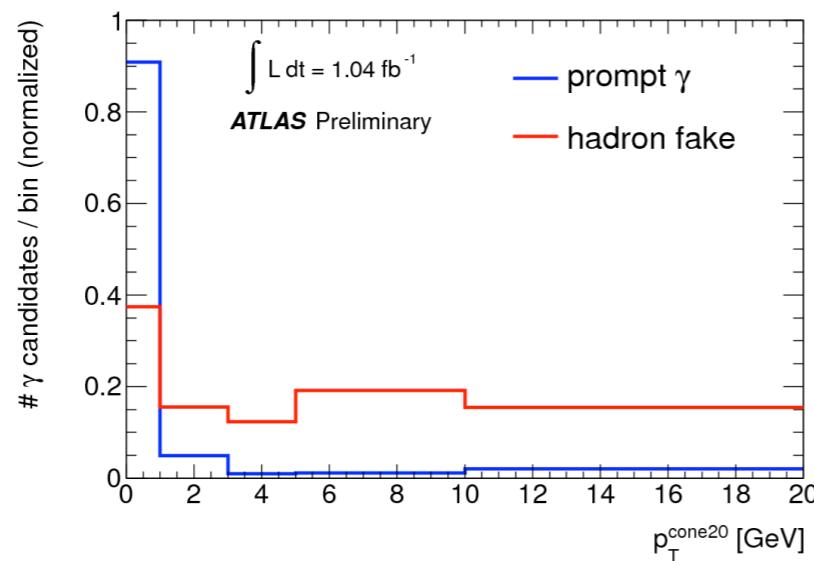
- $t\bar{t}\gamma$ @ 7 TeV:

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}^{theo} = 2.1 \pm 0.4 \text{ pb}$$

($p_{T,\gamma} > 8 \text{ GeV}$ @ generator)



- Top quark EW couplings to $\gamma \propto Q_t$
- Event Selection = Lepton+jets channel $\oplus \gamma$ with $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$
- γ isolation used to discriminate prompt from fake $\gamma \Rightarrow$ Template Fit to $p_{T,\gamma}$



Measured: $\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma} = 2.0 \pm 0.5(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.7(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.08(\text{lumi.}) \text{ pb}$

43.2%

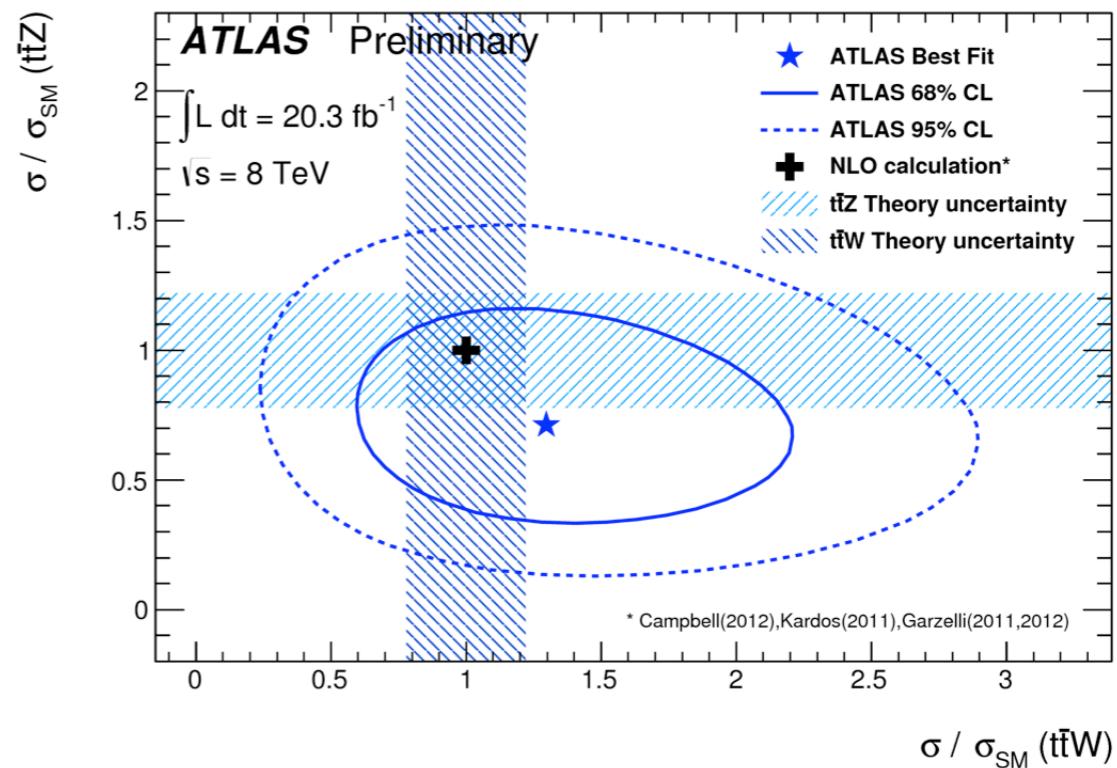
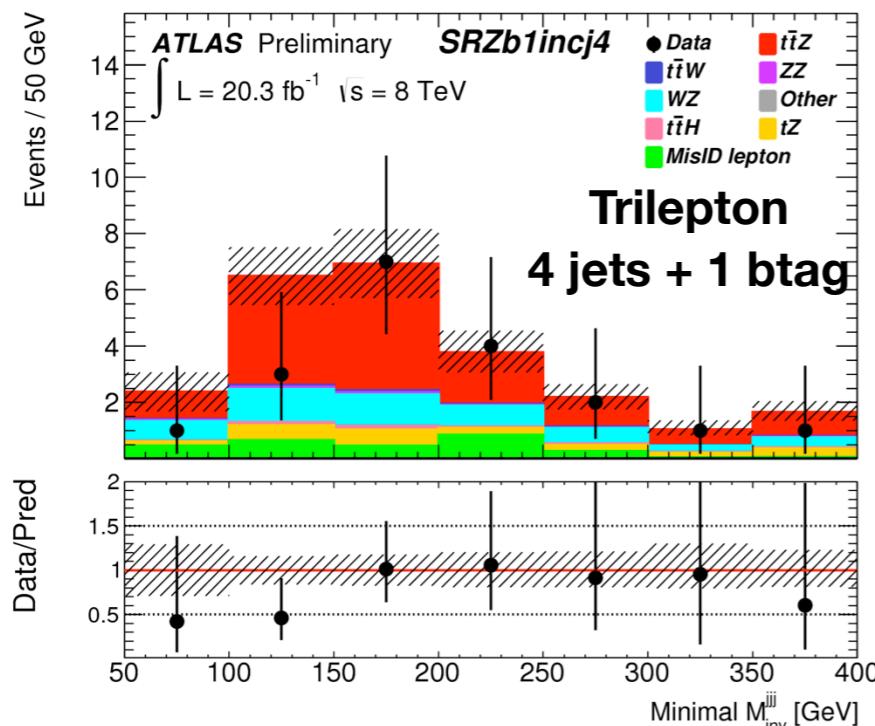
Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V(V = \gamma, Z, W, H)$

$t\bar{t}V, V = Z, W$

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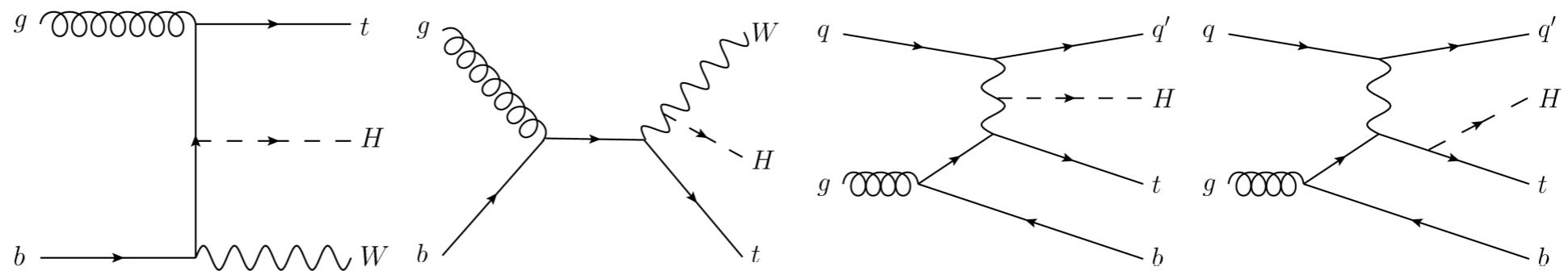
- **$t\bar{t}V @ 8 \text{ TeV} (20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1})$:**
 - ▶ Dilepton SS and OS & Trilepton Combined:

Summary of combined simultaneous fit results				
Process	Measured cross-sections	Observed σ	Expected σ	
18.7% $t\bar{t}Z$	$150^{+58}_{-54}(\text{total}) = 150^{+55}_{-50}(\text{stat.}) \pm 21(\text{syst.}) \text{ fb}$	3.1	3.7	
83.3% $t\bar{t}W$	$300^{+140}_{-110}(\text{total}) = 300^{+120}_{-100}(\text{stat.})^{+70}_{-40}(\text{syst.}) \text{ fb}$	3.1	2.3	

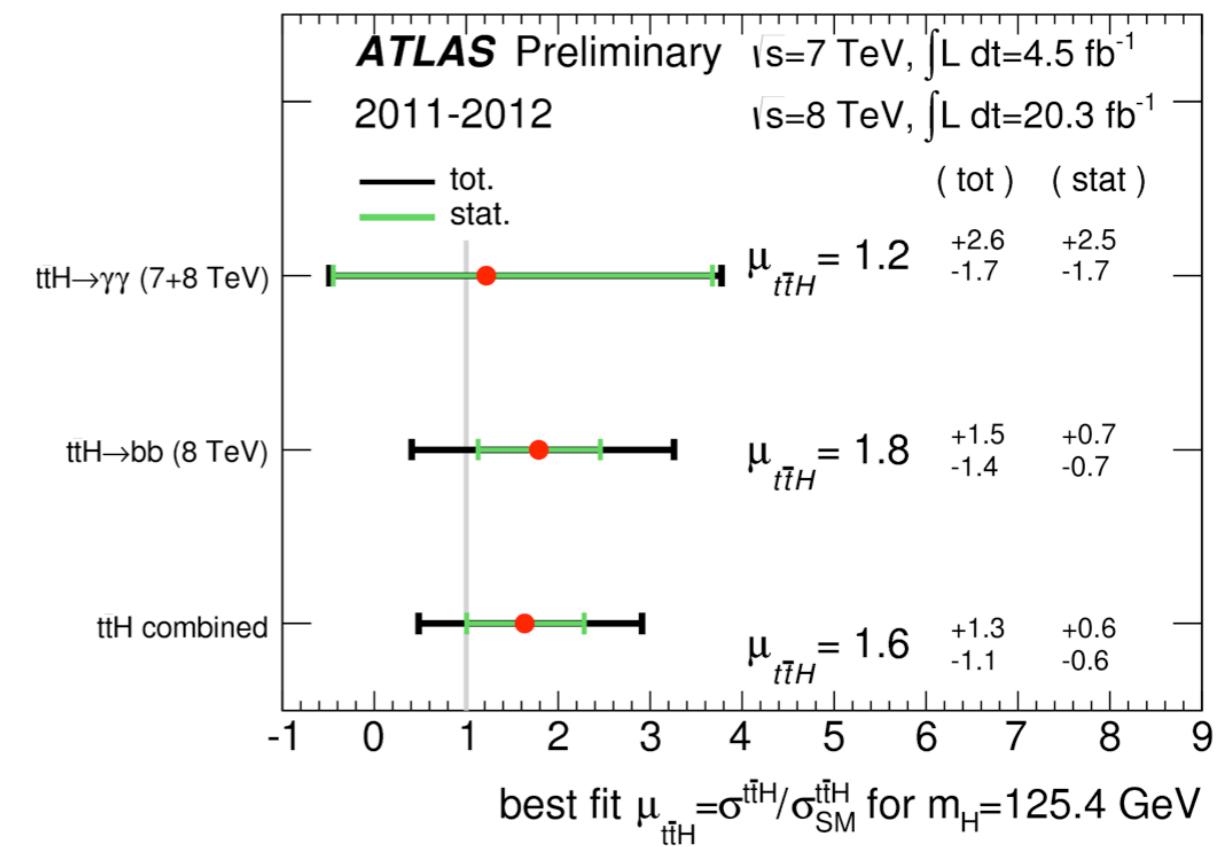
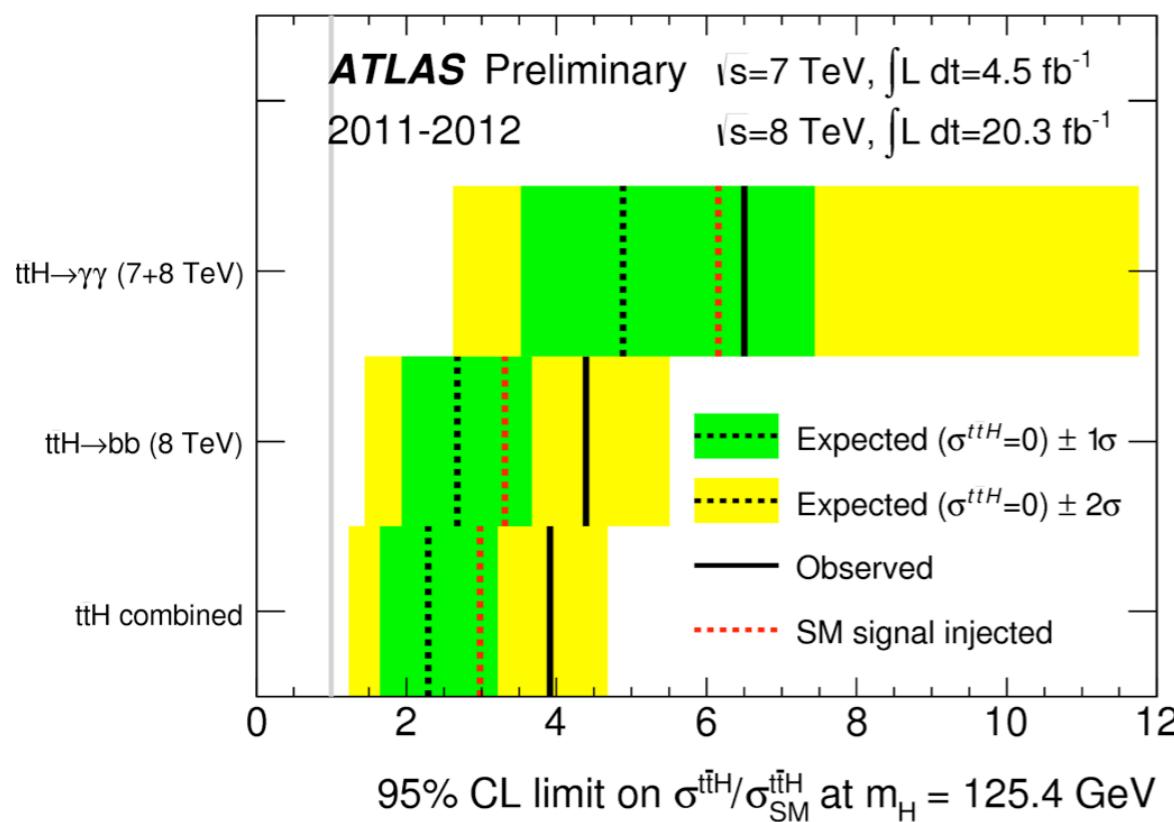


Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V(V = \gamma, Z, W, H)$

$t\bar{t}H$



- $t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ @ 8 TeV (20.3 fb $^{-1}$): ATLAS-CONF-2014-011
- $t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Combination of 7 (4.5 fb $^{-1}$) and 8 TeV (20.3 fb $^{-1}$): ATLAS-CONF-2014-043
- **Combined Result $t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, b\bar{b}$:**



Conclusions

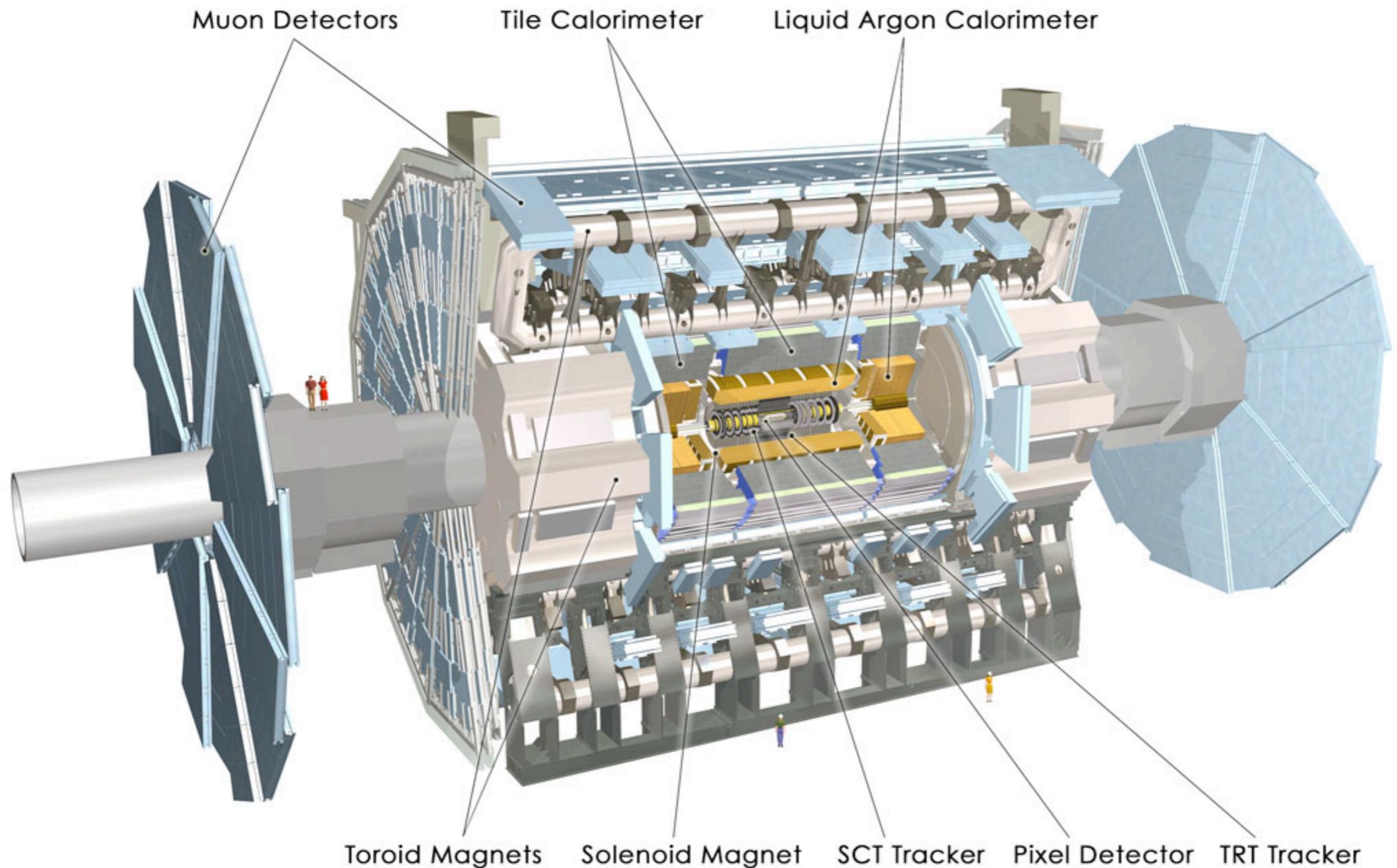
- Top quark studies with the ATLAS detector well under way
⇒ now addressing Precision Top Quark Measurements!
- Although no new physics seen in top quark physics, it is amazing how well things are going:
 - High Precision levels ⇒ Data used to constrain tt modelling (including PDFs)
 - Many measurements are already dominated by systematic errors;
 - Differential measurements will push the boundary that we can reach with statistics;
- Still a long way to go:
 - stay tuned for the final set of Run 1 top analyses!
- **There is a rich phenomenology in top quark physics which needs high precision tests @ATLAS and in the future ahead!**



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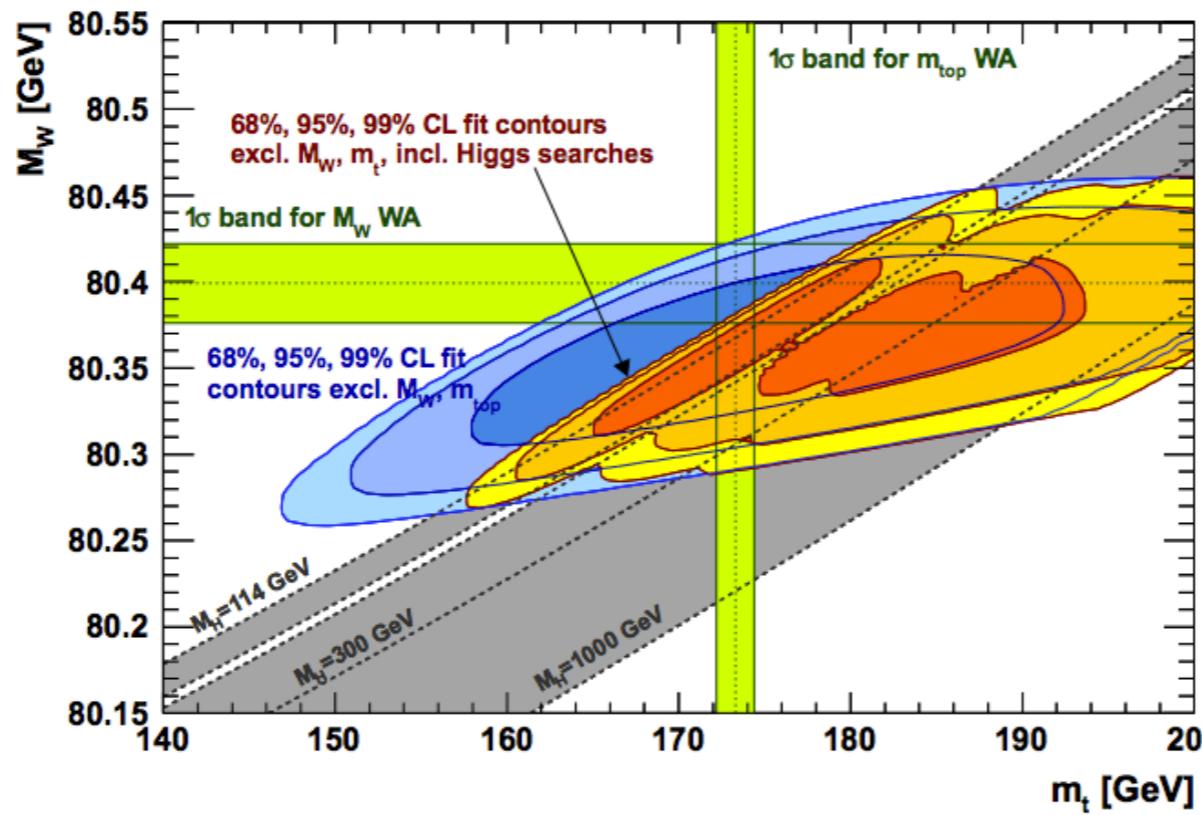
BACKUP SLIDES

The ATLAS Detector



Why the Top Quark ?

- **Heaviest of All Fundamental Particles in the Standard Model:**
 - Largest Mass \rightarrow Largest Coupling to SM Higgs
 - m_{Top} must be a fundamental parameter in the SM!



- Allows for Self-Consistency Checks of SM Post Higgs Discovery
- Top Quark Mass \sim EW Symmetry Breaking Scale

Cross-Section Measurements

Top Quark Pair Production ($t\bar{t}$)

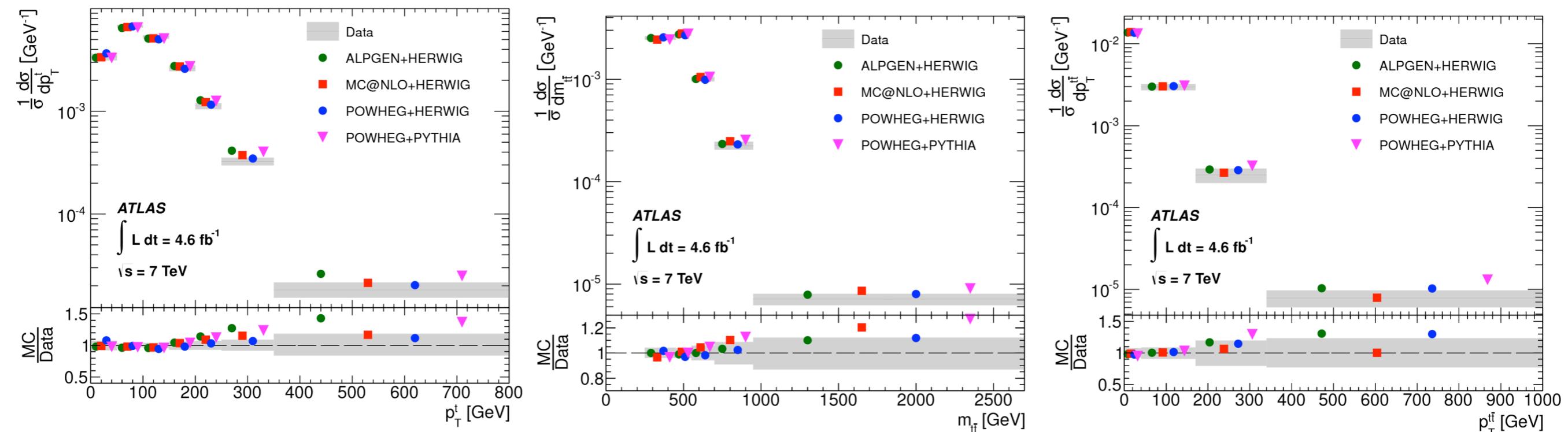
- **I+jets @ 8 TeV (5.8 fb⁻¹)** $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 241 \pm 2(\text{stat.}) \pm 31(\text{syst.}) \pm 9(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$

ATLAS-CONF-2012-149

13.4%

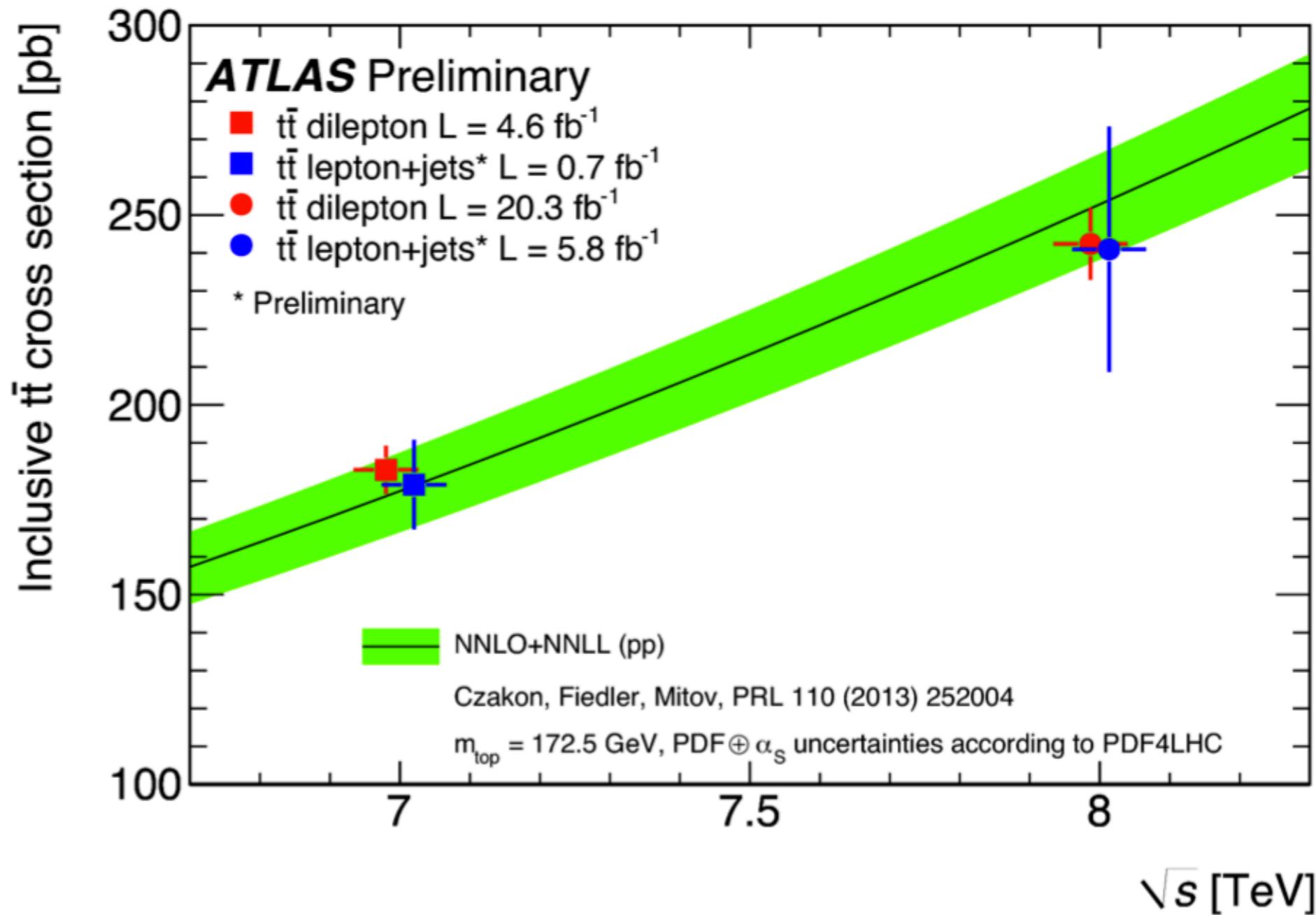
- **Differential $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ I+jets @ 7 TeV**

arXiv 1407.0371 [hep-ex]



Cross-Section Measurements

Top Quark Pair Production ($t\bar{t}$)



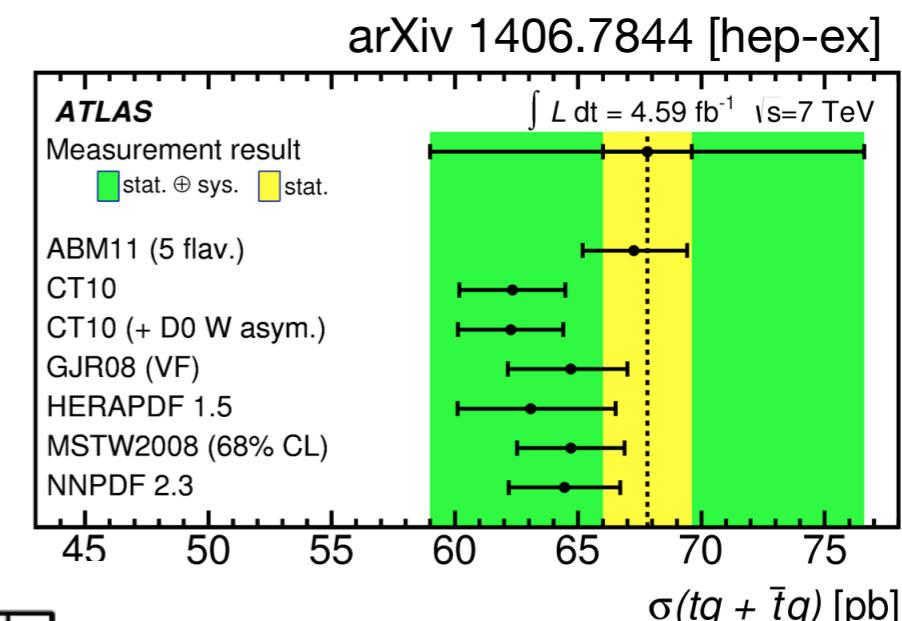
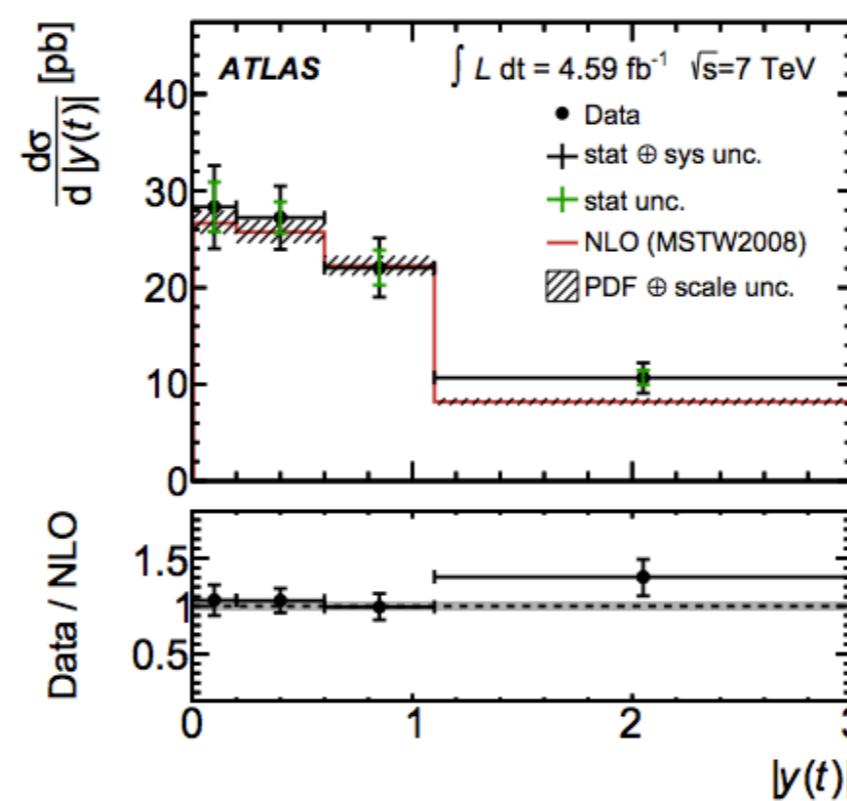
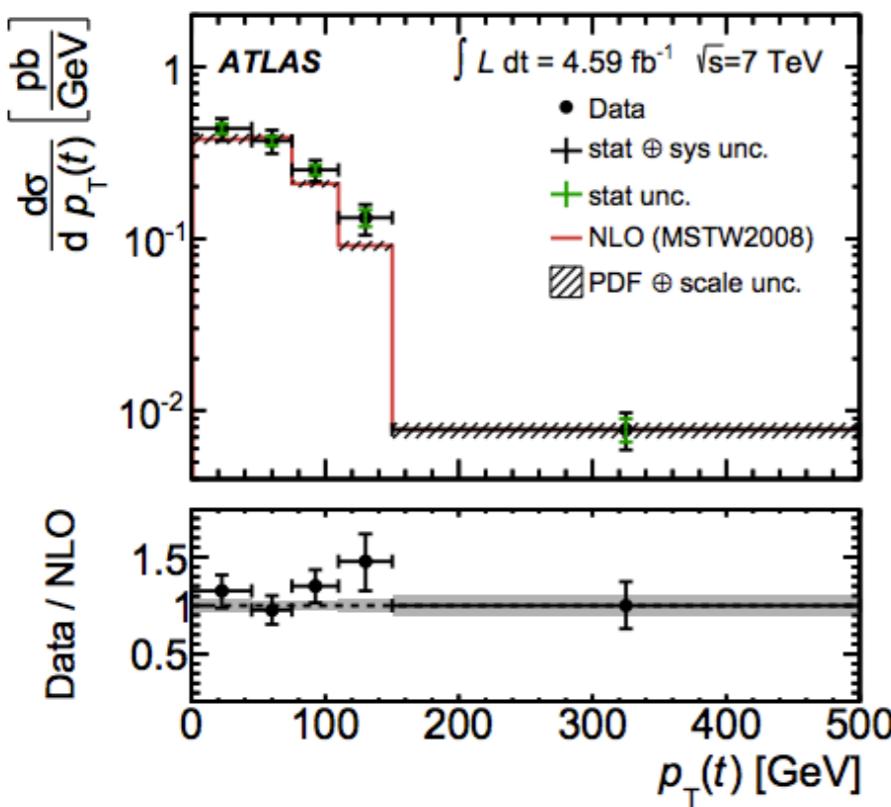
Cross-Section Measurements

Single Top Quark Production: t-channel

- Differential Cross Section:**

NEW

Normalized differential cross sections measured as a function of transverse momentum and absolute rapidity



Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V(V = \gamma, Z, W, H)$

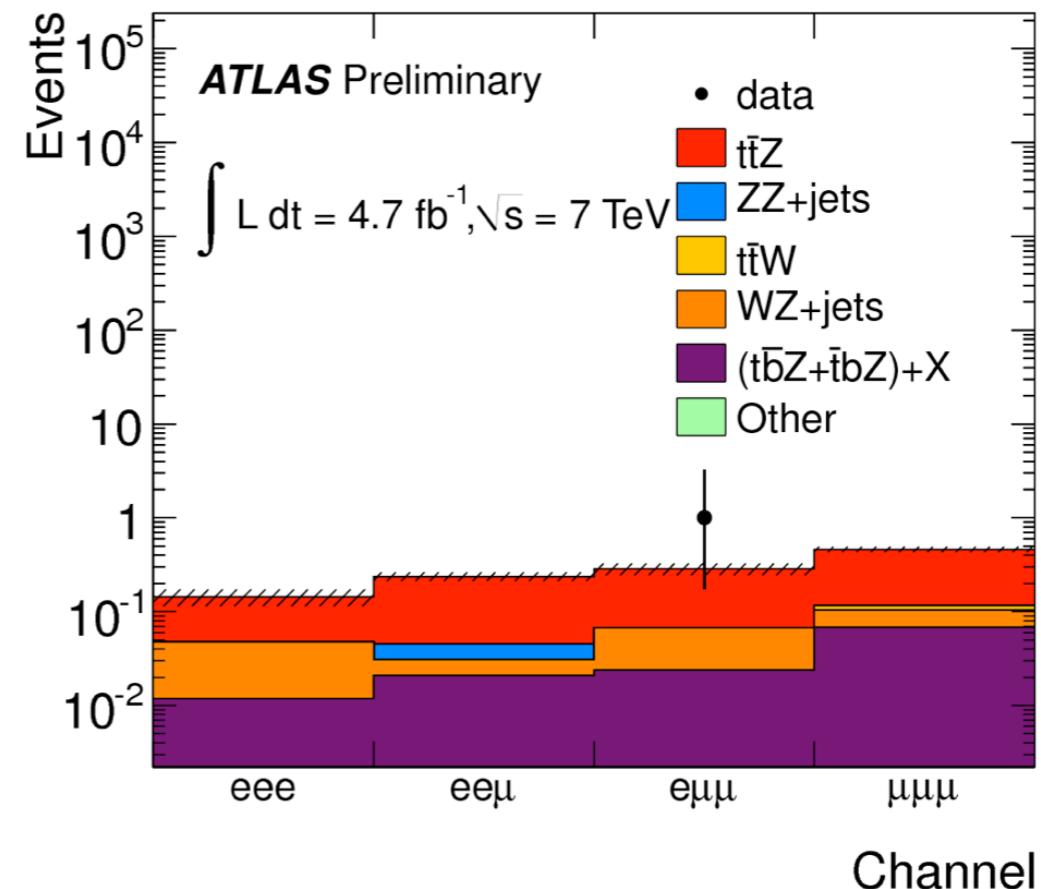
$t\bar{t}V, V = Z, W$

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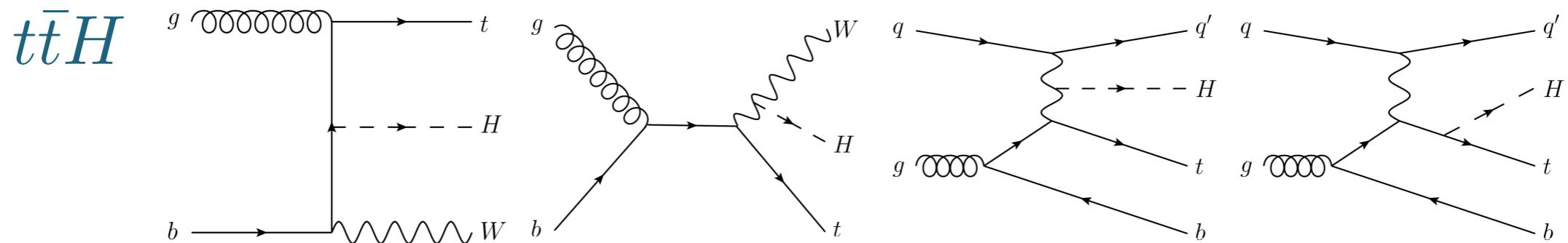
- $t\bar{t}Z @ 7 \text{ TeV } (4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1})$:
 - ▶ Trilepton Analysis: tt Lepton+jets topology $\oplus Z \rightarrow l^+l^- (\geq 1 \text{ b-jet})$
 - ▶ $\geq 1 \text{ } l^+l^-$ (OSSF) pair with

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z} < 0.71 \text{ pb} @ 95\% \text{ CL}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}^{NLO,SM}(7TeV) = 0.14 \text{ pb}$$



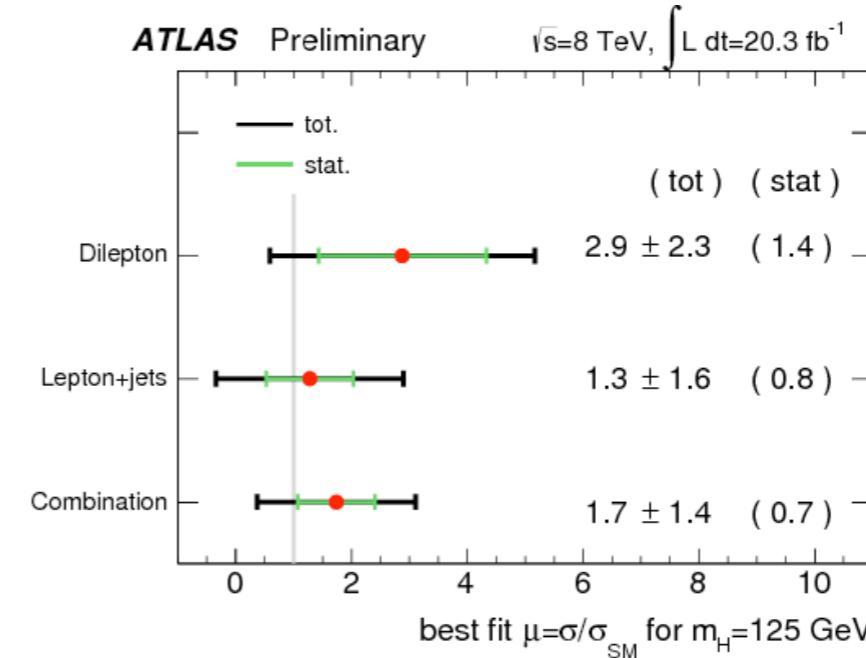
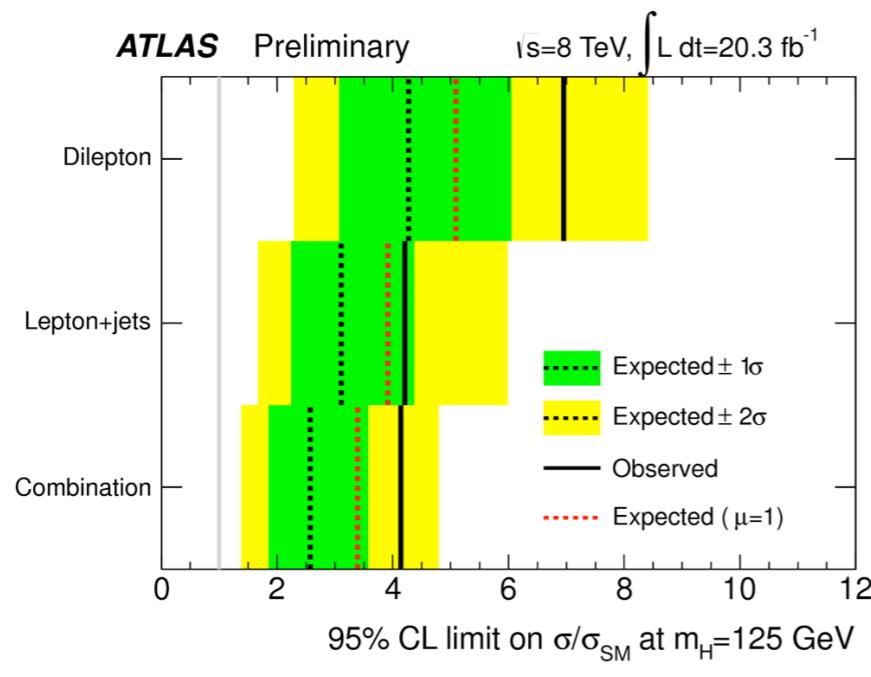
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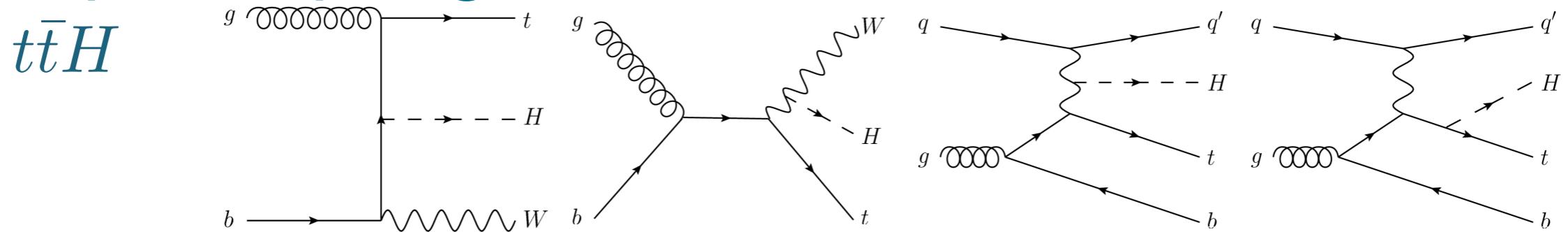
- $t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ @ 8 TeV (20.3 fb $^{-1}$):

ATLAS-CONF-2014-011

95% CL upper limit on σ/σ_{SM}	observed	-2σ	-1σ	median	$+1\sigma$	$+2\sigma$	median ($\mu = 1$)
Single Lepton	4.2	1.7	2.2	3.1	4.4	6.0	3.9
Dilepton	7.0	2.3	3.1	4.3	6.1	8.4	5.1
Combination	4.1	1.4	1.9	2.6	3.6	5.0	3.4



Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V(V = \gamma, Z, W, H)$

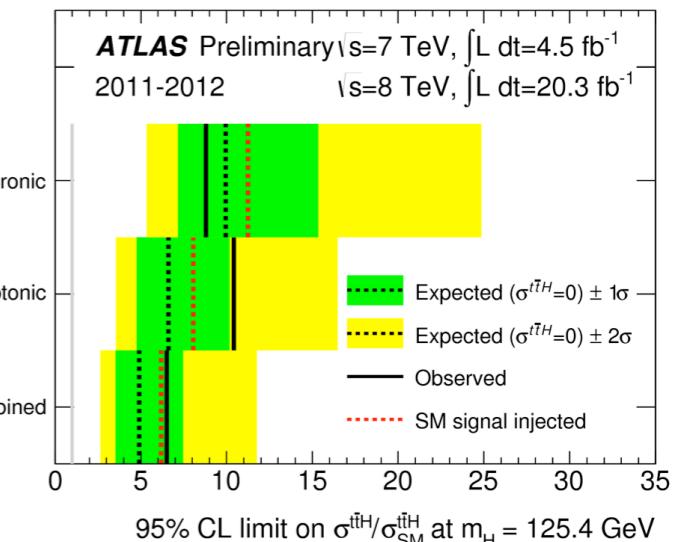


- $t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Combination of 7 (4.5 fb^{-1}) and 8 TeV (20.3 fb^{-1}):

ATLAS-CONF-2014-043

Leptonic and hadronic Top quark decays;

	Observed limit	Expected limit	+2 σ	+1 σ	-1 σ	-2 σ
Combined (with systematics)	6.5	4.9	11.8	7.5	3.5	2.6
Combined (statistics only)	6.2	4.7	10.5	7.0	3.4	2.5
Leptonic (with systematics)	10.4	6.6	16.5	10.2	4.8	3.5
Leptonic (statistics only)	10.0	6.4	15.1	9.7	4.6	3.4
Hadronic (with systematics)	8.8	9.9	24.8	15.3	7.2	5.3
Hadronic (statistics only)	8.3	9.3	21.0	13.9	6.7	5.0



Combined Result

$t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, b\bar{b}$

