

# Top Quark Physics at LHC

Frank-Peter Schilling

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

(on behalf of the ATLAS, CMS collaborations)

QCD@LHC, East Lansing (US)

August 2012

# Outline

- $t\bar{t}$  total cross section at 7 and 8 TeV
- Differential  $t\bar{t}$  cross sections
- Top quark mass
- Charge asymmetry
- Measurements of  $t\bar{t}+X$  ( $X$ =photon,  $W$ ,  $Z$ )
- $W$  helicity and spin correlations
- Single top production ( $t, tW$  channels)

ATLAS results:

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/TopPublicResults>

CMS results:

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsTOP>

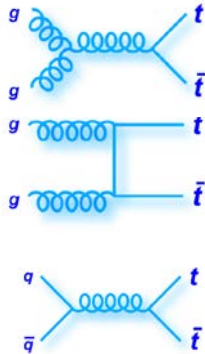
See also:

F.-P. S., “Top Quark Physics at the LHC: A Review of the First Two Years”, [IJMPA 27, 17 \(2012\) 1230016](#), [arXiv:1206.4484](#)

# Top quark pair production and decay

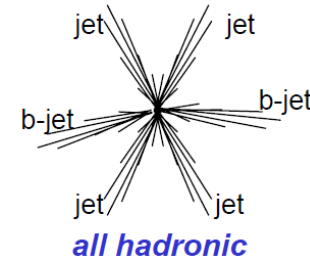
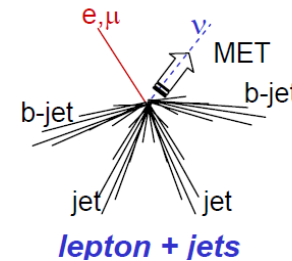
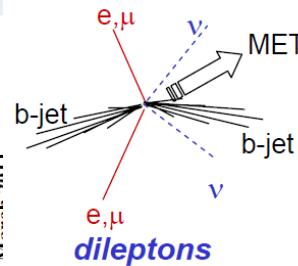
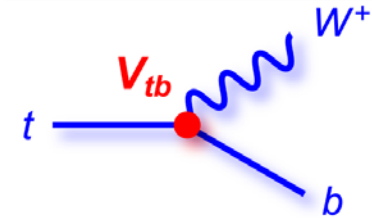
Production:

	LHC	Tevatron
gg	~85%	~10%
qq	~15%	~90%



Decay:

Almost 100%

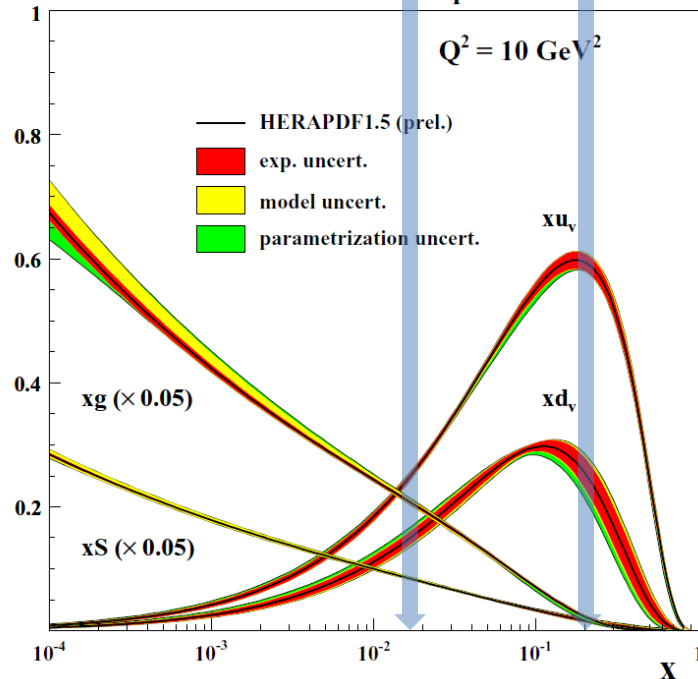


BR: ~5%  
Bkgd: few (mainly Z+jets)

~30%  
moderate (mainly W+jets)

~46%  
huge (mainly QCD)

H1 and ZEUS HERA I+II 10 parameter PDF Fit



HERAPDF Structure Function Working Group

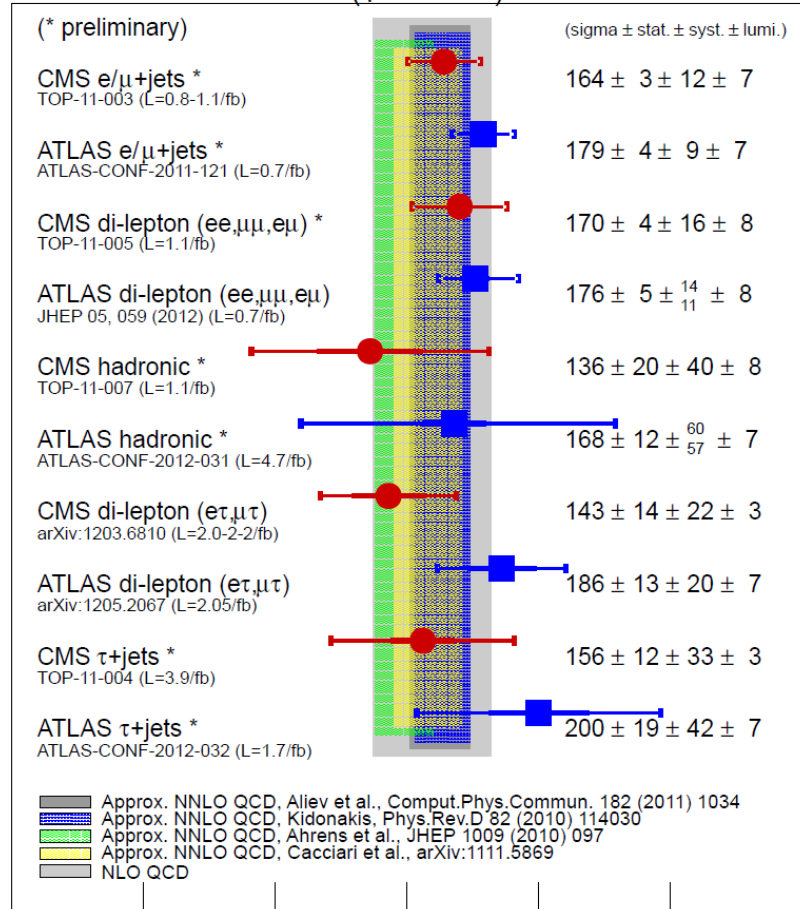
# Total cross section at 7 TeV

## Approx. NNLO theory calculations

Authors	Cross Section @ 7 TeV [pb] (+scale +-PDF)
NLO QCD (MCFM)	160 +20-21 +8-9
Kidonakis	163 +7-5 +9-9
Aliev et al. (HATHOR)	164 +5-9 +9-9
Ahrens et al.	155 +8-9 +8-9
Beneke et al.	163 +7-8 +15-14
Cacciari et al. (TOP++)	159 +12-14 +4-4
Moch et al.	175 +10-13 +5-5

- Measurements in all channels
- Good agreement data vs theory
- Exp. precision starting to challenge approx NNLO
- Measure also xs in fiducial volume?

## $t\bar{t}$ cross section at LHC ( $\sqrt{s}=7$ TeV)



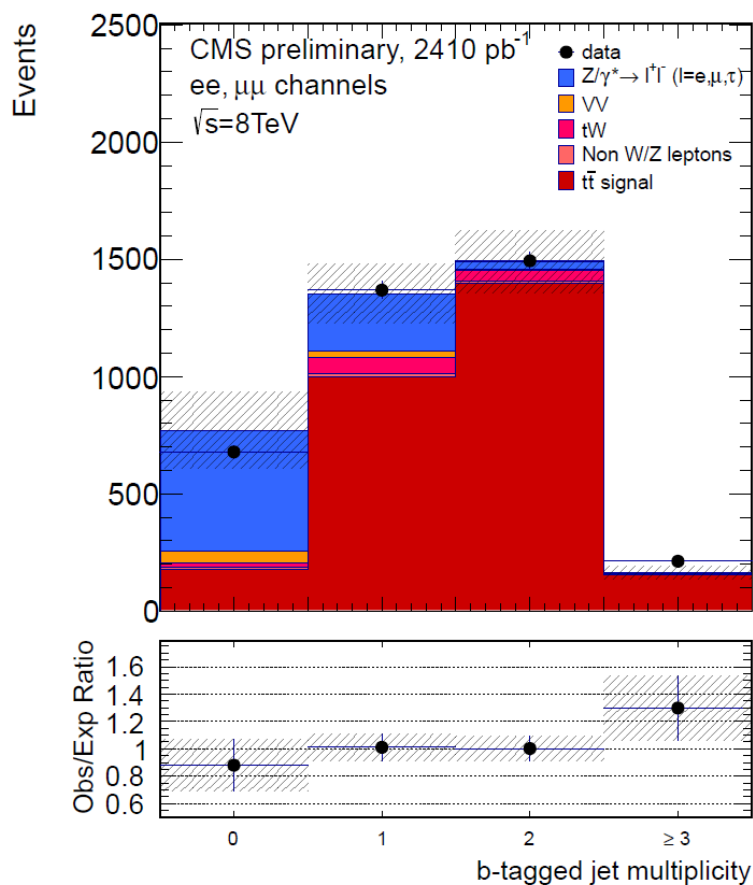
CMS Combination (~8%)  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  [pb]

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 165.8 \pm 2.2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 10.6 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 7.8 \text{ (lum.) pb}$$

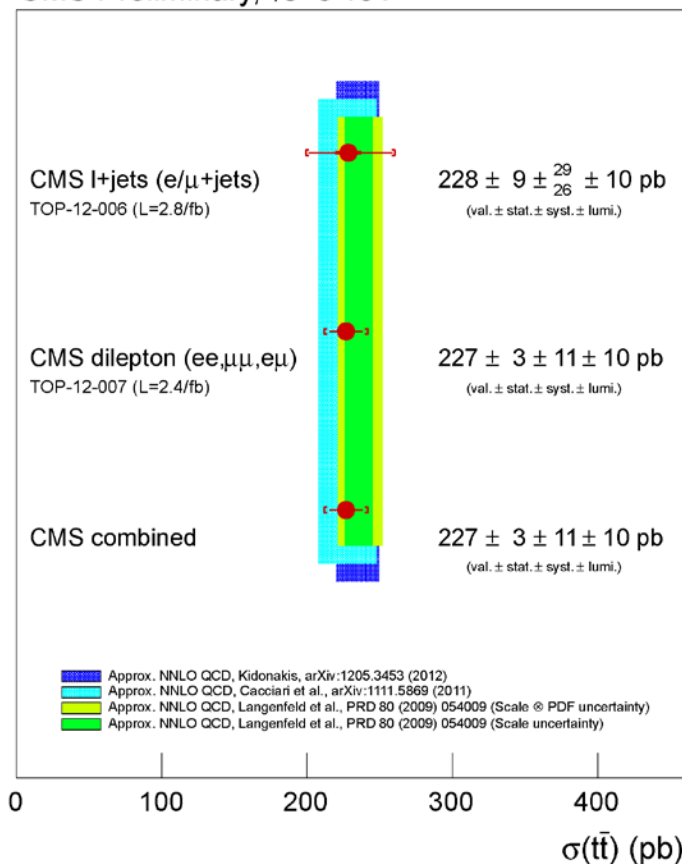
ATLAS Combination (~6%)

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 177 \pm 3 \text{ (stat.)}^{+8}_{-7} \text{ (syst.)} \pm 7 \text{ (lum.) pb}$$

CMS measurements using first part of 2012 data  
Both di-lepton and lepton+jets channels



CMS Preliminary, √s=8 TeV

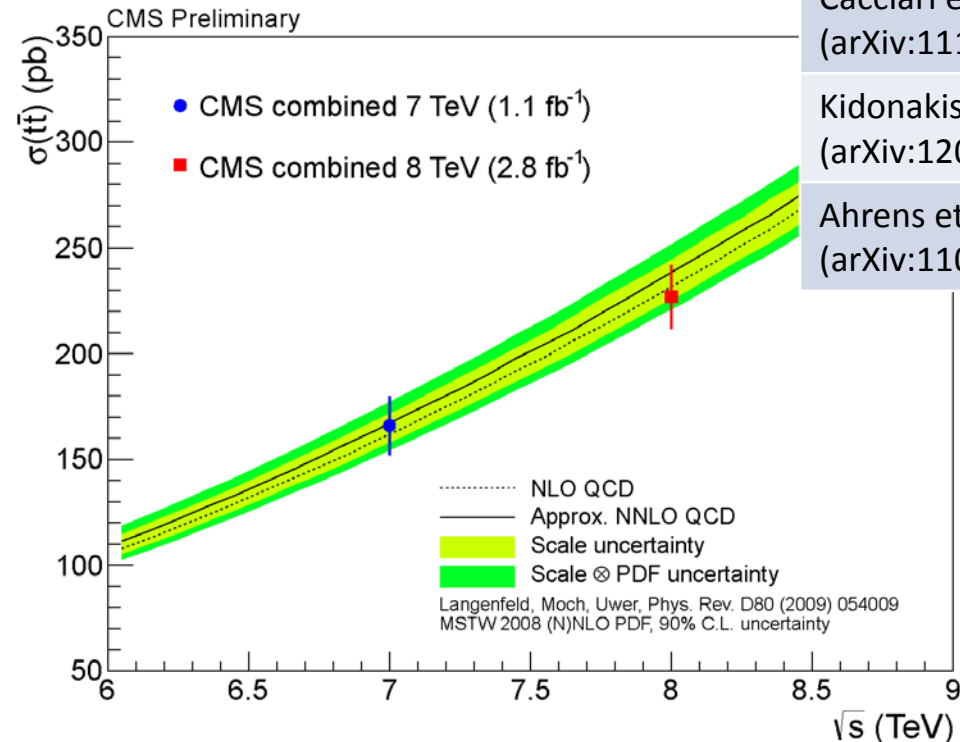


$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 227 \pm 3 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 11 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 10 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ pb}$$

Good agreement with theory observed (looking fwd to full NNLO)

# Cross section rise with energy

Cross section rise  
with energy confirmed

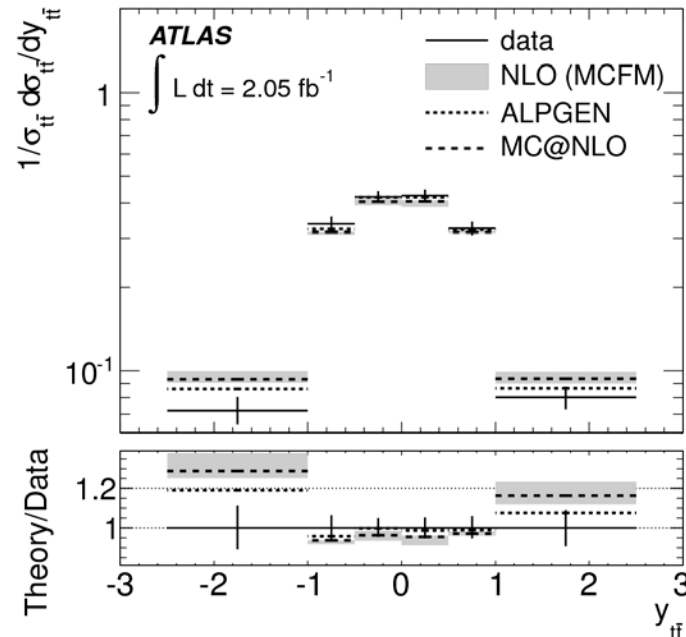
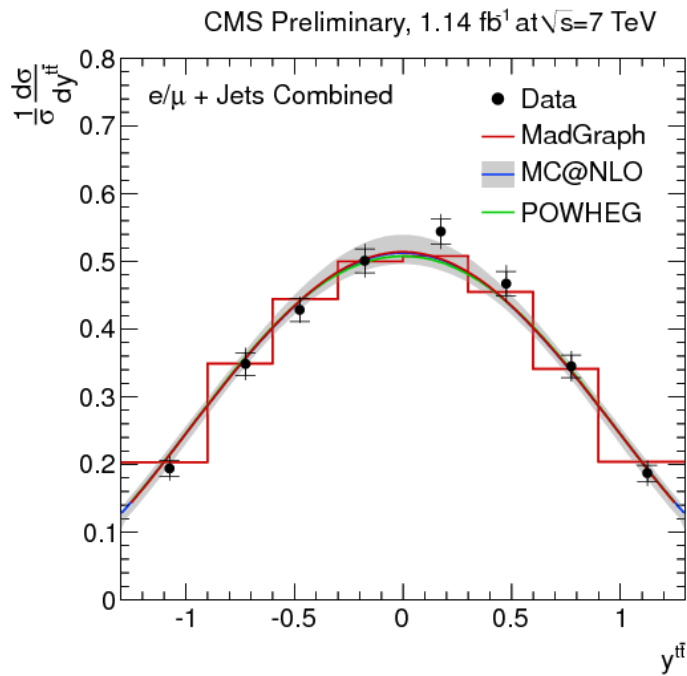


Authors	Cross section at 8 TeV [pb] (+-scale +-PDF)	Details
Moch et al. (arXiv:1203.6282)	250 +14-18 +6-6	MSTW 68%CL, $m_t=173 \text{ GeV}$
Moch et al.	203 +11-15 +9-9	ABM11 68%CL
Cacciari et al. (arXiv:1111.5869)	229 +18-20 +6-6	$M_t=173.3 \text{ GeV}$ , MSTW 68%CL
Kidonakis (arXiv:1205.3453)	234 +10-7 +12-12	MSTW 90%CL
Ahrens et al. (arXiv:1105.5824)	225 +12-12 +11-12	MSTW 90%CL, $m_t=173.1 \text{ GeV}$

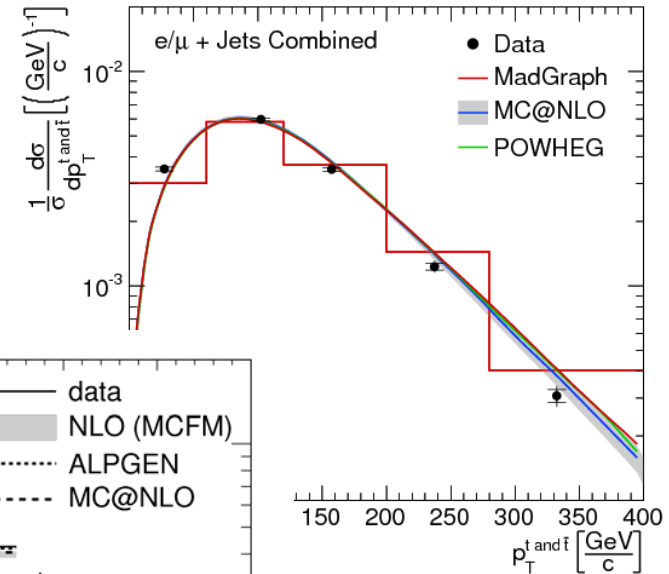
- $R(8 \text{ TeV} / 7 \text{ TeV}) = 1.41 \pm 0.10$   
exp. unc. uncorrelated  
(pessimistic)
- Plan also double ratios e.g.  $t\bar{t}/Z(8) / t\bar{t}/Z(7)$  – sensitive to new physics  
(see e.g. Mangano, Rojo)

# Differential cross sections

- CMS, PAS TOP-11-013, L=1.14/fb (di-leptons & l+jets, visible PS)
- ATLAS, arXiv:1207.5644, L=2.05/fb (l+jets, full PS)
- Unfolded to parton level
- normalized: cancellations of many systematic uncertainties

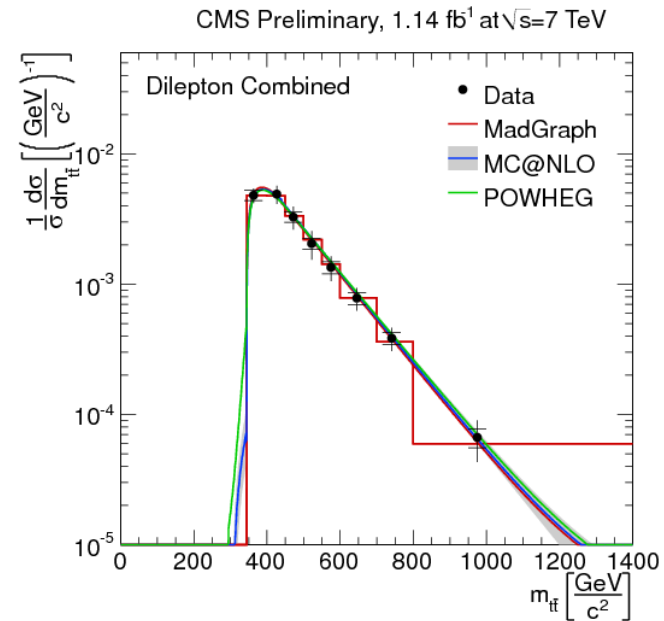
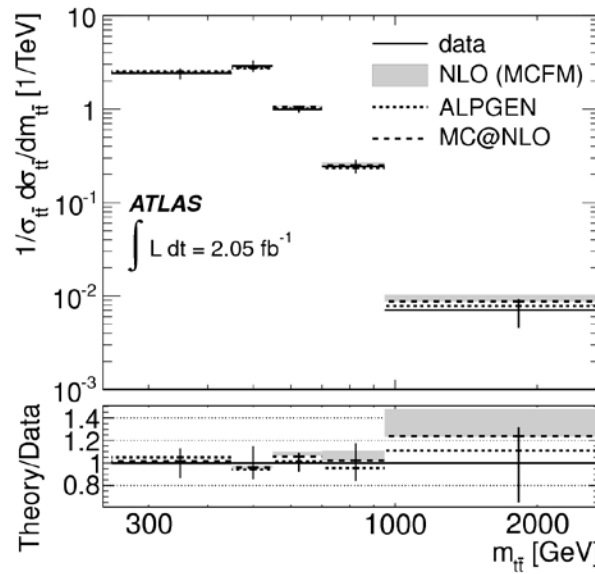
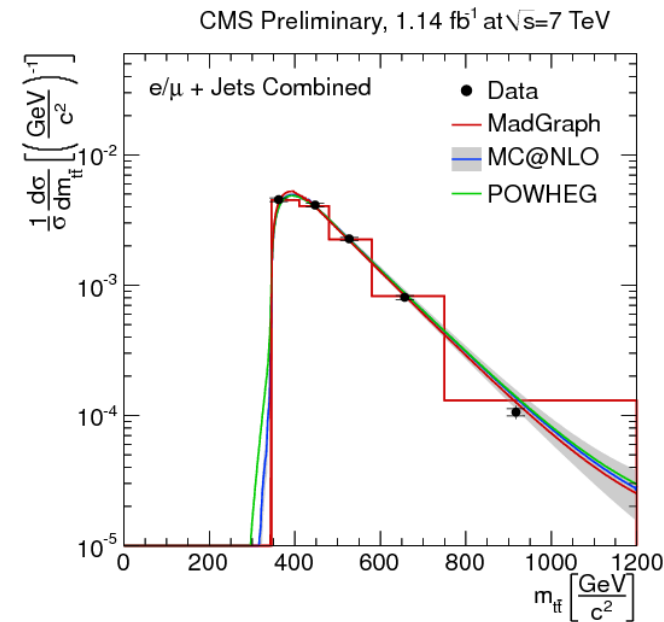
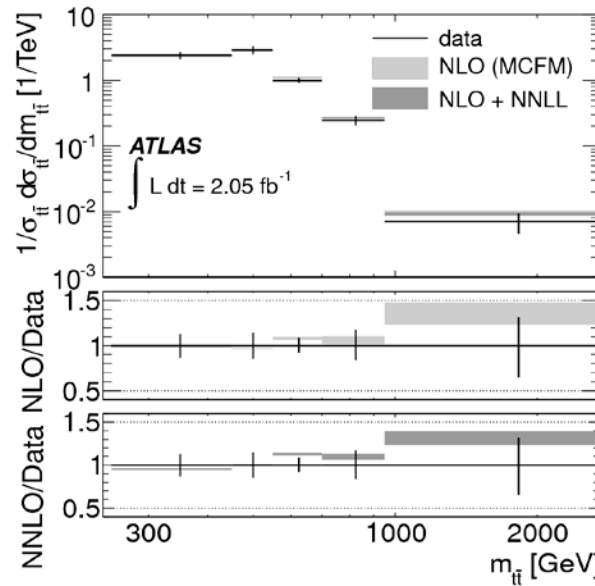


CMS Preliminary, 1.14 fb<sup>1</sup> at  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV



Good agreement with  
Madgraph, ALPGEN, MCFM, MC@NLO, POWHEG

# vs $M(t\bar{t})$



Good agreement with  
MCFM,  
ALPGEN/MADGRAPH,  
MC@NLO  
and NLO+NNLL (Ahrens)

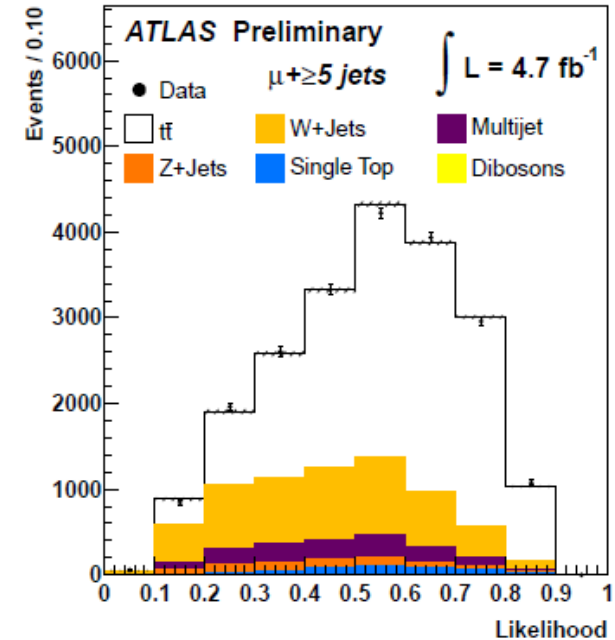


# Cross section for ttbar+jet

Principle of measurement:

- Measurement of  $N(tt)$  vs jet multiplicity  $=4, \geq 5$  (likelihood for W+jets separation)
- Solve matrix equation to determine  $\sigma(tt)$  and  $\sigma(tt+jet)$
- Quote inclusive cross section or within fiducial region (pt, eta of jets, leptons, MET)

ATLAS-CONF-2012-083



Two definitions of  $\sigma(tt+j)$  (using particle jets with  $P_t > 25 \text{ GeV}$ )

1. Jet with no partons from ttbar decay within  $dR=0.4$

$$\sigma_{ttj} = 102 \pm 2(\text{stat.})_{-26}^{+23}(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb} \quad \sigma_{ttj}/\sigma_{tt}^{\text{incl}} = 0.54 \pm 0.01(\text{stat.})_{-0.08}^{+0.05}(\text{syst.})$$

2. At least five particle jets (model independent)

$$\sigma_{ttj \rightarrow e+jets}^{\text{fiducial}} = 2.59 \pm 0.09(\text{stat.})_{-0.46}^{+0.26}(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}, \quad \sigma_{ttX \rightarrow e+\geq 5jets}^{\text{fiducial}} = 4.09 \pm 0.18(\text{stat.})_{-0.85}^{+0.62}(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb},$$

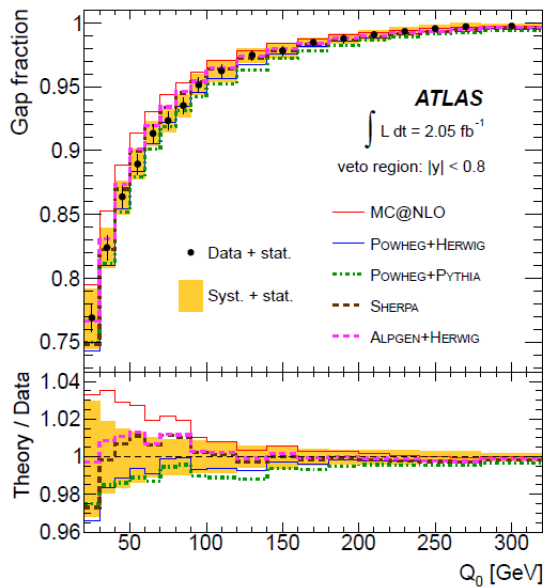
$$\sigma_{ttj \rightarrow \mu+jets}^{\text{fiducial}} = 3.48 \pm 0.08(\text{stat.})_{-0.61}^{+0.43}(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}, \quad \sigma_{ttX \rightarrow \mu+\geq 5jets}^{\text{fiducial}} = 5.27 \pm 0.16(\text{stat.})_{-1.20}^{+1.04}(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}.$$

Aim at comparison with NLO QCD (e.g. Dittmaier, Uwer, Weinzierl; Melnikov et al.)

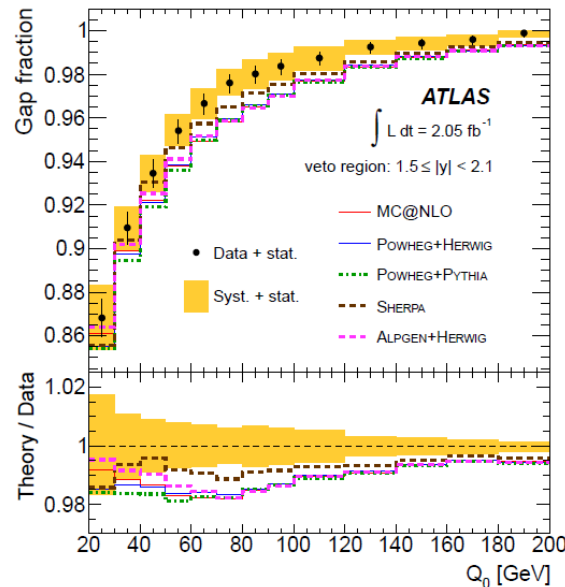
# ttbar with veto on extra jets

Di-lepton channel using  $L=2.05/\text{fb}$  of 7 TeV data (arXiv:1203.5015)

- Fraction of ttbar events with no extra jet above a given  $P_t$  cut
- Corrected for detector effects, compared with ME+PS (ALPGEN, SHERPA, ACERMC) and NLO (MC@NLO, POWHEG) generators
- Exp. uncertainties often smaller than spread between models

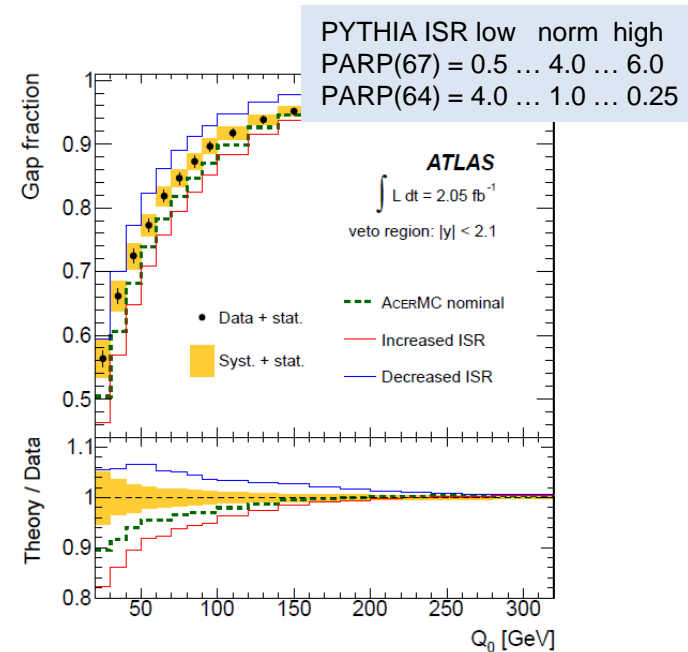


Central region:  
 Too few jets from  
 MC@NLO



Fwd region:  
 All models produce too  
 many jets

Room for tuning / need for higher orders



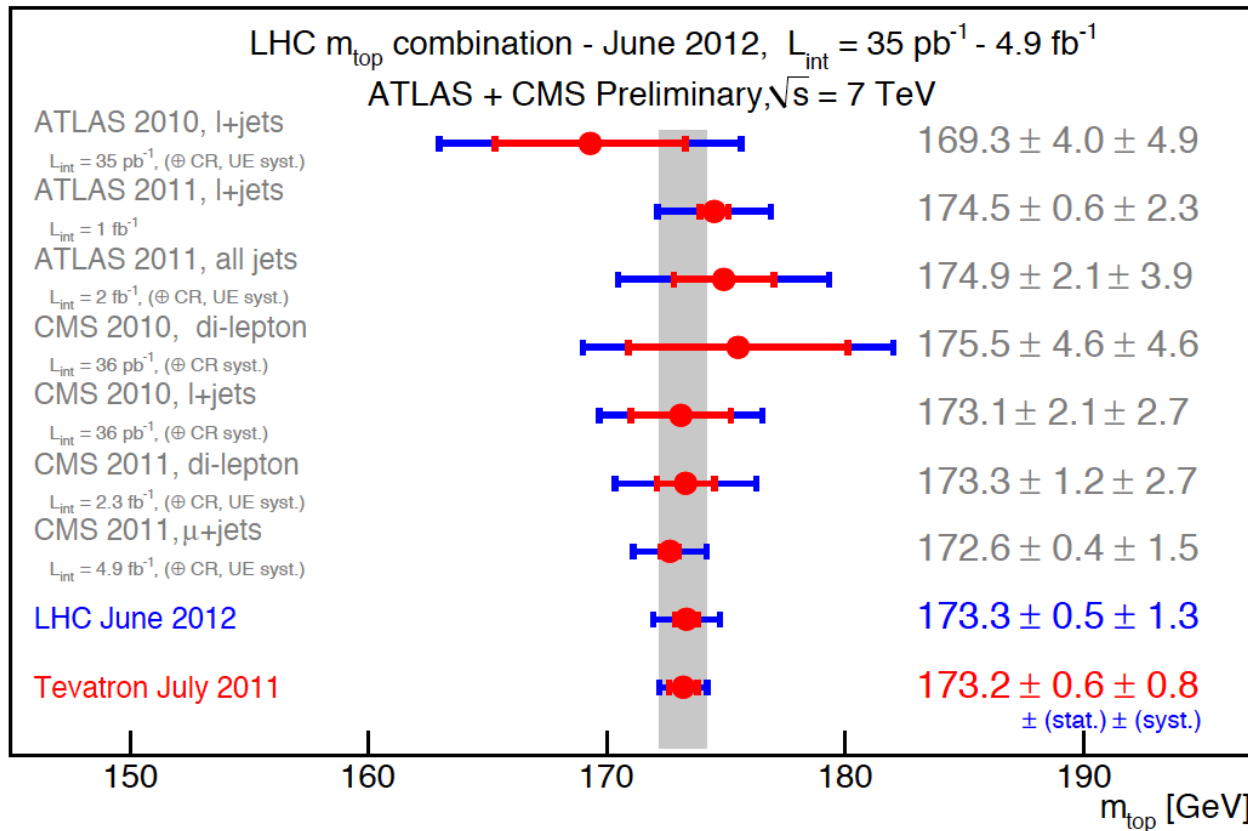
Can constrain parameters of  
 QCD radiation model  
 (ISR/FSR/ $Q^2$ )

PYTHIA ISR low norm high  
 PARP(67) = 0.5 ... 4.0 ... 6.0  
 PARP(64) = 4.0 ... 1.0 ... 0.25

# LHC top quark mass

First LHC combined result in top quark physics!

CMS PAS TOP-12-001  
ATLAS CONF-2012-095



- Based on conventional measurement techniques (template, ideogram etc.)
- 0.8% precision, quickly approaching Tevatron precision
- Dominating systematics: (b-)JES, ISR/FSR Q2, CR, UE

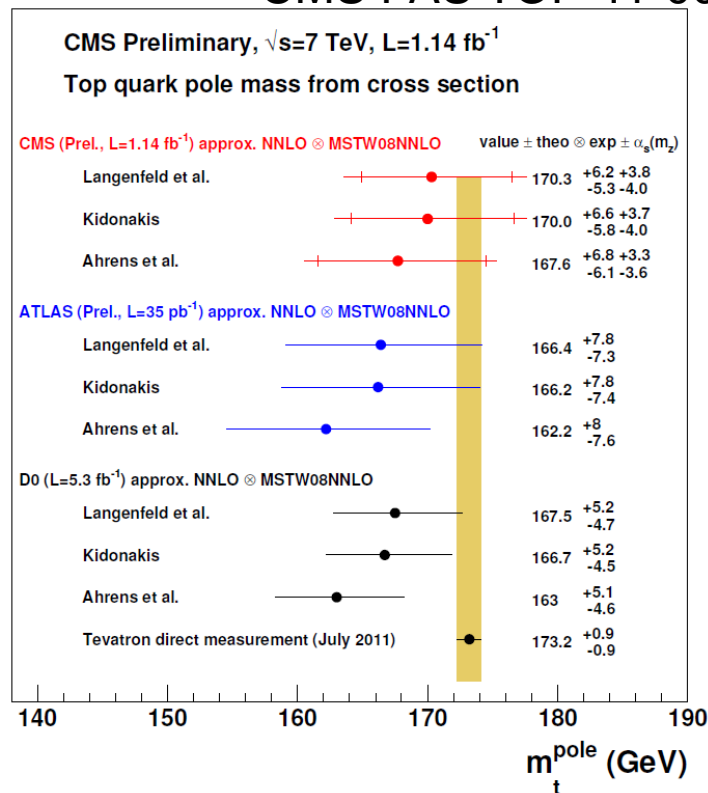
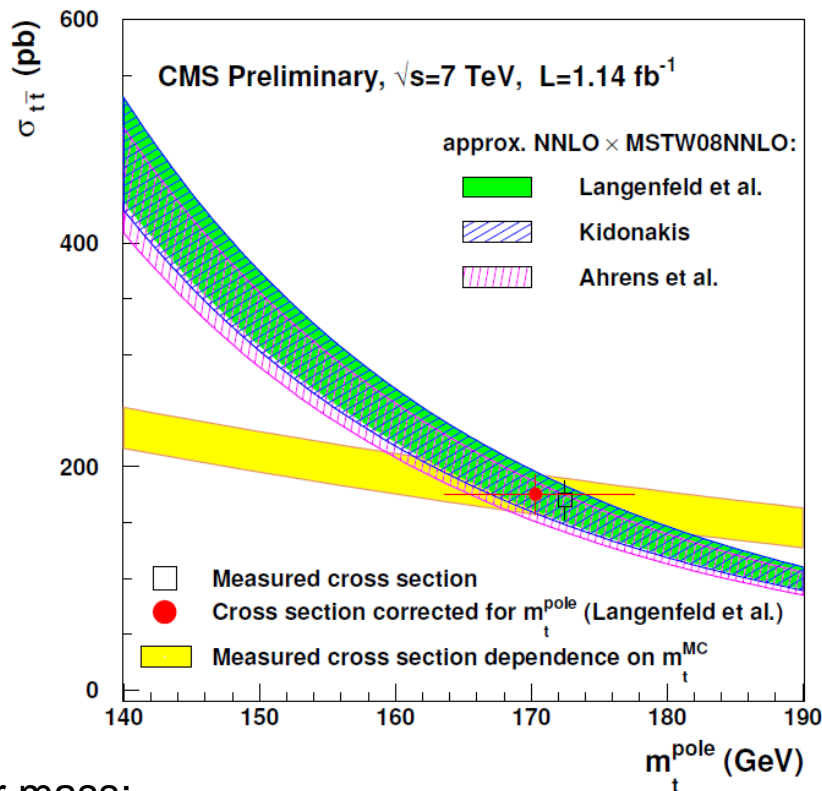
# Top mass prospects

- TOPLHCWG working on this and other combinations (e.g.  $t\bar{t}$  and single top cross section)
- Future combinations aiming at harmonized methodologies for evaluation of systematics (experimental and theoretical)
- Potential for further reduction of systematic uncertainties
  - Experimental:
    - Large  $L$  allows to constrain to well-understood regions of phase space
    - In-situ determination of (b-)jet energy scale
    - Alternative methods with complementary systematics
      - e.g. lepton  $p_T$ ,  $d_0$  of B-hadron,  $M(J/\Psi \rightarrow \ell\ell + l(W))$
      - $M(l, b\text{-jet})$ ,  $M(t\bar{t})$  (NLO(+NNLL) QCD predictions available)
  - Theoretical
    - Understand better CR and UE uncertainties, e.g. by means of differential  $m_{top}$  measurements (e.g.  $m_{top}$  vs  $p_{T-top}$ )
    - New developments in tools (e.g. Matrix Element Method @ NLO)

# Mass from Cross Section

Exploit strong dependence of theory xsec on  $m_{\text{top}}$   
Well defined renormalization scheme

ATLAS CONF-2011-054  
CMS PAS TOP-11-008



MSbar mass:

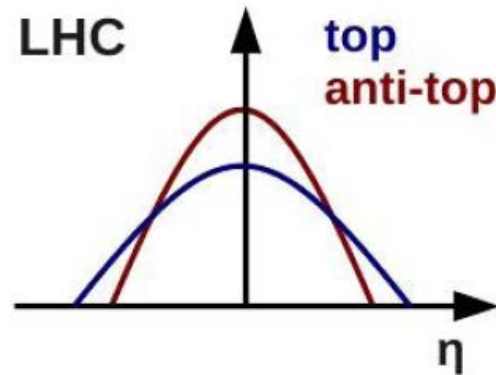
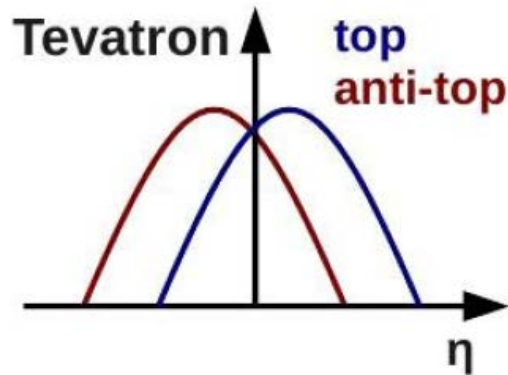
Approx. NNLO $\times$ MSTW08NNLO	$m_t^{\text{pole}} / \text{GeV}$	$m_t^{\overline{\text{MS}}} / \text{GeV}$
Langenfeld et al. [7]	$170.3^{+7.3}_{-6.7}$	$163.1^{+6.8}_{-6.1}$
Kidonakis [8]	$170.0^{+7.6}_{-7.1}$	—
Ahrens et al. [9]	$167.6^{+7.6}_{-7.1}$	$159.8^{+7.3}_{-6.8}$

(can also measure  $\alpha_s$  from xsec)

# Charge Asymmetry

Tevatron:  $\Delta y = y_t - y_{\bar{t}}$

LHC:  $\Delta|y| \equiv |y_t| - |y_{\bar{t}}|$



$$A_C = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$$

- SM: non-zero  $A_C$  appears at NLO QCD due to interference of ISR-FSR and Born-Box diagrams
- CDF/D0 observed larger than predicted  $A_C$  at Tevatron
- Many new physics models put forward (e.g. Axiguons, new weak bosons, extra dimensions etc.) [must accommodate  $t\bar{t}$  cross section,  $M(t\bar{t})$ , EWK and same-sign-top limits etc.]
- Asymmetry at LHC diluted due to large fraction of  $gg$  initial states

# Unfolded charge asymmetry

Measurement	$A_C$	$\Delta y  \equiv  y_t  -  y_{\bar{t}} $
CMS, L=1.1/fb, l+jets (arXiv:1112.5100)	-0.013 +/- 0.028 +/- 0.030	
CMS, L=5.0/fb, l+jets (arXiv:1207.0065)	0.004 +/- 0.010 +/- 0.011	
ATLAS, L=1.04/fb, l+jets (arXiv:1203.4211)	-0.019 +/- 0.028 +/- 0.024	
ATLAS, L=4.7/fb, dilepton (ATLAS-CONF-2012-057)	0.057 +/- 0.024 +/- 0.015	
ATLAS combination	0.029 +/- 0.018 +/- 0.014	

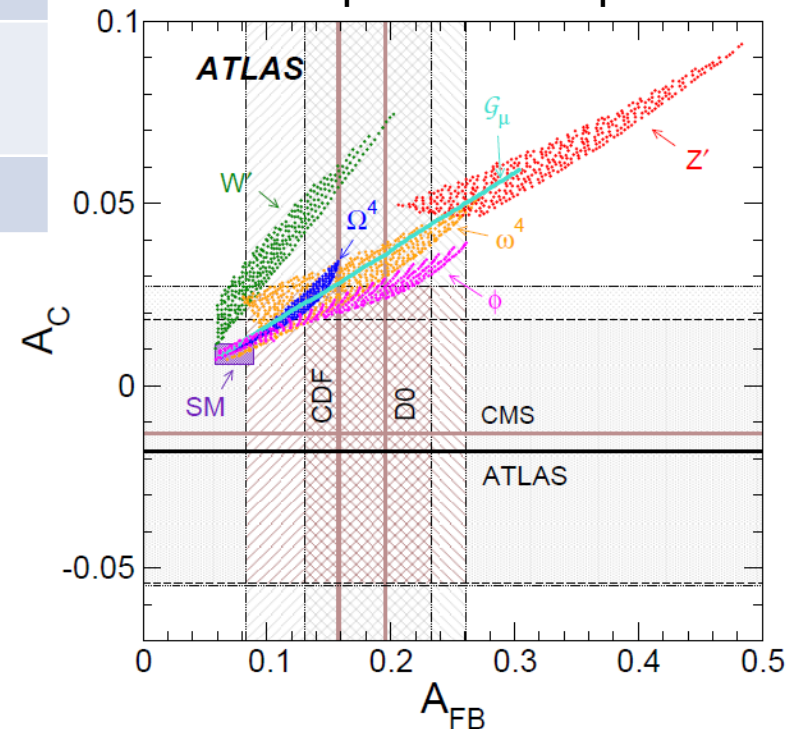
MC@NLO  $A_C=0.006 \pm 0.002$   
 Kuehn, Rodrigo:  $A_C=0.0115 \pm 0.0006$   
 (arXiv:1109.6830)

ATLAS also measured dilepton asymmetries  
 (no need to reconstruct  $t\bar{t}$  system)

All measurements consistent with zero

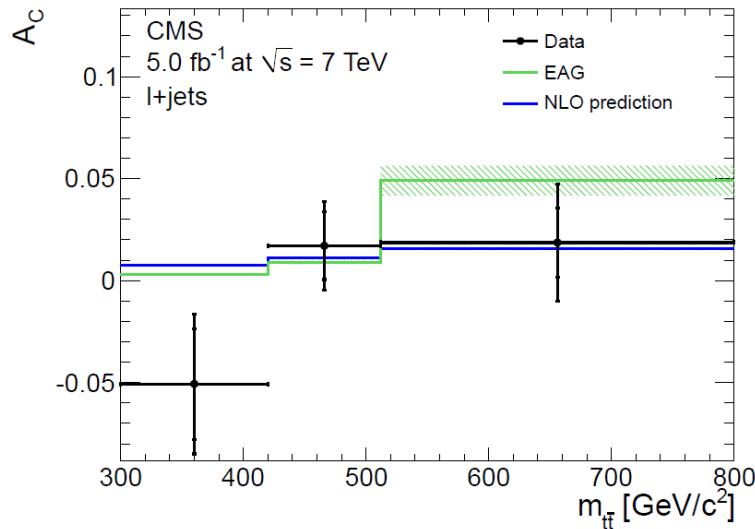
Also consistent with SM predictions

Constraining NP parameter space ...

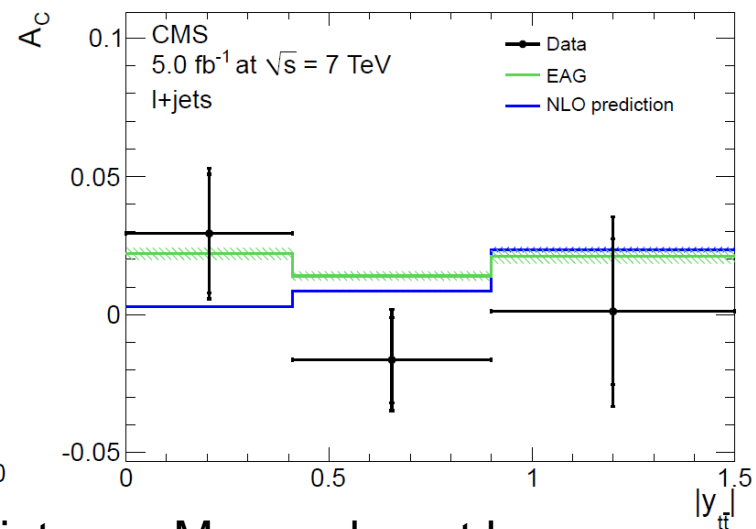
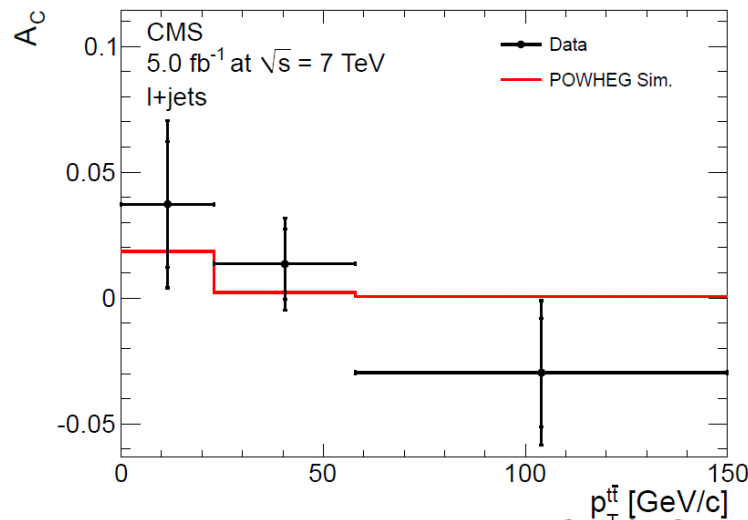
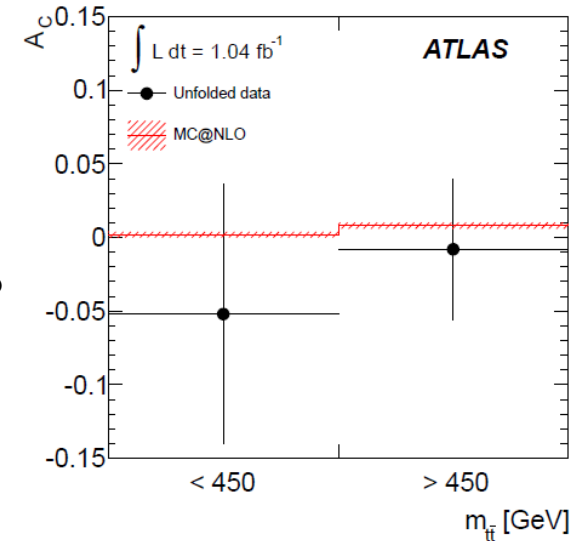




# Differential $A_C$ measurements



Large  $M(tt)$ :  
more qqbar;  
new physics?



Neg. contribution at large  $p_T$  due to ISR/FSR int.

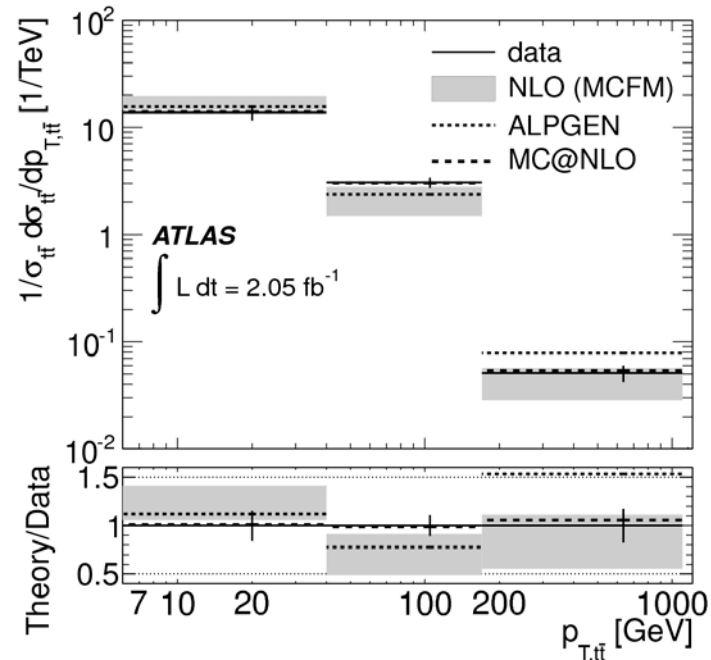
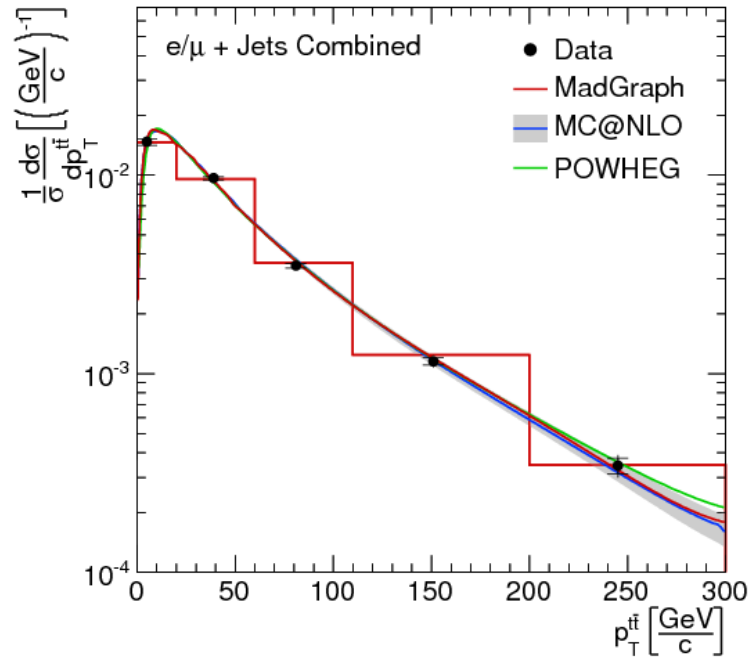
More qqbar at large  $y$

So far consistent with Standard Model ...

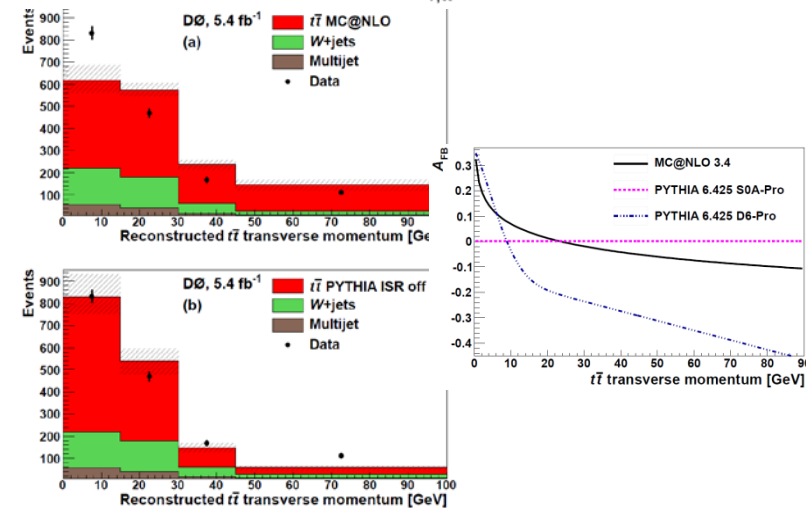


# Differential cross section vs $P_{T}(t\bar{t})$

CMS Preliminary, 1.14 fb<sup>-1</sup> at  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV



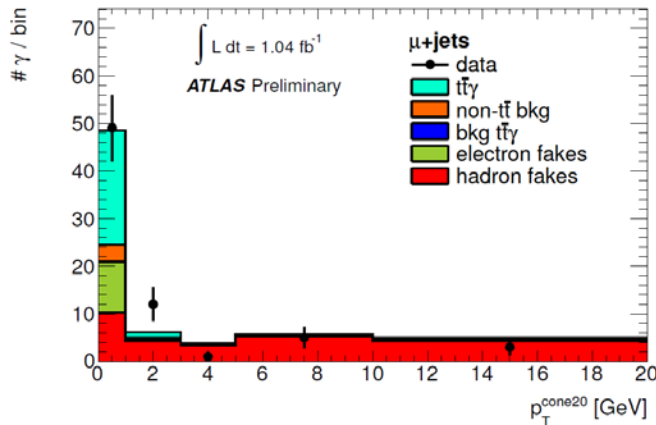
- Good agreement with expectation
- NB D0 observed softer distribution ... correlated with larger  $A_{FB}$ ?
- No indication at LHC, but different energy and production mode, and limited resolution



# ttbar+X (X=gamma,W,Z)

Goal: Measure couplings with bosons ... tt+W/Z (CMS PAS-TOP-12-014):

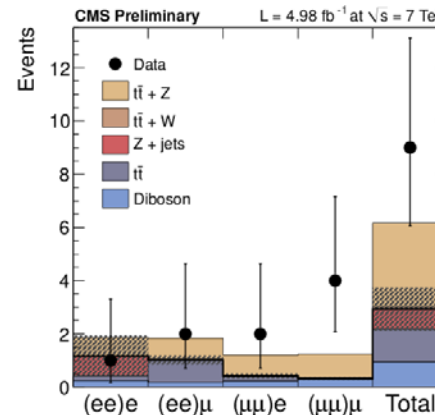
tt+gamma (ATLAS-CONF-2011-153):



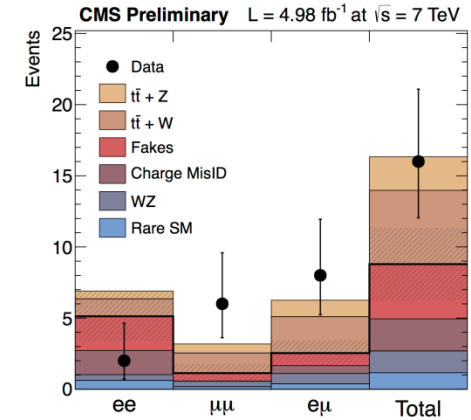
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma} \cdot \text{BR} = 2.0 \pm 0.5 (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.7 (\text{syst.}) \pm 0.08 (\text{lumi.}) \text{ pb}$$

$p_T(\text{gamma}) > 8 \text{ GeV}$

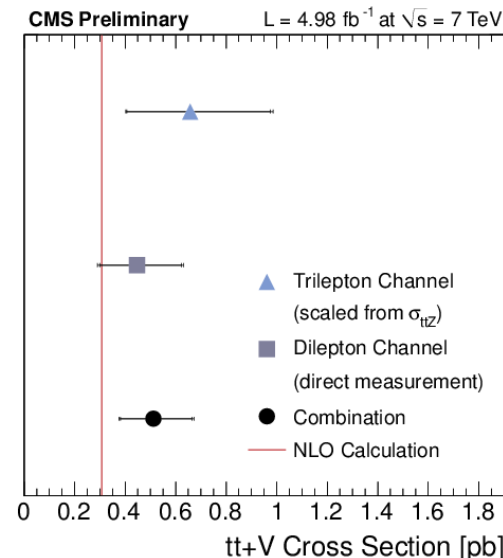
Consistent with NLO QCD:  
(using LO \* k=2.55 from Melnikov,  
Schulze)



Trileptons



Dileptons



Consistent  
with NLO QCD

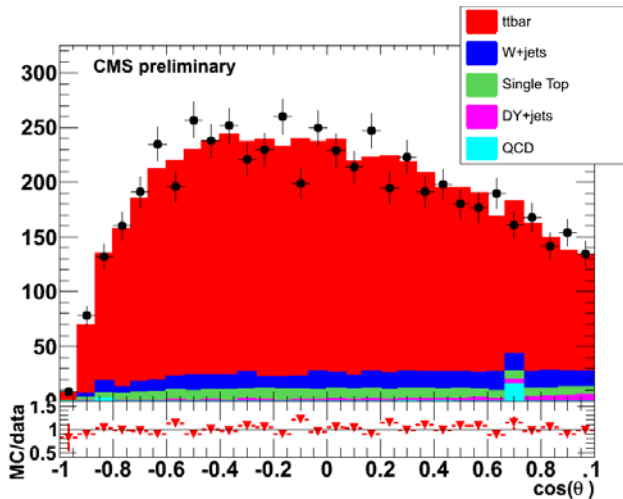
# W helicity in top decays

ATLAS arXiv:1205.2484

CMS PAS TOP-11-020

Obtain helicity fractions from fit to  $\cos(\theta^*)$  distribution  
(angle between lepton and b-quark direction in W-boson rest frame)

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta^*} = \frac{3}{8}(1 + \cos\theta^*)^2 F_R + \frac{3}{8}(1 - \cos\theta^*)^2 F_L + \frac{3}{4}(1 - \cos^2\theta^*) F_0$$



Measurement	ATLAS ( $l + \text{jets} + \text{di-lepton}$ )	CMS ( $l + \text{jets}$ , prelim.)
$F_0$	$0.67 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.06$	$0.57 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.05$
$F_L$	$0.32 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$	$0.39 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.03$
$F_R$	$0.01 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.04$	$0.04 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.04$
$F_0 (F_R = 0)$	$0.66 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.04$	$0.64 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.05$
$\text{Re } V_R$	$\in [-0.20, 0.23]$	—
$\text{Re } g_L$	$\in [-0.14, 0.11]$	—
$\text{Re } g_R$	$\in [-0.08, 0.04]$	$-0.07 \pm 0.05^{+0.07}_{-0.08}$
$\frac{\text{Re}(C_{\gamma W}^{33})}{\Lambda^2} [\text{TeV}^{-2}]$	$\in [-0.9, 2.3]$	$-0.81 \pm 0.62^{+0.85}_{-0.95}$

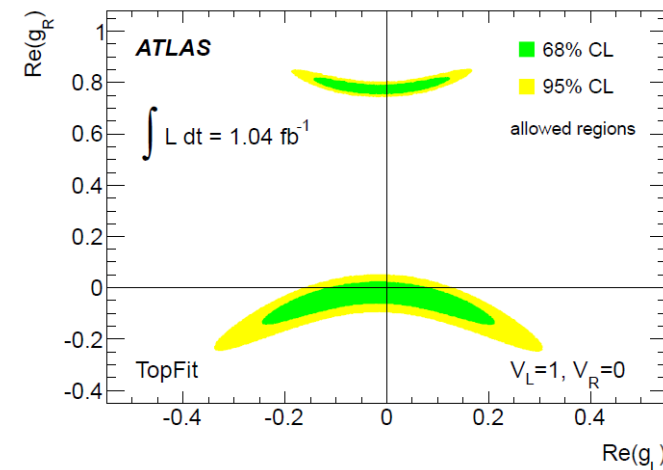
Extract limits on anomalous couplings at  $Wtb$  vertex

$$\mathcal{L}_{Wtb} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (V_L P_L + V_R P_R) t W_\mu^-$$

$$- \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_\mu^- + \text{h.c.}$$

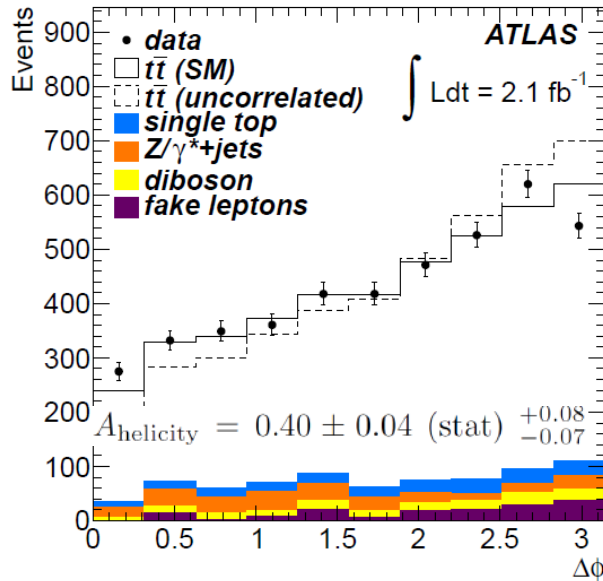
Already competitive with Tevatron

Future: combined fits with single top measurements



# ttbar spin correlation

Use dilepton final state and the lepton azimuthal difference as sensitive variable

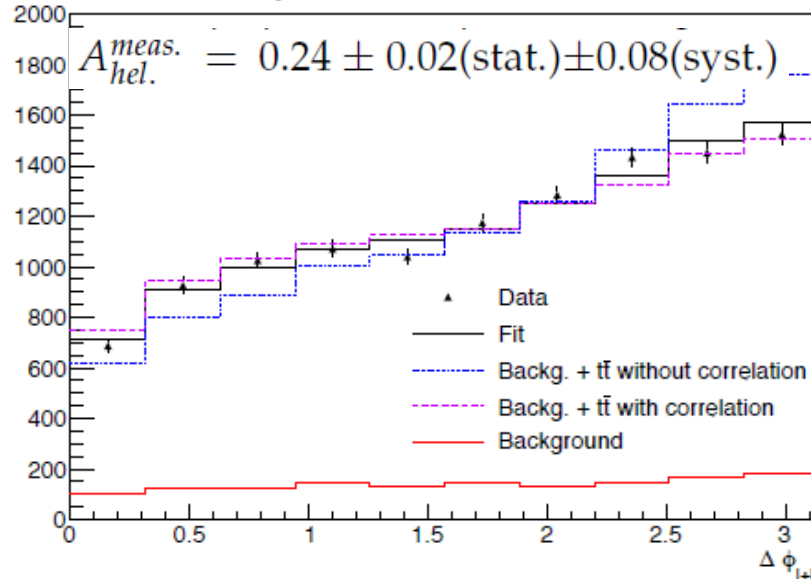


SM:  $A_{hel} = 0.31$  (Bernreuther et al.)

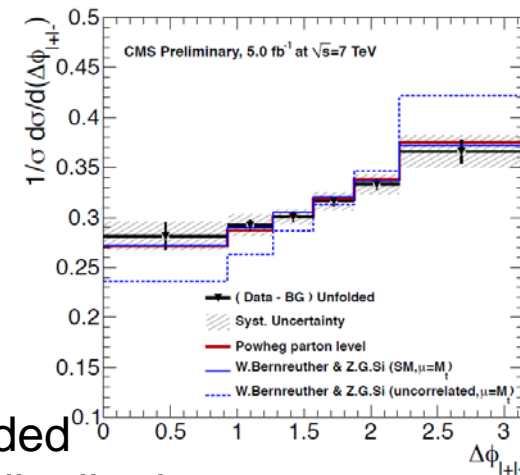
Helicity basis: spin analyzing vector =  
direction of flight of top quark in ttbar rest frame

May be altered by new physics contributions

CMS Preliminary, 5.0 fb<sup>-1</sup> at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV

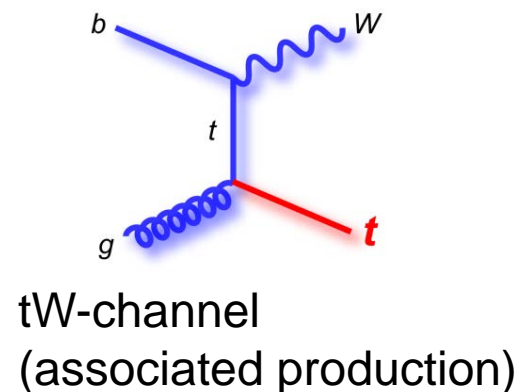
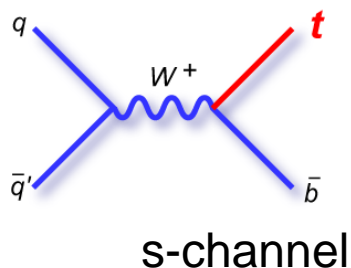
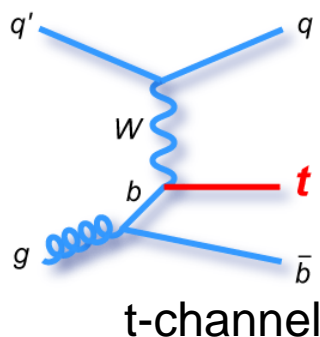


CMS: unfolded  
differential distribution

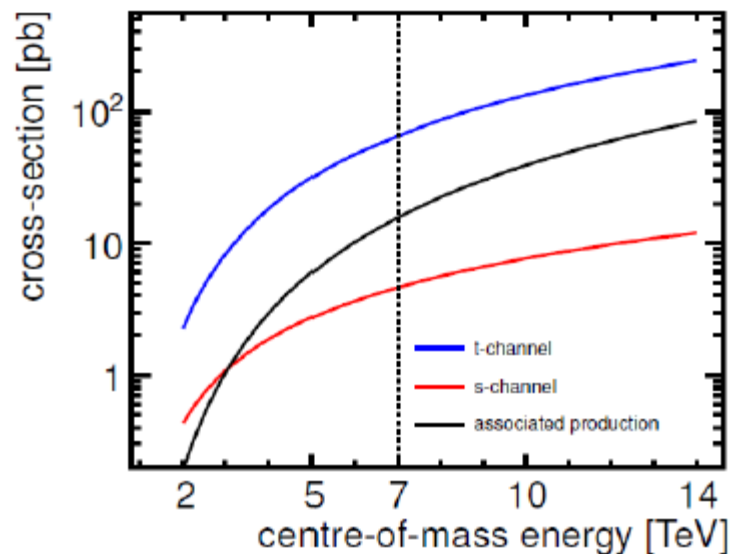


CMS: unfolded  
differential distribution

# Single top production



- EWK production of top quarks: test  $Wtb$  vertex, measurement of  $|V_{tb}|$
- PDF sensitivity: b-PDF (t-channel), u/d ratio from  $R(t/tbar)$
- Searches for NP at  $Wtb$  vertex, 4<sup>th</sup> gen,  $H^+$ ,  $W'$ , FCNC



t-channel	$64.6^{+2.7}_{-2.0}$ pb
Wt	$15.7 \pm 1.1$ pb
s-channel	$4.6 \pm 0.2$ pb

Kidonakis, NLO+NNLL:

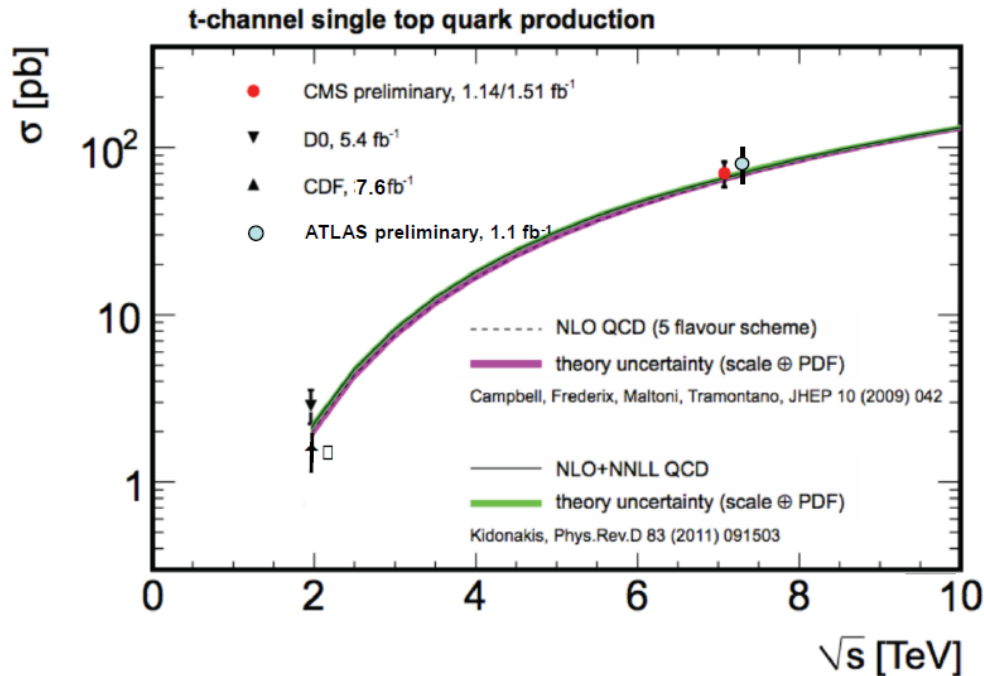
t-channel: PRD 83 (2011) 091503

s-channel: PRD 81 (2010) 054028

tW-channel: PRD 82 (2010) 054018

# Single top t-channel

Measurements cut-based or MVA



ATLAS 2011, 1.04/fb

$$\sigma_{t\text{-ch}} = 83 \pm 4 \text{ (stat.)}_{-19}^{+20} \text{ (syst.) pb}$$

CMS 2011, <1.5/fb

$$\sigma_{t\text{-ch}} = 70.2 \pm 5.2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 10.4 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 3.4 \text{ (lum.) pb}$$

Future: 8 TeV, measure differential cross sections

CMS 2010: arXiv:1106.3052

CMS 2011: PAS-TOP-11-021

ATLAS 2011: arXiv:1205.3130

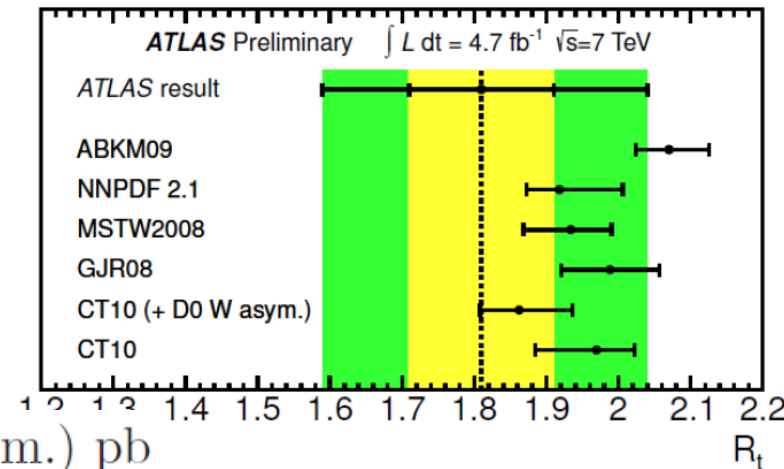
ATLAS-CONF-2012-056 (R(t/tbar))

Top/antitop ratio (ATLAS):

$$\sigma_t(t) = 53.2 \pm 10.8 \text{ pb}$$

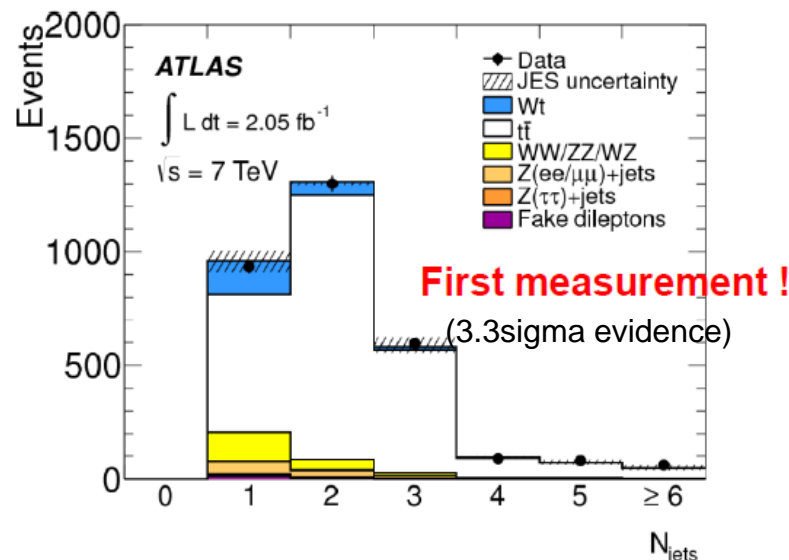
$$\sigma_t(\bar{t}) = 29.5_{-7.5}^{+7.4} \text{ pb}$$

$$R_t = 1.81_{-0.22}^{+0.23}$$



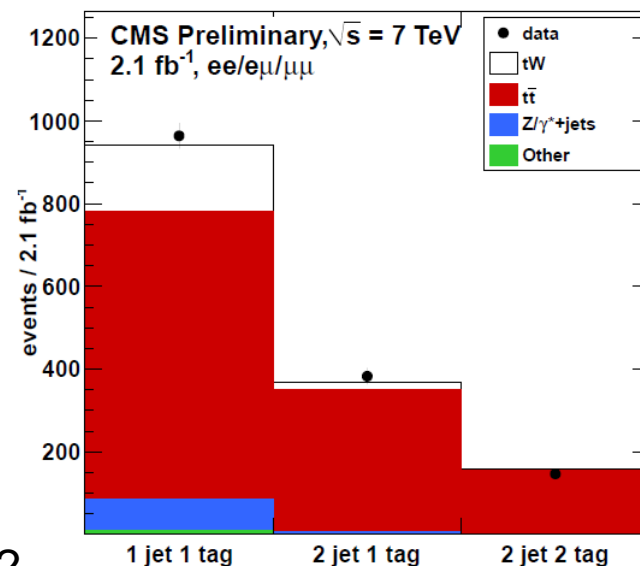
Problem of signal definition:

- At NLO, interference with top pair production
- Two approaches studied (POWHEG, MC@NLO)
  - Diagram removal (DR): remove doubly resonant contributions
  - Diagram subtraction (DS): subtract gauge invariant term which locally cancels  $t\bar{t}$  contribution
- Treat difference as systematic (few %)



ATLAS:  $\sigma = 16.8 \pm 2.9$  (stat.)  $\pm 4.9$  (syst.) pb

CMS:  $\sigma = 22^{+9}_{-7}$  (stat. + syst.) pb



CMS 2011, L=2.1/fb  
CMS-PAS-TOP-11-022



# Instead of conclusions: Shopping list

- More precise inclusive and more differential cross sections
  - Validate MC models (and variations), compare with (N)NLO
    - NB Understanding ISR in  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  important also for  $gg \rightarrow H$
  - Constraints on  $m_{\text{top}}$  and/or  $\alpha(s)$
  - PDF constraints:  $g$  from  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $b$  and  $u/d$  from single top (differential measurements!)
- More differential  $A_c$ , leptonic asymmetries
- Mass measurements
  - Methods with orthogonal systematics / differential  $m_{\text{top}}$  ( $\rightarrow$  CR)
  - Consistency of global EWK fit incl  $H(125 \text{ GeV})$
- $t\bar{t} + \gamma/W/Z$ : couplings to bosons
- $t\bar{t} + \text{jet}(s)$ ,  $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$  (for  $t\bar{t}H$ ), eventually  $t\bar{t} + t\bar{t}$  (e.g. SUSY)
- Searches (not discussed here)
  - FCNC;  $W'$ ;  $t\bar{t}$  resonances; new physics in spin correl.,  $A_c$  ...