# Top quark production measurements at ATLAS

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# Top quark physics

#### O Top quark basics:

- Mass: 173.34 ± 0.27 ± 0.71 GeV (arXiv:1403.4427, Tevatron-LHC combination)
- *•* Decays: charged current weak decays in t → Wb

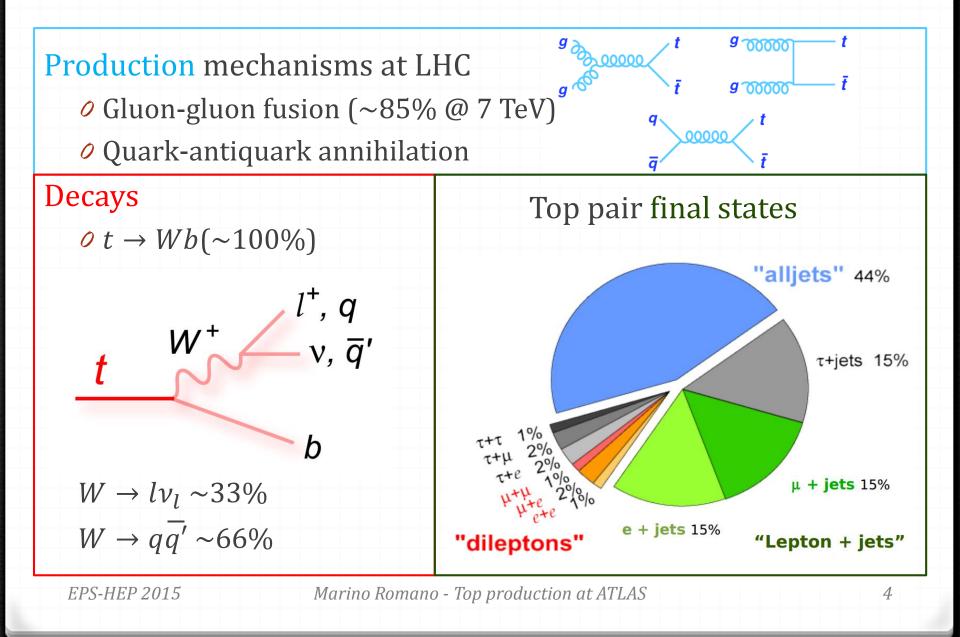
#### • Why study top quark physics?

- ✓ Life-time shorter than hadronization time
  →Unique possibility to study a 'bare' quark
- Precise tests of the Standard Model and verification of pQCD
- Privileged window to search for new physics
  - Cross section measurements needed to improve top quark MC modelling, expecially when used as a background for BSM processes

# Top quark cross section measurements

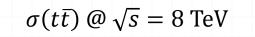
- $t\bar{t}$ : inclusive and differential
- Single top inclusive

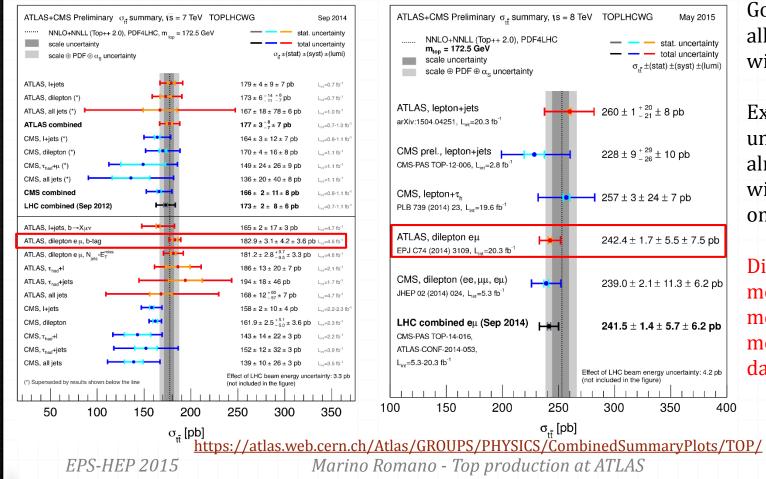
## Top quark pair production and decays



# Top quark pair inclusive cross section: summary

 $\sigma(t\bar{t}) @ \sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ 





Good agreeement of all measurements with SM predictions

Experimental uncertainties already comparable with theoretical ones

Dilepton  $e\mu$ measurement is the most precise measurement to date

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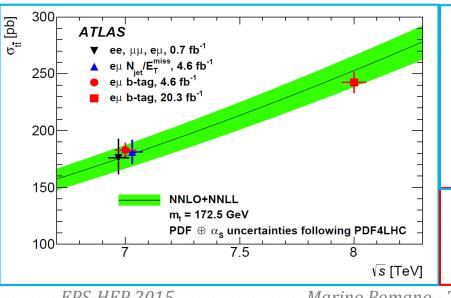
#### $t\bar{t}$ inclusive cross section $e\mu$ channel EPJC 74 (2014) 3109

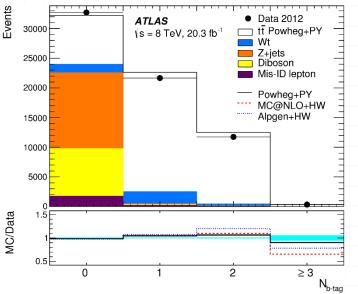
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#### $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, L = 4.6 fb<sup>-1</sup> $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, L = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Simultaneous fit of the  $t\bar{t}$  production cross section (total and fiducial) and the *b*-jet reconstruction and tagging efficiency in 1 and 2 *b*-tag samples

- O Correlation between the b-tag probabilities of the 2 jets taken in account
- 0 Significant reduction of major systematics
- Dominating systs: beam energy, integrate lumi,  $t\bar{t}$  modelling 0
- Fiducial phase space: 1*e* and 1 $\mu$  ( $p_T > 25$ GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$ ) 0





Total cross section [pb] 7 TeV:  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 182.9 \pm 7.1 (\pm 3.9\%)$ 8 TeV:  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 242.4 \pm 10 (\pm 4.3\%)$ NNLO+NNLL predictions (M. Czakon and A. Mitov, Comp. Phys. Comm. 182 2930 (2014)) 7 TeV:  $\sigma_{tt}^{th} = 177.3 \pm 9.0^{+4.6}_{-6.0} (\pm 5.1\%^{+2.6\%}_{-3.4\%})$ 8 TeV:  $\sigma_{tt}^{th} = 252.9 \text{ pb} \pm 11.7^{+6.4}_{-8.6} (\pm 4.6\%^{+2.5\%}_{-2.4\%})$ 

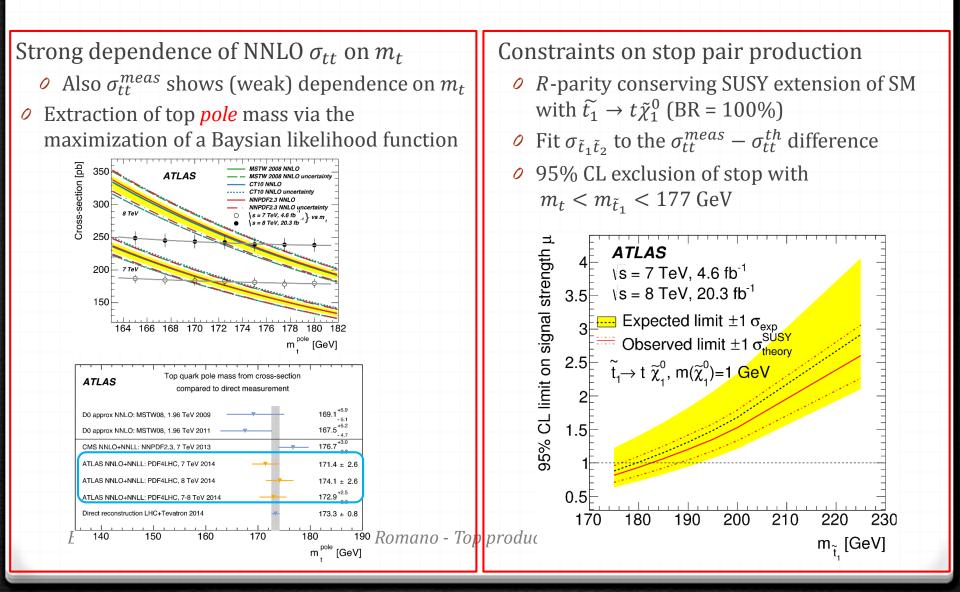
Fiducial cross section [pb] 7 TeV:  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 2.615 \pm 0.082 (\pm 3.8\%)$ 8 TeV:  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 3.448 \text{ pb} \pm 0.14 (\pm 4.1\%)$ 

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## $t\bar{t}$ inclusive cross section $e\mu$ channel

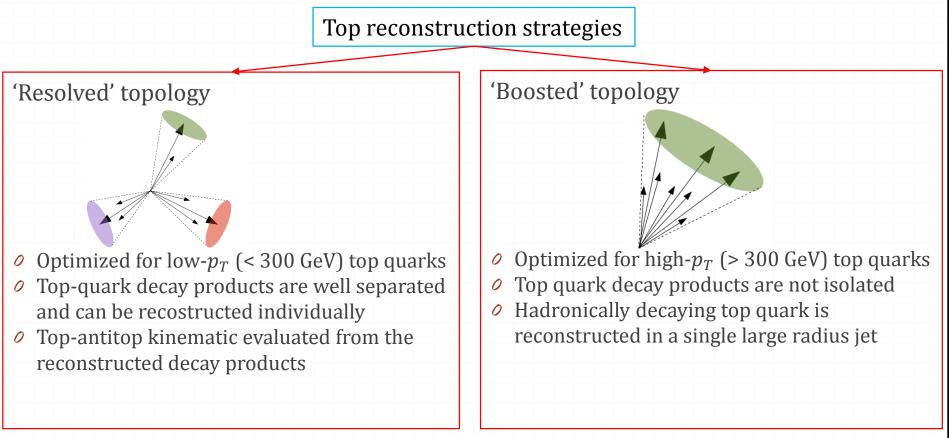
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# Top quark pairs differential cross section measurements in ATLAS

Total  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  measurements show very good agreement with the SM

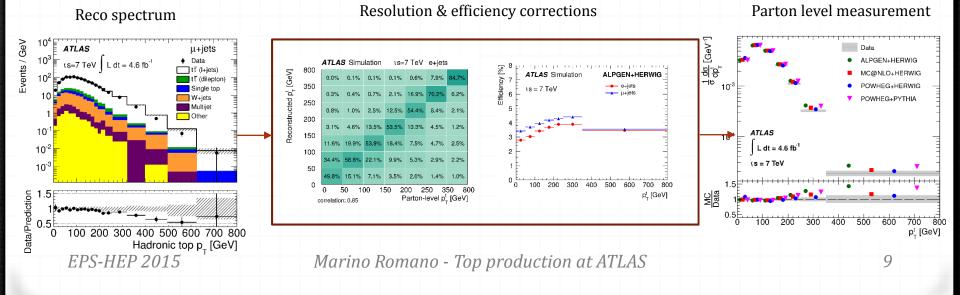
• New physics phenomena can still affect the *shape* of  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ 



#### $t\bar{t}$ normalized differential cross section Phys. Rev. D 90, 072004 $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, L = 4.6 fb<sup>-1</sup>

• Top-antitop relative differential cross section  $\left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\frac{d\sigma}{dX}\right)$  where  $X = m_{t\bar{t}}, p_{T,t\bar{t}}, |y_{t\bar{t}}|$  and  $p_{T,t}$ 

- ? *Relative* measurement more precise than the *absolute*  $\rightarrow$  cancellation of correlated systematics
- Events selected in the lepton( $e/\mu$ )+jets channel
  - Parton t and  $\overline{t}$  reconstructed via a kinematic likelihood fit
- Final parton level measurement extracted via unfolding procedure and extrapolated to the total phase space
  - P Electron and muon channel combination via the Asymmetric Iterative BLUE (AIB)
  - Main uncertainty (top  $p_T$ ):  $t\bar{t}$  modelling, JES, *b*-tag

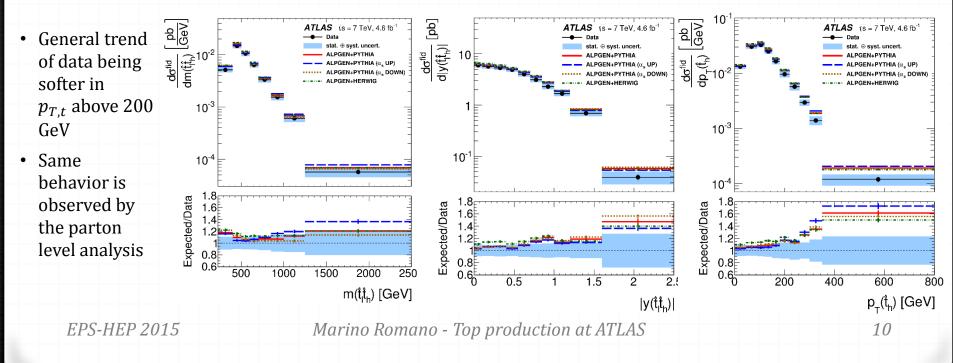


## $t\bar{t}$ differential cross section

JHEP 06 (2015) 100  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV, L = 4.6 fb<sup>-1</sup>

• Top-antitop differential cross section  $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dX}\right)$  where  $X = m_{t\bar{t}}, p_{T,t\bar{t}}, |y_{t\bar{t}}|, p_{T,t}$  and  $|y_t|$ 

- Fiducial measurement: limited to the actual «visible» phase space
- Pseudo top  $(\hat{t})$  observables built from stable final state objects
- Cut-based analysis in the  $l(e/\mu)$ +jets channel
- Ø Main uncertainties: b-tag, JES and IFSR

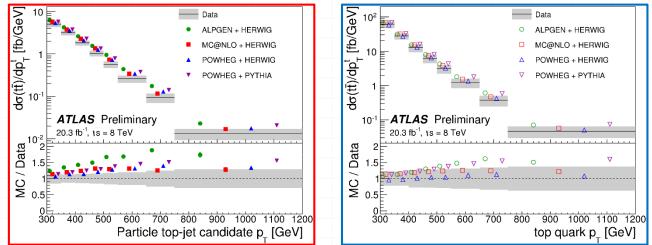


# $t\bar{t}$ differential cross section: boosted tops $\frac{\text{ATLAS-CONF-2014-057}}{\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, L = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}}$

• First measurement  $\frac{d\sigma}{dp_{T,t}}$  for high- $p_T$  (boosted) top quarks

- Semi-leptonic  $(e/\mu)$  channel with  $p_T(t_{had}) > 300$  GeV
  - Ø Boosted hadronic top defined as a single large-R jet

Fiducial (particle pseudo tops) and total (parton tops) phase space measurements

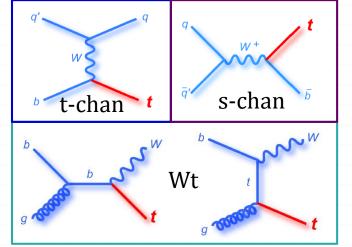


Main uncertainties: large-*R* jet energy scale

Extrapolation to
 parton level affected
 by an increased
 signal modelling
 systematics

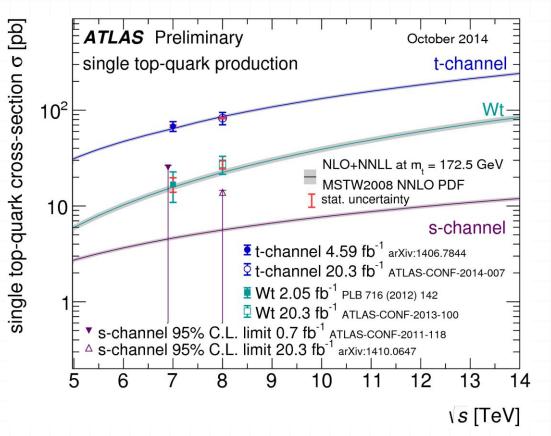
- Measured  $\sigma$  in general lower than predictions
  - o Discrepancy tends to increase at high  $p_T$
  - In agreement with the behavior observed in resolved analyses EPS-HEP 2015 Marino Romano - Top production at ATLAS

## Single top quark cross section



Cross section summary @ Run I

https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CombinedSummaryPlots/TOP/



Measurements at 7 and 8 TeV:

- Cross section for t and Wt channels
  - $|V_{tb}|$  extraction
  - Differential cross sections in the *t* channel
- Upper limit for the *s* channel
- Top/antitop t-channel ratio  $(R_t)$

 $R_t = \frac{\sigma_t}{\sigma_{\bar{t}}}$ 

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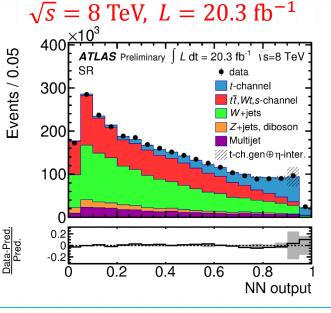
## Single top *t*-channel cross section



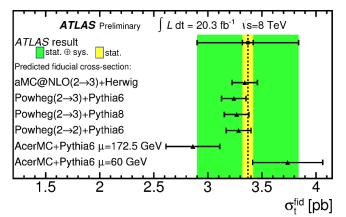
- Contributions from signal and background evaluated via MC (data driven for Multijet bkg in the μ channel)
- Lepton + 2 jets channel, 1 b-tag
- $\sigma_{t-chan}$  extracted via a maximum-likelihood fit of the NN output in the data
- O Fiducial and total phase space measurements

 $\sigma_{t-chan}^{fiducial}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 3.4 \pm 0.48 \text{ pb} (\pm 14\%)$ Main uncertainties: JES and signal modelling

$$\sigma_{t-chan}^{total}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 82.6 \pm 12.1 \text{ pb} (\pm 15\%)$$
  
(extrapolated via MG5\_aMC@NLO)  
Additional uncertainty: PDF  
 $\sigma_{t-chan}^{th}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 87.8^{+3.4}_{-1.9} \text{ pb} (^{+3.9\%}_{-2.2\%})$   
N. Kidonakis, Phys. Rev. D 83 (2011) 091503



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## Single top/antitop t-chan ratio

Phys. Rev. D. 90, 112006 (2014)

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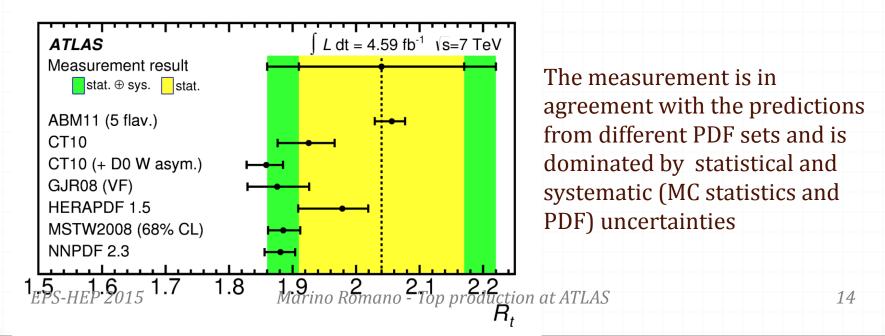
Very sensitive to the ratio of the PDF of the valence quark in the high x regime

Smaller uncertainties because of error cancelations

O Sensitive to new physics effects

 $R_t = \frac{\sigma_t}{\sigma_{\bar{t}}}$ 

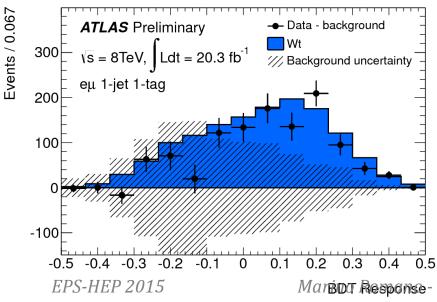
 ${\it o}$  Same analysis technique used in the  $\sigma_{tchan}$  measurement at 8 TeV



### Single top *Wt*-channel cross section

#### ATLAS-CONF-2013-100

- Hard to separate from *tt*, interference at NLO
- $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV, L = 20.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>
- Event selected requiring 1*e*, 1 $\mu$ , 1/2jet, 1b-tag,  $E_T^{miss}$
- Multivariate analysis based on Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) employed to increase the discrimitation power
  - ${\it o}$  BDT trained using Wt as signal and  $t\bar{t}$  as background
  - Ø BDT discriminants built separately for 1 and 2 jet samples
- Most discriminating variable:  $p_T^{sys}(lep1, lep2, E_T^{miss}, jet1)$
- Maximum likelihood fit to the BDT output to extract the signal cross section



 $\sigma_{Wt}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 27.2 \pm 5.8 \text{ pb} (\pm 21\%)$ (observed 4. 2 $\sigma$ , expected 4.0 $\sigma$ )

Main systematics: *b*-tagging, JES, generator uncertainties

 $\sigma_{Wt}^{th}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 22.4 \pm 1.5 \text{ pb}(\pm 6.7\%)$ 

N. Kidonakis, Phys. Rev. D 82 (2010) 054018

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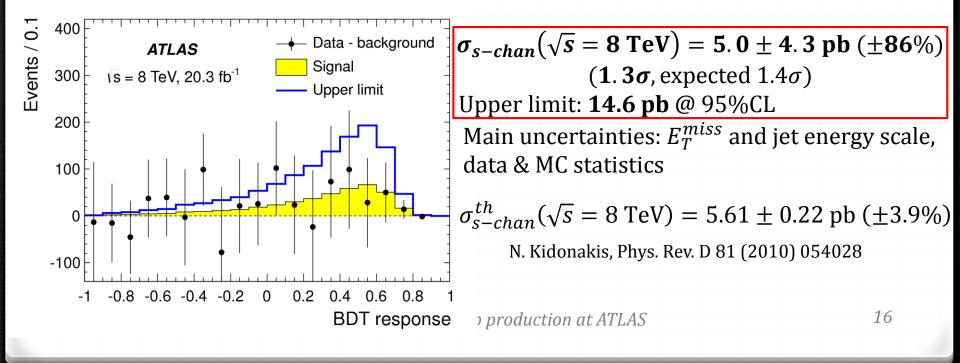
### Single top *s*-channel search

Low rate in *pp* collissions
 (was dominant at Tevatron)

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 $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV, L = 20.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>

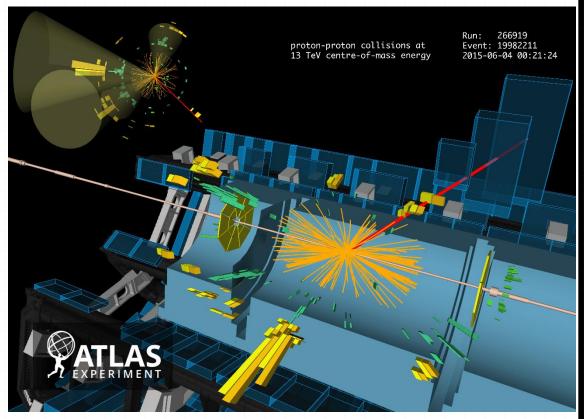
- o Event selected requiring 1l, 2b-tag,  $E_T^{miss}$
- Multivariate analysis based on Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) employed to increase the discrimitation power
- Most discriminating variable:  $|\Delta \phi(t, b)|$
- Maximum likelihood fit to the BDT output to extract the signal cross section



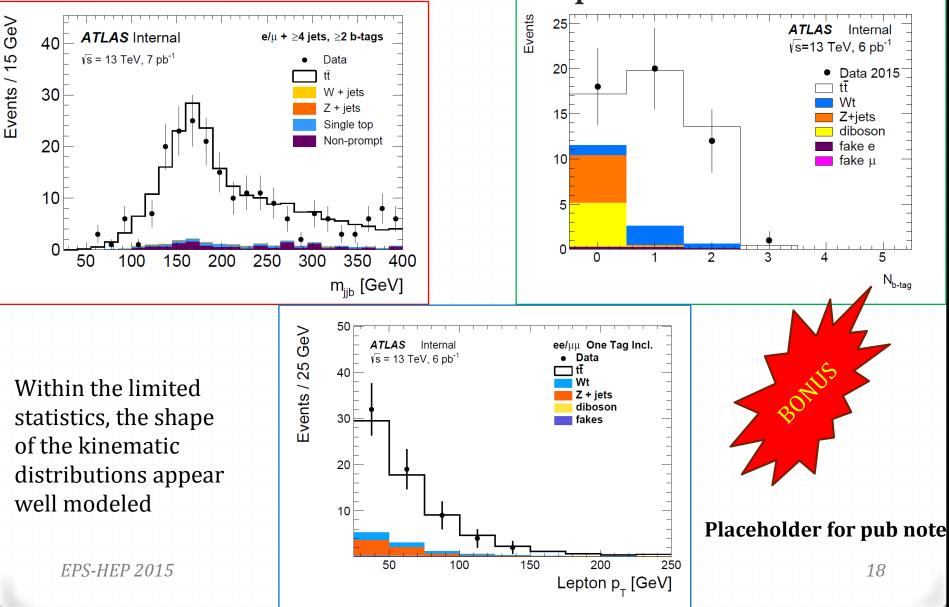
### Event Kinematic Distributions in Top-Quark Enriched Samples

## Placeholder for pub note $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, L = 6/7 pb<sup>-1</sup>

- Data collected by the ATLAS detector on the 13th and 14th of June 2015 at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
- Monte Carlo predictions have been scaled to match the normalisation of the data
- Single lepton (e/μ) and dilepton
  (ee/μμ/eμ) channel



#### Event Kinematic Distributions in Top-Quark Enriched Samples



## Summary

- O Top quark measurements have provided stringent tests of SM
- O Top quark pair production
  - Inclusive cross-section measured with 4% accuracy
  - O Top quark pole mass and stop exclusion from inclusive cross section measurements
  - Differential cross sections: resolved and boosted topologies, parton and particle level
  - SM predictions in general good agreement with data
- Single top production
  - Wt-channel rediscovered, s-channel limits set
  - t-channel dataset large enough to investigate single top properties
  - In general, SM has held up remarkably well
- Stay tuned for new results with data in Run II at 13 TeV
  - Higher statistics will improve all analyses
  - Higher energy means greater reach for searches

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# Backup

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## **Cross section measurements**

 $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ :

- can put constraints on SM parameters
- current statistics allow the study of differential spectra
- $\sigma_t$ :
- Sensintive to electroweak physics involving Wtb vertex
- Sensitive to the pdf of the valence quarks

## Common object definitions

O Details can vary among the different analyses

Ø Jets:

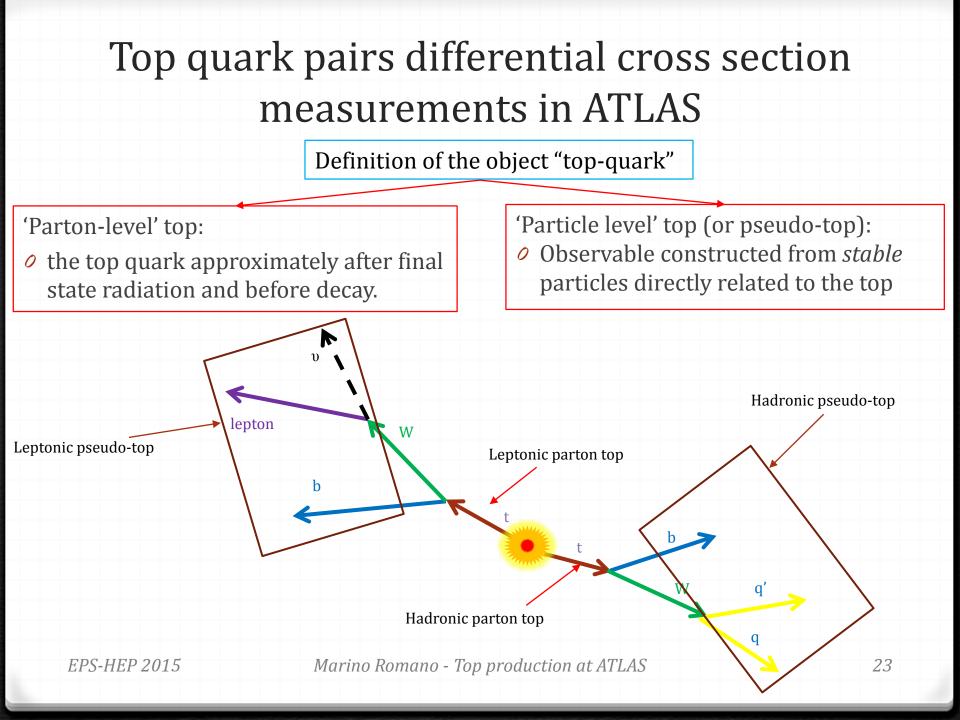
- Reconstructed from topological clusters using the anti-kt algorithm (R = 0.4)
- *ο p*<sub>T</sub>> 25 GeV, |η| <2.5
- B-tagging via a Neural network based algorithm (MV1) with average efficiency of 70% and light jet rejection factor ~140

O Electrons:

- O EM cluster with track matched
- Isolation in tracker and calorimeter
- $E_{\rm T}$  > 25 GeV,  $|\eta|$  < 1.37 or 1.52 <  $|\eta|$  < 2.47

O Muons:

- Tracks in inner detector and muon spectrometer
- Isolation in tracker and calorimeter
- *o*  $p_{\rm T}$  > 20 GeV,  $|\eta|$  <2.5
- Missing transverse energy
  - Vector sum of energy deposits in calorimeters, with corrections based on the associated reconstructed object



# Reconstruction of the *tt* system via kinematic likelihood fit

O The tt system reconstruction is performed trough a kinematic fit using a maximum likelihood approach

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{B}\left(\widetilde{E}_{p,1}, \widetilde{E}_{p,2} | m_W, \Gamma_W\right) \cdot \mathcal{B}\left(\widetilde{E}_l, \widetilde{E}_\nu | m_W, \Gamma_W\right) \cdot \\ \cdot \mathcal{B}\left(\widetilde{E}_{p,1}, \widetilde{E}_{p,2}, \widetilde{E}_{p,3} | m_t, \Gamma_t\right) \cdot \mathcal{B}\left(\widetilde{E}_l, \widetilde{E}_\nu, \widetilde{E}_{p,4} | m_t, \Gamma_t\right) \cdot \\ \cdot \mathcal{W}\left(\widehat{E}_x^{miss} | \widetilde{p}_{x,\nu}\right) \cdot \mathcal{W}\left(\widehat{E}_y^{miss} | \widetilde{p}_{y,\nu}\right) \cdot \mathcal{W}\left(\widehat{E}_{lep} | \widetilde{E}_{lep}\right) \cdot \\ \cdot \prod_{i=1}^4 \mathcal{W}\left(\widehat{E}_{jet,i} | \widetilde{E}_{p,i}\right) \cdot P\left(b \text{ tag | quark}\right),$$

- O The likelihood assesses the compatibility of the event with a typical ttbar pair
- O The algorithm is fed with the 4 or 5 reconstructed highest-pt jets (and their b-tag info), the lepton and the  $E_T^{miss}$
- O The output is the permutation of the four jets, lepton and  $E_T^{miss}$  that maximizes the likelihood

# From the detector-level spectra to the cross section measurement

The 'detector-level' spectra are linked to the 'parton level' cross section  $\sigma_j$  via

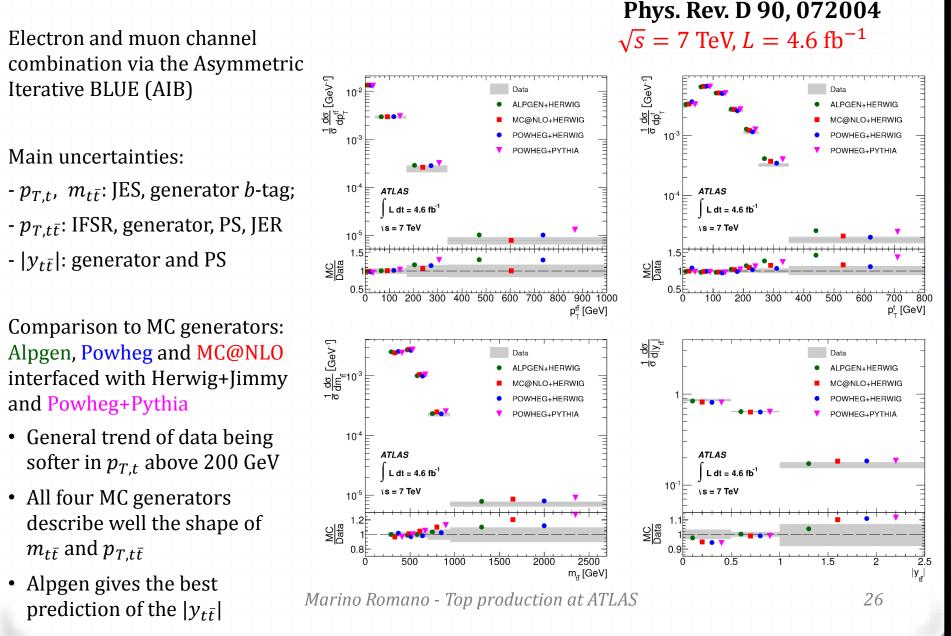
$$N_i = \sum_j M_{ij} \epsilon_j \sigma_j \beta L + B_i$$

Where

O  $N_i$  is the number of observed data events in the bin j.

- O L is the luminosity
- $OB_i$  is the number of background events in the bin i.
- $o \beta$  is the branching ratio
- $O M_{ij}$  is the 'migration matrix'
- $\circ \epsilon_j$  is the efficiency of the selection

## $t\bar{t}$ normalized differential cross section

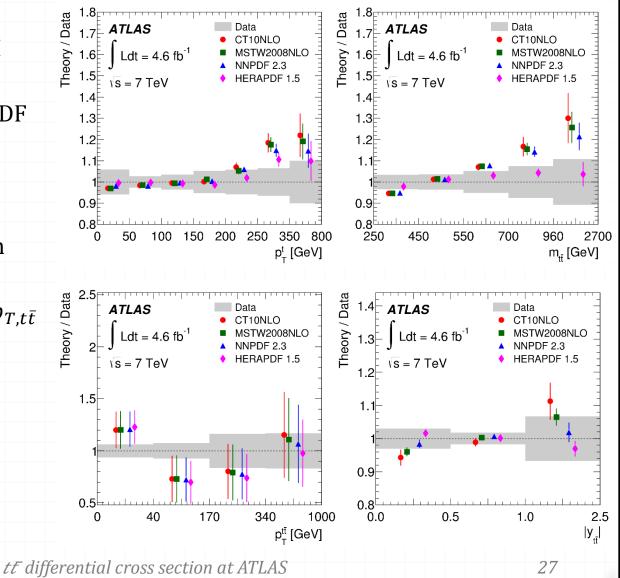


### Results: comparison with NLO calculations

NLO prediction based on MCFM with different PDF sets

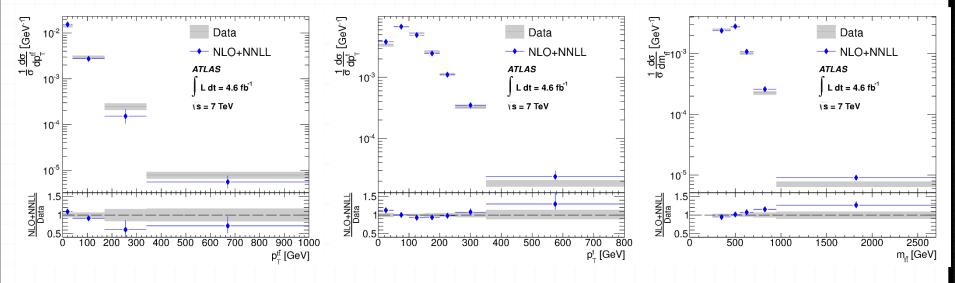
Uncertainty: scale (fixed) and PDF

- A small discrepancy between data and all predictions is observed in  $p_{T,t}$  at higher  $p_T$
- Overall better agreement with HERAPDF1.5
- Poor constraining power for  $p_{T,t\bar{t}}$ (LO observable)



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# Results: comparison with approximate NNLO calculations



NLO+NNLL prediction for  $p_{T,t}$  (N. Kidonakis, Phys. Rev. D82 (2010) 114030), for  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  (V. Ahrens et al., JHEP 1016 (2010) 097) and for  $p_{T,t\bar{t}}$  (Hua Xing Zhu et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 (2013) 082001) with the MSTW2008NNLO PDF

Theory uncertainty from the fixed scale variations and, only for  $p_{T,t}$ , from the alternate dynamic

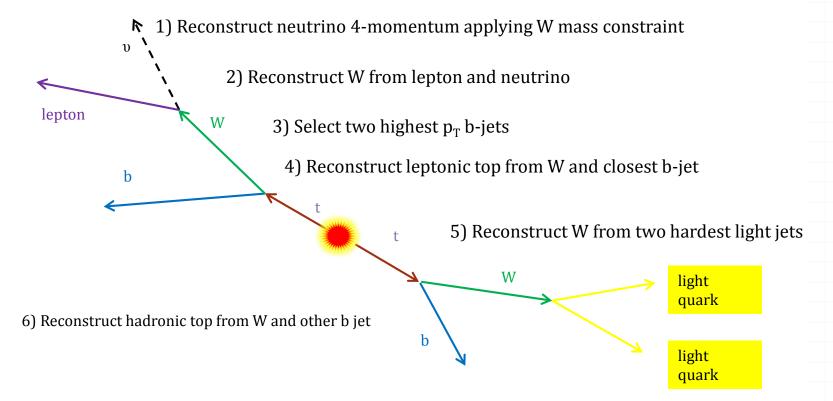
scale 
$$\mu = \sqrt{m_t^2 + p_{T,t}^2}$$

- As in the NLO calculation, the  $p_{T,t}$  spectrum in data seems softer
- Opposite trend appears for  $p_{T,t\bar{t}}$  spectrum
- The  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  spectrum is not well described by the NLO+NNLL prediction

## "Particle level" object definitions and selection

- Details can vary among the different analyses
- Leptons and jets are defined using particles with a mean lifetime  $\tau > 3 \times 10^{-11}$ s
- Prompt leptons (e/mu/nu) not generated by the decay of a hadron as well as leptons coming from the decay of a tau
- The electron and muon four-momenta are calculated after the addition of any photon fourmomenta, not originating from hadron decay that are found  $\Delta R < 0.1$  with respect to the lepton direction ("dressed" leptons)
- Ø Jets:
  - Reconstructed from all stable particles except for the selected electrons, muons and neutrinos, using the anti-kt algorithm (R = 0.4)
- - The presence of one or more b-hadrons with pT > 5 GeV associated to a jet defines it as a b-jet.
- Missing transverse energy
  - Vector sum the neutrinos four-momenta
- Events are "selected" at particle level by applying, to the particle level objects, the same requirements applied to the "reco level" objects

## **Pseudo-Top reconstruction**



The pseudo-tops reconstruction is identical at reco and particle level with the exclusion of the neutrino that at particle level is taken from truth

#### *tt* + jets differential cross section JHEP 01(2015)020

#### $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, \int L dt = 4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

 $\frac{d\sigma_{tt}}{dp_{T,jet}}$ : sensitive to the modelling of higher-order

QCD effects in MC

*•* Particle level measurement of  $\frac{d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}}{dN_{jets}}$  (with different cuts on  $p_{T,jet}$ ) and  $\frac{d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}}{dp_{T,jet}}$ 

*•* Limited by systematic uncertainties: background modelling (for  $n_{jets} < 4$ ) and jet energy scale  $(n_{jets} \ge 4)$ 

 $\frac{d\sigma_{tt}}{dN_{jets}}$ : sensitive to hard emissions in QCD bremsstrahlung processes.

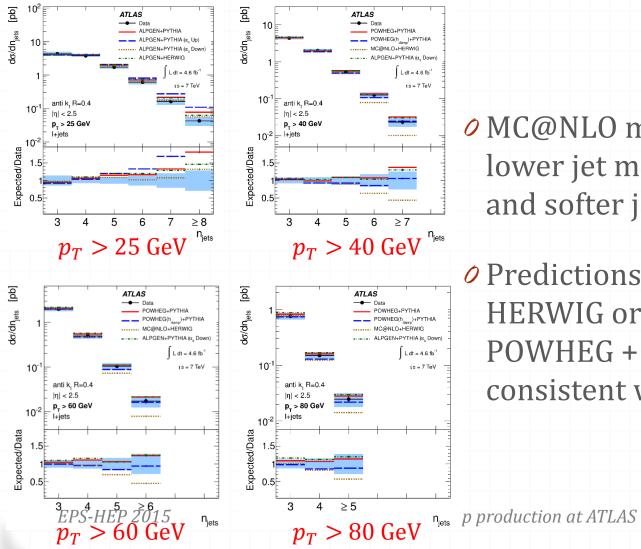
dσ/dn<sub>jets</sub> [pb]

dơ/dp<sub>T</sub> [pb/GeV] ATLAS ATLAS Data PGEN+PYTHIA POWHEG+PYTHIA PGEN+PYTHIA (α<sub>s</sub> Up) OWHEG(h\_\_\_\_)+PYTHIA 10 10<sup>-</sup> PGEN+PYTHIA (α, Down) L dt = 4.6 fb10-2 (s = 7 TeV anti k, R=0.4 anti k, R=0.4 10  $10^{-3}$ |n| < 2.5  $|\eta| < 2.5$ p\_ > 25 GeV Expected/Data 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Expected/Data 1 \_\_\_\_ I+jets I+iets 1.5 0.5 0.5 ino Romano - Top produ 31 10<sup>3</sup>  $10^{2}$ З 4 5 6 7 ≥8 n<sub>jets</sub> leading jet p\_ [GeV]

## Jet multiplicity in top-antitop final states

- Useful to constrain models of initial and final state radiation (ISR/FSR)
- Provides a test of perturbative QCD
- Single-lepton channel
  - o Four jet  $p_T$  thresholds: (25, 40, 60, and 80 GeV)
- Results are corrected for all detector effects through unfolding
- Measurement is limited by systematic uncertainties,
  background modelling (at lower jet multiplicities)
  jet energy scale (at higher jet multiplicities)

## Jet multiplicity in top-antitop final states



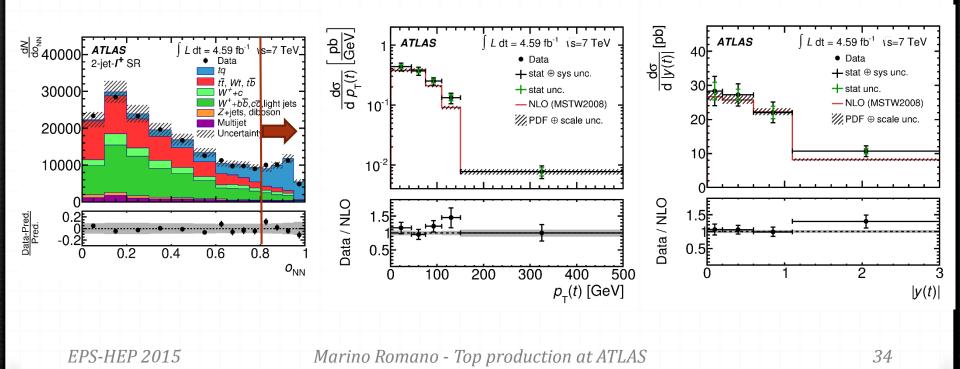
OMC@NLO modelling predicts a lower jet multiplicity spectrum and softer jets

Predictions from ALPGEN + HERWIG or PYTHIA and **POWHEG + PYTHIA are** consistent with the data

## Single top *t*-channel differential cross section Phys. Rev. D. 90, 112006 (2014)

 $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, \int L dt = 4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 

- Events selected in a high purity ( $O_{NN} > 0.8$ ) region
  - Allows the measurement of differential distributions
- Differential cross section as a function of  $p_T(t/\bar{t})$  and  $|y(t/\bar{t})|$ 
  - Reconstructed spectra corrected to parton level via unfolding procedures
- General good agreement with NLO predictions



 $V_{tb}$  extraction

A direct determination of  $V_{tb}$  can be extracted from the cross-sections measurements (*t*and *Wt*-channel)

Two general assumptions

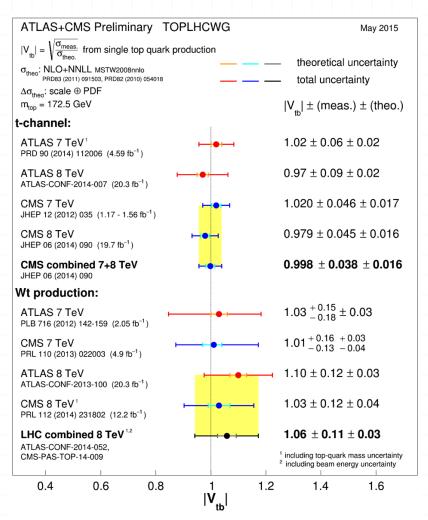
1. W - t - b interaction is left-handed

2. top quark production and decay through |Vts| and |Vtd| are negligible

|Vtb| is extracted by the ratio

$$|V_{tb}f|^2 = \frac{\sigma_{st}^{exp}}{\sigma_{st}^{th}}$$

Where, for the SM, f = 1



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proton-proton collisions at 13 TeV centre-of-mass energy Run: 266919 Event: 19982211 2015-06-04 00:21:24

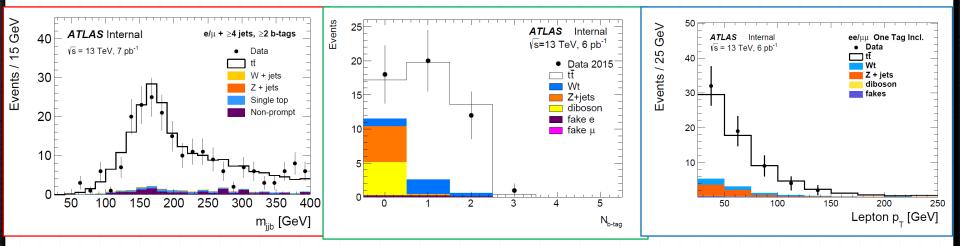
Top quarks are being produced at 13 TeV as we speak!



### Event Kinematic Distributions in Top-Quark Enriched Samples Placeholder for pub note

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- Ø Monte Carlo predictions have been scaled to match the normalisation of the data
- Single lepton  $(e/\mu)$  and dilepton  $(e/\mu\mu/e\mu)$  channel
- Within the limited statistics, the shape of the kinematic distributions appear well modeled

#### Plots to be approved for EPS



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 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, \int Ldt = 6/7 \text{ pb}^{-1}$