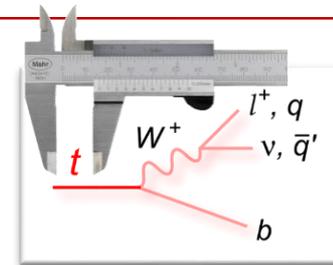




## 1.) Measuring top quarks with the highest precision and at record energies using the ATLAS detector at the LHC



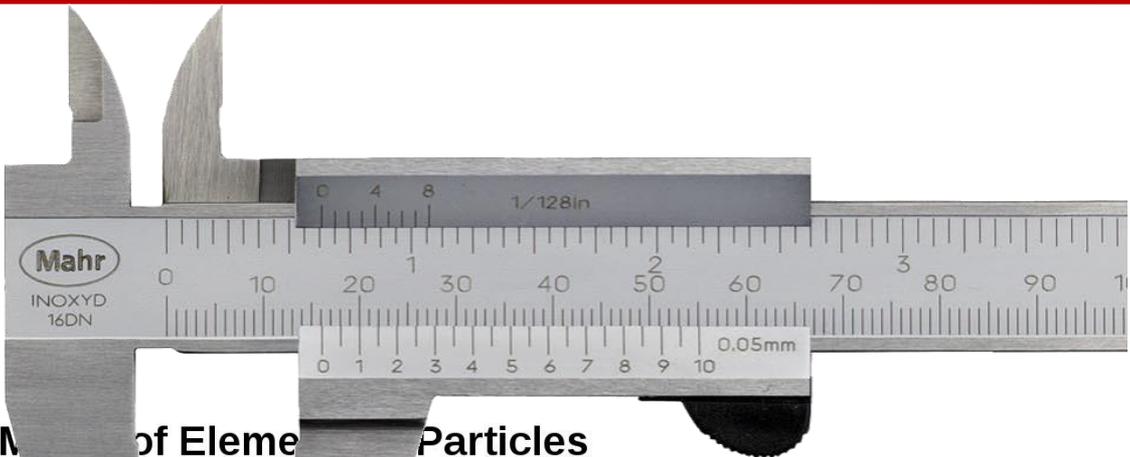
## 2.) “Hedgehog” events at the LHC revisited



**Leonid Serkin**

Departamento de Física de Altas Energías  
Instituto de Ciencias Nucleares (ICN-UNAM), México

# Measuring top quarks



### Standard Model of Elementary Particles

	three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)	
	I	II	III		
mass	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 124.97 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
charge	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	0
spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0
	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>g</b> gluon	<b>H</b> higgs
	<b>d</b> down	<b>s</b> strange	<b>b</b> bottom	<b><math>\gamma</math></b> photon	
	<b>e</b> electron	<b><math>\mu</math></b> muon	<b><math>\tau</math></b> tau	<b>Z</b> Z boson	
	<b><math>\nu_e</math></b> electron neutrino	<b><math>\nu_\mu</math></b> muon neutrino	<b><math>\nu_\tau</math></b> tau neutrino	<b>W</b> W boson	

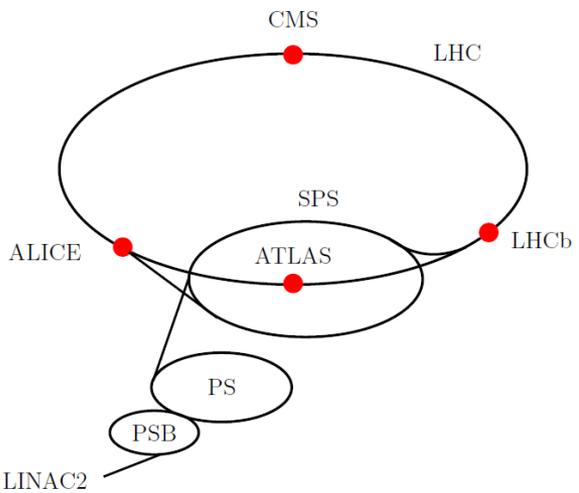
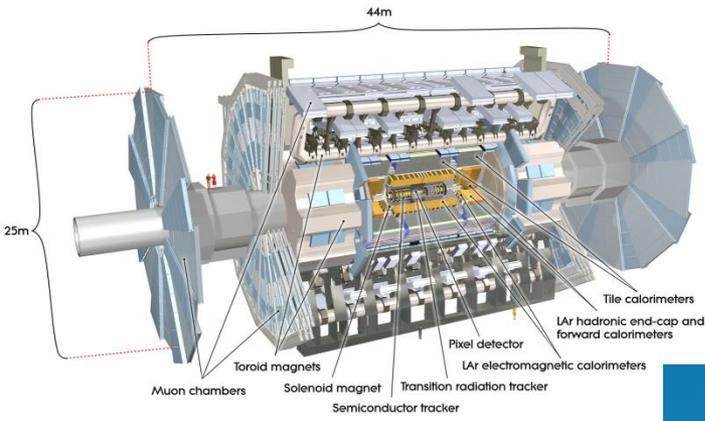
**QUARKS** (left side of the fermion table)

**LEPTONS** (left side of the fermion table)

**GAUGE BOSONS VECTOR BOSONS** (bottom of the boson table)

**SCALAR BOSONS** (right side of the boson table)

# Measuring top quarks with the ATLAS detector at the LHC



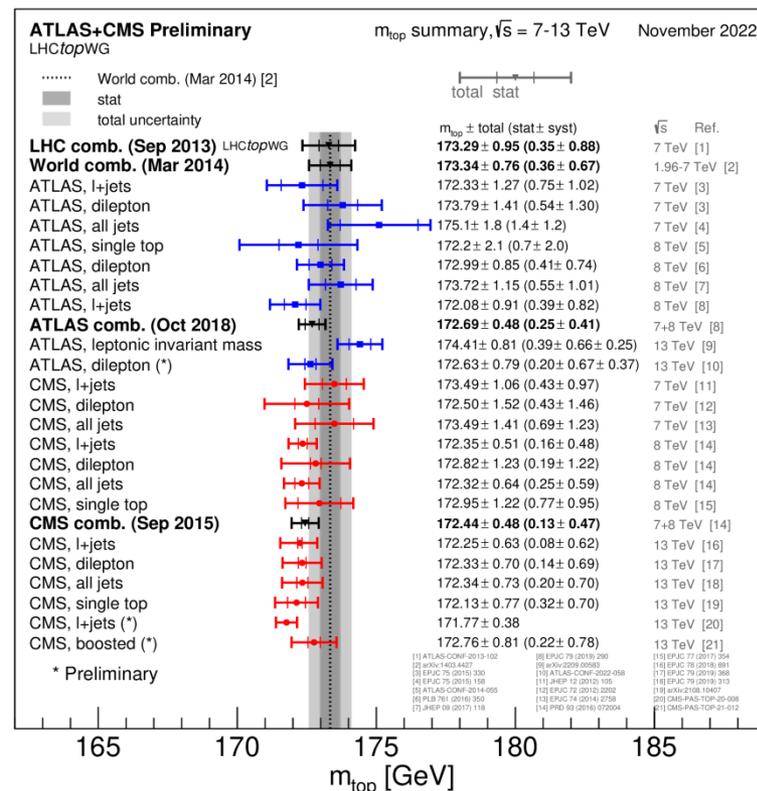
- The top quark is the heaviest known elementary particle described by SM and has a mass of 172.5 GeV (similar to the mass of a gold nucleus, which contains 197 protons and neutrons)

- Due to its large mass, the predicted top quark lifetime ( $\sim 5 \times 10^{-25}$  s) implies that it decays before forming hadrons

- Inclusive top-quark-pair production cross-section  $\sigma(t\bar{t})$  is a standard candle that allows us to test QCD predictions.

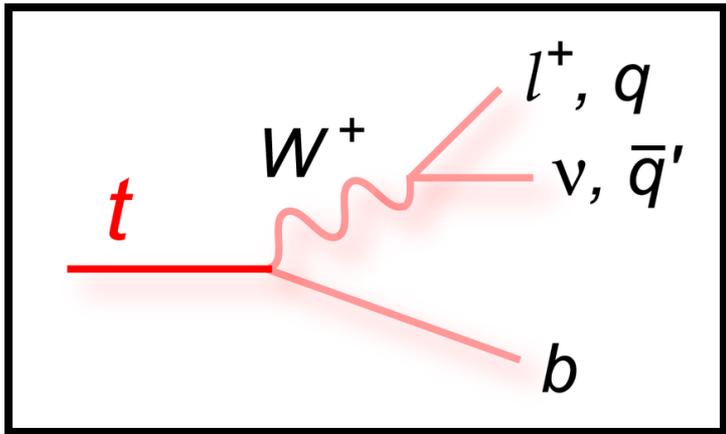
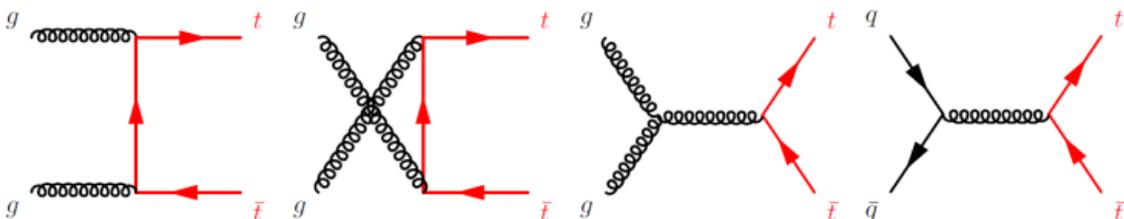
- Today will focus on two latest measurements with my direct and leading contribution as a member of the ATLAS Collaboration while **measuring the inclusive top-quark-pair production cross-section:**

- ✓ highest precision measurement ever achieved in ATLAS
- ✓ measurement at record centre-of-mass energy ever achieved at the LHC



# The top quark production and decay

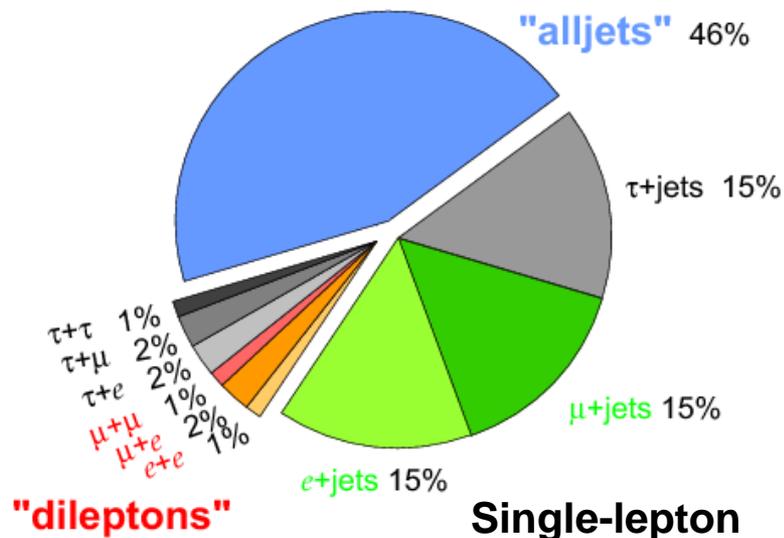
- Top quark pair production governed by strong interaction:

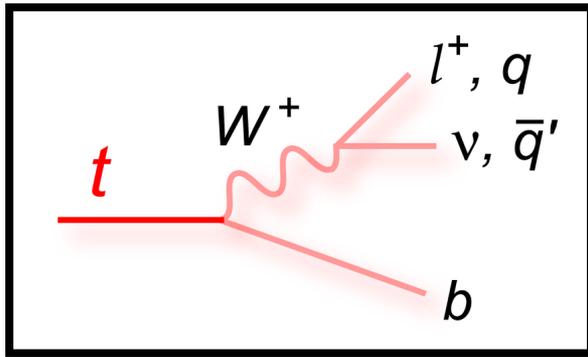


- The top quark decays almost 100% to a W-boson and b-quark ( $V_{tb} \sim 1$ ), and the final state topology is given W-boson decays:

Decay mode	Branching fraction [%]
$W \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	$67.41 \pm 0.27$ (6/9)
$W \rightarrow e\bar{\nu}_e$	$10.71 \pm 0.16$ (1/9)
$W \rightarrow \mu\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$10.63 \pm 0.15$ (1/9)
$W \rightarrow \tau\bar{\nu}_\tau$	$11.38 \pm 0.21$ (1/9)

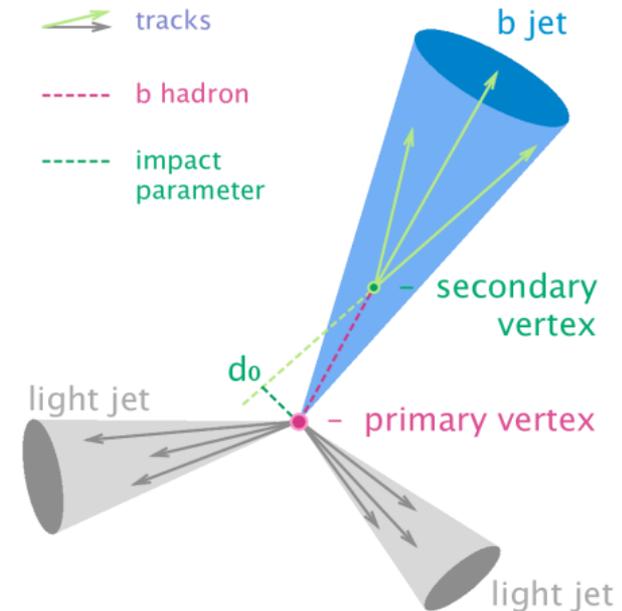
Top Pair Branching Fractions





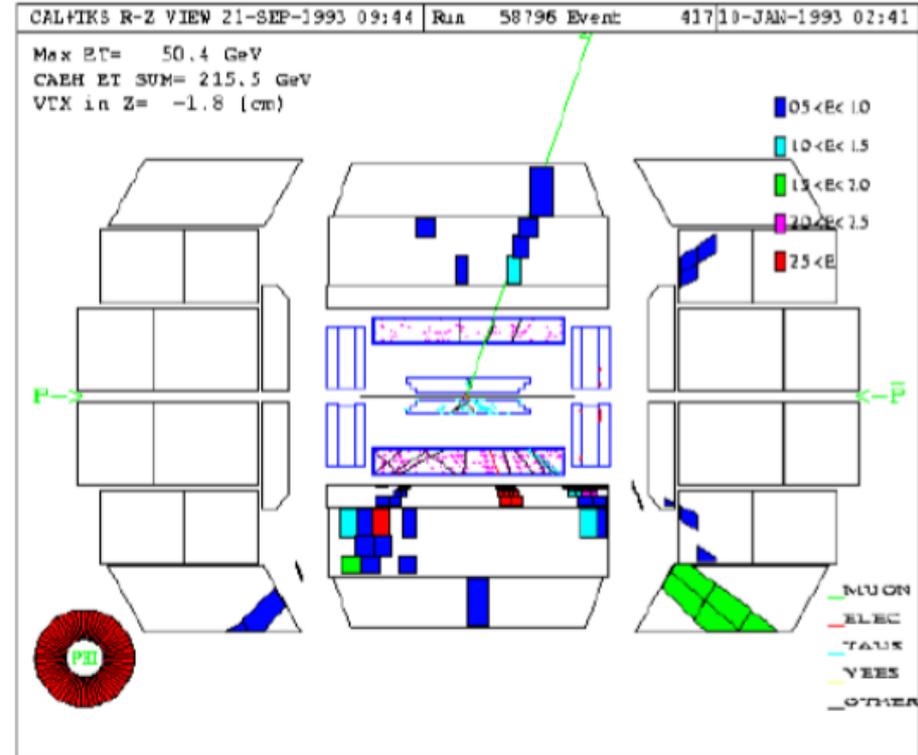
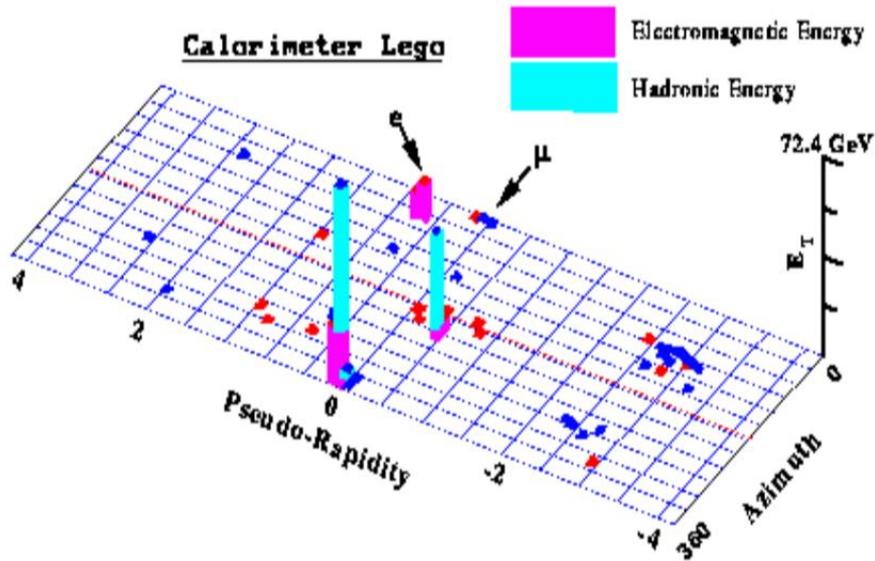
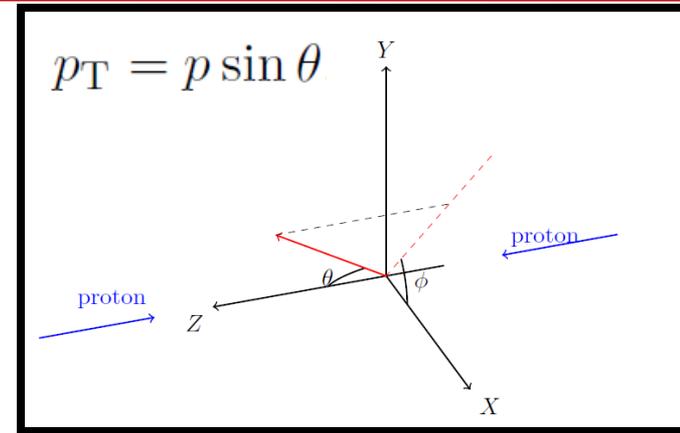
- Very peculiar experimental signature:
  - collimated sprays of particles (jets)
  - charged leptons (electrons and muons)
  - missing transverse energy (associated to neutrinos)

- Algorithms used to identify b-tagged jets (jets likely to contain a b-hadron)
  - The b-hadron has a long lifetime (1.5ps for  $B^0$ ) and hence can travel few millimetres before decay
  - The algorithms are based on displaced vertex and jet shape information
  - Using multivariate discriminants to identify the origin of the jets: b-tagged, c-tagged and light-jets



# Top quark discovery at Tevatron

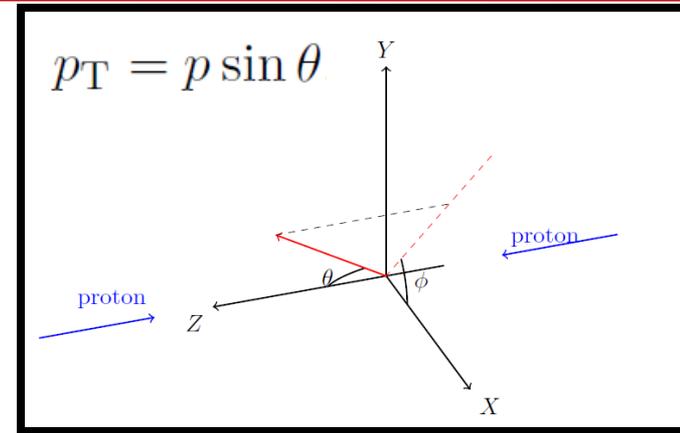
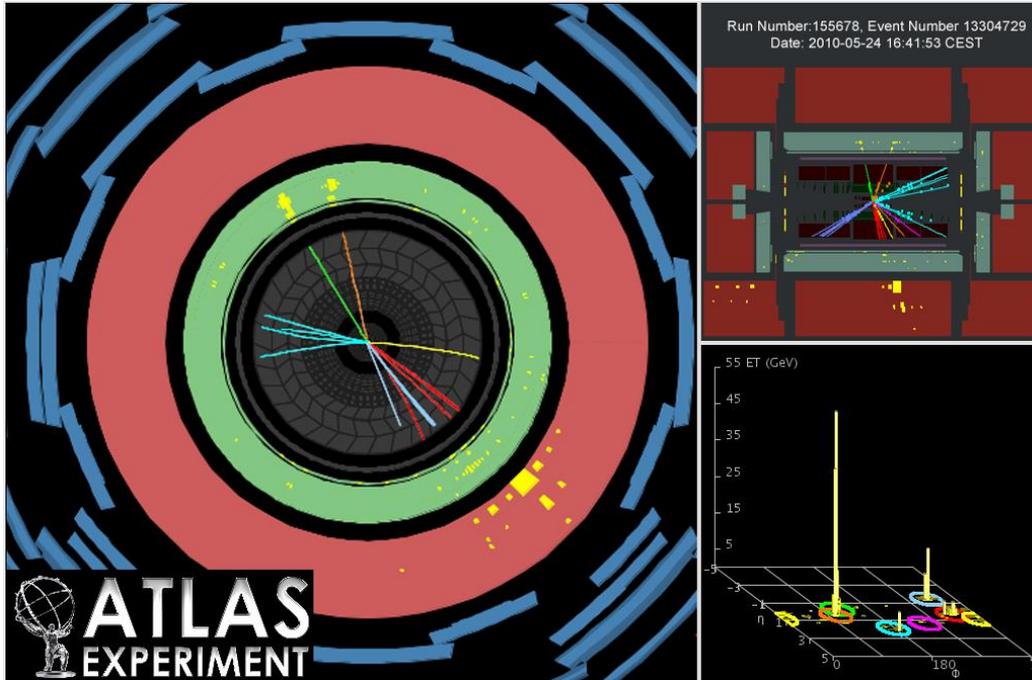
- The first top quarks were observed in CDF and D0 detectors in 1995 at Fermilab proton-antiproton collider at a center-of-mass energy ( $\sqrt{s}$ ) of 1.8 TeV



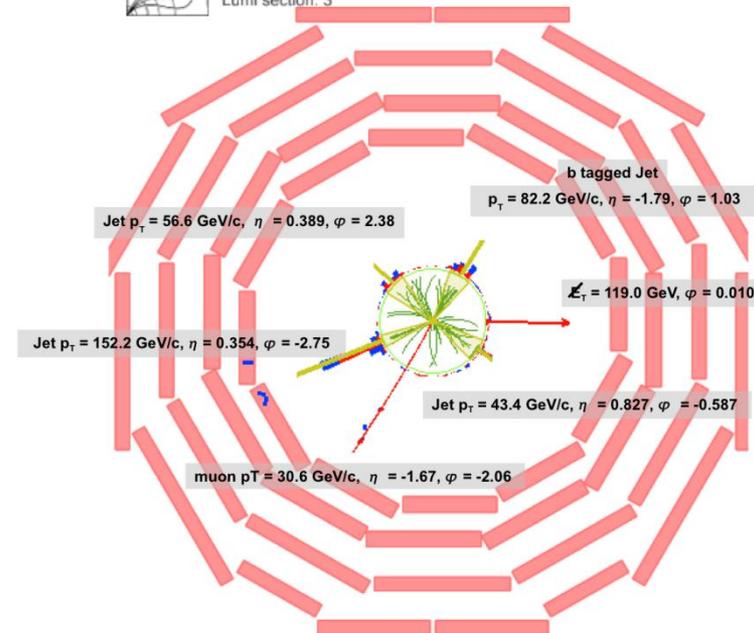
$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \right) = -\ln \tan \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

# Top quark re-discovery at the LHC

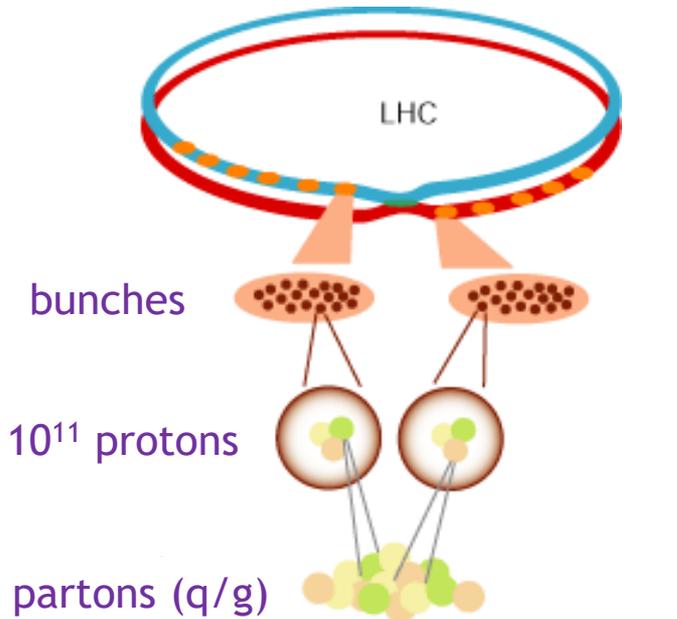
- First top quark pair production candidates were observed at the LHC in 2010 at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV



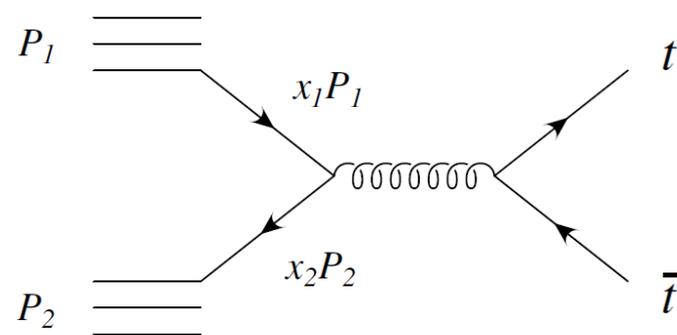
CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN  
 Data recorded: Wed Jul 14 03:32:41 2010 CEST  
 Run/Event: 140124 / 1749068  
 Lumi section: 3



$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \right) = -\ln \tan \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

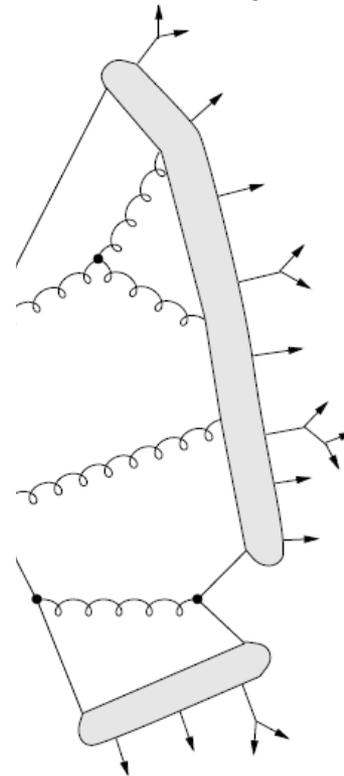


The ATLAS and CMS experiments at the LHC have accumulated millions of top quark events ( $\sim 500$  top quark pairs per minute), sustained by data from the LHCb experiment in forward regions

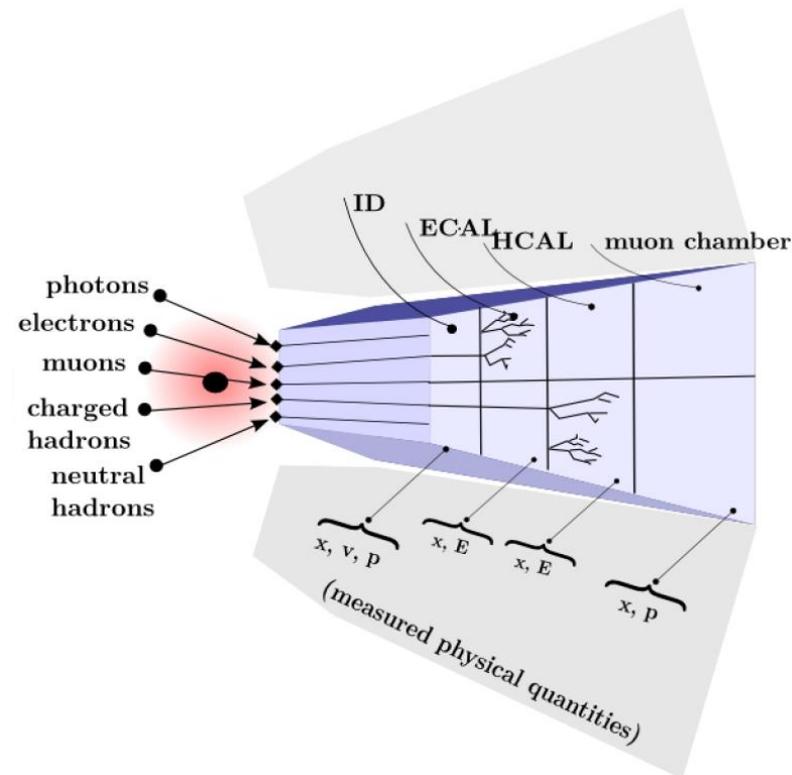


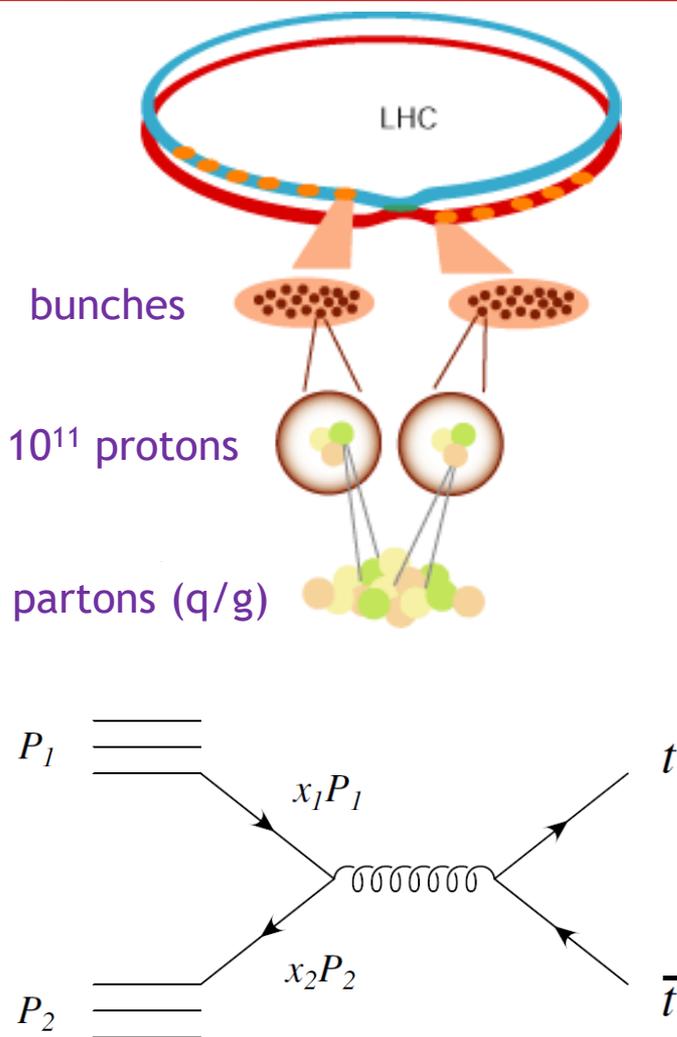
The hard interaction is described in terms of cross-section ( $\sigma$ )

Hadronisation process



Final states are measured by different detectors



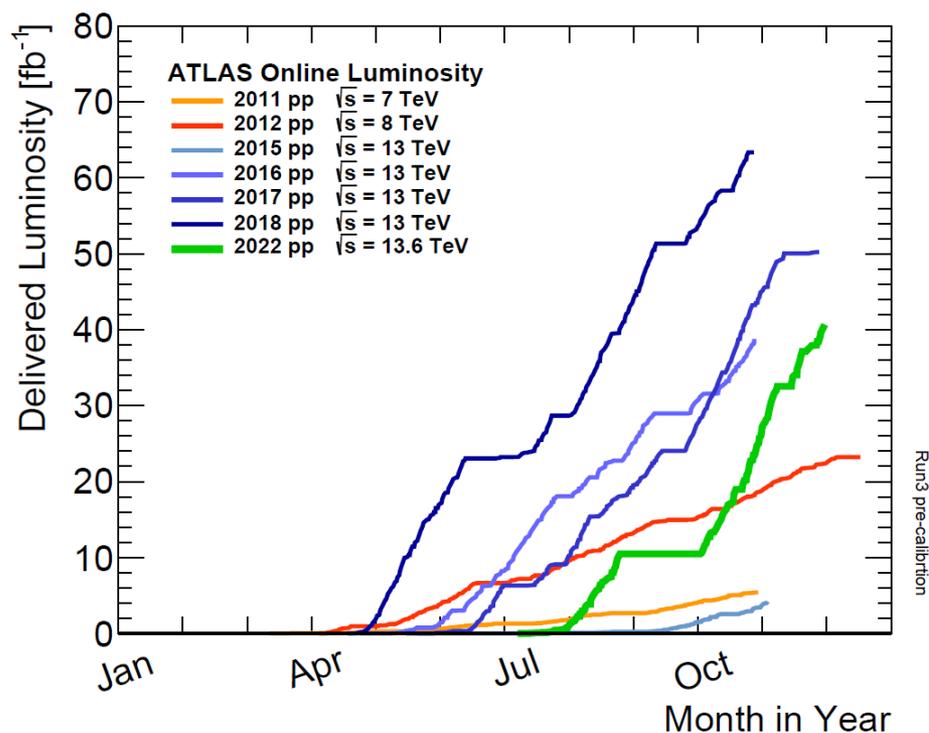


For a given process, the number of events that occur per second at the LHC is:

$$N = L\sigma$$

where L is the instant. luminosity (# of collisions per unit of time and transverse section of the beams)

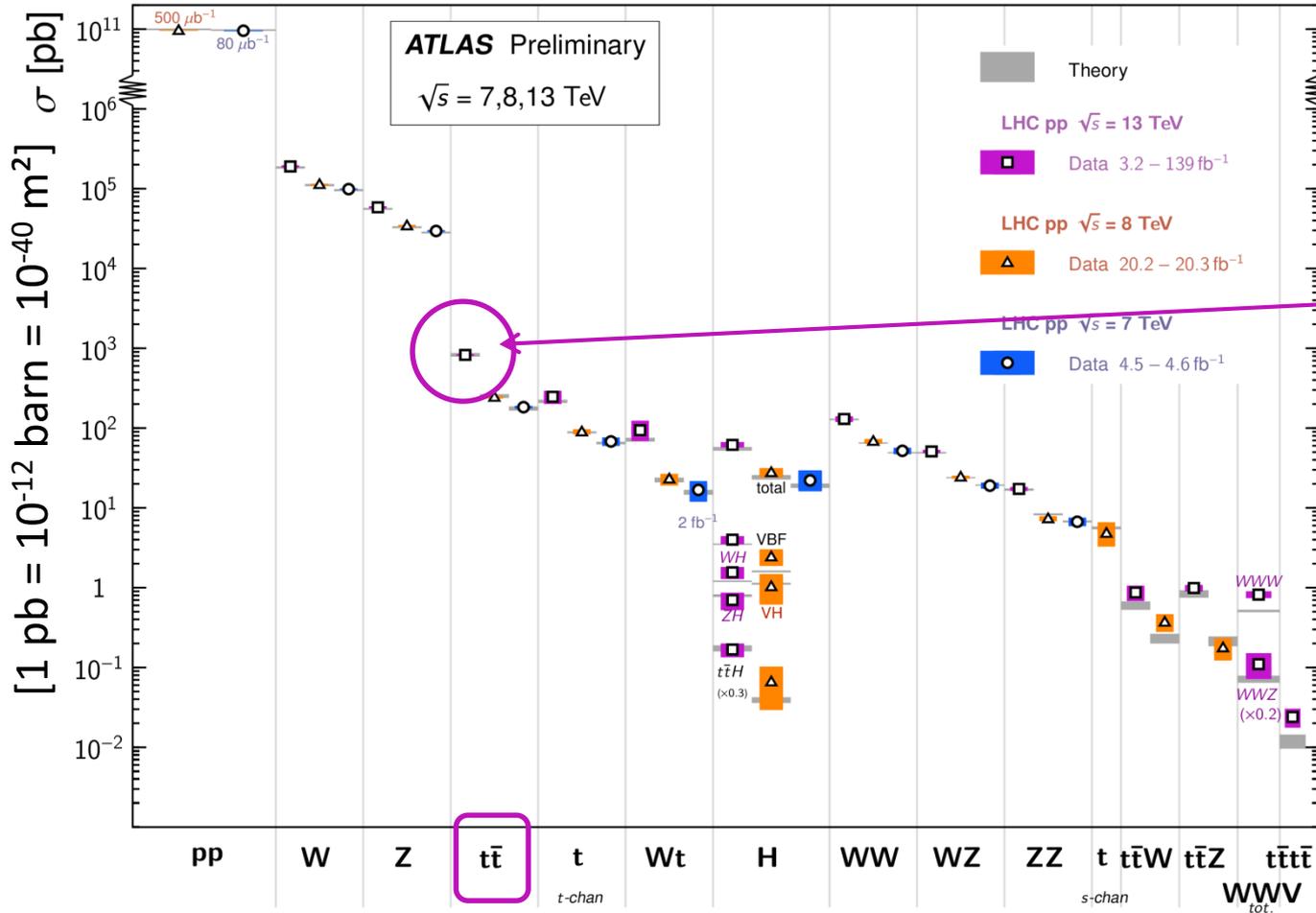
The hard interaction is described in terms of cross-section ( $\sigma$ )



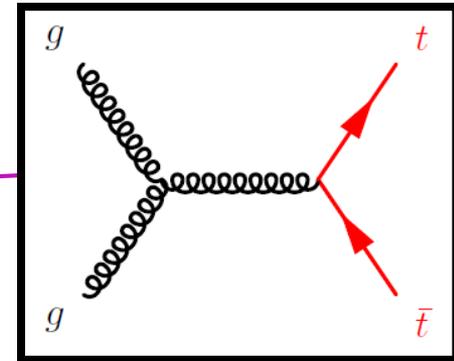
# Top quark production cross-section at the LHC

Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: February 2022

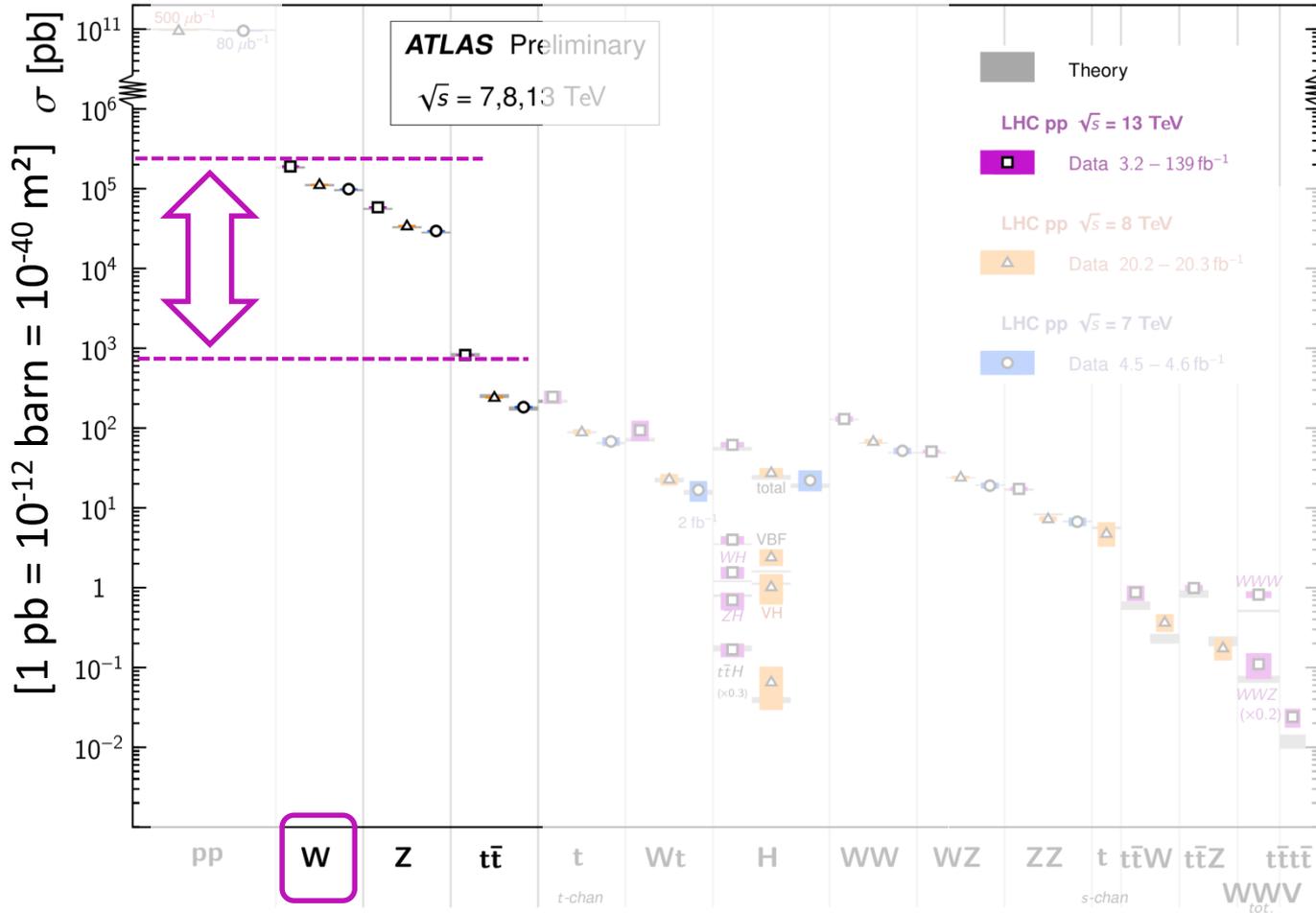


Top-quark-pair production cross-section @ 13 TeV  
 ~800 pb

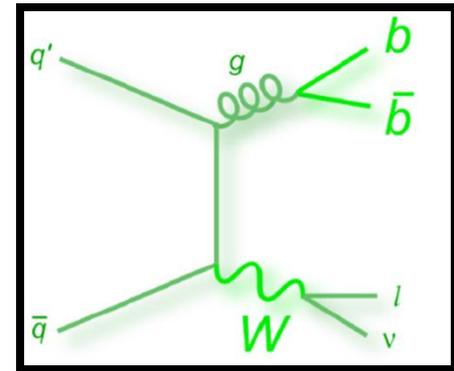
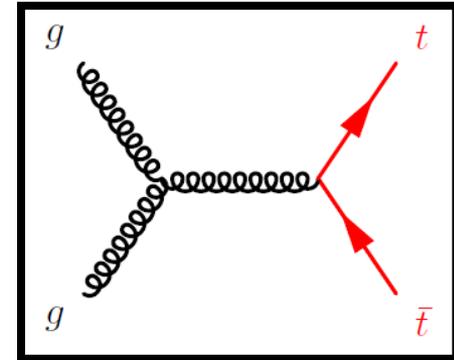


## Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: February 2022



Top-quark-pair production cross-section @ 13 TeV  
 ~800 pb



The production of a W boson in association with jets has a similar final state but a cross-section which is two orders of magnitude higher than that of top quark pairs!

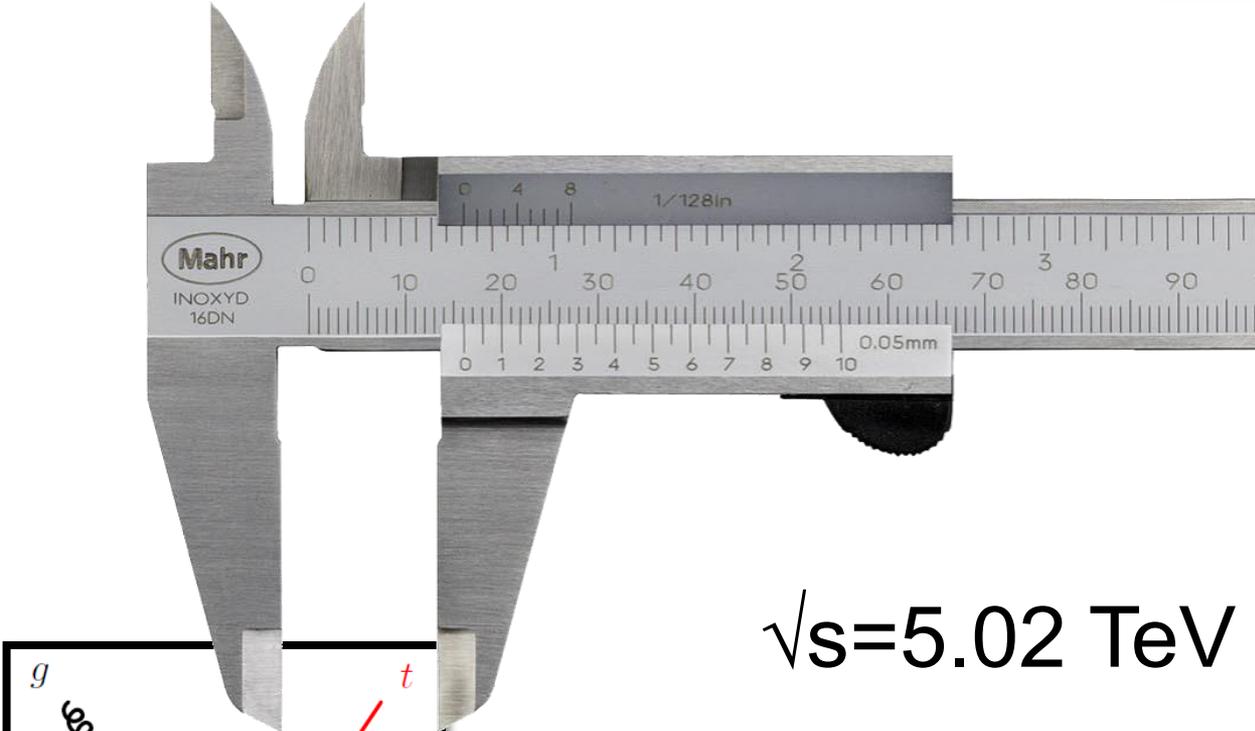
# Measuring $\sigma(ttbar)$ at $\sqrt{s}=5.02$ TeV with ATLAS

July 2022: [arXiv:2207.01354](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.01354)

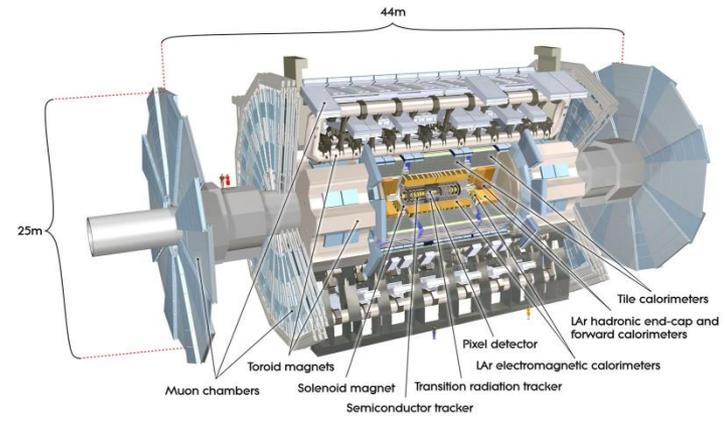
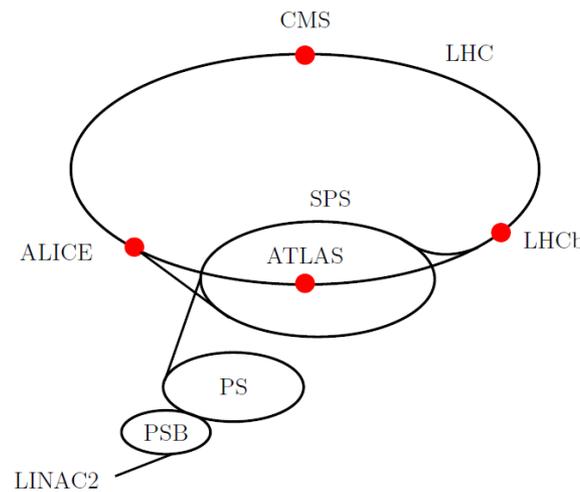
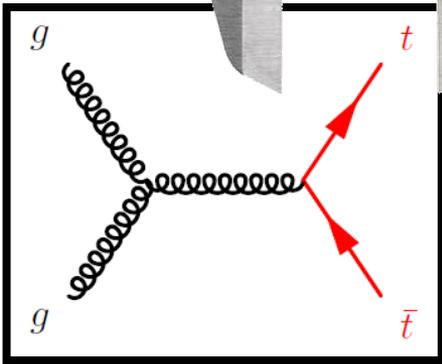
[CERN Courier Sep/Oct 2022](#)

ATLAS  
**Low-pileup data pin down top-quark production**

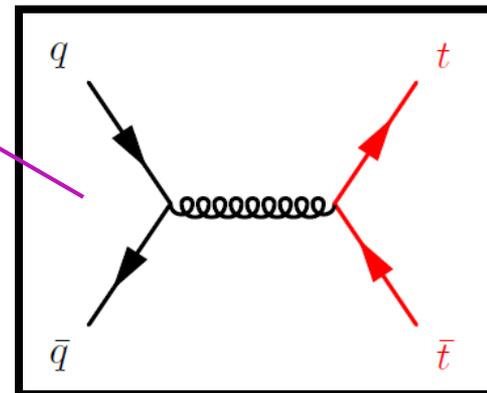
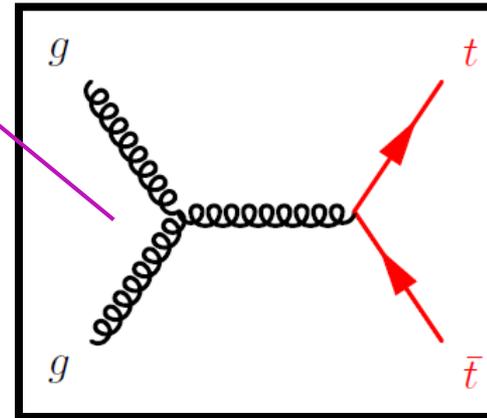
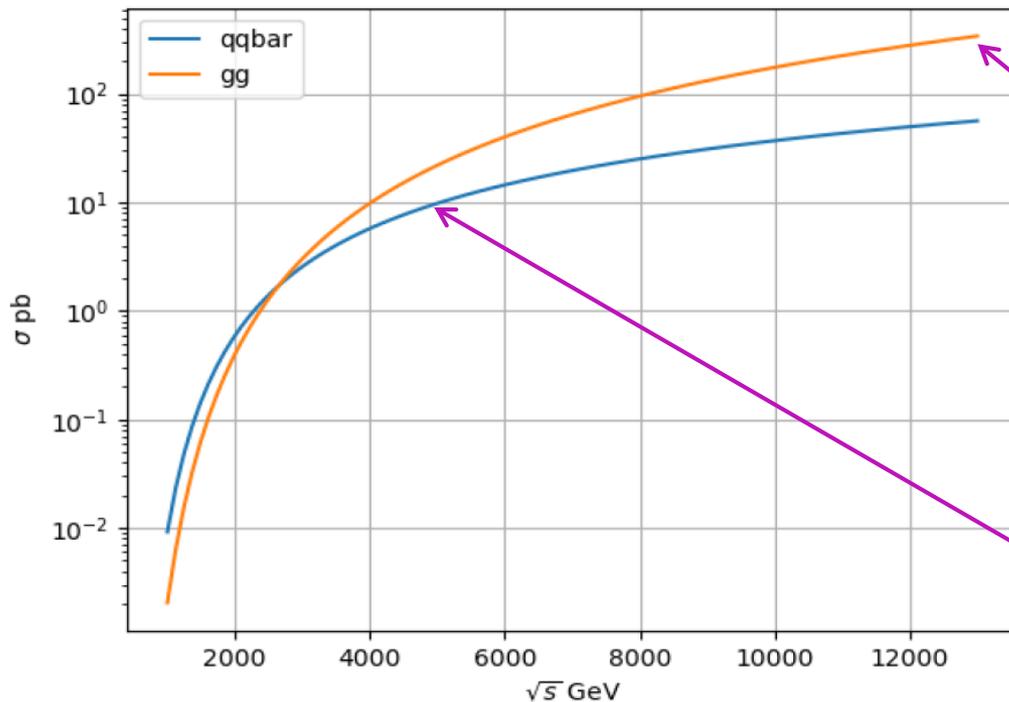
The top quark – the heaviest known elementary particle – differs from the other quarks by its much larger mass and a lifetime that is shorter than the time needed to form hadronic bound states. Within the Standard Model (SM), the top quark decays almost exclusively into a W boson and a b-quark, and the dominant production mechanism in proton-proton (pp) collisions is top-quark pair ( $t\bar{t}$ ) production. Measurements of  $t\bar{t}$  production at various pp centre-of-mass energies at the LHC probe different values of Bjorken-x, the fraction of the proton's longitudinal momentum carried by the parton participating in the initial interaction. In particular, the fraction of  $t\bar{t}$  events produced through quark-antiquark annihilation increases from 11% at 13 TeV to 25% at 5.02 TeV. A measurement of the  $t\bar{t}$  production cross-section thus places additional constraints on the proton's parton distribution functions (PDFs), which describe the probabilities of finding quarks and gluons at particular x values.

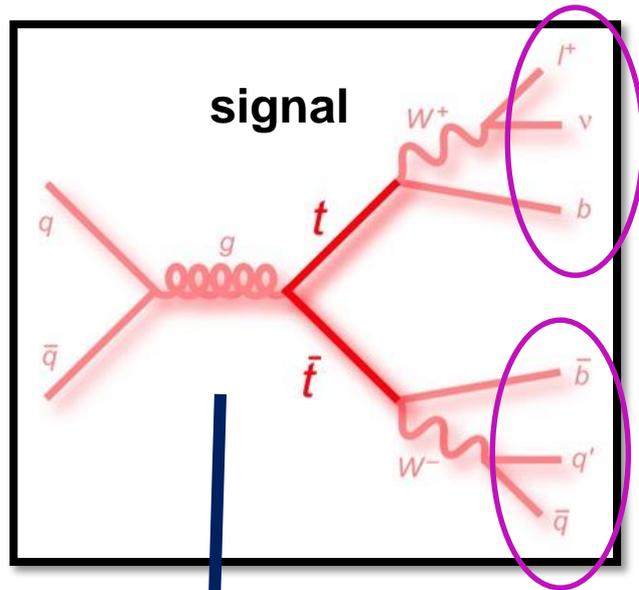


## $\sqrt{s}=5.02$ TeV

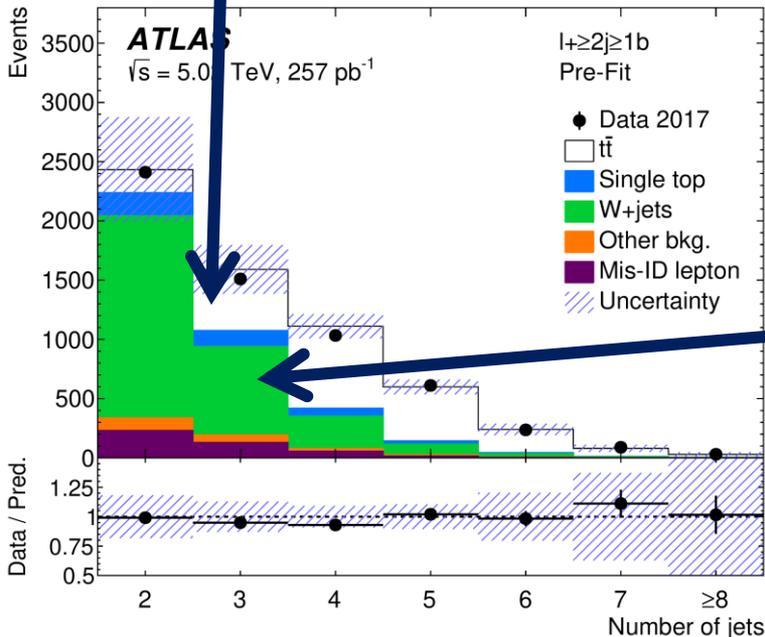


- In Nov. 2017, ATLAS recorded one week of pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=5.02$  TeV, with the main motivation of providing a proton reference sample for the heavy-ion analyses
- Also provided a unique opportunity to study top-quark production at a previously unexplored energy in ATLAS:
  - ✓ 25% of qqbar-initiated events, compared to 11% at 13 TeV

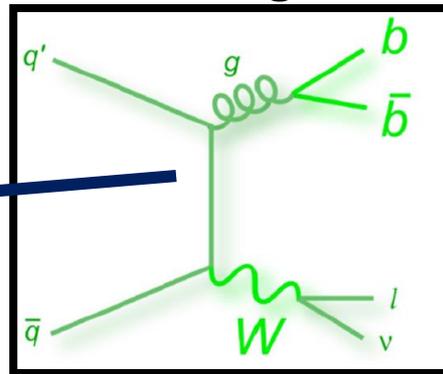




- The single-lepton final state arising from  $t\bar{t}$  decay is characterised by a charged lepton, a neutrino, and at least four jets, out of which two are b-tagged jets.
- First, define a trigger to remove different overwhelming background, i.e. select events that pass either a single-electron or a single-muon trigger.
- Select events that contain exactly one electron or muon candidate with  $p_T > 25$  GeV,  $\geq 2$  jets, 1 or 2 b-jets with  $p_T > 20$  GeV, and  $MET > 30$  GeV



## main background



- Monte Carlo (MC) simulated event samples are used to develop the analysis procedures, evaluate signal and background contributions, and compare the predicted distributions with data.

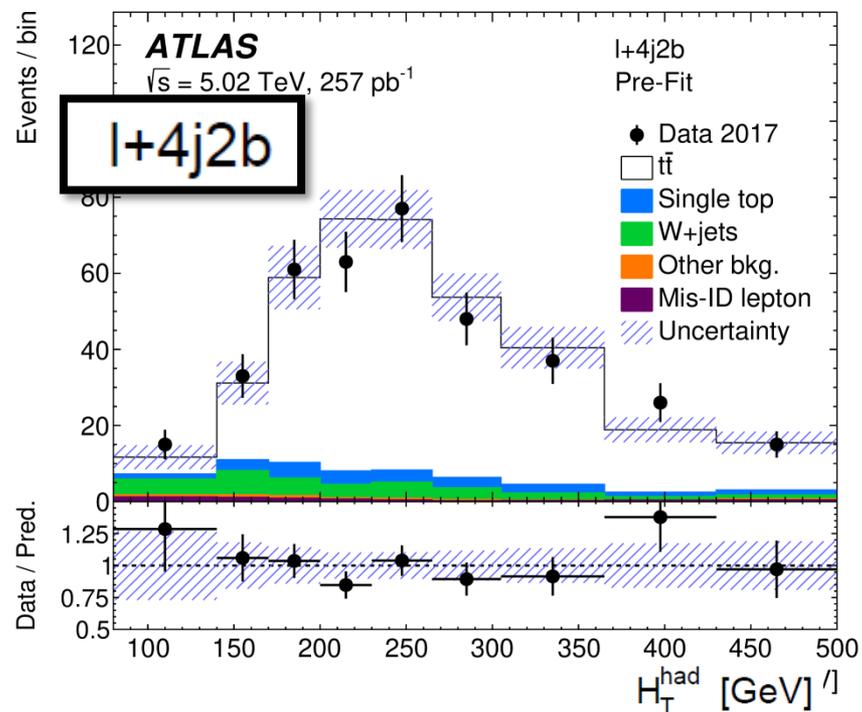
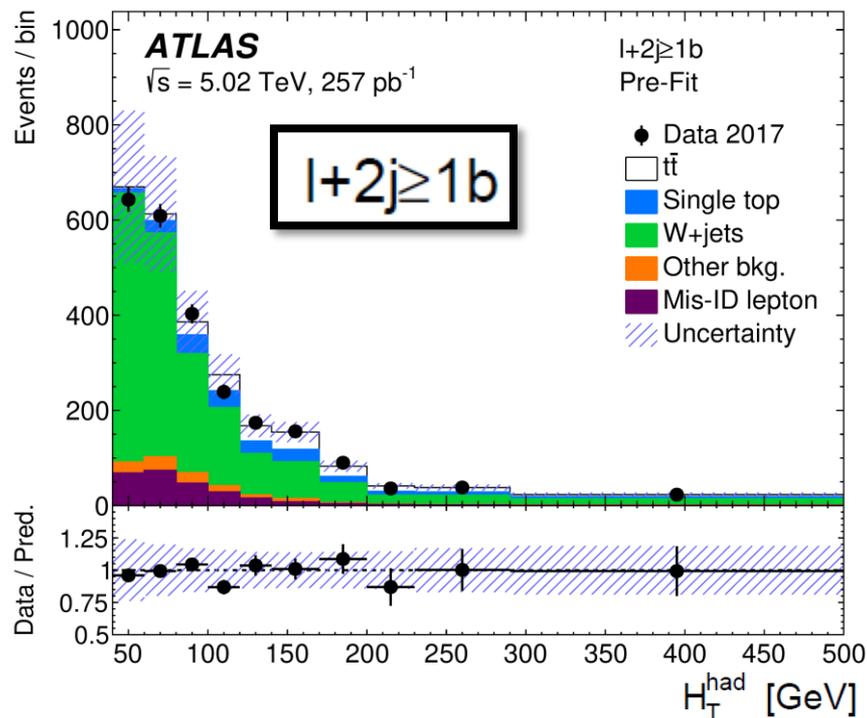
- Events passing the selection requirements were further split into six orthogonal regions based on number of jets and b-tagged jets

REGION NAME	JET MULTIPLICITY	b-JET MULTIPLICITY
$\ell+2j \geq 1b$	2	$\geq 1$
$\ell+3j \ 1b$	3	1
$\ell+3j \ 2b$	3	2
$\ell+\geq 4j \ 1b$	$\geq 4$	1
$\ell+4j \ 2b$	4	2
$\ell+\geq 5j \ 2b$	$\geq 5$	2

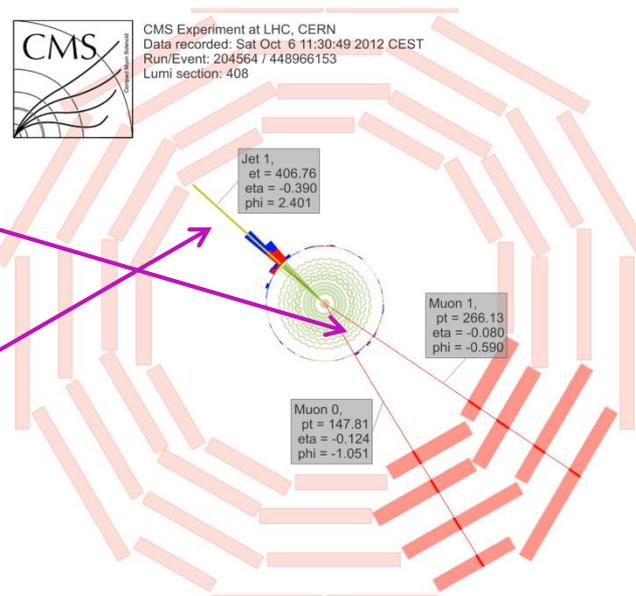
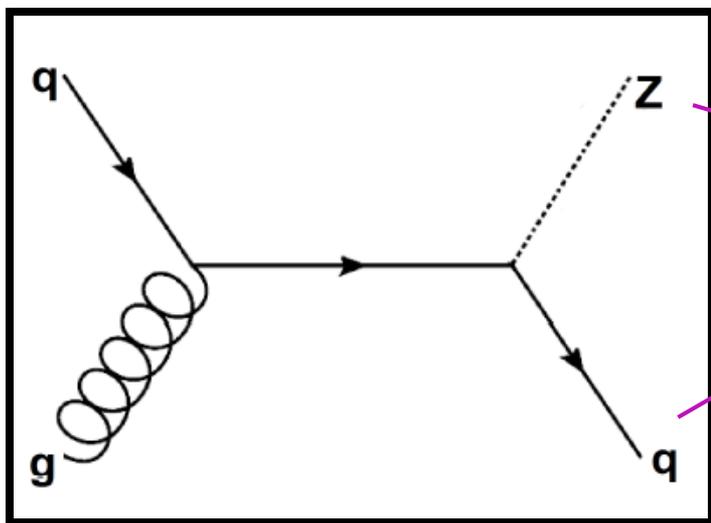
	$\ell + 2j \geq 1b$	$\ell + 3j \ 1b$	$\ell + 3j \ 2b$	$\ell + \geq 4j \ 1b$	$\ell + 4j \ 2b$	$\ell + \geq 5j \ 2b$
$t\bar{t}$	$194 \pm 27$	$310 \pm 33$	$199 \pm 24$	$690 \pm 60$	$318 \pm 32$	$380 \pm 60$
Single top	$195 \pm 22$	$98 \pm 12$	$38 \pm 5$	$67 \pm 9$	$22 \pm 4$	$15.9 \pm 2.7$
W+ jets	$1700 \pm 400$	$690 \pm 210$	$58 \pm 23$	$350 \pm 120$	$30 \pm 14$	$19 \pm 10$
Other bkg.	$110 \pm 40$	$55 \pm 23$	$7.2 \pm 3.0$	$29 \pm 12$	$3.5 \pm 1.5$	$3.7 \pm 1.7$
Misidentified leptons	$250 \pm 130$	$110 \pm 60$	$10 \pm 5$	$60 \pm 30$	$6 \pm 3$	$8 \pm 5$
Total	$2500 \pm 400$	$1260 \pm 210$	$312 \pm 34$	$1200 \pm 160$	$380 \pm 40$	$430 \pm 70$
Data	2411	1214	293	1135	375	444

- Events passing the selection requirements were further split into six orthogonal regions based on number of jets and b-tagged jets
- ✓ This separation created subsamples with different levels of signal and background, each having an excellent agreement of rates and shapes

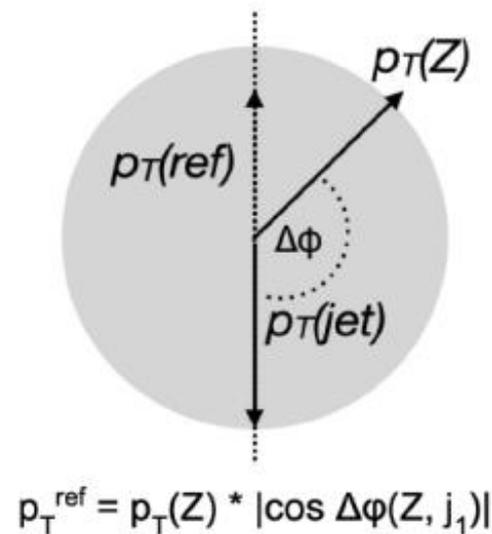
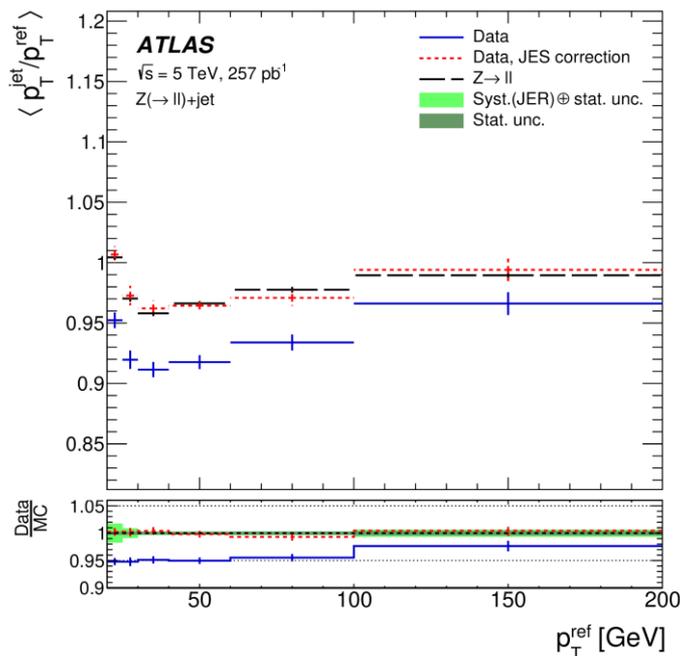
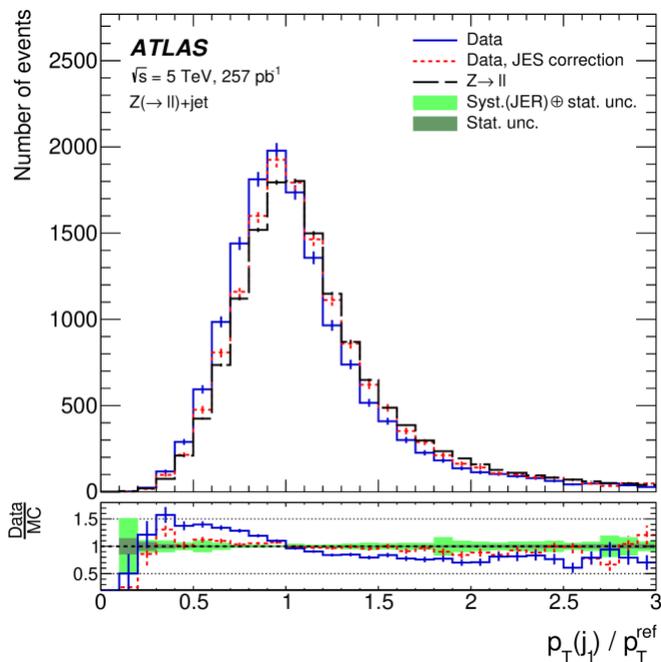
REGION NAME	JET MULTIPLICITY	b-JET MULTIPLICITY
$\ell+2j \geq 1b$	2	$\geq 1$
$\ell+3j$ 1b	3	1
$\ell+3j$ 2b	3	2
$\ell+\geq 4j$ 1b	$\geq 4$	1
$\ell+4j$ 2b	4	2
$\ell+\geq 5j$ 2b	$\geq 5$	2



- The majority of the data was recorded with a mean number of two inelastic pp collisions per bunch crossing compared to roughly 35 collisions during 13 TeV runs.
- Due to much lower pileup conditions and lower underlying event, the ATLAS calorimeter cluster noise thresholds were adjusted accordingly, and a dedicated jet-energy scale and resolution calibration had to be performed.
- The technique called “Z+jet balance” exploits the transverse momentum balance between the jet recoiling a Z-boson (that decays to electrons or muons)
- To first order, the sum of all transverse momenta in an event at ATLAS should be zero. A non-zero sum of  $p_T$  in an event from a process containing jets could indicate a flaw with the jet energy calibration.



- Select same-flavour opposite-sign lepton pair such as the dilepton mass is between  $81 < m(\text{ll}) < 101$  GeV (the Z-boson candidates)
- Look for a recoiling jet, i.e. events with a back-to-back topology of jet wrt. to the Z-boson (azimuth  $\Delta\phi > 2.8$ )

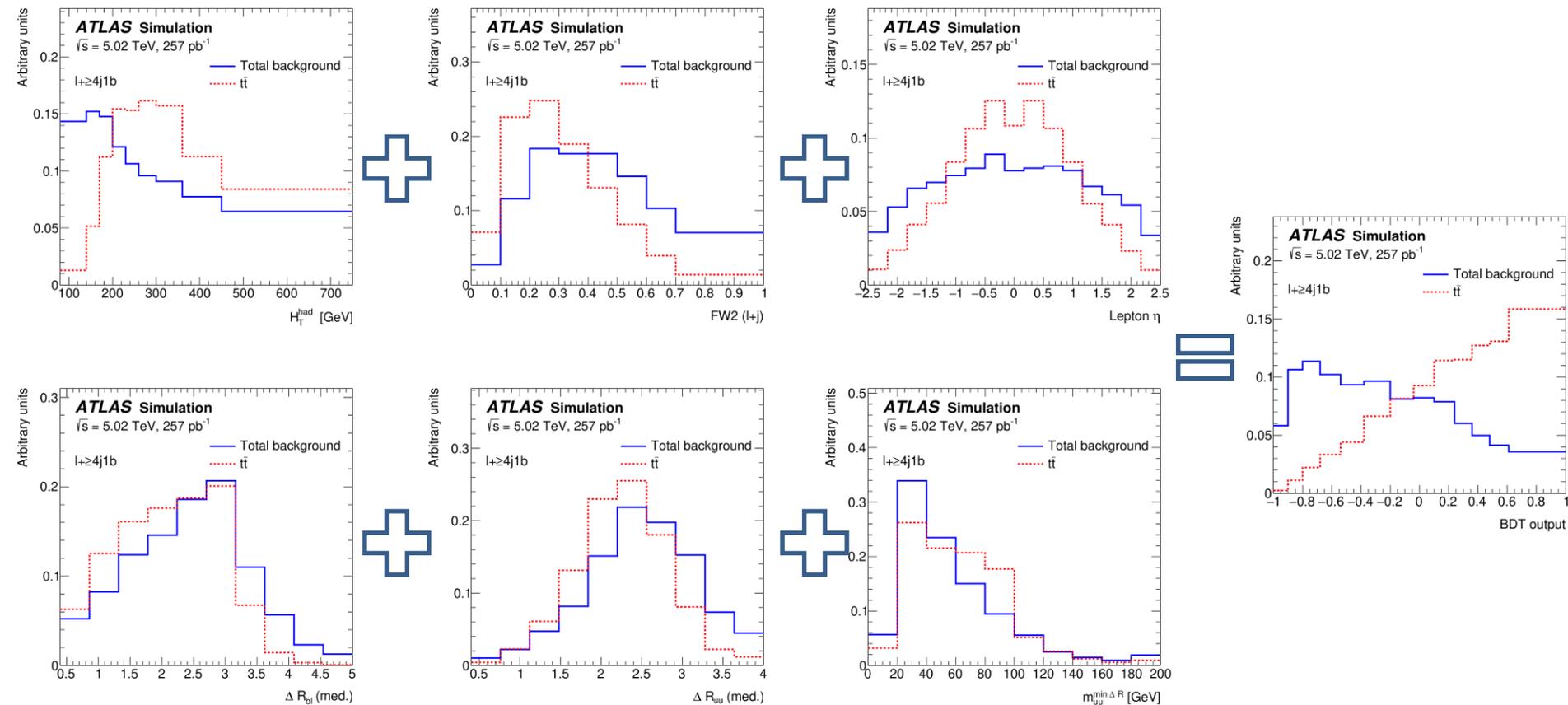


$$p_T^{\text{ref}} = p_T(\text{Z}) * |\cos \Delta\phi(\text{Z}, j_1)|$$

- Measure  $p_T(\text{reference})$  and  $p_T(\text{jet}) / p_T(\text{reference})$  in data and in MC simulations: must be balanced in the transverse plane! Then correct the jet energy scale and resolution of data events!

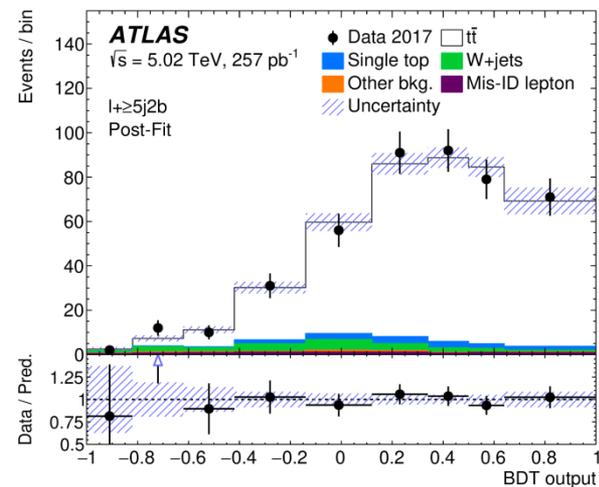
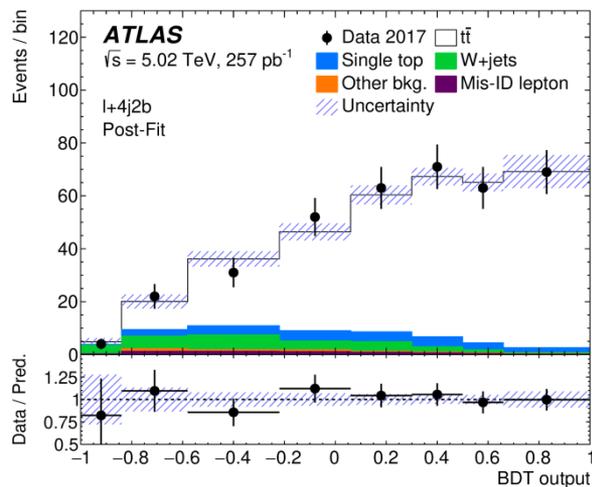
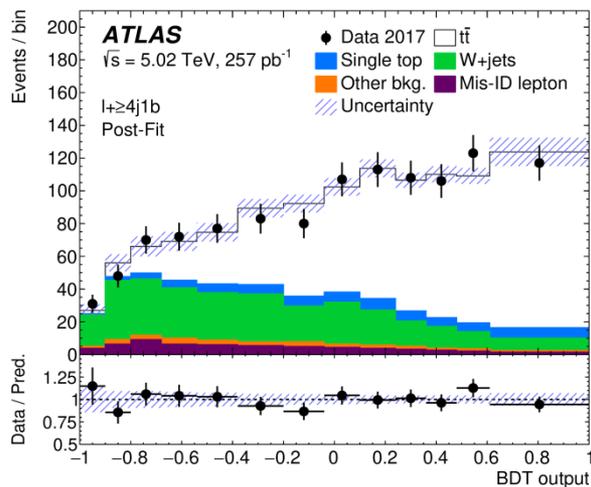
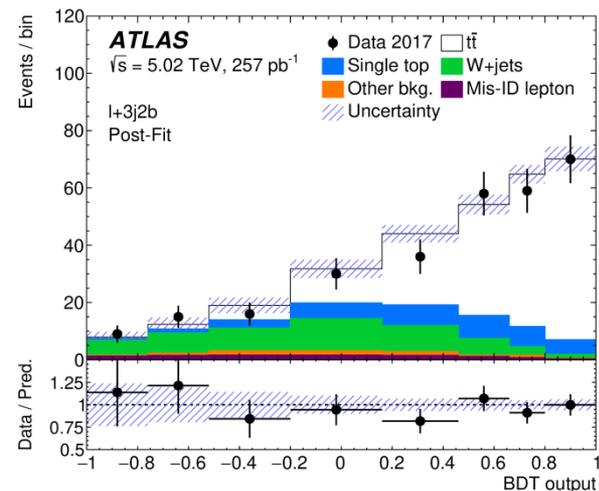
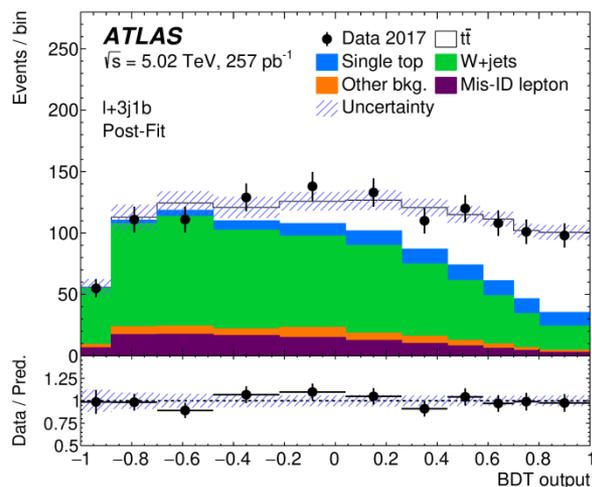
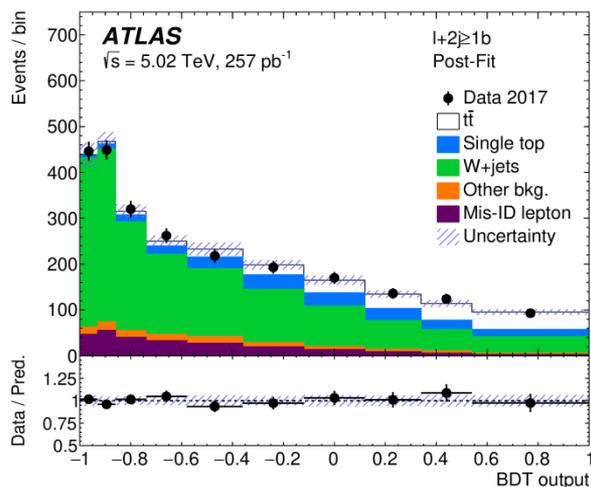
# $t\bar{t}$ at $\sqrt{s}=5.02$ TeV: signal vs background

- Boosted Decision Trees (BDT) are used to separate the signal events from background events and extract the  $t\bar{t}$  production cross-section
- 6 variables chosen to have good signal-to-background separation and in combination provided greater separation than other choices



# $t\bar{t}$ at $\sqrt{s}=5.02$ TeV: BDT in single-lepton channel

- Compare the shapes of the BDT outputs in each region with data
- Interpreted by a statistical model that employs the expected distributions for both the background and signal contributions in the six regions.



Category	$\delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ [%]		
	Dilepton	Single lepton	Combination
$t\bar{t}$ generator <sup>†</sup>	1.2	1.0	0.8
$t\bar{t}$ hadronisation <sup>*,†</sup>	0.3	0.9	0.7
$t\bar{t}$ $h_{\text{damp}}$ and scale variations <sup>†</sup>	1.0	1.1	0.8
$t\bar{t}$ parton-distribution functions <sup>†</sup>	0.2	0.2	0.2
Single-top background	1.1	0.8	0.6
$W/Z$ +jets background*	0.8	2.4	1.8
Diboson background	0.3	0.1	< 0.1
Misidentified leptons*	0.7	0.3	0.3
Electron identification/isolation	0.8	1.2	0.8
Electron energy scale/resolution	0.1	0.1	< 0.1
Muon identification/isolation	0.6	0.2	0.3
Muon momentum scale/resolution	0.1	0.1	0.1
Lepton-trigger efficiency	0.2	0.9	0.7
Jet-energy scale/resolution	0.1	1.1	0.8
$\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV JES correction	0.1	0.6	0.5
Jet-vertex tagging	< 0.1	0.2	0.2
Flavour tagging	0.1	1.1	0.8
$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	0.1	0.4	0.3
Simulation statistical uncertainty*	0.2	0.6	0.5
Data statistical uncertainty*	6.8	1.3	1.3
Total systematic uncertainty	3.1	4.2	3.7
Integrated luminosity	1.8	1.6	1.6
Beam energy	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total uncertainty	7.5	4.5	3.9

- Largest uncertainties: luminosity (1.6%), signal and background modelling, object reconstruction

- Single-lepton: 4.2% total systematic uncertainty and 1.3% data statistical

- Dilepton measurement: 6.8% data statistical uncertainty

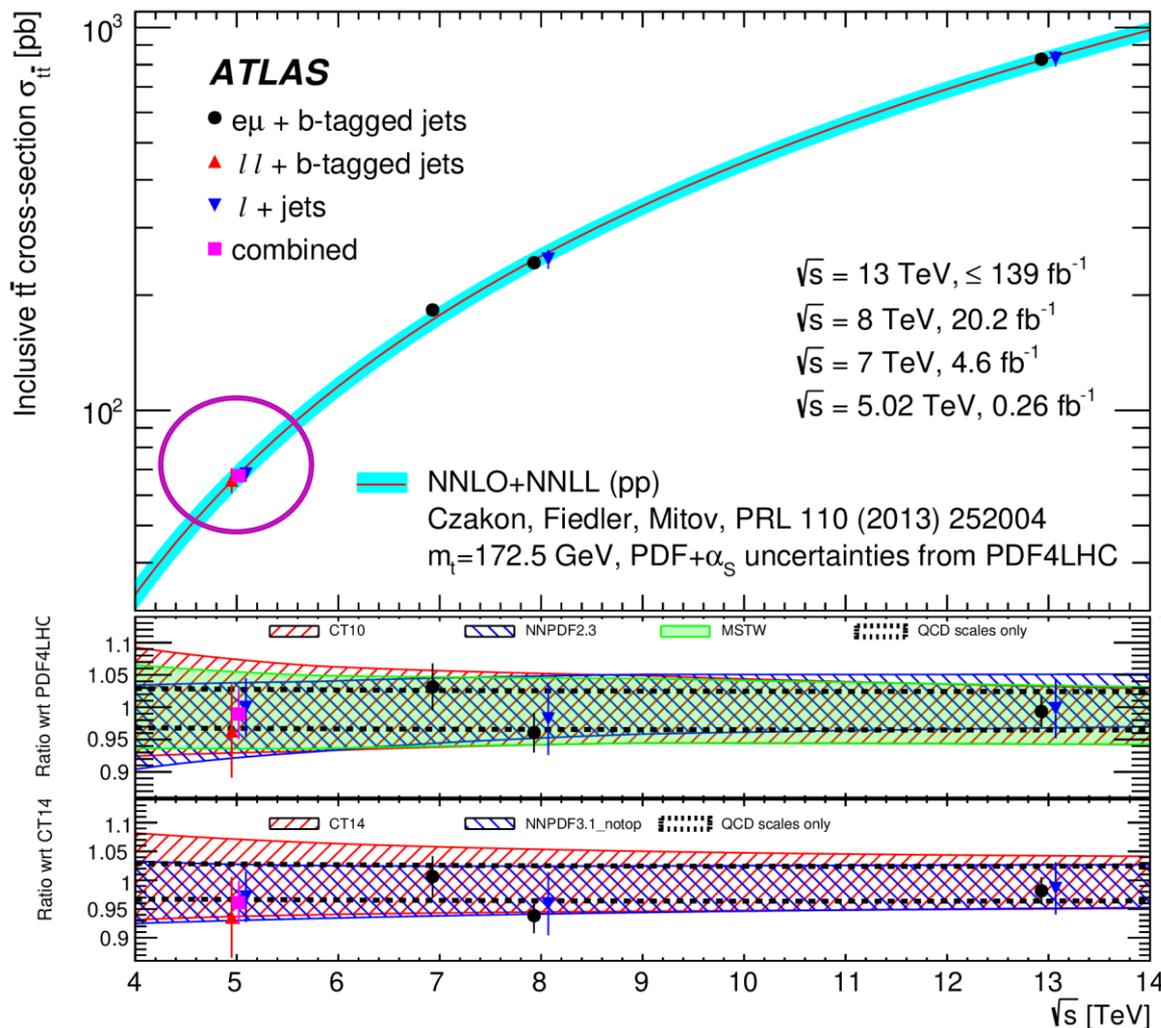
- **Combination** of both single-lepton and dilepton channels leads to a final uncertainty of just 3.9%.

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 67.5 \pm 0.9(\text{stat.}) \pm 2.3(\text{syst.}) \pm 1.1(\text{lumi.}) \pm 0.2(\text{beam}) \text{ pb}$$

(3.9% precision)

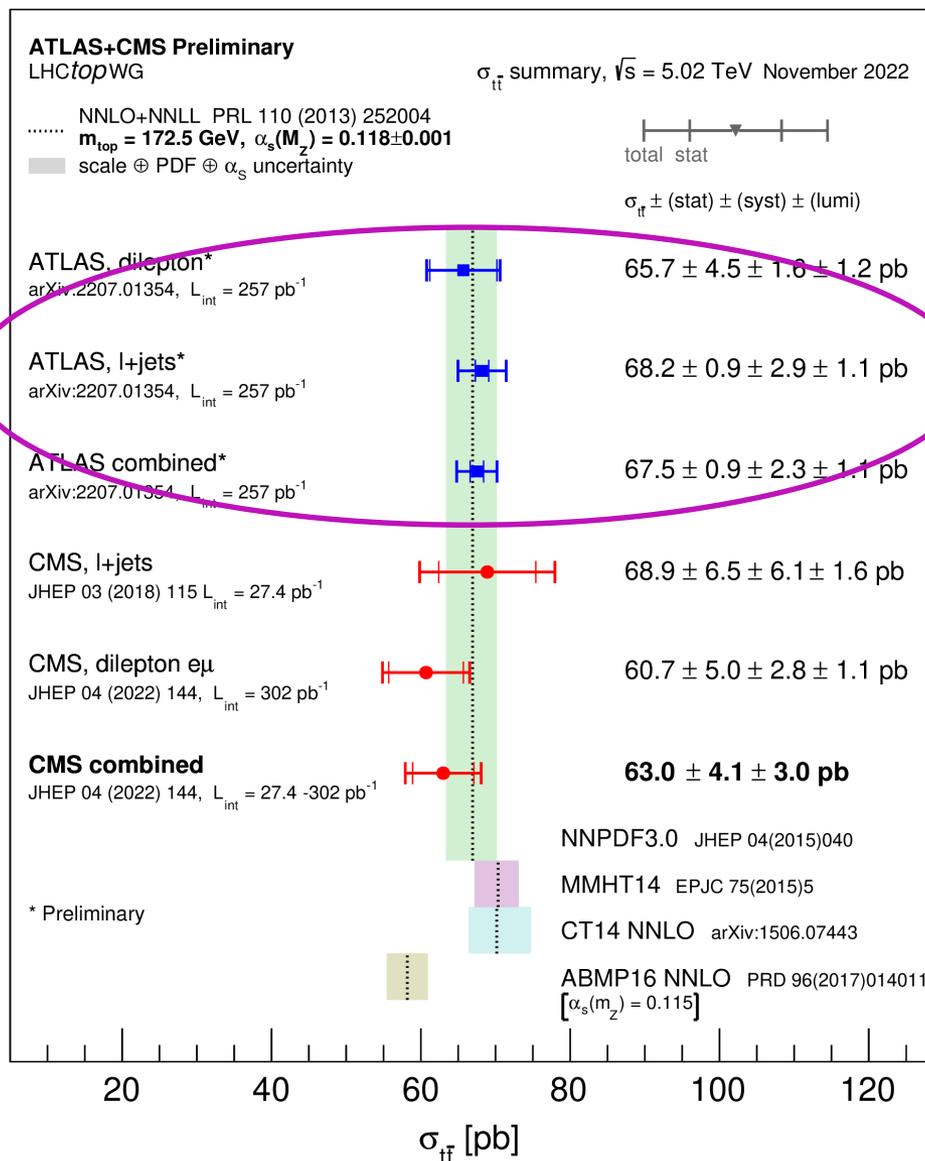
- Result is consistent with the NNLO+NNLL QCD prediction of  $68.2 \pm 5.2$  pb, and exceed the relative precision of theoretical calculations (7.6%)

- Most precise single-lepton result in ATLAS, even more precise than the 13 TeV [result](#) that used ~500 more data



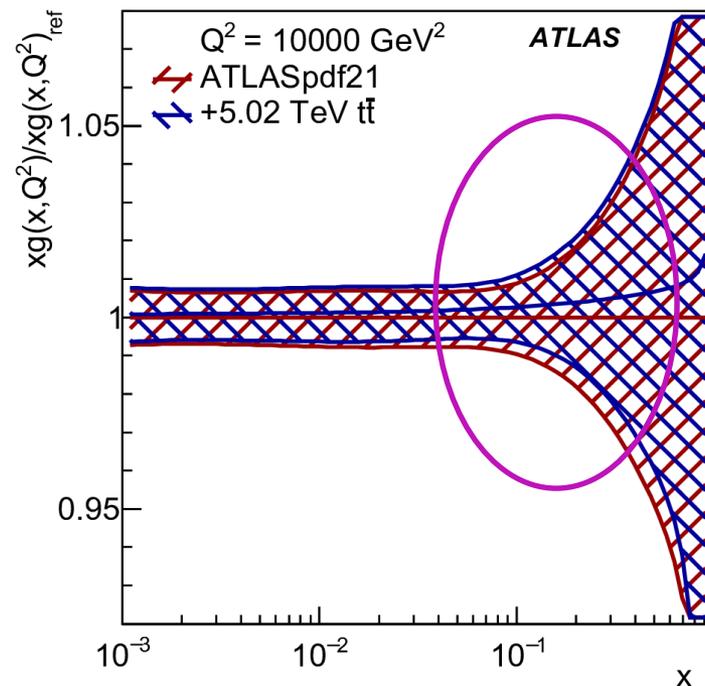
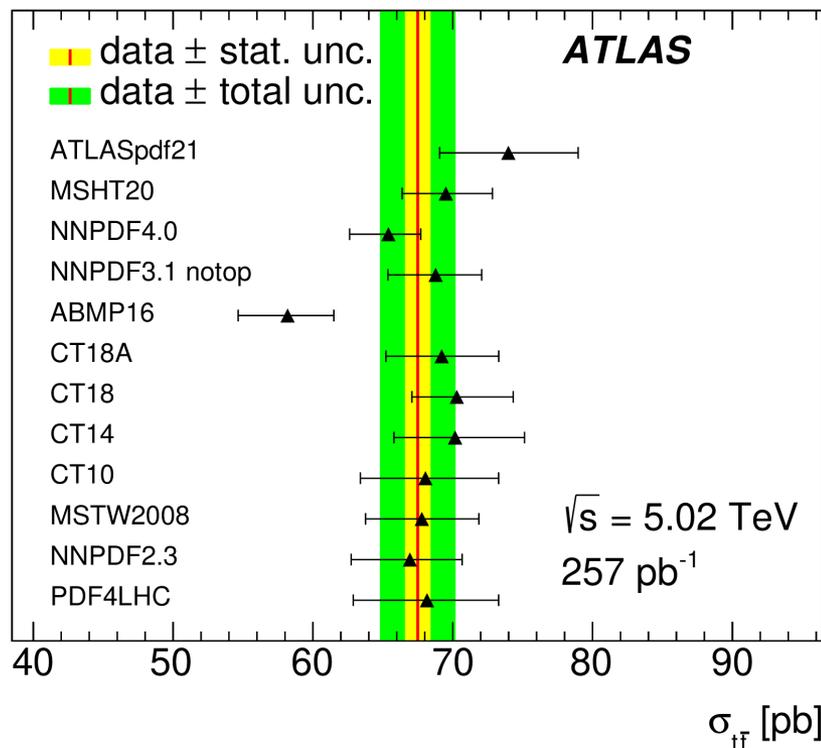
- Consistent with CMS [result](#) from combined single-lepton result using 2015 data (27.4 pb<sup>-1</sup>) and dilepton using 2017 data (304 pb<sup>-1</sup>) with 8% precision:  $\sigma(tt) = 63.0 \pm 5.1$  pb

- Total uncertainty reduced by almost a factor of two in the ATLAS measurement



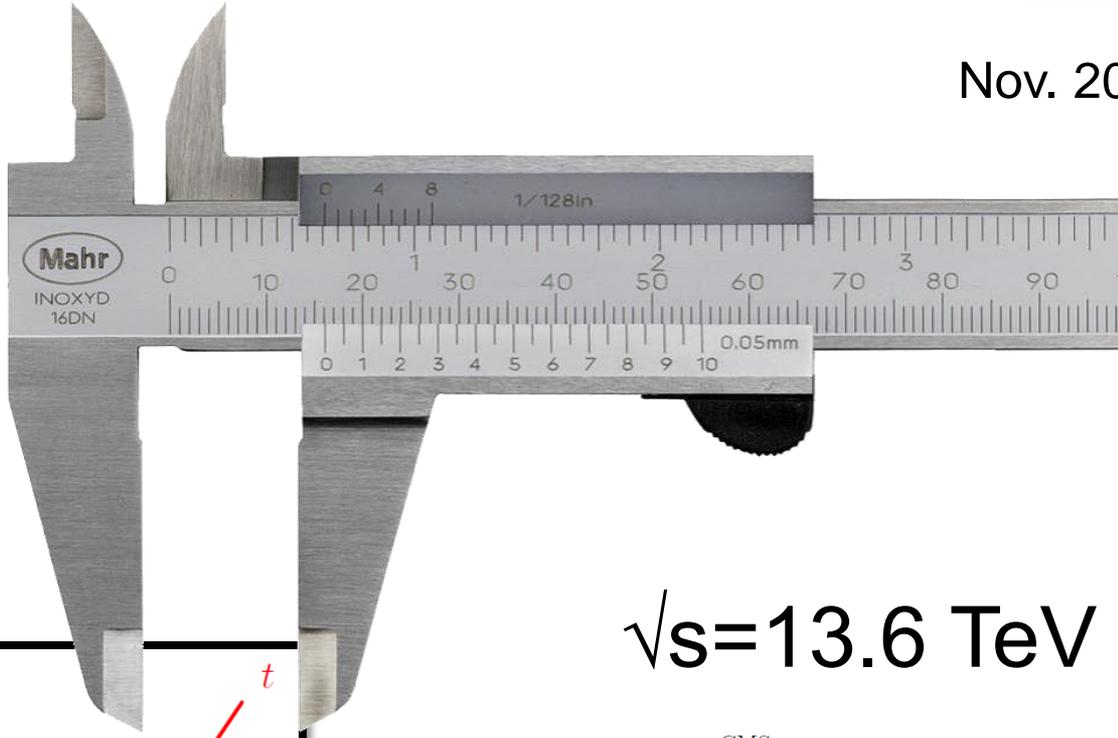
- The measured value is compatible with the predictions of several parton distribution functions (PDF) considered, except ABMP16 (expected since has softer gluon PDF and predicts lower cross-section)

- Addition of new data shows a 5% reduction in the gluon PDF uncert. in the region of Bjorken-x of 0.1

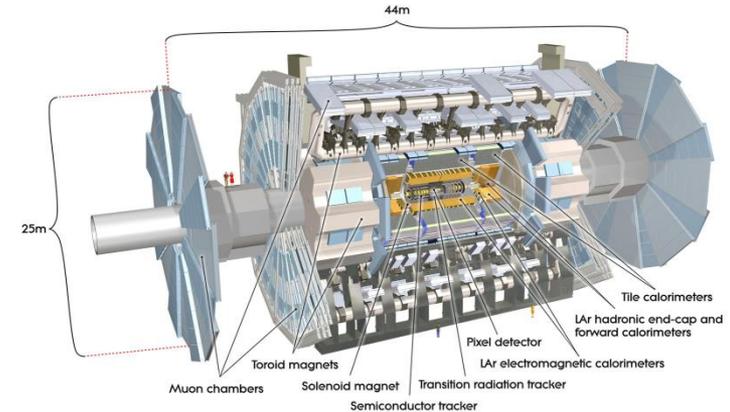
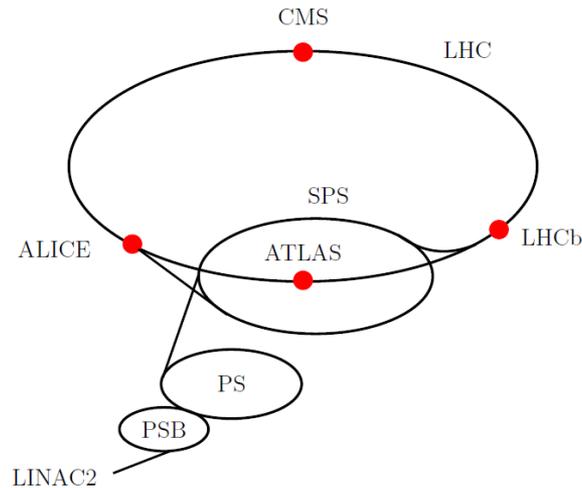
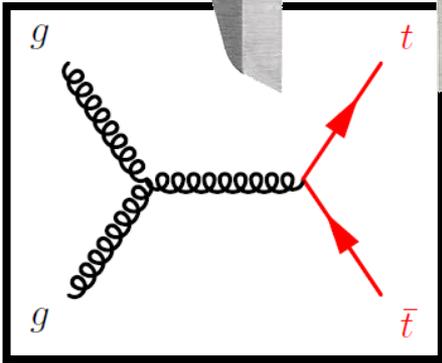


# Measuring $\sigma(Z)$ and $\sigma(ttbar)$ at $\sqrt{s}=13.6$ TeV with ATLAS

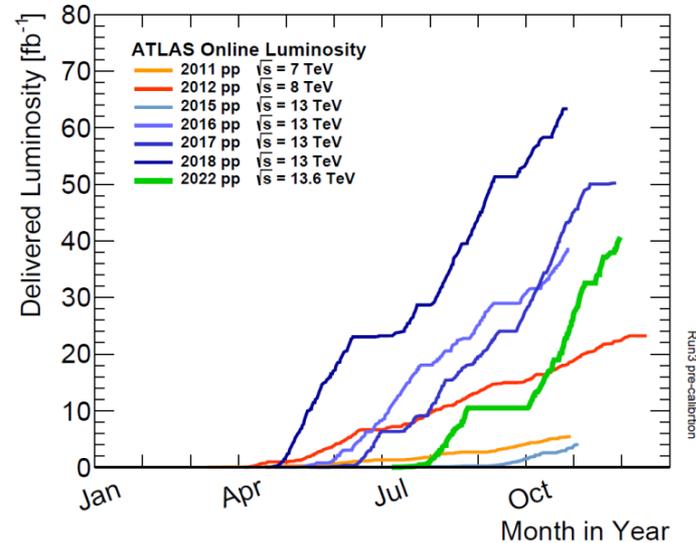
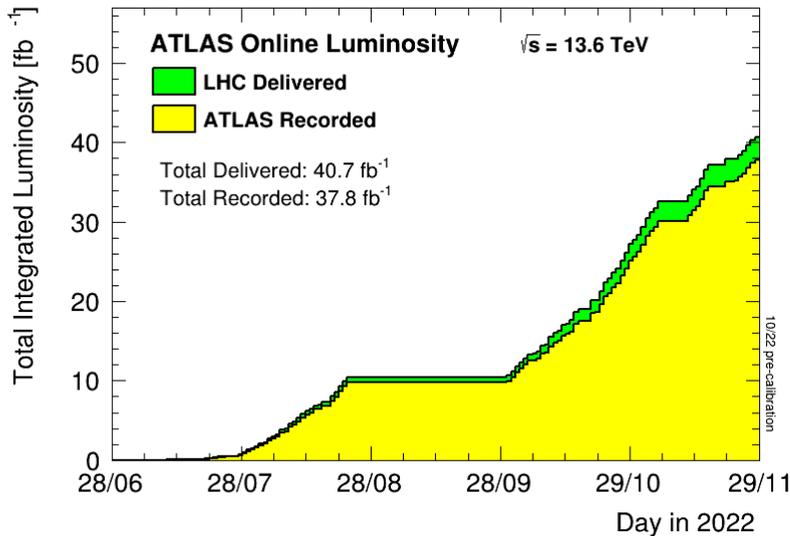
Nov. 2022: [ATLAS-CONF-2022-070](#)



$\sqrt{s}=13.6$  TeV

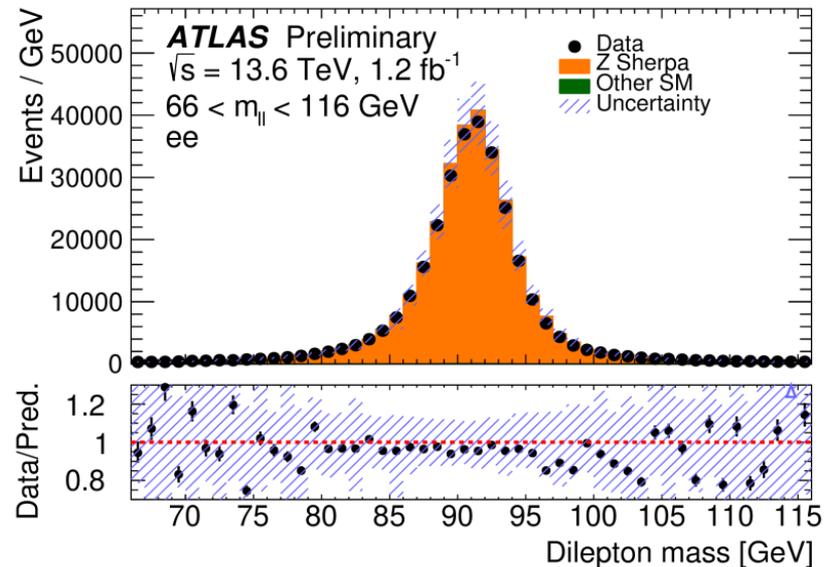
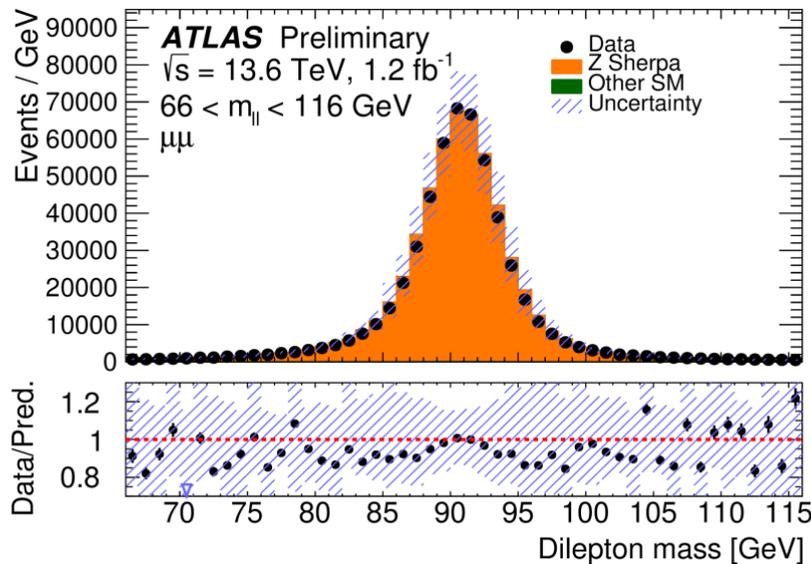


- After over three years of upgrade and maintenance work, the LHC began its third operation period of operation (Run 3) in July 2022, colliding protons at a record-breaking energy of 13.6 TeV.

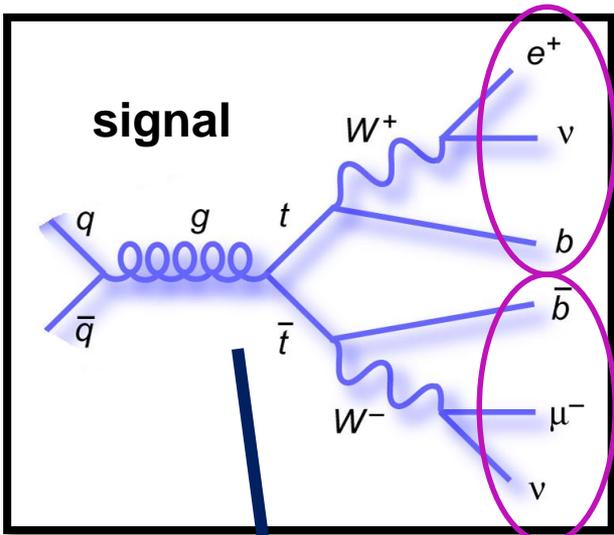


- New analysis with fresh data and noisy detector requires new strategy!
- Measure the cross-section of two well-known processes: the production of a pair of top quarks in the dilepton channel and the production of a Z boson, which decays to electron and muon pairs at a new centre-of-mass energy, assessing the consistency of the data acquired with the Standard Model prediction.

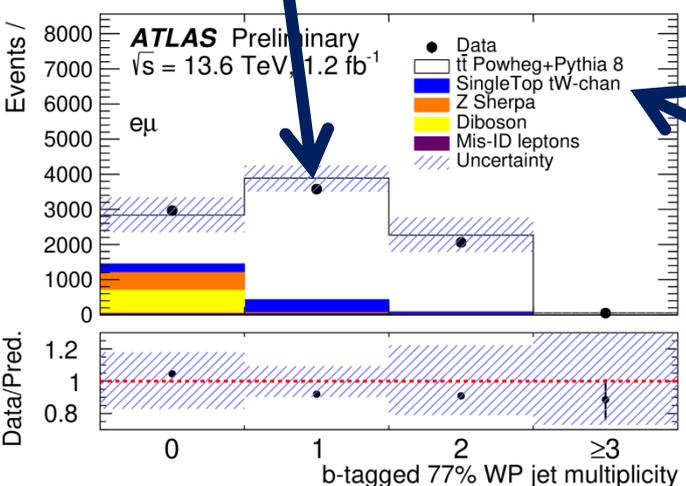
- The analysis uses very early Run 3 data ( $1.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) and relies on “preliminary” calibrations of the leptons, jets and luminosity - derived quickly after the first data became available.
- Early measurements provide an opportunity to validate the functionality of the ATLAS detector and its reconstruction software, which underwent a number of improvements.



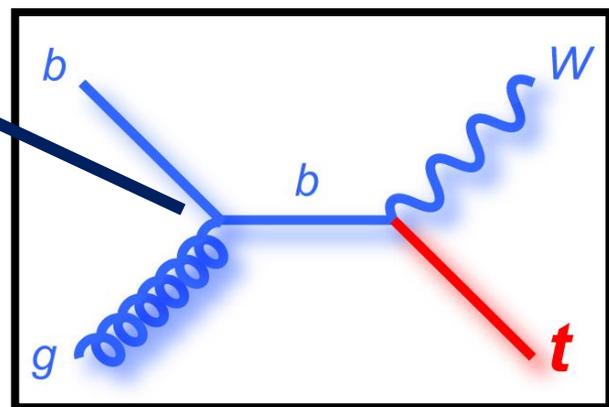
- The calibration, and corresponding uncertainties, will be improved as more data are processed - future updates will allow us to measure the cross-sections with greater precision.



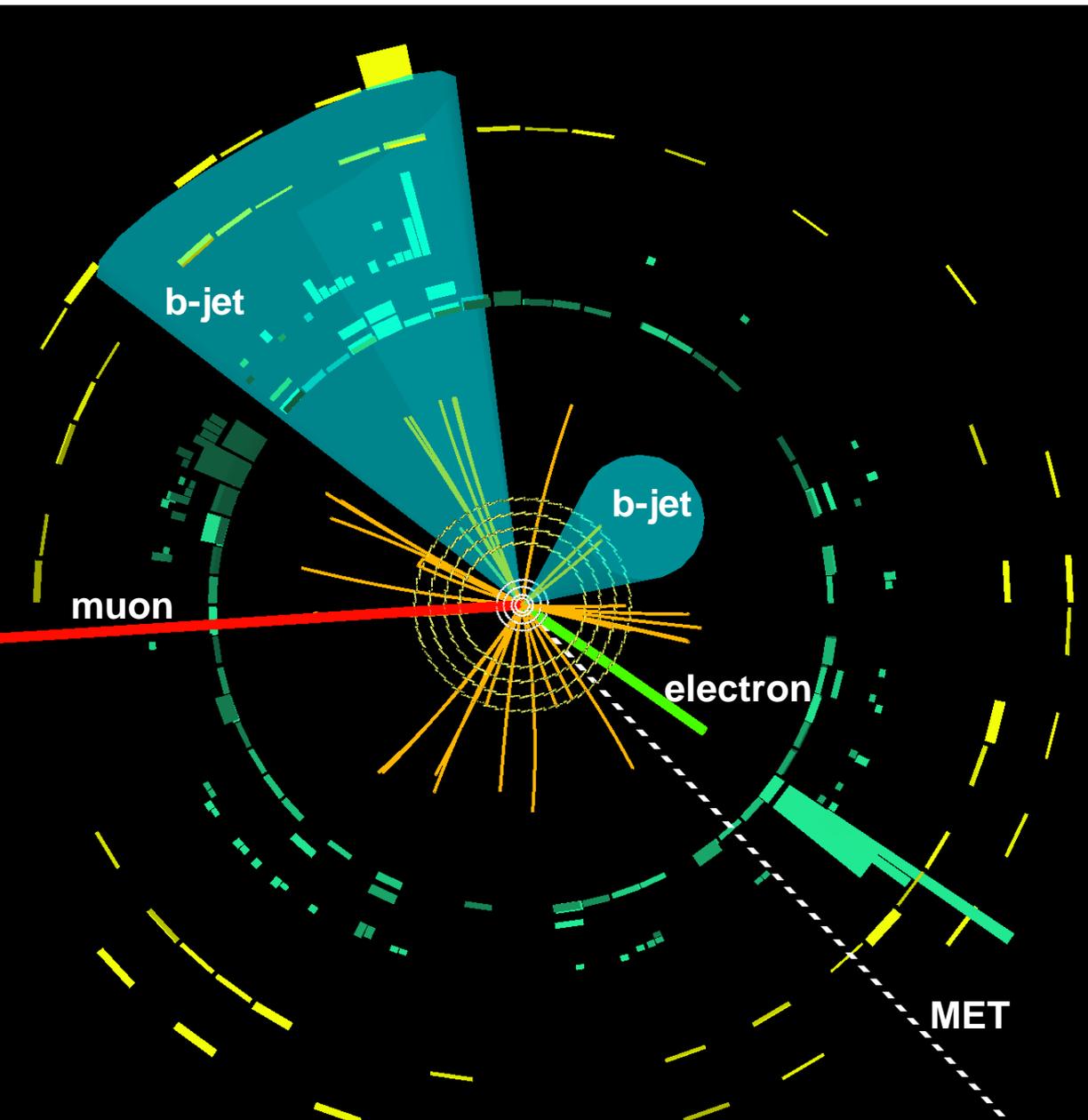
- The dilepton final state arising from  $t\bar{t}$  decay is characterised by two charged leptons, two neutrinos and two b-tagged jets
- To remove different backgrounds, select events that have exactly two leptons (electrons or muons) of opposite electric charge.
- Then select events that contain exactly one electron and one muon with  $p_T > 27$  GeV, and select events with exactly 0, exactly 1 or exactly 2 b-jets.



## very small background



- MC simulated samples are used to predict contributions from various background processes.



Charged particle tracks reconstructed in the inner detector (orange lines), an electron track (green line), a muon track (red line) as well as the energy deposits in the LAr (green and cyan blocks) and Tile (yellow/orange blocks) calorimeters.

The event contains two jets that have passed b-tagging requirements and these are delineated with cyan cones.

The direction of the missing transverse momentum is shown as dashed white line.

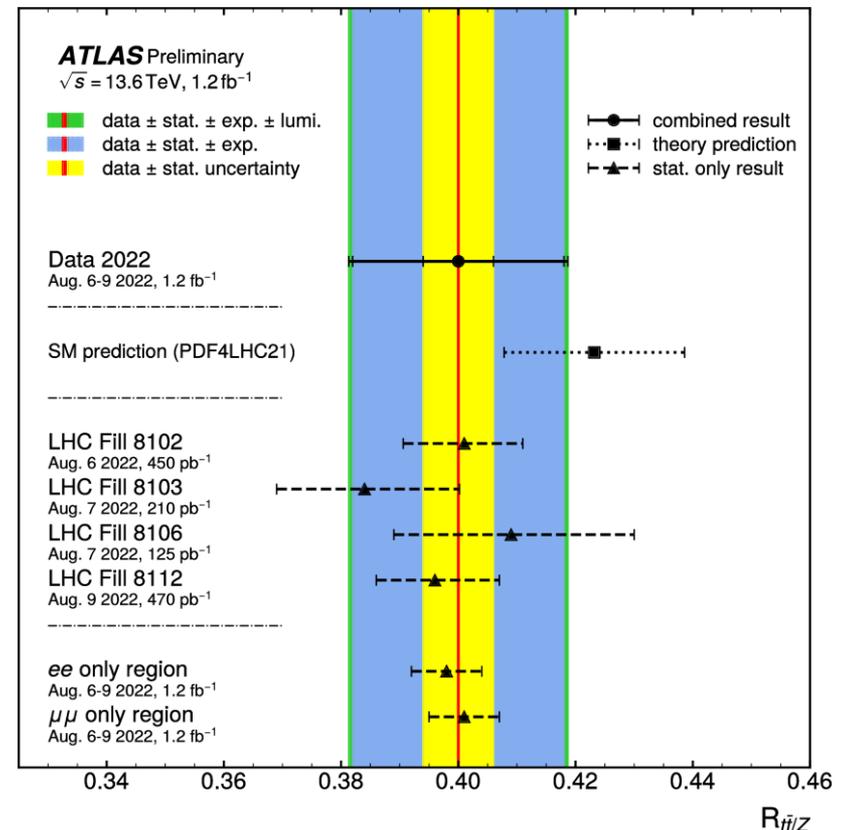
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 830 \pm 12(\text{stat.}) \pm 27(\text{syst.}) \pm 86(\text{lumi.})\text{pb}$$

(11% precision, out of which 10% uncert. on lumi)

$$\sigma_{Z \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}}^{m_{\ell\bar{\ell}} > 40} = 2075 \pm 2(\text{stat.}) \pm 98(\text{syst.}) \pm 199(\text{lumi.})\text{pb}$$

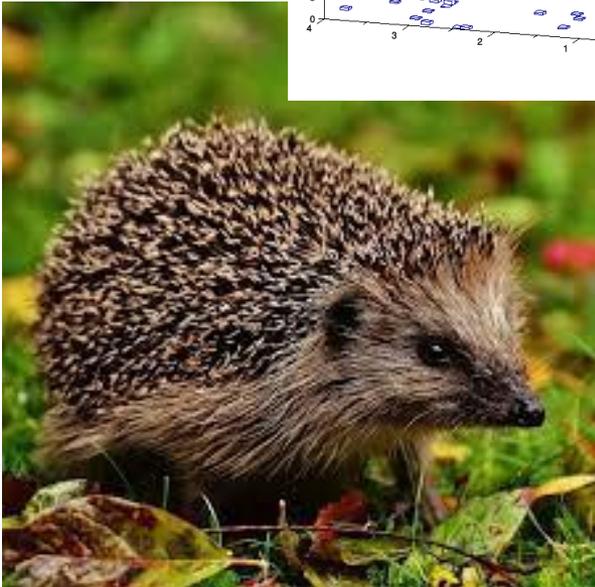
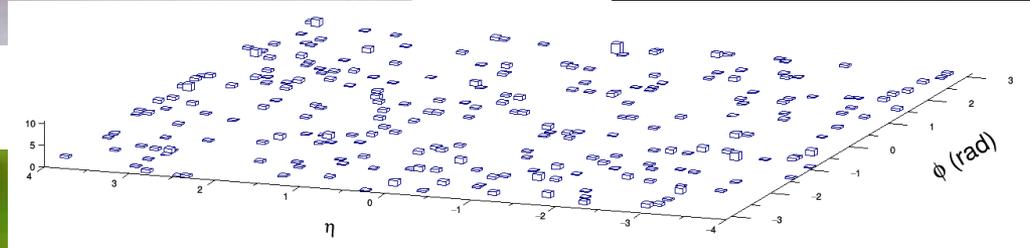
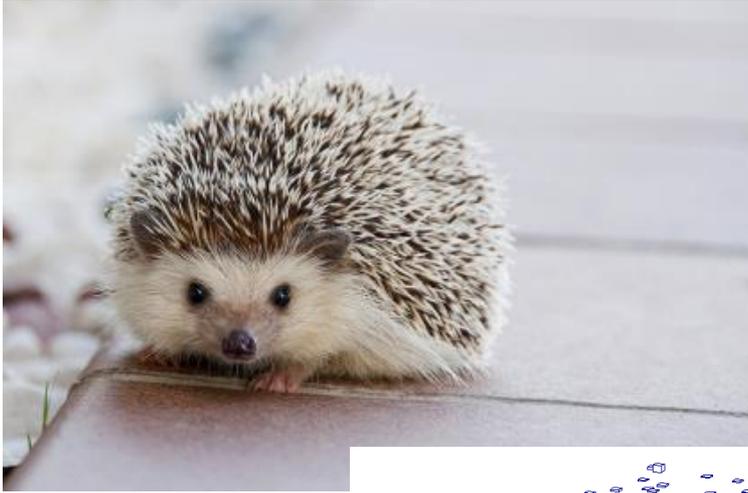
(10.7% precision, out of which 10% uncert. on lumi)

- Given that the top-quark-pair and Z-boson production dynamics are driven to a large extent by different PDFs, the ratio of these cross-sections at a given centre-of-mass energy has a significant sensitivity to the gluon-to-quark PDF ratio.
- Many systematic uncertainties, especially the uncertainty on luminosity, partially cancel out in the ratio.
- Total uncert of 4.7% for the ratio of the cross-sections, consistent with the SM.



- The LHC is a top-quark-factory with millions of top quark events accumulated (~500 top-quark-pairs produced per minute).
- Inclusive  $\sigma(tt)$ : a standard candle at LHC, allows us to test QCD predictions and constrain parameters such as top mass,  $\alpha_s$  and PDFs.
- Large statistics is not a guarantee of high precision - we are limited by systematic uncertainties, both experimental and theoretical.
- High precision measurements require the use of different decay channels, optimisation of the analysis strategy, application of multivariate techniques and careful assessment of systematic uncertainties through detected object calibration.
- With just a single week of data, one can obtain results even more precise than those using 3 years of data, and twice as precise as in CMS;)
- The first ATLAS Run 3 result probed the top-pair and Z-boson production cross-sections at a new centre-of-mass energy – and proved a valuable tool for validating the detector's many upgrades.
- The good (or bad depending on your opinion): so far all the measurements are consistent with the SM prediction.

# “Hedgehogs (erizos)” events at the LHC revisited

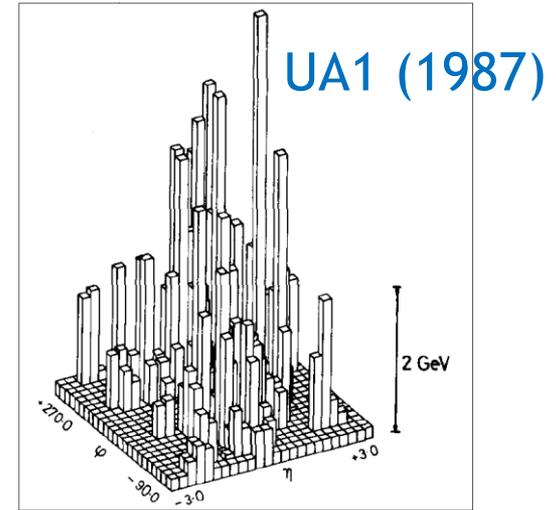


# Introduction to “hedgehog” events

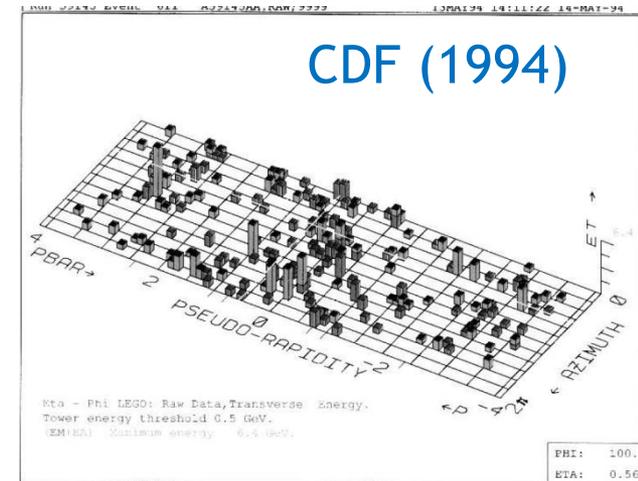
- First dedicated analysis of highest transverse energy ( $E_T$ ) events seen in the UA1 detector at the SppS collider at CERN in proton-antiproton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 630$  GeV looking for the presence of events with a very extended structure of low momentum tracks filling in a uniform way the pseudorapidity-azimuth ( $\eta$ - $\phi$ ) phase space.
- Several isotropic events with  $E_T \sim 210$  GeV in UA1 observed (even tested for top quark production), no evidence for non-QCD mechanism for these events.
- Similar unusual events observed in p-pbar collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$  TeV by CDF's Run 1 detector with more than 60 charged particles and  $E_T \sim 320$  GeV
- Called “**hedgehog**” events by C. Quigg.



- Recently, a new event shape parameter, **flattenicity**, was proposed [[A. Ortiz, G. Paic, Rev. Mex. Fis. Suppl. 3 \(2022\) 4, 040911](#)] that allows one to identify and characterise these events.

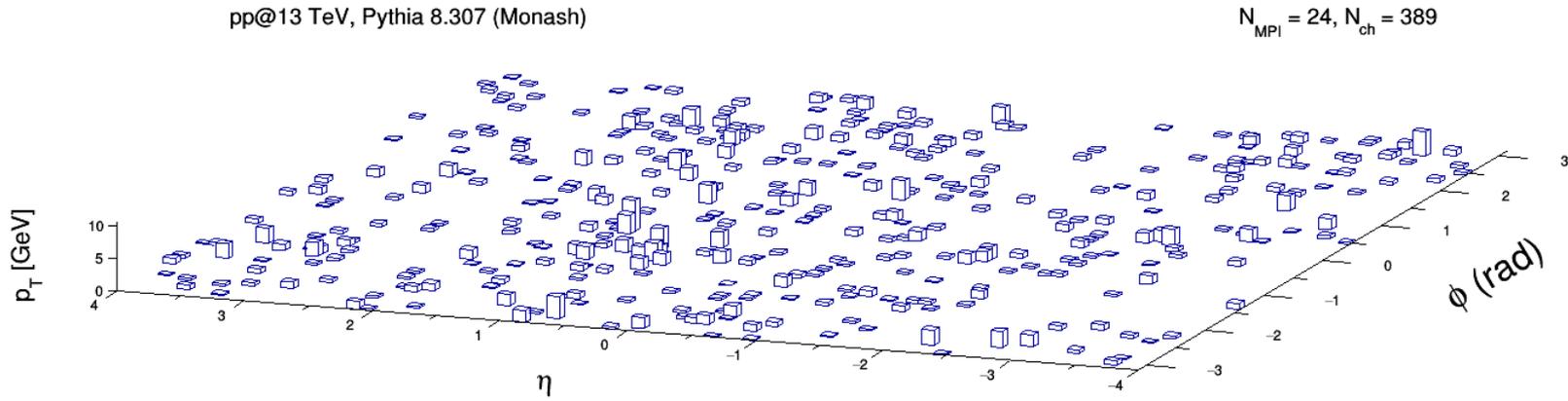


[UA1 Collaboration, Zeit. für Phys. C, V. 36, p. 33 \(1987\)](#)

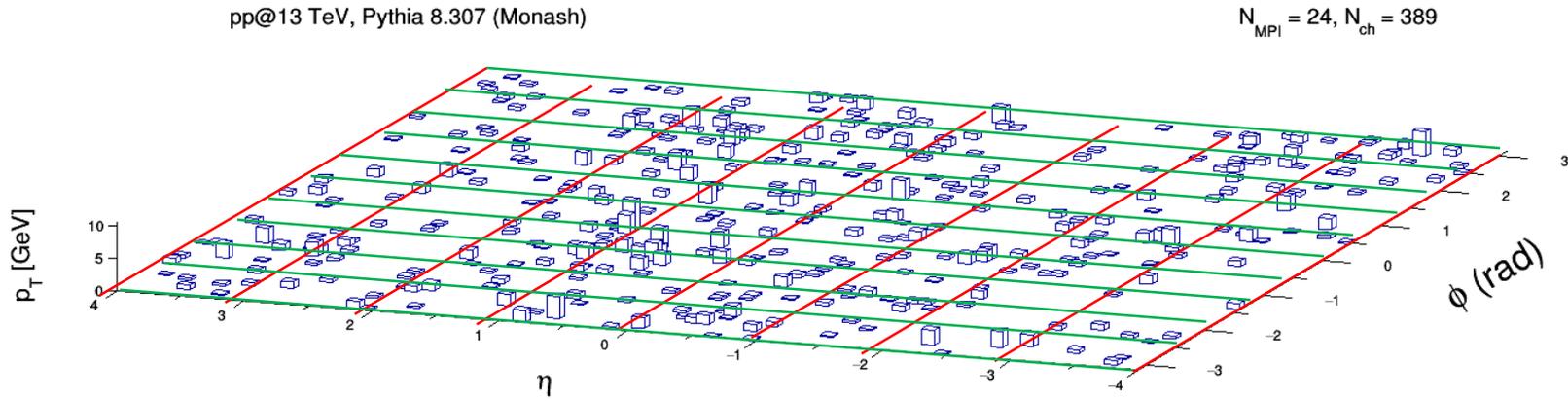


[C. Quigg, Il Nuovo Cimento, V. 33C, N. 5 p. 327 \(2010\)](#)

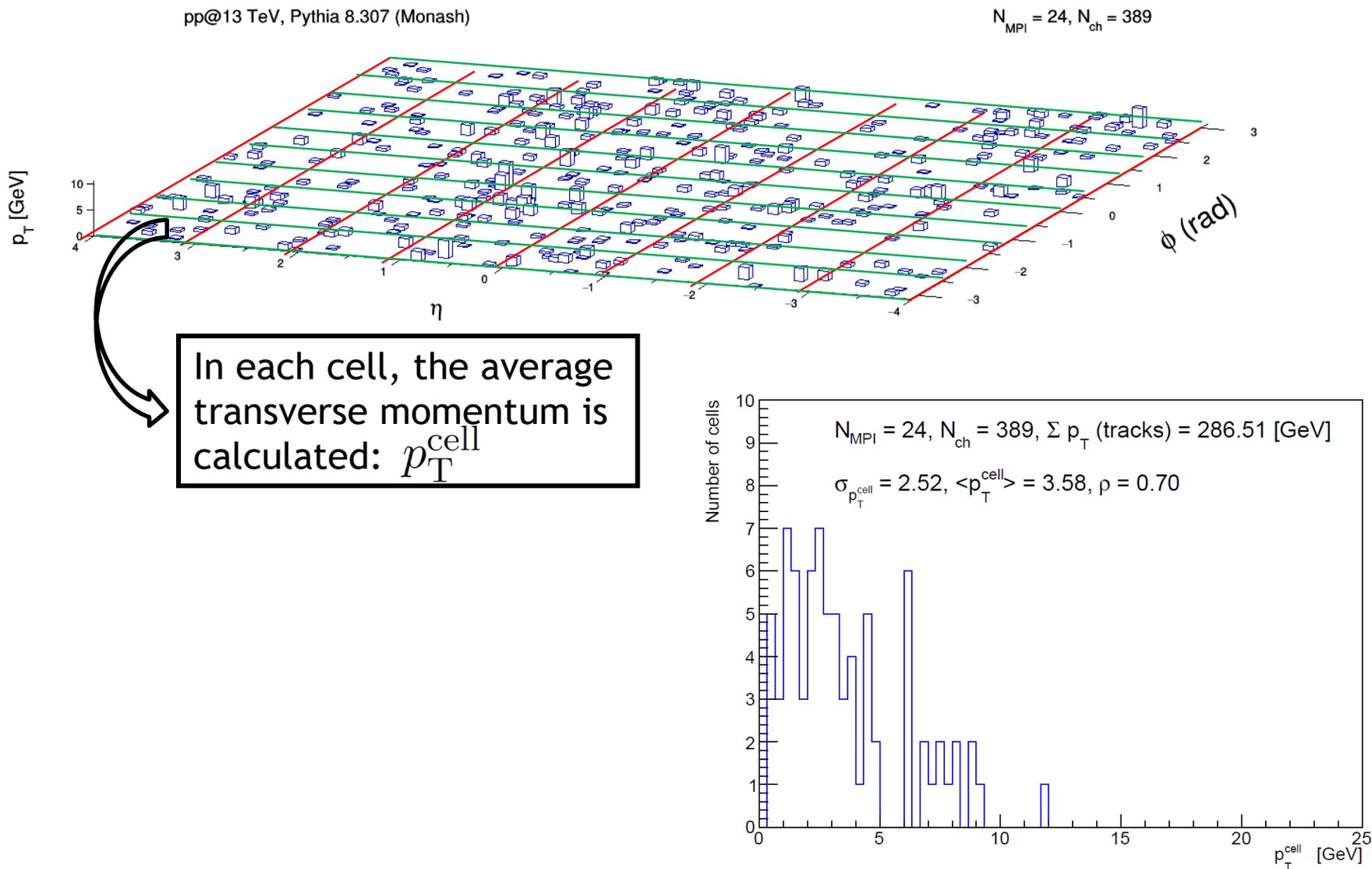
- The idea: find out how uniform the  $p_T$  of tracks is distributed in a given event!



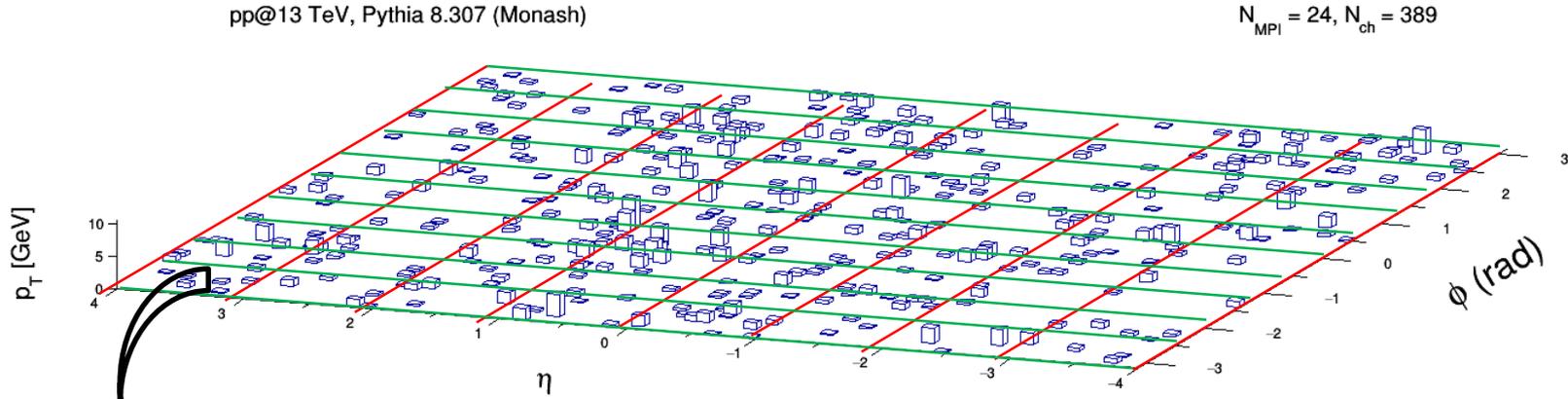
- Build **8** x **10** grid in ( $\eta$ - $\phi$ ) space:



- Build **8** x **10** grid in ( $\eta$ - $\phi$ ) space:

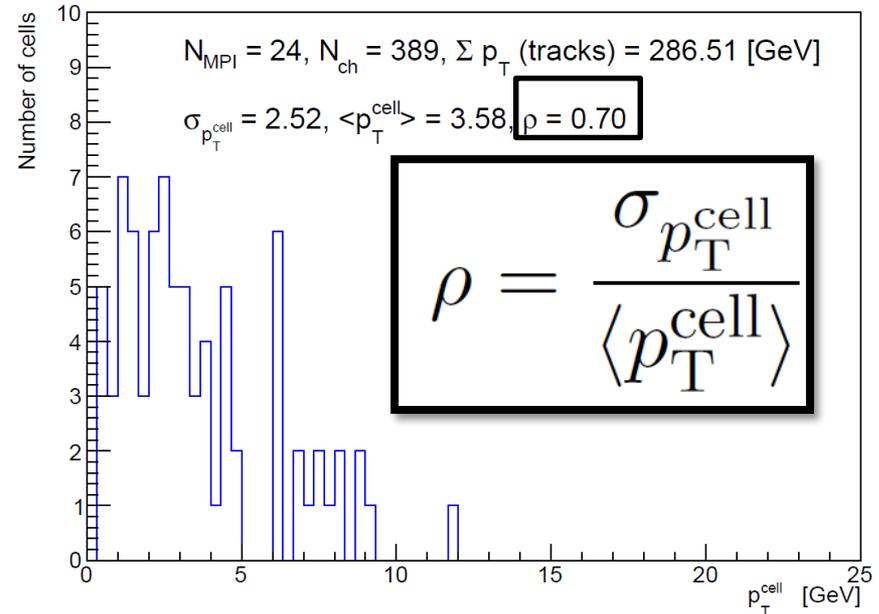


- Build **8** x **10** grid in ( $\eta$ - $\phi$ ) space:

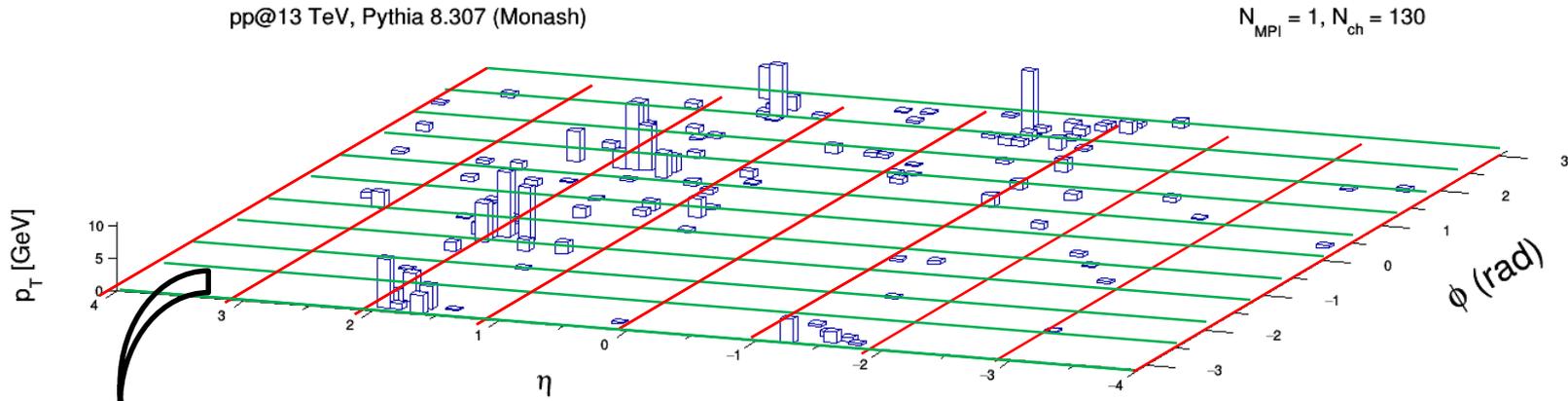


In each cell, the average transverse momentum is calculated:  $p_T^{\text{cell}}$

- Event-by-event, the relative standard deviation of the  $p_T^{\text{cell}}$  distribution is obtained - flattenicity.
- Events with isotropic distribution of particles (“hedgehogs”) are expected to have a small value of flattenicity ( $\rho < 1$ ).

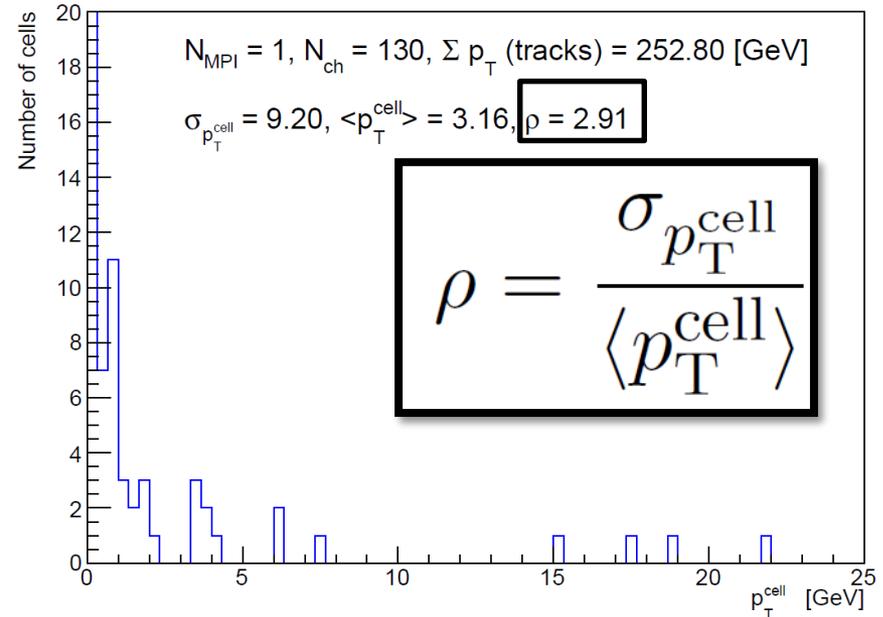


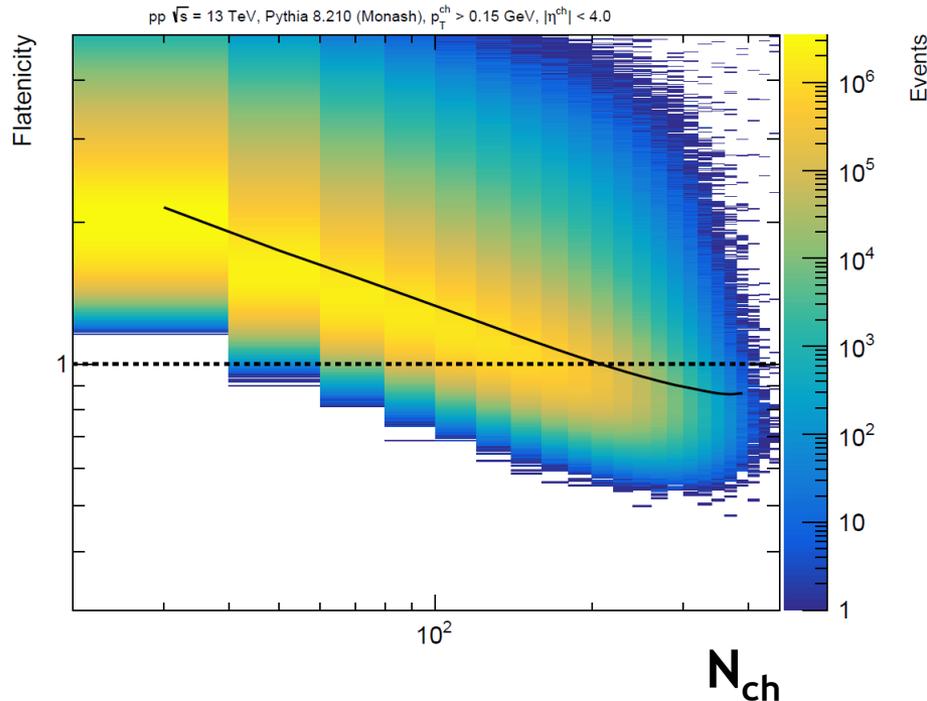
- Build **8** x **10** grid in ( $\eta$ - $\phi$ ) space:



In each cell, the average transverse momentum is calculated:  $p_T^{\text{cell}}$

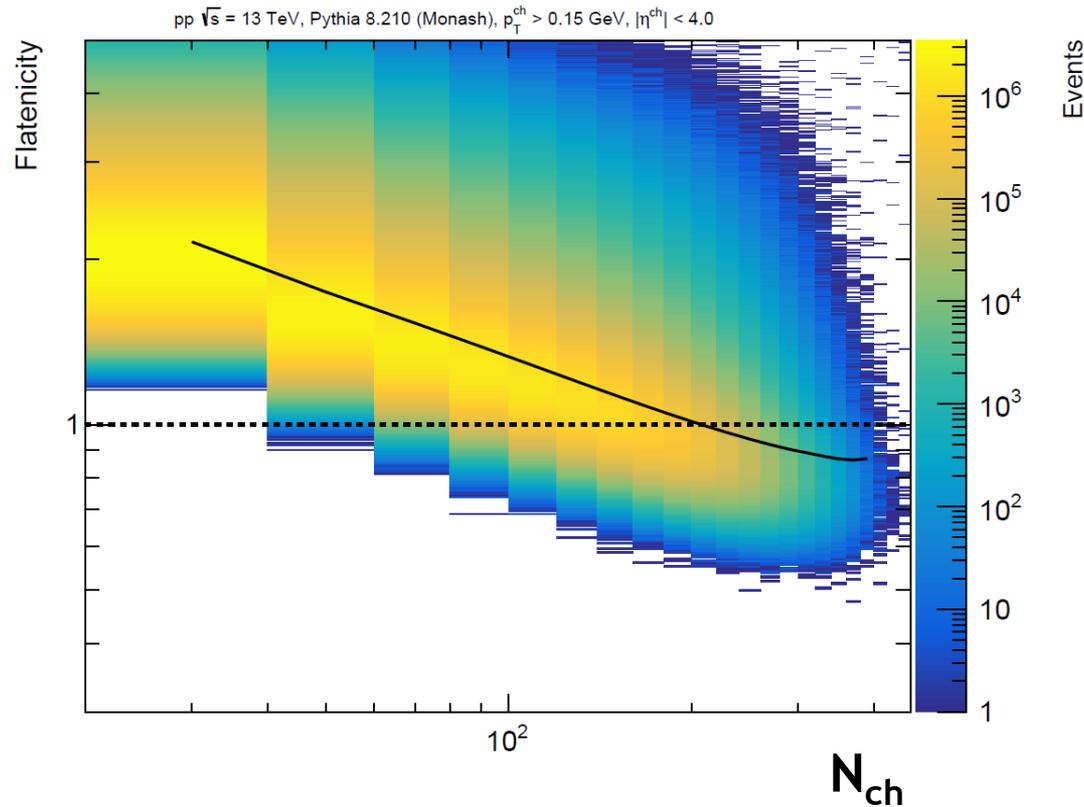
- Event-by-event, the relative standard deviation of the  $p_T^{\text{cell}}$  distribution is obtained - flattenicity.
- Events with **jet-like** structures are expected to have **larger values** of  $\rho$ .





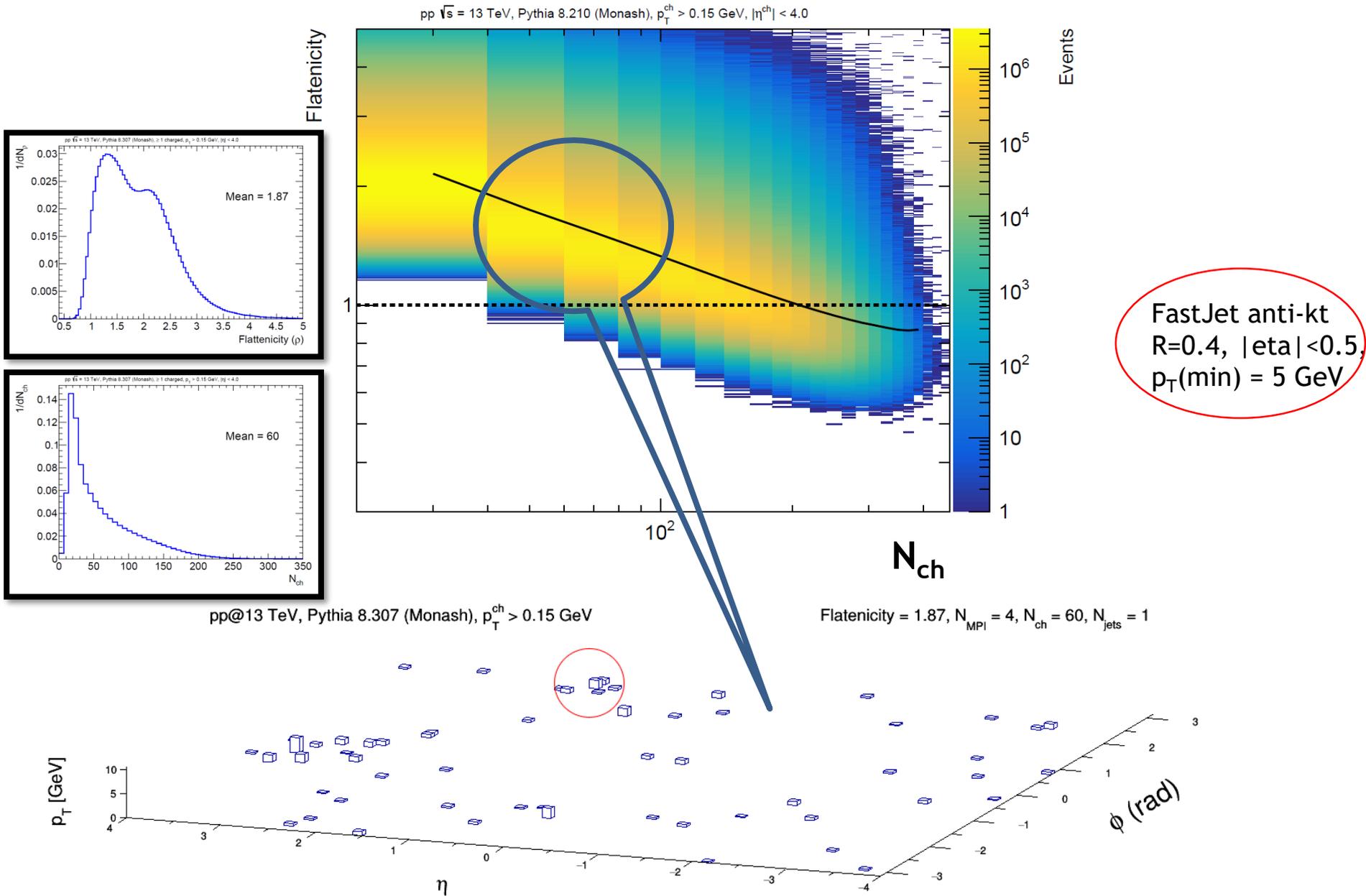
- MC event generators are able to model “hedgehog” events, which opens the possibility to study their properties and find a potential way to experimentally trigger these events.
- Use Pythia 8.3 MC, pp@13 TeV events with minimum-bias (SoftQCD:nonDiffractive) settings, Monash 2013 tune, with  $|\eta| < 4$  and min  $p_T$  (chgd. particles) of 0.15 GeV.

- At low number of charged particles ( $N_{\text{ch}}$ ) the flattenicity distribution is very wide,  $\langle \rho \rangle$  is significantly above unity.
- $\langle \rho \rangle$  goes below unity with  $N_{\text{ch}} > 200$ , and for very high values of  $N_{\text{ch}}$ , flattenicity approaches 0.5 as the particles get to be quite uniformly distributed in the  $\eta$ - $\phi$  space.
- Events with isotropic distribution:  $\rho < 1$
- Events with jet-like structures: large values of  $\rho$ .

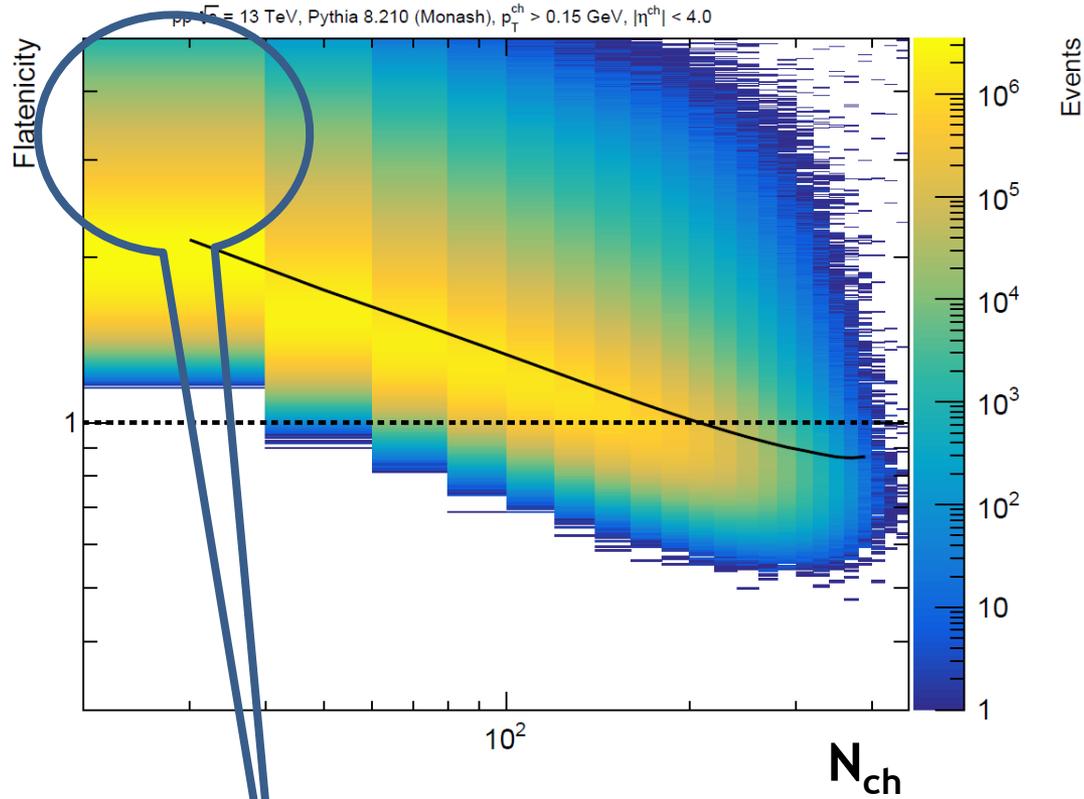


- Almost all of the results rely on “means” and “averages” of the distributions, yet the interesting (and by definition rare) effects lie on the “outliers”!
- Flattenicity opens a new way to study pp collisions and analyse those outliers: looking for **hedgehog events**!

# Analysing flattenicity vs number of charged particles



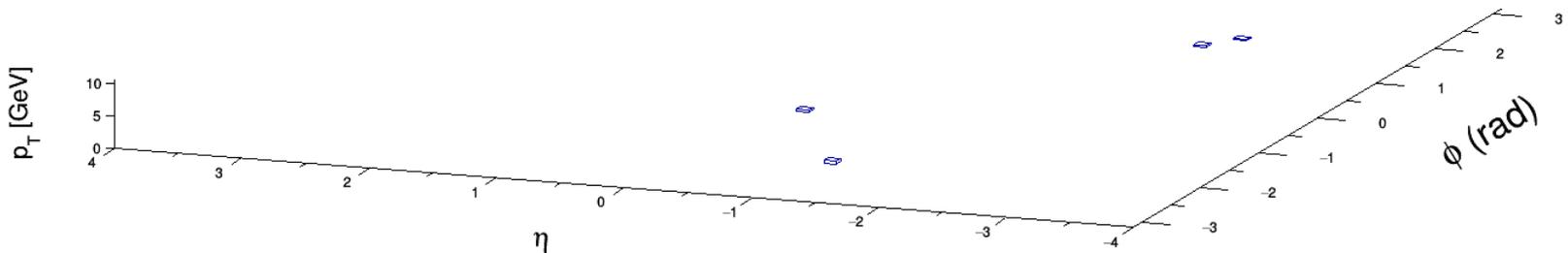
# Analysing flattenicity vs number of charged particles



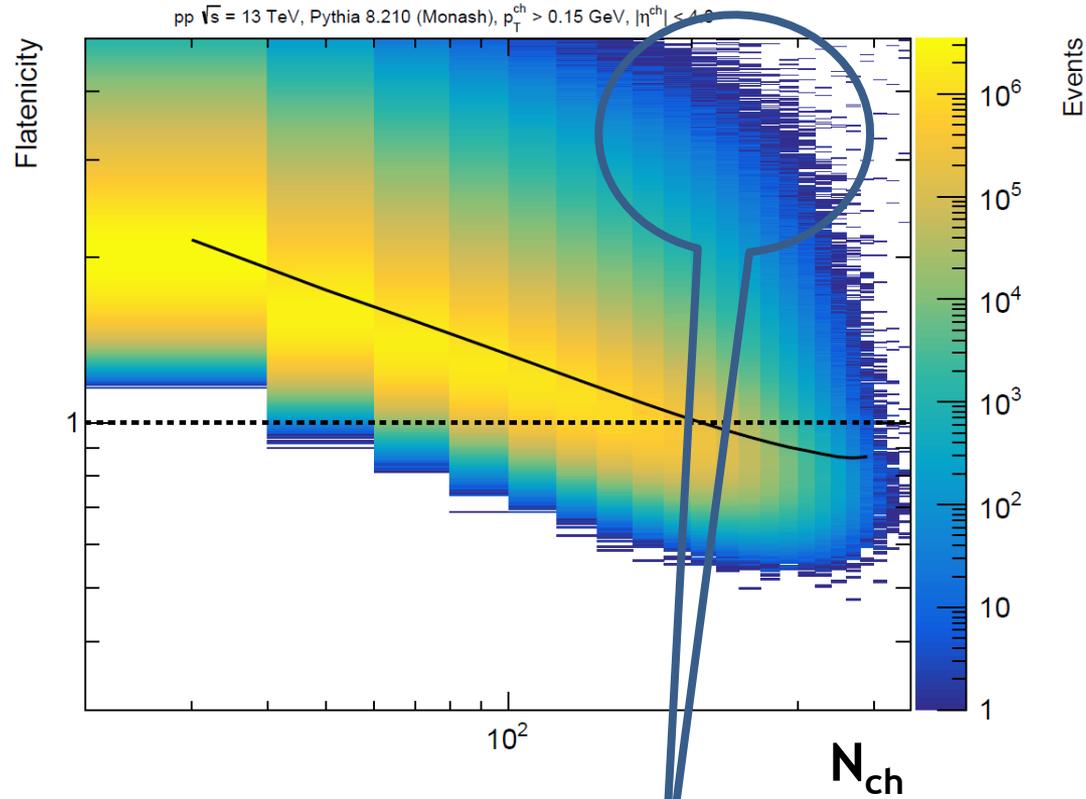
FastJet anti-kt  
 $R=0.4$ ,  $|\eta| < 0.5$ ,  
 $p_T(\text{min}) = 5$  GeV

pp@13 TeV, Pythia 8.307 (Monash),  $p_T^{\text{ch}} > 0.15$  GeV,  $p_T^{\text{jet with } R=0.4} > 5$  GeV

Flattenicity = 5.14,  $N_{\text{MPI}} = 1$ ,  $N_{\text{ch}} = 4$ ,  $N_{\text{jets}} = 0$



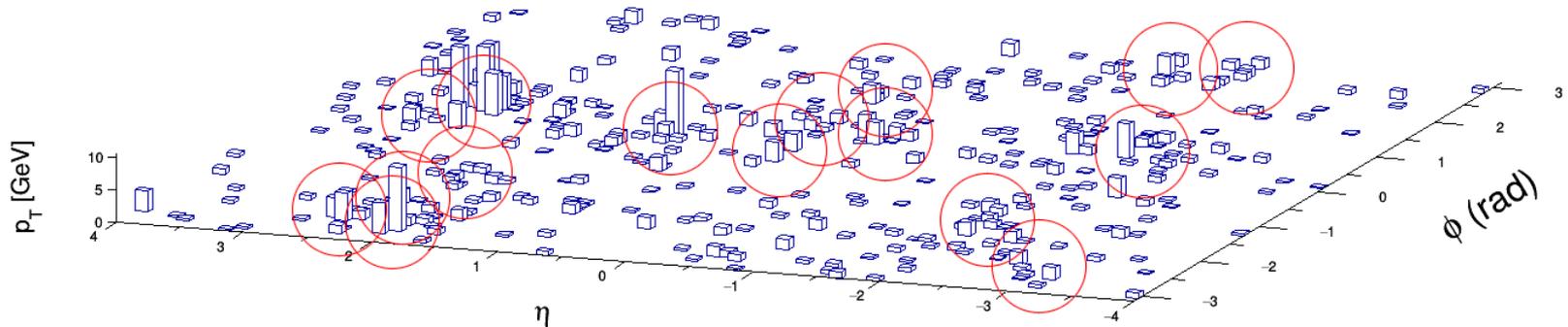
# Analysing flatnenticity vs number of charged particles



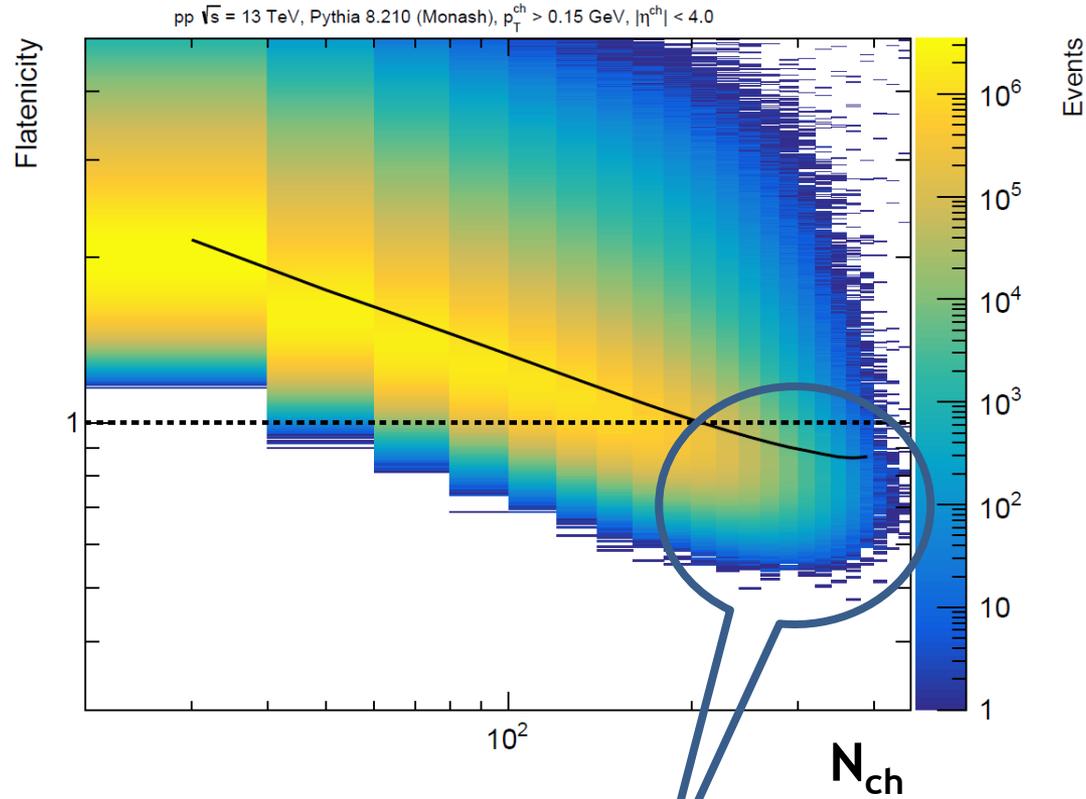
FastJet anti-kt  
R=0.4,  $|\eta| < 0.5$ ,  
 $p_T(\text{min}) = 5$  GeV

pp@13 TeV, Pythia 8.307 (Monash),  $p_T^{\text{ch}} > 0.15$  GeV,  $p_T^{\text{jet with R=0.4}} > 5$  GeV

Flatnenticity = 2.61,  $N_{\text{MPI}} = 23$ ,  $N_{\text{ch}} = 373$ ,  $N_{\text{jets}} = 16$



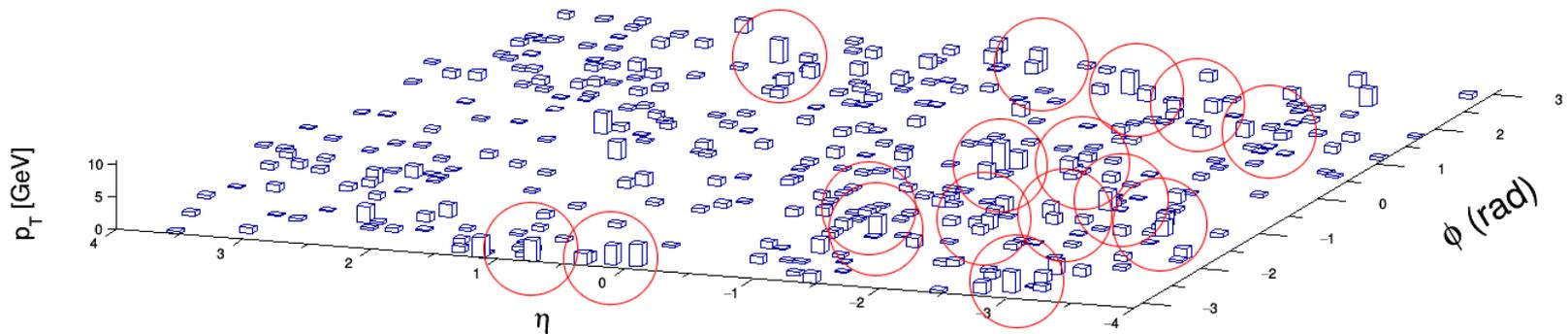
# Analysing flatnenticity vs number of charged particles



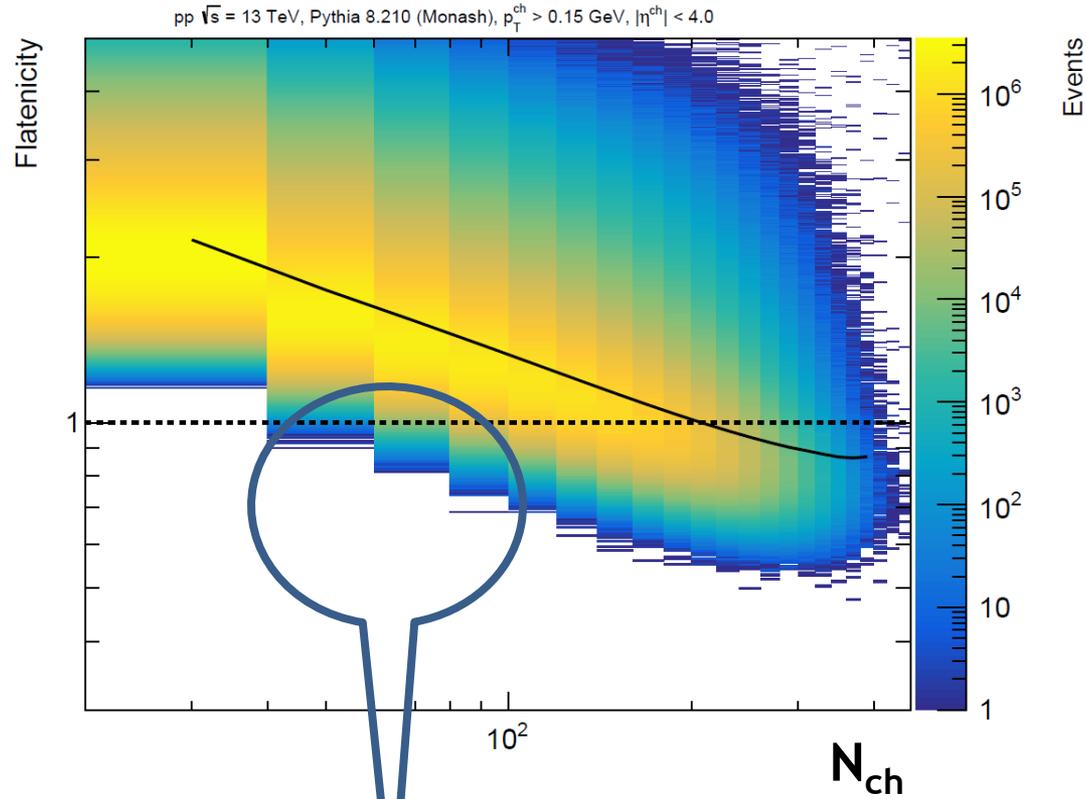
FastJet anti-kt  
R=0.4,  $|\eta| < 0.5$ ,  
 $p_T(\text{min}) = 5$  GeV

pp@13 TeV, Pythia 8.307 (Monash),  $p_T^{\text{ch}} > 0.15$  GeV,  $p_T^{\text{jet with R=0.4}} > 5$  GeV

Flatnenticity = 0.76,  $N_{\text{MPI}} = 26$ ,  $N_{\text{ch}} = 376$ ,  $N_{\text{jets}} = 16$



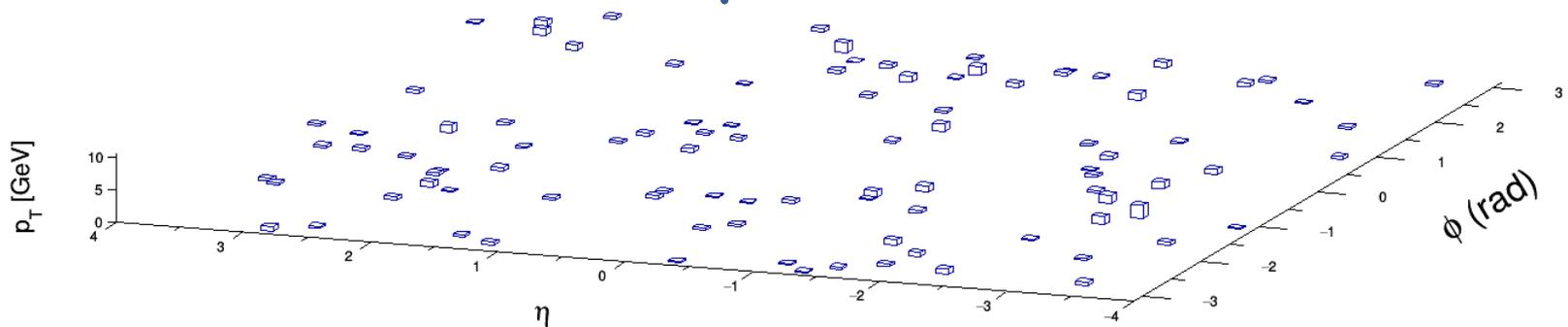
# Analysing flattenicity vs number of charged particles

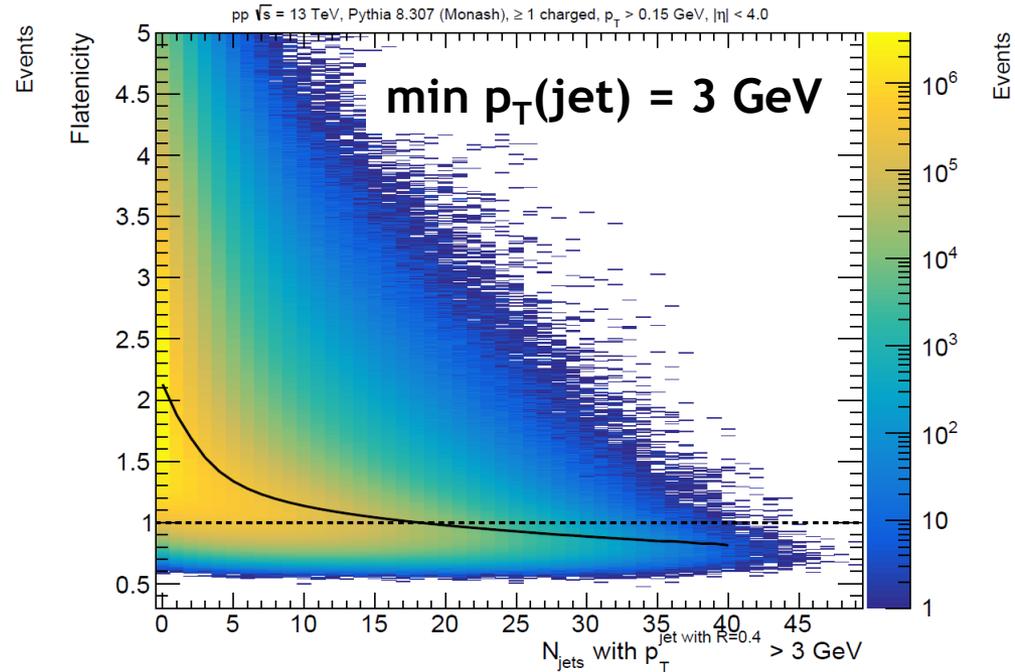
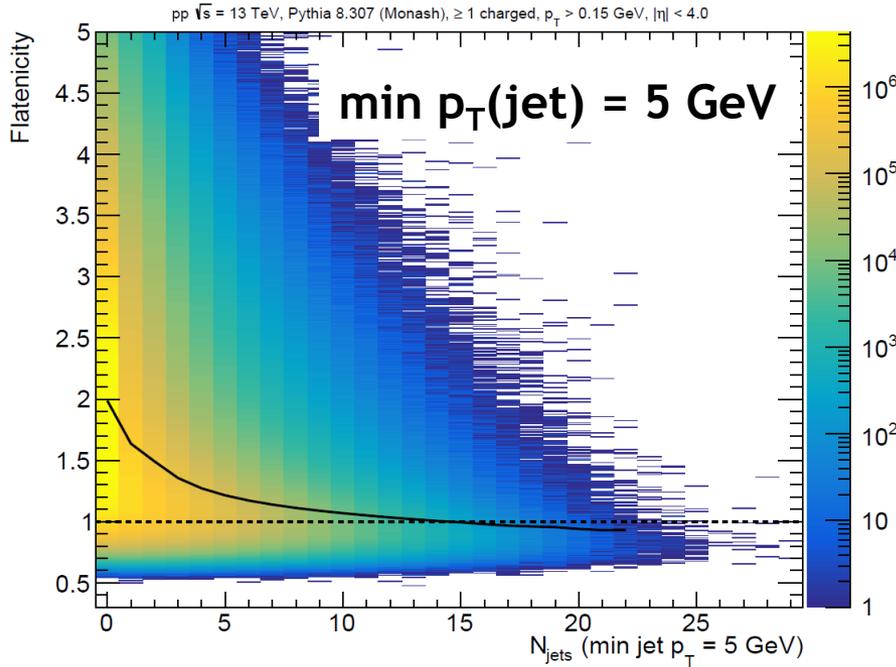


FastJet anti-kt  
 $R=0.4$ ,  $|\eta| < 0.5$ ,  
 $p_T(\text{min}) = 5$  GeV

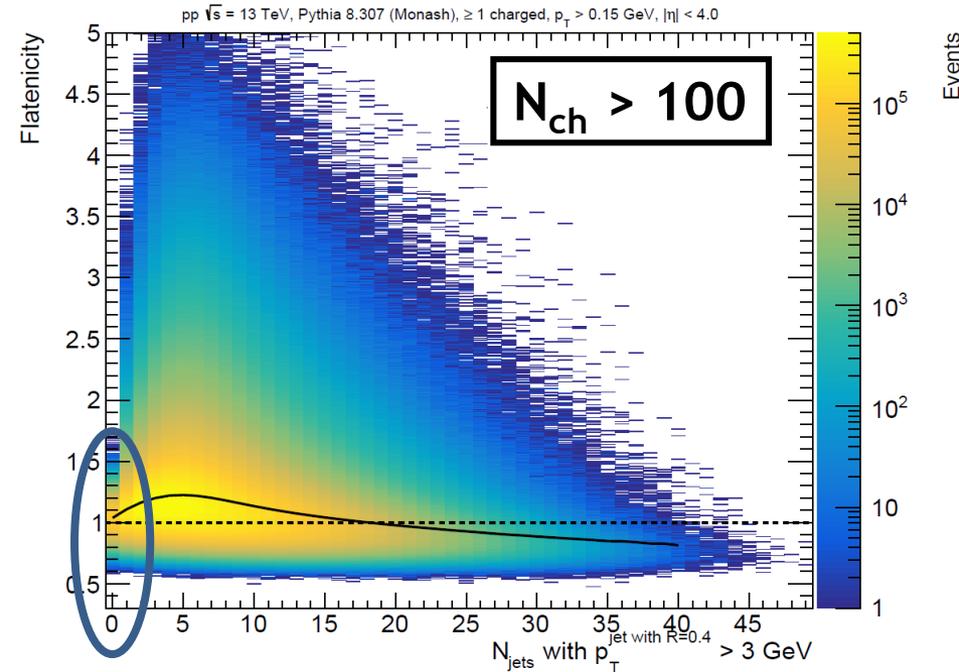
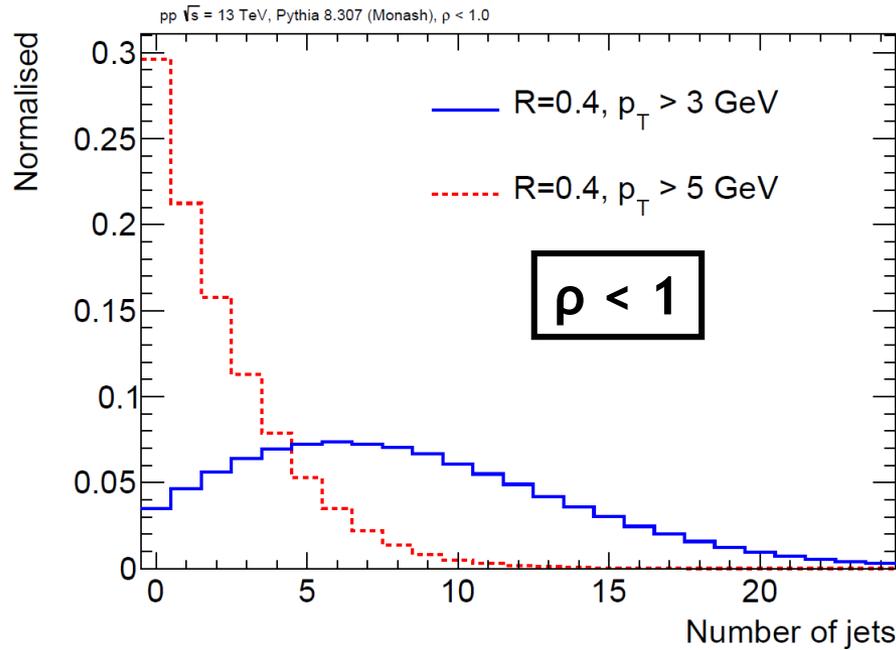
pp@13 TeV, Pythia 8.307 (Monash),  $p_T^{\text{ch}} > 0.15$  GeV,  $p_T^{\text{jet with } R=0.4} > 5$  GeV

Flattenicity = 0.99,  $N_{\text{MPI}} = 9$ ,  $N_{\text{ch}} = 97$ ,  $N_{\text{jets}} = 0$



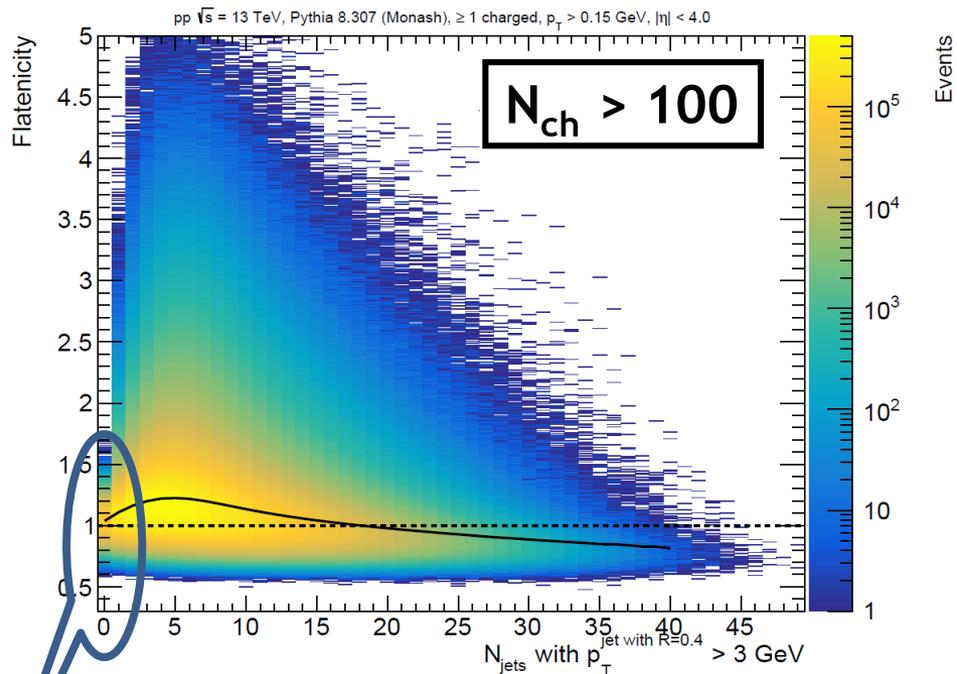
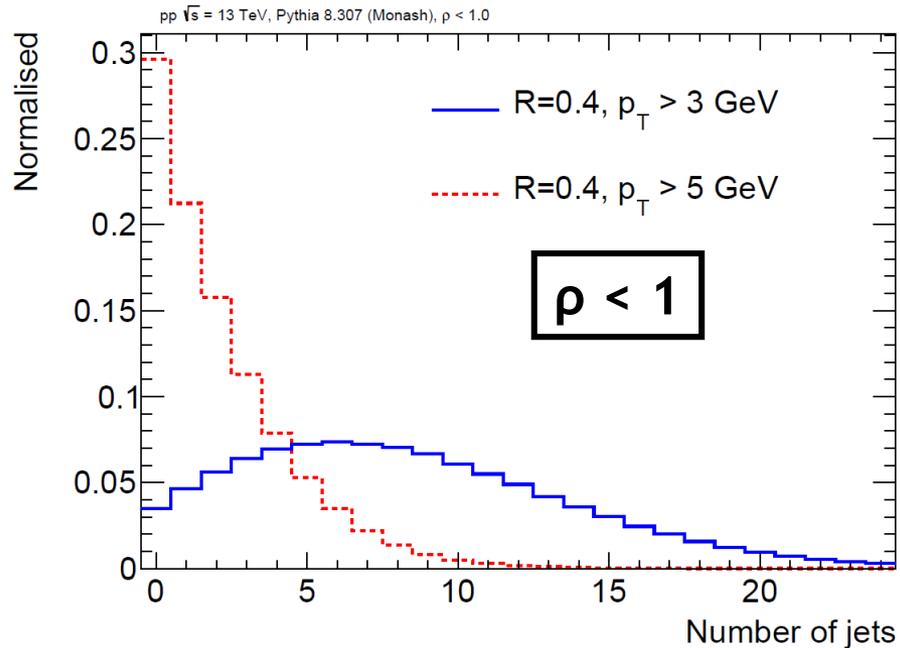


- As the jet energy decreases, the interpretation of the event topology becomes more difficult and the definition of a “jet” becomes arbitrary.
- Considering that events with high  $p_T$  are consistent with having a substantial component of QCD jets, the 3 GeV cut represents the lowest reasonable limit below which any attempt to separate experimentally soft production fluctuations from hard scattering would be unreliable.



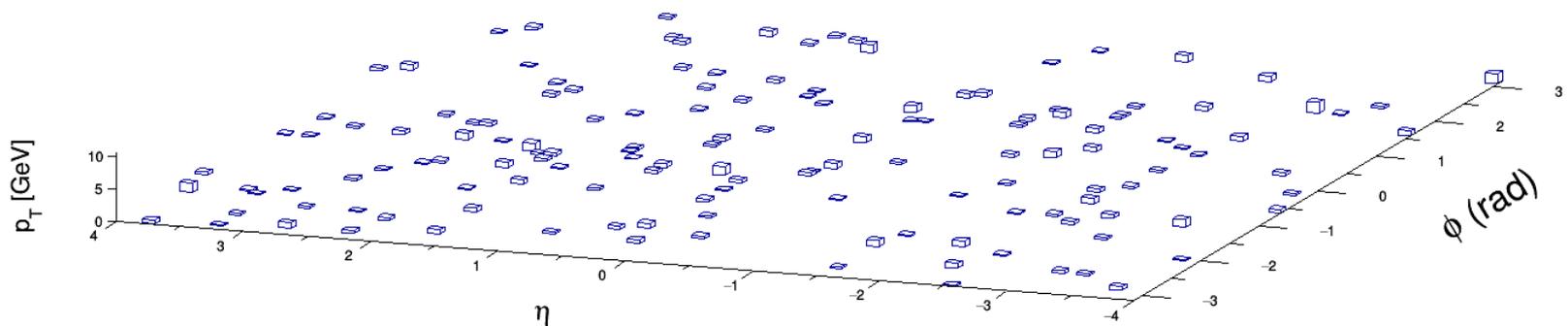
- As the jet energy decreases, the interpretation of the event topology becomes more difficult and the definition of a “jet” becomes arbitrary.
- Considering that events with high  $p_T$  are consistent with having a substantial component of QCD jets, the 3 GeV cut represents the lowest reasonable limit below which any attempt to separate experimentally soft production fluctuations from hard scattering would be unreliable.
- In the **low flattenicity regime**, we are able to select hedgehog events with **high multiplicity** and with **no jet production** (~0.1% of all events).

# Analysing flattenicity vs number of jets

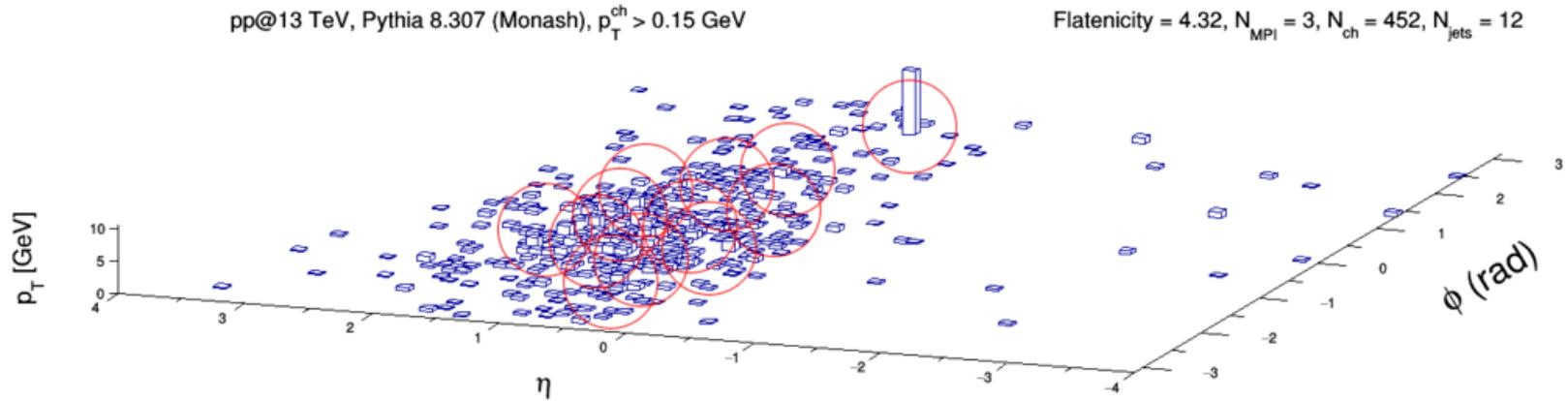


pp@13 TeV, Pythia 8.307 (Monash),  $p_T^{\text{ch}} > 0.15$  GeV

Flattenicity = 0.80,  $N_{\text{MPI}} = 9$ ,  $N_{\text{ch}} = 146$ ,  $N_{\text{jets with } R=0.4 \text{ and } p_T > 3 \text{ GeV}} = 0$



- Flattenicity allows one to find quite atypical (and rare 1/100M) events:
  - i.e. high chgd. multiplicities ( $>300$ ) and low number of hard-scatterings ( $MPI=3$ )



- In some events we see one very high  $p_T$  charged particle (around which a jet is usually build, and particle  $p_T$  divided by jet  $p_T$  approaches unity!)
- Recoil jets are usually produced opposite in  $\phi$ , and fragment into several particles.
- Nor the partonic hard-scattering  $p_T$ , nor the additional multiparton interactions  $p_T$  are high enough nor match the reconstructed energy for these events.
- Are we looking at the limit of fragmentation and/or ISR/FSR emissions?
- We are identifying an experimental way to find these events, and it would be a perfect place to study data and tune our generators!

- Hedgehog events have never been seriously studied in pp collisions at the LHC. These events are “rare” – but as rare as a top-quark–pair production!

Selection	Probability
$\rho < 1$	$4 \times 10^{-2}$
$\rho < 0.75, N_{\text{ch}} > 100, N_{\text{jets}} = 0$	$2 \times 10^{-6}$
$\rho < 0.75, N_{\text{ch}} > 400$	$6 \times 10^{-8}$

- Flattenicity - the new event structure parameter - allows one to identify the hedgehog events and observe the evolution of events from jetty to hedgehog type.
- We are able to identify different classes of hedgehog events: those with high jet multiplicity (jetty) and with no jet production.
- Studying these events may shed light to the search for the “energy re-distribution” effect in pp collisions.
- Next steps are to compare and count how many hedgehog events we observe in data from different LHC experiments! Stay tuned!

Muchas gracias  
por su atención!



# BACK-UP

- 2 boosted-decision trees using six input variables each trained to separate signal from background (mainly W+jets and single top)
  - ✓ One BDT trained in the two-jet and three-jet regions, whereas the second BDT was trained in the four-jet and five-jet regions
  - ✓ Variables chosen to have good signal-to-background separation and in combination provided greater separation than other choices

VARIABLE	DEFINITION	$\ell + (2, 3)\text{j}, (1, 2)\text{b}$	$\ell + (4, \geq 5)\text{j}, (1, 2)\text{b}$
$H_T^{\text{had}}$	Scalar sum of all jet transverse momenta	✓	✓
FW2 (1+j)	Second Fox-Wolfram moment computed using all jets and the lepton	✓	✓
Lepton $\eta$	Lepton pseudorapidity	✓	✓
$\Delta R_{bl}$ (med.)	Median $\Delta R$ between the lepton and $b$ -jets	✓	✓
$\Delta R_{jj}$ (med.)	Median $\Delta R$ between any two jets	✓	-
$m(\text{jj})^{\text{min.}\Delta R}$	Mass of the combination of any two jets with the smallest $\Delta R$	✓	-
$\Delta R_{uu}$ (med.)	Median $\Delta R$ between any two untagged jets	-	✓
$m(\text{uu})^{\text{min.}\Delta R}$	Mass of the combination of any two untagged jets with the smallest $\Delta R$	-	✓

- Usual ATLAS recipe for signal modelling uncertainties: alternative samples for parton shower and generator, hdamp, scales, PDF
- Background modelling: W+jets scale and normalisation (4%+24% per extra jet) uncertainties split into W+light jet, W+ $\geq 1c$  and W+ $\geq 1b$  jet; single top: normalisation, parton shower, DR-DS and scales; Diboson norm. of 20%, Z+jets norm. of 50%; mis-ID: 50%-100% shape and normalisation
- Lepton uncertainties from dedicated CP studies for low- $\mu$  5.02 TeV and 13 TeV data, i.e. isolation SFs from tag and probe dedicated 5.02 TeV Z $\rightarrow$ ll events
- b-tagging uncertainties from high- $\mu$  13 TeV data, measured by the dilepton channel, efficiencies for low- $\mu$  5.02 TeV and high- $\mu$  13 TeV are consistent
- JES and JER uncertainties taken from high- $\mu$  13 TeV data, additional uncertainty derived from the “in-situ” calibration called “JES correction”
- Integrated luminosity (1.6%) and LHC beam energy: 0.3% on  $\sigma(tt)$
- Parametric dependence on top mass given separately

Category	$\delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ [%]		
	Dilepton	Single lepton	Combination
$t\bar{t}$ generator <sup>†</sup>	1.2	1.0	0.8
$t\bar{t}$ hadronisation <sup>*,†</sup>	0.3	0.9	0.7
$t\bar{t}$ $h_{\text{damp}}$ and scale variations <sup>†</sup>	1.0	1.1	0.8
$t\bar{t}$ parton-distribution functions <sup>†</sup>	0.2	0.2	0.2
Single-top background	1.1	0.8	0.6
W/Z+jets background*	0.8	2.4	1.8
Diboson background	0.3	0.1	< 0.1
Misidentified leptons*	0.7	0.3	0.3
Electron identification/isolation	0.8	1.2	0.8
Electron energy scale/resolution	0.1	0.1	< 0.1
Muon identification/isolation	0.6	0.2	0.3
Muon momentum scale/resolution	0.1	0.1	0.1
Lepton-trigger efficiency	0.2	0.9	0.7
Jet-energy scale/resolution	0.1	1.1	0.8
$\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV JES correction	0.1	0.6	0.5
Jet-vertex tagging	< 0.1	0.2	0.2
Flavour tagging	0.1	1.1	0.8
$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	0.1	0.4	0.3
Simulation statistical uncertainty*	0.2	0.6	0.5
Data statistical uncertainty*	6.8	1.3	1.3
Total systematic uncertainty	3.1	4.2	3.7
Integrated luminosity	1.8	1.6	1.6
Beam energy	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total uncertainty	7.5	4.5	3.9

• **Combination of a cut-and-count dilepton result with a binned PLL fit in single-lepton channel:**

✓ **Using Convino tool**  
([Eur. Phys. J. C\(2017\) 77 792](#))

✓ **Minimising a  $\chi^2$  with 3 terms:**

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\alpha} \left( \chi_{s,\alpha}^2 + \chi_{u,\alpha}^2 \right) + \chi_p^2$$

$\chi_{s,\alpha}^2$  - the result of each measurement  $\alpha$  and its statistical uncertainty

$\chi_{u,\alpha}^2$  - correlations between syst. uncert. and constraints on them from the data for each  $\alpha$

$\chi_p^2$  - correlation assumptions between uncertainties of two measurements

Category	$\delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ [%]		
	Dilepton	Single lepton	Combination
$t\bar{t}$ generator <sup>†</sup>	1.2	1.0	0.8
$t\bar{t}$ hadronisation <sup>*,†</sup>	0.3	0.9	0.7
$t\bar{t}$ $h_{\text{damp}}$ and scale variations <sup>†</sup>	1.0	1.1	0.8
$t\bar{t}$ parton-distribution functions <sup>†</sup>	0.2	0.2	0.2
Single-top background	1.1	0.8	0.6
W/Z+jets background <sup>*</sup>	0.8	2.4	1.8
Diboson background	0.3	0.1	< 0.1
Misidentified leptons <sup>*</sup>	0.7	0.3	0.3
Electron identification/isolation	0.8	1.2	0.8
Electron energy scale/resolution	0.1	0.1	< 0.1
Muon identification/isolation	0.6	0.2	0.3
Muon momentum scale/resolution	0.1	0.1	0.1
Lepton-trigger efficiency	0.2	0.9	0.7
Jet-energy scale/resolution	0.1	1.1	0.8
$\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV JES correction	0.1	0.6	0.5
Jet-vertex tagging	< 0.1	0.2	0.2
Flavour tagging	0.1	1.1	0.8
$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	0.1	0.4	0.3
Simulation statistical uncertainty <sup>*</sup>	0.2	0.6	0.5
Data statistical uncertainty <sup>*</sup>	6.8	1.3	1.3
Total systematic uncertainty	3.1	4.2	3.7
Integrated luminosity	1.8	1.6	1.6
Beam energy	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total uncertainty	7.5	4.5	3.9

- Post-fit uncertainty correlations **accounted** for in the combination

- **Priors** for the correlations split in 3 categories:

unique<sup>\*</sup> (uncorrelated),

1-to-1 (fully correlated)

1-to-many<sup>†</sup> (i.e. separate NPs in one channel), investigated using different correlations

- Simultaneous profile likelihood fit to several regions with systematic uncertainties implemented in the fit as additional terms in the binned likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu, \theta) = \prod_{i=0}^N \frac{(\mu \cdot s_i(\theta) + b_i(\theta))^{n_i}}{n_i!} \exp(-(\mu \cdot s_i(\theta) + b_i(\theta))) \cdot \prod_{k=1}^P \rho(\theta_k)$$

- ML juega un papel en diferentes rincones de los experimentos en el LHC

- **En el análisis:**

- Clasificar entre eventos de señal y de fondo
- Reconstruir partículas pesadas

- **En la reconstrucción de eventos:**

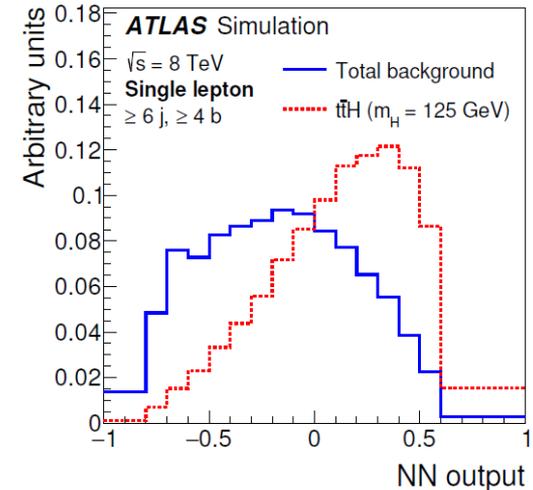
- Identificación y reconstrucción de partículas
- Calibración de energía / dirección

- **En el trigger:**

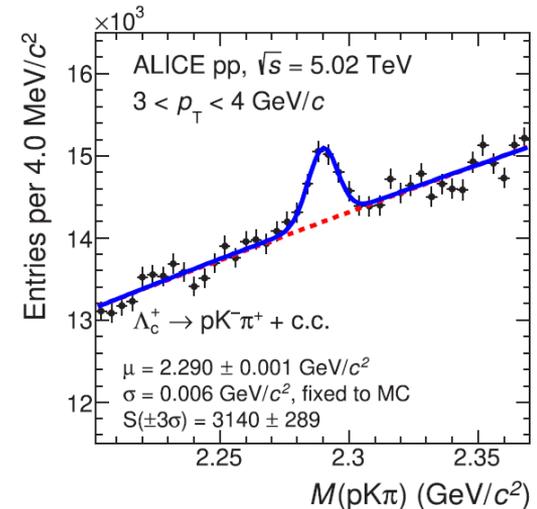
- Identificación rápida de estados finales complejos

- **En la computación y grid:**

- Estimar la popularidad del conjunto de datos
- Determinar la ubicación de las réplicas

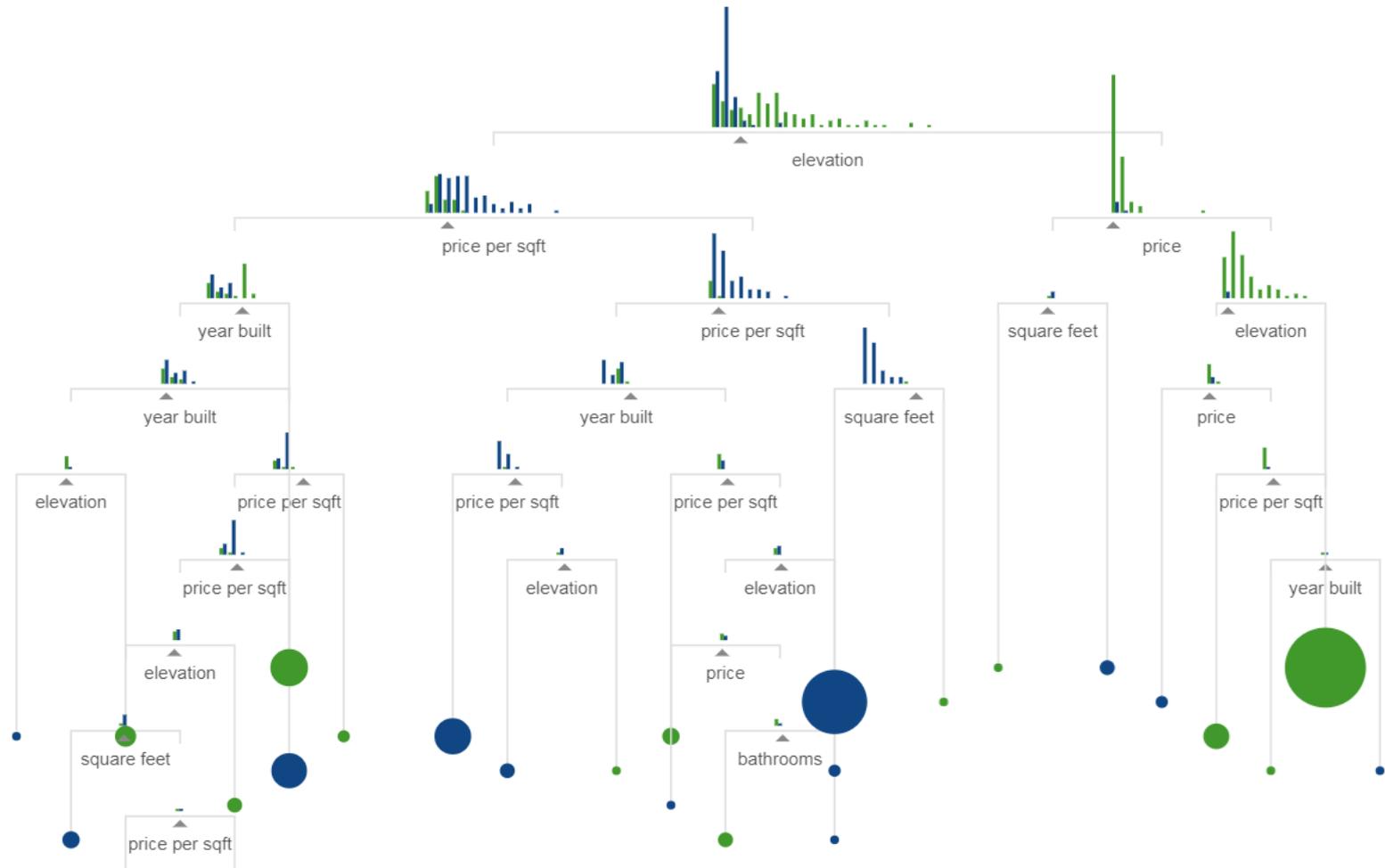


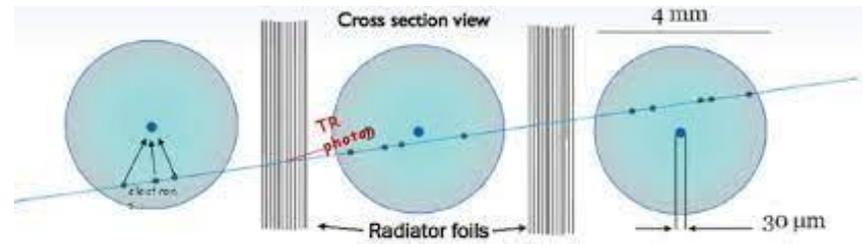
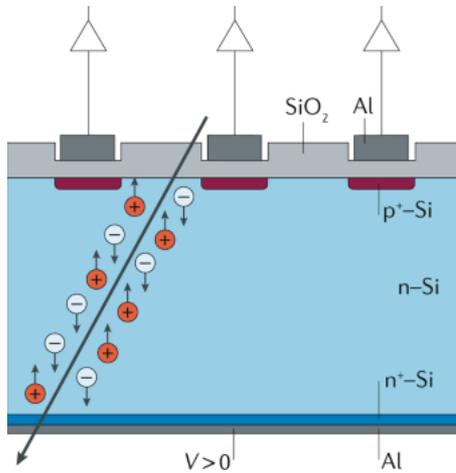
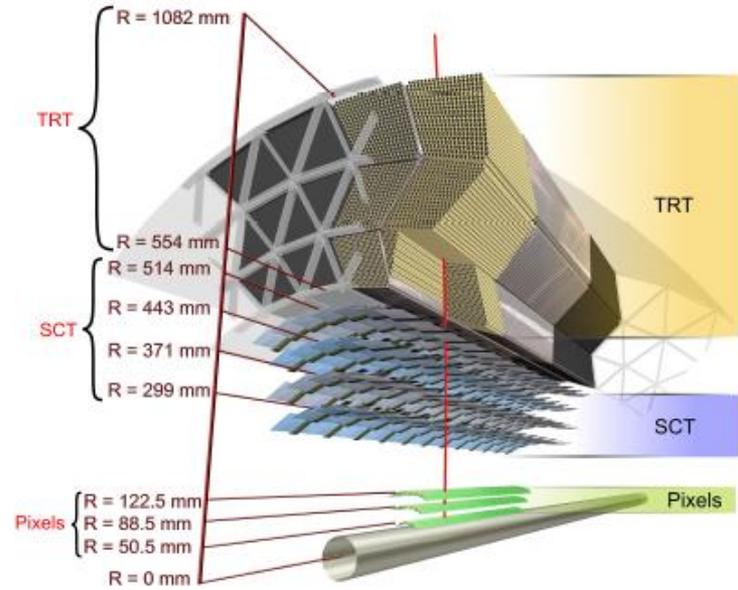
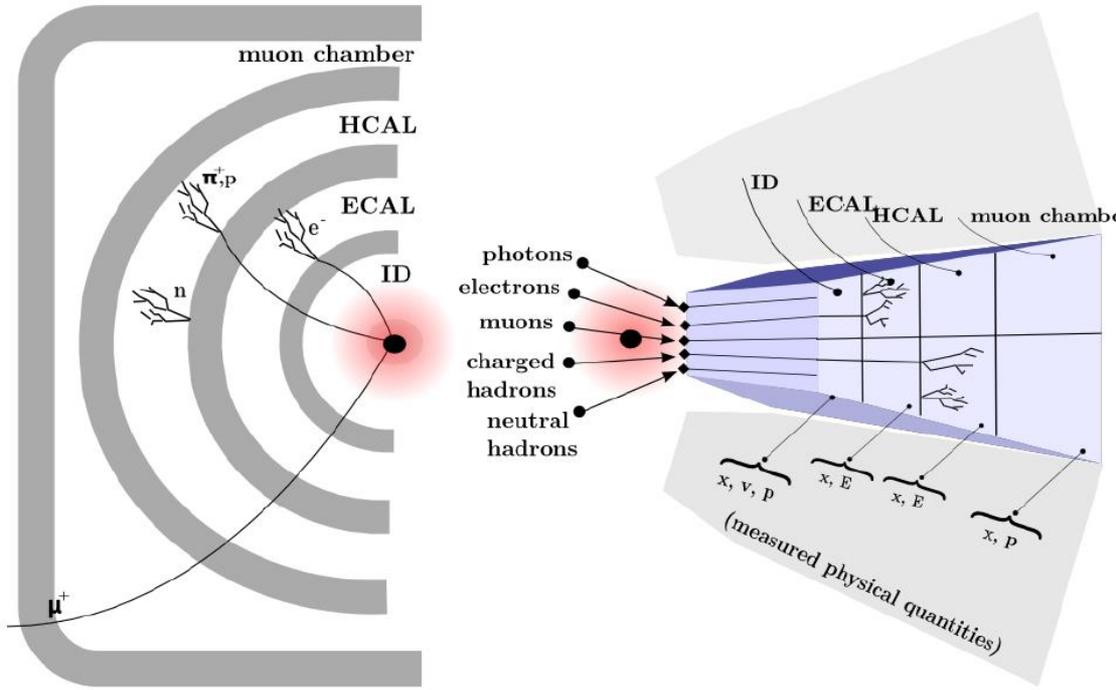
ATLAS Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C (2015) 75: 349



ALICE Collaboration, Phys. Rev. C 104, 054905

# Decision trees



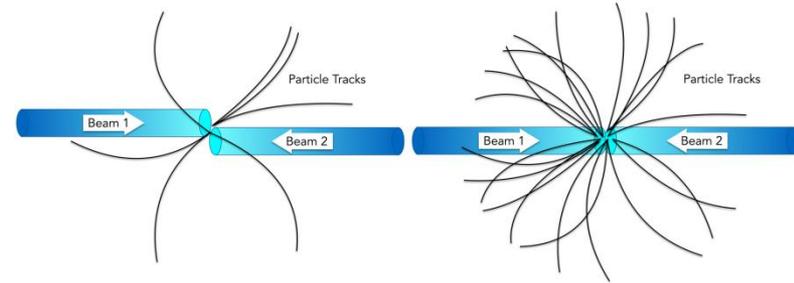


Luminosity quantifies the total number of pp interactions in a given dataset. Assuming that two beams have  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  particles in each bunch and these bunches meet each other with a frequency  $f_C$ . the luminosity is:

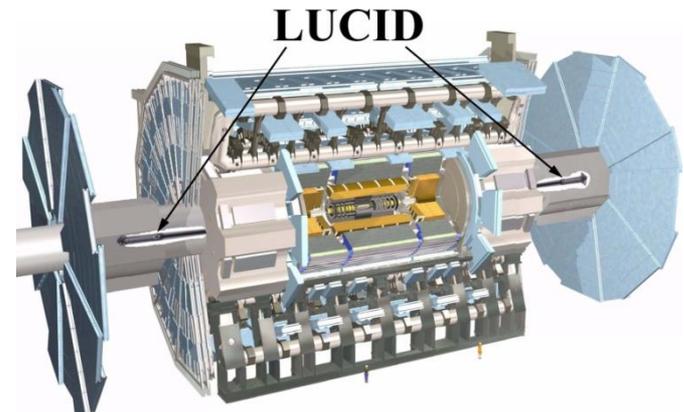
$$\mathcal{L} \propto f_C N_1 N_2 S_T^{-1}$$

where  $S_T$  represents the transverse size of the beams at the interaction point.

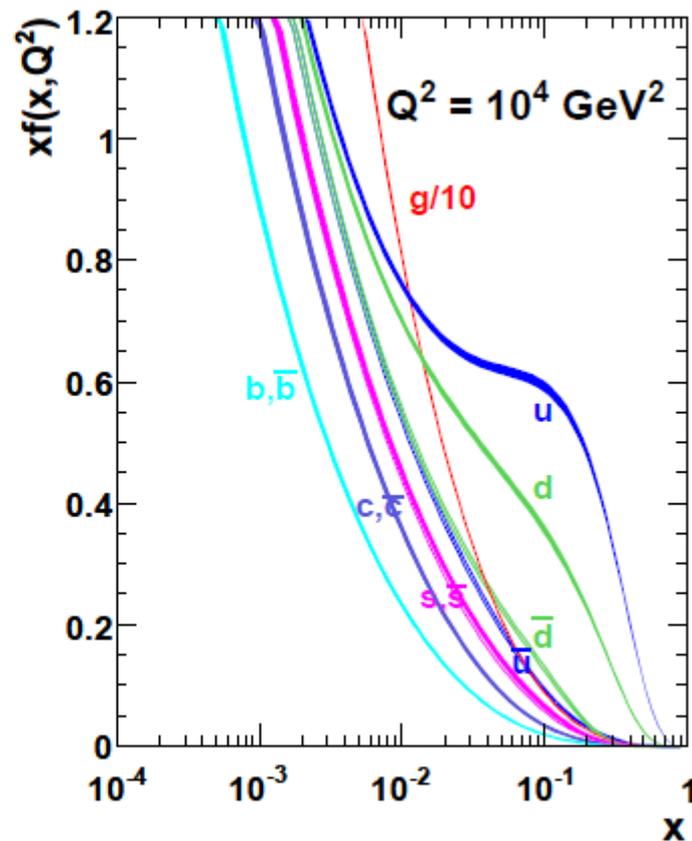
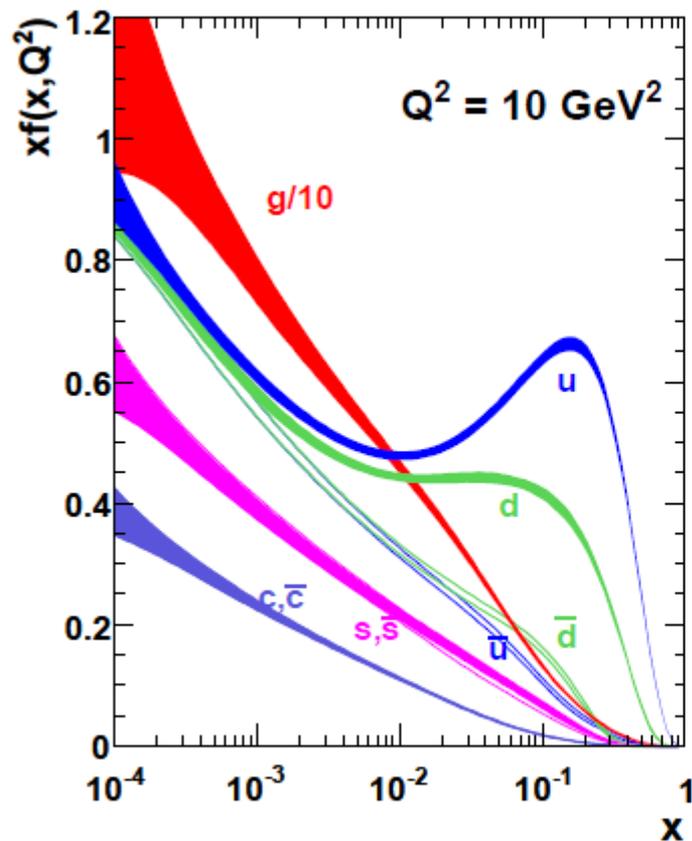
ATLAS has luminosity-sensitive detectors (LUCID-2) built specifically for such measurements. LUCID-2 consists of two sets of photomultiplier tubes (PMT) that surround the LHC beam pipe, 17 m on either side of the interaction point.



Once a year, LHC proton beams are displaced from their normal position in the horizontal and vertical planes: this method is called a van der Meer (vdM) beam separation scan, allows to map out the beam size and measure  $S_T$ .

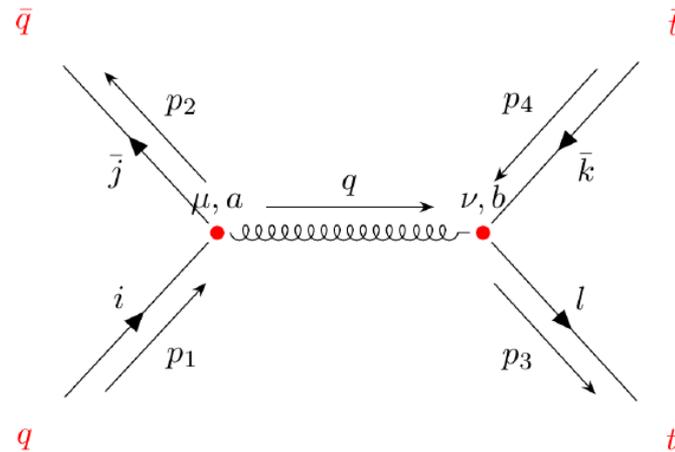


La función PDF describe la probabilidad de encontrar un parton de tipo  $i$  con un momento fracción  $x$  cuando se prueba un protón en la escala  $Q^2$



## Feynman Rules for QCD

		Internal Lines (propagators),	
Spin $\frac{1}{2}$	incoming quark	$c_i u(p)$	spin 1 gluon $\left\{ -i \frac{g_{\mu\nu} \delta^{ab}}{q^2} \right.$
	outgoing quark	$c_i^\dagger \bar{u}(p)$	
	incoming anti-quark	$c_i^\dagger \bar{v}(p)$	
	outgoing anti-quark	$c_i^\dagger v(p)$	
Spin $\frac{1}{2}$	incoming gluon	$\varepsilon^\mu(p)$	Vertex Factors,
	outgoing gluon	$\varepsilon^\mu(p)^*$	
		$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{quark-gluon-quark vertex} & -ig_s t^a \gamma^\mu \\ \text{3-gluon vertex} & g_s f_{abc} (g_{\mu\nu} (p_1 - p_2)_\lambda + g_{\nu\lambda} (p_2 - p_3)_\mu + g_{\lambda\mu} (p_3 - p_1)_\nu) \end{array} \right.$	
where $t^a = \lambda^a/2$ , $a = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ , $\lambda^a$ are the Gell-Mann $SU(3)$ matrices, and,			



$$\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}} = \left[ \bar{v}(p_2) c_j^\dagger (-ig_s \gamma^\mu t^a) u(p_1) c_i \right] \frac{g_{\mu\nu} \delta^{ab}}{(p_1 + p_2)^2} \left[ \bar{u}(p_3) c_k^\dagger (-ig_s \gamma^\nu t^b) v(p_4) c_l \right]$$

Lorentz invariant Mandelstam variable:

$$\begin{aligned}
 s &= (p_1 + p_2)^2 = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + 2p_1 \cdot p_2 & t &= m_t^2 - \frac{s}{2} \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_t^2}{s}} \cos \theta \right) \\
 t &= (p_1 - p_3)^2 = p_1^2 + p_3^2 - 2p_1 \cdot p_3 & u &= m_t^2 - \frac{s}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_t^2}{s}} \cos \theta \right) \\
 u &= (p_1 - p_4)^2 = p_1^2 + p_4^2 - 2p_1 \cdot p_4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi s^2} |\mathcal{M}_{fi}|^2 \quad \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dt} (q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = \frac{4\pi\alpha_s^2}{9s^4} \left[ (m^2 - t)^2 + (m^2 - u)^2 + 2m^2 s \right]$$

$$\sigma (q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = \frac{4\pi\alpha_s^2}{27s} (2 + z) \sqrt{1 - z} \quad z = 4m^2 / \hat{s}.$$

## The Factorization Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{pp \rightarrow N} &= \sum_{1,2=q,\bar{q},g} \int dx_1 dx_2 \int f_1(x_1, Q^2) f_2(x_2, Q^2) \times \hat{\sigma}_{12 \rightarrow N}(\mu_F, \mu_R) \\
 &= \sum_{1,2=q,\bar{q},g} \int dx_1 dx_2 \int d\Phi_X \times f_1(x_1, Q^2) f_2(x_2, Q^2) \frac{1}{2x_1 x_2 s} |\mathcal{M}_{12 \rightarrow N}|^2(\Phi_N, \mu_F, \mu_R),
 \end{aligned}$$

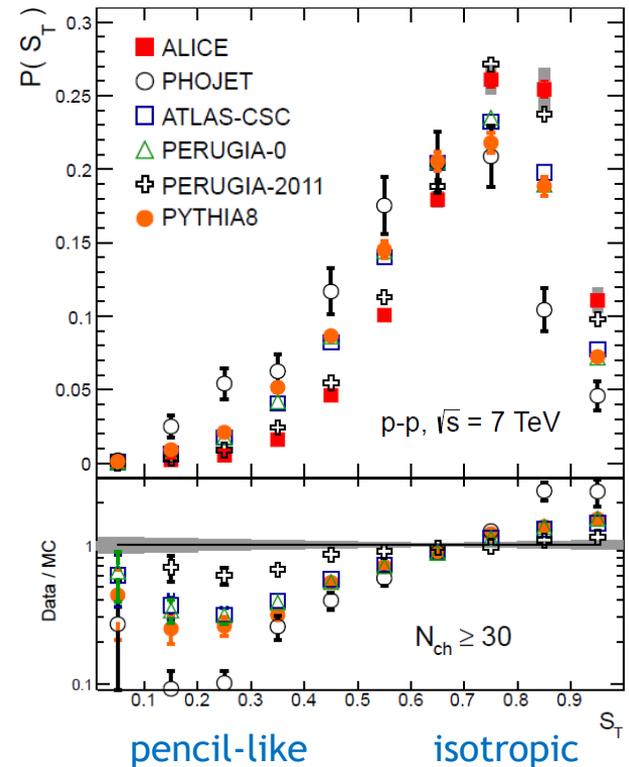
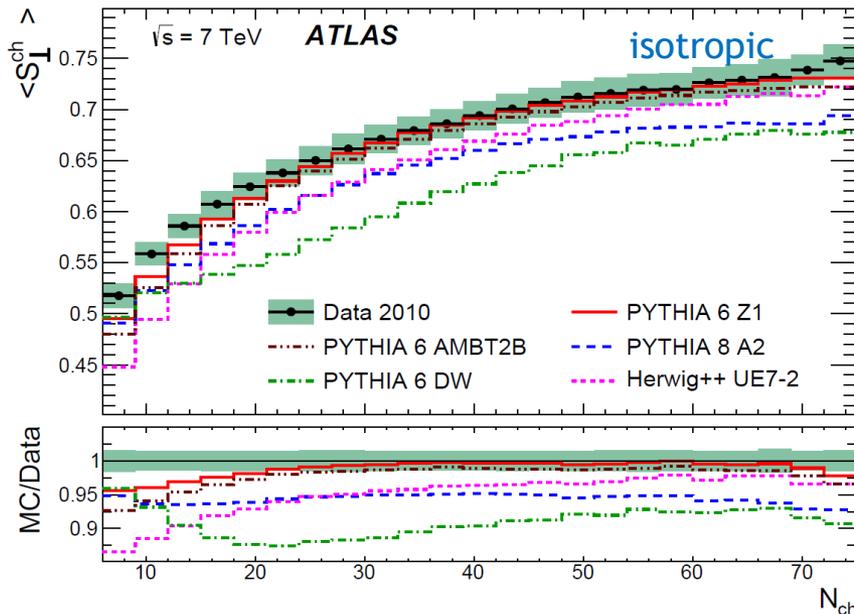
	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
RHIC	<i>AA, pA, pp</i>					
EIC	TDR	Construction	20 GeV → 140 GeV			
LHeC	TDR	Construction	1.3 TeV			
(HL)-LHC	14 TeV					
CEPC	TDR	Construction	240 GeV	Z W		SppC
ILC	Pre-constr'n	Construction	250 GeV			500 GeV
CLIC	TDR, pre-constr'n	Construction	380 GeV			1.5 TeV
FCC- <i>ee</i>	TDR, pre-construction	Construction	Z W 240 GeV → 350 GeV			
HE-LHC	R&D, TDR, prototyping, pre-construction			Construction		27 TeV
FCC- <i>hh</i>	R&D, TDR, prototyping, pre-construction			Construction		100 TeV
Muon Collider	R&D, tests, TDR, prototyping, pre-construction			Construction		3 → 14 TeV
Plasma Coll.	R&D, feasibility studies, tests, TDR, prototyping, pre-construction				Construction	3 TeV

- Attempts to characterise these high-multiplicity events: use of event shapes, i.e. using transverse sphericity:

$$S_{\perp} = \frac{2\lambda_2^{xy}}{\lambda_1^{xy} + \lambda_2^{xy}}, \quad S^{xy} = \sum_i \frac{1}{|\vec{p}_{T,i}|^2} \begin{bmatrix} p_{x,i}^2 & p_{x,i} p_{y,i} \\ p_{x,i} p_{y,i} & p_{y,i}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Both ALICE and ATLAS observed an **under-estimation** of isotropic events by MC generators at high charged multiplicity ( $N_{ch} \geq 30$ )
  - ✓ Suggest that a very active underlying event (UE) is needed by the MC event generators in order to explain these high-multiplicity events

ATLAS Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 88, 032004 (2013)



ALICE Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 72 (2012) 2124

- Attempts to characterise these high-multiplicity events: use of event shapes, i.e. using transverse sphericity:

$$S_{\perp} = \frac{2\lambda_2^{xy}}{\lambda_1^{xy} + \lambda_2^{xy}}, \quad S^{xy} = \sum_i \frac{1}{|\vec{p}_{T,i}|^2} \begin{bmatrix} p_{x,i}^2 & p_{x,i} p_{y,i} \\ p_{x,i} p_{y,i} & p_{y,i}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Both ALICE and ATLAS observed an **under-estimation** of isotropic events by MC generators at high charged multiplicity ( $N_{\text{ch}} \geq 30$ )
  - ✓ Suggest that a very active underlying event (UE) is needed by the MC event generators in order to explain these high-multiplicity events
- ALICE measurement shows that  $\langle p_T \rangle$  as a function of  $N_{\text{ch}}$  in isotropic events was found to be **smaller** than that measured in jet-like events, and that for jet-like events, the  $\langle p_T \rangle$  is **over-estimated** by PYTHIA 6 and 8 models.

