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Combination of W boson polarization measurements in top quark decays using ATLAS and CMS data at 8 TeV

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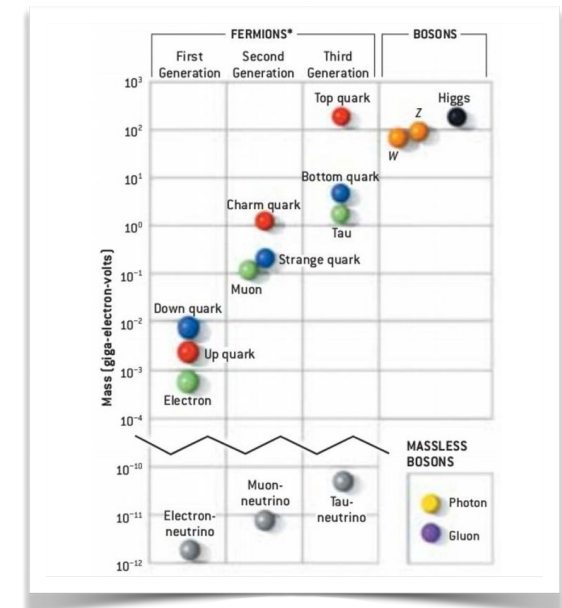
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Top events: from precision to searches!

Physics

- LHC is a top quark factory: at 13 TeV about 2 tops every second!
 - plenty of statistics to make precision measurements
- Studying top decay is crucial to the LHC programme:
 - Detailed measurements of QCD, EWK
 - Searches for new physics
- Combining ATLAS and CMS measurements: LHC legacy!
 - Gain in sensitivity from added statistics and complementary approaches
 - But a lot of work!
 - Detailed discussions of each systematic uncertainties
 - Extensive cross-checks of stability of results on assumptions of correlations
 - Published results and on-going activities within the LHCTopWG: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/LHCTopWG>



Example: Common ATLAS + CMS MC sample

Physics

- MC modelling crucial ingredient to all top ATLAS and CMS results and to combining them
- Use same generators (Powheg-Box V2 (HVQ) + Pythia8) but different parameters and systematic uncertainty prescriptions
- Common Settings:

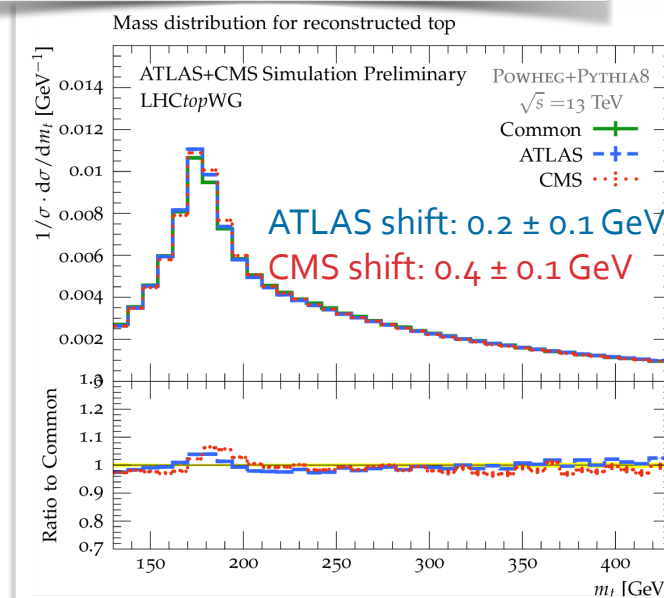
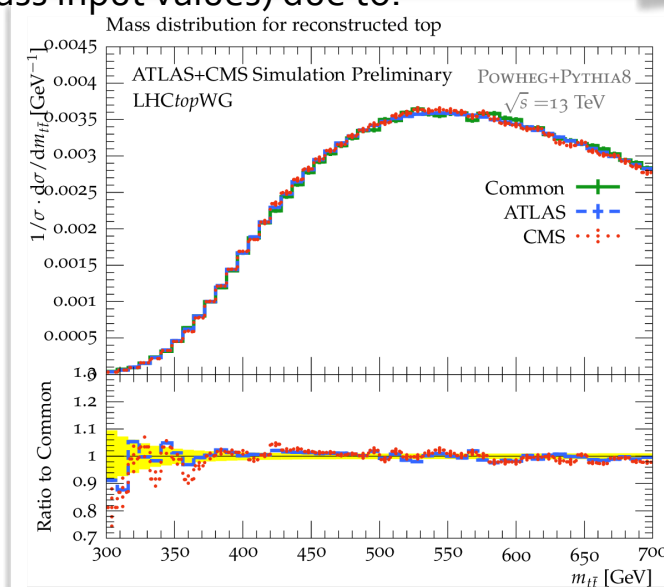
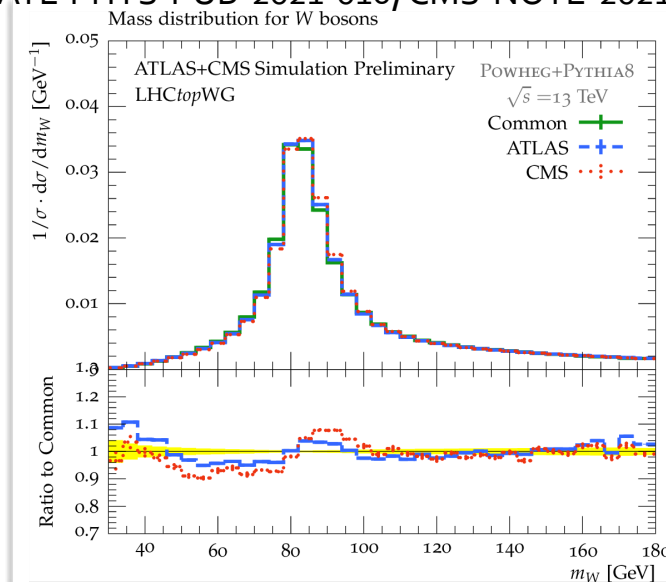
- Step 1: use same parameters (will not become the defaults ones): done

- Eg shift in masses (same mass input values) due to:

- parton shower modelling
- α_s value
- colour reconnection modelling

- Step 2: tune those parameters to ATLAS and CMS data: to do

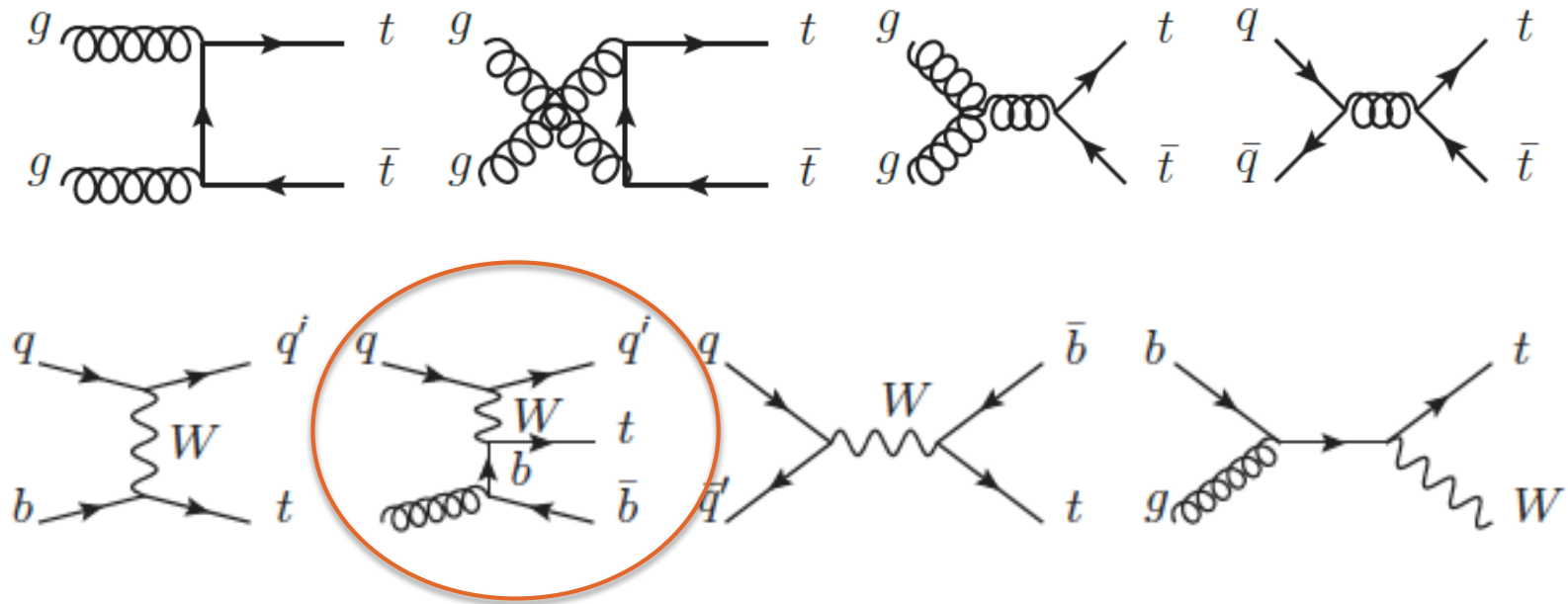
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Top production and decay

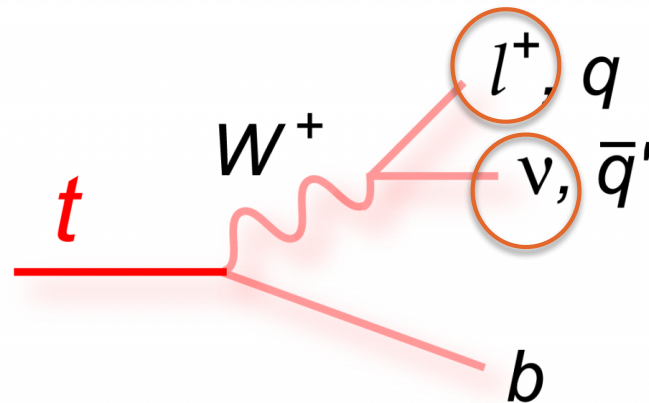
Physics

Production:



single top t-channel

Decay:

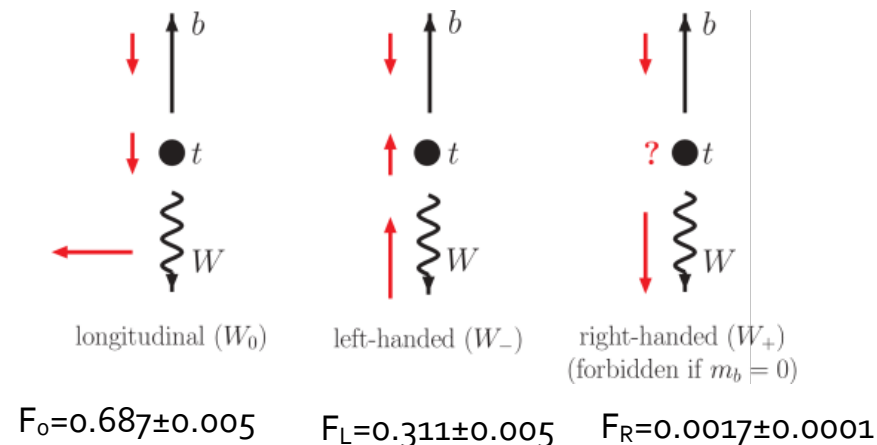


lepton+jets channel: electron and muon

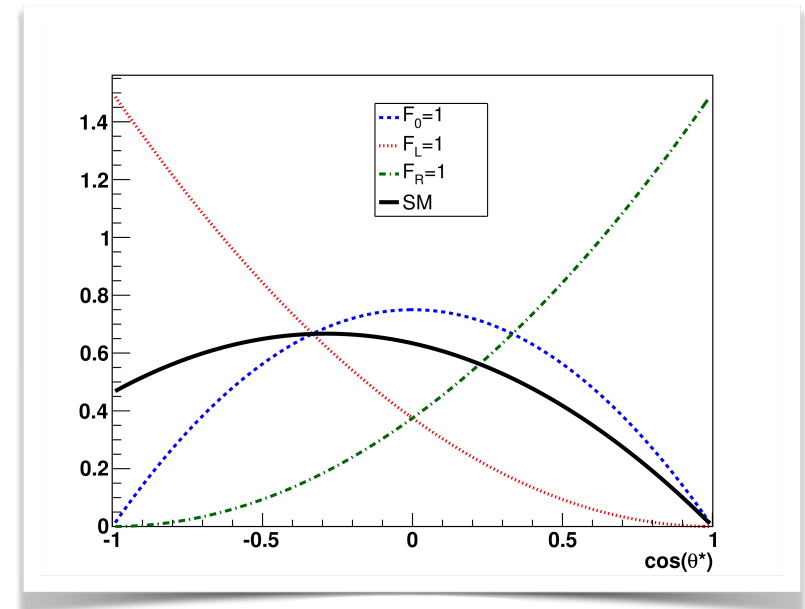
W polarization in top-quark decay

Physics

- tWb vertex governed by weak interaction, in SM: V-A structure
 - test of SM prediction
 - probe for new physics

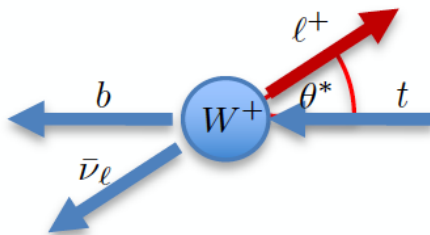


SM NNLO calculation: [Phys. Rev. D81, 111503 \(2010\)](#)



- Measured using $\cos\theta^*$ distribution:

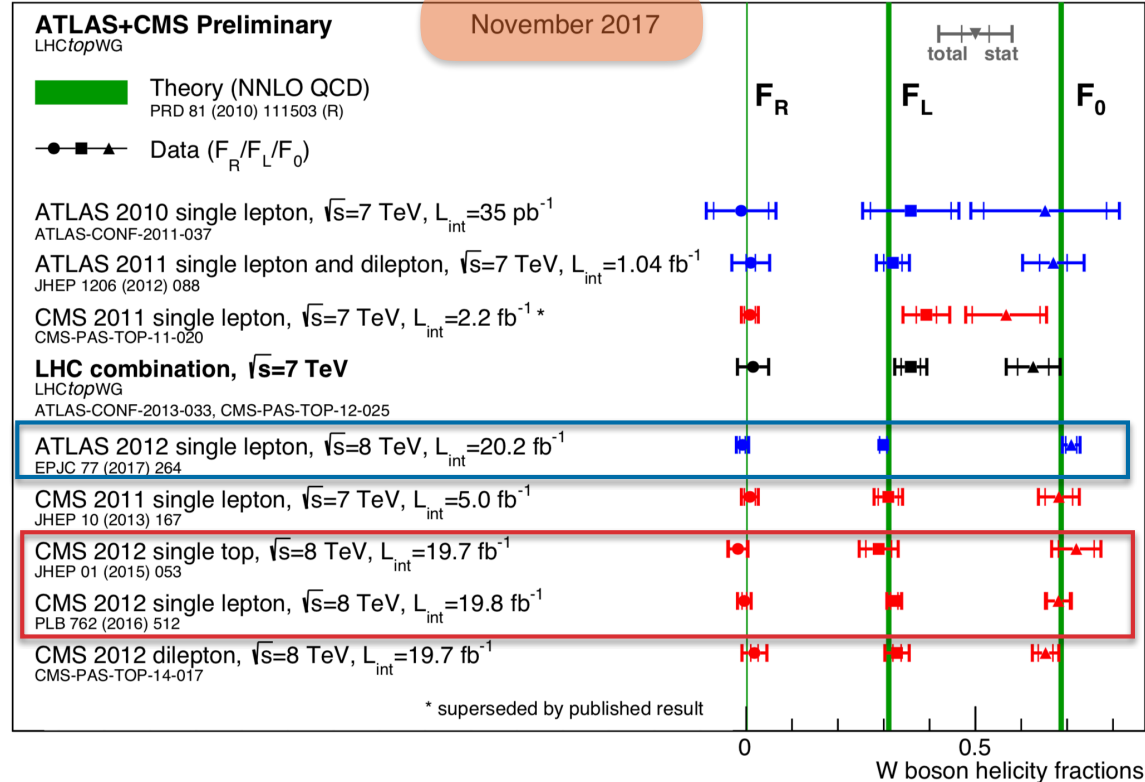
Assume unitarity: $F_0 + F_L + F_R = 1$
2 independent measurements



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

4 Input Measurements

Physics



best precision
of inputs:
~3-5%

1

2

3) e+jets 4) μ +jets

- e+jets, μ +jets: 1 e or μ , ≥ 4 jets (≥ 2 b-jets)
- single top: 1 e or μ , =2 jets (=1 b-jet), orthogonal selection
- Kinematic likelihood fit for reconstruction
- Binned likelihood fit: ATLAS: templates, CMS: event-by-event reweighting

Input Systematic Uncertainties

Physics

- l+jets: systematics dominated, single-top: stats dominated
- **Modifications:**
 - ATLAS uncertainties symmetrised (needed for BLUE)
 - CMS l+jets signal modelling uncertainties recalculated without MC stats (accounted in sample size category)
 - ATLAS top mass uncertainty increased from 0.7 GeV to 1 GeV
- Types of uncertainties:
 - data stat, size of simulated samples, backgrounds
 - **detector modelling** (lepton, jets, b-tagging, etc.): dominant are jet energy scale, resolution (single-top: b-tagging)
 - **signal modelling** (generator, radiation, PDF, etc.): dominant are top mass, model, radiation
 - **single top**: W polarization also impacts single top production, modelling of this included in uncertainty

| | ATLAS | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| | F_0 | F_L | $\rho_{\text{ATLAS}}(F_0, F_L)$ |
| Measured value | 0.709 | 0.299 | |
| Uncertainty category | | | |
| <i>Samples size and background determination</i> | | | |
| Stat+bkg | 0.012 | 0.008 | -1.00 |
| Size of simulated samples | 0.009 | 0.006 | -1.00 |
| <i>Detector modelling</i> | | | |
| JES | 0.005 | 0.003 | -0.94 |
| JER | 0.006 | 0.003 | -0.92 |
| b tagging | 0.002 | 0.001 | -0.84 |
| JVF | 0.003 | 0.002 | -0.99 |
| Jet reconstruction efficiency | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | -1.00 |
| Lepton efficiency | 0.004 | 0.002 | -0.99 |
| Pileup | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> |
| <i>Signal modelling</i> | | | |
| Top quark mass | 0.002 | 0.007 | -1.00 |
| Simulation model choice | 0.003 | 0.004 | 0.99 |
| Radiation and scales | 0.003 | 0.006 | -0.91 |
| Top quark p_T | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> |
| PDF | 0.003 | 0.004 | -1.00 |
| Single top method | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> |
| <i>Total uncertainties</i> | | | |
| Systematic uncertainty | 0.014 | 0.013 | -0.82 |
| Total uncertainty | 0.019 | 0.015 | -0.80 |

tables for CMS l+jets and single top in backup

Correlations

Physics

- Correlations within the same measurements:

- F_0 and F_L highly anti-correlated
- ATLAS: use covariance matrices, CMS: use $\rho(F_0, F_L) = \frac{\sigma^2(F_R) - \sigma^2(F_0) - \sigma^2(F_L)}{2\sigma(F_0)\sigma(F_L)}$

- Correlations between measurements within CMS:

- Use: $\rho_{\text{CMS}}(F_i, F_j)(\text{st}, e+\text{jets}) = \rho_{\text{CMS}}(F_i, F_j)(\text{st}, \mu+\text{jets})$, $i, j: 0, L$
- Use: $\rho_{\text{CMS}}(F_0, F_0) = \rho_{\text{CMS}}(F_L, F_L) = -\rho_{\text{CMS}}(F_0, F_L)$
- data stat, backgrounds, lepton eff, MC stats \rightarrow uncorrelated
- All others \rightarrow fully correlated

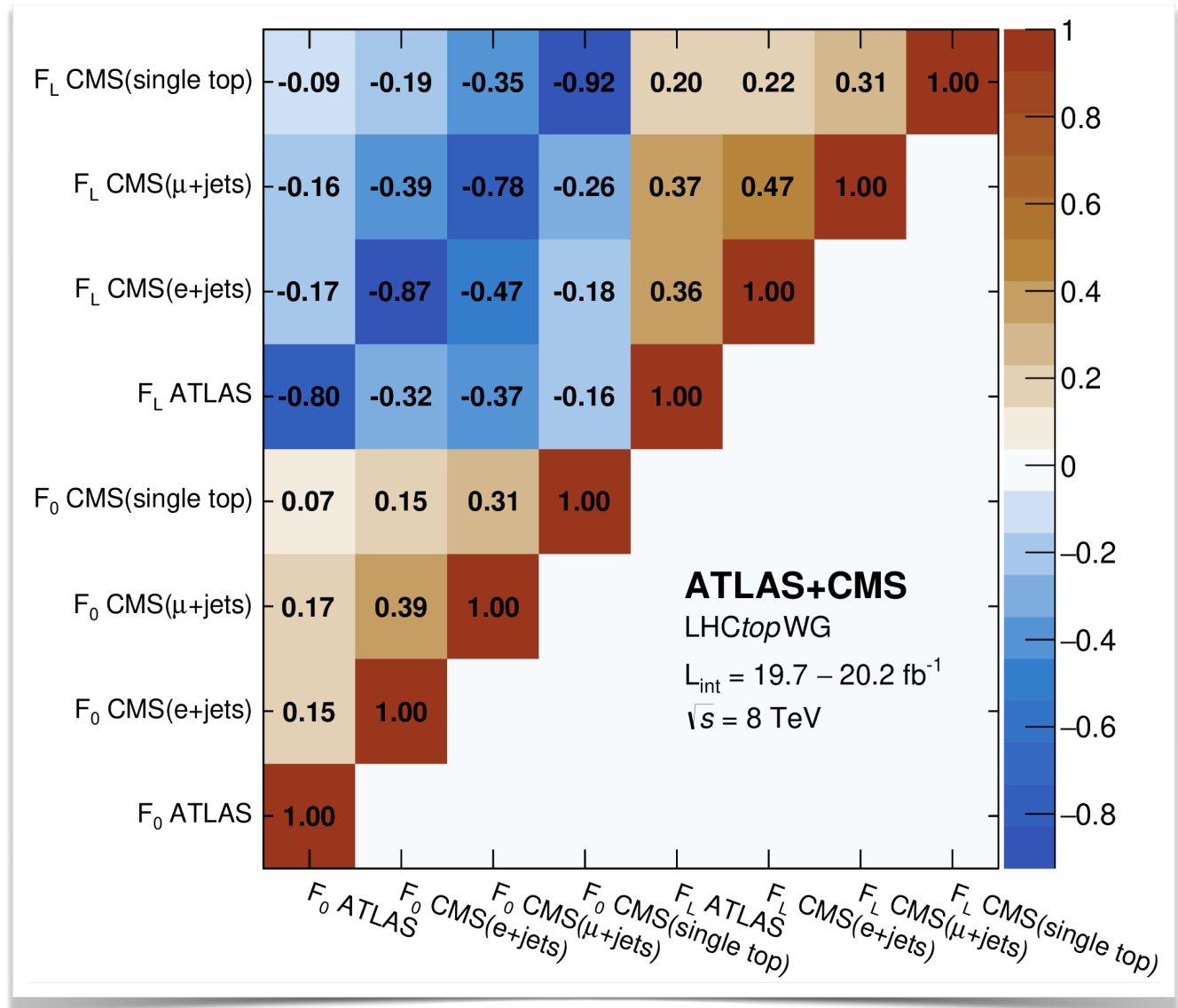
- Correlations between ATLAS and CMS:

- Use: $\rho_{\text{LHC}}(F_0, F_0) = \rho_{\text{LHC}}(F_L, F_L) = -\rho_{\text{LHC}}(F_0, F_L)$
- detector modelling, method-specific uncertainties \rightarrow uncorrelated
- JES: $\rho_{\text{LHC}}(F_0, F_0) = 0.2$, radiation and scales: $\rho_{\text{LHC}}(F_0, F_0) = 0.5$
- All others \rightarrow fully correlated

Summary of total correlations

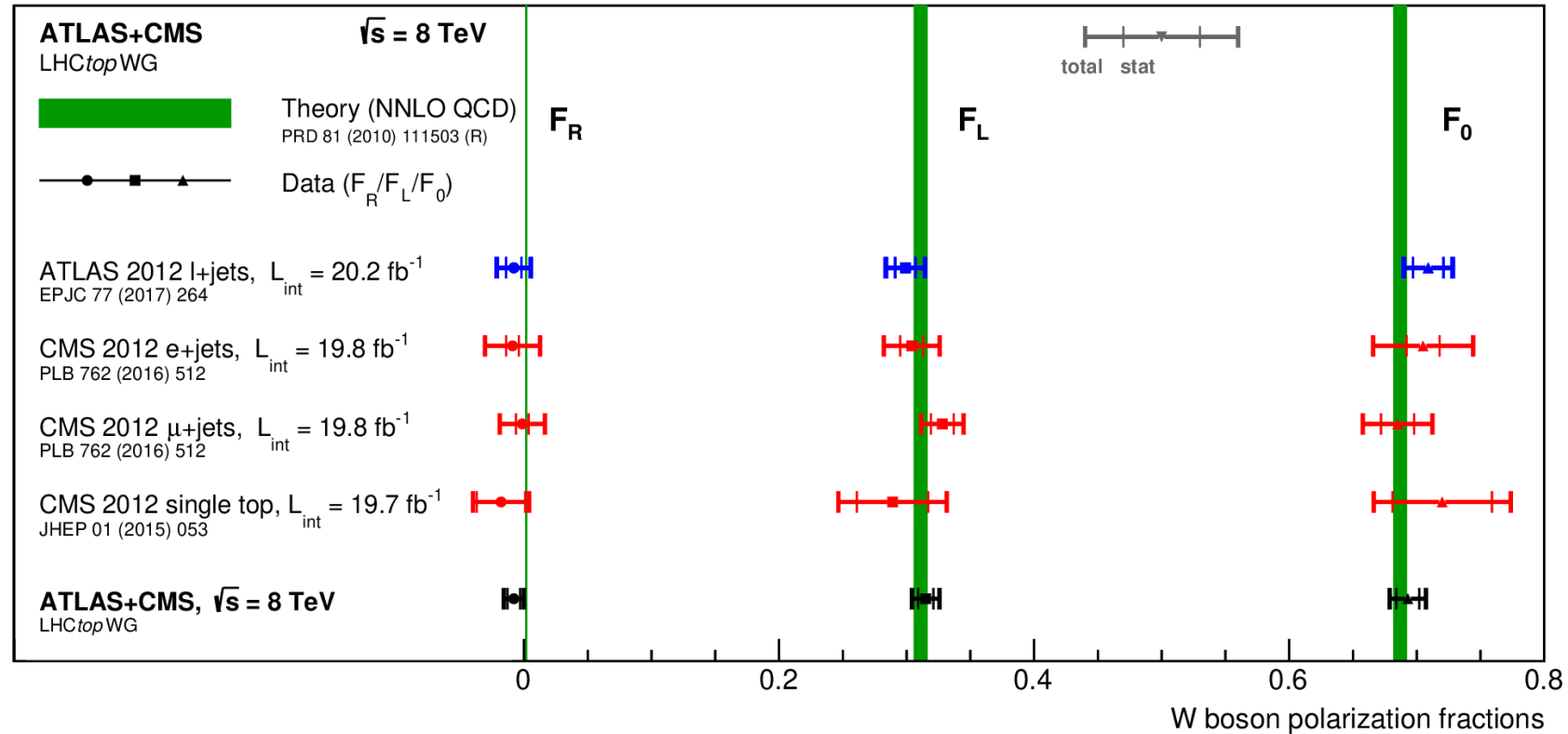
Physics

- F_0 and F_L highly anti-correlated
- ATLAS and CMS l+jets: (anti)correlation ~30-40%
- CMS single top: more correlated with CMS l+jets than ATLAS l+jets



Results

Physics



$F_0 = 0.693 \pm 0.009 \text{ (stat+bckg)} \pm 0.011 \text{ (syst)}$ (2.0%), 25% more precise than inputs

$F_L = 0.315 \pm 0.006 \text{ (stat+bckg)} \pm 0.009 \text{ (syst)}$ (3.5%), 29% more precise than inputs

total correlation: -0.85

using unitarity: $F_R = -0.008 \pm 0.005 \text{ (stat+bckg)} \pm 0.006 \text{ (syst)}$, Feldman-Cousins limit: $F_R < 0.007$
at 95% CL, factor of 2 more precise than inputs

Systematic uncertainties on combination

Physics

| | ATLAS+CMS combination | |
|--|-----------------------|---------|
| | F_0 | F_L |
| Fractions | 0.693 | 0.315 |
| Uncertainty category | | |
| <i>Samples size and background determination</i> | | |
| Stat+bkg | 0.009 | 0.006 |
| Size of simulated samples | 0.005 | 0.003 |
| <i>Detector modelling</i> | | |
| JES | 0.004 | 0.002 |
| JER | 0.004 | 0.002 |
| b tagging | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| JVF | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Jet reconstruction | < 0.001 | < 0.001 |
| Lepton efficiency | 0.002 | 0.001 |
| Pileup | < 0.001 | < 0.001 |
| <i>Signal modelling</i> | | |
| Top quark mass | 0.003 | 0.004 |
| Simulation model choice | 0.006 | 0.005 |
| Radiation and scales | 0.005 | 0.004 |
| Top quark p_T | 0.001 | 0.002 |
| PDF | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Single top method | 0.001 | < 0.001 |
| Total uncertainty | 0.014 | 0.011 |

Probing new physics!

Physics

- tWb vertex Lagrangian using EFT:

$$\mathcal{L}_{tWb} = \underbrace{-\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (V_L P_L + V_R P_R) t W_\mu^-}_{\text{Vector couplings}} - \underbrace{\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{m_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_\mu^-}_{\text{Tensor couplings}} + \text{h.c.},$$

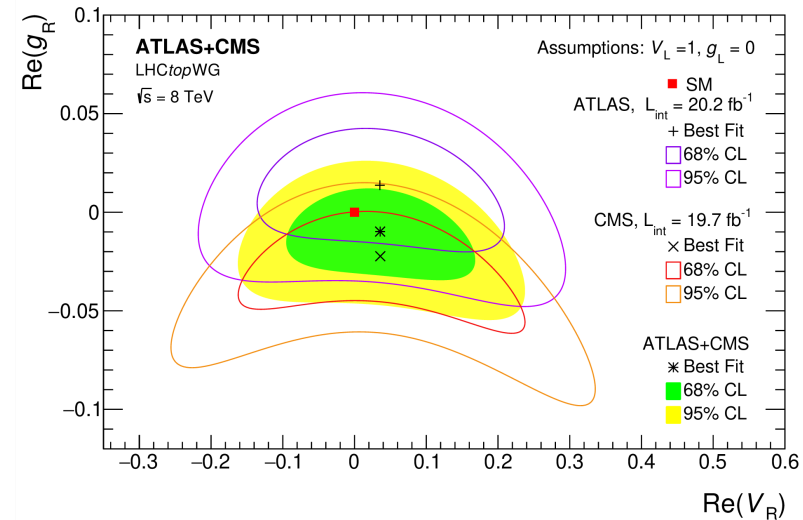
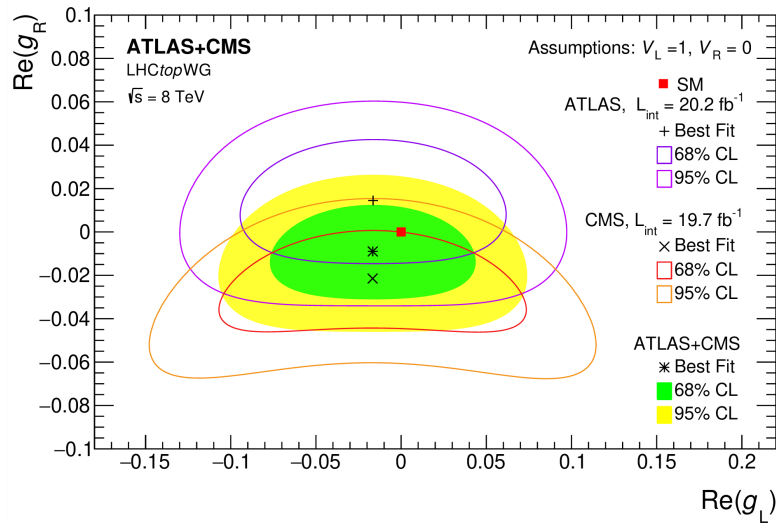
$V_{tb} \approx 1$ in SM (points to V_L)
 anomalous couplings: ≈ 0 in SM (points to V_R, g_L, g_R)

- Fit using EFTfitter, 2 inputs for 4 parameters: fix non-fitted parameters to SM values
- Assume couplings are real and don't introduce new CP violation

| Coupling | 95% CL interval | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | ATLAS | CMS | ATLAS+CMS combination |
| $\text{Re}(V_R)$ | $[-0.17, 0.25]$ | $[-0.12, 0.16]$ | $[-0.11, 0.16]$ |
| $\text{Re}(g_L)$ | $[-0.11, 0.08]$ | $[-0.09, 0.06]$ | $[-0.08, 0.05]$ |
| $\text{Re}(g_R)$ | $[-0.03, 0.06]$ | $[-0.06, 0.01]$ | $[-0.04, 0.02]$ |

Probing new physics!

Physics



- Can also use effective Lagrangian using dimension-six operators and get limits on Wilson coefficients:

$$-L^{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}^{\text{SM}} + \sum_x \frac{C_x}{\Lambda^2} O_x + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^3}\right) + \dots$$

$$O_{\phi\phi} = i(\tilde{\phi}^\dagger D_\mu \phi)(\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu b_R),$$

$$O_{tW} = (\bar{q}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^I t_R) \tilde{\phi} W_{\mu\nu}^I,$$

$$O_{bW} = (\bar{q}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^I b_R) \phi W_{\mu\nu}^I,$$

| Coefficient | 95% CL interval | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | ATLAS | CMS | ATLAS+CMS combination |
| $C_{\phi\phi}^*$ | $[-5.64, 7.68]$ | $[-3.84, 4.92]$ | $[-3.48, 5.16]$ |
| C_{bW}^* | $[-1.30, 0.96]$ | $[-1.06, 0.72]$ | $[-0.96, 0.67]$ |
| C_{tW} | $[-0.34, 0.67]$ | $[-0.62, 0.19]$ | $[-0.48, 0.29]$ |

Summary & Conclusions

Physics

- Most precise W polarization measurements are obtained from combining ATLAS and CMS 8 TeV results
- The order 2-3% precision in F_0 and F_L is close to the precision achieved in the theoretical prediction at NNLO (order 1%), and is a ~25% improvement on the input measurements
- Combination also improves significantly the limits on anomalous couplings and Wilson coefficients
- More ATLAS & CMS combinations to come soon:
 - Eg: Run 1 tt cross-section and extraction of top pole mass and strong coupling constant
 - Large effort ongoing on getting tools to harmonize combinations: eg common MC sample

14th International Workshop on Top Quark Physics (TOP2021)

13-17 September 2021
Europe/Paris timezone

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Welcome to the 14th International Workshop on Top Quark Physics (TOP2021)

The 14th International Workshop on Top Quark Physics (TOP 2021) will be held online, via zoom, from September 13 to 17, 2021.

TOP 2021 will bring together experimentalists and theorists to present and discuss the latest developments in top-quark physics. This year's meeting will be an on-line conference hosted by Michigan State University and other North American institutions. The program includes a mini-workshop entitled "Top Physics @ Future Colliders".

Young scientists are especially encouraged to participate, and there will be a poster session as well as a block of short plenary talks in the "Young Scientist Forum", allowing them to present their work. There is no registration fee.

Please note that all times correspond to CERN time. The conference will be held on Zoom; information about how to join, and detailed instructions for participants, speakers, and session chairs will be posted.

First Bulletin

Confirmed speakers:

- Keynote Speaker - Andrea Wulzer (Padova University)
- Status LHC Run III - Gianluigi Arduini (CERN)
- Highlights in single top quark physics - John M. Campbell (Fermilab)
- NNLO event generation for top-quark pair production - Giulia Zanderighi (MPI, Munich)
- Flavoured jets in top physics and beyond - Michal Czakon (RWTH Aachen University)
- ttbb at the LHC: On the size of corrections and bottom-jet definitions - Manfred Kraus (Florida State University)
- Interpreting top quark LHC measurements in the standard model effective field theory - Ken Mimasu (King's College London)
- Theory issues in SMEFT fits - Ilaria Brivio (Heidelberg University)
- Lepton universality in beauty-quark decay and top-quark physics - David Marzocca (INFN, Trieste)
- Theory Summary - Doreen Wackeroth (SUNY, Buffalo)
- Experiment Summary - Maria Aldaya (DESY)

Theory Mini-Workshop - *Top-quark physics at Future Colliders*

Guest Chairperson: Andrea Wulzer (CERN)

Confirmed speakers:

- Top-quark couplings from Higgs factories to multi-teV lepton colliders - Gauthier Durieux (CERN)
- BSM top-related/inspired physics and future multi-teV colliders - Javi Serra (TUM)
- Challenges for top tagging and reconstruction at future colliders - Michele Selvaggi (CERN)
- Precision top-quark physics at the threshold in e+e- colliders - Andre Hoang (University of Vienna)

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backups

Matching of anomalous couplings with coefficients

Physics

J.A. Aguilar-Saavedra / Nuclear Physics B 812 (2009) 181–204

$$\begin{aligned}\delta V_L &= C_{\phi q}^{(3,33)*} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}, & \delta g_L &= \sqrt{2} C_{dW}^{33*} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}, \\ \delta V_R &= \frac{1}{2} C_{\phi\phi}^{33} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}, & \delta g_R &= \sqrt{2} C_{uW}^{33} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Input measurements

Physics

Table 1: Summary of the published ATLAS and CMS measurements for 8 TeV data. The first quoted uncertainty in the ATLAS measurement includes statistical uncertainties and uncertainties in the background determination, and the second uncertainty refers to the remaining systematic contribution. For CMS measurements, the first uncertainty is statistical while the second is the total systematic uncertainty, including that on background determination.

| Measurement | F_0 | F_L | F_R |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ATLAS (ℓ +jets) | $0.709 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.015$ | $0.299 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.013$ | $-0.008 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.012$ |
| CMS (e+jets) | $0.705 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.037$ | $0.304 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.020$ | $-0.009 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.021$ |
| CMS (μ +jets) | $0.685 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.024$ | $0.328 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.014$ | $-0.013 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.017$ |
| CMS (single top) | $0.720 \pm 0.039 \pm 0.037$ | $0.298 \pm 0.028 \pm 0.032$ | $-0.018 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.011$ |

CMS uncertainties and correlations

Physics

| Measured value | CMS e+jets | | | CMS μ +jets | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|-----------------|-------------|---|
| | F_0 | F_L | $\rho_{\text{CMS}}^{\text{e+jets}}(F_0, F_L)$ | F_0 | F_L | $\rho_{\text{CMS}}^{\mu+\text{jets}}(F_0, F_L)$ |
| Measured value | 0.705 | 0.304 | | 0.685 | 0.328 | |
| Uncertainty category | | | | | | |
| <i>Samples size and background determination</i> | | | | | | |
| Stat+bkg | 0.028 | 0.011 | -0.87 | 0.016 | 0.010 | -0.88 |
| Size of simulated samples | 0.002 | 0.001 | -0.95 | 0.002 | 0.001 | -0.96 |
| <i>Detector modelling</i> | | | | | | |
| JES | 0.004 | 0.003 | -1.00 | 0.005 | 0.003 | -1.00 |
| JER | 0.001 | 0.002 | -1.00 | 0.004 | 0.003 | -1.00 |
| b tagging | 0.001 | < 0.001 | -1.00 | 0.001 | < 0.001 | -1.00 |
| JVF | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> |
| Jet reconstruction efficiency | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> |
| Lepton efficiency | 0.001 | 0.002 | -1.00 | 0.001 | 0.001 | -1.00 |
| Pileup | 0.001 | 0.001 | -1.00 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | -1.00 |
| <i>Signal modelling</i> | | | | | | |
| Top quark mass | 0.012 | 0.008 | -0.99 | 0.009 | 0.006 | -1.00 |
| Simulation model choice | 0.015 | 0.010 | -0.87 | 0.008 | 0.004 | 0.20 |
| Radiation and scales | 0.007 | 0.005 | -1.00 | 0.014 | 0.006 | -0.83 |
| Top quark p_T | 0.011 | 0.010 | -1.00 | < 0.001 | 0.001 | -1.00 |
| PDF | 0.004 | 0.001 | -0.92 | 0.002 | 0.001 | -0.15 |
| Single top method | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> |
| <i>Total uncertainties</i> | | | | | | |
| Systematic uncertainty | 0.024 | 0.018 | -0.93 | 0.020 | 0.010 | -0.71 |
| Total uncertainty | 0.037 | 0.021 | -0.87 | 0.025 | 0.014 | -0.78 |

| Measured value | CMS (single top) | | |
|--|------------------|-------------|---|
| | F_0 | F_L | $\rho_{\text{CMS}}^{\text{st}}(F_0, F_L)$ |
| Measured value | 0.720 | 0.298 | |
| Uncertainty category | | | |
| <i>Samples size and background determination</i> | | | |
| Stat+bkg | 0.041 | 0.031 | -0.90 |
| Size of simulated samples | 0.020 | 0.012 | -0.96 |
| <i>Detector modelling</i> | | | |
| JES | 0.004 | 0.004 | -1.00 |
| JER | 0.001 | 0.001 | -1.00 |
| b tagging | 0.006 | 0.006 | -1.00 |
| JVF | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> |
| Jet reconstruction efficiency | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> |
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| Top quark mass | 0.005 | 0.007 | -1.00 |
| Simulation model choice | 0.002 | 0.003 | -1.00 |
| Radiation and scales | 0.023 | 0.019 | -1.00 |
| Top quark p_T | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> |
| PDF | 0.004 | 0.004 | -0.97 |
| Single top method | 0.012 | 0.015 | -1.00 |
| <i>Total uncertainties</i> | | | |
| Systematic uncertainty | 0.035 | 0.029 | -0.96 |
| Total uncertainty | 0.054 | 0.043 | -0.92 |

Coefficients and pulls

Physics

| Measurement | Coefficients | | Pulls |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
| | w_{F_0} | w_{F_L} | |
| F_0 ATLAS | 0.797 | -0.292 | 1.336 |
| F_L ATLAS | 0.472 | 0.038 | -1.451 |
| F_0 CMS (e+jets) | 0.021 | 0.134 | 0.356 |
| F_L CMS (e+jets) | -0.083 | 0.303 | -0.619 |
| F_0 CMS (μ +jets) | 0.040 | 0.179 | -0.371 |
| F_L CMS (μ +jets) | -0.555 | 0.677 | 1.411 |
| F_0 CMS (single top) | 0.141 | -0.021 | 0.524 |
| F_L CMS (single top) | 0.167 | -0.018 | -0.413 |