



Top quark measurements and Quantum entanglement

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top-quark

> Top quark is the most massive known fundamental particle > Top quark is extremely short lived





- ✓ Decays before hadronization & spin decorrelation -- Give access to the physics of a "free" quark
- \checkmark The decay preserves the spin information in the angular distribution of the decay products.

The LHC is a top factory and allows:

- Precise measurements of top pairs and single top production
 Observation of rare processes involving top
 To search for BSM physics
 Background to many rare SM and BSM processes

- Opportunity to test quantum information at colliders..

Top quark pair production



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Highlights today

- ✓ differential tt
 ✓ tt in HI collisions
 ✓ tt + heavy flavour
 ✓ single-top tW
- ✓ top quark(s) +
 vector boson(s)
- ✓ entanglement in tt

Only a selection of recent LHC results with personal and potentially biased



Differential tt



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• ~8% bkg

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 $p_{\rm T}(vv) \mathbf{X} \min \Delta \varphi(vv, \mathbf{l})$



✓ best described by NNLO pred.

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tt in heavy-ion collisions: pPb analysis



arXiv:2405.05078







✓ Combining the lepton + jets and dileptonic channel ✓ Binned in H_T of leptons & jets



tt in heavy-ion collisions: 5.02TeV analysis

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tt in heavy-ion collisions: results



first observation of dileptonic tt in pPb



σ(tt)=58.1*±*5.1nb



Agreement with prediction

tt + heavy flavour



- \checkmark tt + heavy-flavor jets is a main background in
 - -- important SM process measurements (ttH and four-tops)
- -- many BSM searches (vector-like quarks, SUSY...)
- \checkmark Considered events with one or two charged lepton in the final states.



arXiv:2407.13473, arXiv:2409.11305

tt+heavy flavour: inclusive results



arXiv:2407.13473, arXiv:2409.11305



tt+b

tt+c slightly underpredicted by NLO+PS

tt+b best described by SHERPA ttbb

tt+heavy flavour: differential tt+b results







Single-top tW at 13TeV

arXiv:2407.15594







Single-top tW at 13.6TeV

arXiv:2409.06444

≥1e, ≥1µ

inclusive: RFs in 1j1b, 2j1b

differential: 1j1b, veto add. low-pT jets



+ *p*т(j₂) in 2j2b

Single-top tW: results



arXiv:2407.15594; arXiv:2409.06444

Inclusive: 13TeV 13.6TeV

Measurement: 75±15 pb 82±11 pb SM: 79± 3 pb 88± 3 pb

Differential:





Top quark(s)+vector boson(s): ttZ+tWZ+tZq



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✓ main event selection: =3L, 1 OSSF on-Z, ≥2j, ≥1b; ✓ split by multiclass DNN





Top quark(s)+vector boson(s): ttγ

arXiv:2403.09452

✓ =1γ, =1L, ≥4j,≥1b; ✓ split by multiclass NN

tt γ prod.





$tt\gamma$ decay





$=1\gamma$, =2L, $\geq 2j$, $\geq 1b$



Top quark(s)+vector boson(s): Results

CMS-PAS-TOP-23-004; arXiv:2403.09452



Inclusive: ttZ+tWZ: 1140 ± 64 fbtZq: 810 ± 92 fbttγ prod.: 322 ± 16 fbSM: 840 ± 100fbSM: 820 ± 50 fbSM: 299 ± 30 fb

Differential:



also: prod. + decay

tt spin correlation and entanglement

- tt pairs predicted (and verified) to have correlated spins:
 - *t* and *t* spins accessed via decay product angular *distributions*
 - can also study quantum mechanics effects:
 - quantum entanglement: "spin correlations beyond classical"
 - > All *tt* spin information encoded in "**spin density matrix**":
 - for dilepton *tt* (ℓ *spin-analysing power* = 1):



Entanglement markers defined as combinations of these coefficients (e.g. see EPJP(2021)136:907 (Afik et al.), PRL127(2021)16,161801 (Fabbrichesi et al.))

Observation of Entanglement -ATLAS

- eµ channel
- Entanglement marker $D = -tr[C]/3 = -(C_{nn} + C_{rr} + C_{kk})/3$
 - obtained from angle btw. leptons in top rest frames
 - $D < \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow$ entangled system
- Measurement in narrow low-m_# region:
 - to enhance entanglement effect



- \checkmark > 5 σ over no-entanglement hypothesis
- ✓ **Discrepancy** observed btw. data and predictions from NLO+PS simulation:
 - data "more entangled" than MC (!!)

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Observation of Entanglement - CMS



<u> arXiv:2406.03976</u>

- eµ/ee/µµ channels, kinematic reconstruction of *tt* system
- Same observable **D** extracted from cosφ:



- Inclusion of "toponium" effect (η_t) at LO
 (σ(η_t) = 6.43 ± 0.90 pb arXiv:2102.11281 [hep-ph])
- Entanglement observed with > 5σ significance
 - **both** with and without η_t inclusion in the model

Spin Density & Entanglement - CMS

- ✓ **ℓ+jets** tt → allow to access spin correlation and entanglement at higher m_{tt}
- tt system reconstruction with DNN
- Binned likelihood fit to extract:

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- full spin-density matrix (polarization & spin correlation)
- entanglement markers D and D (modified version for high-mass region)
- Events categorized vs. number of *b*-tagged jets and vs. DNN output
- ✓ Measurements in bins of m_{tt} vs. $|cos(\theta)|$ and p_T^t vs. $|cos(\theta)|$



 m_{tt} > 800 GeV & $|\cos\theta| < 0.4 \rightarrow 6.7 \sigma$



arXiv:2409.11067

Pseudoscalar resonance at tt threshold?





- ✓ Differences between data and prediction observed in low m_{tt} bins!
- ✓ Excess >5 SD, consistent with pseudosclar A or η_t
- ✓ Measured η_t cross section, 7.1 pb +/- 11%

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Summary

✓ Exciting top quark physics results

- -- using all energies and collision systems
- -- covering wide range of top quark production processes
- ✓ Several recent ATLAS & CMS highlights shown
- ✓ Many more topics omitted, e.g.:
 - -- precision measurements of mass and other properties
 - -- EFT interpretations
 - -- new-physics signatures with top quarks

✓ Many more results with Run-3 data in preparation



- LHCTopWG <u>https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/LHCTopWG</u>
- ♦ ATLAS: <u>https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/TopPublicResults</u>
- CMS: <u>https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsTOP</u>

Backup

OPERATORS AND PHYSICS IMPLICATIONS



Differential and double-differential $\sigma(t\bar{t})$ in lepton + jets arXiv:2108.02803

2 tight b jets

reconstruction

resolved

1 tight b jet

1 loose b jet

reconstruction

resolved

boosted t_h resolved t

separate for e and µ channels separate for 3 years of data mbination fit of cross sections boosted t_h boosted t

Boosted background subtraction using template fit of H

- ✓ High precision measurement of differential and doubledifferential cross sections
- ✓ For the first time the full spectra of differential cross sections are determined
 - -- combine of resolved and boosted tt topologies



Most of the predictions are in good agreement with the measurement, except:

- > $M(t\bar{t})$ vs. pT(th) and pT(t\bar{t}) vs. pT(th) shows largest disagreements.
- ➤ At particle level add. jets vs. kinematic observable are difficult to describe by NLO.

Inclusive cross section: 791 ± 1 (stat.) ± 21 (syst.) ± 14 (lumi.) pb

- ✓ most precise measurement in lepton + jets channel
- Dominanted by: JES and b-tagging

ttcc/bb and *ttjj* production

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Lepton+jets

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0.2

0.4

0.6

b tagging discriminant (1st additional jet)

0.8

b tagging discriminant (2nd additional jet) 0 0 0 8 0 -

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- Test the state-of-art predictions at NLO ٠
- Irreducible background to $ttH, H \rightarrow bb$ ٠
- *ttbb* and *ttjj* measurement
- $\sigma_{t\bar{t}bb}$ and $\sigma_{t\bar{t}bb}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}jj}$ extracted simultaneously from a 2D discriminant
 - PowhegPythia8 and MG aMC@NLO+Pythia8 provide the best description
- First measurement of *ttc e* production
 - Simultaneous extraction of $\sigma_{t\bar{t}bb}$, $\sigma_{t\bar{t}c\bar{c}}$ and $\sigma_{t\bar{t}LL}$ using a template fit procedure



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0.04

0.03

0.02

0.01

tW production in *l*+jets **CN**

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- Categories based on jet multiplicity and 1 b-tagged jet: 2J1T (W+Jets). 3J1T (tw Signal region) and 4J1T (ttbar)
- Data-driven background
- One BDT is trained per lepton flavor in signal (3J1T) region and evaluation in all regions
- Simultaneous ML fit performed in all categories using BDT discriminants
- ✓ Dominant uncertainty:

Background estimation, JES and modeling

Measured (expected) signal strength:

 $\mu = 1.24 \pm 0.18 (1.00 \pm 0.17)$

Cross section:

σ_{tw} = 89 ± 4 (stat.) ± 12 (syst.) pb

$$\sigma_{\rm SM}$$
 = 72 ± 4 pb

✓ Observed (expected) significance is
 7.4 (6.8) standard deviations



First observation of tW production in *l***+jets**

Inclusive and differential tZq

- ✓ Full run2 dataset
- \checkmark 3 leptons with improved lepton MVA
- ✓ constraining nonprompt background

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✓ multiclass NN or BDT

Inclusive tZq cross-section:

 $\sigma_{\rm tZq} = 87.9 \ ^{+7.5}_{-7.3}$ (stat) $^{+7.3}_{-6.0}$ (syst) fb .

Improvement 30% w.r.t.earlier measurements 138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV) Number of events / 0.13 units CMS Preliminary 🕴 Data tZa 800 ttZ wż ≥ 1 b jet, ≥ 2 jets Nonprompt 🔲 t(t̄)X 700 ZZ/H Xγ Multiboson W Uncertainty 600 500 400 300 200 100 Data / Pred. Stat. uncertainty 0.5 -0.8 -0.6 -0.4 -0.2 0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 Event BDT discriminant Partial tZq cross-sections: $\sigma_{tZq(\ell_{*}^{+})} = 62.2 \, {}^{+5.9}_{-5.7} \, (\text{stat}) \, {}^{+4.4}_{-3.7} \, (\text{syst}) \, \text{fb}$, $\sigma_{\overline{t}Zq(\ell_t^-)} = 26.1 \, {}^{+4.8}_{-4.6} \, (\text{stat}) \, {}^{+3.0}_{-2.8} \, (\text{syst}) \, \text{fb}$, $R = 2.37 \stackrel{+0.56}{_{-0.42}} (\text{stat}) \stackrel{+0.27}{_{-0.13}} (\text{syst})$. First time!

<u>Spin asymmetry:</u>

$$A_\ell = 0.58 \; {}^{+0.15}_{-0.16}$$
 (stat) ± 0.06 (syst)



Agreement with SM prediction:





Differential tZq cross-section:



In general, observe good agreement between measurement and prediction.

Rare top production: $t\bar{t}V$

arXiv: 2107.01508

ttZ production

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- Targets 3 or 4 isolated lepton channel with Z to l⁺l⁻
 Inclusive cross section already systematic limited
 σ(ttZ) = 0.95 ± 0.05 (stat) ± 0.06 (syst) pb
- Dominated by signal/background MC modelling
 Differential cross sections are measured fist time



tty production

- ✓ Measured in lepton+iets channel 800 ± 46 (syst) ± 7 (stat) fb,
- ✓ Precision limited by MC modelling
- Differential cross sections measured in several kinematic observables
- \checkmark Good agreement with SM prediction



Top polarisation



Machine learning in Top

Conclusions

- ML has significant role in top physics!
- Wide array of strategies and applications, very active field of research
 - CMS example [CMS-TOP-21-001]
 - ATLAS example [ATLAS-CONF-2022-049]
- Many new developments on-going
 - DCTR [PhysRevD.101.091901]
 - But also much more! E.g. [TOP22, M. Fenton]



Search for CP Violation

CMS-PAS-TOP-20-005

- > CP violation in SM is insufficient to describe the matter-antimatter asymmetry of the universe
- > In the SM, CPV in the production and decay of top quark pairs is predicted to be very small
- Simple CP odd observables

$$A_i = \frac{N(\mathcal{O}_i > 0) - N(\mathcal{O}_i < 0)}{N(\mathcal{O}_i > 0) + N(\mathcal{O}_i < 0)}$$

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- > chromo-electric dipole moment (CEDM) of top quark in top pair production induces CPV
- ✓ Lepton + jets final states [137 fb⁻¹]
- \checkmark Observables; O₃, O₆, O₁₂ and O₁₄
- ✓ Top quark and antiquark candidates are reconstructed usin($\frac{\chi^2}{2}$ a χ^2 sorting algorithm
- ✓ The background contribution in the signal region is estimate from a fit to the mass distribution
- There is no significant evidence of CPV in each observable
 - Consistent with the SM prediction

		$A'_{CP}(\%)$	
	e + jets	$\mu + jets$	Combined
03	$-0.071 \pm 0.149(\text{stat.})^{+0.092}_{-0.058}(\text{syst.})$	$-0.035 \pm 0.120({ m stat.})^{+0.022}_{-0.094}({ m syst.})$	$-0.048 \pm 0.094(ext{stat.})^{+0.041}_{-0.065}(ext{syst.})$
O_{ℓ}	-0.167 ± 0.149 (stat.) $^{+0.077}_{-0.038}$ (syst.)	-0.111 ± 0.120 (stat.) $^{+0.042}_{-0.093}$ (syst.)	$-0.131 \pm 0.094(\text{stat.})^{+0.049}_{-0.068}(\text{syst.})$
O_1	$_2 -0.039 \pm 0.149$ (stat.) $^{+0.056}_{-0.090}$ (syst.)	$+0.163 \pm 0.120(\text{stat.})^{+0.038}_{-0.065}(\text{syst.})$	$+0.090\pm0.094({ m stat.})^{+0.034}_{-0.053}({ m syst.})$
O_1	$_4 -0.186 \pm 0.149$ (stat.) $^{+0.075}_{-0.065}$ (syst.)	$-0.162\pm0.120(ext{stat.})^{+0.117}_{-0.032}(ext{syst.})$	$-0.171 \pm 0.094(\text{stat.})^{+0.085}_{-0.023}(\text{syst.})$



Measurement of the y^t

- ✓ Measure the Yukawa (y^t) coupling in tr production.
 - Exploit the large effect that the radiation of a virtual H bosc
 - tt predictions for different values of y^t obtained as event-based m HATHOR:
 - Applied on POWHEG predictions

$$R_{\rm EW}(M_{\rm t\bar{t}},\Delta y_{\rm t\bar{t}}) = \left. \frac{d^2 \sigma_{\rm HATHOR}}{dM_{\rm t\bar{t}} \, d\Delta y_{\rm t\bar{t}}} \right/ \frac{d^2 \sigma_{\rm LO \ QCD}}{dM_{\rm t\bar{t}} \, d\Delta y_{\rm t\bar{t}}}$$

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 \checkmark The comparison with an additive approach is taken as uncertainty



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tt forward-backward asymmetry JHEP 06 (2020) 146

NLO interference terms in tt production from qq initial state creates a forward-backward asymmetry.

 $A_{
m FB} = rac{\sigma(c^*>0) - \sigma(c^*<0)}{\sigma(c^*>0) + \sigma(c^*<0)}$

- Quantity never measured before @LHC, where the charge asymmetry is measured as a proxy
- Use variables sensitive to the difference between qq, qg and gg initial state to build templates and separate the qq \checkmark
- Extract A_{EB} and anomalous chromoelectric and chromomagnetic dipole moments



Template bin

W polarization in ATLAS and CMS JHEP 08 (2020) 051

- ✓ Combination of the W boson polarization in top quark decays, on Run1(8 TeV, 20fb⁻¹) data.
 - ✓ W boson polarization determined by the V-A structure of the tWb vertex

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma}\frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma}{\mathrm{d}\cos\theta^*} = \frac{3}{4}\left(1-\cos^2\theta^*\right) F_0 + \frac{3}{8}\left(1-\cos\theta^*\right)^2 F_\mathrm{L} + \frac{3}{8}\left(1+\cos\theta^*\right)^2 F_\mathrm{R}$$





- Combination of the polarization fractions from 4 measurements
 - Combination Improvement > 20% wrt the most precise measurement
- Measurement used to set limits on the anomalous coupling in the tWb vertex

		95% CL interval				
2	Coupling	ATLAS	CMS	ATLAS+CMS combination		
2	${ m Re}(V_{ m R})$	[-0.17, 0.25]	[-0.12, 0.16]	[-0.11, 0.16]		
	$\operatorname{Re}(g_{\mathrm{L}})$	[-0.11, 0.08]	[-0.09, 0.06]	[-0.08, 0.05]		
	${ m Re}(g_{ m R})$	[-0.03, 0.06]	$\left[-0.06, 0.01 ight]$	[-0.04, 0.02]		

Mass measurement in single top events

BDT discriminator and cut optimization

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CMS-PAS-TOP-19-009

35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



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In m_t

Search for FCNC in the top sector

- Flavor changing neutral currents (FCNC) allow for transitions between quarks of different flavor but same electric charge
- > FCNC processes are highly suppressed in the SM due to the GIM mechanism
 - > Small contributions appear at one loop level
- Many extensions of the SM predict the presence of FCNC and give rise to detectable FCNC amplitude

	\mathbf{SM}	QS	2HDM	FC $2HDM$	MSSM	R SUSY
$t \to u Z$	8×10^{-17}	$1.1 imes 10^{-4}$		-	$2 imes 10^{-6}$	$3 imes 10^{-5}$
$t \to u \gamma$	3.7×10^{-16}	7.5×10^{-9}	1000	-	2×10^{-6}	1×10^{-6}
$t \to ug$	3.7×10^{-14}	$1.5 imes 10^{-7}$		-	$8 imes 10^{-5}$	$2 imes 10^{-4}$
$t \to u H$	2×10^{-17}	4.1×10^{-5}	5.5×10^{-6}	-	10^{-5}	$\sim 10^{-6}$
$t \to c Z$	1×10^{-14}	$1.1 imes 10^{-4}$	$\sim 10^{-7}$	$\sim 10^{-10}$	$2 imes 10^{-6}$	$3 imes 10^{-5}$
$t \to c \gamma$	4.6×10^{-14}	7.5×10^{-9}	$\sim 10^{-6}$	$\sim 10^{-9}$	2×10^{-6}	1×10^{-6}
$t \to cg$	4.6×10^{-12}	1.5×10^{-7}	$\sim 10^{-4}$	$\sim 10^{-8}$	8×10^{-5}	2×10^{-4}
$t \to c H$	3×10^{-15}	4.1×10^{-5}	1.5×10^{-3}	$\sim 10^{-5}$	10^{-5}	$\sim 10^{-6}$



Branching ratios for top FCN decays in the SM, models with Q = 2/3 quark singlets (QS), a general 2HDM, a flavour-conserving (FC) 2HDM, in the MSSM and with R parity violating SUSY.

Search for FCNC tHq interaction by $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ **CMS-PAS-TOP-20-007**

S/(S+B) Weighted

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Signal modeling: effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{q=u,c} \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{t} \kappa_{Hqt} \Big(F_{Hq}^{L} P_{L} + F_{Hq}^{R} P_{R} \Big) qH + h.c.,$$

- Production & decay
- Signal regions: 2 photons, 100 < my< 180 GeV</p>
 - \succ leptonic: ≥1 jet, ≥1 ℓ
 - ➤ hadronic: ≥3 jet, ≥1 b-jet
- Strategy
 - 8 BDTs: (u, c) × (lep, had) × (res, non-res bkg)
 - 7 categories defined by BDTscore \geq
 - 14 m_{vv} distributions to fit
 - Dominant uncertainties:
 - b-tagging and y identification
 - Data compatible with absence of signal
 - Upper limits on the signal cross sections are translated to the strength of the tgH anomalous couplings and related branching fractions







Search for FCNC tHq interaction by $H \rightarrow bb$ CMS-PAS-TOP-19-002

- Production & decay
- > Signal region: 1ℓ , ≥ 3 jet, ≥ 2 b-jet
- A deep neural network is used to associate the reconstructed objects to the matrix-element partonic final state Events / bin
- BDTs are used to distinguish the signal from the background event
- All bjet-jet categories are combined \geq
- No significant excess with respect to the SM background expectations: 95% CL limits are set on the xs, couplings and BRs
- Significant improve with respect to the early run-2 search



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Unc.

101 fb⁻¹ at √s = 13 Te\

b4j4

Other Bkg

CMS Preliminary

ttbb

Hct

ttcc

Data

5000

4000

3000

2000

1000

0.8

Data / MC

Search for CLFV interactions CMS-PAS-TOP-19-006

- > In the SM, lepton flavor is conserved in all interactions
- > Many new physics models predict sizable CLFV (neutrino mass, multi-Higgs doublet models,...)
- > If the new physics responsible for the CLFV is at scales beyond what the LHC can directly probe, the SM Lagrangian can be extended by dimension-6 operators $C = C_{max} + C_{max} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_{nax} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_$
- ✓ Search for CLFV in $e\mu$ final state [137 fb⁻¹]
- ✓ Production & decay
- Signal: CLFV vector, scalar and tensor
- ✓ BDT is used to discriminate signal from BG events
- Data consistent with SM expectation
 - ✓ Upperlimits are set at 95%CL







Asymmetry in tty and ttW

ttγ

Asymmetry from ISR/FSR interference Similar definition as in tt Much lower statistics, 2 bins



 $A_c = -0.006 \pm 0.024(stat) \pm 0.018(syst)$

in agreement with prediction from MG5aMC

 $A_{c} = -0.014 \pm 0.001$ (scale)

ttW

Expected to be larger than in tt due qq initial stat 3-lepton channel, lepton as proxy for top



Fiducial result unfolded to particle-level: $A_c = -0.112 \pm 0.170$ (stat) ± 0.055 (syst)

in agreement with Sherpa NLO+EW simulation

Statistically dominated analyses, Run 3 data will help