



# Recent highlights on QCD, EW and Top Physics from the LHC

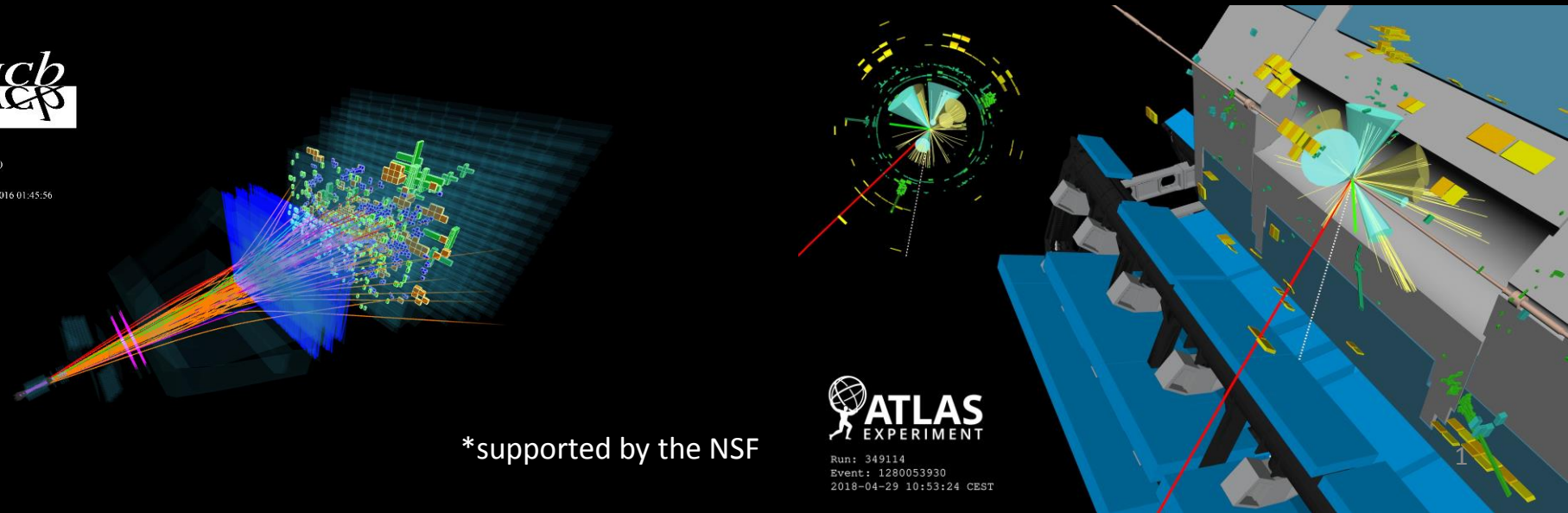
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# Outline

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## Recent highlights from the ATLAS, CMS, and LHCb experiments on:

### Jet Production

- Inclusive jet cross-sections
- Multi-jet correlations and shapes
- Heavy flavor di-jet cross-sections
- Quark and gluon-jets
- Jet substructure (Lund Plane)
- Double Parton scattering in 4-jets

### Photons

- Photon fusion with tagged proton

### W,Z Production

- Inclusive W,DY production
- $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$  production
- W branching fractions

### V+jets

- $Z/\gamma$ +jets differential cross sections
- $Z+c$ ,  $Z+b(b)$
- Double Parton scattering in Z+jets

### Multi-bosons

- WZ production
- 4 leptons final states
- $W\gamma$  production
- $WW+\geq 1$  jet production
- VV production at 5.02 TeV
- EW production of VV ( $Z\gamma jj$  and  $ZZjj$ )
- $W\gamma\gamma$  and  $Z\gamma\gamma$  production
- Observation of  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$
- Polarized  $W^\pm W^\pm$  scattering

### Top quark production

- Pair production cross-sections (at 5.02 TeV and differential)
- EW top cross-section and mass
- Associated pair production
- Rare top production (four tops)

\* Disclaimer: an incomplete list of topics and recent results. Many more results exist and will be discussed in the parallel sessions.

# LHC data taking

LHC delivered  $163 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of luminosity for Run 2 pp collisions, 2015-2018, at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ , concluded in Dec 2018 with a lead-proton run.

CMS, ATLAS, LHCb continue to analyze data (millions and millions of W's for precision measurements, a new paradigm for precision QCD and for looking for new physics through precision measurements).

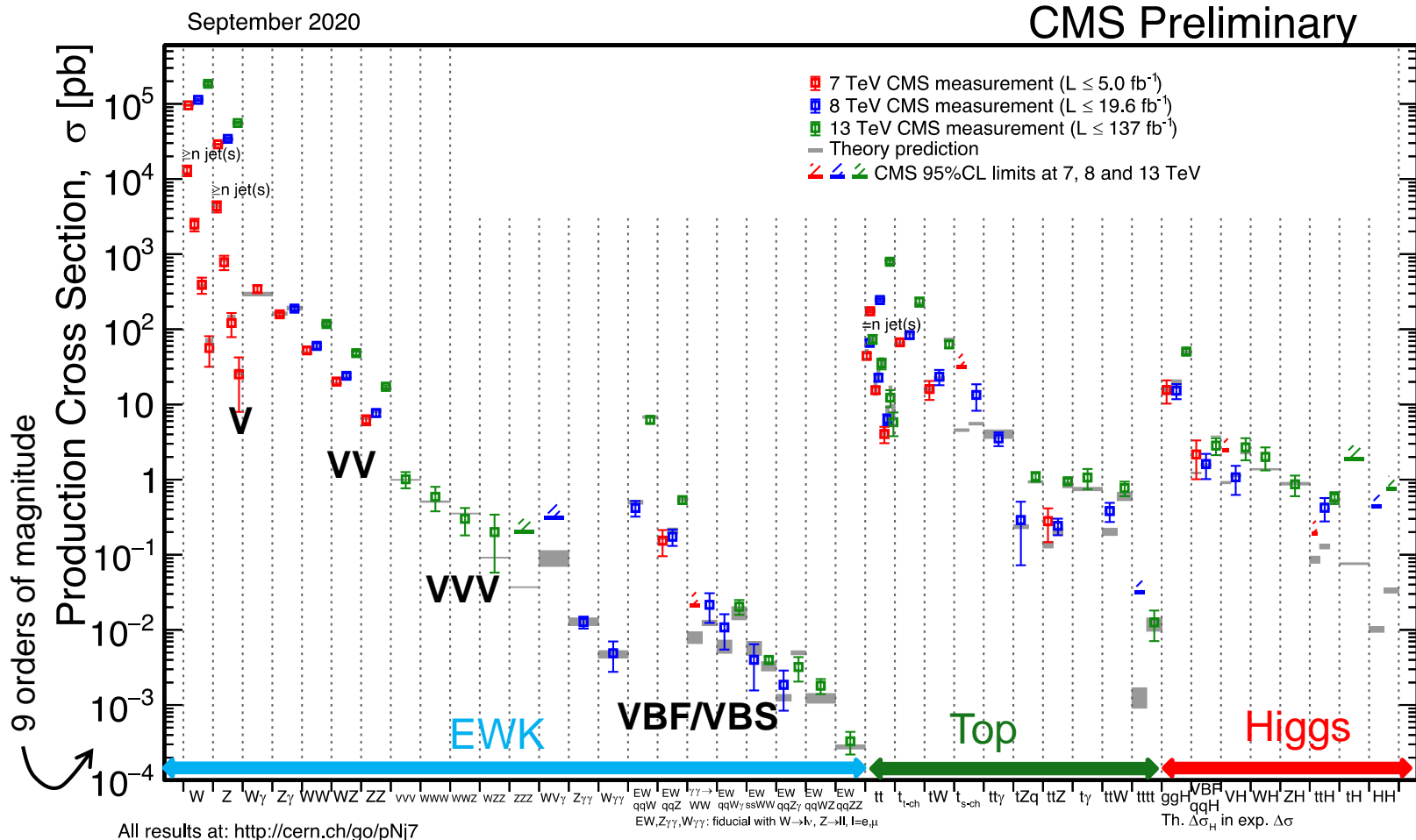
Next collisions, Run 3, planned for 2022, at  $\sqrt{s} = 13/14 \text{ TeV}$ .

- Run-3 luminosity goal:  $\sim 350 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  by 2024
- HL-LHC goal:  $\sim 3\text{-}4 \text{ ab}^{-1}$



# Standard Model physics

SM measurements at the LHC allow us to test a wide range of theory predictions with unprecedented precision. They are sensitive to, and constraint new physics contributions. They are backgrounds to all direct searches for new physics.

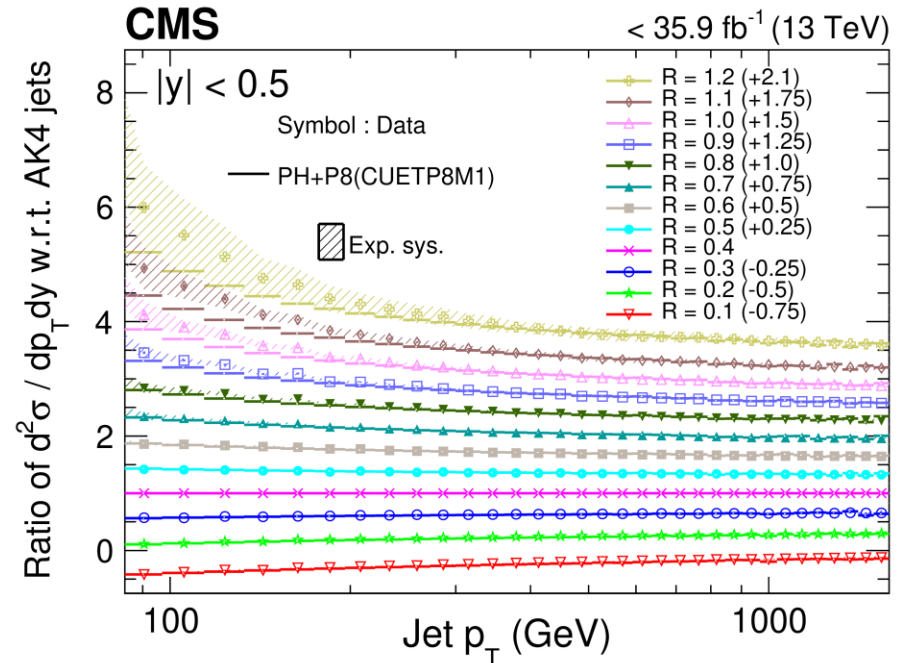
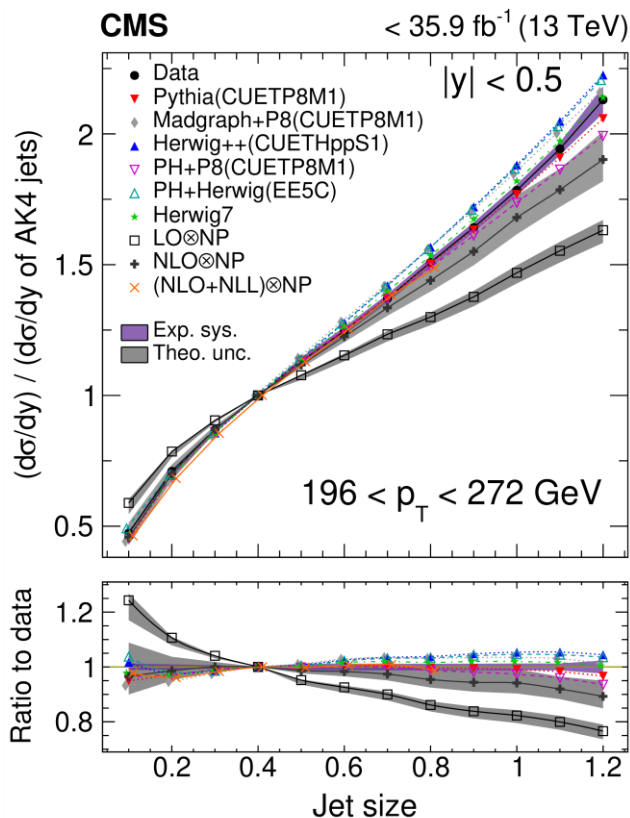


# Inclusive jet cross-sections

At the LHC, **double differential ( $p_T$ ,  $y$ ) jet cross sections** are measured and compared to fixed-order calculations and MC predictions. They are sensitive to PDFs over a wide ( $x, Q^2$ ) range, in particular high- $x$  gluon and valence quark.

Here the **dependence on the jet anti  $k_T$  algorithm distance parameter  $R$  (jet size in  $y, \phi$ )** is studied via ratios  $\rightarrow$

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$R$  is sensitive to various components of the evolution of partons into jets: **radiation & parton shower (PS), hadronization, underlying event (UE)**.

PS calculations agree well with data.

NLO corrections on fixed-order LO are needed.

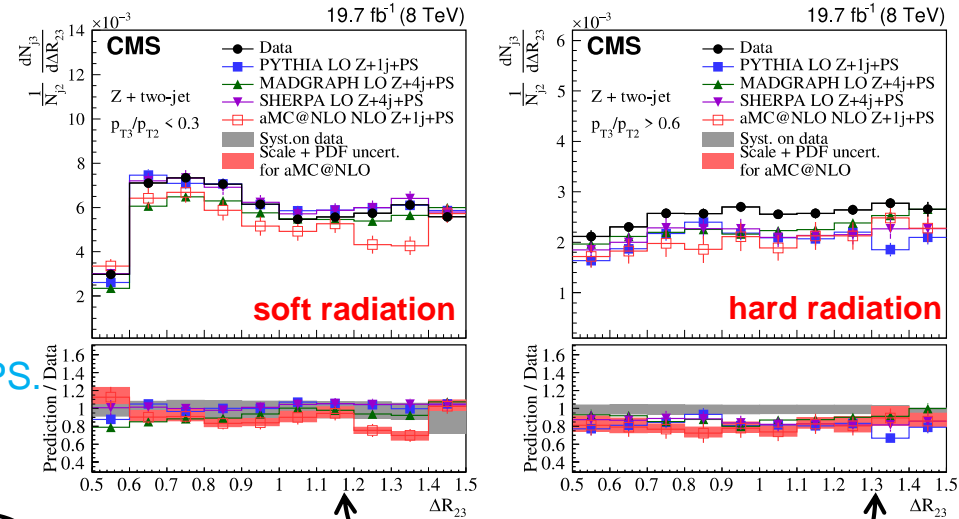
Accurate modeling of non-perturbative (UE, hadronization) effects is essential.

# Multi-jet correlations

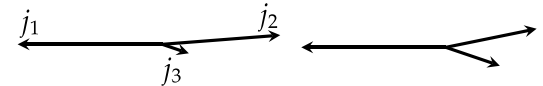
**Multi-jet correlations** are sensitive to the modeling of radiative processes.

Normalized differential cross-sections in angular separation  $\Delta R_{23}$  and  $p_T$  ratio of the two sub-leading jets in 3-jet events and Z+2 jet events are studied to probe large or small angle, soft and hard radiation.

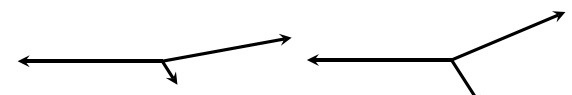
Small-angle and soft regions are well described by PS. Regions of large angular separation are often best described by calculations using higher-order ME.



Soft radiation ( $p_{T3}/p_{T2} < 0.3$ )      Hard radiation ( $p_{T3}/p_{T2} > 0.6$ )



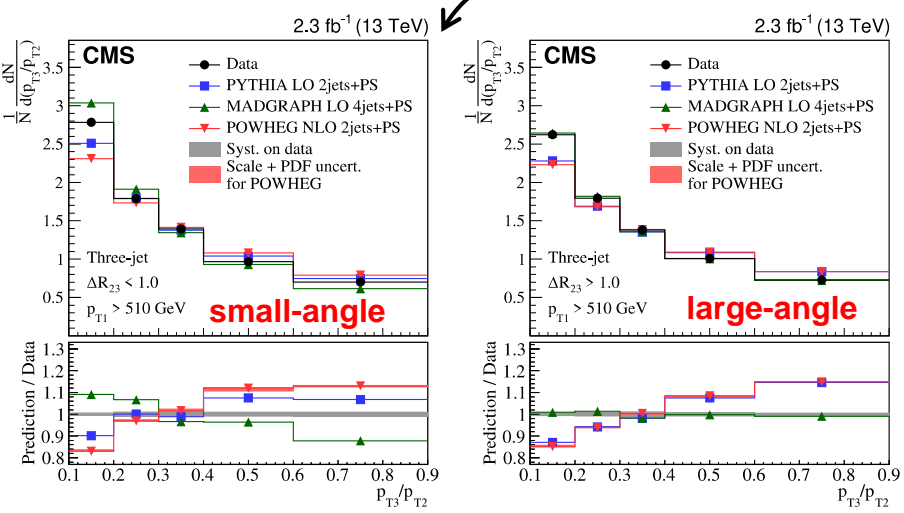
(a)      (b)



(c)      (d)

Collinear radiation (small-angle,  $\Delta R_{23} < 1.0$ )

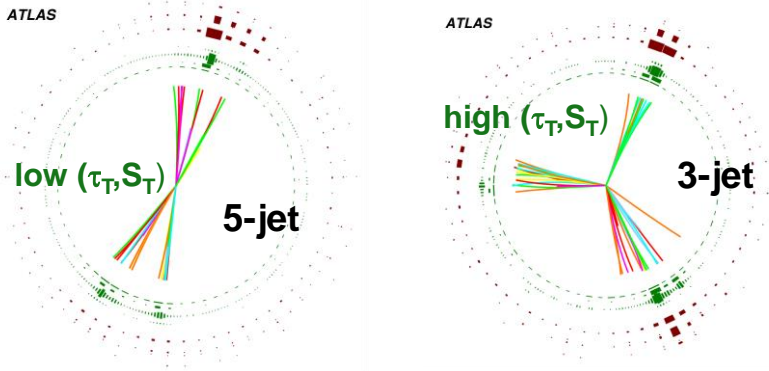
Large-angle radiation ( $\Delta R_{23} > 1.0$ )



# Multi-jet event shapes

**Event shapes in multi-jet events** describe the dynamics of energy flow from 2→2 processes to multi-jets events with uniformly distributed energy. Event shapes are sensitive to hard, large angle radiation, higher-orders, re-summation effects.

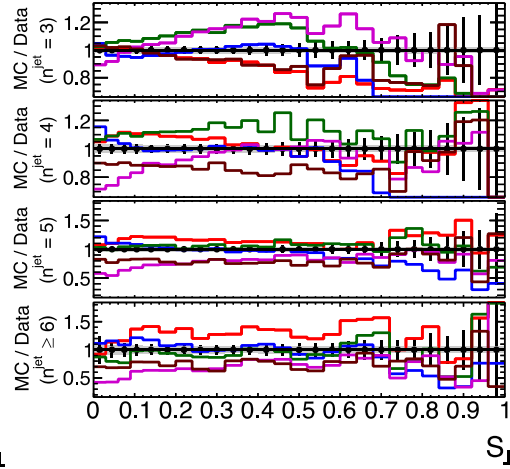
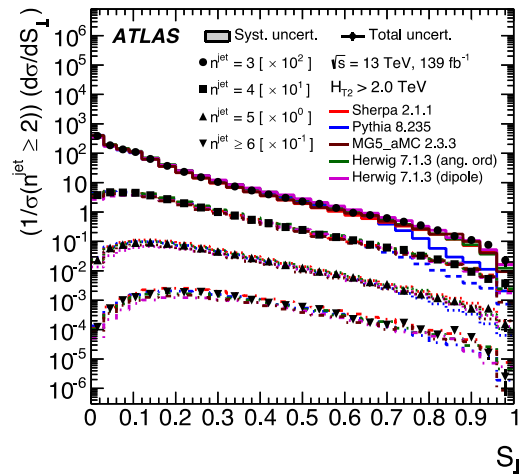
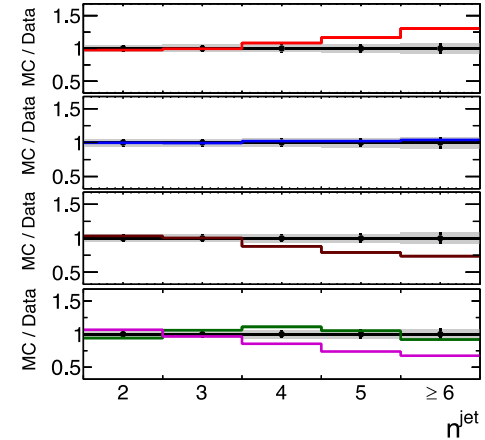
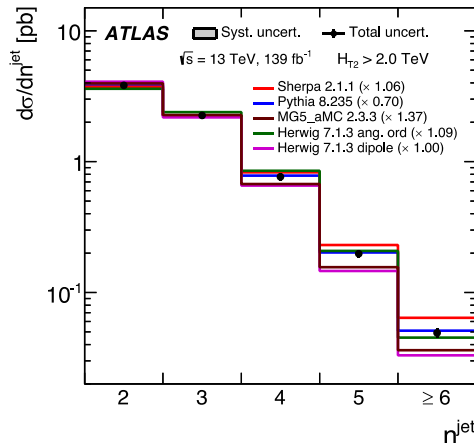
Normalized shape observables such as transverse thrust ( $\tau_T$ ), transverse sphericity ( $S_T$ ) and aplanarity are studied in different regions of jet multiplicity  $n_{\text{jet}}$ , and energy scale  $H_{T2}$  (scalar sum of two leading jets  $p_T$ )



No prediction reproduces the data well in the full phase space.

Higher-order ME better describes overall shapes.

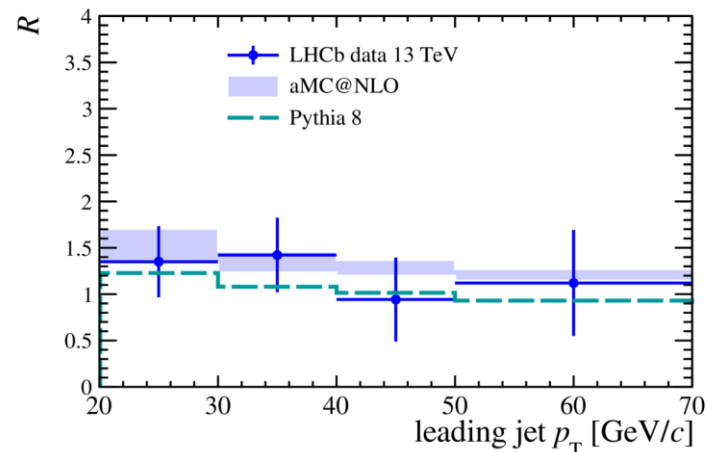
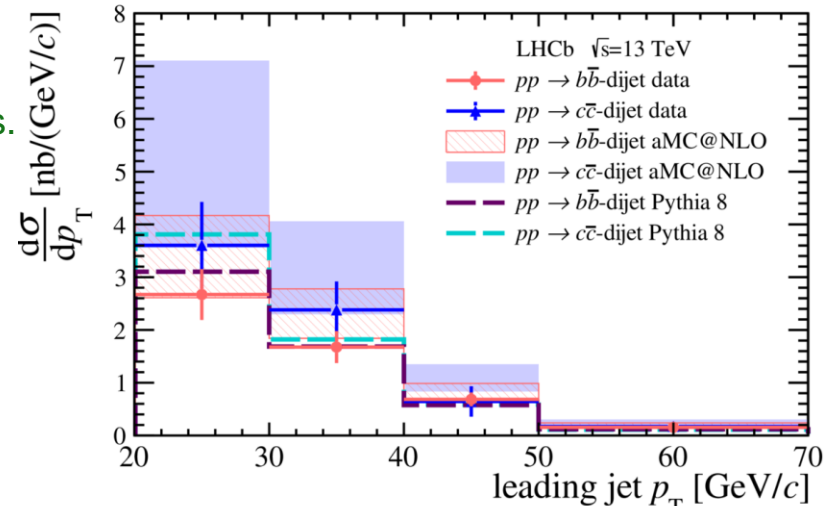
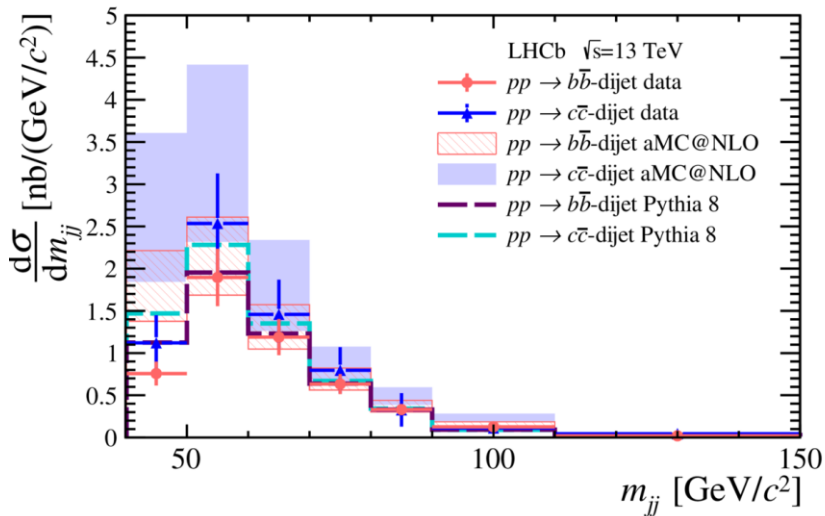
Angle-ordered PS gives a better description than dipole PS.



# Heavy flavor dijet cross-sections

Differential  $b\bar{b}$  and  $c\bar{c}$  dijet cross sections are measured by LHCb in the forward region (jet  $p_T > 20$  GeV,  $2.2 < |\eta_{\text{jet}}| < 4.2$ ), as functions of leading jet  $p_T$  and  $\eta$ , the rapidity difference between jets, and the dijet mass.

Heavy flavor jets are tagged using an algorithm based on the reconstruction of secondary vertices (SV). b- and c-jet are separated with BDT classifiers.



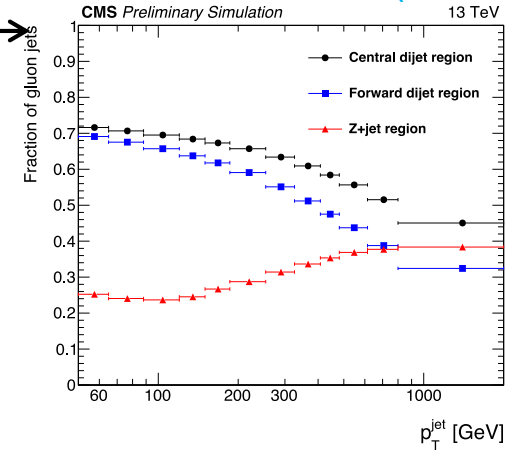
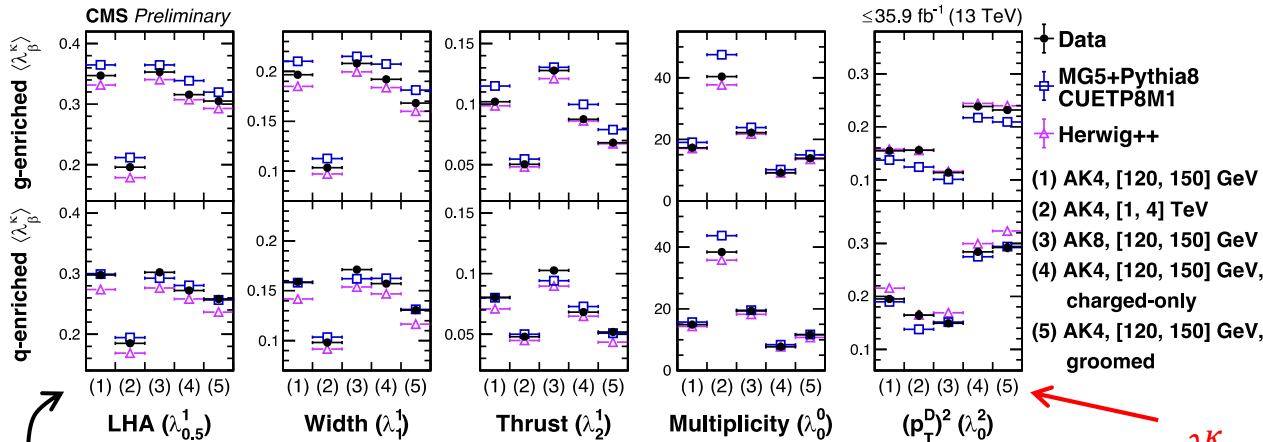
Fiducial cross-sections are measured. The ratio between  $b\bar{b}$  and  $c\bar{c}$  dijet cross-sections is also measured and found to be  $1.37 \pm 0.27$ , in agreement with MG5\_aMC@NLO and PYTHIA predictions.



# Quark- and gluon-jets

At the LHC, observables related to **jet substructure** are used to study the formation of jets.

Here **gluon- and quark-initiated jets identified via jet substructure observables (the generalized angularities  $\lambda_\beta^\kappa$ )** in di-jets and Z+jets events

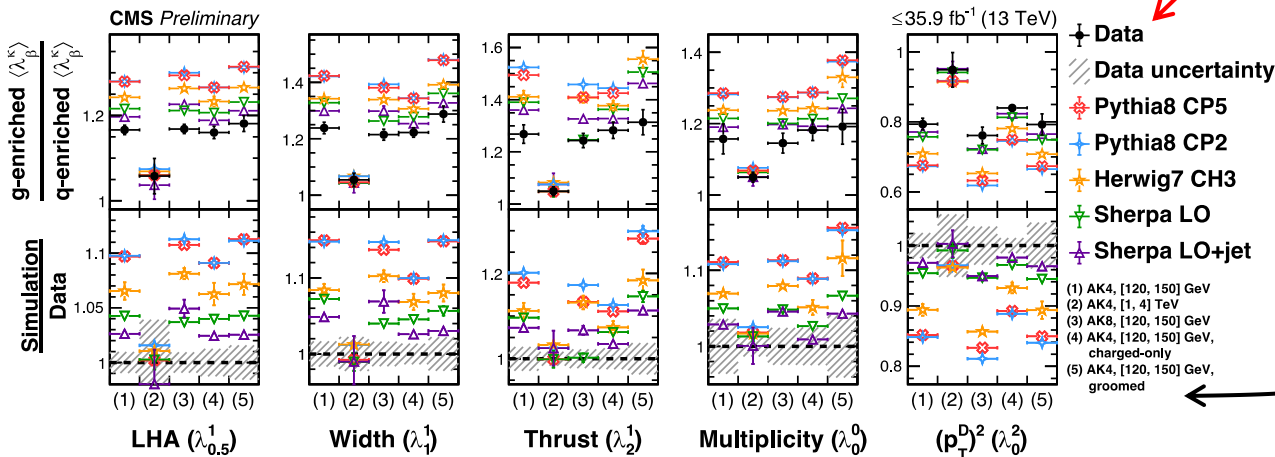


q- and g- data enveloped by MG5+PYTHIA8 and HERWIG++

$$\lambda_\beta^\kappa = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} z_i^\kappa \left( \frac{\Delta R_i}{R} \right)^\beta$$

$$z_i^\kappa = \frac{p_{Ti}}{\sum_{j \in \text{jet}} p_{Tj}}$$

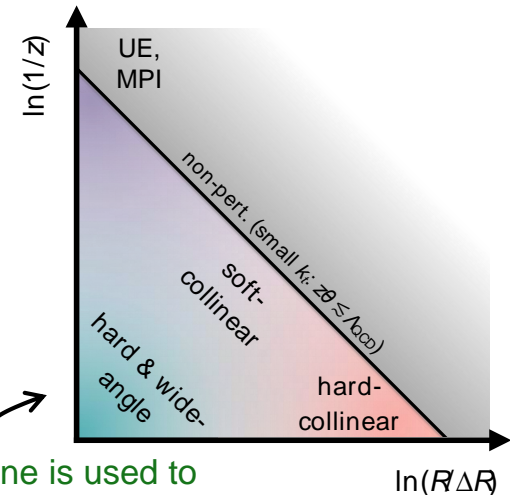
Parameters:  $\beta$  (x-axis),  $\kappa$  (y-axis).  
 Points: LHA (red), Width (blue), Thrust (orange), Multiplicity (green),  $(p_T^D)^2$  (purple).



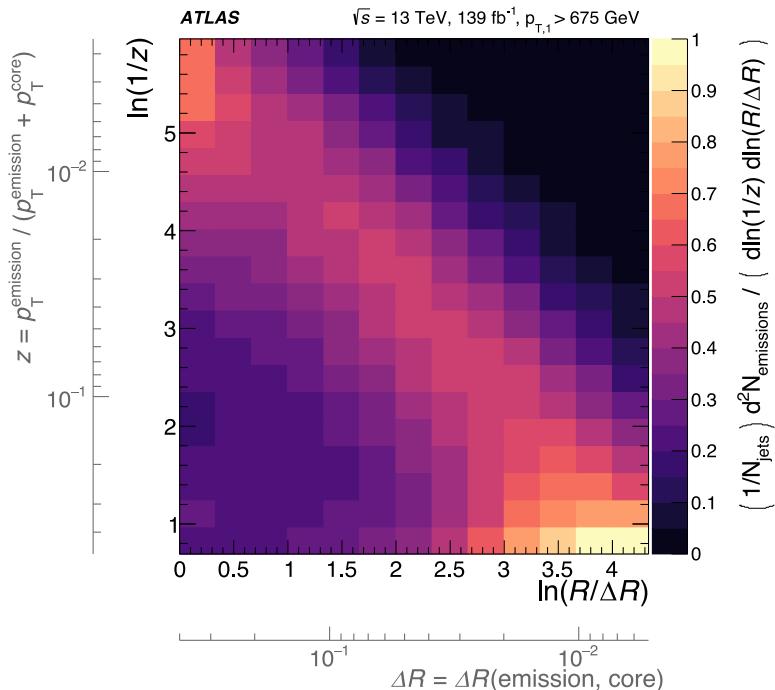
q/g ratios overestimated by newer simulations and tunes, improvements needed.

# Jet substructure

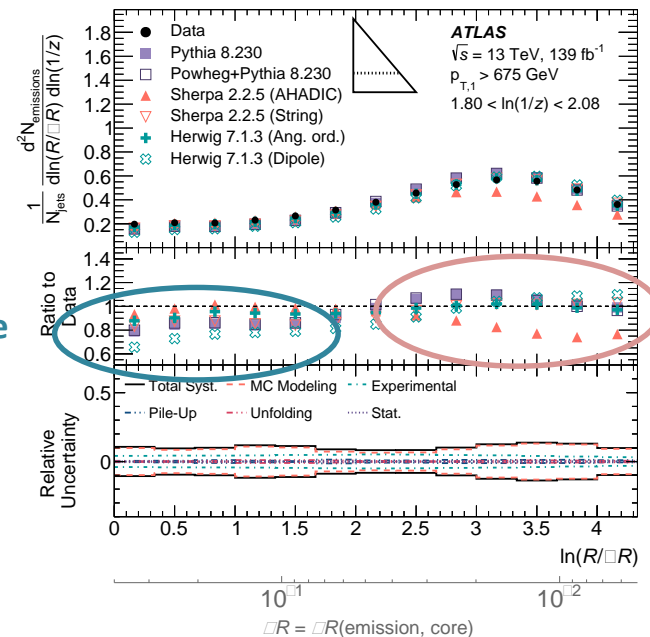
Jet formation & structure can also be studied via the **Lund Jet Plane (LJP)**. **Double differential cross-section measurements of the Lund jet plane ( $z, \ln(R/\Delta R)$ )** in di-jet events with leading jet  $p_T > 675$  GeV and using charged tracks in  $z, R, \Delta R$  for improved angular resolution. **MC predictions are compared with data in LJP slices.**



The Lund jet plane is used to characterize relative energy and angle of each emission. Different physical effects are localized in specific regions.



wide angle PS

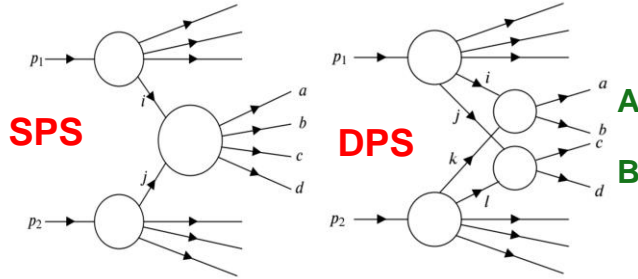


collinear hadronization

No prediction reproduces the data well in the full phase space, but Herwig7.1.3 with angle-ordered PS provides the best description across most of the LJP.

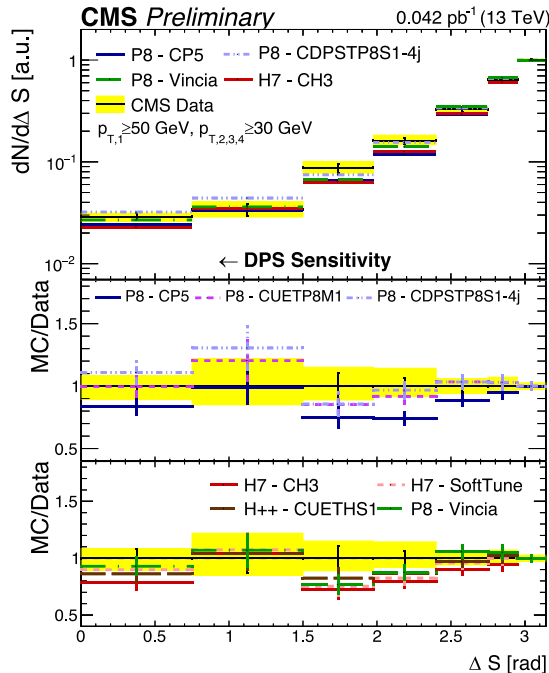
# Double-Parton Scattering in jets

Inclusive 4-jet differential cross sections in  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ , and angular correlation observables are measured to study UE, PS, ME, and the interplay between decorrelations caused by PS and **double-parton scattering (DPS)**.



Comparison with Herwig, Pythia, and multi-jet MCs: All LO 2→2 predictions overestimate data (low jet  $p_T$  and forward jets), improved by NLO and multi-leg ME. Azimuthal correlations distinguish between  $p_T$ - and angle or dipole-order PS (improvement seen in latter).

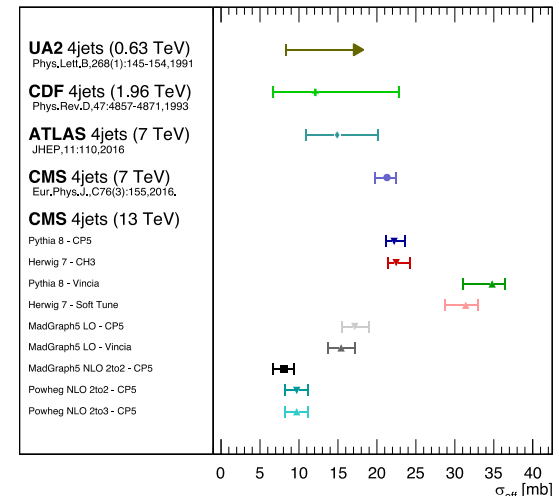
$\Delta S = \arccos\left(\frac{(\vec{p}_{T1} + \vec{p}_{T2}) \cdot (\vec{p}_{T3} + \vec{p}_{T4})}{|\vec{p}_{T1} + \vec{p}_{T2}| |\vec{p}_{T3} + \vec{p}_{T4}|}\right)$  is the least sensitive to PS effects → used to extract  $\sigma_{DPS}$  and  $\sigma_{eff}$



DPS contribution extracted with template fit of SPS MC distributions and DPS constructed from inclusive single-jet data events.

$$\sigma_{A,B}^{DPS} = \frac{\epsilon_{4j} \sigma_A \sigma_B}{\sigma_{eff}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_A}{\sigma_B}\right)$$

$\sigma_{eff}$  measurements (Preliminary)

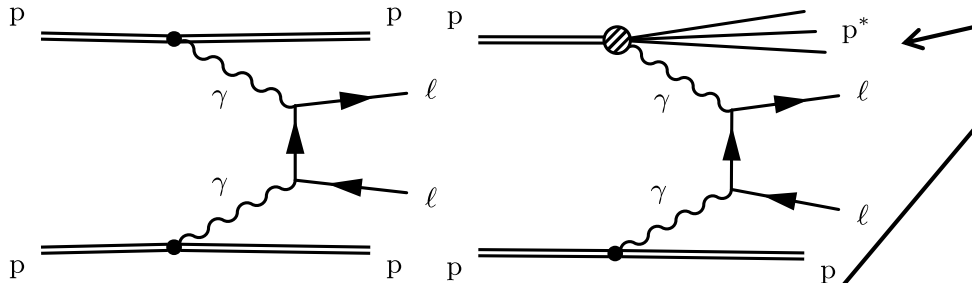


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$\sigma_{eff}$  which reflects the correlation among processes A and B, depends on the SPS models used for them. 11

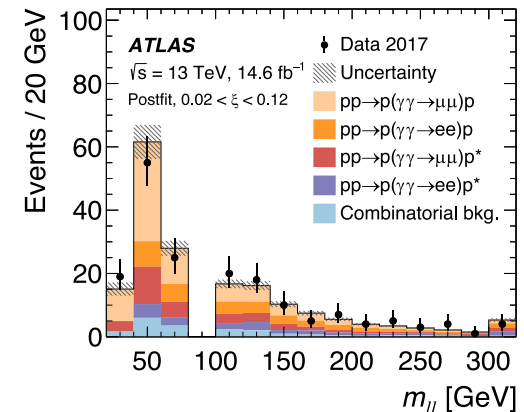
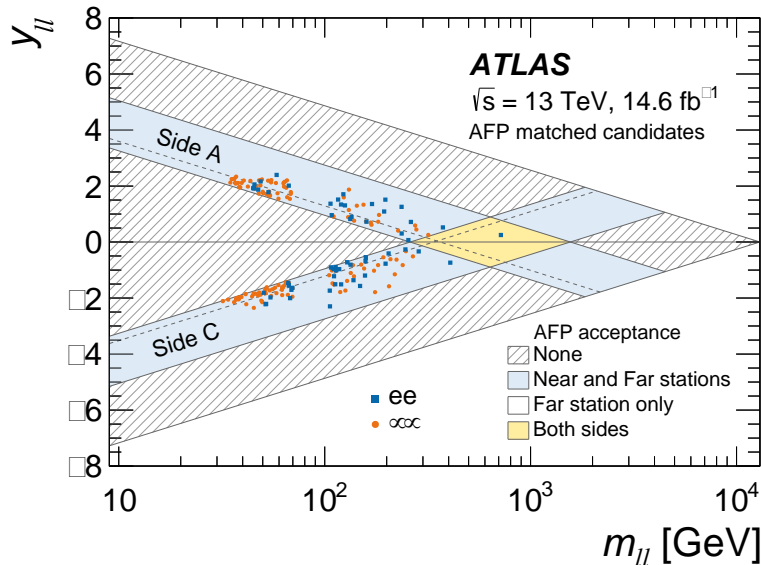
# Photon-fusion with forward proton

Observation and cross-section measurement of forward proton scattering in association with lepton pairs ( $e^+e^-+p$  or  $\mu^+\mu^-+p$ ) produced via **photon fusion**, with the scattered proton detected by the ATLAS Forward Proton spectrometer (AFP). Rare process at the LHC, test of QED. Proton tagging avoids large uncertainties associated with the modeling of strong interactions among scattered protons.



Exclusive and single dissociative events simulated with Herwig7 and LPAIR 4.0. Protons tagged in AFP acceptance (at least one side). Background from pileup DY events modelled with data. Kinematic in the signal region as expected (Z boson region is vetoed).

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Fiducial cross-section (in agreement with predictions):

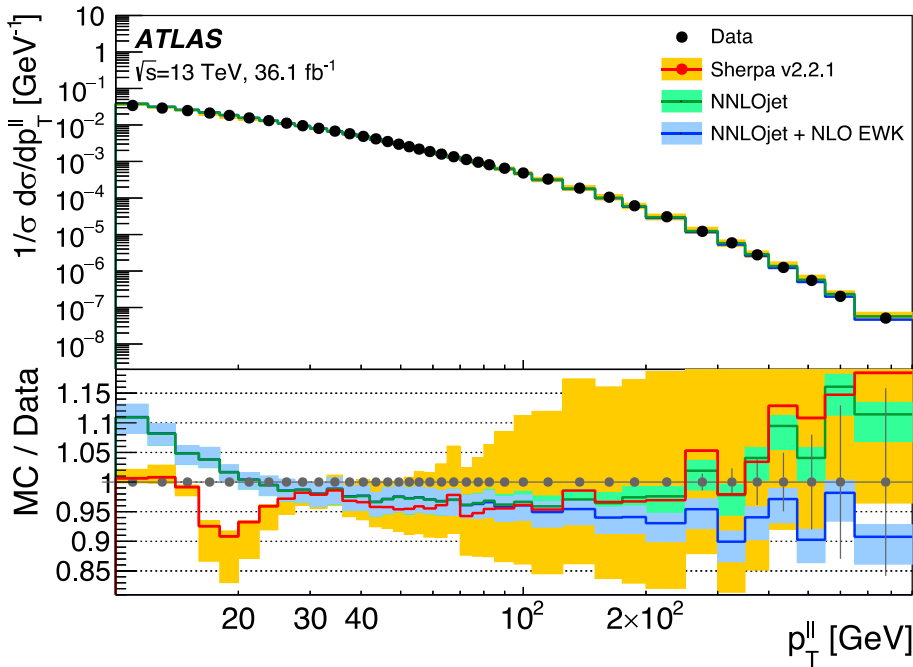
$$\sigma_{ee+p} = 11.0 \pm 2.6(\text{stat}) \pm 1.2(\text{syst}) \pm 0.3(\text{lumi}) \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{\mu\mu+p} = 7.2 \pm 1.6(\text{stat}) \pm 0.9(\text{syst}) \pm 0.2(\text{lumi}) \text{ fb}$$

# W and DY production

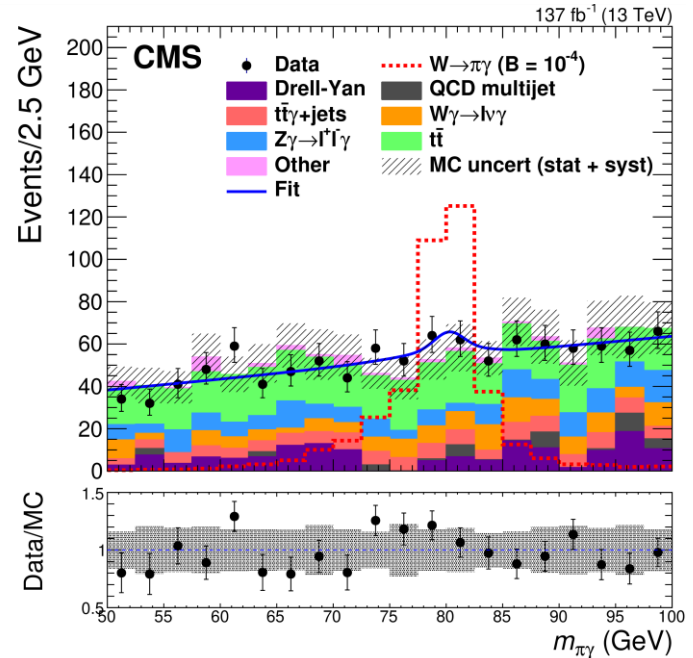
Sensitive to EW and QCD sectors of SM: extract fundamental parameters of EW theory ( $M_W$ ,  $M_Z$ ,  $\sin^2\theta_W$ ), probe proton structure (PDF's), consistent with SM predictions at highest order corrections (NNLO QCD and NLO EW).

Clear experimental leptonic signatures. Rare decays explored.



New  $p_T^{\ell\ell}$  DY differential cross-sections in regions of  $m^{\ell\ell}$  in B.Bilin's talk on Thursday.

$W \rightarrow \pi\gamma$  exclusive decay with visible final state (tracks and a photon). Uses  $t\bar{t}$  events with a leptonic W decay as a tag.



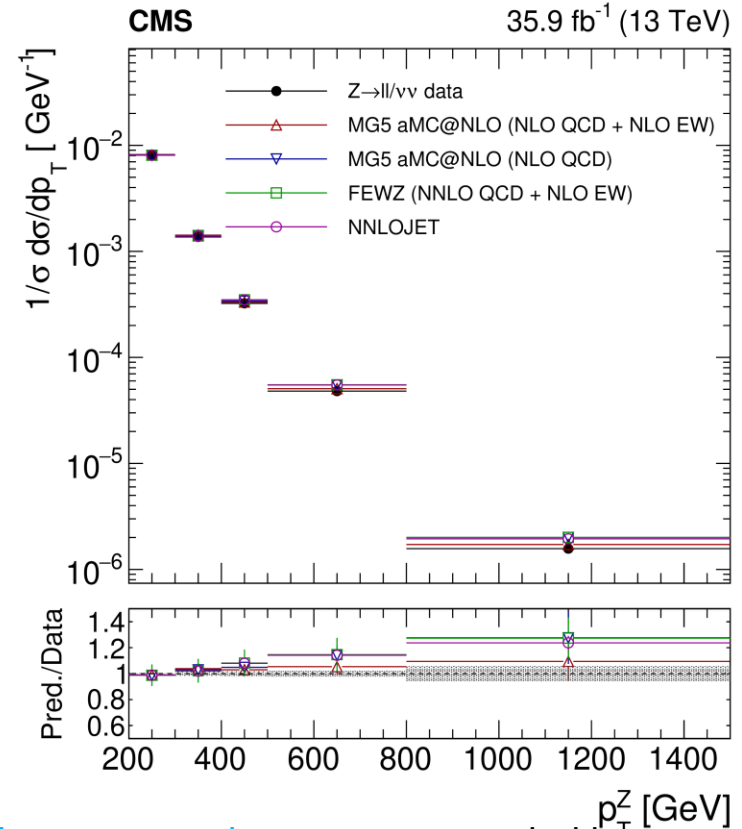
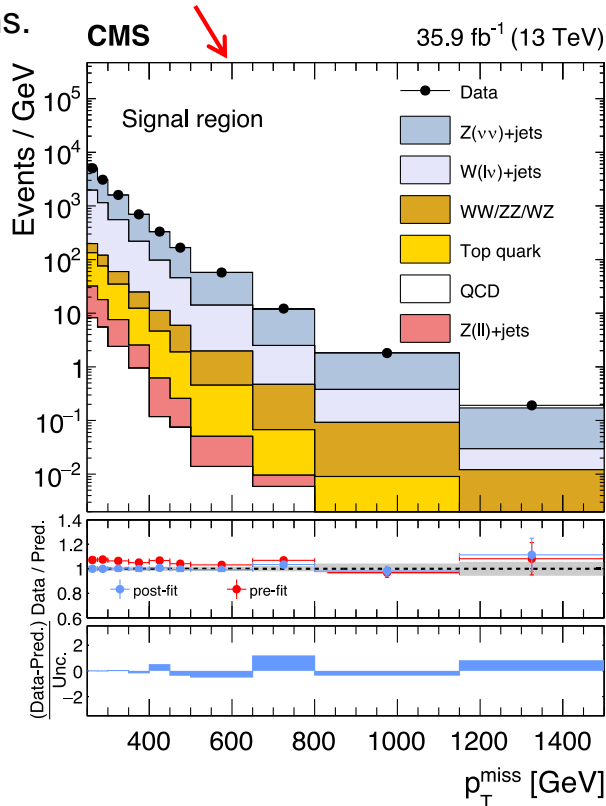
$B(W \rightarrow \pi\gamma) < 1.50 \times 10^{-5}$  @ 95% C.L.

# Z → νν̄ production

Important background to searches with invisible particles (e.g. dark matter). Its combination with charged lepton decay modes provides the most precise measurement of the **differential Z p<sub>T</sub> cross-sections at high p<sub>T</sub>**.

**Signal topology:** Z(→ νν) recoiling against an initial state radiation (ISR) jet. Lead jet p<sub>T</sub> > 100 GeV, p<sub>T</sub><sup>miss</sup> > 150 GeV. **Main background:** W(→ ℓν)+jets. Signal extracted w/ fits to the **p<sub>T</sub><sup>miss</sup> distribution** in signal and two control regions.

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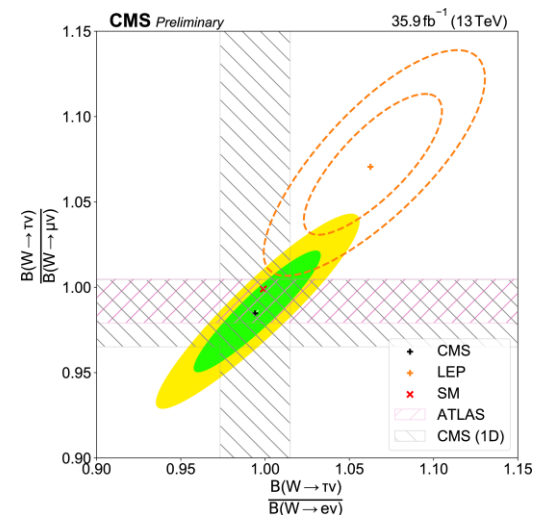
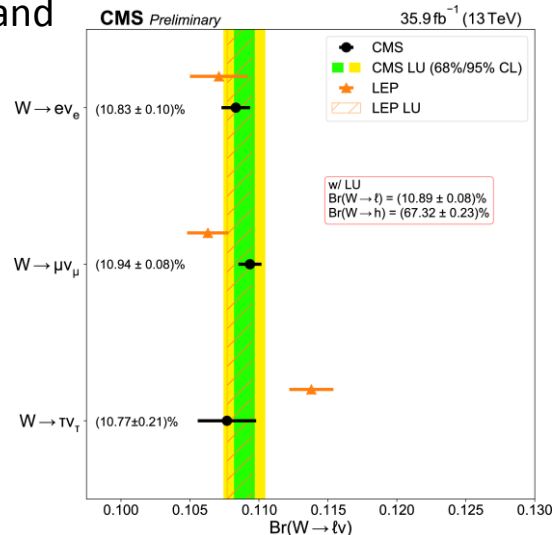
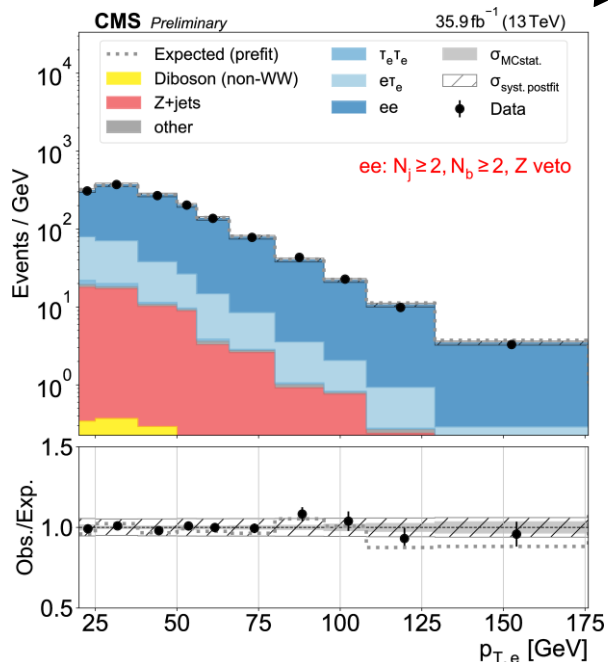
Fiducial Z p<sub>T</sub> cross-sections are compared with MG5\_aMC@NLO (QCD and EW), FEWZ and Z+1 jet at NNLO QCD and **agree within uncertainties**

# W branching fractions

Test of **lepton universality (LU)**.  $W$  decays from  $t\bar{t}$  (also  $tW$  and  $WW$ ). Decay channels categorized by lepton flavor ( $e, \mu$ , hadronic  $\tau$ ),  $N_{\text{jets}}$  and  $N_{\text{b tags}}$ . Background processes:  $VV$  (non  $WW$ ),  $Z$ +jets, multi-jet QCD. Trailing lepton  $p_{\text{T}}$  discriminates prompt decays to  $e, \mu$  from decays of a  $\tau$  lepton.

Leptonic branching fractions are measured and hadronic branching fractions are reported w/ or w/o assuming LU.

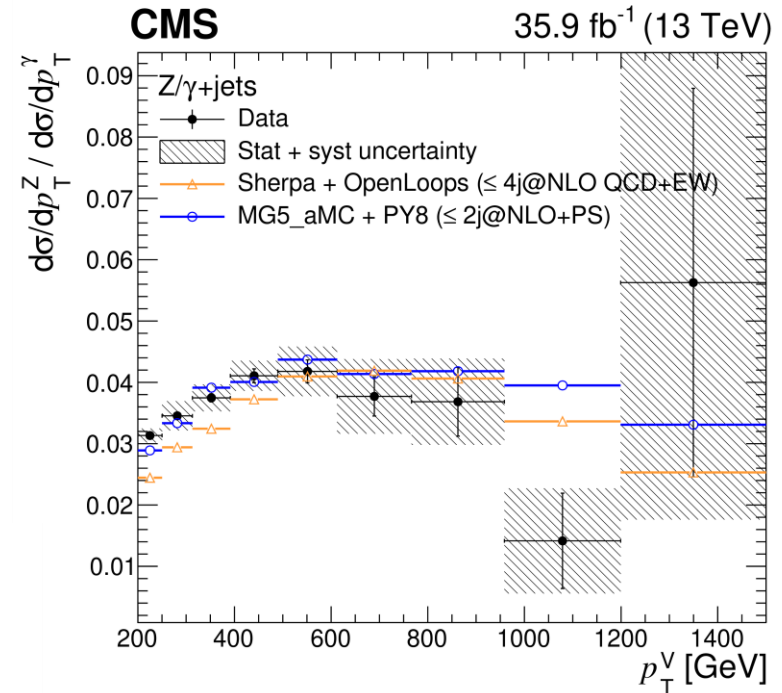
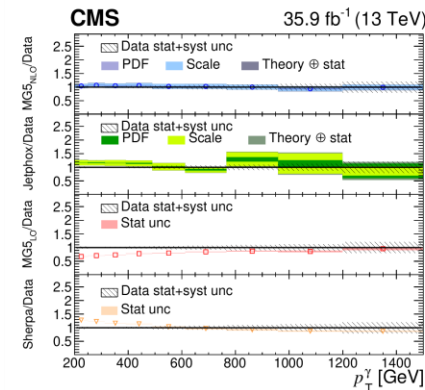
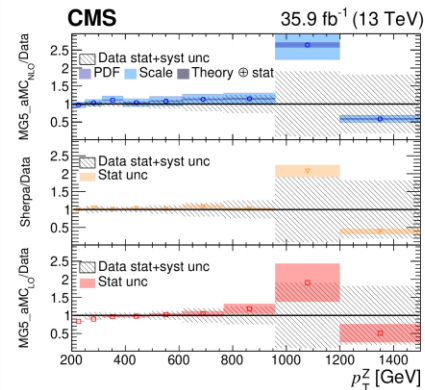
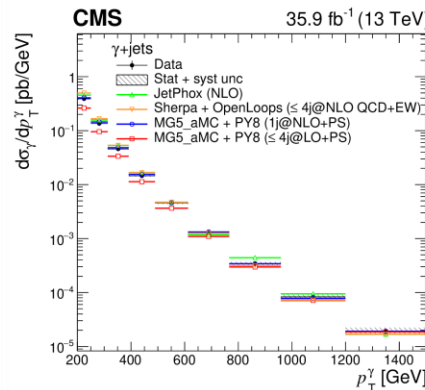
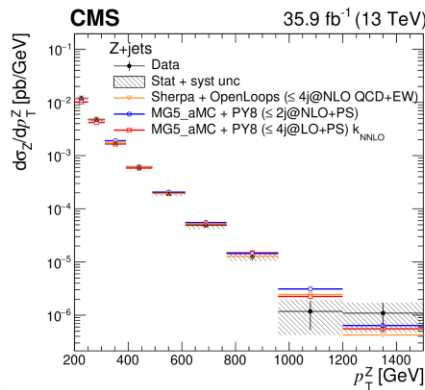
A **binned likelihood** is constructed combining all selection categories and category-specific observables.



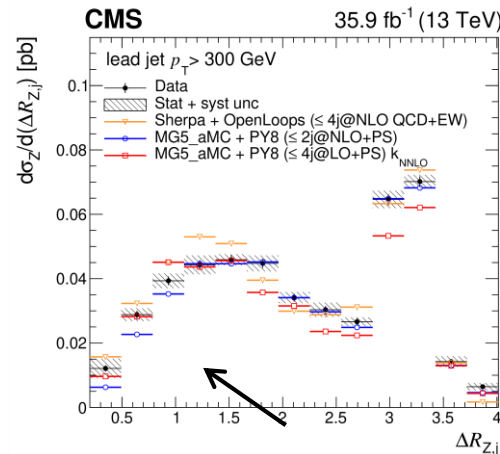
Results consistent with LU (and ATLAS  $R_{\tau/\mu}$  result), exceeding LEP's precision. From the leptonic/hadronic ratios, three SM quantities are derived (with certain assumptions): the sum square of elements in the first two rows of the CKM matrix  $\sum |V_{ij}|^2 = 1.989 \pm 0.021$ ,  $|V_{cs}| = 0.969 \pm 0.011$ , and  $\alpha_S(m_W) = 0.094 \pm 0.033$ .

# Z/ $\gamma$ +jets

**Z/ $\gamma$  ratio** is sensitive to higher order EW corrections at high  $p_T$ . The measurement requires lead jet  $p_T > 100$  GeV and photon  $p_T > 200$  GeV, testing bosons  $p_T$  up to 1.5 TeV. It also provides input for the modelling of background in searches.



Z and  $\gamma$ +jets differential cross sections are compared to MC predictions at LO and NLO (QCD and EW)  $\rightarrow$  good agreement.

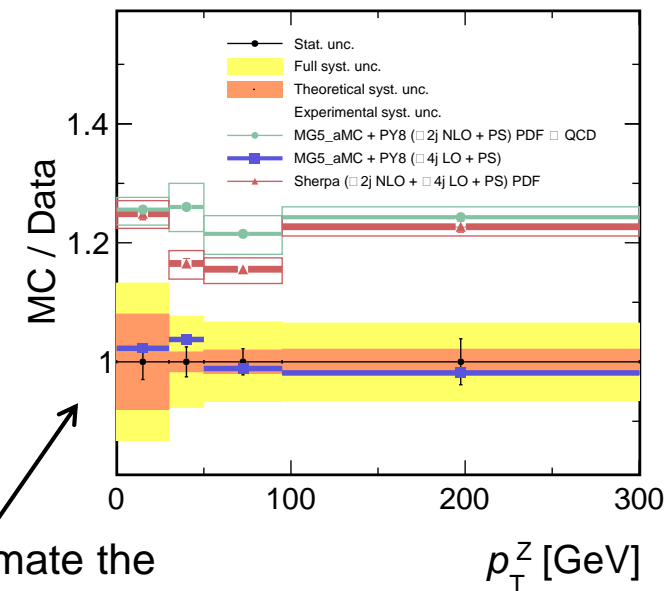
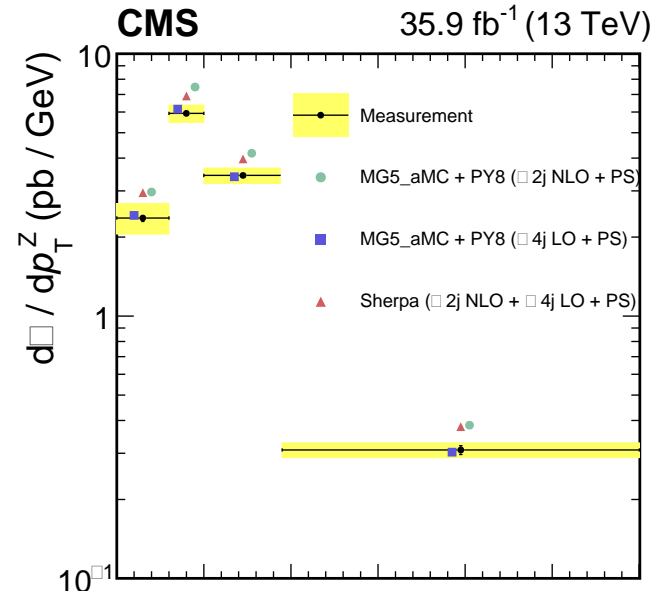
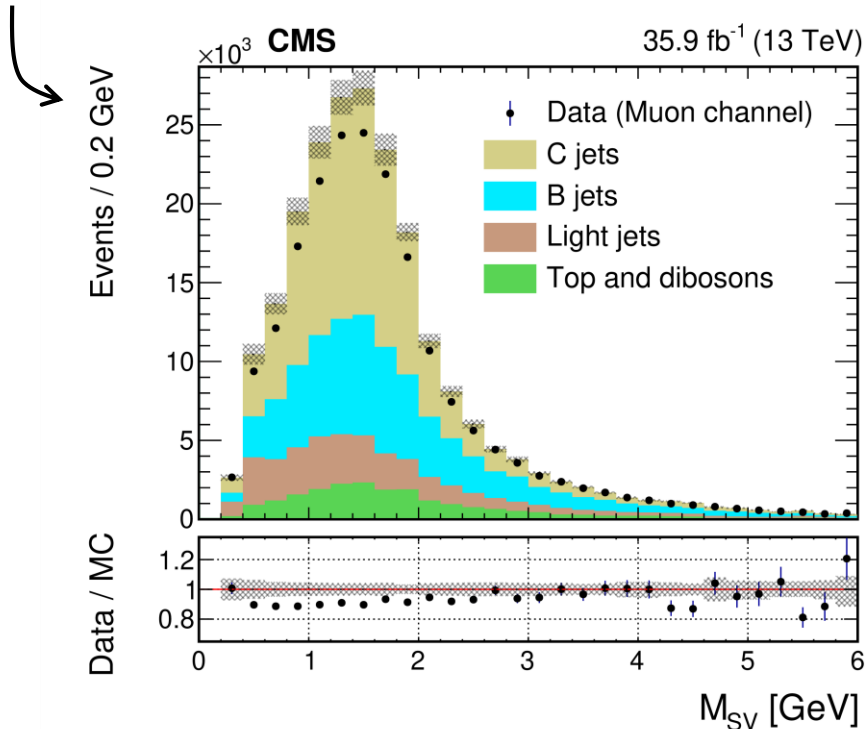


The topology of collinear emission of a Z boson is studied for the first time.



# Z+c production

**Z+c:** sensitive to charm content: perturbative and NP (i.e. intrinsic charm), Test modelling of Z+HF in BSM searches. Extract Z+c components with fit to the invariant mass of tracks  $M_{SV}$  associated with secondary vertex.



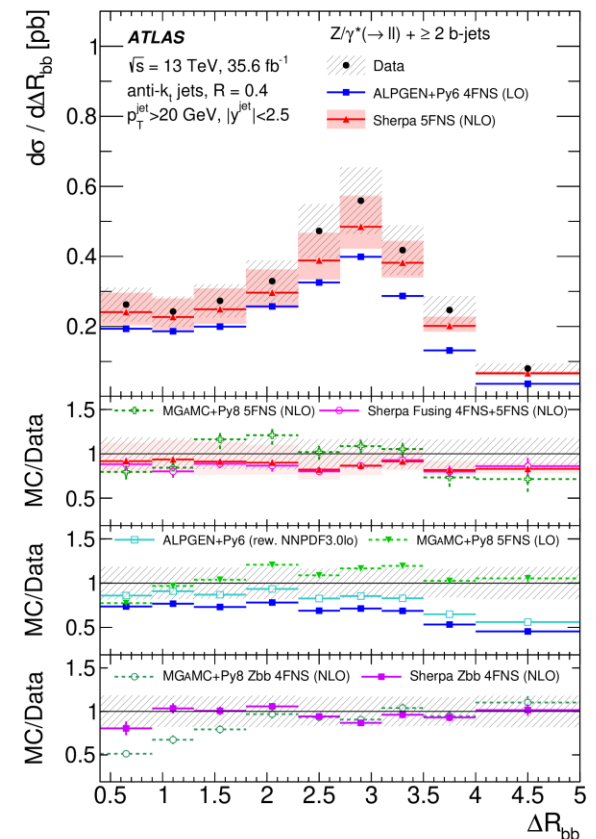
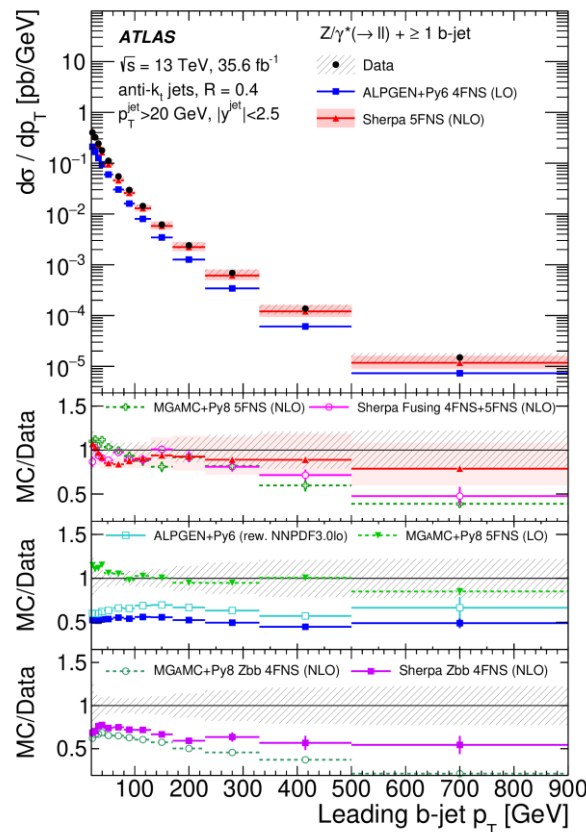
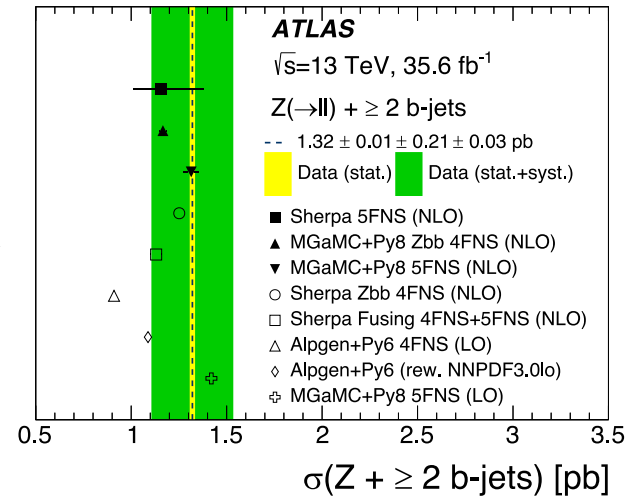
MG5\_aMC@NLO and SHERPA at NLO overestimate the cross section, PDFs overestimate charm content?

# Z+b(b) production

**Z+b(b):** sensitive to gluon splitting, can probe b-quark PDF, provides input on flavor number scheme approaches, background to BSM searches. **Z+b(b) component extracted from fit to flavor-sensitive distributions constructed from b-tagging output variables.**

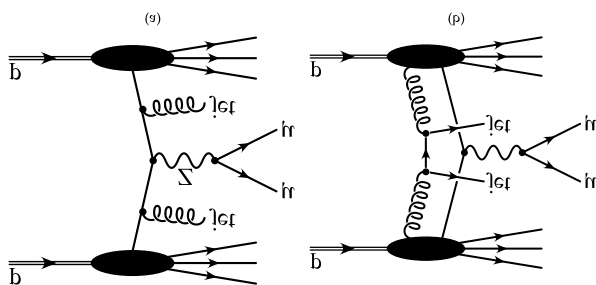
Fiducial and differential cross sections vs. Z and b-jet kinematics and angular separations → **best agreement with 5-flavor scheme (5FNS) at NLO.**

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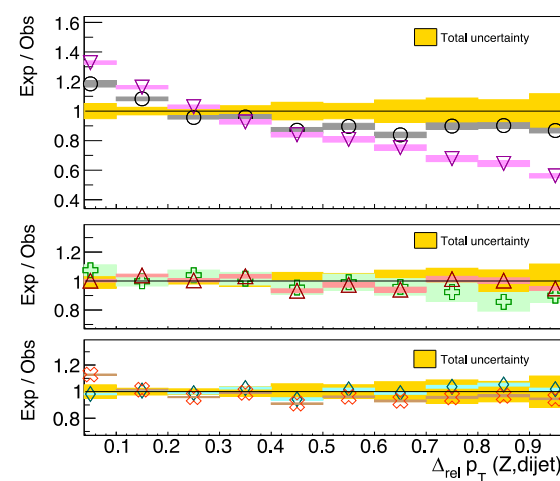
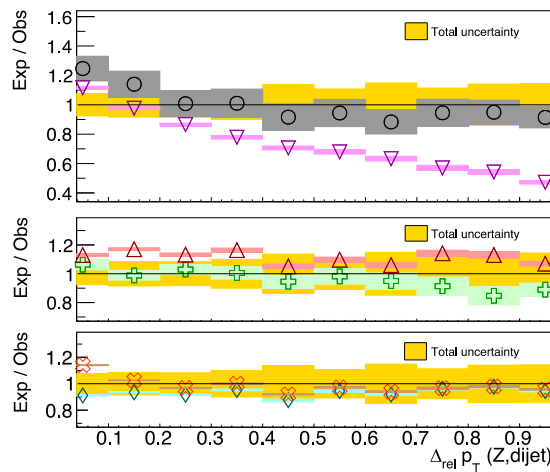
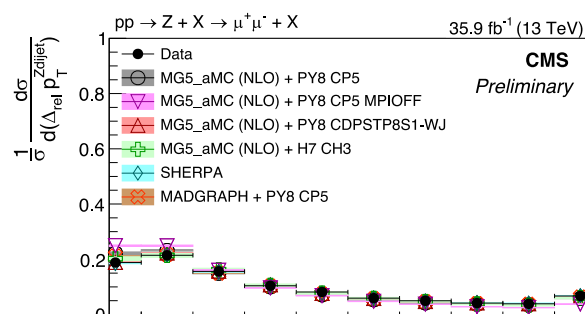
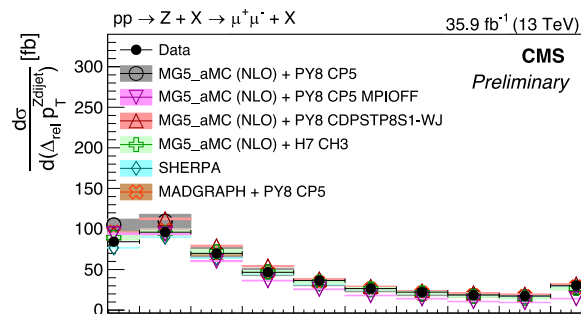
# DPS in Z+jets

Differential and normalized cross sections of  $Z + \geq 1$  jet, and  $Z + \geq 2$  jets in relative  $p_T$  imbalance and azimuthal separation of the Z boson and the lead jet or dijet system. Such variables can help distinguish **double-parton scattering (DPS)** from SPS (jets are expected to balance each other in DPS but not SPS)



MG5\_aMC + PYTHIA 8 with DPS specific tune CDPSTP8S1-WJ overestimates cross-sections by 10-15% but describes shapes.

MG5\_aMC + PYTHIA 8 with CP5 describes the cross-sections w/some exceptions. Other MPI and hadronization models, i.e. SHERPA and MG5\_aMC + HERWIG7, also describe data. **Measurements are significantly sensitive to MPI.**



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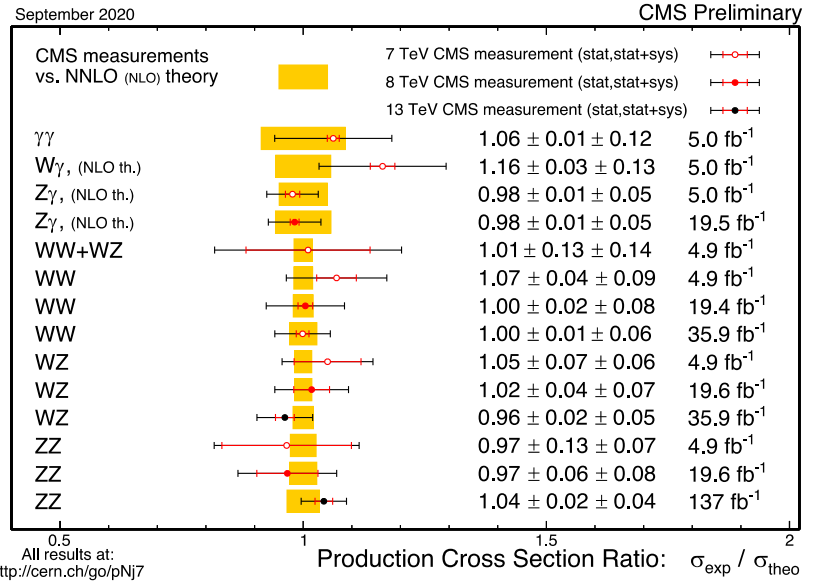
# Multi-boson production

Backgrounds to Higgs and searches, sensitive to higher order corrections. Tests of the SM EW gauge structure.

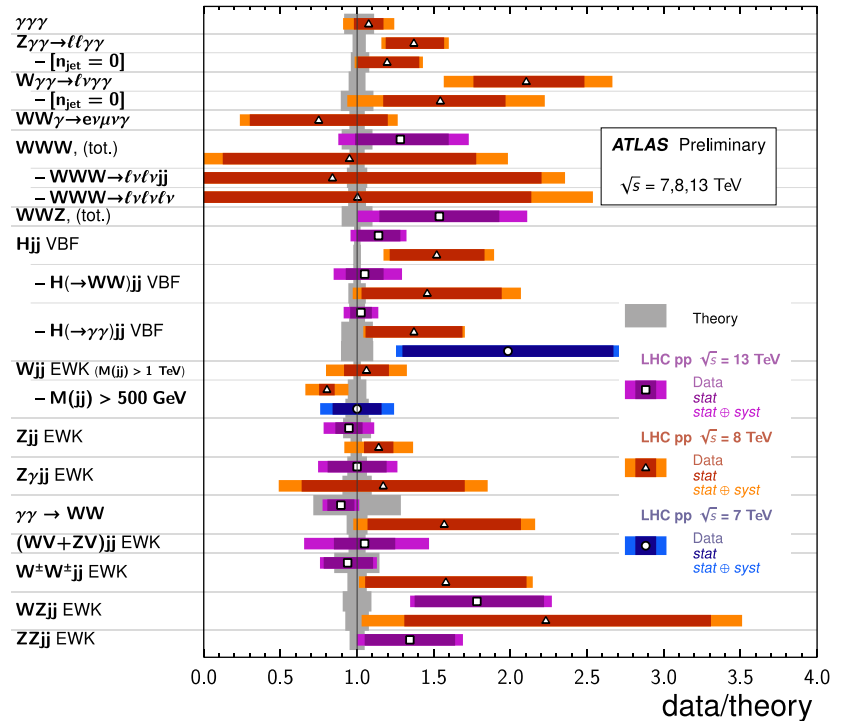
**Anomalous vector boson couplings:** new physics at higher scales leading to modified couplings → probe for  $\sigma$  increase.  
**aTGC** constrained w/ inclusive VV and EW Vjj.  
**aQGC** constrained w/ EW VVjj and VVV.

$$L_{\text{EFT}} = L_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{\bar{C}_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{\bar{C}_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

Many recent 13 TeV results in good agreement with SM. Inclusive di-boson cross section measurements dominated by systematic uncertainties, but we are now increasingly sensitive to rare processes, tri-bosons and vector boson scattering (VBS)



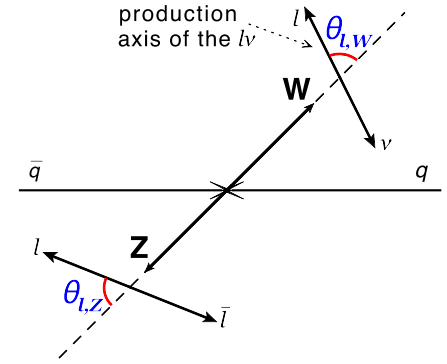
**VBF, VBS, and Triboson Cross Section Measurements** Status: March 2021



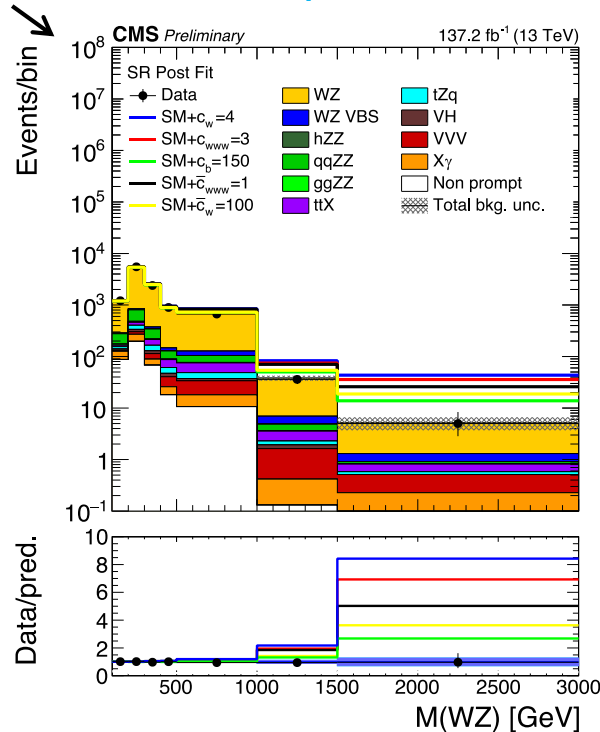
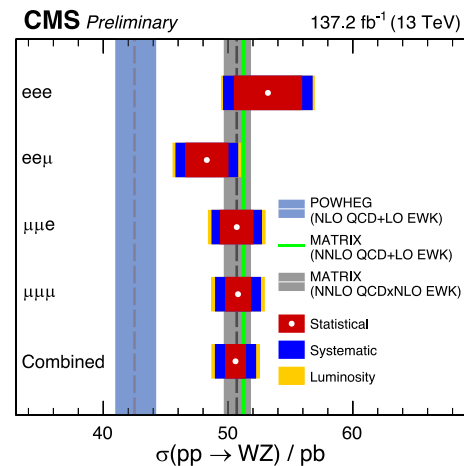
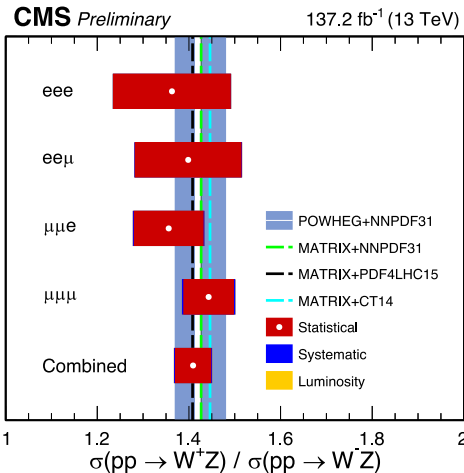
# WZ production

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WZ with leptonic final states (e and  $\mu$ ): new 13 TeV results include inclusive total and differential cross-sections, charge asymmetry, search for aTGCs, polarization

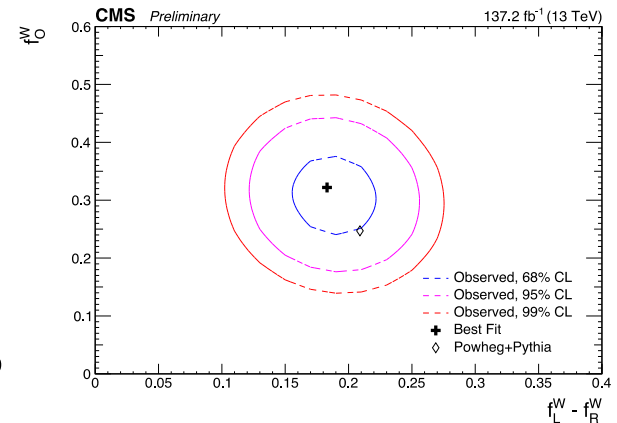


First observation of longitudinally polarized W's in WZ: using lepton angular distributions and template fits to  $q_\ell \cos\theta_{\ell,W(Z)} \rightarrow 5.6\sigma$  obs ( $4.3\sigma$  exp).



Most stringent constraints in WZ on dim-6 operators (including CP violating ones)

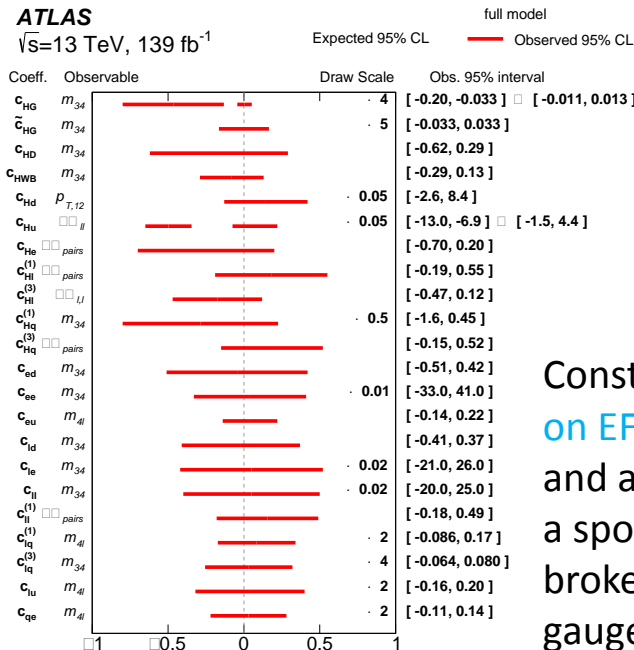
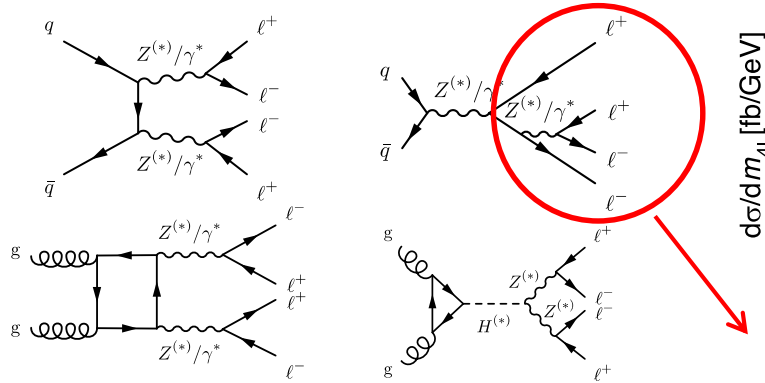
| Parameter                   | 95% CI, Exp. ( $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ) | 95% CI, Obs. ( $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ) | Best fit, Obs. ( $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| $c_w/\Lambda^2$             | $[-2.05, 1.27]$                    | $[-2.52, 0.33]$                    | -1.34                                |
| $c_{www}/\Lambda^2$         | $[-1.27, 1.33]$                    | $[-1.04, 1.19]$                    | 0.15                                 |
| $c_b/\Lambda^2$             | $[-86.0, 125.0]$                   | $[-42.7, 113.0]$                   | 43.6                                 |
| $\tilde{c}_{www}/\Lambda^2$ | $[-0.76, 0.65]$                    | $[-0.62, 0.53]$                    | -0.03                                |
| $\tilde{c}_w/\Lambda^2$     | $[-46.1, 46.1]$                    | $[-45.9, 45.9]$                    | 0.0                                  |



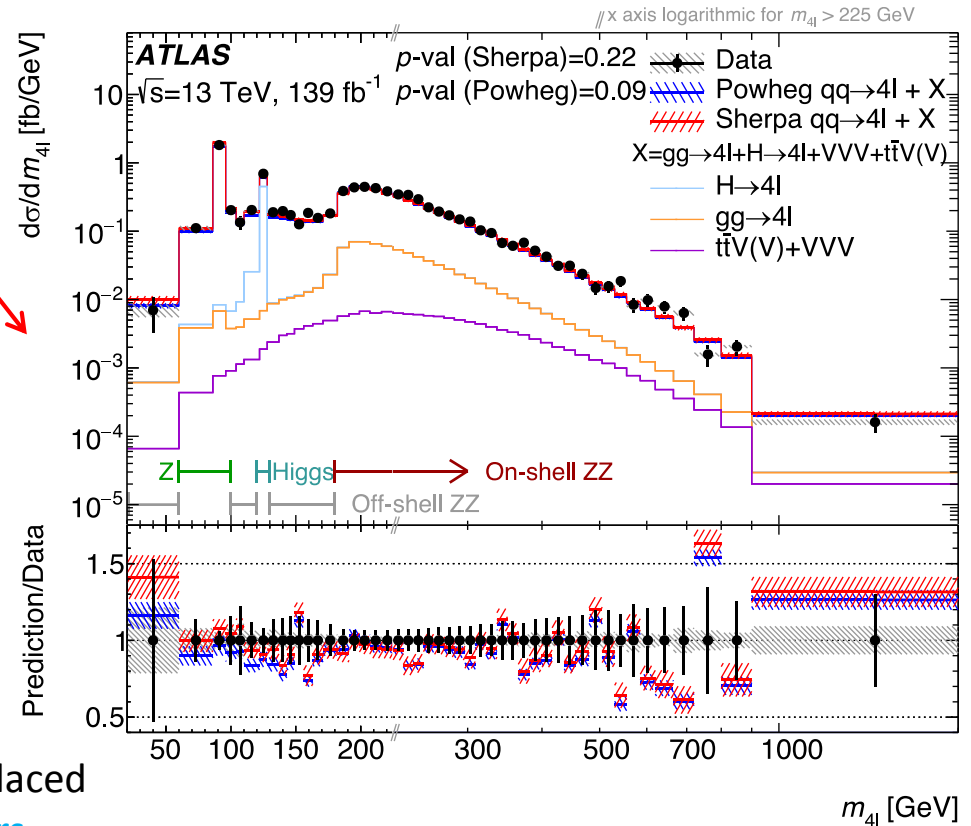
Total inclusive cross-section best agreement with MATRIX NNLO QCD + NLO EW

# 4 leptons final state

Measurements of **four-lepton differential and integrated fiducial cross-sections** in events with two same-flavor, opposite-charge electron or muon pair. Final state has contributions from ZZ, Z, H, VVV, and ttV.



Constraints are placed on EFT parameters and a model based on a spontaneously broken Baryon-Lepton gauge symmetry.



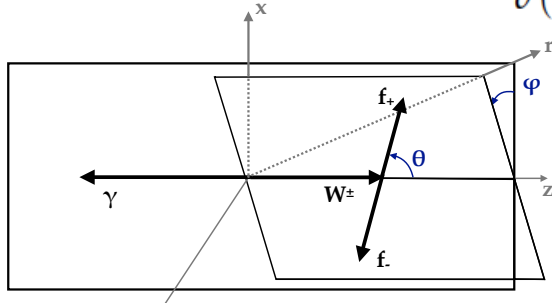
Most precise measurement of  $Z \rightarrow 4\ell$  branching fraction to date:  
 $(4.41 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-6}$

# W $\gamma$ production

Measurements of (double-)differential cross-sections in photon  $p_T$  and angular observables set constraints on anomalous  $WW\gamma$  couplings via novel EFT techniques (interference resurrection arXiv:1708.07823)  $\rightarrow$  enhanced sensitivity to SM dim-6 interference operators.

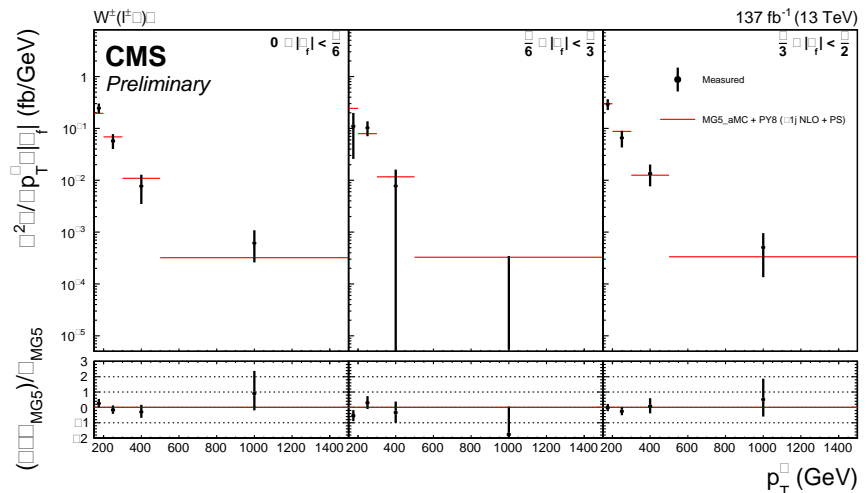
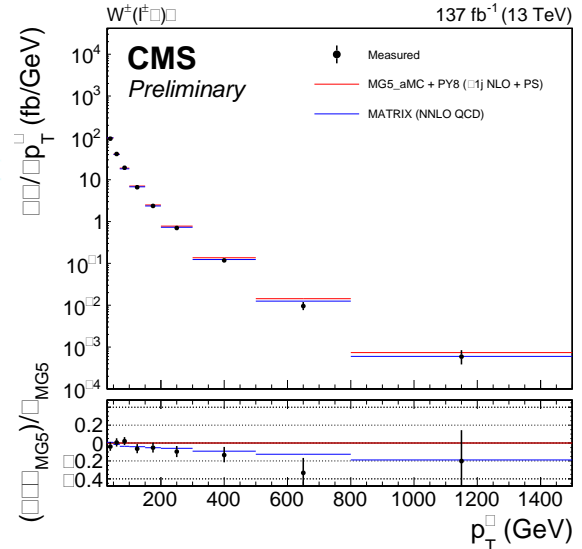
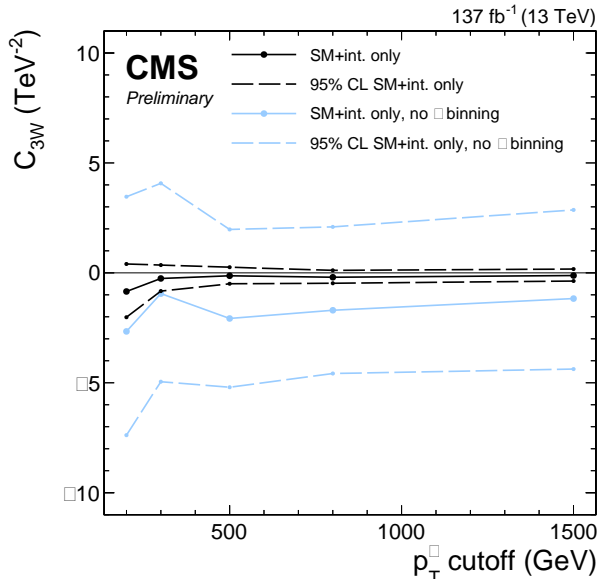
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i C_i^{(6)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i C_i^{(8)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots, \quad \mathcal{O}_{3W} = \epsilon^{ijk} W_\mu^{iv} W_\nu^{jp} W_\rho^{k\mu}$$

$$\sigma(C_{3W}) = \sigma_{\text{SM}} + C_{3W} \sigma_{\text{int}} + C_{3W}^2 \sigma_{\text{BSM}}$$



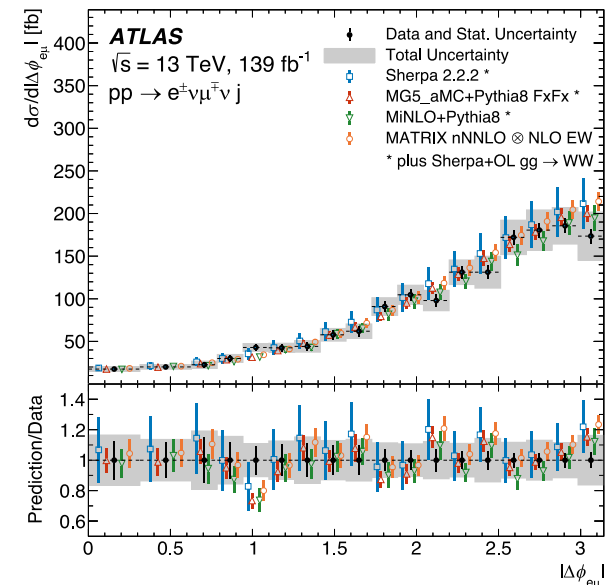
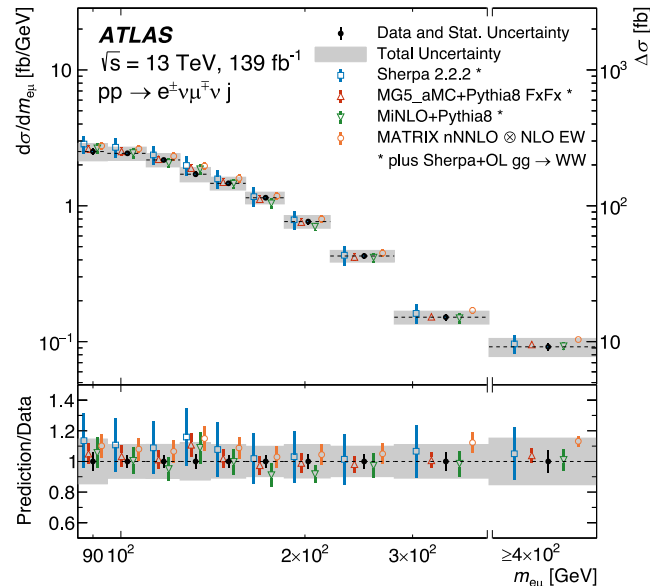
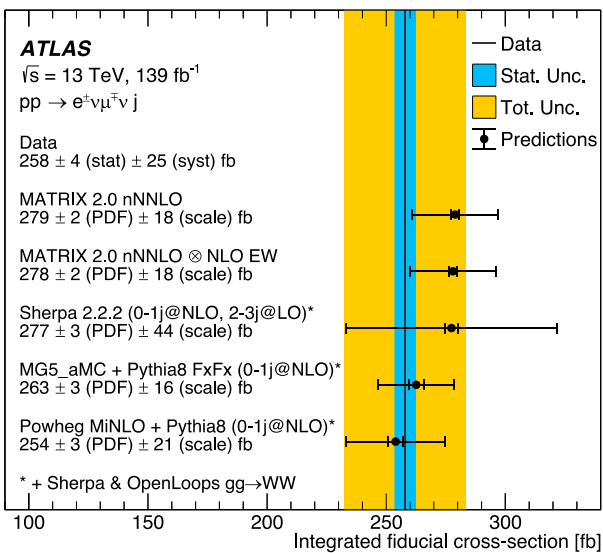
Interference effect of  $\mathcal{O}_{3W}$  and SM on cross-section

Sensitivity on  $C_{3W}$  improved by use of angular variables



# WW+ $\geq 1$ jet production

Precise total fiducial and differential measurements of cross-sections in several leptonic and jet kinematic observables. Constraints on **aTGC couplings** are obtained in a phase space where interference between the SM amplitude and the anomalous amplitude is enhanced (by a hard cut on jet  $p_T > 200$  GeV).



**Good agreement** with predictions in all distributions. Precise measurement of WW with jets ( $\sim 10\%$  uncertainty) in a previously unexplored event topology.

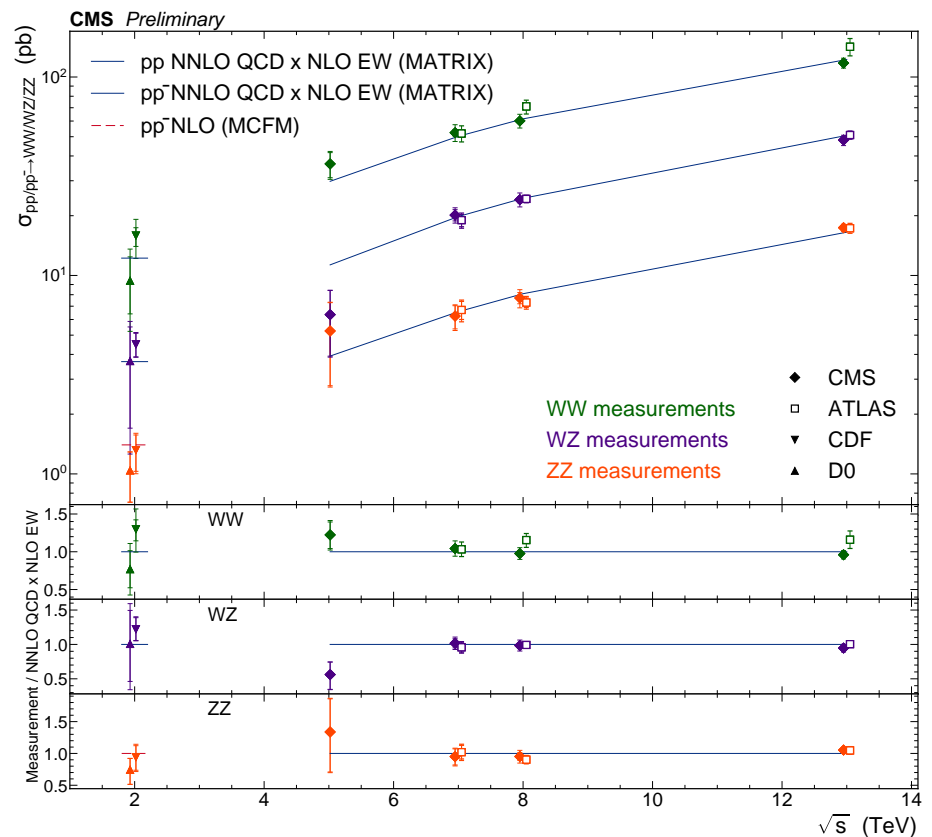


# VV production at 5.02 TeV

First measurements of total WW, WZ, and ZZ cross-sections at 5.02 TeV. Use special low pileup run with integrated luminosity of 304 pb<sup>-1</sup> and leptonic (e and μ) final states.

| Process | Estimation | Total cross section [pb]                            |
|---------|------------|---|
| WW      | MATRIX     | $29.8^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$ (scale)                        |
|         | Measured   | $36.5^{+5.5}_{-5.1}$ (stat) $^{+2.6}_{-2.5}$ (syst) |
| WZ      | MATRIX     | $11.3^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ (scale)                        |
|         | Measured   | $6.4^{+2.4}_{-2.1}$ (stat) $^{+0.5}_{-0.3}$ (syst)  |
| ZZ      | MATRIX     | $3.9^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$ (scale)                         |
|         | Measured   | $5.3^{+2.5}_{-2.0}$ (stat) $^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$ (syst)  |

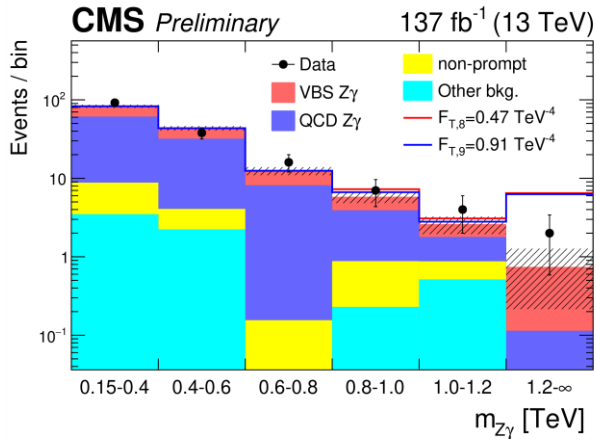
Measured cross-sections are in agreement with NNLO QCD + NLO EW predictions from MATRIX



# EW production of $Z\gamma jj$ and $ZZjj$

Vector Boson Scattering (VBS): Probes EWSB. 2 forward jets separated in rapidity, with low hadronic activity in between. Many new results for  $VVjj$ , increasingly more precise.

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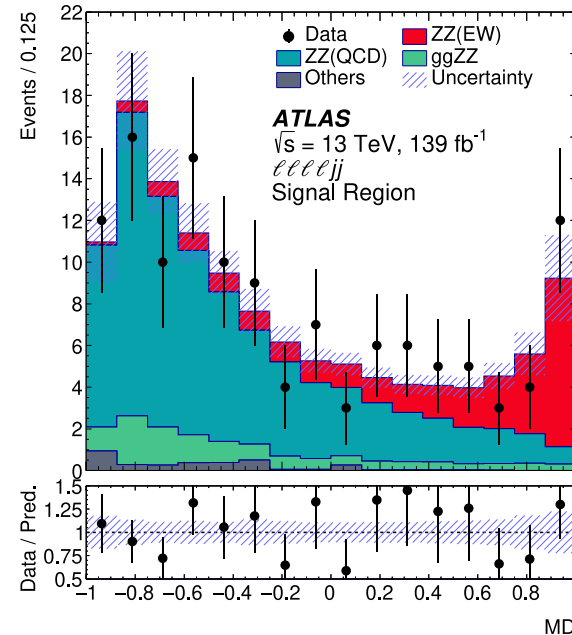
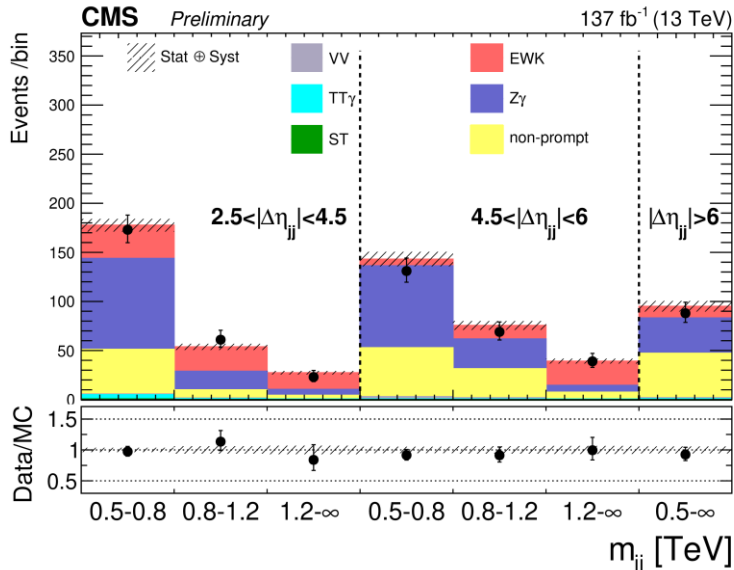


$Z\gamma jj$  (CMS): Observed significance much greater than  $5\sigma$ . Stringent limits on dim-8 aQGCs from fits to  $m_{Z\gamma}$  mass.

$Z\gamma jj$

$ZZjj$  (ATLAS) Observation with  $5.5\sigma$

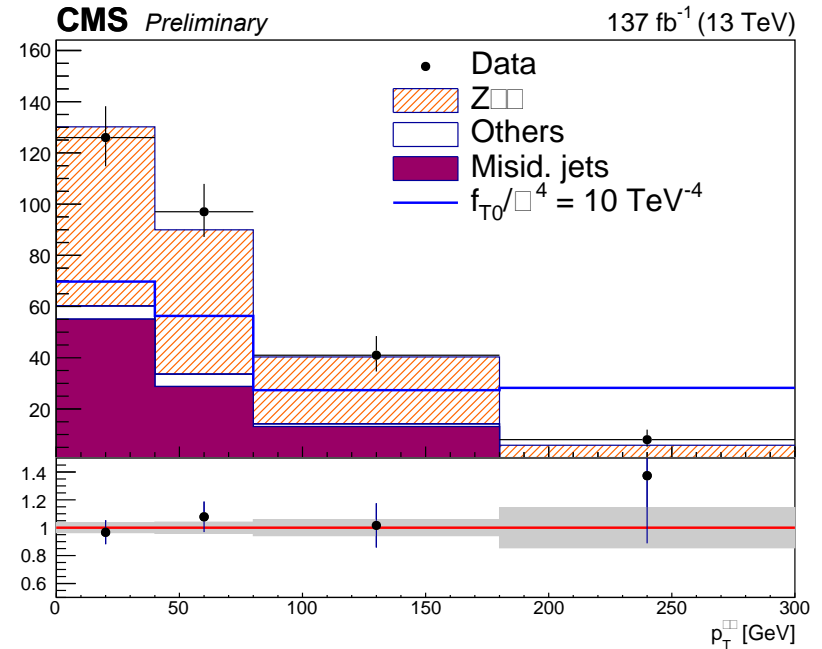
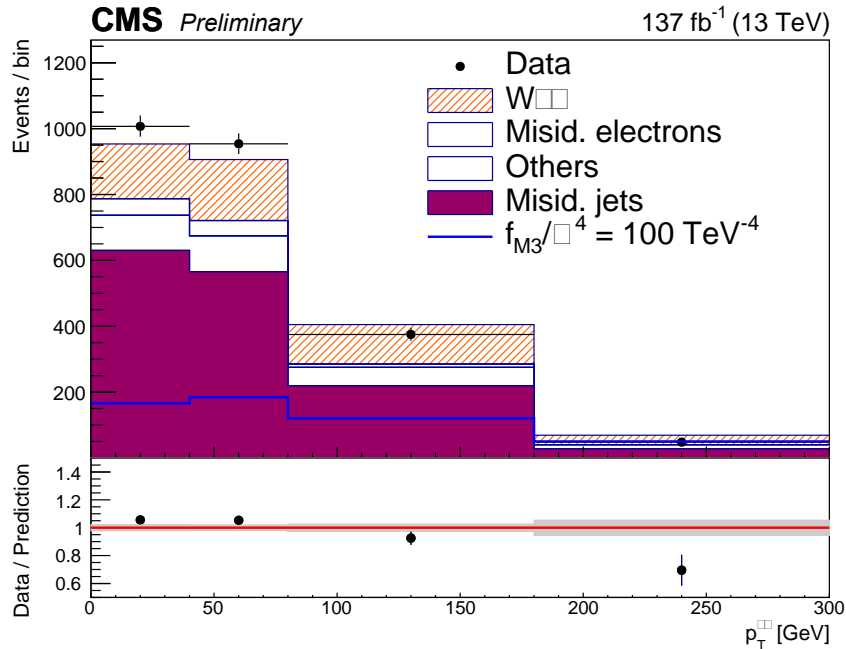
$ZZjj$



arXiv:2004.10612, Submitted to NPHYS

# $W_{\gamma\gamma}$ and $Z_{\gamma\gamma}$ production

First measurement of  $V_{\gamma\gamma}$  production at 13 TeV. Leptonic W, Z decays. Rare process, sensitive to new physics.



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$$\sigma(W_{\gamma\gamma}) = 13.63^{+1.93}_{-1.89} \text{ (stat.) } ^{+4.04}_{-4.02} \text{ (syst.) } \pm 0.08 \text{ (PDF+scale) fb}$$

$$\sigma(Z_{\gamma\gamma}) = 5.41^{+0.58}_{-0.55} \text{ (stat.) } ^{+0.64}_{-0.70} \text{ (syst.) } \pm 0.06 \text{ (PDF+scale) fb}$$

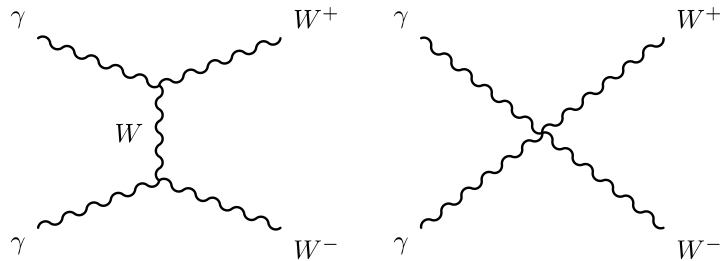
Observed  $3.1\sigma$  ( $4.5\sigma$  exp)  $W_{\gamma\gamma}$  and  $4.8\sigma$  ( $5.8\sigma$  exp)  $Z_{\gamma\gamma}$  signals.

Cross-sections measured in agreement with NLO predictions.

Constraints on dim-8 aQGCs are set from fits to  $p_T^{\gamma\gamma}$ .

# Observation of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$

First observation of photon-induced production of W boson pairs. Process occurring through tri-linear and quartic gauge couplings. Measurement of cross-section tests gauge structure of SM.

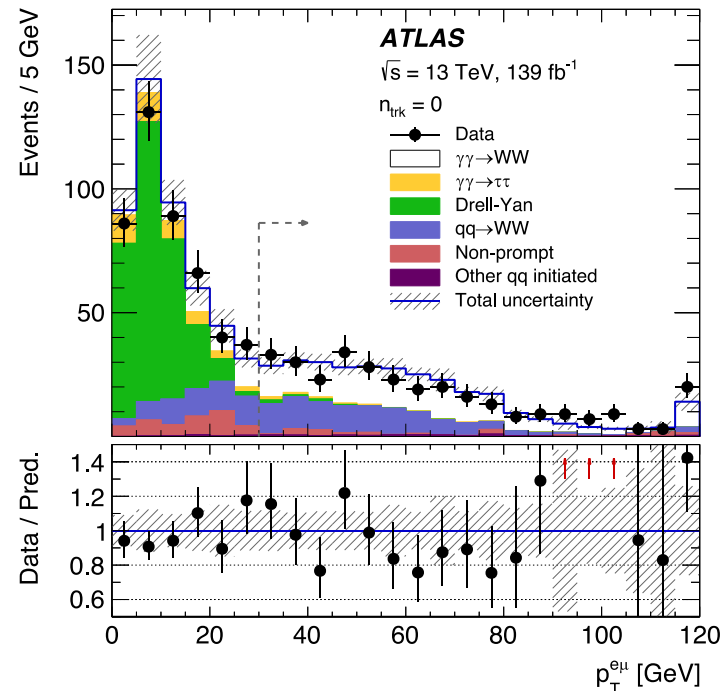
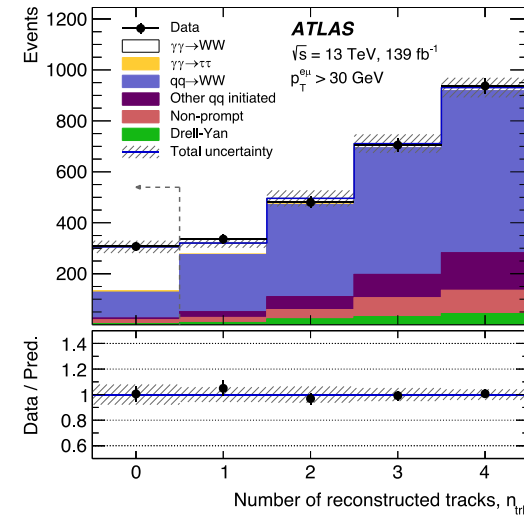


Final state of opposite sign  $e\mu$ . No additional tracks in the vicinity of the interaction vertex, modelling of hadronic background from same flavor DY.

Observed significance  $8.4\sigma$  ( $6.7\sigma$  exp)

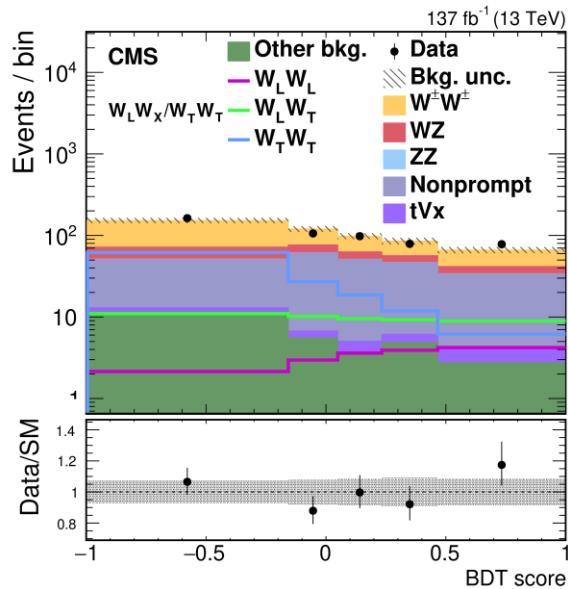
$$\sigma_{\text{meas}} = 3.13 \pm 0.31 (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.28 (\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$$

Result in agreement with theory prediction. It might serve as input to EFT interpretations.

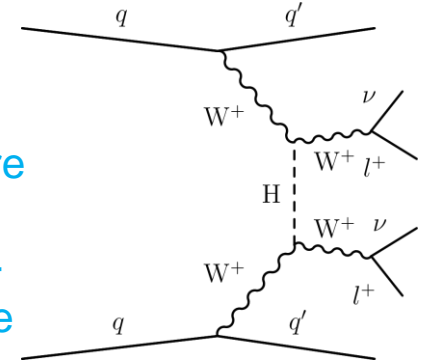


# Polarized $W^\pm W^\pm$ scattering

First measurement of production cross sections for polarized same-sign  $WW$  scattering. Unitarity of the tree-level amplitude of the scattering of longitudinally polarized gauge bosons at high energies is restored in the SM by the Higgs boson.



Kinematic differences are exploited via BDTs to separate VBS from non-VBS and disentangle the various scattering processes.



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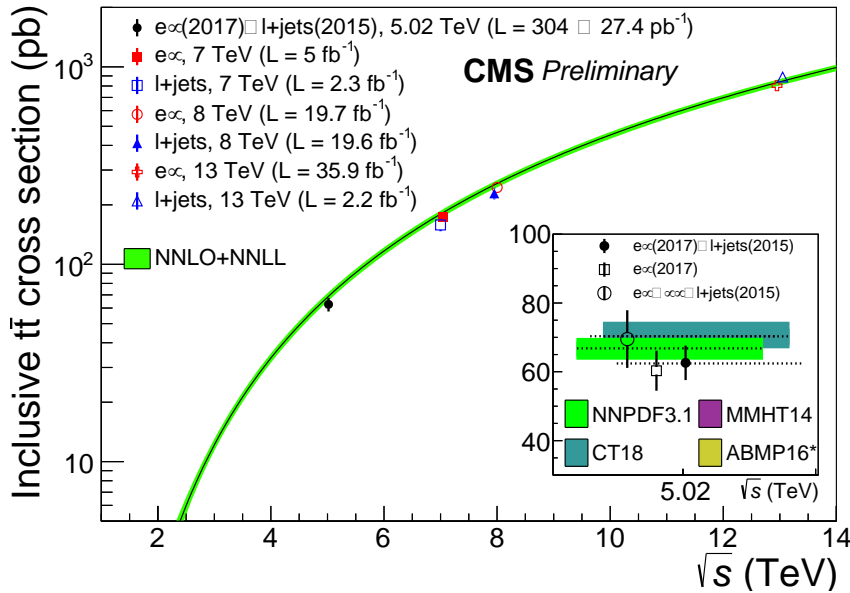
| Process           | $\sigma \mathcal{B}$ (fb) | Theoretical prediction (fb) |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$ | $0.32^{+0.42}_{-0.40}$    | $0.44 \pm 0.05$             |
| $W_X^\pm W_T^\pm$ | $3.06^{+0.51}_{-0.48}$    | $3.13 \pm 0.35$             |
| $W_L^\pm W_X^\pm$ | $1.20^{+0.56}_{-0.53}$    | $1.63 \pm 0.18$             |
| $W_T^\pm W_T^\pm$ | $2.11^{+0.49}_{-0.47}$    | $1.94 \pm 0.21$             |

EW production of the  $W^\pm W^\pm$  boson pairs with at least one  $W_L$  ( $W_L W_X$ ) is measured with  $2.3\sigma$  ( $3.1\sigma$  exp) significance.

# Top Pair production

LHC as a Top factory: precision physics! Pair production results in excellent agreement with NNLO+NNLL theory →

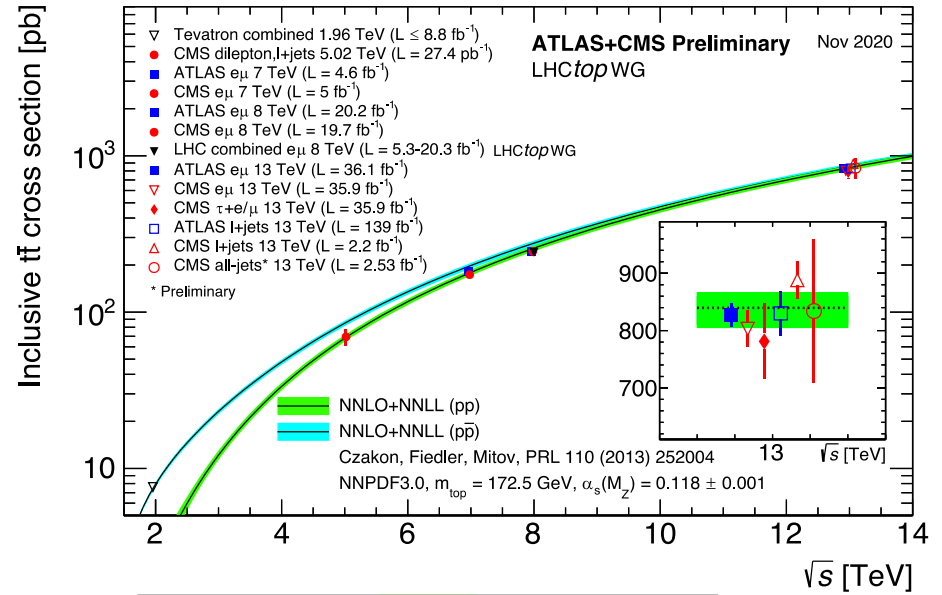
New  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  cross section results at 5.02 TeV:



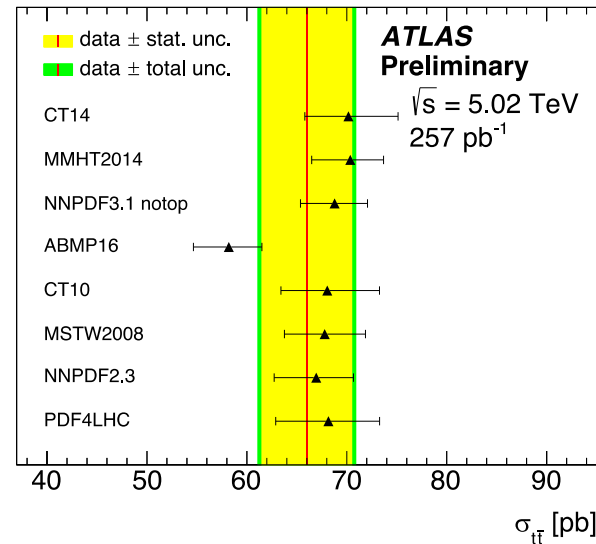
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$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{CMS}} = 62.6 \pm 4.1(\text{stat.}) \pm 3.0(\text{syst.}+\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{ATLAS}} = 66.0 \pm 4.5(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.6(\text{syst.}) \pm 1.2(\text{lumi}) \pm 0.2(\text{beam}) \text{ pb}$$

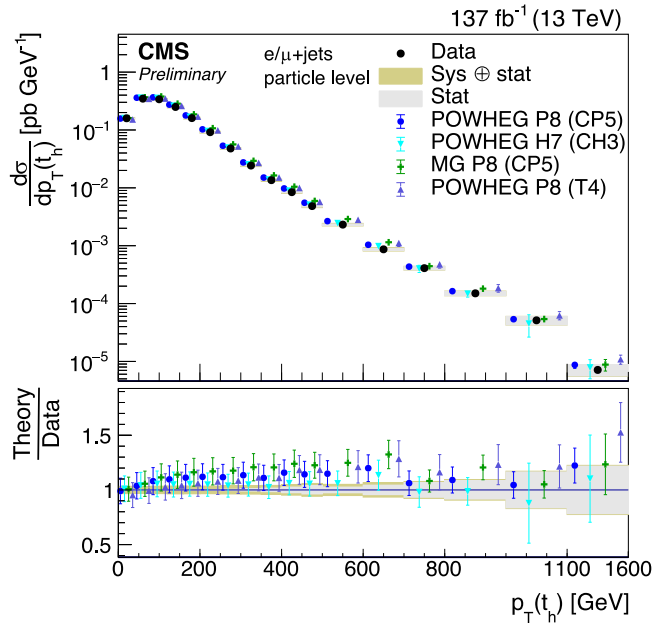


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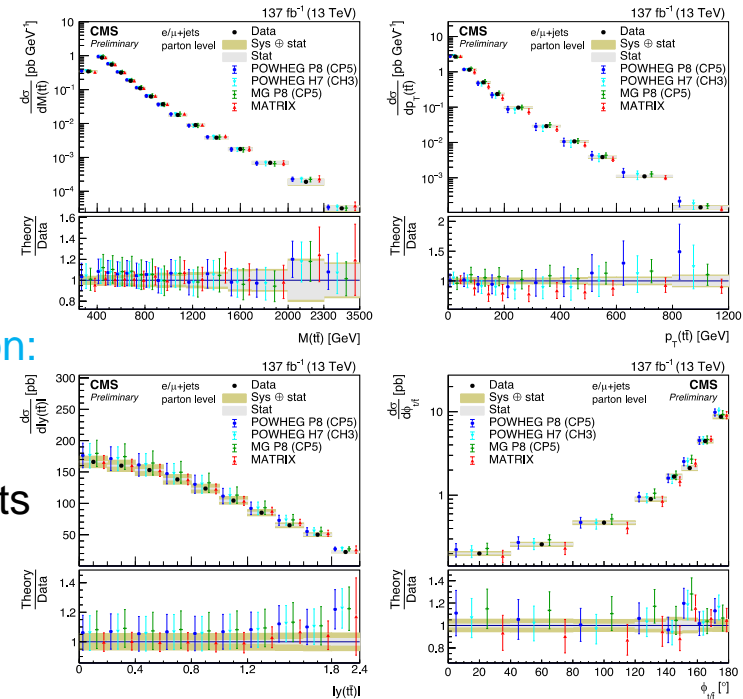
# Differential $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ cross-sections

High precision, most comprehensive set of measurements of single and double differential  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$  at 13 TeV: for the first time, combined fit of resolved and boosted in  $\ell$ +jets (e and  $\mu$ )



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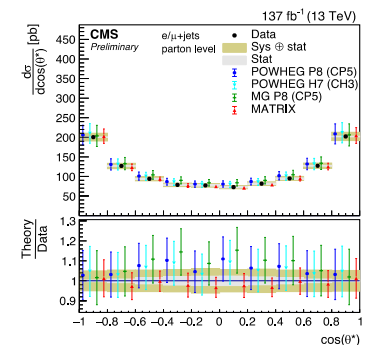
Inclusive cross section:  
 $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 791 \pm 25 \text{ pb}$   
 most precise  
 measurement in  $\ell$ +jets



Most differential distributions compatible with predictions of POWHEG +PYTHIA, POWHEG +HERWIG, and MG5\_aMC@NLO +PYTHIA.

Parton-level cross sections compared to MATRIX at NNLO QCD (w/ significantly smaller theory uncertainty).

A softer top quark  $p_T$  spectrum is observed in comparison to most of the NLO predictions.



# EW Top production, $\sigma_t$ and mass

EW Single top quark measured  $\sigma$  in agreement with NLO+NNLL predictions. Most recent measurement:  $\sigma_{tW}$  in semi-leptonic decay:  $89 \pm 4(\text{stat.}) \pm 12(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$

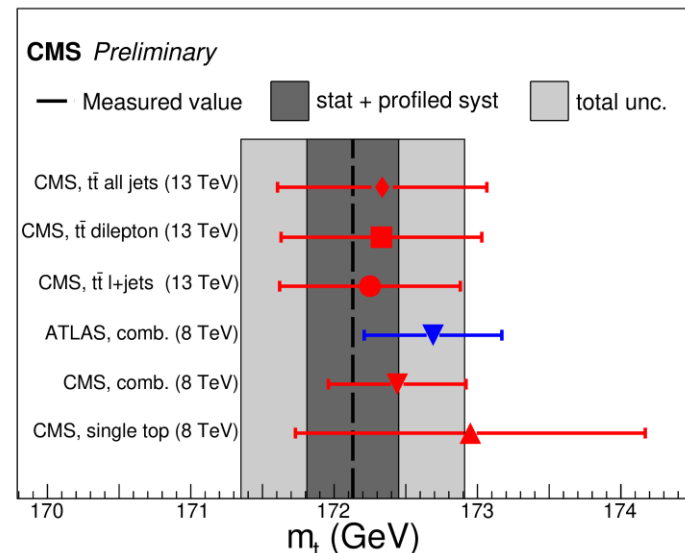
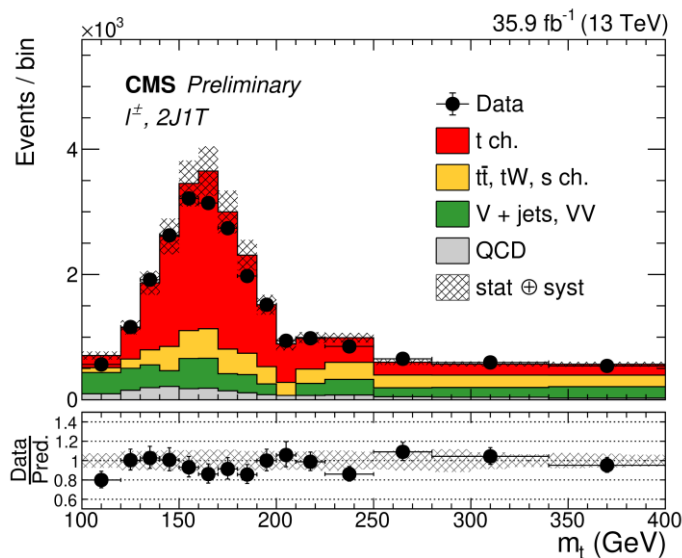
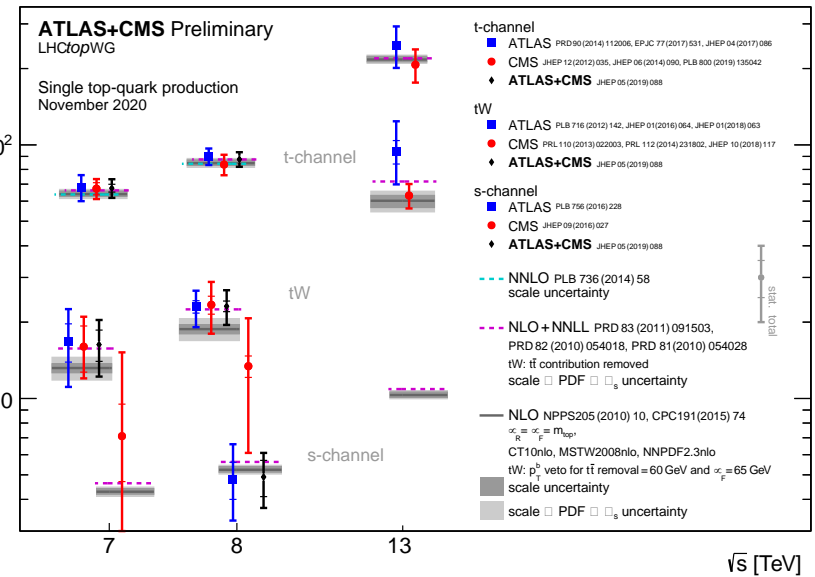
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Measurement of  $m_{\text{top}}$  in single top events (e,  $\mu$ , and exactly 2 jets of which 1 b-jet). Multivariate techniques (BDTs) are used to increase signal purity.

Top and anti-top mass are also measured separately (test of CPT invariance).

$m_{\text{top}} = 172.13^{+0.76}_{-0.77} \text{ GeV}$ . Separate top/anti-top masses consistent with CPT invariance

Inclusive cross-section [pb]



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# Associated production ttX

Associated production ttX provides a direct probe into top quark couplings, which can be modified in BSM models. The measurements are reaching a greater precision, with more EFT interpretations

**ttZ:** inclusive and differential measurements in the 3 and 4 leptons decay channel, in agreement with predictions.

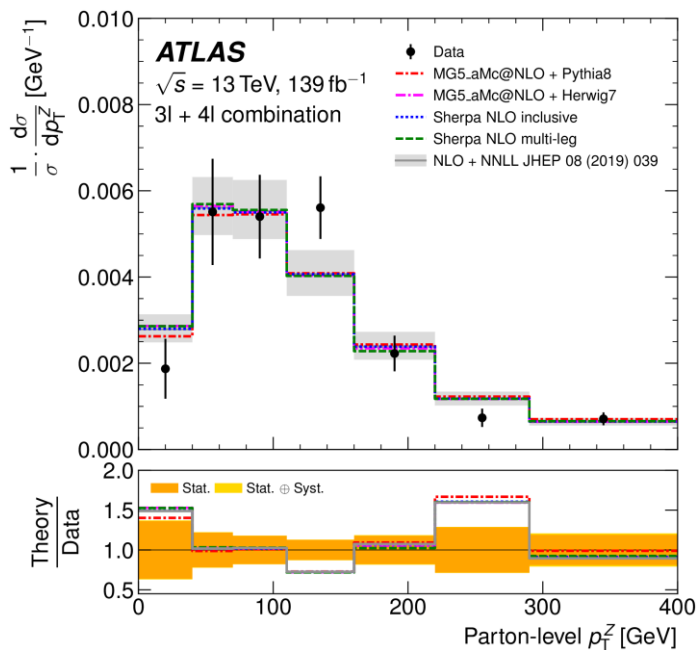
$$\sigma_{ttZ} = 0.99 \pm 0.05(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.08(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

**tt $\gamma$ :** events with a lepton (e or  $\mu$ ),  $\geq 3$  jets and one isolated  $\gamma$  (ISR, or from top, or its decay products). Likelihood fits in several signal and control regions. Fiducial cross-section measured in agreement with predictions:

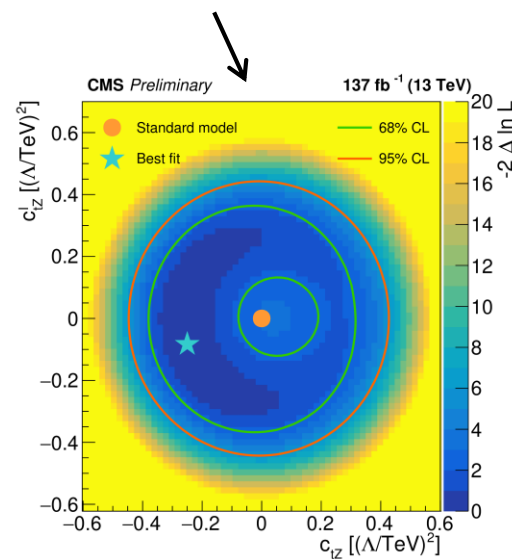
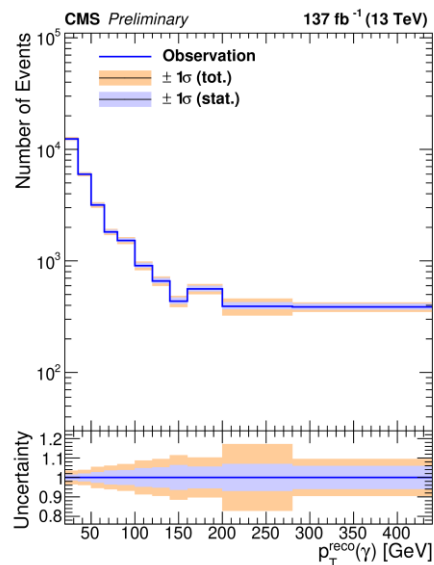
$$\sigma_{tt\gamma} = 800 \pm 46(\text{stat.}) \pm 7(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$$

Absolute and normalized differential cross sections in  $p_T(\gamma)$ ,  $|\eta(\gamma)|$ ,  $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma)$  are measured and interpreted with SMEFT. Strongest constraints on  $c_{tZ}$  and  $c_{tZ}^4$

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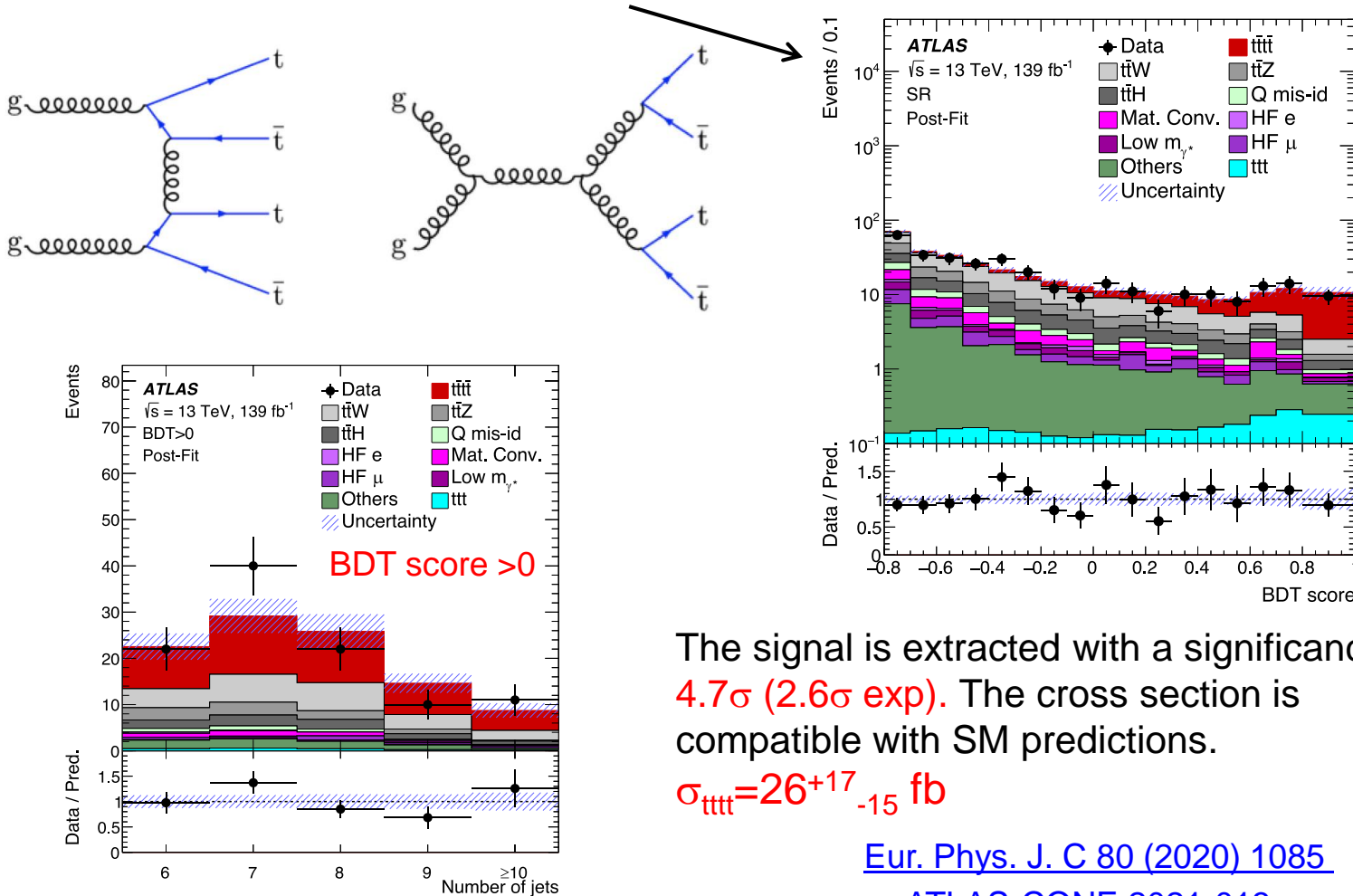


[arXiv:2103.12603](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.12603), Submitted to EPJC



# Rare Top processes, 4 tops

$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ : very rare production! Sensitive to new physics (e.g. high mass scalars), Top Yukawa coupling. Most recent search selects events with one or two opposite sign leptons, high jet and b-jet multiplicities (main background is  $t\bar{t}$ +jets). The signal is extracted via profile likelihood fit of the BDT score distribution, sensitivity is improved by combining channels.



The signal is extracted with a significance of  $4.7\sigma$  ( $2.6\sigma$  exp). The cross section is compatible with SM predictions.

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} = 26^{+17}_{-15} \text{ fb}$$

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# Conclusions

**Broad range of Standard Model Electroweak, QCD, and Top quark physics results with 8 TeV, and 13 TeV data from the LHC experiments, deepen and challenge our understanding of Electroweak interactions and their theoretical modeling.**

**Era of precision physics: Increasingly more precise and complex SM measurements now dominate on dedicate direct searches in probing for new physics.**

**The full set of ATLAS, CMS, and LHCb results is available at**  
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/WebHome#PhysicsGroups>  
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[https://lhcbproject.web.cern.ch/lhcbproject/Publications/p/Summary\\_all.html](https://lhcbproject.web.cern.ch/lhcbproject/Publications/p/Summary_all.html)  
**and many are discussed in detail in the parallel sessions.**

***Thank you!***

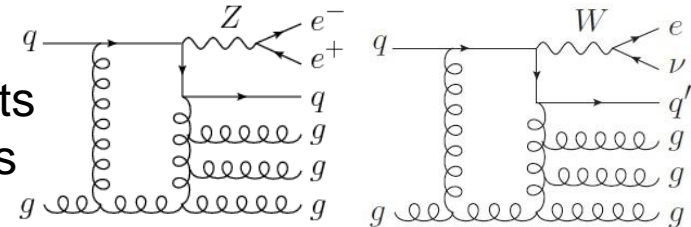
# Back up slides



# V(Z,W, $\gamma$ )+jets

## Z, W, and $\gamma$ + light jets differential cross sections:

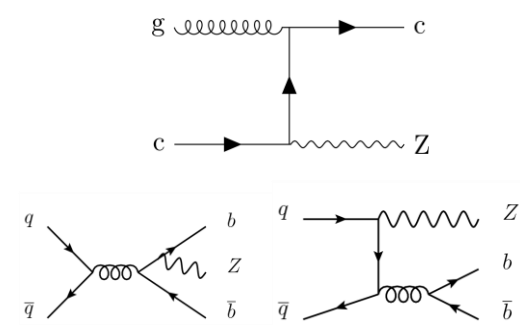
- ❑ tests of pQCD and non perturbative (NP) effects
- ❑ sensitive to higher order (QCD and EW) effects
- ❑ backgrounds to BSM searches.
- ❑ inputs to u/d/gluon PDFs



Measured cross-sections are compared to multi-leg LO, NLO(+PS) MCs, and to NLO and NNLO fixed-order theoretical calculations.

## Z, W, and $\gamma$ + heavy flavor (HF) jets differential cross sections:

- ❑ tests of pQCD and NP. Sensitive to higher order effects and details of the production mechanism.
- ❑ sensitive to the modelling of PDFs:
  - ✓ strange quark PDF and asymmetries in  $s - \bar{s}$ : W+c
  - ✓ charm quark PDF (and intrinsic charm): Z+c and  $\gamma$ +c
  - ✓ bottom quark PDF: Z+b(b) and  $\gamma$ +b
- ❑ background processes to BSM searches.

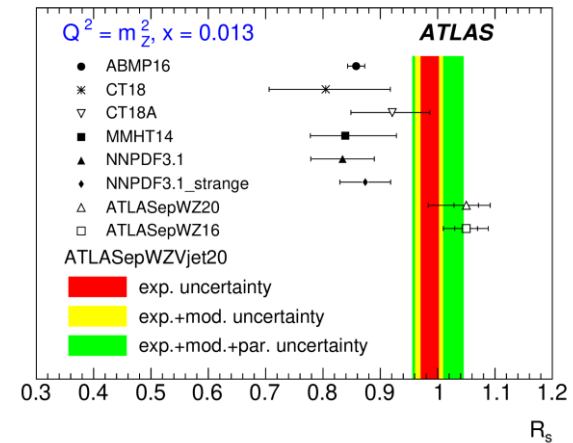
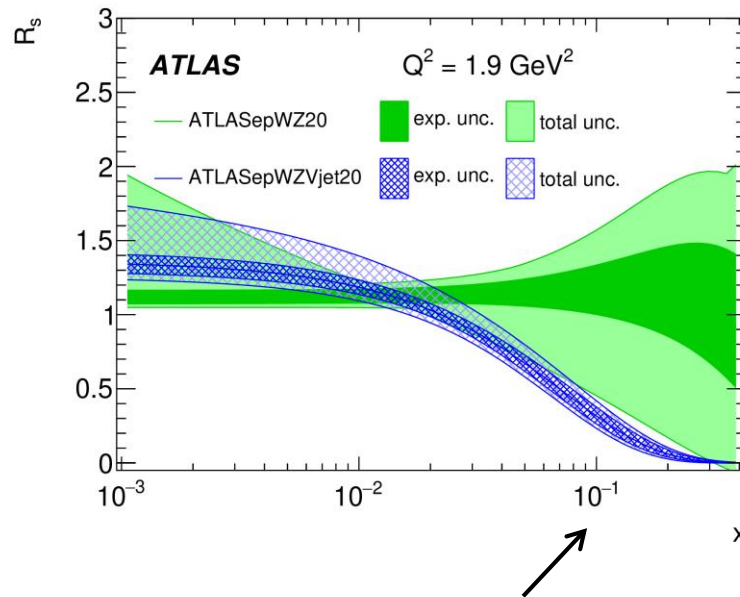


Use HF jet tagging and bottom/charm separation. Higher backgrounds than V+light jets. Model uncertainties include flavor scheme (FS), quark masses, gluon splitting.

**HF jet tagging:** c-/b-taggers, semileptonic hadron decays, exclusive hadrons reconstruction.

# V(Z,W)+jets constraints on PDFs

Proton parton distribution function - **ATLASepWZVjet20** - produced in NNLO QCD analysis by ATLAS using differential measurements of  $W^+$  and  $W^-$ +jets and  $Z$ +jets at 8 TeV, in addition to previously used 7 TeV  $W/Z$  differential measurements from ATLAS and HERA DIS data.



Adding  $V$ +jets improves determination of sea-quark densities at high- $x$ . Sea-quark density at low- $x$  consistent with results in previous ATLAS PDF fits.

