

W, Z AND QCD

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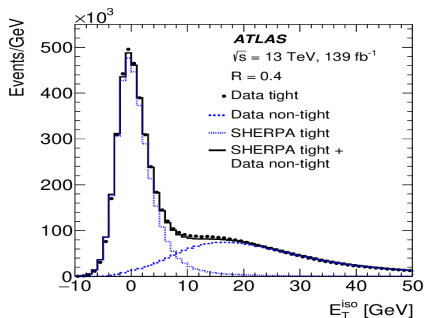
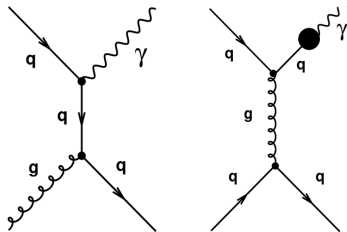
Introduction

- Measurements of W and Z vector-boson, photon (γ), and jets production cross sections (σ) at the LHC are central in the LHC physics program in that they allow to:
 - Achieve precision tests of perturbative Quantum ChromoDynamics (pQCD)
 - Measure fundamental parameters of the Standard Model (SM)
 - Improve our understanding of Parton Density Functions (PDF)
 - Understand important background (bkg) to searches Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) and Higgs measurements
 - Provide important input to simulations
- Recent results from both CMS and ATLAS experiments are presented:
 - Inclusive γ and multijet (MJ) productions, that are dominated by QCD processes, and can be sensitive to the strong coupling constant (α_s) and the gluon (g) PDF
 - τ -leptons polarization in $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ decays, which allow to infer the weak mixing angle ($\sin \theta_W^{eff}$)
 - Rarer processes, such as $W + c$ production, that are sensitive to strange (s) PDF

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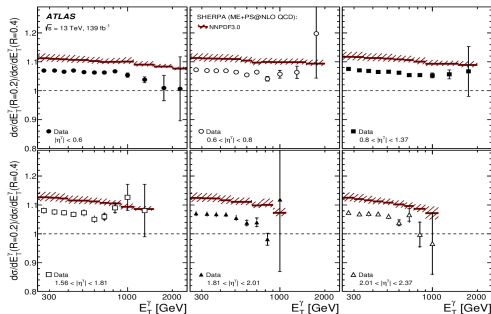
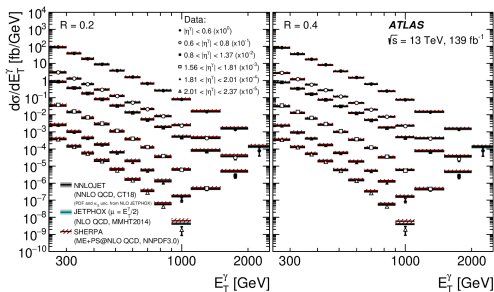
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- Prompt photon production: **direct and fragmentation** processes primarily via $qg \rightarrow q\gamma$
- Probe pQCD in **cleaner environment** than MJ, less hadronization effects
- Sensitive to constrain g PDF and able to reduce its uncertainty ($E_T^\gamma > 250 \text{ GeV}$)
- **γ isolation** necessary to separate from neutral hadrons decays: E_T^{iso} around γ in fixed cone with $R = 0.4$ or 0.2 is constrained
- Main bkg: MJ with mis-id γ , estimated from data-driven method relying on data regions orthogonal in γ -quality and E_T^{iso}
- Total uncertainty on unfolded σ : 3 to 20% in ($E_T^\gamma, |\eta^\gamma|$) mostly from γ energy scale, MJ modelling ($R = 0.2$), and pile-up ($R = 0.4$)



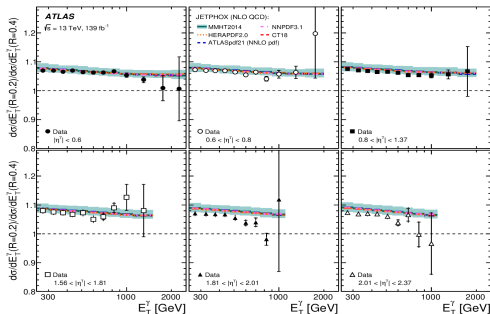
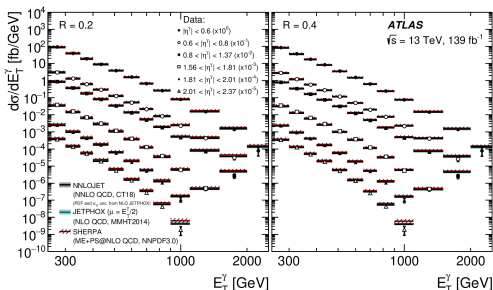
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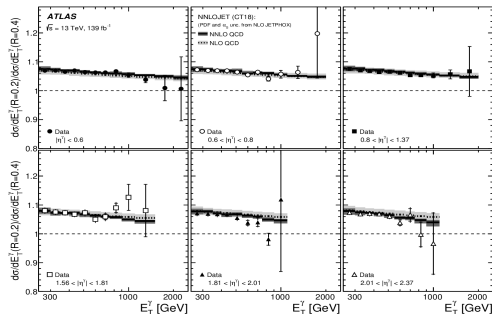
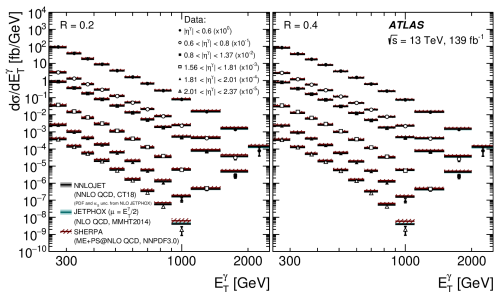
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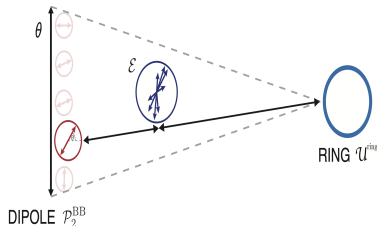
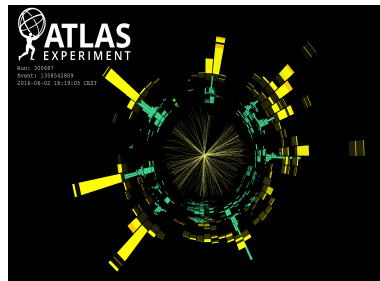
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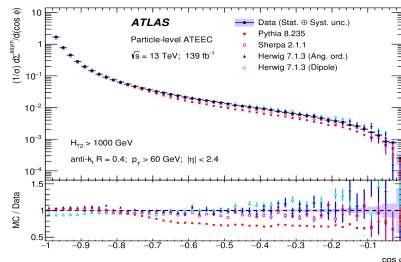
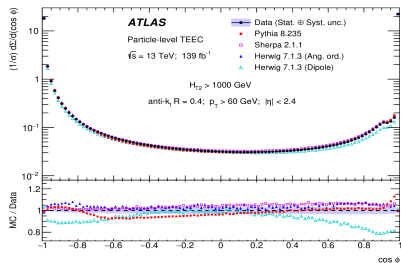
- Event shape defined as function of final state particles to characterize hadronic energy flow
- **Transverse energy-energy correlation (TEEC):**
 E_T -weighted azimuthal (ϕ) differences (in $\cos \phi$) between jet pairs
 → infrared-safe, NNLO corrections to 3-jets simulation, sensitive to g radiation
- **Azimuthal TEEC (ATEEC):** difference between forward and backward part of TEEC
 → cancels uncertainties symmetric in $\cos \phi$
- **Event isotropy:** measures distance $l(\mathcal{E})$ between collider event and isotropic reference radiation pattern in terms of Energy-Mover’s distance
 → infrared & colinear-safe, sensitive to isotropic events, probe specific QCD phase space
- Event shape measured vs $H_{T2} = p_T^{jet1} + p_T^{jet2}$



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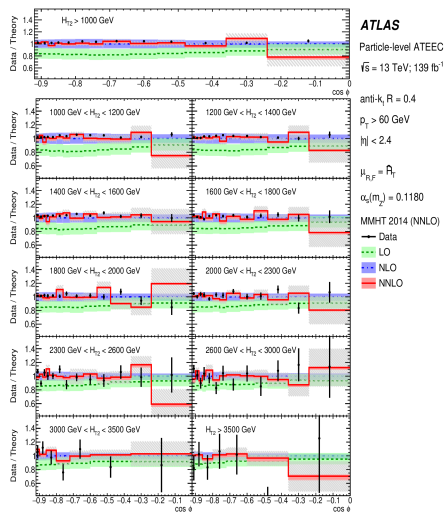
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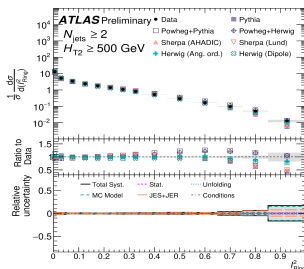
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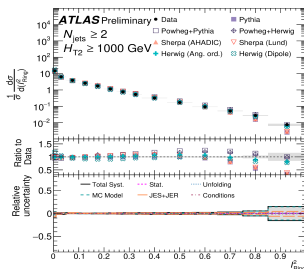
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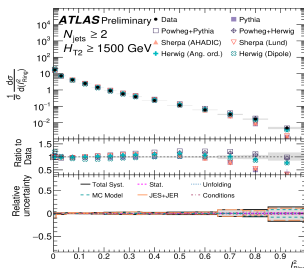
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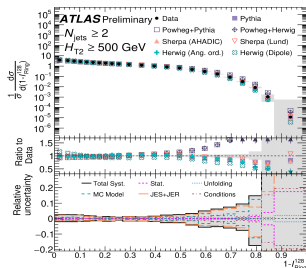
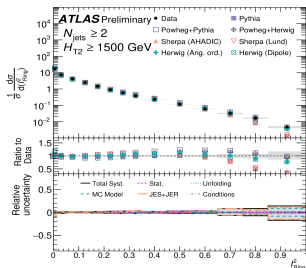
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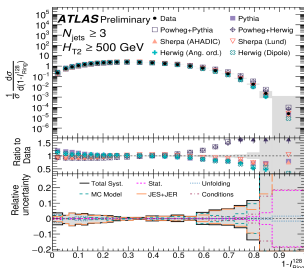
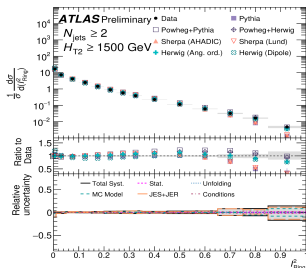
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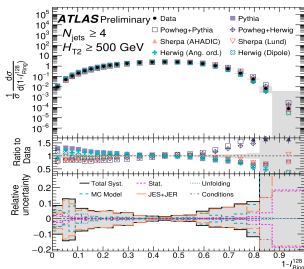
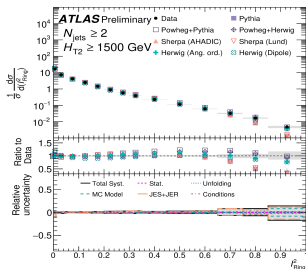
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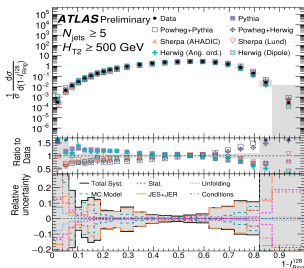
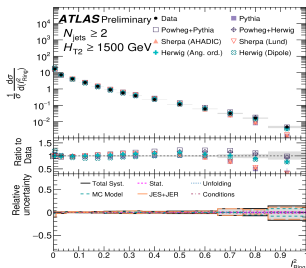
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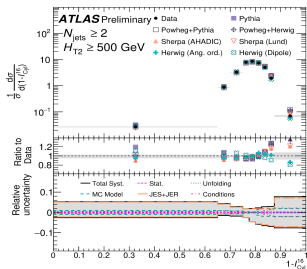
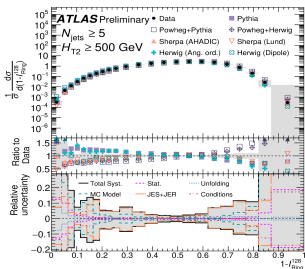
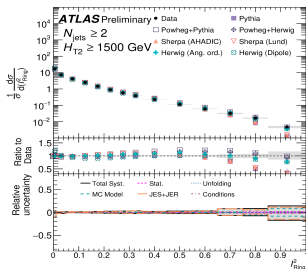
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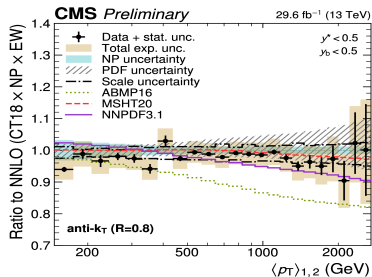
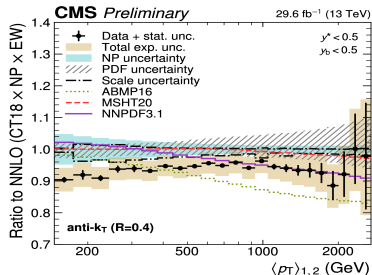
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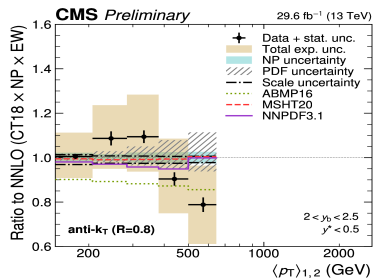
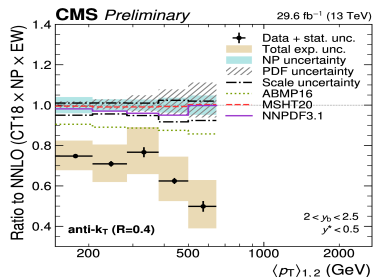
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[SM parameters][ATLAS][CMS] α_s measurement in multijet events

- World average: $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1179 \pm 0.0009$
- Extraction via **CMS dijet analysis**:
 - At Z pole mass, derived from simultaneously fit together with PDF parametrization to account for correlation with g PDF
 - Assuming MMHT2014:

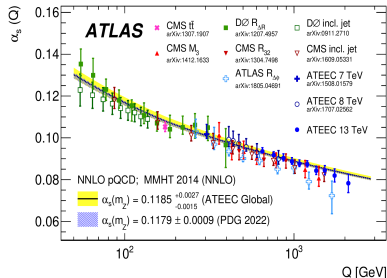
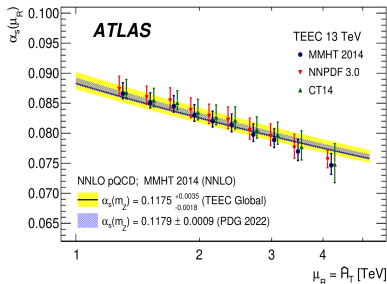
$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1201 \pm 0.0021 \text{ (2D)}$$

$$= 0.1201 \pm 0.0020 \text{ (3D)}$$

- Extraction via **ATLAS (A)TEEC analysis**:
 - In each H_{T2} interval with different PDF sets
 - Uncertainties dominated by theory
 - Assuming MMHT2014:

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1175^{+0.0035}_{-0.0018} \text{ (TEEC)}$$

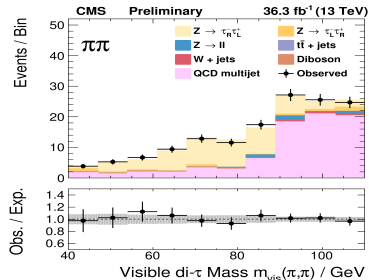
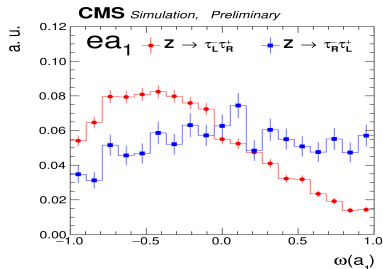
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[SM parameters][CMS] Measurement of τ polarization in $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ events

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- Using leptonic and hadronic τ decays: $\tau_h\tau_h$, $\tau_e\tau_h$, $\tau_\mu\tau_h$, $\tau_e\tau_\mu$, with $\tau_h \rightarrow h\nu$ ($h = \pi, \rho, a_1$)
- Channels split into 11 categories depending on τ decay mode, each associated to an optimized observable sensitive to τ helicity (e.g., ω , m_{vis})
- ω : angle between polarimetric vector \vec{h} and τ
In τ rest frame: $d\Gamma_\tau \propto (1 + \vec{h} \cdot \vec{\tau}_{spin})$
- Average τ polarization: $\langle \mathcal{P}_\tau \rangle$ ($\frac{m_{\tau\tau}}{\text{GeV}} \in [75, 120]$)
extracted from global fit to data of signal and bkg templates for 11 observables, distinguishing 2 helicity states $Z \rightarrow \tau_{L(R)}^- \tau_{R(L)}^+$
- Main bkg from mis-id τ_h in MJ (up to 84% in $\tau_h\tau_h$), and W +jets ($\sim 30\%$ in $\tau_\ell\tau_h$), estimated from fake enriched data regions
- Main (shape) systematics include mis-id τ_h decay (up to 3.7%)



[SM parameters][CMS] Measurement of τ polarization in Z events

- $\langle \mathcal{P}_\tau \rangle = -0.140 \pm 0.006$ (stat) ± 0.014 (syst)
 - Best sensitivity from $\mu + \rho$ channel
 - Full hadronic limited by trigger thresholds

- $\langle \mathcal{P}_\tau \rangle$ corrected to its value at Z pole via MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO simulation:

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_\tau(Z^0) = -0.144 \pm 0.015$$

- If vector coupling (v) \ll axial-vector coupling (a) for initial-state fermions:

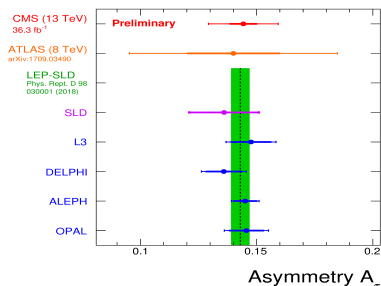
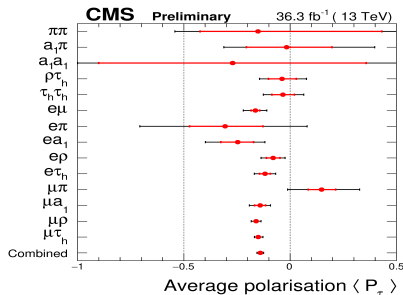
$$\mathcal{P}_\tau = -A_\tau \approx -2v_\tau/a_\tau = -2(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W^{eff})$$

with $\sin\theta_W^{eff}$: effective weak mixing angle

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2\theta_W^{eff} = 0.2319 \pm 0.008$$
 (stat) ± 0.018 (syst)

Best at LHC. LEP-SLD: 0.2315 ± 0.0002

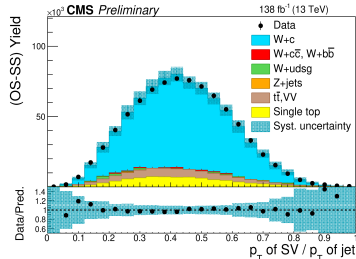
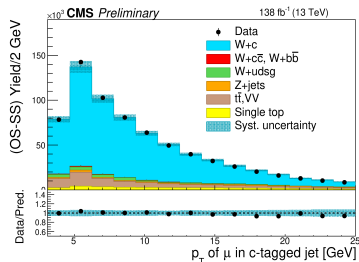
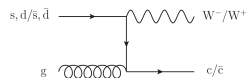
- Test of lepton universality: agreement with SM predicted value $A_\ell = 0.1468 \pm 0.0003$



[PDF constraints][CMS] Measurement of $W + c$ -jet

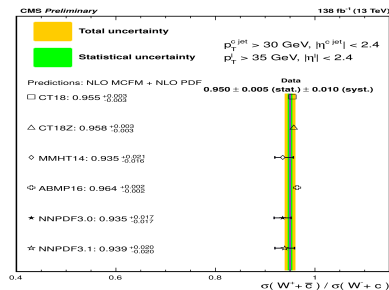
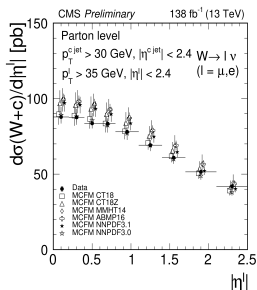
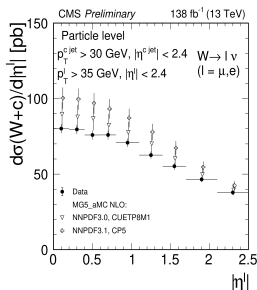
Preliminary: CMS-PAS-SMP-21-005, $\mathcal{L} = 138 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at 13 TeV

- Sensitive to s PDF as dominated by $gs \rightarrow Wc$
- Motivation: constrain s - \bar{s} PDF asymmetry and $R_s = \frac{s+\bar{s}}{\bar{u}+\bar{d}}$, major bkg (e.g., $W(H \rightarrow c\bar{c})$), tune MC simulation
- Strategy: identify c via c -jet reconstruction
- Four independent channels:
 - e or μ W decays (isolated high- p_T lepton)
 - semileptonic (SL) c decay (μ inside jet) or reconstructed secondary vertex (SV) in jet
- c and ℓ from W have opposite-signs (OS), bkg $W + c\bar{c}$ and $t\bar{t}$ suppressed by same-sign (SS) subtraction, surviving $t\bar{t}$ constrained from data
- Z +jets suppressed (SL channel) with large μ impact parameter, constrained from data



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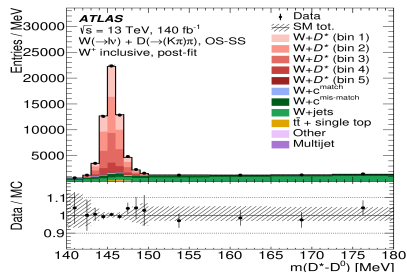
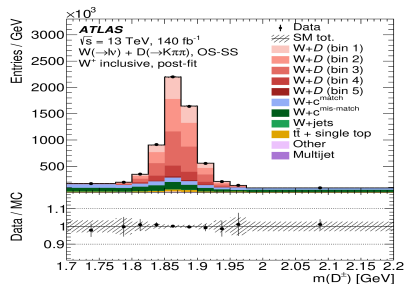
- Total uncertainty of 5% in both channels, dominated by muon-in-jet and SV reconstructions (3% each)
- Unfolded parton-level $\sigma(W + c)$ 10% smaller than at particle-level due to p_T^c smeared below analysis threshold (30 GeV) during hadronization and jet clustering
- $R_c^\pm = \frac{\sigma(W^{++}+c)}{\sigma(W^{-+}+c)} = 0.950 \pm 0.005$ (stat) ± 0.010 (syst), in agreement with NLO prediction, with total uncertainty reaching $\sim 1\%$
- CT18 and ABMP16 assume $s = \bar{s}$ and lead to smaller uncertainties in predictions



[PDF constraints][ATLAS] Measurement of $W +$ charmed hadron

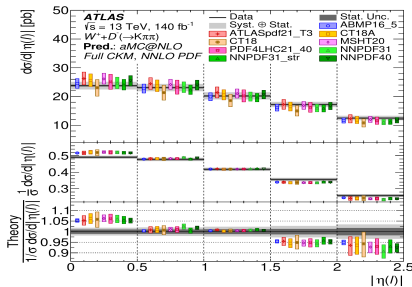
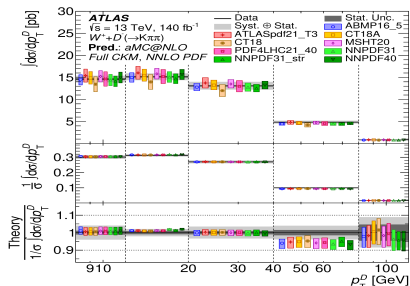
Submitted to PRD, hep-ex/2302.00336, $\mathcal{L} = 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at 13 TeV

- Strategy: identify c via charmed-hadron reconstruction (using SV mass observable)
 - $D^\pm \rightarrow K^\mp \pi^\pm \pi^\pm$ via $m(D^\pm)$
 - $D^{*\pm} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^\pm \rightarrow (K^\mp \pi^\pm) \pi^\pm$ via $m(D^{*\pm} - D^0)$
- Both e and μ W decays
- Main bkg (suppressed exploiting OS-SS subtraction):
 - $W + c^{match}$: tracks in SV belong to different c -hadron or decay mode
 - $W + c^{mis-match}$: not all tracks belong to $D^{\pm(*)}$ candidate
 - $W + \text{jets}$: no track belong to $D^{\pm(*)}$ candidate
 - Top constrained in data region with ≥ 1 b -jet
 - Multijet from fake-enriched events in data



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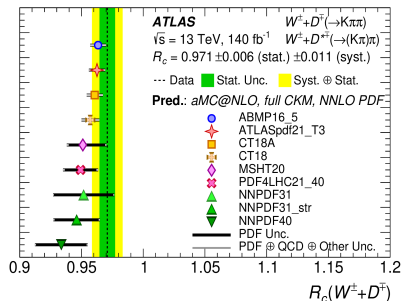
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- Differential unfolded σ measurements: smaller systematics in $|\eta(\ell)|$ than $p_T(D^{\pm(*)})$ (SV reconstruction independent of $\eta(\ell)$)
- Ratio of σ in 2 decay channels in agreement with world average: 1.021 ± 0.034
- Systematics in “+” and “-” channels mostly cancel out in R_C^{\pm} . MC and Data statistics dominate with 1.1-1.3% and 0.7-1.0%, resp.
- R_c^{\pm} with higher precision using CT18 and ABMP16 (assumes $s = \bar{s}$): suggests s - \bar{s} asymmetry is small
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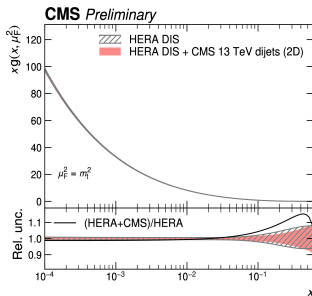
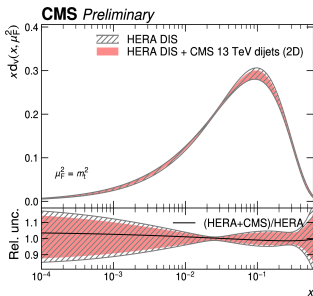
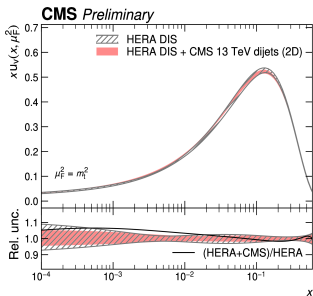
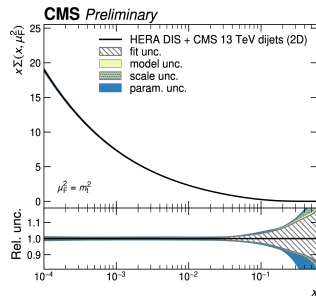
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Channel	$\sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{OS-SS}}(W+D^{(*)}) \times B(W \rightarrow \ell\nu)$ [pb]
W^-+D^+	50.2 ± 0.2 (stat.) $^{+2.4}_{-2.3}$ (syst.)
W^++D^-	48.5 ± 0.2 (stat.) $^{+2.3}_{-2.2}$ (syst.)
W^-+D^{*+}	51.1 ± 0.4 (stat.) $^{+1.9}_{-1.8}$ (syst.)
W^++D^{*-}	50.0 ± 0.4 (stat.) $^{+1.9}_{-1.8}$ (syst.)
$R_C^{\pm} = \sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{OS-SS}}(W^++D^{(*)}) / \sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{OS-SS}}(W^-+D^{(*)})$	
$R_C^{\pm}(D^+)$	0.965 ± 0.007 (stat.) ± 0.012 (syst.)
$R_C^{\pm}(D^{*+})$	0.980 ± 0.010 (stat.) ± 0.013 (syst.)
$R_C^{\pm}(D^{*-})$	0.971 ± 0.006 (stat.) ± 0.011 (syst.)



[PDF constraints][CMS] up, down, and g PDF constraints in dijet events

- PDF fit of CMS dijet multidimensional σ measurement ($R=0.8$) together with HERA DIS results
- Uncertainties (smaller with 2D input): errors in measurements (fit unc), non-PDF parameters (model unc), alternative parametrization, scale variation
- Overall PDF precision improved, and especially for g PDF at $x > 0.1$



Summary

- Fiducial and unfolded differential production cross sections have been determined for multiple processes of the SM, considering observables sensitive to perturbative QCD effects, fundamental SM parameters (α_s , $\sin^2 \theta_W^{eff}$), and PDF
- Accurate measurements were carried out with different luminosities up to the complete statistics of LHC Run 2
- Different final states were analyzed, involving data-driven techniques to constrain background processes when simulation is not sufficient
- ★ For more information (Standard Model public results):
 - ATLAS: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/StandardModelPublicResults>
 - CMS: <http://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/publications/SMP>
- ★ ATLAS & CMS electroweak results covered in presentation on “Dibosons and other EWK physics measurements” (L. Horyn)