

Experimental status of SM and Higgs physics

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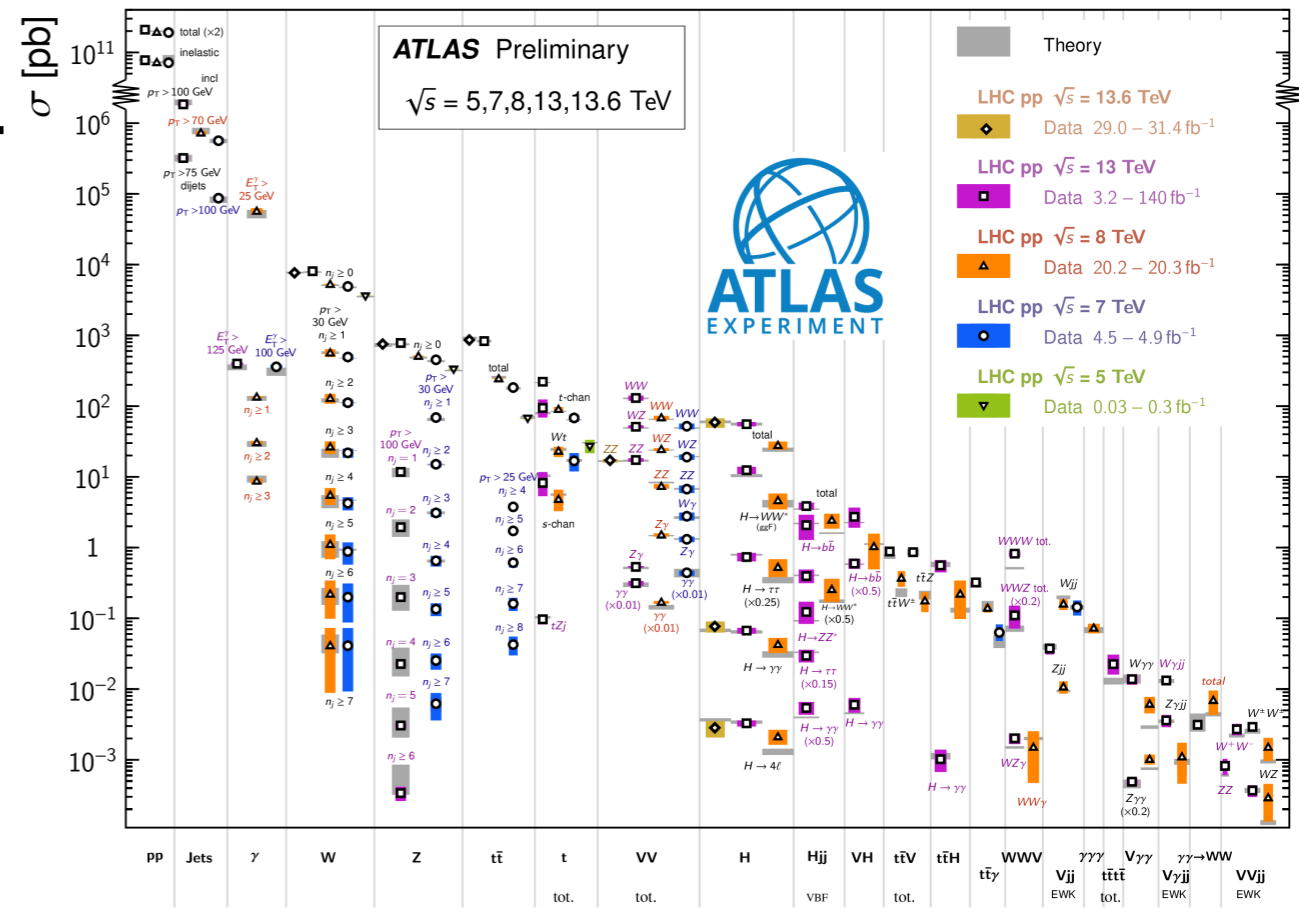
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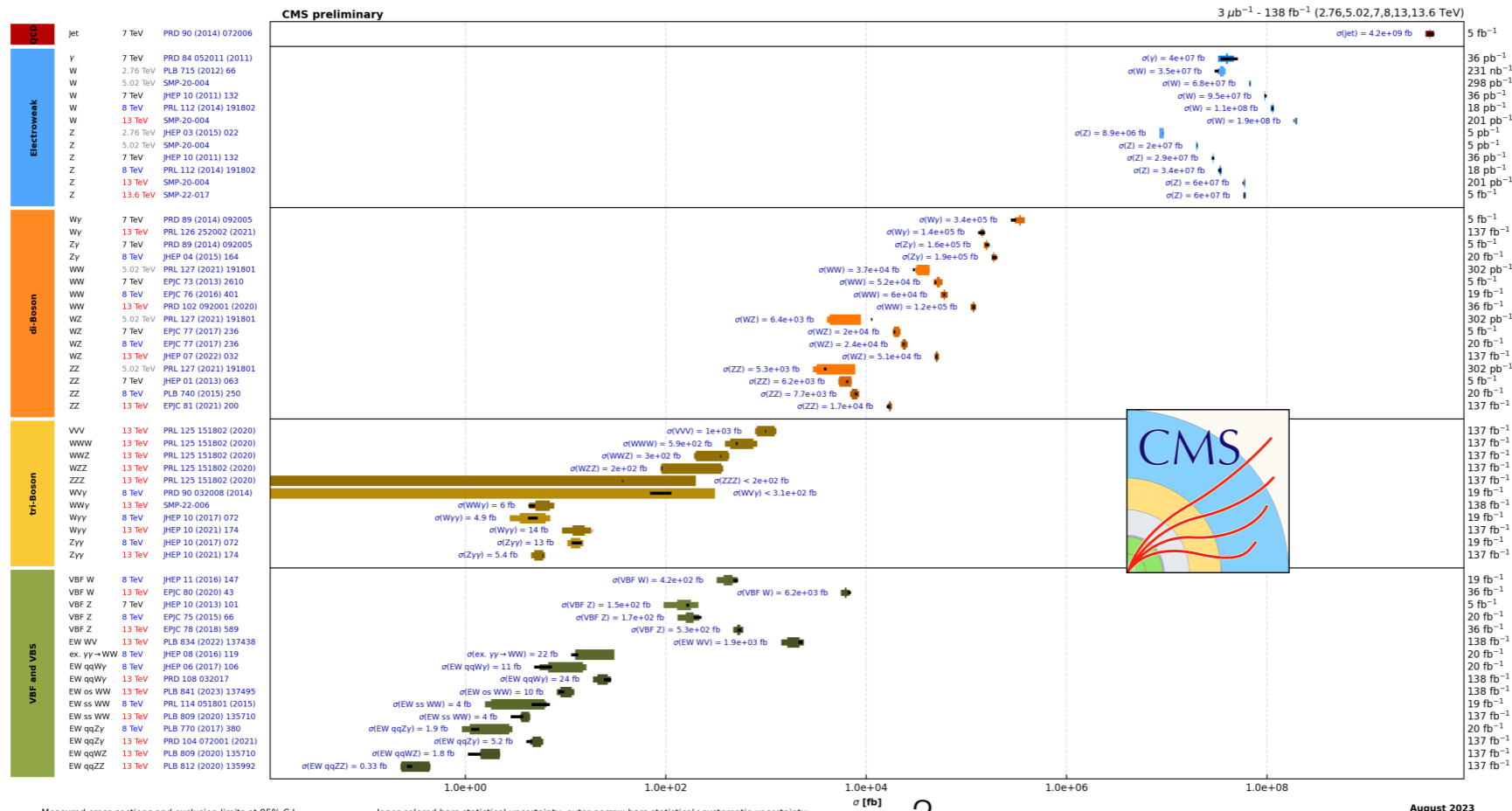
Overview

- Status of the LHC data taking
- Summary of status and recent results from
 - electroweak physics
 - Higgs boson physics
 - top quark physics

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements



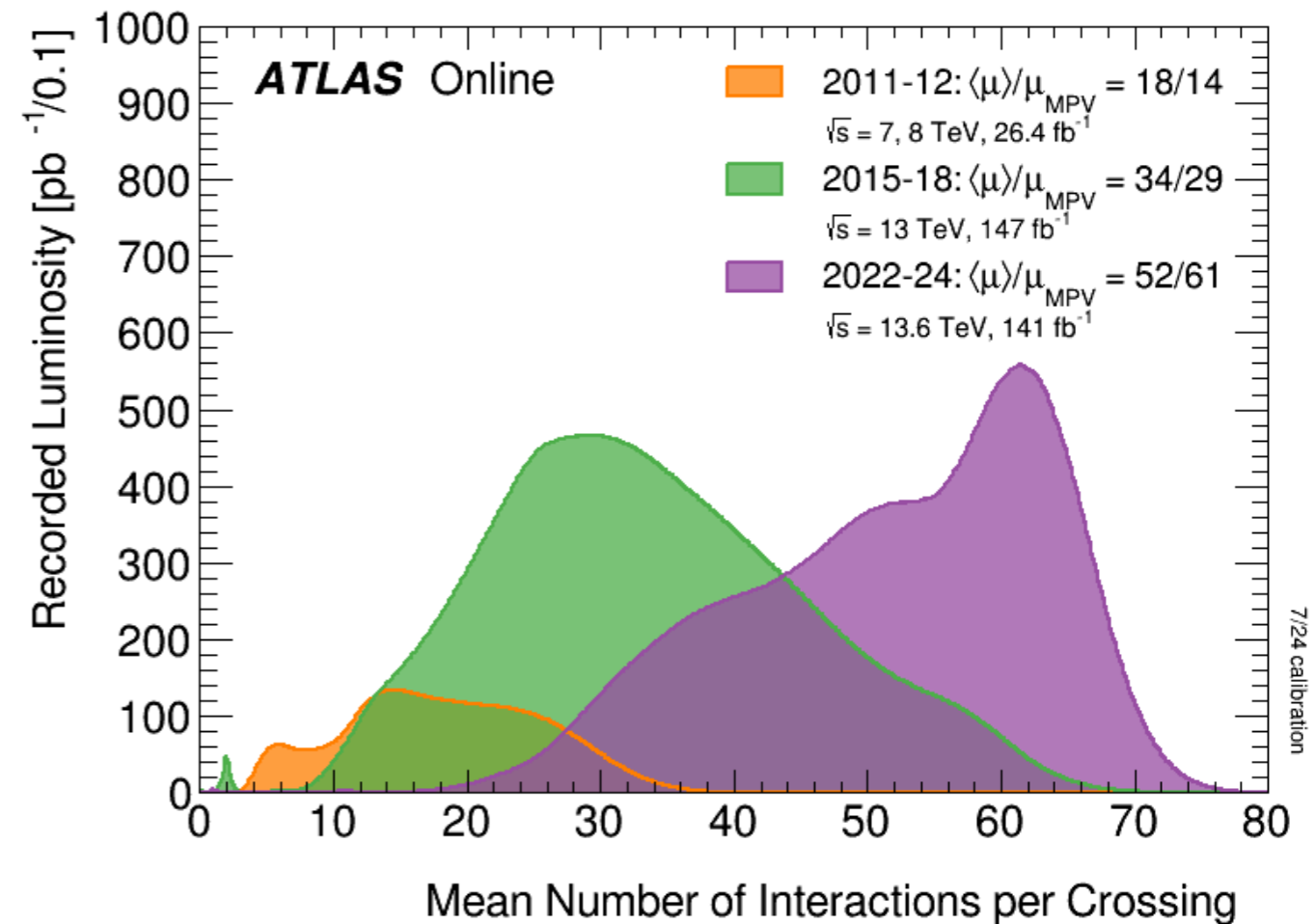
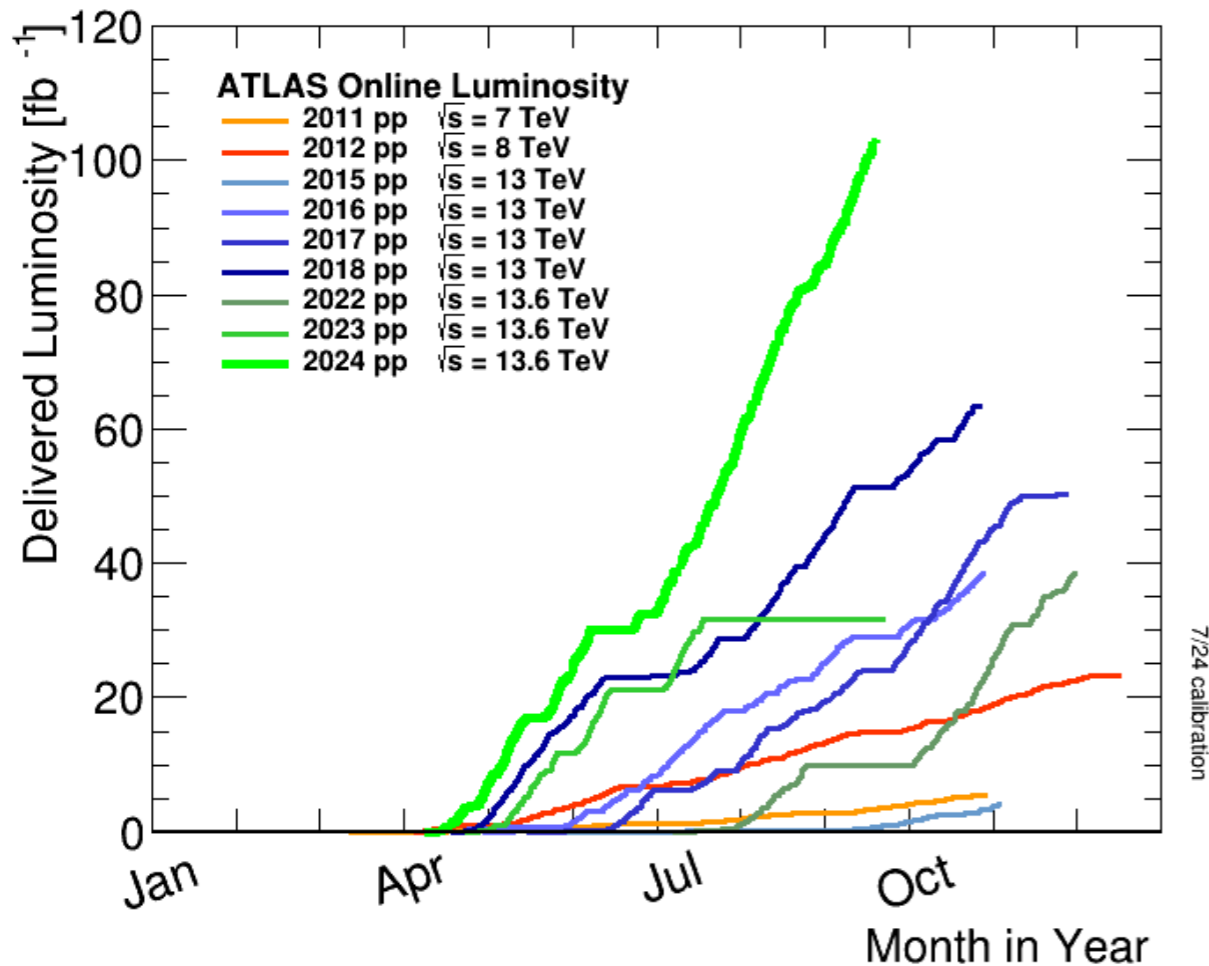
Overview of CMS cross section results



LHC data

- Impressive performance of the LHC
 - Huge amount of data available for measurements
 - Increasingly challenging dataset, with higher pile-up
- Expected by the end of Run3: 300 fb⁻¹

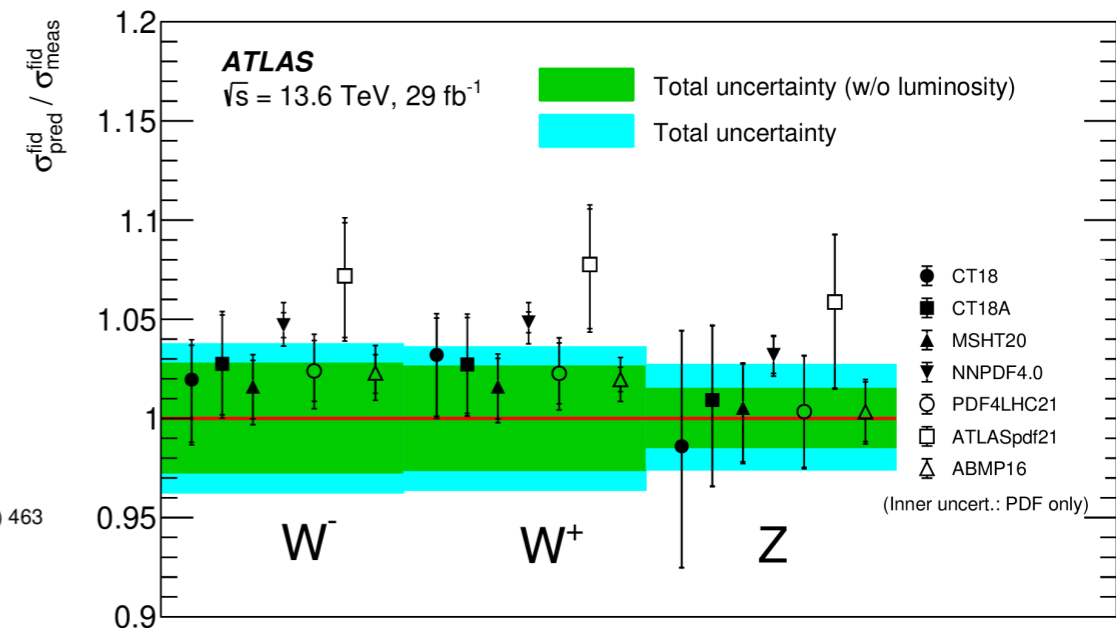
	\sqrt{s}	Integrated Luminosity
Run1	7 TeV 8 TeV	4.5 fb ⁻¹ 20 fb ⁻¹
Run2	5.02 TeV 13 TeV	~250/300 pb ⁻¹ 140 fb ⁻¹
Run3	13.6 TeV	~160 fb ⁻¹ (so far)



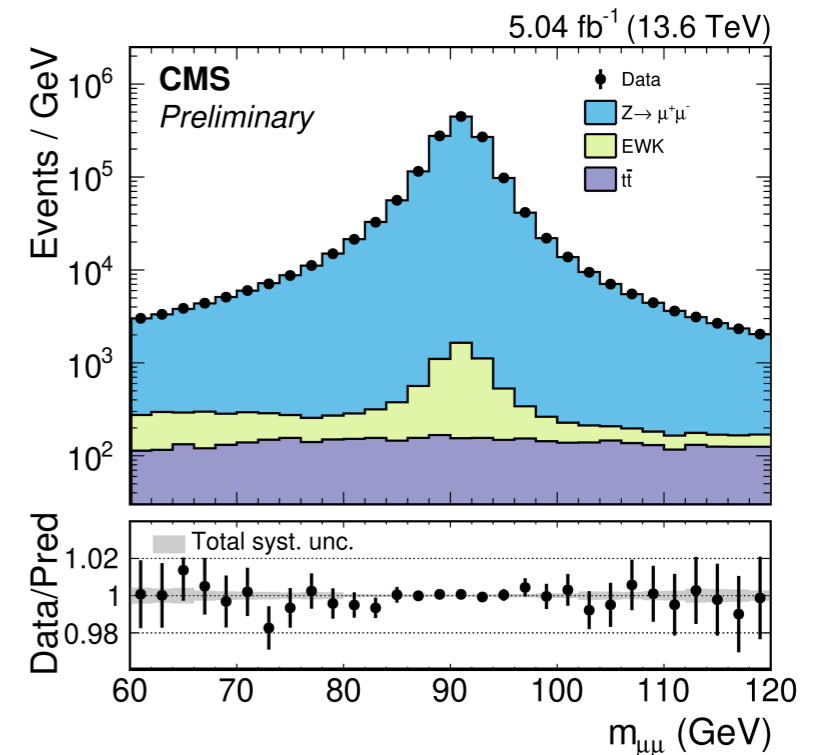
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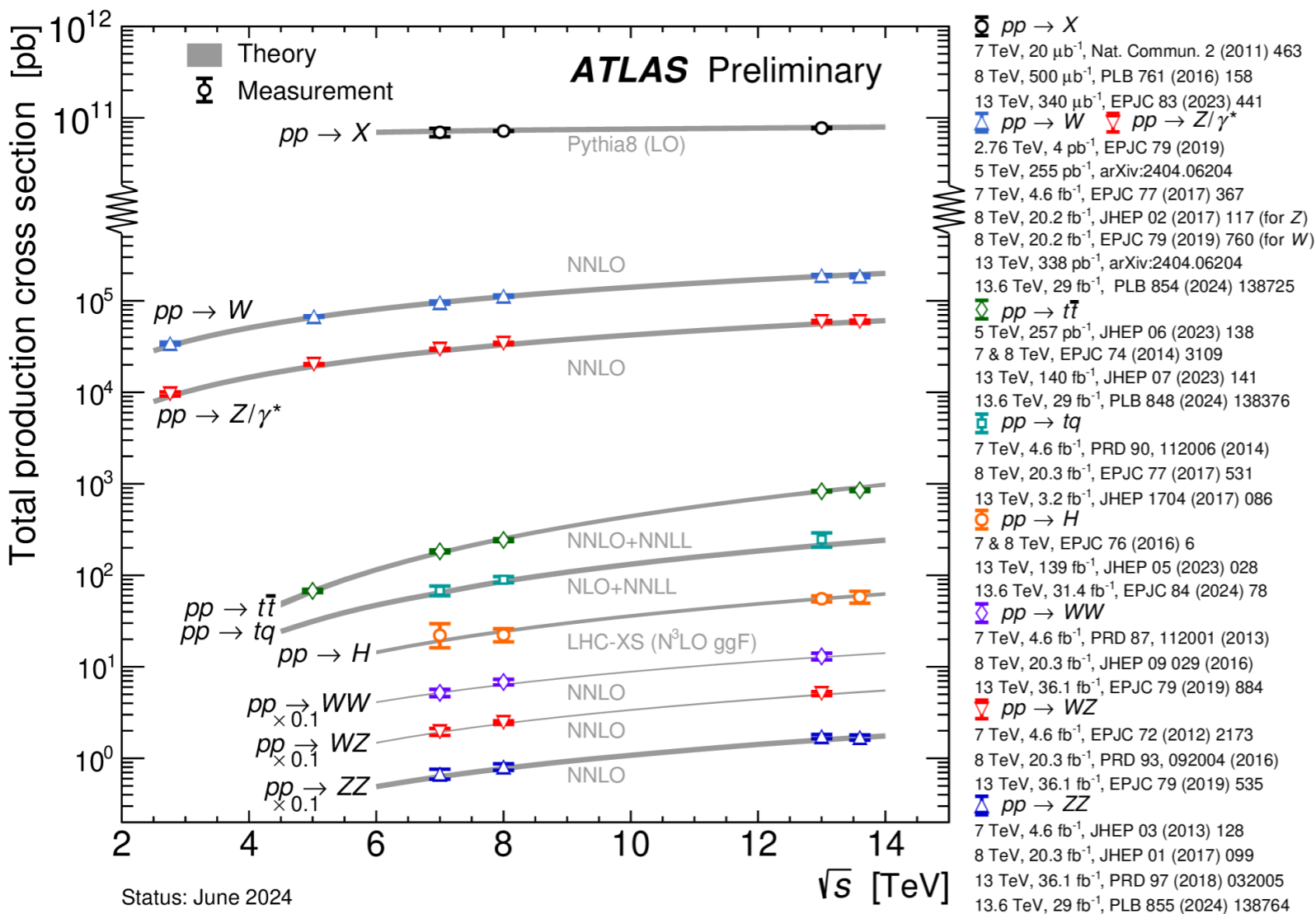
- LHC data allows to test electroweak theory by
 - performing precise measurements of single **W** and **Z** bosons
 - investigating higher energy regime with **multi-bosons** production



W and Z production at 13.6 TeV
[PLB 854 \(2024\) 138725](#)



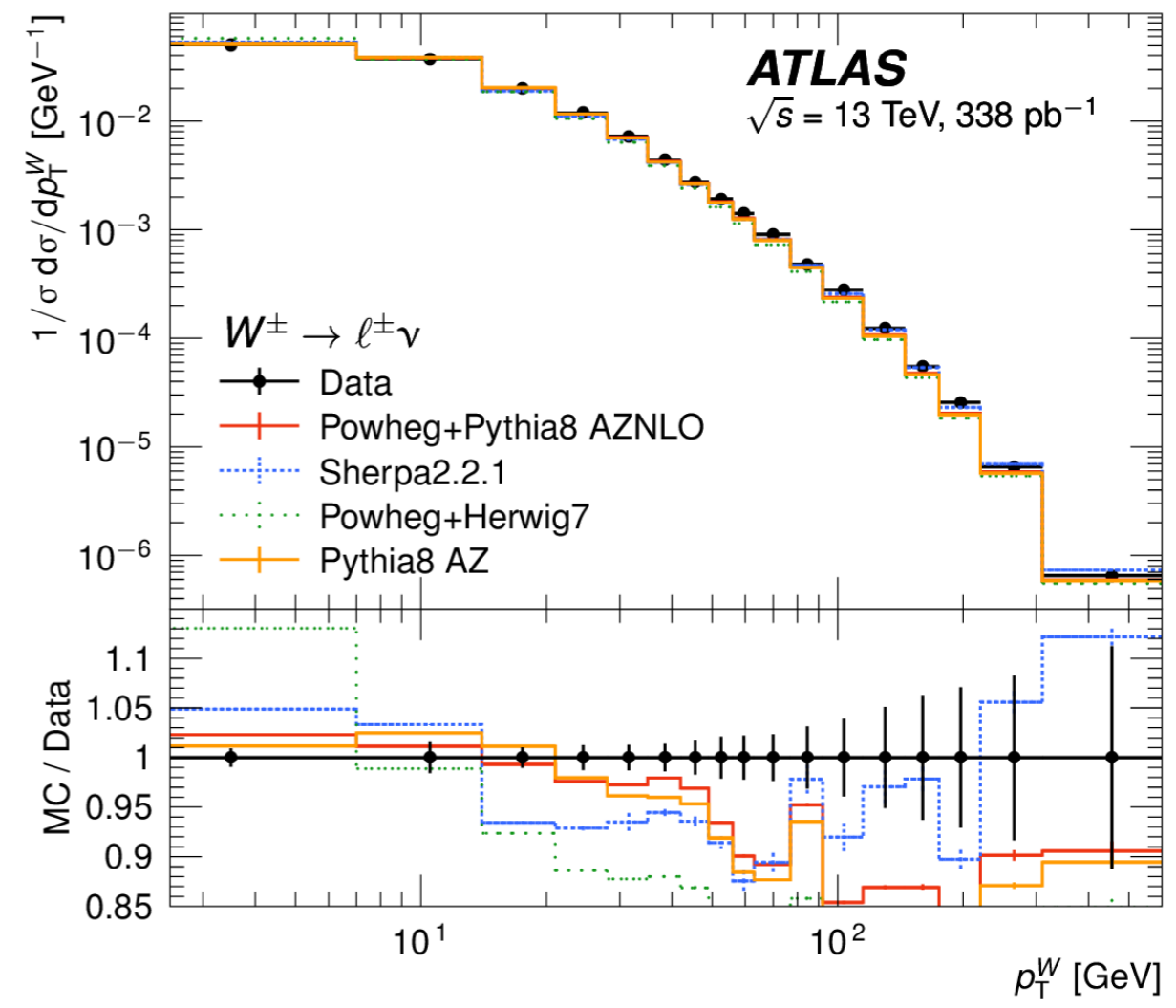
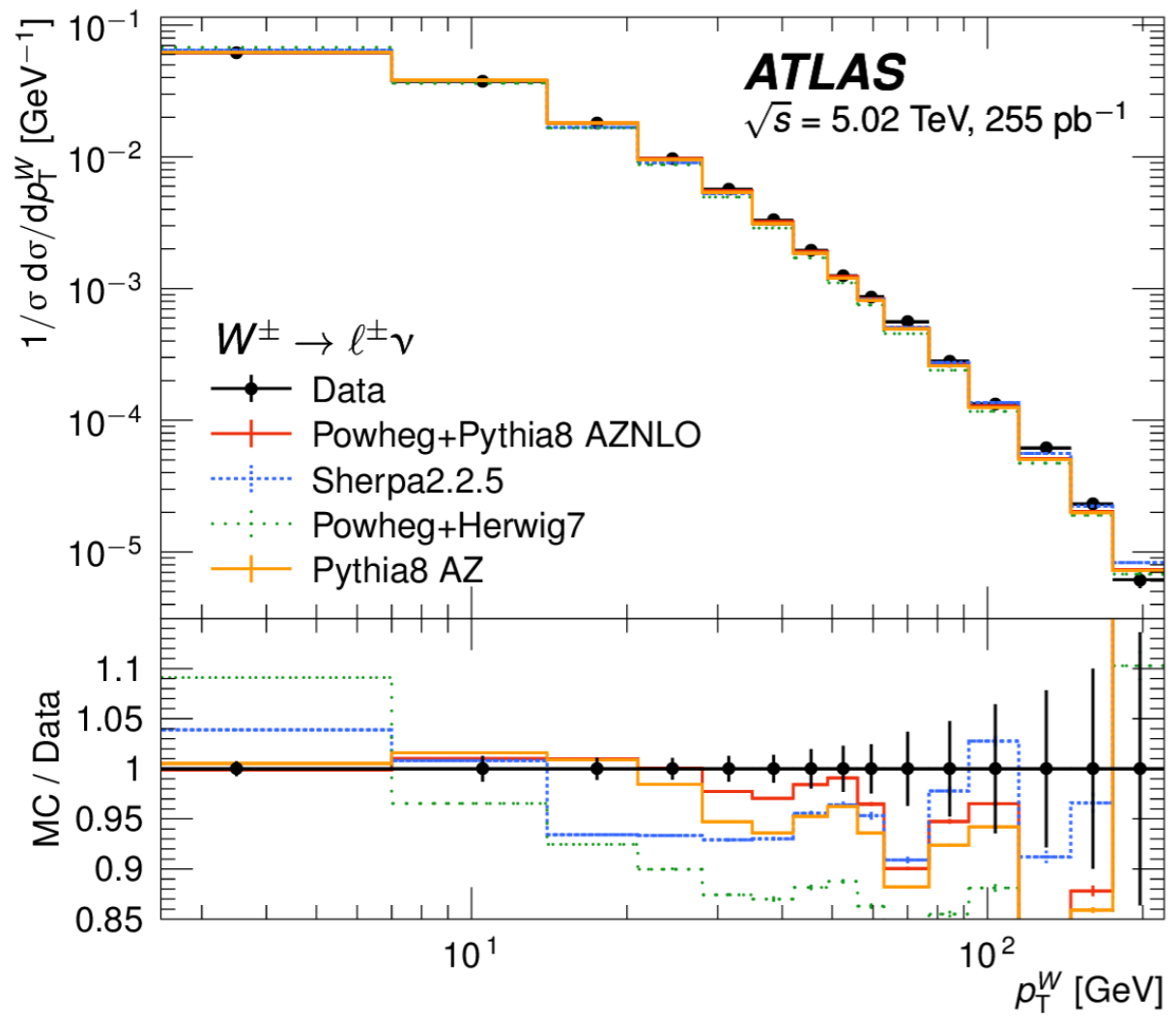
Z production at 13.6 TeV
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W and Z boson transverse momenta

- Measurements of the p_T of **W** and Z bosons
 - Using pp data at 5.02 and 13 TeV
 - Direct measurement of $p_T(W)$ can improve future measurements of W mass



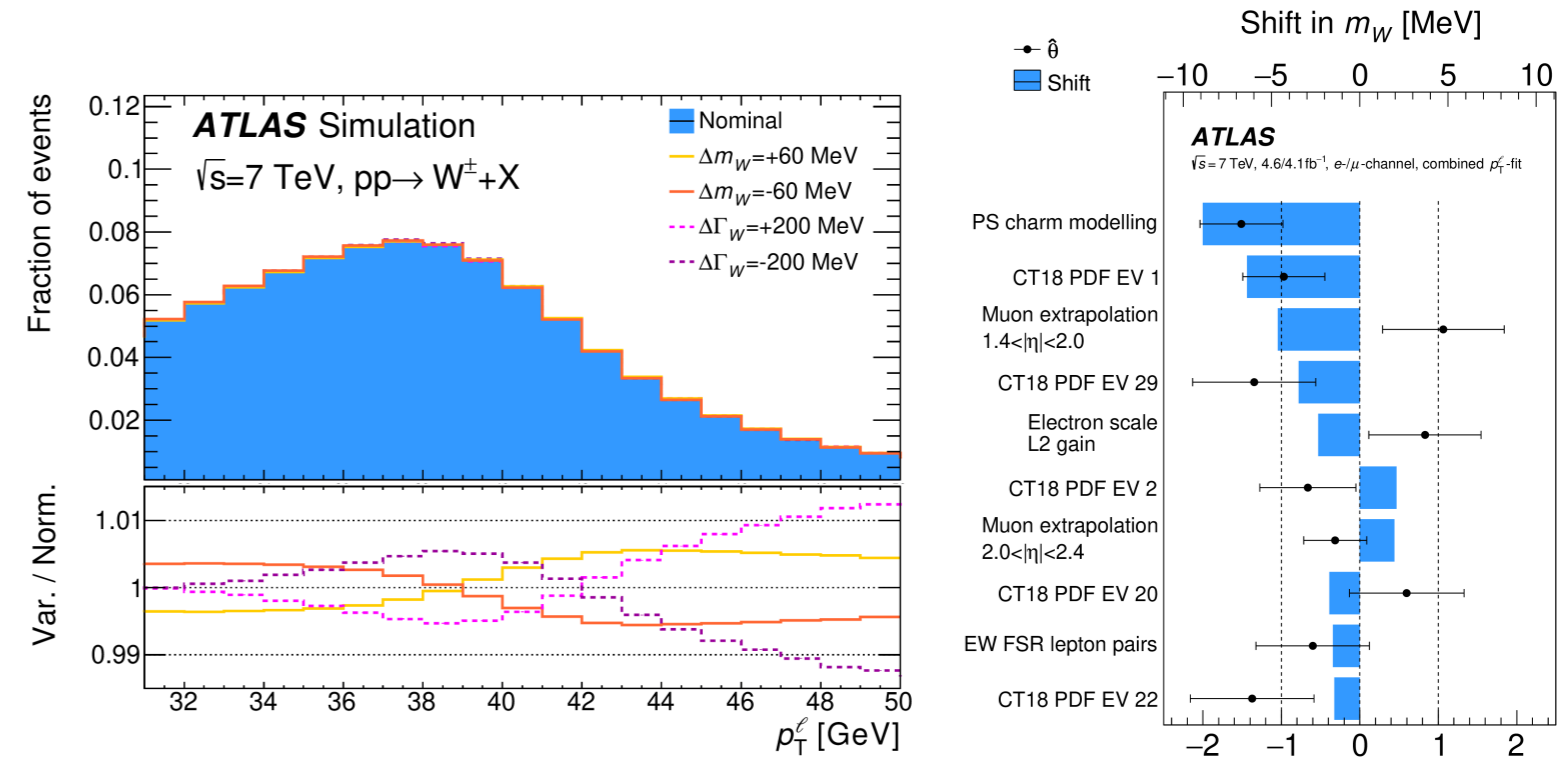
[arxiv:2404.06204](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.06204)

W boson mass and width

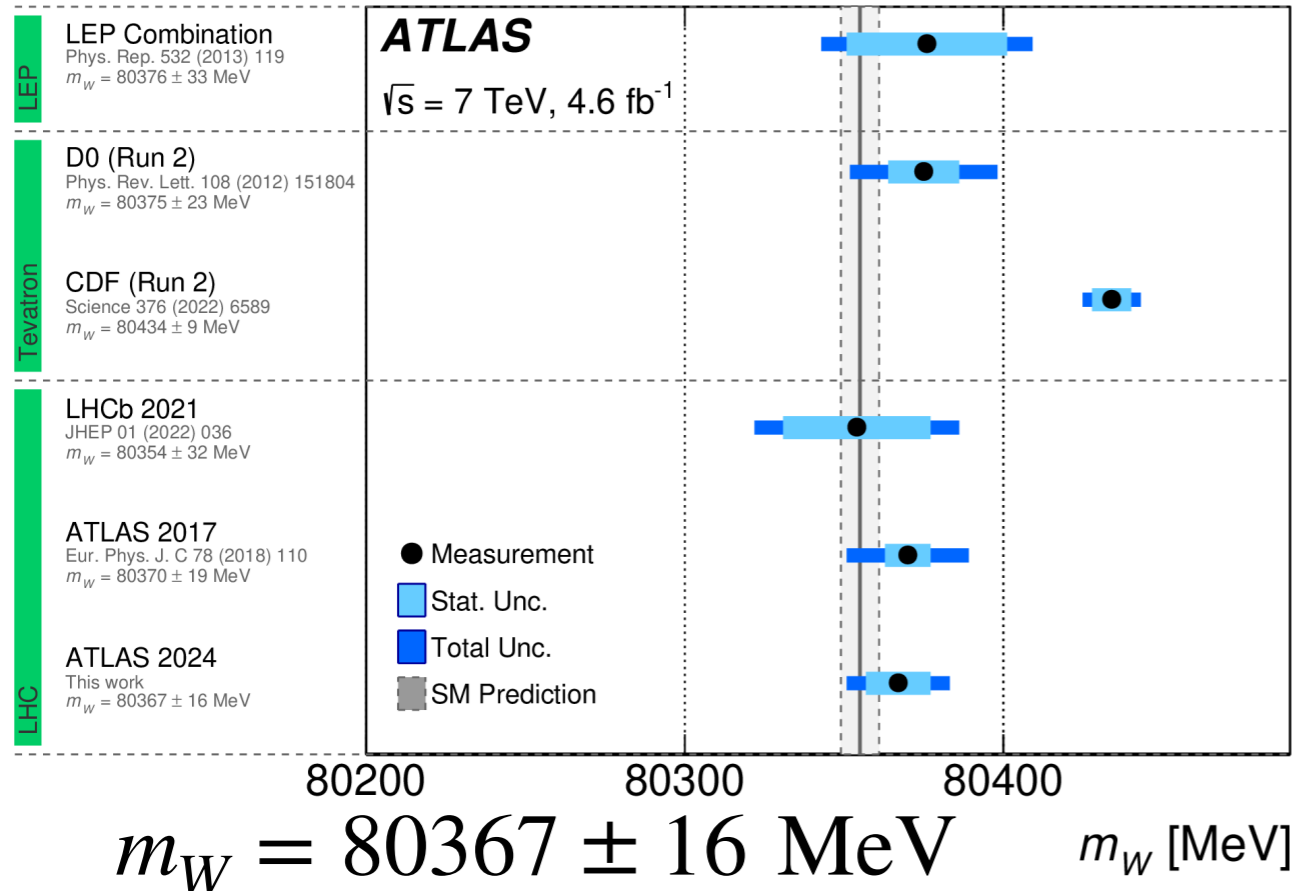
- Improved measurement of m_W and first measurement of Γ_W at LHC
 - Using Run1 pp data at 7 TeV
 - From $p_T(l)$ and $m_T(W)$ distributions in $W \rightarrow lv$

[arxiv:2403.15085](https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.15085)

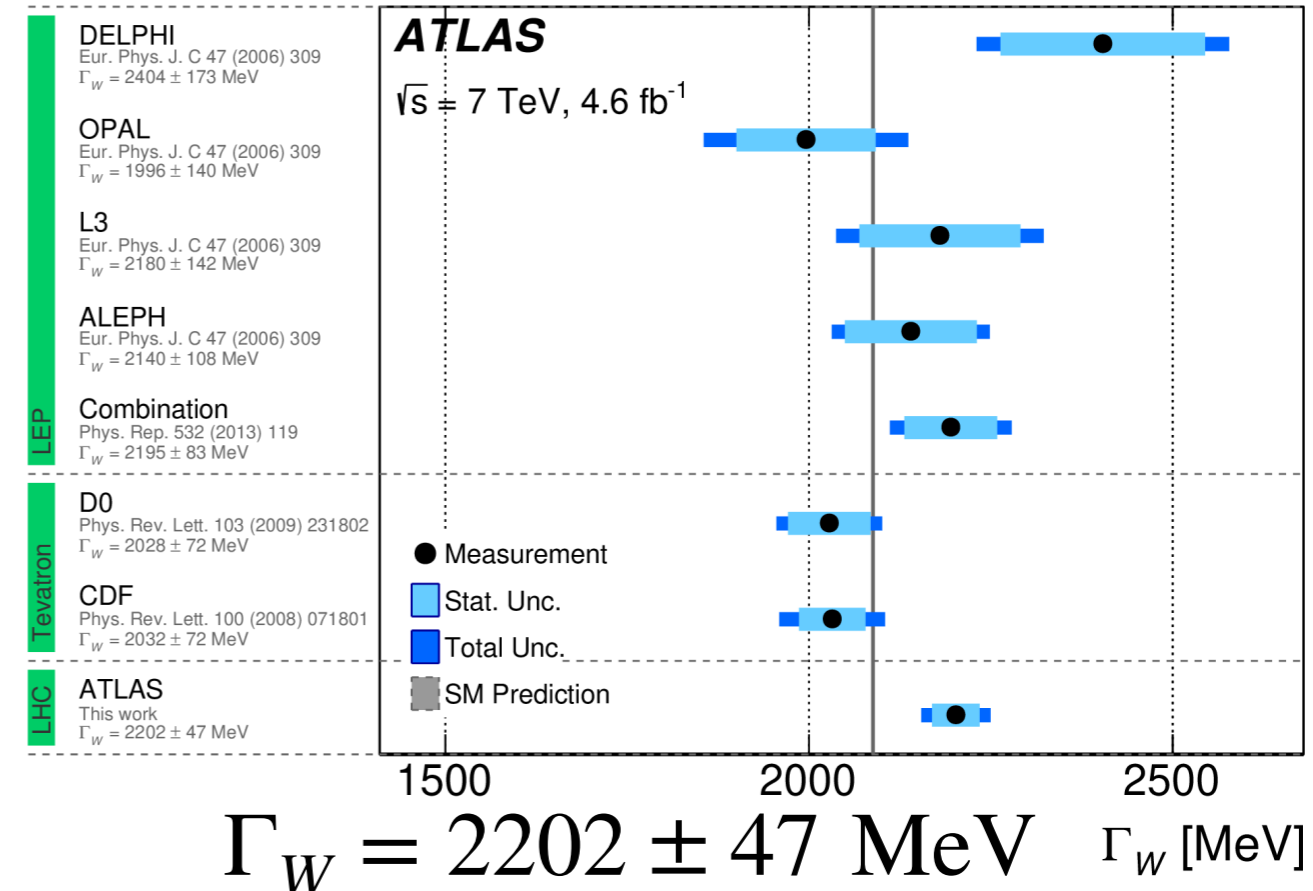
New m_W measurement by CMS
[LHC Seminar tomorrow](#)



Overview of m_W measurements

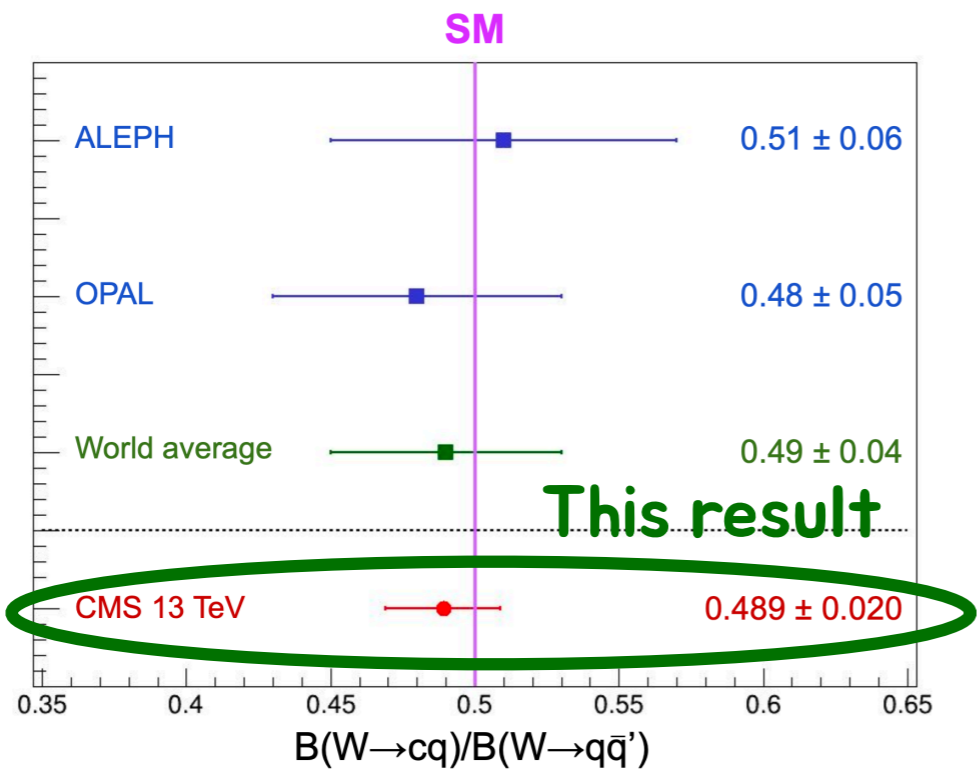


Overview of Γ_W measurements

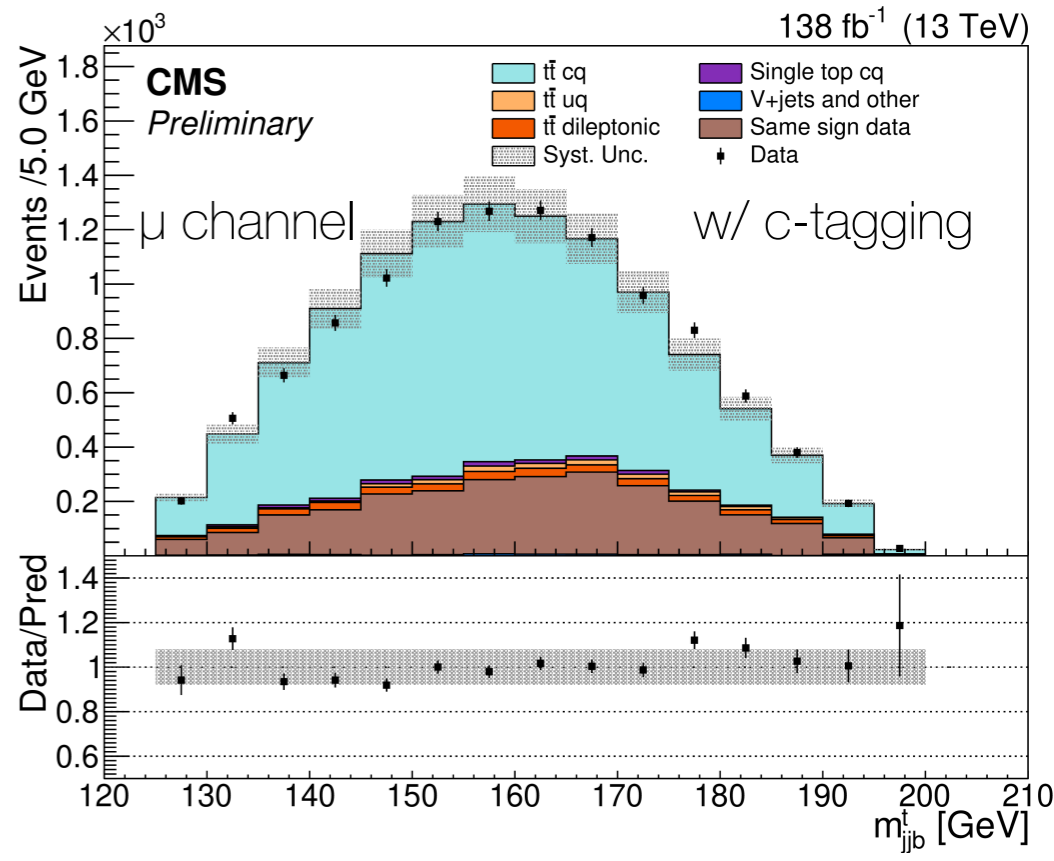
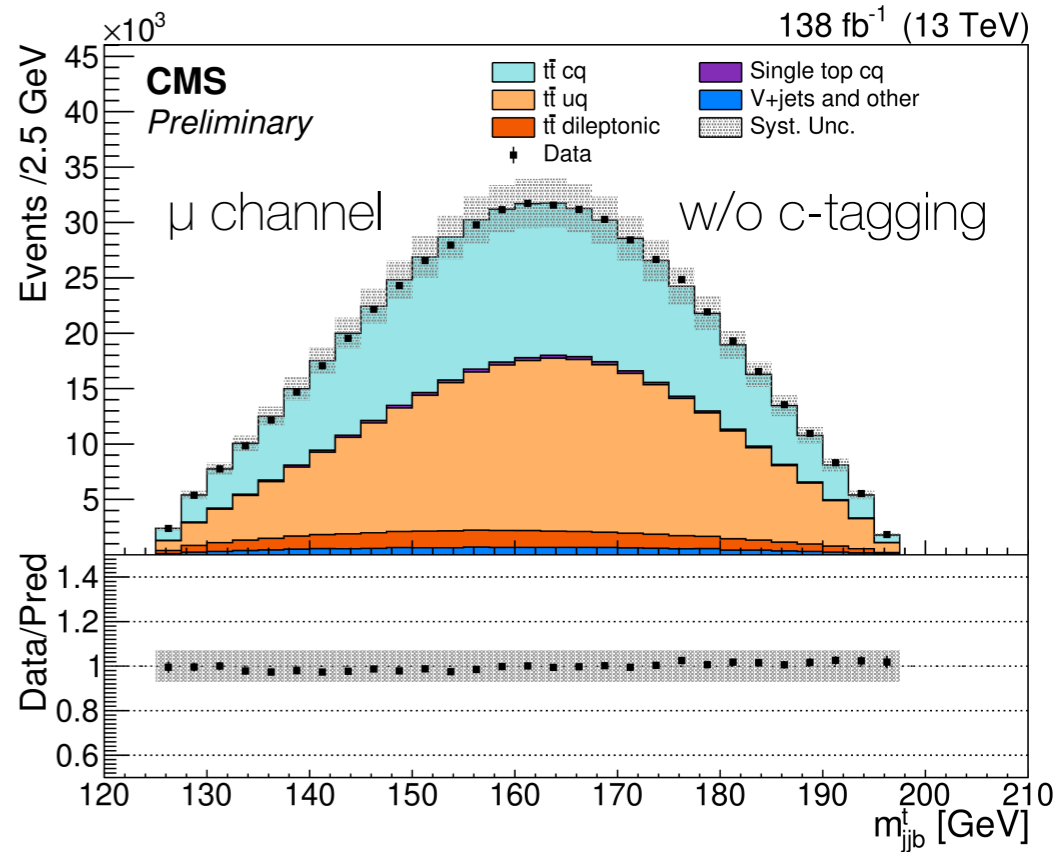


W boson hadronic decay branching fractions

- Measurement of $R_c^W = \mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow cq) / \mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow q\bar{q}')$ from $t\bar{t}$ events in semi-leptonic final state
- Exploiting dedicated $c \rightarrow X\mu\nu$ tagger
- Most precise measurement of R_c (4%)
- Factor of 2 improvement w.r.t. world average
- Dominant systematic uncertainty: charm tagging efficiency



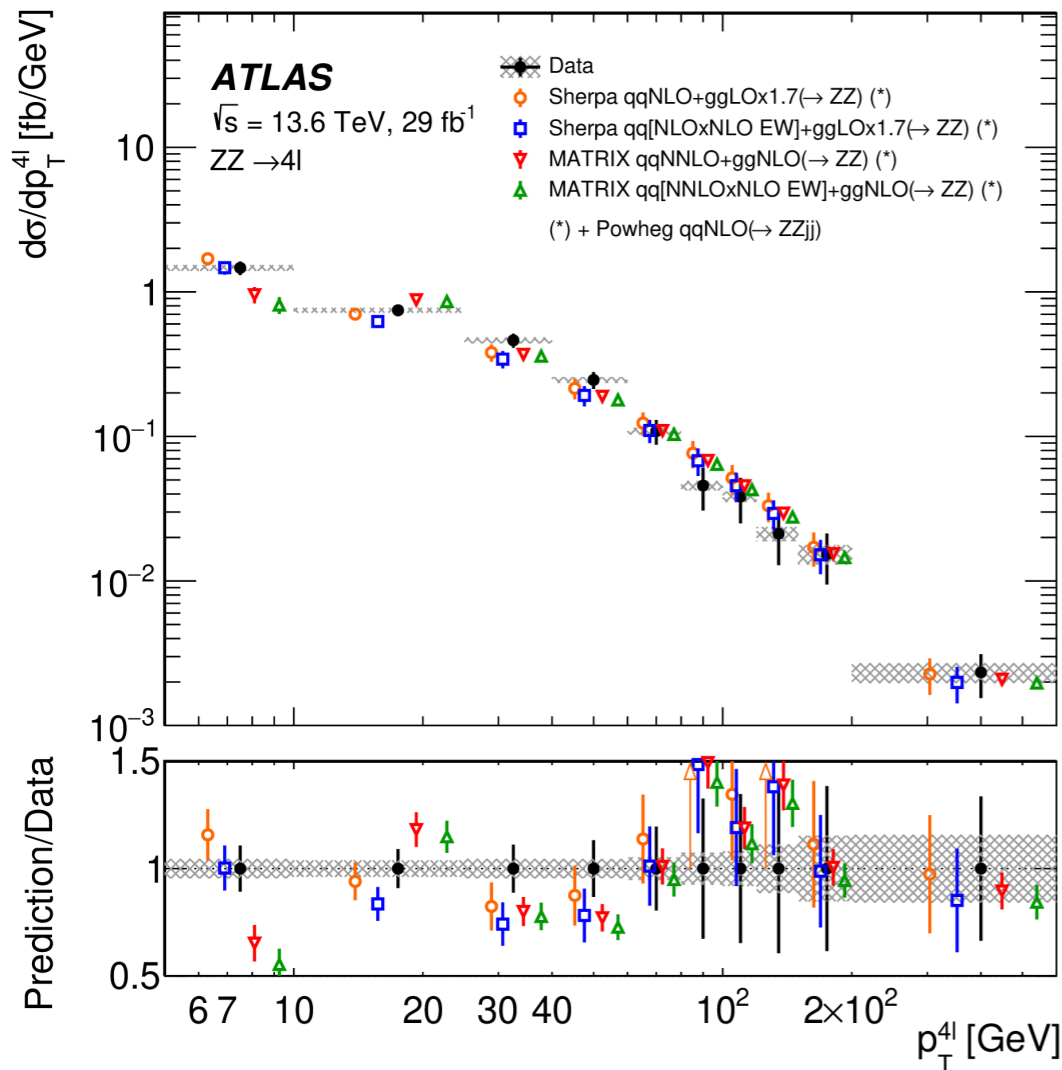
$$R_c^W = 0.498 \pm 0.005 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.019 \text{ (sys.)}$$



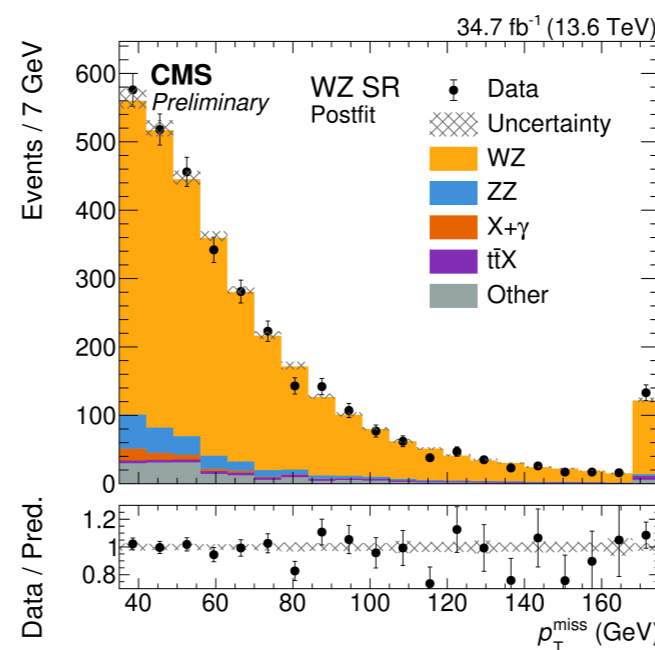
Di-boson production

- Extensive measurements of **di-boson** production

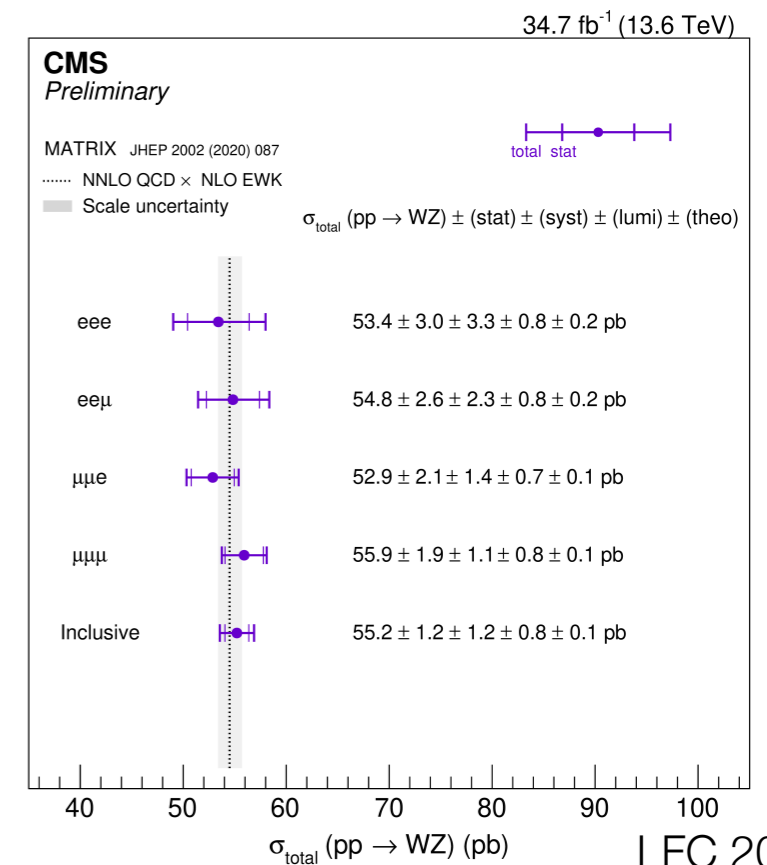
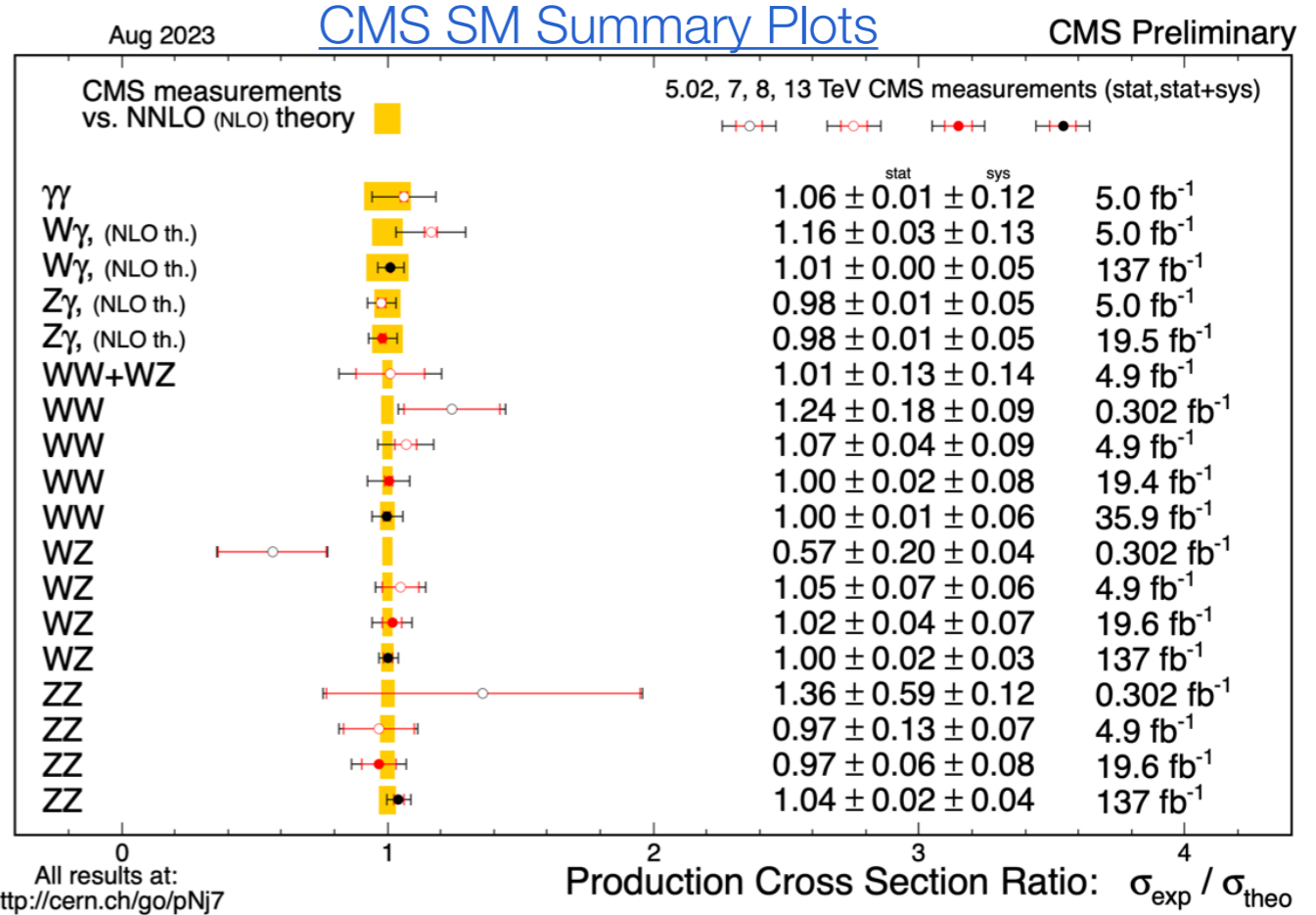
- New inclusive and differential measurements on Run3 data



Differential ZZ at 13.6 TeV
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Inclusive WZ at 13.6 TeV
[CMS-PAS-SMP-24-005](#)

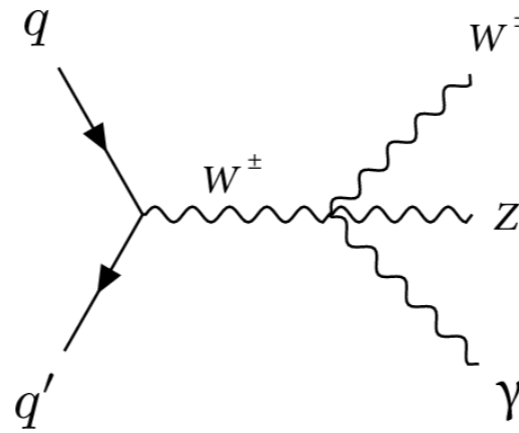


Tri-boson production

- **Tri-boson** productions very rare processes, some of them only now accessible at the LHC
- Give access to triple gauge couplings (TGCs) and quartic gauge couplings (**QGCs**)

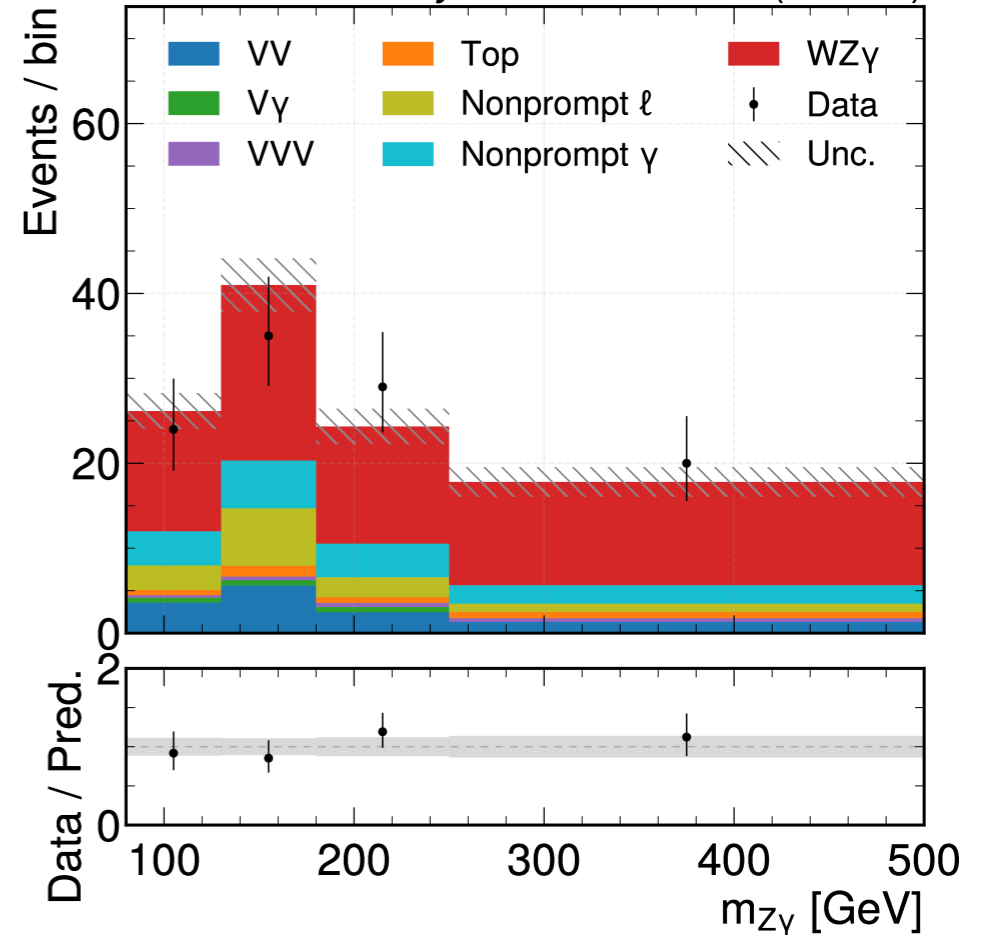
WZ γ observation

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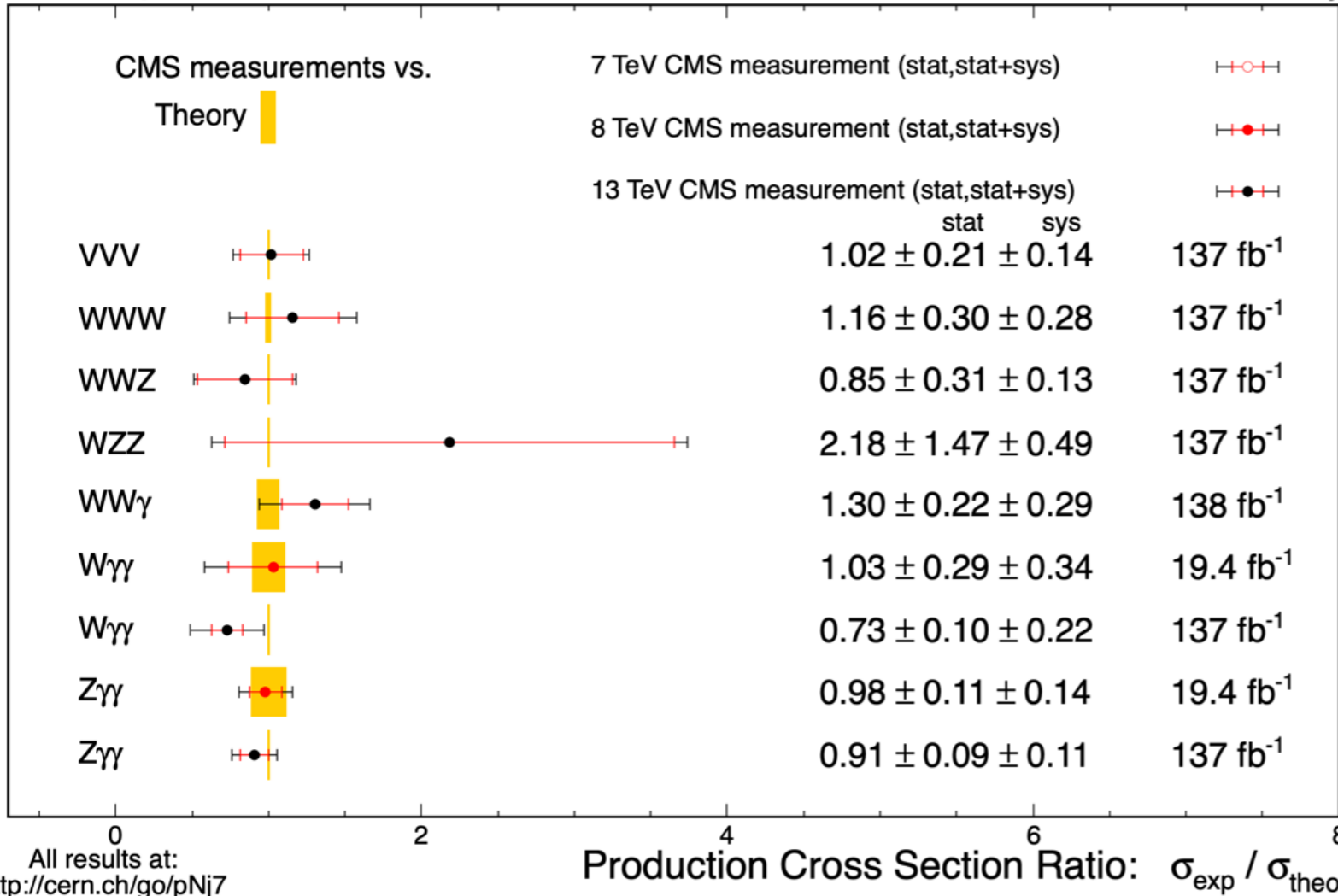
CMS Preliminary

CMS Preliminary 138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



Process	SR
VV	13.0 ± 0.3
VVγ	0.69 ± 0.05
Vγ	1.38 ± 0.76
Top	3.34 ± 0.55
Nonprompt ℓ	12.9 ± 2.8
Nonprompt γ	15.8 ± 2.2
WZG signal	60.8 ± 3.5
Total background	48.5 ± 3.7
Total prediction	109 ± 5
Observed	108

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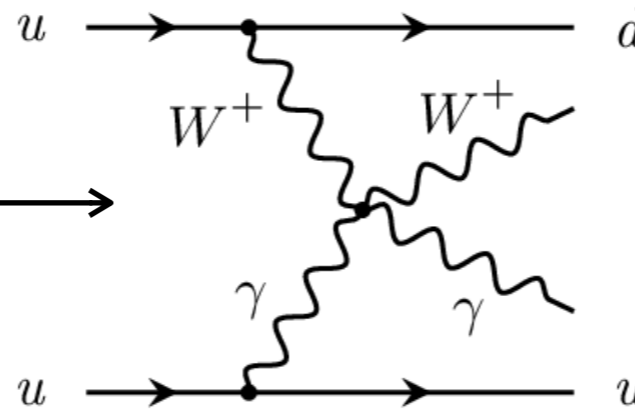
[ATLAS's WZ γ [PRL 132 \(2024\) 021802](#)]

Vector Boson Scattering

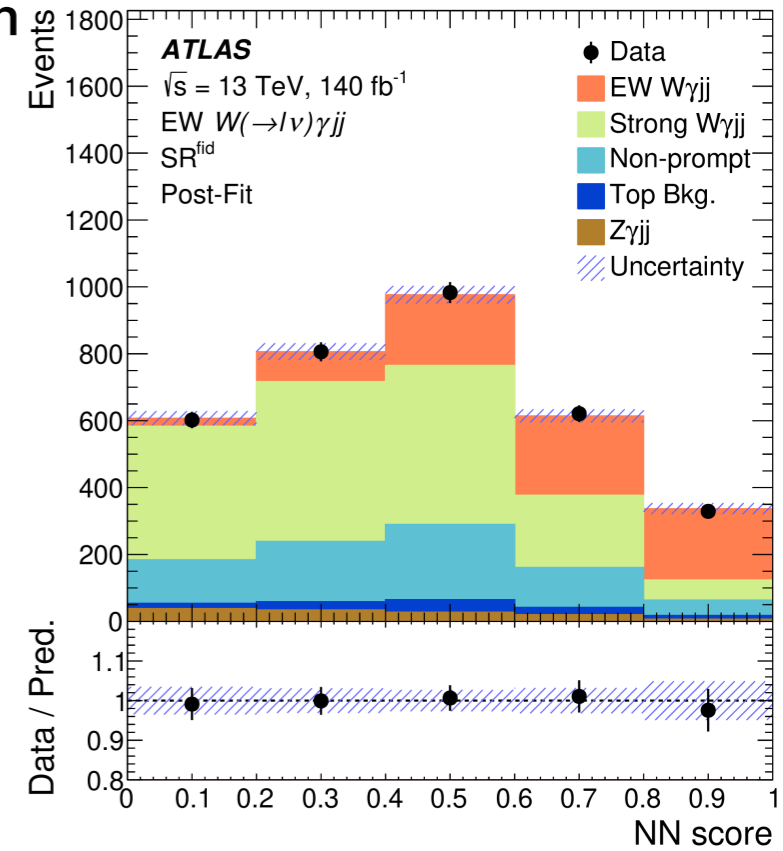
W_γjj observation and differential cross-section

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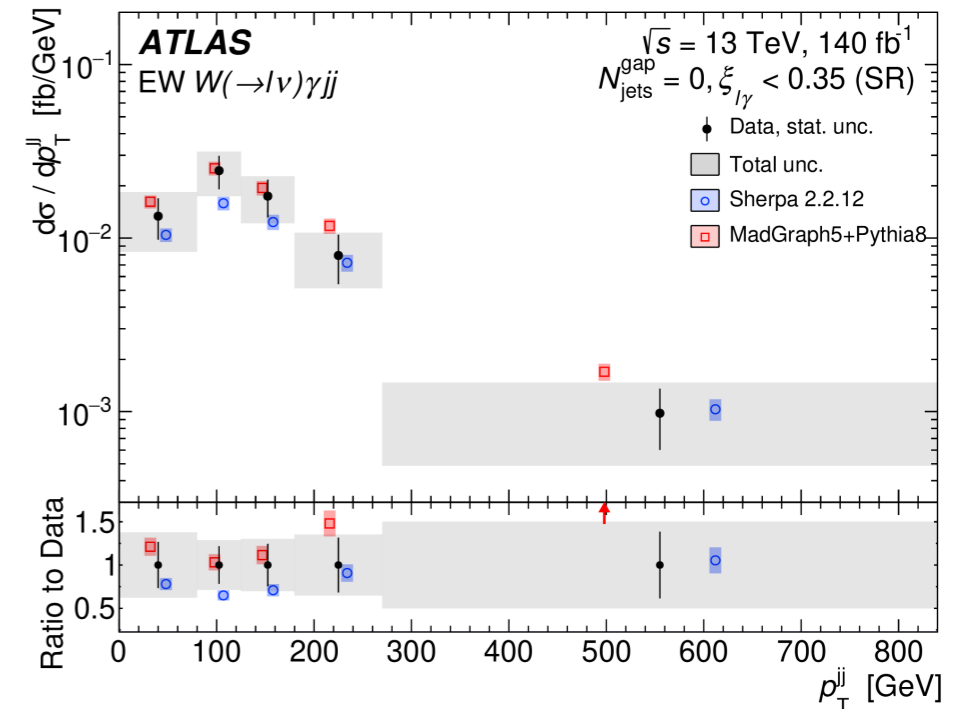
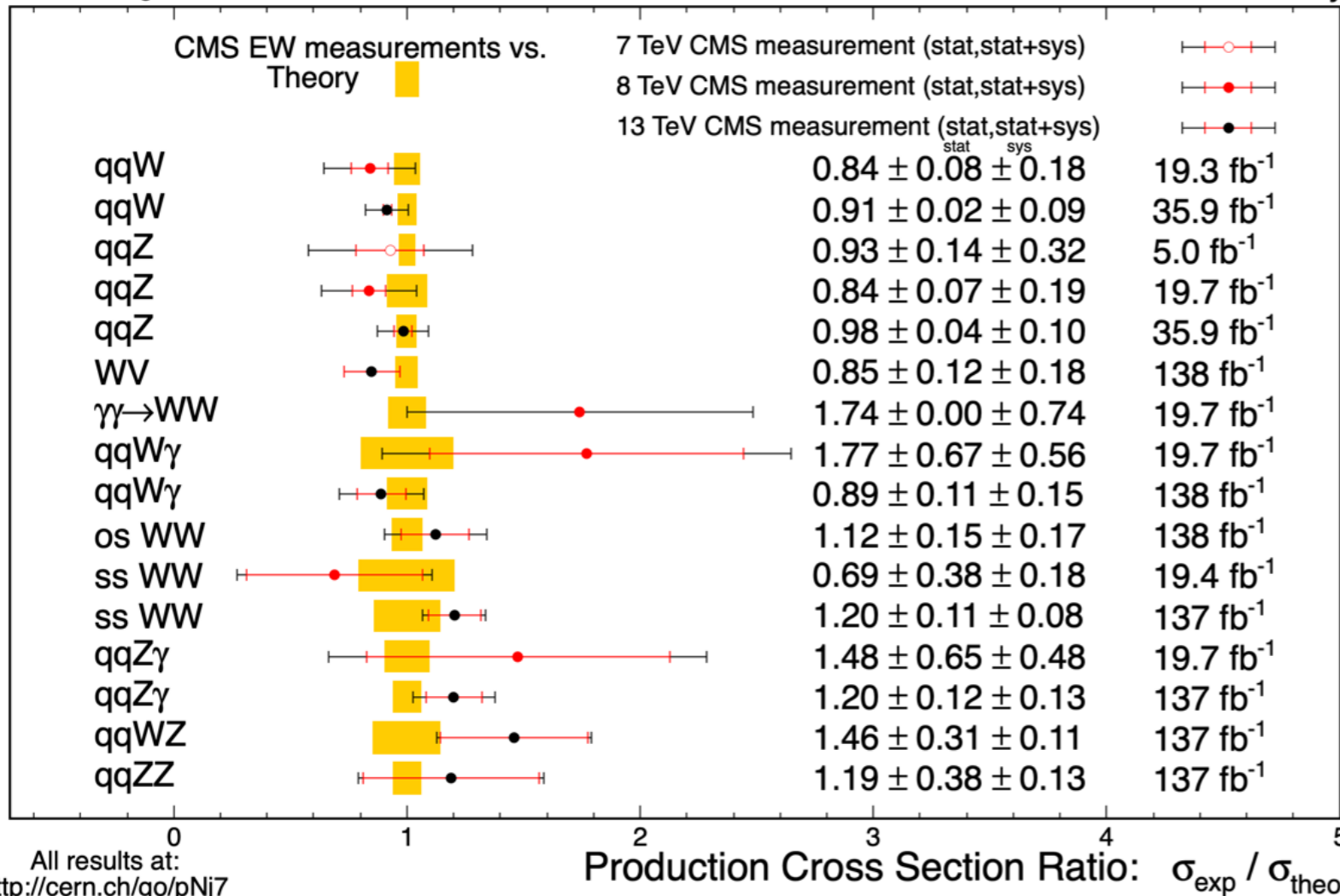
- QGCs experimentally accessible also in **Vector Boson Scattering**



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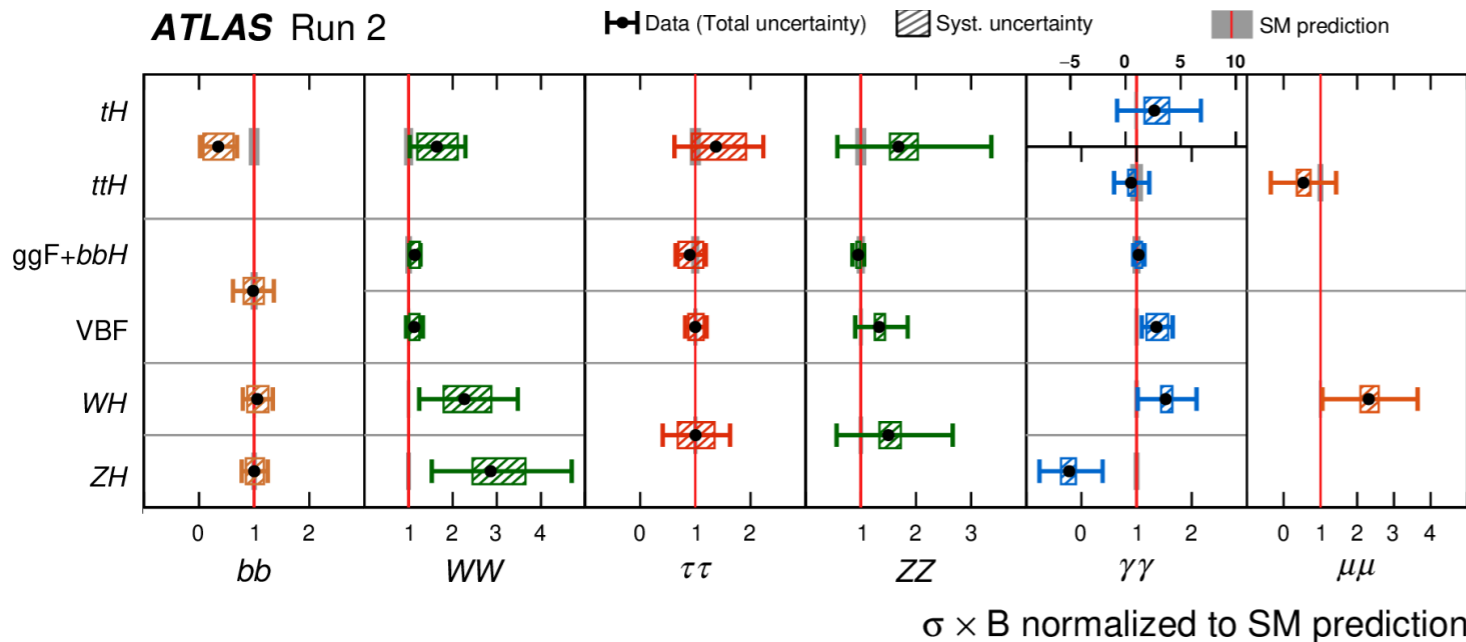
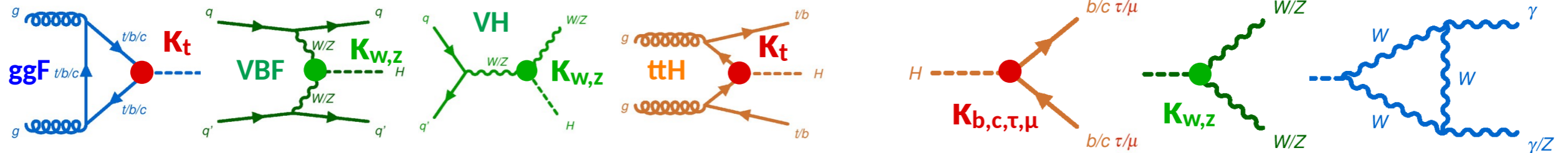
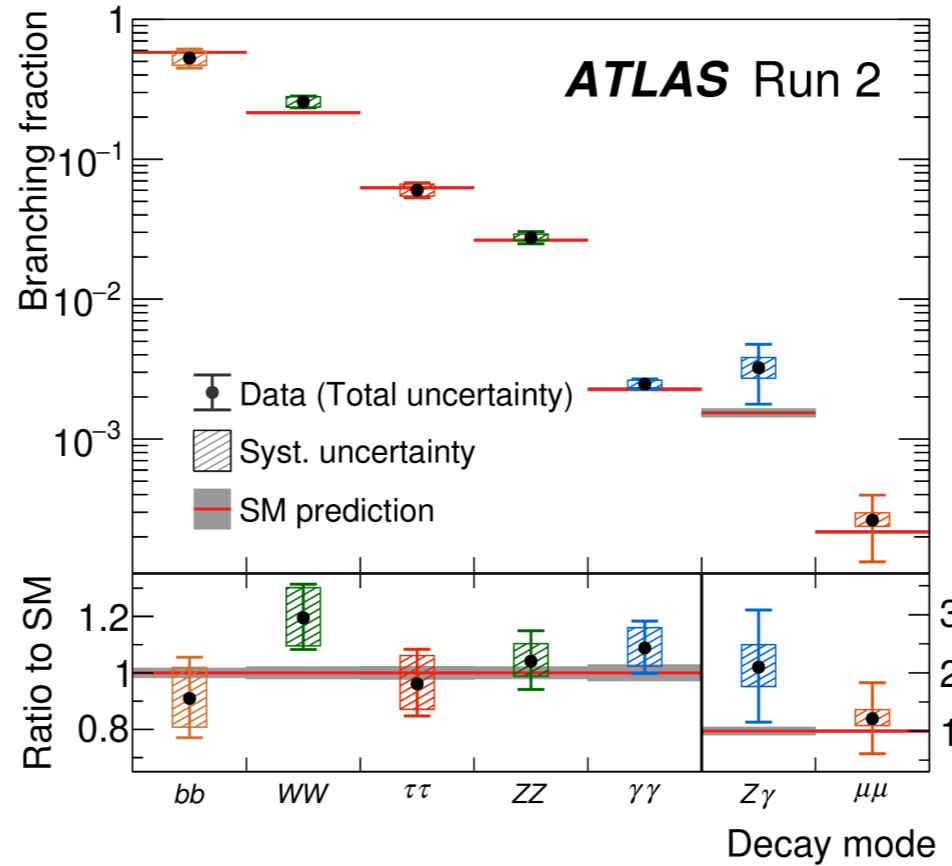
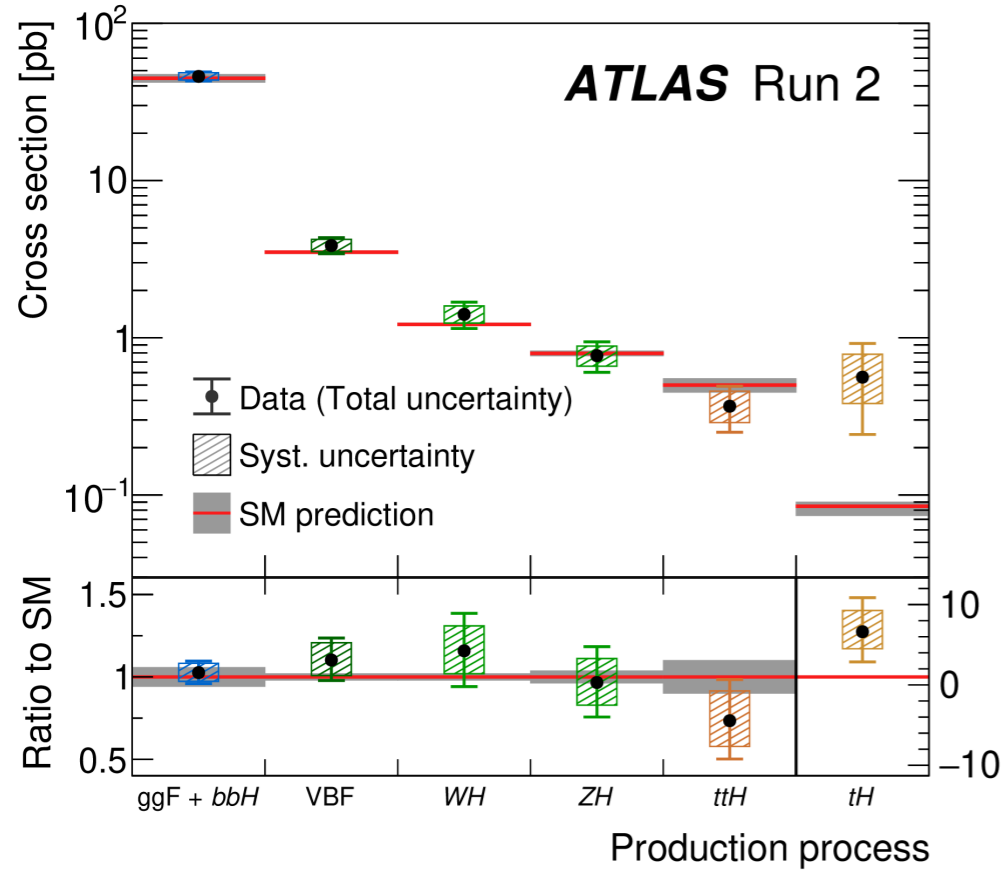
[CMS's W_γjj [PRD 108 \(2023\) 032017](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.02017)]

Higgs boson physics

[More in P. Francavilla's talk tomorrow]

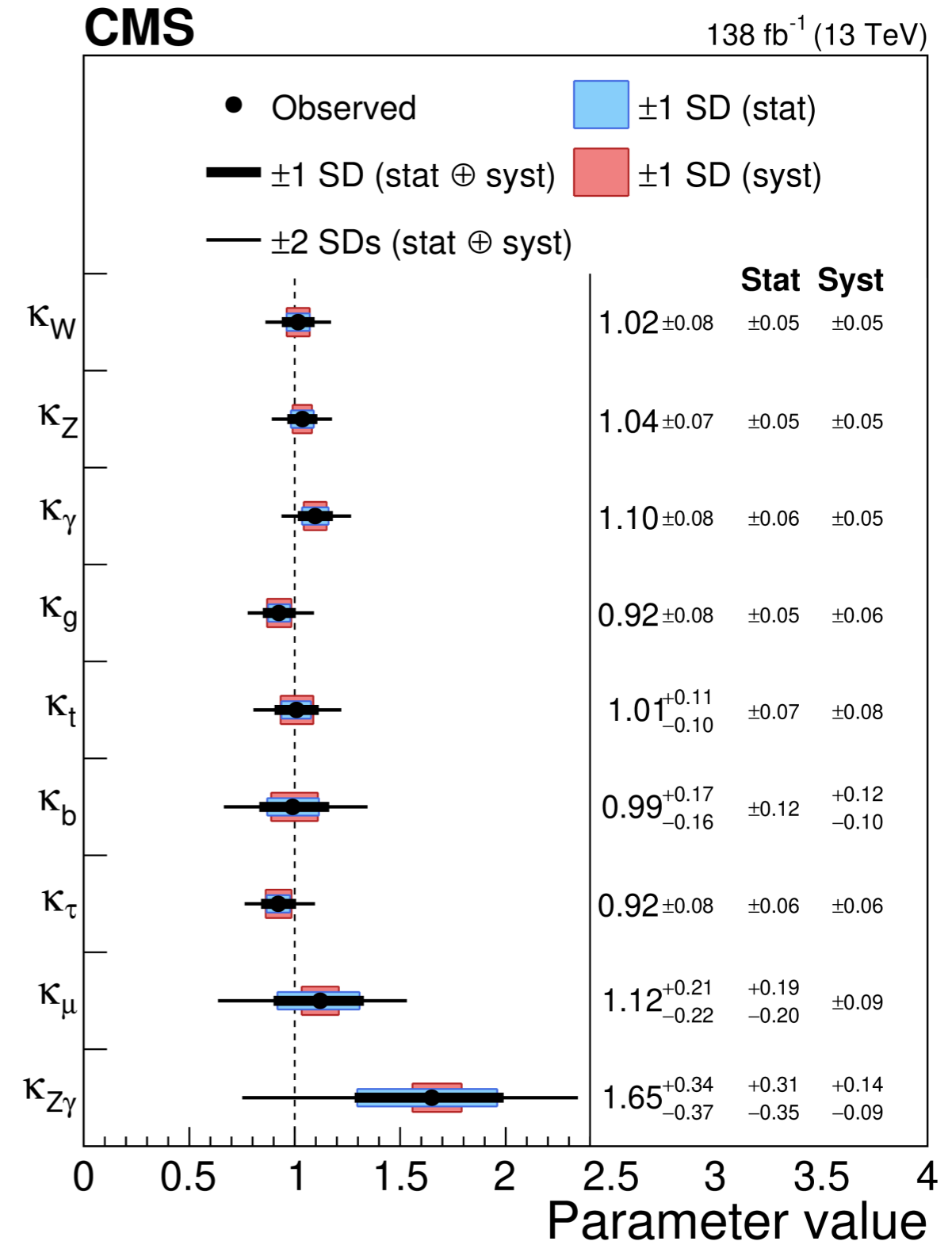
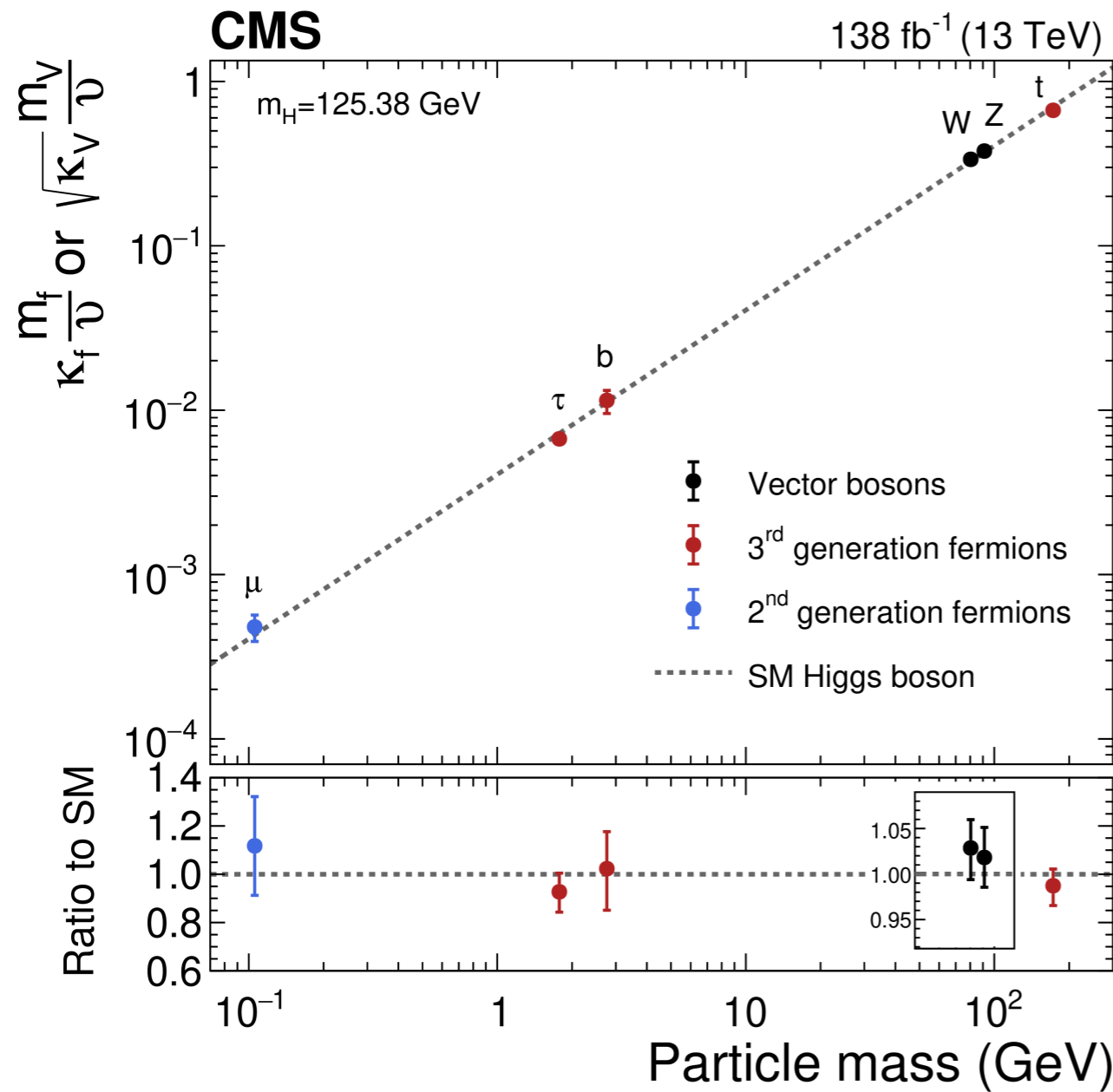
Higgs boson production and decay

[Nature 607 \(2022\) 52](#)
[Nature 607 \(2022\) 60](#)



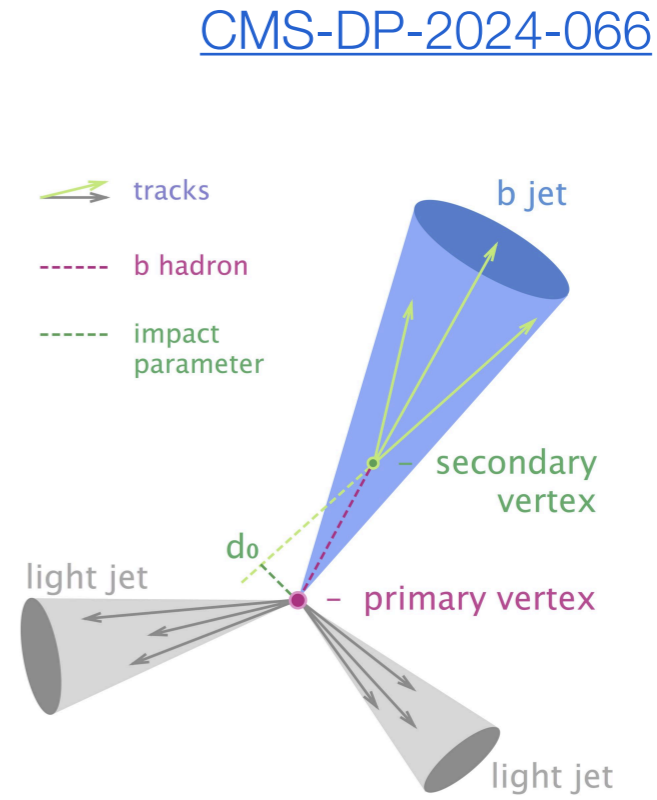
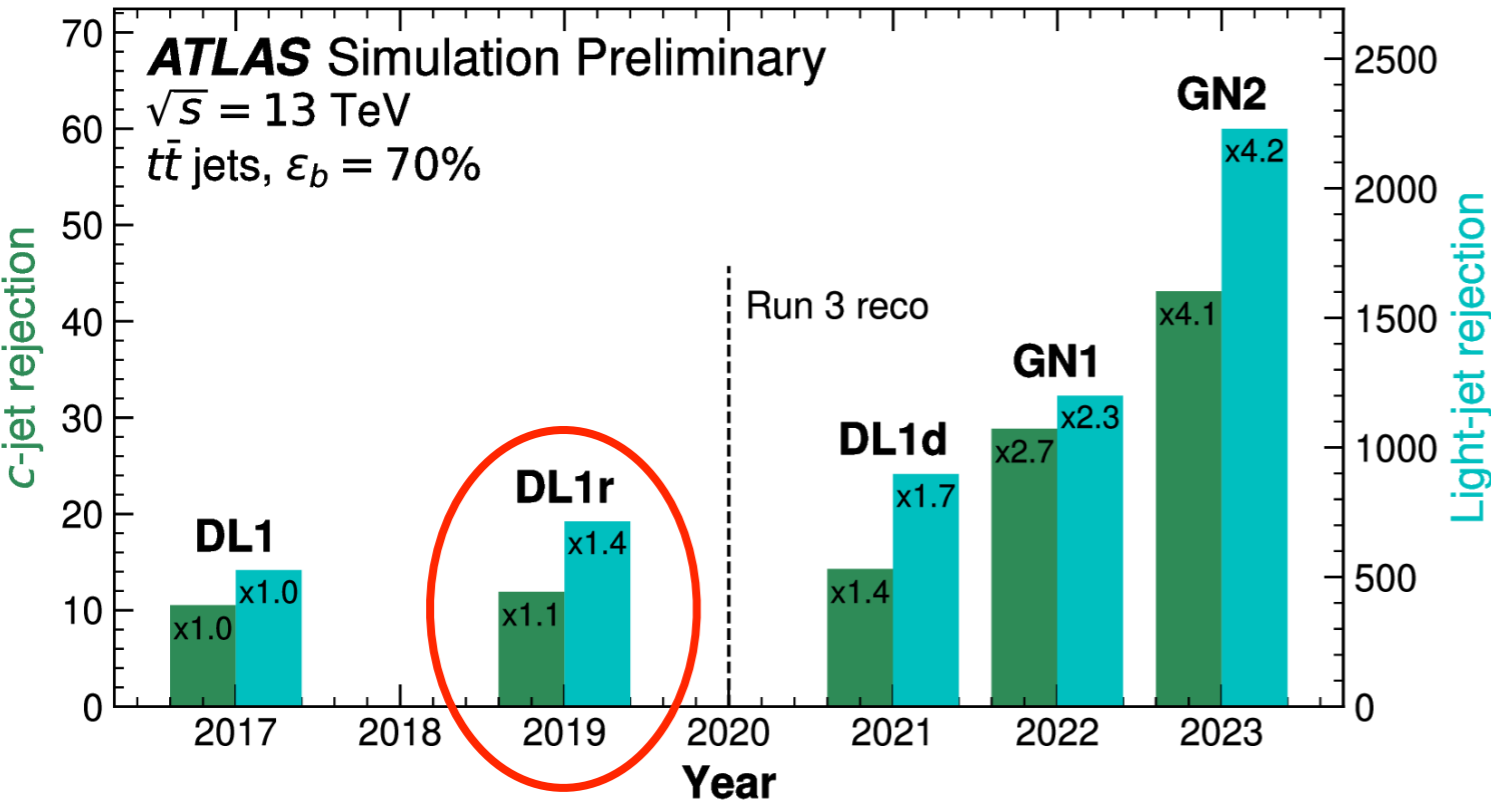
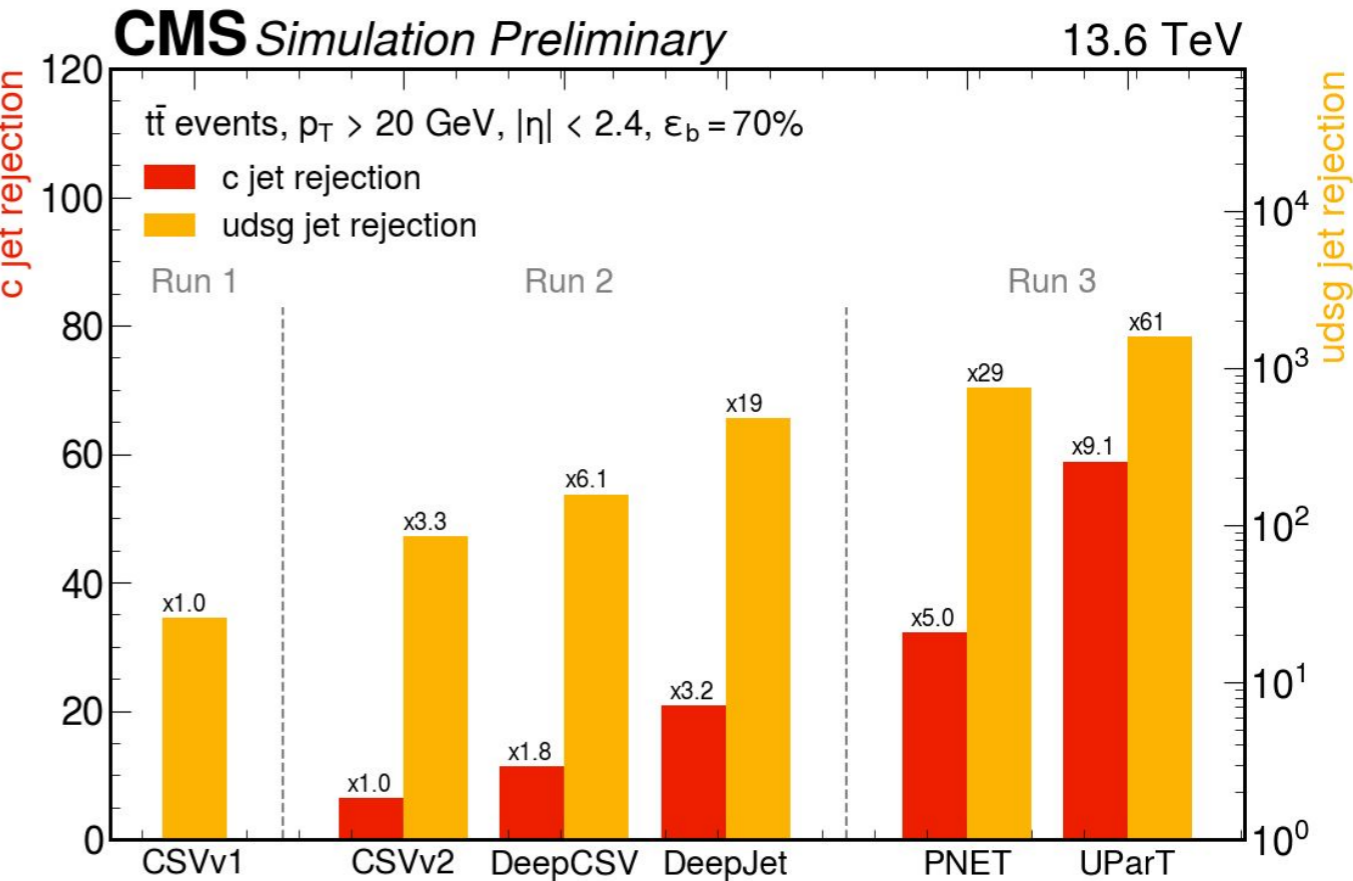
- Main production modes and decay modes assessed with Run2 data
 - Next in line: tH and $H \rightarrow cc$
- Re-discovery with Run3 data

Higgs boson couplings



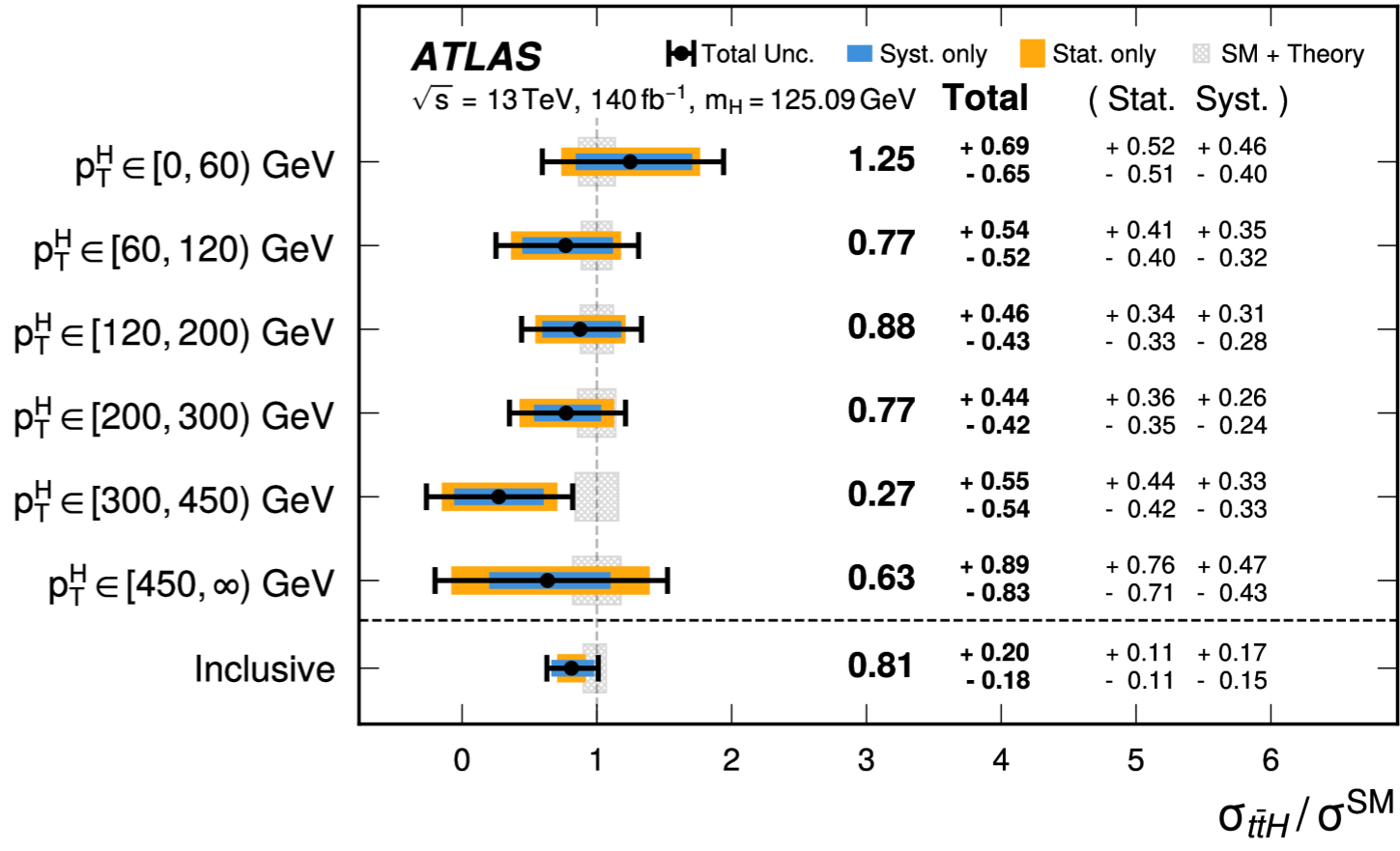
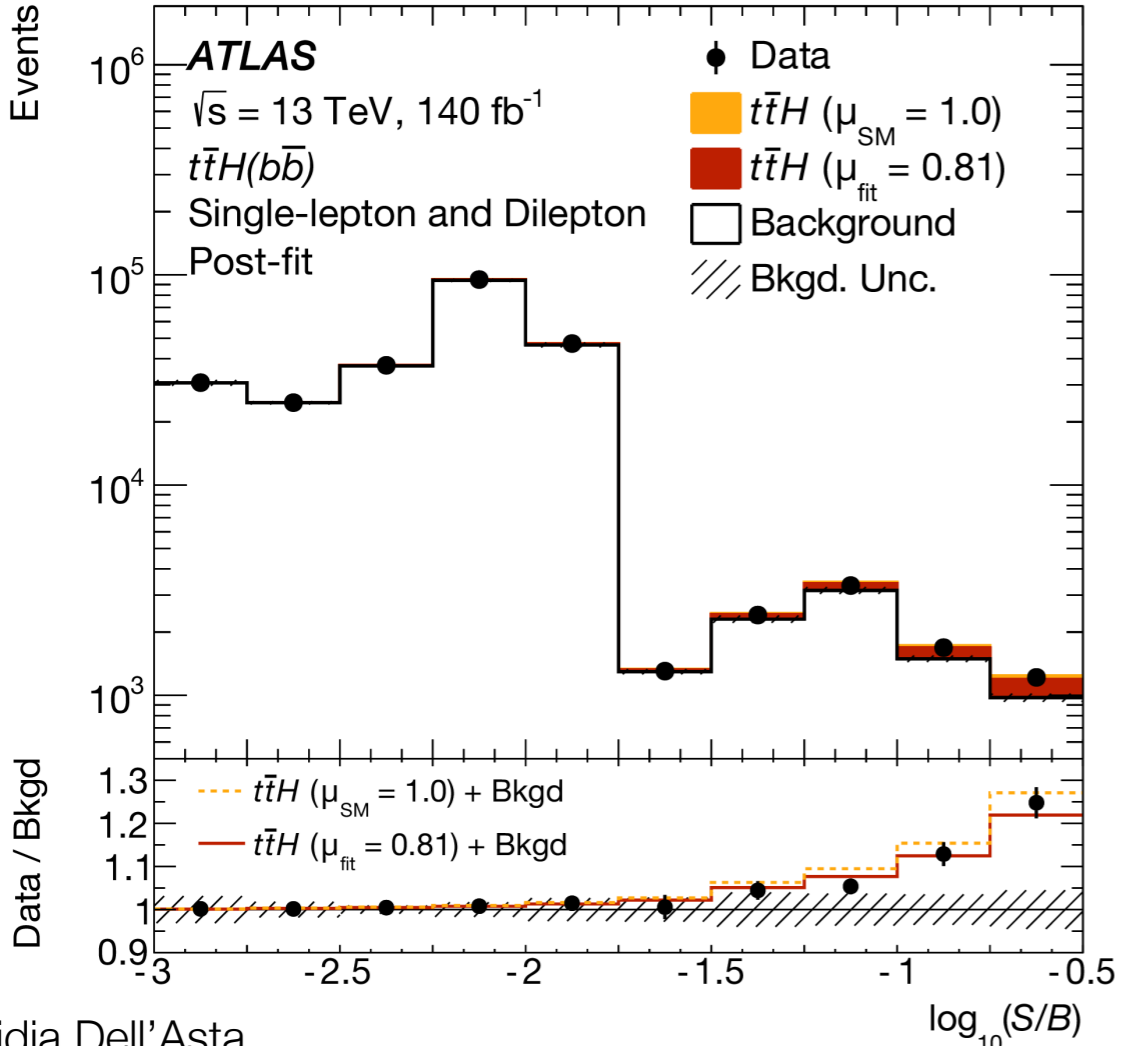
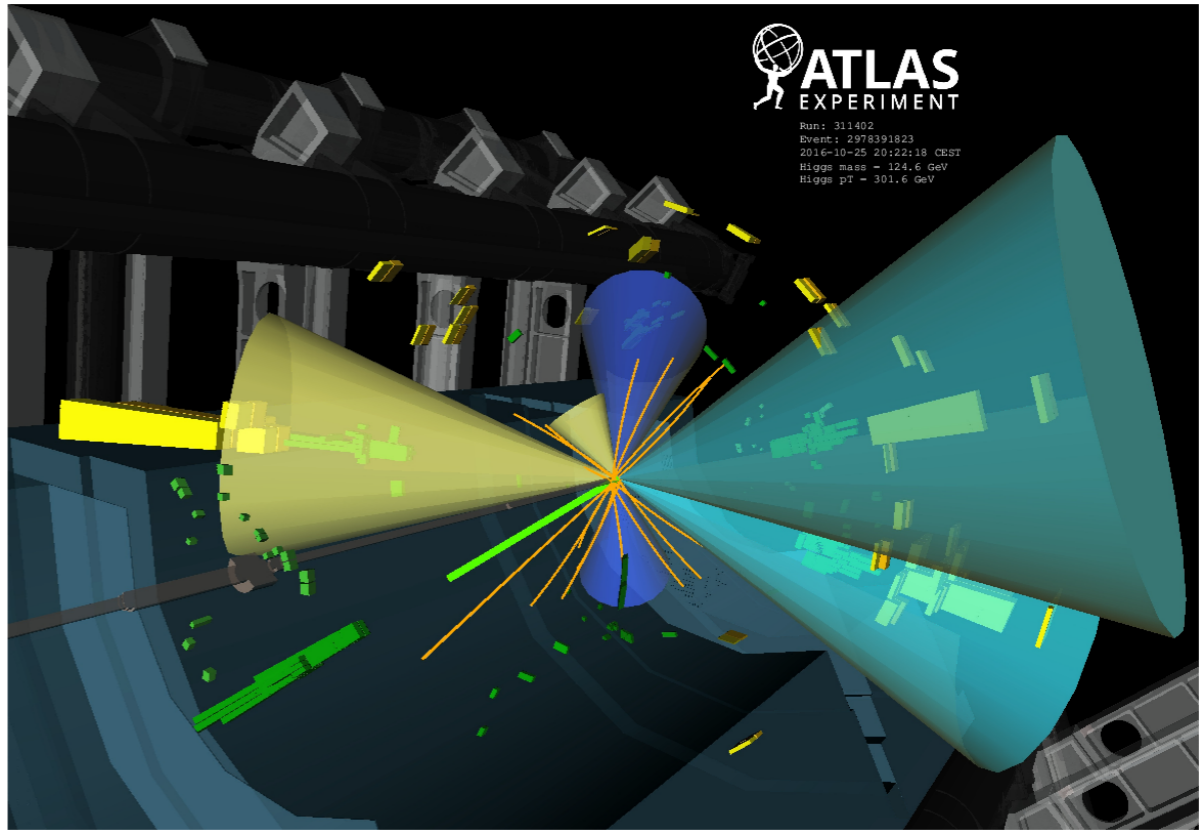
Using Machine Learning - Flavour tagging

- Machine learning techniques heavily used for flavour tagging
- Impressive development over the years, using more sophisticated architectures
- Latest developments not yet used in the analyses



ttH(→bb)

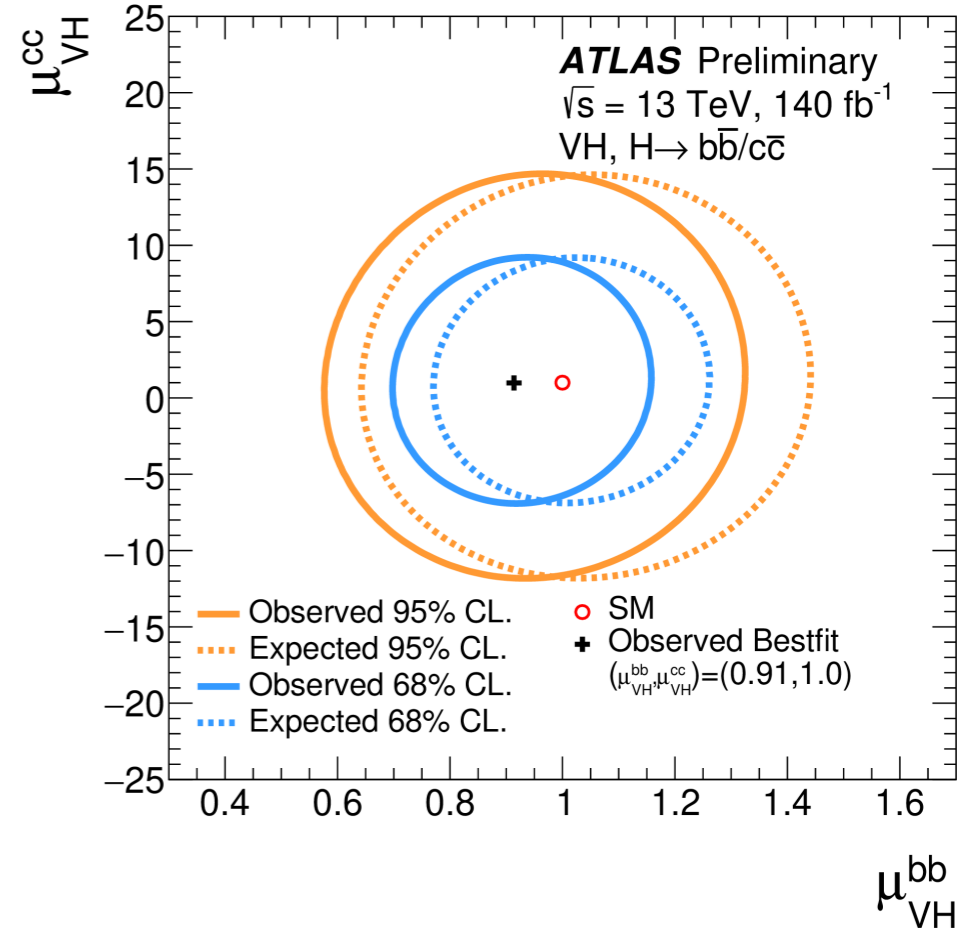
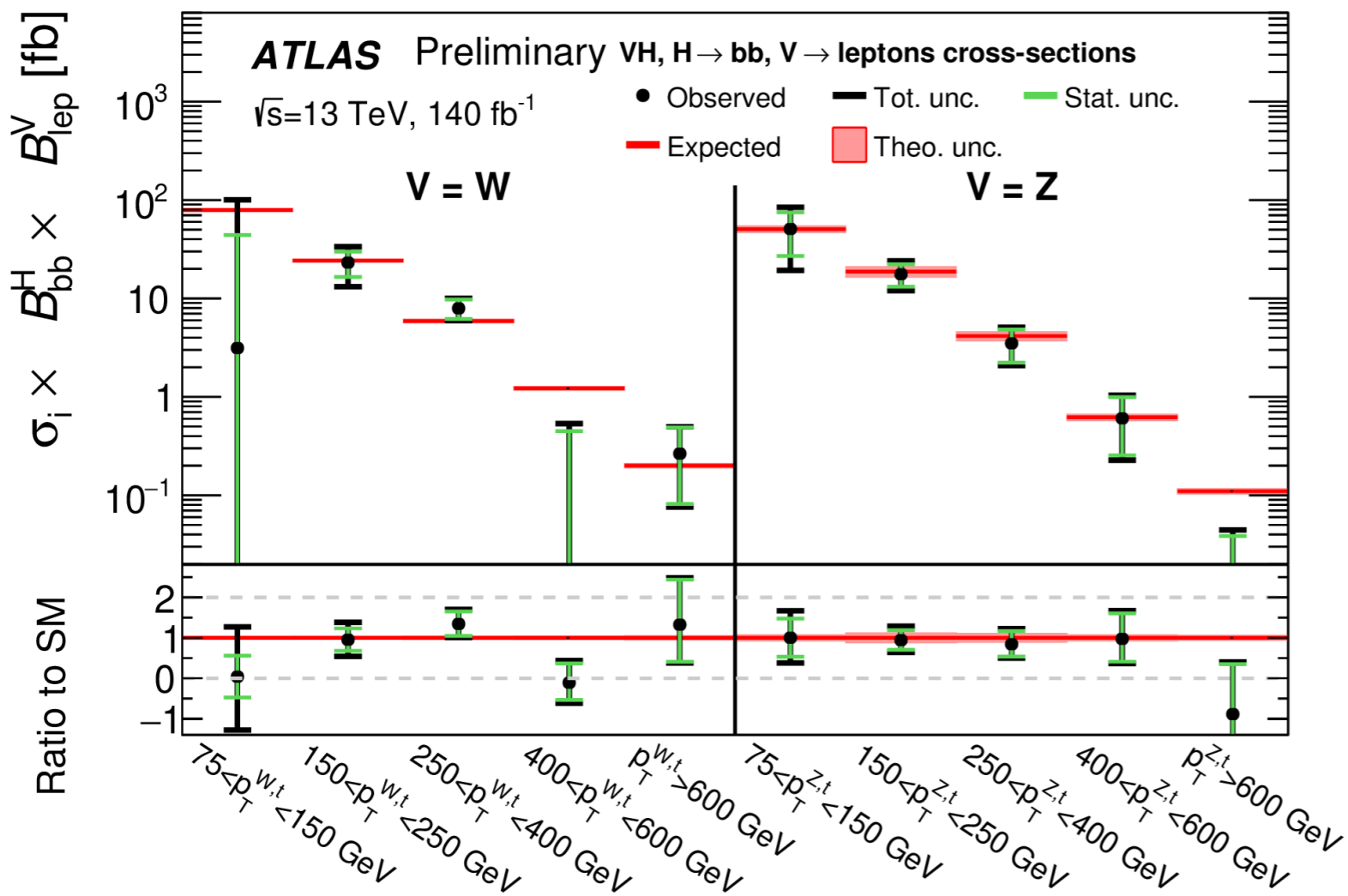
- Re-analysis of ttH(→bb) analysis at 13 TeV [[JHEP 06 \(2022\) 97](#)] with
 - improved b-tagging (DL1r, see before)
 - state-of-the-art machine learning
 - improved modeling of backgrounds (tt̄ + heavy flavour, see later)
- Overall uncertainty improved by factor of 1.8, 4.6σ observed significance (5.4σ expected)



VH(\rightarrow bb/cc)

- Re-analysis of previous VH(\rightarrow bb/cc) analyses at 13 TeV
 - improved b-tagging (DL1r, see before)
 - introduced BDT discriminant for boosted events
- Observation of WH(\rightarrow bb) with 5.3σ significance
 - Uncertainty on VH(\rightarrow bb) improved by $\sim 20\%$
- Best observed limit ($11 \times$ SM) on VH(\rightarrow cc)

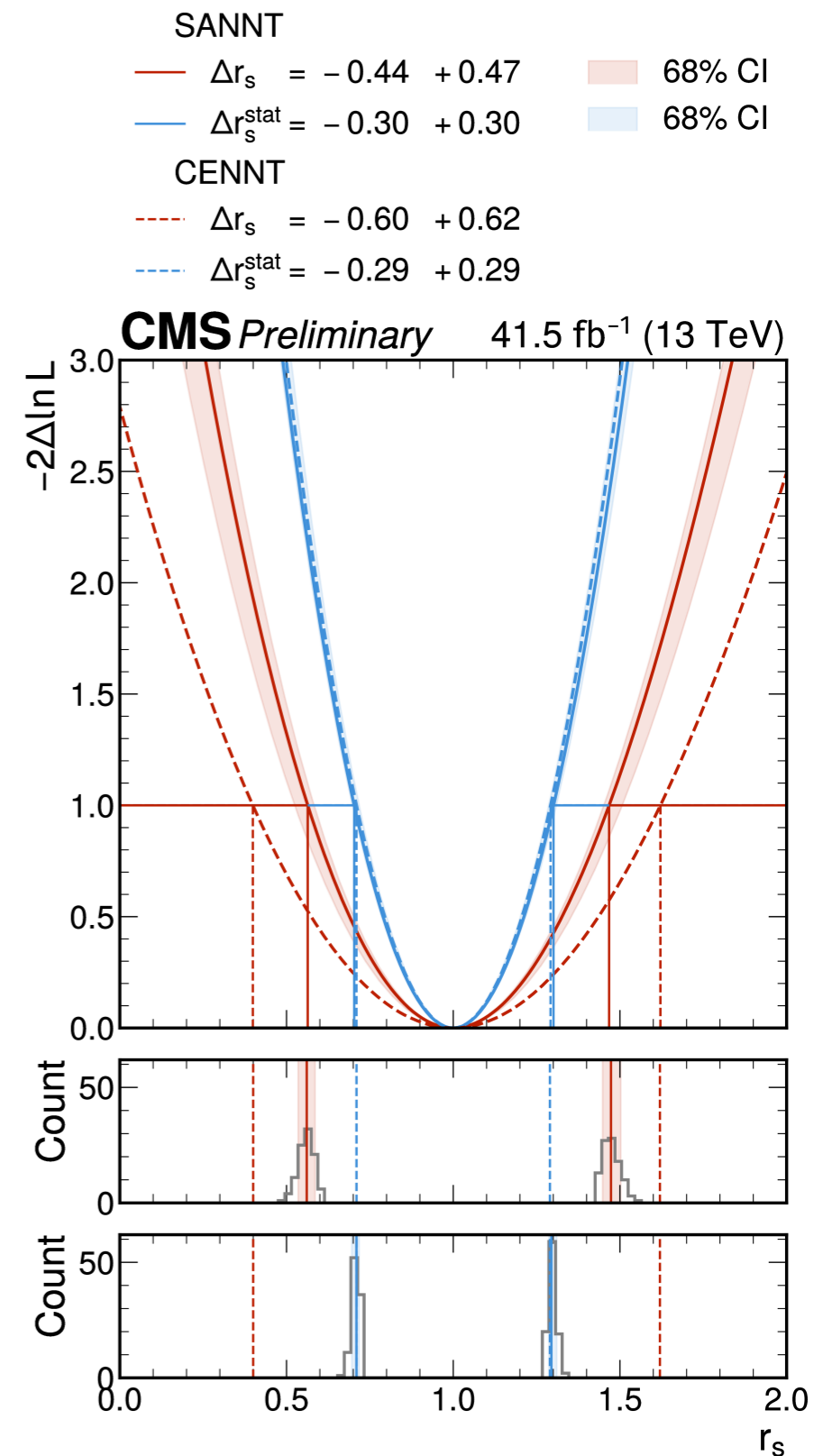
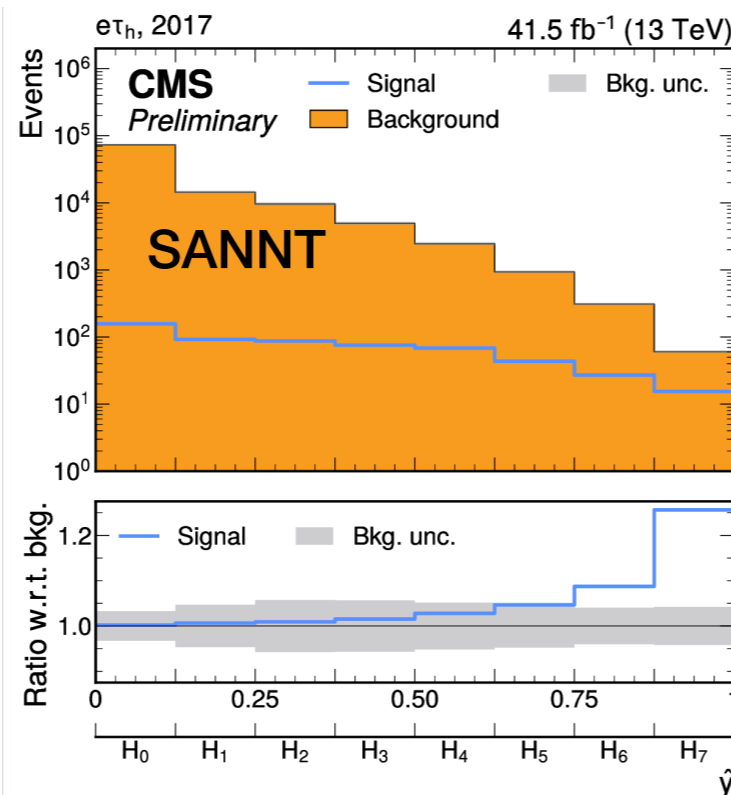
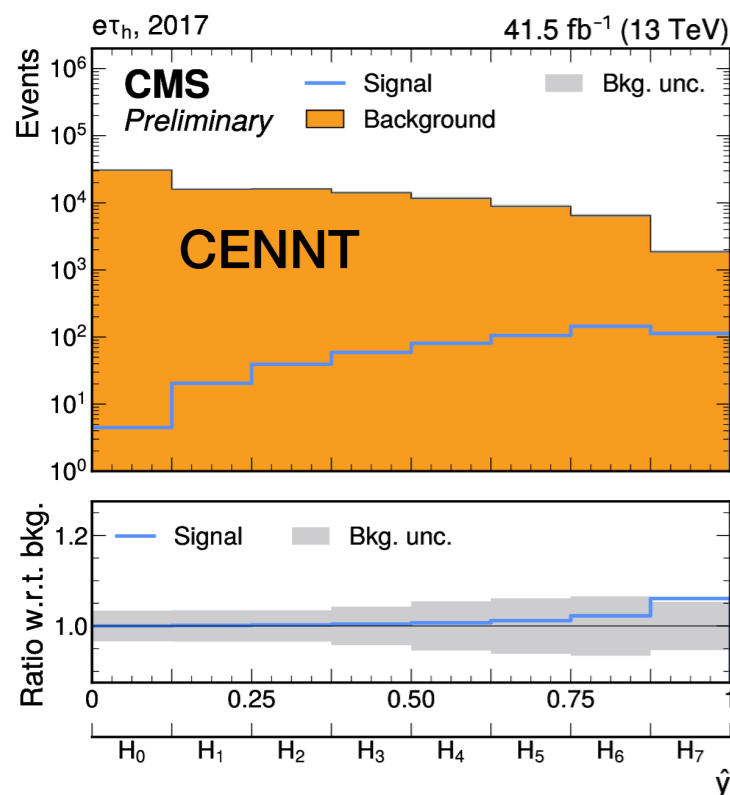
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[CMS's VH(\rightarrow cc) [PRL 131 \(2023\) 061801](#)]

Using ML - Dealing with systematics

- Standard classifier training (cross-entropy-based NN training, CENNT) optimizes for signal vs. background discrimination without considering systematics and other effects that affect the ultimate figure: uncertainty $\Delta(r_s)$ on a physics parameter
- New systematics aware NN training (SANNT) proof of principle (applied to $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ in 2017), to directly optimize for min. $\Delta(r_s)$ in the neural network training
- CENNT optimizes for separation, while SANNT concentrates signal in bins with smaller background uncertainty
- Total systematic uncertainty improved by 25%

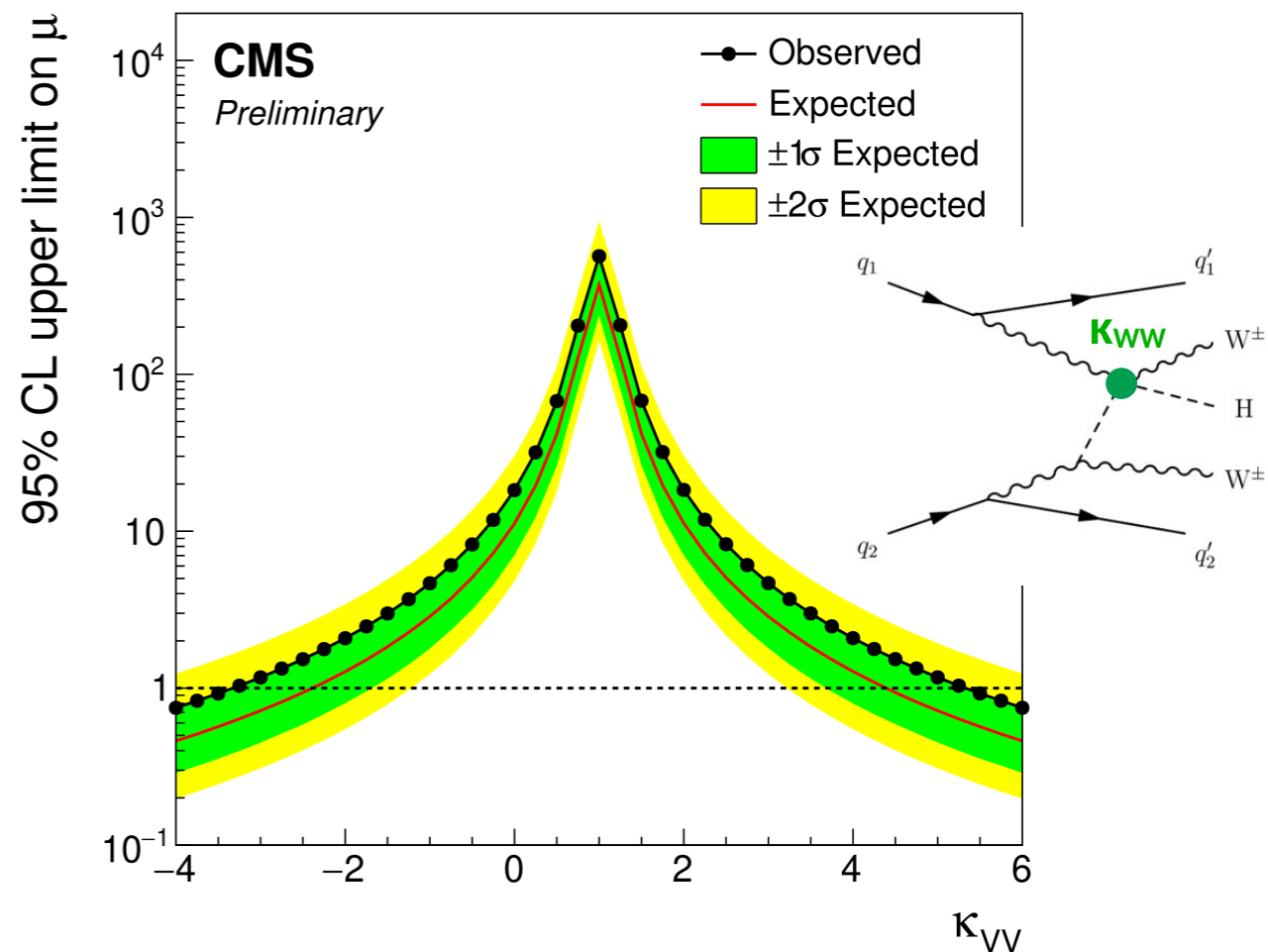
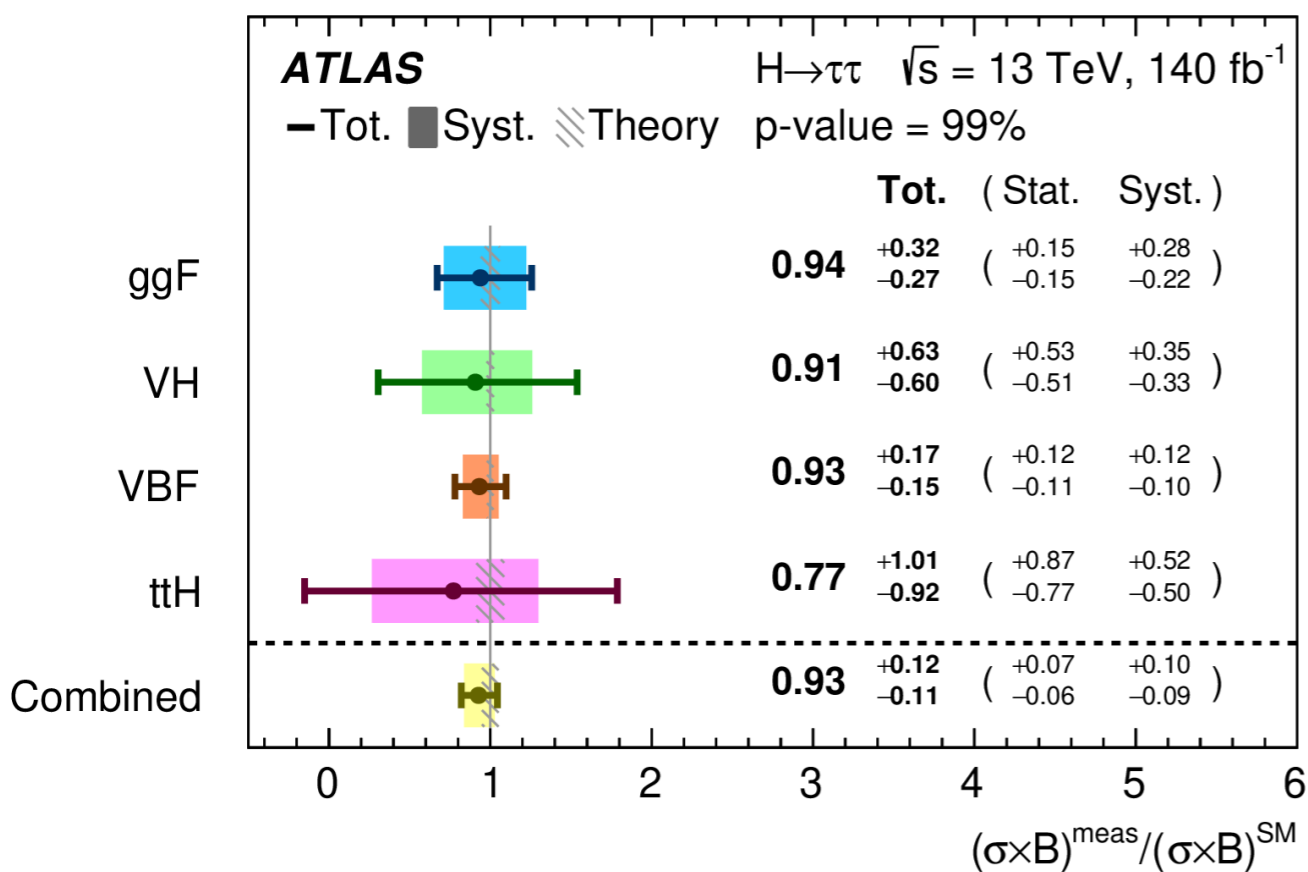


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VBF $H(\rightarrow\tau\tau)$ and VBS $WWH(\rightarrow bb)$

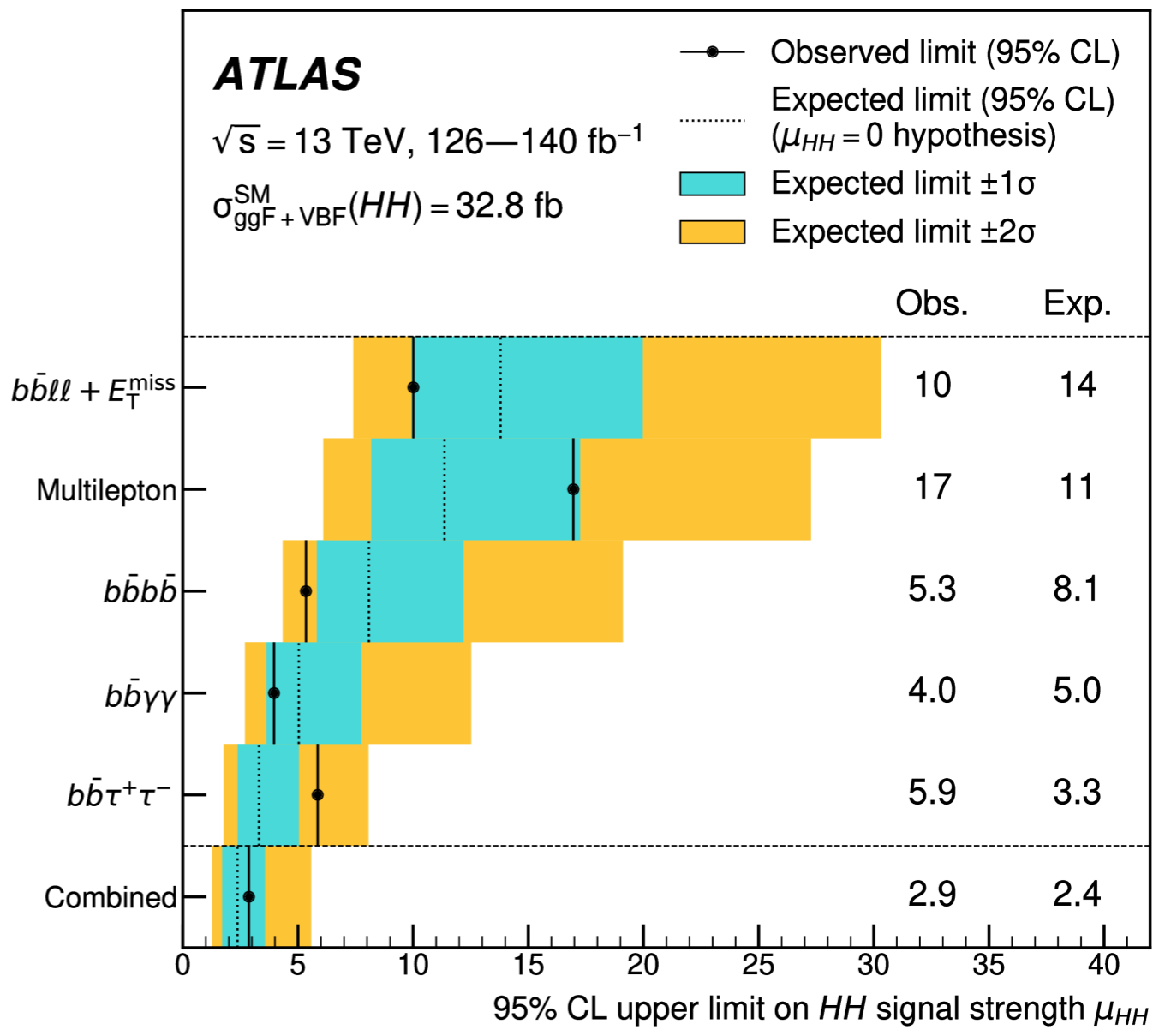
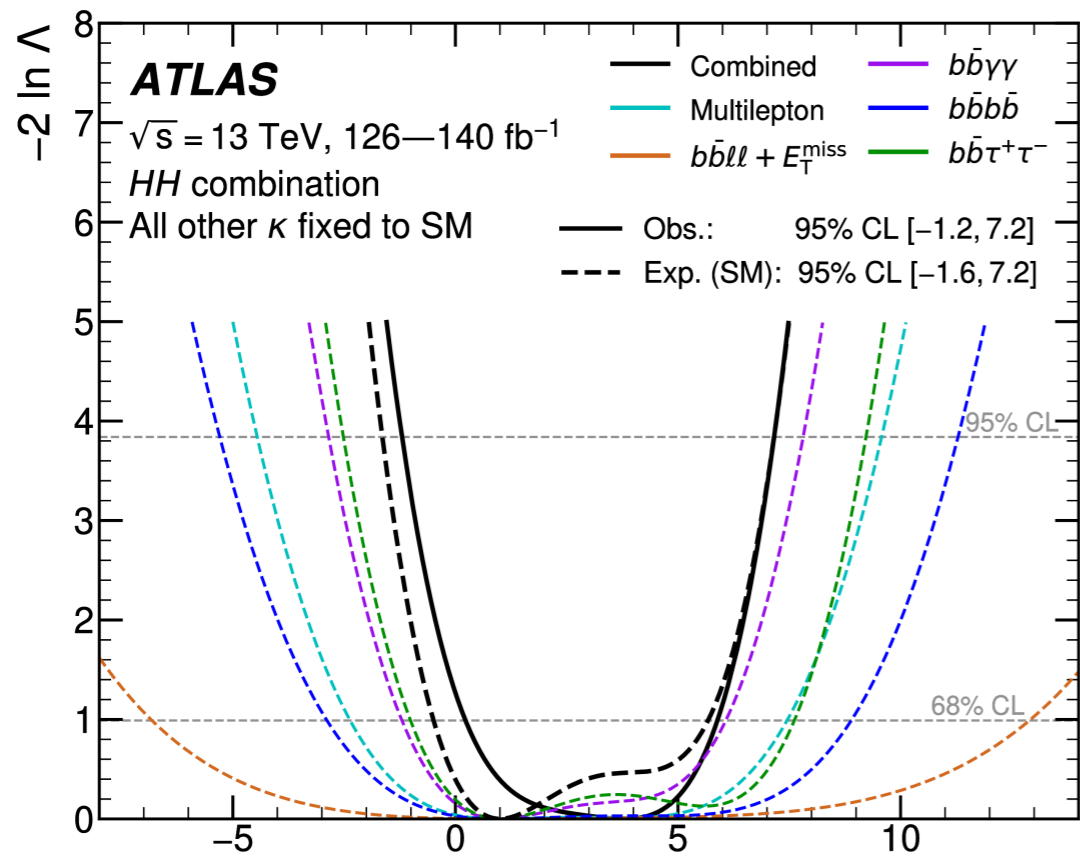
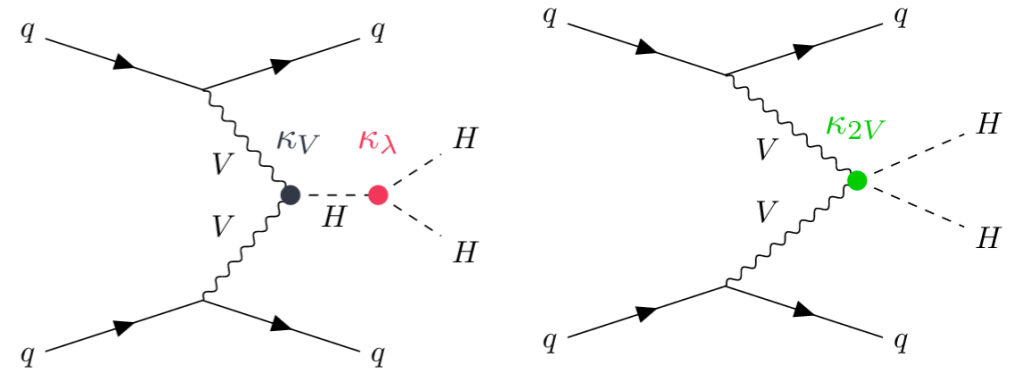
- Re-analysis of $H(\rightarrow\tau\tau)$ analysis at 13 TeV [[JHEP 08 \(2022\) 175](#)], improving VBF and ttH
 - Most precise single measurement of VBF

- Search for $H(\rightarrow bb) + WW(\rightarrow l\nu l\nu)$ in Vector Boson Scattering
 - First analysis targeting κ_{VV} using single Higgs boson VBS production



DiHiggs production

- Actively searching for diHiggs production
 - Access triple Higgs boson coupling, κ_λ
 - Also accesses other interactions, e.g. VHH (κ_{VV})
- Exploring all possible final states
- New ATLAS combination of all searches
 - $HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau + bb\gamma\gamma + bbbb$
+ multi-leptons + $bbll + E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- Uncertainty on μ_{HH} now ~ 1

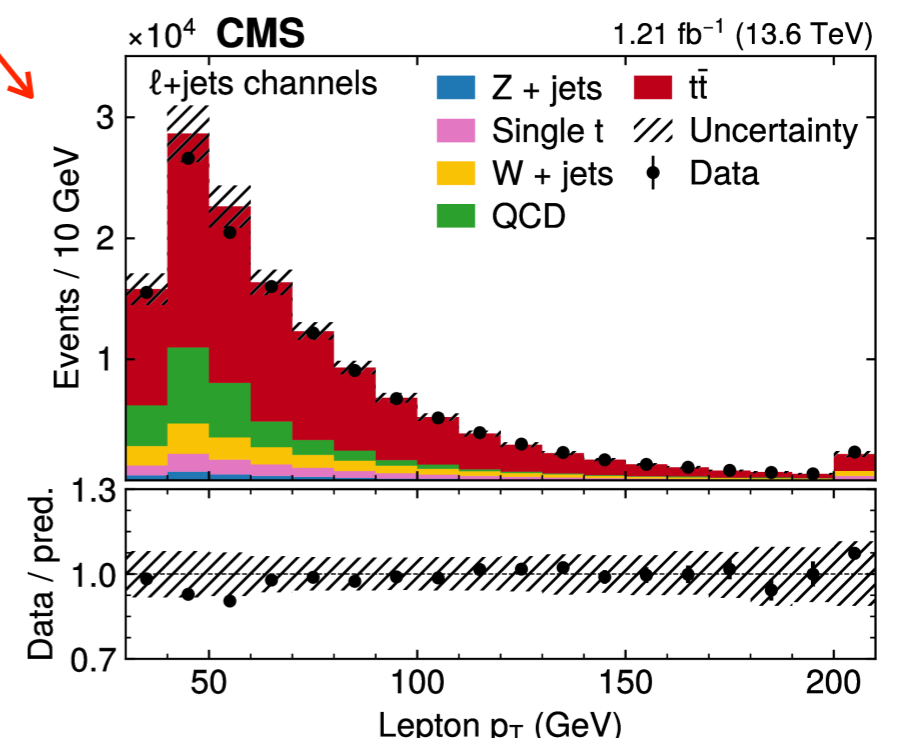
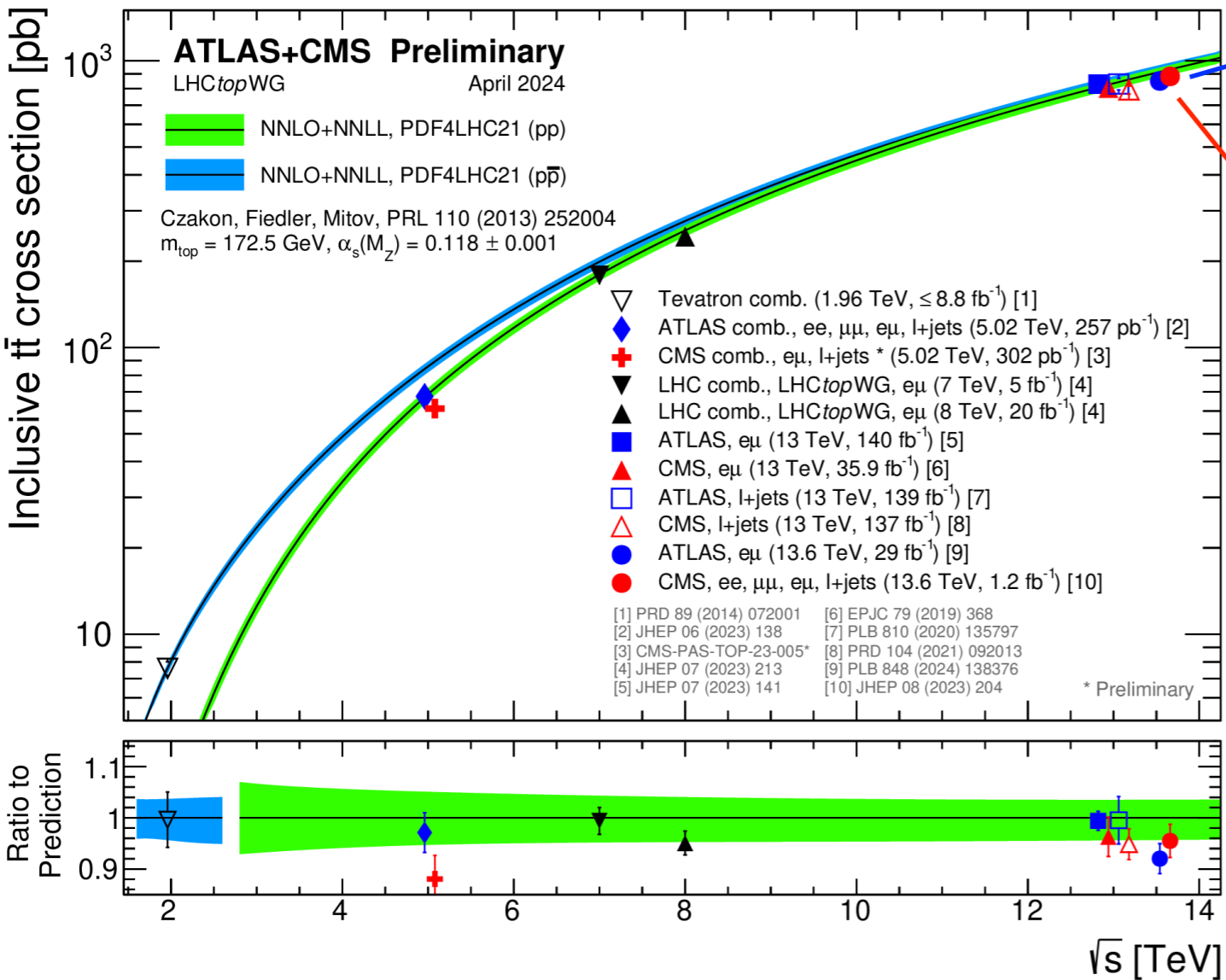
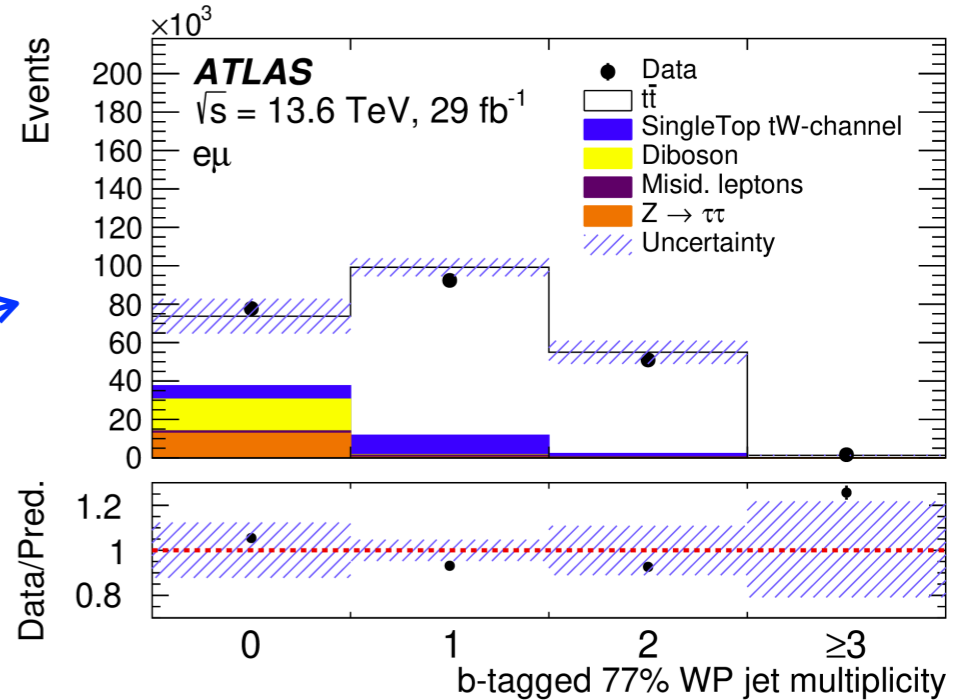


Top quark physics

Top quark pair production

- $t\bar{t}$ production measured at all \sqrt{s} in various final states, including fully hadronic
 - Run1 ATLAS and CMS measurements combined
 - New measurements on Run3 data, reaching $\sim 3\%$ uncertainty on inclusive cross-section

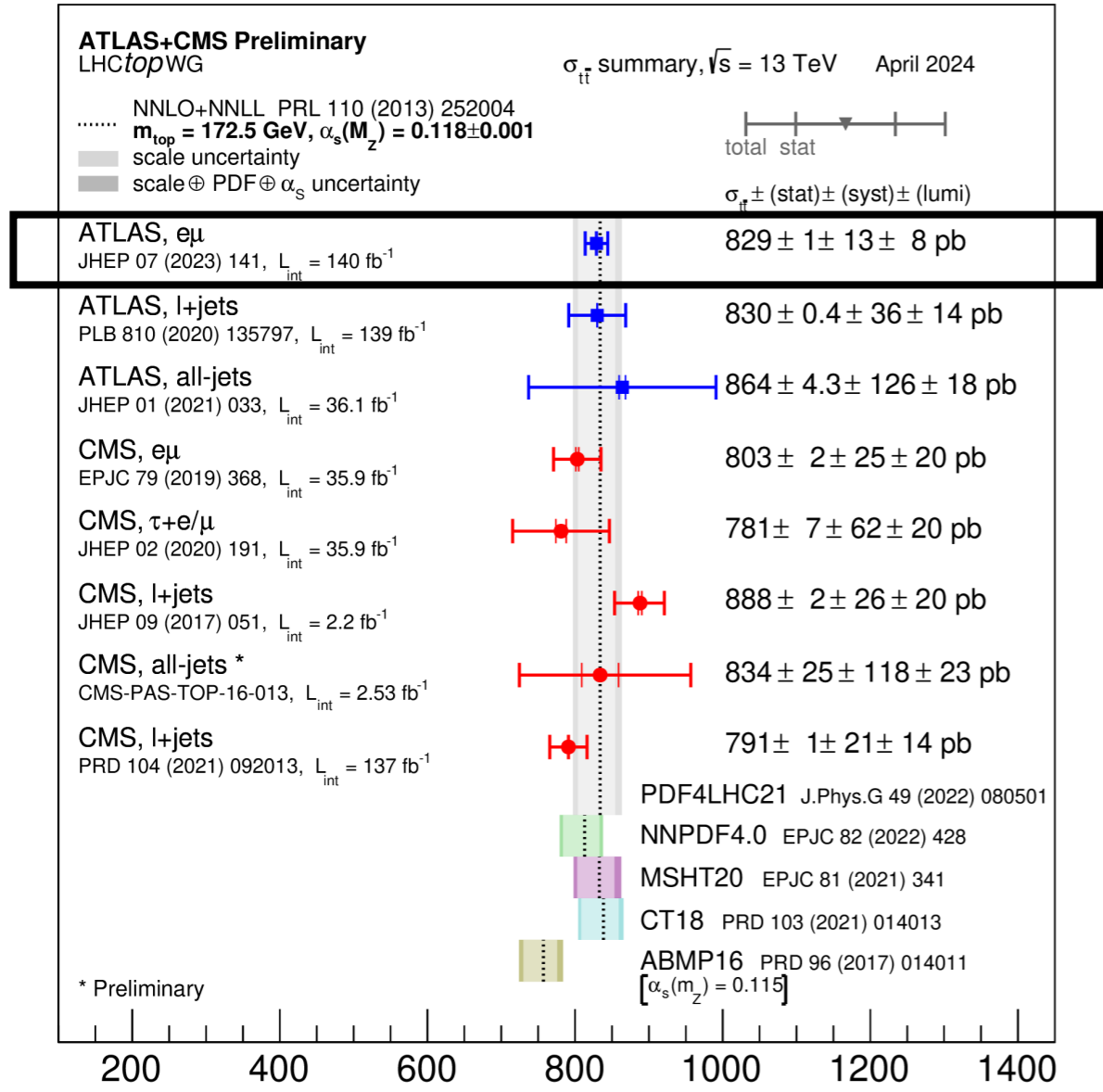
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Top quark pair production

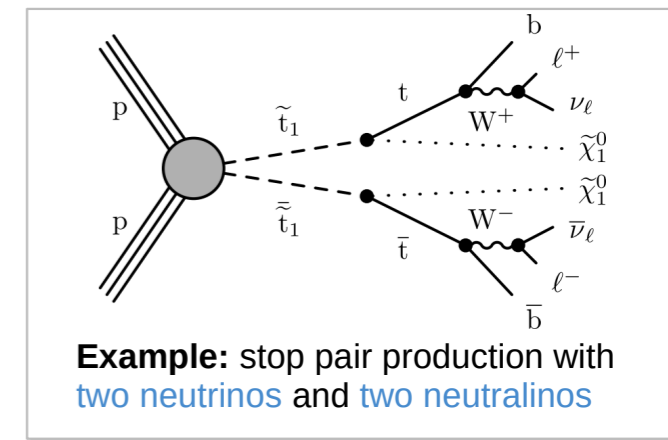
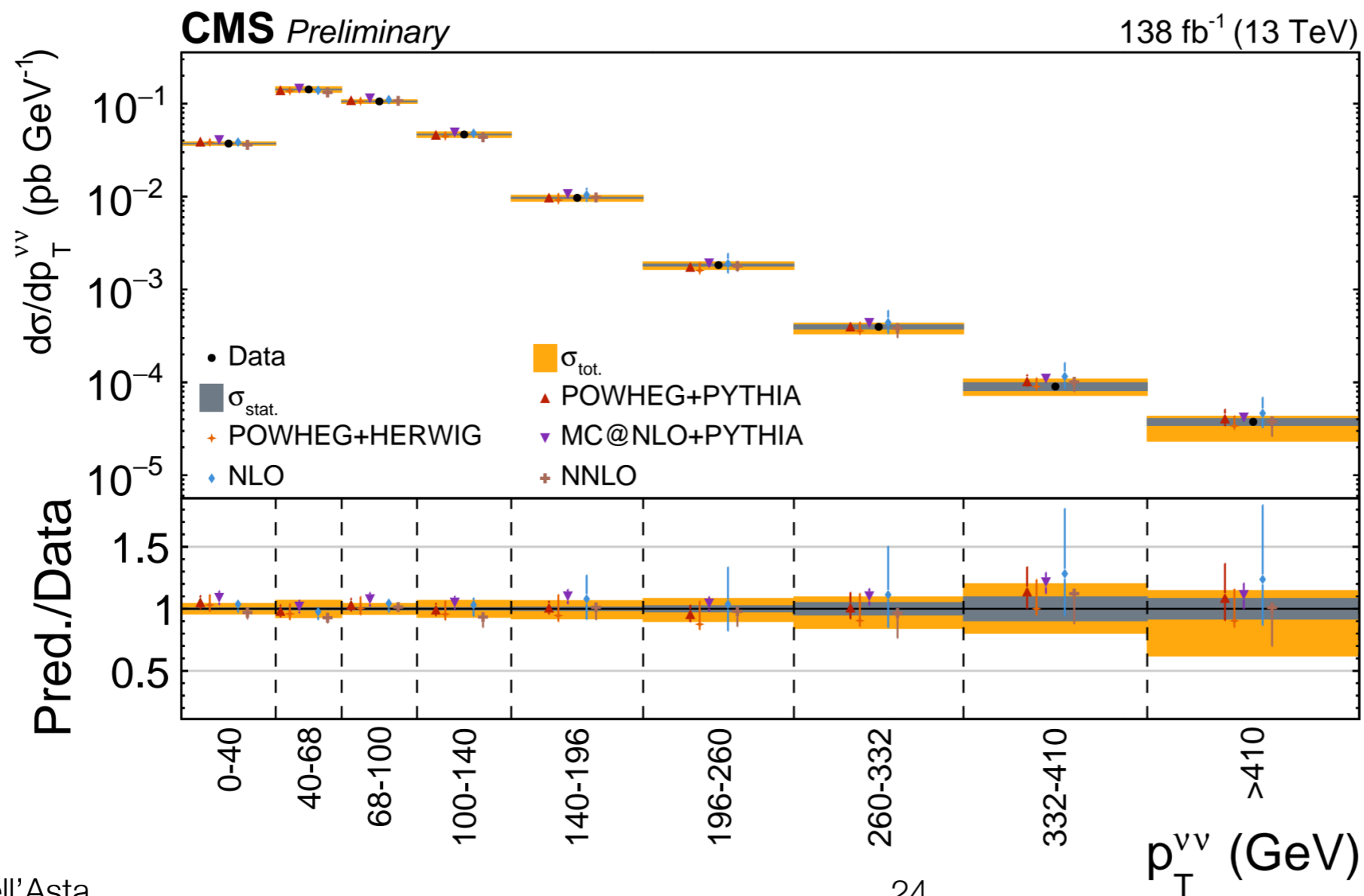
- Inclusive $t\bar{t}$ cross-section measurements** with experimental uncertainties comparable to theoretical ones
 - ATLAS, Run2, in the $e\mu$ channel reaching 1.8% uncertainty: luminosity is the main single source of uncertainty



Source of uncertainty	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{fid}} / \sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{fid}}$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}} / \sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ [%]
Data statistics	0.15	0.15
MC statistics	0.04	0.04
Matrix element	0.12	0.16
h_{damp} variation	0.01	0.01
Parton shower	0.08	0.22
$t\bar{t}$ + heavy flavour	0.34	0.34
Top p_T reweighting	0.19	0.58
Parton distribution functions	0.04	0.43
Initial-state radiation	0.11	0.37
Final-state radiation	0.29	0.35
Electron energy scale	0.10	0.10
Electron efficiency	0.37	0.37
Electron isolation (in situ)	0.51	0.51
Muon momentum scale	0.13	0.13
Muon reconstruction efficiency	0.35	0.35
Muon isolation (in situ)	0.33	0.33
Lepton trigger efficiency	0.05	0.05
Vertex association efficiency	0.03	0.03
Jet energy scale & resolution	0.10	0.10
b -tagging efficiency	0.07	0.07
$t\bar{t}/Wt$ interference	0.37	0.37
Wt cross-section	0.52	0.52
Diboson background	0.34	0.34
$t\bar{t}V$ and $t\bar{t}H$	0.03	0.03
Z + jets background	0.05	0.05
Misidentified leptons	0.32	0.32
Beam energy	0.23	0.23
Luminosity	0.93	0.93
Total uncertainty	1.6	1.8

Top quark pair production

- **Differential** and double-differential $t\bar{t}$ cross-section measurements as a function of several lepton kinematic variables
 - CMS, Run2, now looking also at the invisible part of the event: differential measurement w.r.t. $\nu\nu$ system kinematics in $e\mu$ final state
 - DNN to improve E_T^{miss} measurement
 - New mean of distinguishing SM vs BSM scenarios



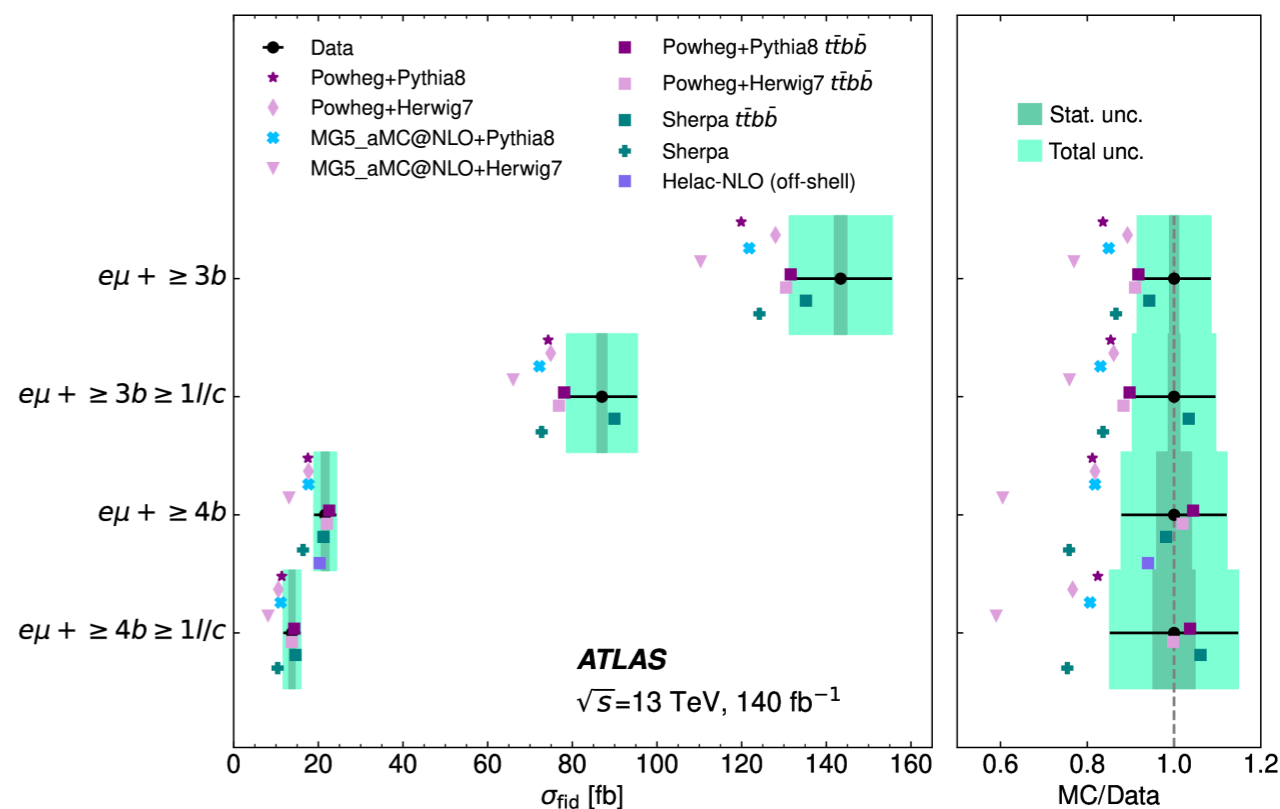
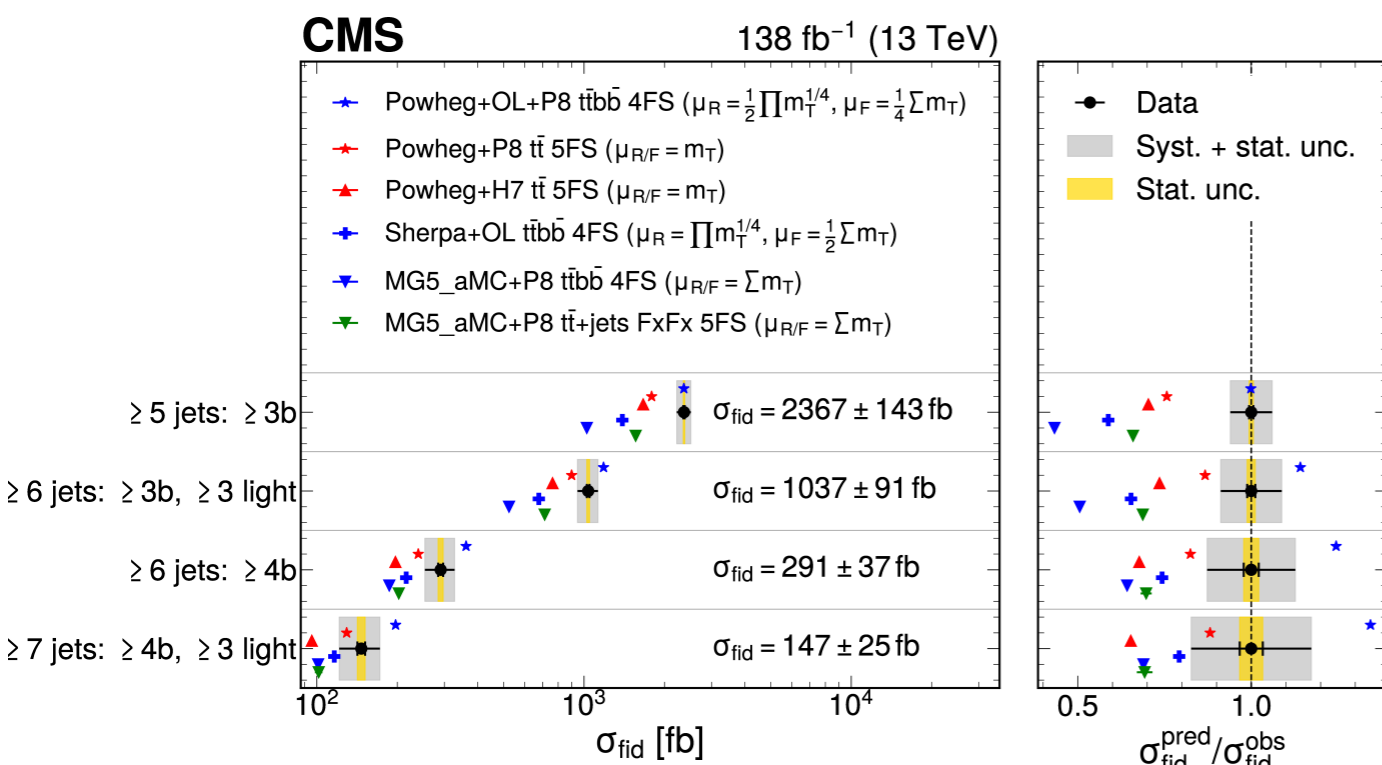
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Top quark pair + heavy flavour jets

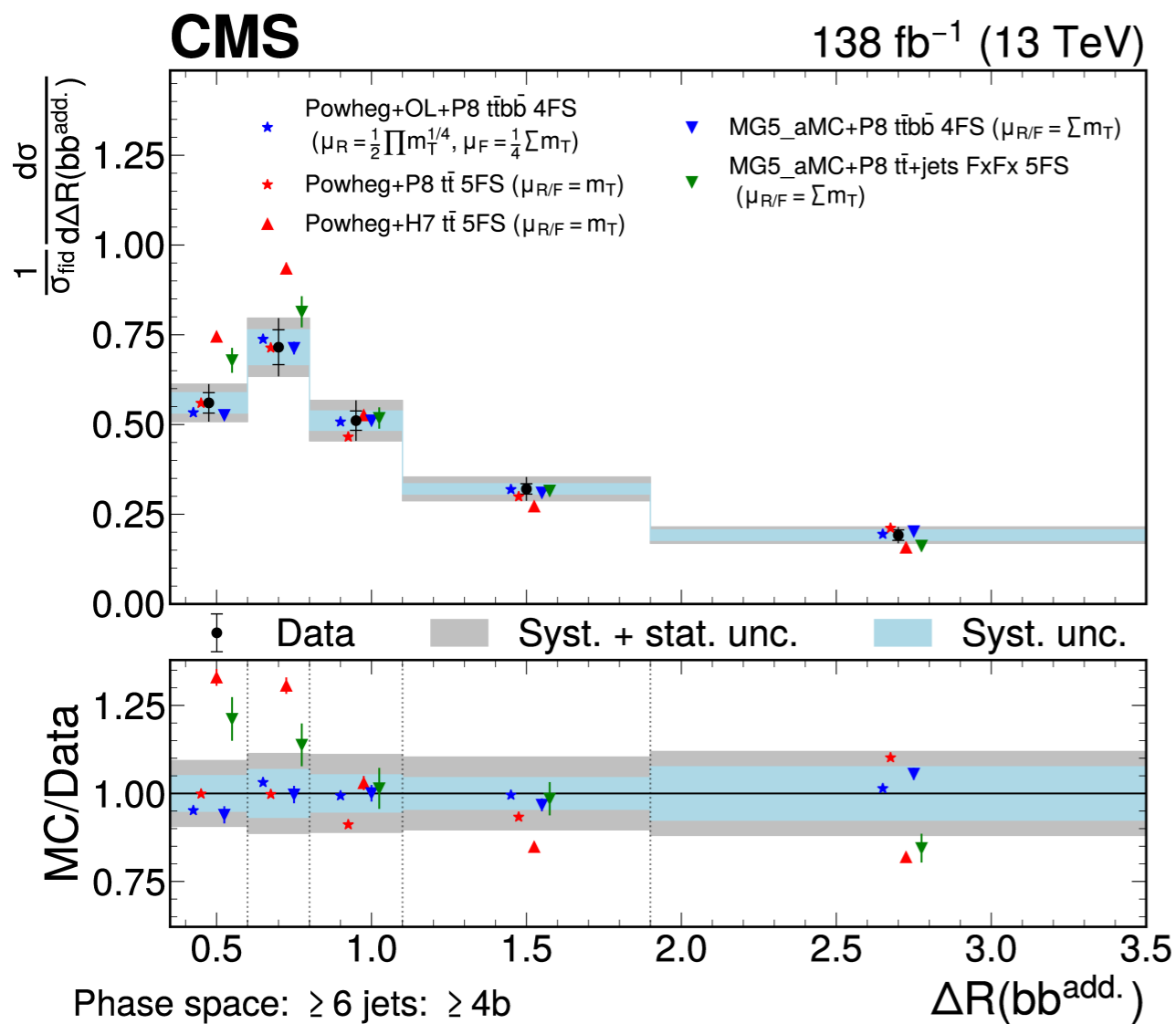
- $t\bar{t}$ + heavy flavour jets important irreducible background to $t\bar{t}H(bb)$ and difficult to simulate
- Extensive differential cross-section measurements, both in $e\mu$ (ATLAS) and $l+jets$ (CMS) channels

CMS - $l+jets$

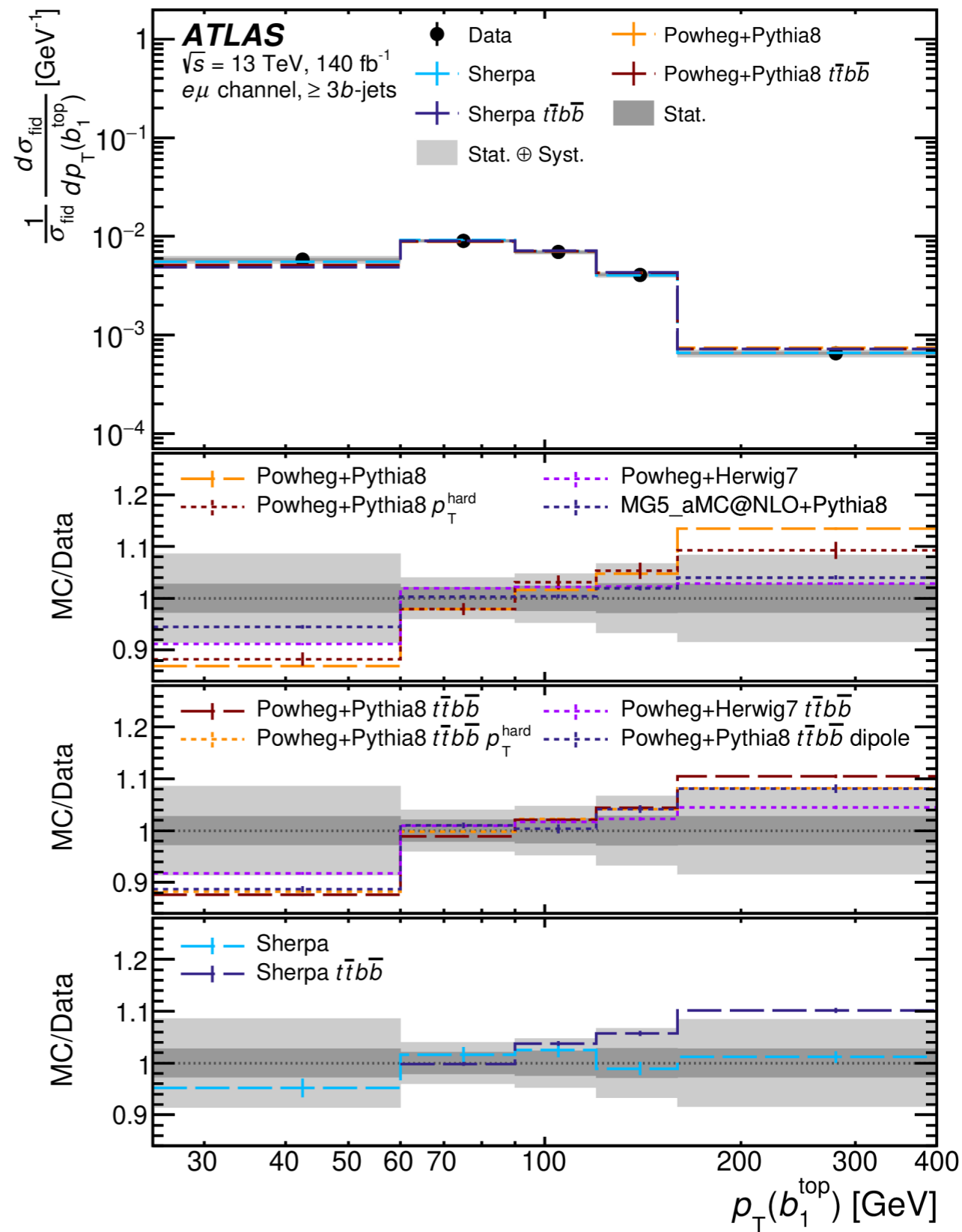
ATLAS - $e\mu$



Top quark pair + heavy flavour jets



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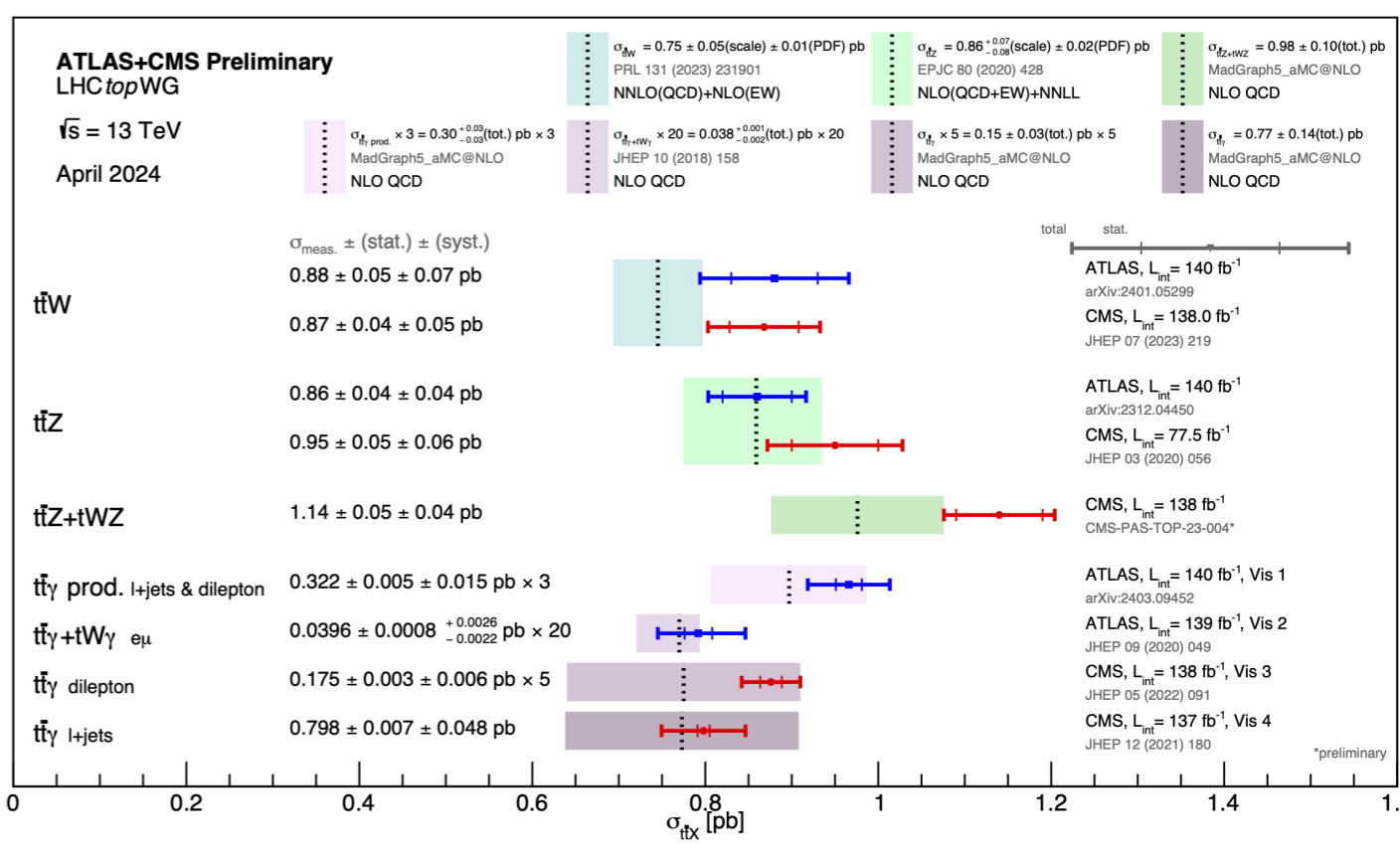
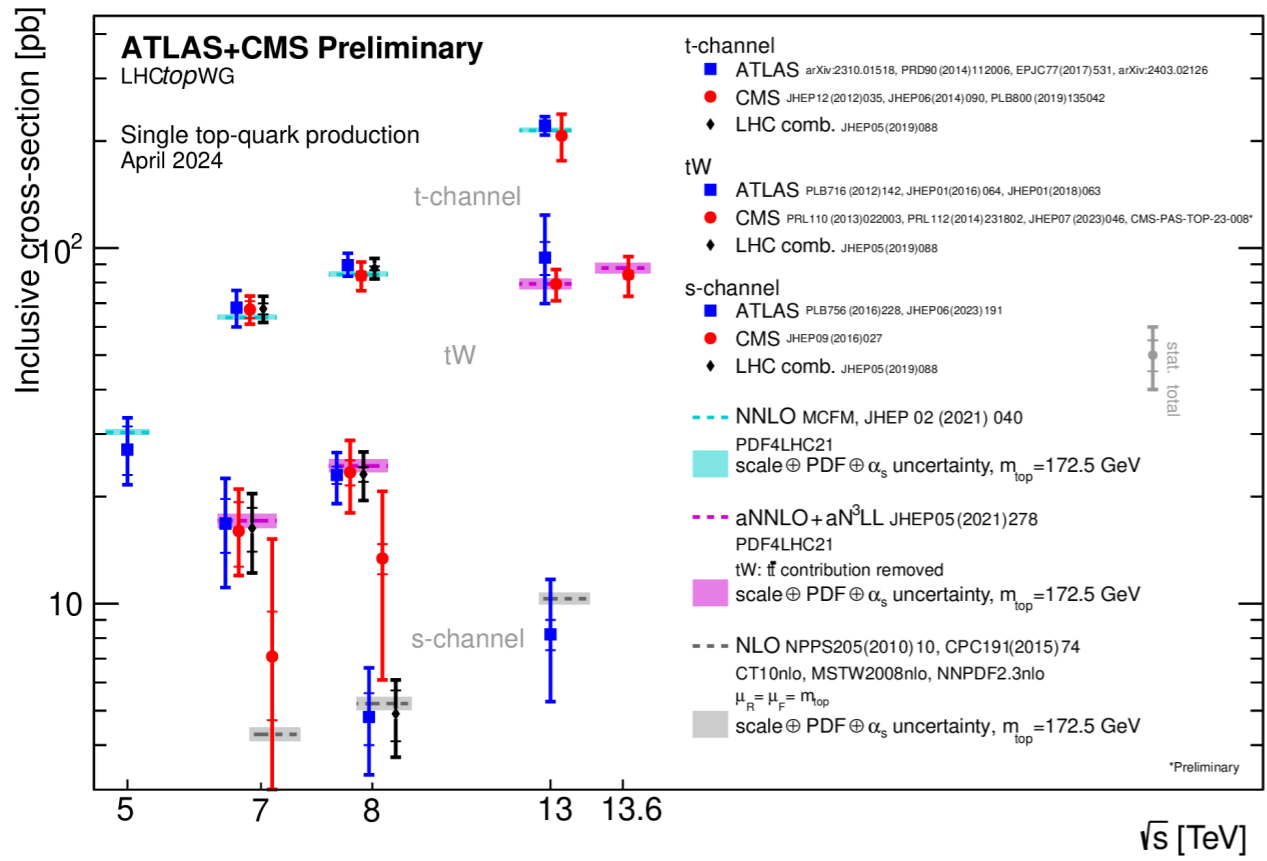


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Single top quark and associated productions

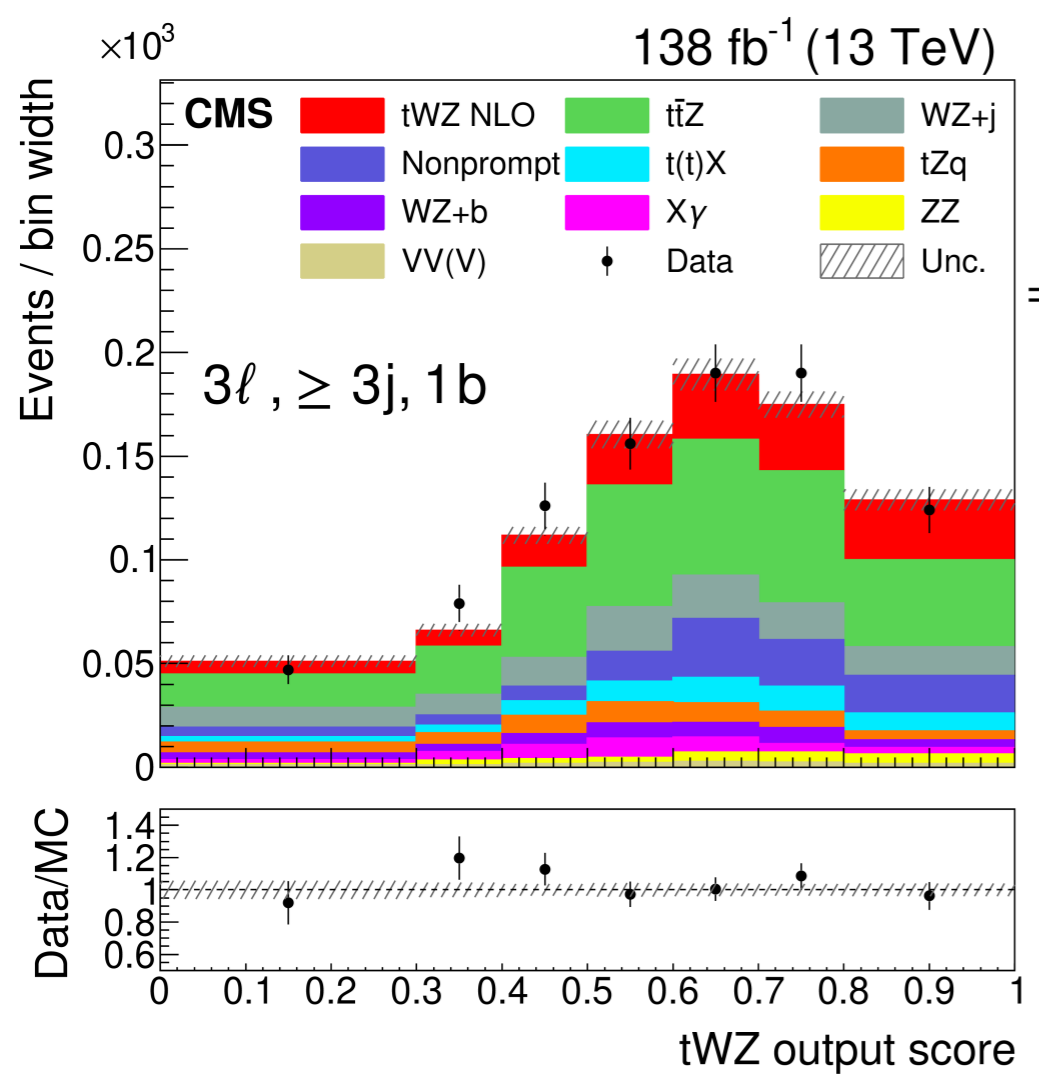


- All three main **single top quark** production channels measured at all \sqrt{s}
 - Both inclusive and differential cross-section measurements
 - Some recent results:
 - measurement of tW at 13 TeV [ATLAS, [arxiv:2407.15594](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.15594)]
 - measurement of tW at 13.6 TeV [CMS, [CMS-PAS-TOP-23-008](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.008)]
- **Rare** associated productions, $t\bar{t}+X$ and $t+X$ ($X = W, Z, \gamma$) measured as well
 - recent $t\bar{t}\gamma$ inclusive and differential measurement [ATLAS, [arxiv:2403.09452](https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.09452)]
 - 5 to 10% precision on $t\bar{t}\gamma$, $t\bar{t}Z$ and $t\bar{t}W$ inclusive cross-sections

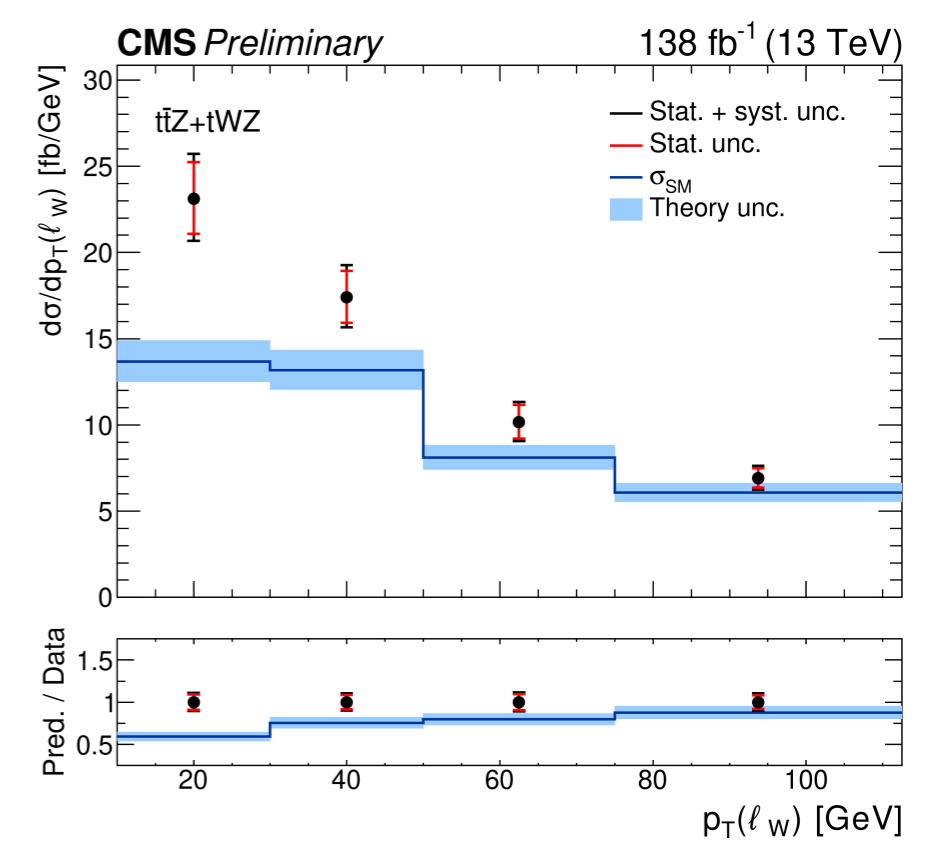
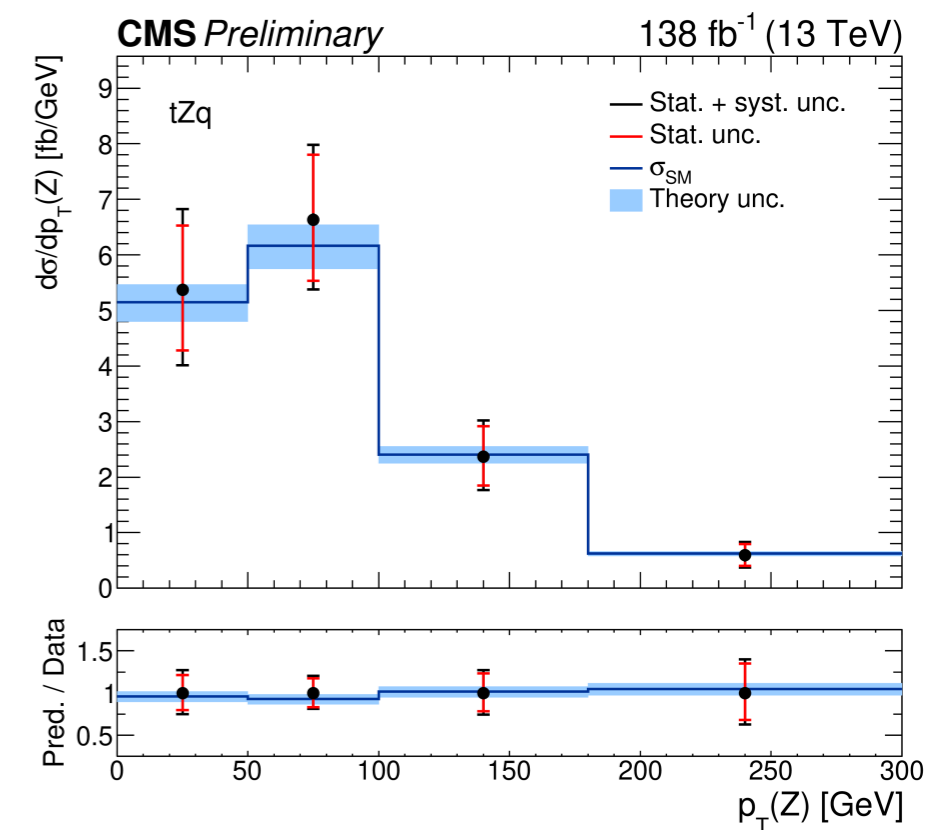
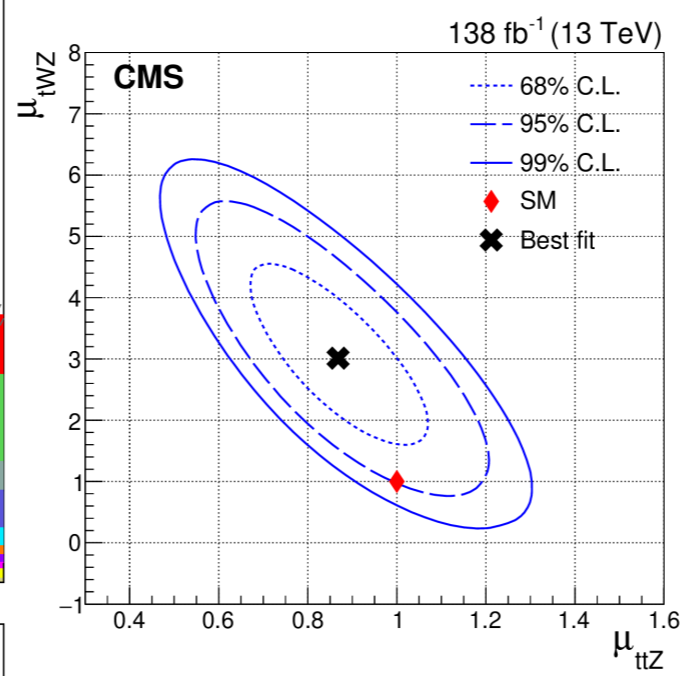


Rare processes - $t\bar{t}Z$, tZq and tWZ

- $t\bar{t}Z$, tZq and tWZ : all the ways to study t-Z coupling
 - tWZ interferes with $t\bar{t}Z$ at NLO (like $t\bar{t}$ and tW)
- Evidence for **tWZ** production, with 3.4σ observed significance
 - Cross-section 2σ from SM prediction (136 fb @13TeV)
- Differential measurements of all three processes



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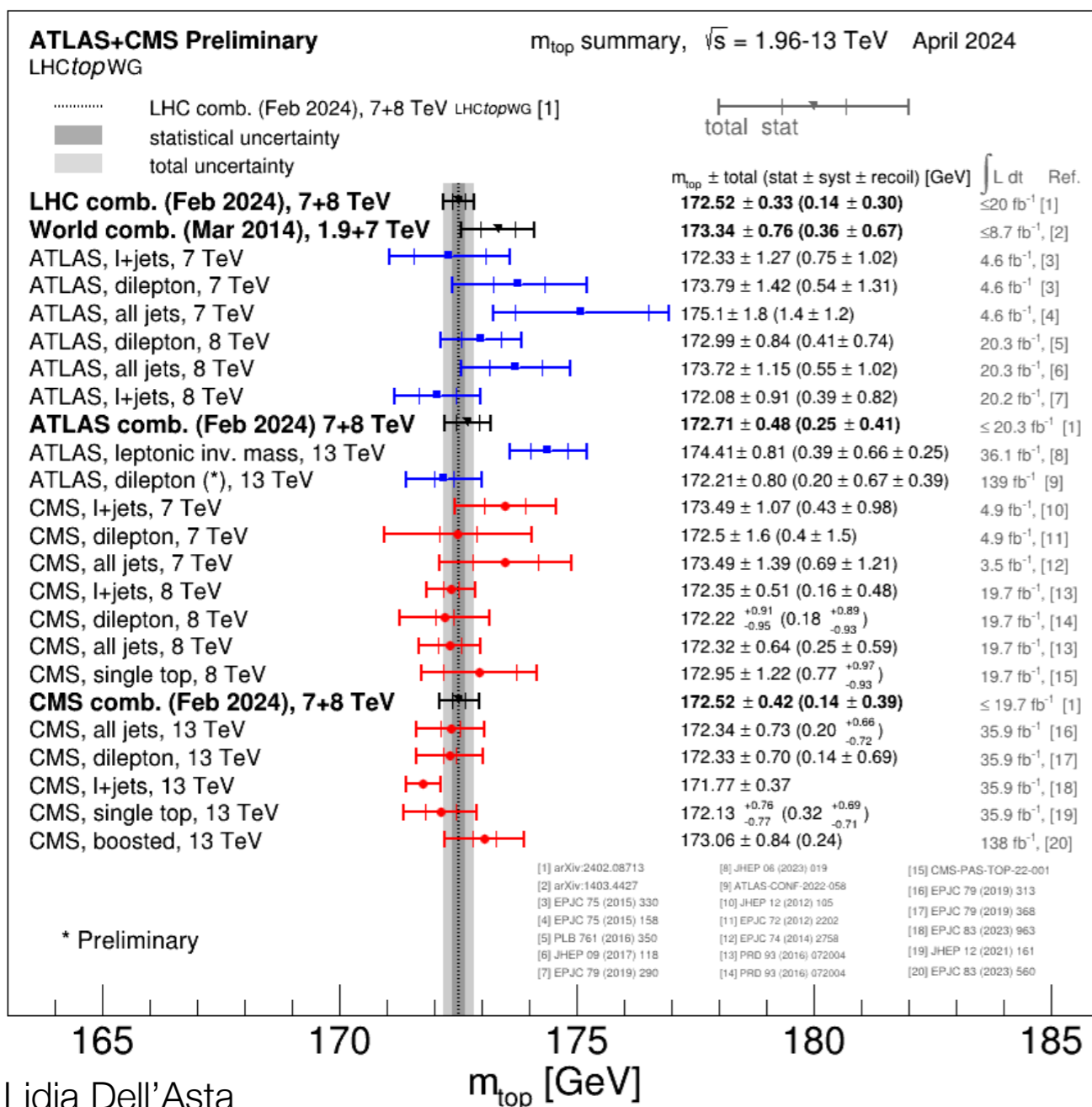


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Top quark mass

- Indirect measurements from cross section measurements (~1% precision)
- Direct measurements from top quark decay products
 - Boosted topologies and alternative methods (soft muon in jet) also explored
- New ATLAS + CMS combination
 - 15 measurements from Run1 both at 7 and 8 TeV

Uncertainty category	Uncertainty impact [GeV]		
	LHC	ATLAS	CMS
b-JES	0.18	0.17	0.25
b tagging	0.09	0.16	0.03
ME generator	0.08	0.13	0.14
JES 1	0.08	0.18	0.06
JES 2	0.08	0.11	0.10
Method	0.07	0.06	0.09
CMS b hadron B	0.07	—	0.12
QCD radiation	0.06	0.07	0.10
Leptons	0.05	0.08	0.07
JER	0.05	0.09	0.02
CMS top quark p_T	0.05	—	0.07
Background (data)	0.05	0.04	0.06
Color reconnection	0.04	0.08	0.03
Underlying event	0.04	0.03	0.05
g-JES	0.03	0.02	0.04
Background (MC)	0.03	0.07	0.01
Other	0.03	0.06	0.01
l-JES	0.03	0.01	0.05
CMS JES 1	0.03	—	0.04
Pileup	0.03	0.07	0.03
JES 3	0.02	0.07	0.01
Hadronization	0.02	0.01	0.01
p_T^{miss}	0.02	0.04	0.01
PDF	0.02	0.06	<0.01
Trigger	0.01	0.01	0.01
Total systematic	0.30	0.41	0.39
Statistical	0.14	0.25	0.14
Total	0.33	0.48	0.42



$$m_t = 172.52 \pm 0.14 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.30 \text{ (syst.) GeV}$$

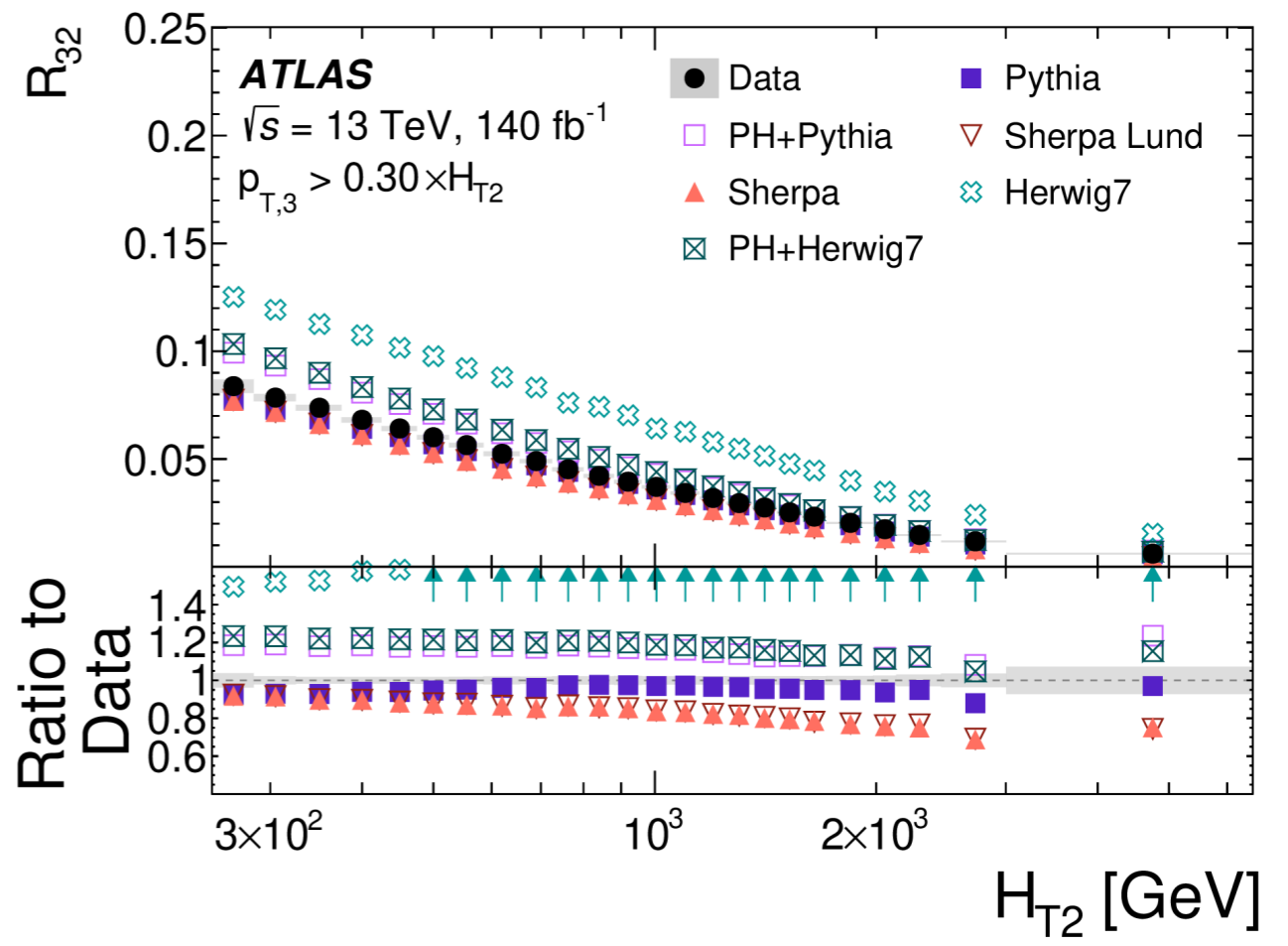
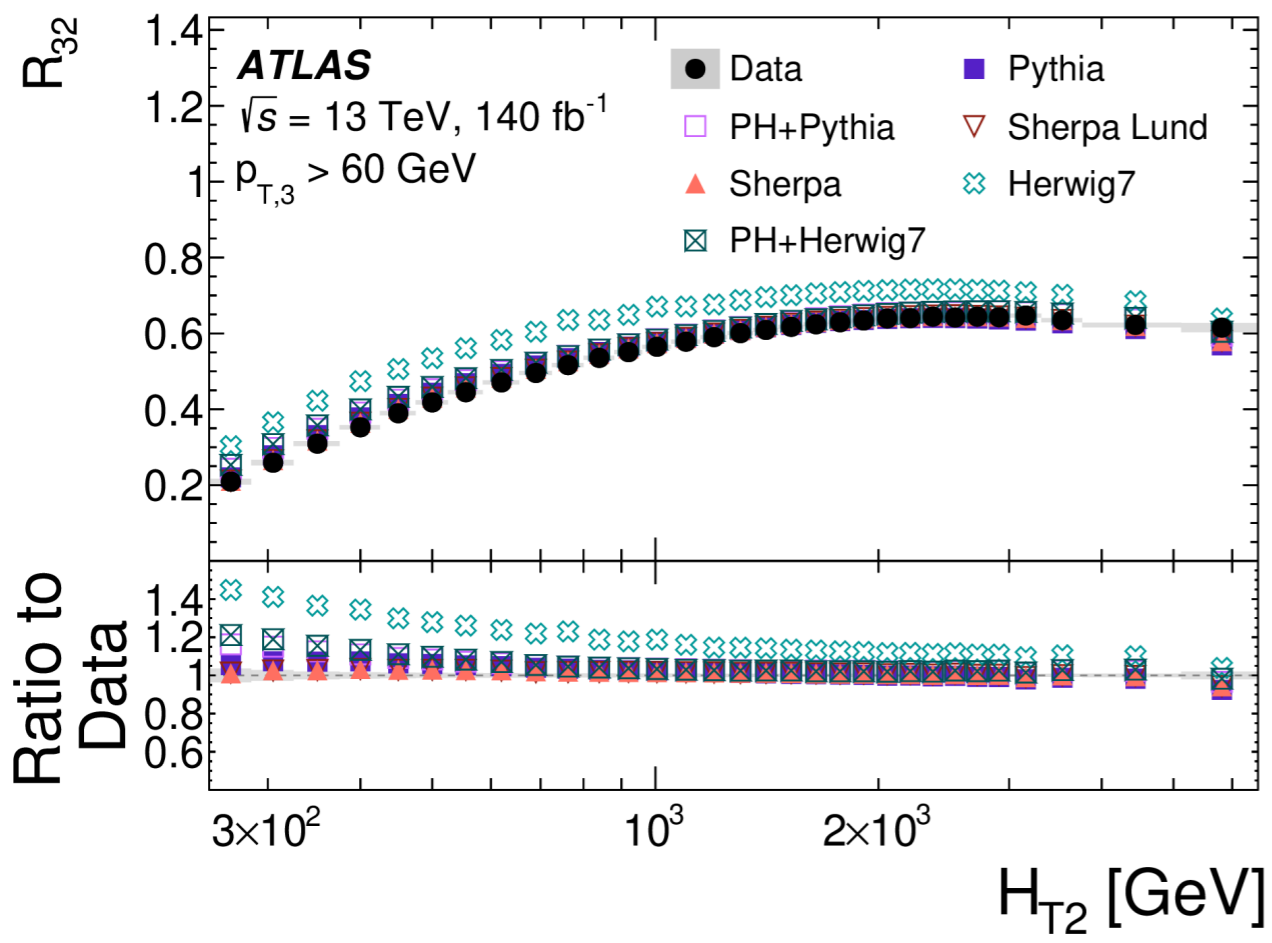
Conclusions

- ◉ Presented status of electroweak, Higgs boson and top quark physics at the LHC
- ◉ Huge amount of data collected allows to:
 - ◉ make precise measurements, e.g. W boson mass...
 - ◉ look for very rare processes, e.g. diHiggs, tWZ ...
- ◉ Usage of machine learning is boosting:
 - ◉ object identification, e.g. b -tagging
 - ◉ analysis strategies, e.g. systematics aware NN training
- ◉ Many other very interesting measurements (no time to show everything today), e.g.:
 - ◉ Lepton Flavour Universality tests [[arxiv:2403.02133](#), [PRD 105 \(2022\) 072008](#)]
 - ◉ 4tops observation [[EPJ C 83 \(2023\) 496](#), [PLB 847 \(2023\) 138290](#)]
- ◉ Run3 is ongoing
 - ◉ More data than Run2 already collected
 - ◉ Expect 300 fb^{-1} before next long shutdown before HL-LHC
- ◉ Stay tuned!

BackUp

Jet cross-section ratios

- Measurement of cross-sections and ratios of inclusive jet multiplicity bins, as a function of various observables
 - Then construct ratios of the inclusive jet-multiplicity bins, sensitive to α_s
- Good description by Pythia of $R_{3/2}$ vs H_{T2} at low and high scales.



[arxiv:2405.20206](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.20206)