

Les rencontres de Moriond 2024 (EW)

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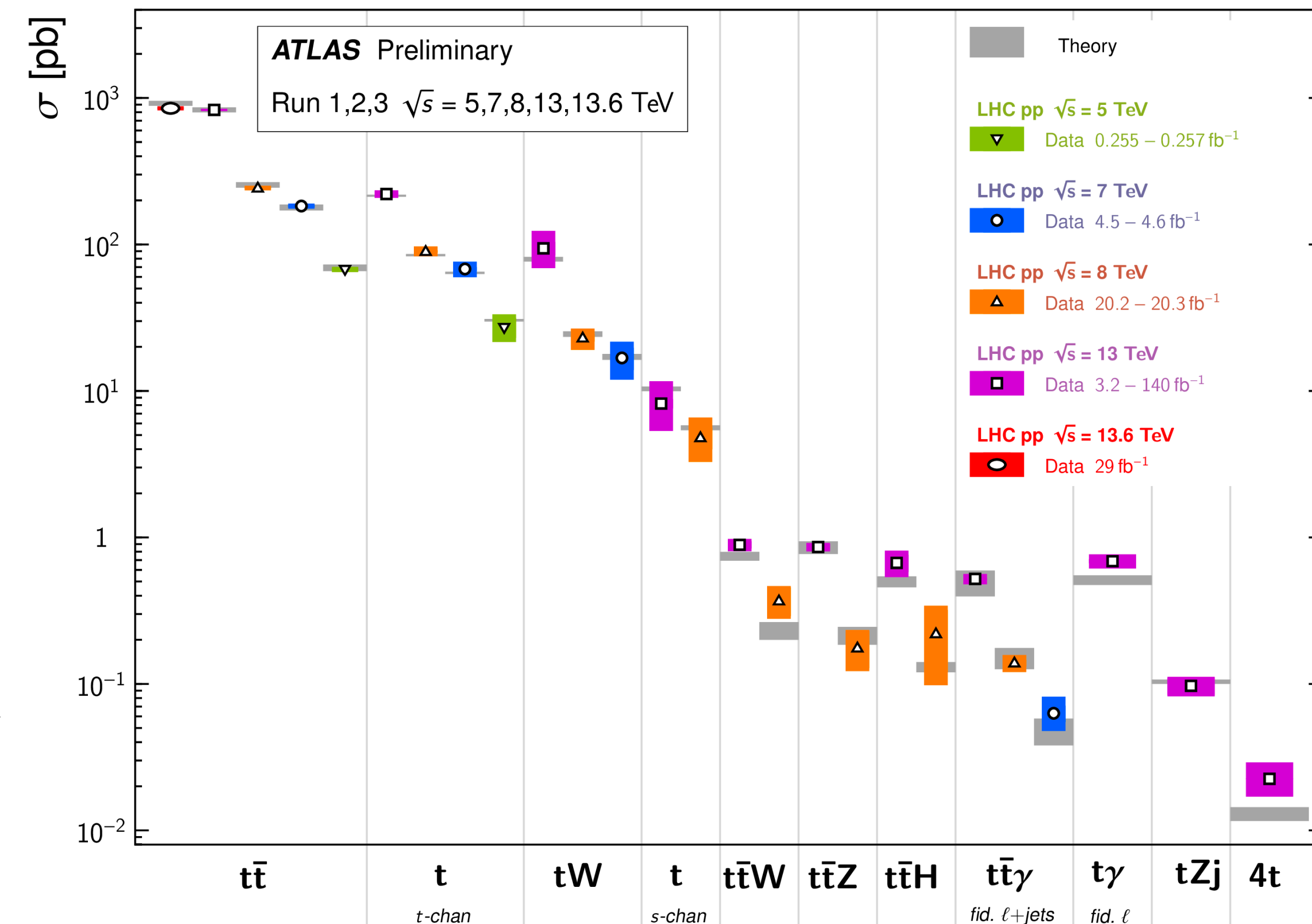
Top Associated Production in ATLAS and CMS

The Frontiers of Top Quark Production at the LHC

- ▶ **Variety of processes** with differing cross-sections, some of which are notably small at the LHC.
- ▶ **Probing Top Quark Couplings** for understanding Electroweak Symmetry Breaking (EWSB) and searching for new physics.
- ▶ **EFT Operators Spectrum:** Sensitive to a wide range of Effective Field Theory (EFT) operators, including t-V vertices and four-fermion vertices.
- ▶ **Increasing Precision:** Despite often small cross-sections, the accumulating data from LHC enables probing of smaller processes with enhanced precision.
- ▶ **BSM Contributions:** Numerous possibilities for Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) contributions that could modify top quark couplings.
- ▶ **Discussed Today:** $t\bar{t}Z$, tWZ , $t\bar{t}W$, $t\bar{t}\gamma$, tW new since Moriond 2023

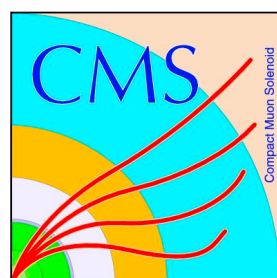
Top Quark Production Cross Section Measurements

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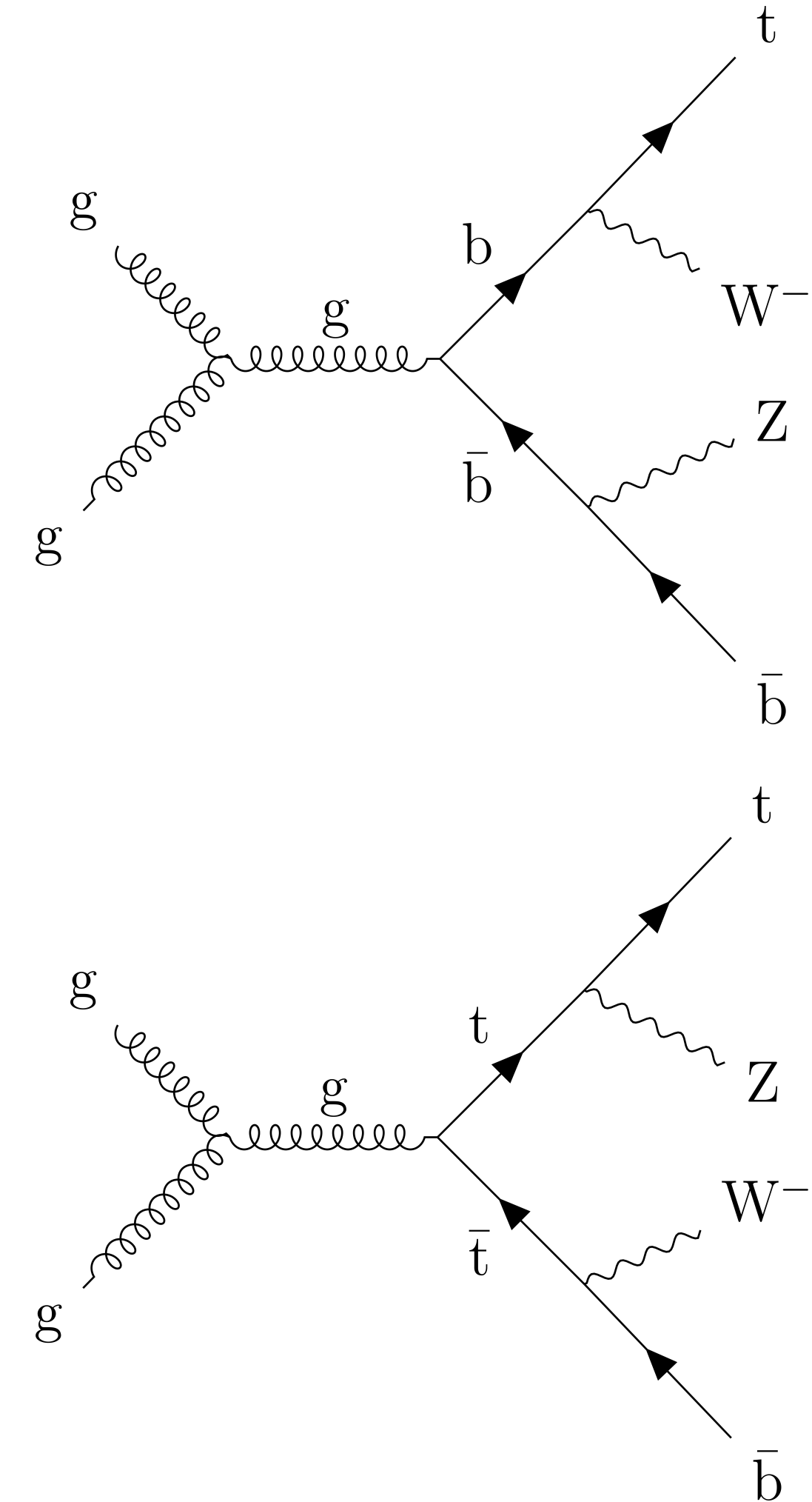


tWZ production

- ▶ **Probing** tZ and tW couplings, could be impacted by BSM physics
- ▶ **Interference at NLO in QCD:** some diagrams of the $t\bar{t}Z$ interfere with the tWZ at NLO QCD.
- ▶ **Theoretical predictions vs measurements:** compare measurement with theoretical predictions at full next-to-leading order (NLO)

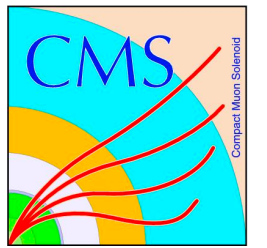


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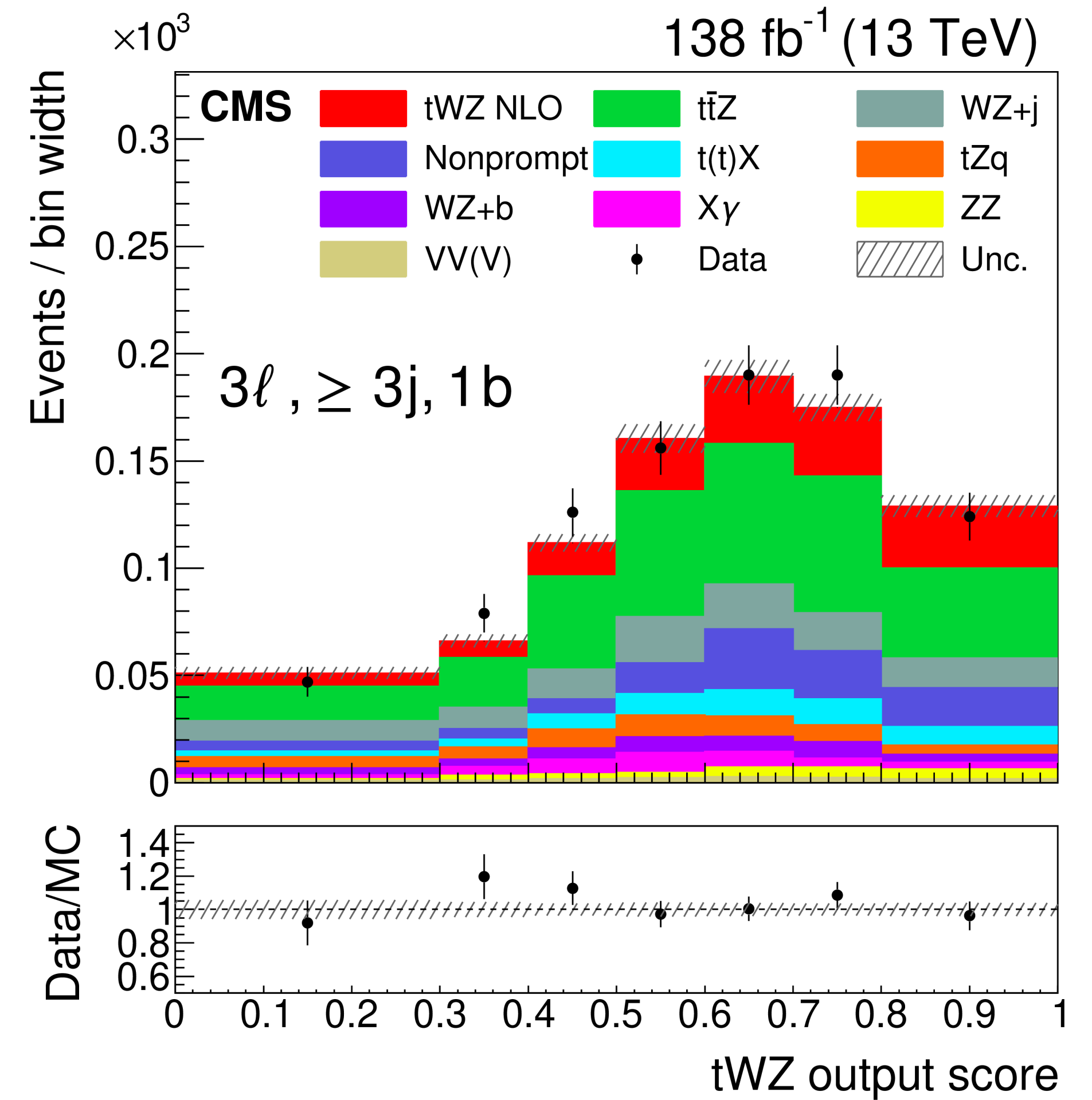
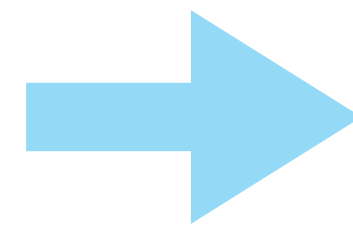


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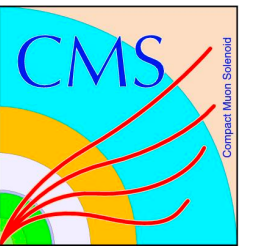
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- ▶ **Employment of DNN classification** to enhance differentiation between the tWZ process and backgrounds.
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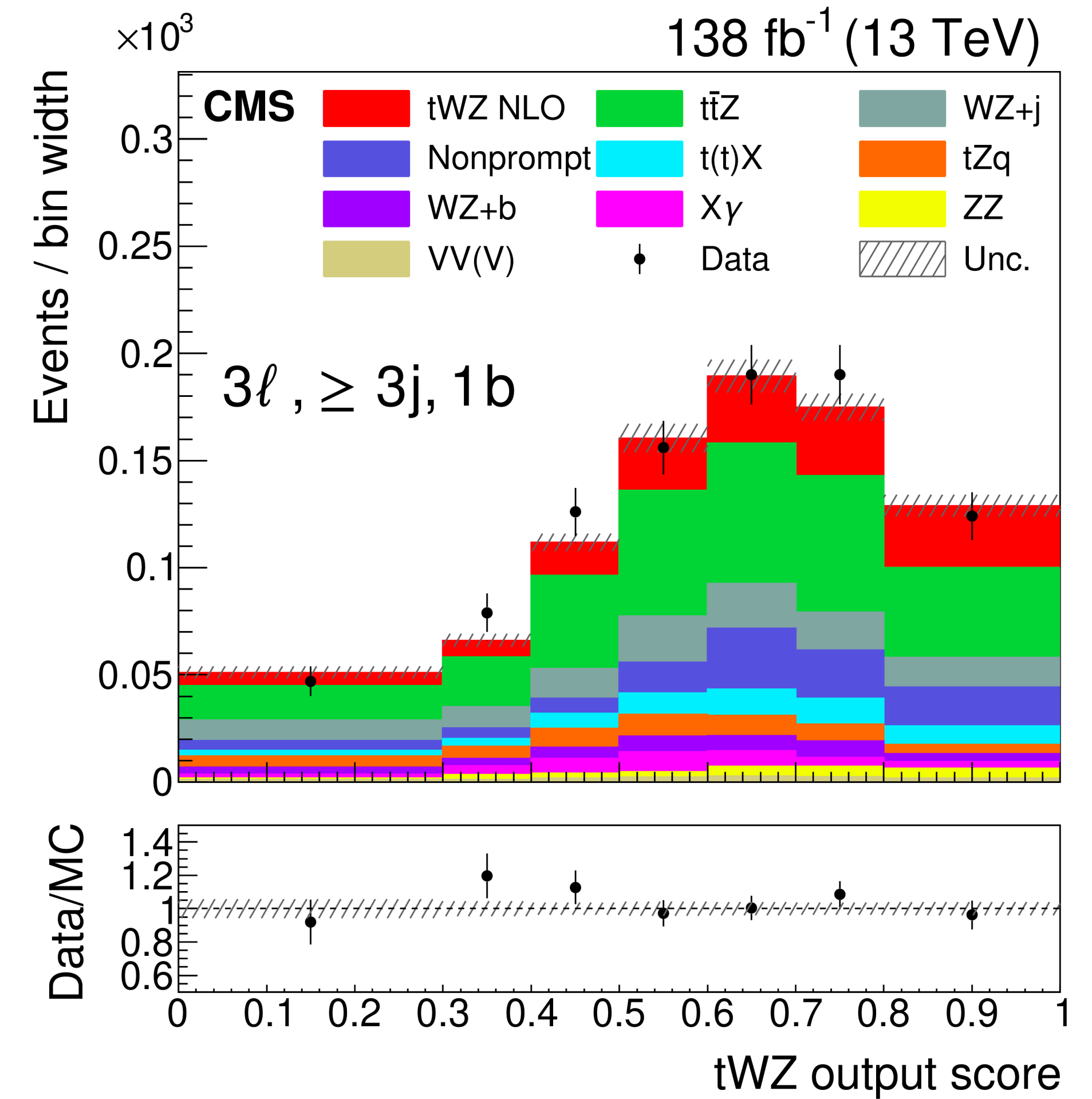
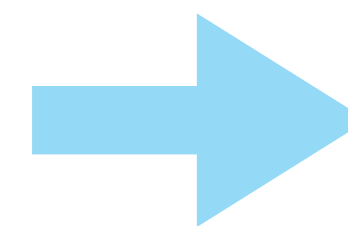
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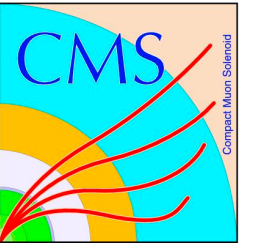
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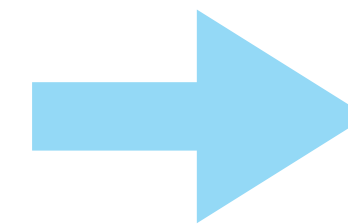
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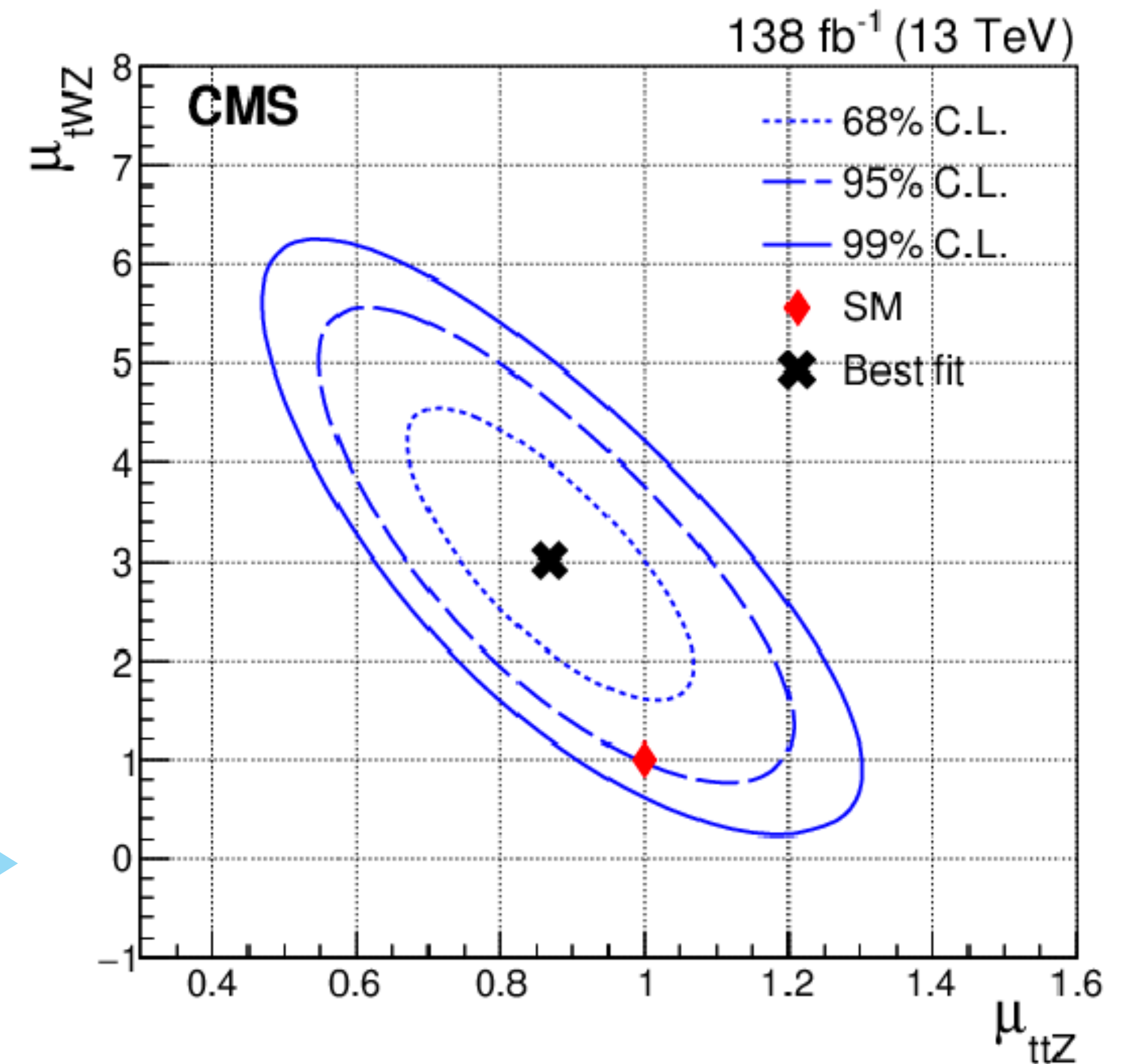
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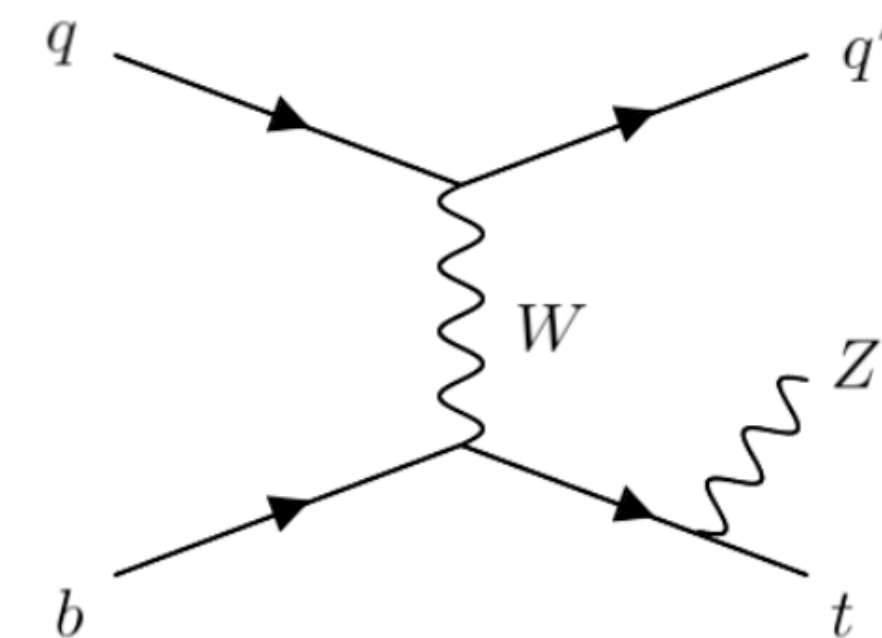
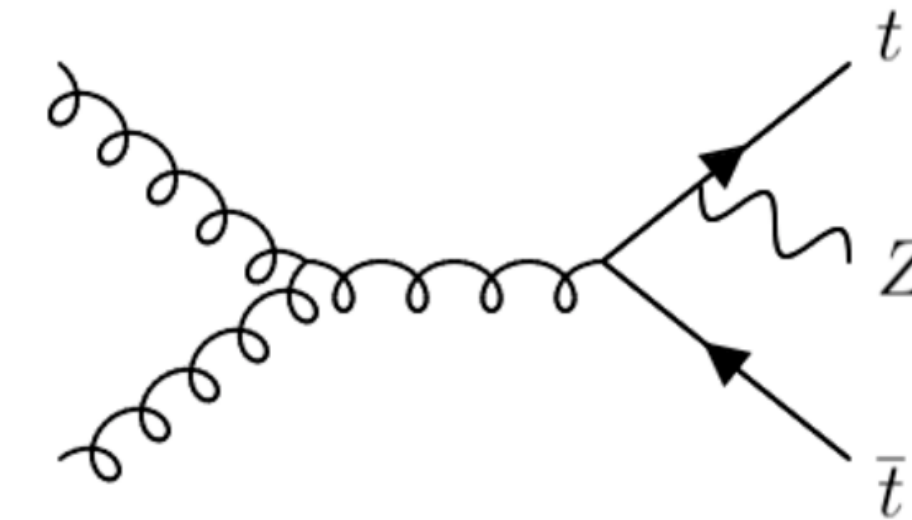


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ttZ, tWZ, tZq production

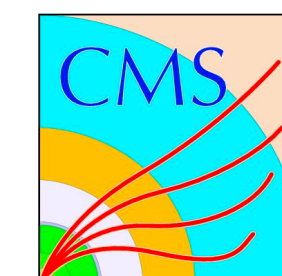
- ▶ **Constraining top-Z and top-W Couplings:** could be impacted by BSM physics.
- ▶ **ttZ in rare-Top analyses and BSM Searches:** is an irreducible background in several searches
- ▶ **Theoretical predictions vs measurements:** compare measurement with theoretical predictions at full next-to-leading order (NLO), including EW corrections, and enhanced by NNLL accuracy resummation.



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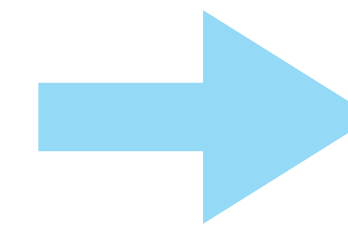


[CMS-PAS-TOP-23-004](#) (2024) → $t\bar{t}Z, tWZ, tZ$

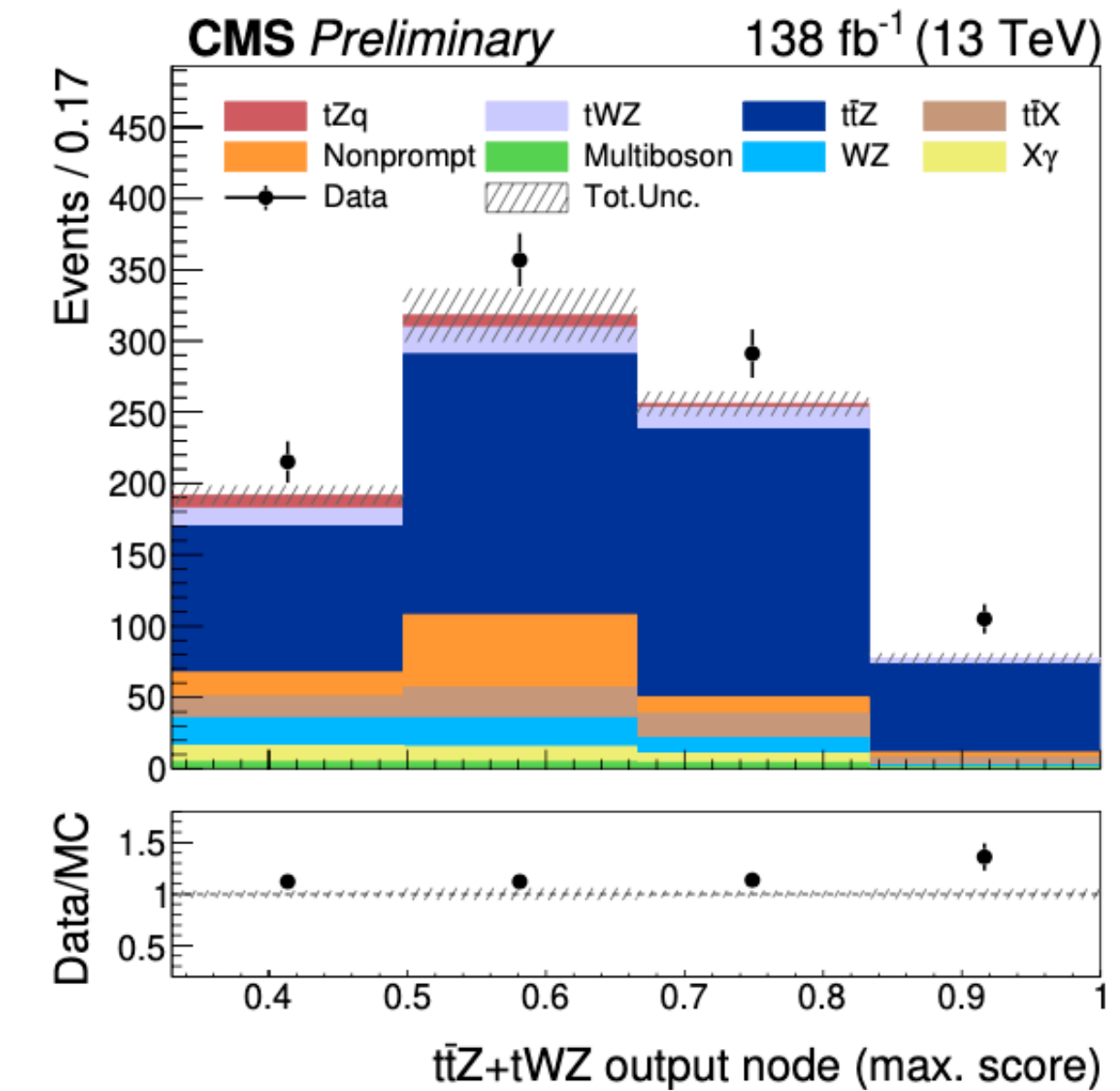
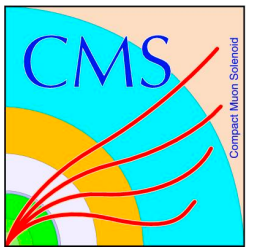
▶ cf. Federica Colombina's talk

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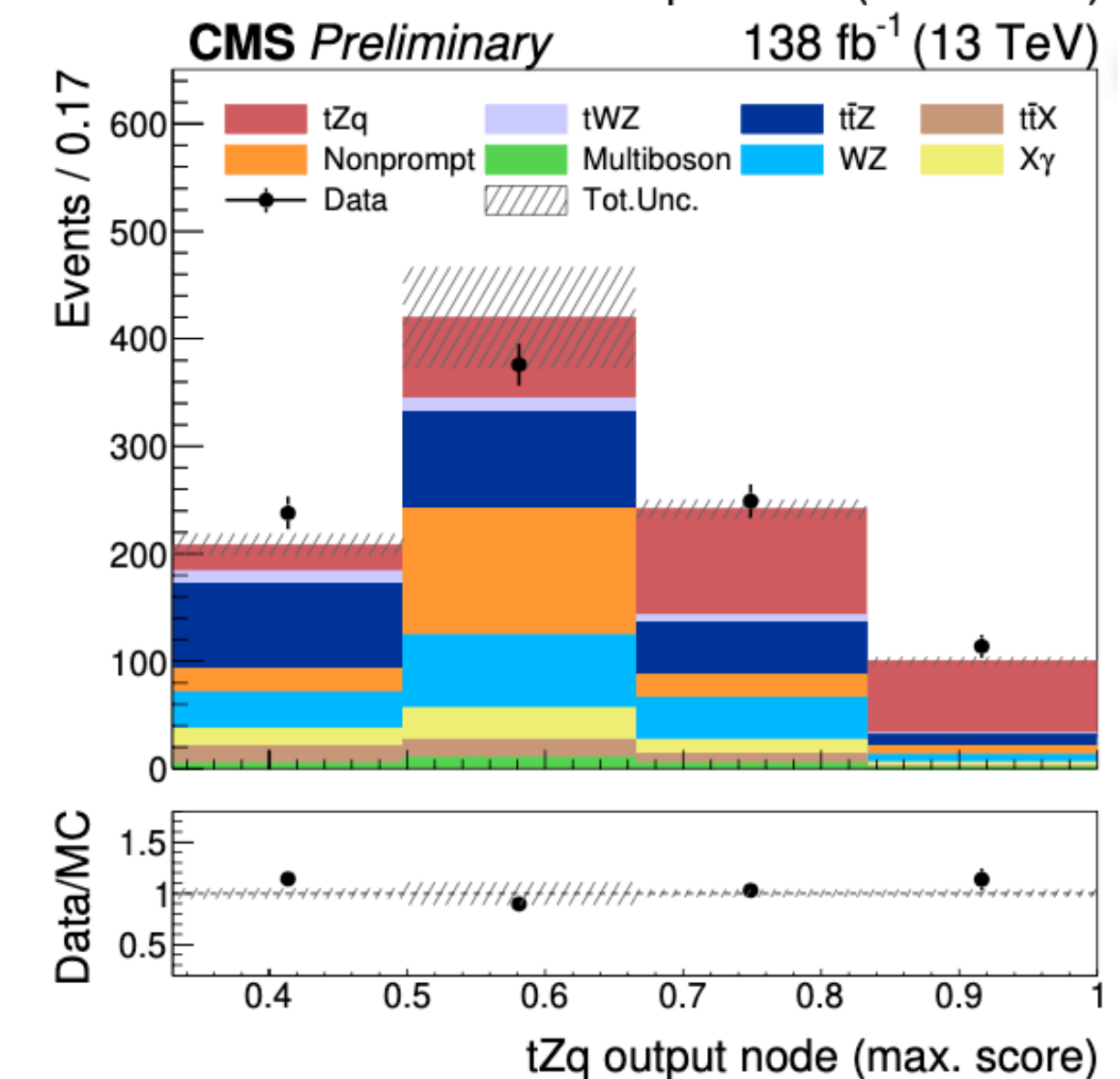
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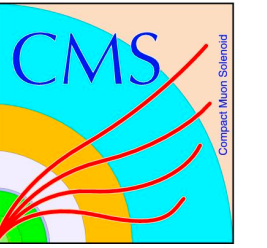


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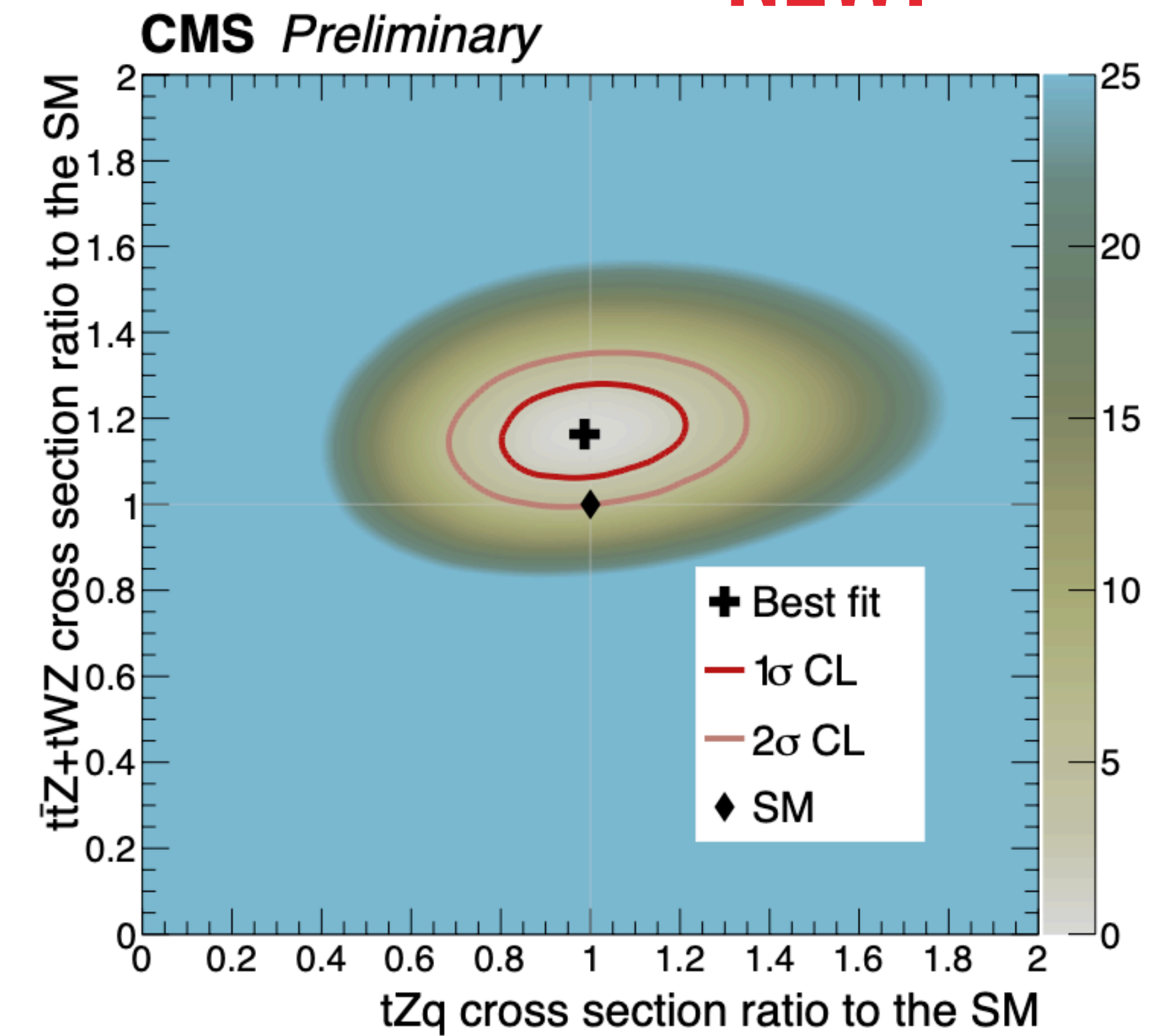
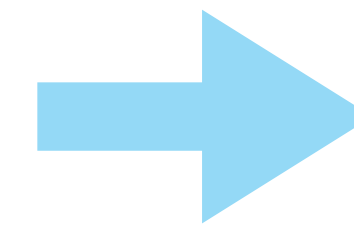
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$$\sigma(t\bar{t}Z + tWZ) = 1.14 \pm 0.05 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.04 \text{ (syst)} \text{ pb}$$

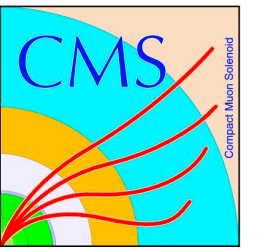
$$\sigma(tZq) = 0.81 \pm 0.07 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.06 \text{ (syst)} \text{ pb}$$

tZq measurement in agreement with SM predictions

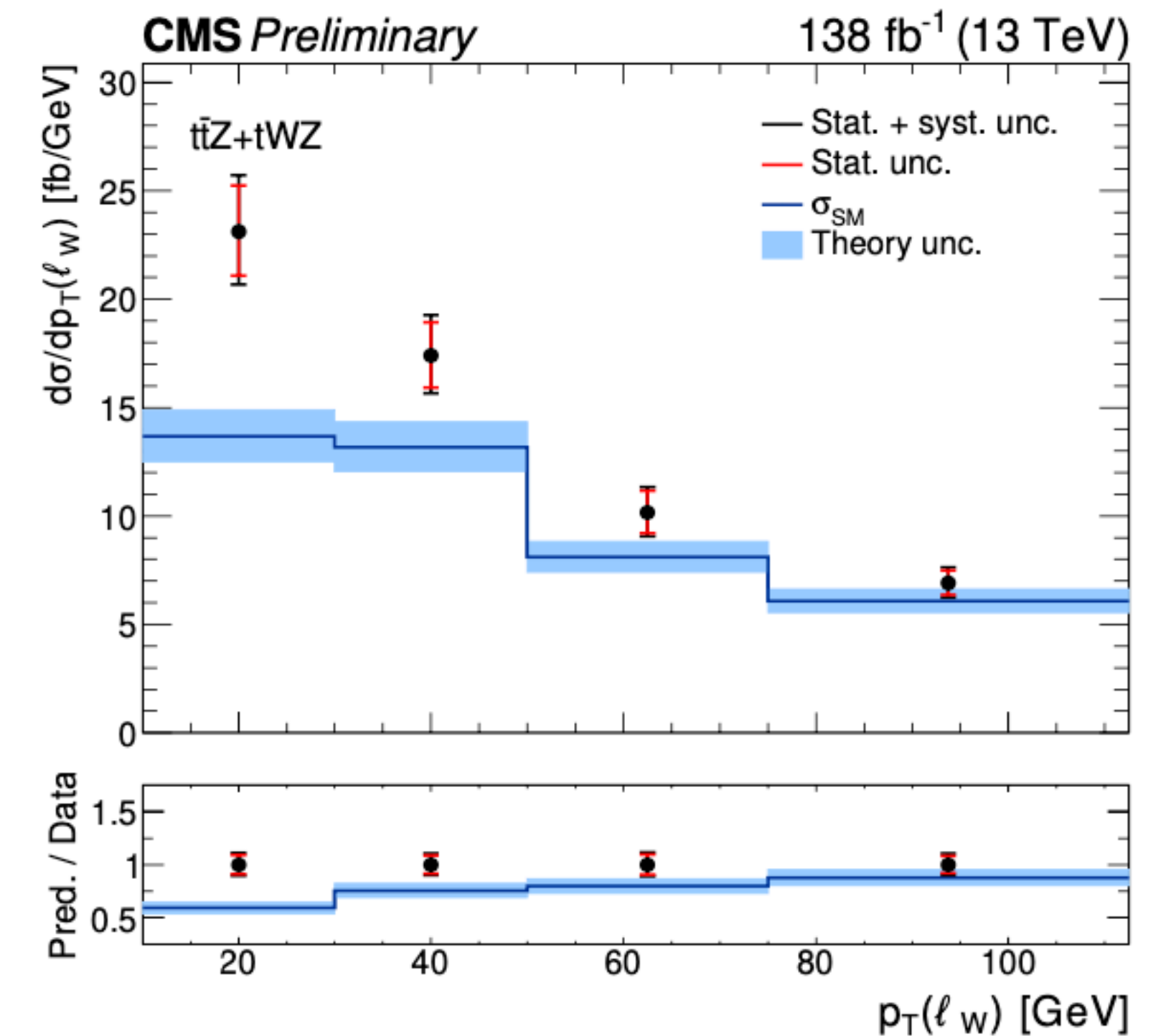
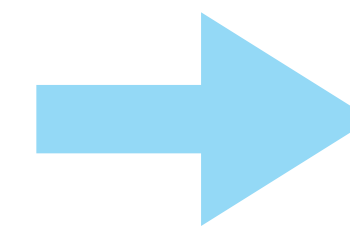
$t\bar{t}Z + tWZ$ measurement in tension with SM predictions

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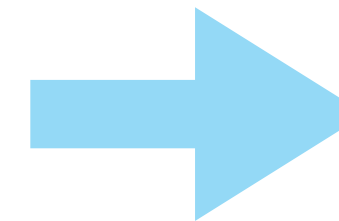


$t\bar{t}Z + tWZ$ measurement: higher tension at low top lepton p_T

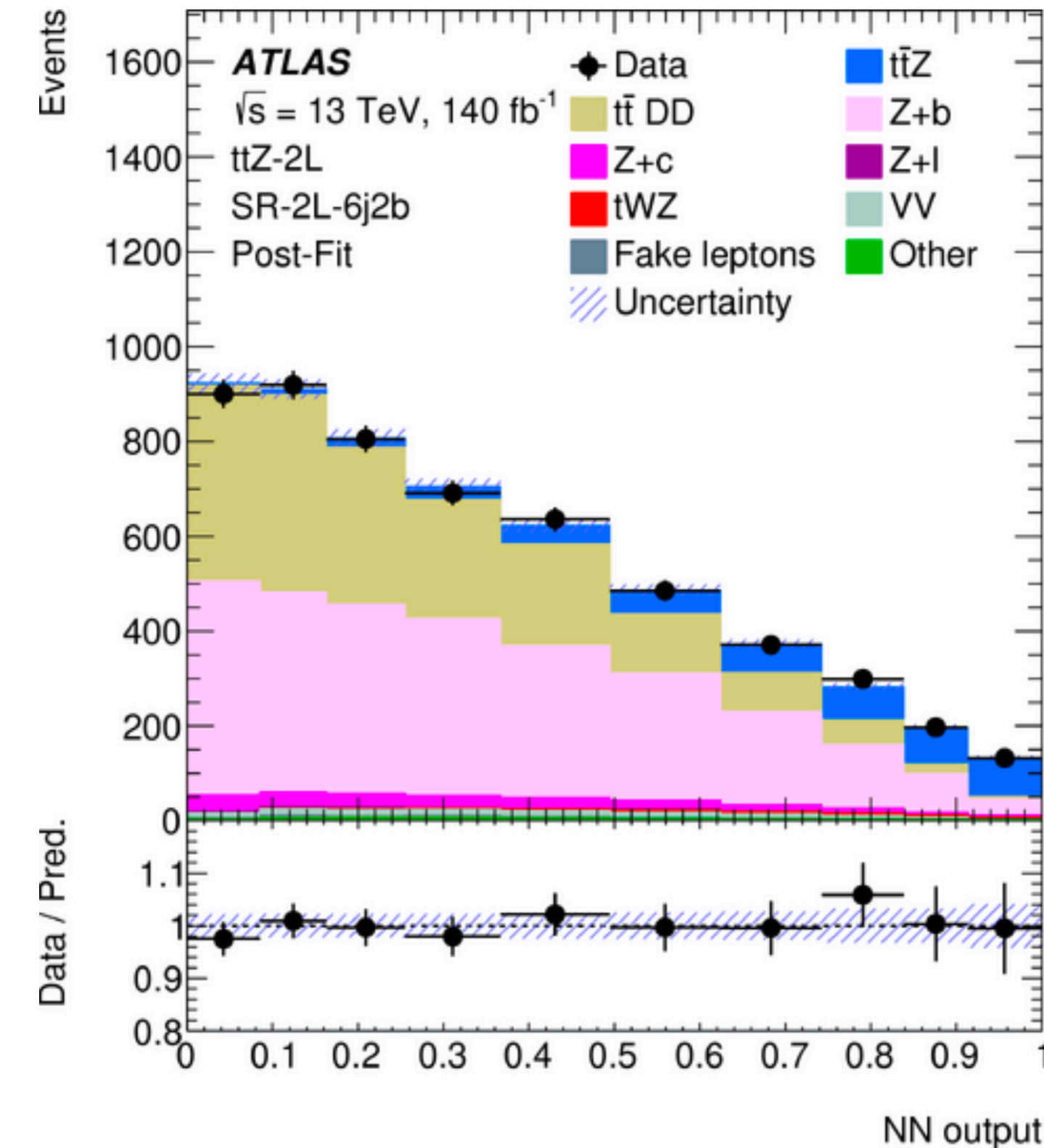
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ttZ production

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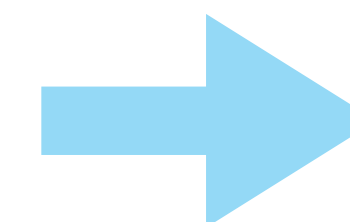
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z} = 0.86 \pm 0.06 \text{ pb} = 0.86 \pm 0.04(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.04(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb.}$$

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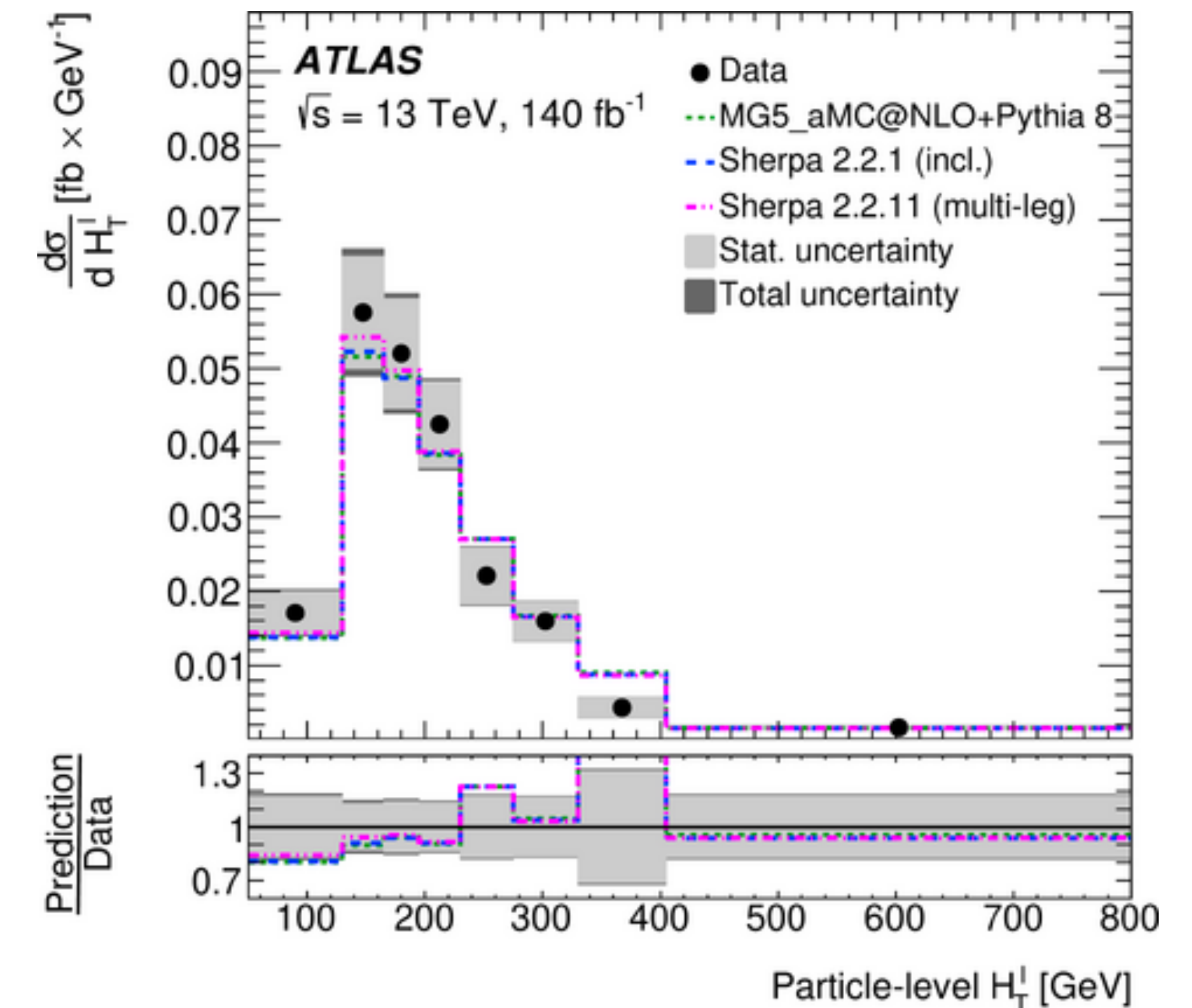
Measurement in agreement with SM predictions ([arXiv:1610.07922](https://arxiv.org/abs/1610.07922))

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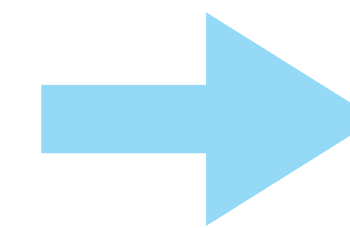


- ▶ **Unfolded cross-sections as a function of 13 variables**

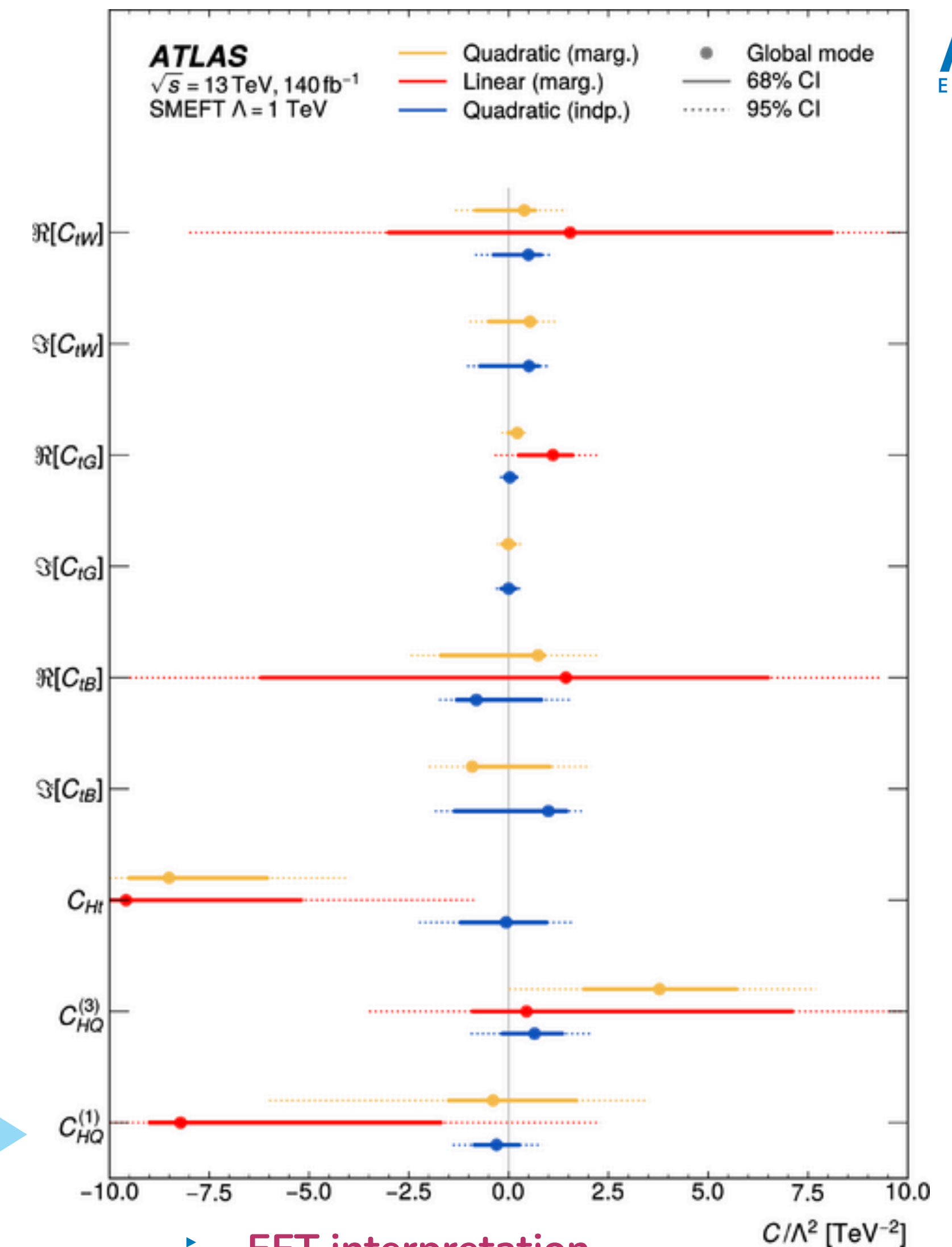
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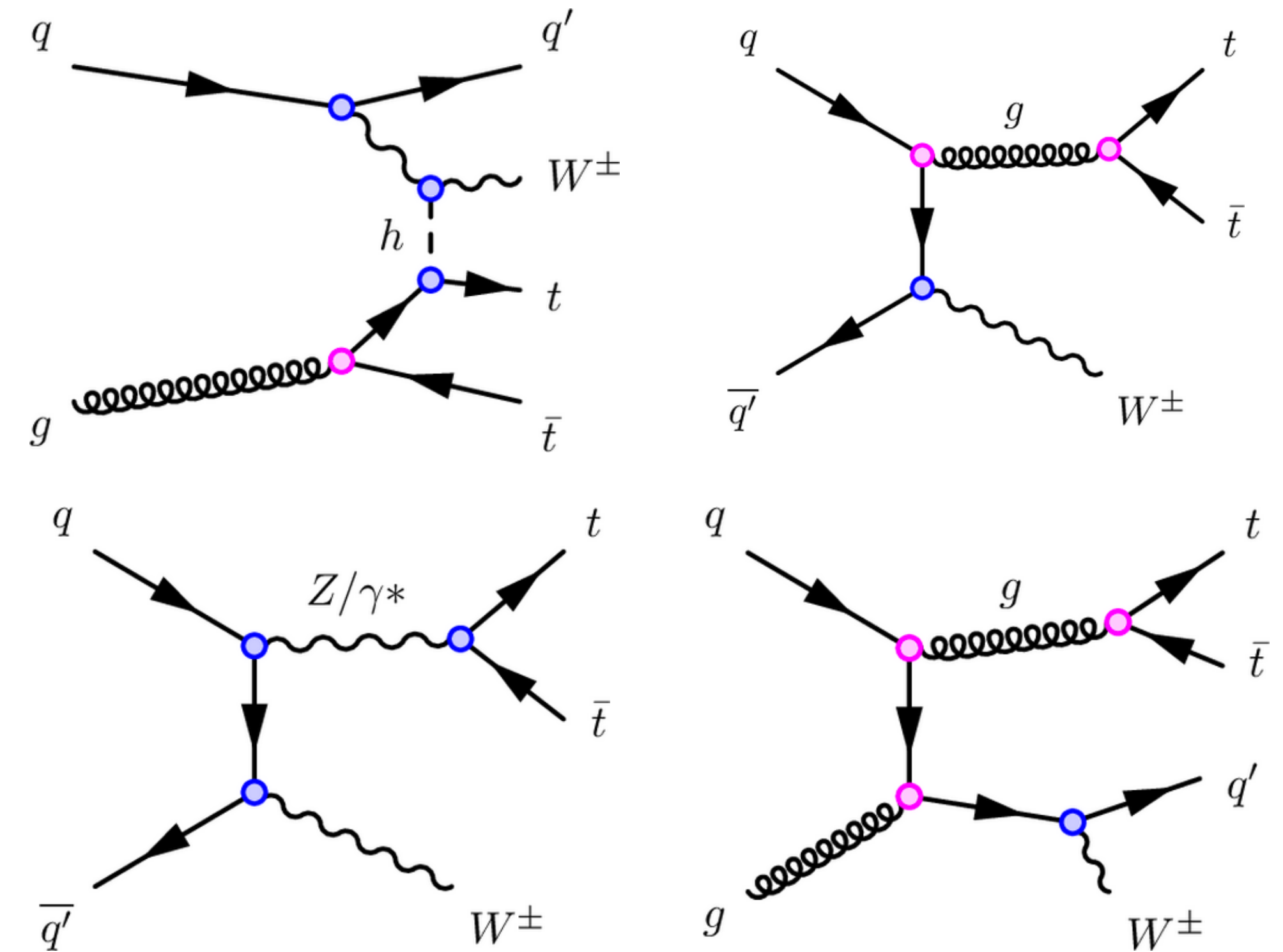
▶ cf. Mark Owen's talk on EFT

▶ **EFT interpretation**

▶ **No significant deviation observed**

ttW production

- ▶ **Key to background understanding:** Major background for many LHC searches, especially for processes that yield same-sign dilepton pairs.
- ▶ **Signal modelling** is sensitive to higher-order corrections.
- ▶ **Resolving data-model tensions:** precise measurements can address discrepancies observed in previous measurements (ttH).

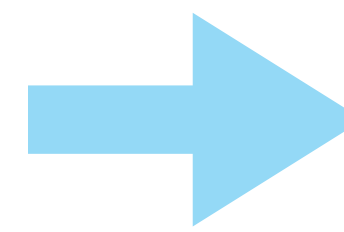
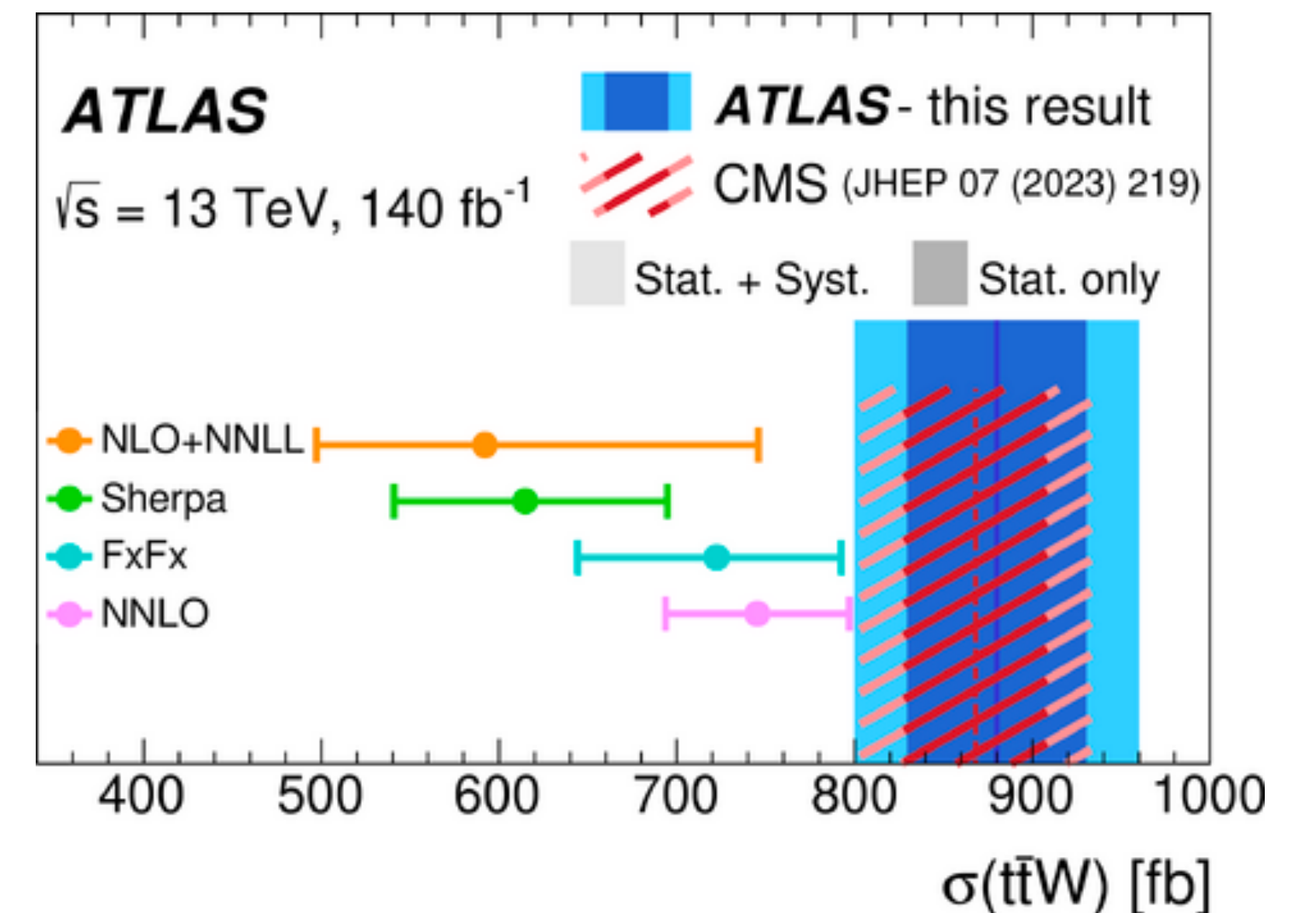
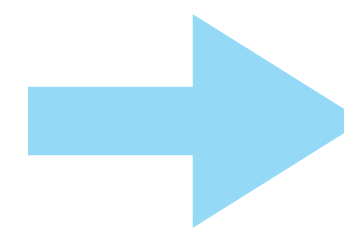


$t\bar{t}W$ production

[arXiv:2401.05299](https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.05299)



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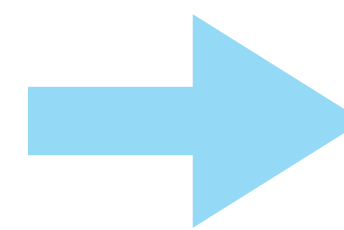
$$\sigma(t\bar{t}W) = 880 \pm 50 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 70 \text{ (syst.)} = 880 \pm 80 \text{ fb}$$

Measured inclusive cross-section compatible with SM NNLO prediction at 1.5σ ([Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 \(2023\) 231901](https://arxiv.org/abs/231901))

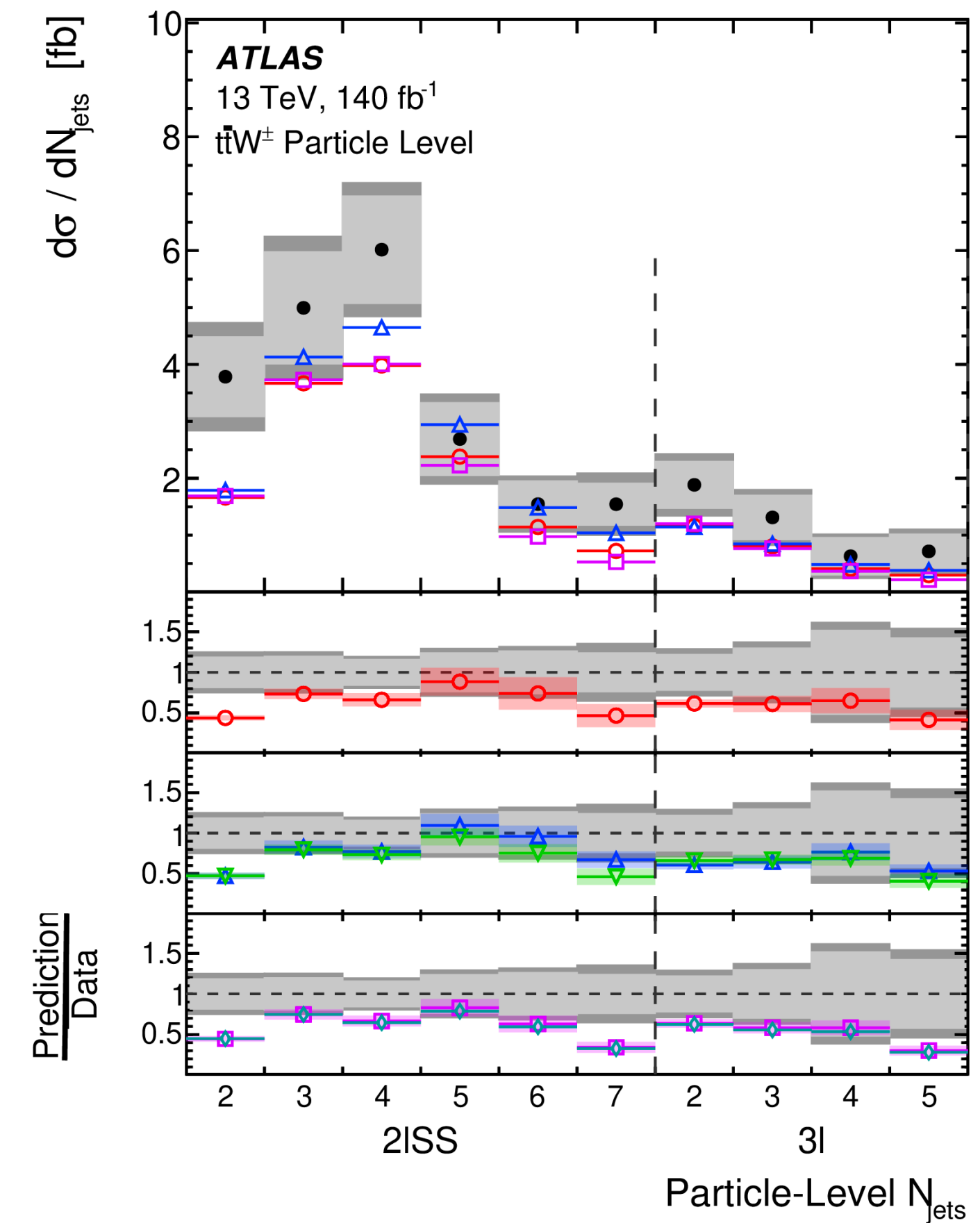


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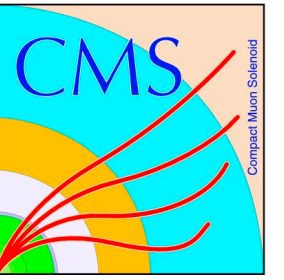
Unfolded cross-sections as a function of:

Event kinematic (N_{jets}, H_T), distances ($\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}, \Delta\eta_{\ell\ell}, \Delta R_{\ell b}$)

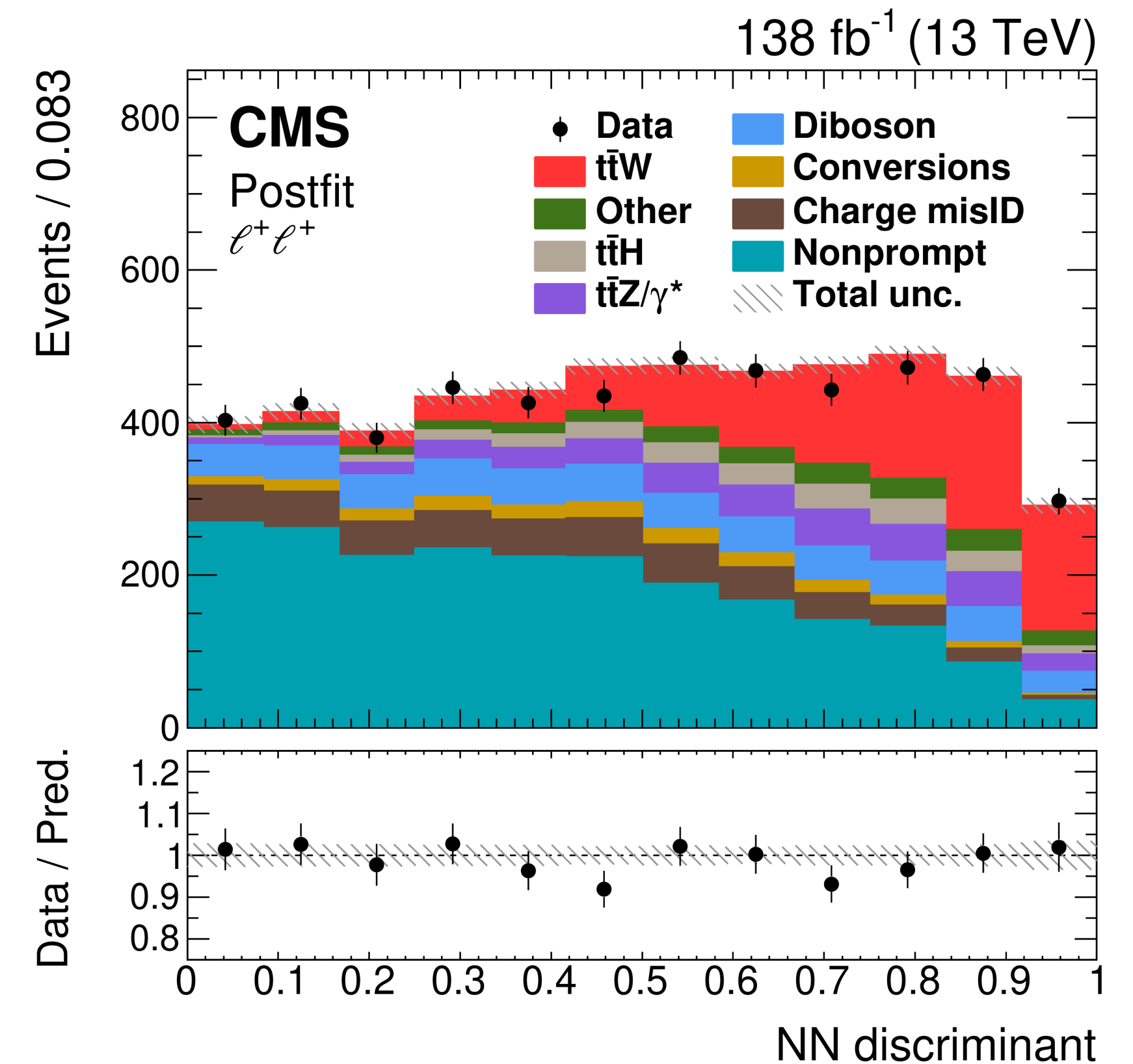


$t\bar{t}W$ production

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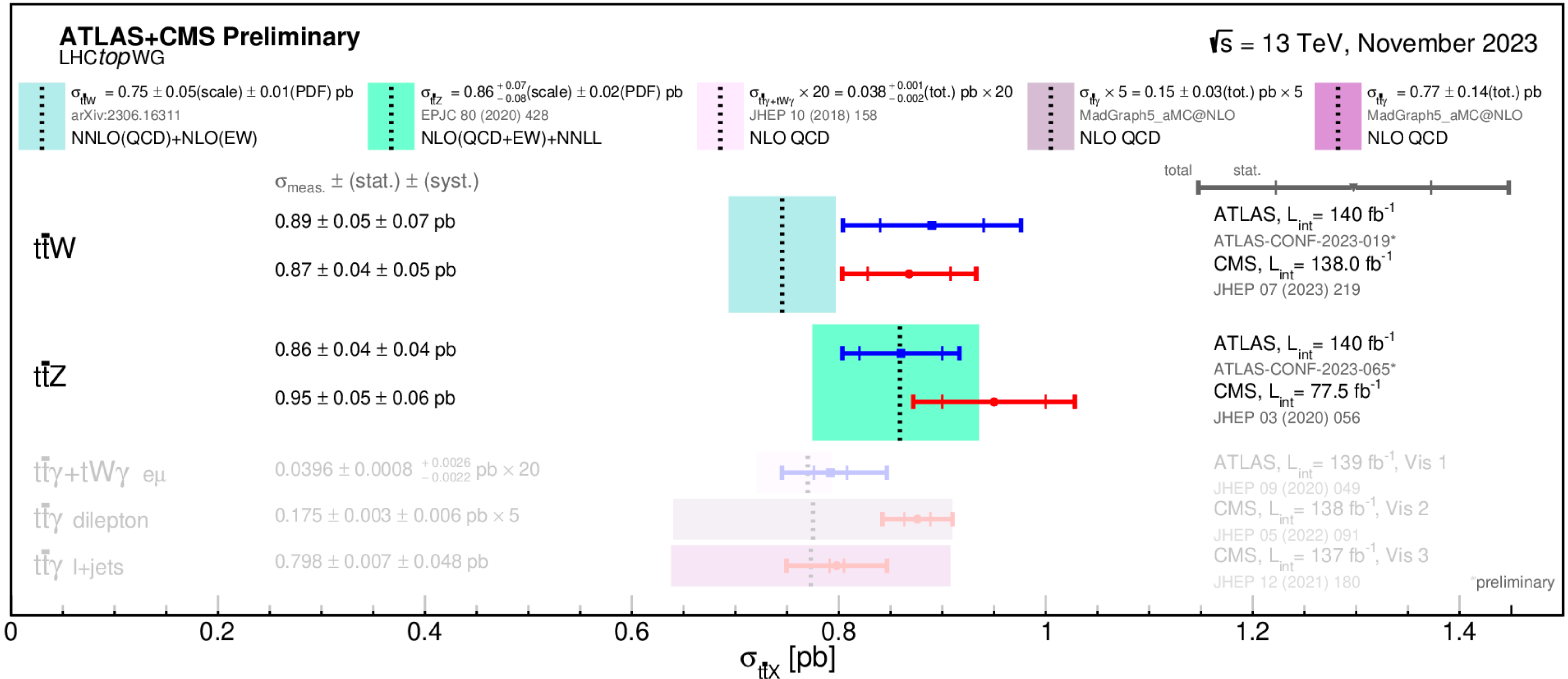


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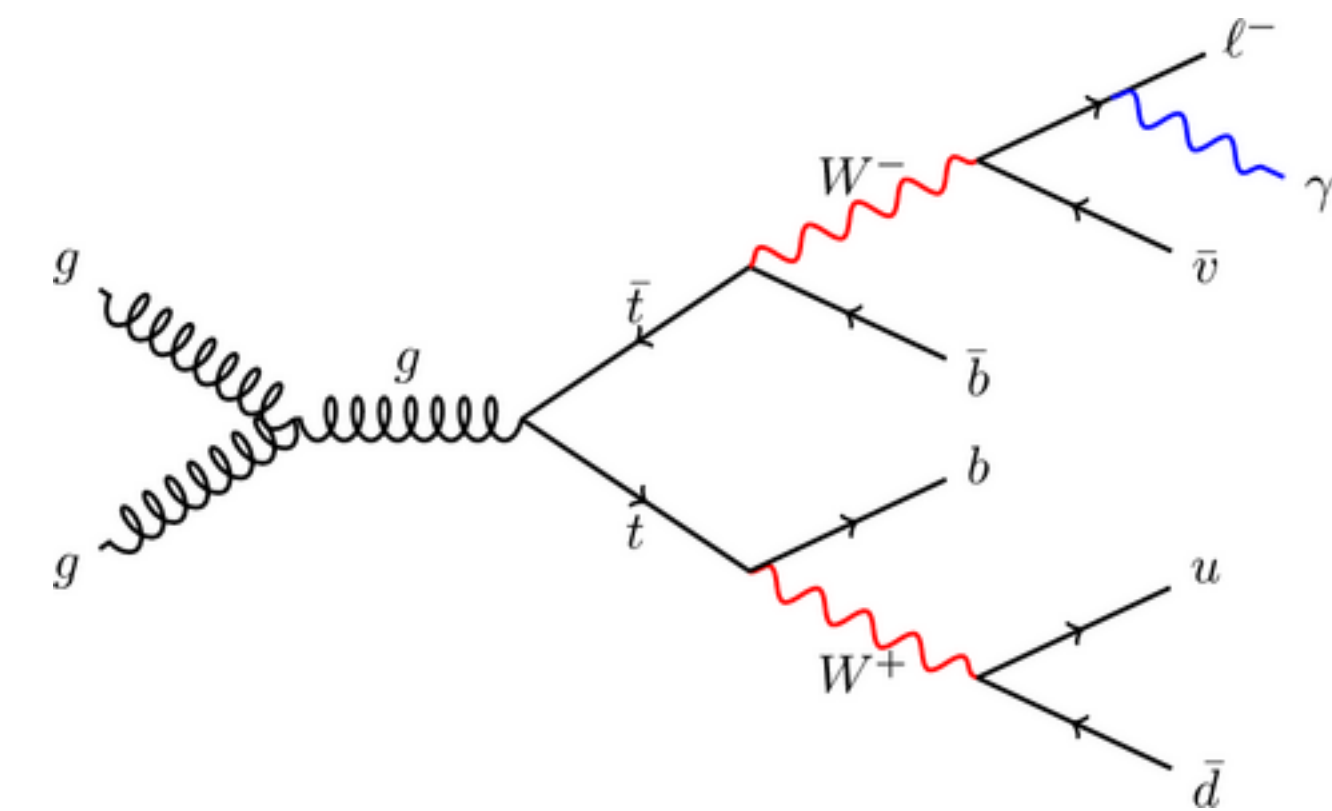
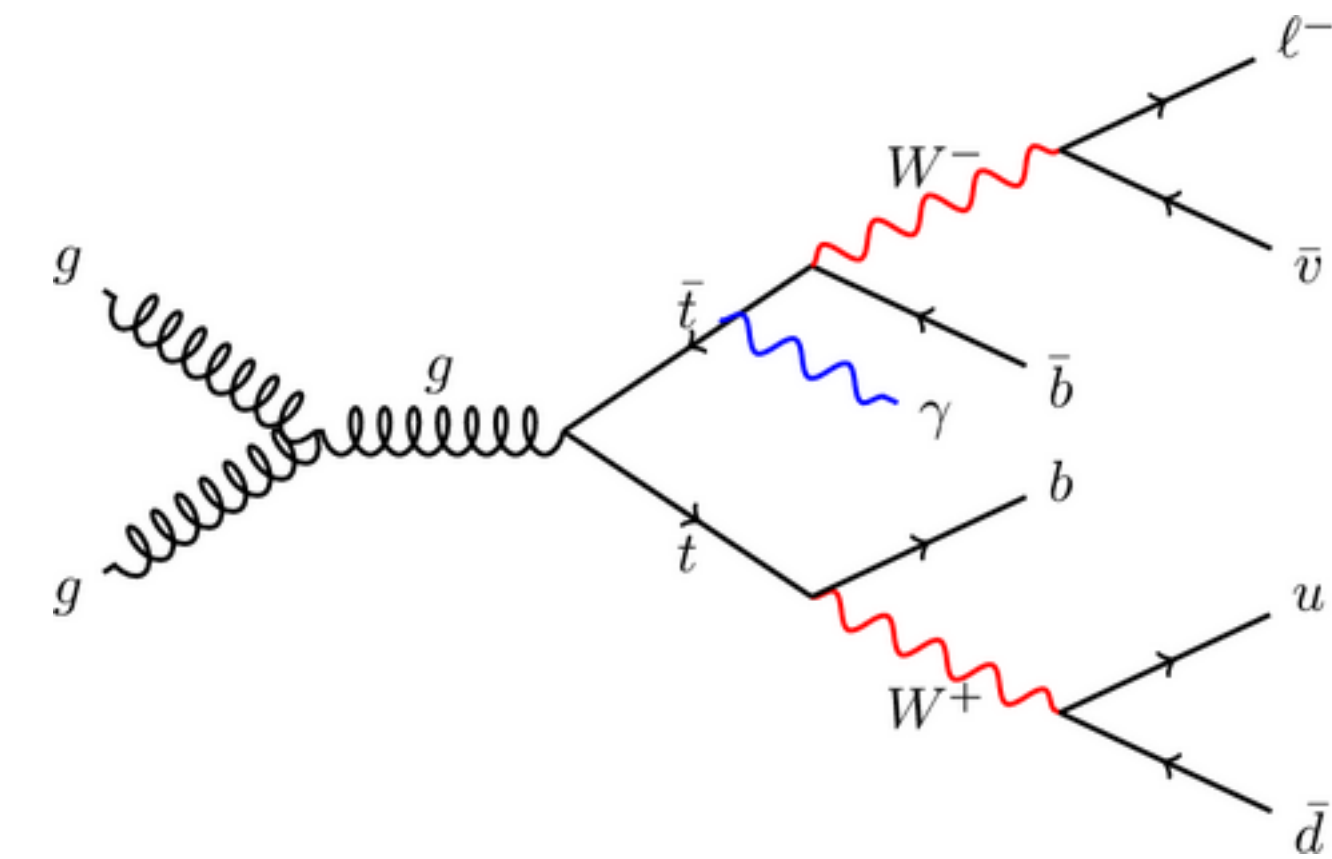
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Overview of ATLAS and CMS $t\bar{t}V$ measurements



$t\bar{t}\gamma$ production

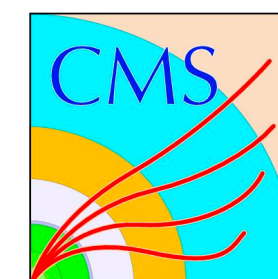
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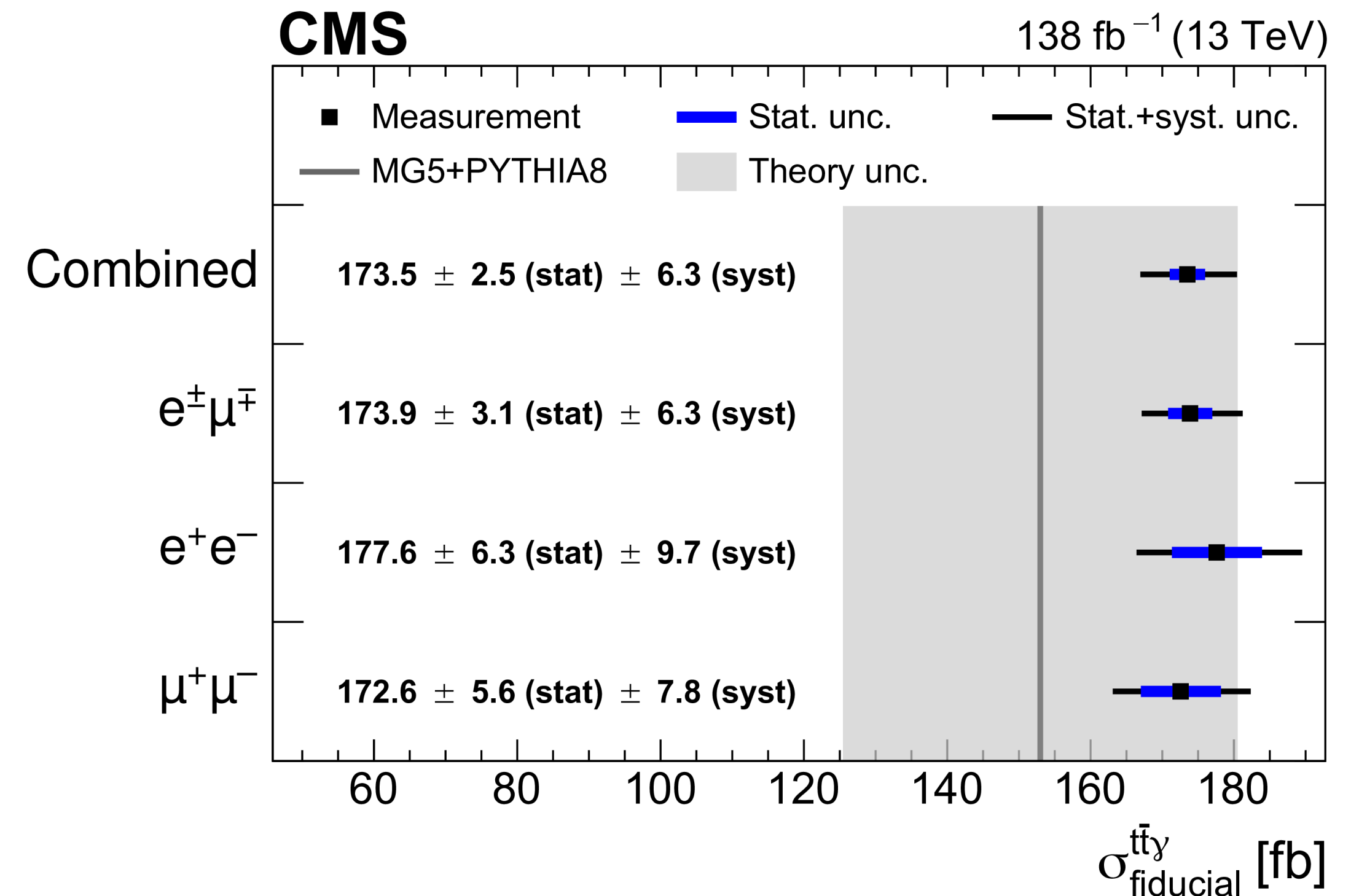
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$t\bar{t}\gamma$ production

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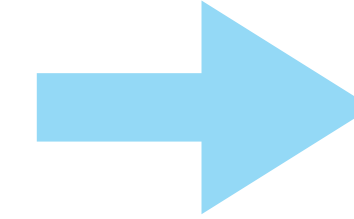
$$\sigma_{\text{fid}}(\text{pp} \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma) = 175.2 \pm 2.5 (\text{stat}) \pm 6.3 (\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{SM}}(\text{pp} \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma) = 155 \pm 27 \text{ fb.}$$

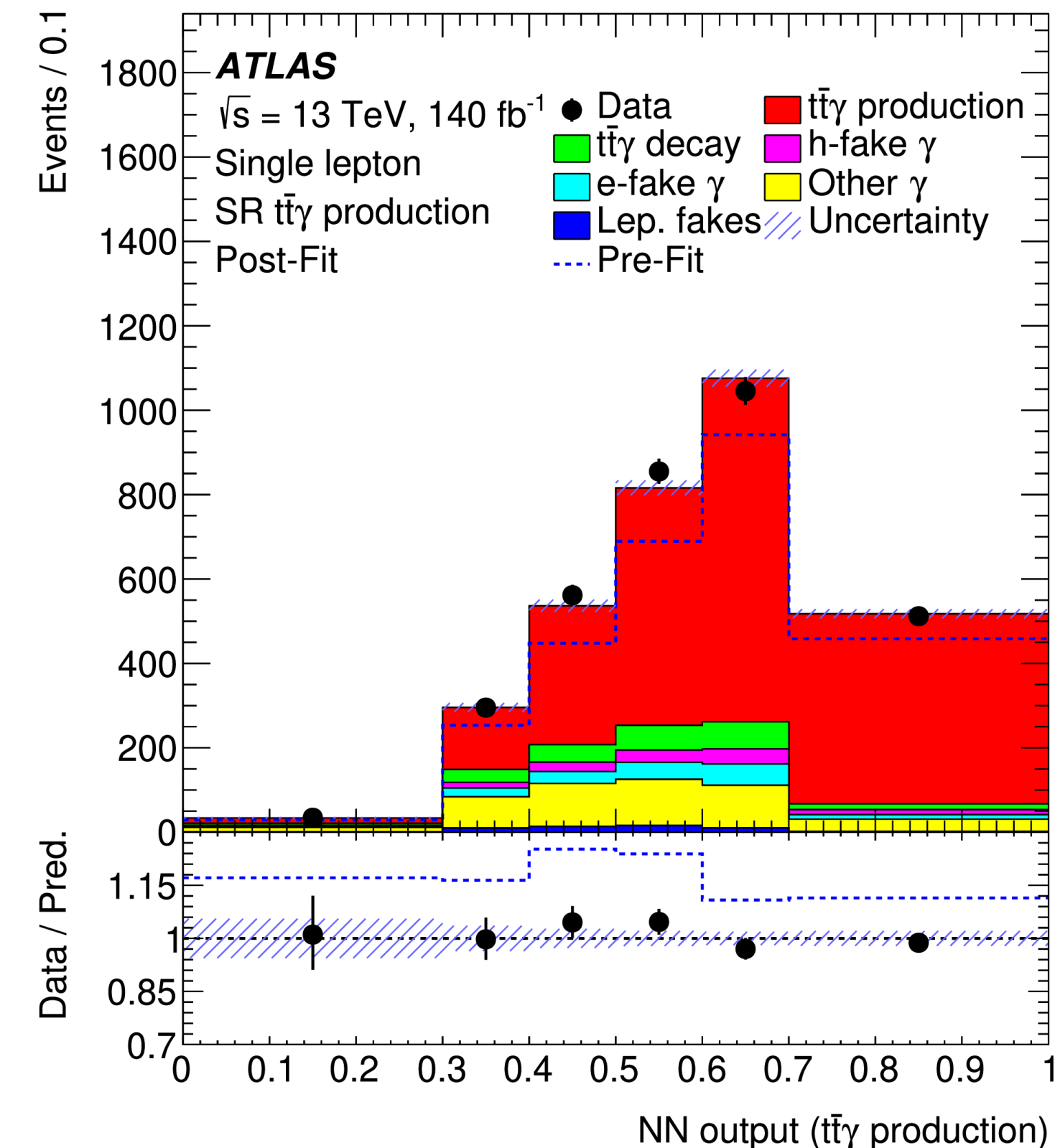
Measurement of fiducial cross-section in agreement with SM predictions

$t\bar{t}\gamma$ production

- ▶ **Signature:** 1ℓ and 2ℓ .
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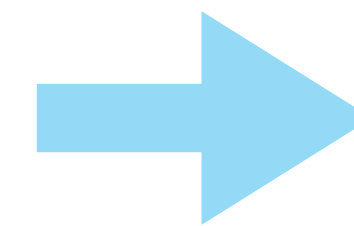
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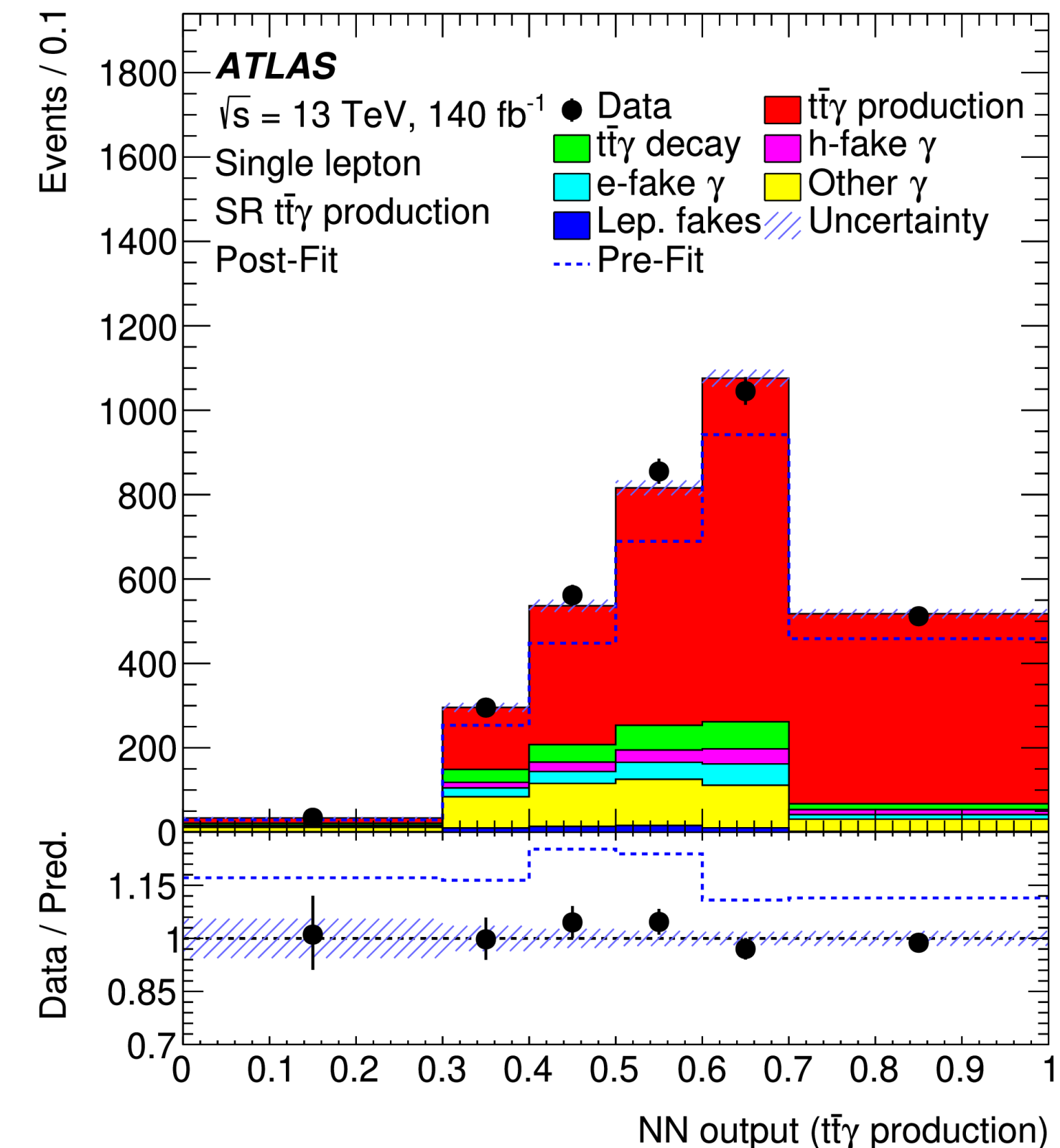
Measurement of incl. cross-section in agreement with SM predictions

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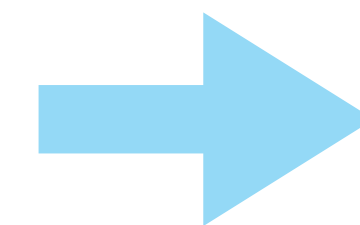
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma \text{ production}} = 322_{-15}^{+16} \text{ fb} = 322 \pm 5 \text{ (stat)} \pm 15 \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb.}$$

$$\text{NLO MG5: } 299_{-30}^{+29} \text{ (scale)}_{-4}^{+7} \text{ (PDF)} \text{ fb.}$$

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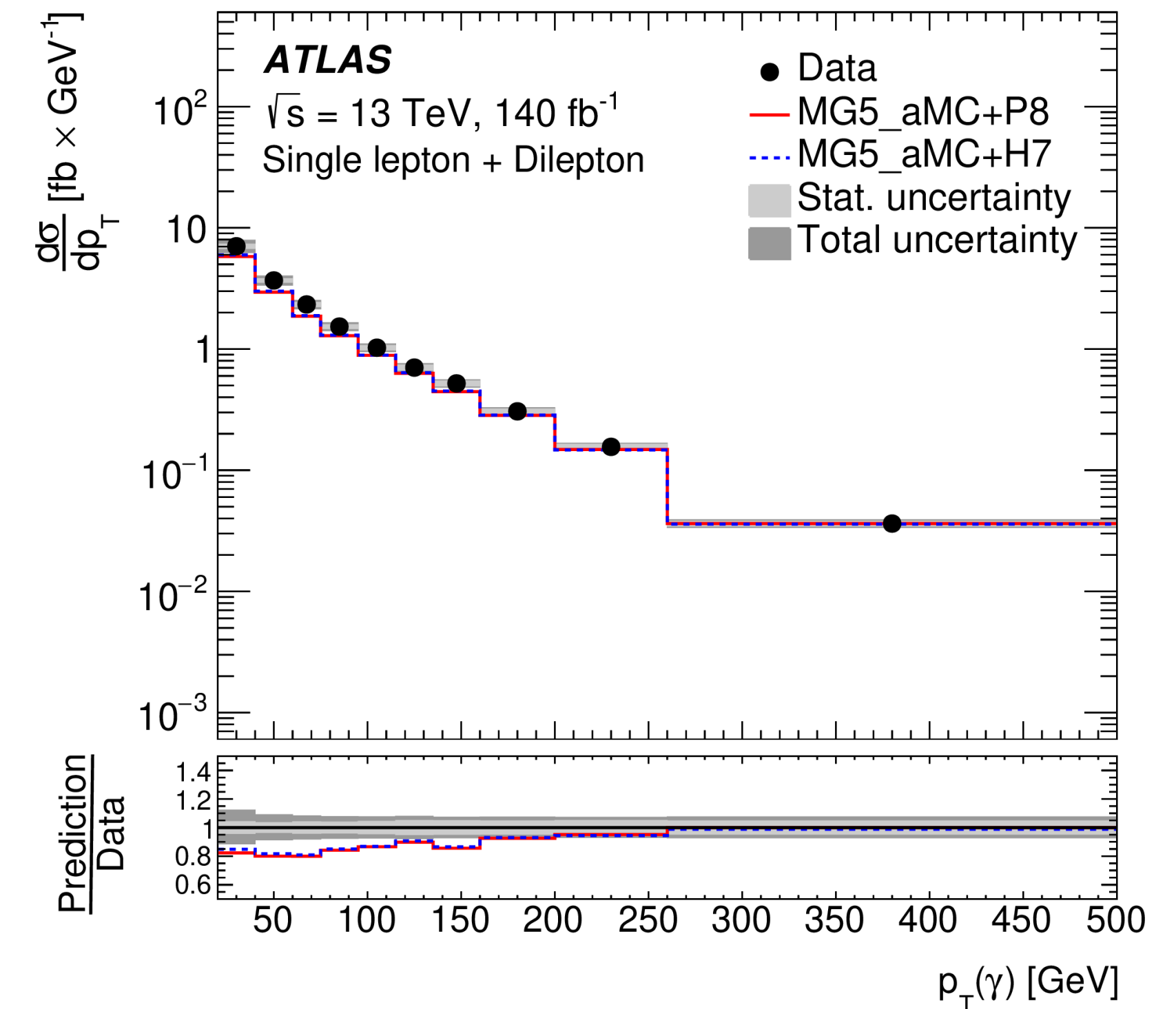
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Unfolded cross-sections as a function of:
 Photon, lepton, jet kinematics and separation

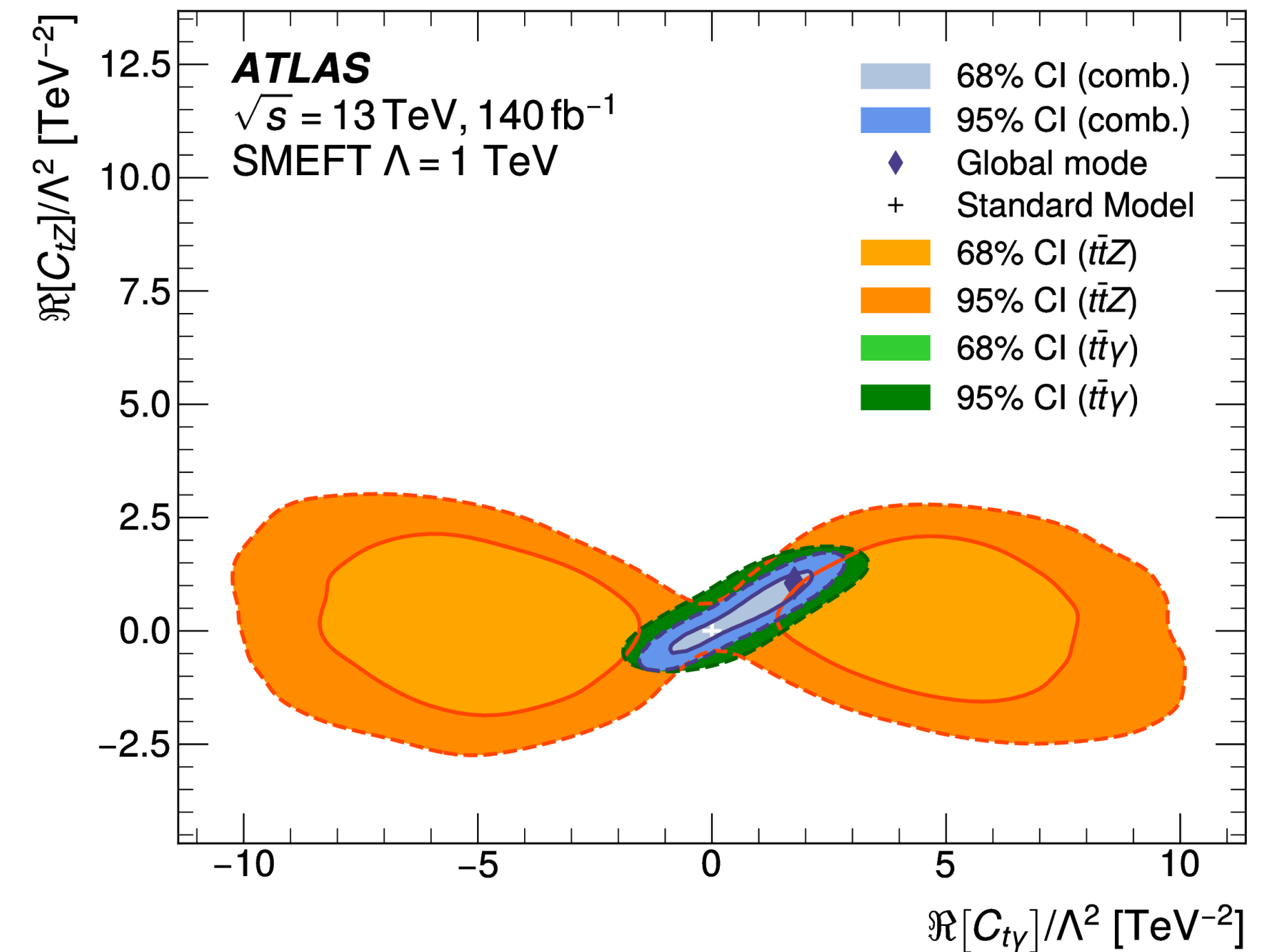
Observables in good agreement with Monte Carlo predictions

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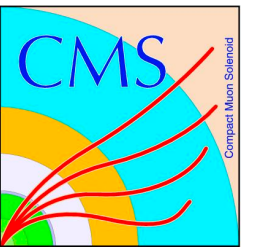


$t\bar{t}\gamma$ and $t\bar{t}Z$ combined fit of a pair of EFT operators

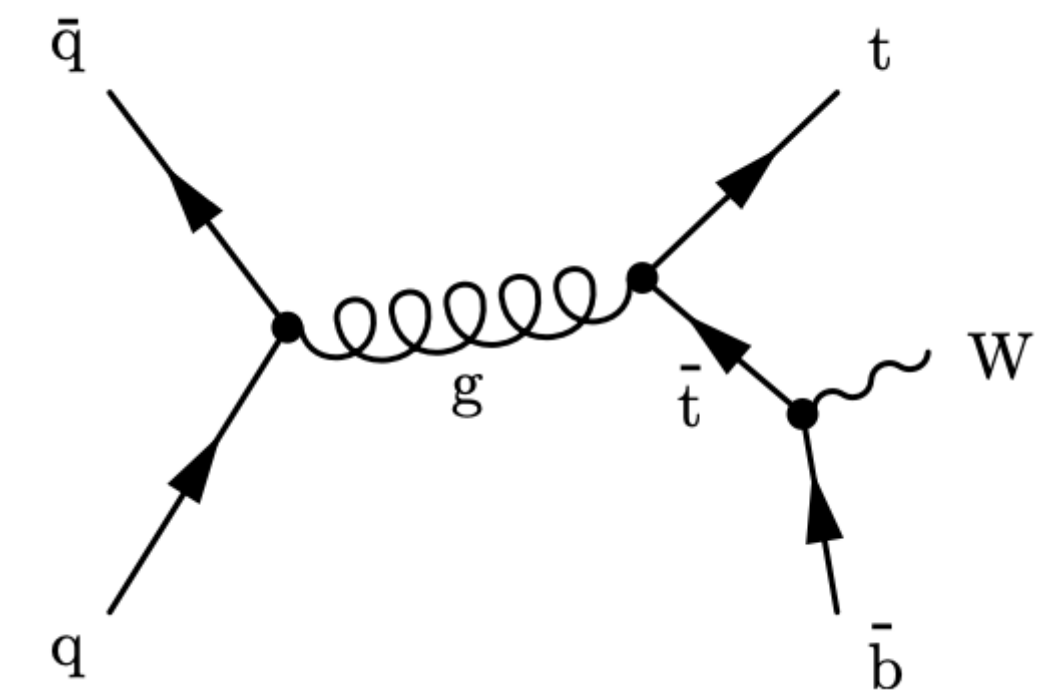
▶ cf. Mark Owen's talk on EFT

tW production

NEW! [CMS-PAS-TOP-23-008 \(2024\)](#)



- ▶ **First on Run 3** dataset (34.7 fb^{-1}) at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6 \text{ TeV}$
- ▶ **Signature:** 2 opposite charge leptons.
- ▶ **Main irreducible background** $t\bar{t}$
- ▶ **Diagram removal** 2 to avoid double counting with $t\bar{t}$.
- ▶ **Inclusive cross-section measured** using jet multiplicity-based random forest discriminant and sub-leading jet kinematics.
- ▶ **Differential cross-sections measured for** six variables
- ▶ **Standard Model** aN³LO cross-section
 $87.9_{-1.9}^{+2.0} (\text{scale}) \pm 2.4 (\text{PDF}, \alpha_s) \text{ pb}$



a removed diagram

$$\sigma(tW) = 84.1 \pm 2.1 (\text{stat})_{-10.2}^{+9.8} (\text{syst}) \pm 3.3 (\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$$

Measurement in agreement with SM predictions

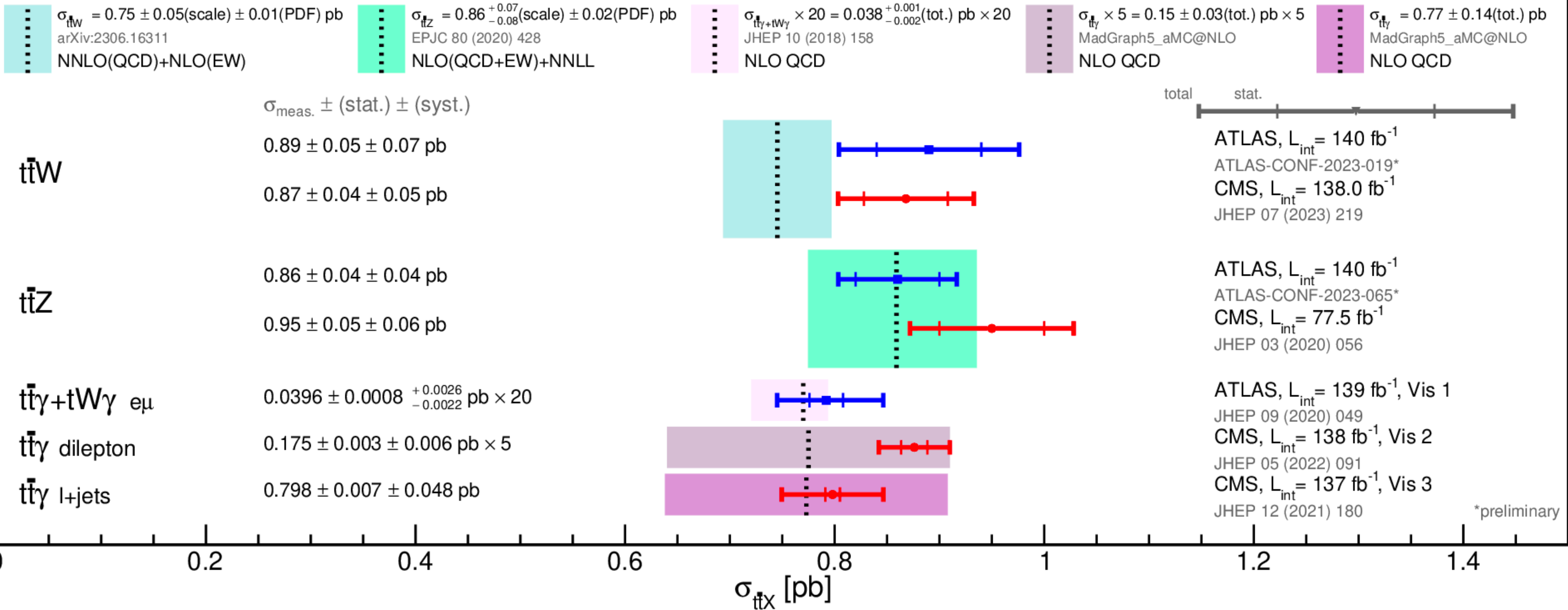
▶ cf. Alejandro Soto Rodriguez's talk for more details



Conclusion

ATLAS+CMS Preliminary
LHCtopWG

$\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, November 2023



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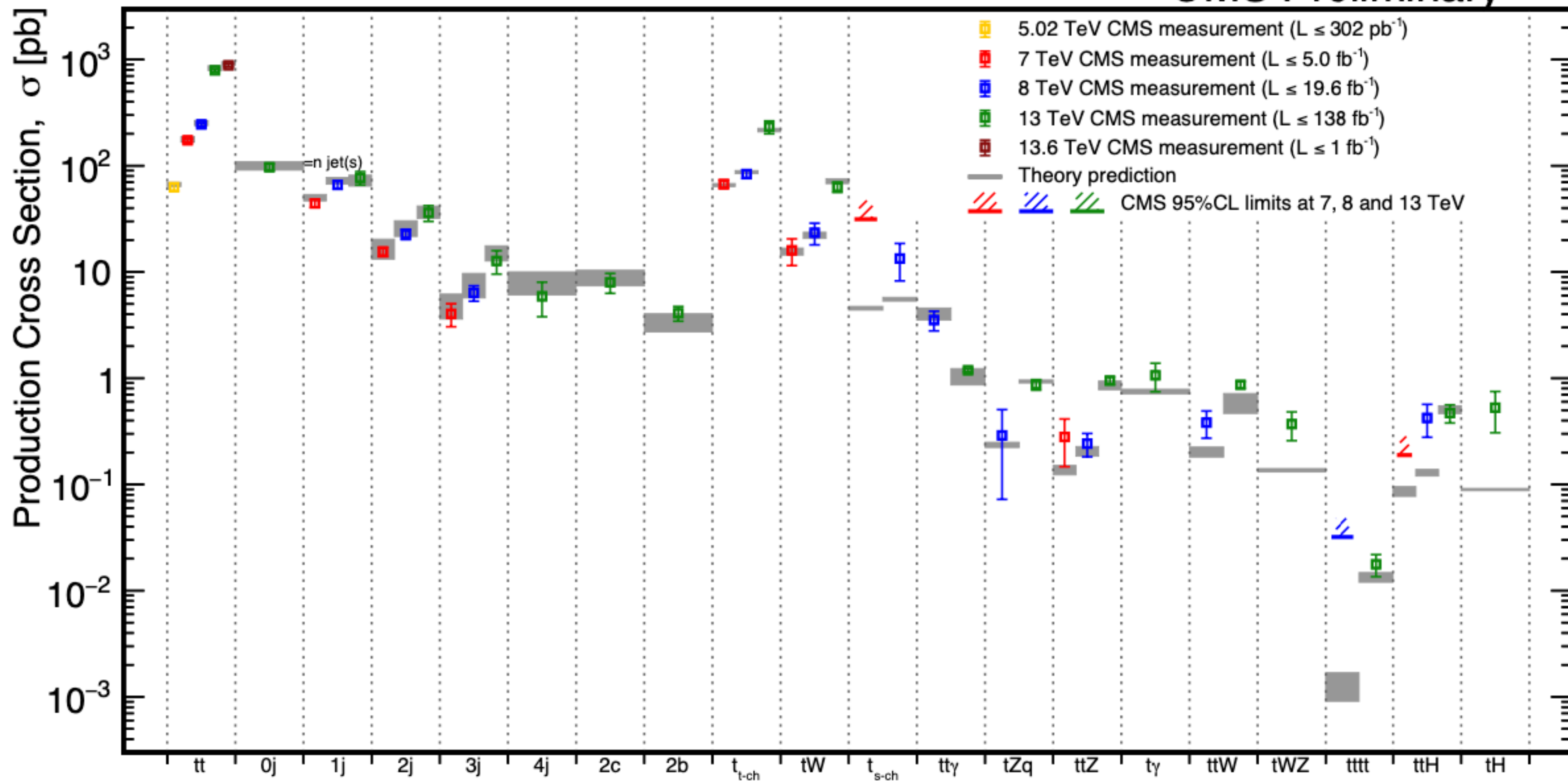
- ▶ **A variety of processes** where top quark is produced in association are explored at the LHC with **new results** since Moriond 2023
- ▶ **New results with increasing precision** despite often small cross-sections:
 - ▶ Thanks to optimised selections, improved analysis techniques
 - ▶ Several analyses designed for differential cross-section measurements
 - ▶ Strengthening constraints on anomalous couplings interpreted in the context of EFT



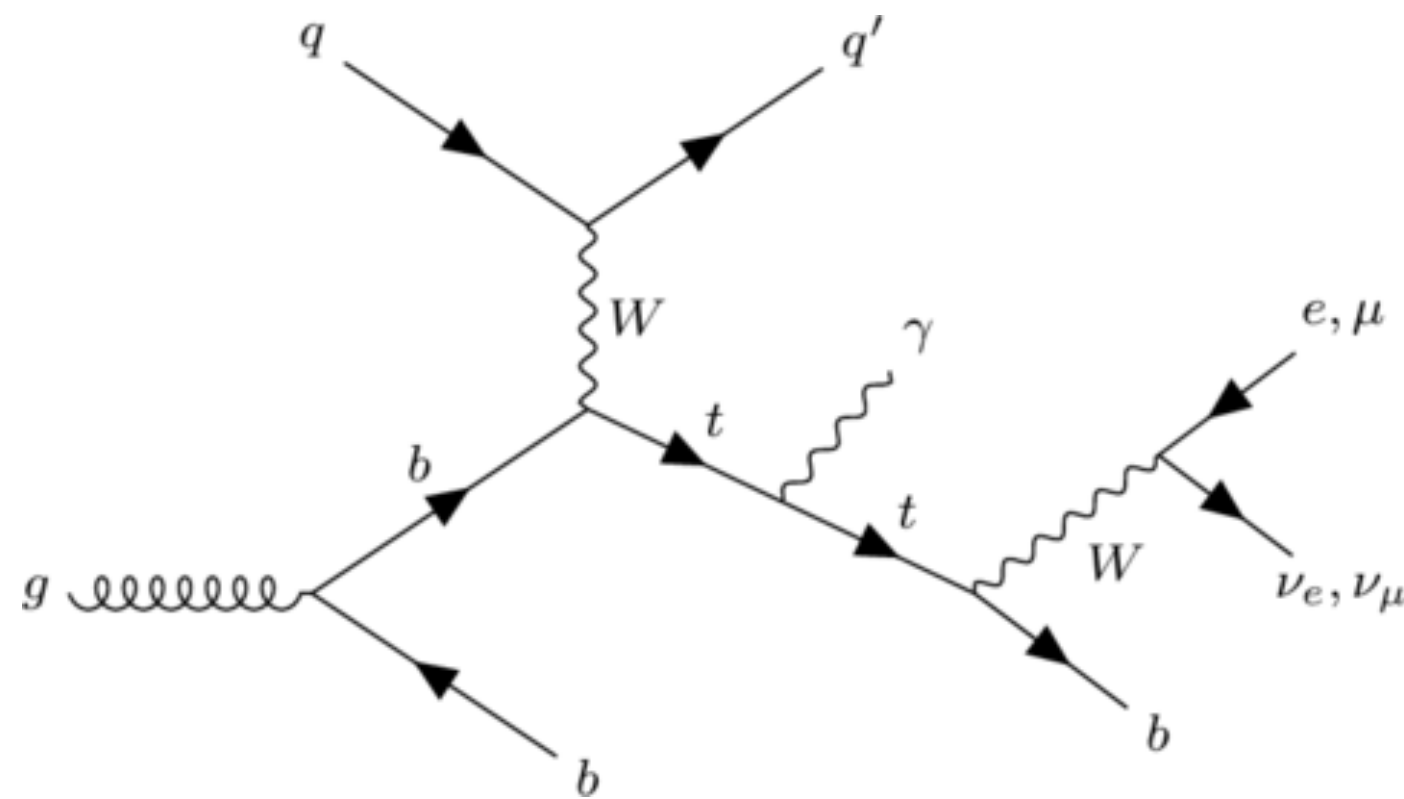
Additional Material

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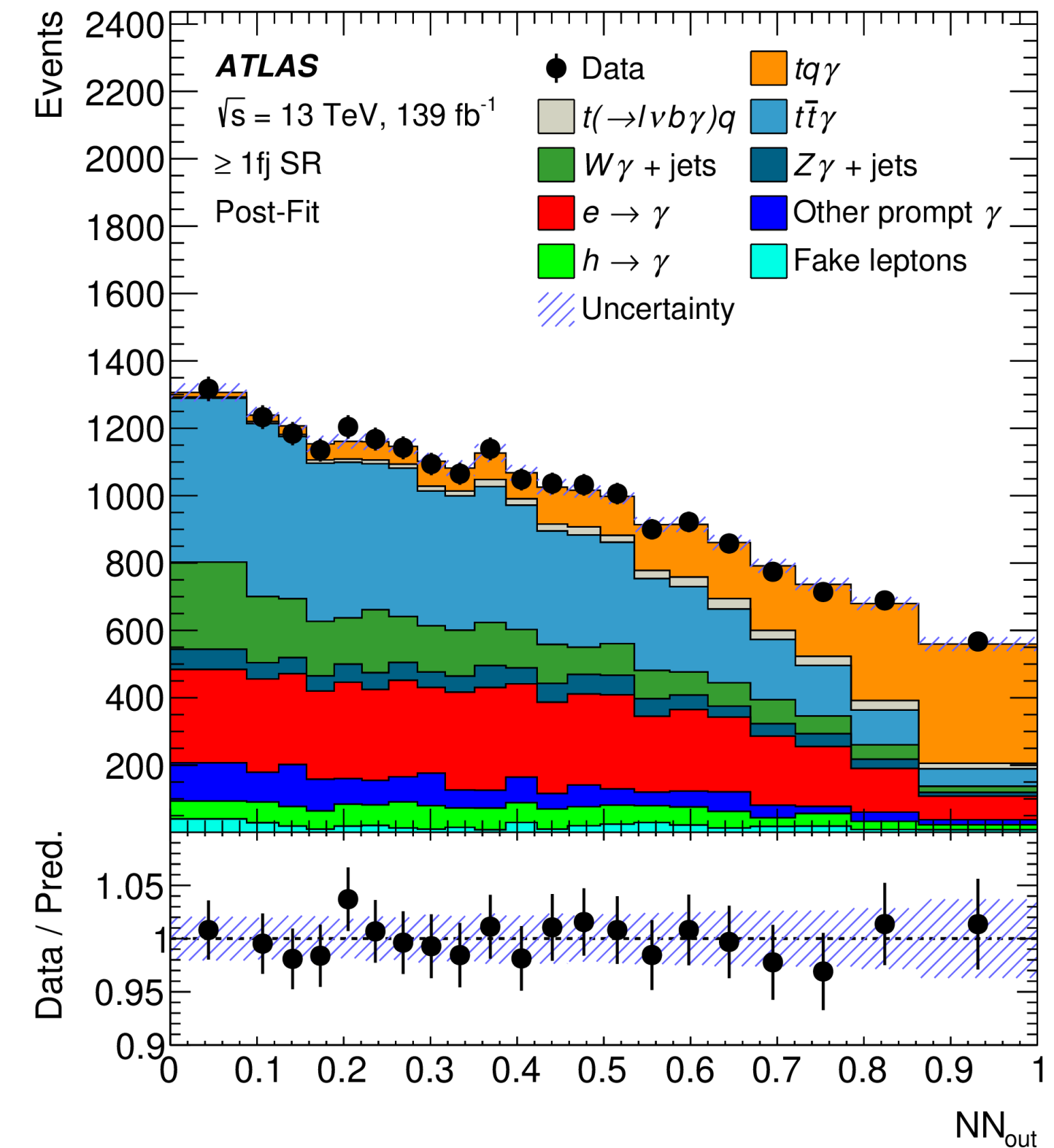
CMS Preliminary



Observation of $tq\gamma$ production



- ▶ **Probing $t\gamma$ Electroweak Coupling**
- ▶ **Signature** includes 1 lepton.
- ▶ **Cross-section** at particle and parton levels
- ▶ **Main background** $t\bar{t}\gamma$



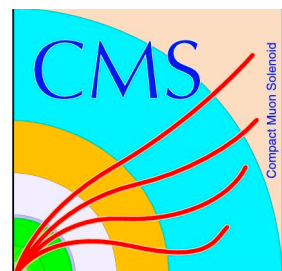
$$\sigma = 688 \pm 23(\text{stat})_{-71}^{+75}(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma(\text{SM}) = 515_{-42}^{+36} \text{ fb}$$

Observation of $tq\gamma$ production with a cross-section compatible with SM predictions at NLO within 2 standard deviations.



[Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, \(2023\)](#)



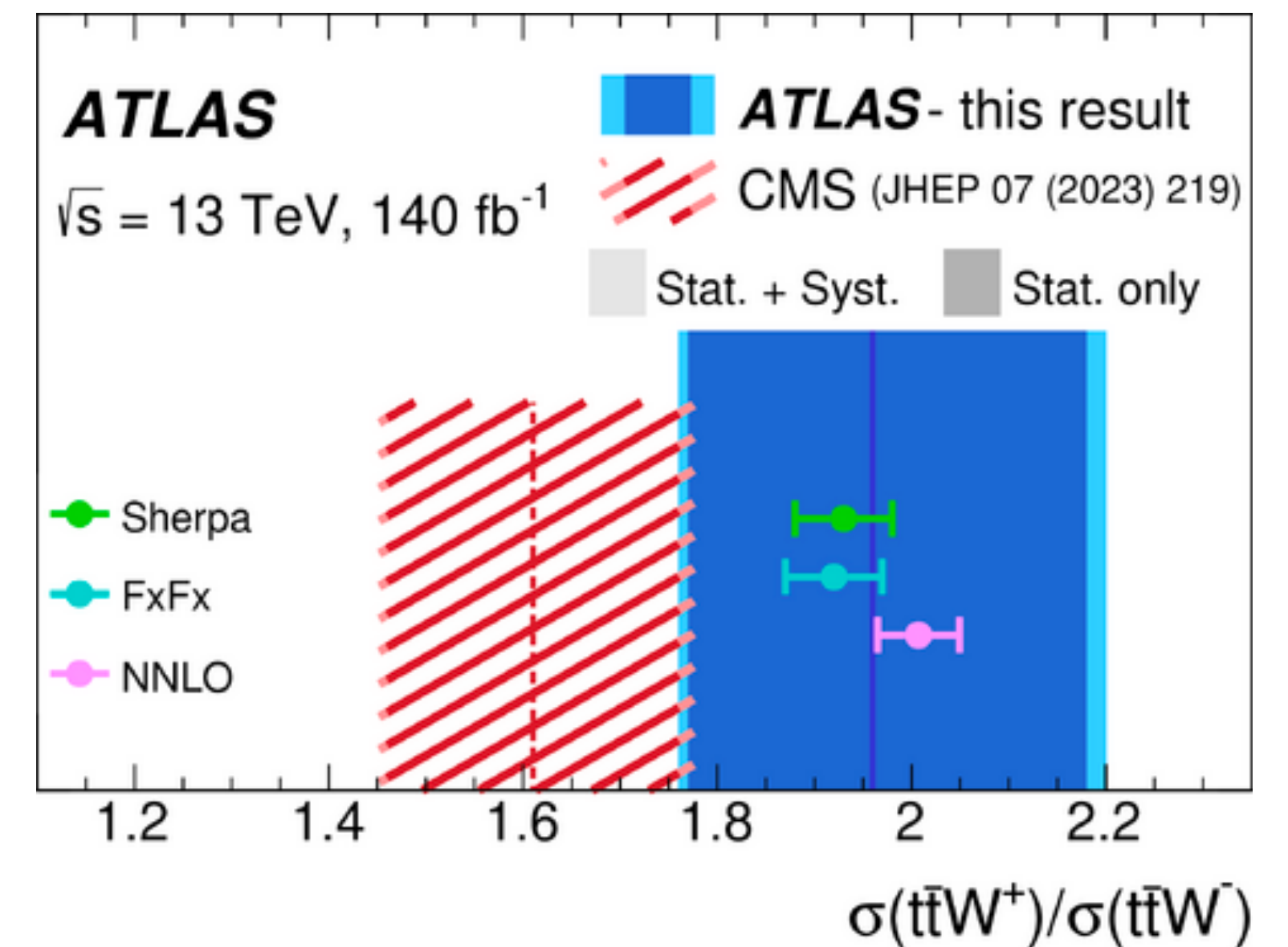
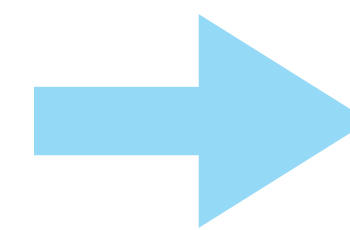
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$t\bar{t}W$ production

[arXiv:2401.05299](https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.05299)



- ▶ **Signature:** same-charge 2ℓ and 3ℓ .
- ▶ **Main irreducible backgrounds** $t\bar{t}Z/\gamma^*$, WZ and $t\bar{t}H$
- ▶ **Control regions for background normalisation:** diboson, $t\bar{t}Z$, electron-from-photon conversions and leptons from hadron decays.
- ▶ **Subcategories for measurement:** events in SRs are further subdivided for inclusive or differential $t\bar{t}W$ cross-section measurements, with **48** 2ℓ and **8** 3ℓ categories.
- ▶ **Measurement:** multiclass neural network (2ℓ) and $m_{\ell\ell\ell}$ (3ℓ) for best precision on cross-section
- ▶ **Standard Model** NNLO cross-section
 745 ± 50 (scale) ± 13 (2 loop app.) ± 19 (PDF, α_s) fb



Measurement of $\sigma(t\bar{t}W^+)/\sigma(t\bar{t}W^-)$ in agreement with SM predictions

