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Run 3 Standard Model cross section measurements

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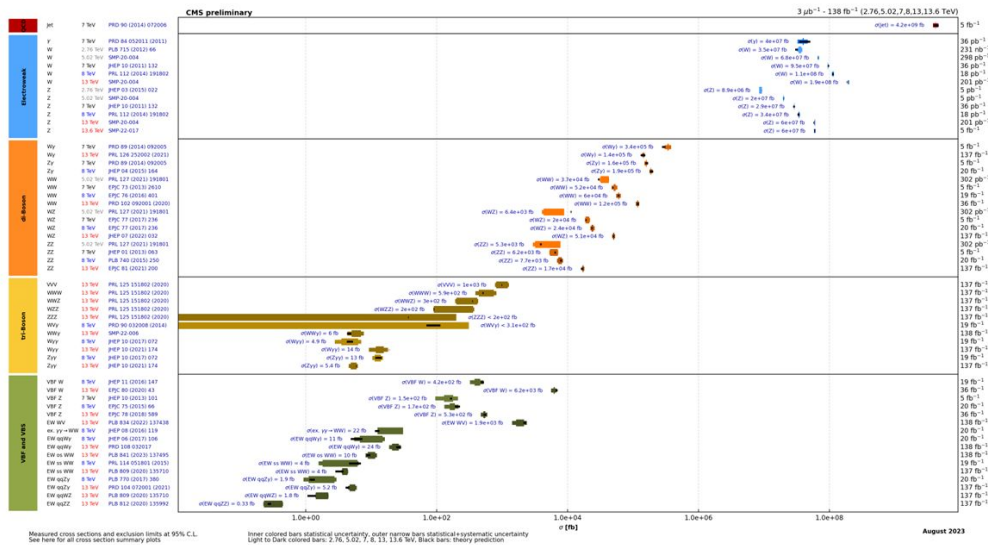


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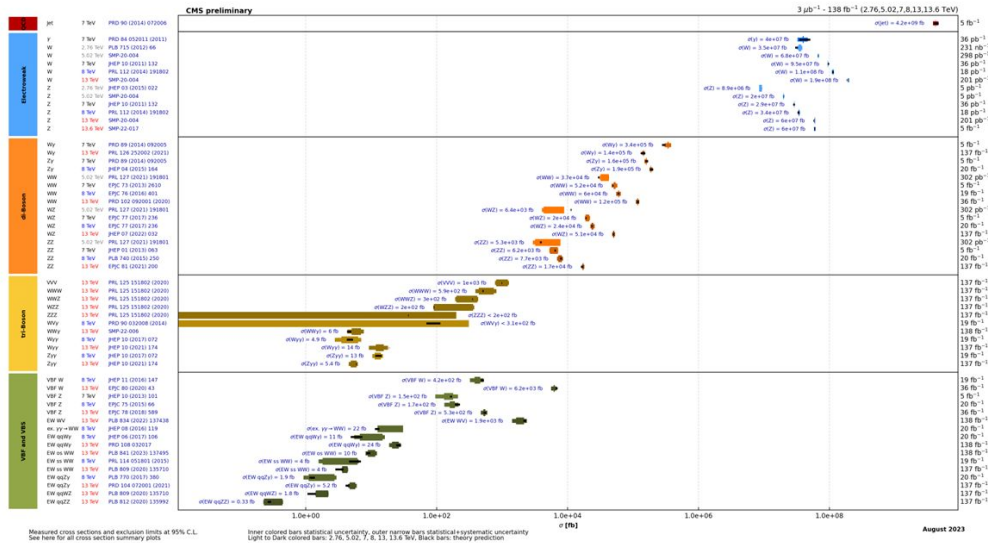


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It is **crucial** for the LHC physics programme to **continue producing scientific results**

In my talk: **focus on EW sector measurements by ATLAS and CMS with Run 3 data.**

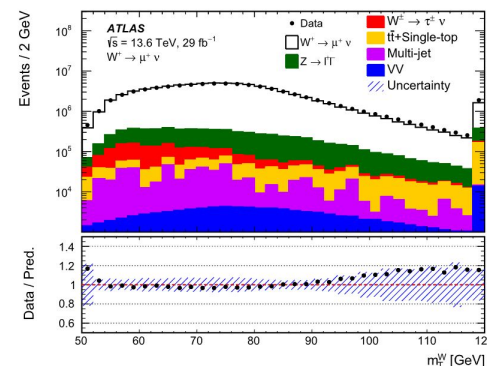
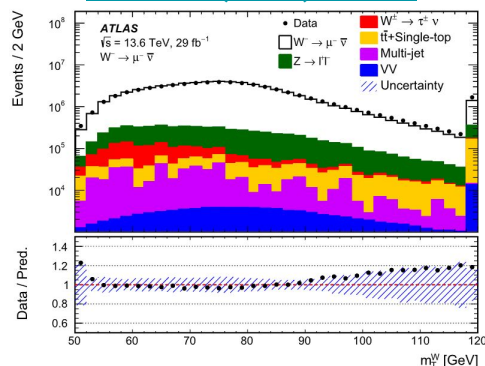


Single vector boson production measurements

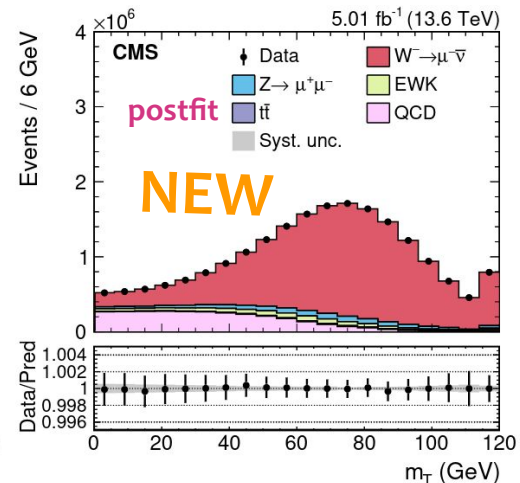
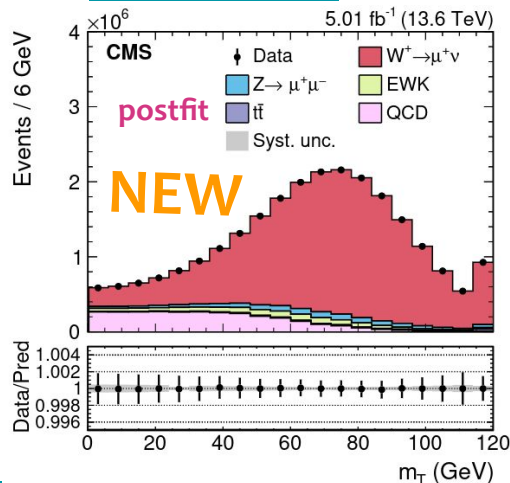


- Single-Z and W boson production is key for proper lepton calibration.
- **Z boson production:**
 - Measured by both CMS ([SMP-22-017](#)) and ATLAS ([PLB. 854 \(2024\) 138725](#)).
- **W boson production:**
 - Measured by ATLAS ([PLB. 854 \(2024\) 138725](#)), and recently by CMS ([arXiv: 2503.09742](#) → superseeds [SMP-22-017](#)).

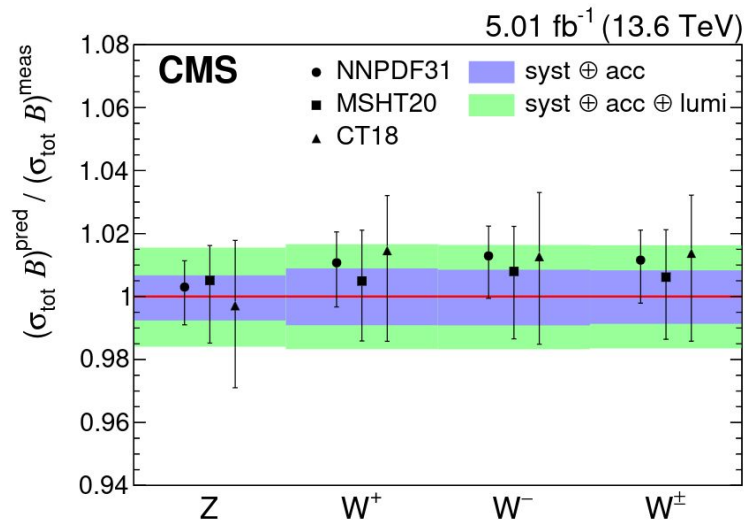
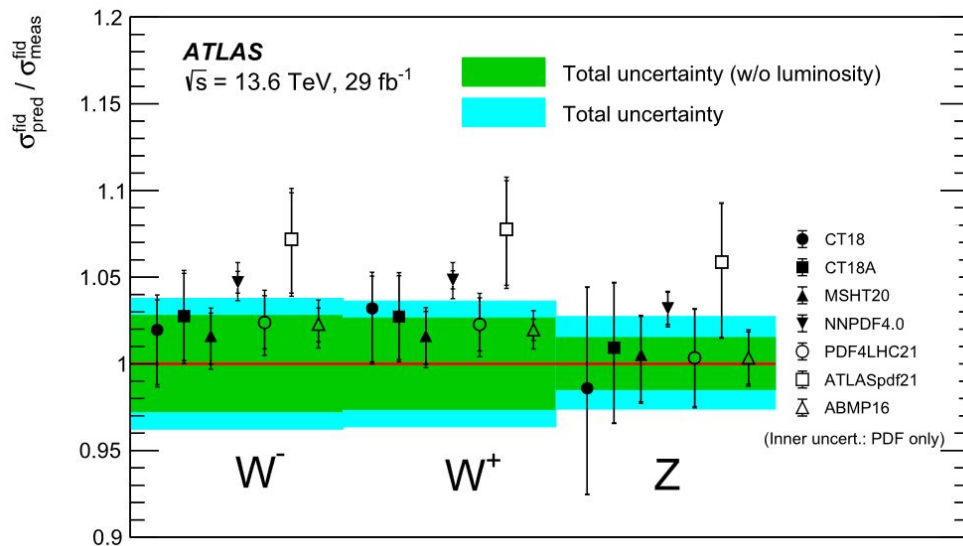
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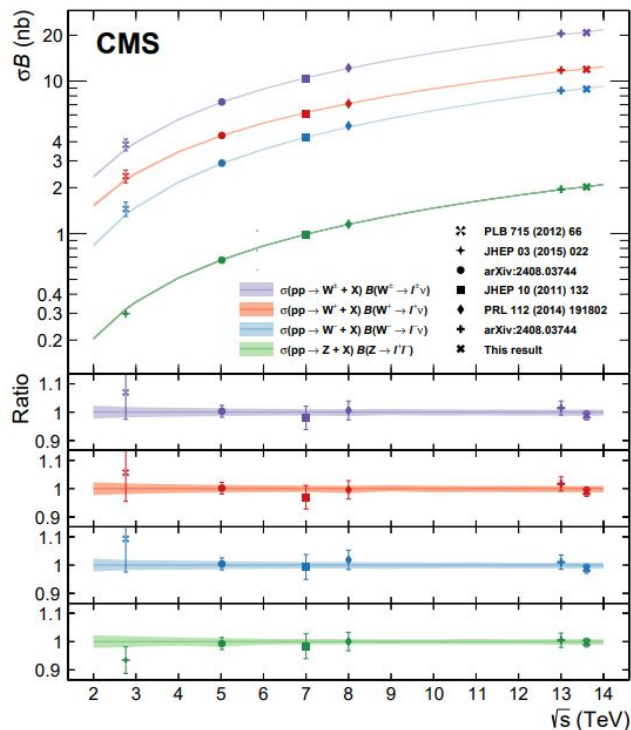
- Measurement of the Z and W boson production cross section at 13.6 TeV.



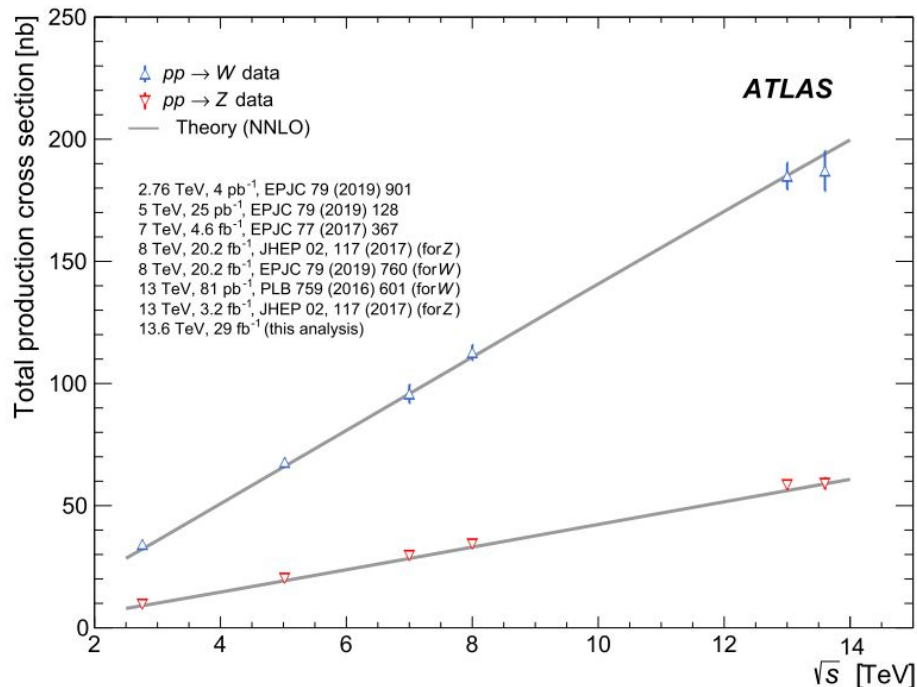
Good agreement with SM with competitive final uncertainty

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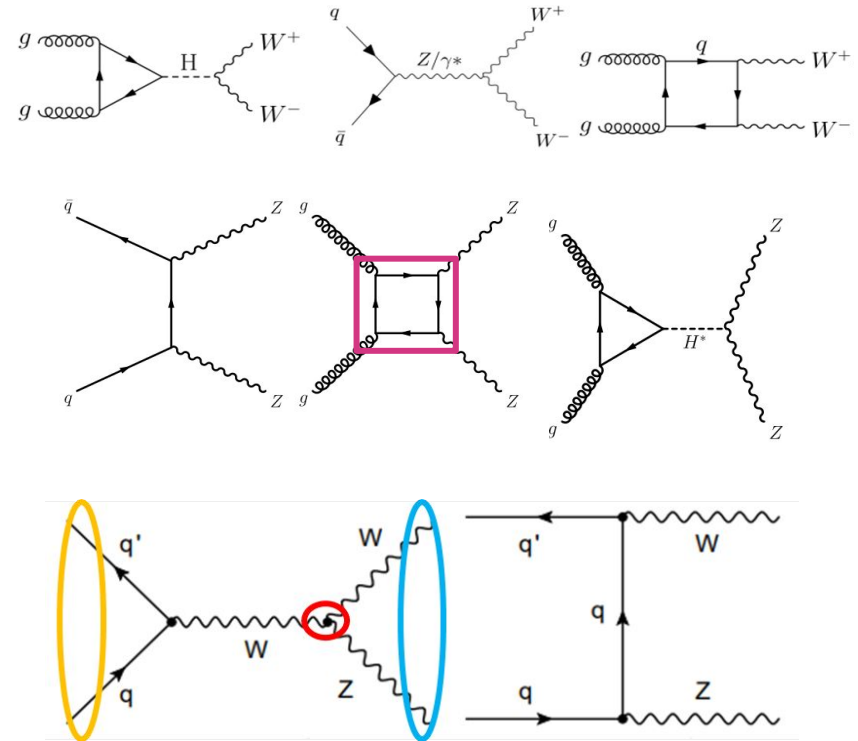


Diboson production



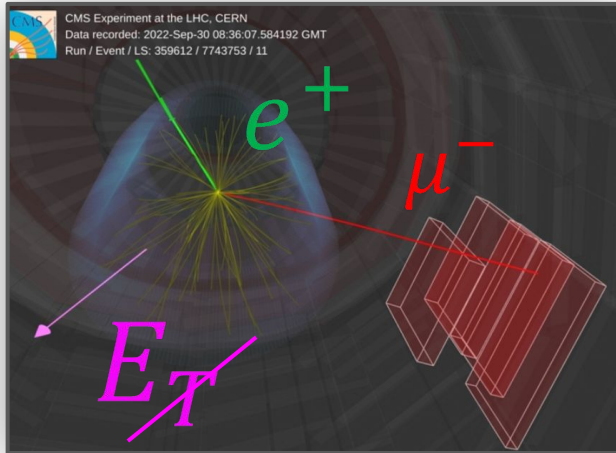
Diboson production measurements

- Diboson production processes are very interesting because of many reasons
- From a theoretical point of view:
 - Relevant backgrounds in Higgs measurements.
 - Sensitive to triple gauge couplings.
 - Boson polarization effects
 - Sensitive to proton PDFs
- From an experimental point of view
 - Relatively large cross section
 - Very clean final states.
 - **Already accessible with Run 3 data.**



Diboson measurements at 13.6 TeV

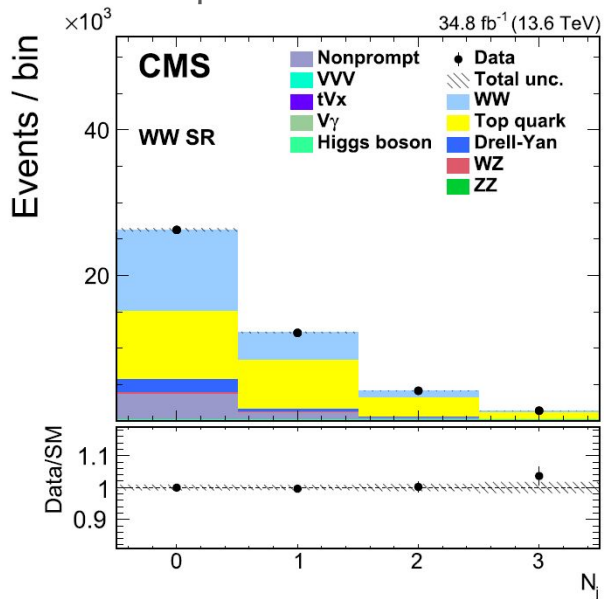
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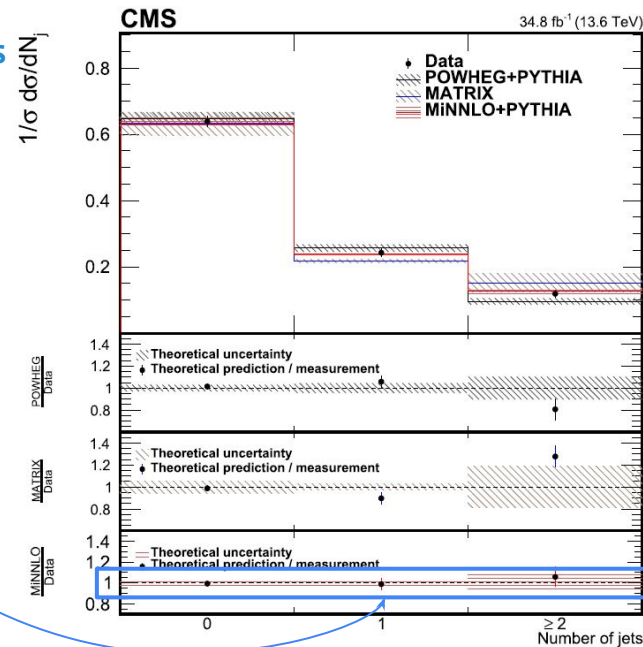
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- **Inclusive** and **differential** cross sections are reported
 - **Extracted from a maximum likelihood fit to the observed yields** as a **function of the number of jets** to the signal region + multiple CRs.



First ever comparison with **MINNLO+PS** generator in WW!

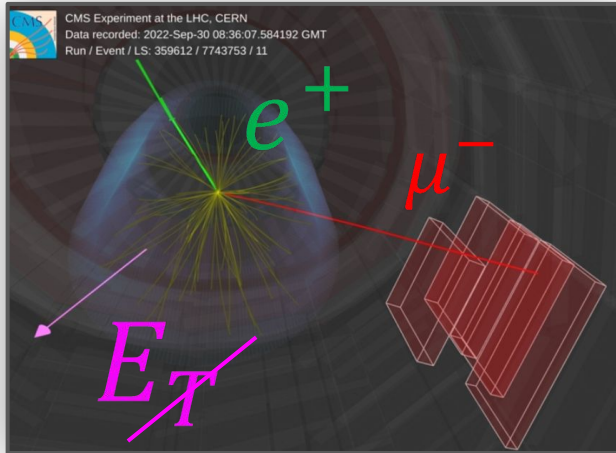


$$\sigma_{WW} = 125.7 \pm 2.3 \text{ (stat)} \pm 4.8 \text{ (syst)} \pm 1.8 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ pb}$$

Observable	Expected	Observed
Cross section (fb)	812 ± 34 (31, 15)	813 ± 35 (32, 15)
0-jet fraction	0.648 ± 0.015 (0.012, 0.009)	0.640 ± 0.016 (0.013, 0.009)
1-jet fraction	0.256 ± 0.013 (0.008, 0.010)	0.243 ± 0.013 (0.009, 0.010)
≥2-jet fraction	0.096 ± 0.011 (0.008, 0.008)	0.119 ± 0.011 (0.008, 0.008)

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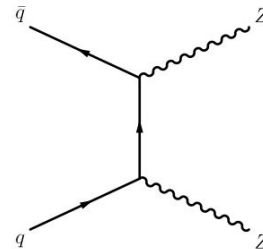


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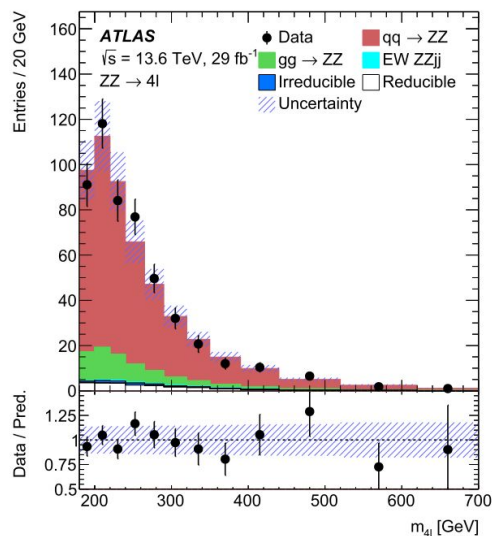


$$ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$$

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- **Rarest diboson production mechanism** → target topology is $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$.
 - The **measurements** are **reported in a fiducial volume** that mimics the requirements of the signal region.
 - The measurement is **also extrapolated to** a less theoretically constrained **total volume**.
- **The ZZ cross section is extracted through a cut & count procedure.**

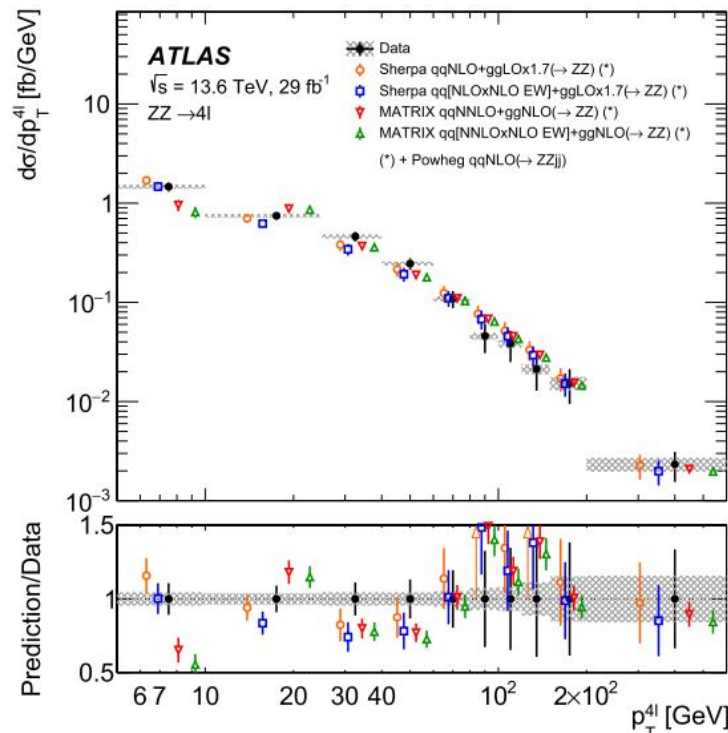
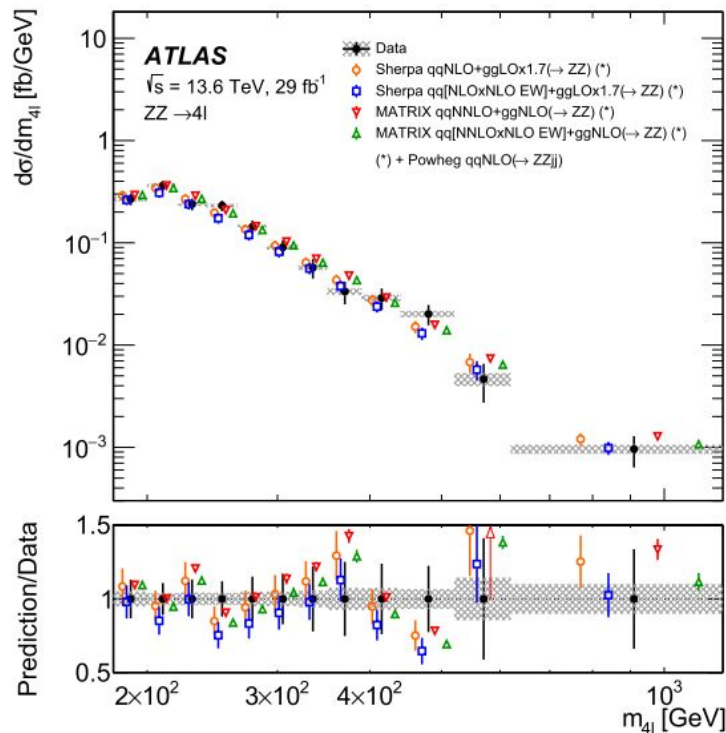


	Fiducial phase space	Total lepton phase space	Source	Relative uncertainty (%)
Muon selection	Bare, $p_T > 5$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.5$	Born	Data statistical uncertainty	4.2
Electron selection	Dressed, $p_T > 7$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.47$	Born	MC statistical uncertainty	0.3
Four-lepton signature	≥ 2 SFOC pairs	≥ 2 SFOC pairs	Luminosity	2.2
Lepton kinematics	$p_T > 27/10$ GeV		Pile-up	0.3
Lepton separation	$\Delta R(\ell_i, \ell_j) > 0.05$		Lepton momentum	0.2
Low-mass $\ell^+\ell^-$ veto	$m_{ij} > 5$ GeV	$m_{ij} > 5$ GeV	Lepton efficiency	3.7
Z mass window	$66 < m_{\ell\ell,1}, m_{\ell\ell,2} < 116$ GeV	$66 < m_{\ell\ell,1}, m_{\ell\ell,2} < 116$ GeV	Background	1.6
ZZ on-shell	$m_{4l} > 180$ GeV		Theoretical uncertainty	1.0
			Total	6.3

Better calibration to come in later Run 3!

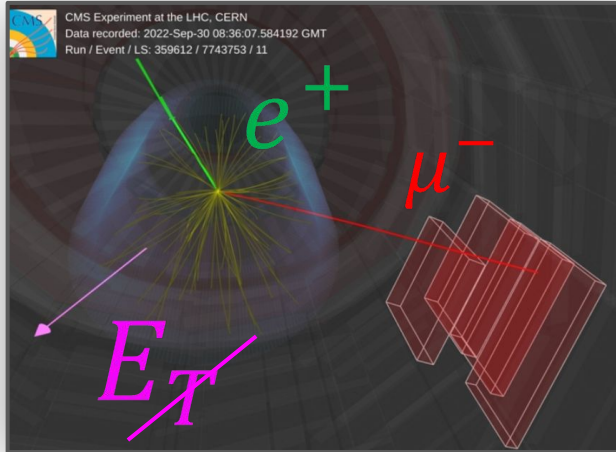
	Measurement	MC prediction	MATRIX + EW ZZjj
Fiducial	$36.7 \pm 1.6(\text{stat}) \pm 1.5(\text{syst}) \pm 0.8(\text{lumi})$ fb	$36.8^{+4.3}_{-3.5}$ fb	36.5 ± 0.7 fb
Total	$16.8 \pm 0.7(\text{stat}) \pm 0.7(\text{syst}) \pm 0.4(\text{lumi})$ pb	$17.0^{+1.9}_{-1.4}$ pb	16.7 ± 0.5 pb

- In addition to the inclusive cross section measurements, differential unfolding of observables is performed using background subtraction techniques.



Diboson measurements at 13.6 TeV

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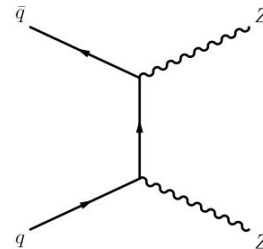


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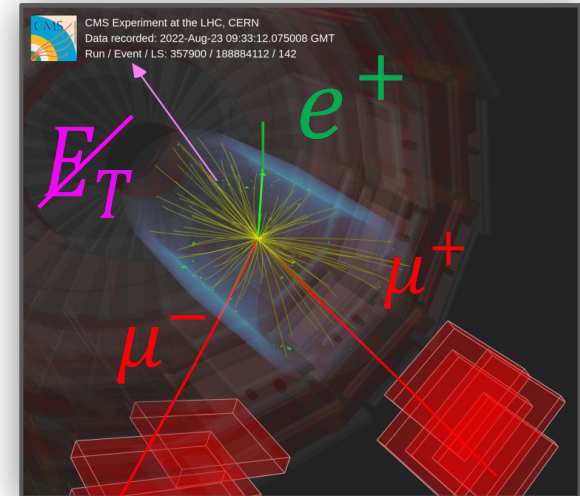
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The heavy
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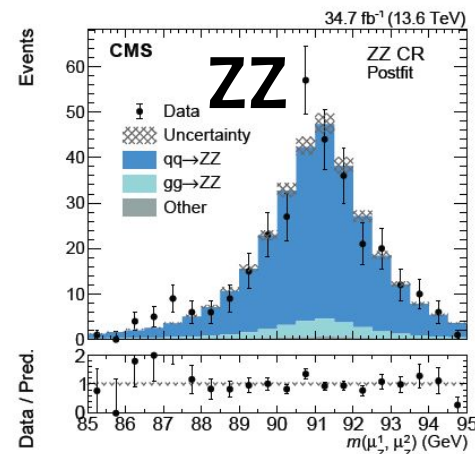
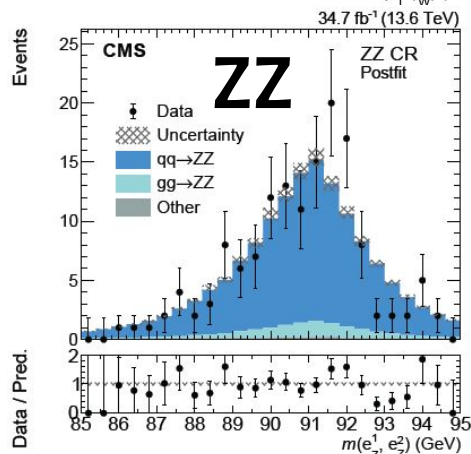
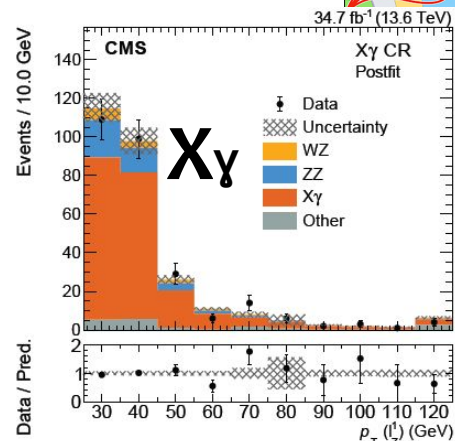
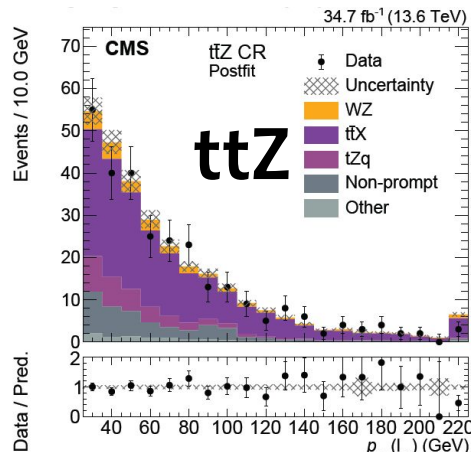
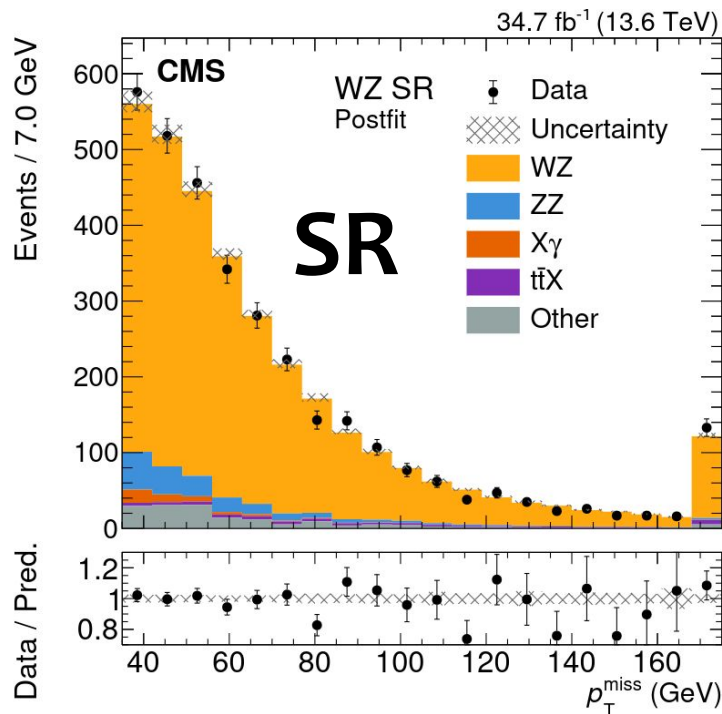


- In its multileptonic final state, this process has:
 - **Very clean final state**
 - **Reasonably high statistics and purity**
- The analysis is performed in these final state topologies ($WZ \rightarrow 3\ell + \nu$).

Region	N_ℓ	$p_T\{\ell_Z^1, \ell_Z^2, \ell_W(\ell_3), (\ell_4)\}$ (GeV)	N_{OSSF}	$ m(\ell_Z^1, \ell_Z^2) - m_Z $ (GeV)	p_T^{miss} (GeV)	$N_{\text{b tag}}$	$\min(m(\ell, \ell'))$ (GeV)	$m(\ell_Z^1, \ell_Z^2, \ell_W(\ell_3))$ (GeV)
SR	=3	$>\{25, 15, 25\}$	≥ 1	< 15	> 35	=0	> 4	> 100
ZZ CR	=4	$>\{25, 15, 25, 15\}$	≥ 1	< 15	—	=0	> 4	> 100
ttZ CR	=3	$>\{25, 15, 25\}$	≥ 1	< 15	> 35	> 0	> 4	> 100
X γ CR	=3	$>\{25, 15, 25\}$	≥ 1	—	≤ 35	=0	> 4	< 100

- **One signal region (SR).**
- The main backgrounds (**ZZ**, **ttZ** and **conversions**) are controlled with three additional control regions (CRs).

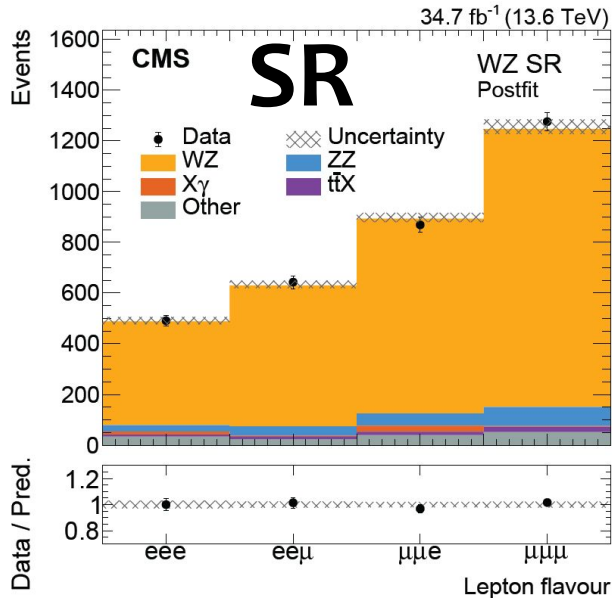
- The analysis also serves as a **proof** of the performance of multiple objects in CMS during Run 3!



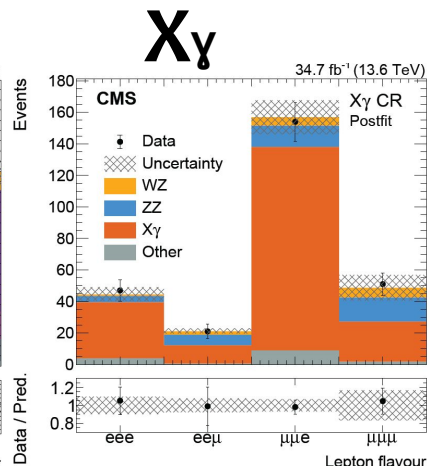
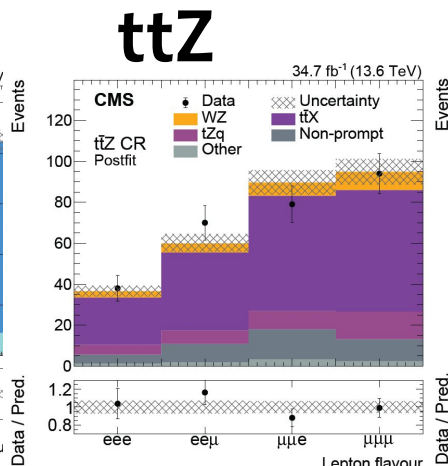
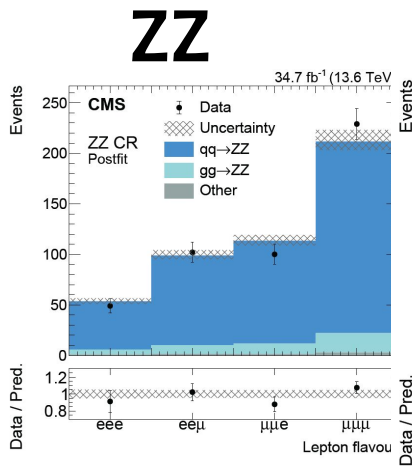
- The **WZ cross section** is extracted from a maximum likelihood fit to the number of **observed events in different lepton categories**.
 - The SR and all CRs are considered in the fit.

Measurements are reported in **fiducial** and **total regions per lepton flavour channel**.

Region	Fiducial	Total
Lepton definition	Dressed (e, μ)	Dressed (e, μ , τ)
$N_\ell = 3$	✓	✓
$p_T\{\ell_Z^1, \ell_Z^2, \ell_W\} > \{25, 15, 25\}$ GeV	✓	—
$ \eta \{\ell_Z^1, \ell_Z^2, \ell_W\} < \{2.5, 2.5, 2.5\}$	✓	—
$N_{\text{OSFF}} = 1$	✓	✓
$60 < m(\ell_Z, \ell_Z') < 120$ GeV	✓	✓
$\min(m(\ell, \ell')) > 4$ GeV	✓	✓
$m(\ell_Z^1, \ell_Z^2, \ell_W) > 100$ GeV	✓	—



All distributions are **postfit**





All results are compared to latest theoretical predictions computed with MATRIX.

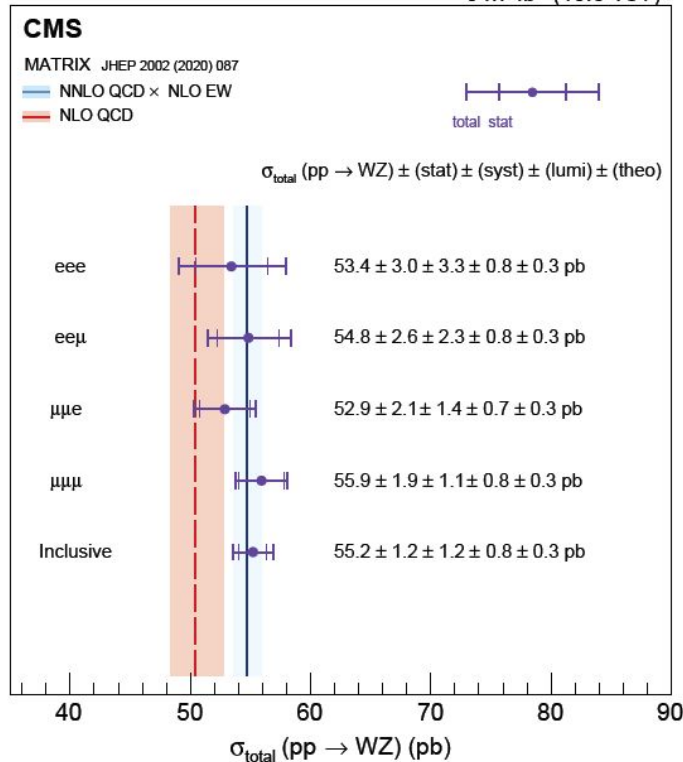
Excellent agreement with SM!

Fiducial region results for the inclusive channel

Inclusive	POWHEG, NLO QCD	$271.9^{+9.0}_{-8.5}$ (scale) ± 3.8 (PDF)
	MATRIX, NLO QCD	$277.1^{+15.3}_{-12.3}$ (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD	$304.0^{+7.1}_{-6.6}$ (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD \times NLO EW	$297.7^{+6.8}_{-6.3}$ (scale)
	Measured	297.6 ± 6.4 (stat) ± 6.4 (syst) ± 4.2 (lumi) ± 1.5 (theo)

Total region results

34.7 fb⁻¹ (13.6 TeV)



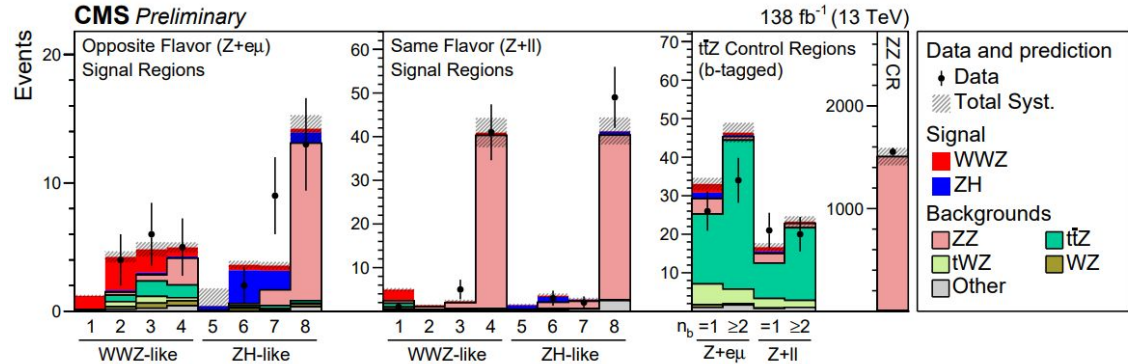
WWZ and ZH cross sections at 13 and 13.6 TeV

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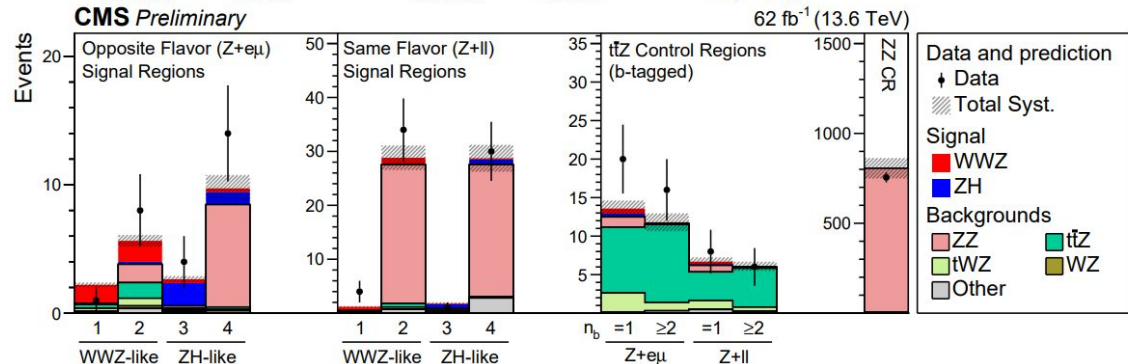
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- Events are categorized according to the flavors of the W-candidate leptons.
 - 2 channels
 - Opposite and same-flavour
- A BDT is used to further distinguish WWZ, ZH and other backgrounds.
 - (8 bins for Run 2) x 2 channels
 - (4 bins for Run 3) x 2 channels
- The post-fit yields are extracted from a maximum likelihood fit to signal region and other control regions.

Run 2



Run 3

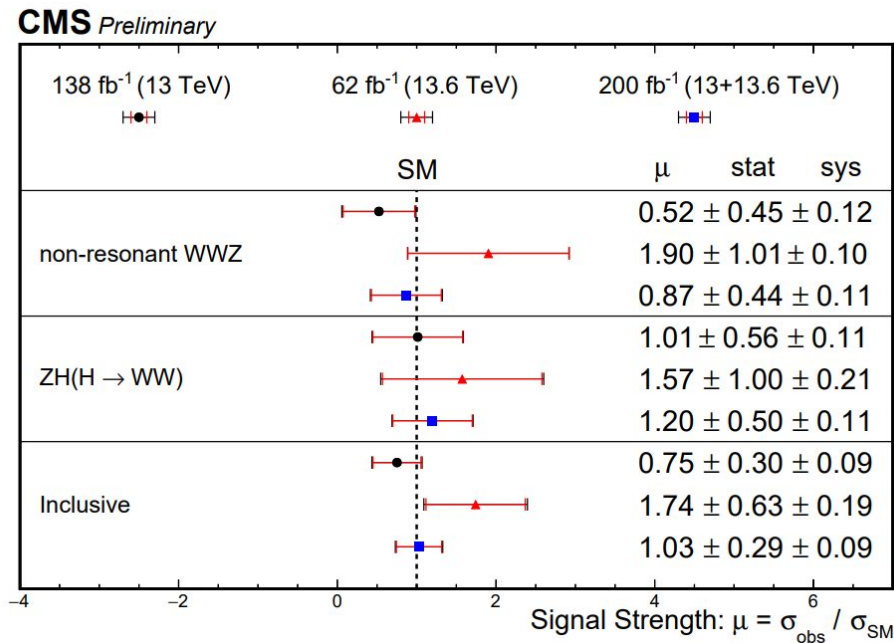
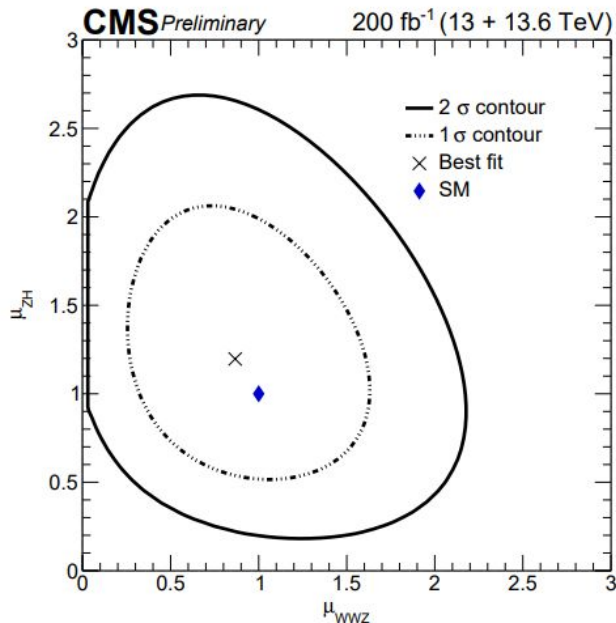


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First evidence for a triboson production process at 13.6 TeV!

Era	Total	WWZ	ZH
Run 2	2.9 (4.4)	1.3 (3.1)	2.0 (2.6)
Run 3	3.8 (2.5)	2.5 (1.3)	2.5 (1.7)
Total	4.5 (5.0)	2.4 (3.3)	3.1 (3.1)

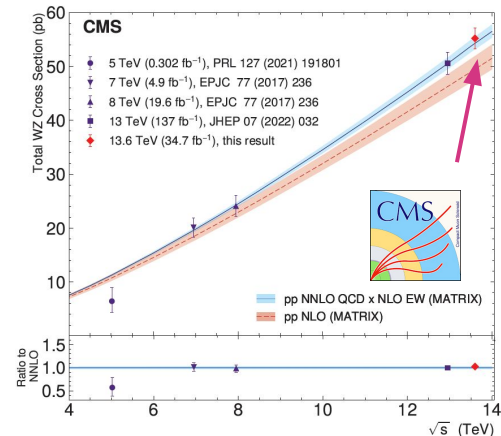
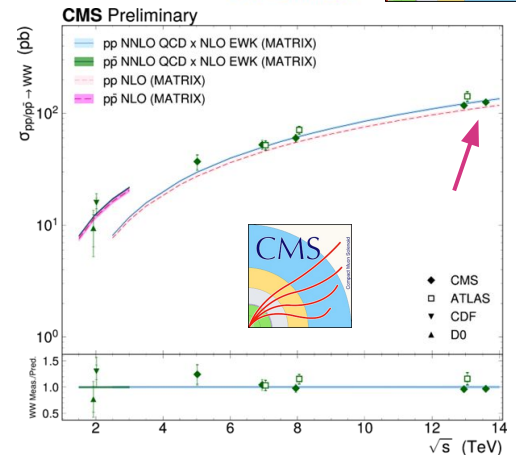
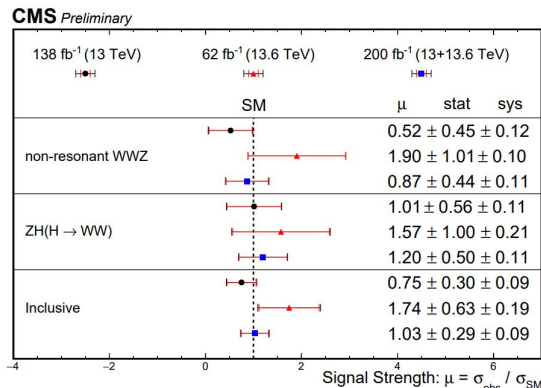
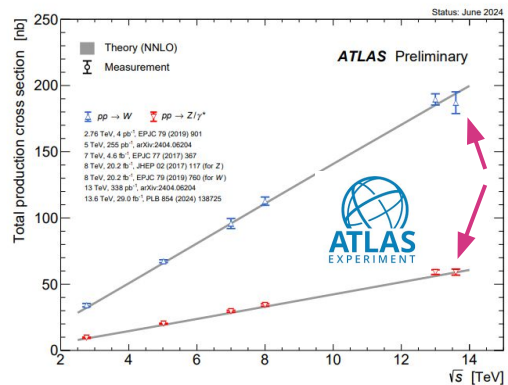
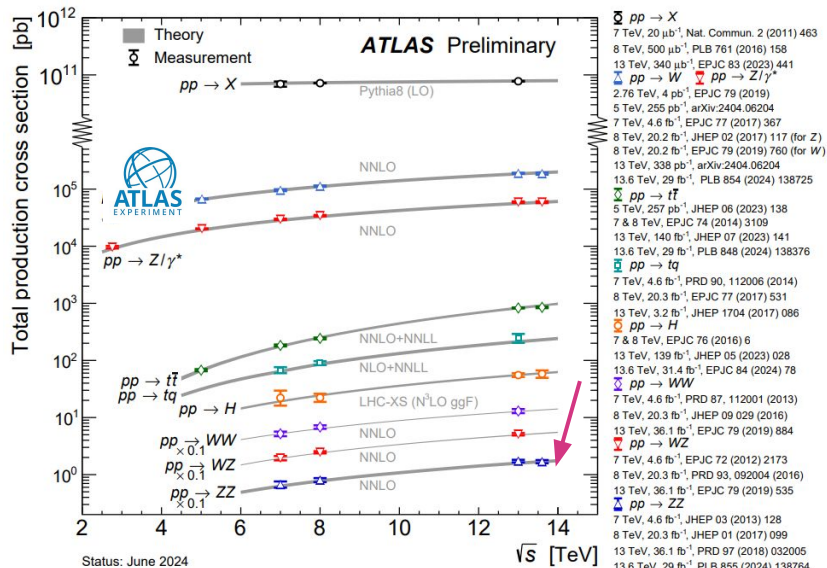
First simultaneous measurement of WWZ and ZH



Conclusions (I)

> 15 years of SM cross section measurements at LHC!

Excellent precision achieved, good agreement with the SM



Conclusions (II)

- The **CMS** and **ATLAS** collaborations are analyzing Run 3 data
 - **Physics analyses ramping up**
 - “Only” using ~10% of the total expected Run 3 dataset
 - Some “serious” competition with Run~2 analyses
- Run 3 should be seen as a **marathon** race, **not a sprint** race.
 - **Run 2 + Run 3** data samples will be **larger or comparable to Run 4!**
 - It will be our main dataset until ~2032.
- In this talk I’ve covered a handful of analyses developed by both CMS and ATLAS related to SM physics.
 - I’ve missed many other interesting results from both collaborations that anyone can checkout at the [ATLAS](#) and [CMS](#) webpages!



Stay tuned for more Run 3 Results!

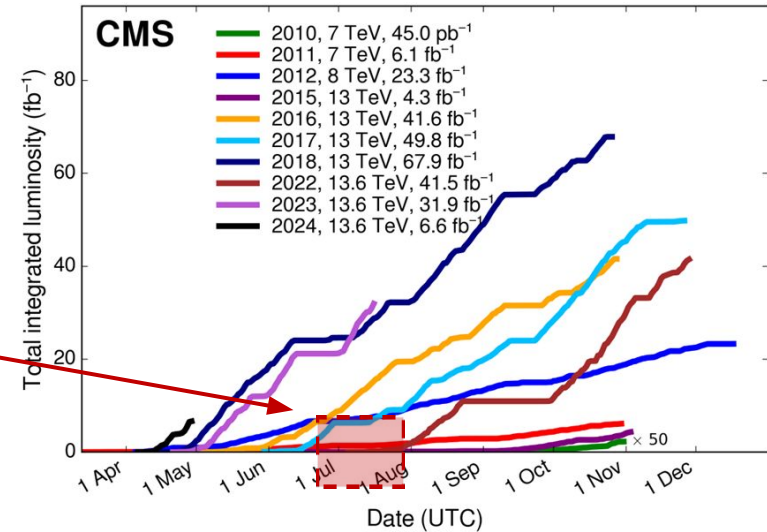


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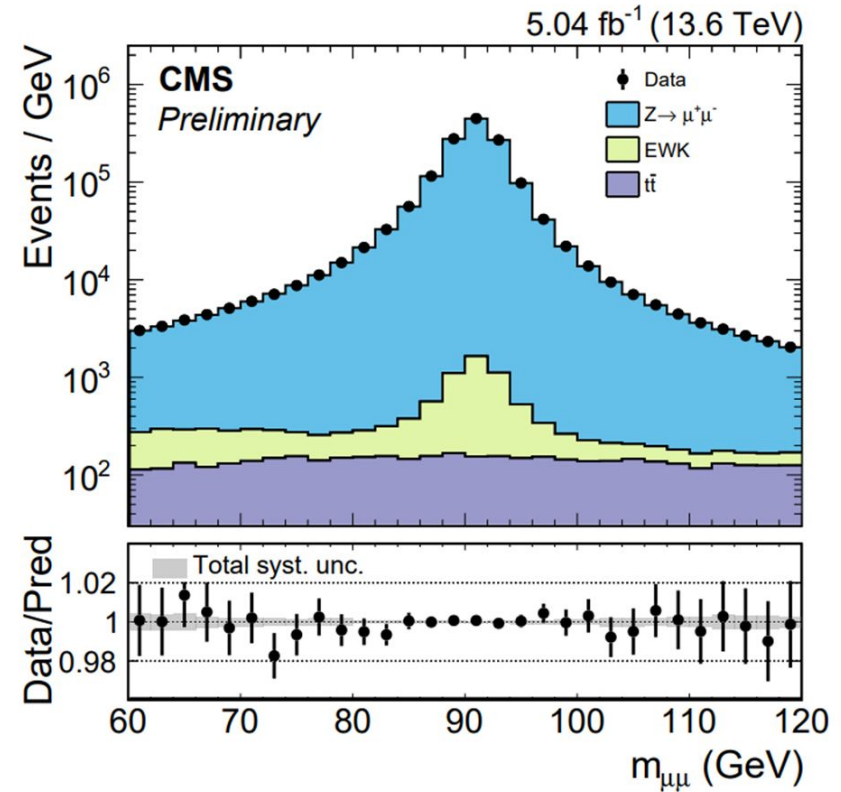
Z cross section measurement at 13.6 TeV (CMS) – [SMP-22-017](#)

- A measurement of the Z boson production cross section was performed by the CMS experiment at the beginning of Run 3.
- **Goal:** to measure the Z boson production rate at a brand new center of mass energy regime.
- **Dataset used:** first 5.04 fb^{-1} collected by CMS during 2022 data taking.
- **Target topology:** $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



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- **Object selection:** optimized for $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$.
 - Exactly two reconstructed muons passing “tight” quality criteria [[JINST 13 \(2018\) Po6015](#)].
 - Opposite sign
 - $p_T > 25$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.4$
 - $m_{\mu\mu} \in [60, 120]$ GeV
 - Inclusive in jets and b tags.
- **Corrections:** particularly delicate in early analyses.
 - **Muon efficiency**
 - **Scale and energy.**
 - Trigger prefiring.
 - Pileup
- **Strategy:** maximum likelihood fit to the $m_{\mu\mu}$ distribution.



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- Total cross sections times branching ratio are presented.
 - Measurement dominated by systematics.
- Well in agreement with SM.

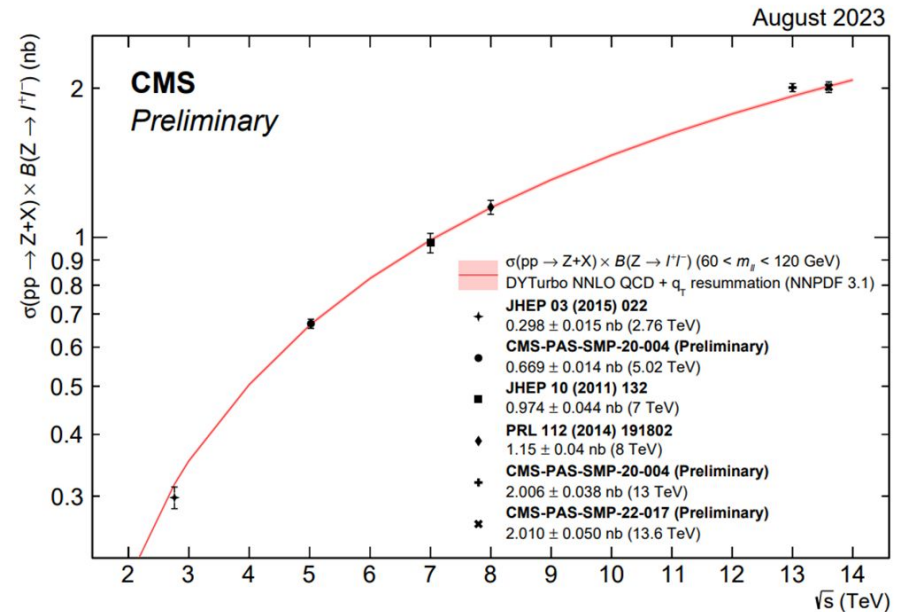
Source	Uncertainty (%)
Muon efficiencies	0.83
PDF, QCD scale and parton shower	0.53
Finite size of MC samples (bin-by-bin)	0.35
$t\bar{t}$ background	0.16
EWK background	0.12
Pileup	0.08
Muon momentum correction	0.08
Combined syst. uncertainty	0.92
Luminosity	2.3
Stat. uncertainty	0.06

$$(\sigma_{\text{fid}}\mathcal{B})_{\text{measured}} = (0.7635 \pm 0.0004(\text{stat}) \pm 0.0069(\text{syst}) \pm 0.0176(\text{lumi})) \text{ nb},$$

$$(\sigma_{\text{fid}}\mathcal{B})_{\text{predicted}} = (0.7666 \pm 0.0065(\text{PDF})_{-0.0045}^{+0.0021}(\text{scale})) \text{ nb},$$

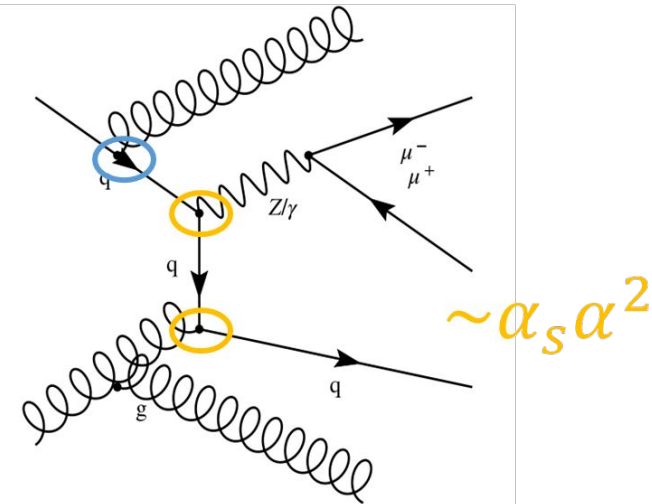
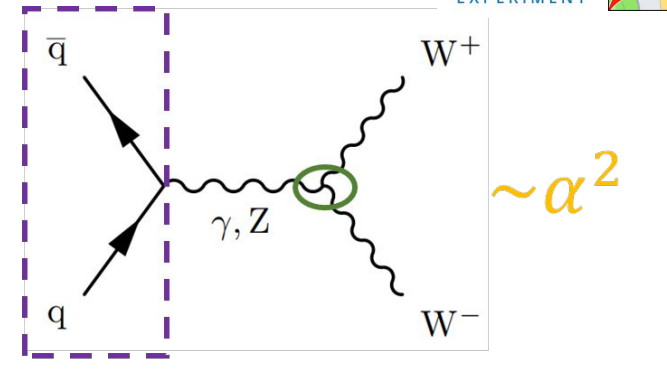
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$$(\sigma_{\text{tot}}\mathcal{B})_{\text{predicted}} = (2.018 \pm 0.012(\text{PDF})_{-0.023}^{+0.018}(\text{scale})) \text{ nb},$$



Vector boson production

- Isolated or simultaneous production of Z and W bosons at the LHC is part of the core programme.
- From a theoretical point of view:
 - Constraining of PDFs.
 - Anomalous triple gauge couplings.
 - Test perturbative effects of higher order contributions in QCD.
 - Parton shower effects.
- From a experimental point of view.
 - The LHC is a Z and W bosons factory
 - $\sigma_{Z/W} \approx 10^2$ nb.
 - Ideal setup for calibration of many objects.
 - Accessible already with rather low recorded luminosity.



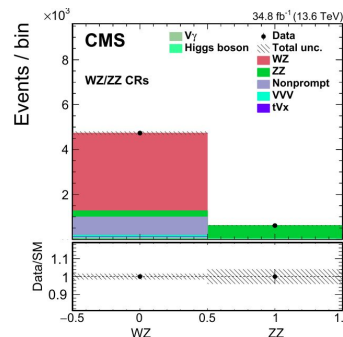
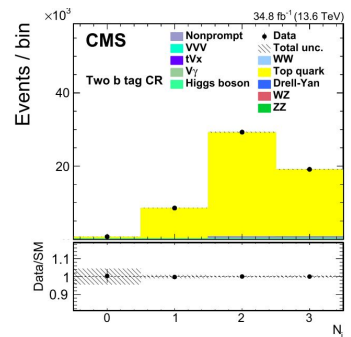
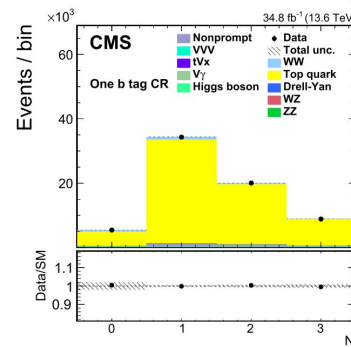
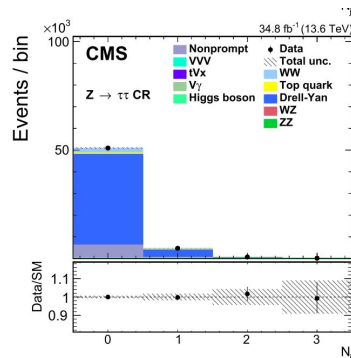
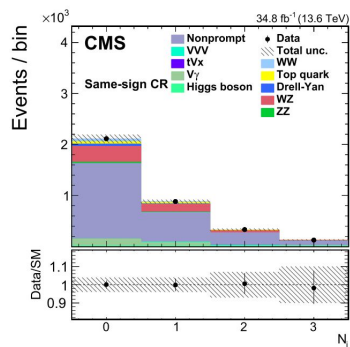
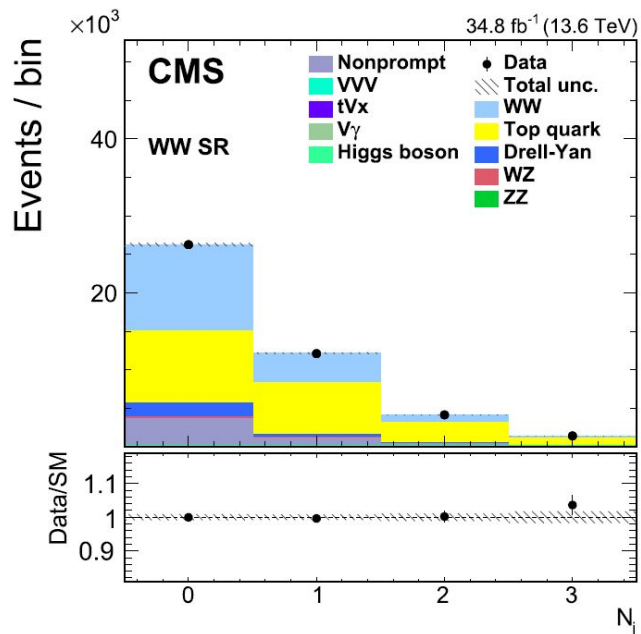


- Measurement of W-boson pair production cross sections is an important test of the standard model.
 - **First analysis using the full 2022 CMS dataset!**
- The target topology is $WW \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$:
 - **One signal region** is defined to maximize signal purity.
 - Several control regions are already defined to constraint effect of main backgrounds.
 - **TOP, ZZ $\rightarrow \tau\tau$, non prompt, WZ and ZZ $\rightarrow 4\ell$**

Quantity	WW	One/two b tags	Z $\rightarrow \tau\tau$	Same-sign
Number of tight leptons			Strictly 2	
Additional loose leptons			0	
Lepton charges		Opposite		Same
$p_T^{\ell \max}$			>25 GeV	
$p_T^{\ell \min}$			>20 GeV	
$m_{\ell\ell}$	>85 GeV	>85 GeV	<85 GeV	>85 GeV
$p_T^{\ell\ell}$	—	—	<30 GeV	—
Number of b-tagged jets	0	1/2	0	0
N_j			0/1/2/ ≥ 3	

Variable	WZ	ZZ
Number of tight leptons	Strictly 3	Strictly 4
Additional loose leptons		0
Lepton p_T	>25/10/20 GeV	>25/20/10/10 GeV (p_T ordered)
$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z $	<15 GeV	<15 GeV (both pairs)
$m_{3\ell}$	>100 GeV	—
$m_{4\ell}$	—	>150 GeV
p_T^{miss}	>30 GeV	—
Number of b-tagged jets	0	

- The inclusive WW cross section is extracted from a maximum likelihood fit to the observed yields as a function of the number of jets.
- The fit is performed simultaneously to the signal region and all control regions.



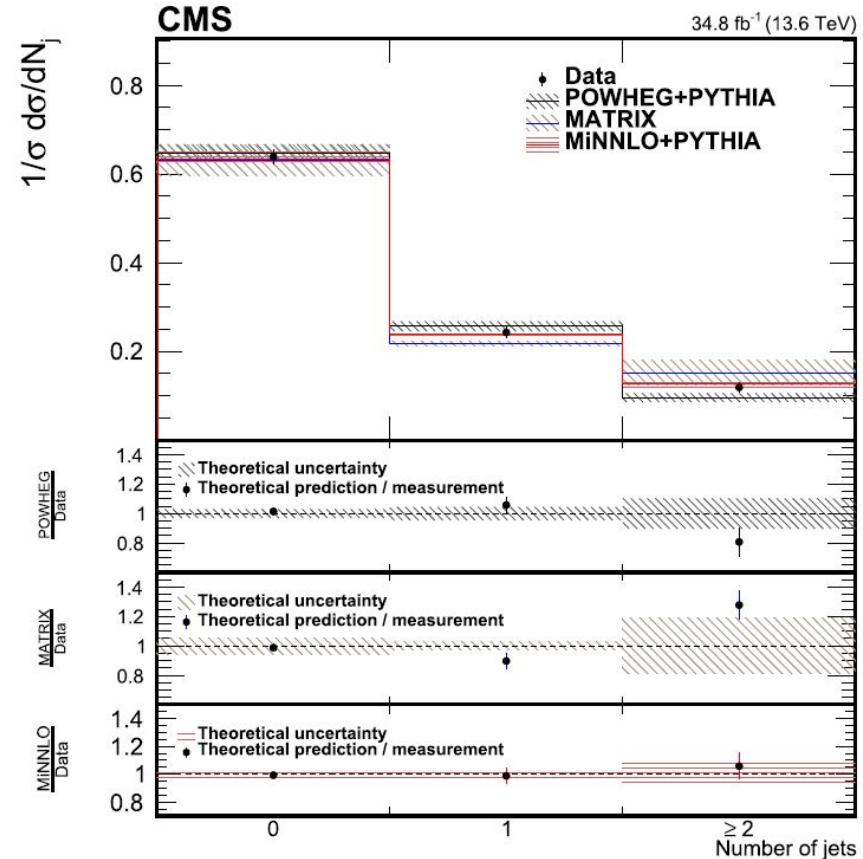
$$\sigma_{WW} = 125.7 \pm 2.3 \text{ (stat)} \pm 4.8 \text{ (syst)} \pm 1.8 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ pb}$$

- In addition to the inclusive cross section, fiducial and inclusive and normalized cross sections are reported.

Observable	Expected	Observed
Cross section (fb)	812 ± 34 (31, 15)	813 ± 35 (32, 15)
0-jet fraction	0.648 ± 0.015 (0.012, 0.009)	0.640 ± 0.016 (0.013, 0.009)
1-jet fraction	0.256 ± 0.013 (0.008, 0.010)	0.243 ± 0.013 (0.009, 0.010)
≥ 2 -jet fraction	0.096 ± 0.011 (0.008, 0.008)	0.119 ± 0.011 (0.008, 0.008)

Fiducial definition in backup

- Differential measurements also performed.
 - Compared to alternative predictions.
 - First ever comparison with `MINNLO+PS` generator in WW!**
- Good agreement is observed



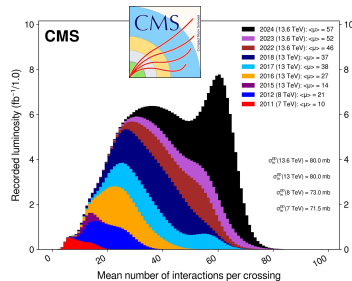
A quick word on CMS & ATLAS in Run 3

- Both ATLAS and CMS have released several results (not covered in this talk) showing great performance → Really critical for proper Run 3 analysis!

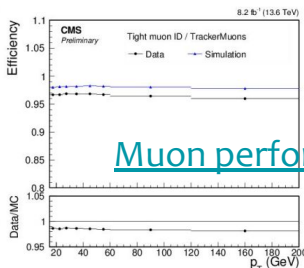
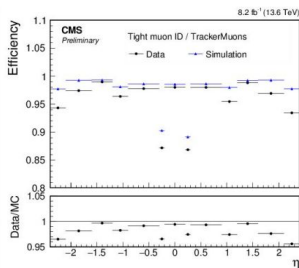
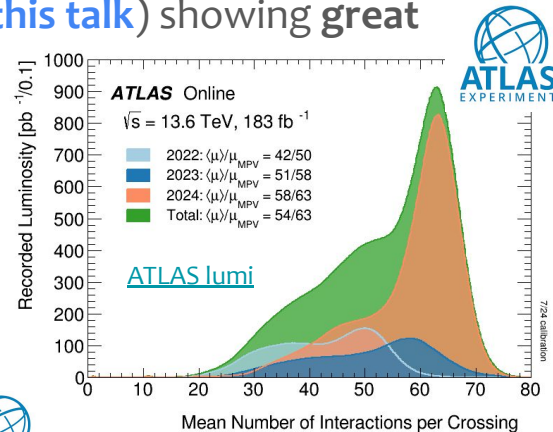
Luminosity calibration



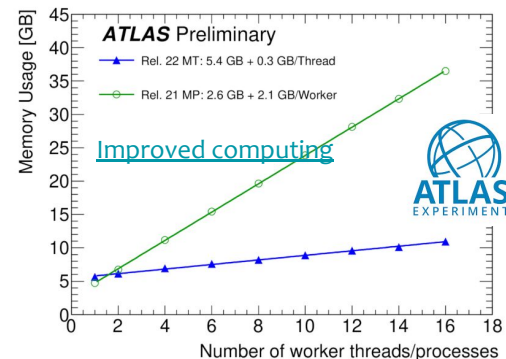
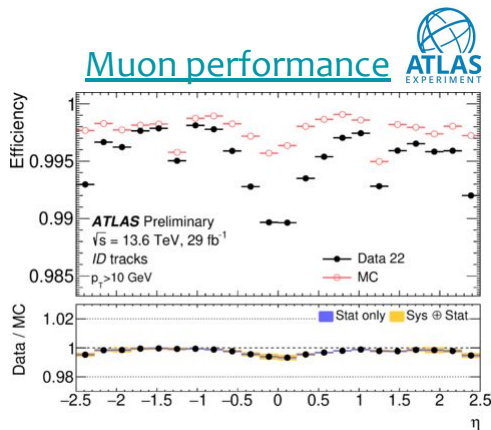
Source	Correction (%)	Uncertainty (%)
Calibration		
Beam current	3.4	0.2
Ghost and satellite charges	0.4	0.2
Orbit drift	0.1	0.1
Residual beam positions	0.0	0.3
Beam-beam effects	1.0	0.4
Length scale	-1.0	0.1
Factorization bias	1.0	0.8
Scan-to-scan variation	-	0.5
Bunch-to-bunch variation	-	0.1
Cross-detector consistency	-	0.4
Integration		
HFET OOT pileup corrections	0.2	
Cross-detector stability	0.5	
Cross-detector linearity	0.5	
Calibration	1.2	
Integration	0.8	
Total	1.4	



Check all these results and more at CMS & ATLAS



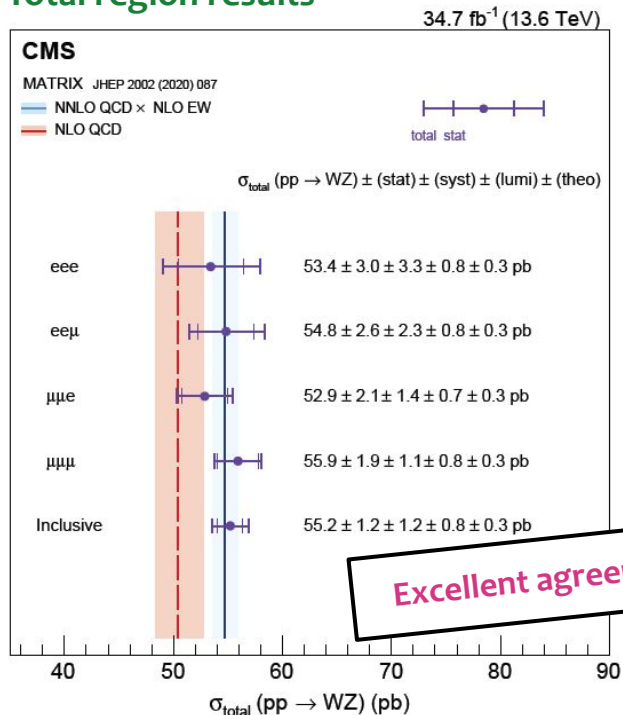
Muon performance





All results are compared to latest theoretical predictions computed with MATRIX.

Total region results



Excellent agreement with SM!

Fiducial region results

Category	Accuracy	Fiducial cross section (fb)
eee	POWHEG, NLO QCD	68.0 ^{+2.3} _{-2.1} (scale) ± 1.0 (PDF)
	MATRIX, NLO QCD	69.9 ^{+3.9} _{-3.1} (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD	77.0 ^{+1.8} _{-1.7} (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD × NLO EW	75.4 ^{+1.7} _{-1.6} (scale)
	Measured	72.0 ± 4.0 (stat) ± 4.5 (syst) ± 1.0 (lumi) ± 0.4 (theo)
eeμ	POWHEG, NLO QCD	68.0 ^{+2.3} _{-2.1} (scale) ± 1.0 (PDF)
	MATRIX, NLO QCD	68.7 ^{+3.8} _{-3.0} (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD	75.0 ^{+1.8} _{-1.6} (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD × NLO EW	73.4 ^{+1.7} _{-1.5} (scale)
	Measured	73.9 ± 3.5 (stat) ± 3.1 (syst) ± 1.1 (lumi) ± 0.4 (theo)
μμe	POWHEG, NLO QCD	68.0 ^{+2.3} _{-2.1} (scale) ± 1.0 (PDF)
	MATRIX, NLO QCD	68.7 ^{+3.8} _{-3.0} (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD	75.0 ^{+1.8} _{-1.6} (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD × NLO EW	73.4 ^{+1.7} _{-1.5} (scale)
	Measured	71.2 ± 2.9 (stat) ± 2.0 (syst) ± 1.0 (lumi) ± 0.4 (theo)
μμμ	POWHEG, NLO QCD	68.0 ^{+2.3} _{-2.1} (scale) ± 1.0 (PDF)
	MATRIX, NLO QCD	69.9 ^{+3.9} _{-3.1} (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD	77.0 ^{+1.8} _{-1.7} (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD × NLO EW	75.4 ^{+1.7} _{-1.6} (scale)
	Measured	75.3 ± 2.5 (stat) ± 1.5 (syst) ± 1.1 (lumi) ± 0.4 (theo)
Inclusive	POWHEG, NLO QCD	271.9 ^{+9.0} _{-8.5} (scale) ± 3.8 (PDF)
	MATRIX, NLO QCD	277.1 ^{+15.3} _{-12.3} (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD	304.0 ^{+7.1} _{-6.6} (scale)
	MATRIX, NNLO QCD × NLO EW	297.7 ^{+6.8} _{-6.3} (scale)
	Measured	297.6 ± 6.4 (stat) ± 6.4 (syst) ± 4.2 (lumi) ± 1.5 (theo)