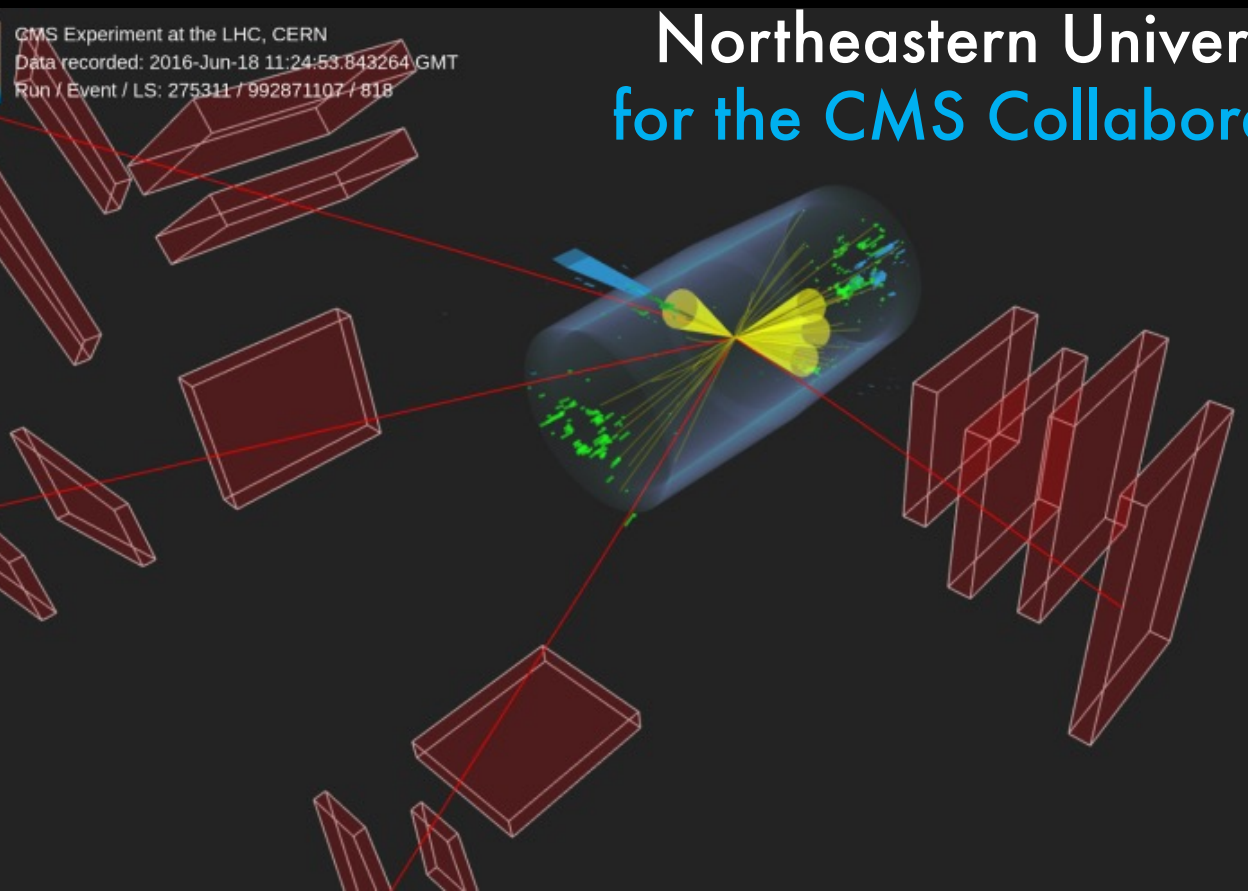


Measurements involving W, Z bosons (inclusive or in association with jets)

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SM physics with W,Z bosons

SM measurements involving W,Z bosons with or w/o jets at the LHC allow us to test a wide range of theory predictions (EW, pQCD, npQCD) with unprecedented precision. **They are sensitive to, and constraint new physics contributions.** **These processes are also backgrounds to all direct searches for new physics.**

Outline: recent results from the CMS experiment on

W,Z Production

- Inclusive W and Z production
- Rare decays of Z
- Z polarization
- Invisible Z width

Z+jets

- Z+jets differential cross sections
*(Z,W+HF jets results covered in V. Candelise's talk)

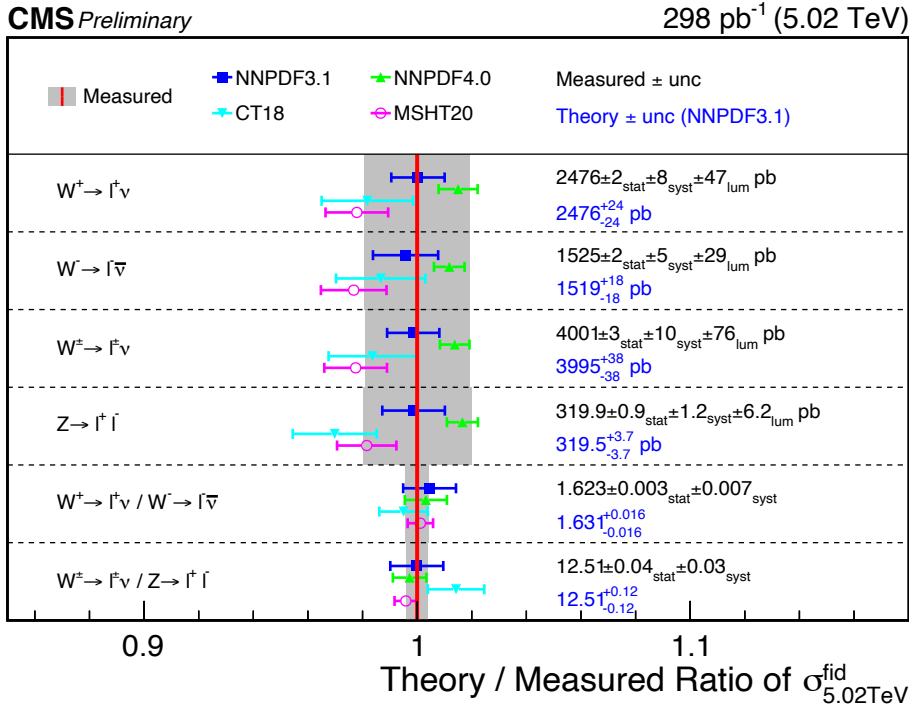
Multi-V(W,Z)+jets

- $W^\pm W^\pm$ + jets with τ decays
- ZZ + jets differential cross-sections

W and Z production

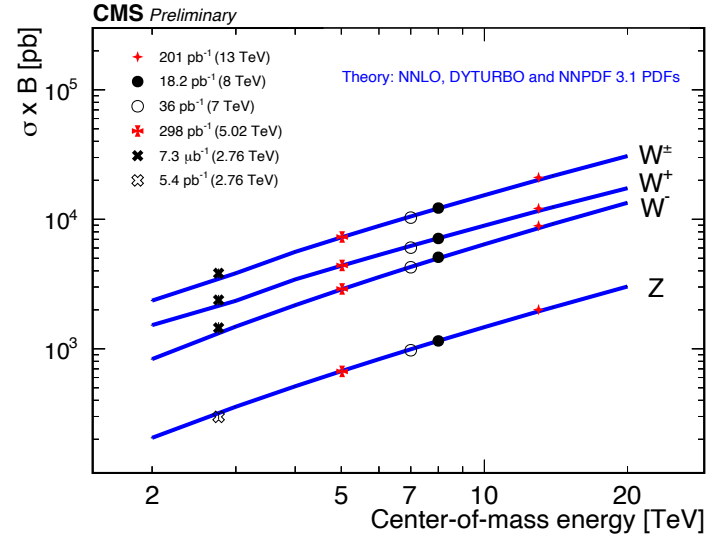
Cross-sections (inclusive and differential) are sensitive to EW and QCD sectors of SM: extraction of fundamental parameters of EW theory (M_W , M_Z , $\sin^2\theta_W$), input to proton structure (PDF's), input to modeling of high order corrections in MC for reduction of uncertainty on measurements.

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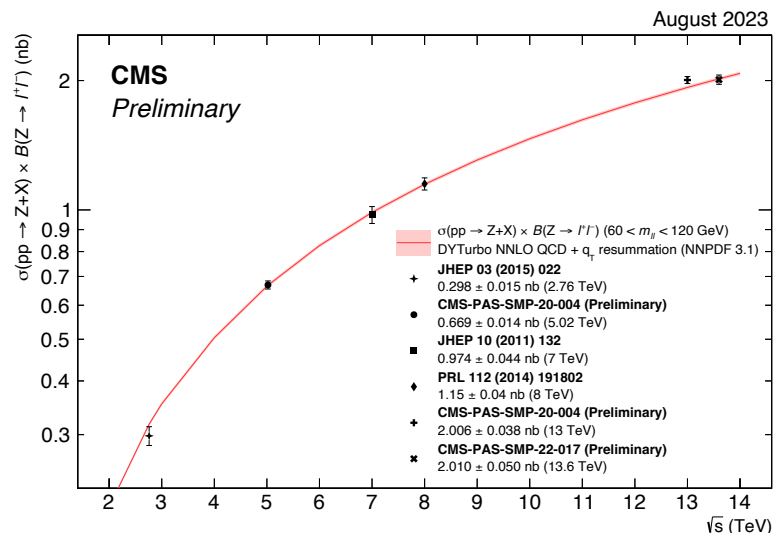


Total and fiducial cross sections, ratios of cross sections of W^\pm to Z, W^+ to W^- , and 13 TeV to 5.02 TeV, measurement of Z cross-section at 13.6 TeV. **Consistent with pQCD predictions.**

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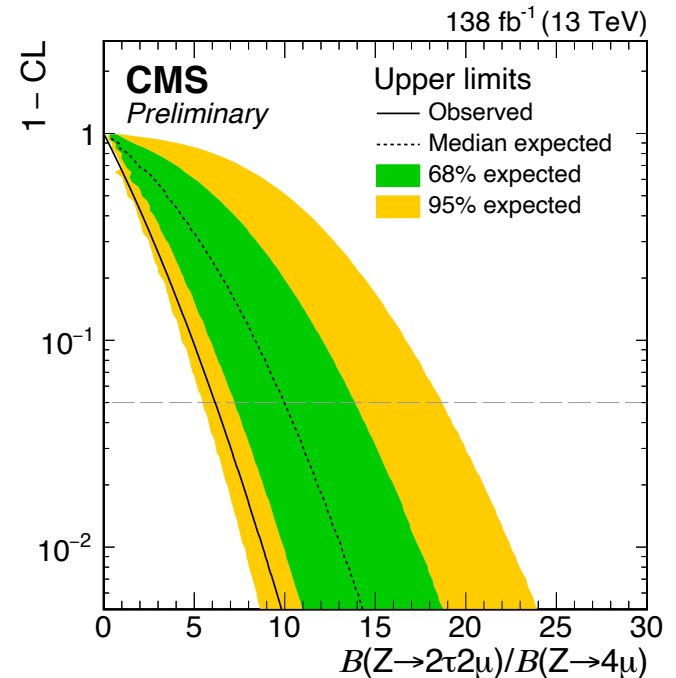
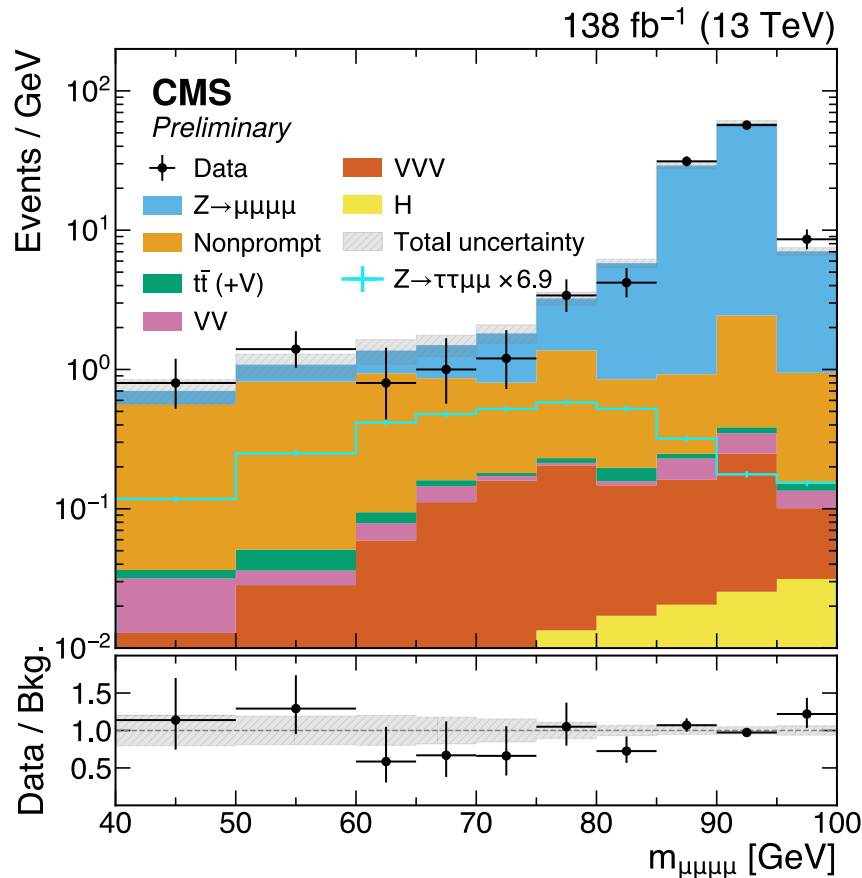
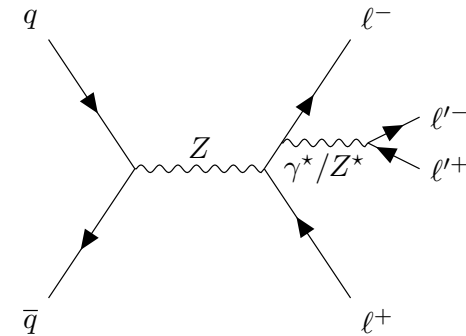
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Rare decays of Z

Rare modes can be sensitive to new physics (e.g. Z'). Studies of $Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \ell^+ \ell^-$

$Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \tau^+ (\rightarrow \mu^+) \tau^- (\rightarrow \mu^-)$: First search in this rare decay mode (SM $\text{Br} \sim 10^{-6}$). Data compatible with backgrounds. 95% C.L. upper limit of 6.2 on $\text{Br}(Z \rightarrow 2\tau 2\mu)/(Z \rightarrow 4\mu)$, corresponding to 6.9xSM.



Rare decays of Z

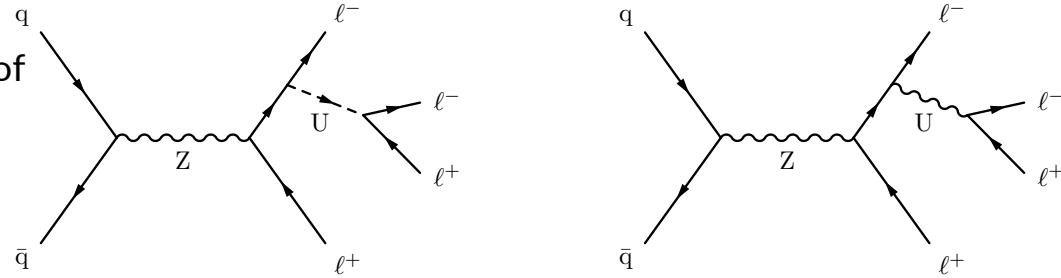
Rare modes can be sensitive to new physics (e.g. Z'). **Studies of $Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \ell^+ \ell^-$**

$Z \rightarrow 4\ell$: Decays to 4 charged leptons (e or μ).

Rare decay mode (SM $\text{Br} \sim 10^{-6}$). Measurement of branching ratios and differential distributions.

Good agreement with SM, precision of 3.2%.

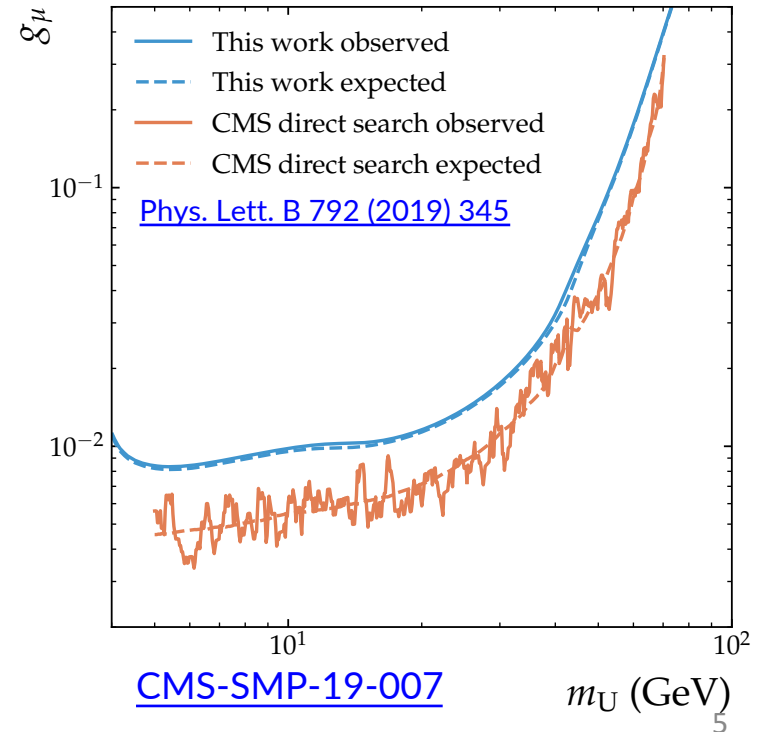
Limits set on a scalar or vector BSM gauge boson mediator "U".



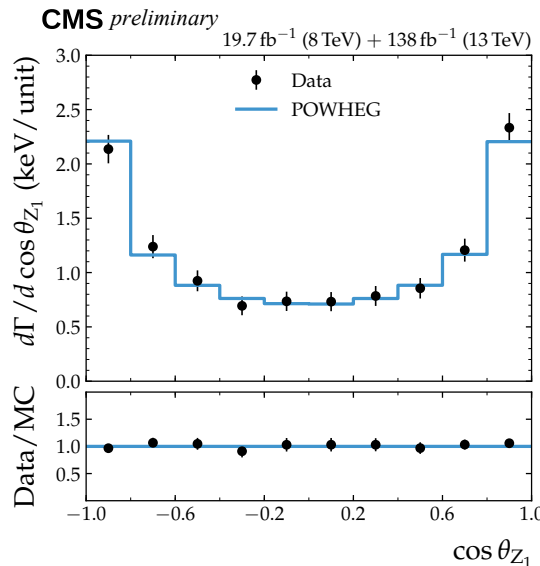
Channel	$B(Z \rightarrow 4\ell) [\times 10^{-6}]$	
	Expected	Observed
4μ	1.20 ± 0.00	1.25 ± 0.04 (stat) ± 0.03 (syst)
$2\mu 2e$	2.31 ± 0.00	2.17 ± 0.08 (stat) ± 0.06 (syst)
$4e$	1.20 ± 0.00	1.16 ± 0.09 (stat) ± 0.06 (syst)
4ℓ	4.70 ± 0.00	4.67 ± 0.11 (stat) ± 0.10 (syst)

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19.7 fb^{-1} (8 TeV) + 138 fb^{-1} (13 TeV)



Observed symmetry of the angular distributions reflects the **CP invariance** of the $Z \rightarrow 4\ell$ decay process

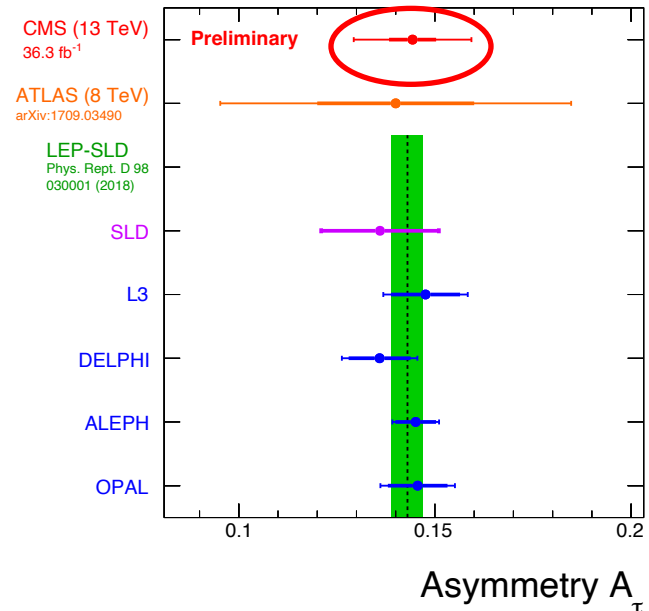
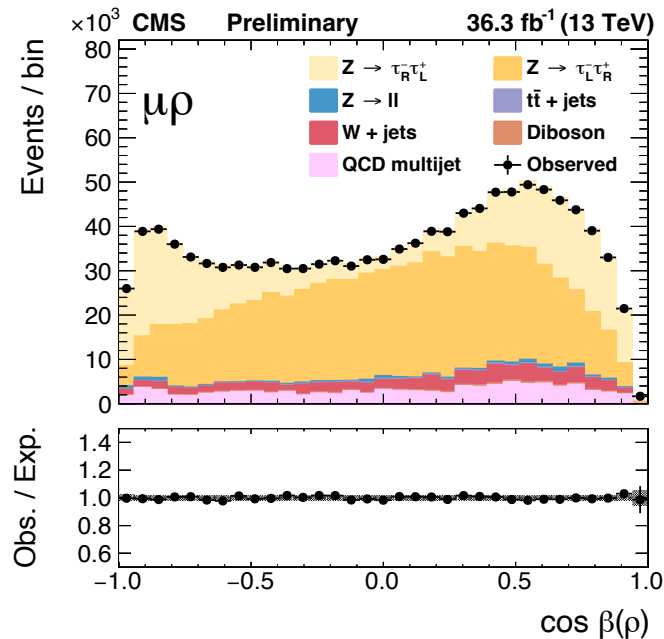
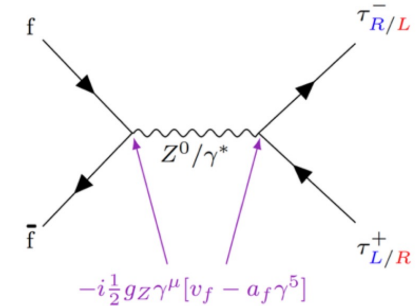


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τ polarization in $Z \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$ decays

$Z \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$ decays used to measure the asymmetry arising from different coupling of Z to left and right handed fermions in the SM. The asymmetry is equal to the negative polarization at the Z pole and it is related to $\sin^2 \vartheta_W^{\text{eff}}$.

Kinematic angular distributions of decay products used to construct templates for several decay categories. Templates used to extract the average polarization by a maximum likelihood fit to data.



$$\sin^2 \vartheta_W^{\text{eff}} = 0.2319 \pm 0.0008 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.0018 \text{ (syst)}$$

Measurement dominated by systematic uncertainties but with precision close to single LEP experiments. 6

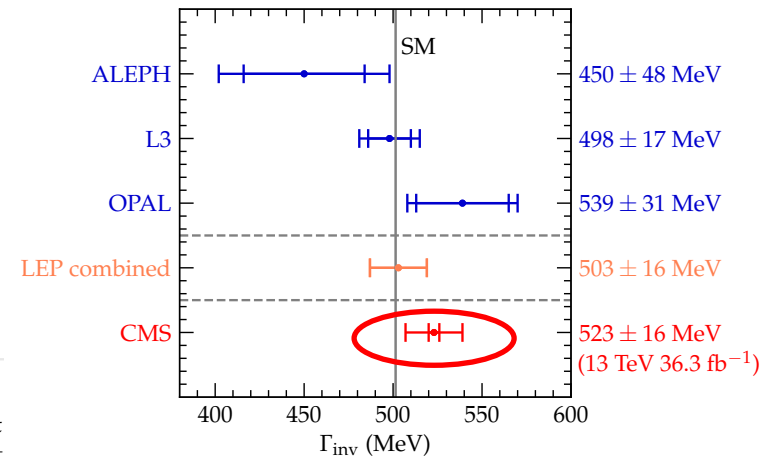
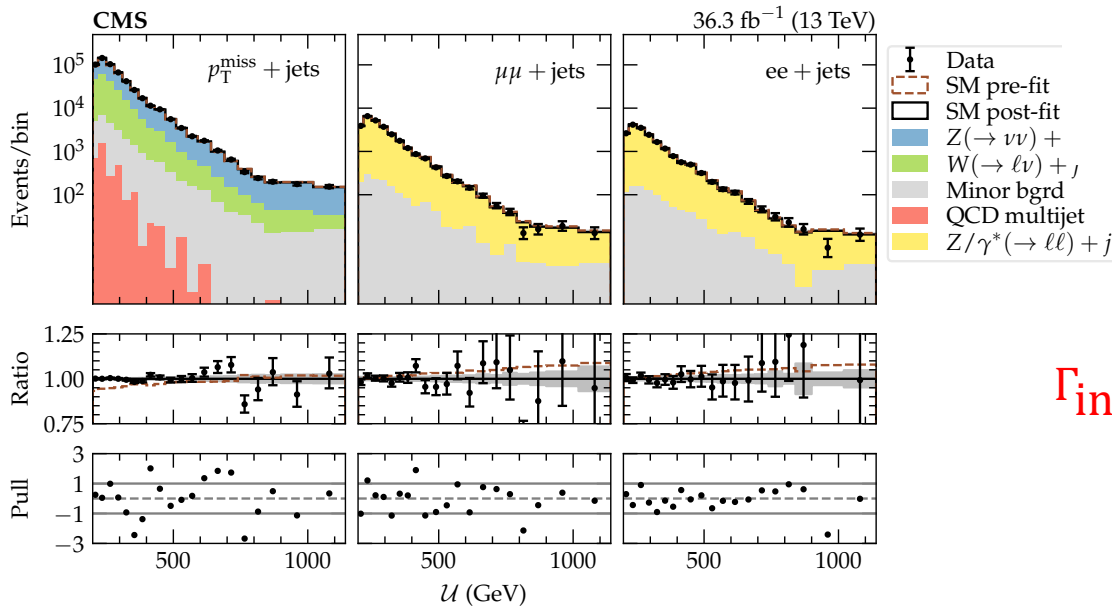
Z invisible width

First direct precision measurement of the Z invisible width at a hadron collider.

Exploits the similarity in the kinematic of decay of the Z to neutrinos and to charged leptons (e or μ). It is based on the ratio of branching fractions between these two decay modes, using LEP's measured $Z(\rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-)$ partial width.

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) = \frac{\sigma(Z+\text{jets})\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})}{\sigma(Z+\text{jets})\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow \ell\ell)}\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \ell\ell)$$

Simultaneous fit of the **hadronic recoil distribution** in $Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^- + \text{jets}$ and $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu} (p_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}) + \text{jets}$ regions



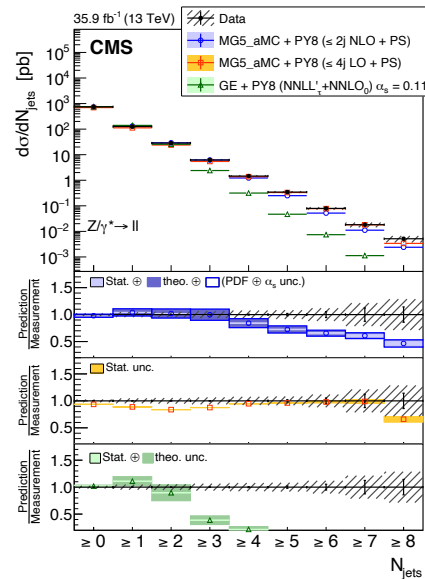
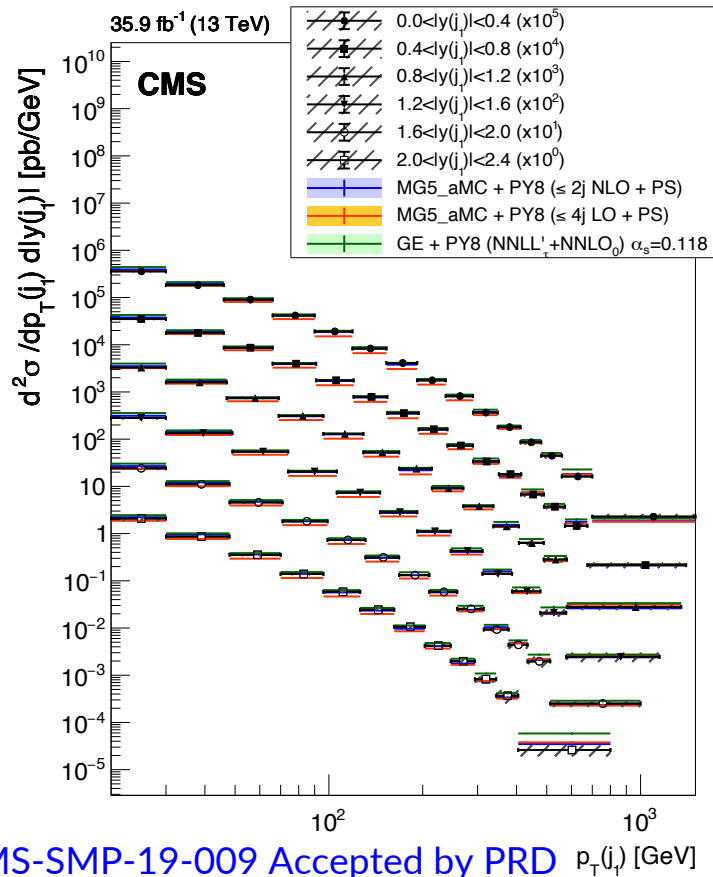
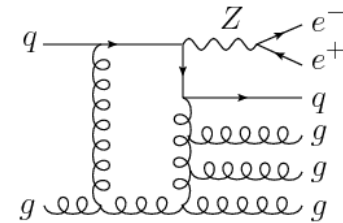
$$\Gamma_{\text{inv}} = 523 \pm 3 \text{ (stat)} \pm 16 \text{ (syst)} \text{ MeV}$$

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Z+jets

Z + light jets differential cross sections:

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



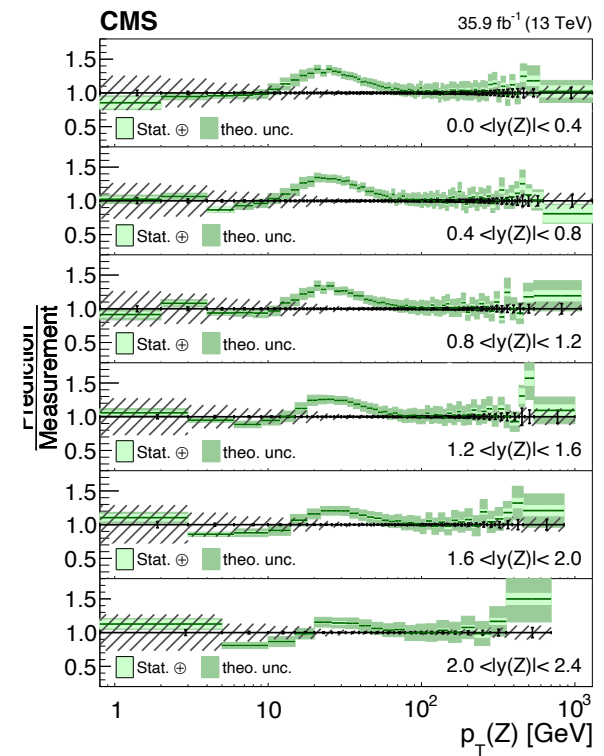
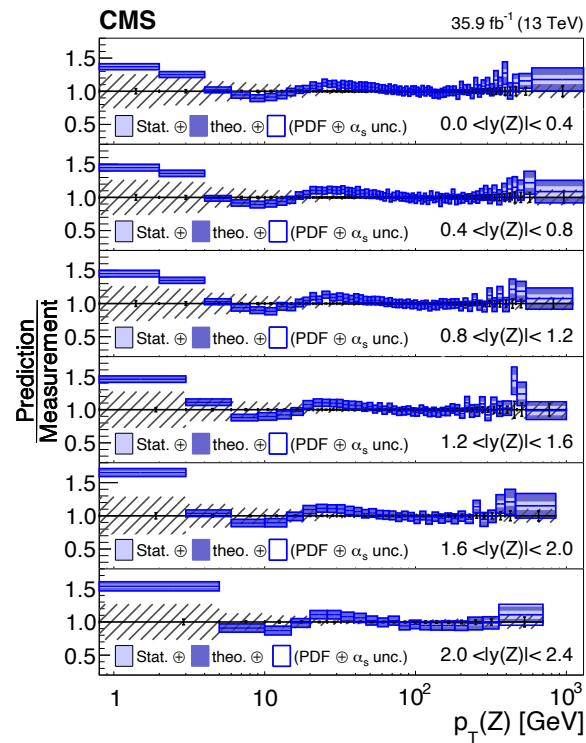
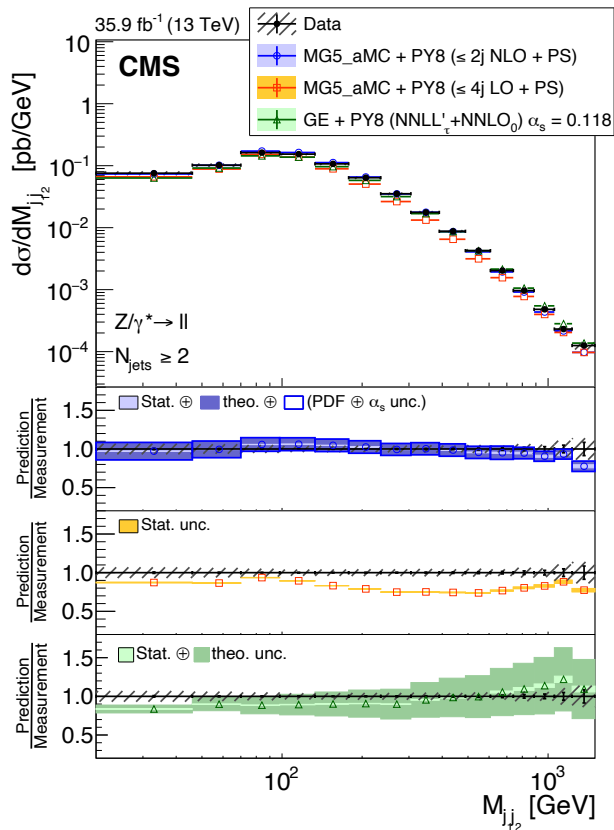
Precision differential cross-sections of $Z(\rightarrow e^+e^-)$ and $Z \rightarrow (\mu^+\mu^-)+\text{jets}$: inclusive & exclusive jet multiplicity up to eight jets, p_T , H_T , angular variables, dijet invariant mass.

Double differential cross-sections in p_T and $|y|$ of Z and of five leading jets.

Measured cross-sections are compared to multi-leg LO(+PS) NLO(+PS) MCs, and to the Geneva MC (NNLO Z+0j ME and resummation at NNLL'τ)

Z+jets

Good agreement over a wide range of kinematic observables with NLO MG5_aMC predictions. Discrepancies arising at high jet multiplicities. Good agreement with Geneva model up to 2 jets, especially in regions (low p_T) where resummation effects are significant.



Multi-boson production

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

Anomalous vector boson couplings:

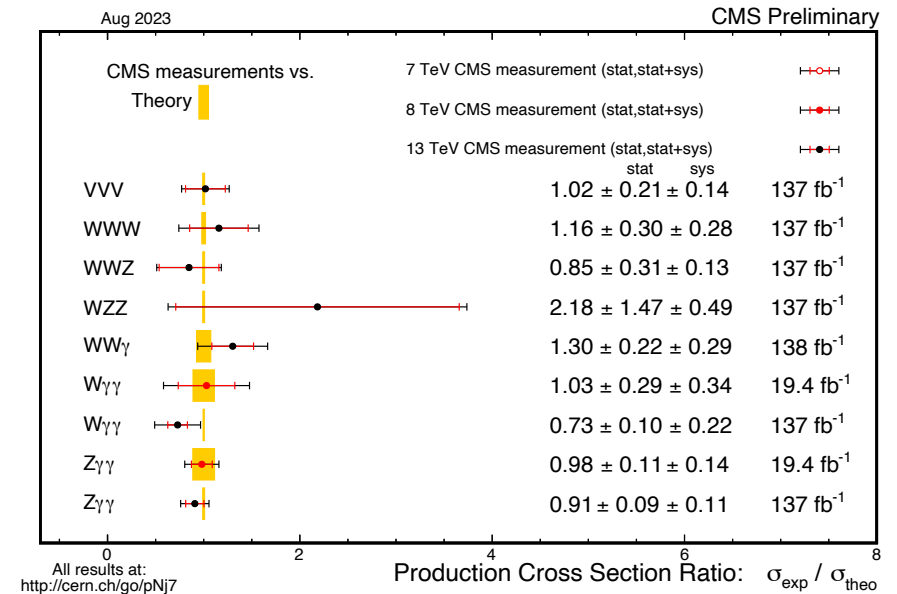
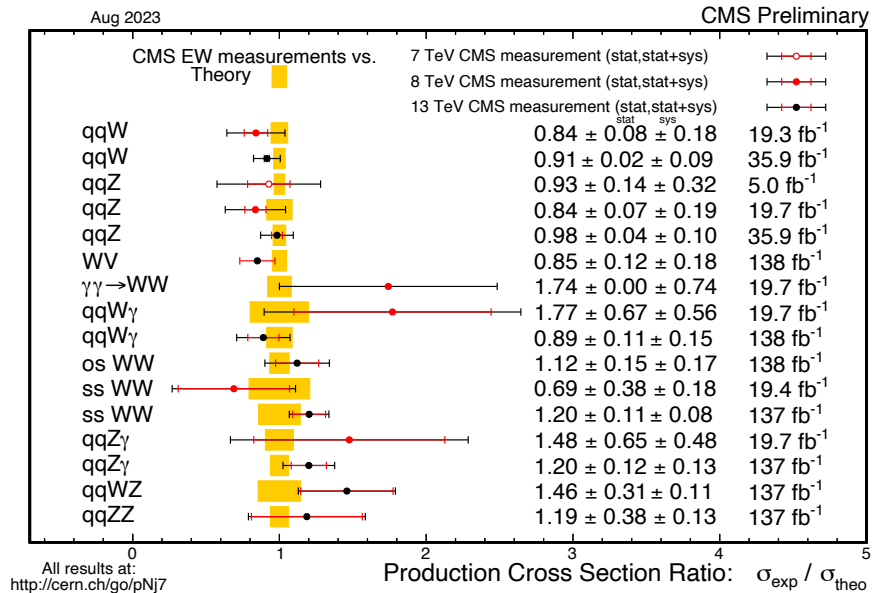
new physics at higher scales leading to modified couplings → probe for σ increase.

aTGC constrained w/ inclusive VV and EW Vjj.

aQGC constrained w/ EW VVjj and VVV.

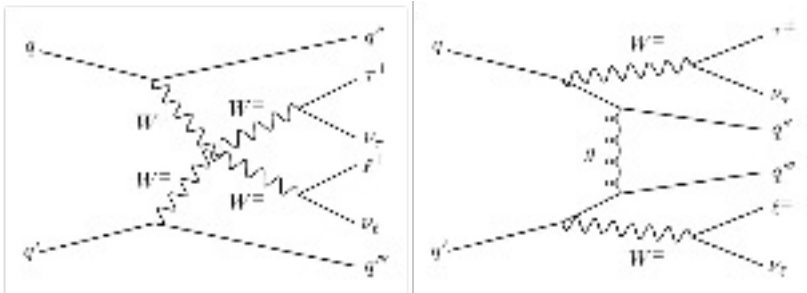
$$L_{\text{EFT}} = L_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{\bar{C}_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{\bar{C}_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

Many recent 13 TeV results in good agreement with SM. We are now increasingly sensitive to rare processes, tri-bosons and vector boson scattering (**VBS**) and able to measure cross-sections with increased precision.

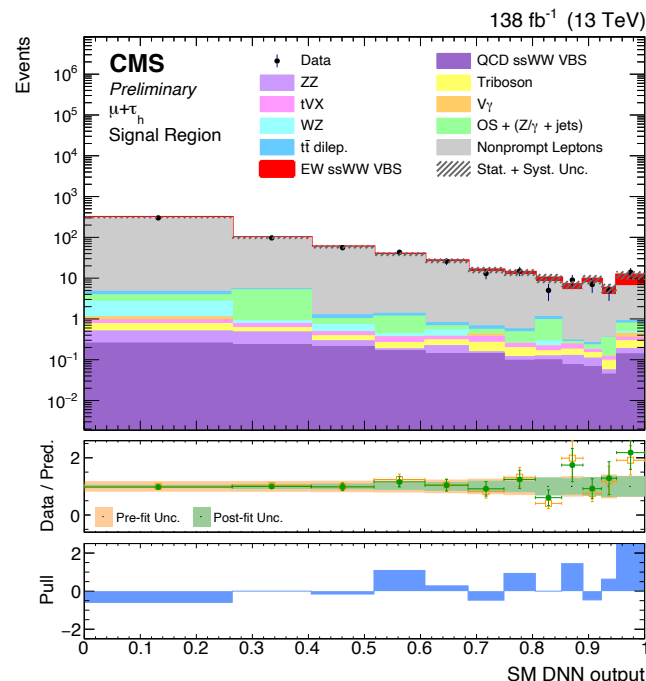
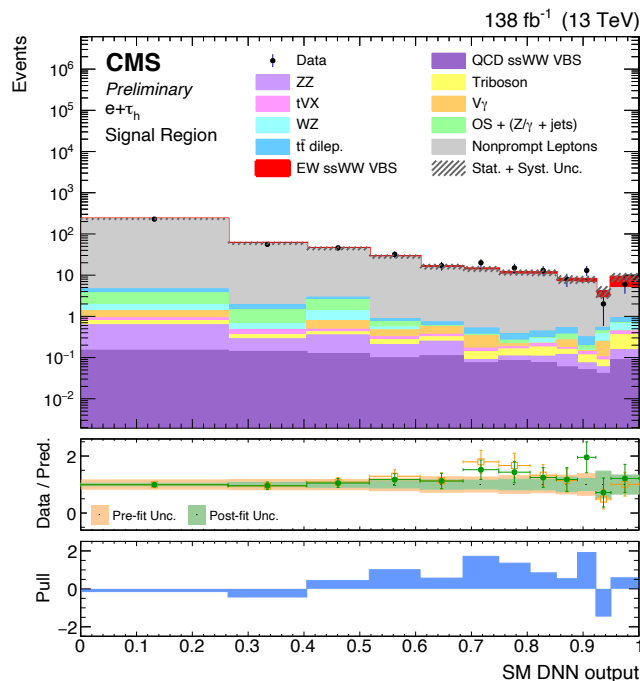


$W^\pm W^\pm$ with τ decays

Vector Boson Scattering (VBS): Probes EWSB. Sensitive to BSM in a model-independent approach, with Effective Field Theory (EFT) expansion. Forward jets topology with rapidity separation, and low hadronic activity in between.



First measurement of ssWW with τ in final state: $\ell^\pm \tau_h^\pm \text{jets} + p_T^{\text{miss}}$ ($\ell = e, \mu$). Dedicated DNN multi-classifier algorithm for τ -id. Maximum likelihood fit using DNN templates from SR and $t\bar{t}$ and opposite sign background CRs.



Measured cross section for EW ssWW scattering: $1.44_{-0.56}^{+0.63} \times \text{SM}$.

Observed (expected) EW ssWW signal significance: 2.7 (1.9) σ .

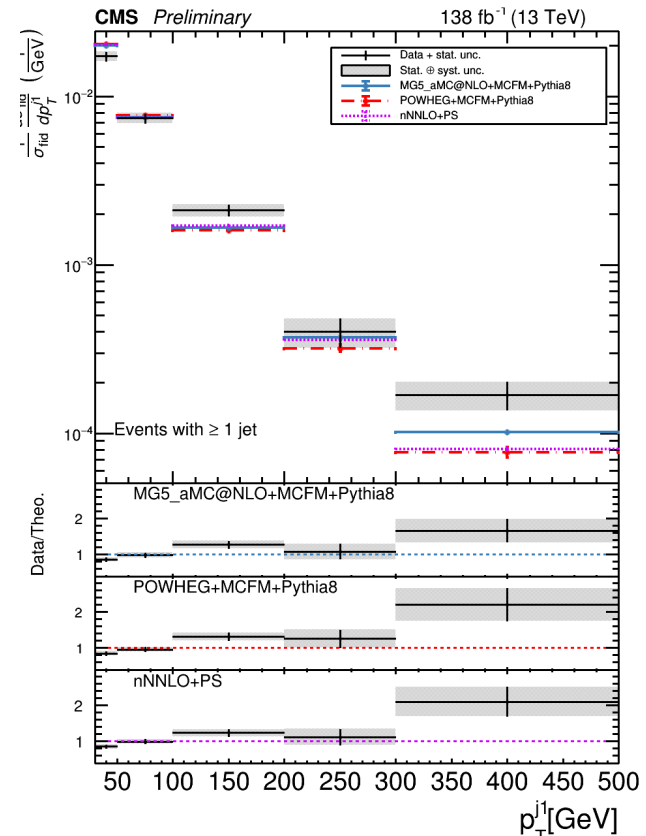
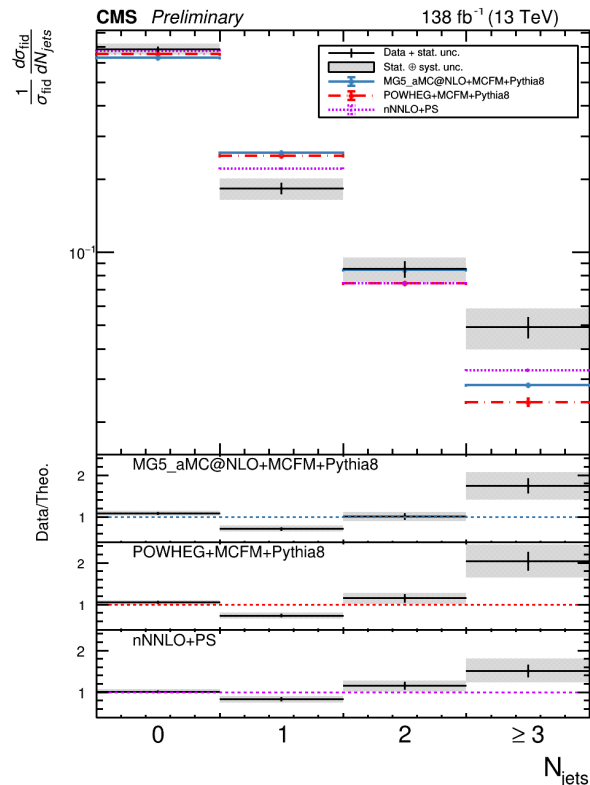
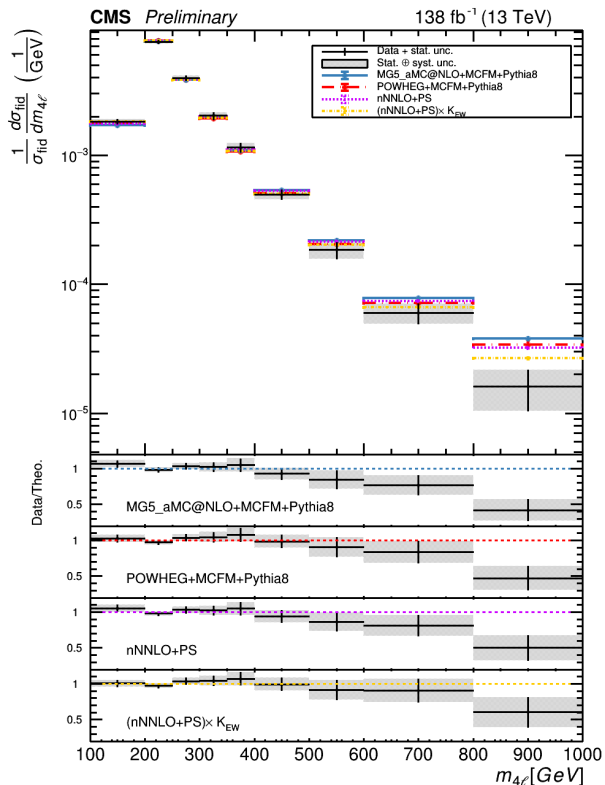
Observed (expected) EW + QCD ssWW signal significance: 2.9 (2.0) σ .

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ZZ+jets production

Differential cross-section measurements of VBS ZZ+jets production.

With respect to various kinematic variables: jet multiplicity, p_T and η , invariant dijet invariant mass, and $\Delta\eta$ among two leading jets, $m_{4\ell}$ for different jet multiplicities. Comparison with theoretical predictions: **nNNLO+PS** describes the distribution of jet multiplicities better than **MadGraph5_aMC@NLO** and **POWHEG**, and the inclusion of EW corrections improves the description of the $m_{4\ell}$ distribution.



Conclusions

Broad range of Standard Model Electroweak and QCD physics results with 8 TeV, and 13 TeV data deepen and challenge our understanding of Electroweak interactions and their theoretical modeling.

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

The full set of Standard Model CMS results is available at <http://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/publications/>

Thank you!