

Inclusive and differential vector boson (W, Z) measurements from CMS

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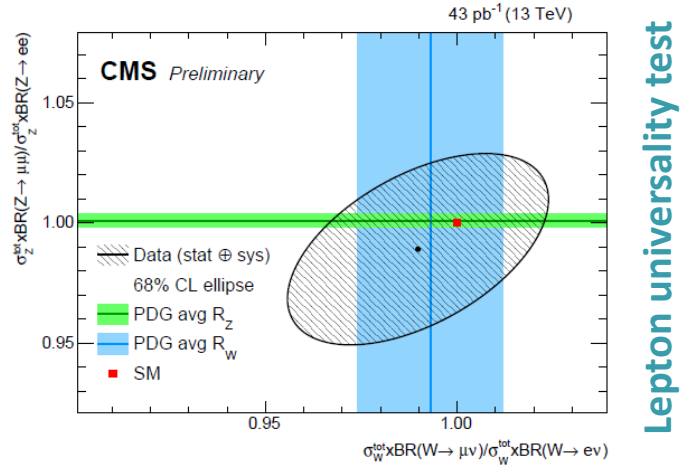
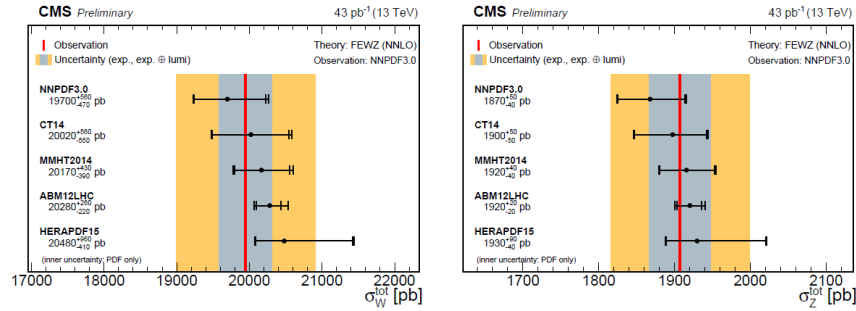
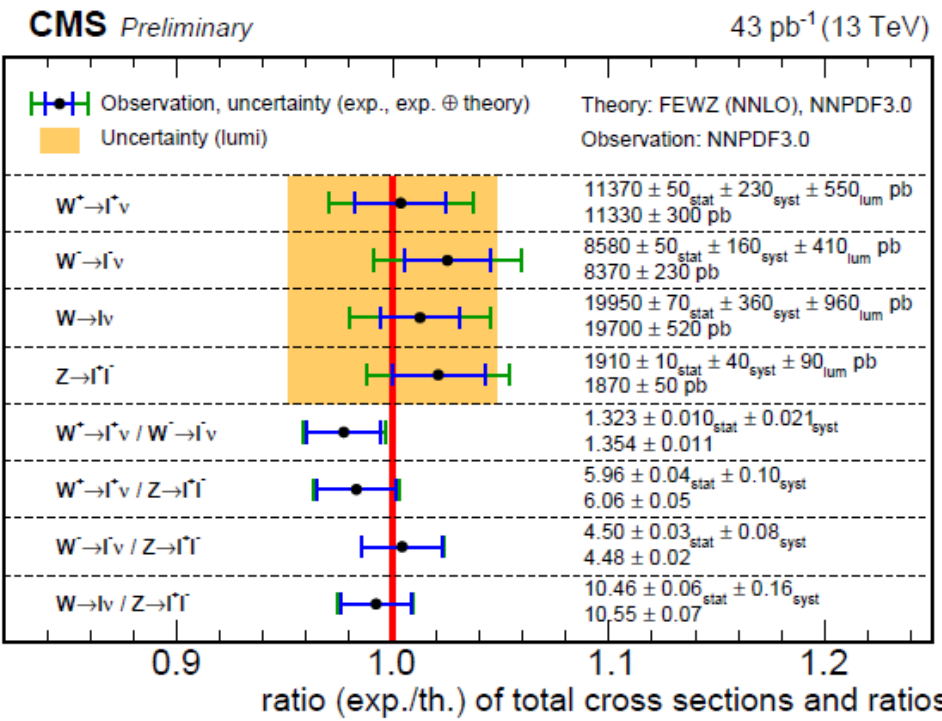


Weak vector boson (+jets) production (an overview)

- W and Z boson (+jets) production processes play an important role at hadron colliders
- Their large production cross sections and clean experimental signatures allow for
 - precision tests of SM including substantial inputs for PDFs
 - tuning MC simulations and theoretical calculations
 - modeling backgrounds to rare SM processes and BSM signatures
 - detector calibration as a “standard candle” (lepton, missing energy, and jet performances)
- Reconstructed using leptonic final states $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$ and $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$
- Jet definition by anti- k_T algorithm (R=0.4/0.5) used in W/Z+jets analyses
- Their measurements are corrected for detector effects and compared with predictions from several MC event generators and theoretical calculations where available
- **Presented here only the latest CMS W/Z (+jets) results based on 8 TeV (2012) and 13 TeV (2015, 2016) proton-proton collision data.** A complete set of all results can be found at <http://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/publications/SMP/index.html>

Inclusive W and Z boson cross sections at 13 TeV

- Measurements of total (and also fiducial) inclusive $W(\ell\nu)$ and $Z(\ell\ell)$ cross sections
- Event selection with $p_T(\ell) > 25$ GeV and $|\eta(e, \mu)| < 2.5$ (2.4). Z candidates within $60 < m_{\ell\ell} < 120$ GeV
- Theory predictions by FEWZ NNLO (calculated for 5 different PDF sets)
- Ratios of cross sections R_{W^+/W^-} and $R_{W/Z}$ with improved precision
 - Dominant systematic due to luminosity (4.8%) cancels

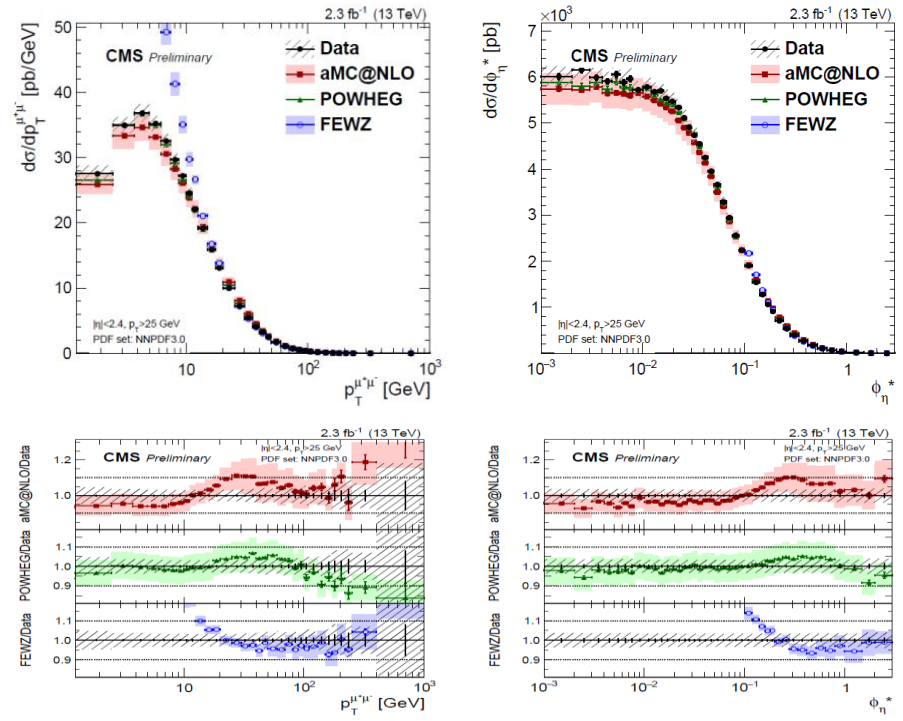


Lepton universality test

✓ Precise measurements of cross sections and ratios only with 43 pb⁻¹ data. Measured cross sections overall agree with NNLO SM calculation

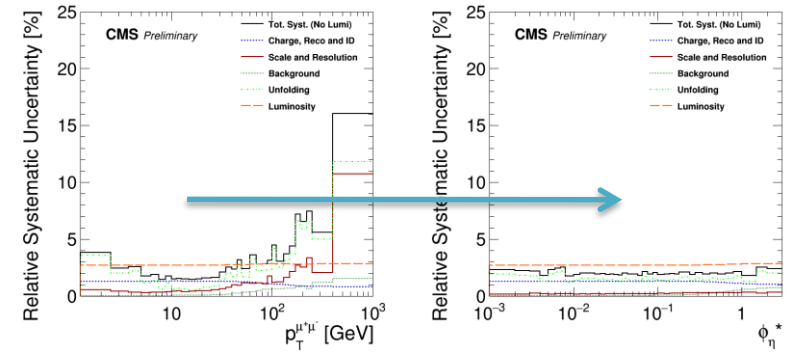
Inclusive/differential Z cross section at 13 TeV

- Using $Z(\mu^+\mu^-)$ events with $p_T(\mu) > 25$ GeV and $|\eta(\mu)| < 2.4$ in $60 < m_{\mu\mu} < 120$ GeV
- Measured total inclusive cross section: $\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z+X) \times B(Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 1870 \pm 2(\text{stat.}) \pm 35(\text{syst.}) \pm 51(\text{lumi.})$ pb
 - Consistent with FEWZ NNLO QCD+NLO EW predictions using various PDF sets such as NNPDF3.0: 1870 ± 50 pb
- Differential cross sections are measured as functions of $p_T(Z)$ and ϕ_η^* (also for $y(Z)$ and $p_T(\mu)$)
- Unfolded data compared to **MG5_aMC (NLO)**, **POWHEG (normalized to NLO)**, **FEWZ NNLO+NLO EW**



$p_T(Z)$ is a probe of strong interaction (governed by ISR at low p_T and q-g scattering at high p_T). ϕ_η^* is correlated to $p_T(Z)$, but depends on direction of muon \rightarrow smaller exp. uncertainty

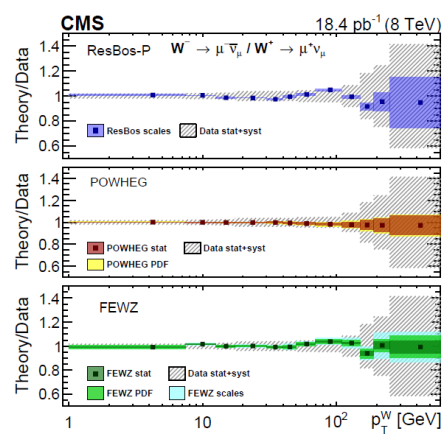
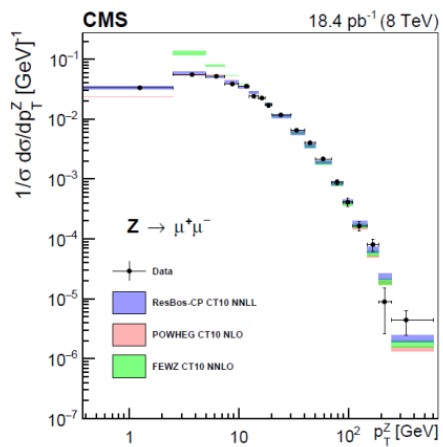
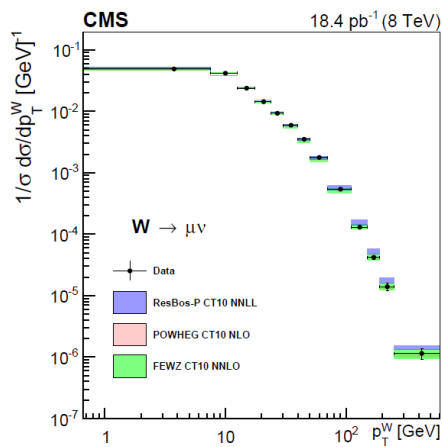
$$\phi_\eta^* = \tan\left(\frac{\pi - \Delta\phi}{2}\right) \cdot \sin(\theta_\eta^*) \quad \text{where, } \cos(\theta_\eta^*) = \tanh\left(\frac{\eta^- - \eta^+}{2}\right)$$



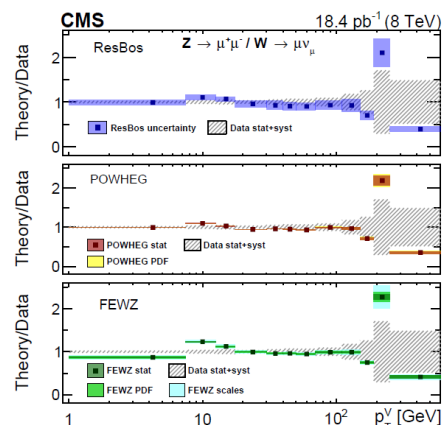
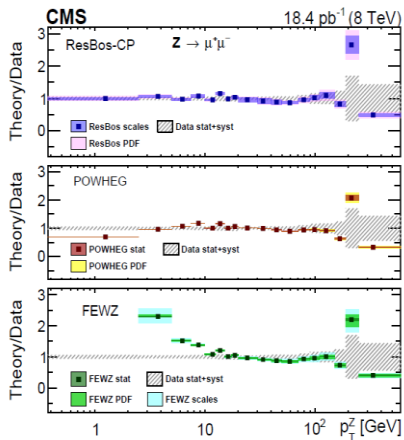
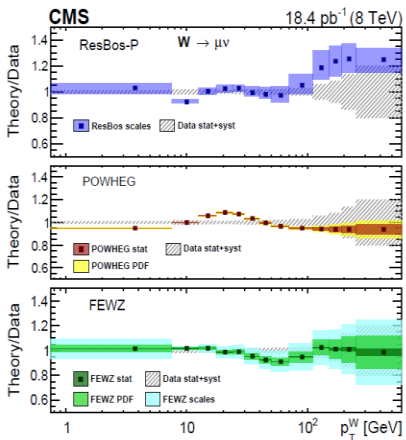
- ✓ Overall fair agreement between data and predictions within uncertainties
- ✓ Discrepancy at low Z boson p_T and ϕ_η^* by FEWZ due to lack of soft gluon resummation

W/Z diff. cross sections (p_T spectra) at 8 TeV

- Using low-luminosity data of 18.4 pb^{-1} (pileup: ~ 4). $W(\ell\nu)$ and $Z(\mu^+\mu^-)$ events with $p_T(e, \mu) > 25(20)$ GeV and $|\eta(e, \mu)| < 2.5(2.1)$. Z boson selection with $60 < m_{\mu\mu} < 120$ GeV
- Measurements of differential cross sections $d\sigma/dp_T(W)$ and $d\sigma/dp_T(Z)$ and their ratios $R_{W-/W+}$, $R_{Z/W}$
- The results are compared to the theoretical predictions: **ResBos**, **POWHEG**, and **FEWZ** using CT10



R_{W-/W+} theory/data ratio

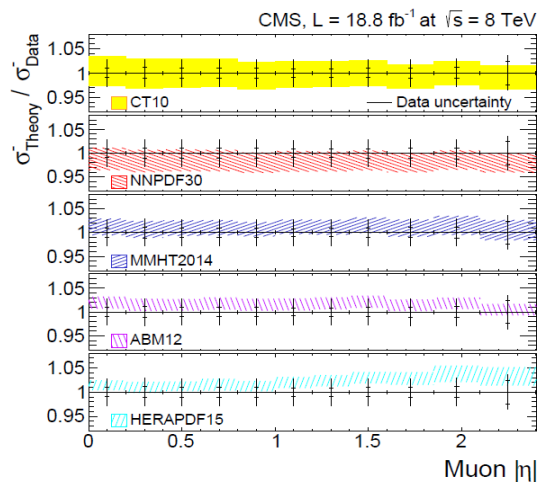
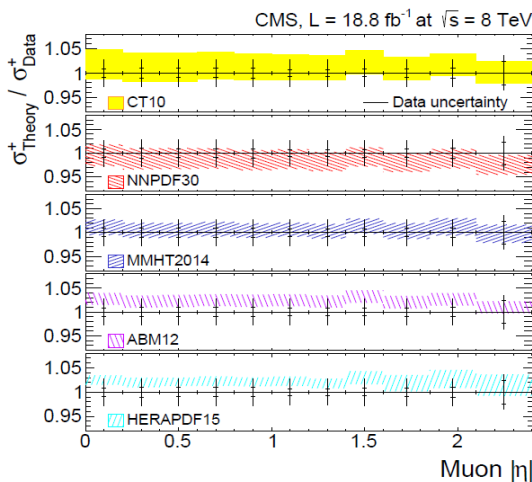
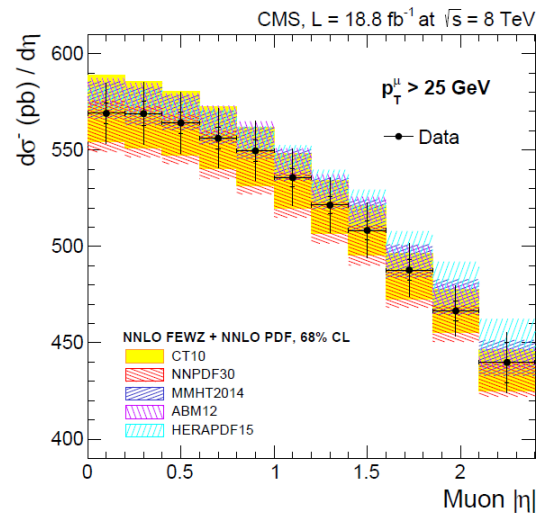
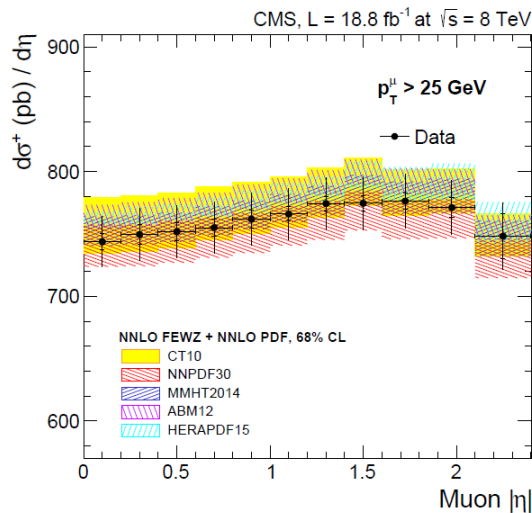


R_{Z/W} theory/data ratio

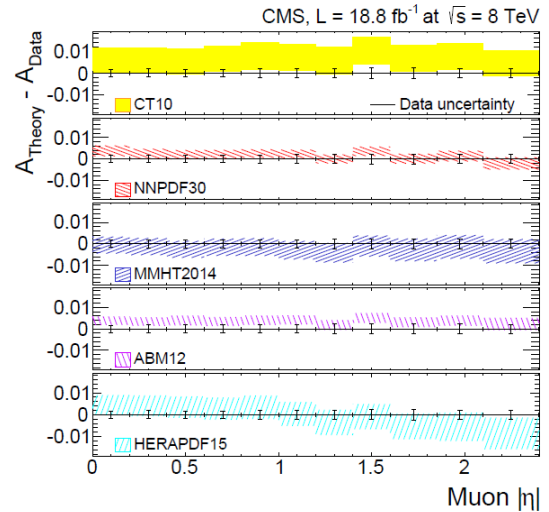
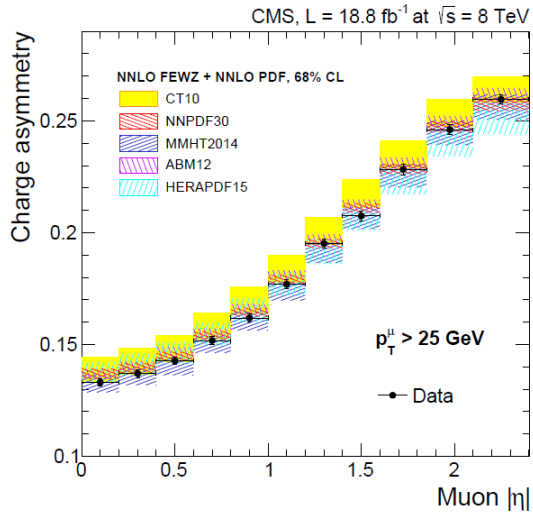
✓ Predictions reproduce the data, expected deviation by FEWZ at low p_T (Z)

W charge asymmetry at 8 TeV

- Differential cross sections as a function of muon $|\eta|$ and charge asymmetry for inclusive $W^\pm(\mu^\pm\nu)$ production. Muon selection with $p_T(\mu) > 25$ GeV and $|\eta(\mu)| < 2.5$
- Predictions from FEWZ 3.1 NNLO. No EW corrections are included



Differential cross sections are well described by all considered PDFs (CT10, NNPDF3.0, MMHT2014, ABM12, HERAPDF1.5)

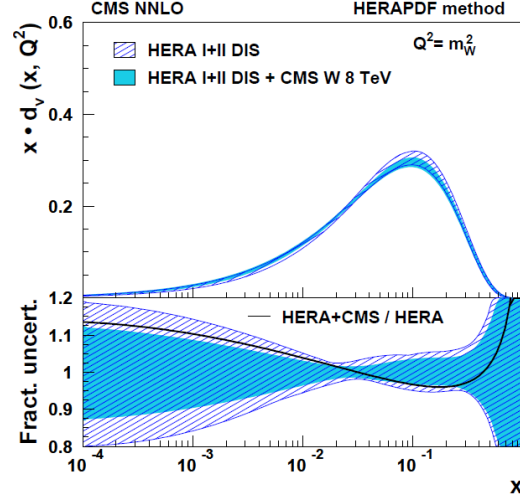
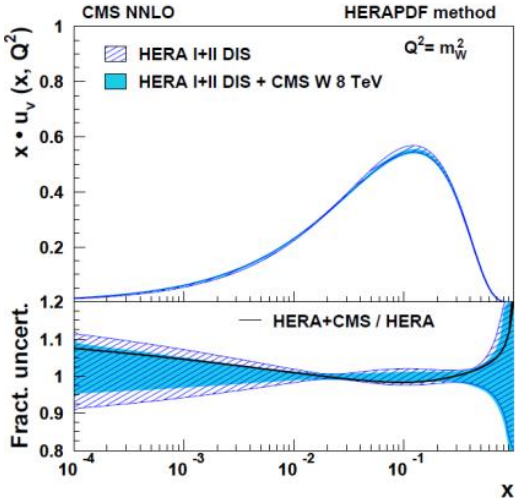


W⁺ is more produced than W⁻ in pp collision → strong asymmetry in the lepton decay

Measured charge asymmetry A(η) also agrees well with PDF sets

$$\sigma_{\eta}^{\pm} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\eta} (pp \rightarrow W^{\pm} + X \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \nu + X)$$

$$A(\eta) = \frac{\sigma_{\eta}^{+} - \sigma_{\eta}^{-}}{\sigma_{\eta}^{+} + \sigma_{\eta}^{-}}$$



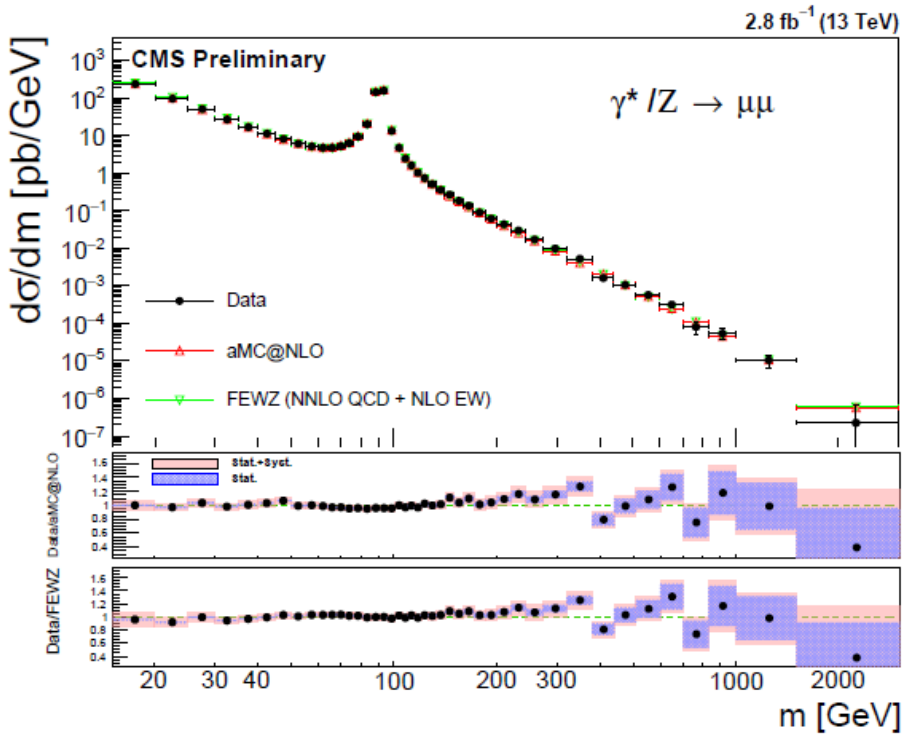
Results incorporated into QCD NNLO analysis + HERA DIS data

Significantly improves constraints on the valence quark distributions

W charge asymmetry is to be used in future PDF determinations

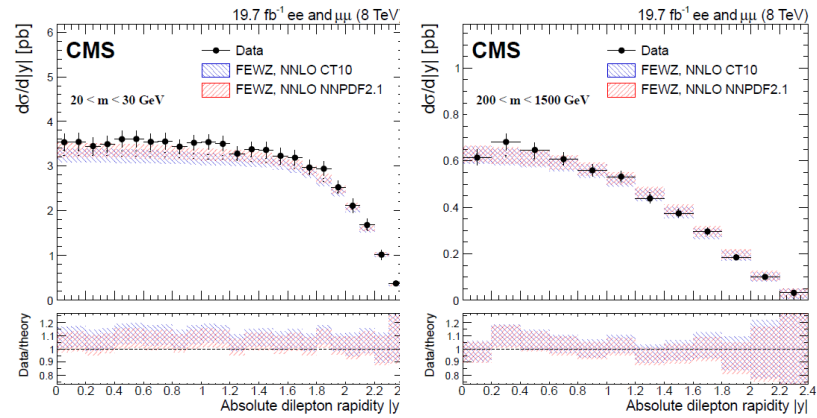
Differential Drell-Yan cross section

- Drell-Yan lepton pairs are produced via Z/γ^* exchange in the s-channel at hadron colliders
- Cross section measurement of $d\sigma/dm$ in $15 < m_{\mu\mu} < 3000$ GeV at 13 TeV
- The results are corrected to the full phase space (FSR effects are included)



✓ SM predictions (**FEWZ 3.1 NNLO** and **MG5_aMC NLO** using NNPDF 3.0 PDF) are in good agreement with measurement

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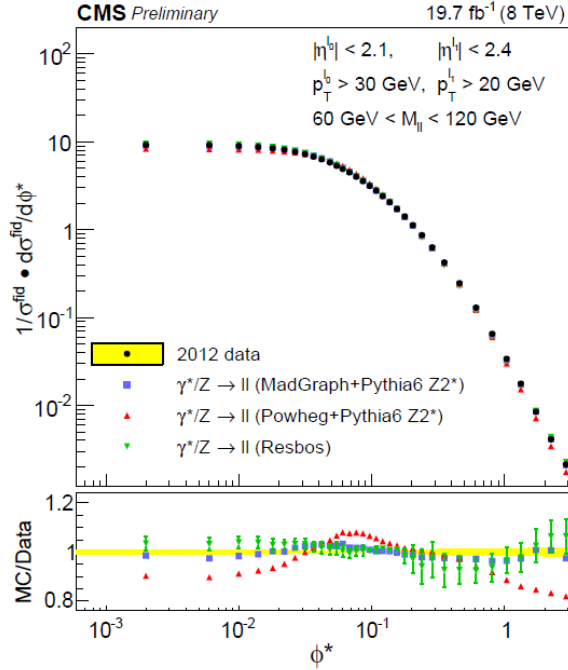
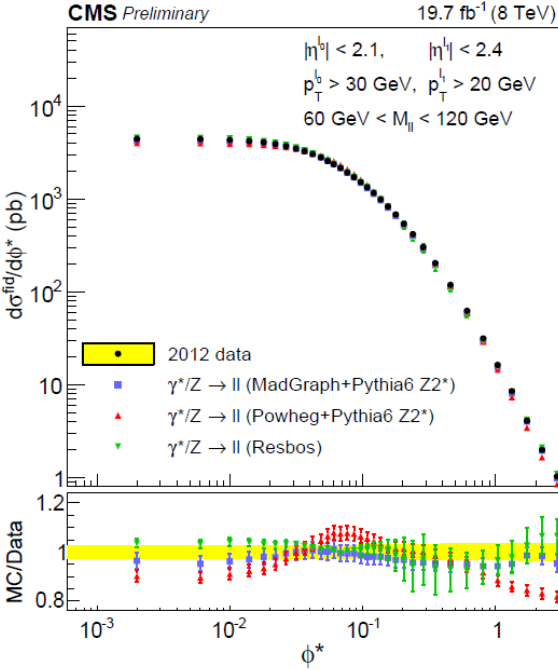


- ✓ 8 TeV measurement of double differential cross section in bins of $20 < m_{ee} < 1500$ GeV for $|y_{ee}| < 2.4$
- ✓ No acceptance correction to the full phase space
- ✓ Rapidity and mass distributions of gauge bosons are sensitive to parton content of the proton (PDFs)

$$x_{\pm} = (m / \sqrt{s}) e^{\pm y}$$

Drell-Yan ϕ^* diff. cross section at 8 TeV

- $d\sigma/d\phi^*$ distributions have been measured with Drell-Yan events in both electron and muon channel
- Measurements are compared with predictions by MADGRAPH, POWHEG, and ResBos
- MADGRAPH and POWHEG are normalized to the total cross section at NNLO from FEWZ

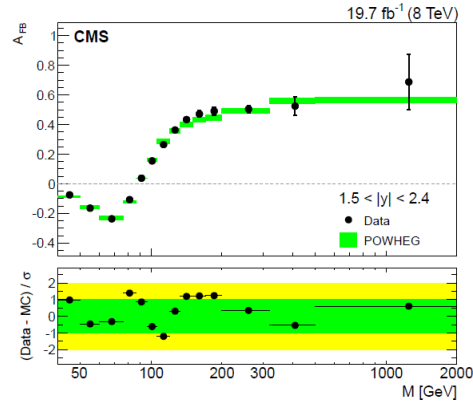
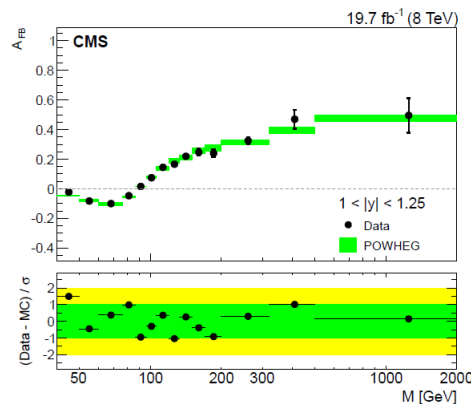
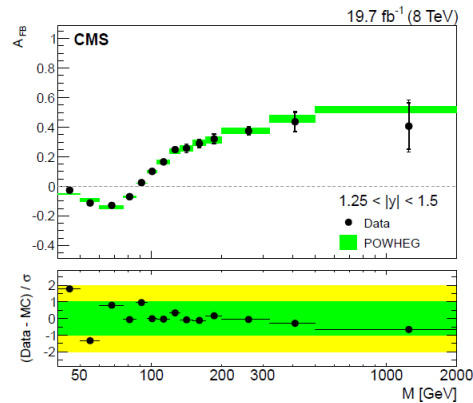
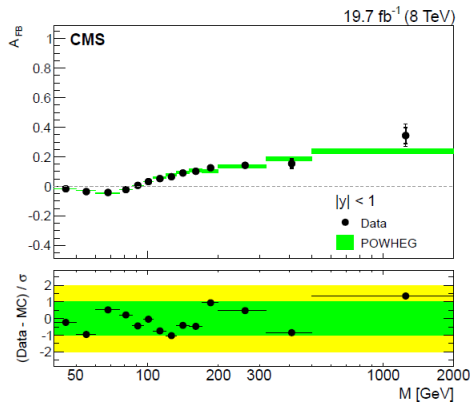


Luminosity uncertainty cancels in the normalized cross section (right), precision at 1-2% level

✓ **None of the theoretical calculations predict the measurements perfectly over the entire range of ϕ^* . MADGRAPH shows better agreement with the data**

A_{FB} of Drell-Yan lepton pairs at 8 TeV

- Forward-backward asymmetry A_{FB} of $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$, measured for $40 < m_{\ell\ell} < 2000$ GeV, $|y_{\ell\ell}| < 5$
- Sensitive to new physics, quark weak couplings, and effective weak mixing angle $\sin^2\theta_{\text{lept}}^{\text{eff}}(m_Z)$
- SM prediction by POWHEG NLO using CT10 PDFs ($\sin^2\theta_{\text{lept}}^{\text{eff}} = 0.2312$ is used)
- Measurement corrected for the detector resolution, efficiency, acceptance, and FSR

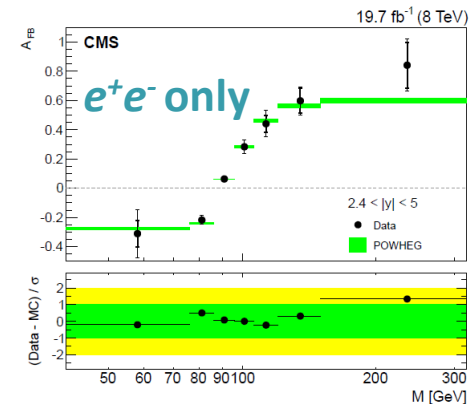


$$\frac{d\sigma}{d(\cos\theta^*)} = A(1 + \cos^2\theta^*) + B\cos\theta^*$$

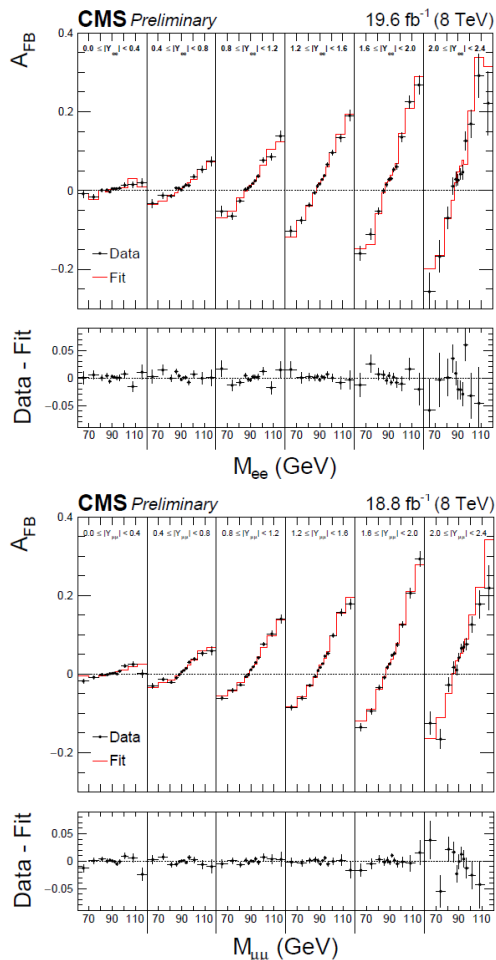
$$A_{FB} = \frac{\sigma_F - \sigma_B}{\sigma_F + \sigma_B}$$

$\sigma_{F(B)}$: the total cross section for forward (backward) events

: defined by $\cos\theta^* > 0$ ($\cos\theta^* < 0$), evaluate $\cos\theta^*$ in Collins – Soper (CS) frame

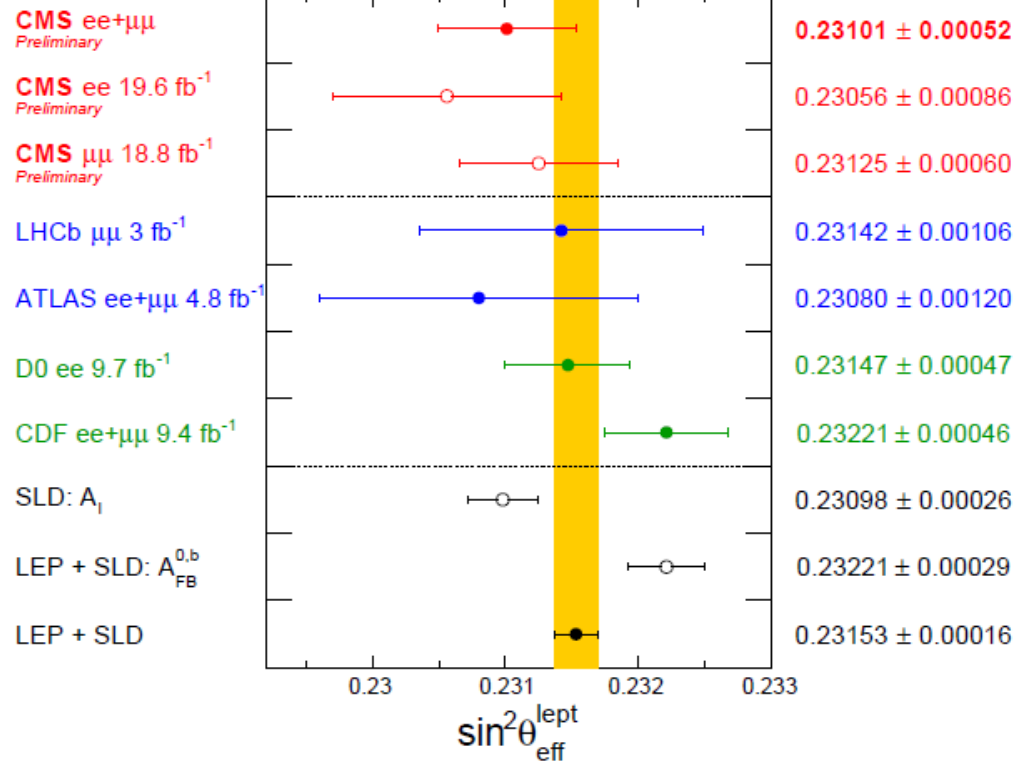


✓ Good agreement with data in all $|y_{\ell\ell}|$ regions including $2.4 < |y_{\ell\ell}| < 5$ for $m_{\ell\ell}$: 40-320 GeV



Template fitting to A_{FB} in m_{ee} and y_{ee} bins to extract $\sin^2\theta_{\text{lept}}^{\text{eff}}$

$$\sin^2\theta_{\text{lept}}^{\text{eff}} = 0.23101 \pm 0.00036(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.00018(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.00016(\text{theory}) \pm 0.00030(\text{pdf})$$

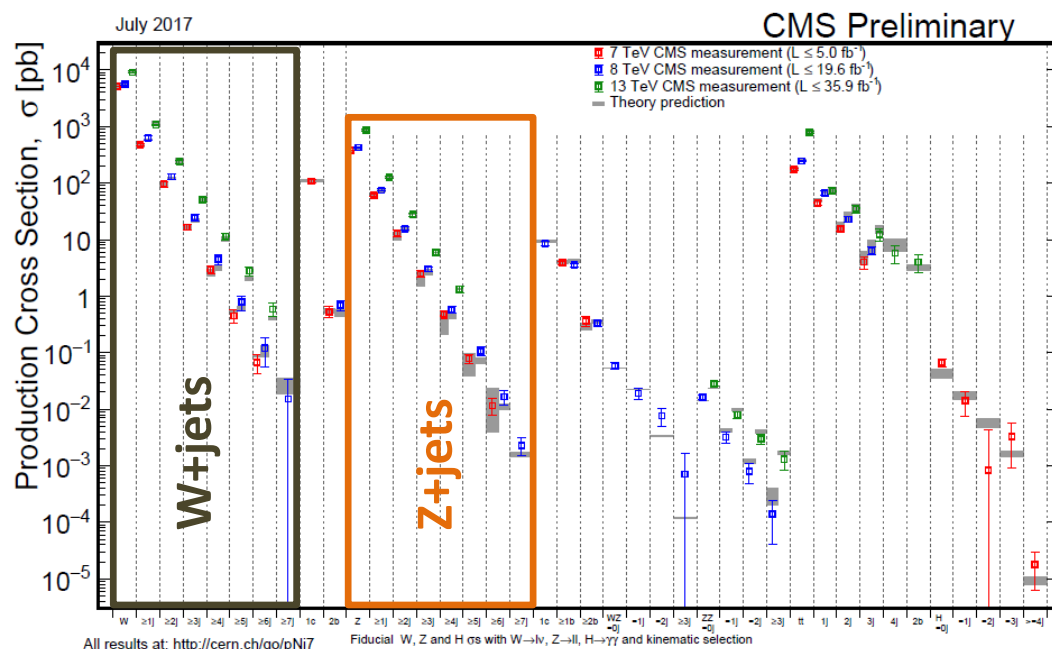


✓ The results are consistent with the most precise LEP and SLD measurements

W/Z+jets cross section measurements

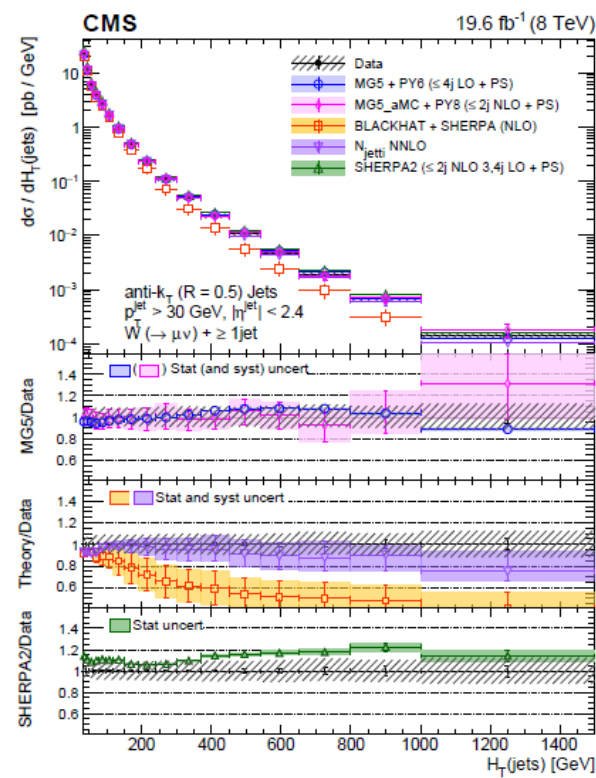
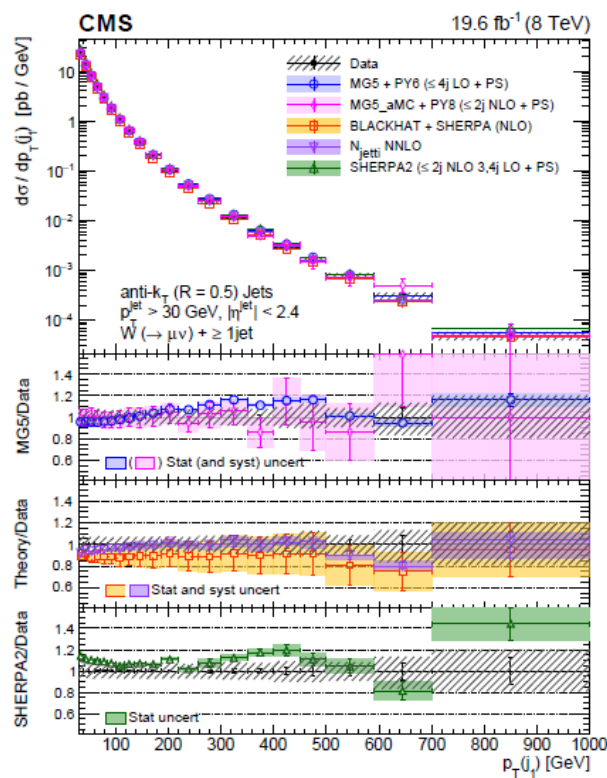
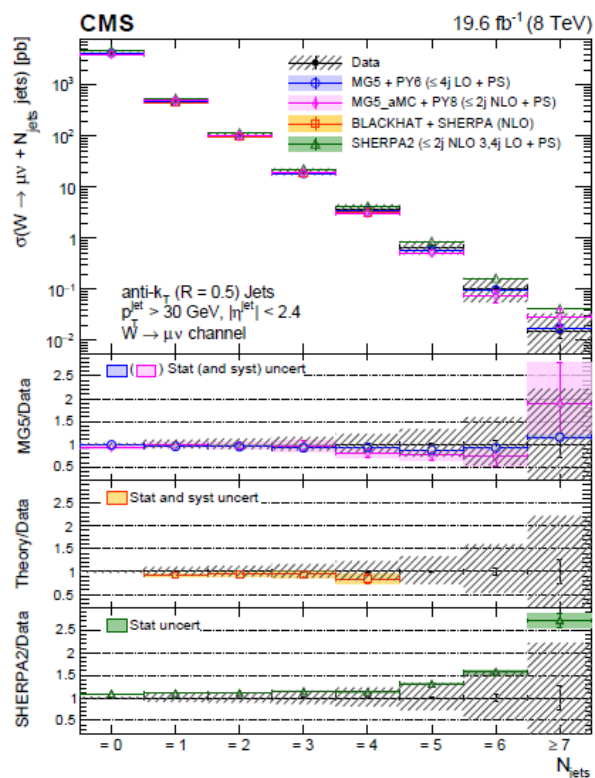
- Important SM benchmarks providing precision tests for pQCD calculations and inputs to constrain PDFs
 - powerful tool to test modern MC event generators and theoretical calculations
 - prominent background for rare SM processes (Higgs, top pair, etc.) and BSM searches such as SUSY
- Typical fiducial phase space selections at 8 (13) TeV:
 - $Z(\ell^+\ell^-, \ell=e, \mu)+\text{jets}$: isolated leptons with $p_T(\ell) > 20$ GeV, $|\eta(\ell)| < 2.4$, $71 < m_{\ell\ell} < 111$ GeV
 - $W(\ell\nu, \ell=\mu)+\text{jets}$: isolated muons with $p_T(\mu) > 25$ GeV, $|\eta(\mu)| < 2.1(2.4)$, $m_T(W) > 50$ GeV
 - jets defined by the anti- k_T algorithm with $R=0.5(0.4)$, $p_T(j) > 30$ GeV, $|\eta(j)| < 2.4$
- Data distributions are unfolded for detector effects to fiducial phase space at the stable-particle level and compared with ME+PS N(LO) MC simulations and to fixed order (N)NLO calculations corrected for nonperturbative effects

- ✓ W/Z+jets measurements at 7, 8, and 13 TeV span several orders of magnitude in cross section
- ✓ Good data/theory agreements up to higher jet multiplicities



W+jets at 8 TeV

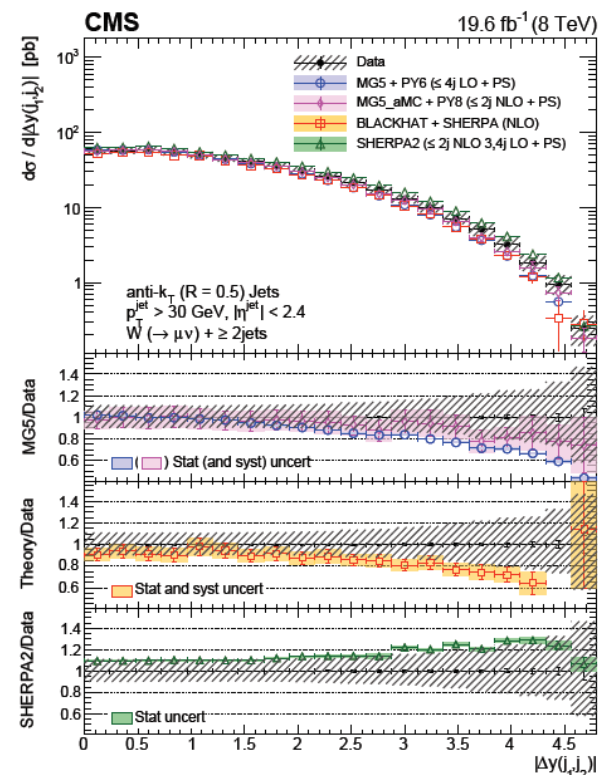
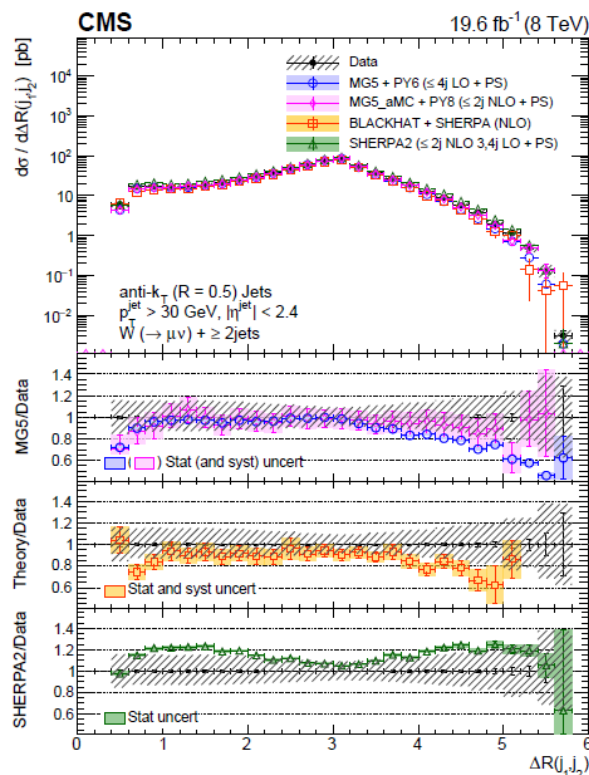
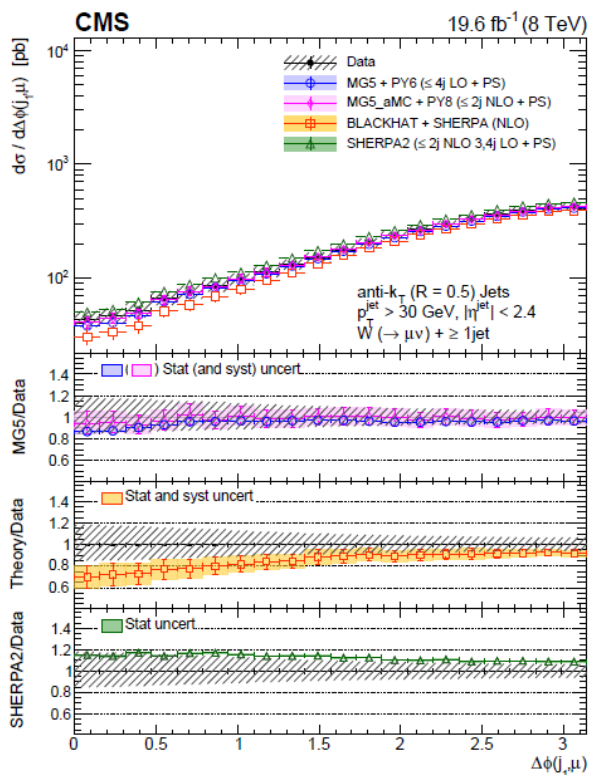
- Differential cross sections of $W(\mu\nu)$ +jets up to 7 jets and up to 4 inclusive jets on several variables
- Predictions by LO and NLO ME+PS, fixed-order NLO, and NNLO for $W+\geq 1$ -jet in pQCD
- Nonperturbative effects are accounted for fixed-order calculations



- ✓ Measured ranges extend up to 1 TeV for the leading jet p_T and 1.5 TeV for the jets H_T ($N_{\text{jets}} \geq 1$)
- ✓ Good data description by MG5_aMC FxFx (NLO up to 2 jets) and N_{jetti} NNLO predictions
- ✓ BlackHat under predicts data at high H_T ($N_{\text{jets}} \geq 1$) as expected (max. 2 jets at NLO included)

W+jets angular correlations at 8 TeV

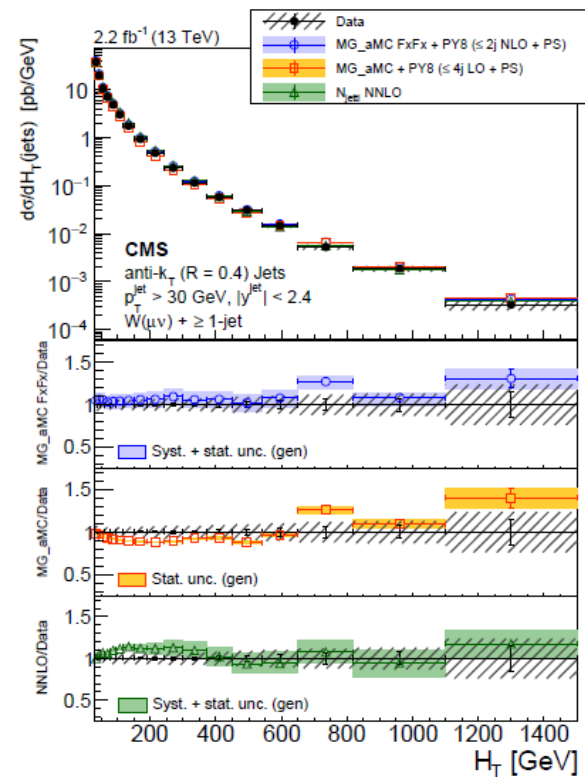
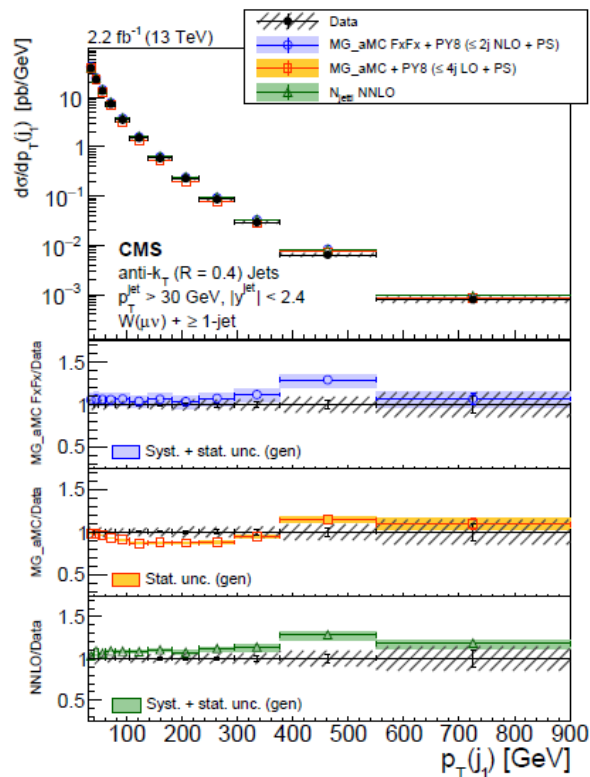
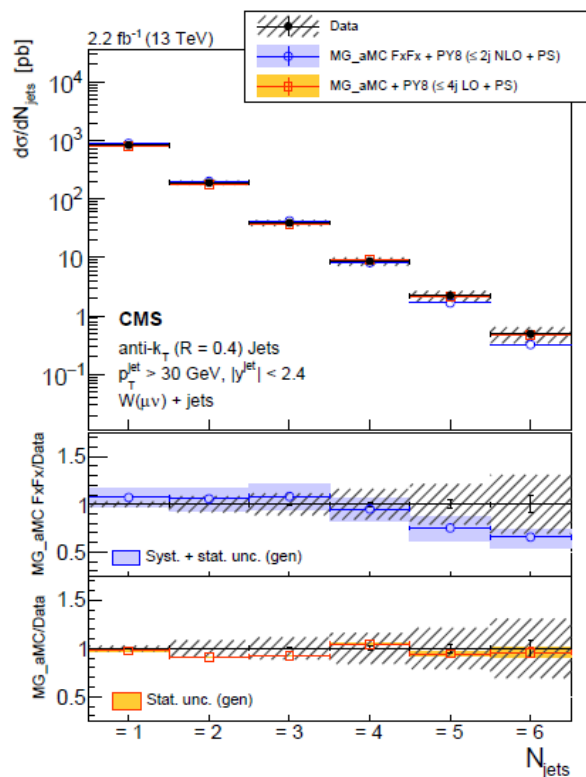
- Testing accuracy of modeling using $W(\mu\nu)$ +jets cross sections differential in angular variables and rapidity separation among jets (and muon)



- ✓ Best description of data by MG5_aMC FxFx NLO (improved prediction w.r.t. MG5_aMC LO)
- ✓ Fixed-order NLO shows some more deviations from data at low $\Delta\phi$ between muon and jets and at high Δy between jets. Sherpa 2 shows higher trend over almost the entire ranges

W+jets at 13 TeV

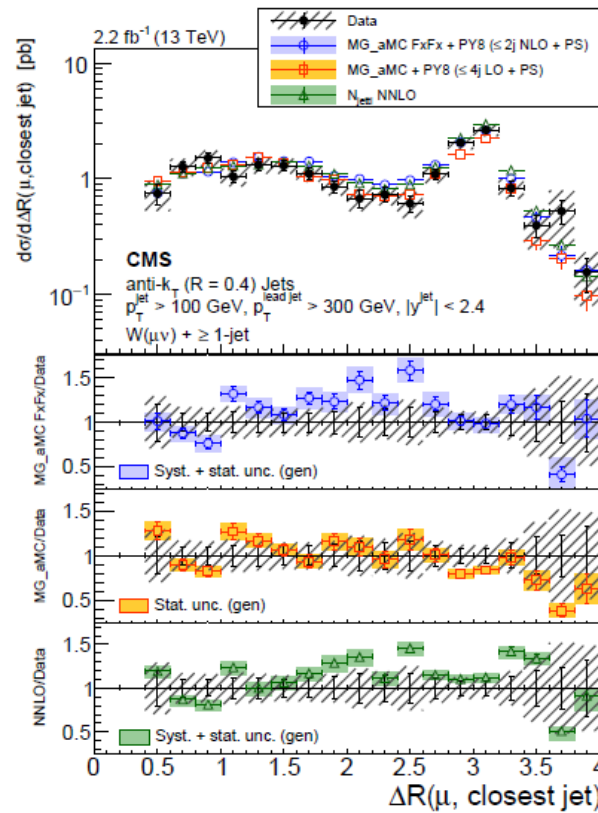
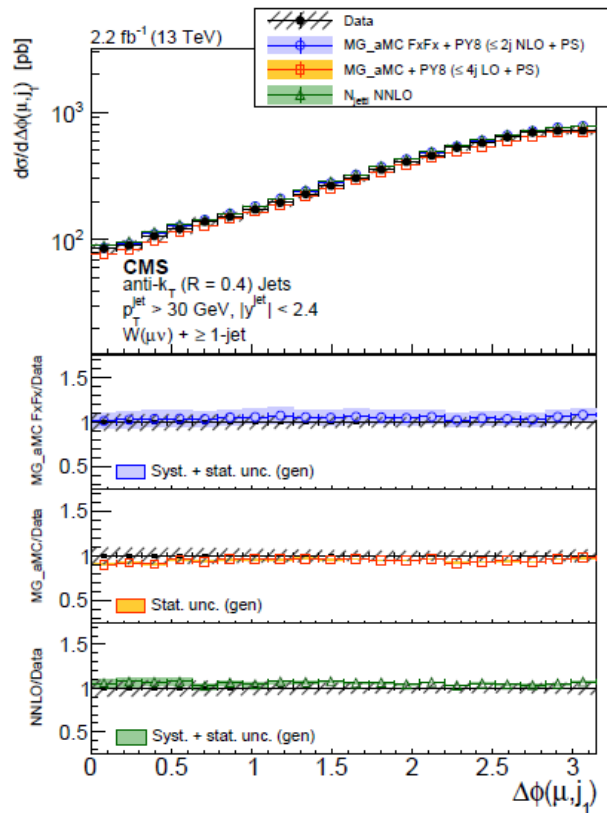
- **First W+jets differential cross sections measurement at 13 TeV!**
- Measured distributions up to 4 inclusive jets in muon decay channel
- Data comparison to MG5_aMC LO+PS, MG5_aMC merged NLO+PS, and N_{jetti} NNLO predictions



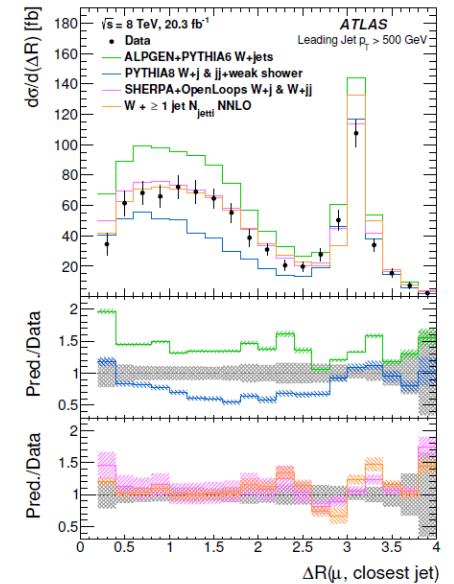
- ✓ **MG5_aMC N(LO) agrees well with the jet multiplicity data within uncertainty**
- ✓ **The leading jet p_T and the jets H_T measurements well reproduced by (N)NLO predictions**

W+jets angular variables at 13 TeV

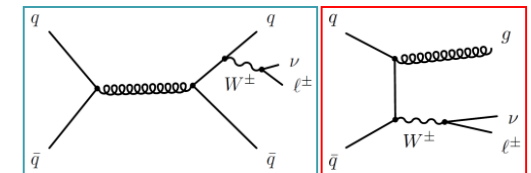
- Measured cross sections differential in angular correlation variables $\Delta\phi(\mu, \text{jet})$ and $\Delta R(\mu, \text{closest jet})$
- $\Delta\phi(\mu, \text{jet})$ is sensitive to particle emissions and other nonperturbative effects in event generators
- $\Delta R(\mu, \text{closest jet})$ probes contribution of electroweak radiative processes to W+jets



CMS requires leading jet $p_T > 300 \text{ GeV}$



ATLAS 8 TeV measurement
 with leading jet $p_T > 500 \text{ GeV}$
 (Phys. Lett. B 765 (2017) 132)



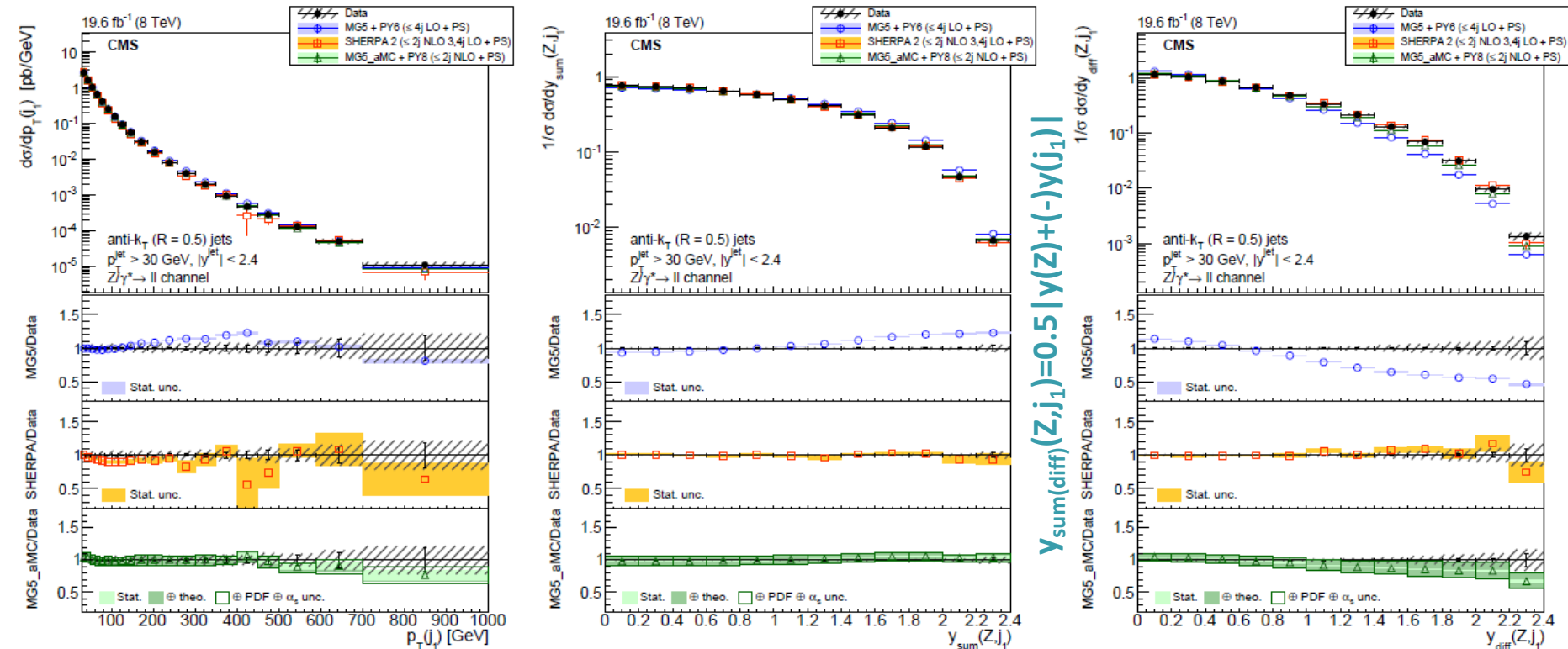
Left: $\Delta R < 2.4$ - collinear W emission

Right: $\Delta R > 2.4$ - W balanced by a hadronic recoil

- ✓ All predictions accurately describe data for $\Delta\phi(\mu, \text{jet})$
- ✓ Best agreement with data by N_{jet} NNLO for $\Delta R(\mu, \text{closest jet})$

Z+jets at 8 TeV

- Differential cross sections of $Z(\ell\ell)$ +jets as functions of numerous observables up to 5 inclusive jets
- Two opposite-sign same-flavor leptons with $m_{\ell\ell}$ window around m_Z : $71 < m_{\ell\ell} < 111$ GeV
- Predictions by LO and NLO ME+PS event generators, employing different PS algorithms

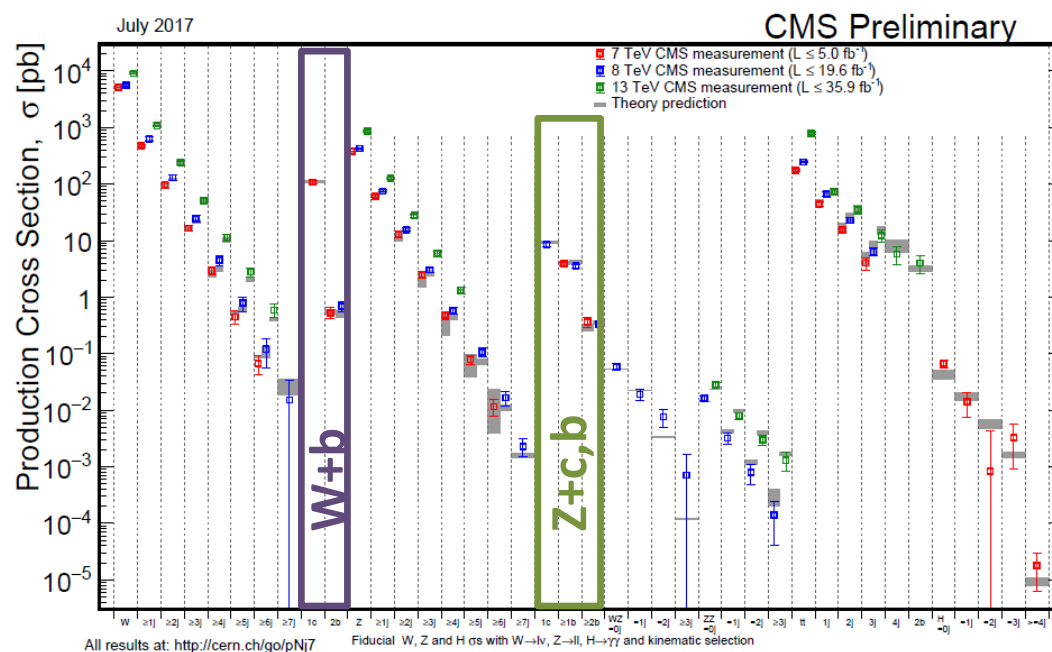


- ✓ Improved data description for the leading jet p_T when NLO terms included in MG5_aMC
- ✓ Discrepancy by MG5_aMC LO for the $y_{\text{sum}}(\text{diff})$, confirmation of CMS 7 TeV paper, Phys. Rev. D 88 (2013) 112009
- ✓ MG5_aMC/Sherpa 2 NLO predictions reproduce the $y_{\text{sum}}(\text{diff})$ measurement, using different PS algorithms and jet merging schemes (FxFx vs. MEPS@NLO)

W/Z+HF-jets

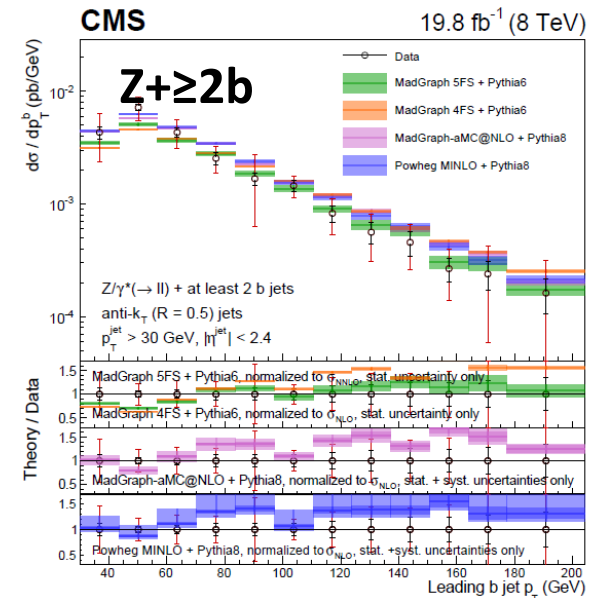
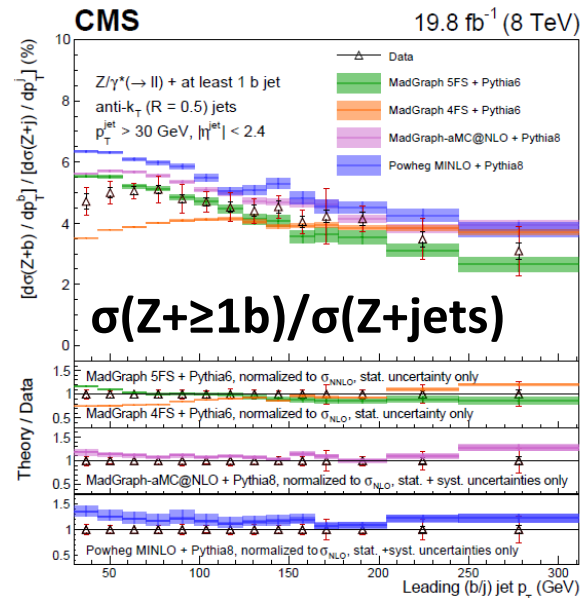
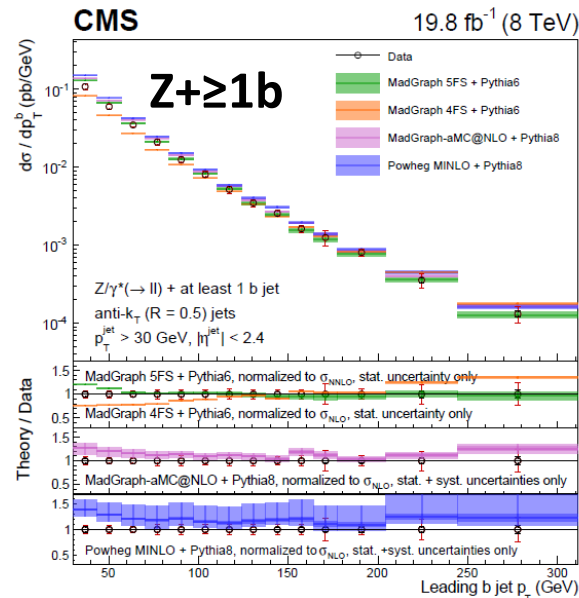
- Experimentally challenging analyses but are of paramount importance
 - Precisions tests of QCD heavy flavor (HF) sector
 - Background processes to Higgs and BSM searches
 - Sensitivity to probe strange and HF quark (b, c) content in the proton
 - b quark flavor content of the PDFs: 4 flavor vs. 5 flavor scheme
- HF-jets identified using multivariate analysis techniques (information about secondary vertices and impact parameters) or explicitly requiring b, c hadrons or soft muons in jets

✓ CMS HF-jets cross section measurements at 7 and 8 TeV



Z+b-jets at 8 TeV

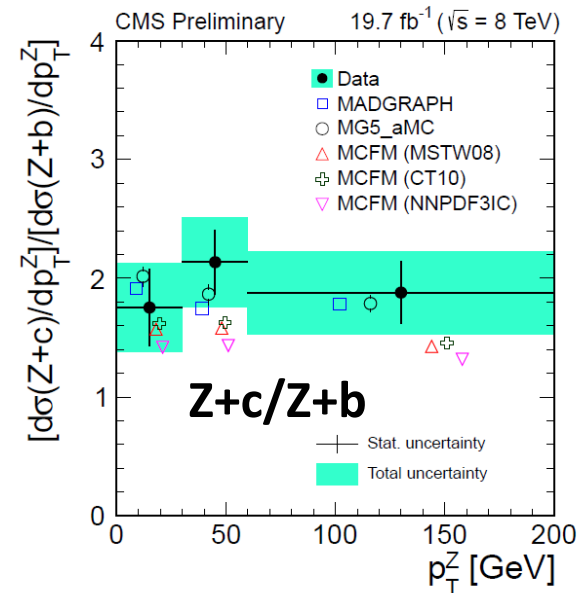
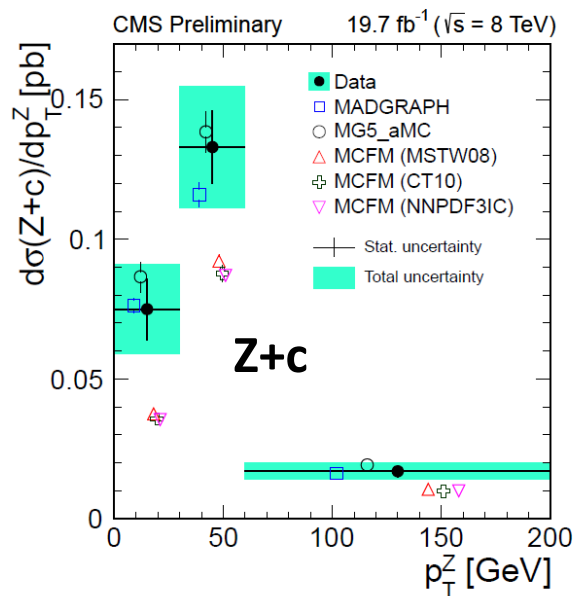
- $Z(\ell\ell)+\geq 1b, \geq 2b$ productions. Select isolated leptons with $p_T(\ell)>20$ GeV, $|\eta(\ell)|<2.4$, $71 < m_{\ell\ell} < 111$ GeV and b-tagged jets with $p_T(j)>30$ GeV, $|\eta(j)|<2.4$
- Measured fiducial cross sections for $Z+\geq 1b$ and $Z+\geq 2b$ in combined lepton channel:
 - $\sigma(Z+\geq 1b)=3.55\pm 0.12(\text{stat.})\pm 0.21(\text{syst.})$ pb and $\sigma(Z+\geq 2b)=0.331\pm 0.011(\text{stat.})\pm 0.035(\text{syst.})$ pb
 - $\sigma(Z+\geq 2b)/\sigma(Z+\geq 1b)=0.093\pm 0.004(\text{stat.})\pm 0.007(\text{syst.})$
- MG5 using CTEQL1 (MSTW2008) PDF set in 5FS (4FS)+PYTHIA 6, MG5_aMC merged NLO and POWHEG MiNLO predictions using NNPDF 3.0 PDF set and 5FS+PYTHIA 8



- ✓ Observed discrepancy from all predictions at low jet p_T for $Z+\geq 1b$. Normalization effect in MG5 4FS.
- ✓ Measurements do not strongly discriminate between the theoretical predictions

Z+c-jets at 8 TeV

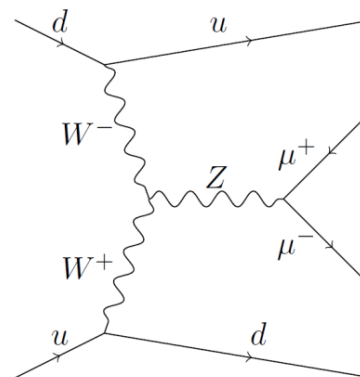
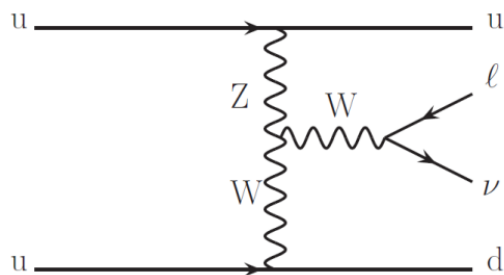
- $Z(\ell\ell)+\geq 1c$ associated production, selections for isolated leptons with $p_T(\ell)>20$ GeV, $|\eta(\ell)|<2.1$, $71 < m_{\ell\ell} < 111$ GeV and at least one c or b jet with $p_T(j)>25$ GeV, $|\eta(j)|<2.5$
- HF-quark jets identified using three signatures: semileptonic decay modes and hadronic decays of charm hadrons $D^\pm \rightarrow K^\mp \pi^\pm \pi^\pm$ and $D^{*\pm} \rightarrow D^0(\bar{D}^0)\pi^\pm$ (where $D^0(\bar{D}^0) \rightarrow K^\mp \pi^\pm$)
- Fiducial inclusive cross section (ratio of Z+c/Z+b) measured in combined lepton channel:
 - $\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{Z+c+X}) \times B(\text{Z} \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-) = 8.6 \pm 0.5(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.7(\text{syst.})$ pb, $\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{Z+c+X}) / \sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{Z+b+X}) = 2.0 \pm 0.2(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.2(\text{syst.})$
- Differential cross sections measured in semileptonic mode as a function of Z boson p_T



- ✓ **MG5_aMC LO(NLO)+PYTHIA 6(8) describe well the measurement. MCFM fixed order NLO (using different PDF sets) predicts smaller cross section both inclusively and differentially**
- ✓ **All predictions reproduce the data in Z+c/Z+b cross section ratio better**

EW W/Z+2-jet production

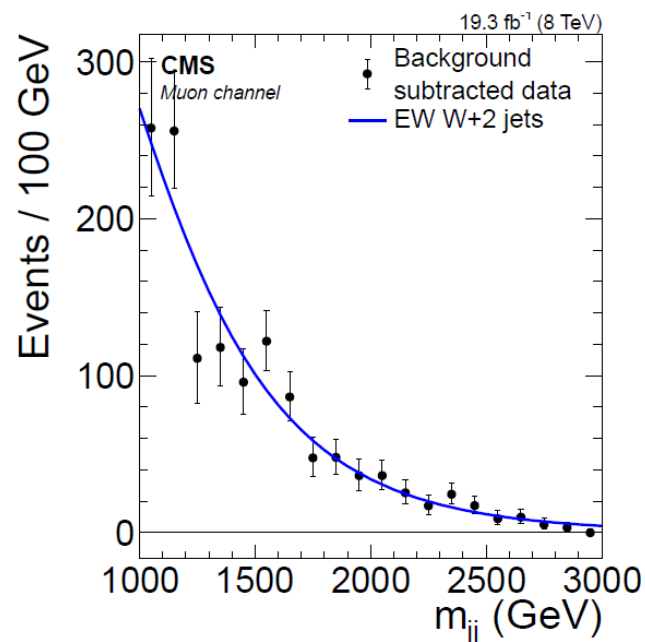
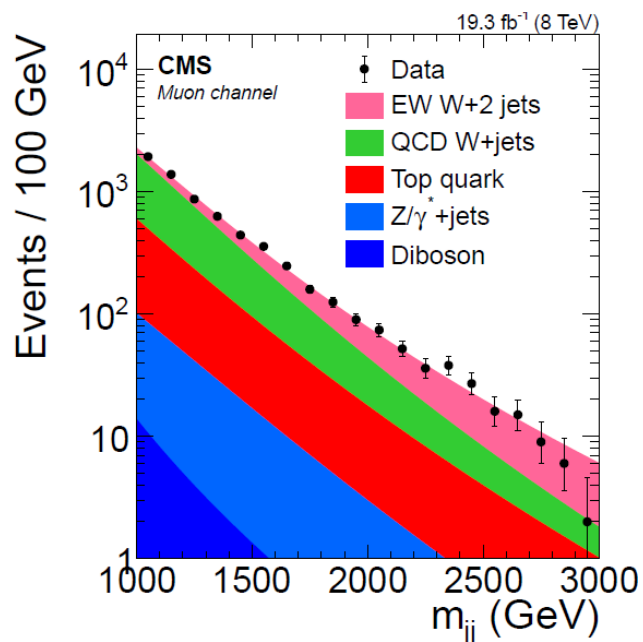
- Characterized by the presence of two high- p_T jets with
 - large pseudorapidity separation
 - low hadronic activity in-between



- Roughly ten times lower cross sections than QCD production
- Tests of the gauge structure of the EW sector (i.e. gauge boson self interactions)
- Important for VBF production studies for Higgs boson
- Main background from QCD W/Z+jets

EW W+2-jets production at 8 TeV

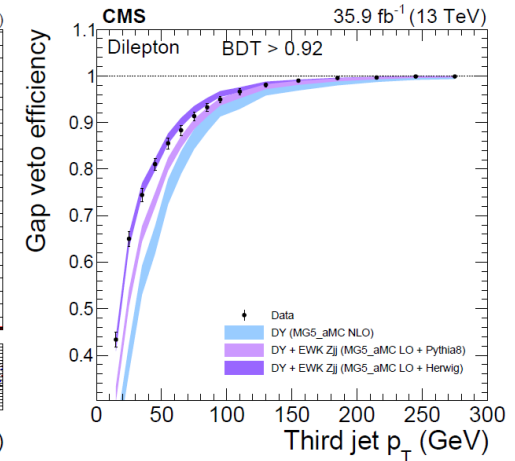
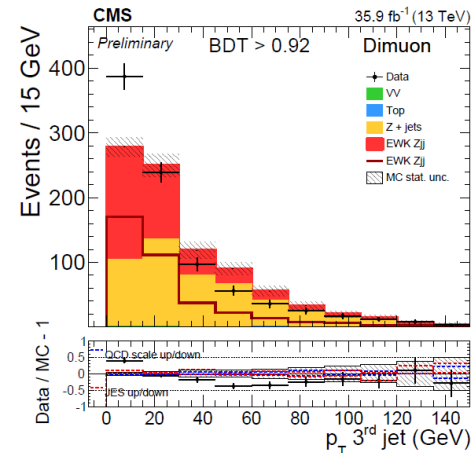
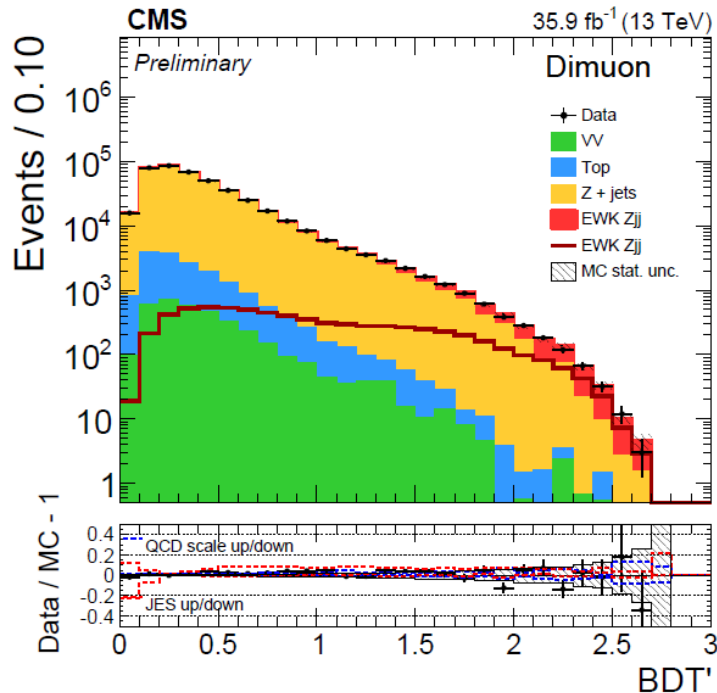
- Cross section measurement of the EW $W(\ell\nu)+2$ -jets final state in the kinematic region defined as $p_T(j_1)>60$ GeV, $p_T(j_2)>50$ GeV, and $|\eta(j)|<4.7$ with high dijet mass $m_{jj} > 1000$ GeV and small hadronic activity in the central region of the detector
 - probes triple gauge couplings and background to Higgs boson production in VBF channel
 - fiducial cross section from fits to m_{jj} distributions, using parametric models for all processes



- ✓ **First cross section measurement for this process. Measured fiducial cross section in agreement with SM LO prediction by MG5_aMC+PYTHIA 6:**
 - ✓ $\sigma(\text{EW } W(\ell\nu)+2\text{-jets})=0.42\pm 0.04(\text{stat.})\pm 0.09(\text{syst.})\pm 0.01(\text{lumi})$ pb
 - ✓ $\sigma(\text{SM LO EW } W(\ell\nu)+2\text{-jets})=0.50\pm 0.02(\text{scale})\pm 0.02(\text{PDF})$ pb

EW Z+2-jets production at 13 TeV

- The pure EW Z($\ell\ell$)+2-jets final state. Measurement with 2016 data ($L=35.9\text{ fb}^{-1}$)
- Several discriminating variables used to achieve the best separation between EW Z+2-jets signal and Drell-Yan+jets strong processes. Signal extracted from the fit to the BDT output distribution



- Studied jet and hadronic activity in the signal-enriched region (BDT>0.92)
- Efficiencies of a gap activity veto for the third jet p_T (representative)
- Herwig (Pythia 8) PS does better for low and moderate (higher) gap activity

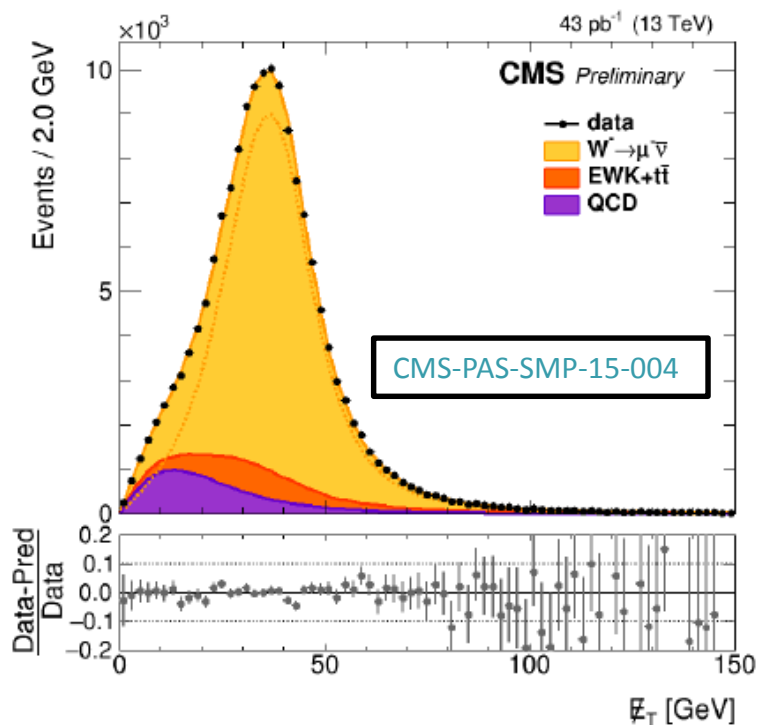
- ✓ **The first cross section measurement for this process at 13 TeV.** Cross section measured in the kinematic region defined as $p_T(j)>25\text{ GeV}$, $m_{jj}>120\text{ GeV}$, $m_{\ell\ell}>50\text{ GeV}$
- ✓ **Measured fiducial cross section in agreement with SM LO prediction by MG5_aMC+PYTHIA 8:**
 - ✓ $\sigma(\text{EW Z}(\ell\ell)+2\text{-jets})=552\pm 19(\text{stat.})\pm 55(\text{syst.})\text{ fb}$, $\sigma(\text{SM LO EW Z}(\ell\ell)+2\text{-jets})=543\pm 24\text{ fb}$

Conclusion

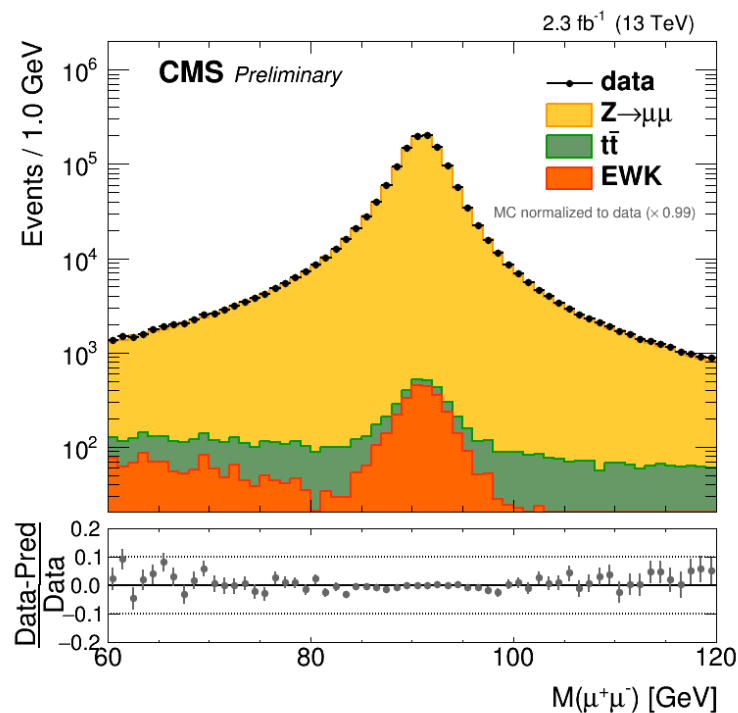
- **CMS has provided a comprehensive set of measurements on W/Z (+jets) production from 8 and 13 TeV pp collision data at the LHC**
 - High precision has been achieved on measurements of inclusive and differential cross sections and ratios of cross sections
 - Generally good agreement with predictions comprising ME calculations, PS models, NLO and NNLO fixed order calculations
 - Provided tests of QCD and EW sector with wealth of information (perturbative and soft QCD effects, PDF constraints, Drell-Yan forward-backward asymmetry, W charge asymmetry, weak mixing angle, background modeling for Higgs and new physics, HF sector of QCD, etc.)
 - Still need to improve modeling and precisions for the remained discrepancies and larger uncertainties
- **More results from 2016 data to come! 2017 run already started!**

Back-up slides

W and Z yields



W boson: signal extracted by fitting to MET, where MET is associated with an undetected neutrino
Background: EWK+ttbar from simulation
QCD multijet is major background and estimated from data

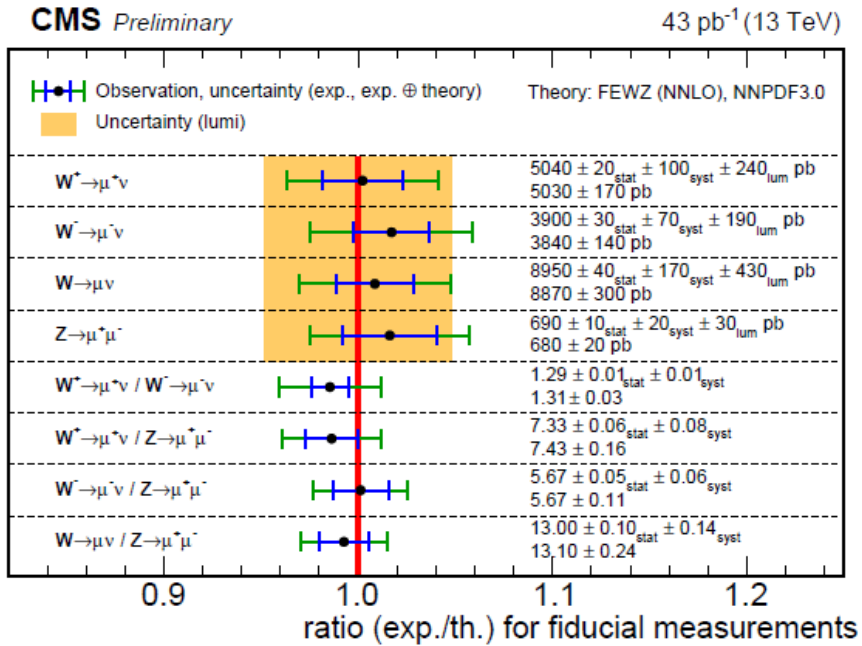


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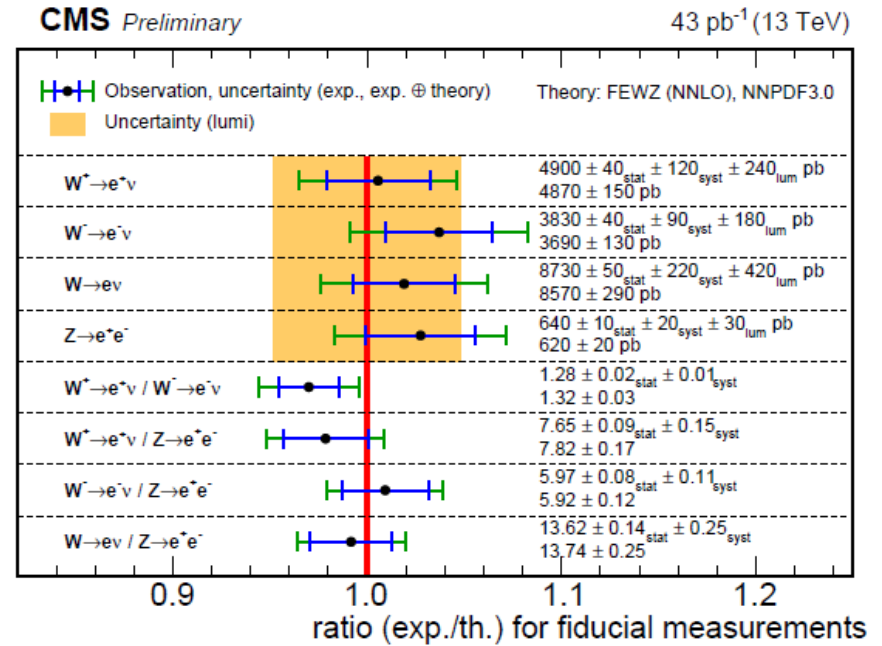
Z boson: signal events counted in dilepton invariant mass window 60-120 GeV
Background: EWK+ttbar from simulation

W and Z fiducial cross sections and ratios

- Event selection with $p_T(\ell) > 25$ GeV, $|\eta(e, \mu)| < 2.5$ (2.4). Z candidates within $60 < m_{\ell\ell} < 120$ GeV
- No acceptance correction. The systematic uncertainties are reduced



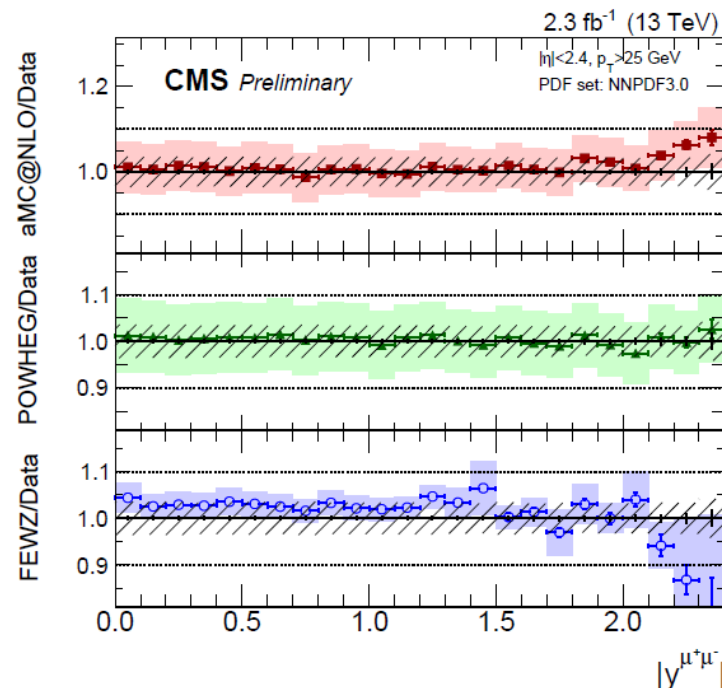
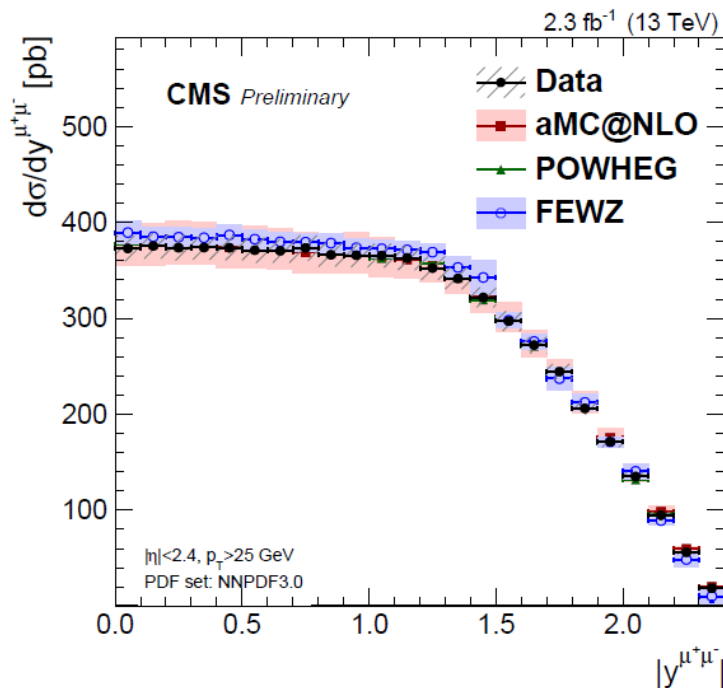
Muons



Electrons

$d\sigma/dy(Z)$

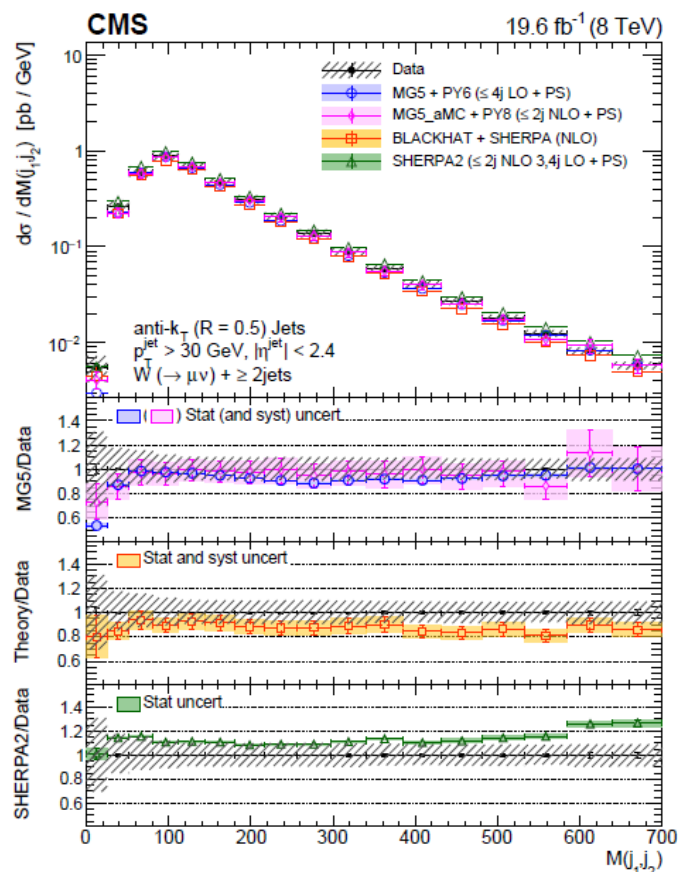
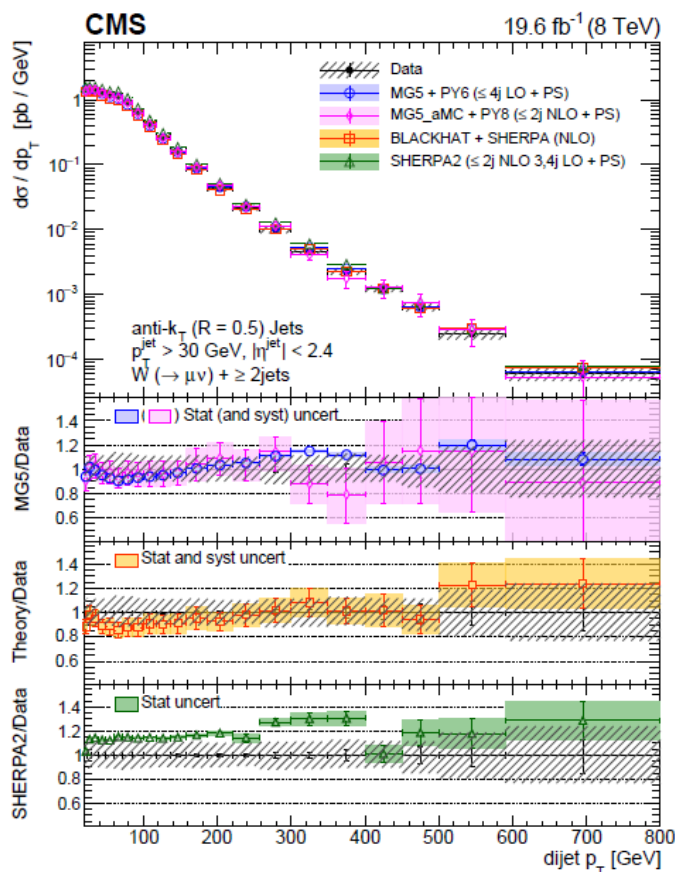
- Z rapidity gives useful input for the global fit to the PDFs
- Unfolded data compared to **MG5_aMC (NLO)**, **POWHEG (normalized to NLO)**, **FEWZ NNLO+NLO EW**



✓ **Good agreement between data and predicted distributions**

W + dijet at 8 TeV

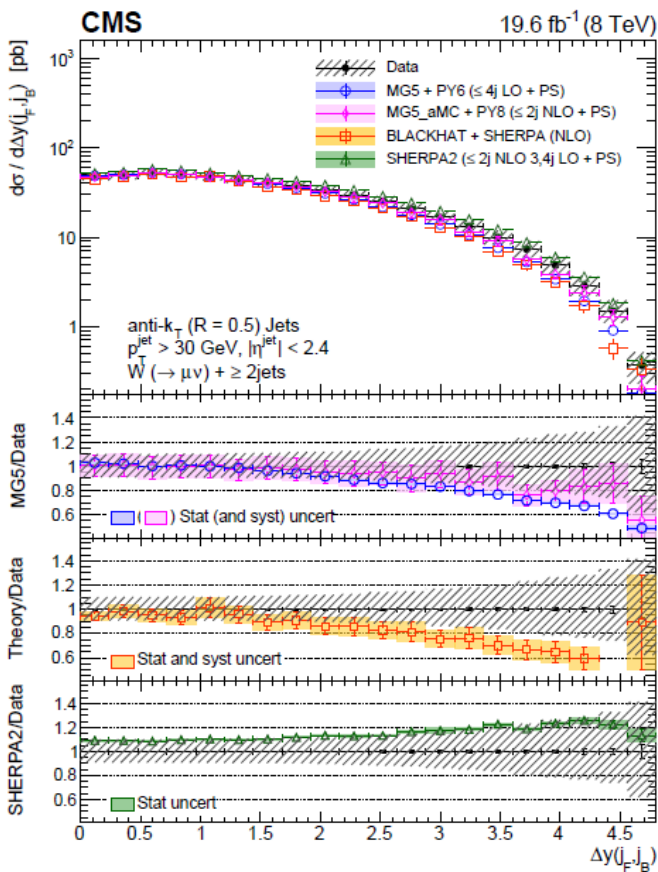
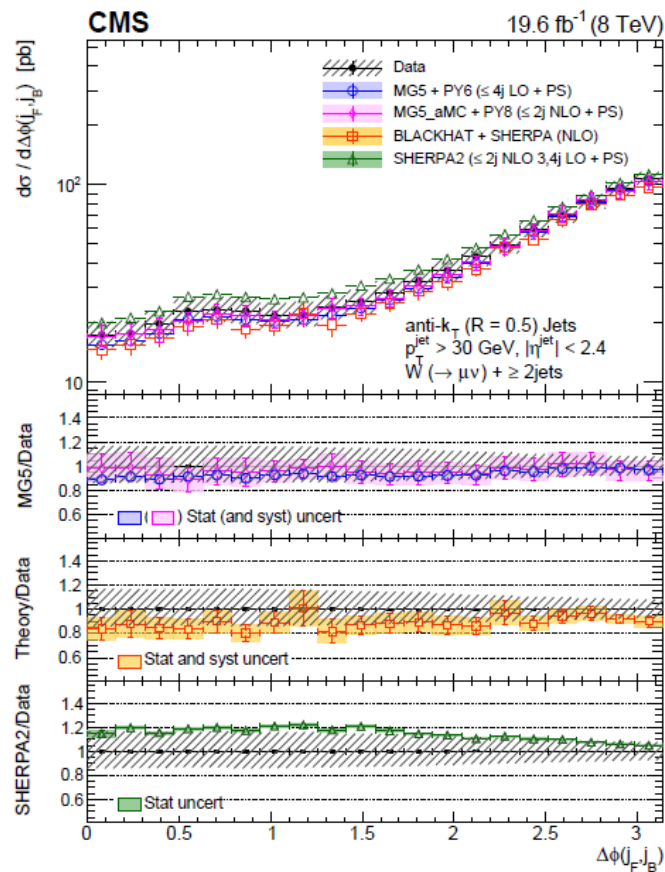
- Dependence of the measured cross sections on the dijet transverse momentum and invariant mass. Sensitivity to the presence of physics beyond the SM in dijet final states



- For dijet p_T and M_{j_1, j_2} , different generators give similar prediction, apart from Sherpa 2

W + jets at 8 TeV: $\Delta\phi(j_F, j_B)$ and $\Delta\gamma(j_F, j_B)$

- $\Delta\phi(j_F, j_B)$: A sensitive test of modeling of higher-order corrections in theoretical calculations
- $\Delta\gamma(j_F, j_B)$: A test of wide-angle parton radiation and ME+PS matching schemes

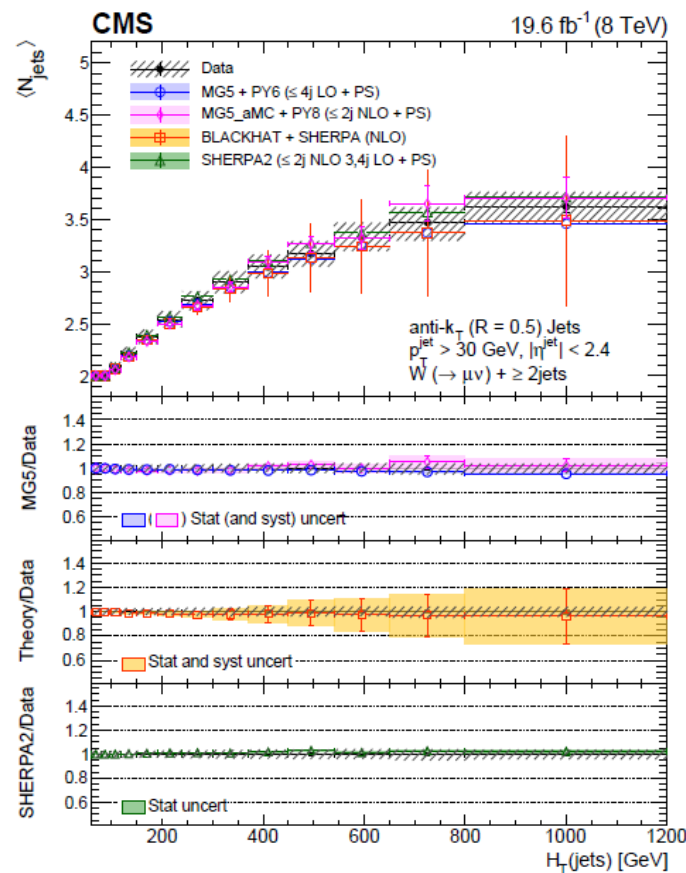
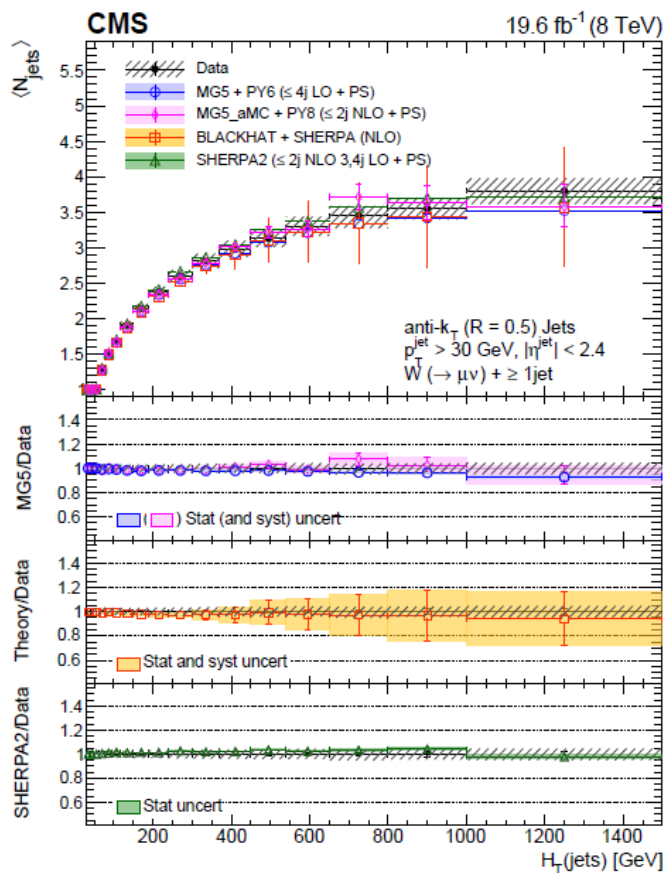


$\Delta\phi(j_1, j_2)$ is a test of QCD and MC modeling:

- Hard radiation at large angles from ME
- Soft collinear radiation from PS

✓ Predictions tend to undershoot data at high rapidity separation of jets, except Sherpa 2

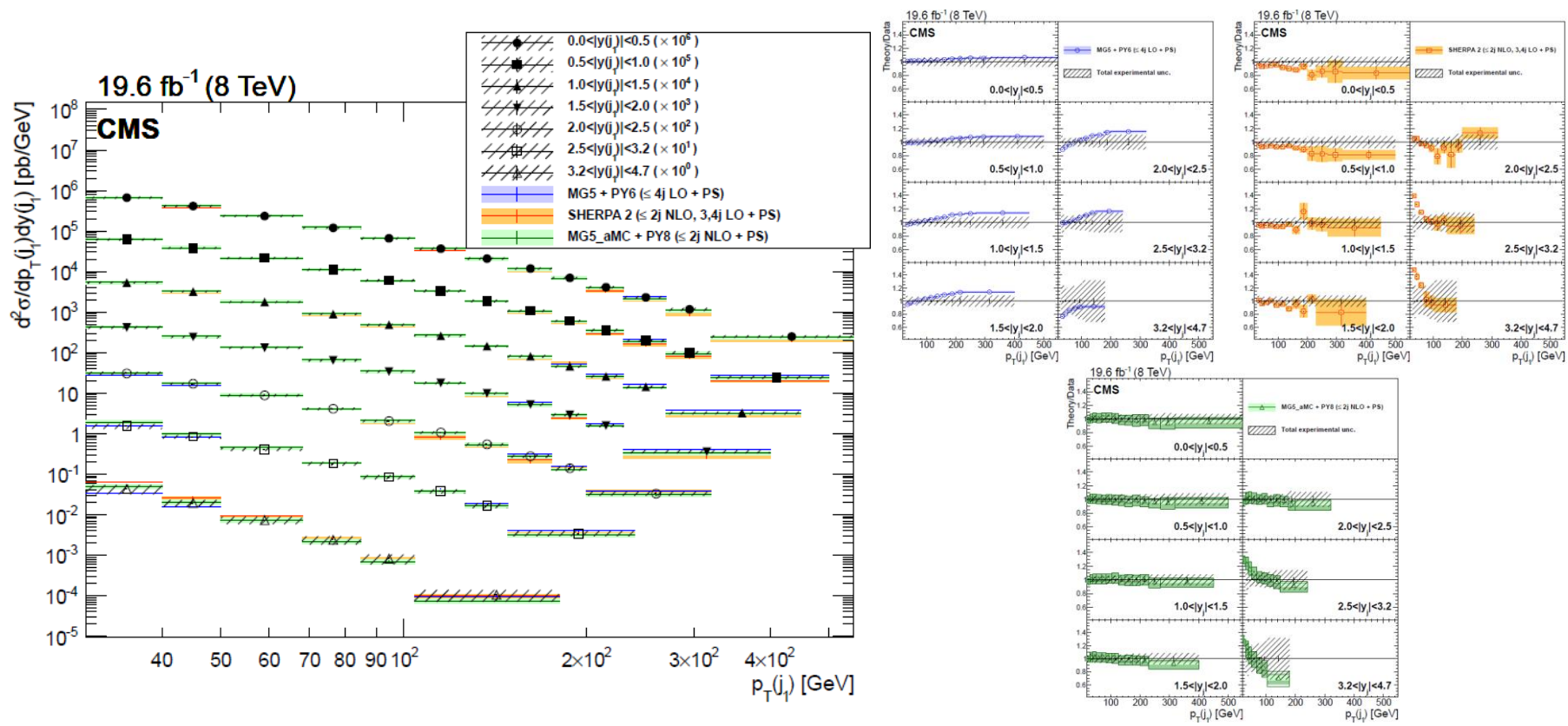
- Sensitivity to the effects of the higher-order processes



- ✓ Excellent description of data over the entire ranges of H_T for $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 1$ (2) jet left (right)

Z+jets double diff. cross section at 8 TeV

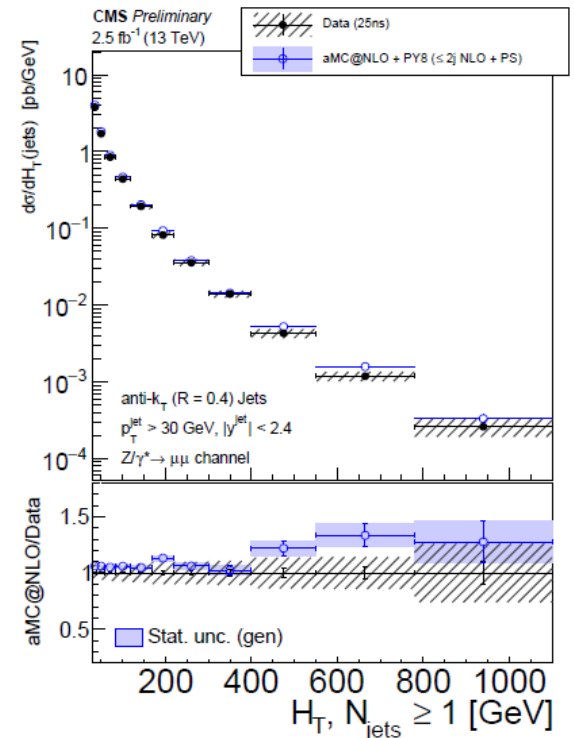
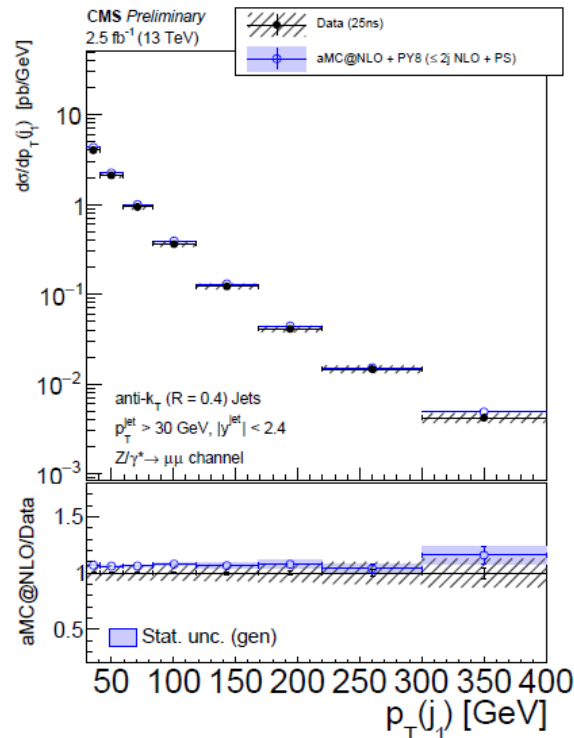
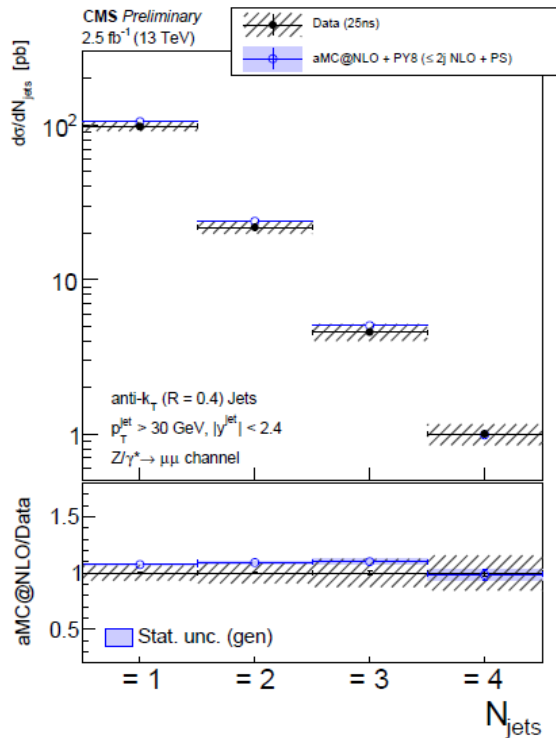
- Double differential cross section in an extended jet rapidity acceptance to $|y| < 4.7$, where Z+jets events constitute background for VBF (e.g., Higgs boson production)



✓ Predictions challenge to fairly reproduce data distributions in forward rapidity regions as well

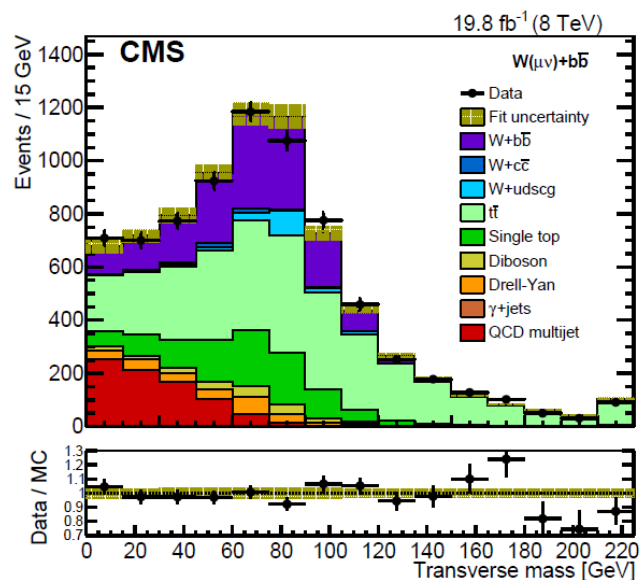
Z+jets diff. cross sections at 13 TeV

- Measurement using $Z(\mu\mu)+\text{jets}$ events with $p_T(\mu) > 20$ GeV, $|\eta(\mu)| < 2.4$ and jets with $p_T(\text{jet}) > 30$ GeV, $|\eta(\text{jet})| < 2.4$. Require $m_{\ell\ell}$: 71-111 GeV
- Comparisons by MG5_aMC+PYTHIA 8 (NLO accuracy up to 2 additional partons merged using FxFx scheme)
- ✓ **Good data description by MG5_AMC@NLO**

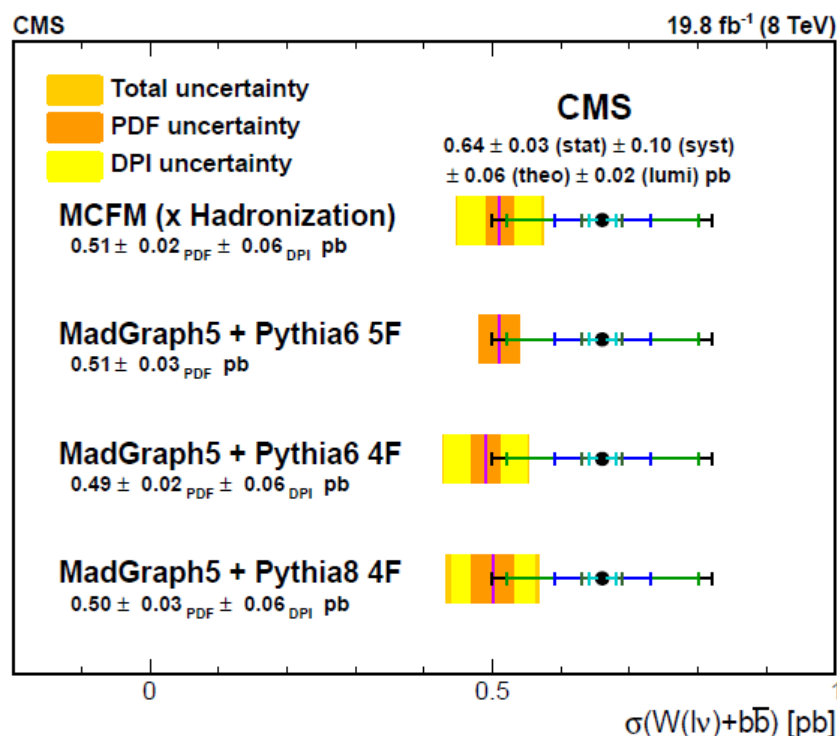


W+2b-jets at 8 TeV

- Measurement of the cross section for $W(\ell\nu)+2b$ -jets. Require isolated e or μ with $p_T(\ell)>30$ GeV, $|\eta(\ell)|<2.1$ and exactly 2 b-tagged jets with $p_T(j)>30$ GeV, $|\eta(j)|<2.4$
- Dominant background in $W+H(b\bar{b})$ and in several BSM scenarios
- Theoretical predictions by MCFM NLO (corrected for hadronization), LO MG5+PYTHIA 6/PYTHIA 8 in 4FS/5FS approaches. MCFM and MG5+PYTHIA 6/8 using 4FS are corrected for DPI effects



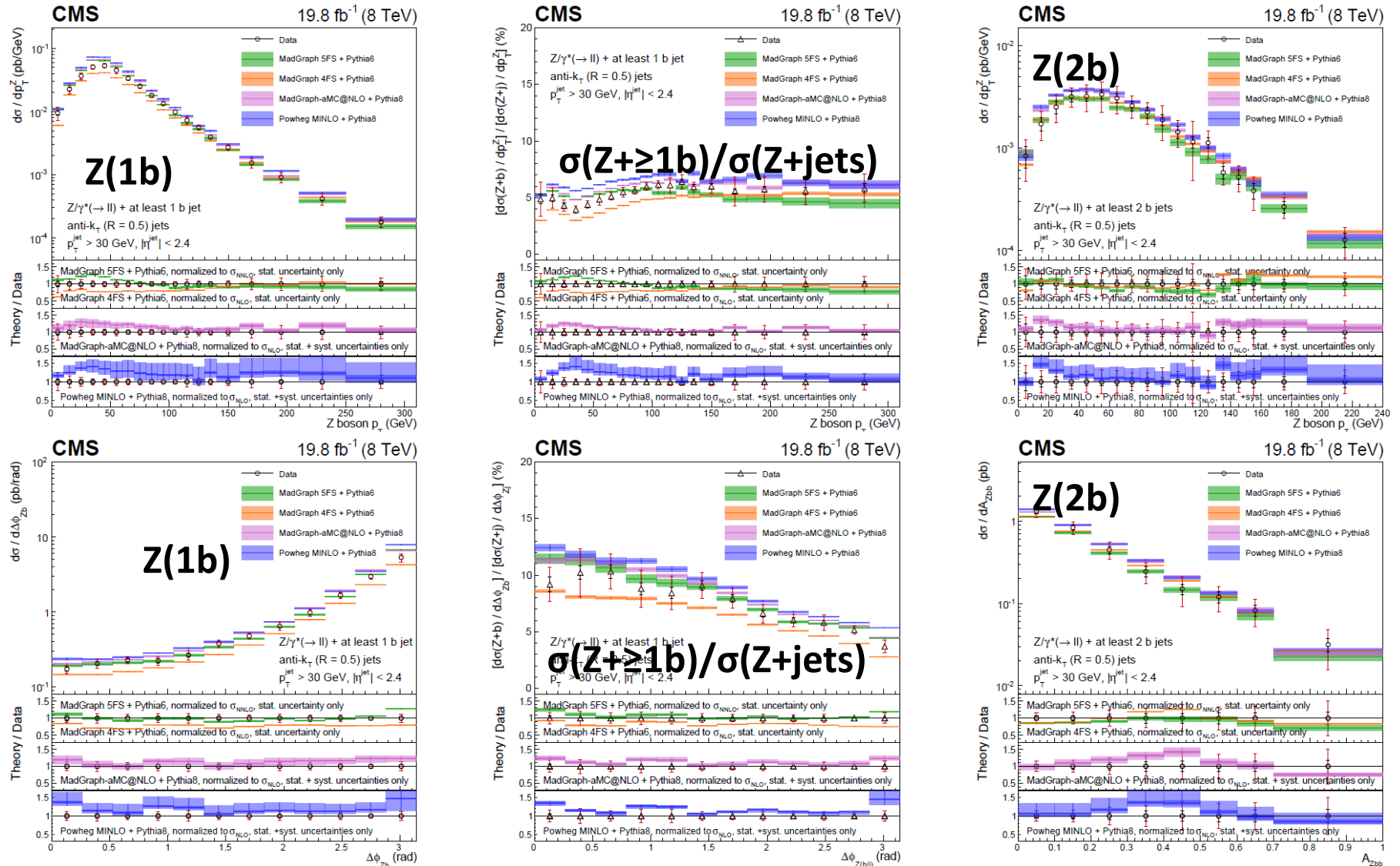
- ✓ The simulation is tuned to better describe the $t\bar{t}$ control samples and used to extract the signal yield in the signal region



- ✓ Important test of pQCD with heavy flavors: 4FS (b massive) and 5FS (b massless)
- ✓ Predictions agree with each other and are consistent with CMS data within their uncertainties

Z+b-jets at 8 TeV (more differential distributions)

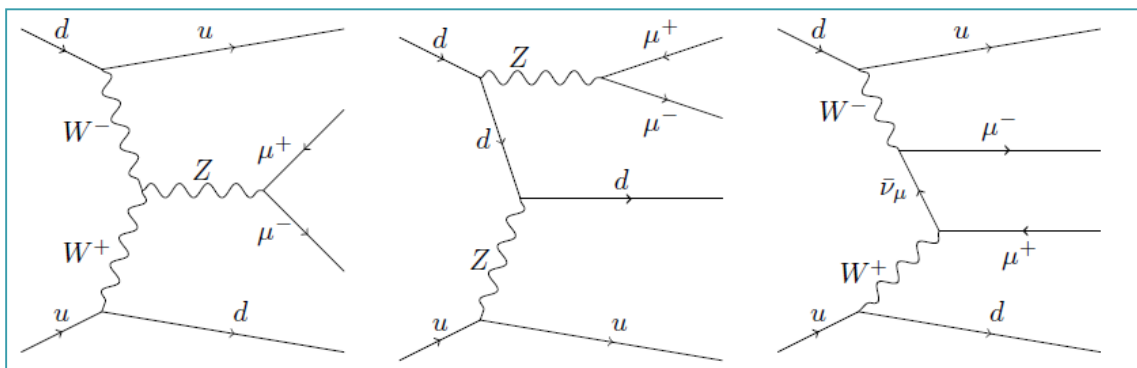
- Z boson p_T (top), $\Delta\phi$ and asymmetry variable A_{Zbb} (bottom)



EW Z+2-jets production

- Representative Feynman diagrams for EW $\ell\ell jj$ final states

Pure EW $\ell\ell jj$ production (α_{EW}^4): VBF (left), bremsstrahlung-like (middle), and multiperipheral (right)



QCD Drell-Yan $\ell\ell jj$ production is the main background ($\alpha_{EW}^2\alpha_S^2$)

