



# Electroweak Physics at LHCb

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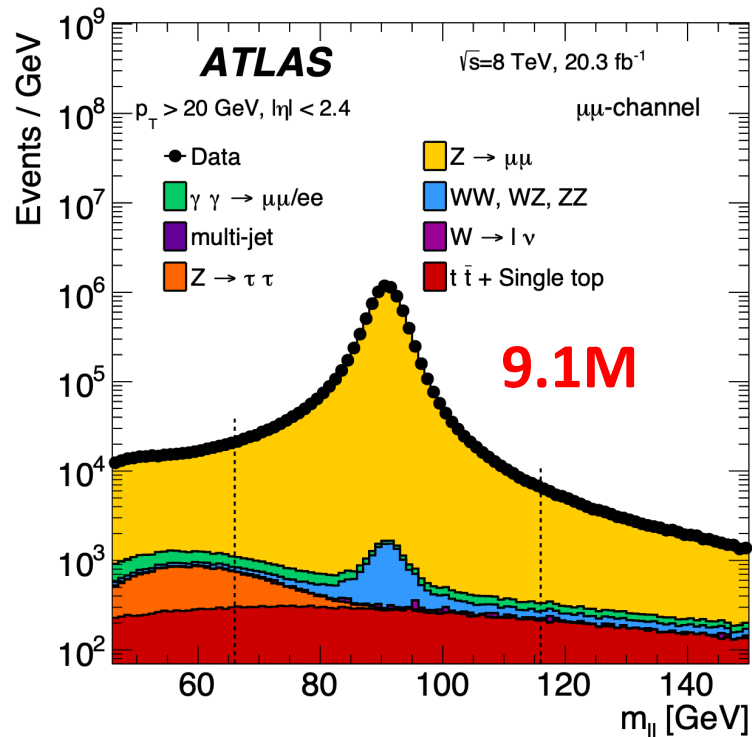


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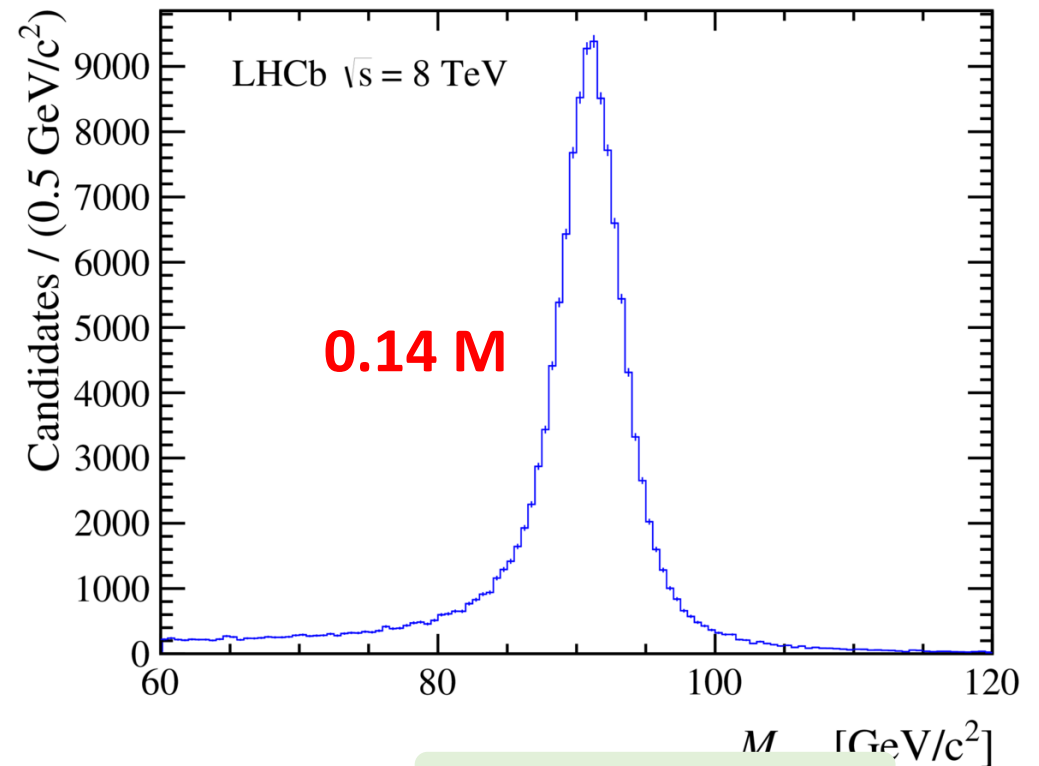
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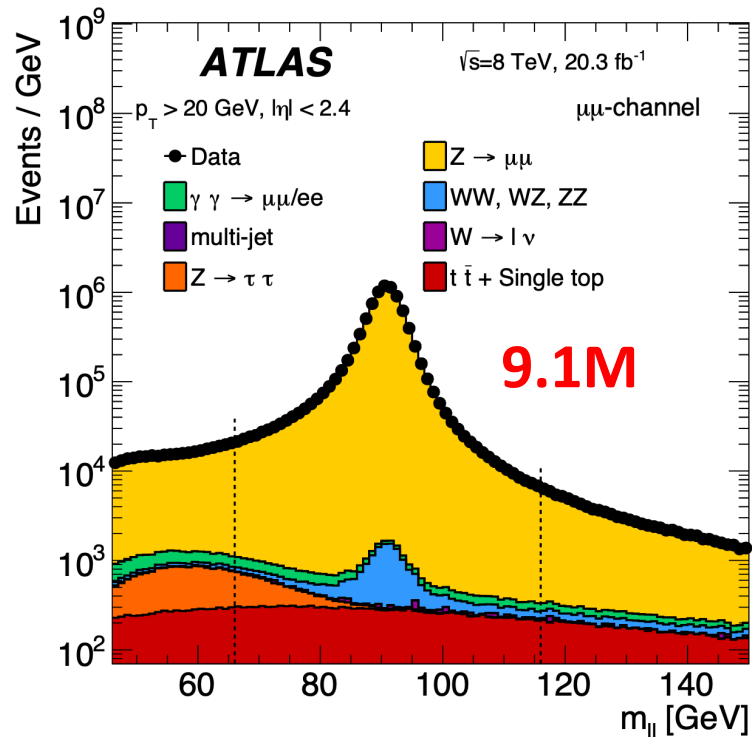
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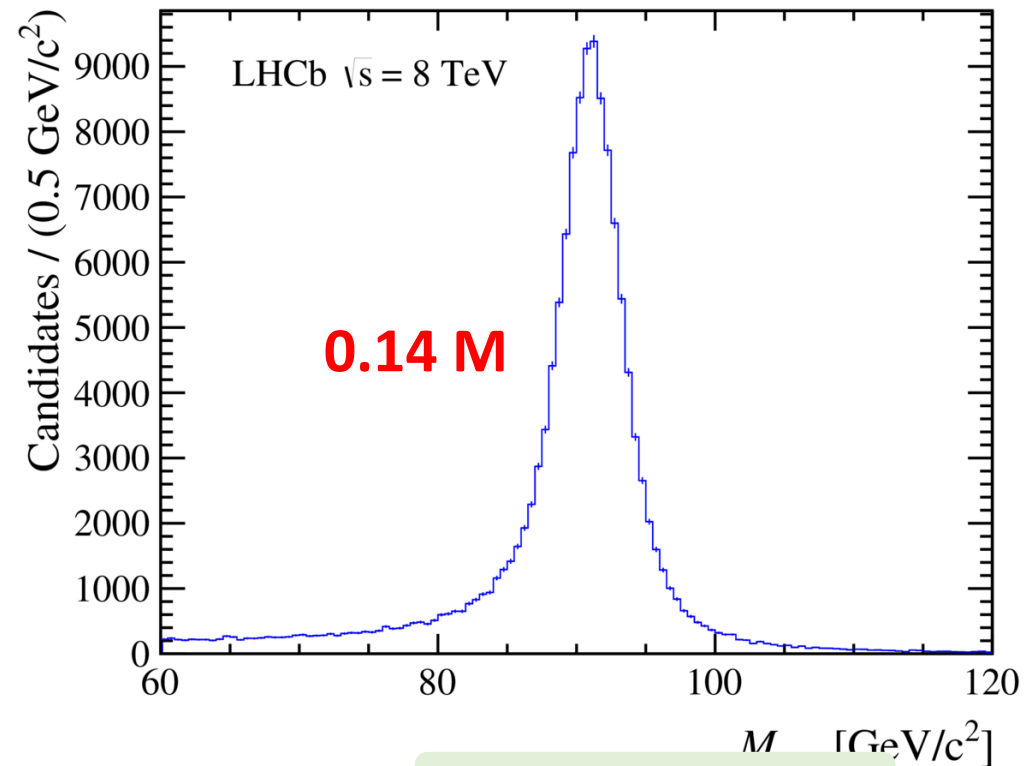
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Data collected in same period: ATLAS  $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  signal yeild is **65** times larger than that of LHCb



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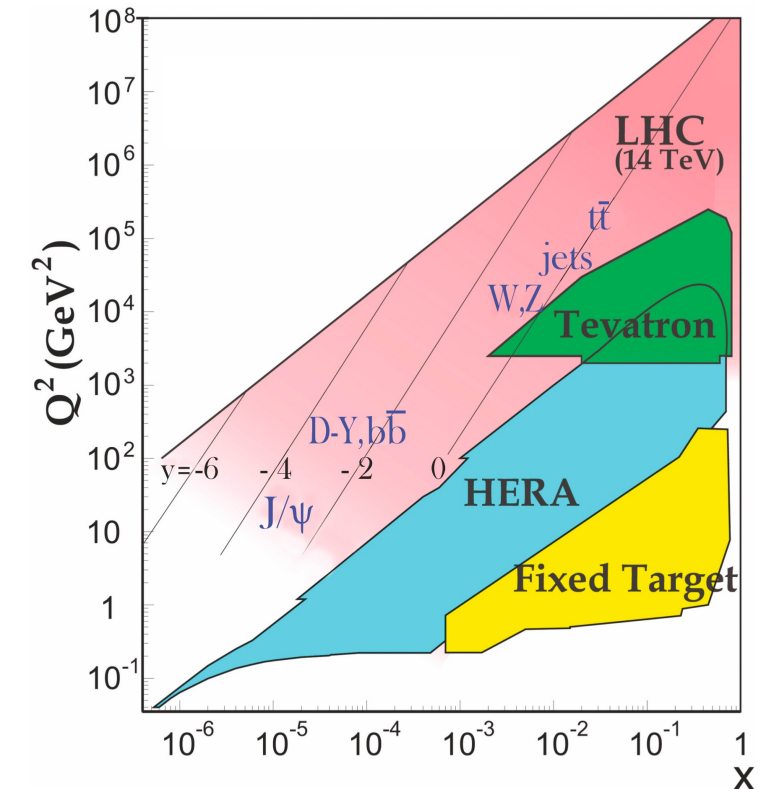
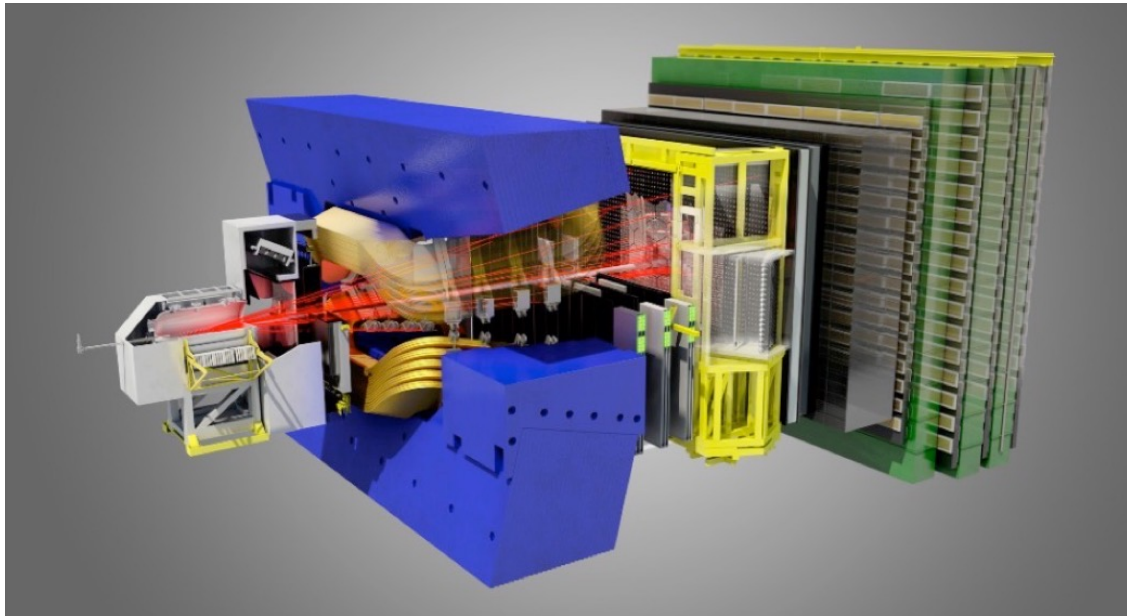


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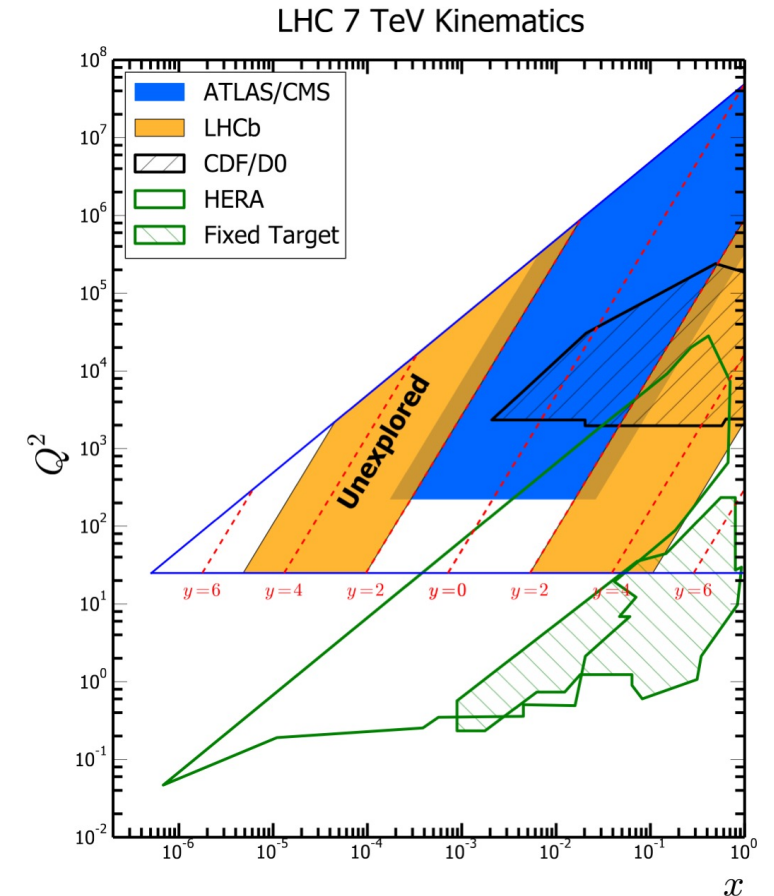
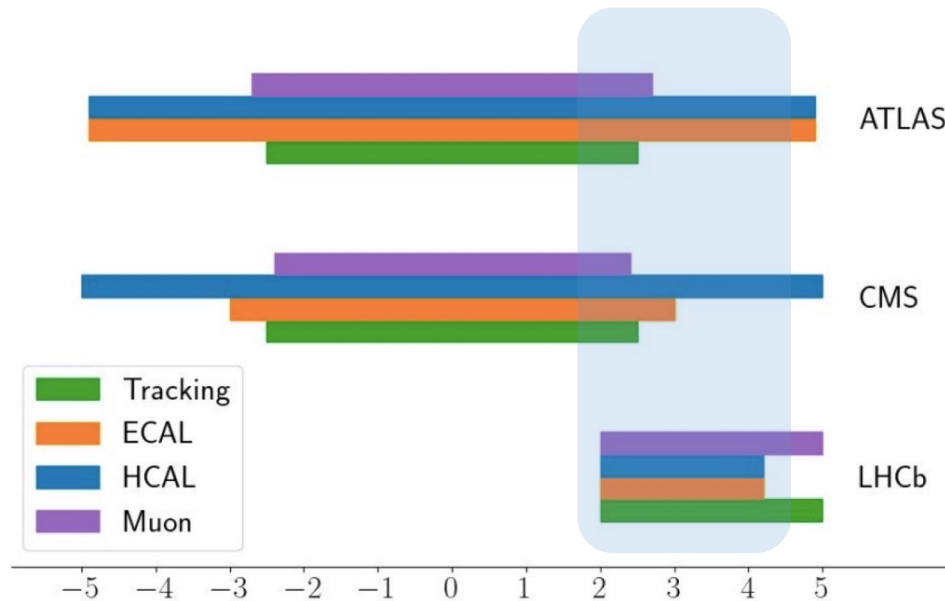




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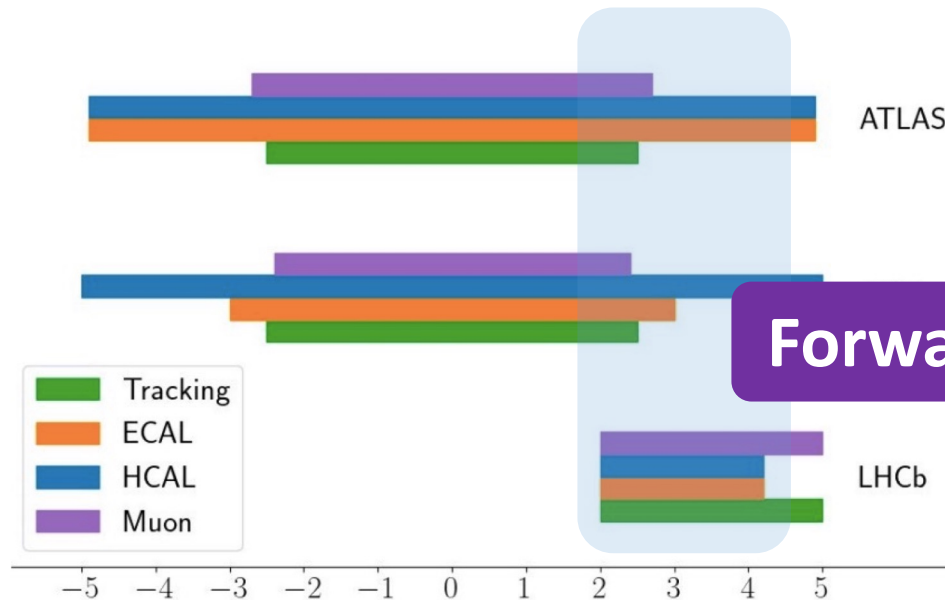
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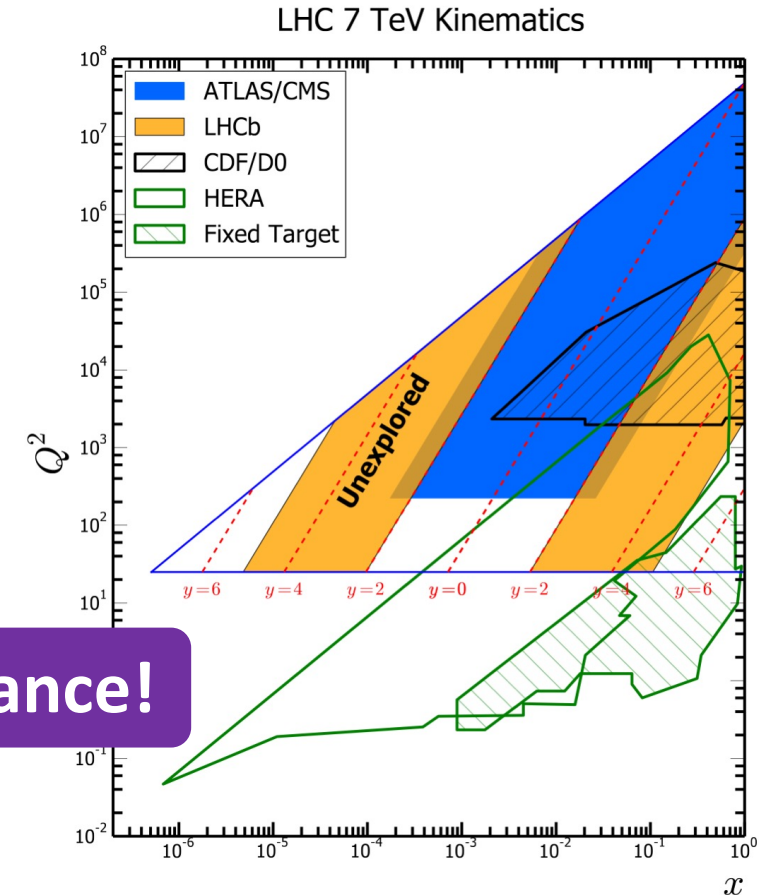
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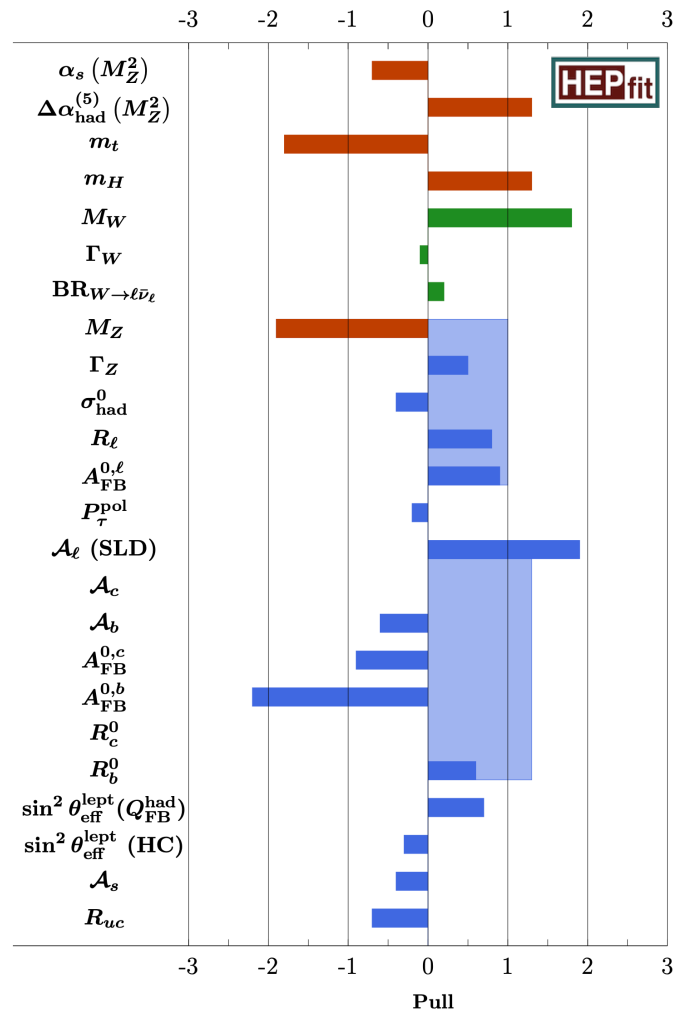
**Forward acceptance!**



# Weak mixing angle

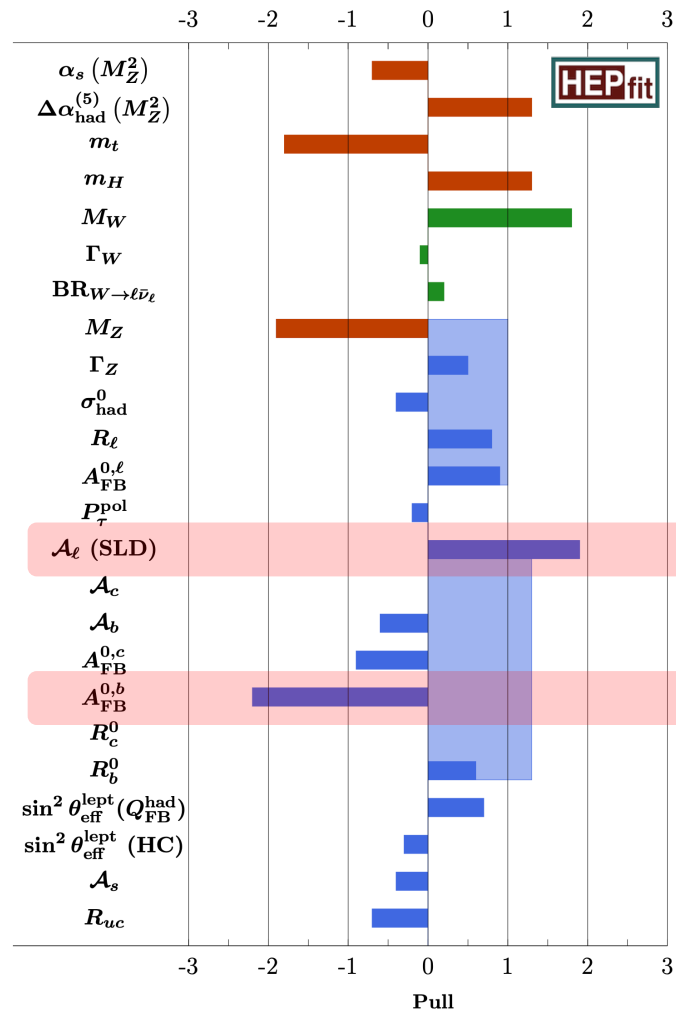
- Fundamental parameters of SM electroweak sector
- Couplings between **fermions** and **Z** boson:  $(V - A)$ 
  - Vector couplings:  $V = I_3 - 2Q \sin^2 \theta_W$
  - Axial-vector coupling:  $A = I_3$
- In the tree level,  $\sin^2 \theta_W = \left( 1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2} \right)$
- At higher order:  $\sin^2 \theta_W^{lept} = \kappa_f \sin^2 \theta_W$ 
  - $\kappa_f$ : a flavour dependent effective scaling factor absorbing the **higher order corrections**

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- Excellent agreement between individual measurement and global fit
- Tension between  $A_{\text{FB}}^b$  and  $A_\ell(\text{SLD})$ :  $\sim 3.2 \sigma$ 
  - Precision weak mixing angle measurements from LEP and SLD
- Other EW observables are within  $2\sigma$  band

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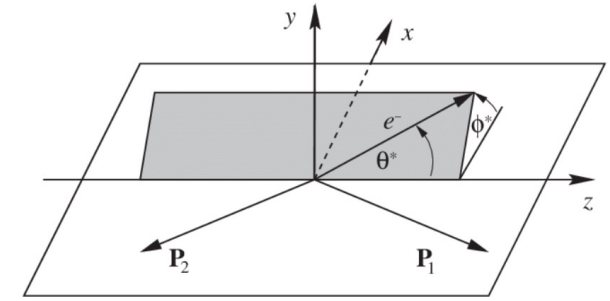
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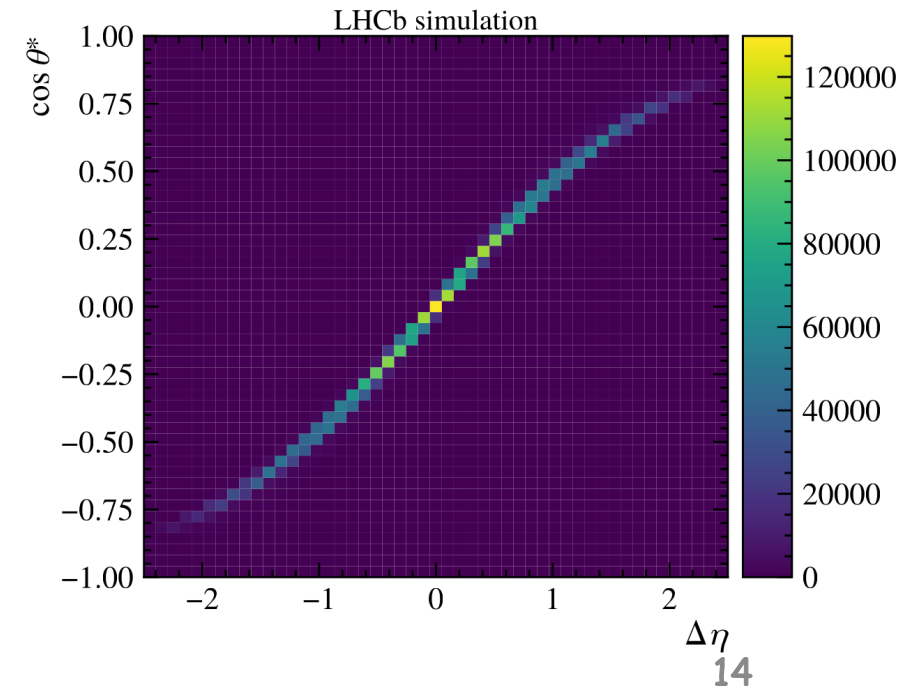
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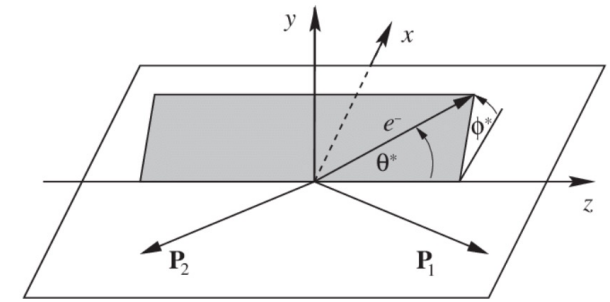
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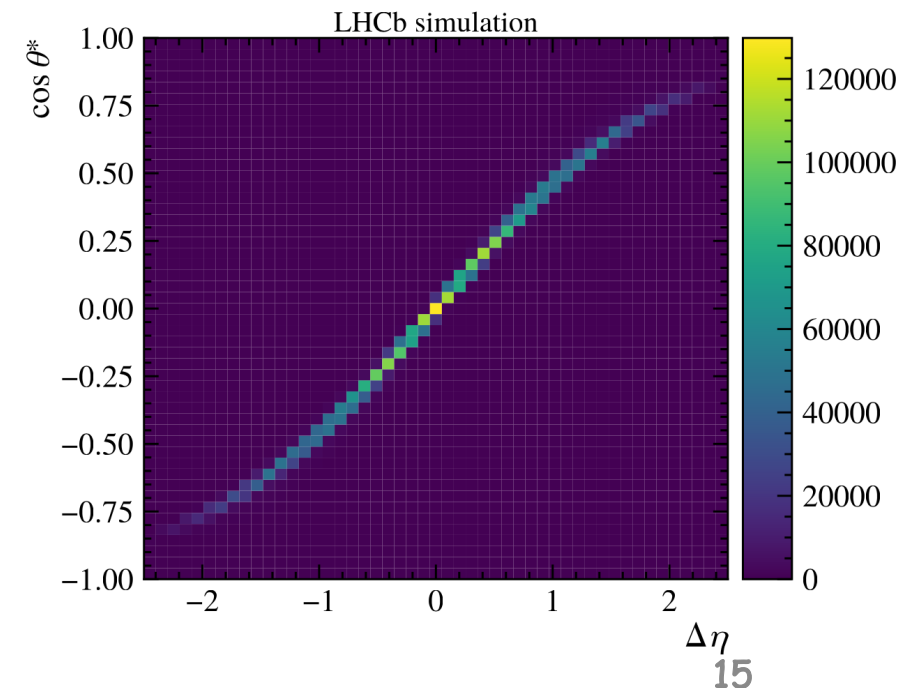
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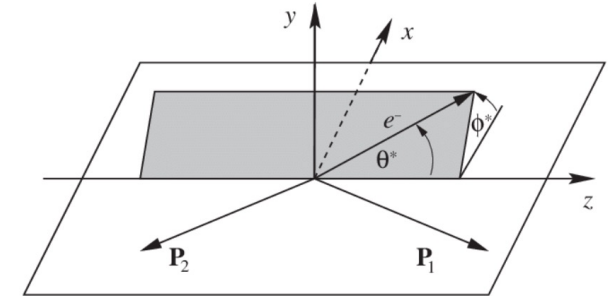


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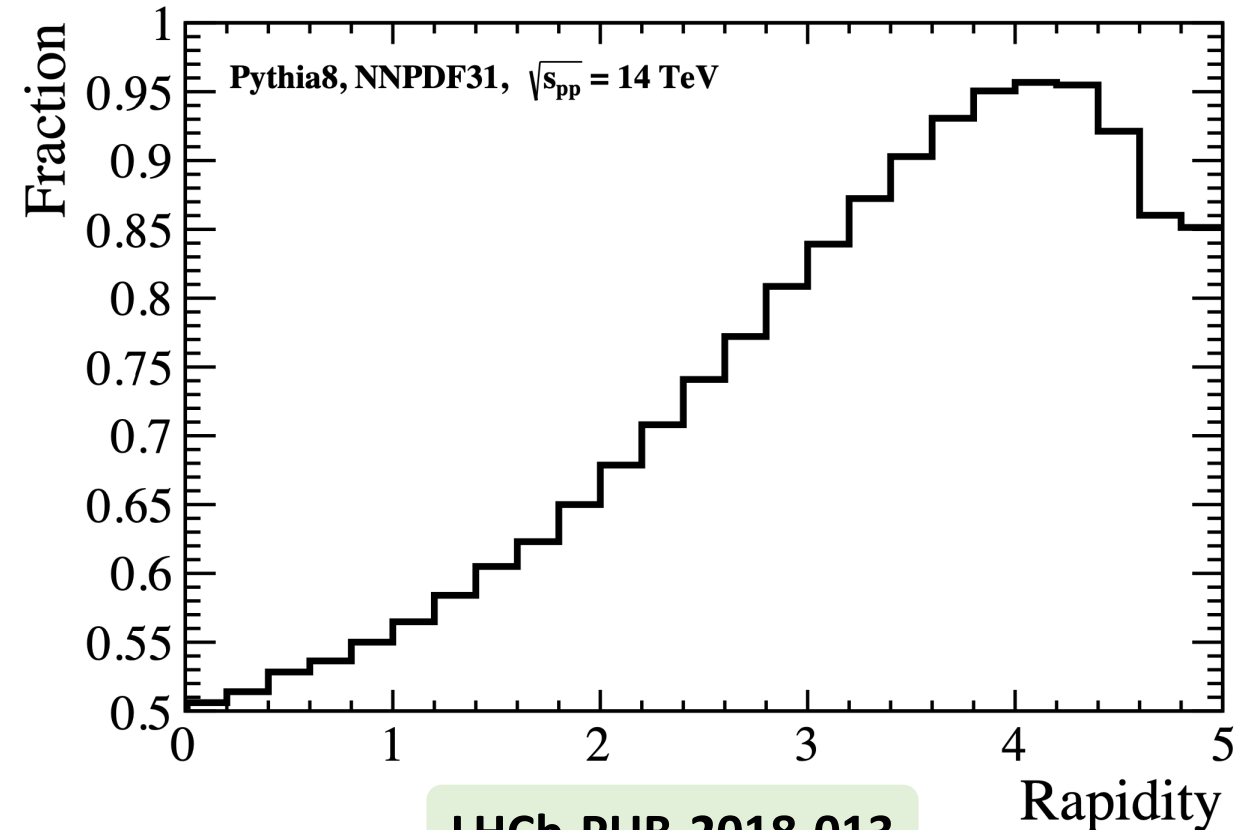


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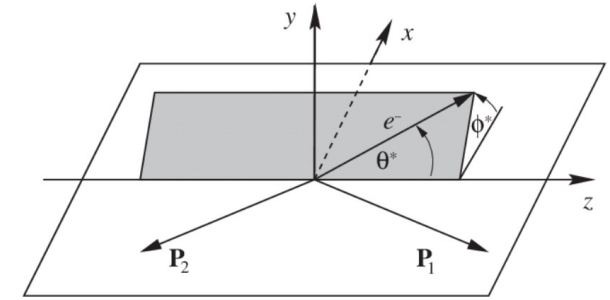


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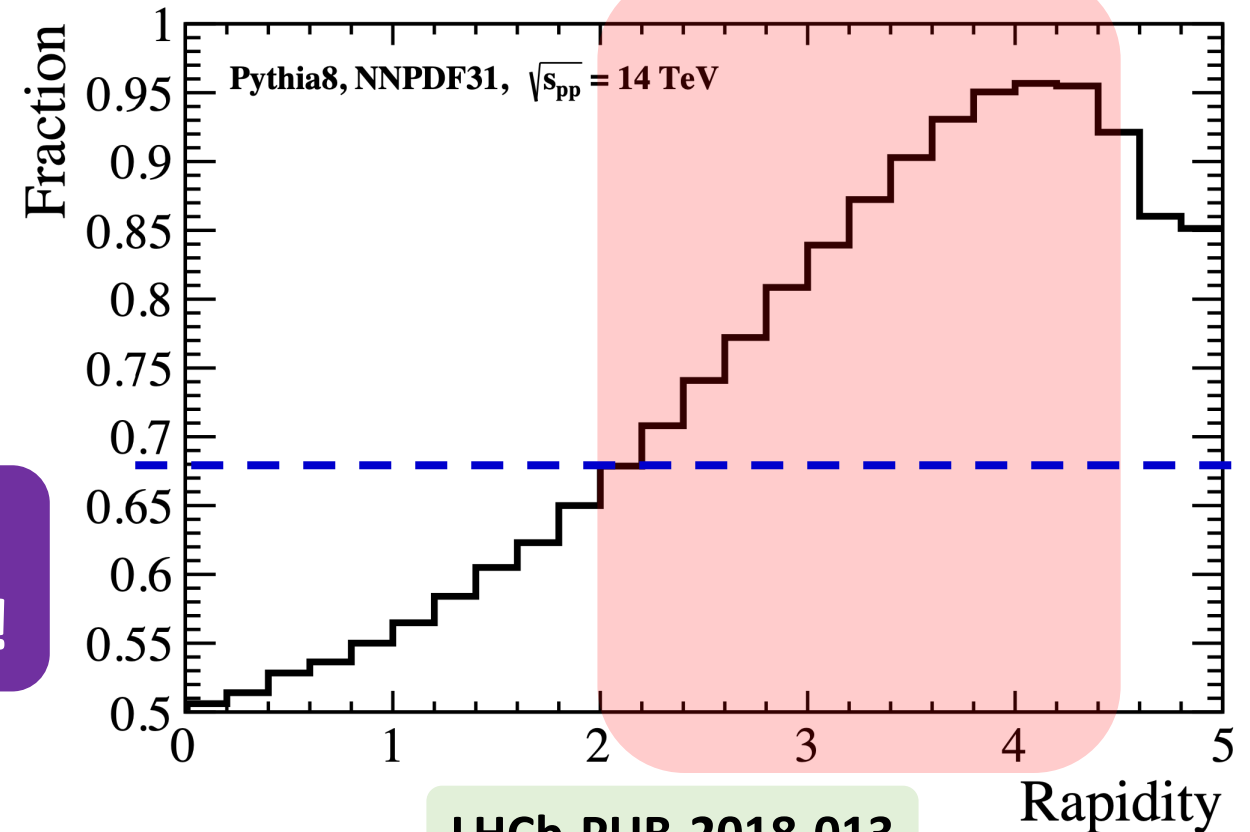
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Smaller statistics ( $\sim 1/65$ ),  
but **similar** sensitivity as ATLAS/CMS!



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  - Heavy-flavour: suppressed to the percent level, the muon impact parameter requirement
  - Hadronic background: suppressed to the percent level, an isolation requirement and muon track fit requirement
- Roughly **860k** events are selected for the measurement

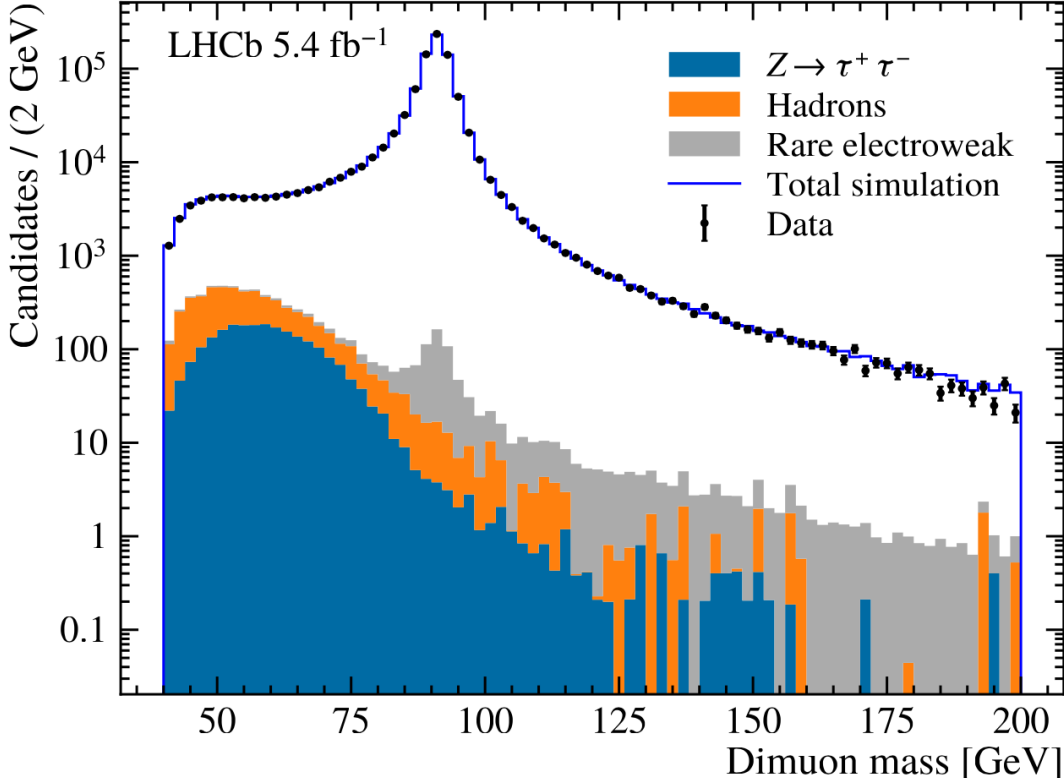
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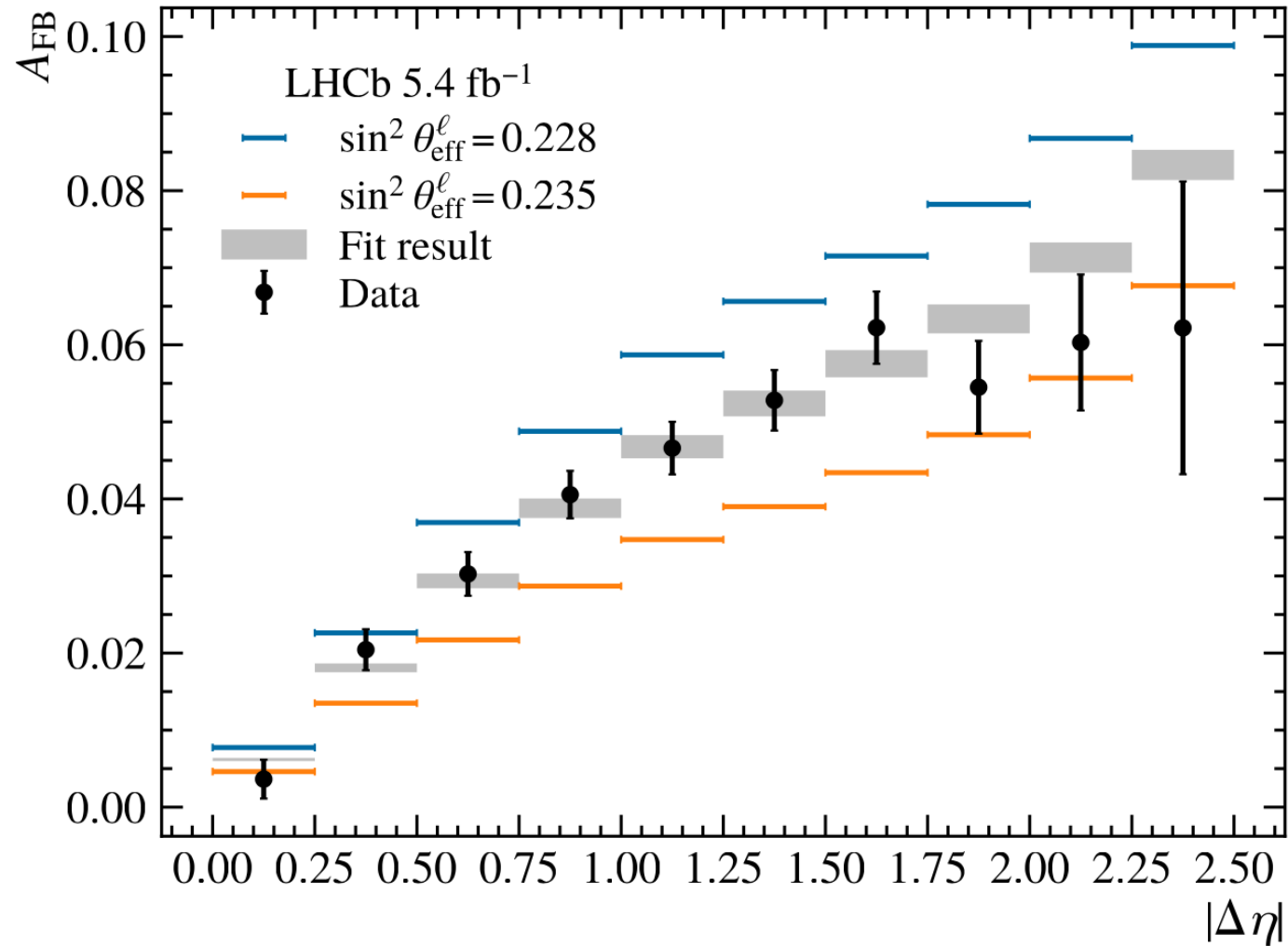


the muon impact parameter

level, an isolation

measurement

# Bset fit point



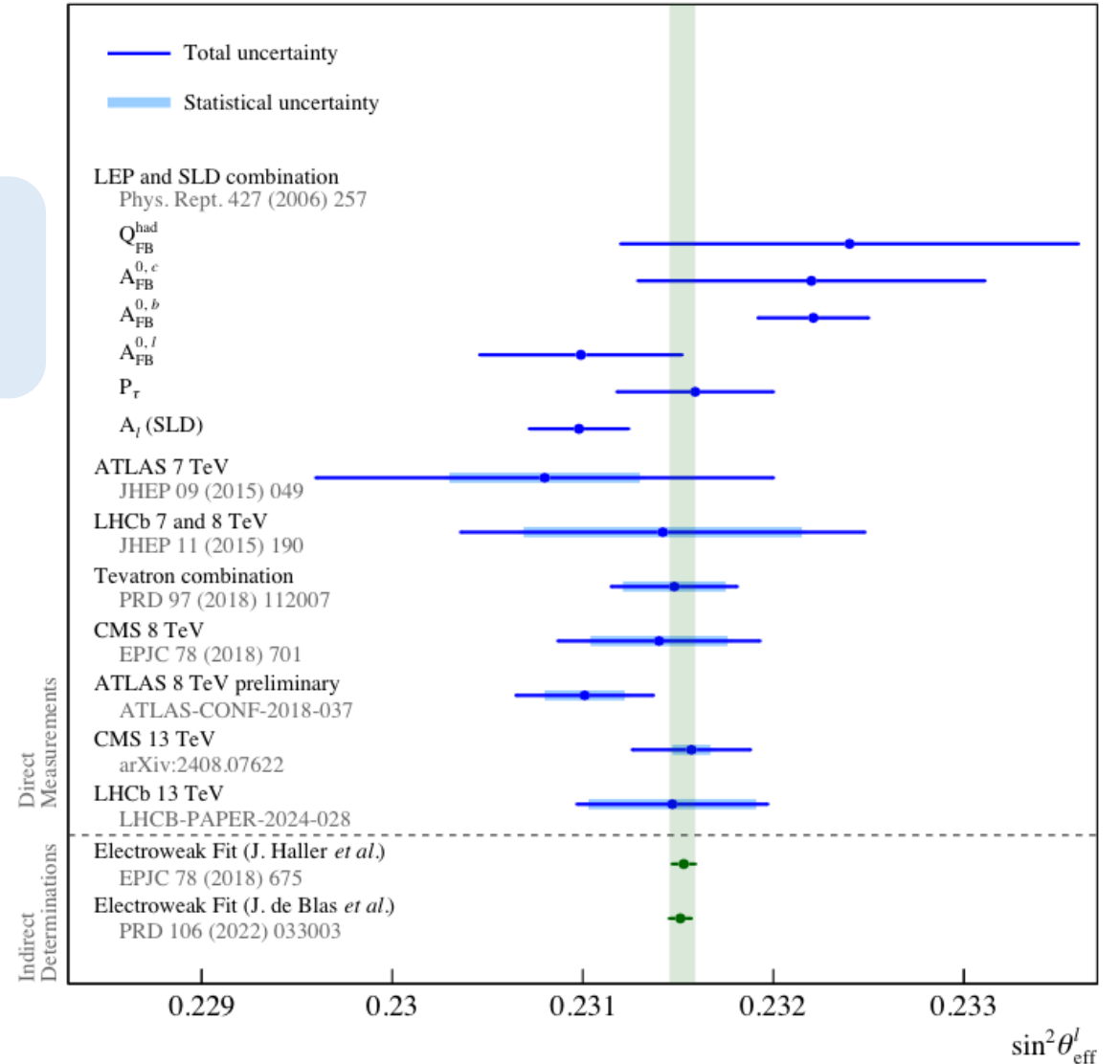
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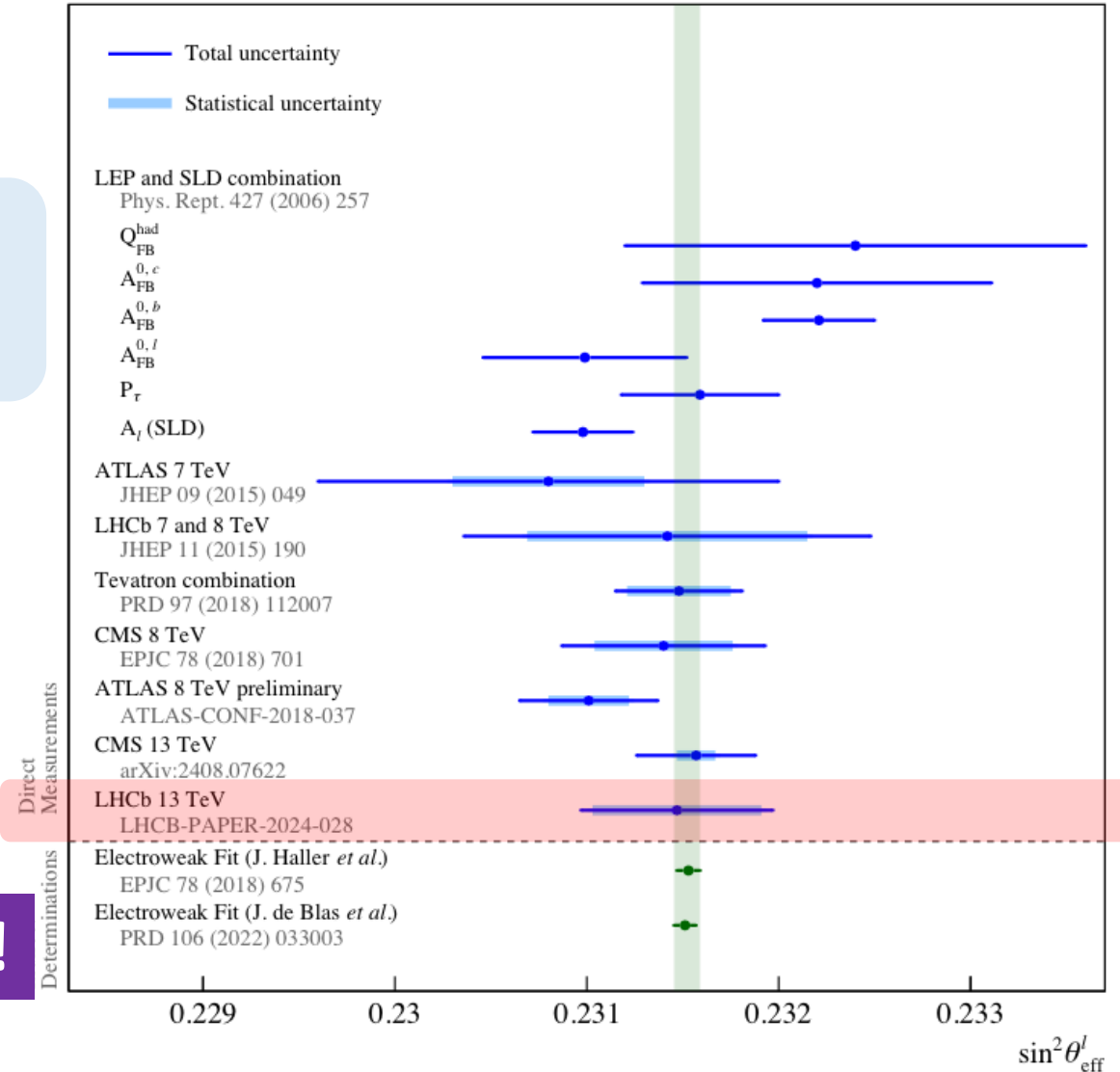
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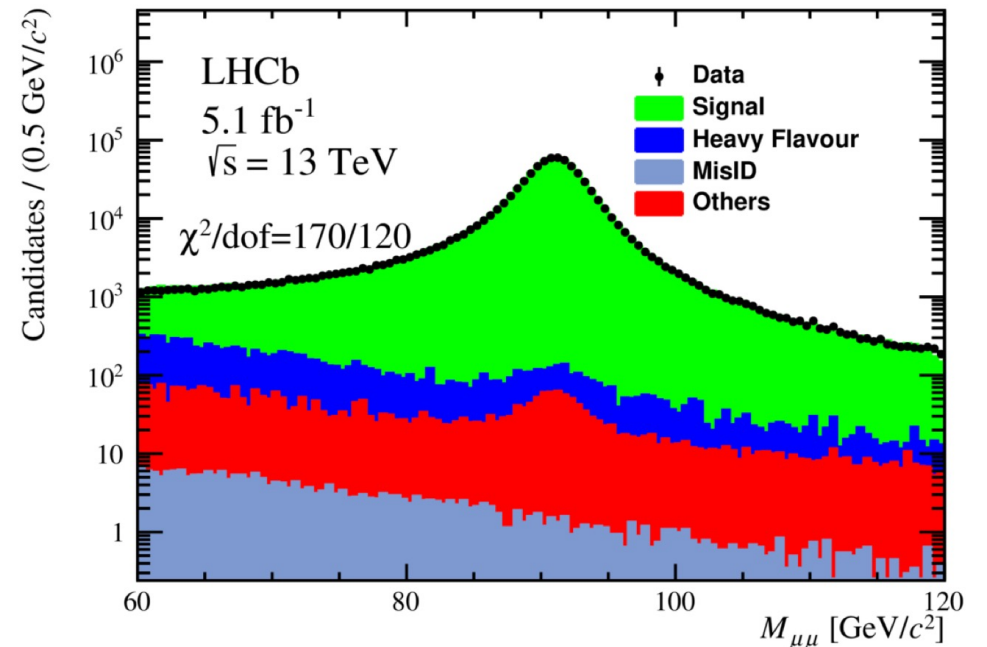
Dominated by the statistics uncertainty!



# Z production cross section measurement

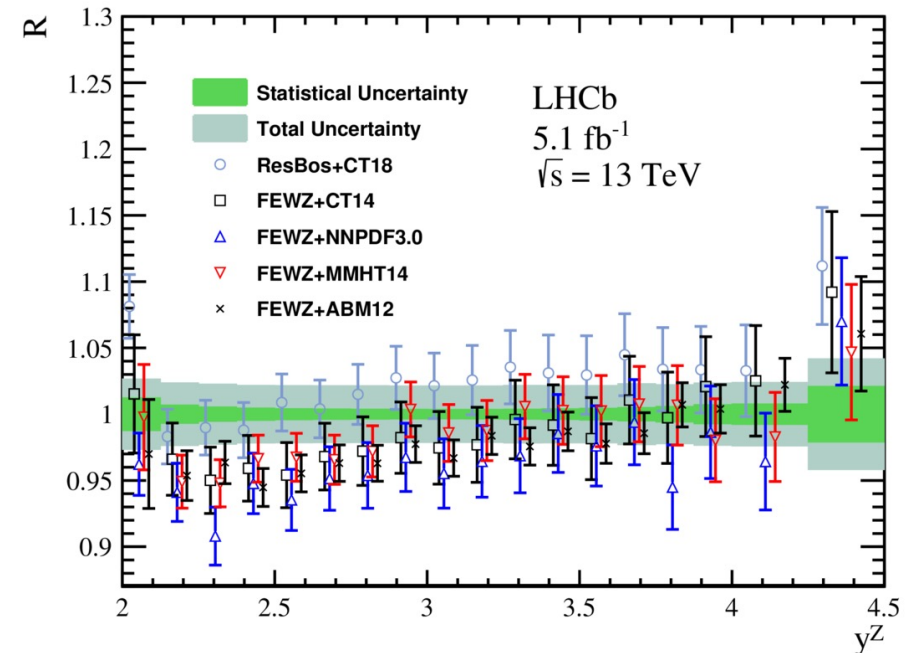
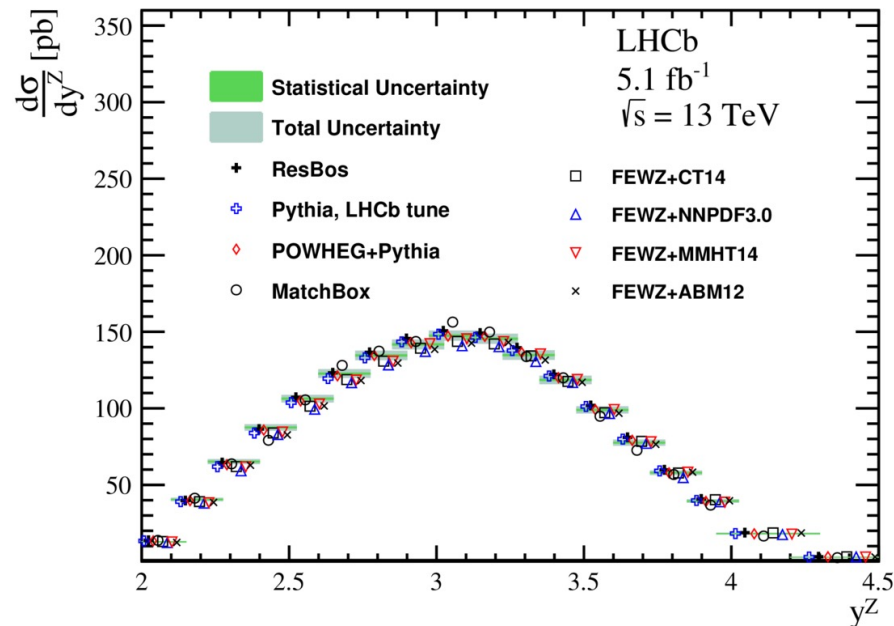
- Dataset: 2016-2018,  $pp$  collision data @ 13 TeV,  $5.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Event Selections:
  - $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  events, at least one  $\mu^+$  must fire single muon trigger
  - 796k candidates
- **Background contribution 1.5%**
  - Heavy flavour; misidentified hadron; Other physics process

$\mu$	Z
$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}/c$	$60 < M_{\mu^+\mu^-} < 120 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
$2 < \eta < 4.5$	
$\sigma_P/P < 10\%$	



# Differential cross-section: 1D

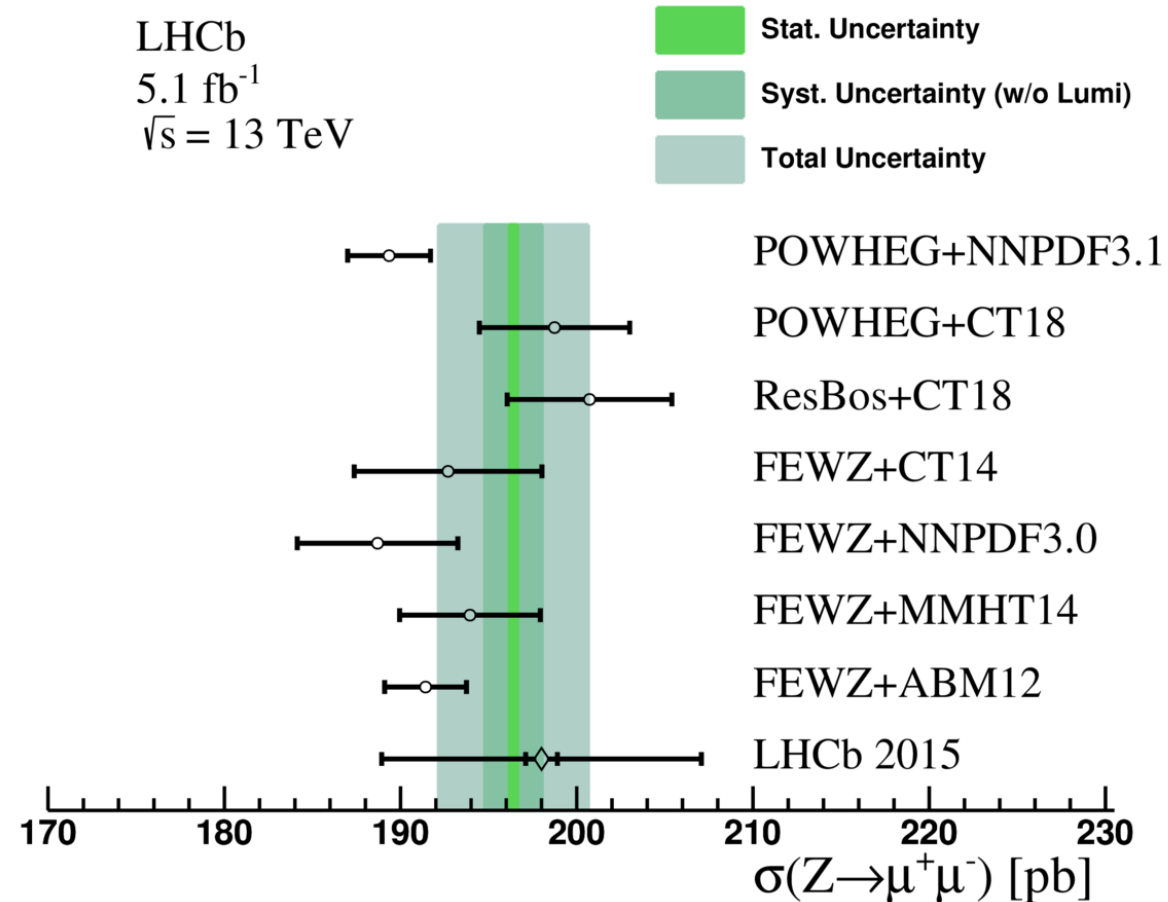
- Reasonable agreements between data and predictions
- Predictions are systematically smaller than the measured results in the lower rapidity region
  - Same behaviours are seen in 2015 LHCb data-set





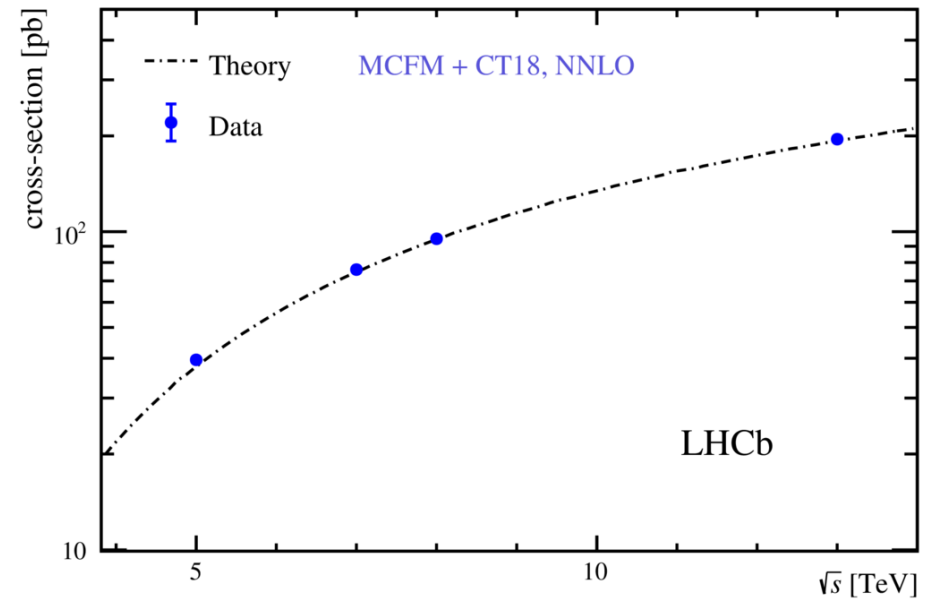
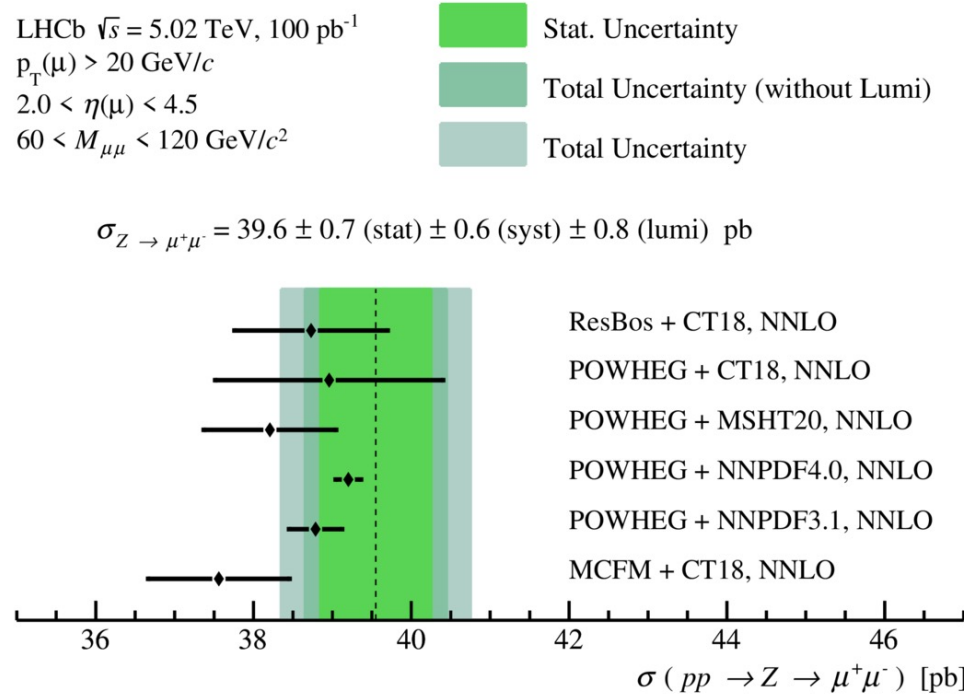
# Integrated cross-section

## ○ Good agreement between data and predictions



# LHCb 5.02 TeV measurement

- 2017  $pp$  reference run data-set:  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- Same analysis framework as 13 TeV publication



# Z angular coefficient measurement

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma}{dP_T^2 dy d\cos\theta d\phi} &\propto (1 + \cos^2\theta) && \longrightarrow \text{LO term} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2}A_0(1 - 3\cos^2\theta) && \longrightarrow \cos^2\theta : \text{higher order term} \\
 &+ A_1 \sin 2\theta \cos \phi + \frac{1}{2}A_2 \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi + A_3 \sin \theta \cos \phi && \longrightarrow (\theta, \phi) \text{ terms} \\
 &+ A_4 \cos \theta && \longrightarrow \text{LO term : determine } A_{fb} \\
 &+ A_5 \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\phi + A_6 \sin 2\theta \sin \phi + A_7 \sin \theta \sin \phi && \longrightarrow \text{very small terms}
 \end{aligned}$$

- $A_2$  is sensitive to the Boer-Mulders transverse momentum dependent PDFs (TMD)

- LHCb Run-2 result:

- Low mass, middle mass and high mass region
- Study  $A_2$  vs.  $Z p_T$

# Z boson $p_T$ dependent results

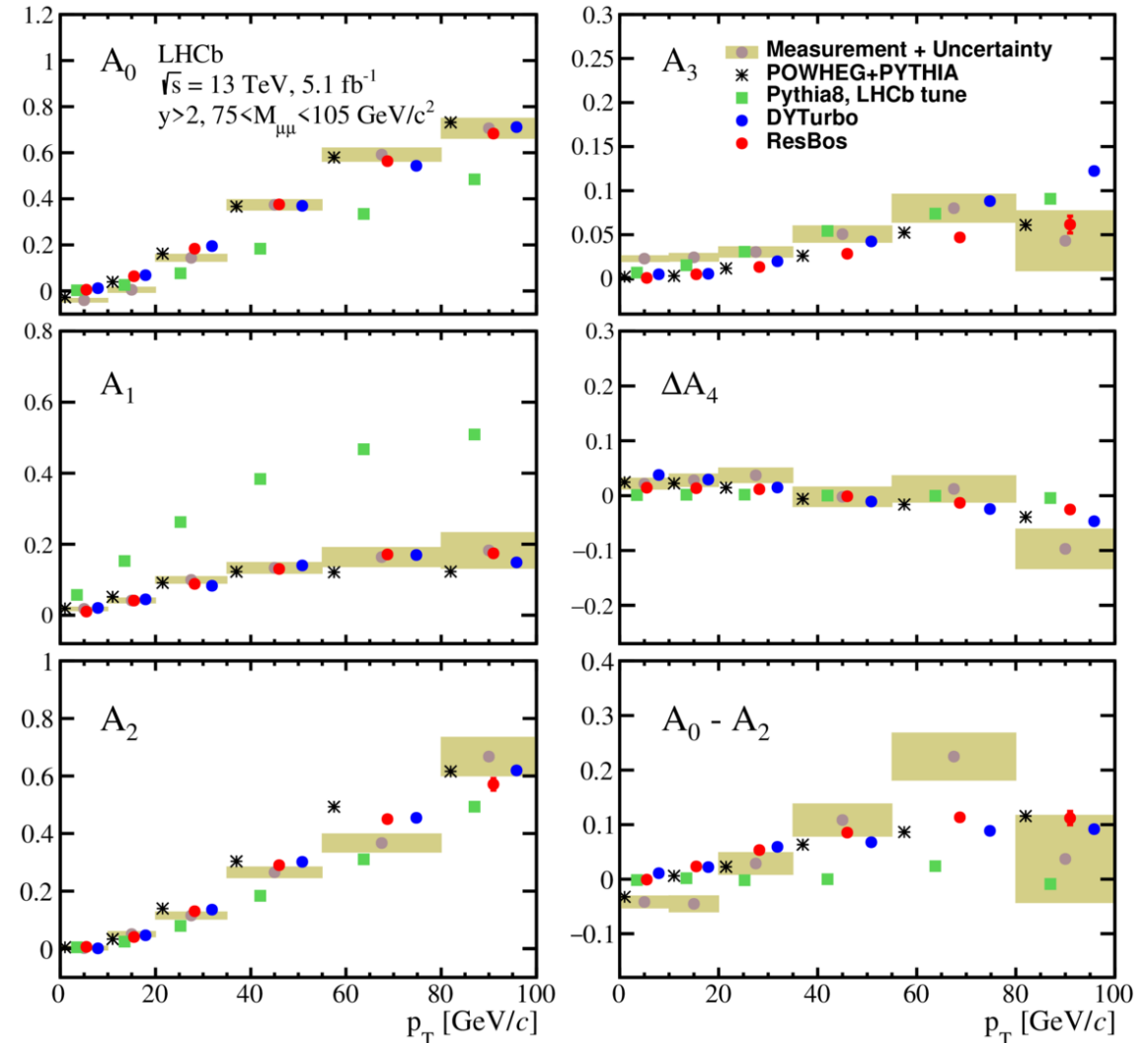
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○ Measured results are at Born level in QED

○ Dominated uncertainty: **statistical**

○ Compared with various predictions

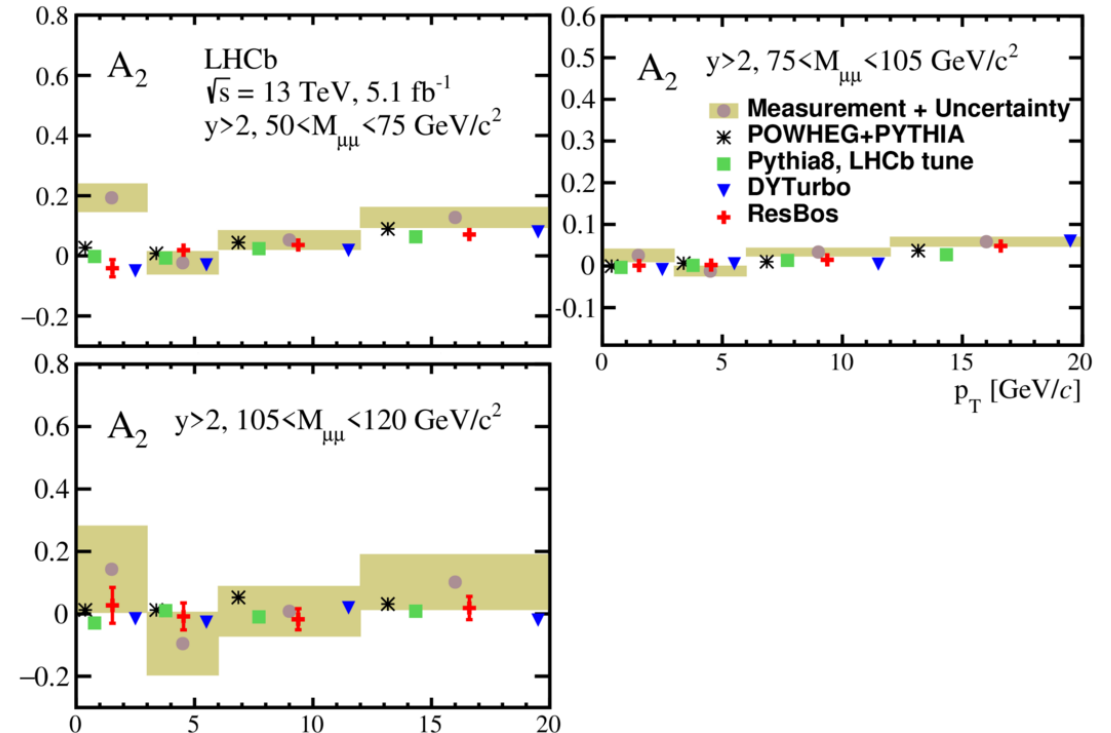
- POWHEG+PYTHIA
- DYTurbo
- RESBOS
- PYTHIA+LHCb tune



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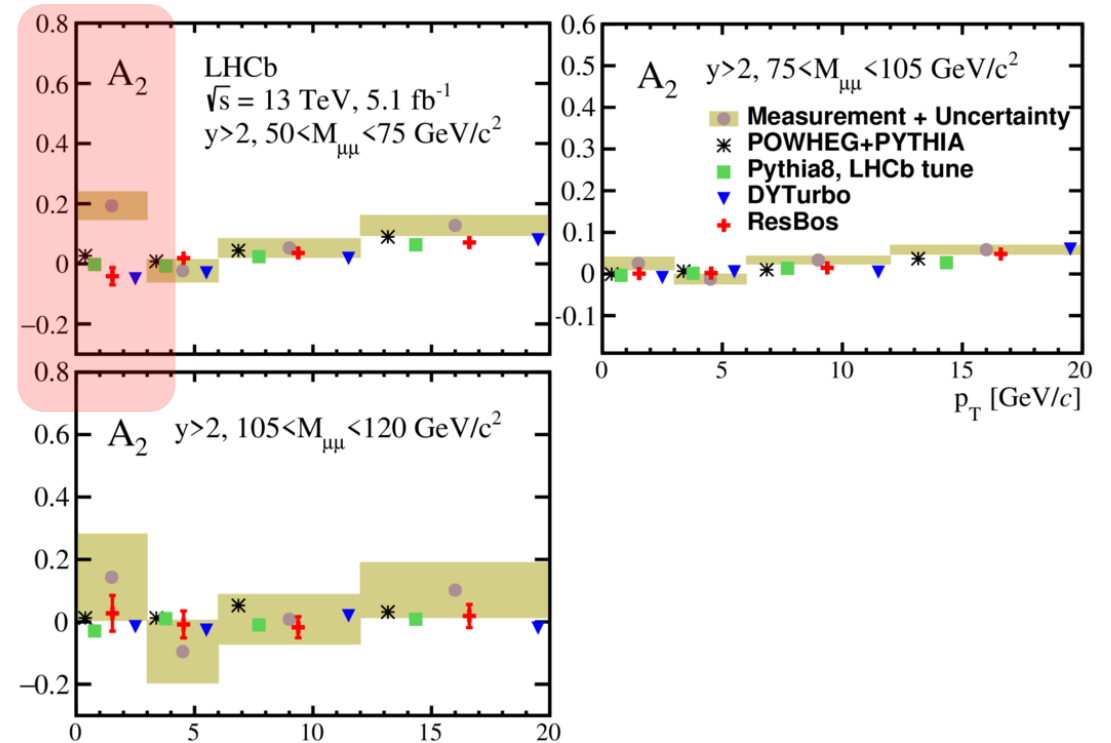
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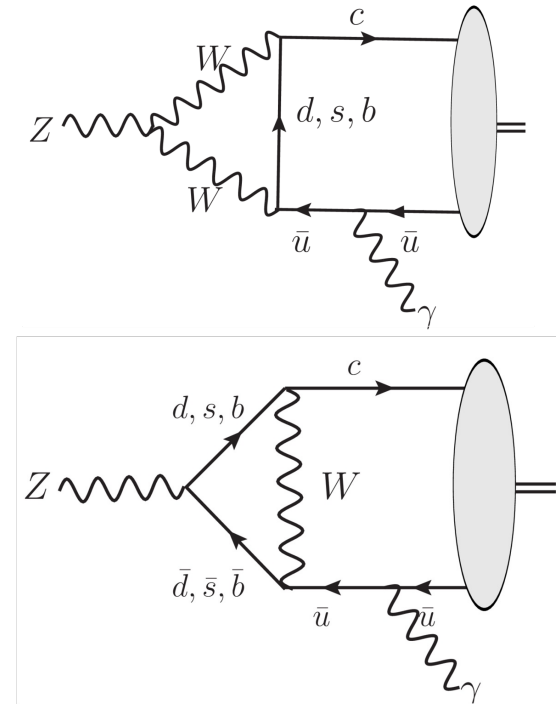
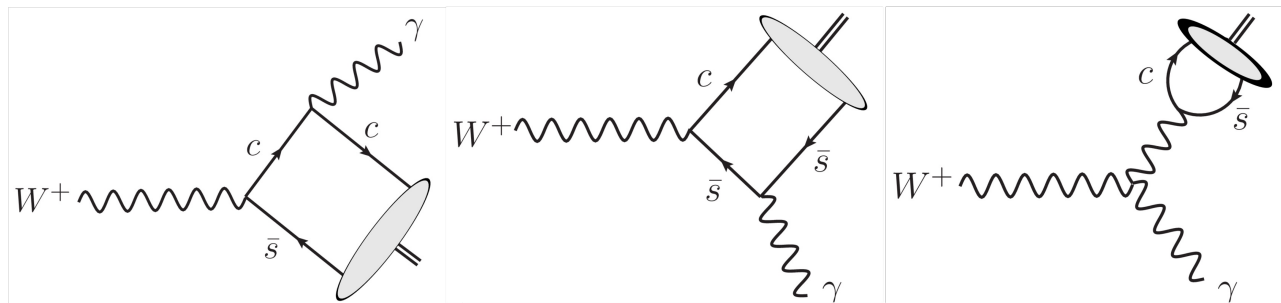
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## ○ Very rare radiative decays of $W$ and $Z$ bosons

- Search for new physics
- A good probe for QCD factorization formalism

## ○ SM branching fraction:

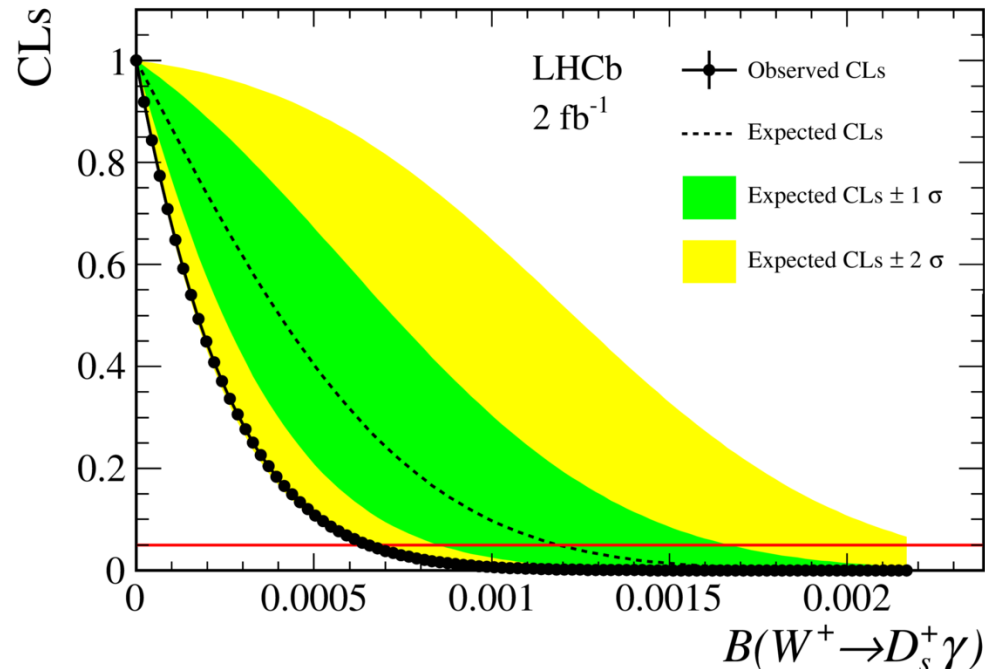
- $\sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-15}$
- enhanced in some NP models



# Search for $W^\pm \rightarrow D_s^\pm \gamma$ and $Z \rightarrow D^0 \gamma$

- No significant peaking structure is found
- Set **upper limit** for  $W^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ \gamma$  and  $Z \rightarrow D^0 \gamma$

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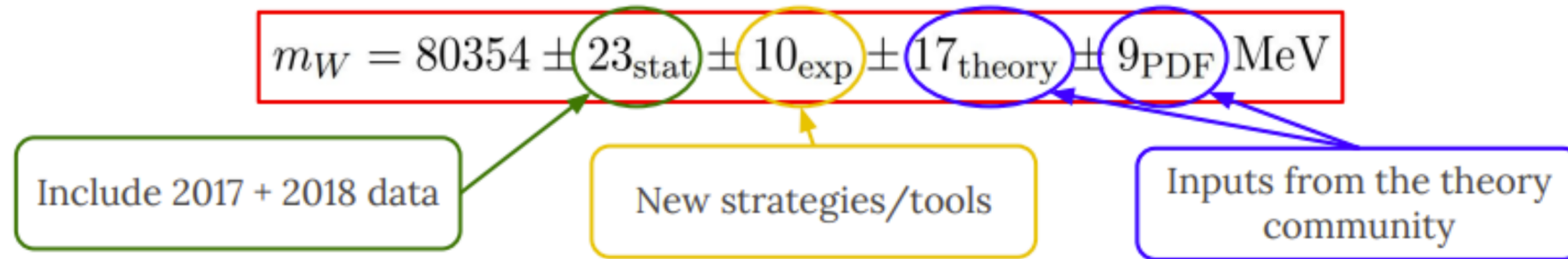
$$\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow D^0 \gamma) < 2.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ at 95\% C.L.,}$$
$$\mathcal{B}(W^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ \gamma) < 6.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ at 95\% C.L.,}$$

Better upper limit from ATLAS  
PLB 855 (2024) 138762



# Prospects: $W$ mass

## ○ $W$ mass measurement:



- 1 Cross checks between years, polarities, etc.; Selection validation and improvements
- 2 More robust application of pseudo-mass method for curvature bias corrections  
*JINST 19 (2024) P03010*
- 3 Full detector simulation for misidentified hadron background
- 4 State-of-the-art modelling of boson production (PowPy  $\rightarrow$  DYTurbo up to N2LL)
- 5 New PDF sets (NNPDF4.0)  $\rightarrow$  Have feedback?

**Goal: 20 MeV sensitivity**

# Prospects

## ○ Cross-section measurements:

- $W$  Xsec (5.02 TeV, 13 TeV, 13.6 TeV), leptonic  $WW$ ,  $ZZ$  Xsec, DPS measurement

## ○ Properties of EW boson:

- Mass of  $W/Z$  boson,  $W$  helicity,  $Z$  angular coefficient (Run-1/Run-3)

## ○ Higgs/Jet measurements:

- $H \rightarrow bb/cc$ ,  $W$ +Jet Xsec, semi-leptonic  $WW$  Xsec

## ○ Top physics

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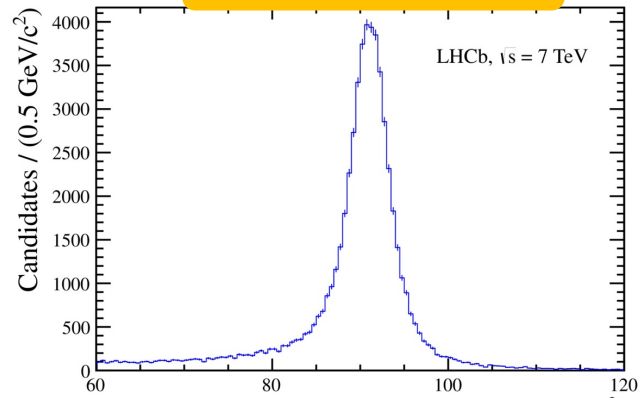
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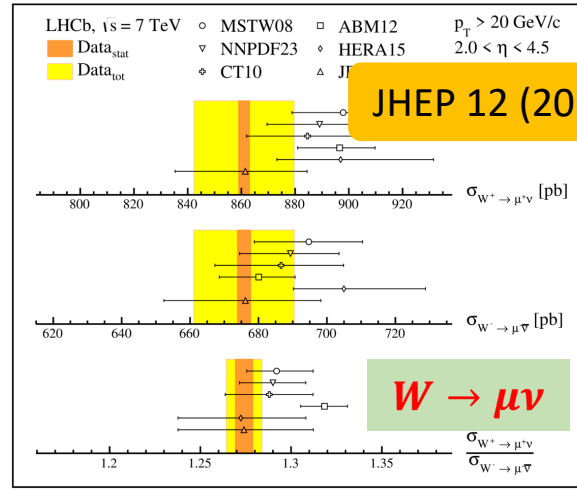
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# LHCb EW Highlights

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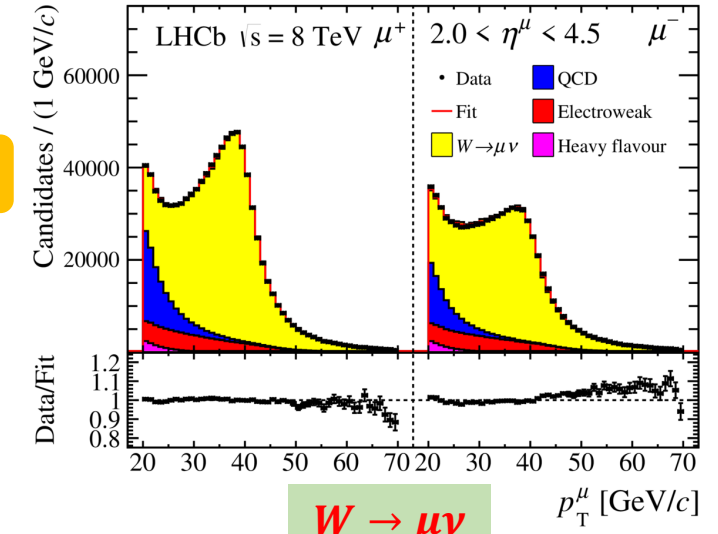


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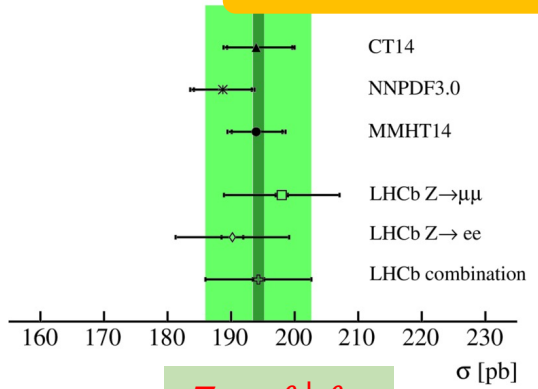
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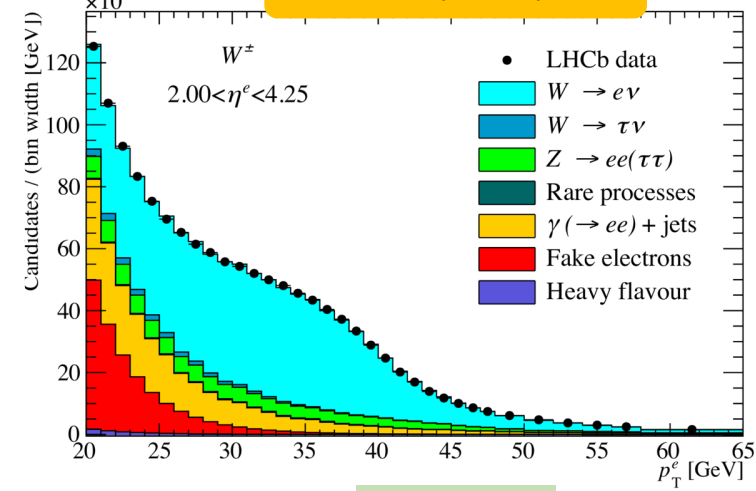
LHCb,  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$

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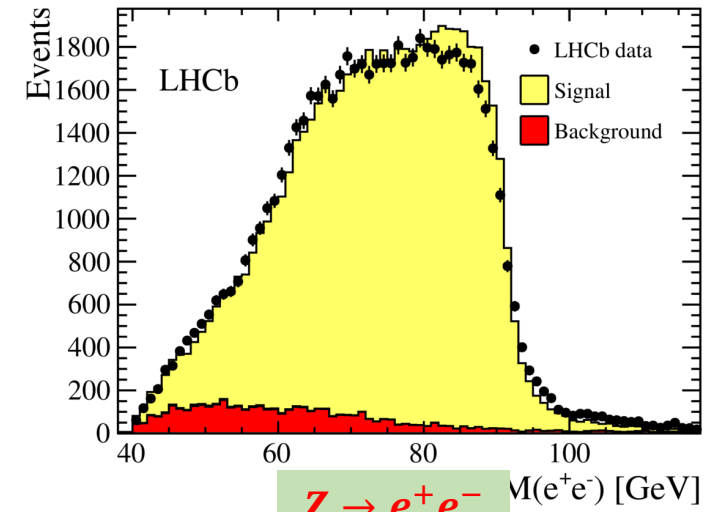
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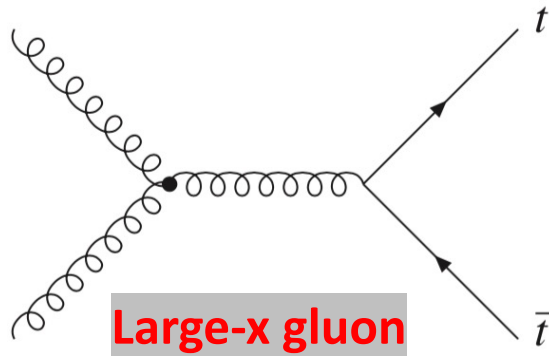
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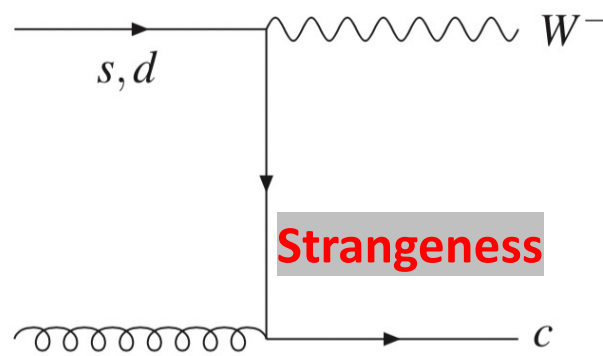
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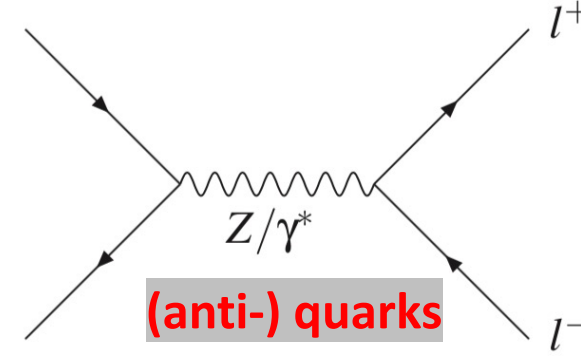
Top quark pair production



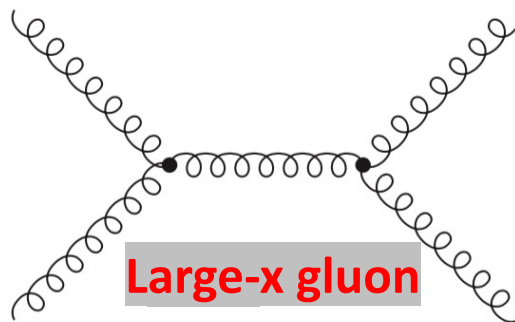
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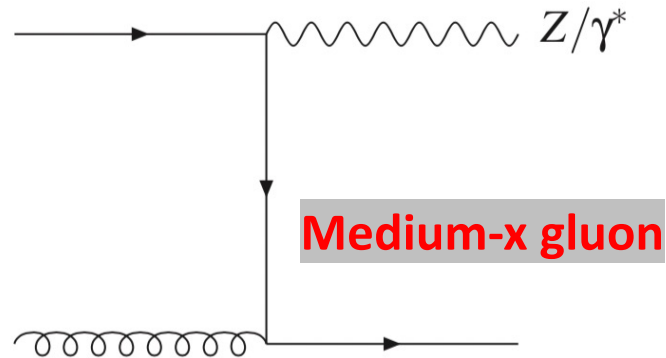
Drell–Yan production



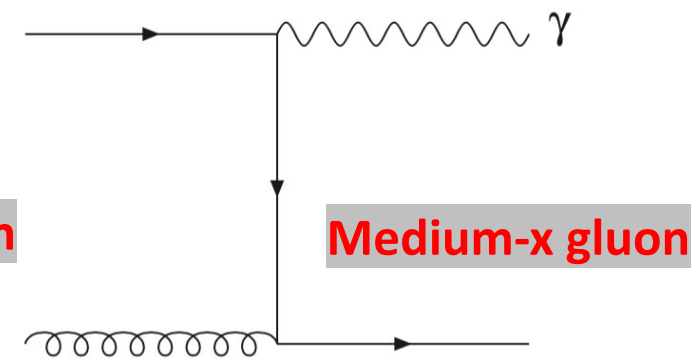
Jet production



$Z p_T$



Direct photon production



# Systematic uncertainties

- Luminosity determination: **2%**
- Tracking reconstruction: **0.47%** for each muon

Source	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma$ [%]
Statistical	0.11
Background	0.06
Alignment & calibration	-
Efficiency	0.77
Closure	0.23
FSR	0.15
Total Systematic (excl. lumi.)	0.82
Luminosity	2.00
Total	2.16