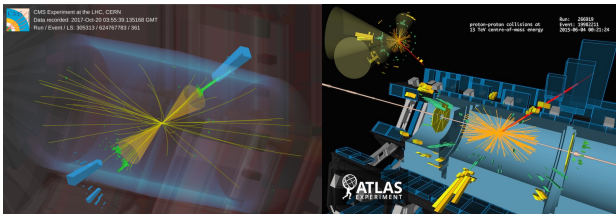


## ATLAS & CMS: Physics Highlights

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# Where do we stand?

- Higgs-like particle with a mass of 125 GeV, properties match the Standard Model (SM) Higgs
  - Not the end but a whole new window of experimental and theoretical possibilities!
- Excellent agreement between very precise measurements of SM processes and predictions (lots of progress on the theory side also!)
- Few anomalies in flavour physics,  $g-2$ , etc. but no clear sign that the SM *breaks*
- The SM is not the end of the story! Many open questions!
  - With the *completion* of the SM: No certainty - and no clear indication of the energy scale of new phenomena

# The tasks of the ATLAS and CMS experiments

## What?

- Study with highest precision what has not yet been scrutinized in depth: Higgs boson, the top quark
- Revisit areas of previous precision experiments with a great deal of scrutiny: Electroweak, QCD, flavour
- Explore the unknown: Extend the scope of searches for new phenomena at high energies: new data-taking strategies, new triggers, new AI applications

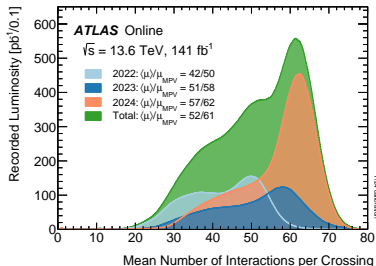
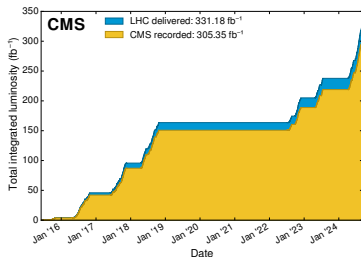
## How?

- Exploiting the LHC collisions at the energy frontier (searches at the TeV scale) and the intensity frontier (Higgs and EW precision program)
- Exploiting the capabilities of the experiments as flavour experiments (top quark physics + dedicated data streams for b, c, and  $\tau$ ), heavy ion experiments (PbPb and pPb LHC runs) and photon-photon collider experiments (ultra-peripheral heavy ion collisions, proton tagging in pp, ...)

→ Here: just a (tiny) selection of latest results in QCD, EWK, top quark, Higgs and BSM searches!

# Where are we now? Run 3 data taking

- First phase of the LHC program to be completed soon
- Reach already the goal of  $>300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (Run2 + Run3) by the end of 2025!
- Nearly  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of delivered proton-proton luminosity at 13.6 TeV this year
- Working on upgrading the detector for the High-Luminosity phase (target is  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  by 2041)
- Pushing detectors beyond their limits: Recording up to 63 simultaneous collisions/event (2.5x design, 45% of HL-LHC)

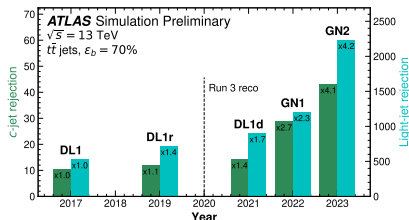
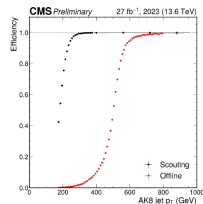
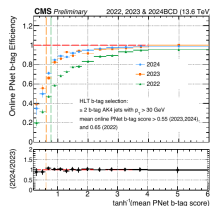




# Few words on performance

Improvements in precision, reach of searches driven by improvements in trigger, performance, methods (huge progress thanks to ML)

- New trigger strategies
  - Gain in acceptance with looser ParticleNet b-trigger
  - Lower threshold for large-radius jets with scouting (trigger-level object reconstruction)
- Flavour tagging performance transformed through the use of advanced ML techniques
  - 4x background rejection improvement with graph neural network tagger (GN2) compared to Run 2 in ATLAS
  - Also huge improvements in CMS by using graph-nets and transformers
- ... and many more!

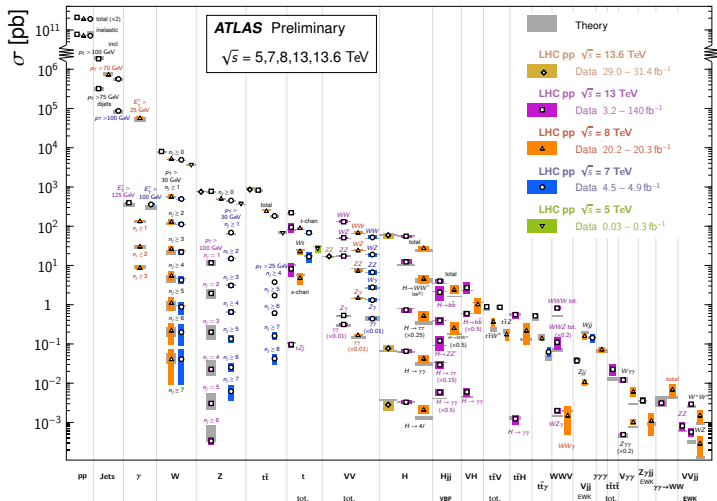


# Measurements of SM processes

- Scrutinising the SM predictions over O(10) orders of magnitude in cross section
- Increasing precision, observation of rare processes

## Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

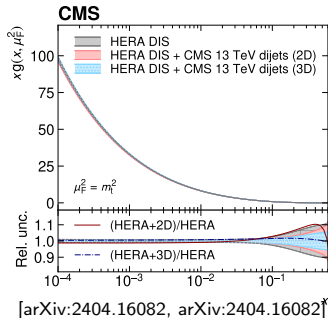
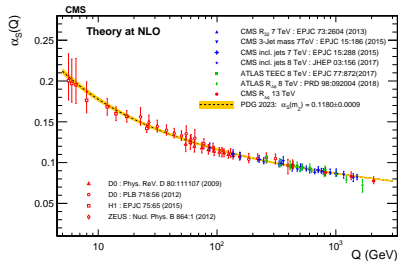
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# QCD and Electroweak (precision) Physics

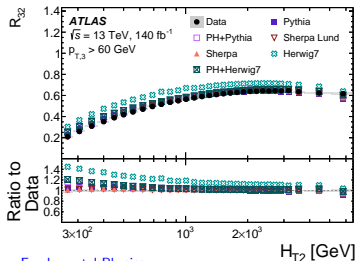
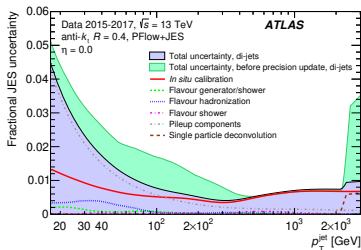
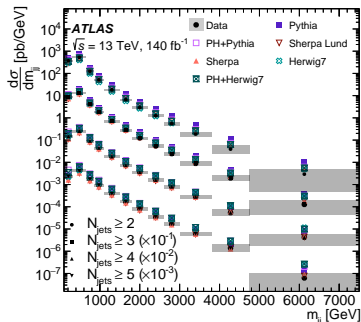
# Jet physics

- QCD multijet production: dominant high- $p_T$  process at hadron colliders
- Test of QCD at highest available energies in the laboratory  
→ signs of new physics?
- Sensitive to the strong coupling constant and its running at much higher energy scales than other strategies
- Important inputs to parton distribution function (PDF) fits (high-x gluon PDF)
- Important background at the LHC: many other processes with multijet signatures (top quark, Higgs, ...)



# Jet cross-section ratios [arXiv:2405.20206]

- Measure jet cross-section ratios between bins of jet multiplicity
- Double differential: Dijet invariant mass or angular radiation ( $< 10\%$  precision)
- Triple differential: scalar sum of  $p_T$  of two leading jets,  $H_{T2}$  ( $< \text{few } \%$ )
- Relies on improved JES uncertainty ( $< 1\%$ )



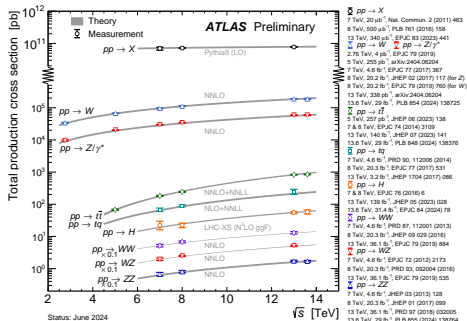
# Testing the Electroweak sector

Rich variety of electroweak interaction derived from symmetry principles  
 $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow W^\pm, Z, \gamma$

- Mass of electroweak gauge bosons and interaction strength predicted precisely from  $g, g', v, \lambda$

$$\rho = \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W}$$

- Testing the EWK theory
  - Precision measurements of single  $W/Z$  bosons
  - At high energy in multiboson production



[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2024-011]

# Testing the Electroweak sector

## The precision frontier



- Radiative corrections modify propagators and decay vertices

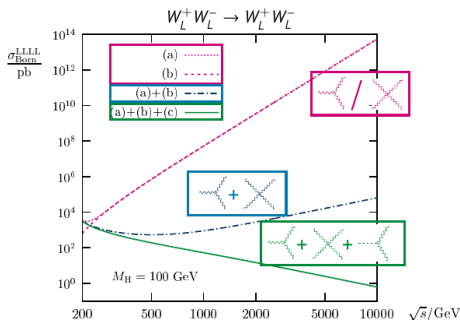
$$m_W^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2}\right) = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F} (1 + \Delta)$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_W \rightarrow \kappa_f \sin^2 \theta_W = \sin^2 \theta_{eff}^f$$

- Sensitivity to a wide range of physics through quantum loops

## The energy frontier

- Tests of the electroweak theory through gauge cancellations at high energy
- Deviations can lead to potentially large effects

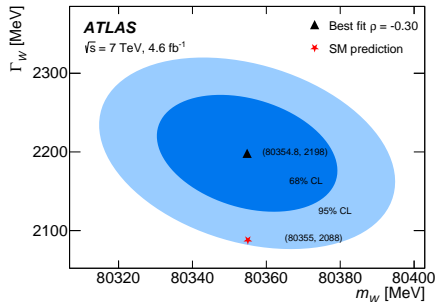
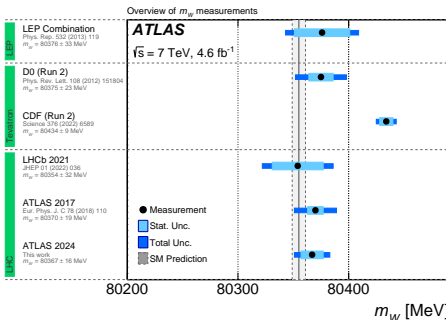


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# W-boson properties [arXiv:2403.15085]

- First measurement of the W width at the LHC, together with an improved W mass using 7 TeV data
- Improved method: profile-likelihood fit of  $m_T$  and  $p_T^\ell$  using  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$  events
- $m_W = 80366.5 \pm 15.9$  MeV  
(CT18 parton distribution functions)
- Largest systematic uncertainties: calibration, the theoretical modeling and the PDFs

- From simultaneous measurement  
 $m_W = 80354.8 \pm 16.1$  MeV and  
 $\Gamma_W = 2198 \pm 49$  MeV

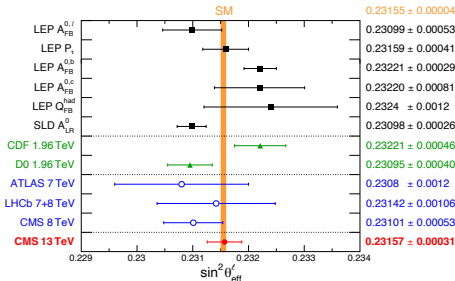
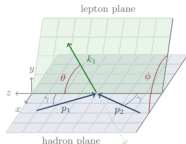




# $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$ and the weak mixing angle [arXiv:2408.07622]

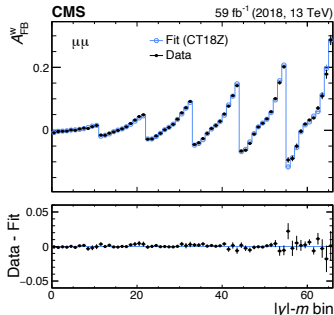
- $\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^\ell$  extracted from  $pp \rightarrow \ell\ell$  forward-backward ( $A_{FB}$ ) asymmetry at 13 TeV

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} \sim 1 + \cos^2\theta + \frac{1}{2}A_0(1 - 3\cos^2\theta) + A_4\cos\theta$$



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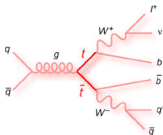
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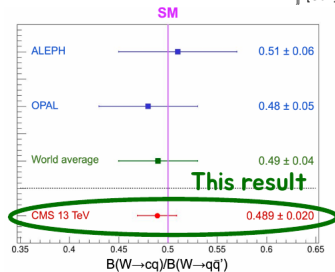
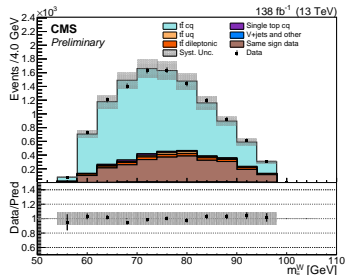
- Measured in bins of  $y(\ell\ell)$  and  $m(\ell\ell)$
- Sensitivity enhanced with extended acceptance for forward electrons
- Matches LEP/SLD precision
- Compatible with the SM precision

# W-boson hadronic decay branching fractions [CMS-PAS-SMP-24-009]

- $R_C^W = \mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow cq)/\mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow q\bar{q}')$  from top quark pair ( $t\bar{t}$ ) events in single-lepton final states



- Jets tagged as originating from the hadronization of c quarks by the presence of a muon inside the jet  $\rightarrow$  dedicated  $c \rightarrow X_{\mu T}$  tagger
- $R_C^W = 0.498 \pm 0.005(\text{stat}) \pm 0.019(\text{syst})$ 
  - Most precise measurement (4%)
  - Dominant systematic uncertainty: charm tagging efficiency
- Also measured  $|V_{cs}| = 0.959 \pm 0.021$

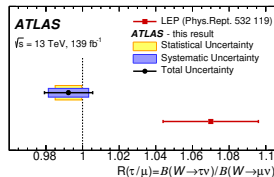
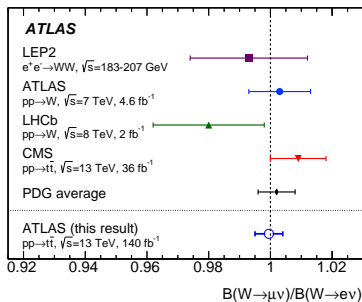


# Lepton flavour universality in $W$ -boson decays [arXiv:2403.02133]

- Universality of the coupling of  $\ell^\pm$  to  $W$  boson is a fundamental property of the SM
- Exploits clear selection of  $W$  boson in  $t\bar{t}$  pairs
- Tested via  

$$R(\mu/e) = B(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)/B(W \rightarrow e\nu)$$
- $R(\mu/e) = 0.99995 \pm 0.0045$  - higher precision than current world average!

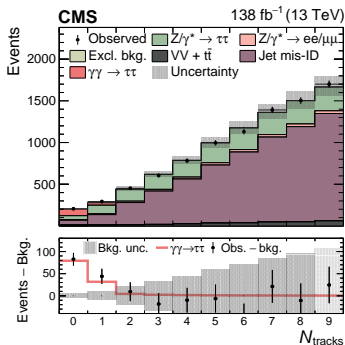
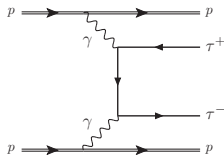
- Complements  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$  results [e.g Nature Phys. 17 (2021) 7, 813-818]: Some disagreement ( $2.7\sigma$ ) of the on-shell  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$  results seen at LEP, but excellent agreement with LHC measurements



# Production of $\tau$ -leptons from photons [arXiv:2406.03975]

Observed  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$  production in pp collisions, for the first time

- Constrain anomalous magnetic and electric dipole moments: Probed  $\tau$  g-2 with unprecedented precision



**CMS** 138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)

• Observed — 68% CL — 95% CL

**OPAL**  
 $ee \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma$   
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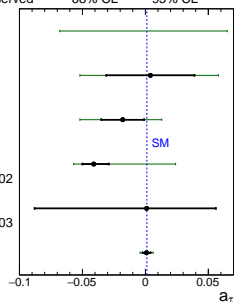
**L3**  
 $ee \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma$   
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**DELPHI**  
 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$  ( $\gamma$  from e)  
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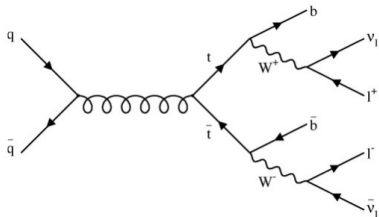
**ATLAS**  
 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$  ( $\gamma$  from Pb)  
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**CMS**  
 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$  ( $\gamma$  from Pb)  
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**CMS**  
 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$  ( $\gamma$  from p)  
 This result

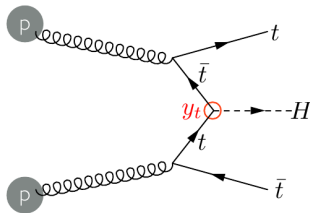
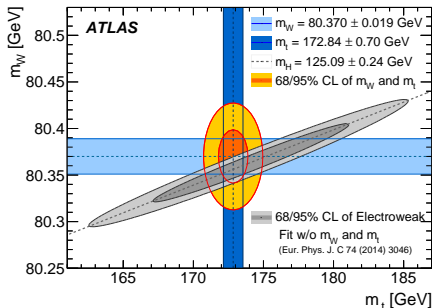


# Top quark Physics



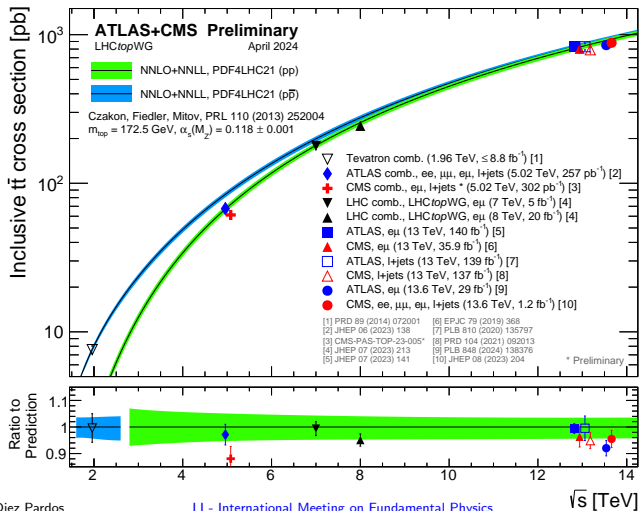
# Top quark physics

- Most massive elementary particle known
- Short-lived, decays before hadronizing, allows studying the properties of a bare quark
- Precision tests of perturbative QCD ( $\alpha_s$ , PDFs,  $m_t$ )
- Other properties: spin correlations, couplings, asymmetries predicted by the SM
- Essential to study Higgs properties, measure top Yukawa coupling
- Potential portal to New Physics: Production & decay sensitive to anomalous couplings, charged lepton flavour and baryon number violation, CP violation, flavour changing neutral currents...



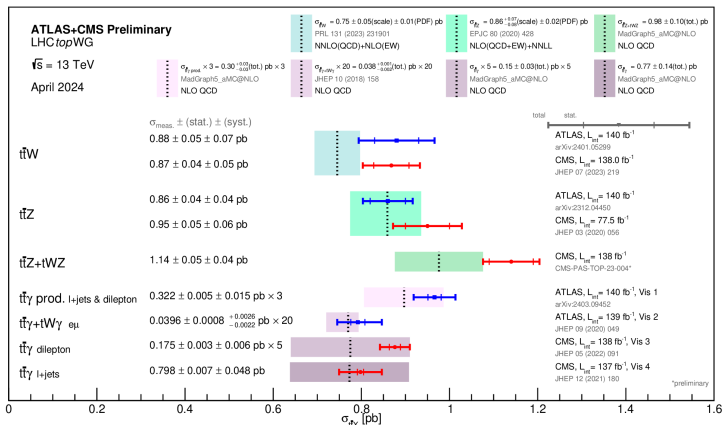
# Top quark cross sections

- All decay channels and centre-of-mass energies
- Stringent tests of pQCD via inclusive and differential cross sections



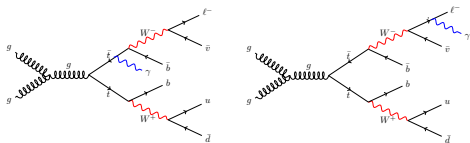
# Top quark + X

- Evidence for rare(r) processes such as  $tWZ$
- Moving towards combined measurements  $t\bar{t}Z + tWZ$
- Detailed studies of less rare processes such as  $t\bar{t}\gamma$

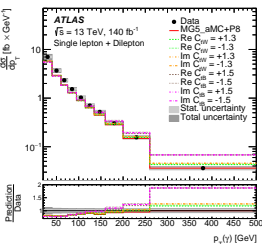




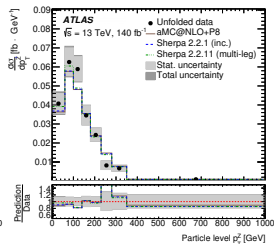
# Associated top quark pair production ( $t\bar{t}\gamma$ ) [arXiv:2403.09452]



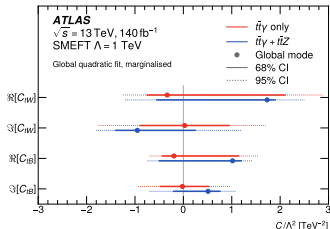
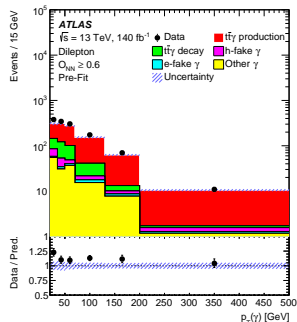
- Radiative production: probe structure of  $t\gamma$  coupling
- NN to enhance separation between photons from production and decay
- Sensitive to top quark anomalous dipole moments, EFT interpretations (dim-6 operators -  $C_{tW}$ ,  $C_{tB}$ )



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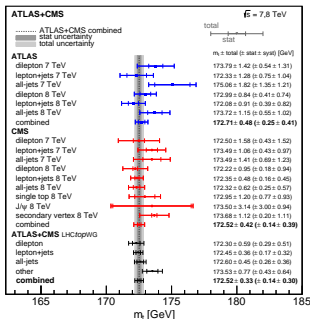


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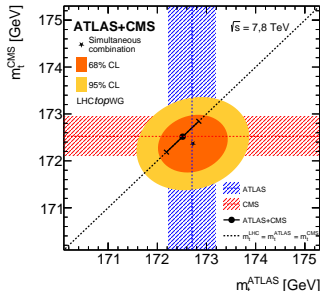
# Top quark mass

- Indirect measurements from cross section:  $\sim 1\%$  precision (clear interpretation)
- Direct measurements from top quark decays: better precision
  - Mass from boosted top-jet: Future prospects in precision & theoretical interpretability
  - Alternative measurements: sensitive to different systematics



## Run-1 top quark mass combination [arXiv:2402.08713]

- Combination of 15 input measurements (6 ATLAS + 9 CMS)
- Detailed study of correlations
- Consistency checks among measurements



# Observation of top quark entanglement [arXiv:2406.03976,arXiv:2311.07288]

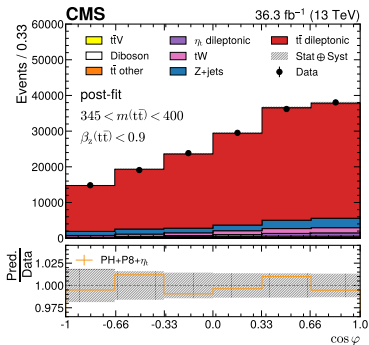
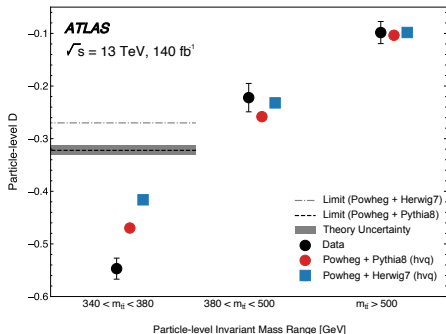
- Sufficient condition for entanglement from spin correlation matrix

- Using diagonal elements:  $\Delta = C_{33} + |C_{11} + C_{22}| > 1$

- Entanglement proxy  $D = -\Delta/3 = -\text{Tr}[C]/3$  (for small  $m_{t\bar{t}}$ ) can be extracted from angle between decay products

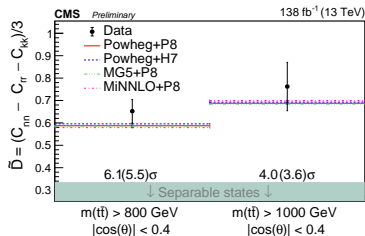
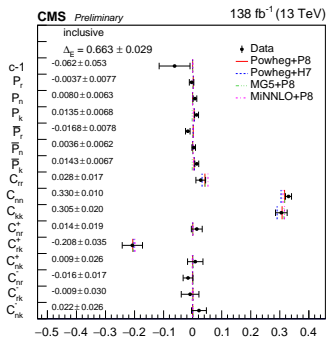
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \phi} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - D \cos \phi)$$

→  $D < -1/3$  established at  $5\sigma$  level



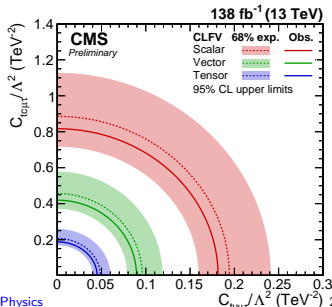
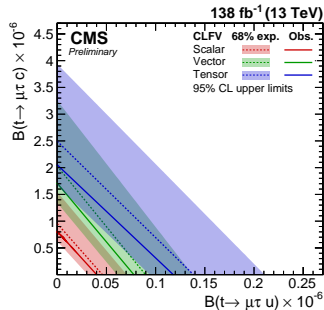
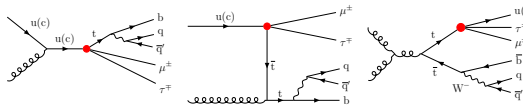
# Taking it a step further [CMS-PAS-TOP-23-007]

- Measuring the correlation matrix in single-lepton  $t\bar{t}$  events
- All coefficients of polarization vectors and correlation matrix from fit to the angles of two decay products
- Using NN to reconstruct the  $t\bar{t}$  system
- $\Delta$  from the full matrix, or from two proxies:  $D$  and  $\tilde{D} = 3(C_{33} - C_{11} - C_{22})/3$  for high masses
- Higher  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  reach - why is it relevant?
  - Large fraction of events with space-like separation
  - Prospects for Bell inequality tests

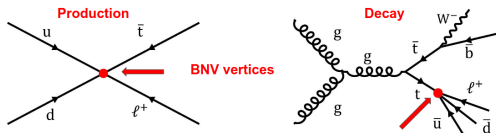


# Charged-lepton-flavour violation (cLFV) [CMS-PAS-TOP-22-011]

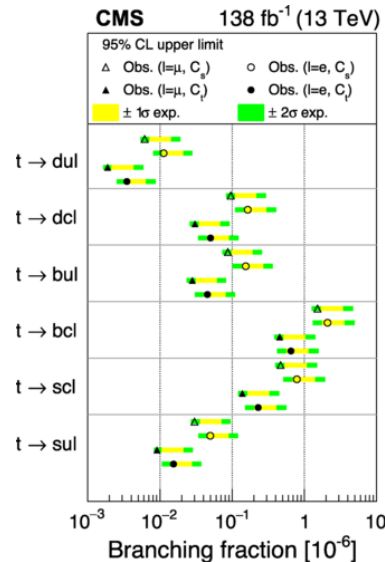
- Lepton flavour conservation arises due to an accidental symmetry of the SM
- Violation possible in the SM via neutrino mixing at loop level ( $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 10^{-55}$ !)
- cLFV featured in several BSM models (leptoquarks, SUSY, 2HDM) and interpreted in terms of EFT
- Searches for  $e\mu tq$  and  $\tau\mu tq$  vertices, both in production and decay



# Baryon number violation (BNV) [PRL 132 (2024) 241802]



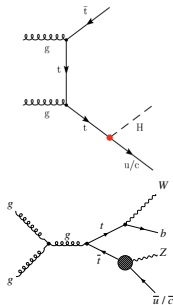
- Search for BNV interactions in top quark production (first time) and decay
- Selection: two oppositely-charged leptons ( $e, \mu$ ), exactly one b-tagged jet and high missing transverse momentum
- Upper limits on the strength of the BNV couplings and translated to limits on the BRs for the BNV top quark decays



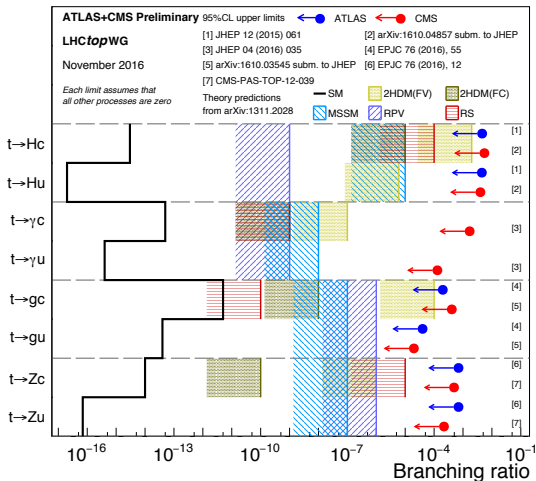
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## Top quark couples to up-type quark (u or c) and neutral boson ( $\gamma$ , Z, H, g)

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- BSM can enhance FCNC BRs up to  $\sim 10^{-4}$
- Any observation of FCNC can indicate new physics!



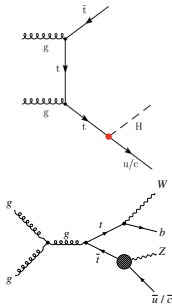
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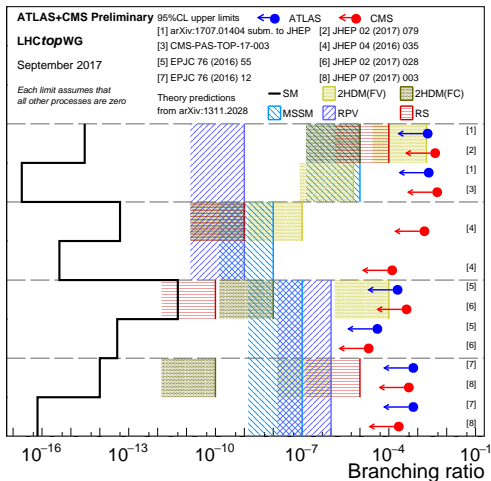
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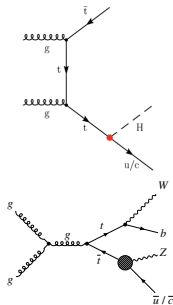




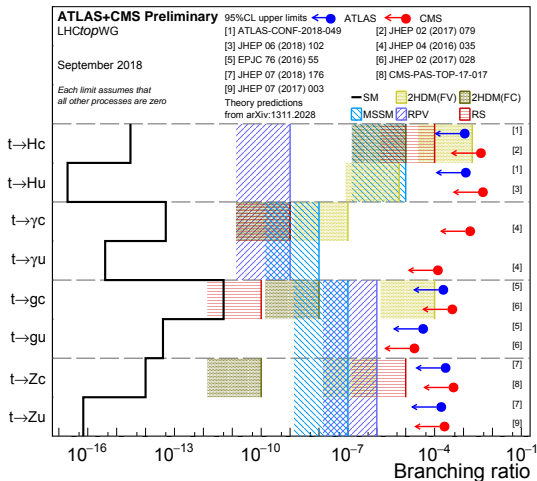
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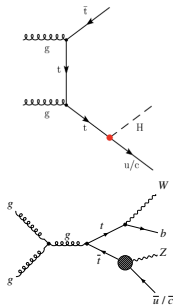
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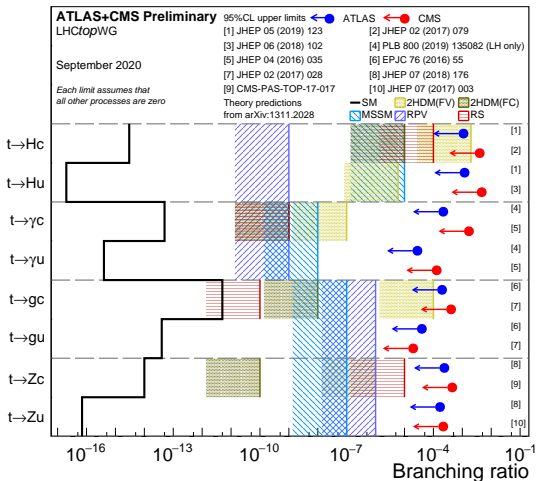
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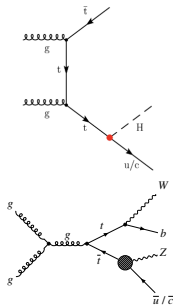
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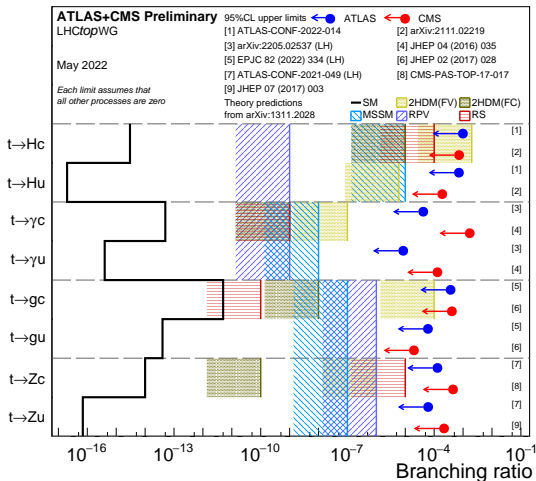
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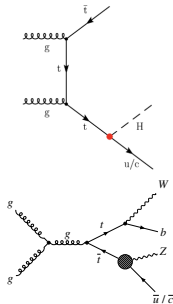
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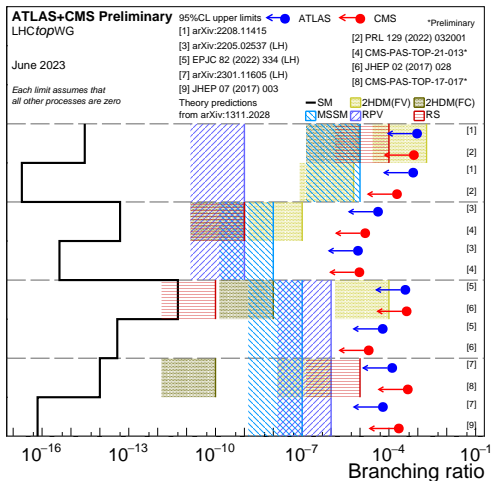
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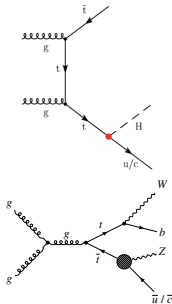
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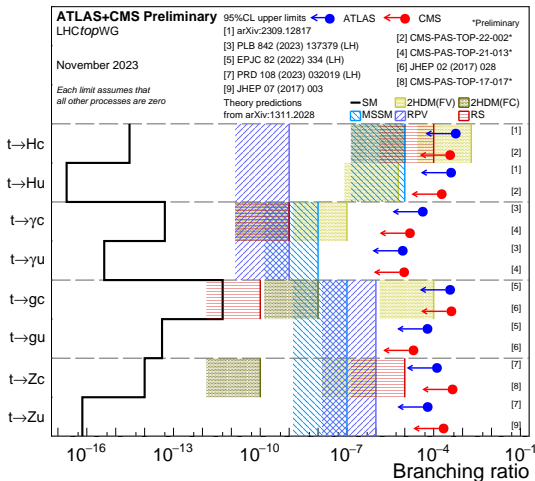
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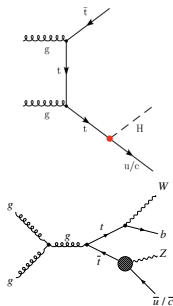
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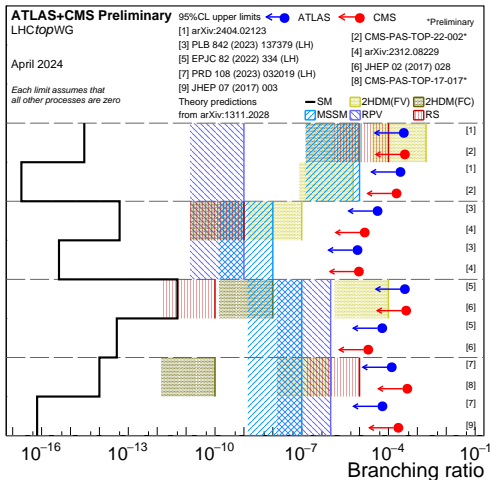
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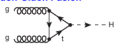
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No signs of flavour physics associated to top quarks, approaching sensitivity to BSM

# The Higgs sector

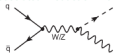
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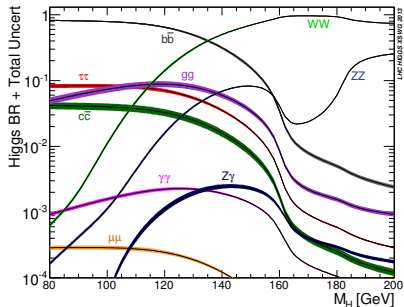
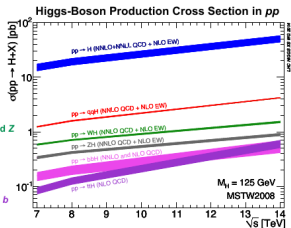
Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)



Associated Production with W and Z

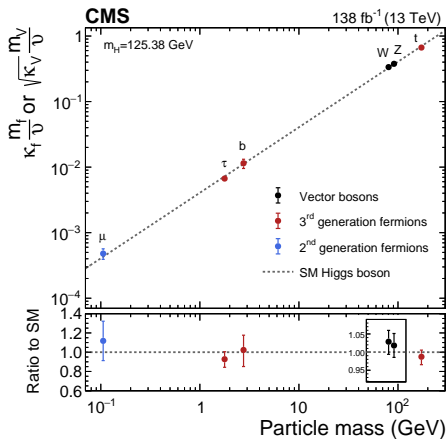


Associated Production with t and b



# The SM Higgs boson: status

- Mass from Run 1+2 ATLAS combination:  
 $m_H = 125.11 \pm 0.11$  GeV (syst: 0.09 GeV)
- Indirect Higgs width from offshell:  
 $\Gamma_H = 4.6_{-2.5}^{+2.6}$  MeV
- Probe couplings by measuring accessible production and decay modes
- Ongoing studies include:
  - Detailed kinematic studies of observed modes
  - Searches for rarer production/decay modes ( $bbH$ ,  $tH$ ,  $cc$  and  $\mu\mu$ )
  - Higgs self-couplings



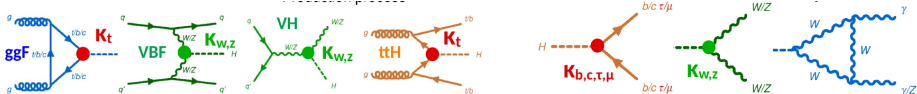
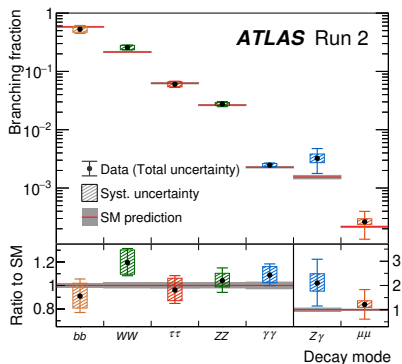
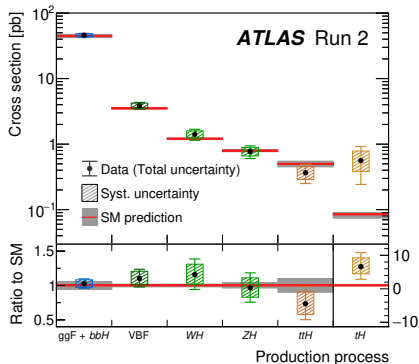
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# SM Higgs boson production and decay

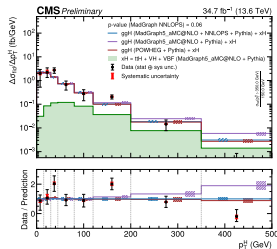
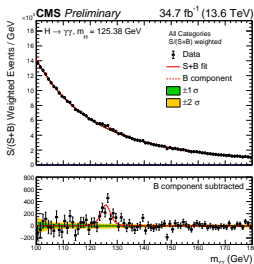
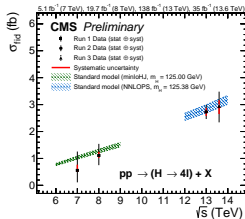
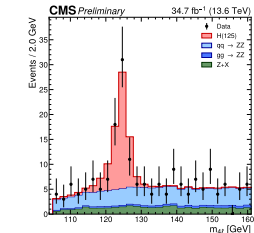
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- Main production and decay processes observed, measured with better precision than 10-20%



# Higgs bosons at 13.6 TeV [CMS-PAS-HIG-24-013, CMS-PAS-HIG-23-014]

- Inclusive/differential measurements in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ$
- Using data from 2022: measurements statistically limited



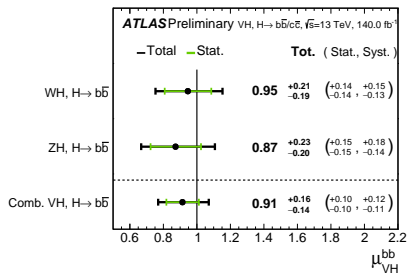
# Open questions where the Higgs boson can help

- What is the origin of quark and lepton masses?
  - Fermion flavour violating Higgs boson decays
  - Are there modified Higgs couplings to other particles
- Why is the EW interaction much stronger than gravity?
  - Are there anomalies in interactions with W, Z bosons?
  - New particles at the TeV scale
  - Is the Higgs boson elementary?
- What is dark matter?
  - Can the Higgs boson provide a portal to dark matter?
  - New decay modes of the Higgs boson?
  - Higgs lifetime consistent with the SM?
- Why is there more matter than antimatter?
  - Higgs boson self-coupling: strong first-order Electroweak Phase Transition?
  - Are there multiple Higgs sectors?
  - Are there CP-violating Higgs boson decays

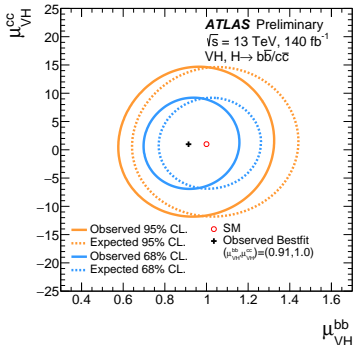
From N. Berger, ICHEP2024 based on G. Salam et al, Nature 607, 41-47 (2022)

# Precision Higgs - $VH$ to $bb/cc$ [ATLAS-CONF-2024-010]

- $H \rightarrow bb$ : largest Higgs BR (58%)
- $H \rightarrow cc$ : largest BR to 2nd gen. fermions (2.9%)
- Require b-jets or c-jets, split signal in  $N_\ell = 0$  ( $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ ), 1 ( $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ ) or 2 ( $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ )
- Cross-check analysis: observation of  $VZ(bb)$ ,  $VZ(cc)$



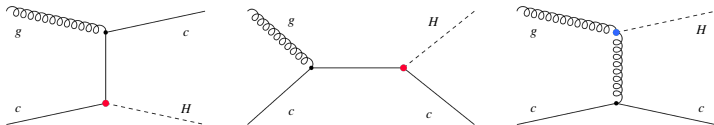
First observation of  $WH \rightarrow bb$  ( $5.3\sigma$ )



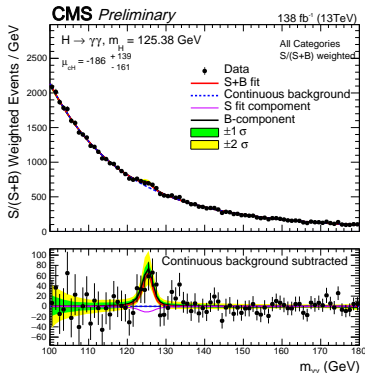
$\mu_{VH \rightarrow cc} < 11.3$  95% CL (10.4 exp.)  
Best limit to date

CMS Results with similar sensitivity PRD 109 (2024) 092011

# Search for $pp \rightarrow H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma) + c$ production [CMS-PAS-HIG-23-010]



- Potential to constrain  $\kappa_c$ , also large contributions from non- $\kappa_c$ -dependent diagrams
- Large backgrounds: focus on  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay
- $\sigma(cH) \sim 90 \text{ fb} \times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \sim 0.2\% \rightarrow 0.2 \text{ fb}$
- $\kappa_c$ -dependent part:  $\mu_{cH} < 243$  (355),  $|\kappa_c| < 38.1$  (72.5) at 95% CL
- Also new ATLAS measurement, target inclusive  $H + c$ :  $\sigma(H + c) = 5.2 \pm 3.0 \text{ pb}$  (SM: 2.9 pb),  $< 10.4 \text{ pb}$  at 95% CL [arXiv:2407.15550]



# Higgs width from $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ + on-shell Higgs [arXiv:2407.10631]

On-shell Higgs  
Integrate out the mass

$$\sigma \propto \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{m_H \Gamma}$$

$\leftarrow \frac{d\sigma}{dm^2} =$

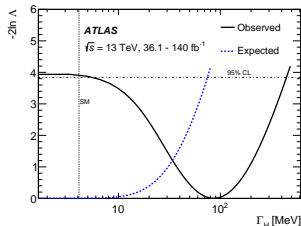
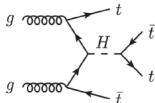
$\frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{(m^2 - m_H^2)^2 + m_H^2 \Gamma^2}$

$\rightarrow$

Off-shell Higgs  
 $(m^2 - m_H^2)^2 \gg m_H^2 \Gamma^2$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm^2} = \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{(m^2 - m_H^2)^2}$$

- Higgs couplings from on-shell cross-sections and BRs: assume SM Higgs width (4.1 MeV) or an SM-like dependence
- Processes like  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  with an off-shell Higgs have negligible width dependence: width-free determination of couplings



→ Combined on- and off-shell measurements:  
 constraint on the Higgs width (Nature 607, 52-59  
 (2022) + EPJC 83 (2023) 496, EPJC 84 (2024) 156)

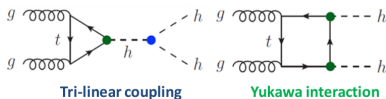
Assuming loop-induced coupling  
 modifiers are parametrized  
 independently of tree level ones  
 (minimal model dependence)

# Higgs boson pair production at the LHC

HH production to directly probe Higgs self-coupling and hence electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB) mechanism

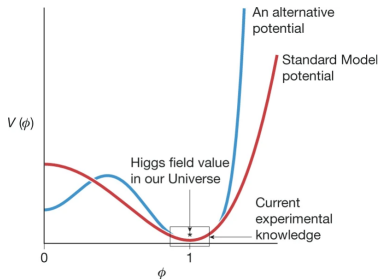
- Access to shape of the Higgs potential

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\lambda v^2 H^2 + \lambda v H^3 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda H^4 = \frac{1}{2} m_H H^2 + \frac{m_H^2}{2v} H^3 - \frac{m_H^2}{8v^2} H^4$$



- Very small SM cross-section due to destructive interference with diagrams with Yukawa coupling:  $\sigma_{\text{SM}}(\text{HH}) = 33.5 \text{ fb}$  at 13 TeV  $\rightarrow$  1000 smaller than  $pp \rightarrow H$
- Also accesses other interactions, e.g.  $\text{VVHH}$  ( $\kappa_{2V}$ )

See new result: CMS-PAS-HIG-24-001



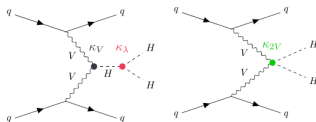
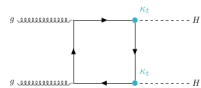
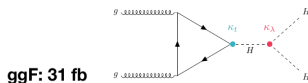
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# Higgs boson self-coupling [arXiv:2406.09971]

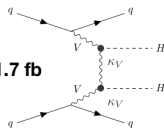
- Focusing on the two major production modes: gluon-gluon fusion (ggF) and vector boson fusion (VBF)
- Combine  $HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau + bb\gamma\gamma + bbbb + \text{multileptons} + bbl\ell + \cancel{E}_T$ :

	bb	WW	$\tau\tau$	ZZ	$\gamma\gamma$
bb	34%				
WW	25%	4.6%			
$\tau\tau$	7.3%	2.7%	0.39%		
ZZ	3.1%	1.1%	0.33%	0.069%	
$\gamma\gamma$	0.26%	0.10%	0.028%	0.012%	0.0005%

- Using cut-based and multivariate techniques



**VBF: 1.7 fb**

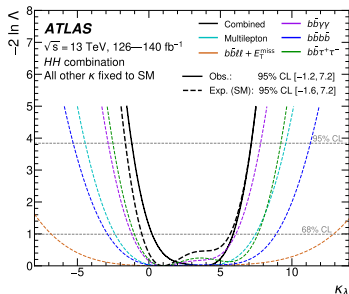




# Higgs boson self-coupling: Results [arXiv:2406.09971]

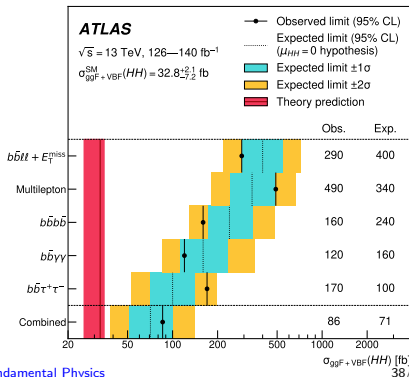
- Close to within  $1\sigma$  of the SM
  - $\mu_{HH} < 2.9$  (obs) and 2.4 (exp) at 95% CL
  - Sensitivity dominated by ggF mode
  - Also Effective field theory interpretation to probe low energy dynamics of EWSB with 3 Wilson coefficients

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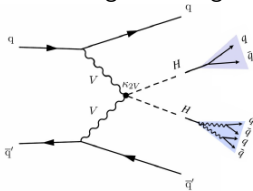
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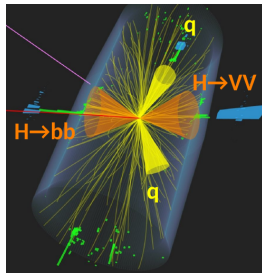
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# Search for $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}VV$ [CMS-PAS-HIG-23-012]

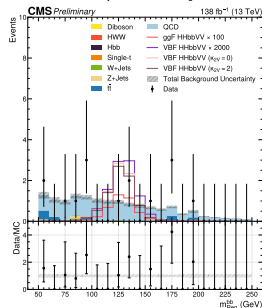
- Search for  $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}VV$  production in fully hadronic final states (unexplored before)
- Boosted regime: merged large-radius jets



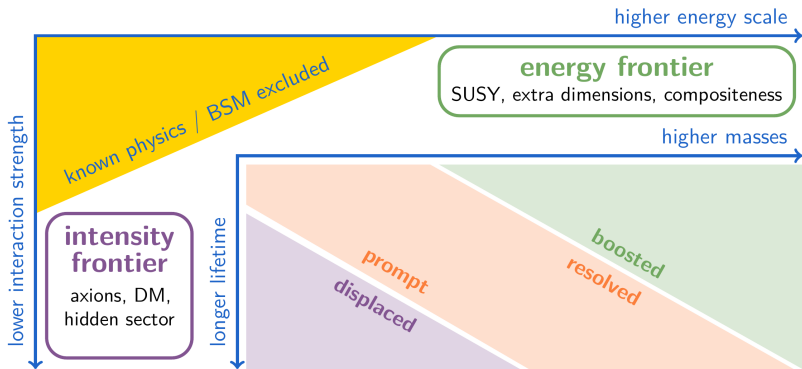
- Use  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  and new  $H \rightarrow VV \rightarrow q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$  taggers
- $\mu_{HH} < 142$  (69 exp.) and  $-0.04 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.05$  at 95% CL
- ATLAS: search in VBF  $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ ,  $0.55 < \kappa_{2V} < 1.49$  at 95% CL [arXiv:2404.17193]



B-only Post-Fit VBF Region



# Searches



\* Courtesy of J. Knolle (LHCP2024)

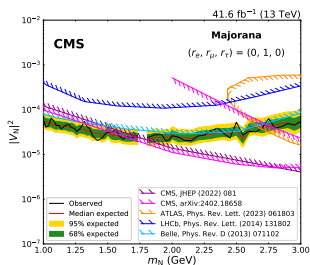
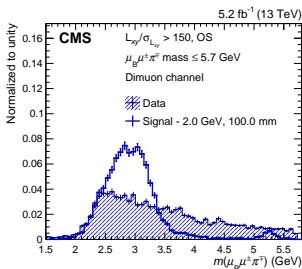
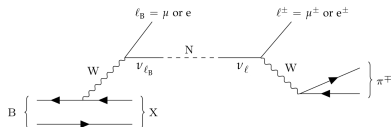
# LHC experiments search strategies

- Precision measurements & searches for rare process and unconventional final states
  - No BSM evidence yet: sensitivity on a wide range of phase space established
- Gain in luminosity and improvements in detector technology enhance potential for discoveries during Run 3
  - Probing various scenarios: Dark Sector, exotic signatures, heavy particles
  - Exploiting standard and exotic signatures: Boosted jets, disappearing jets, emerging jets (with AI taggers), showers in muon detector, etc
  - Data scouting / trigger analysis level allows to extend reach in the low masses regime (heavy neutral leptons, long-lived light particles...)



# Search for long-lived heavy neutrinos [JHEP 06 (2024) 183]

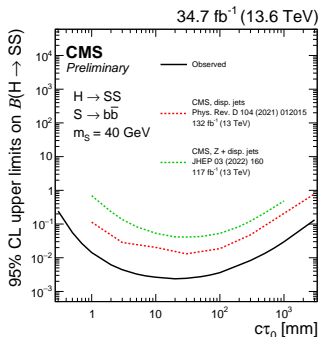
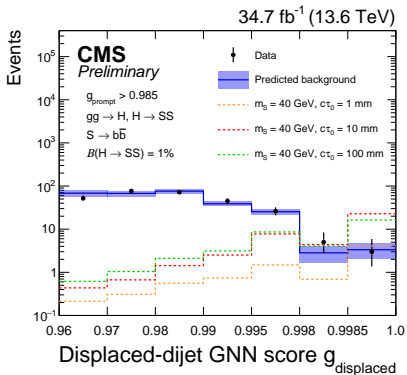
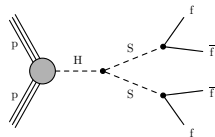
- Search for HNLs in B decays
- Based on the special data stream recorded in 2018, designed to collect  $O(10^{10})$   $b\bar{b}$  events
- Parametric NN for optimal signal/background separation to different HNL masses
- Limits set in Dirac and Majorana scenarios



Strongest limits on sum of squares of light-heavy mixing amplitudes from a collider for  $1 \text{ GeV} < m_N < 1.7 \text{ GeV}$

# Resonances decaying to displaced jets [CMS-PAS-EXO-23-013]

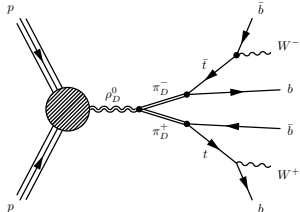
- Search for displaced jets with Run 3 data (2022)
- Model: Higgs boson decay to two long-lived neutral scalars
- Sensitivity significantly improved thanks to
  - displaced vertex reconstruction
  - novel displaced dijet identification based on graph NNs



New limits: improved sensitivity with respect to Run 2 with 1/4 of the luminosity!

# Dark mesons decaying to top and bottom quarks [arXiv:2405.20061]

- Dark pseudoscalar  $\pi_D$  and vector  $\rho_D$  mesons in stealth dark matter model

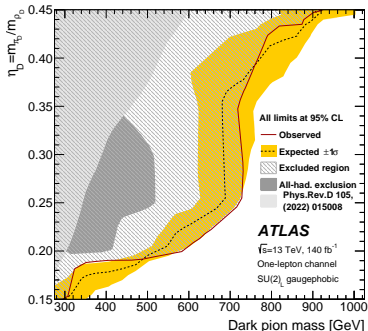
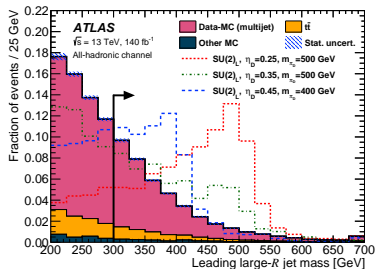


- $\pi_D$  pair production in  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$  and  $t\bar{t}t\bar{b}$  final states

$$300 < m(\pi_D) < 1200 \text{ GeV},$$

$$0.15 < m(\pi_D)/m(\rho_D) < 0.45$$

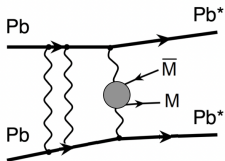
- Using large-radius reclustered jets



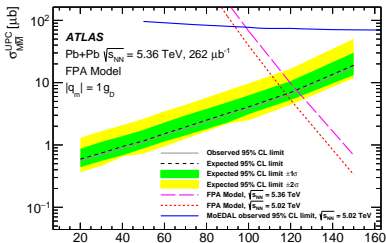
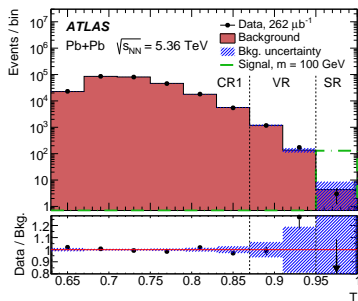


# Magnetic monopole pair production [arXiv:2408.11035]

- Search for magnetic monopole pair production as highly ionizing particles in ultraperipheral Pb+Pb collisions



- New data from 2023 with new triggers  $\rightarrow$  Up to x8 improvement at masses below 120 GeV



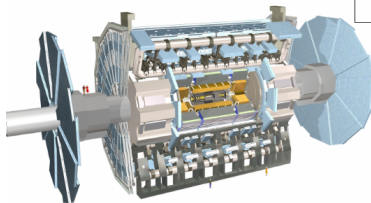
# Summary and outlook

- Well into Run 3 with very efficient data taking in 2024, excellent performance
- Improvements in operations and performance play a key role to fully exploit the potential of the LHC data
- Entering the era of precision measurements
  - Several results on EWK physics now competitive with those from  $e^+e^-$
  - Investigating subtle effects as in  $t\bar{t}$  spin correlations
- Continue to search for physics beyond the SM
  - Exploring new areas of phase space
  - Exploiting novel performance and analysis techniques
- In parallel, good progress with HL-LHC upgrades transitioning into production mode

# BACK UP

# This is just the beginning

- Phase-II upgrade activities continually progress into production
- The phase of testing, integration, and planning for the installation is starting



## Forward detector

- Upgrade Luminosity Detector (LUCID) and Zero Degree Calorimeter (ZDC) to cope with the higher rate environment (detailed discussion in poster session)

## Upgrade of Trigger and DAQ

- L0 trigger at 1 MHz with 10  $\mu$ s latency, 10 kHz Event Filter output

## Upgrade of Calorimeter

- Electronics upgrade for LAr and Tile calorimeters

## New High Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD)

- Additional pileup suppression with timing information
- Forward region [ $2.4 < |\eta| < 4.0$ ]
- Low-Gain Avalanche Detectors (LGAD) with 30ps time resolution
- Contributions to luminosity measurement

## Upgrade of Muon system

- Additional trigger layers of RPC and replacement of MDT with sMDT in barrel inner station
- Additional TGC layers in endcap inner station
- Upgrade trigger/readout electronics

## New Inner Tracking Detector (ITk)

- Full silicon tracker covering up to  $|\eta| = 4$  with at least 9 layers on individual tracks
- Less material, finer segmentation

\* From Y. Okumura, ICHEP2024

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## L1-Trigger

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2714892>

- Tracks in L1-Trigger at 40 MHz
- Particle Flow selection
- 750 kHz L1 output
- 40 MHz data scouting



## DAQ & High-Level Trigger

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2759072>

- Full optical readout
- Heterogenous architecture
- 60 TB/s event network
- 7.5 kHz HLT output

## Barrel Calorimeters

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2283187>

- ECAL crystal granularity readout at 40 MHz with precise timing for  $e/\gamma$  at 30 GeV
- ECAL and HCAL new Back-End boards

## Calorimeter Endcap

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2293646>

- 3D showers and precise timing
- Si, Scint+SiPM in Pb/W-SS

## Muon systems

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2283189>

- DT & CSC new FE/BE readout
- RPC back-end electronics
- New GEM/RPC  $1.6 < \eta < 2.4$
- Extended coverage to  $\eta = 3$

## Tracker

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2272264>

- Si-Strip and Pixels increased granularity
- Design for tracking in L1-Trigger
- Extended coverage to  $\eta = 3.8$



## MIP Timing Detector

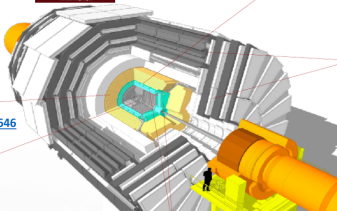
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- Precision timing with:
- Barrel layer: Crystals + SiPMs
  - Endcap layer: Low Gain Avalanche Diodes

## Beam Radiation Instr. and Luminosity

<http://cds.cern.ch/record/2759074>

- Beam abort & timing
- Beam-induced background
- Bunch-by-bunch luminosity: 1% offline, 2% online
- Neutron and mixed-field radiation monitors



# Credits and more information

- Latest CMS results: <https://cms.cern/news/cms-ichep-2024>
- ATLAS results: <https://atlas.cern/tags/physics-results>
- Nice ATLAS and CMS overview talks at the LHCP24 and ICHEP24 conferences:  
M. Pierini, M. Dunford, W. Adams, H. Gray, N. Berger, P. Sommer, etc.

