

Material from the ATLAS four-lepton
differential cross section measurement and
its use in Contur/Rivet to constrain VLQs

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Measurements of differential cross-sections in four-lepton events in 13 TeV proton-proton collisions with the ATLAS detector

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New sensitivity of current LHC measurements to vector-like quarks

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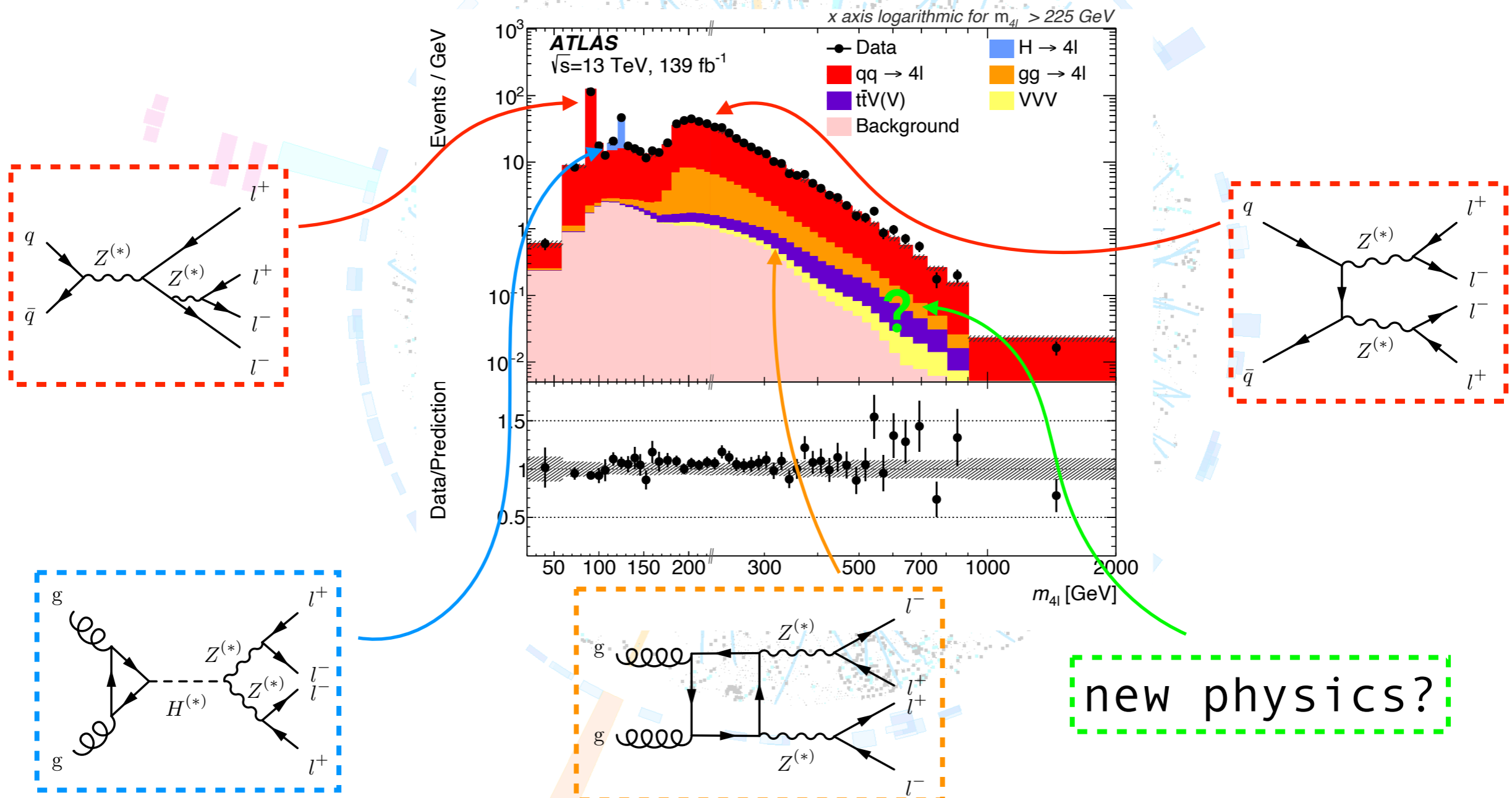
1. Summarize the four-lepton analysis and results
2. Reinterpretation material + an example in constraining VLQs

The image displays a particle detector event visualization. It features a central region with a dense network of tracks, primarily yellow and light blue, radiating from a central point. Two prominent tracks are highlighted in cyan and red. The tracks are overlaid on a background of small, multi-colored dots (white, red, blue, green) representing detector hits. A dashed yellow line forms a semi-circular boundary around the central region. The entire visualization is set against a black background. A white horizontal band is superimposed over the center, containing the text '4 lepton invariant mass measurement'.

4 lepton invariant mass measurement

The motivation

- ▶ A measurement of the four lepton mass spectrum is a precision test of the Standard Model
 - Contains a lot of interesting physics, and potential for BSM physics
- ▶ Full Run 2 m4l analysis focuses on **maximizing inclusivity** and **reducing model dependence**
 - Measurements are corrected for detector effects, analysis workflow preserved in Rivet
 - **Re-interpretable** in the future to set **limits on new physics** scenarios



- ▶ Designed to be as inclusive as possible
- ▶ Any process leading to the production of at least four leptons in the hard scatter is considered to be part of the signal
 - Possible combinations: $e^+e^-e^+e^-$ $\mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$ $e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$ $\mu^+\mu^-e^+e^-$
- ▶ **Quadruplet formation:** unique set of exactly four leptons per event is chosen
 - SFOS lepton pair with an invariant mass closest to the Z boson is the primary pair and second closest pair is the secondary pair

Table 1: Definition of the fiducial region.

<i>Lepton selection</i>	
Muon selection	Bare, $p_T > 5$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.7$
Electron selection	Dressed, $p_T > 7$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.47$
<i>Event selection</i>	
Four-lepton signature	At least 4 leptons, with 2 Same-Flavour, Opposite-Sign pairs
Lepton kinematics	$p_T > 20/10$ GeV for leading two leptons
Lepton separation	$\Delta R_{ij} > 0.05$ for any leptons
J/ψ -Veto	$m_{ij} > 5$ GeV for all SFOS pairs
Truth isolation	$ptcone30/p_T < 0.16$

- ▶ Reducible background:
 - The subtracted background is when there are one or more “fake” leptons
 - Estimated with data-driven approach; contributes $< 10\%$ in most bins

- ▶ 4 lepton invariant mass spectrum ($m_{4\ell}$) from 20 - 2000 GeV
- ▶ Double differential $m_{4\ell}$ in slices of:
 - ➔ Transverse mass of 4 lepton system $p_T^{4\ell} : [0, 10, 20, 50, 100]$
 - ➔ Rapidity of 4 lepton system $|y_{4\ell}| : [0, 0.3, 0.6, 0.9, 1.2, 2.5]$
 - ➔ Flavour channel: $4e$ 4μ $2e2\mu/2\mu2e$

▶ New variables in **four slices of $m_{4\ell}$**

- ➔ Polarization variables $\cos\theta_{12}^*$ $\cos\theta_{34}^*$
- ➔ $|\Delta\phi_{ll}|$ between leading leptons
- ➔ $|\Delta\phi_{pairs}|$ $|\Delta y_{pairs}|$ between lepton pairs
- ➔ Invariant mass and transverse momenta of lepton pairs

Single Z
 $60 < m_{4\ell} < 100 \text{ GeV}$

Higgs
 $120 < m_{4\ell} < 130 \text{ GeV}$

On-shell ZZ
 $180 < m_{4\ell} < 2000 \text{ GeV}$

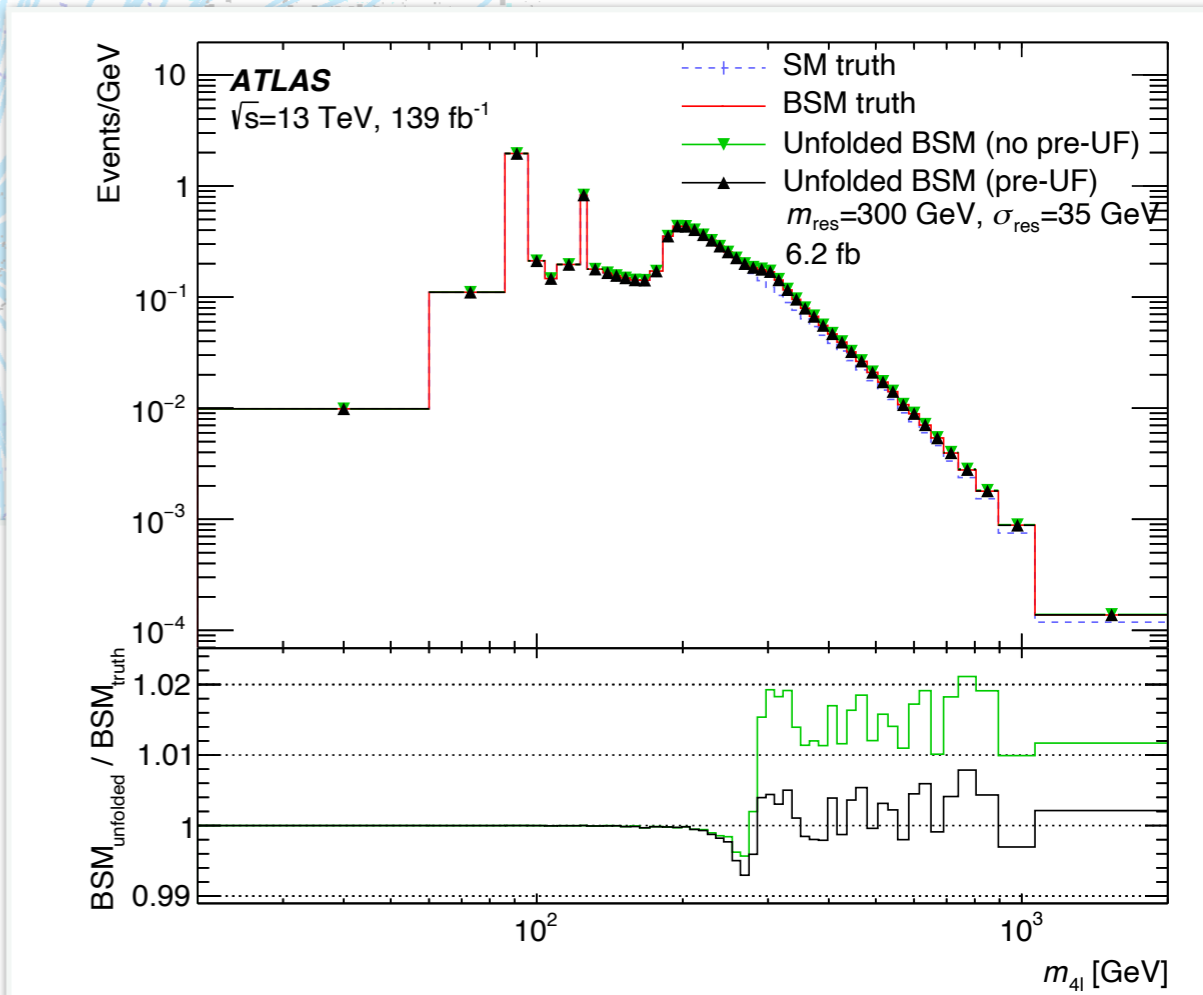
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Unfolding optimization

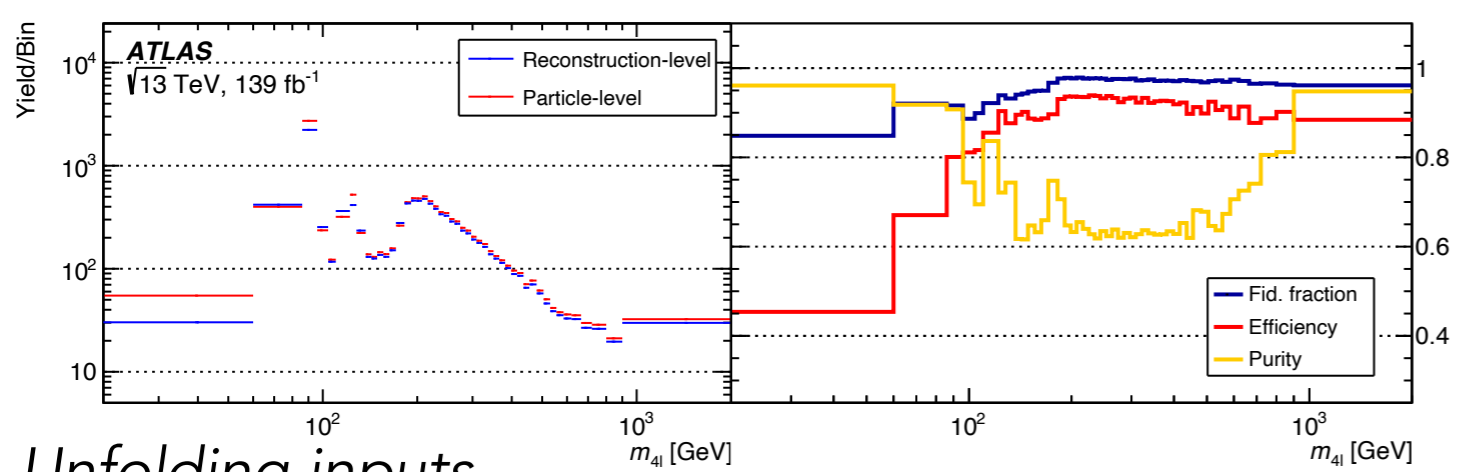
- ▶ Binning of distributions optimize for number of reconstructed events and purity
- ▶ **Iterative Bayesian unfolding** with either 2/3 iterations, optimized based on the bias and statistical uncertainty
- ▶ Monte Carlo and data-driven closure tests show good agreement
- ▶ **Injection studies unfold Pseudo-data of SM+BSM using nominal SM simulation** and the result is compared to the particle-level SM+BSM simulation

Binning requirements	
# Reco events	Purity
[14,20)	80%
[20,25)	70%
≥25	60%

- Important as a demonstration that the measurement remains valid in the presence of BSM contributions, and the data can be safely used for re-interpretation



Injection test



Unfolding inputs

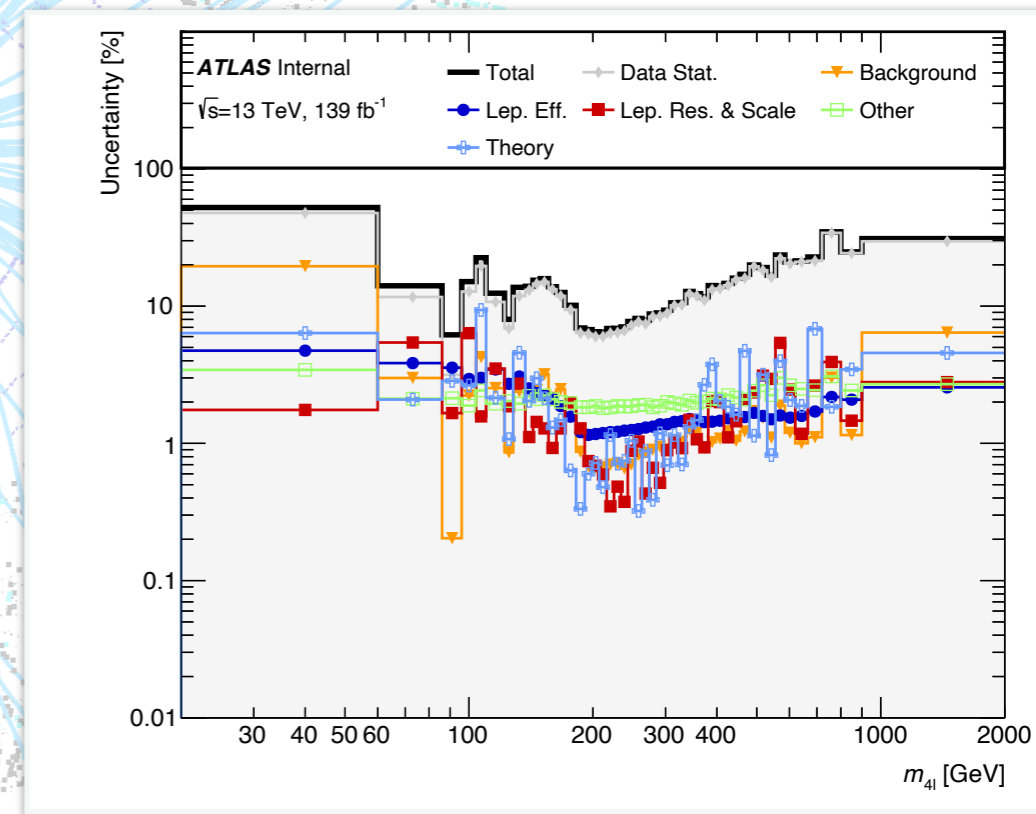
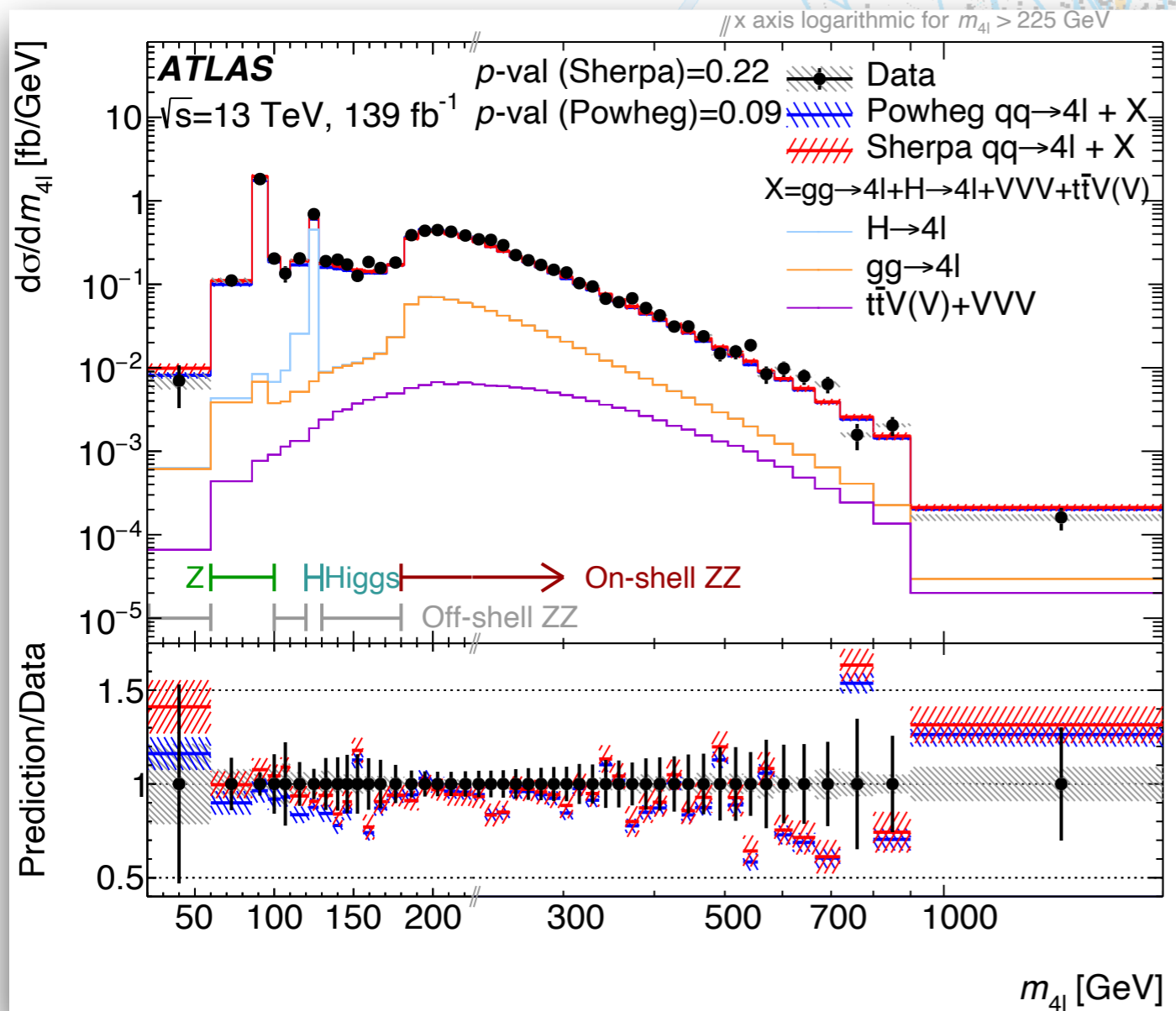
	Region				
	Inclusive	$Z \rightarrow 4\ell$	$H \rightarrow 4\ell$	Off-shell ZZ	On-shell ZZ
Measured cross-section [fb]	88.9	22.1	4.76	12.4	49.3
	± 1.1 (stat.)	± 0.7 (stat.)	± 0.29 (stat.)	± 0.5 (stat.)	± 0.8 (stat.)
	± 2.3 (syst.)	± 1.1 (syst.)	± 0.18 (syst.)	± 0.6 (syst.)	± 0.8 (syst.)
	± 1.5 (lumi.)	± 0.4 (lumi.)	± 0.08 (lumi.)	± 0.2 (lumi.)	± 0.8 (lumi.)
	± 3.0 (total)	± 1.3 (total)	± 0.35 (total)	± 0.8 (total)	± 1.3 (total)
SHERPA	86 ± 5	23.6 ± 1.5	4.57 ± 0.21	11.5 ± 0.7	46.0 ± 2.9
POWHEG + PYTHIA8	83 ± 5	21.2 ± 1.3	4.38 ± 0.20	10.7 ± 0.7	46.4 ± 3.0

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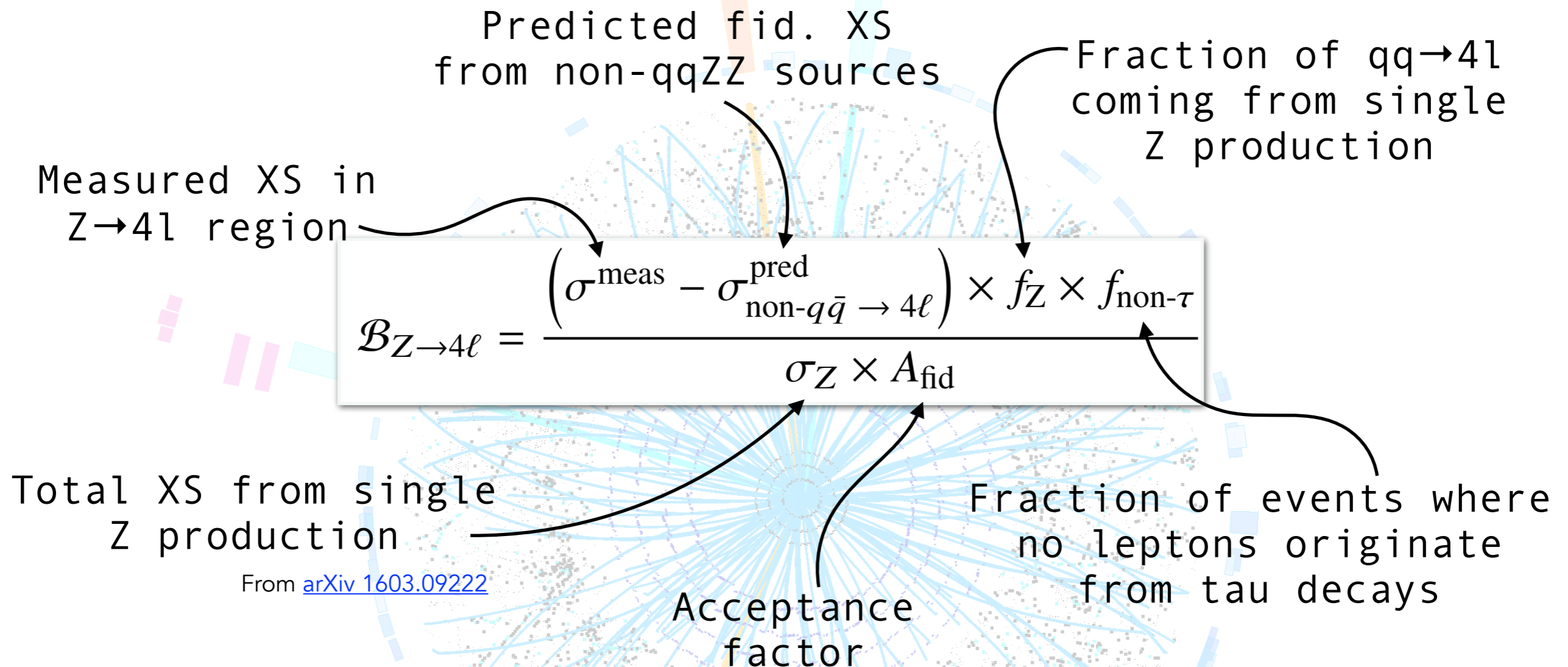
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Z → 4l branching fraction



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_{Z \rightarrow 4\ell} &= (4.41 \pm 0.13(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.23(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.09(\text{theory}) \pm 0.12(\text{lumi.})) \times 10^{-6} \\ &= (4.41 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

➔ **Most precise measurement to date**

- Variable providing the best expected sensitivity used to set limits with likelihood function

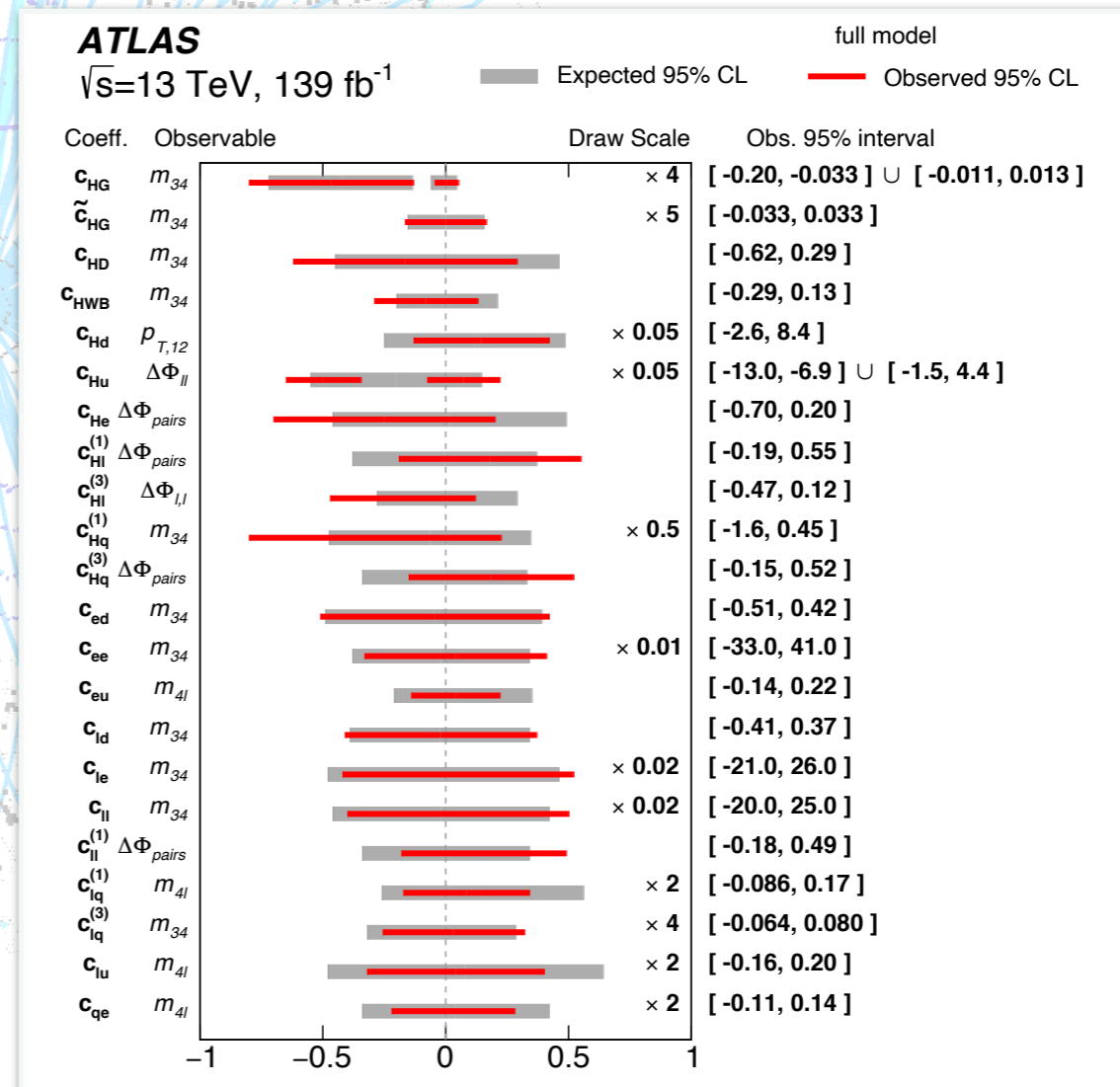
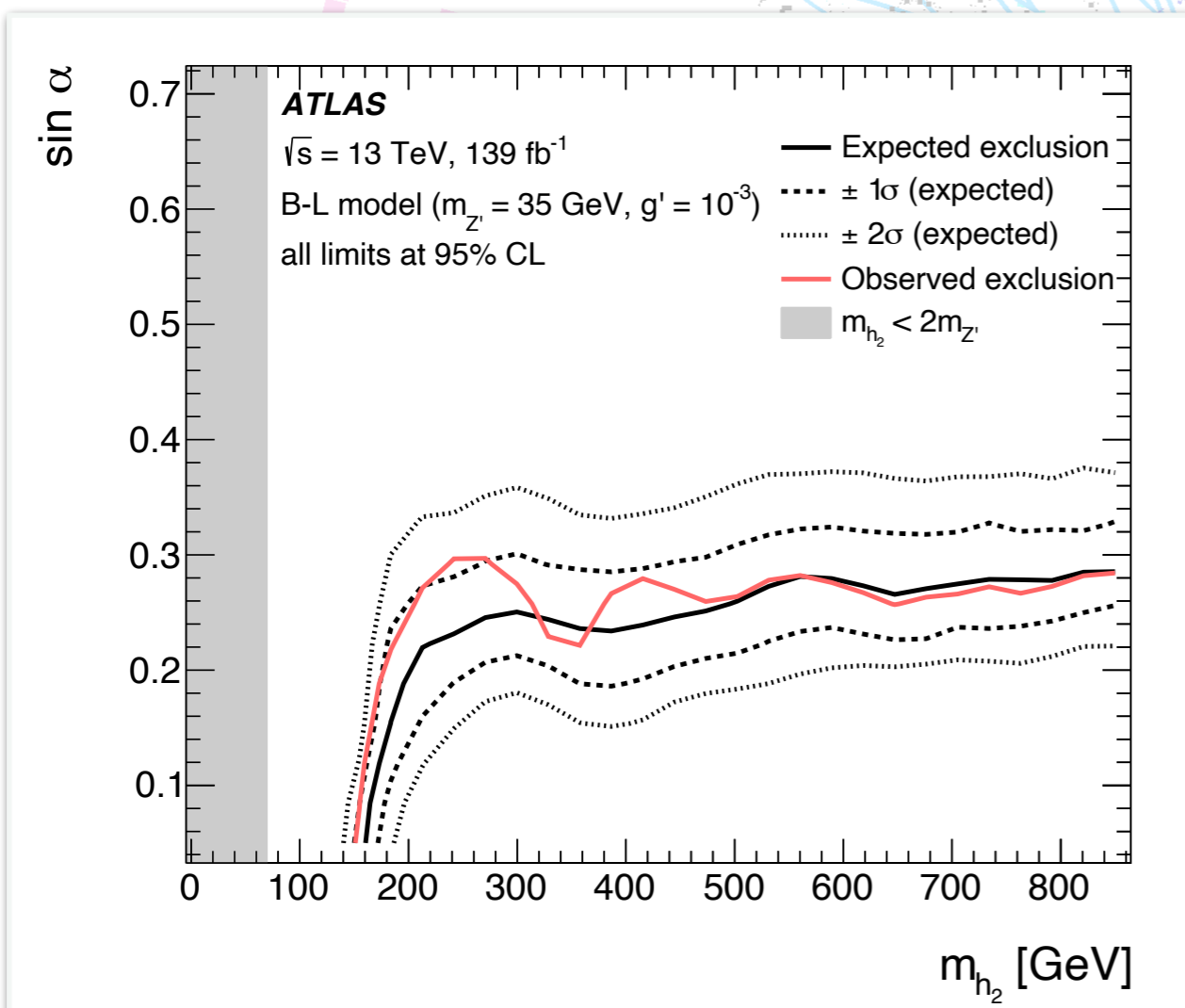
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |C|}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[\vec{\sigma}^{\text{meas}} - \vec{\sigma}^{\text{pred}}(\vec{\theta}) \right]^T C^{-1} \left[\vec{\sigma}^{\text{meas}} - \vec{\sigma}^{\text{pred}}(\vec{\theta}) \right] \right\} \times \prod_i \mathcal{G}(\theta_i, 0, 1)$$

1. B-L gauge model

- Spontaneously B-L gauge symmetry breaking
- Particles introduced: Z' , exotic Higgs h_2 , with mixing angle α

2. EFT

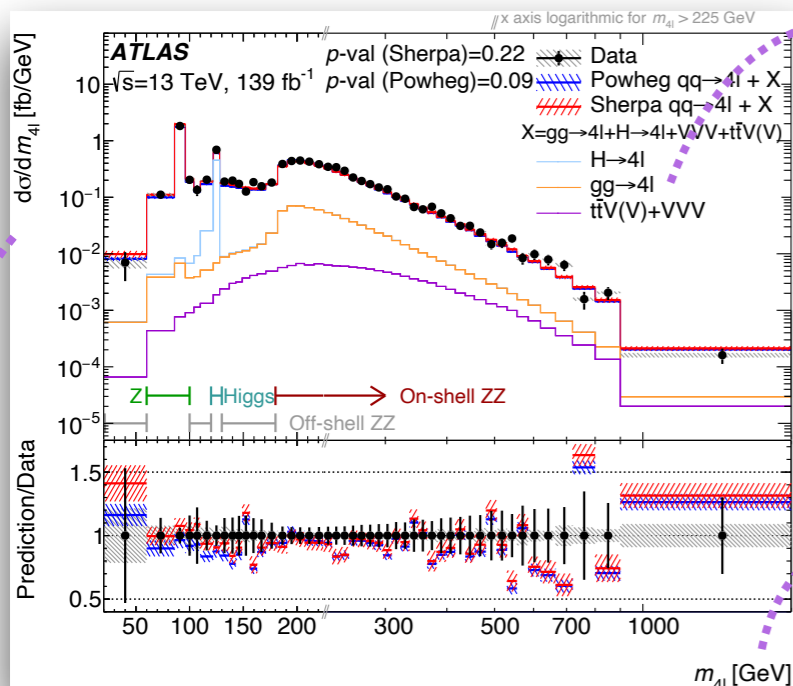
- SM effective field theory formalism
- Independent constraints on 22 coefficients





Re-interpretation

Is it re-interpretable?



No subtraction of irreducible background

Analysis is defined in terms of final state

Data is corrected for detector effects

```
Source code: ATLAS_2021_I1849535.cc

1 // -*- C++ -*-
2 #include "Rivet/Analysis.hh"
3 #include "Rivet/Projections/FinalState.hh"
4 #include "Rivet/Projections/PromptFinalState.hh"
5 #include "Rivet/Projections/VetoedFinalState.hh"
6 #include "Rivet/Projections/ChargedFinalState.hh"
7 #include "Rivet/Projections/DressedLeptons.hh"
8
9 namespace Rivet {
10
11     /// @name M4lLineshape analysis
12     class ATLAS_2021_I1849535 : public Analysis {
13     public:
14
15         /// Constructor
16         DEFAULT_RIVET_ANALYSIS_CTOR(ATLAS_2021_I1849535);
17
18         void init() {
19
20             // Selection
21             Cut el_fid_sel = (Cuts::abseta < 2.47) && (Cuts::pT > 7*GeV);
22             Cut mu_fid_sel = (Cuts::abseta < 2.7) && (Cuts::pT > 5*GeV);
23
24             PromptFinalState photons(Cuts::abspid == PID::PHOTON);
25             PromptFinalState elecs(Cuts::abspid == PID::ELECTRON);
26             PromptFinalState muons(Cuts::abspid == PID::MUON && mu_fid_sel);
27             elecs.acceptTauDecays(true);
28             muons.acceptTauDecays(true);
29
30
31             // Final state including all charged particles
32             declare(ChargedFinalState(), "CFS");
33
34             DressedLeptons dressed_elecs(photons, elecs, 0.1, el_fid_sel, false);
35             declare(dressed_elecs, "elecs");
36
37             declare(muons, "muons");
38         }
39     };
40 }
```

[Rivet routine](#)

Analysis workflow is preserved in Rivet

All data, uncertainties, & predictions are published on HEPData

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Rivet Analysis Measurements of differential cross-sections in four-lepton events in 13 TeV proton-proton collisions with the ATLAS detector

The ATLAS collaboration Aad, Georges ; Abbott, Brad ; Abbott, Dale Charles ; et al.

CERN-EP-2021-019, 2021.

Inspire Record 1849535 DOI 10.17182/hepdata.94413

Measurements of four-lepton differential and integrated fiducial cross-sections in events with two same-flavour, opposite-charge electron or muon pairs are presented. The data correspond to 139 fb^{-1} of $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ proton-proton collisions, collected by the ATLAS detector during...

65 data tables match query

- m4l Inclusive differential cross section for four leptons (Max = 1710~GeV).
- m4l_4mu Inclusive differential cross section for four muons (Max = 1320~GeV)
- m4l_4e Inclusive differential cross section for four electrons (Max = 887~GeV).

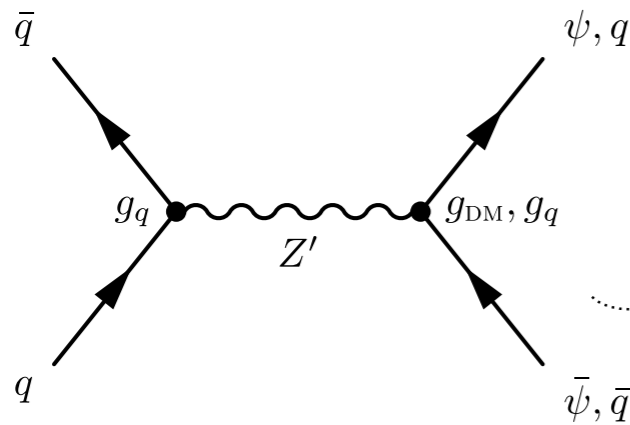
More...

HEPData

Re-interpretation with Contur

[Contur talk at \(re\)interpretation forum](#)

[Contur manual](#)



$\{g_{DM}, g_q, m_{Z'}, m_\phi\}$

Sampling model parameters

contur-batch

Calculate observables

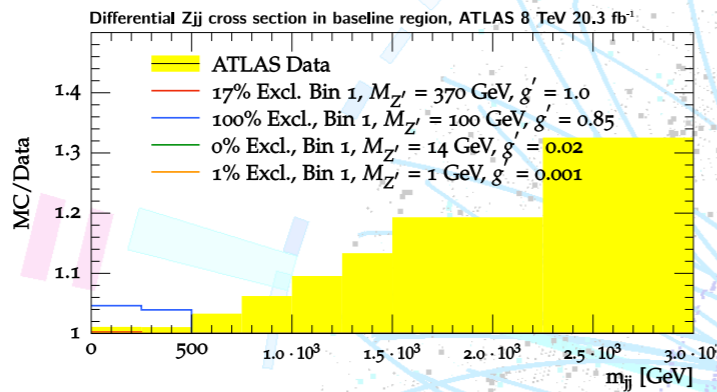
event generators, Rivet, ...

Evaluating the likelihood for a model

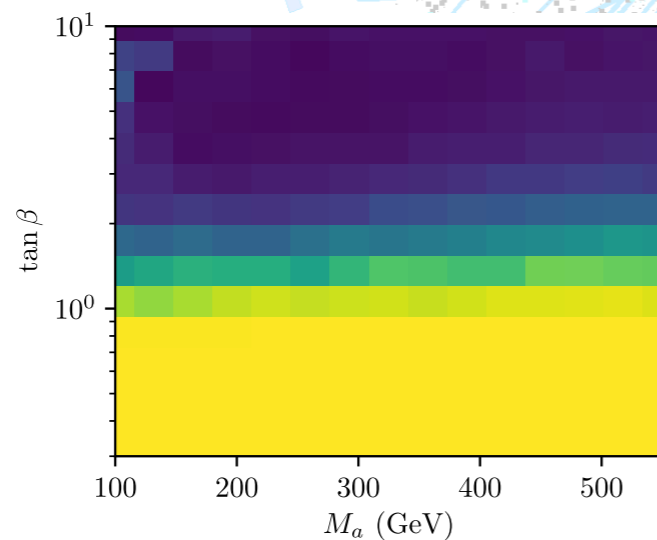
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Visualisation of parameter space

contur-plot, contur-mkhtml, ...



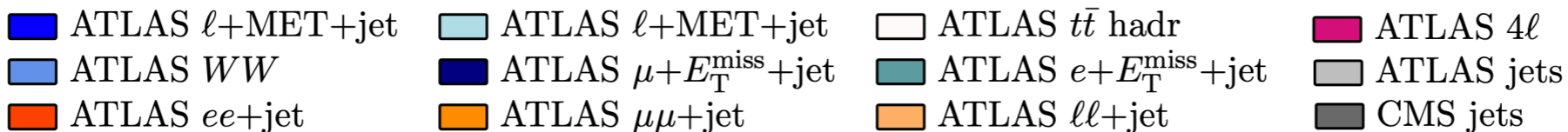
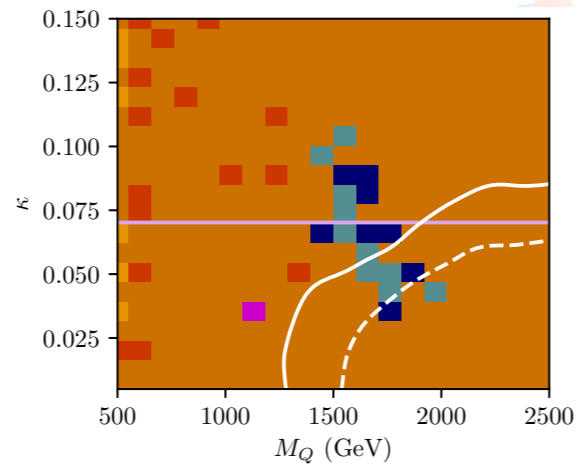
$$L(\mu) = P(n_{\text{obs}} | \mu) = \frac{(\mu s + b)^{n_{\text{obs}}}}{n_{\text{obs}}!} e^{-(\mu s + b)}$$



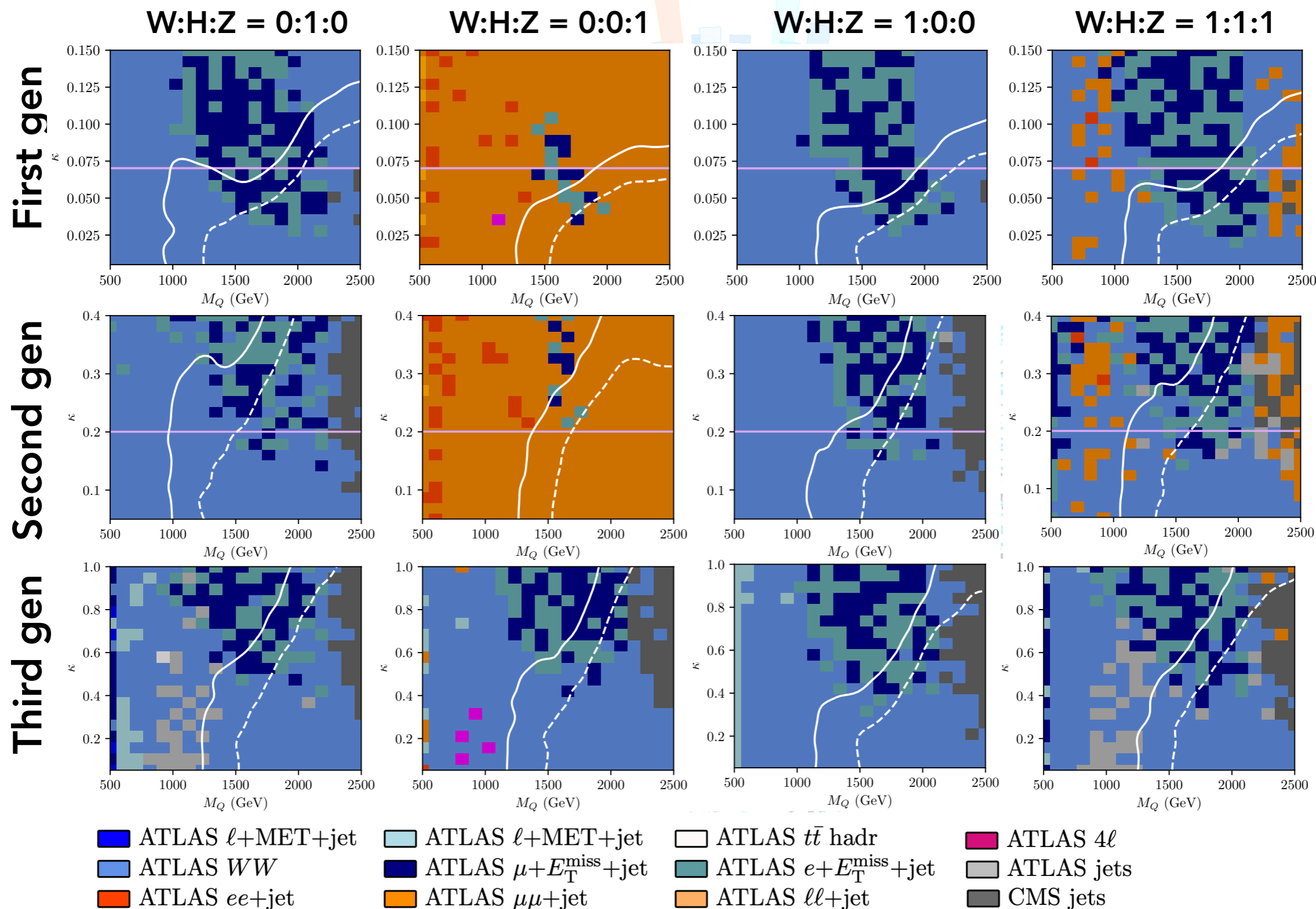
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- ▶ Colours show which final state signature gave the dominant exclusion at each parameter point

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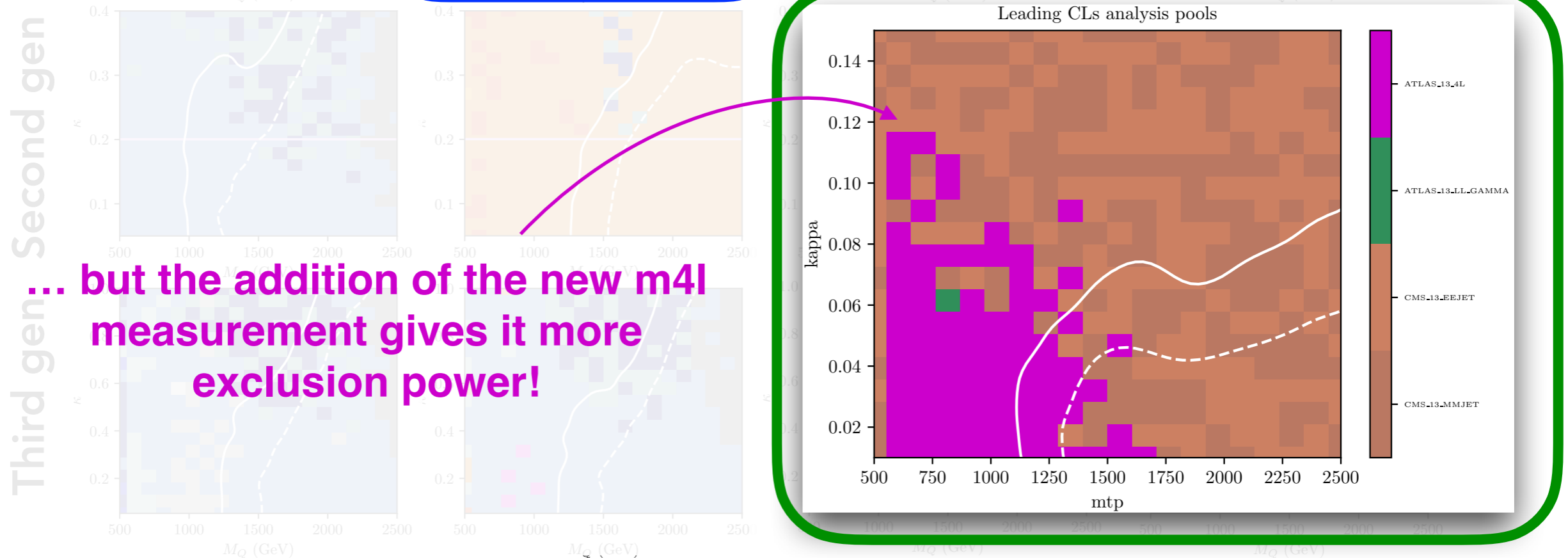
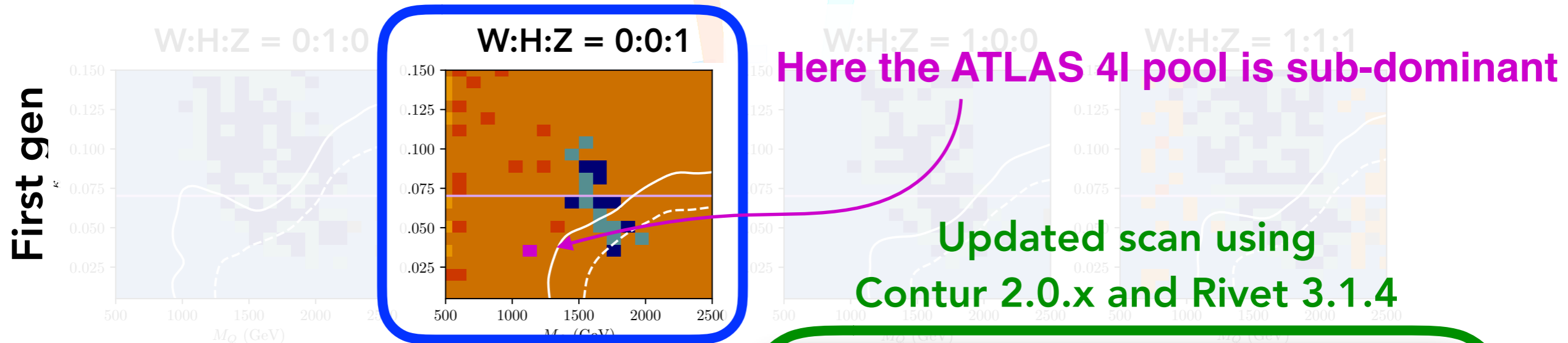
W:H:Z = 0:0:1



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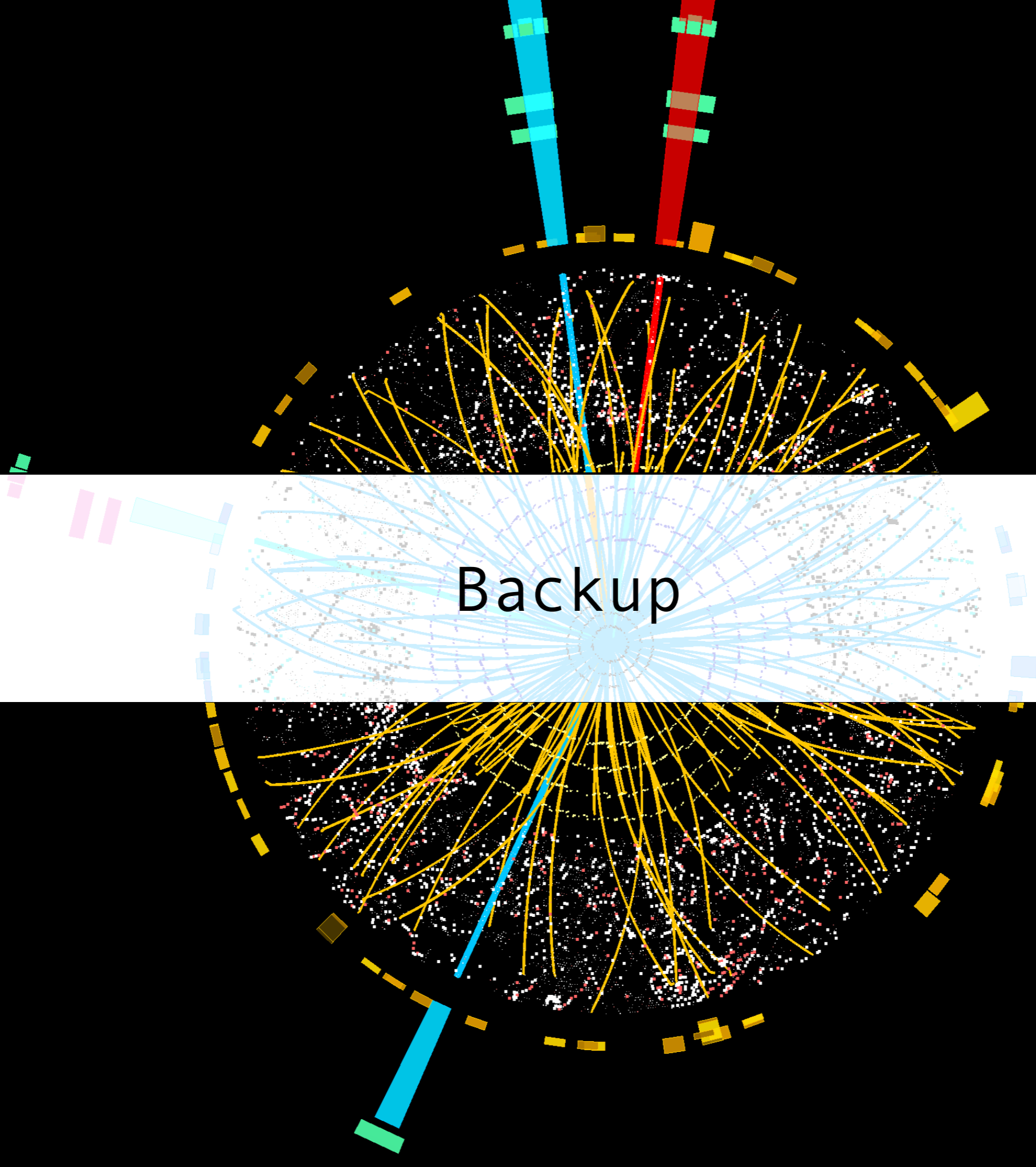
Result from paper using
Contur 1.2.2 and Rivet 3.1.1



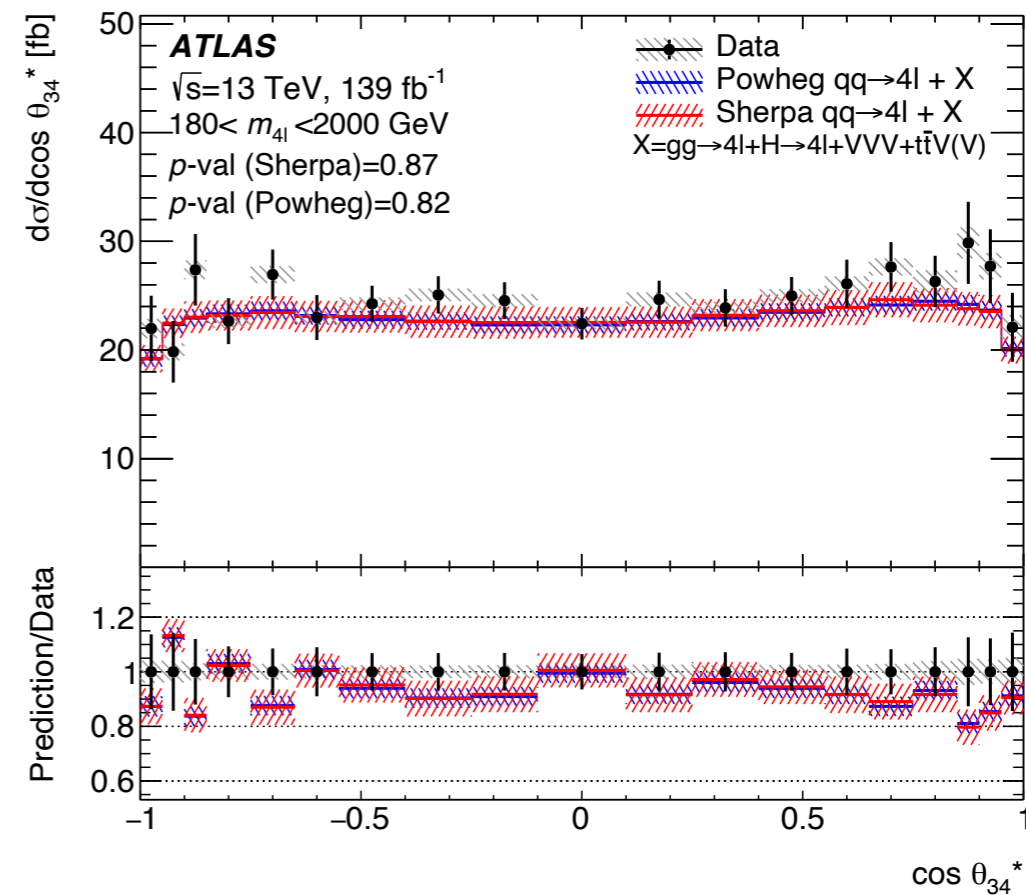
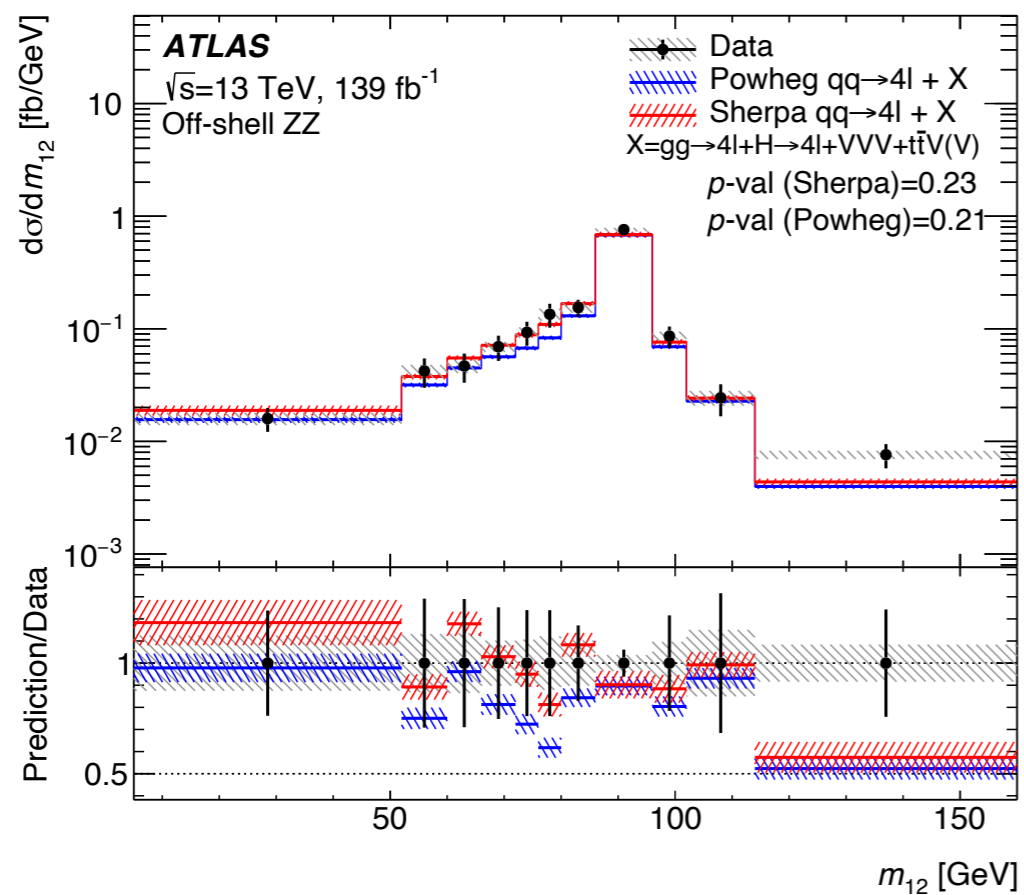
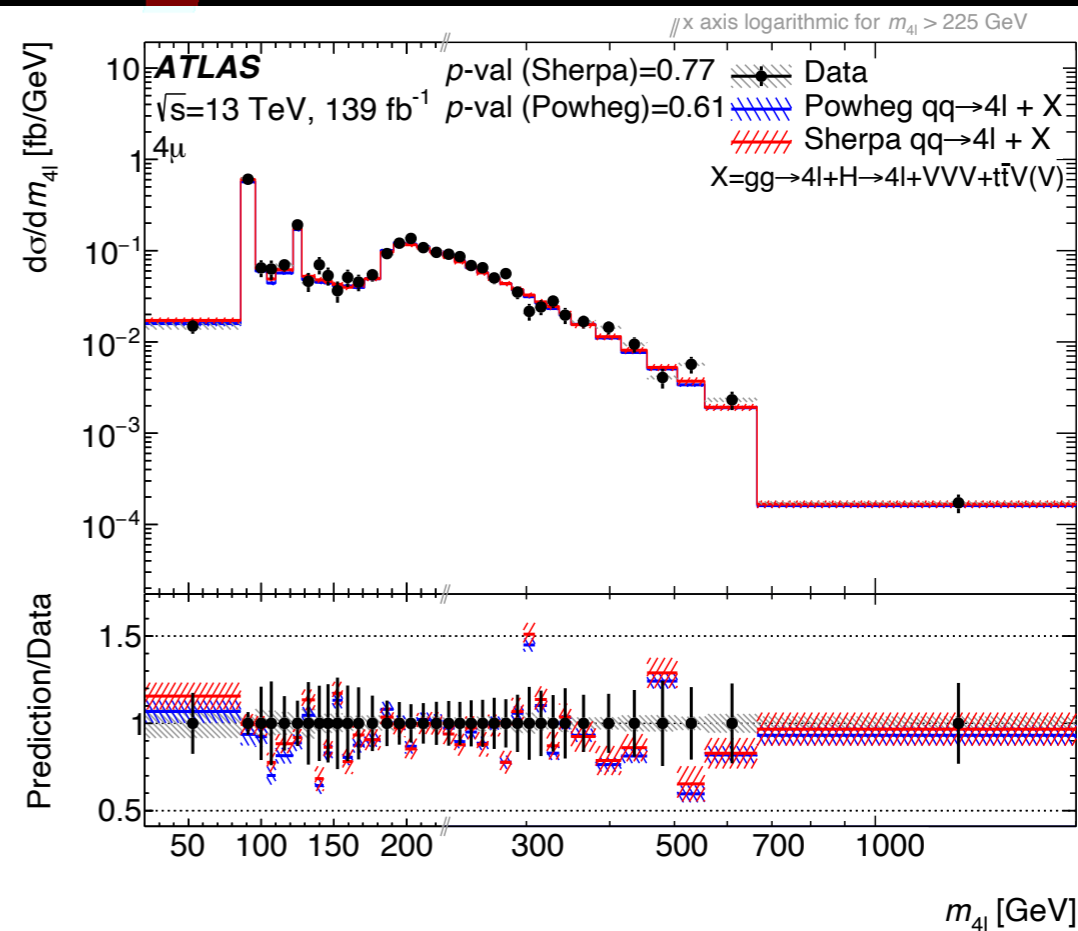
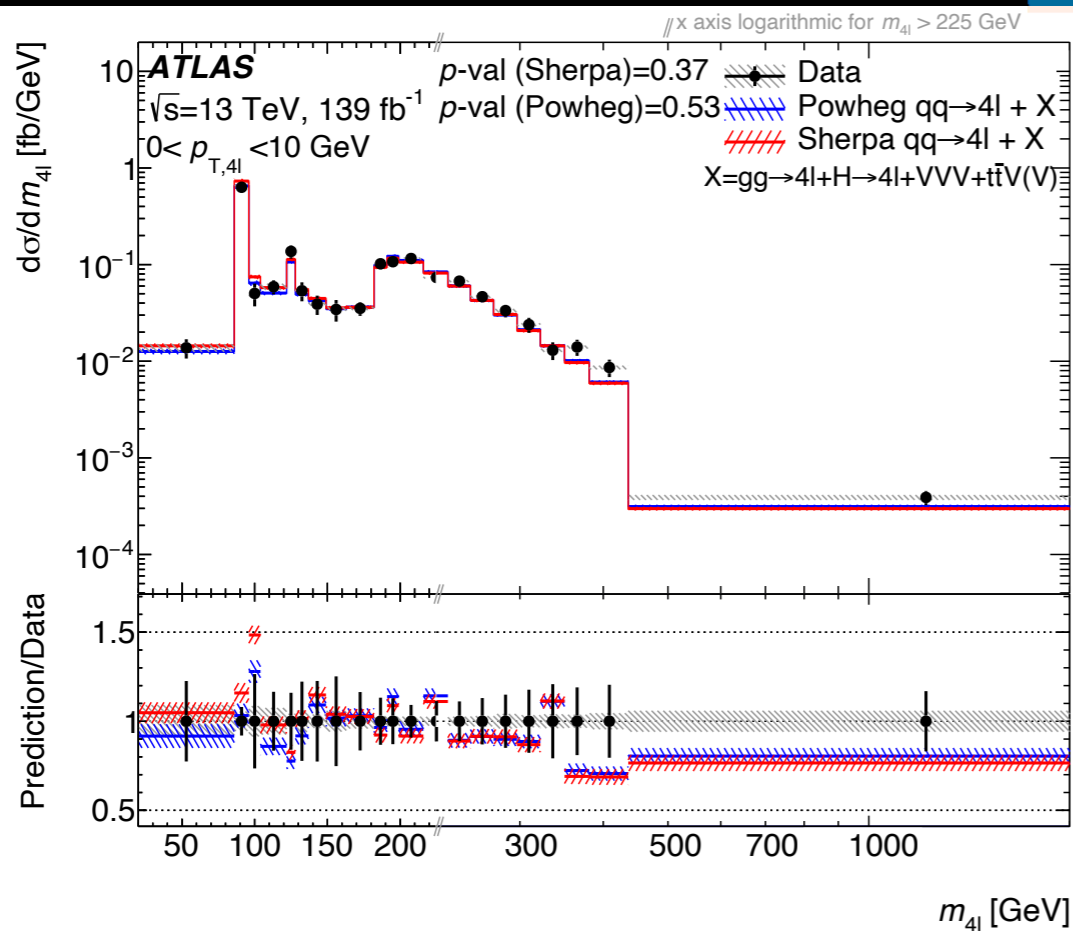
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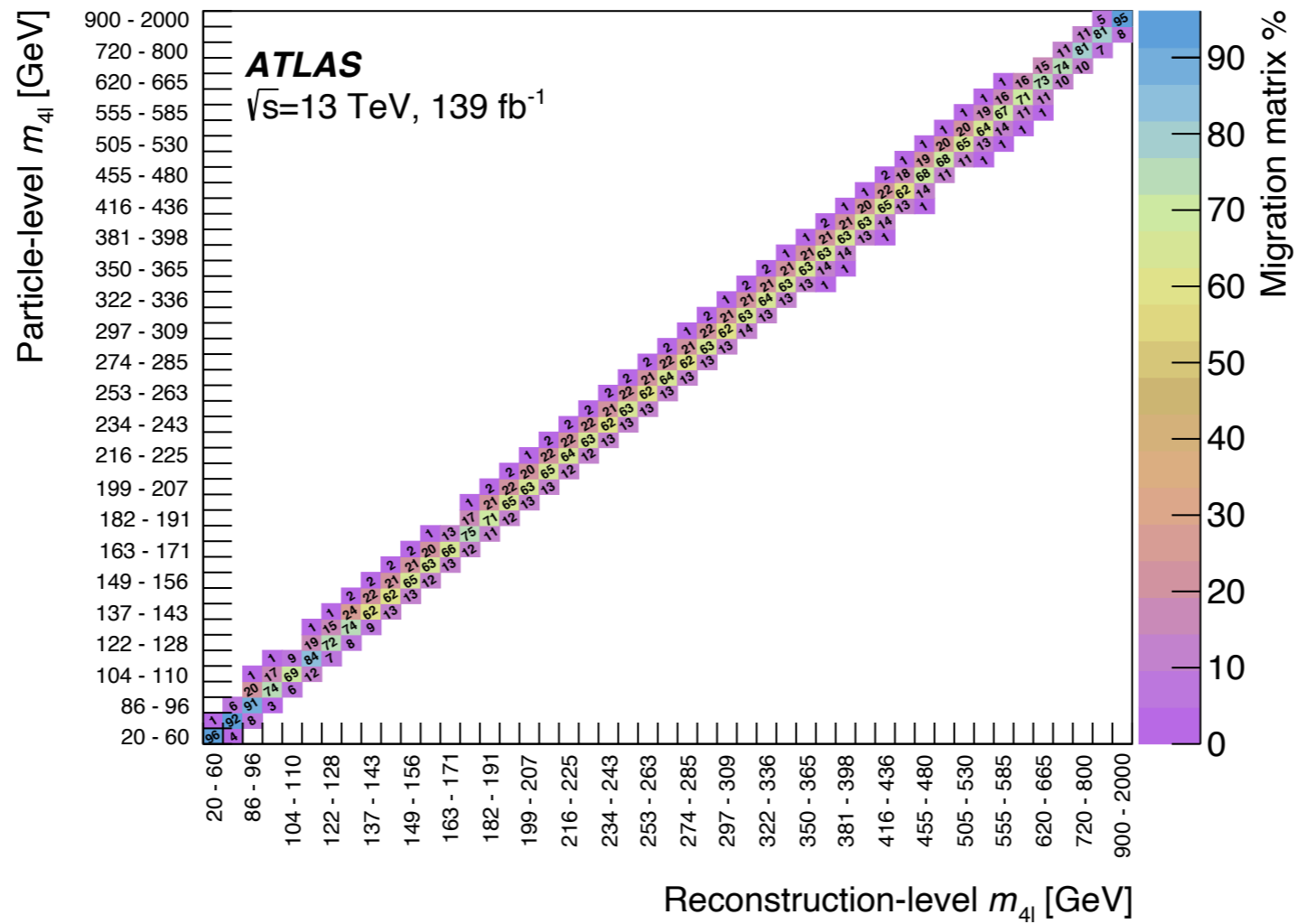
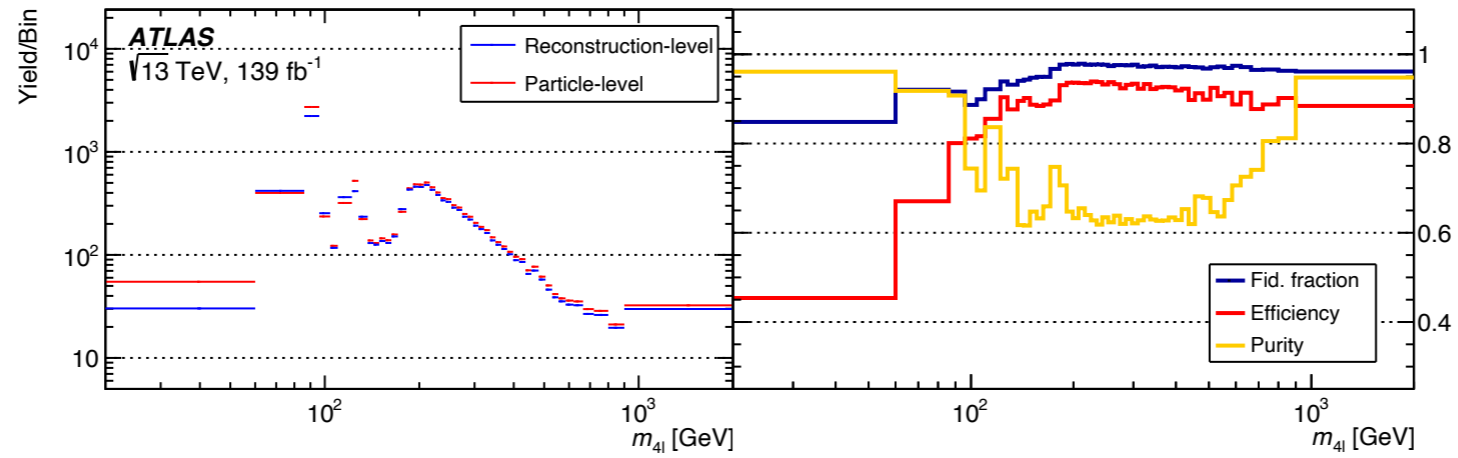
- ▶ ATLAS measurements of four-lepton invariant mass was designed with re-interpretability in mind!
 - Clean final state, low background, wide acceptance, and minimal model dependence
- ▶ Unfolded data are used to extract $Z \rightarrow 4l$ branching fraction, constrain SMEFT coefficients and set constraints on gauged B-L model
- ▶ Data, covariance matrices, and SM predictions made available in HEPData, and Rivet routine will be provided for future reinterpretation
- ▶ The m_{4l} measurement plays a role in constraining VLQs, and has the potential to constrain other BSM models
 - Quick and easy to do using Contur

Backup

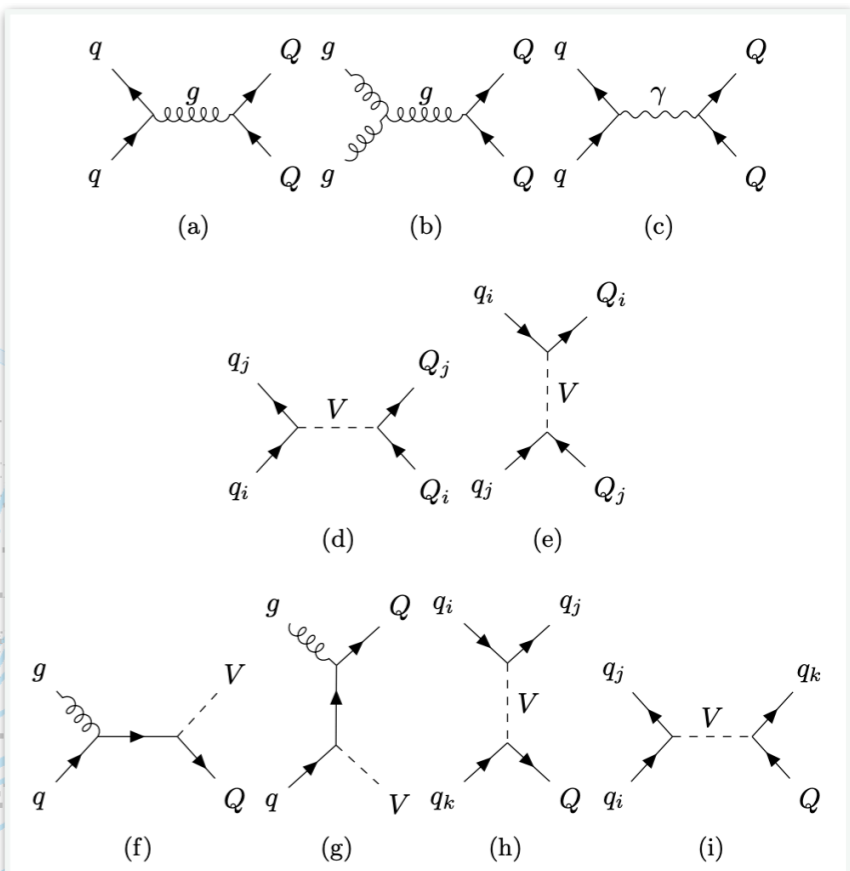


Unfolded results





- ▶ Vector-like quarks (VLQ) are the simplest type of coloured fermions still allowed by experimental data
- ▶ Typically, LHC searches assume coupling only to third-generation SM quarks
- ▶ We use **existing particle level measurements** to set more **general limits on novel scenarios**, such as mixing only with first or second generation



Pair production

Single production

Strong & EM interaction

Weak interaction

Coupling to SM quark generations ζ_i

$$\mathcal{L} = \kappa_T \left[\sqrt{\frac{\zeta_i \xi_W^T}{\Gamma_W^0}} \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{T}_{L/R} W_\mu^+ \gamma^\mu d_{L/R}^i] + \sqrt{\frac{\zeta_i \xi_Z^T}{\Gamma_Z^0}} \frac{g}{2c_W} [\bar{T}_{L/R} Z_\mu \gamma^\mu u_{L/R}^i] - \sqrt{\frac{\zeta_i \xi_H^T}{\Gamma_H^0}} \frac{M_T}{v} [\bar{T}_{R/L} H u_{L/R}^i] \right]$$

Overall coupling \mathbf{K}

$$+ \kappa_B \left[\sqrt{\frac{\zeta_i \xi_W^B}{\Gamma_W^0}} \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{B}_{L/R} W_\mu^- \gamma^\mu u_{L/R}^i] + \sqrt{\frac{\zeta_i \xi_Z^B}{\Gamma_Z^0}} \frac{g}{2c_W} [\bar{B}_{L/R} Z_\mu \gamma^\mu d_{L/R}^i] - \sqrt{\frac{\zeta_i \xi_H^B}{\Gamma_H^0}} \frac{M_B}{v} [\bar{B}_{R/L} H d_{L/R}^i] \right]$$

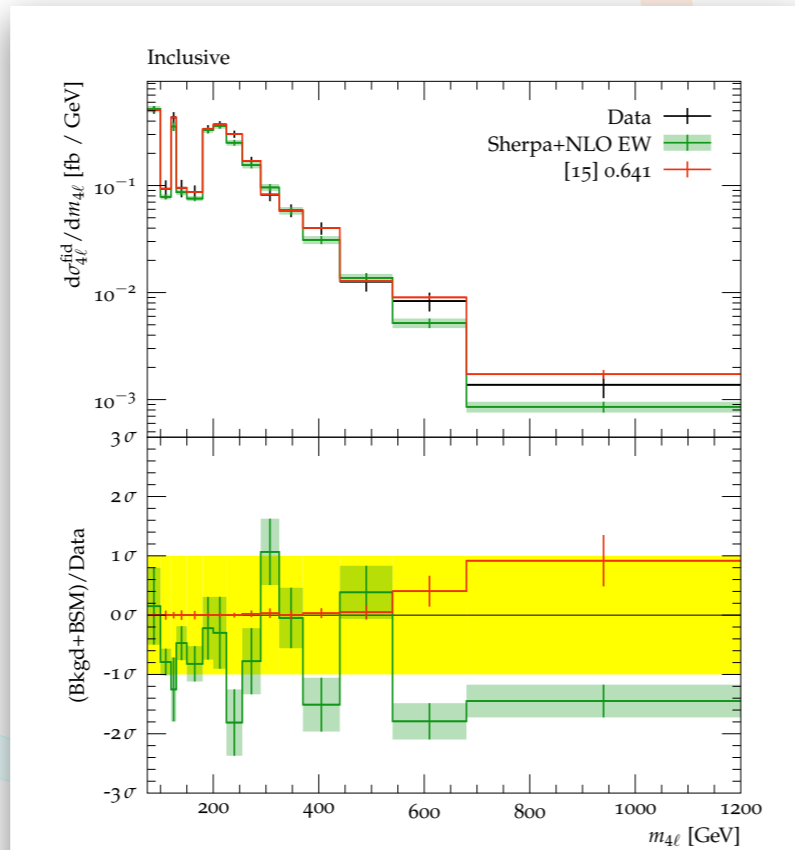
Coupling to weak bosons ξ_V

$$+ \kappa_X \left[\sqrt{\frac{\zeta_i}{\Gamma_W^0}} \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{X}_{L/R} W_\mu^+ \gamma^\mu u_{L/R}^i] \right] + \kappa_Y \left[\sqrt{\frac{\zeta_i}{\Gamma_W^0}} \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{Y}_{L/R} W_\mu^- \gamma^\mu d_{L/R}^i] \right] + \text{h.c.},$$

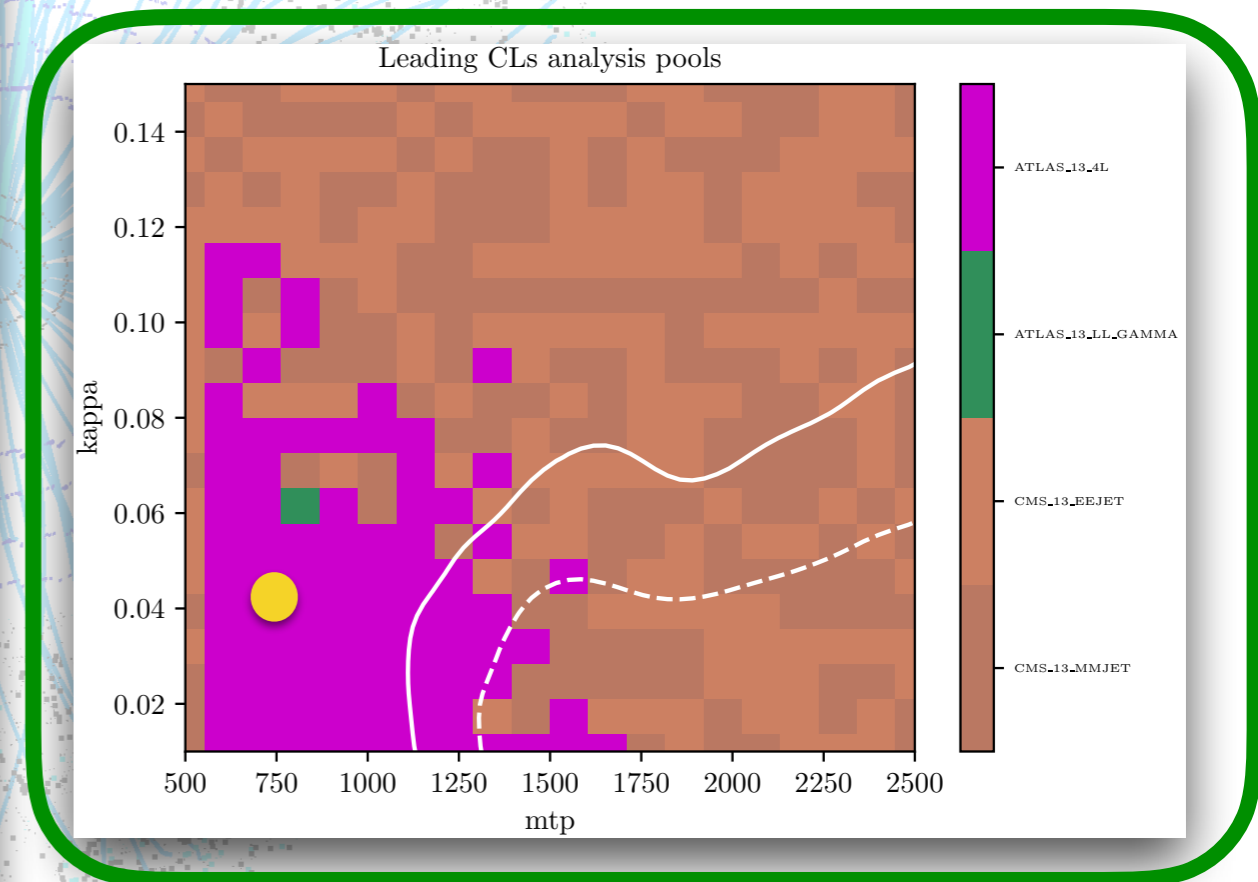
(1)

- ▶ $BR(Q \rightarrow V q_i) = \xi_V \zeta_i$ where $\sum_{V=W,Z,H} \xi_V = 1$, $\sum_{i=1}^3 \zeta_i = 1$;
- ▶ **T^{2/3}** and **B^{-1/3}** couple to W, Z, and H; **X^{5/3}** and **Y^{-4/3}** couple only to W boson

Previous
m4l measurement



Updated scan using
Contur 2.0.x and Rivet 3.1.4



Full Run 2
m4l measurement

