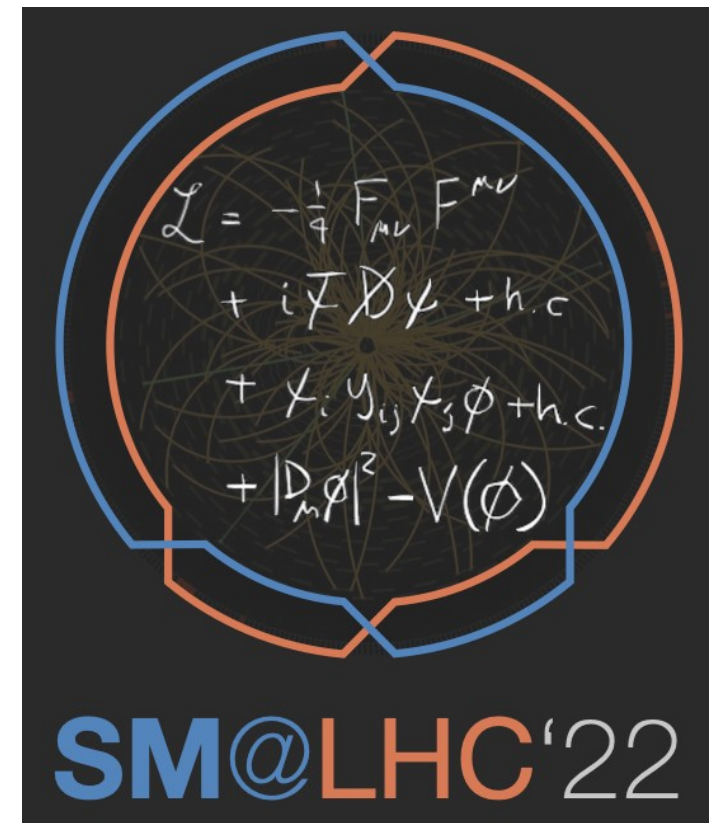


# AFB vs AW - impact on PDFs, SM parameters and BSM searches

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# The xFitter framework

The **xFitter** code is an open-source QCD fit framework which:

- Allows for extraction of PDFs
- Assesses the impact of new measurements on PDF through Hessian profiling or Bayesian reweighting
- Evaluate consistency of experimental data
- Test various theoretical assumptions

Over 100 publications since the beginning of the project:

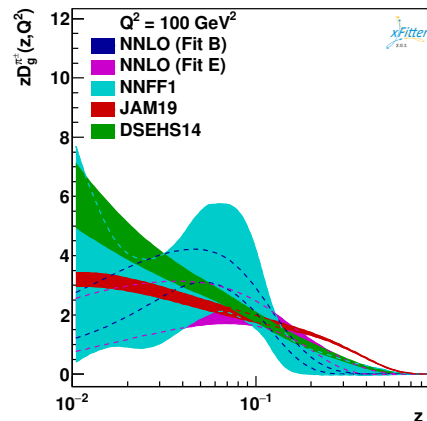
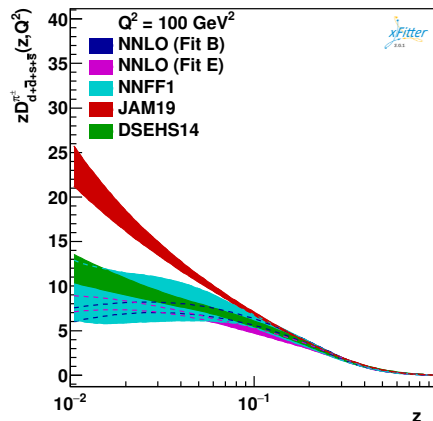
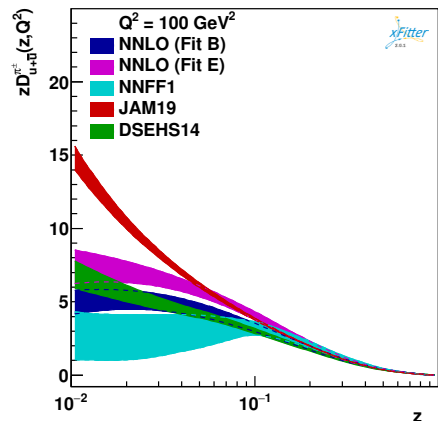
<https://www.xfitter.org/xFitter/xFitter/results>



Recent results:

**Determination of Pion PDF:** [Phys. Rev. D 102, 014040 \(2020\)](#)

**Pion fragmentation functions (FF):** [Phys. Rev. D 104, 056019 \(2021\)](#)



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# The Forward-Backward Asymmetry

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

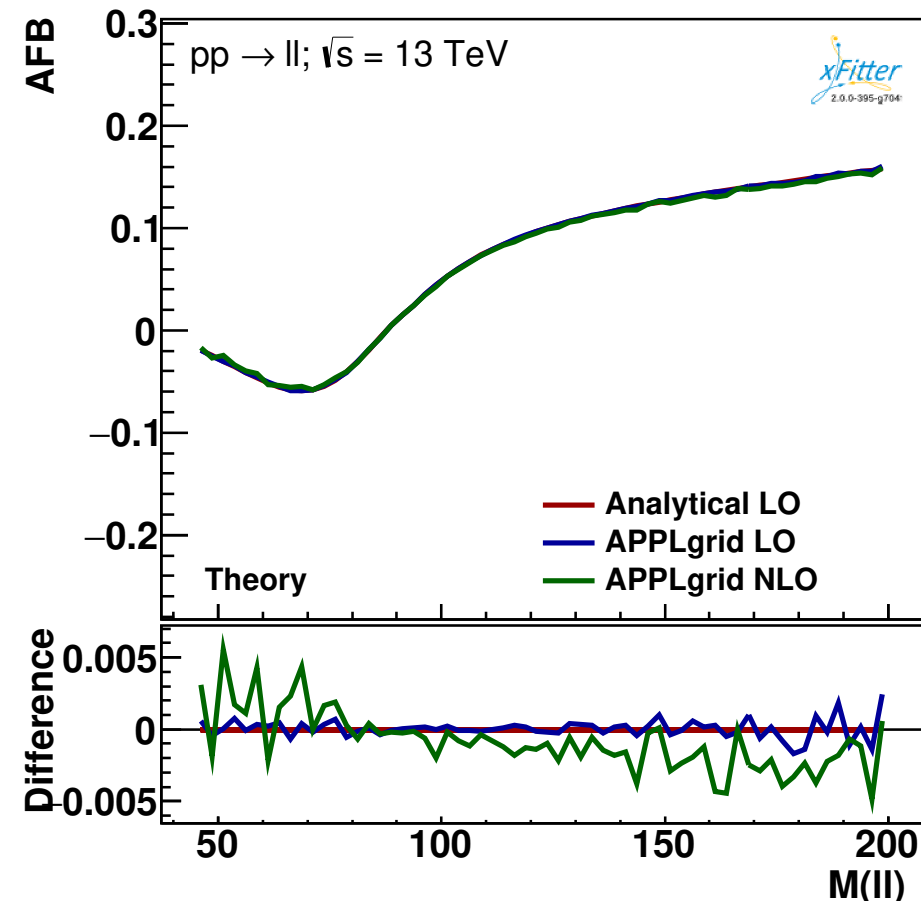
$$\sigma_F = \int_0^1 \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} d\cos\theta, \quad \sigma_B = \int_{-1}^0 \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} d\cos\theta$$

Angle  $\theta$  defined by the direction between the incoming quark and the lepton in the final state.

**At the LHC we can observe the reconstructed  $A_{FB}^*$**

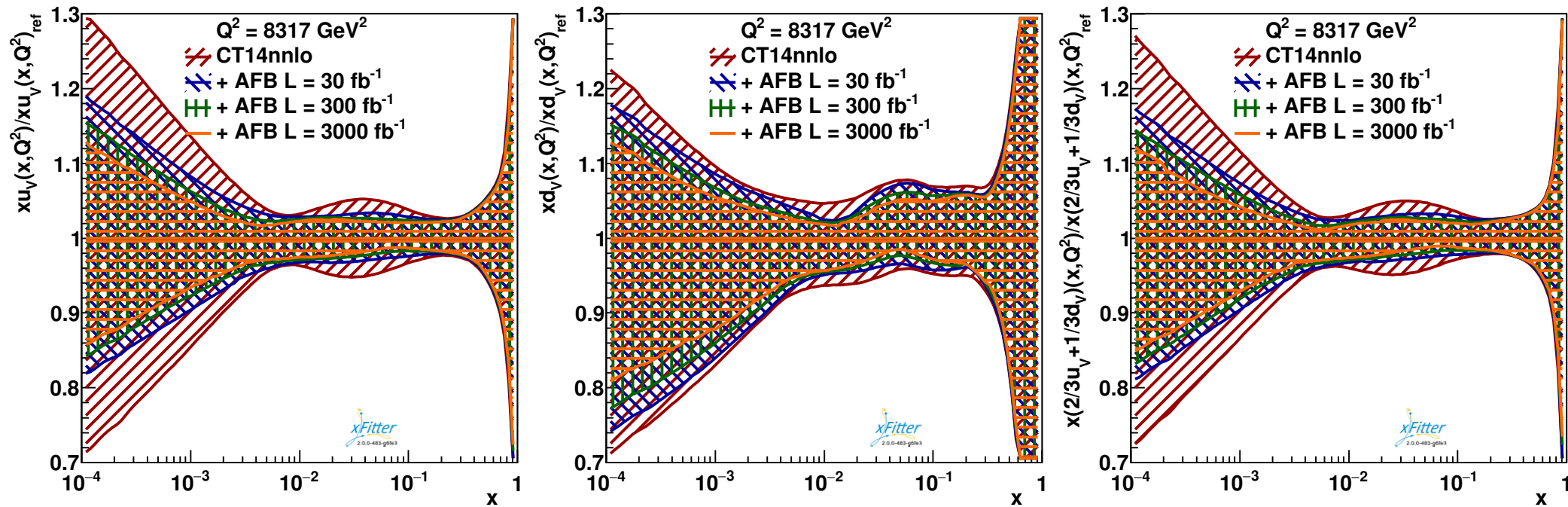
At LO the direction of the incoming quark is defined by the boost of the di-lepton system.  
At NLO the angle is defined in the Collins-Soper frame.

- Modern PDFs well describe existing experimental data.
- NLO corrections using MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO interfaced to APPLgrid through aMCfast.
- $A_{FB}$  pseudodata for 13 TeV LHC with precision corresponding to integrated luminosities stages of **30 fb<sup>-1</sup>, 300 fb<sup>-1</sup> and 3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>**, including detector acceptance and efficiency in the di-electron final state.
- Different lower rapidity cuts considered



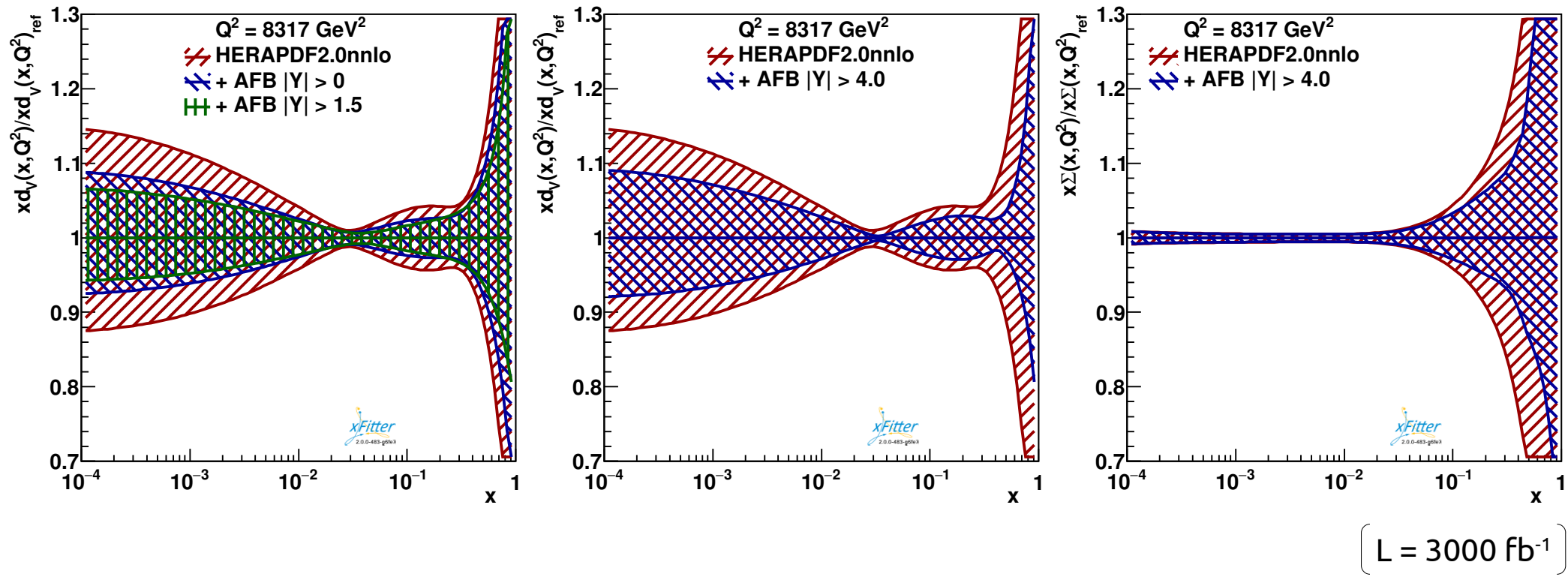


# Profiling with $A_{FB}$



- $A_{FB}$  (related to the angular coefficient  $A_4 = 8/3 A_{FB}$ ) is parity violating and sensitive to the flavor non-singlet PDFs.
- Sensitive to  $\sin^2\theta_w$  however the results of the analysis are robust against variations in the choice of this parameter.
- The profiling with  $A_{FB}$  pseudodata leads to large reductions of uncertainty on  $u$  and  $d$  valence quarks PDFs, and particularly on the linear combination  $2/3 u_v + 1/3 d_v$ .
- Improvement is concentrated in low and intermediate Bjorken  $x$  regions.

# Profiling with $A_{FB}$



- High- $x$  regions can be accessed applying specific rapidity cuts.
- Remarkable improvement in valence and sea quark distributions for  $x > 10^{-1}$  when employing  $A_{FB}$  pseudodata in the very high rapidity region.
- The reduced statistic due to the strong rapidity cuts requires high integrated luminosity.

# The Lepton-charge asymmetry

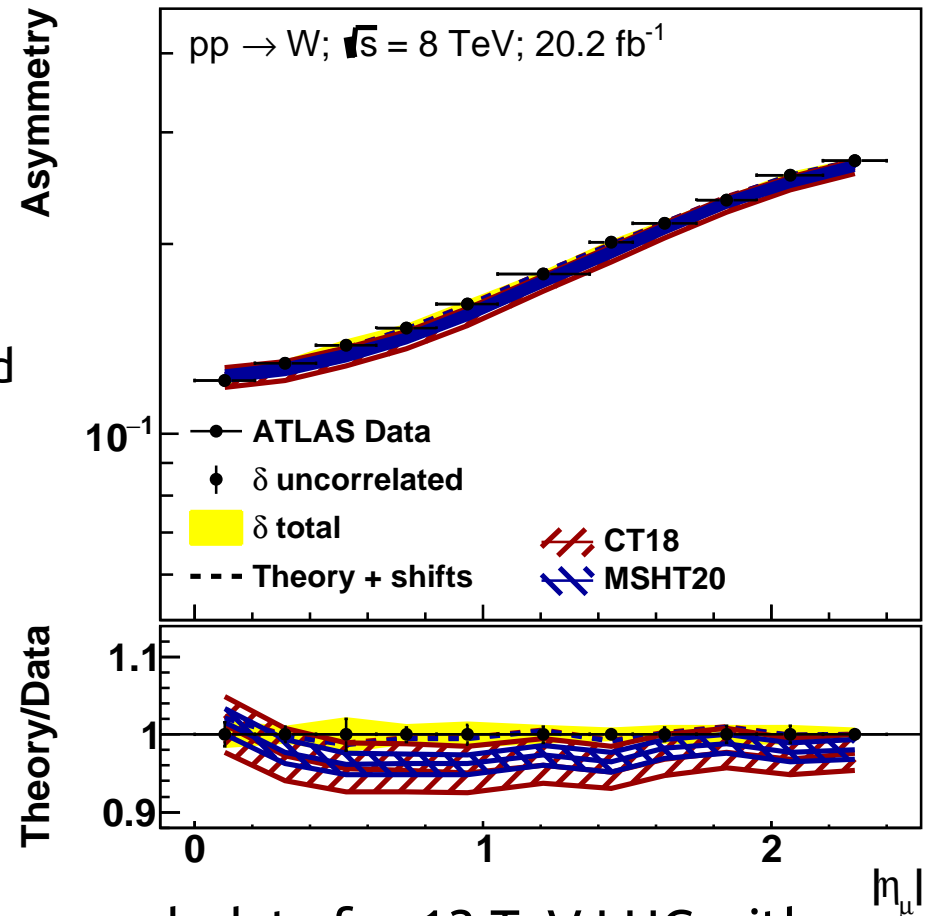
$$A_W = \frac{d\sigma_{W^+}/d\eta_\ell - d\sigma_{W^-}/d\eta_\ell}{d\sigma_{W^+}/d\eta_\ell + d\sigma_{W^-}/d\eta_\ell}$$

Calculations at **NLO QCD** accuracy, supplemented with **NNLO QCD** correction through **K-factor**.

Modern PDF sets well describe  $A_W$  data

PDF set	$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$
CT18NNLO	10.26/11
CT18ANNLO	11.29/11
MSHT20nnlo_as118	12.18/11
NNPDF3.1_nnlo_as_0118_hessian	14.88/11
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ABMP16_5_nnlo	18.21/11
HERAPDF20_NNLO_EIG	8.92/11

Asymmetry

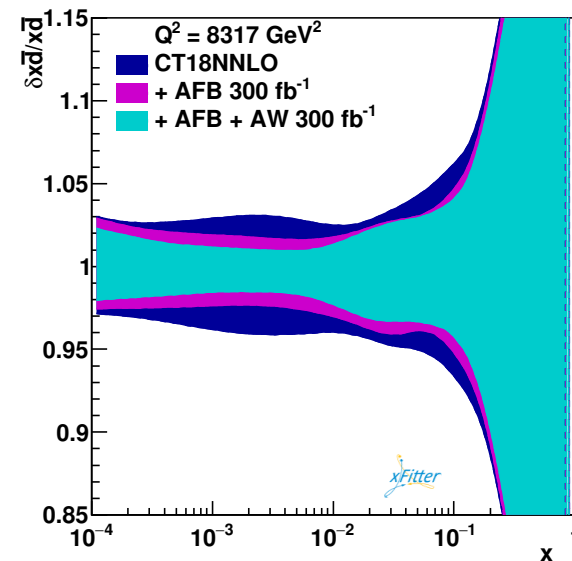
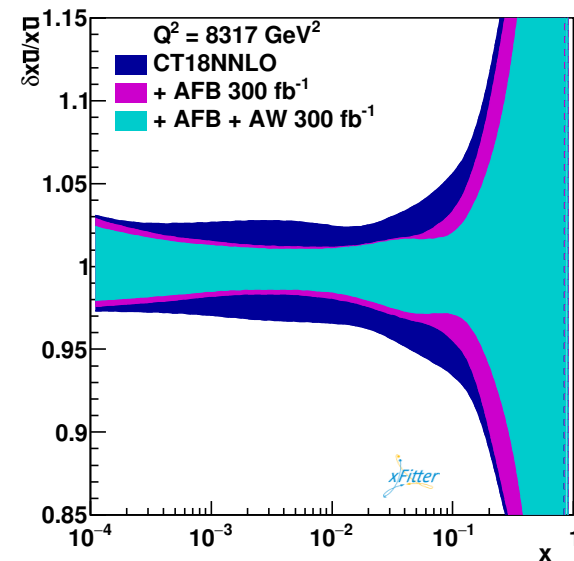
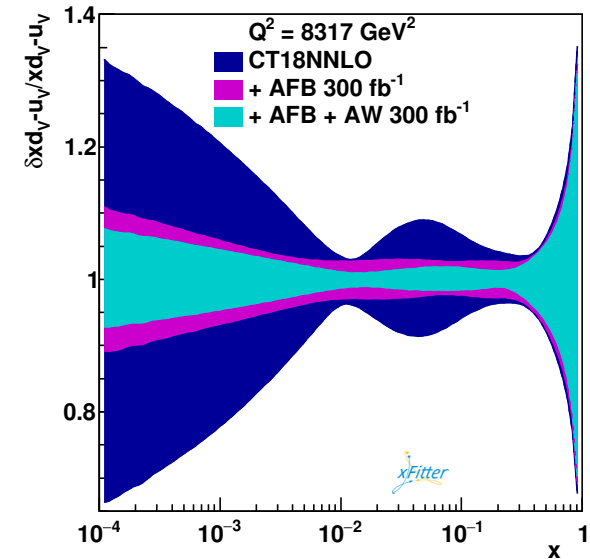
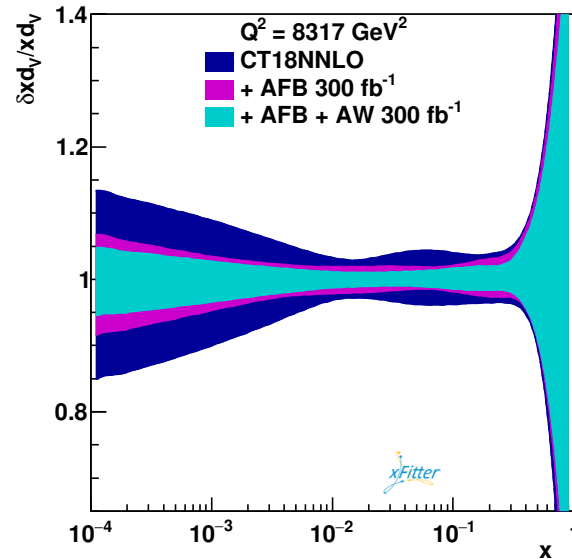
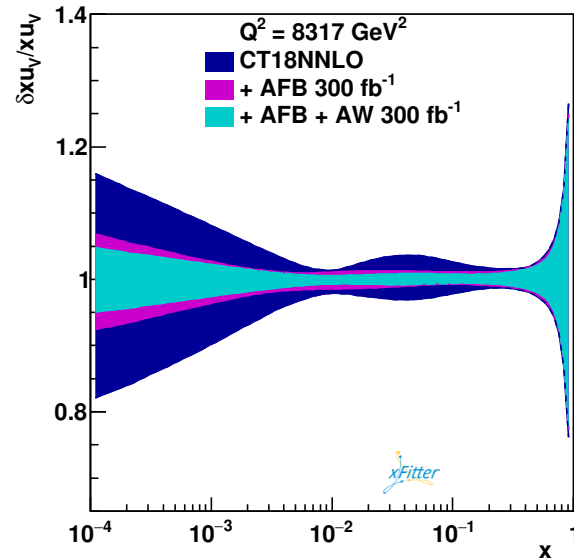


$A_W$  pseudodata for 13 TeV LHC with precision corresponding to integrated luminosities stages:

- $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (end of LHC Run-III)
- $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (HL-LHC stage)

# Combining $A_W$ and $A_{FB}$

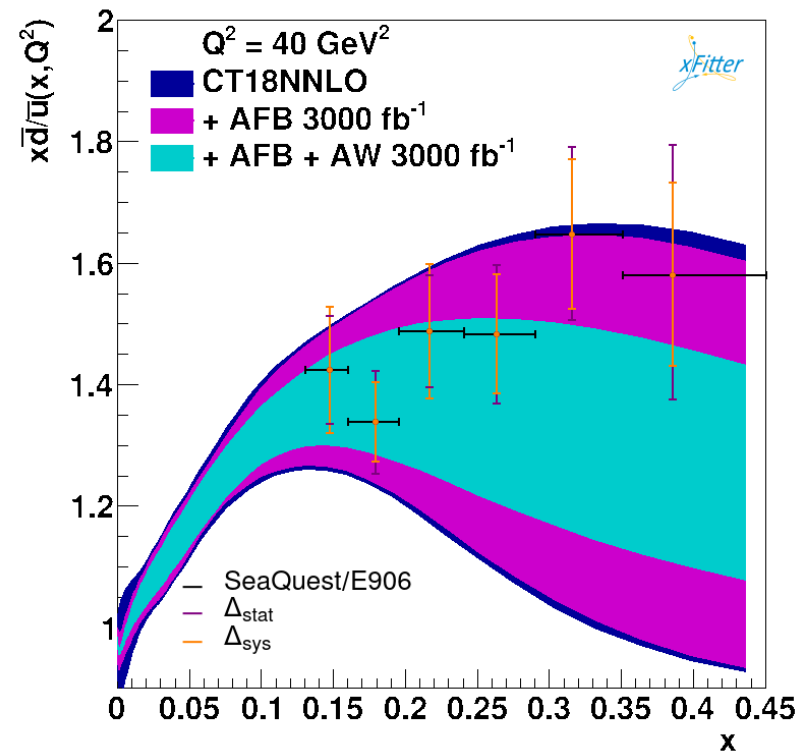
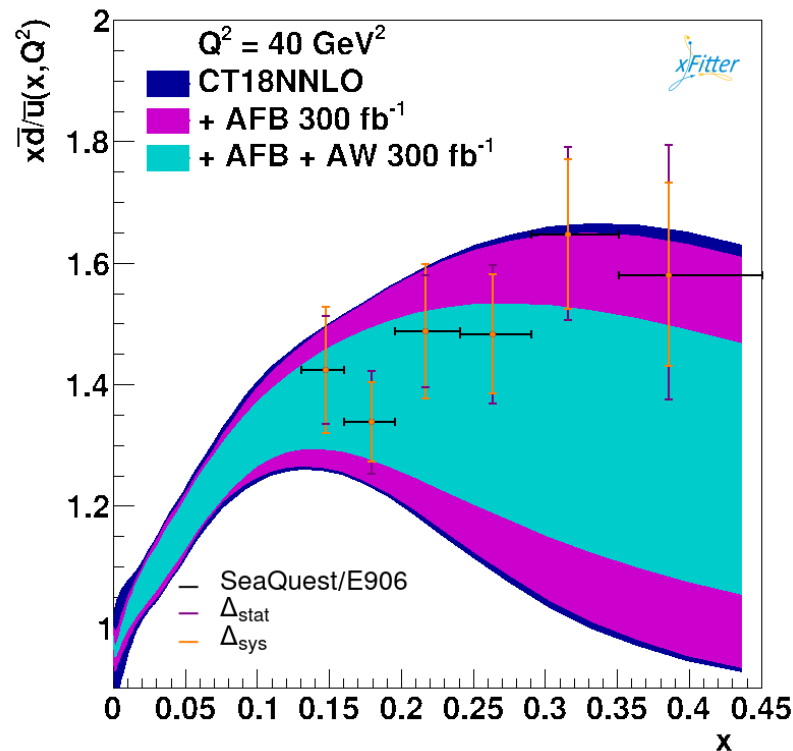
CT18NNLO +  $A_{FB}$  +  $A_W$



Saturation of uncertainty reduction  
from 300 fb<sup>-1</sup> to 3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>.

- Visible reduction in valence quark PDFs in low and intermediate  $x$  region.
- $A_W$  most sensitive to the combination  $d_v - u_v$ .
- The combination of  $A_W$  and  $A_{FB}$  can further reduce the PDF error bands.
- Large reduction in  $\bar{u}$  PDF in the high  $x$  region and in  $\bar{d}$  PDF in the intermediate  $x$  region.

# $A_W$ for proton antimatter asymmetry



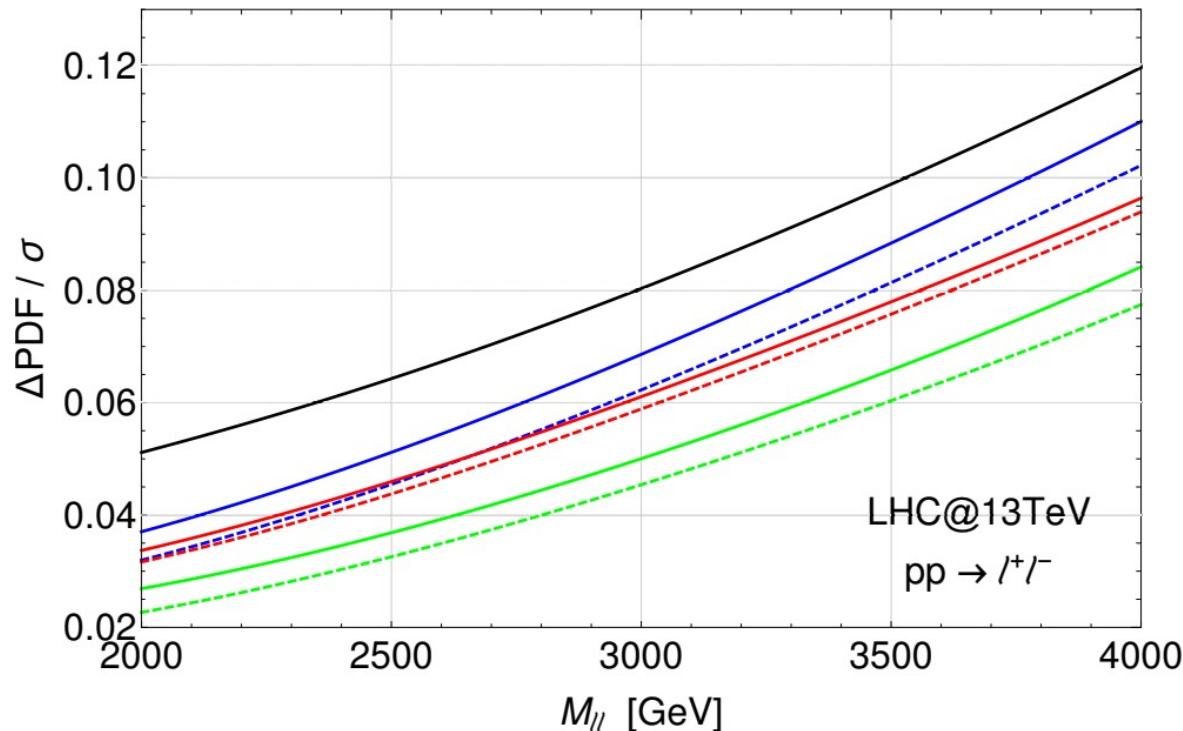
[SeaQuest Collaboration, Nature 590 \(2021\) 7847, 561-565](#)

$A_W$  data carries relevant information on the anti-quark PDFs in the high  $x$  region, and would provide a significant reduction of uncertainty bands in the region of interest.

(REMARK: real data would most certainly modify the central values as well)

# BSM high mass searches

Significant reduction of uncertainties in the high transverse/invariant mass spectra for BSM searches.



## Dilepton high invariant mass:

- CT18NNLO
- CT18NNLO +  $A_{\text{FB}}$  300  $\text{fb}^{-1}$
- - CT18NNLO +  $A_{\text{FB}}$  3000  $\text{fb}^{-1}$
- CT18NNLO +  $A_W$  300  $\text{fb}^{-1}$
- - CT18NNLO +  $A_W$  3000  $\text{fb}^{-1}$
- CT18NNLO +  $A_{\text{FB}}$  +  $A_W$  300  $\text{fb}^{-1}$
- - CT18NNLO +  $A_{\text{FB}}$  +  $A_W$  3000  $\text{fb}^{-1}$

Original PDF uncertainty (i.e.) at 4 TeV from 12% is reduced to:

- 11% (10.2%) by  $A_{\text{FB}}$  300 (3000)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  data
- 9.6% (9.4%) by  $A_W$  300 (3000)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  data
- 8.4% (7.8%) by combination of  $A_{\text{FB}}$  and  $A_W$  300 (3000)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  data

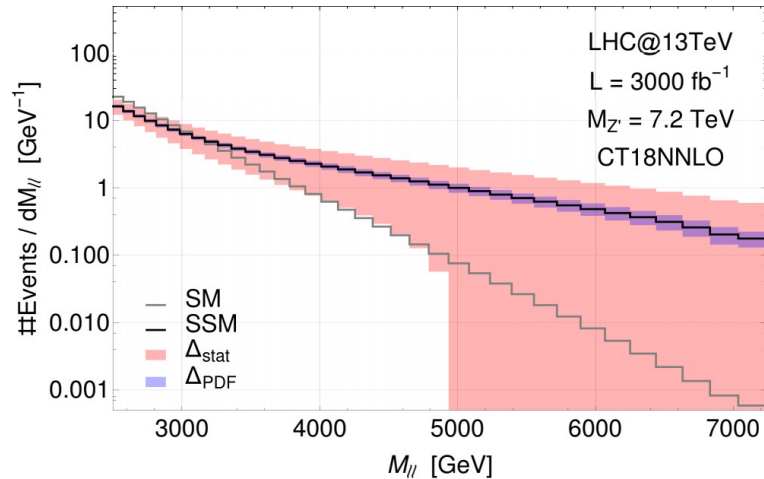
# BSM resonances detection

PDF uncertainties are relevant in searches for non-resonant objects.

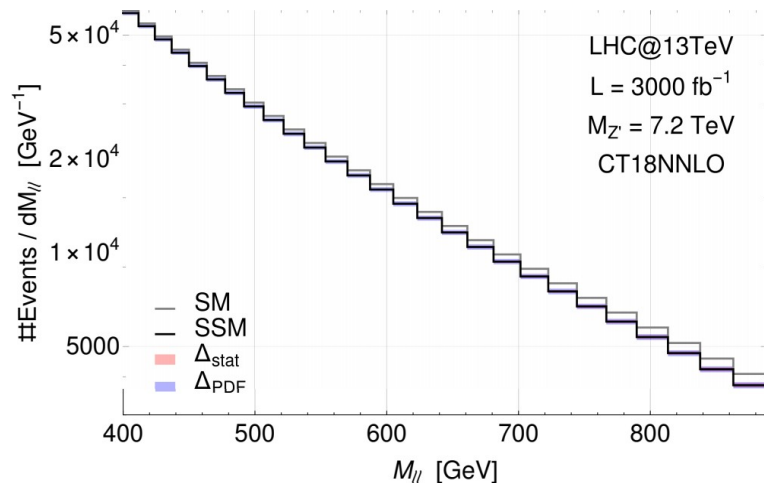
Benchmark: Enhanced SSM model

(same as SSM with BSM gauge coupling augmented by factor 3)

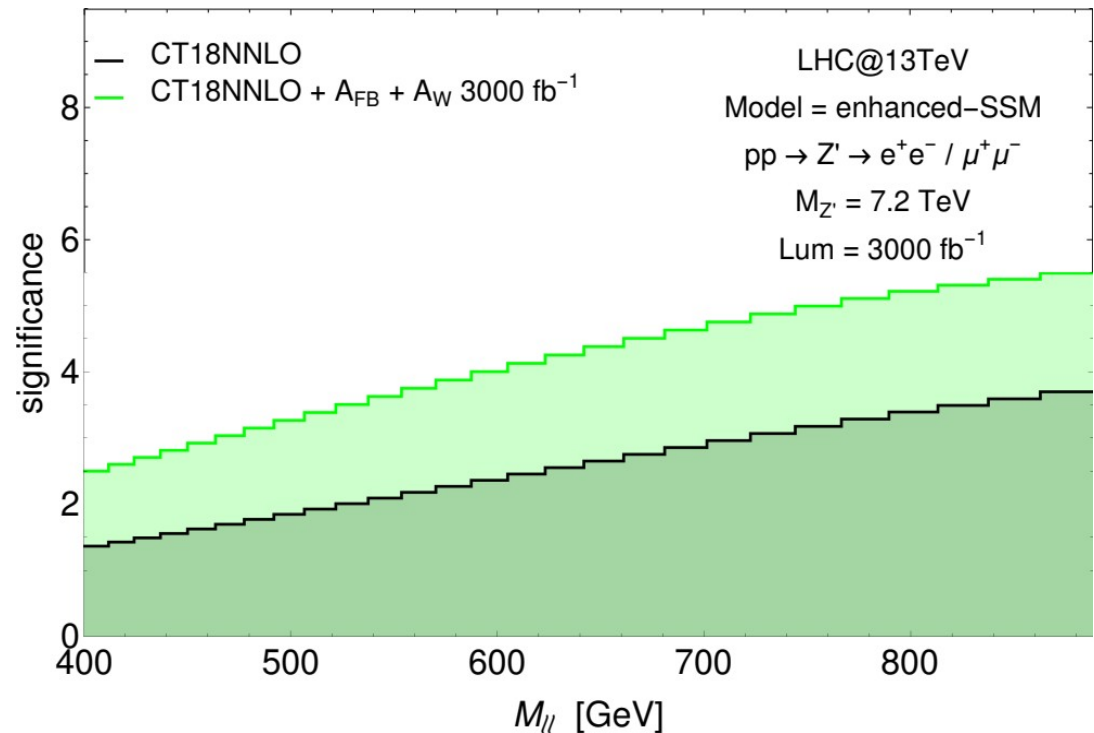
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High invariant mass excess is non-significant



Significant depletion of events due to interference in the low invariant mass tail



Early evidence of BSM physics significantly improved by reduction of PDF uncertainty



# Case study: the 4DCHM

- **The Higgs boson is a bound state arising from a strong dynamics.**
  - The Higgs boson is a pseudo Nambu-Goldstone boson from the breaking  $G \rightarrow H$
  - The most studied in the literature is the case of  $SO(5) / SO(4)$   
[Agashe, Contino, Pomarol, Nucl. Phys. B719, \(2005\), 183](#)
- **The particle content of the model is:**
  - **5  $Z'$**  (only  $Z_2, Z_3$  and  $Z_5$  coupled to the SM)
  - **3  $W'$**  (only  $W_2$  and  $W_3$  coupled to the SM)

The BSM gauge bosons can have arbitrary width depending on the opened decay channels (particularly the ones associated to their decay into exotic heavy fermions).

- **Relevant model parameters:**
  - New gauge coupling  $g_\rho$
  - Compositeness scale  $f$
- **Gauge boson masses:**
  - For  $Z_2, Z_3$  and  $W_2$  roughly  $m_\rho = f g_\rho$
  - For  $Z_5$  and  $W_3$  roughly  $\sqrt{2}m_\rho$
  - Fine corrections proportional to  $\xi = v^2 / f^2$  after the symmetries breaking.

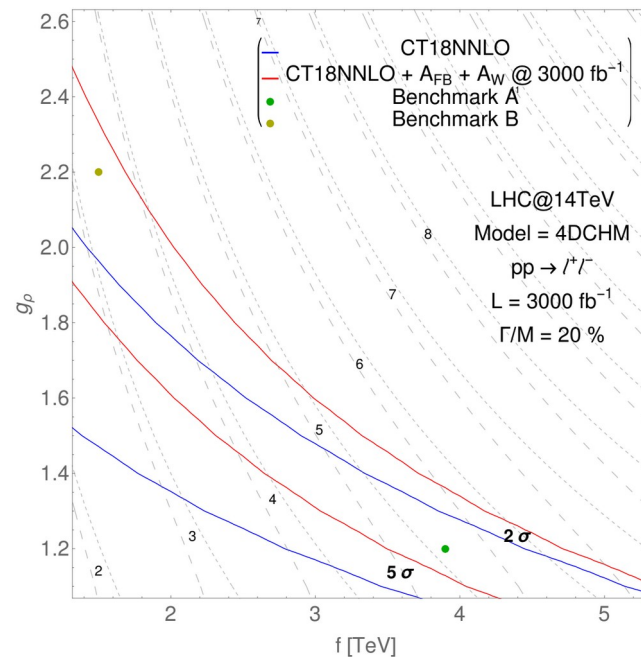
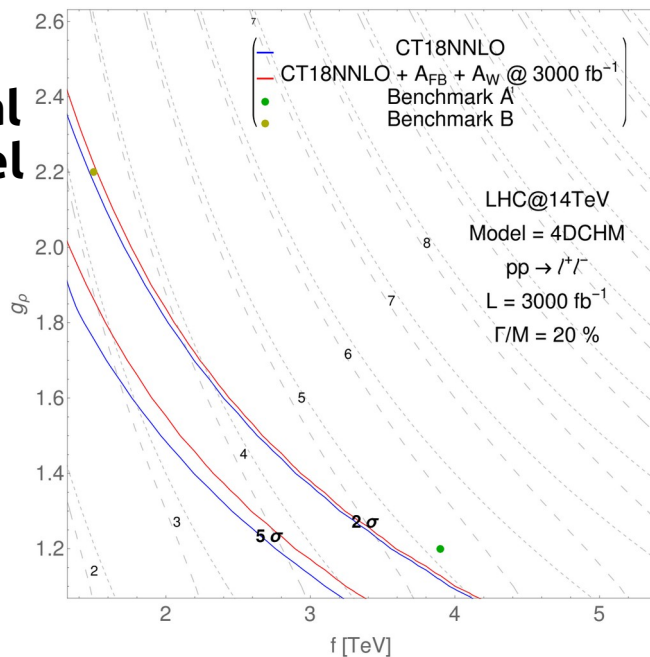


# BSM searches in the 4DCHM

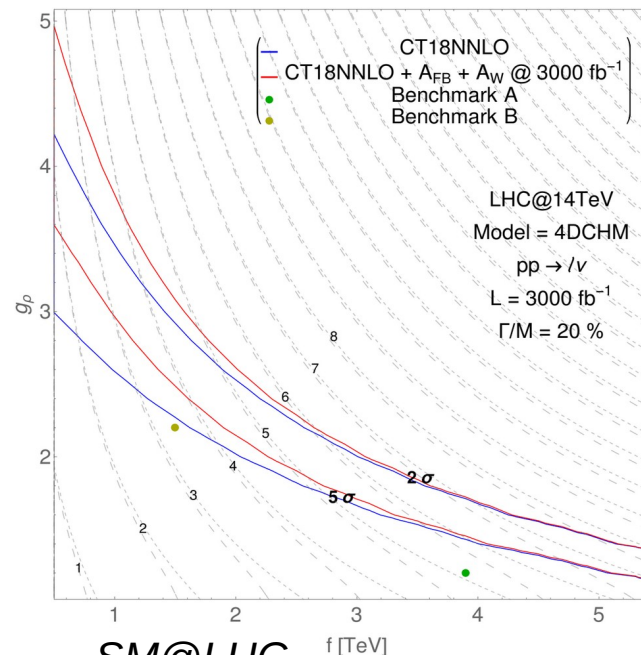
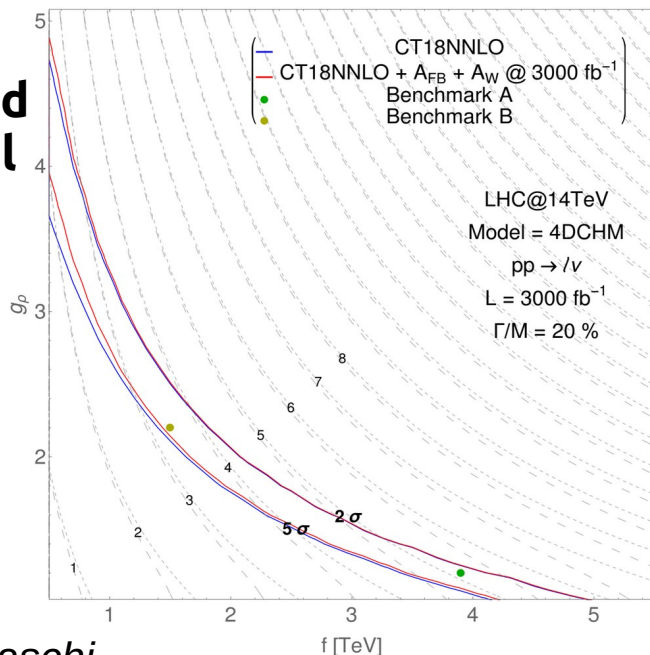
## Peak region

## Dip region

### Neutral channel



### Charged channel



➤ Depletion of events in the dip region from strong interference effects in the neutral channel can be used to set strong model dependent constraints.

➤ Predictions for the dip region are sensibly improved by the profiling.

➤ Searches in the charged channel are more constraining.

➤ In the charged channel smaller improvement from PDF profiling in the dip region because of milder interference effects.

➤ Combined searches can improve the limits exploiting the correlation between neutral and charged resonances.

# BSM searches in the 4DCHM

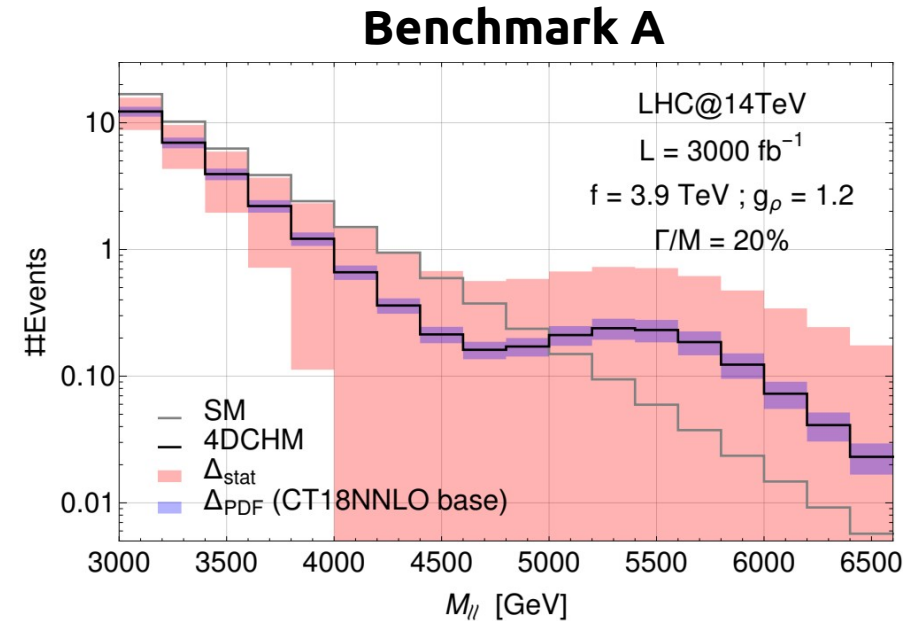
## Benchmark resonances sensitivities: Neutral channel

**Peak**

Benchmark A			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
4.99	8.90	$1.36 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3.87 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$8.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$5.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	1.31	1.35

Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
3.36	5.52	$5.97 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.34 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$9.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$5.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.88	2.10

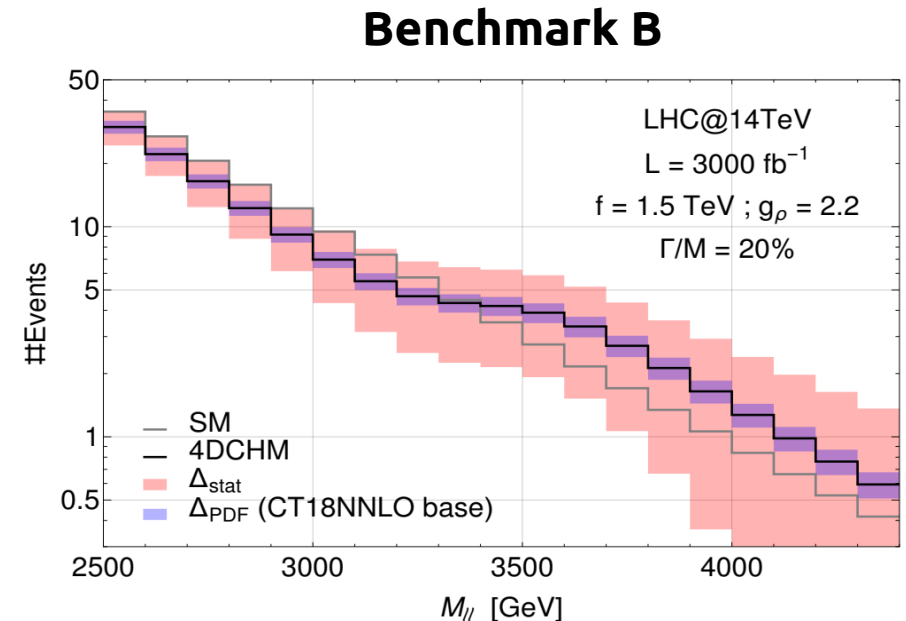


**Dip**

Benchmark A			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
2.06	4.99	$1.69 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.42 \cdot 10^{-1}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$9.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	3.34	4.82

Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
1.36	3.36	1.53	1.45
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$6.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.53	2.91



# BSM searches in the 4DCHM

## Benchmark resonances sensitivities: Charged channel

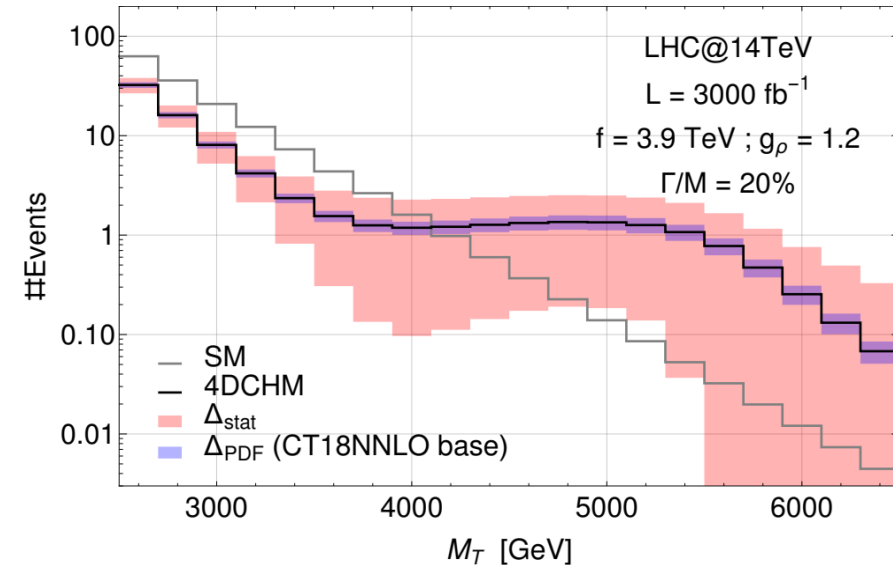
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4.11	8.90	$8.13 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3.51 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$6.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$5.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	2.69	2.75
Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
3.03	5.52	$1.22 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.36 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$2.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	4.00	4.24

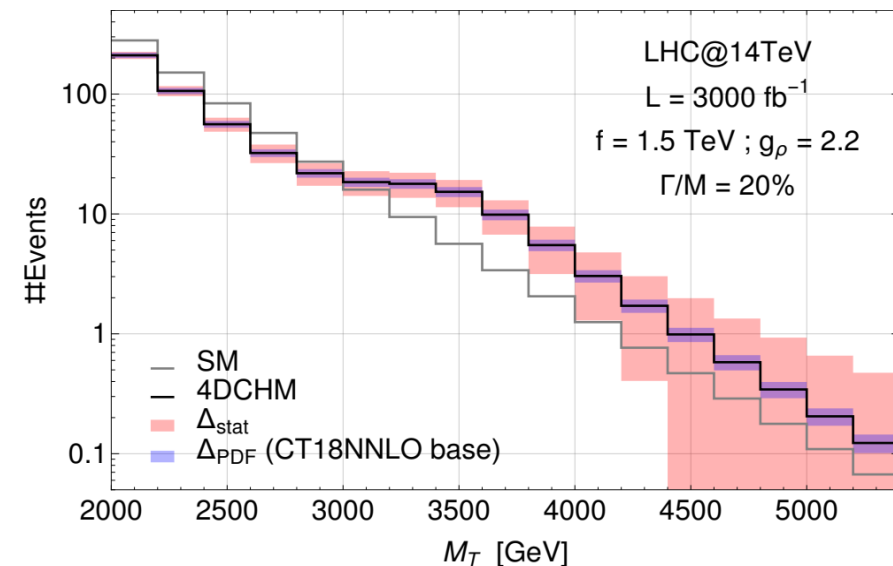
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inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
2.22	4.11	$1.07 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.71 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$3.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	11.16	12.21
Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
1.38	3.03	1.60	1.36
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$5.7 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	5.51	7.89

Benchmark A



Benchmark B



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# Conclusions

- PDF uncertainties represent a strong limiting factor in the extraction of many SM quantities as well as in the sensitivity to certain BSM searches.
- Drell-Yan data has the potential to set important constraints on PDF determination, thanks to its experimental high statistical precision and high accuracy of the theoretical predictions.
- We assessed the impact of future DY neutral ( $A_{FB}$ ) and charged ( $A_W$ ) asymmetries data on PDF determination through a profiling:
  - Strong constraints on valence quark PDFs, comparable sensitivity of  $A_W$  and  $A_{FB}$ .
  - Significant constraints on anti-quark PDFs, particularly from  $A_W$  measurements at high  $x$ .
- Reduction of PDF uncertainties will consequently improve:
  - the determination of SM quantities.
  - the sensitivity in BSM searches (particularly for non-resonant states).
- Future prospects:
  - Simultaneous fit to all the angular coefficients  $A_i$  ( $A_0$  already studied, see backup)
  - Dedicated analysis on  $M_W$  and  $\sin^2\theta_W$  determination.

# Thank you!

# Backup slides

# Neutral Drell-Yan

Expansion of the full differential cross section in terms of the angular coefficients  $A_i$ :

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^Z dy^Z dm^Z d\cos\theta d\phi} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{d\sigma^{U+L}}{dp_T^Z dy^Z dm^Z} \quad \text{Unpolarised cross-section}$$

$$\left\{ (1 + \cos^2\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \underline{A_0}(1 - 3\cos^2\theta) + A_1 \sin 2\theta \cos\phi \right.$$

*Helicity cross-sections*

$$+ \frac{1}{2} A_2 \sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi + A_3 \sin\theta \cos\phi + \underline{A_4} \cos\theta$$

$$+ A_5 \sin^2\theta \sin 2\phi + A_6 \sin 2\theta \sin\phi + A_7 \sin\theta \sin\phi \left. \right\}.$$

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[JHEP 10 \(2019\) 176](#)

Angles measured in the  
Collins-Soper frame



# Drell-Yan angular coefficients

$$\langle 1 + \cos^2 \theta \rangle$$

Normalization of the unpolarised cross-section

$$\langle \frac{1}{2}(1 - 3\cos^2 \theta) \rangle = \frac{3}{20}(A_0 - \frac{2}{3})$$

Longitudinal polarisation

$$\langle \sin 2\theta \cos \phi \rangle = \frac{1}{5}A_1$$

Interference term: longitudinal/transverse

$$\langle \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \rangle = \frac{1}{10}A_2$$

Transverse polarisation

$$\langle \sin \theta \cos \phi \rangle = \frac{1}{4}A_3$$

Product of V-A couplings, sensitive to the Weinberg angle

$$\langle \cos \theta \rangle = \frac{1}{4}A_4$$

$8/3 \cdot A_{FB}$ , non-zero at LO

$$\langle \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\phi \rangle = \frac{1}{5}A_5$$



$$\langle \sin 2\theta \sin \phi \rangle = \frac{1}{5}A_6$$

Zero at NLO, first contributions at NNLO

$$\langle \sin \theta \sin \phi \rangle = \frac{1}{4}A_7$$

$$\langle P(\cos \theta, \phi) \rangle = \frac{\int P(\cos \theta, \phi) d\sigma(\cos \theta, \phi) d\cos \theta d\phi}{\int d\sigma(\cos \theta, \phi) d\cos \theta d\phi}$$

# $A_{FB}$

$$\sigma_F = \int_0^1 \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} d\cos\theta, \quad \sigma_B = \int_{-1}^0 \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} d\cos\theta$$

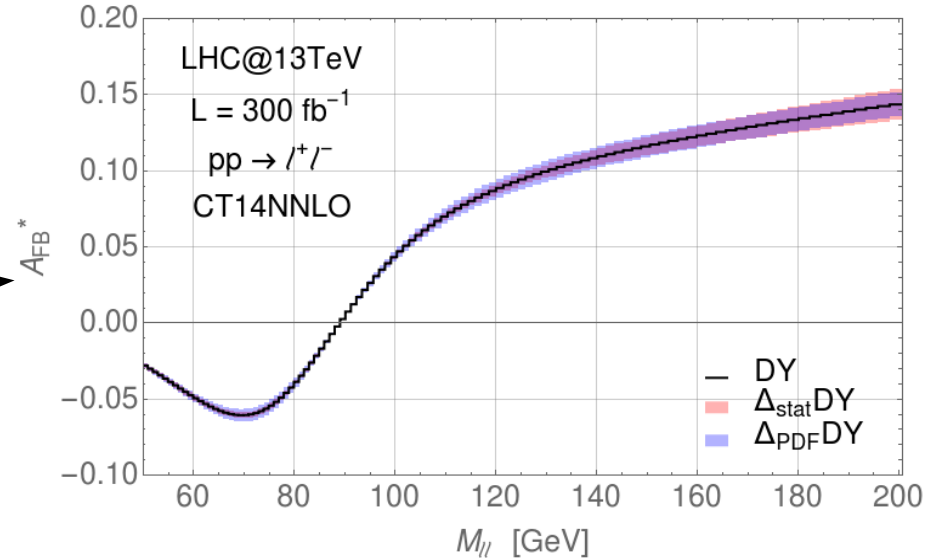
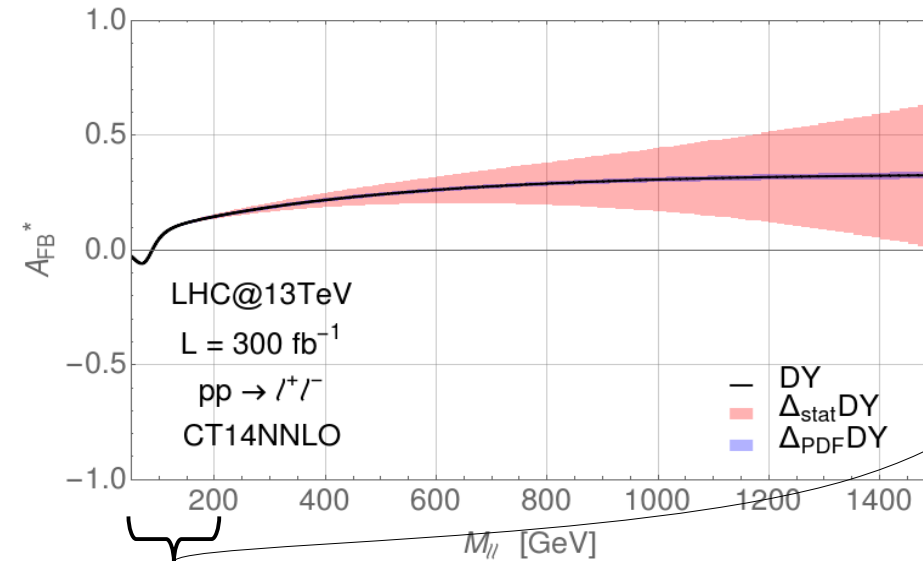
The angle  $\theta$  is defined as the direction between the incoming quark and the lepton in the final state.  
In pp collisions, the c.o.m. frame is unobservable.

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

**At the LHC we can observe the reconstructed  $A_{FB}^*$**

At LO the direction of the incoming quark is defined by the boost of the di-lepton system.

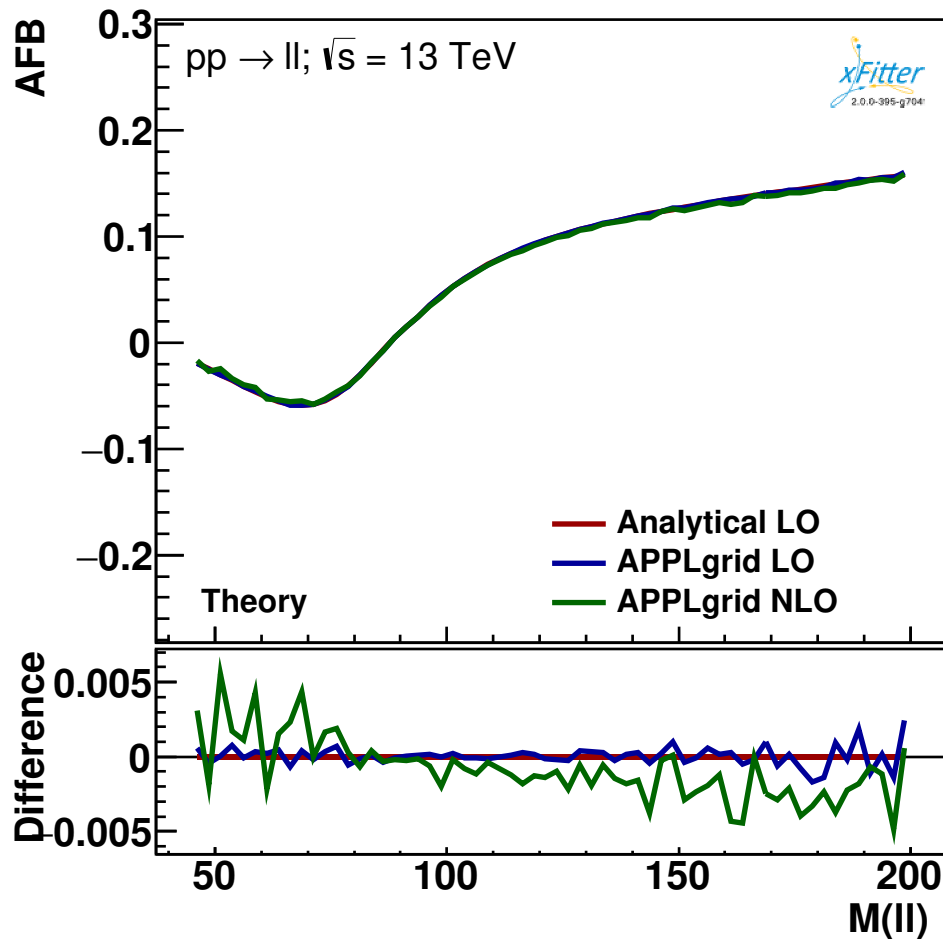
At NLO the angle is defined in the Collins-Soper frame.



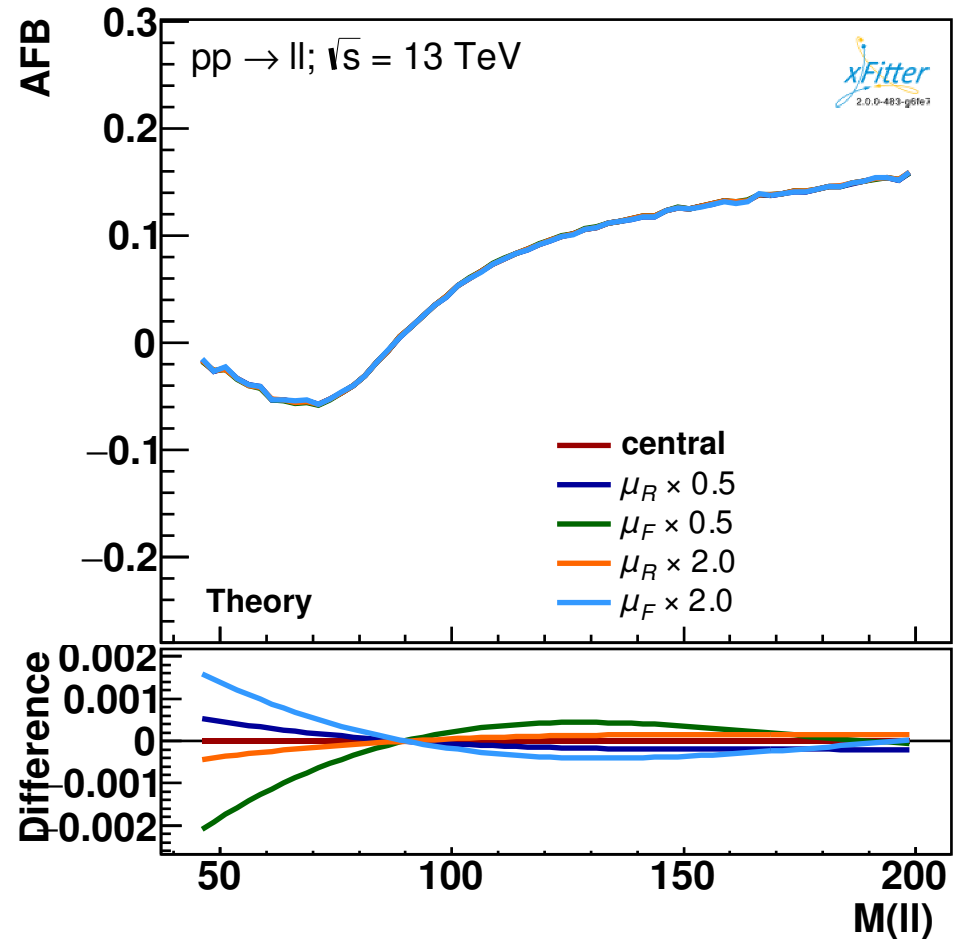
$A_{FB}$  has smaller systematic but larger statistical error compared to cross section measurements.

- High-invariant mass region: dominated by statistical uncertainties.
- Z peak region: high-stats to perform very precise measurements.

# Neutral channel asymmetry



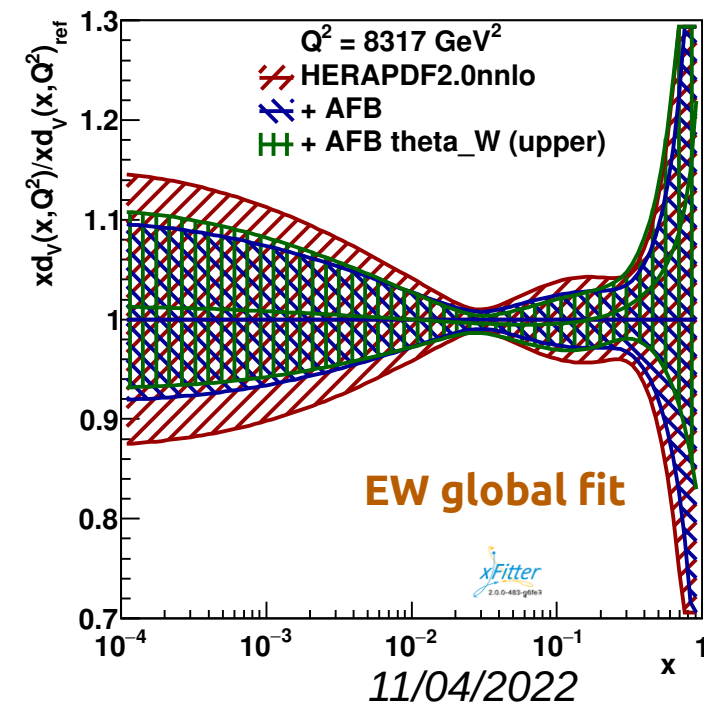
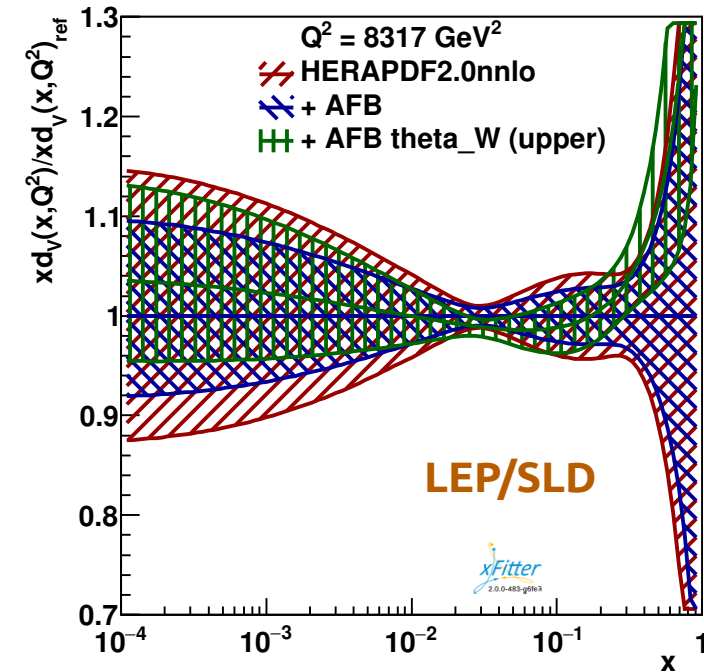
Radiative corrections are small.



Theory uncertainty from scale variation under control.

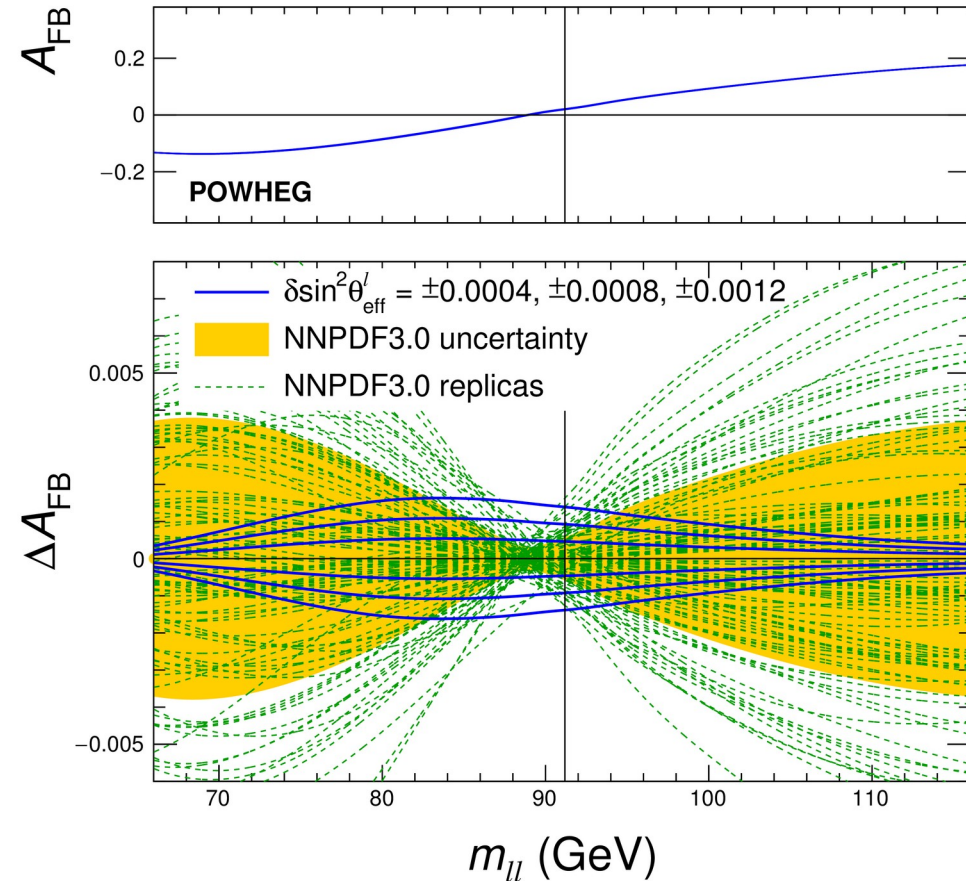
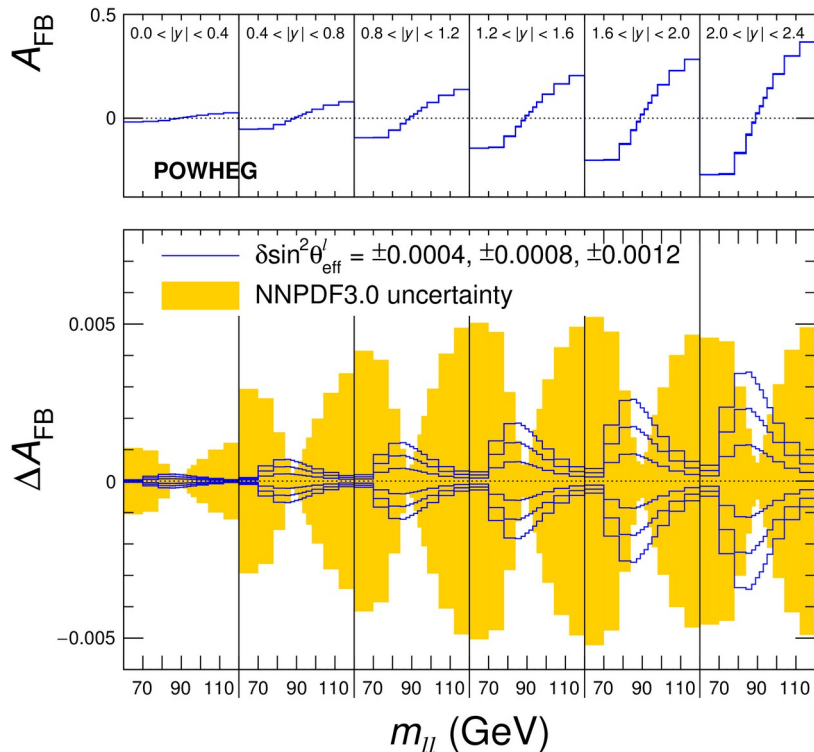
# $A_{\text{FB}}$ and $\sin^2\theta_w$

- Theoretical uncertainty from the employed value of  $\sin^2\theta_w$
- Most accurate measurement from LEP and SLD data:  
 $\Delta\sin^2\theta_w = 16 \times 10^{-5} \rightarrow |\Delta A_{\text{FB}}| < 10^{-4}$   
[Phys.Rept. 427 \(2006\) 257-454](#)
- Most accurate prediction from EW global fit:  
 $\Delta\sin^2\theta_w = 6 \times 10^{-5} \rightarrow |\Delta A_{\text{FB}}| < 4 \times 10^{-5}$   
[Eur.Phys.J.C 78 \(2018\) 8, 675](#)
- Some differences in the profiled curves
- Deviations of  $A_{\text{FB}}$  generally small compared to statistical or other systematical uncertainties



# PDFs and $\sin^2\theta_w$

- Extraction of  $\sin^2\theta_{\text{eff}}$  is performed through  $A_{\text{FB}}$  measurements.
- PDFs are the main source of uncertainty.
- Ongoing studies by LHC-EW-WG to provide different global fits and correlations between PDF sets.



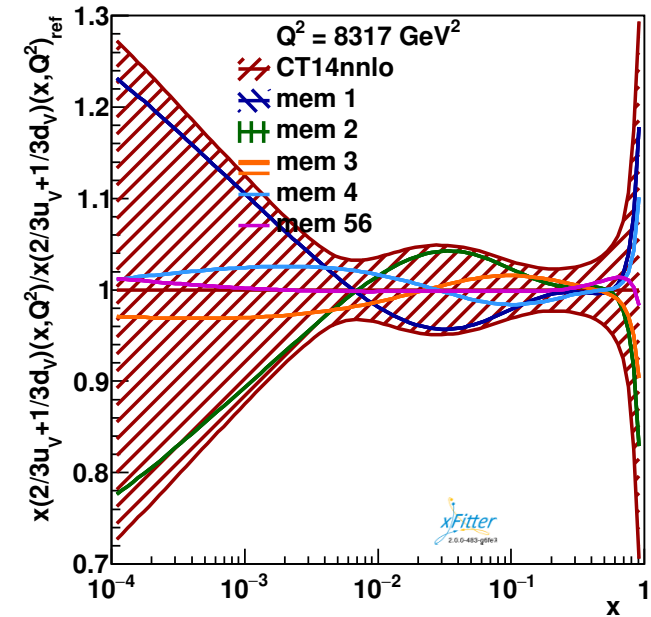
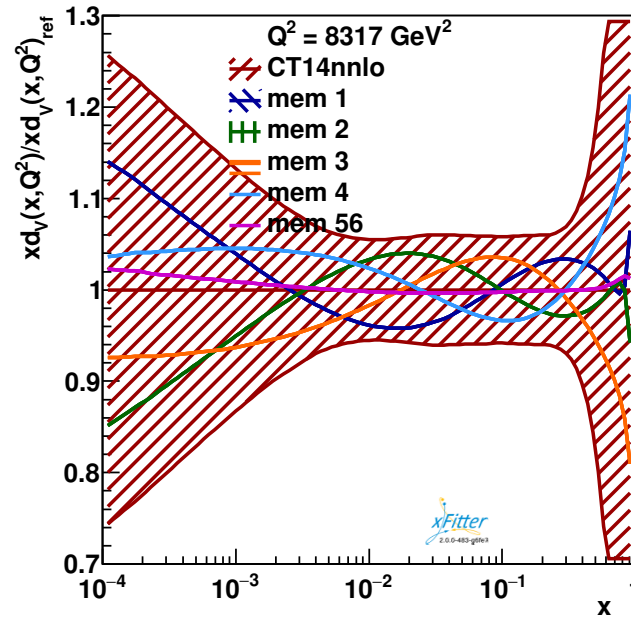
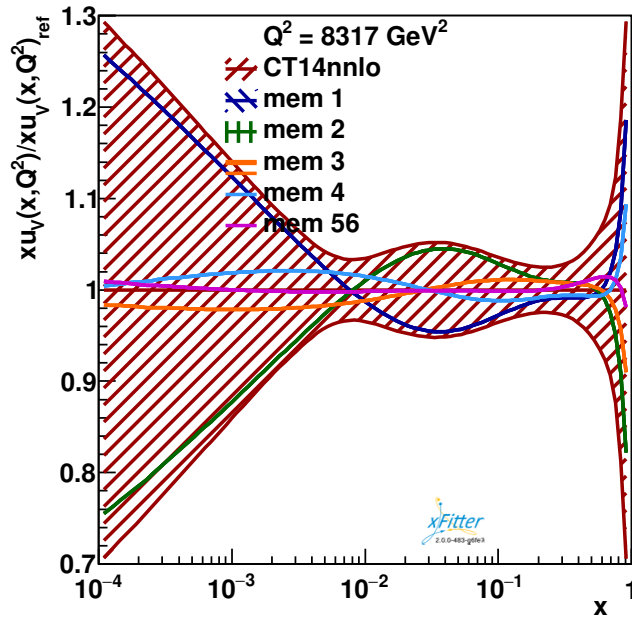
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# $A_{FB}$ eigenvector rotation

Assess the single PDF sensitivity on  $A_{FB}$  data through eigenvector rotation exercise:

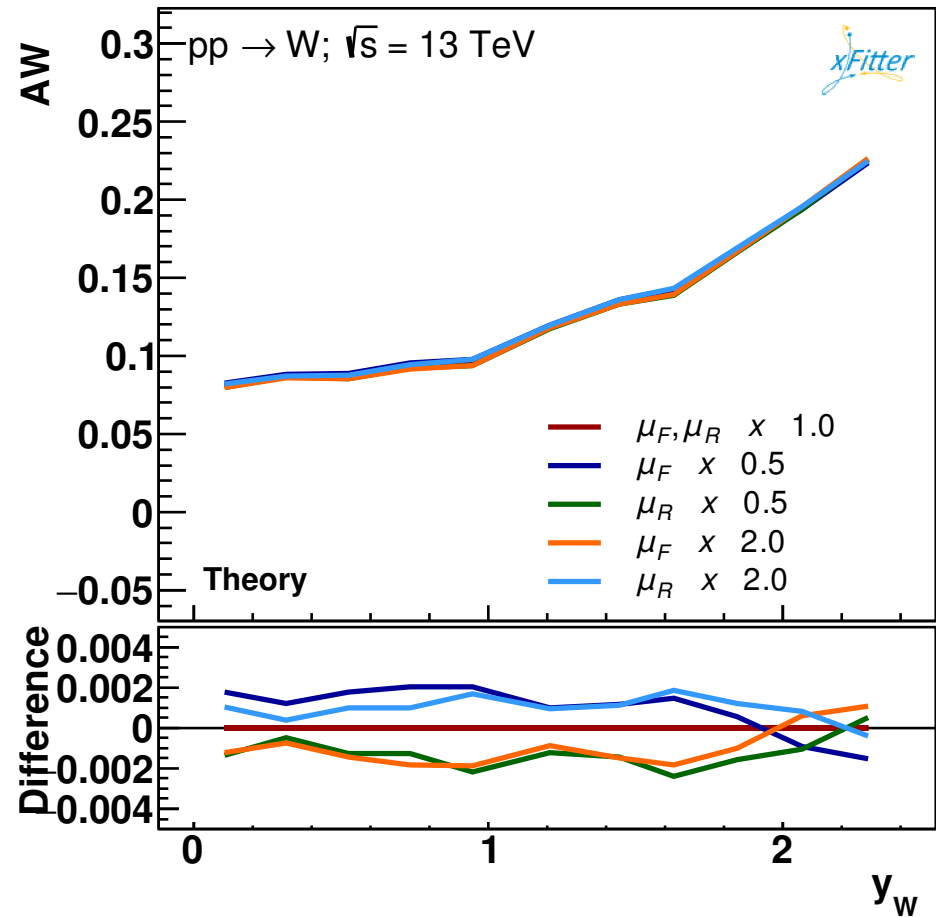
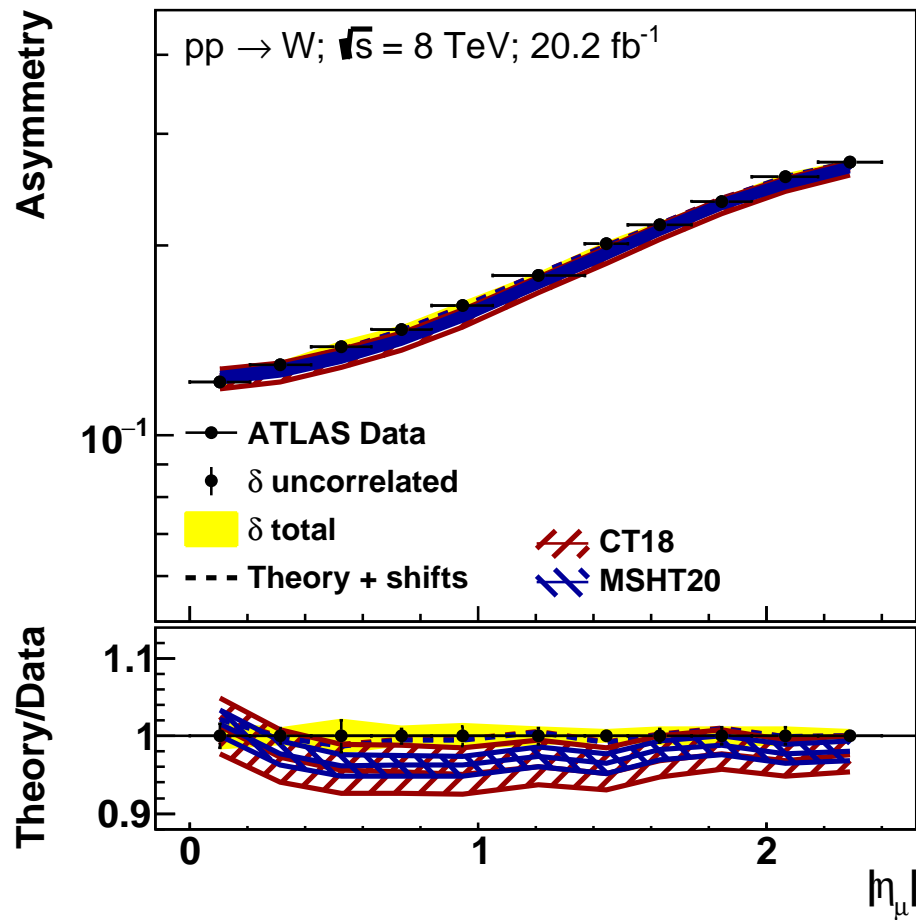
J. Pumplin,

Phys. Rev. D 80 (2009) 034002



- Eigenvectors rotated and sorted according to their sensitivity to the new data.
- First pair of eigenvectors almost completely saturate the error bands.
- Largest sensitivity on valence quarks, particularly on the combination  $(1/3 d_V + 2/3 u_V)$

# Lepton-charge asymmetry



Theory uncertainty from scale variation  
under control, well below PDF uncertainties.

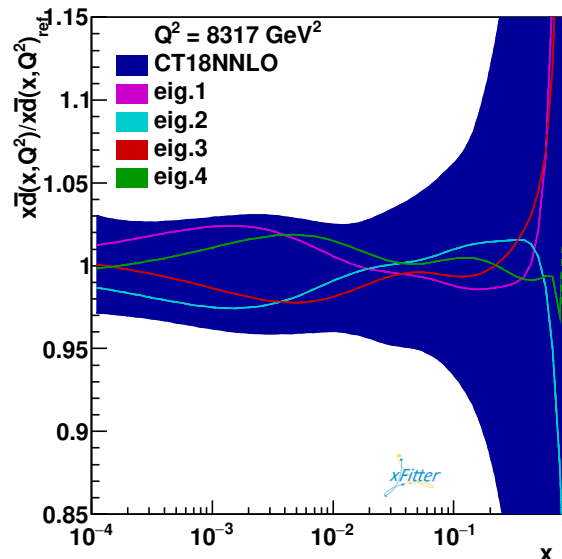
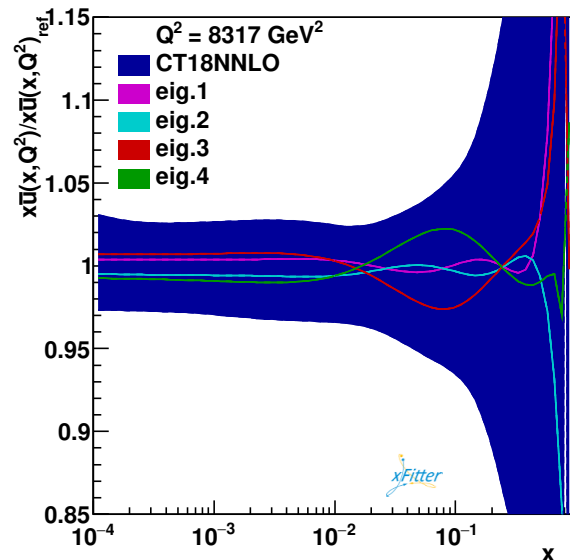
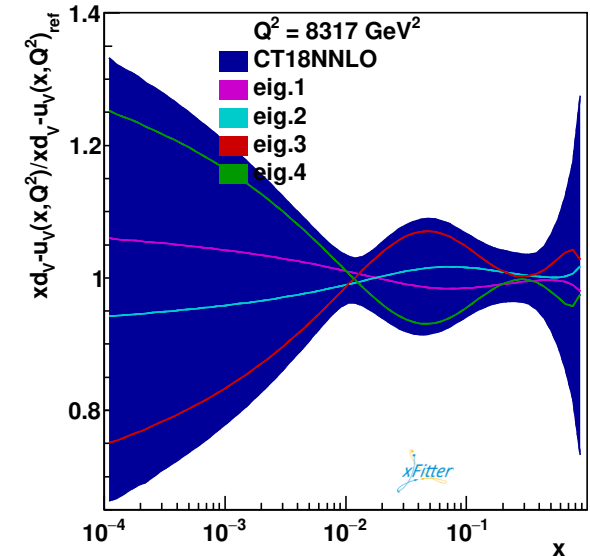
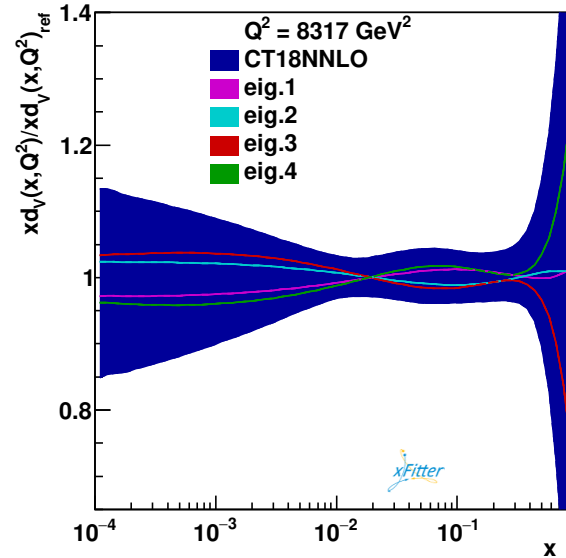
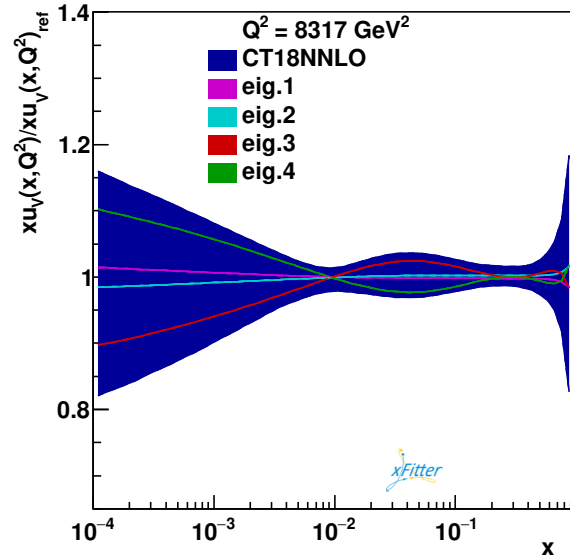


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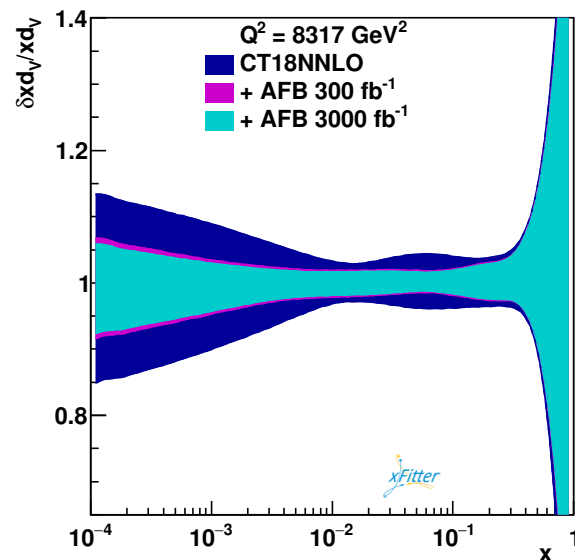
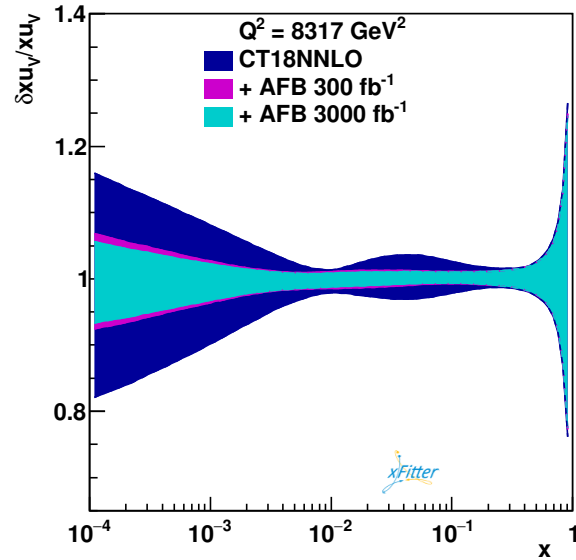


Largest sensitivity on valence quarks, particularly on the combination  $(d_V - u_V)$

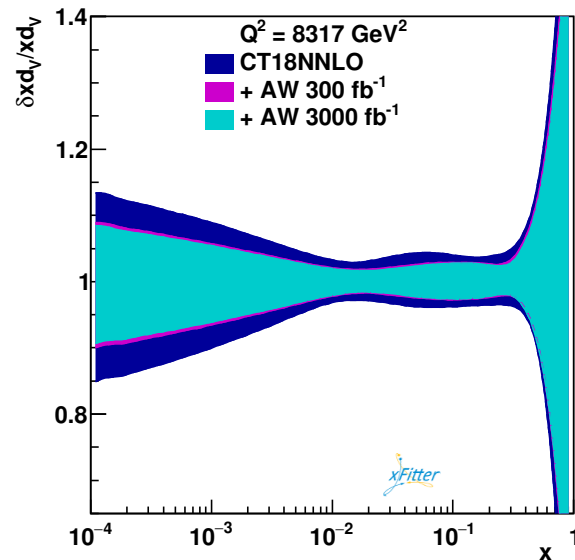
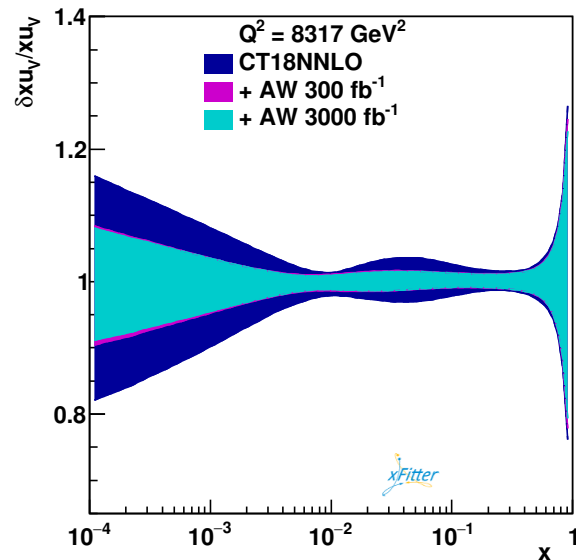
Complementarity with  $A_{FB}$  most sensitive to  $(1/3 d_V + 2/3 u_V)$



# $A_W$ vs $A_{FB}$



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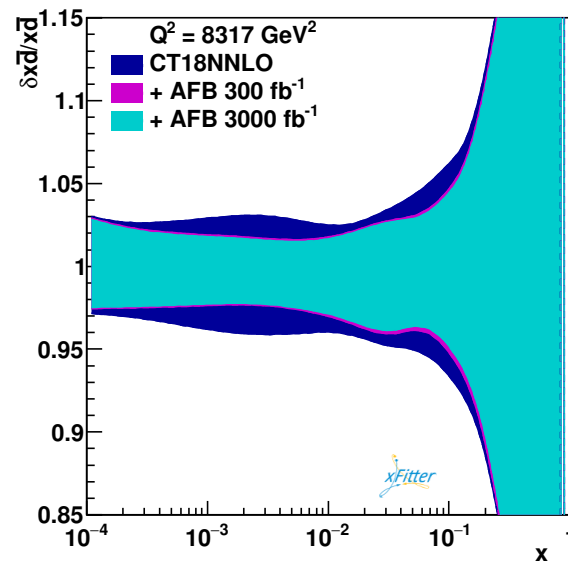
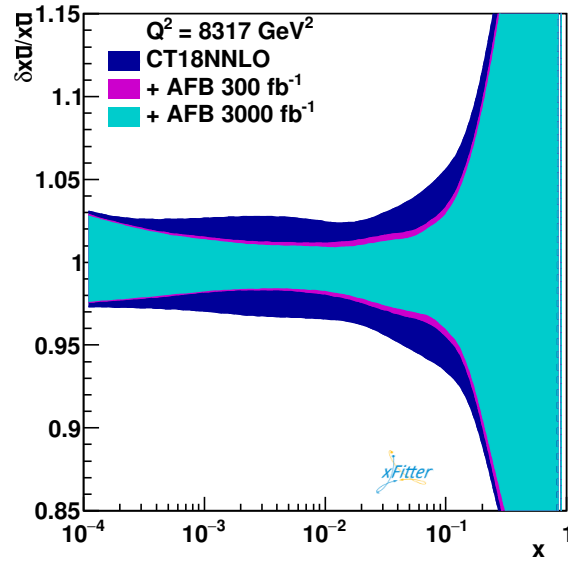


**CT18NNLO +  $A_W$**

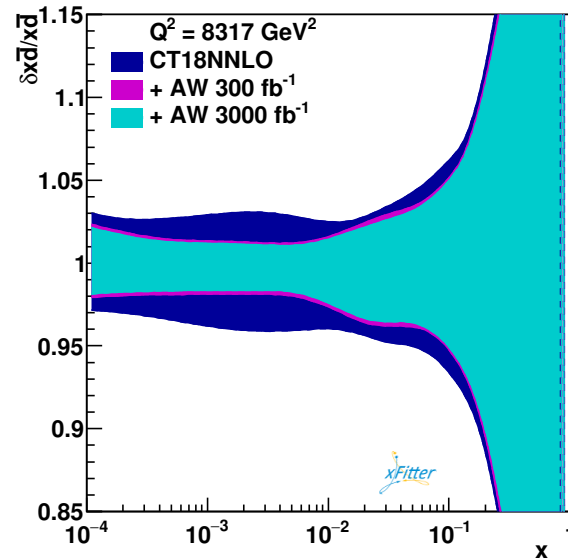
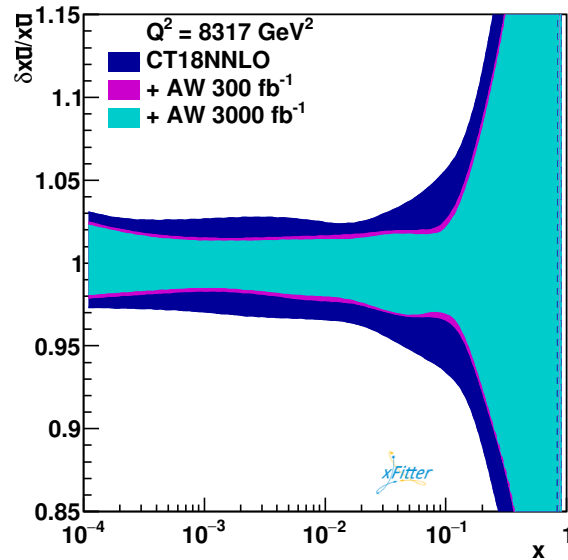
Comparable sensitivity on valence quark PDFs,  
with  $A_{FB}$  providing slightly stronger constraints.

(Saturation of uncertainty reduction  
from 300  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  to 3000  $\text{fb}^{-1}$ .)

# $A_W$ vs $A_{FB}$



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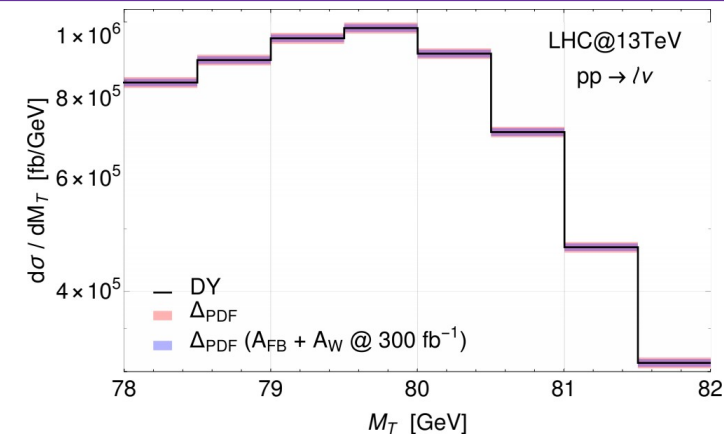
**CT18NNLO +  $A_W$**

$A_W$  provides slightly stronger than  $A_{FB}$  on anti-quark PDFs, particularly for  $\bar{u}$  in the low  $x$  region and for  $\bar{d}$  in the low and intermediate  $x$  range.

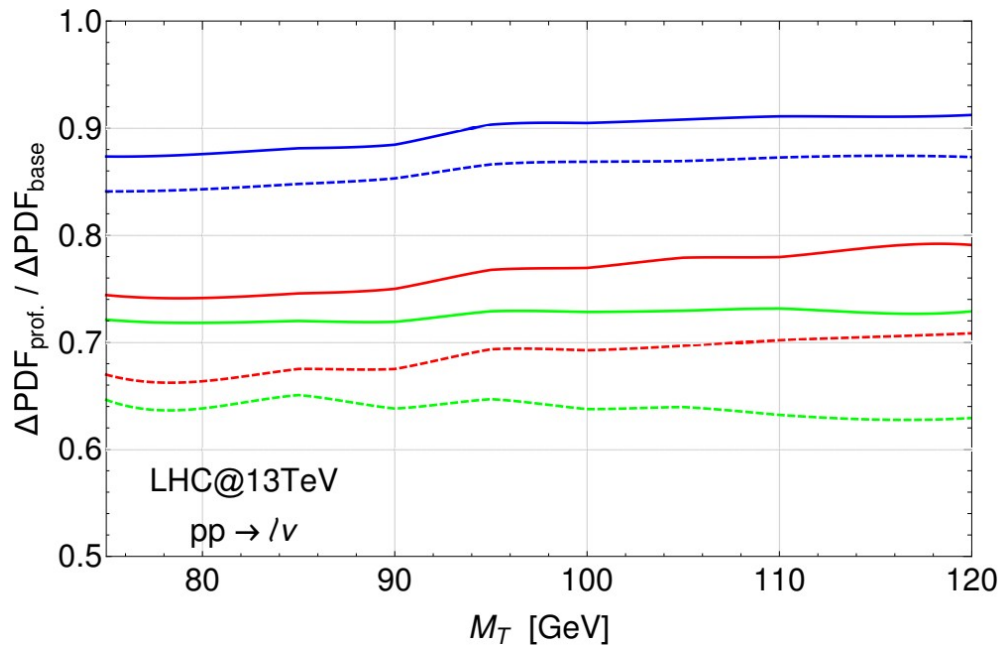
# Impact on $M_W$ determination

Reduction of PDF uncertainties crucial for SM precision measurements.

Lepton + MET transverse mass spectrum for extraction of  $M_W$



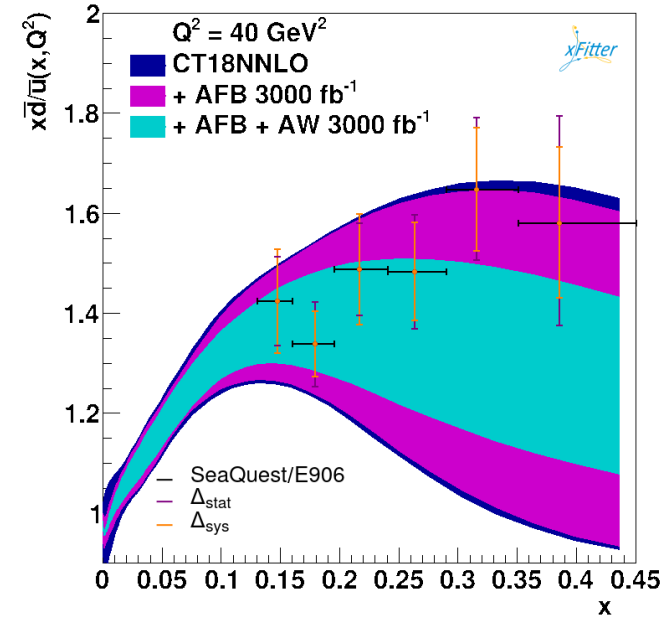
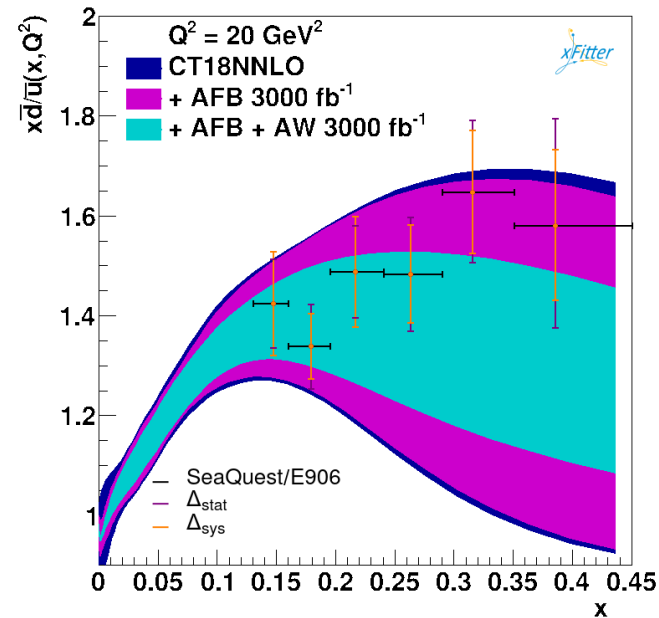
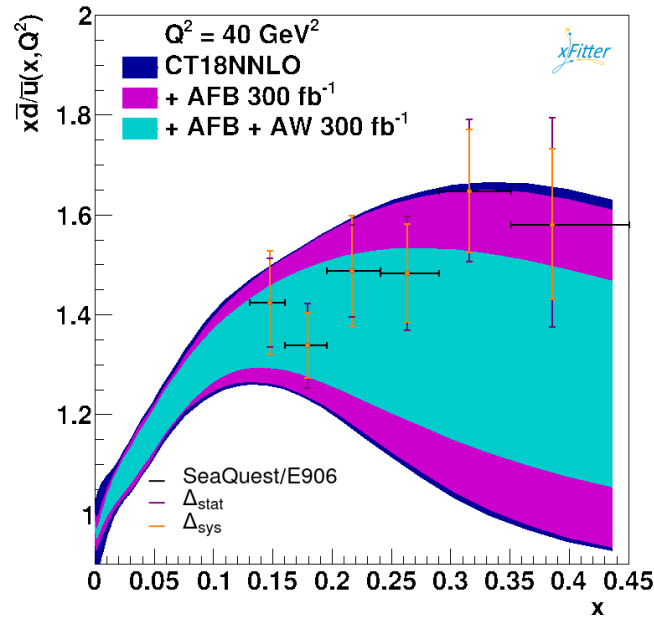
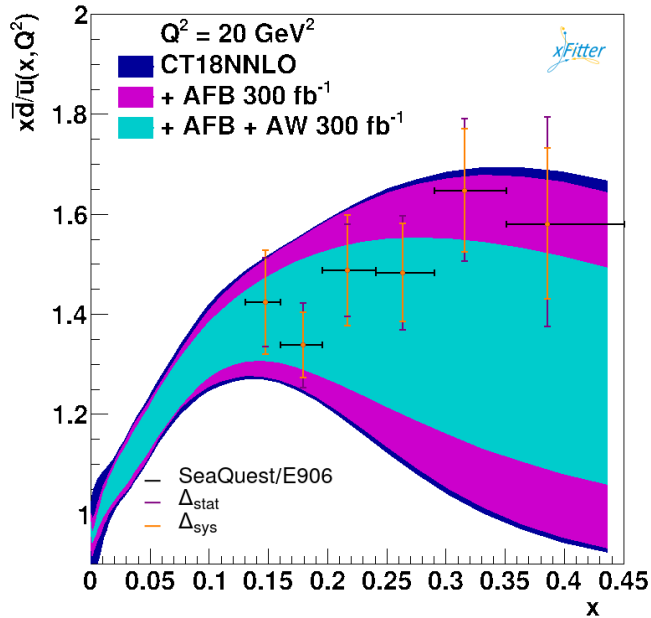
PDF uncertainty before profiling about 1.8%



- $A_{FB}$  300 (3000)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  data reduces PDF uncertainty  $\sim 12\%$  ( $\sim 16\%$ )
- $A_W$  300 (3000)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  data reduces PDF uncertainty  $\sim 26\%$  ( $43\%$ )
- Combination of  $A_{FB}$  and  $A_W$  300 (3000)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  reduces PDF uncertainty  $\sim 28\%$  ( $\sim 46\%$ )

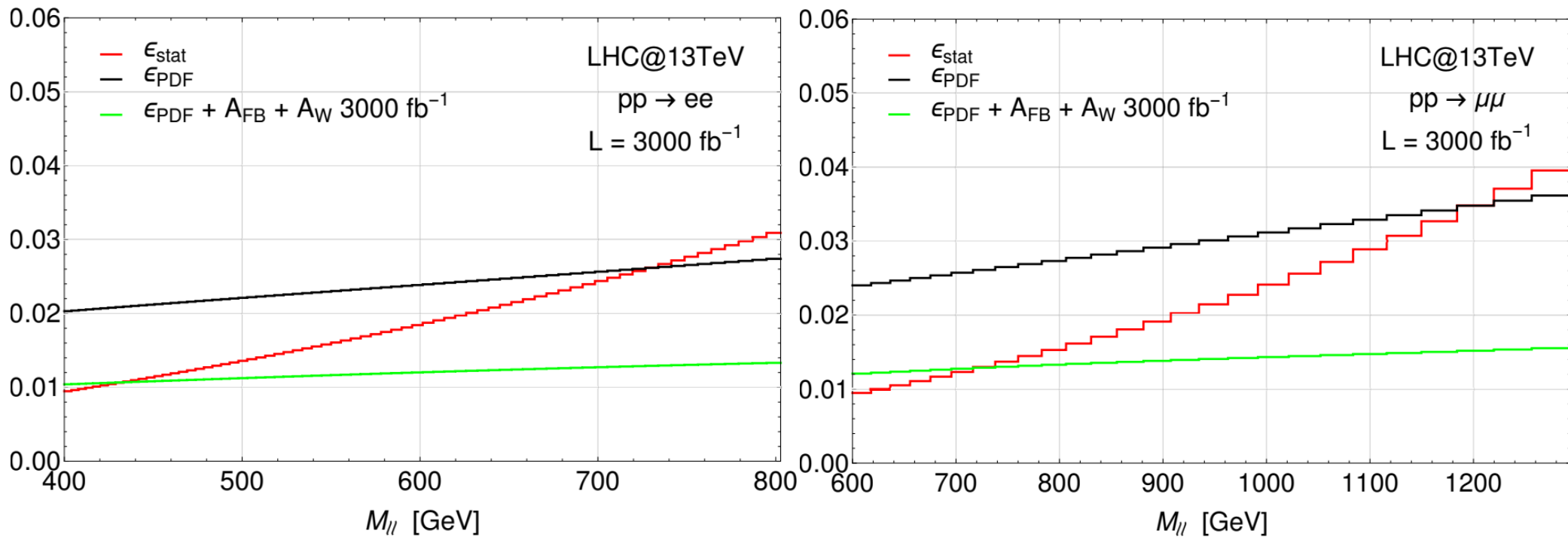
(REMARK: assessing the improvement on  $M_W$  measurement requires a delicate and refined analysis of normalized distribution, where reduction of uncertainty is far more moderate)

# $A_W$ for proton antimatter asymmetry



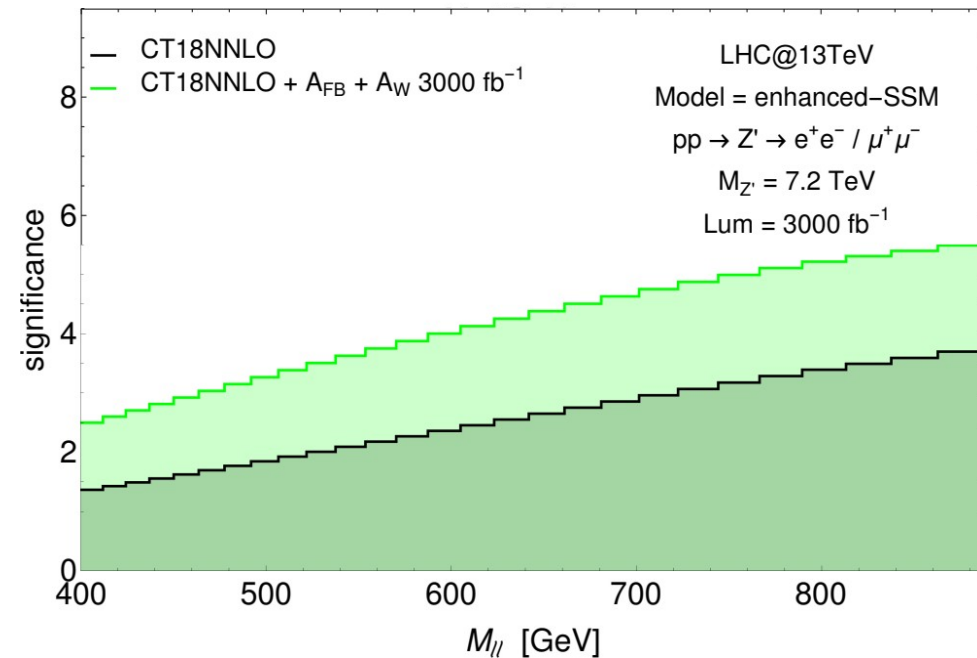
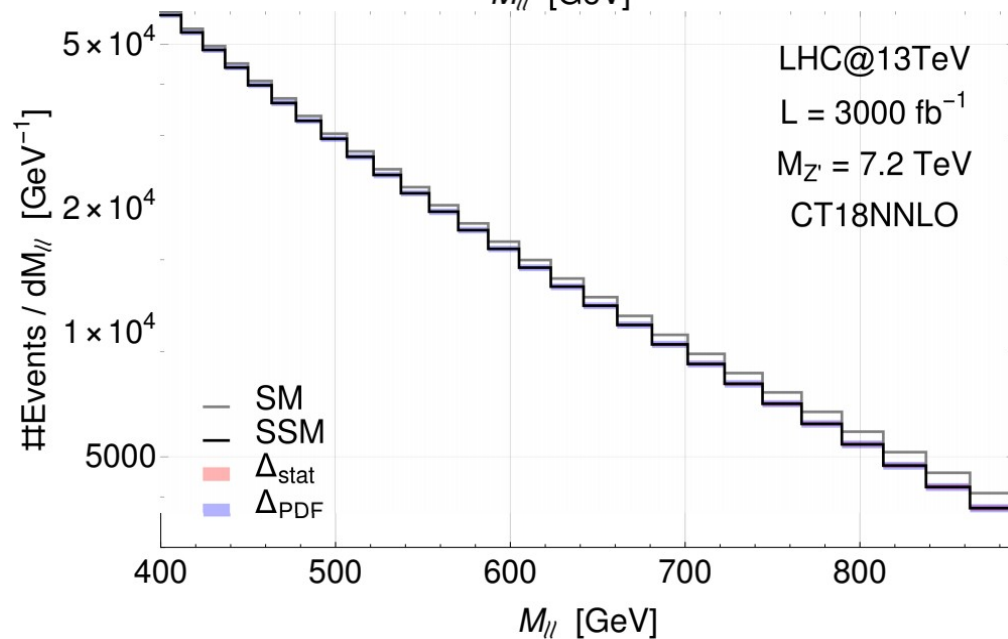
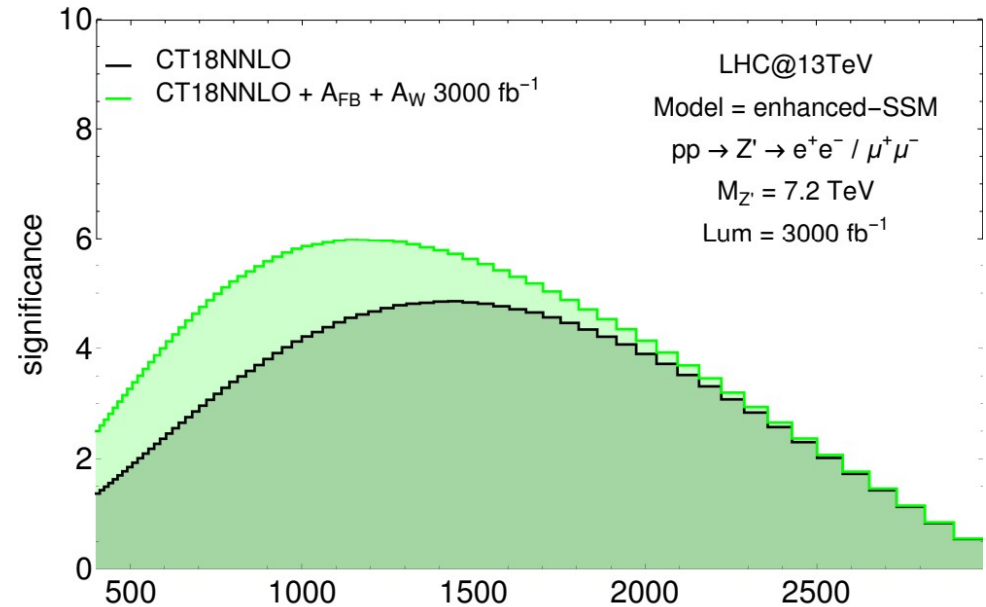
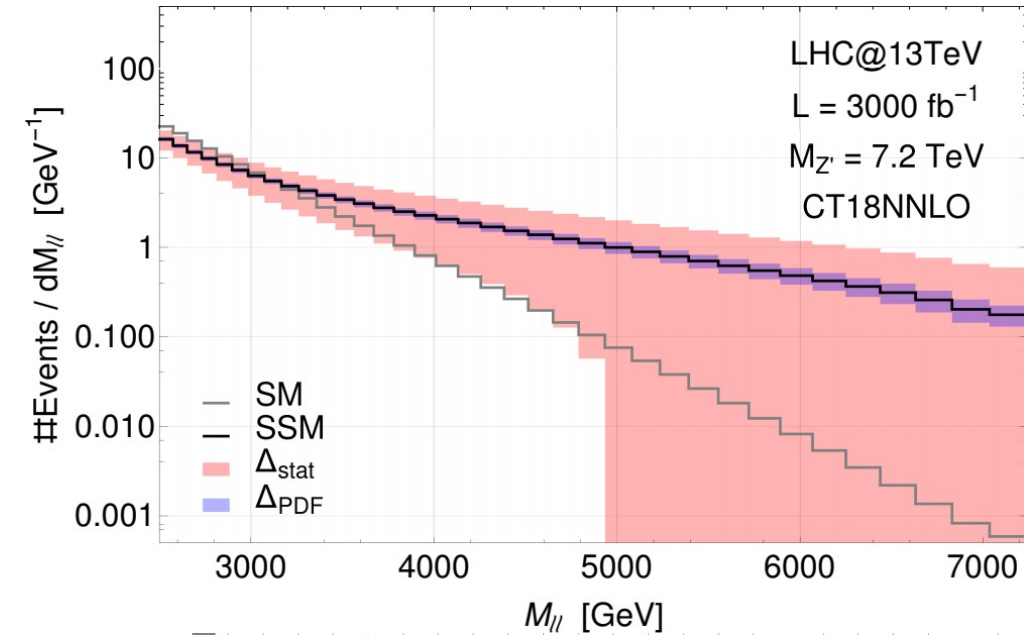
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# Uncertainties in the neutral channel



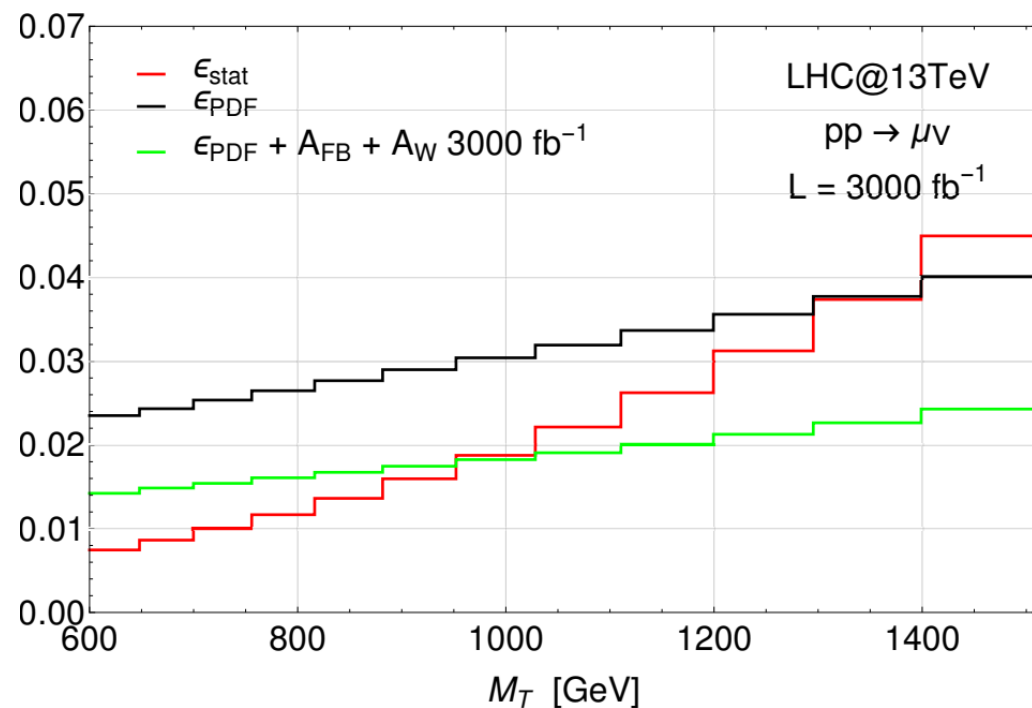
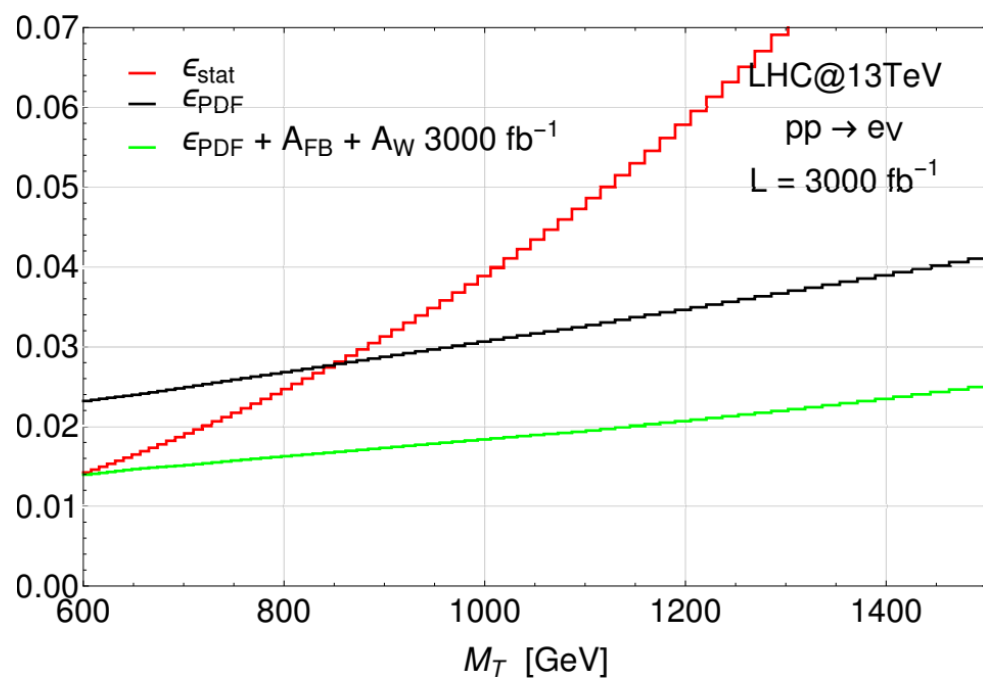
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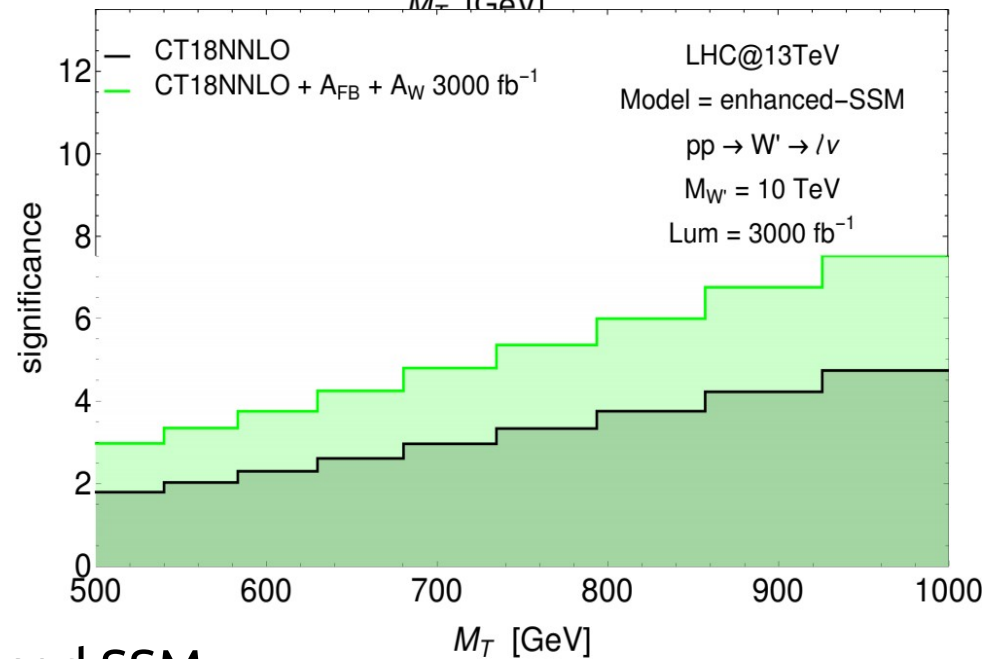
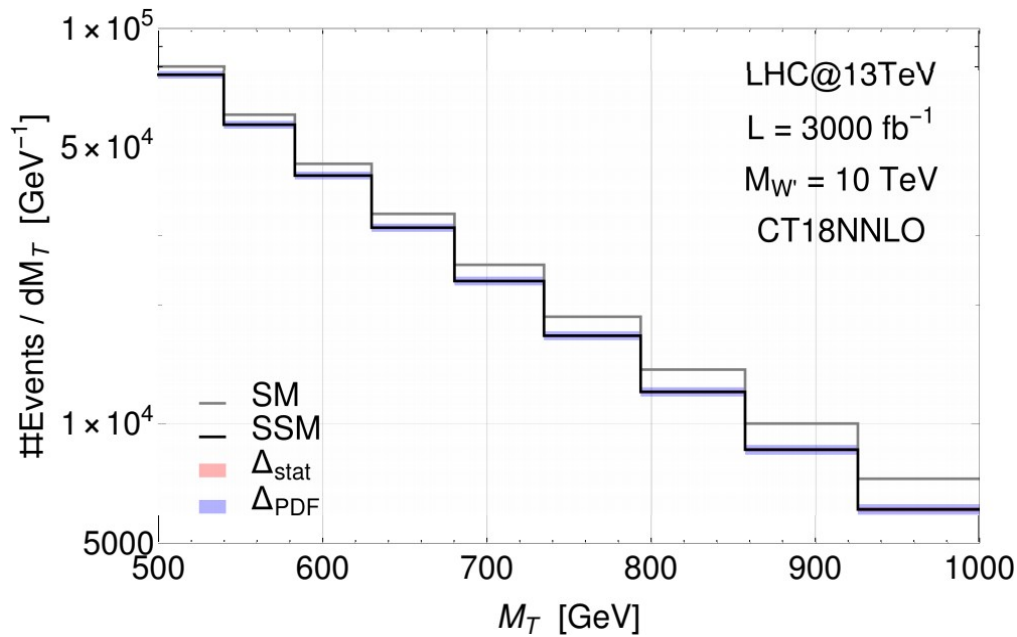
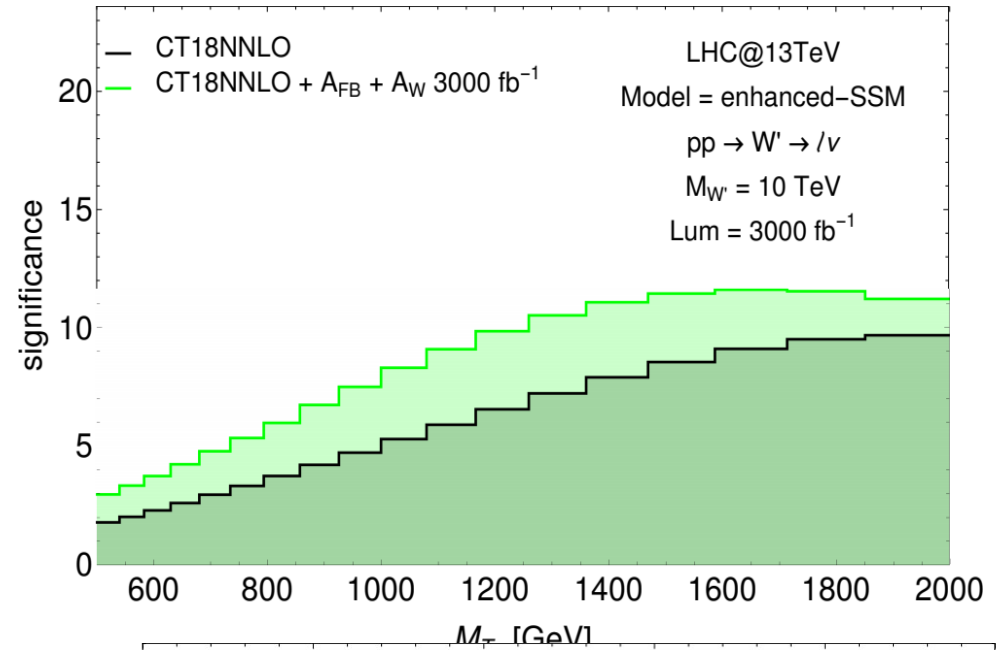
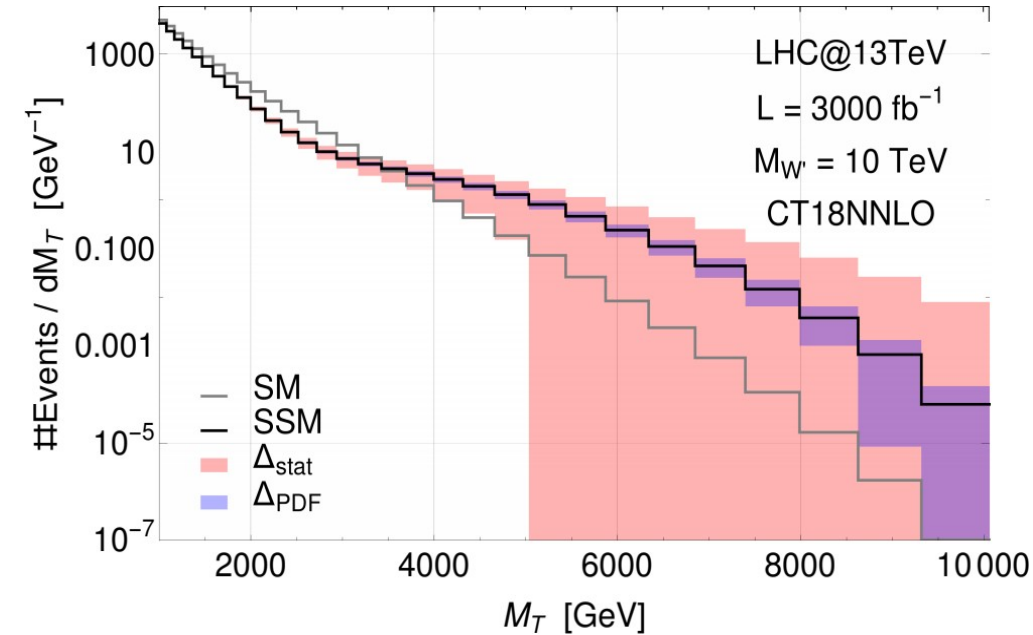
$Z'$  from enhanced SSM

# Uncertainties in the charged channel



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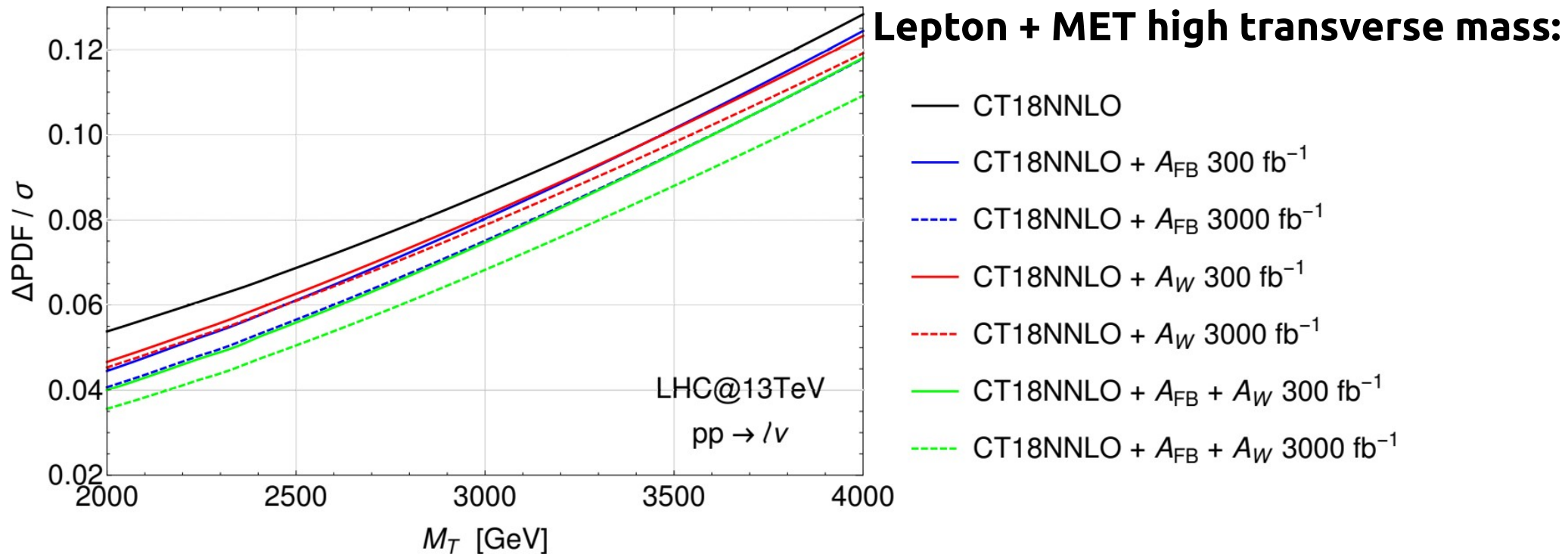


$W'$  from enhanced SSM



# BSM high mass searches

Significant reduction of uncertainties in the high transverse/invariant mass spectra for BSM searches.



Original PDF uncertainty (i.e.) at 4 TeV from 12.9% is reduced to:

- 12.5% (11.8%) by  $A_{\text{FB}}$  300 (3000)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  data
- 12.3% (11.9%) by  $A_W$  300 (3000)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  data
- 11.8% (10.9%) by combination of  $A_{\text{FB}}$  and  $A_W$  300 (3000)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  data

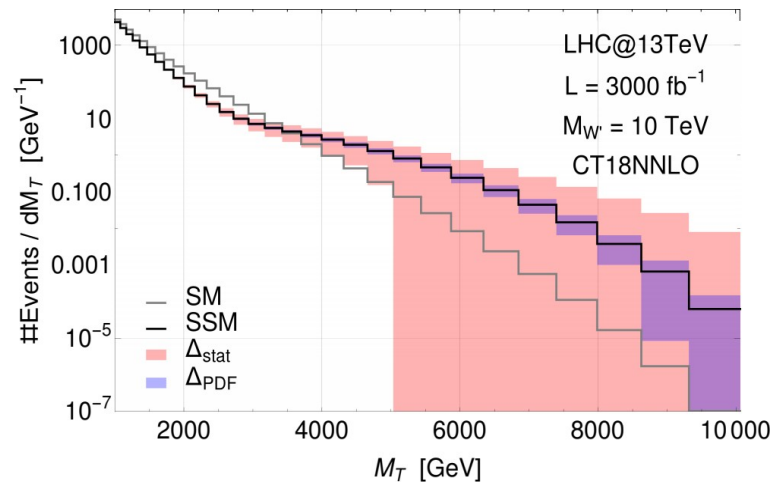
# BSM resonances detection

PDF uncertainties are relevant in searches for non-resonant objects.

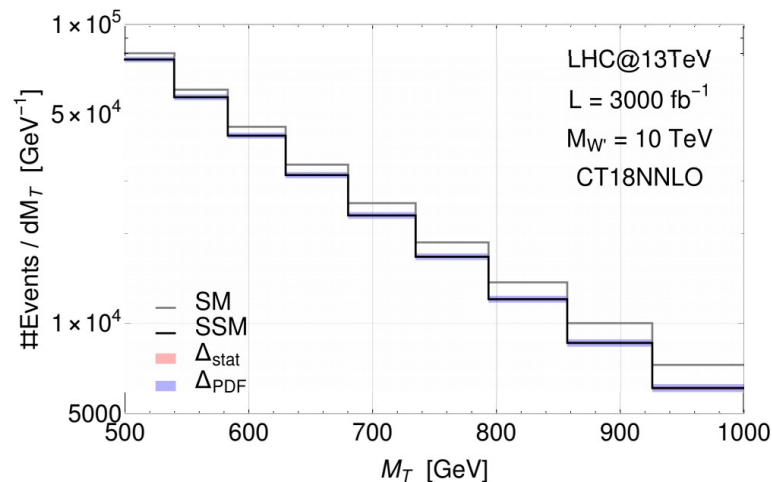
Benchmark: Enhanced SSM model

(same as SSM with BSM gauge coupling augmented by factor 3)

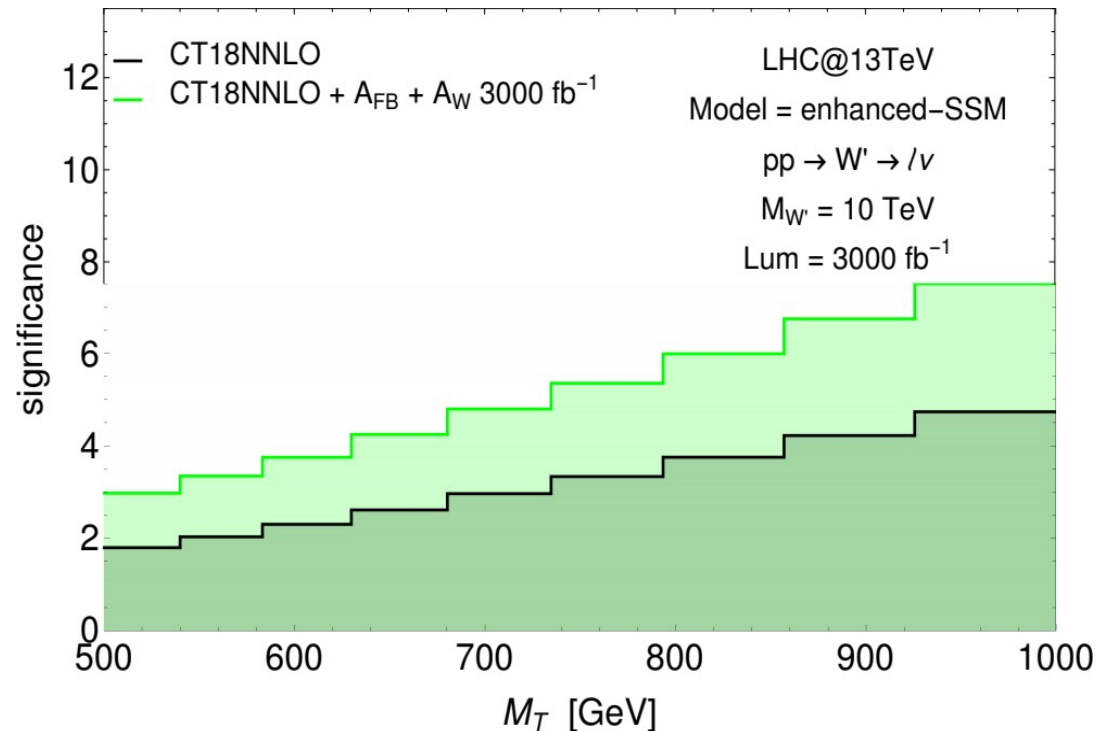
[Phys.Lett.B 803 \(2020\) 135293](#)



High transverse mass excess is non-significant



Significant depletion of events due to interference in the low transverse mass tail



Early evidence of BSM physics significantly improved by reduction of PDF uncertainty

# Case study: the 4DCHM

- **The Higgs boson is a bound state arising from a strong dynamics.**
  - The Higgs boson is a pseudo Nambu-Goldstone boson from the breaking  $G \rightarrow H$
  - The most studied in the literature is the case of  $SO(5) / SO(4)$  [Agashe, Contino, Pomarol, Nucl. Phys. B719, \(2005\), 183](#)
- **The  $SO(5) / SO(4)$  coset:**
  - 4 Goldstone bosons.
  - Contains the  $SO(4)$  custodial symmetry to protect the parameter  $\rho$ .
  - $SO(5) \rightarrow SO(4)$  at the TeV scale.
- **The gauge sector described by two non linear  $\sigma$ -models.**
  - The introduction of the covariant derivative makes the two models interact:  
 $SO(5)_L \otimes SO(5)_R \rightarrow SO(5)_{L+R} \rightarrow SO(4)$
  - In addition there is an extra  $U(1)$  which crosses the  $SO(5)$ . [Son, Stephanov, Phys. Rev. D69 \(2004\), 065020](#)
- **The degrees of freedom in the unitary gauge are:**
  - 10+1+4 scalars provided by the two  $\sigma$ -models.
  - 10+1 give mass to the 5 neutral and 6 charged spin 1 physical states.
  - The 4 left are identified with the SM Higgs sector d.o.f..
- **The particle content of the model is:**
  - **5  $Z'$**  (only  $Z_2, Z_3$  and  $Z_5$  coupled to the SM)
  - **3  $W'$**  (only  $W_2$  and  $W_3$  coupled to the SM)
- **Model parameters:**
  - New gauge coupling  $g_\rho$
  - Compositeness scale  $f$
- **Gauge boson masses:**
  - For  $Z_2, Z_3$  and  $W_2$  roughly  $m_\rho = f g_\rho$
  - For  $Z_5$  and  $W_3$  roughly  $\sqrt{2}m_\rho$
  - Fine corrections proportional to  $\xi = v^2 / f^2$  after the symmetries breaking.

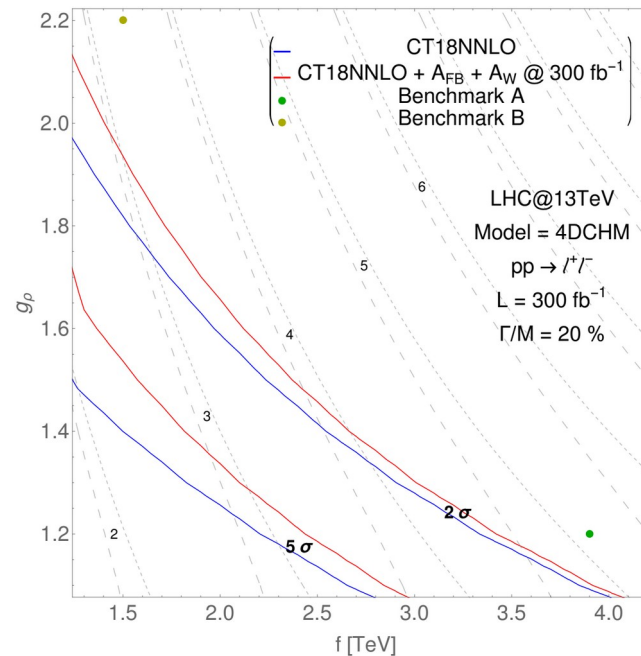
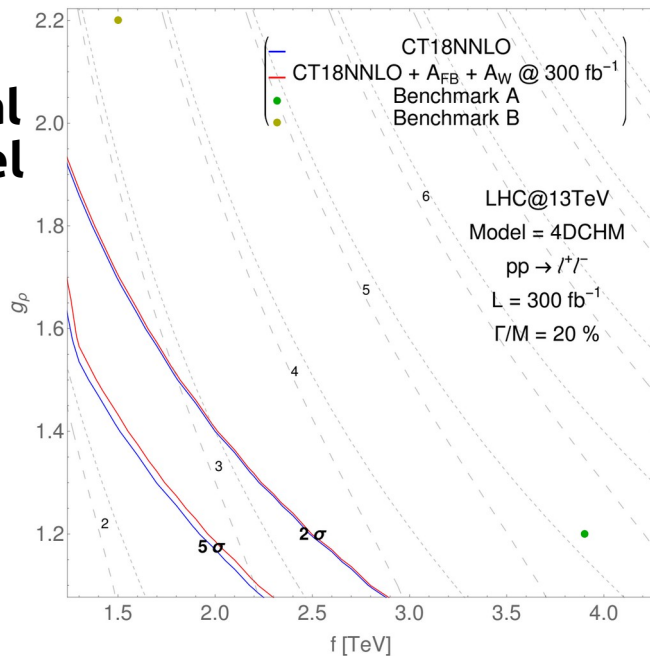


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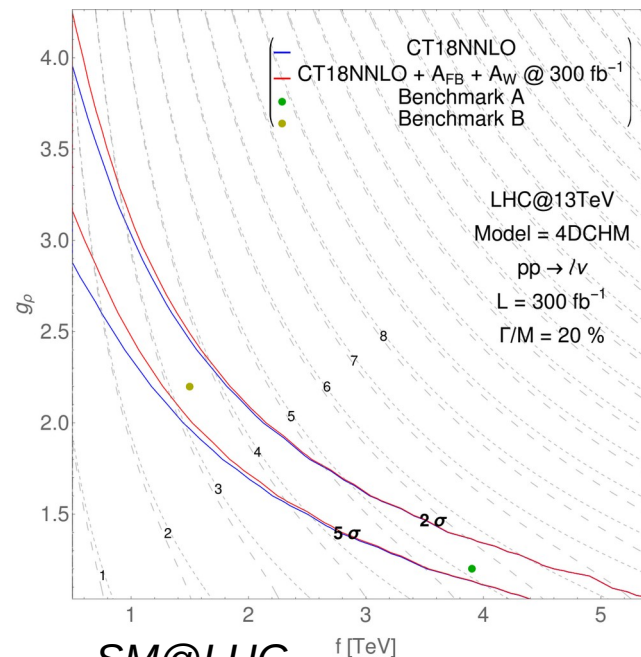
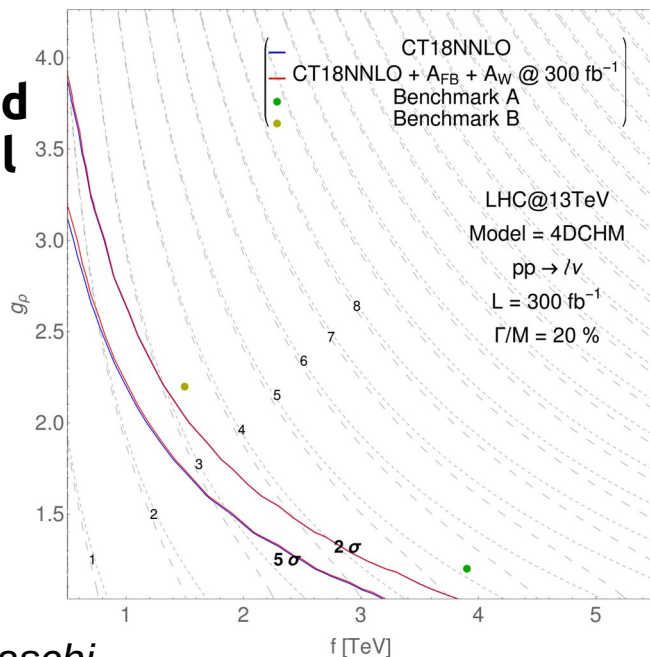
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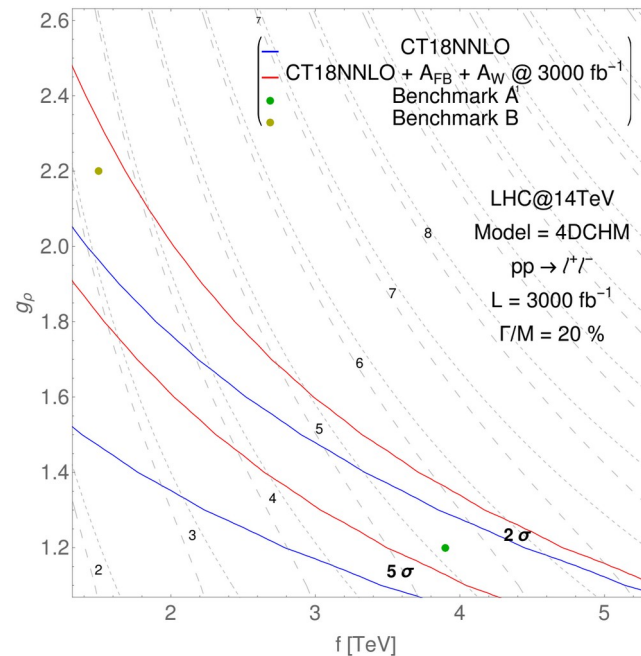
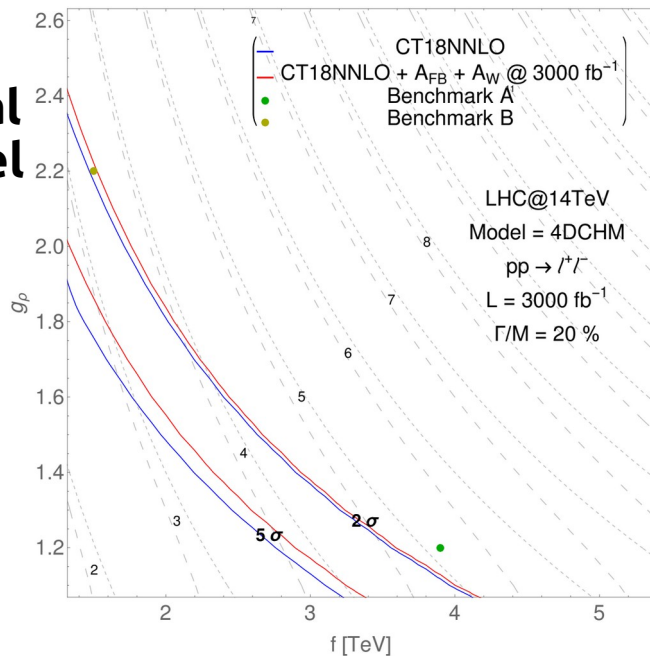
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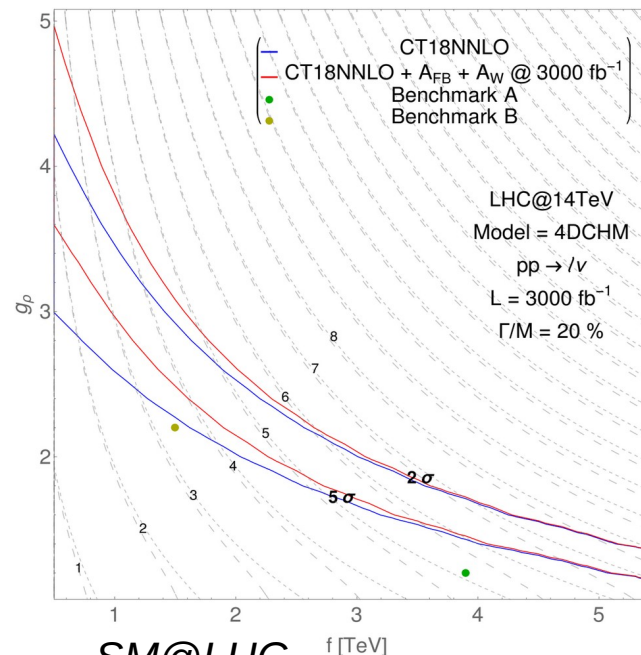
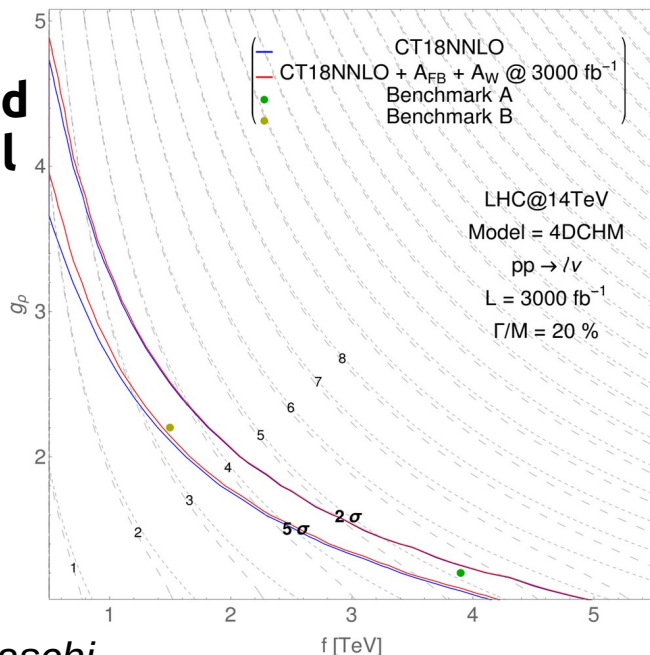
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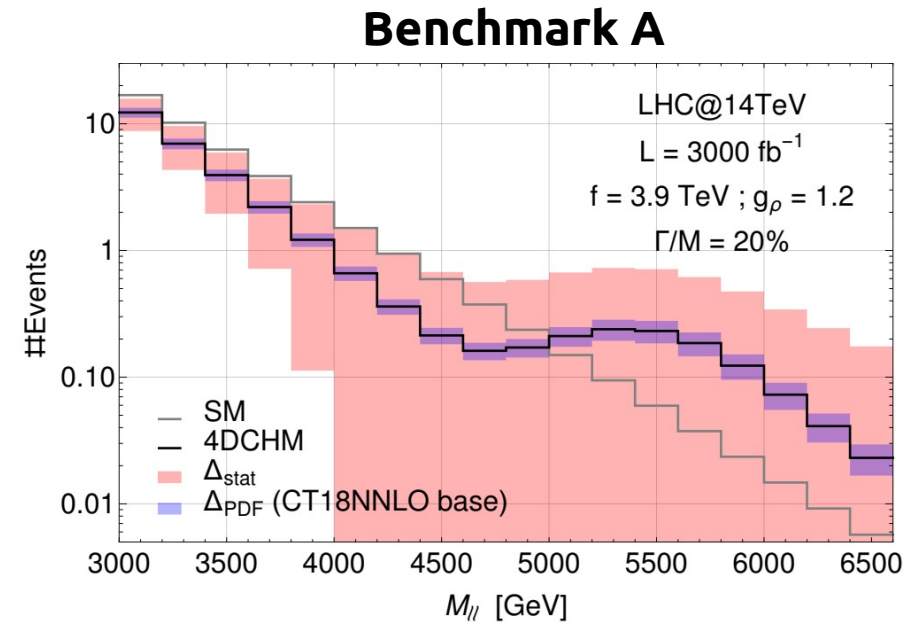
## Benchmark resonances sensitivities: Neutral channel

**Peak**

Benchmark A			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
4.99	8.90	$1.36 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3.87 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$8.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$5.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	1.31	1.35

Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
3.36	5.52	$5.97 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.34 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$9.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$5.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.88	2.10

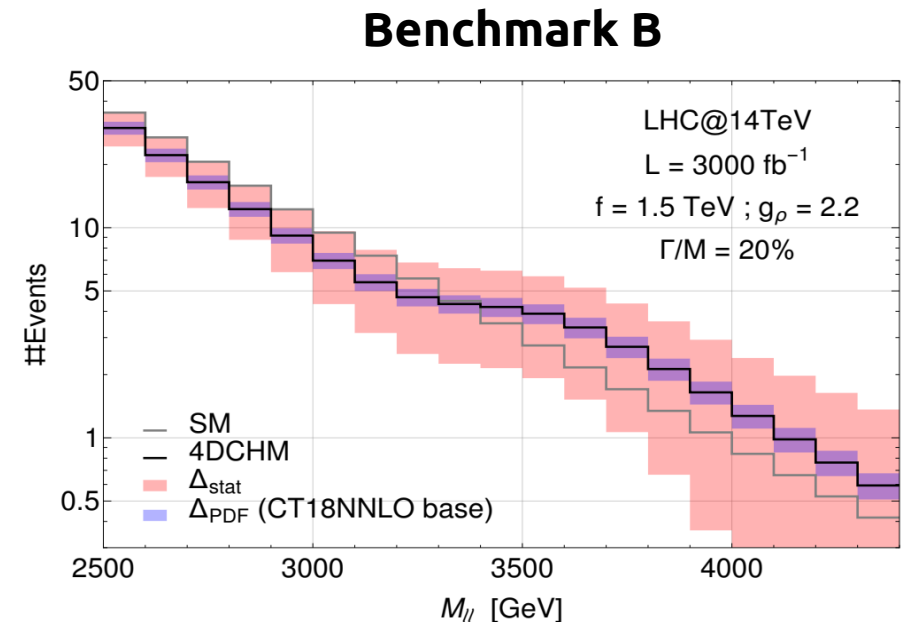


**Dip**

Benchmark A			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
2.06	4.99	$1.69 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.42 \cdot 10^{-1}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$9.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	3.34	4.82

Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
1.36	3.36	1.53	1.45
$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ base [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF}}$ profiled [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$6.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.53	2.91



# BSM searches in the 4DCHM

## Benchmark resonances sensitivities: Charged channel

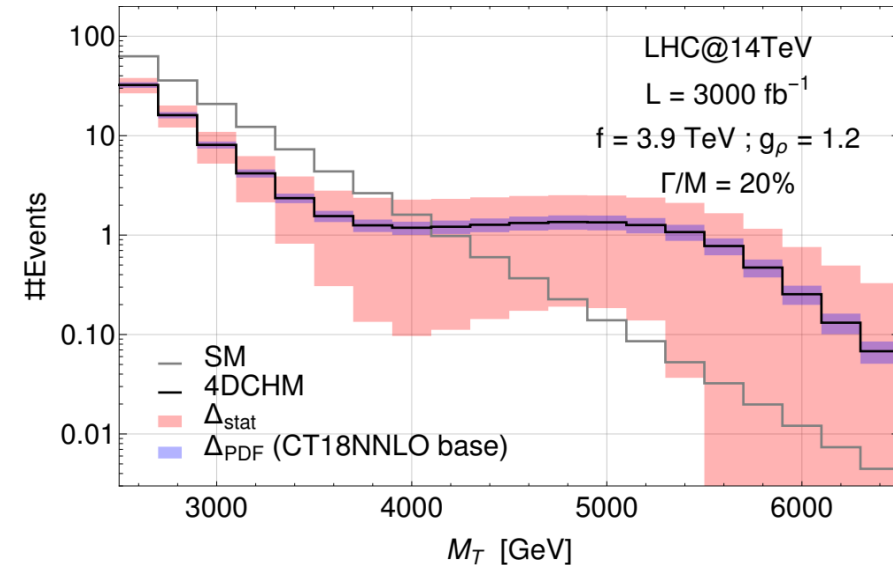
**Peak**

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4.11	8.90	$8.13 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3.51 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$6.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$5.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	2.69	2.75
Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
3.03	5.52	$1.22 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.36 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$2.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	4.00	4.24

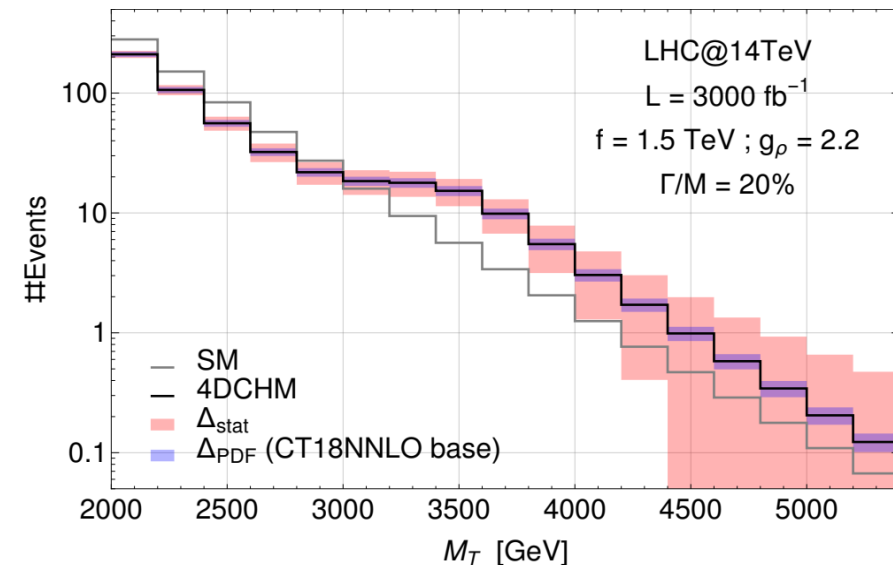
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2.22	4.11	$1.07 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.71 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$3.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	11.16	12.21
Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
1.38	3.03	1.60	1.36
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$5.7 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	5.51	7.89

**Benchmark A**



**Benchmark B**



# Benchmark analysis

Benchmark	$f$ [TeV]	$g_\rho$	$M_{Z_2}$ [TeV]	$M_{Z_3}$ [TeV]	$M_{W_2}$ [TeV]	$M_{W_3}$ [TeV]
A	3.9	1.2	5.16	5.56	5.56	6.62
B	1.5	2.2	3.39	3.45	3.45	4.67

## Neutral channel

## Charged channel

**Peak**

Benchmark A			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
4.99	8.90	$1.36 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3.87 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$8.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$5.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	1.31	1.35
Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
3.36	5.52	$5.97 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.34 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$9.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$5.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.88	2.10

Benchmark A			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
4.11	8.90	$8.13 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3.51 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$6.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$5.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	2.69	2.75
Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
3.03	5.52	$1.22 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.36 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$2.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	4.00	4.24

**Dip**

Benchmark A			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
2.06	4.99	$1.69 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.42 \cdot 10^{-1}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$9.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	3.34	4.82
Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
1.36	3.36	1.53	1.45
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$6.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.53	2.91

Benchmark A			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
2.22	4.11	$1.07 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.71 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$3.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	11.16	12.21
Benchmark B			
inf [TeV]	sup [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM+BSM}}$ [fb]
1.38	3.03	1.60	1.36
$\Delta_{\text{PDF base}}$ [fb]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF profiled}}$ [fb]	$\alpha$ (base)	$\alpha$ (profiled)
$5.7 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	5.51	7.89



# The angular coefficient $A_0$

- $A_0$  coefficient is parity conserving and sensitive to the flavor singlet PDFs.
- Can be constructed from longitudinal and unpolarized cross sections:

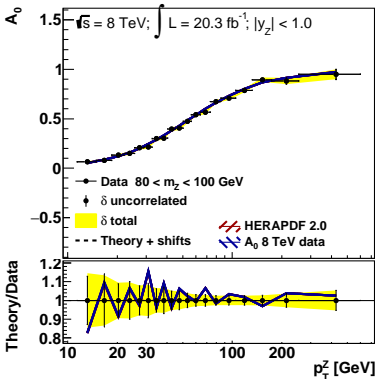
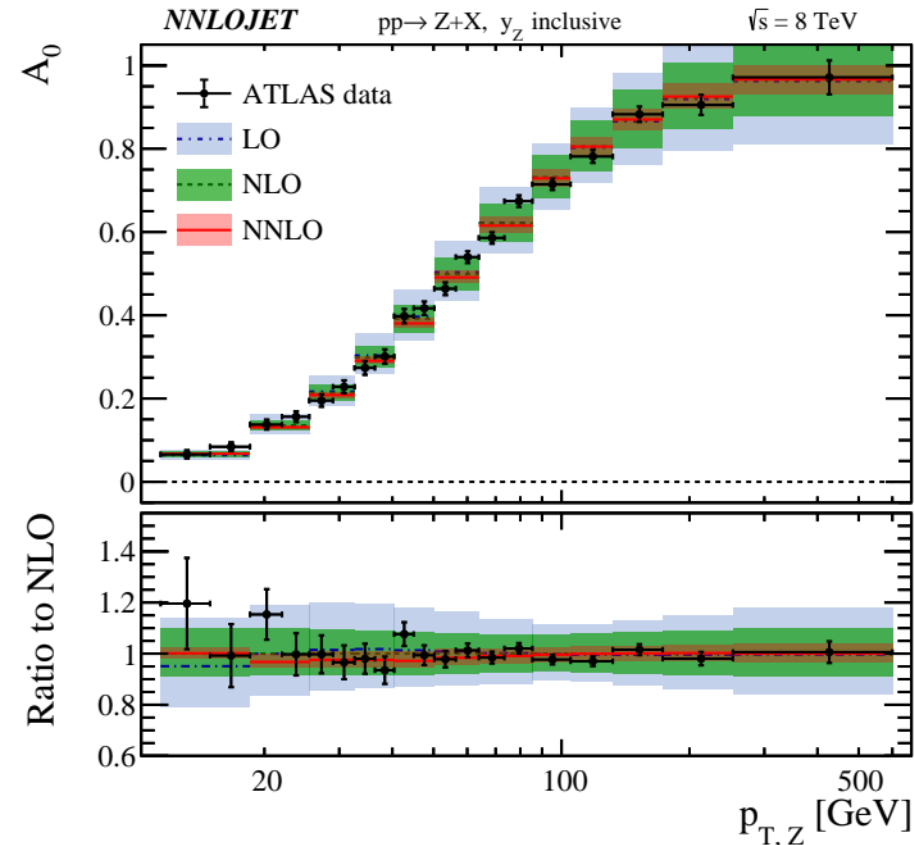
$$A_0(s, M, Y, p_T) = \frac{2d\sigma^{(L)}/dMdYdp_T}{d\sigma/dMdYdp_T}$$

- It has been calculated at NNLO QCD (good convergence of perturbative expansion).

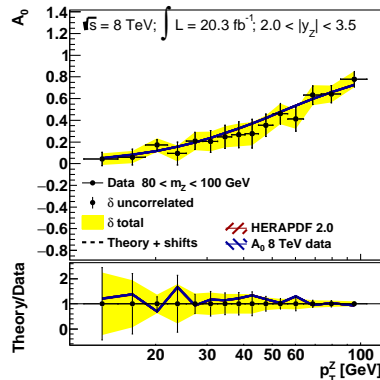
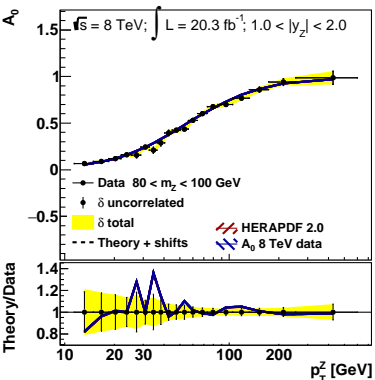
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- NLO EW corrections are small at high  $p_T^Z$ .

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PDF set	Total $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$
CT18NNLO	59/53
CT18Annlo	44/53
NNPDF31_nnlo_as_0118_hessian	60/53
ABMP16_5_nnlo	62/53
MSHT20nnlo_as118	59/53
HERAPDF20_NNLO_EIG	60/53

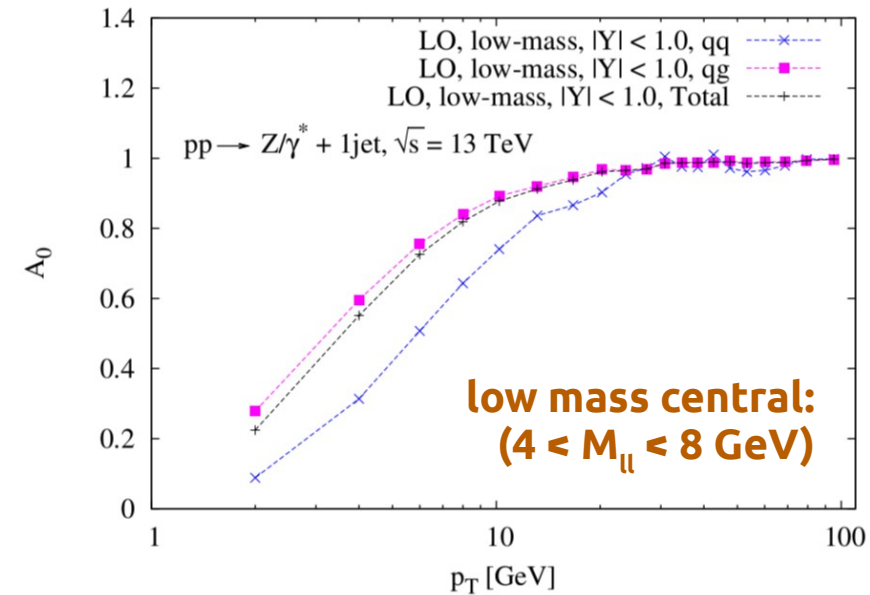
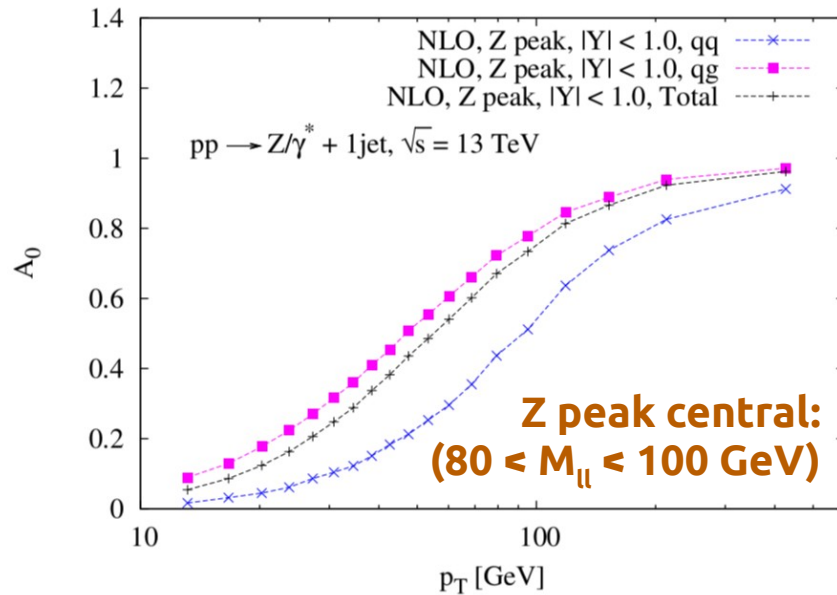


Validation of the implementation of the observable in xFitter:

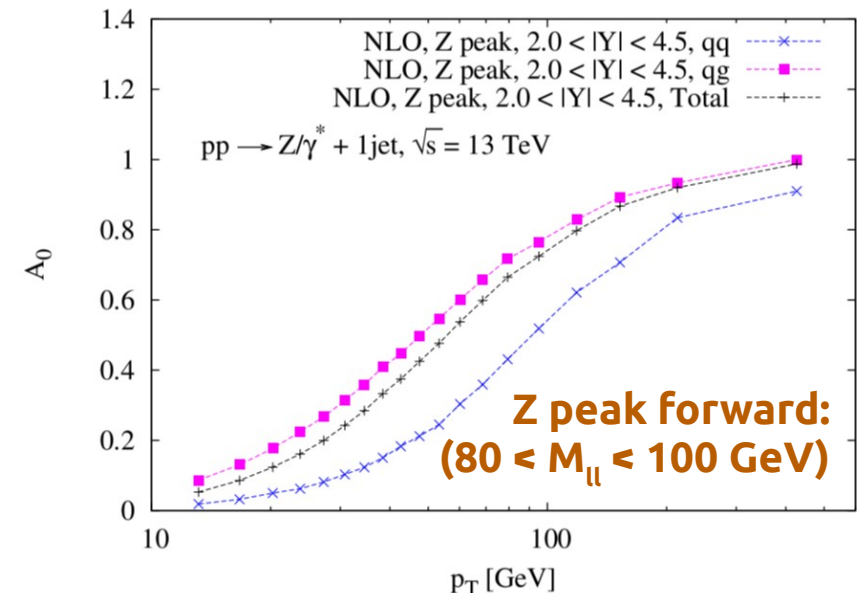
- 3 rapidity bins
- $p_T > 11.4$  GeV
- Predictions at order  $\alpha_s^2$  from MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO
- Covariance matrix of experimental uncertainties included

Good description of the data from modern PDFs

# The angular coefficient $A_0$

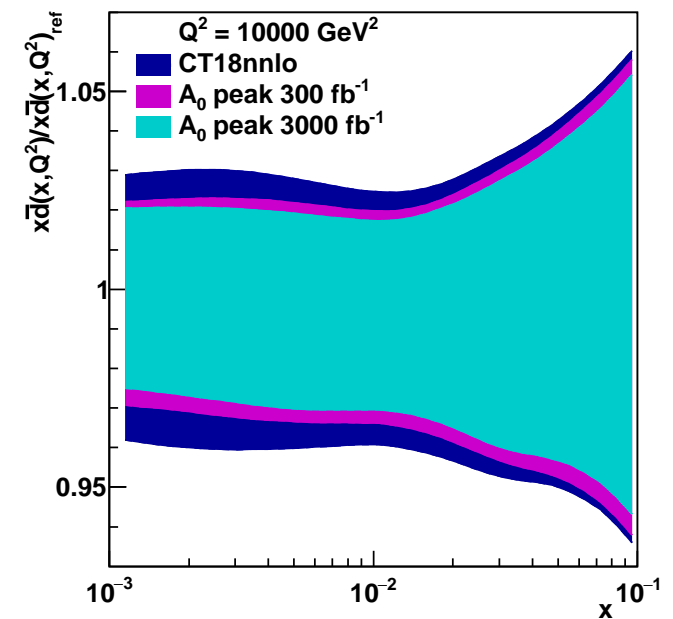
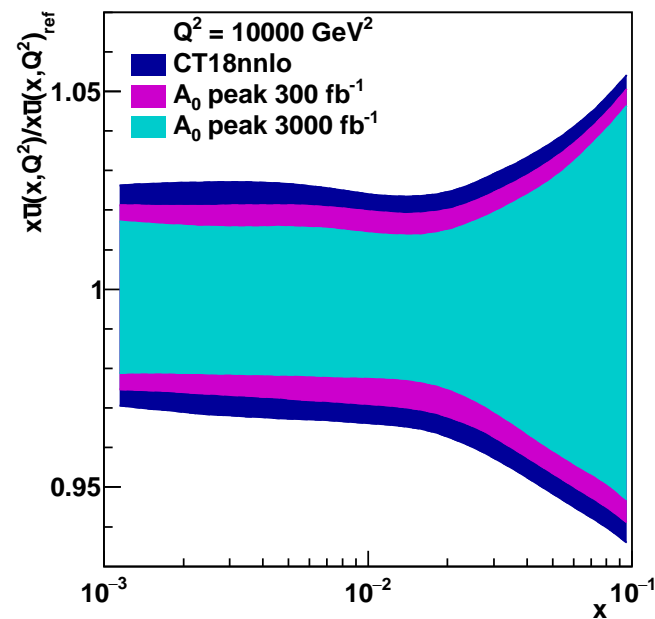
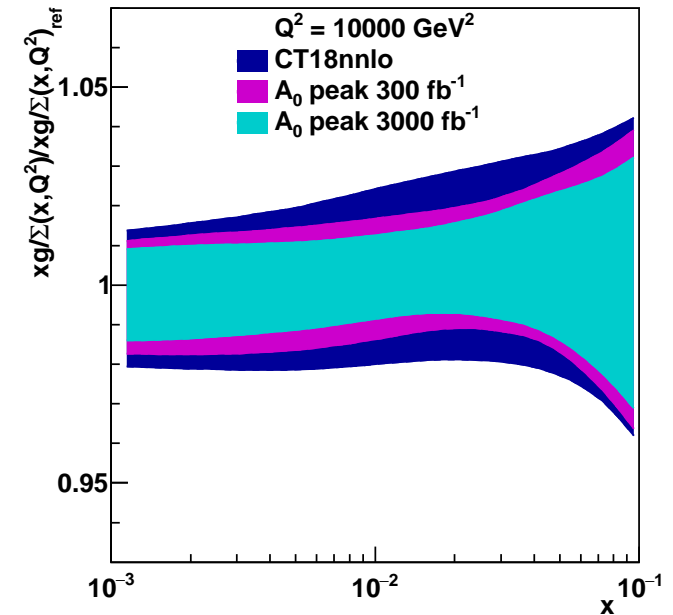
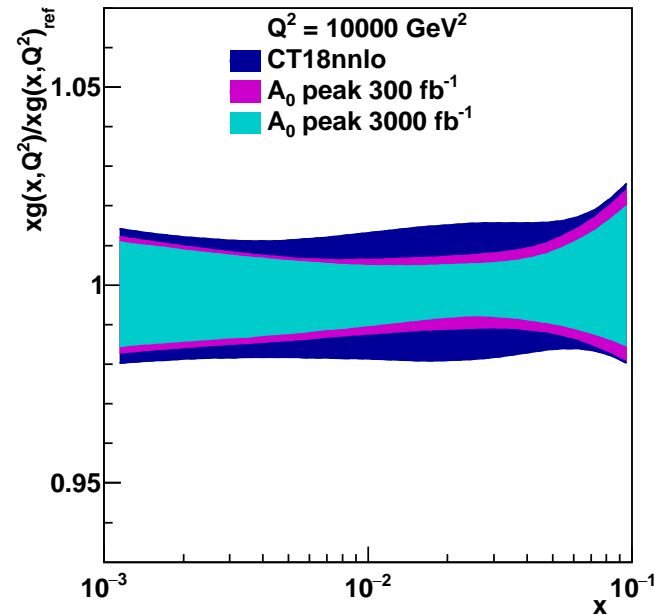


- $A_0$  pseudodata evaluated in different invariant mass regions and rapidity ranges.
- Contributions from both  $q\bar{q}$  and  $qg$  channels.
- Largest sensitivity on PDFs in the region at the saddle point ( $\partial^2 A_0 / \partial p_T^2 = 0$ ).
- Pseudodata generated for 13 TeV c.o.m. energy and projected statistical uncertainties for **300** and **3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>** luminosity.
- 0.1% systematic uncertainty on leptons momentum scale.



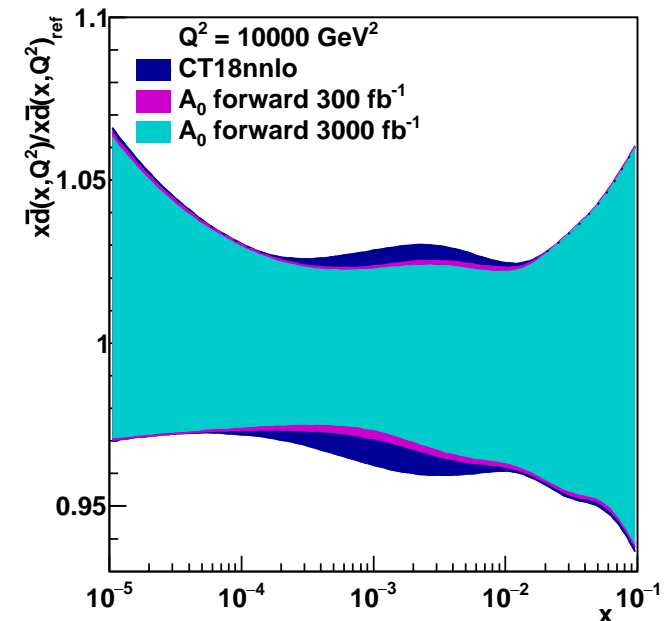
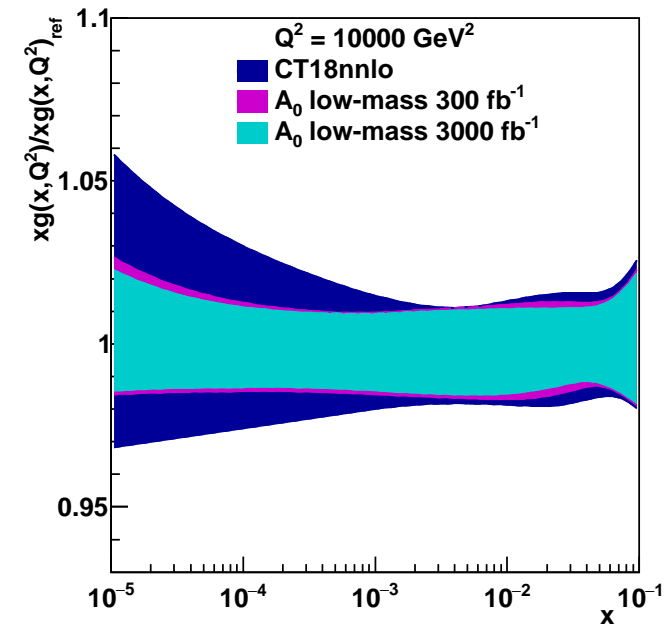
# $A_0$ @ Z peak

- Profiling of  $xg$ ,  $xg/\Sigma$ ,  $x\bar{u}$ ,  $x\bar{d}$
- Largest constraints in the region  $10^{-3} < x < 10^{-1}$
- Largest impact from  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data, but  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data can further constrain  $x\bar{u}$ ,  $x\bar{d}$
- Results are stable against variations of ren/fact scales



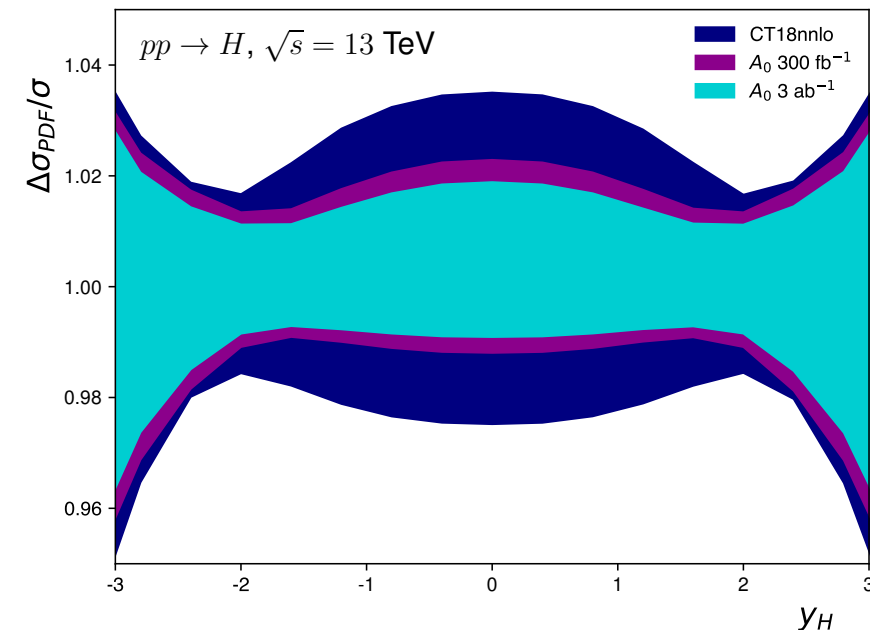
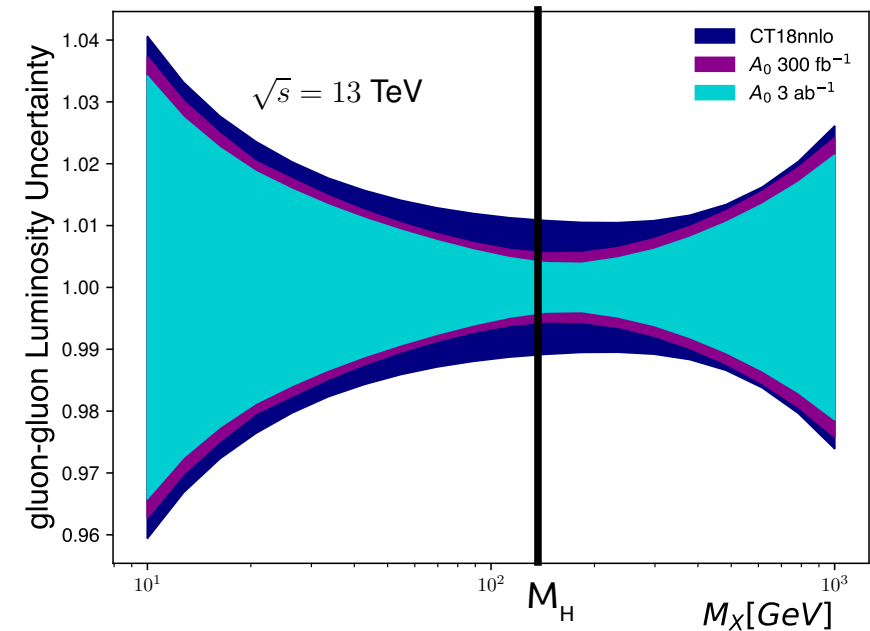
# $A_0$ @ low mass and high rapidity

- Profiling using low invariant mass data  
 **$(4 < M_{ll} < 8 \text{ GeV})$** 
  - Sensitive to gluon PDF at low- $x$ ,  $x < 10^{-3}$
  - Possibly useful for TMD PDFs determination
- Profiling using forward rapidity region (LHCb reach):  
 **$(2.0 < y_{ll} < 4.5)$** 
  - Improvements in sea quark PDFs at intermediate  $x$ ,  $x \sim 10^{-3}$



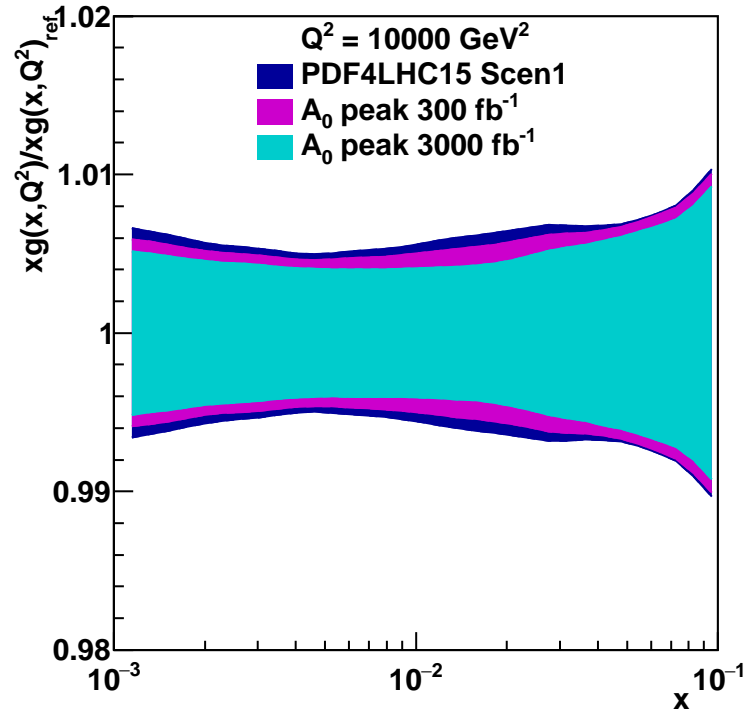
# Impact of $A_0$ on Higgs cross section

- Gluon-gluon luminosity as function of  $M_\chi$  computed at NLO QCD with MCFM.
- PDF uncertainties are reduced by 30%-40% in the Run-III scenario and about 50% in the HL-LHC scenario in the region  $100 < M_\chi < 200 \text{ GeV}$ .



- Reduction of uncertainties concentrated in the central rapidity region  $|y_H| < 2.0$ .

# Impact of $A_0$ on Higgs cross section



- Profiling projected PDFs based on complete HL-LHC data sample (include jet and top measurements).

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- Further reduction of uncertainty can be obtained.

- In ggF computed at  $N^3\text{LO}$ , the reduction of uncertainty is visible in all modern and projected PDF sets.

