

B physics in ATLAS & CMS

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two general purpose experiments probing heavy flavor physics

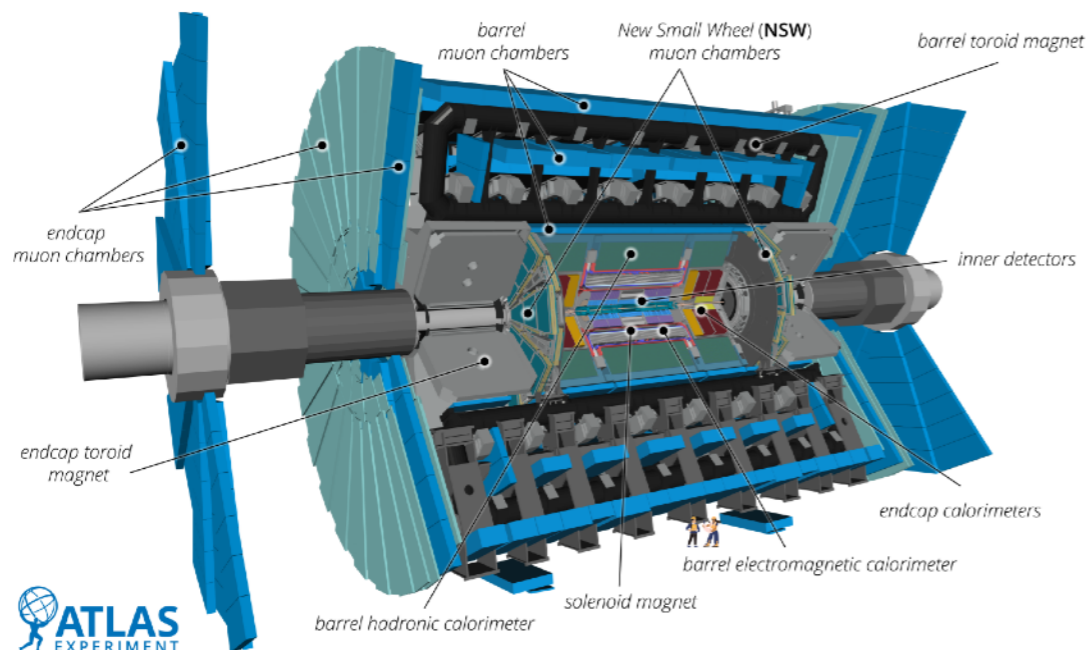
Both ATLAS and CMS have a rich and competitive heavy flavour program

- ★ Rare decays
- ★ CP and LFU violation
- ★ Quarkonium production and spectroscopy

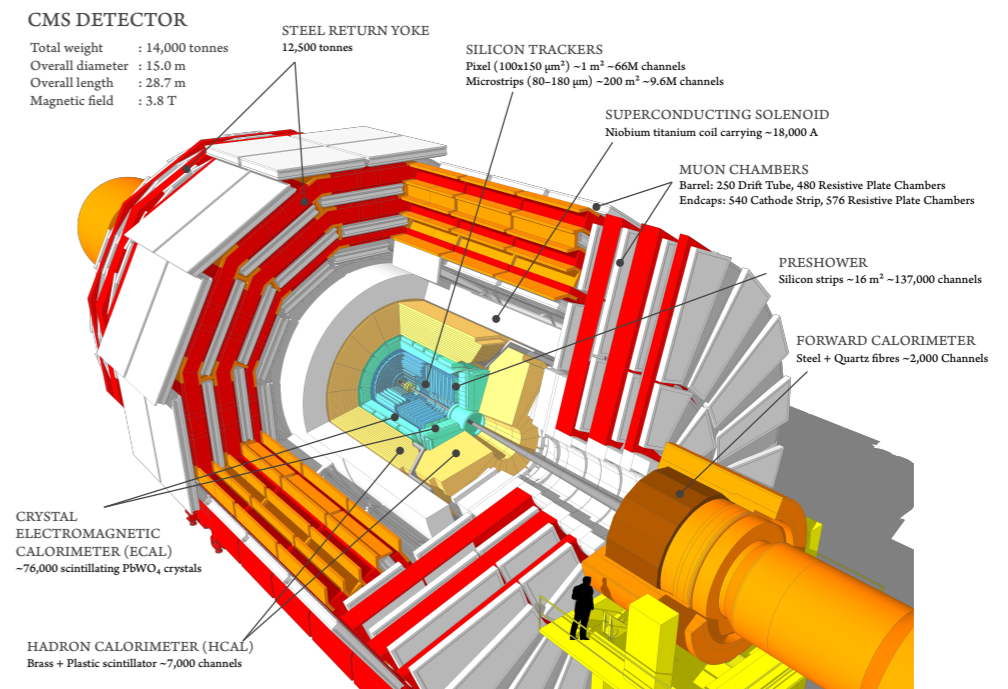
Many results highly competitive with dedicated B-physics experiments

- excellent detector performance, large data samples
- *novel dedicated data-taking* approaches greatly expanded the original search/measurement program

Complementary rapidity region wrt LHCb



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outline

selected recent results from the two Collaborations

Charmonia production studies

- Measurement of double-differential and total charm-production cross sections CMS-PAS-BPH-22-007
- Measurement of the production cross section of J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ mesons Eur. Phys. J. C 84(2024)169
- Measurement of the polarizations of prompt and non-prompt J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ mesons CMS BPH-22-009

Search for New Physics

- Measurements of the B_s effective lifetime CMS BPH-22-001
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- Test of LFU via $R(J/\psi)$ measurement CMS BPH-22-012
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- Full angular analysis of the $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$ decay CMS PAS BPH-21-002
- Search for rare charm decays into two muons CMS PAS BPH-23-008

Charm(onia) production studies

charm cross section | CMS

Measurement of double-differential and total charm-production cross sections at 7 TeV

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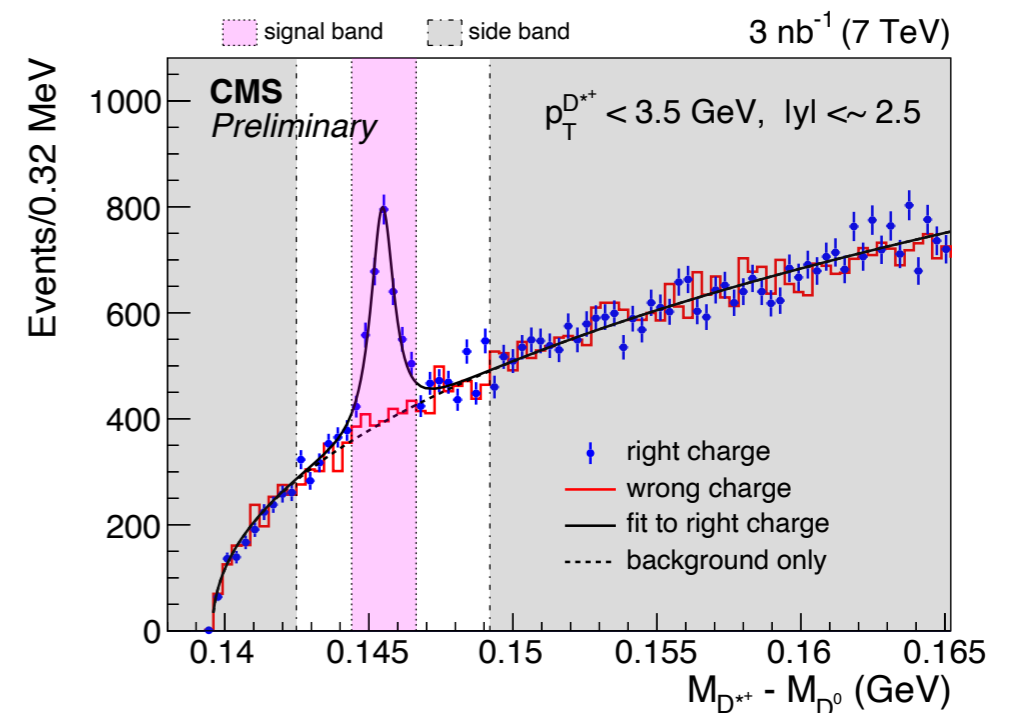
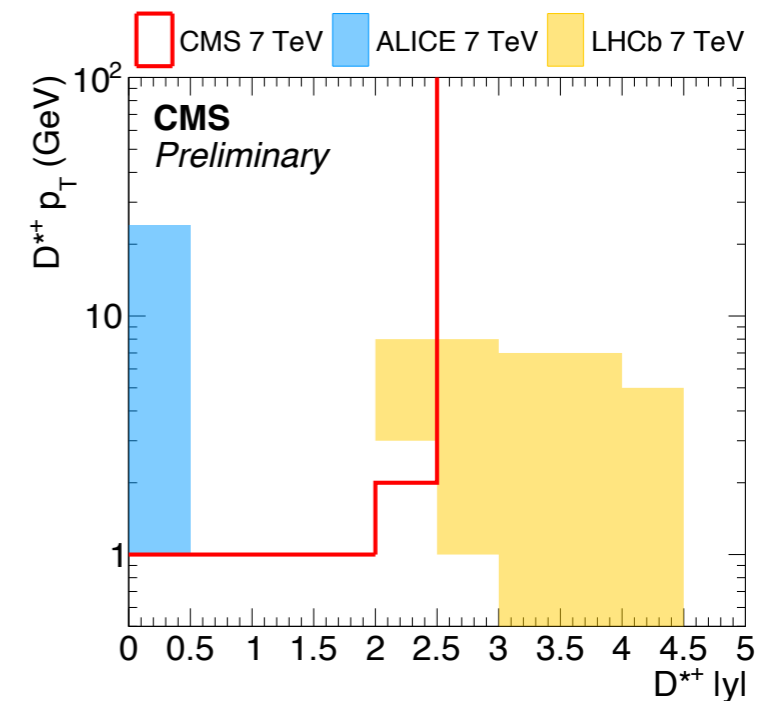
Charm production measurements provide an important test of QCD models

- charm mass scale close to Λ_{QCD} transition region of perturbative and non-perturbative regimes
- differential $\sigma \rightarrow$ NLO QCD predictions
- total $\sigma \rightarrow$ NNLO QCD predictions

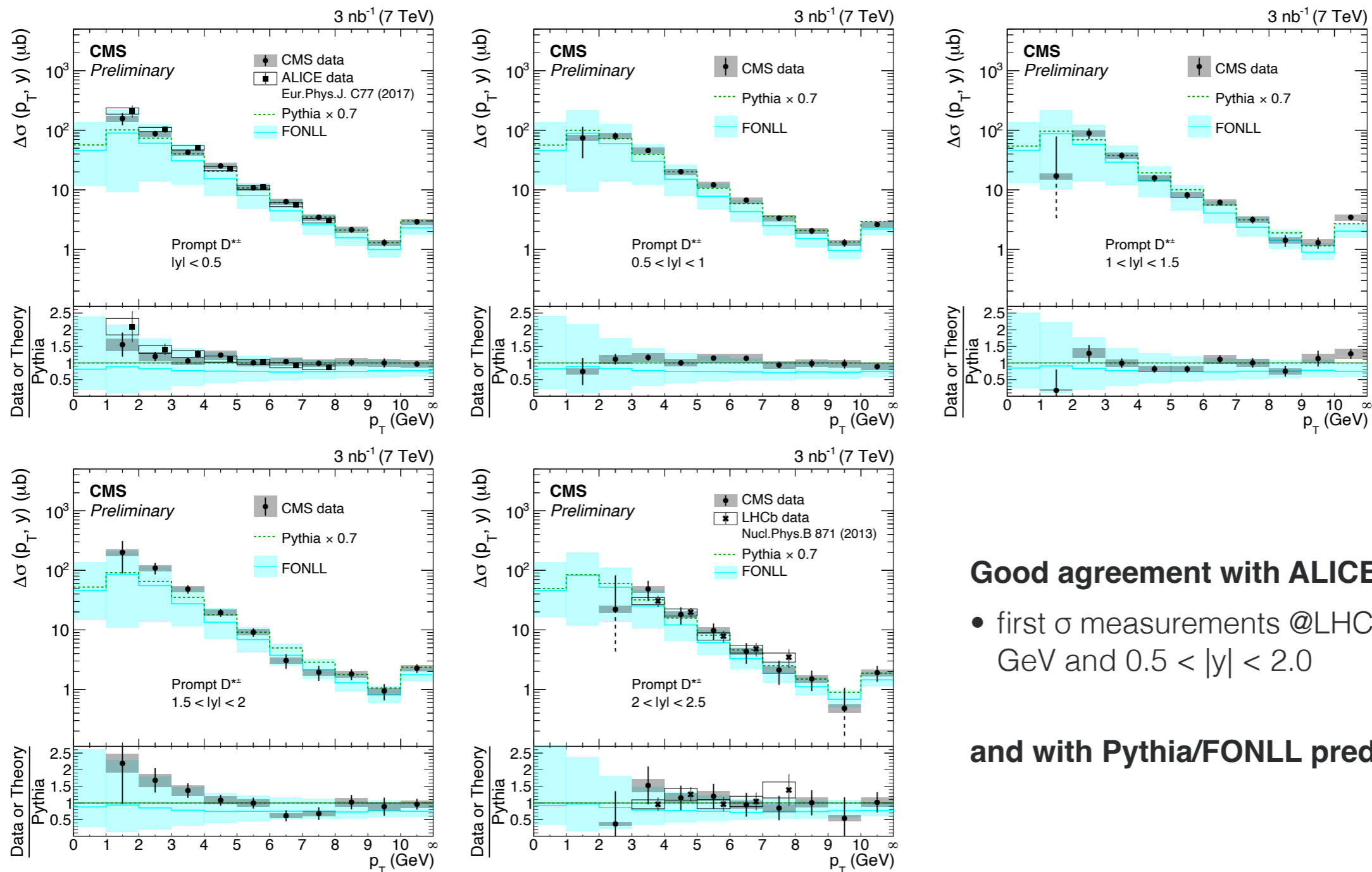
CMS dataset of pp collisions at 7 TeV (2010, 3.0 nb⁻¹) with special low- p_T tracking (down to < 100 MeV)

Measured through $D^{*+}(2010) \rightarrow D^0 \pi_s^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi_s^+$ decay chain reconstruction

- lower momentum (slow) of π_s^+ compared to K^- and π^+ allows to distinguish them
- collinearity of π_s^+ and D^{*+} provides optimal resolution on $m(D^{*+}) - m(D^0)$, strongly suppression of the combinatorial background



charm cross section | CMS

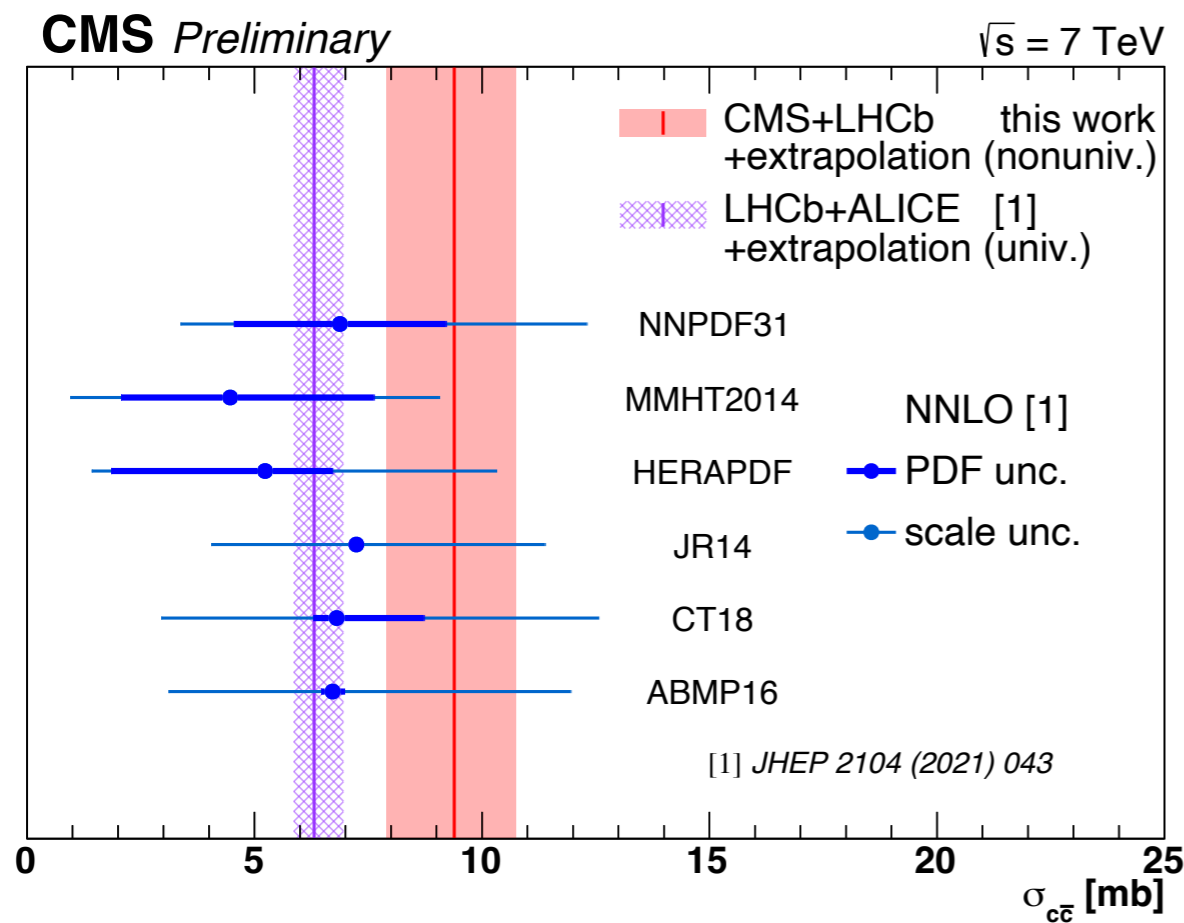


Good agreement with ALICE/LHCb data

- first σ measurements @LHC for $p_T < 3.5$ GeV and $0.5 < |y| < 2.0$

and with Pythia/FONLL predictions

charm cross section | CMS



Considerably smaller uncertainties than NNLO theory

Consistent with the upper edge of the NNLO-theory band

Measurement of the fiducial cross section extrapolated to the full phase space

- using new phenomenological approach accounting for non-universality of charm fragmentation in the extrapolation
- as expected, increase in the measured cross section compared to previous results based on charm-fragmentation-universality assumption

Combined with measurement from LHCb @7TeV to cover the whole y phase space

- **largest phase space for charm production ever explored at LHC** → smallest extrapolation factor, minimal impact of theoretical uncertainties

$$\sigma_{c\bar{c},\text{tot}} = 9.39^{+0.74}_{-0.74}(\text{data})^{+0.77}_{-0.73}(\text{ddFONLL})^{+0.83}_{-1.07}(f^{\text{pp}}) \text{ mb}$$

J/ψ & ψ(2S) xsec | ATLAS

Measurement of the production cross section of J/ψ and ψ(2S) mesons in pp collisions at 13 TeV with the ATLAS detector

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Significant extension of the kinematic range of quarkonium production measurements (up to 360 GeV for the J/ψ)

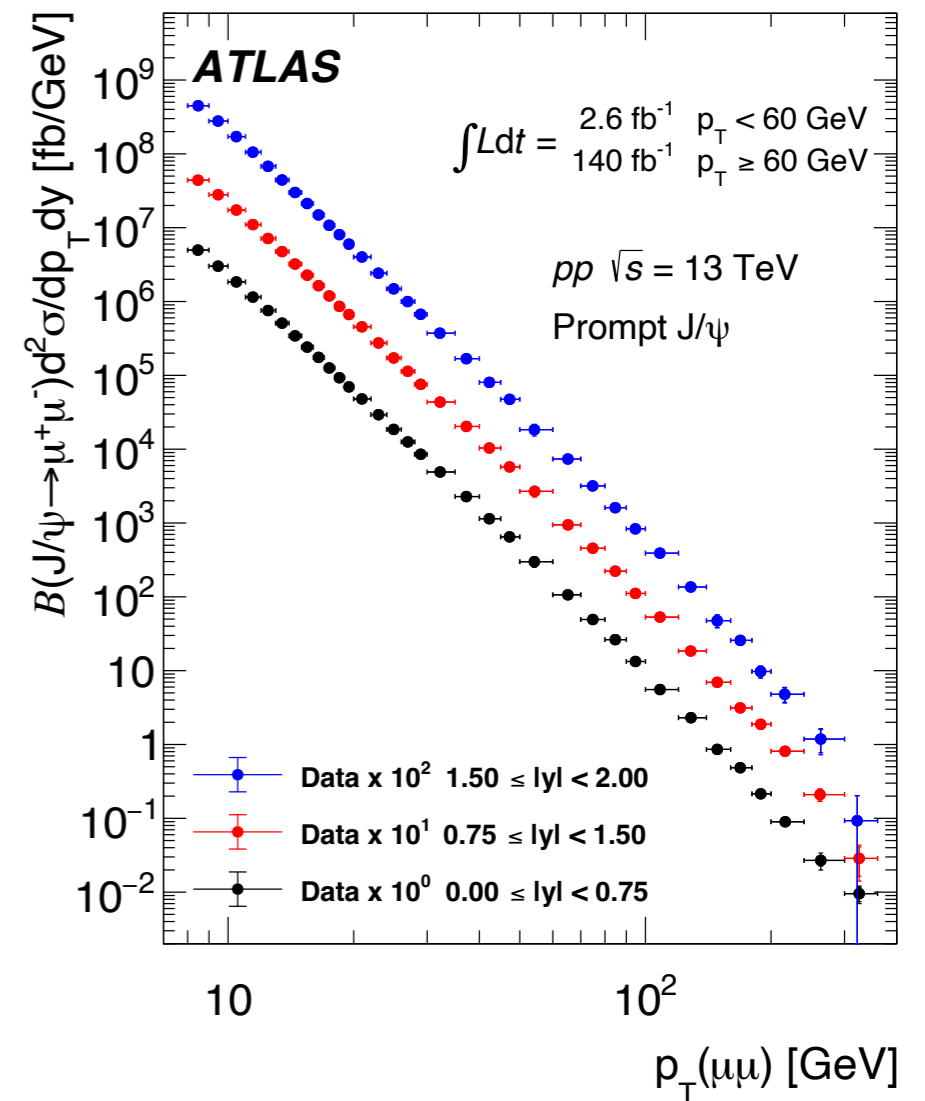
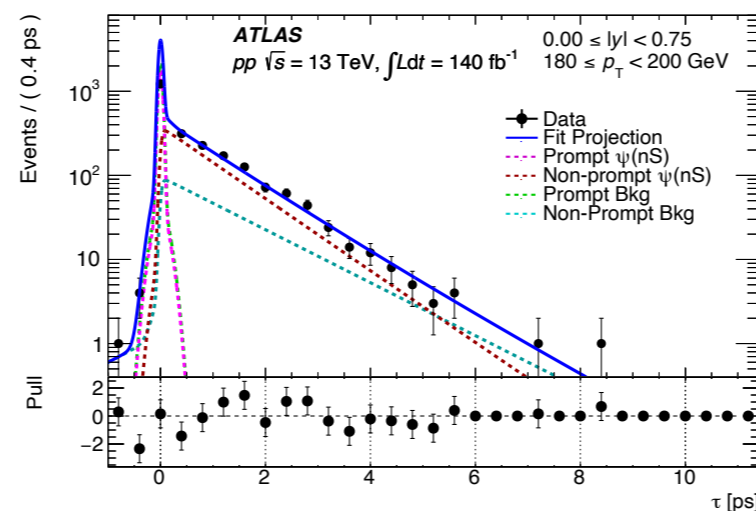
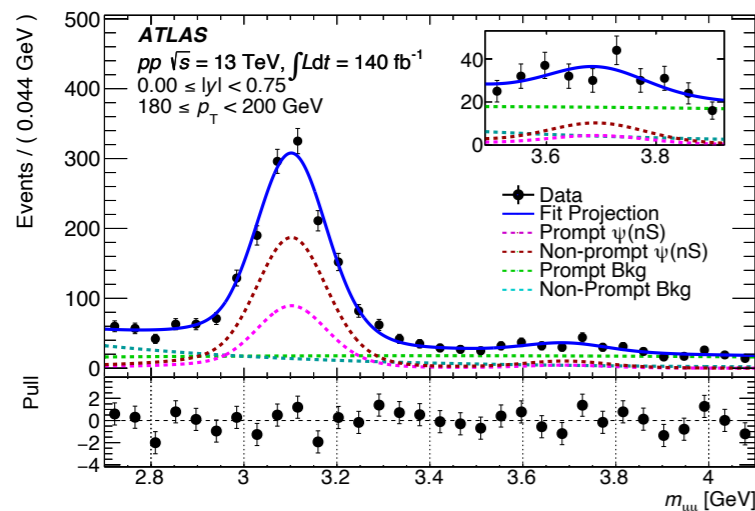
Two different triggers collecting data through 2015-2018

- dimuon trigger: low p_T (2.6 fb^{-1})
- single muon trigger: high p_T (140 fb^{-1})

Prompt and non-prompt contributions measured

2D unbinned maximum-likelihood fit to dimuon invariant mass $m_{\mu\mu}$ and pseudo-proper decay time τ in $34 p_T \times 3 y$ bins

- fine granularity at low p_T to reduce possible modelling biases



J/ψ & ψ(2S) xsec | ATLAS

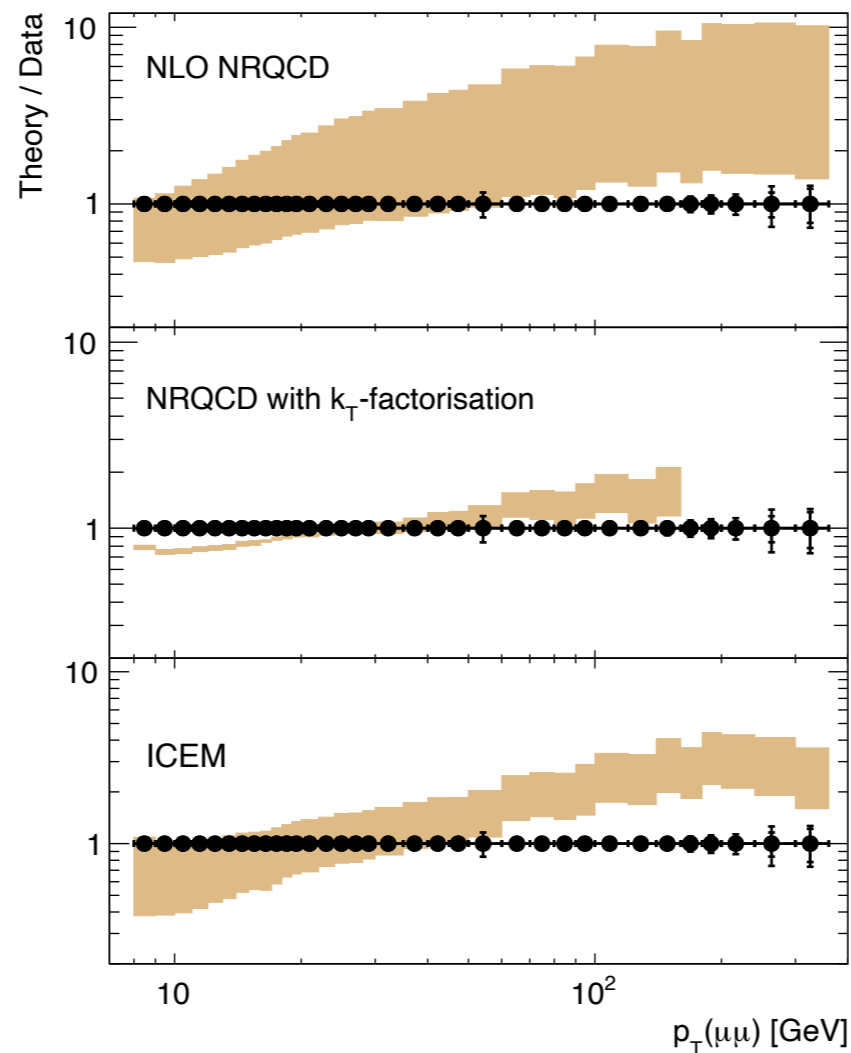
Comparison to various theoretical predictions for prompt and non-prompt productions

no model able to describe the data over the whole p_T range, with general overestimation at high p_T

precious input to theorists for model tuning, especially at high p_T

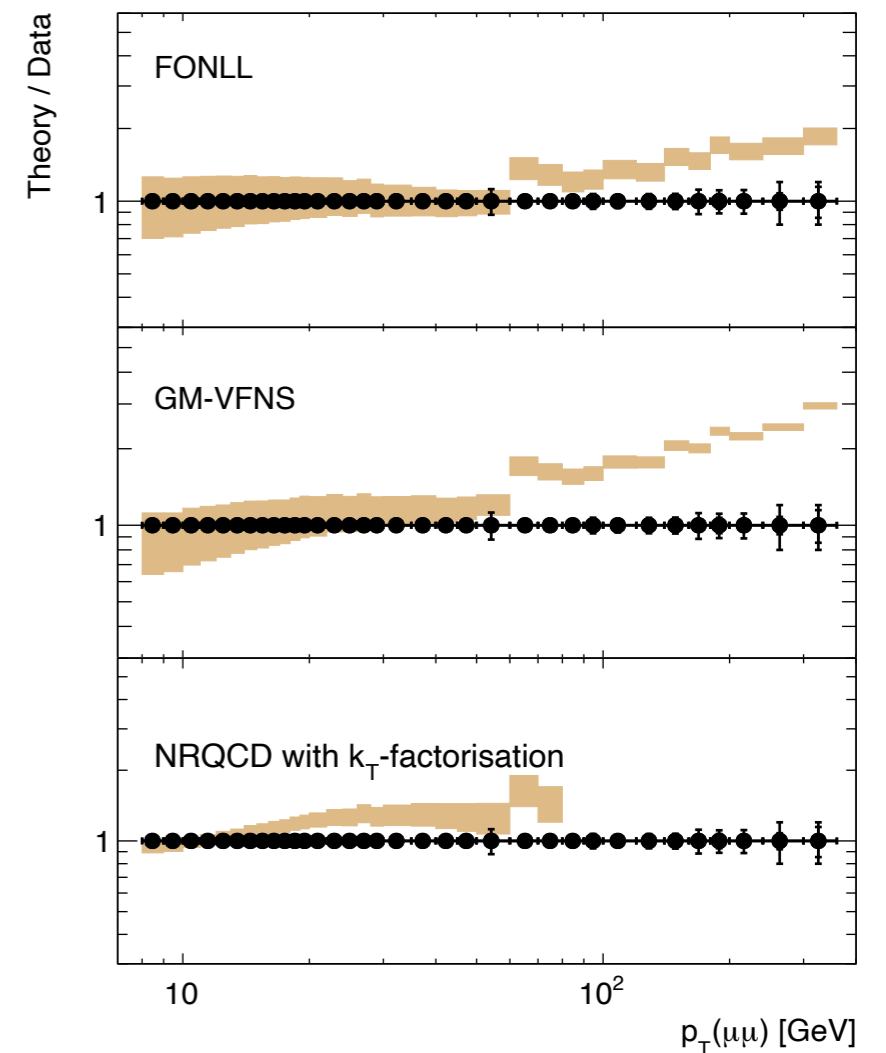
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 $0 \leq |y| < 0.75$ 140 fb^{-1} $p_T \geq 60 \text{ GeV}$
 Prompt J/ψ



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 Non-prompt J/ψ



J/ψ & ψ(2S) polarization | CMS

Measurement of the polarizations of prompt and non-prompt J/ψ and ψ(2S) mesons produced in pp collisions at 13 TeV

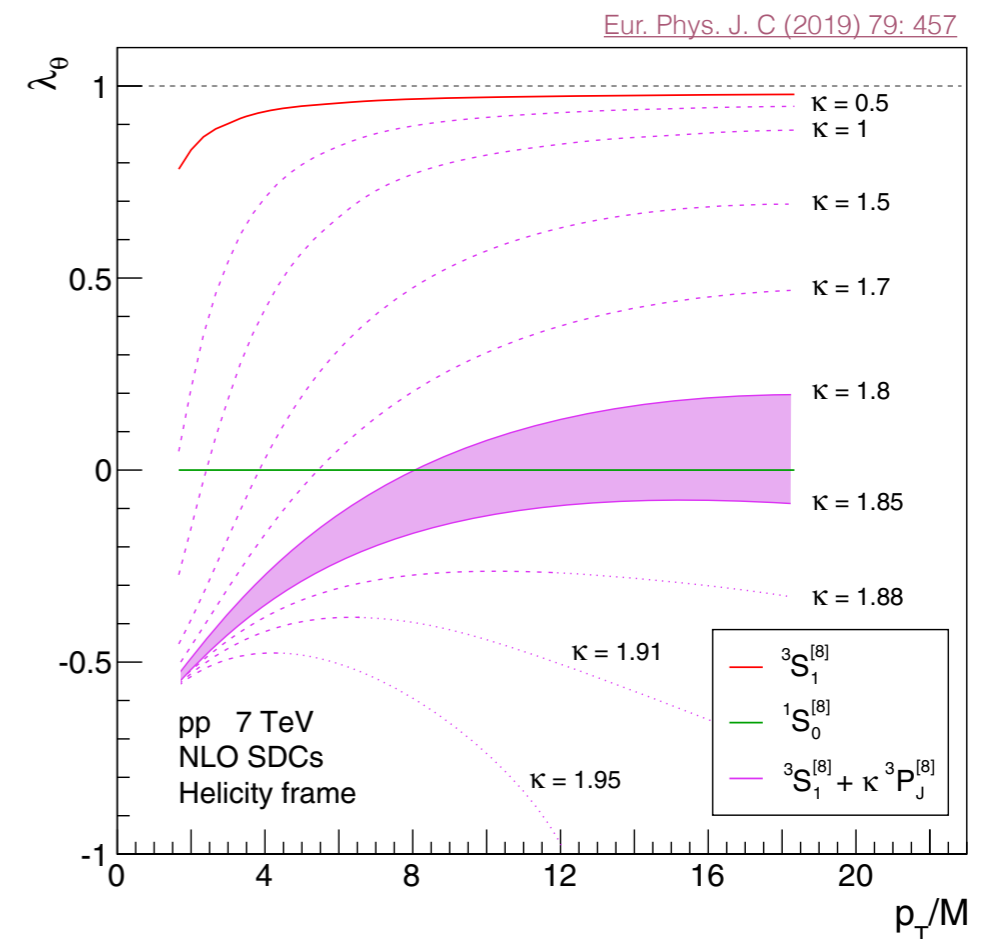
CMS BPH-22-009
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Quarkonium polarization measurements provide information on details of the hadronization models

- directly reflects the mixture of S, L, J configurations and polarizations of the contributing pre-resonance states
- precise polarization measurement over p_T sensitive to relative contributions of the differently polarized colour octet terms

Polar anisotropy λ_θ measured vs p_T for J/ψ and ψ(2S) mesons

- based on the analysis of the dimuon decay angular distributions in the helicity frame
- data sample from 2017-2018 (103.3 fb⁻¹)
- **prompt and non-prompt polarizations** measured separately



J/ψ & ψ(2S) polarization | CMS

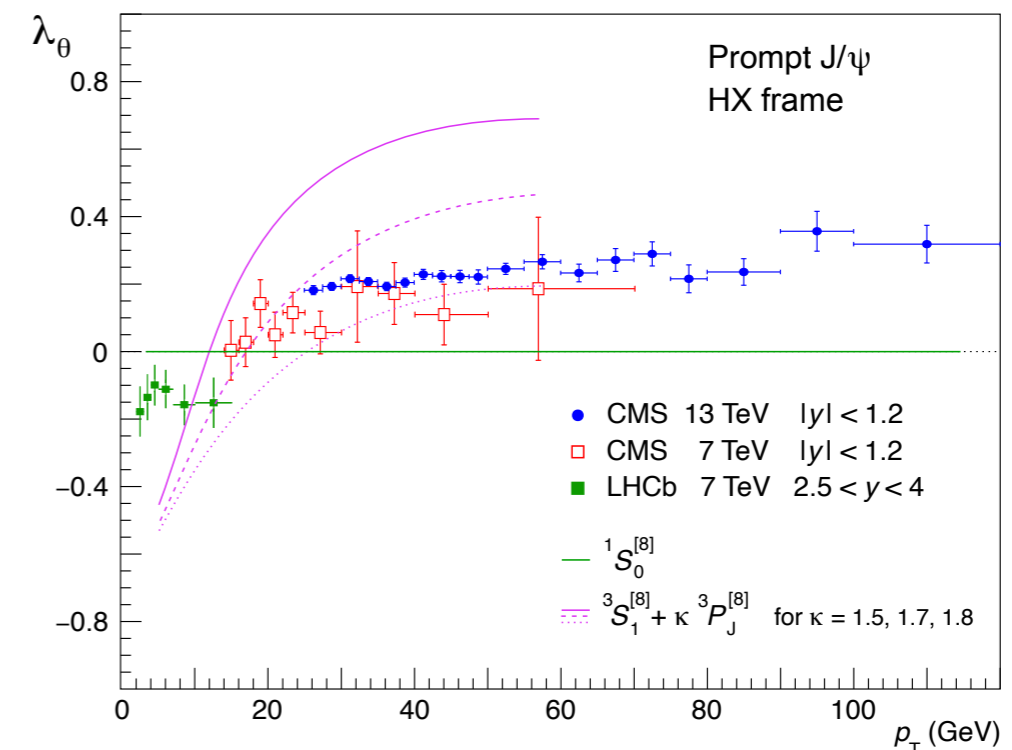
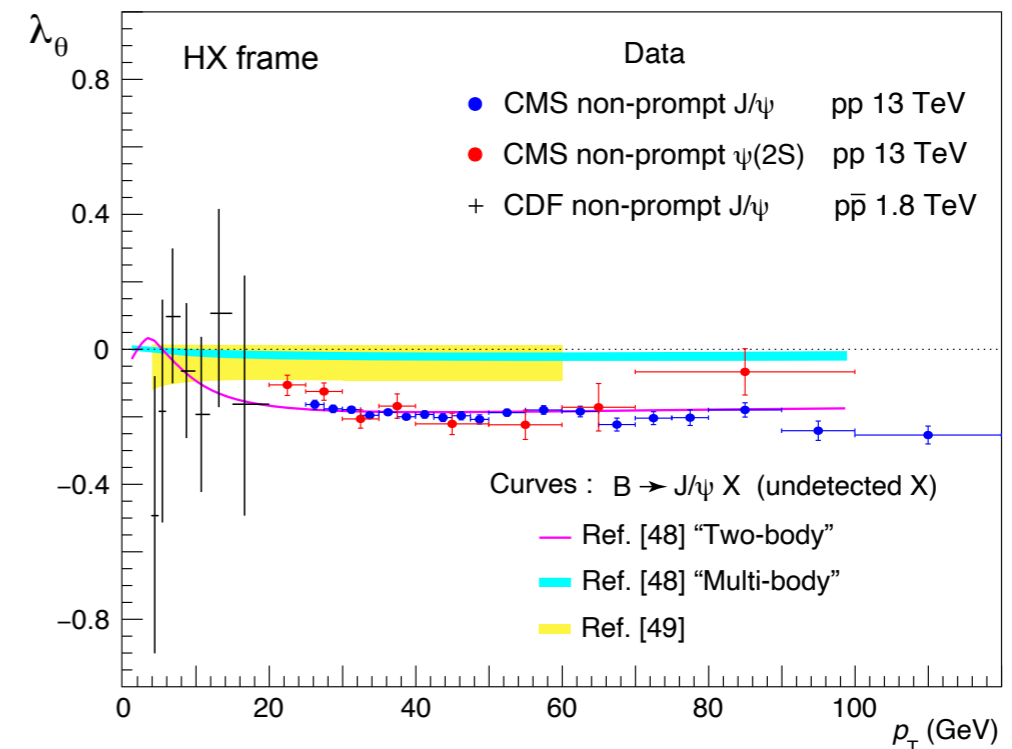
Non-prompt J/ψ and ψ(2S) measurements are compatible and both plateauing at $\lambda_\theta \approx -0.2$ for $p_T > 30$ GeV

- agree with predictions (JHEP10(2022)010) based on the hypothesis of **ψ predominantly produced by two-body B decays through colour-singlet processes**

Prompt polarization shows no evidence of strong transverse polarizations, even at large p_T values

- interpreted in NRQCD: no evidence of $^3S_1^{[8]}$ and $^3P_J^{[8]}$ dominance over unpolarized $^1S_0^{[8]}$ octet at large p_T
- prompt polarization varies significantly vs p_T

Significant constraints to phenomenological analyses, so far mostly focused on p_T -differential cross sections



Searches for NP in the flavour sector

B_s effective lifetime | intro

In the $B_s^0 - \bar{B}_s^0$ system, light and heavy mass eigenstates have sizable difference between their decay widths:
 $\Delta\Gamma = 0.082 \pm 0.007 \text{ ps}^{-1}$

Effective lifetime τ^{eff} is defined as

$$\tau^{eff} = \frac{\tau_{B_s}}{1 - y^2} \cdot \frac{1 + 2yA_{\Delta\Gamma} + y^2}{1 + yA_{\Delta\Gamma}} = \frac{\int t[\Gamma(B_s) + \Gamma(\bar{B}_s)]dt}{\int \Gamma(B_s) + \Gamma(\bar{B}_s)dt}$$

Sensitive to BSM physics, e.g. new particles entering the mixing or changing the amount of CP violation

- complementary to the branching fraction measurements

$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ is exactly CP-odd

$$\tau_{\mu\mu}^{SM} = (1.624 \pm 0.009) \text{ ps} \equiv \tau_{B_{s,H}^0}$$

$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$ is quasi CP-odd

$$\tau_{J/\psi K_S^0}^{SM} = (1.62 \pm 0.02) \text{ ps} \simeq \tau_{B_{s,H}^0}$$

$B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ effective lifetime | ATLAS

Measurement of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ effective lifetime with the ATLAS detector

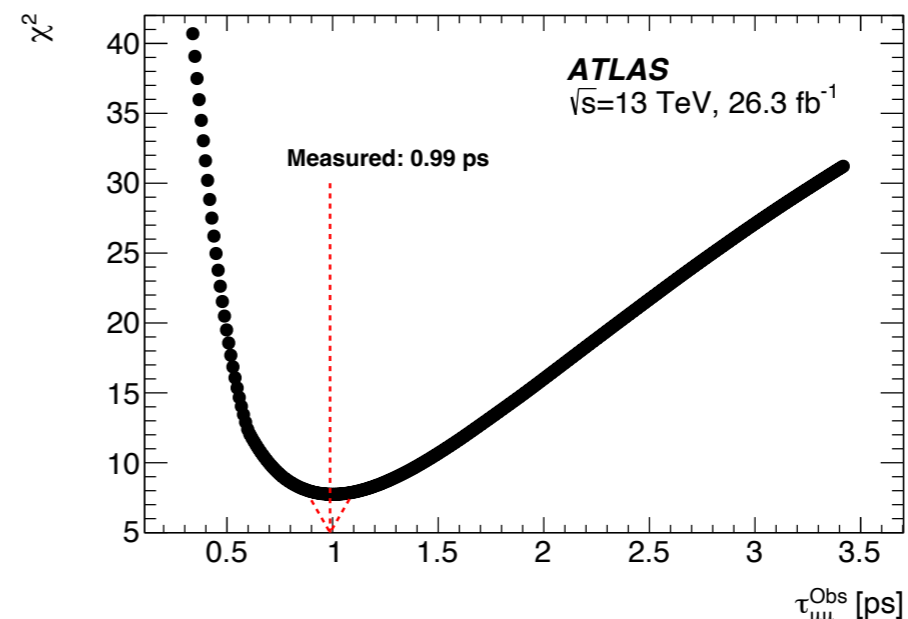
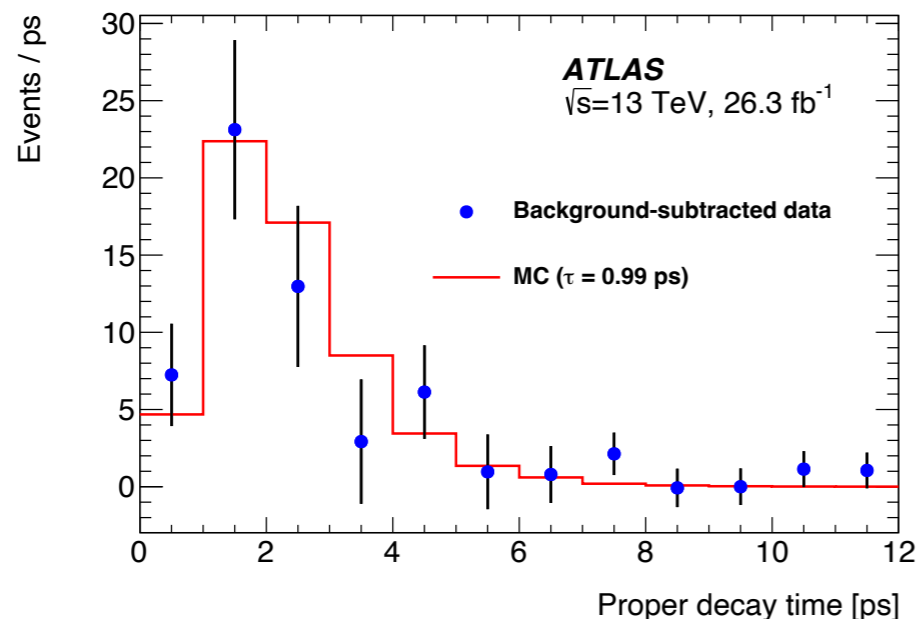
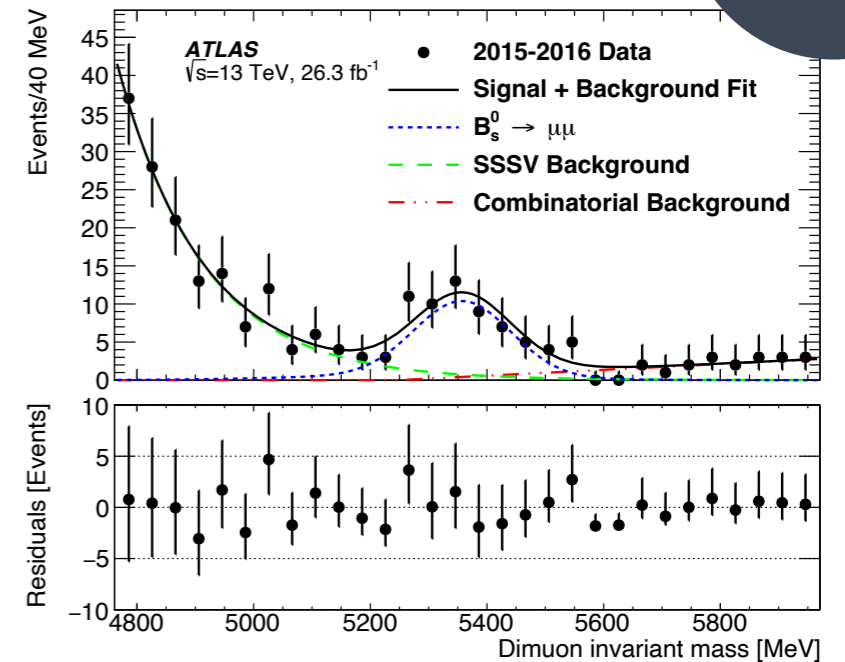
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ATLAS measurement on Run2 data (2015-2016, 26.3 fb⁻¹)

- Signal proper decay-time distribution from data obtained via *sPlot*
- Lifetime value extracted by a fit using simulated signal templates
- χ^2 scan performed for several lifetime hypotheses

$$\tau_{\mu\mu}^{Obs} = 0.99^{+0.42}_{-0.07}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.17(\text{syst}) \text{ ps}$$

consistent with
SM prediction



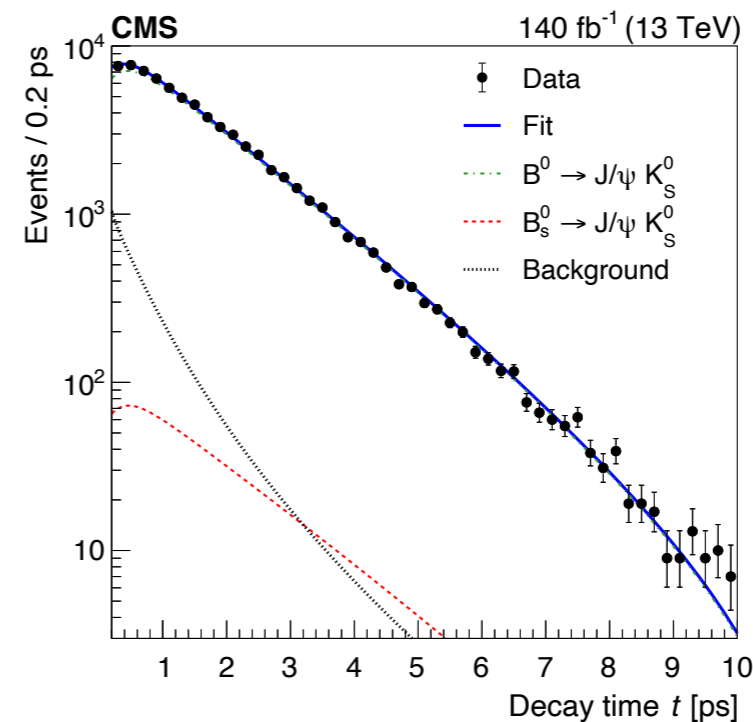
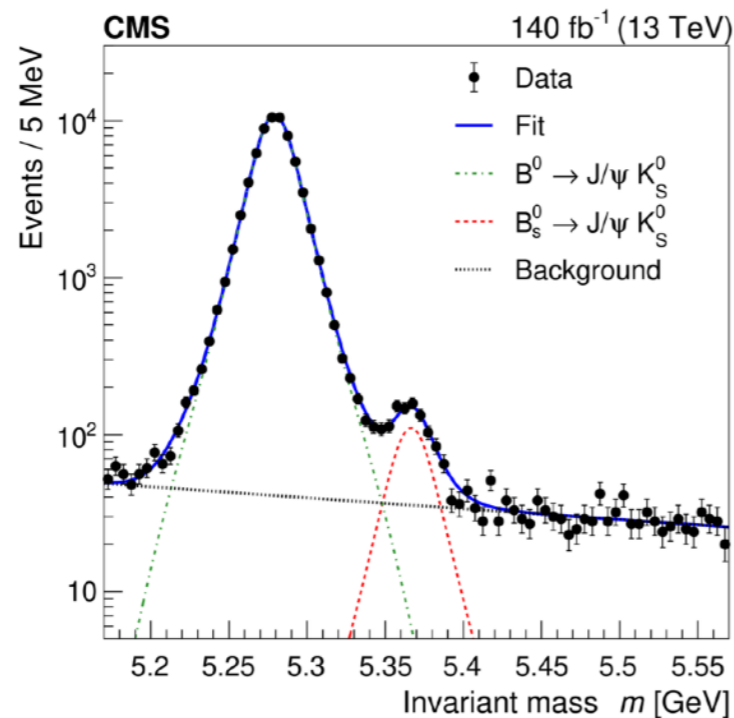
$B_s \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$ effective lifetime | CMS

Measurement of the $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$ effective lifetime from pp collisions at 13 TeV

CMS analysis of 2016-2018 dataset (140 fb⁻¹)

- using $K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decays
- 2D unbinned maximum likelihood fit to $m(J/\psi K_S)$ and proper decay time t
- Fit pdf comprises the efficiency parametrisation, obtained from studies on simulation

CMS BPH-22-001
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$$\tau(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0) = 1.59 \pm 0.07 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.03 \text{ (syst) ps}$$

consistent with the SM prediction

**most precise
measurement to date**

Measurement of $R(J/\psi)$ | CMS

Test of lepton flavor universality in semileptonic B_c meson decays in pp collisions at 13 TeV

Lepton flavor universality in electroweak interactions is an accidental symmetry of the SM

LFU violation predicted by several BSM models:

- can be tested in Z and W decays, as well as in the b hadron sector

$$R(J/\psi) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}$$

SM expectation = 0.2582 ± 0.0038

[PRL 125, 222003](#)

Tree level decay, complements other measurements of $R(H_c)$

Since B_c mesons cannot be produced at the existing B factories, **$R(J/\psi)$ has not been extensively explored**

Only one available measurement, from LHCb $R(J/\psi) = 0.71 \pm 0.17(\text{stat}) \pm 0.18(\text{syst})$ (2σ from SM)

[PRL 120, 121801](#)

CMS searches, based on Run2 data, targeting both leptonic and 3-prong hadronic τ decays

- common denominator
- smaller dataset for leptonic channel due to trigger requirements (59.7 fb^{-1} vs 138 fb^{-1})

Measurement of $R(J/\psi)$ | CMS

leptonic channel

final state signature: **$3\mu + \text{neutrinos}$**

main bkg: muon fakes
combinatorial $J/\psi + \mu$
other B_c decays

neutrinos & kinematic differences to disentangle numerator from denominator

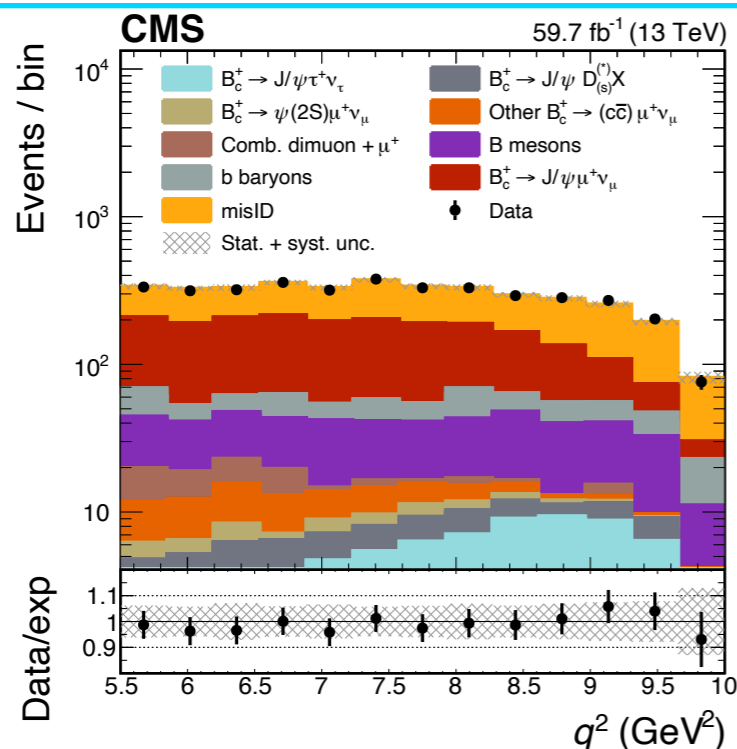
hadronic channel

final state signature: **$2\mu + 3 \text{ tracks} + \text{neutrinos}$**

main bkg: combinatorial $J/\psi + X$
 $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi D_s(^*)$
other B_c decays

resonant structure of τ decay products to discriminate fakes

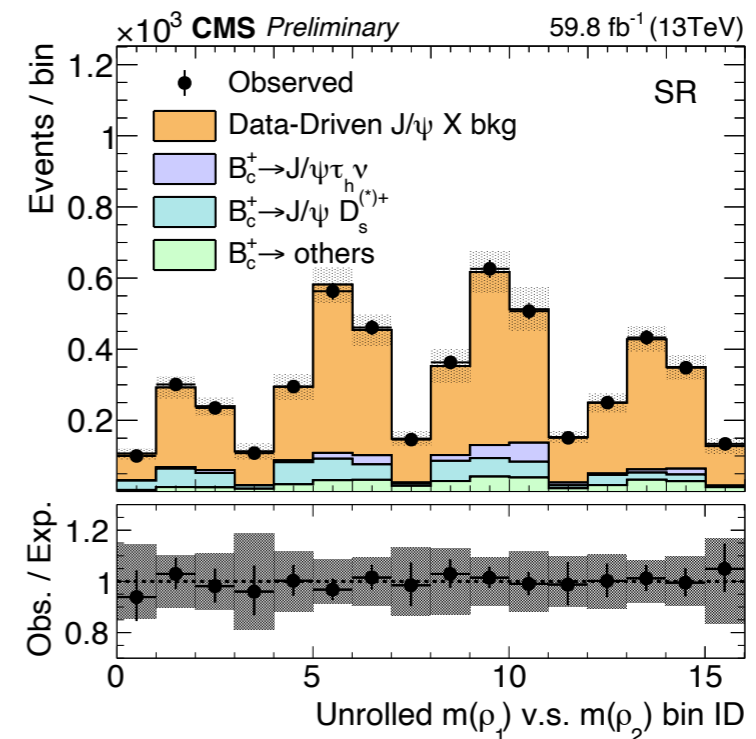
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$$R(J/\psi) = 0.17^{+0.18}_{-0.17}(\text{stat})^{+0.21}_{-0.22}(\text{syst})^{+0.19}_{-0.18}(\text{theo})$$

Compatible with SM prediction (0.3σ)
and with LHCb results (1.3σ)

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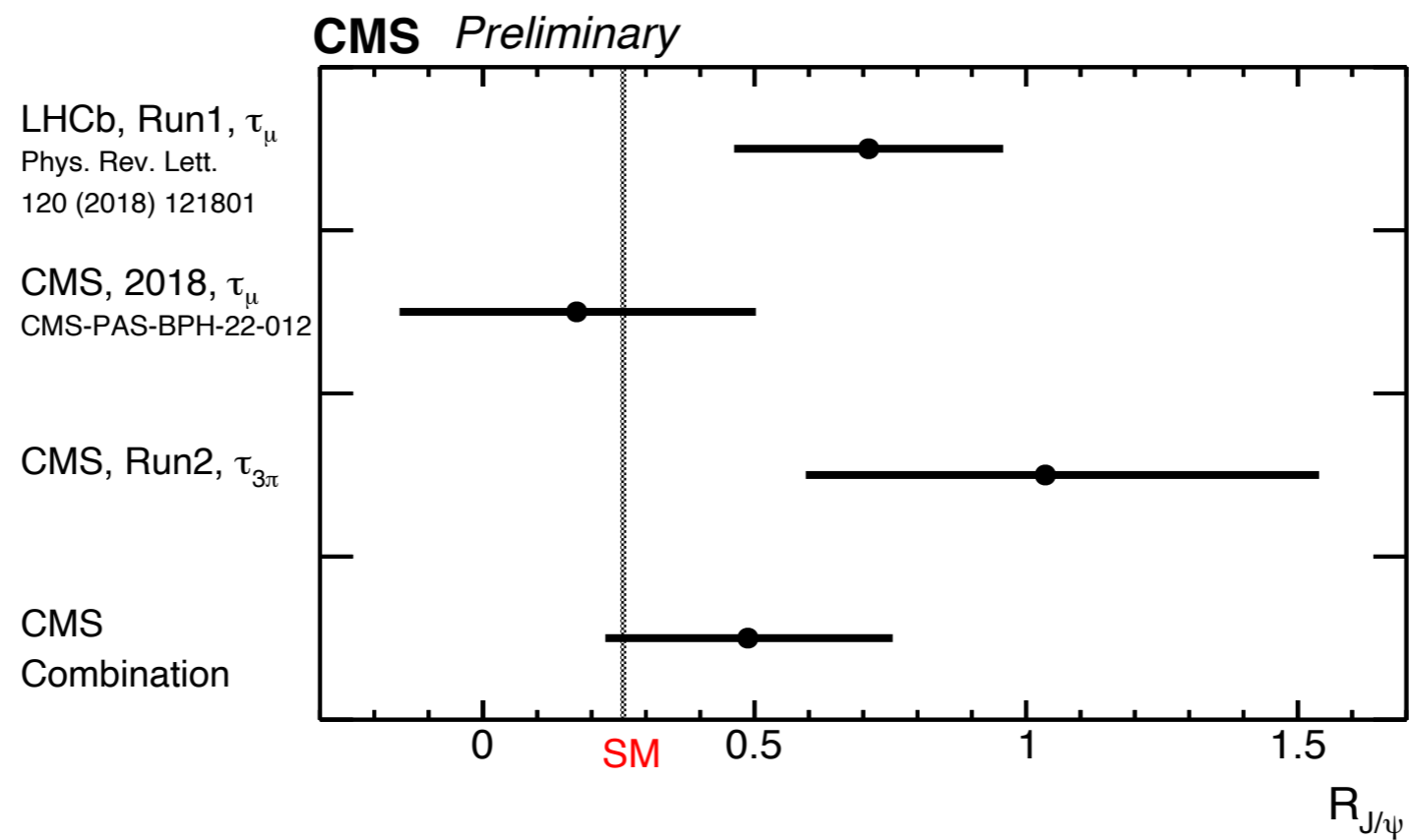


$$R(J/\psi) = 1.04^{+0.50}_{-0.44}$$

Compatible with SM prediction

Measurement of $R(J/\psi)$ | CMS

full combination of the two channels



$$R(J/\psi) = 0.49 \pm 0.25(\text{stat}) \pm 0.09(\text{syst})$$

consistent with the SM prediction within 1σ standard deviation

$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$ angular analysis | CMS

Angular analysis of the $B^0 \rightarrow K^*(892)^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay at 13 TeV

FCNC process proceeding at loop level in the SM (BR $\sim 10^{-7}$)

- **sensitive to virtual NP particles** entering the loop and modifying BR and/or angular distribution

Effective approach used to describe the $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decay

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff} \propto V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i$$

↓ Wilson coefficients
↓ Local operators

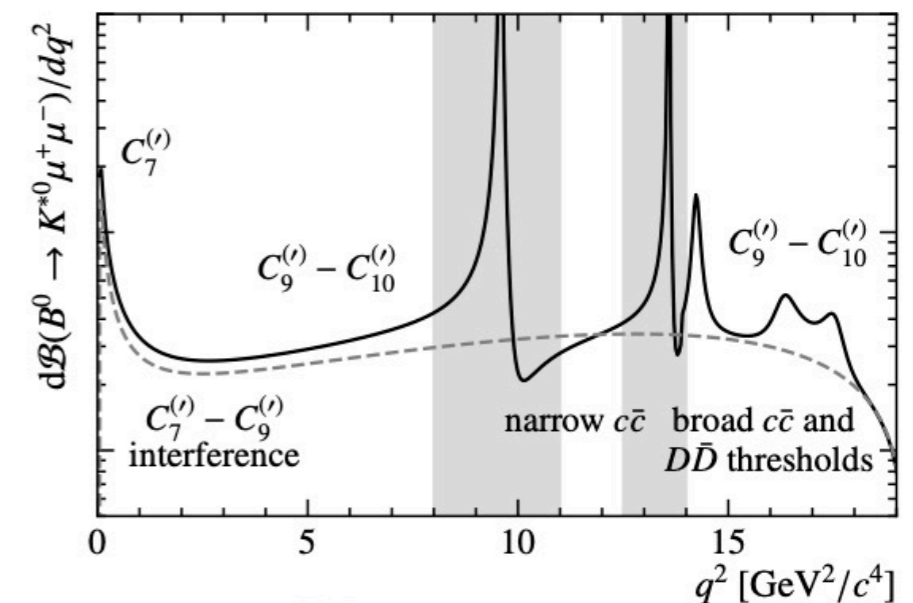
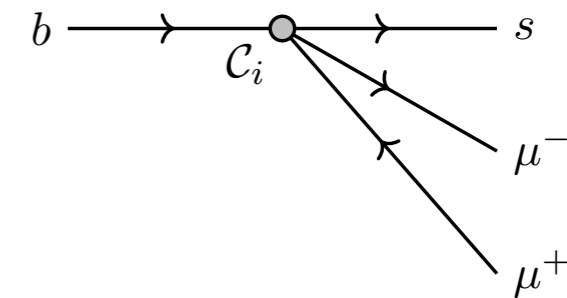
- NP could modify the Wilson Coefficients, or enable new operators

Different dimuon mass (q) ranges sensitive to different operators → measurements as a function of q^2

- NP contribution to C_9 expected to be constant vs q^2

Tensions with predictions based on the SM observed by LHCb

PRL 125, 011802



B⁰ → K* μμ angular analysis | CMS

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First full angular analysis from CMS, based on Run2 dataset (140 fb⁻¹)

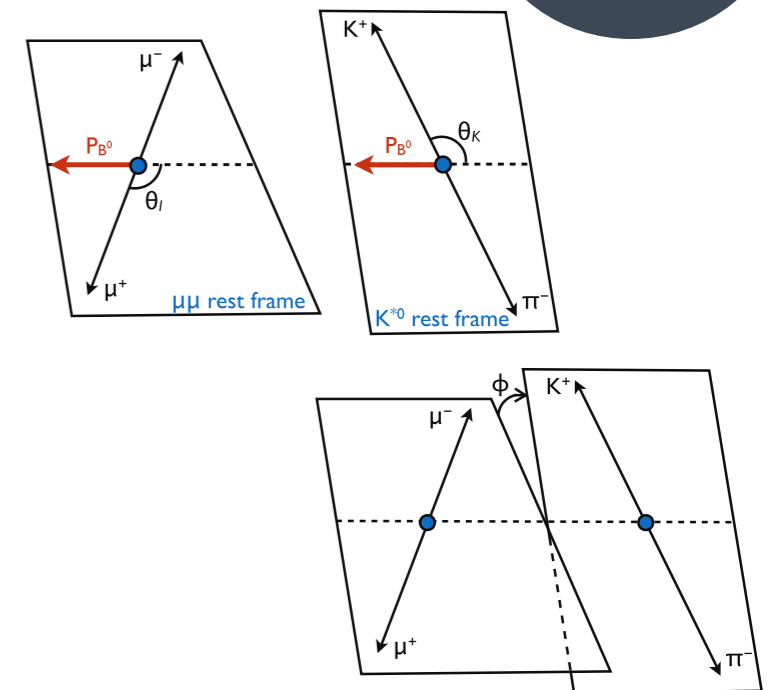
- in bins of q² ranging from 1.1 to 16 GeV²

Decay rate described as a function of $\Omega = (\cos \theta_K, \cos \theta_l, \phi), q^2 = m^2(\mu\mu)$

$$\frac{d^4\Gamma}{dq^2 d^3\Omega} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \sum_i J_i(q^2) f_i(\Omega)$$

angular coefficients

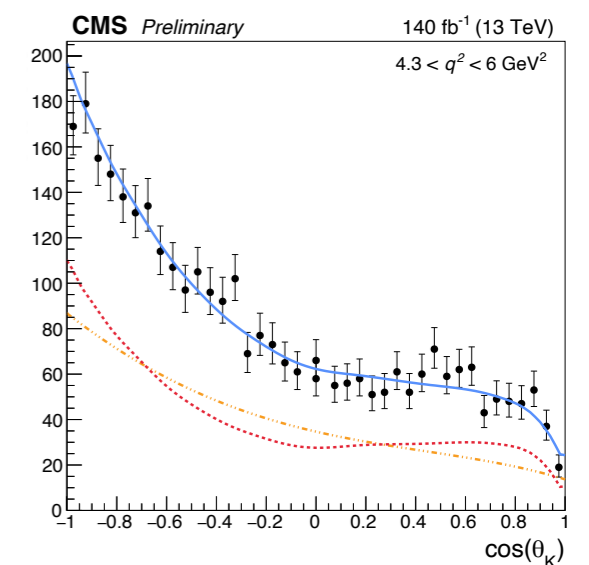
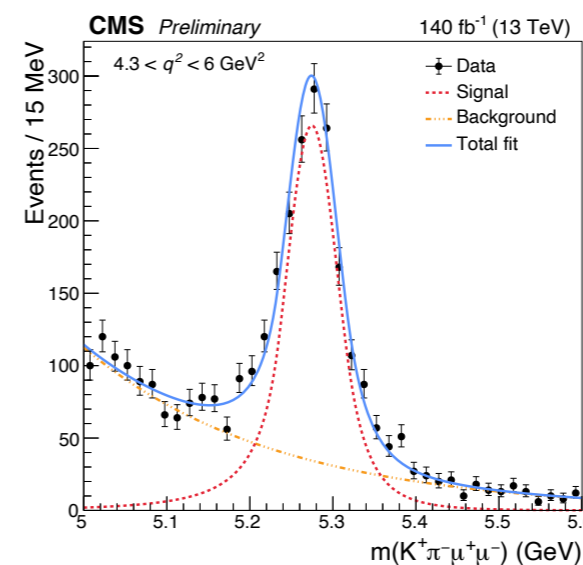
angular functions



The $J_i(q^2)$ are combinations of K^{*0} amplitudes which can be expressed using the set of angular observables $P_i^{(\prime)}$ [JHEP 01 \(2013\) 048](#)

- $P_i^{(\prime)}$ have reduced form factor uncertainties
- related to the Wilson Coefficients

Observables extracted from 4D unbinned fit to the mass and angular distributions in bins of q²



$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ angular analysis | CMS

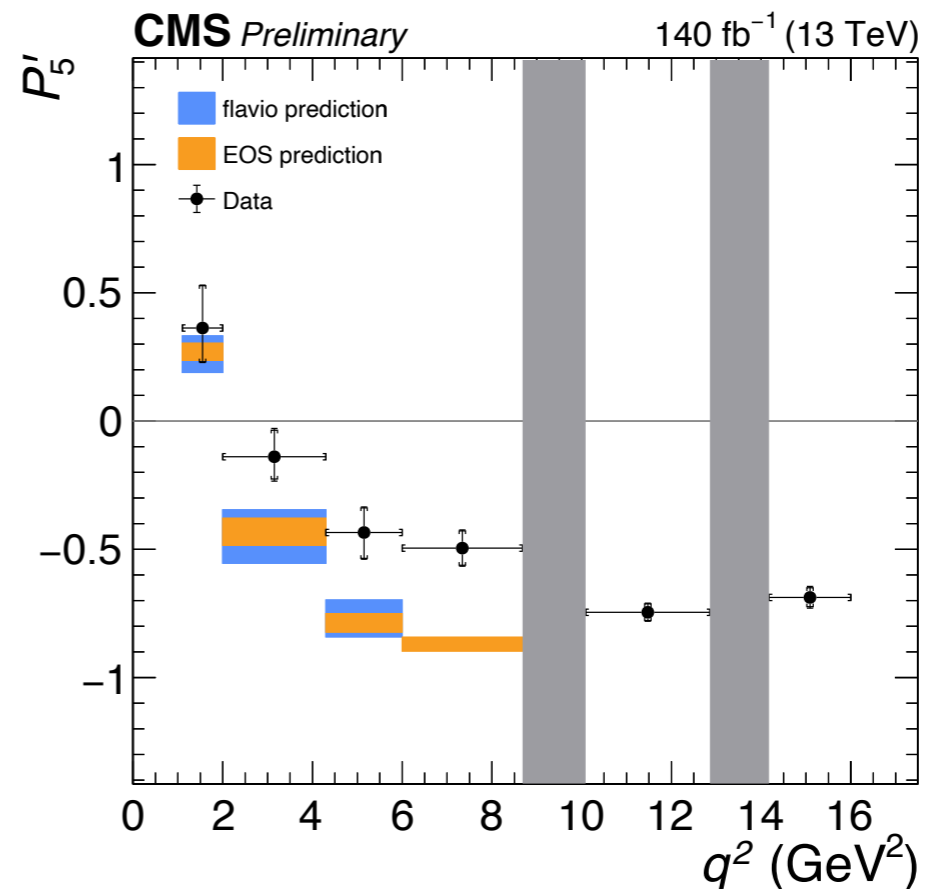
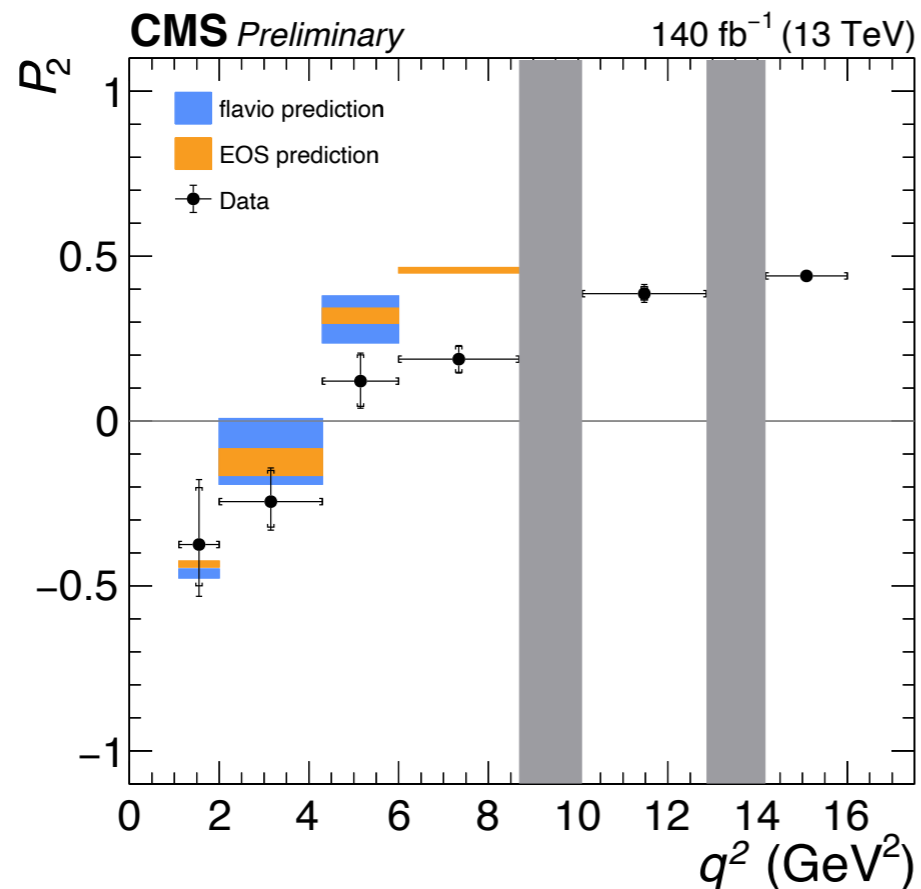
Results compared to two sets of predictions based on the SM

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EOS: local ff from a combination of LQCD and LCSR, novel parametrization of non-local ff (JHEP 09 (2022) 133)

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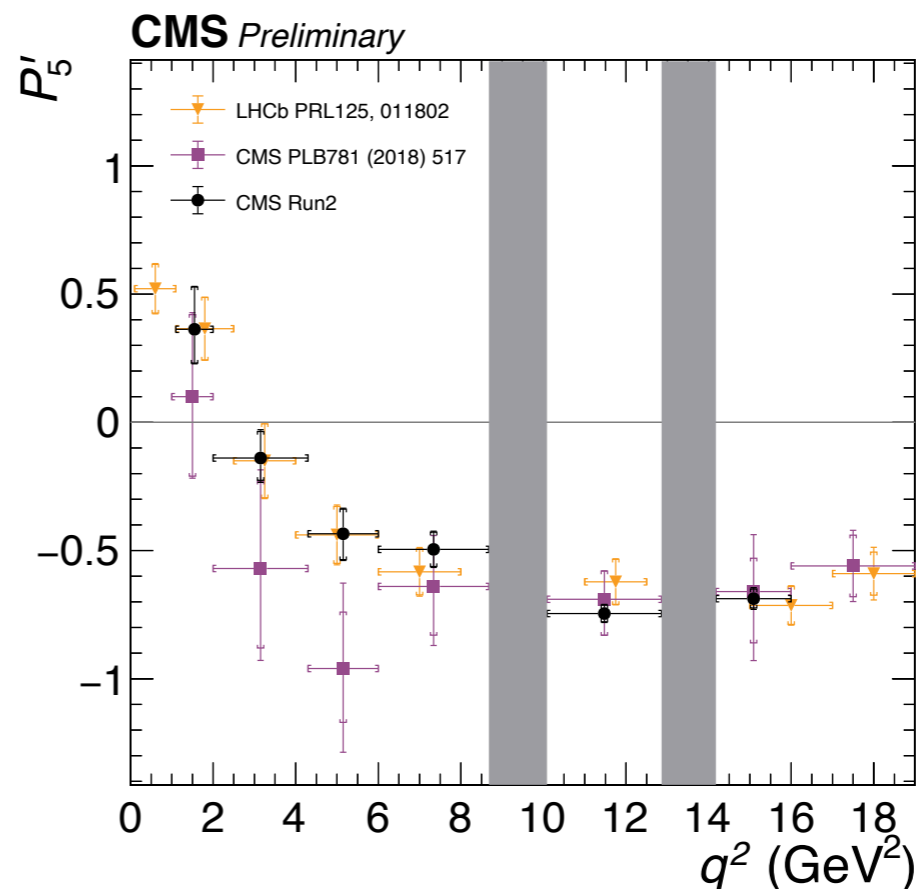
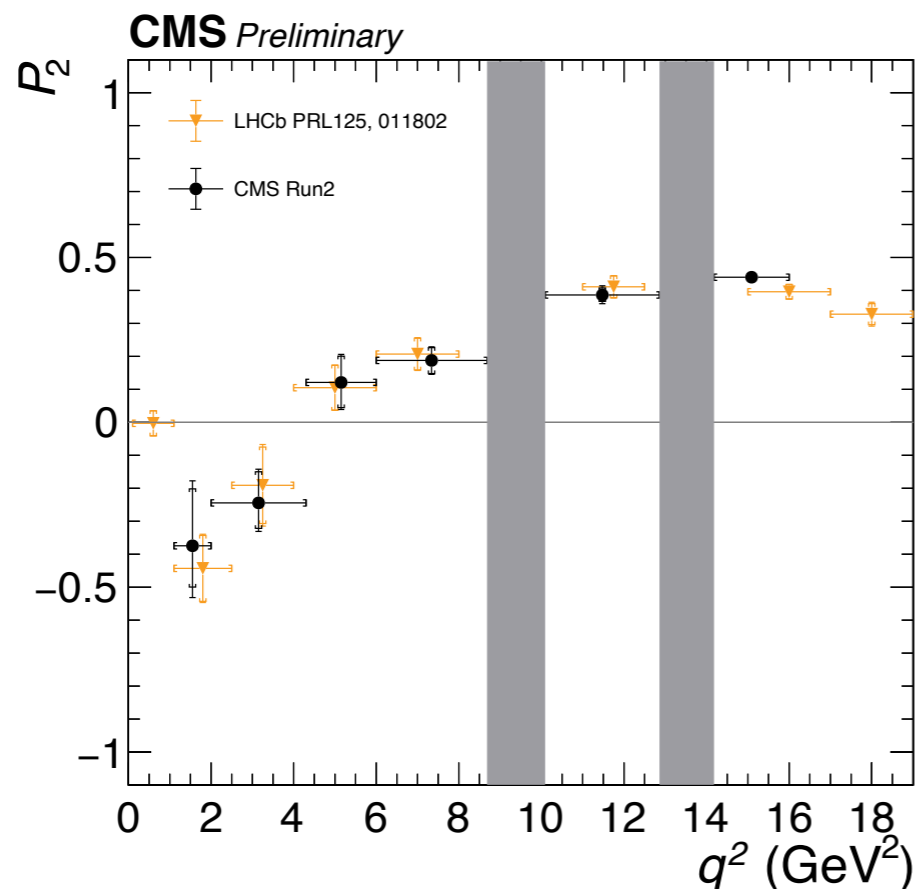
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Among the most precise measurements, in agreement with LHCb



Search for $D^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ | CMS

Search for rare charm decays into two muons

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$D^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ is a **very rare FCNC process**, SM prediction for BR $\sim 3 \times 10^{-13}$

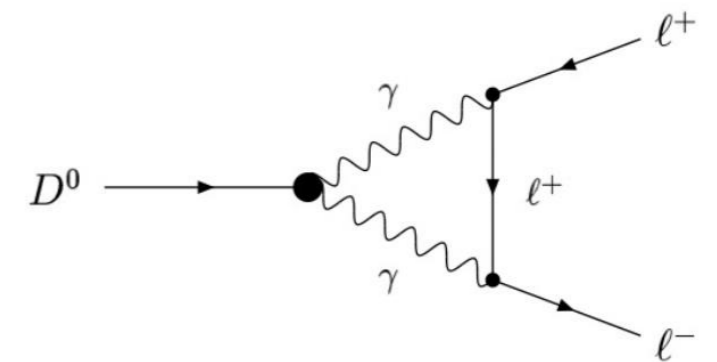
- loop contributions in charm decays are mediated by light quarks
- substantial long-distance contributions, challenging to predict analytically
→ large uncertainties on the SM prediction

However, any **(small) enhancement from NP should be easy seen**

- various NP models predict contributions at tree level

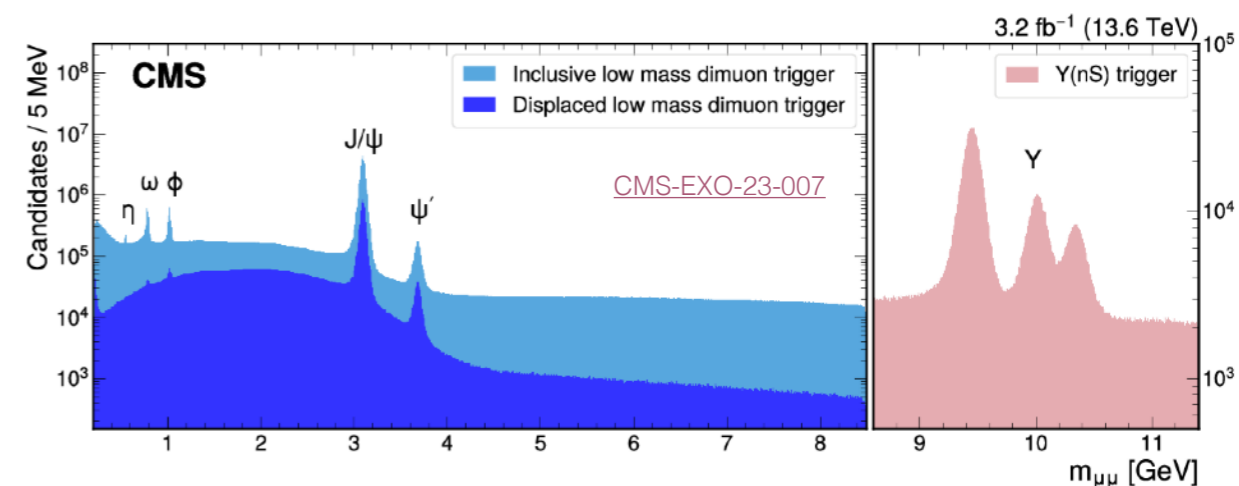
Current most sensitive measurement from LHCb

- upper limit for $B(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$ at 3.5×10^{-9} @95% CL



CMS search based on Run3 data (2022-2023, 64.5 fb⁻¹)

- collected by **inclusive dimuon triggers**
- D^0 from $D^{*+}(2010) \rightarrow D^0\pi^+$ decays: small combinatorial bkg and optimal resolution on $m(D^{*+}) - m(D^0)$
- $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ as normalisation channel

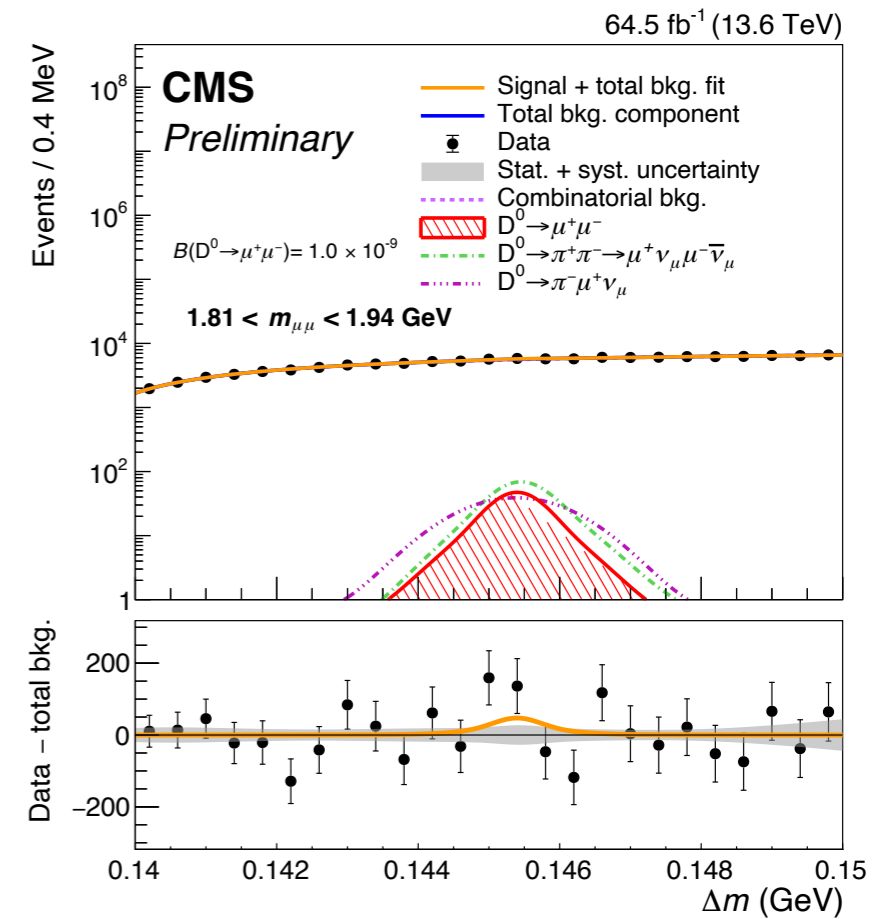
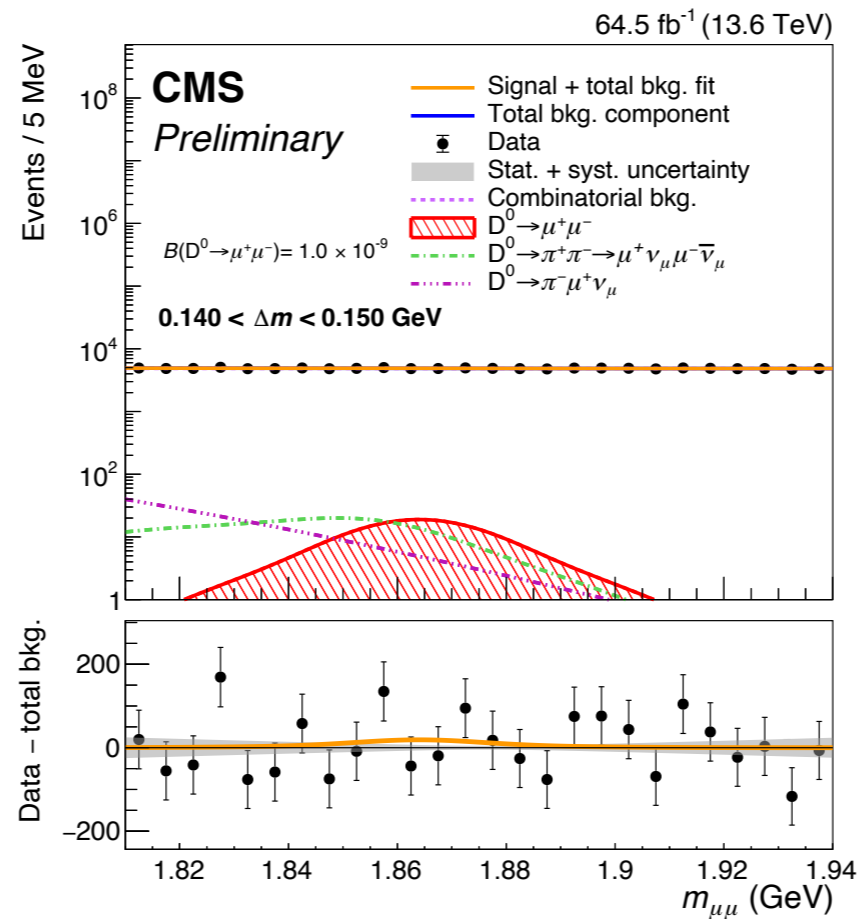


Search for $D^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ | CMS

Branching fraction extracted using a 2D UML fit on the invariant mass of D^0 candidates ($m_{\mu\mu}$) and $\Delta m = m(D^* - D^0)$

main uncertainties related to normalisation channel

no excess over the background is seen



$$B(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) < 2.6 \times 10^{-9} \quad @95\% \text{ CL}$$

Previous best limit improved by 35%

Summary

Many recent results from both ATLAS and CMS experiments, covering a wide range of flavour-physics topics

only a few selected publications were shown in this talk, many more available at

[ATLAS physics results page](#)

[CMS physics results page](#)

**Competitive results
often improve current available best measurements**

**Additional datasets collected with innovative techniques are still
to be explored and exploited**

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fragmentation non universality

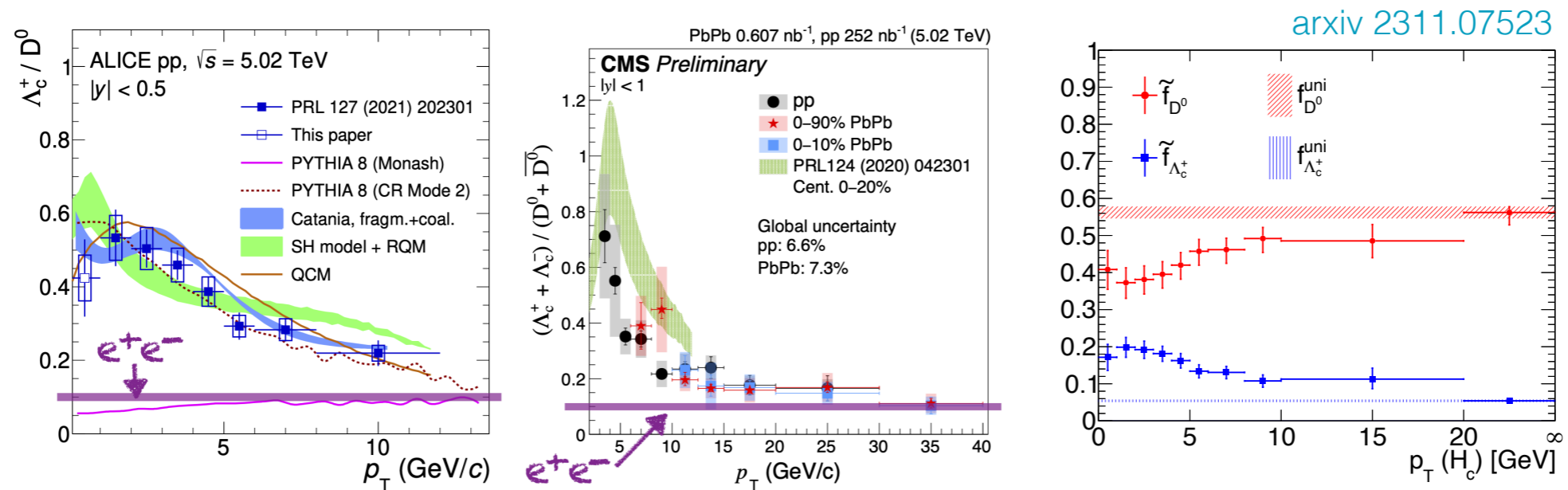


Figure 1: Λ_c^+ / D^0 measurements from ALICE (left) and CMS (middle), with figures adapted from [5] and [6], respectively. As a reference, the fragmentation fraction of e^+e^- data [8] was added as the purple band. These measurements were used to derive p_T -dependent D^0 and Λ_c^+ production fractions for pp collisions (right).

Quarkonium polarization extra

Helicity frame definition

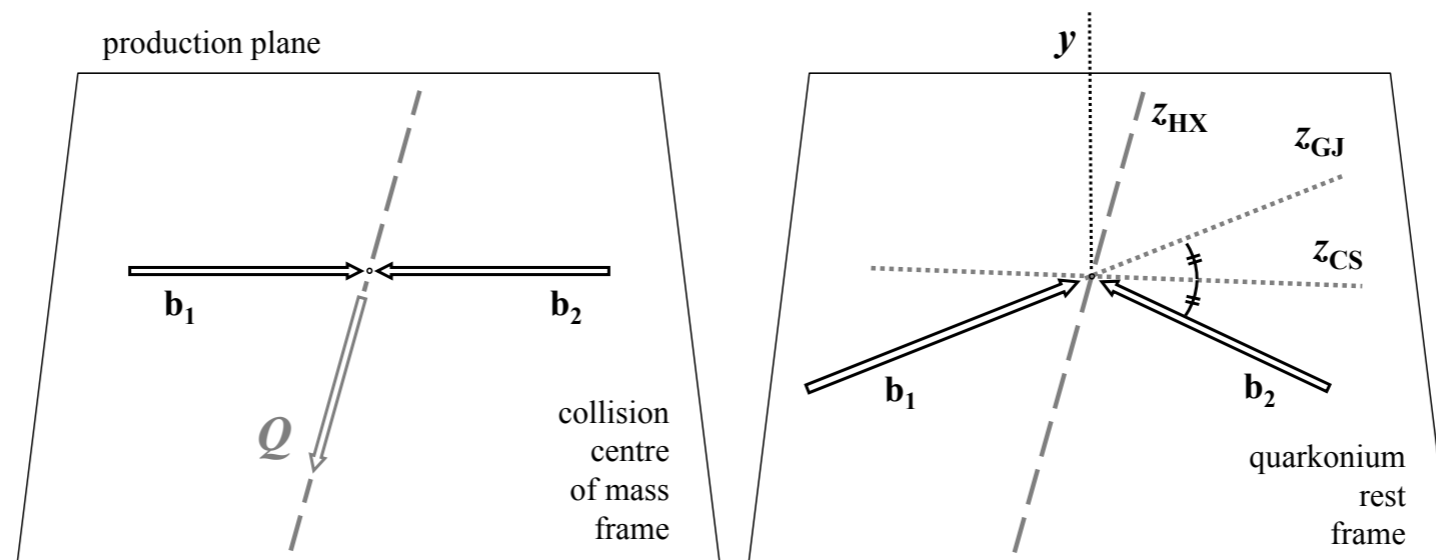
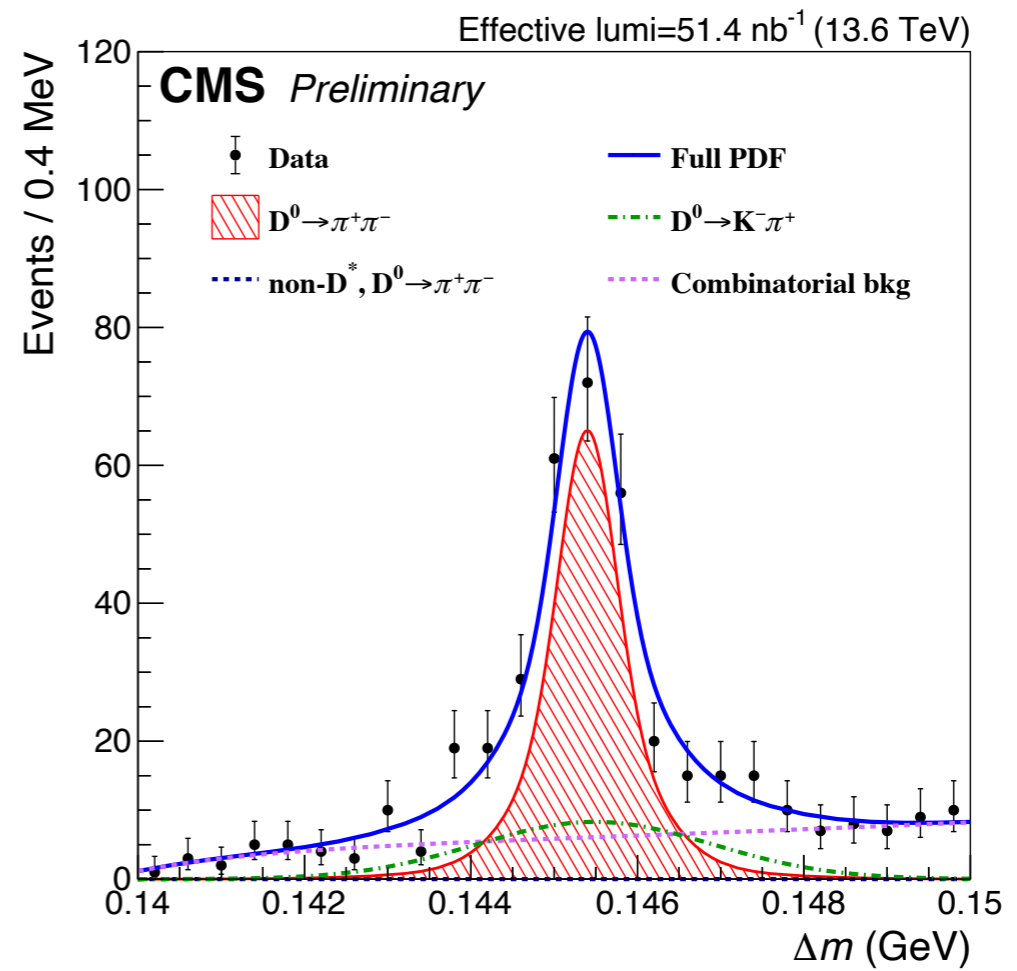
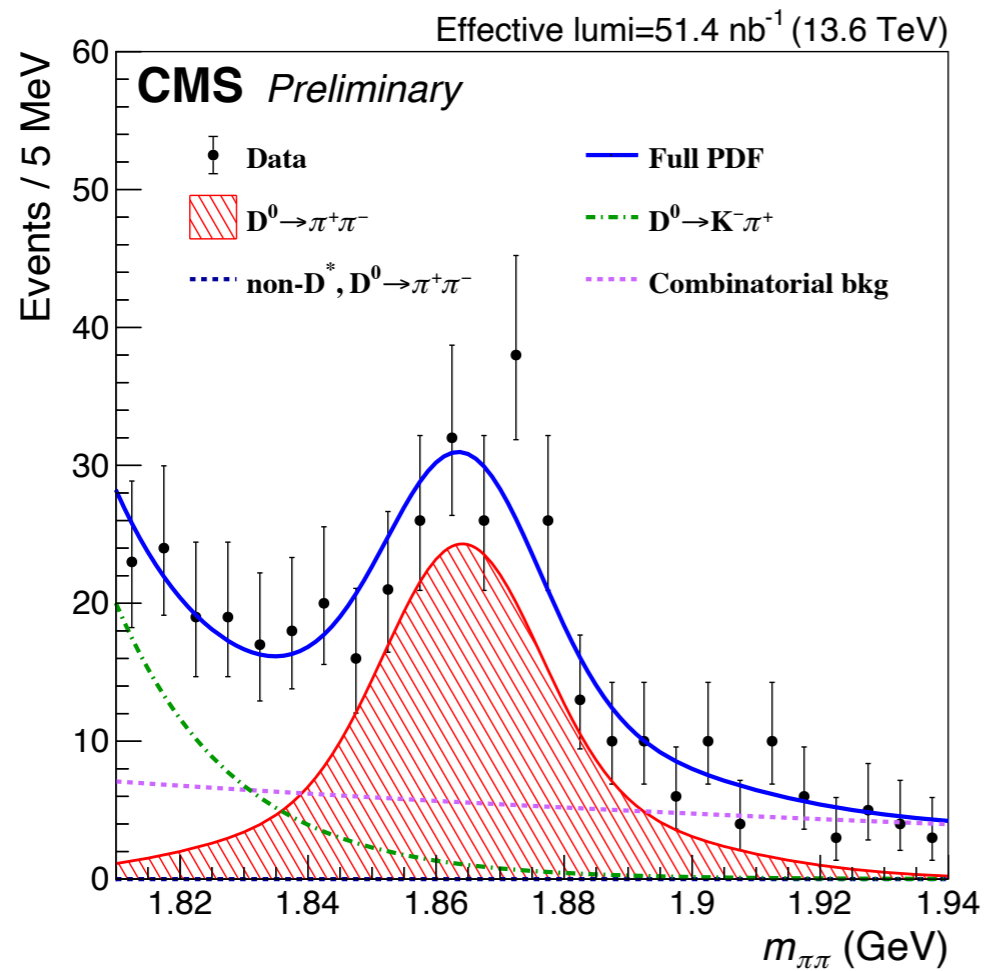


Figure 3: Illustration of three different definitions of the polarization axis z (CS: Collins-Soper, GJ: Gottfried-Jackson, HX: helicity) with respect to the directions of motion of the colliding beams (b_1 , b_2) and of the quarkonium (Q).

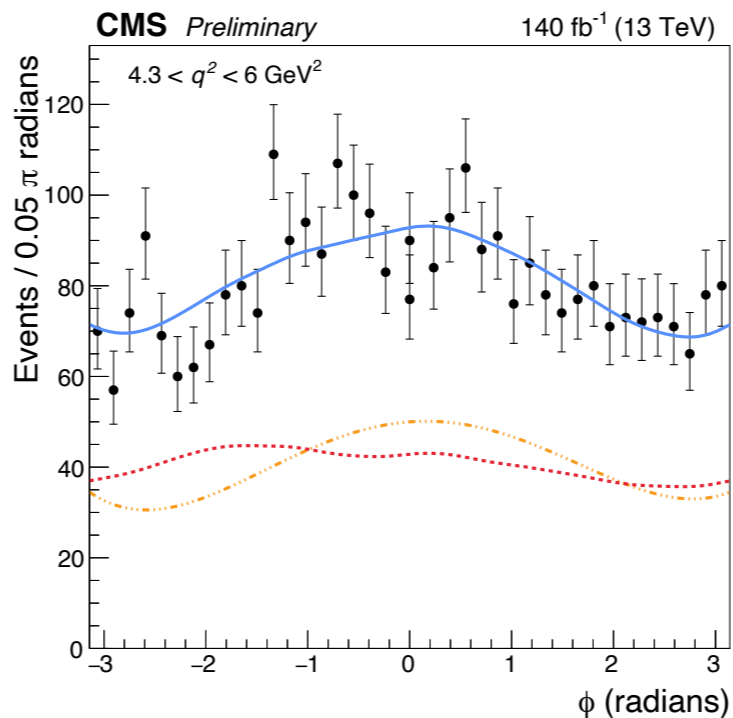
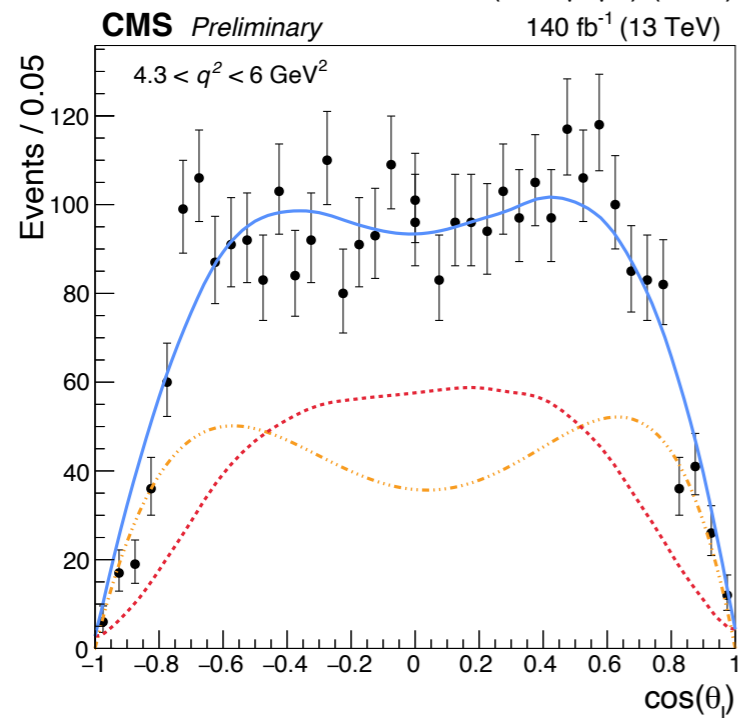
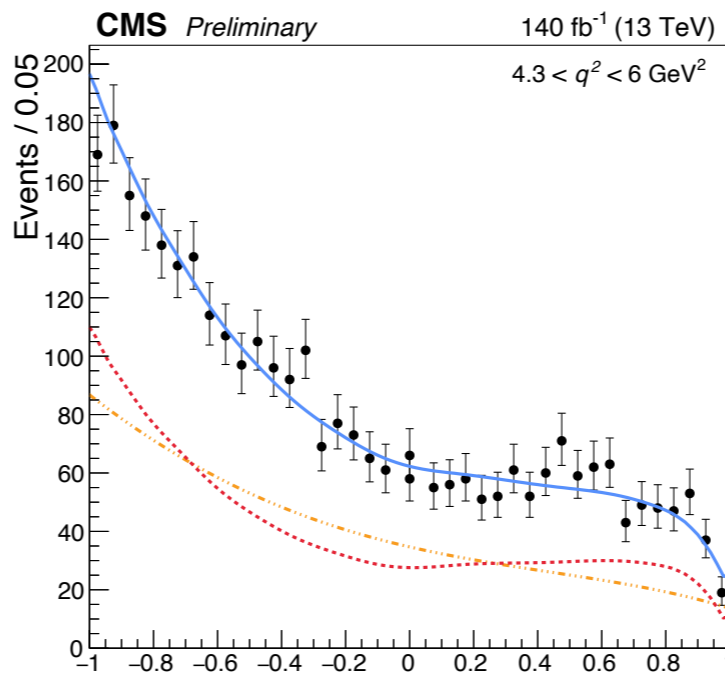
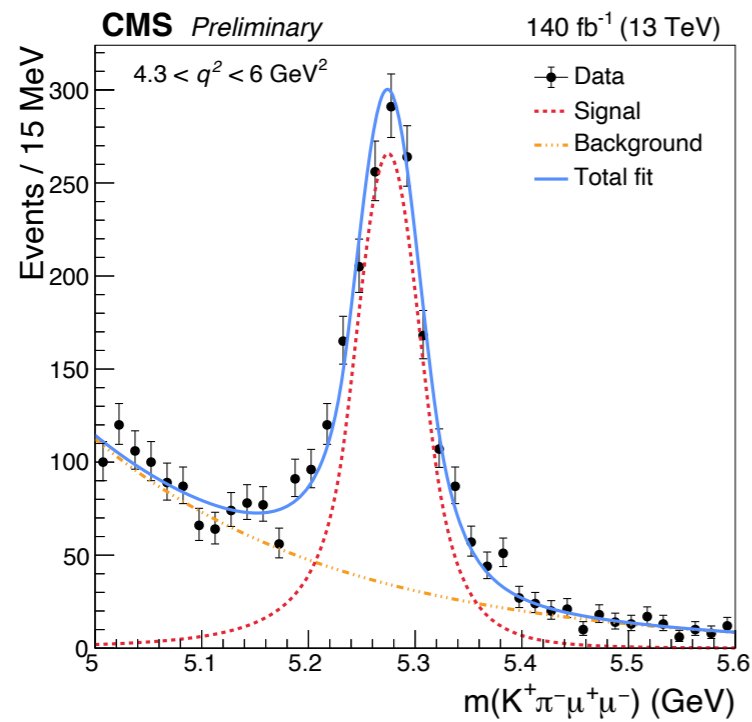
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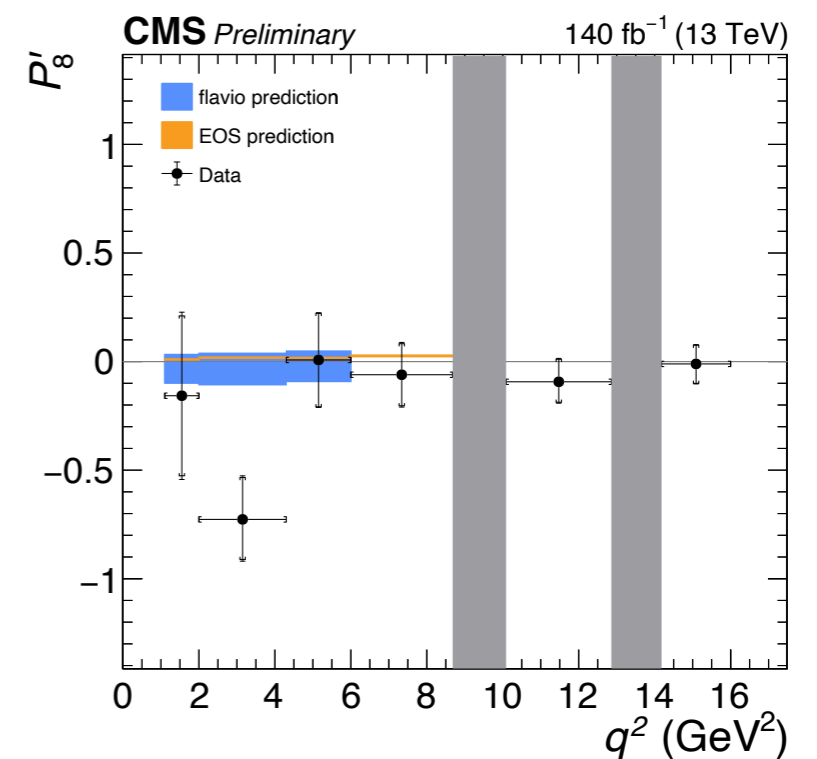
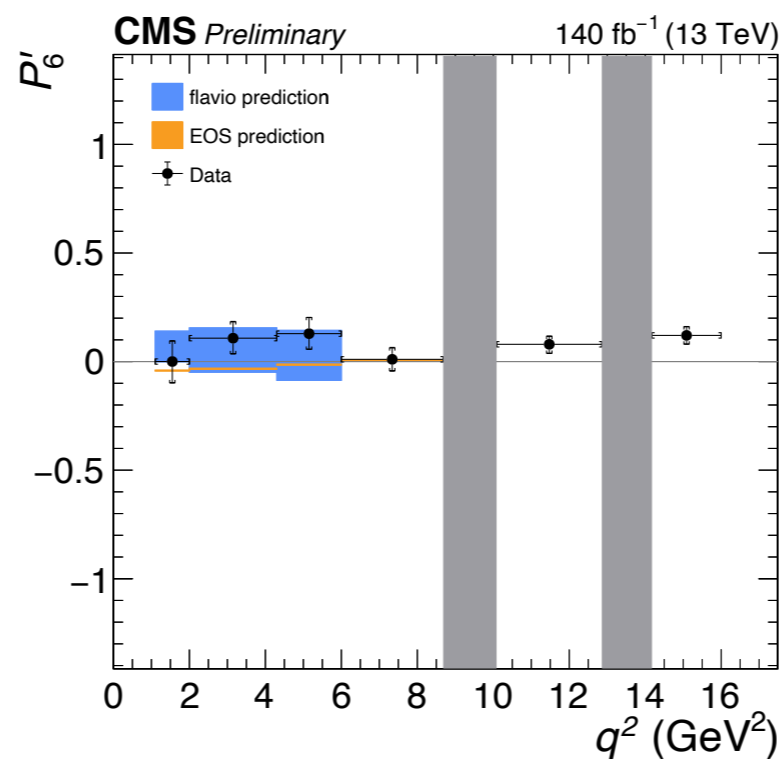
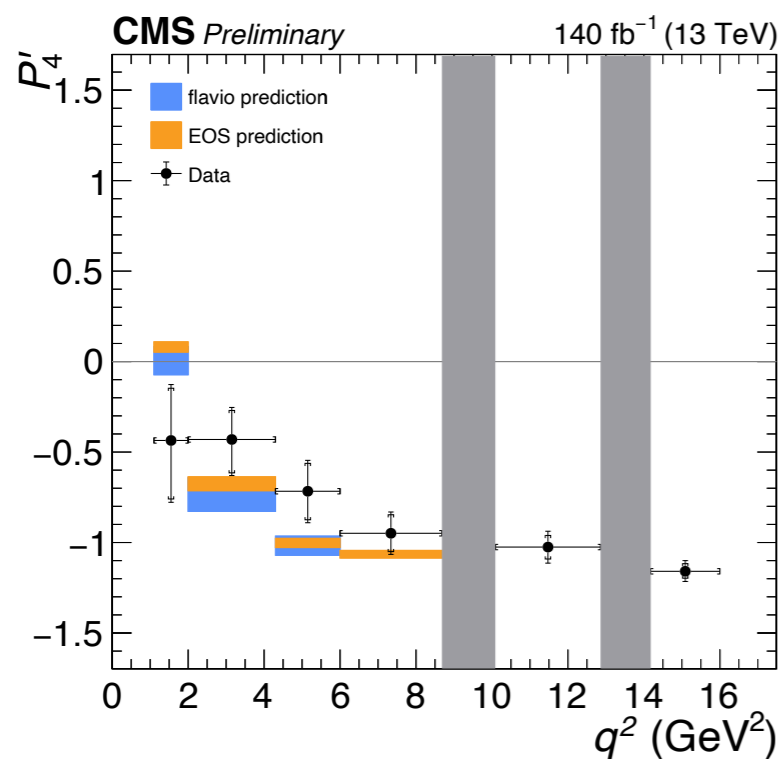
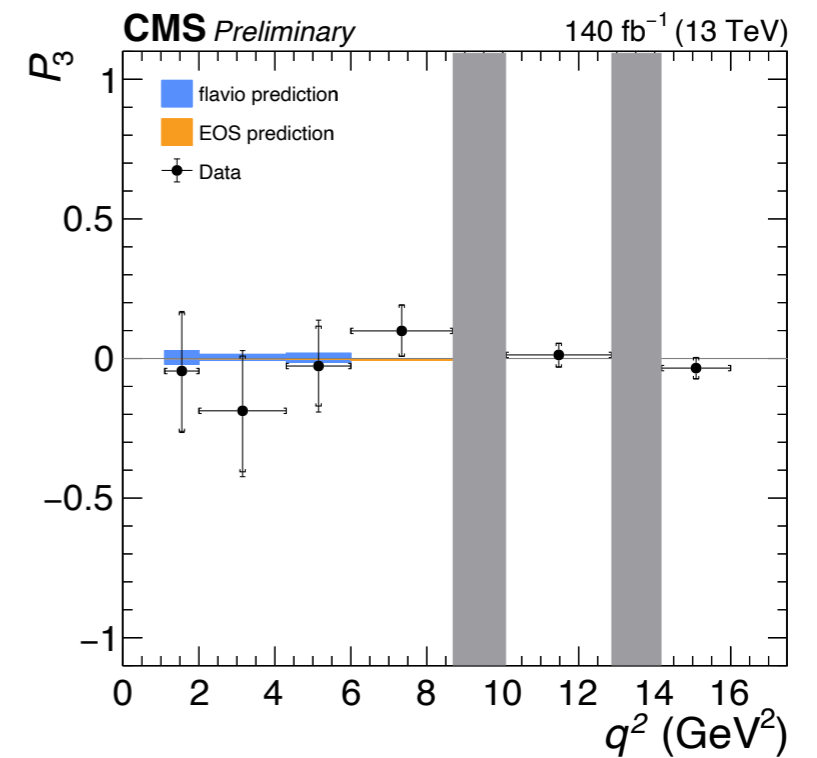
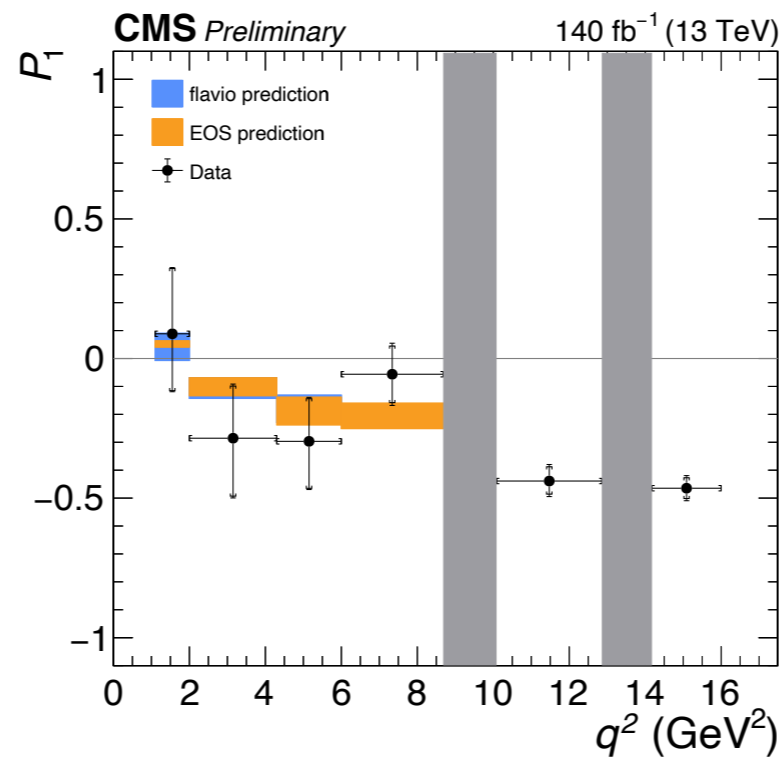
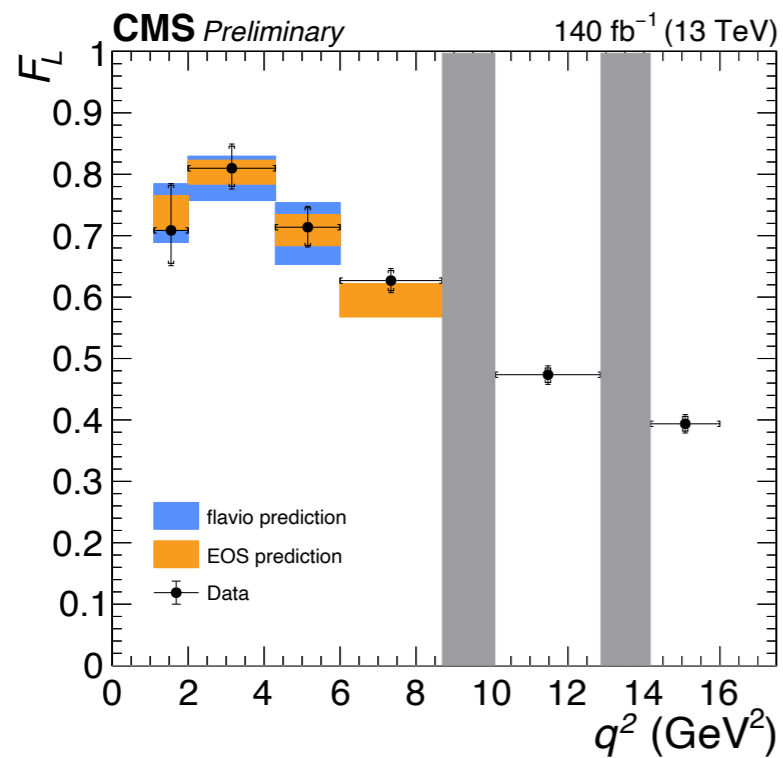


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projection of data and fit results on the mass and angular variable axes, for one q² bin

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