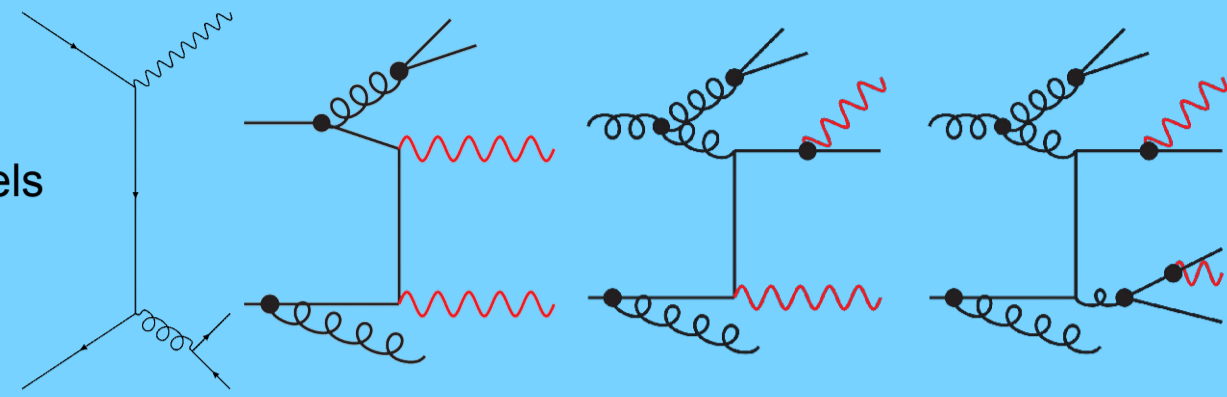


### Introduction

The prompt photons and jets production at hadron colliders provides:

- Tests of perturbative QCD predictions
- Constrains on the gluon PDF
- Inputs to MC tuning for both hadronisation and parton shower models
- Improvements for BSM searches involving photons
- Sensitive measurements of the multi-jet energy flow and the strong coupling constant

Measurements of  $\gamma$  +jets and diphoton production are presented

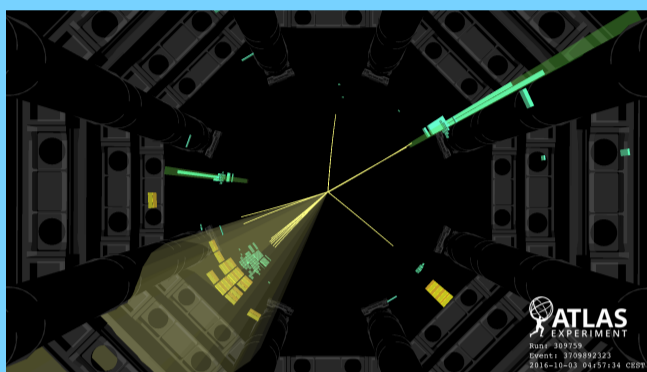


**Direct**

**Fragmentation**

### ATLAS detector

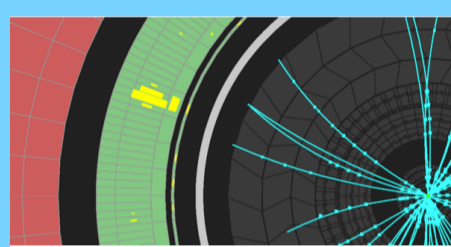
Diphoton event candidate



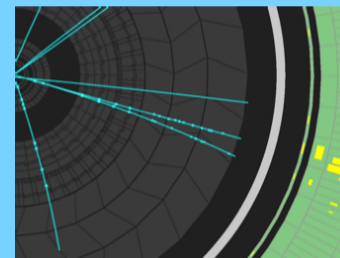
### Photon reconstruction

Unconverted photon  $\rightarrow$  no match with any track  
Converted photon  $\rightarrow$  match with conversion vertex

**Unconverted**

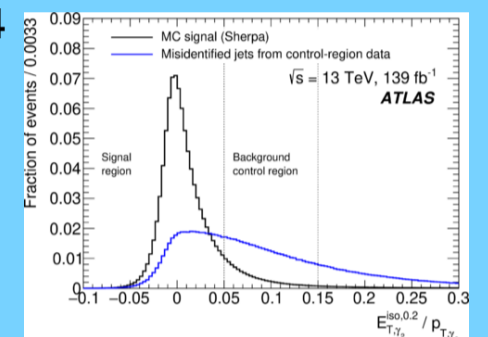


**Converted**



### Photon Isolation

Computed by summing the transverse energy of clusters of calorimeter cells in a cone of  $R=0.4$



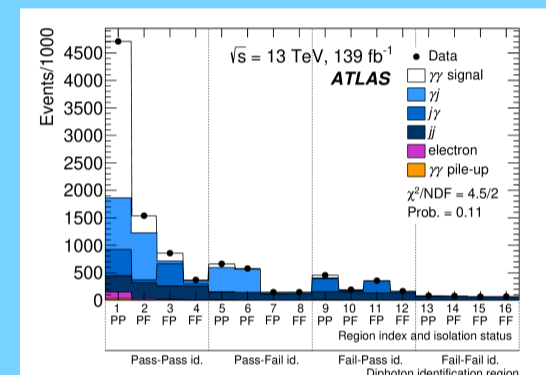
### Photon Identification

Main background sources coming from decays of neutral hadrons into photons. The "loose" and "tight" identification criteria are introduced based on the shower shapes in the ATLAS calorimeter system

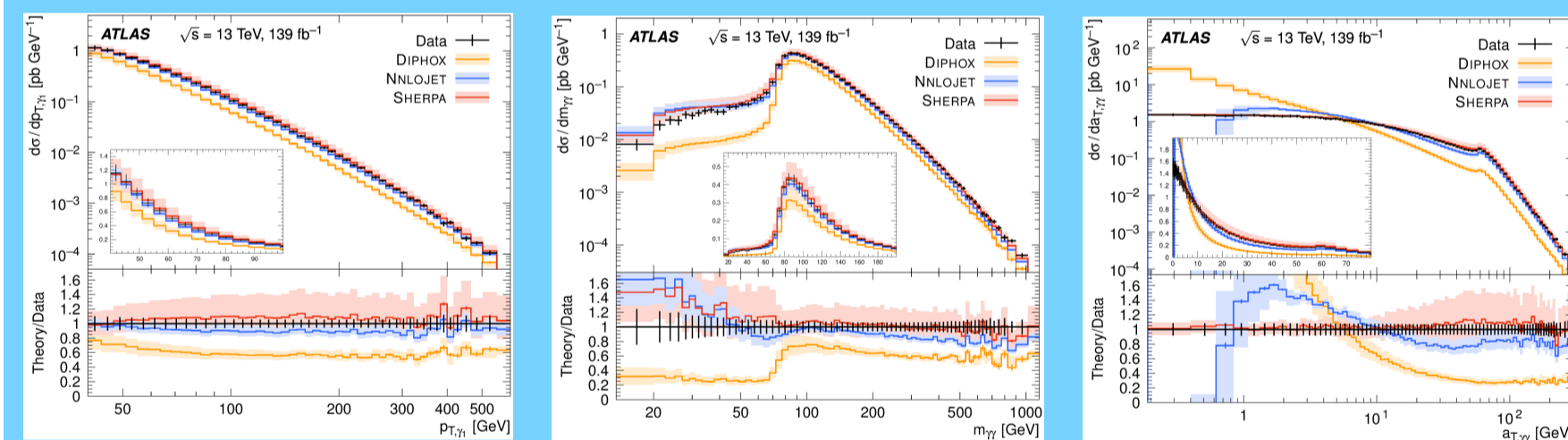
A data-driven method, based on the photon identification and isolation criteria of both photons is deployed to assess the neutral hadron background  $\gamma$  +jets adopted a similar strategy

### Background subtraction

Sub-leading candidate identification	Leading candidate isolation		Sub-leading candidate isolation	
	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Fail	6	8	14	16
Pass	5	7	13	15
Fail	2	4	10	12
Pass	1	3	9	11



### Results

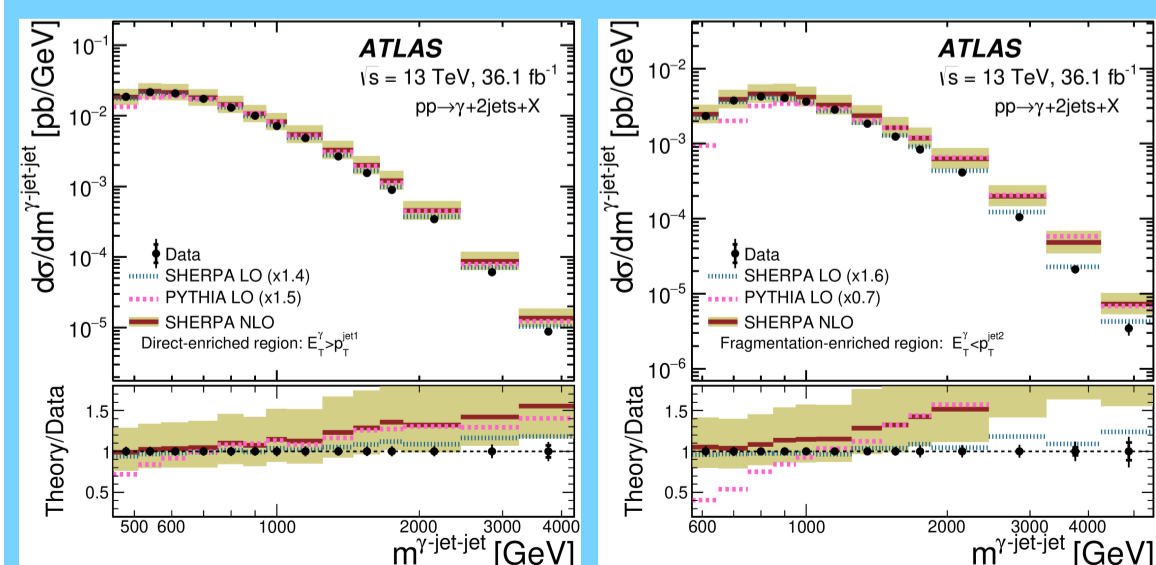


$a_{T, \gamma\gamma}$ : transverse component of  $p_{T, \gamma\gamma}$  with respect to the thrust axis

Very good modelling of the perturbative regions by the most precise predictions at NNLO and multi-leg merged NLO

Fixed-order predictions of DIPHON and NNLOJET are not expected to be valid in regions dominated by multiple collinear and soft QCD emissions (e.g. low  $p_{T, \gamma\gamma}$ )

$m_{\gamma\gamma}$  distribution governed by the  $p_T$  requirements on the individual photons (40 GeV and 30 GeV, respectively).  $\gamma\gamma$ +multi-jet configurations are dominant in the  $m_{\gamma\gamma} < 70$  GeV region



**Direct-enriched**

**Fragmentation-enriched**

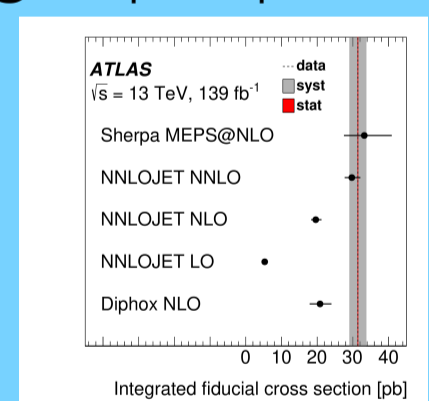
Direct and fragmentation enriched phase-spaced regions can be studied by requiring  $E_{T, \gamma} > p_{T, \text{jet}1}$  and  $E_{T, \gamma} > p_{T, \text{jet}2}$ , respectively

General good agreement between the data and the SHERPA LO and NLO predictions

### Theoretical calculation

The results are compared to the state of the art predictions:

- Fixed-order NNLO with NNLOJET
- Fixed-order NLO with DiphoX
- Multi-leg SHERPA 2.2 using the MEPS@NLO prescription



### Summary

Run2 measurements of photons and jets production by the ATLAS collaboration are presented

Impressive improvements are observed when taking into account higher-order terms in perturbative QCD

Multi-leg merged prediction yields to larger uncertainties, but they are in better agreement with the data in all regions

Looking forward to having new exciting results in Run3!

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