

# RECENT VBS RESULTS WITH PHOTONS IN ATLAS AND CMS

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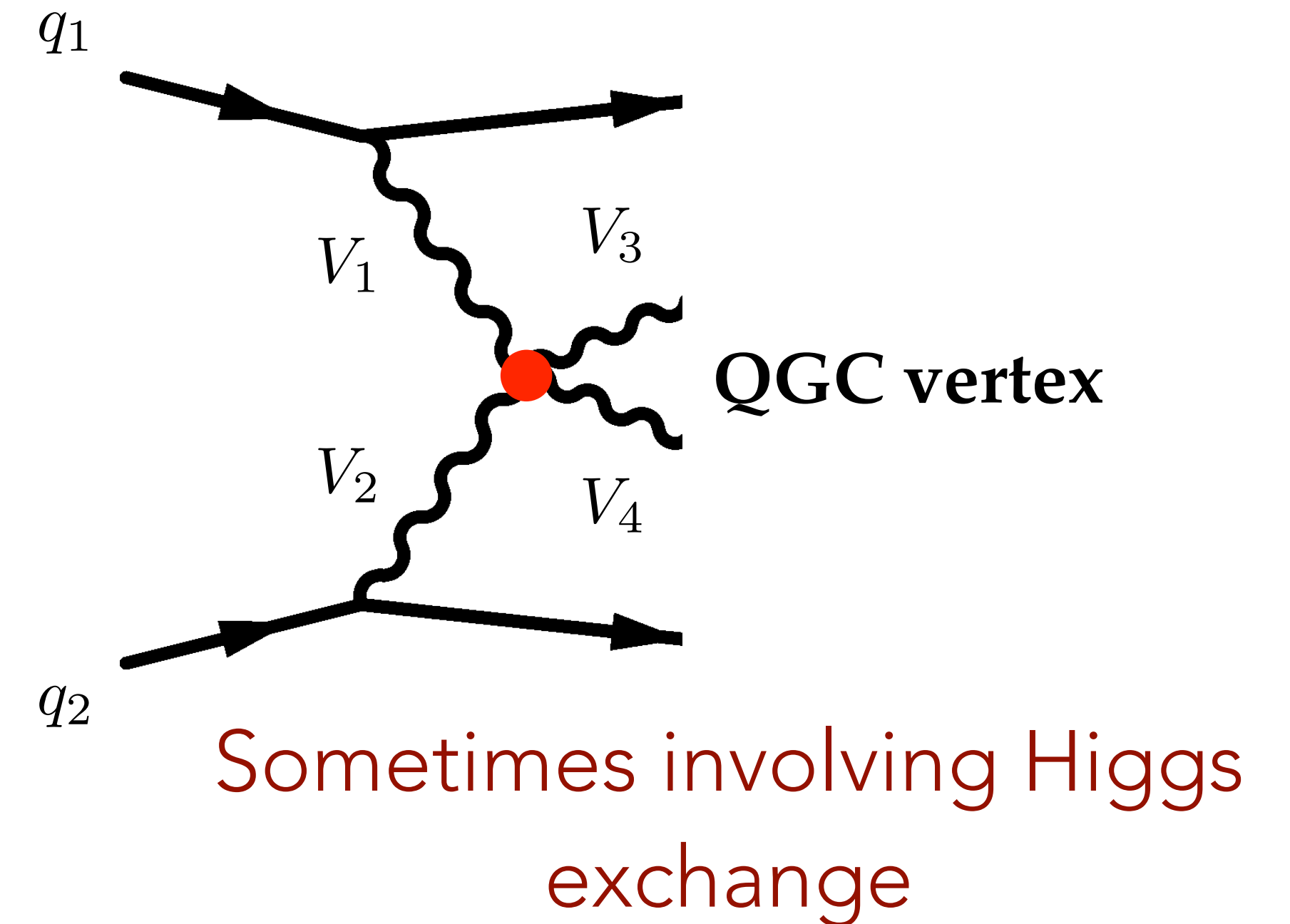
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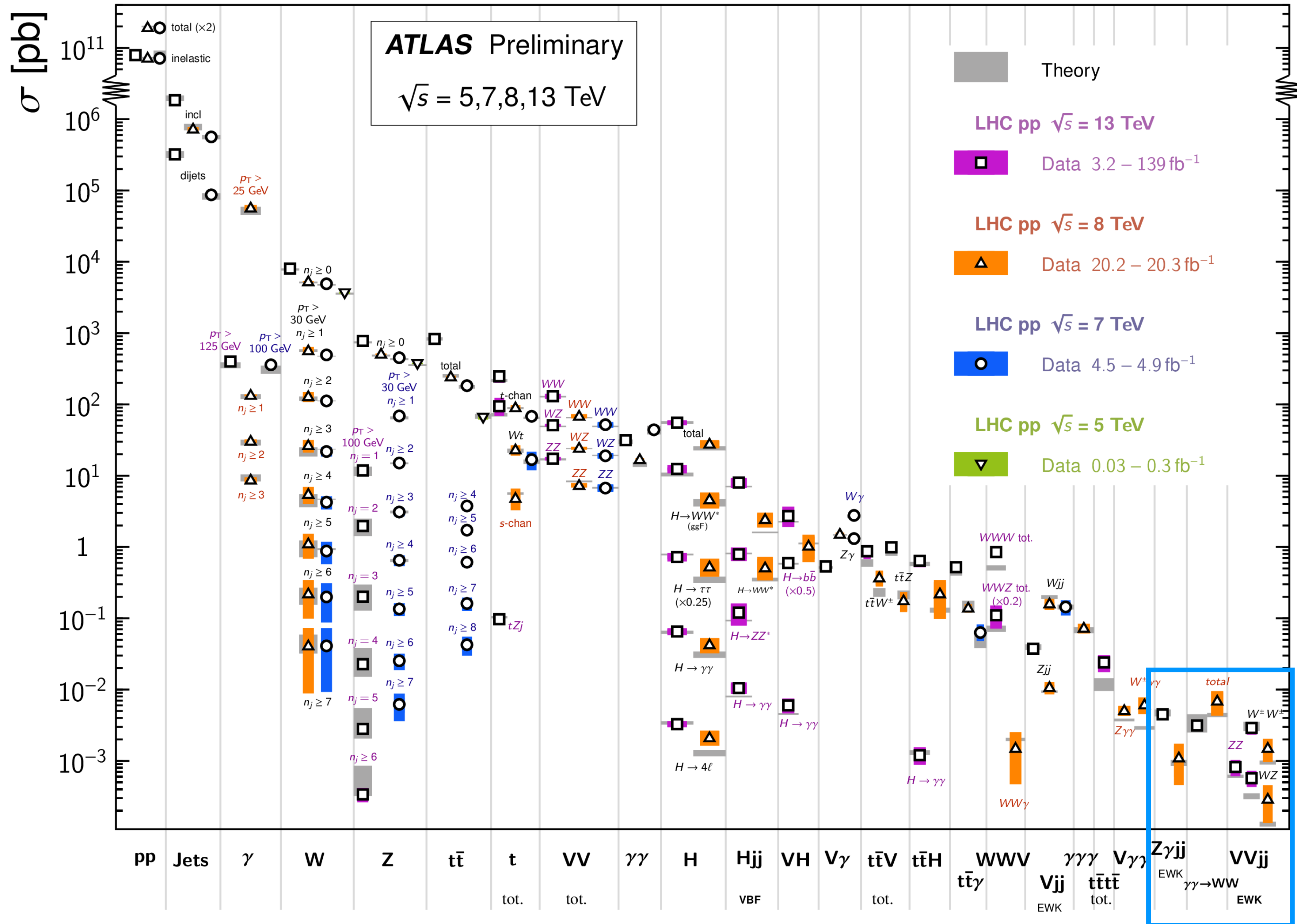
# INTRODUCTION

- VBS can involve quartic gauge coupling.
  - With photon:  $WWZ\gamma$ ,  $WW\gamma\gamma$
- Interesting in the context of EWSB due to Higgs boson's role in restoring unitarity in  $VV$  scattering cross-section.
- Also sensitive to triple gauge couplings, but well constrained in diboson production.
- Rare process and large background, only became accessible in recent years at the LHC.
- Can be used to search for aQGCs.



# Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

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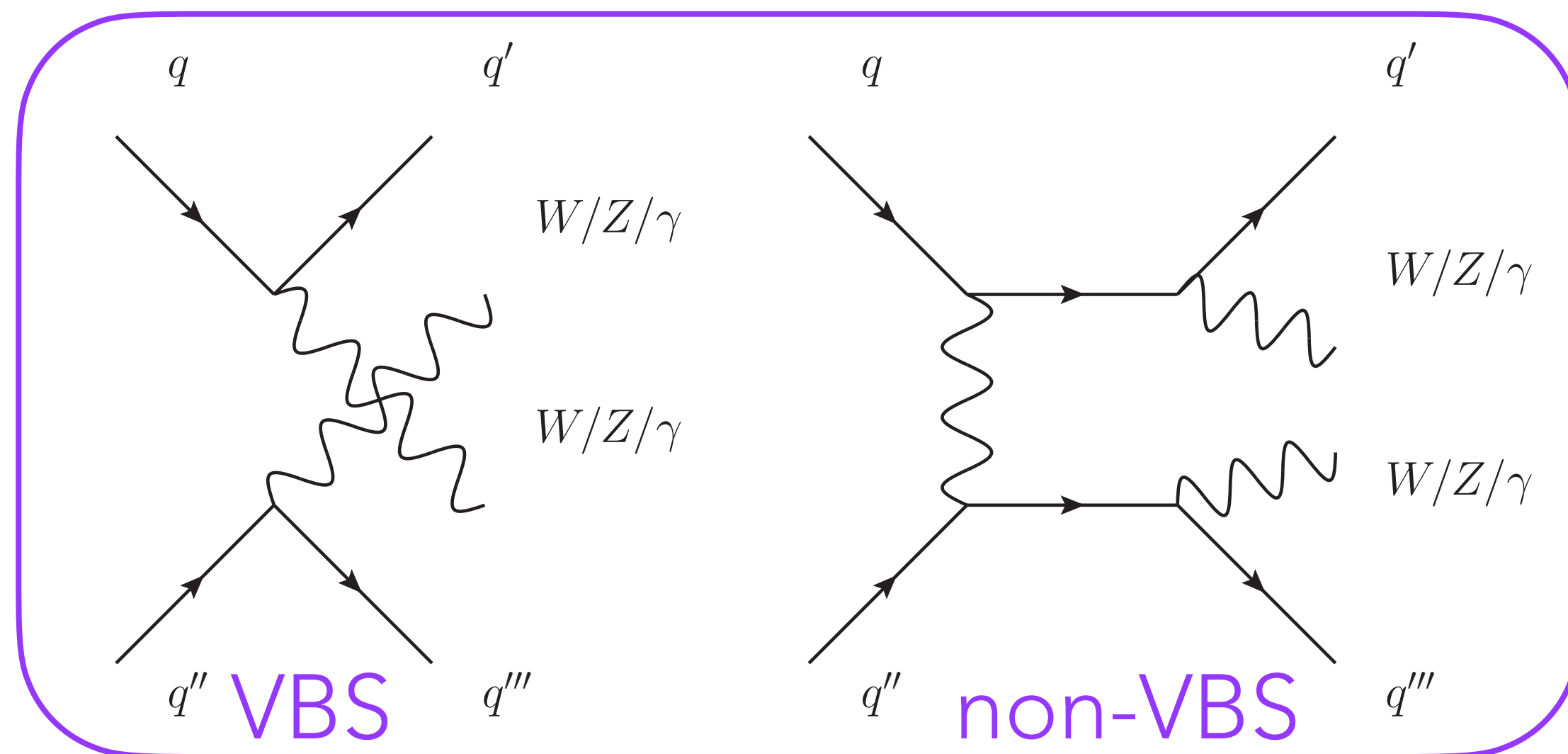


Some of the lowest measured SM cross-sections

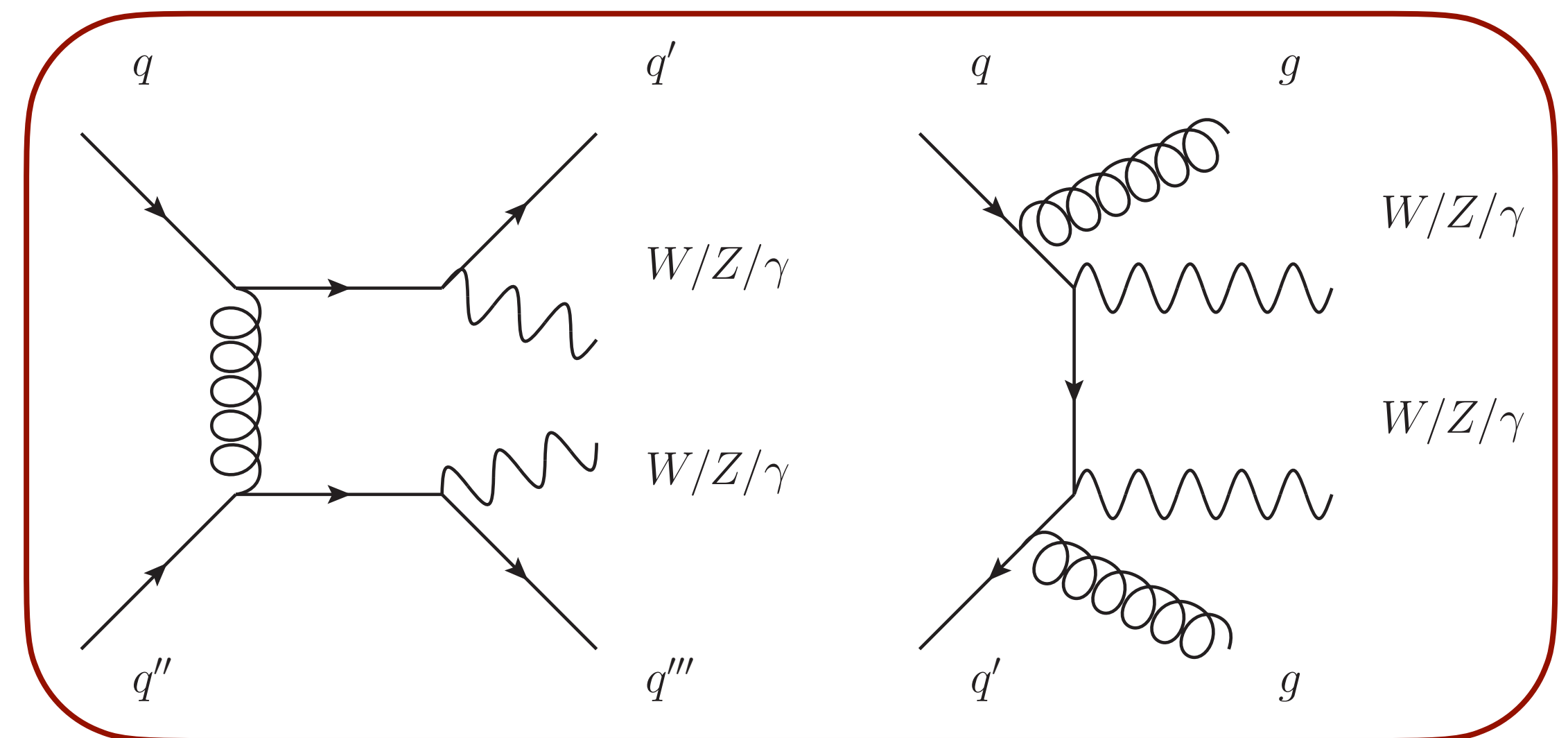
# EW AND VBS

- Not counting decays of the boson, at LO:

**EW  $O(\alpha_{EW}^4)$**



**QCD  $O(\alpha_S^2 \alpha_{EW}^2)$**



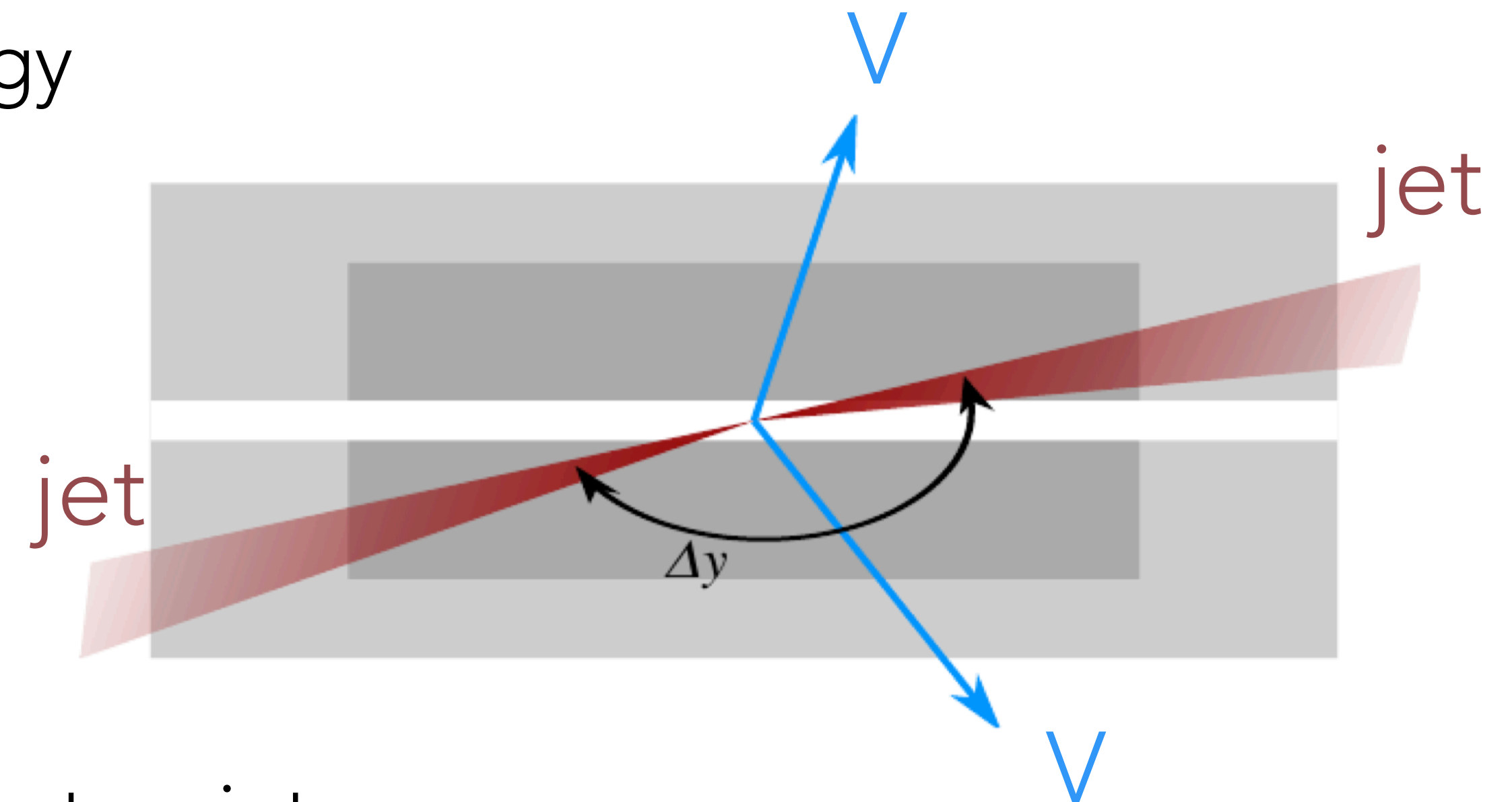
- All purely EW-induced processes treated as **signal**, QCD-induced (at least one strong interaction vertex) as **background**. EW and QCD-induced processes **interfere** ( $O(\alpha_S \alpha_{EW}^3)$ ), effect typically few % of EW.

In the extraction of EW signal, QCD is treated as background, but can be part of signal when measuring EW+QCD cross-section



# SIGNATURE

- At  $O(\alpha_{EW}^4)$ , EW process cross-sections are typically much smaller than QCD ones.
- Selection making use of typical VBS topology helps to minimise non-EW processes.
- Typical topology:
  - 2 high energy jets with wide rapidity separation and large invariant mass.
  - Hadronic activity suppressed between the two jets.
  - Boson pair more central than in non-EW processes.





# KEY OBSERVABLES

- $\zeta$ : centrality of the diboson system relative to the two tagging jets

- $\zeta = \left| \frac{y_{VV} - (y_{j1} + y_{j2})/2}{y_{j1} - y_{j2}} \right|$

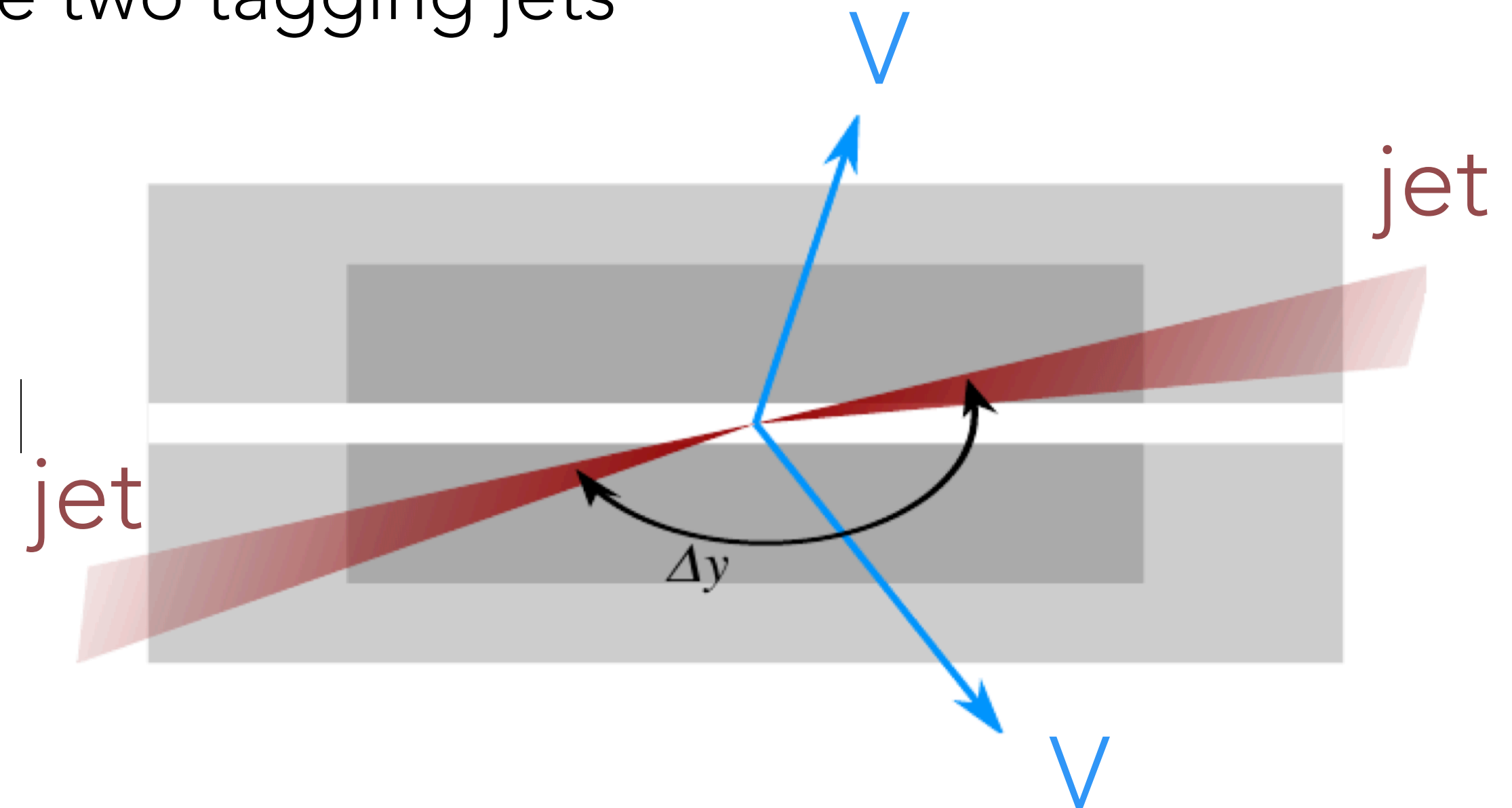
- Zeppenfeld variable  $\eta^* = |y_{VV} - (y_{j1} + y_{j2})/2|$

- $m_{jj}$ : dijet invariant mass

- $|\Delta y_{jj}|$  or  $|\Delta \eta_{jj}|$ : (pseudo-)rapidity difference

- $N^{\text{gap}}_{\text{jets}}$ : number of jets within the rapidity gap between the two tagging jets

- $|\Delta \phi(VV, jj)|$ : azimuthal angle difference between diboson and dijet



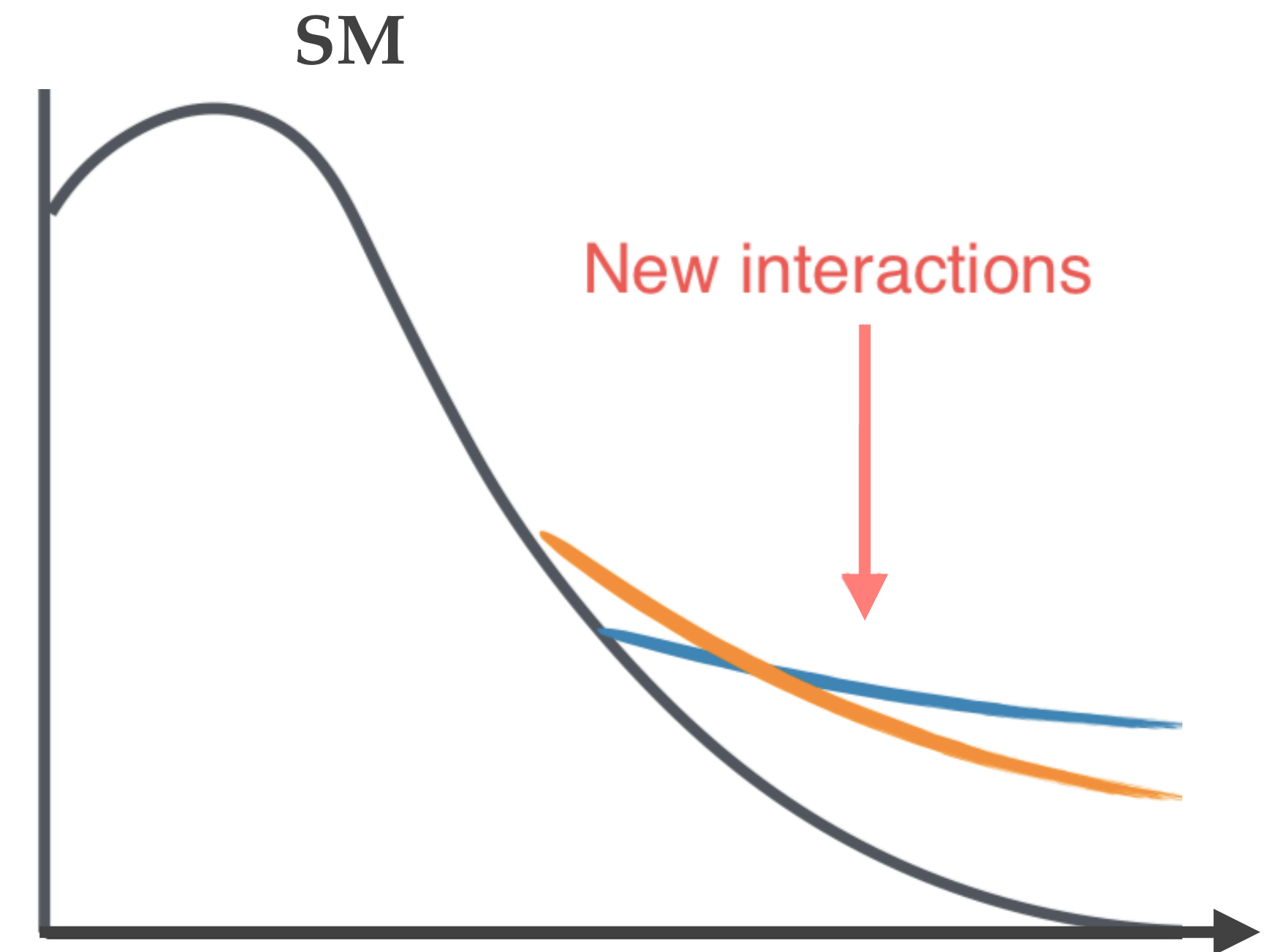


# ANOMALOUS GAUGE BOSON COUPLING

- Extend SM with dimension-6 and dimension-8 operators in Effective Field Theory (EFT) framework:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_j \frac{c_j}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_j^{(8)}$$

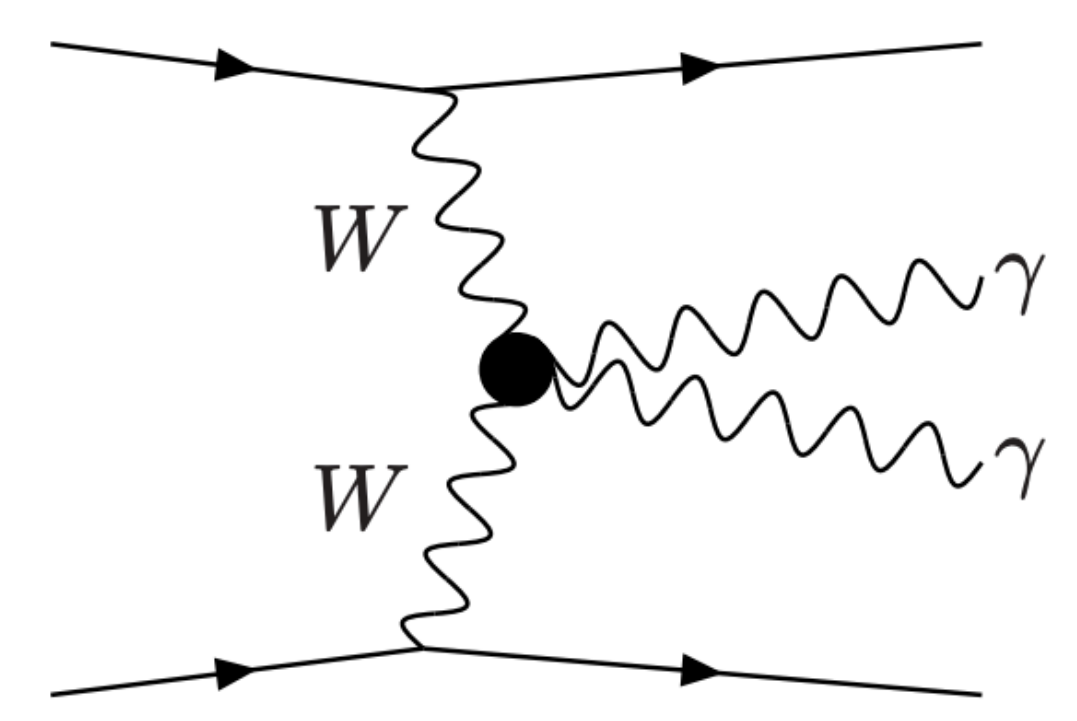
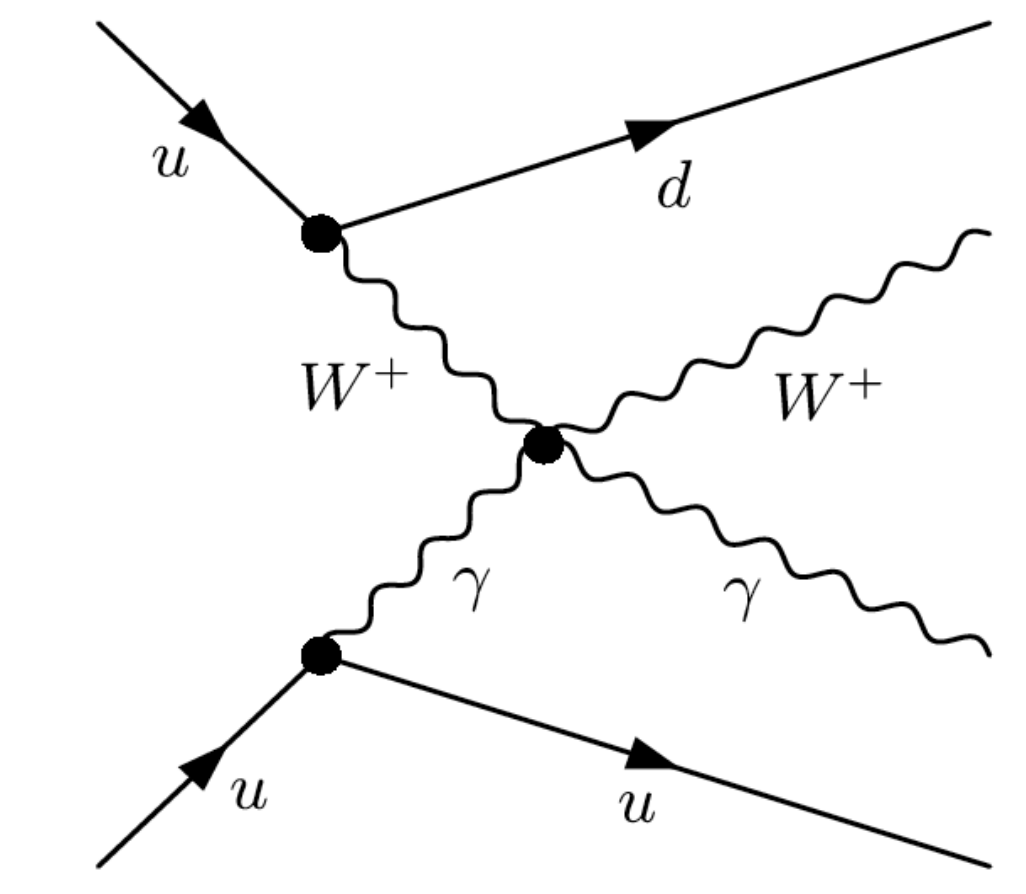
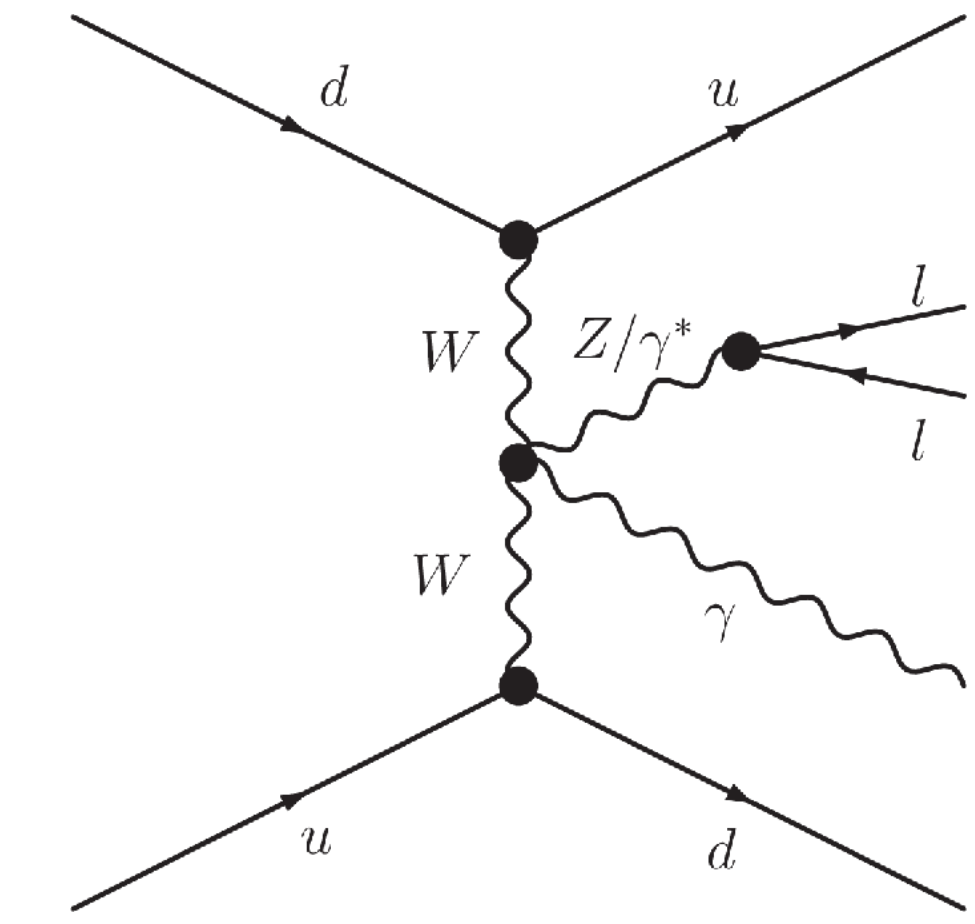
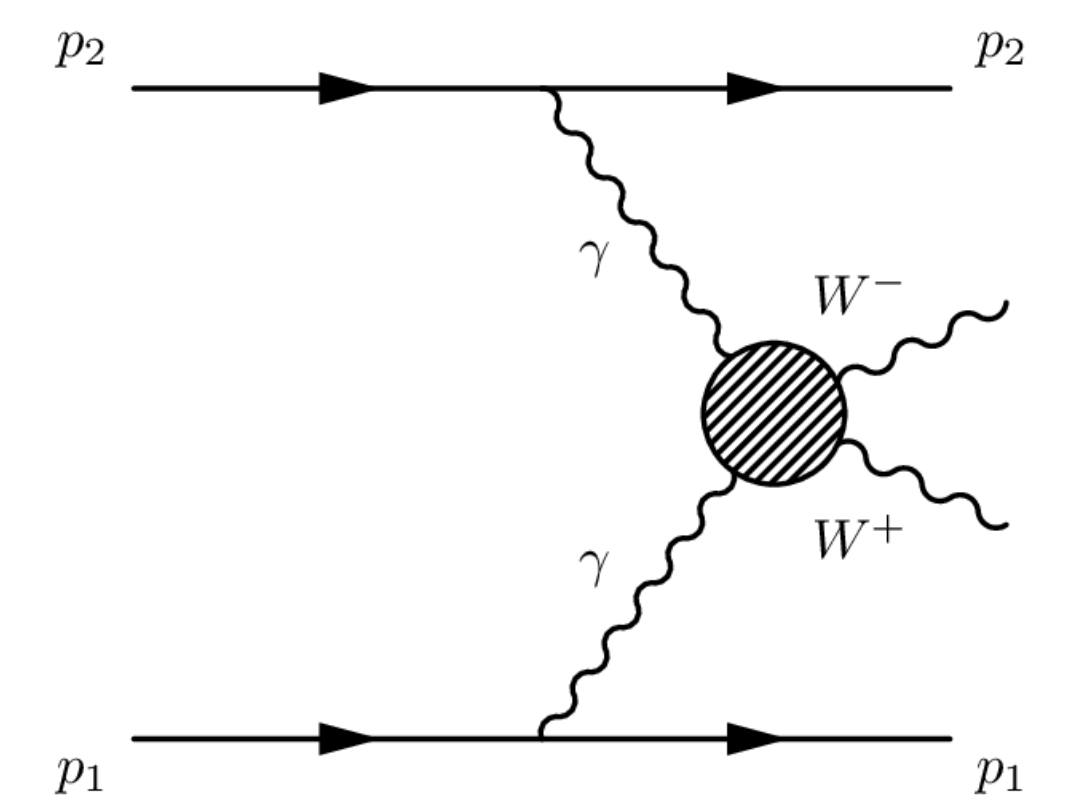
- Dimension-6 and 8 operators give rise to aTGC and/or aQGC, allowing new types of interactions between weak bosons with non-SM tensor structure.
- Anomalous gauge interactions would manifest themselves as enhancement in cross-sections at e.g. high  $m_W$  or  $p_T^V$ .
- Lowest dimension operators that modify QGC but not TGC is dimension-8.



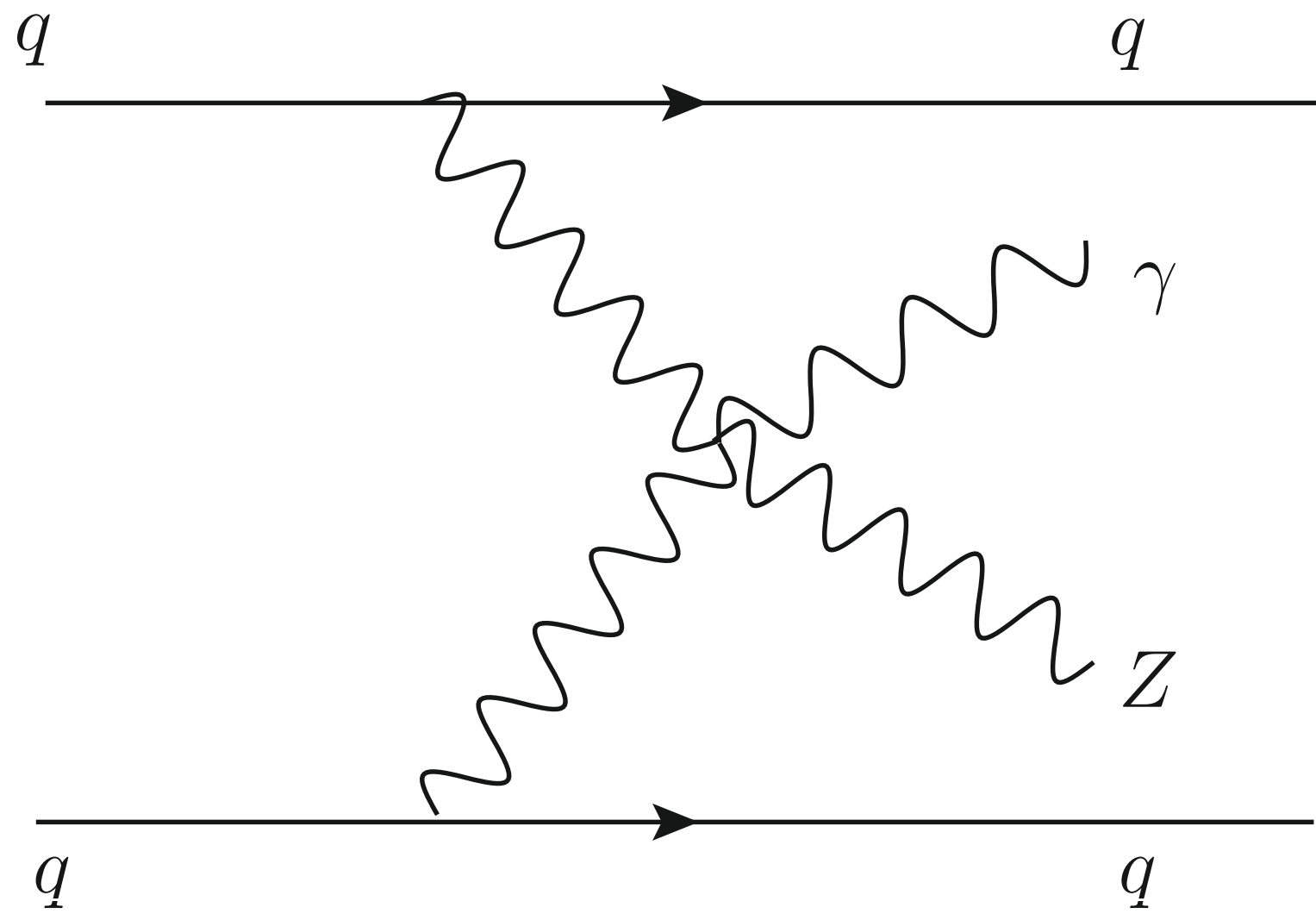


# PROCESSES INVOLVING PHOTONS

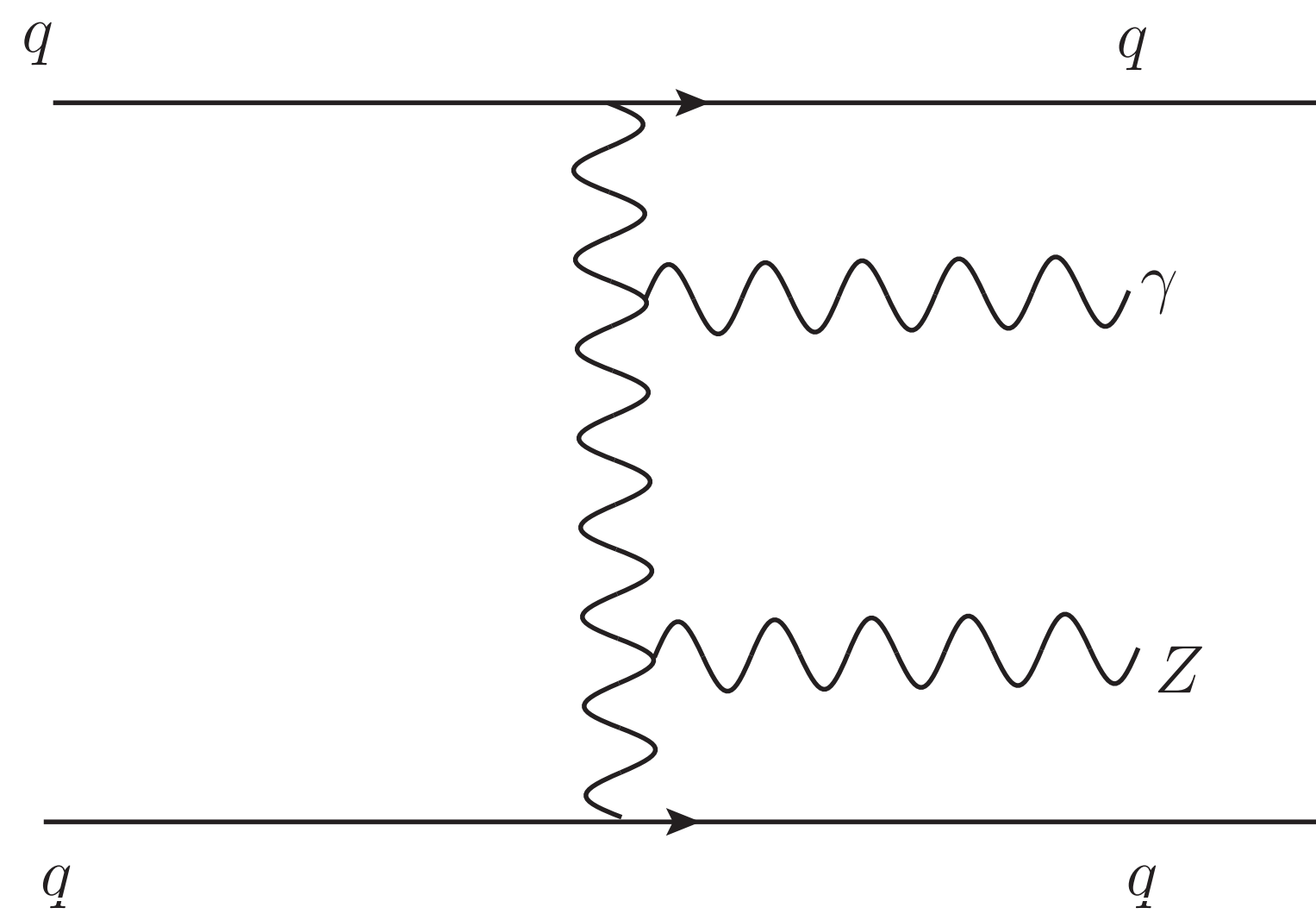
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ : ATLAS ([Phys. Lett. B 816 \(2021\) 136190](#), see Savannah Clawson's talk), CMS ([JHEP 08 \(2016\) 119](#), 8 TeV)
- $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$ : ATLAS ([ATLAS-CONF-2021-038](#)), CMS ([arXiv:2106.11082](#))
- $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma$ : ATLAS ([CERN-EP-2021-137](#))
- $W(\rightarrow lv)\gamma$ : CMS ([Phys. Lett. B 811 \(2020\) 135988](#))
- $\gamma\gamma$



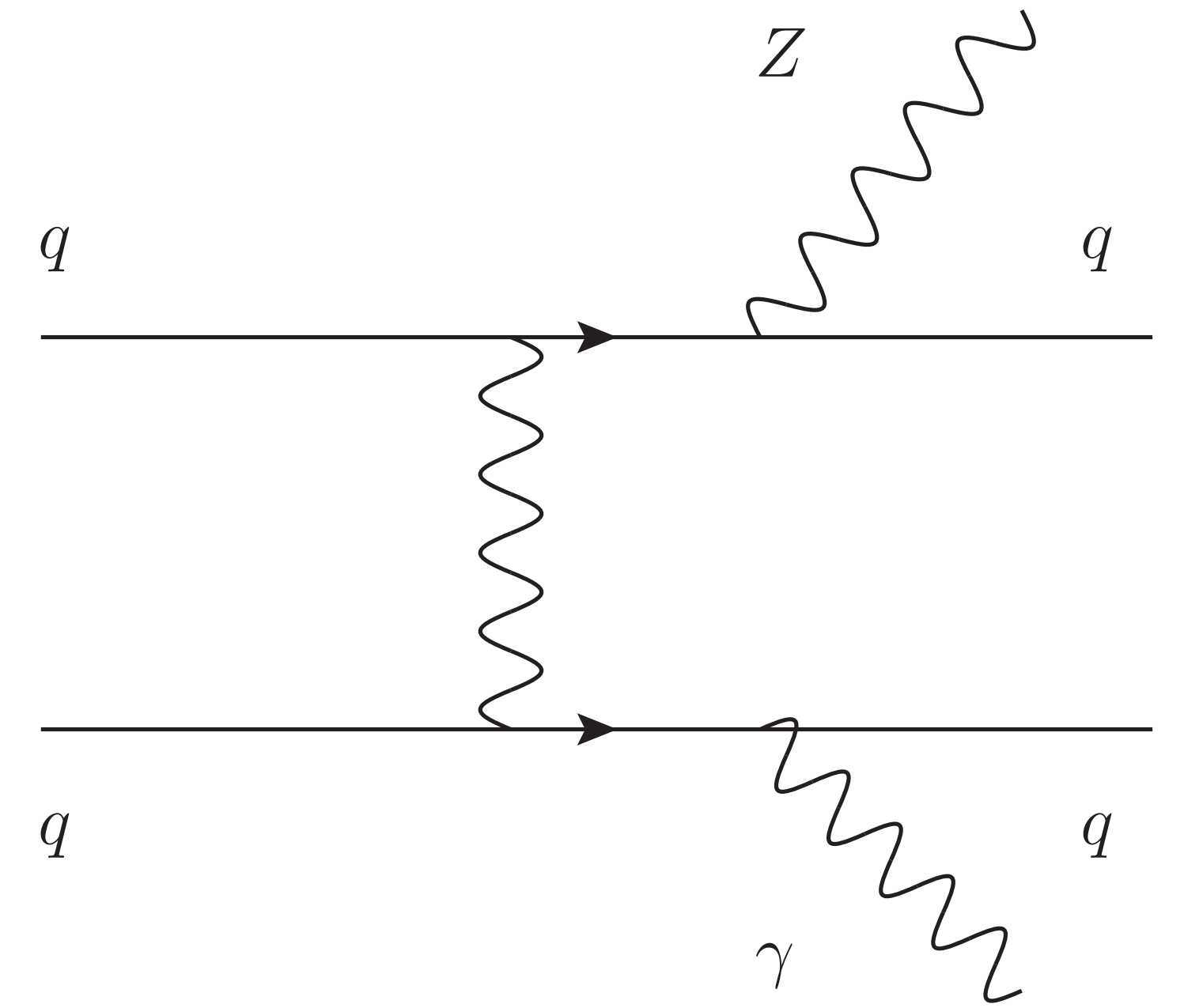
# EW $Z\gamma jj$



VBS via QGC



VBS via TGCs



non-VBS



# ATLAS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$

- $ee\gamma jj$  and  $\mu\mu\gamma jj$  channels combined.
- Found 4.1  $\sigma$  evidence with 36 fb<sup>-1</sup>.
- Data: 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> full run 2 data recorded with single and di-lepton triggers.
- MC:
  - EW signal: Madgraph LO +Pythia with dipole recoil on.
  - QCD  $Z\gamma$ : Madgraph NLO( $\leq 1j$ ) with FxFx merging.
  - Interference: Madgraph  $O(\alpha_S\alpha_{EW}^3)$ . Treated as a systematic on EW.
  - Others:  $t\bar{t}\gamma$  with Madgraph LO, Sherpa NLO for WZ QCD and Madgraph LO for WZ EW.

# ATLAS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$ : Selection

- VBS-enriched selection:  
 $m_{jj} > 150$  GeV,  $|\Delta y_{jj}| > 1$ ,  
 $N_{\text{gap}_{\text{jets}}} = 0$ .
- SR defined as  $\zeta < 0.4$  and  
 QCD-enriched CR as  $\zeta > 0.4$ .

to remove FSR

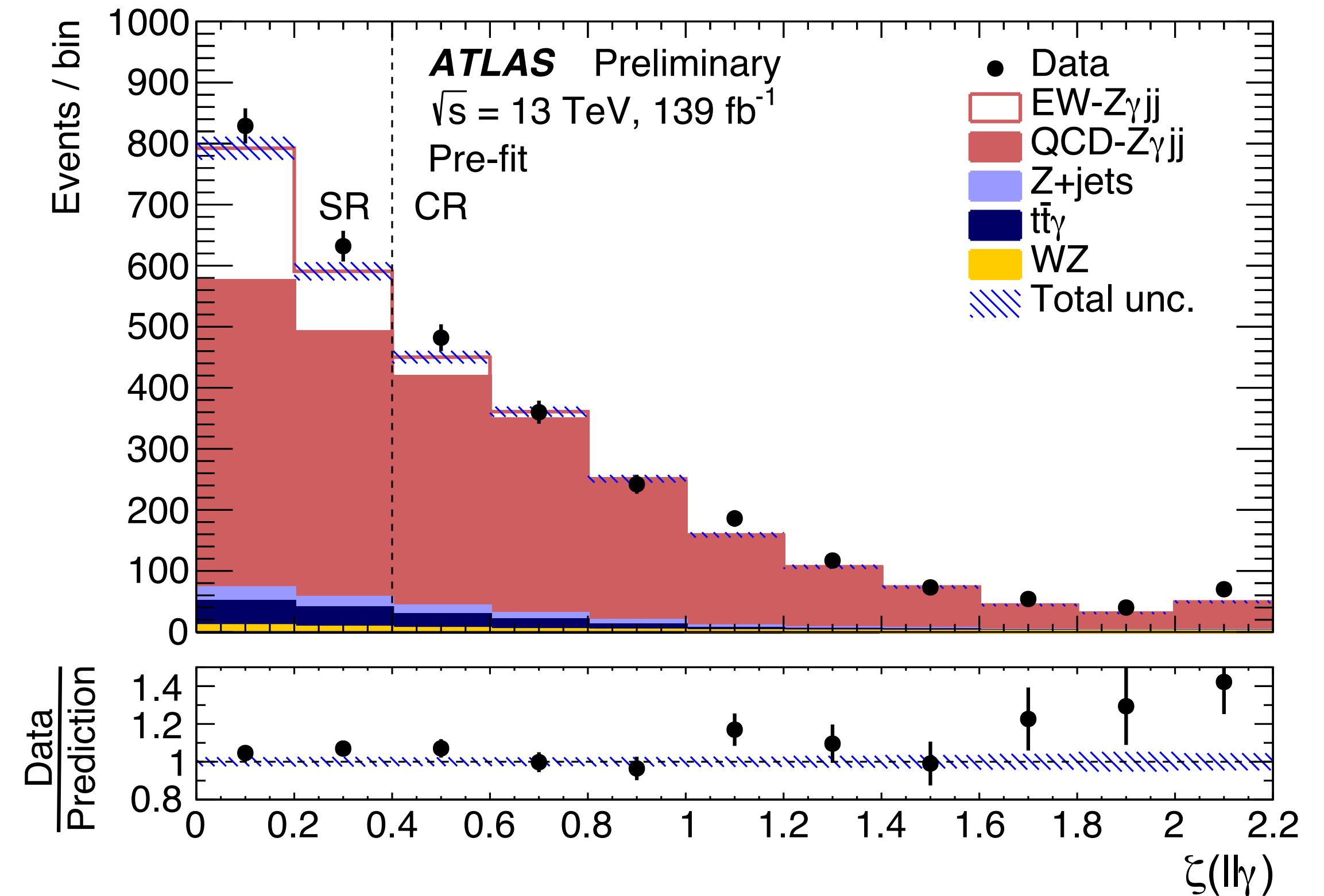
Lepton	$p_{\text{T}}^{\ell} > 20, 30(\text{leading})$ GeV, $ \eta_{\ell}  < 2.47$ $N_{\ell} \geq 2$
Photon	$E_{\text{T}}^{\gamma} > 25$ GeV, $ \eta_{\gamma}  < 2.37$ $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{cone}20} < 0.07 E_{\text{T}}^{\gamma}$ $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$
Jet	$p_{\text{T}}^{\text{jet}} > 50$ GeV, $ y_{\text{jet}}  < 4.4$ $ \Delta y  > 1.0$ $m_{jj} > 150$ GeV remove jets if $\Delta R(\gamma, j) < 0.4$ or if $\Delta R(\ell, j) < 0.3$
Event	$m_{\ell\ell} > 40$ GeV $m_{\ell\ell} + m_{\ell\ell\gamma} > 182$ GeV $\zeta(\ell\ell\gamma) < 0.4$ $N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} = 0$

Particle-level fiducial selection, similar to SR



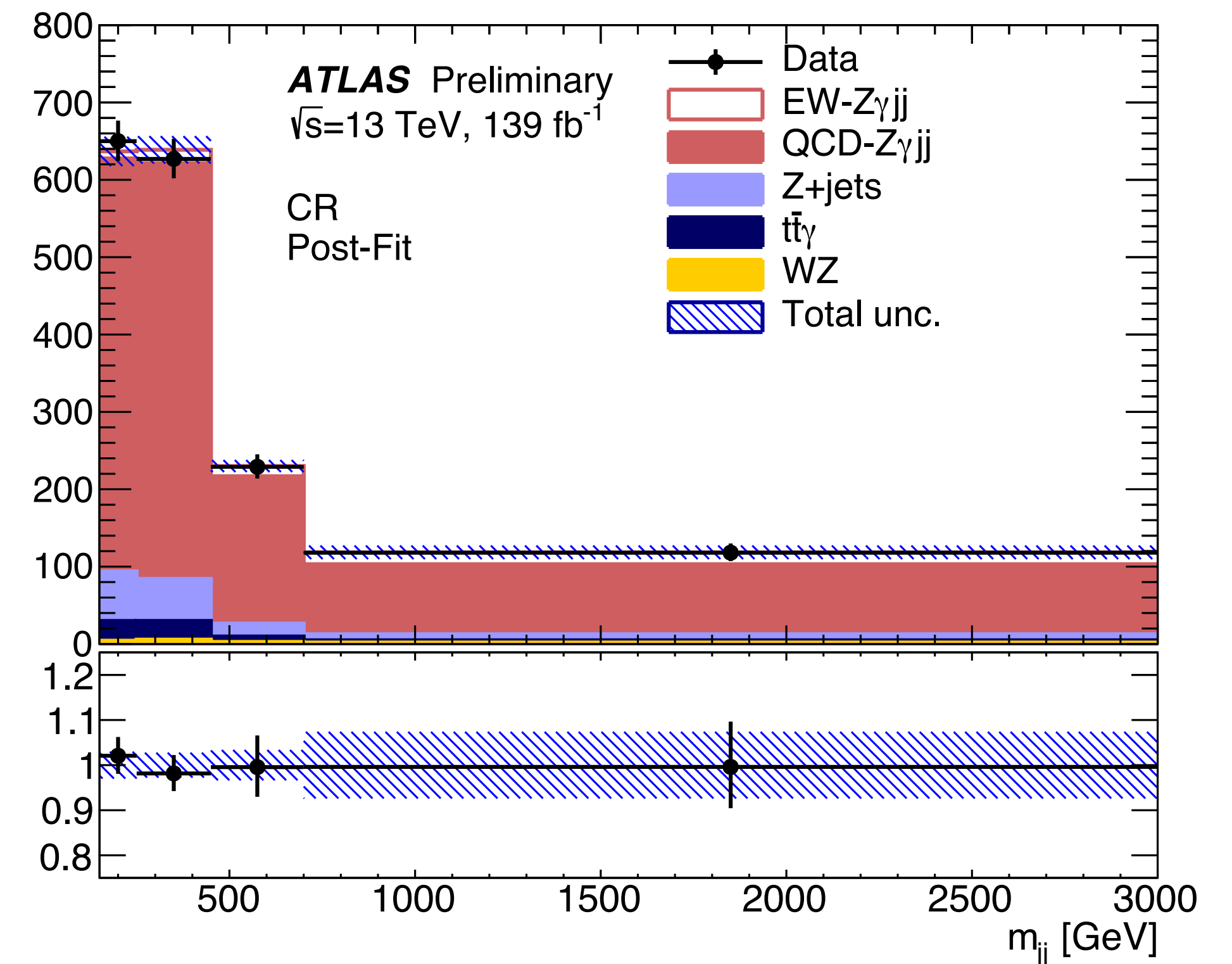
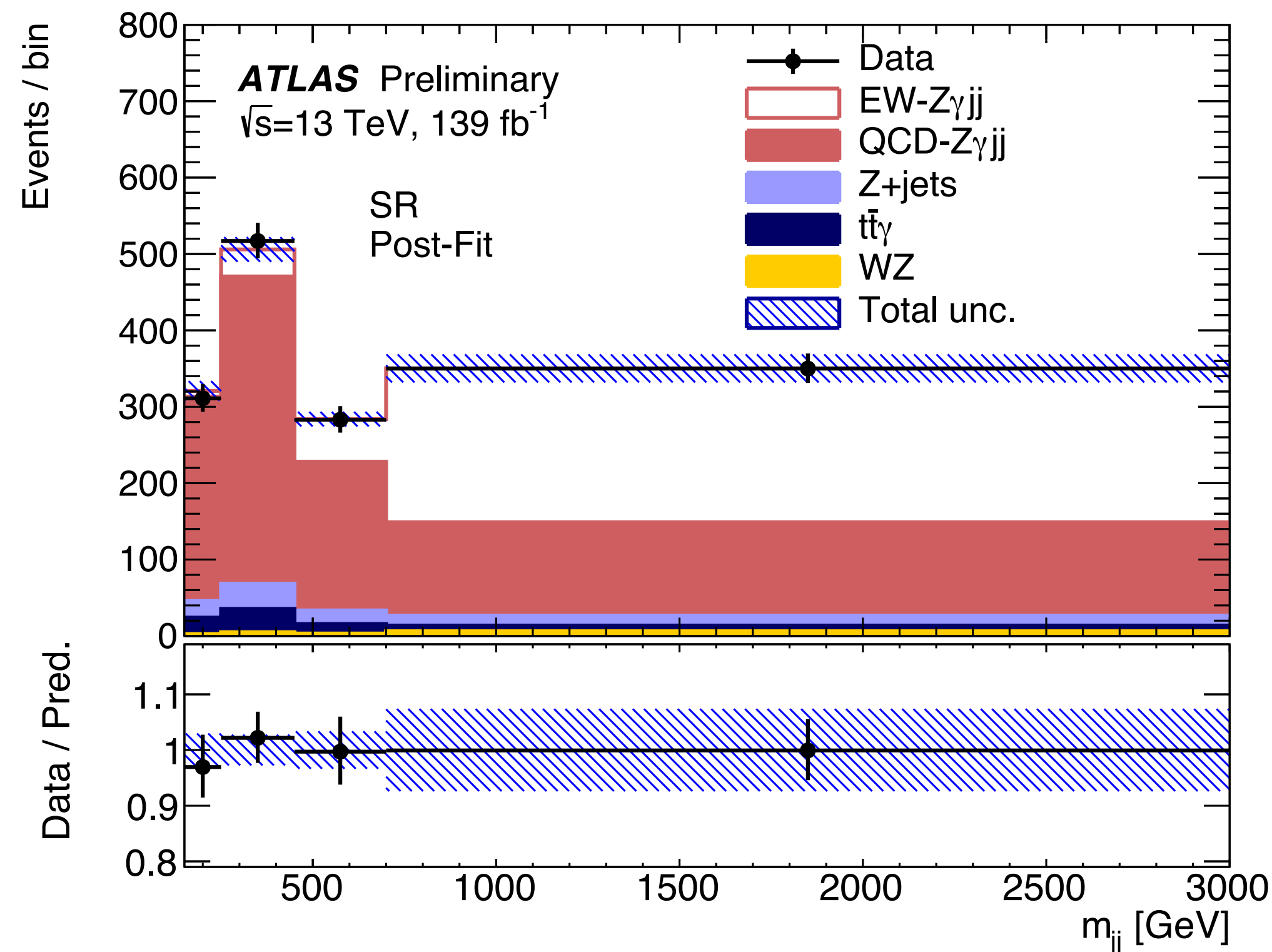
# ATLAS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$ : Backgrounds

- QCD  $Z\gamma$  dominant.
  - CR designed to validate the MC modelling of this largest background.
- Z+jets (6% in SR): obtained from data-driven 2D sideband method utilising photon isolation and identification.
- $t\bar{t}\gamma$  (5% in SR): from MC, using NLO k-factor and validated in a data  $e\mu\gamma$  CR.
- WZ (EW+QCD, 1% in SR): from MC.



# ATLAS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$ : EW Signal Extraction

- $m_{jj}$  distributions fitted simultaneously in SR and CR.
- Good description of QCD  $Z\gamma$  by Madgraph MC is found in both regions.





# ATLAS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$ : Results

- $\sim 10 \sigma$  ( $11 \sigma$ ) observed (expected).
- Fiducial cross-section measured by scaling predicted cross-section by signal strength.

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{EW} &= 0.95^{+0.14}_{-0.13} \\ &= 0.95 \pm 0.08 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.11 \text{ (syst)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_{EW} = 4.49 \pm 0.40 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.42 \text{ (syst.) fb}$$

- For EW+QCD fiducial cross-section, only SR is fitted.

$$\sigma_{EW+QCD} = 20.6 \pm 0.6 \text{ (stat.)}^{+1.2}_{-1.0} \text{ (syst.) fb}$$

## Uncertainty on $\sigma_{EW}$

Source	Size [%]
Electron/photon calibration	$\pm 0.3$
Photon	$\pm 0.3$
Backgrounds	$\pm 1.0$
Electron	$\pm 1.1$
Flavour tagging	$\pm 1.1$
Muon	$\pm 1.1$
MC stat.	$\pm 1.4$
Pileup	$\pm 2.6$
Jets	$\pm 4.7$
<i>QCD-Z<math>\gamma</math>jj</i> modelling	+4.8 -4.3
<i>EW-Z<math>\gamma</math>jj</i> modelling	+5.7 -4.6
Data stat.	$\pm 8.8$
Total	+13.4 -12.6

# CMS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$

- Found  $4.2 \sigma$  evidence with  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .
- Data:  $137 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  full run 2 data recorded with dilepton triggers.
- MC:
  - Similar MC as ATLAS for the EW, QCD  $Z\gamma$  and interference.
  - $t\bar{t}\gamma$  with Madgraph NLO, Pythia LO or Powheg NLO for  $W$  and single top.
  - aQGCs with Madgraph LO.
- Backgrounds:
  - QCD  $Z\gamma$  from simulation but constrained by fit to data. Interference treated as part of QCD.
  - $Z$ +jets: data-driven.
  - Other:  $tW$  and  $WW$  to NNLO,  $WZ$ ,  $ZZ$ , QCD  $W\gamma jj$  and  $t\bar{t}\gamma$  to NLO.



# CMS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$ : Selection

Common selection

- $p_T^{\ell 1, \ell 2} > 25 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^{\ell 1, \ell 2}| < 2.5$  for electron channel
- $p_T^{\ell 1, \ell 2} > 20 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^{\ell 1, \ell 2}| < 2.4$  for muon channel
- $p_T^\gamma > 20 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^\gamma| < 1.442$  or  $1.566 < |\eta^\gamma| < 2.500$
- $p_T^{j1, j2} > 30 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^{j1, j2}| < 4.7$
- $70 < m_{\ell\ell} < 110 \text{ GeV}, m_{Z\gamma} > 100 \text{ GeV}$  ← to remove FSR
- $\Delta R_{jj}, \Delta R_{j\gamma}, \Delta R_{j\ell} > 0.5, \Delta R_{\ell\gamma} > 0.7$

Fiducial volume

- Common selection,
- $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}, |\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 2.5$

Control region

- Common selection,
- $150 < m_{jj} < 500 \text{ GeV}$

EW signal region

- Common selection,
- $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}, |\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 2.5,$
- $\eta^* < 2.4, \Delta\phi_{Z\gamma, jj} > 1.9$

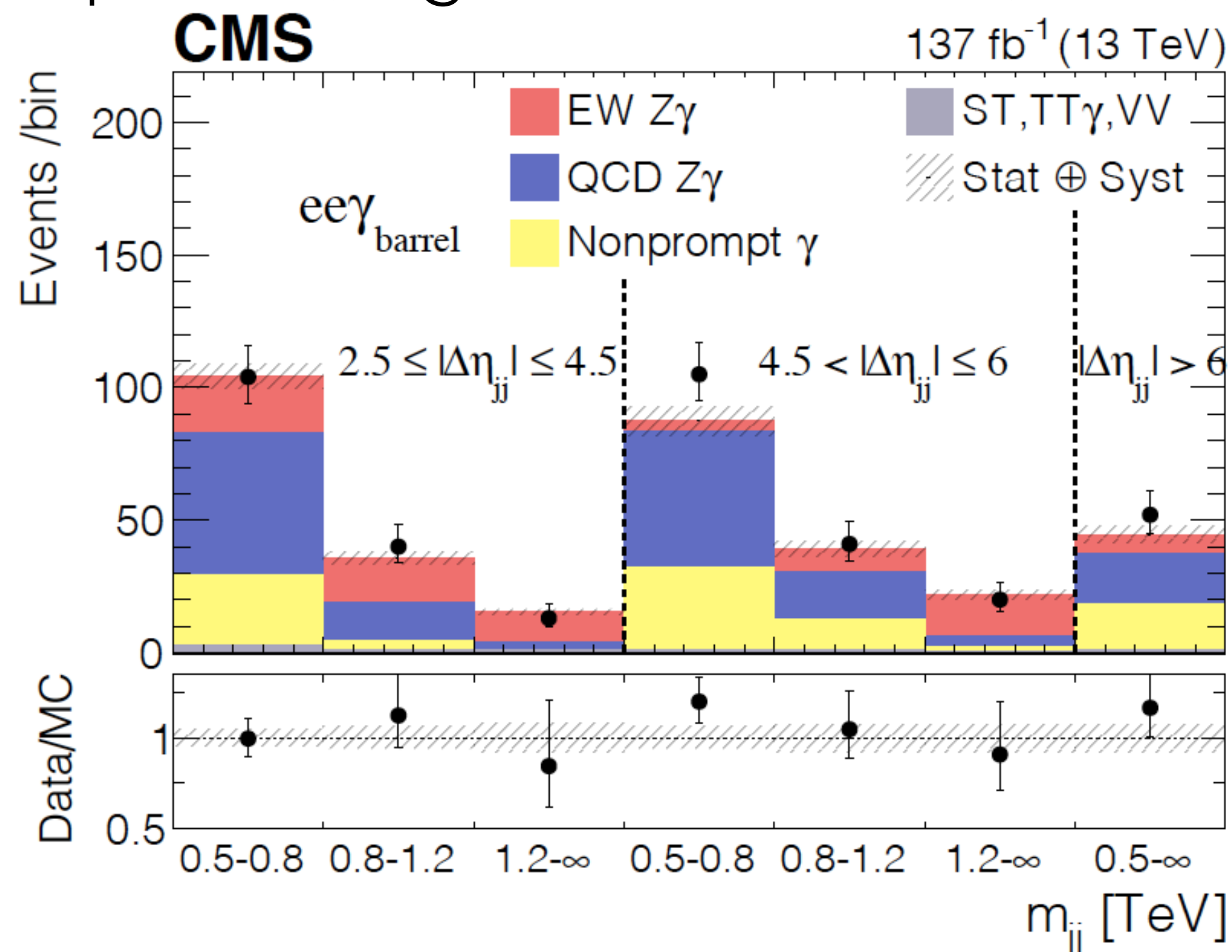
Zeppenfeld variable  $\eta^* = |\eta_{Z\gamma} - (\eta_{j1} + \eta_{j2})/2|$

aQGC search region

- Common selection,
- $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}, |\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 2.5,$
- $p_T^\gamma > 120 \text{ GeV}$  ← Higher  $p_T^\gamma$  in aQGC search

# CMS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$ : EW Signal Extraction

- SR and CR divided into lepton flavour and whether photon in ECAL barrel/endcap. SR divided further into 7 bins in  $m_{jj}$  and  $|\Delta\eta_{jj}|$ , CR into 3 bins in  $m_{jj}$ .
- Observed (expected) significance:  $9.4 \sigma$  ( $8.5 \sigma$ ).



## Systematic uncertainty on $\mu_{EW}$

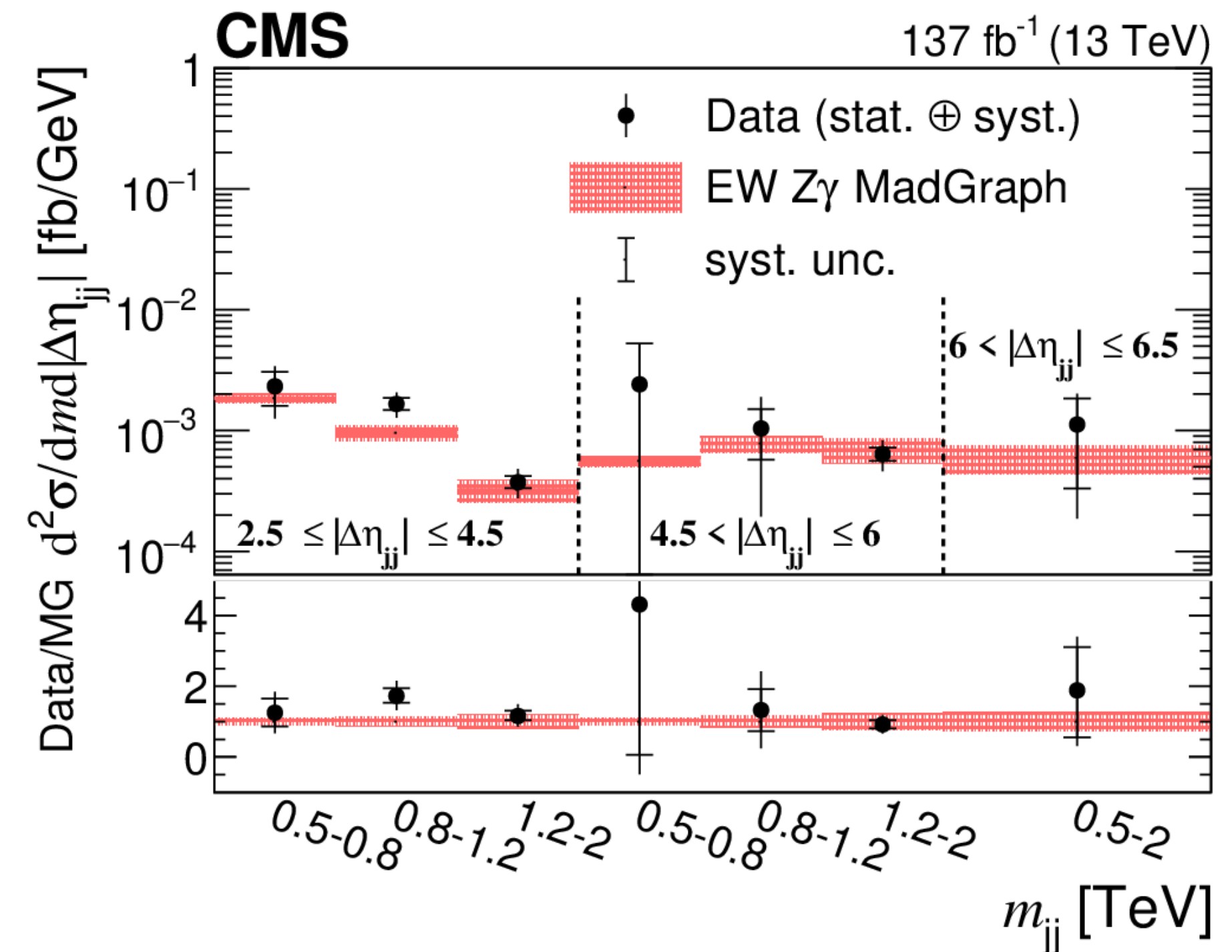
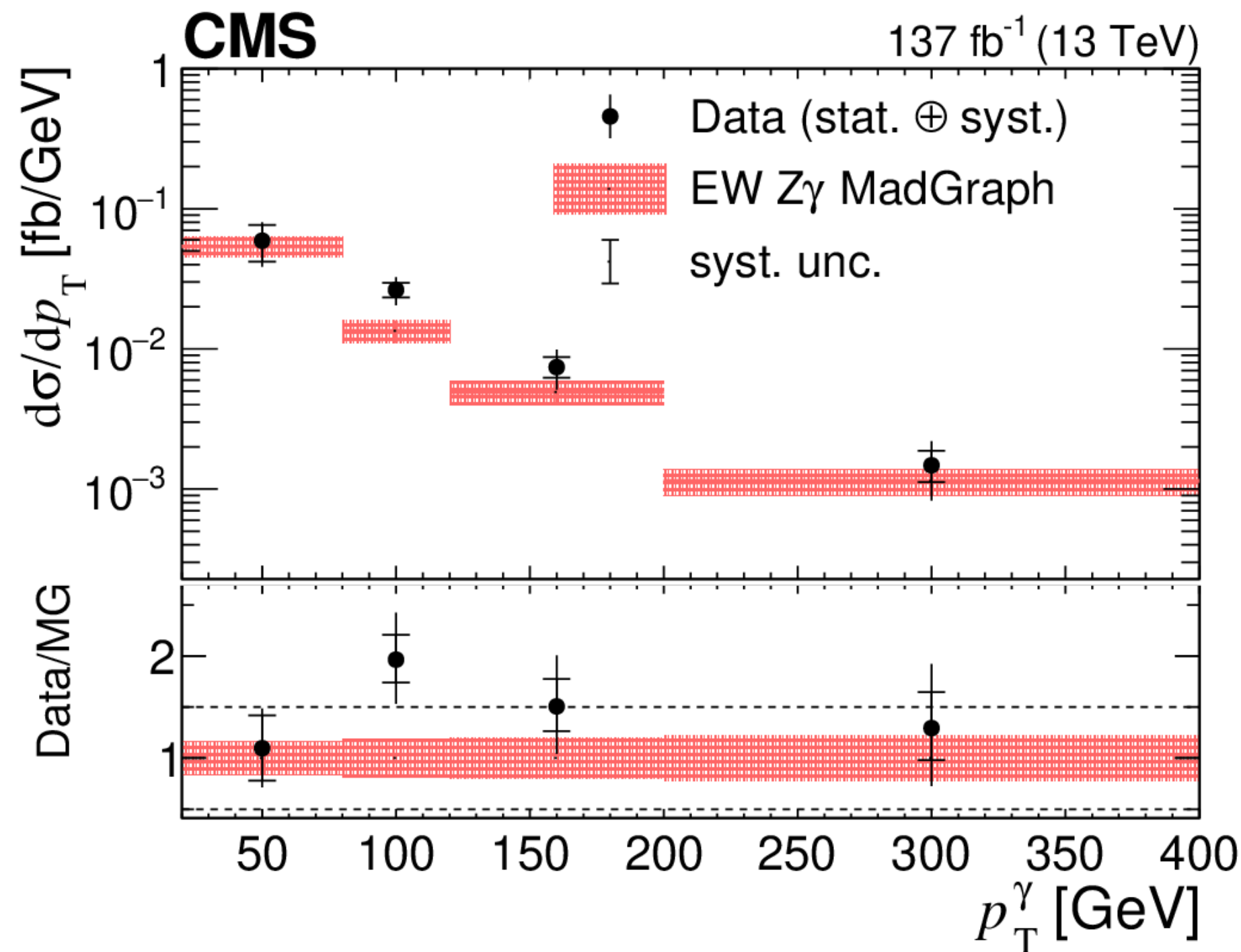
Systematic uncertainty	Impact [%]	
Jet energy correction	+7.9	-6.7
Theoretical uncertainties	+5.5	-4.7
MC statistical uncertainties	+4.7	-4.5
PU	+4.7	-4.1
Related to $e, \gamma$	+4.5	-3.6
PU jet ID	+3.7	-3.4
ECAL timing shift at L1	+3.5	-2.8
Nonprompt- $\gamma$ bkg. estimate	+2.0	-1.6
Related to $\mu$	+1.7	-1.4
Integrated luminosity	+0.8	-0.6
<b>Total systematic uncertainty</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>-12</b>



# CMS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$ : Cross-sections

- $\mu_{EW} = 1.20^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$  (stat)  $^{+0.14}_{-0.12}$  (syst)       $\sigma_{EW}^{fid} = 5.21 \pm 0.52$  (stat)  $\pm 0.56$  (syst) fb
- $\mu_{EW+QCD} = 1.11^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$  (stat)  $^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$  (syst)       $\sigma_{EW+QCD}^{fid} = 14.7 \pm 0.80$  (stat)  $\pm 1.26$  (syst) fb
- Differential cross-sections in  $p_T^\gamma$ ,  $p_T^{l1}$ ,  $p_T^{j1}$ . Unfold via ML fit in bins of observables.

- Double differential  $m_{jj}$  vs  $|\Delta\eta_{jj}|$ .
- Both for EW and EW+QCD.



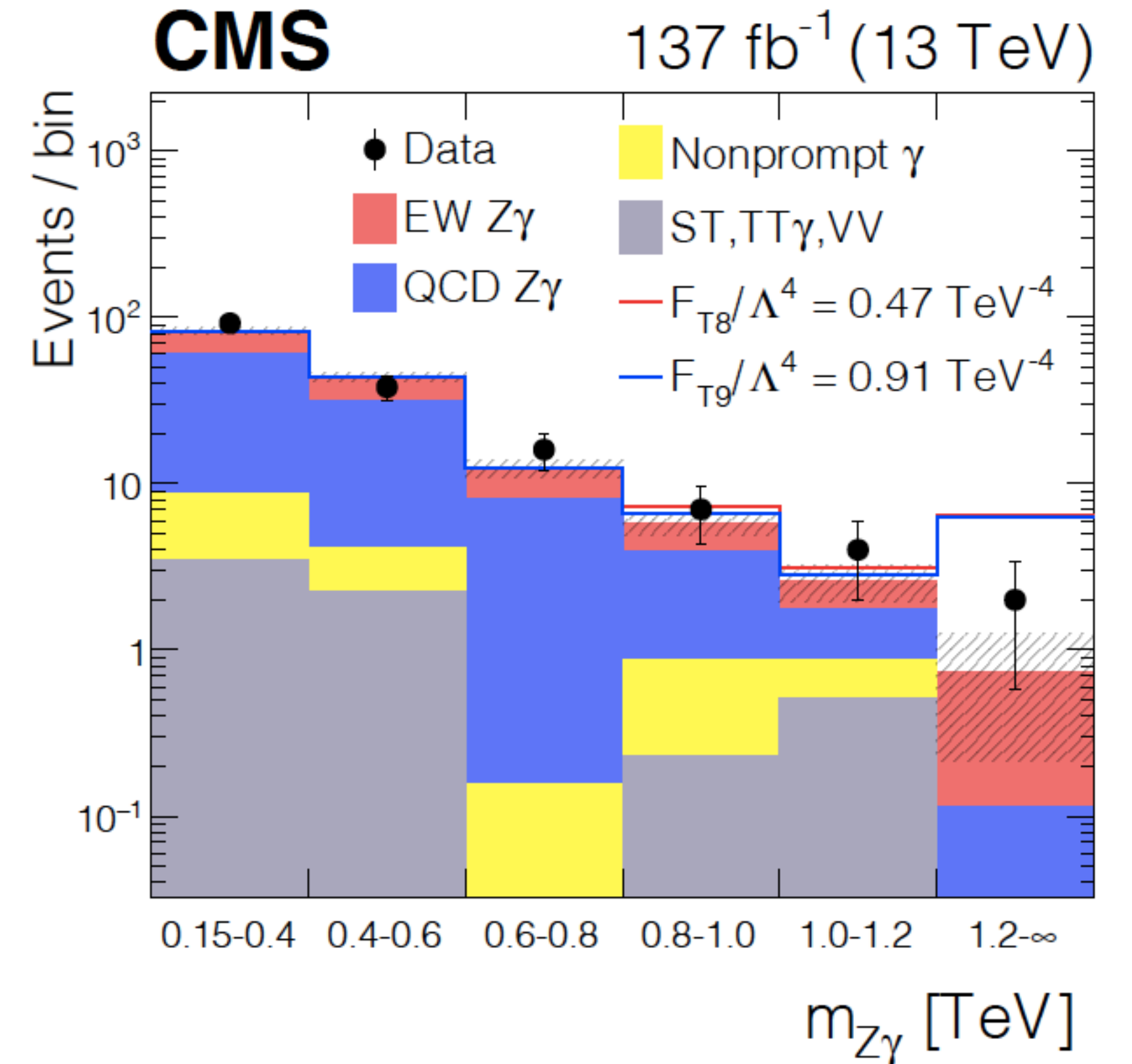


# CMS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$ : Limits on aQGCs

- $m_{Z\gamma}$  used to extract limits.

Table 8: The expected and observed limits on the aQGC parameters at 95% confidence level. The last column presents the scattering energy values for which the amplitude would violate unitarity for the observed value of the aQGC parameter. All coupling parameter limits are set in  $\text{TeV}^{-4}$ , whereas the unitarity bounds are in TeV.

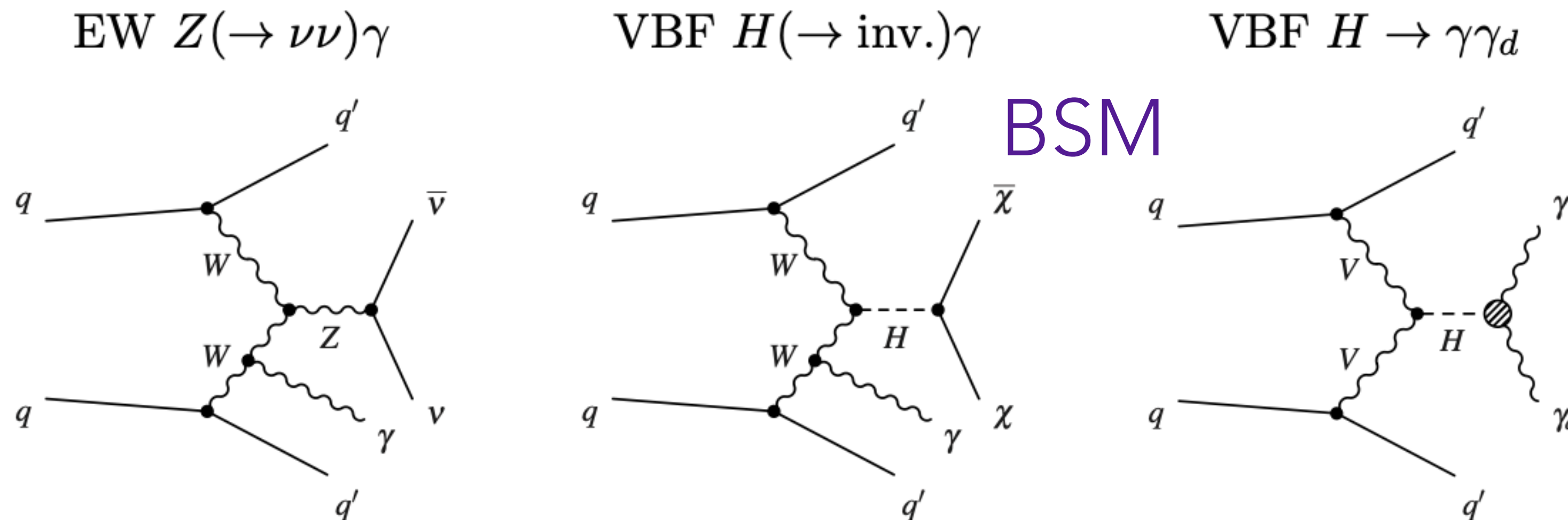
Coupling	Exp. lower	Exp. upper	Obs. lower	Obs. upper	Unitarity bound
$F_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	-12.5	12.8	-15.8	16.0	1.3
$F_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	-28.1	27.0	-35.0	34.7	1.5
$F_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	-5.21	5.12	-6.55	6.49	1.5
$F_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	-10.2	10.3	-13.0	13.0	1.8
$F_{M4}/\Lambda^4$	-10.2	10.2	-13.0	12.7	1.7
$F_{M5}/\Lambda^4$	-17.6	16.8	-22.2	21.3	1.7
$F_{M7}/\Lambda^4$	-44.7	45.0	-56.6	55.9	1.6
$F_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	-0.52	0.44	-0.64	0.57	1.9
$F_{T1}/\Lambda^4$	-0.65	0.63	-0.81	0.90	2.0
$F_{T2}/\Lambda^4$	-1.36	1.21	-1.68	1.54	1.9
$F_{T5}/\Lambda^4$	-0.45	0.52	-0.58	0.64	2.2
$F_{T6}/\Lambda^4$	-1.02	1.07	-1.30	1.33	2.0
$F_{T7}/\Lambda^4$	-1.67	1.97	-2.15	2.43	2.2
$F_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	-0.36	0.36	-0.47	0.47	1.8
$F_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	-0.72	0.72	-0.91	0.91	1.9



- 95% CL limits on EFT dimension-8 operators  $M_0$  to  $M_5$ ,  $M_7$ ,  $T_0$  to  $T_2$ ,  $T_5$  to  $T_9$ .
- Most stringent limit to date on  $T_9$ .

# $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma$

- Part of an analysis looking for 3 signal processes using a final state of missing  $E_T$ , a photon and two jets with VBF/VBS topology:



- Dominant background from  $V\gamma$ +jets (QCD  $Z\gamma$  and EW+QCD  $W\gamma$ ). Other backgrounds from jet faking photon, electron faking photon, jet faking electron, fake MET and  $t\bar{t}\gamma/V\gamma\gamma$ .

# $Z(\rightarrow vv)\gamma$ : Samples

- Data: 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> full Run 2 data, collected with missing  $E_T$  triggers.
- MC:
  - EW signal: Madgraph LO+Pythia with dipole recoil on.
    - Normalised to NLO (QCD) predictions from VBFNLO via  $m_{jj}$ -dependent correction.
  - QCD  $Z\gamma$ : Sherpa 2.2.8 NLO ( $\leq 1j$ ), with NLO EW correction.
    - Alternative sample with Madgraph NLO ( $\leq 1j$ ) using FxFx scheme. Difference taken as an uncertainty.
  - Interference: Madgraph  $O(\alpha_S\alpha_{EW}^3)$ . Treated as a systematic on EW.
  - Other backgrounds:  $W\gamma$  samples similar to  $Z\gamma$ ,  $V\gamma\gamma$  with Sherpa NLO,  $t\bar{t}\gamma$ .



# Z( $\rightarrow$ vv) $\gamma$ : SR and CRs

- **SR** for EW Z( $\rightarrow$ vv) $\gamma$ :

- $p_{Tj} > 60$  (50) GeV,  $\eta_{j1} \times \eta_{j2} < 0$ .
- $m_{jj} > 250$  GeV,  $|\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 3$ ,  $|\Delta\phi_{jj}| < 2.5$  to reduce multi-jet.
- $15 < p_{T\gamma} < 110$  GeV (upper bound to reduce  $\gamma$ +jets).
- $E_{T}^{\text{miss}} > 150$  GeV, lepton veto.

- $$C_{\gamma} = \exp\left[-\frac{4}{(\eta_{j1} - \eta_{j2})^2} \left(\eta_{\gamma} - \frac{\eta_{j1} + \eta_{j2}}{2}\right)^2\right] > 0.4$$

- $C_{\gamma} = 1$  when photon in the middle between the two tagging jets,  $= 1/e$  when aligned with one of the jets, and  $\rightarrow 0$  when farther forward in  $\eta$  than the jets.
- A third jet with  $p_{T} > 25$  GeV can be present, if  $C_3$  (similar to  $C_{\gamma}$  but replacing  $\eta_{\gamma}$  with third leading jet  $\eta$ )  $< 0.7$ .

- **Four CRs** to constrain backgrounds:

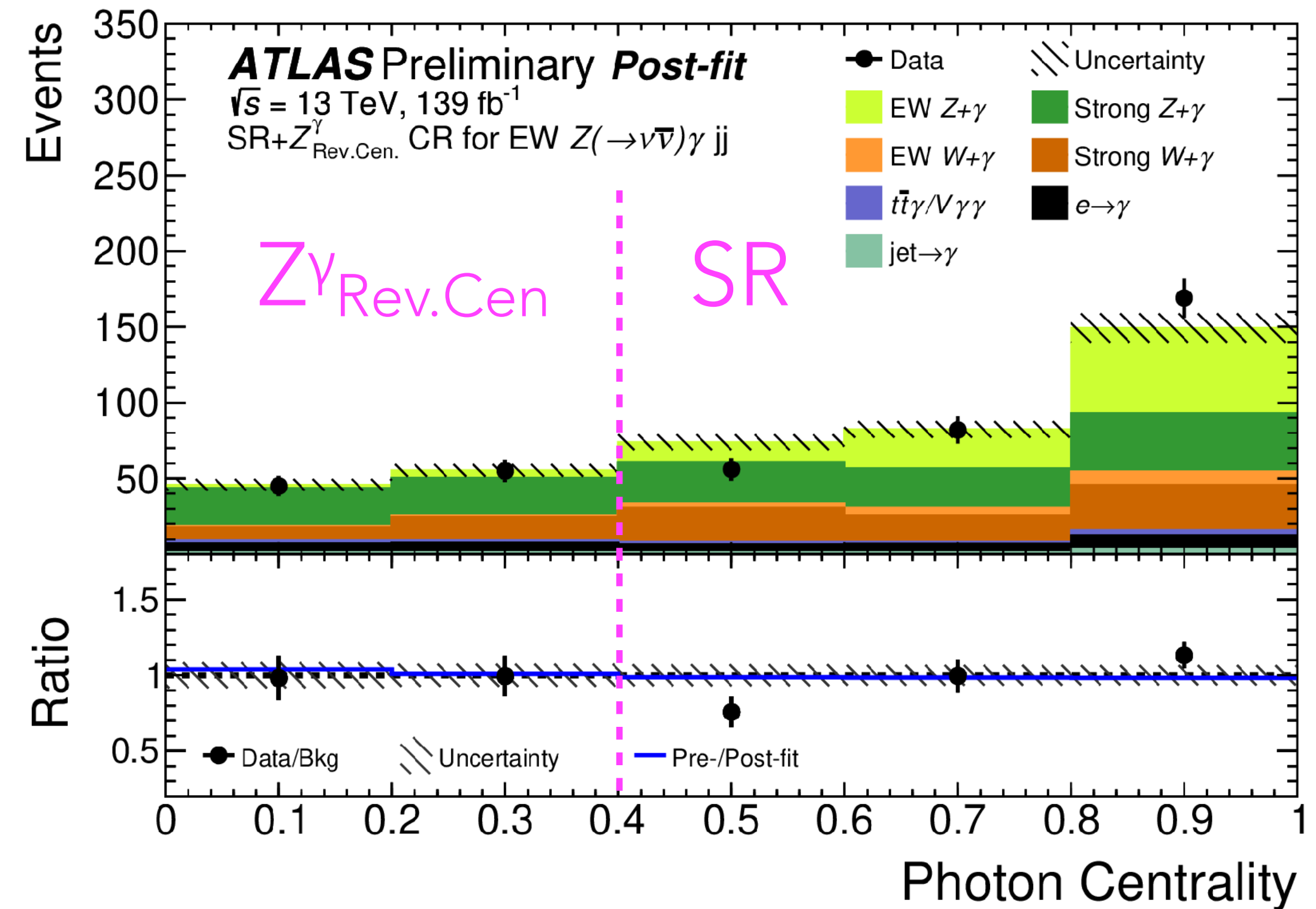
- $W_{e\nu}^{\gamma}$  and  $W_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma}$  CRs: require an additional e/ $\mu$  with  $p_{T} > 30$  GeV to constrain  $W_{\gamma}$ .
- $Z_{\text{Rev.Cen.}}^{\gamma}$  CR: reverse centrality cut to constrain QCD  $Z_{\gamma}$ .
- Fake-e CR: like  $W_{e\nu}^{\gamma}$  but reverse  $E_{T}^{\text{miss}}$  cut.

# Z( $\rightarrow\nu\nu$ ) $\gamma$ : Backgrounds and Extraction of EW Signal

- Normalisation of EW+QCD  $W\gamma$  and QCD  $Z\gamma$  background determined from fit through use of CRs.

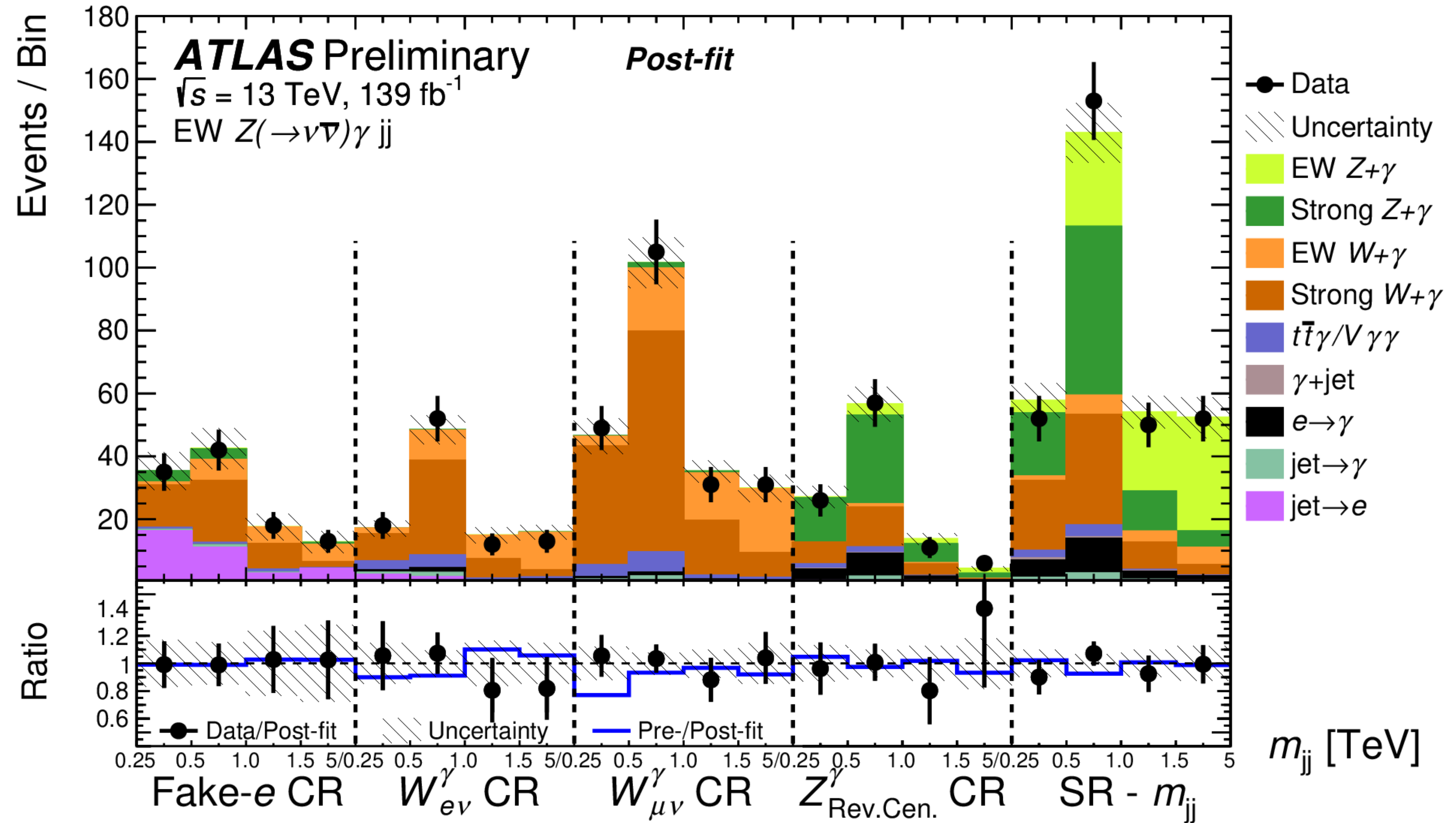
$\mu_{Z\gamma_{EW}}$	$\beta_{Z\gamma_{QCD}}$	$\beta_{W\gamma}$
$1.03 \pm 0.25$	$1.02 \pm 0.41$	$1.01 \pm 0.20$

- Jet faking photon: data-driven with 2D sideband method to determine fake rate.
- Electron faking photon: using fake rate from  $Z\rightarrow ee$  data
- Jet faking electron (affecting  $W\gamma_{ev}$  CR): from Fake-e CR using anti-eID information.
- Fake MET: MC using data-driven jet smearing.
- $t\bar{t}\gamma/V\gamma\gamma$ .



# Z( $\rightarrow\nu\nu$ ) $\gamma$ : Results

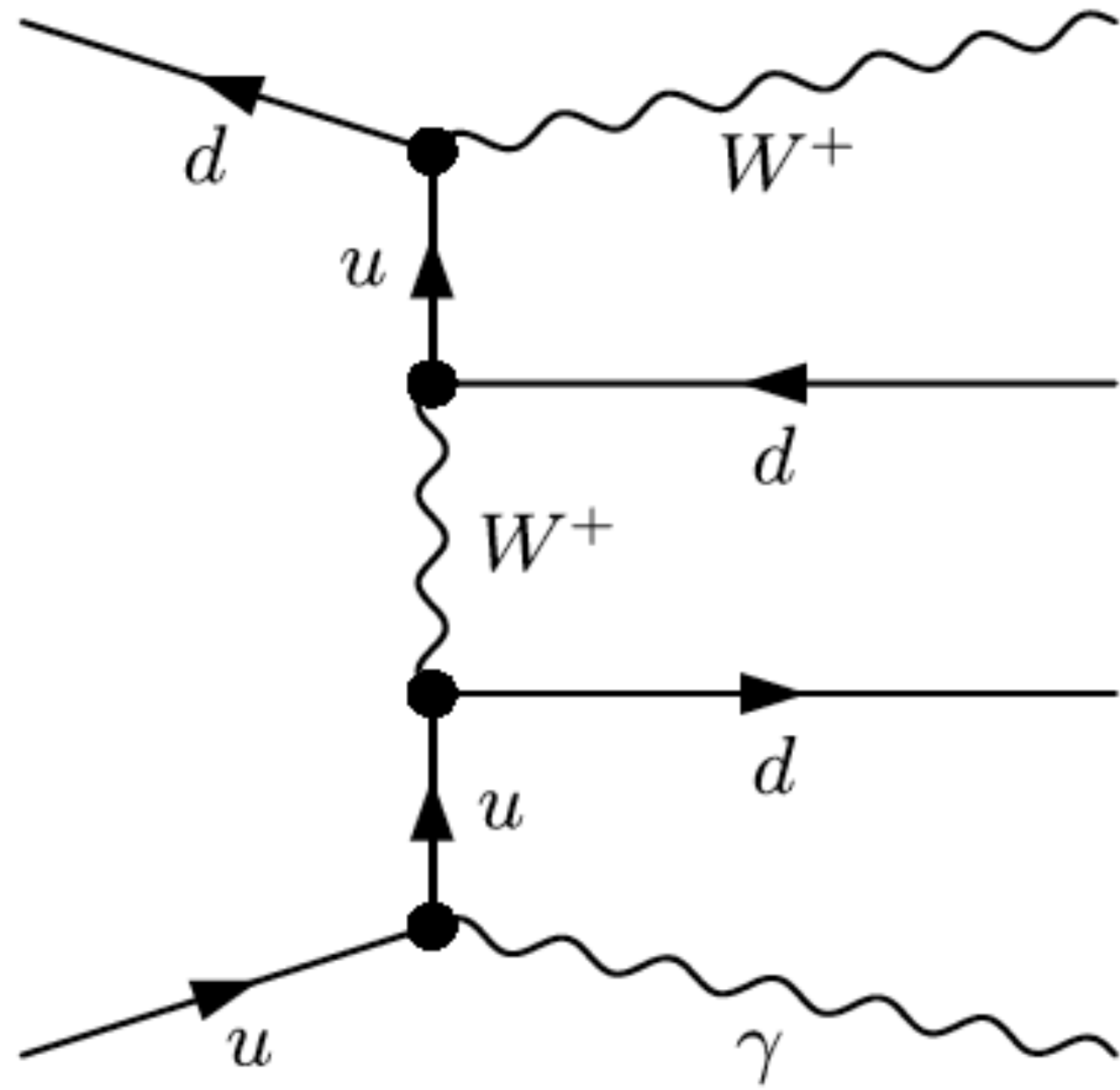
- EW Z( $\rightarrow\nu\nu$ ) $\gamma$ jj observed with 5.2  $\sigma$  (5.1  $\sigma$  expected).



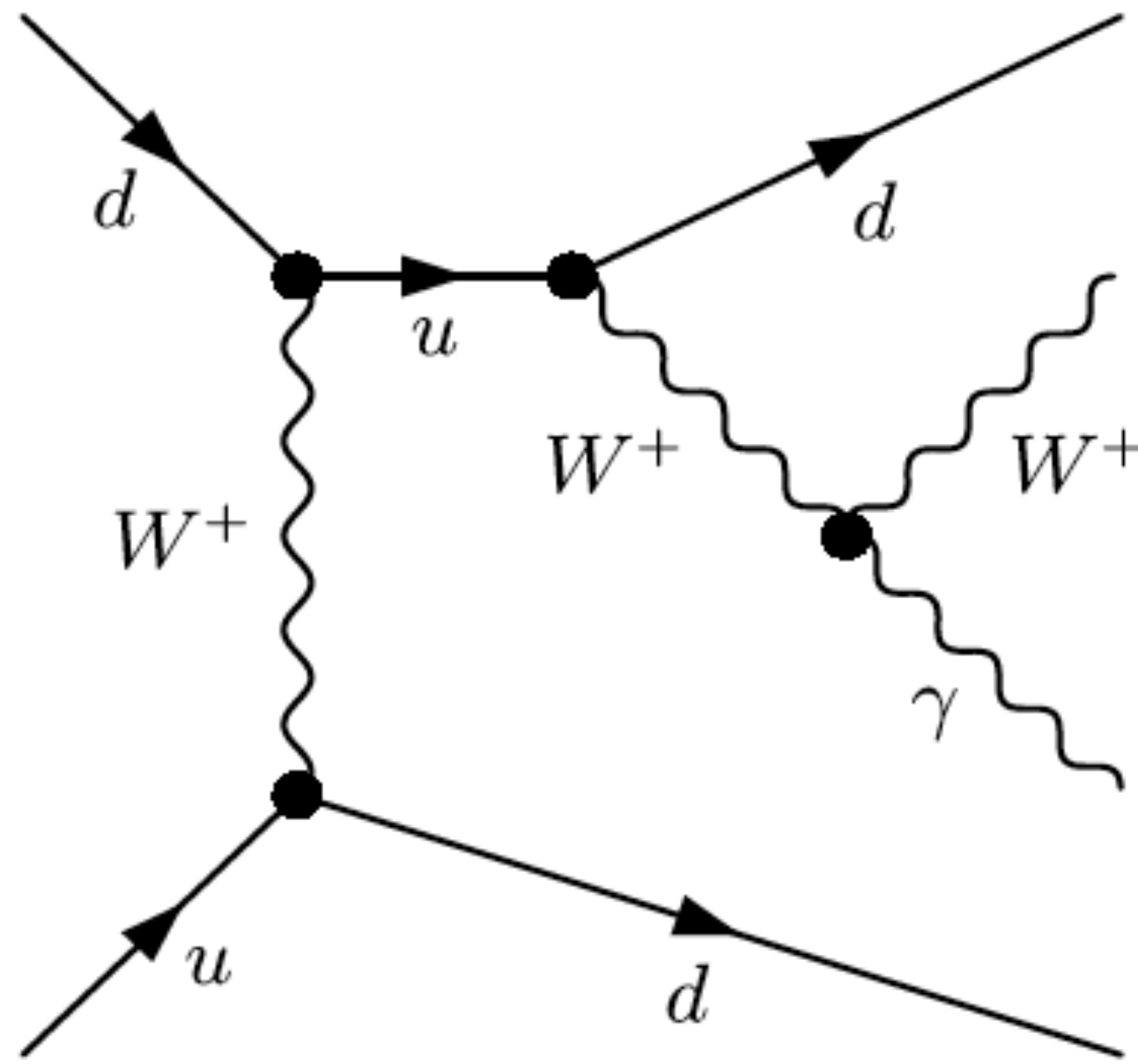
$$\sigma^{fid} = 1.31 \pm 0.20(\text{stat}) \pm 0.20(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$$



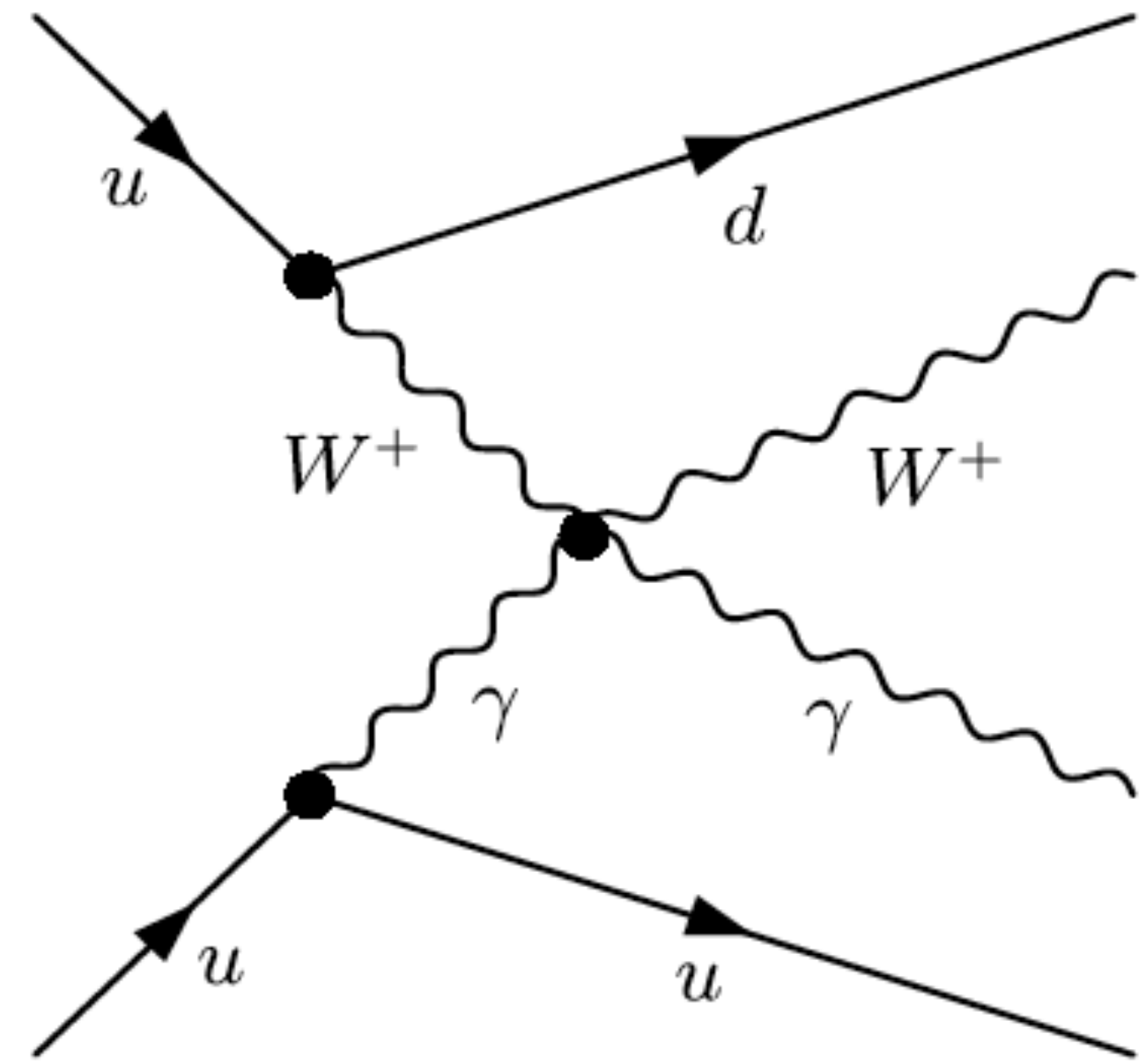
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TGC



VBS via QGC

# $W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma$

- Partial Run 2 data analysis with 35.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>.

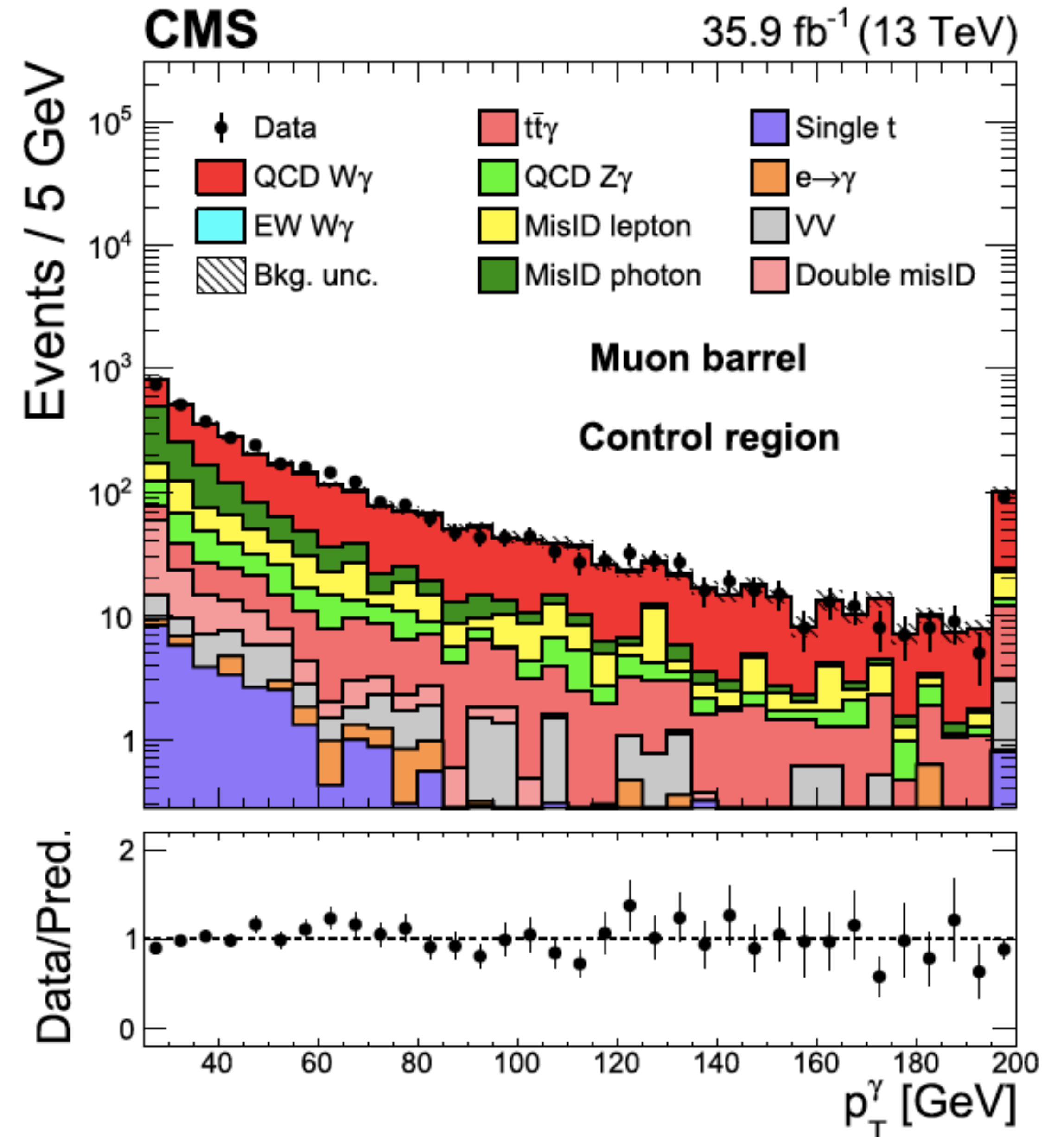
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- Interference (Madgraph LO) treated as uncertainty on the signal.
- Others: VV Pythia LO, single top Powheg, tt $\gamma$  Madgraph NLO. All normalised to NLO cross-sections.

Common	$p_{T^l} > 30 \text{ GeV}, p_{T^\nu} > 25 \text{ GeV}, p_{T^j} > 40 \text{ (30) GeV},$ $m_{T^W} > 30 \text{ GeV},$ $p_{T^{\text{miss}}} > 30 \text{ GeV},$ $\Delta R > 0.5$ between selected objects, $ m_{e\gamma} - 91  > 10 \text{ GeV}$
CR	$200 < m_{jj} < 400 \text{ GeV}$
SR	$m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV},  \Delta\eta_{jj}  > 2.5, m_{W\gamma} > 100 \text{ GeV},$ $\eta^* < 1.2,  \Delta\phi(W\gamma, jj)  > 2$

# $W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma$ : Backgrounds

- QCD  $W\gamma$ : simultaneous fit to SR and CR.  $\mu_{QCD} = 1.28^{+0.18}_{-0.16}$
- Misidentified photon or lepton or both: data-driven.
- $e \rightarrow \gamma$ : from MC.
- Others: from MC, normalised to NLO.





# $W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma$ : EW Signal Extraction

- 2D fit in 4  $m_{jj}$  bins and 3  $m_{l\gamma}$  bins simultaneously in SR and in CR.

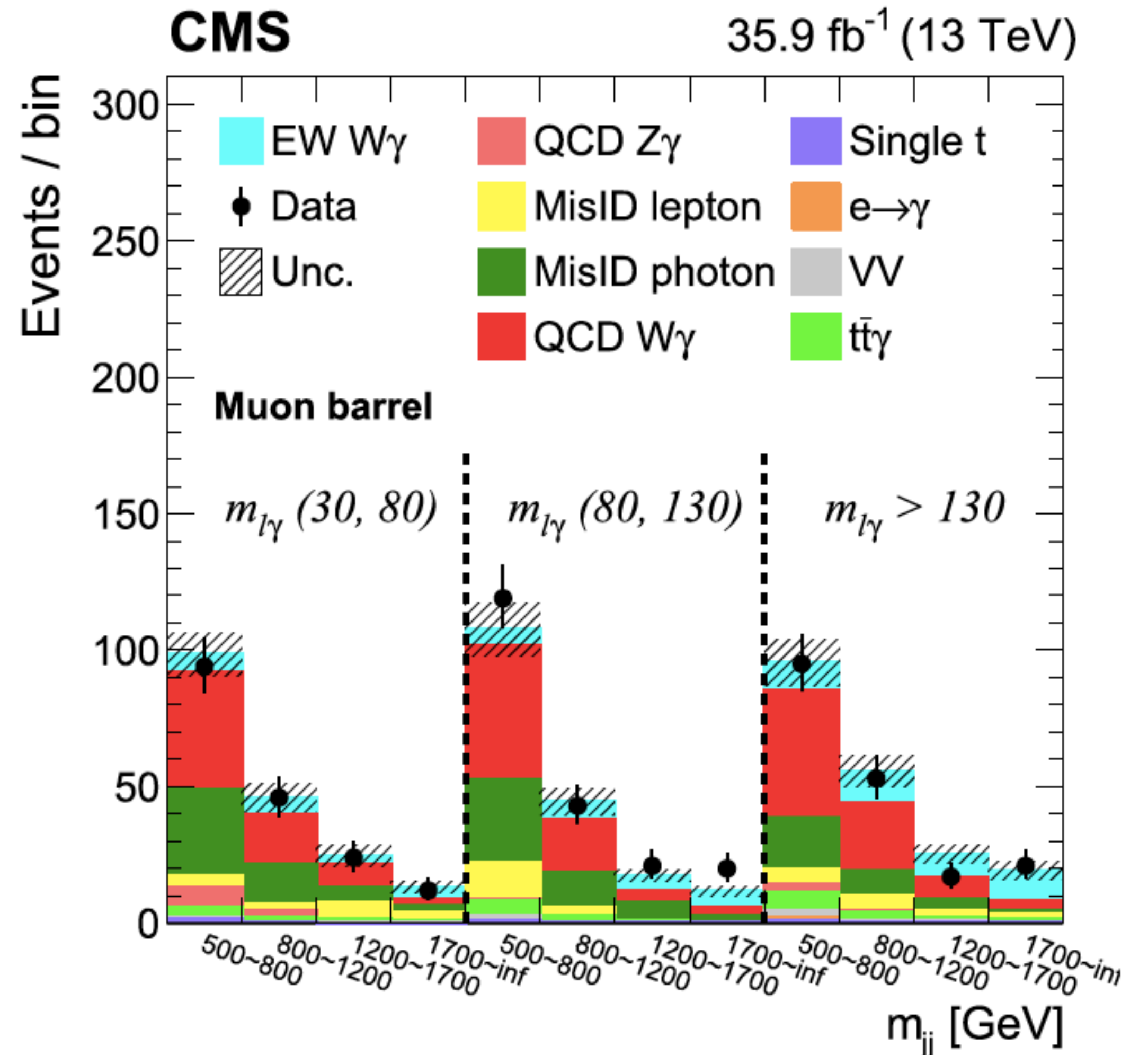
- $\sigma_{EW} = 1.20^{+0.26}_{-0.24}$ , 4.9 (4.6)  $\sigma$

- Combined with 8 TeV : 5.3 (4.8)  $\sigma$ .

- $\sigma_{EW-W\gamma jj}^{fid} = 20.4 \pm 2.8(\text{stat}) \pm 3.5(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$

- For EW+QCD fiducial cross-section, only SR is fitted.

- $\sigma_{EW+QCD-W\gamma jj}^{fid} = 108 \pm 5(\text{stat}) \pm 15(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$

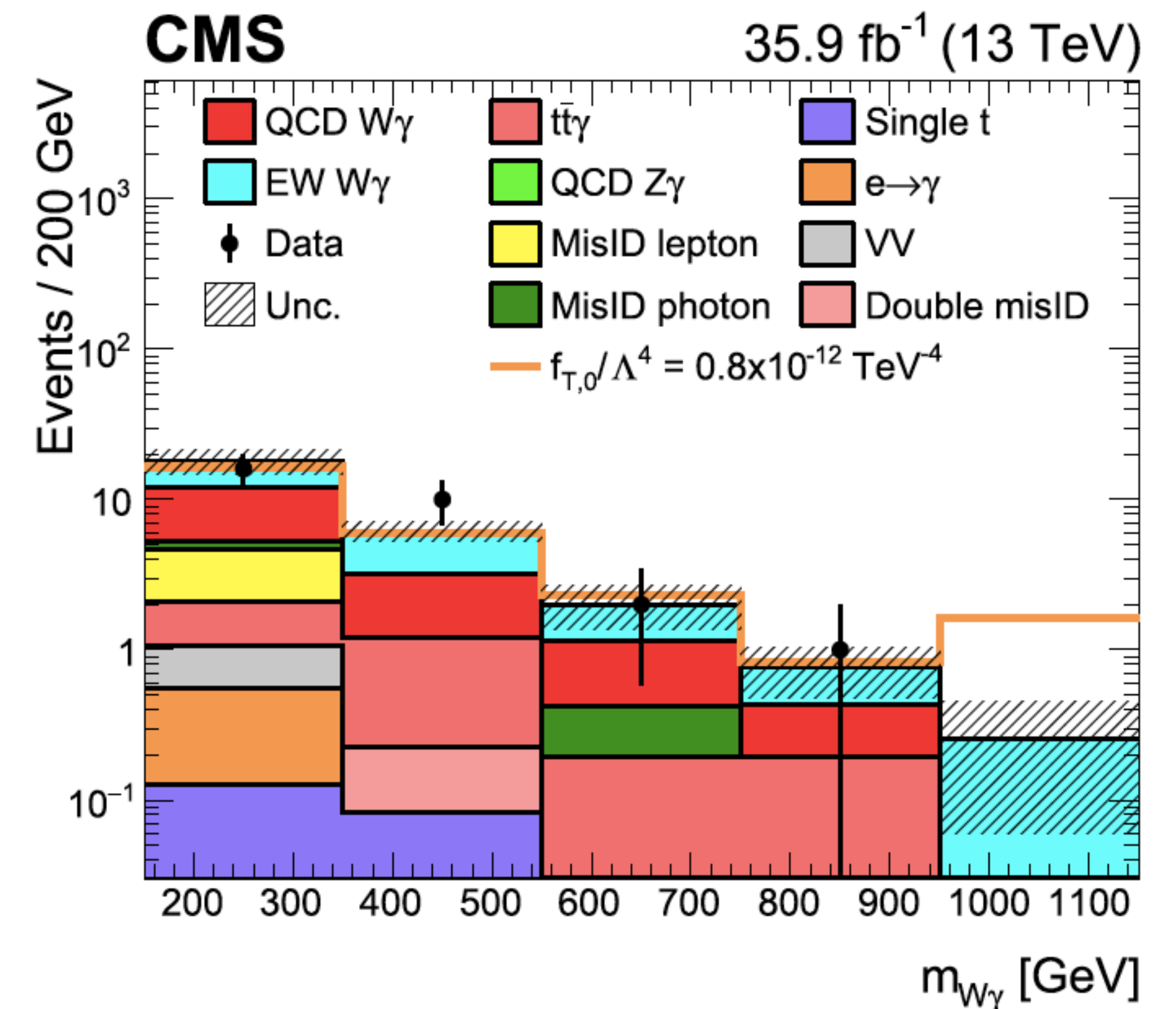


# $W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma$ : Limits on aQGCs

- $m_{W\gamma}$  used to extract limits.

The exclusion limits at 95% CL on each aQGC coefficient, parameterized using the distribution in  $m_{W\gamma}$ , and listed along with the unitarity bound. All coupling parameter limits are in  $\text{TeV}^{-4}$ , while the  $U_{\text{bound}}$  values are in TeV.

Parameters	Obs. limit	Exp. limit	$U_{\text{bound}}$
$f_{M,0}/\Lambda^4$	[-8.1, 8.0]	[-7.7, 7.6]	1.0
$f_{M,1}/\Lambda^4$	[-12, 12]	[-11, 11]	1.2
$f_{M,2}/\Lambda^4$	[-2.8, 2.8]	[-2.7, 2.7]	1.3
$f_{M,3}/\Lambda^4$	[-4.4, 4.4]	[-4.0, 4.1]	1.5
$f_{M,4}/\Lambda^4$	[-5.0, 5.0]	[-4.7, 4.7]	1.5
$f_{M,5}/\Lambda^4$	[-8.3, 8.3]	[-7.9, 7.7]	1.8
$f_{M,6}/\Lambda^4$	[-16, 16]	[-15, 15]	1.0
$f_{M,7}/\Lambda^4$	[-21, 20]	[-19, 19]	1.3
$f_{T,0}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.6, 0.6]	[-0.6, 0.6]	1.4
$f_{T,1}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.4, 0.4]	[-0.3, 0.4]	1.5
$f_{T,2}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.0, 1.2]	[-1.0, 1.2]	1.5
$f_{T,5}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.5, 0.5]	[-0.4, 0.4]	1.8
$f_{T,6}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.4, 0.4]	[-0.3, 0.4]	1.7
$f_{T,7}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.9, 0.9]	[-0.8, 0.9]	1.8




- Selection for aQGCs search: Common selection +  $m_{jj} > 800 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 2.5$ ,  $m_{W\gamma} > 150 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_{T\gamma} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ .
- Limits on operators M0 to M7, T0 to T2, T5 to T7. Very stringent.

# SUMMARY

- Observations of EW production of  $Z\gamma jj$  and  $W\gamma jj$  at 13TeV from ATLAS and CMS.

Experiment	Process	L [fb <sup>-1</sup> ]	Reference
ATLAS	$Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$	139	<a href="#">ATLAS-CONF-2021-038</a>
CMS	$Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$	137	<a href="#">arXiv:2106.11082</a>
ATLAS	$Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma$	139	CERN-EP-2021-137
CMS	$W(\rightarrow lv)\gamma$	35.9	<a href="#">Phys. Lett. B 811 (2020) 135988</a>

- Measured EW cross sections agree generally well with predictions (LO in most cases, NLO QCD in  $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma$ ).
- Main challenge in constraining the dominant QCD-induced production of  $V\gamma jj$   design dedicated CRs.
- Process involving photon has larger cross-sections, and sensitive to anomalous quartic gauge couplings.



BACK-UP SLIDES

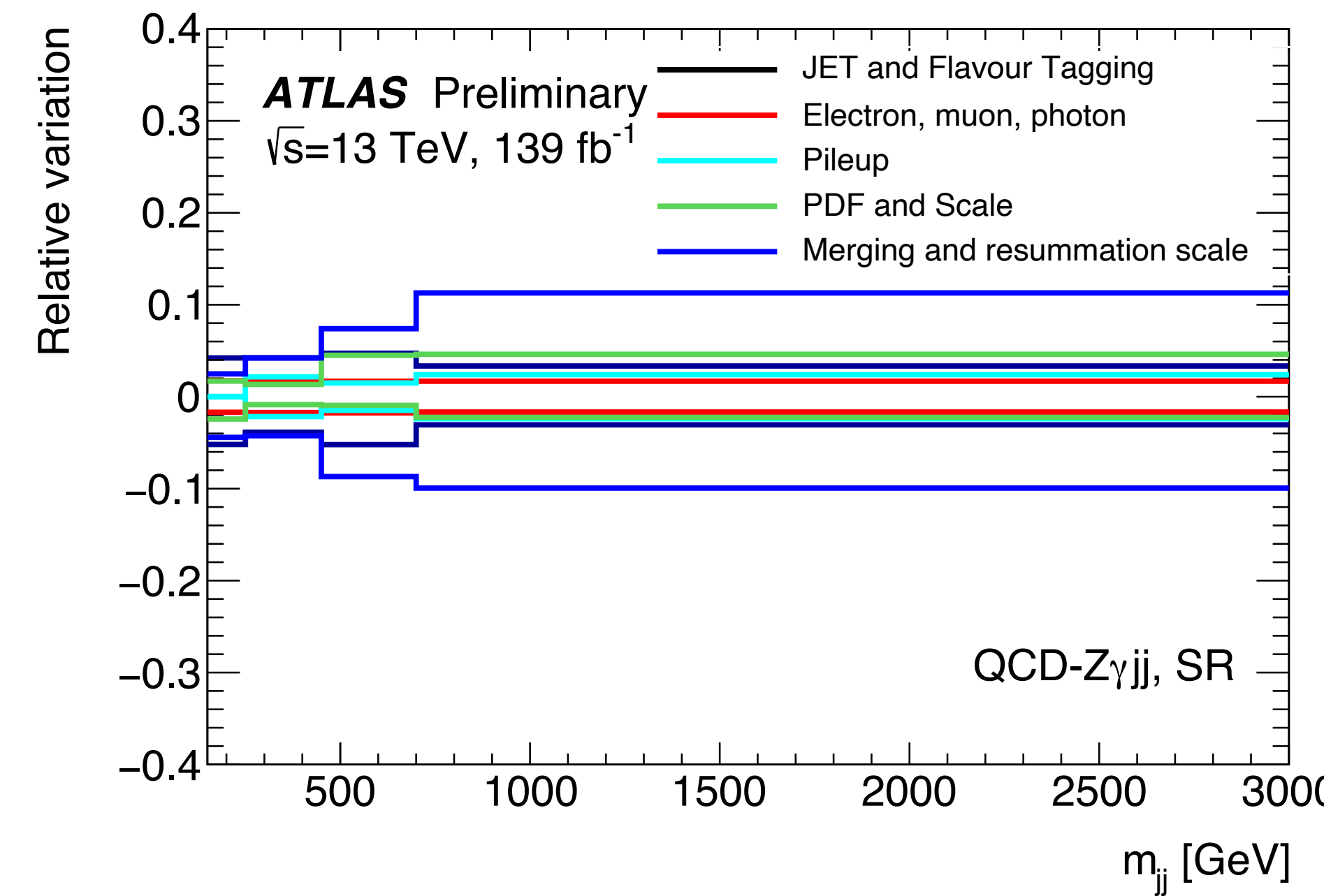
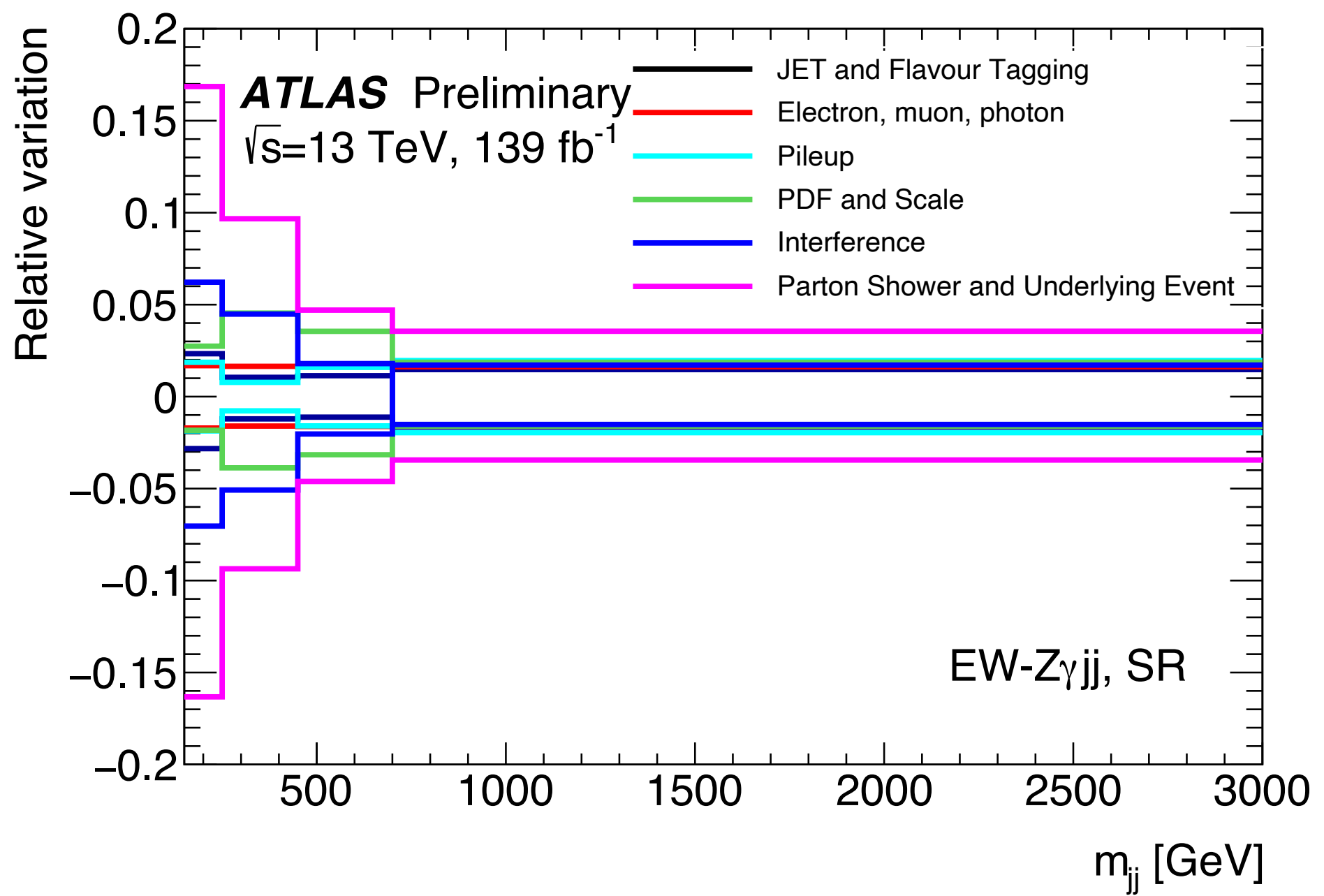
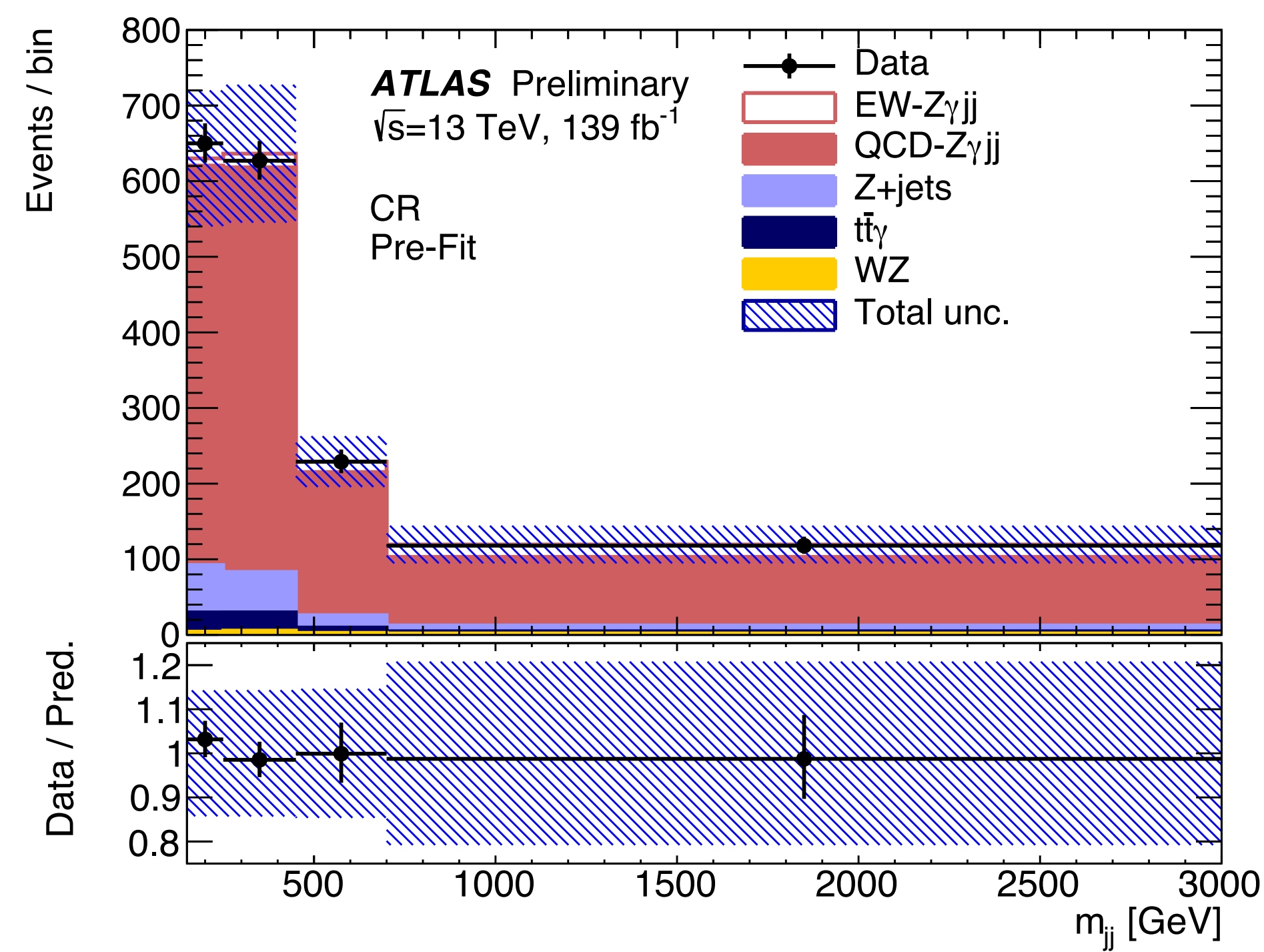
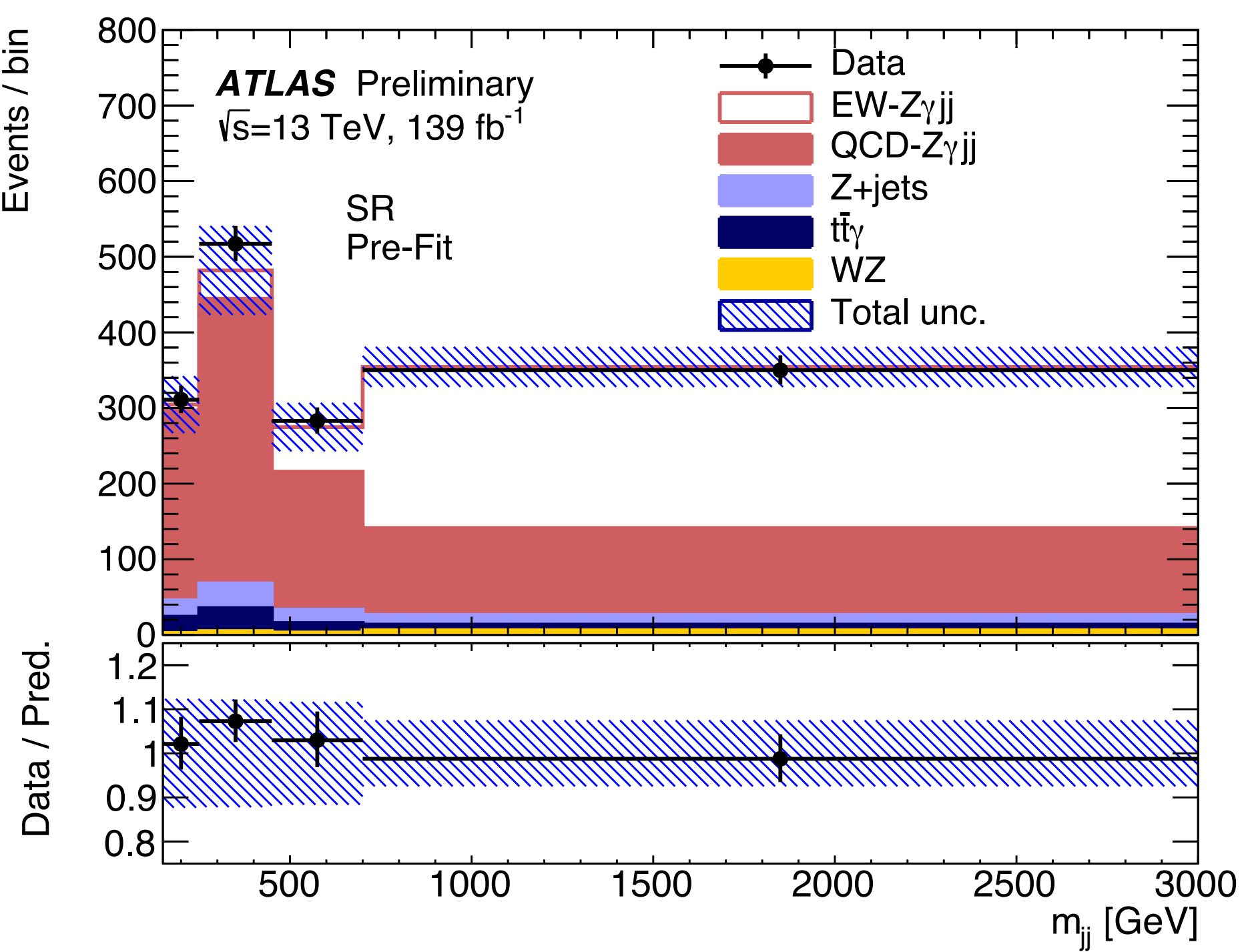
# DIMENSION-8 OPERATORS

**S:** Pure Higgs field, pure longitudinal  
**M:** Mixed Higgs-field-strength, mixed long-transverse  
**T:** Pure field-strength tensor, pure transverse

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$\mathcal{O}_{S,0}, \mathcal{O}_{S,1}$	✓	✓			✓				
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$\mathcal{O}_{T,0}, \mathcal{O}_{T,1}, \mathcal{O}_{T,2}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\mathcal{O}_{T,5}, \mathcal{O}_{T,6}, \mathcal{O}_{T,7}$		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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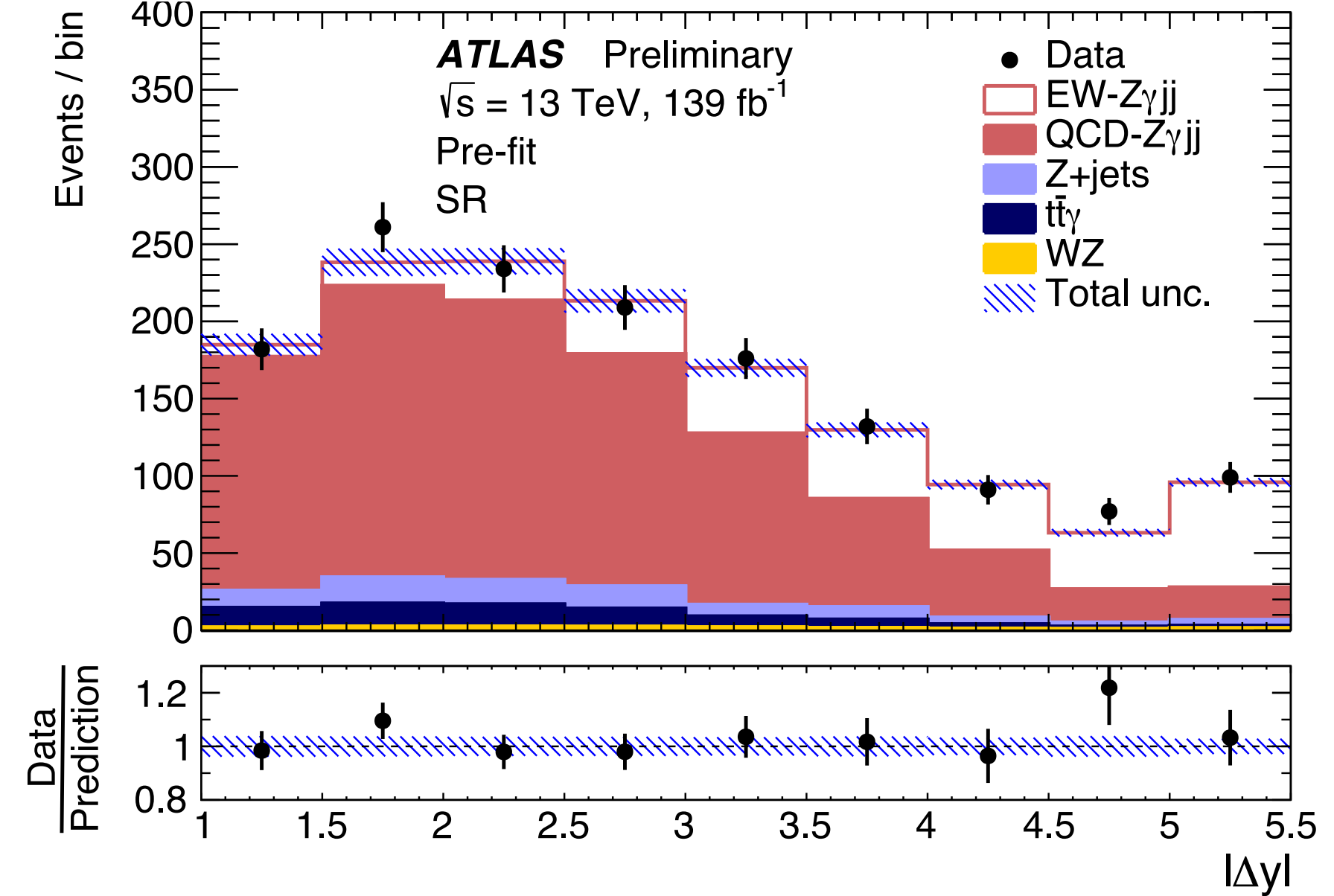
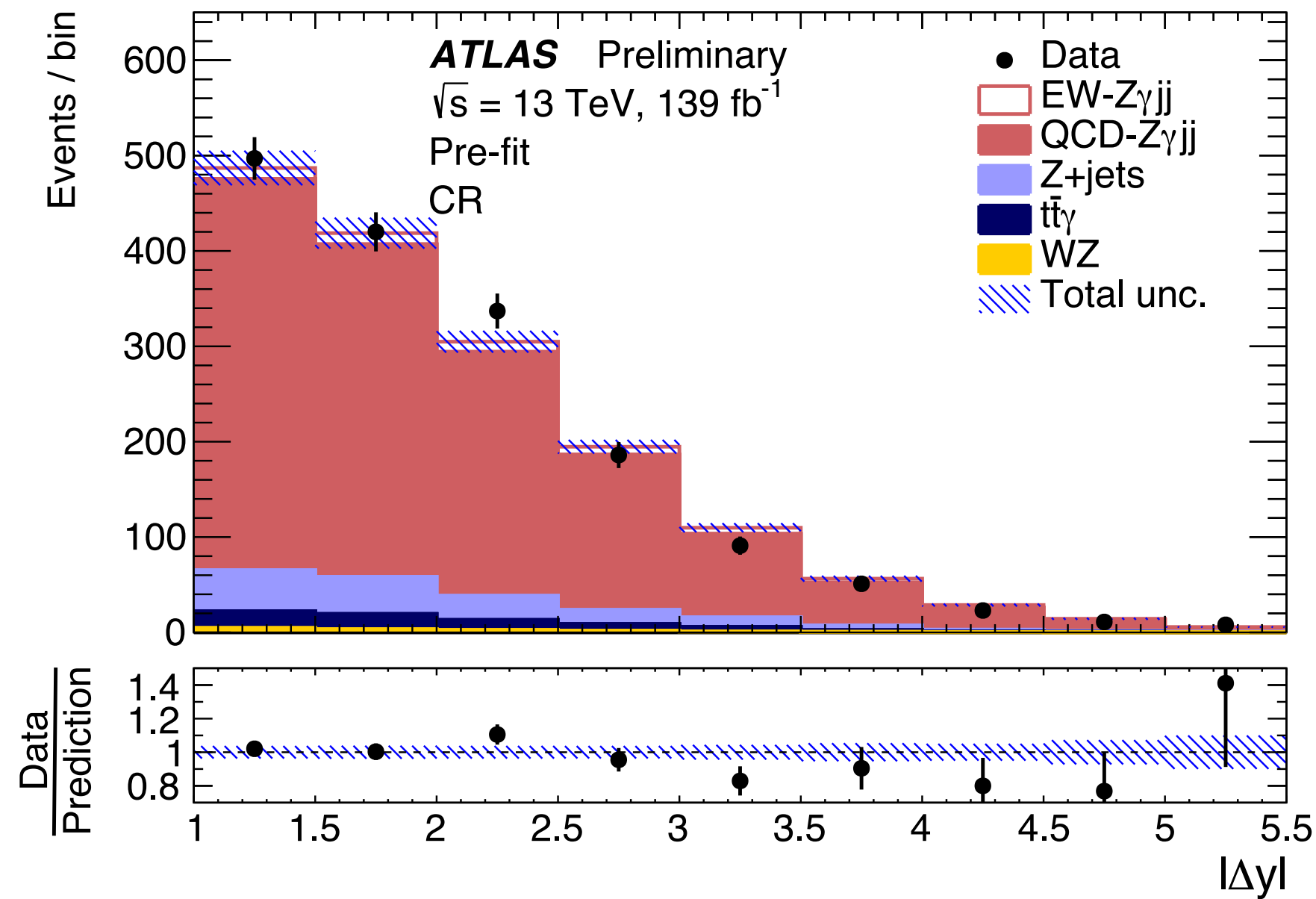
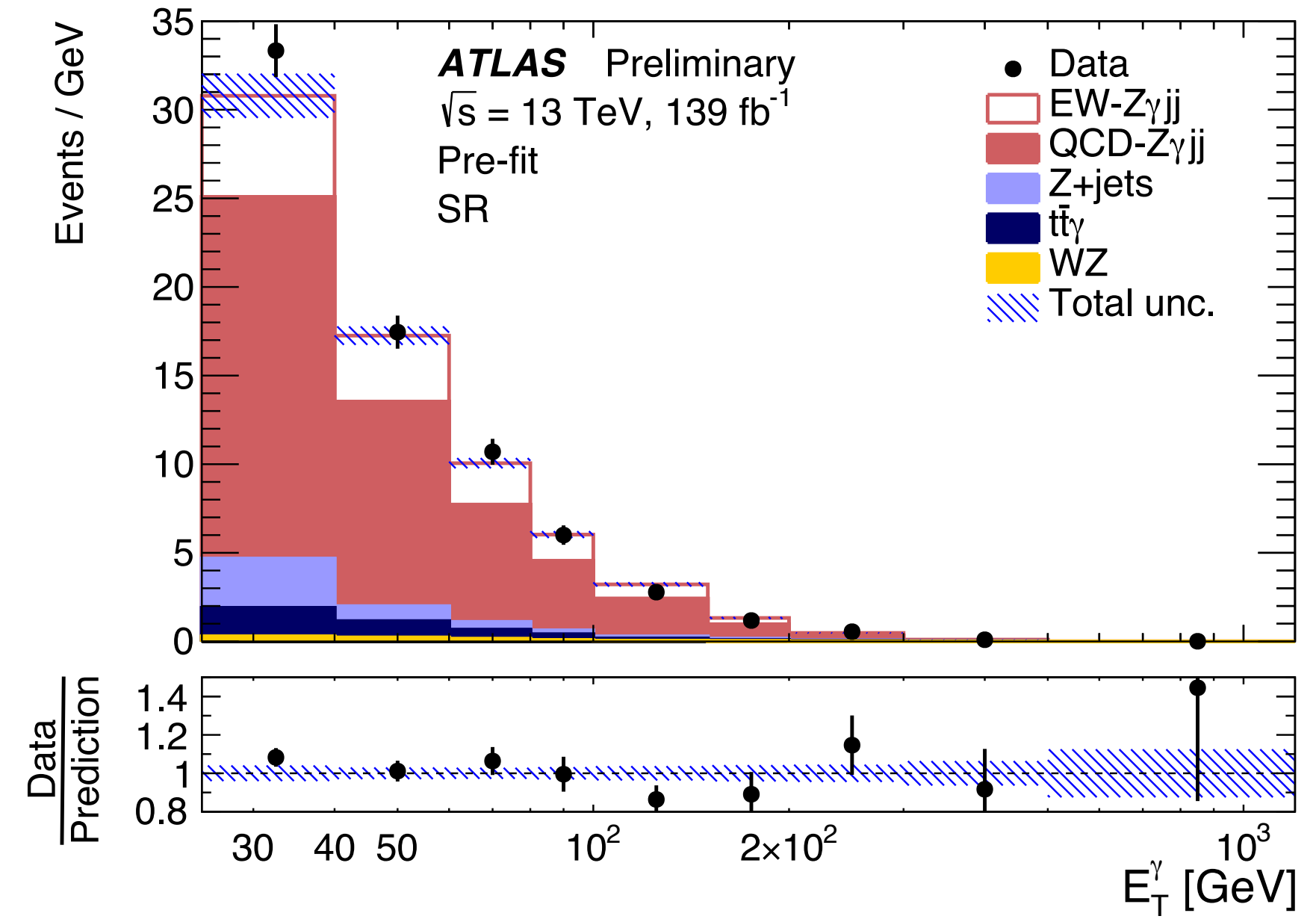
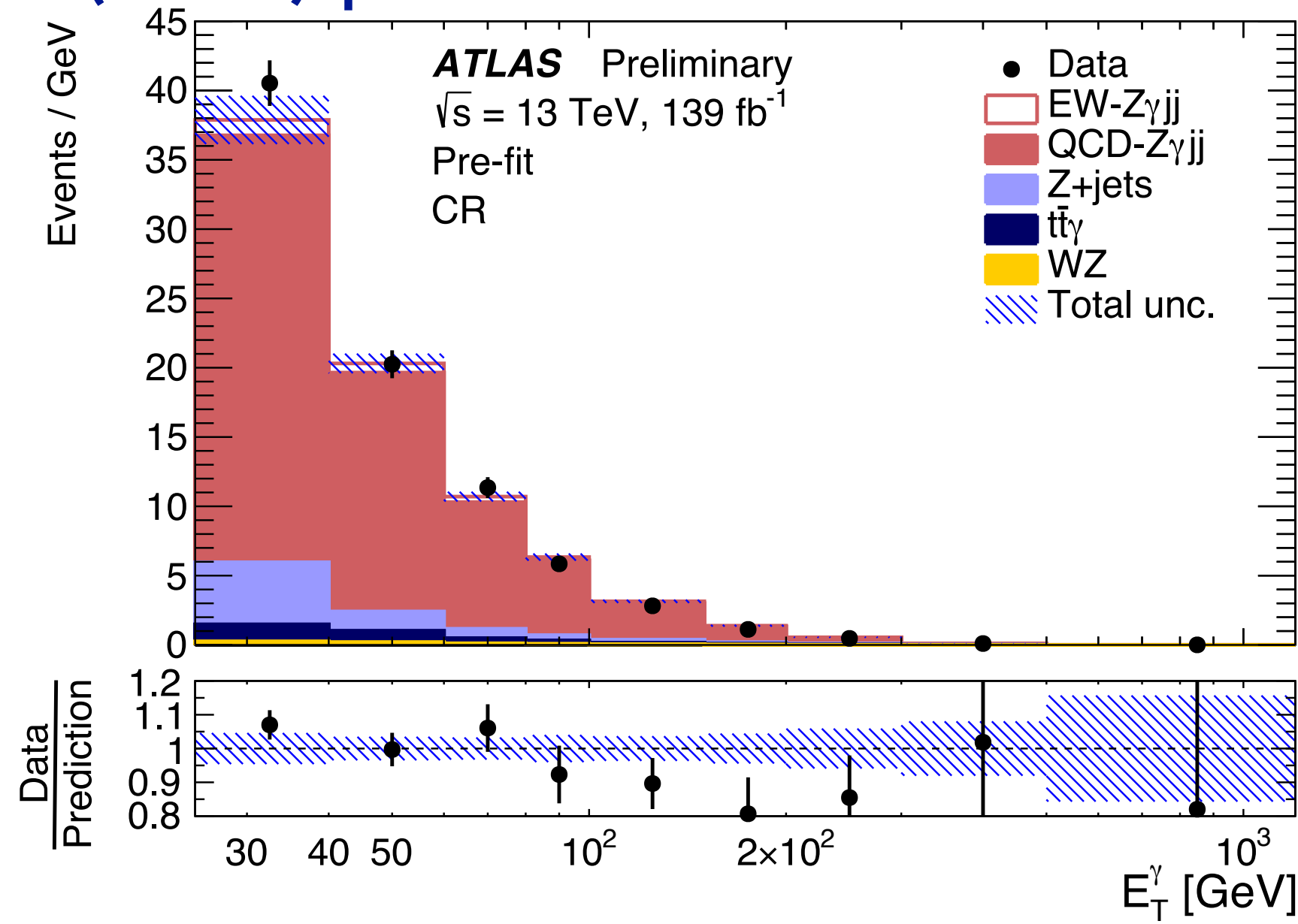
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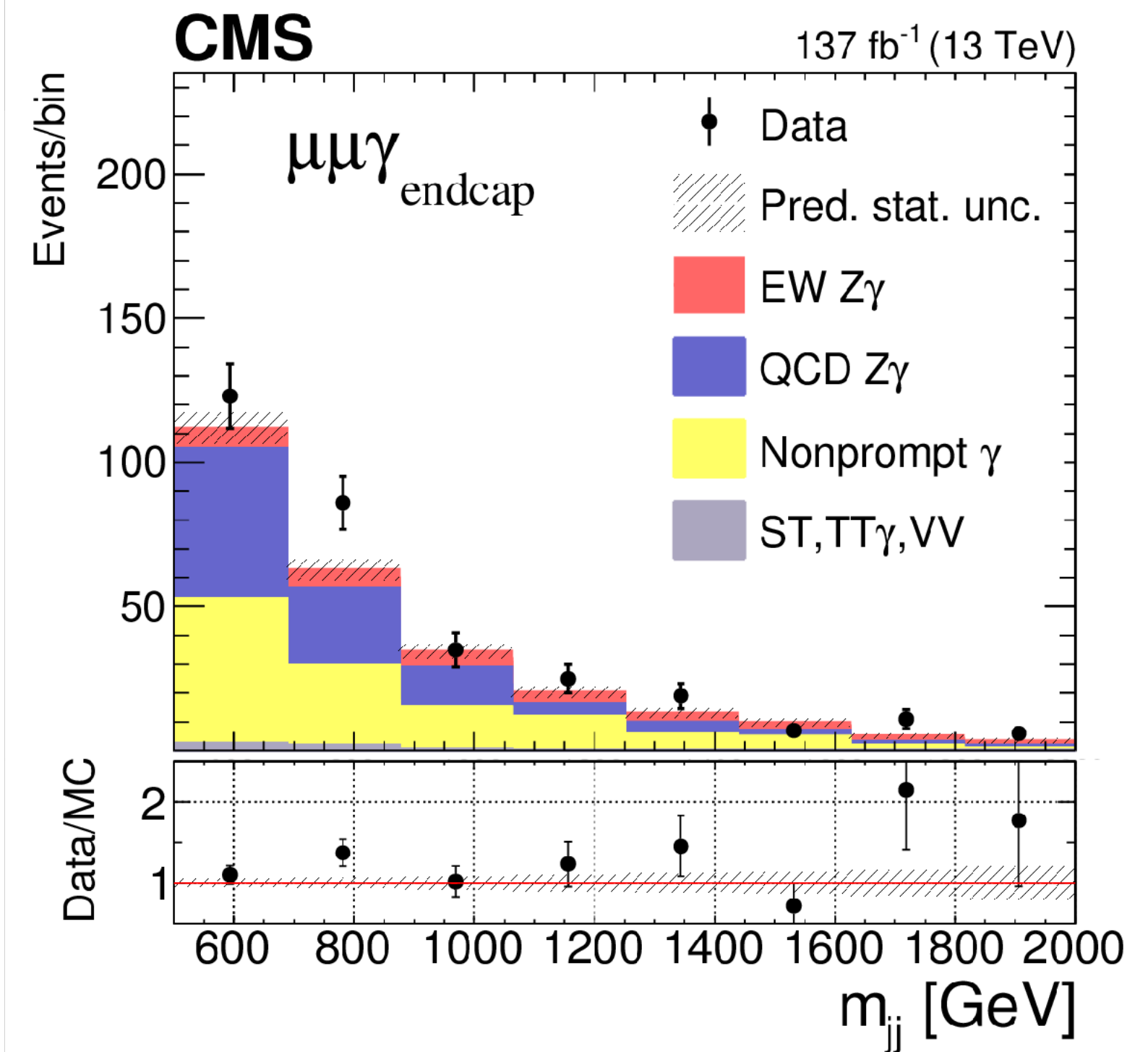
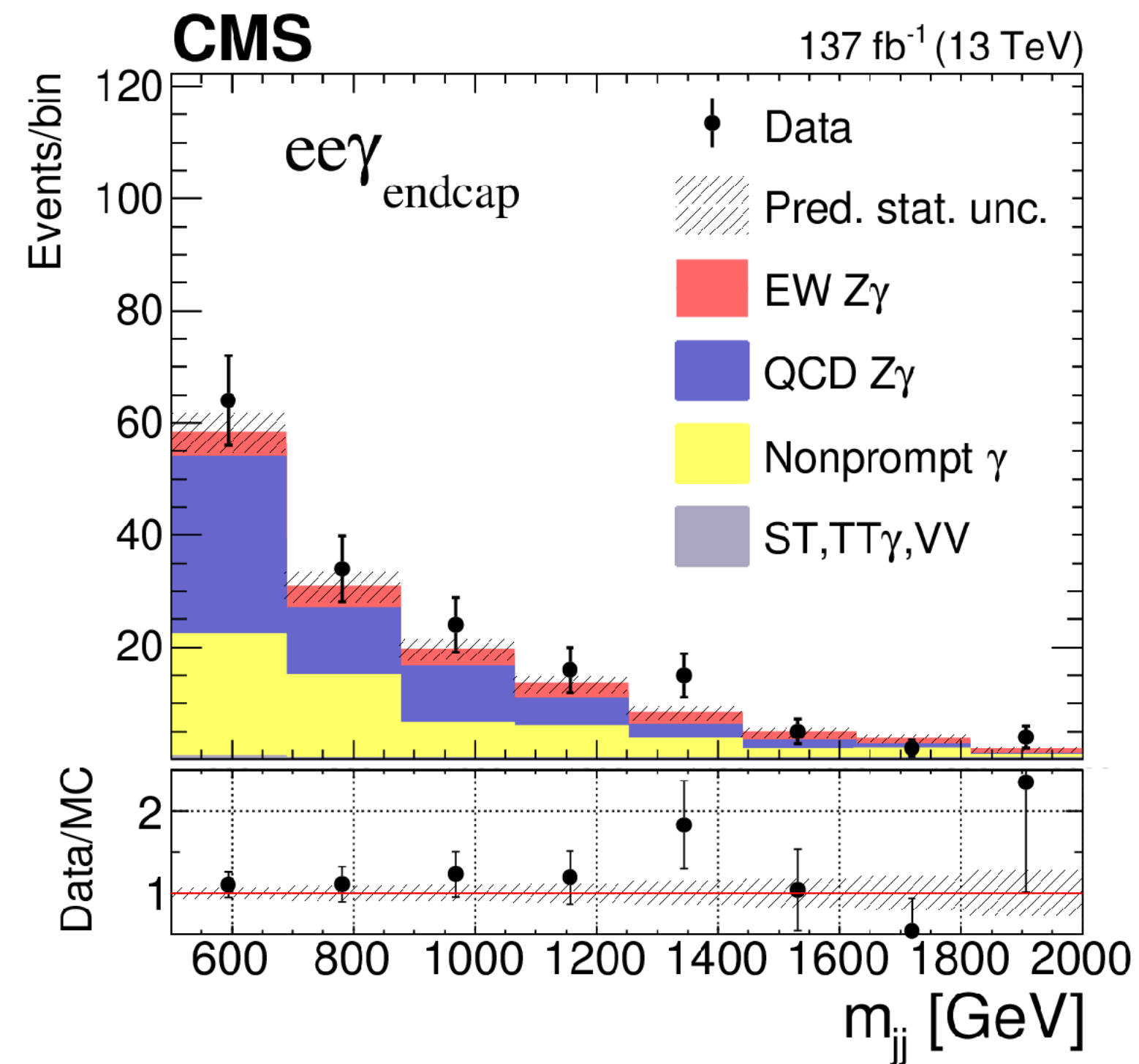
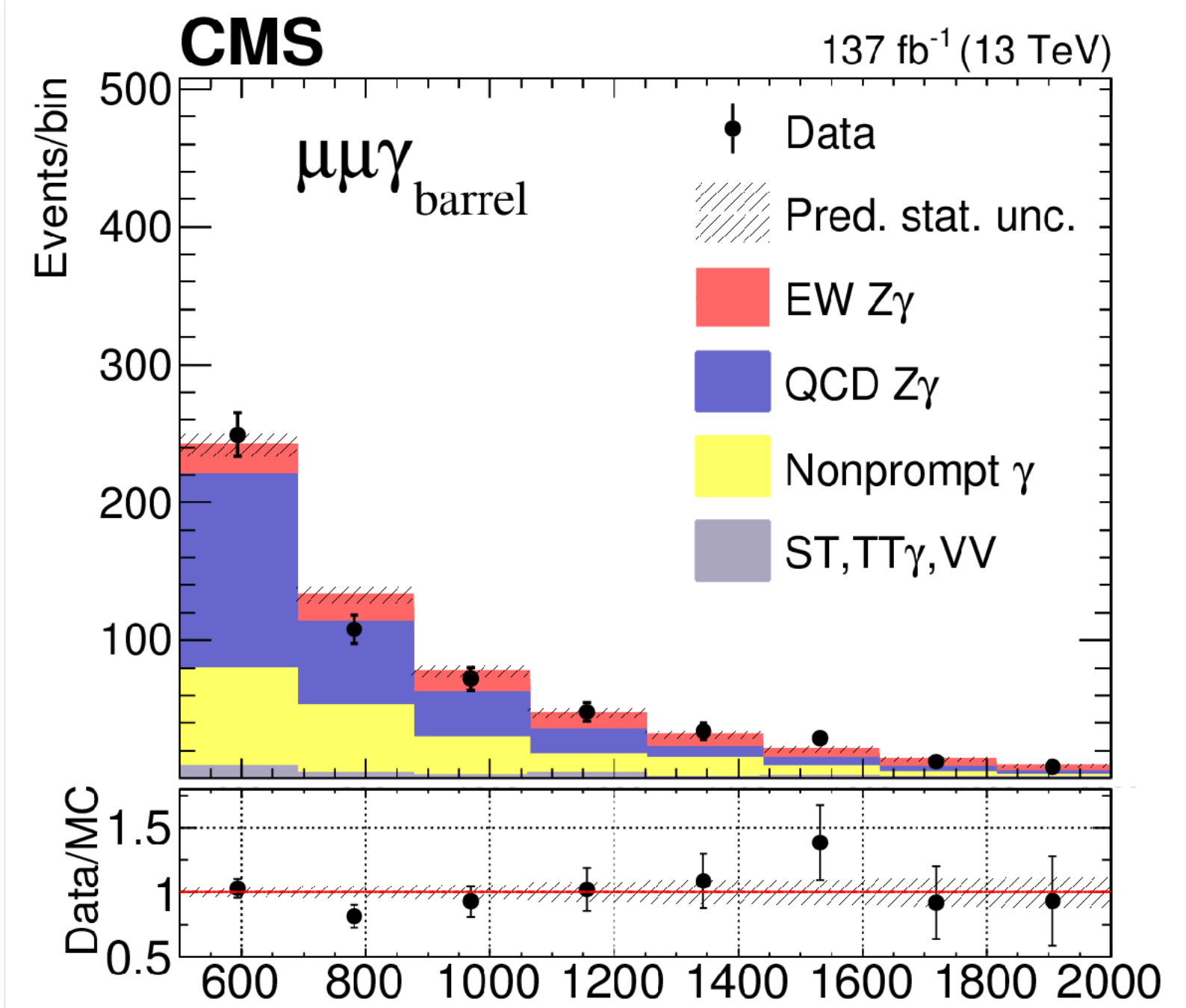
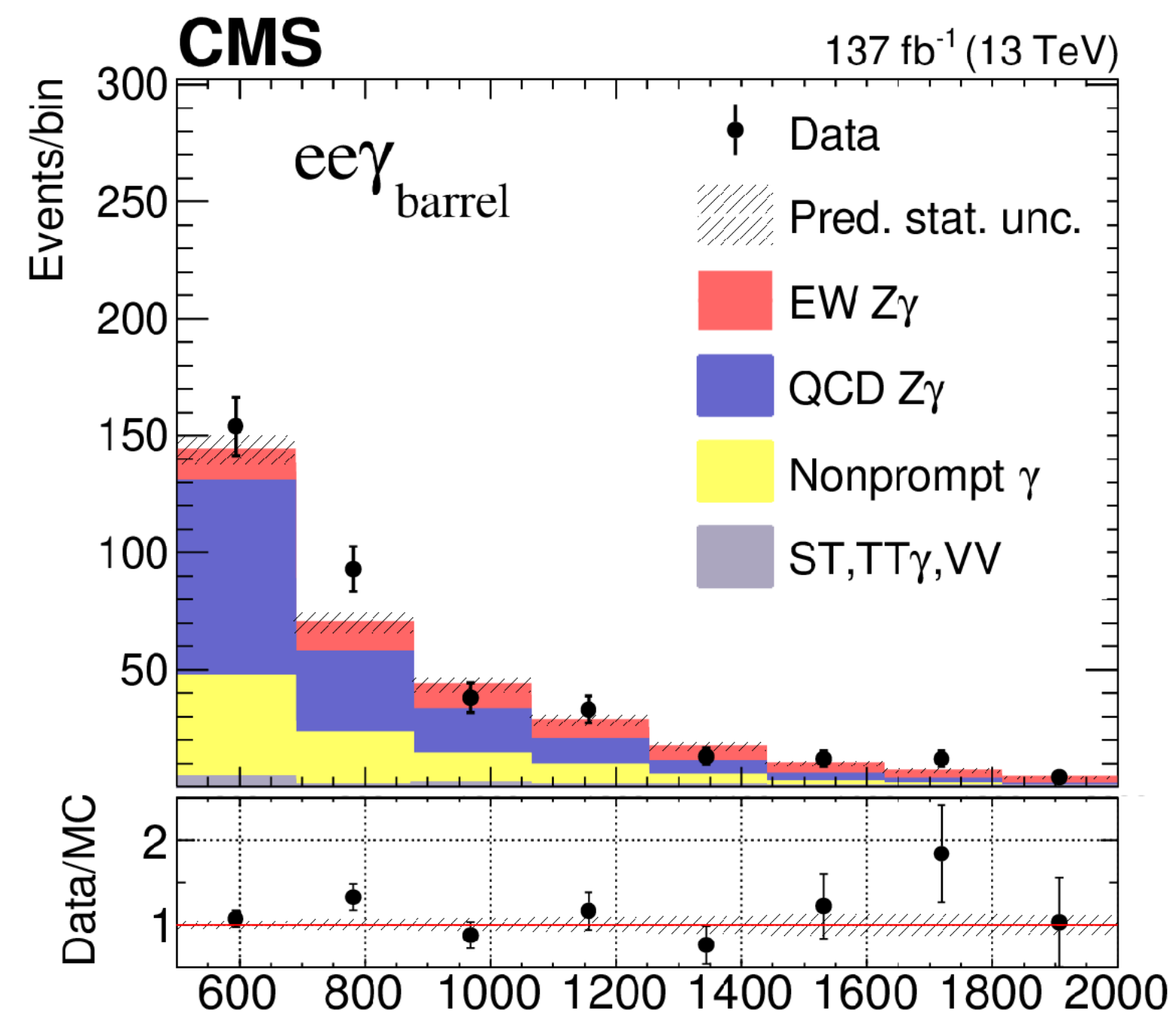
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Sample	SR	CR
$N_{EW-Z\gamma jj}$	$300 \pm 36$	$55 \pm 7$
$N_{QCD-Z\gamma jj}$	$987 \pm 55$	$1352 \pm 60$
$N_{t\bar{t}\gamma}$	$72 \pm 11$	$59 \pm 9$
$N_{WZ}$	$17 \pm 3$	$14 \pm 3$
$N_{Z+jets}$	$85 \pm 30$	$143 \pm 43$
Total	$1461 \pm 38$	$1624 \pm 40$
$N_{obs}$	1461	1624

	Data stat.	MC stat.	Background	Reco	EW mod.	QCD mod.	Total
$\Delta\sigma_{EW}/\sigma_{EW}$ [%]	$\pm 9$	$\pm 1$	$\pm 1$	$\pm 5$	$^{+6}_{-5}$	$^{+5}_{-4}$	$\pm 13$

# CMS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$

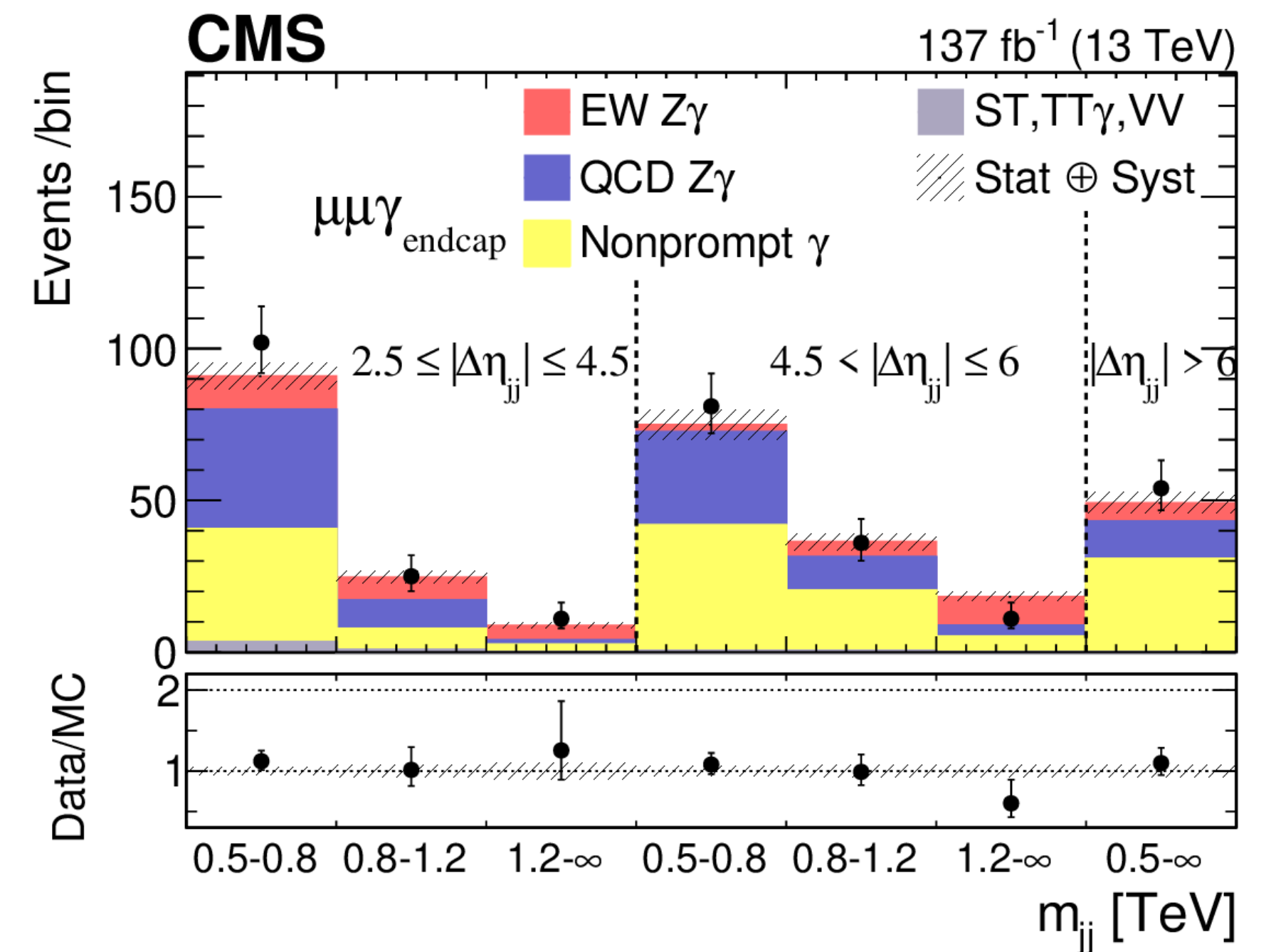
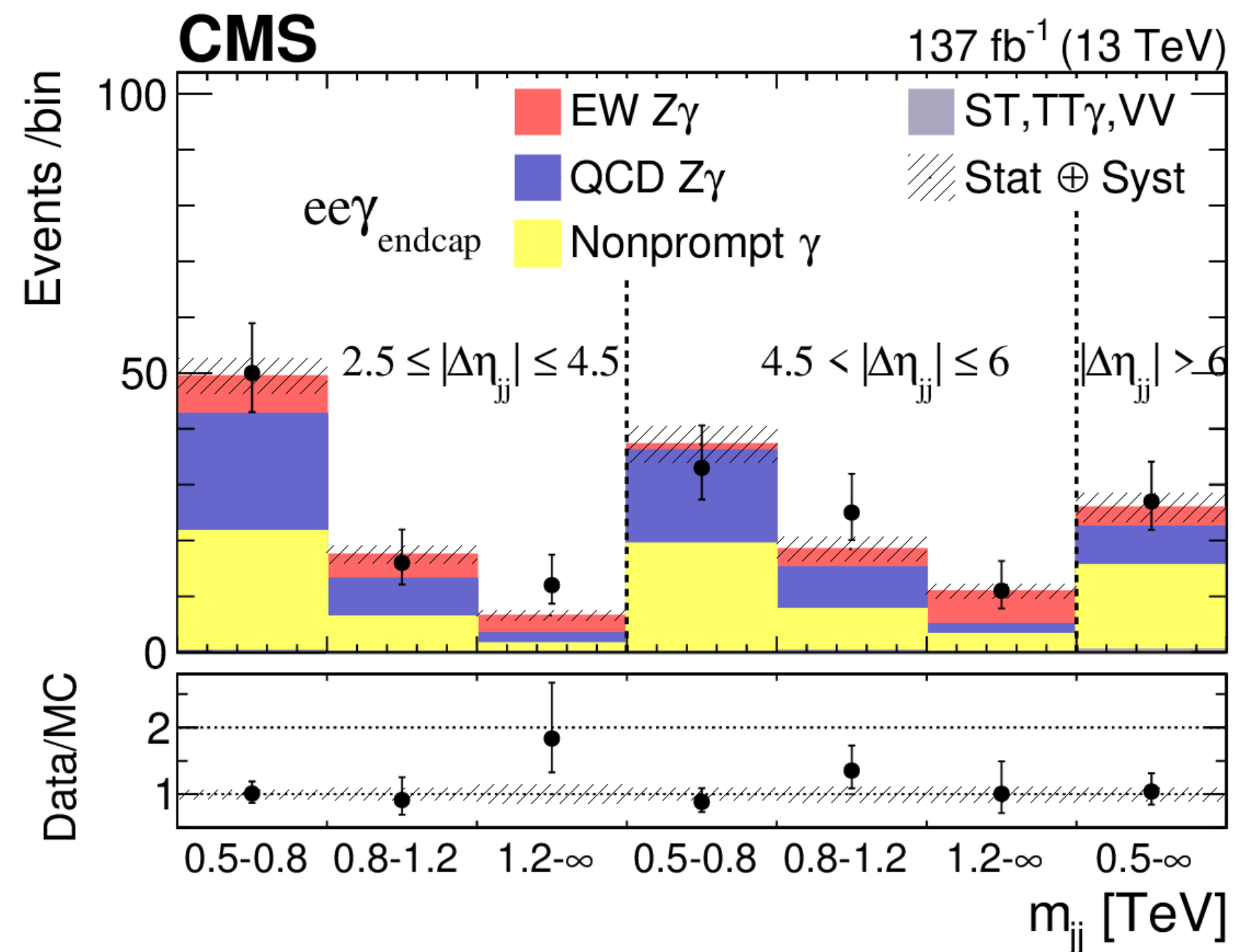
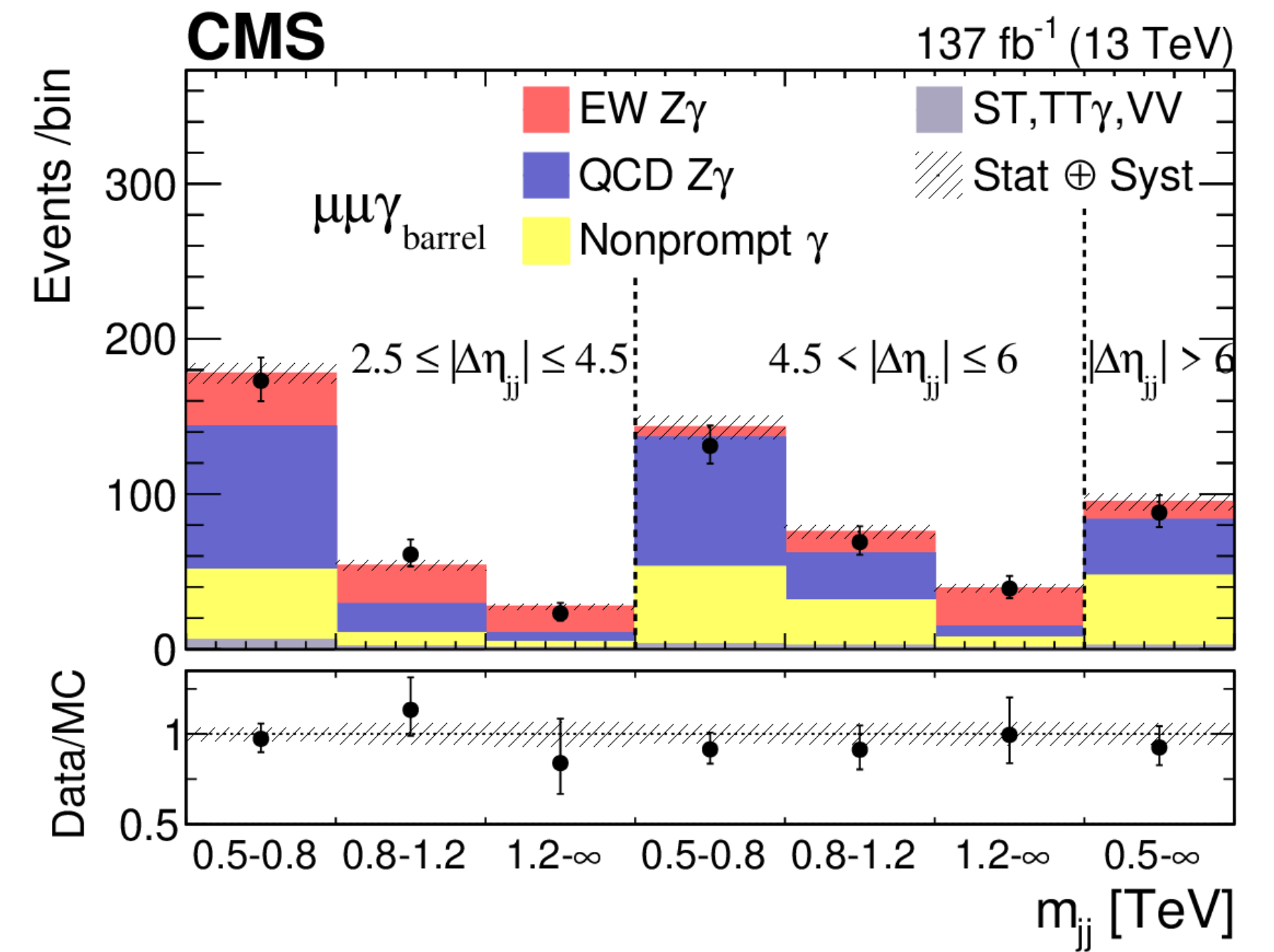
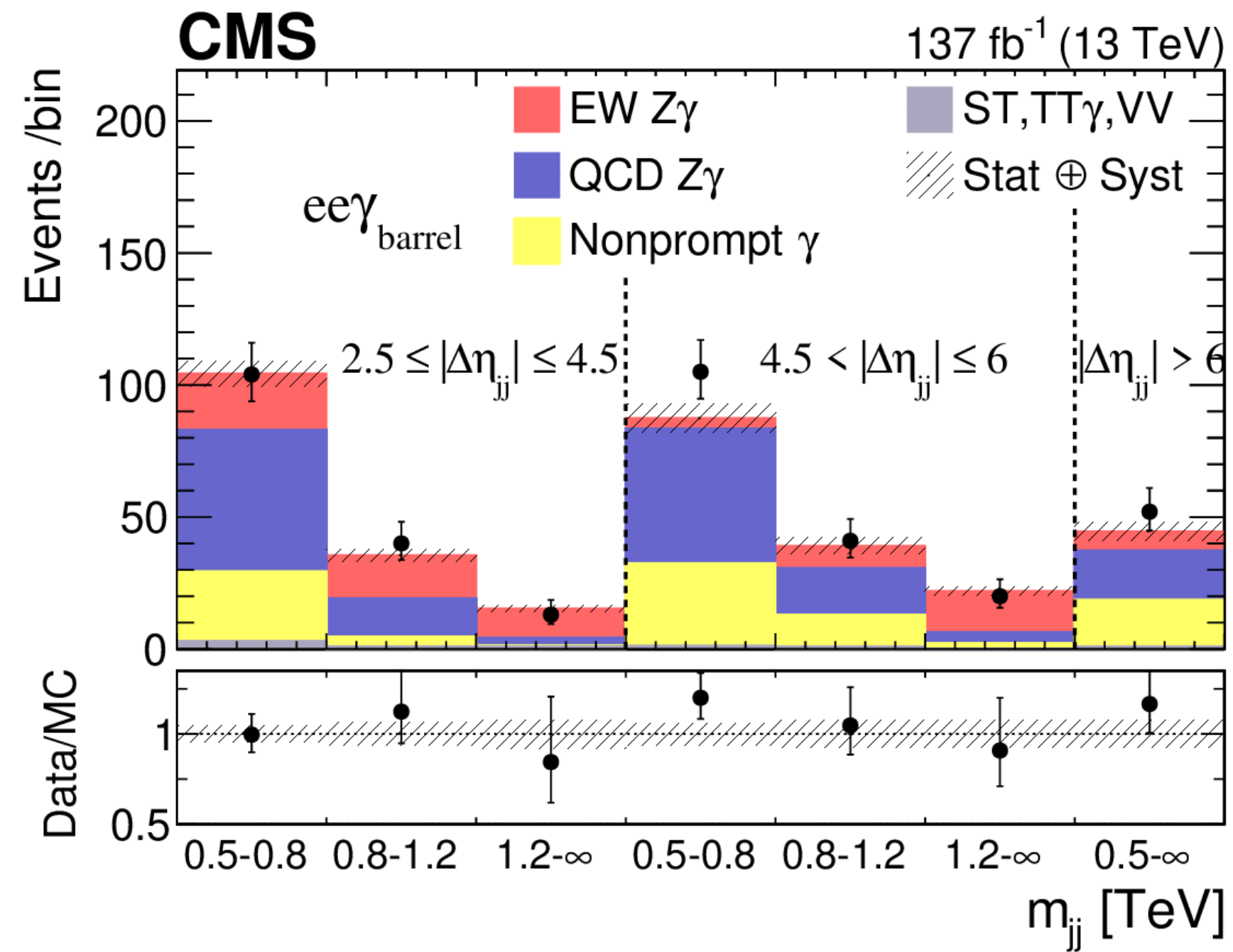
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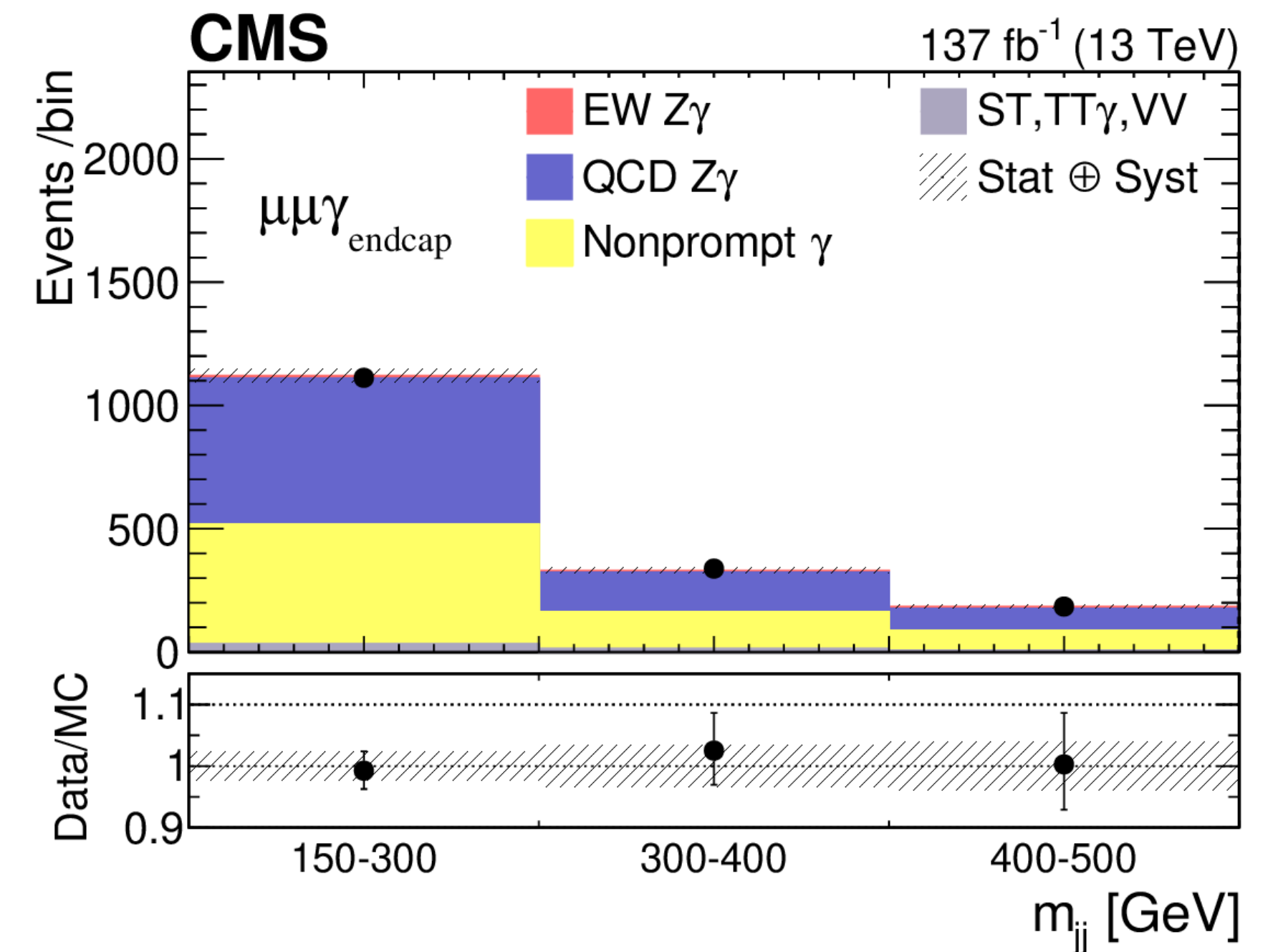
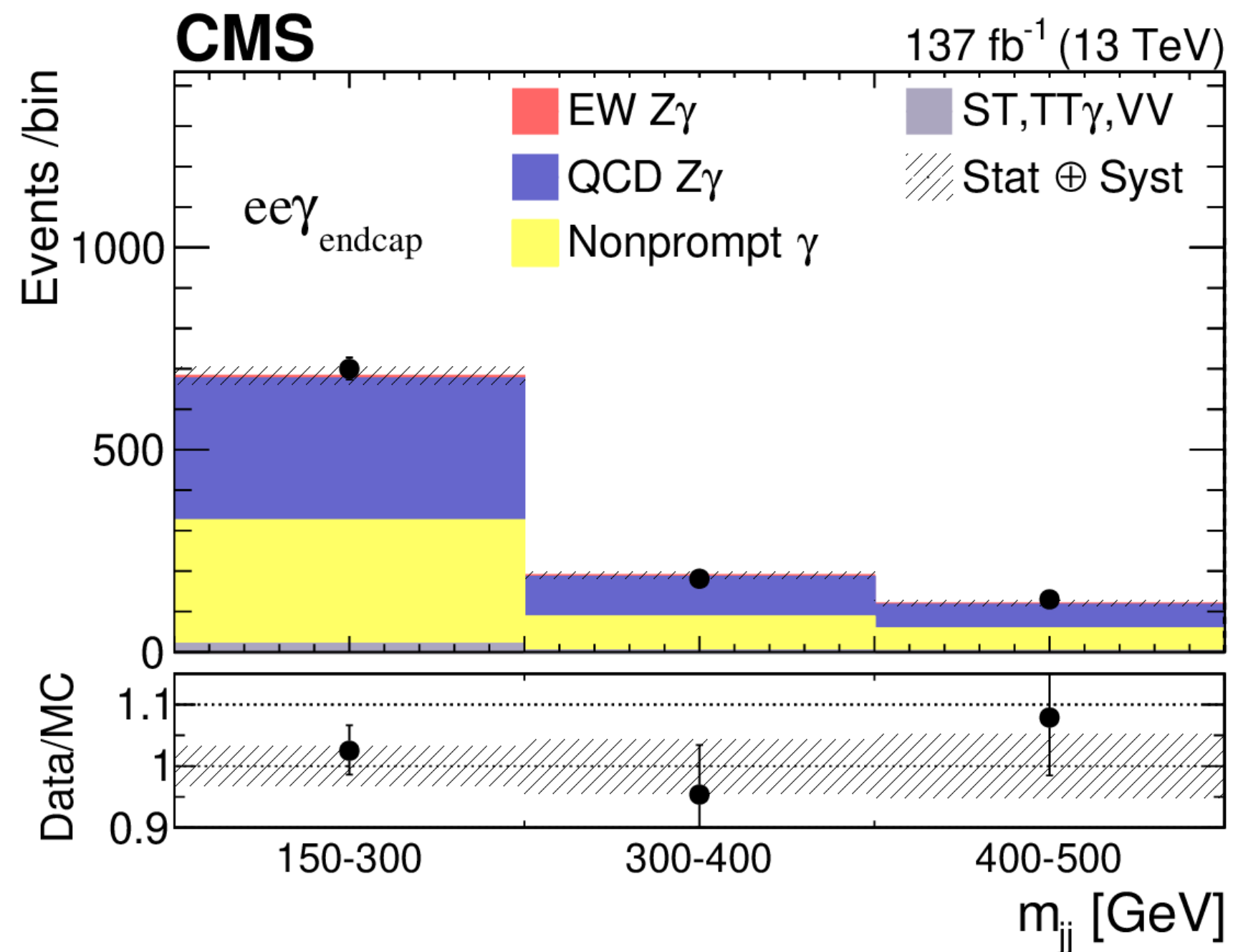
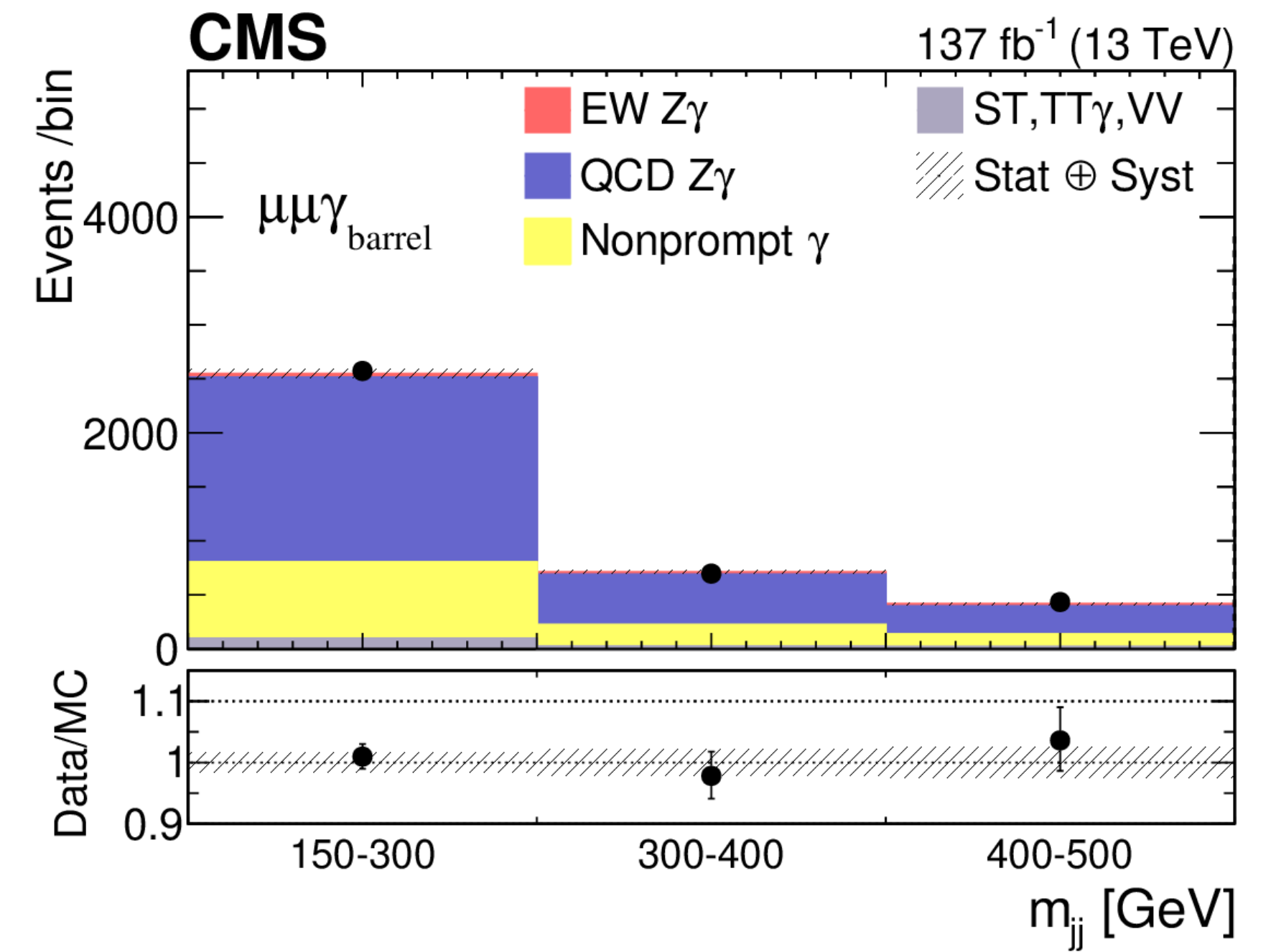
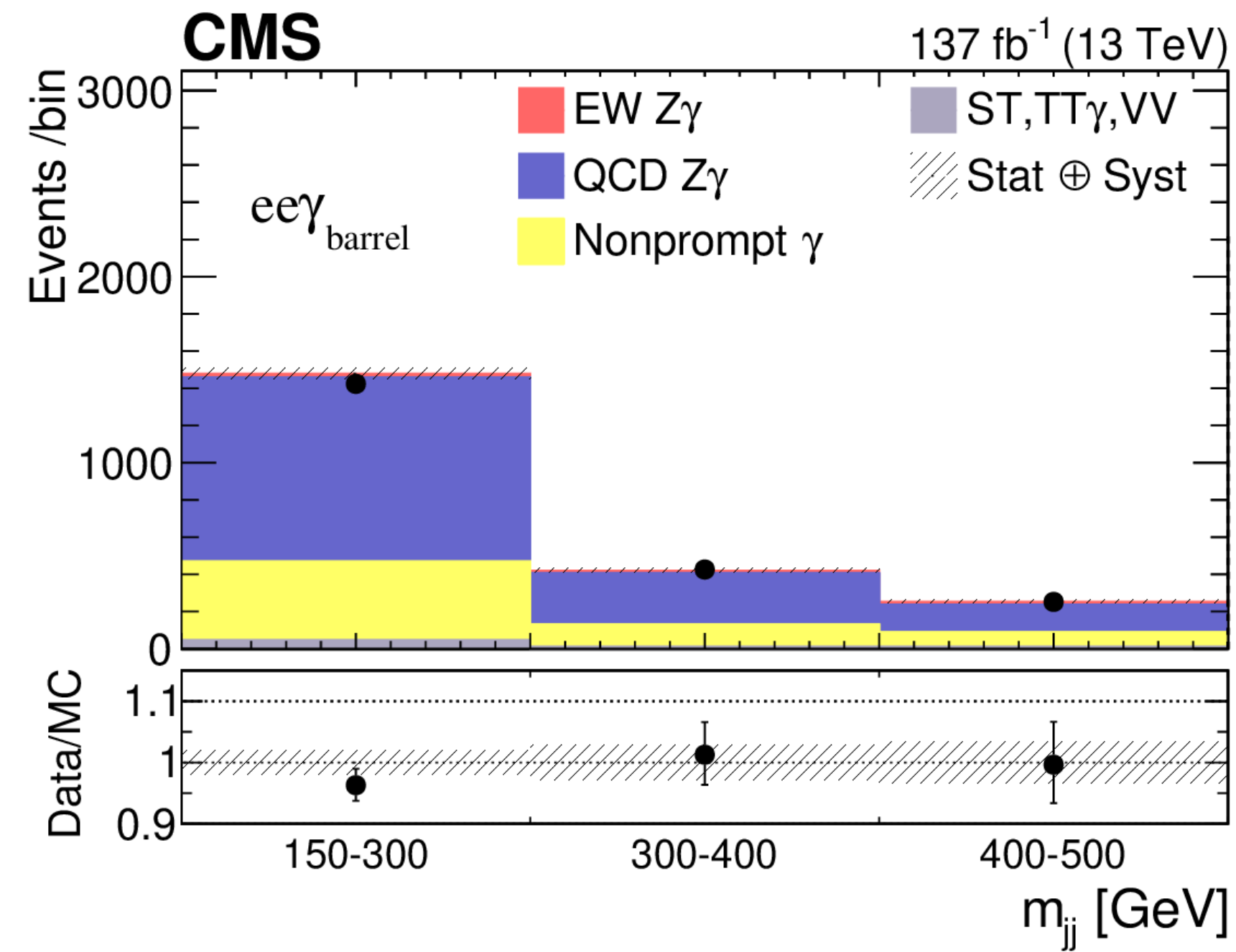
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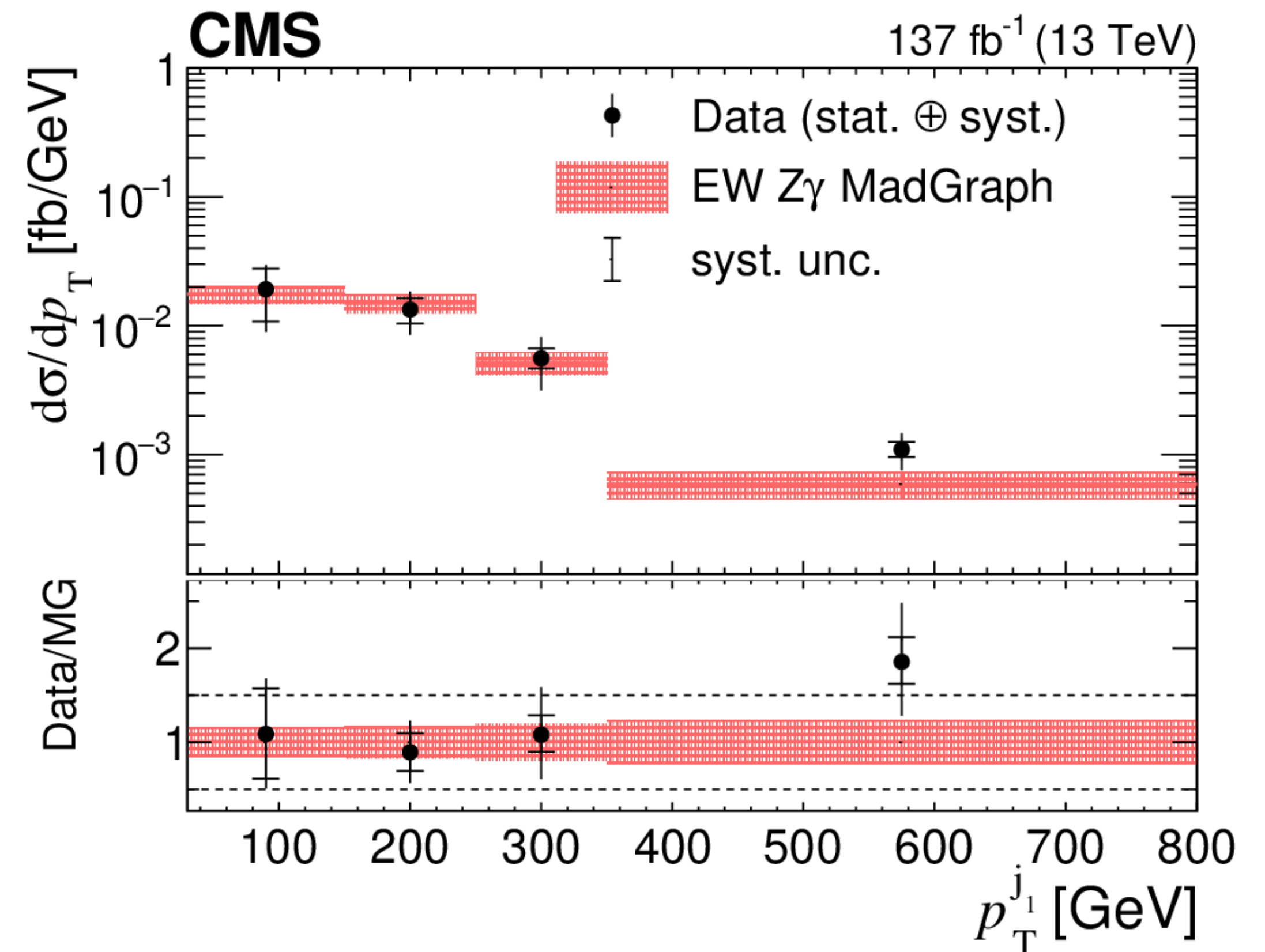
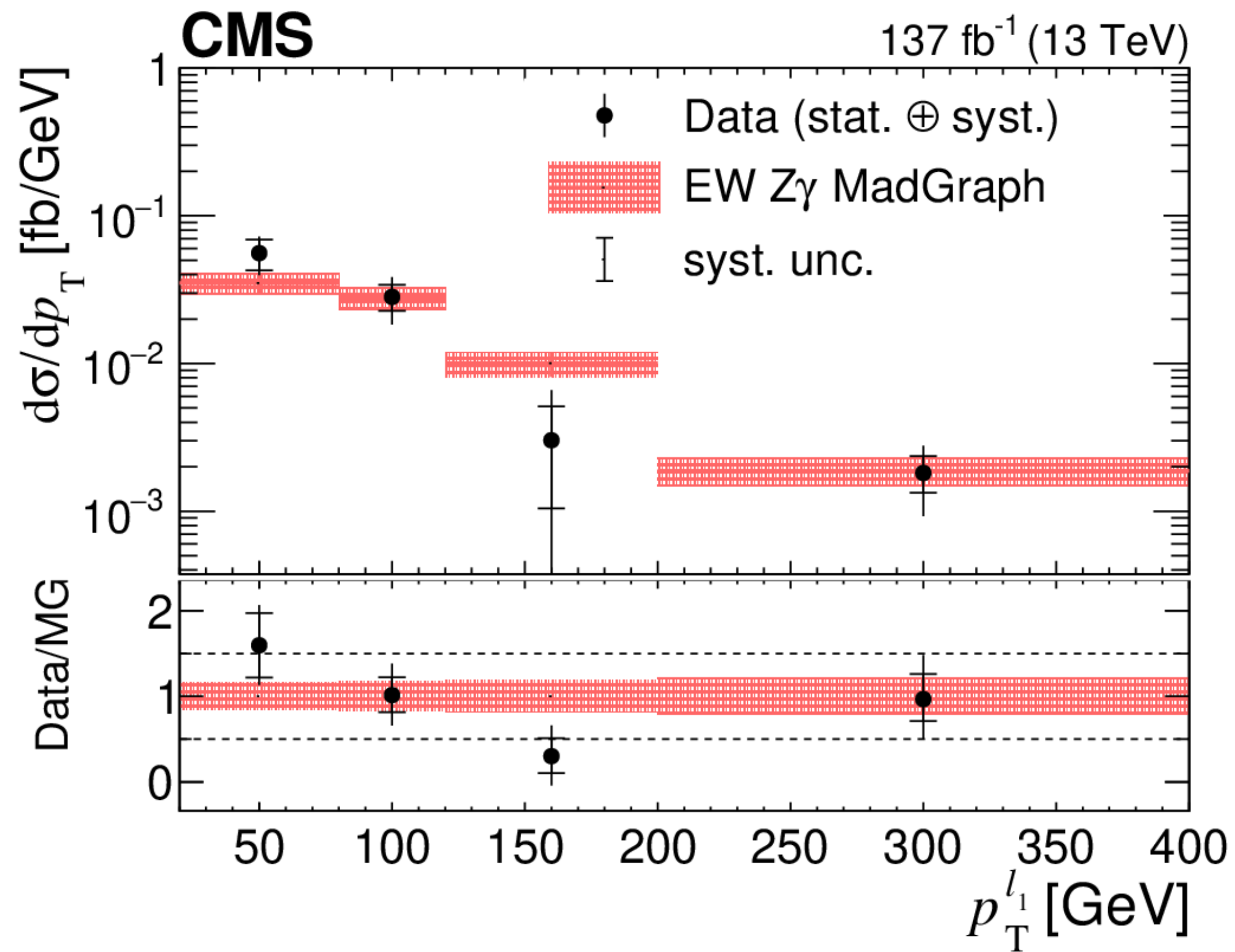
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- CR, post-fit



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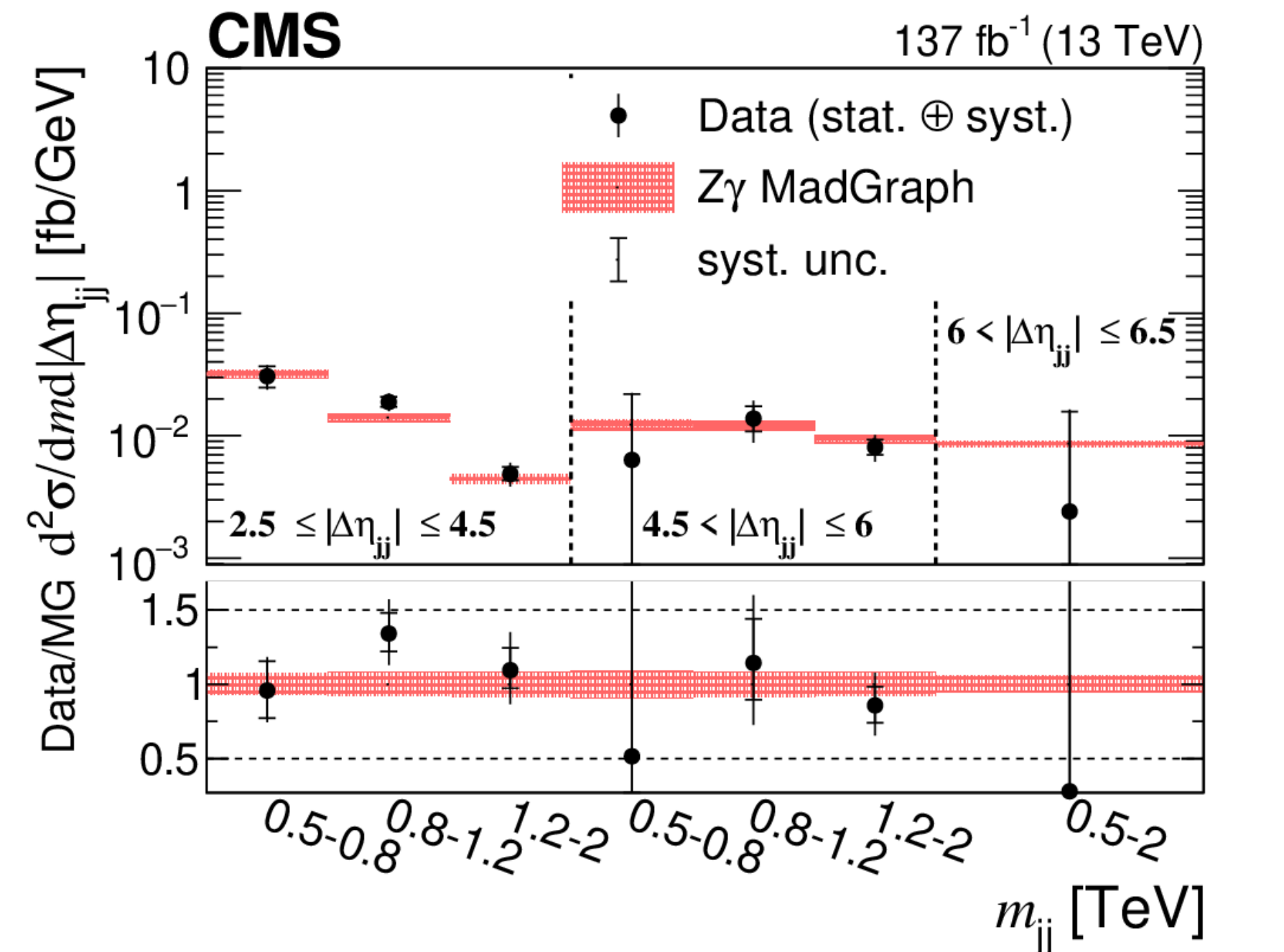
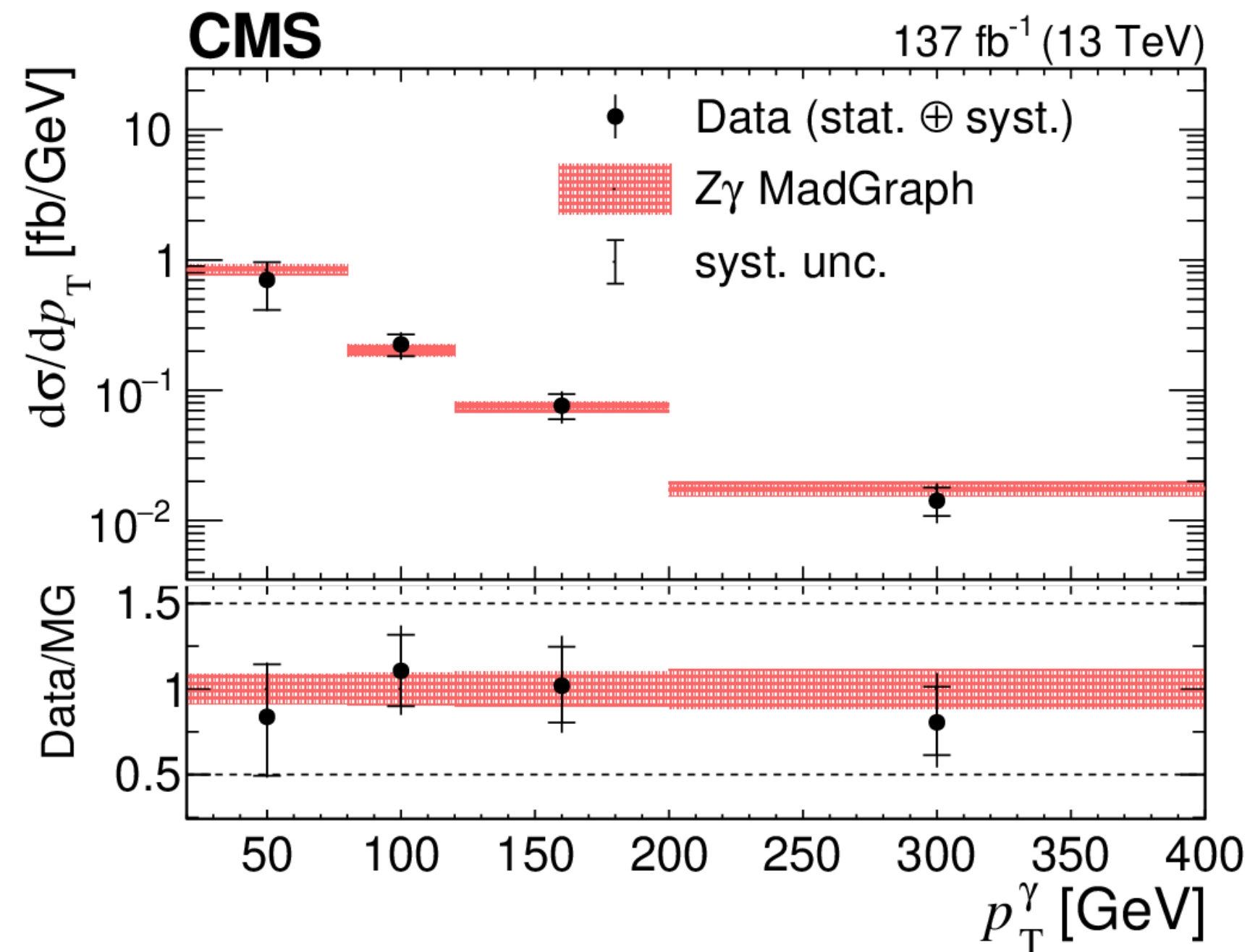
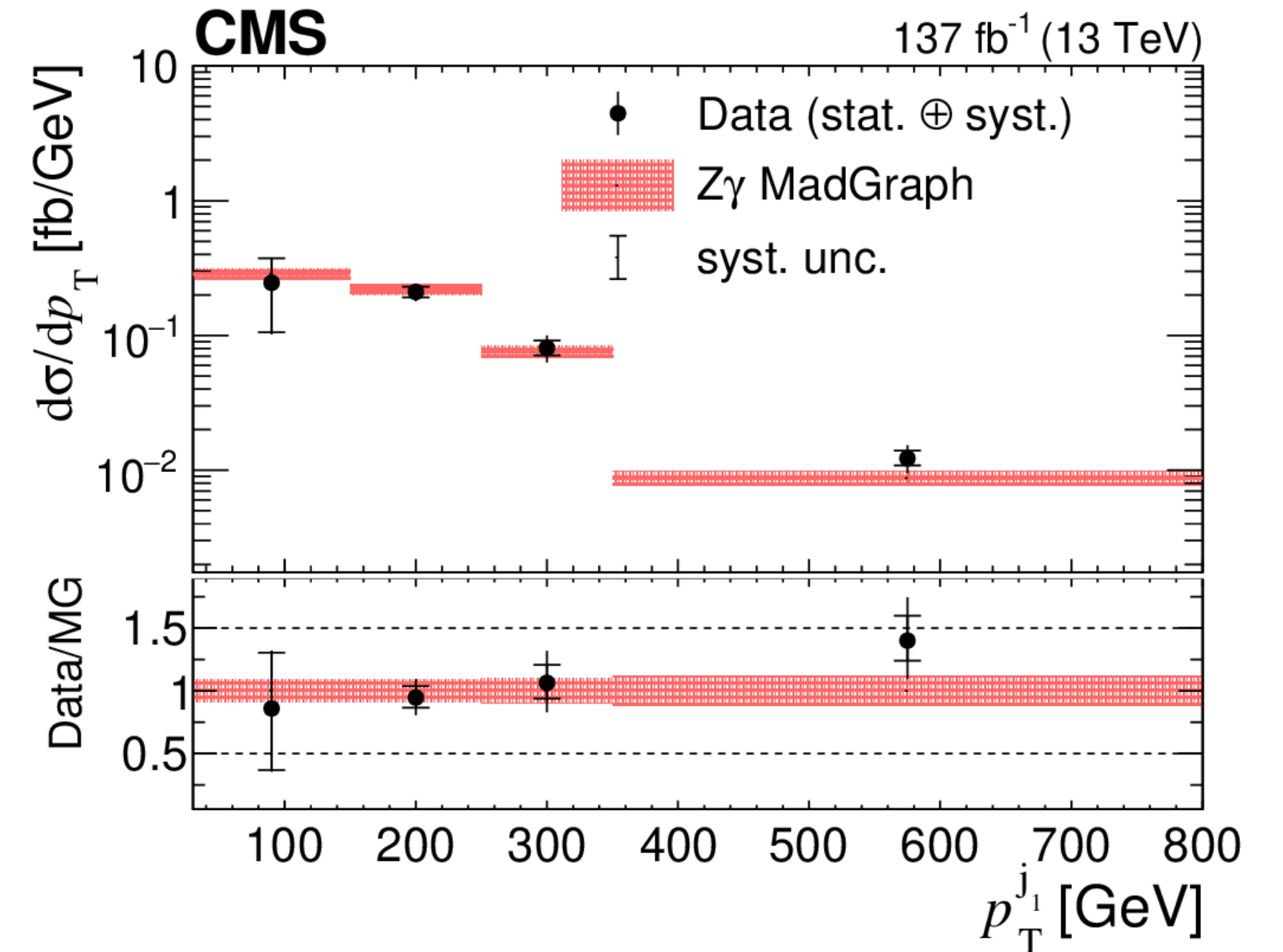
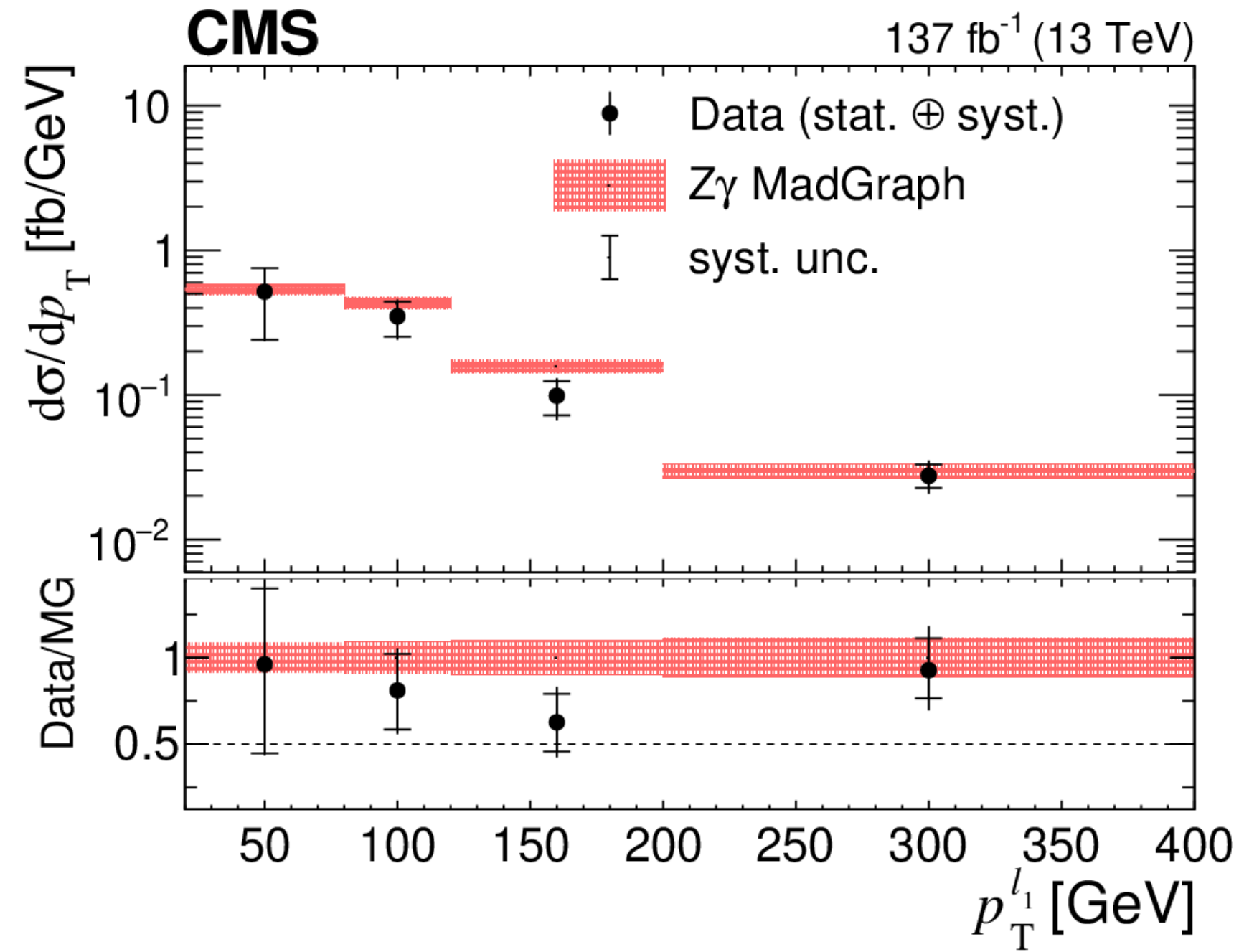
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# CMS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$

- EW+QCD differential cross-sections

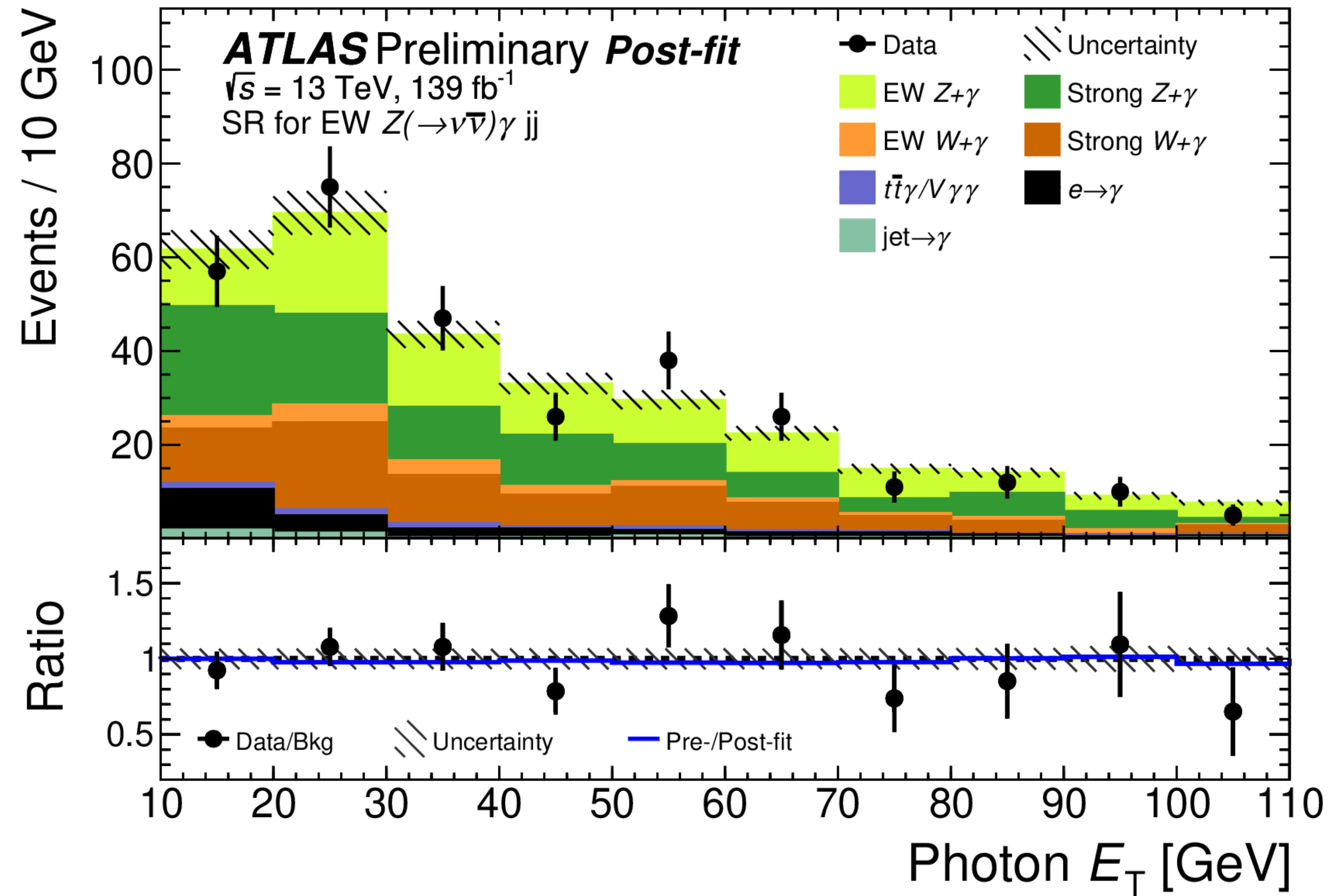


# CMS $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$

## Post-fit yields

Process	$\mu\mu\gamma_{\text{barrel}}$	$\mu\mu\gamma_{\text{endcap}}$	$ee\gamma_{\text{barrel}}$	$ee\gamma_{\text{endcap}}$
ST	$0.7 \pm 0.4$	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	$0.6 \pm 0.3$	$0.2 \pm 0.2$
$TT\gamma$	$8.8 \pm 1.3$	$2.1 \pm 0.5$	$3.4 \pm 0.6$	$0.2 \pm 0.2$
VV	$6.0 \pm 1.9$	$3.2 \pm 1.2$	$4.1 \pm 1.3$	$0.8 \pm 0.3$
Nonprompt photon	$189 \pm 9.2$	$143 \pm 6.9$	$93.6 \pm 6.5$	$74.3 \pm 5.0$
QCD $Z\gamma$	$274 \pm 10$	$108 \pm 5.6$	$162 \pm 7.4$	$62.4 \pm 3.9$
EW $Z\gamma$	$133 \pm 4.7$	$46.5 \pm 1.7$	$84.5 \pm 3.1$	$28.2 \pm 1.1$
Predicted yields	$612 \pm 13$	$303 \pm 8$	$349 \pm 9$	$166 \pm 6$
Data	584	320	375	174

# $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma$





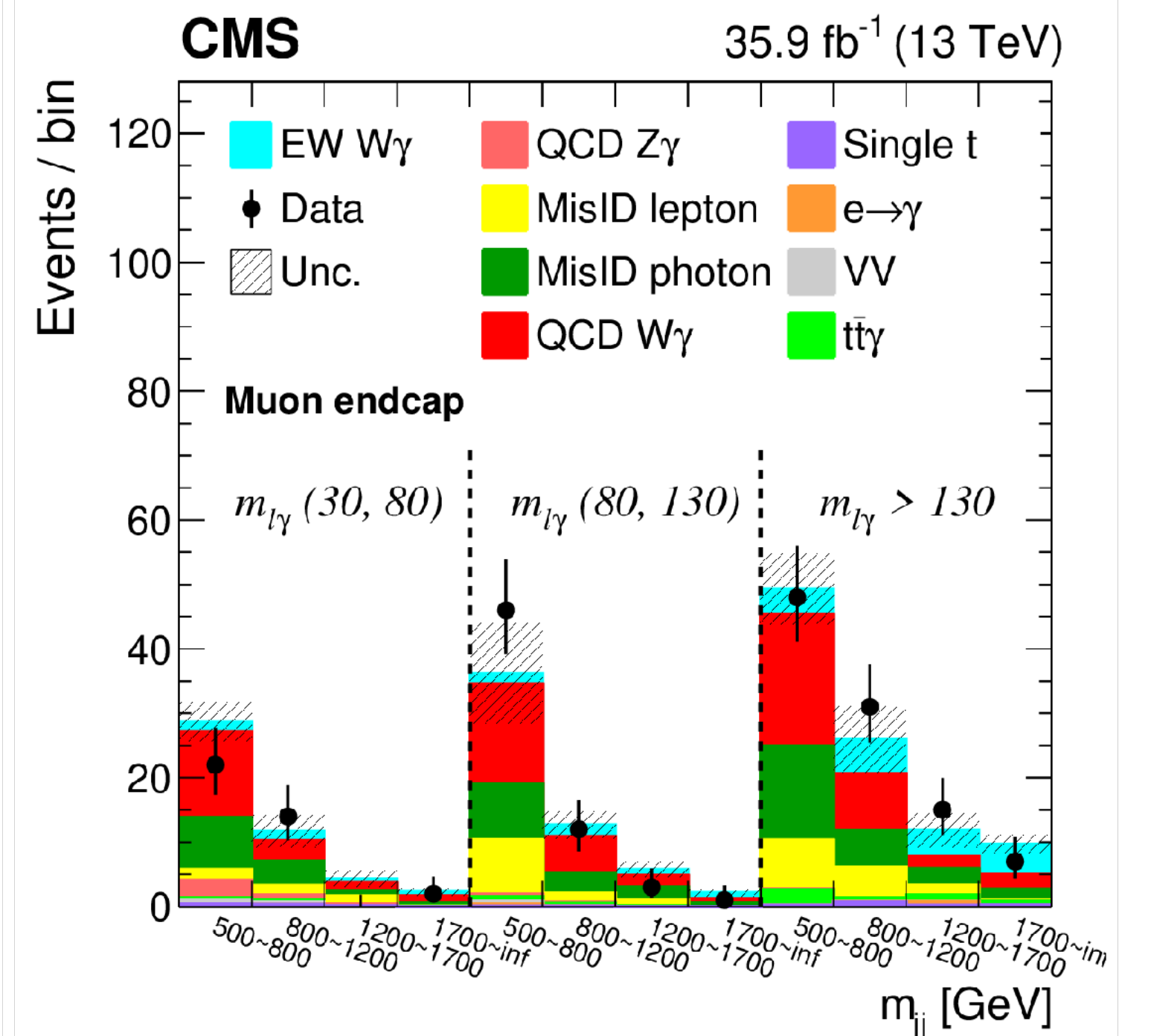
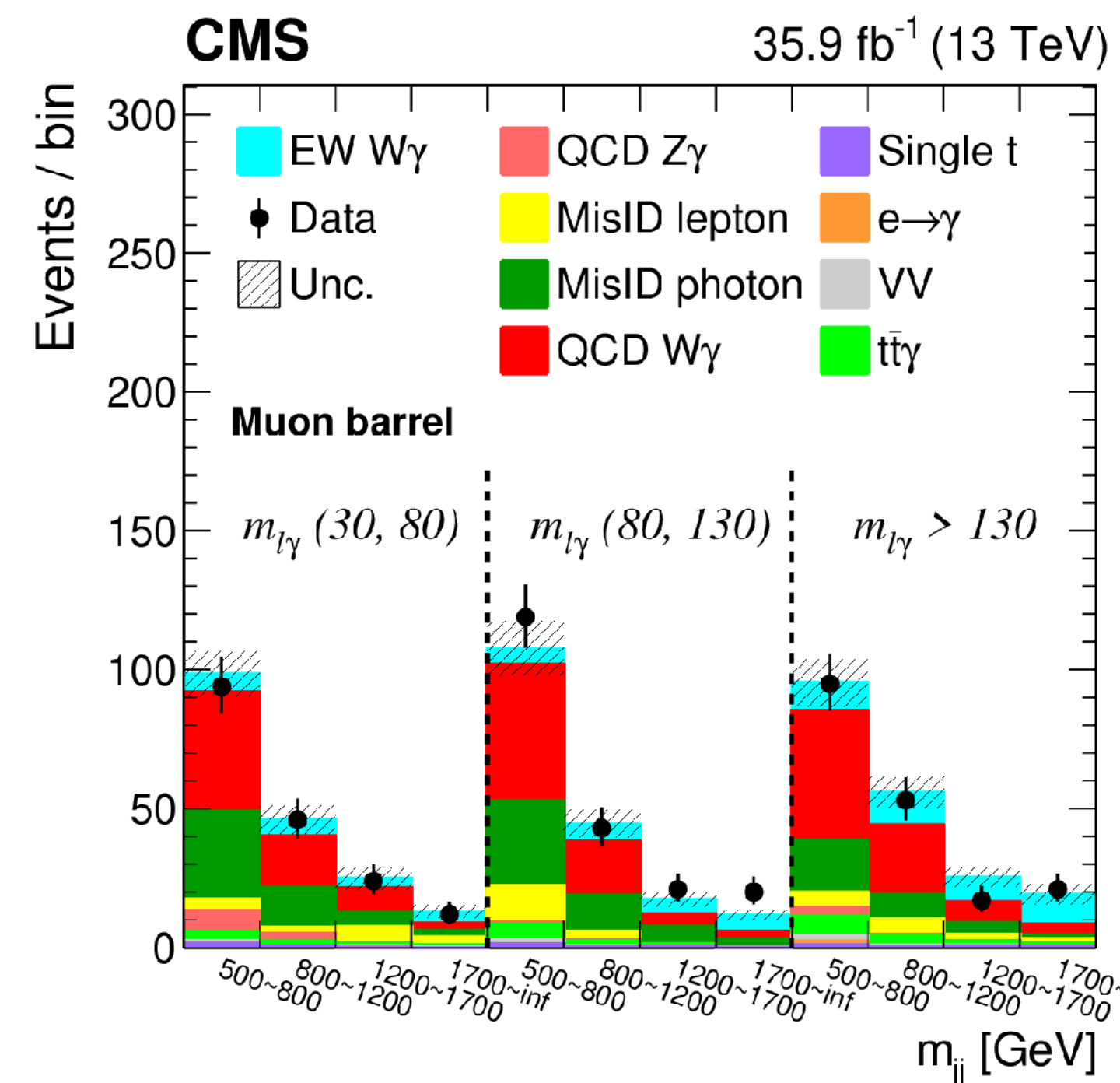
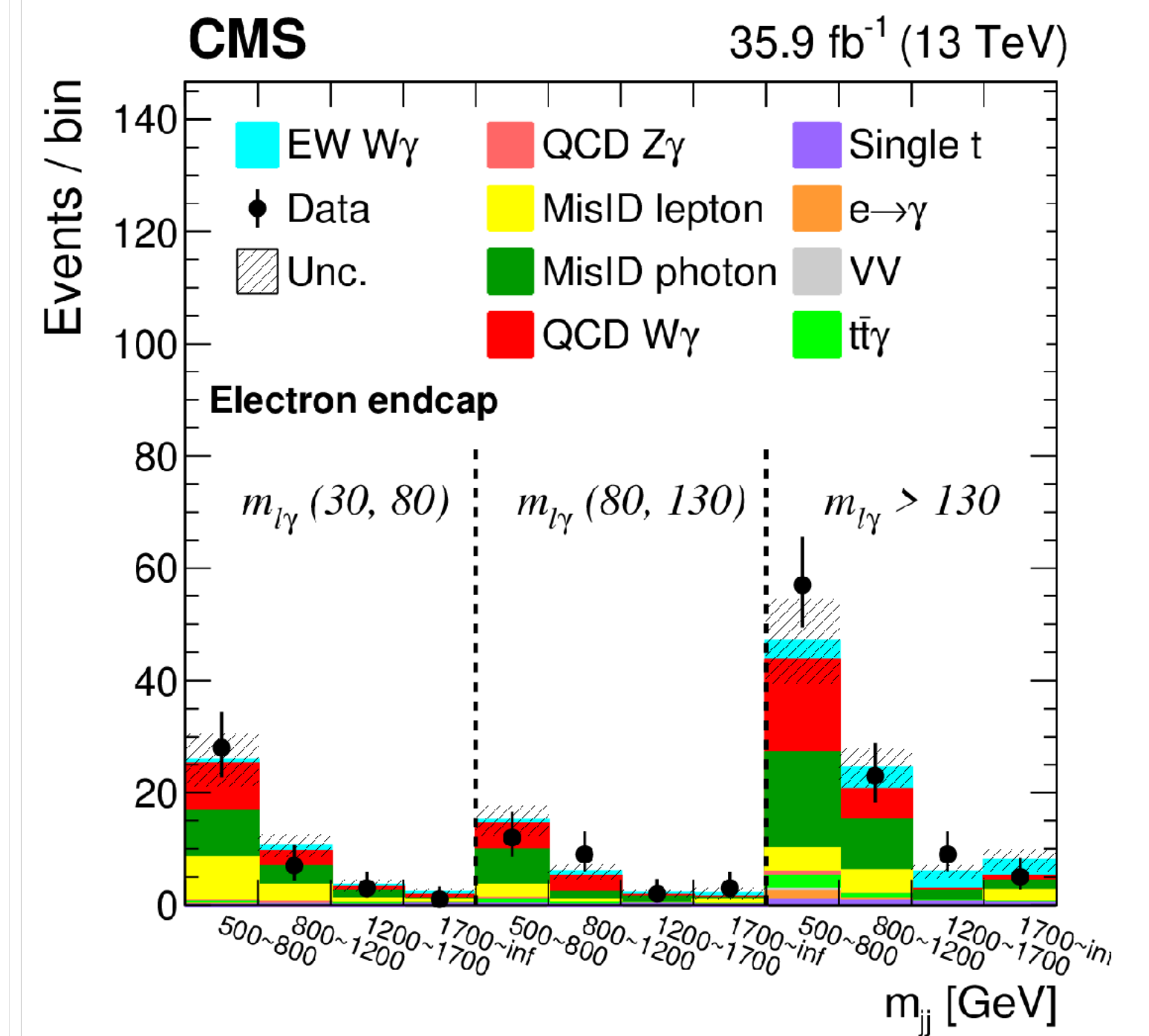
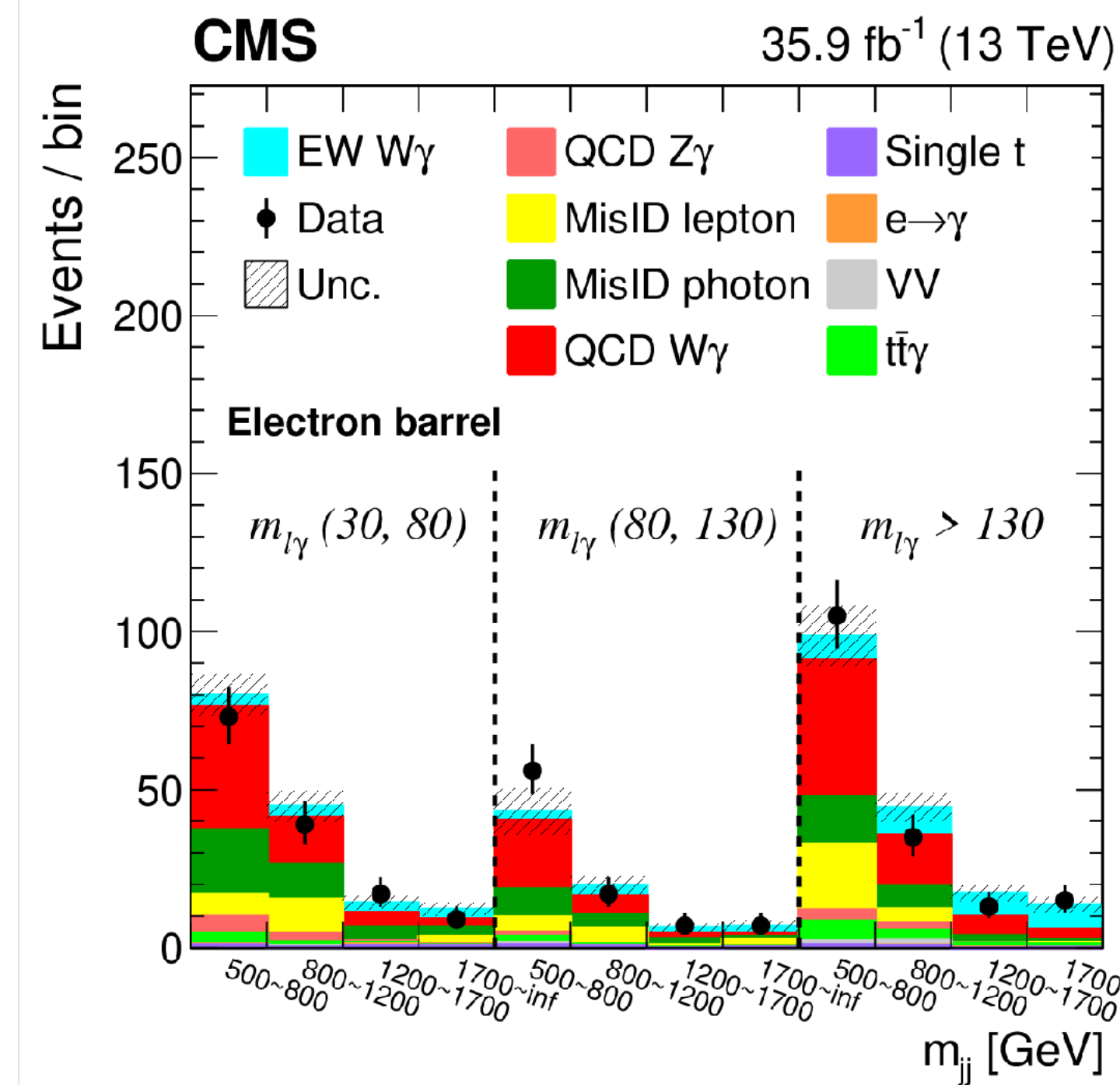
$Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma$

## Post-fit yields

Process	Fake- $e$ CR	$W_{e\nu}^\gamma$ CR	$W_{\mu\nu}^\gamma$ CR	$Z_{\text{Rev.Cen.}}^\gamma$ CR	SR - $m_{jj}$ [TeV]			
					0.25-0.5	0.5-1.0	1.0-1.5	$\geq 1.5$
Strong $Z\gamma$ + jets	$8 \pm 8$	$0 \pm 1$	$3 \pm 2$	$50 \pm 12$	$20 \pm 6$	$54 \pm 12$	$13 \pm 5$	$5 \pm 2$
EW $Z\gamma$ + jets	$0.6 \pm 0.2$	$0.3 \pm 0.2$	$0.4 \pm 0.2$	$7 \pm 2$	$4 \pm 1$	$30 \pm 7$	$25 \pm 5$	$36 \pm 7$
Strong $W\gamma$ + jets	$43 \pm 9$	$47 \pm 9$	$133 \pm 21$	$24 \pm 6$	$22 \pm 6$	$35 \pm 10$	$9 \pm 3$	$3 \pm 1$
EW $W\gamma$ + jets	$19 \pm 6$	$31 \pm 7$	$59 \pm 13$	$1.4 \pm 0.5$	$2 \pm 1$	$6 \pm 1$	$4 \pm 1$	$5 \pm 1$
jet $\rightarrow \gamma$	$1 \pm 1$	$2 \pm 2$	$3 \pm 2$	$2 \pm 2$	$1 \pm 1$	$2 \pm 2$	$1 \pm 1$	$0.4 \pm 0.3$
jet $\rightarrow e$	$34 \pm 17$	$5 \pm 3$	–	–	–	–	–	–
$e \rightarrow \gamma$	–	$2.7 \pm 0.4$	$2.9 \pm 0.4$	$13 \pm 1$	$6 \pm 1$	$11 \pm 1$	$2.6 \pm 0.4$	$1.4 \pm 0.3$
$\gamma$ + jet	–	–	–	$0.7 \pm 0.5$	$0.7 \pm 0.5$	$0.4 \pm 0.3$	$0.1 \pm 0.1$	$0.1 \pm 0.1$
$t\bar{t}\gamma/V\gamma\gamma$	$3 \pm 1$	$9 \pm 2$	$13 \pm 2$	$3 \pm 1$	$2 \pm 1$	$4 \pm 1$	$0.4 \pm 0.2$	$0.1 \pm 0.1$
Fitted Yields	$108 \pm 10$	$96 \pm 8$	$213 \pm 14$	$102 \pm 9$	$58 \pm 6$	$143 \pm 12$	$54 \pm 5$	$52 \pm 6$
Data	108	95	216	100	52	153	50	52
Data/Fit	$1.00 \pm 0.14$	$0.99 \pm 0.12$	$1.01 \pm 0.09$	$0.98 \pm 0.13$	$0.90 \pm 0.15$	$1.07 \pm 0.11$	$0.93 \pm 0.16$	$0.99 \pm 0.1$

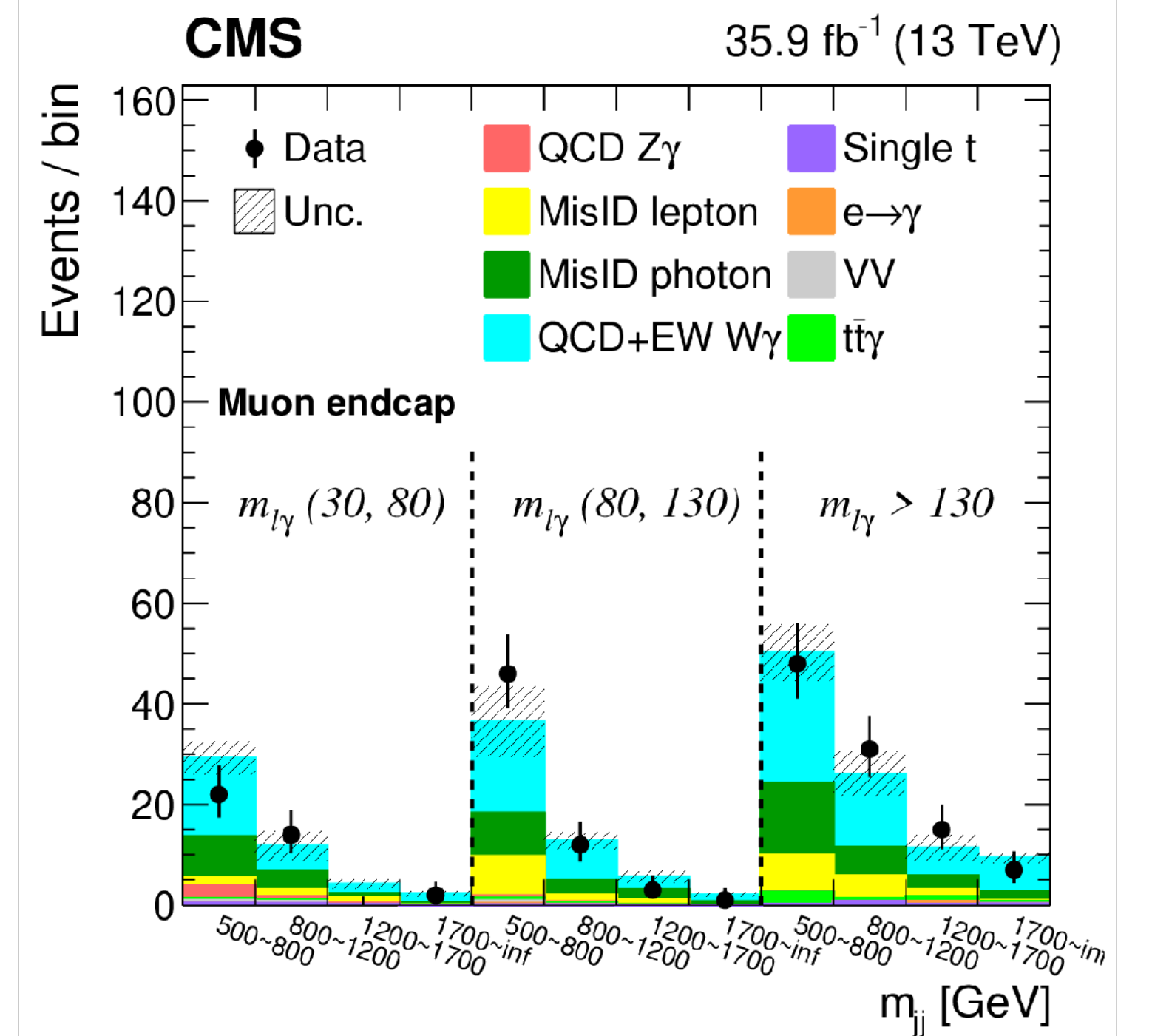
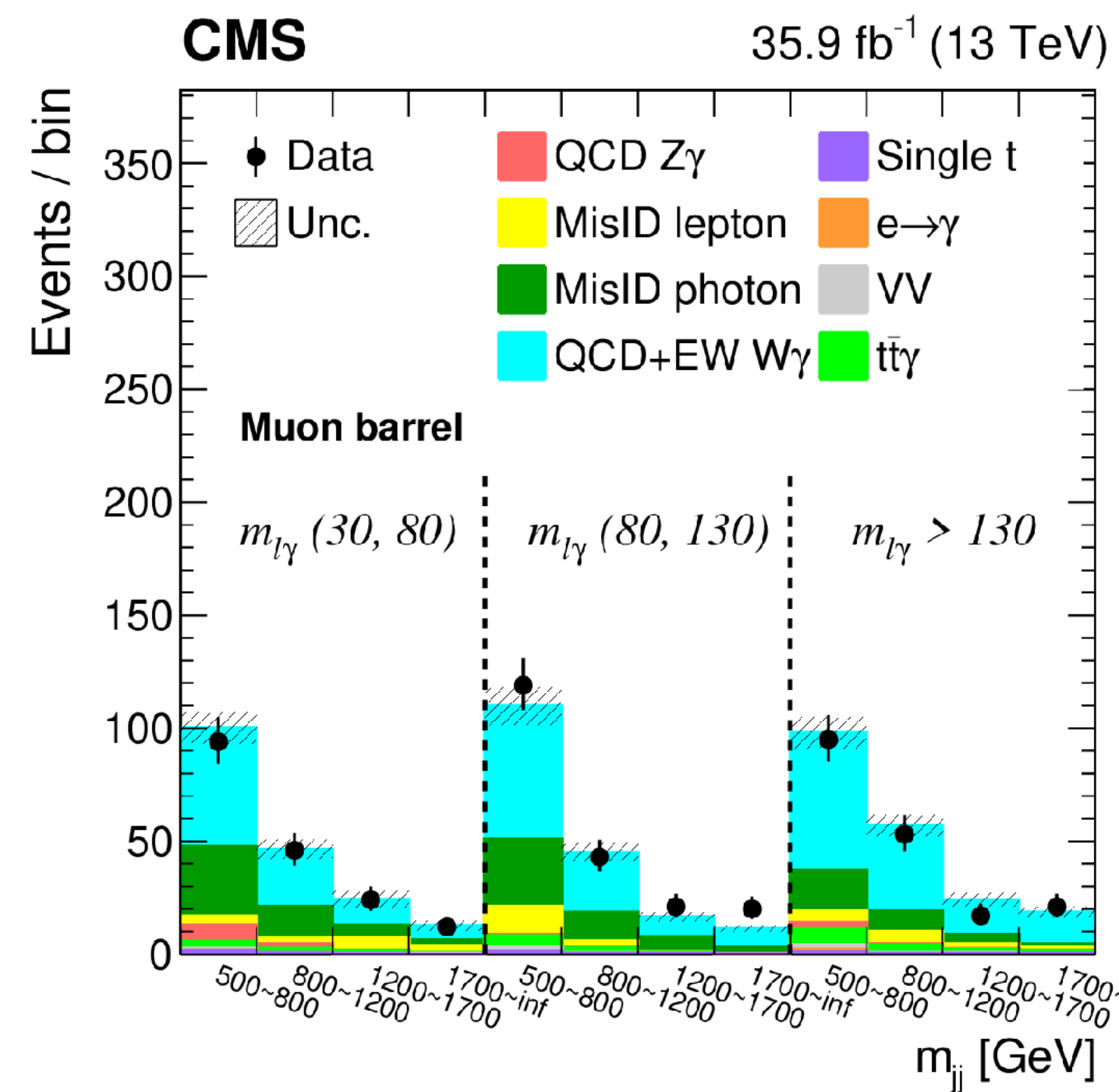
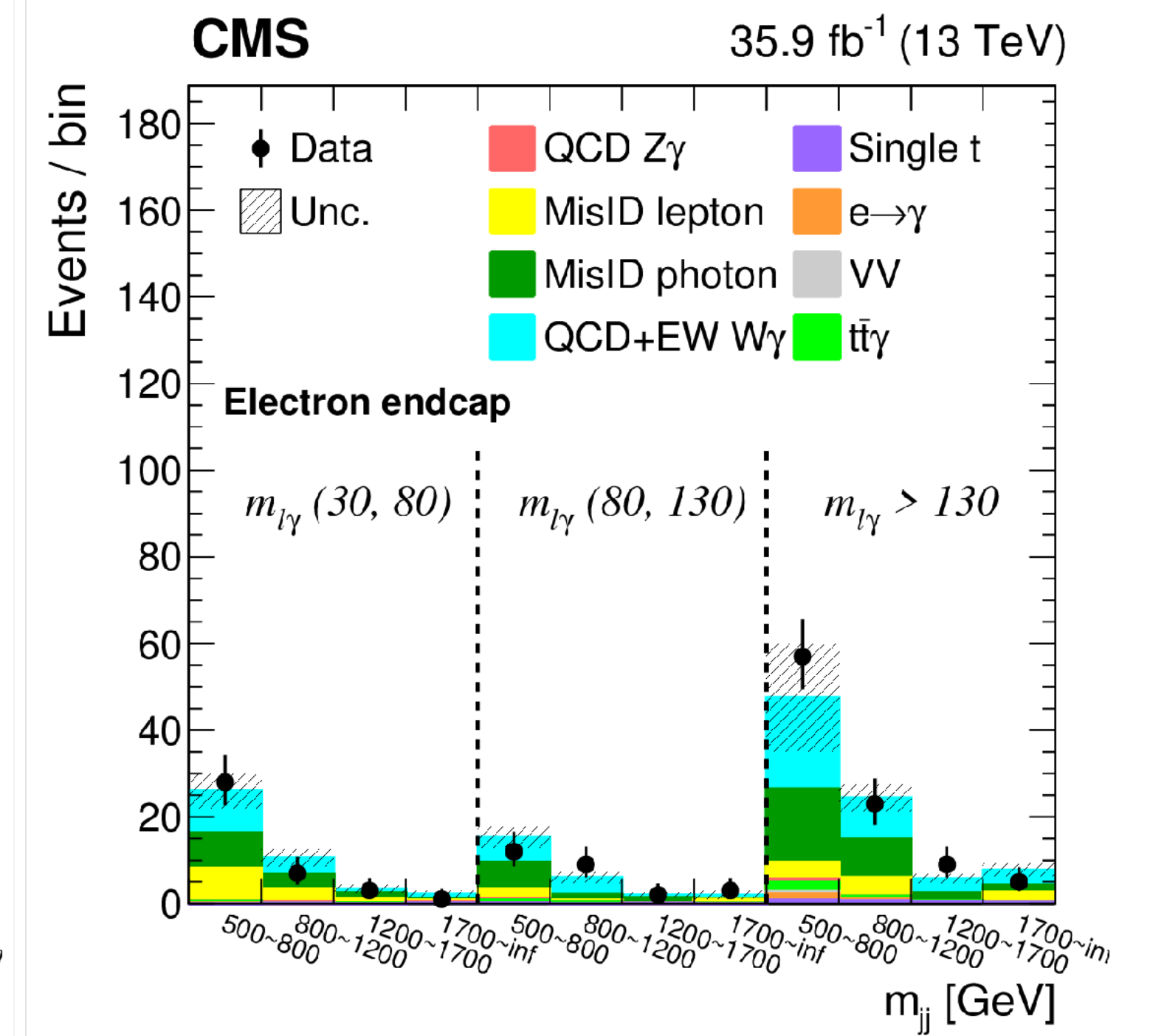
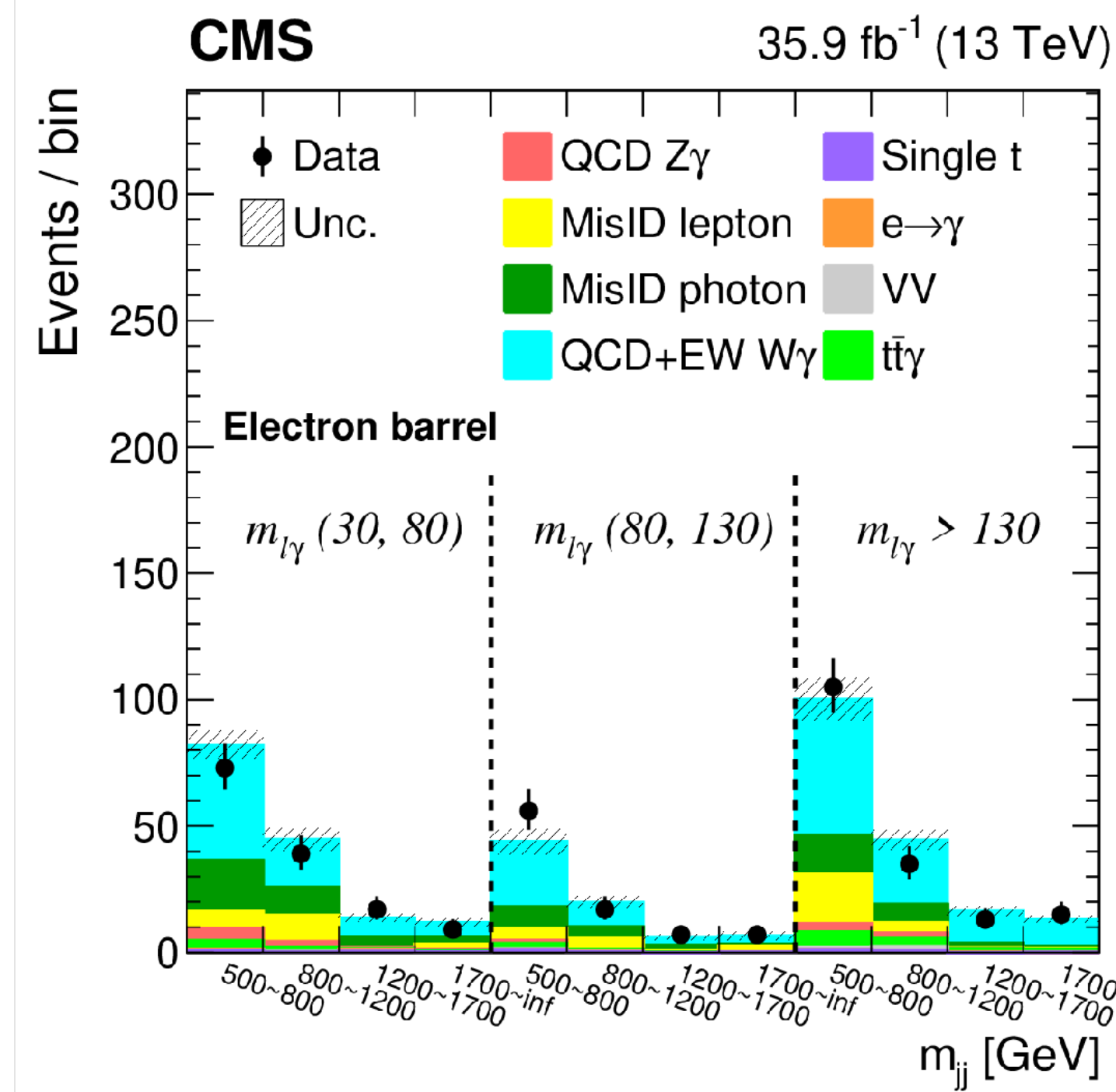
$$W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma$$

- SR, EW extraction



$$W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma$$

- SR, EW+QCD extraction

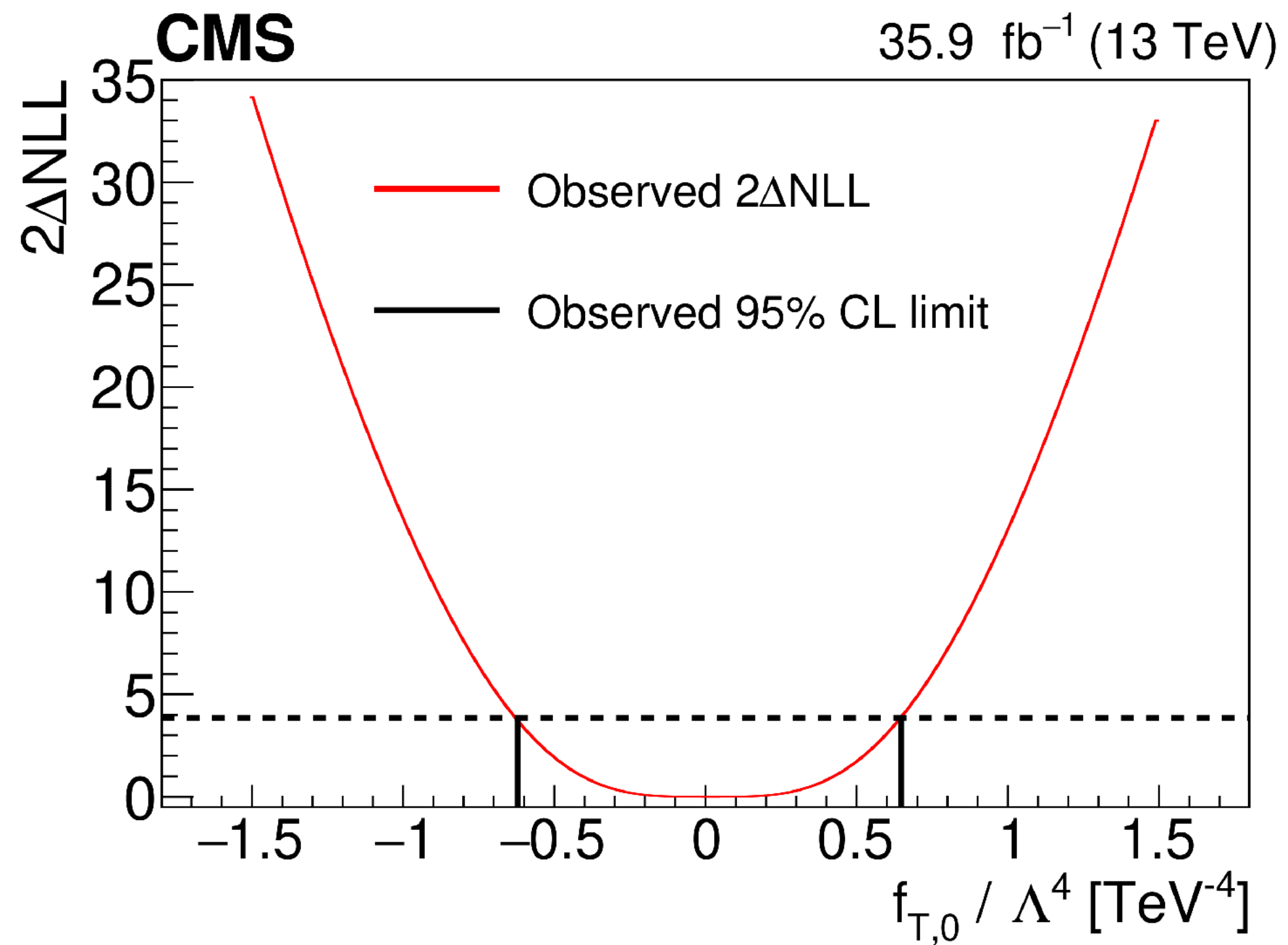




# $W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma$

Source	EW $W\gamma_{jj}$	QCD $W\gamma_{jj}$	VV	$t\bar{t}\gamma$	QCD $Z\gamma$	Single t	MisID photon	MisID lepton	Double misID	$e \rightarrow \gamma$
JES	0.9–6.9	11–28	6.4–38	3.7–16	12–78	3.3–18	—	—	—	11–28
JER	0.7–2.2	0.7–4.1	6.9–21	1.3–4.9	6.5–15	2.9–7.1	—	—	—	0.7–4.1
Integrated luminosity	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	—	—	—	2.5
MisID photon	—	—	—	—	—	—	12–22	—	12–22	—
MisID lepton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	30	—
$\mu_R/\mu_F$ scales	1.5–11	6.1–20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PDF	3.2–5.6	1–2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interference	1.8–2.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cross section for $t\bar{t}\gamma$	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cross section for VV	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Modeling of pileup	0–0.6	0.3–1.4	4.8–13	2.6–3.9	6.2–19	1.0–3.9	—	—	—	0.3–1.4
Statistical uncertainty	7–11	6–36	45–100	13–56	16–100	17–55	7–36	43–72	30–100	54–100
L1 mistiming	1.7–2.4	0.8–1.6	0.5–1.6	1.4–2.5	0.6–3.6	1.0–2.1	—	—	—	1.1–2.8
Muon ID/Iso	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	—	—	—	0.3
Muon trigger	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	0.2
Electron reconstruction	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	—	—	—	0.5
Electron ID/Iso	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	—	—	—	1.3
Electron trigger	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	—	—	—	2.5
Photon ID	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	—	—	—	1.2

$W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma$



## Pre-fit yields

	Electron barrel	Electron endcap	Muon barrel	Muon endcap
MisID photon	$81.0 \pm 5.2$	$48.1 \pm 4.9$	$134.8 \pm 8.2$	$52.1 \pm 4.8$
MisID lepton	$63.7 \pm 12.3$	$27.8 \pm 7.2$	$46.8 \pm 10.6$	$23.1 \pm 6.5$
QCD $W\gamma jj$	$154.2 \pm 12.0$	$41.1 \pm 4.4$	$221.2 \pm 15.8$	$72.1 \pm 6.2$
$t\bar{t}\gamma$	$20.6 \pm 1.6$	$5.1 \pm 0.6$	$28.3 \pm 1.8$	$6.9 \pm 0.8$
QCD $Z\gamma$	$18.0 \pm 3.1$	$1.9 \pm 0.9$	$16.2 \pm 3.0$	$4.9 \pm 1.3$
Single t	$4.9 \pm 0.8$	$2.5 \pm 0.5$	$6.8 \pm 0.9$	$2.4 \pm 0.5$
VV	$4.2 \pm 1.6$	$0.6 \pm 0.6$	$7.5 \pm 2.1$	$1.4 \pm 0.7$
$e \rightarrow \gamma$	$1.5 \pm 0.6$	$2.1 \pm 0.8$	$1.7 \pm 0.7$	$1.1 \pm 0.6$
Total background	$348.3 \pm 18.4$	$129.1 \pm 9.9$	$463.4 \pm 21.2$	$163.8 \pm 10.4$
EW $W\gamma jj$	$48.8 \pm 2.2$	$16.1 \pm 1.0$	$74.5 \pm 2.8$	$24.4 \pm 1.3$
Total predicted	$397.1 \pm 18.5$	$145.2 \pm 10.0$	$537.9 \pm 21.4$	$188.2 \pm 10.5$
Data	393	159	565	201