



# Recent observations and measurements of vector-boson fusion and scattering with ATLAS

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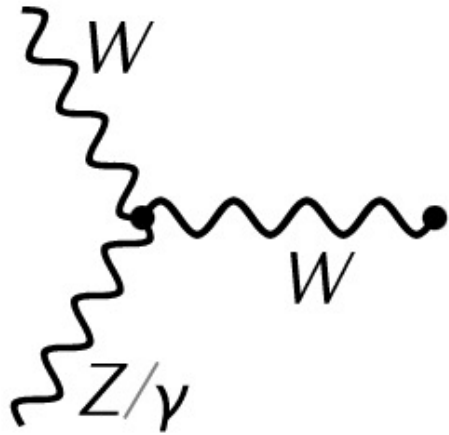
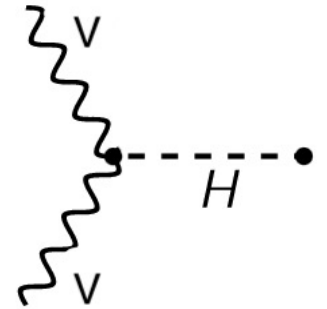
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- **Observation of Electroweak  $ZZjj$**
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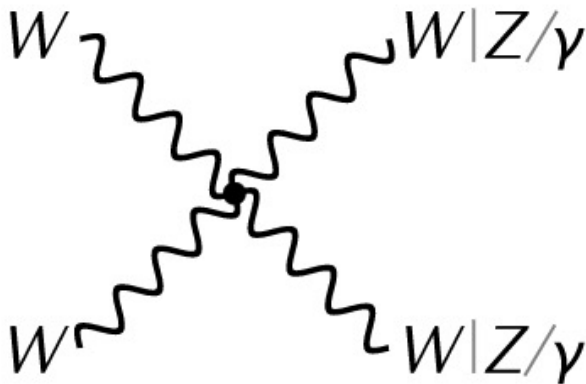
# Scope: Electroweak (EW) Gauge Couplings

Exploration at the LHC of electroweak symmetry breaking in all aspects. In particular, the **self-couplings of the vector gauge bosons** are completely specified in the Standard Model (SM), as are the couplings of the Higgs boson to the vector bosons ( $V=W,Z$ ) once the Higgs mass is known.



## Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)

The only **triple gauge couplings (TGC)** allowed in the SM are  **$WWZ$**  and  **$WW\gamma$** . There are no  $ZZZ$ ,  $ZZ\gamma$ ,  $Z\gamma\gamma$ , or  $\gamma\gamma\gamma$  couplings in the SM.



## Vector Boson Scattering (VBS)

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# Goals in general

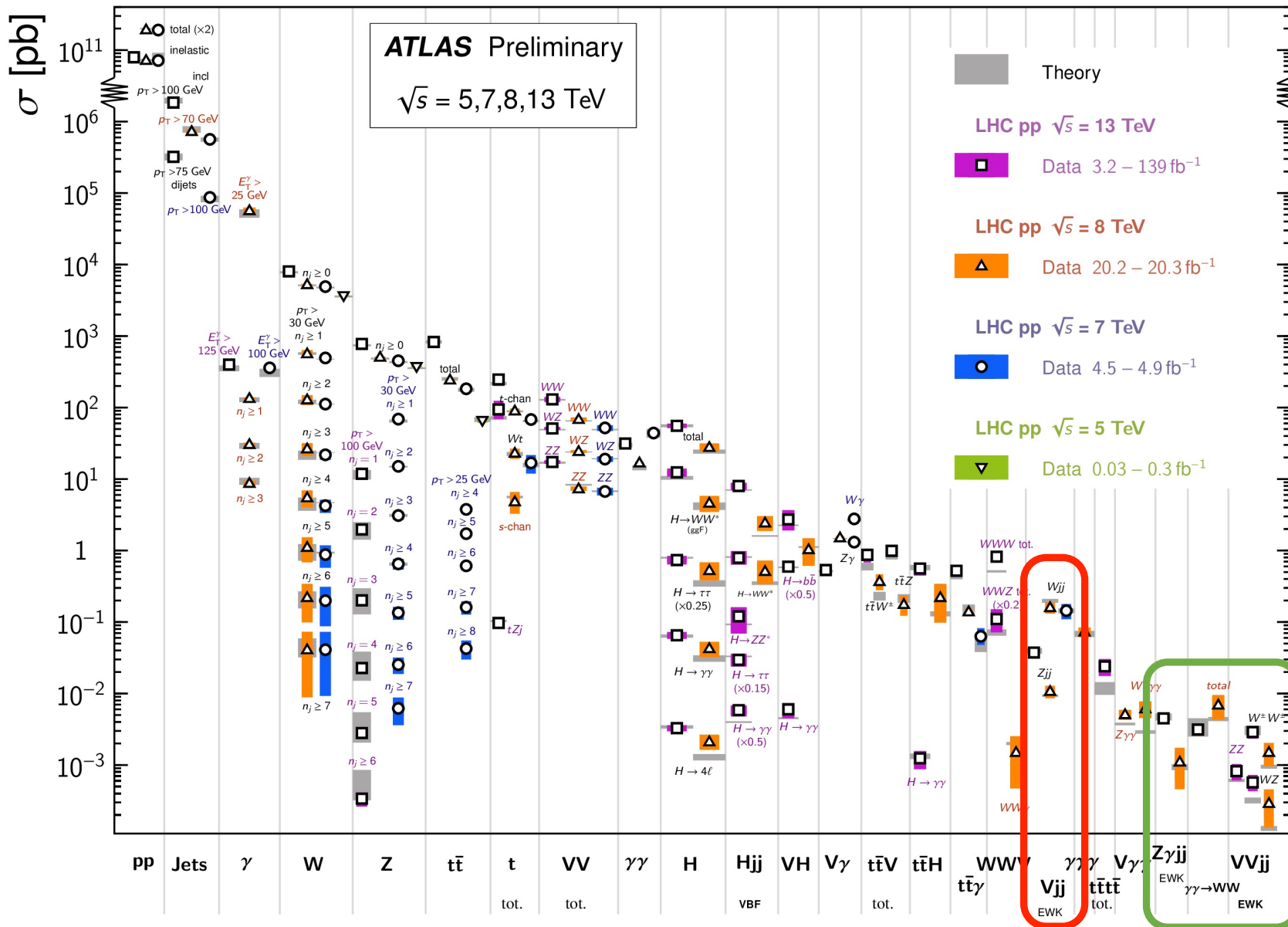
1. EW VBF production mechanism of Higgs created a vast interest in  $H$ +jets and  $Z$ +jets production as a function of  $N_{\text{jets}}$  in the final states.
2. Better understand strong QCD  $Vjj$  and  $VVjj$  as background for Higgs and electroweak physics, as well as for other precise Standard Model (SM) measurements and searches at the LHC. Thus, tuning of event generators at NLO.
3. Extract the rare electroweak (EW) production of  $Vjj$  and  $VVjj$ .
4. Triple and Quartic Gauge **couplings** precise probe for testing the SM.



# Goals in practice: VBF and VBS measurements

## Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

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- Electroweak  $Vjj$  and  $VVjj$  and  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$  production are all **very rare**

- Rate relative to inel.  $pp \rightarrow X$

$$\sigma_{Zjj}/\sigma_{\text{inel}} \approx 10^{-12}$$

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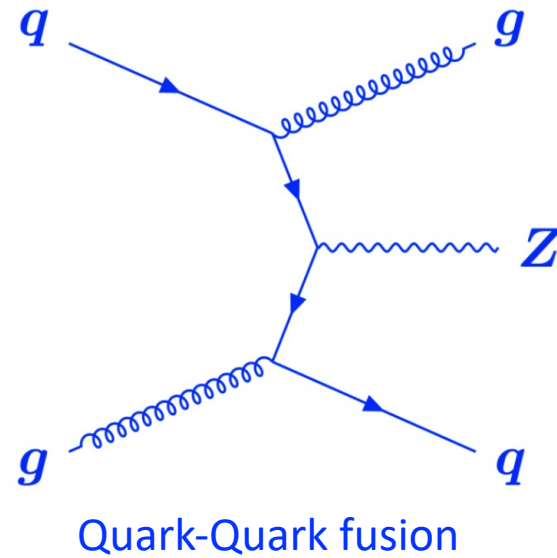
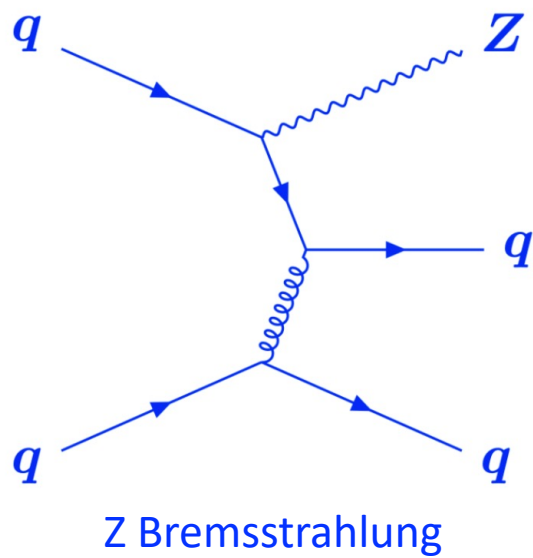
- Challenging analysis 13 TeV: small signal swamped by backgrounds; often poorly modelled

- 5 $\sigma$  observation for  $W^{\pm}W^{\pm}jj$  and  $WZjj$ ,  $ZZjj$  etc.

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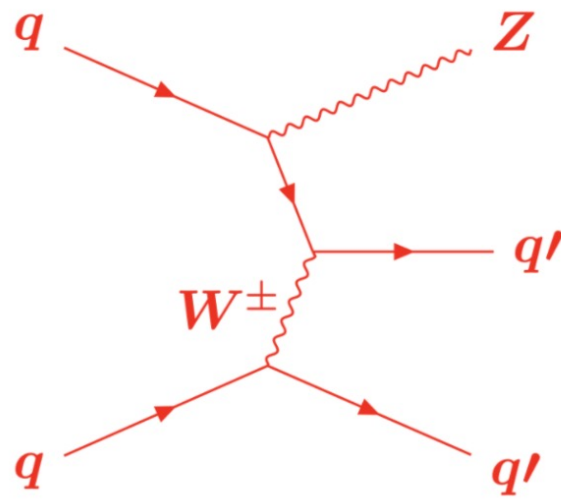
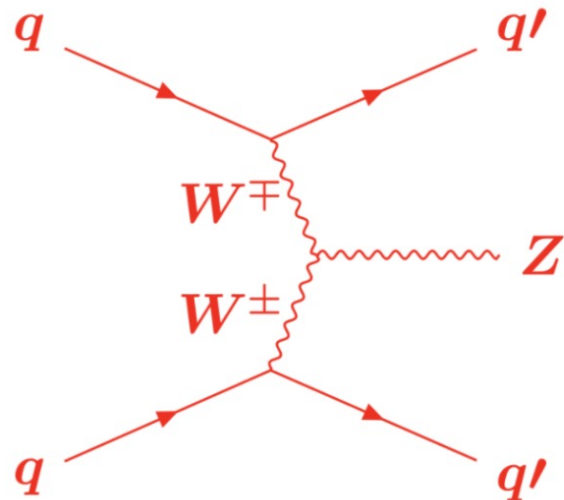
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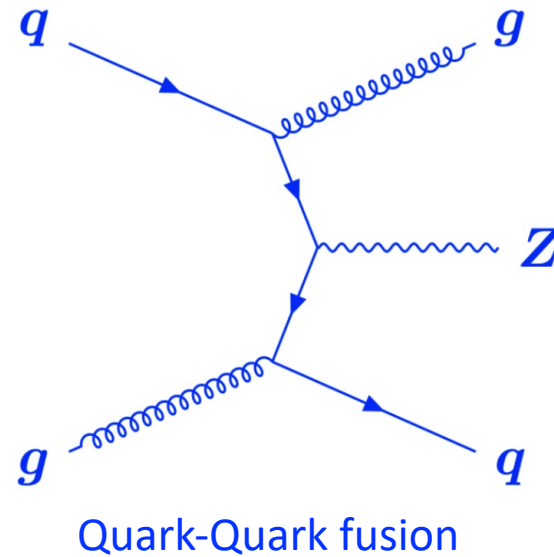
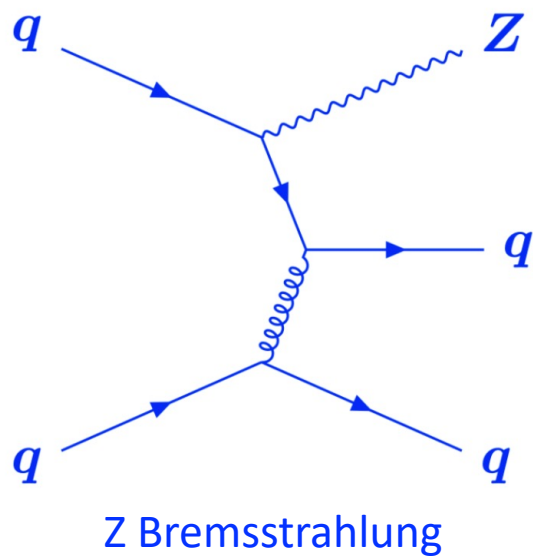
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Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)

Z Bremsstrahlung

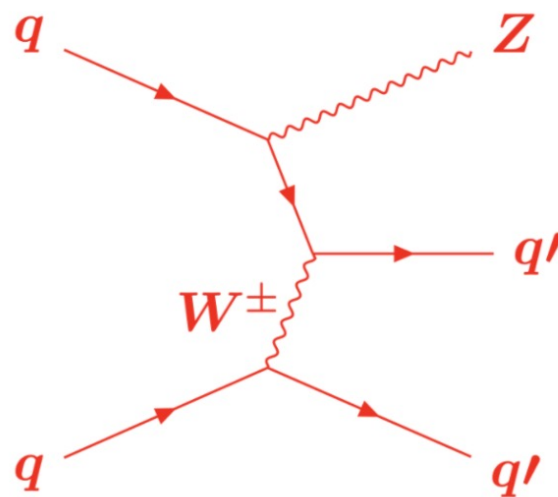
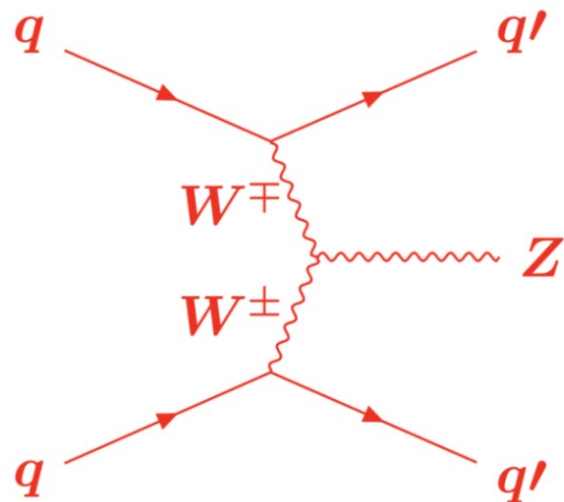
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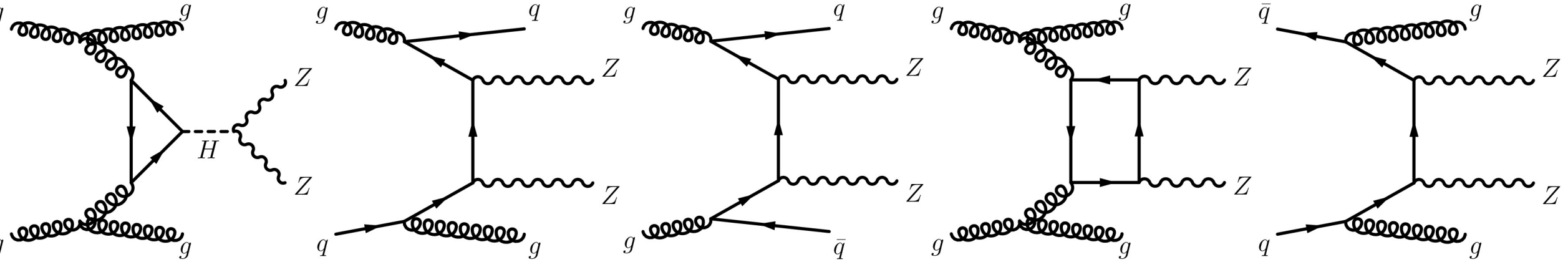


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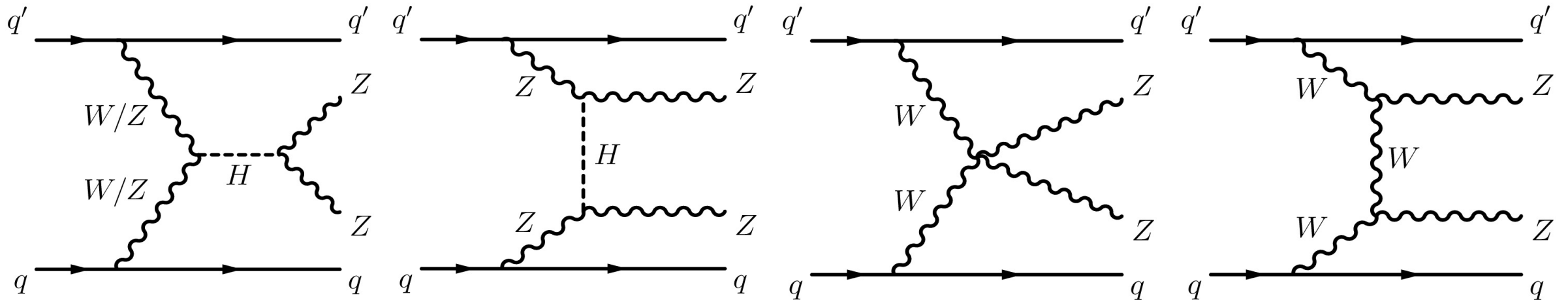
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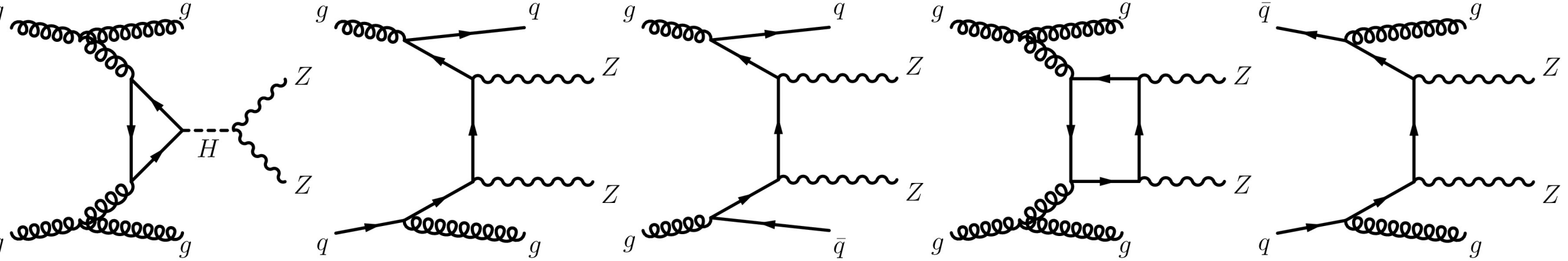
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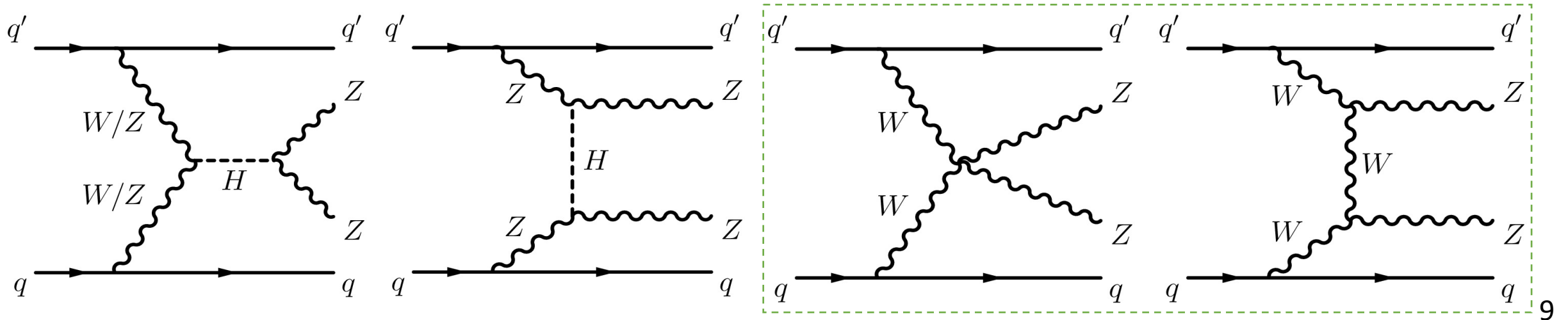
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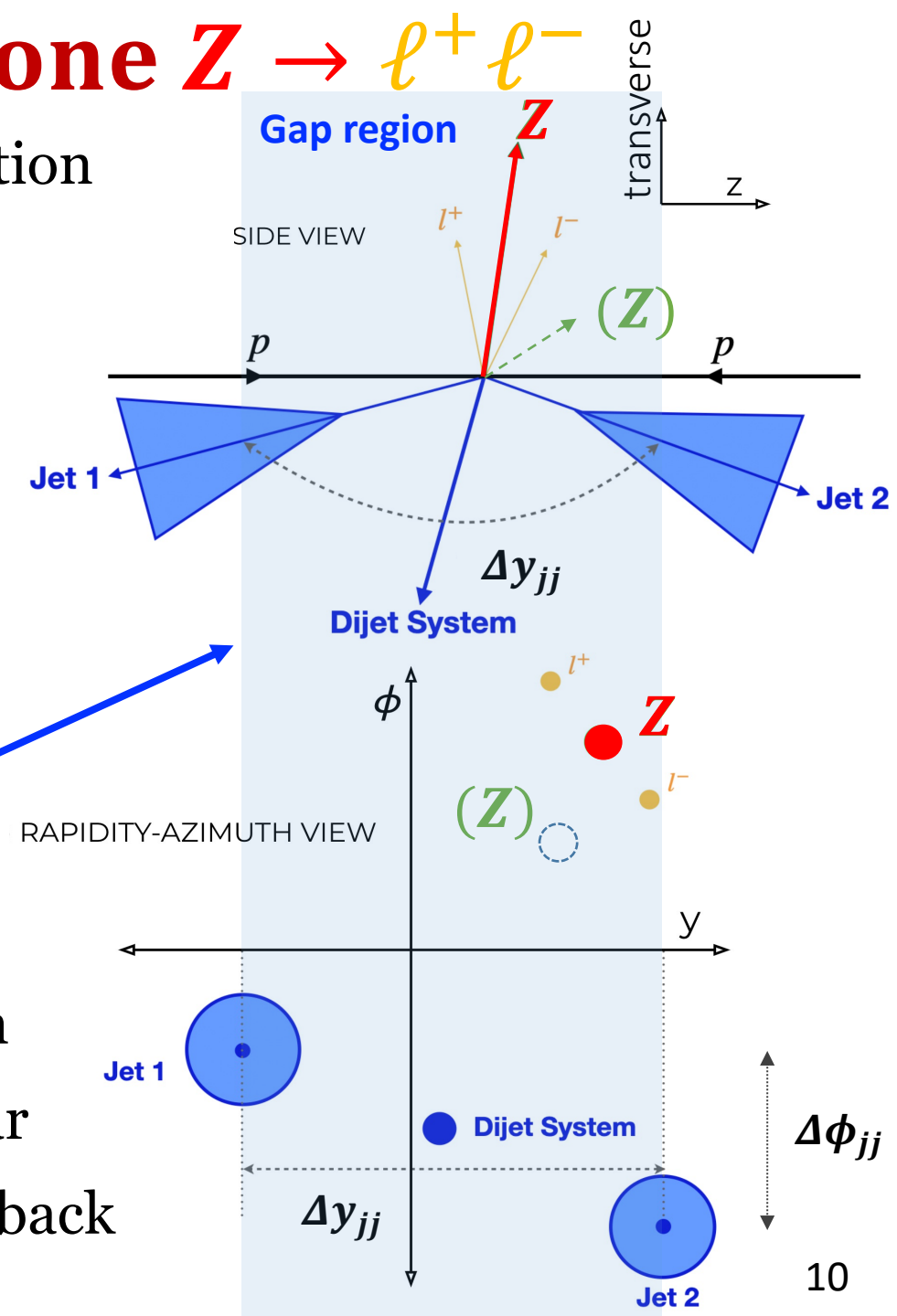


# Topology EW (Z)Zjj with at least one Z $\rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$

The strategy is to study EW Vjj and EW VVjj production via which the VBF and VBS diagram contribution.

## Signature of EW (Z)Zjj:

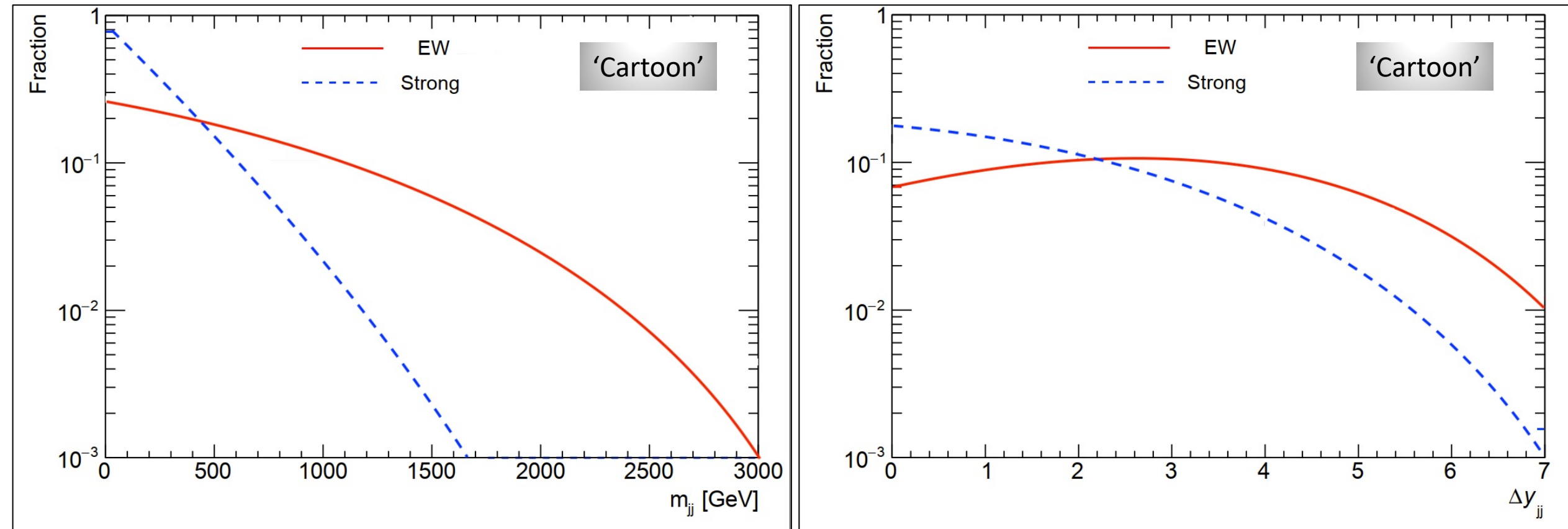
- Rapidity of observables  $y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \right]$
- Centrality  $\xi \approx (y_{V(V)} - y_{jj}) / \Delta y_{jj}$
- **Large rapidity gap between jets  $\Delta y_{jj}$**
- **Large dijet invariant mass  $m_{jj}$**
- **Little hadronic activity** (few extra jets), within **rapidity gap** between two leading jets
- Low  $p_T$  (or lack) of third jet / low  $p_T$  of (V)Vjj system
- Boost (rapidity) of (di)boson and dijet system similar
- $p_T$  of (di)boson and dijet system similar, so back-to-back in  $\phi$





# Typical Signal Region for VBF and VBS Topology

## Signature of **EW signal** and **Strong background**



- **EW  $Zjj$  and  $ZZjj$** : Lack of colour connection means little hadronic activity between outgoing internal quarks. Thus larger  $\Delta y_{jj}$ , larger  $m_{jj}$  and larger  $p_T^Z$  for EW signal, with more  $N_{jet}=0$  in gap region and centrality  $\xi < 0.5$ .

# Dataset Run-2

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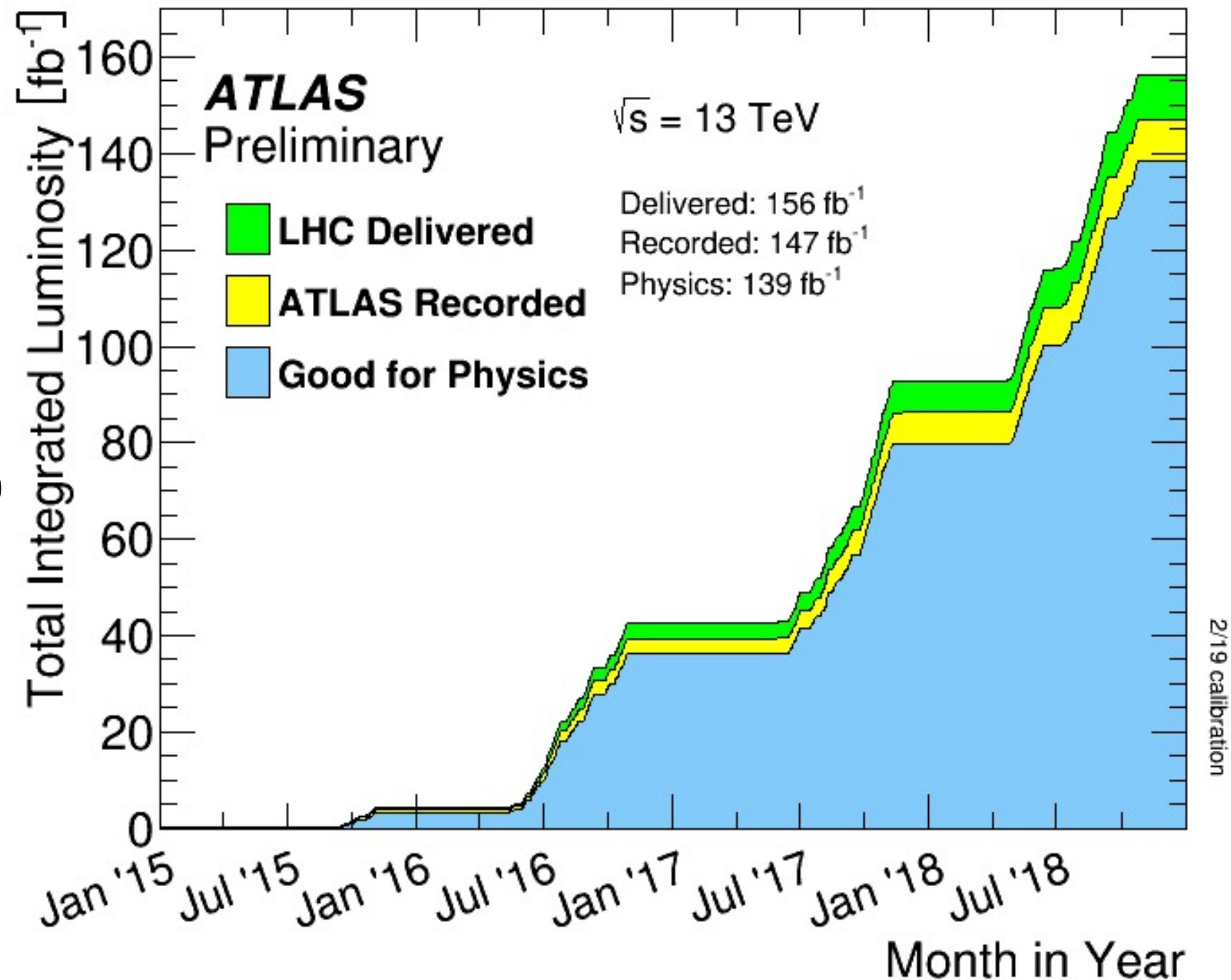
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$\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

Run2 period: 2015 - 2018

**Total Physics: 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>**



$Zjj$



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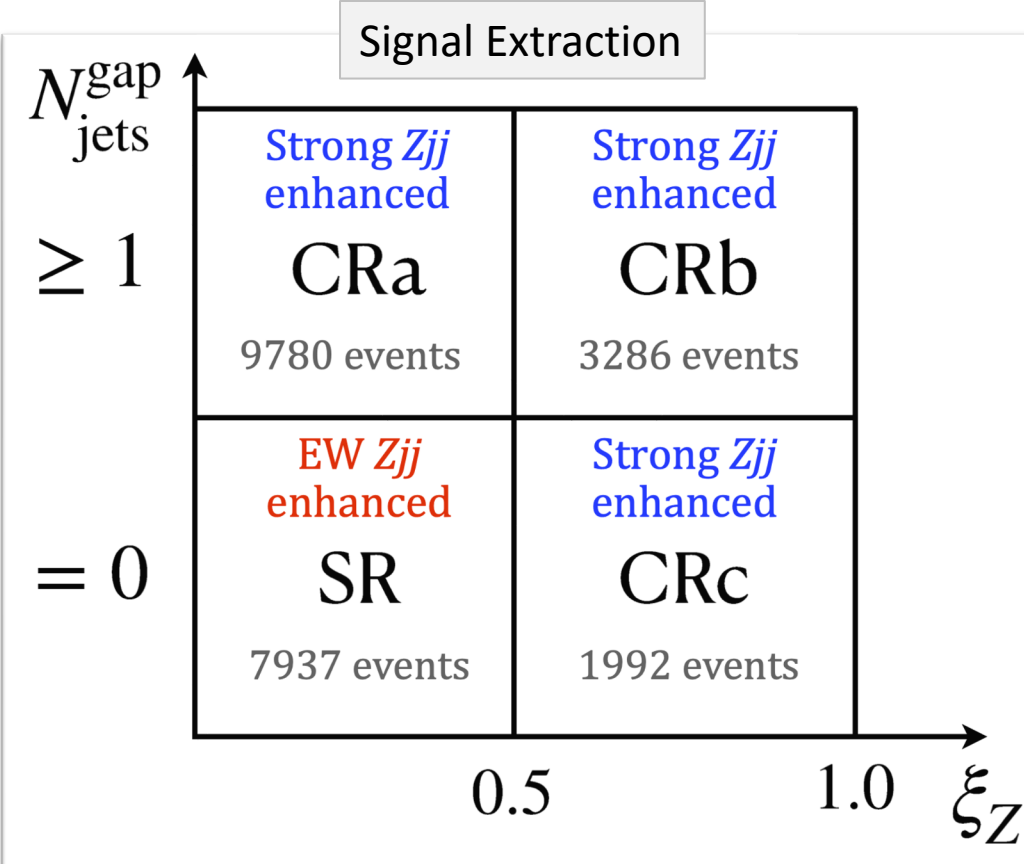


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- $p_T^j > 25$  GeV,  $p_T^{j1(j2)} > 85$  (80) GeV,  $\Delta y_{jj} > 2$  and  $m_{jj} > 1000$  GeV
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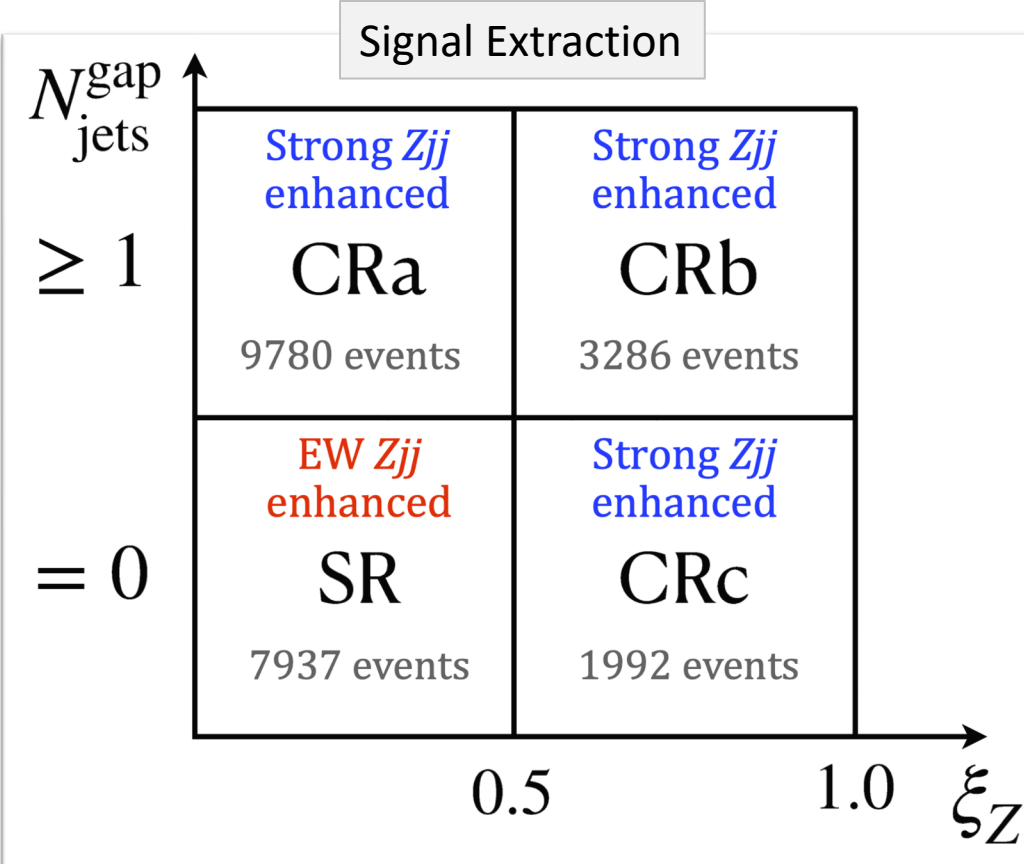


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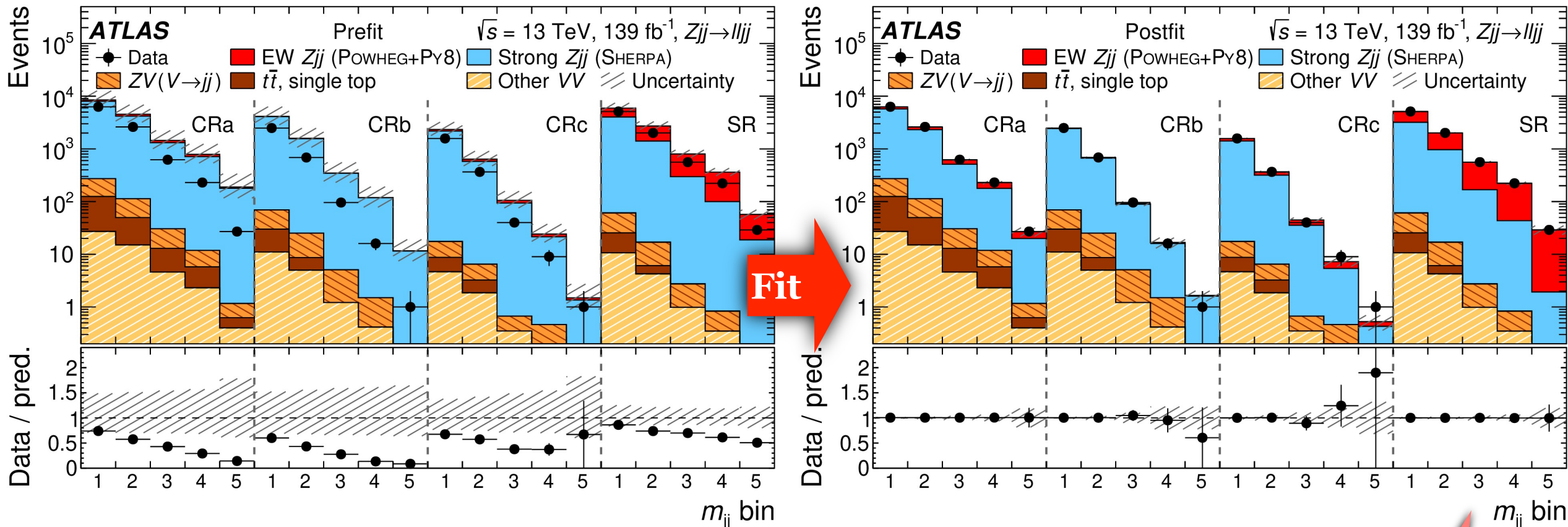
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# Measurement of EW $Zjj$ with $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ (2/4)



**Fit:** 36 **EW  $\mu_i$**  and 74 parameters to constrain **strong  $Zjj$**

- 144 measurement bins / 110 free parameters

## Main uncertainties:

- Data statistics
- **Strong generator** choice (switching between 3)
- Jet systematics (JES, JER)

EW  $Zjj$  measured in 5  $m_{jj}$  bins  
Analogously in 9  $\Delta y_{jj}$ , 10  $p_T^{\ell\ell}$  and 12  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  bins

**EW  $Zjj$**

$$\sigma_{EW} = 37.4 \pm 3.5 \text{ (stat)} \pm 5.5 \text{ (syst) fb.}$$



# Measurement of **EW $Zjj$** with $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ (3/4)

## ➤ EW SR Differential Cross Sections:

1. dijet mass  $m_{jj}$
2. rapidity separation  $\Delta y_{jj}$
3. azimuthal dijet separation  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$
4. leptons  $p_T^{\ell\ell}$

## ➤ Measured event yields are corrected to **particle level** (iterative Bayesian unfolding)

## ➤ Measurements compared to various MC prediction

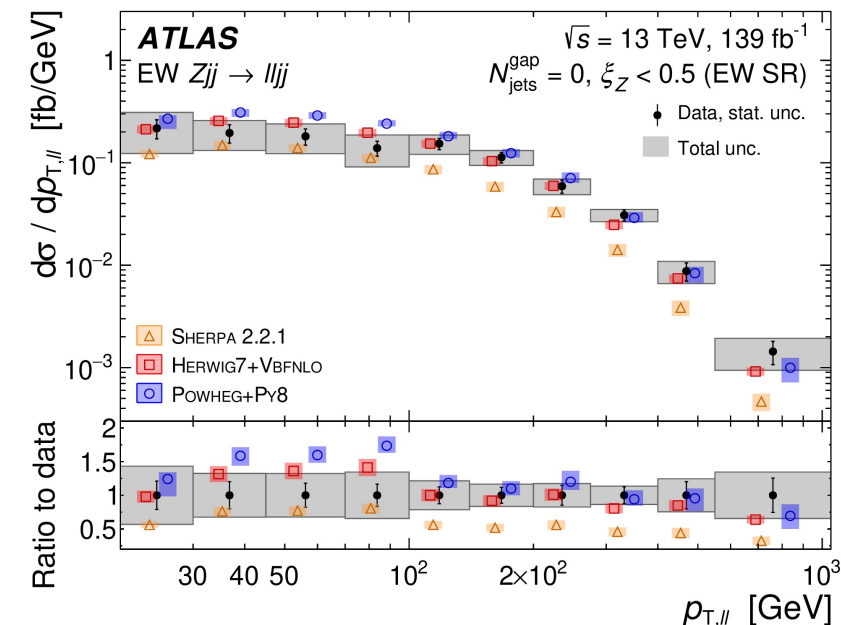
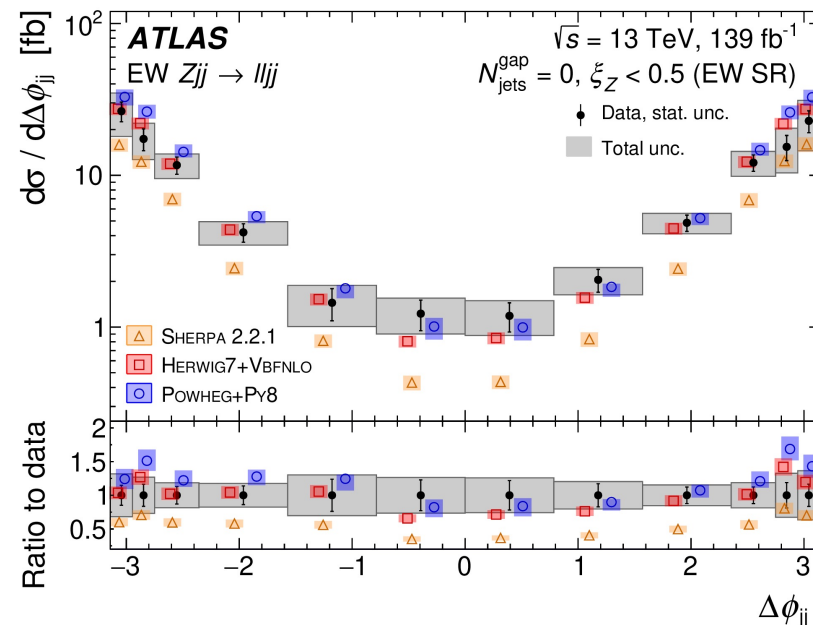
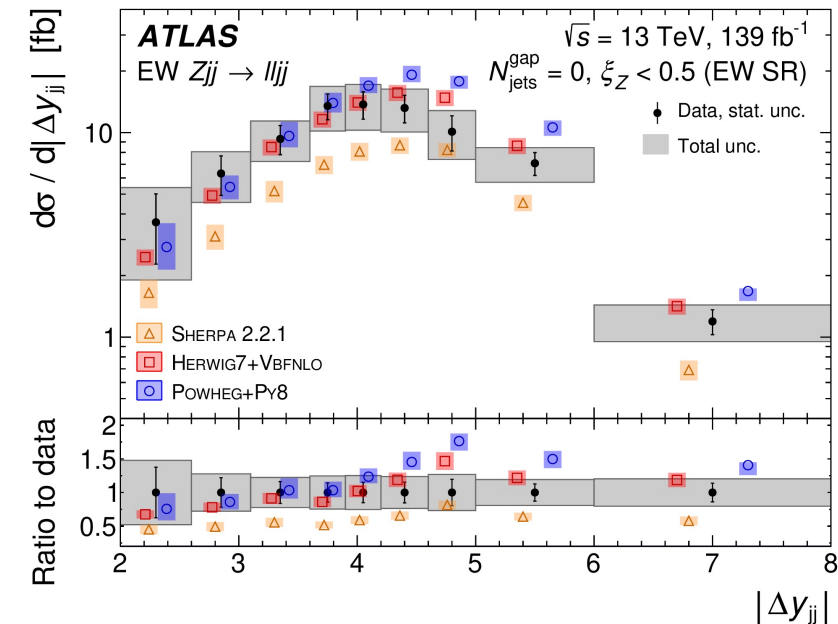
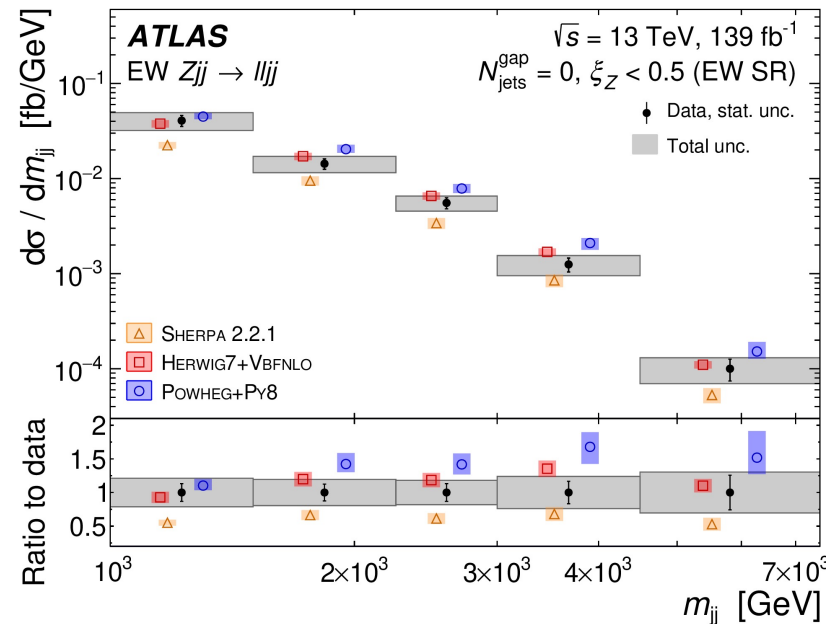
## ➤ Guidance on generator choice; refinement of parameter settings

## ➤ Herwig7+V<sub>BFNLO</sub> in reasonable agreement with the data for all measured distributions.

## ➤ EW+strong differential cross sections measured separately

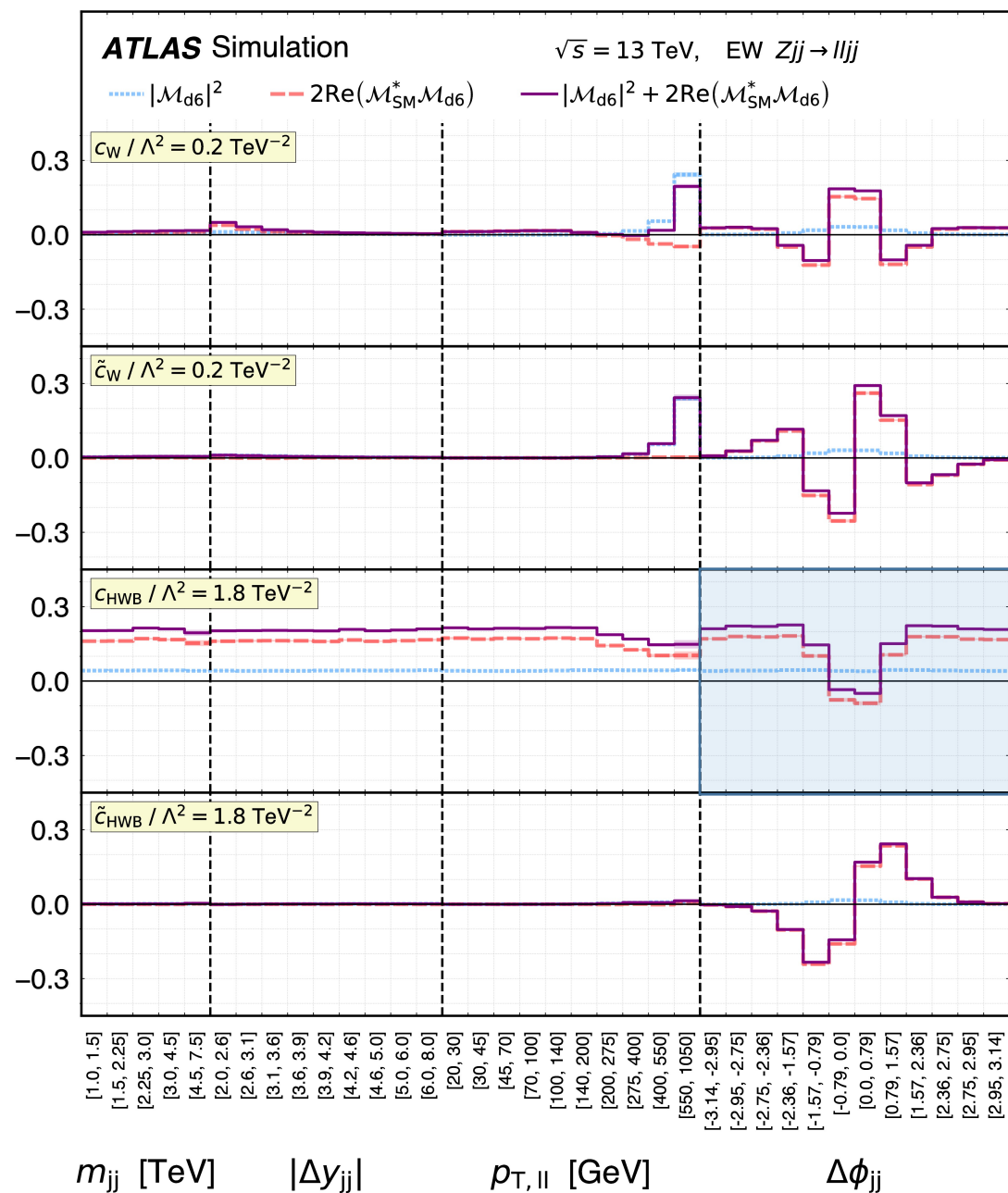
## ➤ EW differential cross sections are used to set limits on BSM models using an EFT framework

## ➤ $\Delta\phi_{jj}$ is **CP-odd** and very sensitive to certain Wilson coefficients ( $c_W$ )



# Measurement of **EW $Zjj$** with $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ (4/4)

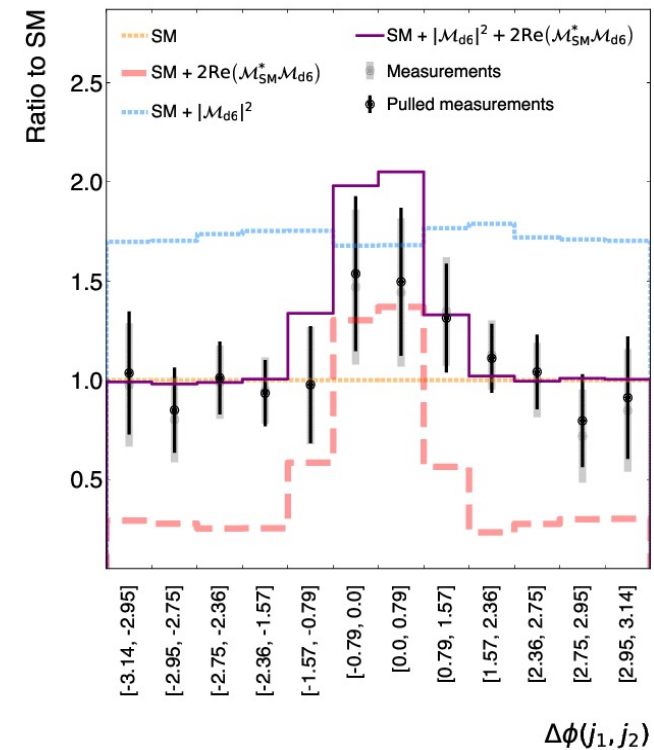
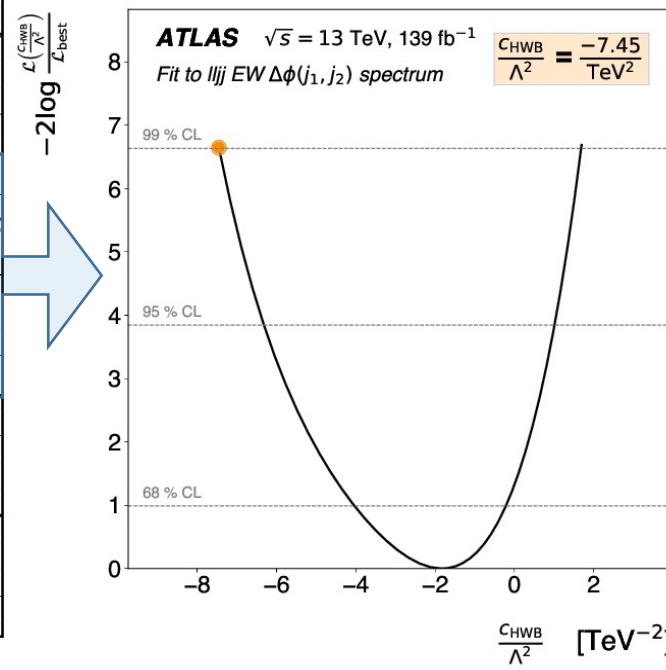
Ratio to SM



**Effective Field Theory (EFT)** to test anomalous coupling and deviations from the SM attributed to dimension-six corrections in the **WWZ** vertex by exploiting the sensitivity of the signed  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i$$

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}|^2 + 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}^* \mathcal{M}_{d6}) + |\mathcal{M}_{d6}|^2$$



Overall, the results are consistent with the SM.

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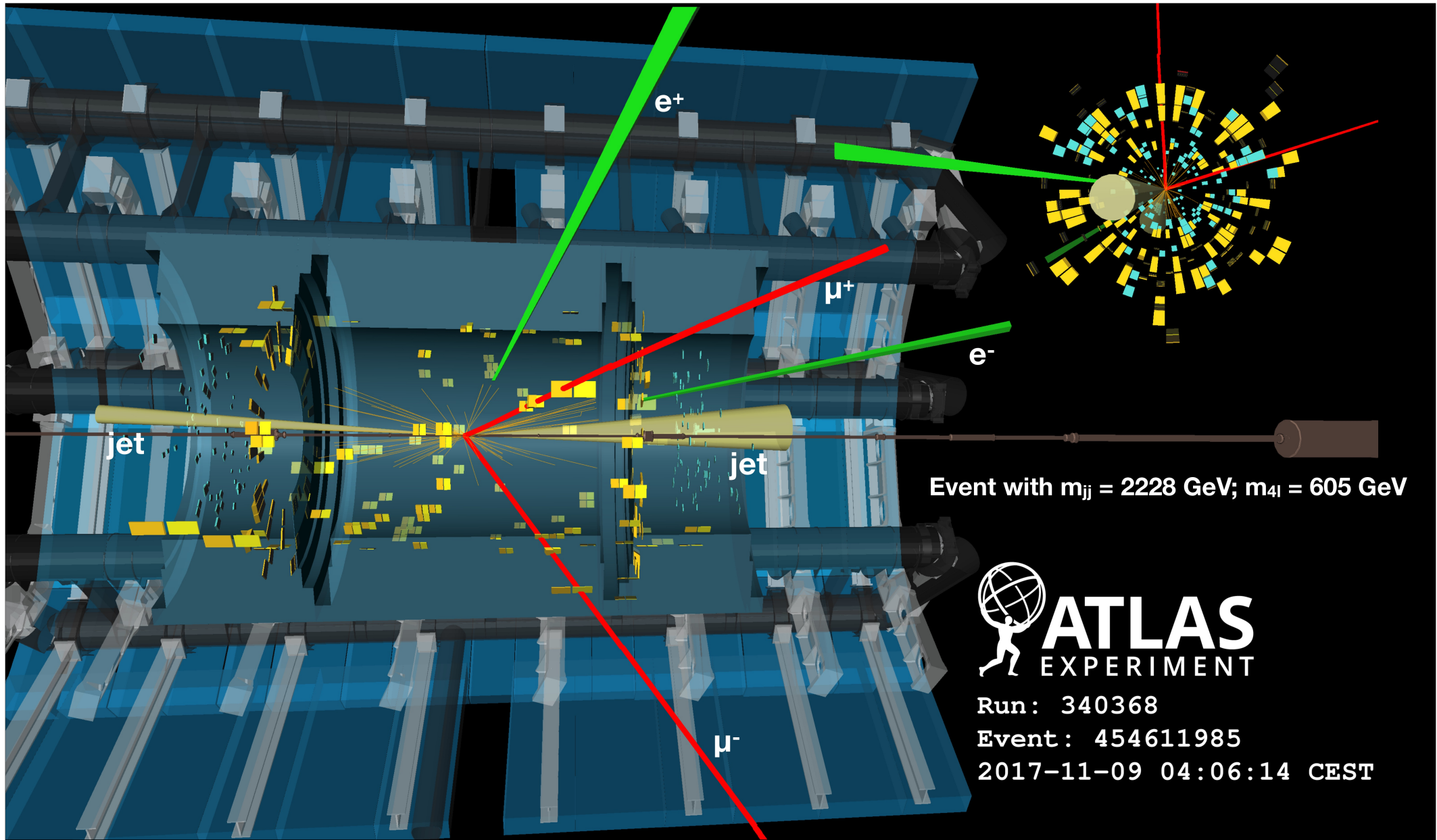
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# EW $ZZjj$ candidate

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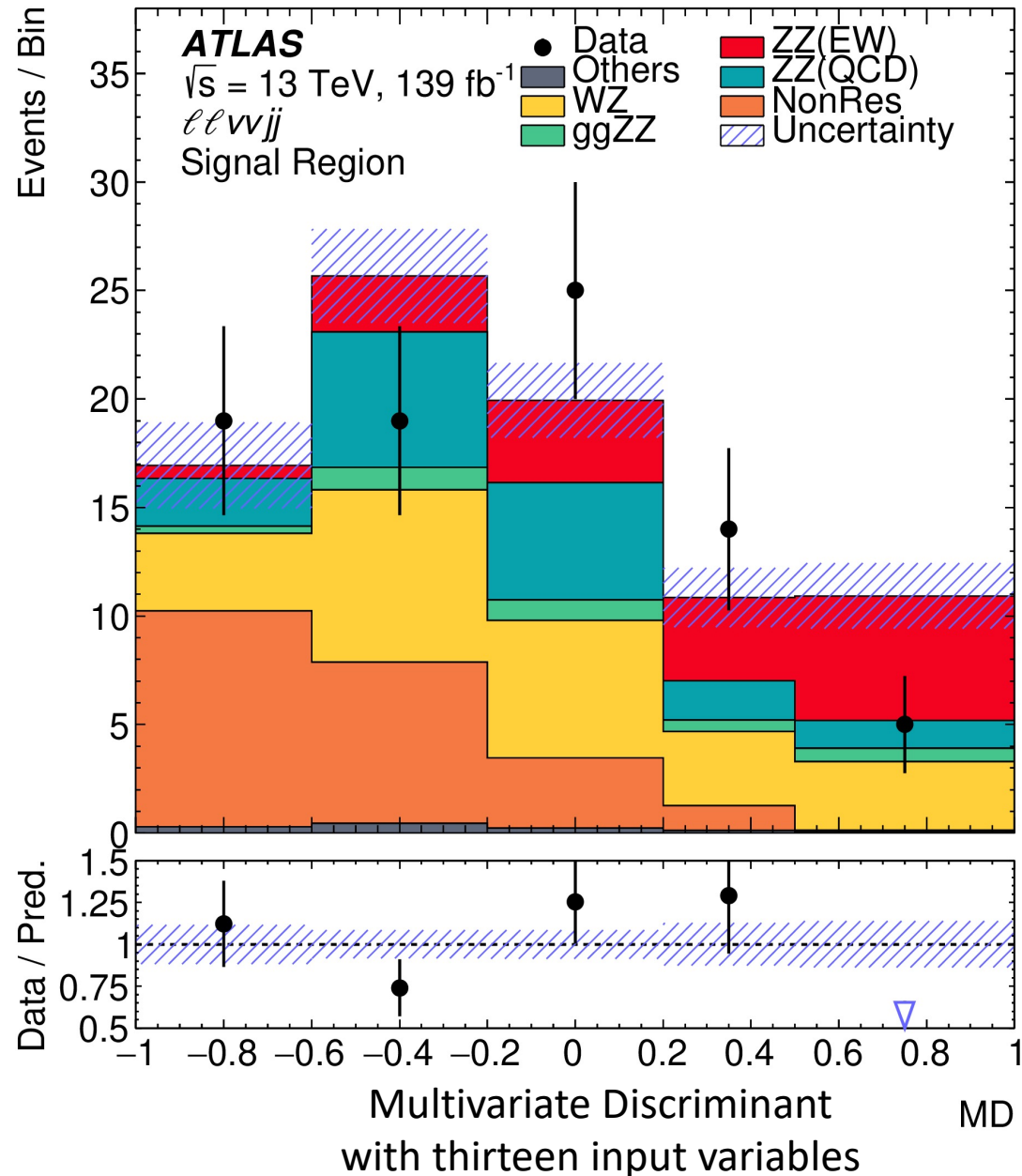
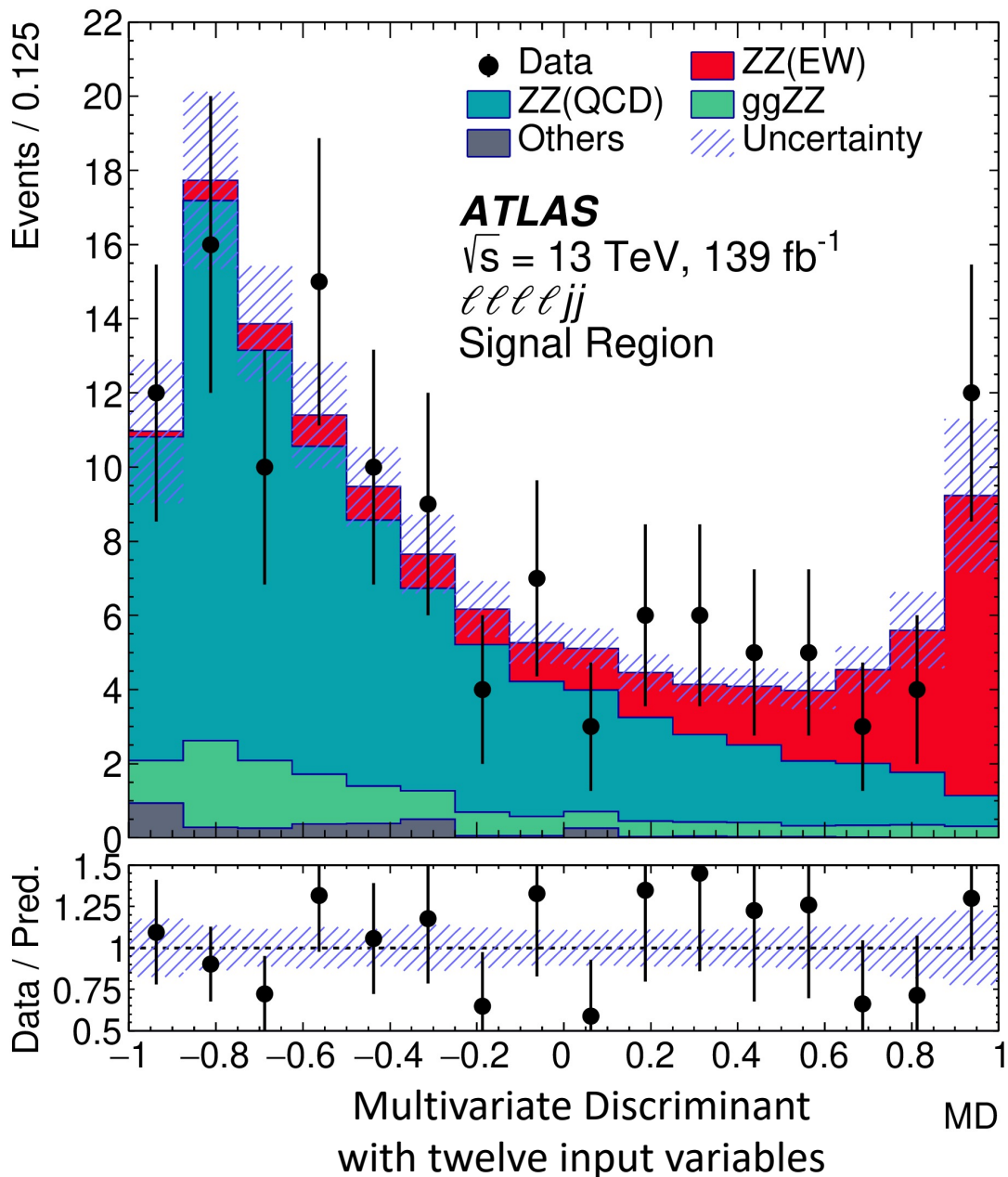
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# Observation of EW ZZjj (3/3)

- EW and strong ZZjj measurements:  $\mu_{EW} = 1.35 \pm 0.34$  and  $\mu_{strong} = 0.96 \pm 0.22$
- EW ZZjj significance:  $5.5\sigma$  ( $4.3\sigma$  expected)

Statistical Fit

Process	$lllljj$	$ll\nu\nu jj$
EW $ZZjj$	$20.6 \pm 2.5$	$12.3 \pm 0.7$
QCD $ZZjj$	$77 \pm 25$	$17.2 \pm 3.5$
QCD $ggZZjj$	$13.1 \pm 4.4$	$3.5 \pm 1.1$
Non-resonant- $ll$	–	$21.4 \pm 4.8$
WZ	–	$22.8 \pm 1.1$
Others	$3.2 \pm 2.1$	$1.2 \pm 0.9$
Total	$114 \pm 26$	$78.4 \pm 6.2$
Data	127	82

- Inclusive EW + Strong fiducial cross sections measured for  $4\ell jj$  and  $\ell\ell\nu\nu jj$  separately

	Measured fiducial $\sigma$ [fb]	Predicted fiducial $\sigma$ [fb]
$lllljj$	$1.27 \pm 0.12(\text{stat}) \pm 0.02(\text{theo}) \pm 0.07(\text{exp}) \pm 0.01(\text{bkg}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi})$	$1.14 \pm 0.04(\text{stat}) \pm 0.20(\text{theo})$
$ll\nu\nu jj$	$1.22 \pm 0.30(\text{stat}) \pm 0.04(\text{theo}) \pm 0.06(\text{exp}) \pm 0.16(\text{bkg}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi})$	$1.07 \pm 0.01(\text{stat}) \pm 0.12(\text{theo})$

# Observation of EW ZZjj (3/3)

- EW and strong ZZjj measurements:  $\mu_{EW} = 1.35 \pm 0.34$  and  $\mu_{strong} = 0.96 \pm 0.22$
- EW ZZjj significance:  $5.5\sigma$  ( $4.3\sigma$  expected)

Statistical Fit

Process	$lllljj$	$ll\nu\nu jj$
EW ZZjj	$20.6 \pm 2.5$	$12.3 \pm 0.7$
QCD ZZjj	$77 \pm 25$	$17.2 \pm 3.5$
QCD ggZZjj	$13.1 \pm 4.4$	$3.5 \pm 1.1$
Non-resonant- $ll$	–	$21.4 \pm 4.8$
WZ	–	$22.8 \pm 1.1$
Others	$3.2 \pm 2.1$	$1.2 \pm 0.9$
Total	$114 \pm 26$	$78.4 \pm 6.2$
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$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$$



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# Observation of photon-induced $W^+ W^-$ production in $pp$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV using the ATLAS detector

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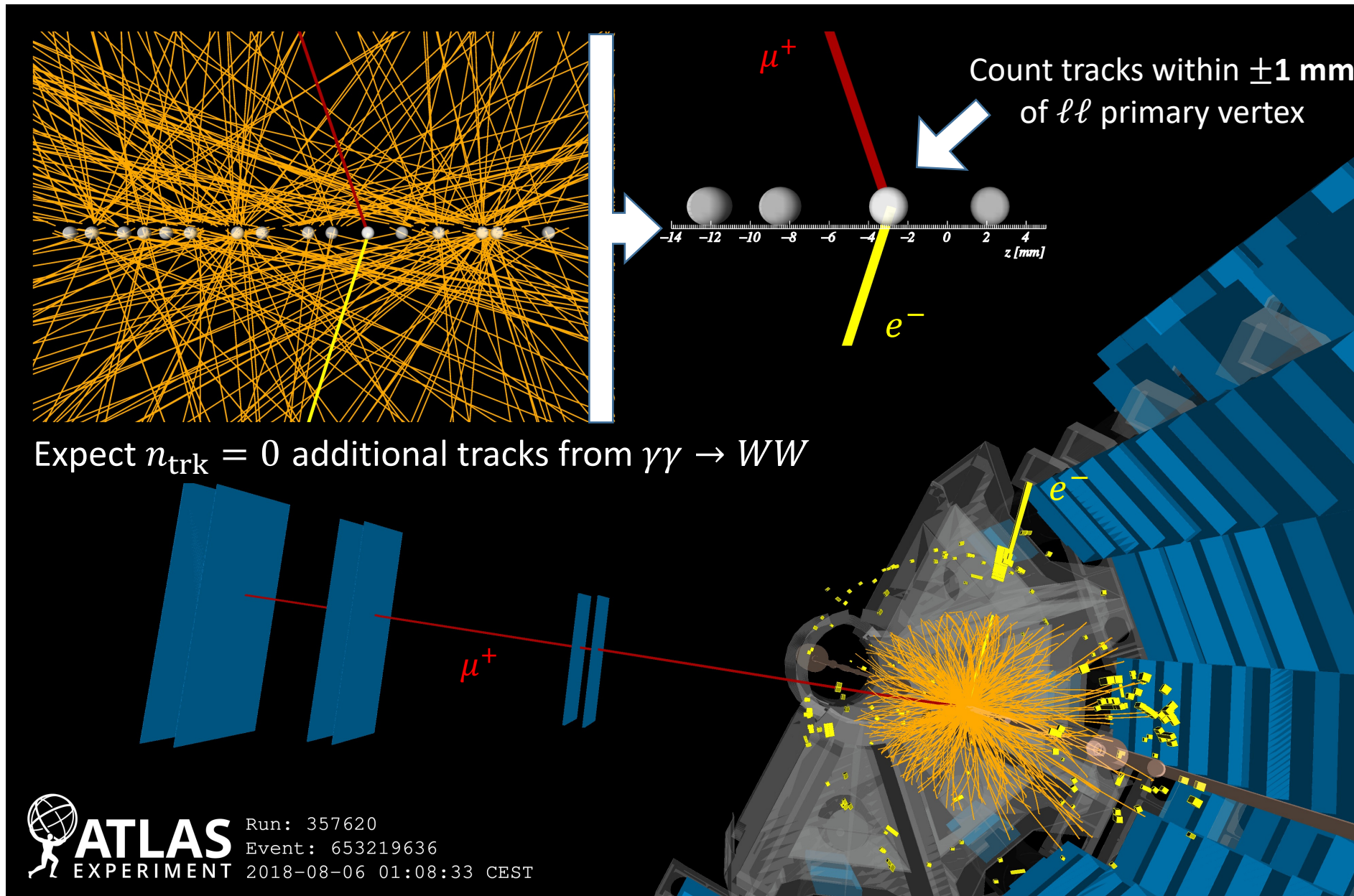
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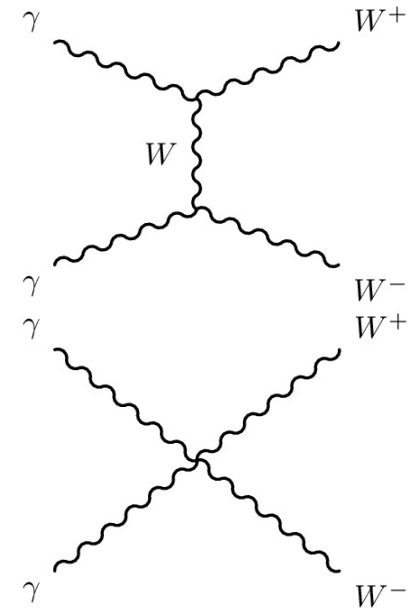
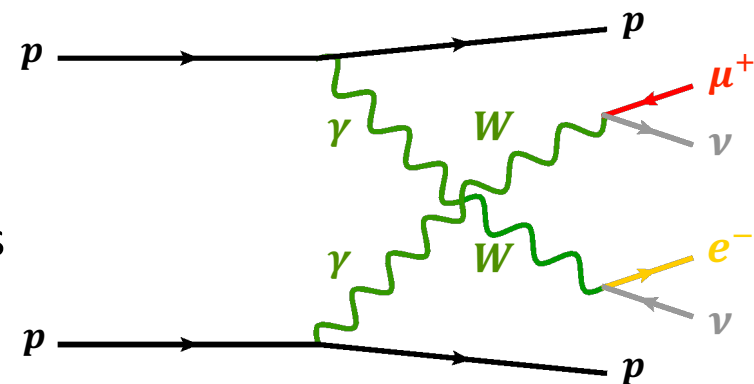


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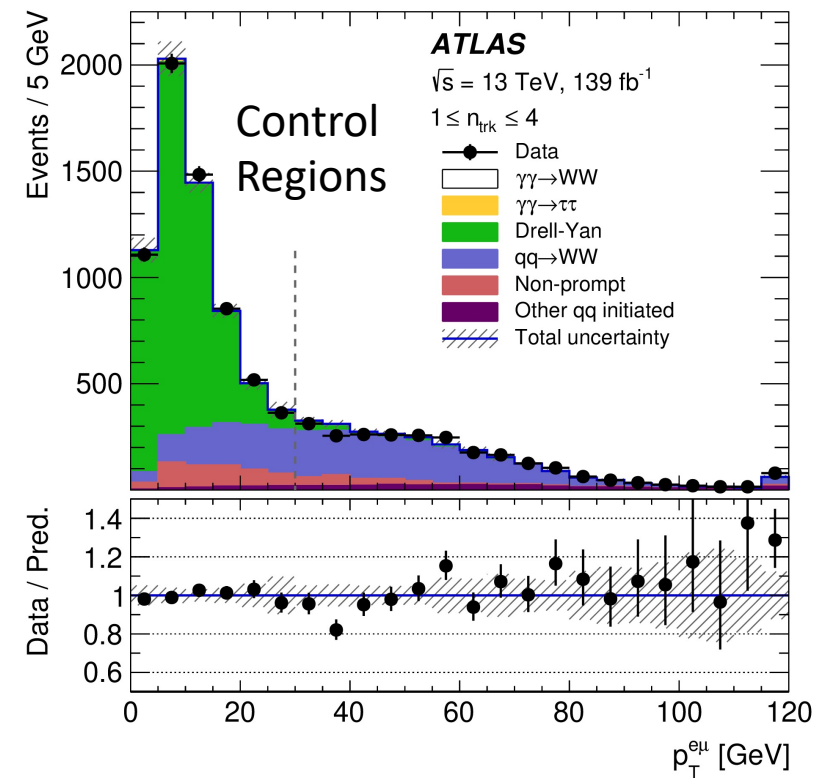
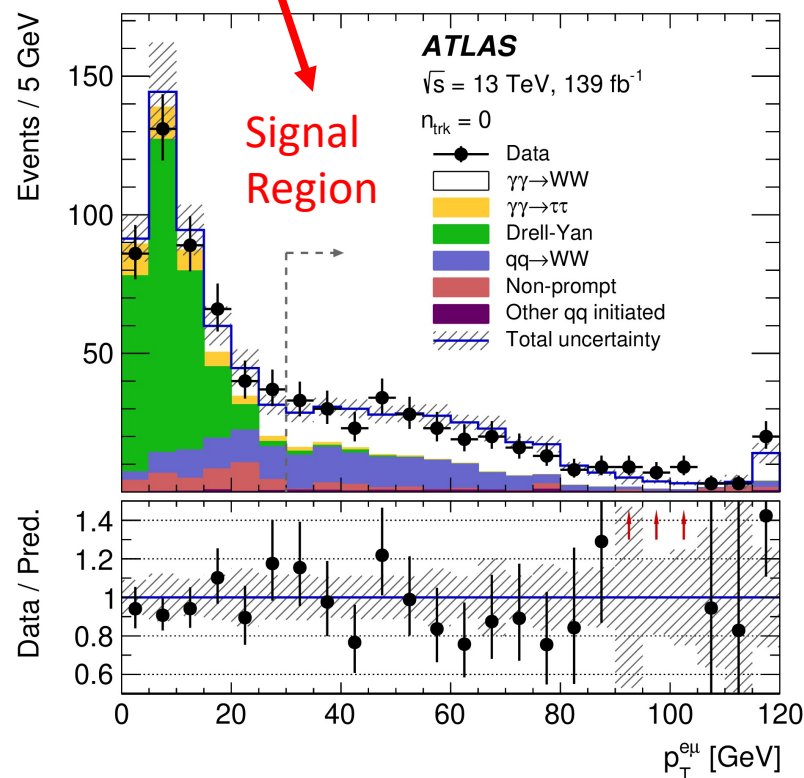
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- Photon-photon scattering: incoming protons intact or fragment outside acceptance
- $WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$  **very clean**; opposite charged  $\ell$ , no other tracks
- **Analysis** selects  $\ell^\pm\ell^\mp$  events, fulfilling:  
 $p_T^{\ell^1} > 27$  GeV,  $p_T^{\ell^2} > 20$  GeV,  $m_{\ell\ell} > 30$  GeV, SR:  $p_T^{e\mu} > 30$  GeV
- Expect  $n_{\text{trk}} = 0$  additional tracks from  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$
- Backgrounds constrained using CRs:  
 $p_T^{e\mu} < 30$  GeV and  $n_{\text{trk}} \geq 1$
- Background-only hypothesis rejected with **8.4 $\sigma$**  significance



$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 3.13 \pm 0.31(\text{stat}) \pm 0.28(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$$

$n_{\text{trk}}$ $p_T^{e\mu}$	Signal region		$n_{\text{trk}} = 0$	
	$> 30$ GeV		$< 30$ GeV	
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$	174	$\pm 20$	45	$\pm 6$
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \ell\ell$	5.5	$\pm 0.3$	39.6	$\pm 1.9$
Drell-Yan	4.5	$\pm 0.9$	280	$\pm 40$
$qq \rightarrow WW$ (incl. $gg$ and VBS)	101	$\pm 17$	55	$\pm 10$
Non-prompt	14	$\pm 14$	36	$\pm 35$
Other backgrounds	7.1	$\pm 1.7$	1.9	$\pm 0.4$
Total	305	$\pm 18$	459	$\pm 19$
Data	307		449	



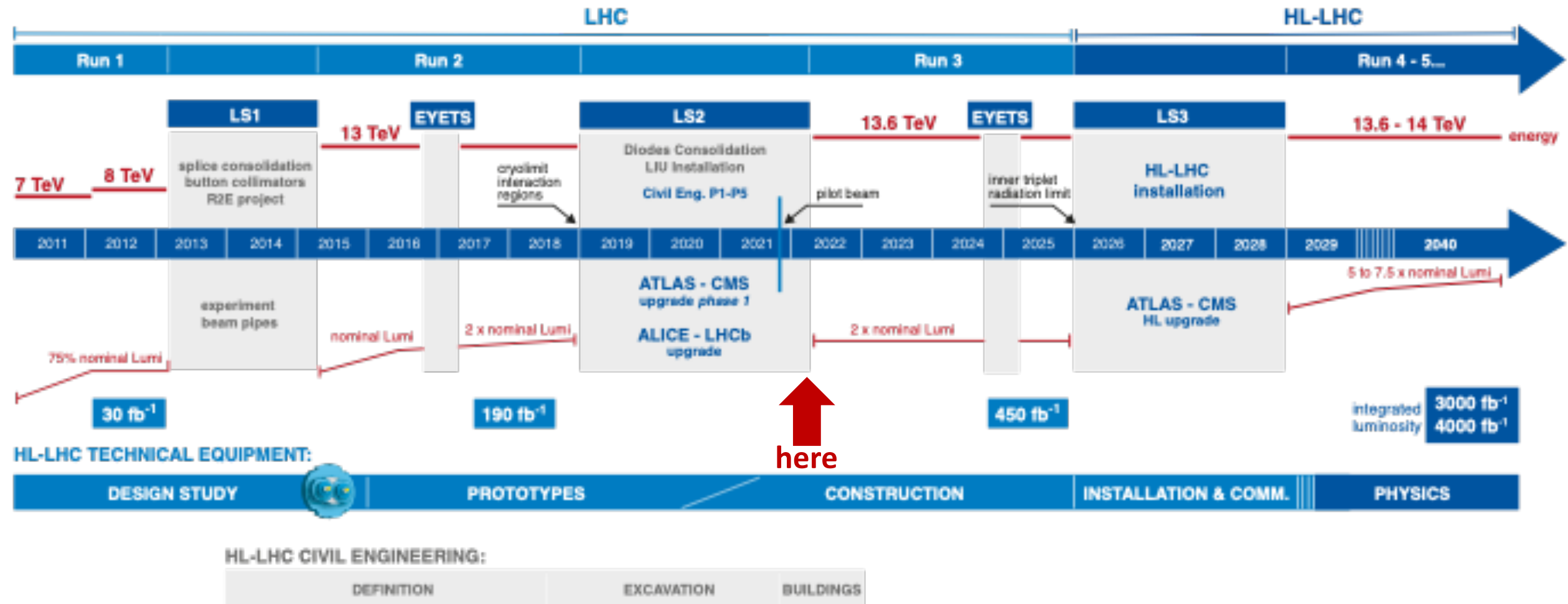




# LHC / HL-LHC Plan



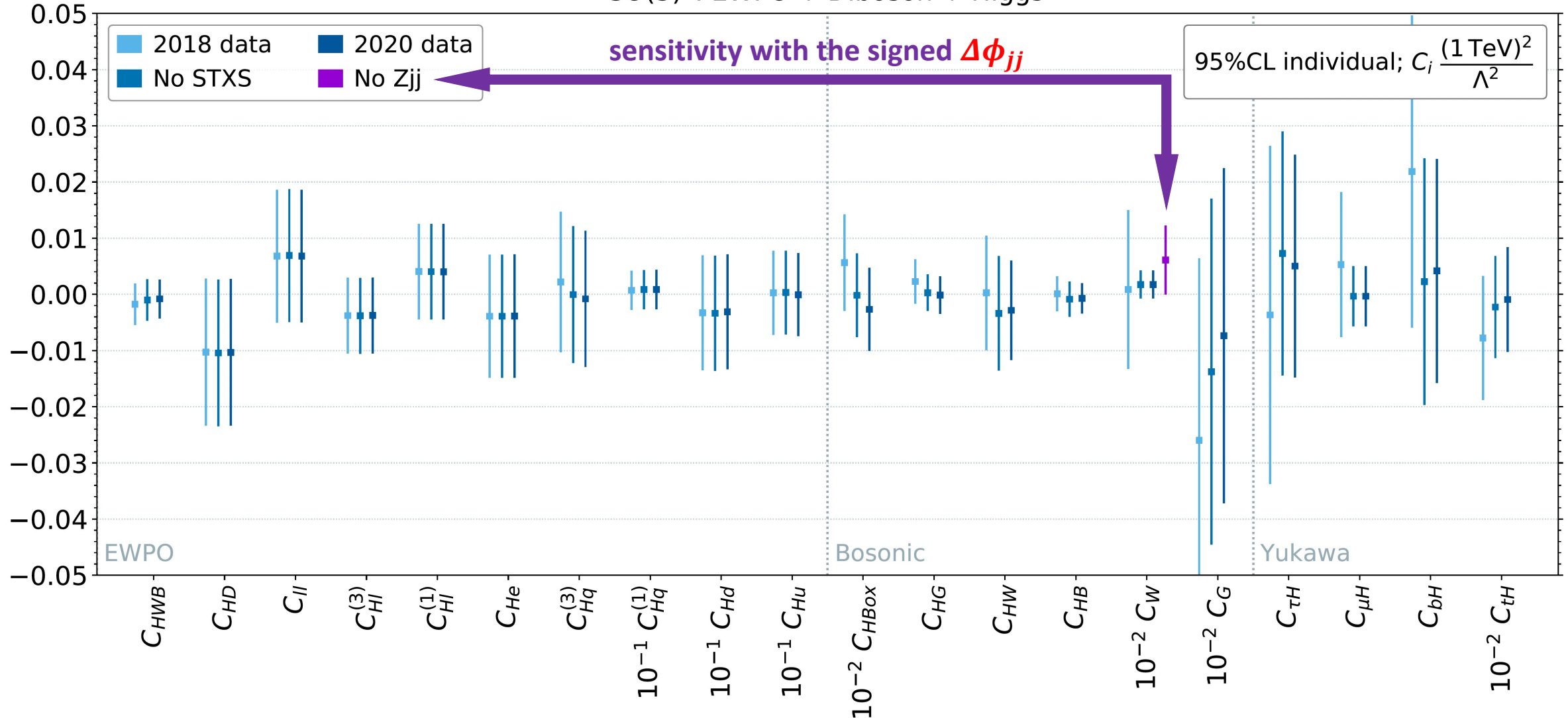
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# EW $Vjj$ & $VVjj$ measurements in global BSM fits

John Ellis, Maeve Madigan, Ken Mimasu, Veronica Sanz & Tevong You JHEP 04 (2021) 278

$SU(3)^5$ : EWPO + Diboson + Higgs

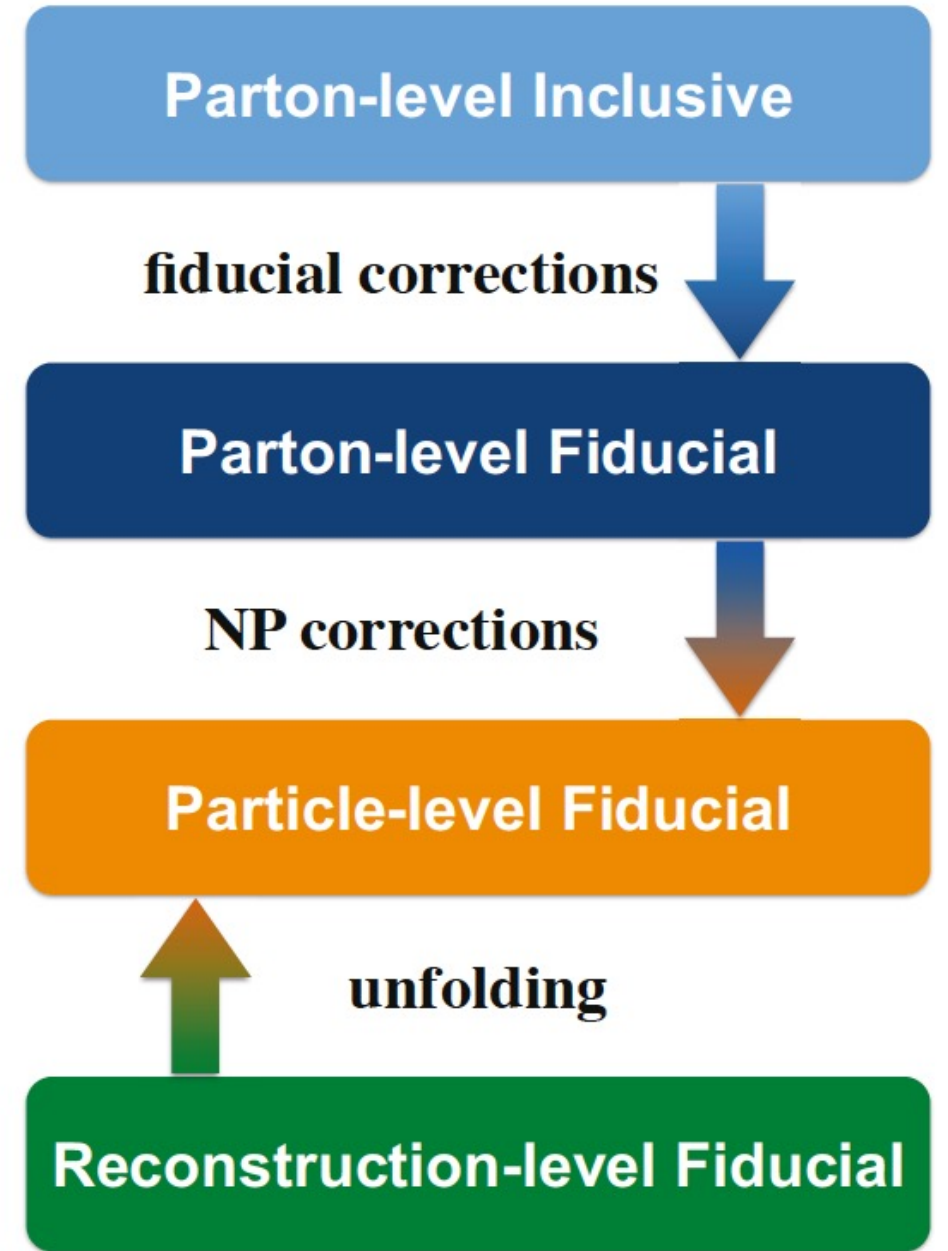
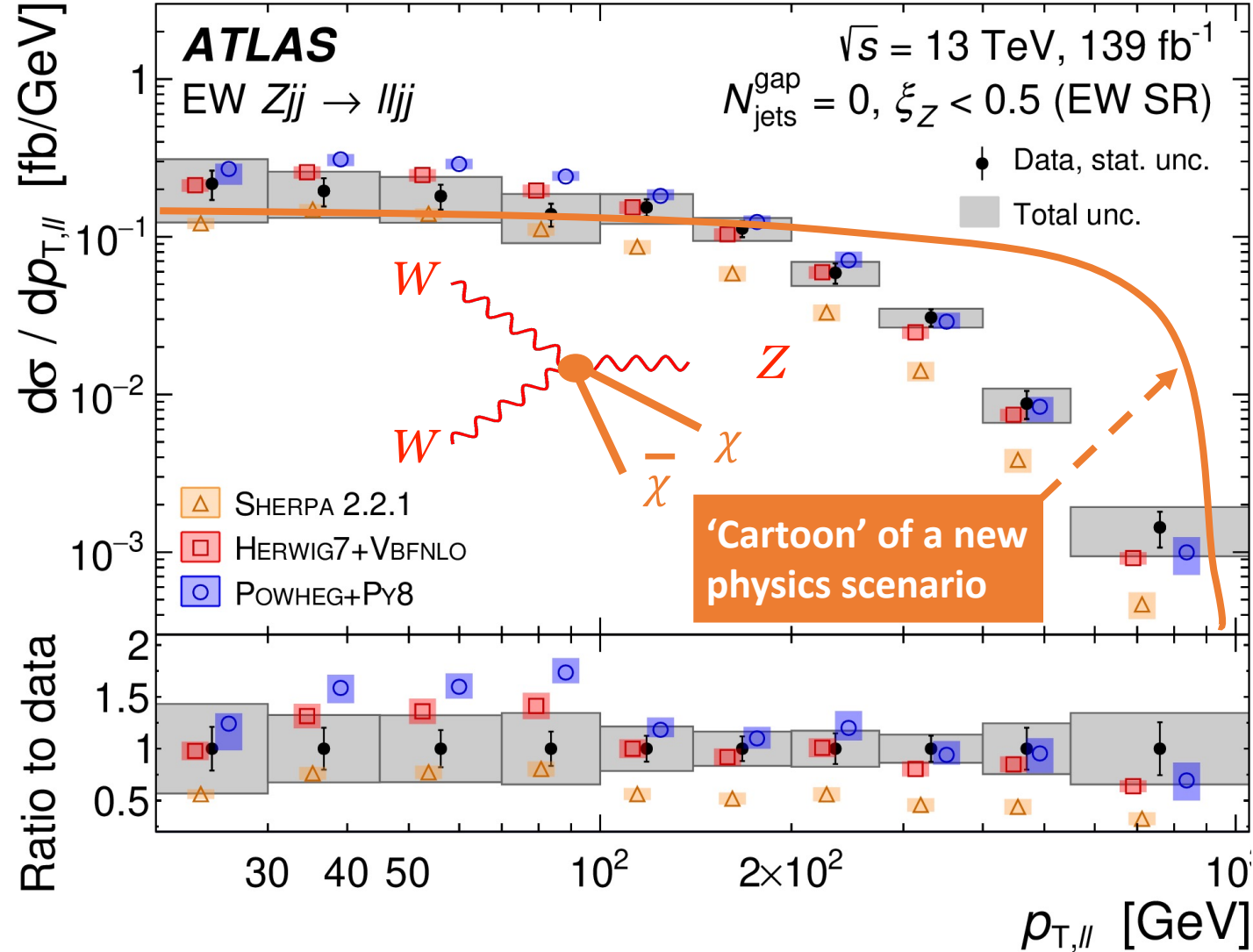


The ATLAS EW  $Zjj$  measurements helps constrain di-boson  $C_W$  in particular with

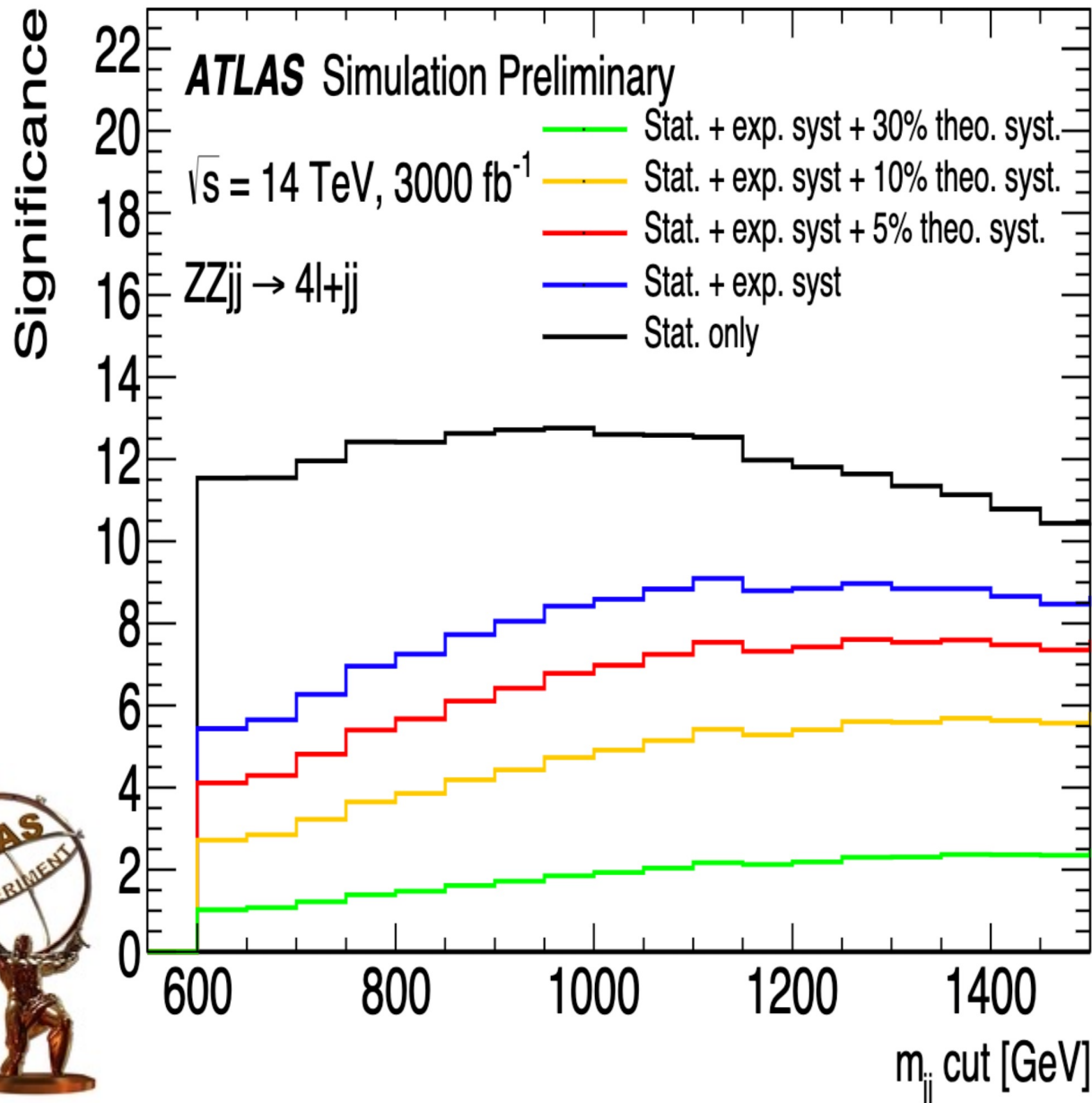
# Unfolding to particle-level

## EW $Zjj$

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# Prospect at HL-LHC: EW $ZZjj$



- **VBS** offers a sensitive means to search for new phenomena related to **anomalies** in the weak-boson self-interactions
- Supersymmetry, Little Higgs, or Composite Higgs models, offer alternative EWSB mechanisms that would manifest as **deviations** from the SM VBS production cross-sections at high energies.
- **Precision measurements** of high-mass VBS ZZ production also allow an almost model-independent measurement of the **Higgs boson width**



# Summary

**Today: a suite of full Run-2 ATLAS results on vector-boson fusion and scattering**

**Conclusion:  $pp \rightarrow Vjj$  and  $VVjj$  via VBF and VBS topologies provide:**

- Acute exploration of electroweak symmetry breaking in all aspects
- **Self-couplings of the vector gauge bosons** are completely specified in the SM, as are the couplings of the Higgs boson to the vector bosons once the Higgs mass is known.
- Sensitivity to searches for new phenomena (physics beyond the Standard Model)
- Crucial input to Effective Field Theory (EFT) fits
- Typically, the associated **EW** production cross sections are very small → small signal swamped by large & challenging backgrounds
  - Precision analyses only recently possible due to large dataset acquired at Run-2
  - Most measurements are statistics limited
- **$5\sigma$  observation established for major VBF and VBS sensitive processes & channels**
  - Focus shifting to **precision** differential cross section measurements
  - Fiducial and differential cross sections are the most model independent characterization of the events (from detector to particle-level fiducial phase space)
- Exciting **prospect** at the LHC with the larger datasets of Run-3 and beyond at HL-LHC



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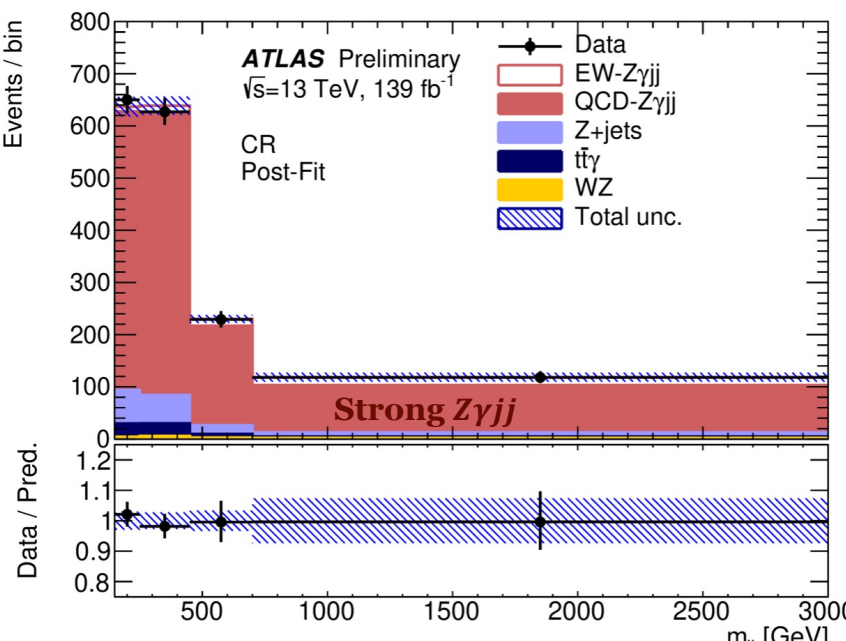
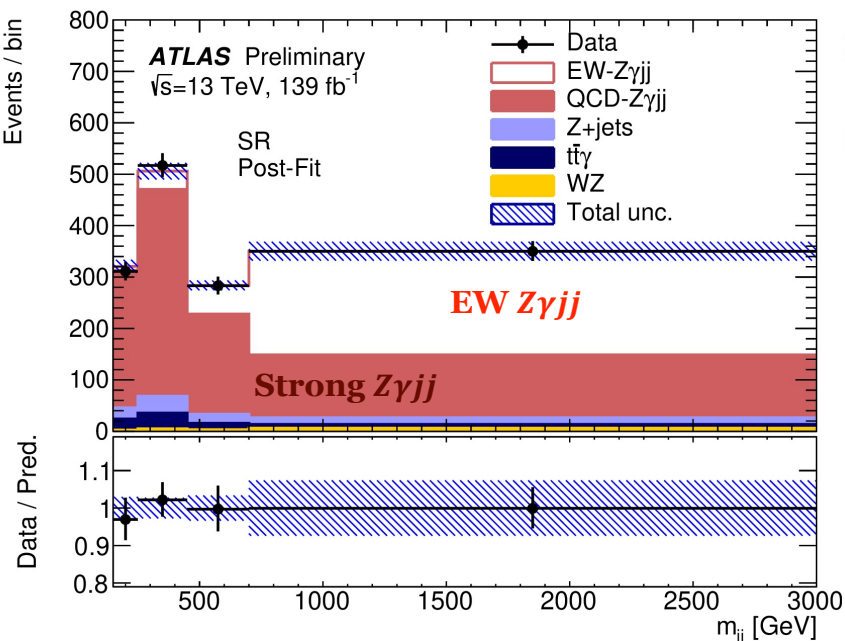
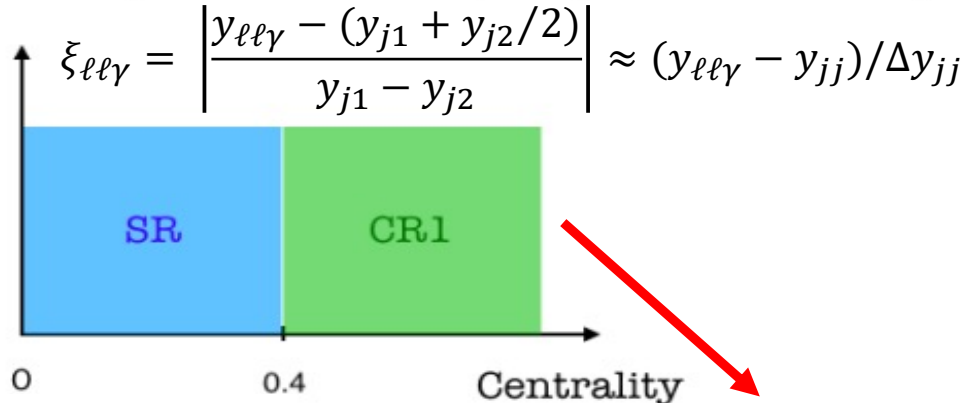
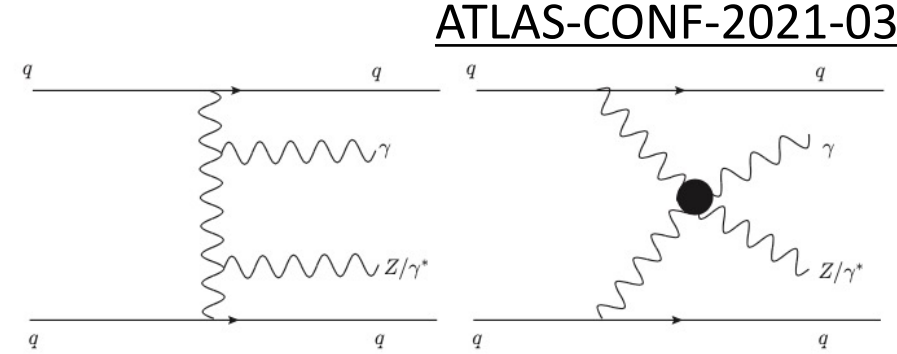
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# Observation of EW $Z(\ell\ell)\gamma jj$

- EW  $Z\gamma jj$  measured in the  $ee\gamma jj$  and  $\mu\mu\gamma jj$  channels
- Analysis targets **VBF topology** +  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell + \gamma$ :  
 $p_T^{j1} > 50 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_T^{j2} > 50 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_T^\gamma > 25 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{jj} > 150 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\Delta y_{jj} > 1$   
 $m_{\ell\ell} > 40 \text{ GeV}$ , and  $m_{\gamma\ell\ell} + m_{\ell\ell} > 2m_Z$  (veto  $Z \rightarrow \gamma\ell\ell$ )
- Main backgrounds: **Strong  $Z\gamma jj$** , Z+jets with fake  $\gamma$ ,  $t\bar{t}\gamma$
- Key observable:  $Z\gamma$  centrality  $\xi_{\ell\ell\gamma}$  and **SR**:  $\xi_{\ell\ell\gamma} < 0.4$
- Fit performed to  $m_{jj}$  spectrum
- Observation of **EW  $Z(\ell\ell)\gamma jj$**  with significance well above  $5\sigma$  ( $\sim 10\sigma$ )
- **Fiducial cross section is measured:**  
 $\sigma_{EWZ\gamma}^{fid} = 4.49 \pm 0.58 \text{ fb}$   
 $\sigma_{EWZ\gamma}^{pred} = 4.73 \pm 0.27 \text{ fb}$
- The EW  $Z\gamma jj$  + strong cross section is measured to be:  
 $20.6^{+1.4}_{-1.2} \text{ fb}$  (predicted:  $20.4^{+2.6}_{-2.0} \text{ fb}$ )



# First Observation of **EW $Z(\nu\nu)\gamma jj$**

➤ Strategy: target VBF topology +  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ :

$$p_T^{j1} > 60 \text{ GeV}, p_T^{j2} > 50 \text{ GeV}, \Delta\phi_{jj} < 2.5$$

$$N_\gamma = 1, N_\ell = 0, m_{jj} > 250 \text{ GeV},$$

$\gamma$  between jets (*i.e.* central)

➤ Multiple control regions to constrain backgrounds

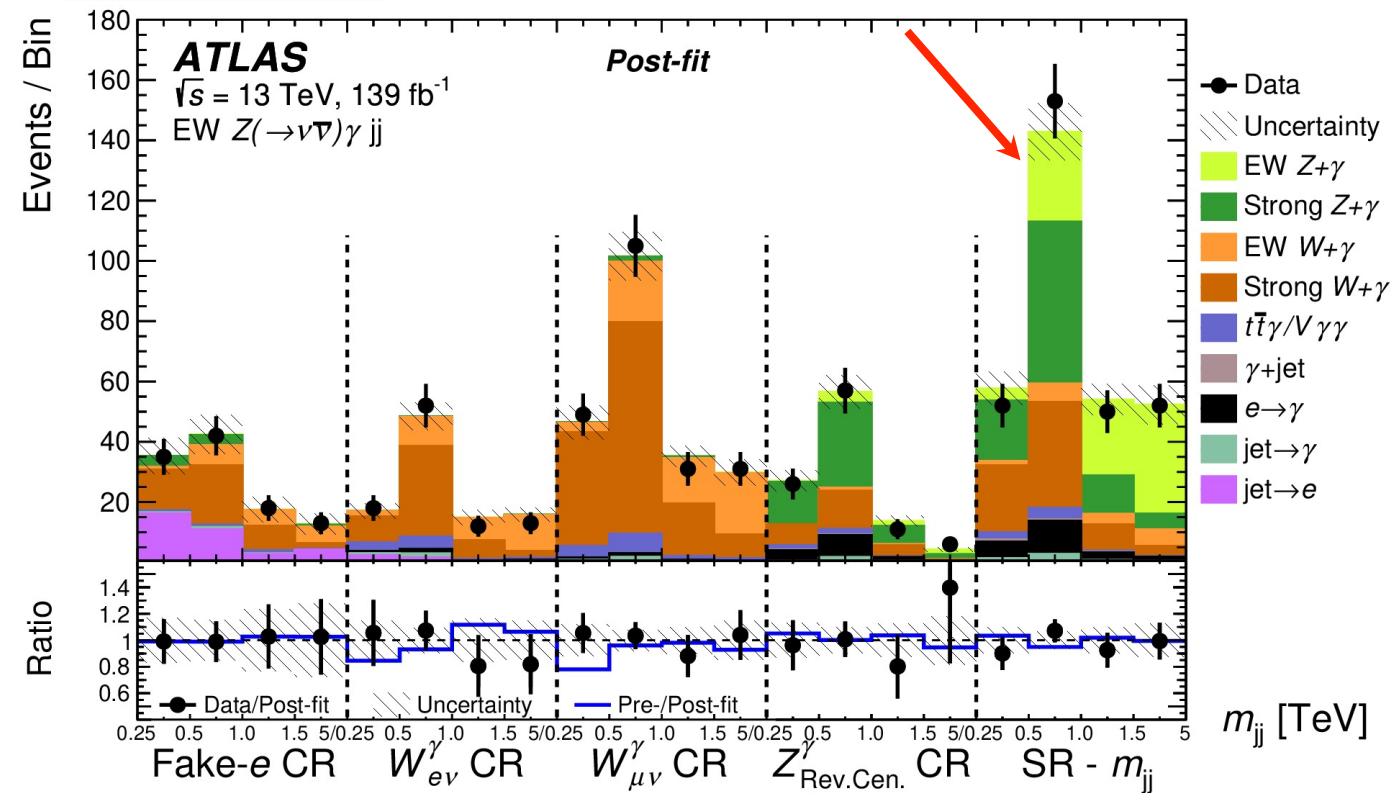
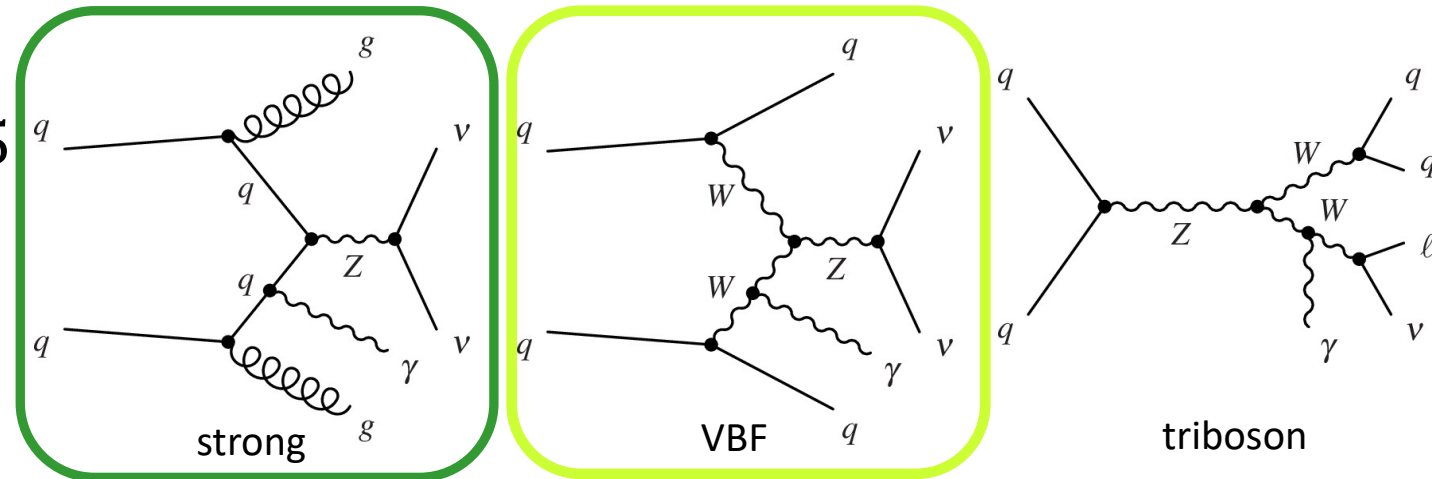
➤ **EW  $Z(\nu\nu)\gamma jj$**  signal established with  **$5.2\sigma$**  ( $5.1\sigma$ ) observed (expected)

➤ **Measurements:**

$$\text{EW } \mu_{Z\gamma} = 1.03 \pm 0.25$$

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 1.31 \pm 0.29 \text{ fb}$$

➤ In addition to EW  $Z\gamma jj$  measurements, also sets limits on invisible / partially inv. decays of Higgs boson (VBF  $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ )

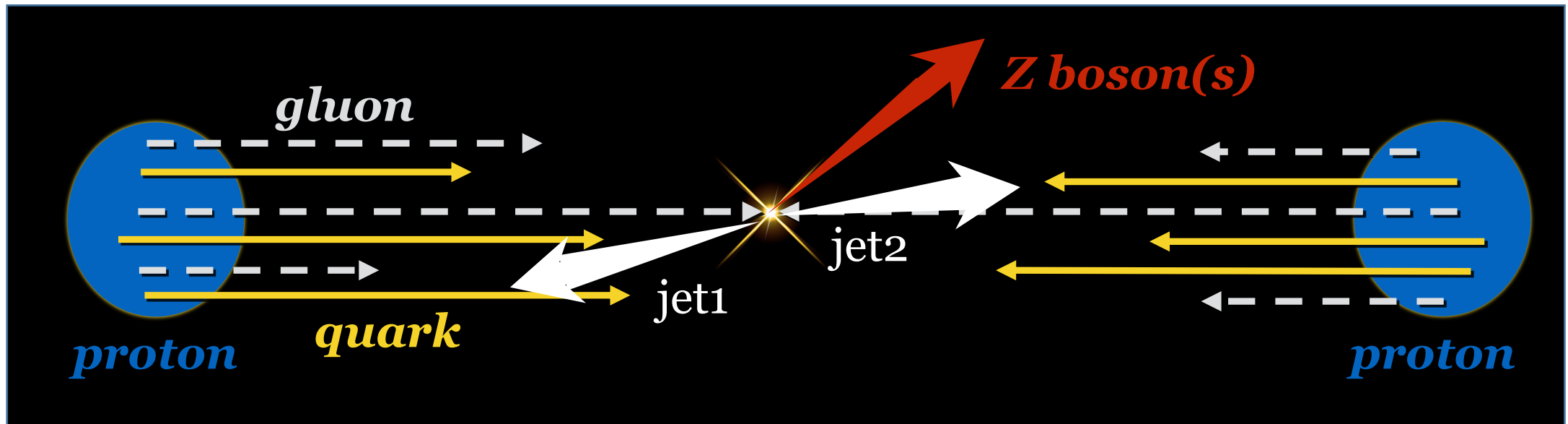


# Extra backup slides



# Strategy at the LHC

*"Produce as many collisions as possible as fast as possible"*



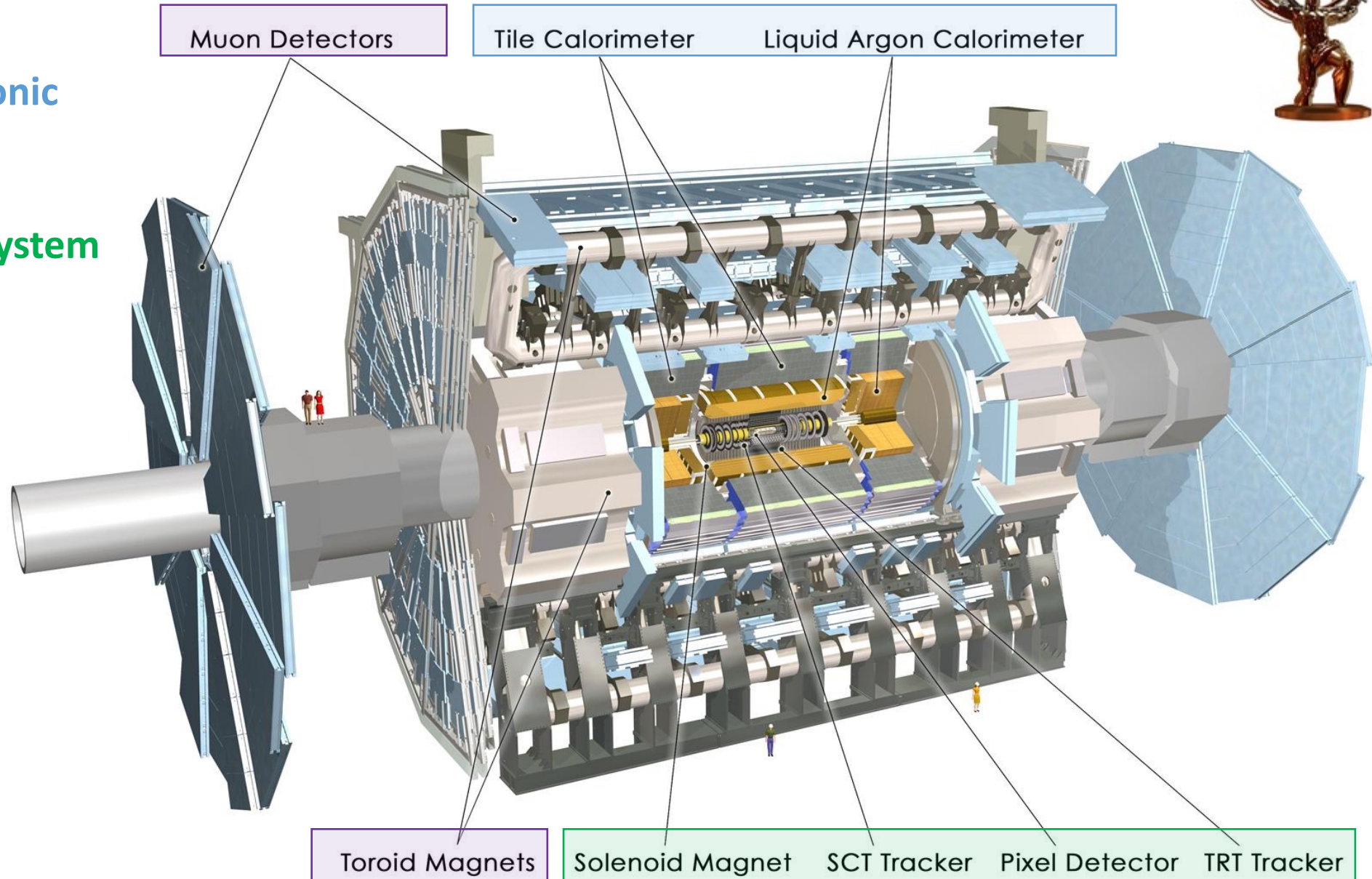
# The ATLAS Detector



Electromagnetic and Hadronic Calorimeters

Charged particle tracking system

Muon spectrometer





# Dataset

**EW  $Zjj$**

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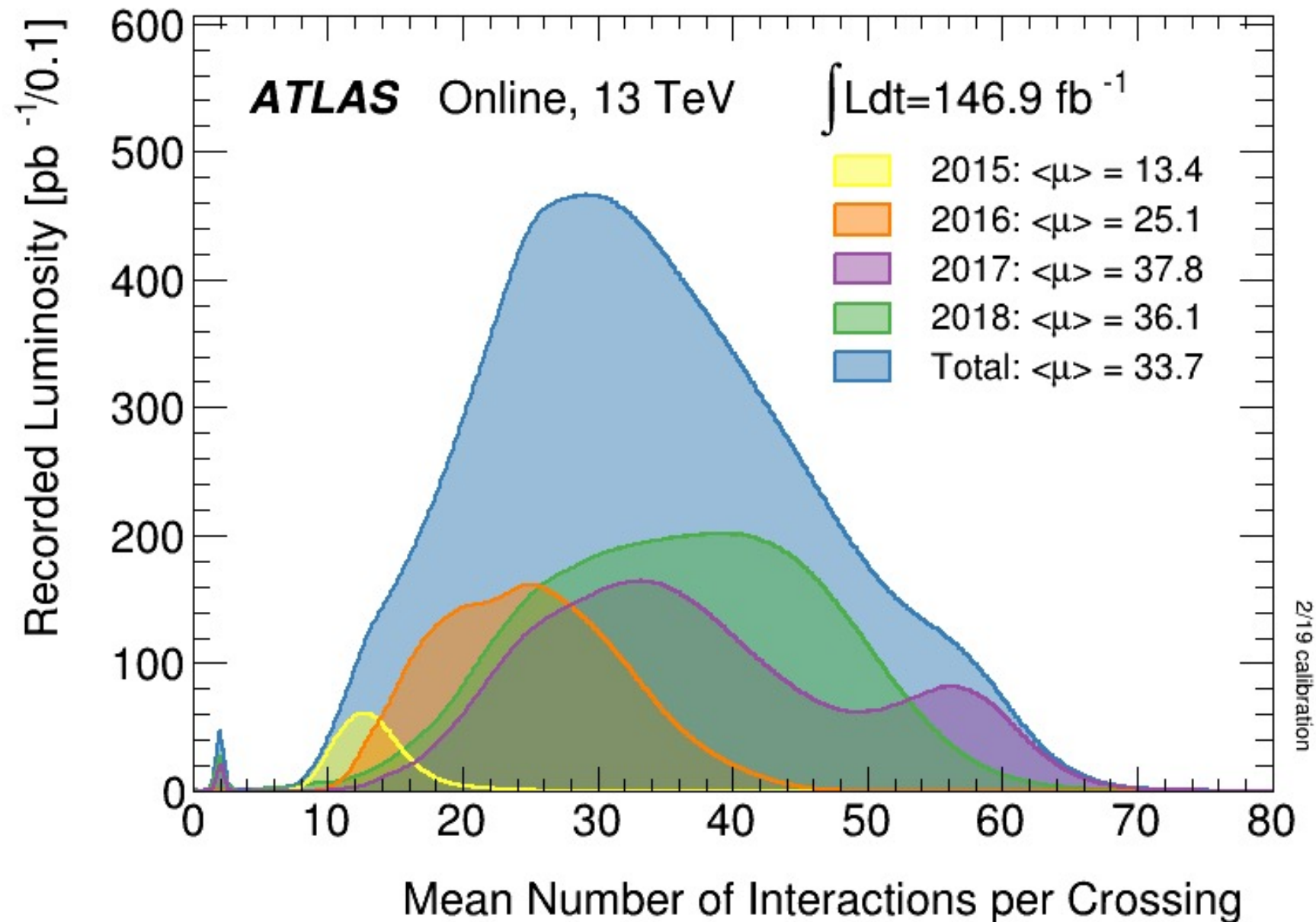
**EW  $ZZjj$**

**arXiv.2004.10612**

$\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

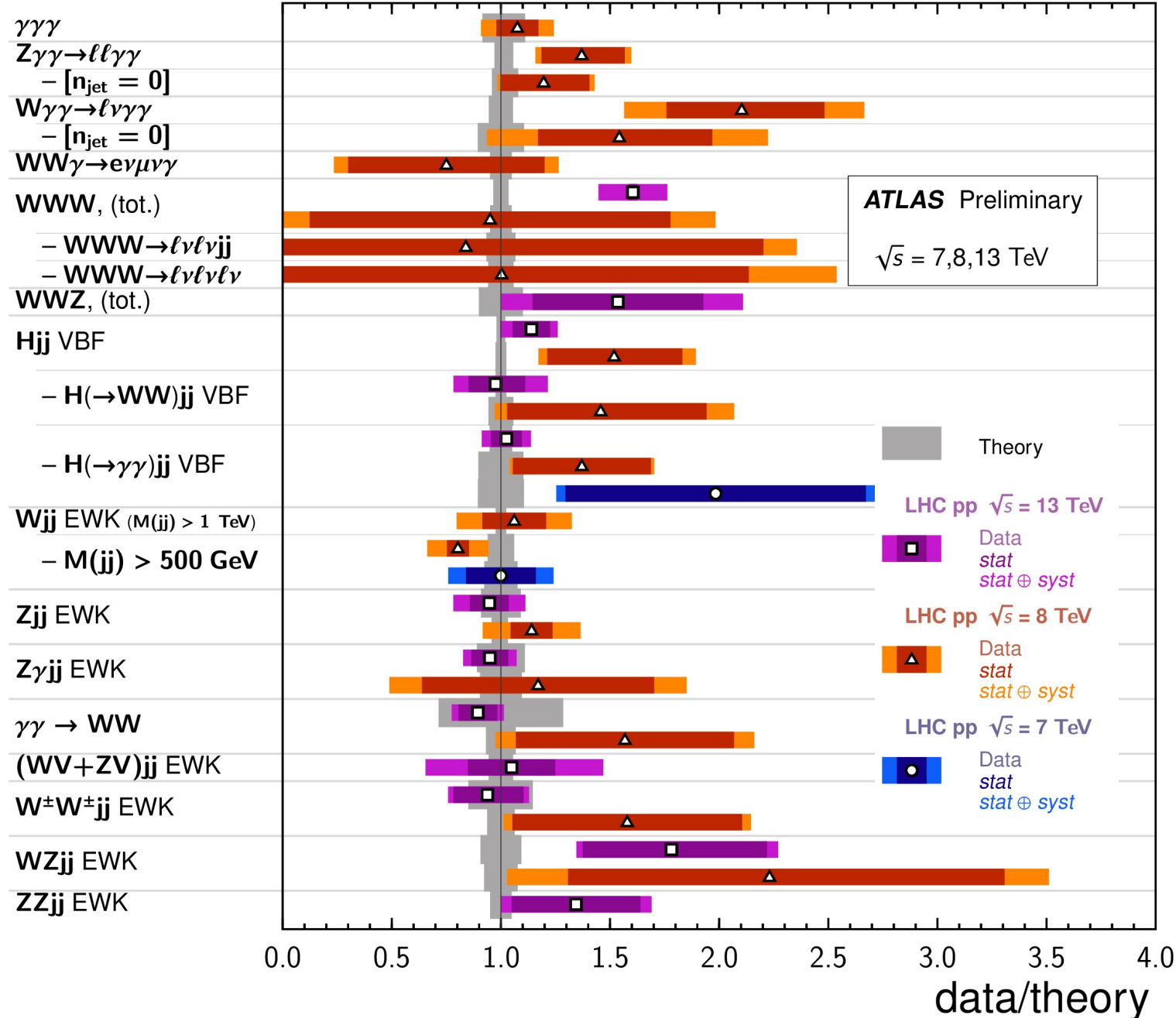
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**Total recorded: 147 fb<sup>-1</sup>**



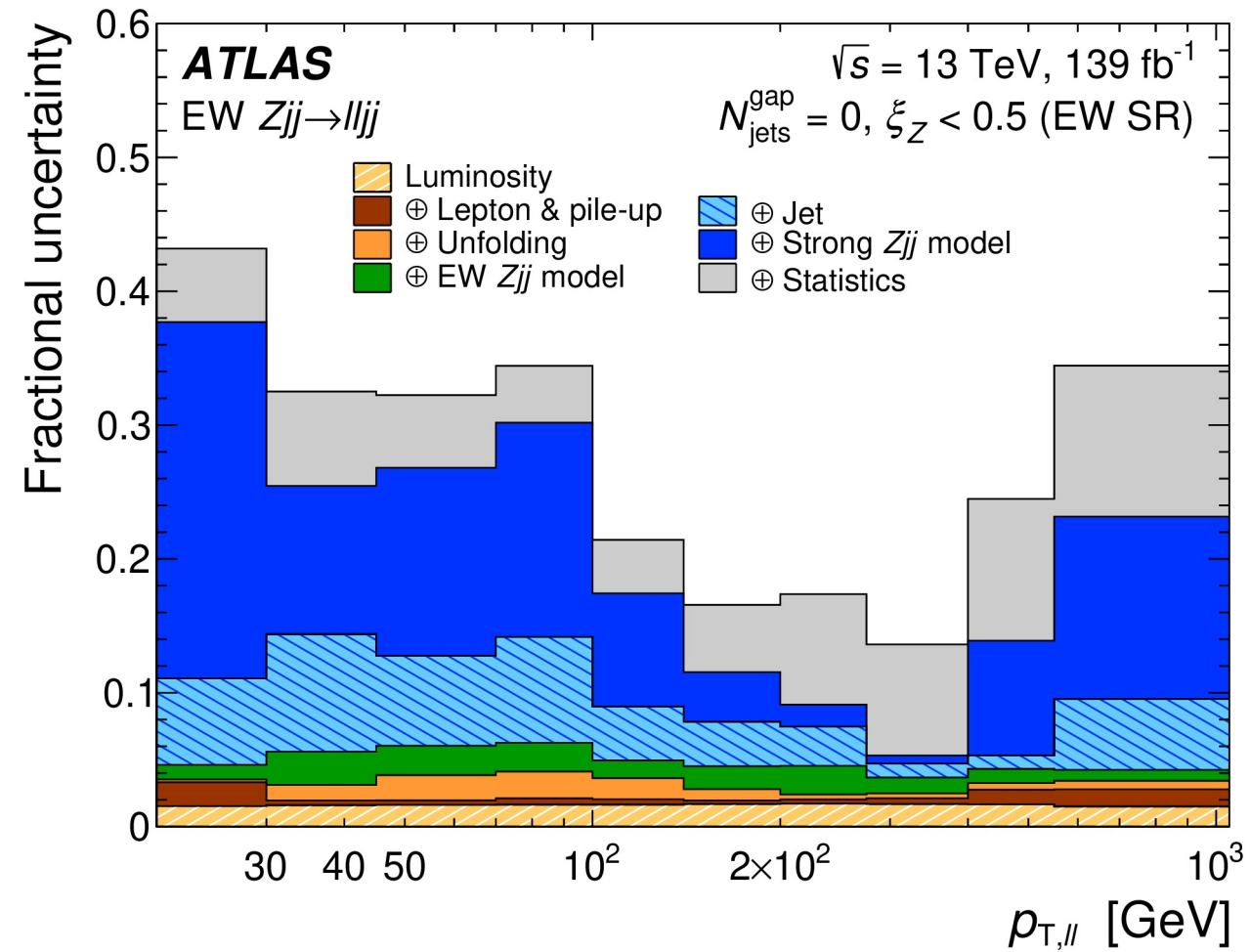
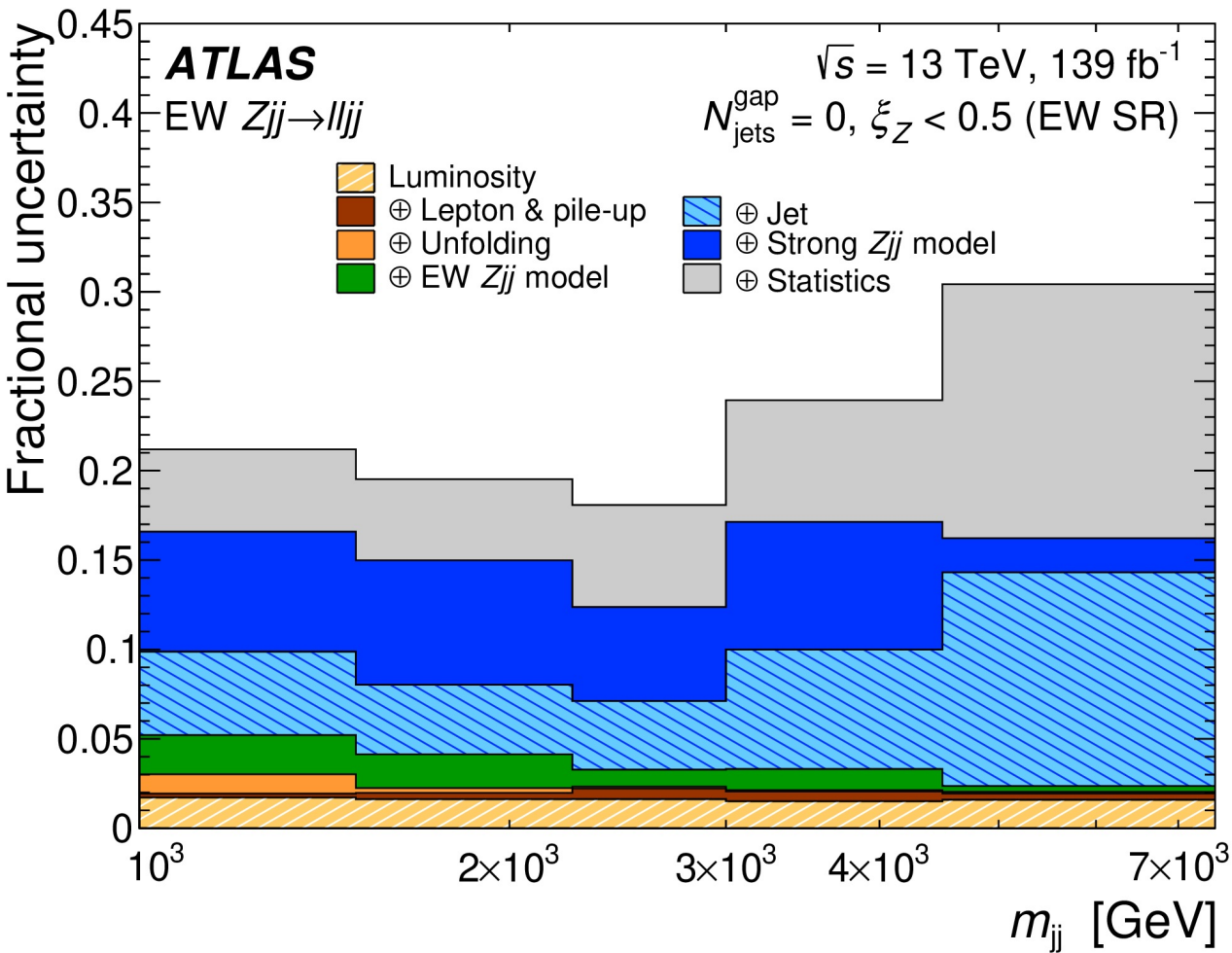
# VBF, VBS, and Triboson Cross Section Measurements

Status: February 2022





# Systematic Uncertainties of **EW $Zjj$**



# Multivariate Discriminants (MDs) **EW ZZjj** [arXiv.2004.10612](https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.10612)

## MD input variables **$\ell\ell\ell\ell jj$**

$m_{jj}$   
 $\Delta y_{jj}$   
 $p_T^{j1}$  and  $p_T^{j2}$   
 $y_{j1} \times y_{j2}$   
 $p_T^{Zi}$  with  $m_{Zi}$  closet to  $M_Z$  ( $i = 1,2$ )  
 $y_{Z1}$  and  $y_{Z2}$   
 $p_T^{\ell\ell\ell\ell}$   
 $m_{\ell\ell\ell\ell}$   
 $p_T^{\ell 3}$   
 $\frac{|\sum \vec{p}_T|}{\sum p_T}$  with sum over the two  $Z$ 's and two jets

## MD input variables **$\ell\ell vv jj$**

$m_{jj}$   
 $\Delta y_{jj}$   
 $p_T^{j2}$   
 $y_{j1} \times y_{j2}$   
 $E_T^{\text{miss}}$   
 $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  - significance  
 $\frac{|\sum \vec{p}_T|}{\sum p_T}$  with sum over the two  $Z$ 's and two jets  
 $\Delta \eta_{\ell\ell}$   
 $\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell}$   
 $\Delta R_{\ell\ell}$   
 $m_{\ell\ell}$   
 $p_T^{\ell 1}$  and  $p_T^{\ell 2}$

**Multivariate Discriminants (MDs)** based on Gradient Boosted Decision Tree algorithm are trained with simulated events using TMVA framework to separate **EW ZZjj** from backgrounds

# Control Regions for $ZZjj$ analysis

