

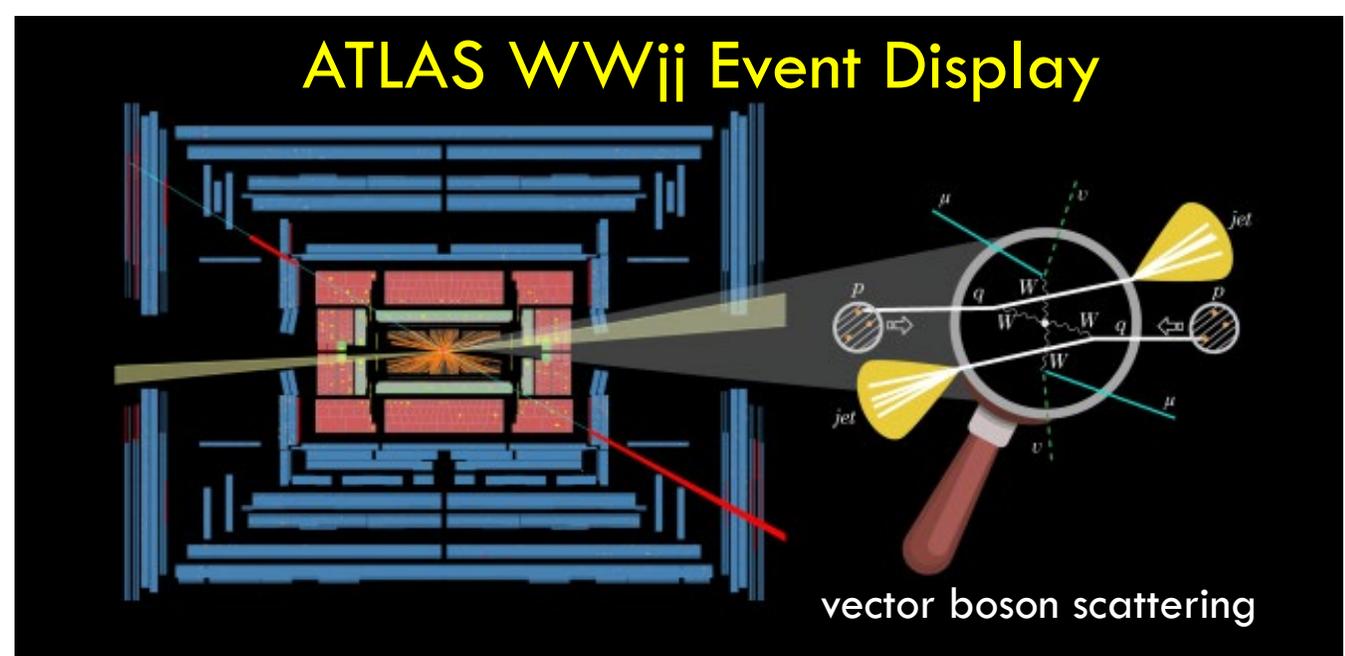
# EW Multiboson Production from ATLAS

"Wandering the immeasurable", a sculpture designed by Gayle Hermick welcomes the CERN visitors. From the Mesopotamians' cuneiform script to the mathematical formalism behind the discovery of the Higgs boson, the sculpture narrates the story of how knowledge is passed through the generations and illustrates the aesthetic nature of the mathematics behind physics. (Image: J. Guillaume/CERN)

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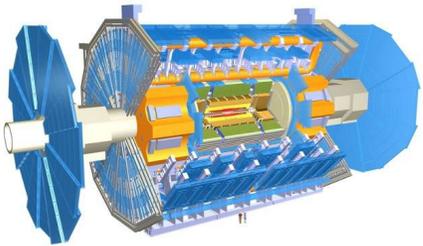
# Introduction

- Study multi-boson interactions, by high-precision measurements and probing rare processes, to test SM and search for its breakdown.
- Particularly, by studying vector boson scattering, physicists can investigate the Higgs mechanism in the highest energy domain accessible, where there may be signs of new physics.



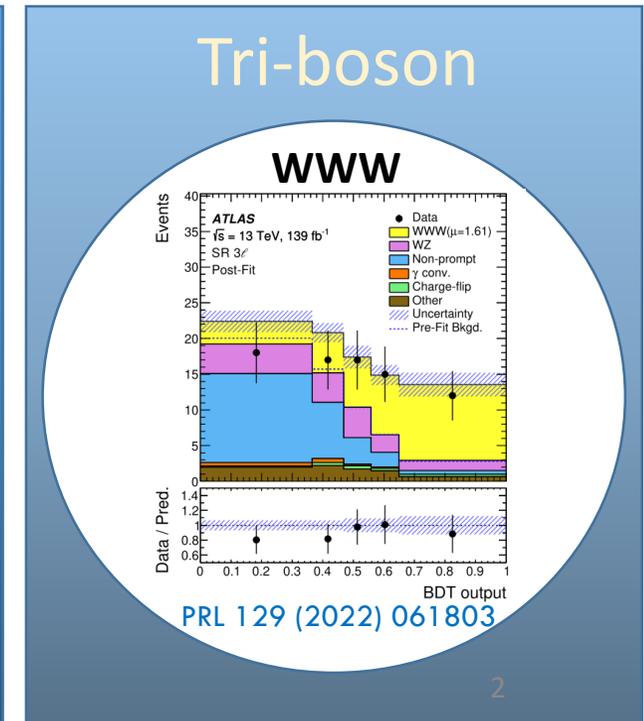
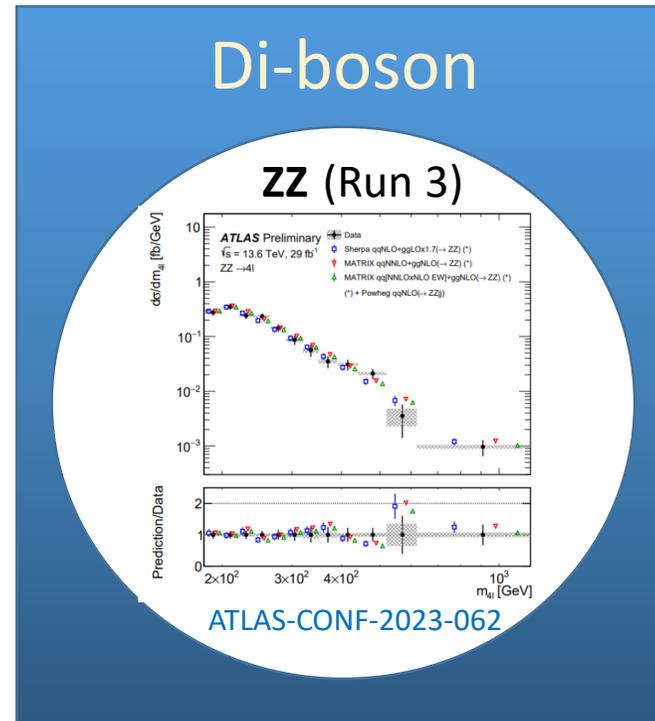
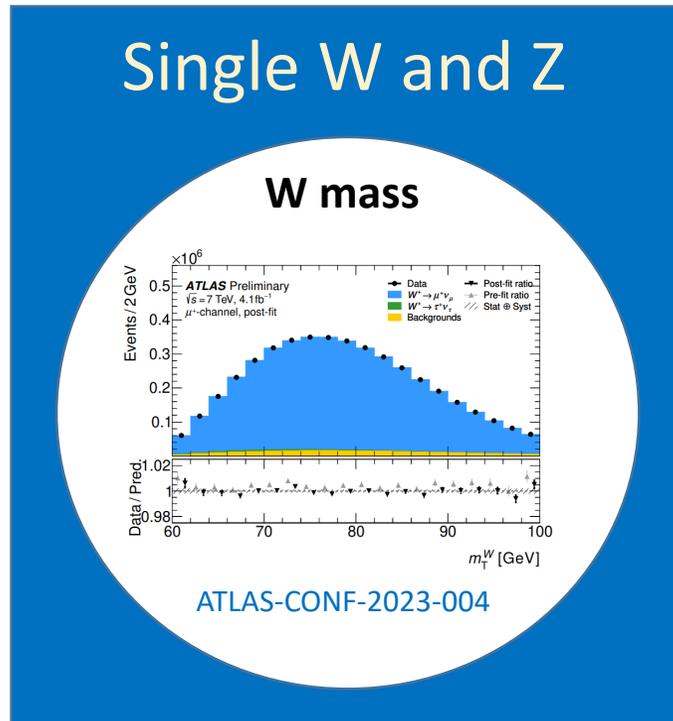
## Outline

### Recent new results



The ATLAS Experiment  
at the LHC

Physics runs since 2009  
(Run 1, 2, 3,...)



# Single Z and W production -- Standard Candles

Large production cross-section, enabling high-precision measurements of SM parameters,  $m_Z$ ,  $m_W$ ,  $\sin^2\theta_W$ ,  $\alpha_s$ , PDF, detector calibration, E, and P scales, ...

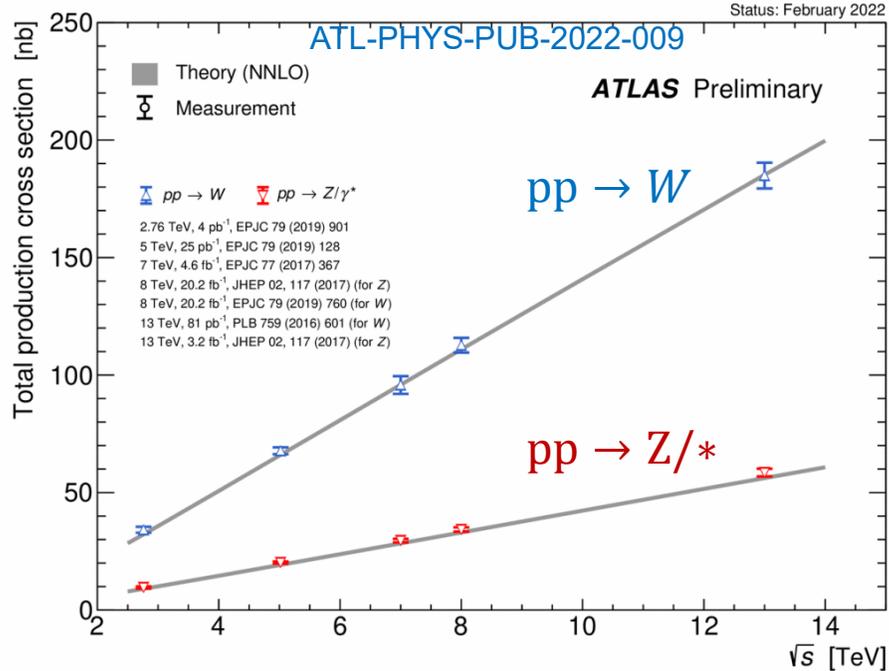
$$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell \text{ and } W \rightarrow \ell\nu$$

$m_{\ell\ell}$  of two high  $p_T$  isolated leptons ( $e, \mu$ ):

$$m_{\ell\ell}^2 = (E_{\ell_1} + E_{\ell_2})^2 - (\vec{p}_{\ell_1} + \vec{p}_{\ell_2})^2 \approx 2E_{\ell_1}E_{\ell_2}(1 - \cos\alpha)$$

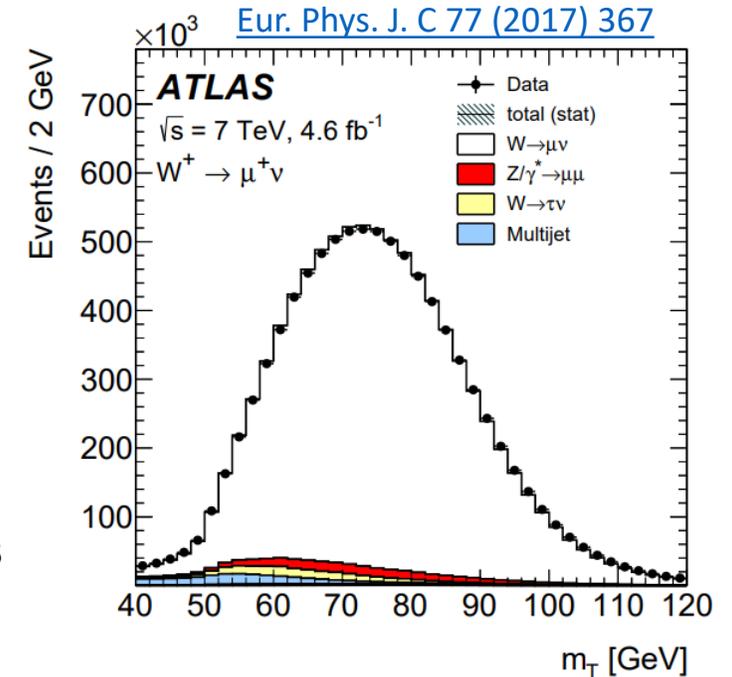
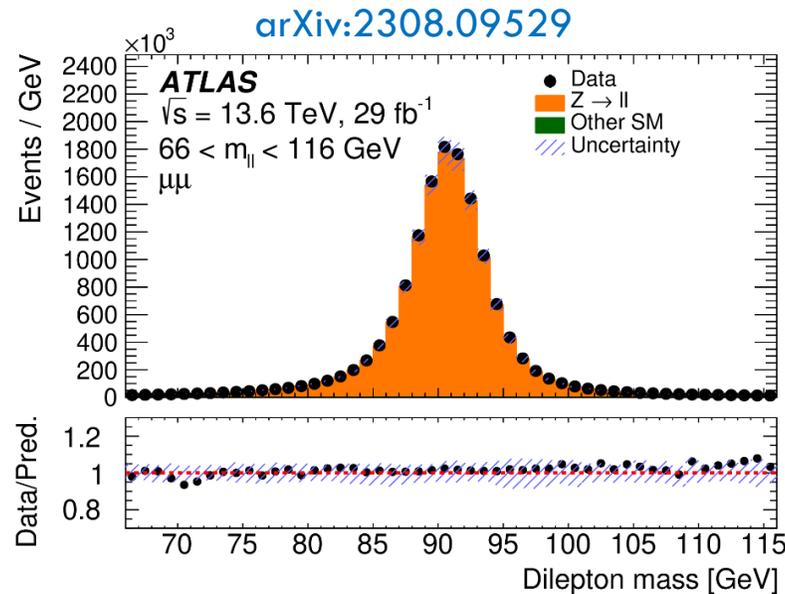
For  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$  decays, full mass reconstruction is not possible. Instead, a transverse mass is reconstructed:

$$m_T = \sqrt{2E_T^\ell E_T^\nu (1 - \cos\phi_{\ell\nu})}$$



Recent new results

$p_T$ : sensitive to higher-order corrections



- $m_W$  (ATLAS-CONF-2023-004)
- $\alpha_s(m_Z)$  (ATLAS-CONF-2023-015)
- Z  $p_T$  and Y at 8 TeV (ATLAS-CONF-2023-013)
- W  $p_T$  and Z  $p_T$  with low pile-up data (ATLAS-CONF-2023-028)

# W mass re-measurement from ATLAS

$$m_W = 80360 \pm 5 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 15 \text{ (syst.)} = 80360 \pm 16 \text{ MeV (0.02\% uncertainty)}$$

- The revisited measurement from 2017, using the same data, to determine  $m_W$  from the distributions of  $p_T^l$  and  $m_T$
- Using a more advanced physics model and profile likelihood fitting: **Reduce systematic uncertainties from 19 MeV to 16 MeV**

## Physics modeling

**Baseline:** Pythia AZ tune (based on Z boson)

- Z boson data, Parton Shower variations

### New verifications:

- AZ tune describes hadronic recoils spectrum of W's in low-pileup data at 5 TeV within experimental uncertainties
- DTRurbo (resummation) agrees with AZ tune

**Treatment of angular coeff.** Unchanged

### Parton Distribution Functions:

- Studied full set of available PDF Sets at NNLO: CT10, CT14, CT18, MMHT2014, MSHT20, NNPDF3.1, NNPDF4.0
  - New Baseline: CT18**

## Analysis improvements

### Multijet background estimation

- Systematic shape variations using PCA
- New transfer function from CR to SR
- Reduction of uncertainty by 2 MeV

### EWK uncertainty evaluated at reco. level:

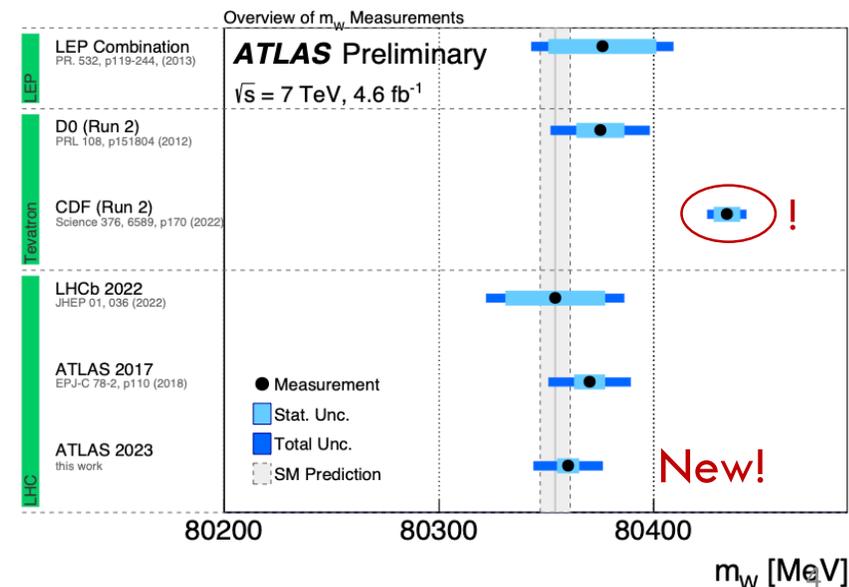
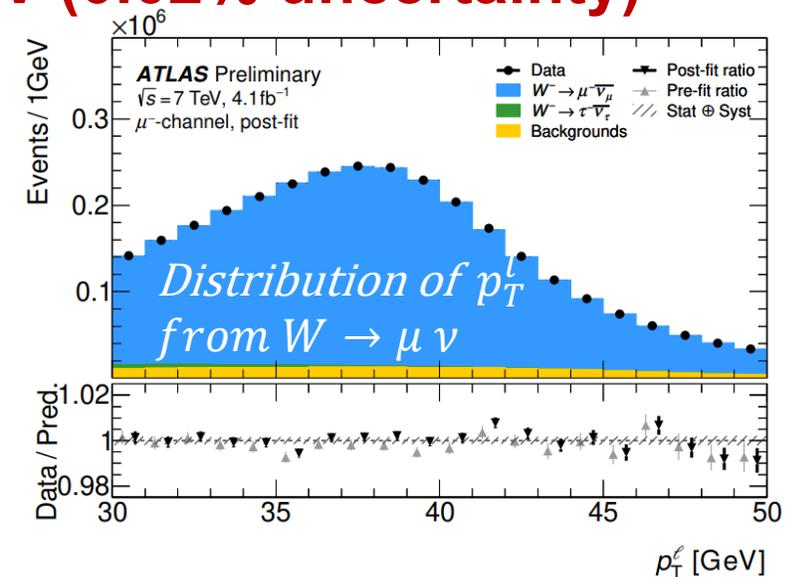
- Increased uncertainty by 1-2 MeV

### Recovery data in the electron channel

- Increased statistics by 1.5%

### Add W width as NP parameter

**Improving random generator setup for the electron energy calibration**



# $p_T^Z$ and $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ Measurement (8 TeV)

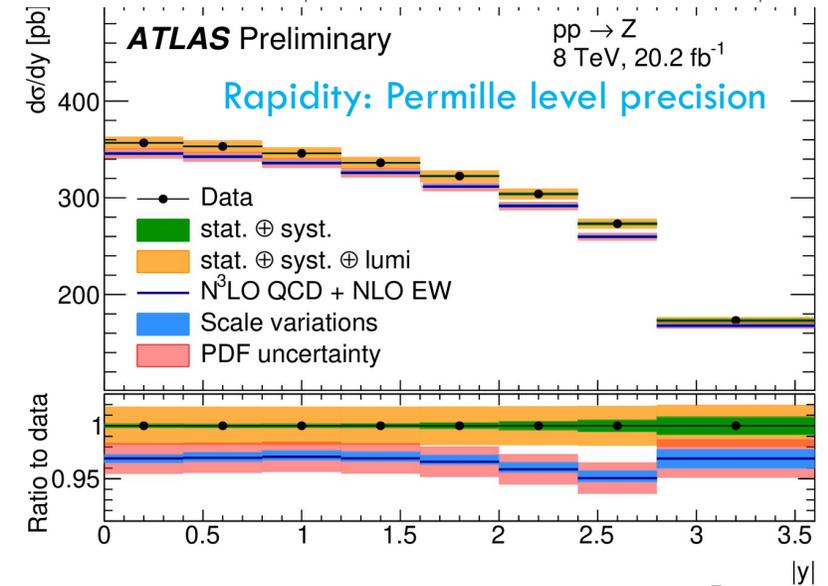
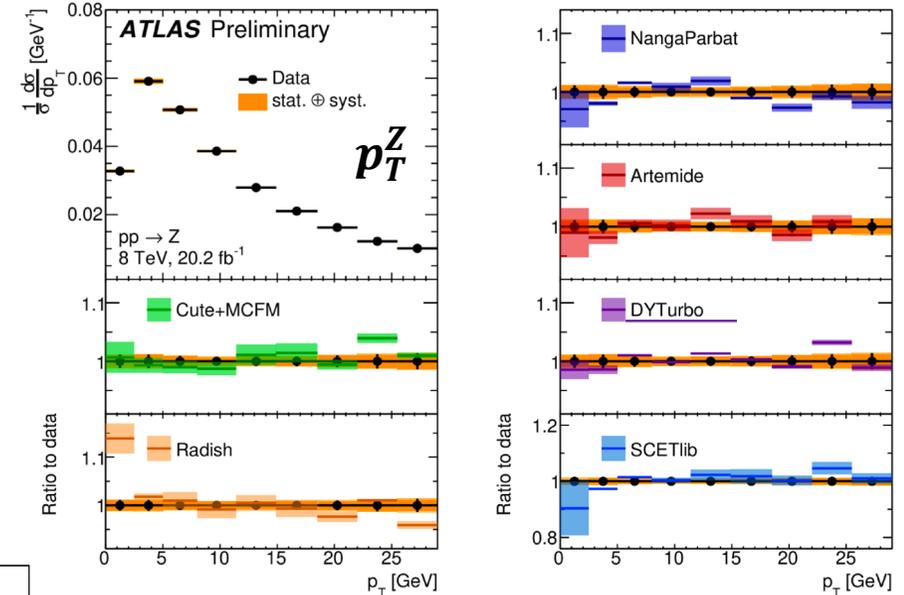
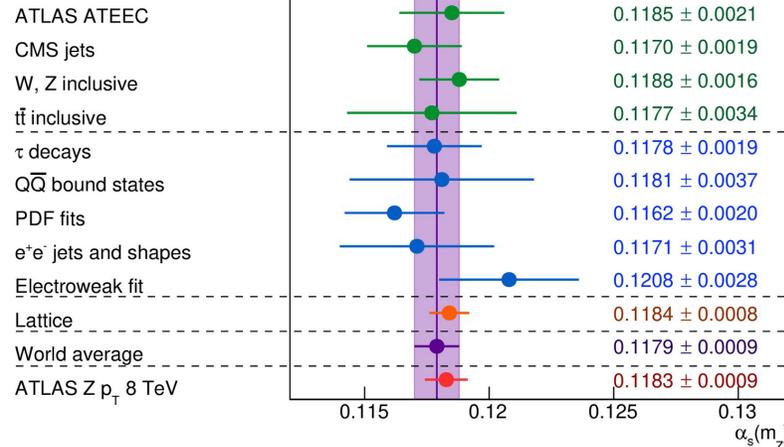
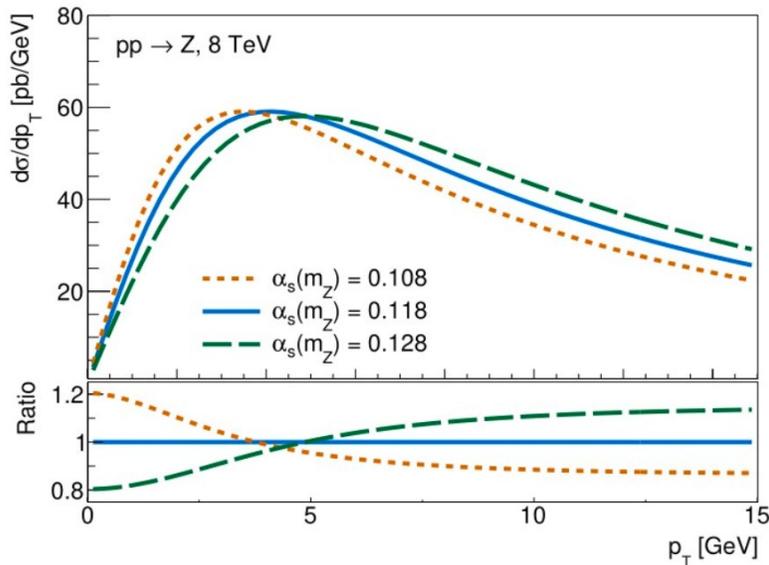
## ❖ Differential cross-section measurements: $p_T$ and rapidity $Y$

- The first comparison to N<sup>3</sup>LO QCD predictions and N<sup>4</sup>LL resummation
- Stringent test of the state-of-art QCD theories

## ❖ Measurement of $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ from the Z $p_T$

- Z bosons produced in hadron collisions recoil against QCD initial-state radiation: ISR gluons will boost the Z in the transverse plane
- Most precise experimental determination of  $\alpha_s(m_Z)$  (uncertainty ~0.7%)

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.11828^{+0.00084}_{-0.00088}$$



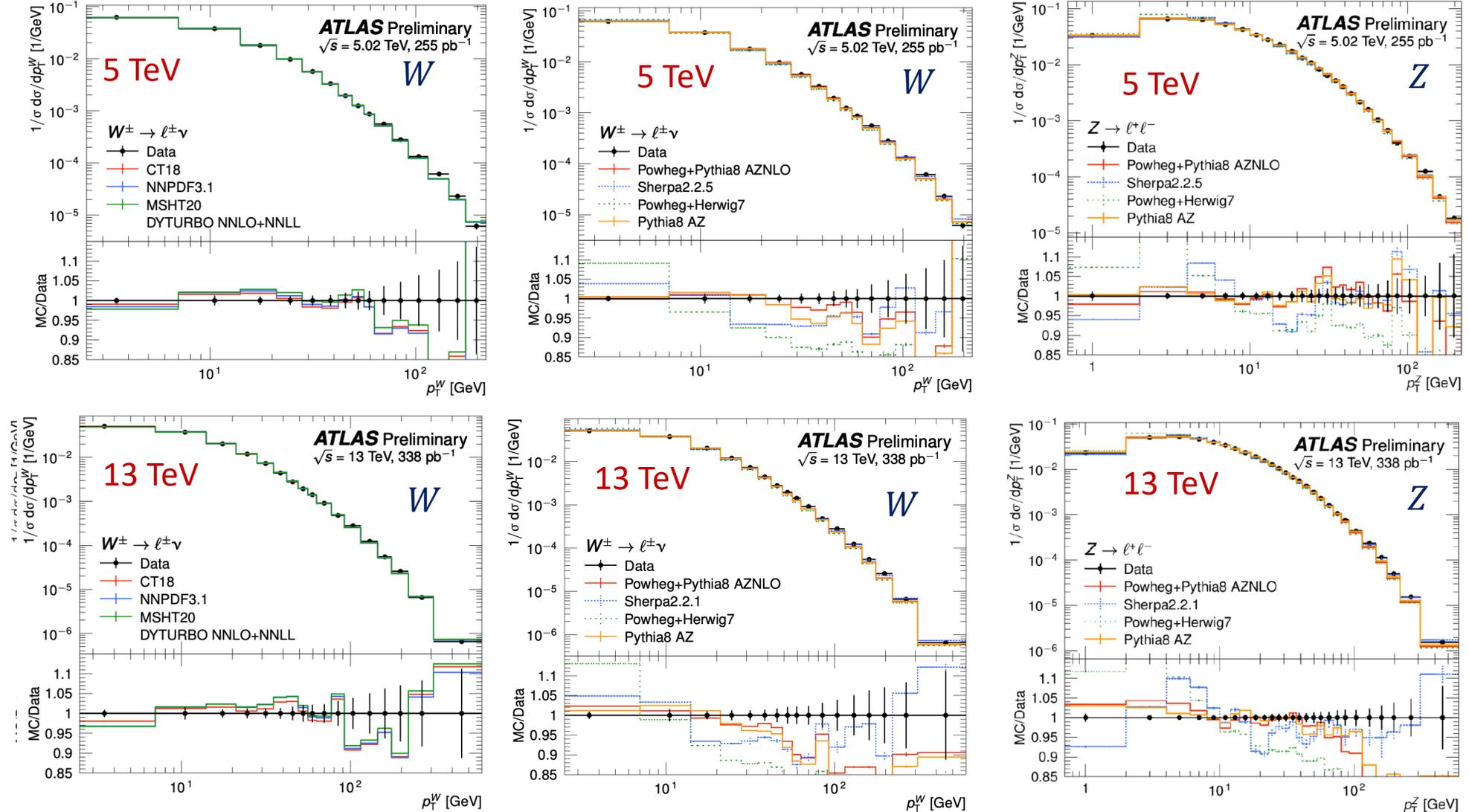
# W and Z Production at 5 and 13 TeV

## Precision $p_T$ measurement

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Compared to DYTURBO  
predictions with different PDF sets

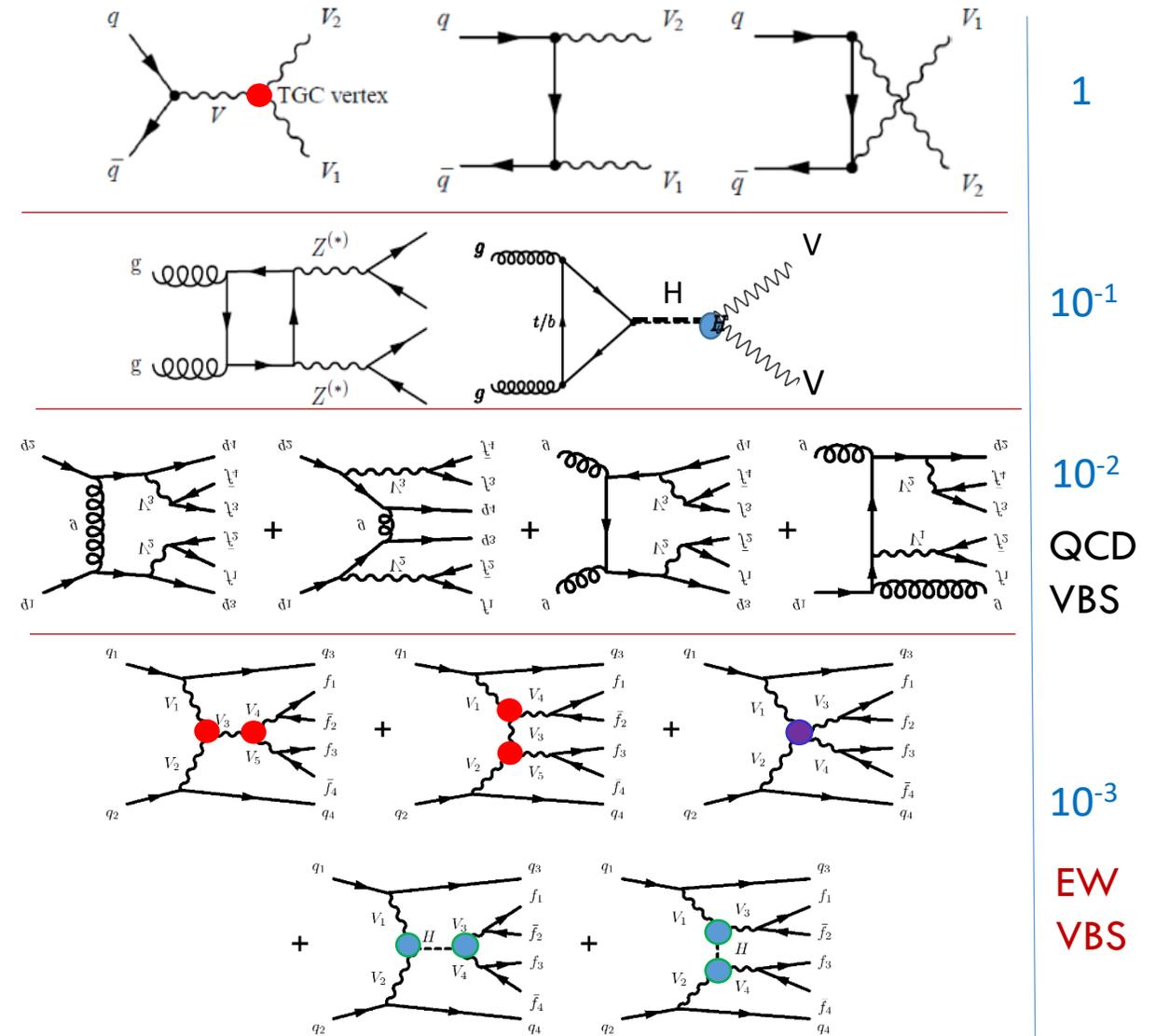
Compared with different Monte Carlo predictions



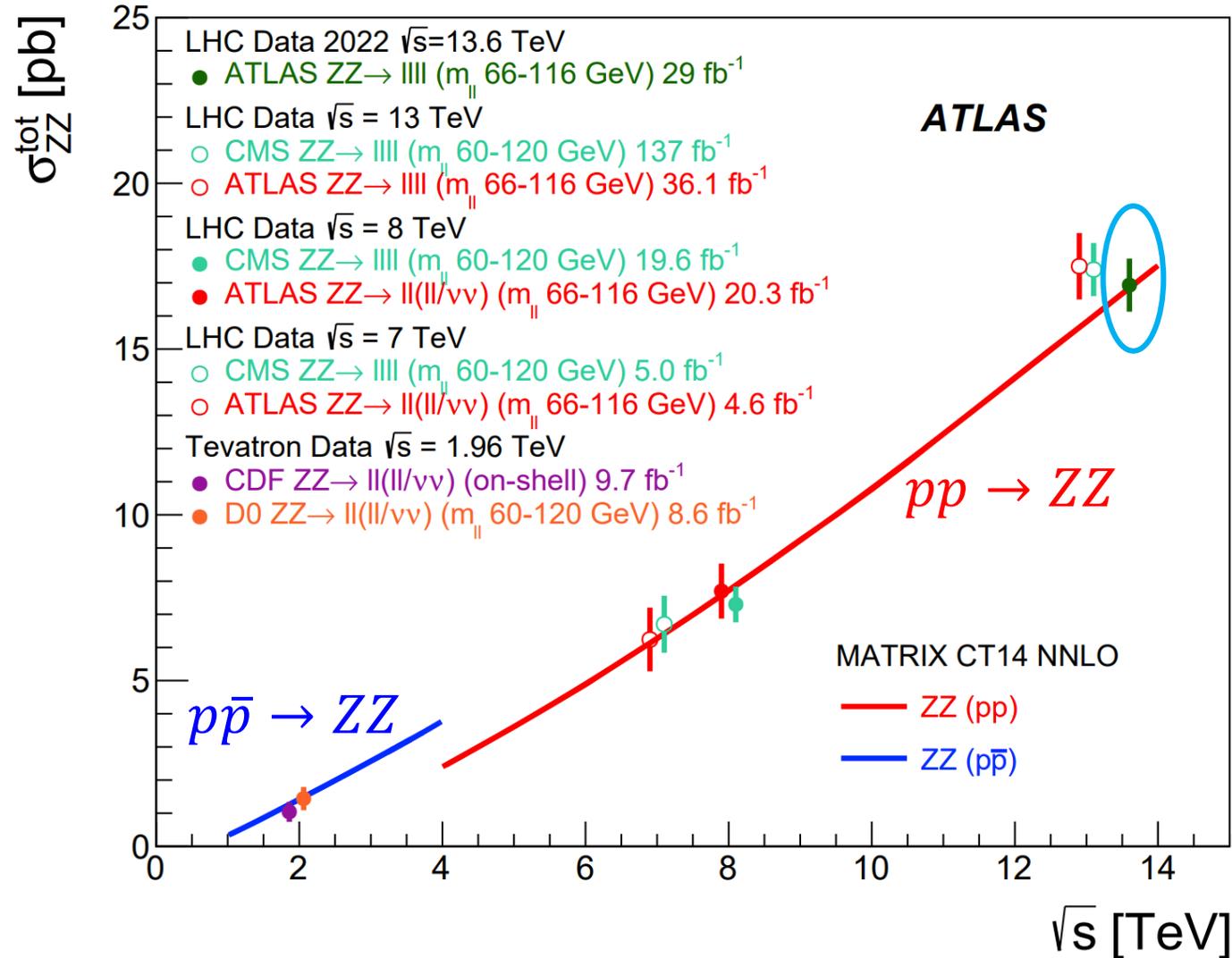
# Diboson Production at the LHC

- Studying of  $VV$  ( $V = W/Z/\gamma$ ) production has been an active research area at the LHC
- Vector-boson scattering and fusion is the production of  $VV$  involving EW triple and quartic gauge couplings, and Higgs boson exchange at tree level. Provides a test of EW Symmetry Breaking - still to be proven that the presence of discovered Higgs boson preserves the unitarity of the longitudinal polarized  $VV$  scattering.
- **VBS/VBF processes measurement at the energy frontier is important to test the SM through the interplay of electroweak and QCD**
- Strong (+ EW) interactions result in the irreducible background for pure EW processes
- **Clean signature with two forward jets with large dijet invariant mass and  $|\Delta\eta|$  gap**

Production diagrams and rel. rates



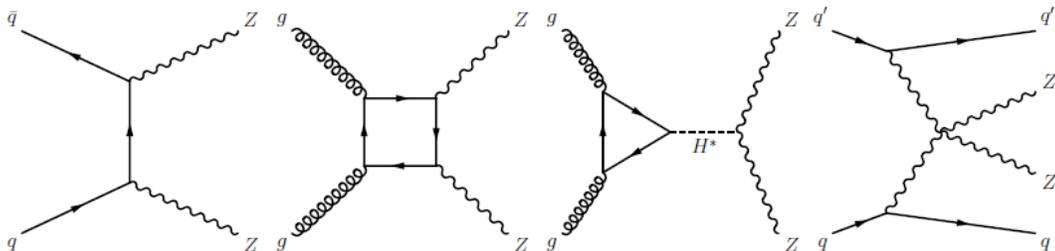
# Total ZZ production cross-section vs $\sqrt{s}$



New from Run 3

# Diboson ZZ Production at 13.6 TeV

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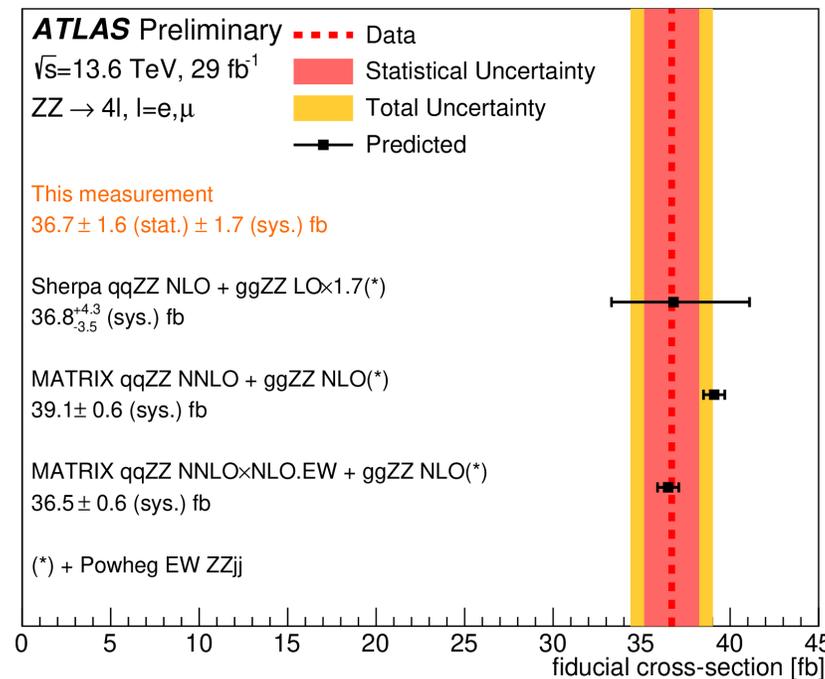
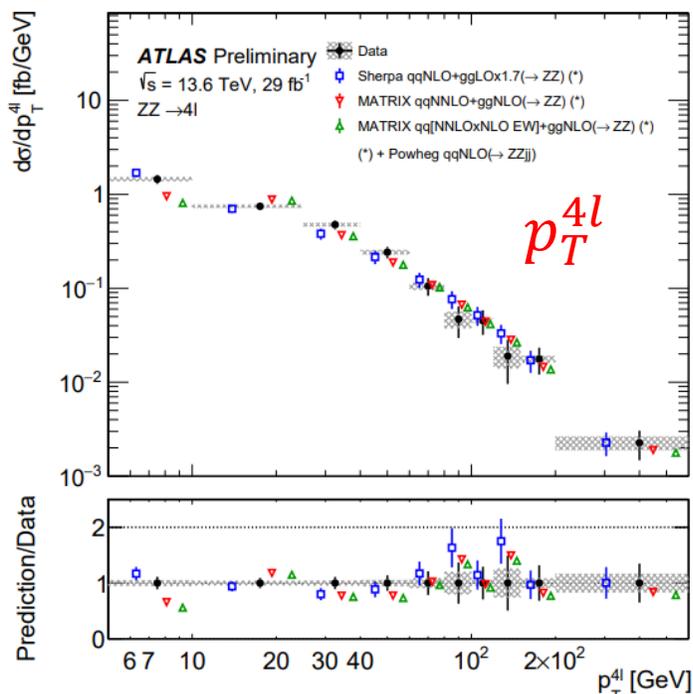
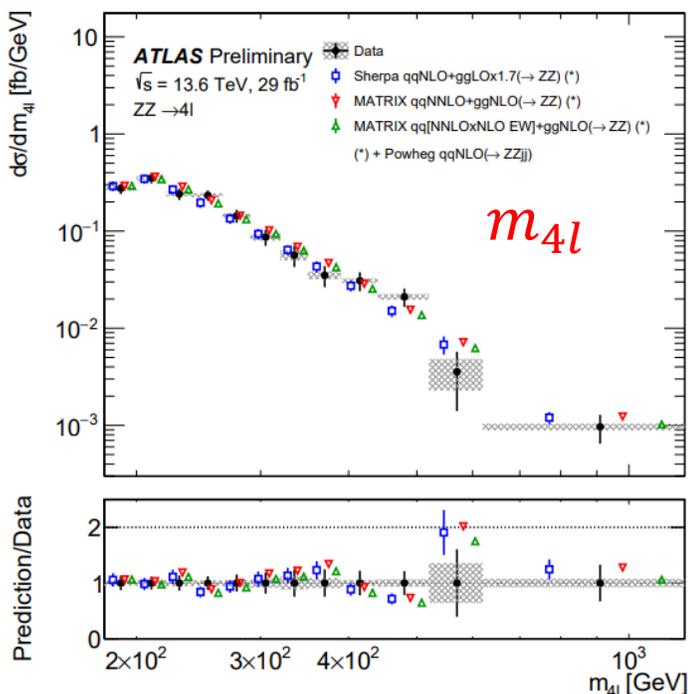


	Fiducial phase space	Total lepton phase space
Muon selection	Bare, $p_T > 5$ GeV, $ \eta  < 2.5$	Born
Electron selection	Dressed, $p_T > 7$ GeV, $ \eta  < 2.47$	Born
Four-lepton signature	$\geq 2$ SFOC pairs	$\geq 2$ SFOC pairs
Lepton kinematics	$p_T > 27/10$ GeV	
Lepton separation	$\Delta R(\ell_i, \ell_j) > 0.05$	
$J/\psi$ veto	$m_{ij} > 5$ GeV	$m_{ij} > 5$ GeV
Z mass window	$66 < m_{\ell\ell,1}, m_{\ell\ell,2} < 116$ GeV	$66 < m_{\ell\ell,1}, m_{\ell\ell,2} < 116$ GeV
ZZ on-shell	$m_{4l} > 180$ GeV	

29 fb<sup>-1</sup>

Process	$q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$	$gg \rightarrow ZZ$	EW $qq \rightarrow ZZ + 2j$	$t\bar{t}Z$	VVV	Reducible	Total	Data
Yield	$514.8 \pm 49.6$	$73.6 \pm 44.3$	$4.7 \pm 1.0$	$5.5 \pm 0.8$	$2.1 \pm 0.2$	$25.4 \pm 8.1$	$626.1 \pm 88.4$	625

The measurements are well described by the calculations from fixed-order calculations with accuracies up to NNLO QCD+NLO EW



# Observation and Cross-section Measurement of EW VBS ZZ Production

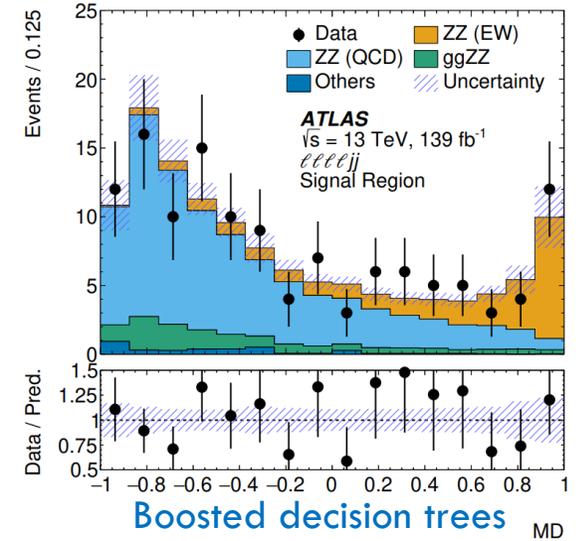
1<sup>st</sup> observation [Nature Physics 19 (2023) 237–253]; Differential cross-section: arVix:2308.12324

- Extracting inclusive cross-section in two SRs
- SR: EW selection + Z-mass ( $\ell\ell$ ) window; 2 jets with  $y_{i_1} \cdot y_{i_2} < 0$ ,  $m_{j\bar{j}} > 400/300$  GeV,  $|\Delta y_{j\bar{j}}| > 2$
- Large bkg. from WZ and non-resonant  $\ell\ell$  in  $\ell\ell\nu\nu j\bar{j}$

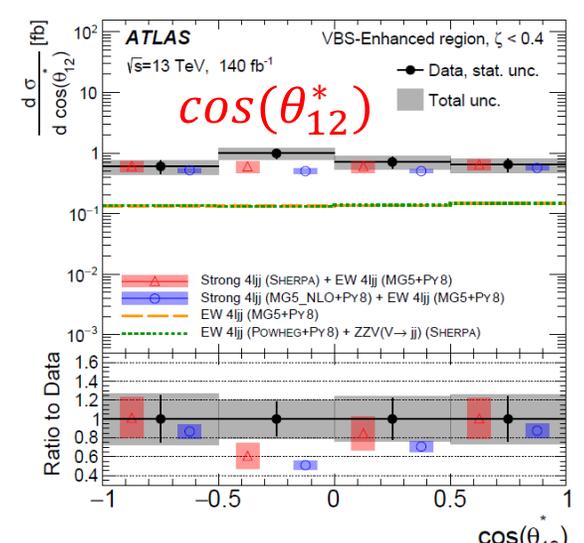
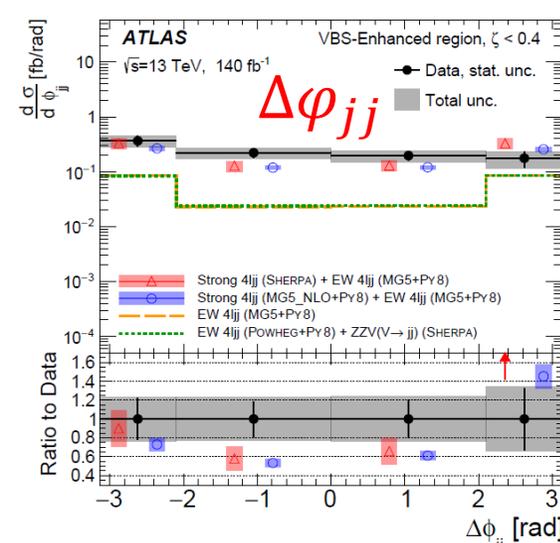
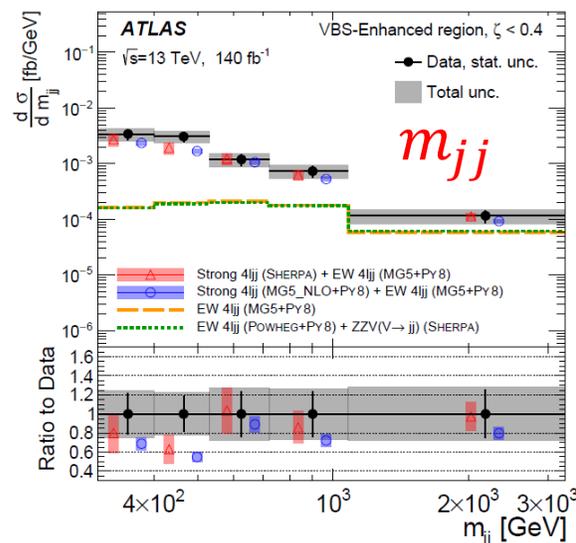
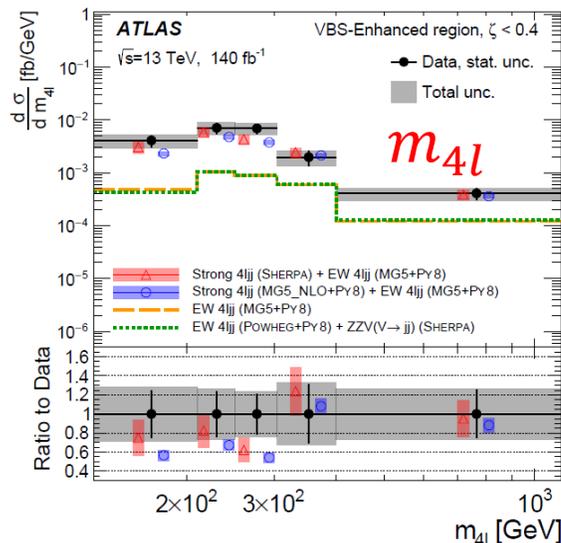
Significance of EW  $ZZj\bar{j}$  processes:  $5.7\sigma$

Process	$\ell\ell\ell\ell j\bar{j}$	$\ell\ell\nu\nu j\bar{j}$
EW $ZZj\bar{j}$	$31.4 \pm 3.5$	$15.0 \pm 0.8$
QCD $ZZj\bar{j}$	$77 \pm 25$	$17.2 \pm 3.5$
QCD $ggZZj\bar{j}$	$13.1 \pm 4.4$	$3.5 \pm 1.1$
Non-resonant- $\ell\ell$	–	$21.4 \pm 4.8$
WZ	–	$24.6 \pm 1.1$
Others	$3.2 \pm 2.1$	$1.2 \pm 0.9$
Total	$124 \pm 26$	$82.9 \pm 6.4$
Data	127	82

- Using BDT to separate EW and QCD  $ZZj\bar{j}$
- Also fitting QCD CR to constrain background
- EW  $ZZj\bar{j}$  cross-section :  $0.70 \pm 0.18$  fb (one of the smallest measured by ATLAS)



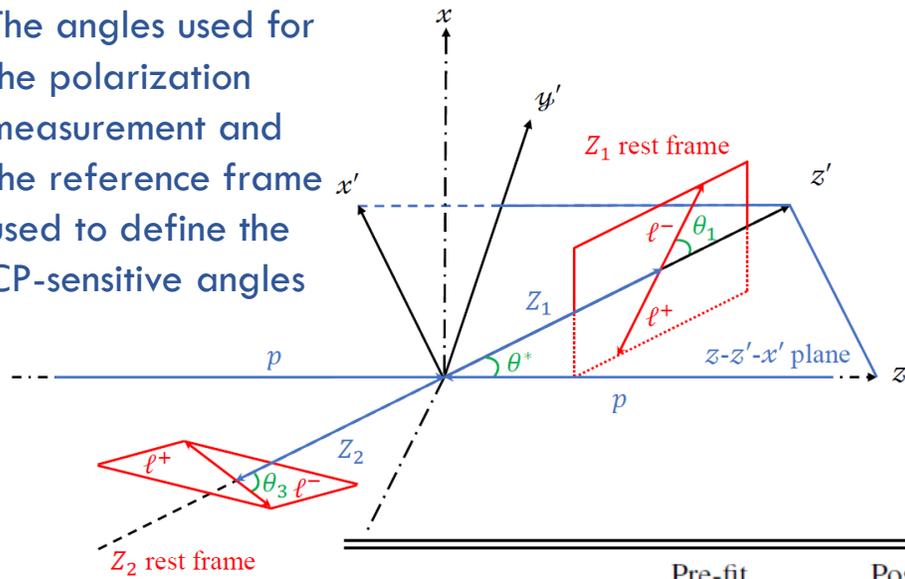
## Unfolded differential cross sections



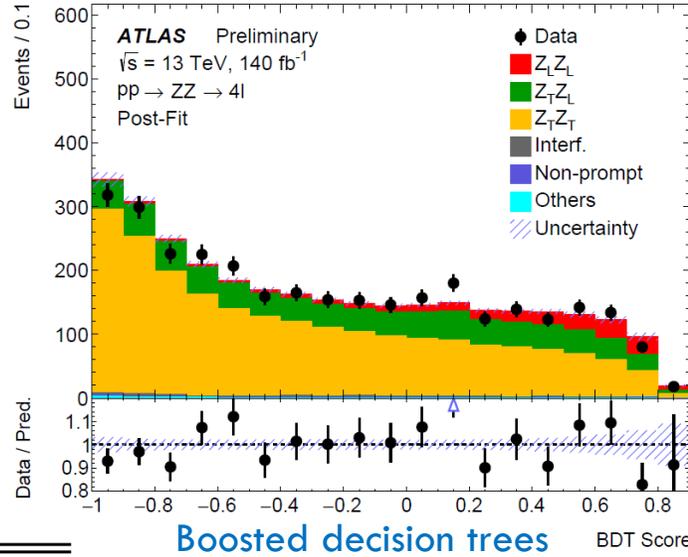
# Evidence of longitudinally polarized $Z_L Z_L$ production

The polarization measurement of massive weak bosons is a direct probe of the EWSB, through which the W and Z bosons obtain the longitudinally polarized state. Diboson polarization measurements and especially those probing longitudinally polarized vector bosons provide unique sensitivity to new physics beyond the SM.

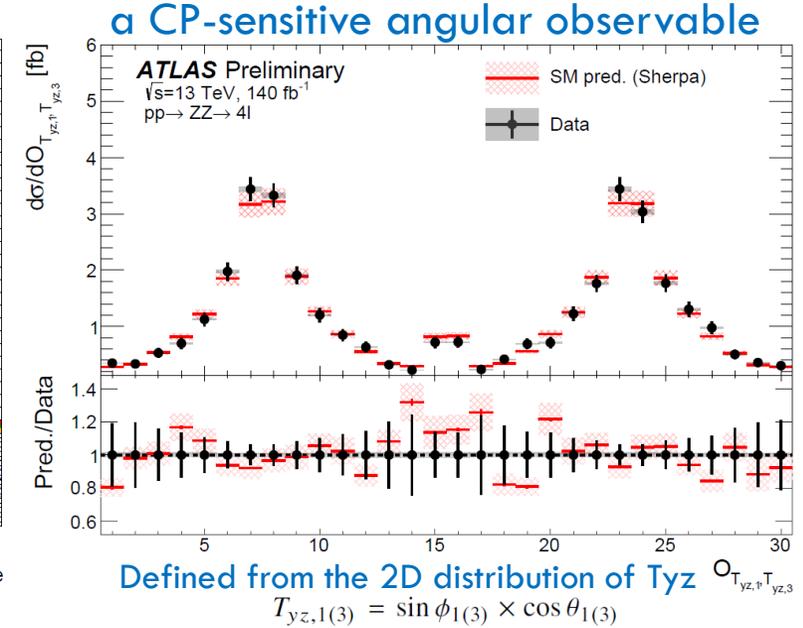
The angles used for the polarization measurement and the reference frame used to define the CP-sensitive angles



		Pre-fit	Post-fit
$ZZ$	$Z_L Z_L$	$189.1 \pm 8.8$	$220 \pm 53$
	$Z_T Z_L$	$710 \pm 29$	$711 \pm 29$
	$Z_T Z_T$	$2170 \pm 120$	$2146 \pm 60$
	Interference	$34.2 \pm 3.1$	$33.8 \pm 2.9$
	Non-prompt	$18.7 \pm 7.1$	$18.5 \pm 7.0$
	Others	$20.0 \pm 3.7$	$19.9 \pm 3.7$
	Total	$3140 \pm 150$	$3149 \pm 57$
	Data	3149	3149



Boosted decision trees



Defined from the 2D distribution of  $T_{yz} O_{T_{yz,1(3)}} = \sin \phi_{1(3)} \times \cos \theta_{1(3)}$

The production of two longitudinally polarized  $Z_L Z_L$  is measured with a significance of  $4.3\sigma$ , and its cross-section is measured in fiducial phase space to be  $2.44 \pm 0.59$  fb, consistent with the next-to-leading order Standard Model prediction of  $2.09 \pm 0.10$  fb.

No significant deviations from SM were observed. Excluded anomalous CP-odd neutral triple gauge coupling  $f_Z^4$  outside  $[-0.012, 0.012]$ .

# First measurement of joint $W_L Z_L$ polarization

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- Measure joint/individual helicity fractions. **Observed 7%  $W_L Z_L$  events**
- Use WZ rest frame to extract fraction of events where both bosons are longitudinally/transversally polarized or mixed states

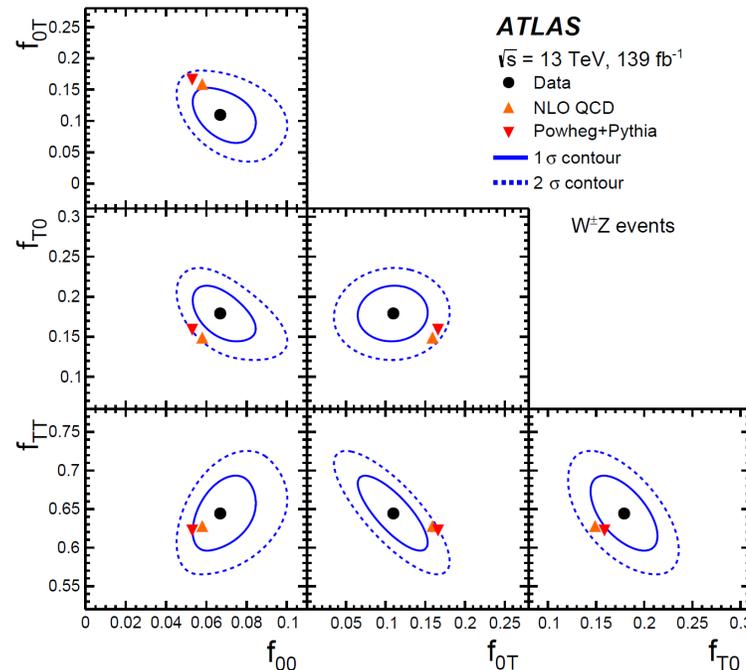
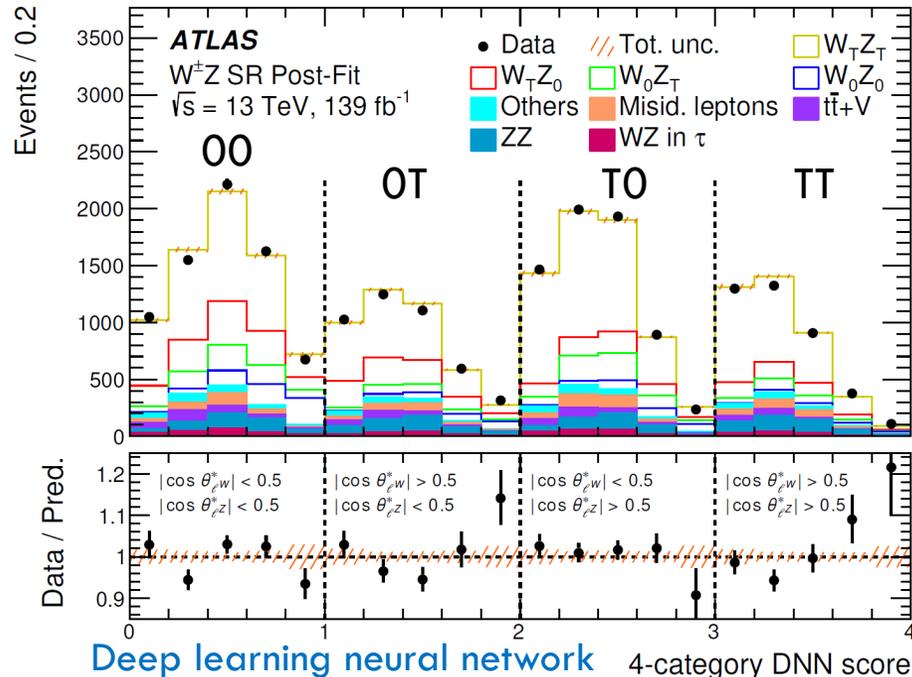
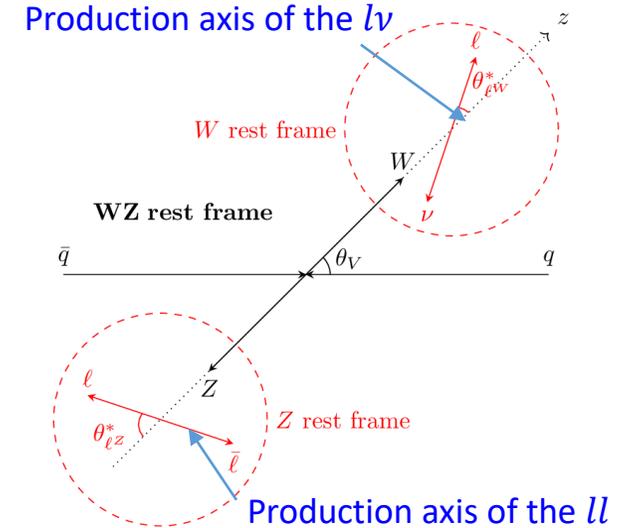
long. + long.  $f_{00} = \rho_{0000}$ ,  $f_{00} = 0.067 \pm 0.010$

transv. + transv.  $f_{TT} = \rho_{++--} + \rho_{--++} + \rho_{----} + \rho_{++++}$ ,  $f_{TT} = 0.644 \pm 0.032$

long. + transv.  $f_{0T} = \rho_{00--} + \rho_{00++}$ ,  $f_{0T} = 0.110 \pm 0.029$

transv. + long.  $f_{T0} = \rho_{--00} + \rho_{++00}$ ,  $f_{T0} = 0.179 \pm 0.023$

- Derive **DNN** sensitive to 00, 0T, T0, and TT in 4 categories of  $|\cos\theta_{lW}|$   $|\cos\theta_{lZ}|$  using W, Z and WZ transverse momenta and angular variables



	Data	POWHEG+PYTHIA	NLO QCD
$W^\pm Z$			
$f_{00}$	$0.067 \pm 0.010$	$0.0590 \pm 0.0009$	$0.058 \pm 0.002$
$f_{0T}$	$0.110 \pm 0.029$	$0.1515 \pm 0.0017$	$0.159 \pm 0.003$
$f_{T0}$	$0.179 \pm 0.023$	$0.1465 \pm 0.0017$	$0.149 \pm 0.003$
$f_{TT}$	$0.644 \pm 0.032$	$0.6431 \pm 0.0021$	$0.628 \pm 0.004$
$W^+ Z$			
$f_{00}$	$0.072 \pm 0.016$	$0.0583 \pm 0.0012$	$0.057 \pm 0.002$
$f_{0T}$	$0.119 \pm 0.034$	$0.1484 \pm 0.0022$	$0.155 \pm 0.003$
$f_{T0}$	$0.152 \pm 0.033$	$0.1461 \pm 0.0022$	$0.147 \pm 0.003$
$f_{TT}$	$0.66 \pm 0.04$	$0.6472 \pm 0.0026$	$0.635 \pm 0.004$
$W^- Z$			
$f_{00}$	$0.063 \pm 0.016$	$0.0600 \pm 0.0014$	$0.059 \pm 0.002$
$f_{0T}$	$0.11 \pm 0.04$	$0.1560 \pm 0.0027$	$0.166 \pm 0.003$
$f_{T0}$	$0.21 \pm 0.04$	$0.1470 \pm 0.0027$	$0.152 \pm 0.003$
$f_{TT}$	$0.62 \pm 0.05$	$0.6370 \pm 0.0033$	$0.618 \pm 0.004$

# Most Precise $W^+W^-$ Production Cross-Section Measurement

- Measurement of inclusive  $WW$  and VBS  $WW$  productions has been a high-profile physics program. The first  $WW$  cross-section measurement was based on 8 observed events at 7 TeV (PRL 107 (2011) 041802). ATLAS conducted many measurements on  $WW$ +jets (including HF) with much-improved precision since then. These measurements provide a test of the predictions of perturbative QCD, PDF, and the electroweak theory.
- The latest measurements in ATLAS are performed using  $140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data at from LHC pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$**

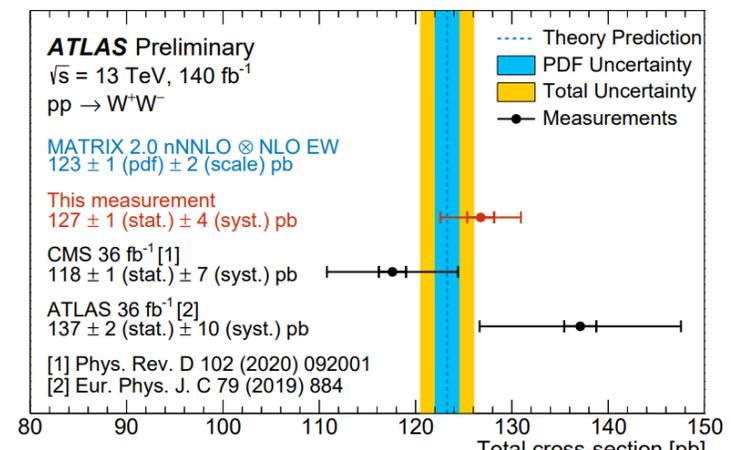
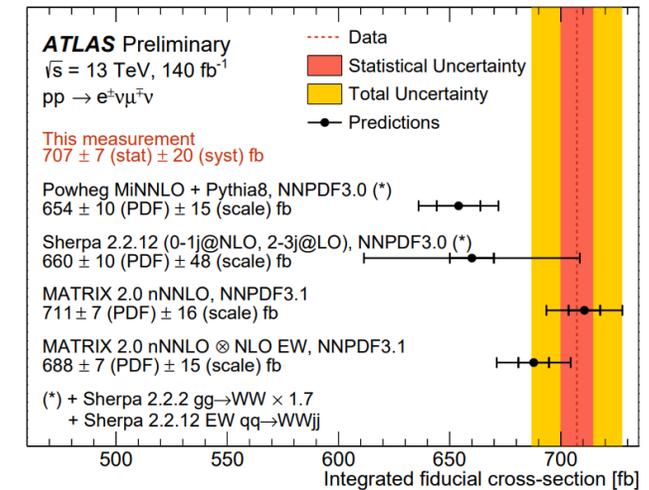
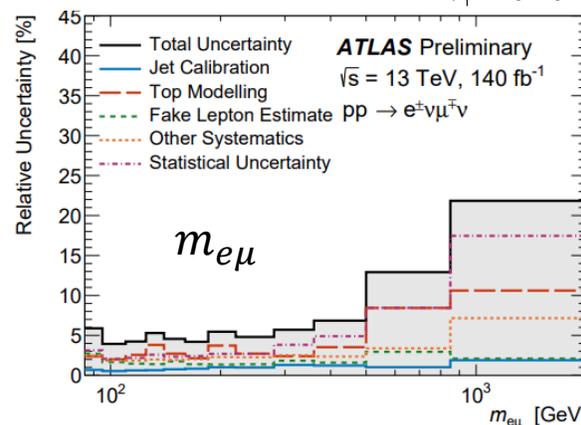
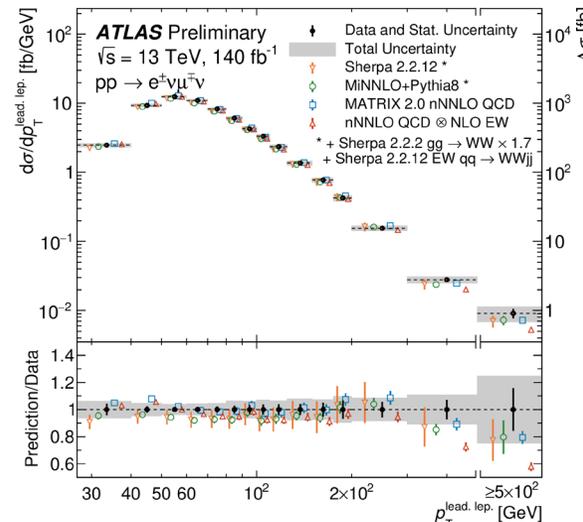
Select events contain isolated  $e^\pm\mu^\mp$  (no 3<sup>rd</sup> lepton), and  $m_{e\mu} > 85 \text{ GeV}$ , veto b-jets.

First use of fully jet-inclusive phase space

Category	Event yield
Data	144221
Total SM	$139700 \pm 2400$
$WW$	$56900 \pm 1100$ 41%
Total bkg.	$82600 \pm 2100$ 59%
Top	$66500 \pm 1900$ 48%
Drell-Yan	$6500 \pm 400$ 5%
Fakes	$5000 \pm 1300$ 4%
$WZ, ZZ, V\gamma$	$4500 \pm 600$ 3%

**Most precise  $WW$  cross-section measurement in hadron-hadron collisions: 3.1% uncertainty vs 6-7% from previous measurements**

Uncertainty source	Effect
Total uncertainty	3.1%
Stat. uncertainty	1.1%
Top modelling	1.6%
Fake lepton background	1.5%
Flavour tagging	0.7%
Other background	0.9%
Signal modelling	1.0%
Jet calibration	0.6%
Luminosity	0.8%
Other systematic uncertainties	0.9%



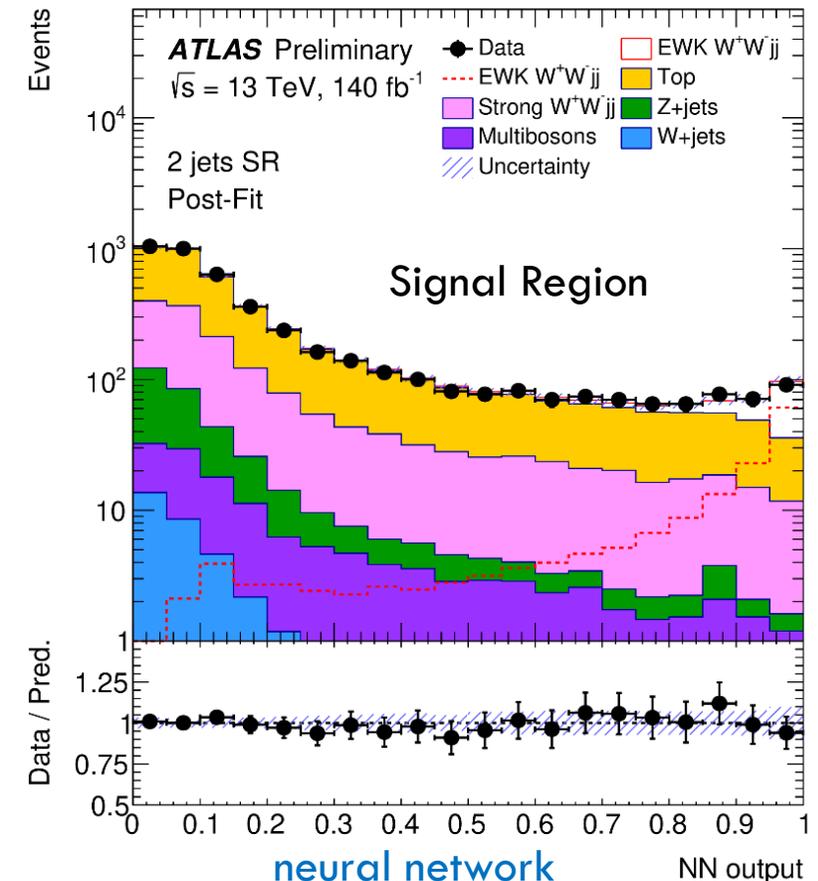
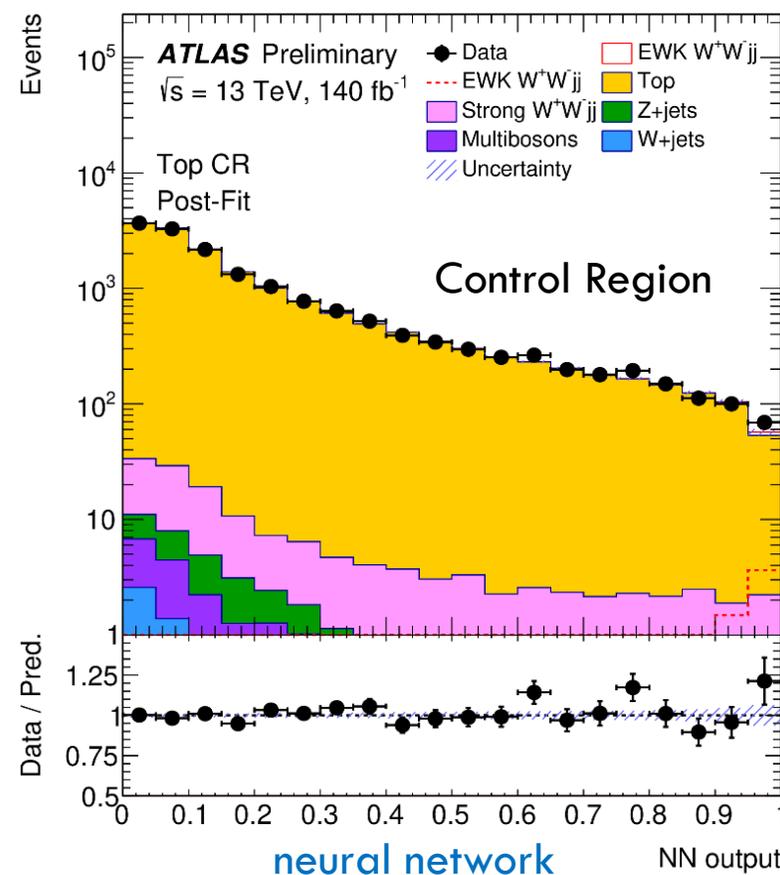
# Observation of EW VBS $W^+W^-jj$ Production

$W^+W^-jj$  measurement is sensitive to the scattering of  $W$  bosons, which is of particular interest as it can be used to probe the electroweak symmetry-breaking mechanism of the SM. This signal has been observed for **the first time** in the ATLAS experiment with a significance of  **$7.1\sigma$**  (expected  $6.2\sigma$ ). The observed cross-section has been determined in a signal-enriched fiducial volume and is found to be  **$2.65^{+0.52}_{-0.48}$  fb**, while the theoretical prediction from POWHEG is  $2.20^{+0.13}_{-0.14}$  fb.

One electron and one muon with opposite charges  
 No additional lepton  
 $p_T^{\text{dressed } \ell} = p_T^\ell + \sum_i p_T^{\gamma_i}$  if  $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma_i) < 0.1$   
 Leptons  $p_T$ :  $p_T > 27$  GeV  
 Lepton  $\eta$ :  $|\eta| < 2.5$   
 Two or three jets with  $p_T > 25$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 4.5$   
 $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 15$  GeV  
 $m_{jj} > 500$  GeV  
 centrality  $> 0.5$   
 $m_{e\mu} > 80$  GeV  
 b-jet veto

Fiducial phase space

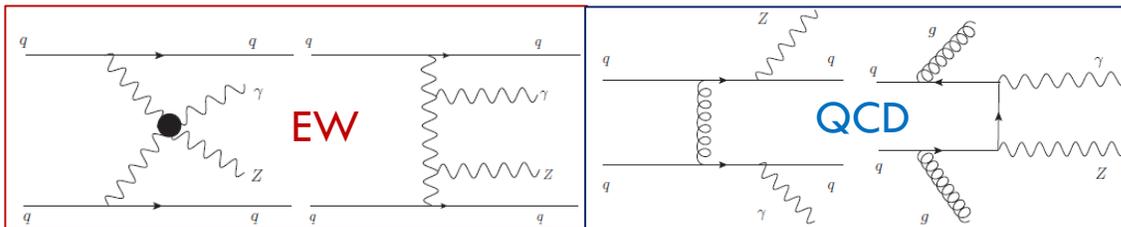
Process	Event yields	
	$n_{\text{jets}} = 2$	$n_{\text{jets}} = 3$
EWK $W^+W^-jj$	$158 \pm 27$	$54 \pm 13$
Top quark	$2885 \pm 214$	$1851 \pm 131$
Strong $W^+W^-jj$	$1214 \pm 256$	$514 \pm 121$
$W$ +jets	$37 \pm 97$	$19 \pm 48$
$Z$ +jets	$216 \pm 62$	$65 \pm 25$
Multiboson	$101 \pm 5$	$42 \pm 3$
SM prediction	$4610 \pm 77$	$2546 \pm 48$
Data	4610	2533



# Observation and Measurement of VBS $Z\gamma jj$ Production

The first observation [ATLAS-CONF-2021-38](#);

Diff. Cross-section measurements [arXiv:2305.19142](#)

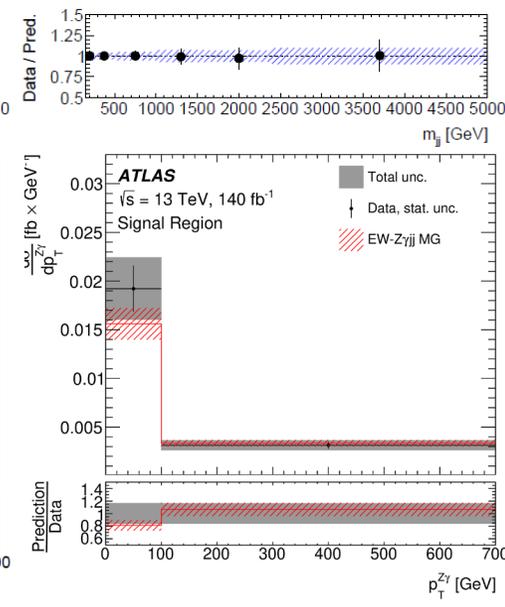
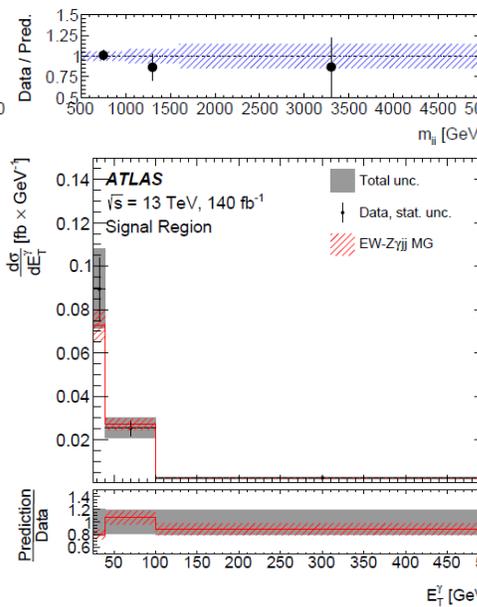
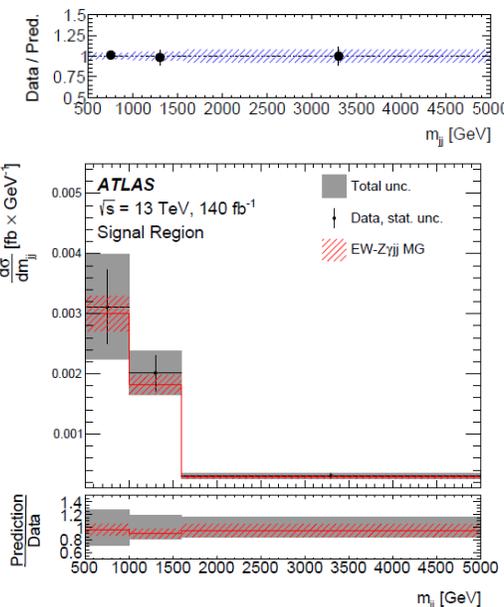
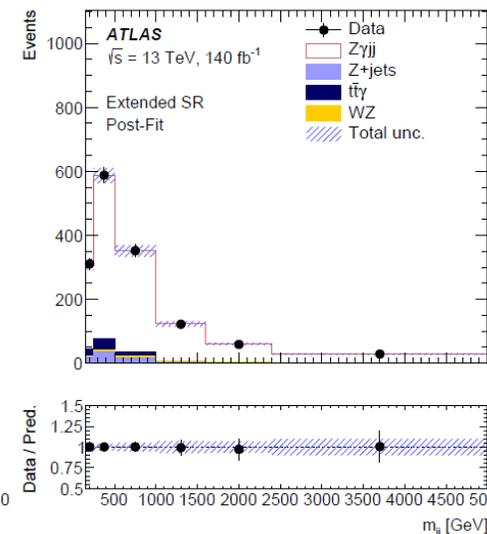
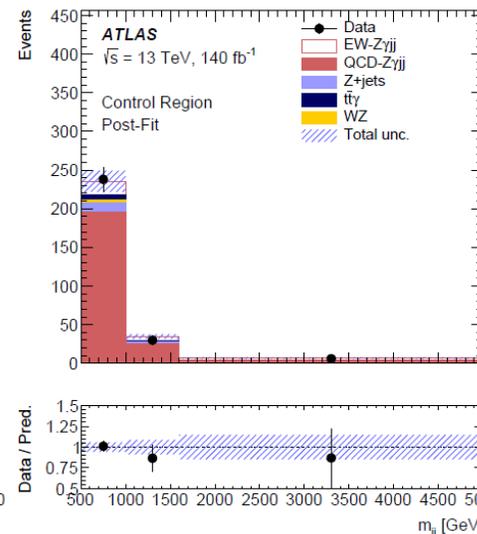
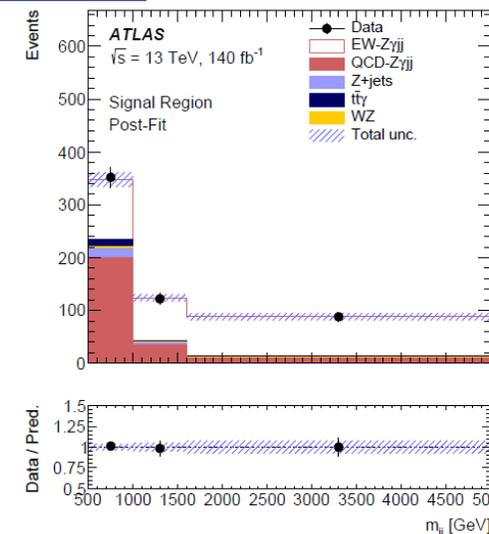


- **EW production in fid. P.S.  $\sigma$  is measured to be  $3.6 \pm 0.5$  fb.**
- **The inclusive fiducial  $\sigma$  is measured to be  $16.8^{+2.0}_{-1.8}$  fb**

$$\sigma_{Z\gamma}^{pred} = 15.7^{+5.0}_{-2.6} \text{ fb}$$

Lepton	$p_T^\ell > 20, 30(\text{leading}) \text{ GeV},  \eta_\ell  < 2.5$ $N_\ell \geq 2$
Photon	$E_T^\gamma > 25 \text{ GeV},  \eta_\gamma  < 2.37$ $E_T^{\text{cone}20} < 0.07 E_T^\gamma$ $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$
Jet	$p_T^j > 50 \text{ GeV},  y_j  < 4.4$ $ \Delta y  > 1.0$ $m_{jj} > 150 \text{ GeV}$ or $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$ Remove jets if $\Delta R(\gamma, j) < 0.4$ or if $\Delta R(\ell, j) < 0.3$
Event	$m_{\ell\ell} > 40 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{\ell\ell} + m_{\ell\ell\gamma} > 182 \text{ GeV}$ $\zeta(Z\gamma) < 0.4$ $N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} = 0$

Sample	SR, $m_{jj} > 150 \text{ GeV}$	SR, $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$	CR, $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$
$N_{EW-Z\gamma jj}$		$269 \pm 27$	$25 \pm 6$
$N_{QCD-Z\gamma jj}$		$245 \pm 21$	$224 \pm 18$
$N_{Z\gamma jj}$	$1292 \pm 50$		
$N_{Z+\text{jets}}$	$78 \pm 30$	$21 \pm 8$	$16 \pm 5$
$N_{t\bar{t}\gamma}$	$73 \pm 11$	$16 \pm 2$	$8 \pm 1$
$N_{WZ}$	$17 \pm 3$	$9 \pm 2$	$4 \pm 1$
Total	$1461 \pm 38$	$560 \pm 23$	$277 \pm 17$
$N_{\text{Obs}}$	1461	562	274



# Observation and Measurements of EW $W^\pm W^\pm jj$

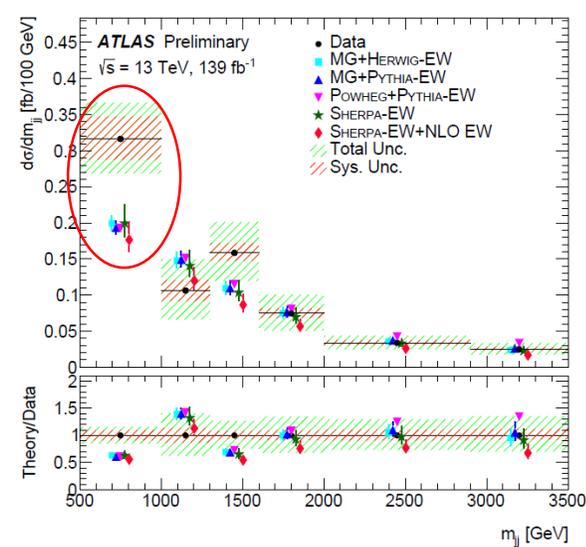
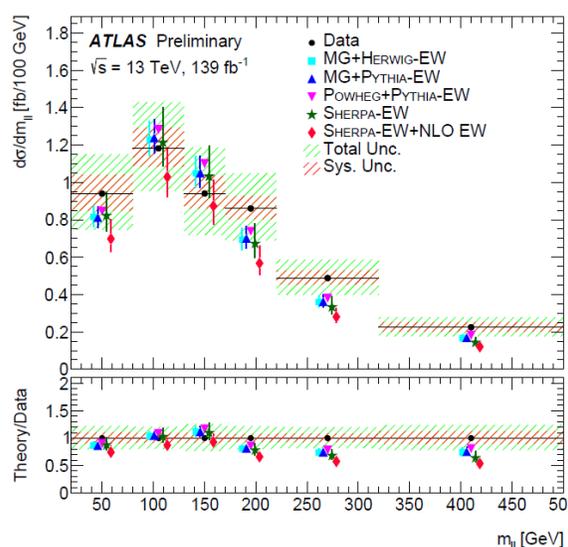
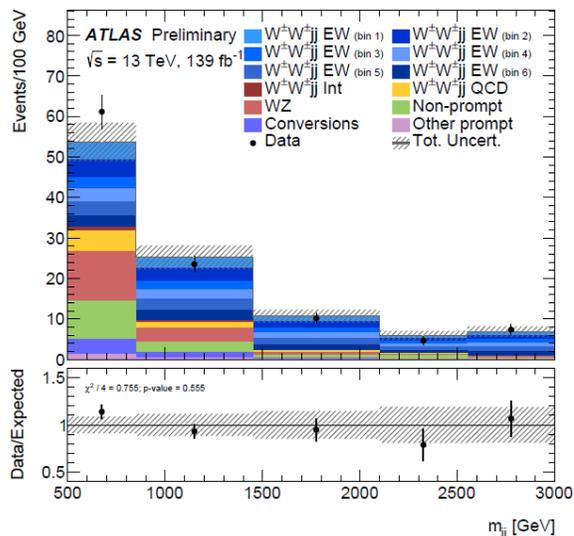
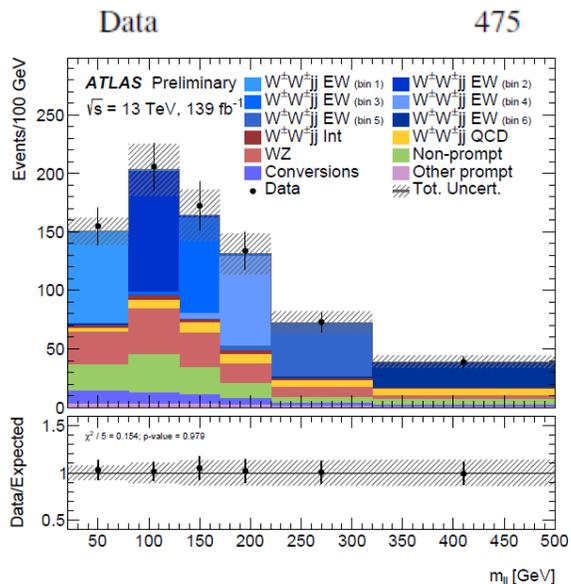
Evidence ( $4.5\sigma$ ): PRL 113, 141803 (2014), Observation ( $6.5\sigma$ ): PRL 123, 161801 (2019), Measurements: ATLAS-CONF-2023-023

The analysis is performed by selecting two same-charge  $e^\pm\mu^\pm, e^\pm e^\pm, \mu^\pm\mu^\pm$ , and at least two jets with a large invariant mass ( $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$ ) and rapidity difference ( $|\Delta y_{jj}| > 2$ ). No b-jet in the event.

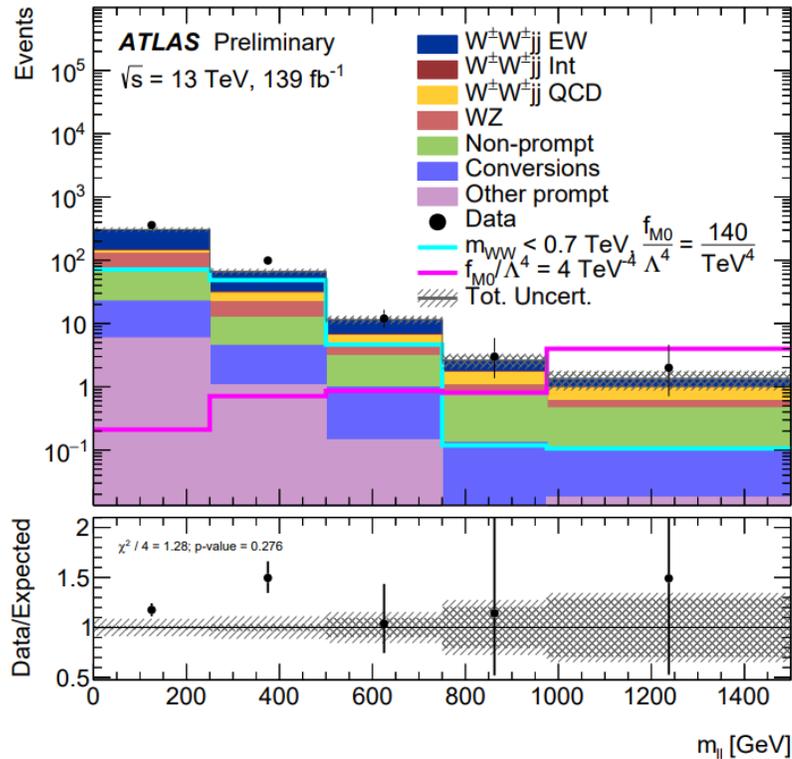
Process	Pre-fit yield	Post-fit yield
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ EW	$235 \pm 27$	$278 \pm 30$
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ QCD	$24 \pm 6$	$27 \pm 7$
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ Int	$7.6 \pm 0.6$	$8.1 \pm 0.7$
$W^\pm Z jj$	$98 \pm 11$	$71 \pm 8$
Non-prompt	$56 \pm 11$	$55 \pm 11$
$V\gamma$	$11 \pm 4$	$13 \pm 5$
Charge misid.	$10.1 \pm 3.4$	$11.0 \pm 3.5$
Other prompt	$7.1 \pm 2.4$	$6.7 \pm 1.9$
Total Expected	$448 \pm 34$	$470 \pm 40$

Description	$\sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{EW}}$ , fb	$\sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{EW+Int+QCD}}$ , fb
Measured cross section	$2.88 \pm 0.21$ (stat.) $\pm 0.19$ (syst.)	$3.35 \pm 0.22$ (stat.) $\pm 0.20$ (syst.)
MG_AMC@NLO+HERWIG	$2.53 \pm 0.04$ (PDF) $\pm_{0.19}^{0.22}$ (scale)	$2.93 \pm 0.05$ (PDF) $\pm_{0.27}^{0.34}$ (scale)
MG_AMC@NLO+PYTHIA	$2.55 \pm 0.04$ (PDF) $\pm_{0.19}^{0.22}$ (scale)	$2.94 \pm 0.05$ (PDF) $\pm_{0.27}^{0.33}$ (scale)
SHERPA	$2.44 \pm 0.03$ (PDF) $\pm_{0.27}^{0.40}$ (scale)	$2.80 \pm 0.03$ (PDF) $\pm_{0.36}^{0.53}$ (scale)
POWHEG BOX +PYTHIA	2.67	—

The measurements are used to constrain anomalous quartic gauge couplings by extracting confidence level intervals of 95% on dimension-8 operators.



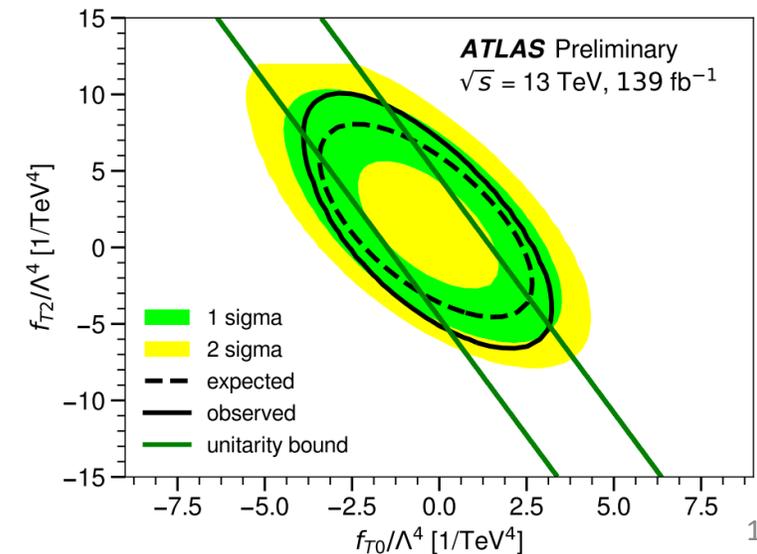
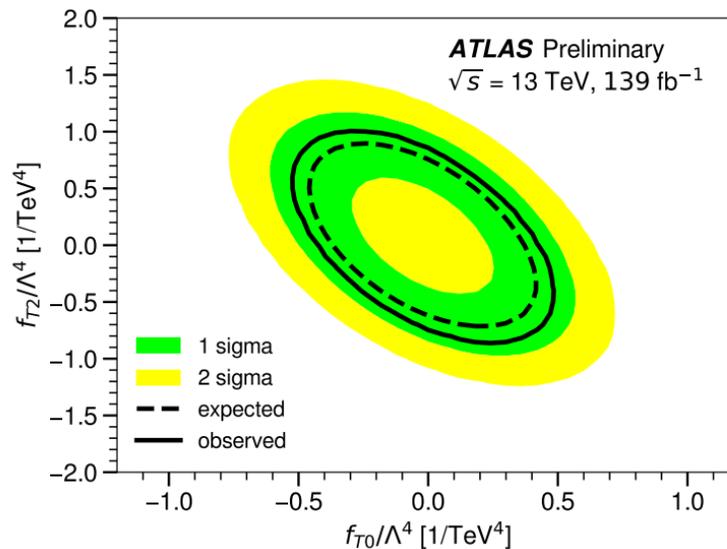
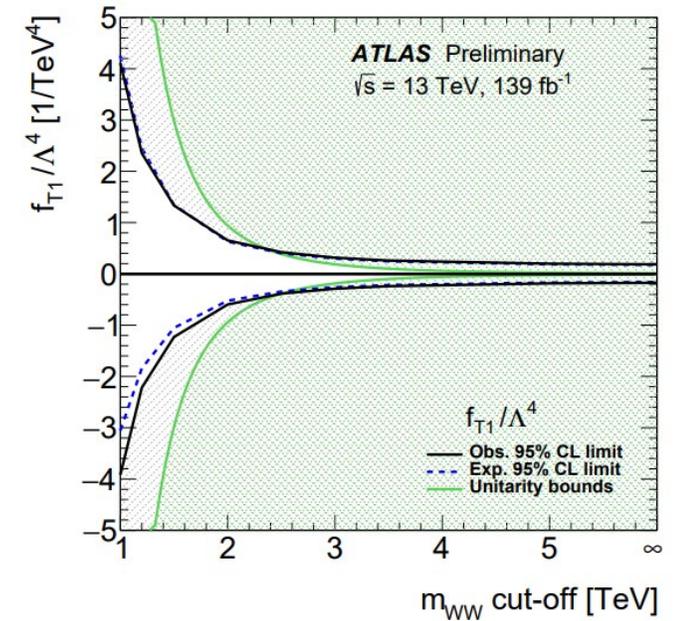
# Limits on anomalous QGC



- **Data agree with the prediction**
- Limits on dim-8 EFT operators to probe aQGC

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{f_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{(6)} + \sum_j \frac{f_j^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} O_j^{(8)} + \dots$$

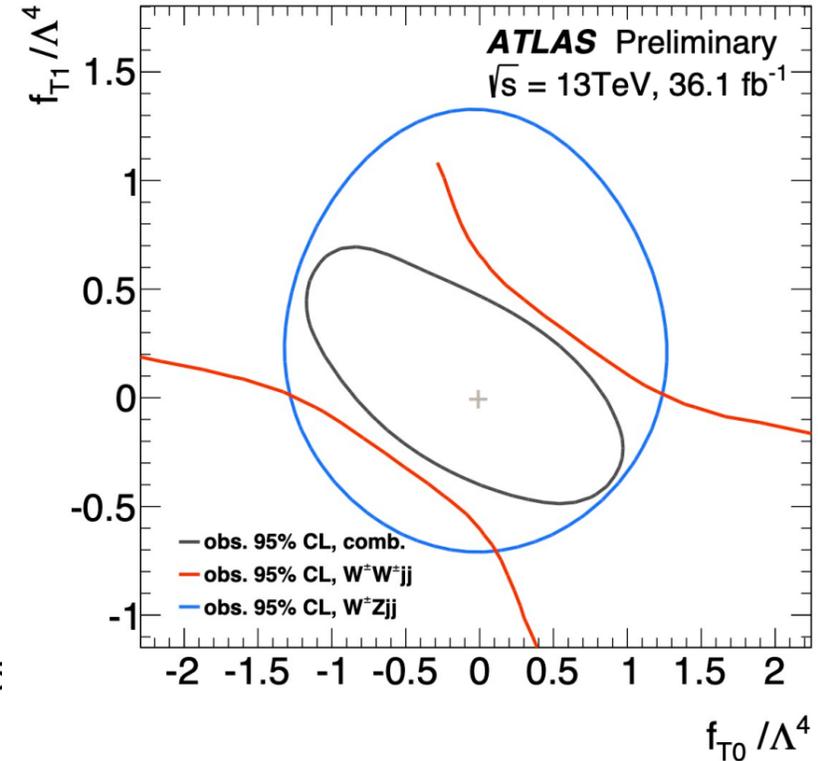
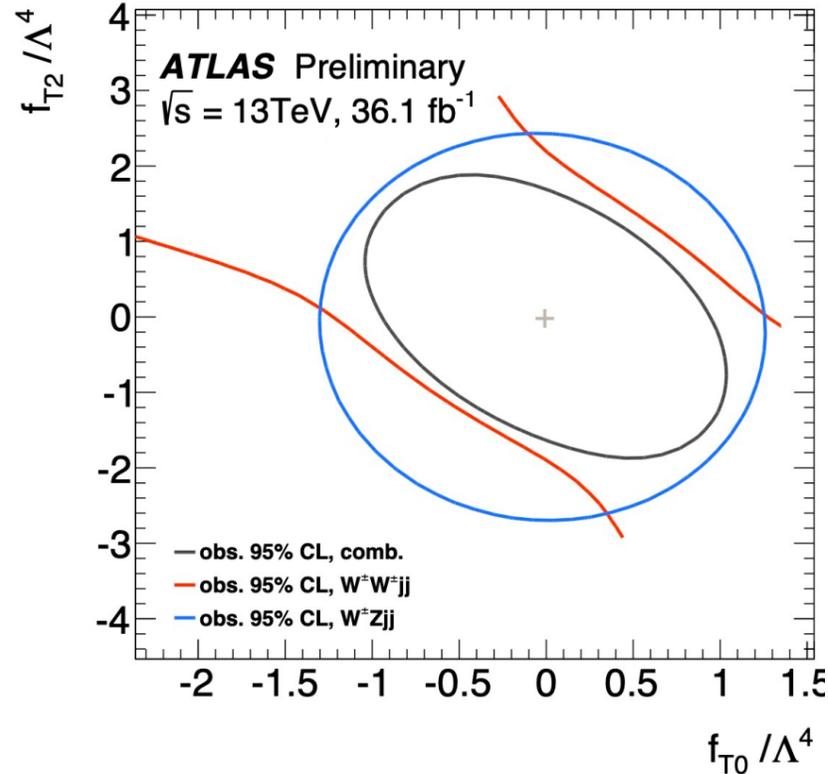
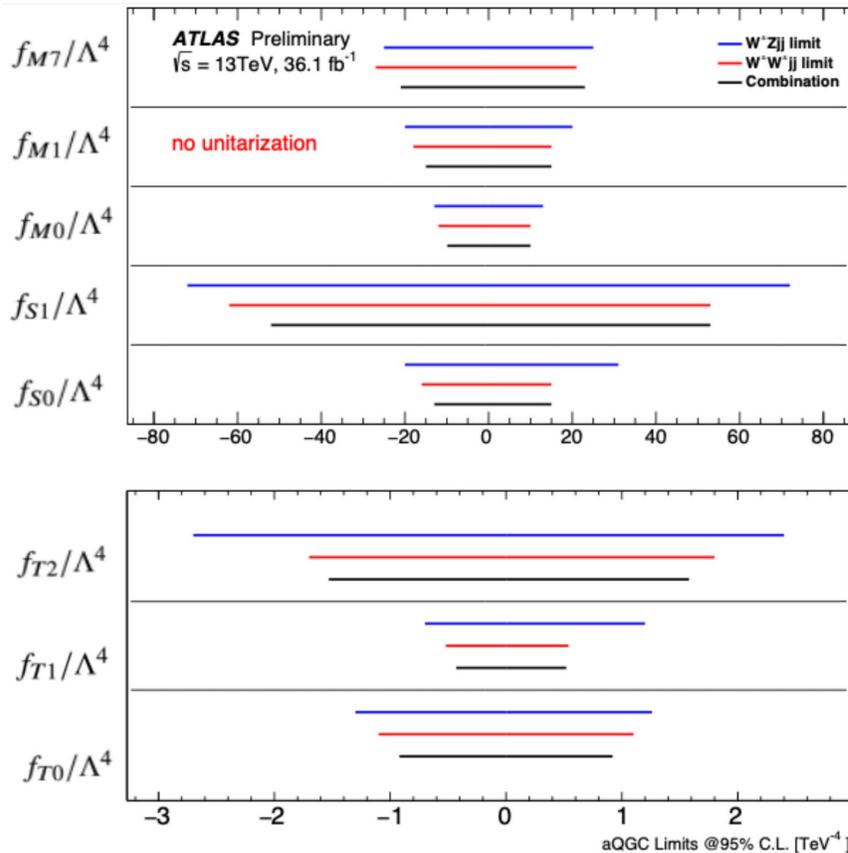
- Limits are set w/ and w/o UV preservation treatment (cut-off scale of 1.5TeV and compare with UV bound)
- Limit evolution vs cut-off scale is scanned



Variable	EW $W^\pm W^\pm jj$		Inclusive $W^\pm W^\pm jj$	
	$\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}}$	$p$ -value	$\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}}$	$p$ -value
$m_{\ell\ell}$	4.4/6	0.623	7.0/6	0.322
$m_T$	12.9/6	0.045	15.9/6	0.014
$m_{jj}$	7.2/6	0.300	7.8/6	0.250
$N_{\text{gap jets}}$	2.3/2	0.316	2.3/2	0.316
$\xi_{j3}$	4.3/5	0.511	5.2/5	0.396

# The aQGC EFT interpretation of Combined Measurements $W^\pm Zjj$ & $W^\pm W^\pm jj$

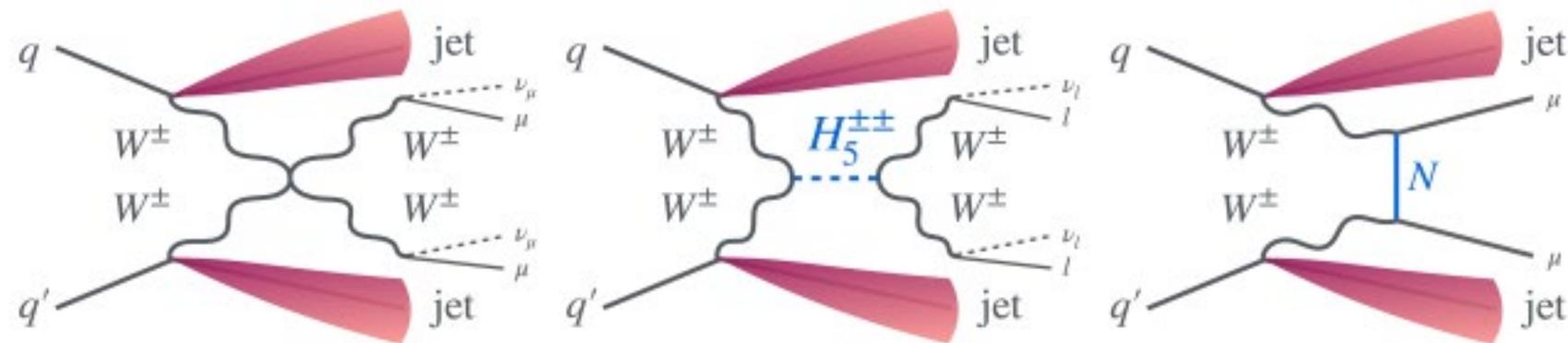
An EFT interpretation of the two fully leptonic  $W^\pm Zjj$  and  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$  measurements is performed to constrain anomalous Quartic Gauge Couplings. Both measurements are based on  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data collected at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ . Confidence Level intervals of 95% on dimension-8 EFT operators are extracted for the individual channels and for the combination.



# Hunting for new physics in the scattering of the same-sign W bosons

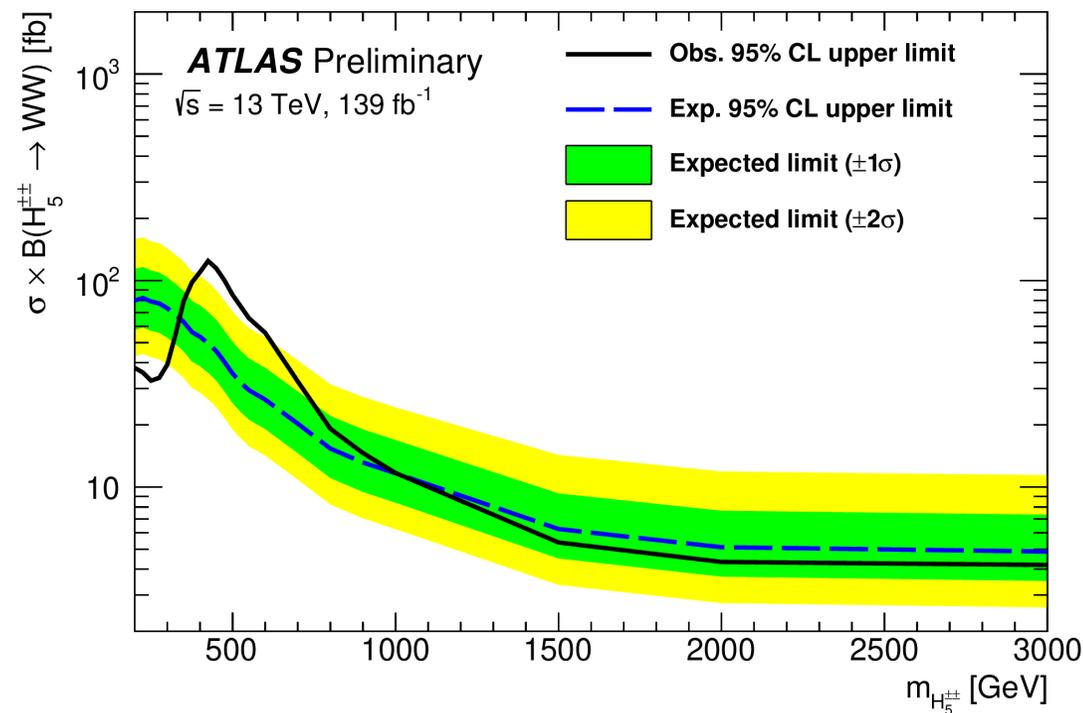
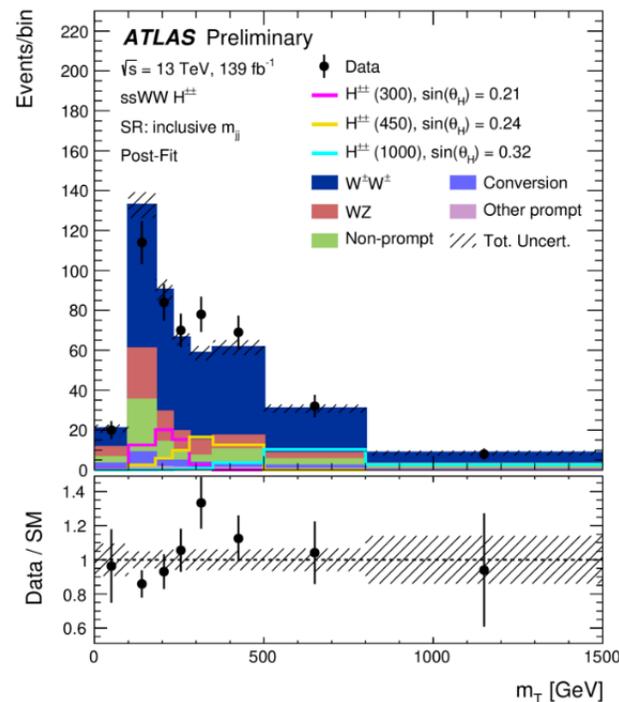
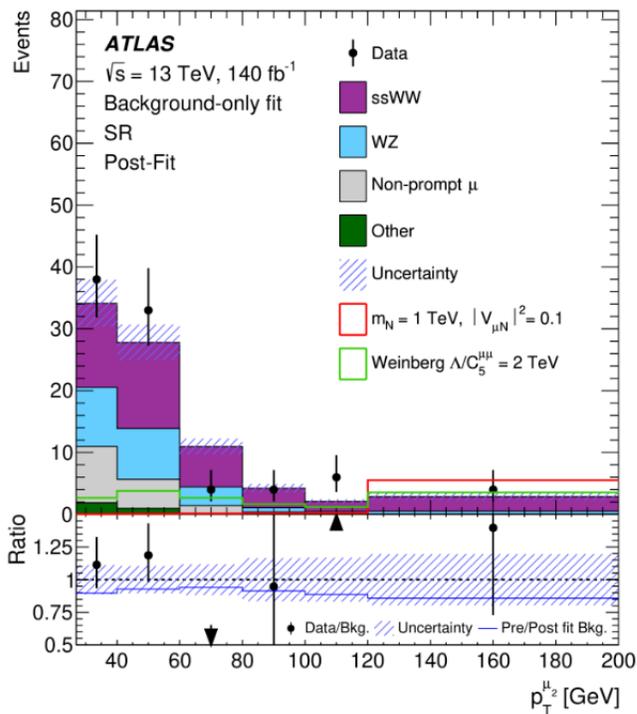
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Measurement and interpretation of same-sign W boson pair production in association with two jets in pp collisions at a center-of-mass energy of 13 TeV with the ATLAS detector



Georgi–Machacek model

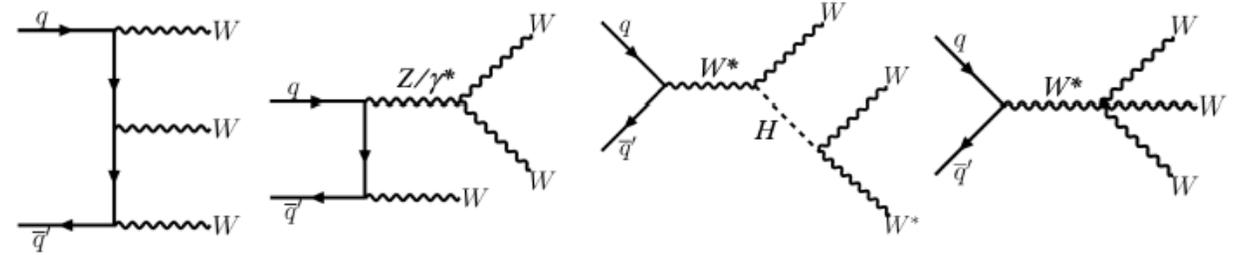
EW ss WWjj production    charged Higgs bosons production    Majorana neutrino (mediator)



# The First Observation of Triboson – WWW Production

PRL 129 (2022) 061803

Measurements of triboson production at colliders directly probe the strength of gauge boson self-interactions within the SM via triple gauge couplings and quartic gauge couplings



$$\sigma = 820 \pm 100 (\text{stat.}) \pm 80 (\text{syst.}) \text{ fb} \quad \sigma_{\text{SM}} (511 \pm 185 \text{ fb})$$

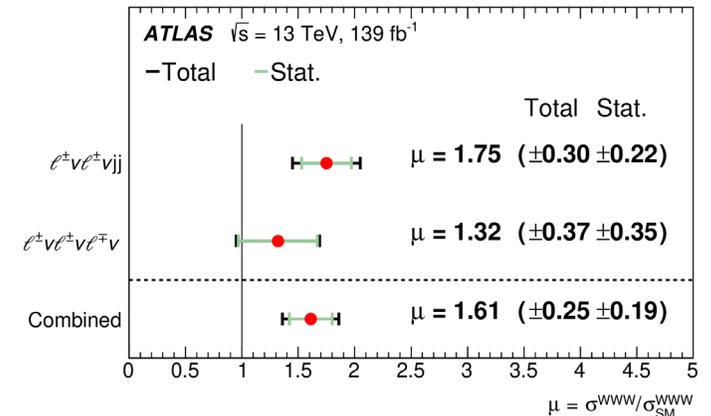
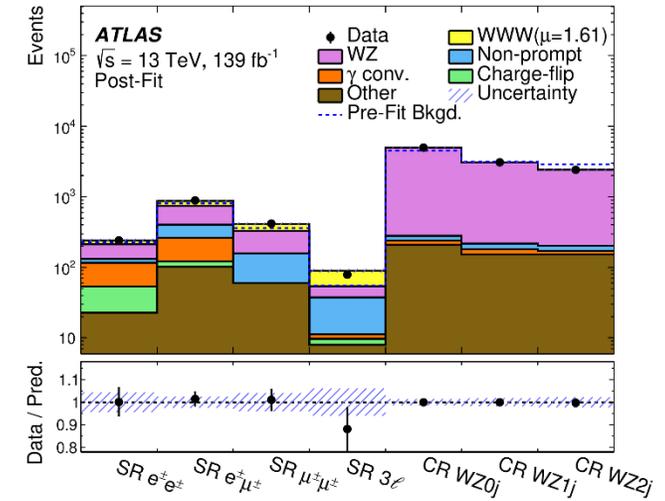
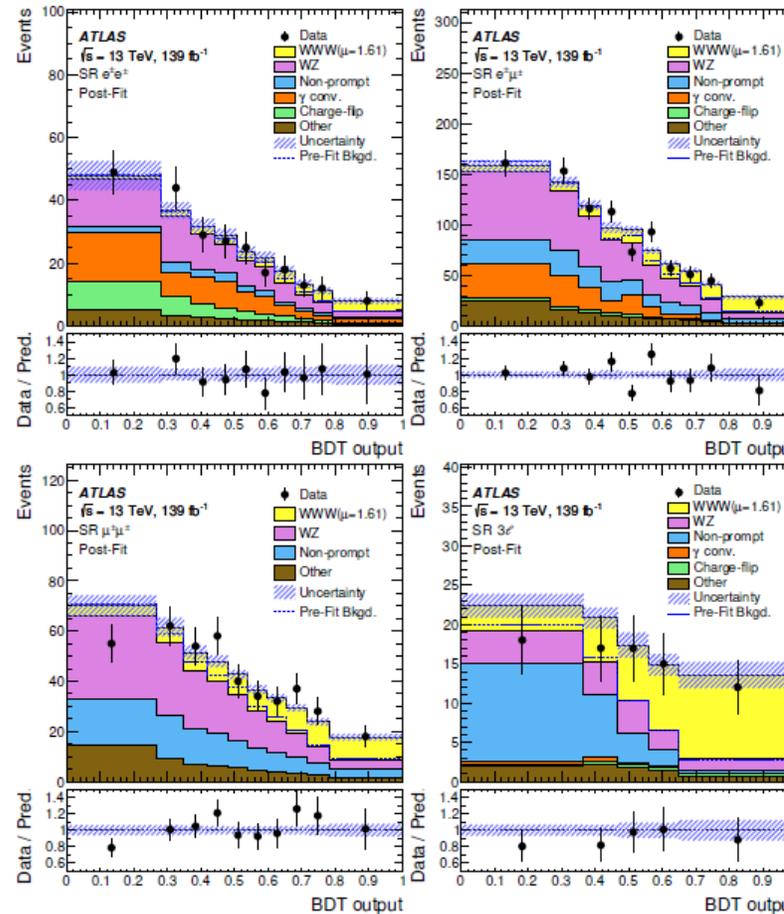
Two analysis channels

- 1)  $WWW \rightarrow l^\pm \nu l'^\pm \nu' jj$
- 2)  $WWW \rightarrow l^\pm \nu l'^\mp \nu' l'^\mp \nu$

	$e^\pm e^\pm$	$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	$3\ell$
WWW signal	$28.4 \pm 4.3$	$124 \pm 19$	$82 \pm 12$	$34.8 \pm 5.2$
WZ	$81.1 \pm 5.7$	$346 \pm 22$	$170 \pm 10$	$16.4 \pm 1.5$
Charge-flip	$31.1 \pm 7.3$	$19 \pm 5$	-	$1.7 \pm 0.4$
$\gamma$ conversions	$60.8 \pm 8.5$	$139 \pm 15$	-	$1.5 \pm 0.1$
Nonprompt	$17.0 \pm 4.0$	$145 \pm 23$	$104 \pm 21$	$26.6 \pm 2.9$
Other	$22.3 \pm 2.4$	$100 \pm 10$	$58 \pm 6$	$8.0 \pm 0.9$
Total predicted	$241 \pm 11$	$873 \pm 22$	$415 \pm 17$	$89.0 \pm 5.4$
Data	242	885	418	79

BDT is used to fit SR and CRs simultaneously

Fit	$\mu(WWW)$	Significance observed (expected)
$e^\pm e^\pm$	$1.54 \pm 0.76$	$2.2 (1.4) \sigma$
$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$1.44 \pm 0.39$	$4.1 (3.0) \sigma$
$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	$2.23 \pm 0.46$	$5.6 (2.7) \sigma$
$2\ell$	$1.75 \pm 0.30$	$6.6 (4.0) \sigma$
$3\ell$	$1.32 \pm 0.37$	$4.8 (3.8) \sigma$
<b>Combined</b>	<b><math>1.61 \pm 0.25</math></b>	<b><math>8.0 (5.4) \sigma</math></b>

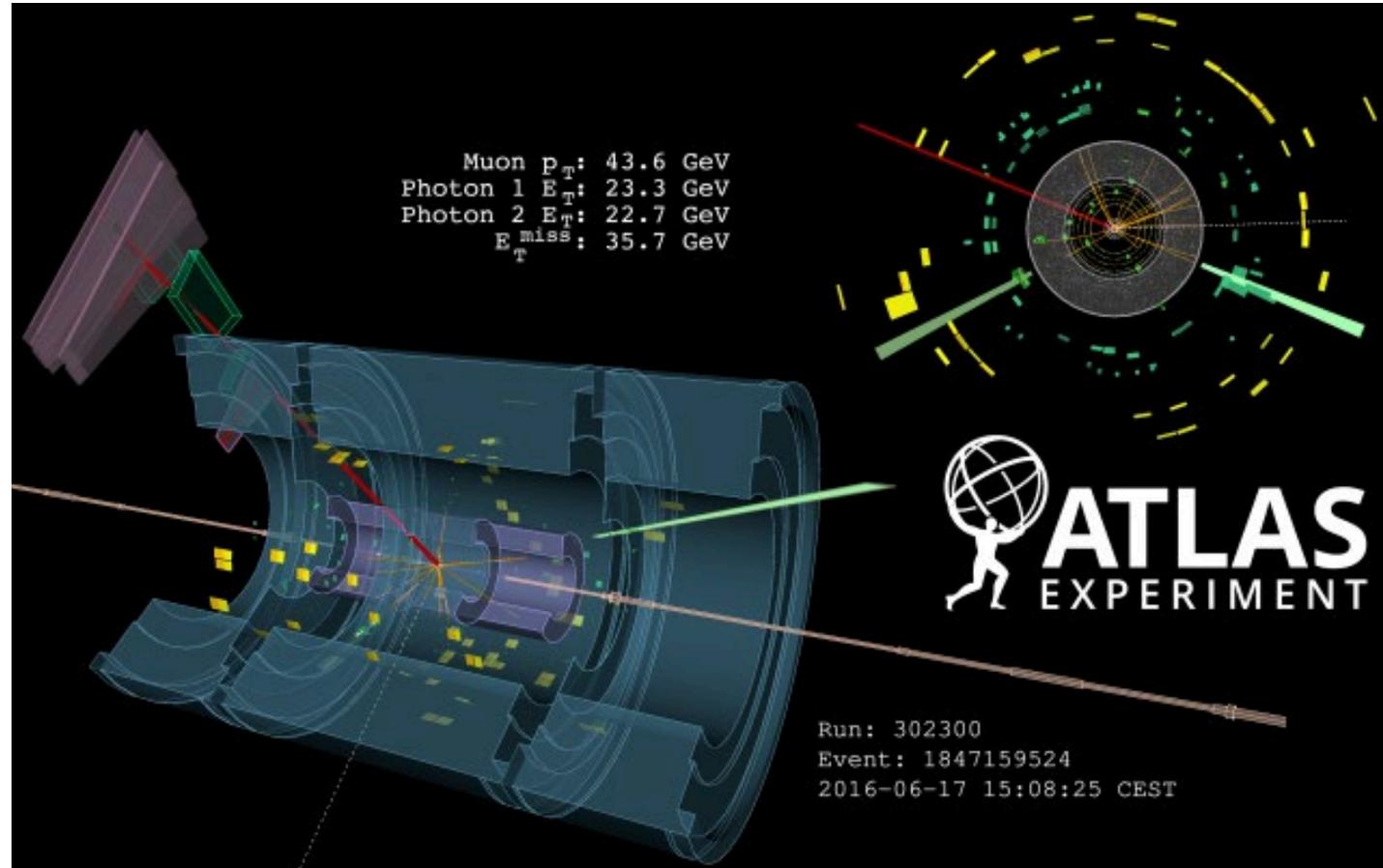


# Triboson Production Involving Photons: $W\gamma\gamma$ , $Z\gamma\gamma$ , $WZ\gamma$

Joseph Lambert will report the “**Multiboson Physics with Photons in ATLAS**” in this conference

- **Observation  $W\gamma\gamma$  production (5.6s)**  
[arXiv:2308.03041](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.03041)
- **Observation  $WZ\gamma$  production (6.3s)**  
[arXiv:2305.16994](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.16994)
- **Measurement of  $Z\gamma\gamma$  production cross-section**  
[EPJC 83 \(2023\) 539](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.16994)

## Event display: $W\gamma\gamma$ candidate event



# Summary

- ❖ Studying multiboson production and interactions is a very active research area at the LHC. Precision SM parameters, such as  $m_W$ ,  $\sin^2\theta_W$ , and  $\alpha_s$ , are measured; Many rare processes are observed for the first time, and differential cross-sections are measured to study the process in depth. So far, the data is consistent with SM prediction (with state-of-art calculations). Search for new physics, directly and indirectly (through the EFT framework) are performed
- ❖ **These remarkable measurements significantly advance our understanding of EW interactions and were enabled due to**
  - Excellent LHC performance at 7, 8, 13, and 13.6 TeV, luminosity has doubled the designed luminosity
  - Accurate detector calibrations on luminosity, leptons, photons, and jets (including b-jet) to reduce the systematic uncertainties
  - Active involvement from the theoretical community, providing precise cross-section prediction (fixed-order, mixed QCD/EW, with resummation), development of precise event generators for complex multi-scale processes
  - Development of the most powerful analysis techniques: profile-likelihood fits can deal with multiple floating “signals” and “background”, state-of-art machine learning algorithms to maximize separation between signal and background to probe the smallest experimental signals

Spare slides



# VBF, VBS, and Triboson Cross Section Measurements

Status: February 2022

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[fb<sup>-1</sup>]

Reference

$\gamma\gamma\gamma$

$Z\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \ell\ell\gamma\gamma$

- [n<sub>jet</sub> = 0]

$W\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \ell\nu\gamma\gamma$

- [n<sub>jet</sub> = 0]

$WW\gamma \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu\gamma$

$WWW$ , (tot.)

-  $WWW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu jj$

-  $WWW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu\ell\nu$

$WWZ$ , (tot.)

$Hjj$  VBF

-  $H(\rightarrow WW)jj$  VBF

-  $H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)jj$  VBF

$Wjj$  EWK (M(jj) > 1 TeV)

- M(jj) > 500 GeV

$Zjj$  EWK

$Z\gamma jj$  EWK

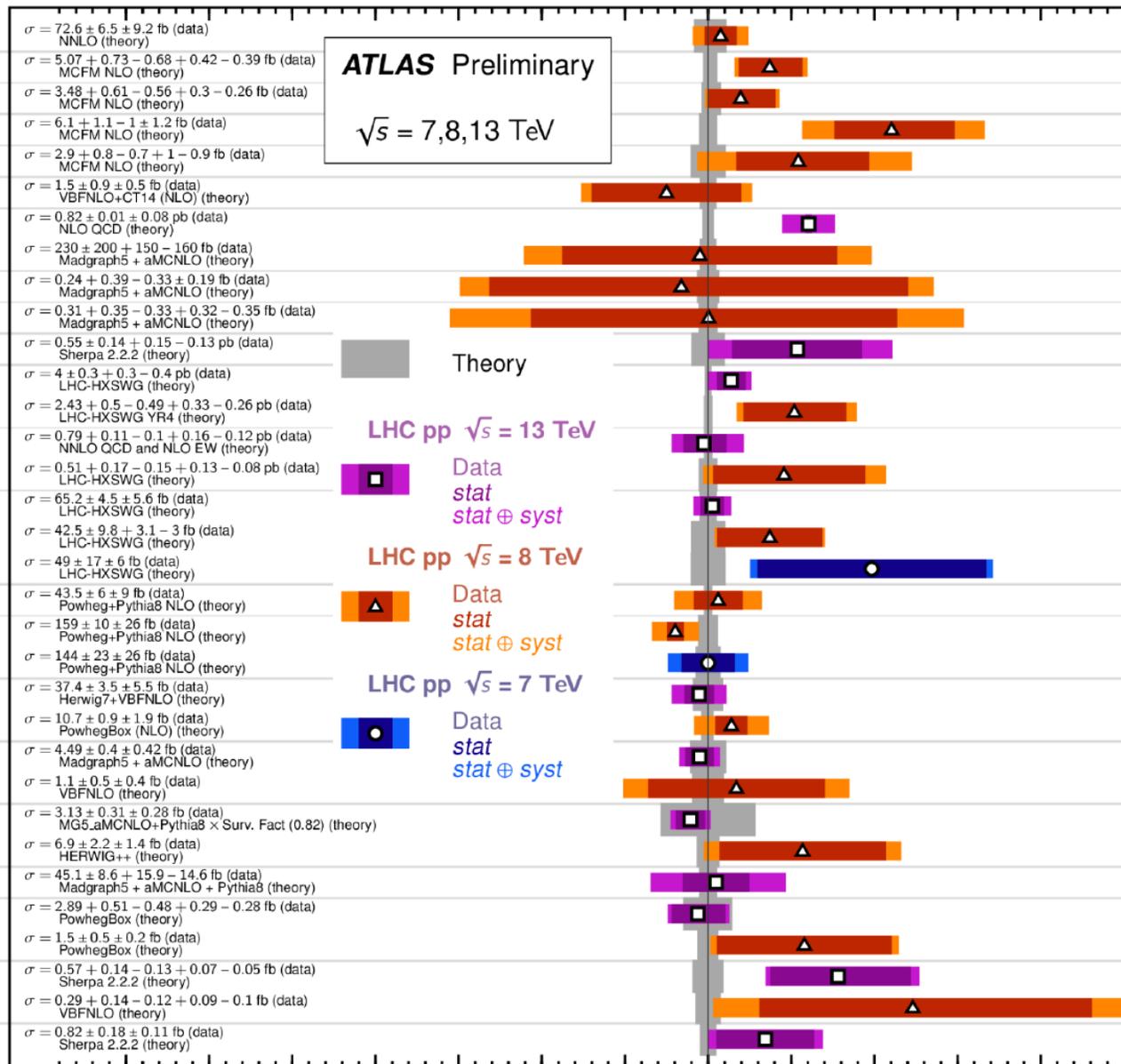
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$

$(WV+ZV)jj$  EWK

$W^\pm W^\pm jj$  EWK

$WZjj$  EWK

$ZZjj$  EWK

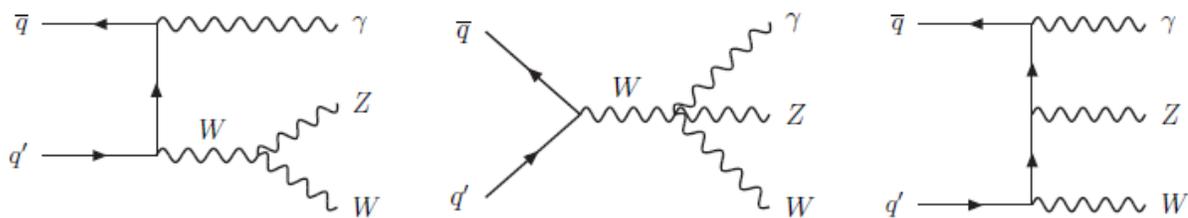


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# Observation of $WZ\gamma$ Production



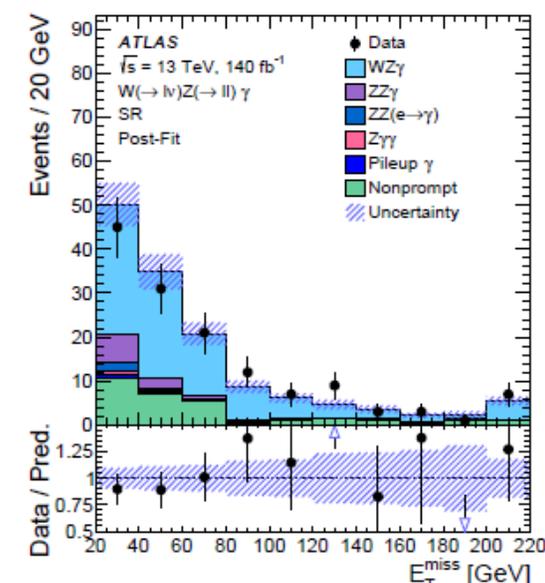
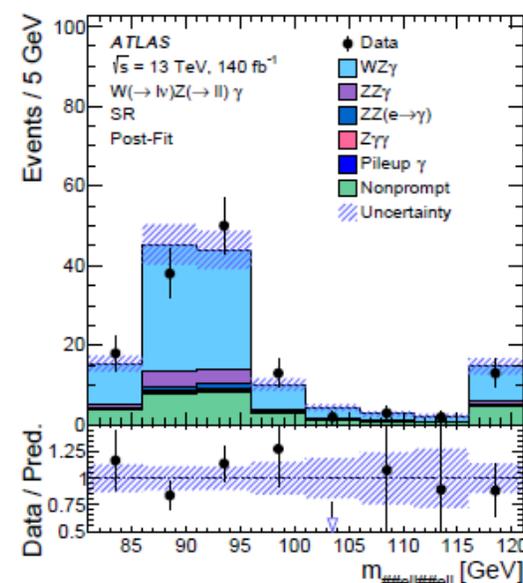
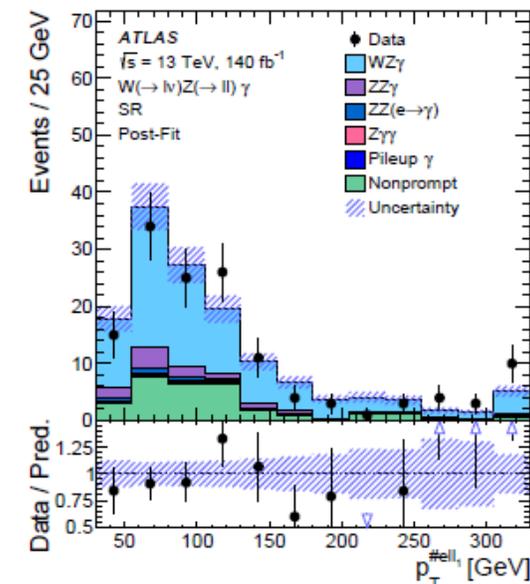
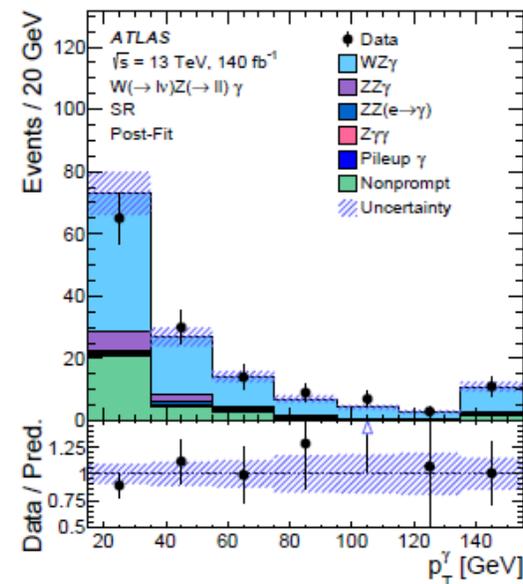
$WZ\gamma$  production observed with  $6.3\sigma$  (exp.  $5.0\sigma$ )

$$\sigma^{fid} = 2.01 \pm 0.30(stat) \pm 0.16(syst) fb$$

$$\sigma^{SM} = 1.50 \pm 0.06 fb$$

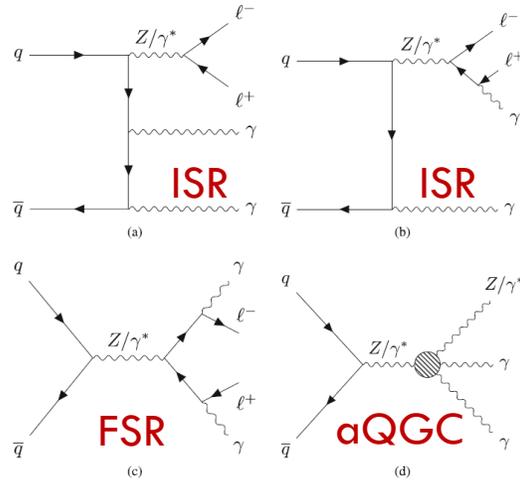
- Select events:  $Z \rightarrow l^+l^-$  ( $m_{ll} > 81 GeV$ ),  $W \rightarrow l\nu$ , isolated  $\gamma$
- Non-prompt  $\gamma/l$ : estimation from data;  $ZZ(\gamma)$  SF from CR

Process	SR	$ZZ\gamma$ CR	$ZZ(e \rightarrow \gamma)$ CR
$WZ\gamma$	92 $\pm$ 15	0.21 $\pm$ 0.07	0.56 $\pm$ 0.14
$ZZ\gamma$	10.7 $\pm$ 2.3	23 $\pm$ 5	1.8 $\pm$ 0.4
$ZZ(e \rightarrow \gamma)$	3.0 $\pm$ 0.6	0.028 $\pm$ 0.020	30 $\pm$ 6
$Z\gamma\gamma$	1.05 $\pm$ 0.32	0.15 $\pm$ 0.06	0.29 $\pm$ 0.10
Nonprompt background	30 $\pm$ 6	-	-
Pileup $\gamma$	1.9 $\pm$ 0.7	-	-
Total yield	139 $\pm$ 12	23 $\pm$ 5	33 $\pm$ 6
Data	139	23	33

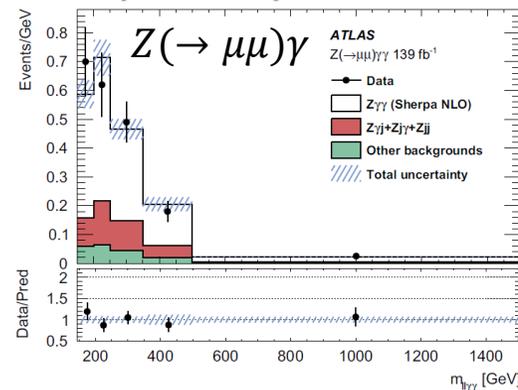
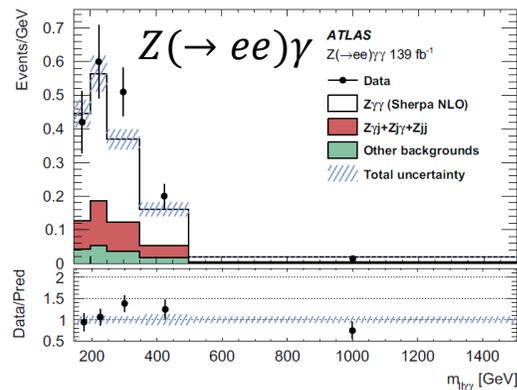


# Observation of $Z\gamma\gamma$ Production

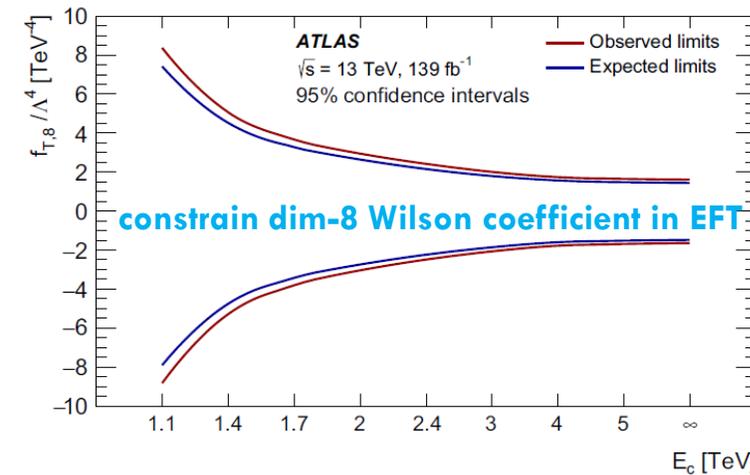
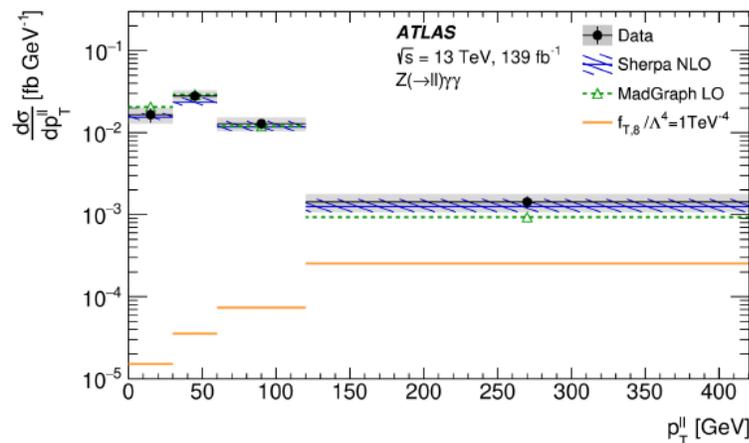
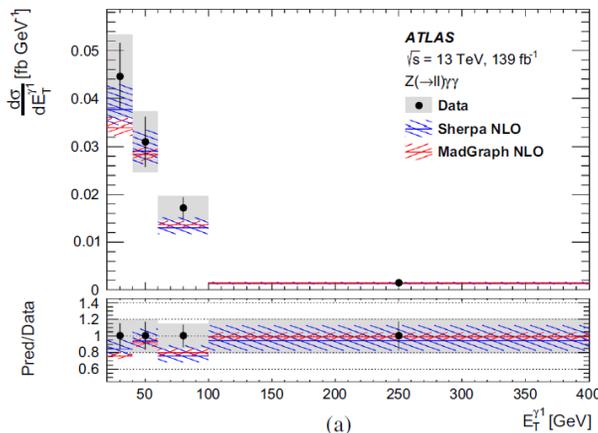
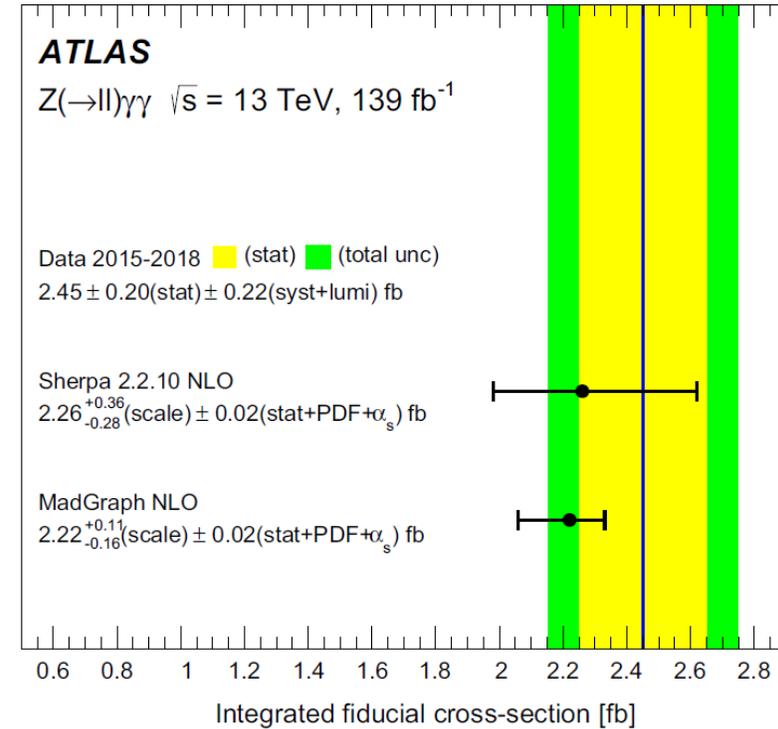
Measured  $\sigma$



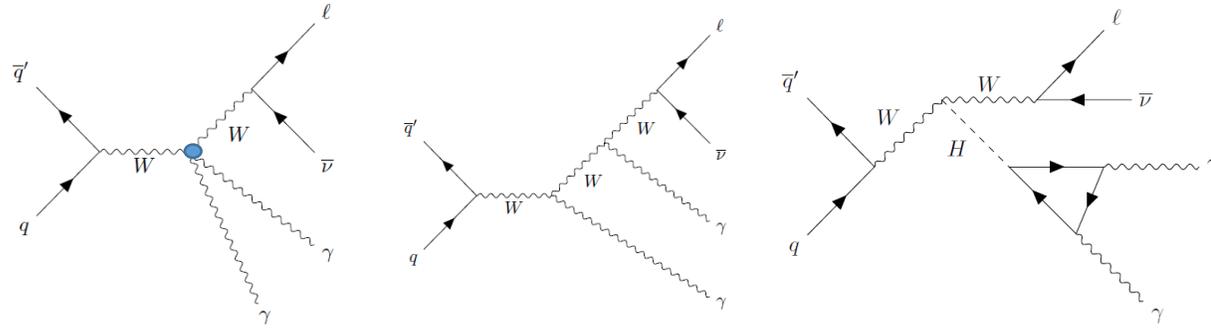
Remove FSR  $m_{ee} + \min(m_{ee\gamma_1}, m_{ee\gamma_2}) > 2m_Z$



	$e^+e^-\gamma\gamma$	$\mu^+\mu^-\gamma\gamma$
Data	148	171
Data – background	<b>Non-prompt <math>\gamma</math></b> $105.5 \pm 12.2$ (stat.) $\pm 8.1$ (sys.)	$120.4 \pm 13.1$ (stat.) $\pm 9.4$ (sys.)
Signal predictions		
SHERPA NLO	$91.5 \pm 0.9$ (stat.)	$119.5 \pm 1.0$ (stat.)
MADGRAPH5_AMC@NLO	$91.0 \pm 1.0$ (stat.)	$118.1 \pm 1.2$ (stat.)

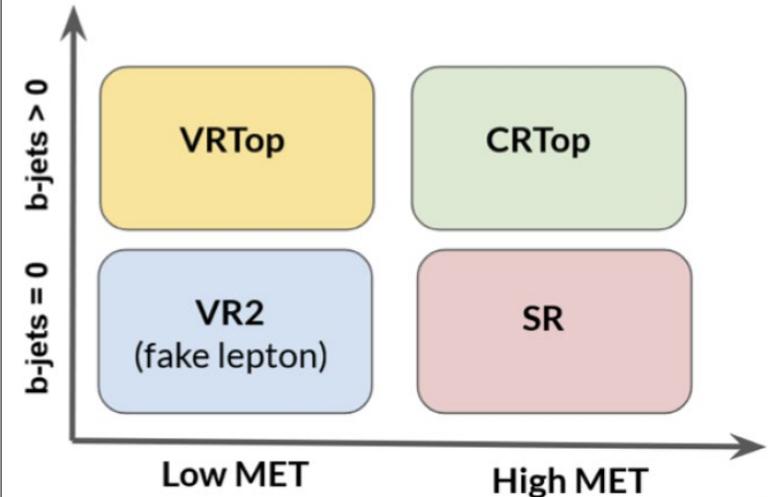
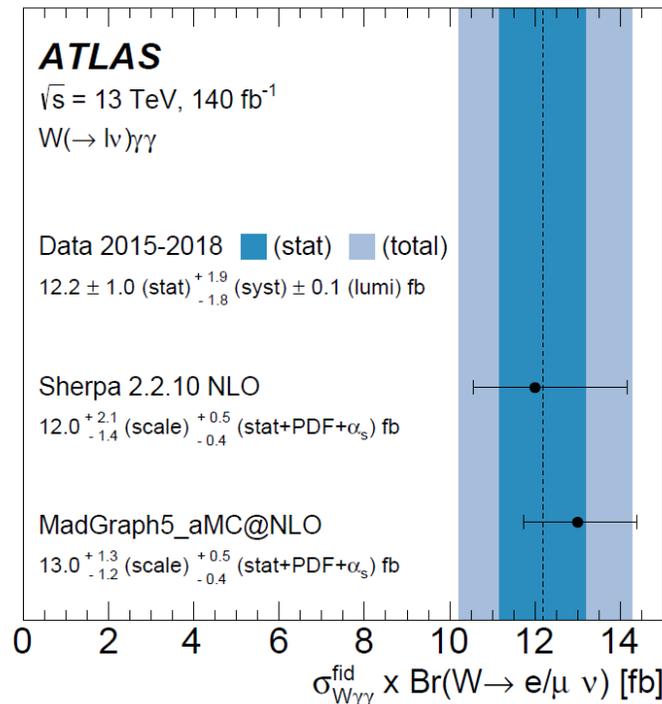
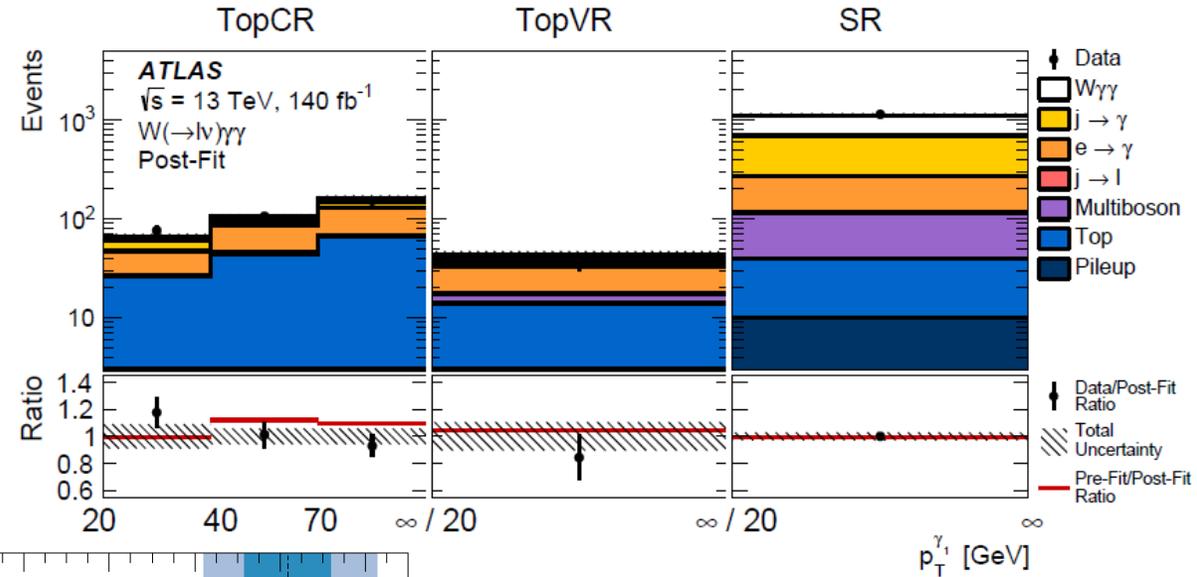


# Observation of $W\gamma\gamma$ Production



**The first observation of  $W(\rightarrow l\nu)\gamma\gamma$   
( $5.6\sigma$  observed and predicted)!**

Source	SR	TopCR
$W\gamma\gamma$	$410 \pm 60$	$28 \pm 5$
Non-prompt $j \rightarrow \gamma$	$420 \pm 50$	$42 \pm 20$
Misidentified $e \rightarrow \gamma$	$155 \pm 11$	$120 \pm 9$
Multiboson ( $WH(\gamma\gamma), WW\gamma, Z\gamma\gamma$ )	$76 \pm 13$	$5.2 \pm 1.7$
Non-prompt $j \rightarrow \ell$	$35 \pm 10$	–
Top ( $t\ell\gamma, tW\gamma, tq\gamma$ )	$30 \pm 7$	$136 \pm 32$
Pileup	$10 \pm 5$	–
Total	$1\,136 \pm 34$	$332 \pm 18$
Data	1 136	333



The Standard Model only allows a specific set of combinations of four-gauge-boson self-interactions:  $WWWW$ ,  $WW\gamma\gamma$ ,  $WWZ\gamma$  and  $WWZZ$ , forbidding interactions among four neutral bosons.

	$WWWW$	$WW\gamma\gamma$	$WWZ\gamma$	$WWZZ$
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$	✓			
$WZjj$				✓
$ZZjj$				✓
$Z\gamma jj$			✓	
$WW$ (via $\gamma\gamma$ )		✓		