



# Precision measurements of Higgs boson properties with the ATLAS experiment

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# Introduction

• Higgs boson is a **fundamental particle**, even under CP inversion, predicted by the BEH mechanism

• Higgs boson mass is not predicted by the theory and needs to be estimated experimentally

Stability of the electroweak vacuum (i.e. of our universe) depends on this value

• Strength of the interaction between the Higgs boson and other elementary particles

- Predicted by the SM once the Higgs boson mass is known
- Gauge couplings: essential test of the spontaneous electroweak symmetry breaking
- Yukawa couplings: important test of the CP structure of the Higgs boson couplings
- The best possible knowledge of its properties is essential

Test the SM

> Any deviation could imply new physics

- Parametrised within the *k*- or **EFT framework** 



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# Higgs boson production



- About 9M Higgs bosons produced in ATLAS (~27k reconstructed) during Run 2
- ▶ggF is the dominant production process at LHC and provides <u>indirect</u> measurement of top Yukawa coupling via virtual loops
- ttH provides <u>direct</u> measurement of top Yukawa coupling
- ▶ggF and VBF observed during Run 1
- ▶ WH, ZH and ttH+tH observed during Run 2



# Higgs boson production

#### Nature 607, 52 (2022)



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# Higgs boson decay



- ► First discovered in bosonic decay channels:  $H \rightarrow ZZ^*, H \rightarrow WW^*, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Interactions with third generation fermions well measured:  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ ,  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
- Measurements of Higgs couplings to secondgeneration fermions challenging:  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ ,  $H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$
- +  $\gamma\gamma$  , ZZ, WW and  $\tau\tau$  observed during Run 1
- $b\bar{b}$  observed during <u>**Run 2**</u> /  $\mu\mu$ , <u>Z</u> $\gamma$ , <u>c</u> $\bar{c}$  not yet



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• Different combinations of Higgs production and decay ( $\sigma \times B$ ) measurements allow detailed tests of the SM

Excellent agreement with the SM prediction (p-value=72%)

• Combined measurement of the inclusive Higgs production cross-section

Assuming that all production and decay processes scale with the **same** global signal strength<sup>1</sup>

•  $\mu = 1.05 \pm 0.03$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.03$  (exp.)  $\pm 0.04$  (sig. th.)  $\pm 0.02$  (bkg. th.)  $= 1.05 \pm 0.06$ 



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# Higgs boson couplings

### Nature 607, 52 (2022)

• Results interpreted within the  $\kappa$ -framework with a set of coupling strength modifiers<sup>1</sup>:  $\kappa_p^2 = \sigma_p / \sigma_p^{SM}$  or  $\kappa_p^2 = \Gamma_p / \Gamma_p^{SM}$ 

Scaling of the Higgs couplings to the SM particles as a function of their mass agrees with the SM



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# Simplified template x-sections

- **STXS** = powerful framework for Higgs cross-section production measurements
  - Enables studying kinematic properties of the Higgs production and probing the internal structure of its couplings
  - Partitions phase space into mutually exclusive regions specific to different <u>Higgs production modes</u>
  - Allows for a combination of all measurements in different decay channels
  - Maximises experimental sensitivity
  - Minimising the dependence on theoretical uncertainties that are directly folded into the measurements



Simplified Template Cross Sections - Stage 1.1

# Simplified template x-sections

• Full Run 2 results performed in 36 regions consistent with the SM predictions (p-value=94%)



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# Fiducial x-sections

• **Fiducial x-section** = x-section measured in a phase space closely matching **detector** and **analysis** acceptance

• Minimises extrapolation effects (extrapolation to the full phase space often required to combine analyses)

• Enough data to perform not only inclusive but also differential x-section measurements

Measurements performed as a function of various variables sensitive to the properties of Higgs boson

Measured cross-sections corrected for detector inefficiency and resolution to the particle level, through unfolding



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- Single- and double-differential measurements performed in ggF-enriched region ( $N_{\rm jet} < 2$ )
- Signal in each interval of the observable under consideration is extracted from a fit to  $m_T$
- ▶ 8 observables sensitive to the Higgs production  $(p_T^H, |y_{i0}|)$  and decay  $(p_T^{\ell 0}, p_T^{\ell \ell}, m_{\ell \ell}, y_{\ell \ell}, \Delta \phi_{\ell \ell}, \cos \theta^*)$  kinematics
- Normalisations of WW, top-quark and  $Z/\gamma^*$  bkgs obtained from the simultaneous fit to data using dedicated CRs
- Dominant systematic uncertainties: jet and muon reconstruction, theoretical modelling of top and WW bkgs



# x-sections in VBF $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ PRD 108, 072003

- Integrated x-section measurements performed in VBF-enriched region ( $N_{\text{jet}} \ge 2$ )
- Dedicated BDT discriminants used to separate VBF from top+VV and top+VV from other backgrounds
- Overall relative precision is about 23%, dominated by the statistical uncertainty in the data sample

Dominant systematic uncertainties are theoretical (signal modelling), largest experimental uncertainty is JER

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# x-sections in VBF $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ prd 108, 072003

- <u>Differential</u> x-section measurements performed in VBF-enriched region ( $N_{\text{jet}} \ge 2$ )
- Signal extracted from a simultaneous likelihood fit of BDT discriminants to data in several kinematic regions
- ▶ 13 observables sensitive to the Higgs production and decay

 $\bullet p_{\mathrm{T}}^{H}, p_{T}^{\ell\ell}, p_{T}^{\ell_{1}}, p_{T}^{\ell_{2}}, m_{\ell\ell}, |\Delta y_{\ell\ell}|, |\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell}|, \cos \theta_{\eta}^{*}, p_{T}^{j_{1}}, p_{T}^{j_{2}}, m_{jj}, |\Delta y_{jj}|, \Delta \phi_{jj}$ 

 $\int_{0.005}^{0.005} ATLAS$  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ Terms}$  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ Terms}$ Uncertainties driven by the data statistical uncertainty Data Powheg+Pythia8  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ Data Stat. Unc. A Powheg+Herwig7 Data Total Unc. VBFNLO@LO+Pythia8 VBF  $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow evuv$ Events / bin width ATLAS VBFNLO@NLO SR1 MG5+Herwig7 | m<sub>jj</sub> Bin4 x2 Bin5 ا<sub>ال</sub>  $\begin{array}{c|c} 800 - m_{jj} \operatorname{Bin1} & m_{jj} \operatorname{Bin2} \\ \hline x1 & x2 \end{array}$ m<sub>jj</sub> Bin3 x2 0.002 600 0.001 400 200 -0.001 2.5 Pred. / Data Data / Pred. .5 • 0.5E 0<sup>L</sup> 0 500 1000 1500 2000 6000 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5  $D_{\rm VBF}$ m<sub>ii</sub> [GeV] Martina Javurkova (UMass) Precision measurements of the Higgs boson with ATLAS Epiphany 2024 16

#### x-sections in VBF $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ PRD 108, 072003

Results also interpreted in SMEFT framework

• BSM interactions introduced via extra higher-dimensional operators  $\mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$  (only d = 6 considered)

![](_page_16_Figure_3.jpeg)

• Wilson coefficients constrained one at a time using the most sensitive differential distribution most sensitive

# x-sections at 13.6 TeV

► Inclusive production x-sections measured in two channels:  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  (29.0 ifb) and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (31.4 ifb)

• Measured fiducial x-sections compatible with the SM predictions of  $67.6 \pm 3.7$  fb ( $\gamma\gamma$ ) and  $3.67 \pm 0.19$  fb ( $4\ell$ )

•  $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{fid}} = 76^{+14}_{-13} \,\text{fb}$  and  $\sigma_{4\ell}^{\text{fid}} = 2.80 \pm 0.74 \,\text{fb}$ 

• Extrapolated to the full phase space, in agreement with the SM prediction of 59.9 ± 2.6 pb

•  $\sigma(pp \to H) = 58.2 \pm 7.5$ (stat.)  $\pm 4.5$ (syst.) pb = 58.2  $\pm 8.7$  pb

#### Non-resonant backgrounds

•4 $\ell$ : constrained from dedicated data sidebands

•  $\gamma\gamma$ : described by a function fitted to data

- Dominated by the statistical uncertainty
- Main systematic uncertainties: e and  $\mu$  uncertainties (4 $\ell$ ), background modelling and photon efficiency ( $\gamma\gamma$ )

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<sup>1</sup> Measurements restricted to a particle-level phase space closely matching detector-level kinematic selection, corrected for detector effects Martina Javurkova (UMass) *Precision measurements of the Higgs boson with ATLAS* Epiphany 2024 <sup>18</sup>  $\bullet m_H$  is a fundamental parameter in the SM, not predicted by the theory, crucial for determining other properties

• Measured in  $H \to ZZ^* \to 4\ell$  and  $H \to \gamma\gamma$  decay channels due to their excellent mass resolution (1-2%)

• Fully reconstructable final states with a clean signature

#### • Full Run 2 measurement in $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ channel

- To increase the precision of the measurement, events are classified into 14 categories based on:
  - Detector region: central-barrel, outerbarrel and endcap
  - Number of reconstructed converted photon candidates: U-type (0) and Ctype events ( ≥ 1)

![](_page_18_Figure_9.jpeg)

•  $p_{Tt}^{\gamma\gamma}$ : low, medium and high

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- Signal described by a *double-sided Crystal* Ball parametric in  $m_H$
- Background (non-resonant  $\gamma\gamma$  production) represented by either an *exponential function*, a *power-law function* or an *exponentiated second-order polynomial* chosen by fitting  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- Systematic uncertainty reduced by a factor of 4 wrt the previous measurement based on partial Run 2 data

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#### • Full Run 2 measurement in $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ channel

ightarrow 0.1% precision reached in a single channel

 $m_H = 125.17 \pm 0.11$ (stat.)  $\pm 0.09$ (syst.) GeV =  $125.17 \pm 0.14$  GeV

![](_page_20_Figure_5.jpeg)

### Higgs boson mass in $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ arXiv:2308.04775

• Combination of Run 1 and Run 2 measurements in  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  final states

• The most precise measurement of  $m_H$  up to date (0.09 % precision):

 $m_H = 125.10 \pm 0.09 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.06 \text{ (syst.)} \text{ GeV} = 125.11 \pm 0.11 \text{ GeV}$ 

Dominant sources of systematic uncertainties associated to the electron and photon energy scales

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# Higgs boson width

### SM predicts the Higgs total width of 4.1 MeV

Theoretical line-shape (narrow relativistic Breit-Wigner distribution)

convoluted with the detector response

• Too small for detector resolution

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$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{gg \to H \to ZZ}^{\text{off-shell}} / \sigma_{gg \to H \to ZZ}^{\text{on-shell}} \sim \Gamma_H$$

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#### Full Run 2 measurement

#### Observables

- $4\ell$ : built from NN outputs trained with kinematic information of the four lepton from MC simulation and also the square of the modulus of the values of the LO ME
- $2\ell^2\nu$ : transverse mass of the ZZ system
- Signal regions: defined as  $m_{4\ell} > 220 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - **EW SR**:  $n_{\text{jets}} \ge 2$  and  $|\Delta \eta_{jj}| > 4.0$
  - Mixed SR:  $n_{\text{iets}} = 1$  and  $\eta_i > 2.2$
  - ▶ggF SR: remaining events

![](_page_25_Figure_10.jpeg)

### Full Run 2 measurement

- Each background has a dedicated control region and a floating normalisation in the fit
- Main systematic uncertainties:
  - ▶ Exp: parton shower (QSF, CKKW), jet-related uncertainties
  - Theory: high-order corrections
- Statistically limited measurement:  $\Gamma_H = 4.5^{+3.3}_{-2.5} \text{ MeV}$
- Background-only hypothesis rejected with  $3.3 \sigma$  significance  $\Rightarrow$  evidence for the off-shell Higgs production
- Results also interpreted in SMEFT framework

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### ATL-PHYS-PUB-2023-012

PLB 846 (2023) 138223

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  - 0.09% precision on the Higgs boson mass [PLB 847 (2023) 138315], [arXiv:2308.04775]
  - ~60% precision on the Higgs boson total width [PLB 846 (2023) 138223]
- Differential cross-sections measured in several channels and sensitive variables [EPJC 83 (2023) 774], [PRD 108, 072003]
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#### Nature Reviews Physics volume 3, pages 608–624 (2021)

# LHC: interactions per crossing

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Public ATLAS Luminosity Results

	(a) $B_{inv.} = B_{u.} = 0$	(b) $B_{inv}$ free, $B_{u} \ge 0$ , $\kappa_{W,Z} \le 1$
KΖ	$0.99^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$0.98^{+0.02}_{-0.05}$
κ <sub>W</sub>	$1.05^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$1.00_{-0.02}$
K <sub>t</sub>	$0.94^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$	$0.94^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$
КЪ	$0.89^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$	$0.82^{+0.09}_{-0.08}$
$K_{\tau}$	$0.93^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$0.91^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$
Kμ	$1.06^{+0.25}_{-0.30}$	$1.04^{+0.23}_{-0.30}$
Кд	$0.95^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$0.94^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$
Κγ	$1.01^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$0.98^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$
KZγ	$1.38^{+0.31}_{-0.37}$	$1.35^{+0.29}_{-0.36}$
$B_{inv.}$	-	< 0.13
$B_{u.}$	-	< 0.12

Measured Higgs boson coupling modifiers per particle type

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Production	Effective	Parametrization in terms of coupling strength modifiers
cross section	coupling	r araneurization in terms of coupling strength mounters
$\sigma(\mathrm{ggF})$	$\kappa_g^2$	$1.040 \kappa_t^2 + 0.002 \kappa_b^2 - 0.038 \kappa_t \kappa_b - 0.005 \kappa_t \kappa_c$
$\sigma(\text{VBF})$	-	$0.733 \kappa_W^2 + 0.267 \kappa_Z^2$
$\sigma(qq/qg \to ZH)$	-	$\kappa_Z^2$
$\sigma(gg \to ZH)$	-	$2.456 \kappa_Z^2 + 0.456 \kappa_t^2 - 1.903 \kappa_Z \kappa_t - 0.011 \kappa_Z \kappa_b + 0.003 \kappa_t \kappa_b$
$\sigma(WH)$	-	$\kappa_W^2$
$\sigma(t\bar{t}H)$	-	$\kappa_t^2$
$\sigma(tHW)$	-	$2.909 \kappa_t^2 + 2.310 \kappa_W^2 - 4.220 \kappa_t \kappa_W$
$\sigma(tHq)$	-	$2.633 \kappa_t^2 + 3.578 \kappa_W^2 - 5.211 \kappa_t \kappa_W$
$\sigma(b\bar{b}H)$	-	$\kappa_b^2$
Partial decay width		
$\Gamma^{bb}$	-	$\kappa_{b}^{2}$
$\Gamma^{WW}$	-	$\kappa_W^2$
$\Gamma^{gg}$	$\kappa_g^2$	$1.111 \kappa_t^2 + 0.012 \kappa_b^2 - 0.123 \kappa_t \kappa_b$
$\Gamma^{\tau\tau}$	-	$\kappa_{\tau}^2$
$\Gamma^{ZZ}$	-	$\kappa_Z^2$
$\Gamma^{cc}$	-	$\kappa_c^2 \ (= \kappa_t^2)$
$\Gamma^{\gamma\gamma}$	2	$1.589 \kappa_W^2 + 0.072 \kappa_t^2 - 0.674 \kappa_W \kappa_t$
1 **	$\kappa_{\gamma}$	$+0.009 \kappa_W \kappa_\tau + 0.008 \kappa_W \kappa_b - 0.002 \kappa_t \kappa_b - 0.002 \kappa_t \kappa_\tau$
$\Gamma^{Z\gamma}$	$\kappa_{Z\gamma}^2$	$1.118 \kappa_W^2 - 0.125 \kappa_W \kappa_t + 0.004 \kappa_t^2 + 0.003 \kappa_W \kappa_b$
$\Gamma^{ss}$	-	$\kappa_s^2 \ (= \kappa_b^2)$
$\Gamma^{\mu\mu}$	-	$\kappa_{\mu}^2$
Total width $(B_{inv.} =$	$B_{\rm u.}=0)$	
Γ	<i>u</i> <sup>2</sup>	$0.581\kappa_b^2 + 0.215\kappa_W^2 + 0.082\kappa_g^2 + 0.063\kappa_\tau^2 + 0.026\kappa_Z^2 + 0.029\kappa_c^2$
I H	ĸН	$+0.0023 \kappa_{\chi}^{2} + 0.0015 \kappa_{Z_{\chi}}^{2} + 0.0004 \kappa_{s}^{2} + 0.00022 \kappa_{\mu}^{2}$

Parametrisations of Higgs boson production cross sections, partial decay widths, and the total width, normalised to their SM values, as functions of the coupling strength modifiers  $\kappa$ 

STXS	Cross section [pb]	SM prediction [pb]
$gg \rightarrow H, 0$ -jet, $p_T^H < 10 \text{ GeV}$	$5.8 \pm 1.3(^{+1.2}_{-1.1}(stat.)^{+0.7}_{-0.6}(syst.))$	$6.6 \pm 0.9$
$gg \rightarrow H, 0$ -jet, $10 \le p_T^H < 200 \text{ GeV}$	$25.4^{+2.7}_{-2.6}(\pm 1.8(stat.)^{+2.0}_{-1.8}(syst.))$	$20.6 \pm 1.5$
$gg \rightarrow H$ , 1-jet, $p_T^H < 60 \text{ GeV}$	$5.2 \pm 1.7(\pm 1.3(stat.) \pm 1.1(syst.))$	$6.5 \pm 0.9$
$gg \rightarrow H$ , 1-jet, $60 \le p_T^H < 120 \text{ GeV}$	$5.5^{+1.2}_{-1.1}(\pm 1.0(stat.)^{+0.7}_{-0.6}(syst.))$	$4.5 \pm 0.6$
$gg \rightarrow H$ , 1-jet, $120 \le p_T^H < 200 \text{ GeV}$	$0.73^{+0.30}_{-0.29}(\pm 0.25(stat.)^{+0.16}_{-0.14}(syst.))$	$0.75\pm0.13$
$gg \rightarrow H, \ge 2$ -jet, $m_{jj} < 350$ GeV, $p_T^H < 120$ GeV	$1.2 \pm 1.4(\pm 1.2(stat.) \pm 0.7(syst.))$	$3.0 \pm 0.6$
$gg \rightarrow H, \ge 2$ -jet, $m_{jj} < 350$ GeV, $120 \le p_T^H < 200$ GeV	$0.9 \pm 0.4(\pm 0.4(stat.) \pm 0.2(syst.))$	$0.94 \pm 0.22$
$gg \rightarrow H, \ge 2$ -jet, $m_{jj} \ge 350$ GeV, $p_T^H < 200$ GeV	$0.9 \pm 0.7(\pm 0.6(stat.) \pm 0.3(syst.))$	$0.88 \pm 0.21$
$gg \rightarrow H, 200 \le p_T^H < 300 \text{ GeV}$	$0.66^{+0.16}_{-0.15}({}^{+0.13}_{-0.12}(stat.){}^{+0.10}_{-0.08}(syst.))$	$0.46\pm0.10$
$gg \rightarrow H, 300 \le p_T^H < 450 \text{ GeV}$	$0.08 \pm 0.05 (\substack{+0.05 \\ -0.04} (stat.) \pm 0.02 (syst.))$	$0.106\pm0.027$
$gg \to H, p_T^H \ge 450 \text{ GeV}$	$0.036^{+0.024}_{-0.020}(^{+0.023}_{-0.020}(stat.)^{+0.008}_{-0.005}(syst.))$	$0.018 \pm 0.005$
$qq \rightarrow Hqq, \leq 1$ -jet	$0.6^{+2.0}_{-1.8}(^{+1.9}_{-1.8}(stat.) \pm 0.6(syst.))$	$2.16 \pm 0.06$
$qq \rightarrow Hqq, \ge 2$ -jet, $m_{jj} < 350$ GeV, $VH$ -enriched	$0.34^{+0.26}_{-0.24}({}^{+0.23}_{-0.22}(stat.){}^{+0.12}_{-0.11}(syst.))$	$0.510\pm0.016$
$qq \rightarrow Hqq, \ge 2$ -jet, $m_{jj} < 350$ GeV, $VBF$ -enriched	$1.8^{+1.1}_{-1.0}({}^{+1.0}_{-0.9}(stat.){}^{+0.5}_{-0.4}(syst.))$	$0.735 \pm 0.019$
$qq \rightarrow Hqq, \ge 2$ -jet, 350 $\le m_{jj} <$ 700 GeV, $p_T^H <$ 200 GeV	$0.49^{+0.26}_{-0.24}({}^{+0.23}_{-0.21}(stat.){}^{+0.13}_{-0.10}(syst.))$	$0.535 \pm 0.013$
$qq \rightarrow Hqq, \ge 2$ -jet, 700 $\le m_{jj} < 1000$ GeV, $p_T^H < 200$ GeV	$0.30^{+0.14}_{-0.12}({}^{+0.12}_{-0.11}(stat.){}^{+0.06}_{-0.05}(syst.))$	$0.256 \pm 0.007$
$qq \rightarrow Hqq, \ge 2$ -jet, 1000 $\le m_{jj} < 1500$ GeV, $p_T^H < 200$ GeV	$0.30^{+0.11}_{-0.10}({}^{+0.10}_{-0.09}(stat.){}^{+0.05}_{-0.04}(syst.))$	$0.224\pm0.006$
$qq \rightarrow Hqq, \ge 2$ -jet, $m_{jj} \ge 1500$ GeV, $p_T^H < 200$ GeV	$0.26^{+0.08}_{-0.07}(\pm 0.07(stat.)^{+0.04}_{-0.03}(syst.))$	$0.216 \pm 0.006$
$qq \rightarrow Hqq, \ge 2$ -jet, 350 $\le m_{jj} < 1000 \text{ GeV}, p_T^H \ge 200 \text{ GeV}$	$0.04 \pm 0.05 (^{+0.05}_{-0.04}(stat.) ^{+0.02}_{-0.01}(syst.))$	$0.0737 \pm 0.0017$
$qq \rightarrow Hqq, \ge 2$ -jet, $m_{jj} \ge 1000$ GeV, $p_T^H \ge 200$ GeV	$0.086^{+0.022}_{-0.021}(\pm 0.019(stat.) {}^{+0.011}_{-0.009}(syst.))$	$0.0732 \pm 0.0019$
$qq \rightarrow H l \nu, p_T^V < 75 \text{ GeV}$	$0.70^{+0.30}_{-0.27}(^{+0.29}_{-0.26}(stat.)^{+0.06}_{-0.04}(syst.))$	$0.215\pm0.008$
$qq \rightarrow H l \nu, 75 \leq p_T^V < 150 \text{ GeV}$	$0.05^{+0.11}_{-0.08}(^{+0.11}_{-0.08}(stat.)^{+0.02}_{-0.01}(syst.))$	$0.134 \pm 0.005$
$qq \rightarrow H l \nu, 150 \le p_T^V < 250 \text{ GeV}$	$0.039^{+0.019}_{-0.018}(\pm 0.013(stat.)^{+0.013}_{-0.012}(syst.))$	$0.0412 \pm 0.0017$
$qq \rightarrow H l\nu, 250 \le p_T^V < 400 \text{ GeV}$	$0.011 \pm 0.004 (^{+0.004}_{-0.003} (stat.) \pm 0.002 (syst.))$	$0.0100 \pm 0.0004$
$qq \rightarrow H l \nu, p_T^V \ge 400 \text{ GeV}$	$0.0033^{+0.0020}_{-0.0018}(^{+0.0017}_{-0.0016}(stat.)^{+0.0011}_{-0.0009}(syst.))$	$0.00214 \pm 0.00011$
$gg/qq \rightarrow H ll, p_T^V < 150 \text{ GeV}$	$0.08 \pm 0.11 (^{+0.09}_{-0.08} (stat.) ^{+0.08}_{-0.07} (syst.))$	$0.198 \pm 0.007$
$gg/qq \rightarrow H ll, 150 \leq p_T^V < 250 \text{ GeV}$	$0.035^{+0.011}_{-0.010}(^{+0.009}_{-0.008}(stat.)^{+0.007}_{-0.006}(syst.))$	$0.032 \pm 0.004$
$gg/qq \rightarrow Hll, 250 \le p_T^V < 400 \text{ GeV}$	$0.0074^{+0.0029}_{-0.0027}(^{+0.0025}_{-0.0024}(stat.)^{+0.0013}_{-0.0012}(syst.))$	$0.0072 \pm 0.0008$
$gg/qq \rightarrow Hll, p_T^V \ge 400 \text{ GeV}$	$0.0004^{+0.0012}_{-0.0011}(^{+0.0010}_{-0.0009}(stat.)^{+0.0007}_{-0.0006}(syst.))$	$0.00126 \pm 0.00010$
$t\bar{t}H, p_T^H < 60 \text{ GeV}$	$0.09^{+0.09}_{-0.08}(^{+0.08}_{-0.07}(stat.)^{+0.04}_{-0.03}(syst.))$	$0.118 \pm 0.016$
$t\bar{t}H, 60 \le p_T^H < 120 \text{ GeV}$	$0.13^{+0.10}_{-0.09}( {}^{+0.09}_{-0.08}(stat.) {}^{+0.05}_{-0.04}(syst.))$	$0.178 \pm 0.020$
$t\bar{t}H$ , 120 $\leq p_T^H < 200 \text{ GeV}$	$0.05 \pm 0.06 (\pm 0.05 (stat.) \pm 0.03 (syst.))$	$0.126 \pm 0.015$
$t\bar{t}H$ , 200 $\leq p_T^H < 300 \text{ GeV}$	$0.052^{+0.030}_{-0.027}(^{+0.026}_{-0.024}(stat.)^{+0.015}_{-0.012}(syst.))$	$0.053 \pm 0.007$
$t\bar{t}H$ , 300 $\leq p_T^H < 450 \text{ GeV}$	$0.005^{+0.012}_{-0.011}(\pm 0.010(stat.)\pm 0.006(syst.))$	$0.0190 \pm 0.0031$
$t\bar{t}H, p_T^H \ge 450 \text{ GeV}$	$0.000 \pm 0.008 (^{+0.006}_{-0.005}(stat.) \pm 0.005(syst.))$	$0.0054 \pm 0.0010$
tH	$0.5^{+0.4}_{-0.3}(\pm 0.3(stat.)^{+0.2}_{-0.1}(syst.))$	$0.085^{+0.005}_{-0.011}$

Best-fit values and uncertainties for the cross sections in each measurement region

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Source	Systematic uncertainty on $m_H$ [MeV ]
$e/\gamma E_{\rm T}$ -independent $Z \rightarrow ee$ calibration	44
$e/\gamma E_{\rm T}$ -dependent electron energy scale	28
$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ interference bias	17
$e/\gamma$ photon lateral shower shape	16
$e/\gamma$ photon conversion reconstruction	15
$e/\gamma$ energy resolution	11
$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ background modelling	10
Muon momentum scale	8
All other systematic uncertainties	7

Process	Matrix element	PDF set	UE and PS model	Prediction order
	(alternative)		(alternative model)	for total cross section
ggF H	Powheg Box v2 [18,19,20,21,22]	PDF4LHC15NNLO [54]	PVTHA 8 [65]	$N^{3}I \cap OCD + NI \cap FW$ [21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 20 40 41]
	NNLOPS [66,18,25]	I DI 4LIICI5NNLO [54]		$N \ LO \ QOD + NLO \ LW \ [51,52,55,54,55,50,57,56,59,40,41]$
	(MG5_AMC@NLO) [42,67]		(Herwig 7) [68]	
VBF $H$	Powheg Box v2 [66,20,21,22]	PDF4LHC15nlo	Pythia 8	NNLO QCD + NLO EW $[44,45,46]$
	(MG5_AMC@NLO)		(Herwig 7)	
$VH$ excl. $gg \rightarrow ZH$	Powheg Box v2	PDF4LHC15nlo	Pythia 8	NNLO QCD + NLO EW $[47,48,49,51,52]$
ttH	Powheg Box v2	NNPDF3.0nlo	Pythia 8	NLO [31]
$gg \rightarrow ZH$	Powheg Box v2	NNPDF3.0nlo	Pythia 8	NLO+NLL [50,53]
$qq \rightarrow WW$	Sherpa 2.2.2 [69]	NNPDF3.0nnlo [70]	Sherpa 2.2.2 [71,72,73,74,75,76]	NLO [77,78,79]
	$(Q_{ m cut})$		$(\text{Sherpa } 2.2.2 \ [72,80]; \mu_q)$	
$qq \rightarrow WWqq$	MG5_AMC@NLO [42]	NNPDF3.0NLO	Pythia 8	LO
			(Herwig 7)	
$gg \rightarrow WW/ZZ$	Sherpa 2.2.2	NNPDF3.0nnlo	Sherpa 2.2.2	LO [81]
$WZ/V\gamma^*/ZZ$	Sherpa 2.2.2	NNPDF3.0nnlo	Sherpa 2.2.2	NLO [82]
$V\gamma$	Sherpa 2.2.8 [69]	NNPDF3.0nnlo	Sherpa 2.2.8	NLO [82]
VVV	Sherpa 2.2.2	NNPDF3.0nnlo	Sherpa 2.2.2	NLO
$t\overline{t}$	Powheg Box v2	NNPDF3.0nlo	Pythia 8	NNLO+NNLL [83,84,85,86,87,88,89]
	(MG5_AMC@NLO)		(Herwig 7)	
Wt	Powheg Box v2	NNPDF3.0nlo	Pythia 8	NNLO [90,91]
	(MG5_AMC@NLO)		(Herwig 7)	
$Z/\gamma^*$	Sherpa 2.2.1	NNPDF3.0nnlo	Sherpa 2.2.1	NNLO [92]
	(MG5_AMC@NLO)			

Category	$N_{\rm jet,(p_T>30~GeV)} = 0 \qquad N_{\rm jet,(p_T>30~GeV)} = 1$		
	Exactly two isolated leptons $(\ell = e, \mu)$ with opposite charge		
	$p_{\rm T}^{\rm lead} > 22  GeV ,  p_{\rm T}^{\rm sublead} > 15  GeV$		
Pre-Selection	$ \eta_e  < 2.5,  \eta_\mu  < 2.5, p_T^{\text{jet}} > 30  GeV$		
	$m_{\ell\ell} > 10  GeV$		
	$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss, \ track} > 20  GeV$		
Background rejection	$N_{b\text{-jet},(p_{\mathrm{T}}>20\mathrm{GeV})} = 0$		
	$\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell, E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}} > \pi/2 \qquad \max(m_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell}) > 50  GeV$		
	$p_{\rm T}^{\ell\ell'} > 30  GeV$ $m_{\tau\tau} < m_Z - 25  GeV$		
	$m_{\rm T} > 80  GeV$		
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu \qquad \qquad$	$m_{\ell\ell} < 55  GeV$		
topology	$\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell} < 1.8$		

Event selection criteria used to define the signal and fiducial region in the analysis. The reconstructed electrons are required to have a pseudorapidity  $|\eta| < 2.47$ , excluding the transition region between the barrel and endcaps of the EM calorimeter,  $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52$ .

CR	$N_{\text{jet},(p_{\text{T}}>30 \text{ GeV})} = 0$	$N_{\rm jet,(p_T>30~GeV)}=1$	
	$N_{b\text{-jet},(p_{\mathrm{T}}>20\mathrm{GeV})}=0$		
	$\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell, E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}} > \pi/2$	$m_{\ell\ell} > 80  GeV$	
$qq \rightarrow WW$	$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell\ell} > 30~GeV$	$ m_{ au au} - m_Z  > 25  GeV$	
	$55{<}m_{\ell\ell}{<}110~GeV$	$\max\left(m_{\rm T}^{\ell}\right) > 50 \ GeV$	
	$\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell}{<}2.6$		
	$N_{\rm H}$ , $(n_{\rm e}, q_{\rm e}, q_{\rm e}) > 0$	$N_{b\text{-jet},(p_{\mathrm{T}}>30\mathrm{GeV})}=1$	
	$1.6$ -jet,(20 GeV $< p_{\rm T} < 30$ GeV) > 0	$N_{b\text{-jet},(20 \mathrm{GeV} < p_{\mathrm{T}} < 30 \mathrm{GeV})} = 0$	
$t\bar{t}/Wt$	$\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell, E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}} > \pi/2$	$m_{\tau\tau}{<}m_Z-25~GeV$	
	$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell\ell} > 30 \; GeV$	$\max\left(m_{\rm T}^\ell\right) > 50 \ GeV$	
	$\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell}{<}2.8$		
	$N_{b\text{-jet},(p_{\mathrm{T}}>)}$	$a_{20  \text{GeV}} = 0$	
	$m_{\ell\ell} < 80 \; GeV$		
$Z/\gamma^* \to \tau \tau$	no $E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss, \ track}}$ 1	requirement	
	$\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell} > 2.8$	$m_{ au au} > m_Z - 25 \; GeV$	
		$\max\left(m_{\rm T}^{\ell}\right) > 50 \ GeV$	

Background	Normalization factor
$qqWW N_{jet} = 0$	$0.97\pm0.07$
$qqWW N_{jet} = 1$	$0.91\pm0.13$
$Z + \text{jets } N_{\text{jet}} = 0$	$0.91\pm0.07$
$Z + \text{jets } N_{\text{jet}} = 1$	$1.02\pm0.12$
Top $N_{\text{jet}} = 0$	$1.07\pm0.24$
Top $N_{\rm jet} = 1$	$1.03\pm0.18$

Variable	Data Statistical [%]	MC Statistical [%]	Experimental [%]	Theory [%]
$y_{\ell\ell}$	14 - 22	5.3 - 10	6.9 - 15	5.9 - 15
$p_{ ext{T}}^{\ell\ell}$	15 - 29	6.4 - 14	8.2 - 31	6.8 - 27
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell 0}$	13 - 28	6.3 - 13	9.3 - 28	14 - 34
$\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell}$	11 - 39	6.1 - 18	7.8 - 22	13 - 27
$y_{i0}$	23 - 51	12 - 26	21 - 54	26 - 58
$\cos  heta^*$	11 - 15	5.8 - 7.6	8.5 - 11	8.9 - 14
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{H}$	8.5 - 72	6.2 - 18	10 - 58	12 - 27
$m_{\ell\ell}$	12 - 25	5.6 - 11	7.5 - 15	7.3 - 20
$y_{\ell\ell}$ vs $N_{\rm jet}$	9.0 - 62	3.9 – 25	8.0 - 20	5.0 - 53
$p_{\rm T}^{\ell\ell}$ vs $N_{\rm jet}$	9.8 - 36	4.7 - 20	12 - 41	9.9 - 50
$p_{\rm T}^{\ell 0}$ vs $N_{\rm jet}$	9.6 - 50	5.8 - 20	10 - 35	9.4 - 74
$\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell} \text{ vs } N_{ ext{jet}}$	9.6 - 65	5.6 - 18	6.8 - 31	14 - 74
$\cos \theta^*$ vs $\dot{N}_{ m iet}$	13 - 50	6.8 - 25	7.7 - 39	8.9 - 58
$m_{\ell\ell} \text{ vs } N_{\text{jet}}$	12 - 152	5.7 - 44	8.9 - 58	7.2 - 82

Simulation Name	Generator	ME Accuracy	PDF	Shower & Hadronization	UE & PS Parameter Set
Powheg+Pythia 8	POWHEG-BOX v2	NLO QCD & EW	NNPDF3.0NLO	Рутніа 8.230	AZNLO
Powheg+Herwig 7	POWHEG-BOX v2	<ul> <li>+ approx. NNLO QCD</li> <li>NLO QCD &amp; EW</li> <li>+ approx. NNLO OCD</li> </ul>	NNPDF3.0NLO	+EvtGen v1.6.0 Herwig 7.1.3 +EvtGen v1.6.0	H7UE
MG5+Herwig 7	MadGraph5_aMC@NLO	NLO QCD, LO EW	NNPDF30NLO	Herwig 7.1.6	H7UE
VBFNLO@LO	VBFNLO 2.7.1	LO QCD & EW	NNPDF3.0NLO CT14, MMHT14	EvtGen v1.7.0 -	-
VBFNLO@NLO	VBFNLO 2.7.1	NLO QCD & EW	NNPDF3.0NLO	-	-
VBFNLO@LO+Pythia 8	VBFNLO 2.7.1	LO QCD & EW	CT14, MMHT14 NNPDF3.0NLO CT14, MMHT14	Рутніа 8.244 +EvtGen v1.7.0	A14

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Summary of generators used for simulating the signal VBF  $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow ev\mu v$  processes

# x-sections in VBF $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ PRD 108, 072003

Selection Requirements	Signal Region Fiducial R			
Lepton pair flavors	e-µ	<i>e</i> - <i>µ</i>		
Lepton pair charge	0			
Leading (subleading) lepton $p_{\rm T}$	> 22 GeV (>	> 15 GeV)		
	$ \eta^{\mu}  <$	2.5		
Lepton $n^{\ell}$	$0 <  \eta^e  < 1.37$			
	or	$ \eta^{e}  < 2.5$		
	$1.52 <  \eta^e  < 2.47$			
No. of additional leptons	0			
$\Delta R(\ell,\ell)$	overlap removal $> 0.1$			
$m_{\ell\ell}$	> 10 GeV			
$\Delta R(\ell, \text{jet})$	overlap removal > 0.4			
No. of jets ( $p_{\rm T} > 30 \text{ GeV},  \eta  < 4.5$ )	$\geq 2$	2		
No. of <i>b</i> -jets ( $p_{\rm T} > 20$ GeV, $ \eta  < 2.5$ )	0			
$m_{\tau\tau}$	$< m_Z - 2$	25 GeV		
Central jet veto ( $p_{\rm T} > 20 {\rm GeV}$ )	$\checkmark$			
Outside lepton veto	$\checkmark$			
$m_{jj}$	> 450 GeV			
$ \Delta y_{jj} $	> 2.1			
$ \Delta \phi_{\ell \ell} $ <		rad		

Sample	SR	$Z/\gamma^*$ +jets CR	ggF CR
Signal (Powheg+Pythia 8)	110	13	86
ggF Higgs	39	4	450
Other Higgs	3	10	78
Тор	420	41	11 000
$Z/\gamma^*$ +jets	79	320	1 400
VV	280	32	4 300
$V\gamma$	13	14	210
Mis-Id	47	12	810
Total Signal+Background	$1000\pm120$	$450 \pm 160$	$18800 \pm 2600$
Data	916	406	18 228

	Uncertainty [%]	Uncertainty range [%]				
Source	$\sigma^{ m fid}$	$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{H}$	$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell\ell}, p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_1},$	$m_{\ell\ell}$	$p_{\rm T}^{j_1}, p_{\rm T}^{j_2},$	$m_{jj}$
		1	$p_{\mathbf{T}}^{\ell_2},  \Delta y_{\ell\ell} ,$		$ \Delta y_{ij} , \Delta \phi_{ij}$	
			$ \Delta \phi_{\ell\ell} , \cos(\theta_{\eta}^*)$			
Signal modeling	5	< 1 – 7	< 1 – 7	< 1 – 19	< 1 - 8	2-7
Signal parton shower	< 1	< 1 – 2	< 1 – 1.8	< 1 – 10	< 1 – 1.8	< 1 – 7
tī modeling	6	1.7 - 30	3 – 13	3 – 80	3 – 10	1.2 - 70
WW modeling	4	< 1 – 12	3 – 11	2 – 90	3 – 10	3 - 40
$Z/\gamma^*$ +jets modeling	4	< 1 – 19	2 – 18	4 – 30	3 – 13	2 - 50
ggF modeling	5	4.0 - 28	3.4 - 10	2.6 – 12	2.3 - 9.0	1.4 - 86
Mis-Id background	< 1	< 1 – 12	1.1 – 5	< 1 – 19	1 – 3	< 1 – 40
Jets & Pile-up & E <sub>T</sub> <sup>miss</sup>	5	8 – 60	6 - 30	6 – 120	9 – 30	9 - 130
<i>b</i> -tagging	< 1	< 1 – 9	< 1 – 3	< 1 – 19	1.1 – 3	< 1-40
Leptons	1.5	3 – 17	2 – 9	1.2 – 13	1.7 – 7	< 1 – 16
Luminosity	1.5	1.7 - 2	1.3 – 1.9	< 1 – 4	1.5 - 2	< 1 – 1.9
MC statistics	5	10 - 40	6 – 30	6 – 180	8 - 30	7 – 90
Total systematics	13	19 – 90	13 - 60	12 – 180	15 – 50	15 - 200
Data statistics	20	50 - 160	30 - 110	30 - 400	40 - 100	50 - 300
Total uncertainty	23	50 – 190	40 - 120	30 - 500	40 - 100	50 - 400

### x-sections in VBF $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$

![](_page_44_Figure_2.jpeg)

Category	$\sigma_{90}^{\gamma\gamma}[GeV]$	$S_{90}$	$B_{90}$	$f_{90} \ [\%]$	$Z_{90}$
U, Central-barrel, high $p_{\rm Tt}^{\gamma\gamma}$	1.88	42	65	39.1	4.7
U, Central-barrel, medium $p_{Tt}^{\gamma\gamma}$	2.34	102	559	15.4	4.2
U, Central-barrel, low $p_{\rm Tt}^{\gamma\gamma}$	2.63	837	13226	6.0	7.2
U, Outer-barrel, high $p_{\text{Tt}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	2.16	31	83	27.4	3.3
U, Outer-barrel, medium $p_{\rm Tt}^{\gamma\gamma}$	2.63	108	981	9.9	3.4
U, Outer-barrel, low $p_{\rm Tt}^{\gamma\gamma}$	3.00	869	22919	3.7	5.7
U, Endcap	3.33	759	29383	2.5	4.4
C, Central-barrel, high $p_{\rm Tt}^{\gamma\gamma}$	2.10	26	44	37.3	3.6
C, Central-barrel, medium $p_{\rm Tt}^{\gamma\gamma}$	2.62	62	389	13.8	3.1
C, Central-barrel, low $p_{Tt}^{\gamma\gamma}$	3.00	508	9726	5.0	5.1
C, Outer-barrel, high $p_{Tt}^{\gamma\gamma}$	2.56	34	103	25.0	3.2
C, Outer-barrel, medium $p_{\text{Tt}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	3.20	114	1353	7.8	3.1
C, Outer-barrel, low $p_{Tt}^{\gamma\gamma}$	3.71	914	30121	2.9	5.2
C, Endcap	4.04	1249	52160	2.3	5.5
Inclusive	3.32	5653	128774	4.2	15.6

Source	Impact $[MeV]$
Photon energy scale	83
$Z \to e^+ e^-$ calibration	59
$E_{\rm T}$ -dependent electron energy scale	44
$e^{\pm} \rightarrow \gamma$ extrapolation	30
Conversion modelling	24
Signal–background interference	26
Resolution	15
Background model	14
Selection of the diphoton production vertex	5
Signal model	1
Total	90

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

Parabolic dependence of the yield of the  $gg \rightarrow (H^* \rightarrow)ZZ$  process on  $\mu_{\text{off-shell}}$ .

Process	ggF SR	Mixed SR	EW SR
$gg \rightarrow (H^* \rightarrow)ZZ$	$341 \pm 117$	$42.5 \pm 14.9$	$11.8 \pm 4.3$
$gg \to H^* \to ZZ$	$32.6 \pm 9.07$	$3.68 \pm 1.03$	$1.58 \pm 0.47$
$gg \rightarrow ZZ$	$345 \pm 119$	$43.0 \pm 15.2$	$11.9 \pm 4.4$
$qq \rightarrow (H^* \rightarrow)ZZ + 2j$	$23.2 \pm 1.0$	$2.03 \pm 0.16$	$9.89 \pm 0.96$
$qq \rightarrow ZZ$	$1878 \pm 151$	$135 \pm 23$	$22.0 \pm 8.3$
Other backgrounds	$50.6 \pm 2.5$	$1.79\pm0.16$	$1.65 \pm 0.16$
Total expected (SM)	$2293\pm209$	$181 \pm 29$	$45.3 \pm 10.0$
Observed	2327	178	50

Process	ggF SR	Mixed SR	EW SR
$gg \rightarrow (H^* \rightarrow)ZZ$	$210 \pm 53$	$19.7\pm4.9$	$4.29 \pm 1.10$
$gg \to H^* \to ZZ$	$111 \pm 26$	$10.9\pm2.5$	$3.26 \pm 0.82$
$gg \rightarrow ZZ$	$251 \pm 66$	$23.4\pm6.2$	$5.31 \pm 1.46$
$qq \to (H^* \to) ZZ + 2j$	$14.0 \pm 3.0$	$1.63 \pm 0.17$	$4.46\pm0.50$
$qq \rightarrow ZZ$	$1422 \pm 112$	$80.4 \pm 11.9$	$7.74 \pm 2.99$
WZ	$678 \pm 54$	$51.9\pm6.9$	$7.89 \pm 2.50$
Z+jets	$62.3\pm24.3$	$7.51 \pm 6.94$	$0.62 \pm 0.54$
Non-resonant- $\ell\ell$	$106 \pm 39$	$9.17 \pm 2.73$	$1.55\pm0.42$
Other backgrounds	$22.6\pm5.2$	$1.62\pm0.25$	$1.40 \pm 0.10$
Total expected (SM)	$2515 \pm 165$	$172 \pm 17$	$28.0 \pm 4.1$
Observed	2496	181	27

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Process	Uncertainty	Final State	Value (%)
ggF Signal Region			
$qq \rightarrow ZZ$	QCD Scale	$2\ell 2\nu$	4–40
$qq \rightarrow ZZ + 2j$	QCD Scale	$4\ell$	21-28
$qq \rightarrow ZZ + 2j$	QCD Scale	$2\ell 2\nu$	22-37
$qq \rightarrow ZZ + 2j$	Parton Shower	$2\ell 2\nu$	1–67
$gg \to H^* \to ZZ$	Parton Shower	$4\ell$	27
$gg \to H^* \to ZZ$	Parton Shower	$2\ell 2\nu$	8–45
$gg \rightarrow ZZ$	Parton Shower	$4\ell$	38
$gg \rightarrow ZZ$	Parton Shower	$2\ell 2\nu$	6–43
WZ + 0j	QCD Scale	$2\ell 2\nu$	1–54
	1-jet Signal Re	gion	
$gg \to H^* \to ZZ$	Parton Shower	4ℓ	27
$gg \to H^* \to ZZ$	QCD Scale	$2\ell 2\nu$	13–18
$gg \rightarrow ZZ$	Parton Shower	$4\ell$	38
$gg \rightarrow ZZ$	QCD Scale	$2\ell 2\nu$	18-20
$qq \rightarrow ZZ (\mathrm{EW})$	QCD Scale	$2\ell 2\nu$	7–18
	2-jet Signal Re	gion	
$qq \rightarrow ZZ + 2j$	QCD Scale	4ℓ	18–26
$qq \rightarrow ZZ + 2j$	QCD Scale	$2\ell 2\nu$	8-32
$gg \to H^* \to ZZ$	Parton Shower	4ℓ	27
$gg \rightarrow ZZ$	Parton Shower	$4\ell$	38
$gg \rightarrow ZZ$	QCD Scale	$2\ell 2\nu$	18-20
WZ + 2j	QCD Scale	$2\ell 2\nu$	20-22
$qq \rightarrow ZZ$ Control Regions			
$qq \rightarrow ZZ + 2j$	QCD Scale	4ℓ	26
Three-lepton Control Regions			
WZ + 2j	QCD Scale	$2\ell 2\nu$	28

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Systematic Uncertainty Fixed	$\mu_{\text{off-shell}}$ value at which $-2 \ln \lambda(\mu_{\text{off-shell}}) = 4$
Parton shower uncertainty for $gg \rightarrow ZZ$ (normalisation)	2.26
Parton shower uncertainty for $gg \rightarrow ZZ$ (shape)	2.29
NLO EW uncertainty for $qq \rightarrow ZZ$	2.27
NLO QCD uncertainty for $gg \rightarrow ZZ$	2.29
Parton shower uncertainty for $qq \rightarrow ZZ$ (shape)	2.29
Jet energy scale and resolution uncertainty	2.26
None	2.30

The impact of most important systematic uncertainties on the observed upper value of  $\mu_{\text{off-shell}}$  for which  $-2 \ln \lambda = 4$ , obtained by the combined fit.

# Challenges of the off-shell Higgs regime

The signal  $gg \rightarrow H^* \rightarrow VV$  process proceeds predominantly through a **top-quark loop**.

- <u>On-shell</u>: top-quark mass is the largest scale in the process and can be **approximated** as infinitely heavy  $\Rightarrow$  loop-induced process can be reduced to a tree-level one.
- <u>Off-shell</u>: virtuality of the Higgs boson may be comparable to (or larger than) the topquark mass  $\Rightarrow$  the **impact of top quarks** in the loops cannot be neglected.
  - LO prediction requires the computation of a one-loop amplitude with the full top mass dependence, while the NLO correction requires a two-loop amplitude calculation.
  - Contribution from both massless and massive quarks circulating in the loops should be considered in the background  $gg \rightarrow VV$  amplitude computation.
  - Sizeable destructive interference effects between the signal and the background process ⇒must be taken into account.

### Off-shell Higgs: $4\ell$ final state strategy

Final state decay objects (e and  $\mu$ ) can be fully reconstructed.

• Signal regions defined as  $m_{4\ell} > 220$  GeV, designed to target the EW (VBF+VH) and ggF productions.

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![](_page_52_Figure_7.jpeg)

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![](_page_53_Figure_7.jpeg)

 $\Rightarrow$  Good job of enhancing S/Exp. at higher values

\*Also used for Mixed SR

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![](_page_54_Figure_6.jpeg)

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▶ggF SR: remaining events

• **Observables**: transverse mass of the ZZ system ( $m_{\rm T}^{\rm ZZ}$ )

$$m_{\rm T}^{ZZ} \equiv \sqrt{\left[\sqrt{m_Z^2 + (p_{\rm T}^{\ell\ell})^2} + \sqrt{m_Z^2 + (E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss})^2}\right]^2 - \left|\vec{p_{\rm T}}^{\ell\ell} + \vec{E}_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}\right|^2}$$

![](_page_55_Figure_7.jpeg)

 $\Rightarrow$  Good job of enhancing S/Exp.

### Off-shell Higgs: MC modelling and bkg normalization PLB 846 (2023) 138223

#### Signal and background modelling

- ►  $gg \rightarrow (H^* \rightarrow)ZZ$ : Sherpa 2.2.2 + 0,1j@LO + QCD NLO/LO K-factors + N3LO/NLO flat K-factor of 1.32
- $qq \rightarrow (H^* \rightarrow)ZZ + 2j$ : MadGraph5 @LO
- $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$ : Sherpa 2.2.2 + 0,1j@NLO +2,3j@LO + EW NLO corrections for 41, 212v
- ► WZ: <u>Sherpa 2.2.1</u> + 0,1j@NLO +2,3j@LO

#### Normalizations of the main background sources determined by data

• Dedicated **control regions** introduced to constrain each of the data-driven normalization factors.

•  $4\ell$  and  $2\ell 2\nu$  channels: qqZZ (dominant background in all SRs)

▶ Constrained using three  $4\ell$  CRs:  $180 < m_{4\ell} < 220$  GeV,  $N_{\rm jet} = 0/1/ \ge 2$ 

•  $2\ell^2\nu$  channel: WZ, Z + jets and non-resonant  $\ell\ell$  production (mostly  $t\bar{t}$  and WW)