



# Recent VBF and VBS measurements in ATLAS

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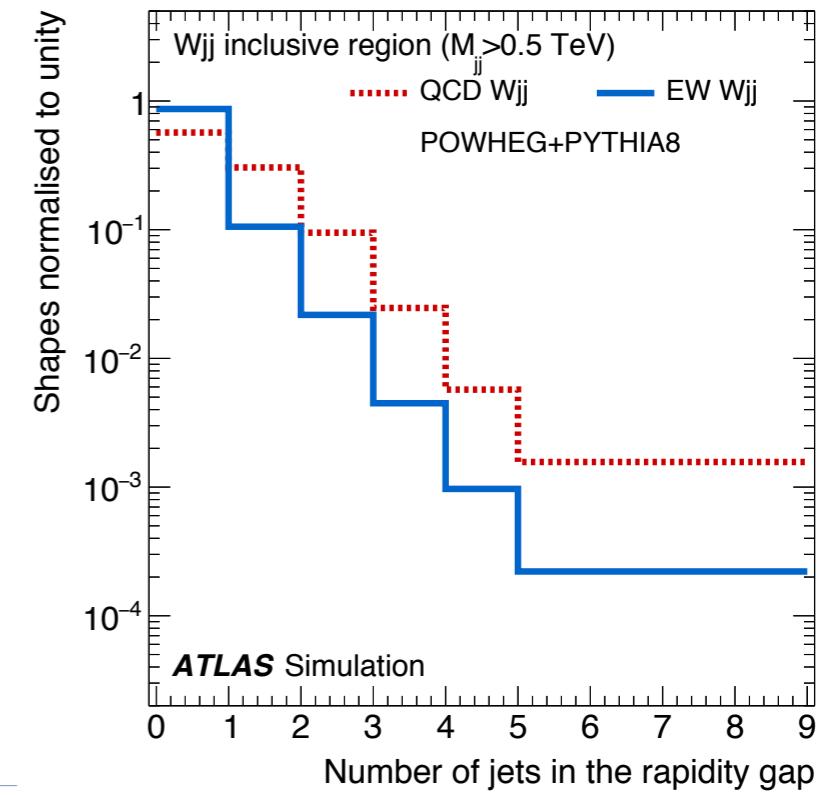
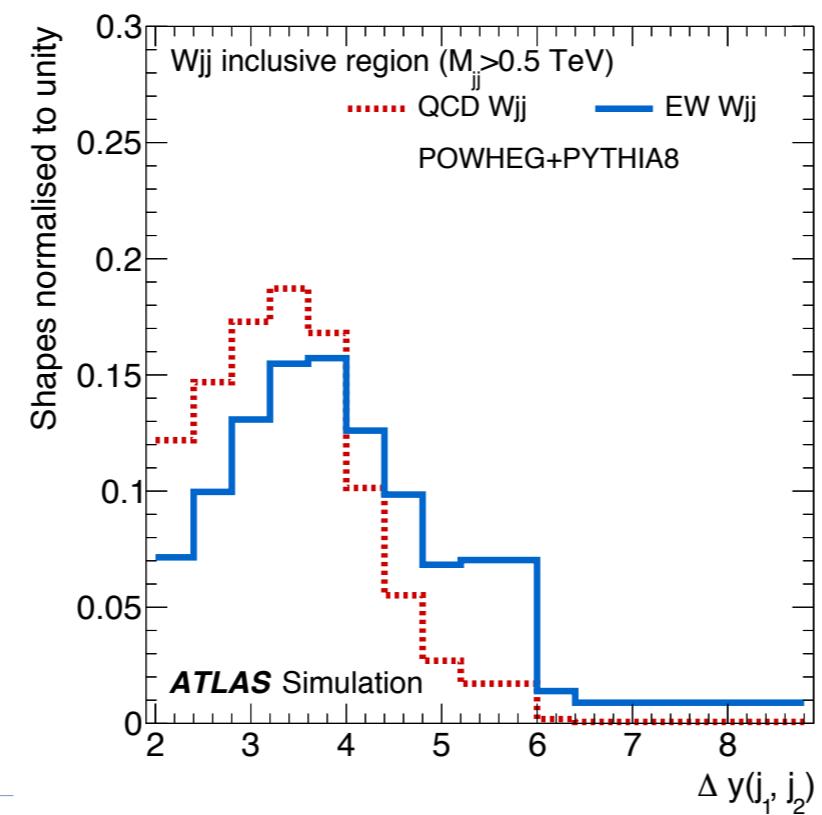
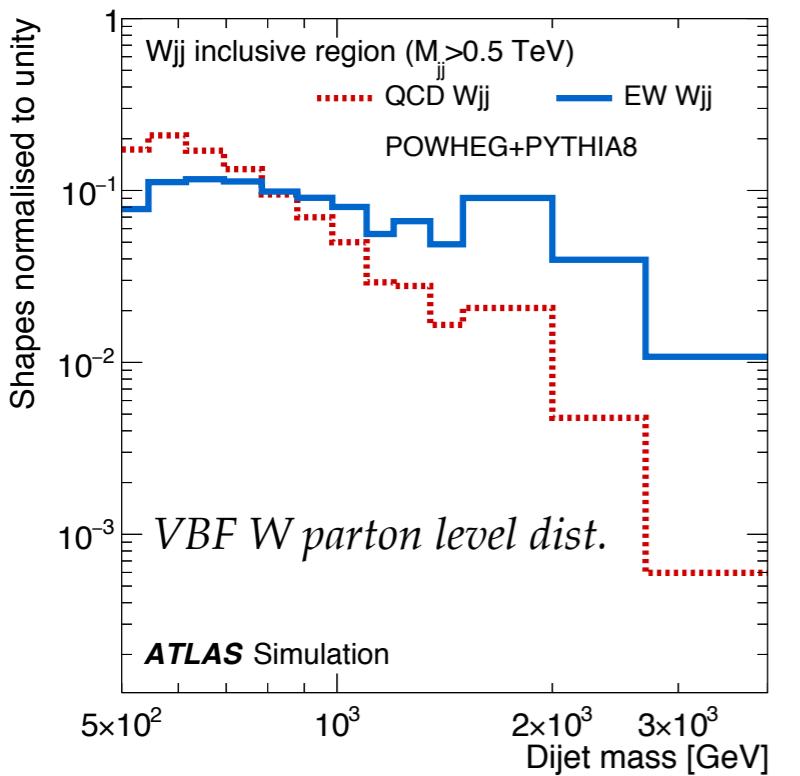
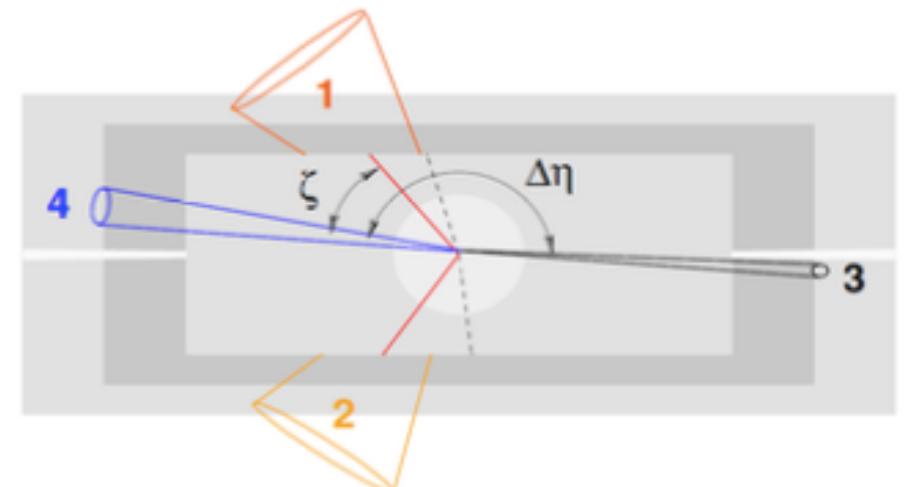
# Introduction

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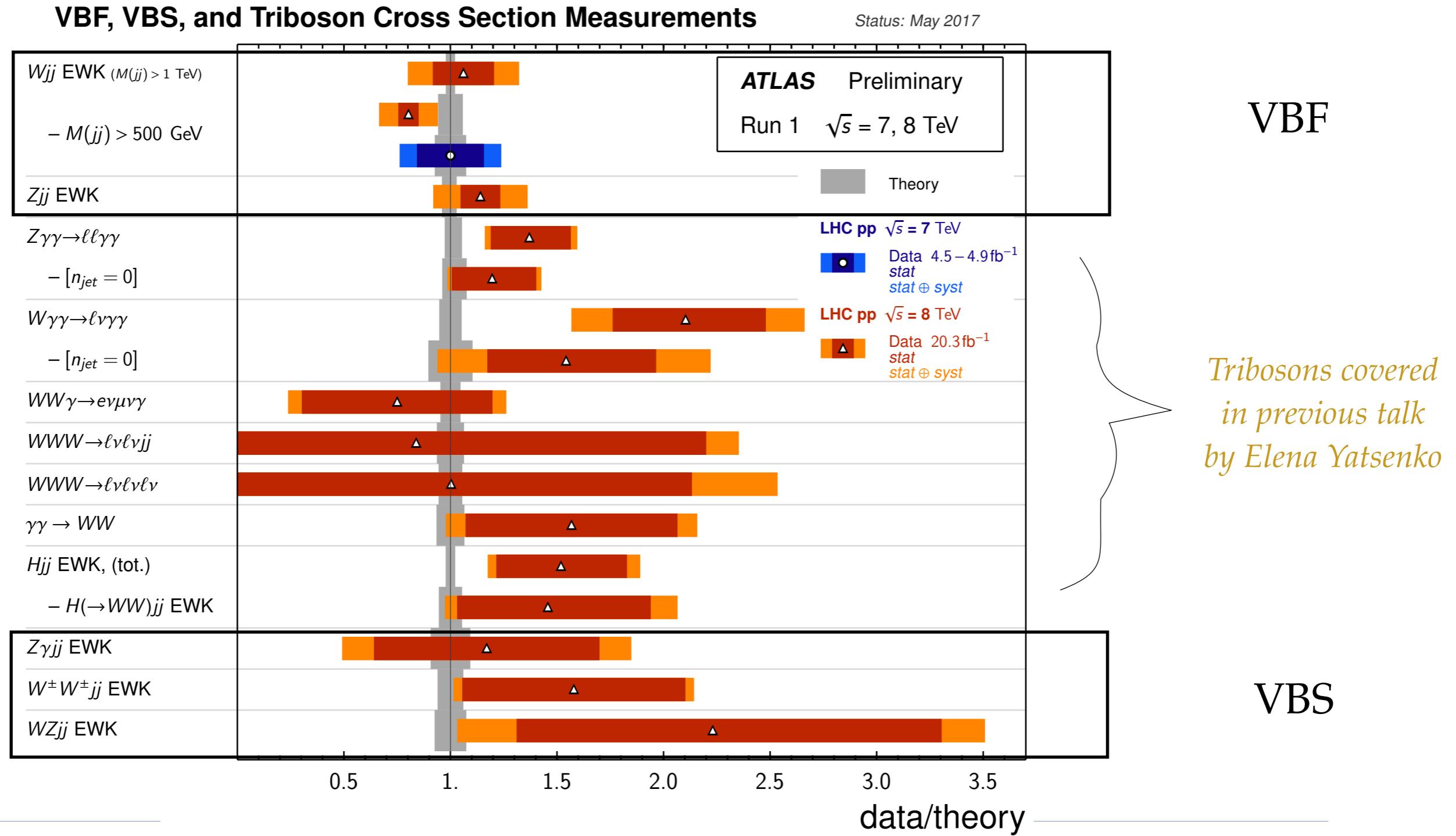
- ❖ After Higgs discovery 5 years ago, no deviation found in its properties
- ❖ **Vector Boson Fusion and Scattering (VBF/VBS) important test of electroweak sector and EW Symmetry Breaking**
  - ❖ Interaction with Higgs boson unitarizes the scattering amplitude -> is unitarization complete ?
  - ❖ **Complementary to Higgs boson property studies !**
- ❖ Yet no sign of new physics with direct searches
  - ❖ VBF/VBS allows indirect search by studying anomalous triple and quartic gauge couplings (aTGC, aQGC)
- ❖ VBF W and Z processes: interesting as candle for other VBF processes at LHC
- ❖ VBS : very low rate ( $\mathcal{O}(\text{fb})$ ) and large background
  - ❖ Main background is the QCD-induced production of gauge bosons, **scales as  $\alpha_s^2 / \alpha^2$**
  - ❖ VBS never observed until very recently ! (*see CMS talk by Philipp Pigard*)
- ❖ Leptons / photons generally used: clean channels, more limited backgrounds

# Phenomenology

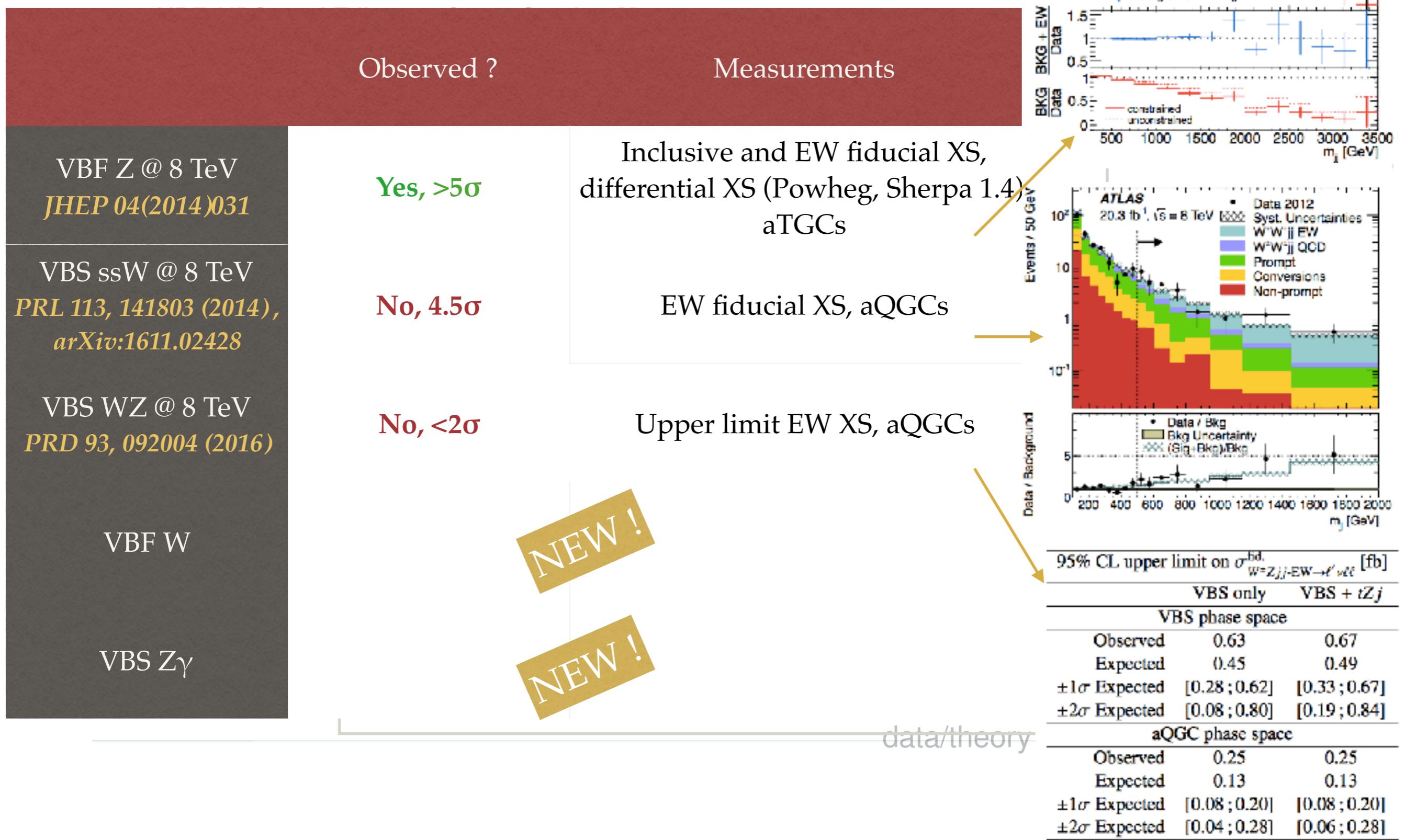
- ❖ **VBS/VBF: typical topology of final states**
  - ❖ Two hadronic jets in forward and backward regions with very high energy
  - ❖ Hadronic activity suppressed between the two jets (rapidity gap) due to absence of colour flow between interacting partons
- ❖ Topological selection help reducing QCD background

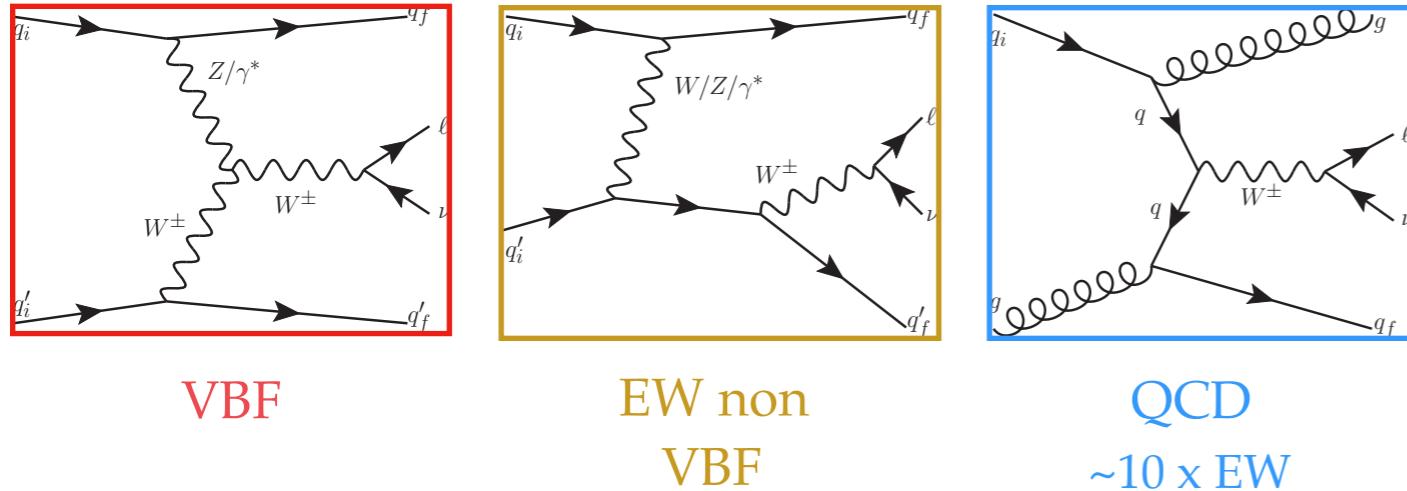


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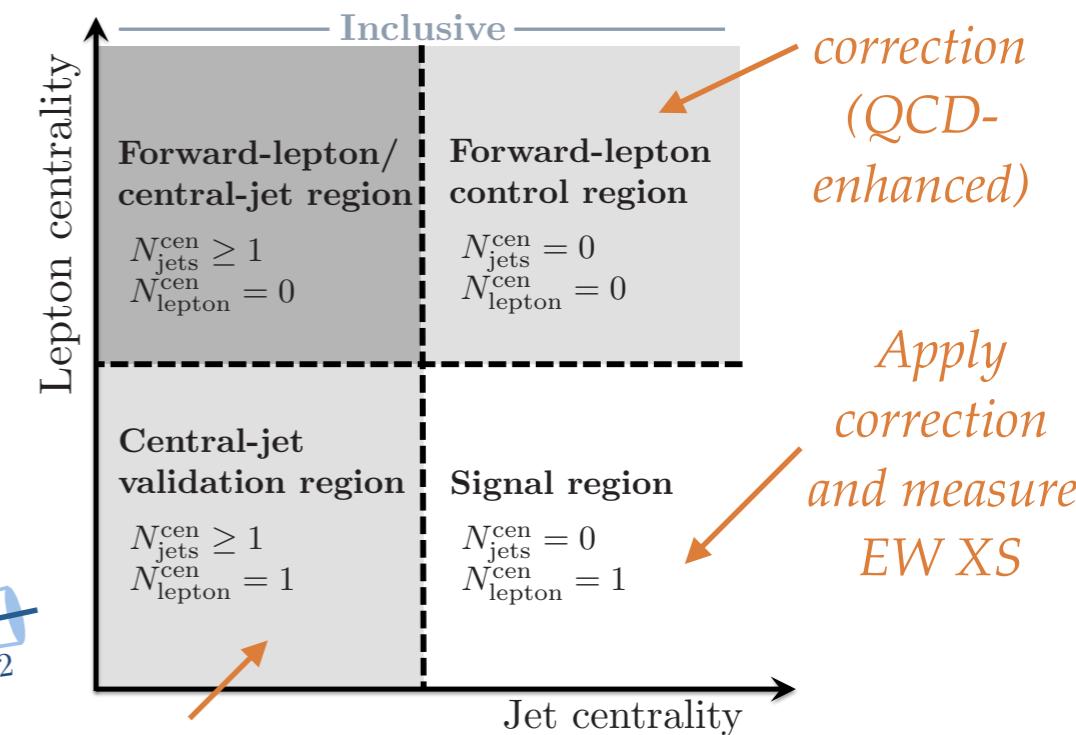
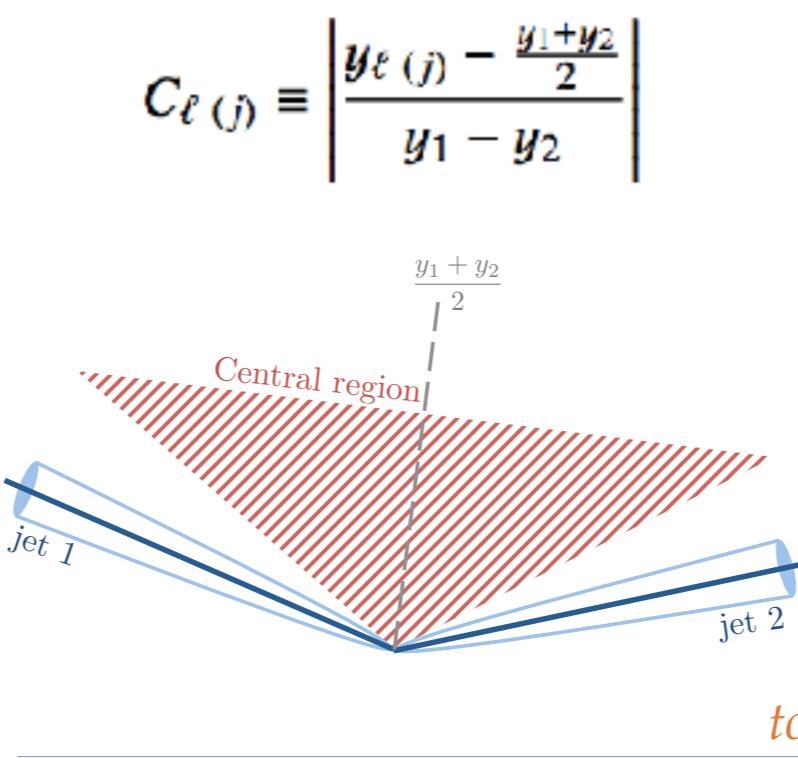
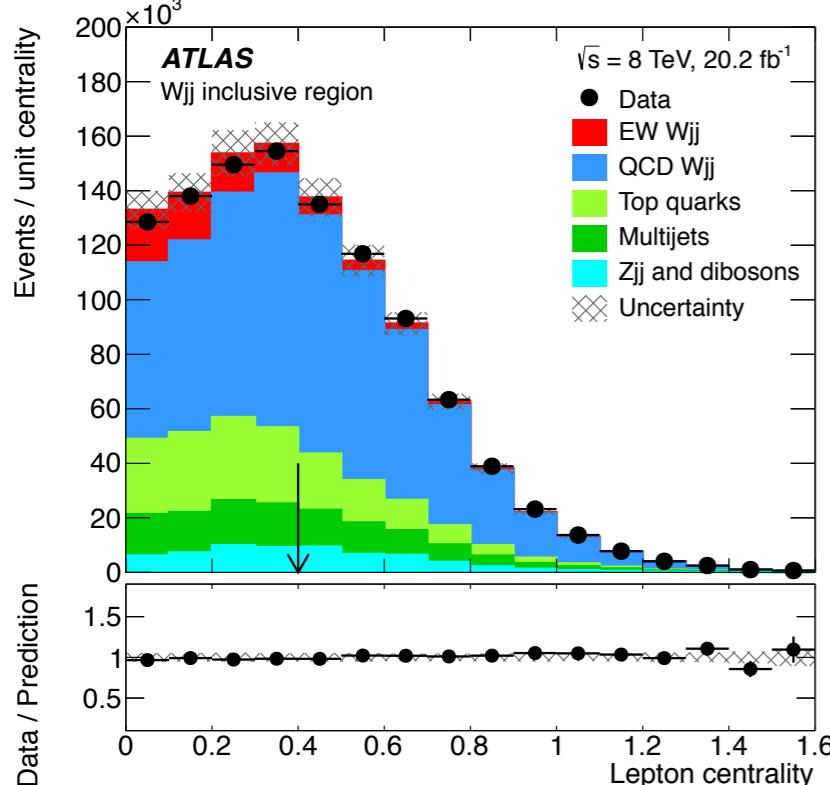


✿ Dataset: 7 TeV ( $4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ), and 8 TeV ( $20.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

### Inclusive selection:

- 1 lepton  $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ ,
- 2 jets with  $p_T > 80 / 60 \text{ GeV}$ ,
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$ ,
- $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\Delta Y_{jj}| > 2$

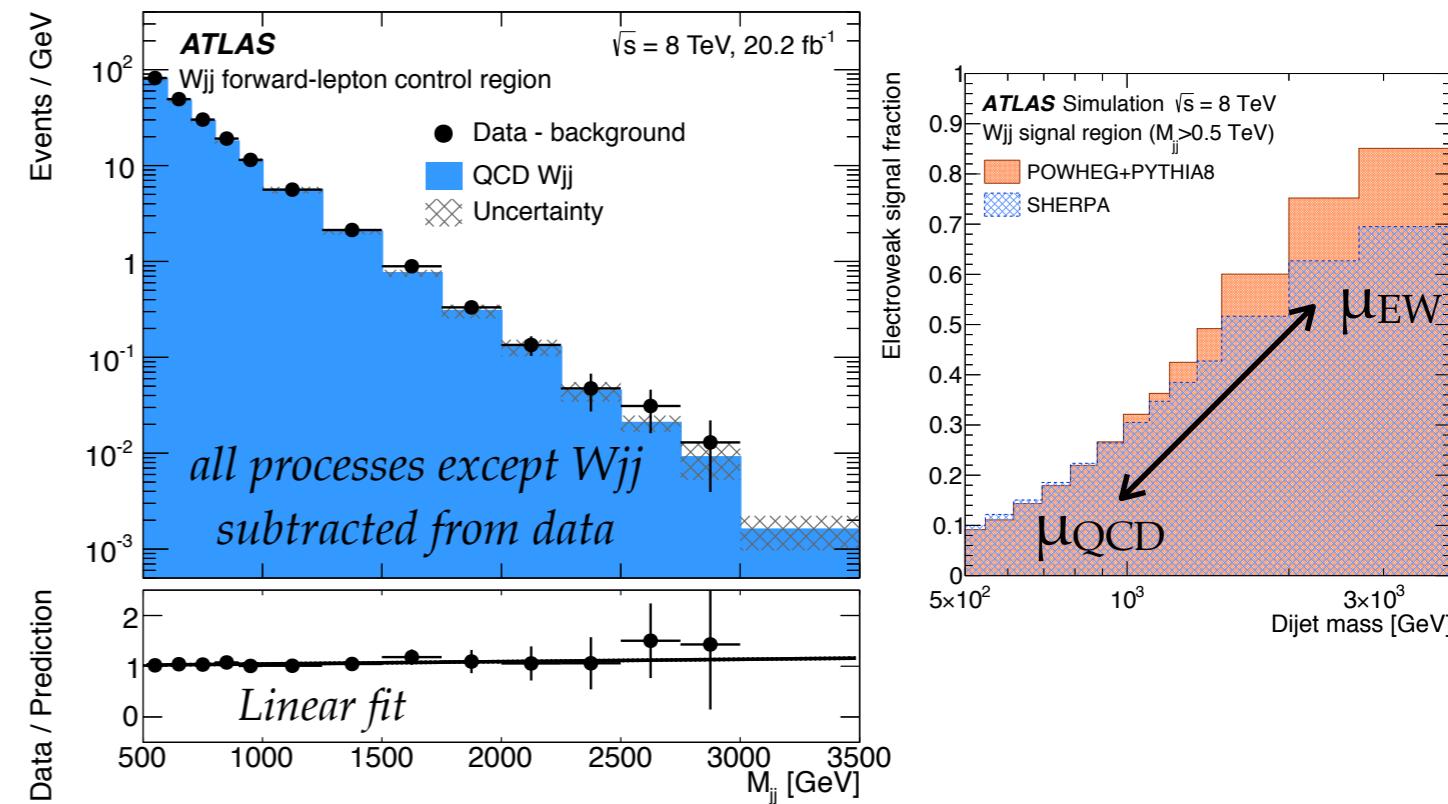
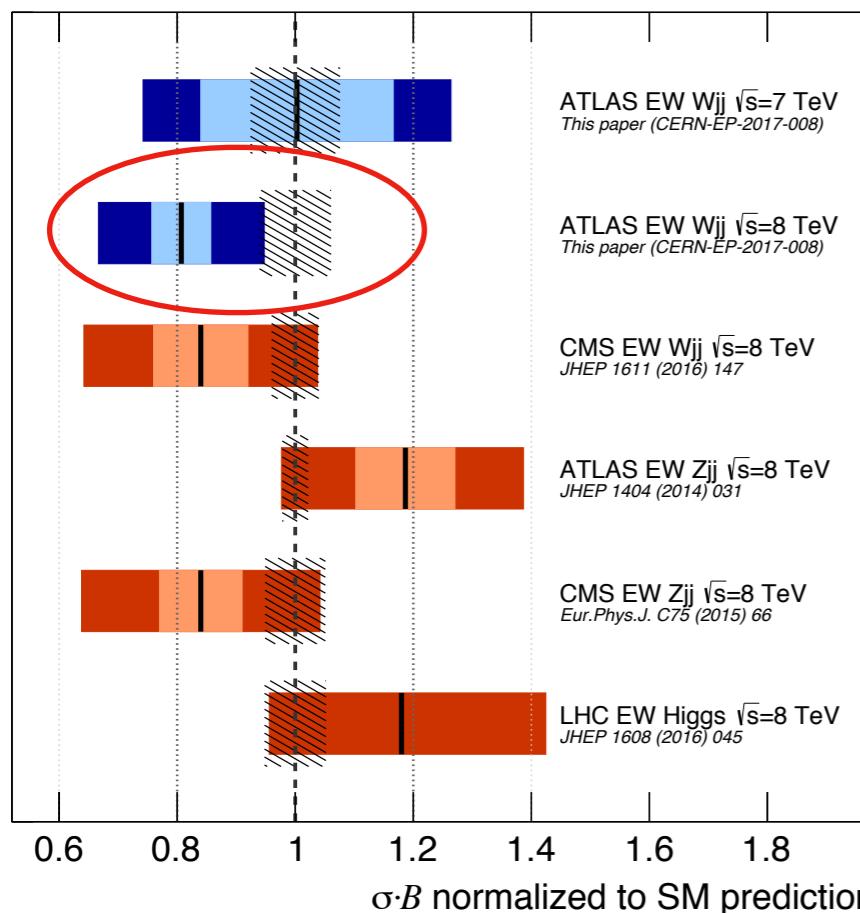
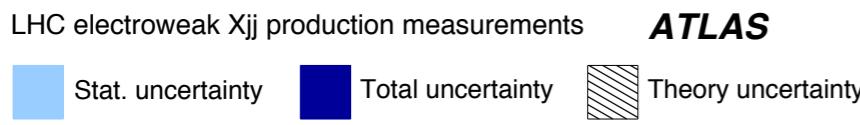
- ✿ **EW cross section:** build several regions to correct the QCD shape (and reduce unc.)
- ✿ **Main bkg:** top,  $Z + \text{jets}$ , dibosons (from MC) and multi-jets (data-driven)



$C=0.4$  used to count the  $\ell/j$  in the range

# VBF W: EW fiducial cross section

- Constraint on QCD  $m_{jj}$  shape: linear fit of data/pred. (MiNLO Powheg+Pythia8) in CR
  - slope consistent with zero, but fit helps reducing total syst. unc.
- Binned likelihood fit of  $m_{jj}$  dist. for  $\mu_{EW}$  and  $\mu_{QCD}$
- Leading sys. unc.: stat. unc. in CR and jet energy scale (JES) unc.
- Observation with  $>5\sigma$ !



## Result of EW cross-section measurement:

$\sqrt{s}$	$\sigma_{\text{meas}}^{\text{fid}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}^{\text{fid}}$ [fb]	Acceptance $\mathcal{A}$	$\sigma_{\text{meas}}^{\text{inc}}$ [fb]
7 TeV	$144 \pm 23$ (stat) $\pm 23$ (exp)	$\pm 13$ (th)	$144 \pm 11$	$0.053 \pm 0.004$
8 TeV	$159 \pm 10$ (stat) $\pm 17$ (exp)	$\pm 20$ (th)	$198 \pm 12$	$0.058 \pm 0.003$

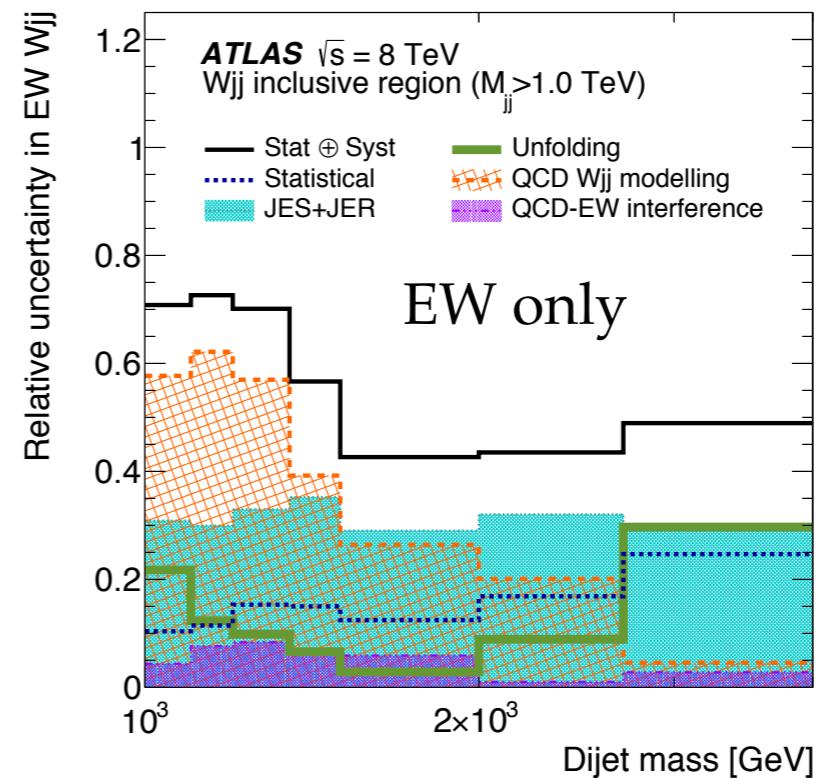
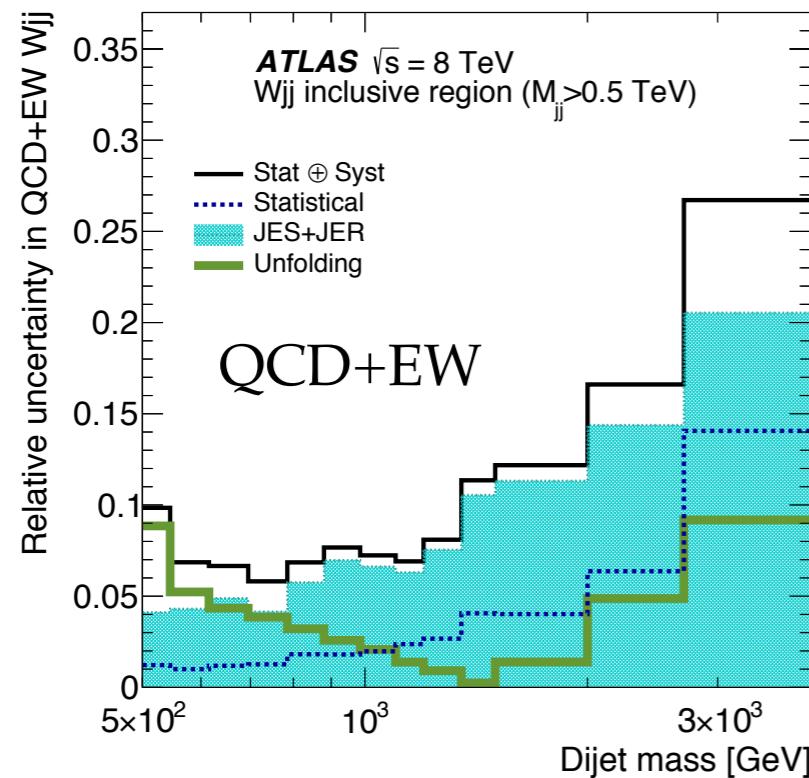
with  $\mu_{QCD} = 1.16 \pm 0.04$  (stat) @ 7 TeV, and  $1.09 \pm 0.02$  (stat) @ 8 TeV

- 8 TeV measurement: smallest relative uncertainty among other VBF measurements at high  $m_{jj}$ .
- Good agreement with Powheg+Pythia8 (1.3 $\sigma$  deviation for 8TeV)

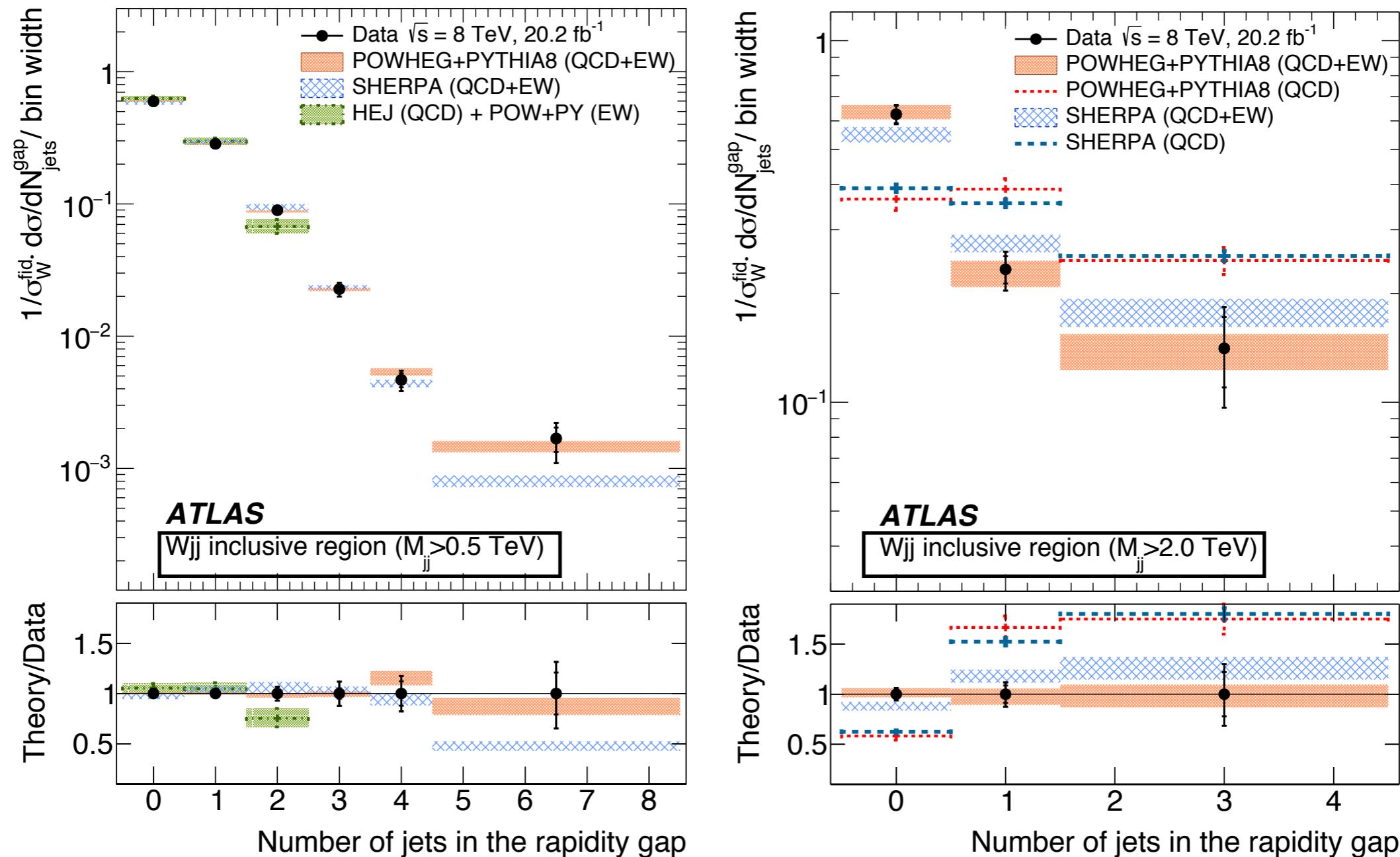
# VBF W: differential cross sections

8 TeV data

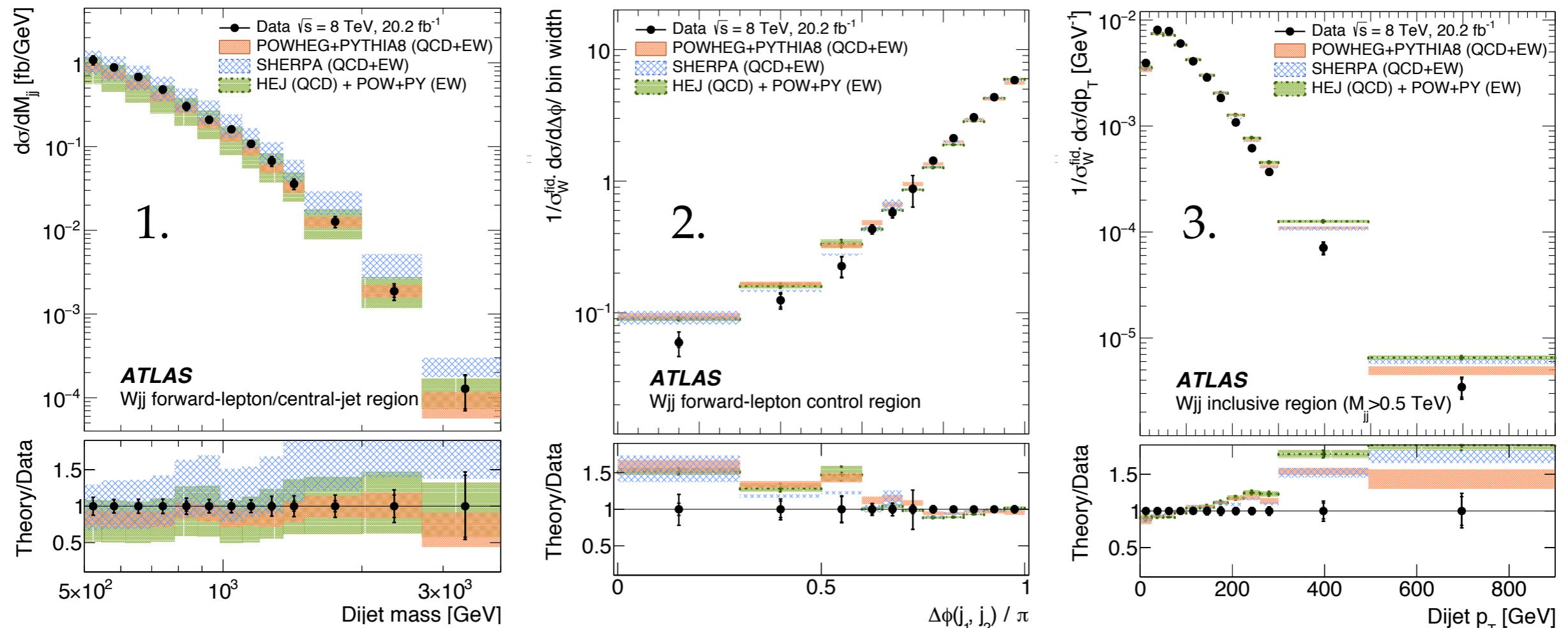
- ✿ Combined QCD+EW in all regions ; EW only in regions with  $\text{EW} > 20\%$
- ✿ Bayesian iterative unfolding technique to correct for detector inefficiencies
- ✿ **8 variables studied:**
  - Sensitive to EW production*
  - Sensitive to anomalous coupling*
  - Sensitive to CP-violating coupling*
  - ✿ lepton and jet centrality ( $C\ell, C_j$ ),  $m_{jj}$ ,  $\Delta Y_{jj}$ , number of jets in gap,  $p_{Tj1}, p_{Tjj}, \Delta\phi_{jj}$
- ✿ **9 regions:**
  - ✿ 4 regions defined in previous slide + inclusive +  $m_{jj} > 1, 1.5, 2 \text{ TeV}$ , SR +  $m_{jj} > 1 \text{ TeV}$  (40% EW)
- ✿ **Leading systematics:**



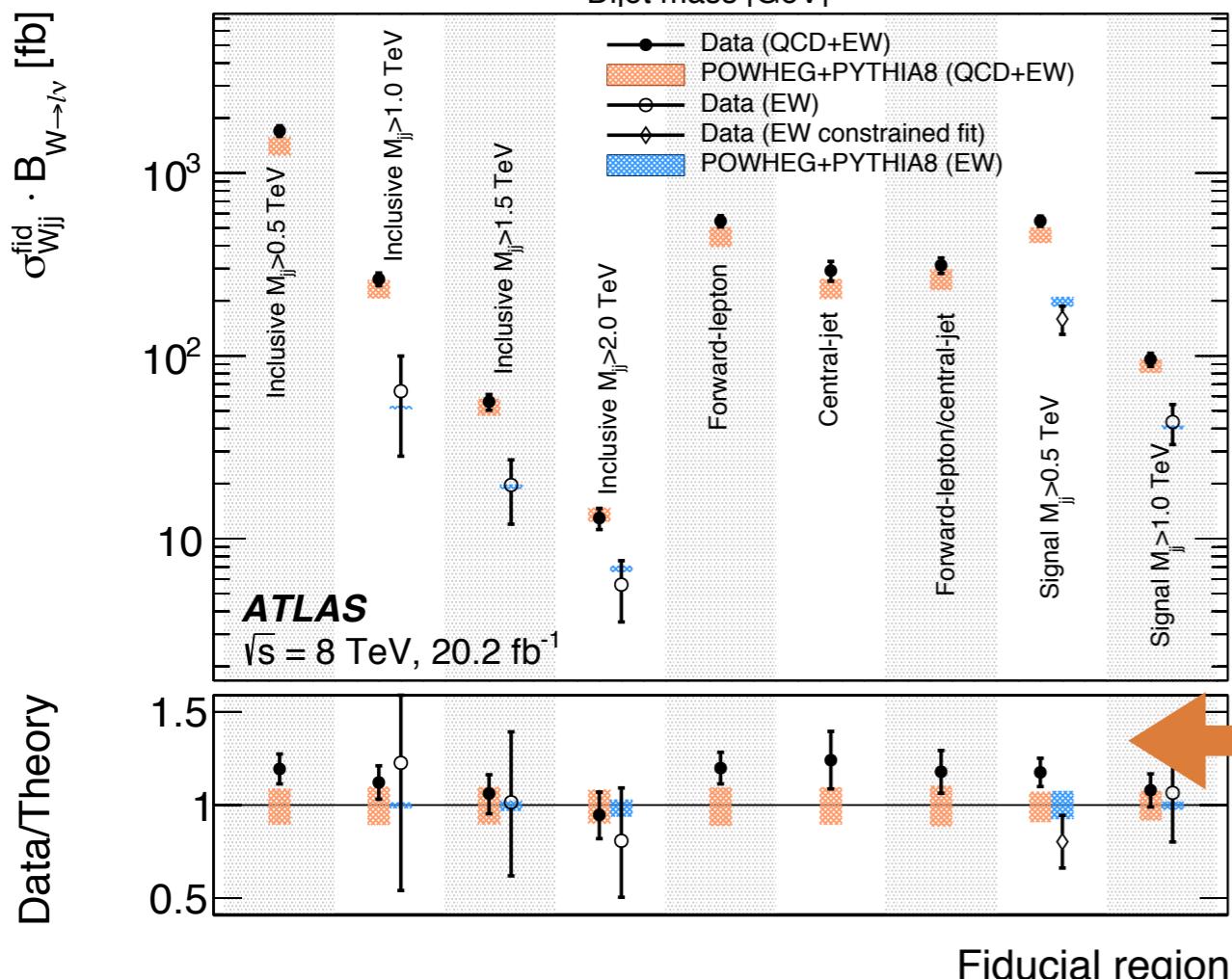
# Number of jets in rapidity gap



- In region  $m_{jj} > 2 \text{ TeV}$ , EW contribution becomes visible
- Comparison to 3 generators: Powheg-Pythia (NLO), Sherpa 1.4 (LO) and HEJ (all-order re-summation calculation, only for QCD-enhanced regions)
- Sherpa does not model well the shape of distribution



- **Data overall well described by the 3 generators in all variables and regions. However:**
  1.  $m_{jj}$ : Sherpa higher at high  $m_{jj}$  and larger disagreement in shape with data than Powheg+Pythia8 or HEJ
  2.  $\Delta\phi$ : Pred. overestimate rate at small angles in all regions
  3.  $pT_{jj}$ : Pred. overestimate rate at high  $pT_{jj}$  in inclusive and signal-enhanced regions, but not in central-jet validation region. Seems to be related to modelling of QCD  $W jj$ . (due to NLO EW corrections? [arXiv: 1511.08692](#))
- **Integrated XS:** ~15–20% higher than prediction in fiducial regions dominated by QCD



# VBF W: limits on aTGCs

- Probed in signal region +  $m_{jj} > 1 \text{ TeV}$ ;  $pT_{j1} > 600 \text{ GeV}$
- Complementary to dibosons ( $s$ -channel exchange instead of  $t$ -channel)
- Sensitive to  $WWZ$  and  $WW\gamma$  couplings
- Effective lagrangian + form factors introduced to preserve unitarity

$$i\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{WWV} = g_{WWV} \left\{ \left[ g_V^V V^\mu (W_{\mu\nu}^- W^{+\nu} - W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\nu}) + \kappa_V W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- V^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda_V}{m_W^2} V^{\mu\nu} W_\nu^{+\rho} W_{\rho\mu}^- \right] \right.$$

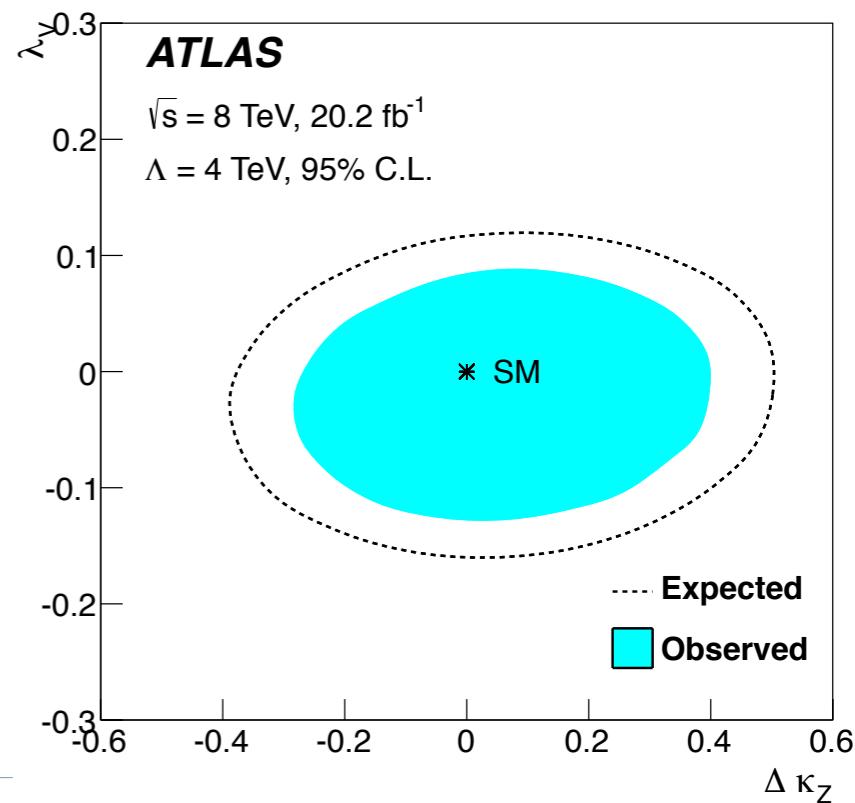
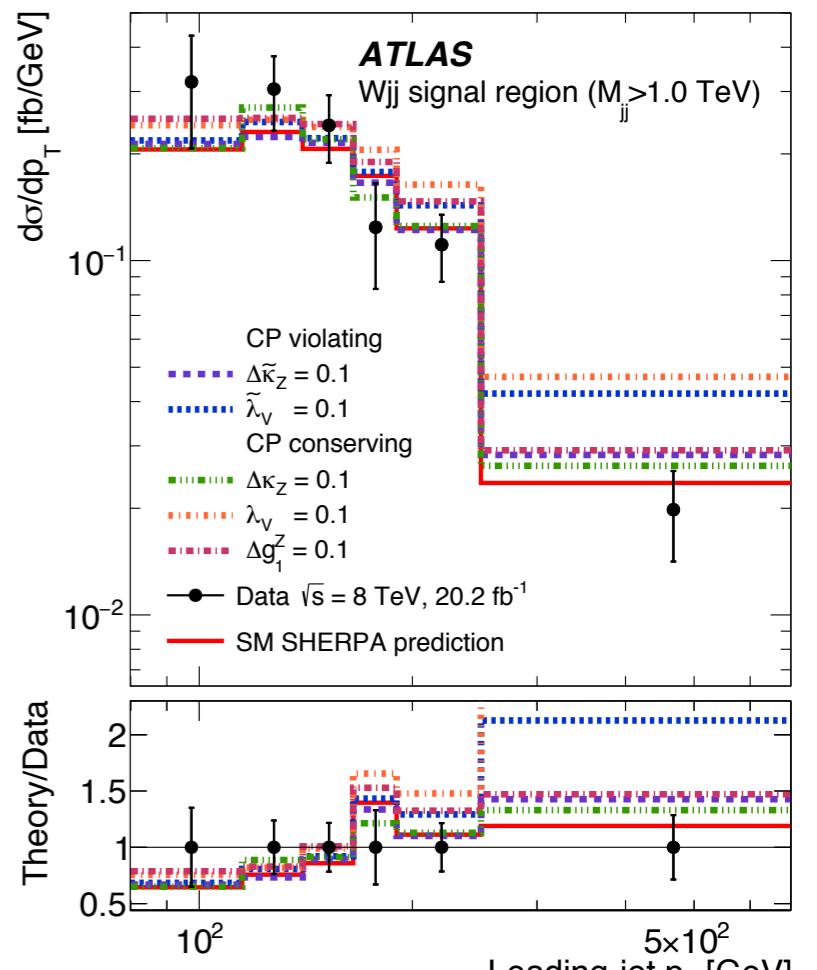
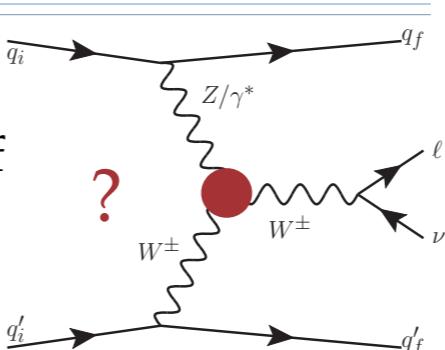
$$\left. - \left[ \frac{\tilde{\kappa}_V}{2} W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} V_{\rho\sigma} + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_V}{2m_W^2} W_{\rho\mu}^- W_\nu^{+\mu} \epsilon^{\nu\rho\alpha\beta} V_{\alpha\beta} \right] \right\}, \quad \text{CP violating}$$

$= 1 \text{ in SM}$        $= 0 \text{ in SM}$   
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- 95% confidence-level intervals are set for unitarization scale of  $\Lambda = 4 \text{ TeV}$
- $\lambda_V$  intervals competitive with WW ones

8 TeV data

$\Lambda = 4 \text{ TeV}$		$\Lambda = \infty$	
Expected	Observed	Expected	Observed
$\Delta g_1^Z$	$[-0.39, 0.35]$	$[-0.32, 0.28]$	$[-0.16, 0.15]$
$\Delta \kappa_Z$	$[-0.38, 0.51]$	$[-0.29, 0.42]$	$[-0.19, 0.19]$
$\lambda_V$	$[-0.16, 0.12]$	$[-0.13, 0.090]$	$[-0.064, 0.054]$
$\tilde{\kappa}_Z$	$[-1.7, 1.8]$	$[-1.4, 1.4]$	$[-0.70, 0.70]$
$\tilde{\lambda}_V$	$[-0.13, 0.15]$	$[-0.10, 0.12]$	$[-0.058, 0.057]$
			$[-0.047, 0.046]$



# VBS $Z\gamma + 2j$

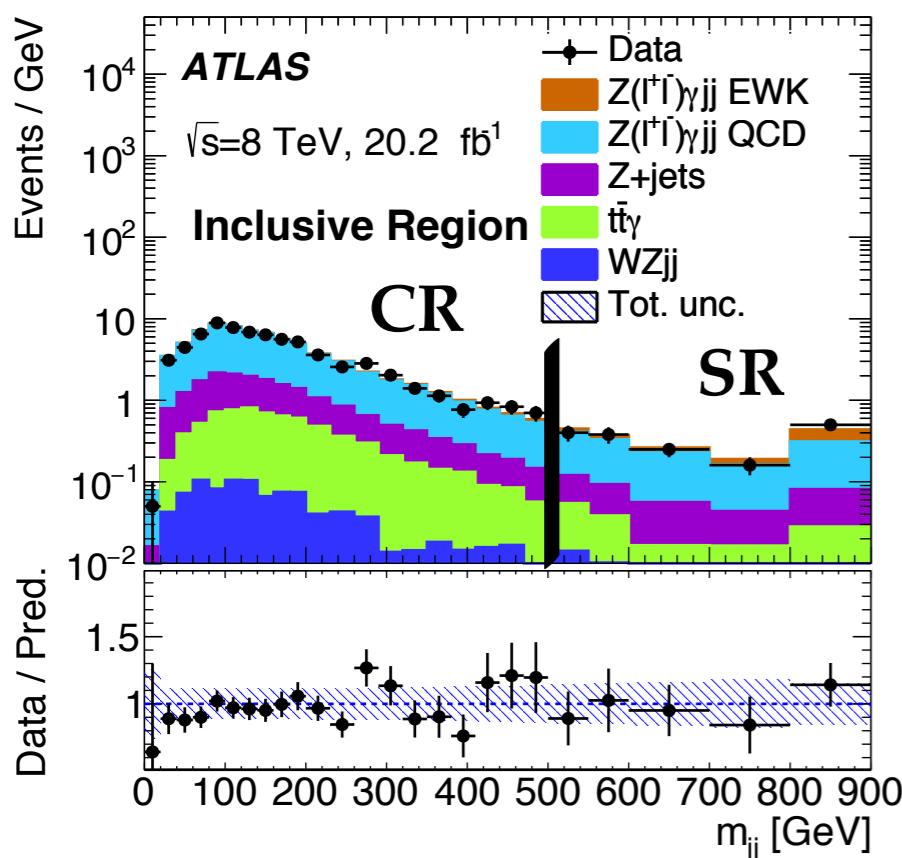
arXiv:1705.01966

- Goals:

- Measurement of total  $Z\gamma jj$  cross section, and probing VBS with  $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$
- Setting limits on aQGC with  $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu/vv$

- Interests:

- $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$  clean channels, relatively small background
- Using 3 decay channels, stringent limits on FT8 and FT9 EFT operators
- But challenging:** small cross section and very large QCD production



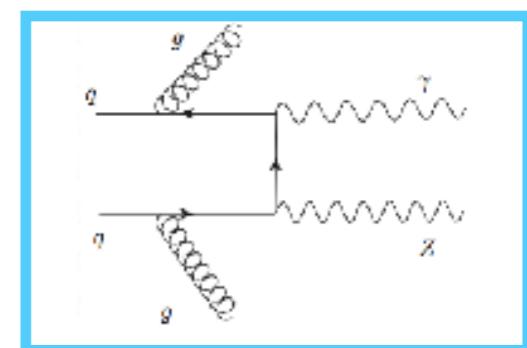
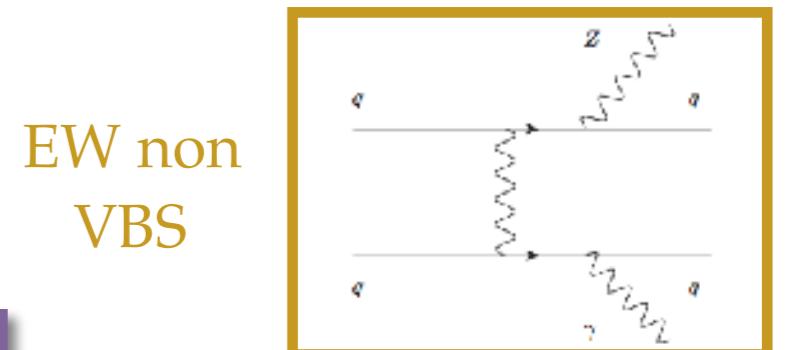
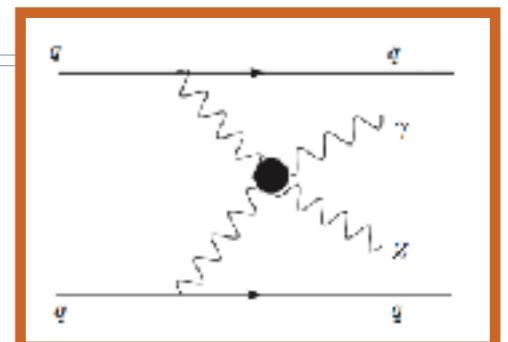
**Inclusive  $\ell^+\ell^-\gamma$  selection:**

- 2 leptons  $p_T > 25$  GeV,  $1\gamma p_T > 15$  GeV
- 2 jets with  $p_T > 30$  GeV,
- $m_{\ell\ell} > 40$  GeV,  $(\ell\ell + \ell\ell\gamma) > 182$  (remove FSR  $\gamma$ )

- $\ell^+\ell^-$  channel : 4 regions

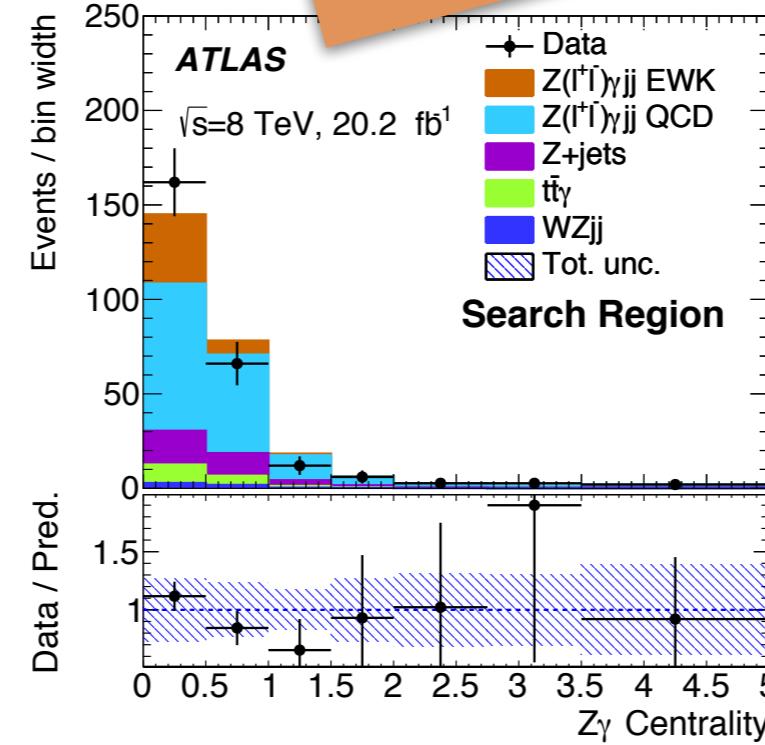
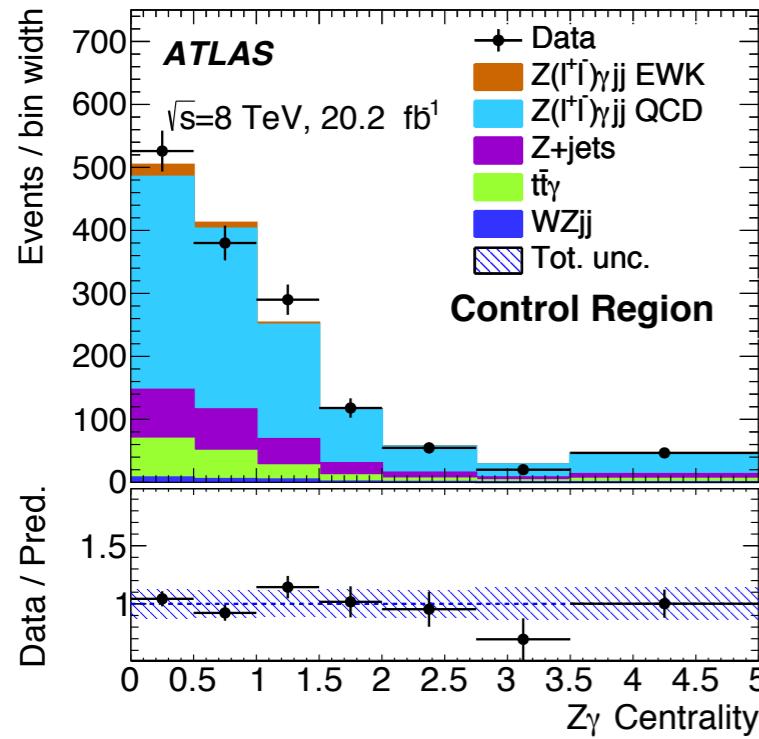
- Inclusive region :** for checks
- Control region:**  $150 < m_{jj} < 500$  GeV (constrain QCD norm,  $< 5\%$  of signal)
- Search region:**  $m_{jj} > 500$  GeV (VBS enhanced,  $> 20\%$ ) ;  $N_{\text{exp}} = 22.8 \pm 1.5$
- aQGC region :** SR +  $pT_\gamma > 250$  GeV ;  $N_{\text{exp}} = 0.41 \pm 0.04$

Data used: 8 TeV data, 20.2  $\text{fb}^{-1}$



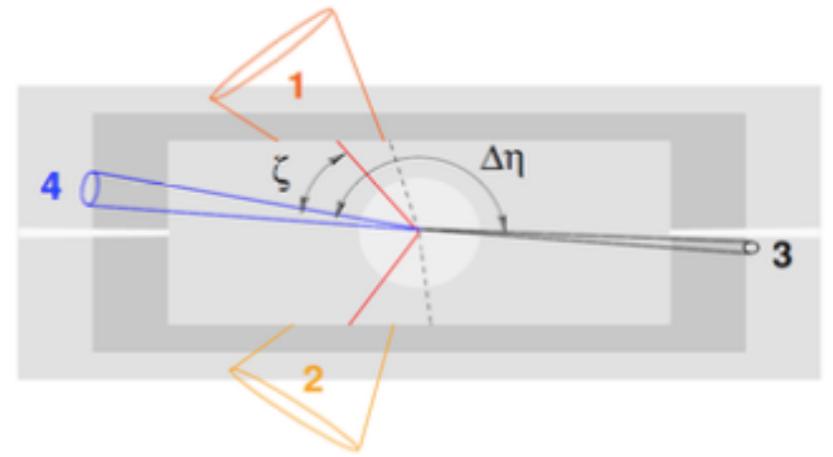
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Good description of data by  
LO Sherpa v1.4.5



**Centrality:**

$$\zeta \equiv \left| \frac{\eta - \bar{\eta}_{jj}}{\Delta\eta_{jj}} \right| \text{ with } \bar{\eta}_{jj} = \frac{\eta_{j_1} + \eta_{j_2}}{2}, \quad \Delta\eta_{jj} = \eta_{j_1} - \eta_{j_2},$$

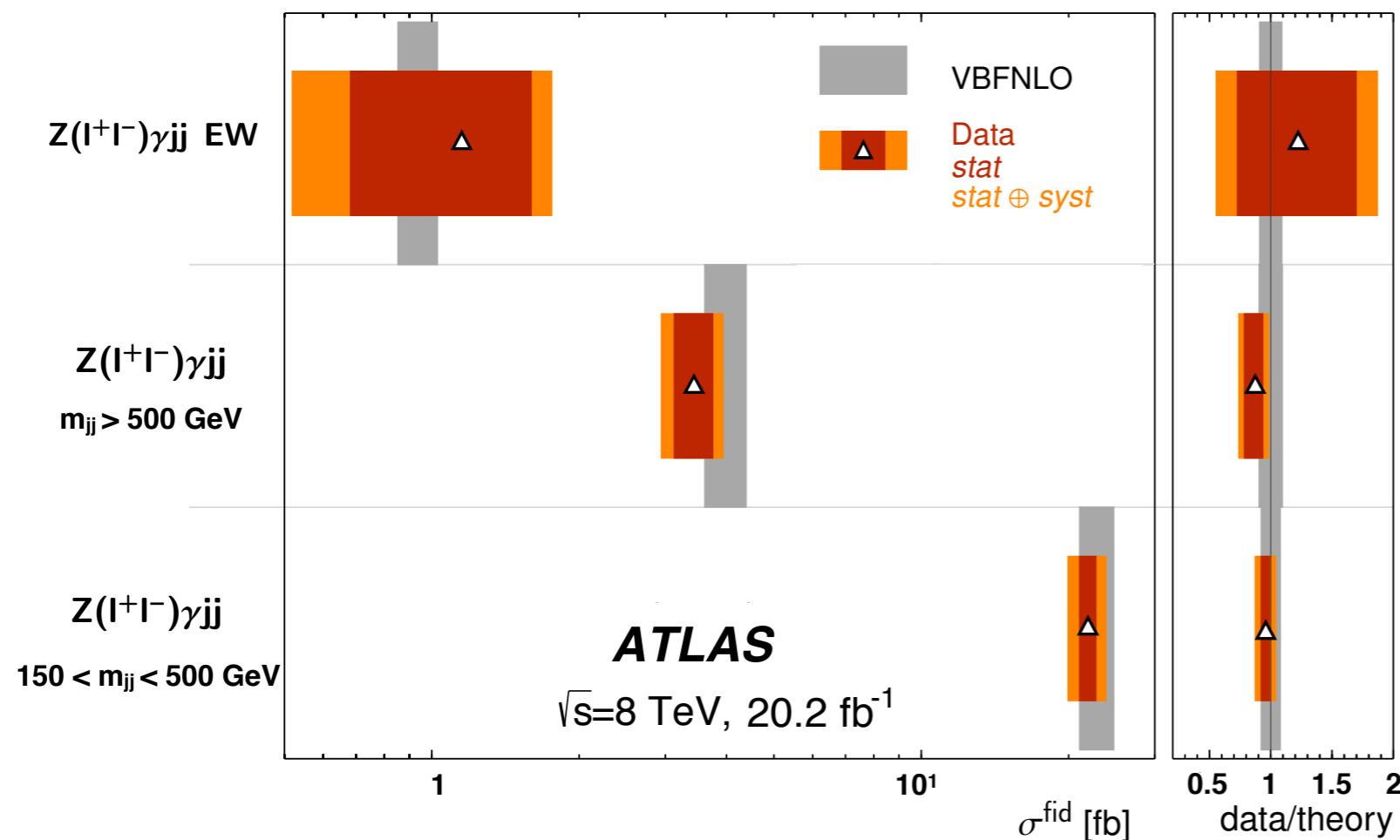


- ❖ **Centrality variable** used to perform XS measurement in  $\ell+\ell-$  channel
- ❖  **$Z\gamma jj$  QCD:**
  - ❖ shape taken from Sherpa v1.4 MC
  - ❖ normalisation extracted fitting simultaneously CR and SR for EW studies (QCD scaling factor = unconstrained nuisance parameter in fit)
- ❖ **Main  $Z\gamma jj$  reducible backgrounds:**
  - ❖  $Z+jets \rightarrow$  2D sideband data-driven method  $\rightarrow \sim 23\%$  of  $Z\gamma jj$  events
  - ❖  $tt\bar{b}\gamma \rightarrow$  MadGraph5\_AMC@NLO v5.2, XS @ NLO
- ❖ Electron and muons channels combined

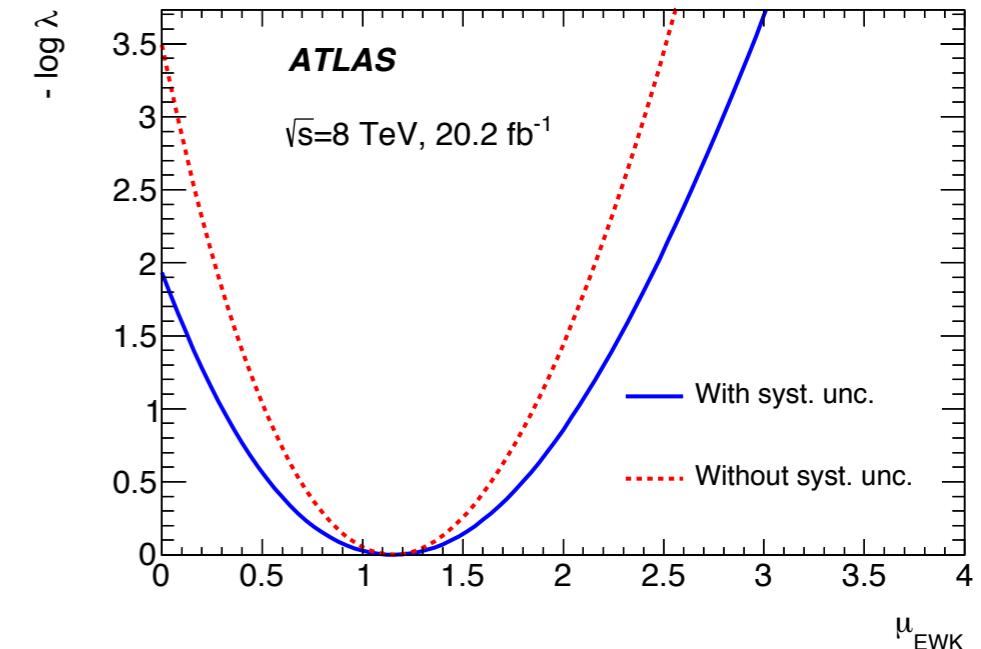
# VBS $Z\gamma + 2j$ : cross sections

- ❖ Cross section measurements:

- ❖ Extended binned likelihood fit over  $Z\gamma$  centrality variable with parameter of interest  $\mu = \sigma_{\text{data}} / \sigma_{\text{MC}}$
- ❖ Measurement of total (in SR and CR) and EW-only (in SR) XS
- ❖ Measurements compared with VBFNLO v2.7.1 (4-10% unc.)



Excellent agreement with VBFNLO  
Large statistical (~40%) and systematic (~50%) uncertainties



- ❖ Significance for observing the EW signal:  $2.0\sigma$  ( $1.8\sigma$  expected)
- ❖ Upper limit on cross section:  $2.2 \text{ fb}$

Source of uncertainty	EWK [%]		Total (EWK+QCD) [%]
	SR	CR	
Statistical	40	9	4
Jet energy scale	36	9	4
Theory	10	5	4
All other	8	5	6
Total systematic	38	11	8

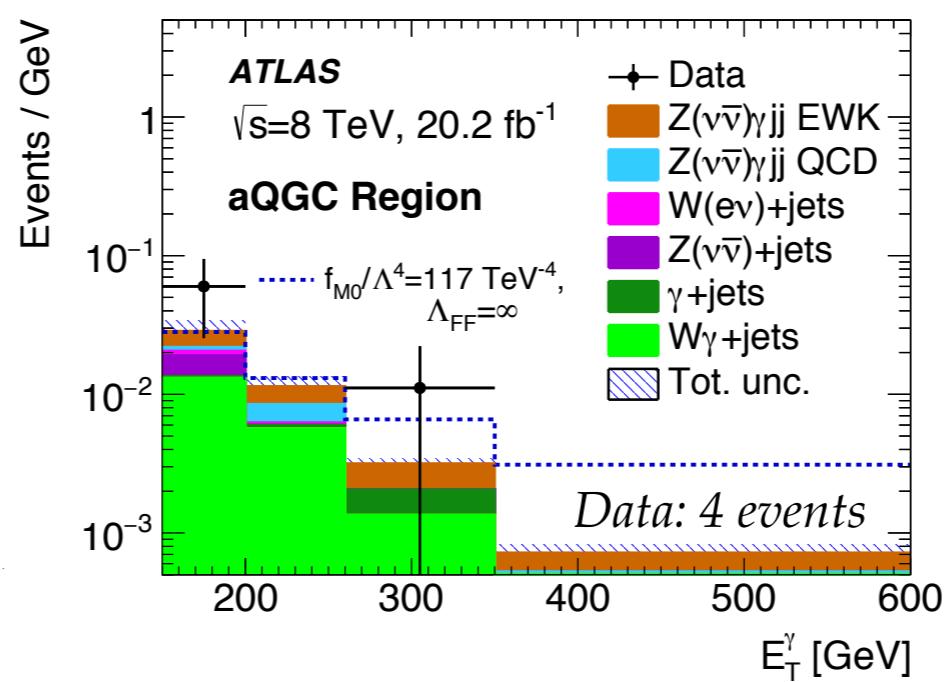
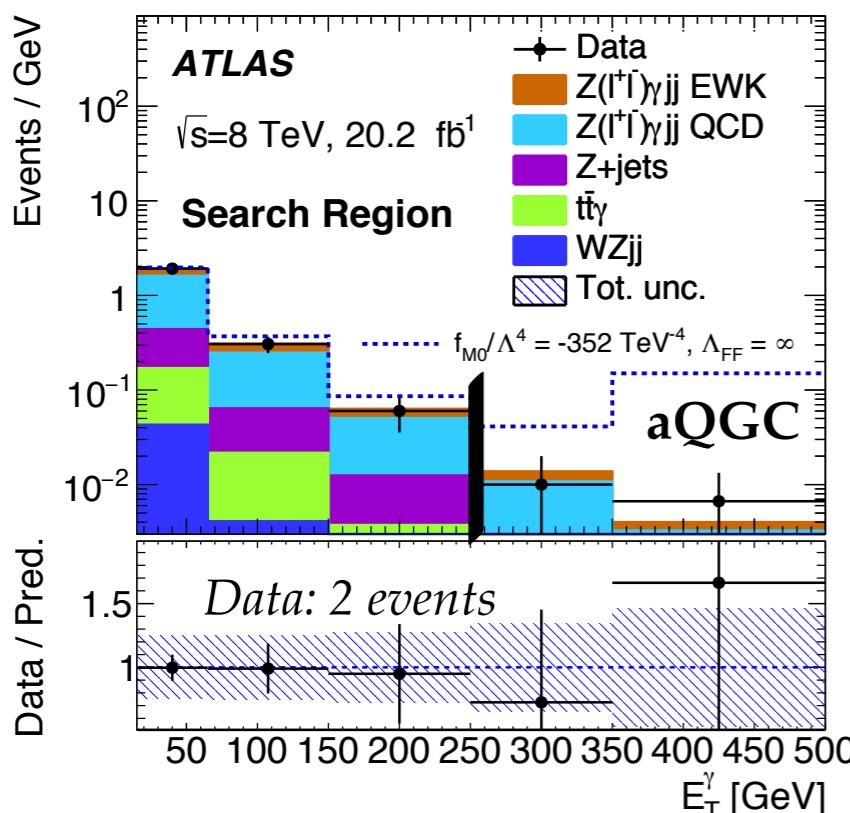
Dominated by jet energy scale unc.

# VBS $Z\gamma + 2j$ : aQGC

- New physics could induce charged ( $WWZ\gamma$ ) and neutral ( $ZZZ\gamma$ ,  $ZZ\gamma\gamma$ ,  $Z\gamma\gamma\gamma$ ; avoided in SM) aQGCs
  - contribution expected to increase with photon  $E_T$
- Neutrino and charged lepton channel used in aQGC region
- **Parametrisation:** parity conserving EFT Lagrangian with higher dim operators
- Form factor (FF) introduced to restore unitarity at very high energy  $\sqrt{s}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} O_i + \sum_j \frac{f_j}{\Lambda^4} O_j$$

Dim 8 operators  
New physics scale



**aQGC  $vv\gamma$  selection:**

- $E_{T\text{miss}} > 100 \text{ GeV}, 1\gamma p_T > 150 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - 2 jets with  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ ,
- lepton veto (reduce  $W\gamma jj$  bkg), angular cuts (remove  $\gamma + \text{jet}$  bkg)
- centrality  $< 0.3$ ;  $p_T$  balance  $< 0.1$ ;  $m_{jj} > 600 \text{ GeV}$  (to reduce QCD)
  - $N_{\text{exp}} = 0.65 +/- 0.05$

	WWZ $\gamma$	ZZZ $\gamma$	ZZ $\gamma\gamma$	Z $\gamma\gamma\gamma$
FM <sub>0-7</sub>	✓	✓	✓	
FT <sub>0-7</sub>	✓	✓	✓	✓
FT <sub>8-9</sub>		✓	✓	✓

**Bkg in  $vv$  channel :**  
W $\gamma$ +jets (59%) norm. from data with 41% syst.  
Z+jets (15%) 2D sideband method with 50% syst.

# VBS Z $\gamma$ + 2j: aQGC results

- ❖ **Upper limit on cross section (log-likelihood fit, CLs technique) :**
  - ❖ **1.06fb** (0.99 exp.)  $v\nu\gamma$  and **1.03fb** (1.01fb exp.)  $\ell\bar{\ell}\gamma$
- ❖ aQGC XS computed with VBFNLO, Madgraph used to study selection efficiency
- ❖ One dim. profile likelihood fit -> 95%CL intervals
- ❖ **Best expected interval:  $v\nu\gamma$ , improved by 10-30% when including  $\ell\bar{\ell}\gamma$**
- ❖ Uncertainties dominated by QCD renormalization and factorization scale (~8%)
- ❖ Intervals reduced compared to previous CMS publication

	Limits 95% CL	Measured [TeV $^{-4}$ ]	Expected [TeV $^{-4}$ ]
ATLAS Z( $\rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}/v\bar{v}$ ) $\gamma$ -EWK <i>(result without FF to compare with CMS)</i>	$f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.9, 3.9]	[-2.7, 2.8]
	$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.8, 1.8]	[-1.3, 1.3]
	$f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.4, 2.9]	[-3.0, 2.3]
	$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	[-76, 69]	[-66, 58]
	$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	[-147, 150]	[-123, 126]
	$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	[-27, 27]	[-23, 23]
	$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	[-52, 52]	[-43, 43]
CMS Z( $\rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}$ ) $\gamma$ -EWK  arXiv: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.03025">1702.03025</a>	$f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	[-4.0, 4.0]	[-6.0, 6.0]
	$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.8, 1.8]	[-2.7, 2.7]
	$f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.8, 3.4]	[-5.1, 5.1]
	$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	[-71, 75]	[-109, 111]
	$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	[-190, 182]	[-281, 280]
	$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	[-32, 31]	[-47, 47]
	$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	[-58, 59]	[-87, 87]

# Summary

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- ❖ **New important results on VBF/VBS topologies with 7 and 8 TeV data.**
  - ❖ **VBF W:**
    - ❖ 8 TeV: most precise measurement on VBF topology to this date
    - ❖ First observation with  $>5\sigma$  of VBF W channel
    - ❖ EWK fiducial XS already systematically dominated and has sensitivity to constraint MC modelling
    - ❖ Many differential measurements provided, comparison with 3 generators. Lot of useful information to help improving MC modelling (HEPDATA)
    - ❖ First constraints on CP-violating aTGCs parameters
  - ❖ **VBS Zg :**
    - ❖ Best limits on FT8 and FT9 operators in EFT parametrisation of aQGC
    - ❖ Measurement of total and EWK  $Z\gamma jj$  cross section in special fiducial regions
    - ❖ Very small cross section, need more data for an observation
  - ❖ **In VBF/VBS processes, JES is generally one of the limiting uncertainties !**
  - ❖ **More results to come with 13 TeV data and larger data sample**
    - ❖ Possibility to observe for the first time rare VBS processes and put more stringent limits on aTGCs and aQGCs
    - ❖ Will allow to check the dependence of XS with  $\sqrt{s}$  for a given process
  - ❖ **Stay tuned !**
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# Conclusions

	Observed ?	Measurements
VBF Z @ 8 TeV <i>JHEP 04(2014)031</i>	<b>Yes, <math>&gt;5\sigma</math></b>	Inclusive and EW fiducial XS, differential XS (Powheg, Sherpa 1.4.3), aTGCs
VBS ssW @ 8 TeV <i>PRL 113, 141803 (2014), arXiv:1611.02428</i>	<b>No, <math>4.5\sigma</math></b>	EW fiducial XS, aQGCs
VBS WZ @ 8 TeV <i>PRD 93, 092004 (2016)</i>	<b>No, <math>&lt;2\sigma</math></b>	Upper limit EW XS, aQGCs
VBF W <i>arXiv:1703.04362</i>	<b>Yes, <math>&gt;5\sigma</math></b>	Inclusive and EW fiducial XS, differential XS (Powheg, Sherpa 1.4.3), aTGCs
VBS $Z\gamma$ <i>arXiv:1705.01966</i>	<b>No, <math>2\sigma</math></b>	Inclusive and EW XS, aQGCs

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# Extra material

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# VBF W: MC samples

Process	MC generator	$\sigma \cdot \mathcal{B}$ [pb]	
		7 TeV	8 TeV
$W(\rightarrow e\nu, \mu\nu) + 2$ jets			
2 EW vertices	POWHEG + PYTHIA8	4670	5340
4 EW vertices (no dibosons)	POWHEG + PYTHIA8	2.7	3.4
$W(\rightarrow \tau\nu)$ inclusive			
2 EW vertices	SHERPA	10100	11900
$W(\rightarrow \tau\nu) + 2$ jets			
4 EW vertices (with dibosons)	SHERPA	8.4	
4 EW vertices (no dibosons)	SHERPA		4.2
Top quarks			
$t\bar{t}(\rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{q}q\bar{b}, \ell\nu b\ell\nu\bar{b})$	MC@NLO + HERWIG	90.0	
	POWHEG + PYTHIA6		114
$tW$	ACERMC + PYTHIA6	15.3	
	MC@NLO + HERWIG		20.7
$t\bar{b}q \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}q$	ACERMC + PYTHIA6	23.5	25.8
$t\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$	ACERMC + PYTHIA6	1.0	
	MC@NLO + HERWIG		1.7
$Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)$ inclusive, $m_{\ell\ell} > 40$ GeV			
2 EW vertices	SHERPA	3140	3620
$Z(\rightarrow ee, \mu\mu) + 2$ jets, $m_{ee, \mu\mu} > 40$ GeV			
4 EW vertices (no dibosons)	SHERPA	0.7	0.9
Dibosons			
$WW$	HERWIG++	45.9	56.8
$WZ$	HERWIG++	18.4	22.5
$ZZ$	HERWIG++	6.0	7.2

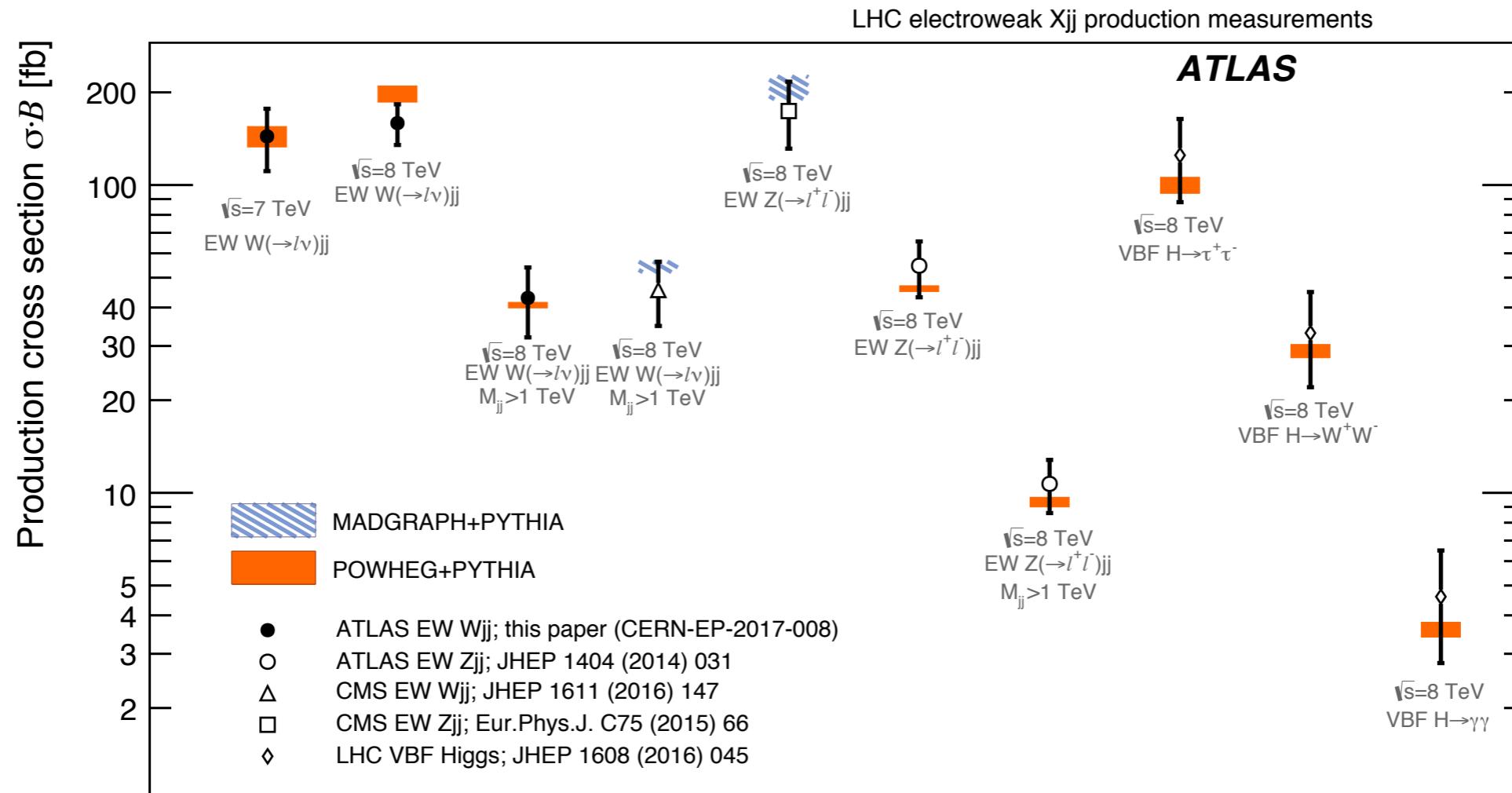
# VBF W: selection, event yield

Region name	Requirements	Process	7 TeV	8 TeV
Preselection	Lepton $p_T > 25$ GeV Lepton $ \eta  < 2.5$ $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ GeV $m_T > 40$ GeV $p_T^{j_1} > 80$ GeV $p_T^{j_2} > 60$ GeV Jet $ y  < 4.4$ $M_{jj} > 500$ GeV $\Delta y(j_1, j_2) > 2$ $\Delta R(j, \ell) > 0.3$			
Fiducial and differential measurements				
Signal region	$N_{\text{lepton}}^{\text{cen}} = 1, N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{cen}} = 0$	$W jj$ (EW)	920	5600
Forward-lepton control region	$N_{\text{lepton}}^{\text{cen}} = 0, N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{cen}} = 0$	$W jj$ (QCD)	3020	19600
Central-jet validation region	$N_{\text{lepton}}^{\text{cen}} = 1, N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{cen}} \geq 1$	Multijets	500	2350
Differential measurements only		$t\bar{t}$	430	1960
Inclusive regions	$M_{jj} > 0.5, 1, 1.5, \text{ or } 2$ TeV	Single top	244	1470
Forward-lepton/central-jet region	$N_{\text{lepton}}^{\text{cen}} = 0, N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{cen}} \geq 1$	$Z jj$ (QCD)	470	1140
High-mass signal region	$M_{jj} > 1$ TeV, $N_{\text{lepton}}^{\text{cen}} = 1, N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{cen}} = 0$	Dibosons	126	272
Anomalous coupling measurements only		$Z jj$ (EW)	5	79
High- $q^2$ region	$M_{jj} > 1$ TeV, $N_{\text{lepton}}^{\text{cen}} = 1, N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{cen}} = 0, p_T^{j_1} > 600$ GeV	Total SM	5700	32500
		Data	6063	33719

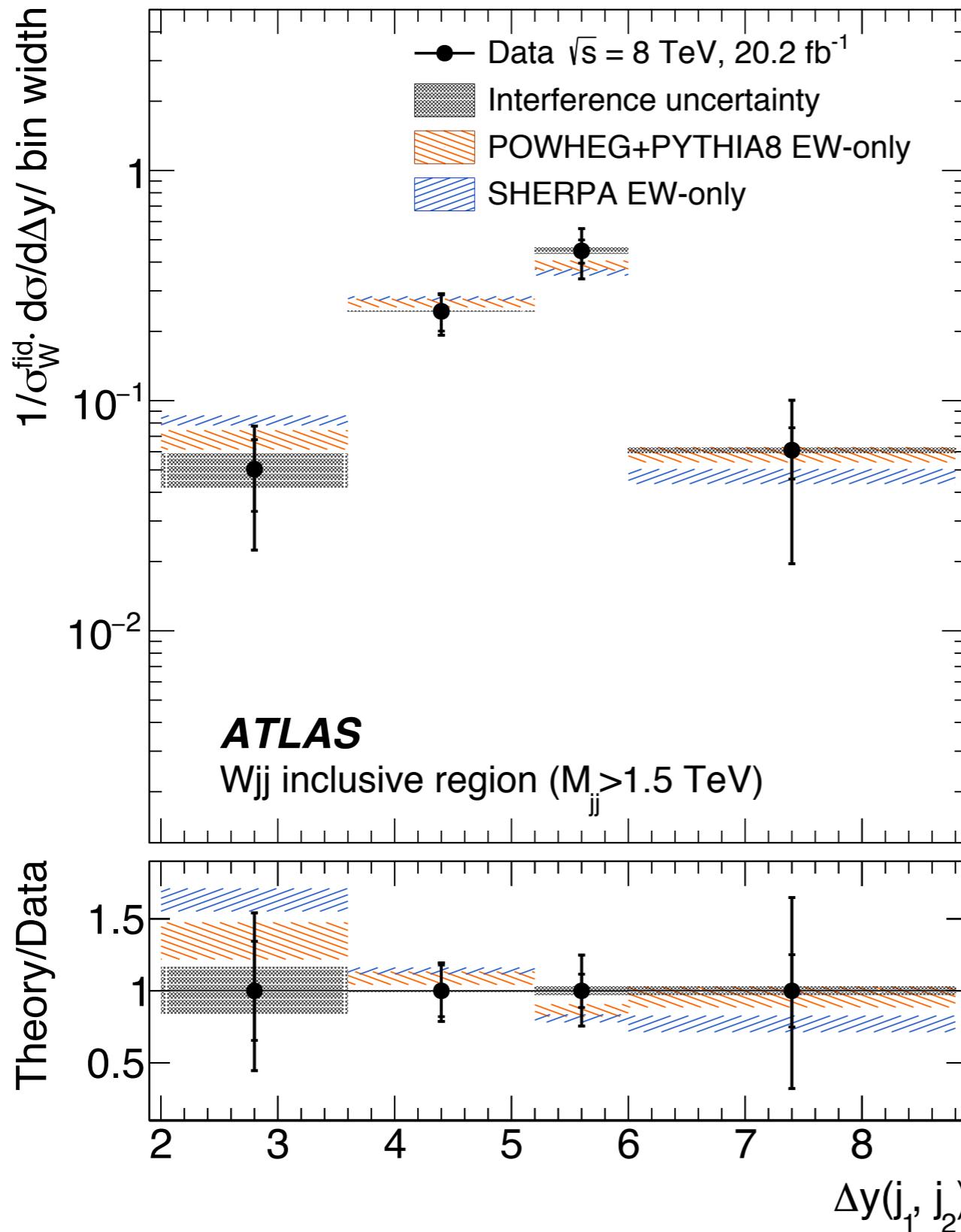
Region name	7 TeV	8 TeV		
	SM prediction	Data	SM prediction	Data
<b>Fiducial and differential measurements</b>				
Signal region	5700	6063	32500	33719
Forward-lepton control region	5000	5273	29400	30986
Central-jet validation region	2170	2187	12400	12677
<b>Differential measurement only</b>				
Inclusive region, $M_{jj} > 500$ GeV	-	-	106000	107040
Inclusive region, $M_{jj} > 1$ TeV	-	-	17400	16849
Inclusive region, $M_{jj} > 1.5$ TeV	-	-	3900	3611
Inclusive region, $M_{jj} > 2$ TeV	-	-	1040	890
Forward-lepton/central-jet region	-	-	12000	12267
High-mass signal region	-	-	6100	6052
<b>Anomalous coupling measurements only</b>				

# VBF W: results

Fiducial region	$\sigma_{Wjj}^{\text{fid}} \times \mathcal{B}_{W \rightarrow \ell\nu}$ [fb]			
	Data	QCD+EW		EW
		POWHEG + PYTHIA8	Data	
Inclusive $M_{jj} > 0.5$ TeV	$1700 \pm 110$	$1420 \pm 150$	—	—
Inclusive $M_{jj} > 1.0$ TeV	$263 \pm 21$	$234 \pm 26$	$64 \pm 36$	$52 \pm 1$
Inclusive $M_{jj} > 1.5$ TeV	$56 \pm 5$	$53 \pm 5$	$20 \pm 8$	$19 \pm 0.5$
Inclusive $M_{jj} > 2.0$ TeV	$13 \pm 2$	$14 \pm 1$	$5.6 \pm 2.1$	$6.9 \pm 0.2$
Forward-lepton	$545 \pm 39$	$455 \pm 51$	—	—
Central-jet	$292 \pm 36$	$235 \pm 28$	—	—
Forward-lepton/central-jet	$313 \pm 30$	$265 \pm 32$	—	—
Signal $M_{jj} > 0.5$ TeV	$546 \pm 35$	$465 \pm 39$	$159 \pm 27$	$198 \pm 12$
Signal $M_{jj} > 1.0$ TeV	$96 \pm 8$	$89 \pm 7$	$43 \pm 11$	$41 \pm 1$



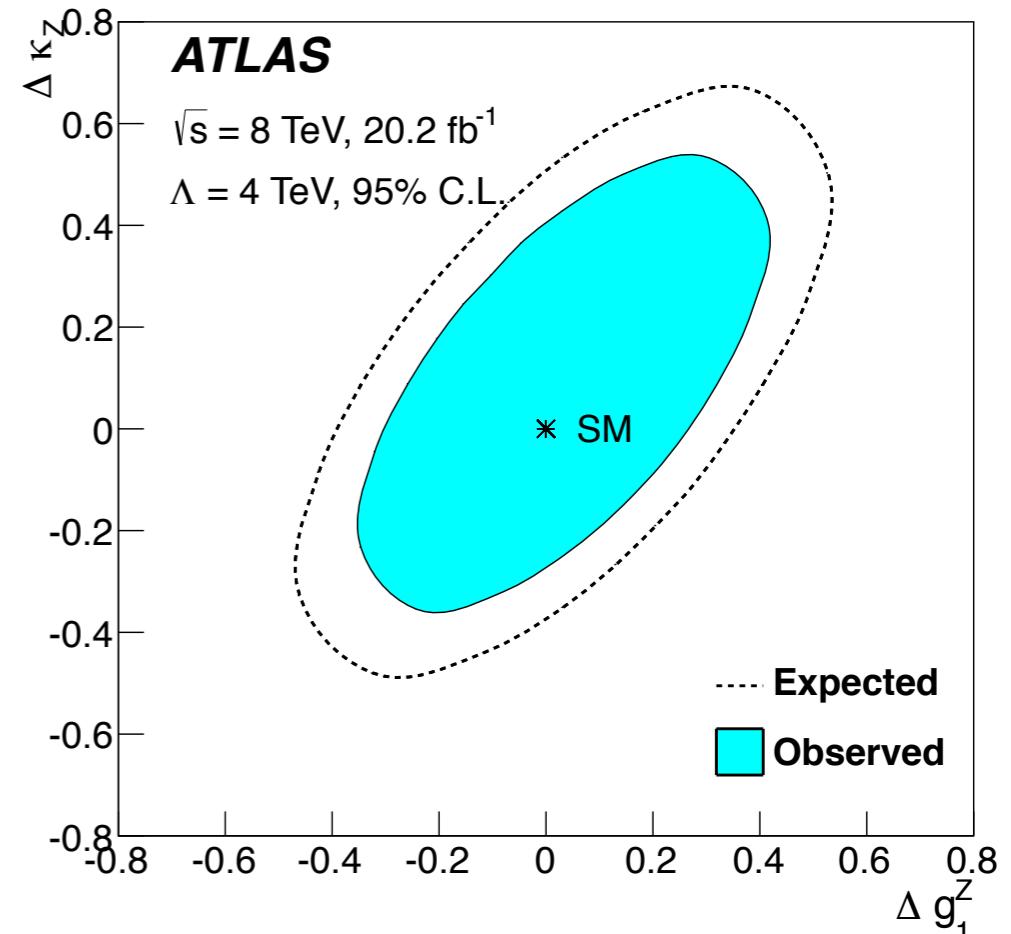
# VBF W: signal enhanced region



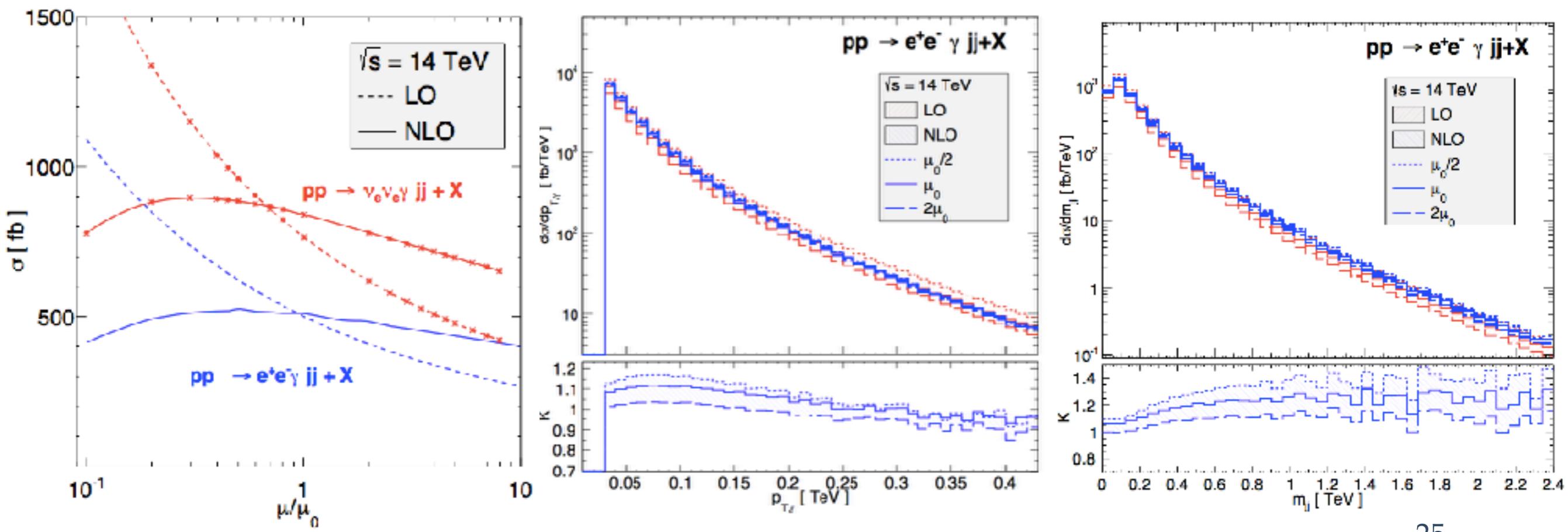
Interference taken as an uncertainty, that start to be non-negligible in signal enhanced region, and in some specific phase space (small  $\Delta Y_{jj}$ , high jet  $p_T$ , ...)

# VBF W: more details

Source	Uncertainty in $\mu_{\text{EW}}$	
	7 TeV	8 TeV
<b>Statistical</b>		
Signal region	0.094	0.028
Control region	0.127	0.044
<b>Experimental</b>		
Jet energy scale ( $\eta$ intercalibration)	0.124	0.053
Jet energy scale and resolution (other)	0.096	0.059
Luminosity	0.018	0.019
Lepton and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ reconstruction	0.021	0.012
Multijet background	0.064	0.019
<b>Theoretical</b>		
MC statistics (signal region)	0.027	0.026
MC statistics (control region)	0.029	0.019
EW $Wjj$ (scale and parton shower)	0.012	0.031
QCD $Wjj$ (scale and parton shower)	0.043	0.018
Interference (EW and QCD $Wjj$ )	0.037	0.032
Parton distribution functions	0.053	0.052
Other background cross sections	0.002	0.002
EW $Wjj$ cross section	0.076	0.061
Total	0.26	0.14



- ❖ Scale uncertainty significantly reduced at NLO.
- ❖ Size of NLO QCD correction are particularly large in region where VBS is enhanced



# VBS Z $\gamma$ : more details (l+l- channel)

Objects	Particle- (Parton-) level selection
Leptons	$p_T^\ell > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \eta^\ell  < 2.5$ Dressed leptons, OS charge
Photon (kinematics)	$E_T^\gamma > 15 \text{ GeV}$ , $ \eta^\gamma  < 2.37$ $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$
Photon (isolation)	$E_T^{\text{iso}} < 0.5 \cdot E_T^\gamma$ (no isolation)
FSR cut	$m_{\ell\ell} + m_{\ell\ell\gamma} > 182 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{\ell\ell} > 40 \text{ GeV}$
Particle jets (Outgoing partons) ( $j = \text{jets}$ ) ( $p = \text{outgoing quarks or gluons}$ )	At least two jets (outgoing partons) $E_T^{j(p)} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ , $ \eta^{j(p)}  < 4.5$ $\Delta R(\ell, j(p)) > 0.3$ $\Delta R(\gamma, j(p)) > 0.4$
Control region (CR)	$150 < m_{jj(pp)} < 500 \text{ GeV}$
Search region (SR)	$m_{jj(pp)} > 500 \text{ GeV}$
aQGC region	$m_{jj(pp)} > 500 \text{ GeV}$ $E_T^\gamma > 250 \text{ GeV}$

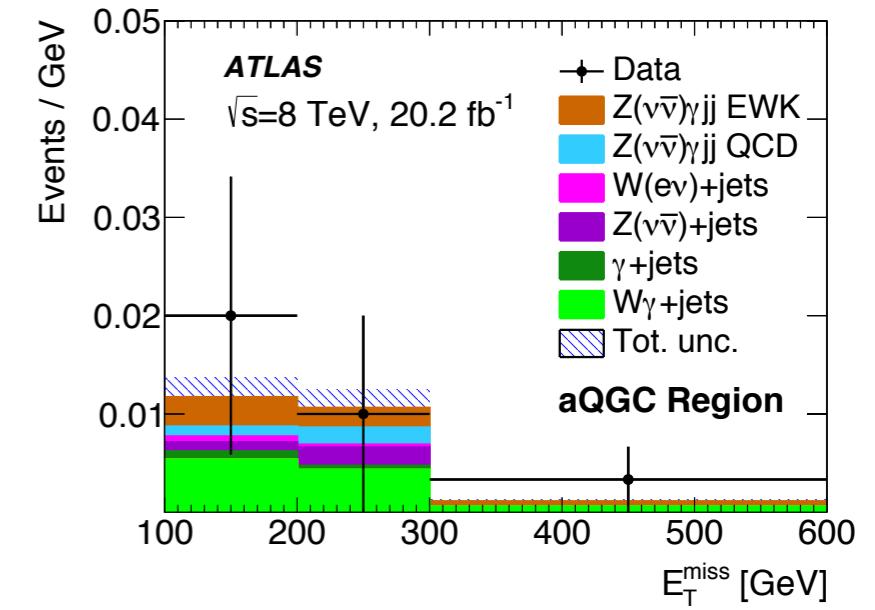
	Inclusive region $Z(\ell^+\ell^-)\gamma + \geq 2 \text{ jets}$	Inclusive region $e^+e^-\gamma jj$	Control region $e^+e^-\gamma jj$	Control region $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma jj$	Search region $e^+e^-\gamma jj$	Search region $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma jj$
Data	781	949	362	421	58	72
$Z + \text{jets}$ bkg.	$134 \pm 36$	$154 \pm 42$	$57 \pm 16$	$67 \pm 18$	$8.5 \pm 2.5$	$9.4 \pm 2.7$
Other bkg. ( $t\bar{t}\gamma$ , $WZ$ )	$88 \pm 17$	$91 \pm 18$	$47 \pm 9$	$46 \pm 9$	$5.8 \pm 1.1$	$5.0 \pm 1.0$
$N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{bkg}}$	$559 \pm 46$	$704 \pm 53$	$258 \pm 24$	$308 \pm 27$	$44 \pm 7$	$58 \pm 8$
$N_{Z\gamma}$ QCD (SHERPA MC)	$583 \pm 41$	$671 \pm 47$	$249 \pm 24$	$290 \pm 26$	$37 \pm 5$	$41 \pm 5$
$N_{Z\gamma}$ EWK (SHERPA MC)	$25.4 \pm 1.5$	$27.3 \pm 1.7$	$8.6 \pm 0.6$	$9.3 \pm 0.6$	$11.2 \pm 0.8$	$11.6 \pm 0.7$
$N_{Z\gamma}$ (SHERPA MC)	$608 \pm 42$	$698 \pm 49$	$258 \pm 25$	$299 \pm 27$	$48 \pm 6$	$53 \pm 6$

# VBS Z $\gamma$ : more details (vv channel)

Objects	Particle- (Parton-) level selection
Neutrinos	$E_T^{\nu\bar{\nu}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$
Photon (kinematics)	$E_T^\gamma > 150 \text{ GeV},  \eta^\gamma  < 2.37$ $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$
Photon (isolation)	$E_T^{\text{iso}} < 0.5 \cdot E_T^\gamma$
Generator-level jets (Outgoing quarks) ( $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma qq$ )	At least two jets (quarks) $E_T^{j(q)} > 30 \text{ GeV},  \eta^{j(q)}  < 4.5$ $\Delta R(\gamma, j(q)) > 0.4$
Event kinematic selection	$ \Delta\phi(E_T^{\nu\bar{\nu}}, \gamma jj(qq))  > \frac{3\pi}{4}$ $ \Delta\phi(E_T^{\nu\bar{\nu}}, \gamma)  > \frac{\pi}{2}$ $ \Delta\phi(E_T^{\nu\bar{\nu}}, j(q))  > 1$ $E_T^\gamma > 150 \text{ GeV}$ $ \Delta y_{jj(qq)}  > 2.5$ $\zeta_\gamma \geq 0.3$ $p_T^{\text{balance}} < 0.1$ $m_{jj(qq)} > 600 \text{ GeV}$
aQGC region	
	$m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{jj} > 600 \text{ GeV}$
	$E_T^\gamma > 250 \text{ GeV}$ $E_T^\gamma > 150 \text{ GeV}$
	$\ell^+ \ell^- \gamma jj$ $\nu \bar{\nu} \gamma jj$
Data	2                          4
$Z + \text{jets}$ background	$0.28 \pm 0.08$ $0.3 \pm 0.2$
$W(\ell\nu)\gamma + \text{jets}$ background	- $1.1 \pm 0.5$
$\gamma + \text{jets}$ background	- $0.13 \pm 0.08$
$W(e\nu) + \text{jets}$ background	- $0.09 \pm 0.04$
$t\bar{t}\gamma, WZ$ background	$0.02 \pm 0.01$ -
$N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{bkg}}$	$1.7 \pm 1.4$ $2.4 \pm 2.0$
$N_{Z\gamma}$ QCD (SHERPA MC)	$1.2 \pm 0.4$ $0.29 \pm 0.07$
$N_{Z\gamma}$ EWK (SHERPA MC)	$0.41 \pm 0.04$ $0.65 \pm 0.05$
$N_{Z\gamma}$ (SHERPA MC)	$1.6 \pm 0.4$ $0.9 \pm 0.1$

# VBS Z $\gamma$ : more details (results)

	95% CL intervals	Measured [TeV $^{-4}$ ]	Expected [TeV $^{-4}$ ]	$\Lambda_{\text{FF}}$ [TeV]
$n = 0$	$f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	$[-4.1, 4.2] \times 10^3$	$[-2.9, 3.0] \times 10^3$	
	$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.9, 2.1] \times 10^3$	$[-1.2, 1.7] \times 10^3$	
	$f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.9, 1.6] \times 10^1$	$[-1.6, 1.3] \times 10^1$	
	$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.6, 1.8] \times 10^2$	$[-1.4, 1.5] \times 10^2$	
	$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	$[-3.5, 3.4] \times 10^2$	$[-3.0, 2.9] \times 10^2$	
	$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	$[-8.9, 8.9] \times 10^2$	$[-7.5, 7.5] \times 10^2$	
	$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.7, 1.7] \times 10^3$	$[-1.4, 1.4] \times 10^3$	
$n = 2$	$f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	$[-6.9, 6.9] \times 10^4$	$[-5.4, 5.3] \times 10^4$	0.7
	$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	$[-3.4, 3.3] \times 10^4$	$[-2.6, 2.5] \times 10^4$	0.7
	$f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	$[-7.2, 6.1] \times 10^1$	$[-6.1, 5.0] \times 10^1$	1.7
	$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.0, 1.0] \times 10^3$	$[-8.8, 8.8] \times 10^2$	1.0
	$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.6, 1.7] \times 10^3$	$[-1.4, 1.4] \times 10^3$	1.2
	$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.1, 1.1] \times 10^4$	$[-9.2, 9.6] \times 10^3$	0.7
	$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.6, 1.6] \times 10^4$	$[-1.4, 1.3] \times 10^4$	0.8



Channel	Phase-space region	Process type	Measured cross-section [fb]	Predicted cross-section [fb]
$Z(\ell^+\ell^-)\gamma jj$	Search region	EWK	$1.1 \pm 0.5 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (syst)}$	$0.94 \pm 0.09$
$Z(\ell^+\ell^-)\gamma jj$	Search region	EWK+QCD	$3.4 \pm 0.3 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (syst)}$	$4.0 \pm 0.4$
$Z(\ell^+\ell^-)\gamma jj$	Control region	EWK+QCD	$21.9 \pm 0.9 \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.8 \text{ (syst)}$	$22.9 \pm 1.9$