



# Diboson and triboson measurements



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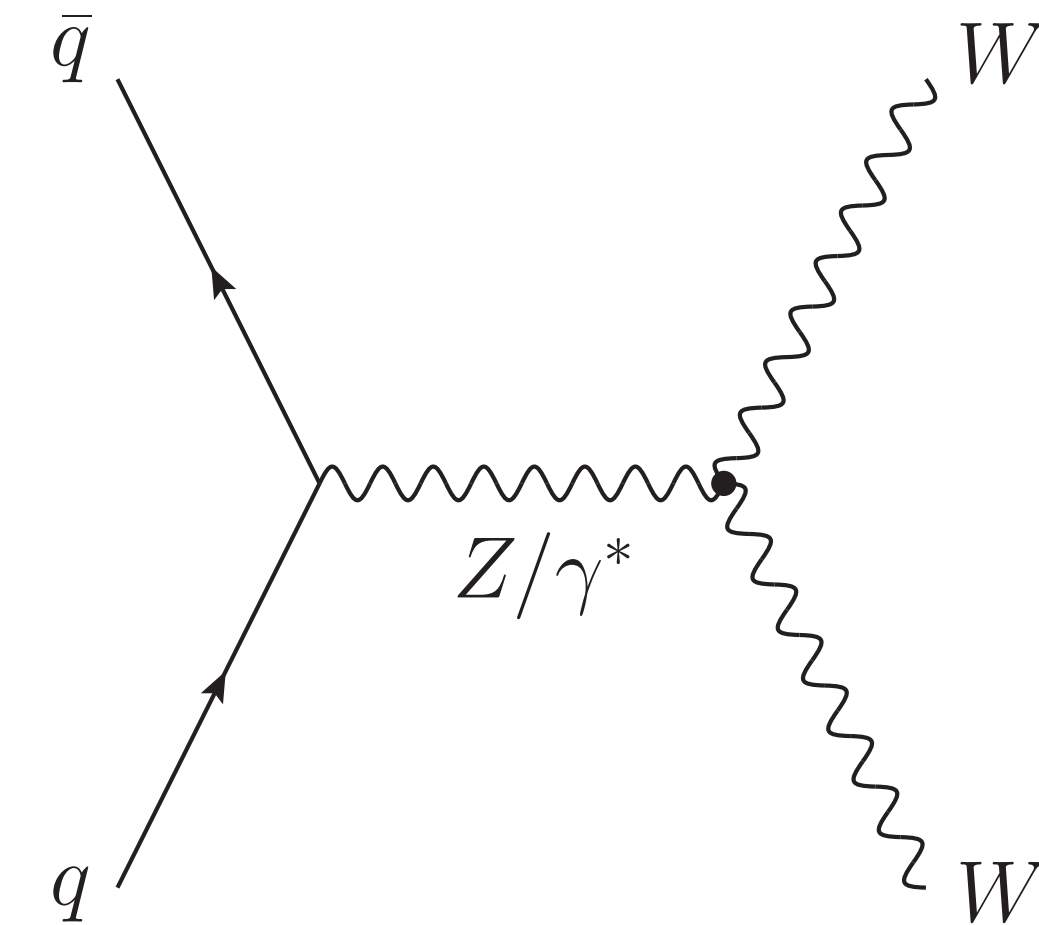


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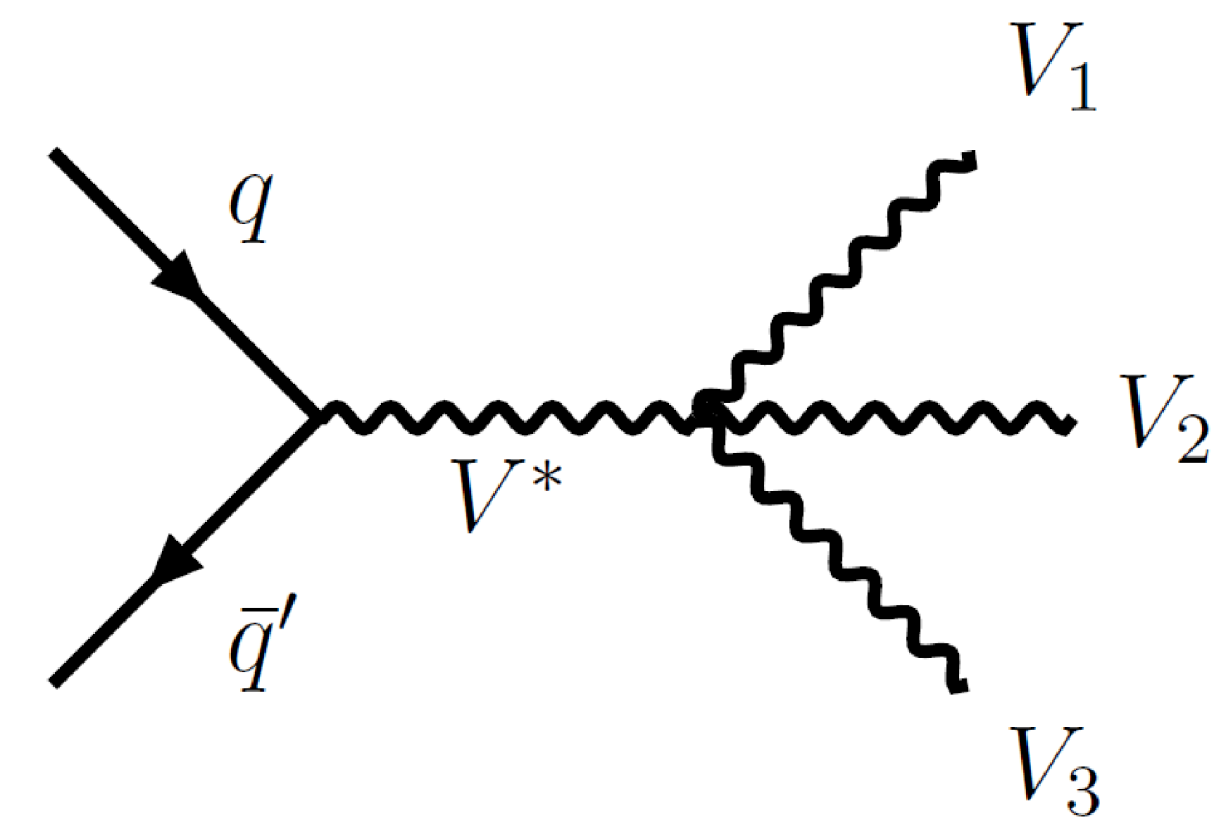
## Diboson – using 2015–2016 data (36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

- $WW \rightarrow e^\pm \nu \mu^\mp \nu$  [1905.04242](#)
- $WZ \rightarrow \ell' \nu \ell \ell$  [1902.05759](#)
- $ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell \nu \nu$  [1905.07163](#)
- $4\ell$  inclusive [JHEP 04 \(2019\) 048](#)



## Triboson – using 2015–2017 data (79.8 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

- $WWW \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu \ell \nu, \ell \nu \ell \nu qq$  [1903.10415](#)
- $WVZ \rightarrow \ell \nu qq \ell \ell, \ell \nu \ell \ell \ell, qq \ell \ell \ell$  [1903.10415](#)



## Motivation

- test of pQCD, EWK corrections, constrain aTGC/EFT

## Measured in fiducial volume and extrapolated to total phase space

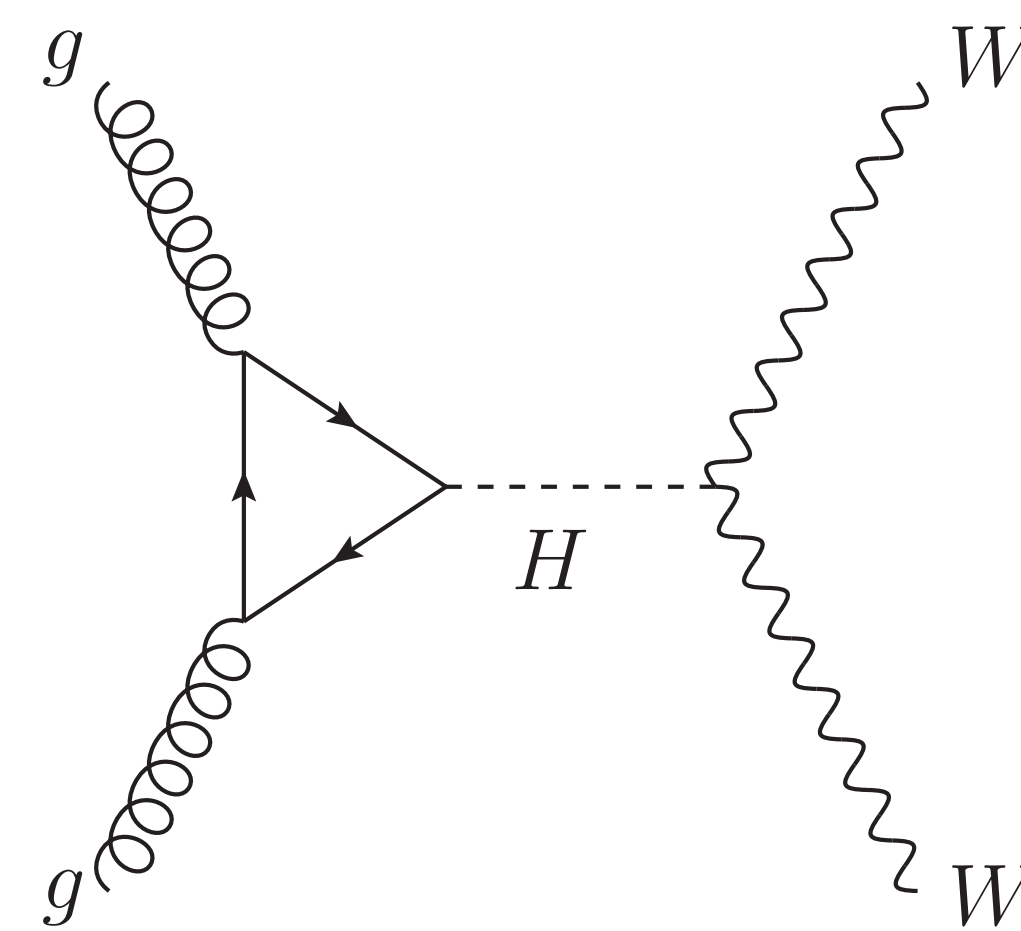
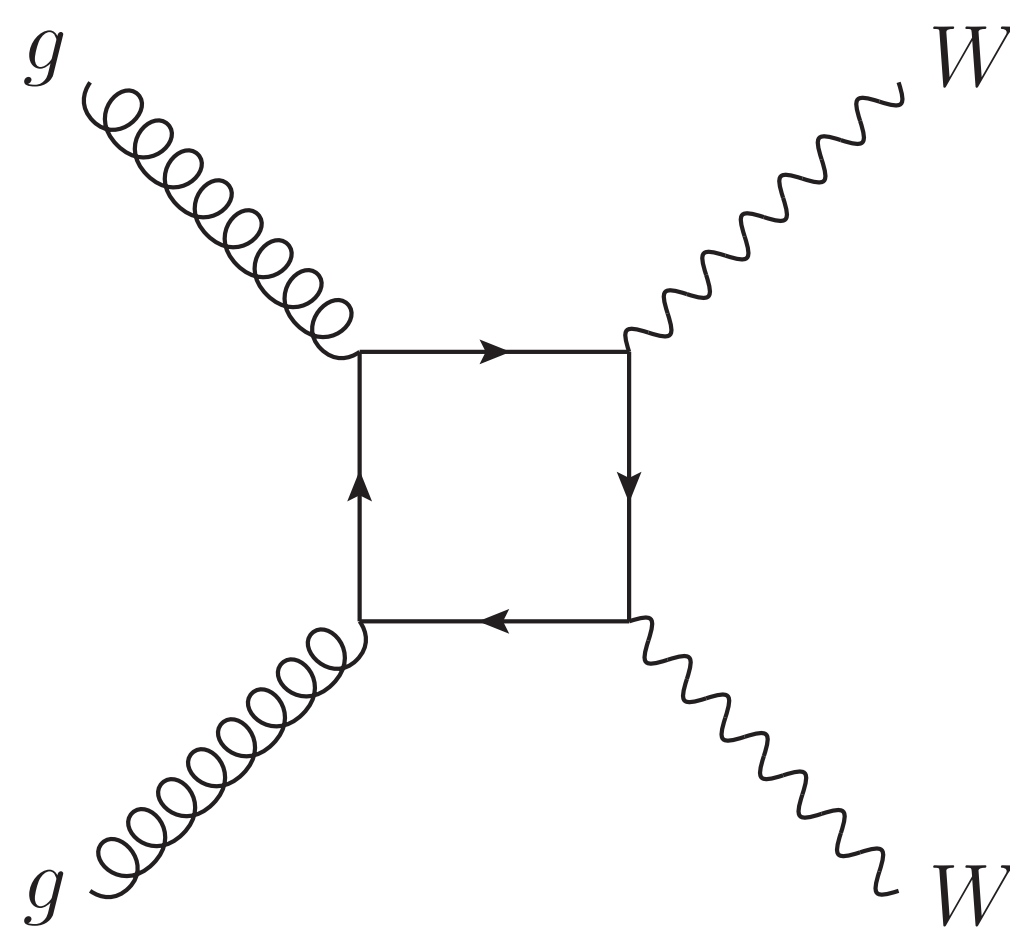
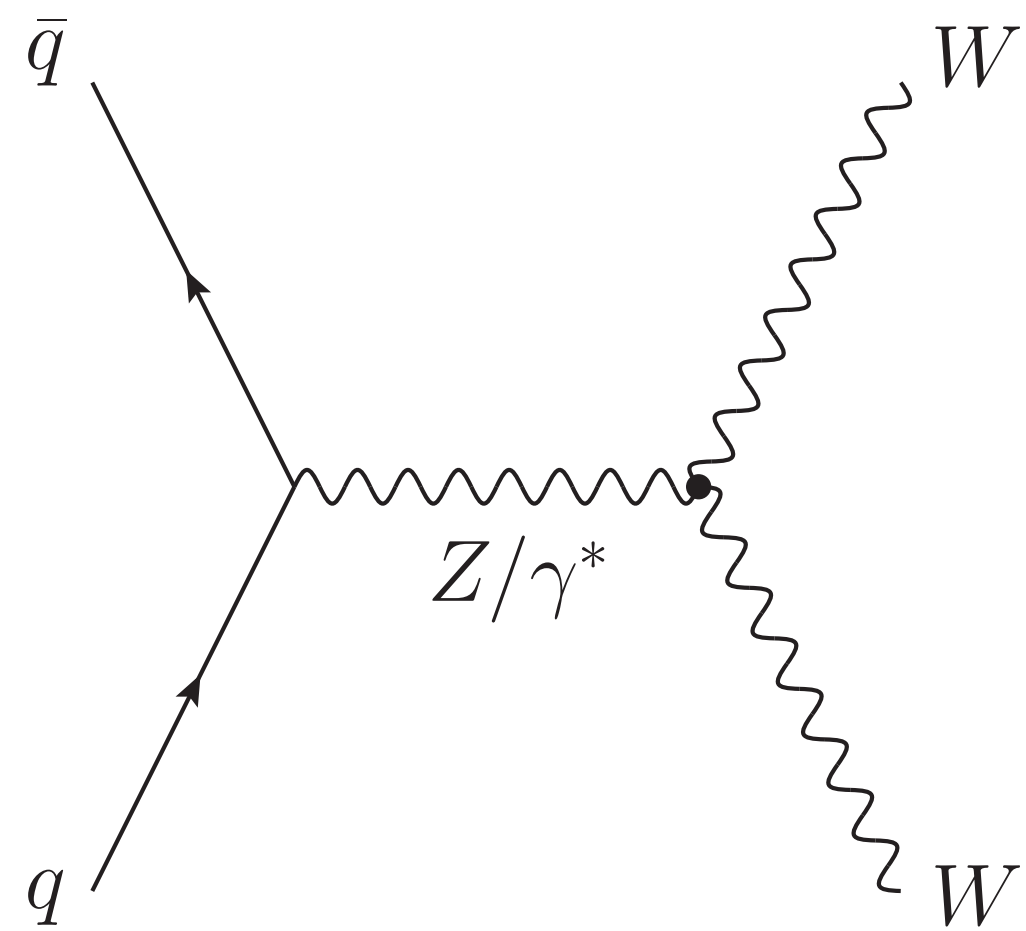
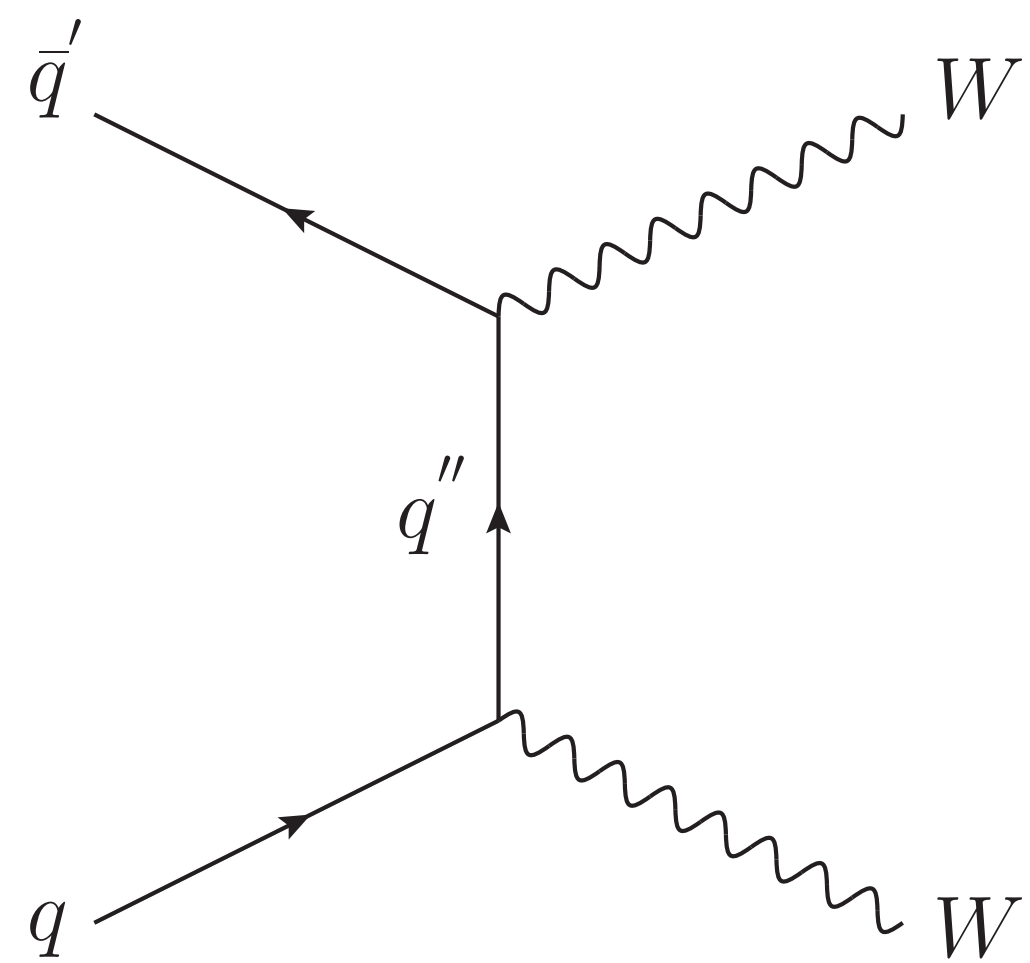
$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = \frac{N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{bkg}}}{\mathcal{L} \cdot C} \quad \sigma_{\text{tot}} = \frac{N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{bkg}}}{\mathcal{L} \cdot C \cdot A}$$

- C corrects for detector inefficiency and resolution
- A is the signal acceptance in the fiducial volume

## Differential measurements

- background subtracted kinematic distributions
- corrected from detector effects

# Dibosons: WW



## Highlights

- investigation of long-standing discrepancies with predictions
- first differential diboson measurement at 13 TeV

## Analysis

- $e\mu$  final state, veto jet ( $p_T > 35$  GeV) and b-jets
- unfolded differential cross sections in:
  - $p_T(\ell_1)$ ,  $p_T(e\mu)$ ,  $m_{e\mu}$
  - $|y_{e\mu}|$ ,  $\Delta\varphi_{e\mu}$ ,  $|\cos\theta^*| = |\tanh(\Delta\eta_{e\mu}/2)|$
- $\sigma(\text{fid.})$  also as function of veto jet  $p_T$
- aTGC limits from unfolded  $p_T(\ell_1)$  in EFT framework

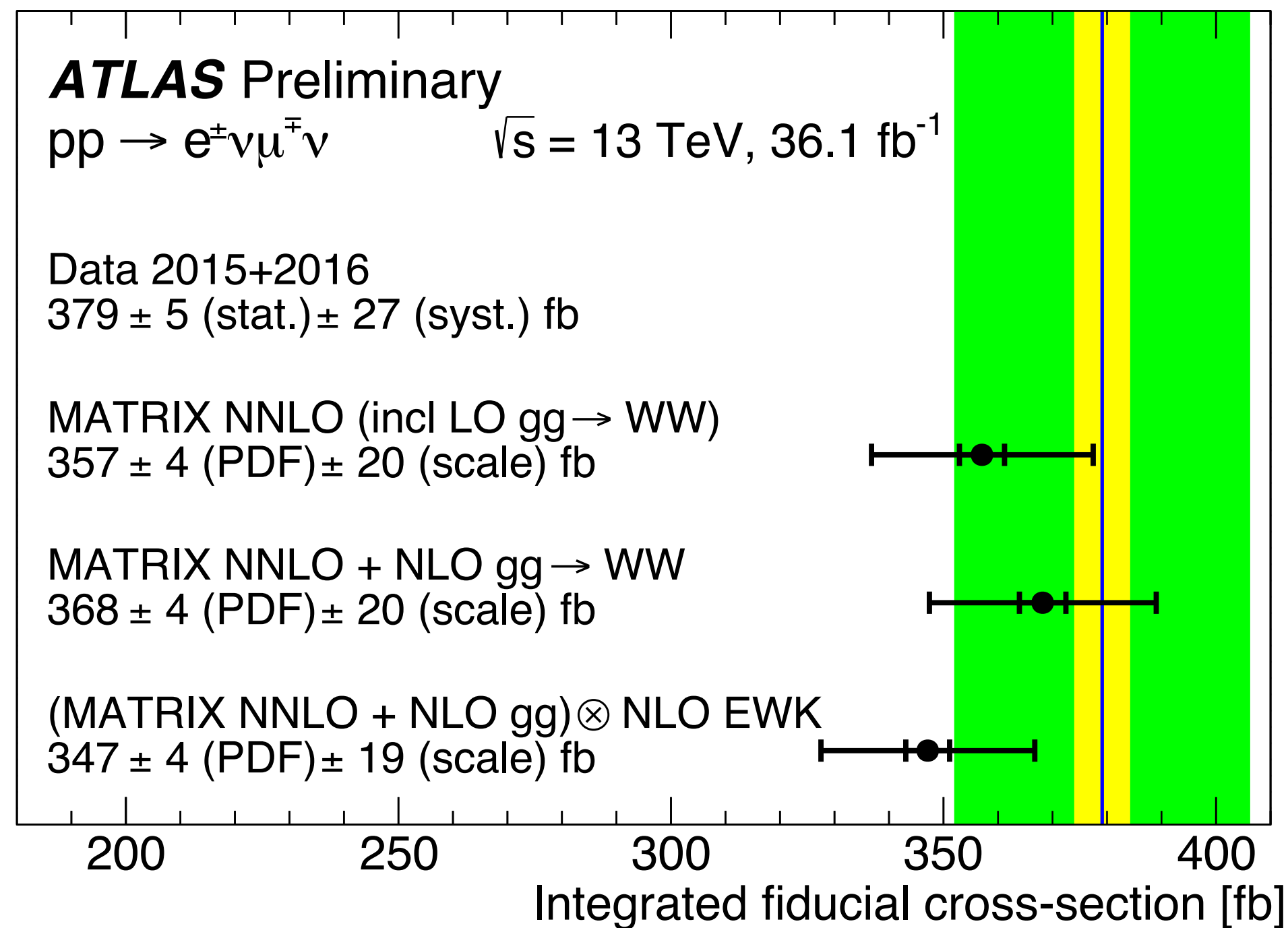
## Fiducial cross section

- compared to MATRIX NNLO

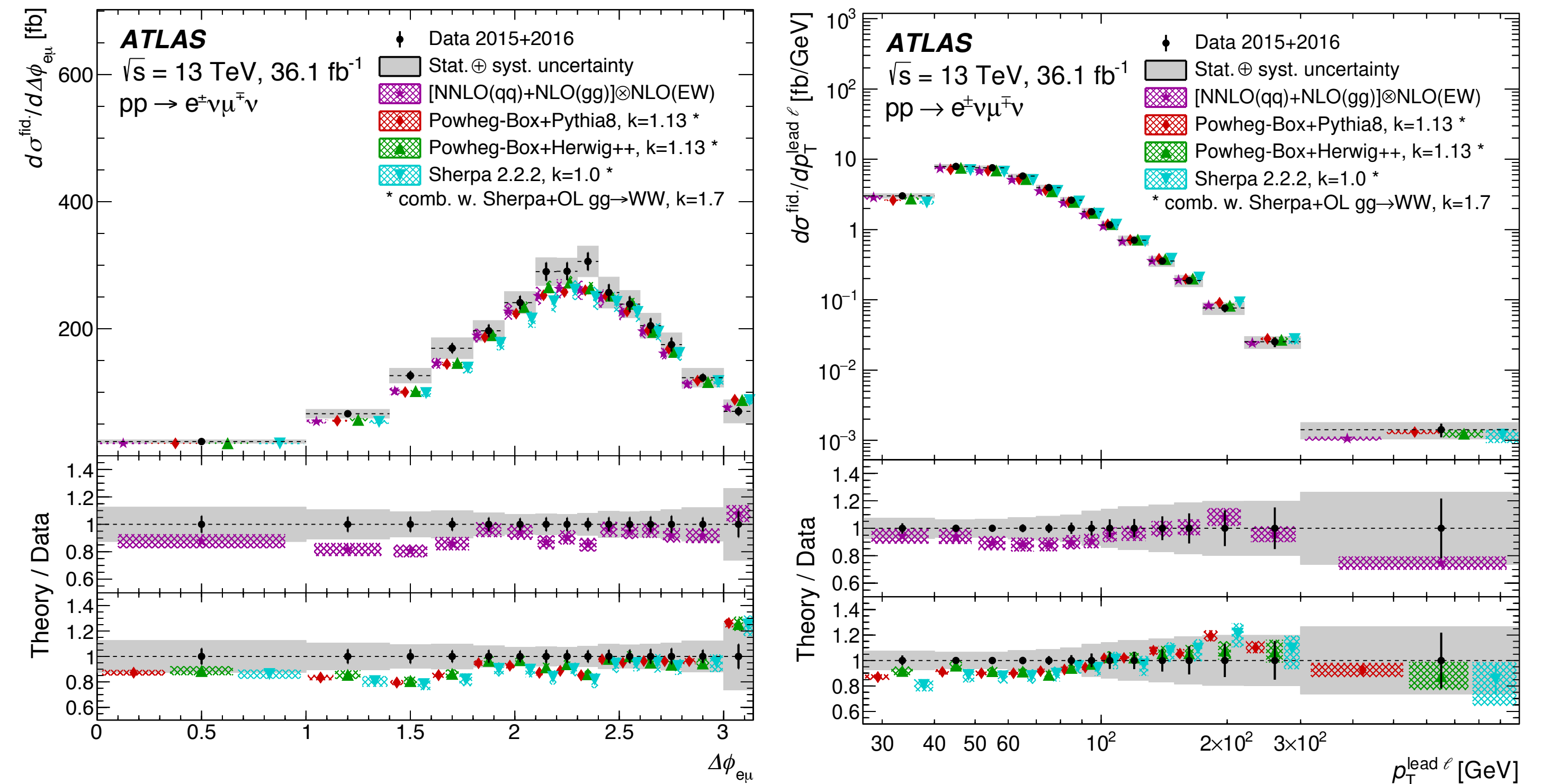
## Uncertainties

- 1.3% stat.; 6.7% syst., 2.1% lumi.

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = (379.1 \pm 5.0 \text{ (stat)} \pm 25.4 \text{ (syst)} \pm 8.0 \text{ (lumi)}) \text{ fb}$$



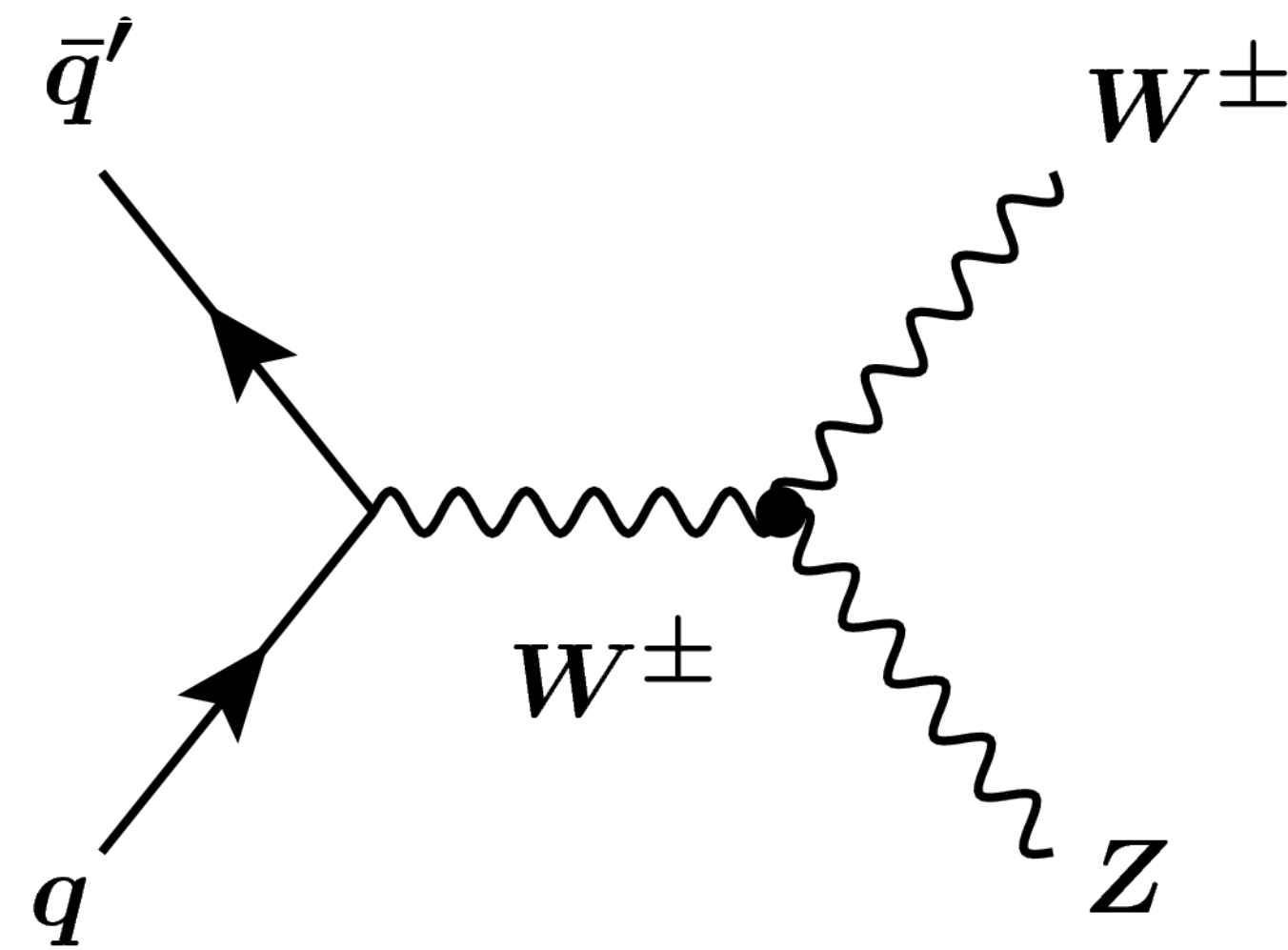
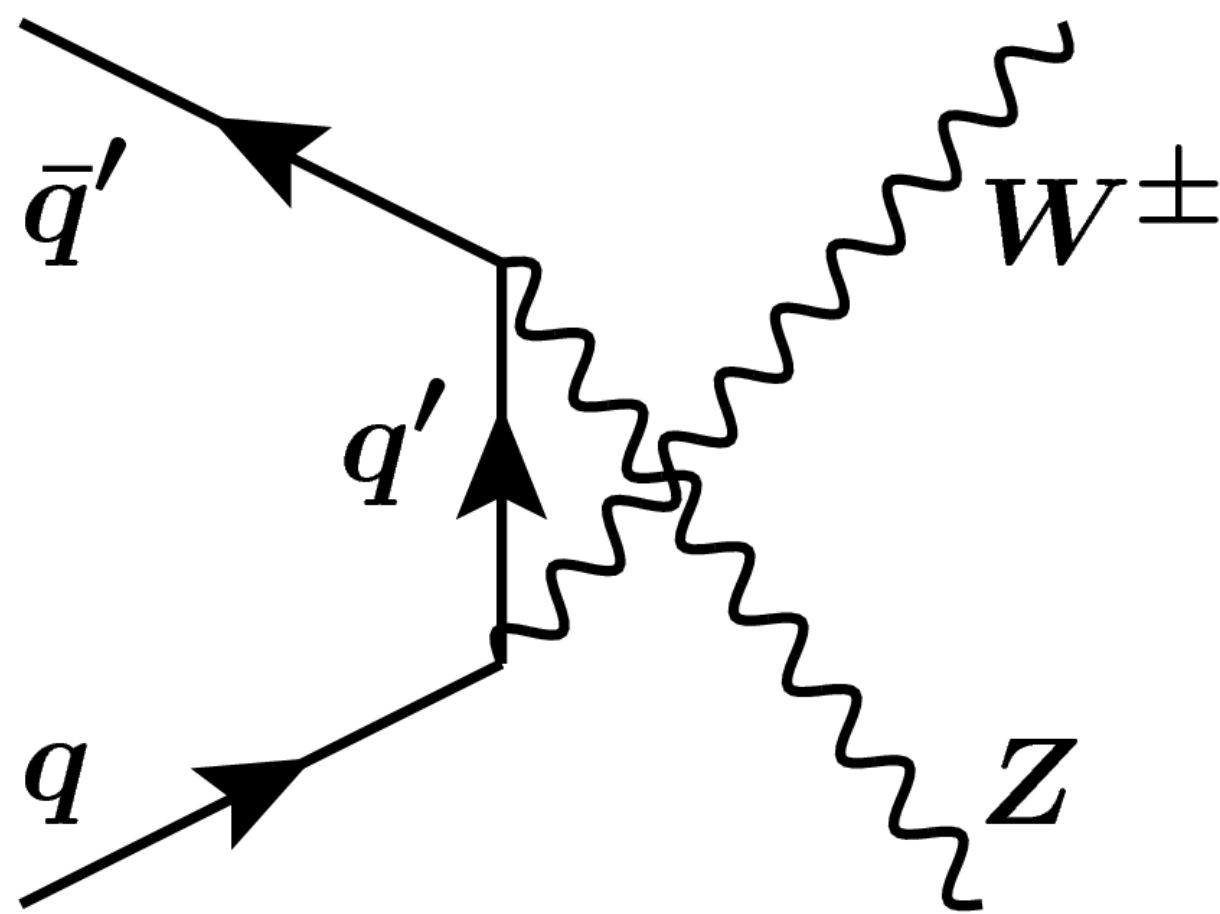
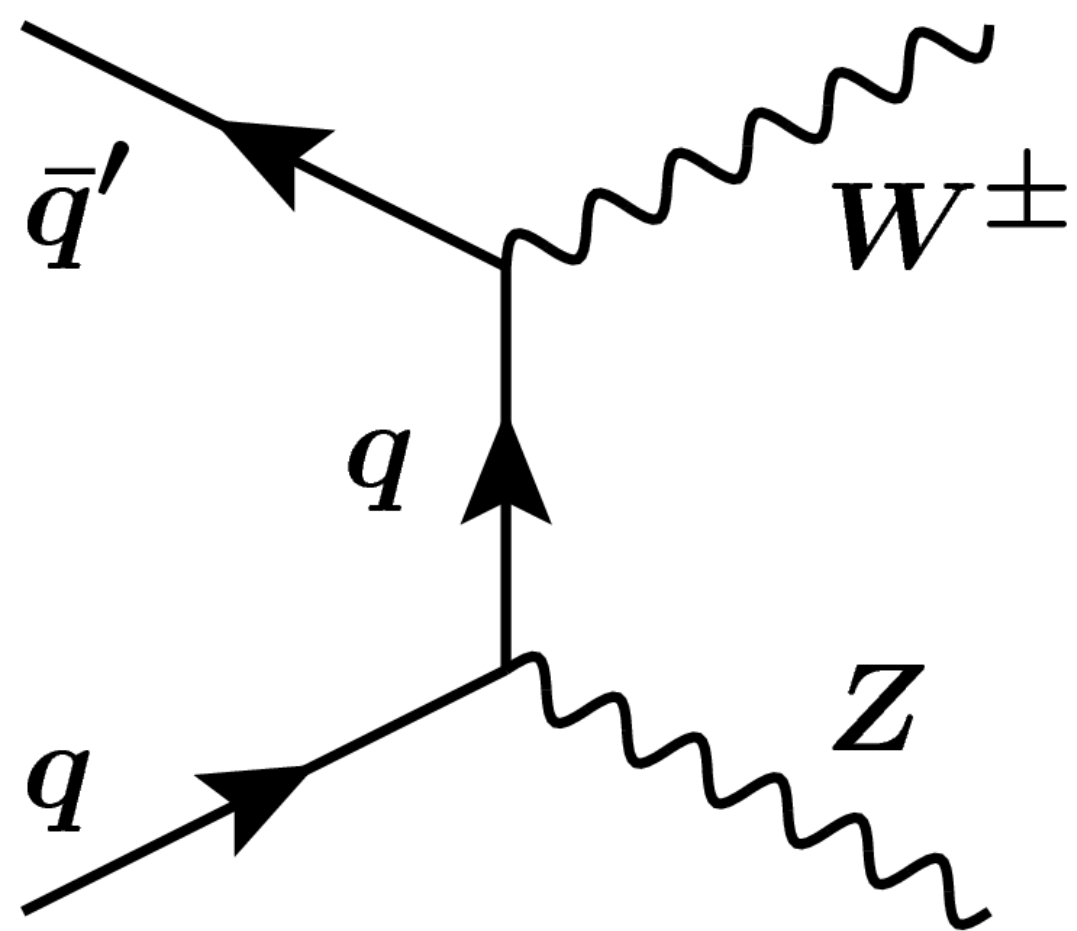
## Differential cross section



## Limits on EFT from $p_T(\ell_1)$ distribution

| Parameter                  | Observed 95% CL [TeV <sup>-2</sup> ] | Expected 95% CL [TeV <sup>-2</sup> ] |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| $c_{WW}/\Lambda^2$         | [-3.4, 3.3]                          | [-3.0, 3.0]                          |
| $c_W/\Lambda^2$            | [-7.4, 4.1]                          | [-6.4, 5.1]                          |
| $c_B/\Lambda^2$            | [-21, 18]                            | [-18, 17]                            |
| $c_{\tilde{W}W}/\Lambda^2$ | [-1.6, 1.6]                          | [-1.5, 1.5]                          |
| $c_{\tilde{W}}/\Lambda^2$  | [-76, 76]                            | [-91, 91]                            |

# Dibosons: WZ



# $WZ \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell' \ell'$



## Selection

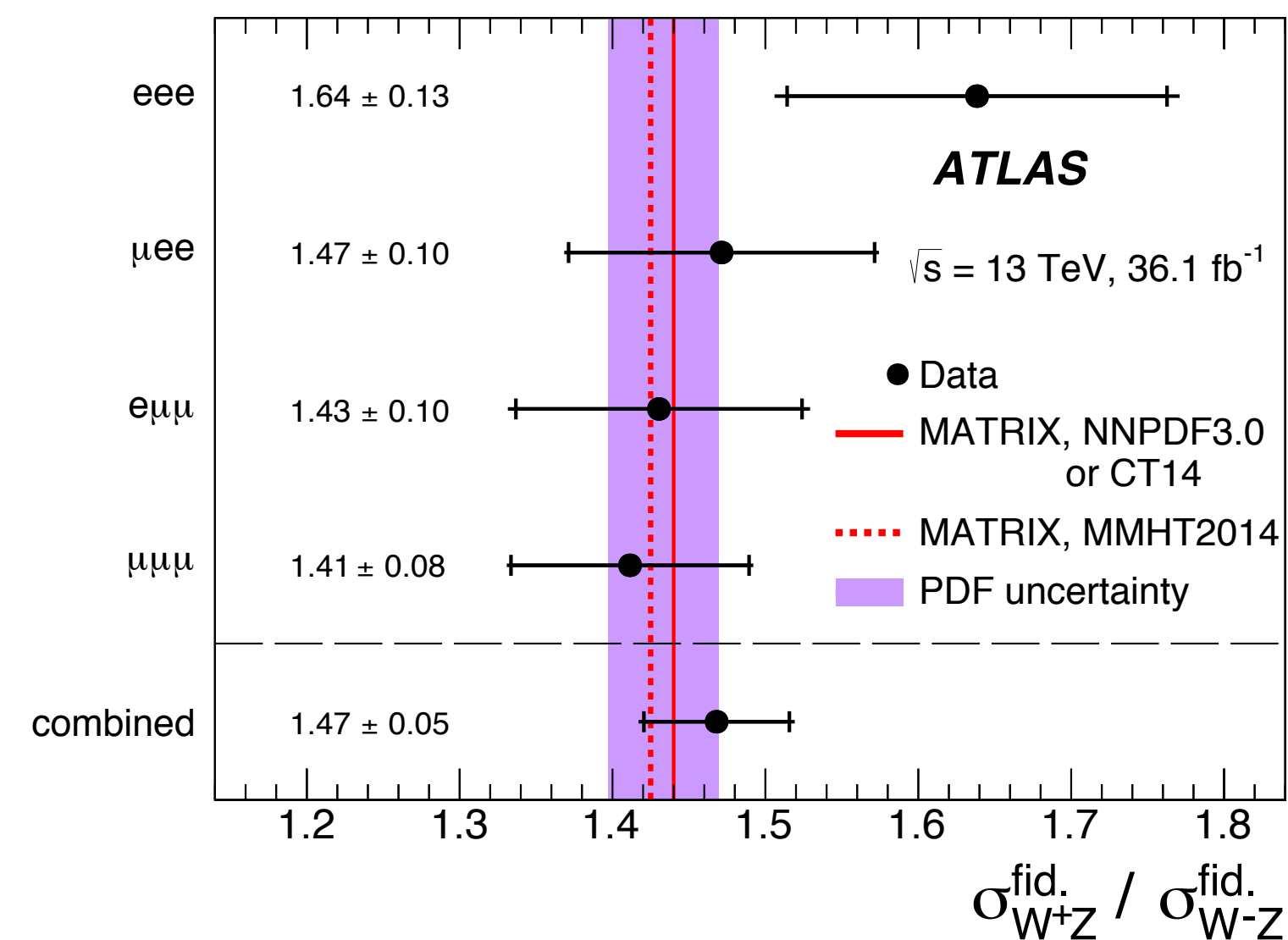
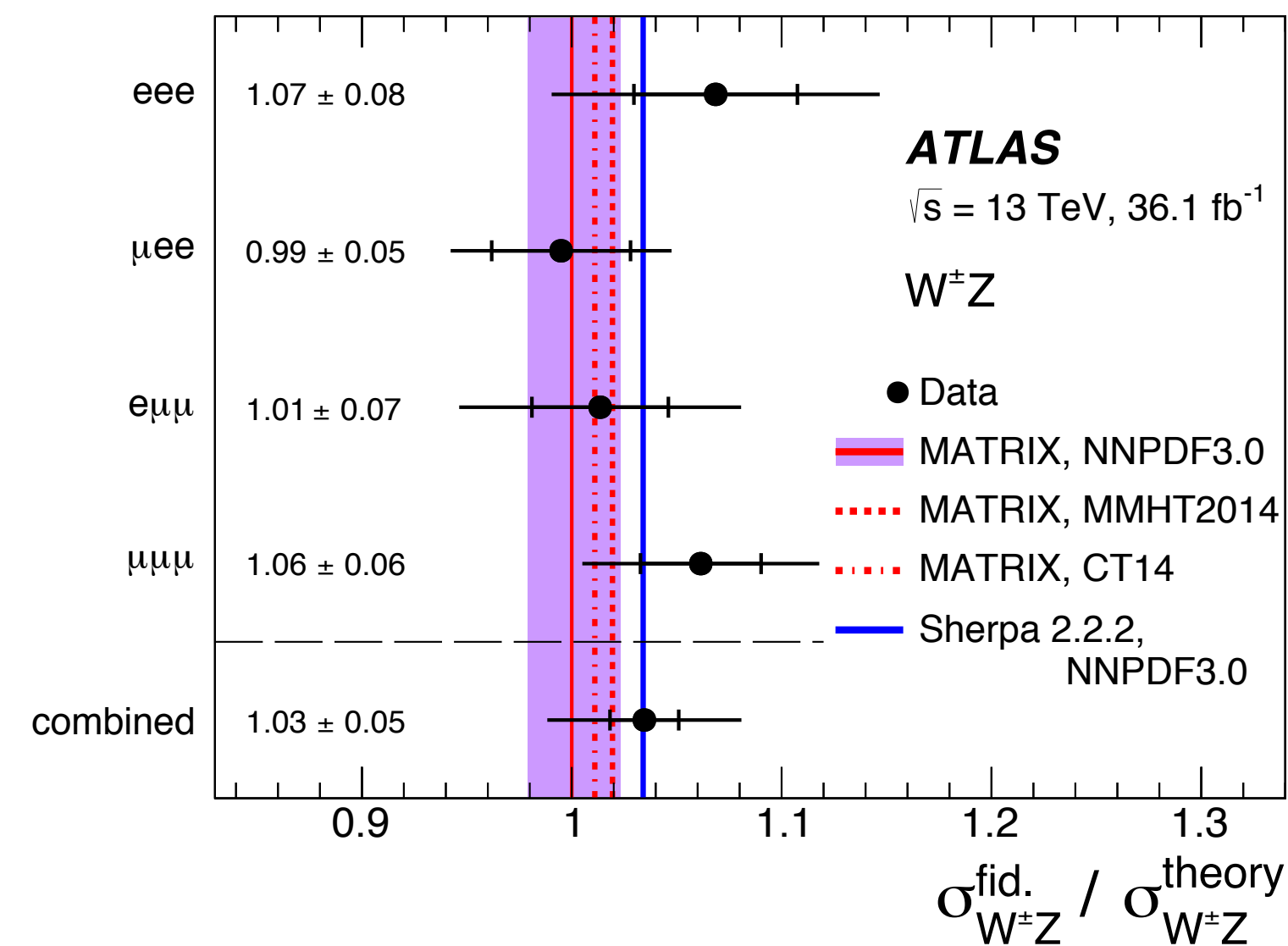
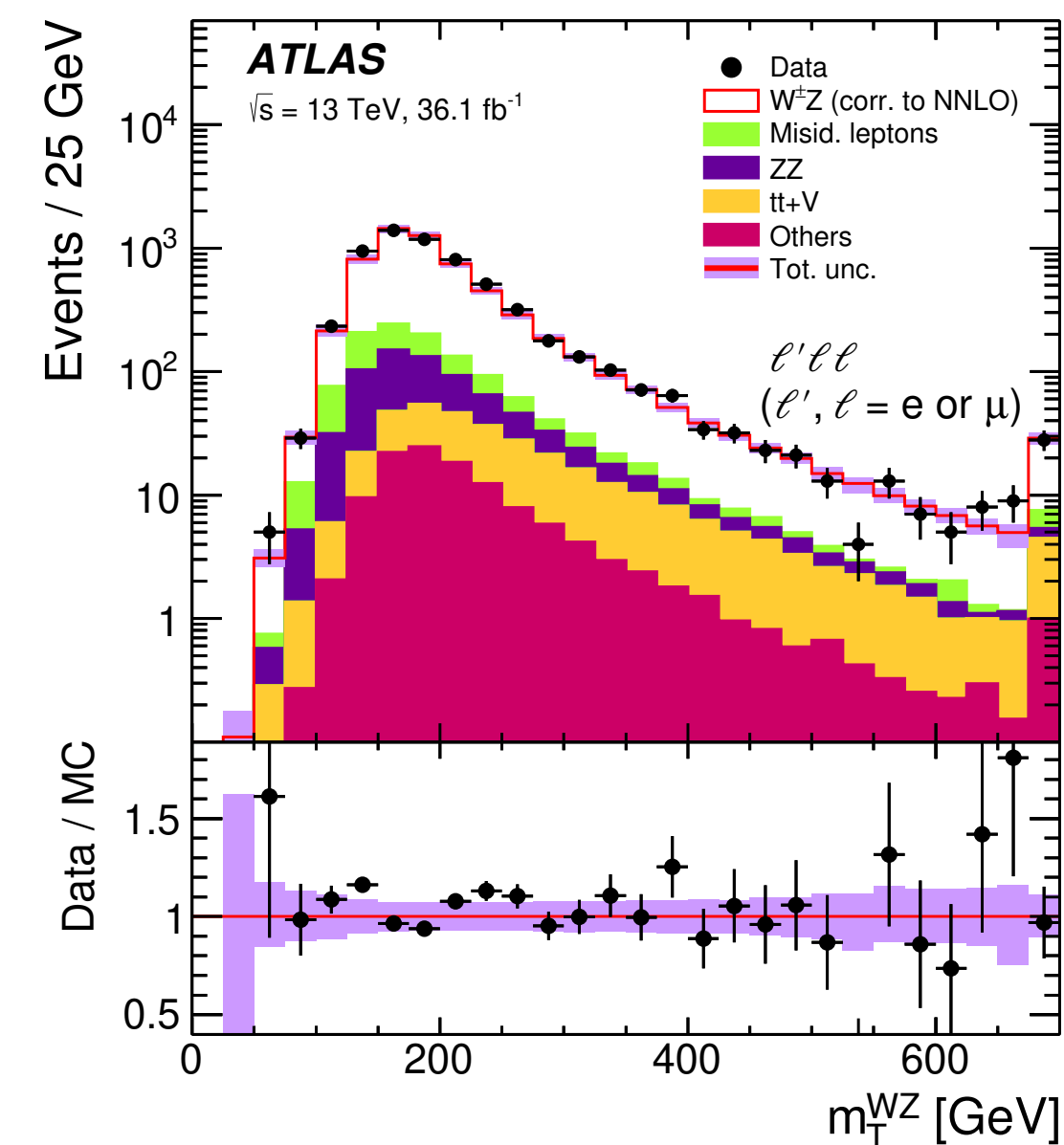
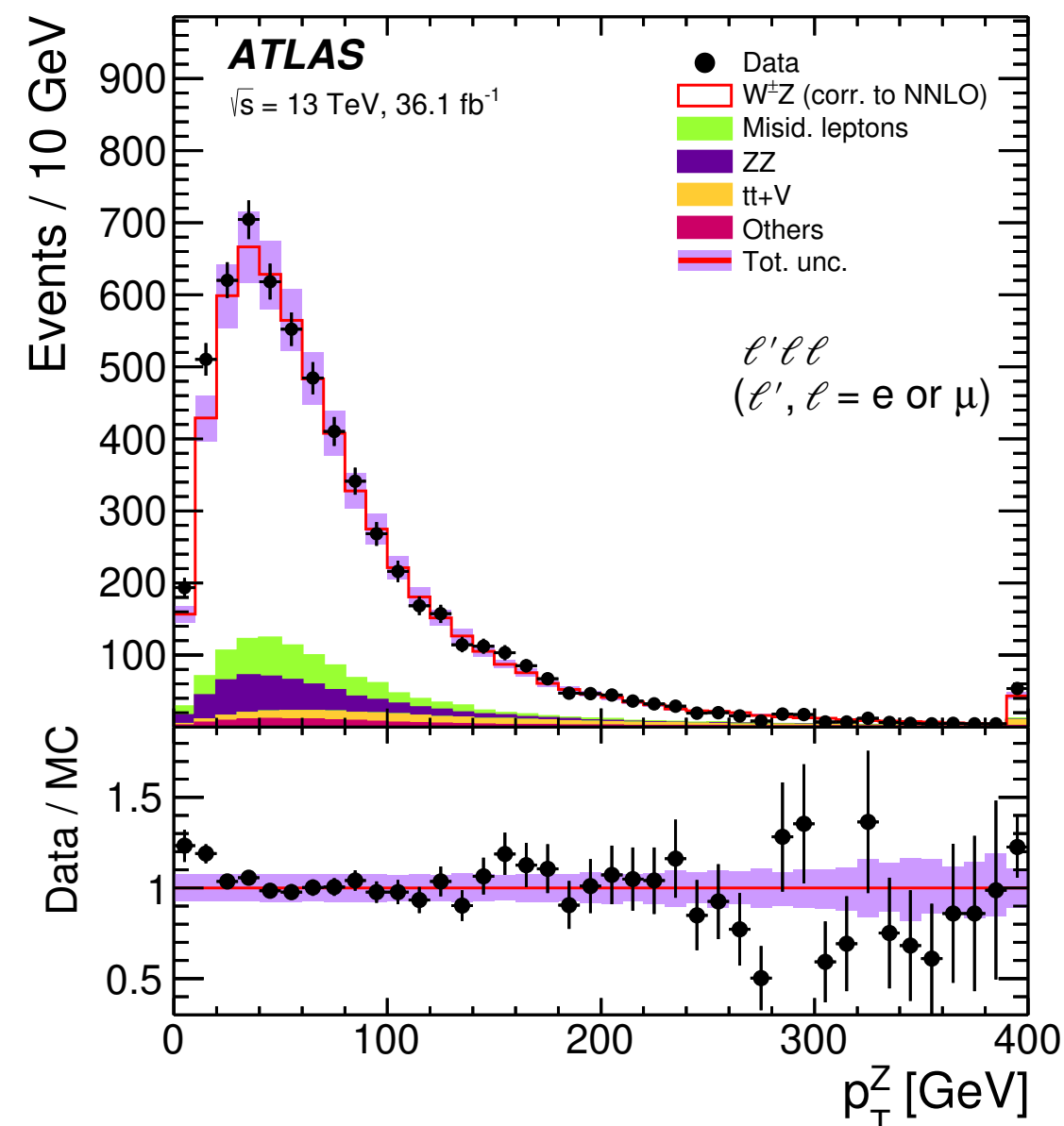
- one OSSF  $2\ell$  compatible with  $m_Z$
- $m_T^W > 30$  GeV

## Backgrounds

- misid. leptons, ZZ,  $t\bar{t}+X$

## Fiducial cross section

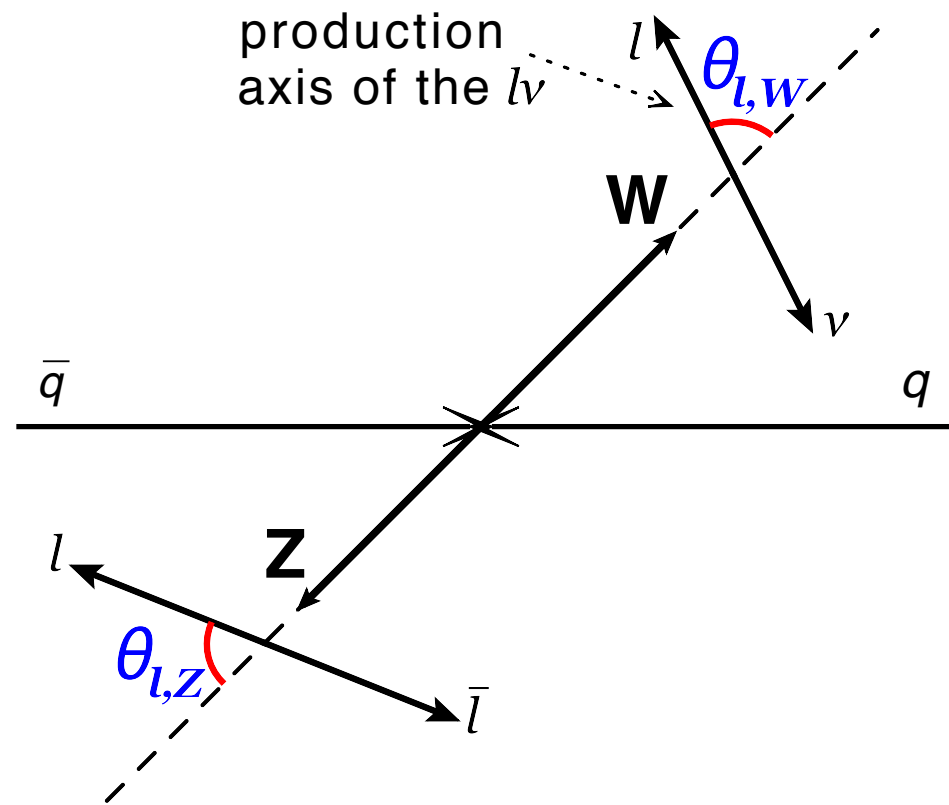
- compared with models
- differential in
  - $p_T(Z), p_T(W), p_T(\nu), m_T(WZ)$
  - $\Delta\phi(W,Z)$
  - $n_{\text{jets}}, m_{jj}$  (anti- $k_T$ ;  $R=0.4$ ;  $p_T > 25$  GeV)
  - $|y_Z - y_{\ell,w}|$





# WZ production – polarisation

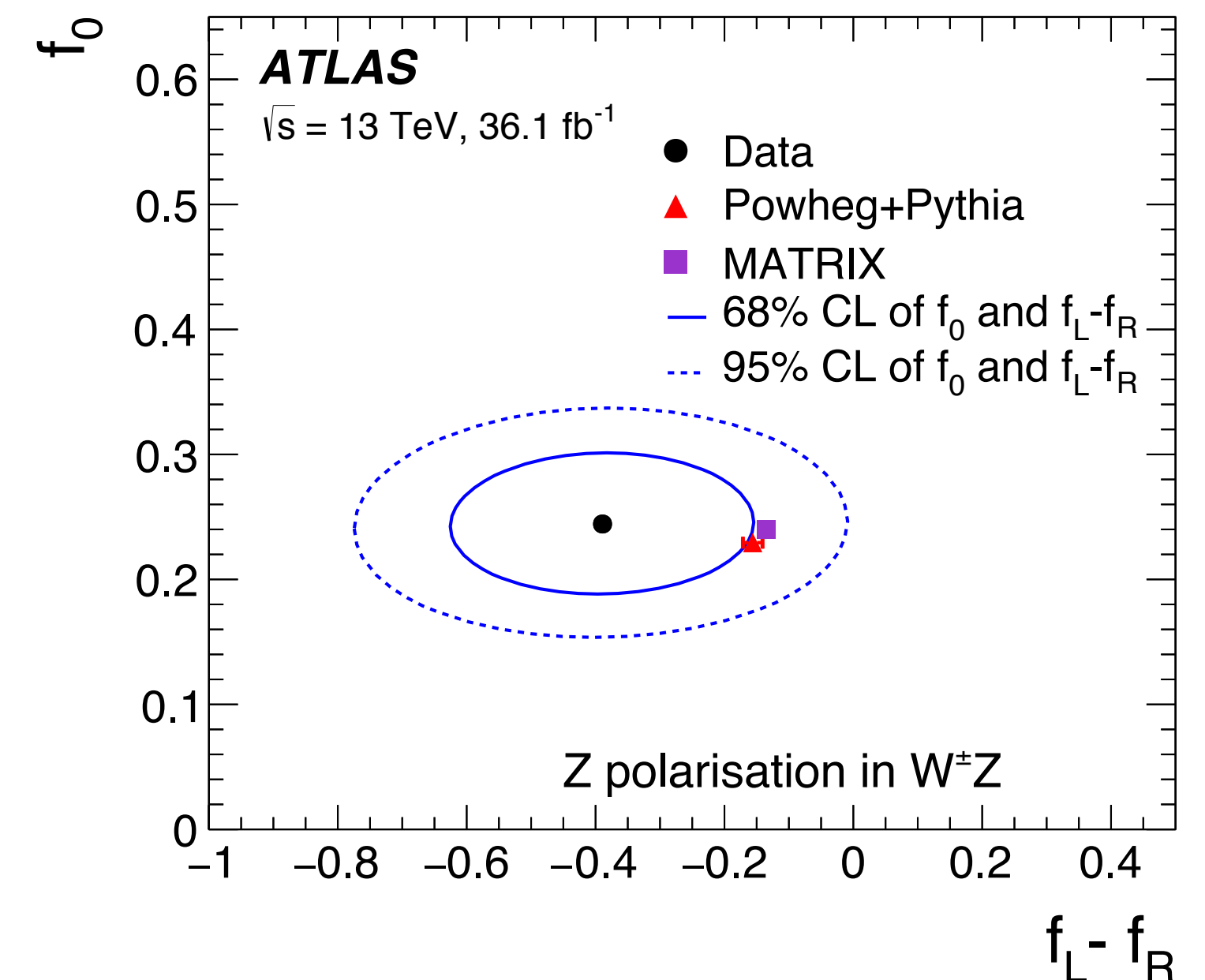
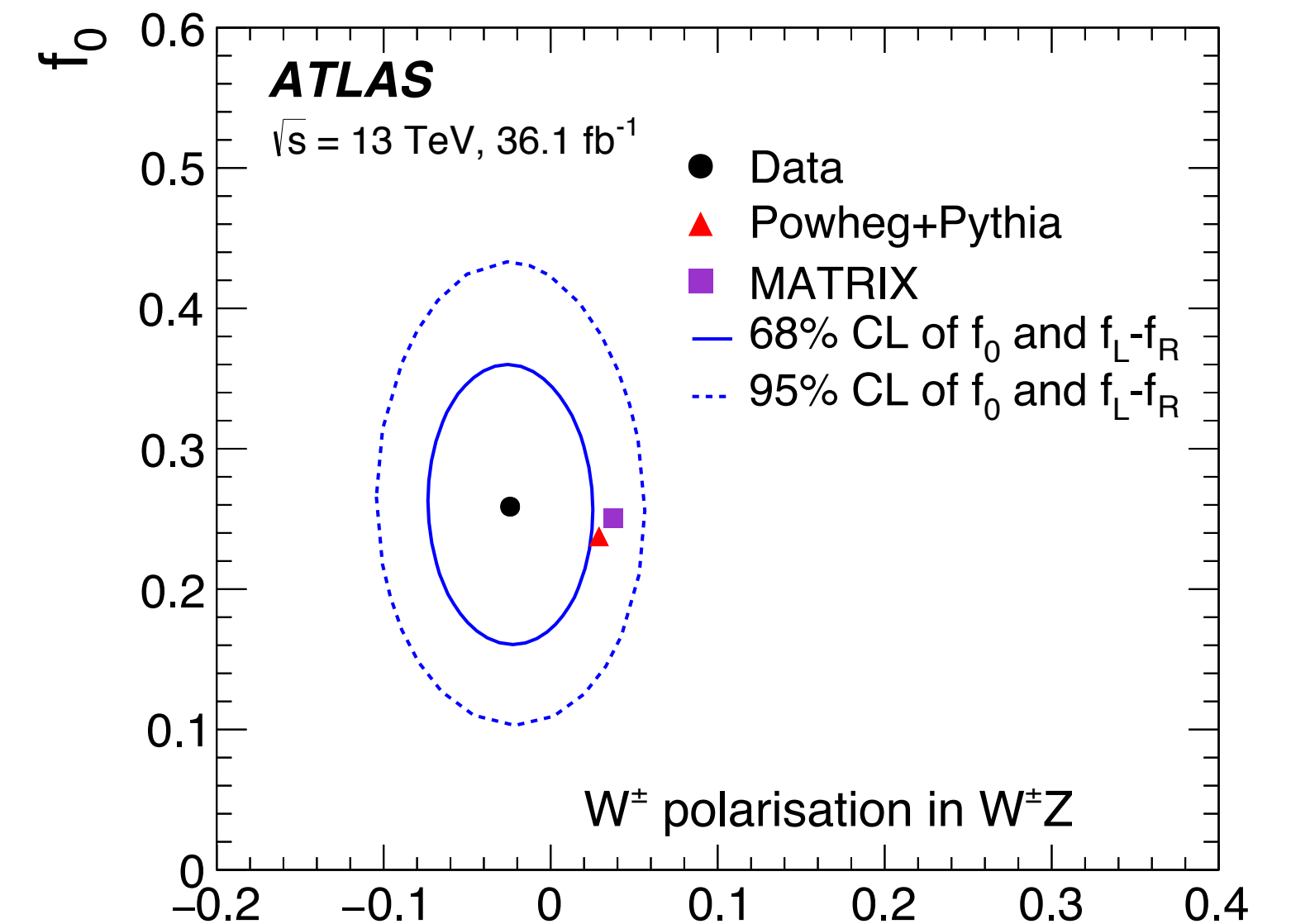
$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{W^\pm Z}} \frac{d\sigma_{W^\pm Z}}{d \cos \theta_{\ell, W}} = \frac{3}{8} f_L [(1 \mp \cos \theta_{\ell, W})^2] + \frac{3}{8} f_R [(1 \pm \cos \theta_{\ell, W})^2] + \frac{3}{4} f_0 \sin^2 \theta_{\ell, W}$$



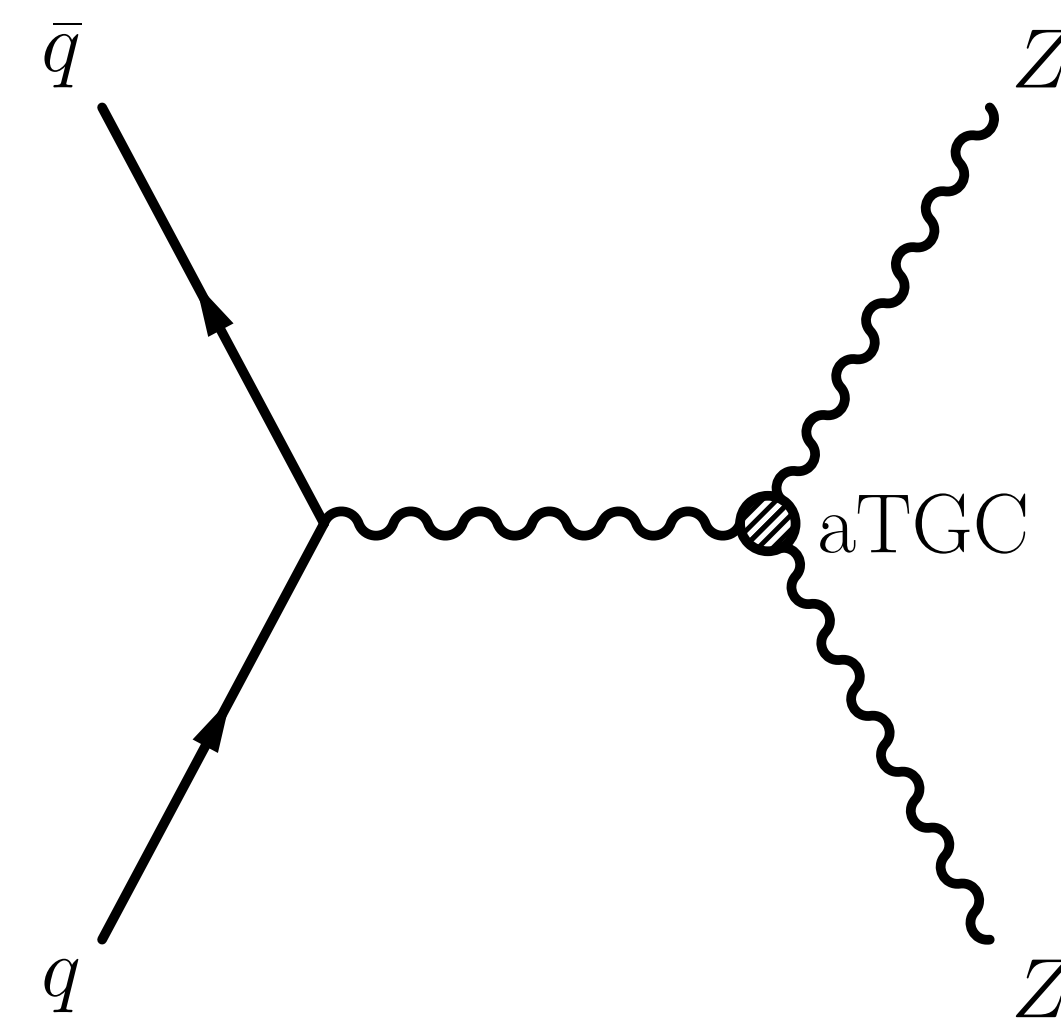
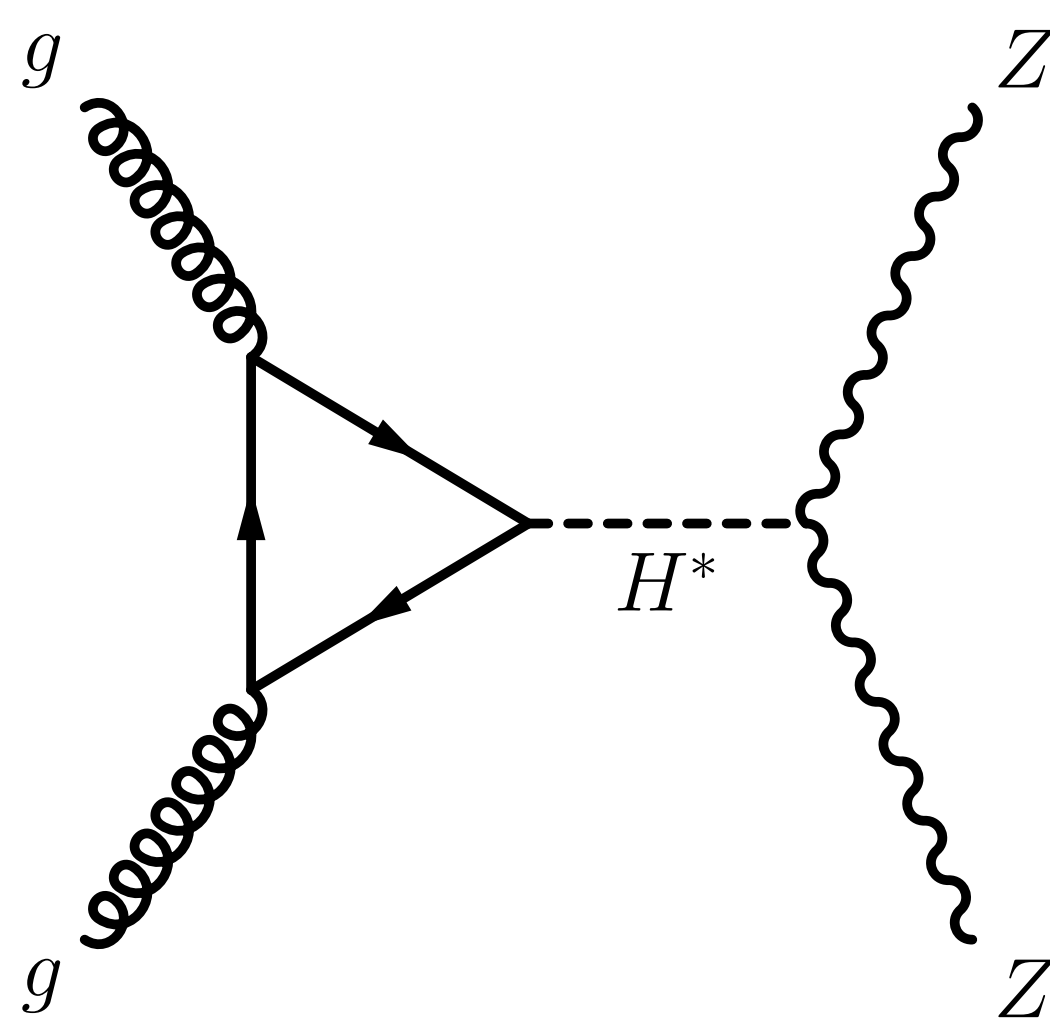
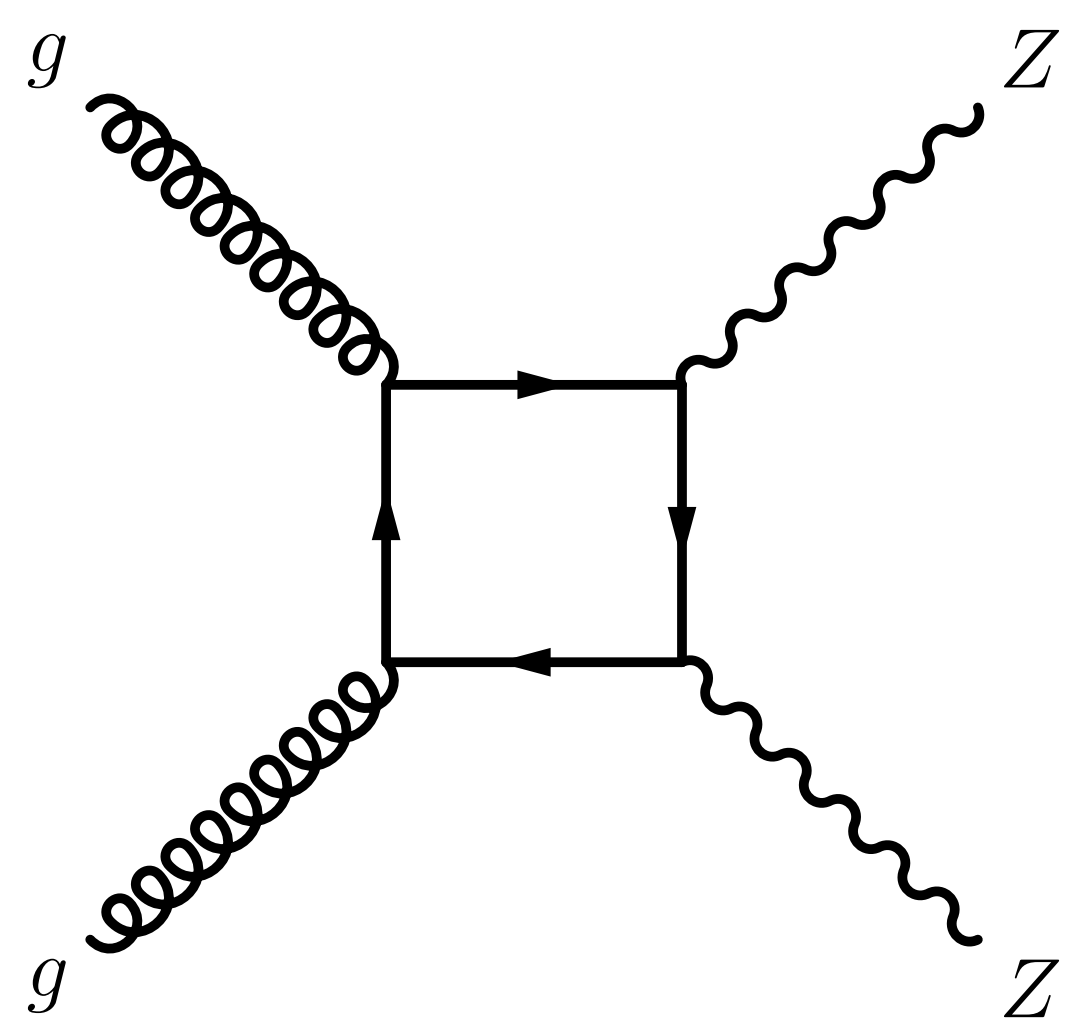
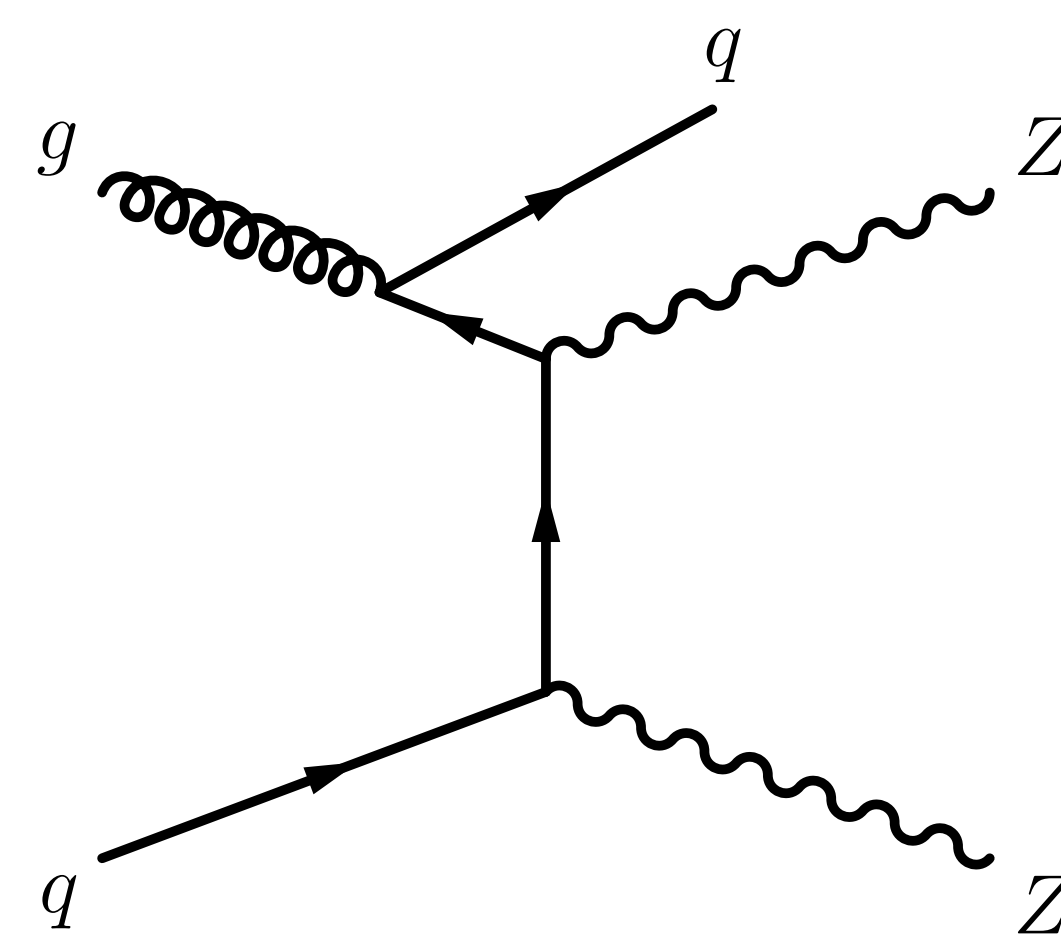
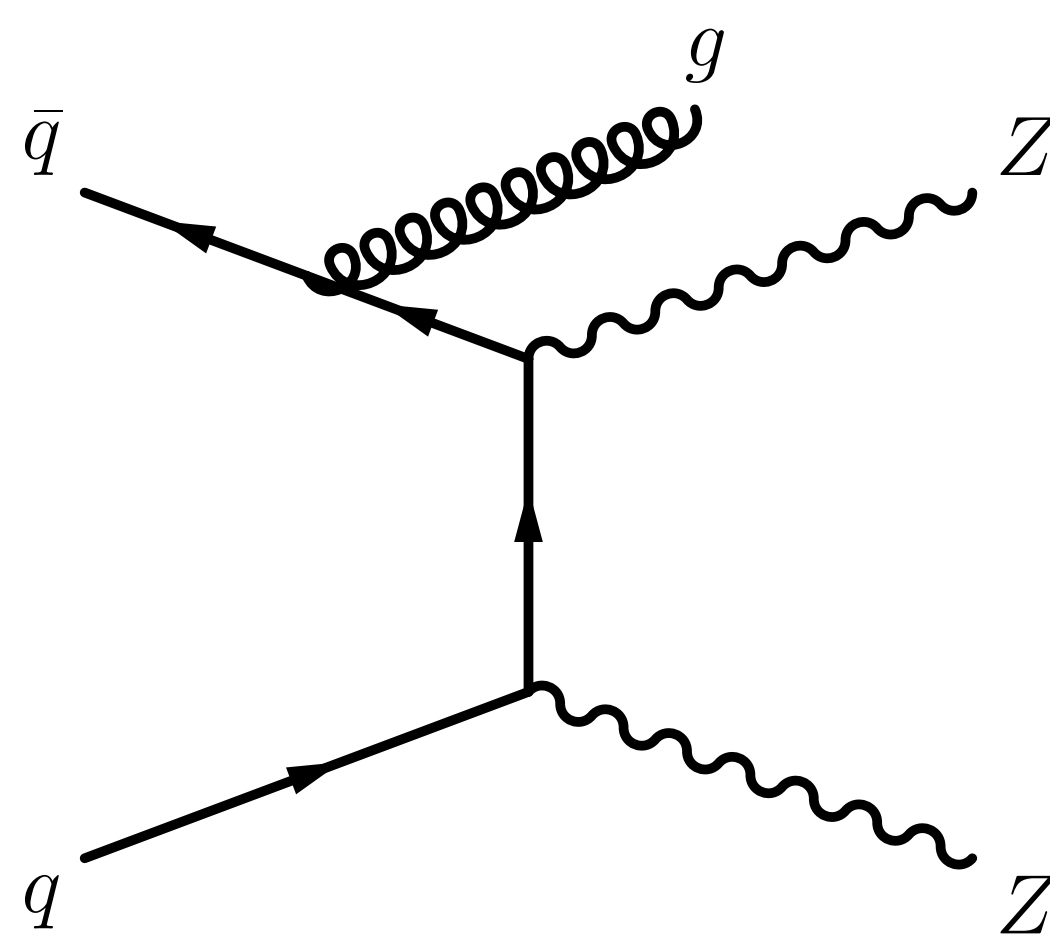
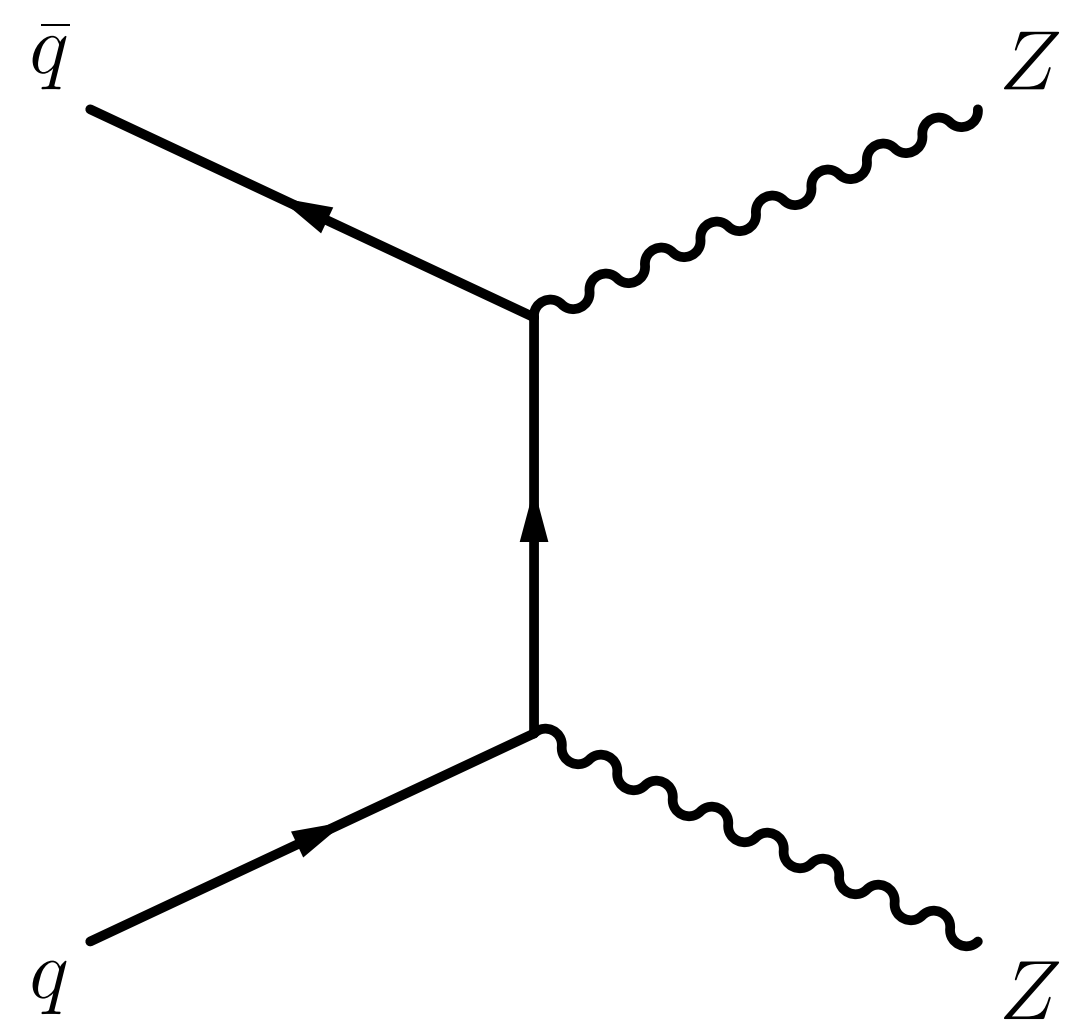
## • Measurement

- extract polarisation from fit of  $q_\ell \cdot \cos \theta(\ell, W)$  and  $\cos \theta(\ell, Z)$
- $f_0$  (longitudinal) and  $f_L - f_R$  (transverse)

| $f_0$ | Measured        | SM (NLO QCD)      | Significance | Expected    |
|-------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| W     | $0.26 \pm 0.06$ | $0.238 \pm 0.003$ | $4.2\sigma$  | $3.8\sigma$ |
| Z     | $0.24 \pm 0.24$ | $0.230 \pm 0.003$ | $6.5\sigma$  | $6.1\sigma$ |



# ZZ



(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

# ZZ → ℓℓνν

## Larger BF, larger background than 4ℓ

- high- $p_T$  Z bosons, good sensitivity to TGC

## Selection

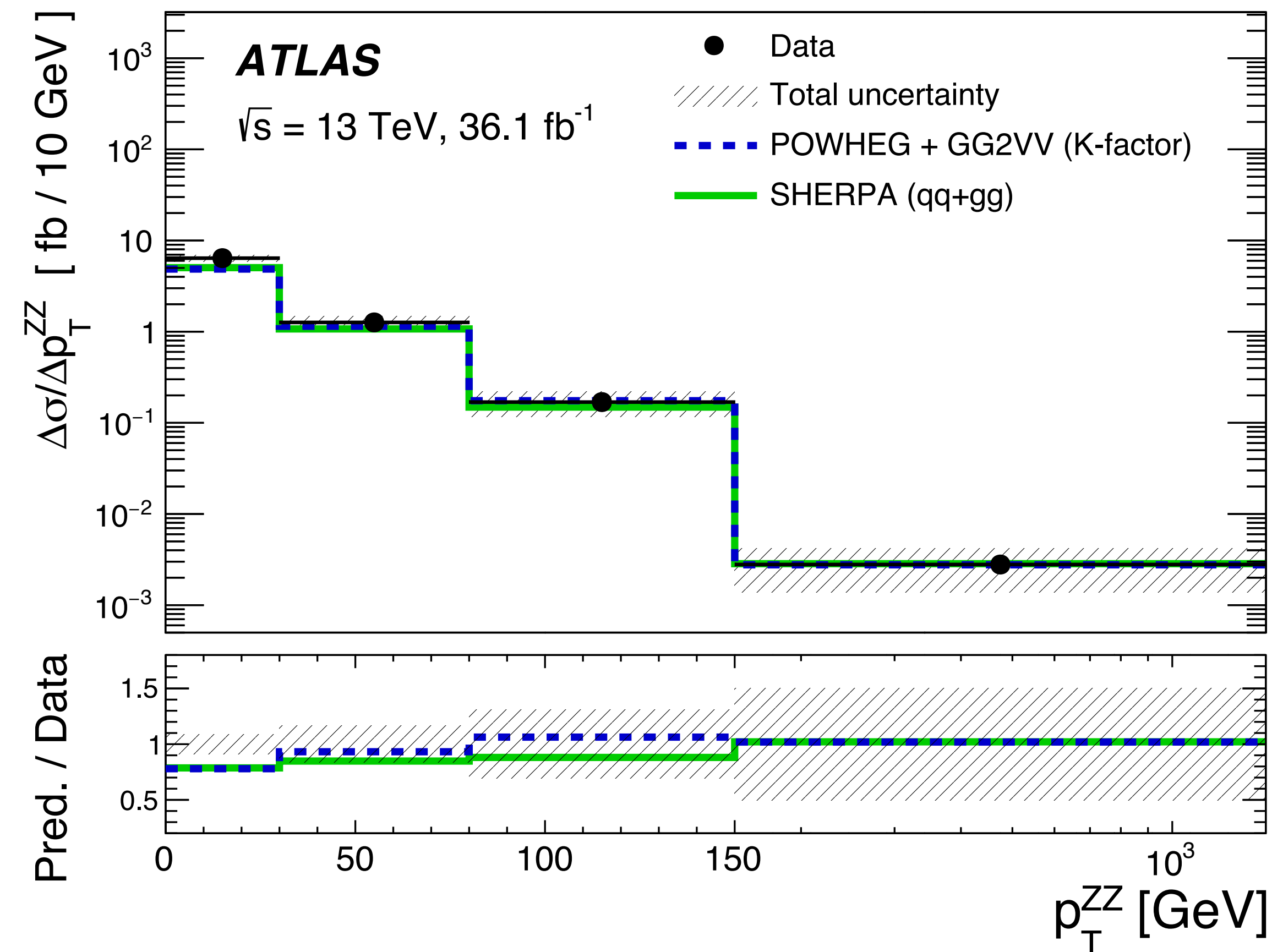
- no extra leptons or b-tagged jets
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 110$  GeV,  $V_T / S_T^1 > 0.65$  + angular req.

## Backgrounds to control

- WZ, Z+jets, other ZZ, VVV, t $\bar{t}$ V

## Differential cross section in

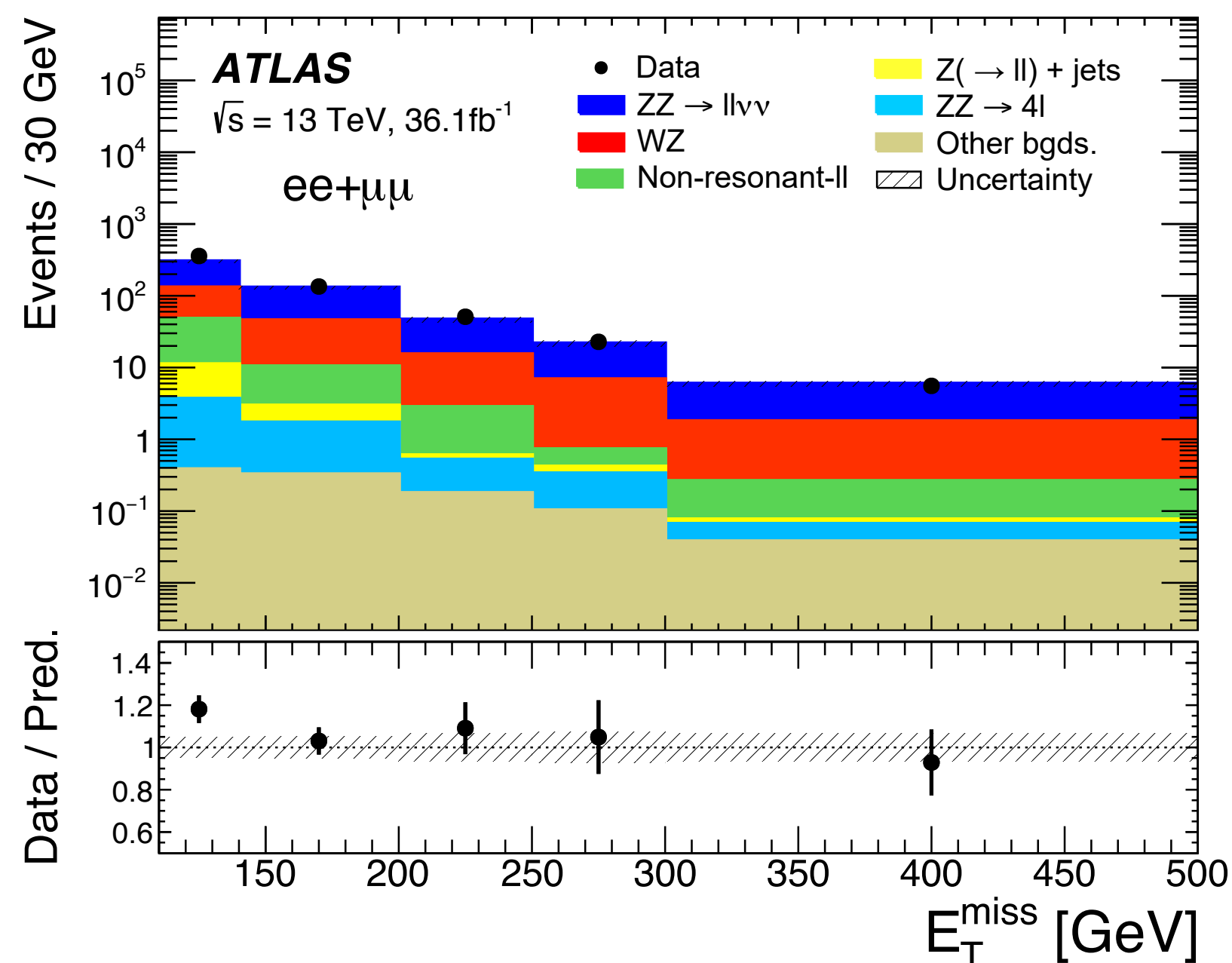
- $p_T$  of leading lepton and leading jet
- ℓℓ system:  $p_T$ ,  $|y|$ ,  $\Delta\varphi$
- ZZ system:  $p_T$ ,  $m_T$
- number of jets



<sup>1</sup> $S_T$  = scalar sum,  $V_T$  = vector sum of  $p_T$  of leptons and jets

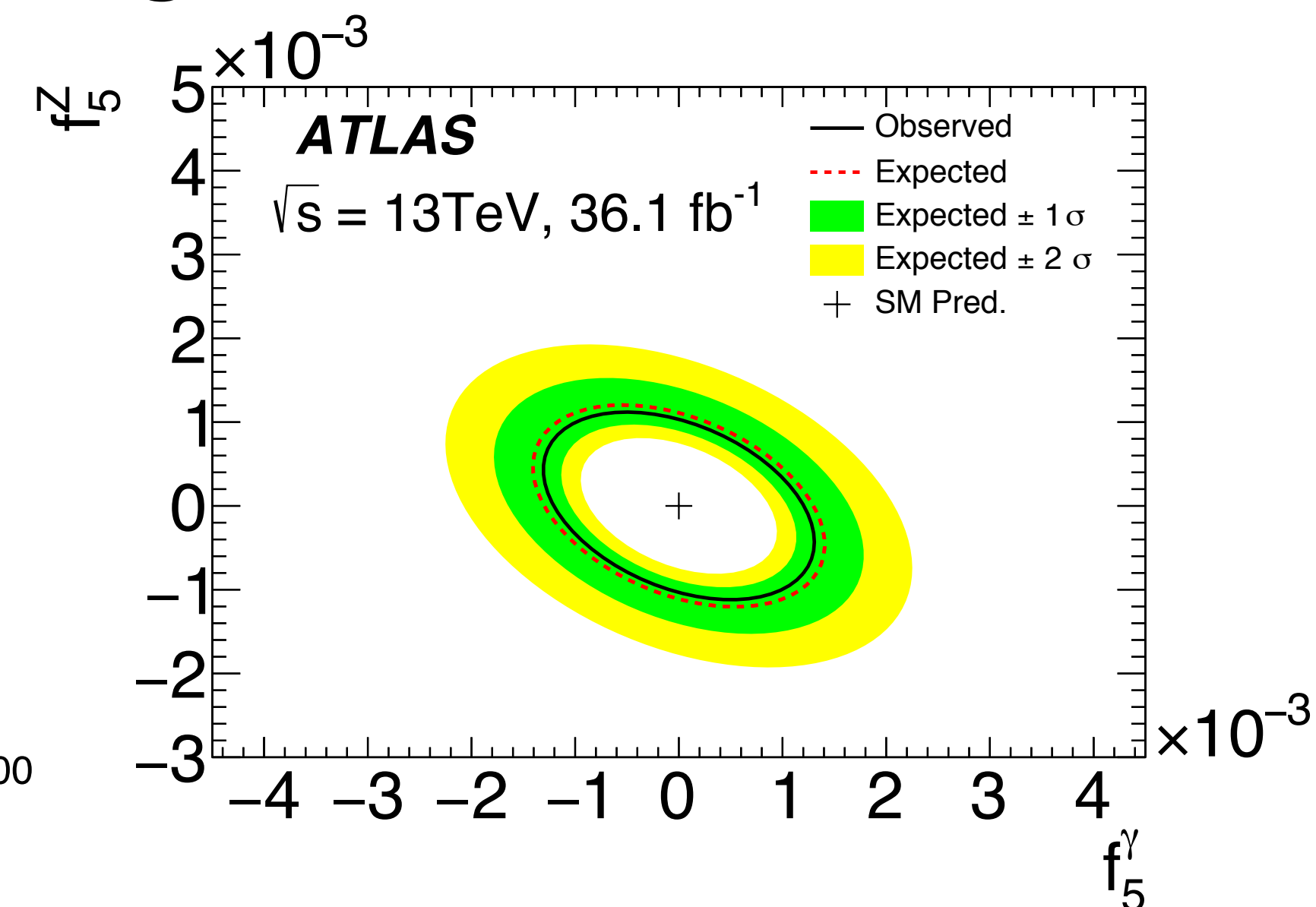
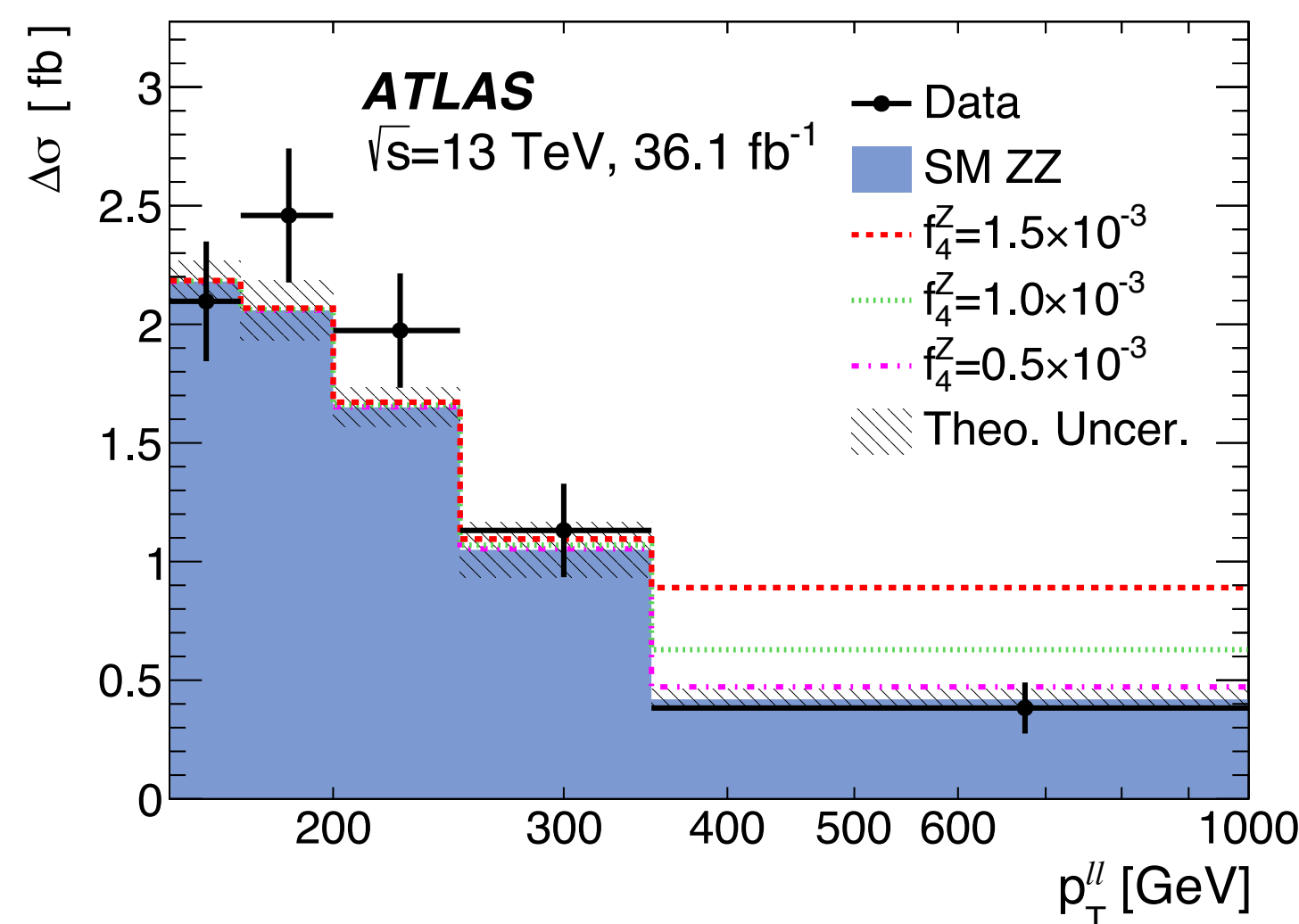
## Total cross section

- fit to  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution



## Interpretation

- from fit to  $p_T(\ell\ell)$
- limit to  $f_{4,5}^{Z,\gamma}$  varying one or two at the time



|  | Measured  | Predicted      |
|--|---|----------------|
| $\sigma_{ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell\nu\nu}^{\text{fid}}$ [fb] |   |                |
| <i>ee</i>  | $12.2 \pm 1.0$ (stat) $\pm 0.5$ (syst) $\pm 0.3$ (lumi) | $11.2 \pm 0.6$ |
| <i>μμ</i>  | $13.3 \pm 1.0$ (stat) $\pm 0.5$ (syst) $\pm 0.3$ (lumi) | $11.2 \pm 0.6$ |
| <i>ee + μμ</i>   | $25.4 \pm 1.4$ (stat) $\pm 0.9$ (syst) $\pm 0.5$ (lumi) | $22.4 \pm 1.3$ |
| $\sigma_{ZZ}^{\text{tot}}$ [pb]                            | Total   | $15.7 \pm 0.7$ |

|                               | CP violating |             | CP conserving |             |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|                               | $f_4^\gamma$ | $f_4^Z$     | $f_5^\gamma$  | $f_5^Z$     |
| Expected [ $\times 10^{-3}$ ] | [-1.3, 1.3]  | [-1.1, 1.1] | [-1.3, 1.3]   | [-1.1, 1.1] |
| Observed [ $\times 10^{-3}$ ] | [-1.2, 1.2]  | [-1.0, 1.0] | [-1.2, 1.2]   | [-1.0, 1.0] |

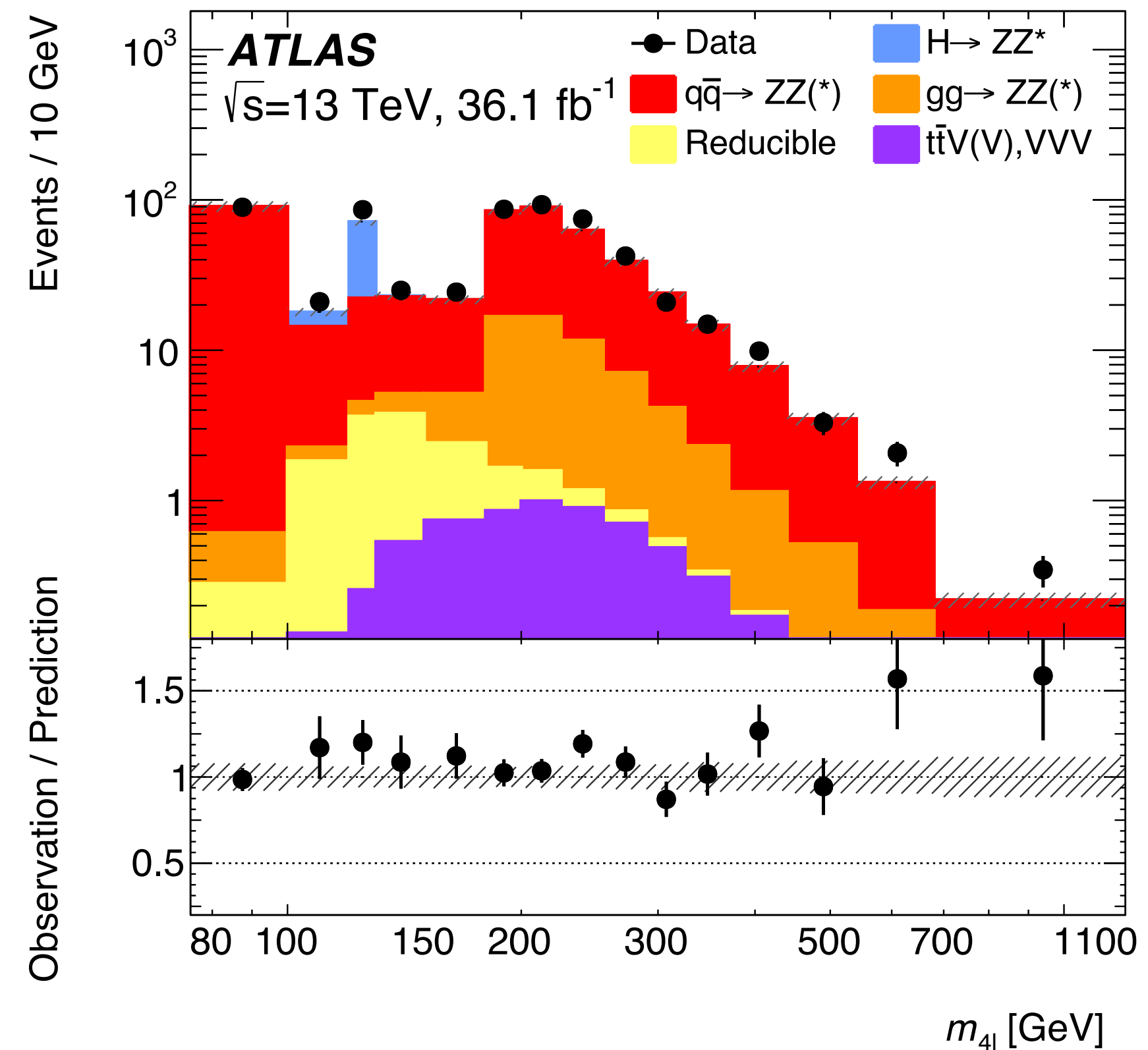
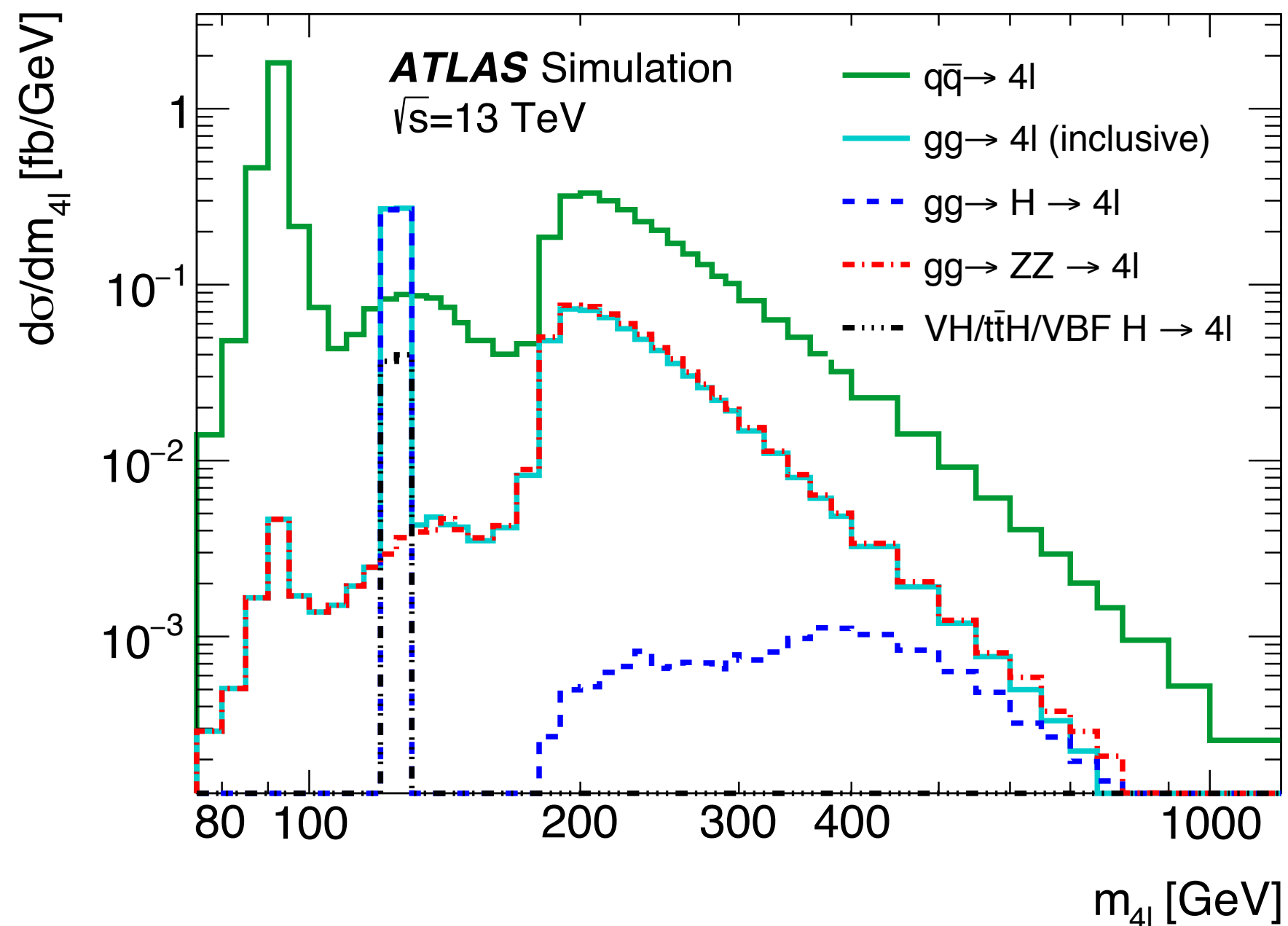
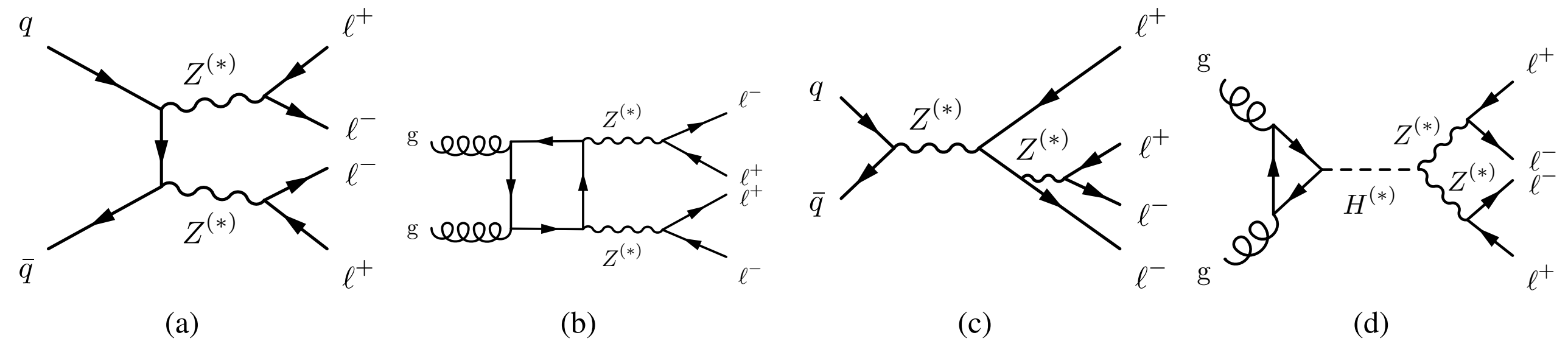
# Four leptons

## Inclusive final state of $4\ell$

- behaviour of full  $m(4\ell)$  spectrum

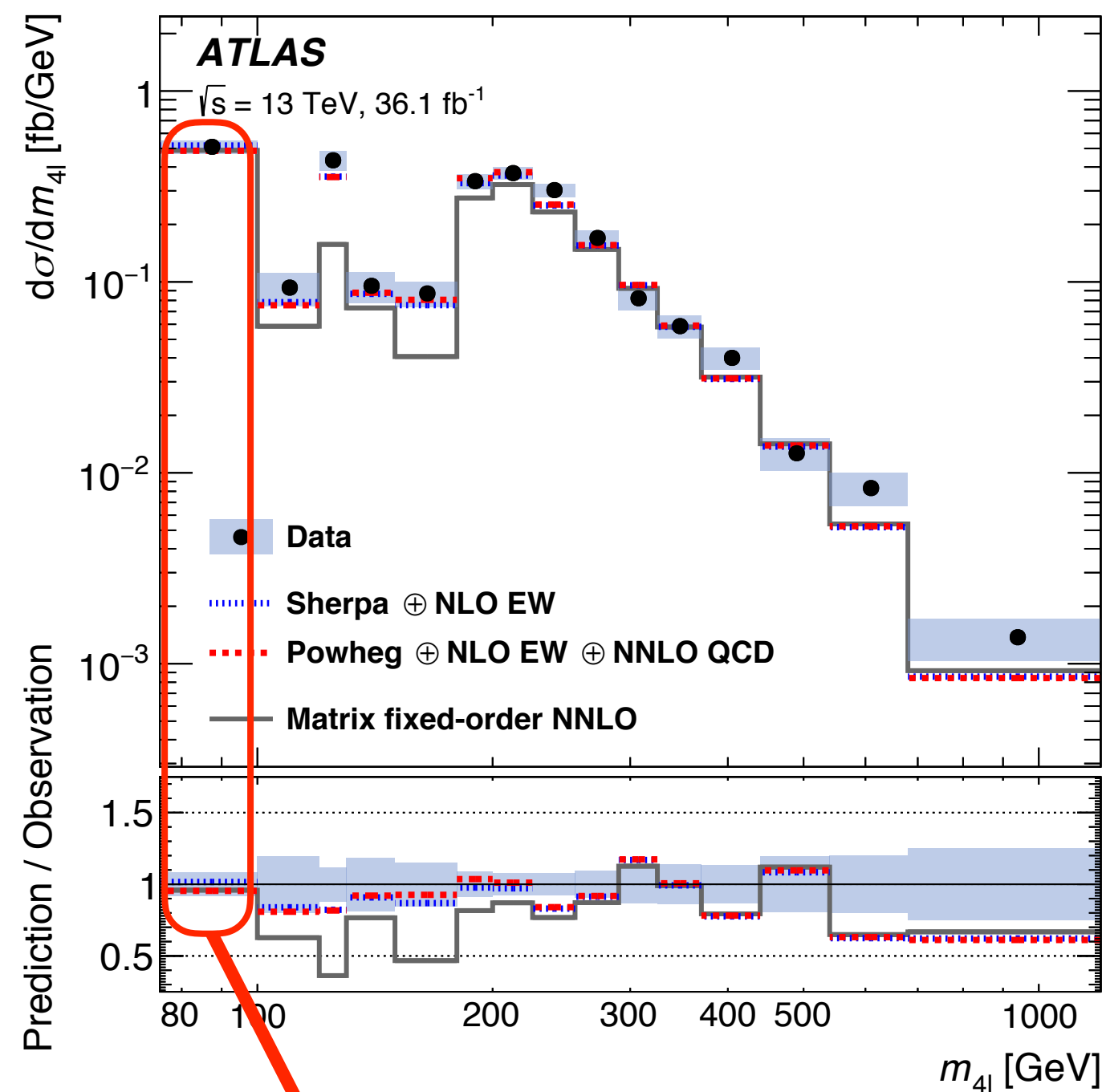
## Irreducible background

- continuum beneath the Higgs peak
- peak at Z mass from (c)



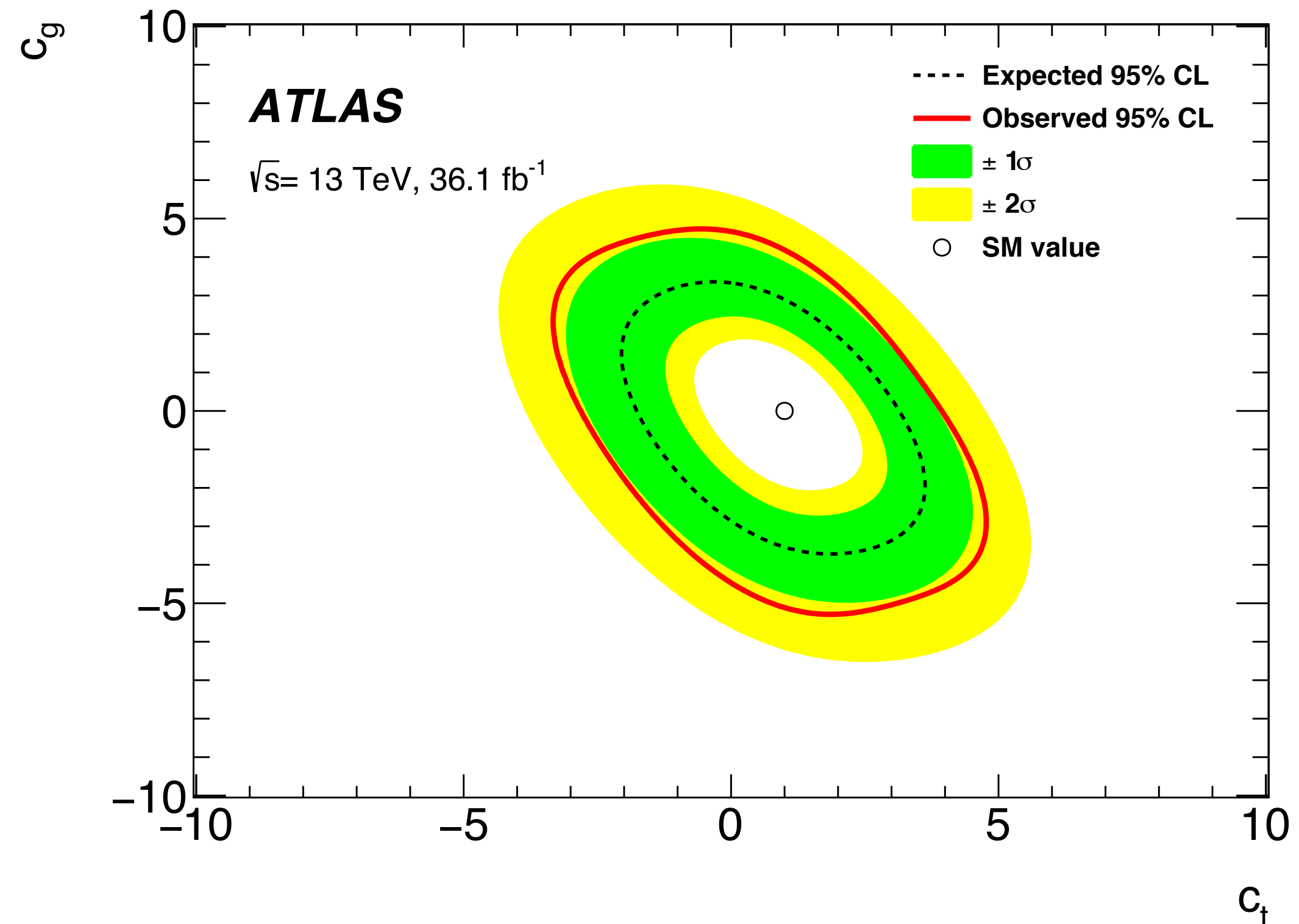
# Four leptons

- Unfolded distributions, double differential in  $p_T(4\ell)$ ,  $|y_{4\ell}|$ , and  $\ell$  flavour
- Extracted  $Z \rightarrow 4\ell$  total cross section



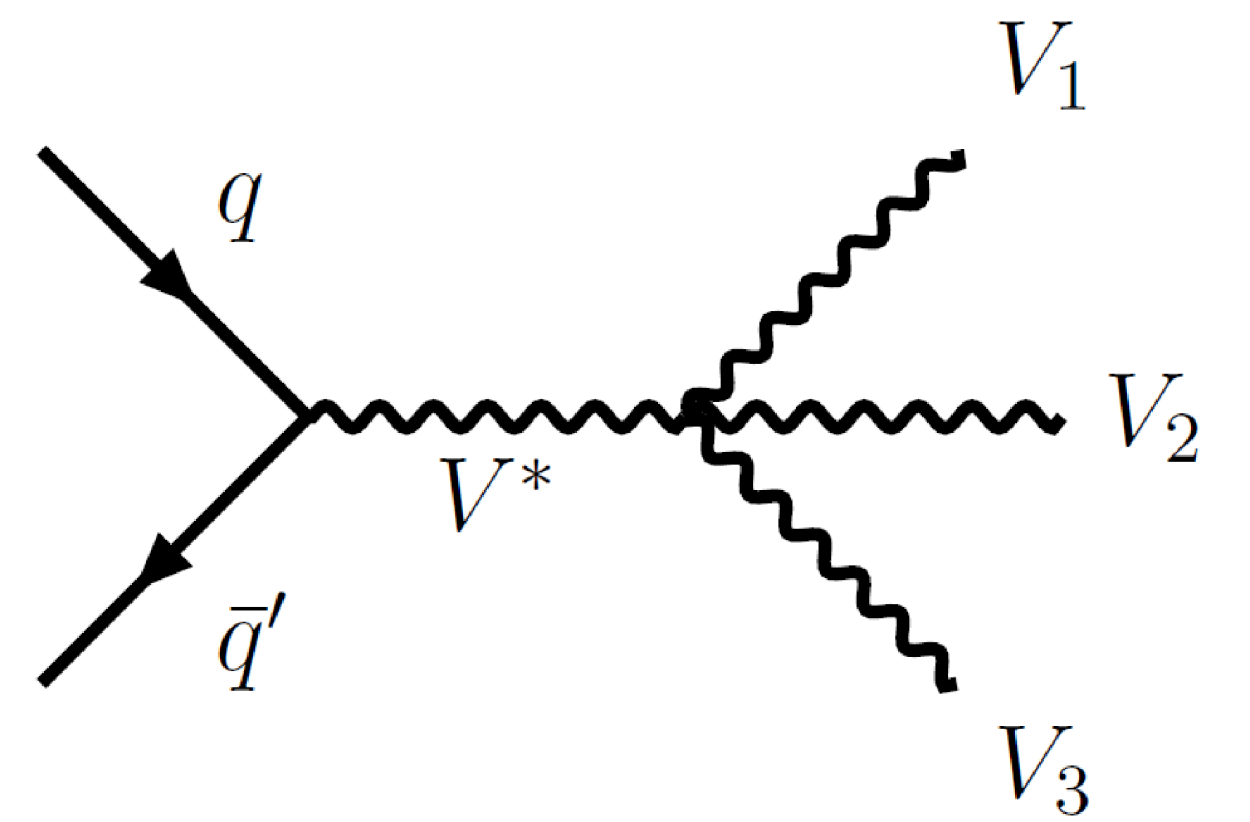
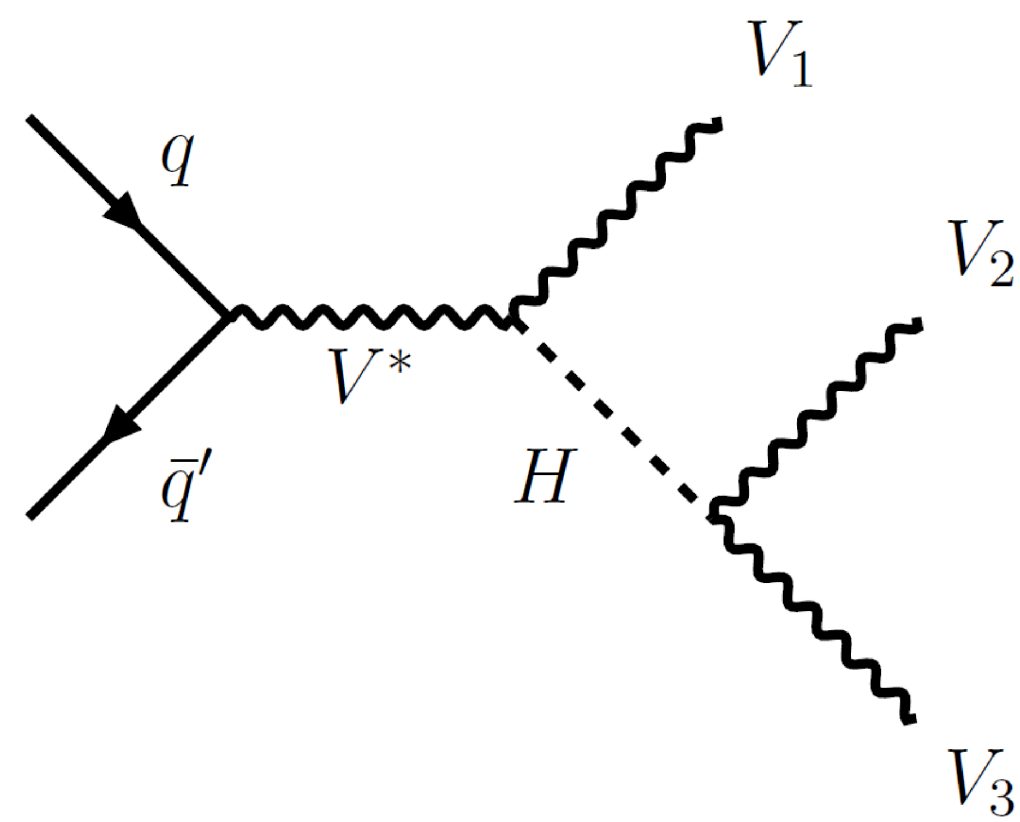
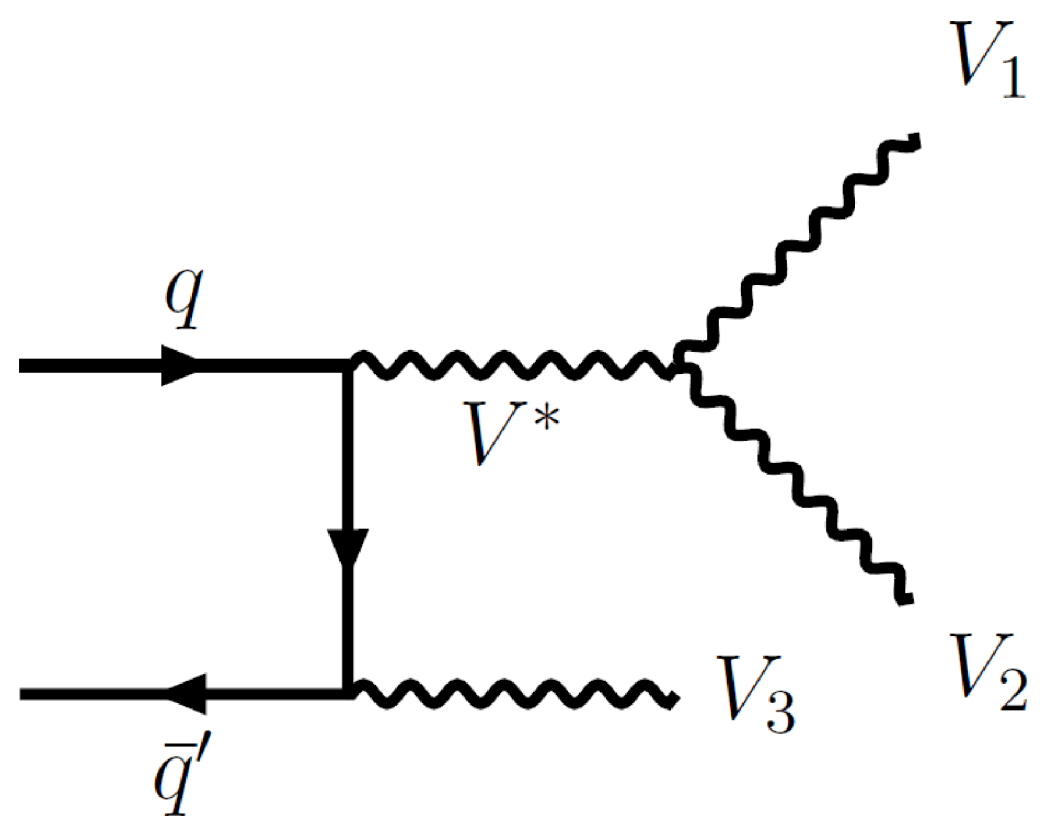
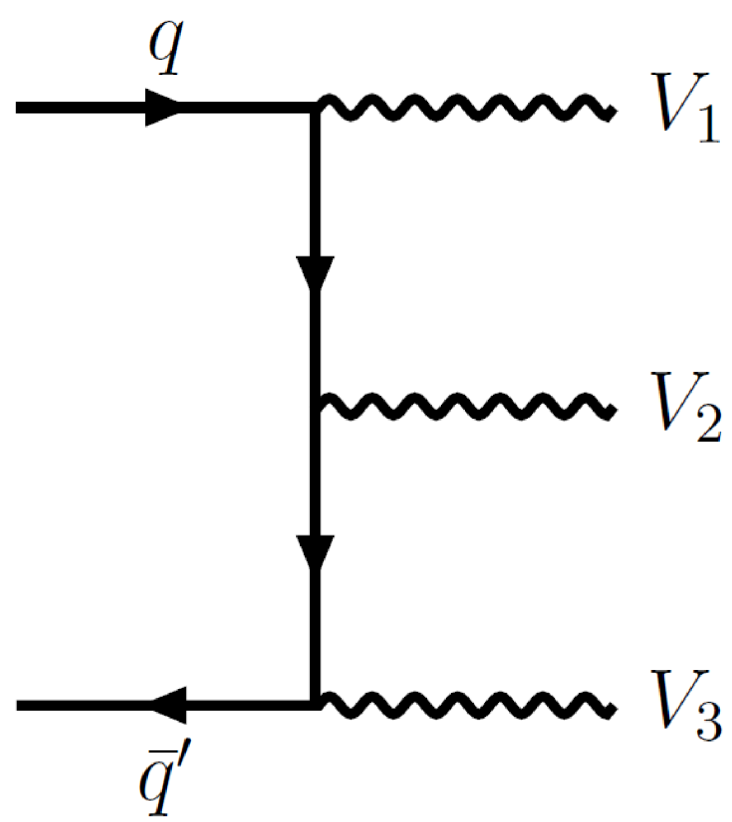
| Measurement                             | $B_{Z \rightarrow 4\ell} / 10^{-6}$  |
|---|--|
| ATLAS, $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV and 8 TeV [8] | $4.31 \pm 0.34(\text{stat}) \pm 0.17(\text{syst})$   |
| CMS, $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV [6]            | $4.83^{+0.23}_{-0.22}(\text{stat})^{+0.32}_{-0.29}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.08(\text{theo}) \pm 0.12(\text{lumi})$ |
| ATLAS, $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV              | $4.70 \pm 0.32(\text{stat}) \pm 0.21(\text{syst}) \pm 0.14(\text{lumi})$                                     |

- Possible BSM Higgs couplings to top or gluons
- Measured at  $m_{4\ell} > 180$  GeV, where  $c_t$  and  $c_g$  decouple<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>A. Azatov et al., JETP 147 (2015) 3

# Tribosons



## Inclusive analysis on 2015–2017 data

- targeting  $WWW$  ( $2\ell, 3\ell$ ) and  $WVV$  with Z boson(s) ( $3\ell, 4\ell$ )
- off-shell production via  $V/H$  treated as part of the signal definition

## $WWW$ selection

- $\ell\nu\ell\nu qq$ : same-sign dilepton, split according to flavour ( $ee, e\mu, \mu e, \mu\mu$ )
- $\ell\nu\ell\nu\ell\nu$ : trilepton selection, one channel

## $WWZ$ and $WZZ$ selection: require one Z candidate

- $3\ell$ : split in 1, 2,  $\geq 3$  jets
- $4\ell$ : split in DF, SF-on-shell, SF-off shell



## Misreconstructed $j \rightarrow \ell$

- dominated by  $t\bar{t}$

## Data-driven estimation

- introduce “fake” lepton definition
- apply correction factors to  $N+(N)+F$  events determined in region as  $2\ell$  and  $3\ell$  signal regions, but: 1 b-tag ( $t\bar{t}$ -enriched)

## Misreconstructed $\gamma \rightarrow e$

- $V\gamma jj$  (mostly  $V=W$ ) important in  $2\ell$

## Data-driven estimation

- introduce “photon-like” electrons  $e_\gamma$
- correction factors from  $\mu\mu e$  and  $\mu\mu e_\gamma$

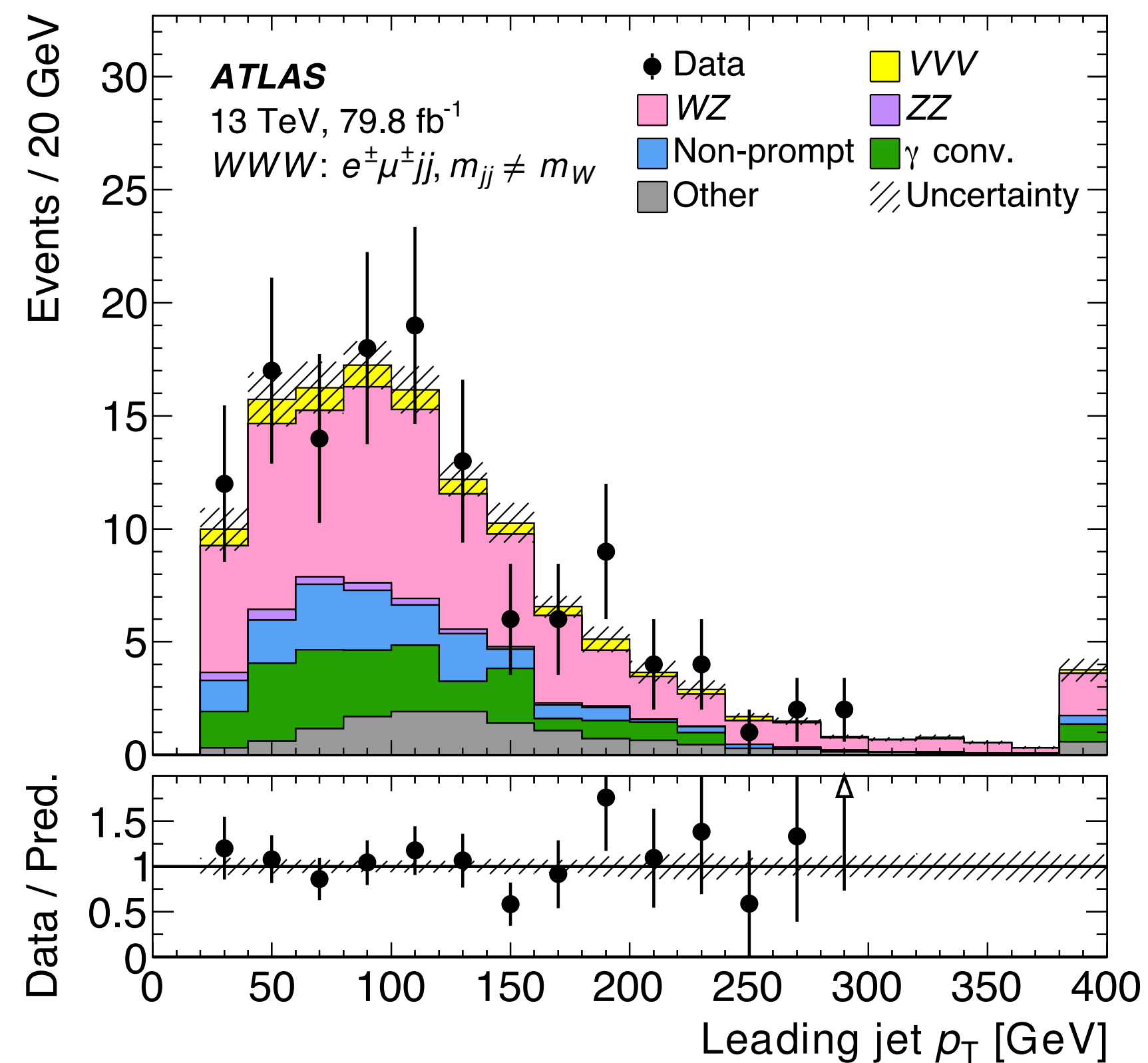
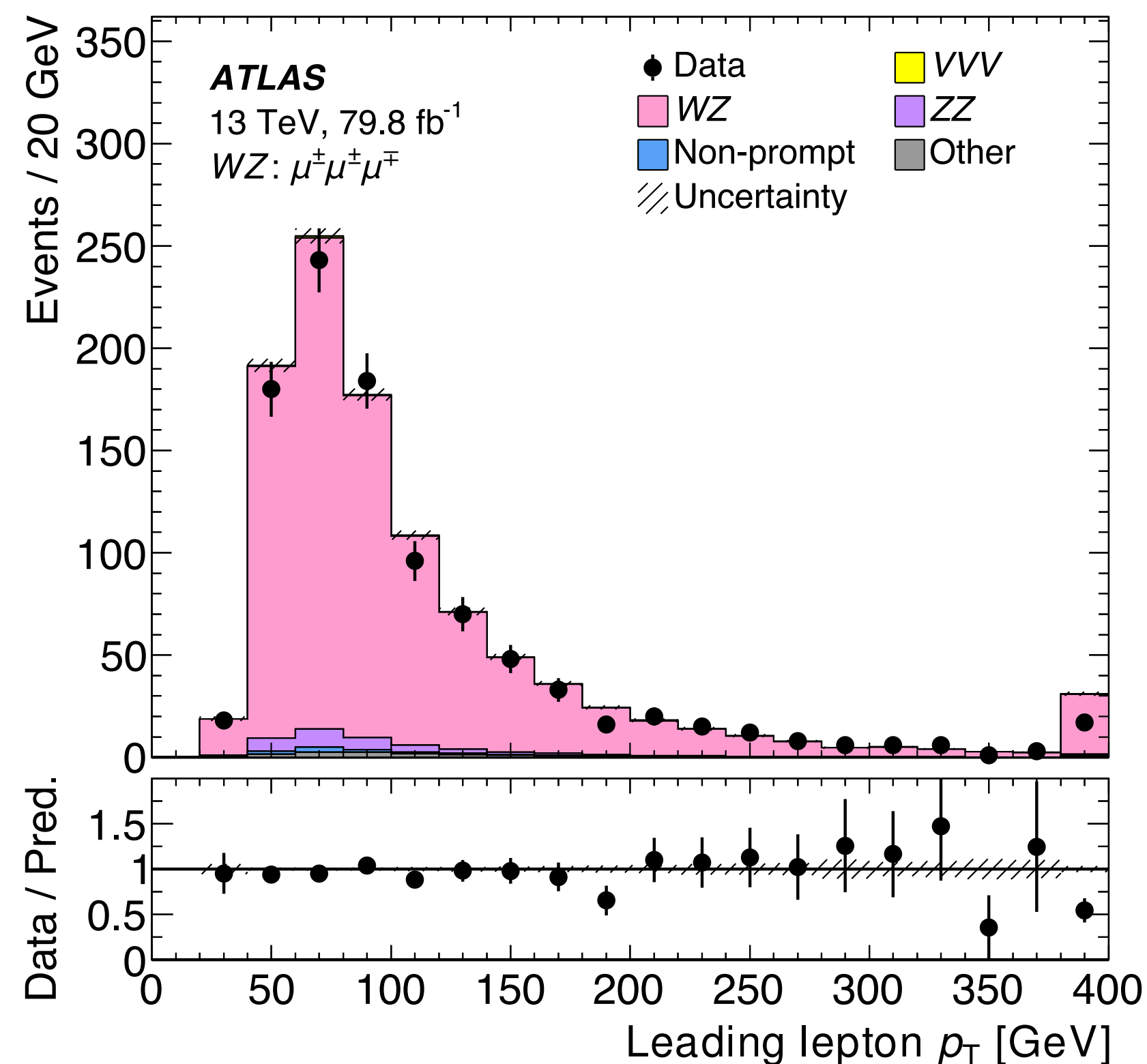
| Lepton definition | Quality   | Minimum $p_T$ | Isolation   | Maximum $ d_0 /\sigma_{d_0}$ | Maximum $ z_0 \sin \theta $ | n.p.l. BDT | ch.mis. BDT |
|-------------------|---|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Nominal $e$       | Tight   |               | Fix (Loose) | 5                            |                             |            | yes         |
| Nominal $\mu$ WWW | Medium  | 15 GeV        | Gradient    | 3                            | 0.5 mm                      | yes        | –           |
| Nominal $\mu$ WVZ | Loose   |               | FixCutLoose | 3                            |                             |            | –           |
| Loose $e$         | Loose   | 15 GeV        | no          | 5                            | 0.5 mm                      | no         | no          |
| Loose $\mu$       |   |               |             | 3                            |                             |            | –           |
| Veto $e$          | Loose   | 7 GeV         | no          | no                           | no                          | no         | no          |
| Veto $\mu$        | Loose and $ \eta  < 2.7$                                |               |             |                              |                             |            | –           |
| Fake $e$          | Medium not Tight  | 15 GeV        | no          | 5                            | 0.5 mm                      | no         | no          |
| Fake $\mu$        | Not nominal WWW   |               |             | 10                           |                             |            | –           |
| Photon-like $e$   | Defined as for nominal, but no hit in first pixel layer |               |             |                              |                             | no         | no          |

## WZ validation region

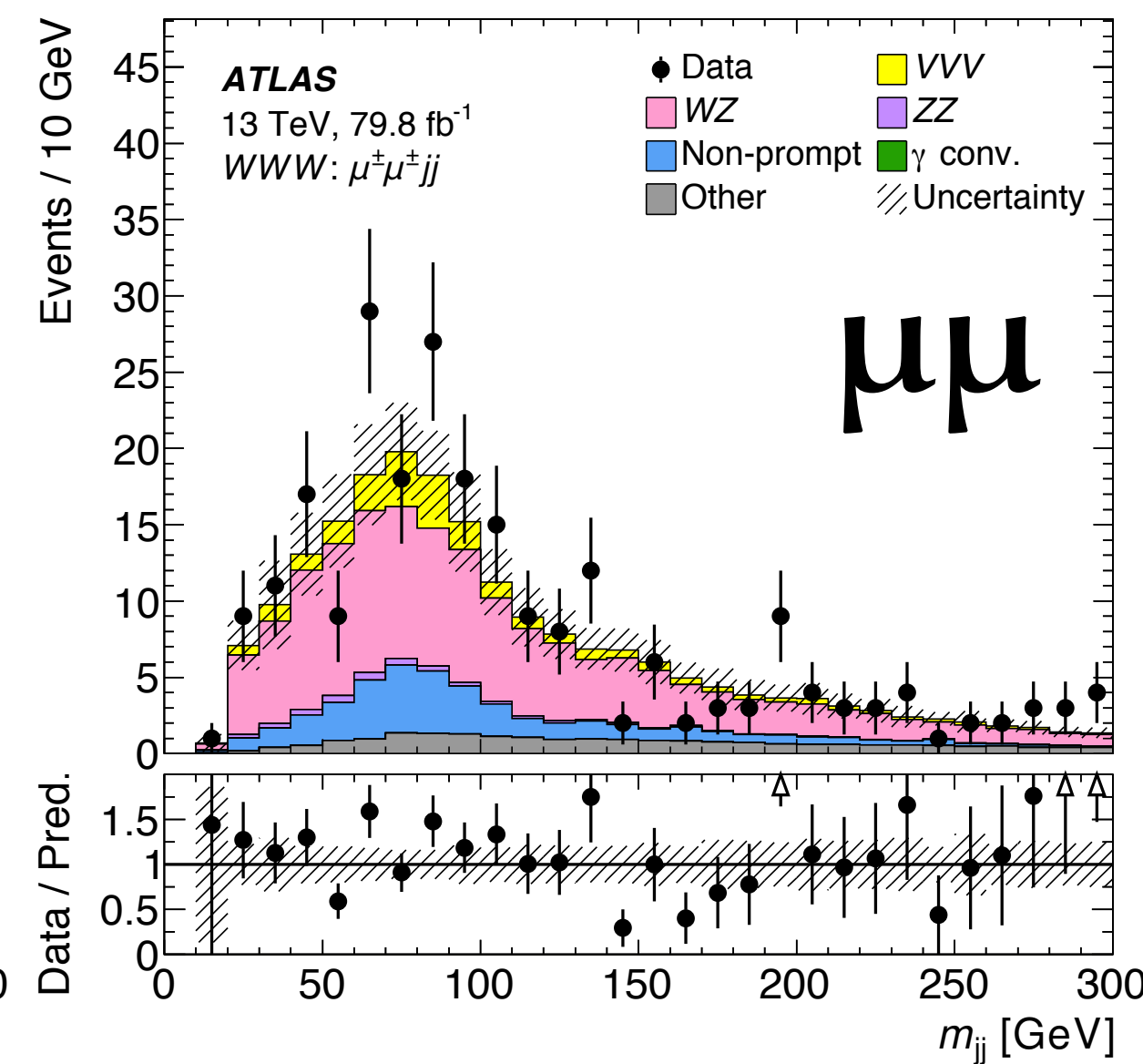
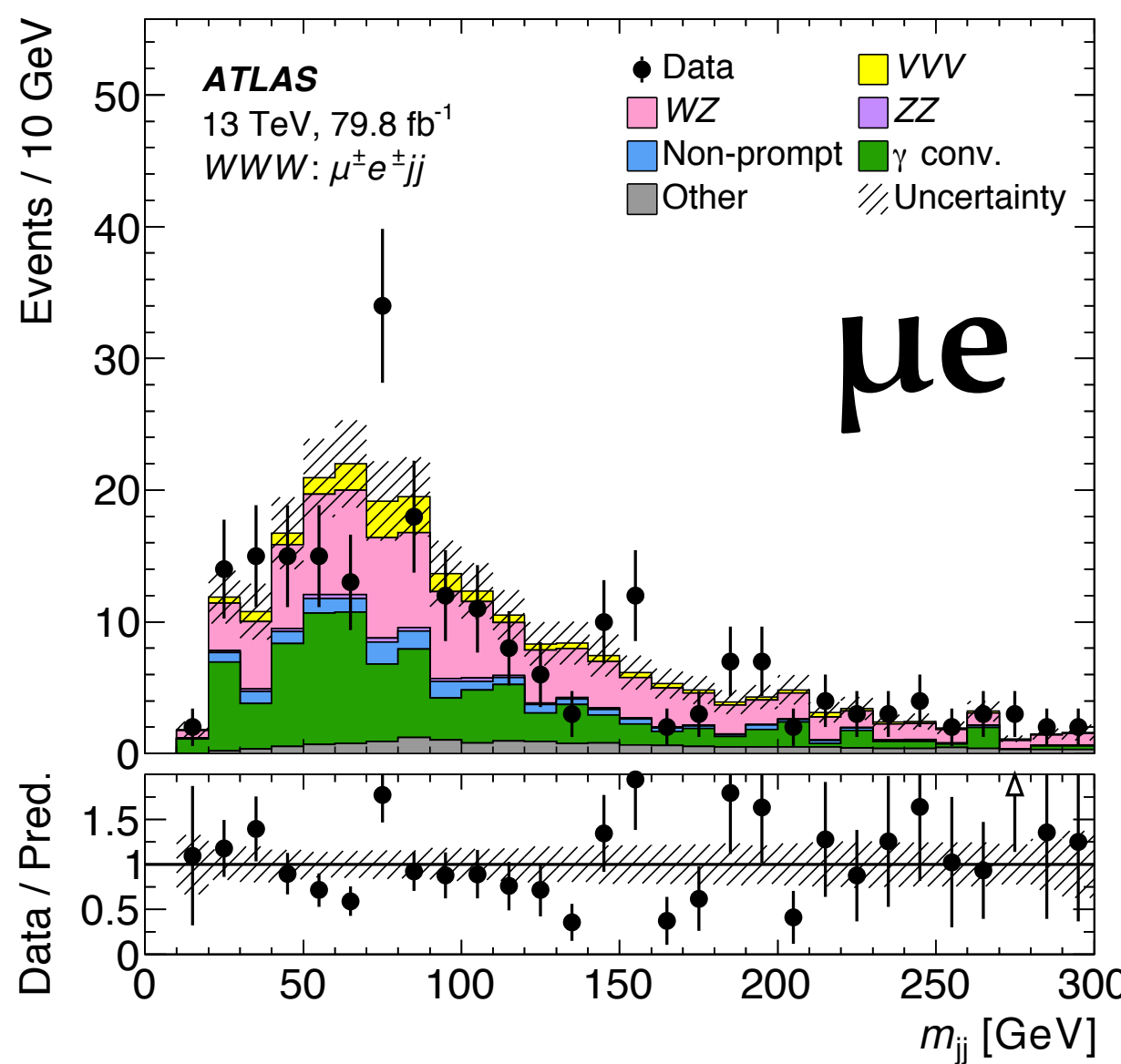
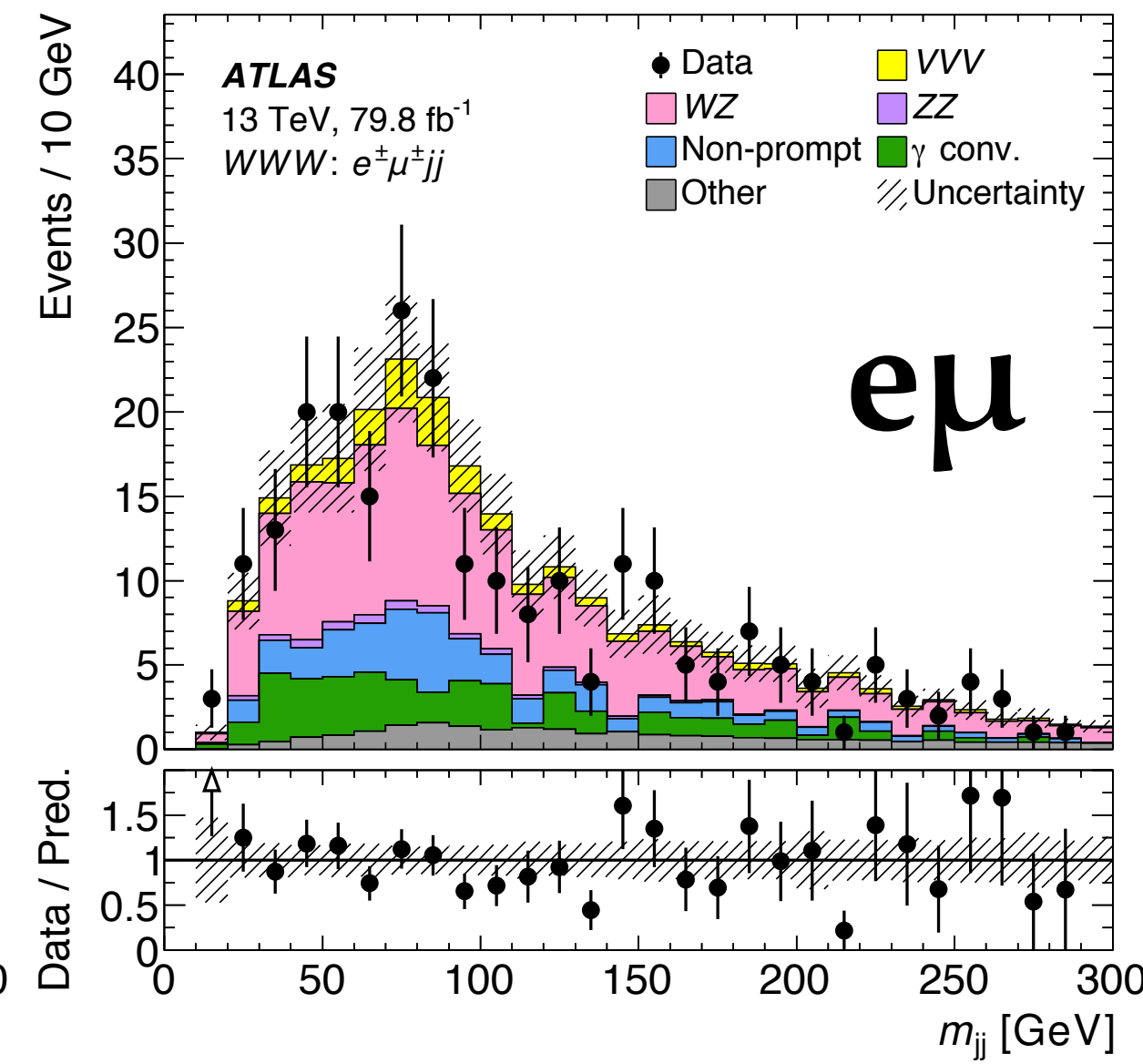
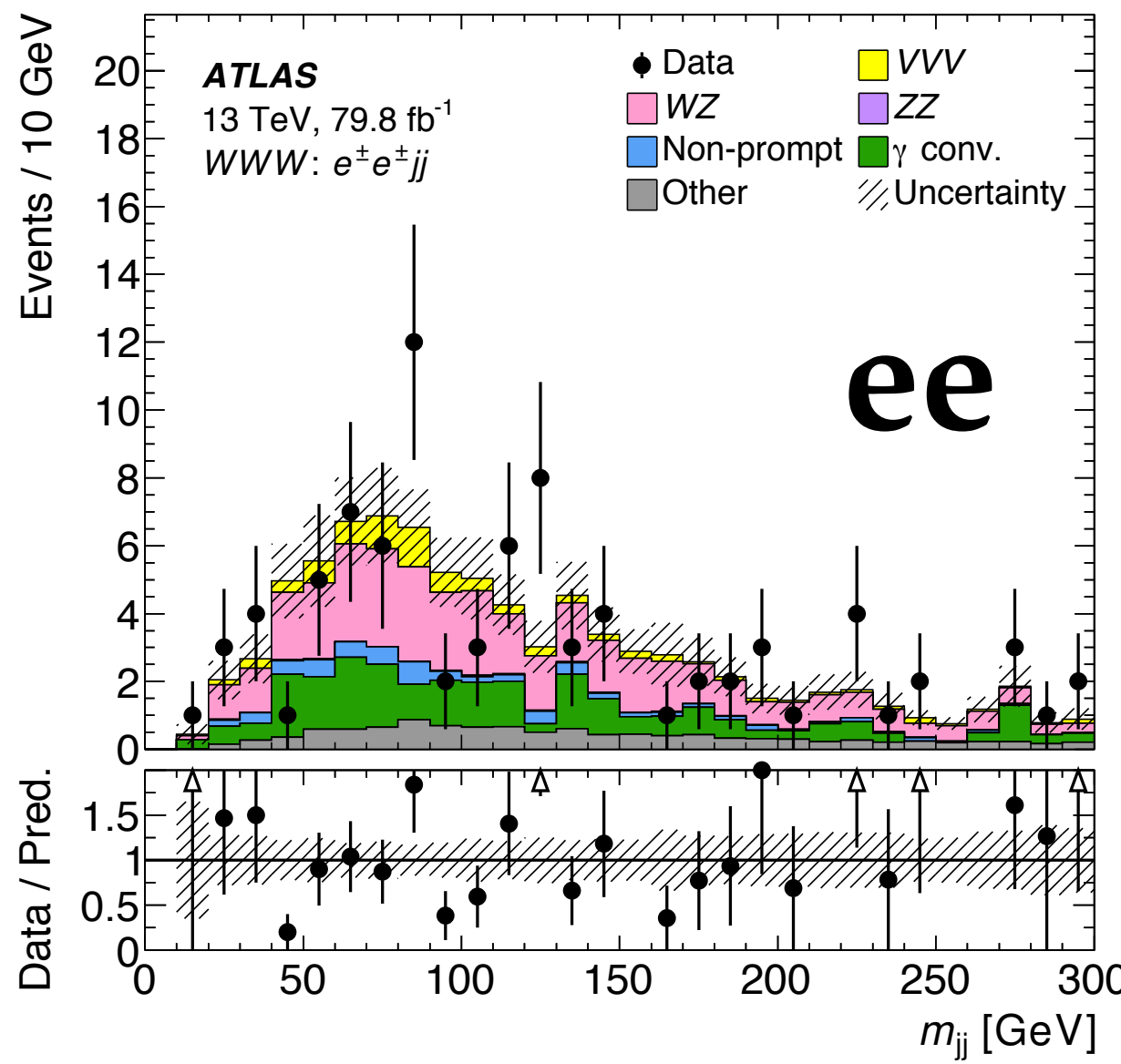
- $3\ell$ , one SFOS lepton pair
- no b-tag,  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 55$  GeV
- $m_{\ell\ell} > 110$  GeV

## W-sideband region

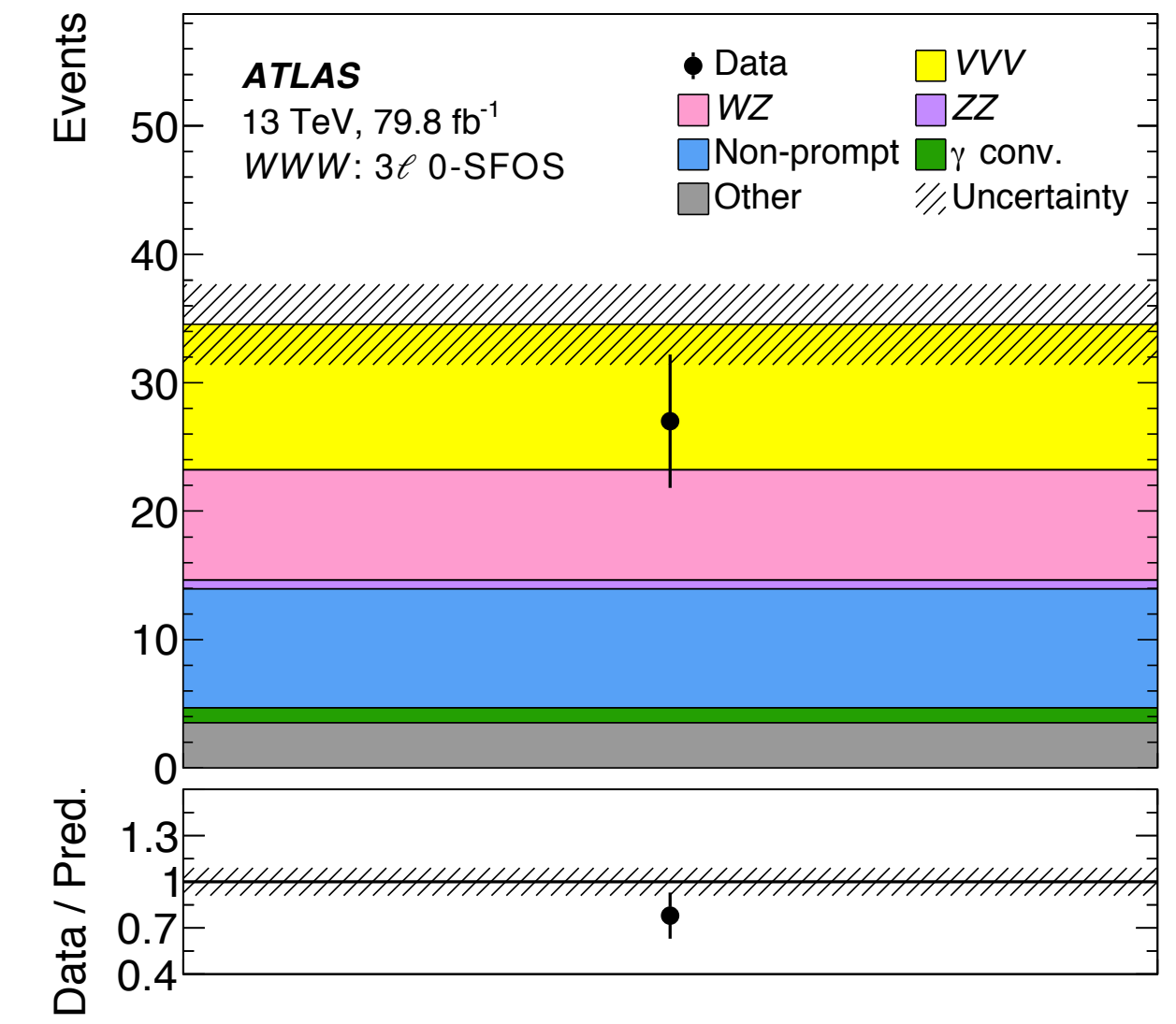
- $2\ell$  region with  $|m_{jj} - 85 \text{ GeV}| > 20 \text{ GeV}$



# WWW – Pre-fit inputs



**3 $\ell$**

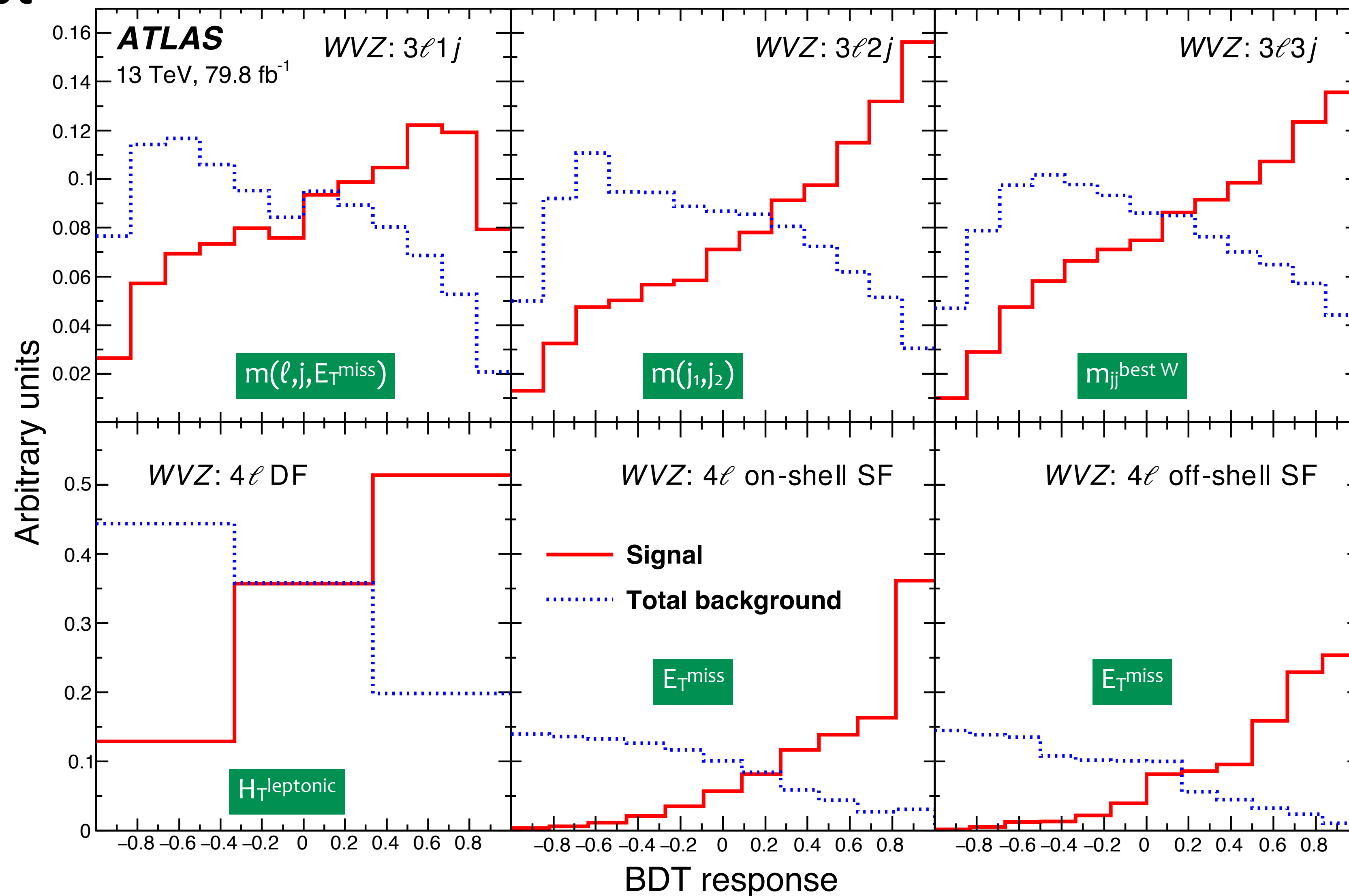


# WVZ – analysis strategy



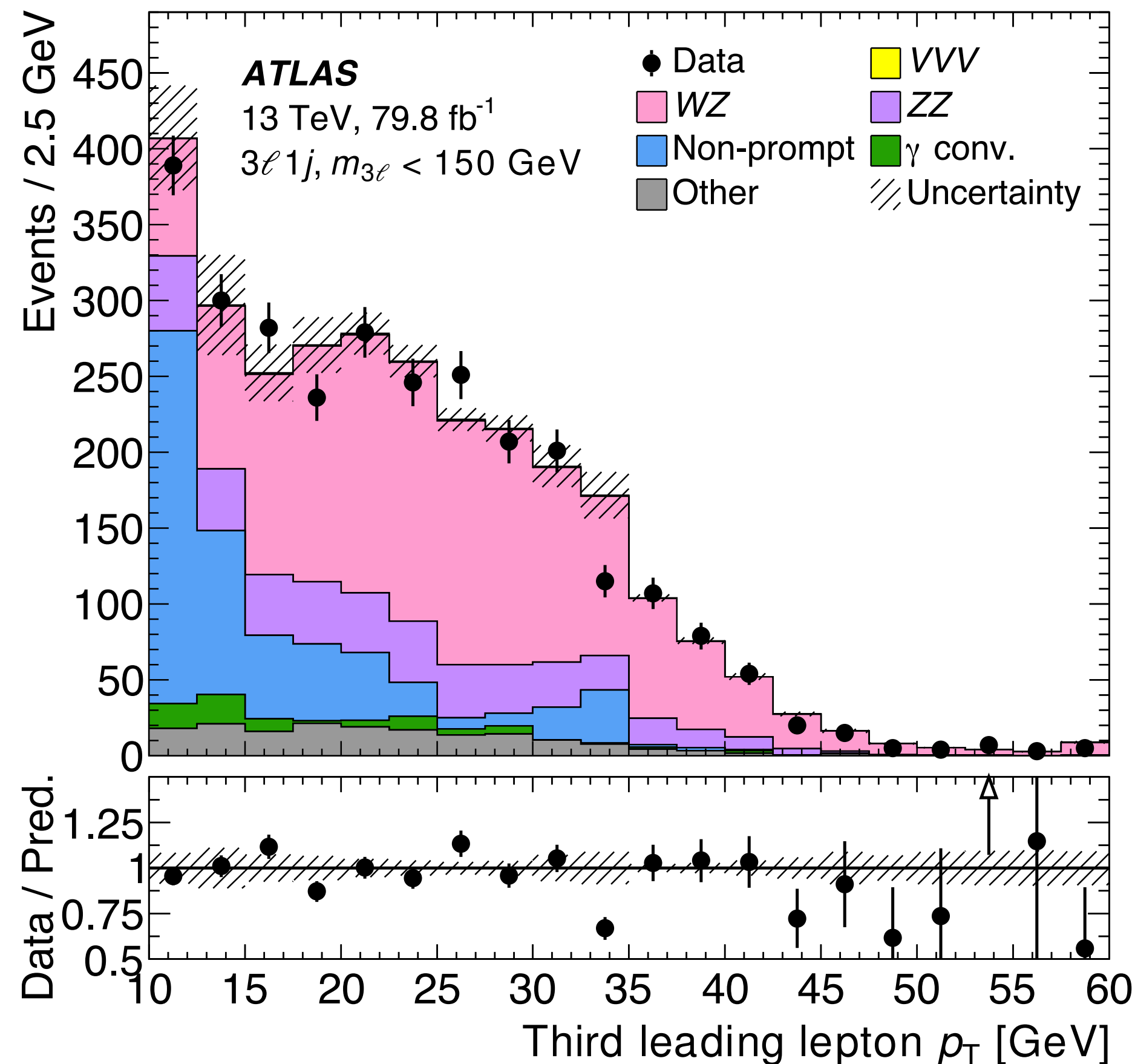
- Backgrounds mostly prompt
- Mainly diboson
  - WZ in  $3\ell$  and ZZ in  $4\ell$
- All backgrounds from MC
- Build a BDT for each of the six signal regions
  - trained against diboson
- Input variables
  - invariant mass,  $p_T$ , ...
  - 12–15 variables in  $3\ell$  regions
  - 6 variables in  $4\ell$  regions

Input variable with best signal-to-background separation



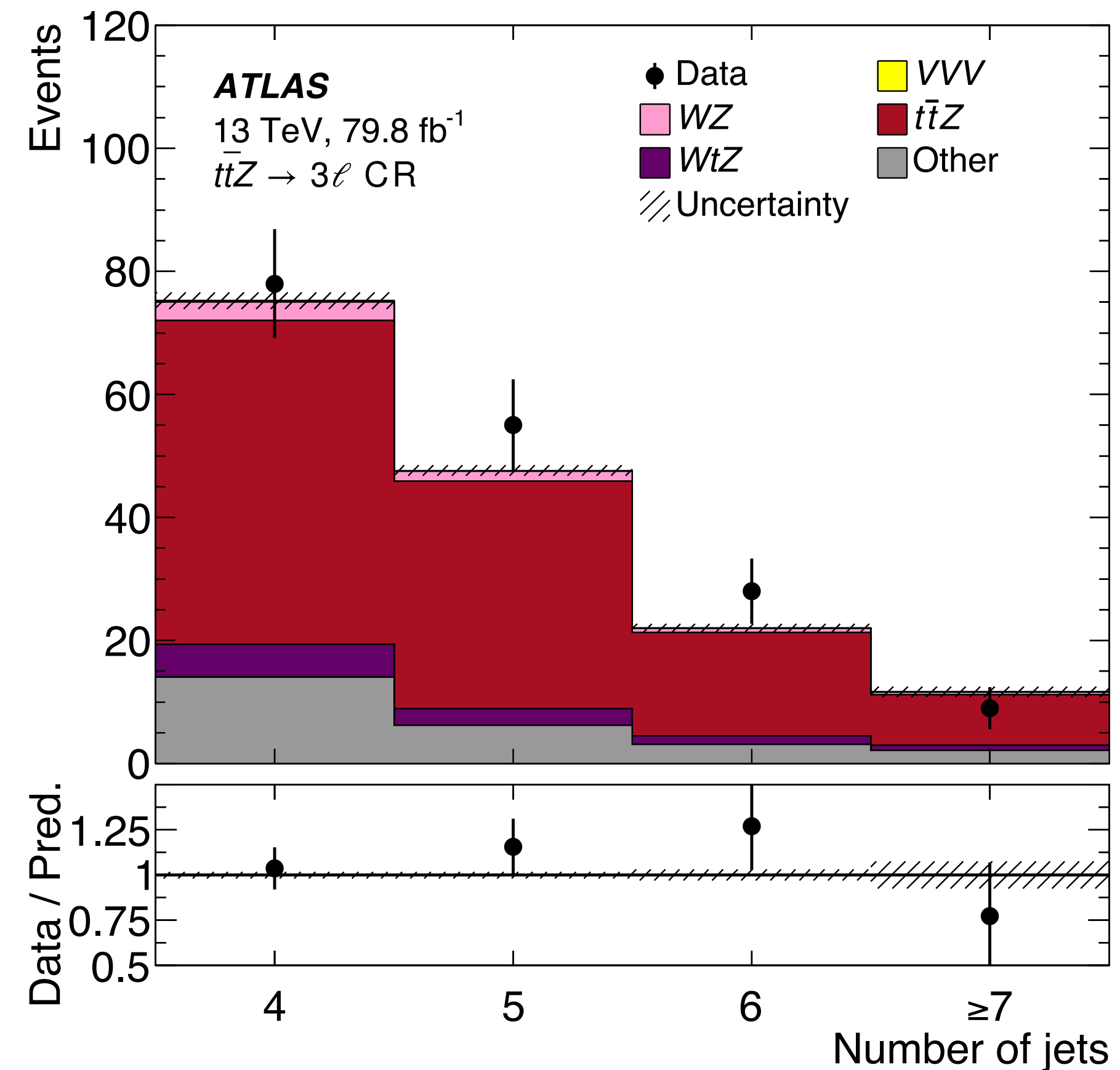
## WZ and Z+jets validation

- validation region as  $3\ell-1j$  SR
- but: no  $H_T$  cut;  $m_{\ell\ell\ell} < 150$  GeV

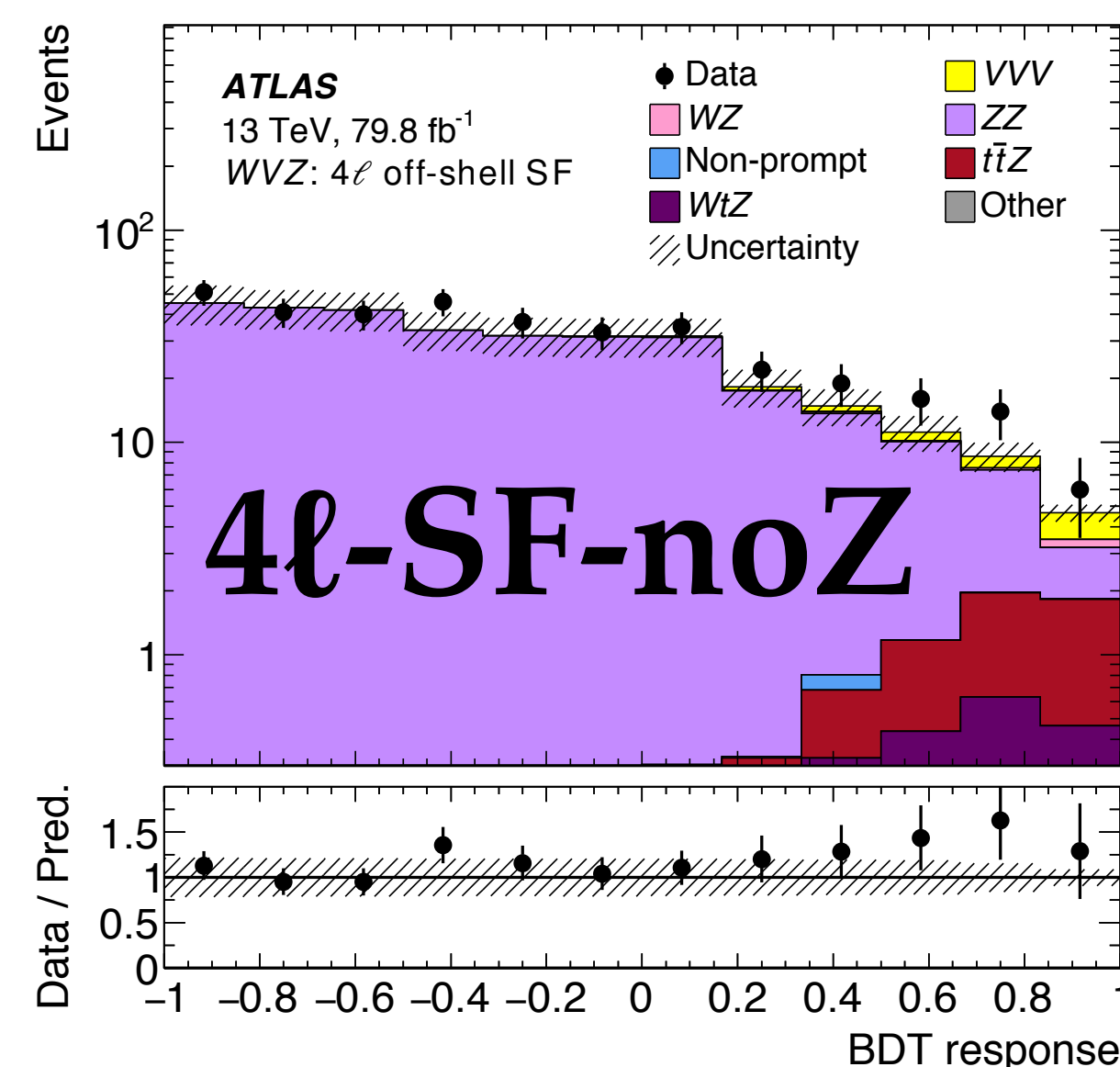
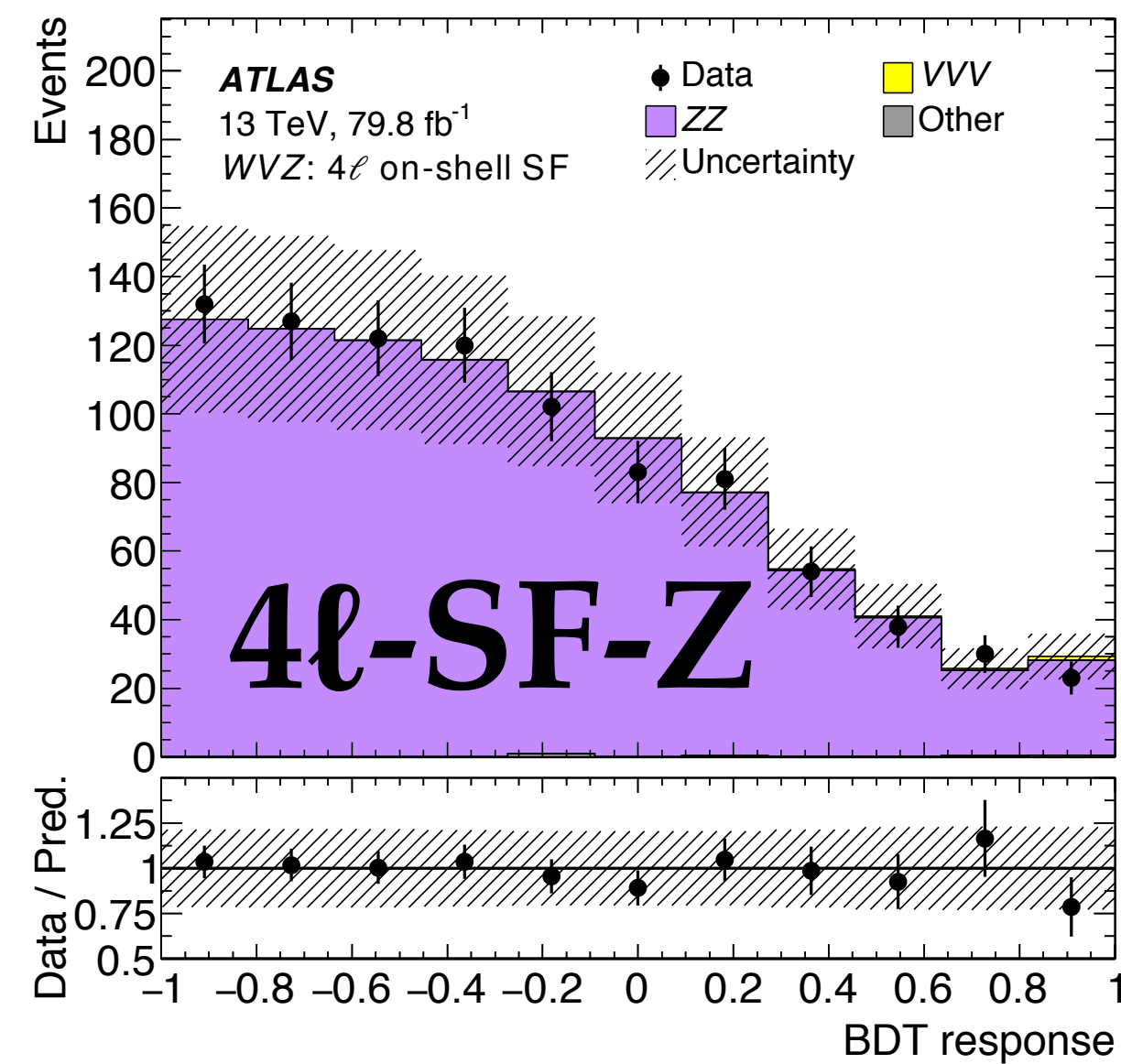
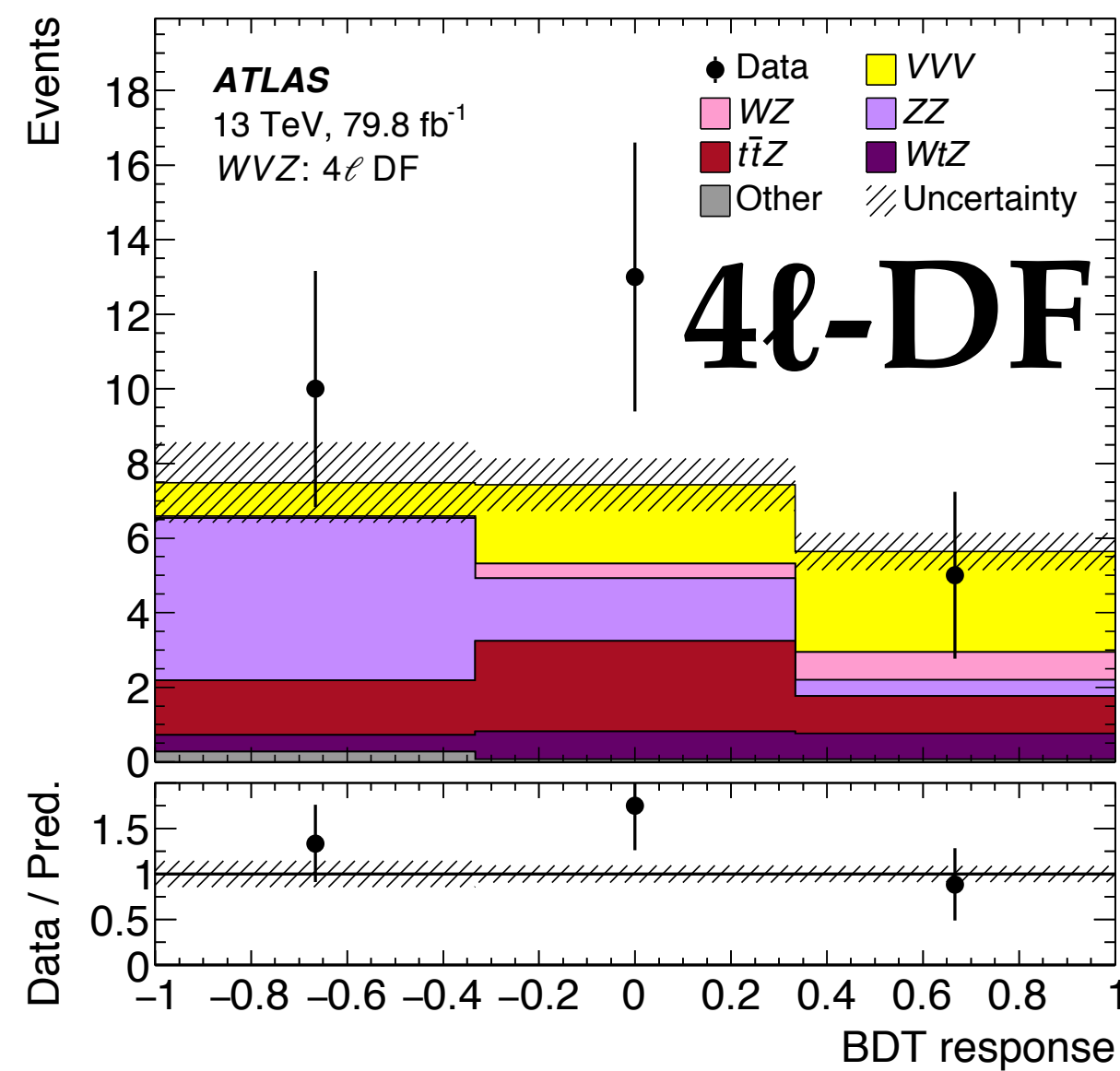
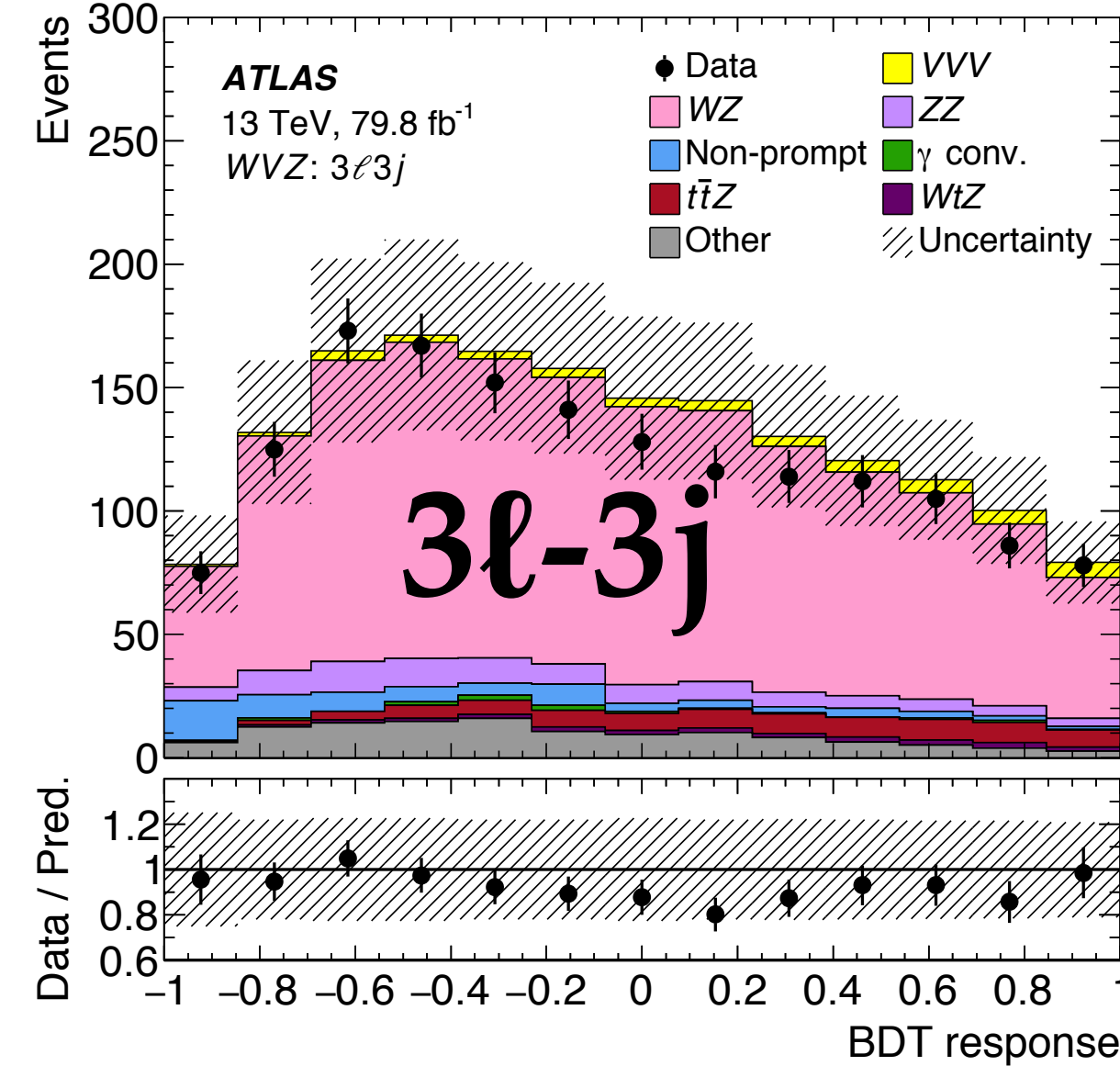
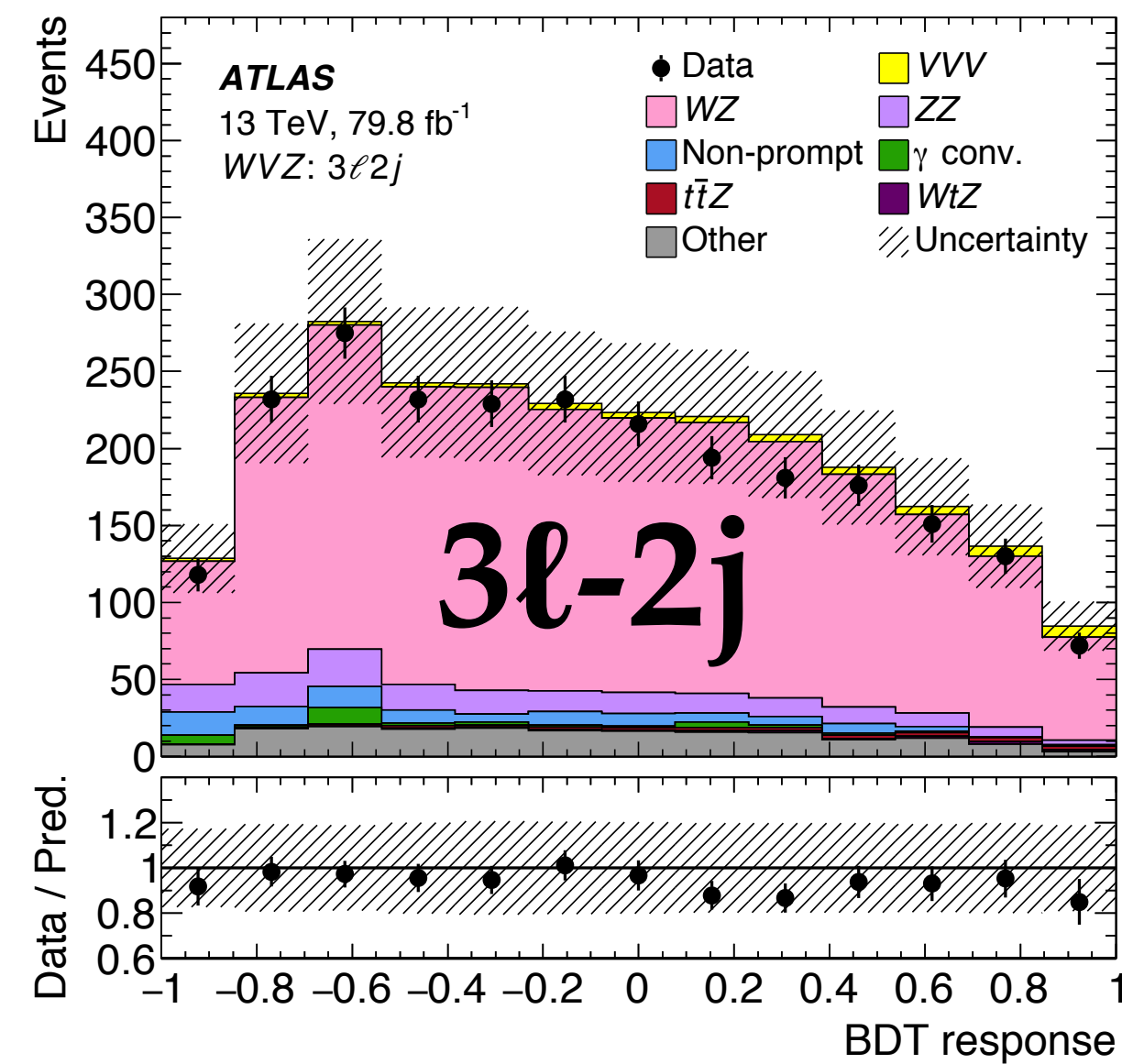
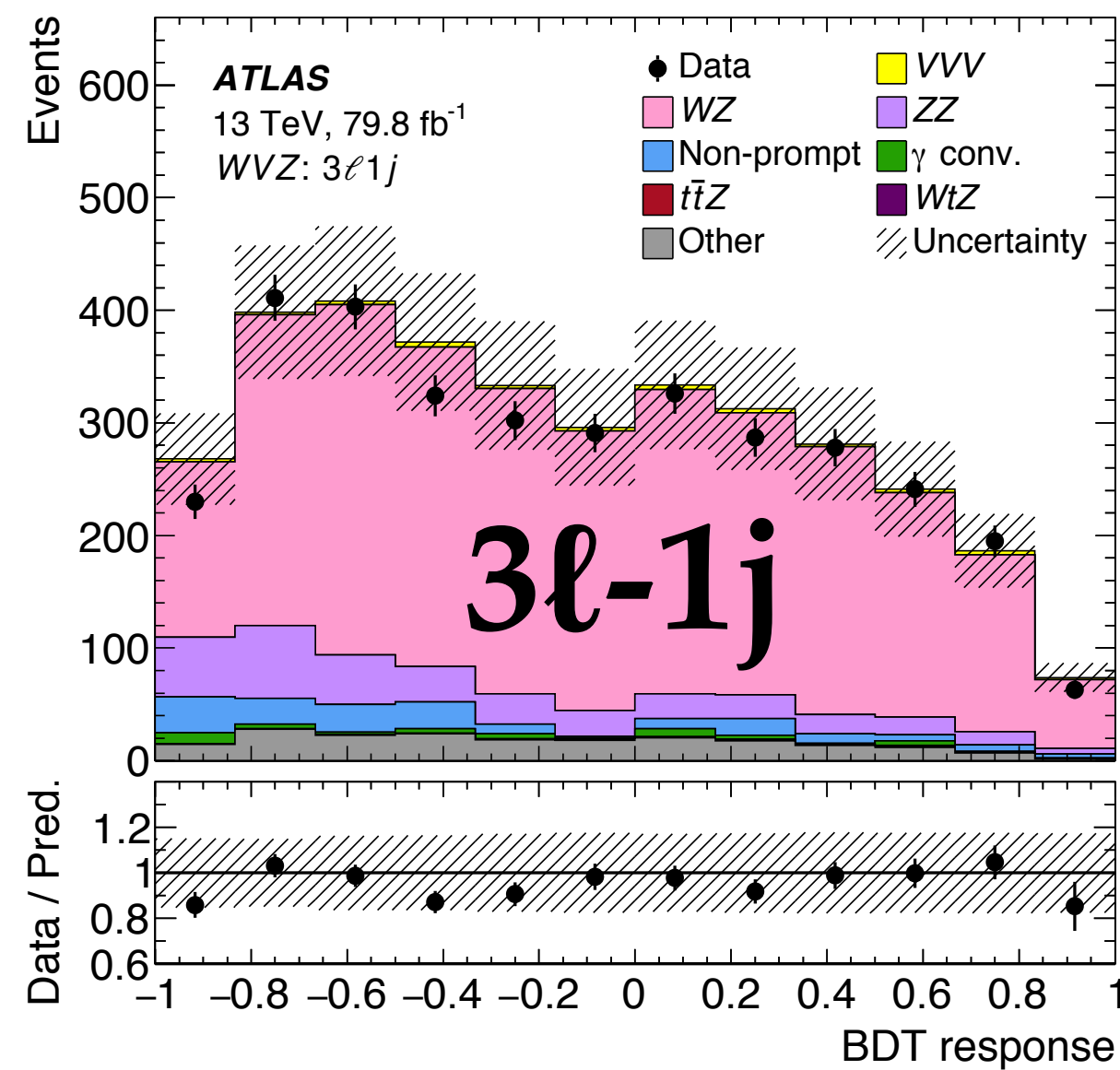


## $t\bar{t}Z$ control region

- defined as region as  $3\ell-3j$  SR
- but: no  $H_T$  cut;  $\geq 4$  jets;  $\geq 2$  b-tags



# WVZ – Prefit inputs



## Binned profile likelihood

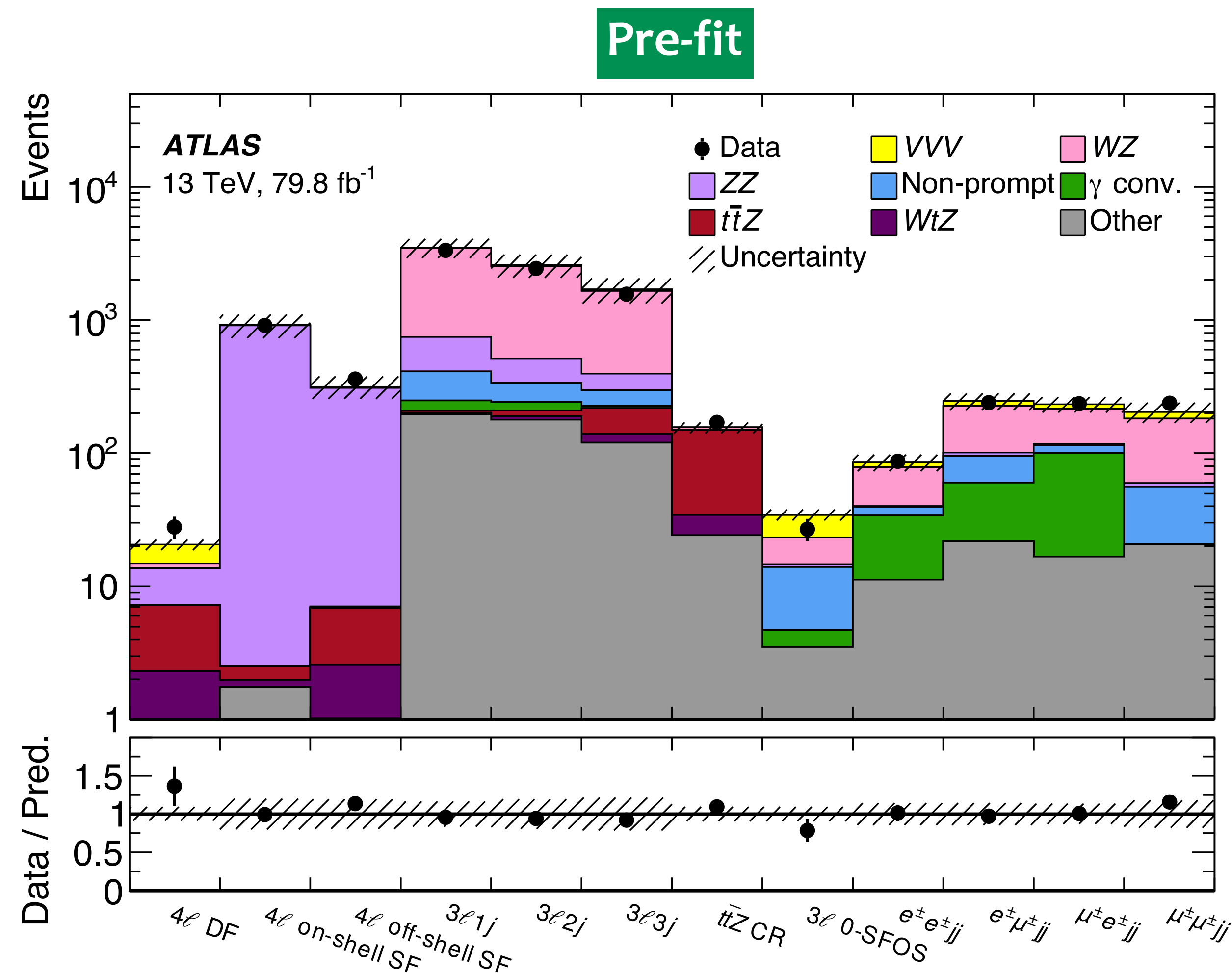
- simultaneous fit to 11 SRs + 1 CR
- one  $\mu_{WVV}$  assumed for WWW and WVZ
- 186 bins in total

## Correlated systematics

- experimental
- irreducible background (theory)
  - signal shape (scale variations)
  - diboson normalisation (constrained to ~5%)
  - diboson shape (Sherpa vs Powheg; scale variations)
- other backgrounds have small impact

## Uncorrelated systematics

- data-driven in WWW vs MC in WVZ



## Expected

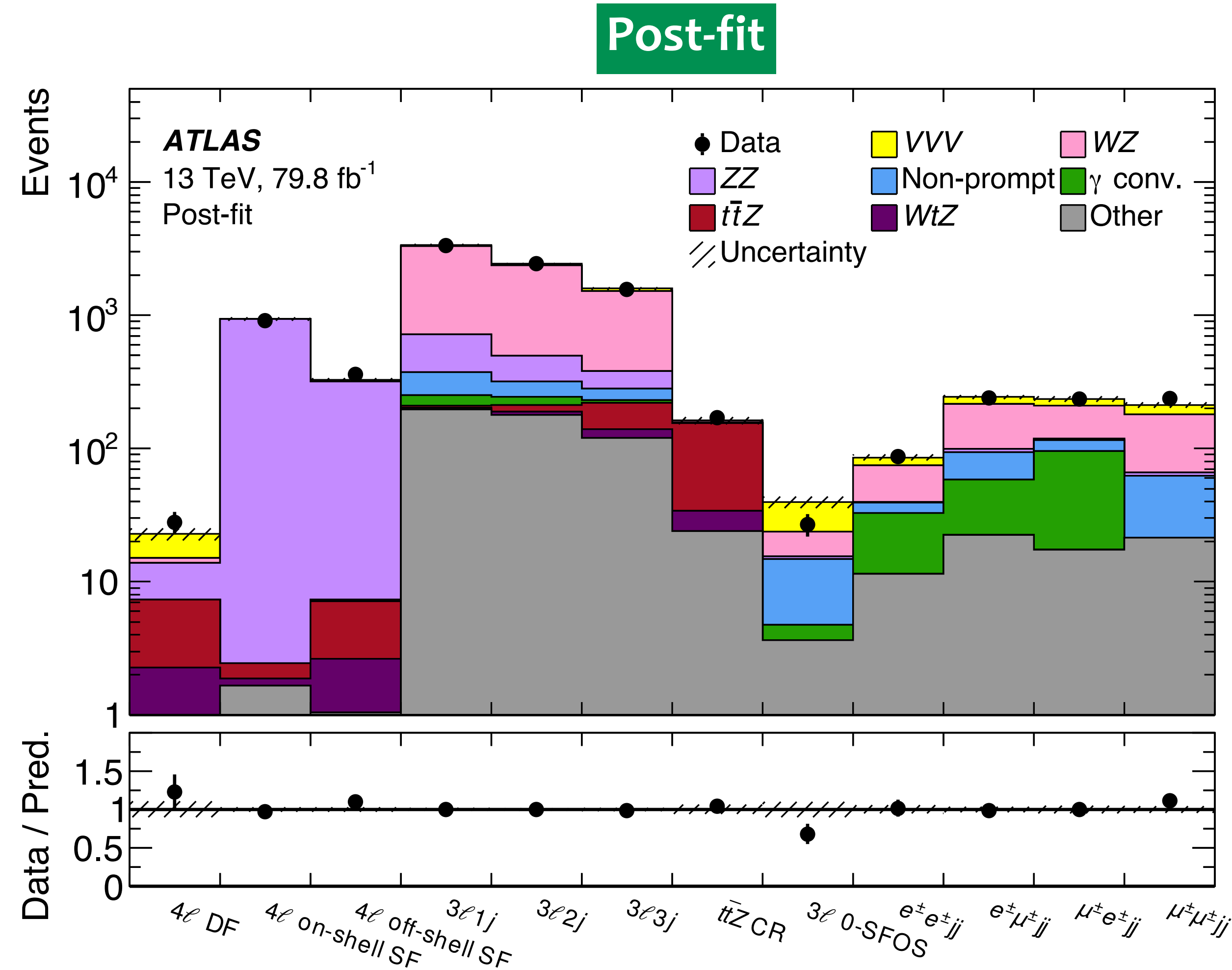
- $\mu_{WVV} = 1.00 \pm 0.24$  (stat.)  $^{+0.27}_{-0.24}$  (syst.)

## Measured

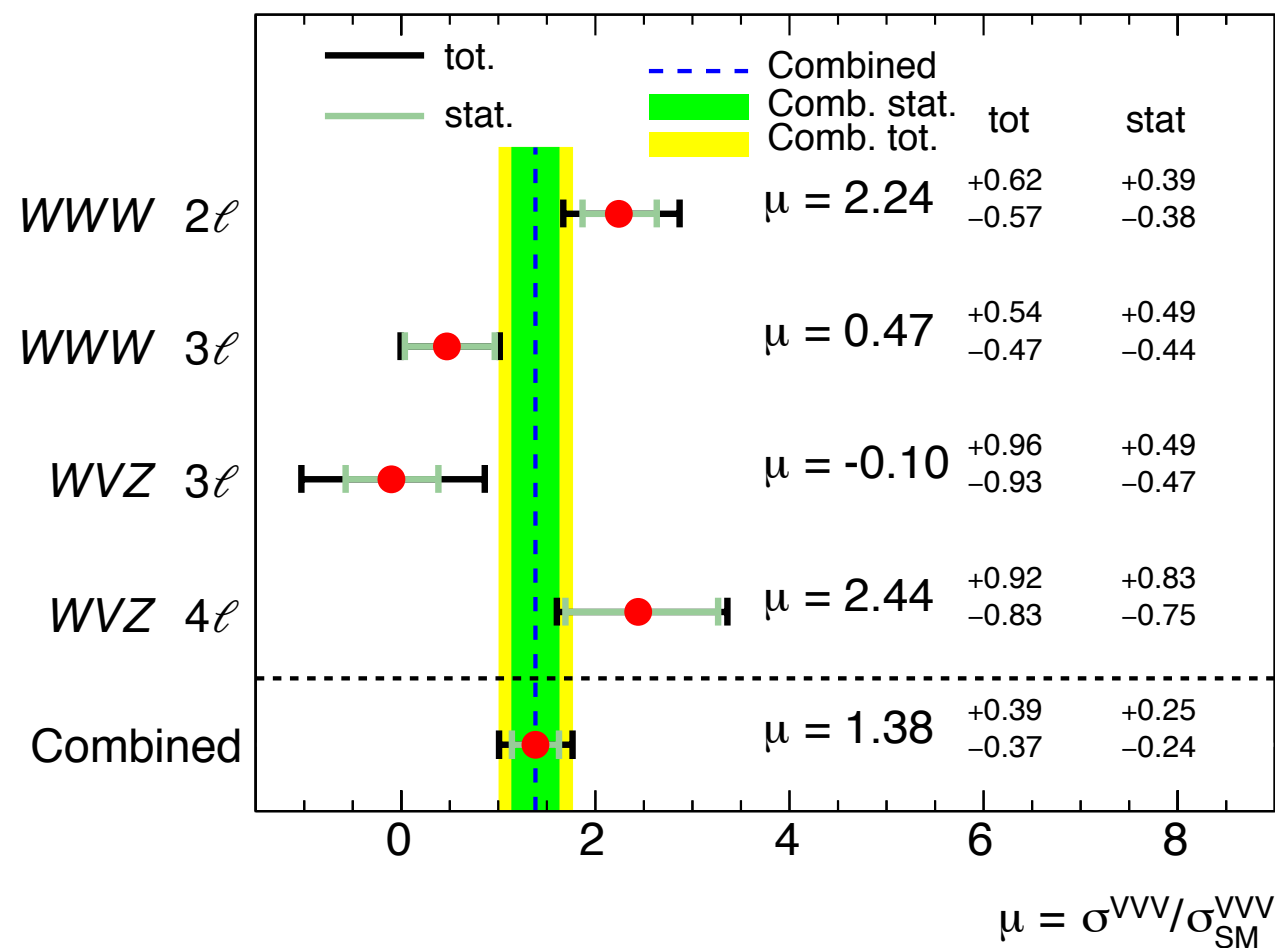
- $\mu_{WVV} = 1.38^{+0.25}_{-0.24}$  (stat.)  $^{+0.30}_{-0.27}$  (syst.)

## Evidence for 3 massive bosons

- exclusion of bckgnd-only hypothesis



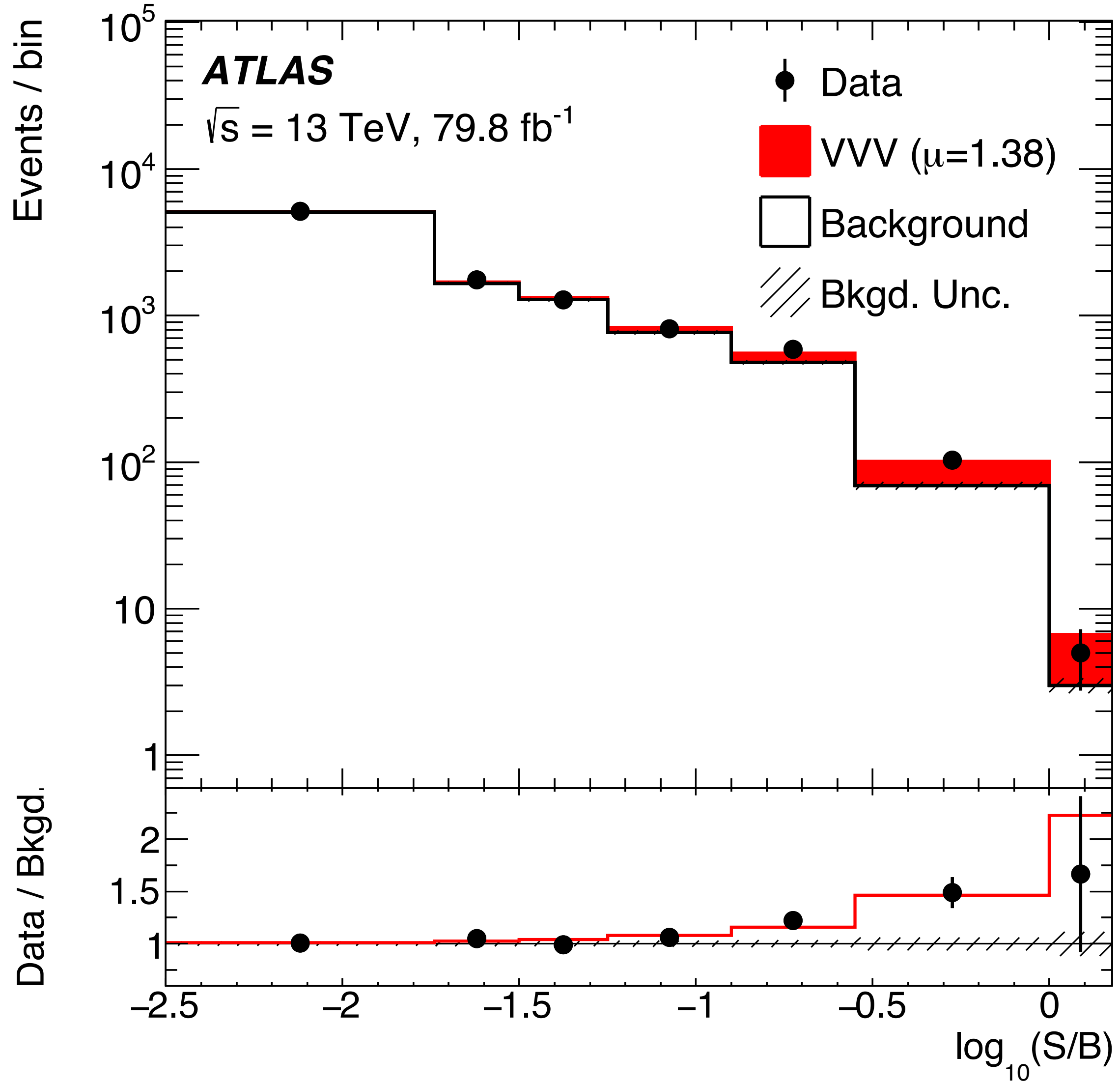
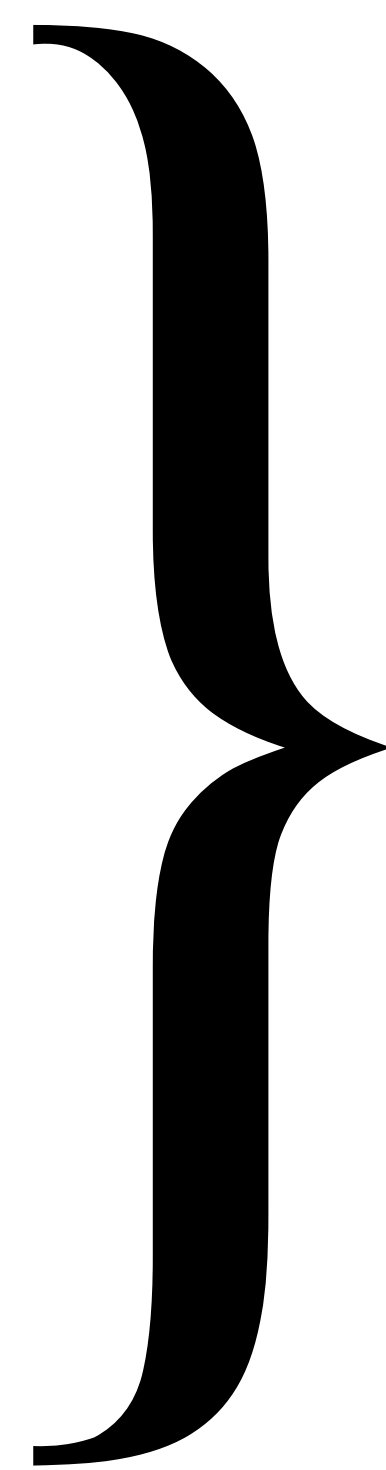
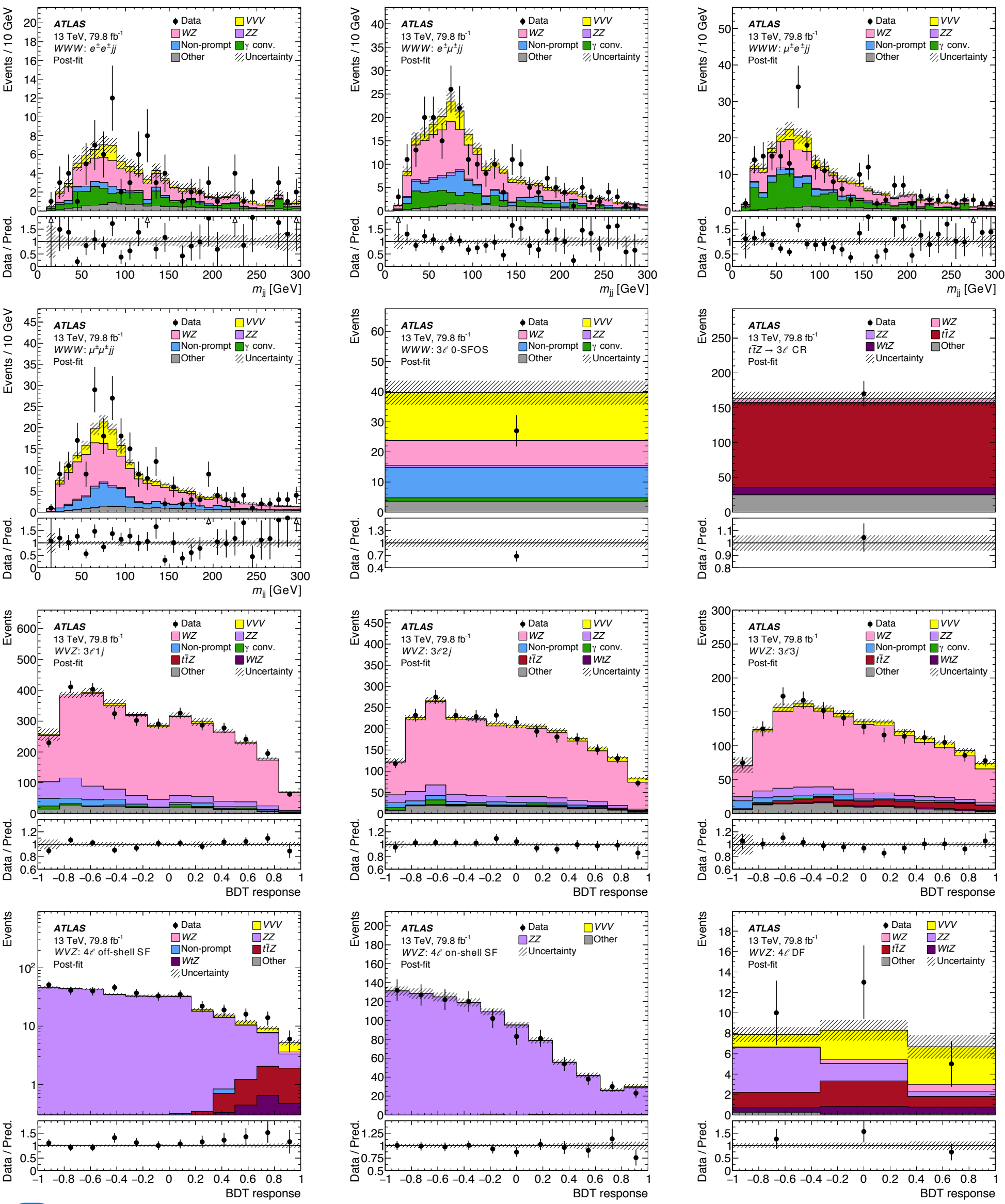
ATLAS  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 79.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



| Decay channel   | Significance |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
|   | Observed     | Expected     |
| WWW combined  | 3.3 $\sigma$ | 2.4 $\sigma$ |
| WWW $\rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu q\bar{q}$                     | 4.3 $\sigma$ | 1.7 $\sigma$ |
| WWW $\rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu\nu$                           | 1.0 $\sigma$ | 2.0 $\sigma$ |
| WVZ combined  | 2.9 $\sigma$ | 2.0 $\sigma$ |
| WVZ $\rightarrow \ell\nu q\bar{q}\ell\ell$                    | -            | 1.0 $\sigma$ |
| WVZ $\rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu\ell\ell/q\bar{q}\ell\ell\ell$ | 3.5 $\sigma$ | 1.8 $\sigma$ |
| VVV combined  | 4.0 $\sigma$ | 3.1 $\sigma$ |



# Visualising the evidence



# Conclusions

## Dibosons

- several 13 TeV results
- fiducial & differential
- extracted aTGC/EFT limits and polarisation

## Tribosons

- first evidence ( $4\sigma$ ) for three massive bosons
- window to QGC
- poster at this conference

### Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

