

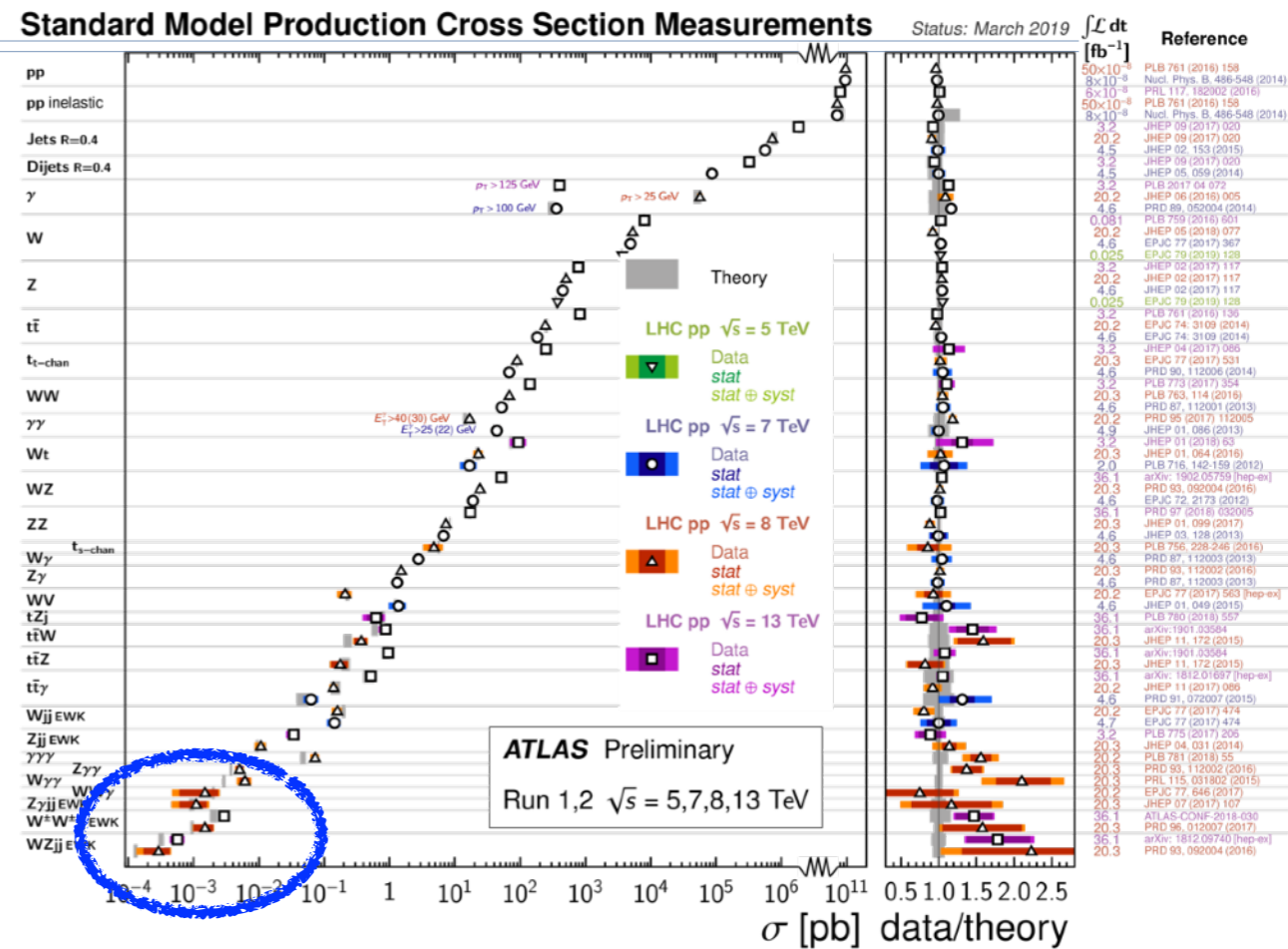


ATLAS measurements of Vector Boson Scattering

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Introduction

- Vector boson scattering (VBS) processes have the smallest cross-section that can be measured currently
- Important test of electroweak (EW) sector and EW Symmetry Breaking (unitarisation by Higgs boson)



ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Upper Exclusion Limits Status: March 2019

Model	ℓ, γ	Jets [†]	E_T^{miss}	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$	Limit	Reference
ADD $G_{KK} + g/q$	$0 e, \mu$	$1-4j$	Yes	36.1	M_{KK} 7.7 TeV	1711.03301
ADD non-resonant $\gamma\gamma$	2γ	-	-	36.7	M_S 8.6 TeV	1707.04147
ADD QBH	-	$2j$	-	37.0	M_{BH} 8.9 TeV	1703.09127
ADD BH high Σp_T	$\geq 1 e, \mu$	$\geq 2j$	-	3.2	M_{BH} 8.2 TeV	1606.02265
ADD BH multijet	-	$\geq 3j$	-	3.6	M_{BH} 9.55 TeV	1512.02586
RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	2γ	-	-	36.7	$G_{KK} \text{ mass}$ 4.1 TeV	1707.04147
Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow WW/ZZ$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	$G_{KK} \text{ mass}$ 2.3 TeV	1808.02380
Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow WW/ZZ \rightarrow qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$	$0 e, \mu$	$2J$	-	139	$G_{KK} \text{ mass}$ 2.8 TeV	ATLAS-CONF-2019-003
Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1J/2j$	Yes	36.1	$G_{KK} \text{ mass}$ 3.8 TeV	1804.10823
ZUED / RPP	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 2 b, \geq 3j$	Yes	36.1	$KK \text{ mass}$ 1.8 TeV	1803.09678
SSM $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$2 e, \mu$	-	-	139	$Z' \text{ mass}$ 5.1 TeV	1903.06248
SSM $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$	2τ	-	-	36.1	$Z' \text{ mass}$ 2.42 TeV	1709.07242
Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	-	$2b$	-	36.1	$Z' \text{ mass}$ 2.1 TeV	1805.09299
Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1J/2j$	Yes	36.1	$Z' \text{ mass}$ 3.0 TeV	1804.10823
SSM $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$	$1 e, \mu$	-	Yes	79.8	$W' \text{ mass}$ 5.6 TeV	ATLAS-CONF-2018-017
SSM $W' \rightarrow \tau\nu$	1τ	-	Yes	36.1	$W' \text{ mass}$ 3.7 TeV	1801.06992
HVT $V' \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$ model B	$0 e, \mu$	$2J$	-	139	$V' \text{ mass}$ 4.4 TeV	ATLAS-CONF-2019-003
HVT $V' \rightarrow WH/ZH$ model B	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	$V' \text{ mass}$ 2.93 TeV	1712.06518
LRSM $W_R \rightarrow t\bar{b}$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	$W' \text{ mass}$ 3.25 TeV	1807.10473
CI $q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$	-	$2j$	-	37.0	A 21.6 TeV	1703.09127
CI $\ell\ell q\bar{q}$	$2 e, \mu$	-	-	36.1	A 40.0 TeV	1707.04244
CI $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	$\geq 1 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1j$	Yes	36.1	A 2.57 TeV	1811.02305
DM Axial-vector mediator (Dirac DM)	$0 e, \mu$	$1-4j$	Yes	36.1	1.55 TeV	1711.03301
Colored scalar mediator (Dirac DM)	$0 e, \mu$	$1-4j$	Yes	36.1	1.67 TeV	1711.03301
$VV_{\chi\chi}$ EFT (Dirac DM)	$0 e, \mu$	$1J, \leq 1j$	Yes	36.1	700 GeV	1608.02372
Scalar reson. $\phi \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ (Dirac DM)	$0-1 e, \mu$	$1b, 0-1J$	Yes	36.1	3.4 TeV	1812.08743
LQ Scalar LQ 1 st gen	$1, 2 e$	$\geq 2j$	Yes	36.1	1.4 TeV	1902.00377
Scalar LQ 2 nd gen	$1, 2 \mu$	$\geq 2j$	Yes	36.1	1.56 TeV	1902.00377
Scalar LQ 3 rd gen	2τ	$2b$	-	36.1	1.03 TeV	1902.08103
Scalar LQ 3 rd gen	$0-1 e, \mu$	$2b$	Yes	36.1	970 GeV	1902.08103
Heavy quarks VLO $TT \rightarrow Ht/Zt/Wb + X$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	T mass 1.37 TeV	1808.02343
VLO $BB \rightarrow Wt/Zb + X$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	B mass 1.34 TeV	1808.02343
VLO $T_{5/3} T_{5/3} T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt + X$	$2(S\bar{S})/\geq 3 e, \mu \geq 1 b, \geq 1j$	Yes	36.1	$T_{5/3}$ mass 1.64 TeV	1807.11883	
VLO $Y \rightarrow Wb + X$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1j$	Yes	36.1	Y mass 1.85 TeV	1812.07343
VLO $B \rightarrow Hb + X$	$0 e, \mu, 2\gamma$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1j$	Yes	79.8	B mass 1.21 TeV	ATLAS-CONF-2018-024
VLO $QQ \rightarrow WqWq$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 4j$	Yes	20.3	Q mass 690 GeV	1509.04261
Excited fermions Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow qg$	-	$2j$	-	139	$q^* \text{ mass}$ 6.7 TeV	ATLAS-CONF-2019-007
Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow q\gamma$	1γ	$1j$	-	36.7	$q^* \text{ mass}$ 5.3 TeV	1709.10440
Excited quark $b^* \rightarrow bg$	-	$1 b, 1j$	-	36.1	$b^* \text{ mass}$ 2.6 TeV	1805.09299
Excited lepton ℓ^*	$3 e, \mu$	-	-	20.3	$\ell^* \text{ mass}$ 3.0 TeV	1411.2921
Excited lepton ν^*	$3 e, \mu, \tau$	-	-	20.3	$\nu^* \text{ mass}$ 1.6 TeV	1411.2921
Other Type III Seesaw	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 2j$	Yes	79.8	N mass 560 GeV	ATLAS-CONF-2018-020
LRSM Majorana ν	2μ	$2j$	-	36.1	N mass 3.2 TeV	1809.11105
Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$2, 3, 4 e, \mu$ (SS)	-	-	36.1	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass 870 GeV	1710.09748
Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\tau$	$3 e, \mu, \tau$	-	-	20.3	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass 400 GeV	1411.2921
Multi-charged particles	-	-	-	36.1	multi-charged particle mass 1.22 TeV	1812.03673
Magnetic monopoles	-	-	-	7.0	monopole mass 1.34 TeV	1509.08059

Nothing!

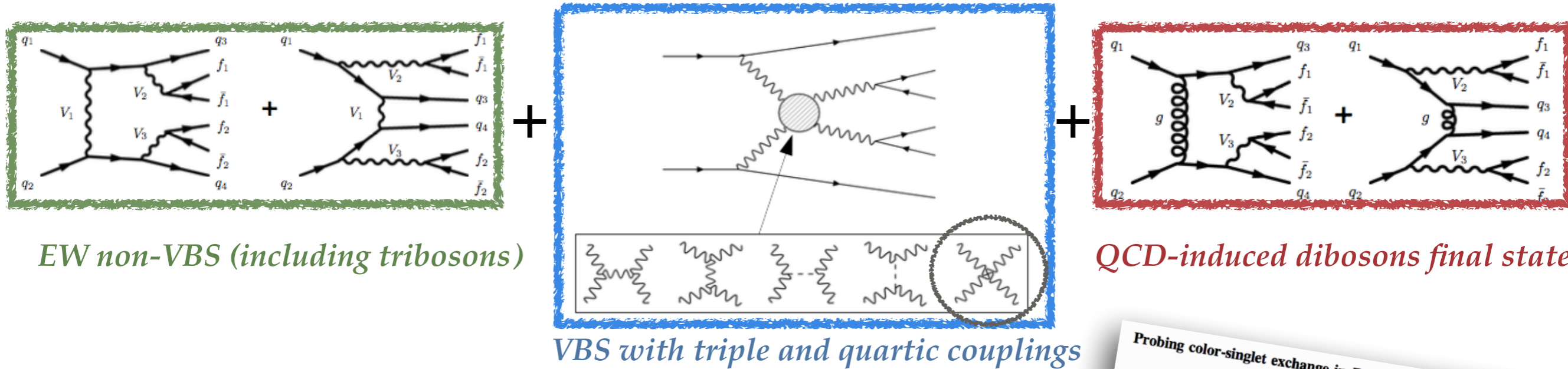
- After Higgs discovery 7 years ago, no deviation found in its properties!
- No sign of new physics with direct searches @LHC
- VBS tool for indirect search for new physics

*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.

†Small-radius (large-radius) jets are denoted by the letter i (j).

Phenomenology of VBS

❖ Cannot access pure VBS and pure quartic couplings (no independently gauge invariant):



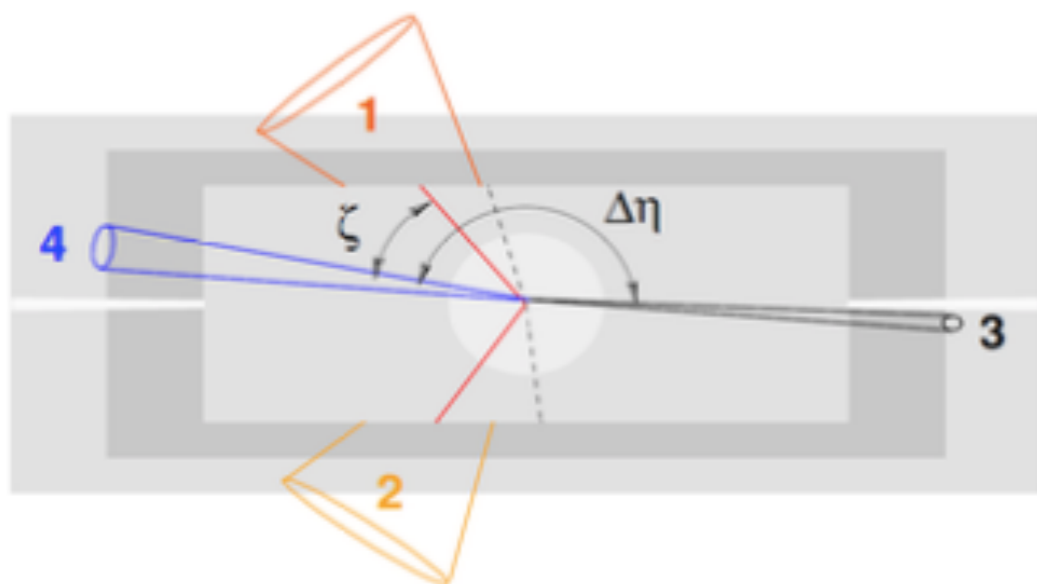
EW non-VBS (including tribosons)

VBS with triple and quartic couplings

QCD-induced dibosons final state

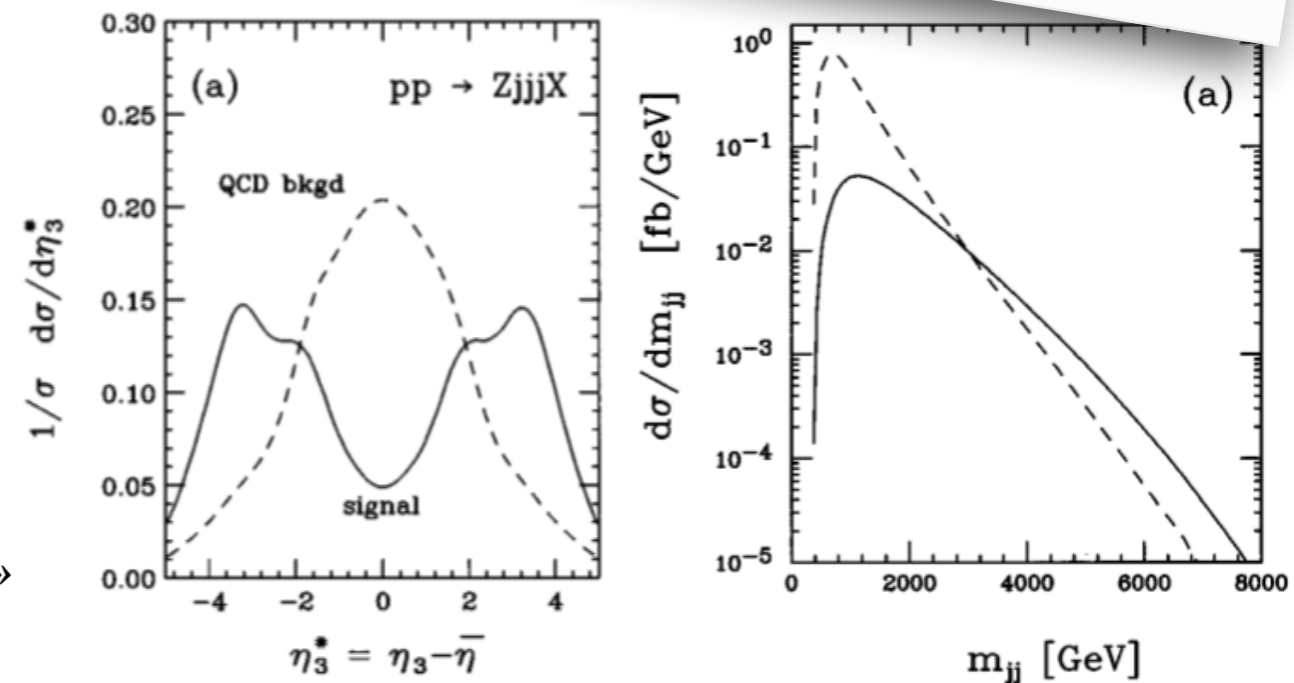
❖ Typical final states topology

1. Two hadronic jets at large angles, high energy
2. Hadronic activity suppressed between the two jets
3. Two bosons produced ~back-to-back



Zeppenfeld variable
« centrality »

Probing color-singlet exchange in Z+2-jet events at the CERN LHC
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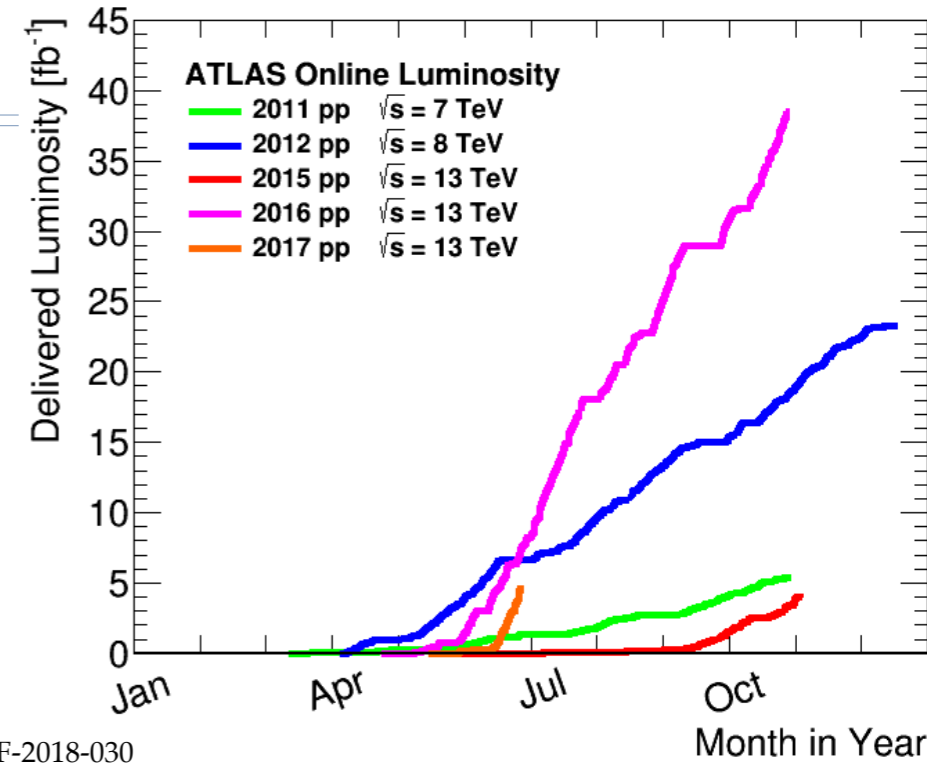


ATLAS VBS studies

❖ Datasets

- ❖ ATLAS: 8 TeV (20.3 fb⁻¹) and 13 TeV (2015+2016, 36.1 fb⁻¹)

❖ Significance for all channels studied: observed (expected)



	8 TeV	13 TeV	
$W^\pm W^\pm$	3.6 (2.3) σ Phys. Rev. D 96 (2017) 012007	6.9 (4.6) σ	ATLAS-CONF-2018-030
$W^\pm Z$	<2 σ Phys. Rev. D 93 (2016) 092004	5.3 (3.2) σ	Phys. Lett. B 793 (2019) 469
$Z\gamma$	2.0 (1.8) σ JHEP07(2017)107	-	
WV semi-lept.	aQGCs limits Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017) 032001	-	
VV semi-lept	-	2.7 (2.5) σ	arxiv :905.07714

Only 13 TeV results reported in this talk.

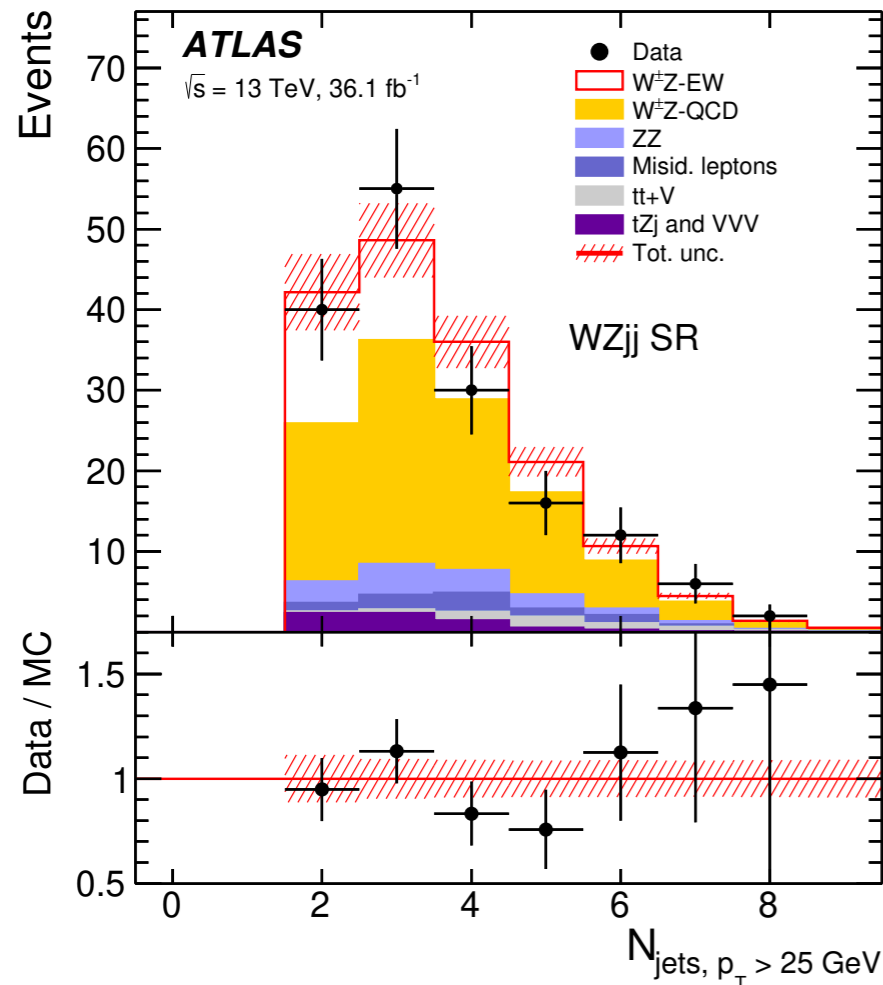
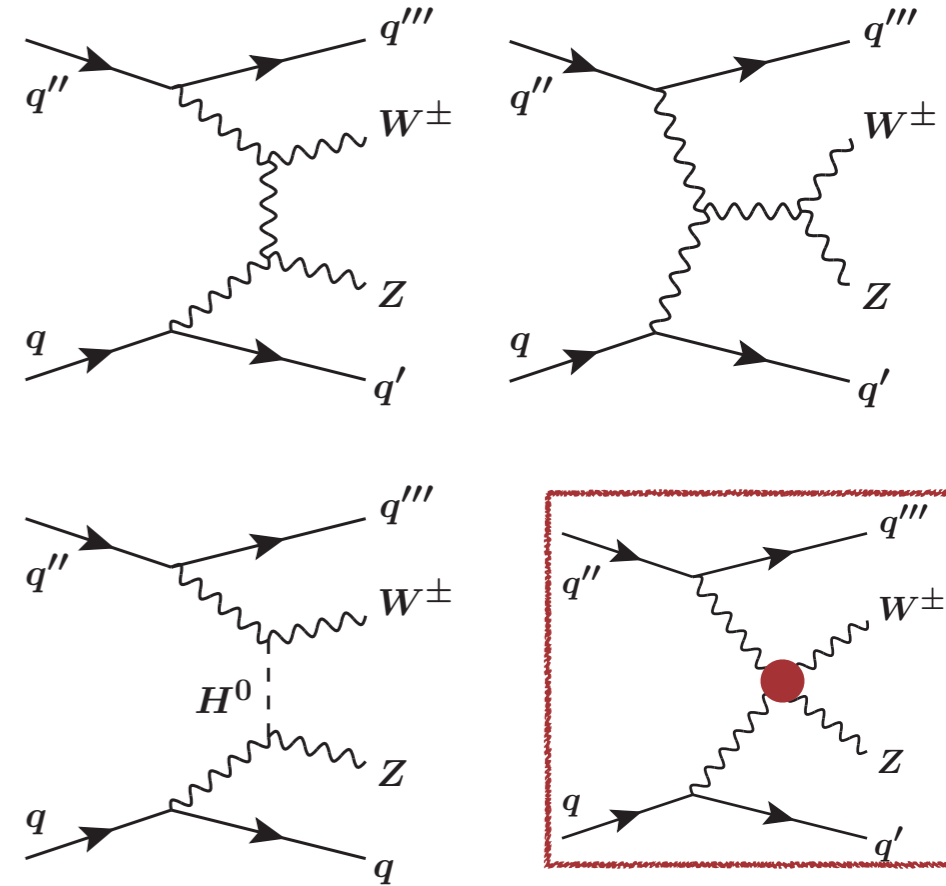
- ❖ Semi-leptonic channels less sensitive to EW cross-section but very powerful for QGC constraints (high-energy range accessed)
- ❖ Channels studied @ ATLAS allow to probe all types of quartic couplings (EFT operators)

VVjj final state	ZZ	Z γ $\gamma\gamma$	W ⁺ W ⁻ WZ	W [±] W [±]	W γ
f _{S,0} , f _{S,1}	✓		✓	✓	
f _{M,0} , f _{M,1} , f _{M,6} , f _{M,7}	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
f _{M,2} , f _{M,3} , f _{M,4} , f _{M,5}	✓	✓	✓		✓
f _{T,0} , f _{T,1} , f _{T,2}	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
f _{T,5} , f _{T,6} , f _{T,7}	✓	✓	✓		✓
f _{T,8} , f _{T,9}	✓	✓			

Observation of EW $WZ(l\ell\nu) + 2j$

❖ Selection:

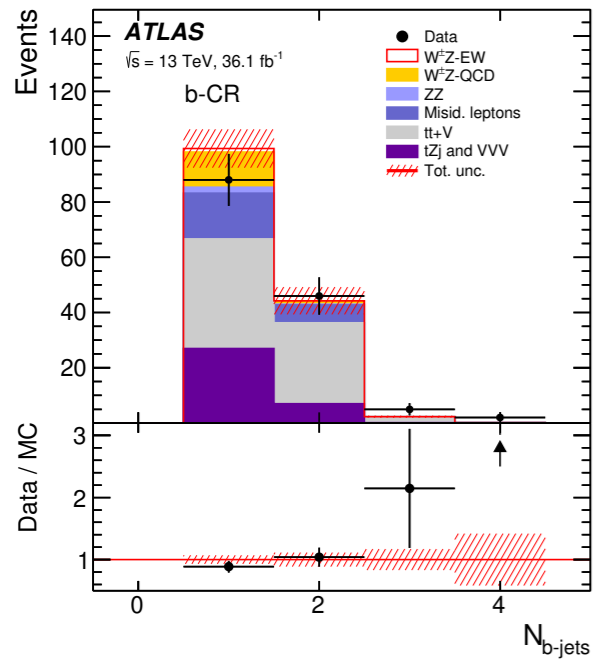
- ❖ **3 leptons (e/μ) with $p_T > 15$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.5$**
 - ❖ at least one with 25(27) p_T threshold in 2015(2016) data
- ❖ **Z selection:** $|M_{ll} - M_Z^{\text{PDG}}| < 10$ GeV
- ❖ **W selection:** $p_T > 20$ GeV + tighter quality cuts, $m_T(W) > 30$ GeV
- ❖ **Jets:** 2 jets with $p_T > 40$ GeV, $|\eta| < 4.5$, η of opposite sign, $m_{jj} > 150$ GeV



❖ Signal and backgrounds:

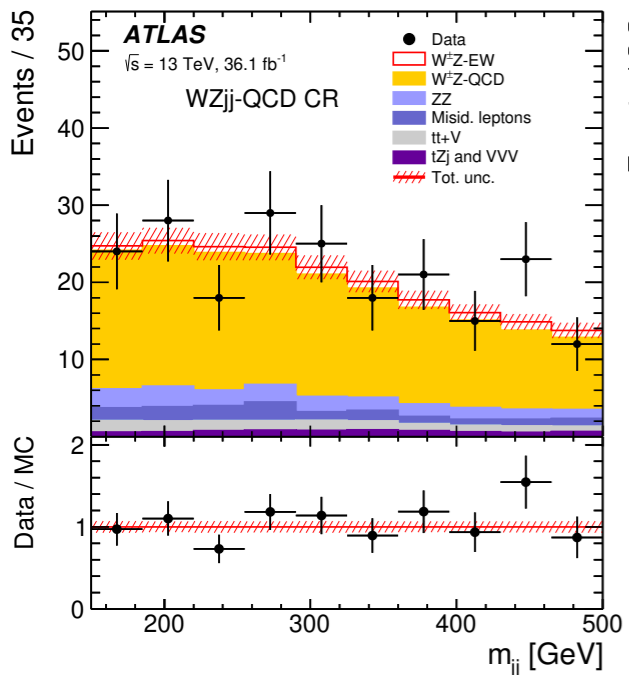
- ❖ **EW WZjj** (Sherpa 2.2.2)
- ❖ **QCD WZjj:** main background, MC (Sherpa 222) normalised in CR
- ❖ **Misidentified leptons (Z+jets, Zγ, (tt) $^\pm$, Wt, WW):** data-driven
- ❖ **ZZ QCD+EW:** MC (Sherpa 222), normalised in CR
- ❖ **ttV:** MC (MadGraph5), normalised in CR
- ❖ **tZ, VVV:** MC (MadGraph5, Sherpa 2.1)

Analysis strategy

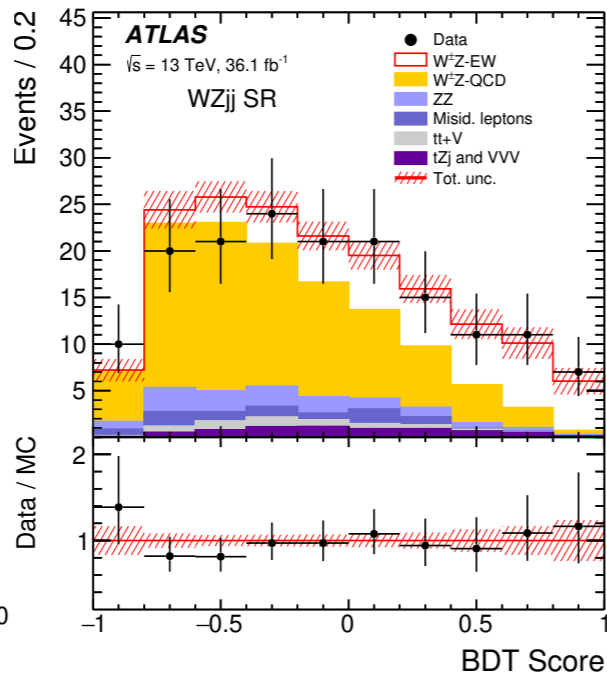


b-control region:
 $N_{bjet} > 0$
 To normalise $t\bar{t}V$

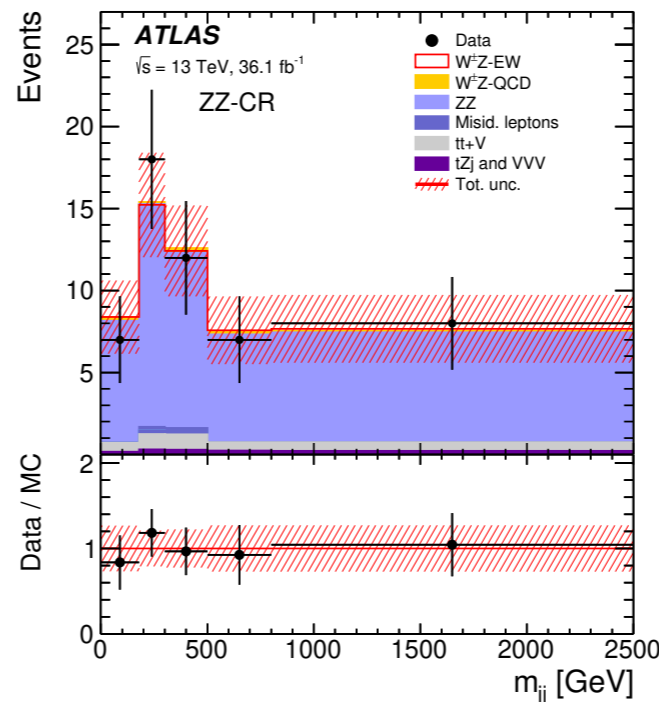
- ❖ 3 orthogonal regions + 1 ZZ CR
- ❖ BDT discriminant used in signal region to extract XS (15 variables)
 - ❖ Description of BDT score controlled in QCD-CR
- ❖ Combined fit on the SR + 3CRs to extract simultaneously the background and signal normalisations



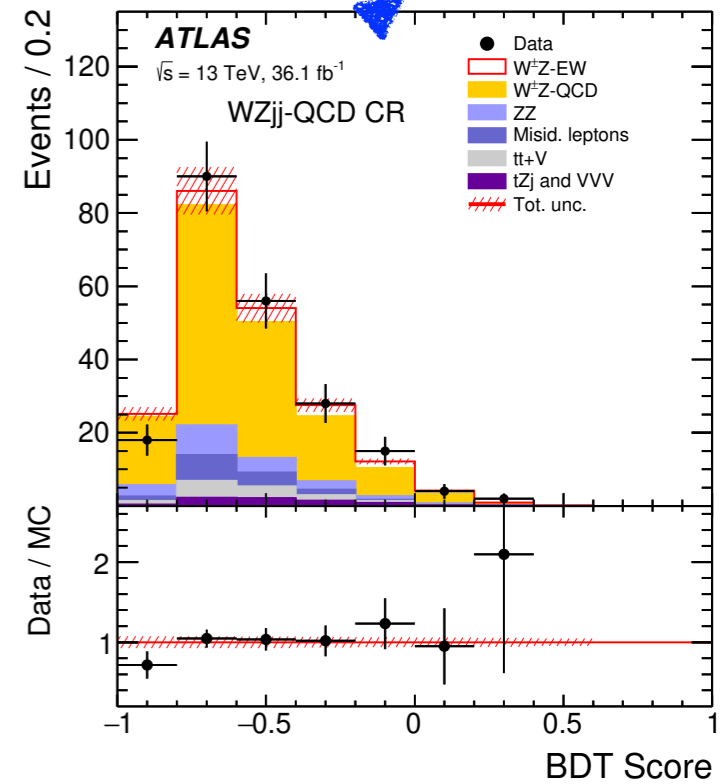
QCD control region:
 $m_{jj} < 500 \text{ GeV}, N_{bjet} = 0$



Search region:
 $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}, N_{bjet} = 0$
 For cross section measurement WZjj EW



ZZ-CR
 4 loose leptons
 (reverting ZZ veto)

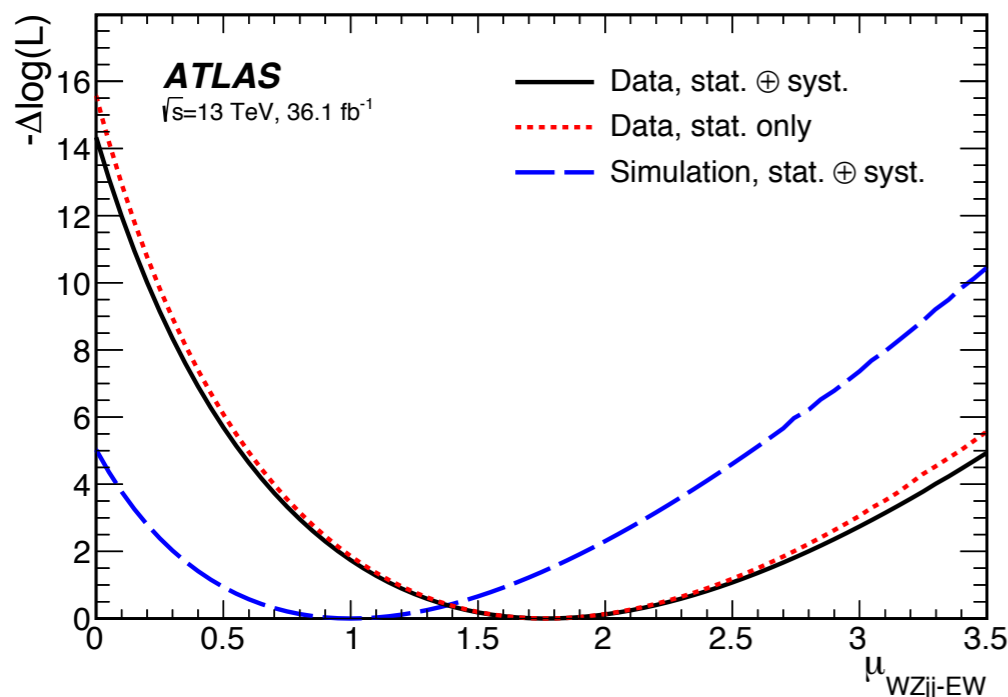


Post-fit distribution

EWjj cross-section results

❖ Result on mu:

$$\mu_{WZjj-EW} = 1.77^{+0.44}_{-0.40} \text{ (stat.) }^{+0.15}_{-0.12} \text{ (exp. syst.) }^{+0.15}_{-0.12} \text{ (mod. syst.) }^{+0.04}_{-0.02} \text{ (lumi.)} = 1.77^{+0.49}_{-0.43}$$



5.3σ observed
(3.2σ expected)

Main systematics from:
jet (6.6%),
QCD theory modelling (5.2%)
EW theory modelling (4.8%),

Process	Fitted normalisation
$WZjj$ -QCD	0.56 ± 0.16
$t\bar{t} + V$	1.07 ± 0.23
ZZ -QCD	1.34 ± 0.24

❖ Observed WZjj-EW cross-section and comparison with SM LO prediction from Sherpa and MadGraph

	Cross section in fb
$\sigma_{fid}^{WZjj-EW}$	$0.57^{+0.14}_{-0.13} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \text{ (exp.syst.) }^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \text{ (mod.syst.) }^{+0.01}_{-0.01} \text{ (lumi)}$
$\sigma_{fid, Sherpa}^{WZjj-EW}$	$0.321 \pm 0.002 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.005 \text{ (PDF)}^{+0.027}_{-0.023} \text{ (scale)}$
$\sigma_{fid, MadGraph}^{WZjj-EW}$	$0.366 \pm 0.004 \text{ (stat)}$

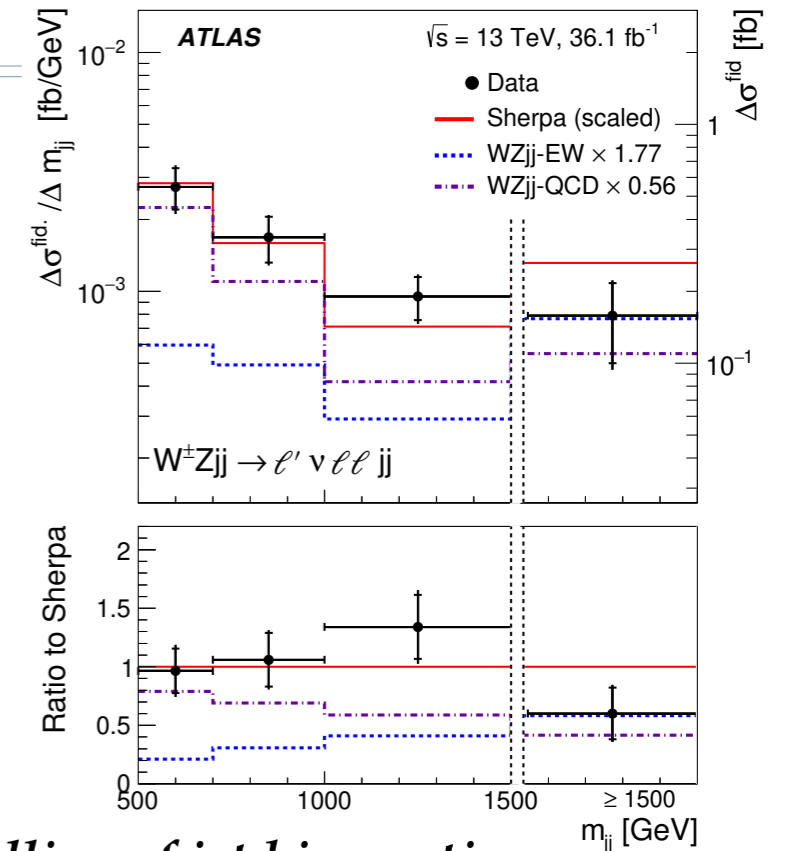
Differential cross-sections

- ❖ **Differential cross section computed in the SR (dominated by QCD)**

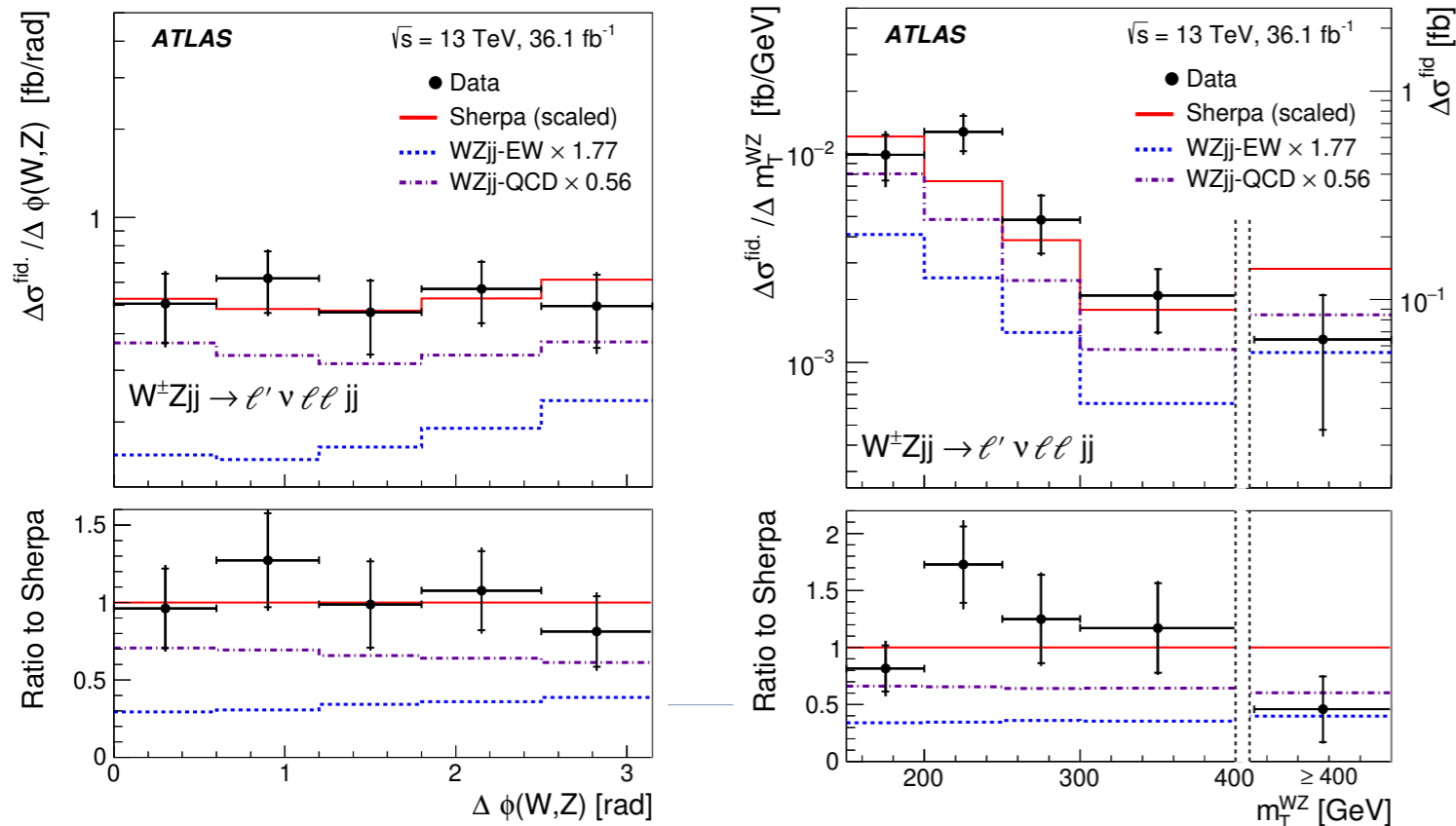
- ❖ iterative Bayesian unfolding method
- ❖ Sherpa QCD and EW prediction normalised by their corresponding μ

- ❖ **Two categories of variables:**

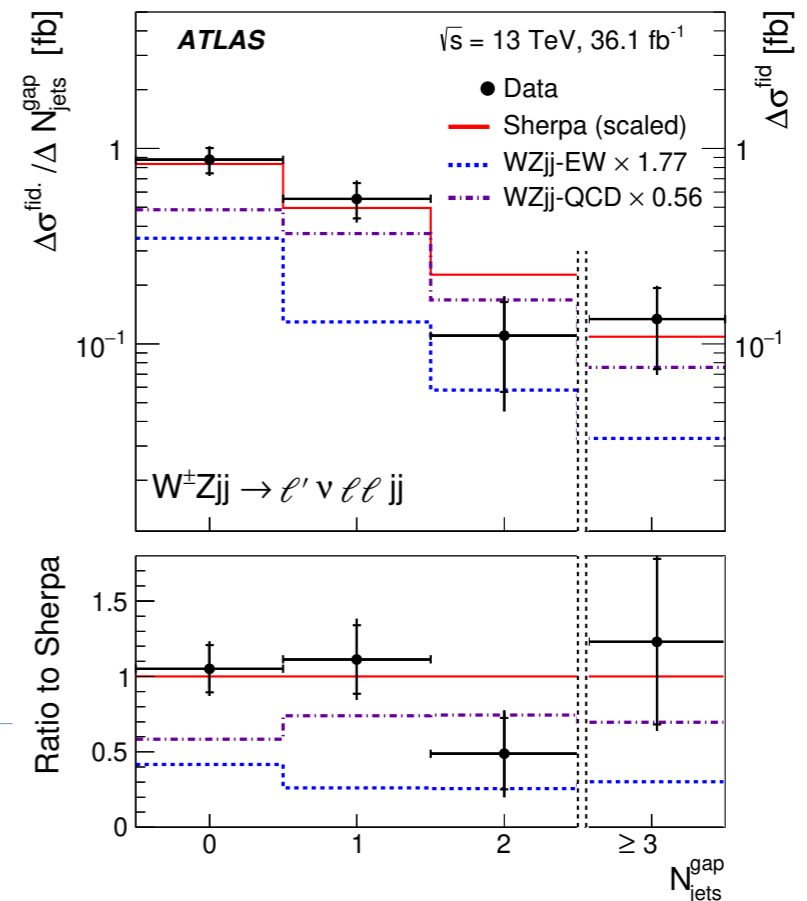
- ❖ **Sensible to aQGCs:** $m_T(WZ)$, $\sum p_{T^1}$, $\Delta\phi(W,Z)$
- ❖ **Constraining jets kinematic in MC:** N_{jets} , m_{jj} , $\Delta\phi(j_1,j_2)$, $\Delta y(j_1,j_2)$, $N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}}$ ($p_T > 25$ GeV)



Variables sensitive to aQGC

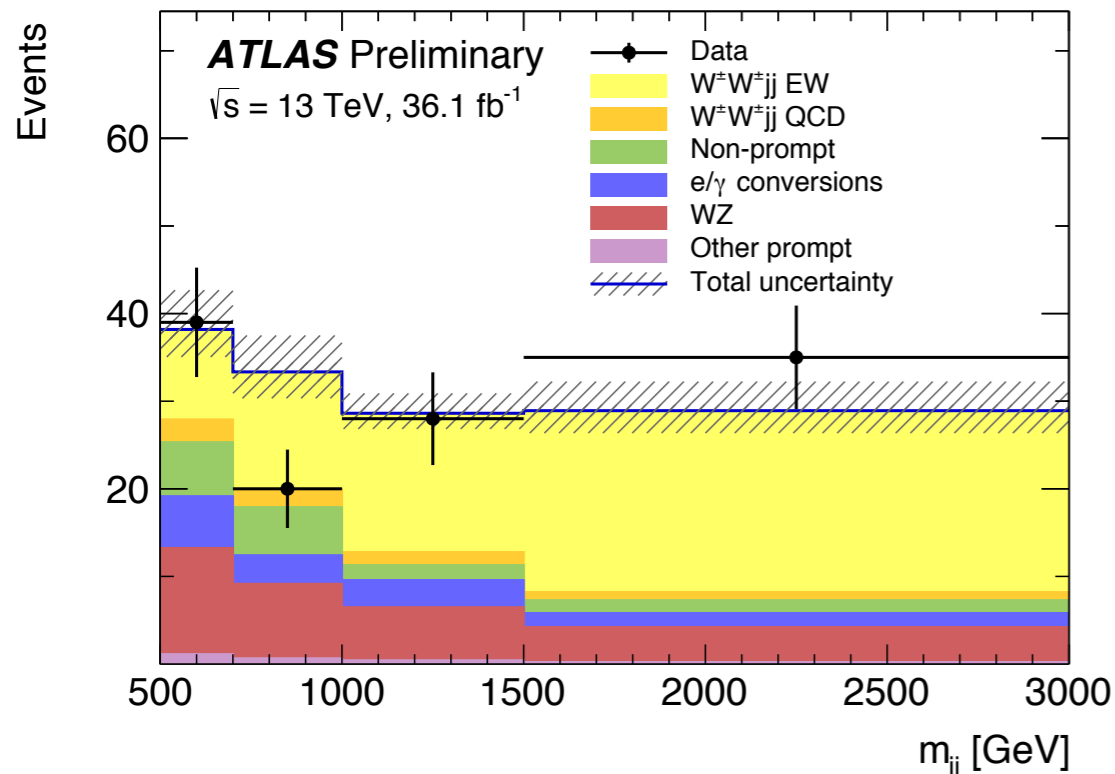
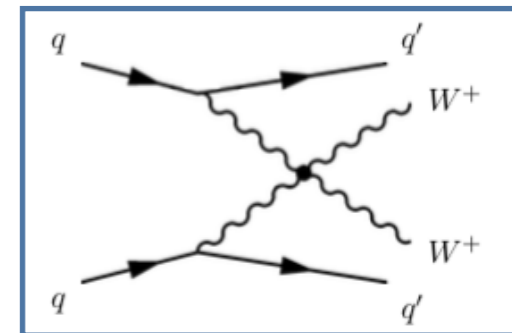
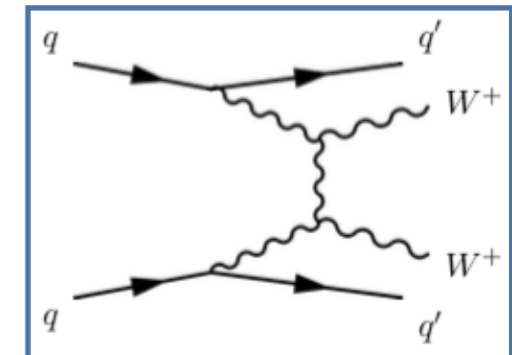
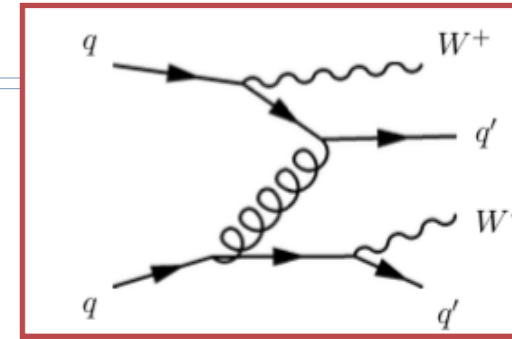


MC modelling of jet kinematics



Observation of EW $W^\pm W^\pm jj$

- ❖ **Strong production** does not dominate the **EW** one + same sign leptons in final state reducing other backgrounds \rightarrow **golden channel**
- ❖ **Selection:**
 - ❖ **2 leptons with $p_T > 27$ GeV**, $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30$ GeV, $m_{ll} > 40$ GeV
 - ❖ Events with $|m_{ee} - 91.2| < 15$ GeV removed for $|\eta| < 1.37$ (reduce electron charge misID)
 - ❖ **Jets** with $p_T > 65, 35$ GeV, $m_{jj} > 200$ GeV, $|\Delta Y| > 2$
 - ❖ Events with ≥ 1 b-tagged jet rejected (reduce $t\bar{t}$ background)
 - ❖ **Signal region:** $m_{jj} > 500$ GeV (4 bins)
 - ❖ Region $200 < m_{jj} < 500$ GeV used as CR (1 bin)



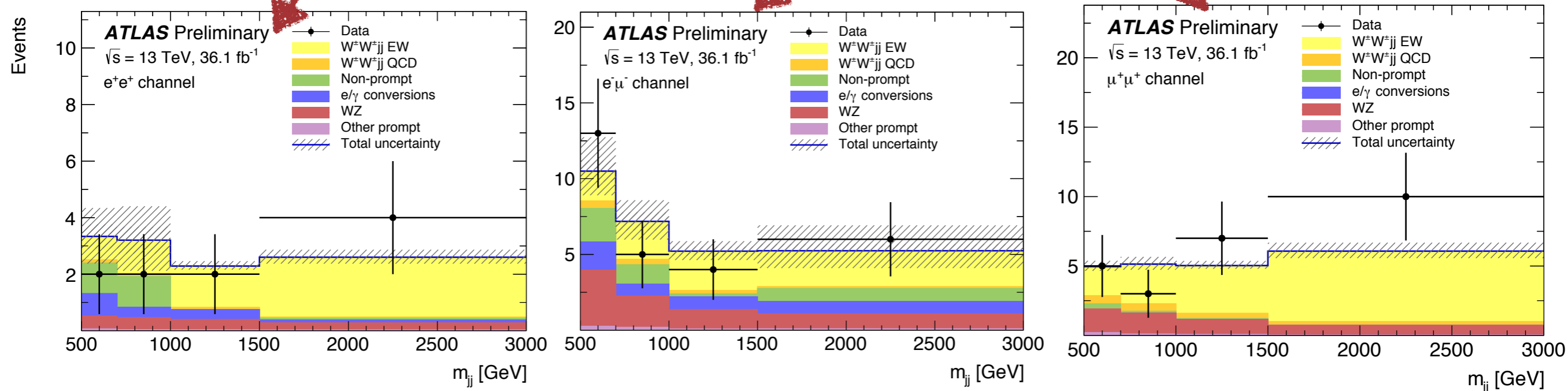
❖ Backgrounds:

- ❖ **WWjj QCD** : MC (Sherpa 222)
- ❖ **Non-prompt** ($t\bar{t}$, W+jets): data-driven
- ❖ **e/ γ conversion** :
 - ❖ Charge misID: data-driven estimate
 - ❖ $W\gamma, Z\gamma$: MC (Sherpa 2.1), pre-normalised in CR
- ❖ **WZ**: MC (Sherpa 222), normalised from CR
- ❖ **Other prompt**: MC (Sherpa 222 for VVV and ZZ, MadGraph5 for $t\bar{t}V$)

Event yield in channels

- ❖ Events categorised in 6 channels (lepton flavour and charge)
- ❖ 30 bins combined in likelihood fit to extract EW $ssWW$ cross-section (5 bins of m_{jj} x 6 channels)
 - ❖ + WZ control region (1 bin) with 1 WZ free norm. parameter

	e^+e^+	e^-e^-	$e^+\mu^+$	$e^-\mu^-$	$\mu^+\mu^+$	$\mu^-\mu^-$	combined
WZ	1.7 ± 0.6	1.2 ± 0.4	13 ± 4	8.1 ± 2.5	5.0 ± 1.6	3.3 ± 1.1	32 ± 9
Non-prompt	4.1 ± 2.4	2.3 ± 1.8	9 ± 6	6 ± 4	0.57 ± 0.16	0.67 ± 0.26	23 ± 12
e/γ conversions	1.74 ± 0.31	1.8 ± 0.4	6.1 ± 2.4	3.7 ± 1.0	-	-	13.4 ± 3.5
Other prompt	0.17 ± 0.06	0.14 ± 0.05	0.90 ± 0.24	0.60 ± 0.25	0.36 ± 0.12	0.19 ± 0.07	2.4 ± 0.5
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ strong	0.38 ± 0.13	0.16 ± 0.06	3.0 ± 1.0	1.2 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.6	0.76 ± 0.26	7.3 ± 2.5
Expected background	8.1 ± 2.4	5.6 ± 1.9	32 ± 7	20 ± 5	7.7 ± 1.7	4.9 ± 1.1	78 ± 15
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ electroweak	3.80 ± 0.30	1.49 ± 0.13	16.5 ± 1.2	6.5 ± 0.5	9.1 ± 0.7	3.50 ± 0.29	40.9 ± 2.9
Data	10	4	44	28	25	11	122

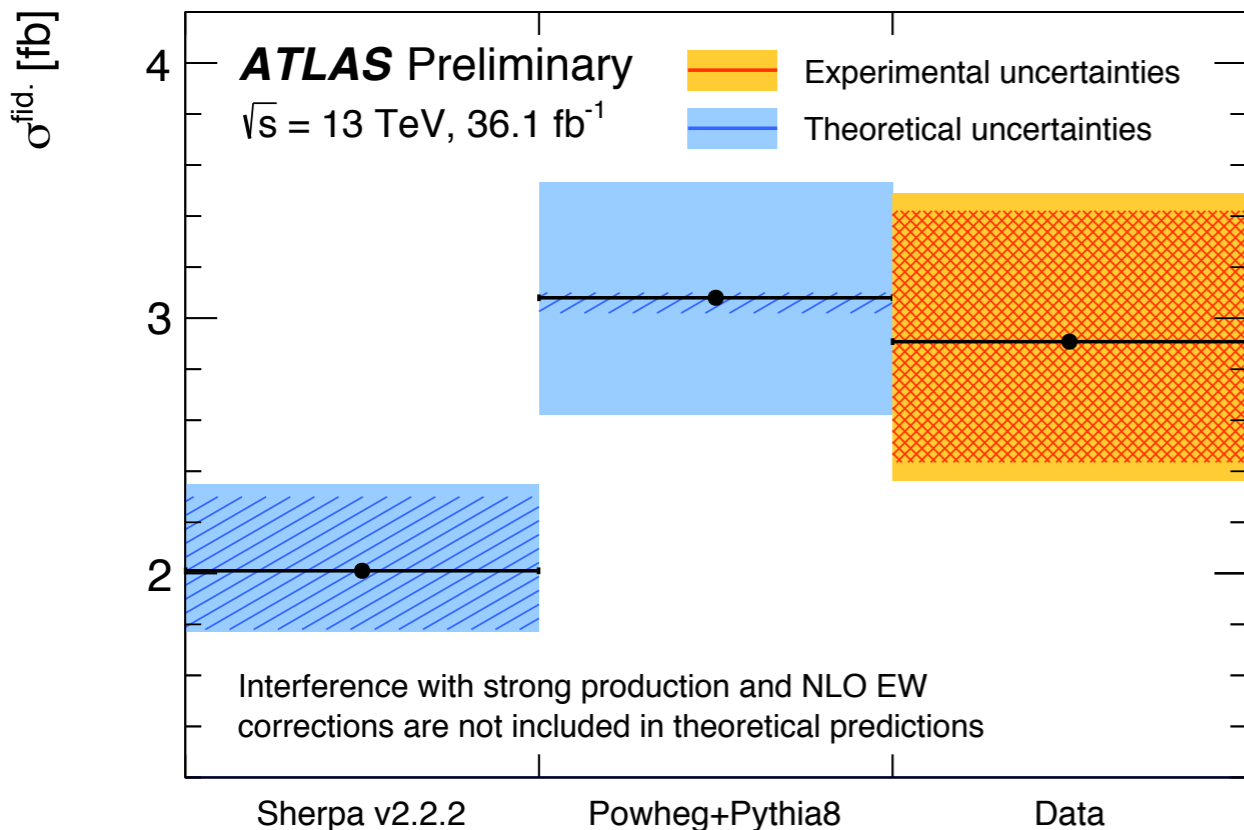


Results

$$\mu_{EW} = 1.45^{+0.25}_{-0.24}(\text{stat})^{+0.13}_{-0.14}(\text{sys})$$

6.9 σ observed
(4.6 σ expected)

WZ norm. parameter: 0.88



- ✦ **Dominant systematic uncertainties:**
 - ✦ **Backgrounds:**
 - ✦ Non-prompt lepton: 50% $\mu\mu$, 40-90% ee , $e\mu$
 - ✦ Electron charge misID: 10-20%
 - ✦ Theoretical modelling for ZZ, $V\gamma$, triboson, ttV = 20-30%
 - ✦ **Object syst:**
 - ✦ JES (2% for signal and 10% for WZ)

	Cross section in fb
σ_{WWjj}^{fid}	$2.91^{+0.51}_{-0.47}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.27(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$
$\sigma_{WWjj}^{fid, Sherpa}$	$2.01^{+0.33}_{-0.23}(\text{stat+syst}) \text{ fb}$
$\sigma_{WWjj}^{fid, Powheg}$	$3.08^{+0.45}_{-0.46}(\text{stat+syst}) \text{ fb}$

Note: Complete NLO (QCD+EW) corrections to $ssWWjj$ EW calculated (arXiv:1708.00268)
 $\sigma^{NLO} = 1.69 \text{ fb}$
 -> decrease of 16% compared to Sherpa 222

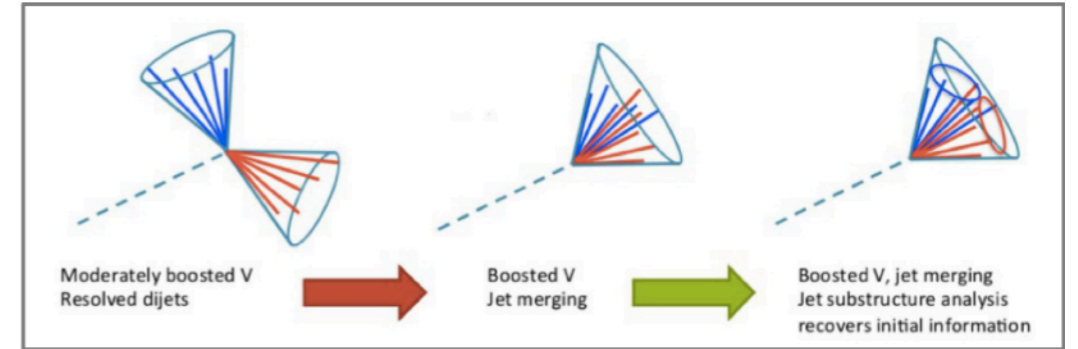
VV (WW, ZZ, WZ) semileptonic

❖ **3 channels** : $ZV \rightarrow \nu\nu qq$ (0-lept), $WV \rightarrow l\nu qq$ (1-lept), $ZV \rightarrow ll qq$ (2 lept)

❖ **2 techniques for $V \rightarrow qq$** :

❖ **resolved**: identify 2 small-radius jets (j)

❖ **merged**: jet substructure large radius jet (J).



❖ **Channel interesting because strong production is small for all channels.**

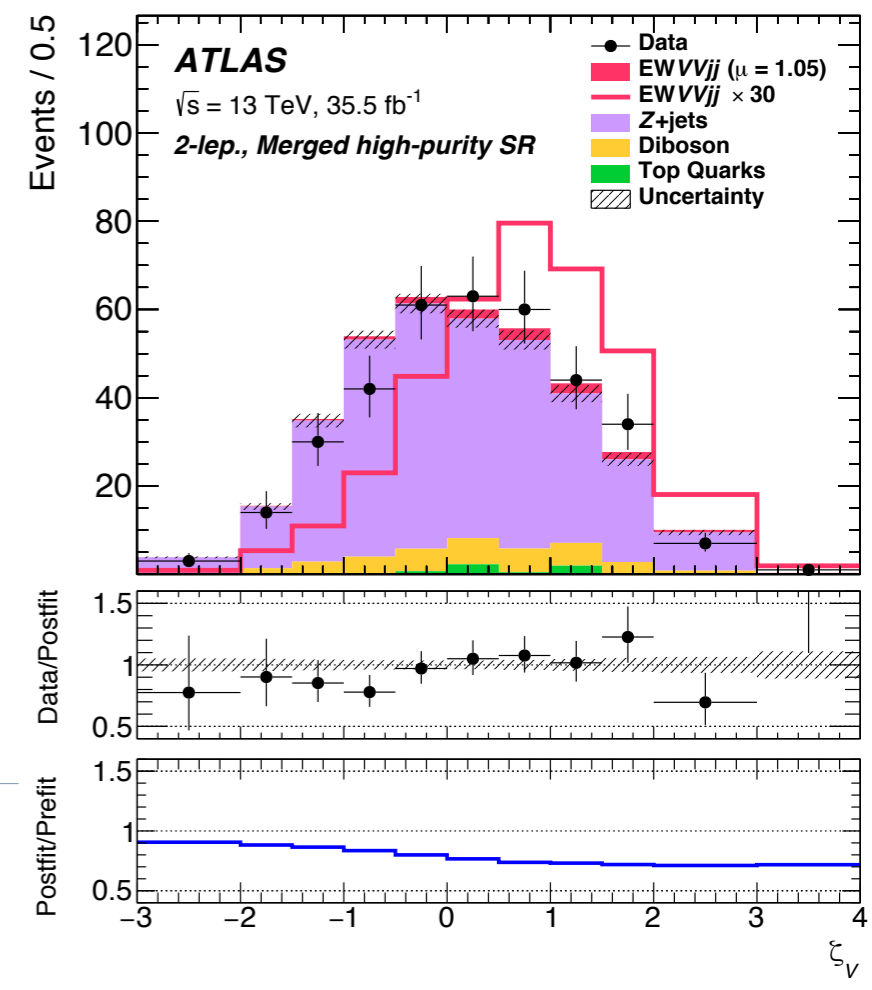
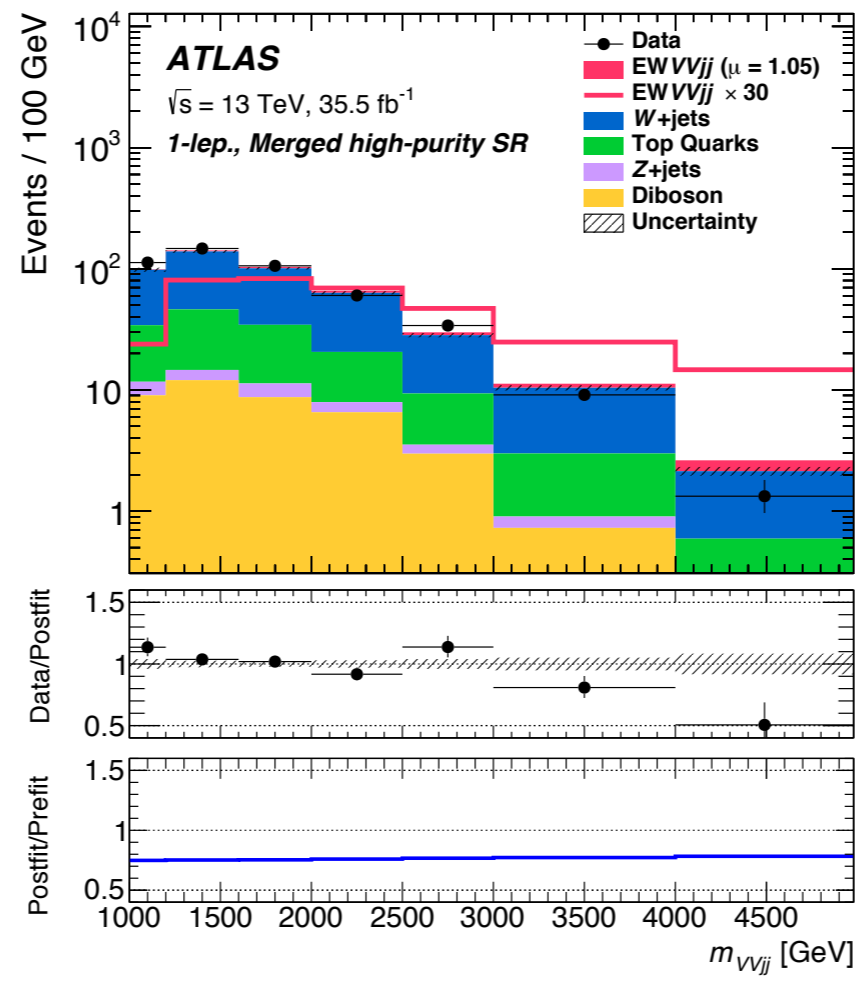
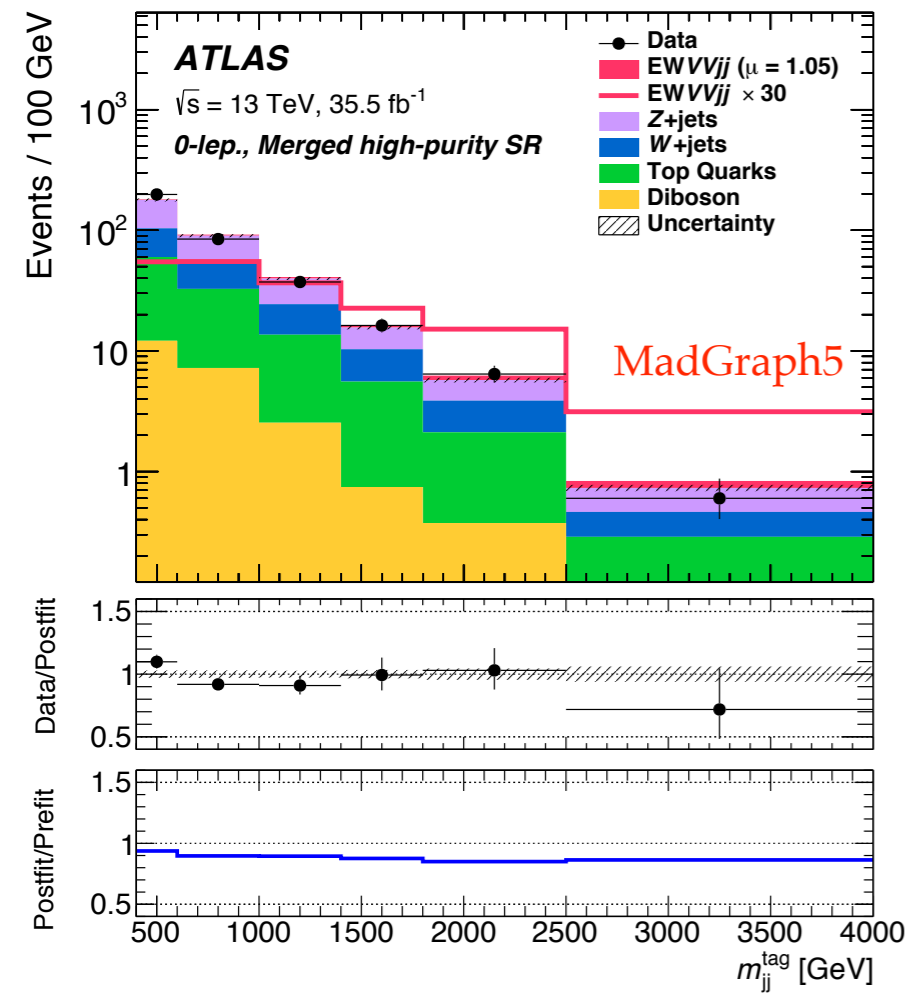
❖ **Selection**: $V_{\text{lept}} + V_{\text{had}} + 2$ tagging jets (small- R)

Selection	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton
Leptons	0 'loose' leptons with $p_T > 7$ GeV	1 'tight' lepton with $p_T > 27$ GeV 0 'loose' leptons with $p_T > 7$ GeV	2 'loose' leptons with $p_T > 20$ GeV ≥ 1 lepton with $p_T > 28$ GeV
E_T^{miss}	> 200 GeV	> 80 GeV	–
$m_{\ell\ell}$	–	–	$83 < m_{ee} < 99$ GeV $-0.0117 \times p_T^{\mu\mu} + 85.63 < m_{\mu\mu} < 0.0185 \times p_T^{\mu\mu} + 94$ GeV
Small- R jets	$p_T > 20$ GeV if $ \eta < 2.5$, and $p_T > 30$ GeV if $2.5 < \eta < 4.5$		
Large- R jets	$p_T > 200$ GeV, $ \eta < 2$		
$V_{\text{had}} \rightarrow J$ $V_{\text{had}} \rightarrow jj$	V boson tagging, $\min(m_J - m_W , m_J - m_Z)$ $64 < m_{jj} < 106$ GeV, jj pair with $\min(m_{jj} - m_W , m_{jj} - m_Z)$, leading jet with $p_T > 40$ GeV		
Tagging-jets	$j \notin V_{\text{had}}$, not b -tagged, $\Delta R(J, j) > 1.4$ $\eta_{\text{tag}, j_1} \cdot \eta_{\text{tag}, j_2} < 0$, $m_{jj}^{\text{tag}} > 400$ GeV, $p_T > 30$ GeV		
Num. of b -jets	–	0	–

+ p_T^{miss} selection and angular selection (0-lepton) to suppress Multijet background

Main Backgrounds, control regions

- ❖ Shape of kinematic variables taken from MC in almost all cases
- ❖ **0-lepton category:**
 - ❖ all backgrounds important -> **VjjCR** from mass window of V_{had}
- ❖ **1-lepton category:**
 - ❖ **W+jet** (Sherpa 2.1)-> **WCR** by reverting invariant mass requirement of V_{had}
 - ❖ **ttbar** (PowhegBox v2)-> **TopCR** by reverting b-jet requirement
- ❖ **2-lepton category:**
 - ❖ **Z+jet** dominant (Sherpa 2.2.1)-> **ZCR** by reversing m_j or m_{jj} requirement



Analysis strategy

*BDT
distribution in
the 3 channels
Resolved jets*

- ❖ **21 regions fitted simultaneously**

- ❖ **9 signal region:** 0,1,2 lept x (resolved, low purity merged, high purity merged)

- ❖ high purity (HP): pass 50% boson tagger working point (WP)

- ❖ low purity (LP): pass 80% boson tagger WP requirement but fail 50%

- ❖ **12 control regions:** ZCR, WCR, TopCR, VjjCR for the 3 lepton channels

- ❖ **Distribution used in the global likelihood:**

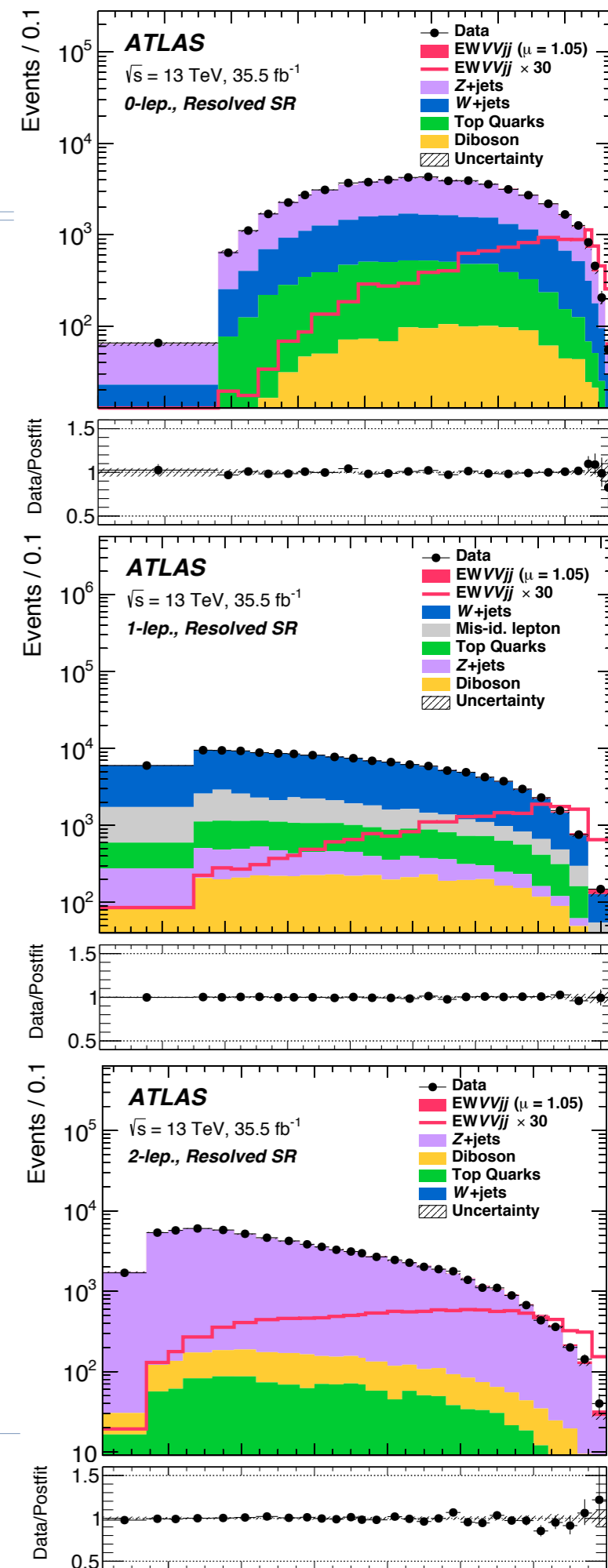
- ❖ BDT in signal regions

- ❖ m_{jj} or unique bin histograms for CRs

- ❖ **BDT trained in each channel and region separately**

- ❖ **Main systematics:**

Category	Systematic	Size
Jets	small-R jet pT	6-2% (low-high pT)
	small-R jet resolution	10-20% (low-high pT)
	large-R jet pT	2-5% (low-high pT)
	large-R jet resolution	20-15% (low-high pT)
Backgrounds norm	VVjj QCD	30%
	single-top	20%
	Z+jets	22(42)% in merged (resolved)
	W+jets	8(14)% in merged (resolved)
EW VVjj modelling	PDF, PS, QCD scale	3-5%, 1-5%, 1-3%
	Interference shape and norm	5-10%
Discriminant modelling		5-30%

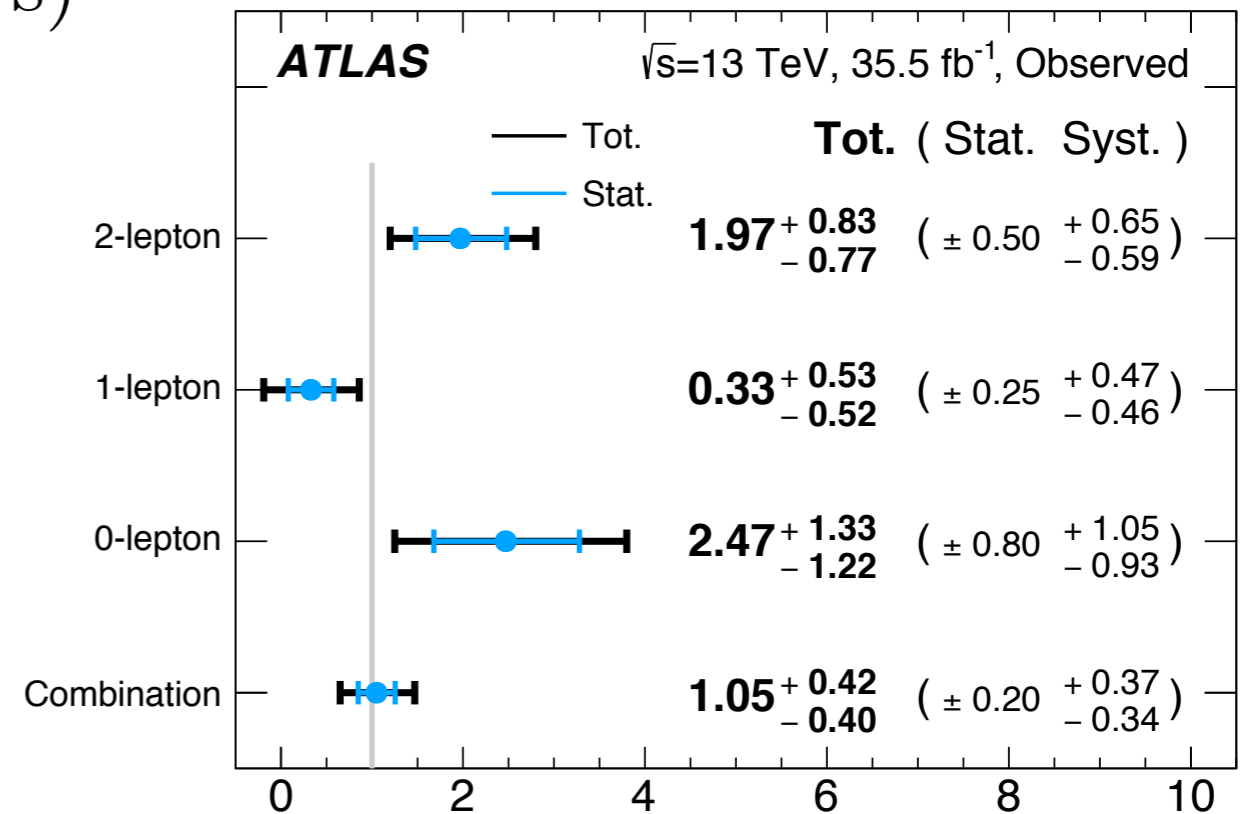


$$\mu_{EW} = 1.05 \pm 0.20(\text{stat})_{-0.34}^{+0.37}(\text{sys})$$

2.7 σ observed
(2.5 σ expected)

- ❖ Cross section prediction from MadGraph5_aMC@NLO 2.4.3 at LO
- ❖ Cross-section measurements:

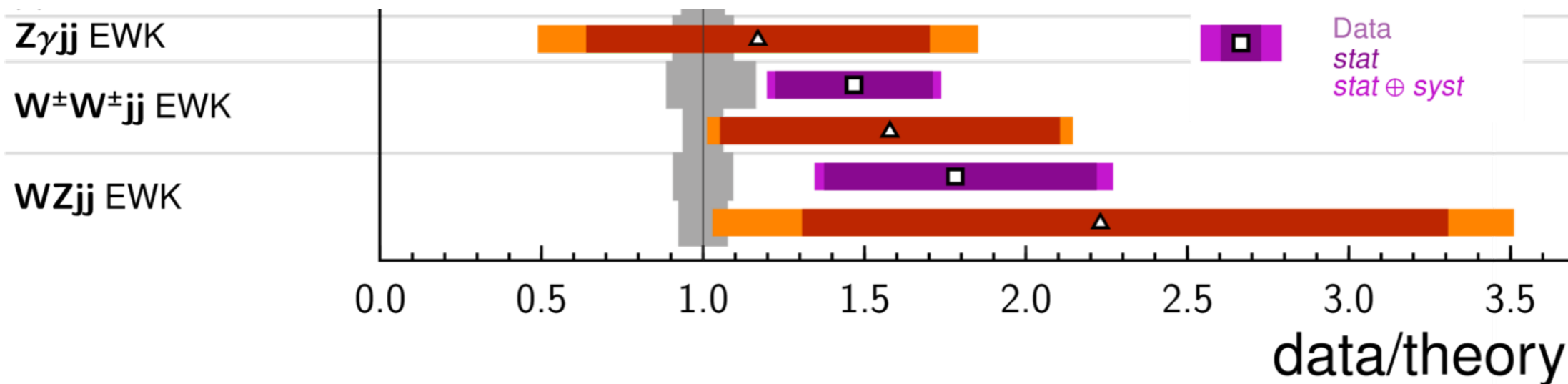
*Good compatibility between different channels
(prob. that there are compatible = 36%)*



Fiducial phase space	Predicted $\sigma_{EW VV jj}^{\text{fid,SM}}$ [fb]	Measured $\sigma_{EW VV jj}^{\text{fid,obs}}$ [fb]	Best fit $\mu = \sigma / \sigma_{SM}$
Merged	11.4 ± 0.7 (theo.)	12.7 ± 3.8 (stat.) $_{-4.2}^{+4.8}$ (syst.)	
Resolved	31.6 ± 1.8 (theo.)	26.5 ± 8.2 (stat.) $_{-17.1}^{+17.4}$ (syst.)	
Inclusive	43.0 ± 2.4 (theo.)	45.1 ± 8.6 (stat.) $_{-14.6}^{+15.9}$ (syst.)	

- ❖ **VBS processes = last corner of Standard Model to be explored**
 - ❖ Cross-section $\sim 1-10\text{fb}$, measurements dominated by stat. error (except for VV semilept, huge systematic uncertainties)
- ❖ **Dominant uncertainties generally from theory modelling** \rightarrow needs for more precise predictions
- ❖ **Differential cross-section in EW VV enriched region provided for the first time**
- ❖ **Start including EW NLO corrections** \rightarrow tends to reduce predicted cross-section

*Data/Theory cross-section ratio of selected VV EW processes
(8 TeV and 13 TeV)*



Excess in all channels (w/o NLO EW corrections)

Analysis of full Run2 data will bring a lot of new interesting results !

Back-up

- ❖ **Object-related systematics mostly coming from jet reconstruction and calibration**
- ❖ **Conservative normalisation uncertainties applied on non-dominant background**
 - ❖ 40% for reducible (misid. leptons) background
 - ❖ 20% for VVV
 - ❖ 15% for tZj
- ❖ **Theory uncertainties:**
 - ❖ **QCD scale:** vary renormalisation and factorization scale by 0.5 and 2
 - ❖ 20% to 30% effect in QCD, 5% for EW
 - ❖ **PDF and α_s :** standard PDF4LHC description:
 - ❖ Small effect (1-2%)
 - ❖ **Signal modelling (including parton shower)**
 - ❖ shape difference on the BDT templates between Sherpa and MadGraph
 - ❖ Up to 14% effect
 - ❖ **Modelling uncertainty for QCD**
 - ❖ shape difference on the BDT templates between Sherpa and MadGraph
 - ❖ 5-20% effect

Post-fit uncertainties on the cross-section

Source	Uncertainty [%]
WZjj–EW theory modelling	4.8
WZjj–QCD theory modelling	5.2
WZjj–EW and WZjj–QCD interference	1.9
Jets	6.6
Pile-up	2.2
Electrons	1.4
Muons	0.4
b-tagging	0.1
MC statistics	1.9
Misid. lepton background	0.9
Other backgrounds	0.8
Luminosity	2.1
Total Systematics	10.7

- ❖ **Treatment of the interference**
 - ❖ **Interference impact included as shape uncertainty on signal**
 - ❖ Estimated at LO w/ MadGraph5_aMC@NLO 2.2
 - ❖ **Size of interference: +10% of EW WZjj**
 - ❖ **10-5% uncertainty (low-high BDT values)**

Multivariate analysis

Full set of variables 19

$\Delta y(\ell_W, Z)$	m_{jj}	η_W
ζ	$\Delta R(j1, Z)$	p_T^{j2}
$R_{p_T^{hard}}$	$\Delta\eta(j1, j2)$	p_T^{j1}
N_{jets}	p_T^W	m_T^{WZ}
$\Delta\phi(j1, j2)$	η_{j1}	p_T^Z

❖ BDT discriminant used in signal region to extract XS

❖ BDT build from 15 discriminative variables

❖ Order of importance:

1. $|y_Z - y_{\ell, W}|$
2. ζ_{lep}
3. $R_{p_T^{har}}$
4. the multiplicity of jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV
5. $\Delta\phi_{jj}$

$$\zeta = \min(\Delta\eta_-, \Delta\eta_+)$$

$$\Delta\eta_- = \min(\eta_l^W, \eta_{l1}^Z, \eta_{l2}^Z) - \min(\eta_{j1}, \eta_{j2})$$

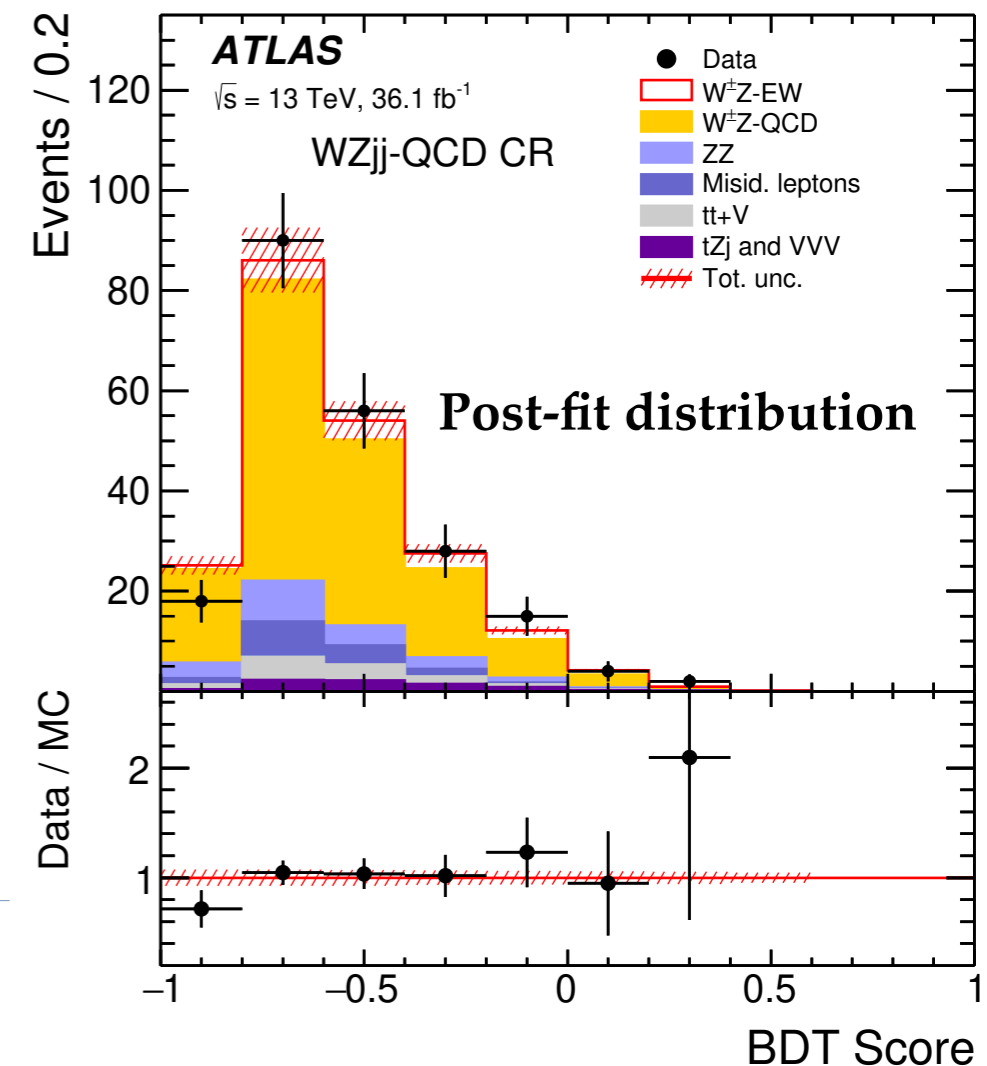
$$\Delta\eta_+ = \max(\eta_{j1}, \eta_{j2}) - \max(\eta_l^W, \eta_{l1}^Z, \eta_{l2}^Z)$$

$$R_{p_T^{hard}} = \frac{(\sum_{l,j} p)_{T}}{\sum_{l,j} p_T}$$

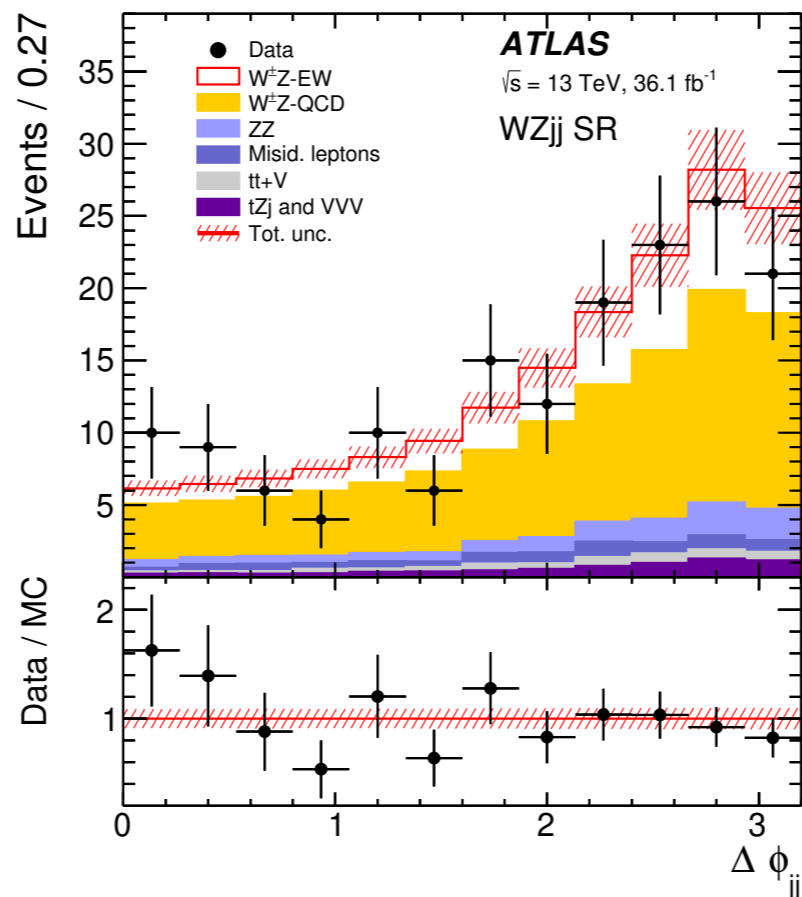
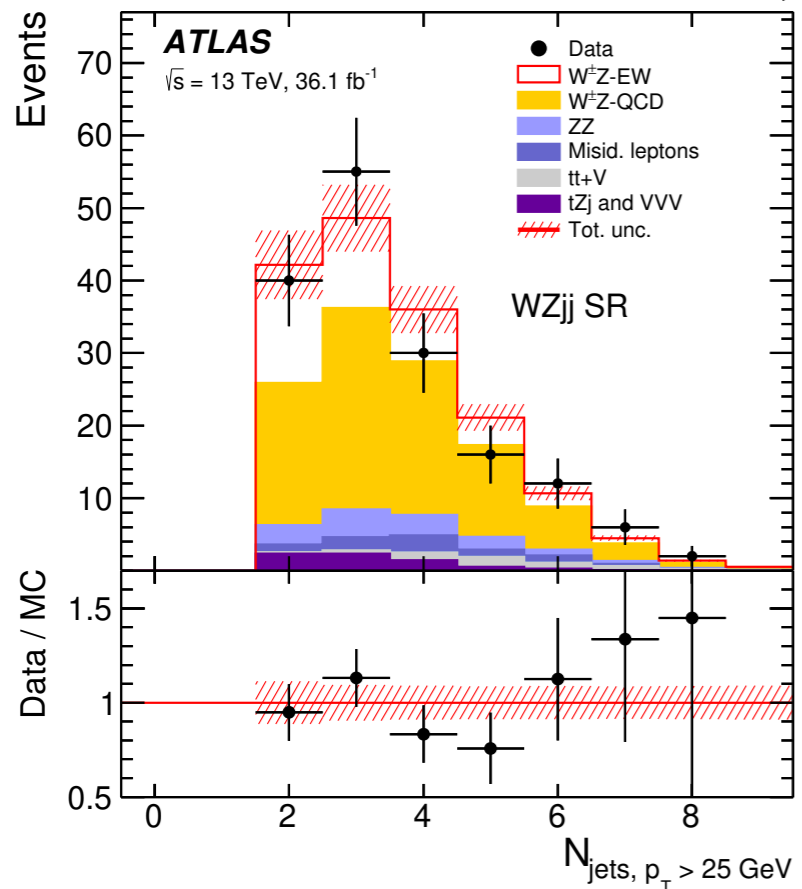
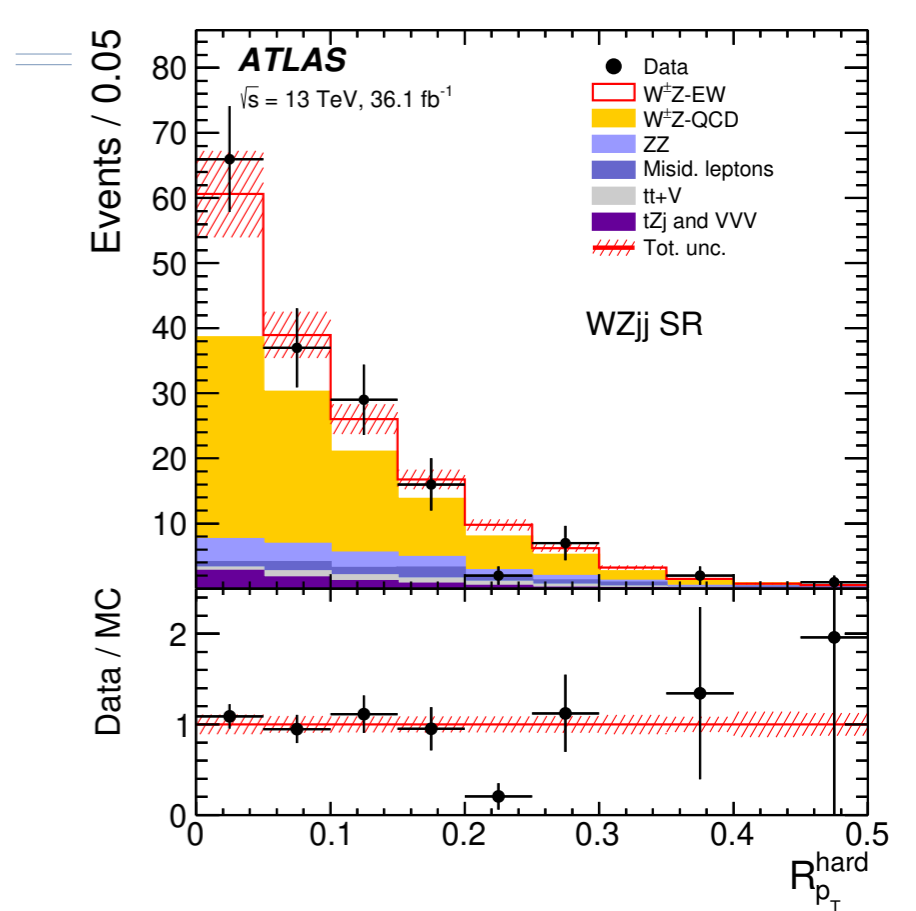
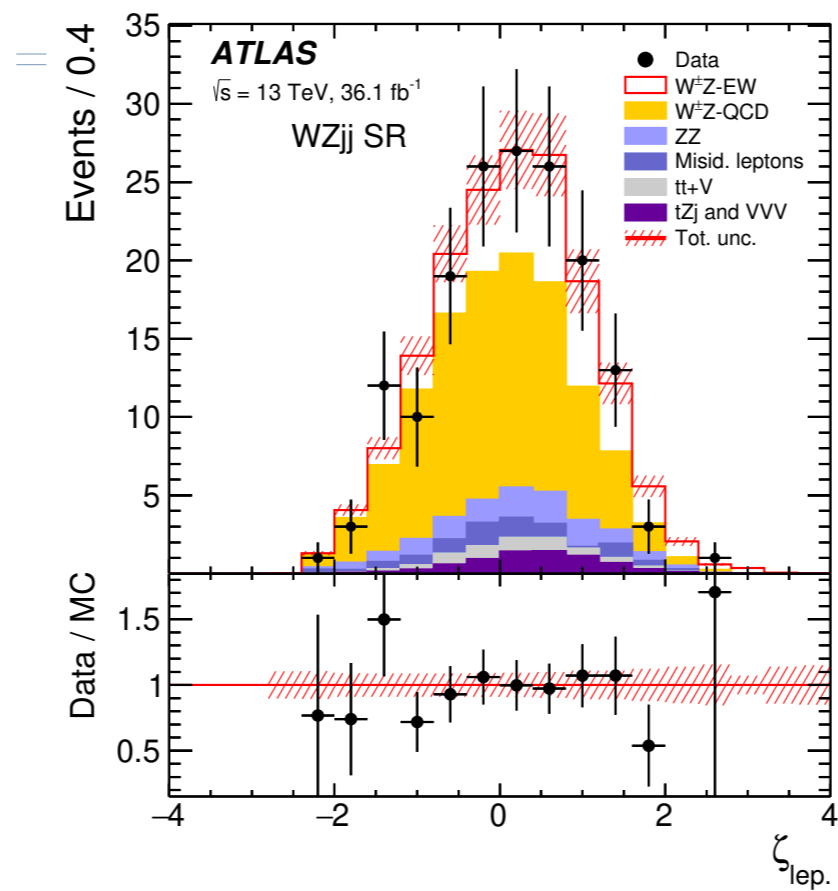
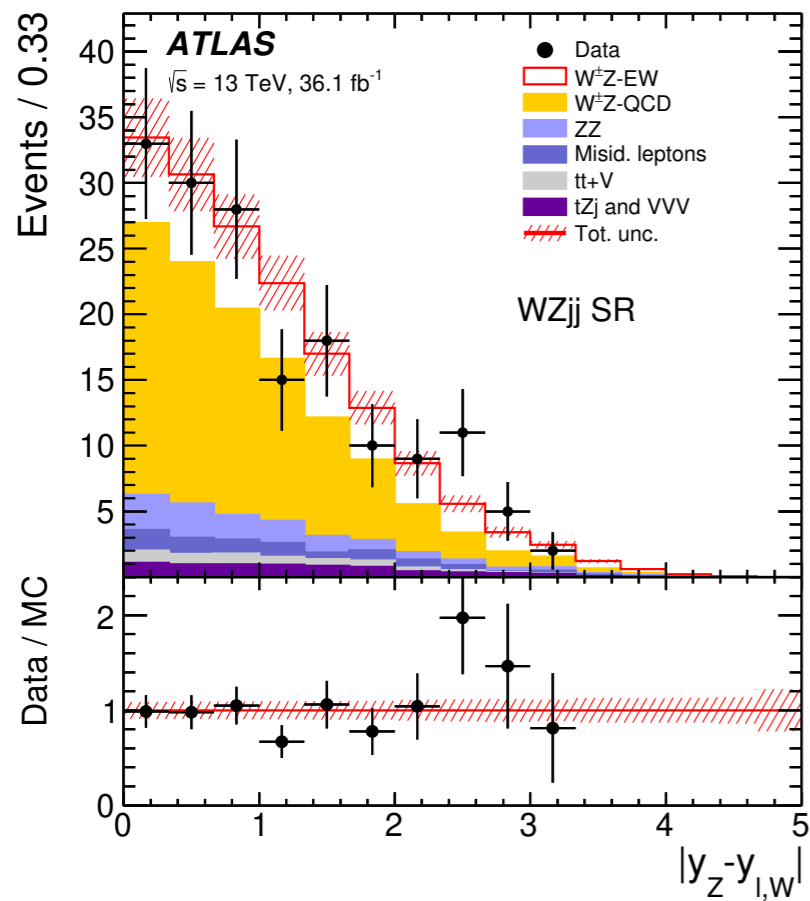
❖ Trained on simulation events, to separate WZjj-EW from backgrounds

❖ Description of BDT score distribution for background and of all BDT input variables controlled in QCD-CR

❖ good agreement observed with data.



Multivariate analysis



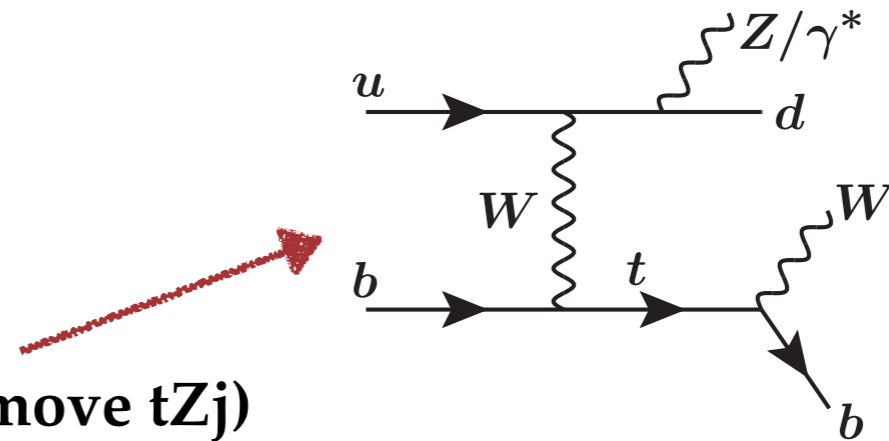
Modelling of 5 most important variables in BDT checked in SR and QCD-CR.

Post-fit distributions in SR

EW WZjj Cross-section extraction

❖ Fiducial phase-space:

- ❖ **Leptons (Z):** $p_T > 15$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$, $|m_{ll} - m_{PDG}| < 10$ GeV, $\Delta R(l_1(Z), l_2(Z)) > 0.2$
- ❖ **Lepton(W):** $p_T > 20$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$, $m_T(W) > 30$ GeV
- ❖ $\Delta R(l(W), l(Z)) > 0.3$
- ❖ ≥ 2 jets anti-kt with $p_T > 40$ GeV, $|\eta| < 4.5$
- ❖ $\Delta R(j, l) > 0.3$
- ❖ $\eta_{j1} \times \eta_{j2} < 0$
- ❖ $m_{jj} > 500$ GeV
- ❖ **no b-quark in initial state for signal (remove tZj)**

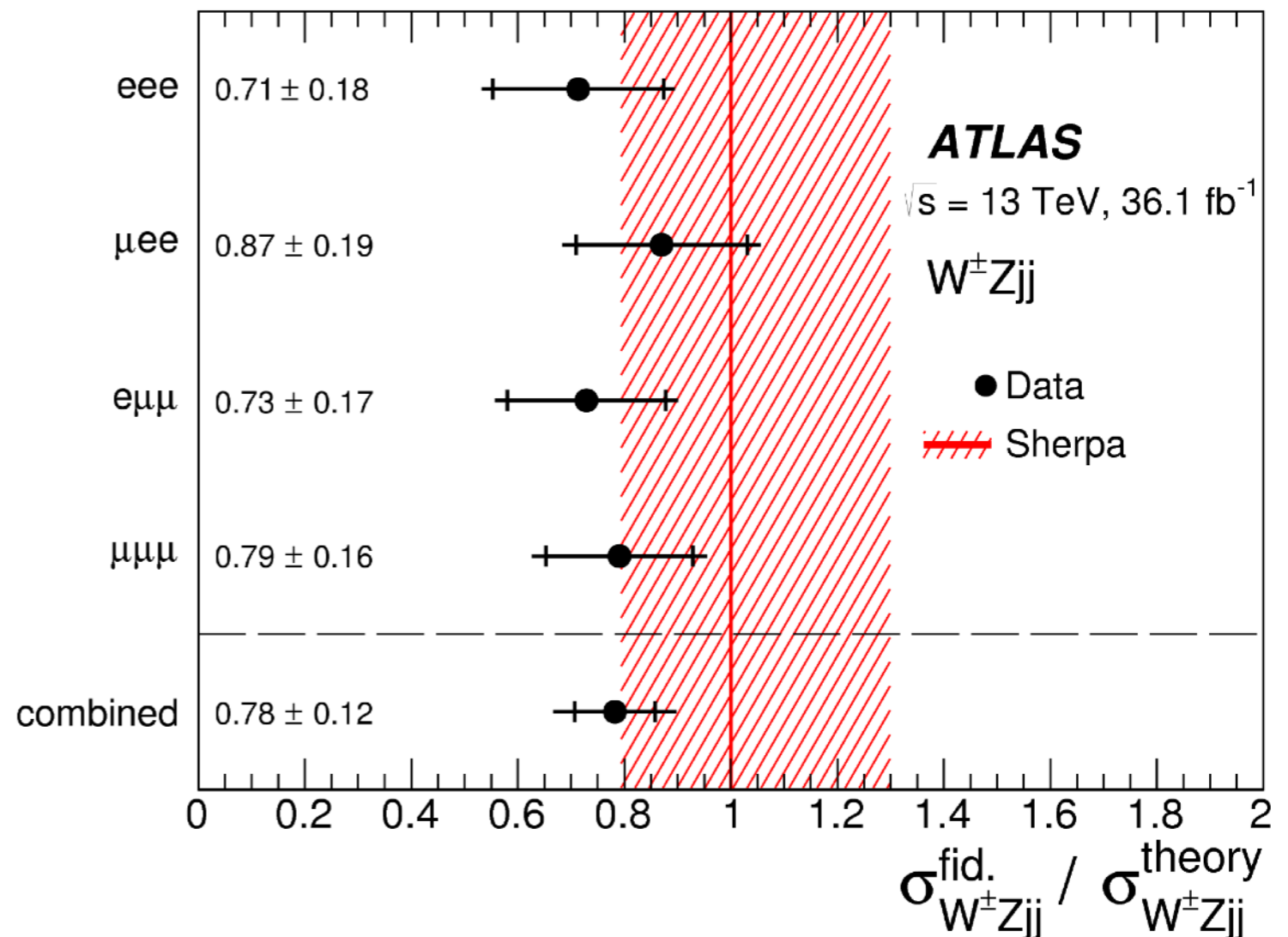


❖ Observed WZjj-EW cross-section and comparison with SM LO prediction from Sherpa and MadGraph (no interference, no EW correction)

	Cross section in fb			
$\sigma_{WZjj-EW}^{fid}$	$0.57^{+0.14}_{-0.13}$ (stat)	$^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$ (exp.syst.)	$^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$ (mod.syst.)	$^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ (lumi)
$\sigma_{WZjj-EW}^{fid, Sherpa}$	0.321 ± 0.002 (stat)	± 0.005 (PDF)	$^{+0.027}_{-0.023}$ (scale)	
$\sigma_{WZjj-EW}^{fid, MadGraph}$	0.366 ± 0.004 (stat)			

Inclusive $WZjj$ cross section

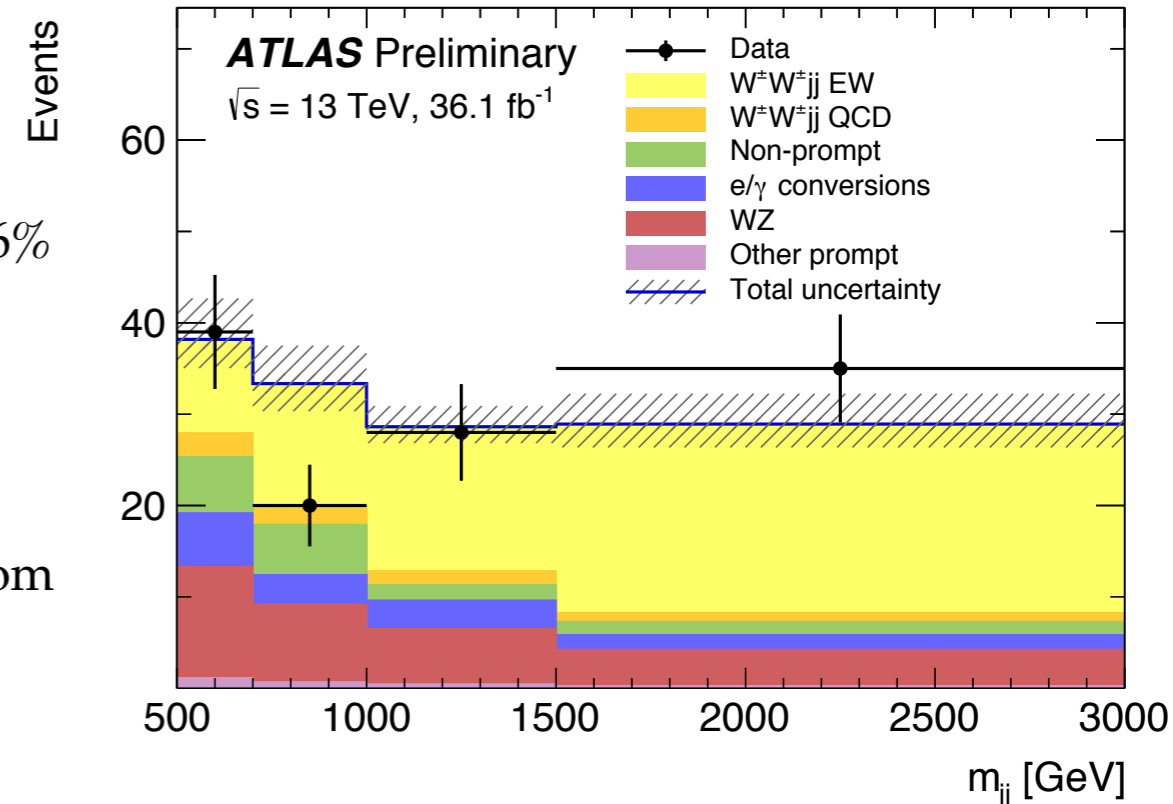
- ❖ **Integrated $WZjj$ cross section in same fiducial phase space**
 - ❖ obtained from number of observed events in SR
 - ❖ Using C-factor = 0.52 for $WZjj$
- ❖ **Good compatibility between different channels**

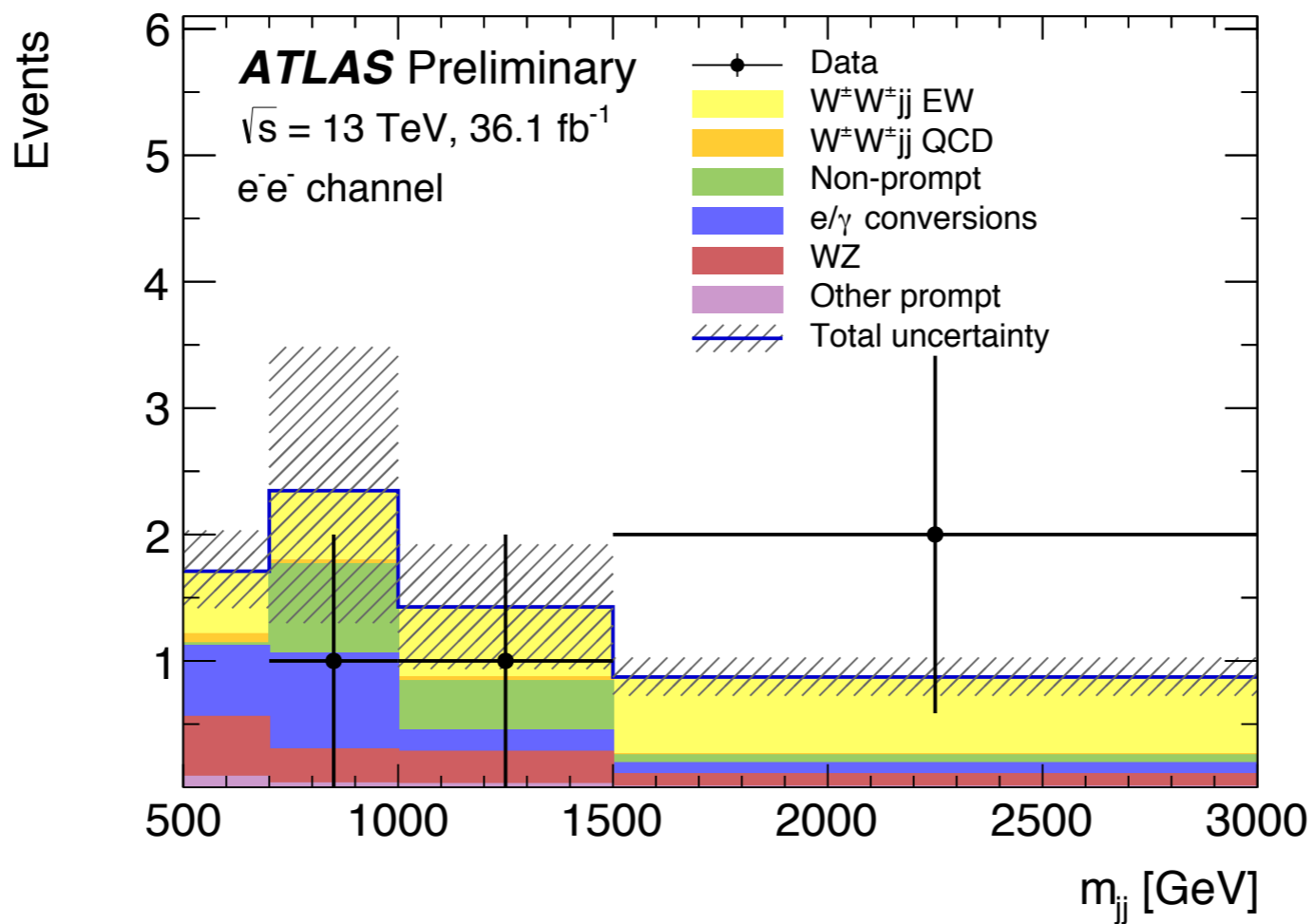
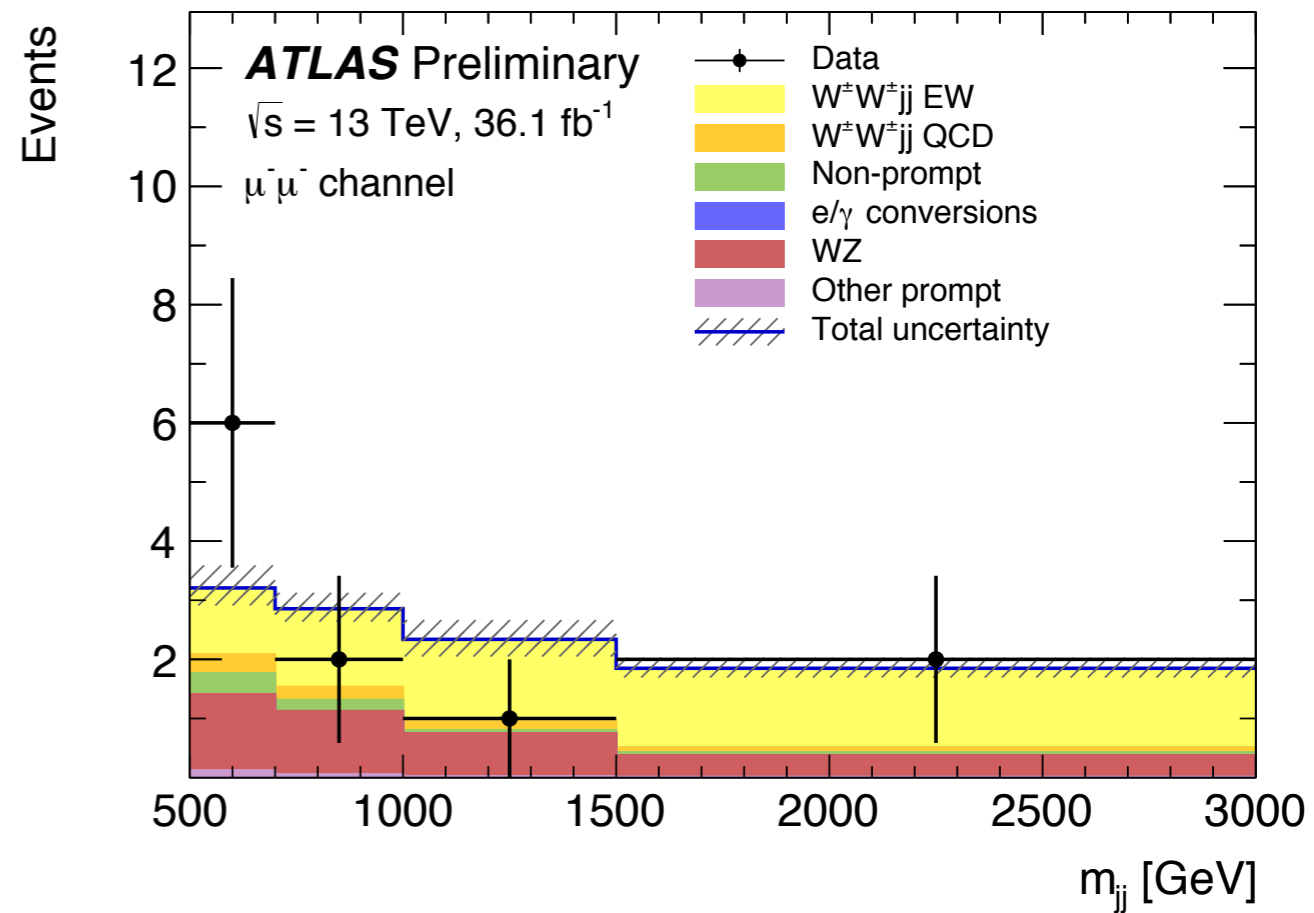
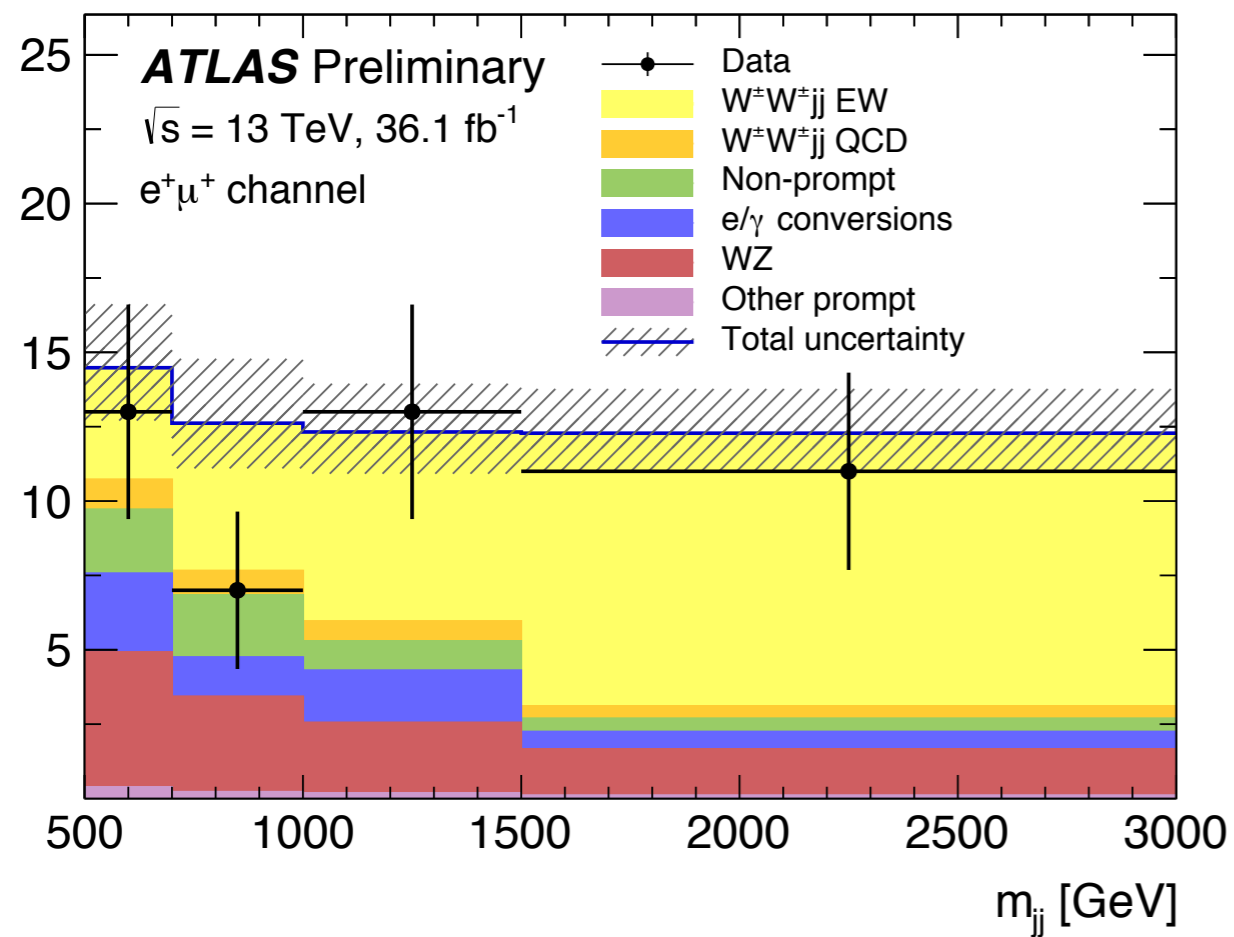


	Cross section in fb
σ_{WZjj}^{fid}	$1.68 \pm 0.16 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.12 \text{ (exp.syst.)} \pm 0.13 \text{ (mod.syst.)} \pm 0.044 \text{ (lumi)}$
$\sigma_{WZjj}^{fid, Sherpa}$	$2.15 \pm 0.01 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.05 \text{ (PDF)} \begin{matrix} +0.65 \\ -0.44 \end{matrix} \text{ (scale)}$

Backgrounds

- ❖ **WWjj QCD** : MC (Sherpa 222)
 - ❖ Interference EW / QCD computed with MadGraph -> +6%
- ❖ **Non-prompt**: ttbar, W+jets
 - ❖ Data-driven estimated using scale factors in region 1 lepton+1bjet
 - ❖ Validated in regions enriched in non-prompt leptons from ttbar (2 ss leptons + 1 b-jet +>=2jets) and W+jet (2ss leptons +0 b-jet and <= 2 jets)
- ❖ **e/γ conversion** : charge misreconstruction (only for ee events) + $\nu\gamma$
 - ❖ Charge misreco:
 - ❖ Probability measured in MC Zee, 0.1% (central) -> few % ($\eta > 2$)
 - ❖ Data-driven estimate, method validated in region $|m_{llSS-91.2}| < 15$ GeV
 - ❖ $W\gamma$ from MC (Sherpa 2.1) but normalised in control region : =2OS signal muons + 1 signal electron + $E_{\text{miss}} < 30$ GeV, tripleton mass close to m_Z mass
- ❖ **WZ**: from MC (Sherpa 222) but normalised from control region:
 - ❖ =3 leptons, 2 passing signal lepton selection
- ❖ **Other prompt**: from MC
 - ❖ VVV, ZZ: Sherpa 222
 - ❖ ttV: MadGraph5_aMC@NLO





MVA analysis

- ❖ BDT trained in each channel and region separately
 - ❖ LP and HP merged due to low stat
- ❖ Variables used in the BDT:

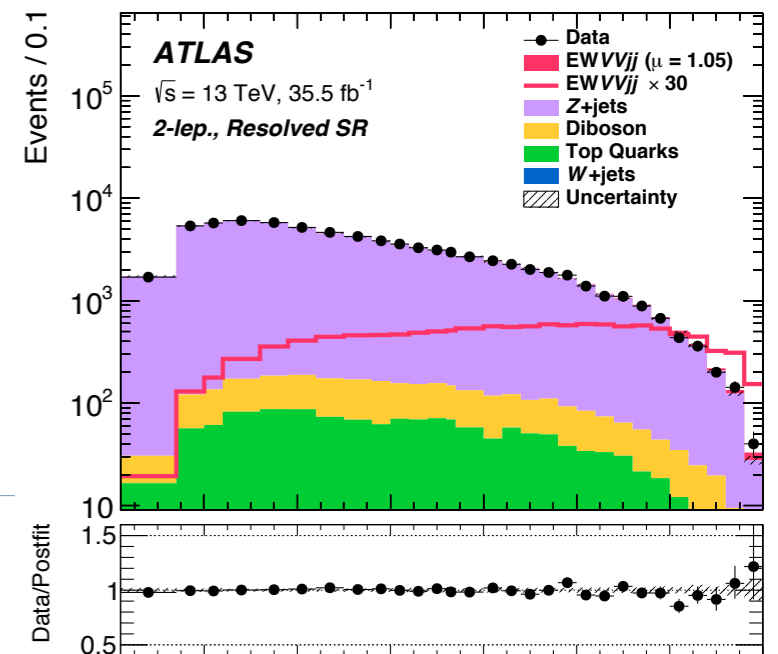
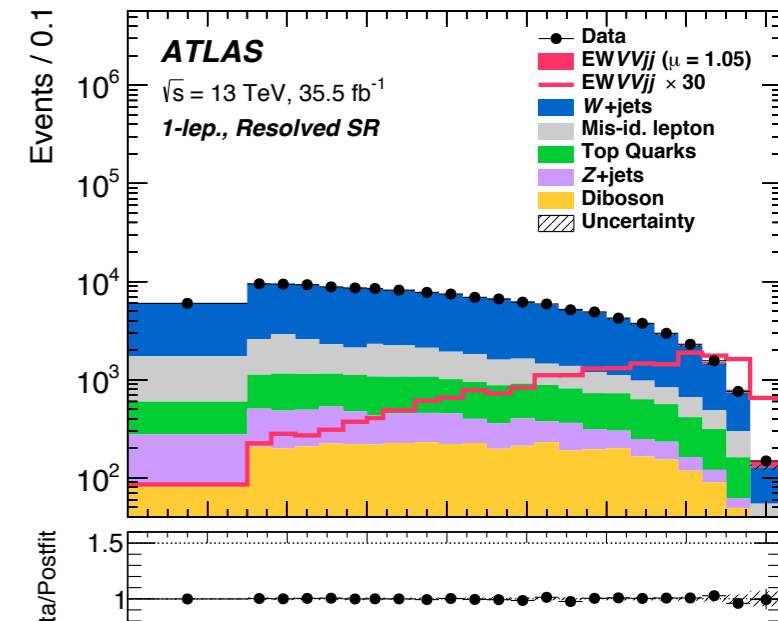
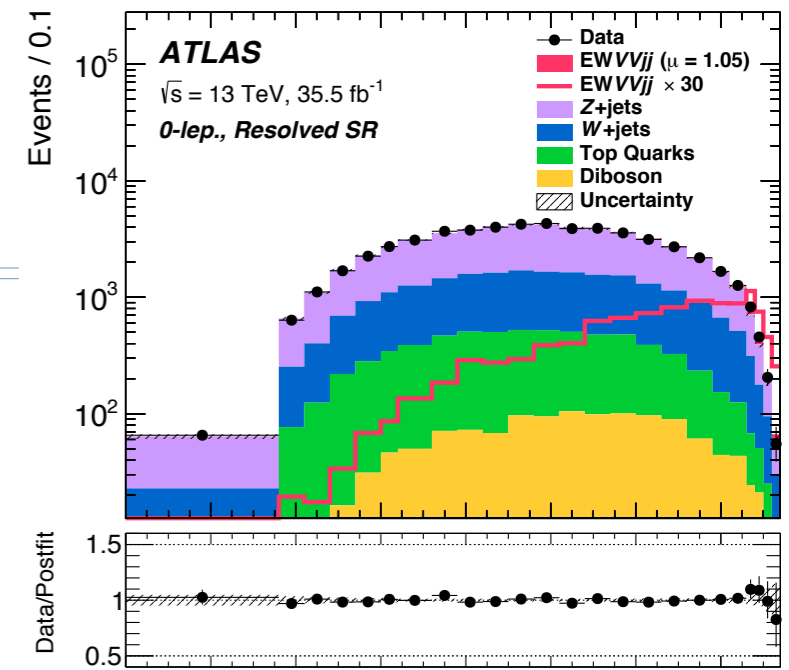
Variable	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton
m_{jj}^{tag}	✓	—	✓
$\Delta\eta_{jj}^{\text{tag}}$	—	—	✓
p_T^{tag,j_2}	✓	✓	✓
m_J	✓	—	—
$D_2^{(\beta=1)}$	✓	—	✓
E_T^{miss}	✓	—	—
$\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, J)$	✓	—	—
η_ℓ	—	✓	—
$n_{j,\text{track}}$	✓	—	—
ζ_V	—	✓	✓
m_{VV}	—	—	✓
p_T^{VV}	—	—	✓
m_{VVjj}	—	✓	—
p_T^{VVjj}	—	—	✓
w^{tag,j_1}	✓	—	—
w^{tag,j_2}	✓	—	—

Merged analysis

Resolved analysis

Variable	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton
m_{jj}^{tag}	✓	—	✓
$\Delta\eta_{jj}^{\text{tag}}$	—	—	✓
p_T^{tag,j_1}	✓	✓	—
p_T^{tag,j_2}	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$	✓	✓	✓
$p_T^{j_1}$	✓	—	—
$p_T^{j_2}$	✓	✓	✓
w^{j_1}	✓	✓	✓
w^{j_2}	✓	✓	✓
$n_{\text{tracks}}^{j_1}$	—	✓	✓
$n_{\text{tracks}}^{j_2}$	—	✓	✓
w^{tag,j_1}	✓	✓	✓
w^{tag,j_2}	✓	✓	✓
$n_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{tag},j_1}$	—	✓	✓
$n_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{tag},j_2}$	—	✓	✓
n_{tracks}	—	✓	✓
$n_{j,\text{track}}$	✓	—	✓
$n_{j,\text{extr}}$	✓	—	—
E_T^{miss}	✓	—	—
η_ℓ	—	✓	—
$\Delta R(\ell, \nu)$	—	✓	—
ζ_V	—	✓	✓
m_{VV}	—	—	✓
m_{VVjj}	—	✓	—

BDT distribution in the 3 channels Resolved jets



Fiducial phase space		Predicted $\sigma_{EW VV jj}^{\text{fid,SM}}$ [fb]	Measured $\sigma_{EW VV jj}^{\text{fid,obs}}$ [fb]	
Merged	0-lepton	4.1 ± 0.3 (theo.)	10.1 ± 3.3 (stat.)	$+4.2$ -3.8 (syst.)
	1-lepton	6.1 ± 0.5 (theo.)	2.0 ± 1.5 (stat.)	$+2.9$ -2.8 (syst.)
	2-lepton	1.2 ± 0.1 (theo.)	2.4 ± 0.6 (stat.)	$+0.8$ -0.7 (syst.)
Resolved	0-lepton	9.2 ± 0.6 (theo.)	22.8 ± 7.4 (stat.)	$+9.4$ -8.5 (syst.)
	1-lepton	16.4 ± 1.0 (theo.)	5.5 ± 4.1 (stat.)	$+7.7$ -7.5 (syst.)
	2-lepton	6.0 ± 0.4 (theo.)	11.8 ± 3.0 (stat.)	$+3.8$ -3.5 (syst.)
Inclusive	0-lepton	13.3 ± 0.8 (theo.)	32.9 ± 10.7 (stat.)	$+13.5$ -12.3 (syst.)
	1-lepton	22.5 ± 1.5 (theo.)	7.5 ± 5.6 (stat.)	$+10.5$ -10.2 (syst.)
	2-lepton	7.2 ± 0.4 (theo.)	14.2 ± 3.6 (stat.)	$+4.6$ -4.2 (syst.)
